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Prebiotic mOlecules from SPacE to ComeTS

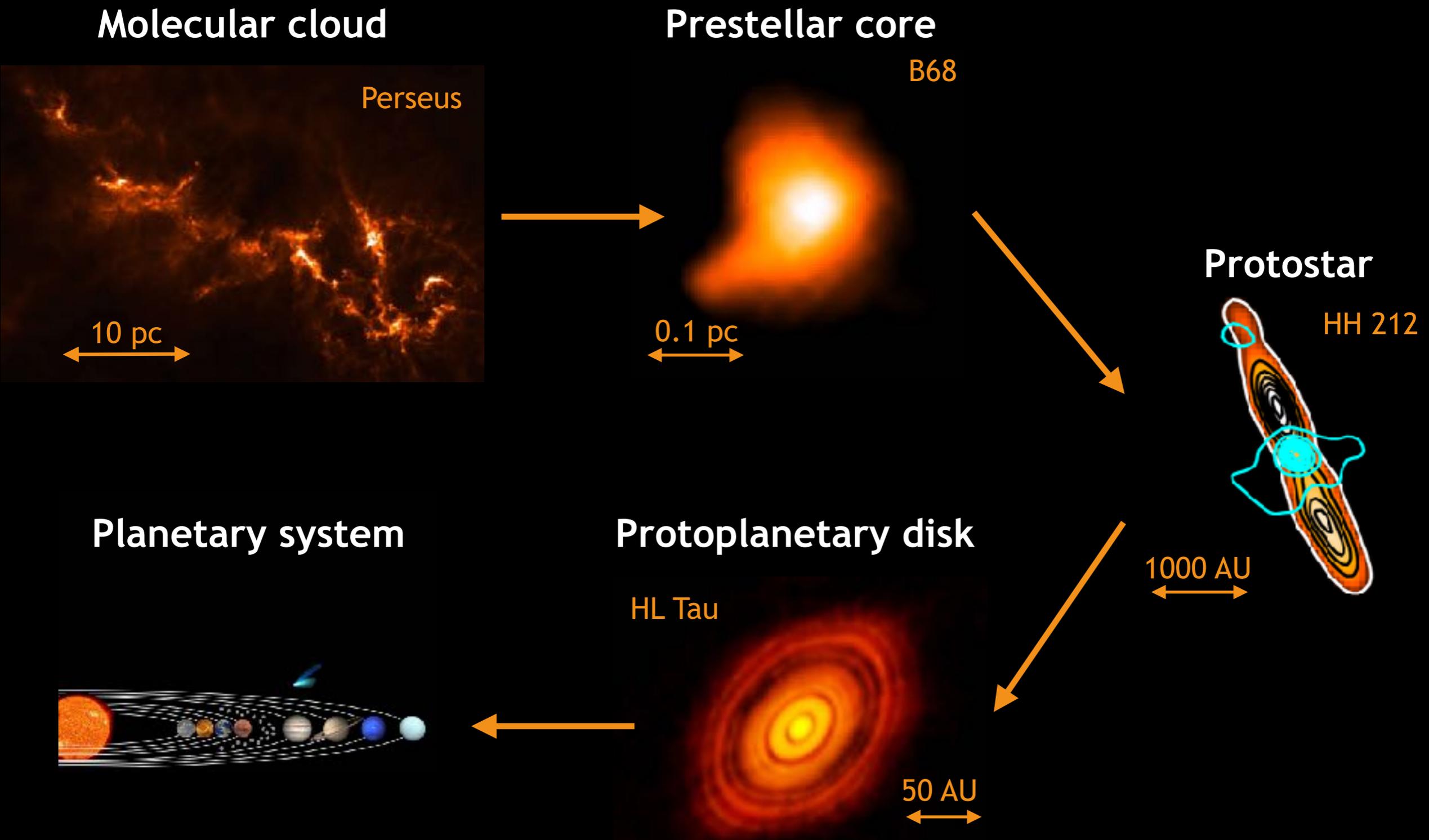
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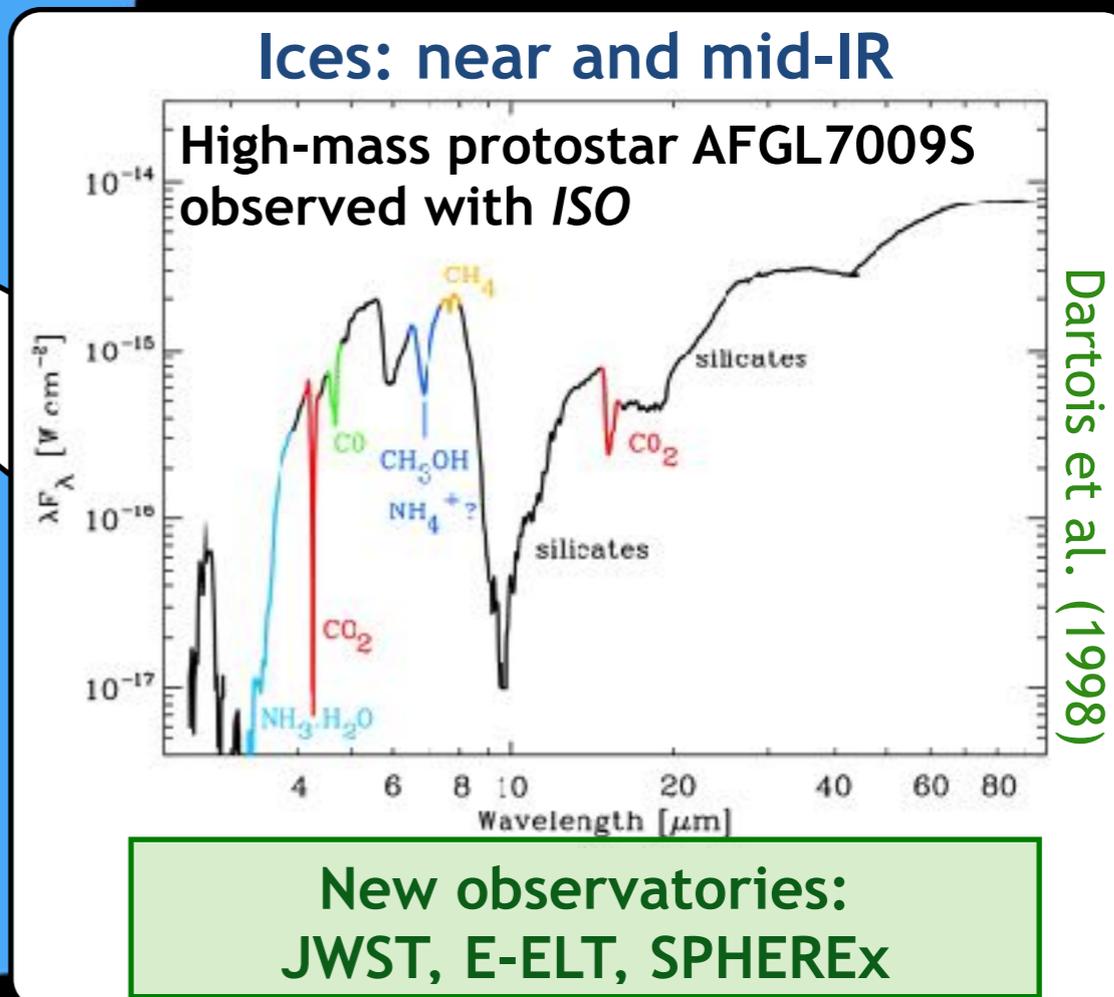
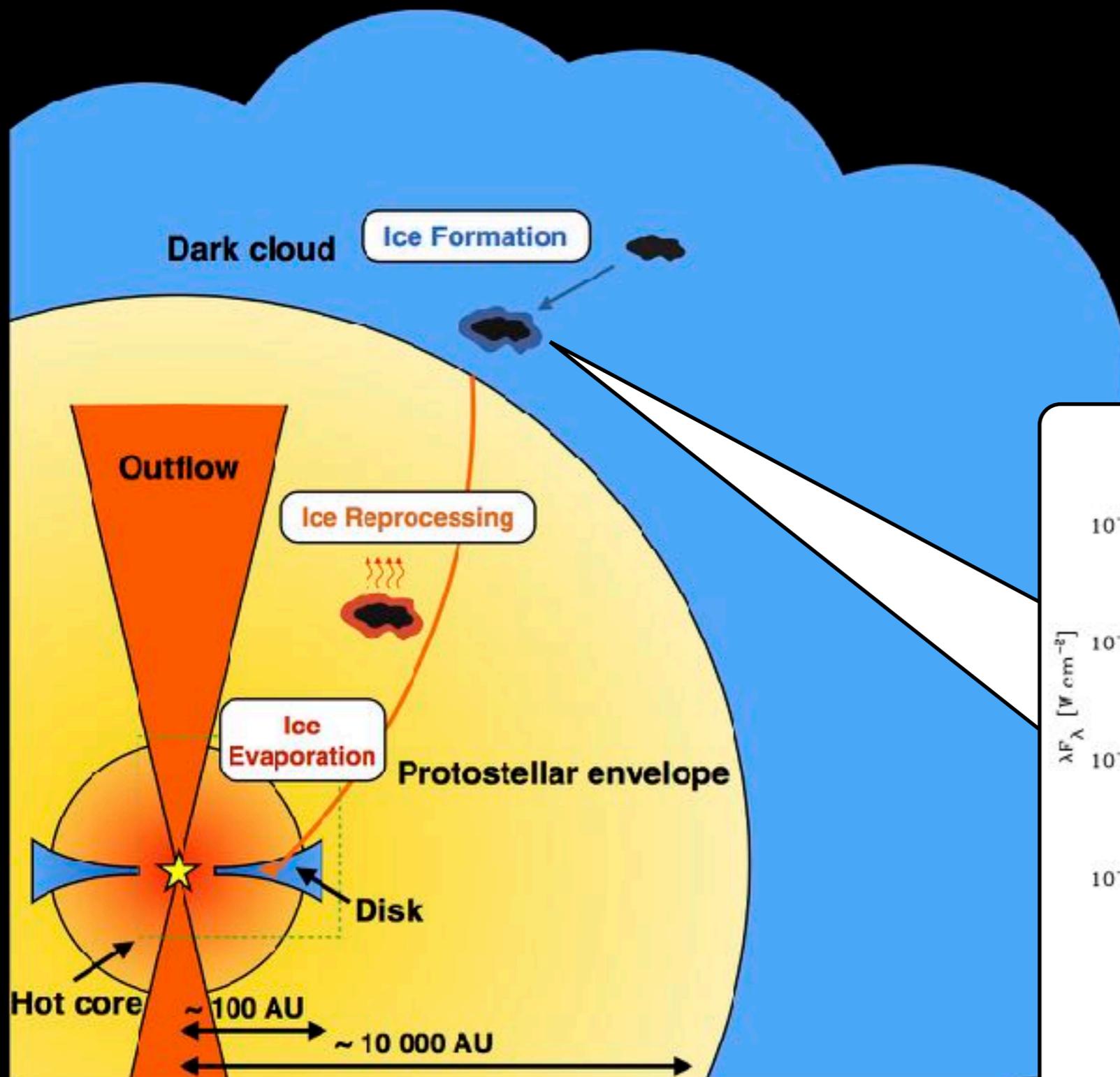
The formation of low-mass stars



Zari et al. (2016), Roy et al. (2014),
Codella et al. (2014), ALMA et al. (2015)

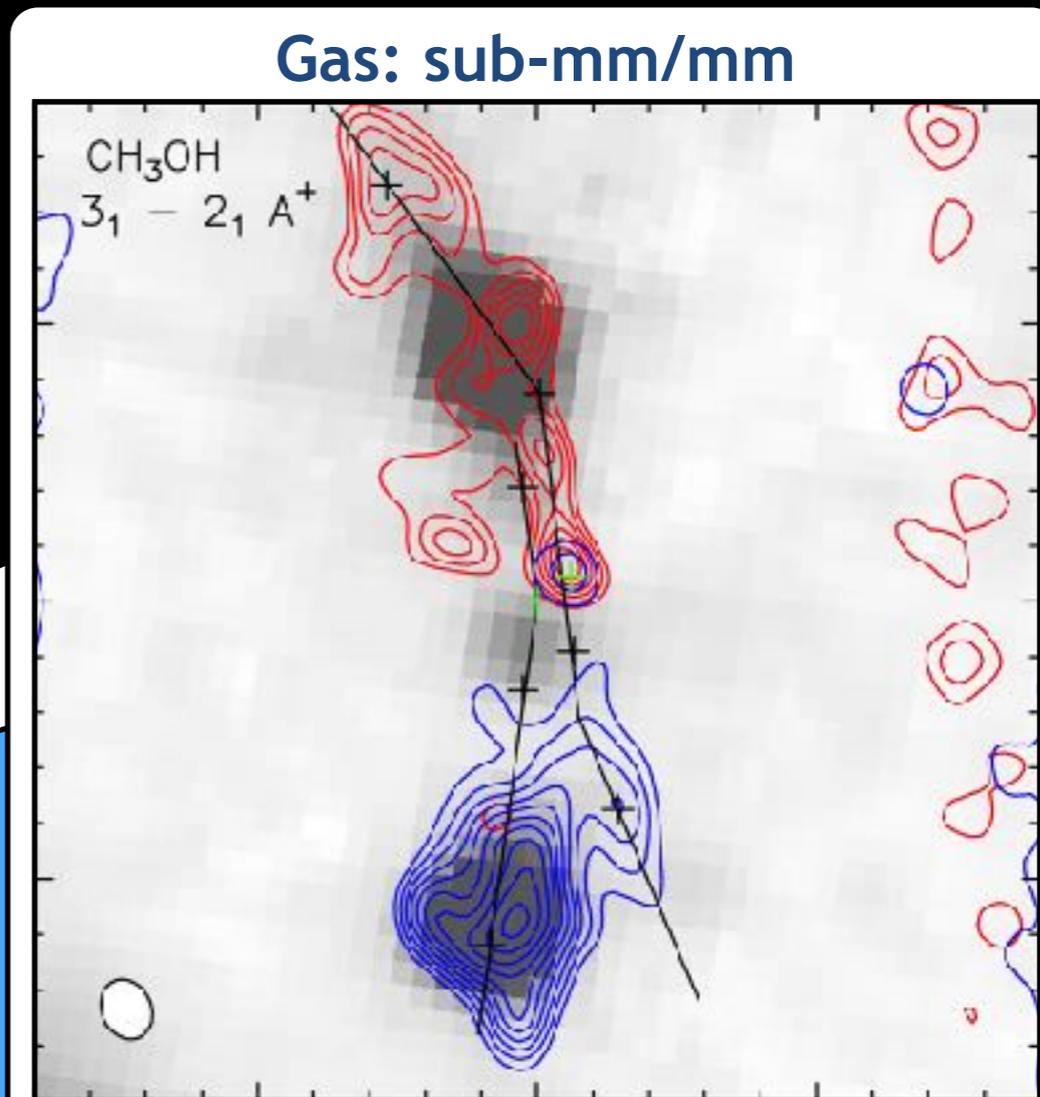
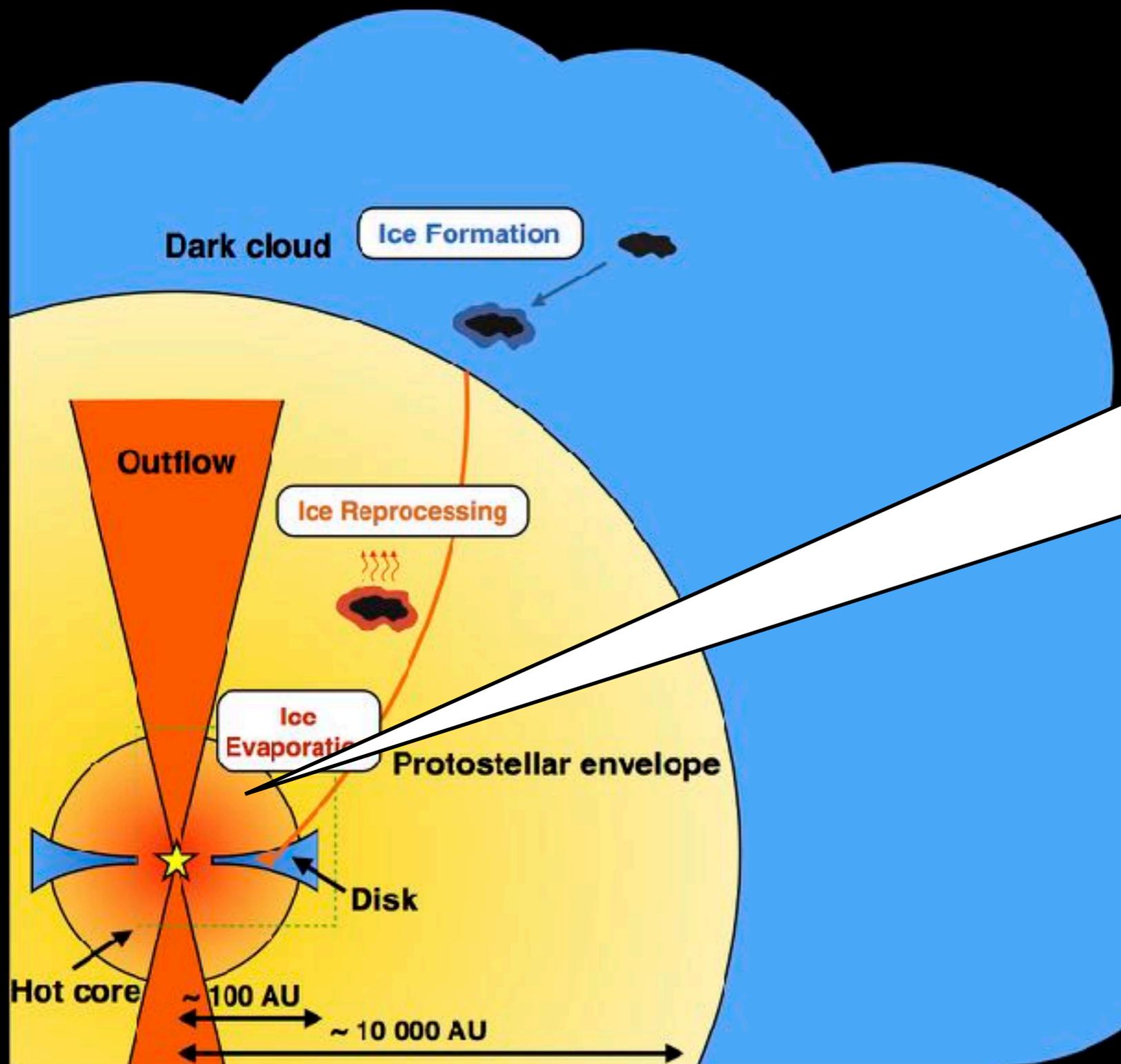
How to observe molecules in star-forming regions ?

