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# Quest to understand the origin of the Solar system

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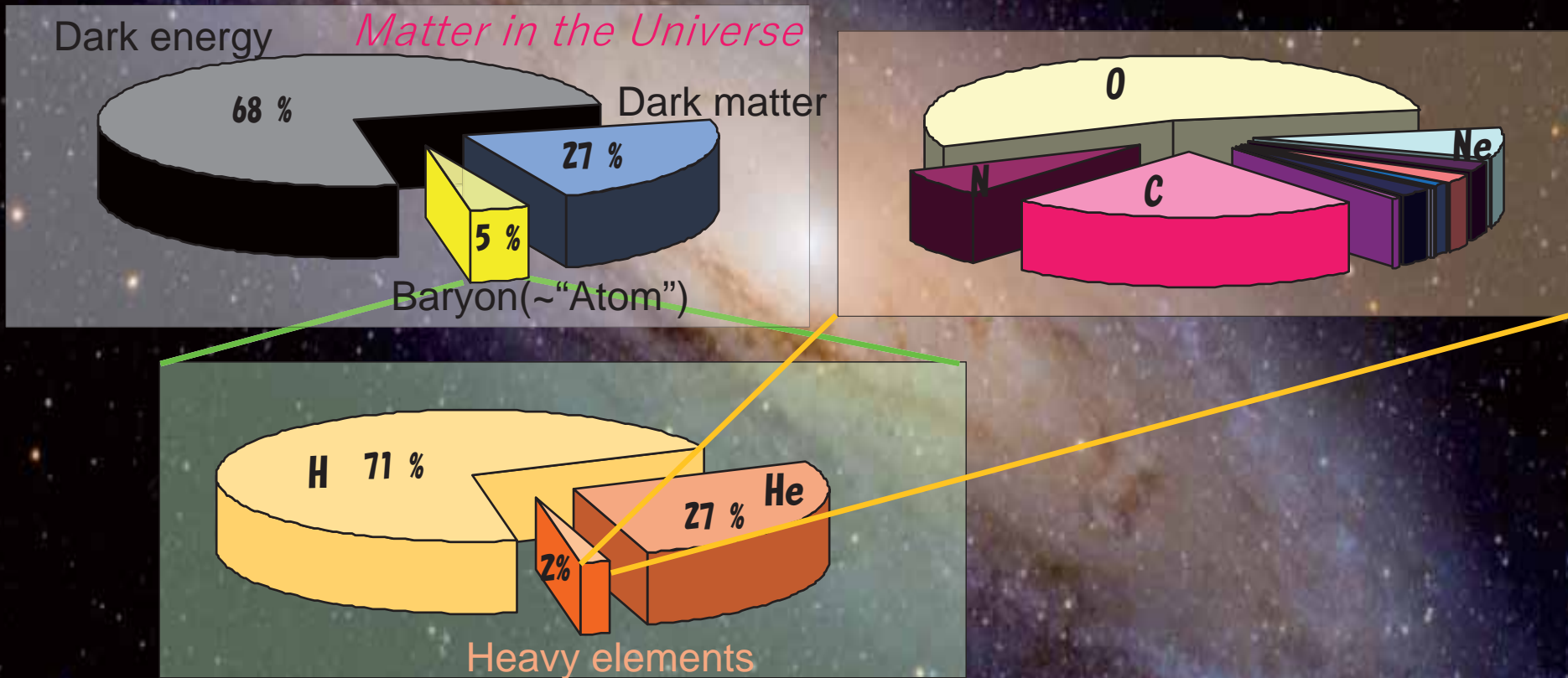
## Existence of "life" Common or Miracle?



(From NASA)

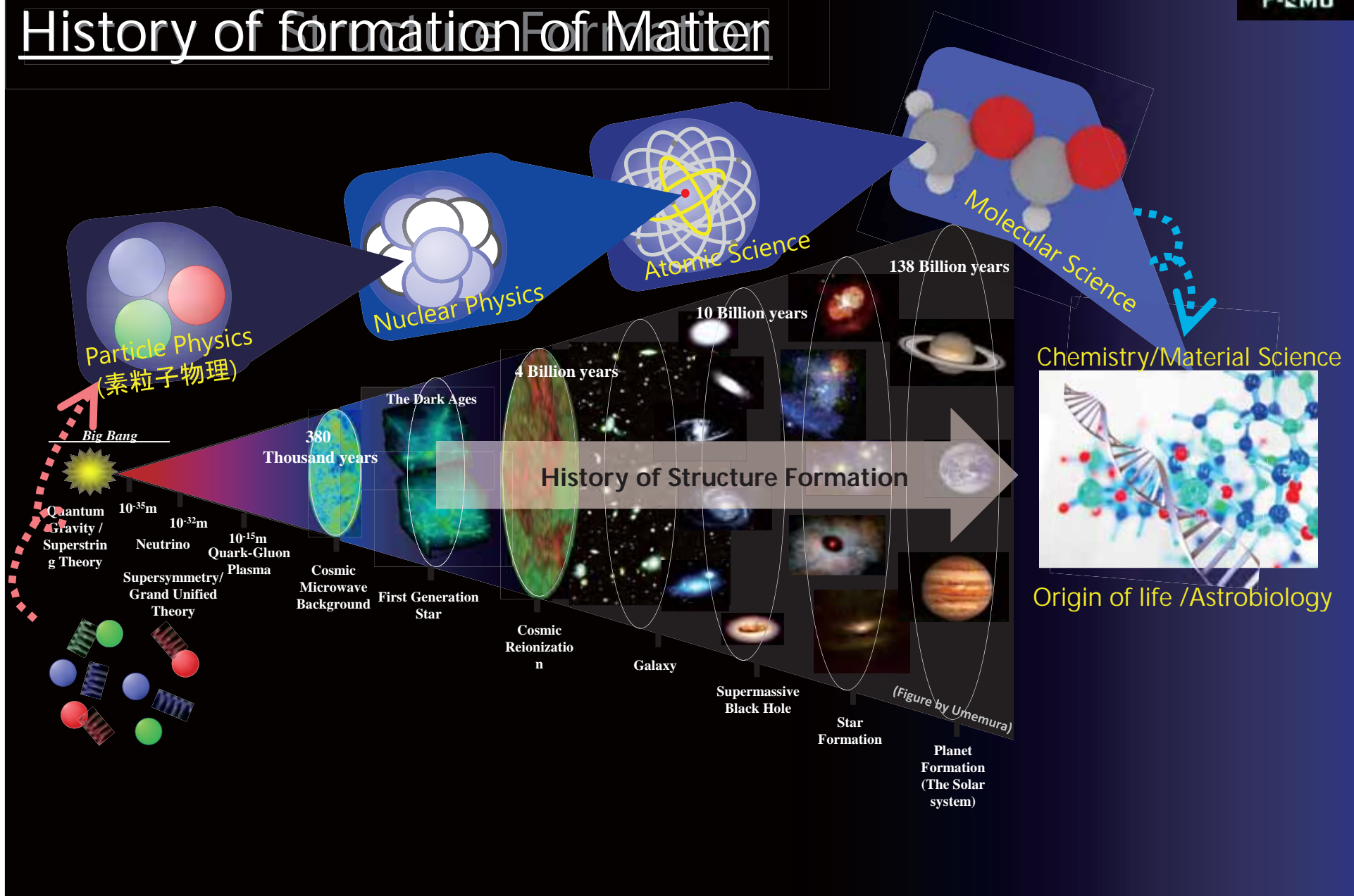
"Where do we come from?"  
→ "How did we get here?"

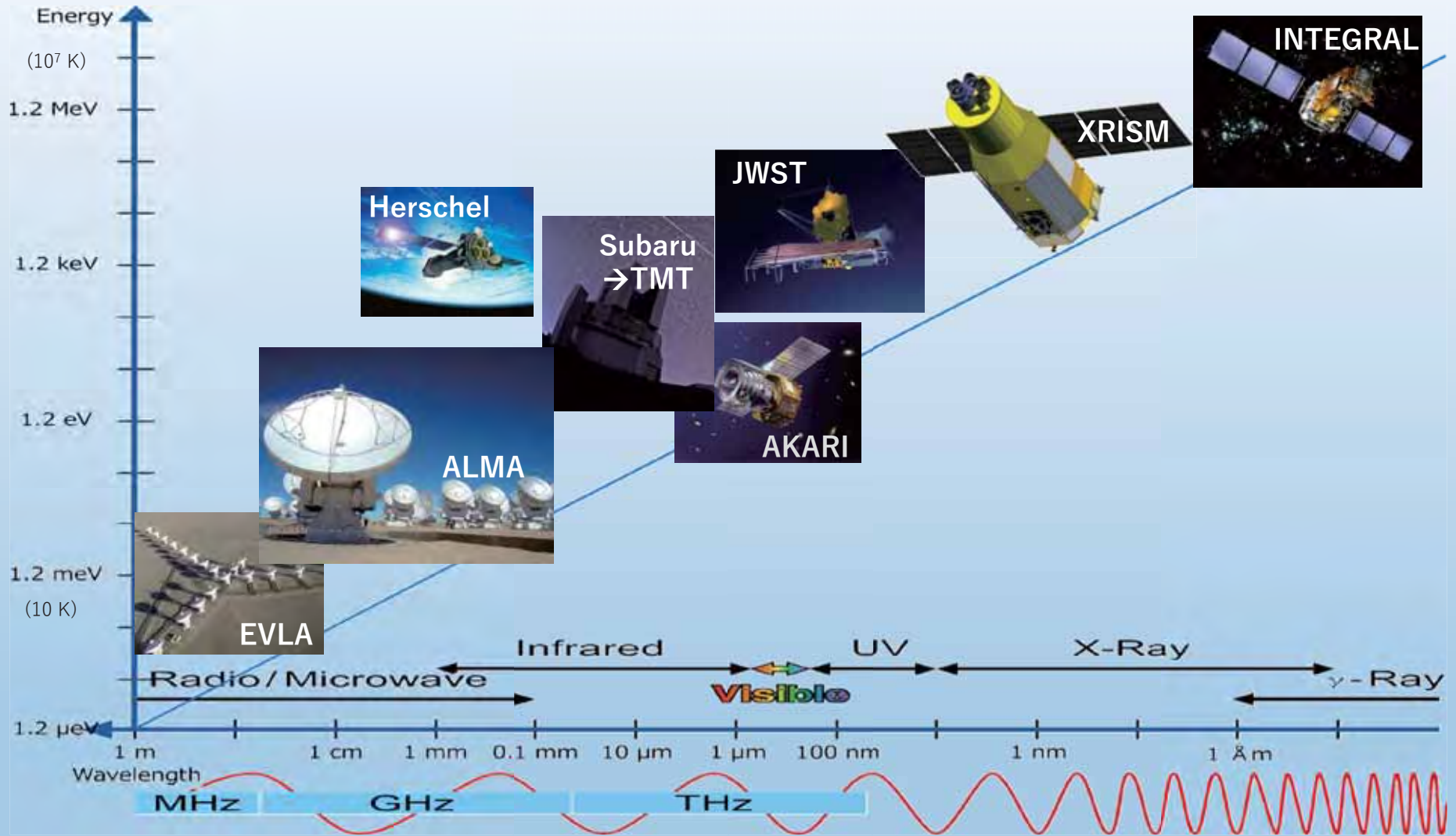
# Why Baryon?





# History of formation of Matter

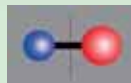




Hyperfine spectra,  
Heavy molecules



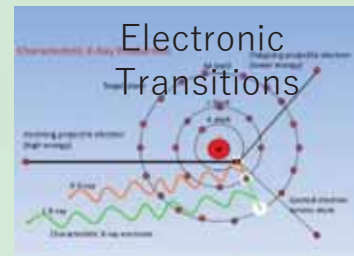
Rotational  
Transitions  
of simple molecules



Vibrational  
Transitions



Electronic  
Transitions



Nuclear  
Reaction



# Molecules in Space (~300 species)

## 2 Atoms (42 Species)

H<sub>2</sub>, CO, AlF, AlCl, C<sub>2</sub>, CH, CH<sup>+</sup>, CN, CO<sup>+</sup>, CP, SiC, HCl, KCl, NH, NO, NO<sup>+</sup>(?), NS, NS<sup>+</sup>, NaCl, OH, PN, SO, SO<sup>+</sup>, SiN, SiO, SiS, CS, HF, HD, FeO (?), O<sub>2</sub>, CF<sup>+</sup>, SiH (?), PO, PO<sup>+</sup>, AlO, OH<sup>+</sup>, CN<sup>-</sup>, SH<sup>+</sup>, SH, HCl<sup>+</sup>, TiO, ArH<sup>+</sup>, HeH<sup>+</sup>, NO<sup>+</sup>(?), N<sub>2</sub>

## 3 Atoms (40 Species)

C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H, C<sub>2</sub>O, C<sub>2</sub>S, CH<sub>2</sub>, HCN, HCO, HCO<sup>+</sup>, HCS<sup>+</sup>, HOC<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>S, HNC, HNO, MgCN, MgNC, N<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup>, N<sub>2</sub>O, NaCN, OCS, SO<sub>2</sub>, c-SiC<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, SiCN, AlNC, SiNC, HCP, CCP, AlOH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sup>+</sup>, KCN, FeCN, HO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>N, Si<sub>2</sub>C, HS<sub>2</sub>, HCS, HSC, HNO, CaNC, NCS

