



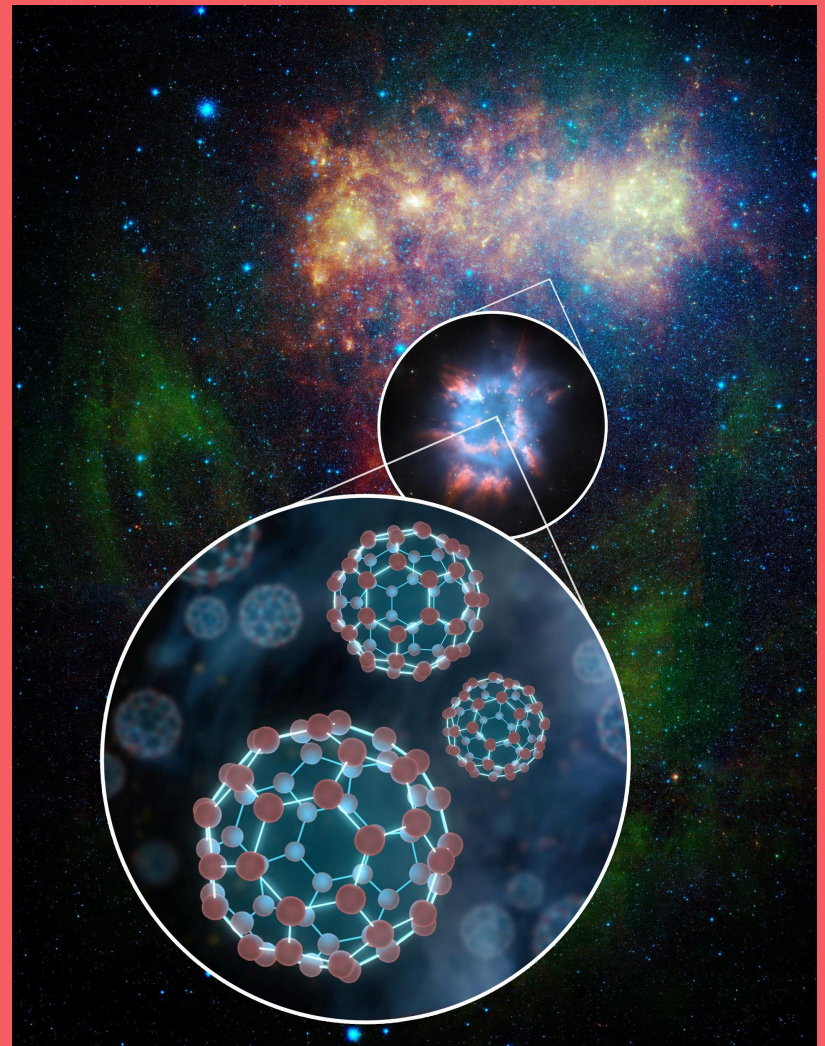
Astroquímica e as moléculas prebióticas no Universo

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Summary

- Astrochemistry
- Cosmic chemical complexity
- Molecules in Space
- Aromatic molecules in the MIR
- The hot core G331.512-0.103
- Final remarks



Astrochemistry

The study of molecular processes
in space.

- Types of chemical reactions in space
- Which reactions occur under which conditions
- Chemical composition of astrophysical objects
- to infer the physical properties
- Links to Astrobiology

A multi-field approach

Observations

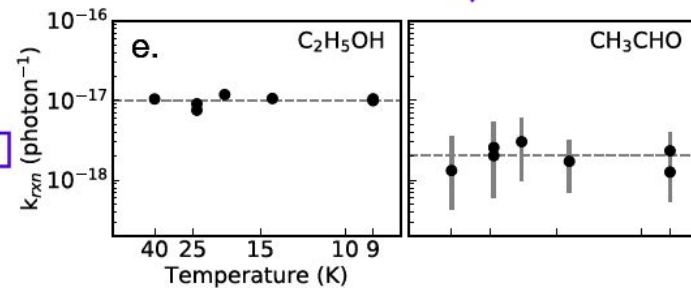
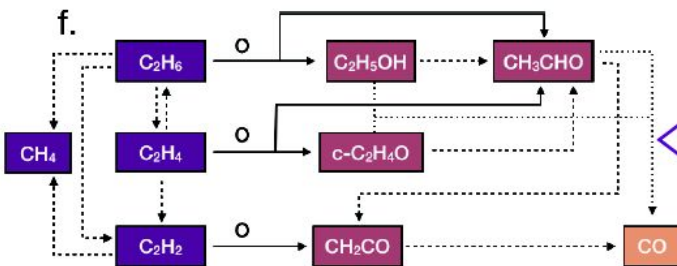
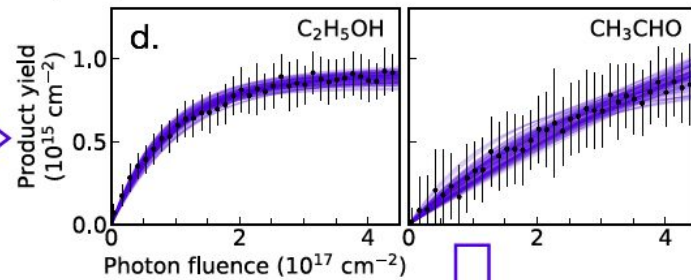
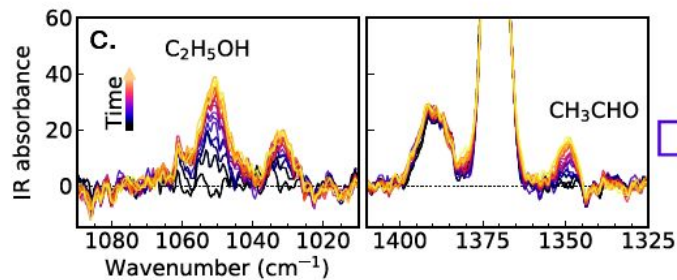
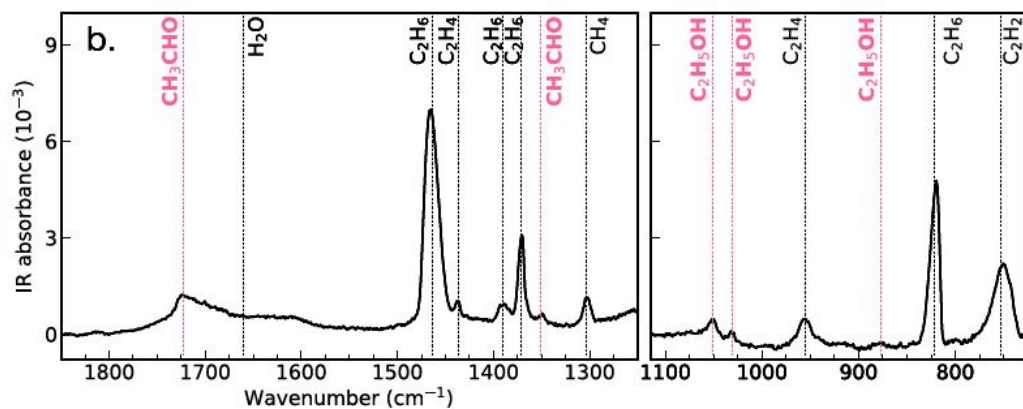
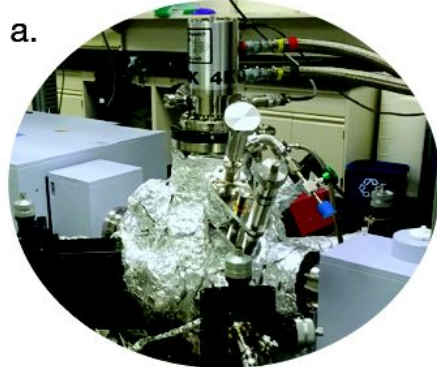
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- radio
- visual / UV
- X-rays

Models

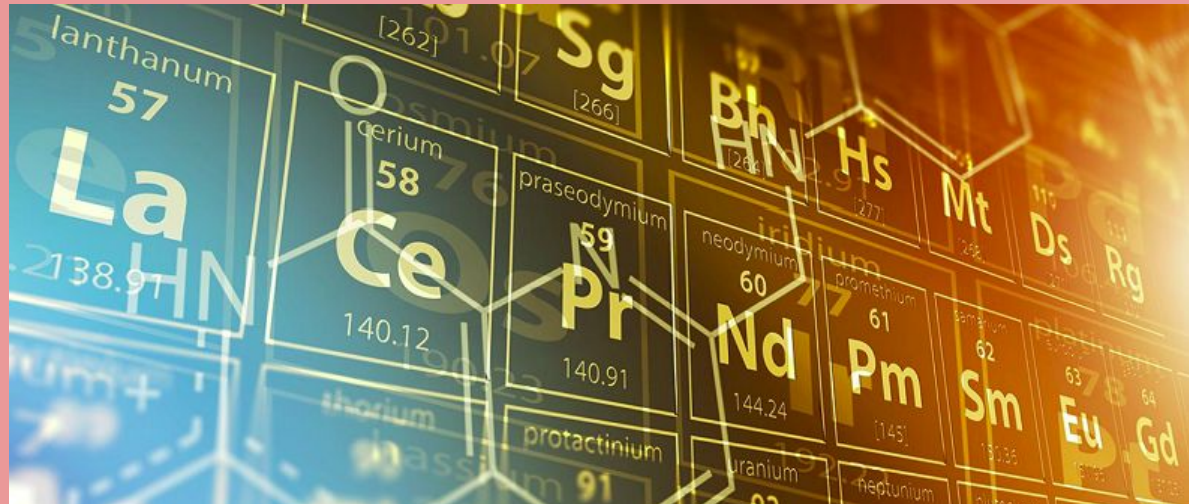
- early universe
- interstellar clouds
- star-forming regions
- planetary atmospheres

Laboratory / computation

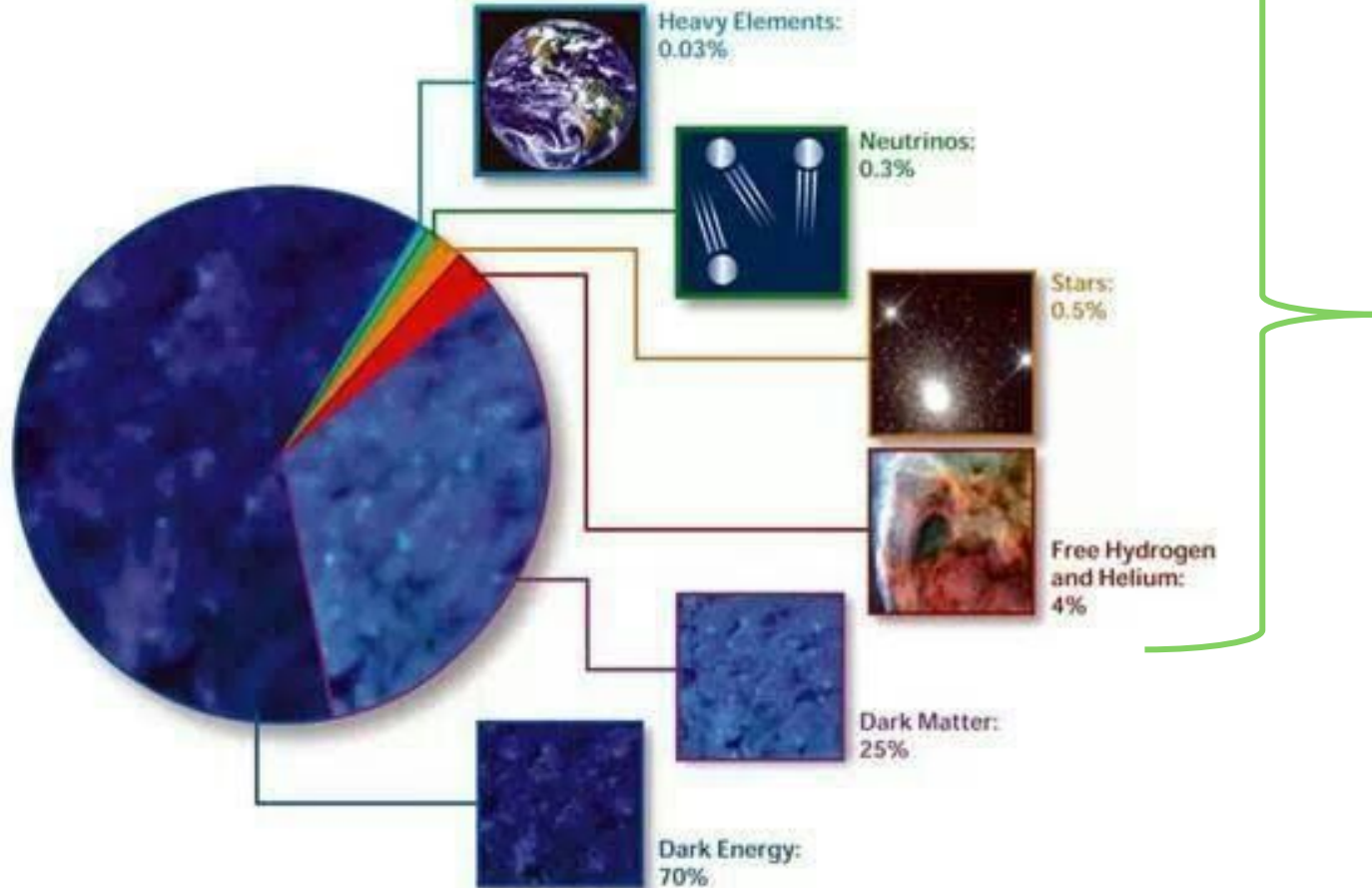
- spectroscopy
- collision rates
- reaction rates
- grain surface processes



Cosmic chemical complexity



COMPOSITION OF THE COSMOS



Baryonic
matter
5%

Periodic Table

Tabela Periódica

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Periodic Table

Tabela Periódica

GRUPO

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PERÍODO

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

1

H

hidrogénio

1,008

3

Li

lítio

6,94

11

Na

sódio

22,990

19

K

potássio

39,098

37

Rb

rubídio

85,468

55

Cs

césio

132,91

87

Fr

frâncio

[223]

4

Be

berílio

9,0122

12

Mg

magnésio

24,305

20

Ca

cálcio

40,078(4)

38

Sr

estrôncio

87,62

56

Ba

bário

137,33

88

Ra

rádio

[226]

21

Sc

escândio

44,956

39

Y

ítrio

88,906

57-71

89-103

22

Ti

titânio

47,867

40

Zr

zircônio

91,224(2)

72

Hf

háfnio

178,49(2)

104

Rf

rúterfórdio

[267]

23

V

vanádio

50,942

41

Nb

nióbio

92,906

73

Ta

tântalo

180,95

105

Db

dúbnio

[268]

24

Cr

cromio

51,996

42

Mo

molibdênio

95,95

74

W

tungstênio

183,84

106

Sg

seabórgio

[269]

25

Mn

manganês

54,938

43

Tc

tecnécio

[98]

75

Re

rênio

186,21

107

Bh

bohrio

[264]

