

# Spatially Resolved Observations of Protoplanetary Disk Chemistry

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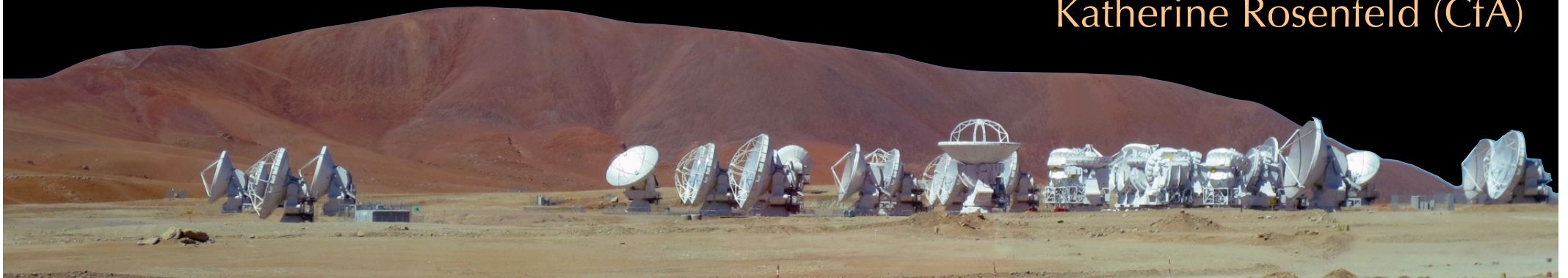
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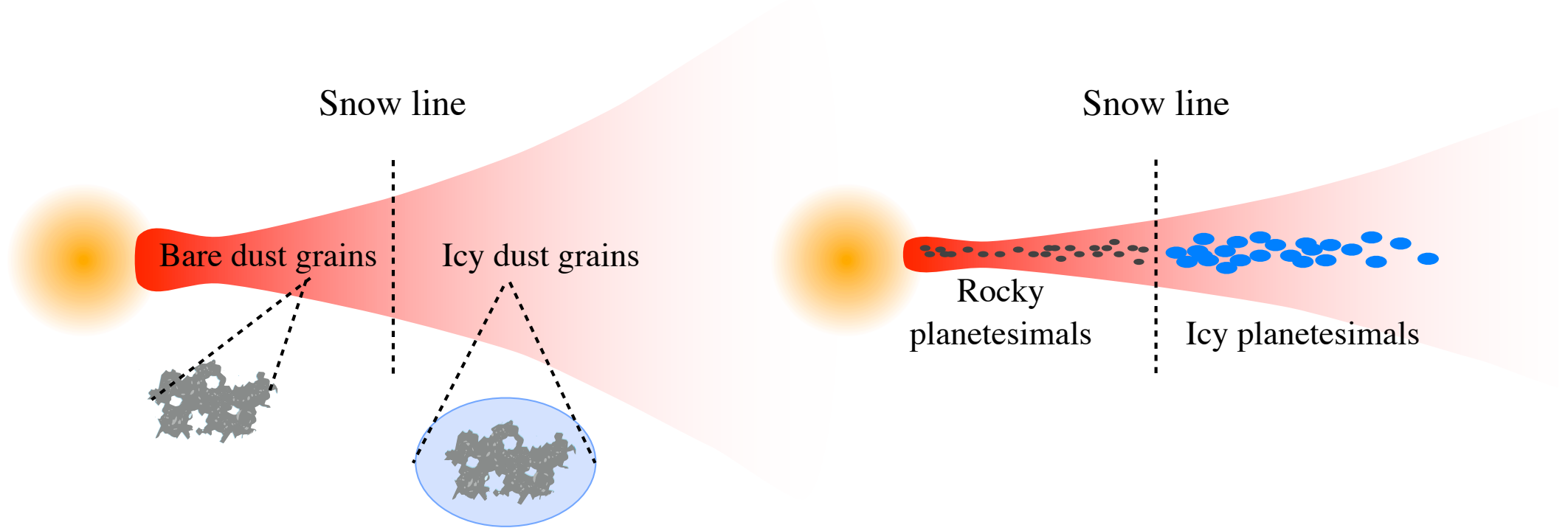
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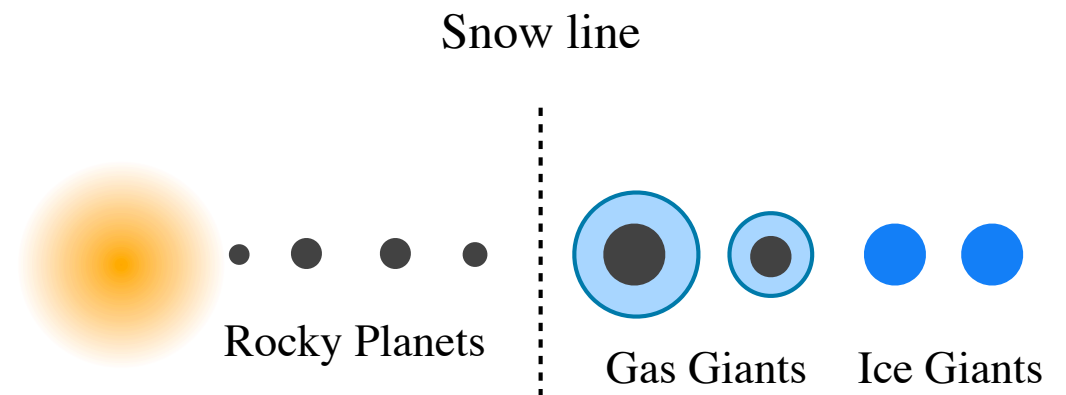


# Planet formation around the snow line



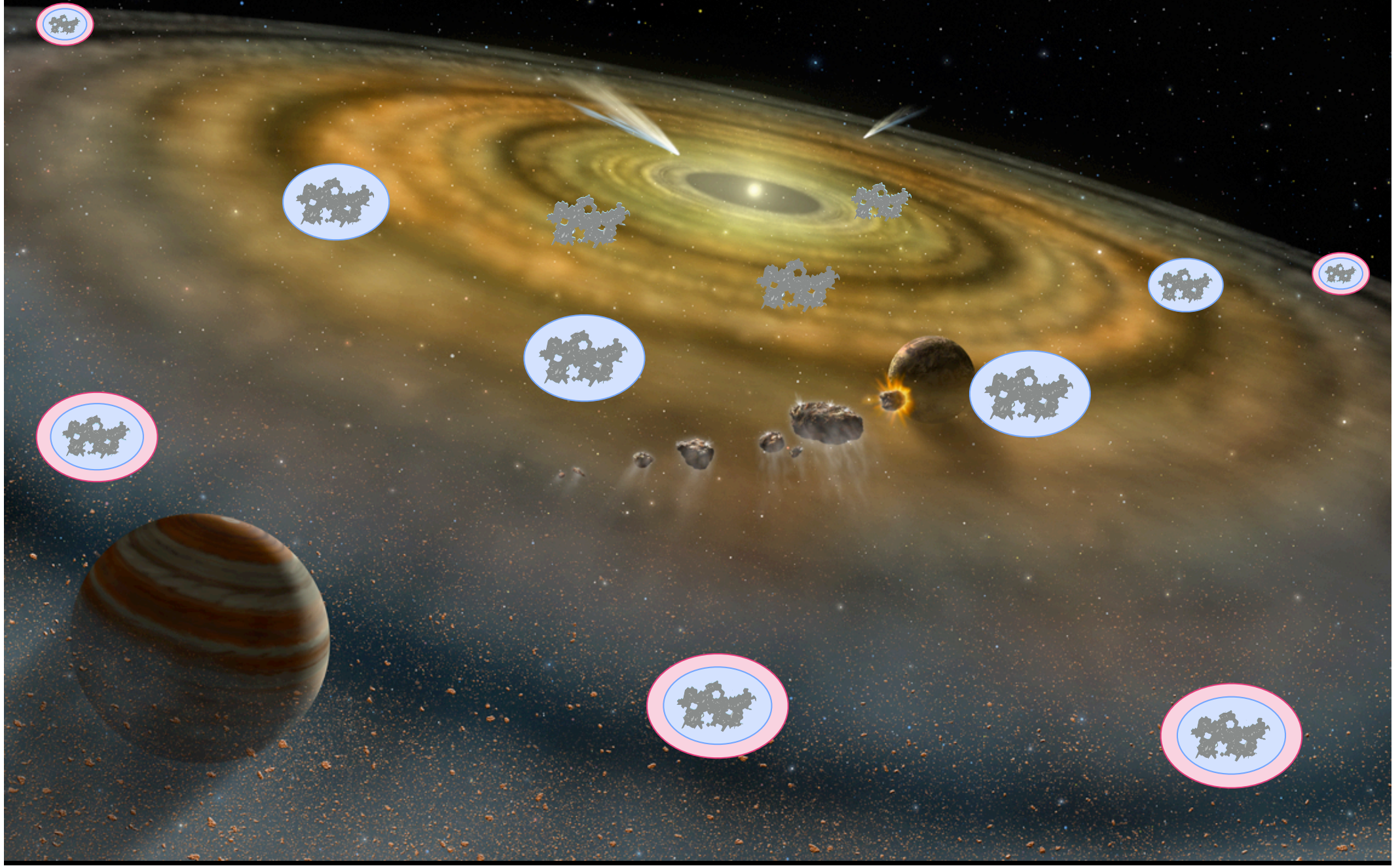
Affects planet formation efficiencies because: Icy grains are stickier than bare grains, grain column density increases, pressure traps etc.