## 4 Atoms (27 Species)

c-C<sub>3</sub>H, I-C<sub>3</sub>H, C<sub>3</sub>N, C<sub>3</sub>O, C<sub>3</sub>S, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, HCCN, HCNH<sup>+</sup>, HNCO, HNCS, HOCO<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>CO, H<sub>2</sub>CN, H<sub>2</sub>CS, H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, c-SiC<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, PH<sub>3</sub>, HCNO, HOCN, HSCN, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sup>+</sup>, HMgNC, HCCO, CNCN, HONO, MgC<sub>2</sub>H, HCCS, HNCN, H<sub>2</sub>NC, HCCS<sup>+</sup>

## 5 Atoms (23 Species)

C<sub>5</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>H, C<sub>4</sub>Si, I-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, c-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>CCN, CH<sub>4</sub>, HC<sub>3</sub>N, HC<sub>2</sub>NC, HCOOH, H<sub>2</sub>CNH, H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>CN<sub>2</sub>, HNC<sub>3</sub>, SiH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>COH<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>4</sub>H<sup>-</sup>, HC(O)CN, HNCNH, CH<sub>3</sub>O, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>NCO<sup>+</sup>, NCCNH<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>Cl, MgC<sub>3</sub>N, NH<sub>2</sub>OH, HC<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, HC<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>S, C<sub>4</sub>S, HC(O)SH, HC(S)CN, HCCCO

Highly unsaturated species (Carbon-chain molecules: CCMs)

↓ iCOMs (interstellar "Complex" Organic Molecules)

## 6 Atoms (17 Species)

C<sub>5</sub>H, I-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CH<sub>3</sub>NC, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, CH<sub>3</sub>SH, IC<sub>3</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>, HC<sub>2</sub>CHO, NH<sub>2</sub>CHO, C<sub>2</sub>N, I-C<sub>3</sub>H, I-C<sub>3</sub>N, c-I-C<sub>3</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>CCNH, C<sub>5</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, HNCHCN, SiH<sub>3</sub>

## 7 Atoms (10 Species)

C<sub>6</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCN, CH<sub>2</sub>CHNC, CH<sub>2</sub>CHO, CH<sub>2</sub>SH, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>, HC<sub>2</sub>CO, NH<sub>2</sub>CO, C<sub>2</sub>N, I-C<sub>3</sub>H, I-C<sub>3</sub>N, c-I-C<sub>3</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>CCNH, C<sub>5</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, c-C<sub>3</sub>HCCH, I-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, MgC<sub>2</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>N

## 8 Atoms (11 Species)

CH<sub>3</sub>CN, HC(O)CN, CH<sub>3</sub>COCH, C<sub>7</sub>H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHO, HC<sub>2</sub>CO, NH<sub>2</sub>CO, C<sub>2</sub>N, I-C<sub>3</sub>H, I-C<sub>3</sub>N, c-I-C<sub>3</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>CCNH, C<sub>5</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, HC<sub>5</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCCH, MgC<sub>2</sub>H, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, (CHOH)<sub>2</sub>

## 9 Atoms (10 Species)

CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, HC<sub>7</sub>N, C<sub>8</sub>H, CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>8</sub>H<sup>-</sup>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SH, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SH, CH<sub>3</sub>NHCHO, HC<sub>7</sub>O, HCCCHCHCN, H<sub>2</sub>CCHC<sub>3</sub>N, H<sub>2</sub>CCCHCCH, HOCHCHCHO(?)

## 10 Atoms (5 Species)

CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>5</sub>N, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, (CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHO, CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>OH, c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>CCCHC<sub>3</sub>N, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NCO, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>(?), HC<sub>7</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>

## 11 Atoms (4 Species)

HC<sub>9</sub>N, CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OCHO, CH<sub>3</sub>OC(O)CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OH, c-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>

## 12 Atoms (4 Species)

c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, n-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CN, i-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CN, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>, 1-c-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN, 2-c-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN, CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>7</sub>N(?), n-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>OH, i-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>OH

## >12 Atoms (3 Species)

C<sub>60</sub>, C<sub>70</sub>, C<sub>60</sub><sup>+</sup>, c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN, HC<sub>11</sub>N, 1-C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CN, 2-C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CN, c-C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, 1-c-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CCH, 2-c-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CCH

Mainly detected by radio observations

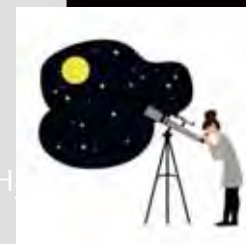
(Gray: Detected only toward AGB stars)

(The Cologne Database for Molecular Spectroscopy (CDMS): June, 2022)

Seeking new(exotic) species in Space

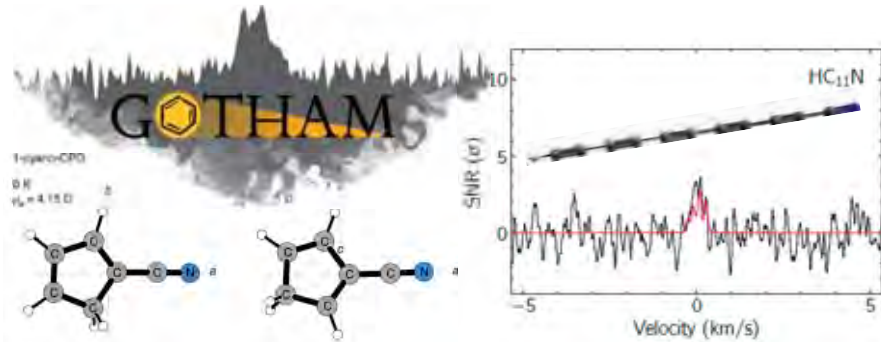
Chemistry in extreme physical conditions

- "Classical Astrochemistry" since 1963-



C<sub>2</sub>CN,

GBT Observations of TMC-1:  
Hunting Aromatic Molecules (**GOTHAM**)

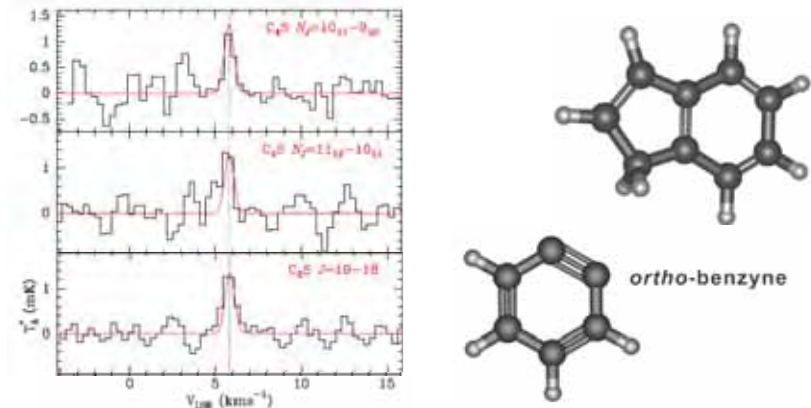


PI: Brett A. McGuire  
(e.g. McGuire, B. A., et al. 2020, ApJ, 900, L10;  
McCarthy, M. C., et al. 2021, Natur., 5, 176  
Loomis, R. A., et al. 2021, Natur. Astro., 5, 188)



Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope (GBT)

**QUIJOTE**: Q-band Ultrasensitive Inspection  
Journey to the Obscure TMC-1 Environment:  
Discovering the limits of chemical complexity



PI: Jose Cernicharo  
(Guélin, Michel & Cernicharo, Jose, 2022, Frontiers in Astronomy and  
Space Sciences, vol. 9, id. 787567, and references therein)



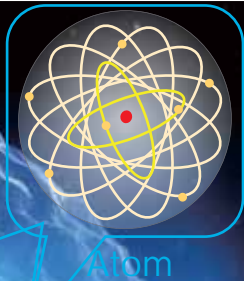
The 40-m Yebes telescope –credit: Pablo deVicente





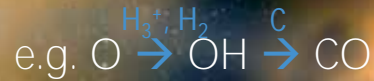


Formation of atoms  
(Nucleosynthesis in stars)  
Formation of dust  
(M/C Giants, SN)



Atom

Diffuse Ionized gas  $T \sim 100$  K  
→ HI cloud (Neutral atoms)  
→ Molecular Cloud



0) death of stars

Nucleus

a) diffuse atomic cloud

b) molecular cloud (gas and dust)

Ice(dust)surface

$T \sim 10$  K  
Density  $> 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
• Depletion  
• Hydrogenation  
e.g.  $CO \rightarrow CH_3OH$

c) dense cloud core



f) matured system  
(star and planetary system)

Evaporation  
Gas-phase reactions

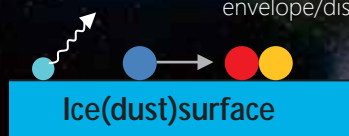


dust surface



e) protostar and protoplanetary disk

d) protostar, protostellar-  
envelope/disk, and outflow/jet

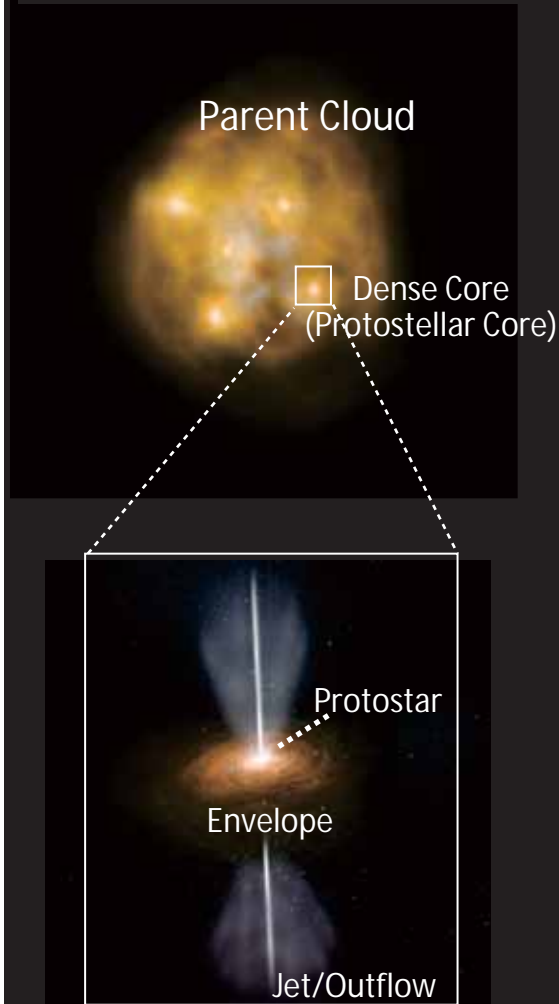


Ice(dust)surface

$20 \text{ K} < T < 100 \text{ K}$   
Dynamical change of physical  
condition, Diffusion of heavier  
elements on dust, Gas-dust  
interaction → Complex organics

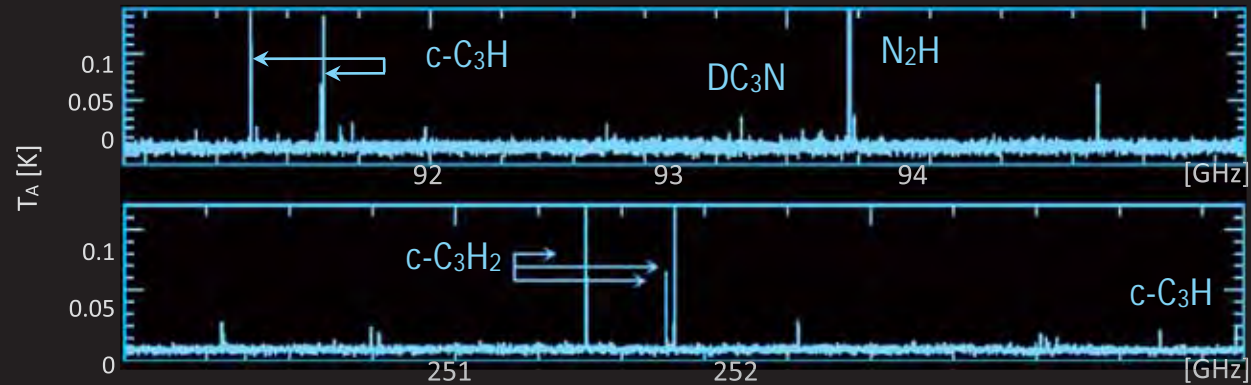
# Chemical Evolution

# Chemical Composition in Cloud-Core (Envelope) Scale



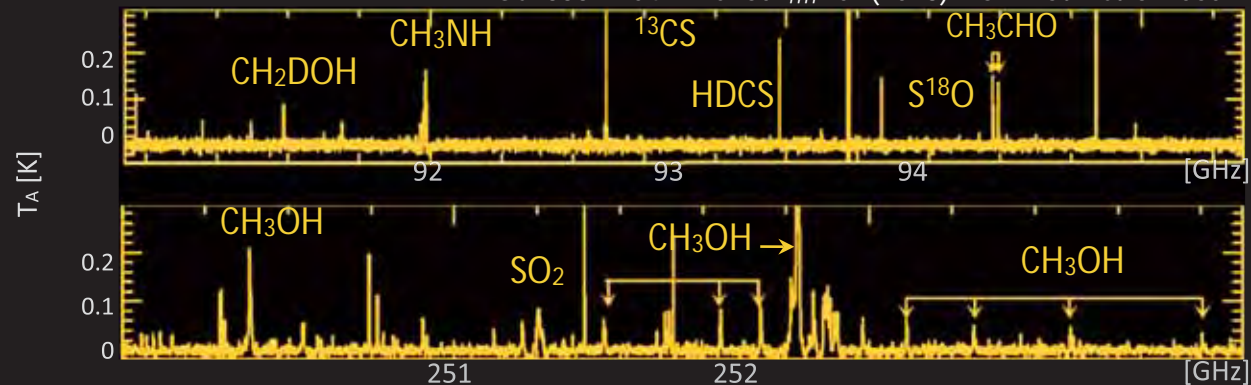
## Rich in unsaturated COMs (Warm Carbon-Chain Chemistry)

L1527: Yoshida, NS+ (2019) Pub. Astron. Soc. Japan



## Rich in saturated COMs (Hot Corino Chemistry)

NGC1333IRAS4A: Lefloch, NS+ (2018) Mon. Not. Astron. Soc.