1. Infrared spectroscopy in absorption to study **interstellar ices**



How to observe molecules in star-forming regions ?

2. Millimetric spectroscopy in emission to study the **molecular gas**

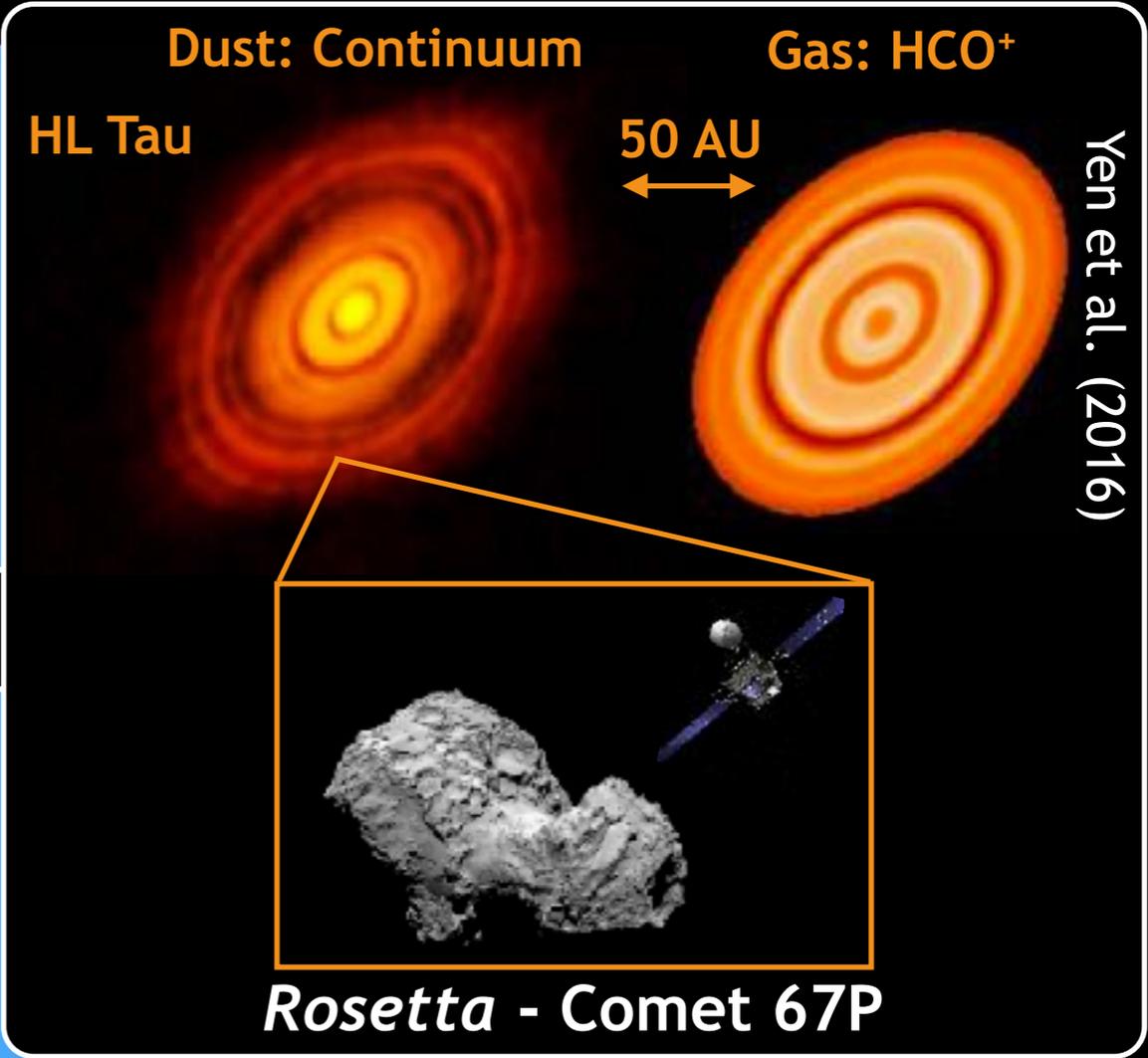
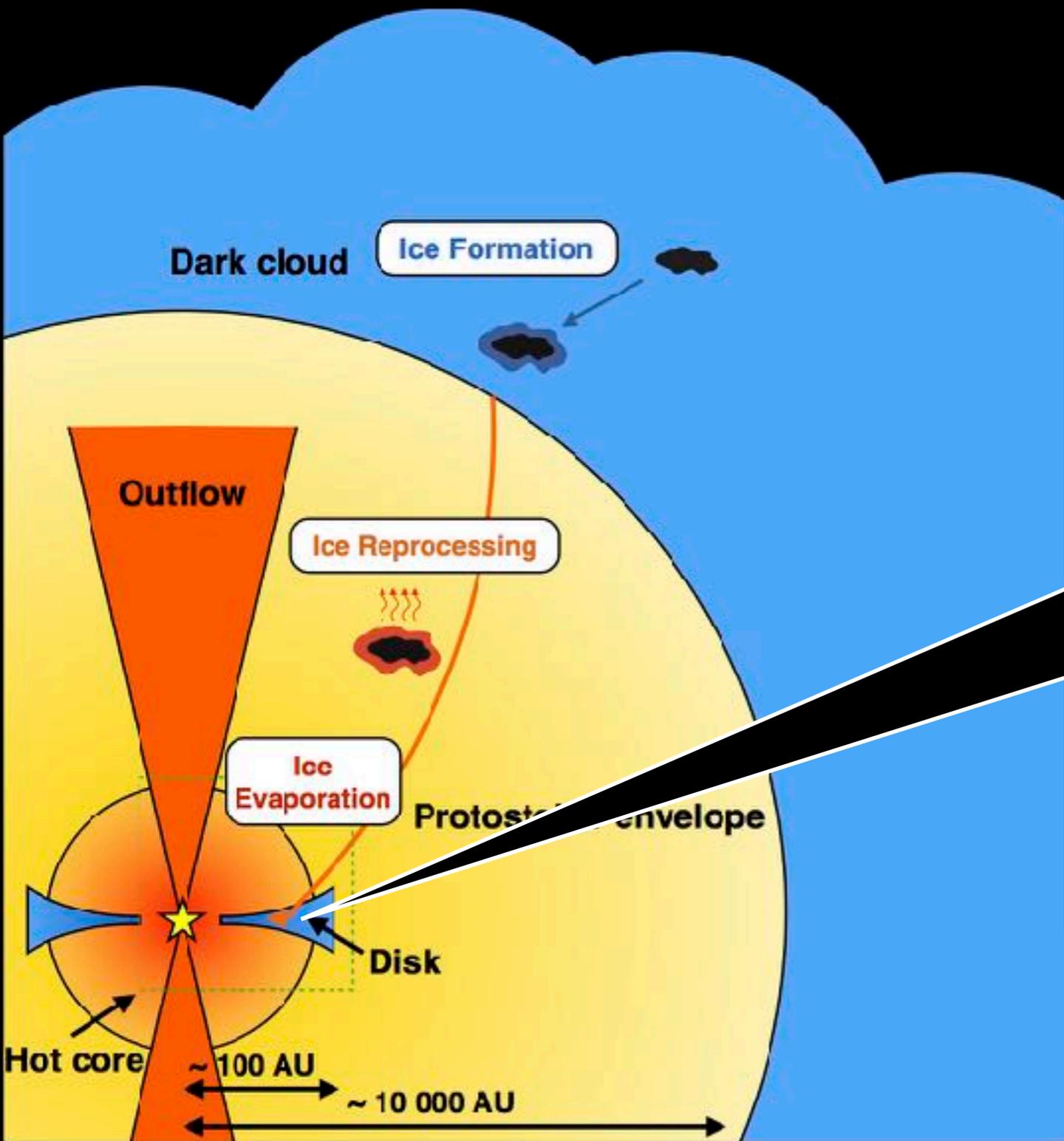


Taquet et al. (in prep.)

New observatories:
NOEMA, ALMA, ngVLA ?

How to observe molecules in star-forming regions ?

3. Space missions: final composition of the Solar Nebula



Expertises in Astrochemistry

Theoretical and experimental chemistry

Modelling

Observations

Laboratory Experiments

Astronomical Observations

1. Development of gas-grain model

2. Single-dish and interferometric mm observations

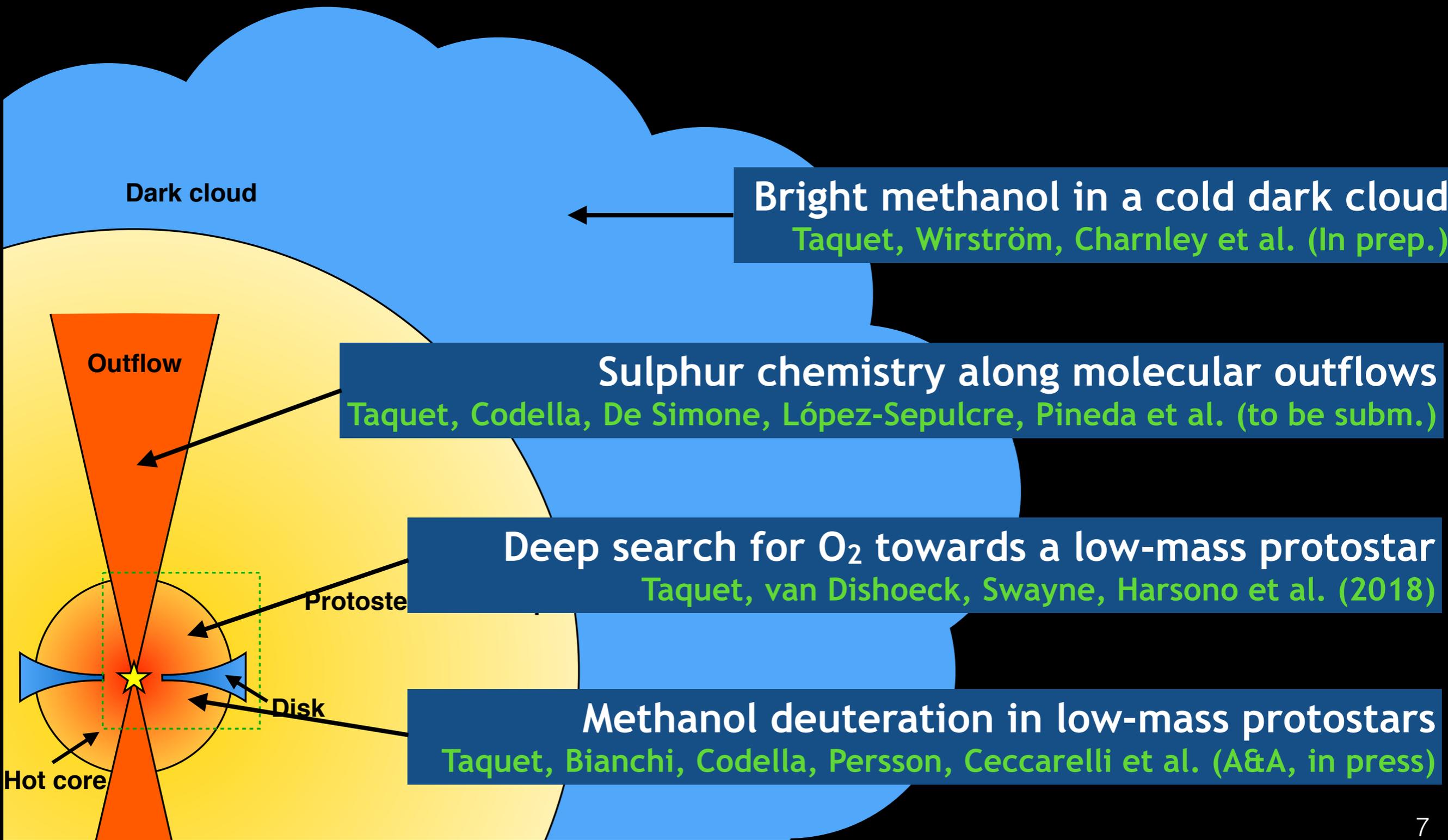
Astrochemical Models

Theoretical calculations

Physical Models

Spectroscopy and Radiative transfer

Main projects during ASTROFIT2 program



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Taquet, Wirström, Charnley et al. (In prep.)

Sulphur chemistry along molecular outflows
Taquet, Codella, De Simone, López-Sepulcre, Pineda et al. (to be subm.)

Deep search for O₂ towards a low-mass protostar
Taquet, van Dishoeck, Swayne, Harsono et al. (2018)

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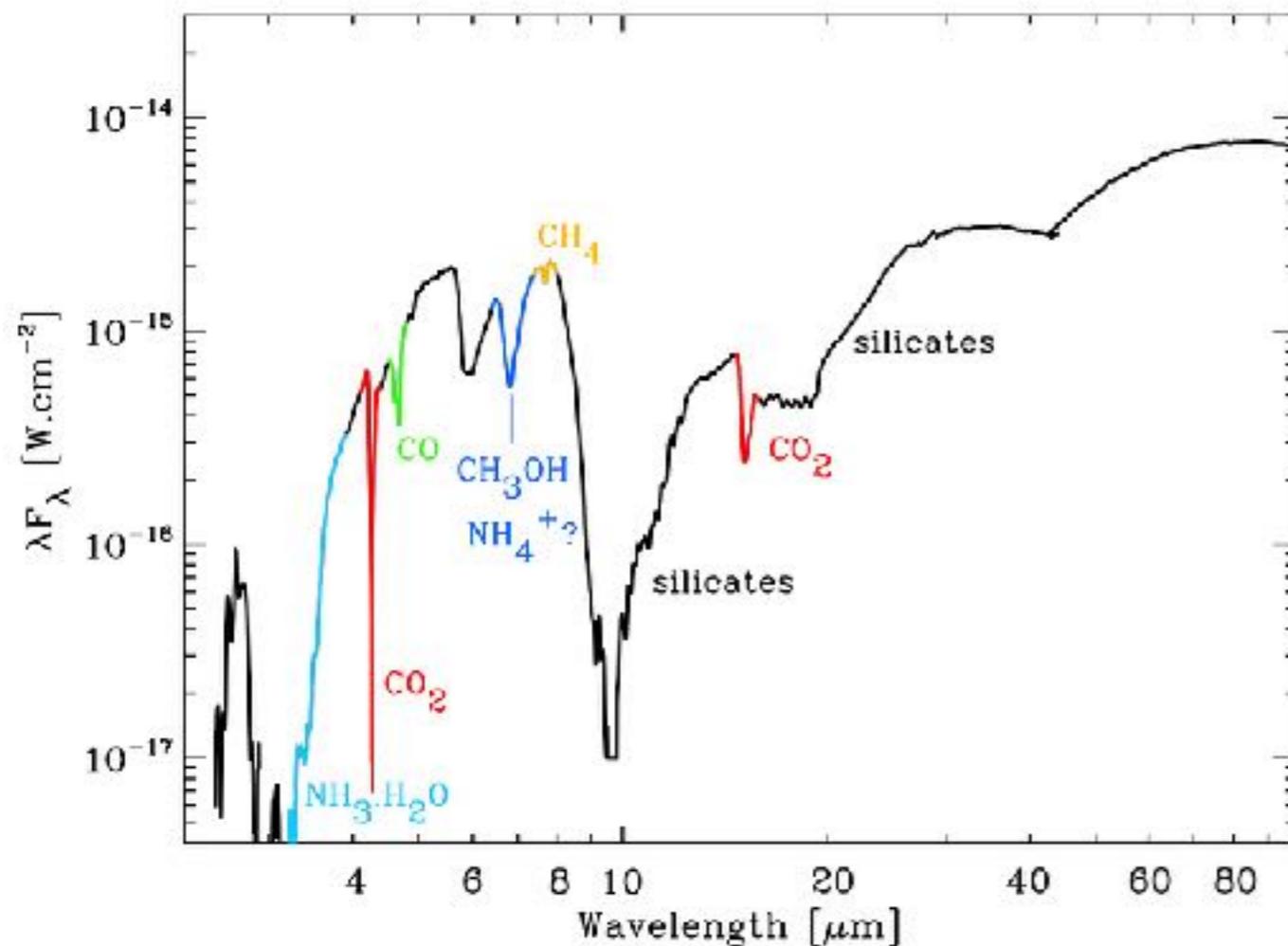
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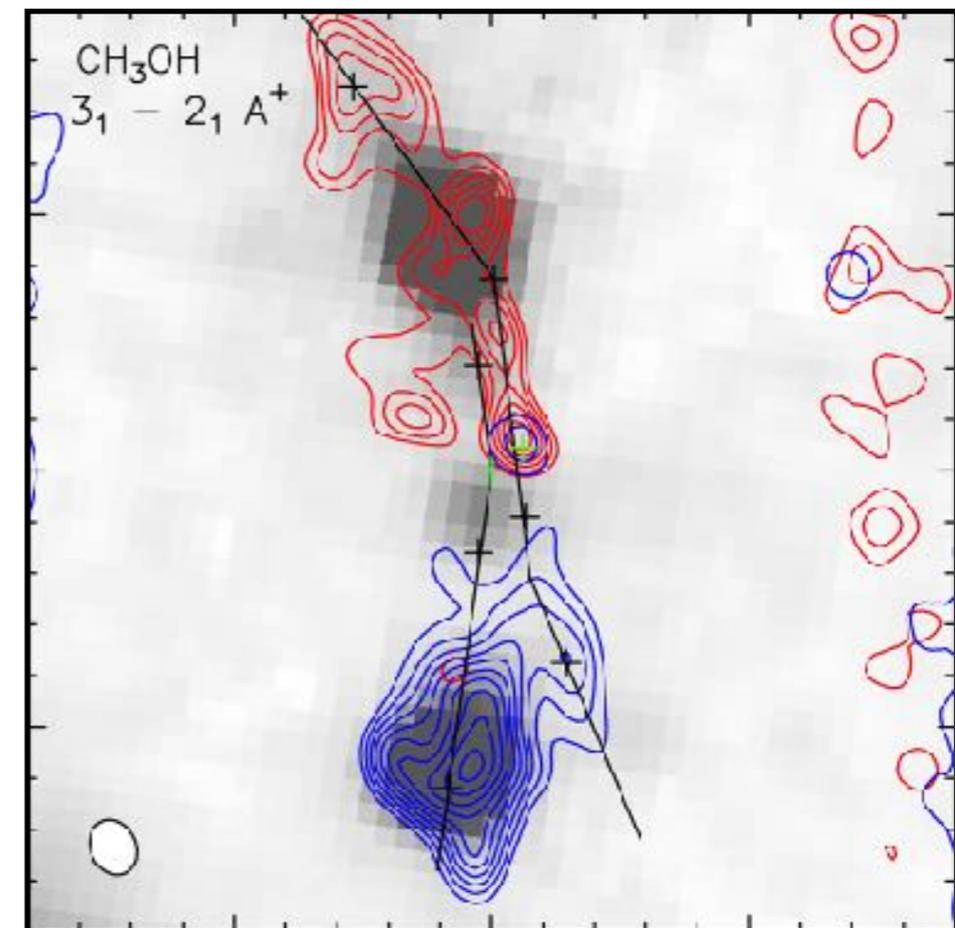
High methanol abundances both in interstellar ices and gas