Also affects the composition of forming planets

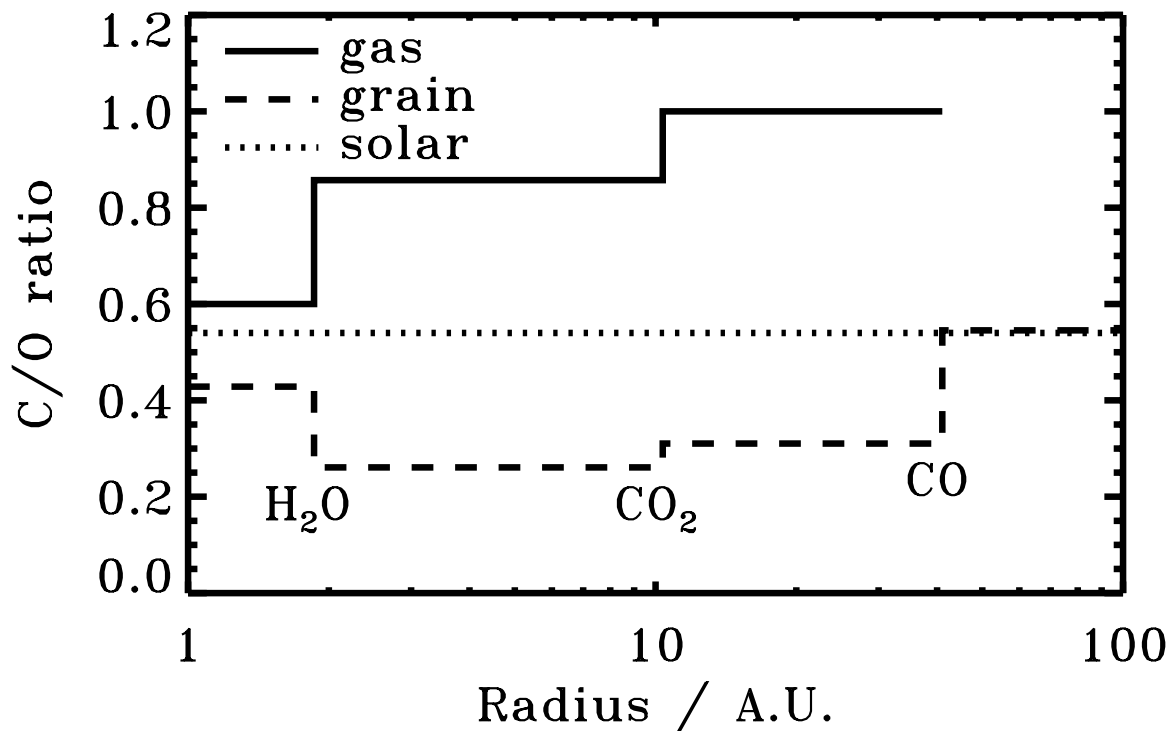
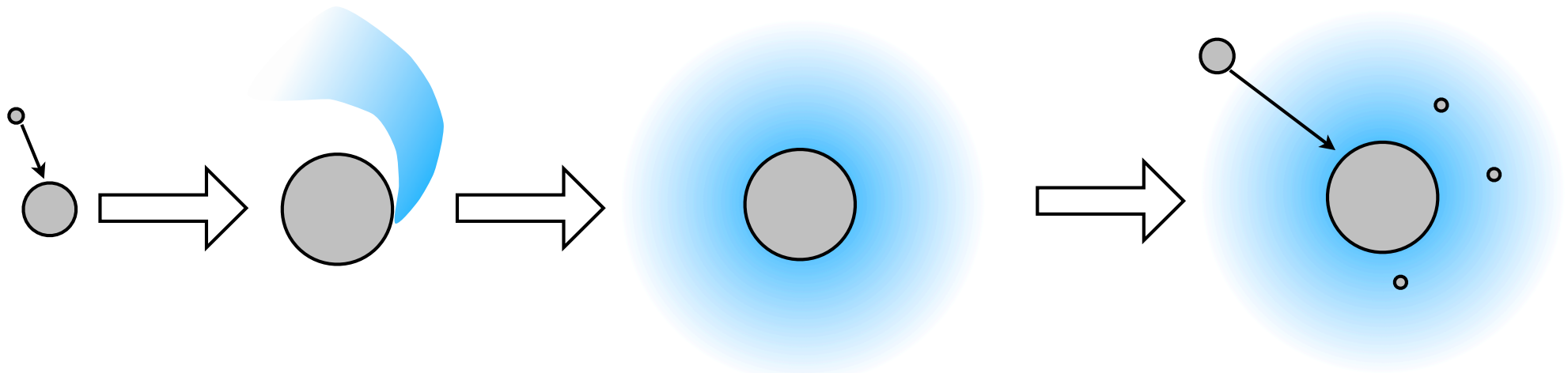