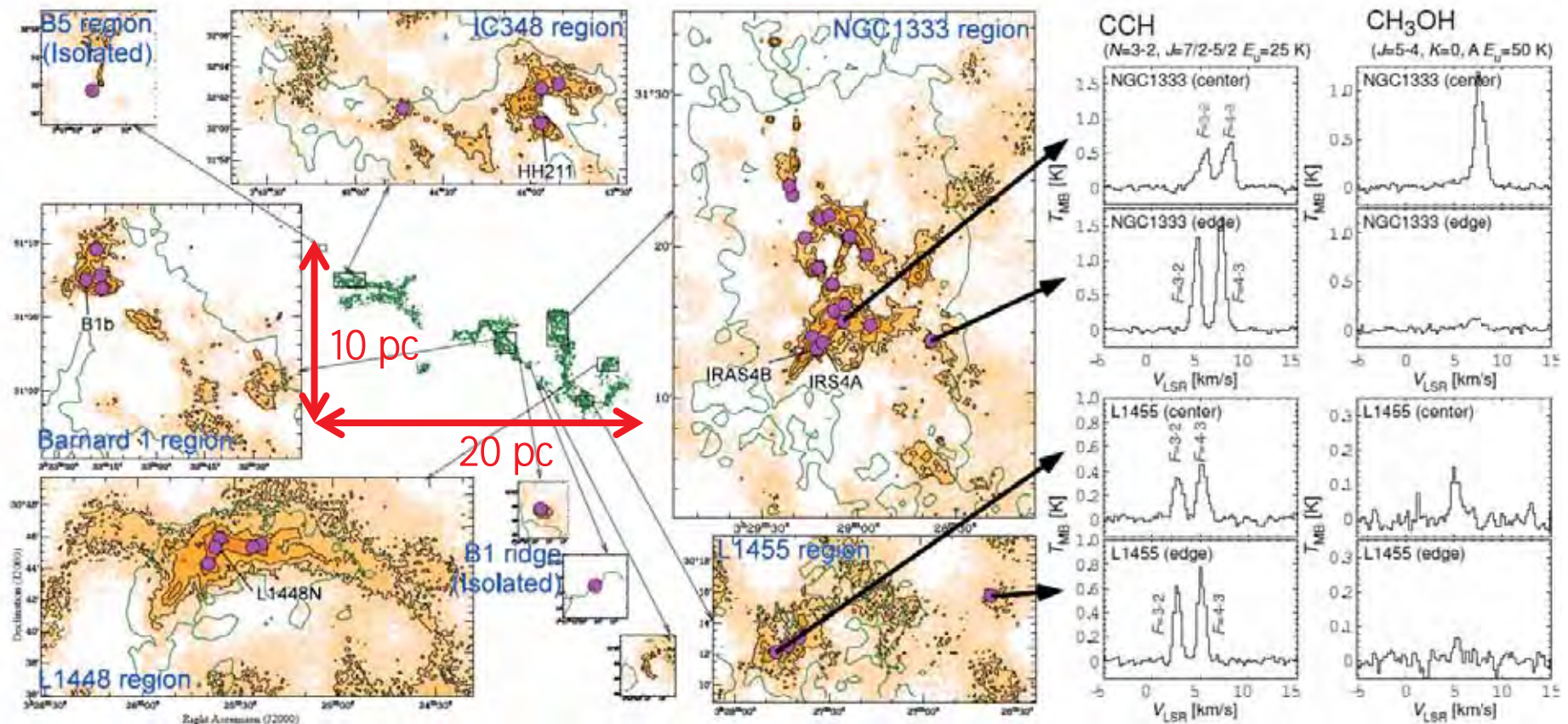
Which is the dominant case? Which is the case for our solar system??



# Perseus Chemical Survey

Exploring core (~5,000 au) scale diversity

(Nobeyama 45 m + IRAM 30 m survey toward Class0/I sources @2014-2016)



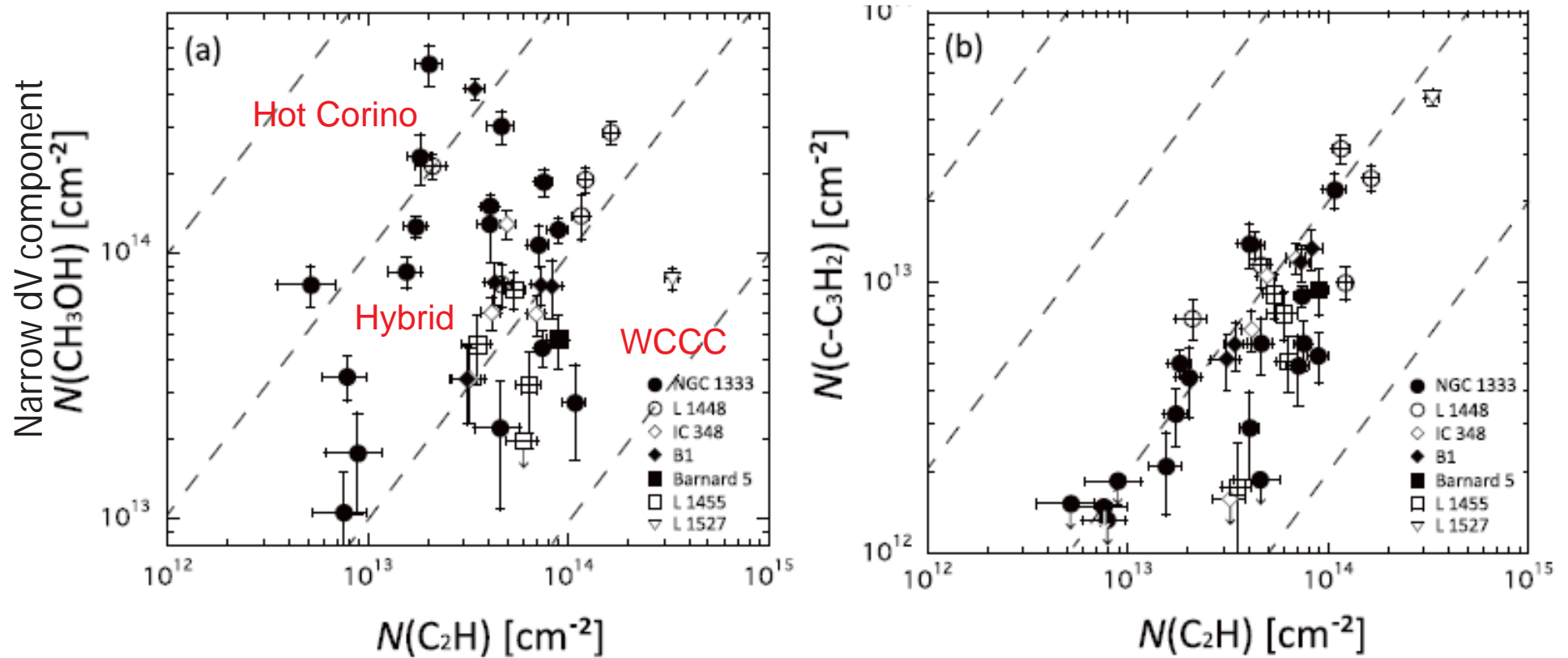
Orange: Dust, Green Contour: CO  
(Hatchell et al. 2005, A&A, 440, 141; 2007, A&A, 468, 1009)

(Higuchi, NS et al. 2018, ApJS, 236, 52)



# Chemical Diversity in Perseus

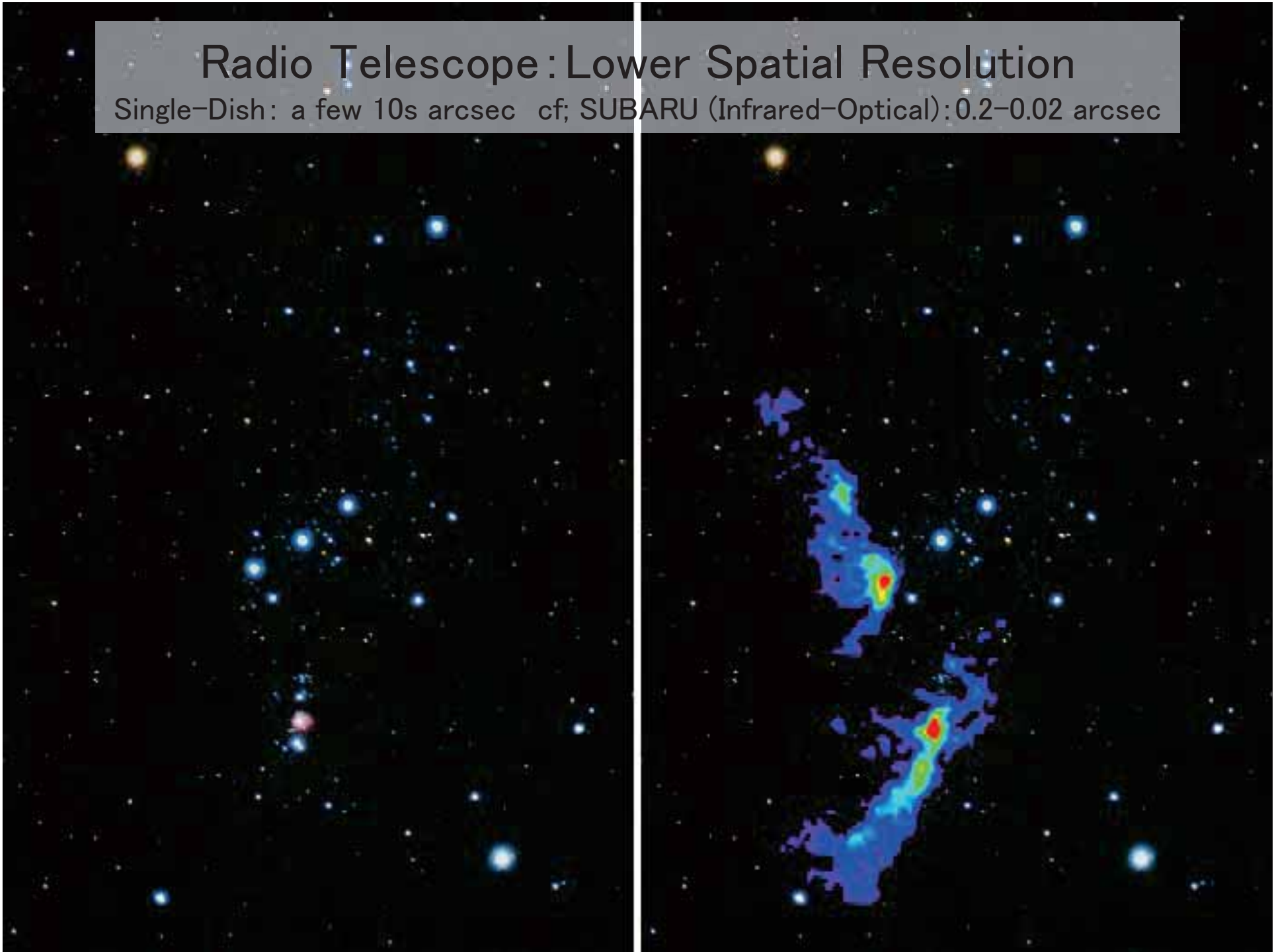
Diversity in envelope size scale ( $\sim 5,000$  au)



How about in protoplanetary-disk size scale ?  
 $\sim 100$  au

# Radio Telescope: Lower Spatial Resolution

Single-Dish: a few 10s arcsec cf; SUBARU (Infrared-Optical): 0.2-0.02 arcsec



# ALMA: Atacama Large Millimeter/sub-millimeter Array

High angular resolution

1"  $\rightarrow$  <0.01"-0.1"

High sensitivity

100 hours  $\rightarrow$  10 min.