High-mass protostar AFGL7009S
observed with *ISO*



Dartois et al. (1998), Boogert et al. (2015)

Low-mass protostar IRAS4A
observed with NOEMA



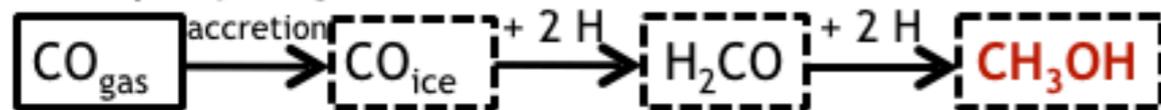
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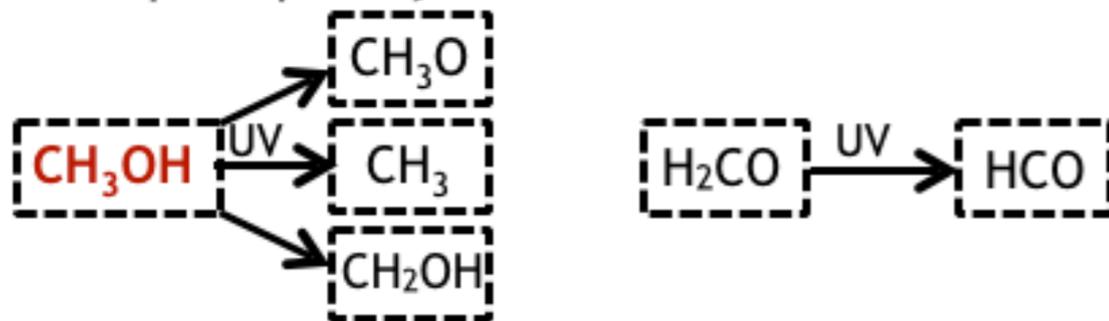
Methanol is likely the mother molecule of many interstellar Complex Organic Molecules

Grain surface chemistry

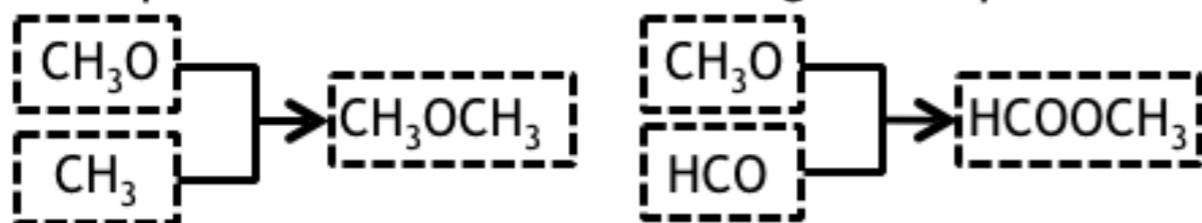
1st step: hydrogenation at cold T



2nd step: UV photolysis



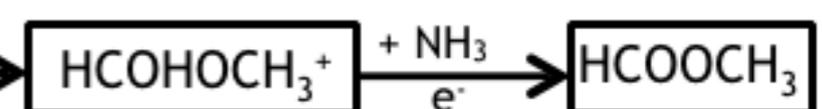
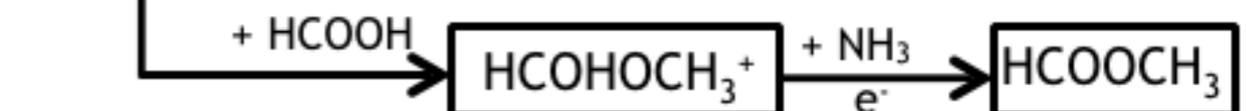
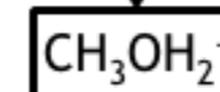
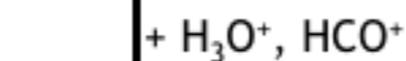
3rd step: radical recombination during warm-up



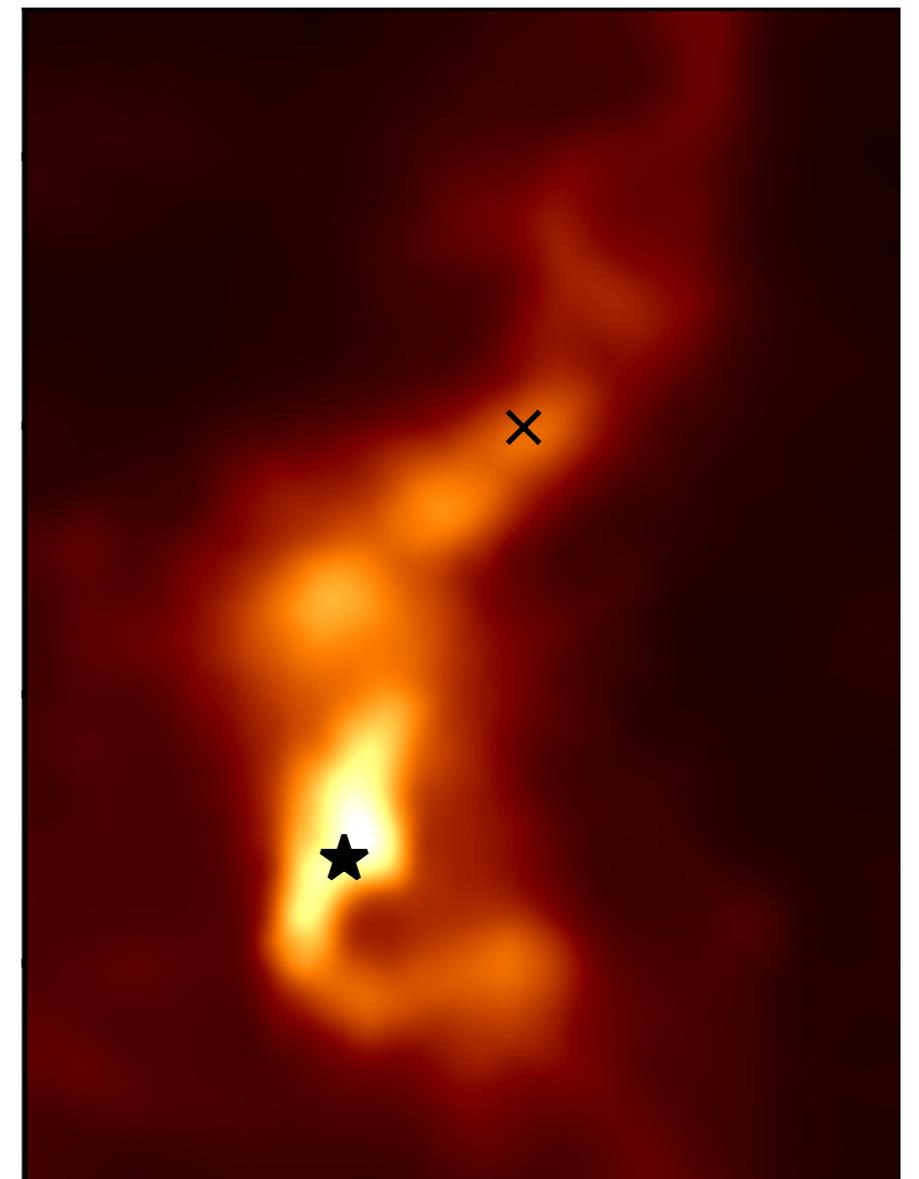
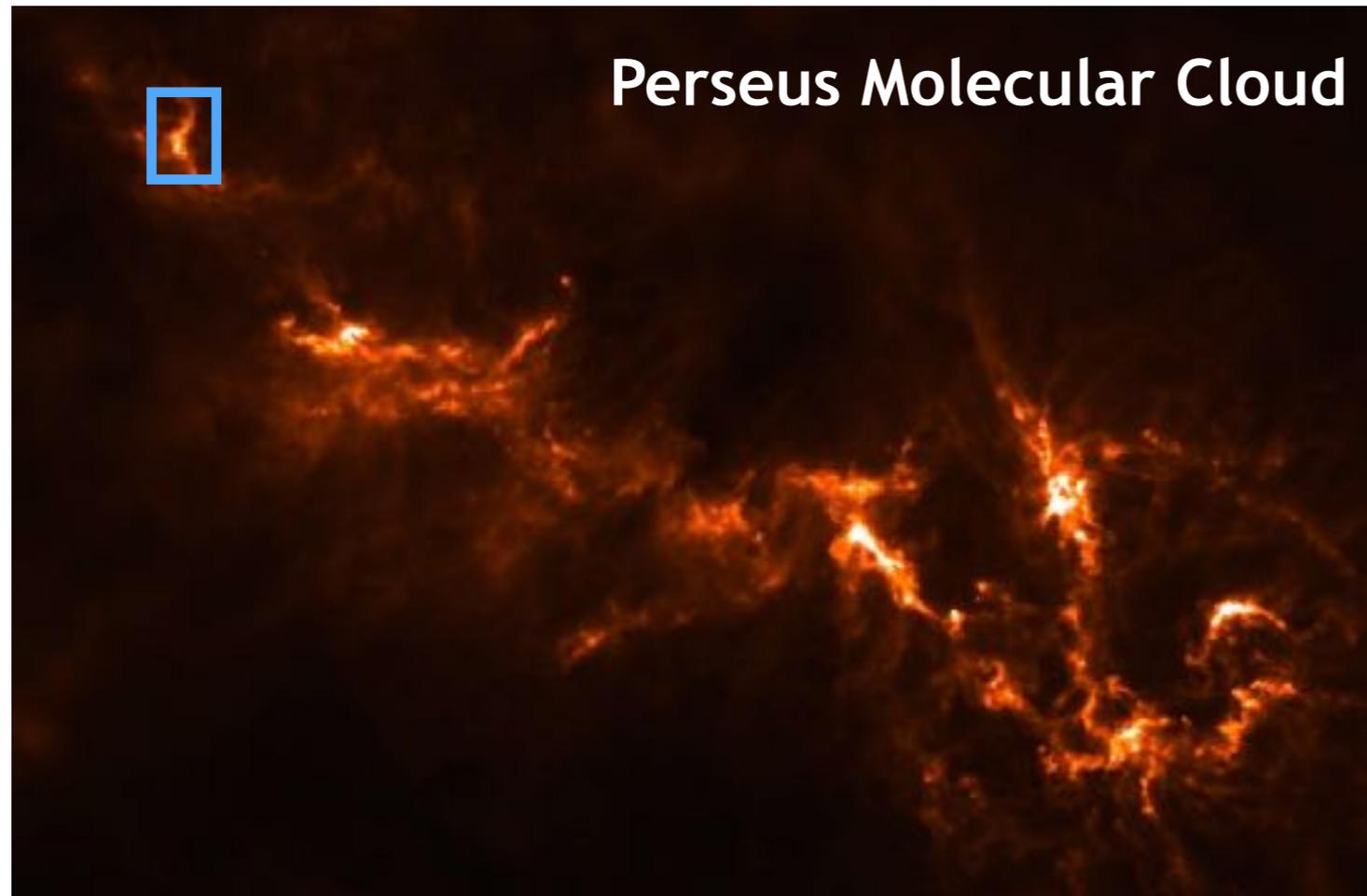
Gas phase chemistry



