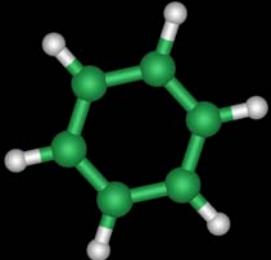
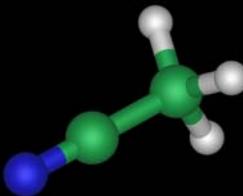
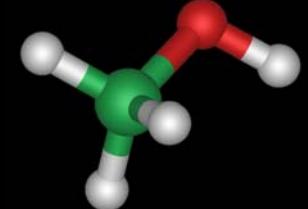
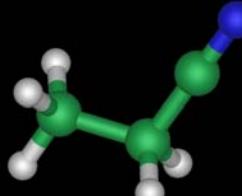
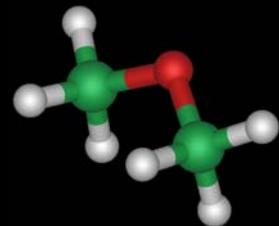
The background image shows a vast, arid landscape with rolling hills and mountains in the distance. The sky is a clear blue with scattered white clouds.

# **Molecular spectroscopy and the search for (large) molecules with ALMA**

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# Molecules in Space

2 atoms	3 atoms	4 atoms	5 atoms	6 atoms	7 atoms	8 atoms	9 atoms	10 atoms	11 atoms	12 atoms	13 atoms
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	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	HC <sub>11</sub> N
AlF	C <sub>2</sub> H	I-C <sub>3</sub> H	C <sub>4</sub> H	I-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	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H	CH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	
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	(CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> (?)			(CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> CO (?)
C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> S	C <sub>3</sub> O	I-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	H <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> COOH (?)			
CH	CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> S	c-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> NC	CH <sub>3</sub> CHO	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub>	HC <sub>7</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO			
CH <sup>+</sup>	HCN	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CN	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> OHCHO	C <sub>8</sub> H				
CN	HCO	NH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> SH	c-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O	I-CH <sub>6</sub> H (?)	CH <sub>3</sub> CONH <sub>2</sub>				
CO	HCO <sup>+</sup>	HCCN	HC <sub>3</sub> N	HC <sub>3</sub> NH <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> CCHOH	CH <sub>2</sub> CHCHO (?)					
CO <sup>+</sup>	HCS <sup>+</sup>	HNCH <sup>+</sup>	HC <sub>2</sub> NC	HC <sub>2</sub> CHO		H <sub>2</sub> CCCHCN					
CP	HOC <sup>+</sup>	HNCO	HCOOH	NH <sub>2</sub> CHO							
SiC	H <sub>2</sub> O	HNCS	H <sub>2</sub> CNH	C <sub>5</sub> N							
HCl	H <sub>2</sub> S	HOCO <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O	I-HC <sub>4</sub> H							
KCl	HNC	H <sub>2</sub> CO	H <sub>2</sub> NCN	I-HC <sub>4</sub> N							
NH	HNO	H <sub>2</sub> CN	HNC <sub>3</sub>	c-H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> O							
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>	c-SiC <sub>3</sub>									
OH	N <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>3</sub> H									
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	H <sub>2</sub> D <sup>+</sup> , D <sub>2</sub> H <sup>+</sup>										
SH	SiCN										
HD	AINC										
FeO (?)	SiNC										
O <sub>2</sub> (?)											

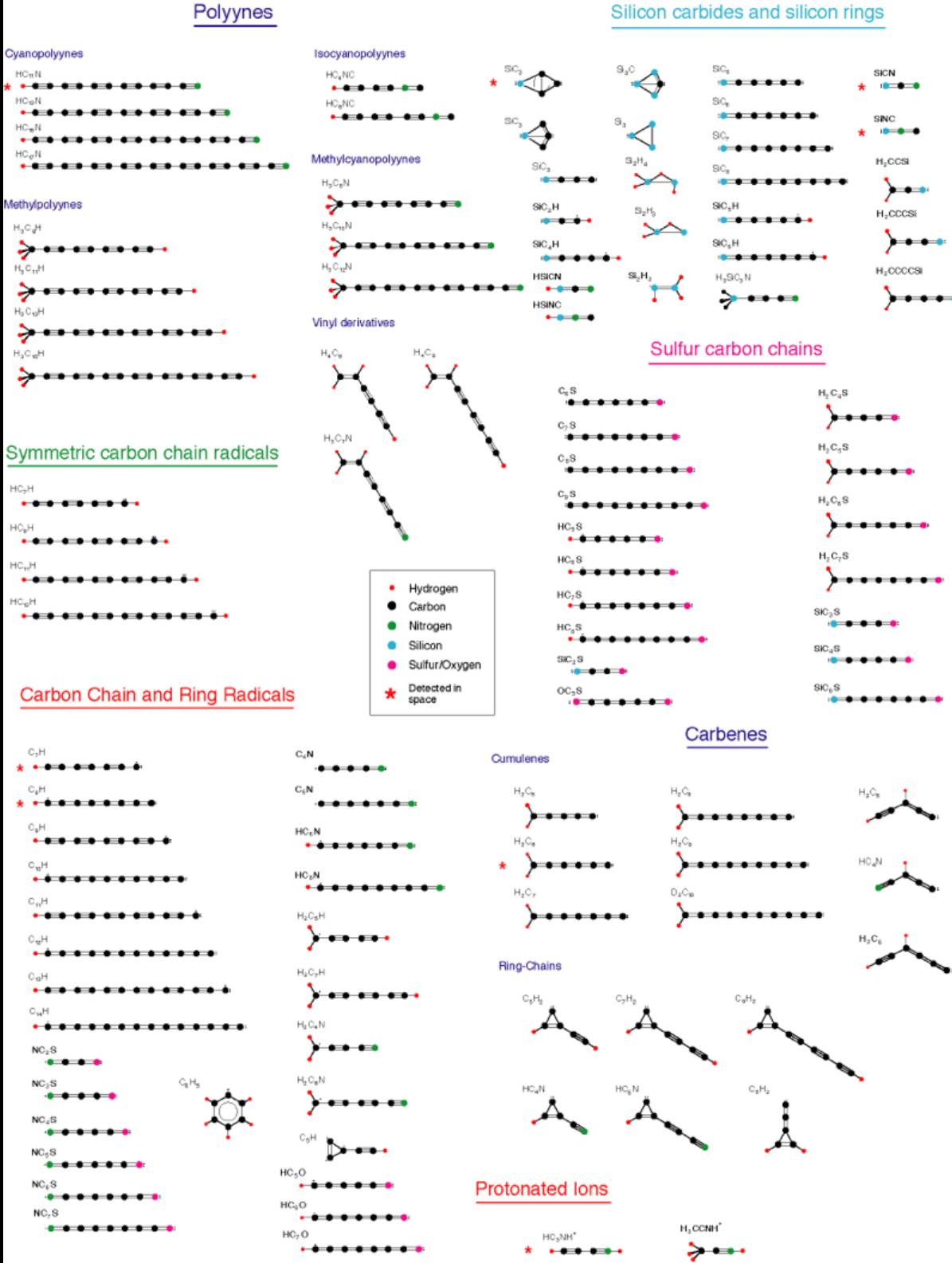


# Gas phase spectroscopic characterization in the laboratory

Centimeter wave spectroscopy: Waveguide spectrometers  
Fourier transform microwave spectroscopy (FTMW)  
(Heated sources, Laser ablation)  
2.5 to 45 GHz  
(⇒ S. Brünken)

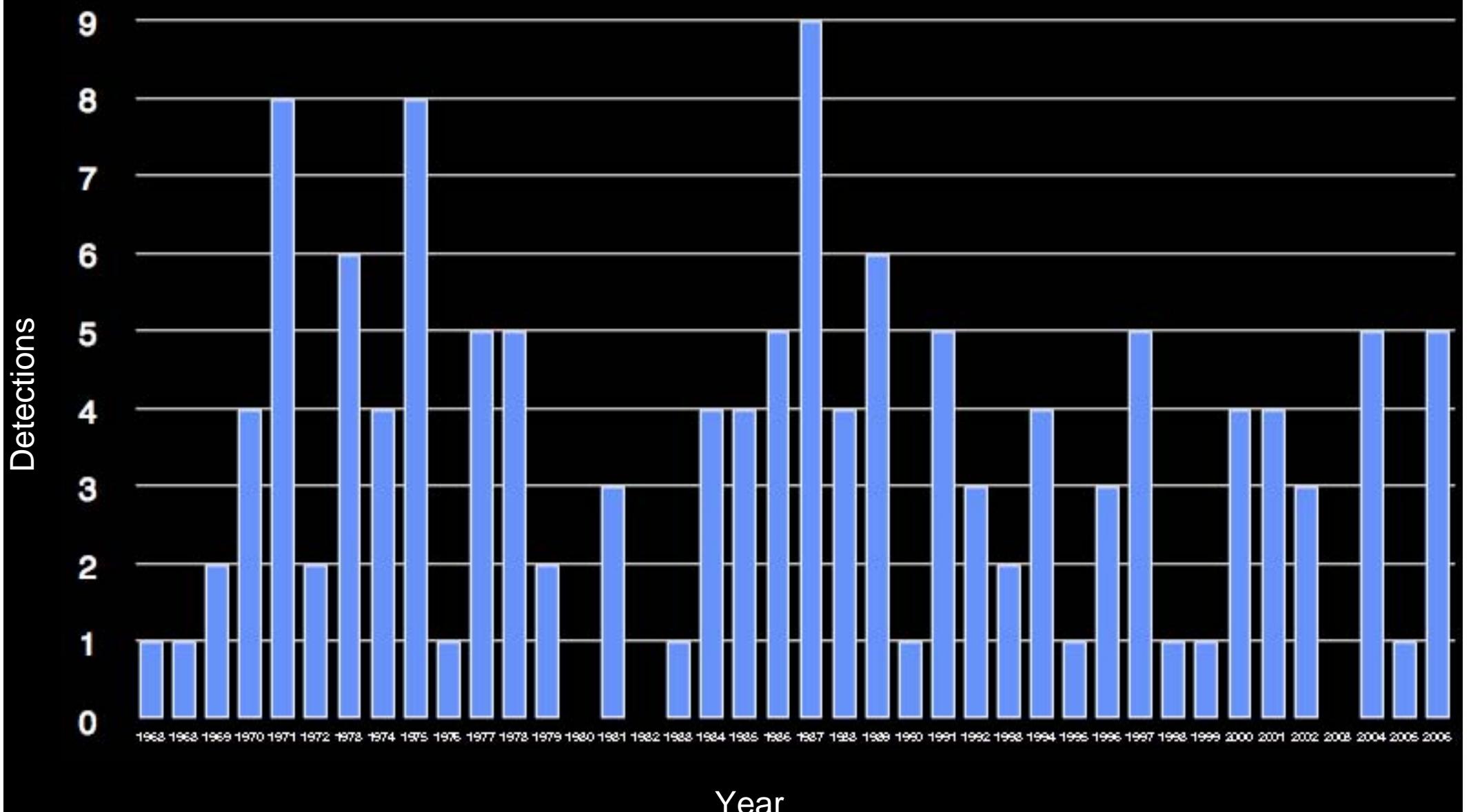
Mm-/submm wave spectroscopy: Klystrons/Multipliers  
Backward Wave Oscillators (BWOs)  
BWOs/Multipliers  
Laser sideband spectrometers (Laser/BWO)  
< 3 THz  
ALMA, HERSCHEL/HIFI (up to 1.9 THz)  
(F. DeLucia, S. Schlemmer, T. F. Giesen, H. Müller,  
J. Pearson)

# Carbon Chain and Ring molecules



Thaddeus, McCarthy and Thorwirth,  
Proceeding 4th Cologne-Bonn-Zermatt Symposium  
Springer, p.43 (2004)

