

# Chemistry as a Tool to Study Protoplanetary Disks: A Modeler's View

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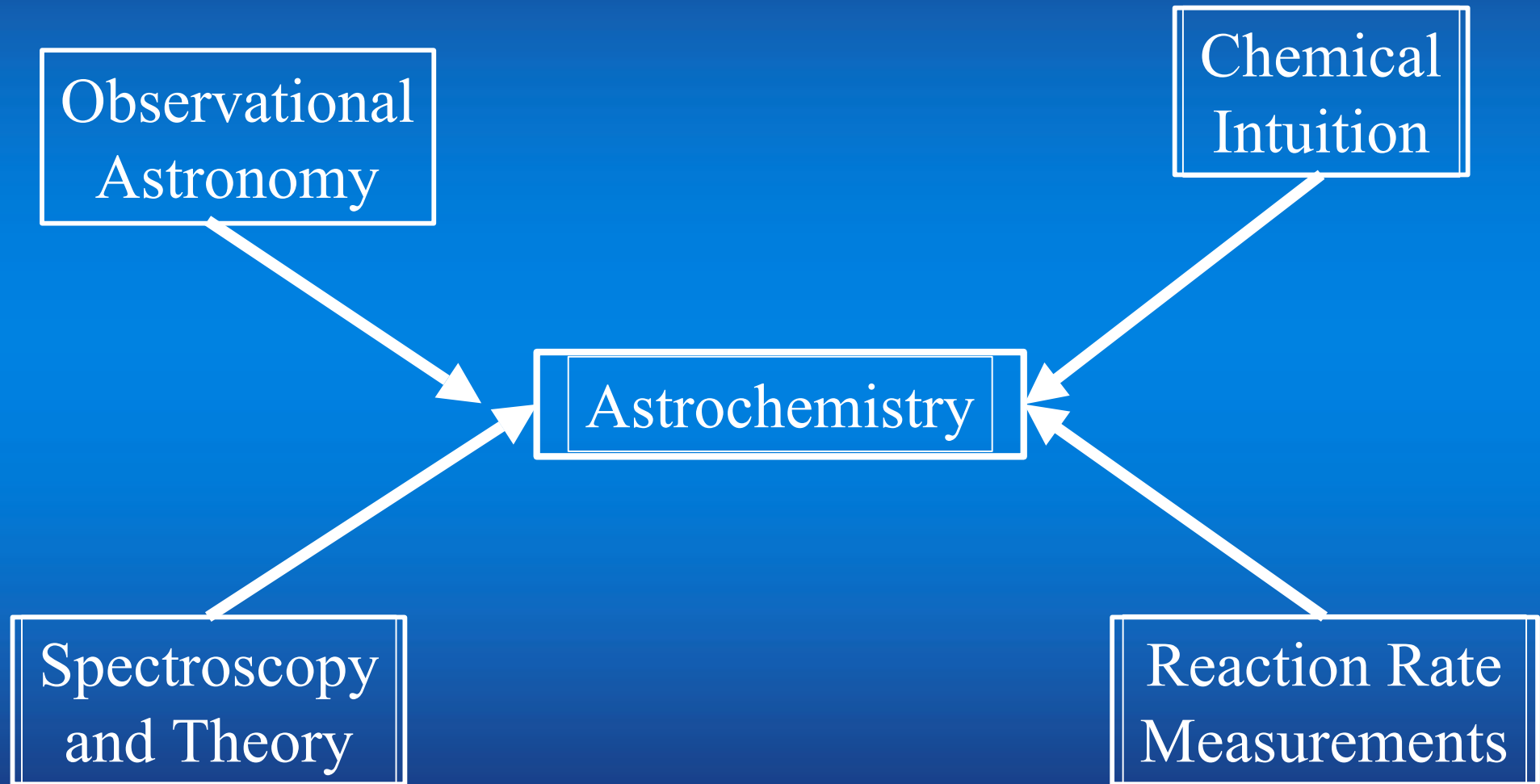
# Outline

*“All science is either physics or stamp collecting.”*

Ernest Rutherford (1871-1937)

- Basics of cosmochemistry
- Motivation to study disks
- Ionization state in disks
- Importance of disk dynamics for chemistry
- Disk and envelope around AB Aur
- Conclusions

# A Difficult Topic For Discussion



# Brief History of Atoms and Molecules

- 460 BC: concept of “atom” (Democritus)
- 1800’s: experimental proof (J. Dalton)
- 1870’s: periodic table (D. Mendeleev)
- First IS atoms are claimed in 1921
- First IS molecules: CH, CN, CH<sup>+</sup> (1937-41)
- First theory by Bates and Spitzer (1951)
- First IS molecule in radio: OH (1963)
- 1963-72: NH<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>CO, HCO<sup>+</sup>, etc.



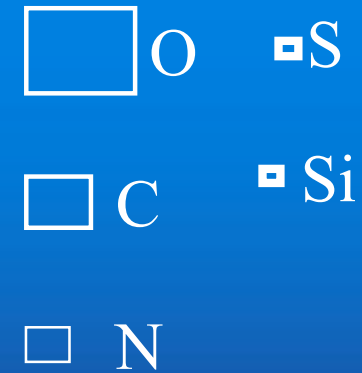
# Detected Interstellar Species

Number of Atoms										
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13
H <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	c-C <sub>3</sub> H	C <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> H	C <sub>6</sub> H	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>3</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>4</sub> H	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub> N?	HC <sub>9</sub> N	HC <sub>11</sub> N
AlF	C <sub>2</sub> H	l-C <sub>3</sub> H	C <sub>4</sub> H	l-H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CHCN	HCOOCH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CN	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO		
AlCl	C <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>3</sub> N	C <sub>4</sub> Si	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH?	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> COOH?		
C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> S	C <sub>3</sub> O	l-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	HC <sub>5</sub> N	C <sub>7</sub> H	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH			
CH	CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> S	c-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> NC	HCOCH <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub>	HC <sub>7</sub> N			
CH <sup>+</sup>	HCN	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CN	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	NH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		C <sub>8</sub> H			
CN	HCO	CH <sub>2</sub> D <sup>+</sup> ?	CH <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> SH	c-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O					
CO	HCO <sup>+</sup>	HCCN	HC <sub>3</sub> N	HC <sub>3</sub> NH <sup>+</sup>						
CO <sup>+</sup>	HCS <sup>+</sup>	HCNH <sup>+</sup>	HC <sub>2</sub> NC	HC <sub>2</sub> CHO						
CP	HOC <sup>+</sup>	HNCO	HCOOH	NH <sub>2</sub> CHO						
CSi	H <sub>2</sub> O	HNCS	H <sub>2</sub> CHN	C <sub>5</sub> N						
HCl	H <sub>2</sub> S	HOCO <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O							
KCl	HNC	H <sub>2</sub> CO	H <sub>2</sub> NCN							
NH	HNO	H <sub>2</sub> CN	HNC <sub>3</sub>							
NO	MgCN	H <sub>2</sub> CS	SiH <sub>4</sub>							
NS	MgNC	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> COH <sup>+</sup>							
NaCl	N <sub>2</sub> H <sup>+</sup>	NH <sub>3</sub>								
OH	N <sub>2</sub> O	SiC <sub>3</sub>								
PN	NaCN									
SO	OCS									
SO <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub>									
SiN	c-SiC <sub>2</sub>									
SiO	CO <sub>2</sub>									
SiS	NH <sub>2</sub>									
CS	H <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>									
HF										

Detected in disks: CO and isotopes, HCO<sup>+</sup>, DCO<sup>+</sup>, CN, HCN, DCN, HNC, N<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>CO, CS, HDO (Dutrey et al. 1997; Kastner et al. 1997)

Note that observations suggest the presence of large PAHs and fullerenes in the interstellar gas (Tielens et al 1999, Foing & Ehrenfreund 1997).

# The Astronomer's Periodic Table



# Role of Molecules

- Probes of physical conditions of the source
- Cooling of gas
- Detailed information about the source (cosmic rays, elemental abundances, dust properties, ionization/magnetic fields, etc.)



# Formation and Destruction of Molecules

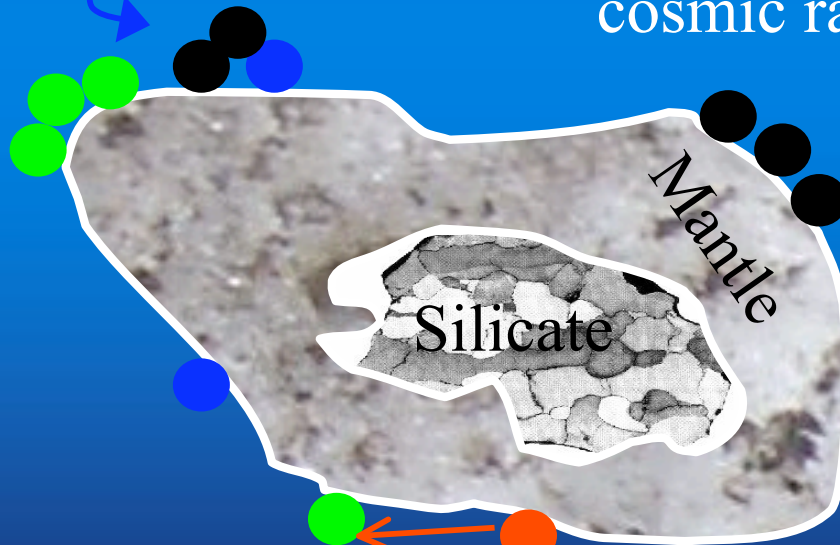
Collisions in gas phase



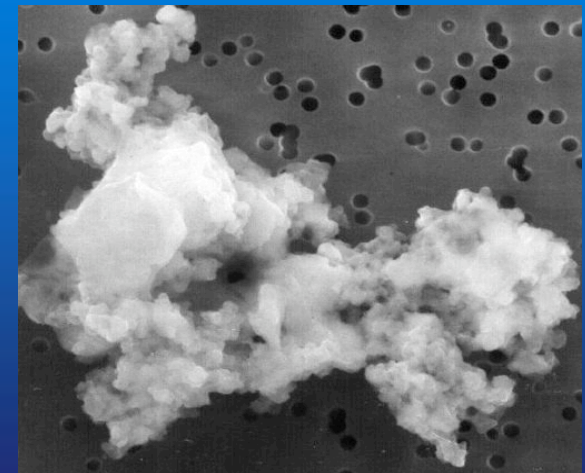
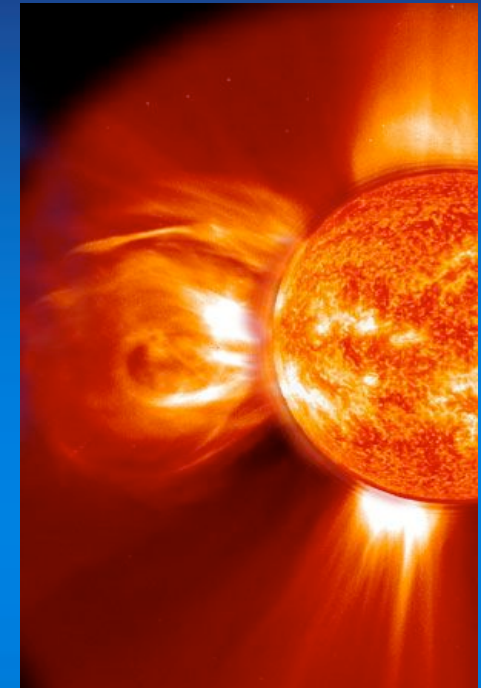
Accretion