26

Fe

ferro

55,845

44

Ru

ródio

101,07

76

Os

ósio

190,23

108

Hs

hassium

[277]

27

Co

cobalto

58,933

45

Rh

ródio

102,905

77

Ir

írio

192,22

109

Ts

tenessino

[281]

28

Ni

níquel

58,693

46

Pd

paládio

106,42

78

Pt

platina

195,08

110

Ds

darmstadto

[285]

29

Cu

cobre

63,546

47

Ag

prata

107,868

79

Au

ouro

196,967

111

Uu

unúndécio

[286]

30

Zn

zinco

65,38

48

Cd

cádmio

112,415

80

Hg

mercúrio

200,59

112

Uub

unubíquo

[289]

31

Ga

gálio

69,723

49

In

índio

114,82

81

Tl

talho

204,38

113

Uut

ununíquo

[288]

32

Ge

germânio

72,630(8)

50

Sn

estanho

118,71

82

Pb

chumbo

207,2

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As

arsênio

74,922

51

Sb

antimônio

121,76

83

Bi

bismuto

208,98

115

Umq

ununquívio

[288]

34

Se

selênio

78,971(8)

52

Te

telúrio

127,60(3)

84

Po

polônio

[209]

116

Uml

ununlívio

[289]

35

Br

bromo

79,904

53

I

iodo

126,90

85

At

astato

[210]

117

Uus

ununsébio

[294]

36

Kr

criptônio

83,798(2)

54

Xe

xenônio

131,29

86

Rn

radônio

[222]

118

Og

oganesônio

[294]

57

La

lantânio

138,91

71

Lu

lutécio

174,97

89

Ac

actínio

[227]

103

Lr

laurécio

[262]

90

Th

tório

232,04

104

Rf

rúterfórdio

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Pa

protactínio

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Db

dúbnio

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U

urânio

238,03

106

Sg

seabórgio

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Np

netúnio

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Bh

bohrio

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Pu

plutônio

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Hs

hassium

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Am

américio

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Cm

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Uu

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Cf

califórnio

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Uub

unubíquo

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Es

einstênio

[252]

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Uut

ununíquo

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100

Fm

férmio

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114

Uuq

ununquívio

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101

Md

mendelévio

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Umq

ununquívio

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No

nobélio

[259]

116

Uml

ununlívio

[289]

103

Lr

laurécio

[262]

117

Uus

ununsébio

[294]

Não metais

Metais alcalinos

Semimetais

Outros metais

Lantanídeos

Gases nobres

Metais alcalino-terrosos

Halogênios

Metais de transição

Actinídios

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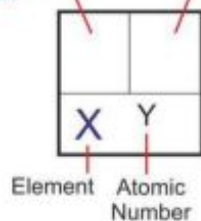
 CHONPS

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Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period																		
1	H 1																	He 2
2	Li 3	Be 4											B 5	C 6	N 7	O 8	F 9	Ne 10
3	Na 11	Mg 12											Al 13	Si 14	P 15	S 16	Cl 17	Ar 18
4	K 19	Ca 20	Sc 21	Ti 22	V 23	Cr 24	Mn 25	Fe 26	Co 27	Ni 28	Cu 29	Zn 30	Ga 31	Ge 32	As 33	Se 34	Br 35	Kr 36
5	Rb 37	Sr 38	Y 39	Zr 40	Nb 41	Mo 42	Tc 43	Ru 44	Rh 45	Pd 46	Ag 47	Cd 48	In 49	Sn 50	Sb 51	Te 52	I 53	Xe 54
6	Cs 55	Ba 56		Hf 72	Ta 73	W 74	Re 75	Os 76	Ir 77	Pt 78	Au 79	Hg 80	Tl 81	Pb 82	Bi 83	Po 84	At 85	Rn 86
7	Fr 87	Ra 88		Rf 104	Db 105	Sg 106	Bh 107	Hs 108	Mt 109	Ds 110	Rg 111	Cn 112	Uut 113	Fl 114	Uup 115	Lv 116	Uus 117	Uuo 118
				La 57	Ce 58	Pr 59	Nd 60	Pm 61	Sm 62	Eu 63	Gd 64	Tb 65	Dy 66	Ho 67	Er 68	Tm 69	Yb 70	Lu 71
				Ac 89	Th 90	Pa 91	U 92	Np 93	Pu 94	Am 95	Cm 96	Bk 97	Cf 98	Es 99	Fm 100	Md 101	No 102	Lr 103

Astrophysical source

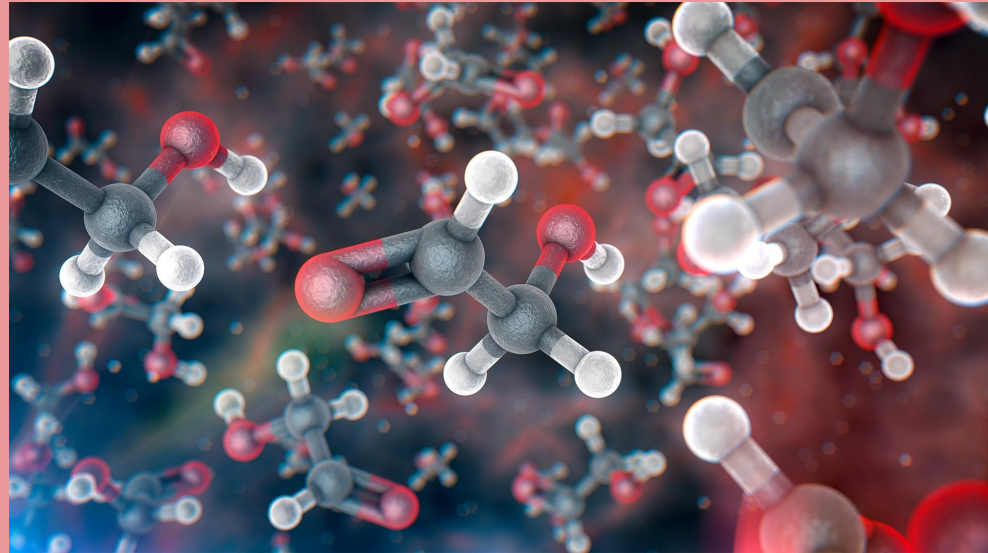
- Big Bang
- Low mass stars
- High mass stars
- Supernovae
- Cosmic rays
- Manmade



Biological Use

- Essential in all life
- Major cations in all life
- Major anion in all life
- Essential trace element in all life
- Specialised uses in some life
- Transported, reduced or methylated
- Inert or unknown use
- Major transition metals in life

Molecules in Space



More than 200 molecules detected in ISM

Molecules in the Interstellar Medium or Circumstellar Shells (as of 08/2020)

2 atoms	3 atoms	4 atoms	5 atoms	6 atoms	7 atoms	8 atoms	9 atoms	10 atoms	11 atoms	12 atoms	>12 atoms
H ₂	C ₃ [*]	c-C ₃ H	C ₅ [*]	C ₅ H	C ₆ H	CH ₃ C ₃ N	CH ₃ C ₄ H	CH ₃ C ₅ N	HC ₉ N	c-C ₆ H ₆ [*]	C ₆₀ [*]
AlF	C ₂ H	I-C ₃ H	C ₄ H	I-H ₂ C ₄	CH ₂ CHCN	HC(O)OCH ₃	CH ₃ CH ₂ CN	(CH ₃) ₂ CO	CH ₃ C ₆ H	n-C ₃ H ₇ CN	C ₇₀ [*]
AlCl	C ₂ O	C ₃ N	C ₄ Si	C ₂ H ₄ [*]	CH ₃ C ₂ H	CH ₃ COOH	(CH ₃) ₂ O	(CH ₂ OH) ₂	C ₂ H ₅ OCHO	I-C ₃ H ₇ CN	C ₆₀ ⁺
C ₂ ^{**}	C ₂ S	C ₃ O	I-C ₃ H ₂	CH ₃ CN	HC ₅ N	C ₇ H	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	CH ₃ CH ₂ CHO	CH ₃ OC(O)CH ₃	C ₂ H ₅ OCH ₃	c-C ₆ H ₅ CN
CH	CH ₂	C ₃ S	c-C ₃ H ₂	CH ₃ NC	CH ₃ CHO	C ₆ H ₂	HC ₇ N	CH ₃ CHCH ₂ O	CH ₃ C(O)CH ₂ OH (2020)		
CH ⁺	HCN	C ₂ H ₂ [*]	H ₂ CCN	CH ₃ OH	CH ₃ NH ₂	CH ₂ OHCHO	C ₈ H	CH ₃ OCH ₂ OH			
CN	HCO	NH ₃	CH ₄ [*]	CH ₃ SH	c-C ₂ H ₄ O	I-HC ₆ H [*]	CH ₃ C(O)NH ₂				
CO	HCO ⁺	HCCN	HC ₃ N	HC ₃ NH ⁺	H ₂ CCHOH (?)	CH ₂ CHCHO (?)	C ₈ H ⁻				
CO ⁺	HCS ⁺	HCNH ⁺	HC ₂ NC	HC ₂ CHO	C ₆ H ⁻	CH ₂ CCHCN	C ₃ H ₆				
CP	HOC ⁺	HNCO	HCOOH	NH ₂ CHO	CH ₃ NCO	H ₂ NCH ₂ CN	CH ₃ CH ₂ SH (?)				
SiC	H ₂ O	HNCS	H ₂ CNH	C ₅ N	HC ₅ O	CH ₃ CHNH	CH ₃ NHCHO				
HCl	H ₂ S	HOCO ⁺	H ₂ C ₂ O	I-HC ₄ H [*]	HOCH ₂ CN (2019)	CH ₃ SiH ₃	HC ₇ O				

to be continued...



Line forests

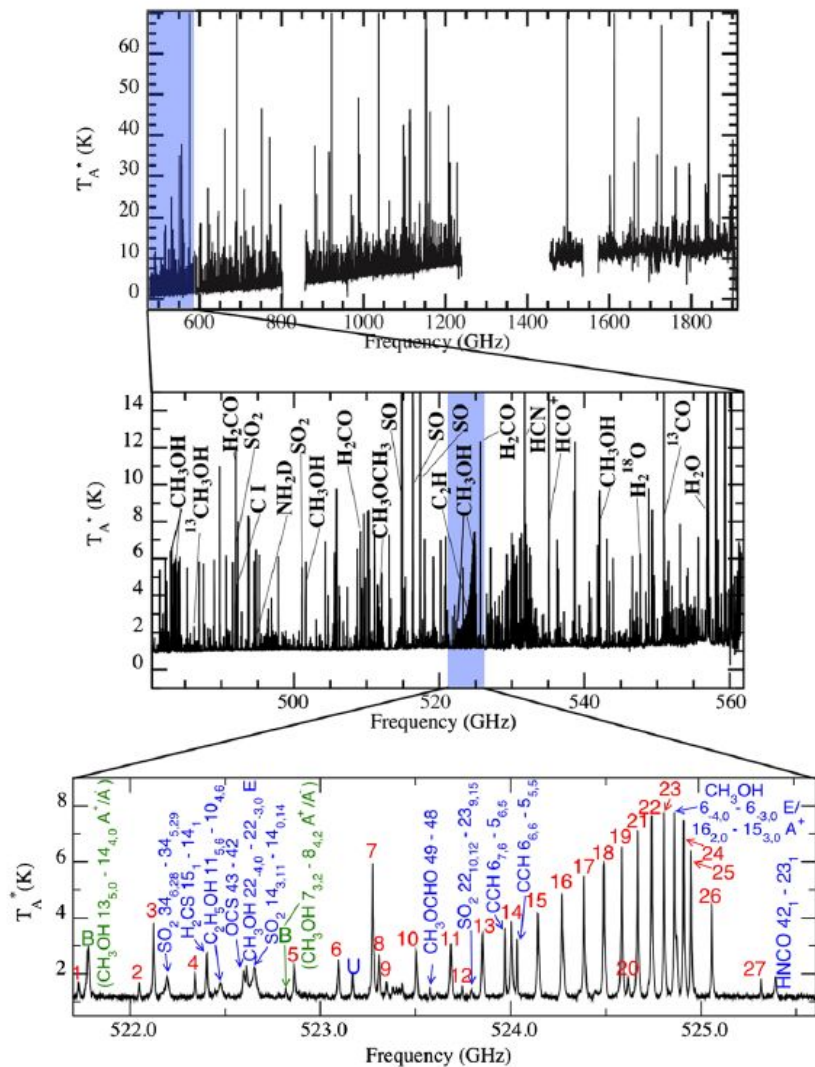


Fig: HIFI spectral survey of the Orion KL region. Top panel: The complete spectral scan (490 GHz to 1.9 THz) reveals the rich line forest. There are some 105 lines in this spectrum. Middle panel: A zoom in on the 490-530 GHz spectral range with some of the stronger lines identified. Bottom panel: The 522:5-525:5 GHz range shows velocity-resolved lines. The numbered lines are CH_3OH lines used in the analysis of the temperature structure of the region (Tielens 2013).

COMs - Complex Organic Molecules

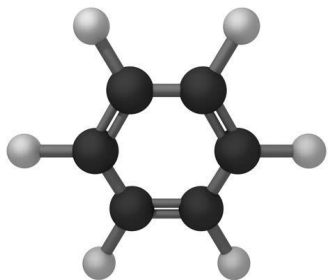
- molecules with 6 or more atoms including C
(Herbst & van Dishoeck 2009)

- CH_3OH , CH_3CN , CH_3CHO , CH_3OCH_3 , ...