Evaporation

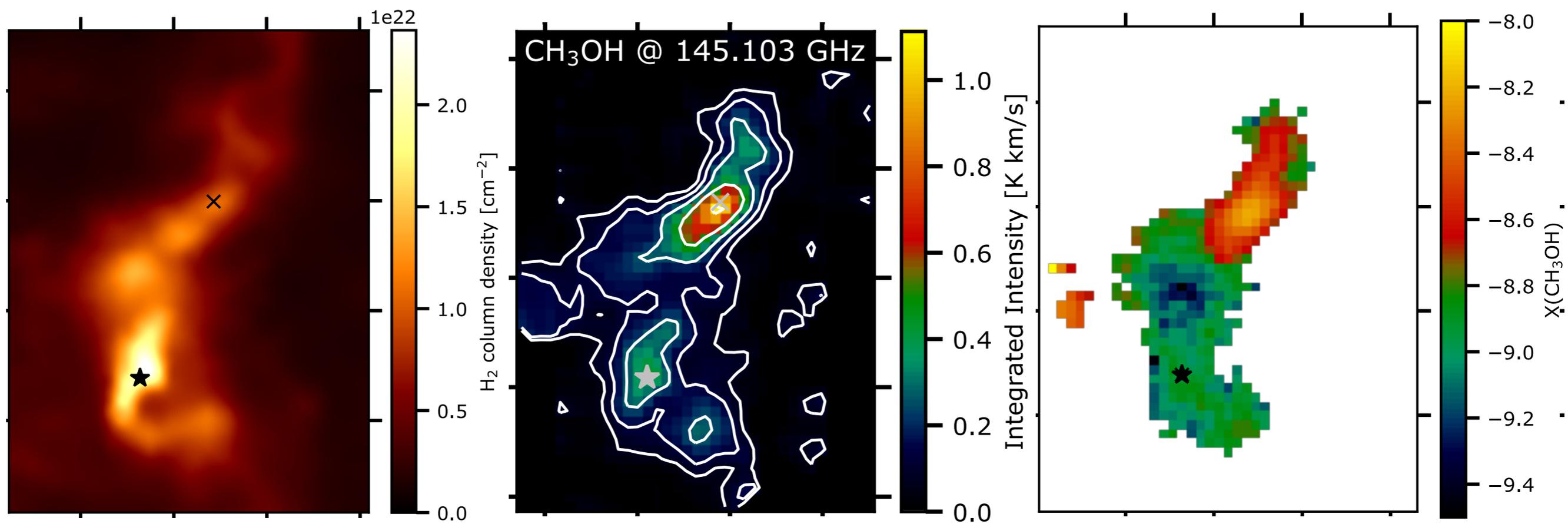


Molecular mapping of the Barnard 5 molecular cloud

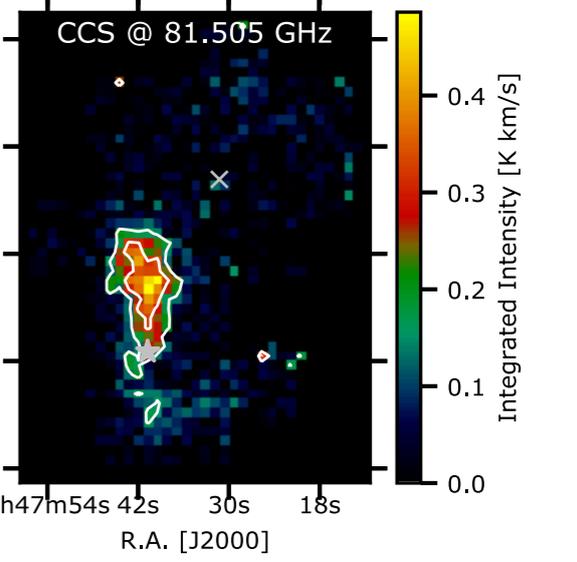
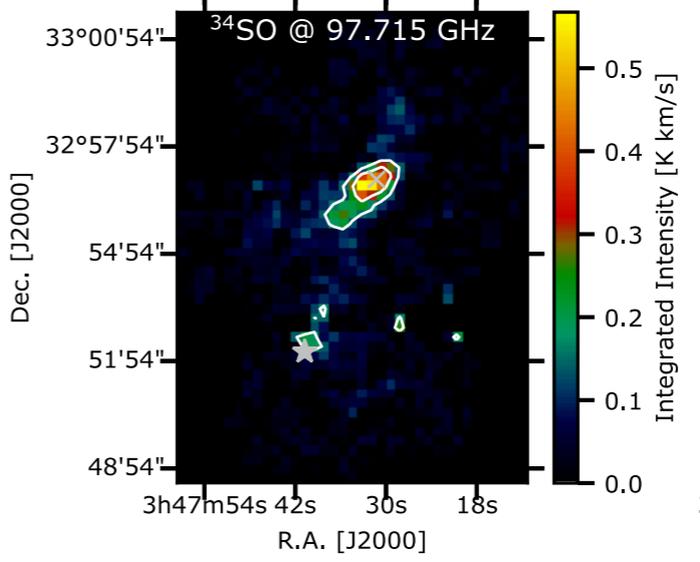
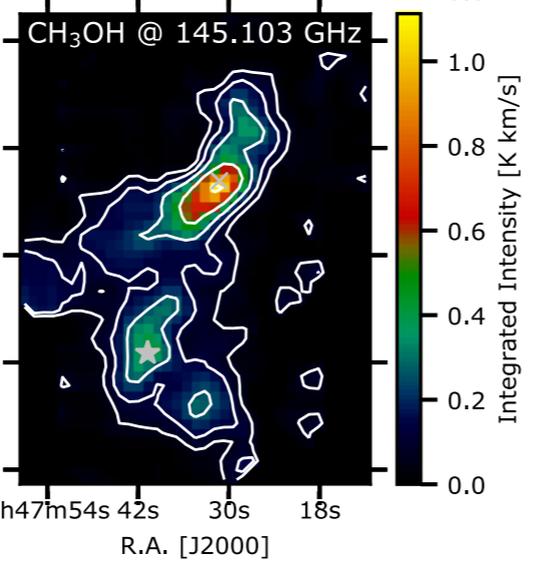
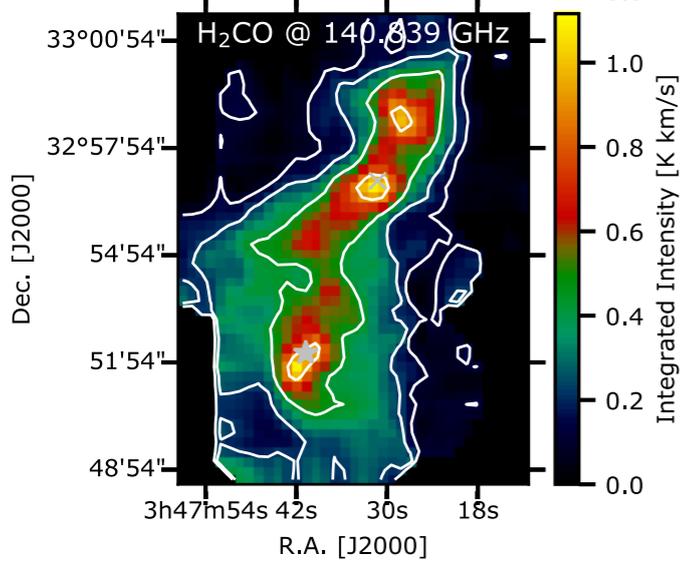
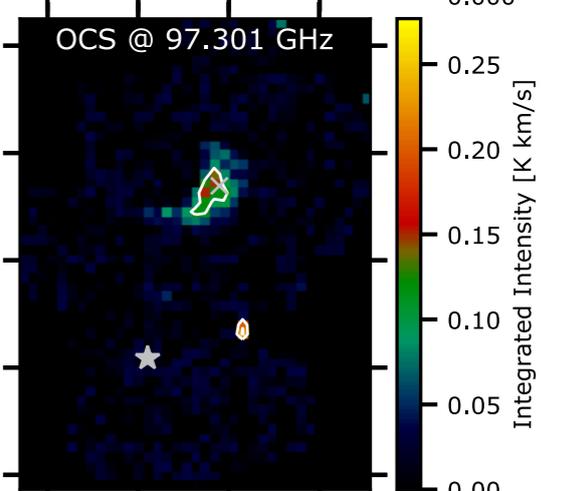
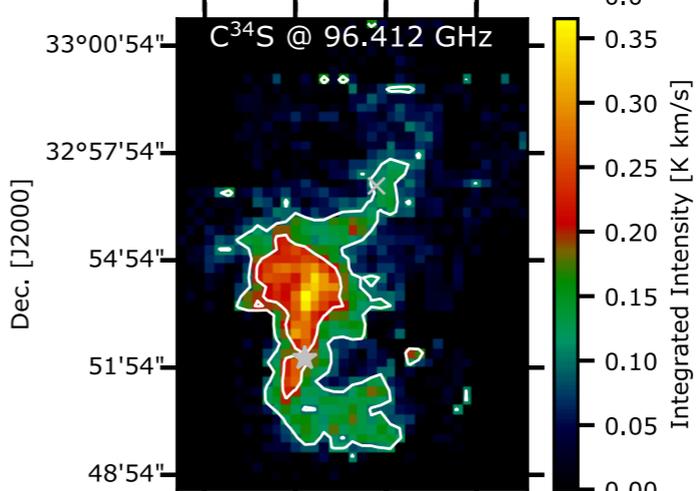
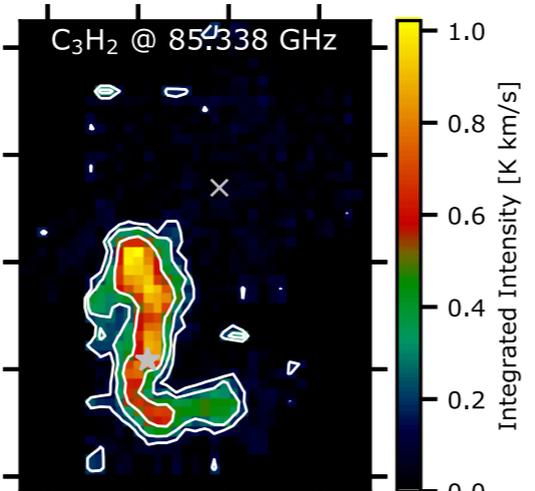
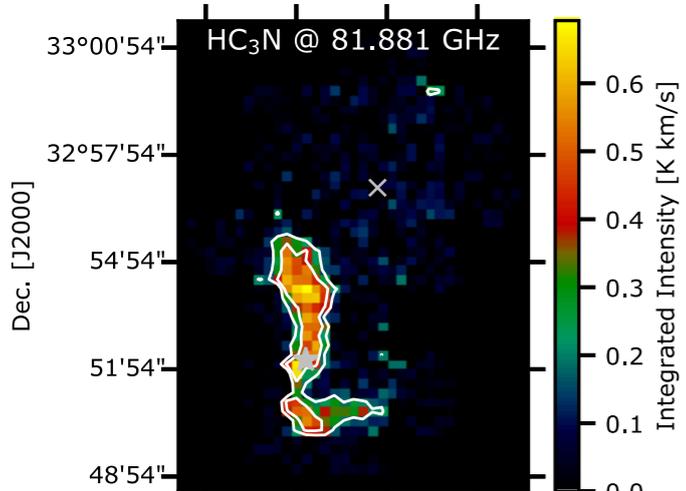
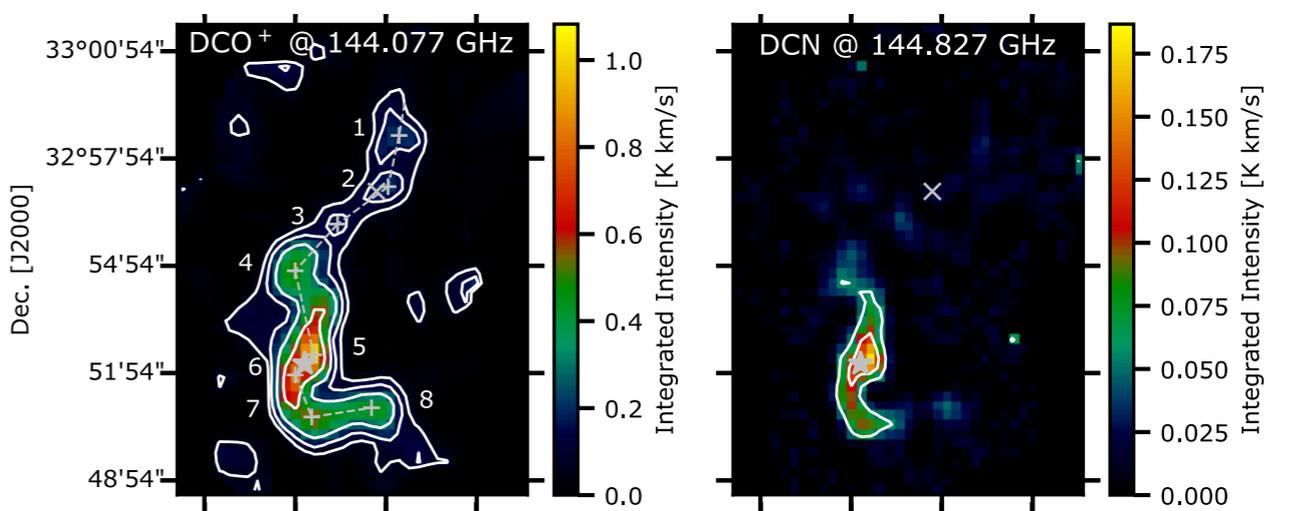
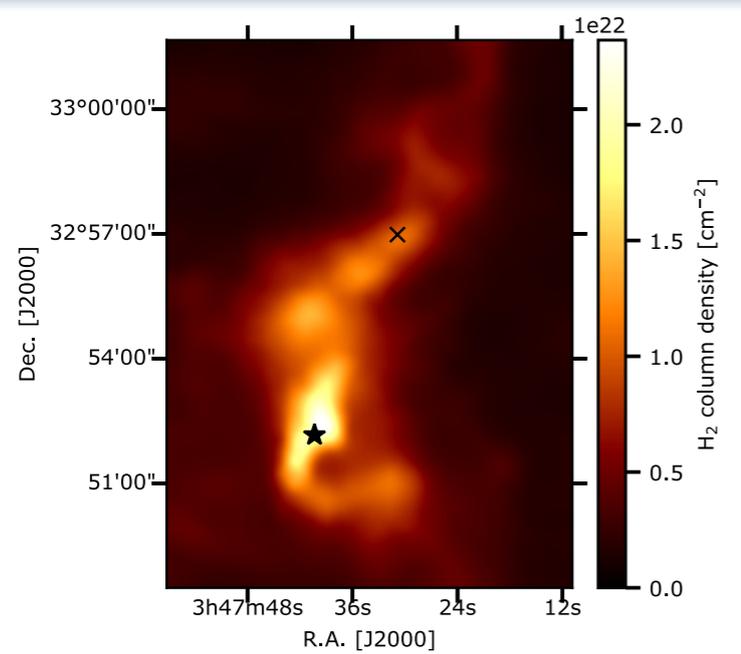


Bright unexpected methanol emission in Barnard 5

Cold methanol is detected in a "secondary" part of the cloud with relatively high abundances

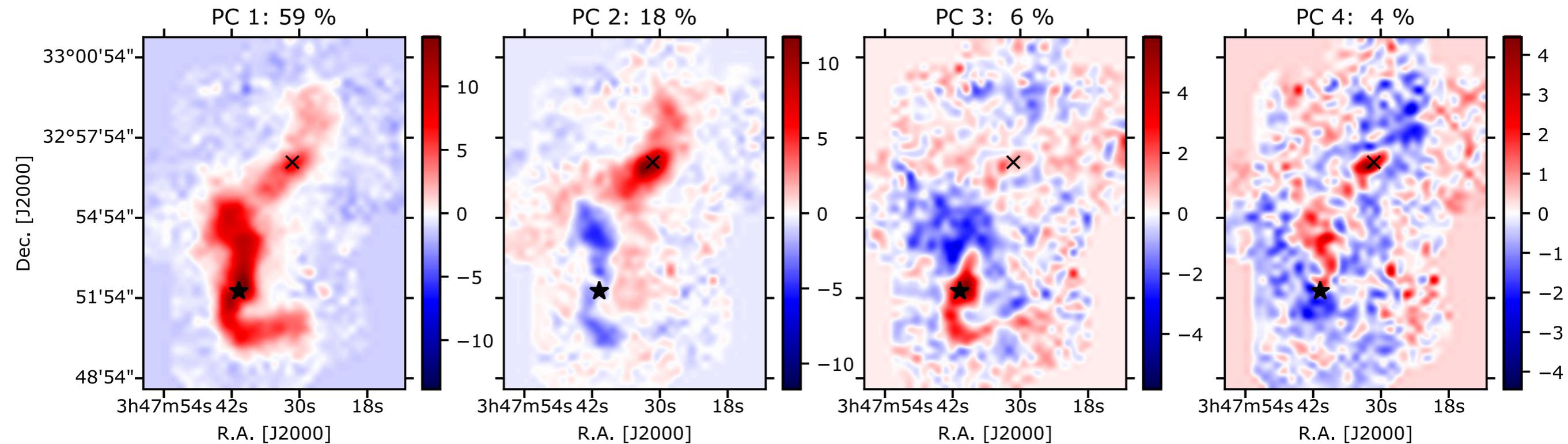


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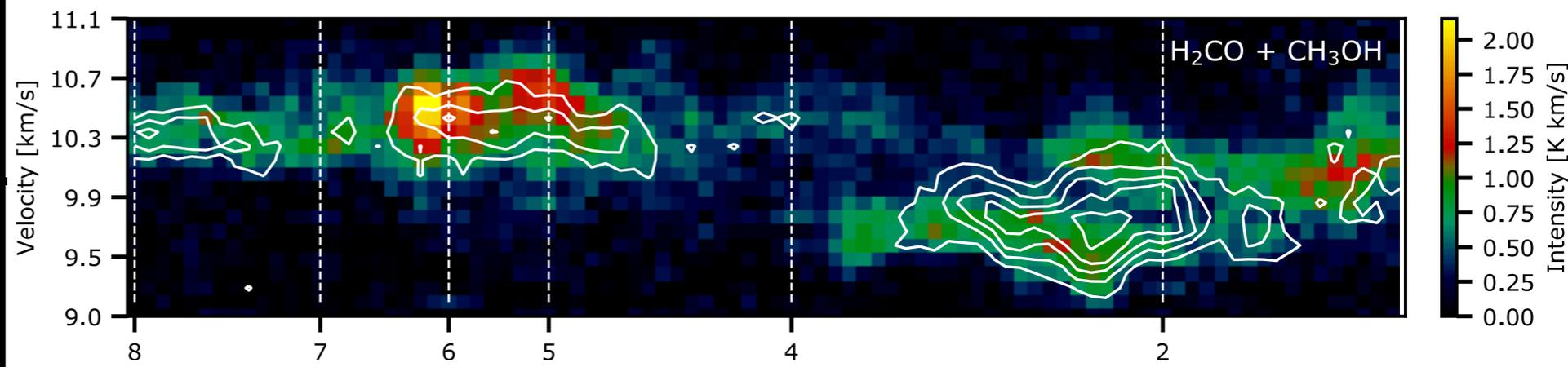
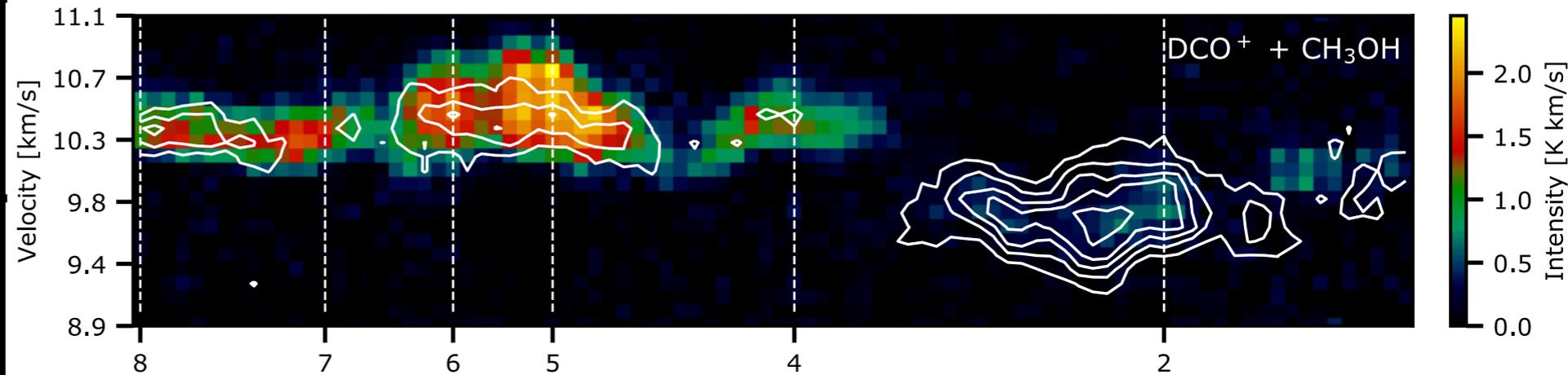
Multi-variate analysis of the molecular emission

Decomposition of initial dataset into principal components: orthogonal variables that maximise the observed variance



Methanol emission triggered by cloud-cloud emission ?

Methanol emission is detected where two H₂CO components collide:

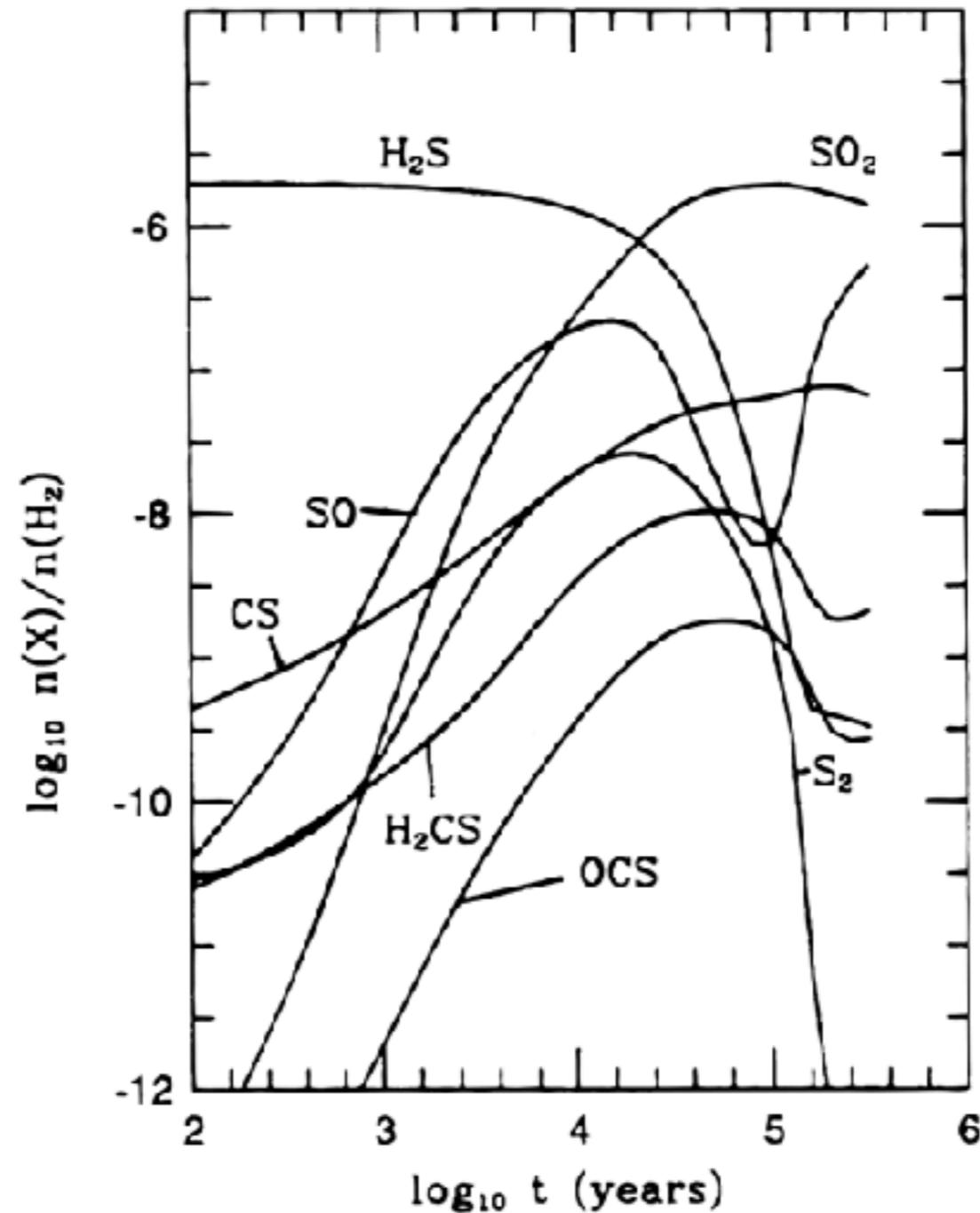


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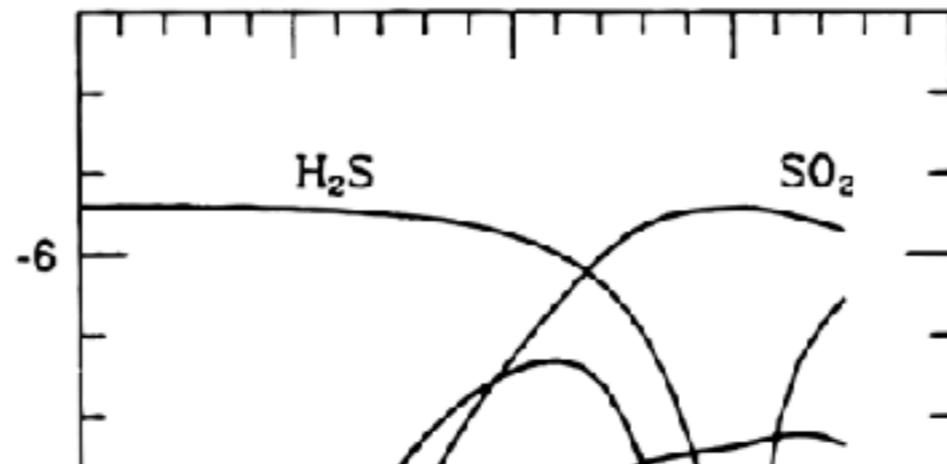
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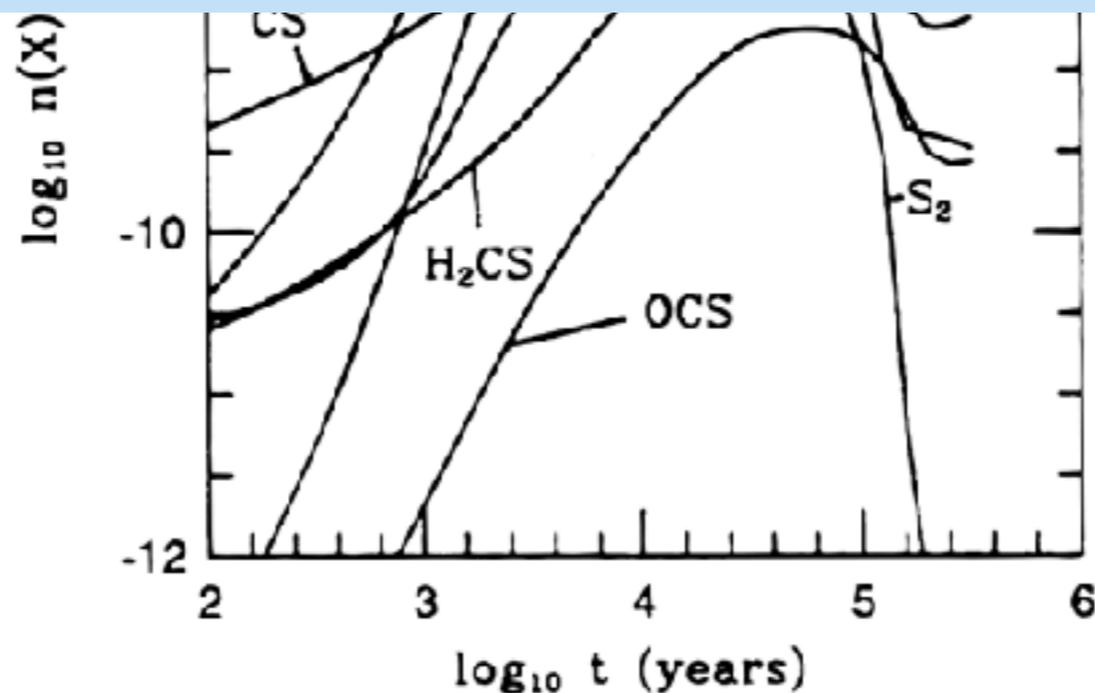


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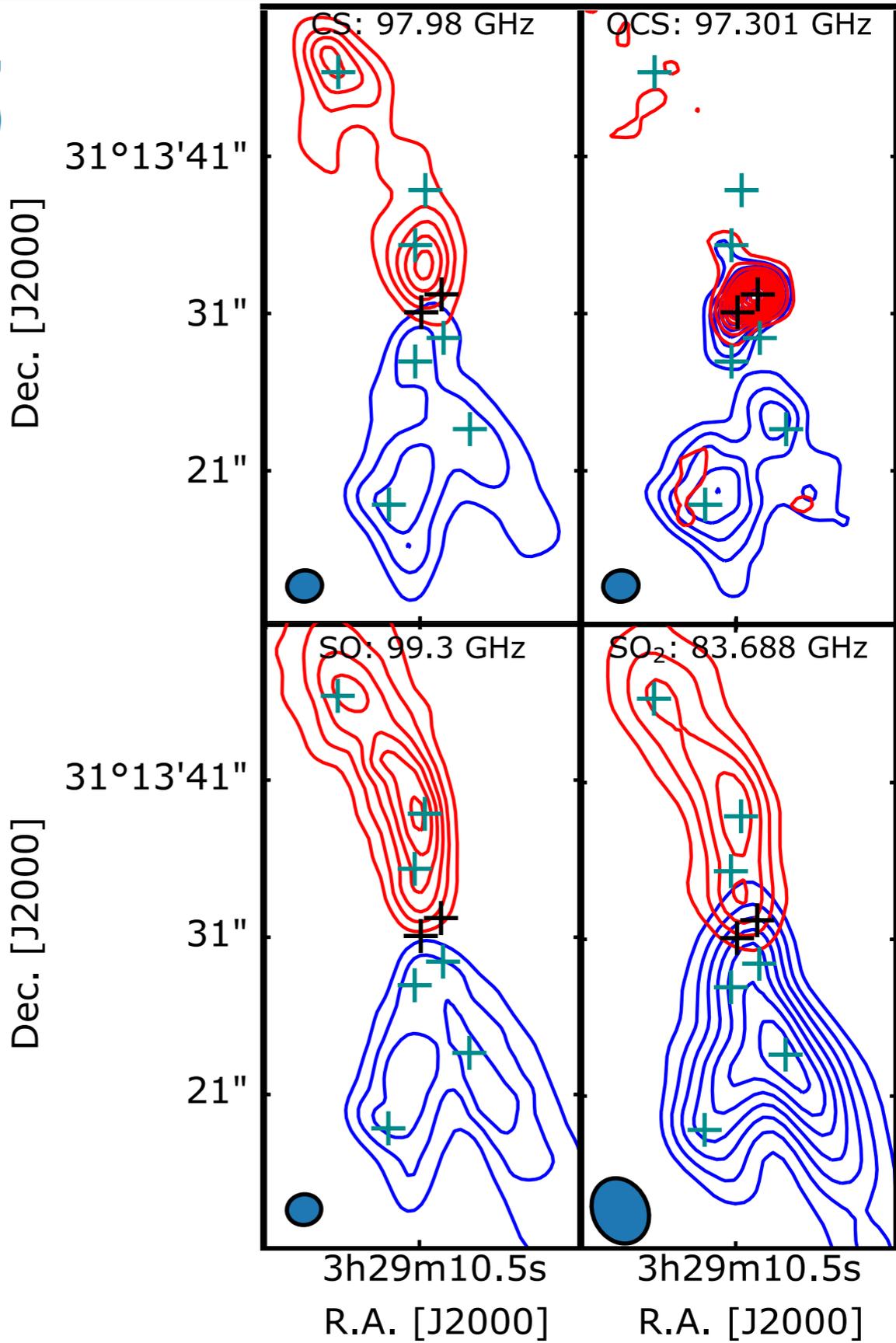
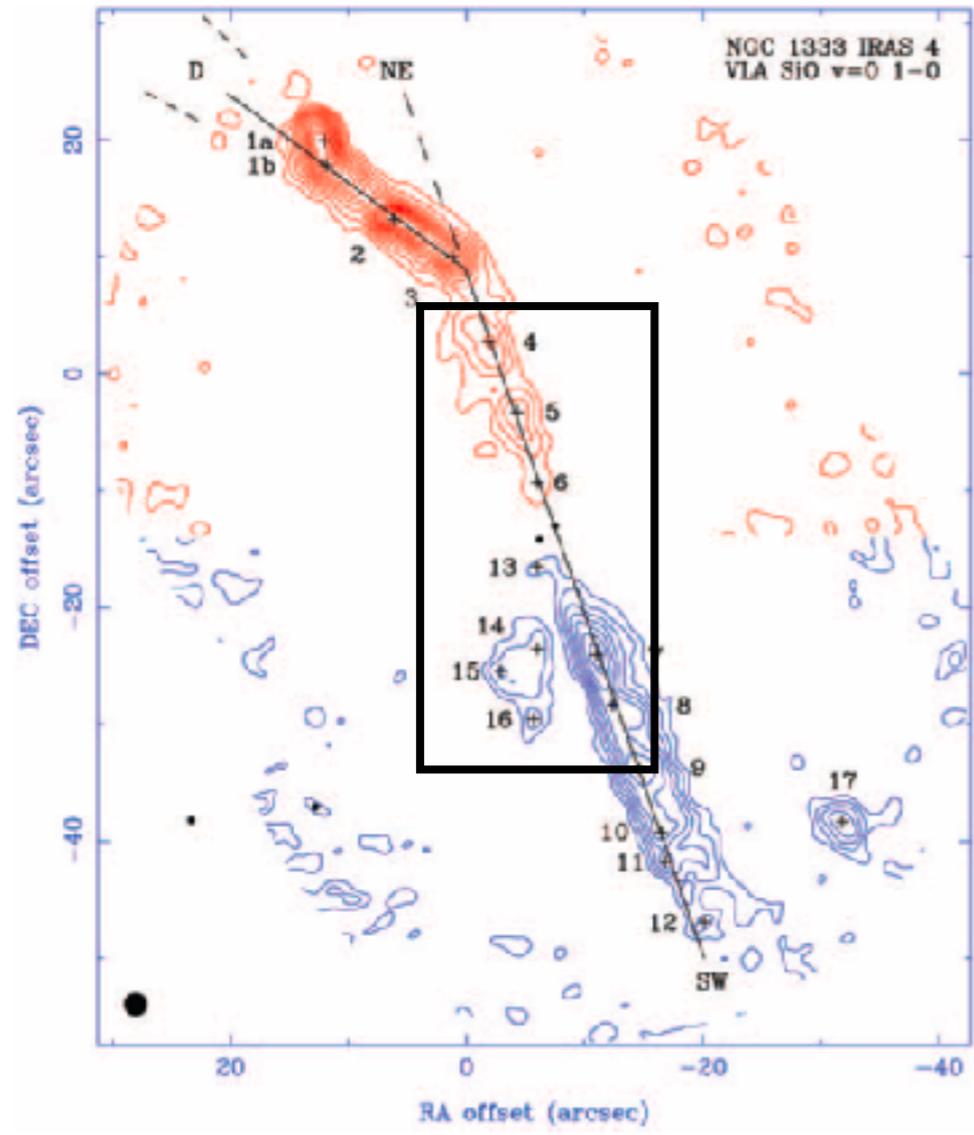


Can we use sulfur chemistry to assess the physical and chemical conditions of molecular outflows ?



The NGCC1333-IRAS4A protostellar system

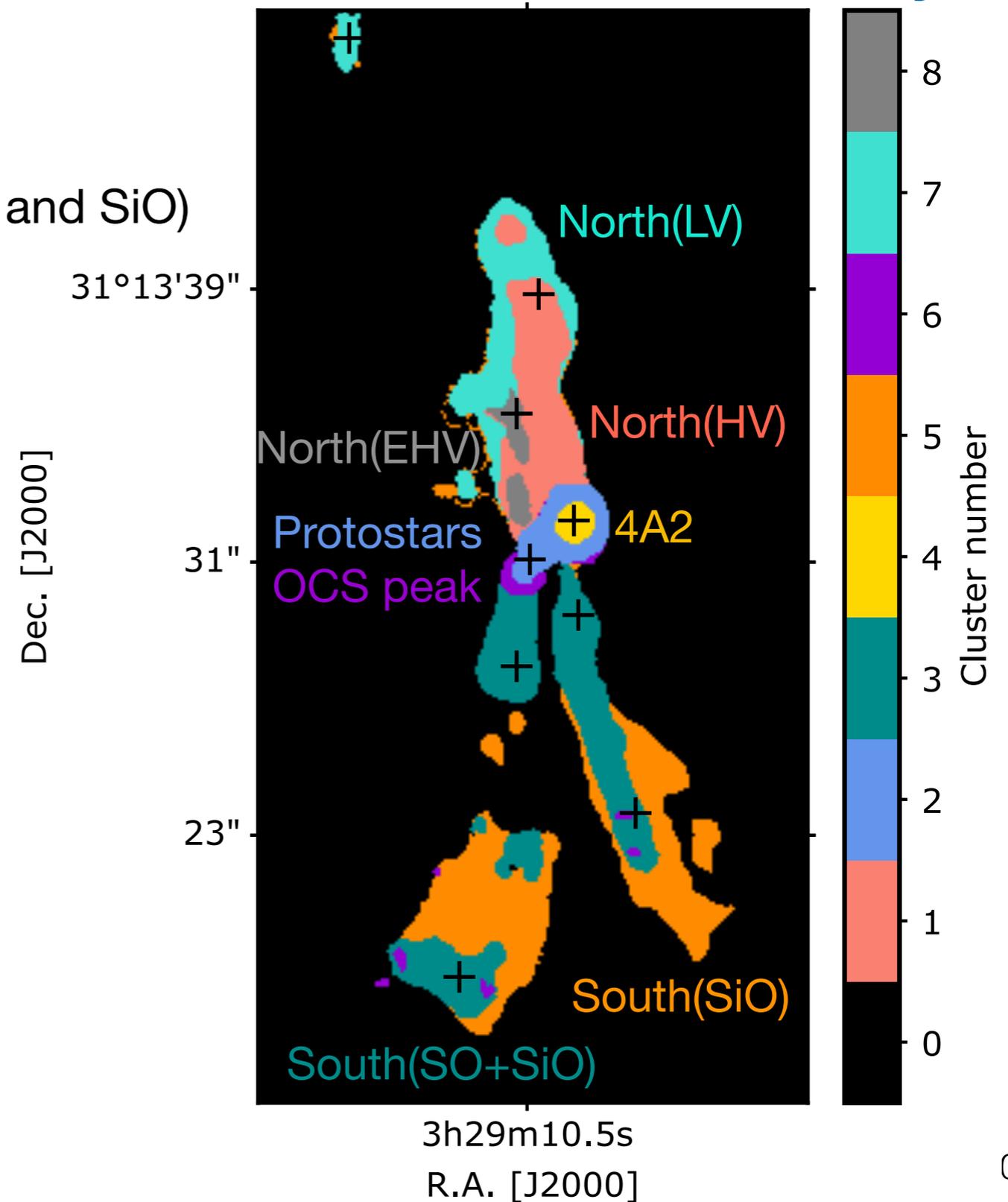
Chemical differentiation between OCS, CS, SO, and SO₂ at “low” (2-4 arcsec) resolution



Dissecting the outflows with clustering methods

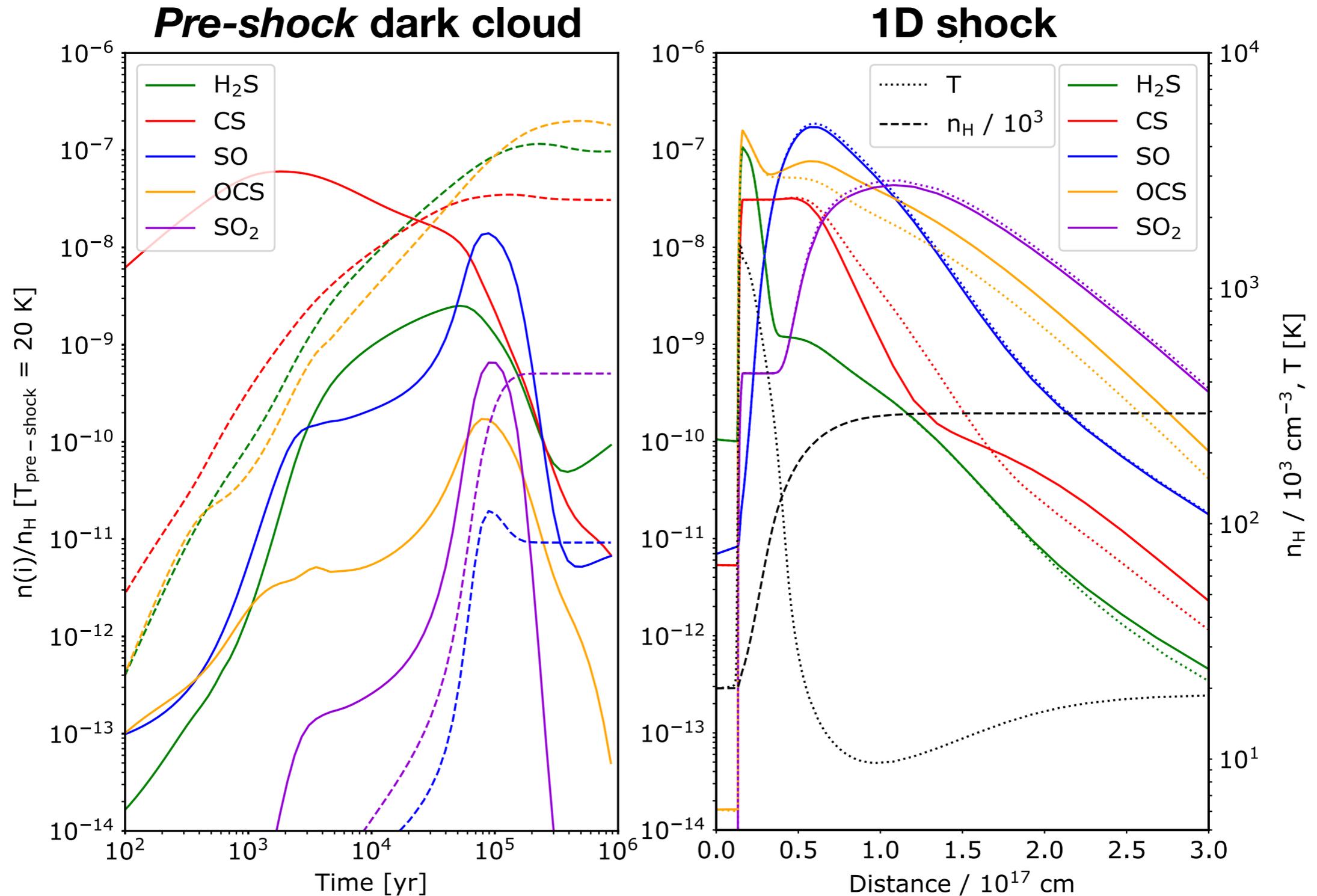
Decomposition of the outflows based on their molecular emission only:

- *K-Means* algorithm
- 9 features (mom. 0, 1, and 2 of OCS, SO, and SiO)
- Spatial information not used
- Number of *clusters* K as input



Chemical interpretation

OCS and H₂S should trace shock fronts whereas **SO₂** more abundant in post-shock regions, **SO** and **CS** are present in and behind shock fronts



Methanol deuteration in low-mass protostars

Taquet, Bianchi, Codella, Persson, Ceccarelli et al. (A&A, in press)

Gas phase [D]/[H] in dark clouds

Methanol and water are formed through **hydrogenation reactions on cold interstellar grains**

→ their deuteration highly depends on **atomic [D]/[H] in the gas**

Key reaction for deuterium chemistry:



Deuteration in the gas (and in ices) is governed by:

- Temperature
- CO abundance
- Ortho/para ratio of H₂
- Moment of formation

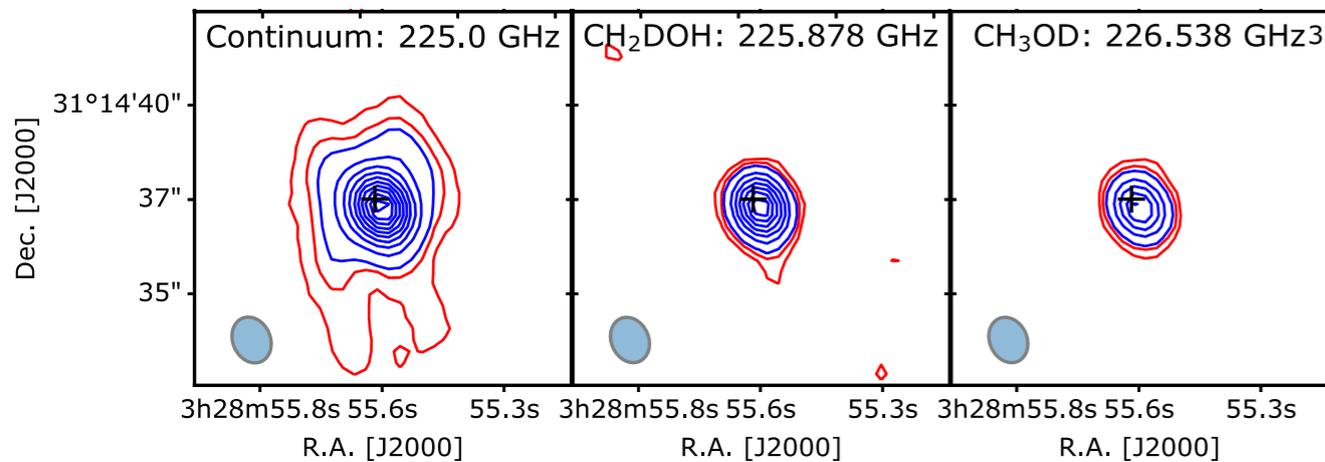
Deuteration: powerful chemical tracer !

See Pagani et al. (1992); Roberts et al. (2003, 2004); Flower et al. (2006); Hugo et al. (2009), ...

Warm deuterated methanol towards low-mass protostars

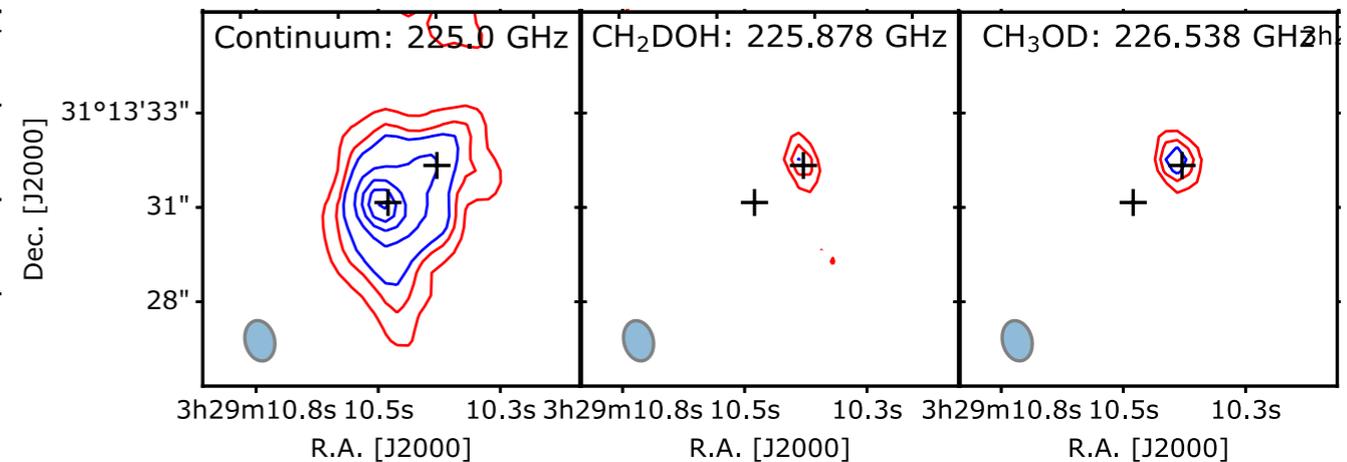
Analysis of NOEMA and ALMA observations towards four low-mass protostars in different molecular clouds: Perseus, Orion, Ophiuchus

IRAS2A (Perseus) with NOEMA

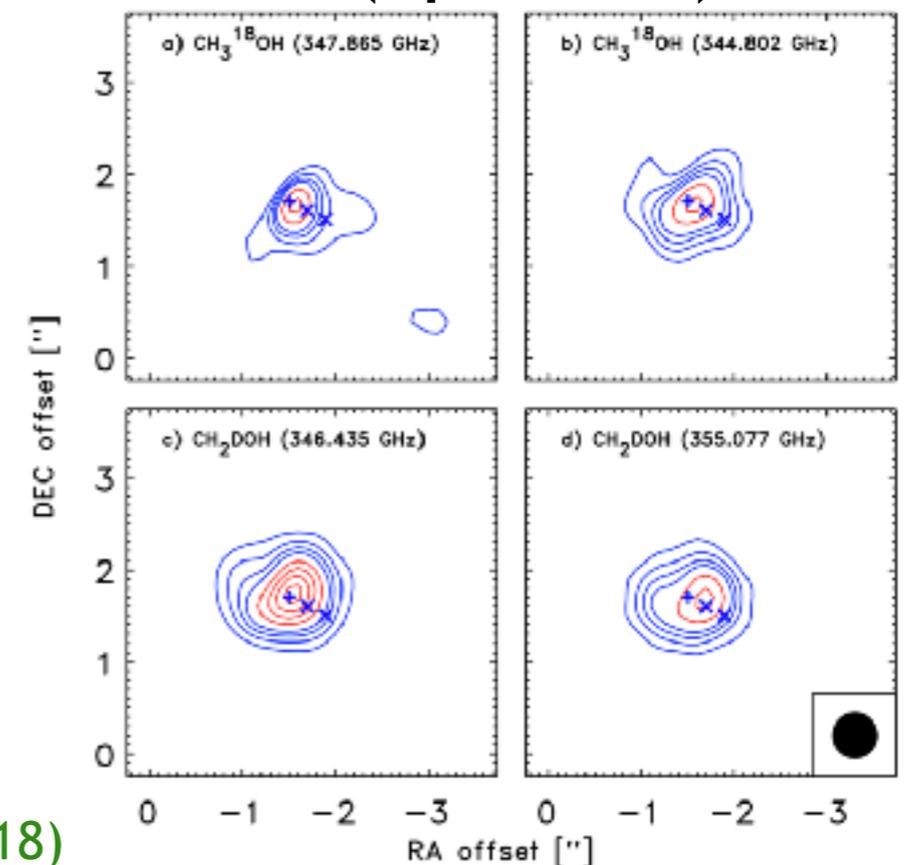


Taquet et al. (2019, in press)

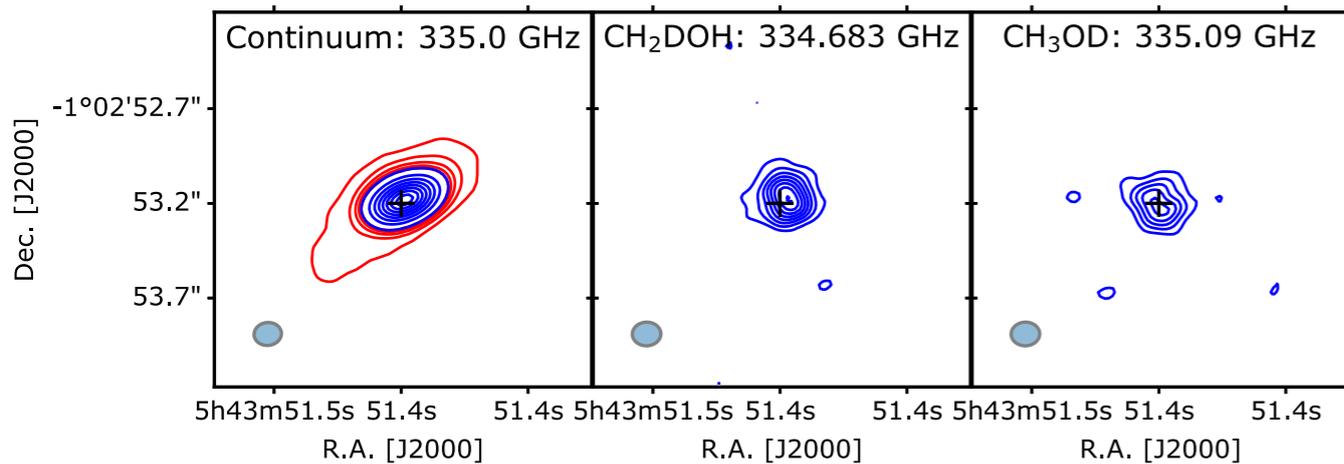
IRAS4A (Perseus) with NOEMA



IRAS 16293-B (Ophiuchus) with ALMA



HH212 (Orion) with ALMA

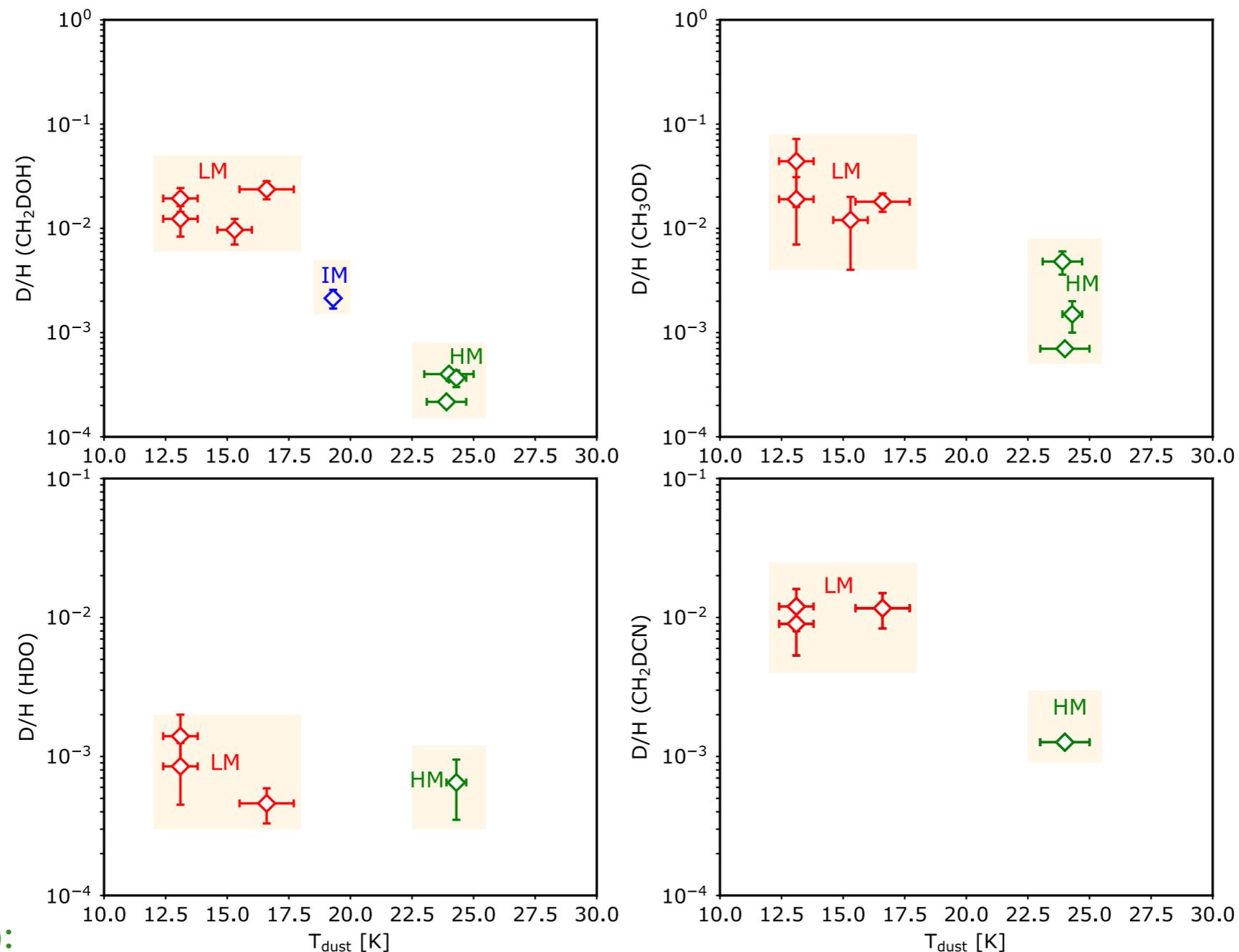


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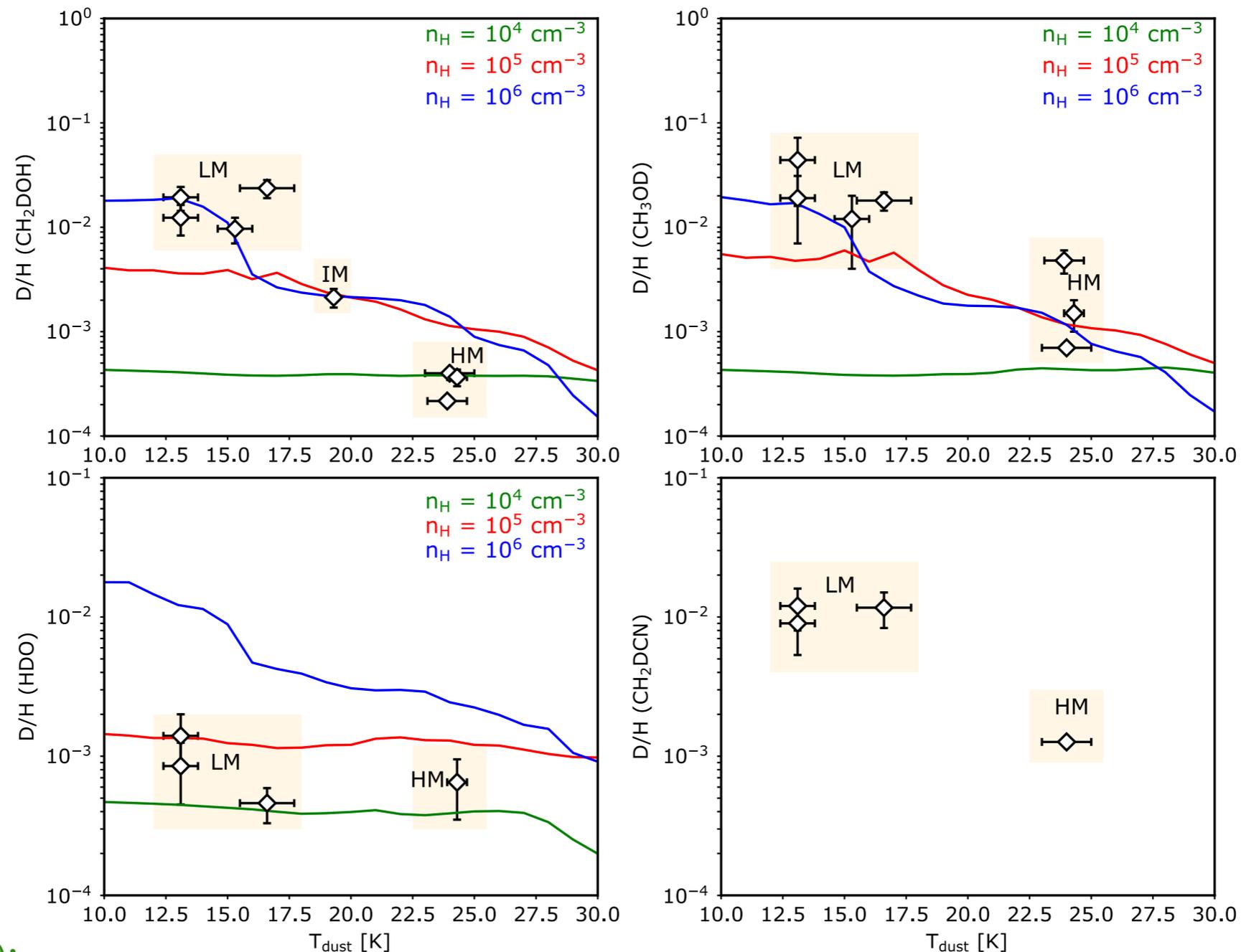
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Observed data from Peng+ (2012, OrionKL), Fuente+ (2014, NGC7129), Bianchi+ (2017, HH212), Belloche+ (2016, SgrB2), Bøgelund+ (2018, NGC6334), Jørgensen+ (2018, IRAS16293)

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+ Other processes (time, warm ice or gas phase chemistry) at work ?