# Disk Snowlines



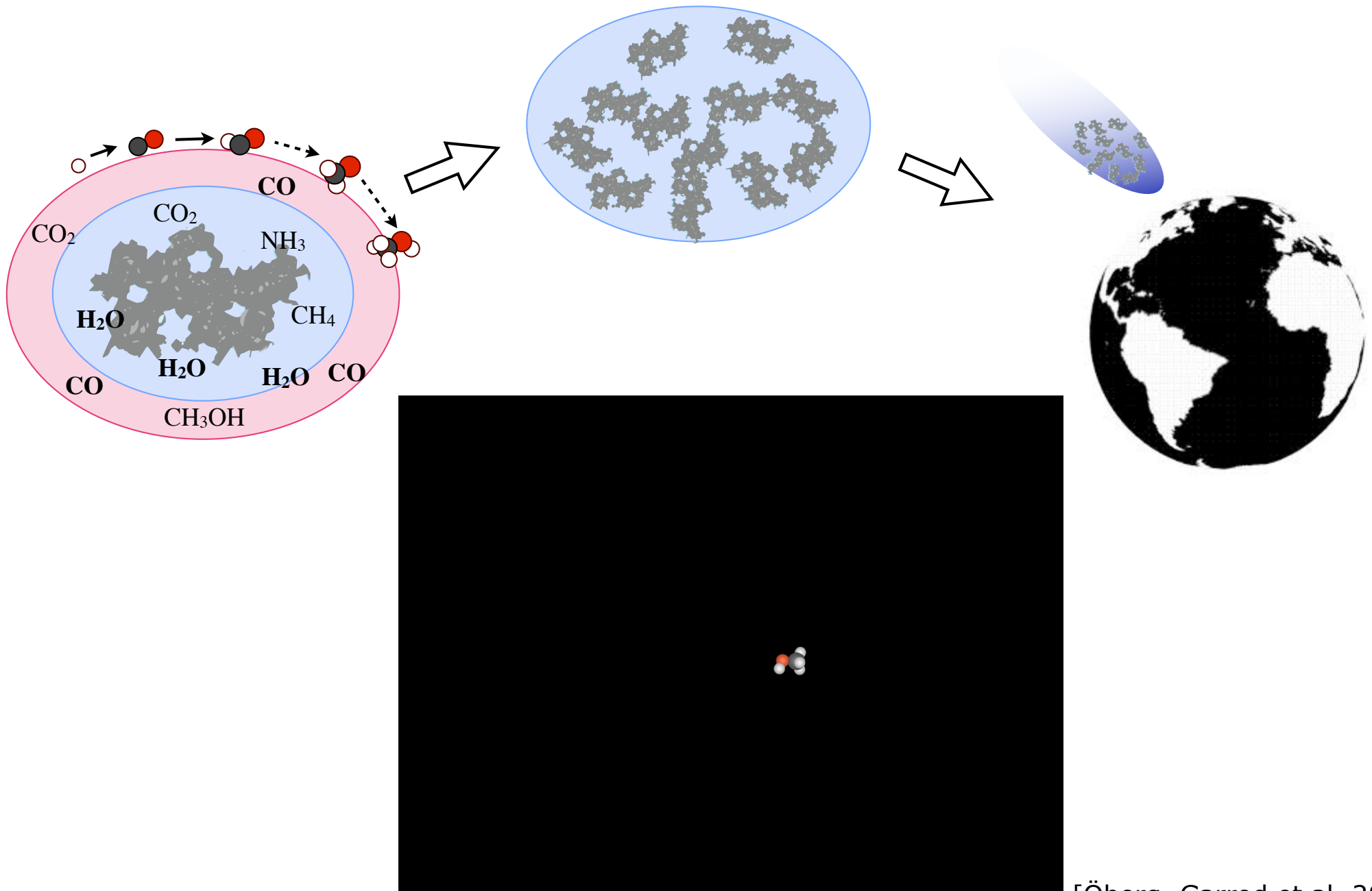
# The importance of the CO snowline I



Assuming interstellar molecular abundances, the C/O ratio between the CO<sub>2</sub> and CO snowlines will be  $\sim 1$ .

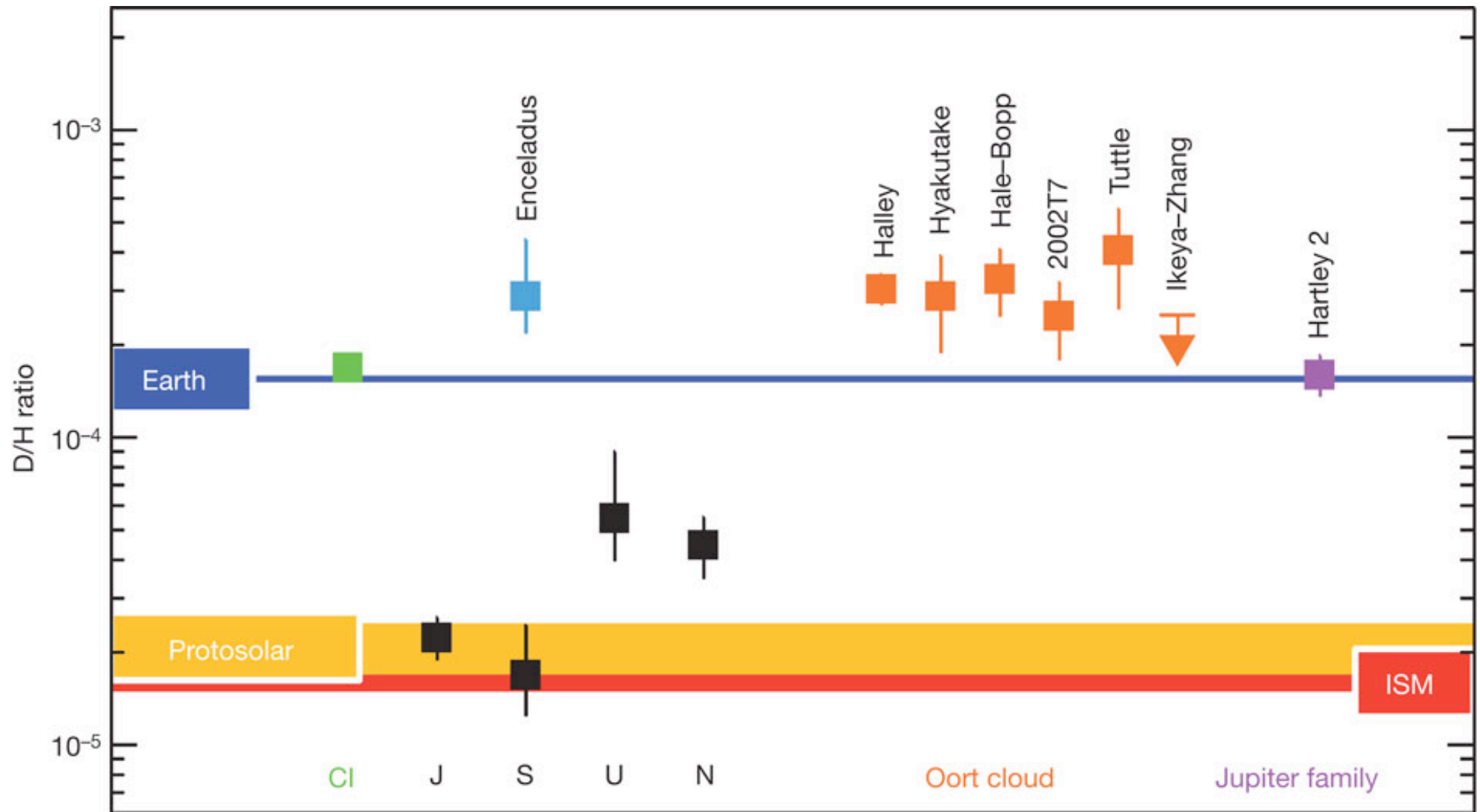
If a gas giant accretes the core from solids and envelope from gas,  $C/O \sim 1$  in the atmosphere, assuming no planetesimal pollution or core dredging.