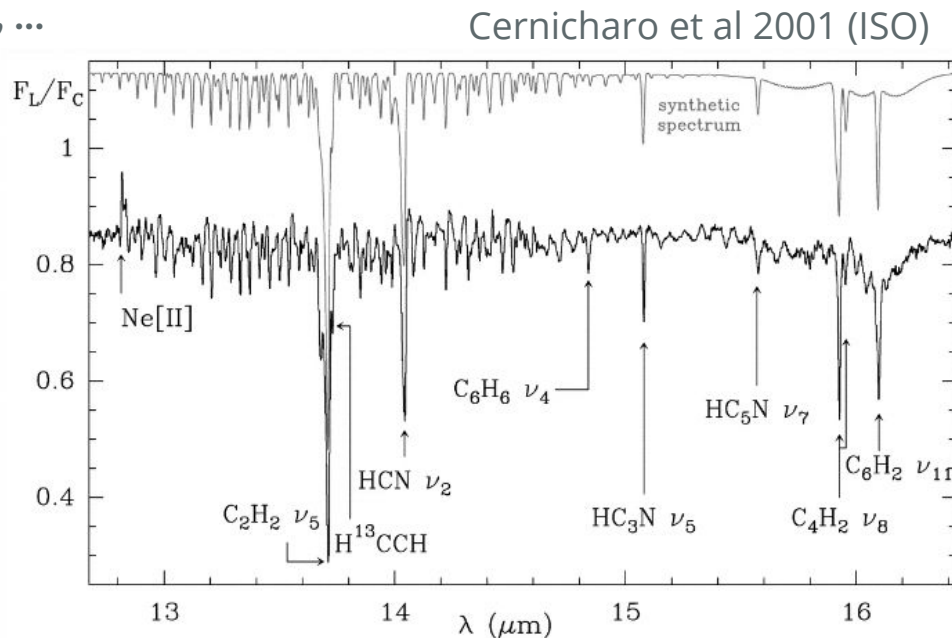
- **Prebiotic molecules**

- NH_2CHO (formamide)

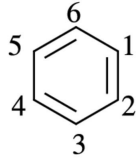
- Benzene



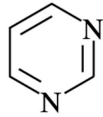
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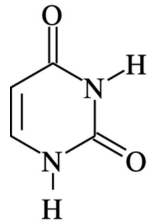
Search for interstellar emission of N-heterocycles



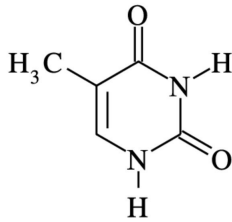
Benzene



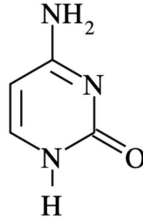
Pyrimidine



Uracil



Thymine



Cytosine

- Motivation → prebiotic chemistry
- Formation of nucleobases
- Presence in meteorites (e.g. Murchison)
(Allamandola et al. 1999, Martins et al. 2005, 2008)
- Large dipole moments → detection at radio wavelengths (Charnley et al. 2005)

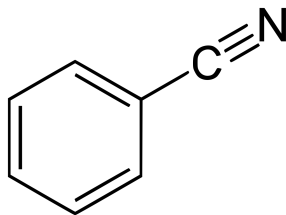
Fig.: Molecular structure of benzene, pyrimidine and pyrimidinic nucleobases uracil, thymine and cytosine (Mendoza et al. 2013).

N-heterocycles (tentatives of) detection in ISM

- Vinyl cyanide, pyrimidine and pyridine in 1973
(Martha Simon & Michal Simon, 1973)

- Pyridine, pyrimidine, quinoline, isoquinoline
(Charnley et al. 2005, Kuan et al. 2006)

- Benzonitrile!
(Mcguire et al. 2019)



Still a challenge:

- Low abundances
- Photodissociation

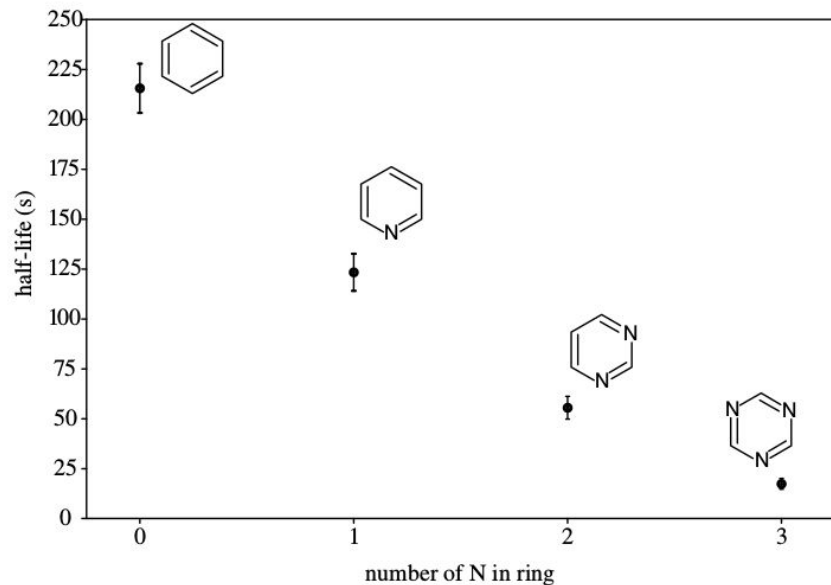
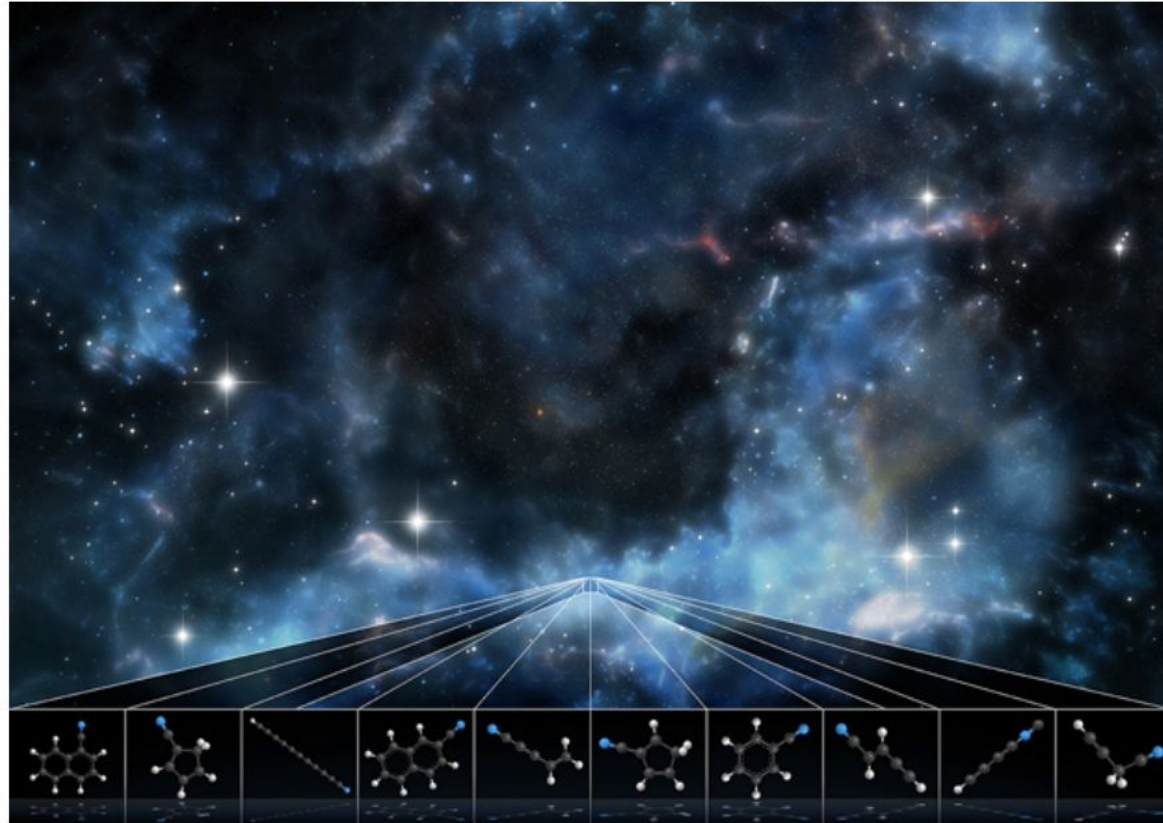


Fig.: The half-lives of the three N-heterocycles plotted against the number of nitrogen atoms in the ring.
(Z. Peeters et al. 2005).

Green Bank Discovers Many Complex Molecules Never Before Seen In Space

Source: Green Bank Posted March 18, 2021 10:46 PM  [0 Comments](#)



Series of 9 papers!!

GOTHAM

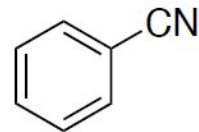
Green Bank Telescope
Observations of TMC-1:
Hunting Aromatic Molecules

<http://astrobiology.com/2021/03/green-bank-discovers-many-complex-molecules-never-before-seen-in-space.html>

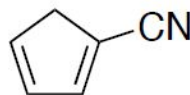
TMC - 1

- very early evolutionary phase (precollapse)
- source of unsaturated carbon-chain molecules
- **evidence** of five-membered and bicyclic CN-functionalized **rings**

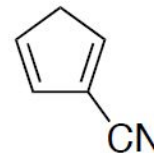
→ **unexplored area of organic chemistry in space**



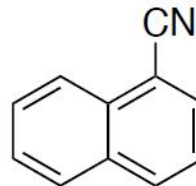
cyanobenzene



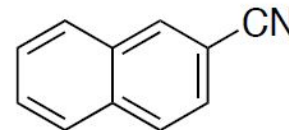
1-cyano-1,3-cyclopentadiene



2-cyano-1,3-cyclopentadiene



1-cyanonaphthalene

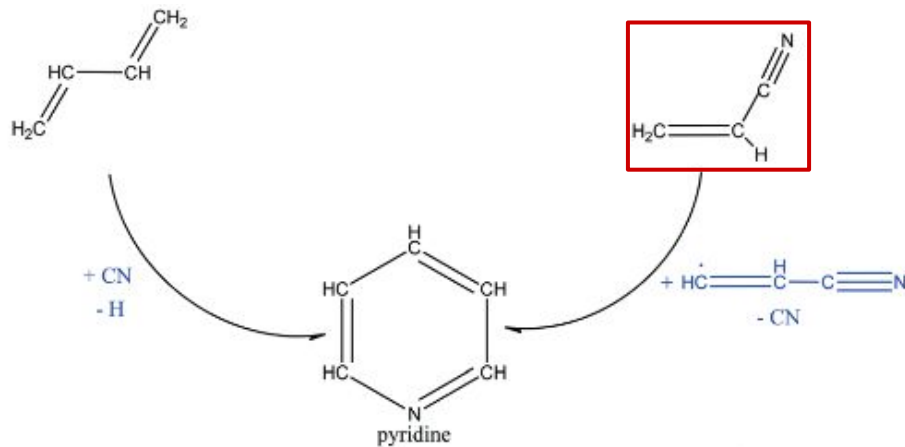


2-cyanonaphthalene

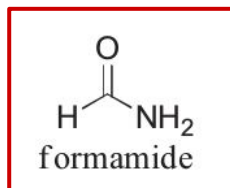
Figure 1: Structures and common chemical names of the five aromatic or cyclic molecules that have recently been discovered in the dark molecular cloud TMC-1 on the basis of precise laboratory rest frequencies using the 100 m Green Bank Telescope.

Search for N-heterocycles precursors

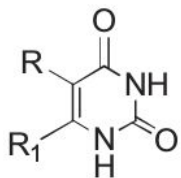
- HNCO, HC₃N, C₃H and HC₃NH⁺ (Majumdar et al. 2015)
- Formamide
- Vinyl cyanide (C₂H₃CN) (Parker & Kaiser, 2017)



Formamide



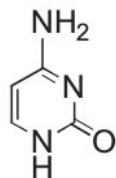
protons (170 MeV)
meteorite, 243 K



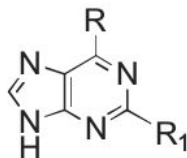
R=R₁=H; uracil (1)

R=Me; R₁=H; thymine (3)

R=H; R₁=COOH; orotic acid (10)



cytosine (2)



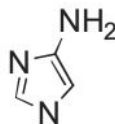
R=NH₂; R₁=H adenine (4)

R=OH; R₁=NH₂ guanine (5)

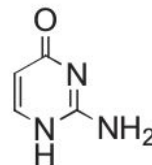
R=R₁=H purine (6)

R=OH; R₁=H hypoxanthine (8)

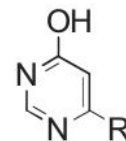
R=R₁=NH₂ 2,6-diaminopurine (9)



4-AMI (16)

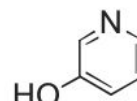


isocytosine (7)

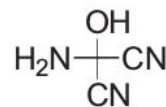


R=OH 4,6-DHP (11)

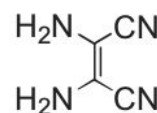
R=H 4(3H)pyrimidone (12)



3(OH)pyridine (13)



AHMN (14)



DAMN (15)

Products of high-energy proton irradiation of formamide in the presence of meteorites. Nucleobases, nucleobase analogs, and intermediates of the condensation (Saladino et al; 2015).

HNCO as a prebiotic molecule

- Contains four of the biogenic elements (CHONPS)
- Can form molecules with peptide bonds in solid state
 - amino acids
 - proteins

(Fedoseev et al. 2015)

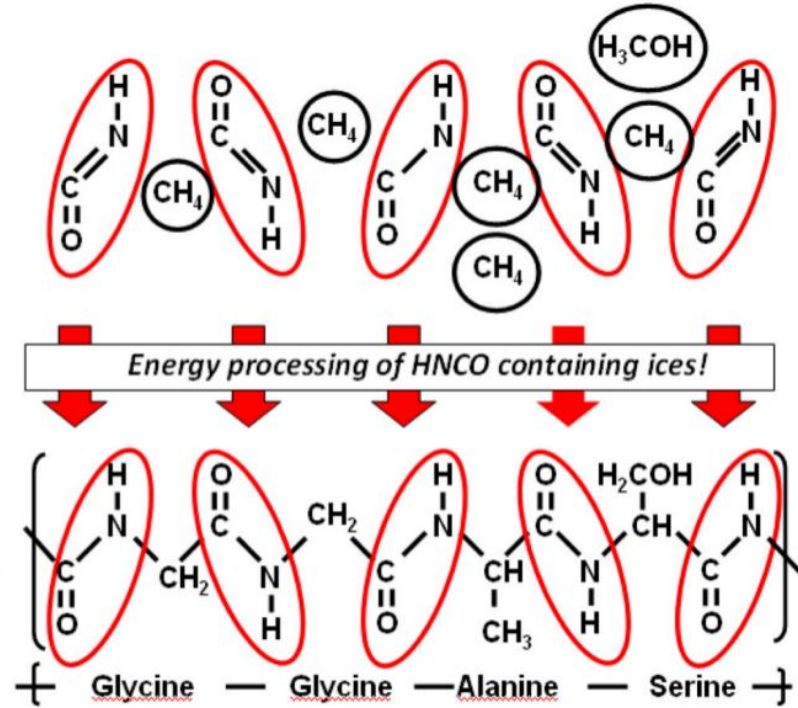
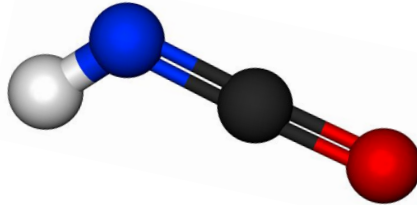


Figure 6. A schematic that illustrates the potential importance of HNCO as a simple bearer of peptide bonds for the production of amino acids in interstellar ices.

