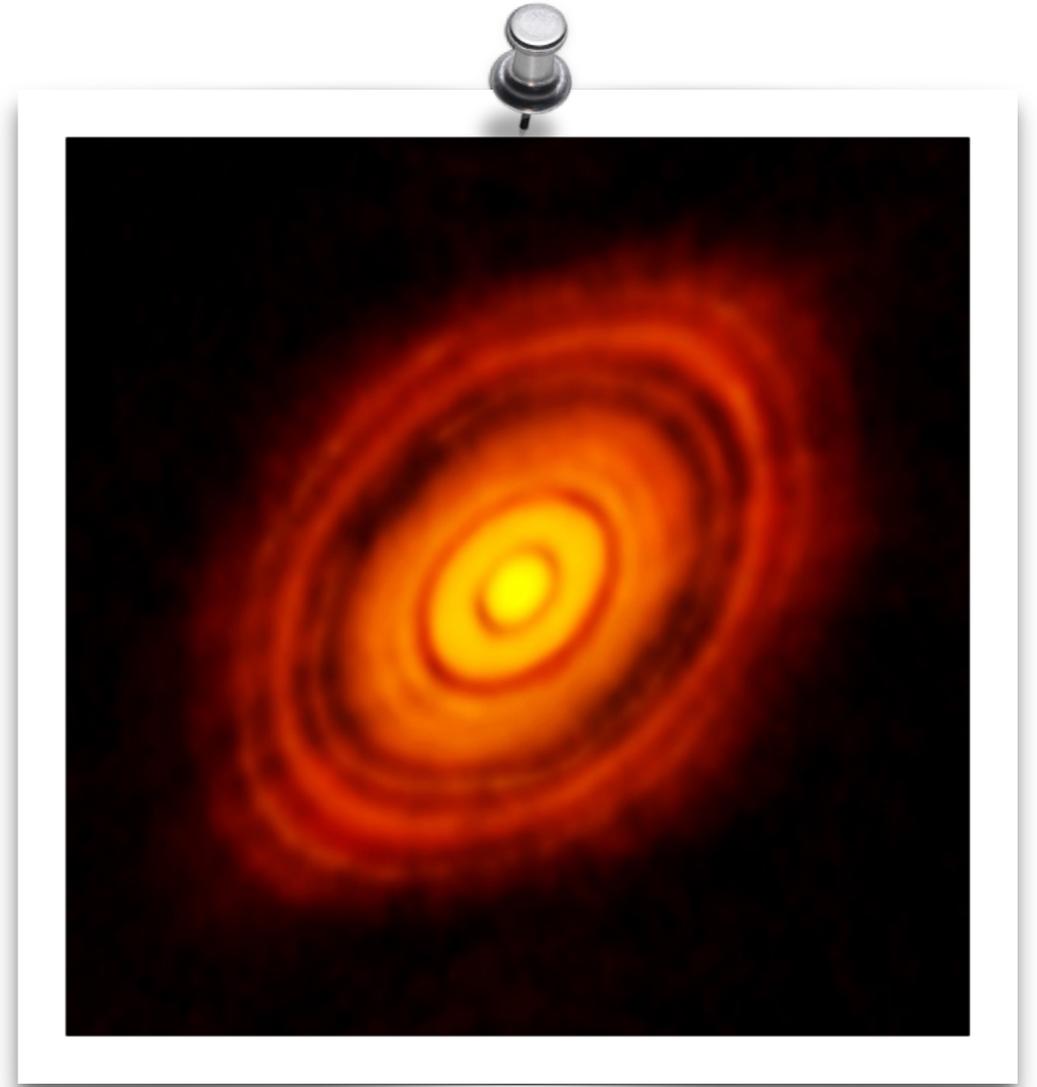


Towards the molecular complexity in protoplanetary disks

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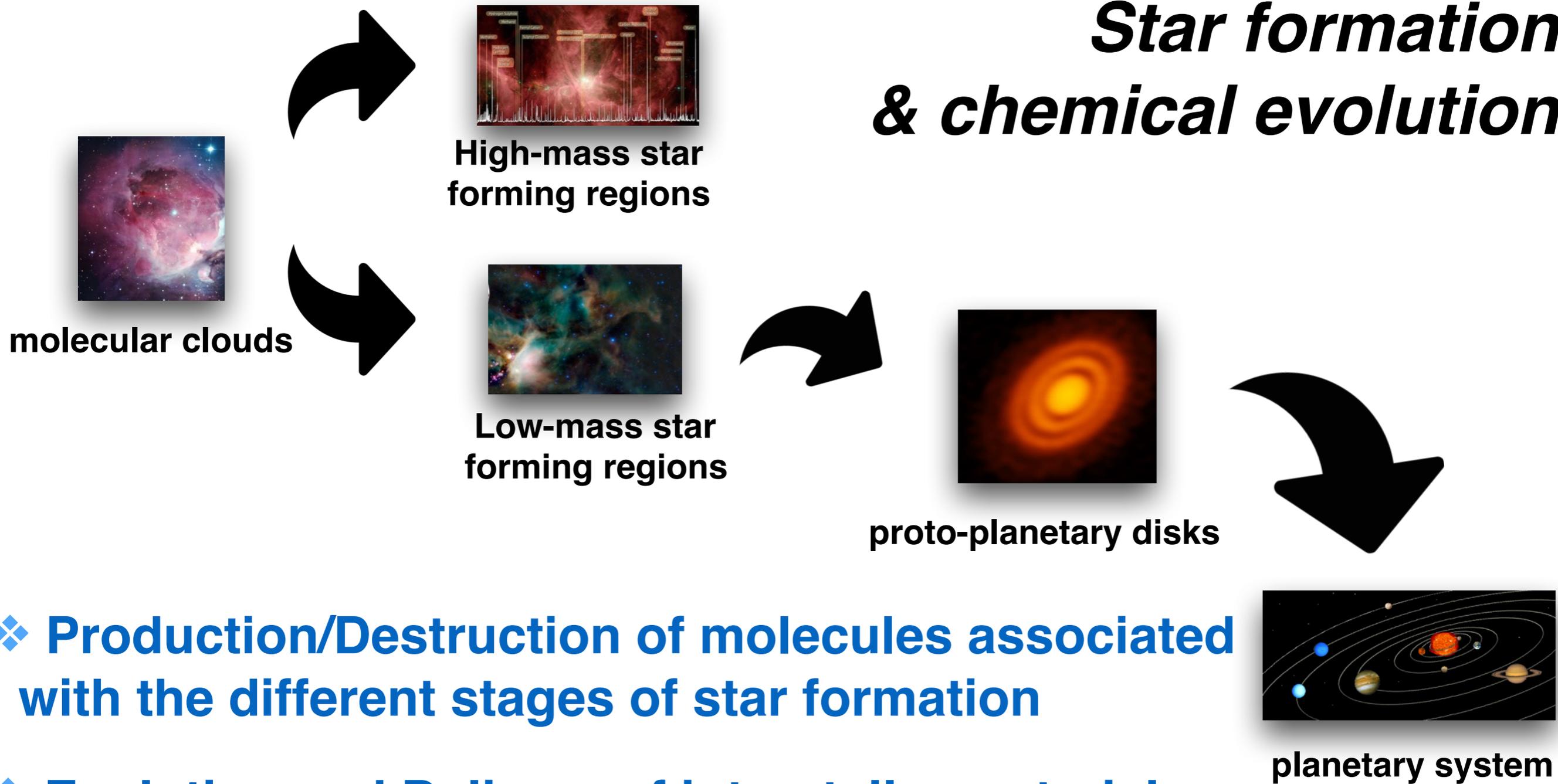