# The importance of the CO snowline II

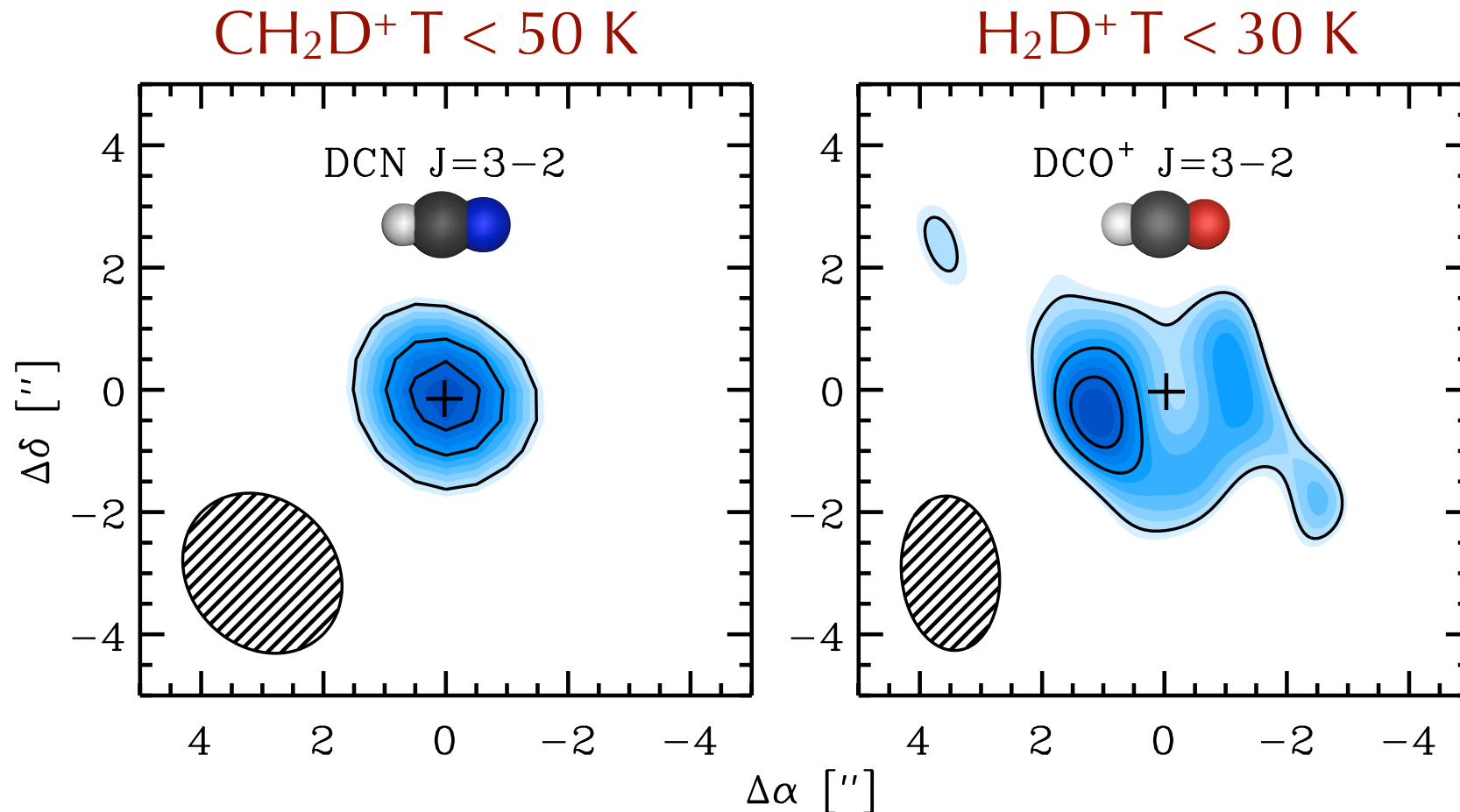




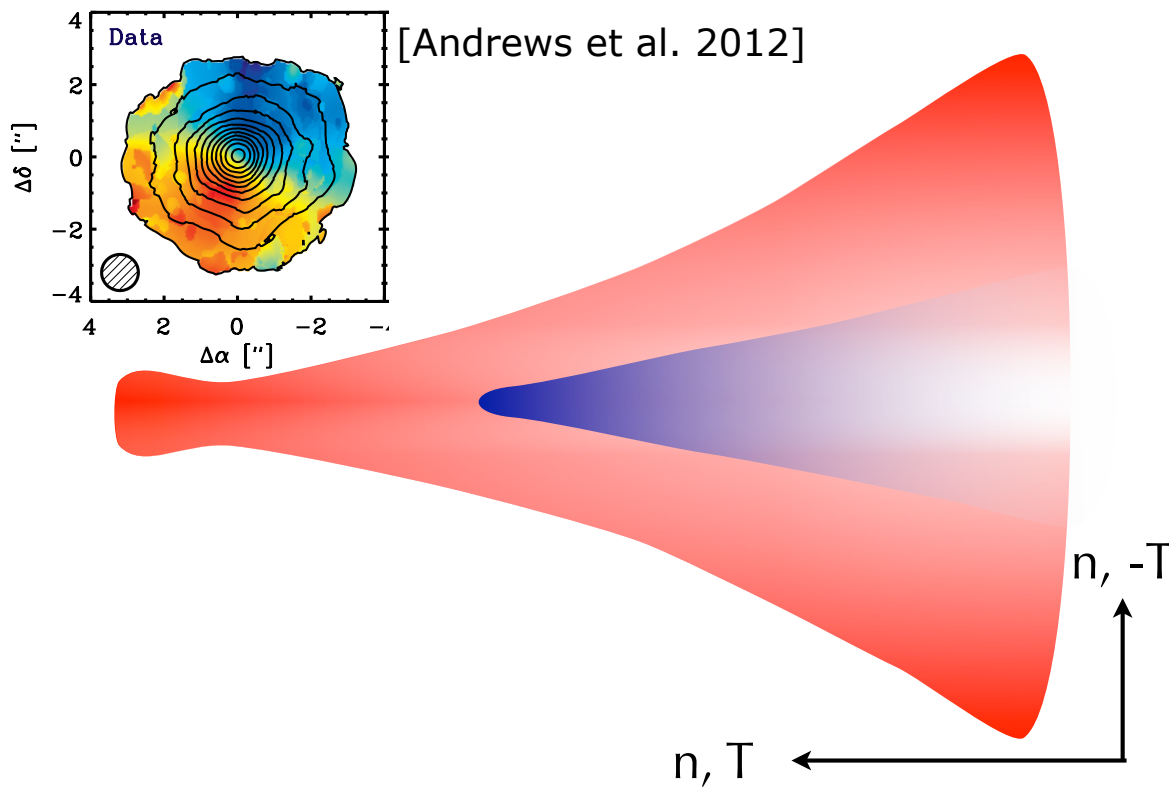
# Delivery of volatiles to Earth from Comets



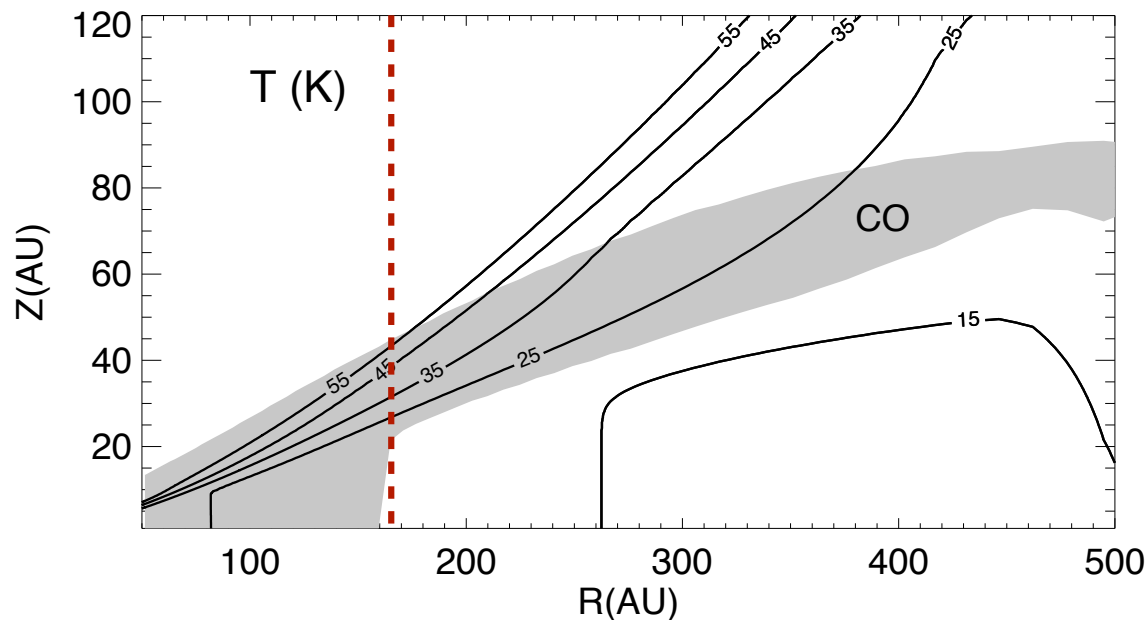
# Deuterium Enrichment toward TW Hya



Deuterium enrichment occurs at a range of temperatures during planet formation!



# Observing (CO) Snow Lines / Snow Surfaces



Multi-transitional CO data ( $J=2-1$ ,  $3-2$ ,  $6-5$  and four isotopologues) required to constrain the CO temperature structure and snowline location towards HD 163296.

CO freeze-out outside of 170 AU, corresponding to a freeze-out temperature of  $\sim 19$  K.



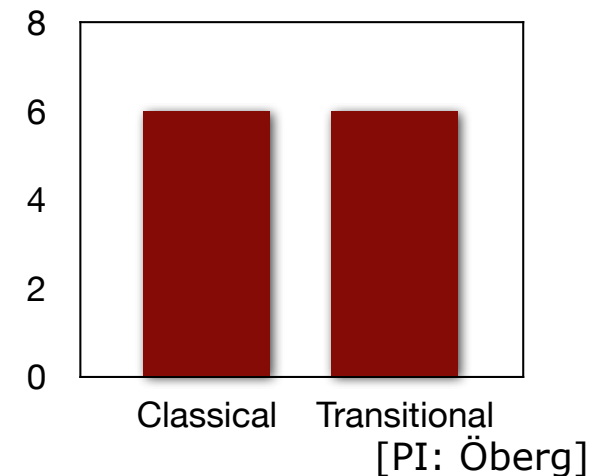
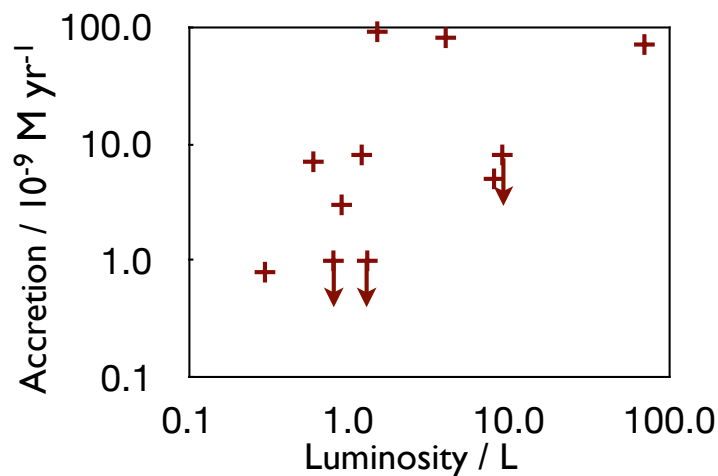
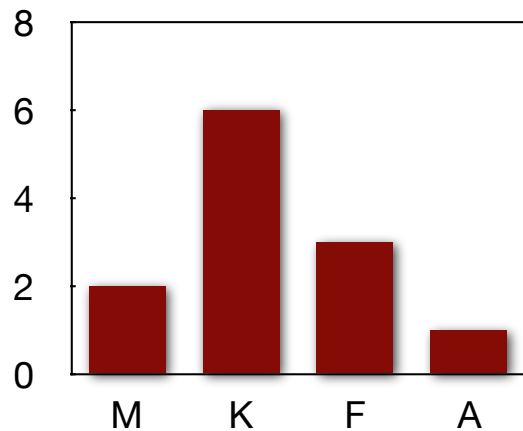
# Disk Imaging Survey of Chemistry with the SMA