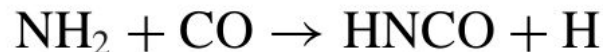
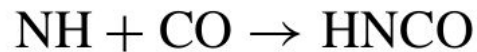
Formation of HNC

- Gas phase reactions do not reproduce the observations

- **GRAIN REACTIONS**

Interstellar ice analogues processed by
proton or UV radiation

(Fedoseev et al. 2015)



HNCO and NH₂CHO

- $[\text{HNCO}]/[\text{NH}_2\text{CHO}] \sim 3.0$
(e.g. Mendoza et al. 2014)
- They may share a common solid state formation scheme
(Haupa et al. 2019)

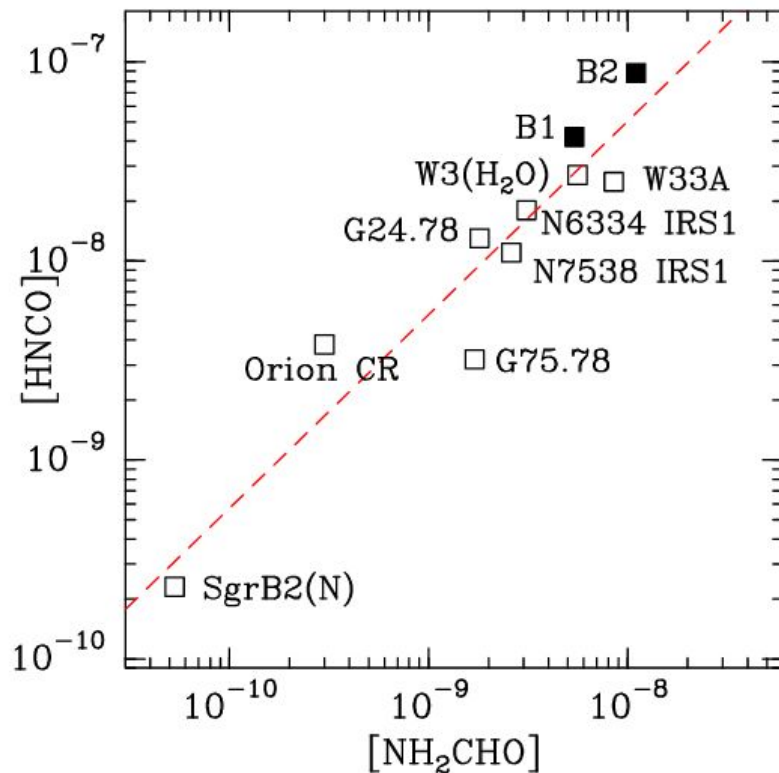
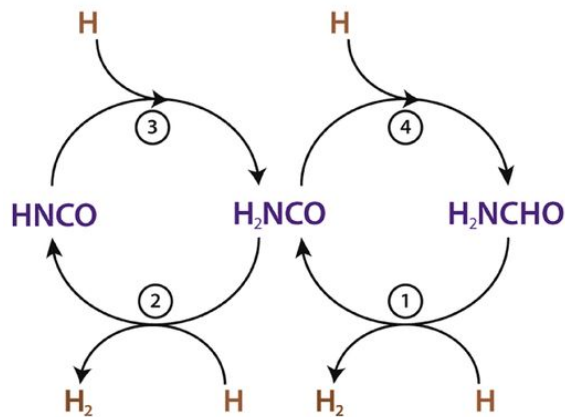
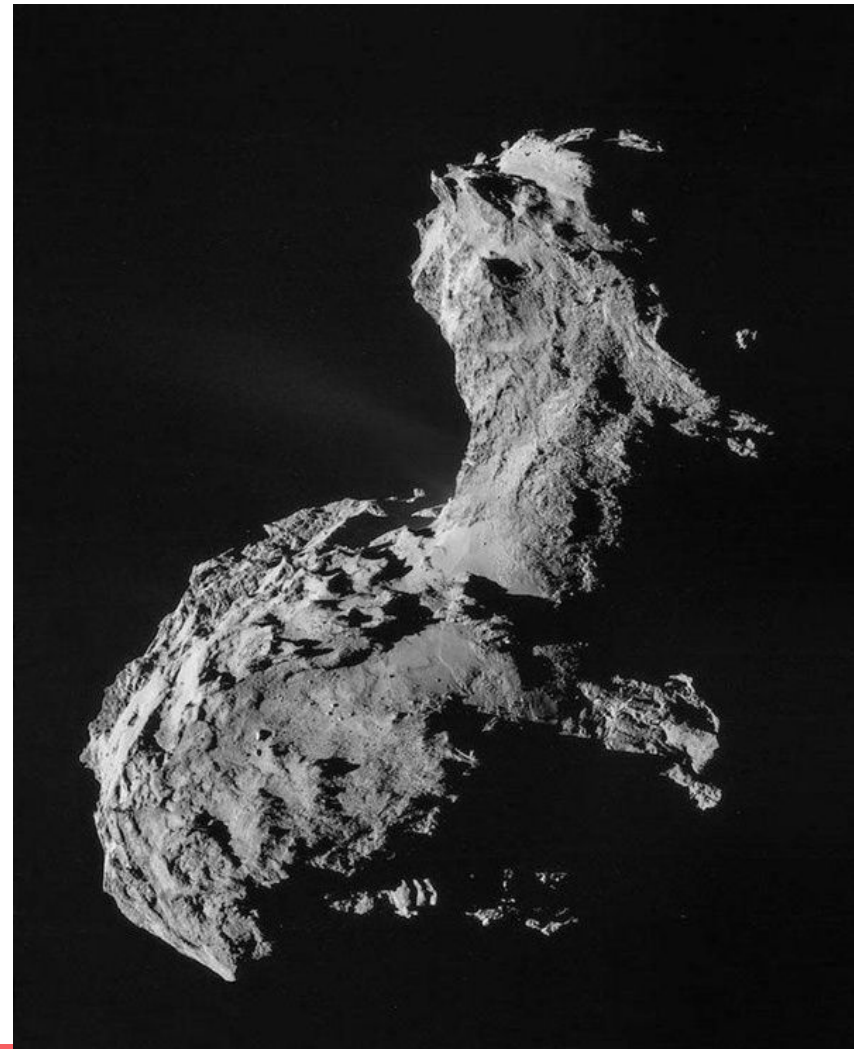
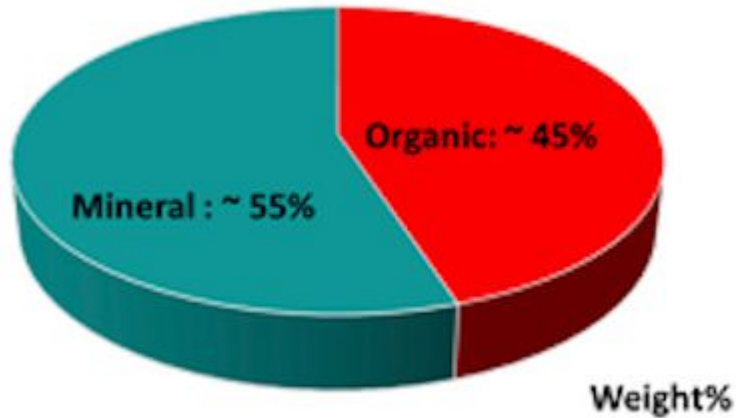


Figure 7. Comparison of molecular abundances for NH₂CHO and HNCO in a sample of Galactic sources. Filled symbols indicate our values measured towards the protostellar shocks B1 and B2. The data were taken from by Jackson, Armstrong & Barrett (1984), Sutton et al. (1995), Bisschop et al. (2007), Martín et al. (2008), and Halfen et al. (2011). The best power-law fit $[\text{HNCO}] = 3.0 \times [\text{NH}_2\text{CHO}]^{0.97}$ is drawn in dashed.

Comets, asteroids and meteorites

67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko

- Rosetta/Philae mission
- glycine



Meteorite Murchison

Rich in organic molecules

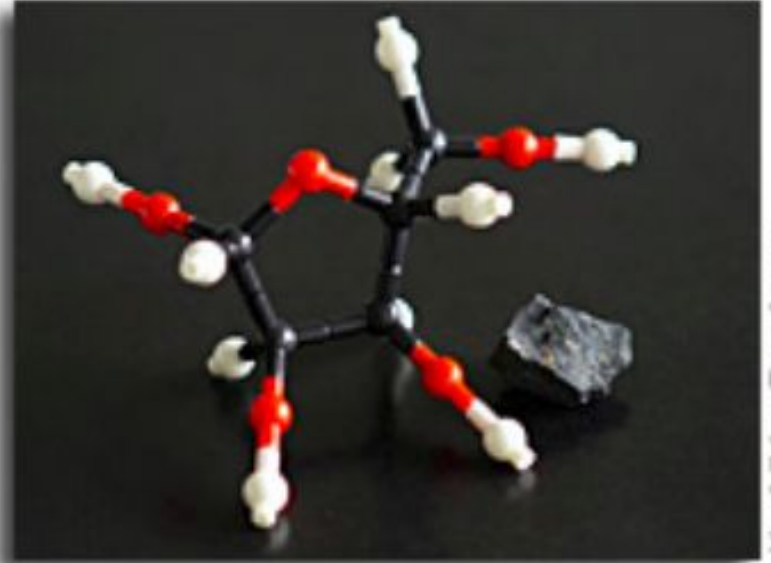
Compound class ^[14]	Concentration (ppm)
Amino acids	17-60
Aliphatic hydrocarbons	>35
Aromatic hydrocarbons	3319
Fullerenes	>100
Carboxylic acids	>300
Hydrocarboxylic acids	15
Purines and pyrimidines	1.3
Alcohols	11
Sulphonic acids	68
Phosphonic acids	2



ASTROCHEMISTRY

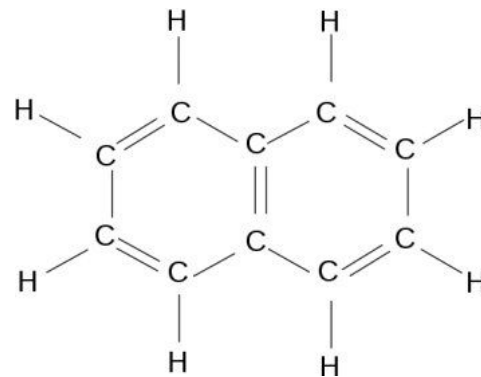
First Detection of Sugars in Meteorites Gives Clues to Origin of Life 0

An international team has found sugars essential to life in meteorites. The new discovery adds to the growing list of biologically important compounds that have been found in meteorites, supporting the hypothesis that chemical reactions in asteroids - the parent bodies of many meteorites - can make some of life's ingredients.



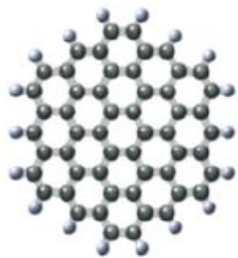
PAHs (Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons)

- 15% of the carbon in the interstellar medium (ISM) (Joblin et al. 1992)
- Dominant organic material (Ehrenfreund et al. 2006)
- 50% of the mid-IR luminosity (Li et al. 2004)
- Prebiotic role (PAH World) (Ehrenfreund et al. 2006)

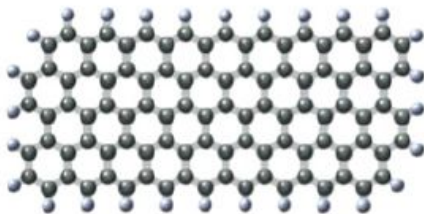


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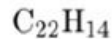
Structures of PAHs



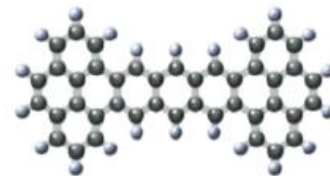
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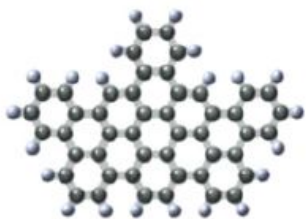
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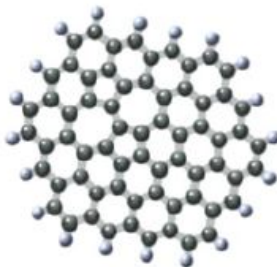
c) Not Branched Catacondensed



d) Branched Catacondensed



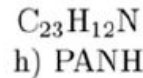
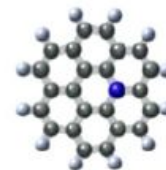
e) Irregular