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Star formation & chemical evolution



❖ **Production/Destruction of molecules associated with the different stages of star formation**

❖ **Evolution and Delivery of interstellar material**

- *Were they altered?*
- *Or formed in the protoplanetary nebula?*
- *Or are they a direct ISM heritage?*
- *Which processes at the icy surface of grains / in gas phase prevail?*

Molecular inventory of protoplanetary disks

Atoms	
C ⁺ , O	Meeus et al. (2012)
Ions	
HCO ⁺ , H ¹³ CO ⁺ , DCO ⁺ , N ₂ H ⁺ , CH ⁺	Dutrey et al. (1997, 2007), van Dishoeck et al. (2003), Thi et al. (2011), Qi et al. (2008, 2013a), Öberg et al. (2015a)
Carbon reservoirs?	
CO, CO ₂	Koerner & Sargent (1995), Pontoppidan et al. (2010)
Simple species	
¹³ CO, C ¹⁸ O, OH, HD	Dutrey et al. (1996), Pontoppidan et al. (2010), Bergin et al. (2013), Favre et al. (2013), McClure et al. (2016)
S-bearing molecules	
CS, SO	Dutrey et al. (1997), Guilloteau et al. (2013)
N-bearing molecules	
CN, HCN, HNC, DCN	Dutrey et al. (1997), Qi et al. (2008)
Carbon chains	
CCH, C ₂ H ₂ , c-C ₃ H ₂ , HC ₃ N	Dutrey et al. (1997), Pontoppidan et al. (2010), Henning et al. (2010), Chapillon et al. (2012) Qi et al. (2013b), Öberg et al. (2015b), Bergner et al. (2018)
Water	
H ₂ O	Bergin et al. (2010), Hogerheijde et al. (2011), Podio et al. (2013)
O-bearing molecules	
H ₂ CO	Qi et al. (2013a), Loomis et al. (2015) Öberg et al. (2017), Carney et al. (2017)
t-HCOOH	Favre et al. (2018)
Complex organic molecules	
CH ₃ OH	Walsh et al. (2016)
CH ₃ CN	Öberg et al. (2015b), Bergner et al. (2018), Loomis et al. (2018)

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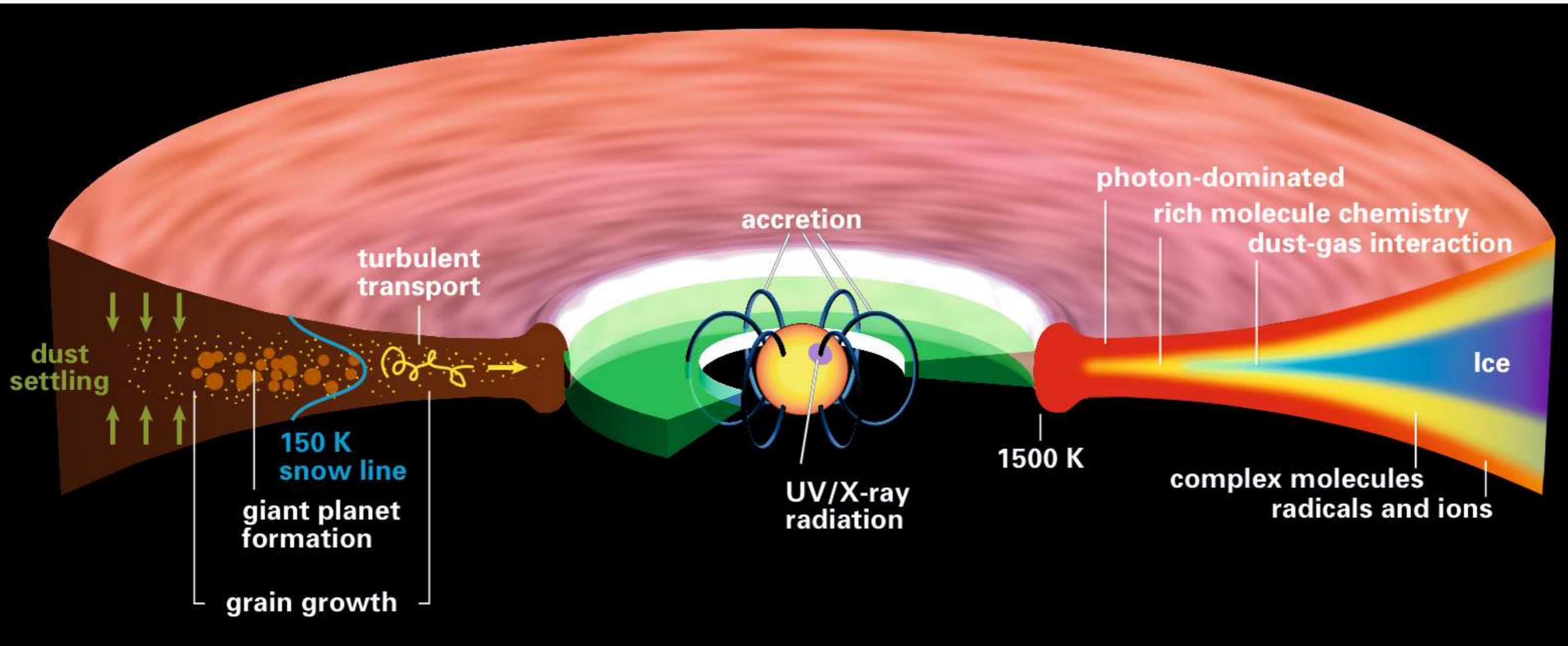
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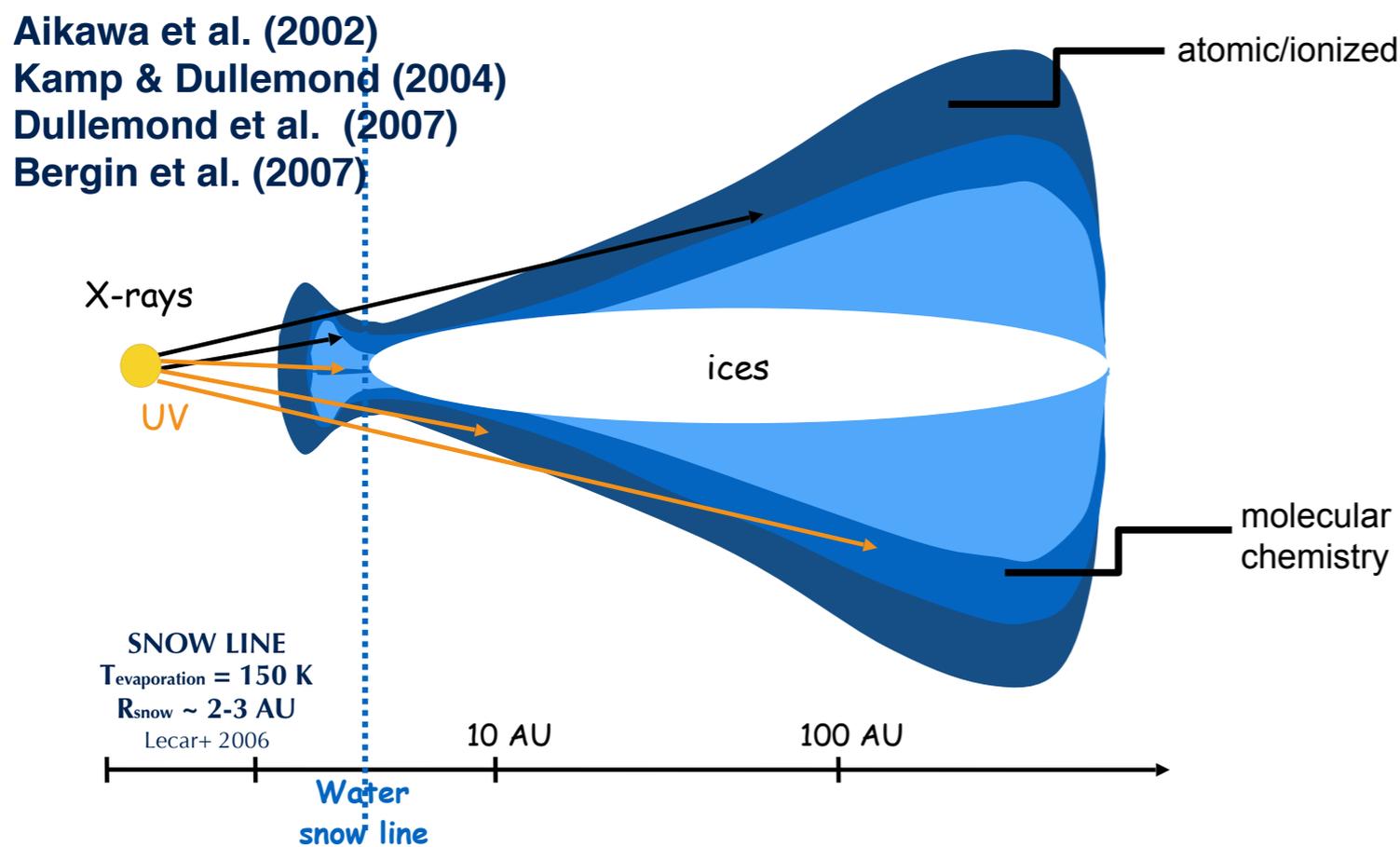
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Disks are complex systems

