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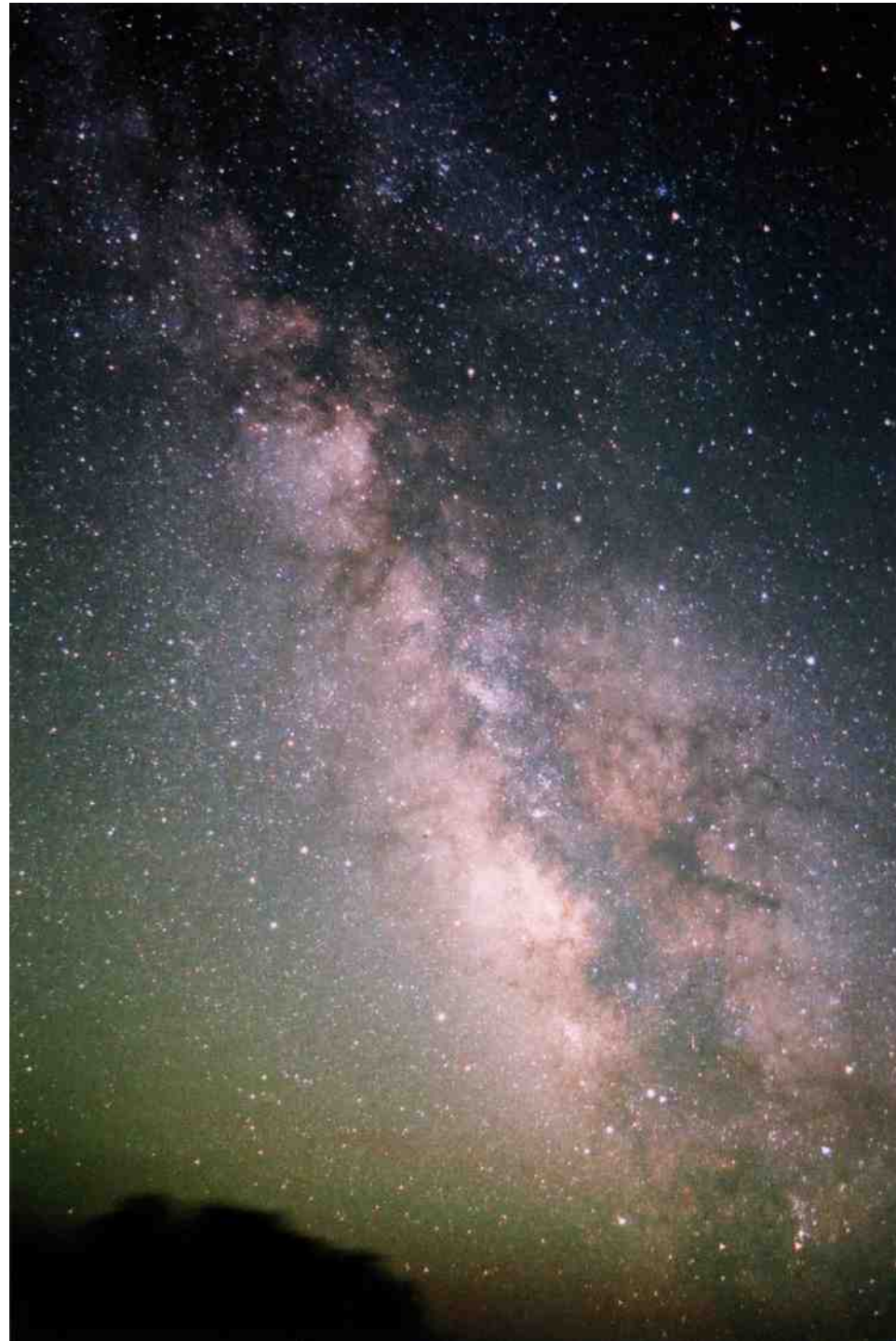