f) 5-7 Defects

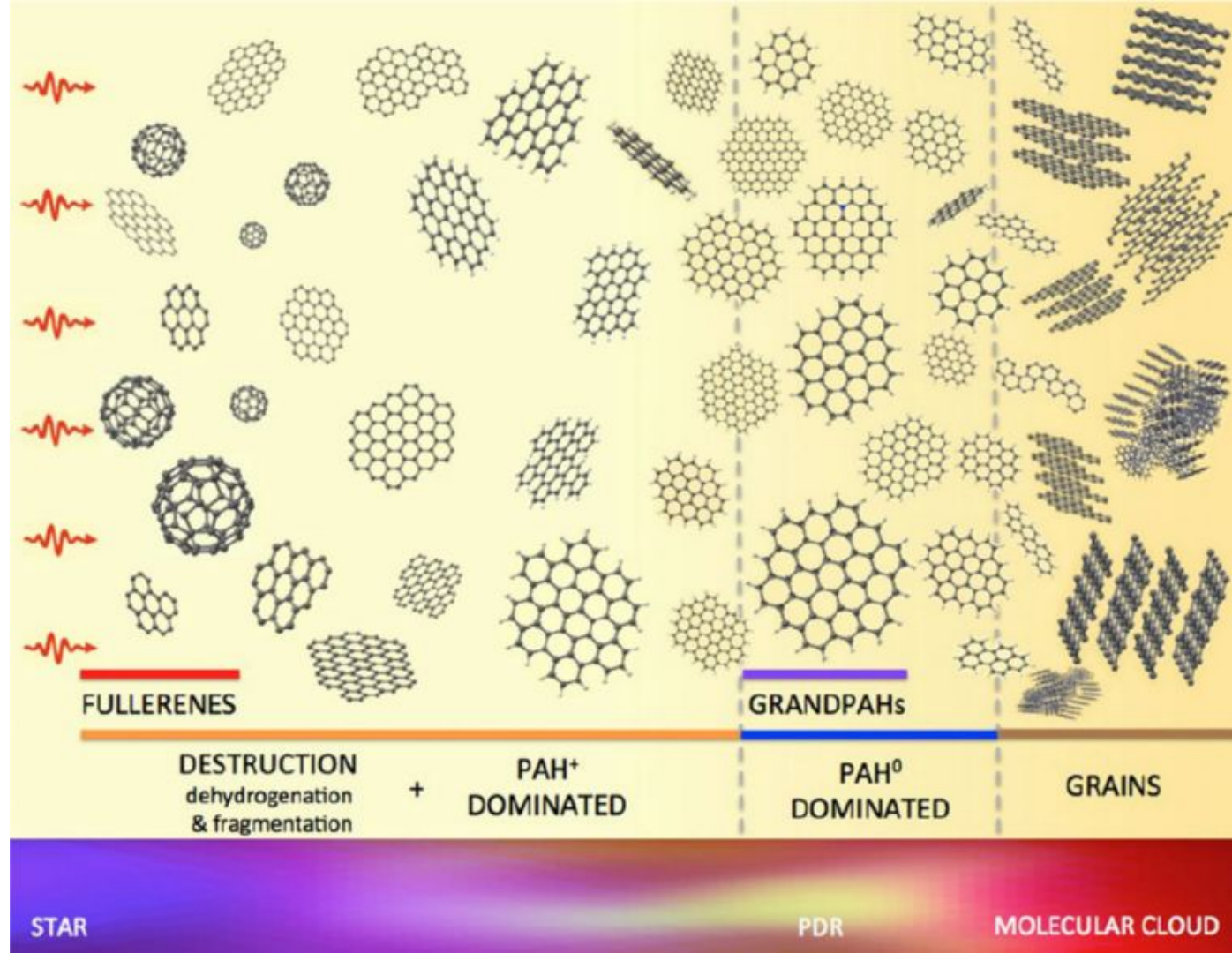


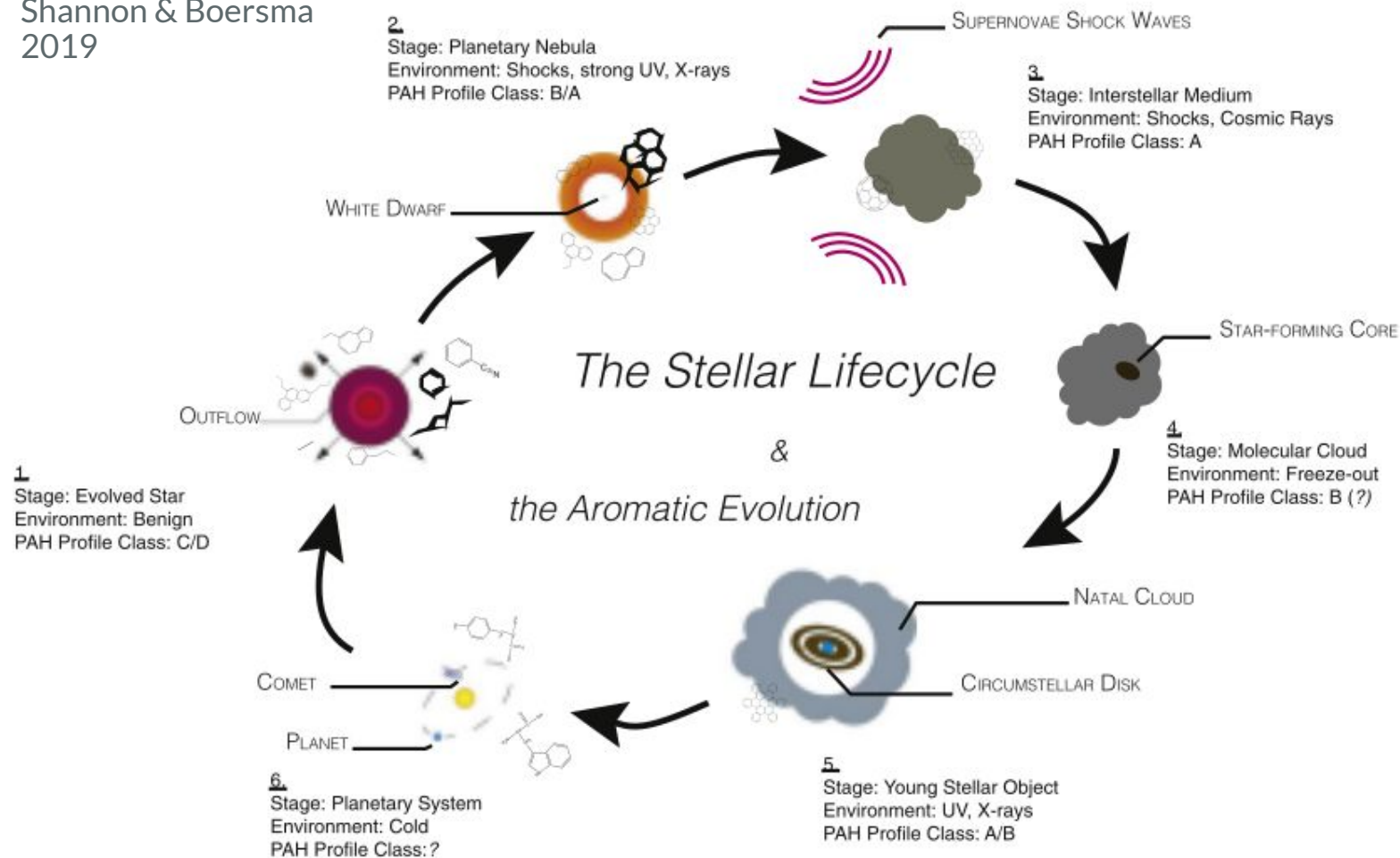
g) Completely Dehydrogenated



Different kinds of PAH structures (Andrews et al., 2015)

Proposed evolution
of PAHs and
carbonaceous
molecules
(Andrews et al.,
2015)

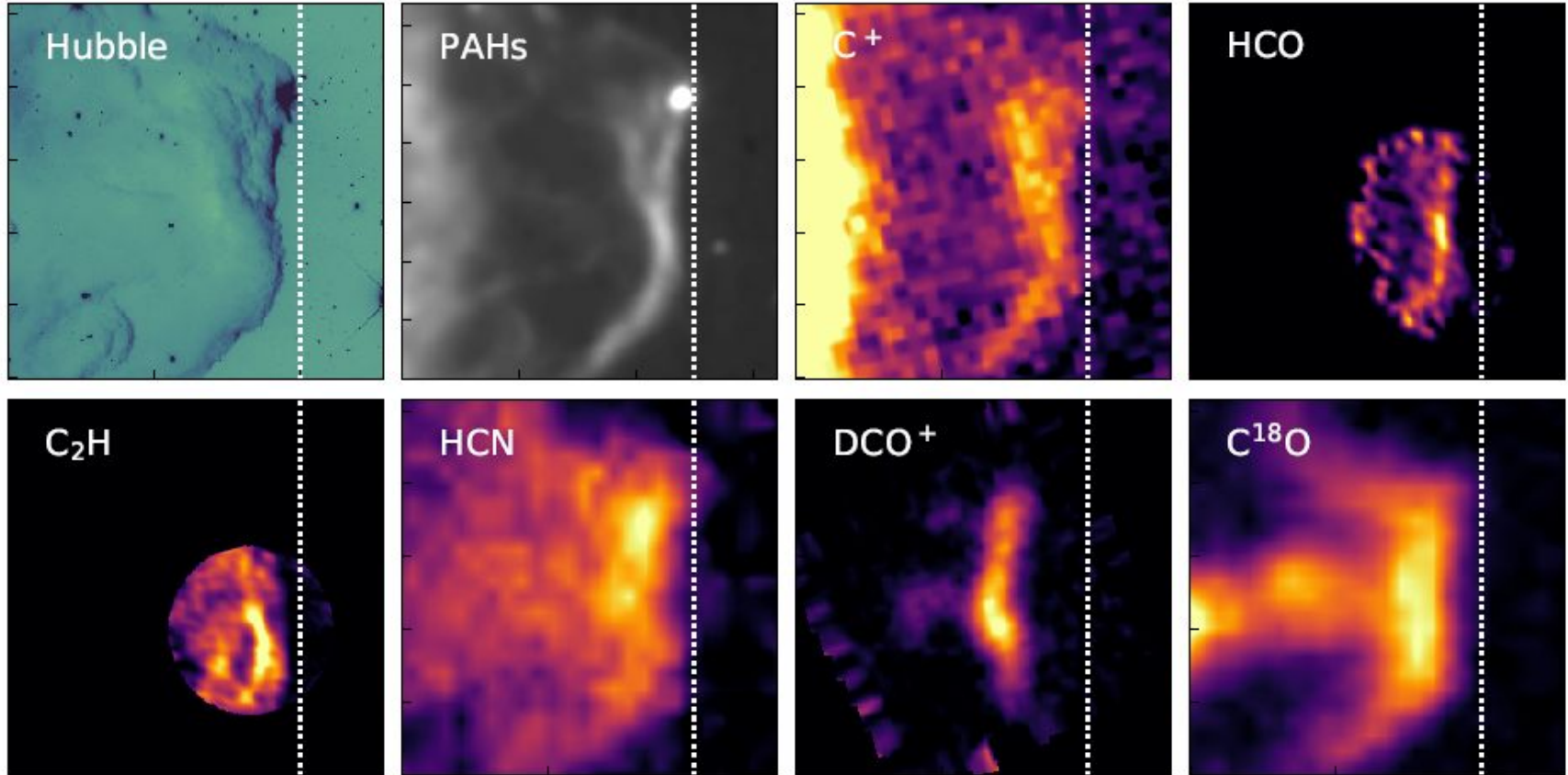




Molecular clouds - Star nurseries

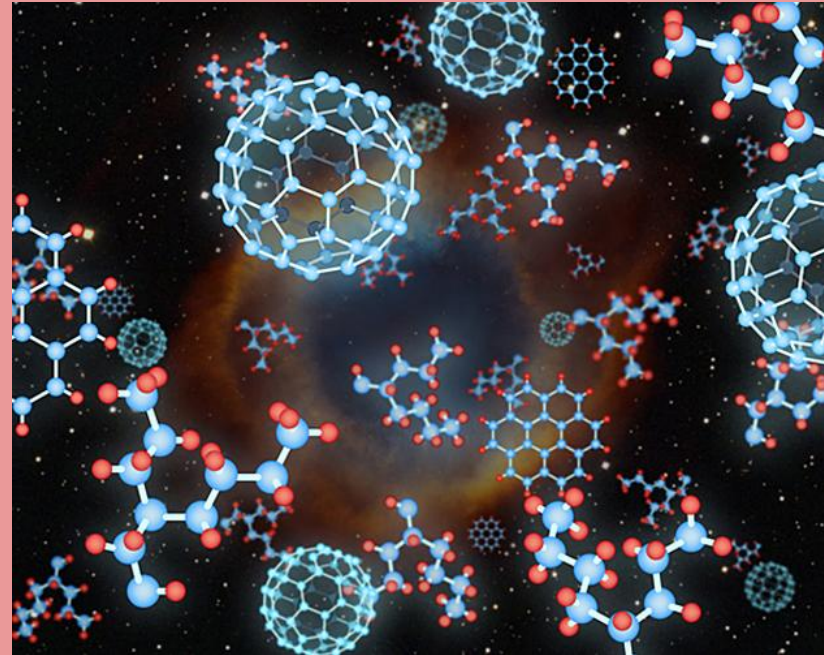


Horsehead Nebula



(Öberg & Bergin 2020, and references therein)

Aromatic molecules in the MIR



6.2, 7.7 and 8.6 μm PAH bands

- PAH profile variations - Peeters' classes
(Peeters et al. 2002, 2005)
- $F_{7.6}/F_{7.8} > 1 \rightarrow$ class A
- *Class A 6.2 $\mu\text{m} \rightarrow$ PANHs
(Hudgins et al. 2005)
- Another reservoir of N
(e.g. Canelo 2016)

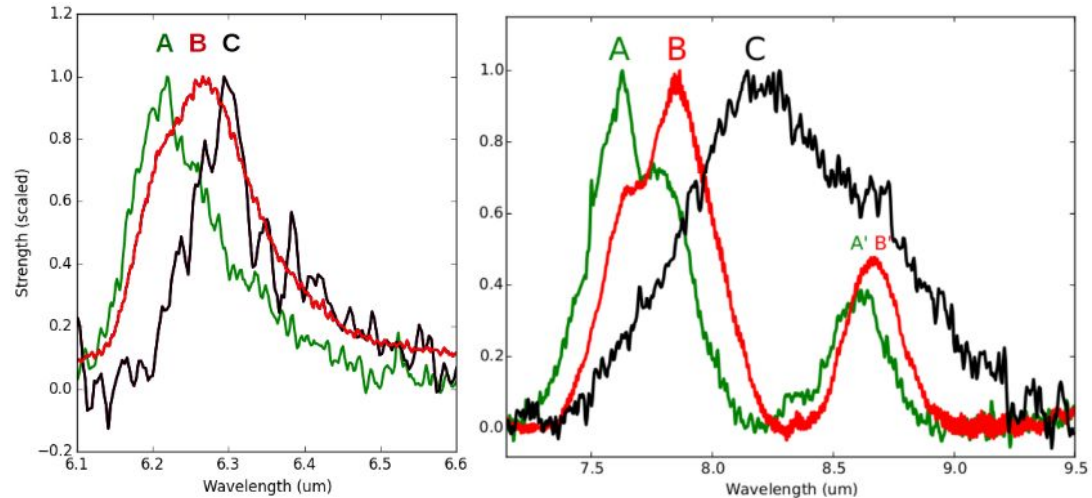


Fig.: Overview of possible variations in the profile of the PAH bands 6.2, 7.7 and 8.6 μm , divided into three classes - A, B and C (Peeters et al., 2002; van Diedenhoven et al., 2004).

Variations in the $6.2\ \mu\text{m}$ emission profile in starburst-dominated galaxies: a signature of polycyclic aromatic nitrogen heterocycles (PANHs)?

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Starburst galaxies



Fig.: Starburst galaxy of NGC 3256.

Star formation rate

Milky Way $\rightarrow \sim 3 M_{\odot}/\text{year}$

Starburst $\rightarrow > 100 M_{\odot}/\text{year}$



High luminosity in IR

Strong PAH emission

Starburst-dominated galaxies

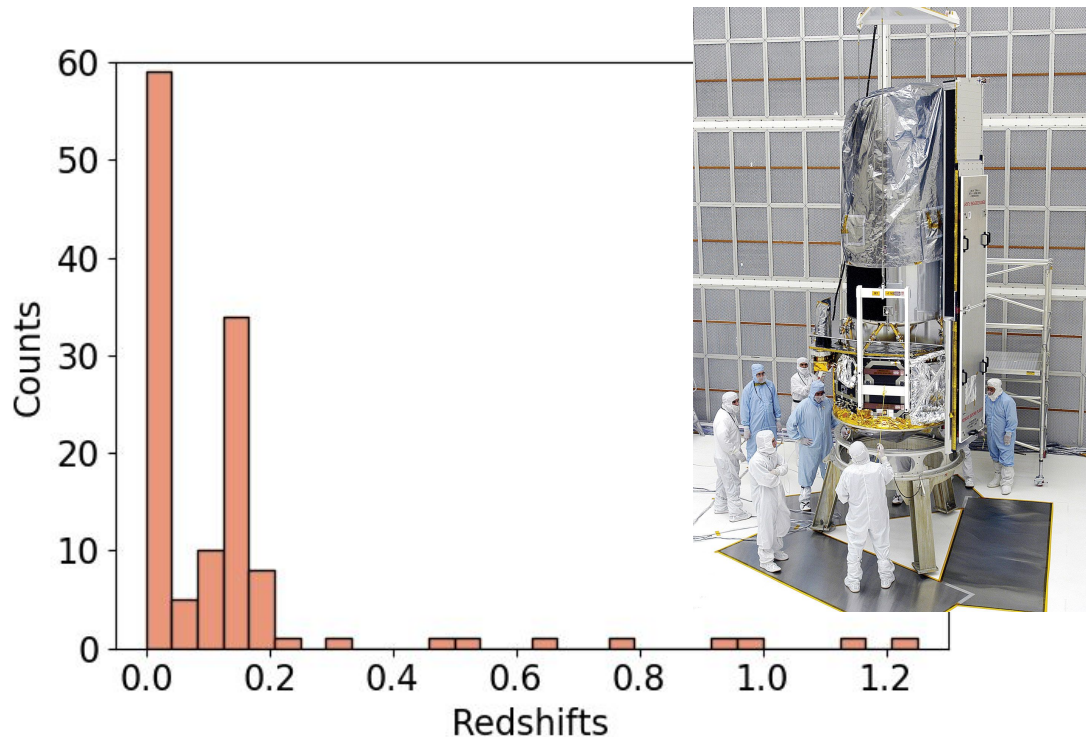


Fig.: Histogram of the redshifts of the 126 selected galaxies (Canelo et al. subm).