Desorption  
(UV, X-ray,  
cosmic rays)



Surface reaction  
(thermal hopping)





# Important Reactions

- Ionization:  $\text{H} + h\nu, \text{X}, \text{CRP} \Rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-$
- Photodissociation:  $\text{CH} \Rightarrow \text{C} + \text{H}$
- Charge exchange:  $\text{H}^+ + \text{O} \Rightarrow \text{H} + \text{O}^+$
- Atom exchange:  $\text{O}^+ + \text{H}_2 \Rightarrow \text{OH}^+ + \text{H}$
- Radiative association:  $\text{H} + \text{C} \Rightarrow \text{CH} + h\nu$
- Neutral-neutral:  $\text{CH} + \text{NO} \Rightarrow \text{HCN} + \text{O}$
- Ion-molecule:  $\text{H}_3^+ + \text{CO} \Rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{HCO}^+$
- Dissociative rec.:  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{e}^- \Rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}$
- Surface reactions:  $\text{H} + \text{O} \Rightarrow \text{OH}$

(yellow – effective at low temperatures)

# Chemical Reaction Databases

- Ohio State University (OSU): 4300 reactions, 430 species, 12 elements
- Manchester University (UMIST):
  - Rate95: 4000 reactions, 400 species, 12 elements
  - Rate07: 4600 reactions, 420 species, 12 elements([www.udfa.net](http://www.udfa.net))
- NIST Chemical Kinetics Database:  
~30,000 neutral-neutral reactions, theory and experiment, generate best fit
- JPL (Anicich):  
Compilation of all ion-molecule reactions with references

# Chemical Reaction Databases

- About 10-20% of all reactions have accurately determined rates
- Extrapolation of rates on low T
- Many neutral-neutral reaction rates were “guessed”
- Branching ratios are not well constrained
- Photorates are based on 1D plane-parallel UV model
- Scarse X-ray chemistry
- Unknown surface chemistry / desorption energies

*“Errors using inadequate data are much less than those using no data at all.”*

Charles Babbage (1792-1871)

# Time-Dependent Chemistry Modeling

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \sum_{j,k \neq i} k_{jk} n_j n_k - n_i \sum_l k_l n_l + \nabla D n_{\text{H}_2} \nabla n_i / n_{\text{H}_2} - \nabla U n_i$$

Evolution = Formation - Destruction + Diffusion + Advection  
[ Chemistry ] [ Dynamics ]

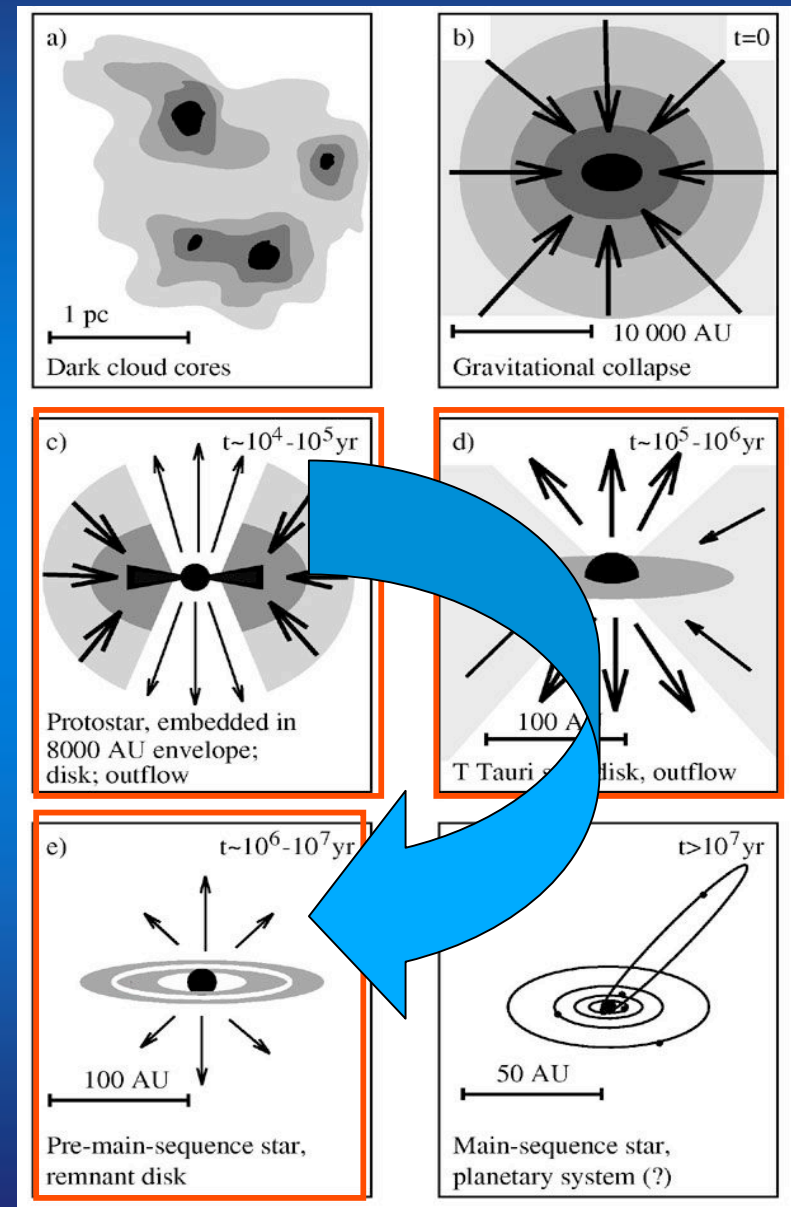
Input information:

- Physical conditions, diffusion coefficient & flow data
- Initial abundances of species
- Chemical network
- Numerical solver
- Benchmarking



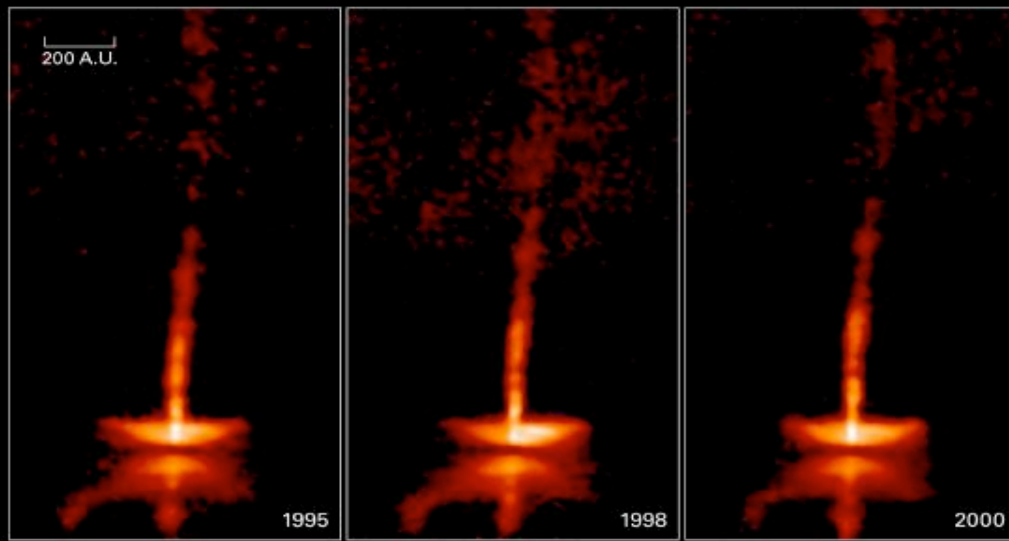
# Motivation to Study Protoplanetary Disks

- Initial conditions for planet formation
- Composition of primitive bodies in the solar system
- Gas depletion and dissipation in disks – Molecules as tracers of disk evolutionary history
- Chemistry – Physical state of the disk (temperature, density, radiation, ionization, transport)



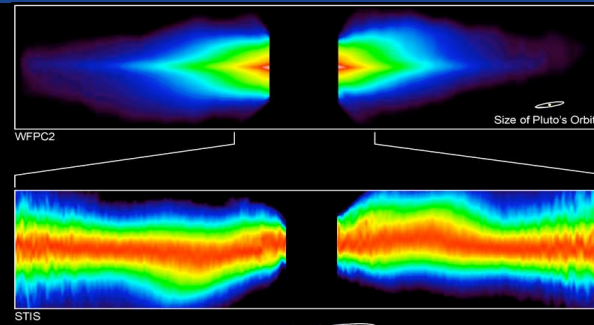
Hogerheijde (1999)