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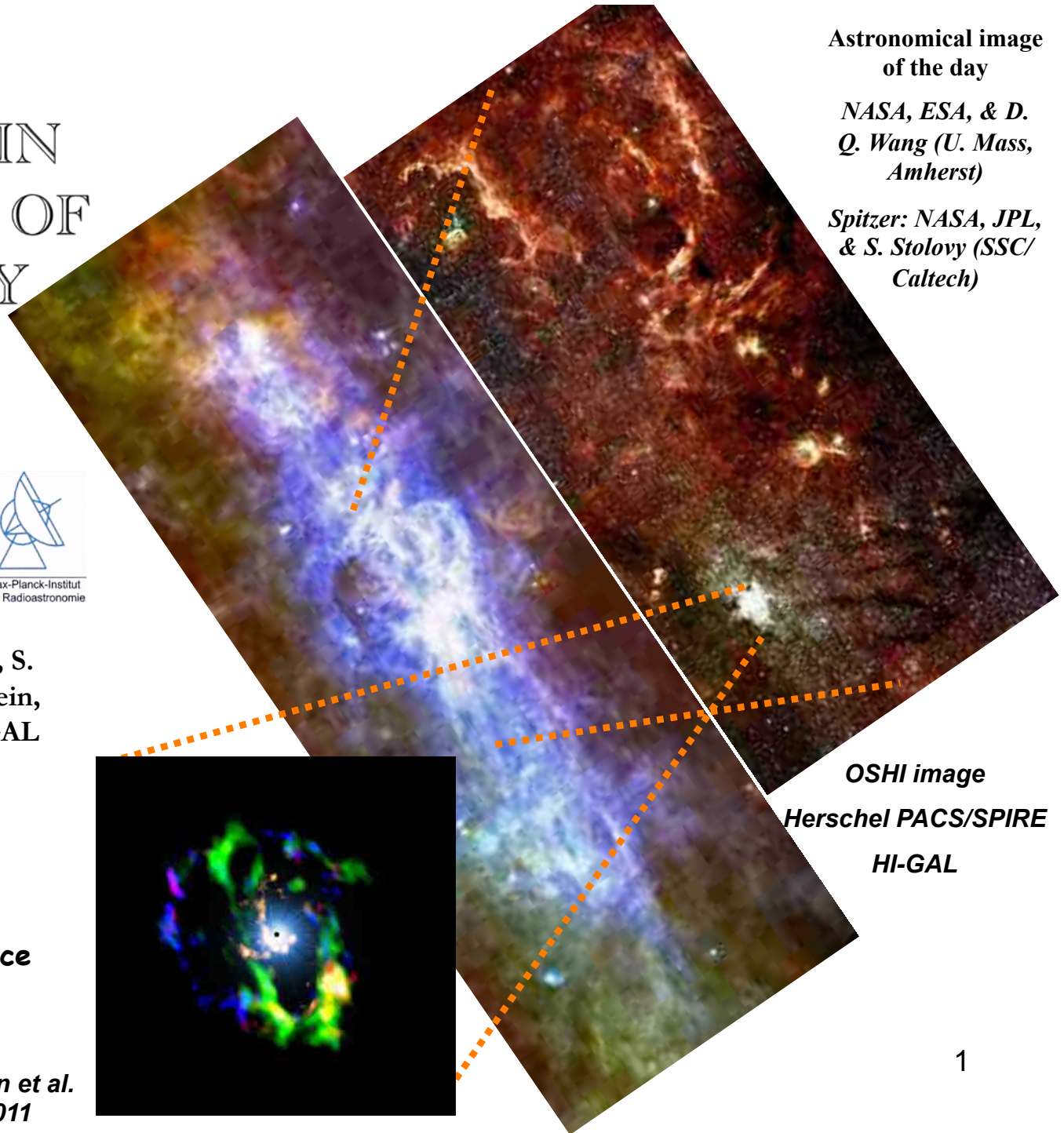