Strong T and n gradients, UV & X-ray



Sketch of physical and chemical structure of protoplanetary disks
Henning & Semenov (2013)



Complex organic molecules in protoplanetary disks

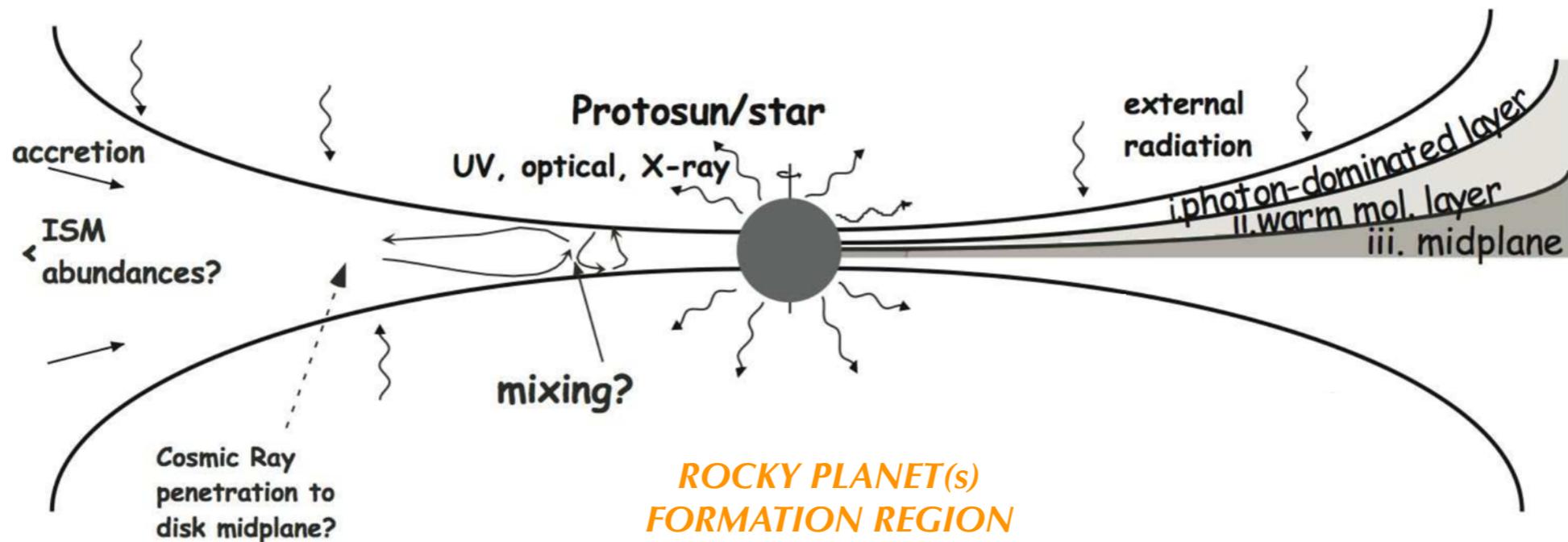
Courtesy Linda Podio

- ❖ **Surface layers:** molecules destroyed by UV photodissociation
- ❖ **Inner ($r < 50 \text{ AU} - 100 \text{ AU}$, $T > 50-100 \text{ K}$):** molecules present in warm molecular layers. Production via gas phase chemistry or formation on ices and then release into the gas phase
- ❖ **Outer disk / Mid plane ($r > 100-200 \text{ AU}$, $T < 50 \text{ K}$):** molecules are locked into the icy surface of dust grains ($\chi_{\text{H}_2} \sim 10^{-6}-10^{-4}$), **Only** a few percent are in gas-phase ($\chi_{\text{H}_2} \sim 10^{-11}-10^{-7}$)



The chemical composition of disks is hidden in ices!

Interferometry is needed to access the molecular content in disk



Bergin et al. (2007)