# Molecules in Space - Statistics

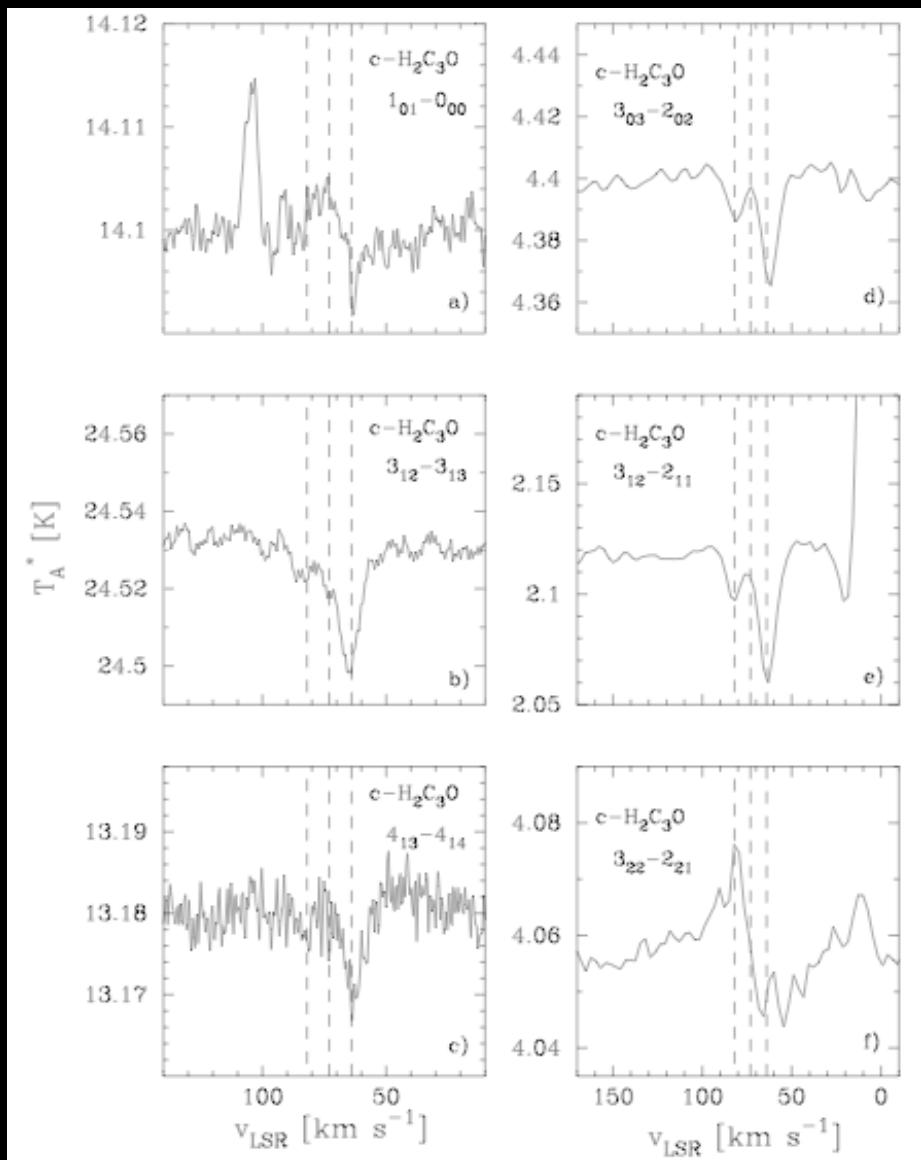


# How to chose candidate molecules

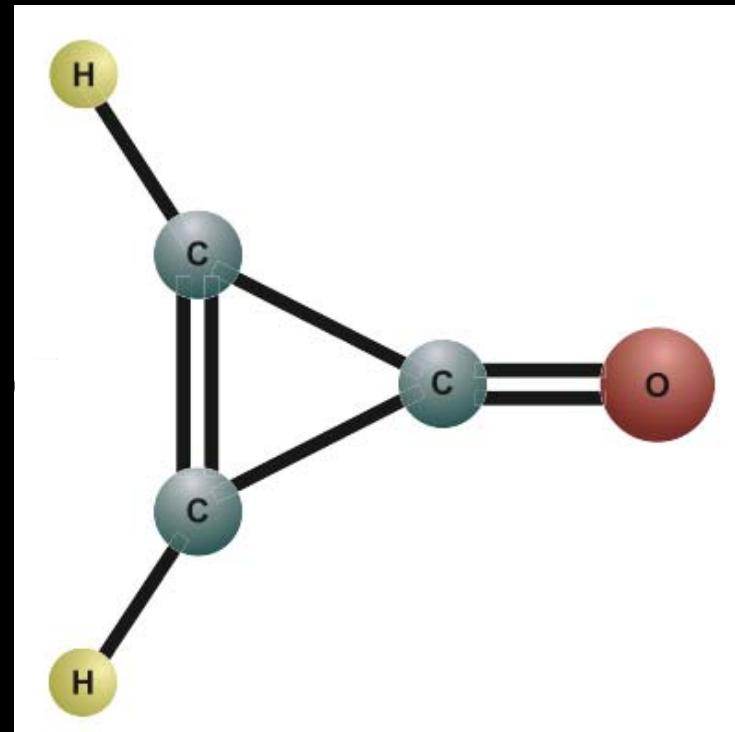
Variation of known structural themes

Astrochemical modeling

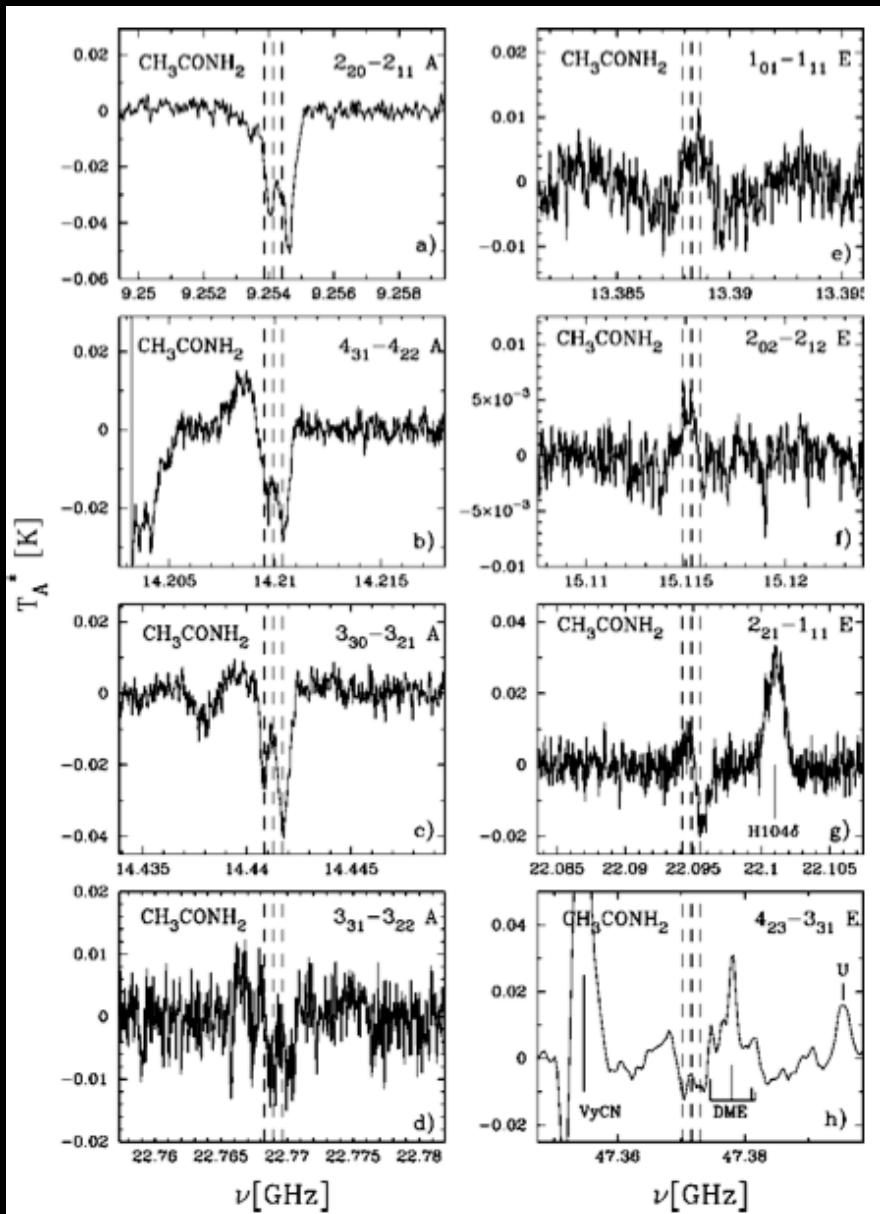
# First Detections in 2006



Cyclopropenone, c-H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>O  
Hollis et al., ApJ 642, 933 (2006)  
SgrB2(N)  
GBT

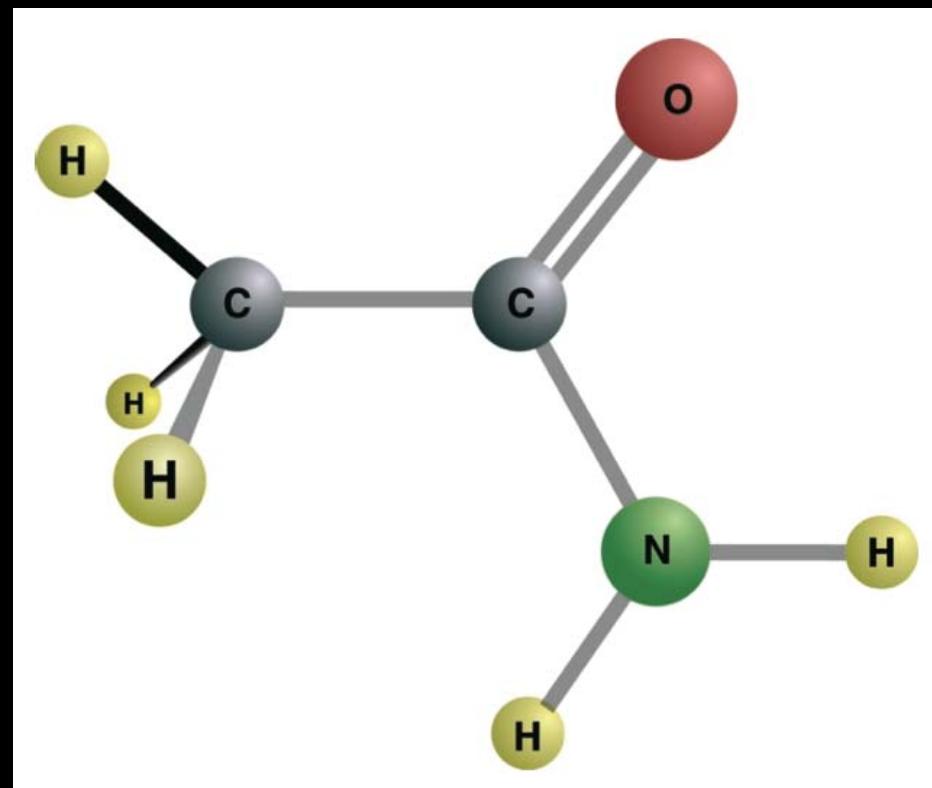


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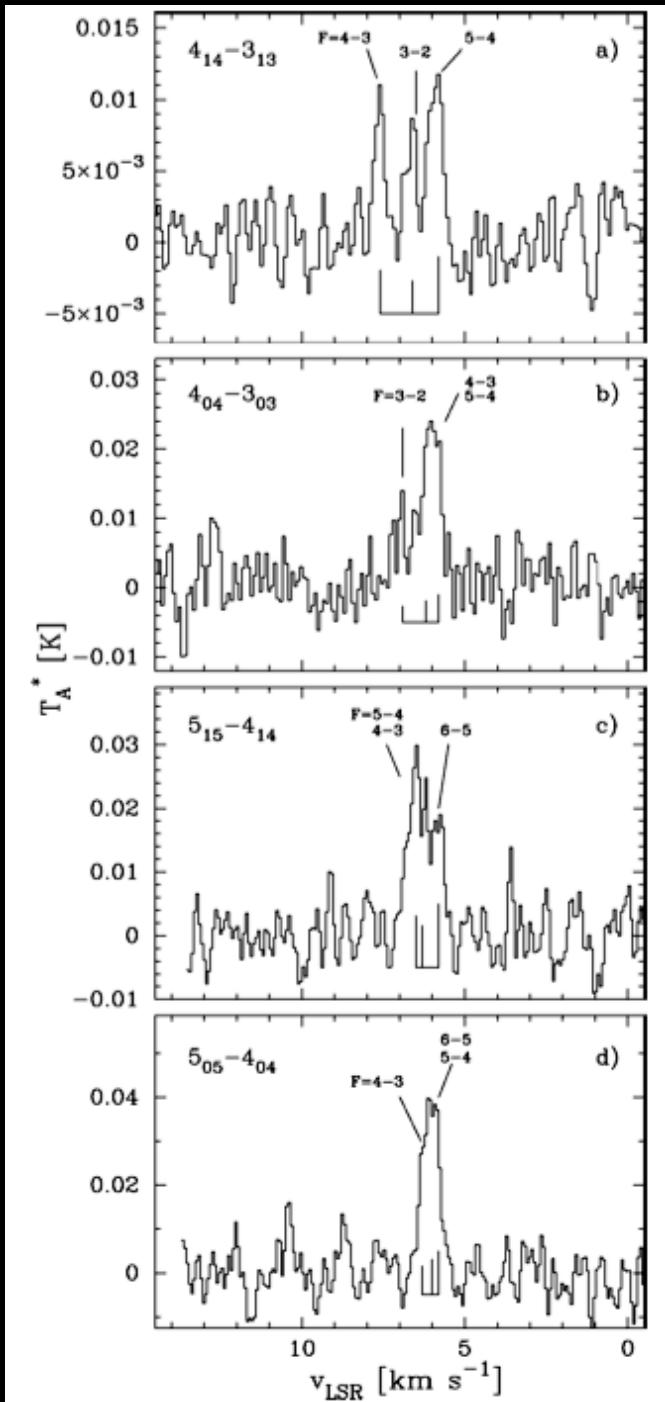