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*Martin et al.  
2011*



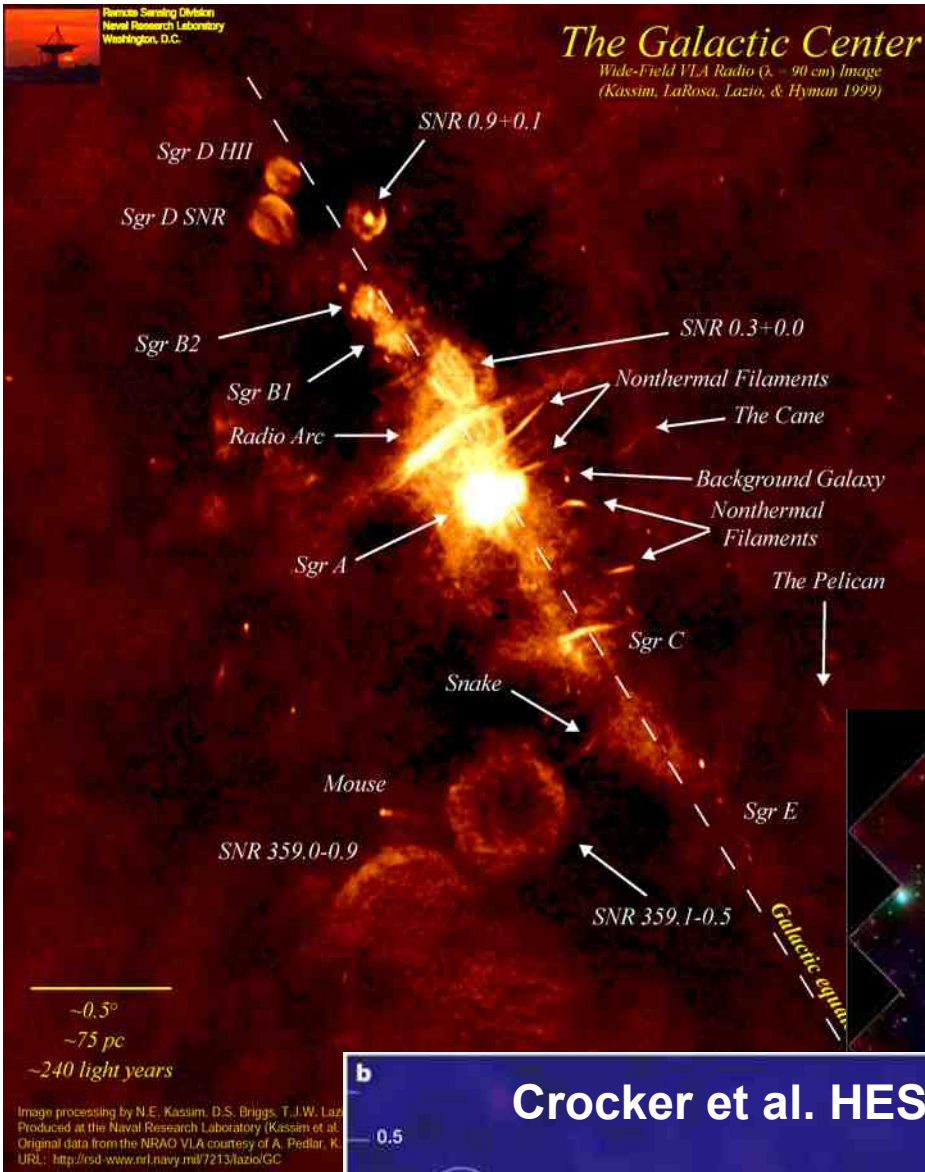
**Astronomical image  
of the day**

*NASA, ESA, & D.  
Q. Wang (U. Mass,  
Amherst)*

*Spitzer: NASA, JPL,  
& S. Stolovy (SSC/  
Caltech)*

**OSHI image  
Herschel PACS/SPIRE  
HI-GAL**



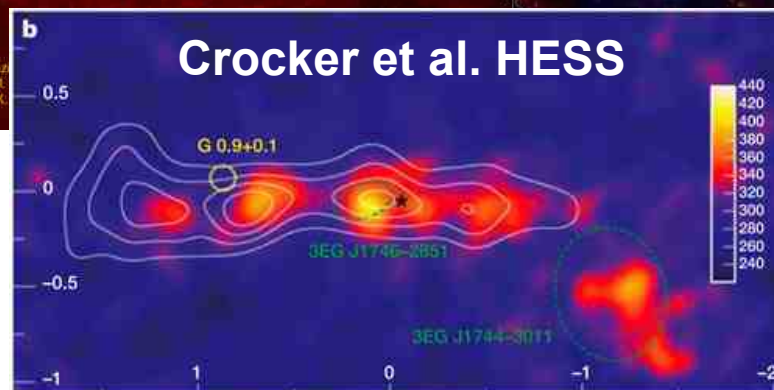


90cm radio continuum, image processed by Kassim, LaRosa, Lazio & Hyman 1999

Wang et al. 2010 HSA/Spitzer



Wang et al. 2002 Chandra



# Gas and dust properties

	GC	Disk	Reviews:
Cloud sizes [pc]	20-30	few-30	Morris (1996),
Vel. dispersion [kms <sup>-1</sup> ]	15 – 30	≤5	Mezger (1996),