3 AU = 0.02" at 140 pc

10 AU = 0.07" at 140 pc

50 AU = 0.4" at 140 pc

100 AU = 0.7" at 140 pc

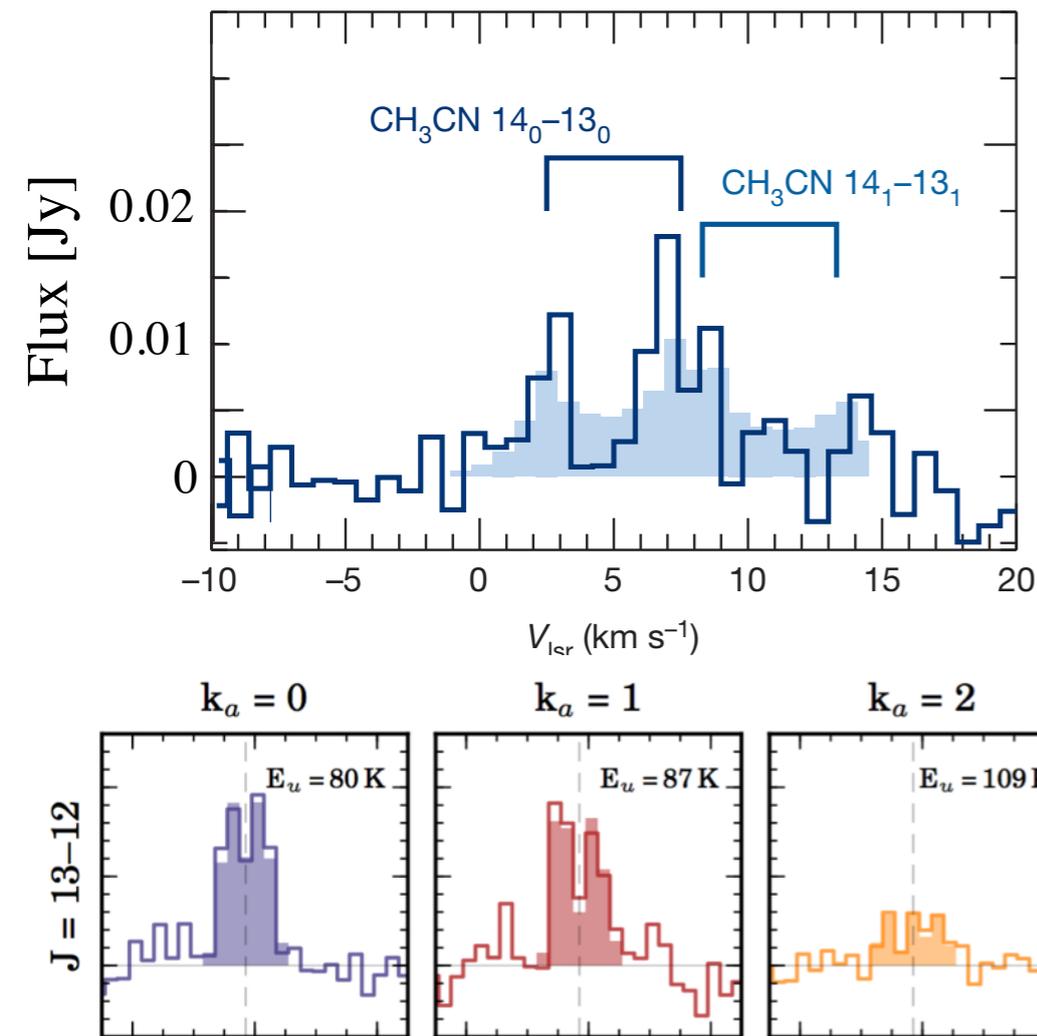
High angular resolution!

1 AU = Distance between the Sun and the Earth

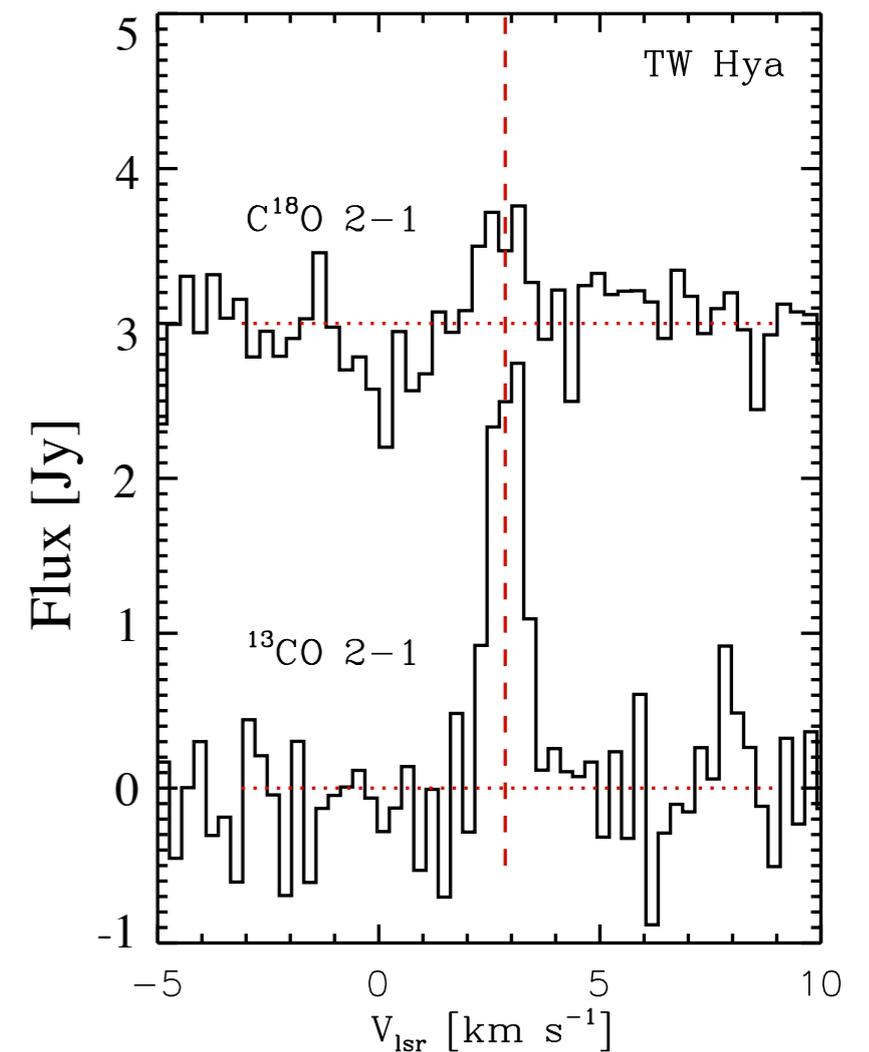
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The emissive area is expected to be small
(and might be closed to the central object)

It is really hard to detect a not intense transition



High sensitivity!



Öberg et al. (2015a)
Loomis et al. (2018)

Favre et al. (2013)