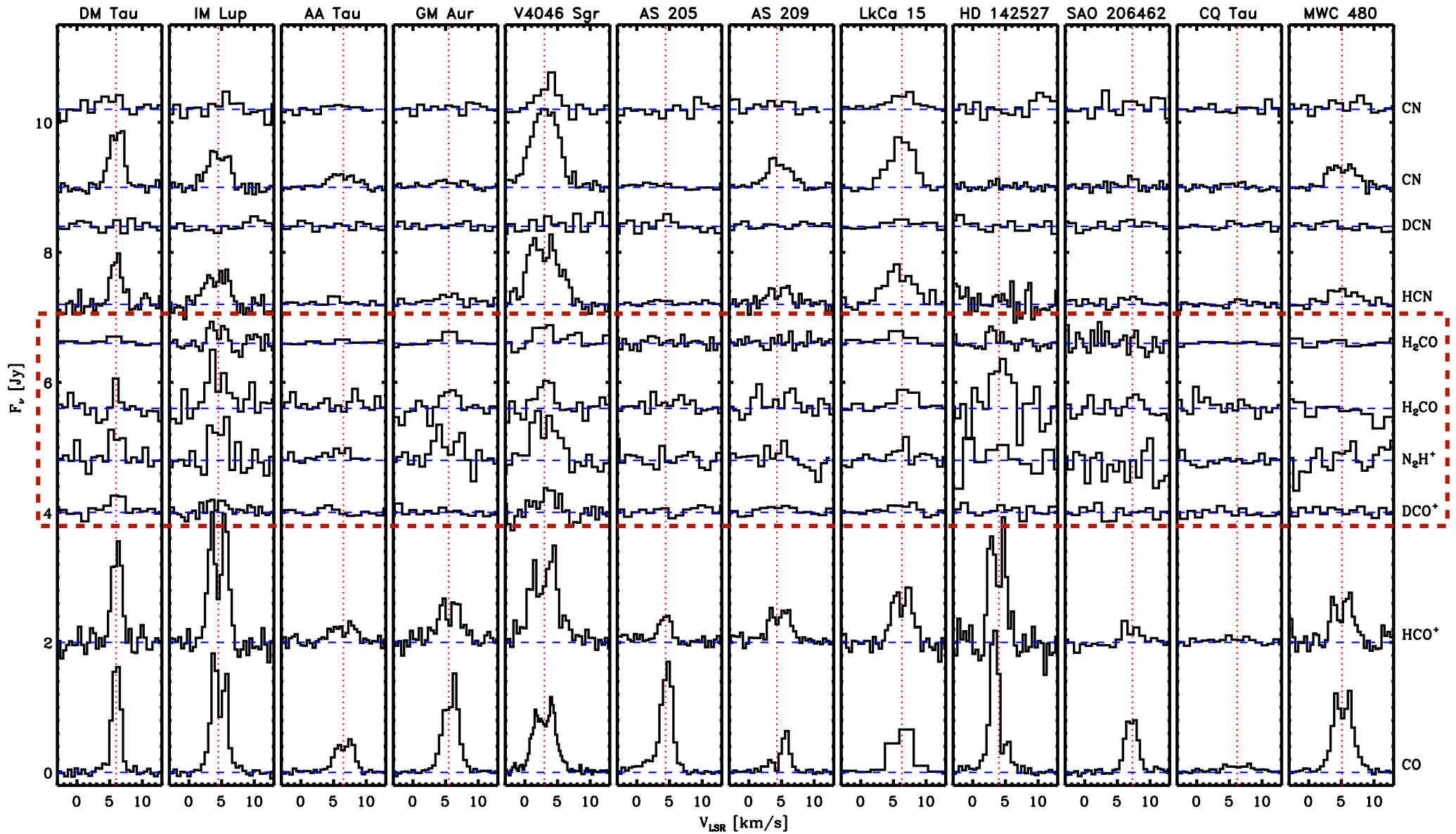
20 track survey of 10 molecular lines toward 12 protoplanetary disks:

CO 2-1, HCO<sup>+</sup> 3-2, DCO<sup>+</sup> 3-2, N<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 3-2, H<sub>2</sub>CO 3-2, 4-3, HCN 3-2, DCN 3-2, CN 2-1

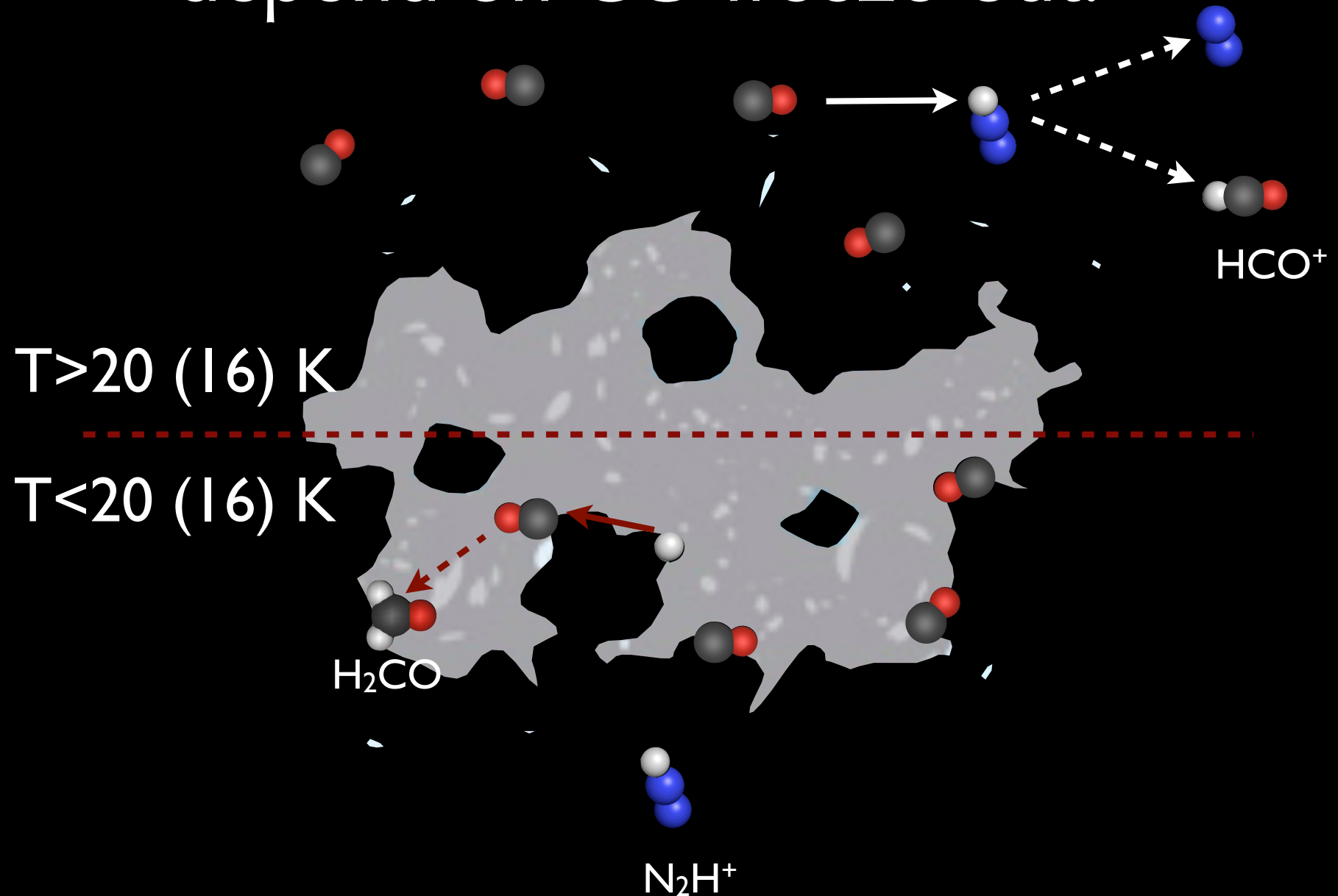
SMA compact configuration ~ 2-3'' resolution ~ 100-400 AU



