

# **PREPARATORY SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR HERSCHEL**

**(and for same price also for ALMA)**

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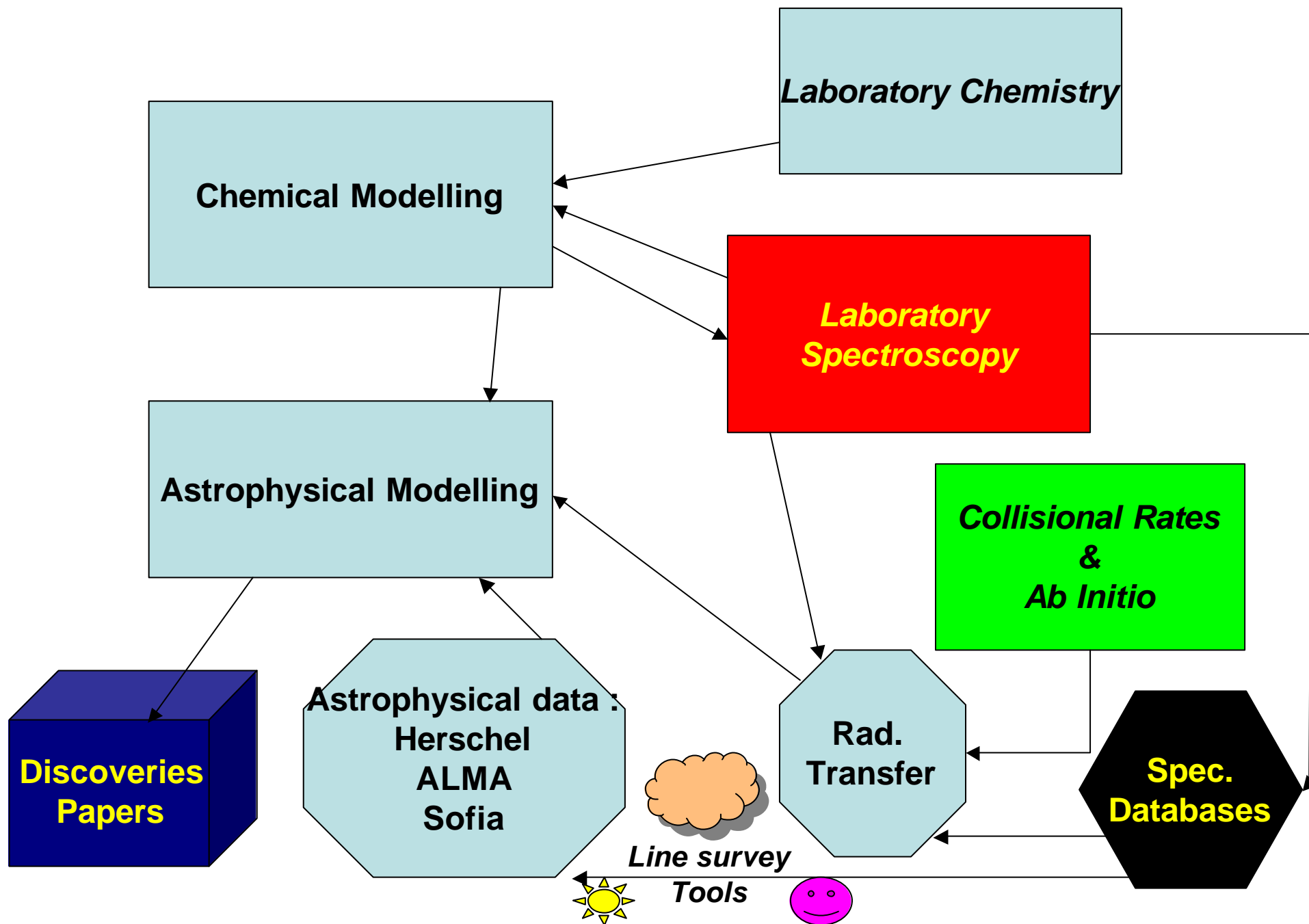
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# Preparatory Science Activities For Herschel

- **Why it is necessary to prepare the science that Herschel (ALMA) will do ?**
- **What is needed ?**
- **How we can reach the goals of Herschel/ALMA ?**
- **Who can participate ?**
- **What has been done ?**



# Why looking for low abundance species ?

- Some times these species play a crucial role in the chemistry and in the dynamical evolution of the clouds.
- From a spectral point of view because many of these molecules have been never observed in the Earth (complex radicals) : Lab. Chemistry.
- Gas phase and dust grain chemistry need of clear discriminators

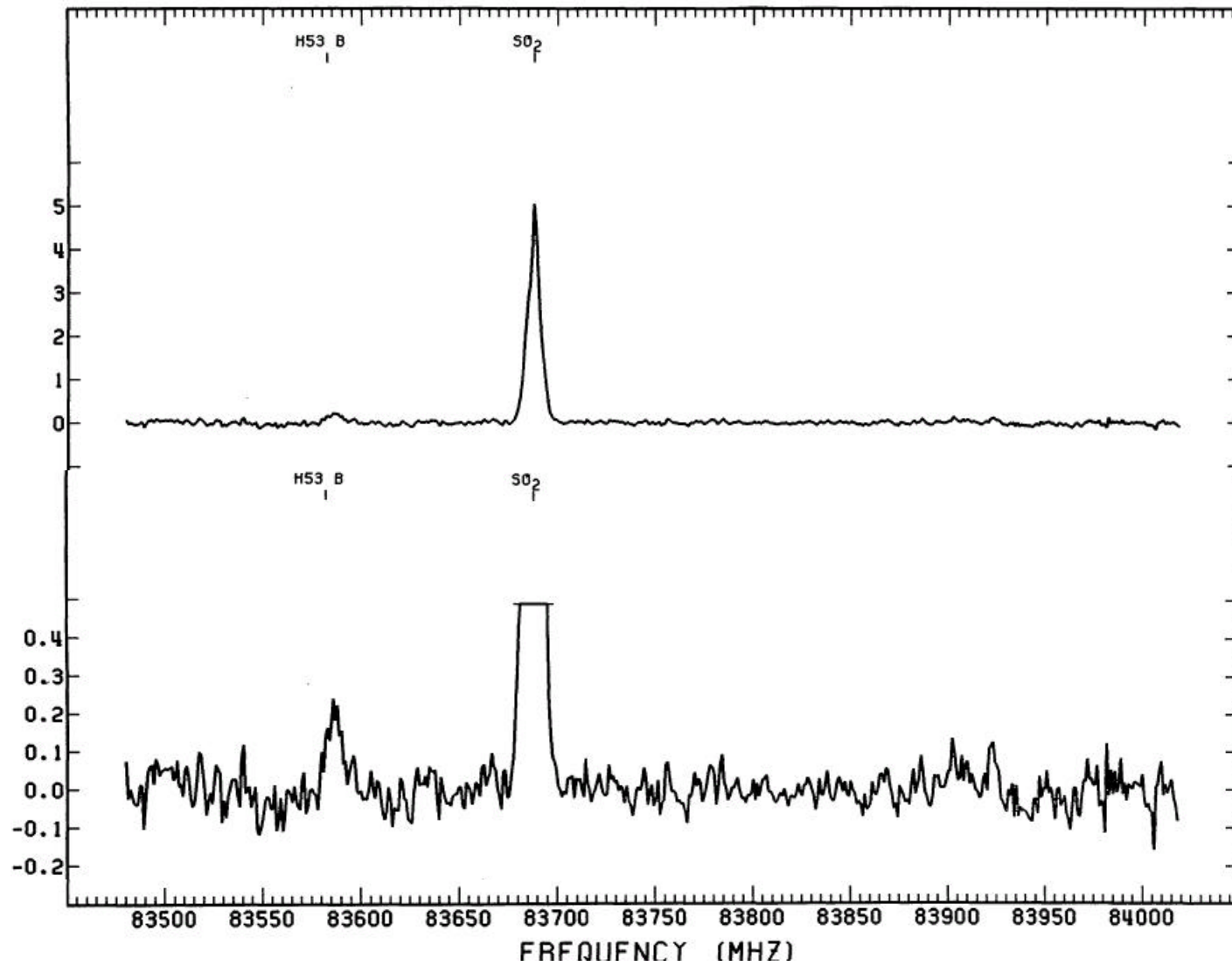
# The quest for complex molecules

- Understanding the chemistry
- Looking for O-bearing species in C-rich environments ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$ ,...), organic molecules  
in star forming regions,....
- Looking for derivatives of molecules assumed to be formed in the dust grains
- Looking for isotopic species : isotopic abundances : nuclear processes in AGB stars and supernova
- BUT !

- How to interpret spectra with thousands of lines
- What methods have to be implemented to deal with these expected line forests ?
- Automatic procedures ?
- What we get from line surveys ?