Acetamide

Hollis et al., ApJL 643, May 20 (2006)  
SgrB2(N)  
GBT

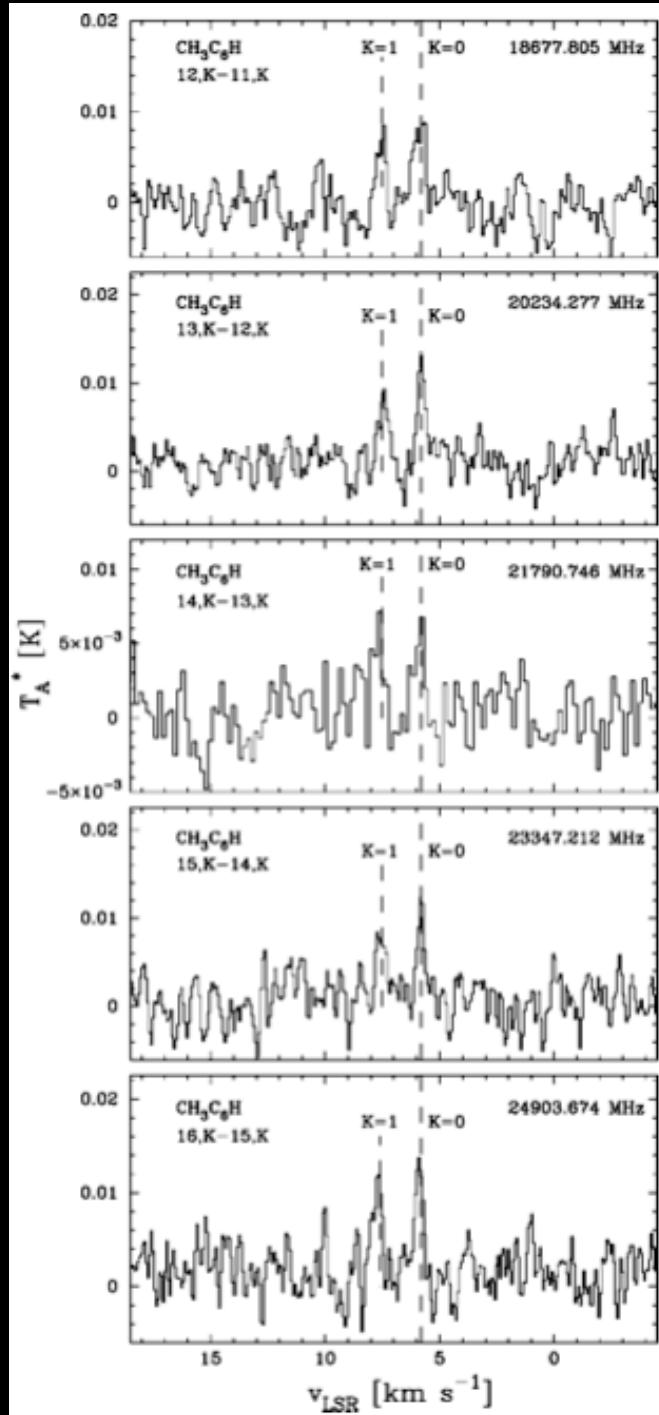


# First Detections in 2006



Cyanoallene, H<sub>2</sub>C=C=CHCN  
Lovas et al., ApJ 637, L37 (2006)  
TMC-1  
GBT

# First Detections in 2006



Methyltriacetylene

Remijan et al., ApJL 643, May 20 (2006)  
TMC-1  
GBT



# Interstellar Fluorine Chemistry

## Formation of HF



HF

$B = 616.4$  GHz

$J = 1 - 0$  at 1.23 THz

$J = 2 - 1$  at 2.46 THz (*ISO*)

CF<sup>+</sup>

$B = 51.3$  GHz

$J = 1 - 0$  at 102.6 GHz

$J = 2 - 1$  at 205.2 GHz

$J = 3 - 2$  at 307.7 GHz

## Destruction of HF

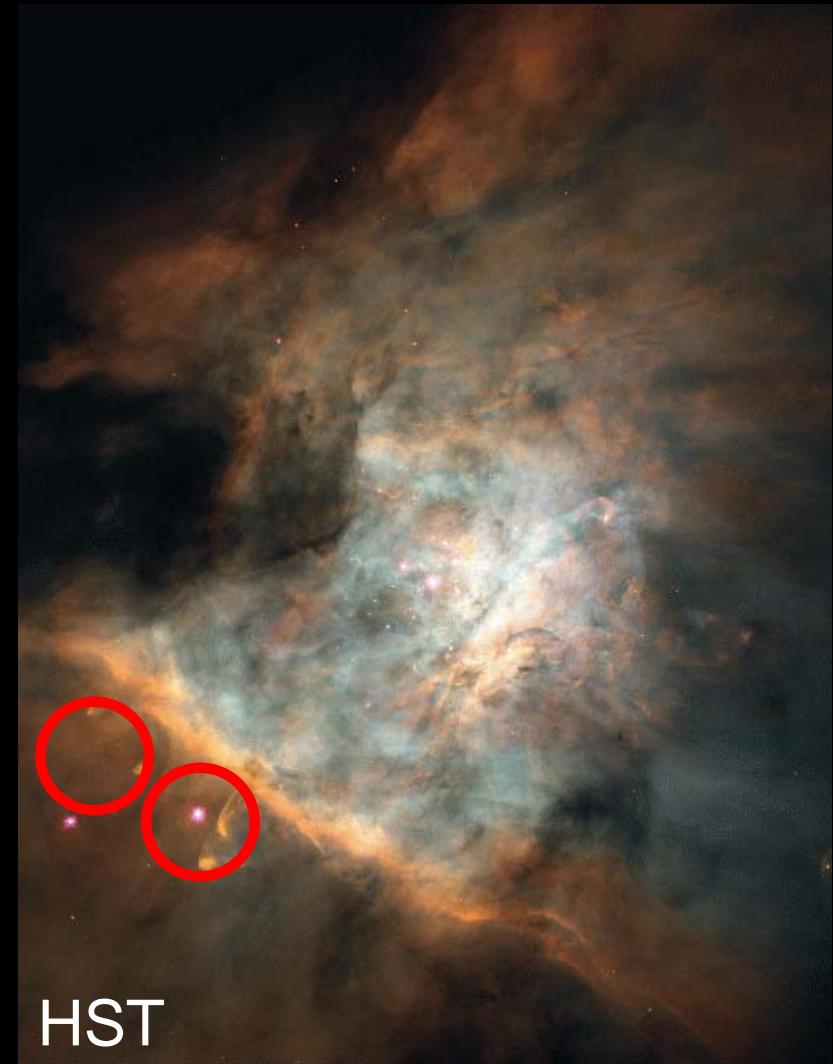
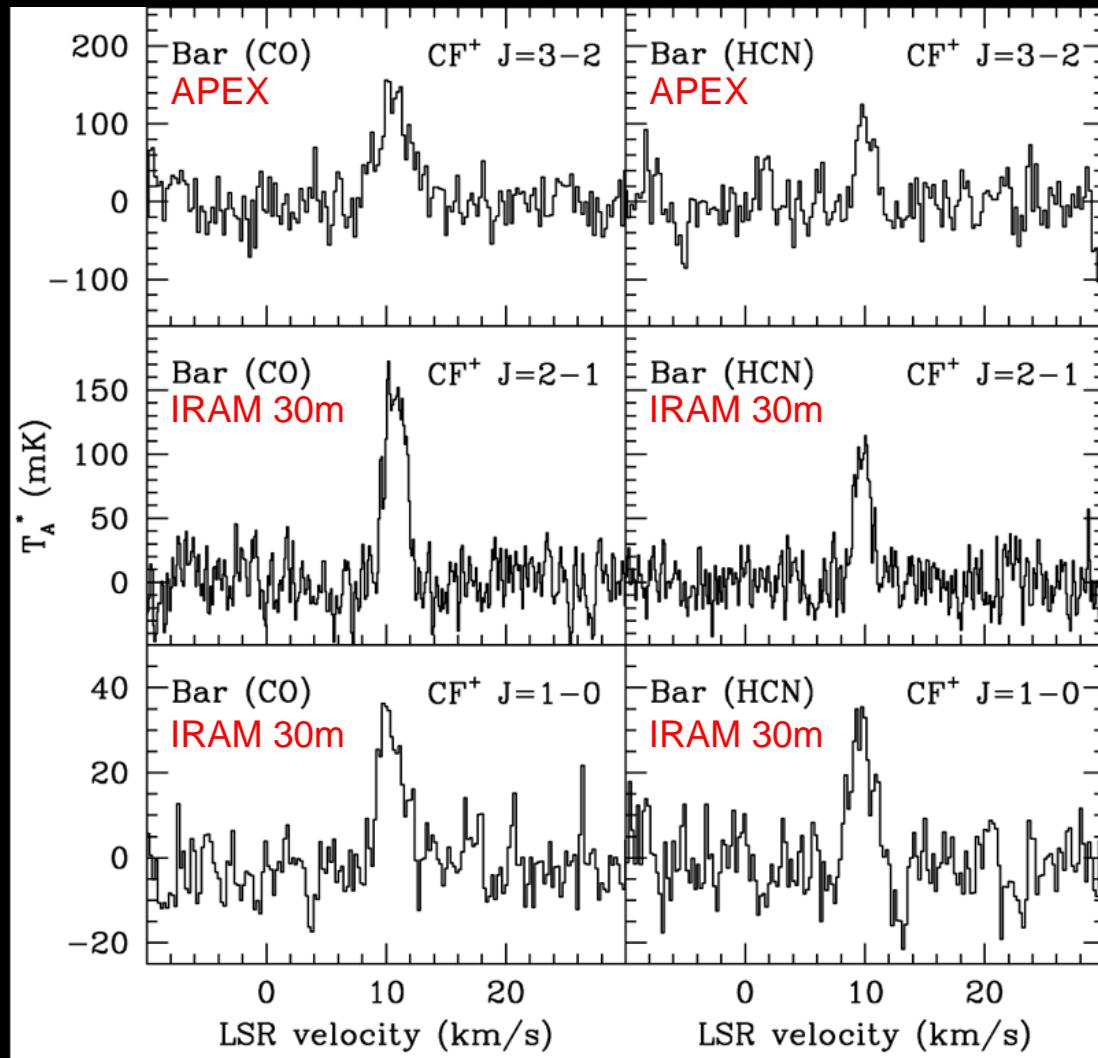


## Destruction of CF<sup>+</sup>



Neufeld, Wolfire, and Schilke,  
ApJ 628, 260 (2005)

# Detection of CF<sup>+</sup> towards Orion Bar



Neufeld et al. 2006, A&A, accepted

New detections benefit from

Detection at cm-wavelengths  
Less confusion

Cold source (TMC-1),  $Q_{\text{rot}}$

Absorption (GC)

Moderate line density (Orion Bar)

## Large molecules in space

8 atoms	9 atoms	10 atoms	11 atoms	12 atoms	13 atoms
$\text{CH}_3\text{C}_3\text{N}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{C}_4\text{H}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{C}_5\text{N}$	$\text{HC}_9\text{N}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$	$\text{HC}_{11}\text{N}$
$\text{HCOOCH}_3$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ (?)	
$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O}$	$(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$		$(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2\text{CO}$ (?)	
$\text{C}_7\text{H}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	$\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOH}$ (?)			
$\text{H}_2\text{C}_6$	$\text{HC}_7\text{N}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$			
$\text{CH}_2\text{OHCHO}$	$\text{C}_8\text{H}$				
$\text{-HC}_6\text{H}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CONH}_2$				
$\text{CH}_2\text{CHCHO}$					
$\text{H}_2\text{CCCHCN}$					

# Recent searches for complex organics

Interstellar Glycine

Kuan et al., ApJ 593, 848 (2003)

A rigorous attempt to verify interstellar glycine

Snyder et al., ApJ 619, 914 (2005)

Interstellar glycolealdehyde: the first sugar

Hollis et al., ApJ 540, L107 (2000)

Green Bank Telescope Observations of Interstellar Glycolaldehyde: Low-Temperature Sugar

Hollis et al., ApJ 613, L45 (2004)

A Systematic Study of Glycolaldehyde in Sagittarius B2(N) at 2 and 3 mm:

Criteria for Detecting Large Interstellar Molecules

Halfen et al., ApJ 639, 237 (2006)

1,3-Dihydroxyacetone in Sagittarius B2(N-LMH): The First Interstellar Ketose

Widicus Weaver and Blake, ApJ 624, L33 (2005).