# Disk Bestiary

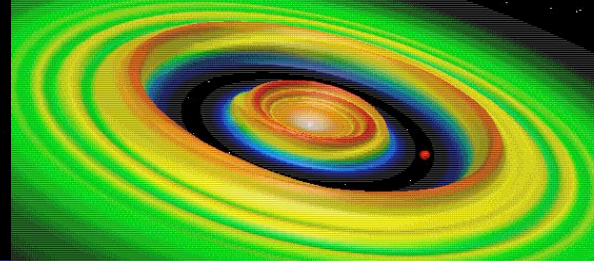


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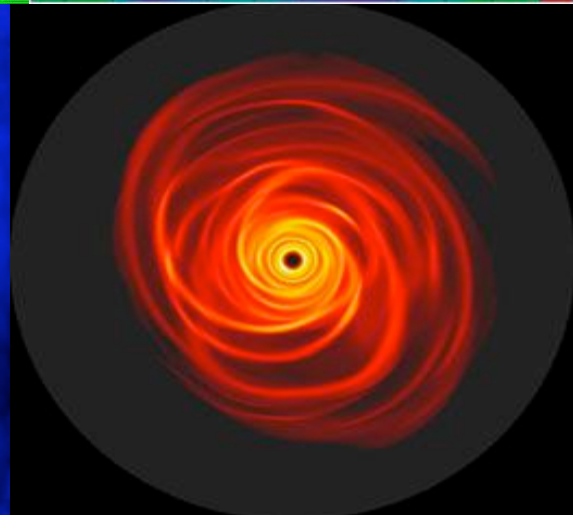
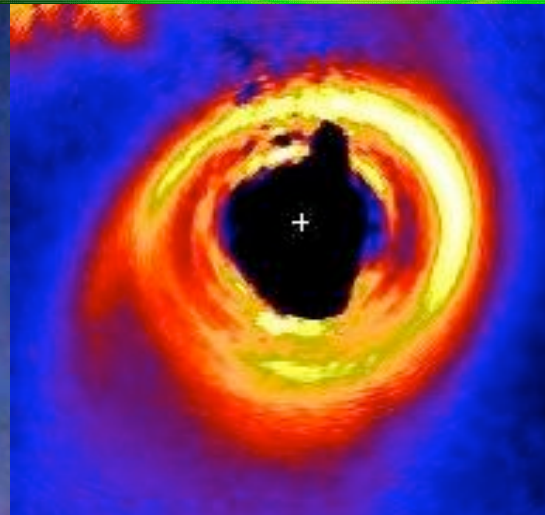
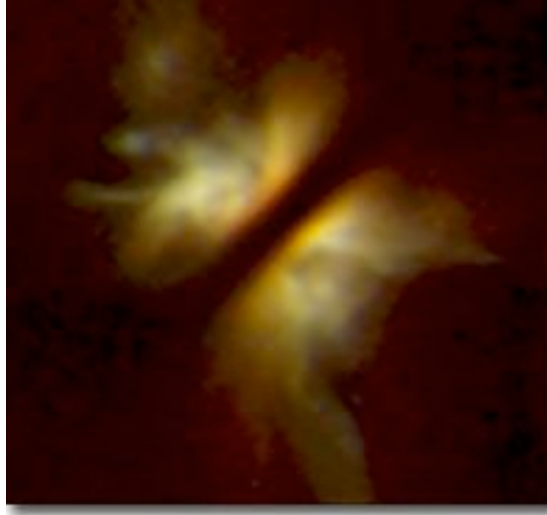
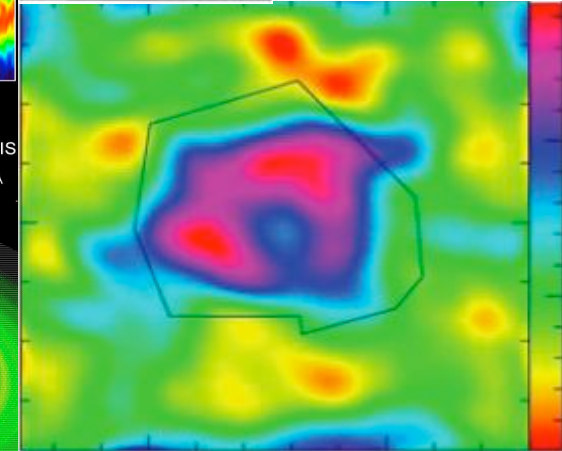
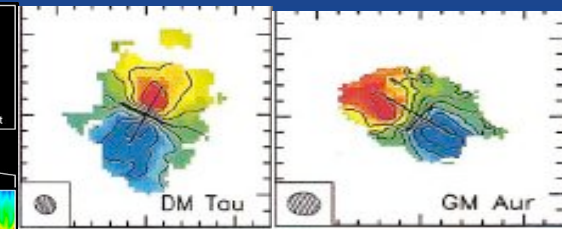
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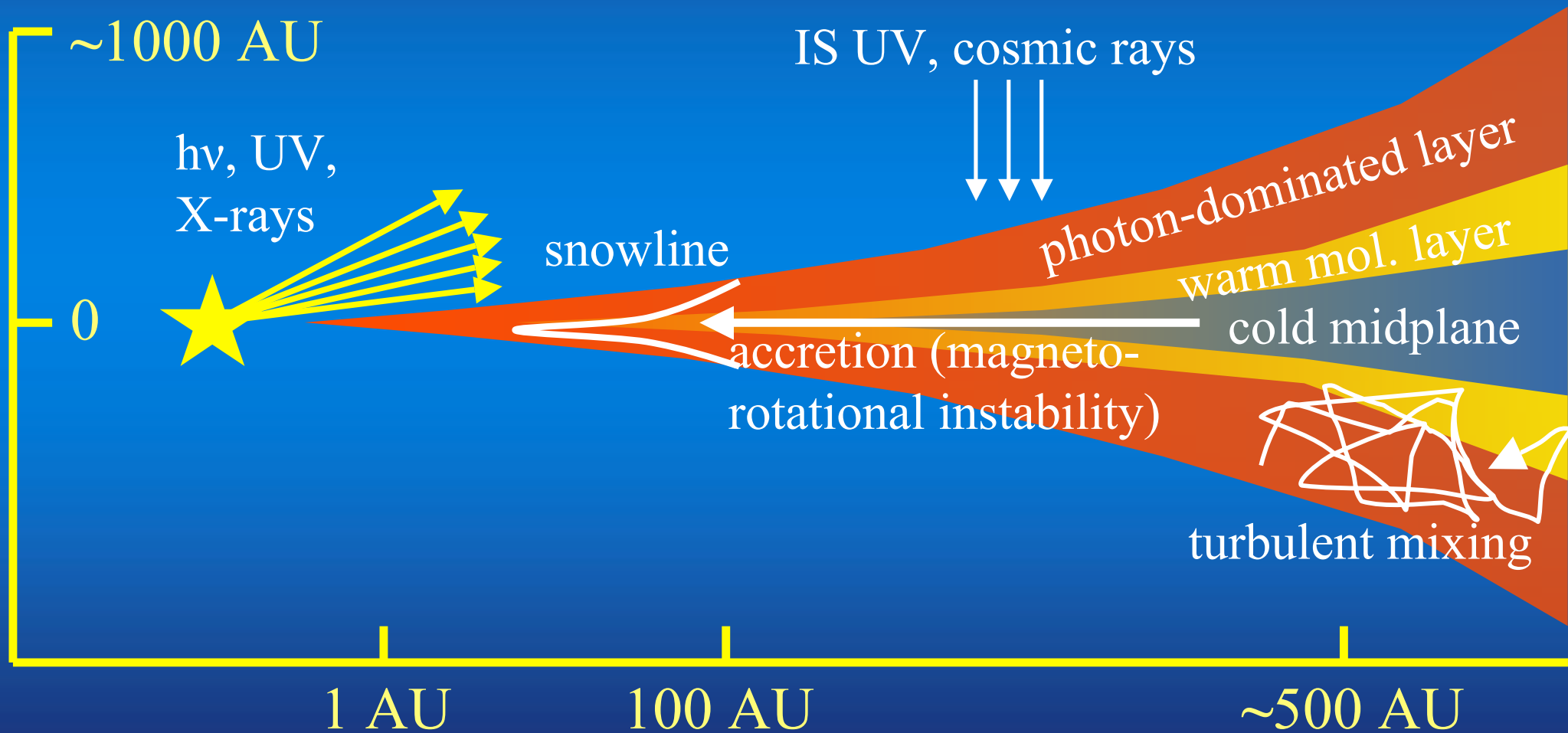


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# Disk Structure

Observable region with interferometers



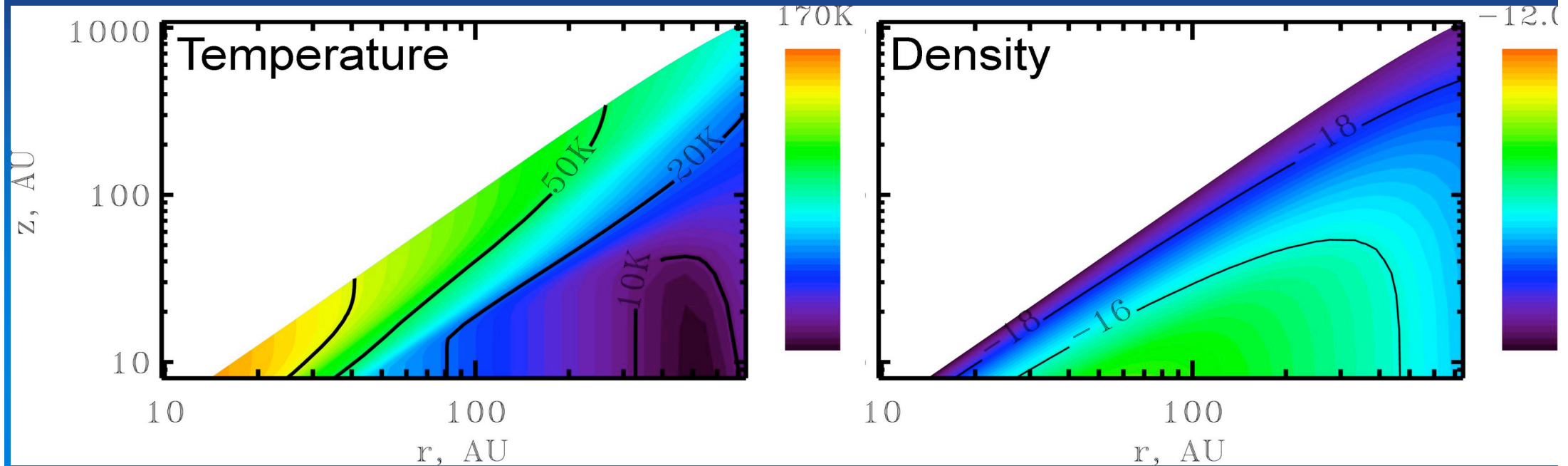
# Results: I. Ionization Degree in Disks

- Angular momentum transport via MHD turbulence  
(Balbus & Hawley 1991)
- Low ionization implies non-ideal MHD regime but often simple chemical equilibrium is used
- “Dead” zone size and location

(Semenov, Wiebe, Henning, 2004, A&A, 417, 93)