# Selecting the sources

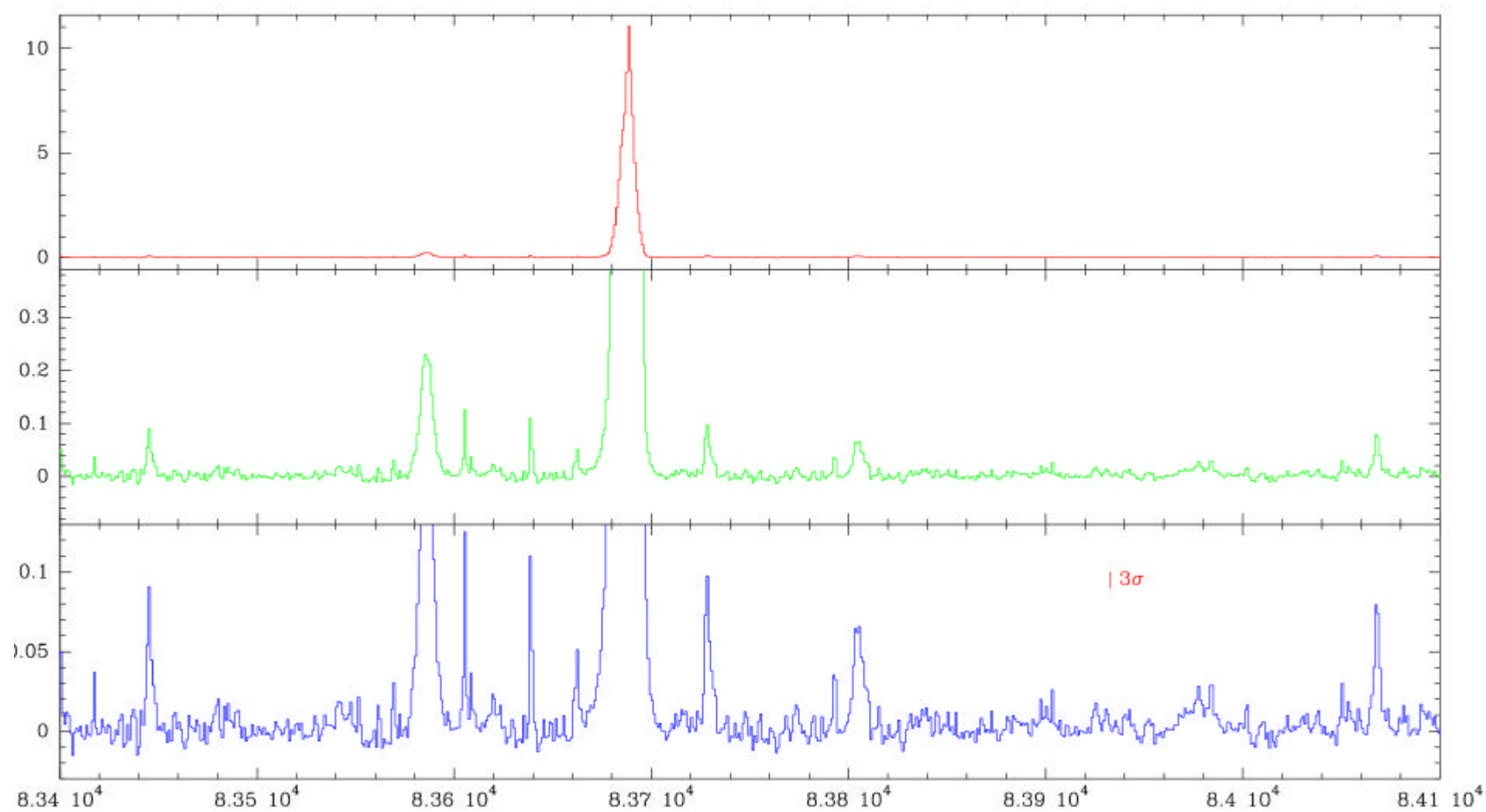
- The most prominent sources (Orion, SgrB2, IRC+10216, CRL618) have to be completely understood before confident searches can be done in other similar objects !!
- They are templates for ALMA, Herschel & SOFIA future observations. For ALMA hundreds of sources will look like Orion with present instruments !!!
- Each source has its peculiarities : special adapted models, special entries in the spectral catalogs