Investigating the Limits of Chemical Complexity in Sgr B2(N):

A Rigorous Attempt to Confirm 1,3-Dihydroxyacetone

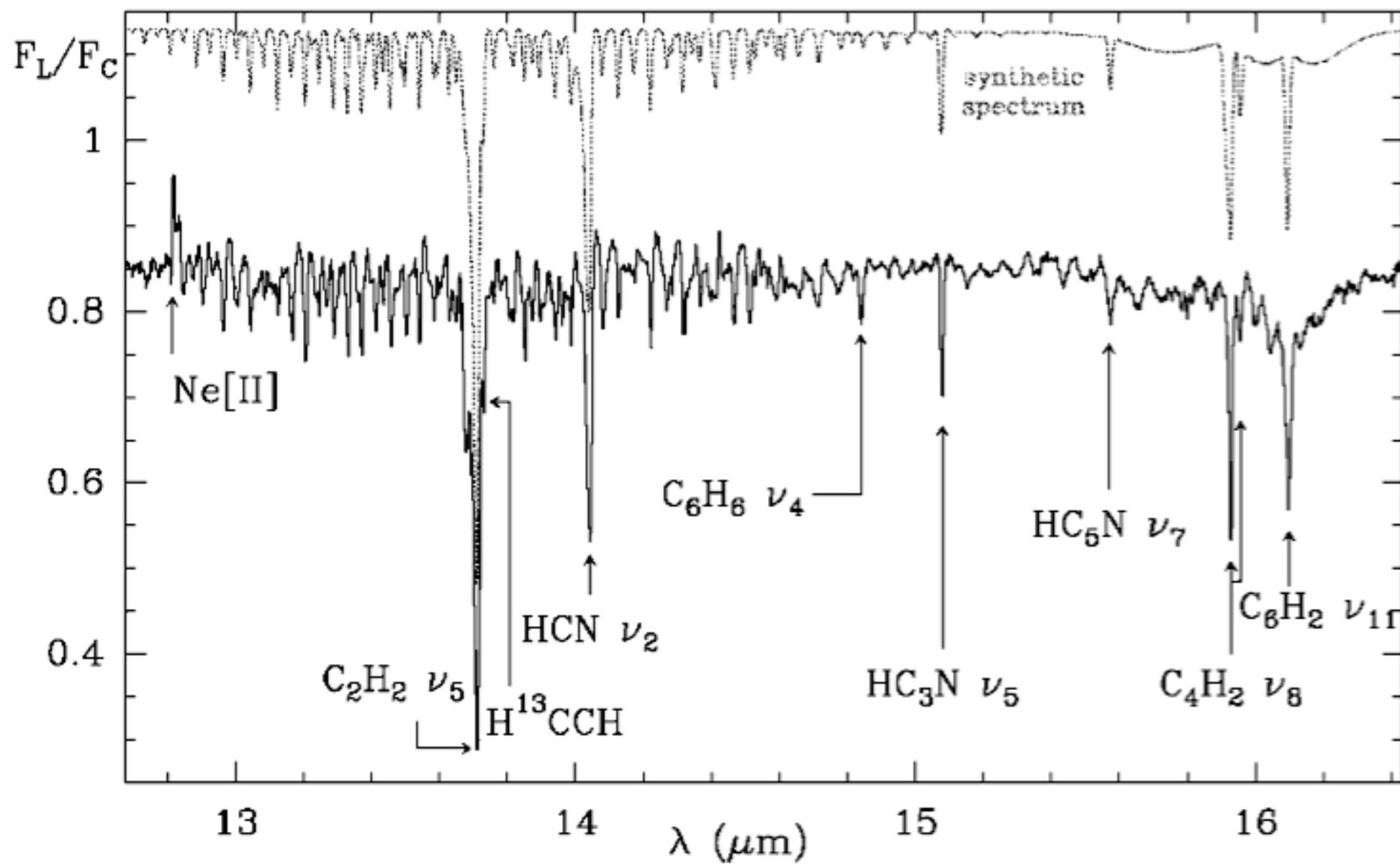
Apponi et al., ApJL, accepted.

# Astronomical searches for complex molecules

Complex organics: Aminomethanol, Aminoethanol, Diethylether, Glycine, etc.

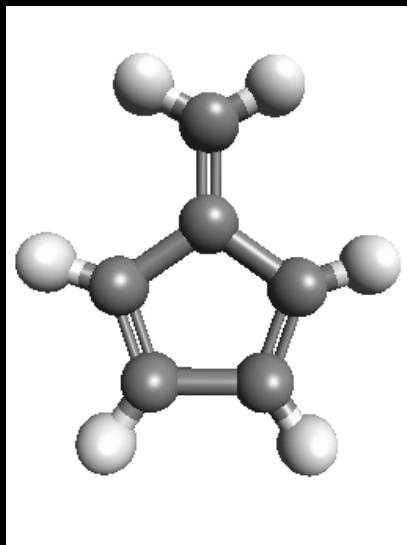
Aromatic compounds: Benzene derivatives, PAHs, PANHs

# Benzene in CRL618

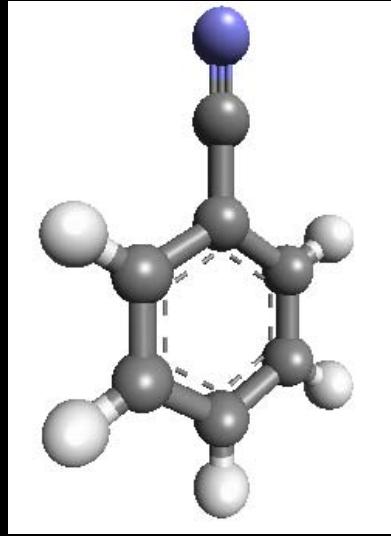


Cernicharo et al., ApJ 546, L123 (2001).

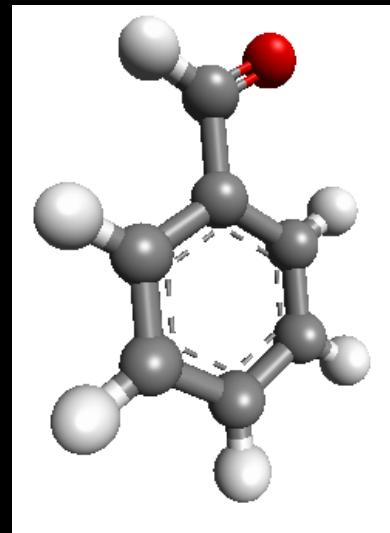
# Benzene derivatives, dehydrobenzenes, azabenzenes



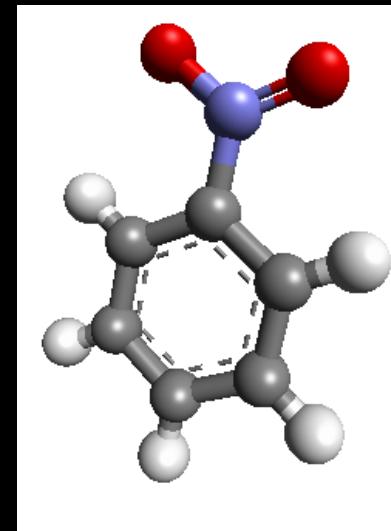
Fulvene



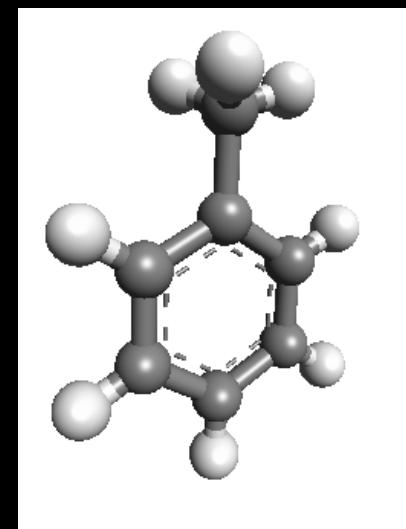
Benzonitrile



Benzaldehyde



Nitrobenzene

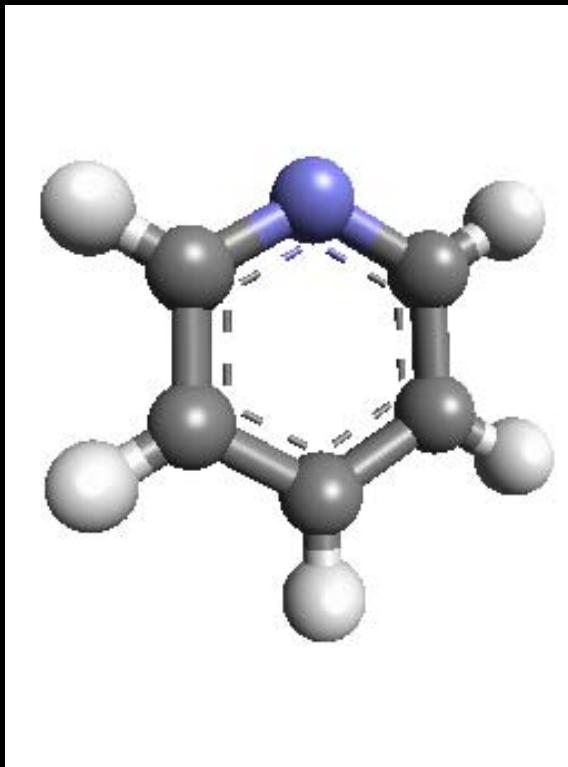


Toluene

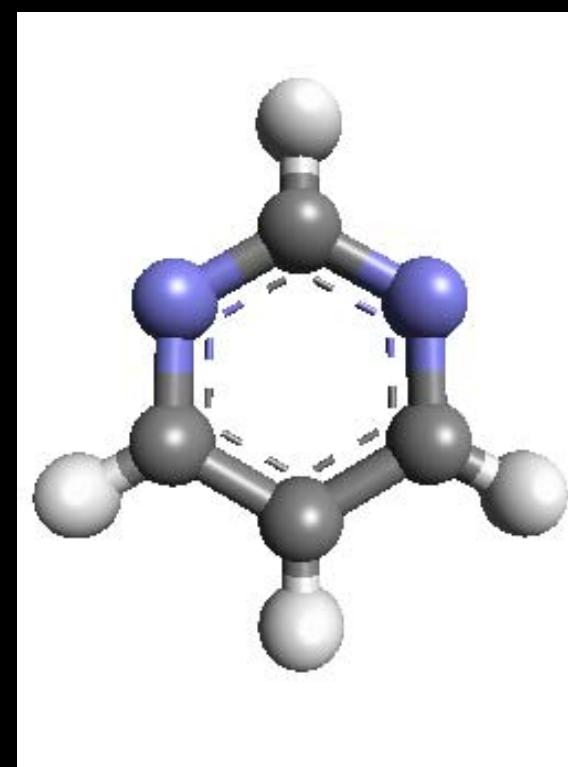
# Benzene derivatives, dehydrobenzenes, azabenzenes