# Disk Physical Model



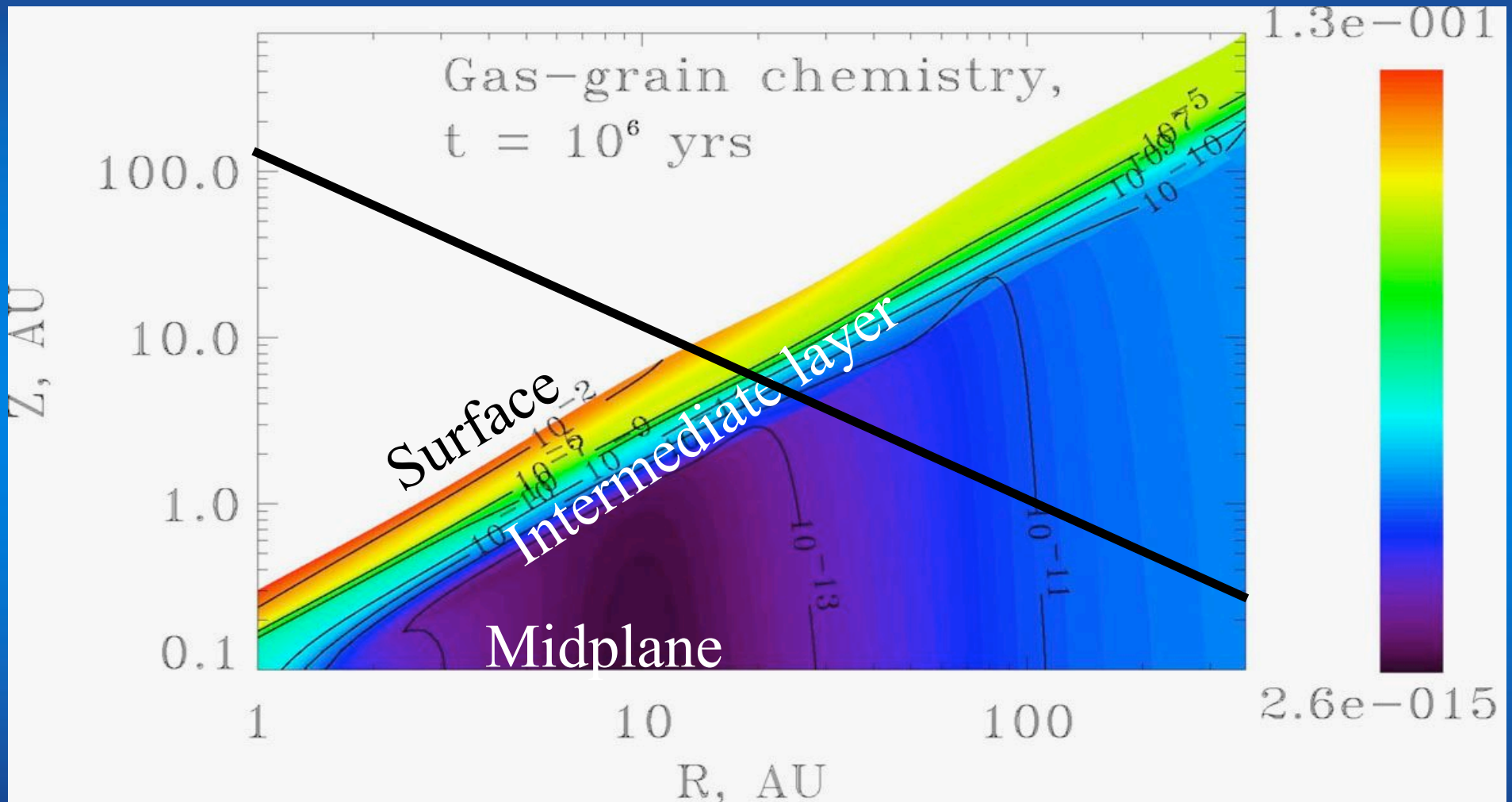
- Steady-state flared disk of D'Alessio et al. (1999)
- Mass:  $0.05-0.5M_{\text{sun}}$ , radius: 200-800 AU,  $\alpha=0.01-0.1$
- Grain size distribution (mostly sub-micron particles)

# Disk Chemical Model

- Updated UMIST'95 network
- Limited deuterium chemistry
- High-energy sources: X-ray, UV, cosmic ray particles
- Gas-grain interactions: accretion, desorption
- Surface chemistry
- Atomic/Molecular initial abundances
- Evolution over a few Myr

(Semenov et al., 2004-06)

# Ionization Structure at 1 Myr



„Layered“ vertical structure

# Dominant Ions at 1 Myr

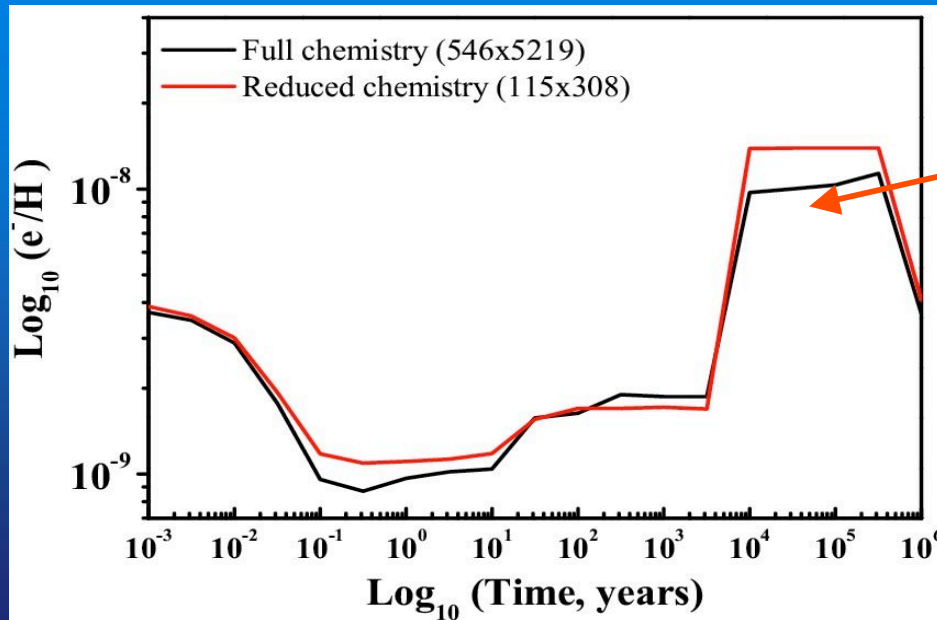
R, AU	1	3	10	30	100	300	373
Midplane	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{HCNH}^+$	$\text{HCO}^+$	$\text{HCO}^+$	$\text{N}_2\text{H}^+$	$\text{H}_3^+$	$\text{H}_3^+$
Intermediate layer	$\text{Mg}^+$	$\text{HCO}^+$ , $\text{S}^+$ , $\text{H}_3^+$ , $\text{NH}_4^+$ , etc.	$\text{HCO}^+$	$\text{HCO}^+$	$\text{HCO}^+$	$\text{HCO}^+$	$\text{HCO}^+$
Surface layer	$\text{C}^+$ $\text{H}^+$	$\text{C}^+$ $\text{H}^+$	$\text{C}^+$	$\text{C}^+$	$\text{C}^+$	$\text{C}^+$	$\text{C}^+$

$\text{C}^+$  is the most abundant ion,  
 $\text{HCO}^+$  is the most abundant observable ion



# Chemical Stratification

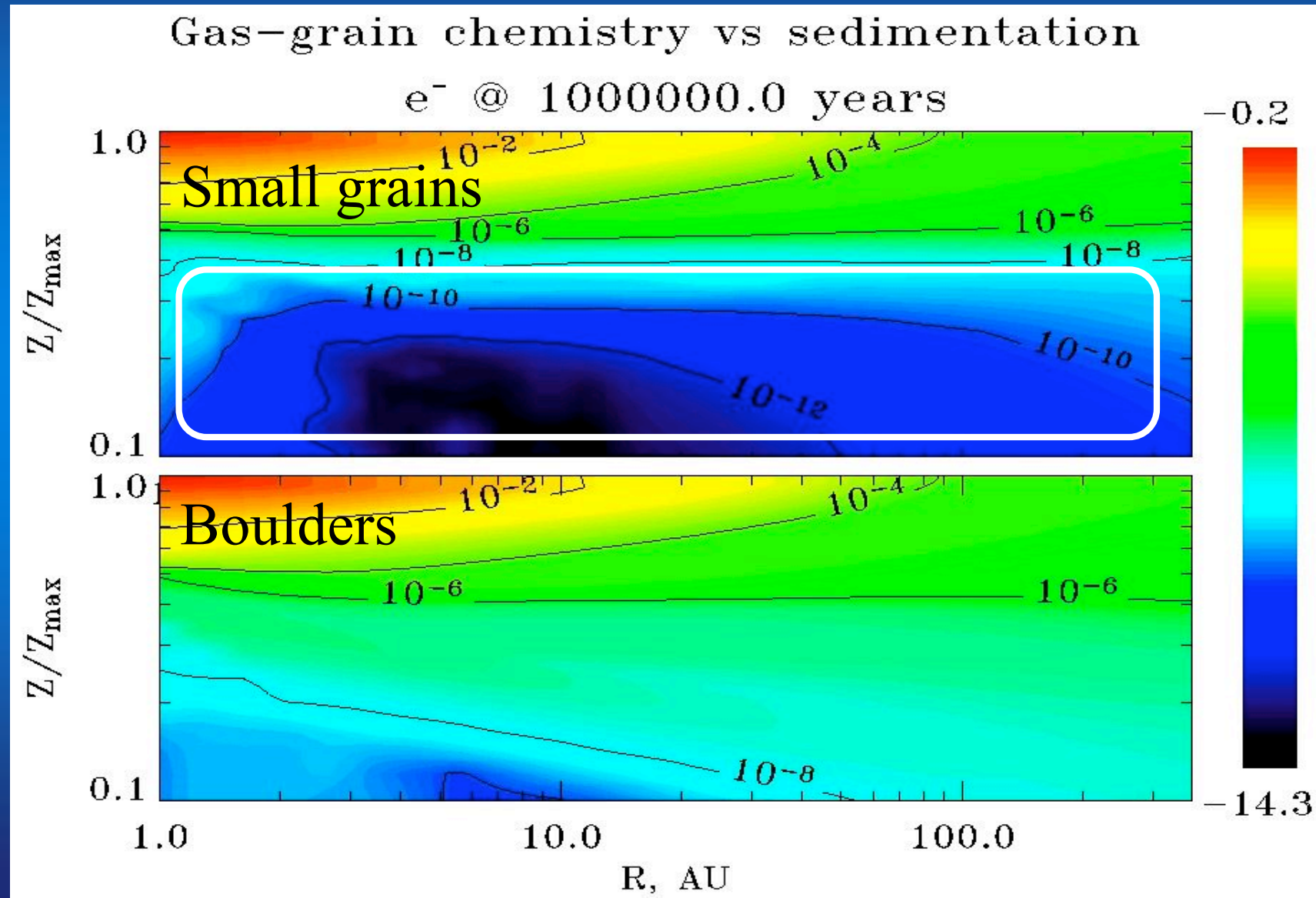
- **Surface** ( $\sim 10$  species, 20 reactions,  $\sim 1,000$  yrs):  
Photochemistry driven by stellar X-rays and UV
- **Midplane** ( $\sim 20$  species, 50 reactions,  $\sim 10,000$  yrs):  
“Dark” chemistry (cosmic rays, RN) with freeze out
- **Intermediate layer** ( $\sim 100$  species, 300 reactions):  
“Rich” molecular chemistry (X-rays), no equilibrium!