Altitude: 5000 m



7 mm – 0.4 mm  
(40 – 940 GHz)

Main antenna : 12 m x 50

ACA antenna: 12 m x 4, 7 m x 12

Total:66

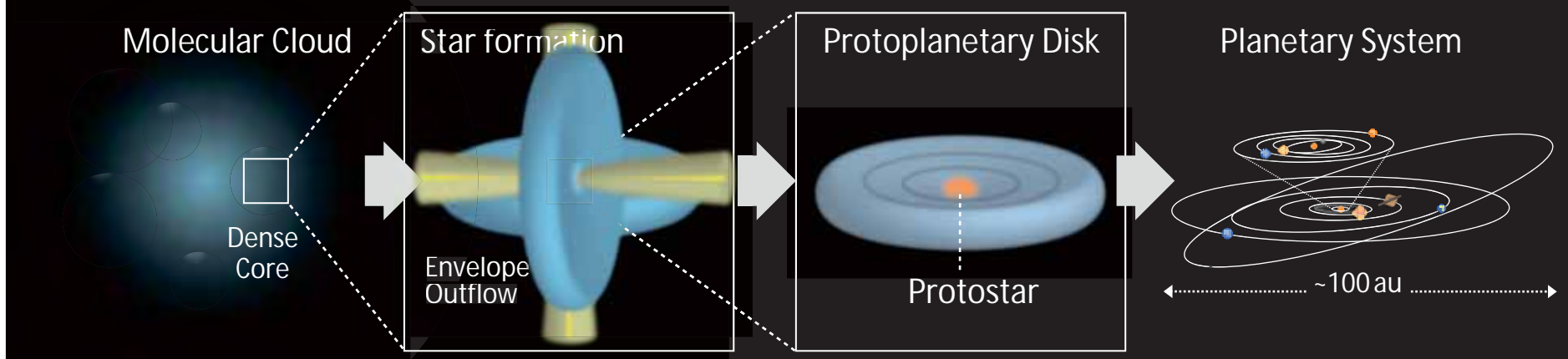


2014, full operation started

Europe, North America, and East Asia in cooperation with Chile



# Formation of Planetary System & Observational Challenges

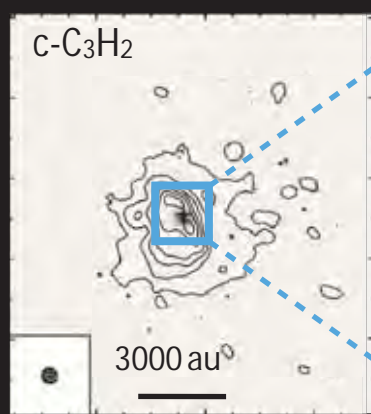


Cloud Core

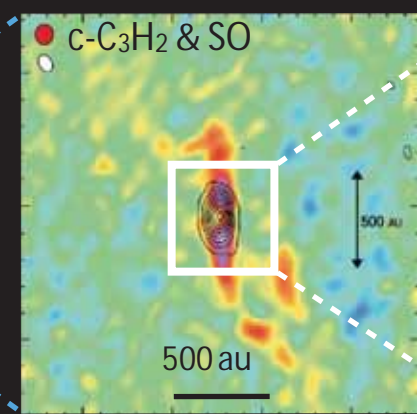
Envelope

Disk

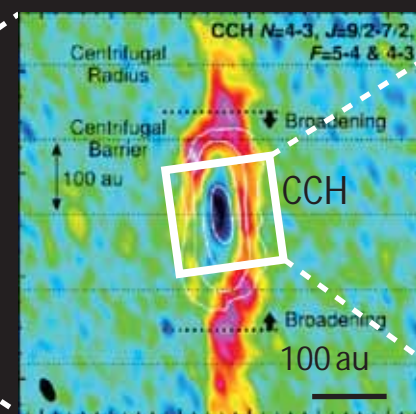
Disk Substructure  
Planet Formation



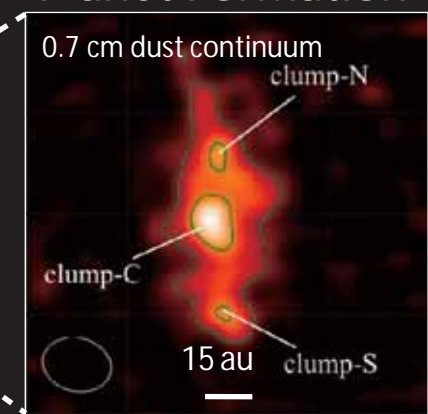
Association/ Infall  
Sakai+ (2010)  
Astrophys. J.



Centrifugal Barrier  
Sakai+ (2014)  
Nature



Accretion (soft) shock  
Sakai+ (2017)  
Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc.



Gap/Ring : Nakatani, Sakai+ (2020)  
Astrophys. J., 895, L2  
Warped : Sakai+ (2019) Nature, 565, 206



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ALMA



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# PERseus ALMA CHEmical Survey

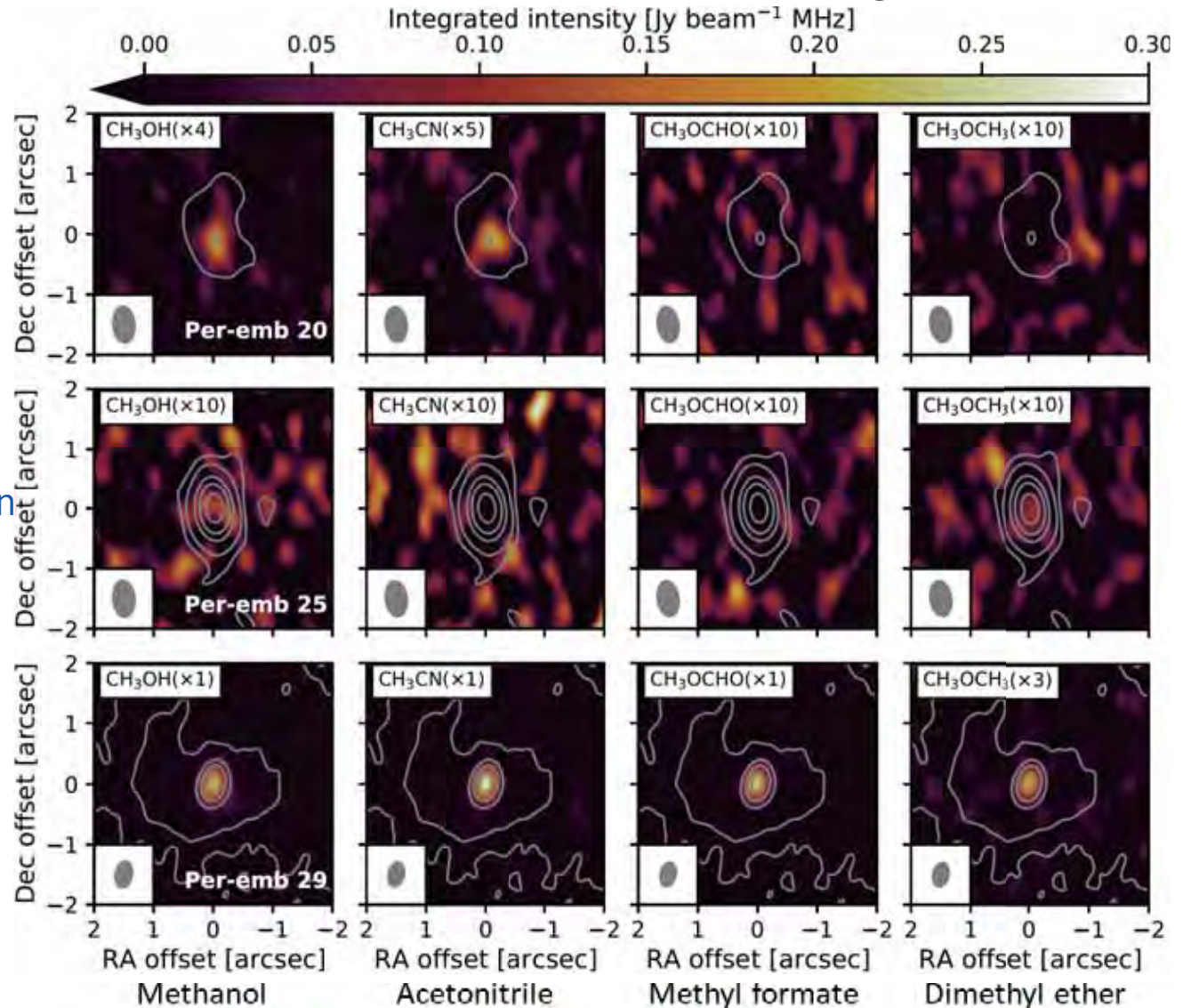


ALMA data:  
PI Sakai  
~50 YSOs  
in Perseus  
d~300 pc

Weakest cont.

Strong cont.  
COMs non-detection  
(SO/SO<sub>2</sub> detection)

Strongest cont.



Contours: Continuum@1.3mm  
0.0006, 0.003, 0.015, 0.03, 0.06 [ $\text{Jy/beam}$ ]



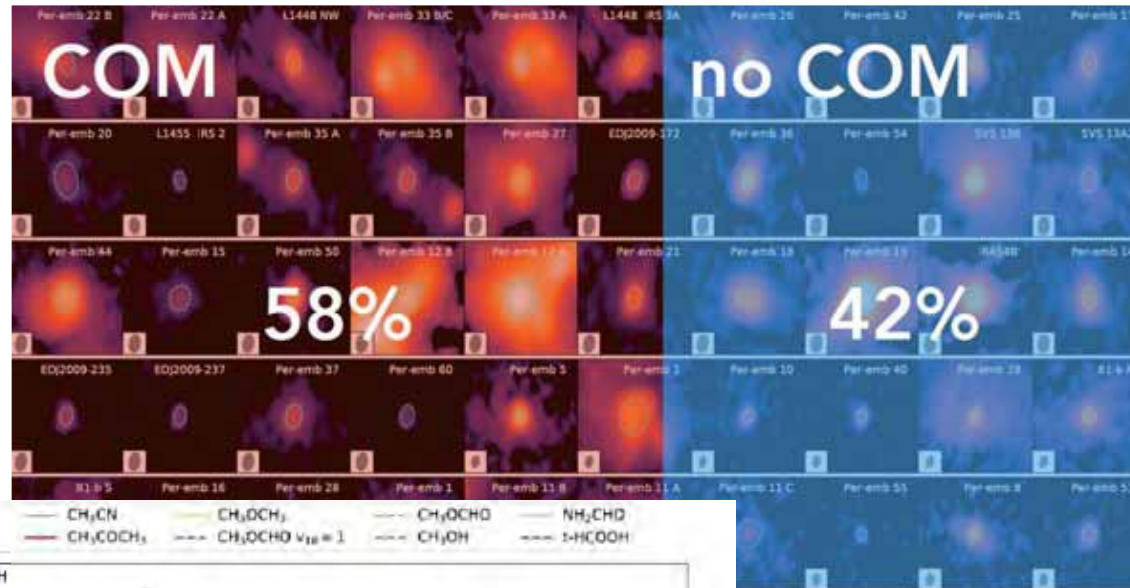
(Yang, Y-L, NS+2021, ApJ, 910, 20.)