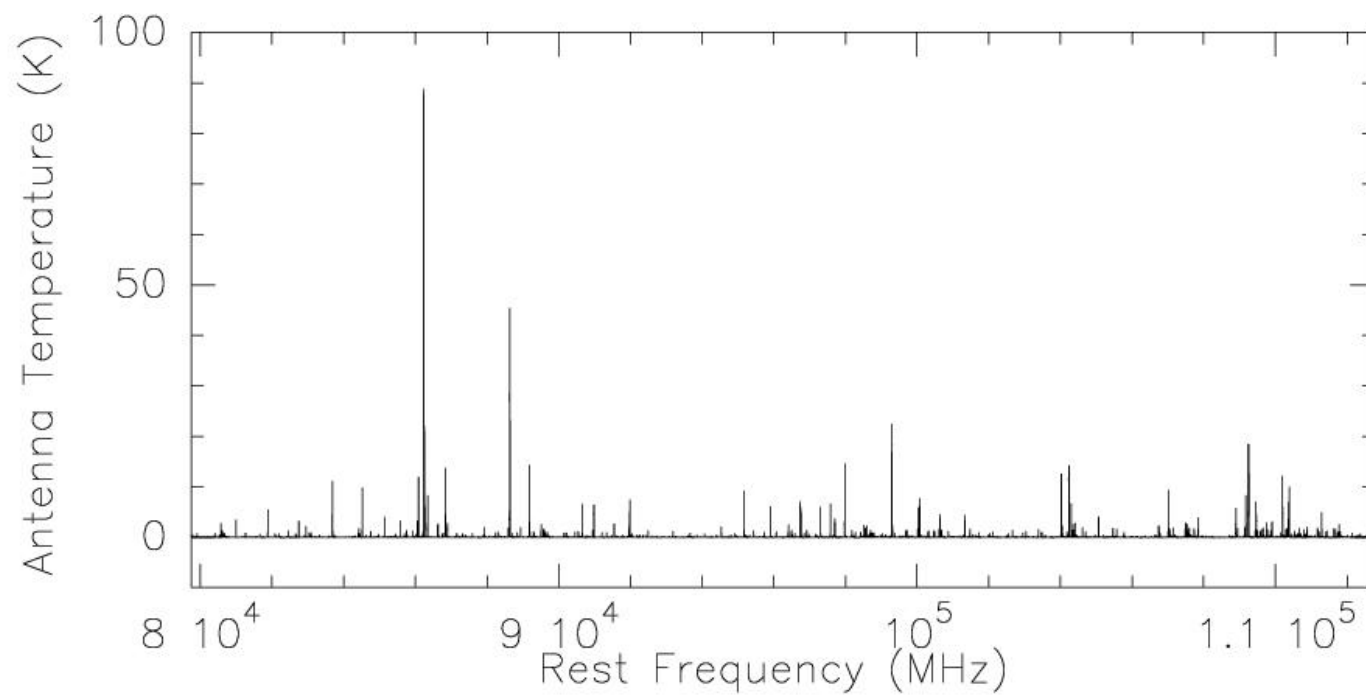


- Onsala line survey of Orion. State of the art in the 80's

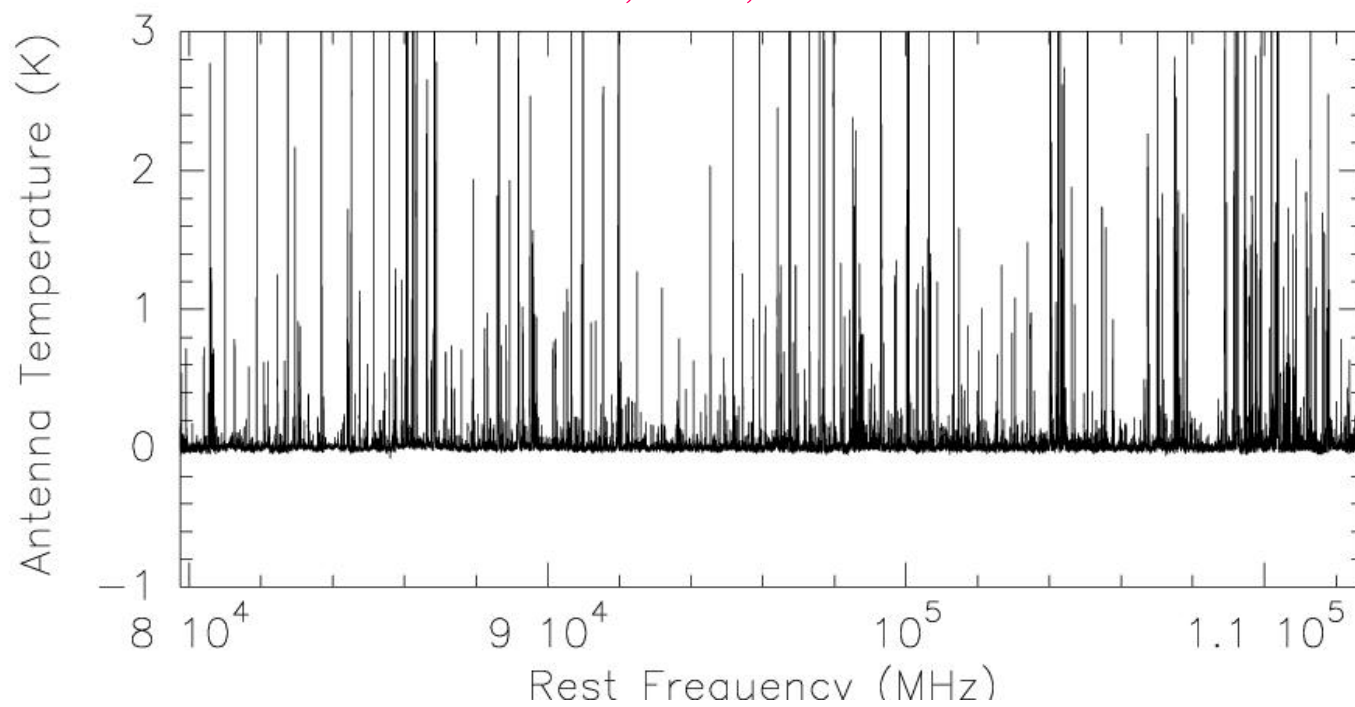


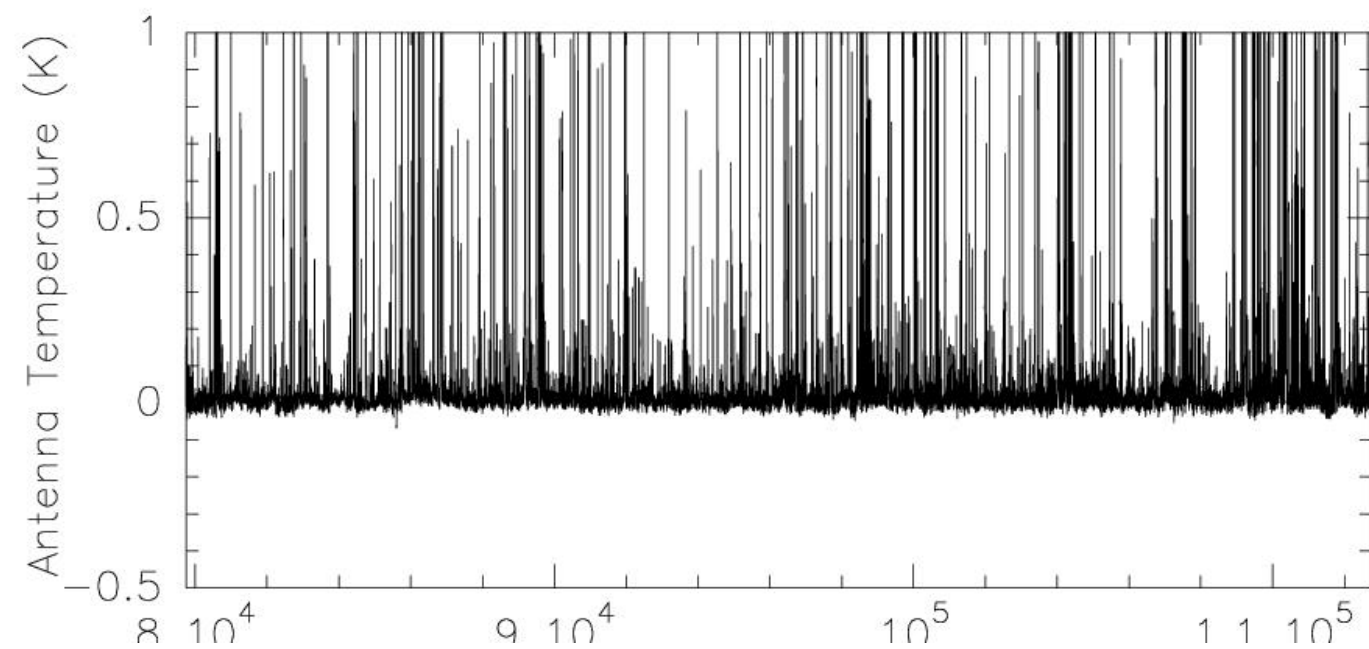
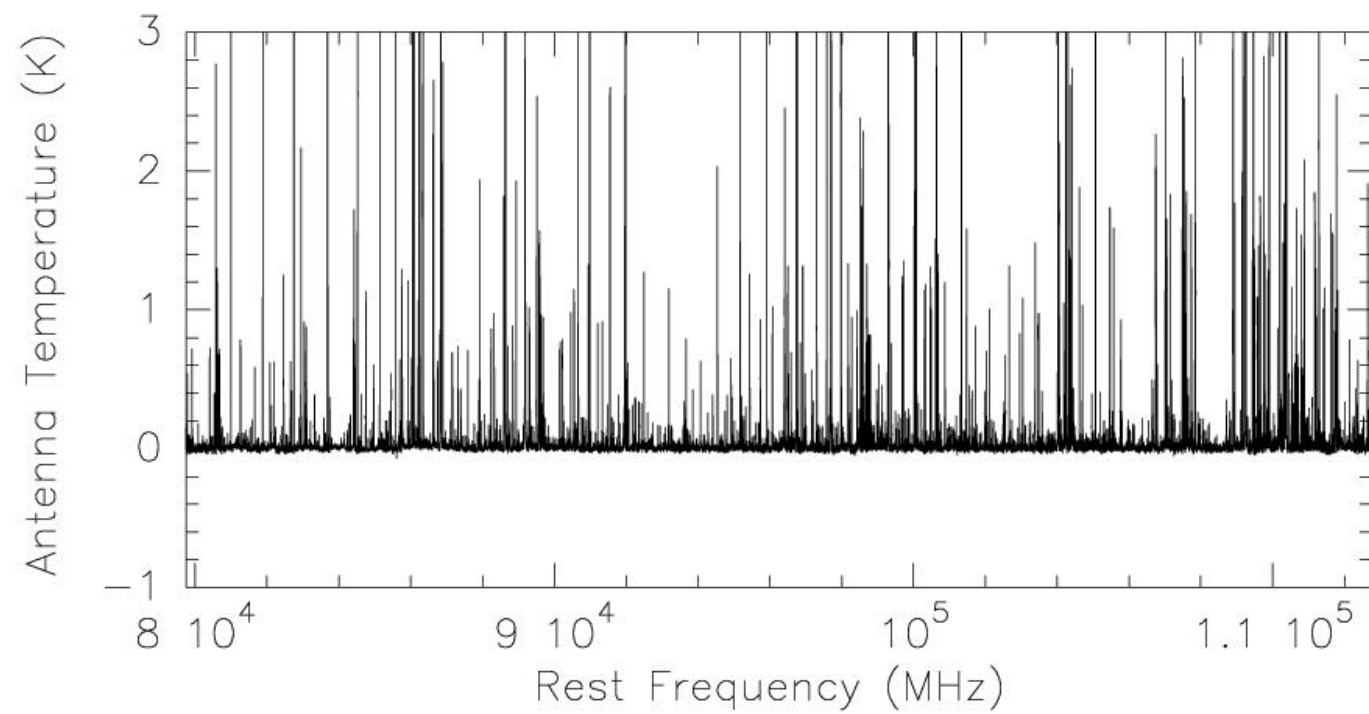
*IRAM 30m spectrum; 40 min integration;  $T_{\text{sys}}=100\text{ K}$*

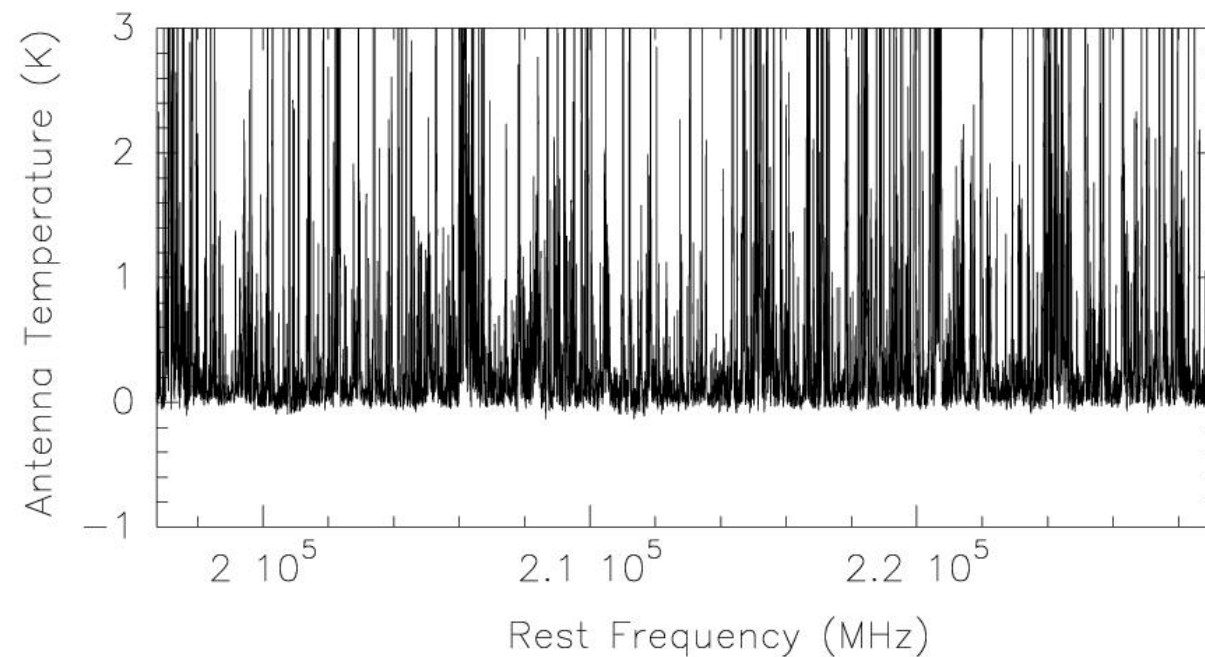
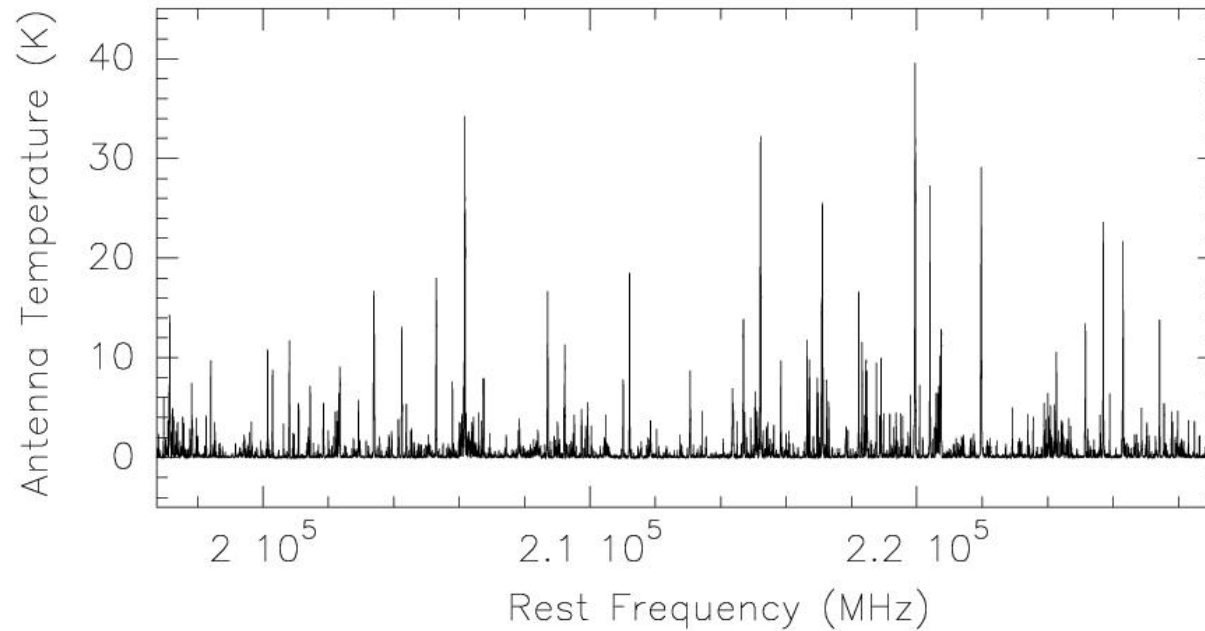