Chemical equilibrium is not reached in the inner disk zone

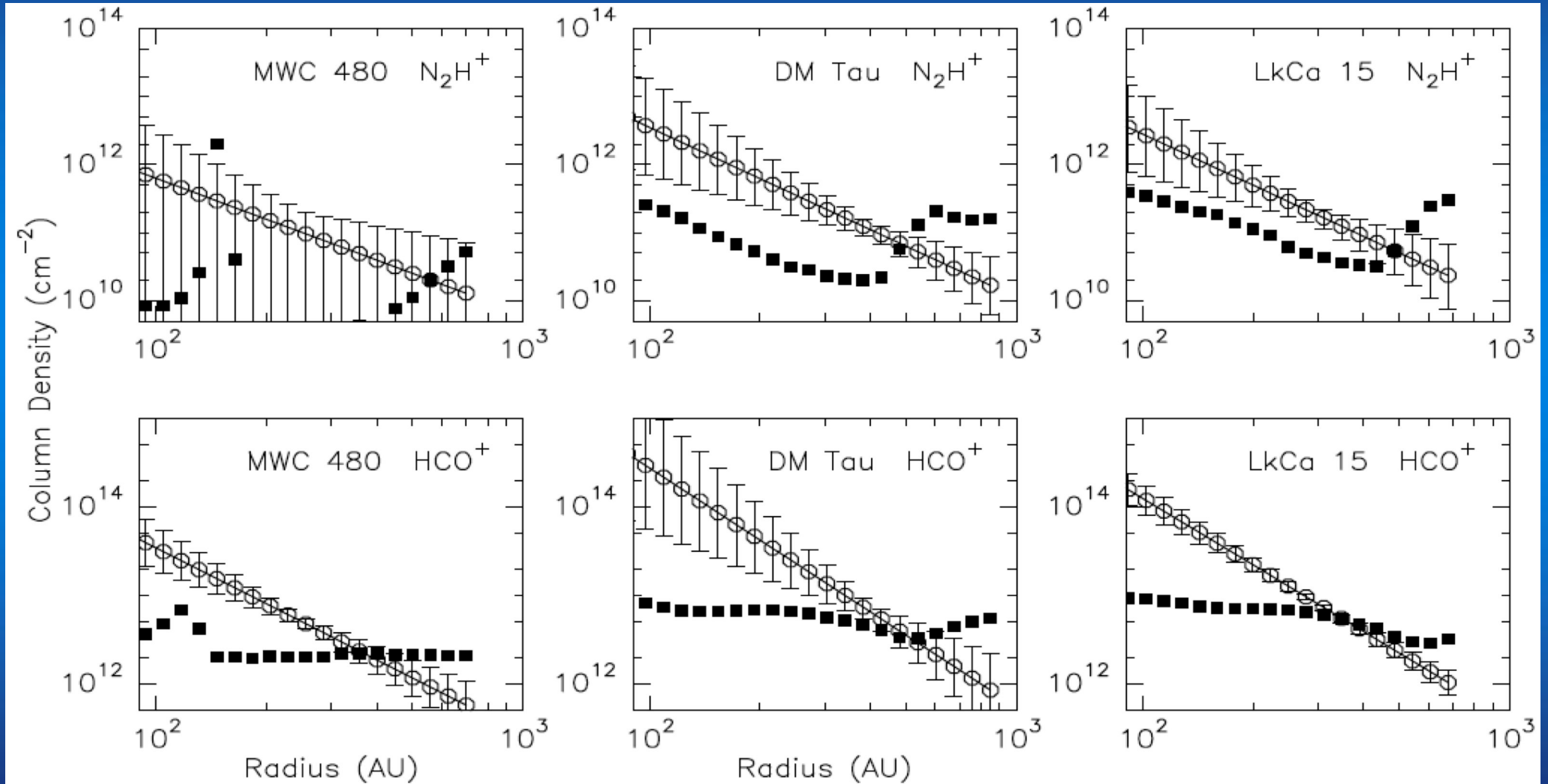
# Ionization Structure: of Grain Evolution

# Effect



# Observed $\text{N}_2\text{H}^+$ and $\text{HCO}^+$ :

(„CID“: Bordeaux – Heidelberg – Jena – Grenoble - Paris)



(Dutrey, Henning et al. 2007, A&A, arXiv:astro-ph/0612534)

## II. Turbulence in Disks

### Theoretical Milestones:

- Anomalous viscosity (von Weizsäcker, early 40s)
- Alpha-model of disks (Shakura & Sunyaev 1973)
- Magnetorotational instability (Balbus & Hawley 1991)

### Observational Hints:

- Non-thermal line broadening ( $\sim 100$  m/s)
- Crystalline silicates in comets and outer disk regions (van Boeckel et al. 2005, Wooden et al. 2005)
- Gas-phase CO at  $T < 20$  K in DM Tau (Dartois et al. 2003)

# Previous Results

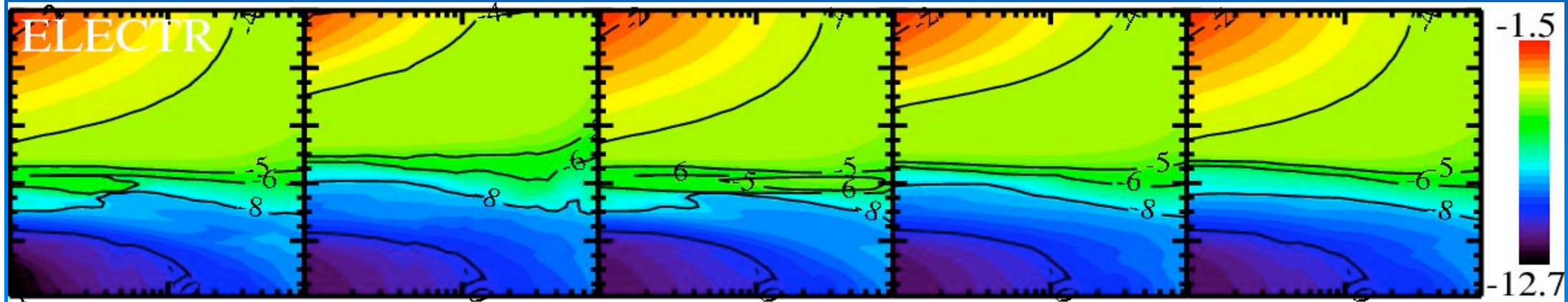
- Layered disk structure is preserved
- Ionization degree is not affected
- Many species abundances are increased
- CO<sub>2</sub> formation in inner zone (<10 AU)
- Oxygen isotopic anomaly in Solar Nebula
- Better agreement with observations (1D-model)

Gail & Tscharnuter (>2000), Ilgner et al. (2004, 2006),  
Lyons & Young (2005), Willacy et al. (2006)



# New: Disk Ionization Degree

Static      1D-Vertical    1D-Radial    2D-Mixing    2D-Mixing/100



10 AU      800 AU

Comp: 2h

48h

24h

7days

Chemical equilibrium is faster than dynamics  
(~1,000 vs 10,000 years)

# New: Cold CO Gas

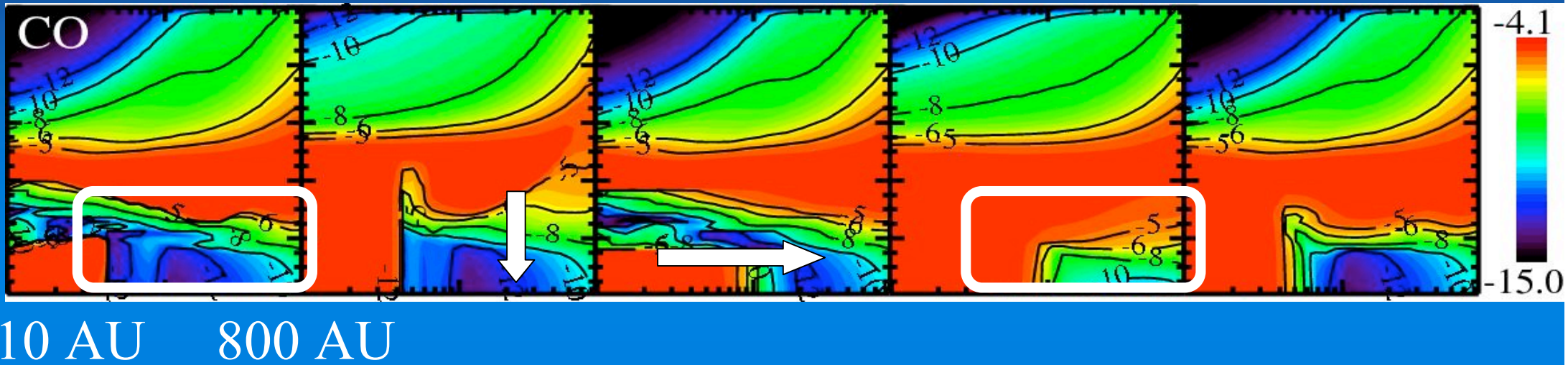
Static

1D-Vertical

1D-Radial

2D-Mixing

2D-Mixing/100



Effective transport of CO (2D-model)  
supports the observations of Dartois et al. (2003)