# PERseus ALMA CHEMical Survey

ALMA data:  
PI Sakai  
~50 YSOs  
in Perseus  
d~300 pc



Zhang, Yichen  
Continuum  
Outflows

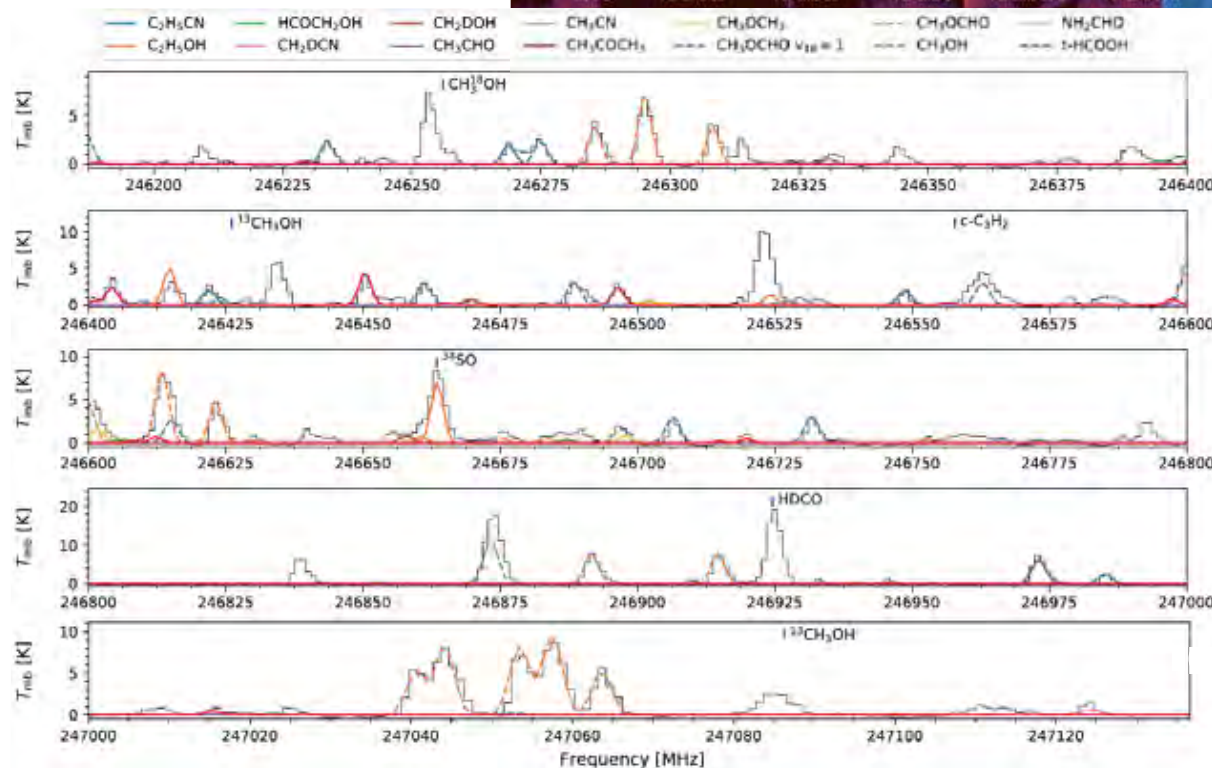
Yang, Yao-Lun  
COMs analysis

Higuchi, Aya  
Calibrations  
Zeng, Shaoshan.  
D/H ratios  
N-bearing

Mullio, Nadia  
Multiplicity  
Chem.Calc

Zhang, Ziwei  
iO2Excit. Calc.  
Artur de la Villarmois,  
Elizabeth  
S-bearing

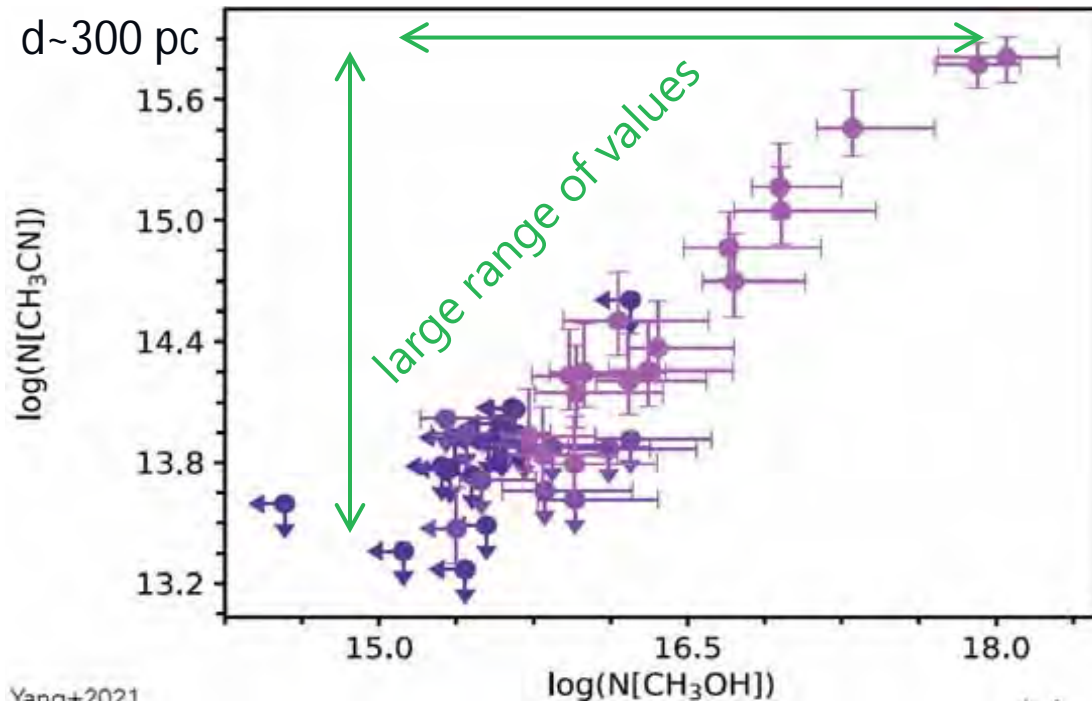
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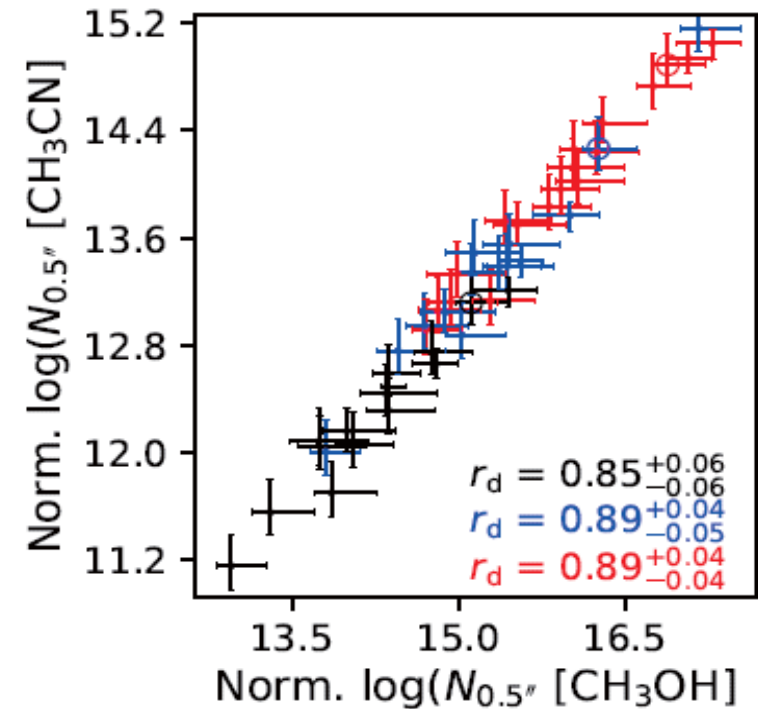
# Oxygen vs Nitrogen Chemistry

ALMA data:  
PI Sakai  
~50 YSOs  
in Perseus  
d~300 pc



Normalized by

$$T_{b,\text{cont}}, T_{b,\text{cont}}L_{\text{bol}}, T_{b,\text{cont}}T_{\text{bol}}$$



Beautiful correlation between  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$   
Chem. relation & Large abundance range ( $> 10^2$  times).

# Chemistry in Gaseous Envelope/Disk

- How common is the WCCC & Hot-Corino Chemistry ?

Semi-statistical chemical surveys in disk forming scale (100-300 au)

PEACHES (50 YSOs in Perseus): e.g. Yang, Y.-L., Sakai+2021, *ApJ*, 910, 20

ORANGES (19 YSOs in Orion): e.g. Bouvier, M., Sakai+2022, *ApJ*, 929, 10

ALMASOP (56 YSOs in Orion): e.g. Hsu, S.-Y., Yang, Y.-L.+2022, *ApJ*, 927, 218

Ophiucus (12 YSOs in Oph.): Artur de la Villarmois, E., Sakai+2019, *A&A*, 626, A71

--Diversity in disk forming region is confirmed. Regional difference is significant.

--"Hybrid" type sources are commonly seen.

Perseus (PEACHES) 58% /Orion (ORANGES/ALMASOP) 26-40% /Ophiucus 0%



- What is the origin of the diversity? (branching?)

Large dynamic range observations vs chemical/physical models

WCCC become active @ low T or low  $A_v$  during starless phase

Chem. network model (e.g, Aikawa, Y., NS+2020, *ApJ*, 897, 110)

- Any other axis on chemical diversity?

Detailed chemical compositions in <a few 10s au scale

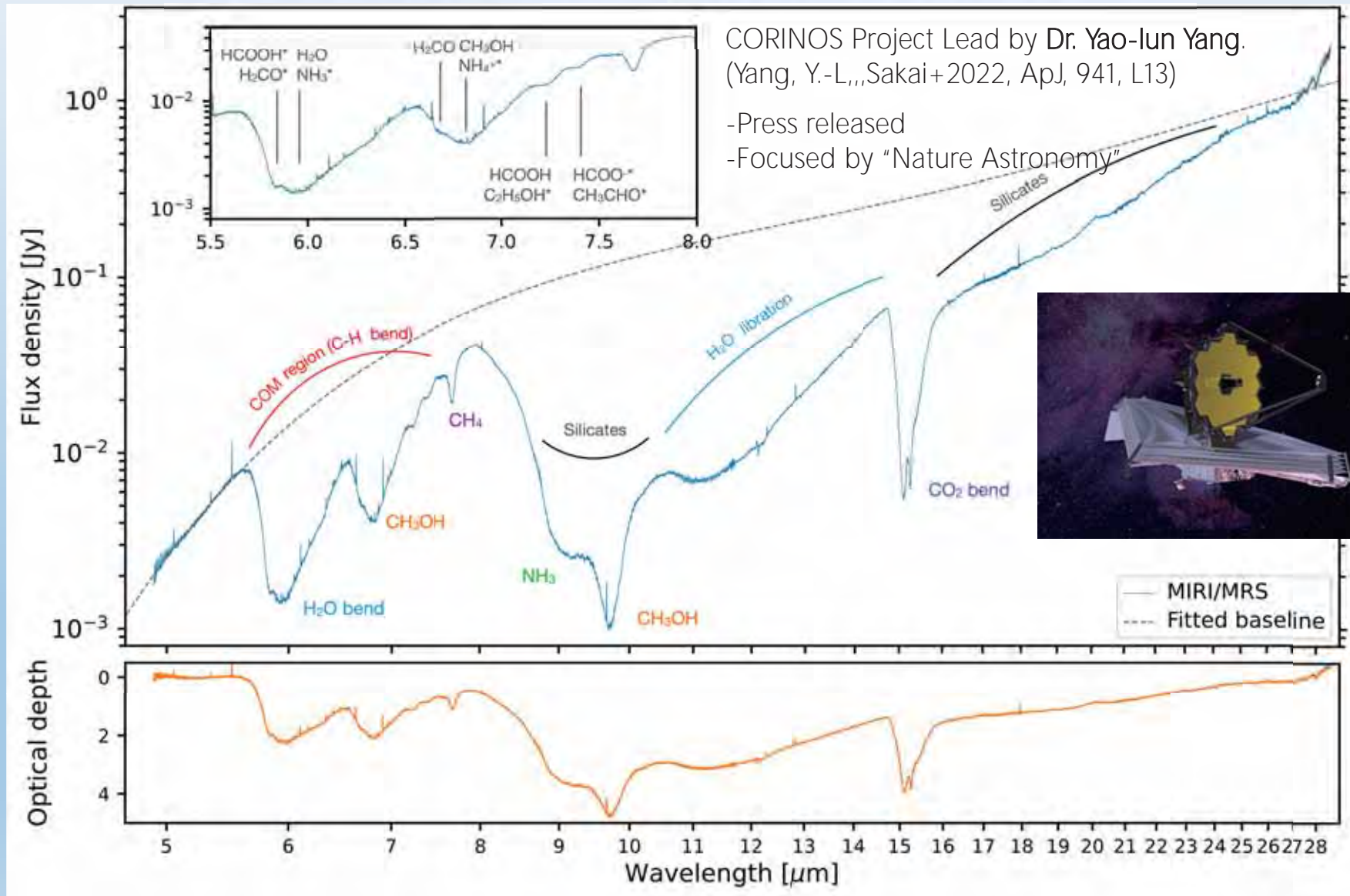
ALMA Large Project FAUST (~70 members)

Co-PIs: Yamamoto, S., Ceccarelli, C., Chandler, C., Codella, C., and Sakai, N.

13 representative YSOs: e.g. Codella, C., Sakai+2021, *Frontiers in A.S.S.* 8, 782006