Phenyl radical, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

o-Benzyne, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>



Pyridine

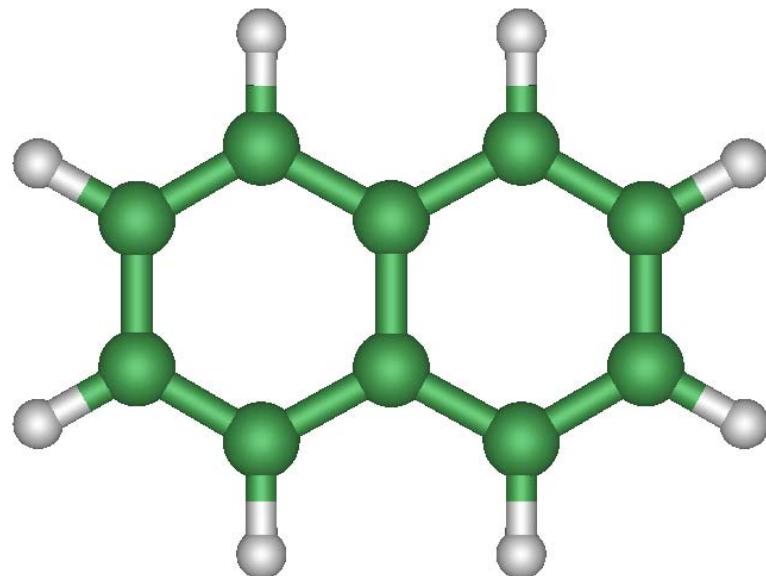


Pyrimidine

# PAHs

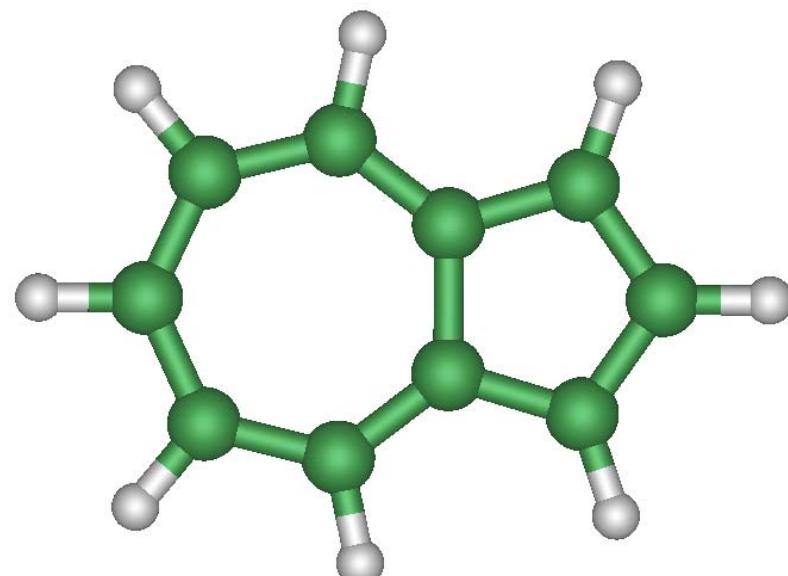
## MW/FTMW Spectroscopy of Azulene

Naphthalene, C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>



$$\mu = 0 \text{ D}$$

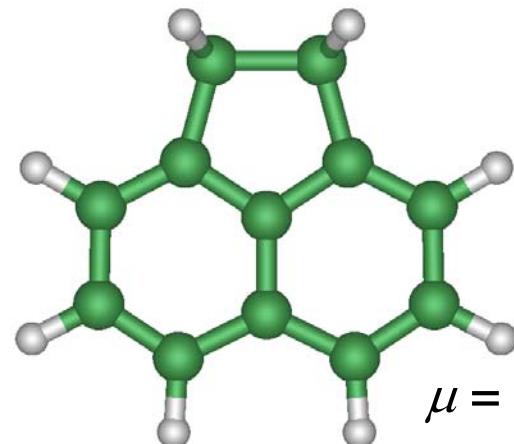
Azulene, C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>



$$\mu_{exp} = 0.9 \text{ D}$$

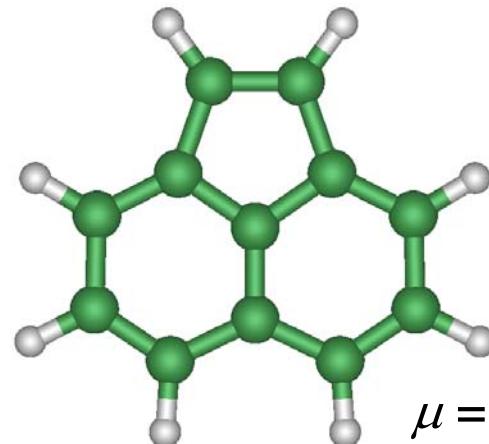
Tobler et al., J. Mol. Spectrosc. 18, 239 (1965)  
Huber et al., Mol. Phys. 103, 1395 (2005)

Acenaphthene, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>



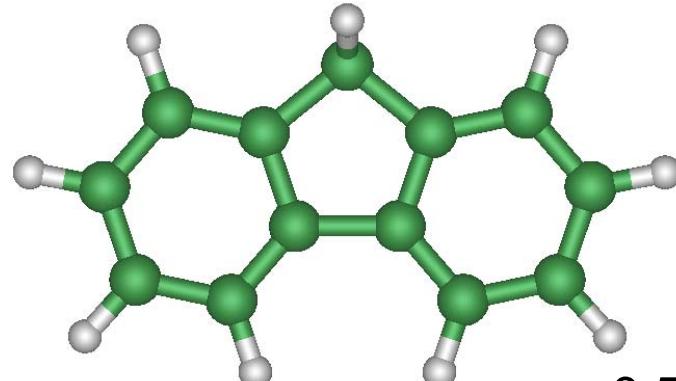
$\mu = 0.9 \text{ D}$

Acenaphthylene, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>



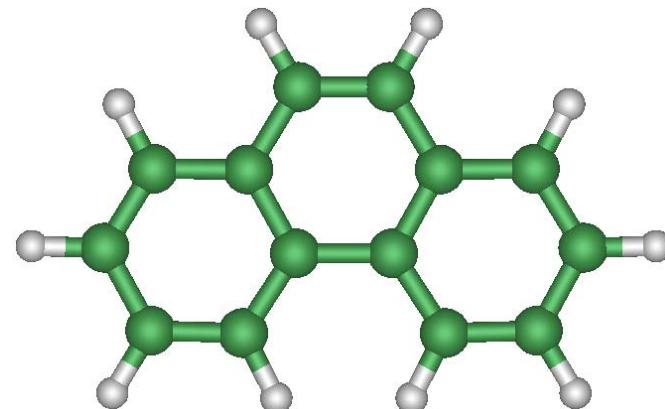
$\mu = 0.3 \text{ D}$

Fluorene, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>



$\mu = 0.5 \text{ D}$

Phenanthrene, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>



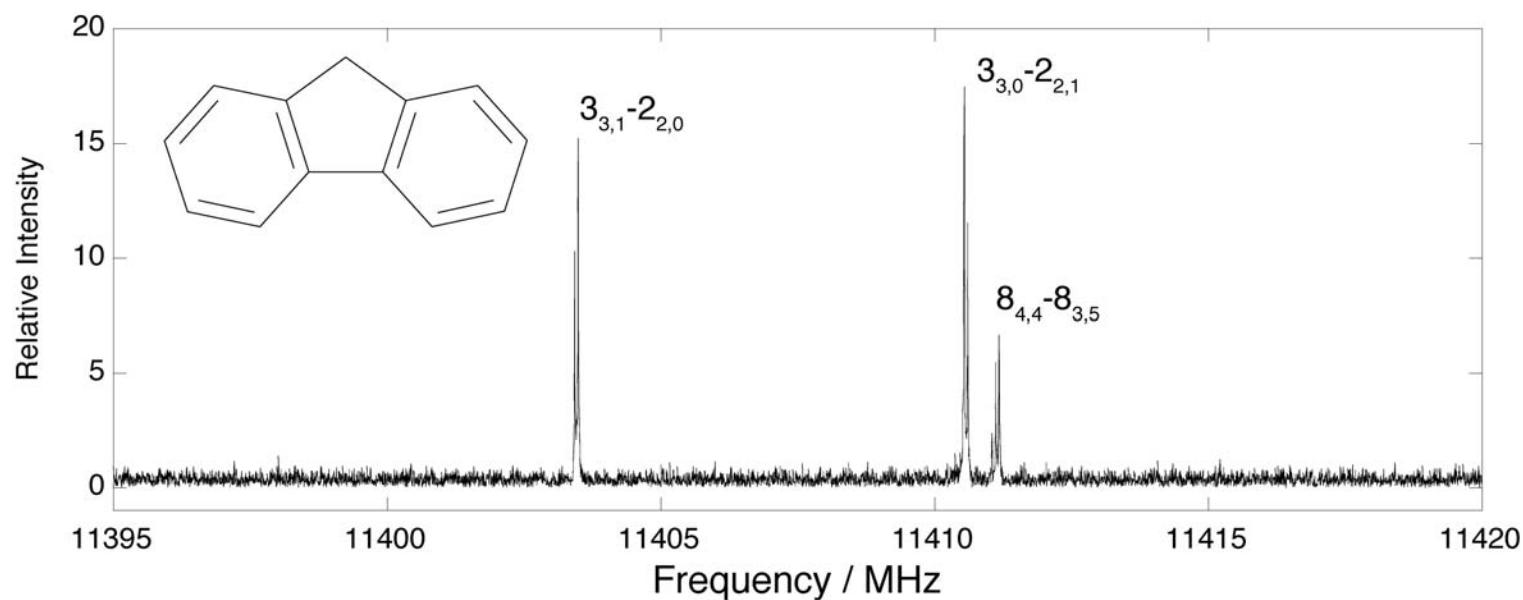
$\mu < 0.1 \text{ D}$

B3LYP/cc-pVTZ, Gaussian03

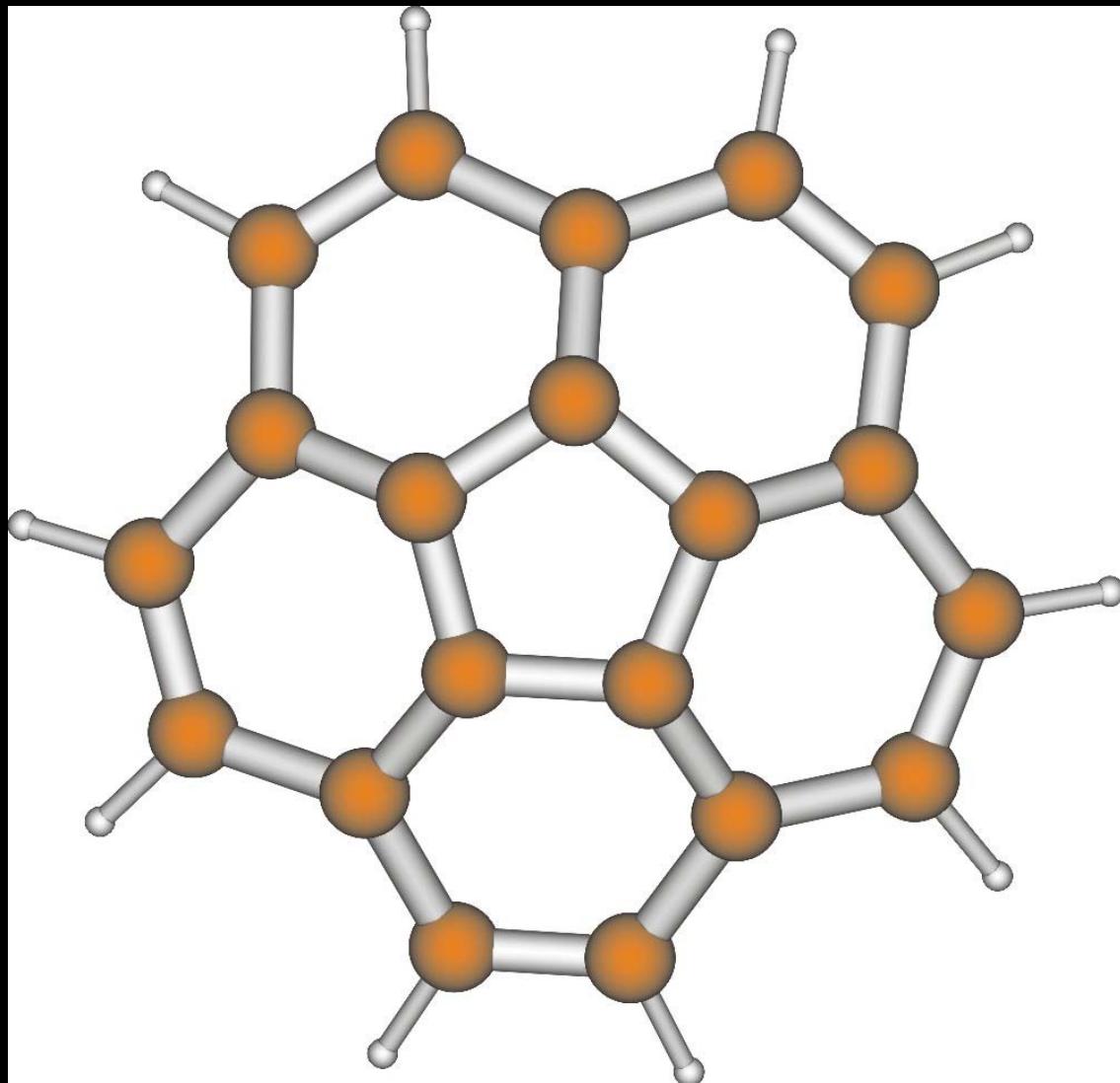
Thorwirth et al. 2006

## Molecular Constants of Fluorene

Constant / MHz	B3LYP/cc-pVTZ	Experimental
A	2195.1	2176.210
B	588.2	586.653
C	465.2	463.569