Taquet et al. (in prep.):

Predictions with the Taquet+ (2014) model but with constant physical conditions

MOMICE: MOdel for Multiphase Ice ChEmistry

Fortran90 code accompanied by Python scripts to run and analyse the simulations:



<http://github.com/vtaquet/momice>

Three networks:

- Network 1: H₂O, CO₂, and CH₃OH formation without gas phase chemistry
- Network 2: ice deuteration
- Network 3: extended surface + KIDA gas phase networks

Four options:

- 1) Individual simulations with constant physical conditions
- 2) Spatial evolution with evolving physical conditions
- 3) Model grid to explore the impact of physical conditions on ice chemistry
- 4) Sensitivity analysis to evaluate the impact of surface and chemical parameter uncertainties on ice chemistry

“Astronomical” and “experimental” versions

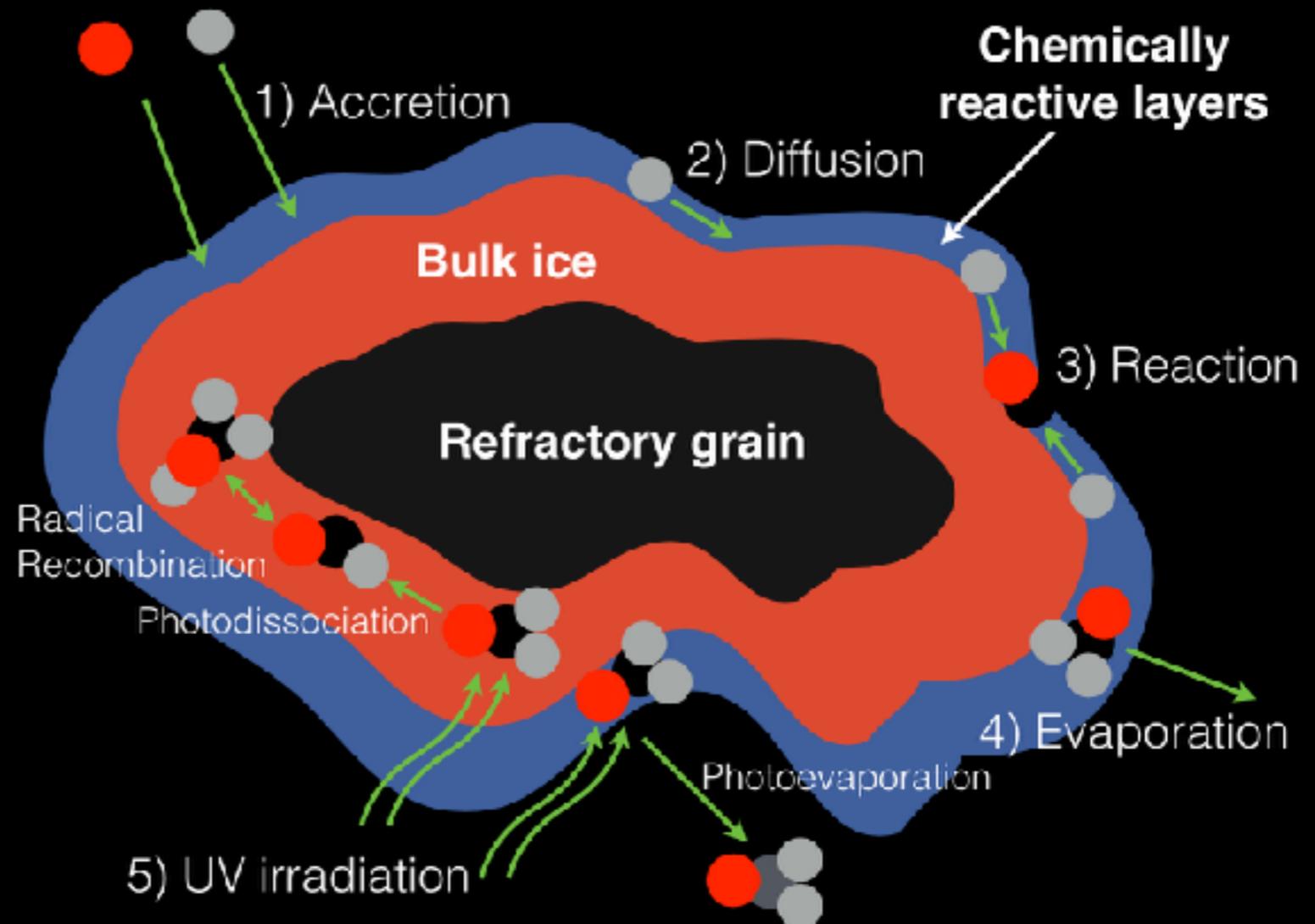
Processes included in the model

MOMICE multi-phase (bulk, surface, gas) astrochemical model

Taquet et al. (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016); Dulieu et al. (2018)

1) Gas phase chemical network based on KIDA database

2) Gas-grain processes



Constraining the models with experiments

Chemical modelling of laboratory experiments:

→ validation of the formalism and constraints on surface/chemical parameters

Example for CO hydrogenation (Watanabe et al. 2004 and Fuchs et al. 2009)

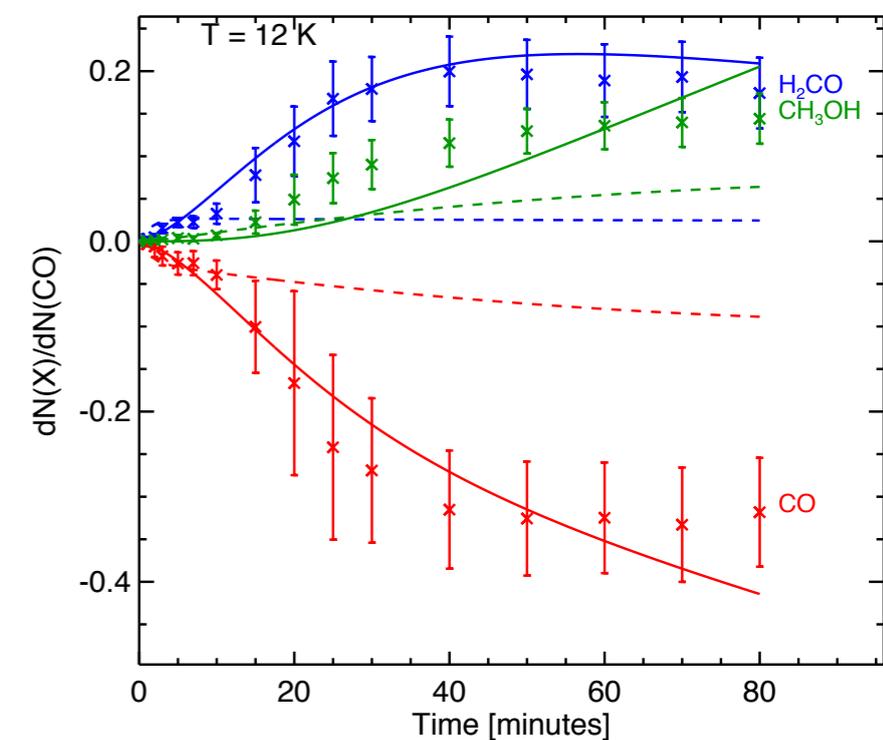
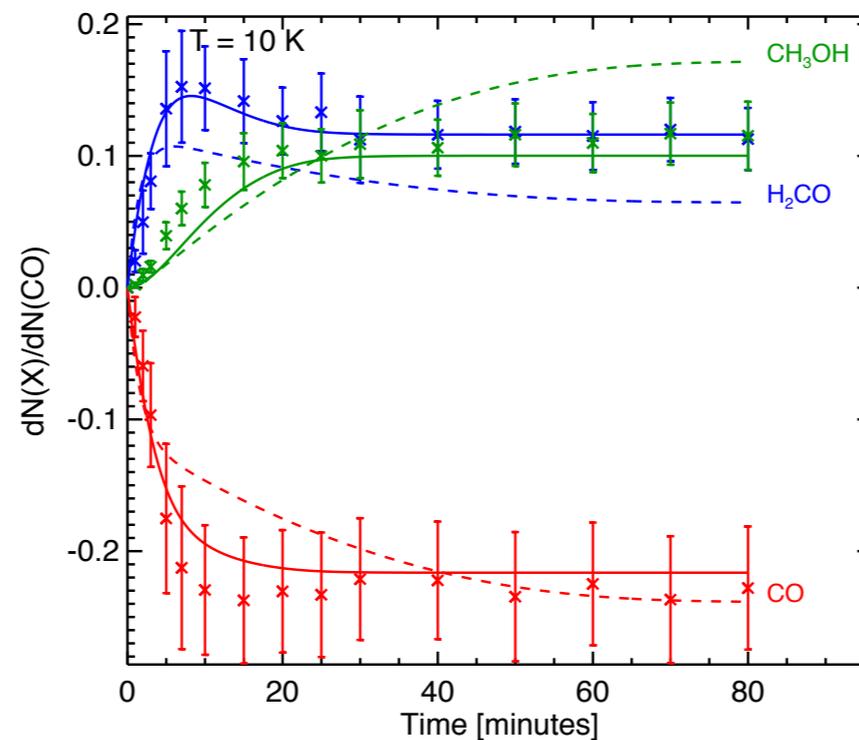
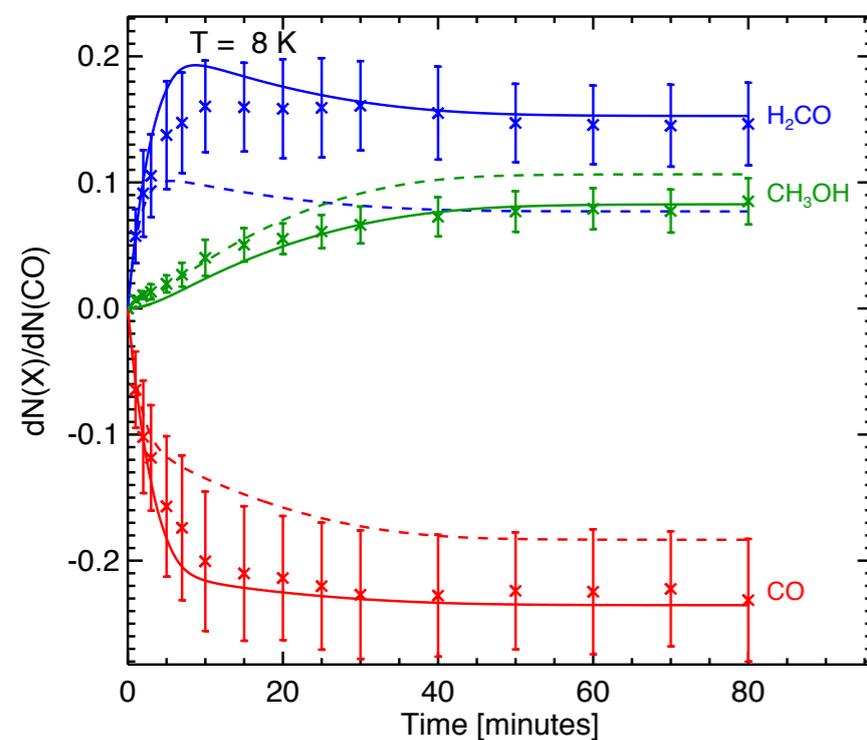
$$E_d/E_b = 0.45 \pm 0.05$$

$$E_a(\text{CO} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{HCO}) = 4000 \pm 500 \text{ K}$$

$$E_a(\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{HCO} + \text{H}_2) = 4000 \pm 250 \text{ K}$$

$$E_a(\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{O}) = 4750 \pm 250 \text{ K}$$

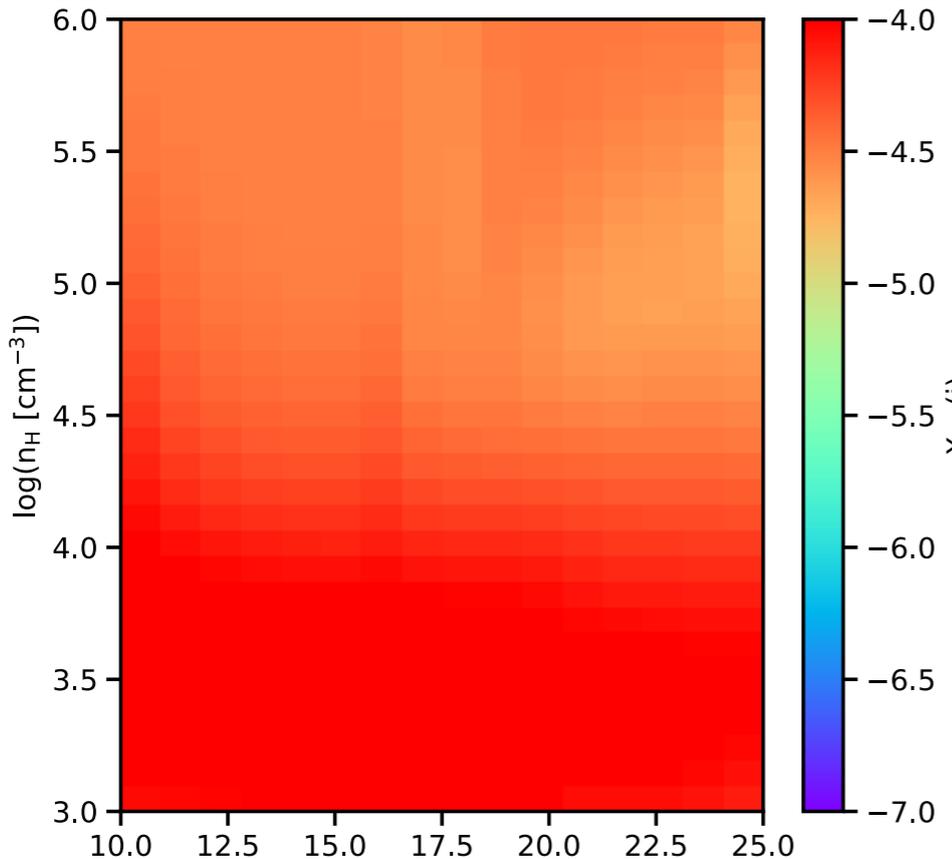
Flux = $5 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



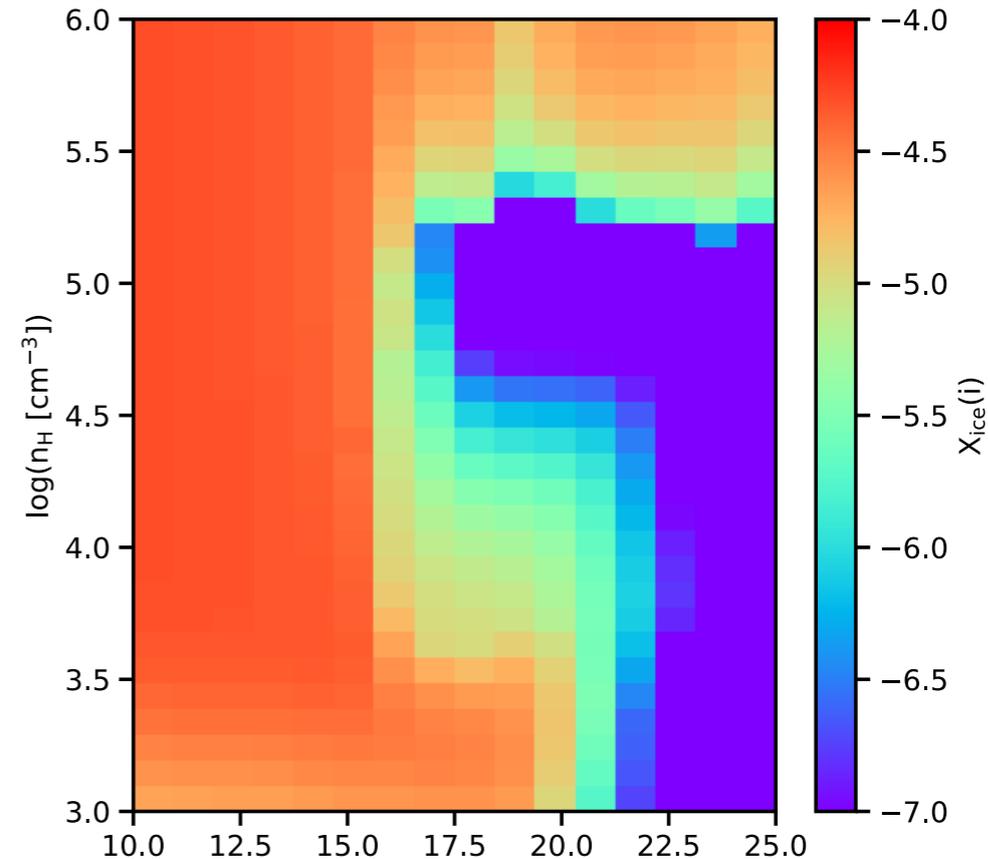
Experiments from Watanabe et al. (2004)