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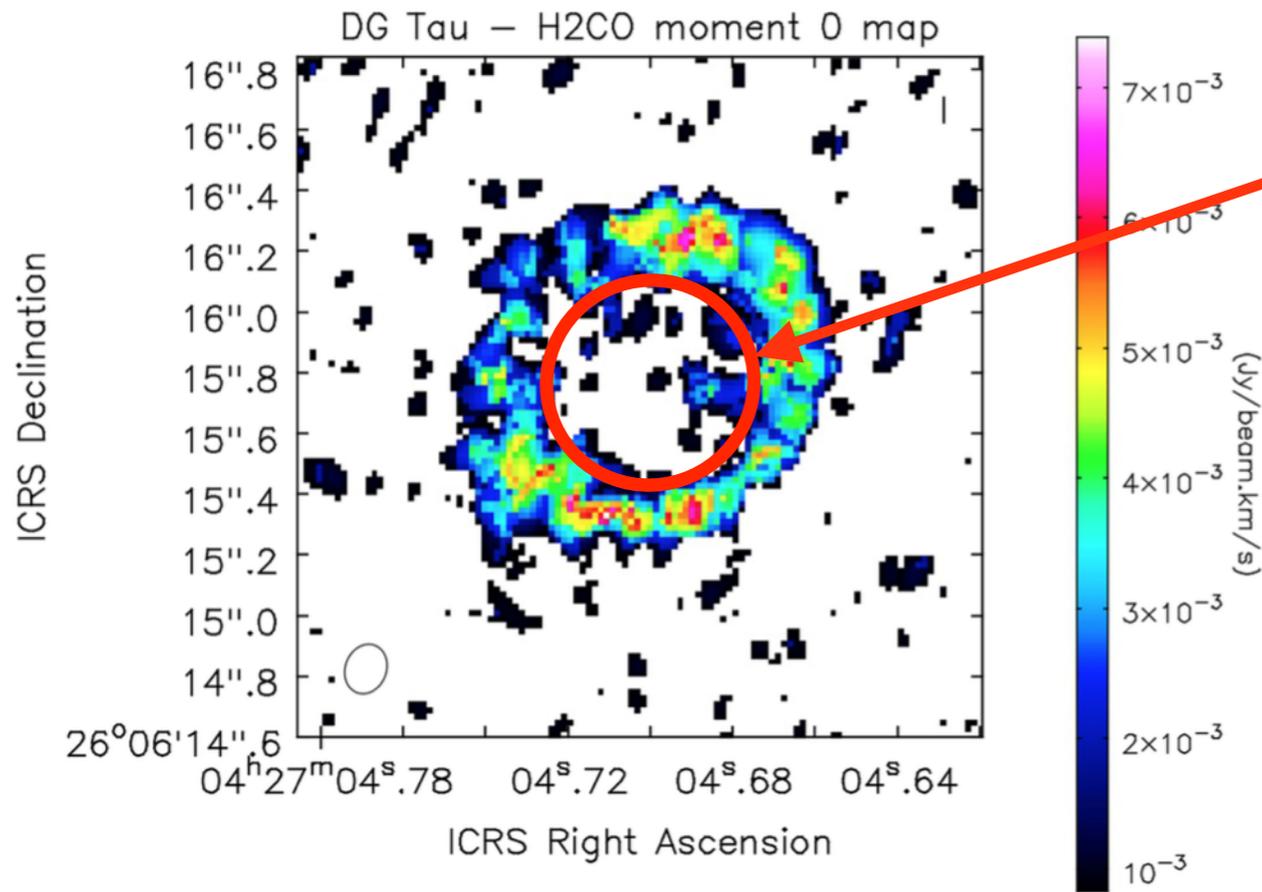
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Towards O-bearing molecules in protoplanetary disks



**H₂CO emits from beyond
the CO snowline**



**Efficient formation of organics on icy grain
for $R > R_{CO}$ to explain the H₂CO ring**

Podio et al., in prep.

Qi et al. (2013)

Carney et al. (2016)

Öberg et al. (2017)