# New: Gas-phase H<sub>2</sub>CO

Static

1D-Vertical

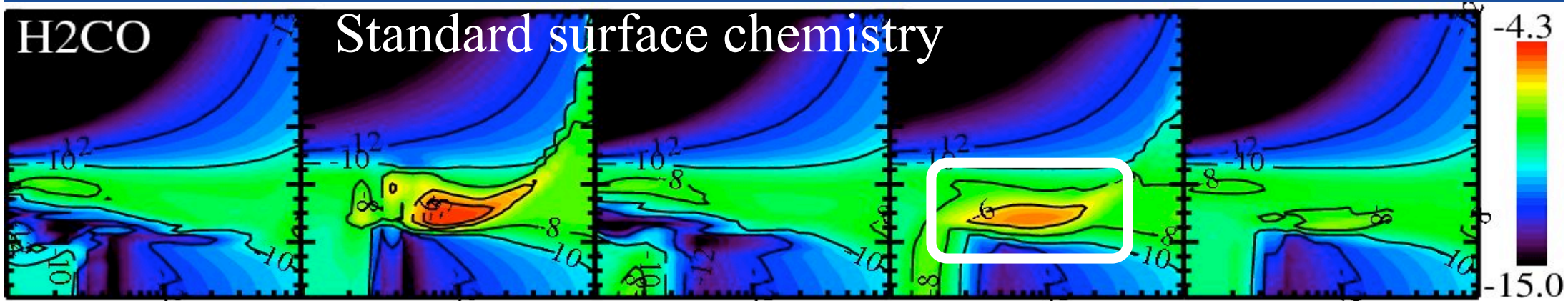
1D-Radial

2D-Mixing

2D-Mixing/100

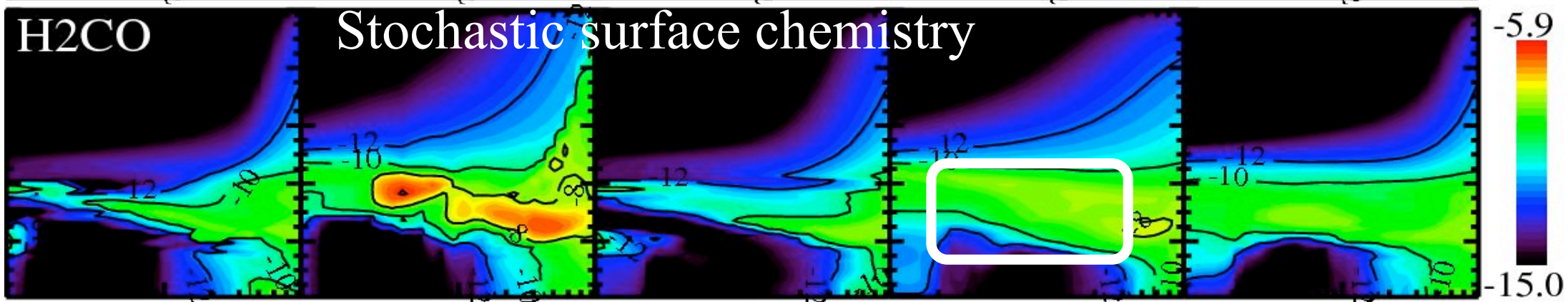
H<sub>2</sub>CO

Standard surface chemistry



H<sub>2</sub>CO

Stochastic surface chemistry



10 AU

800 AU

H<sub>2</sub>CO abundances are sensitive to the details of surface chemistry



# New: Gas-phase H<sub>2</sub>O and HDO

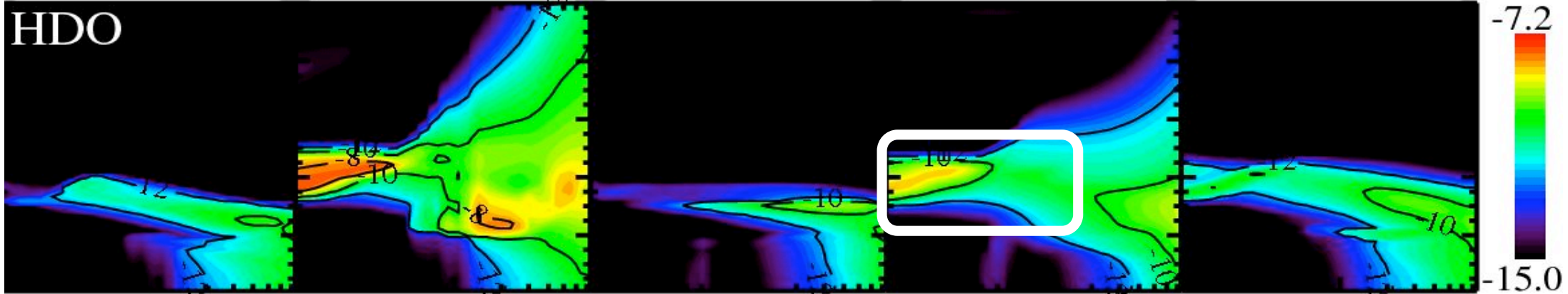
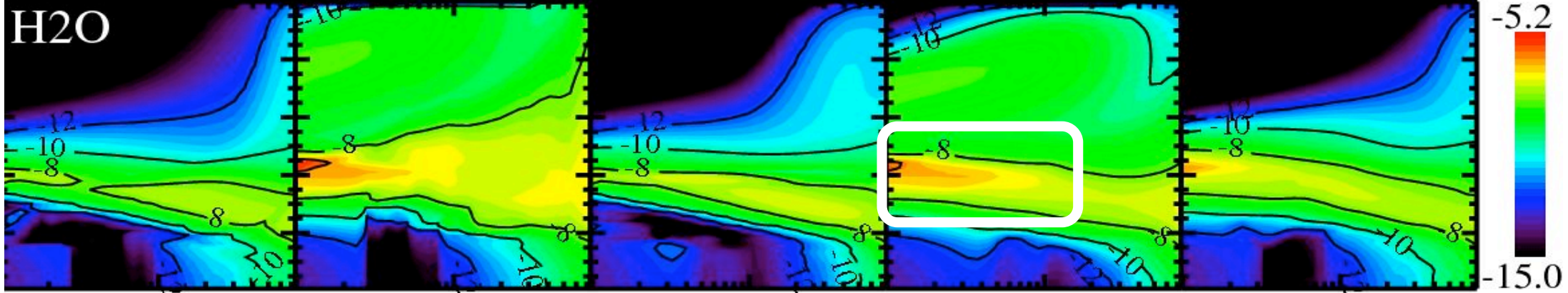
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1D-Vertical

1D-Radial

2D-Mixing

2D-Mixing/100

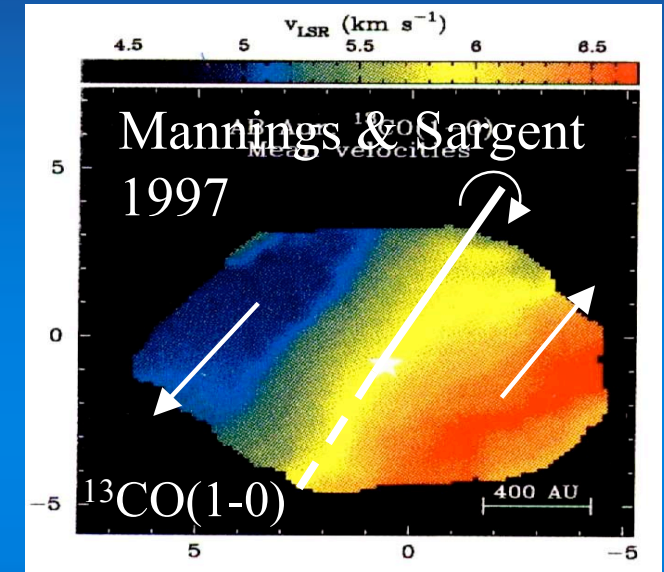
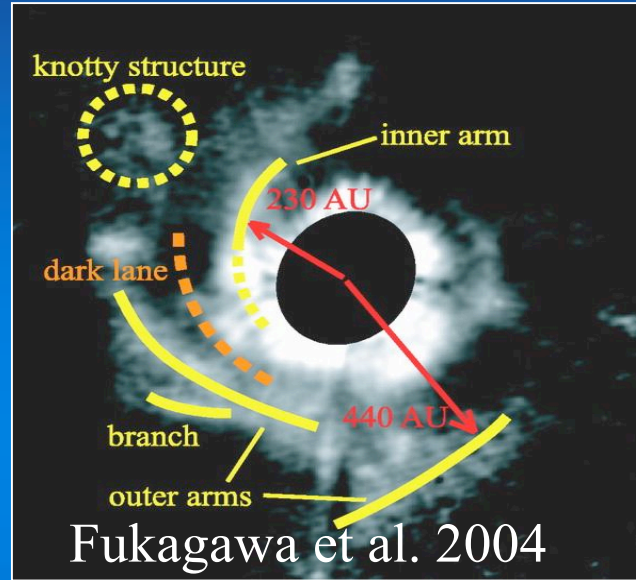
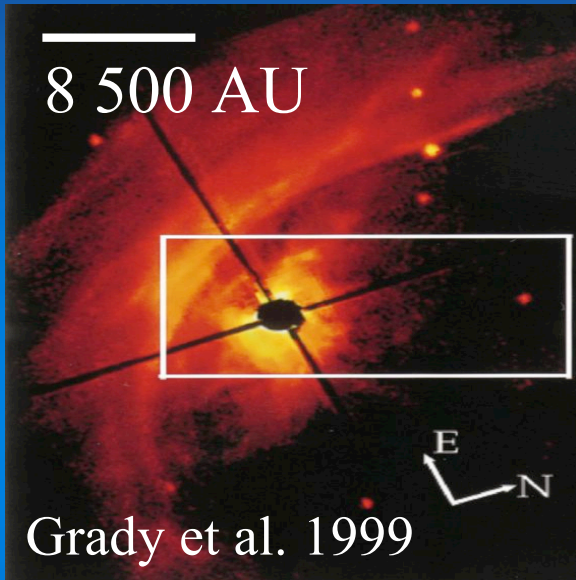