# Corannulene

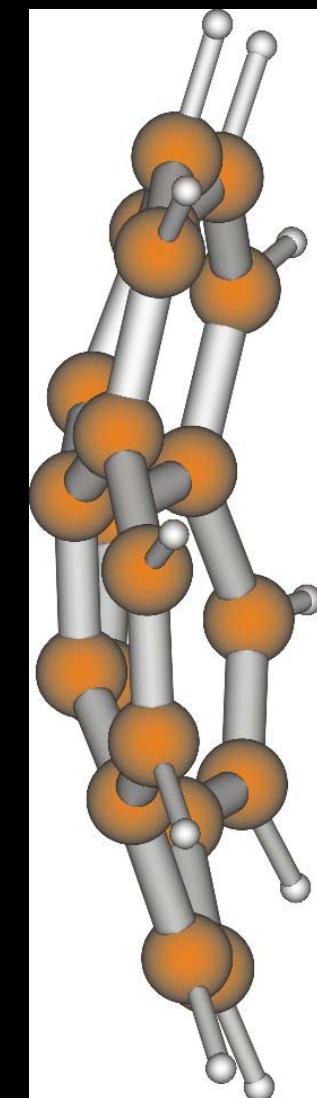


$\mu_{\text{exp}}$  = 2.07(2)D

$B$  = 509.8MHz

$B_{\text{HC7N}}$  = 564.0MHz

Lovas et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 127, 4345 (2005)



# PANHs

Some evidence for N bearing PAHs from ISO spectra (6 micron feature)

However, dedicated searches to date unsuccessful

Pyridine, Pyrimidine, Quinoline, Isoquinoline

Charnley et al., Advances in Space Research 36, 137 (2005)

Laboratory gas-phase studies for larger PANHs missing so far (FTMW)

Nevertheless, quite a bit of data for selected PAHs molecules!

PAHs in late type stars? (cf. E. Herbst)

IRC+10216, CRL618

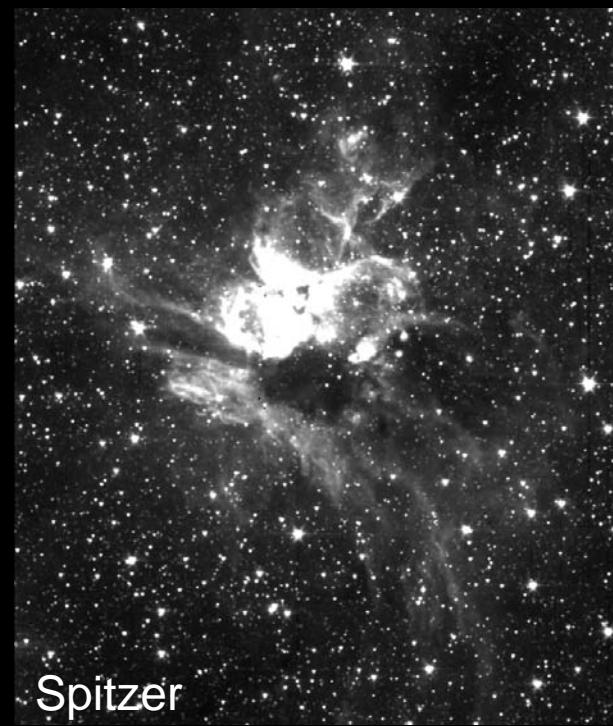
# Where should we search for complex organics?