Towards complex molecules in protoplanetary disks

Complex Organic Molecules

**CH₃OH: a key molecule in the formation routes to larger
O-bearing molecules**

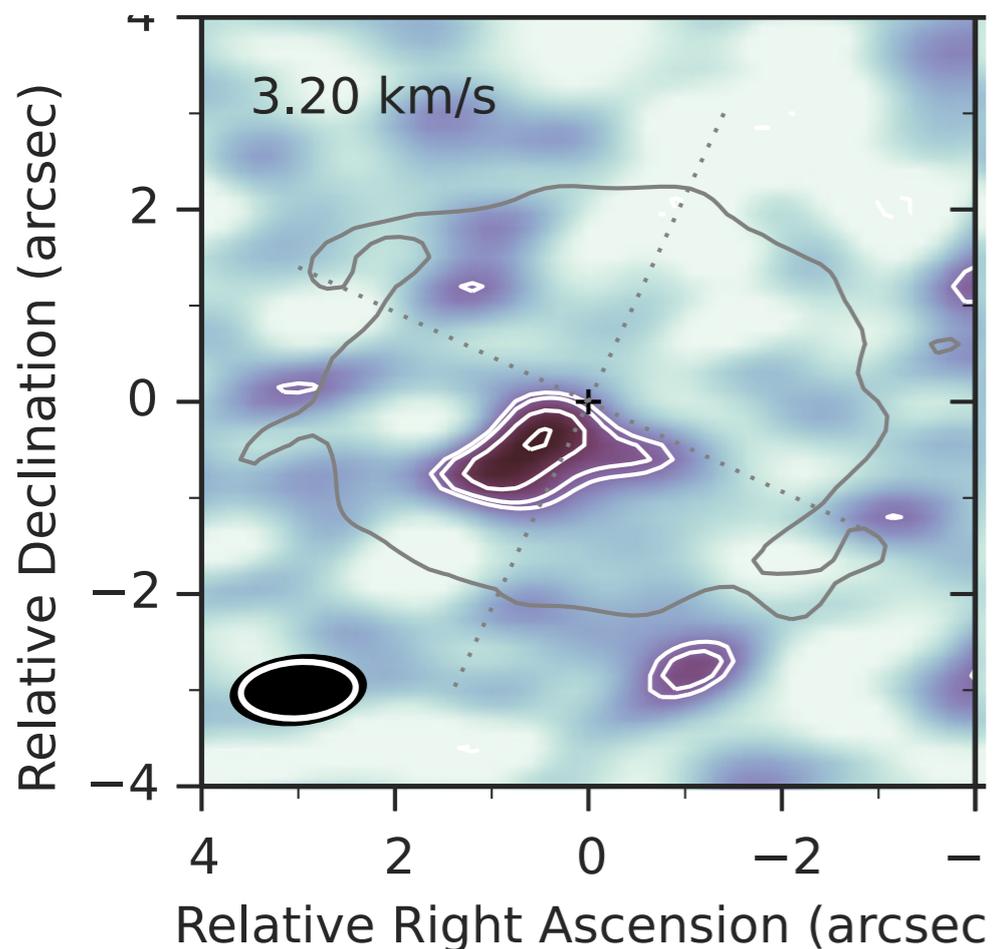


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Methanol Transitions

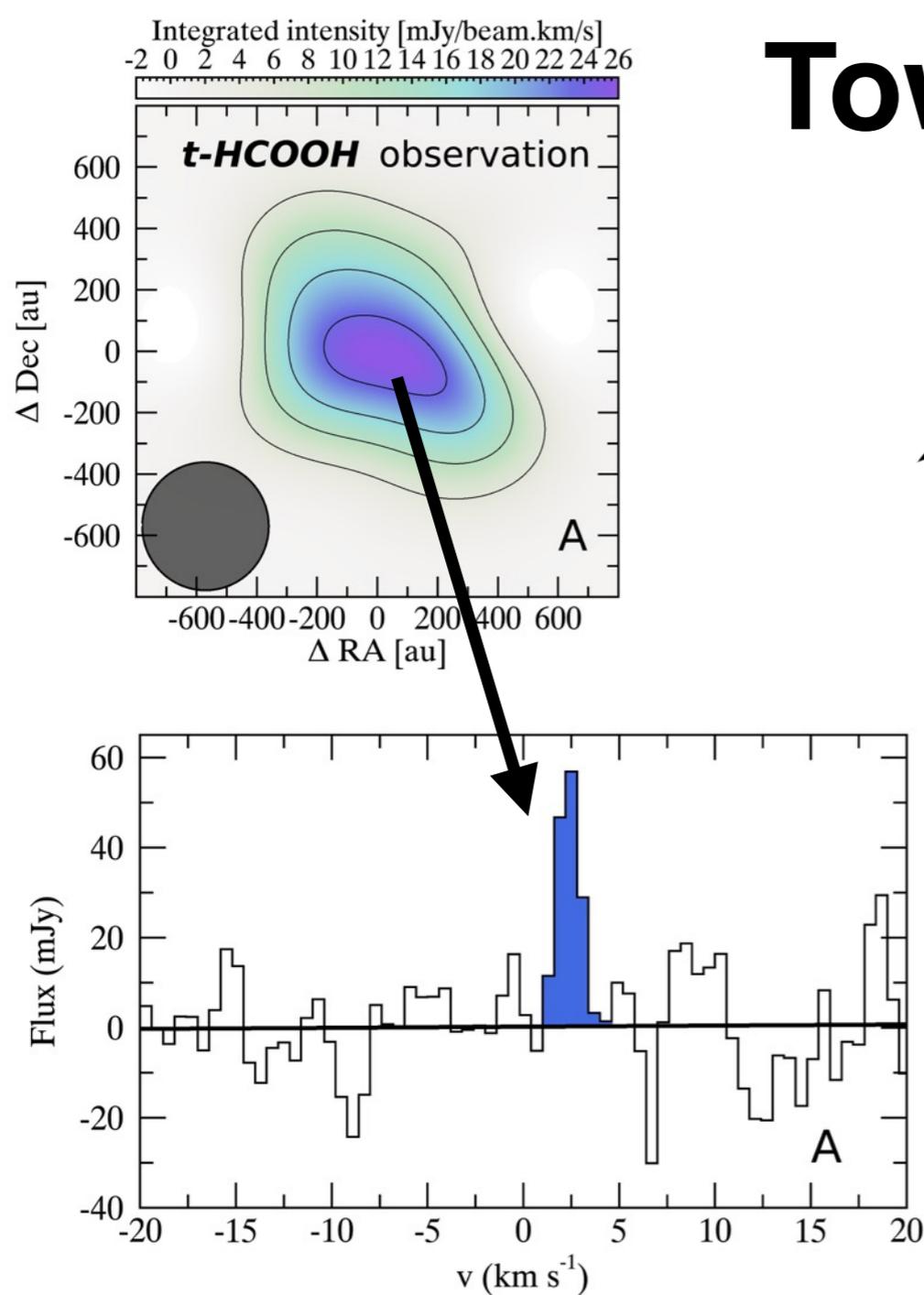
Transition	Frequency (GHz)	Upper Level Energy (K)
$2_{11}-2_{02}$ (A)	304.208	21.6
$3_{12}-3_{03}$ (A)	305.473	28.6
$4_{13}-4_{04}$ (A)	307.166	38.0
$8_{17}-8_{08}$ (A)	318.319	98.8

STACKING!



Walsh et al. (2016)

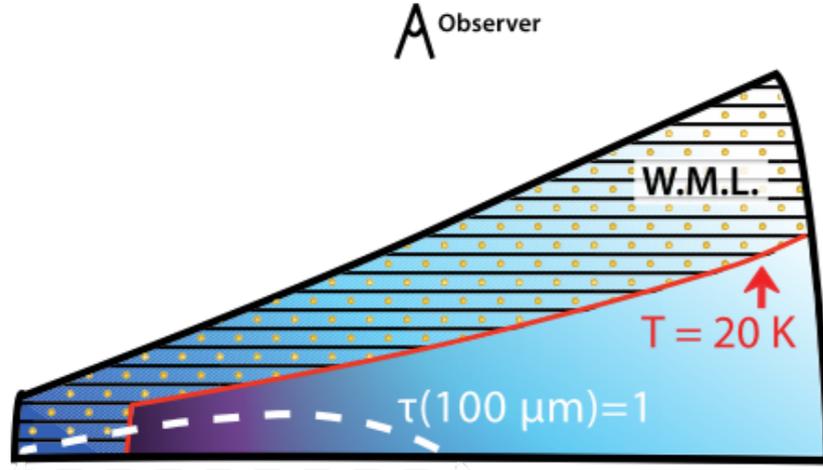
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$$N(\text{HCOOH}) \sim (2-4) \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$
$$\text{HCOOH}/\text{CH}_3\text{OH} \leq 1$$

First detection of HCOOH at the 4σ level without stacking!

- ❖ **Rich organic chemistry:** (that can lead to larger organic molecules, likely takes place at the verge of planet formation in protoplanetary disks)
- ❖ **HCOOH emission extends beyond 200 AU (mm dust continuum):** contribution of small grains likely contribute to the HCOOH production



A depletion of elemental C in T Tauri disks

Favre et al. (2013)
 Schwarz et al. (2016)
 Kama et al. (2016)
 Miotello et al. (2017)

CO abundance relative to H_2 : $(0.1-3) \times 10^{-5}$ in the disk's warm molecular layers ($T > 20 \text{ K}$), lower than the canonical value of $\chi(\text{CO}) = 10^{-4}$

Carbon chemistry?

(Aikawa et al. 1997, Reboussin et al. 2015)



CO chemical destruction via reactions with He^+

+

Followed by rapid formation of carbon chains (C_xH_x) or CO_2

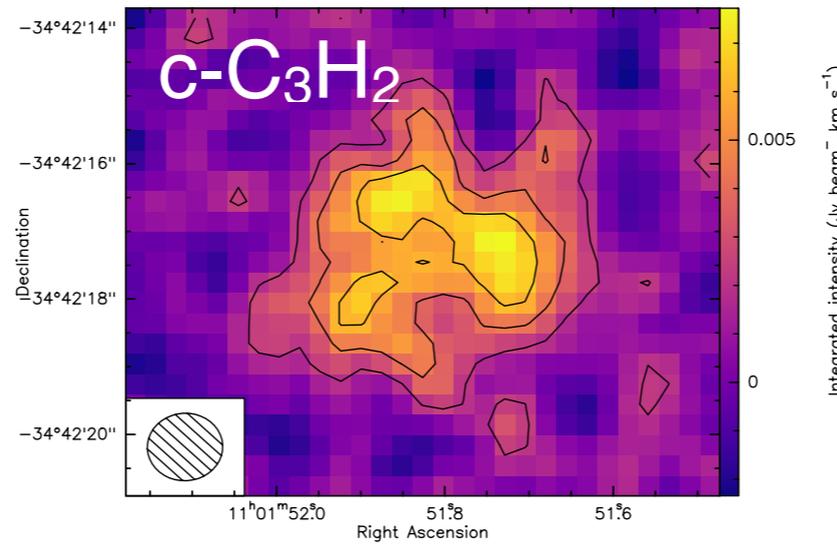
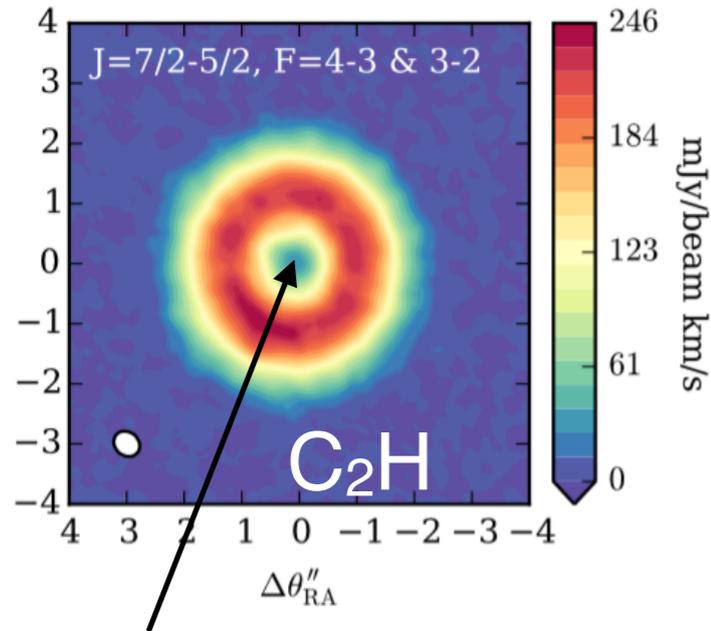
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Freeze-out T higher than CO \rightarrow trap the carbon in ices



Carbon reservoir in gas?