Mean Gas Density [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	10 <sup>4-5</sup>	10 <sup>2-3</sup>	Güsten (2004),
Magnetic Field [mG]	~ mG	≤ 0.1	Morris et al. (2006)
<sup>12</sup> C/ <sup>13</sup> C ratio	20-25	75	Morris et al. (2009)

**Dust:** cold component ~15-30 K

**Gas temperatures:** 15-500 K (NH<sub>3</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>)

(Güsten et al.1981, Morris et al.1983 and Huttermesiter et.al. 1993)

**T<sub>gas</sub> > T<sub>dust</sub> in galaxies** Mauersberger et al. (2003)

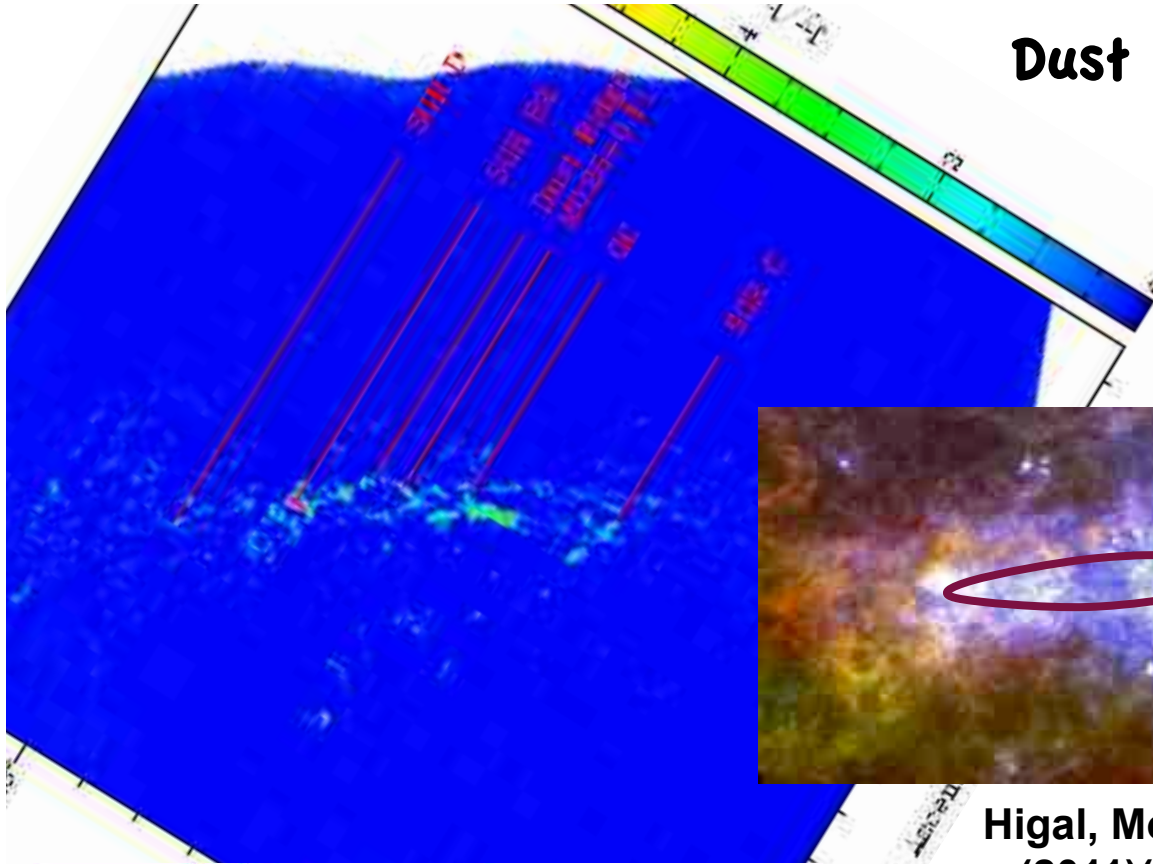
**What is the dominant heating Mechanism?**

UV radiation, X-rays, shocks, Cosmic rays?