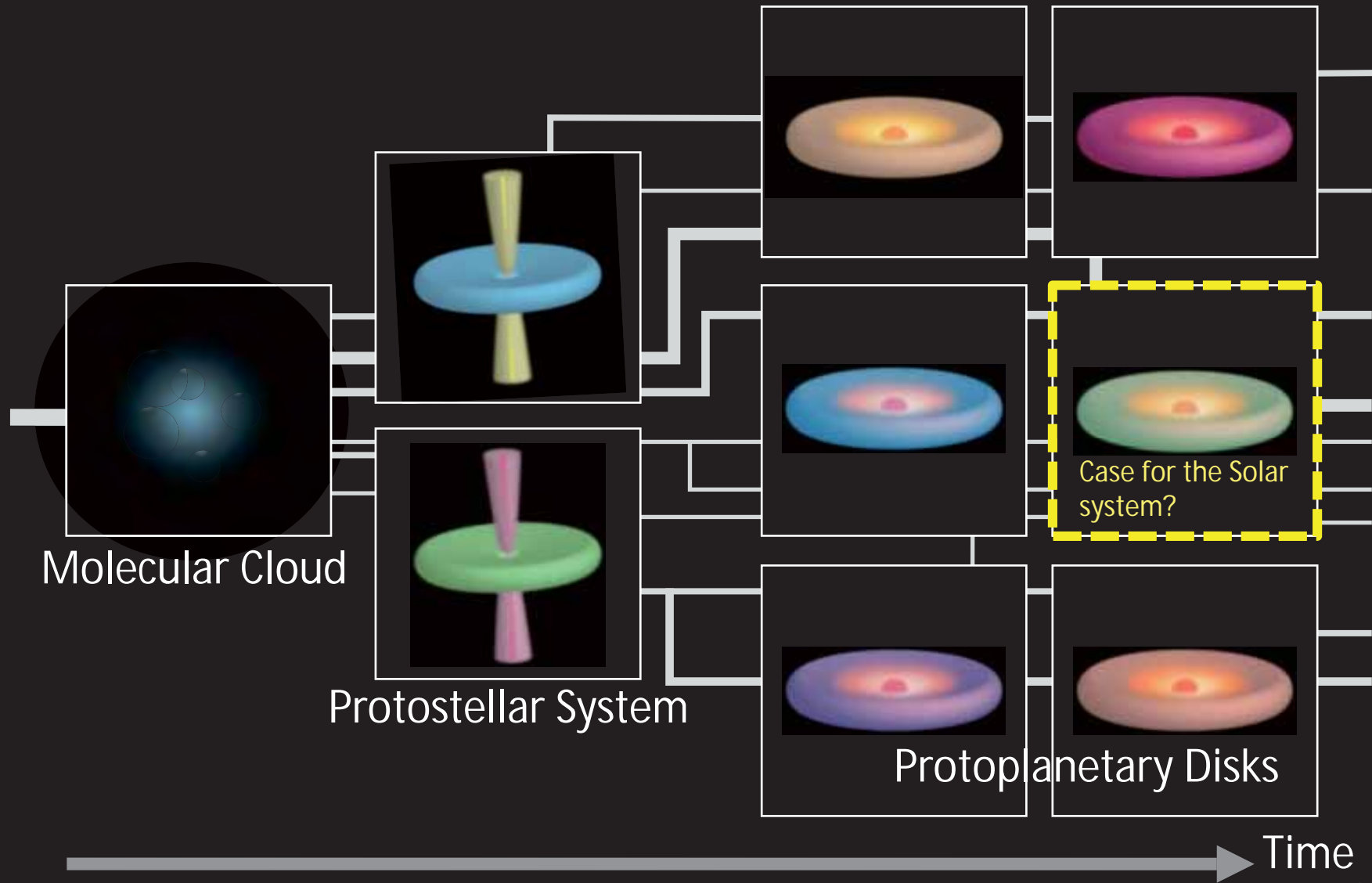


# Chemistry in Icy Grain Mantles

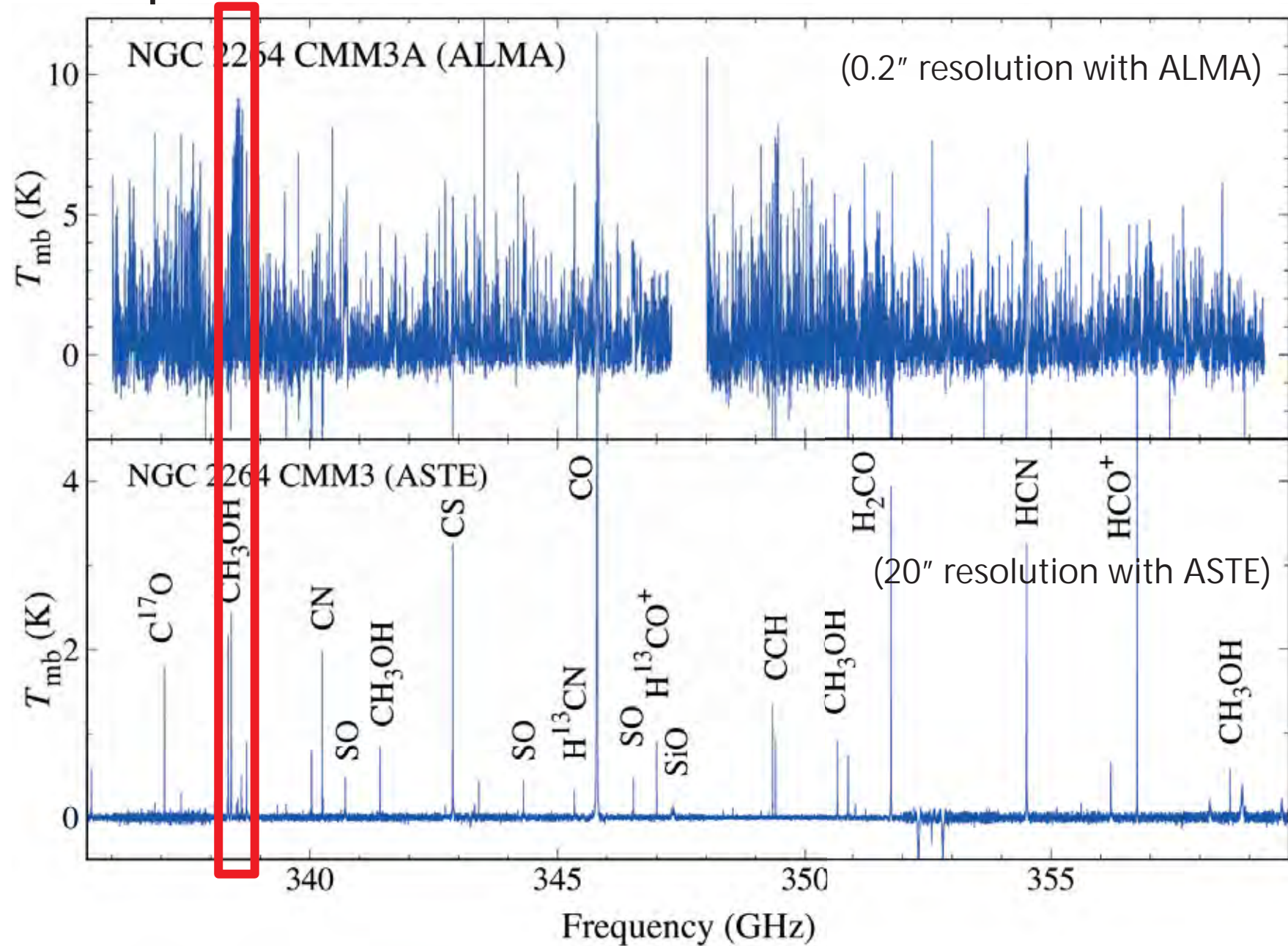


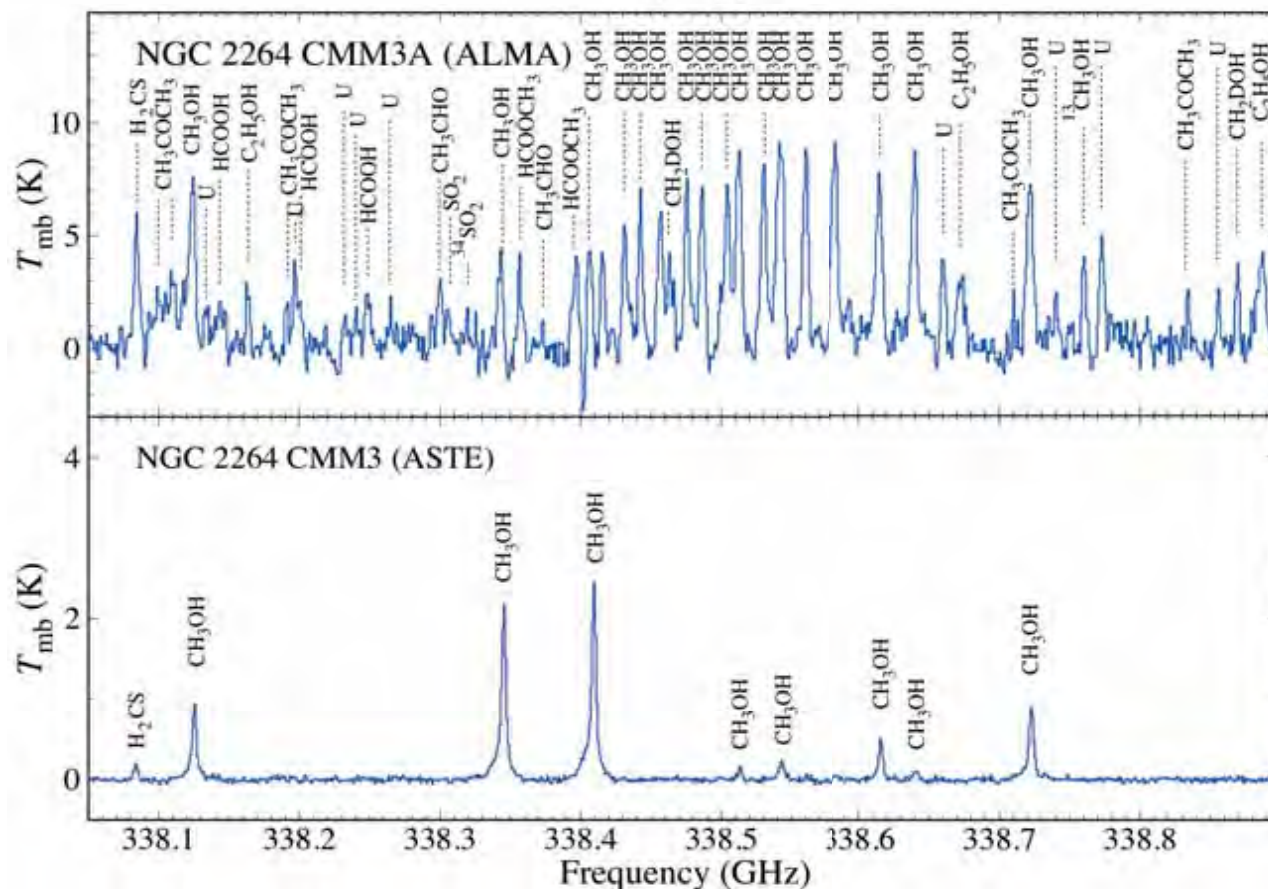
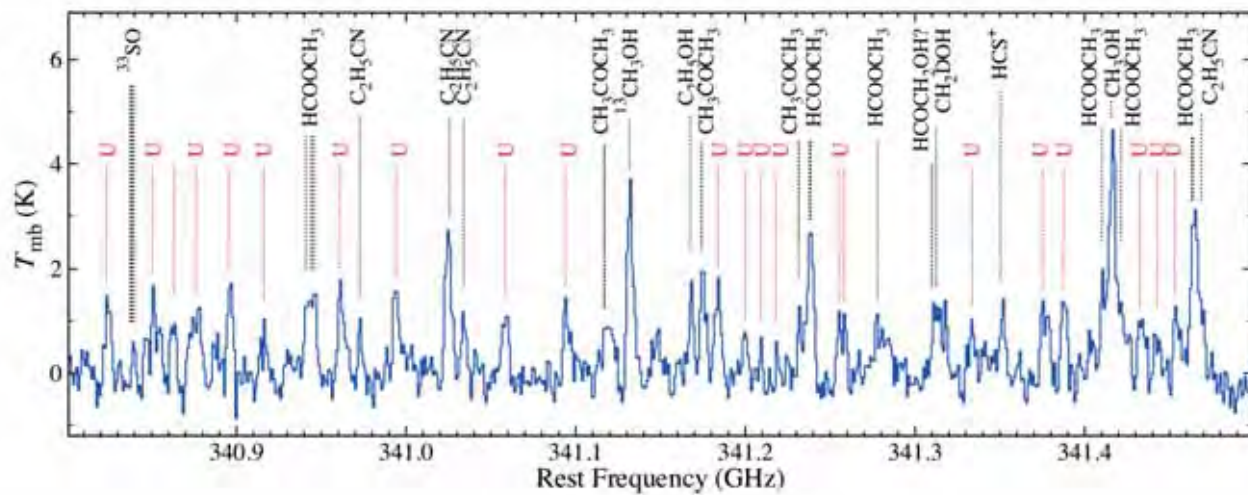
JWST MIRI MRS spectrum of a Class 0 protostar IRAS 15398-3359

# Locate our Solar system in the diversity



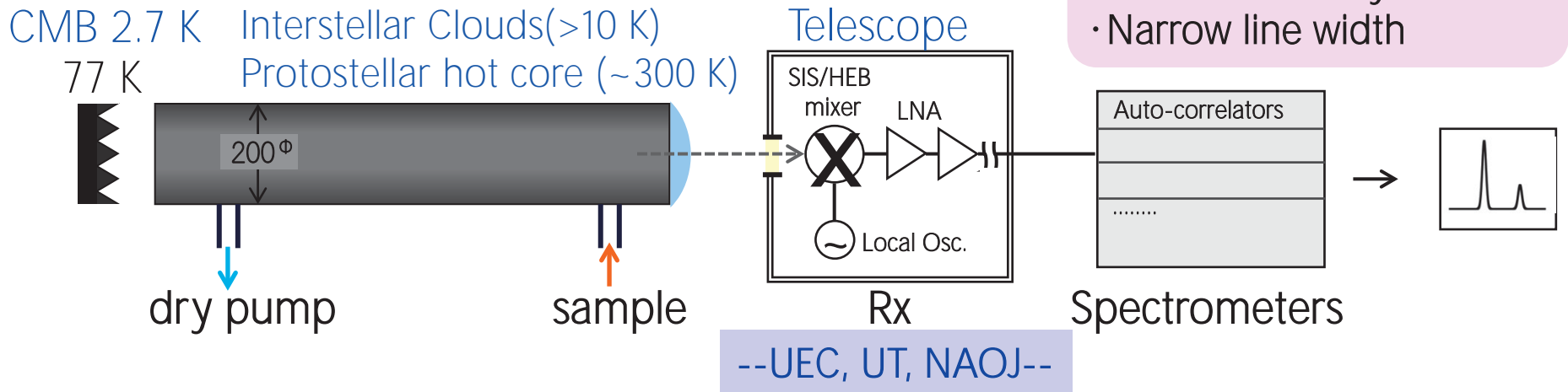
# Spectrum taken toward NGC2264CMM3A





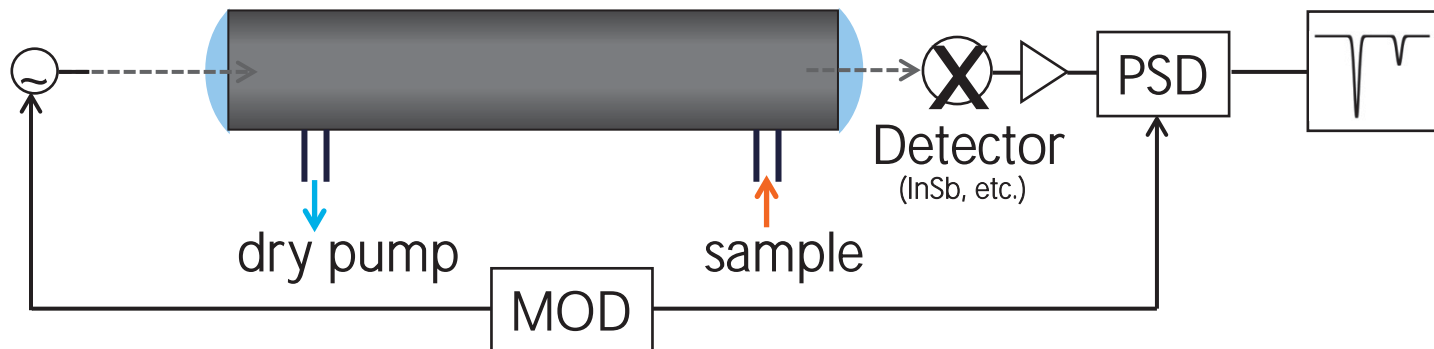
# Observing Gas Cell instead of the Sky

## Emission Spectrometer



Disadvantage: low sensitivity for 1 line detection

## Conventional Absorption Spectrometer





(Watanabe, Y., Sakai, N. + 2021, PASJ, 73, 372)