NGC6334



2MASS

G327.3-0.6

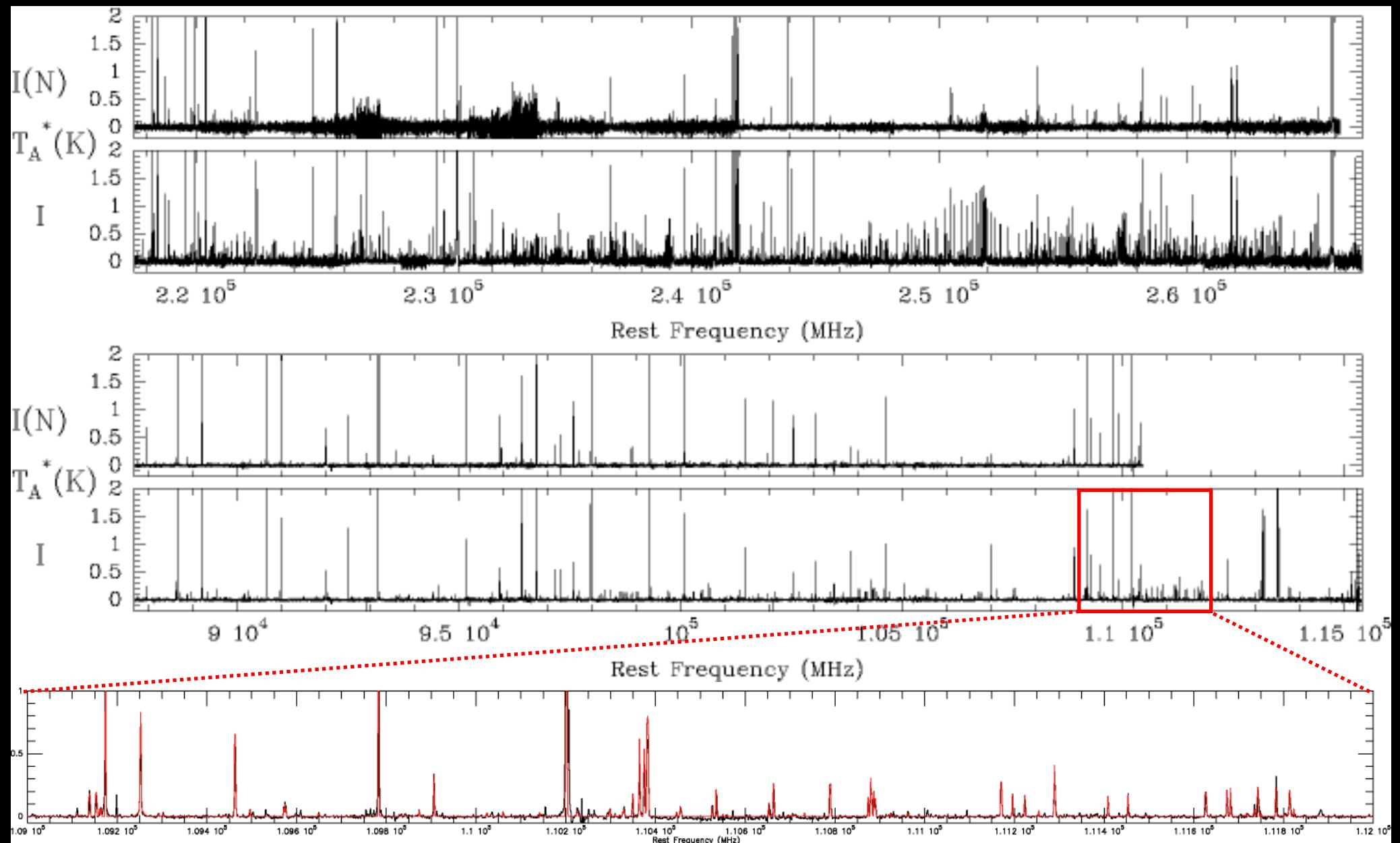


Spitzer

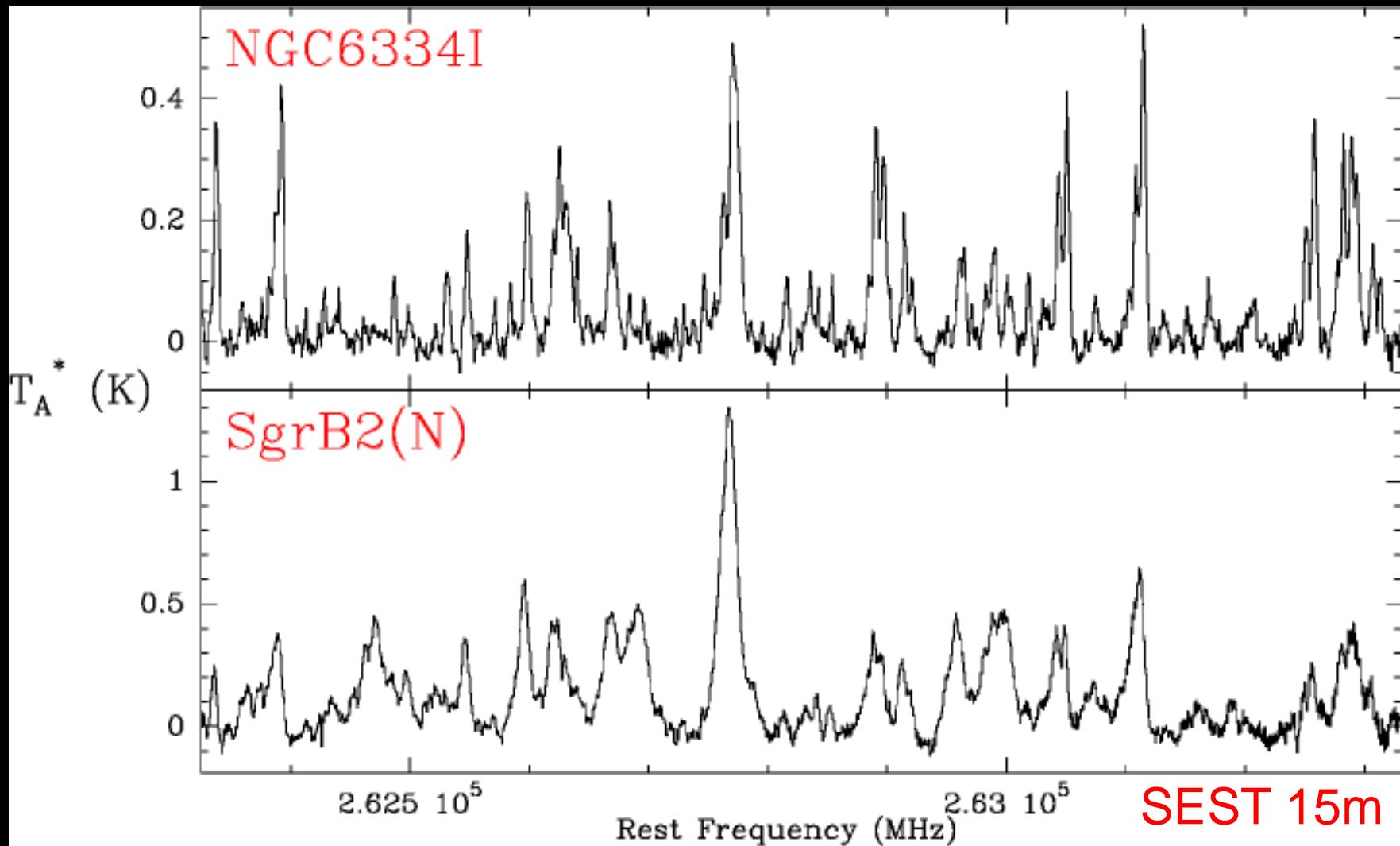
$\delta = -36^\circ$

$\delta = -54^\circ$

# NGC6334 I and I(N) with SEST



# Chemistry and Linewidths NGC6334I vs. SgrB2(N)



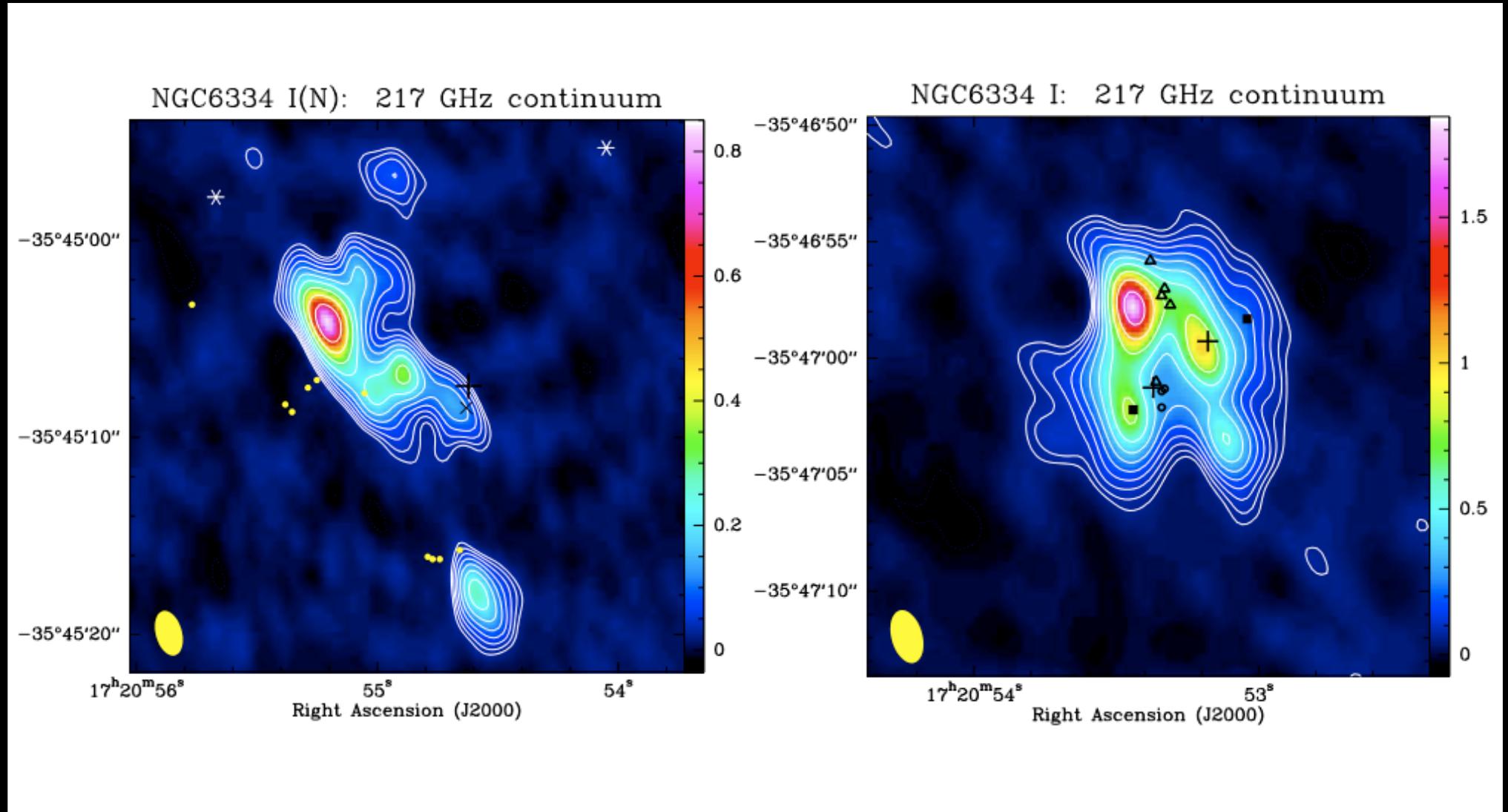
High line density (comparable to SgrB2/Orion)

Rich chemistry, Narrow lines  $\sim 5\text{km s}^{-1}$

Confusion limit is lower

More (weaker) lines can be detected

# NGC6334 I & I(N) with the SMA



Hunter et al., Protostars and Planets V, 8504 (2005).

## Observations at Submm Wavelengths

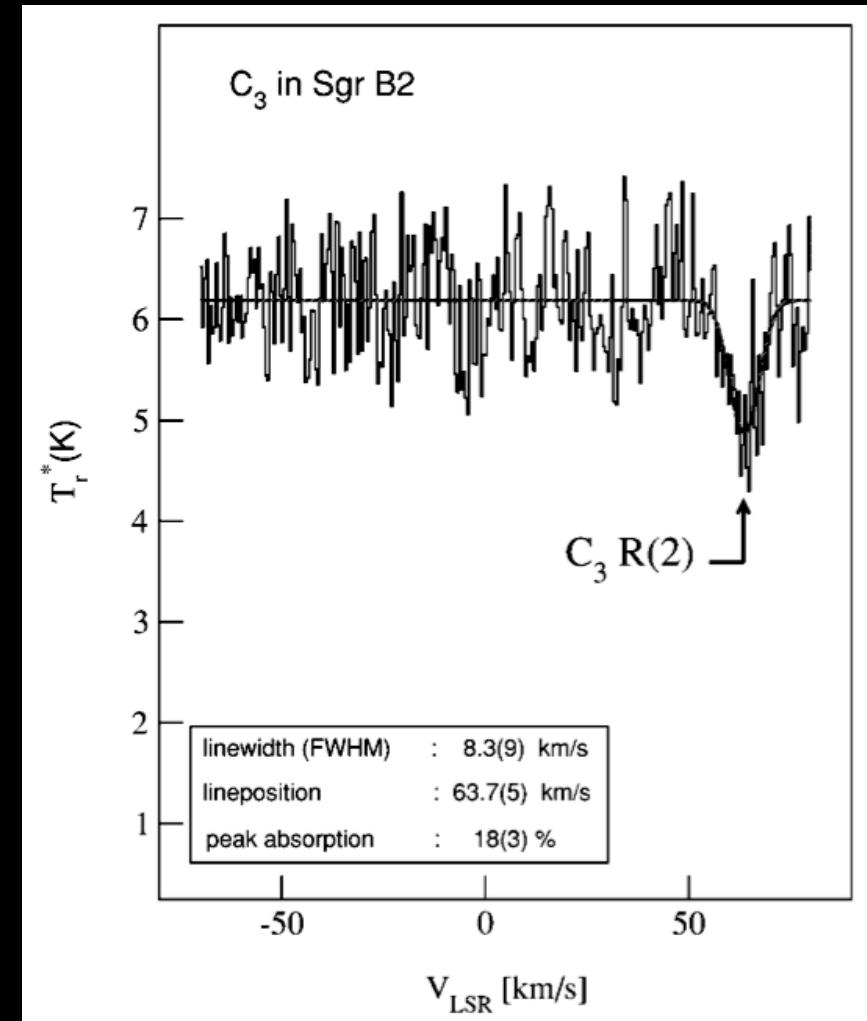
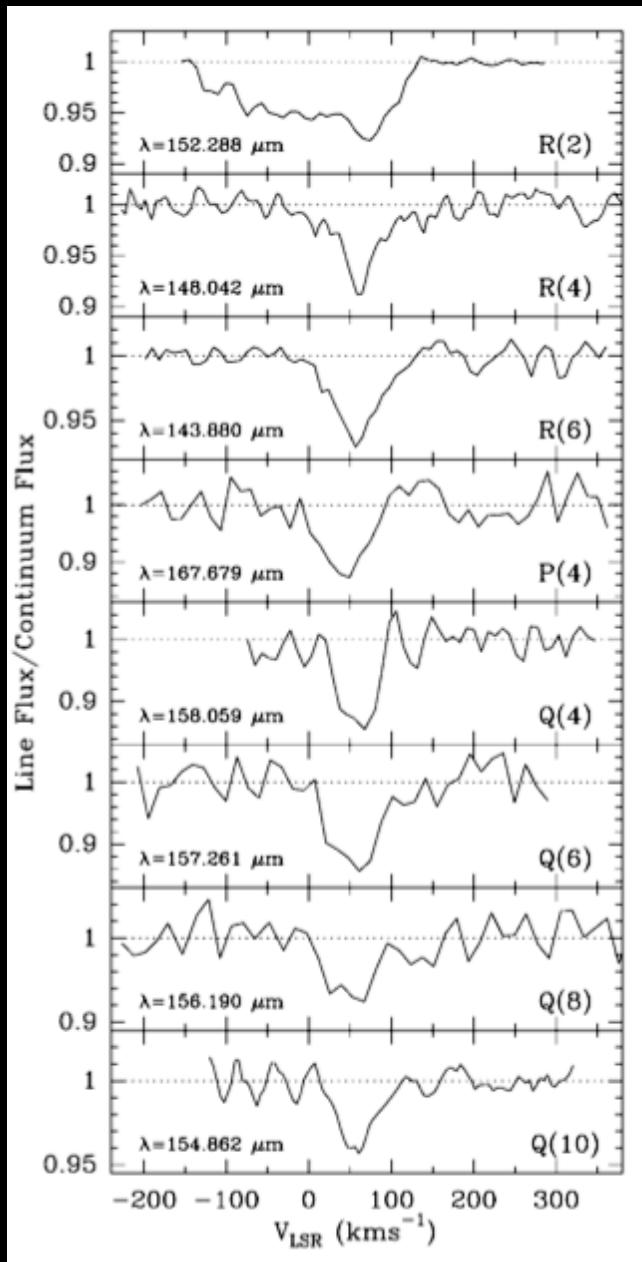
high-excitation transitions provide an insight into the hottest, densest regions of the ISM, high- $J$

study of ground-state transitions of light species (such as the hydrides HCl, SiH, CH<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>2</sub>, HDO, H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup>,...)

infrared pumping becomes important: selected molecular transitions provide a measure of the background dust radiation field

pure rotational transitions  
rovibrational transitions (< 35 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