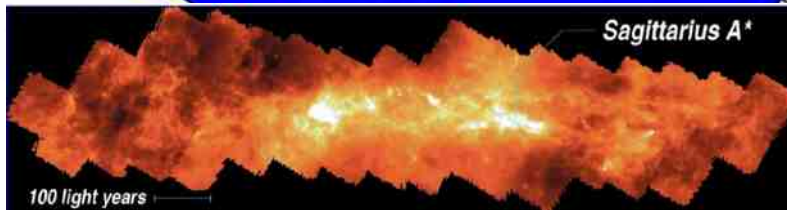
## Dust emission

**ATLASGAL** (The APEX Telescope Large Area Survey of the Galaxy) 850 microns (Schuller et al. 2009, Immer et al. 2010).



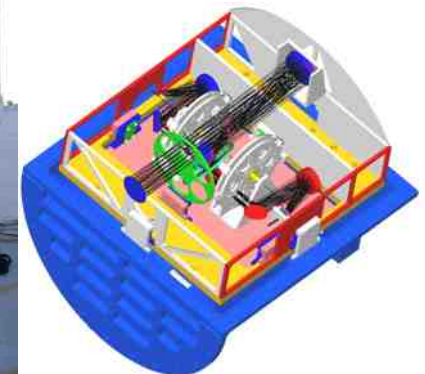
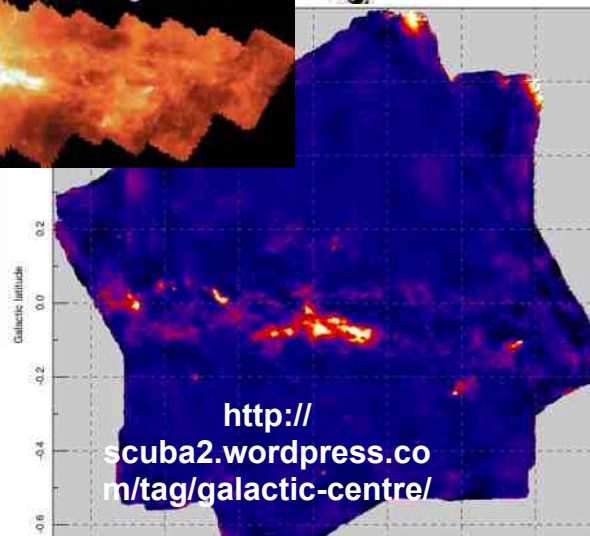
Higal, Molinari et al. (2011) and Etxaluze et al. (2011)(PACS 70, 160 +SPIRE 250, 350 500)

**And I want to see the results from the new CND maps of Forcast!**



Oldest SCUBA maps 450 and 850 microns (Pierce-Price et al. 2004 and the latest Garcia-Marin et al. 2011)

And new map from SCUBA-2 (850)