126 selected sources

Spitzer/IRS ATLAS project
(Hernán-Caballero &
Hatziminaoglou, 2011)

Different types

- Starburst
- ULIRG
- Seyfert
- LINER
- ...

Local spline

continuum
subtraction

(Canelo et al. subm)

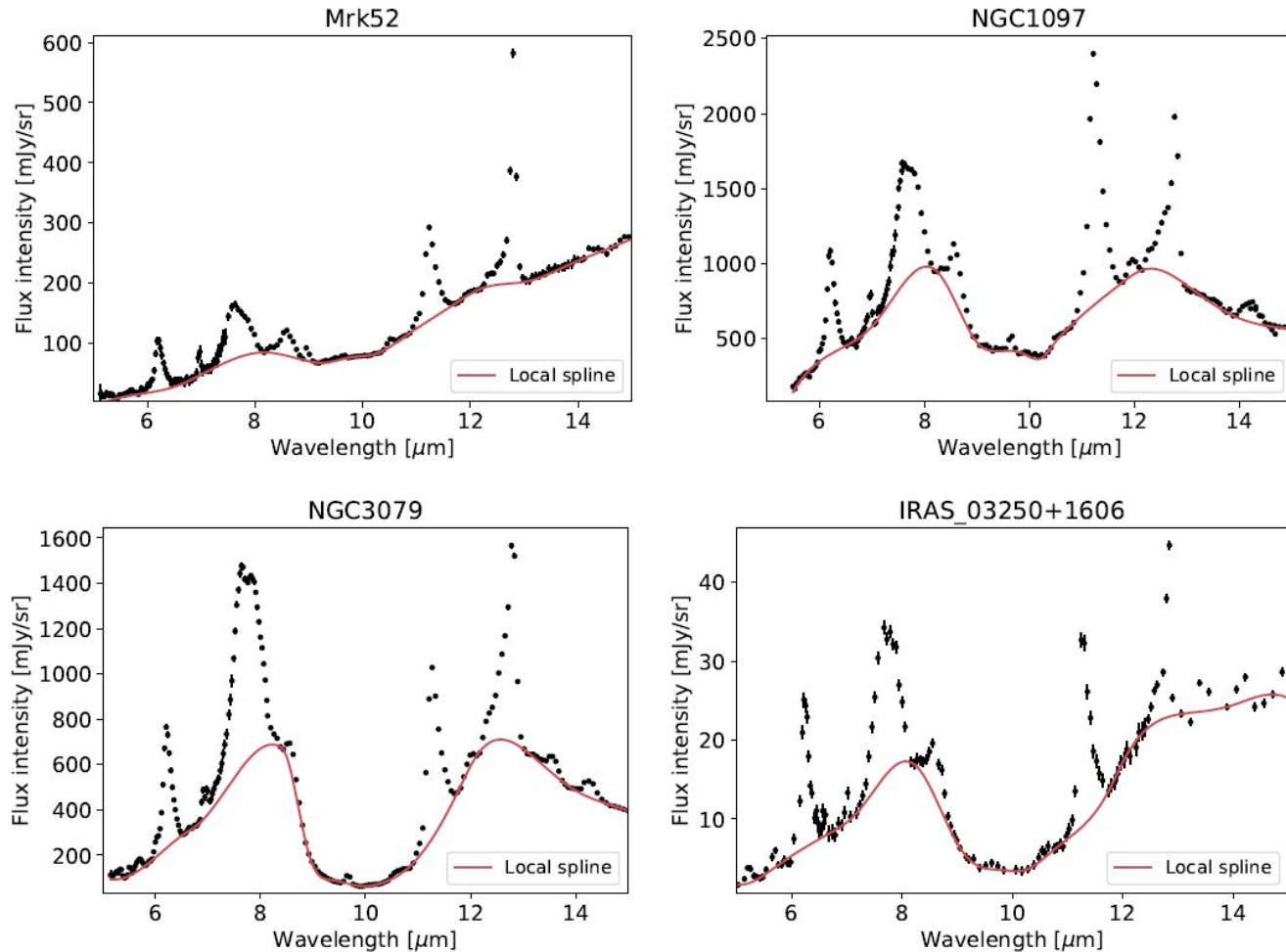


Figure 2. Local spline decomposition of the continuum emission represented by the red line for four objects. The data points are represented by the dots with the vertical error-bars as uncertainties.

Data Analysis - 6 - 9 μm PAH bands

- Python based script $\rightarrow$ tool curve_fit

- Gaussian profiles:

- 6.2 μm
- 7.6 and 7.8 μm
- *fixed FWHM
- 8.6 μm

**independent
fitting**

Tab.: Intervals for each Peeters' classes (Peeters et al. 2002).

Class	6.2 μm	7.7 μm	8.6 μm
A	< 6.23	~ 7.6 ($F_{7.6}/F_{7.8} \geq 1$)	< 8.6
B	$6.23 < \lambda < 6.29$	~ 7.8 ($F_{7.6}/F_{7.8} < 1$)	> 8.6
C	> 6.29	~ 8.22	—

$$I_{\text{gauss}} = \frac{A}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \lambda_c)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

6.2 μm PAH band

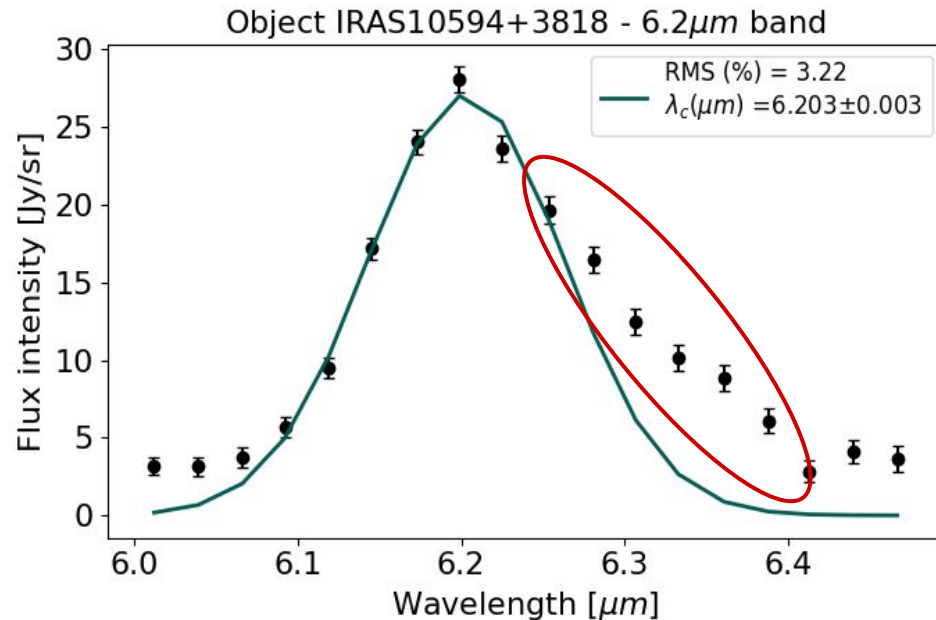
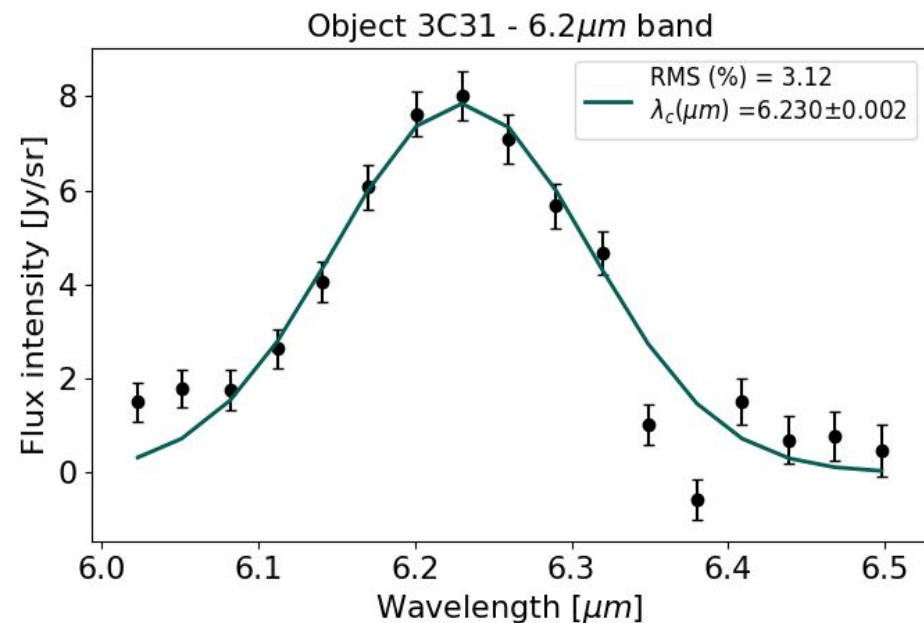
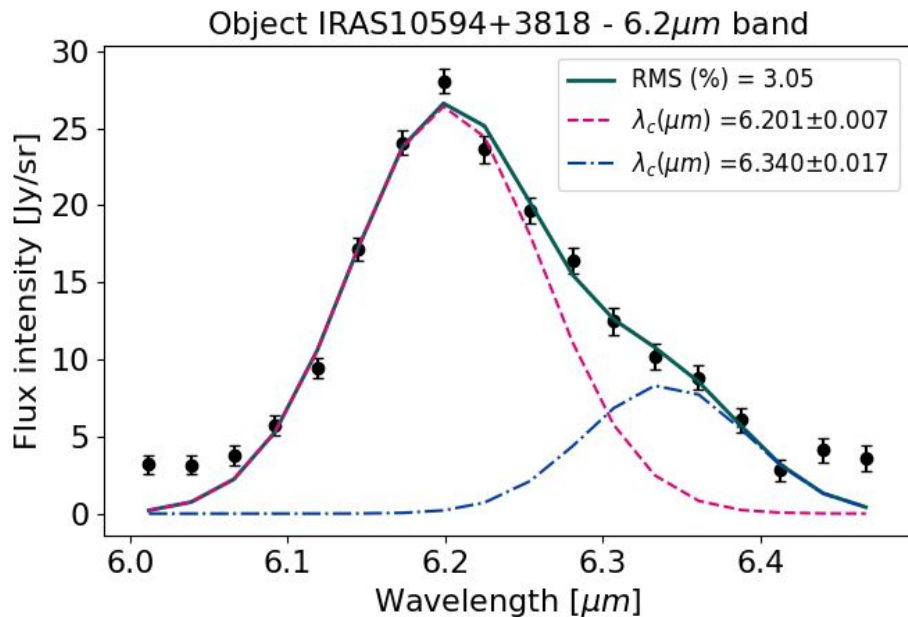


Fig.: Profiles of 6.2 μm band for two sources (Canelo et al. 2018).

- Red tail $\rightarrow$ asymmetric profile (e.g. Tielens et al. 2008)

6.2 μm PAH band



- Or another feature?

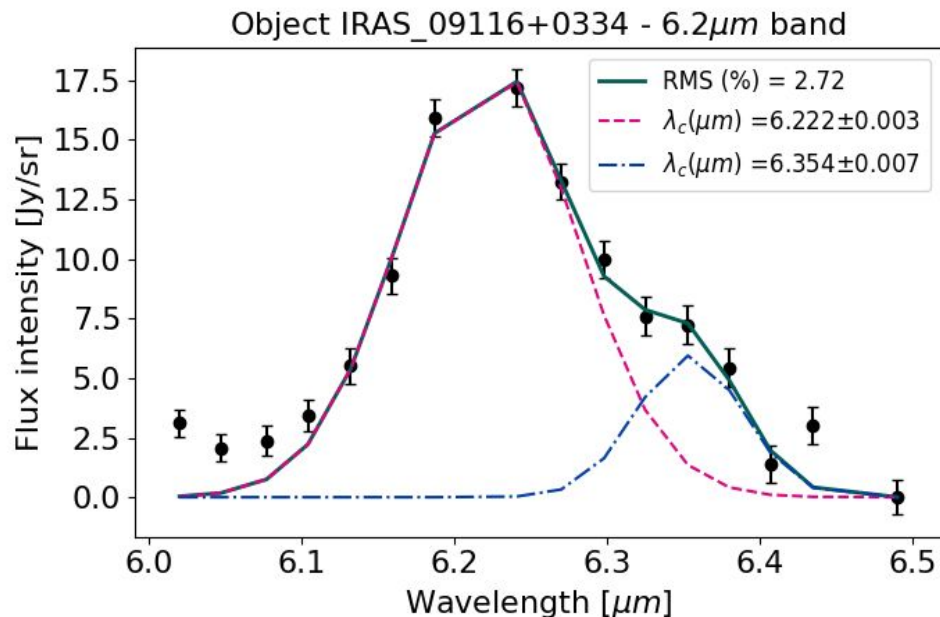
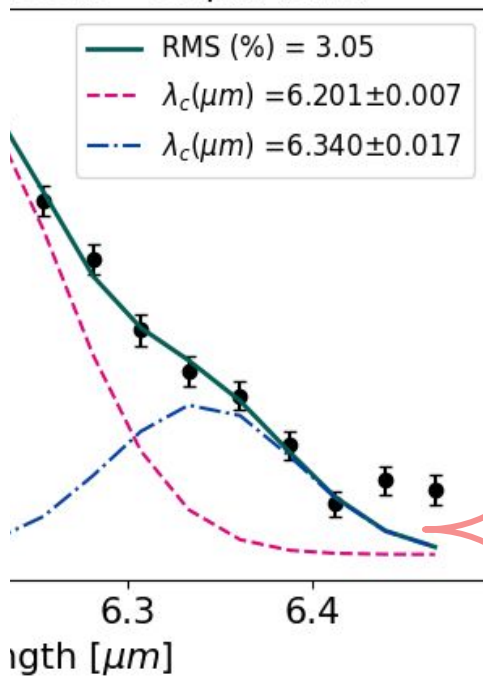


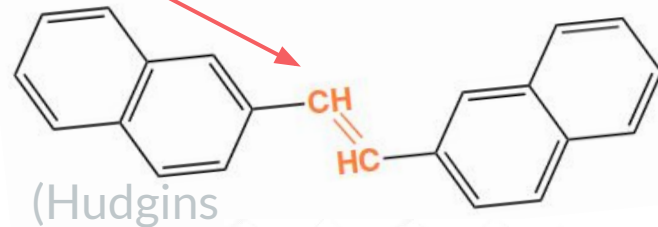
Fig.: Profiles of the 6.2 μm band for two sources using two Gaussians (Canelo et al. 2018).