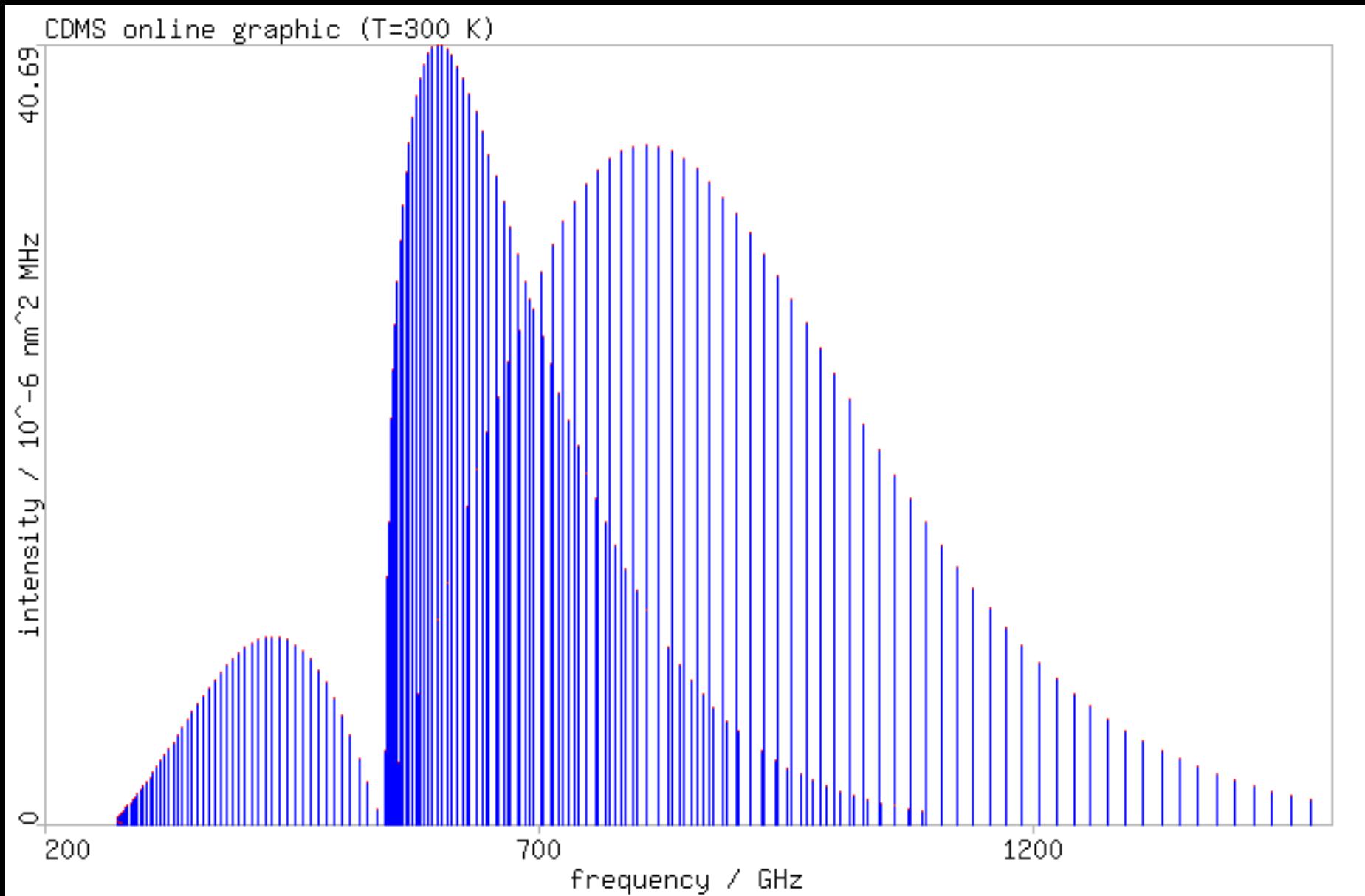
# Detection of C<sub>3</sub> at 2 THz



KAO, Giesen et al., ApJ 551, L181 (2001)

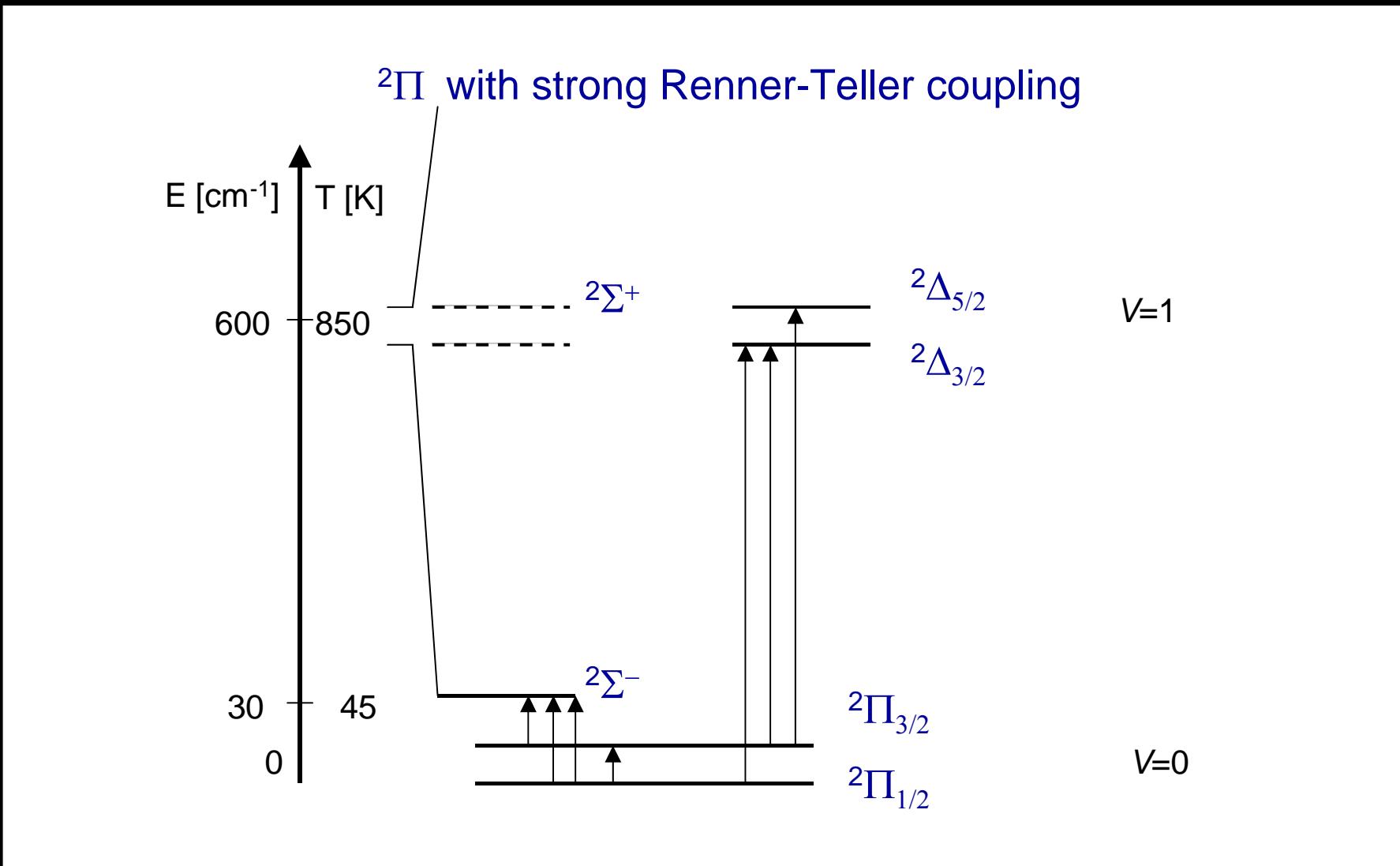
ISO, Cernicharo et al., ApJ 534, L199 (2000)

# $\nu_7$ of O=C=C=C=O at 18 cm<sup>-1</sup>

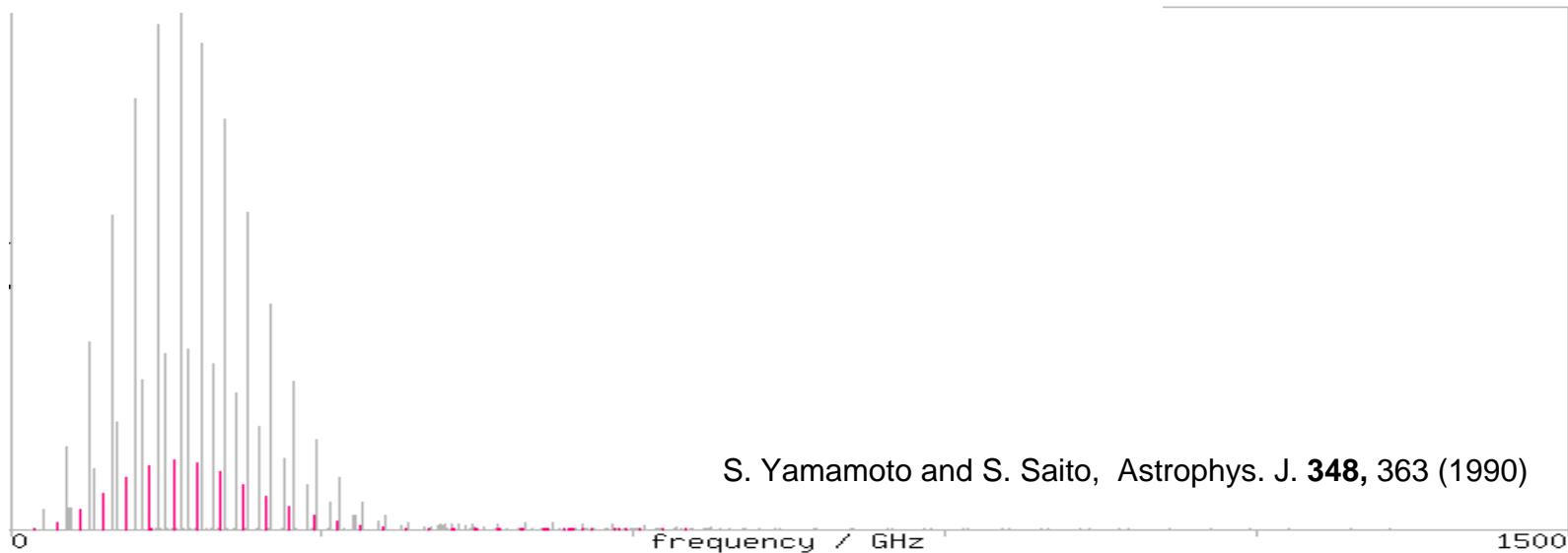


$$\mu = 0.08D$$

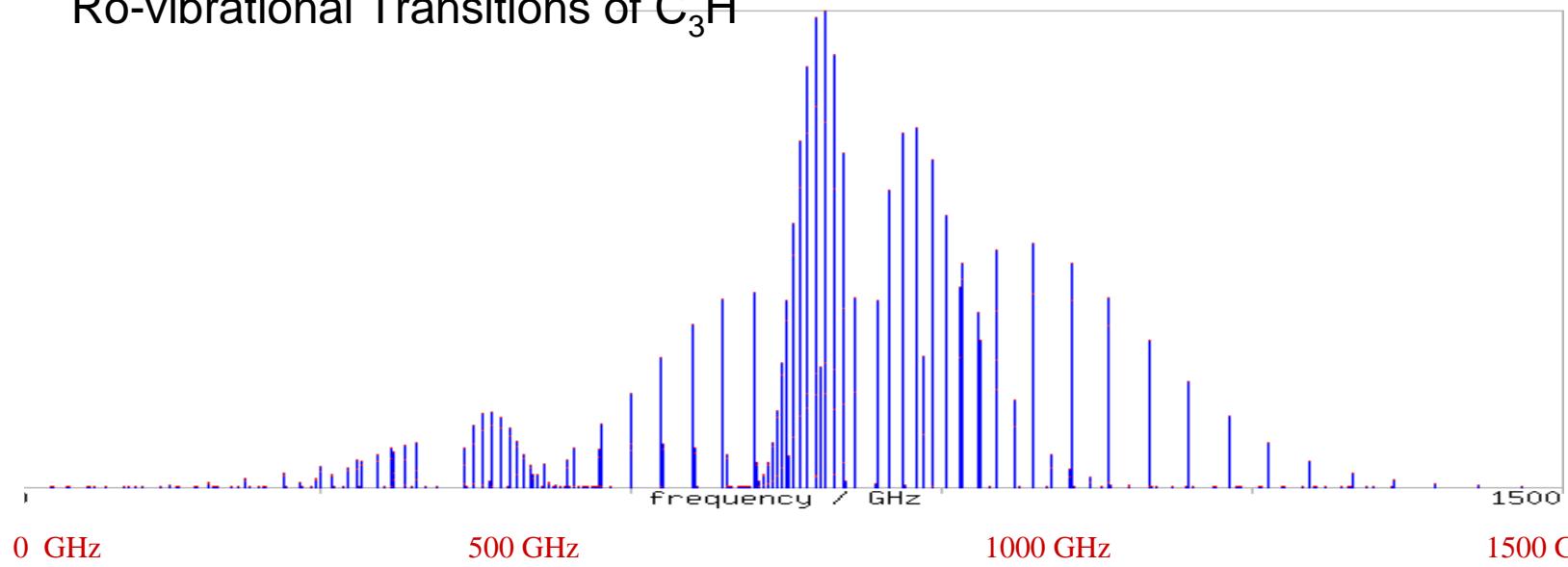
# C<sub>3</sub>H



## Pure Rotational Transitions of C<sub>3</sub>H



## Ro-vibrational Transitions of C<sub>3</sub>H



# Conclusions

## Homework!

Lab spectroscopy! Lab spectroscopy! Lab spectroscopy!  
Can't do the complex guys without knowing the simple ones  
New species, isotopic species, vib. states

QCC

Astrochemical modeling

Databases (Funding!)

Analysis software

Pick the right sources

A photograph of a large satellite dish antenna, likely a parabolic reflector, mounted on a metal truss structure. The dish is angled upwards. In the foreground, there is a chain-link fence. The background features a vast, arid landscape with several brown, rocky hills under a clear blue sky.

Thanks!