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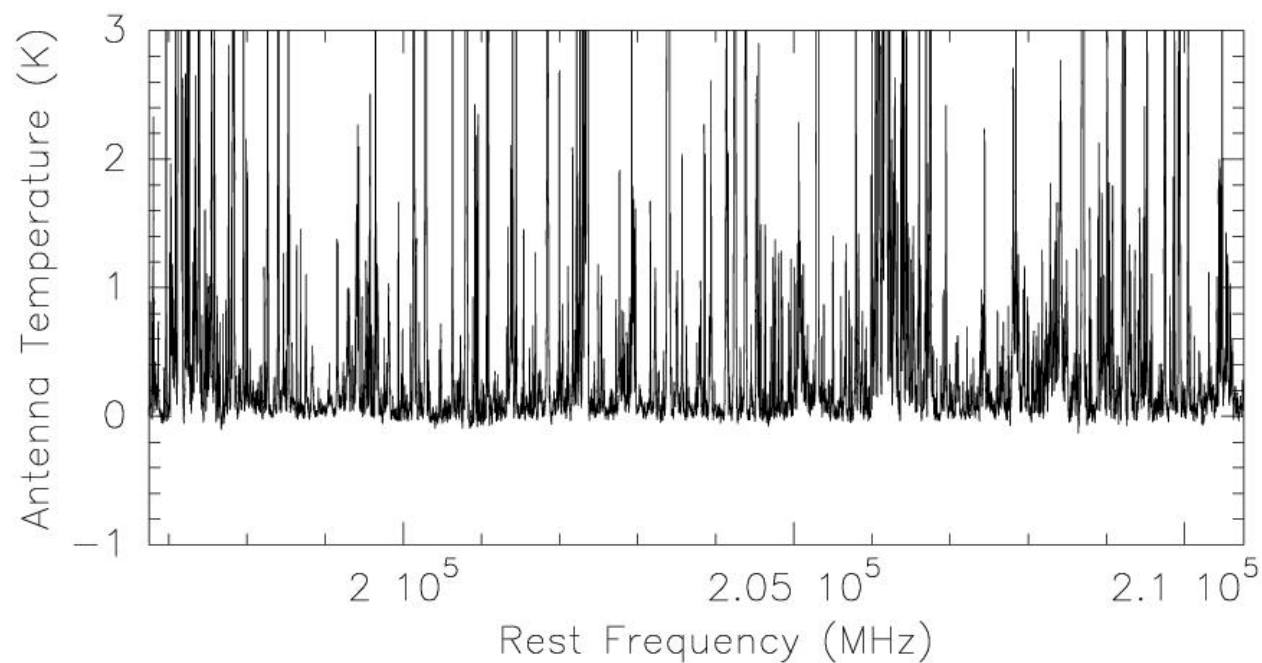
Orion as seen with  
30-m IRAM  
Telescope.

10 min observing  
time/GHz

30 GHz at 1mm &  
30 GHz at 3mm

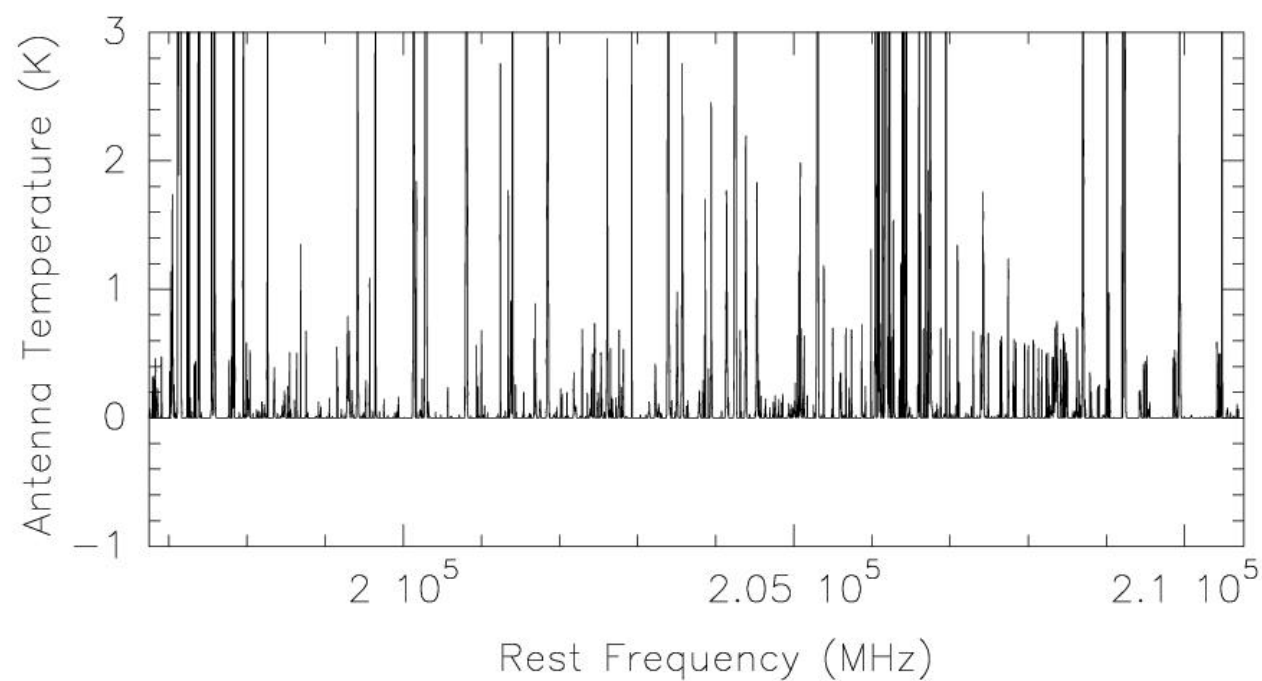
Simultaneously  
+ many 2'x4' maps  
= 35 hours observing  
time

*B. Tercero & Cernicharo*



•Vibrational states

•Isotopes



New species :

Alcohols, X-CN,

Ethers, (X-O-Y)

Cetones (X-CO-Y)

Isomers, ...

# ALMA will provide hundreds of Orions !!

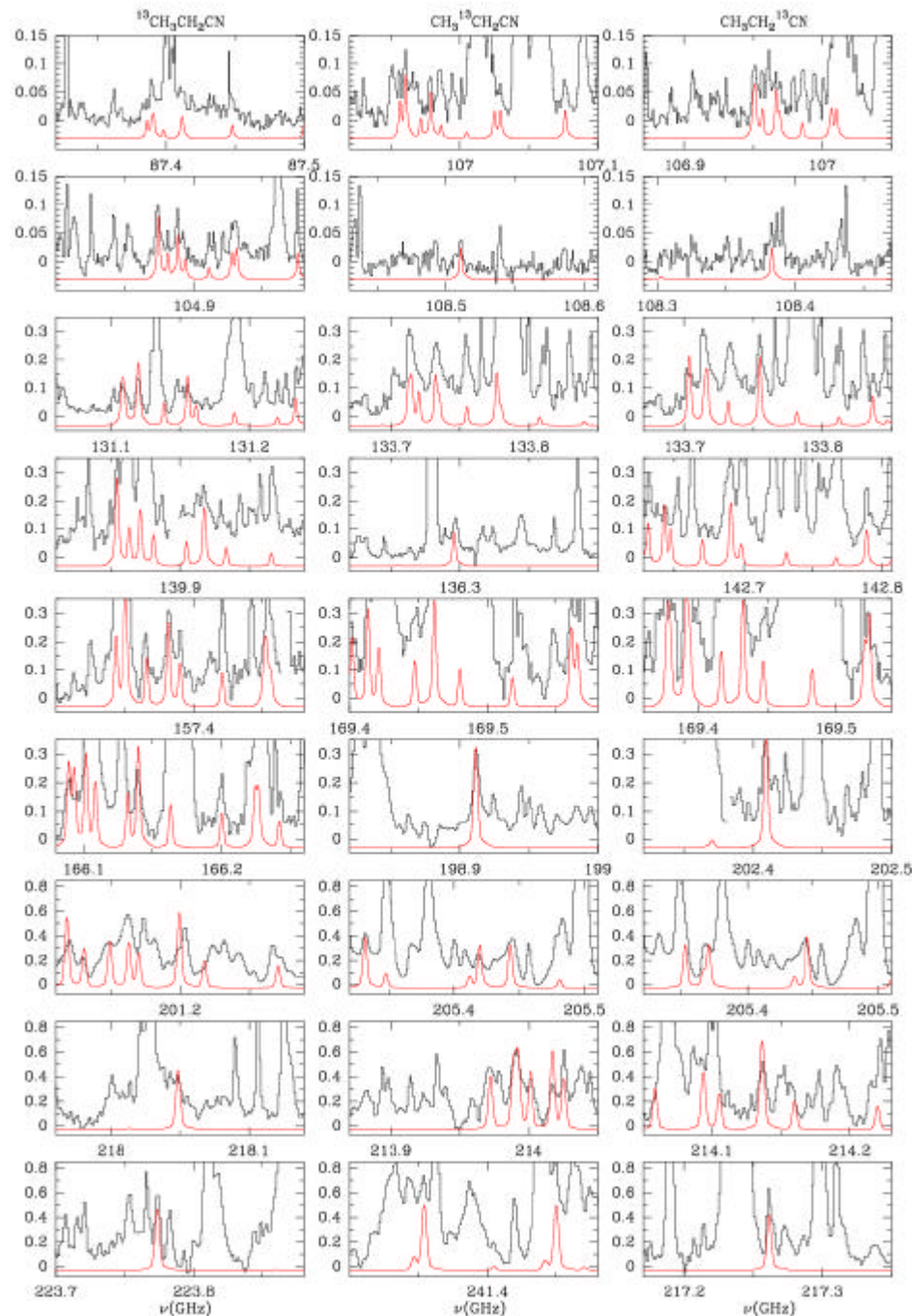
- 30m telescope = 16000 lines in Orion  
8000 unassigned !!

How to proceed ?

What to do ?

# How to proceed in the real world?

- Modelling the main isotope of a given species
- Finding the best isotopic ratios from full modelling of the spectrum of each isotopologue
- Finding vibrational temperatures for vib excited of molecules. In Orion all vib states with energies below 600 K easily detected.
- More energetic states within the line confusion limit



A search from JPL frequencies for  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopes provided some identifications but also many missing lines (wrong frequencies; old constants)

Collaboration with Karine Demyk (Lille). New Frequencies + Astronomical modelling → More than 700 lines detected from the three  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopologues !



# Missing spectroscopy for $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$

- $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2^{15}\text{N}$
- $\text{CH}_2\text{DCH}_2\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHDCN}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CDHCN}$   
 $\text{CHD}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$  + other D-combinations  
(In the plane + torsion + out of the plane  
(CCN)  $v > 1$ )

Double  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopes (ALMA)

# A goog example : CH<sub>2</sub>CHCN

- CH<sub>2</sub>CHCN, <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>CHCN, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>13</sup>CHCN,
- CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sup>13</sup>CN, CH<sub>2</sub>CHC<sup>15</sup>N, HCDCHCN
- DCHCHCN, HCD CDCN, DCH CDCN, CD<sub>2</sub>CHCN  
(Colmot et al., 1997; data for most isotopes of CH<sub>2</sub>CHCN)
- $V_{11}=1,2,3$   $V_{15}=1$
- All lines with intensities > 0.05 K in the 80-280 GHz domaine detected (>1500 lines)
- Missing spectroscopic data for  $v_{15}=2$ ,  $v_{11}+v_{15}$  and high transitions of some isotopes

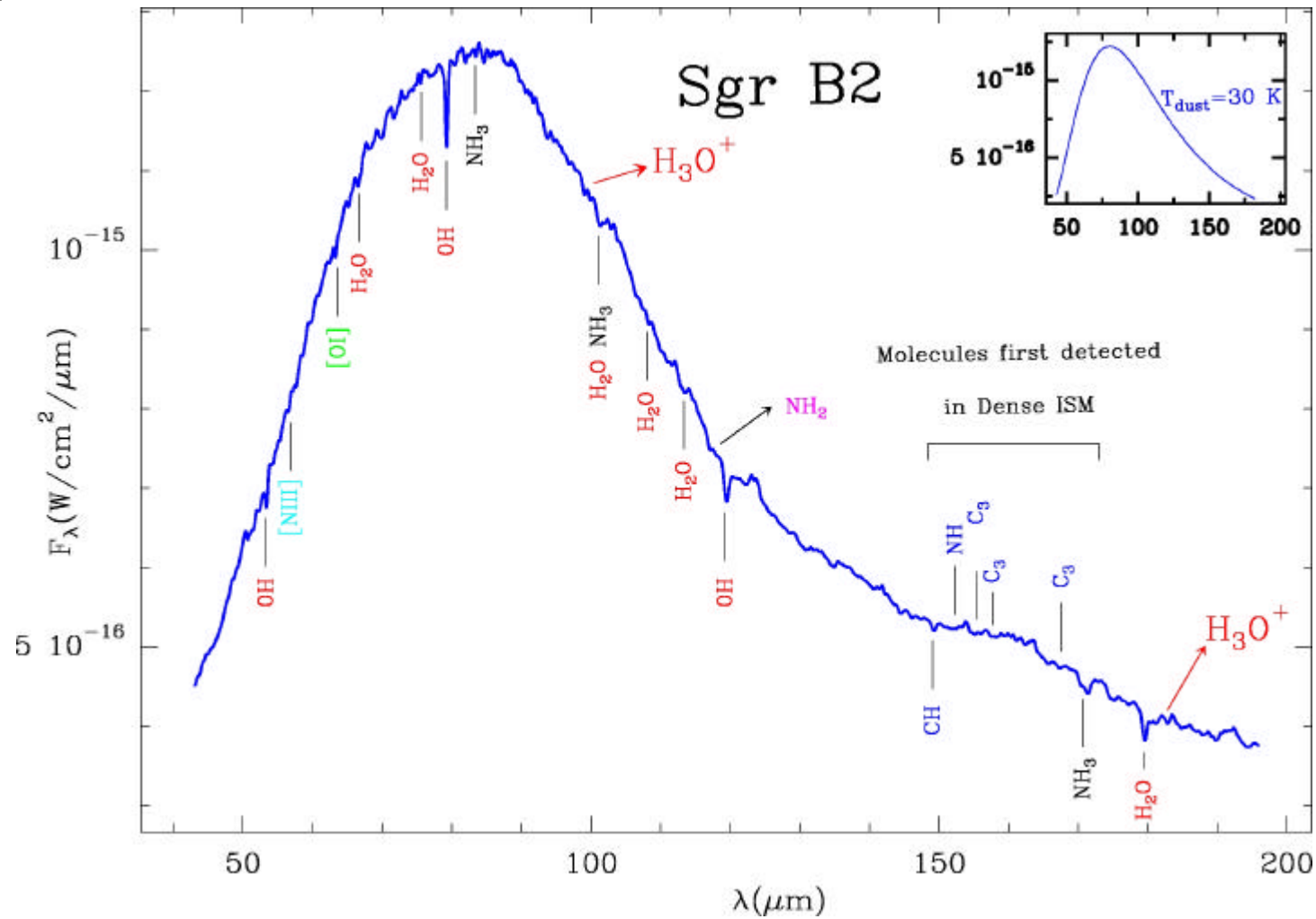
# Real World too complex for simple identification procedures as soon as the lines are in the confusion limit (and even above that limit)

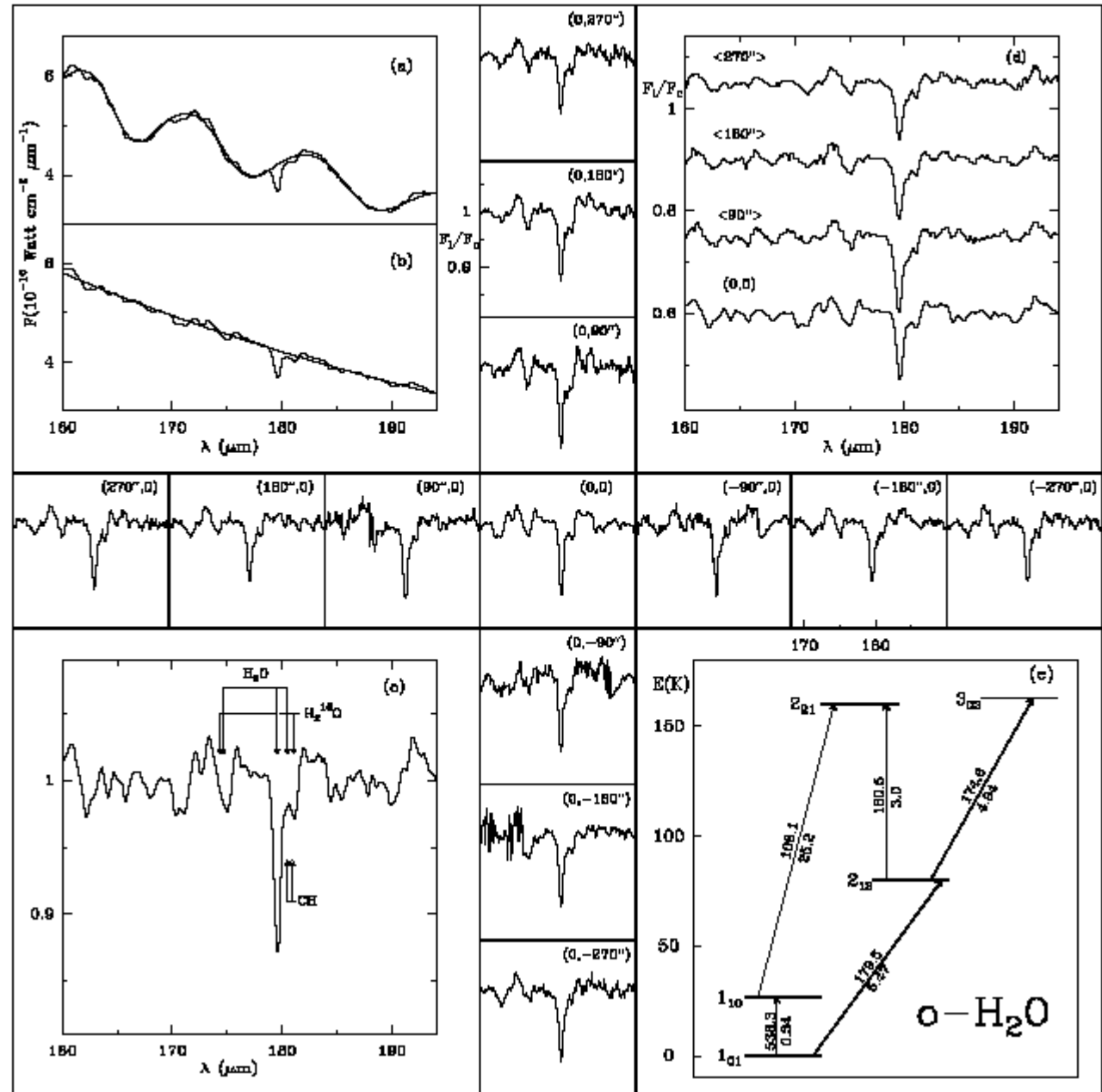
- Systematic modelling needed for each source and for each molecule (look the case of CRL618 by Pardo & Cernicharo)
- Example (Orion)  
$$\text{Tvib}(\text{CH}_2\text{CHCN}) < \text{Tvib}(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CN})$$