6.2 μm PAH band

3818 - 6.2 μm band

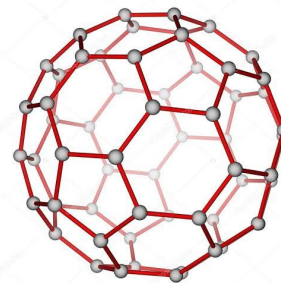


- 6.3 μm $\rightarrow$ aliphatic features (Pino et al. 2008)

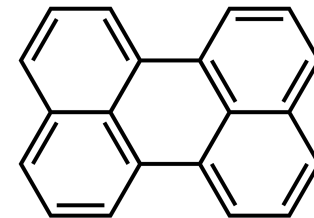


- PAH cations (et al. 2005)

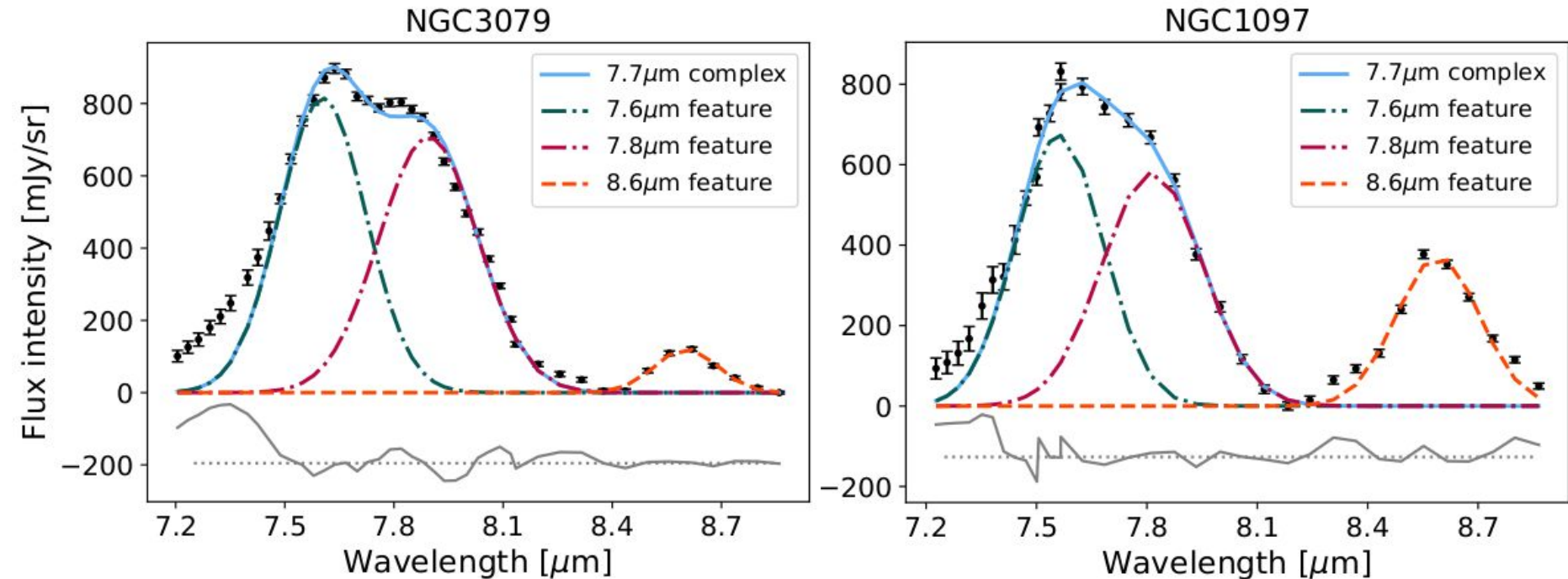
- 6.4 μm $\rightarrow$ C^+60 (Berné, Montillaud & Joblin 2015)



- Perylene-like structures (Candian, Sarre & Tielens 2014)



7.7 and 8.6 μm PAH band (Canelo et al. subm.)



- Fainter PAH features at 7.4 and 8.33 μm (e.g. Smith et al. 2007)

Distribution of the classes – 6.2, 7.7 e 8.6 μm

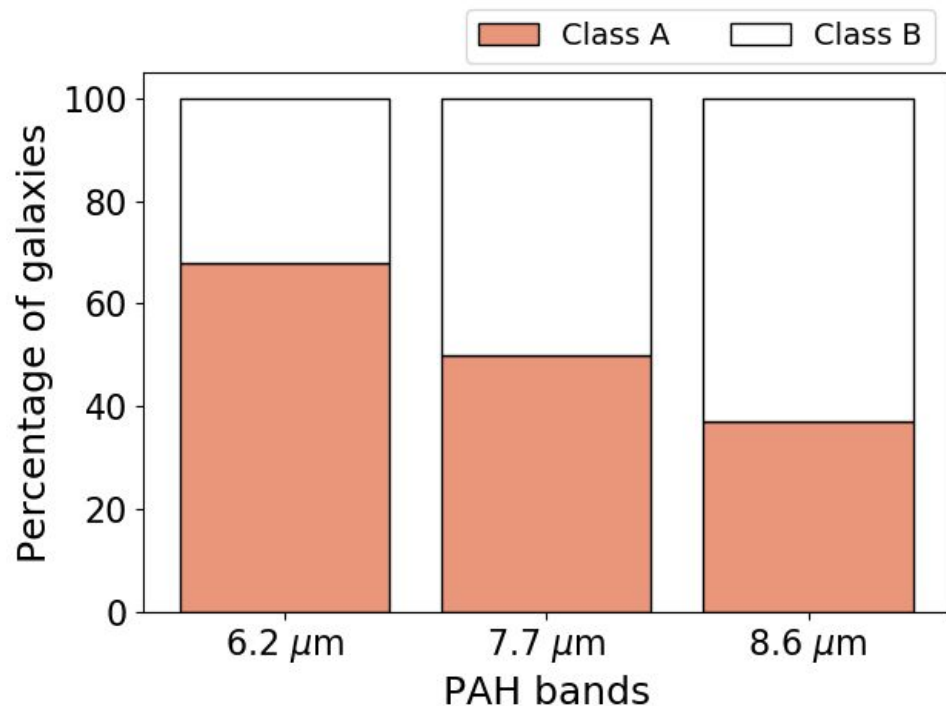


Fig.: Histogram of the classes' distribution (Canelo et al. subm.).

Tab.: Classes' distribution (Canelo et al. submitted).

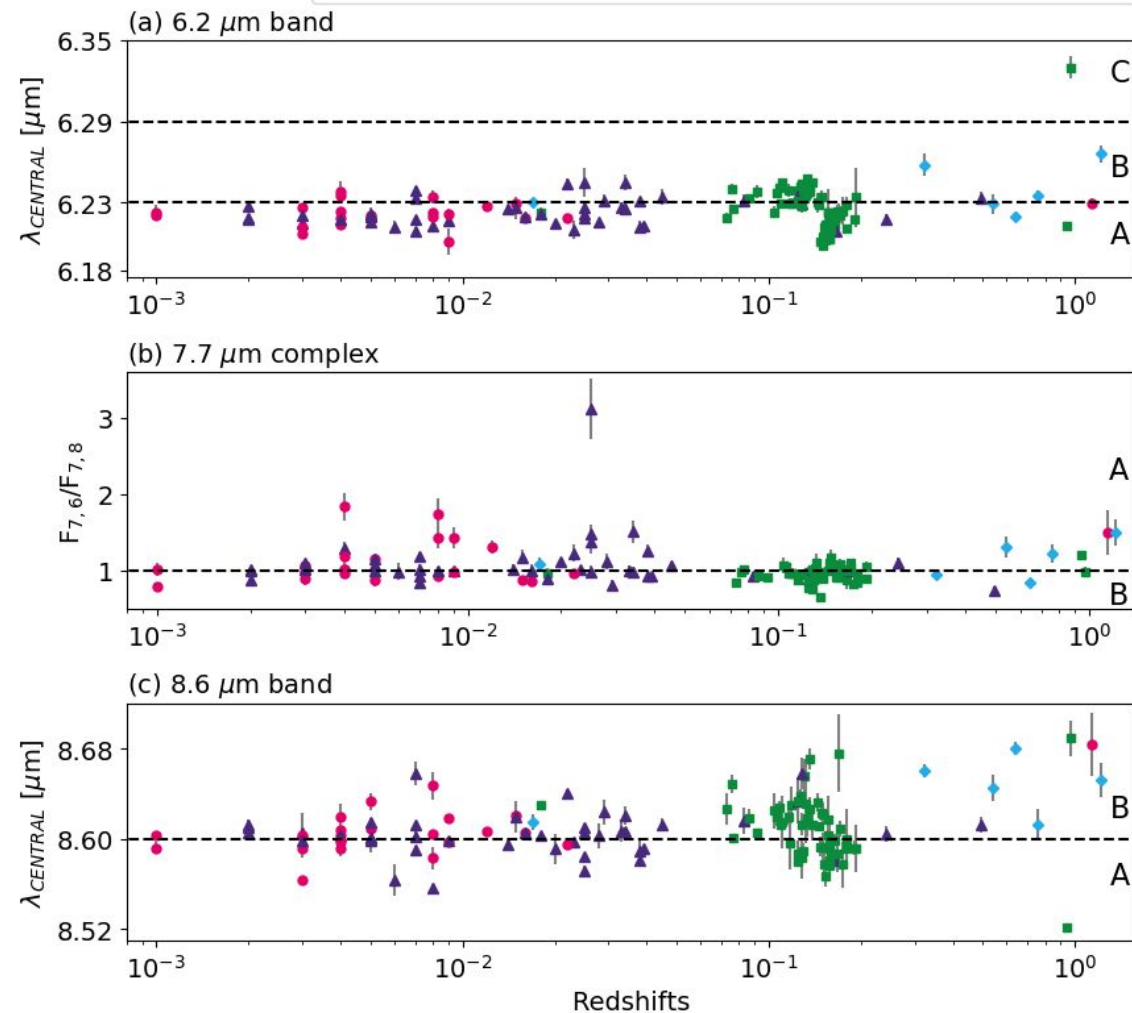
Band (μm)	Class A (per cent)	Class B (per cent)	Class C (per cent)
6.2	68	31	1
7.7	50	50	—
8.6	37	63	—

6.2 μm $\rightarrow$ "A" – 68%

- PANHS

(Canelo et al. 2018, subm.)

● Starburst
 ▲ Seyfert
 ■ ULIRG
 ◆ Other



- more class B sources in higher redshifts



- possible PAH evolutionary timescale

(e.g. aromatic evolution in stellar lifecycle, Shannon & Boersma, 2019)

Fig.: Distribution of the PAH bands into Peeters' classes according to the galaxies redshift (Canelo et al. subm.).

The hot molecular core G331.512-0.103



Hot molecular core (G331)

- ~ 7.5 kpc
- outflow with $55 M_{\odot}$
- $n(\text{H}_2) \approx 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- $v_{\text{l sr}} \sim -90 \text{ km/s}$
- **Shell-like structure**
 - $\text{CH}_3\text{CN} \rightarrow T_{\text{kin}} \sim 141 \text{ K}$
 - $\text{HC}_3\text{N} \rightarrow T_{\text{kin}} \sim 90 \text{ K}$
 - $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} \rightarrow T_{\text{kin}} \sim 74 \text{ K}$

(Mendoza et al. 2018, Duronea et al. 2019, Hervías-Caimapo et al. 2019)

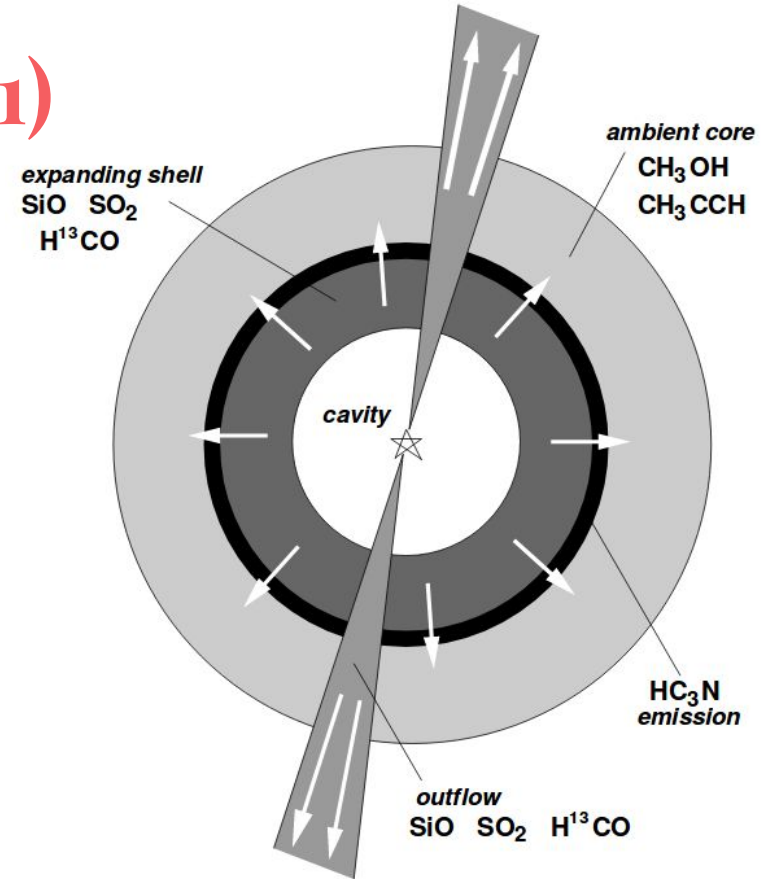
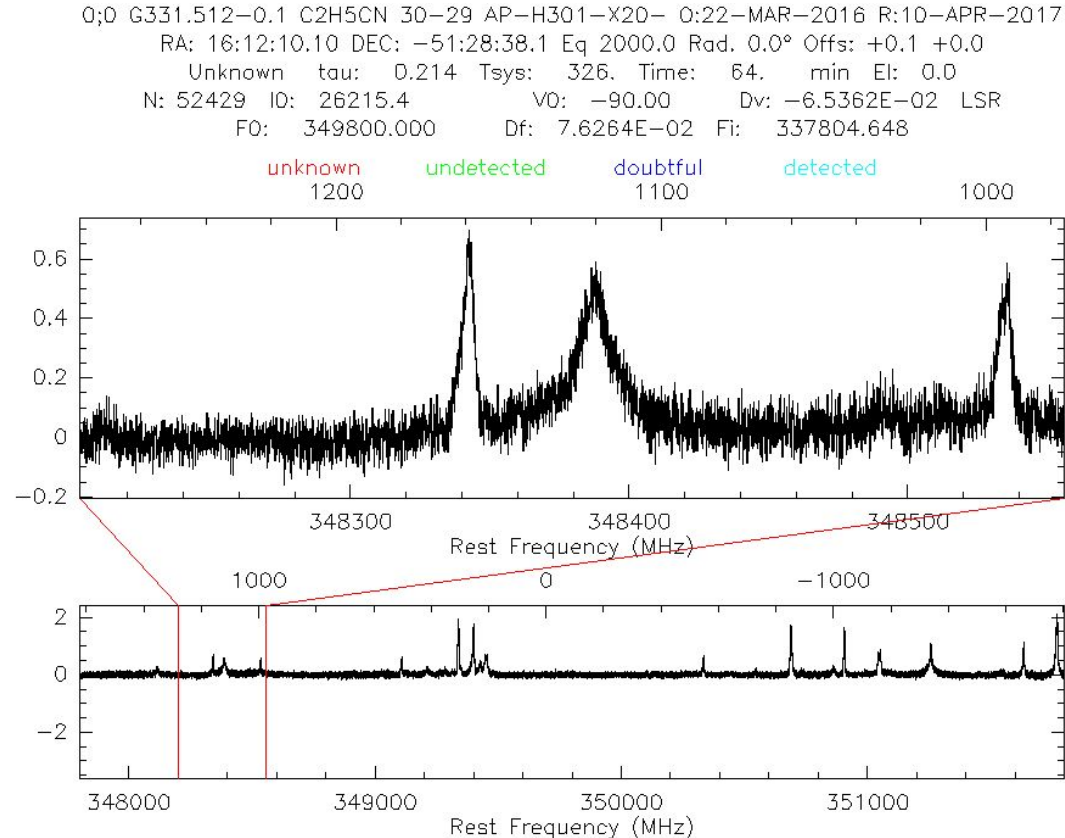


Figure 8. Sketch of the simple model proposed to explain the emission of HC_3N and other molecules detected in G331 (based on the models of Merello et al. 2013a and Hervías-Caimapo et al. 2019).