# SUMIRE "Observing" gas-cell instead of the sky

*Spectrometer Using superconductor Mixer Receiver in RIKEN*

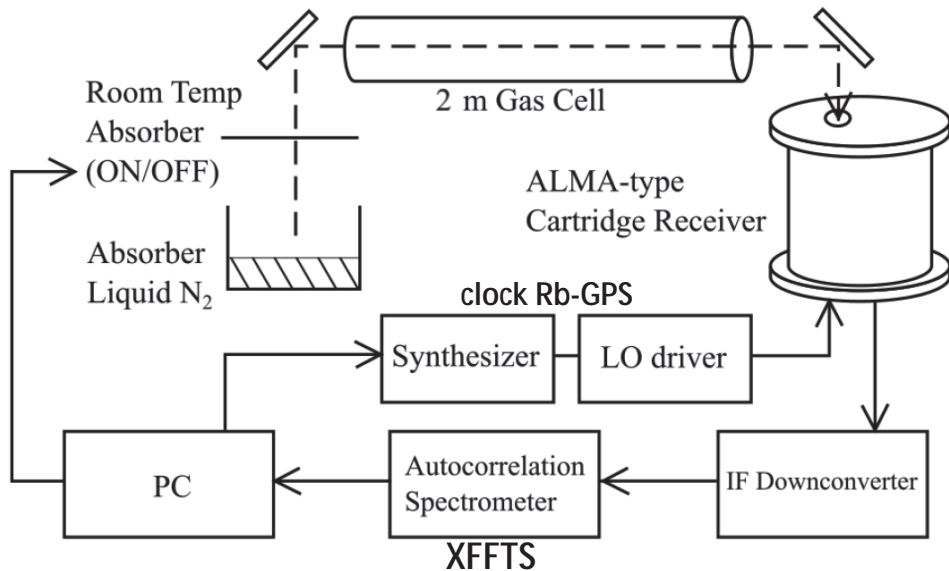


Gas Cell

Liquid N<sub>2</sub>

XFFTS

**ALMA-type  
Cartridge Receiver  
(in collab./w UEC&NAOJ)**



## Receivers

- 215-265 GHz band (ALMA-B6, SIS)
- 270-500 GHz band (ALMA-B7+8, SIS)

Freq. accuracy: ~ 1 kHz

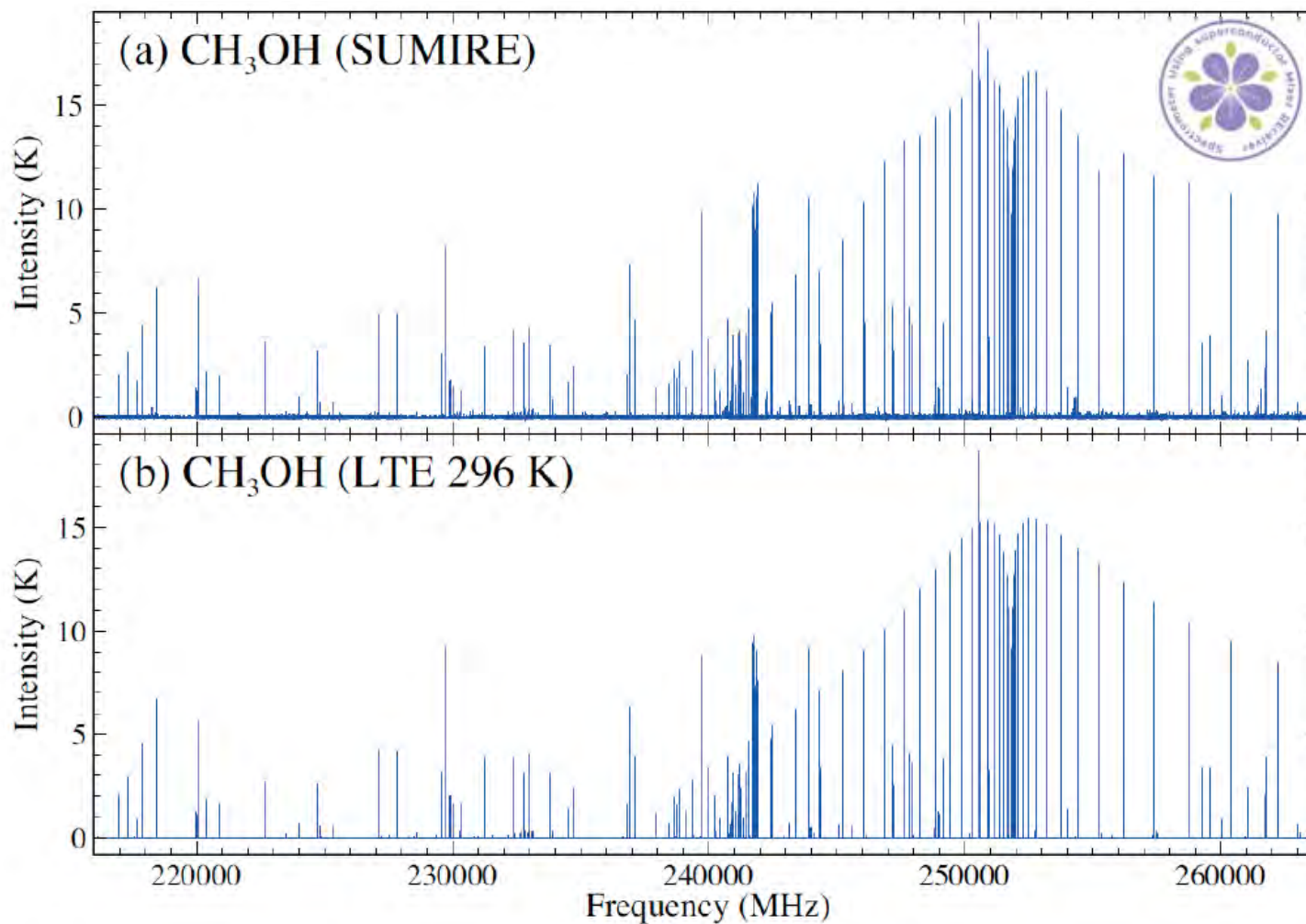
Int. accuracy: 5-10%

Determine accurate frequency & absolute intensity ( $S\mu^2$ )



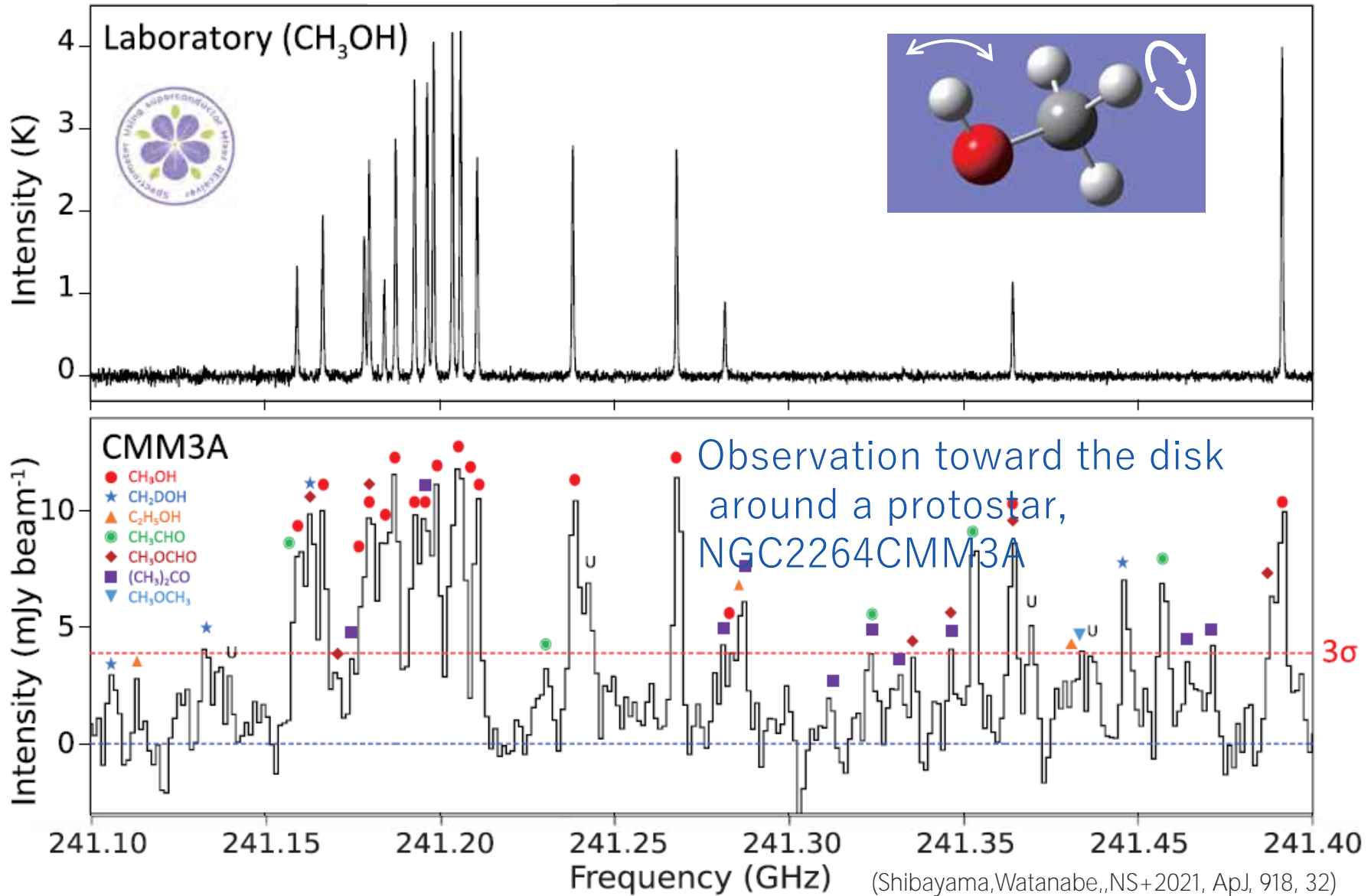


# CH<sub>3</sub>OH Spectrum taken by SUMIRE



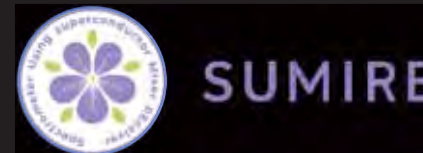


# Origin of the “Weeds”: Torsionally Excited Lines ( $\nu_4=1$ )

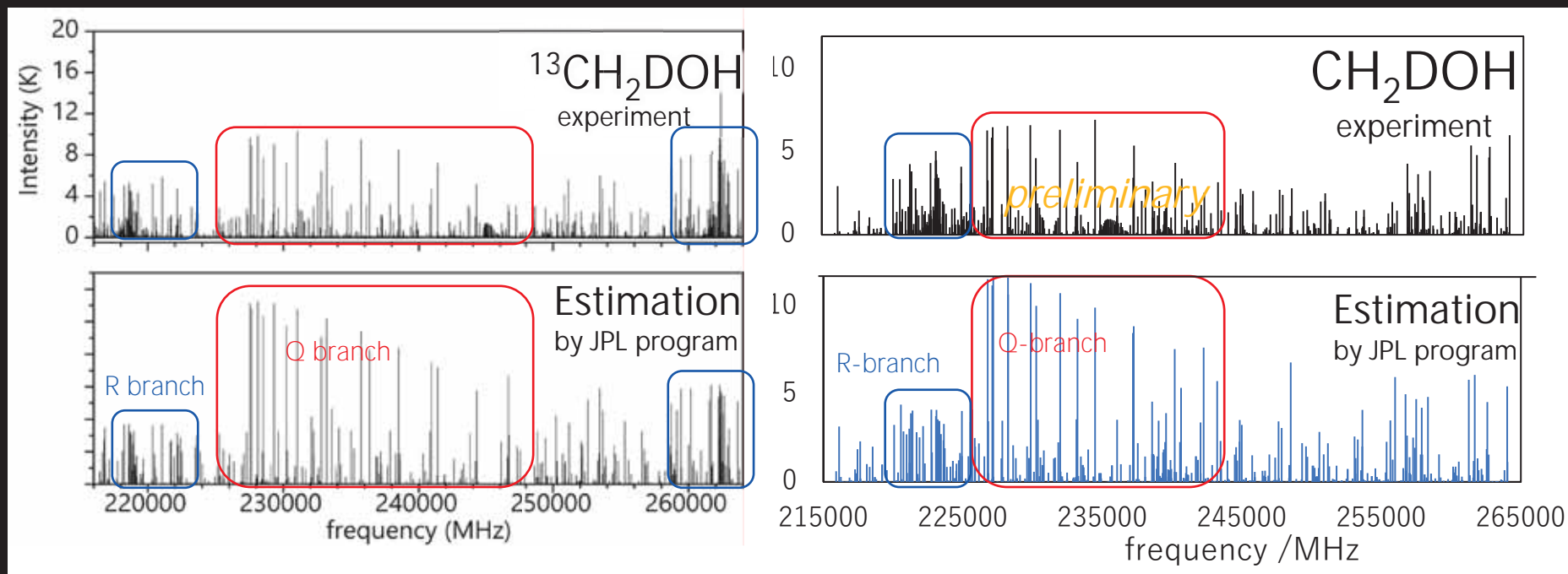




# Intensity-Calibrated Spectroscopy



Works lead by Dr. Oyama, T.