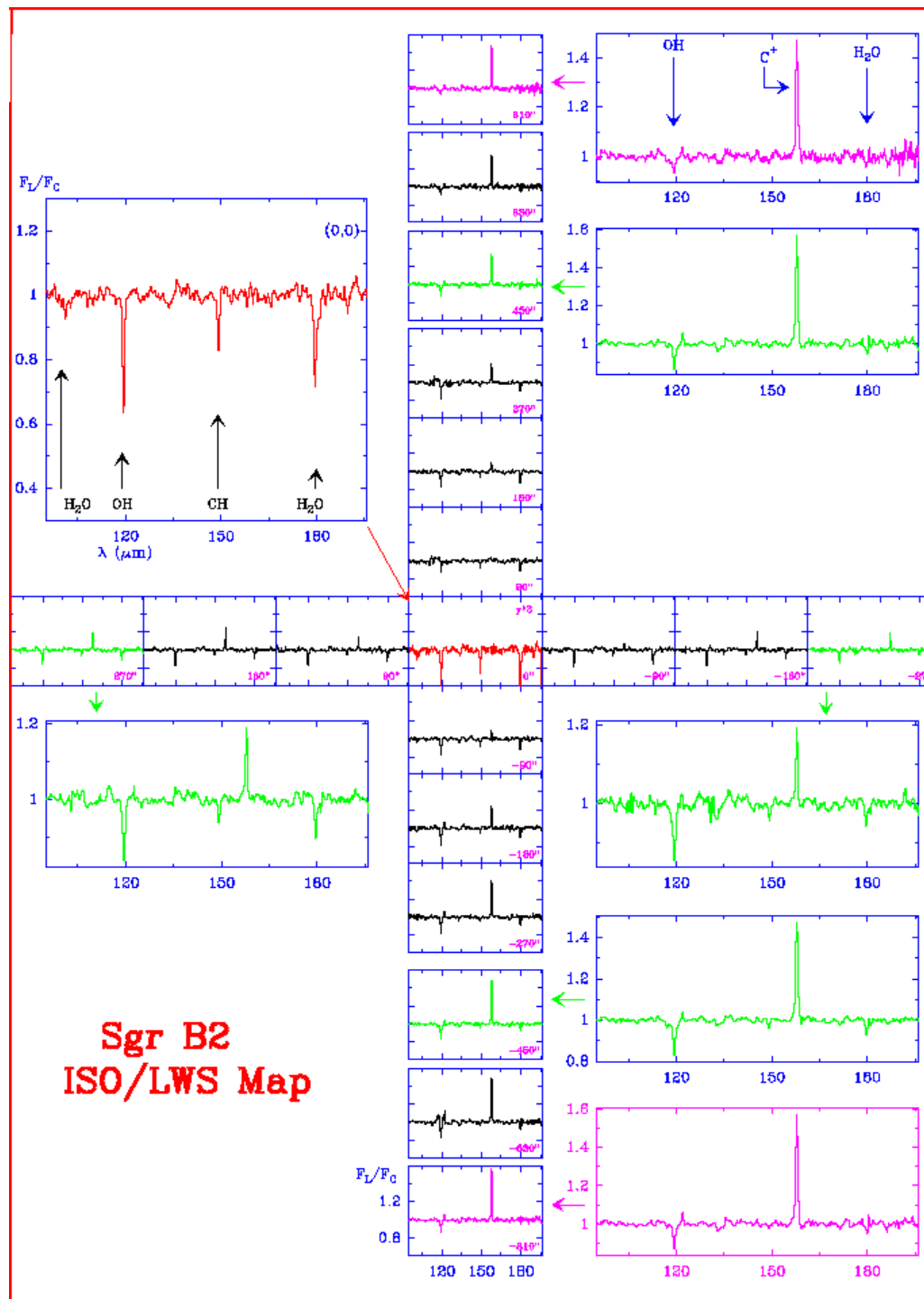
*Letter to the Editor*

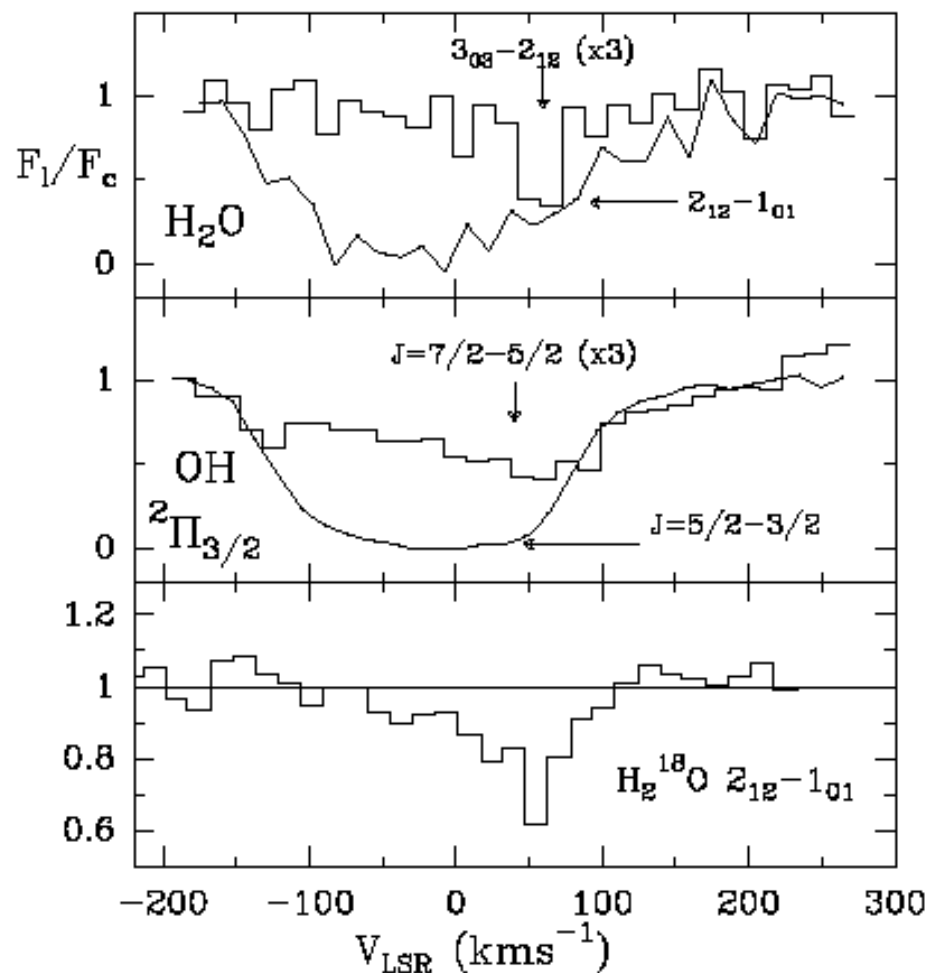
## Widespread water vapour absorption in SgrB2<sup>1</sup>