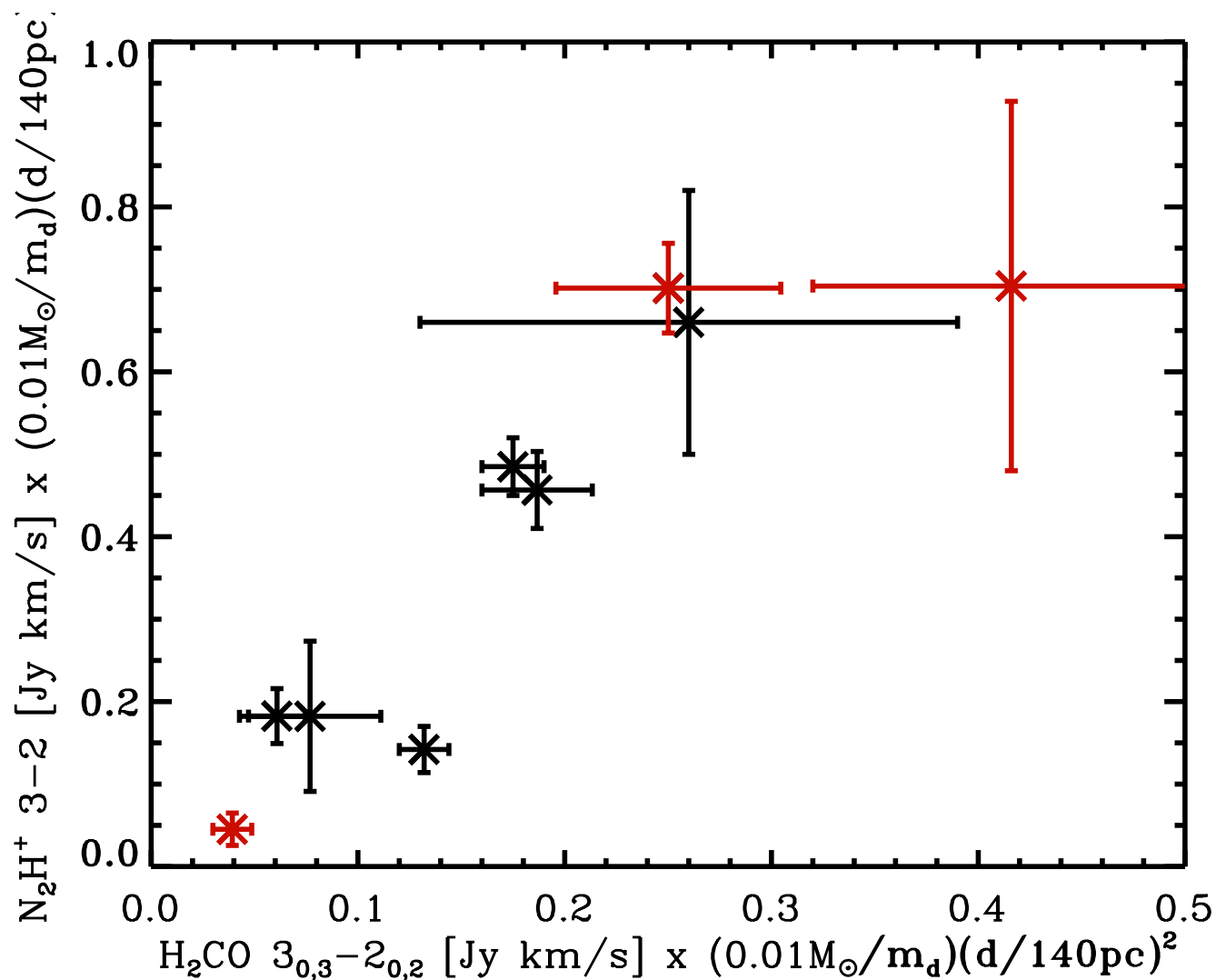
# DiSCS Summary



$\text{H}_2\text{CO}$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{H}^+$  formation should both depend on CO freeze-out.



# DiSCS: $N_2H^+$ vs. $H_2CO$ Statistics



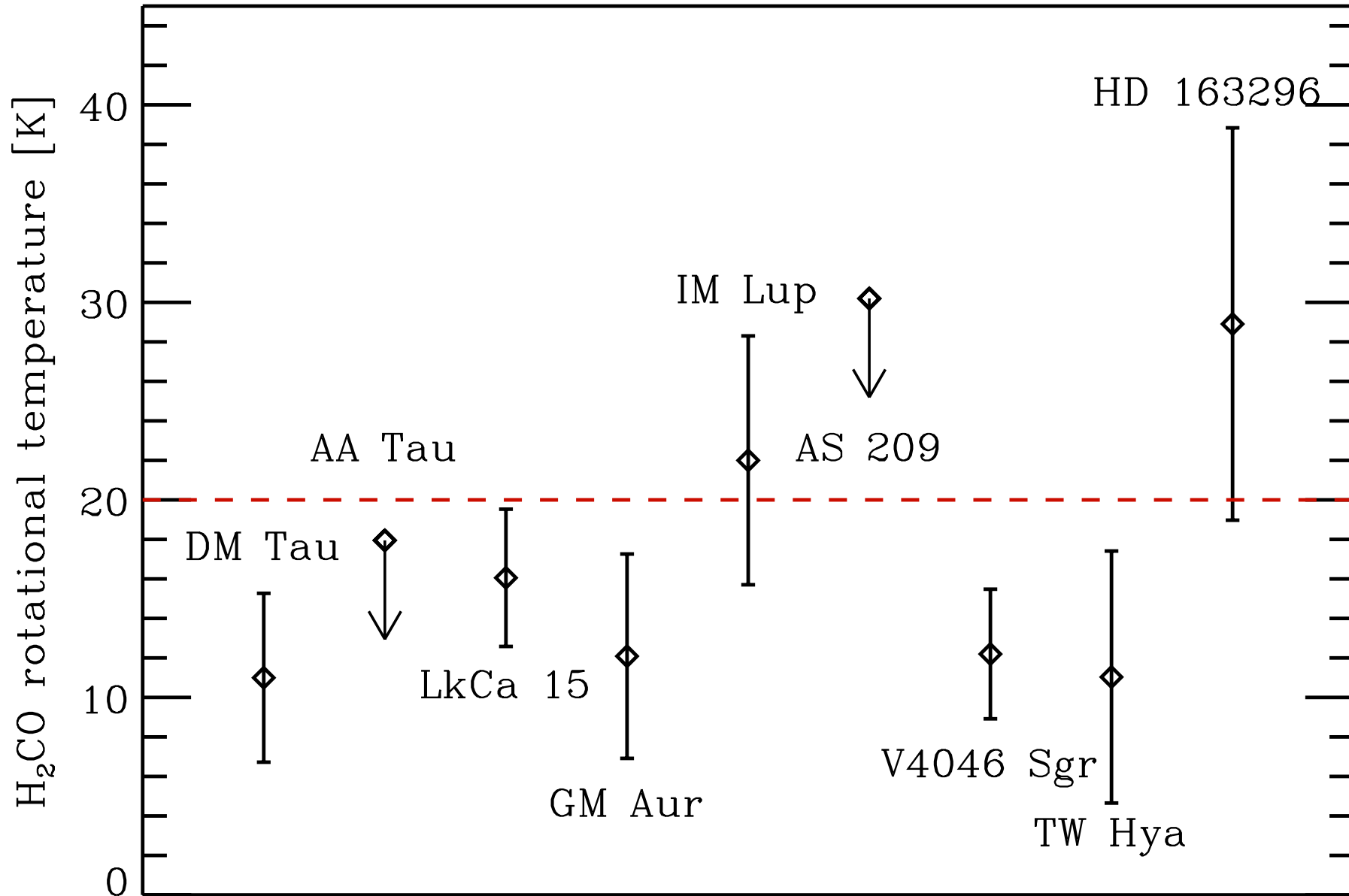
$H_2CO$  proposed to form from hydrogenation of CO ice