(Ohno, Y., Oyama, T., NS+2022, ApJ, 932, 101) (Oyama, T., NS+2023, in press.)

In JPL(NASA) web site

The intensities were calculated with the first order Fourier term of the dipole from normal methanol. The strongly allowed bands are reasonably well reproduced, but the weaker ones are not as well re-produced. Extreme caution should be used in determining columns (or concentrations) directly from b-type and e-type transitions as significant errors can occur. The a-type transitions should be much more reliable for column determinations.

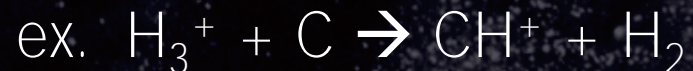
# Formation of Interstellar Molecules

## Gas Phase

$10^2 - 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $10 - 100 \text{ K}$

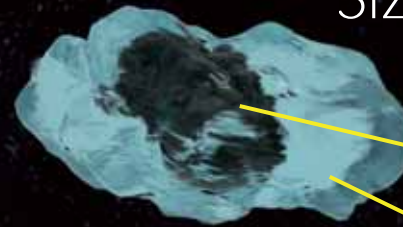


- Binary reaction
- Exothermic
- No reaction barrier



## Grain Surface

$M_{\text{dust}}/M_{\text{gas}} \sim 0.01$   
Size  $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$



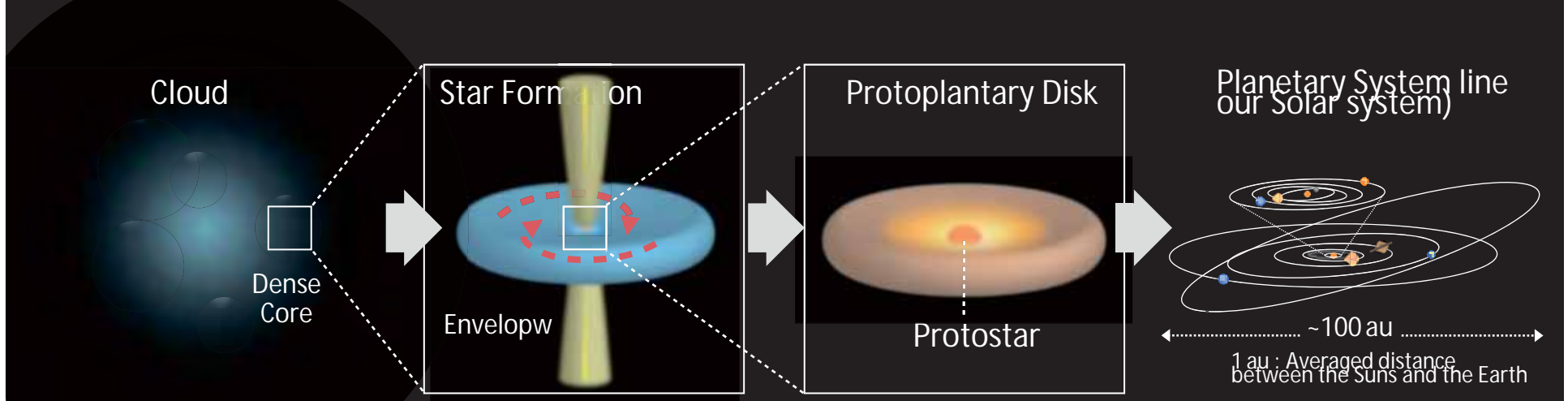
Silicate core

Ice mantle

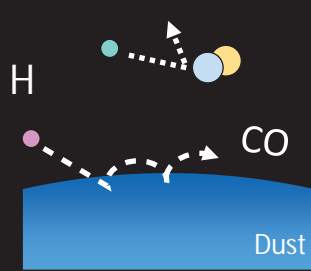
- Hydrogenation
- Condensation



# Gas-Solid Interaction could be the KEY for COMs Formation

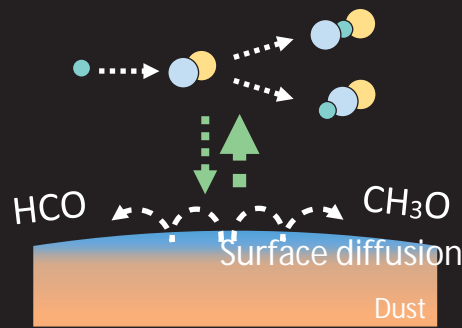


Chemistry in Low T & n



Quiescent chemistry

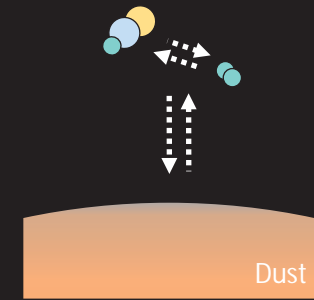
## Chemistry in Protoplanetary disk forming Regions



Sensitive to reaction dynamics

Branching ratios  
Energy barrier  
Depletion Desorption  
Surface Diffusion

Chemistry in Terrestrial Condition



Classical view  
T~300, normal density





RIKEN-Pioneering Project  
「r-EMU: Evolution of  
Matter in the Universe」

**r-EMU Team: Nucleus**

**r-EMU Team: Atoms**

**r-EMU Team: Molecules**

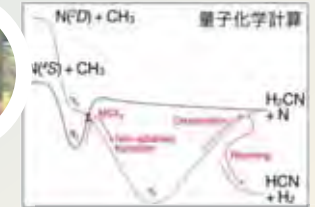
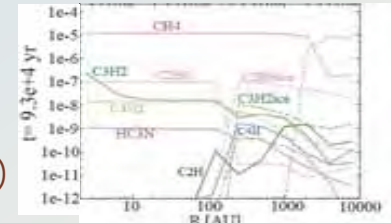
THz, Excitation Analysis, Dust evolution

Cosmic ray ionization  
Isotope/Element Ratios  
Energetic events  
Evolved stars/Dying stars

**Quantum chemical calc.**  
Takayanagi (Saitama-Univ.)  
Yamasaki (Hirosaki-Univ.)

A03 Team: Theory

**Chemical network calc.**  
**Physical evolution model.**  
Aikawa, Y. (Univ. of Tokyo)



**Models**

Chemical Evolution  
Physical Evolution

A02 Team: Analysis

**Planetary  
Science**

**Return Samples**

Tachibana, S. (Univ. of Tokyo)

A01 Team: Observation

**Observations**

Sakai, N (RIKEN, CPR)

**Spectroscopy:** in collab. w. NAOJ/JEC  
**Observation**

Distribution  
Abundance  
Spectroscopy

Next  
Generation  
Astrochemistry

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Mineralogy, Link to  
The Solar System

**Gas-Phase  
Reaction**

Branching Ratio  
Reaction Rate  
Reaction Barrier

**Surface  
Reaction**

Depletion,  
Desorption,  
Dissociation,  
Dispersion

A04 Team: Gas-Phase Reaction

**Ion - neutral-Atom:** Nakano, Y. (Rikkyo Univ.)

**Ion - polar-Mol.:** Okada, K. (Sophia Univ.)

**Ion - isomers:** Tanuma, H. (Tokyo Met. Univ.)

( $\rightleftharpoons$  **Neutral-Neutral:** I. Sims (Rennes1, France))

A05 Team: Surface Reaction

**Micro:** Imada, H., Kim, Y. (RIKEN, CPR)

**Macro:** Watanabe, N. (Hokkaido Univ.)



Hopping    Rotation    Reaction

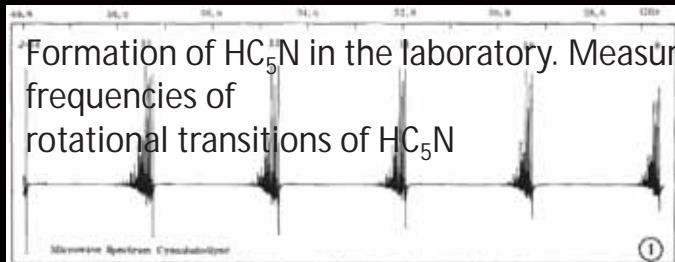
# ex) Innovation Originates from "Astrochemistry"

## Carbon-chain molecules



L. W. Avery, N. W. Broten, J. M. MacLeod,  
T. Oka, and **H. W. Kroto**, ApJ, 205 (1976), L173

Formation of HC<sub>5</sub>N in the laboratory. Measuring res  
frequencies of  
rotational transitions of HC<sub>5</sub>N

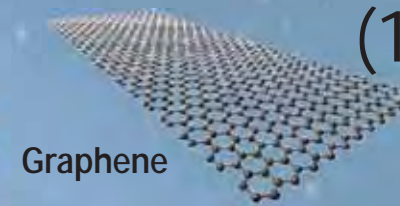


A.J. Alexander, **H.W. Kroto**, D.R.M. Walton  
J. Mol. Spectrosc., 62 (1976), pp. 175-180

## New field of nanoscience (1990~)



Fullerene



Graphene



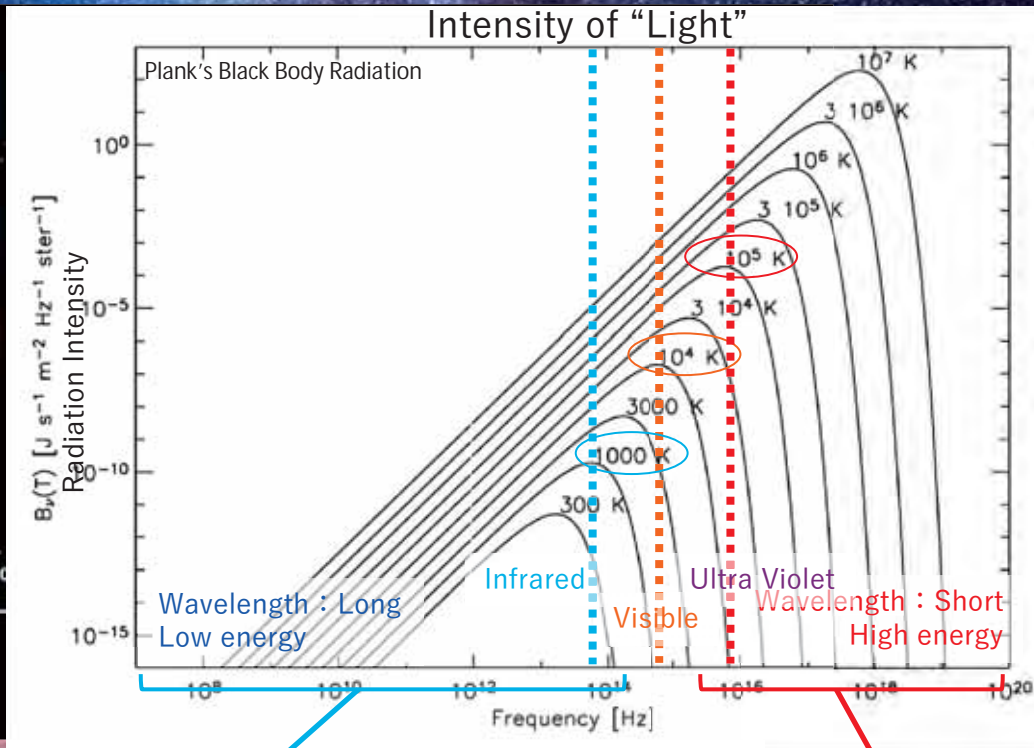
Carbon nanotube

Superconductivity, Photo Absorbent, Catalyst,  
Low Thermal Conductivity, Free radical  
Scavenger, Cage Structure, Electron Acceptor, etc.

(→Fuel Cell, Conductive Transparent Thin Film, Electronic Conductive  
Papers/Fibers, Biosensor, Drug Delivery System....)



# Solar Radiation vs Excitation Energy of Molecules ~ Coincidence? ~



Solar Radiation have a peak at ~500 nm  
→ 2.5 eV

Similar to the energy to excite "valence electrons" in molecules

Radiation energy can be converted to chemical energy  
→ Chemical reactions

Low energy photon  
Can not excite "valence-electrons" in molecules

High energy photon  
Mainly destroys molecules  
ex) C-H bond: 4-5 eV  
cf) Skin damage by UV

# Star and Planet Formation Laboratory



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