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and P. Clegg<sup>9</sup>

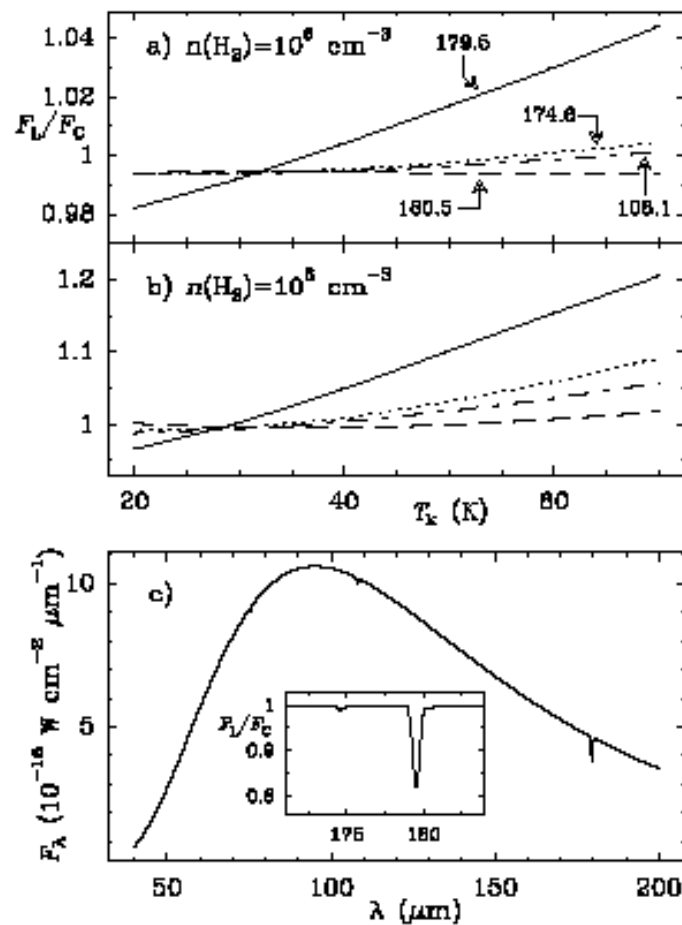




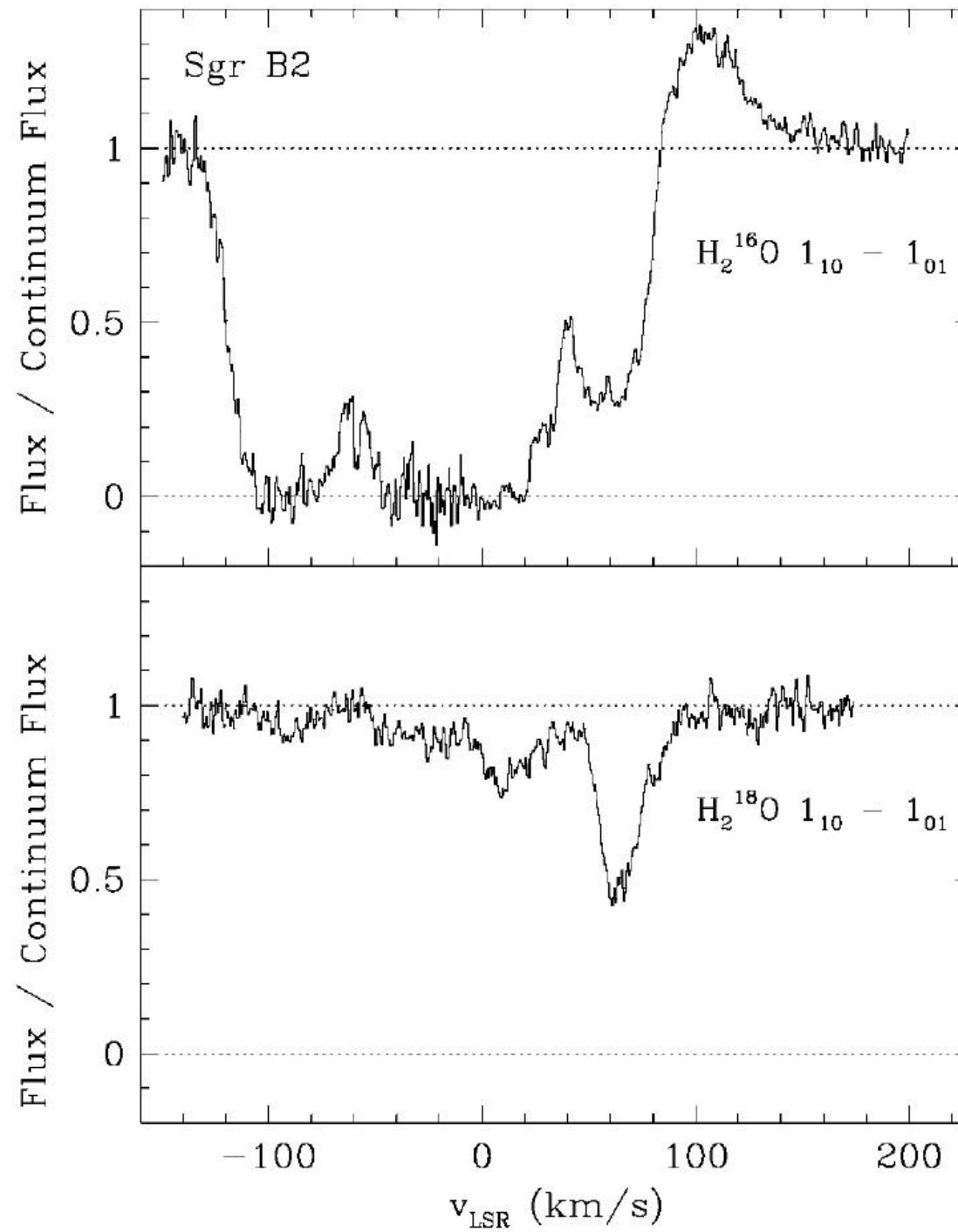




**Fig. 2.** LWS Fabry-Perot observations of the central position of SgrB2. (a) The  $2_{12}-1_{01}$  and  $3_{03}-2_{12}$  lines of water at 179.52 and 174.6  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively; (b) the  $5/2-3/2$  and  $7/2-5/2$  lines of the  $^2\Pi_{3/2}$  state of OH at 119 and 84  $\mu\text{m}$ ; (c) the  $2_{12}-1_{01}$   $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$  line at 181.05  $\mu\text{m}$

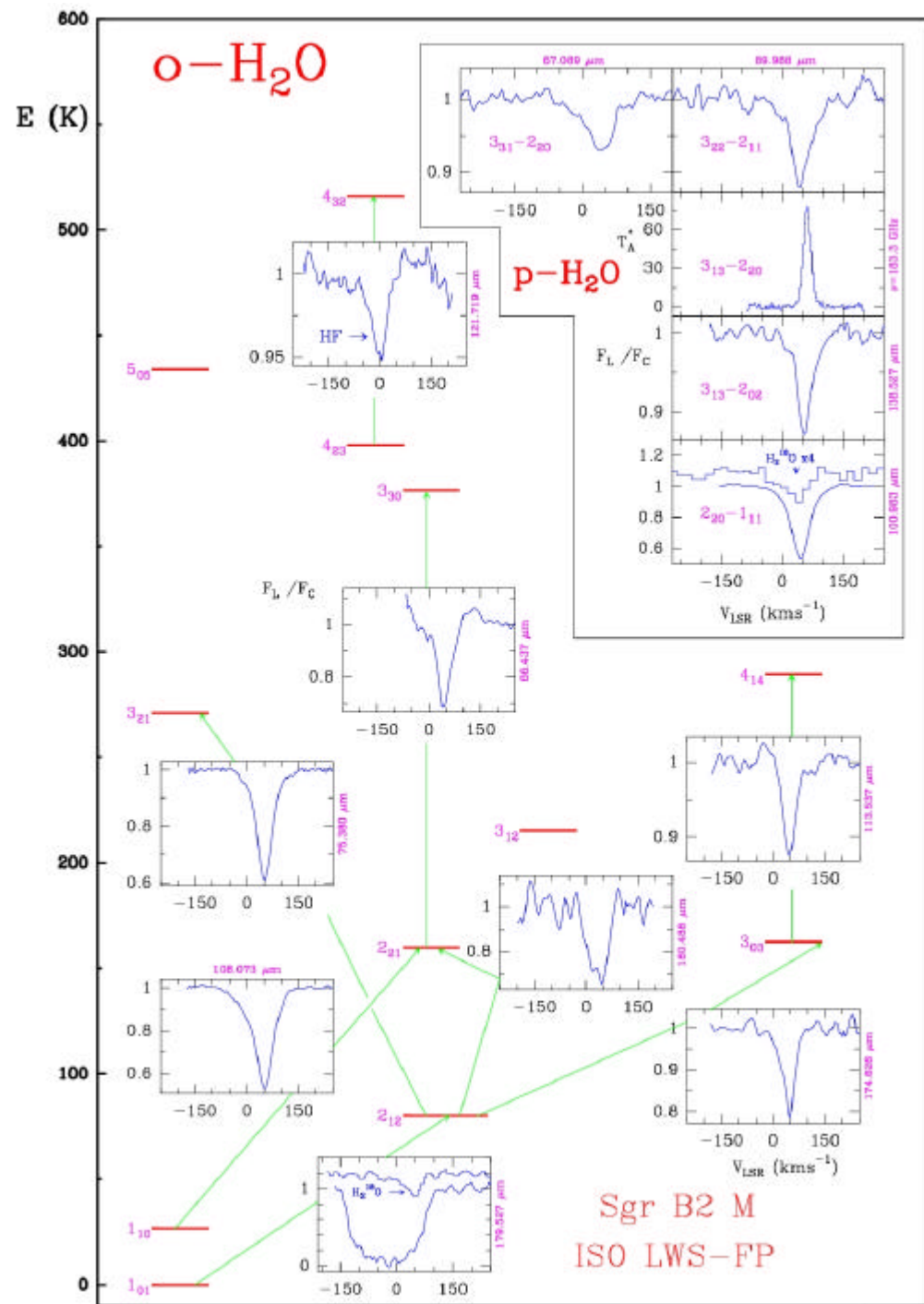


**Fig. 3.** a) and b) Results of model calculations showing the line over continuum flux ratio of four o- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  transitions (labelled with their wavelengths) as a function of kinetic temperature. c) Model spectrum for a cloud with an external absorbing shell (see text for details)



**SWAS data  
in the direction  
of SgrB2**





Modelling water in SgrB2:

Absolute need for 183.3 GHz data

Three different codes :

J. Cernicharo (non local)

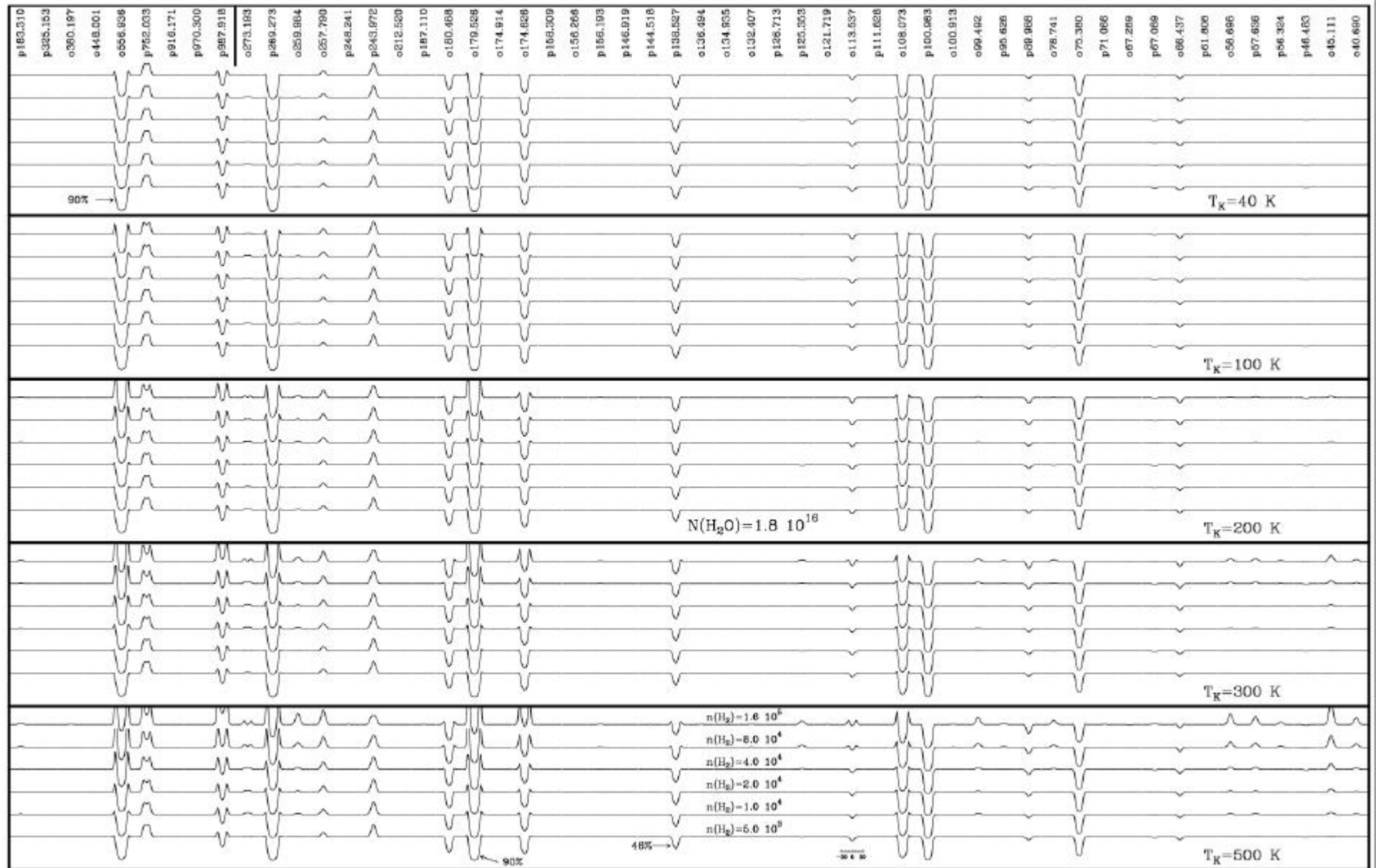
A. Asensio (non local)