Impact of physical conditions on ice composition

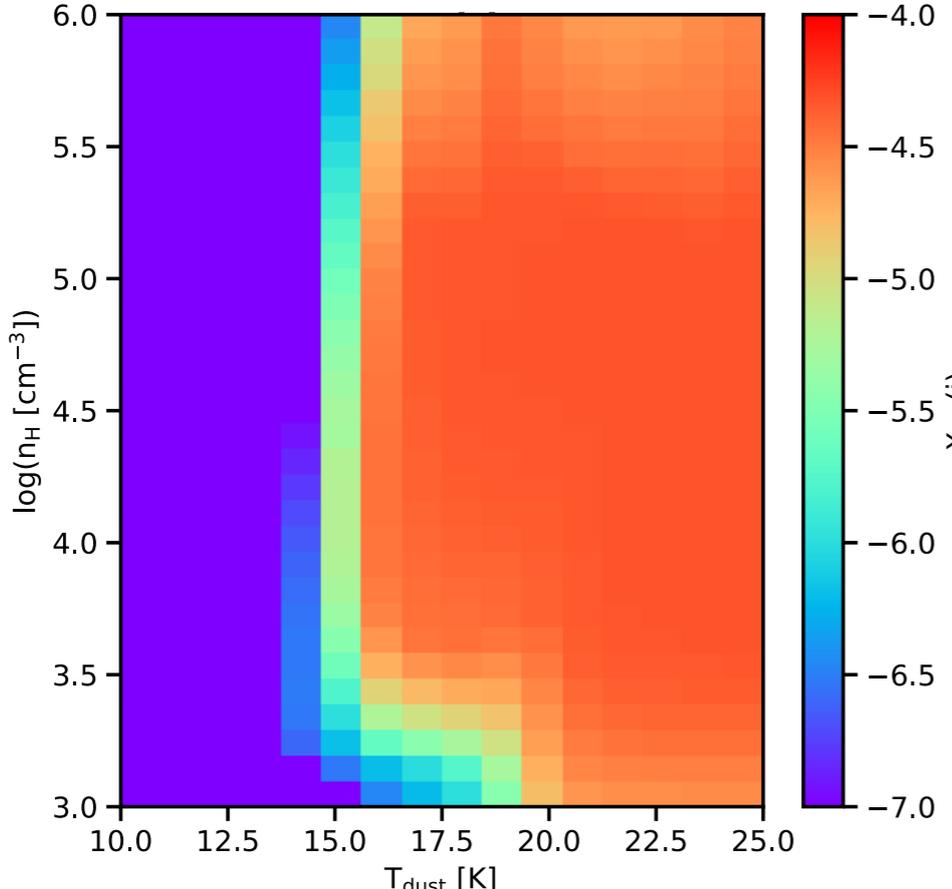
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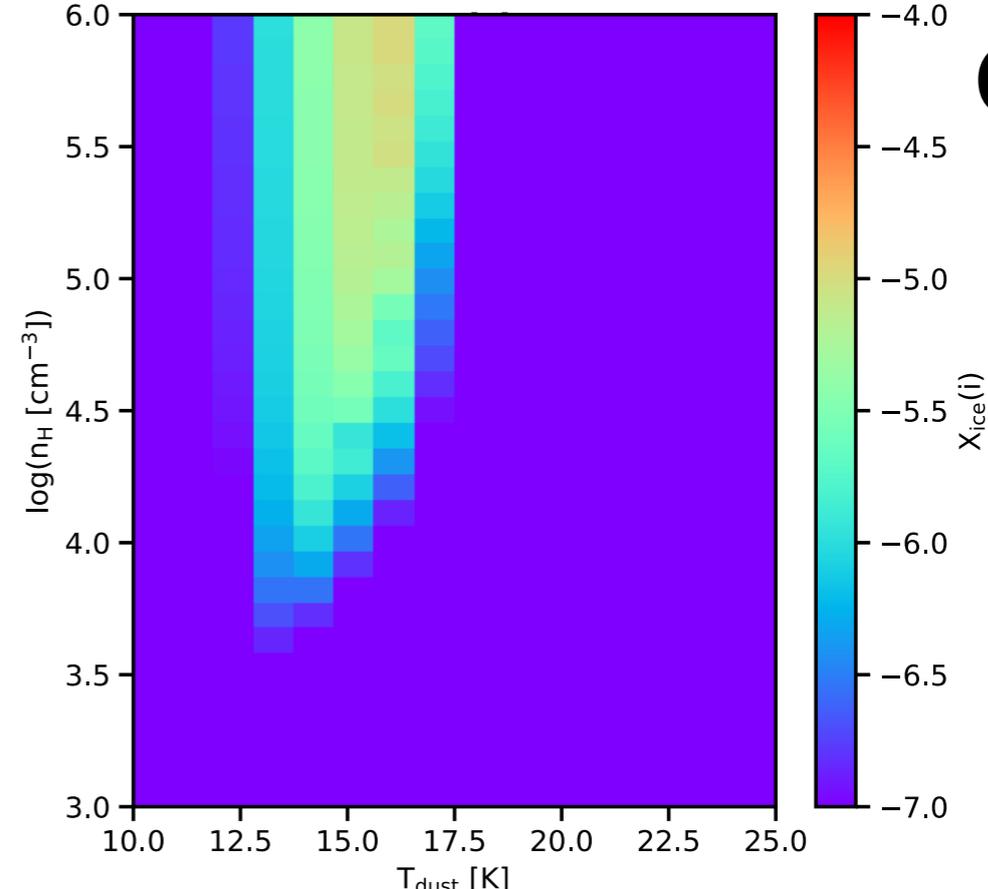
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CO₂



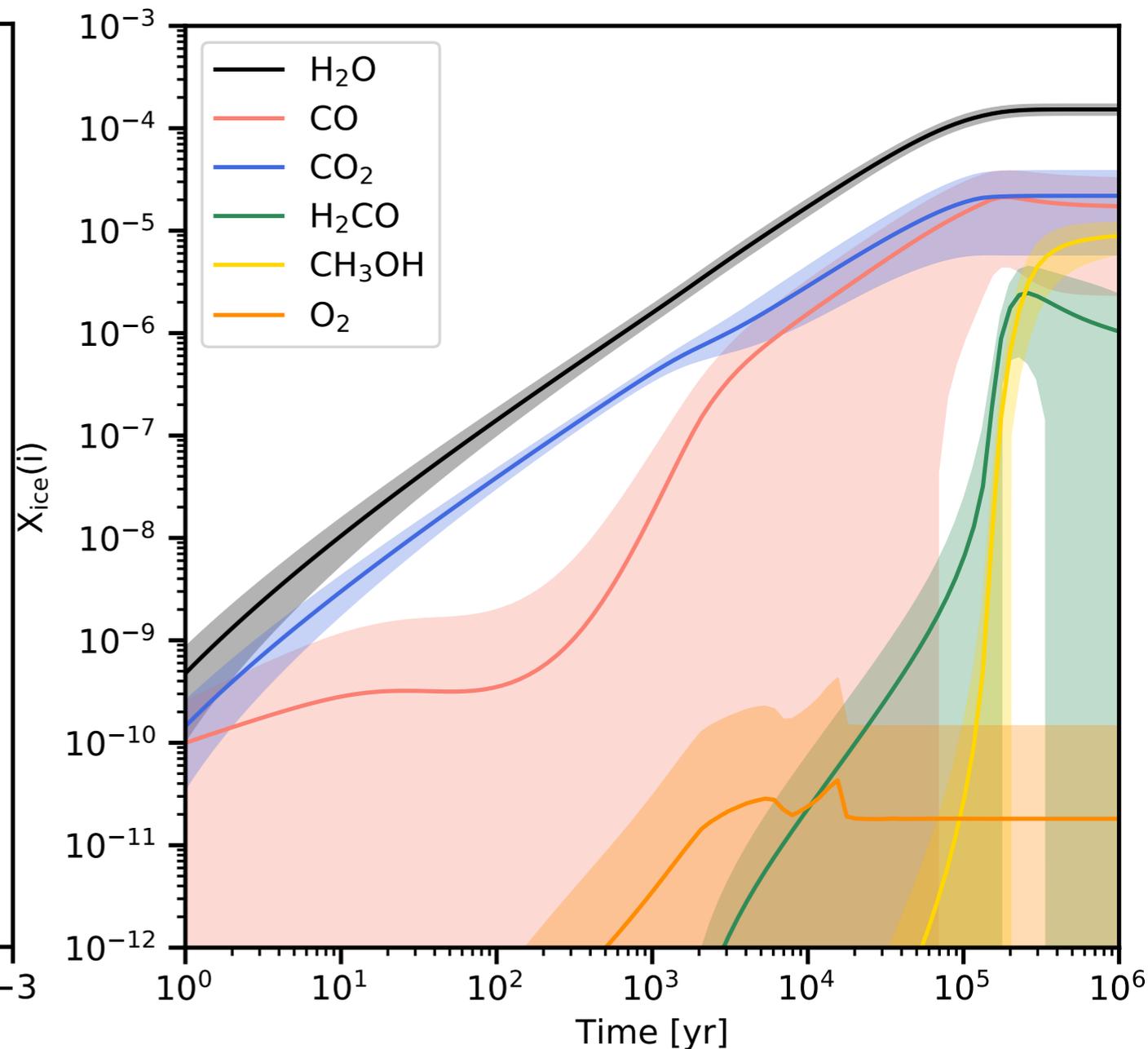
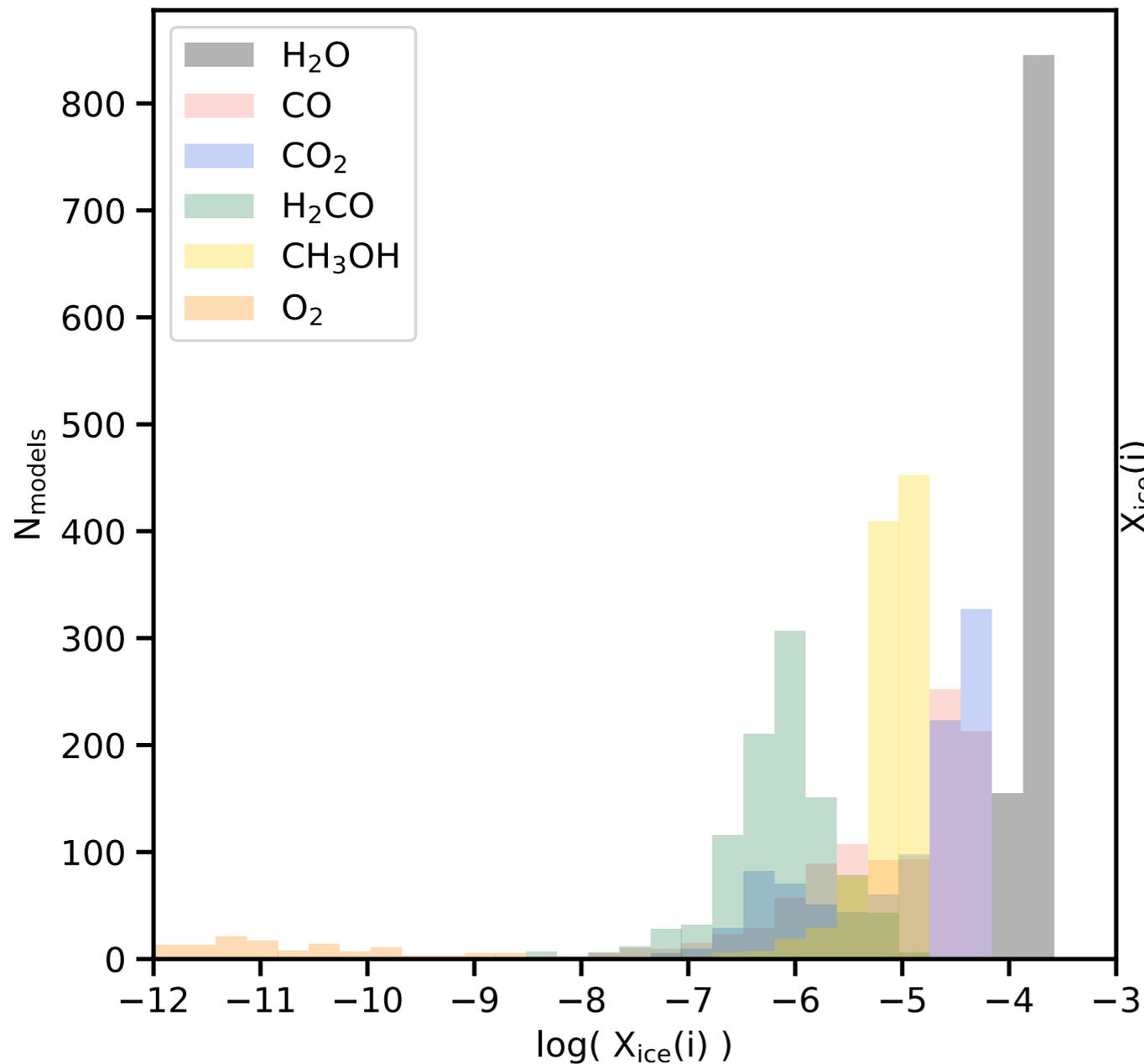
CH₃OH



Impact of uncertainties on ice composition

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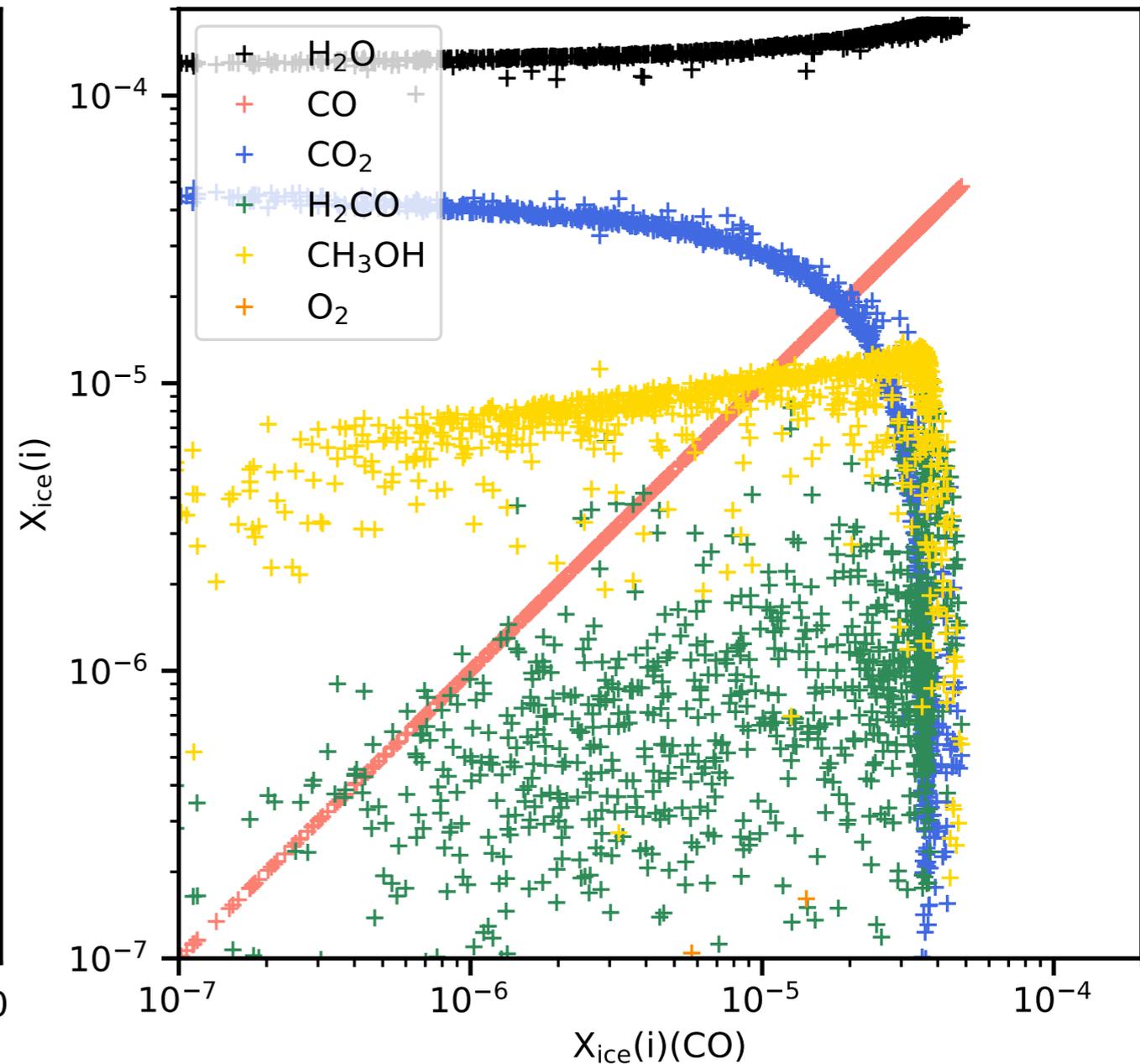
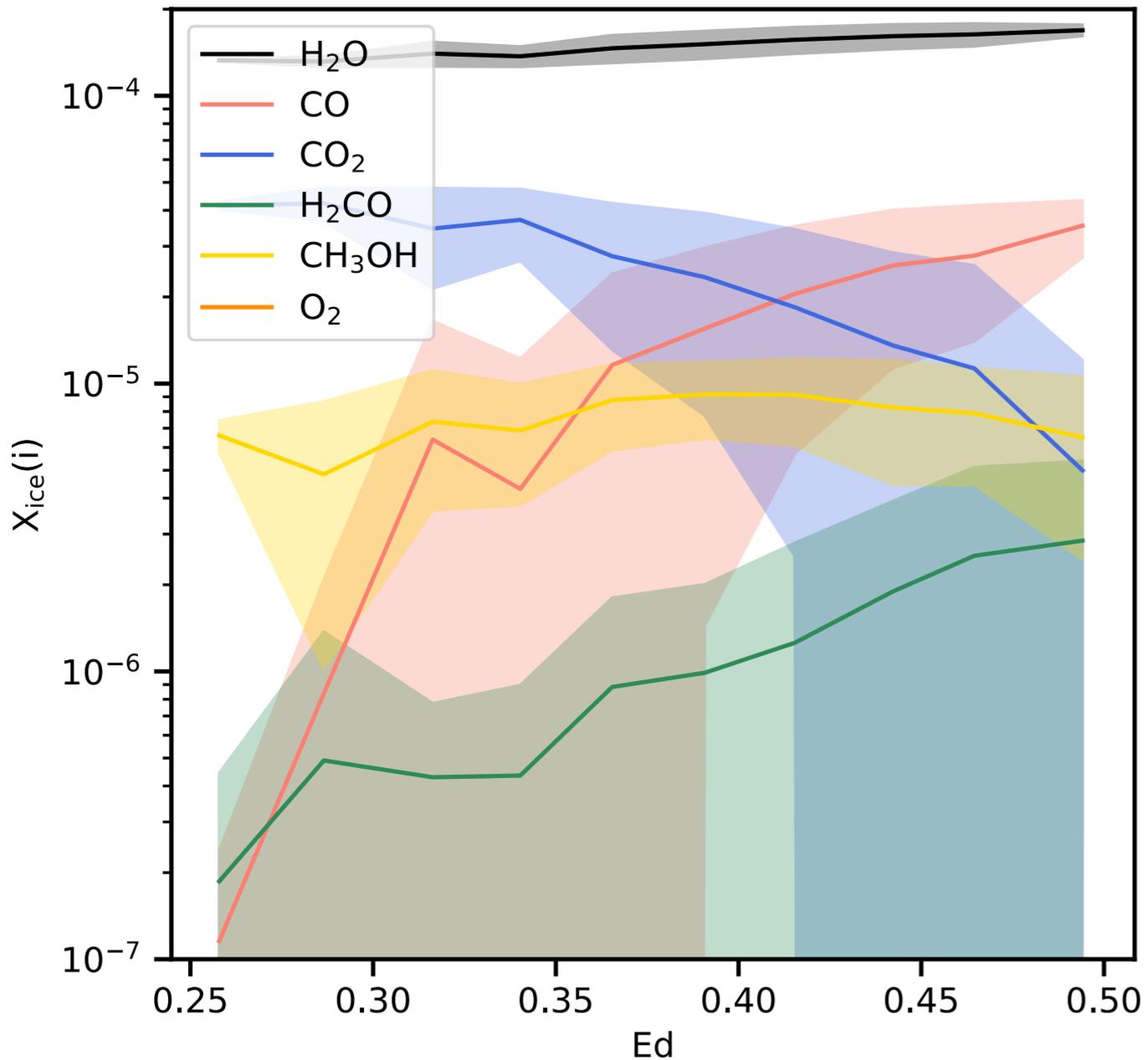
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See recent works by Penteado et al. (2017), Holdship et al. (2018)

Main activities during the PROSPECTS project

- ~ 25 publications:

- 4 first-author publications
- 11 others with significant contributions

- Oral contributions:

- 4 seminars
- 5 invited talks

- Visits and collaborations:

- Two visits at Paris Observatory (F. Dulieu)
- Many visits at University of Grenoble (C. Ceccarelli)
- Collaborations with Leiden Observatory, NASA Goddard