$N_2H^+$  is destroyed by gas-phase CO

Disk averaged  $N_2H^+$  and  $H_2CO$  emission are strongly correlated

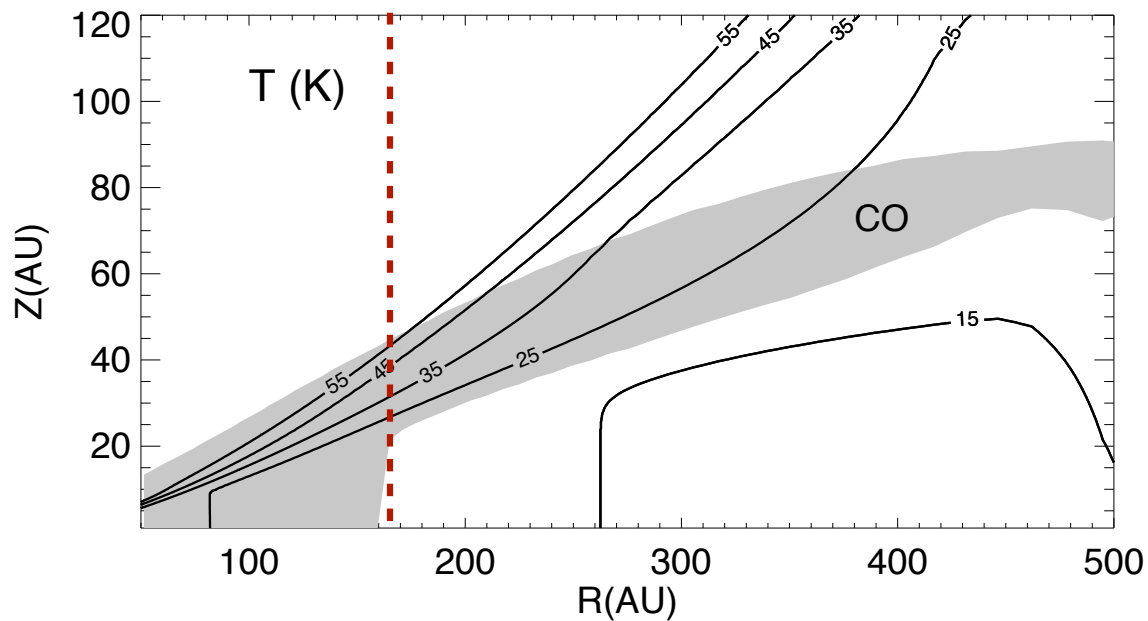
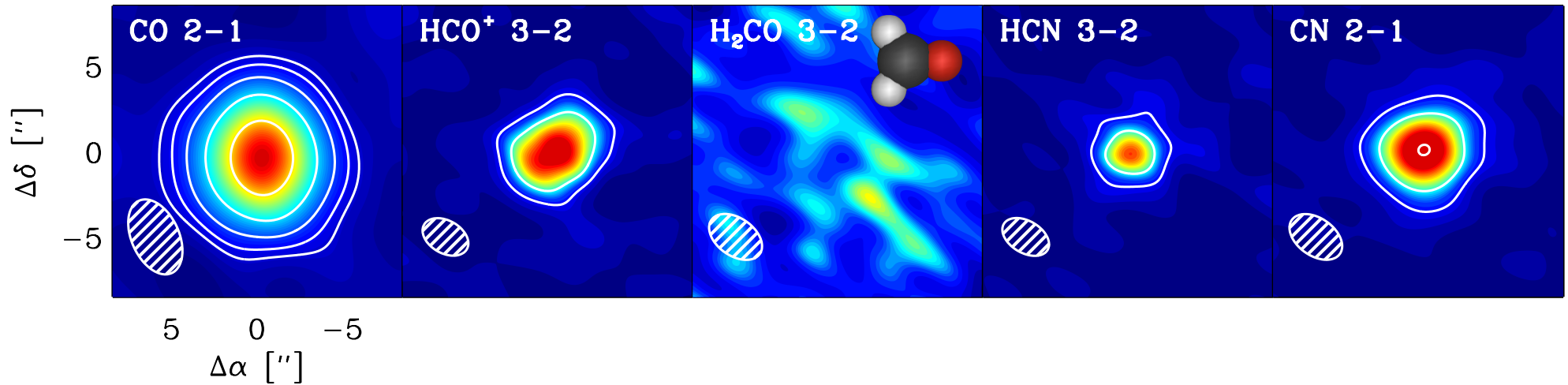
Consistent with that both molecules rely on CO freeze-out

# DiSCS: H<sub>2</sub>CO Excitation Temperature





# H<sub>2</sub>CO and the CO snow line in HD 163296

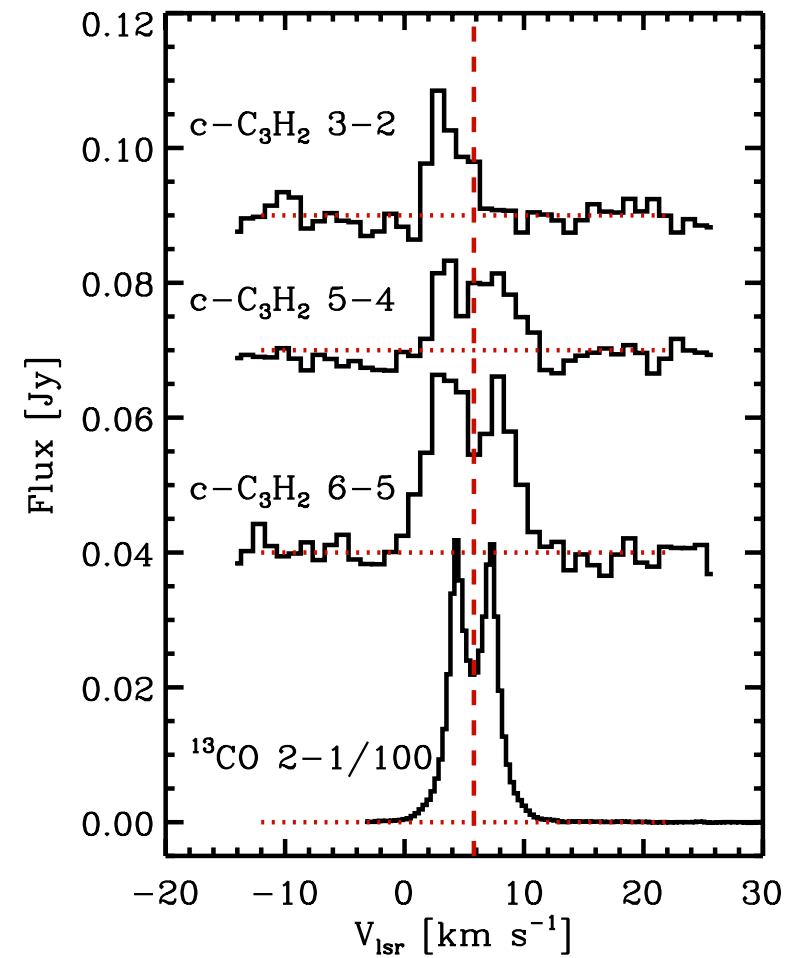
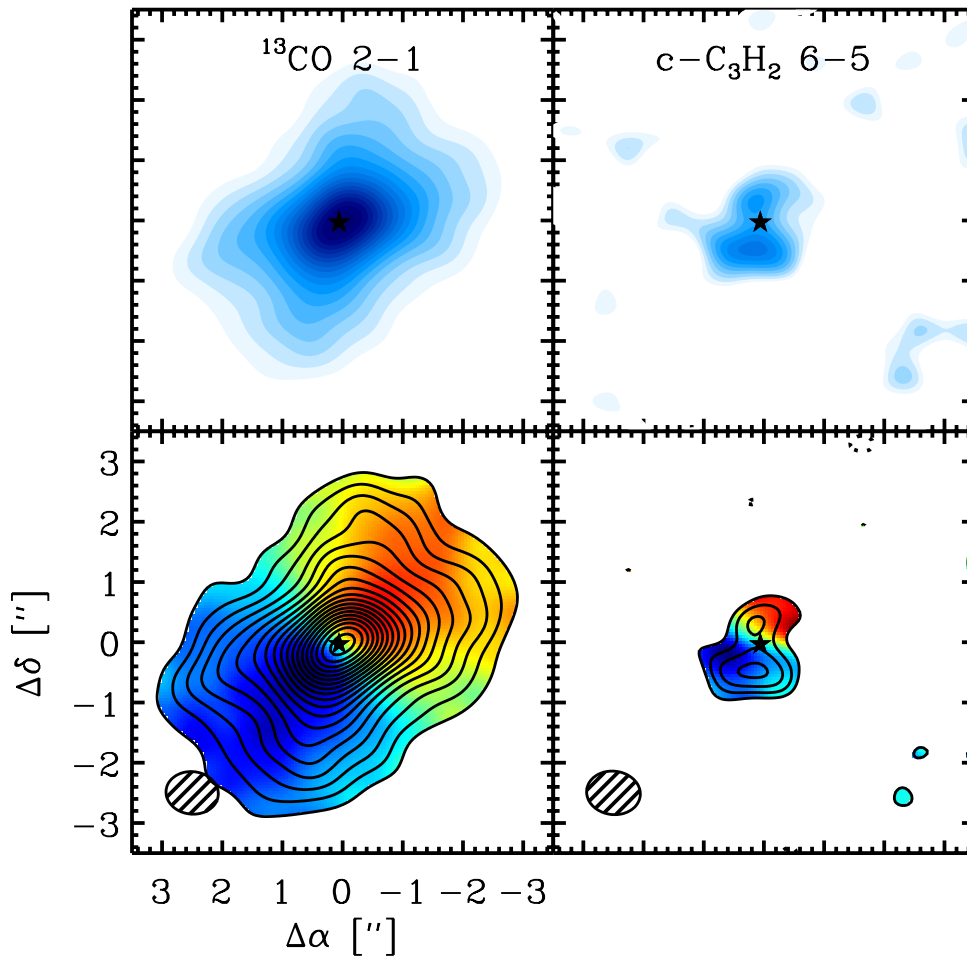