10 AU

800 AU

More gas-phase water in planet-forming zone

# III. Observations and Modeling of AB Aur



**Star:** Herbig Ae, 140pc, 10 000K,  $\approx 2.5M_{\text{Sun}}$ ,  $\sim 2\text{Myr}$

**Rotating disk:**  $\sim 400\text{ AU}$ ,  $\sim 0.01M_{\text{Sun}}$

**Envelope:** diffuse,  $\sim 35000\text{ AU}$ ,  $\sim 1M_{\text{Sun}}$



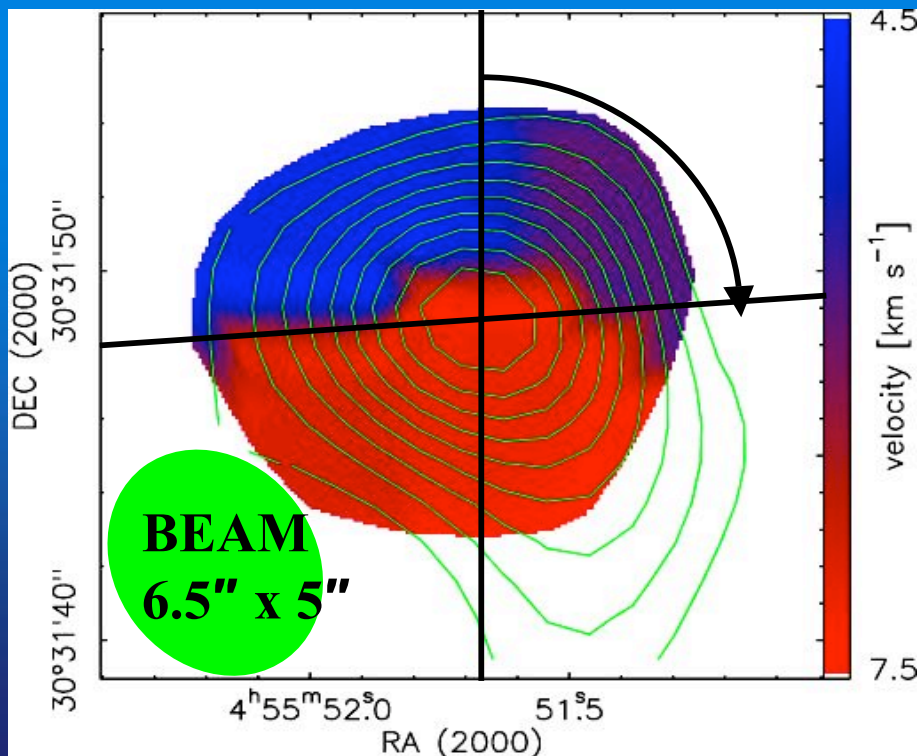
# Sub-millimeter Observations

IRAM 30-m antenna:  $\text{HCO}^+$ ,  $\text{DCO}^+$ , CO,  $\text{C}^{18}\text{O}$ , HCN, HNC, CN,  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$ , SiO, CS @  $10''$ – $30''$

( $\sim 1500$  –  $4500$  AU)

Plateau de Bure interferometer (5x15-m antennas):

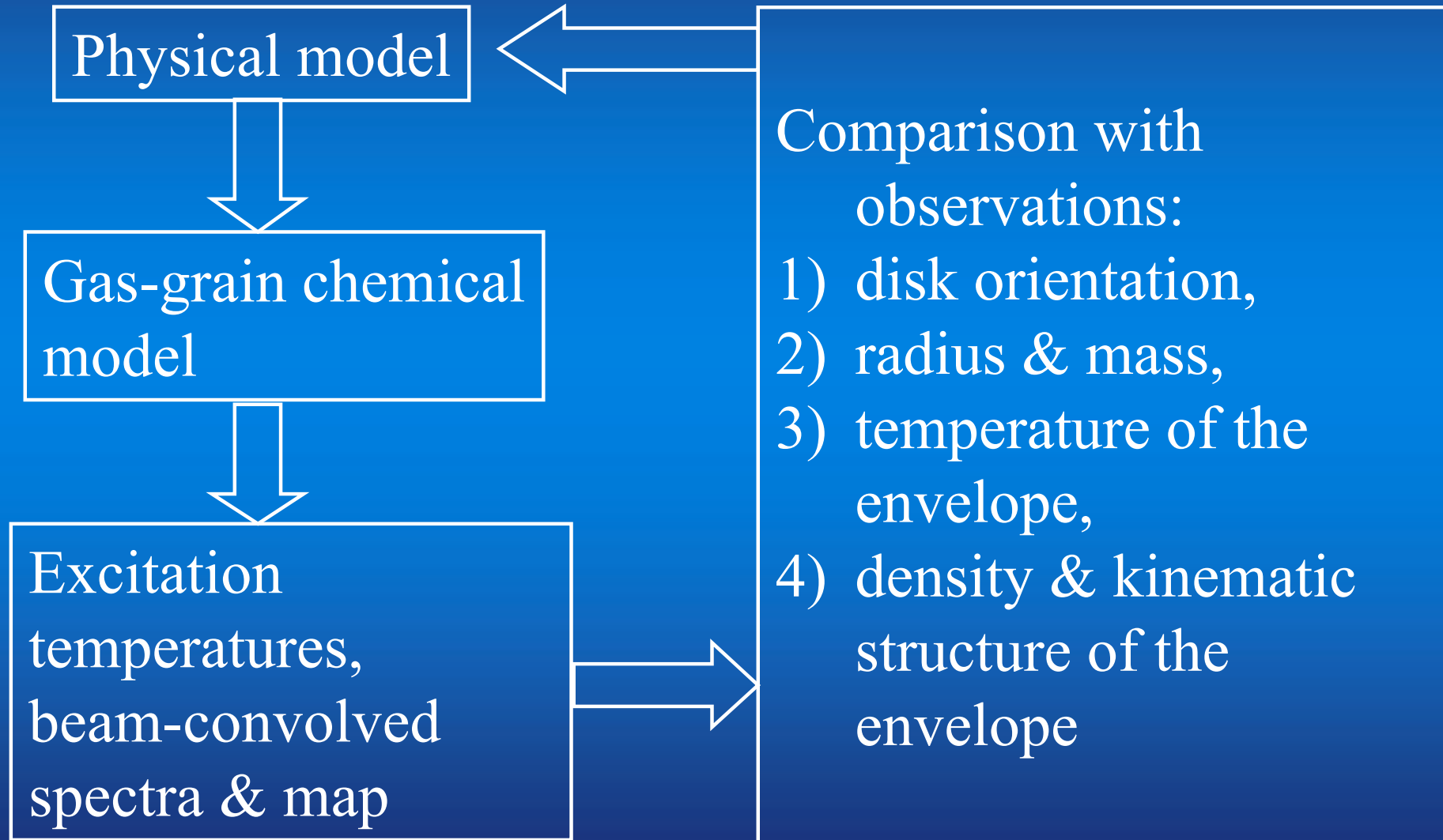
$\text{HCO}^+$  (1-0) @  $5.1''$  x  $6.8''$  ( $\sim 850$  AU)



Face-on rotating disk  
( $r \leq 1000$  AU),  
positional angle  $\sim 80^{\circ}$

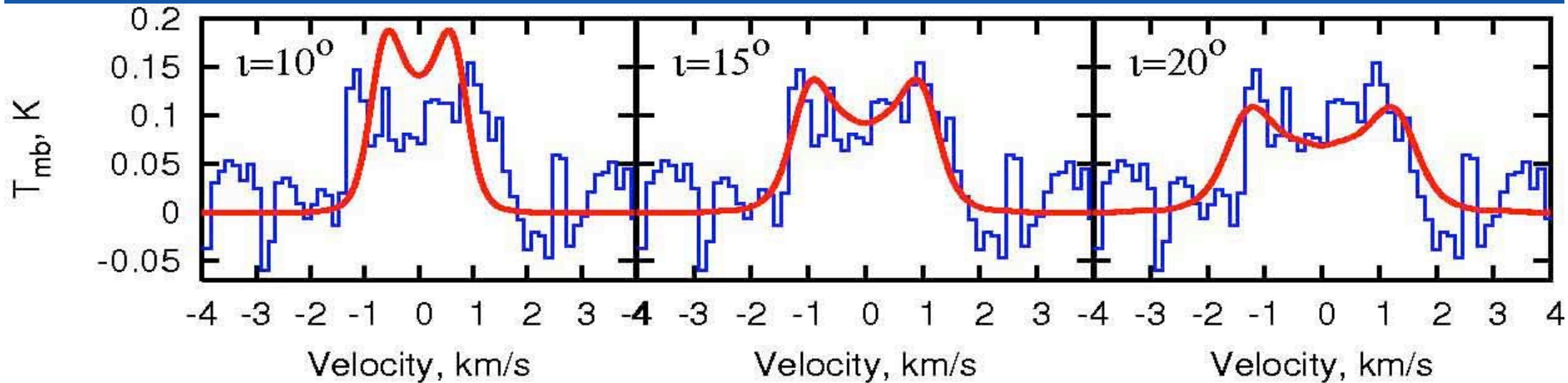
# „Step-by-step“ Modeling Scheme

30 iterations (3 days each)



# Orientation

(Semenov et al., 2005, ApJ, 621, 853)