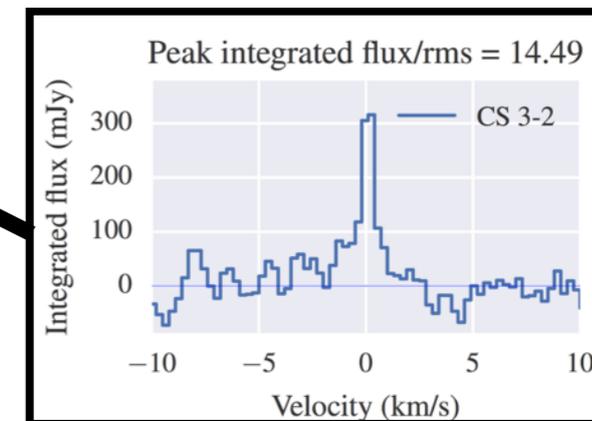
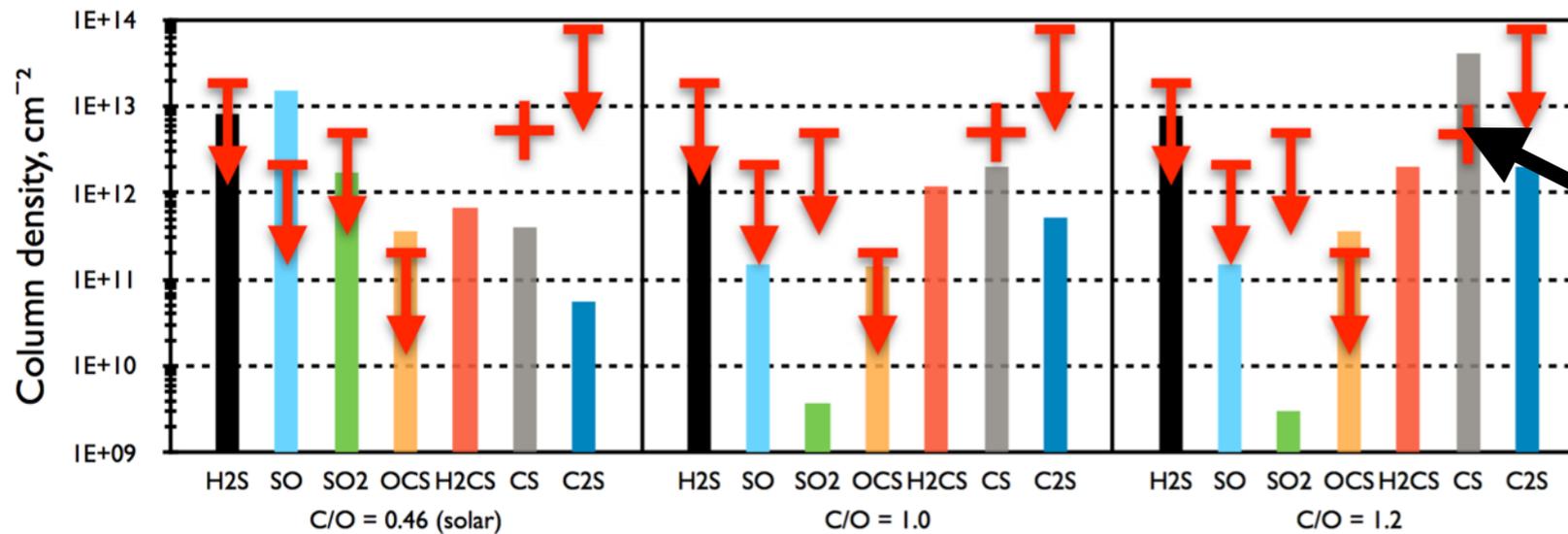
A non solar C/O ratio observed via the emission of c-C₃H₂ and S-bearing molecules



Bergin et al. (2016)
Favre, Fedele, kamp (in prep.)

C/O ≥ 1

Carbon chemistry?



Semenov, Favre, Fedele et al. (2018), A&A, in press

Oxygen chemistry?
(Bergin et al. 2016)

Oxygen locking from the disk molecular layer by the freeze-out of water onto sedimenting large dust grains