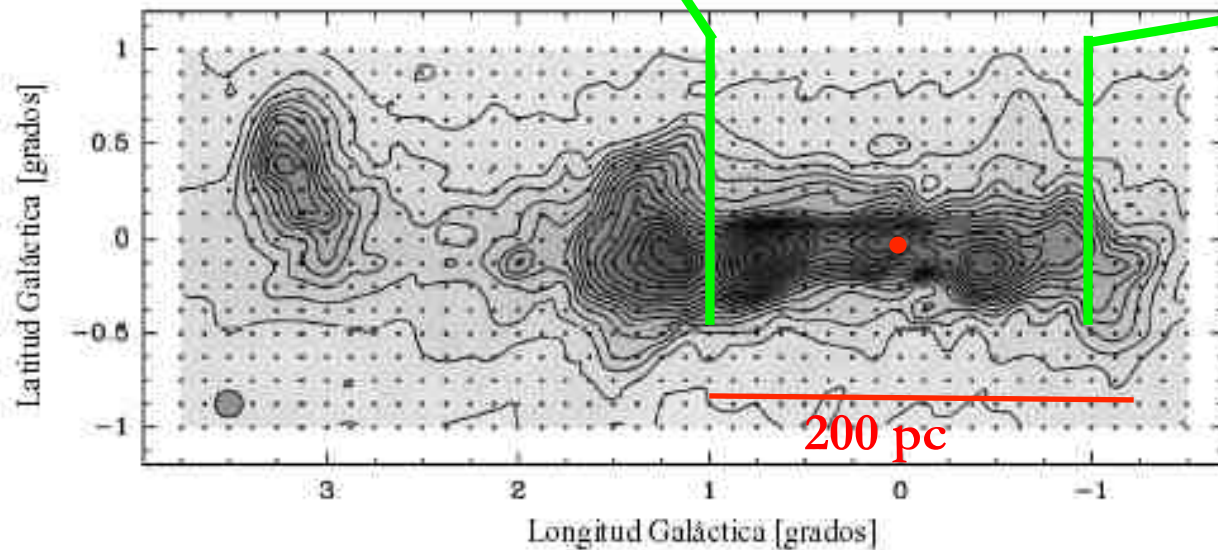
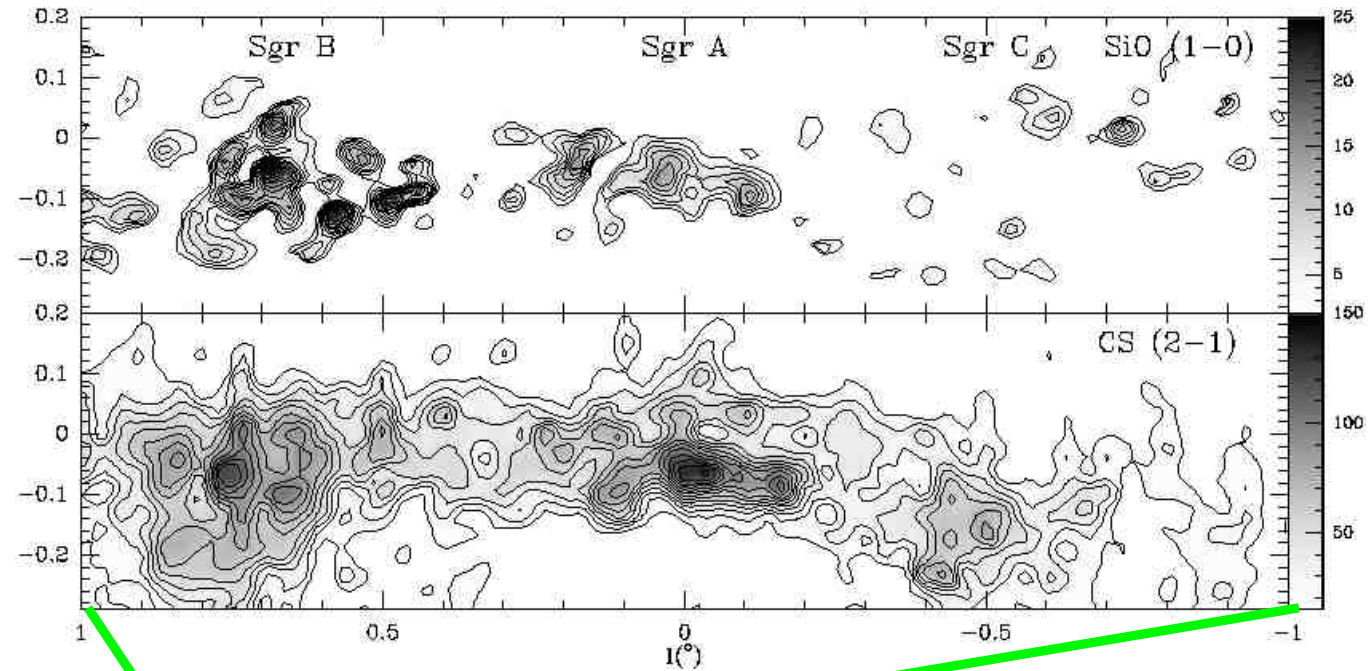


# Molecular gas in the GC

SiO → Shock Tracer

Martín-Pintado et al. (2000)