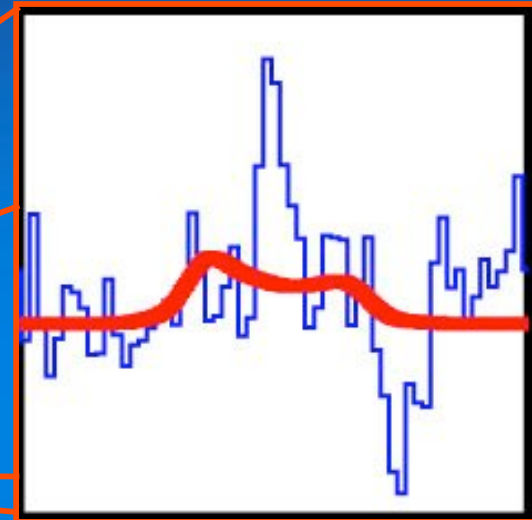
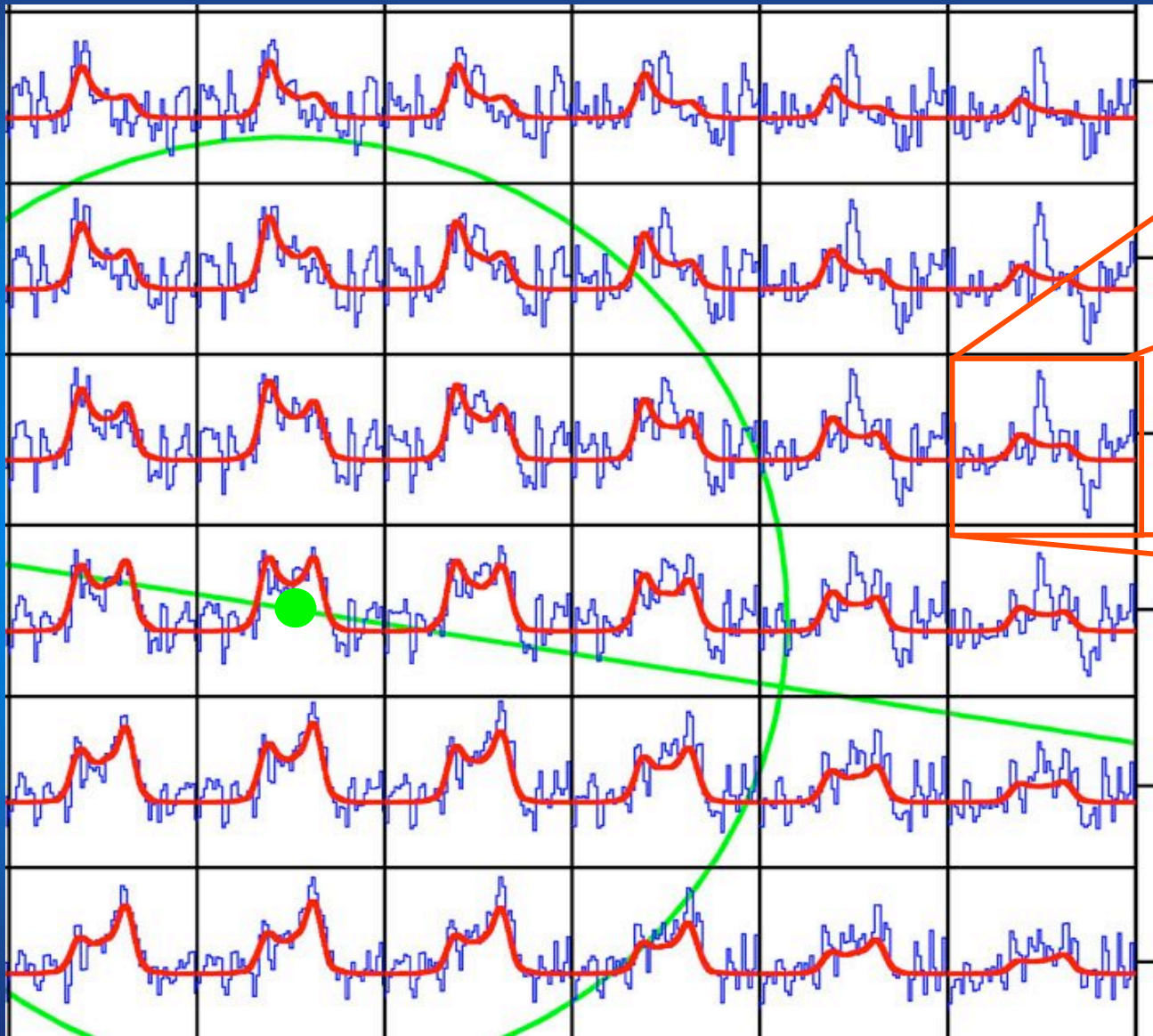


(depends on the stellar mass and disk density gradient)

Inclination angle (width):  $i = 17^{+6}_{-3}^\circ$

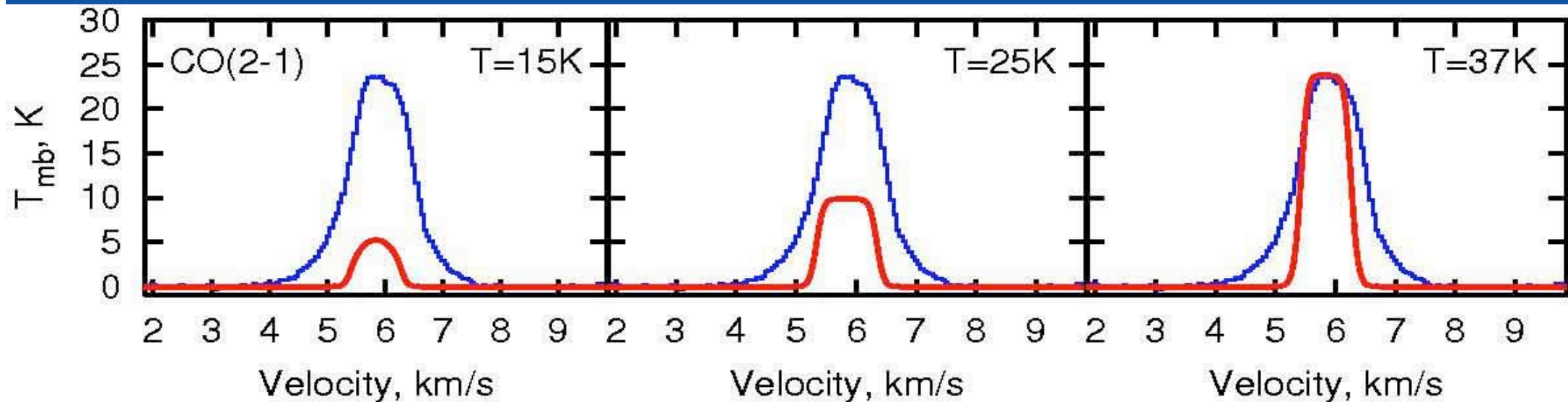
Positional angle (shape):  $\varphi = 80^\circ \pm 30^\circ$

# HCO<sup>+</sup>(1-0) Interferometric Map



- Disk radius is  $400 \pm 200 \text{ AU}$
- Disk mass is  $0.01 M_{\text{sun}} (\pm \times 7)$
- Keplerian rotation
- “Clumps?”

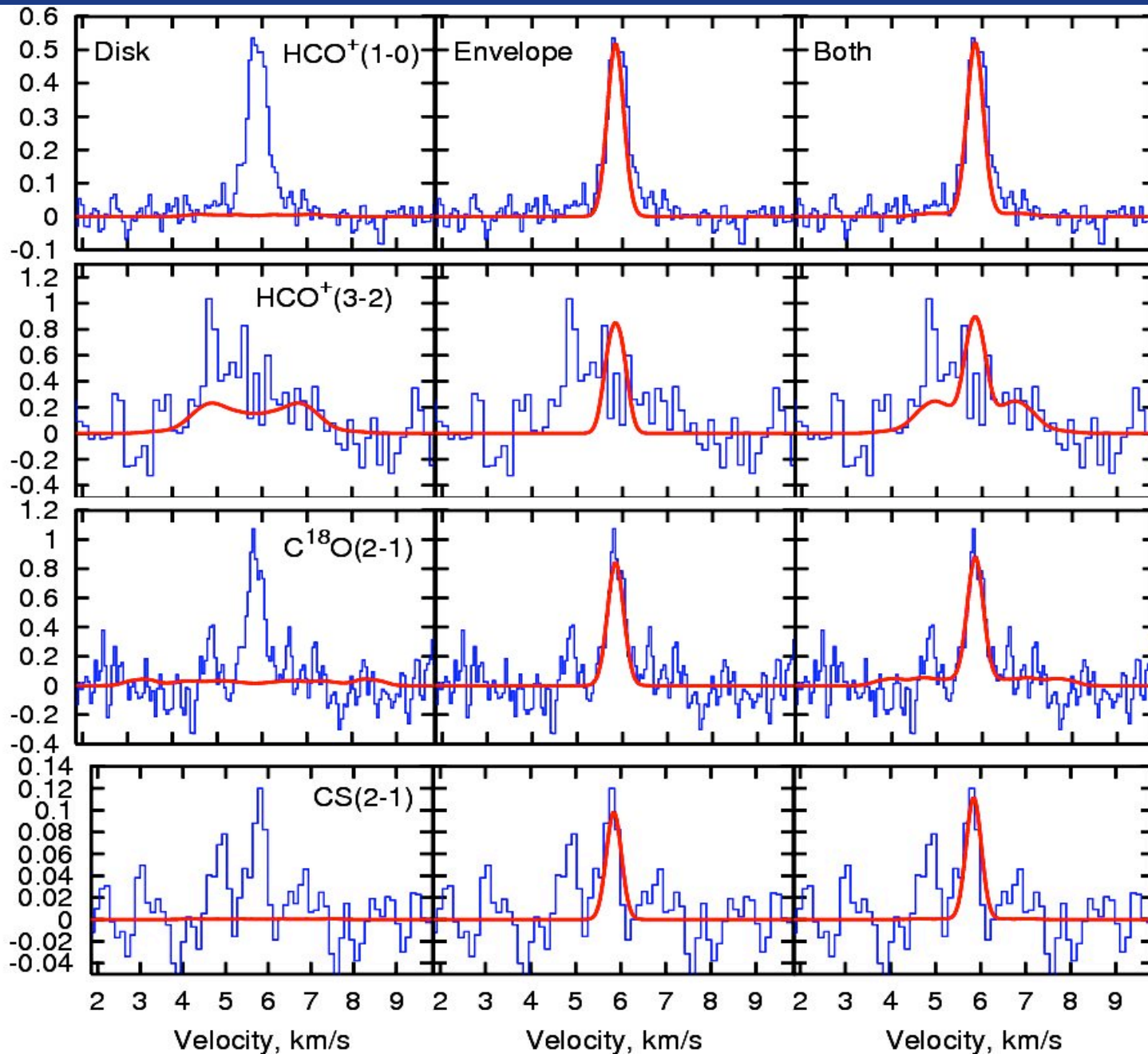
# Temperature in Envelope: CO(2-1)



Temperature  $\approx 35 \pm 14K$  ( $r \leq 800$  AU)



# Density of Envelope



$\text{HCO}^+(1-0)$ :  $n_0=4 \cdot$

$10 (5) \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$(3-2)/(1-0)$ :

$p=-1 \pm 0.3$ ,

infall profile

Total mass:

about  $1 M_{\text{sun}}$

Accretion rate:

$4 \cdot 10^{-8} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$

Disk dispersal:

about 0.3 Myr

Envelope age:

$< 25 \text{ Myr}$

# Conclusions

- Mostly equilibrium chemistry for ionization degree
- $\text{HCO}^+$  is the dominant observable ion (radio)
- Stochastic surface chemistry in disks
- Mixing works as non-thermal desorption
- Both radial and vertical mixings are crucial
- Mixing model agrees better with observations
- Consistent chemical and LRT modeling provides a wealth of information about disks
- Envelopes can be crucial for disk evolution

# Collaborators

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- Ya. Pavlyuchenkov (MPIA): Line Radiative Transfer
- K. Schreyer (Jena): Disk observations
- C. Dullemond (MPIA): Disk dynamics