H<sub>2</sub>CO 'ring' radius consistent with CO snow line.

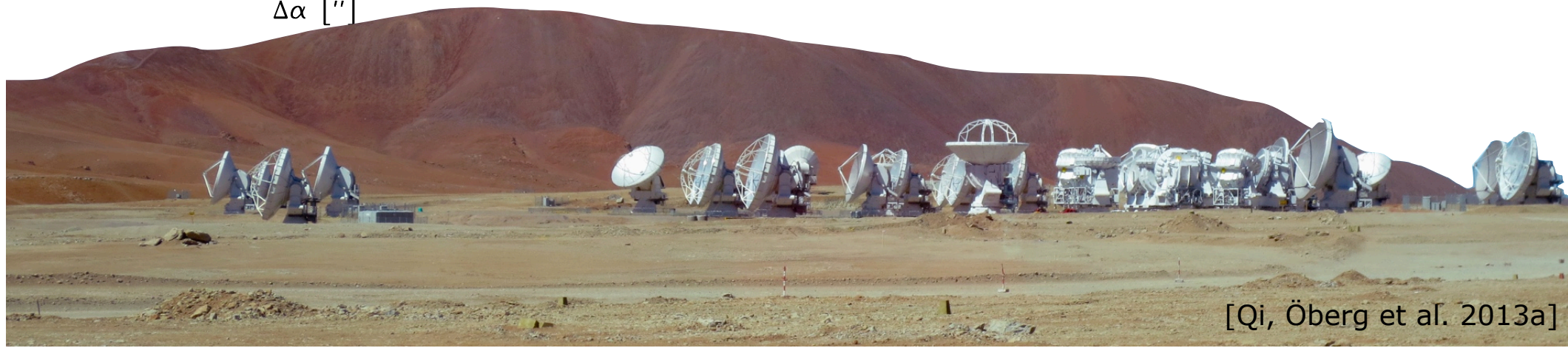
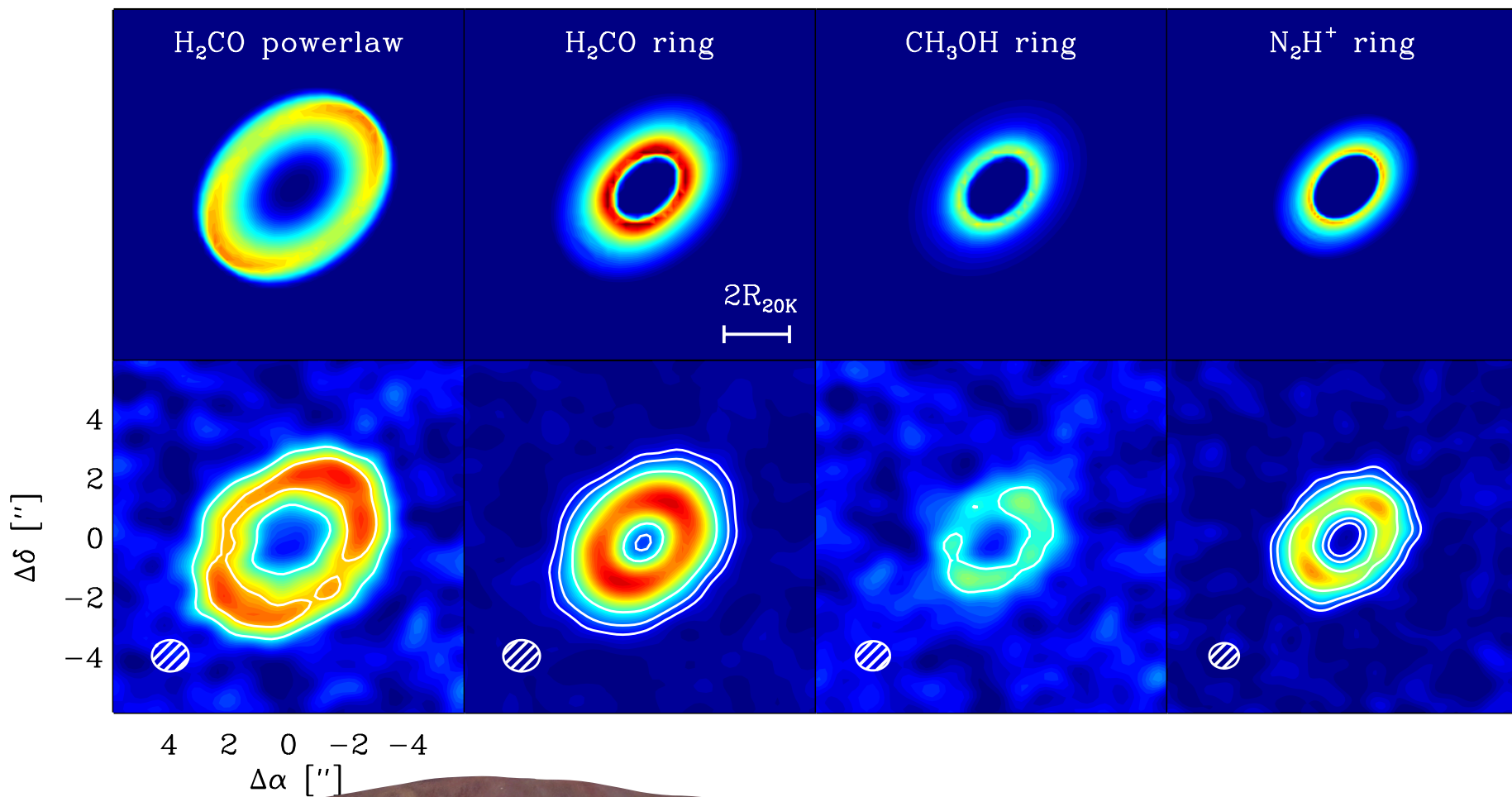
Conclusion supported by statistics from DiSCS sample.

Very low S/N...

# The ALMA revolution: c-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>



# ALMA Simulations of Chemical Rings



# $N_2H^+$ Towards TW Hya





# Molecular Probes of Protoplanetary Disks

Disk chemistry depends on temperature, density and radiation structures, and the location of snowlines → large untapped potential for molecular probes.

ALMA will continue to improve sensitivity and resolution: already exquisite chemical imaging of protoplanetary disks!

Low-mass stars are likely more hospitable to prebiotic chemistry since CO snowlines and thus CH<sub>3</sub>OH formation are closer to the planet-forming zone.