Data Analysis

- CLASS/GILDAS software*
- Line identification
 - $T_a < 1$ K
- Databases: CDMS, JPL, Splatalogue and NIST

Fig.: Observed spectral bands of G331 with a frequency of 347.8 to 351.8 GHz.



Preliminary line identification

- Several possible COMs: CH₃OCH₃, CH₃OCHO, C₂H₅CN and C₃H₇CN
- HNCO
- formamide may have not been detected

Tabela 4.2 - Análise espectral preliminar das linhas de emissão observadas em G331 com APEX-2. Espécies com asterisco indicam que as respectivas transições estão presentes no NIST.

Espécie	Transição	Frequência (MHz)	$A_{i,j}$ (s^{-1})	E_{up} (K)	T_a (K)	Contaminantes
CH ₃ OCH ₃ *	16 116 3-15 015 3	292412.244	1.97E-04	120.3	0.787	CH ₃ C-13-H ₂ CN, Glycine
	16 116 5-15 015 5					
	16 116 1-15 015 1	292412.416				
	16 116 0-15 015 0	292412.588				
SO-17	7 8 6-6 7 6	292432.984	1.75e-05	59.9	0.607	CH ₂ CHCNH ⁺
	7 8 7-6 7 7	292438.495	2.37e-05			
CH ₃ CH(NH ₂)CN	22 913-21 714	292464.630	1.16e-05	104.4	0.613	trans-propenal, ag-diethyl ether
	22 617-21 418	292466.840	7.42e-06	94.3		
CH ₃ OH	6 1 5 -0-5 1 4 -0	292672.89	1.06E-04	63.7	2.133	Oxetane, aa-diethyl ether, Propynal, Benzyne
H ₂ CN	4 0 4 8 5-3 0 3 8 4	292825.591	7.79e-04	35.2	0.72	CH ₃ C-13-H ₂ C-13-N, ag-diethylether, HOCH ₂ CN
	4 0 4 2 6-3 0 3 2 5	292828.963	8.12e-04			
SO ₂	13 6 8-14 5 9	292882.697	3.74E-05	171.9	0.749	Propene
H ₂ C-13-O*	4 1 3-3 1 2	293126.515	6.64E-04	47	1.391	CH ₃ C-13-H ₂ C-13-N, Benzyne
CH ₃ OH*	3 2 1 +0-4 1 4 +0	293464.203	2.86E-05	51.6	0.991	S-33-O, HC(O)NH ₂ , CH ₂ (OH)CDO
S-34-O ₂	19 317-19 218	293481.705	1.90E-04	195.9	0.747	H ₂ CND, CH ₂ (OD)CHO, H ₂ CNCH ₂ CN

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Isocyanic acid (HNCO) in the hot molecular core G331.512-0.103: observations and chemical modelling

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HNCO K=0

- CH₃OH (OMC-1,
Loren & Mundy 1984)

- *SO₂, OC(CN)₂,
HCCCH₂NH₂,
or H₂CNCH₂CN

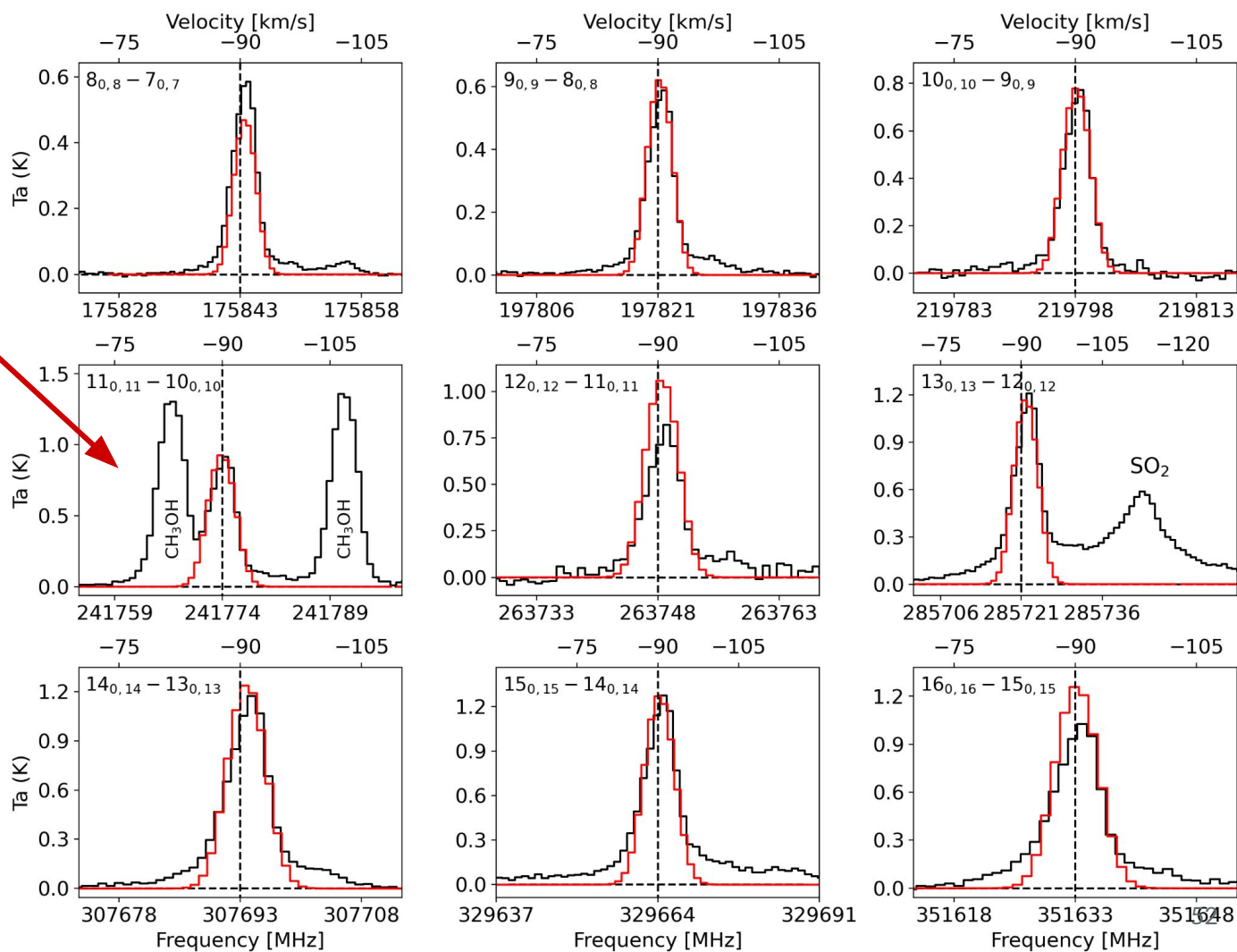
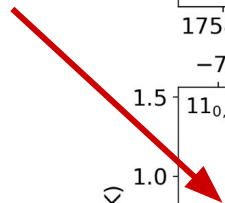


Fig.: HNCO emission lines
(K=0) with a resolution of 1
km/s (Canelo et al. 2021).

Rotational diagram

$$\ln\left(\frac{N_u}{g_u}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{N}{Z}\right) - \frac{E_u}{kT_{\text{exc}}}$$

(Goldsmith & Langer 1999)

$$T_{\text{exc}} = 59.4 \pm 2.3 \text{ K}$$

$$N = 3.1 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

*Opacity correction

$$T_{\text{exc}} = 58.8 \pm 2.7 \text{ K}$$

$$N = 3.7 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

- $T \sim 60 \text{ K} \rightarrow \text{HNCO}$ in external regions of G331

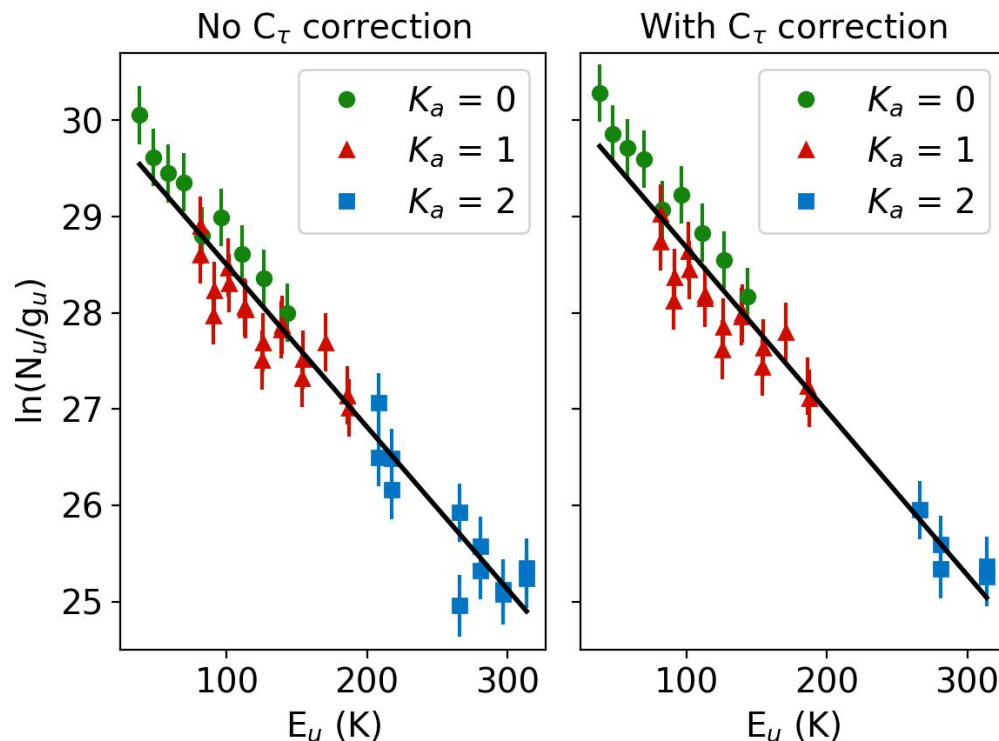


Fig.: Rotational diagram of HNCO to a source size of 5 arcsec (Canelo et al. 2021).

NAUTILUS chemical simulation

- $T = 60$ K reproduces the observed abundances
- Chemical age $\sim 10^5$ yr
- Dynamical age $\sim 10^3$ yr
(Merello et al. 2013)
- ❖ 0D- simulations
- ❖ formation reactions
($\text{NH} + \text{CO} \rightarrow \text{HNCO}$)

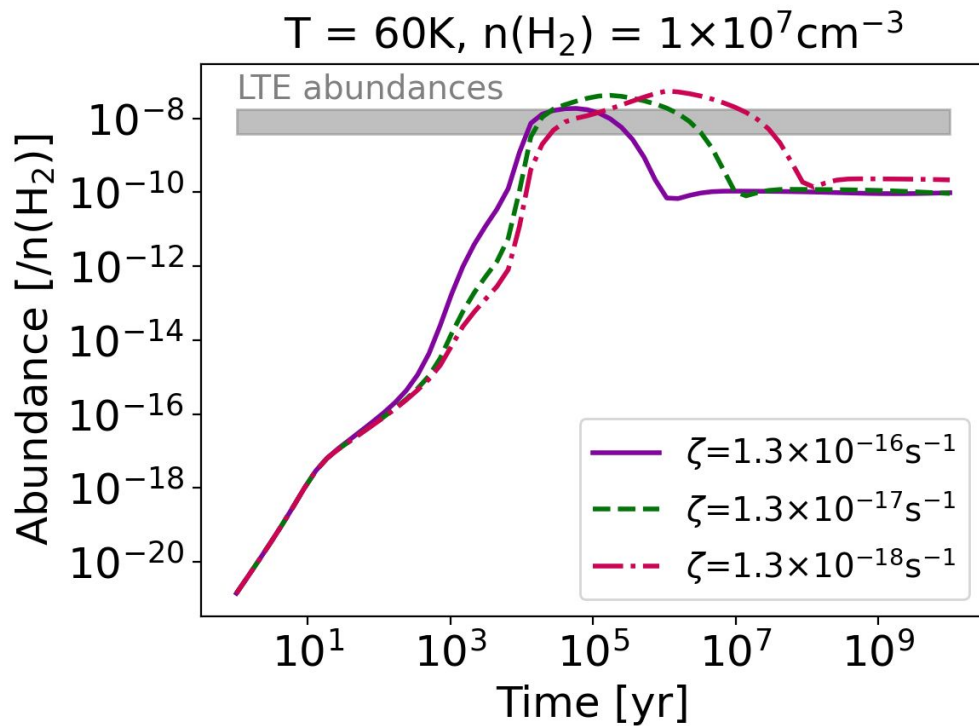


Fig.: Best-fit time evolution of the HNCO abundances simulated with NAUTILUS (Canelo et al. 2021).

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- Chemical probes are essential to understand the formation of the first stars in the early universe, the origin of today's stars and planets, and the emergence of life on Earth and elsewhere.
- A multi-field approach is important to better understand the chemical complexity in the Universe
- PANHs could dominate the $6.2\mu\text{m}$ band emission
- Possible PAH evolution in galaxies along to redshifts
- G331 presents a high chemical complexity
- 42 lines of HNCO were detected in G331 with $T \sim 60\text{K}$

Thank you!

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