C. Ceccarelli (LVG)

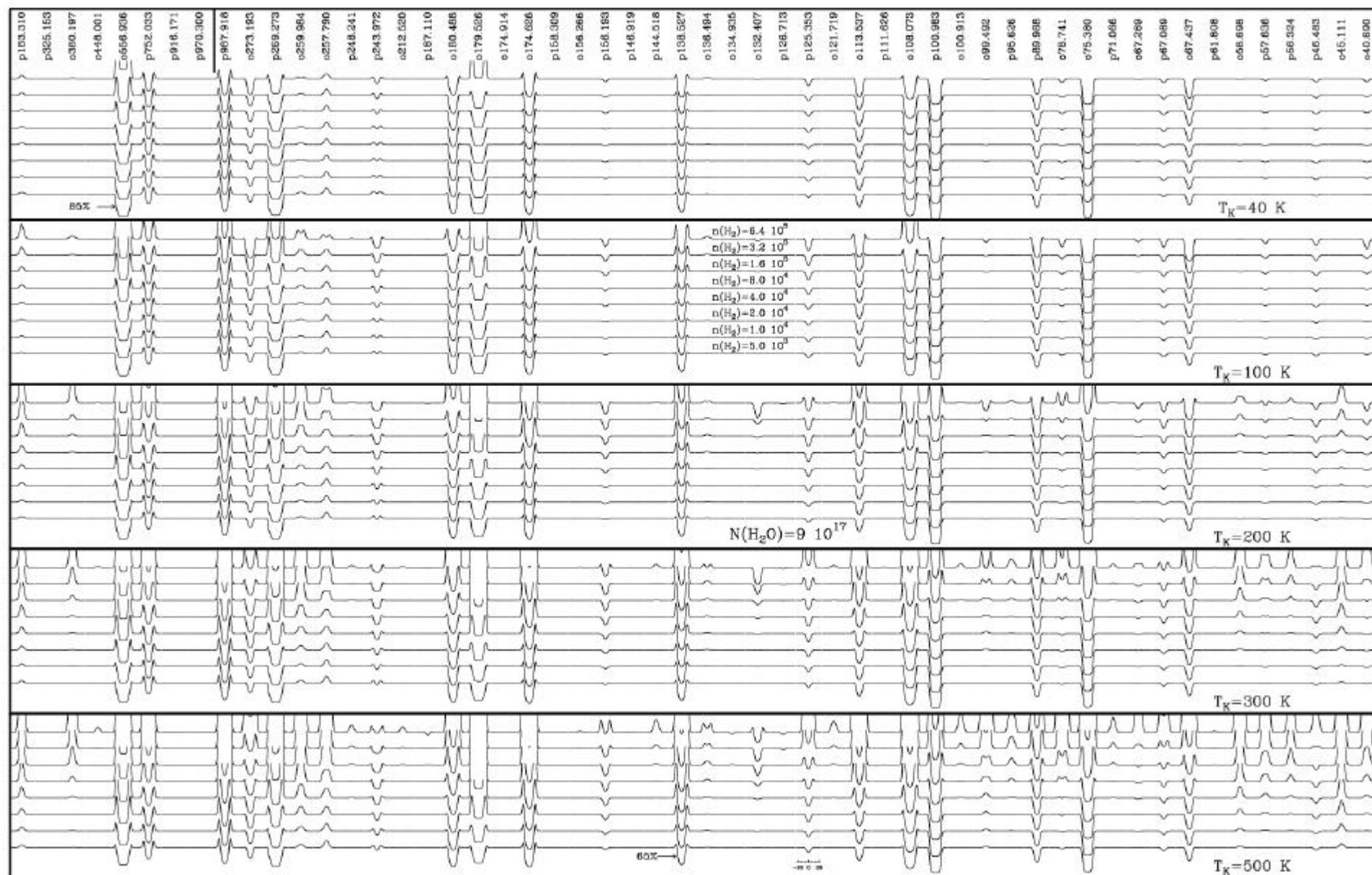
Velocity resolution limits the Interpretation : HERSCHEL

*Cernicharo et al.  
in preparation*

$$N(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1.8 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$



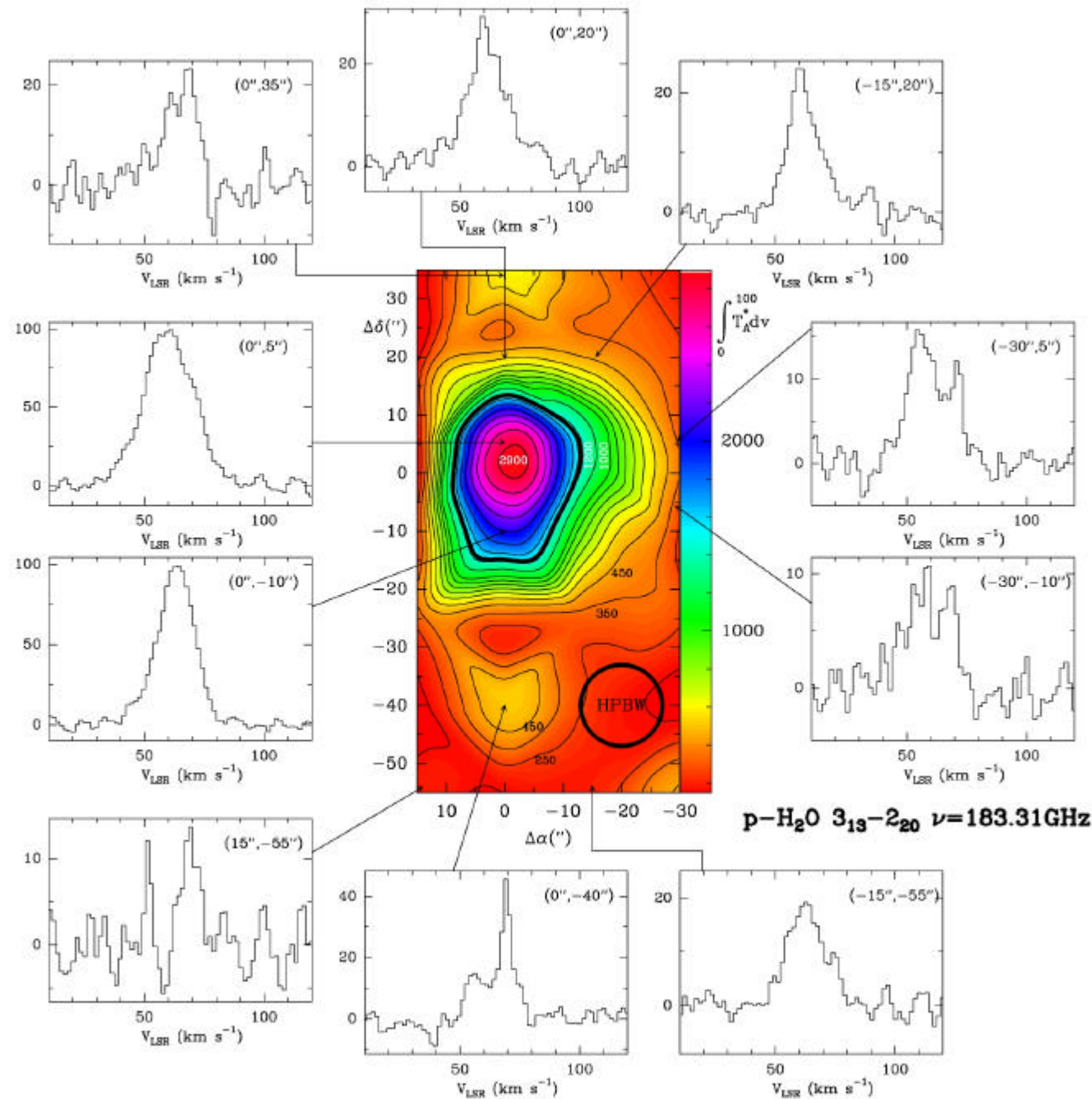
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IRAM  
30-m radio  
telescope  
observations

Herschel will  
have a similar  
beam



# MOLECULAR DATABASES FOR HERSCHEL, ALMA & SOFIA

- Two meetings in the last two years in the Lorentz Center (Leiden).
- **Sessions on :**
  - \* Laboratory Spectroscopy
  - \* Laboratory Chemistry
  - \* PES and Collisional rates
  - \* Ab Initio Calculations of Molecules of     Astrophysical Interest
  - \* Chemical Modelling
  - \* Astrophysical Modelling

# Herschel / ALMA Desiderata

- **Absolute need for laboratory spectroscopy information**
- **Absolute need for new codes allowing to treat Radiative Transfert in 2,3-D with fast algorithms**
- **Absolute need for chemical modelling predictions about what new molecules could be observed**
- **A good understanding of the observational capacities that these instruments will bring in the millimeter, submillimeter and far-IR domains**
- **Open time KP have to show that the proposers will be able to analyze and interpret the data. A lot of preparatory work has to be done. Tools are needed !**

# What we can do in Spain

- J. Cernicharo is taken over, as mission scientist of Herschel, the coordination of the preparatory science activities at the European level.
- DAMIR is doing a lot of effort within the FP6 program “The Molecular Universe”. Computing PES and collisional rates, ab initio calculations, astrophysical modelling
- To find Astrophysical/laboratory/chemistry groups willing to use Herschel /ALMA and motivated to do preparatory science activities

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# 2º CONGRESO NACIONAL DE ASTROFISICA MOLECULAR

- Date : 2007
- Where ?
- Who ?

## OBJETIVOS :

Preparar un proyecto CONSOLIDER con los grupos de química-física a nivel nacional (5 MEuros) : Focused on Herschel & ALMA  
(Title : Molecular Astrophysics)

Definir entre los Astrofísicos las necesidades a nivel nacional para Herschel y ALMA. Colaborar con los químicos-físicos (equipar los laboratorios para obtener información necesaria para interpretar nuestros datos, tesis codirigidas, postdocs comunes,...)

**Support Letters from our European and American colleagues are welcome for the proposal (Dec 2007)**