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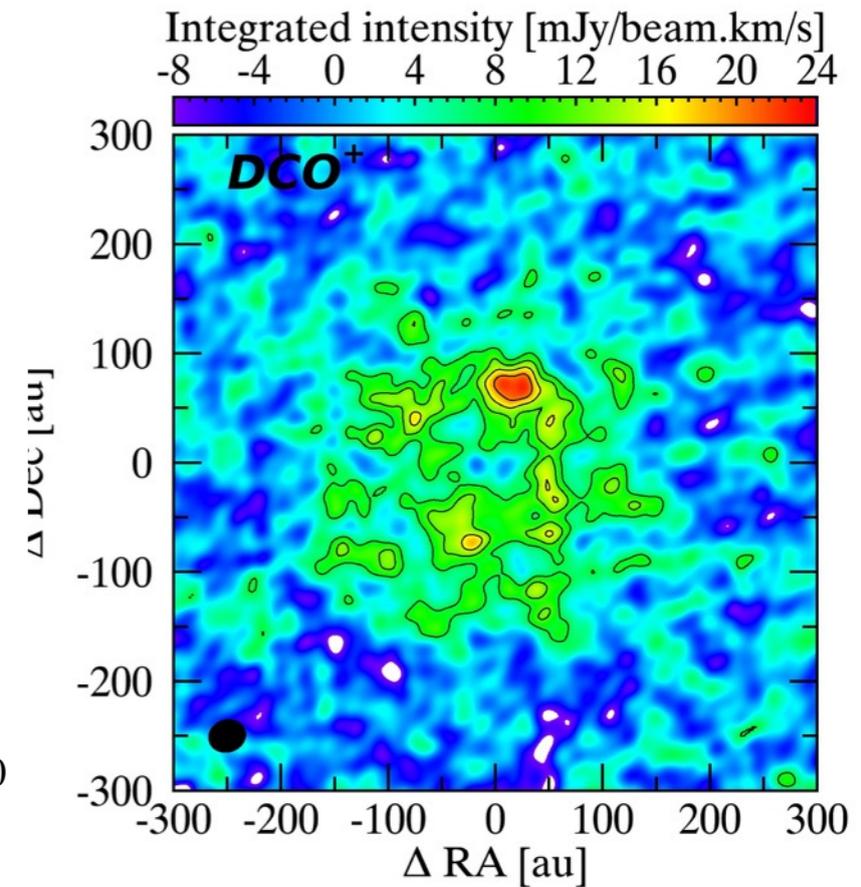
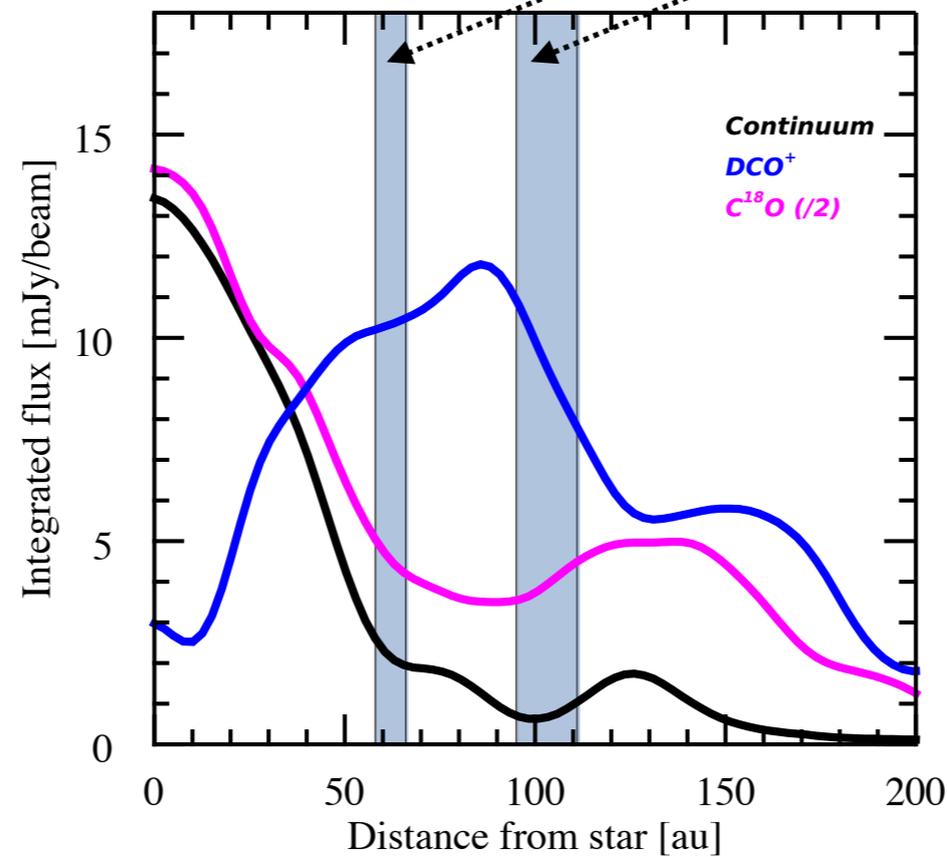
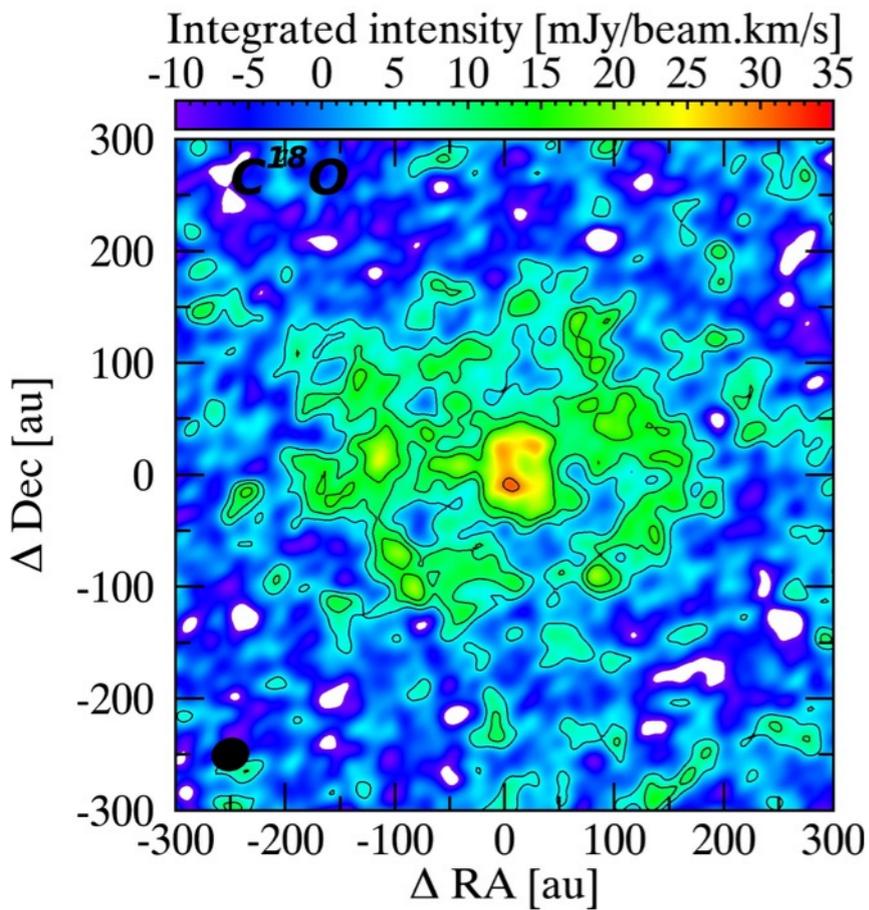
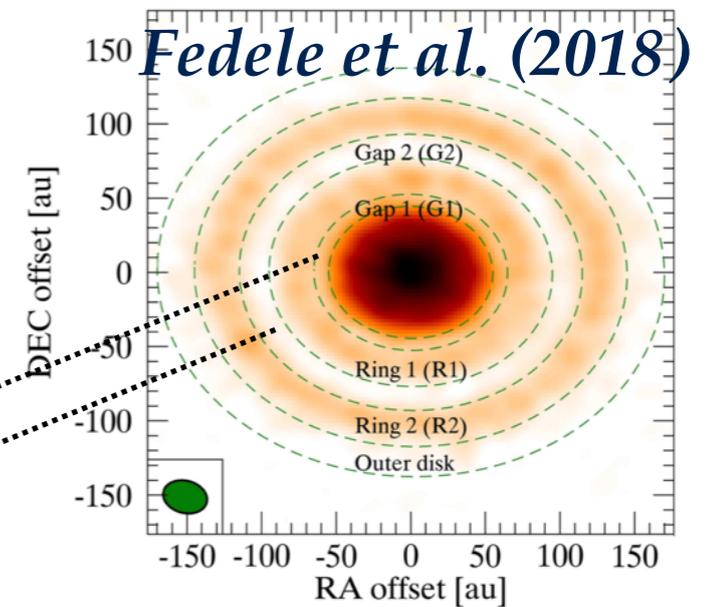
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Planet(s) formation seen in both gas and dust

Talk by D. Fedele

dust gaps



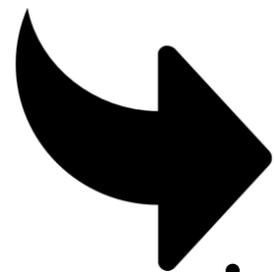
Favre et al. (in prep.)

see also Isella et al. (2016),
Teague et al. (2018),
Muro-Arena et al. (2018)

One should be able to observe the molecular
content in these objects that is directly inherited
by the forming planets (and small bodies)

Summary

Complex molecules (N- and O-bearing)
are present towards proto-planetary disks



**Observations suggest that chemistry leading to
molecular complexity likely takes place
in proto-planetary disks where planets might form**

- ISM inheritance?

- Reprocessed?



ALMA

(resolution and sensitivity)

key interferometer for astrochemical studies

But still it will be difficult to detect larger species

**« For your attention
I thank you »»**