CS → Dense gas tracer

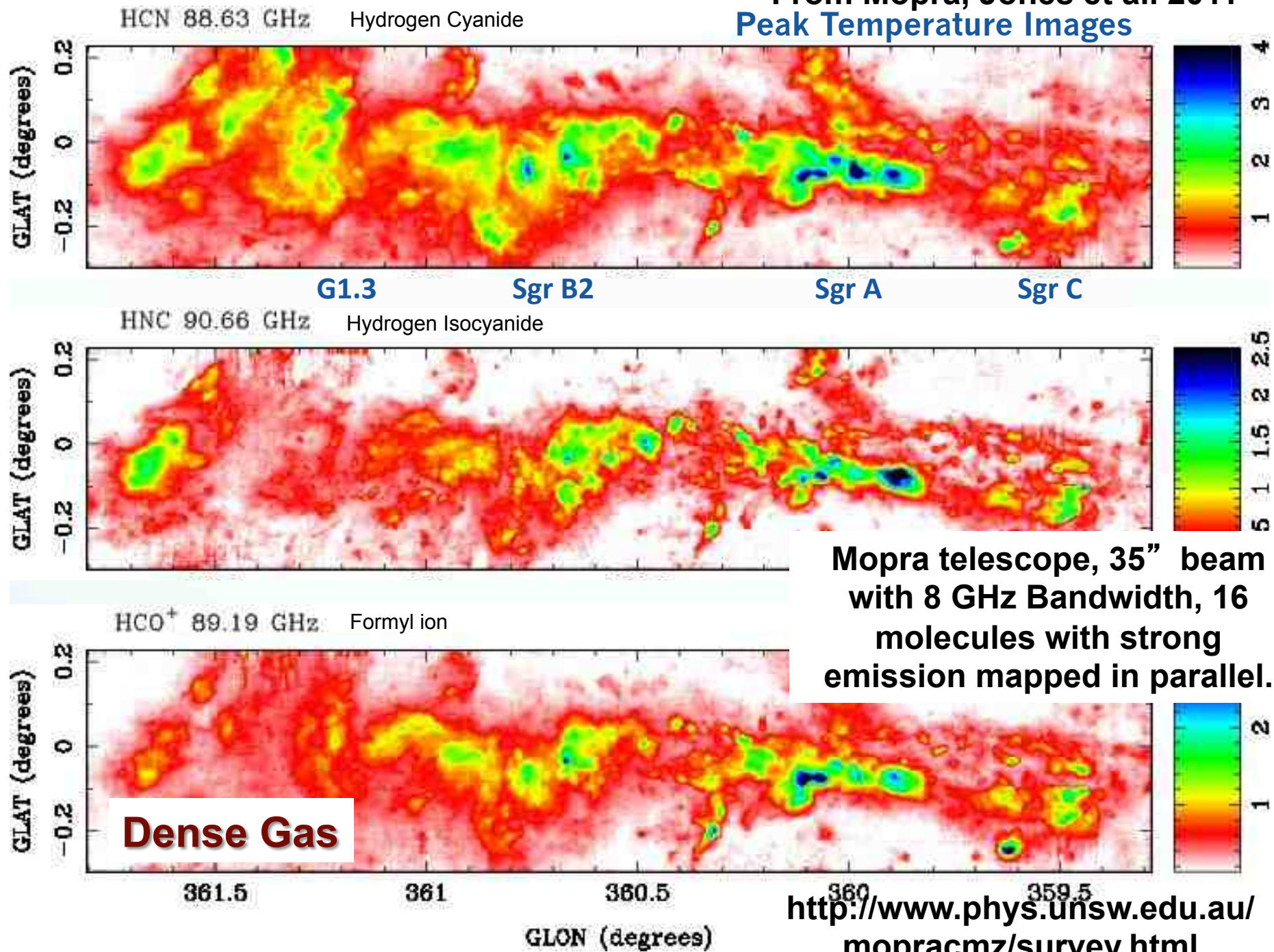


← CO Molecular gas tracer  
 $10^8 M_{\odot}$   
 Bania et al. (1980)  
 Bally et al. (1987)  
 Dahmen et al. (1998)

Widespread emission of complex organic molecules, Martín-Pintado et al. (2001), Requena-Torres et al. (2006, 2008) and Jones et al. 2011



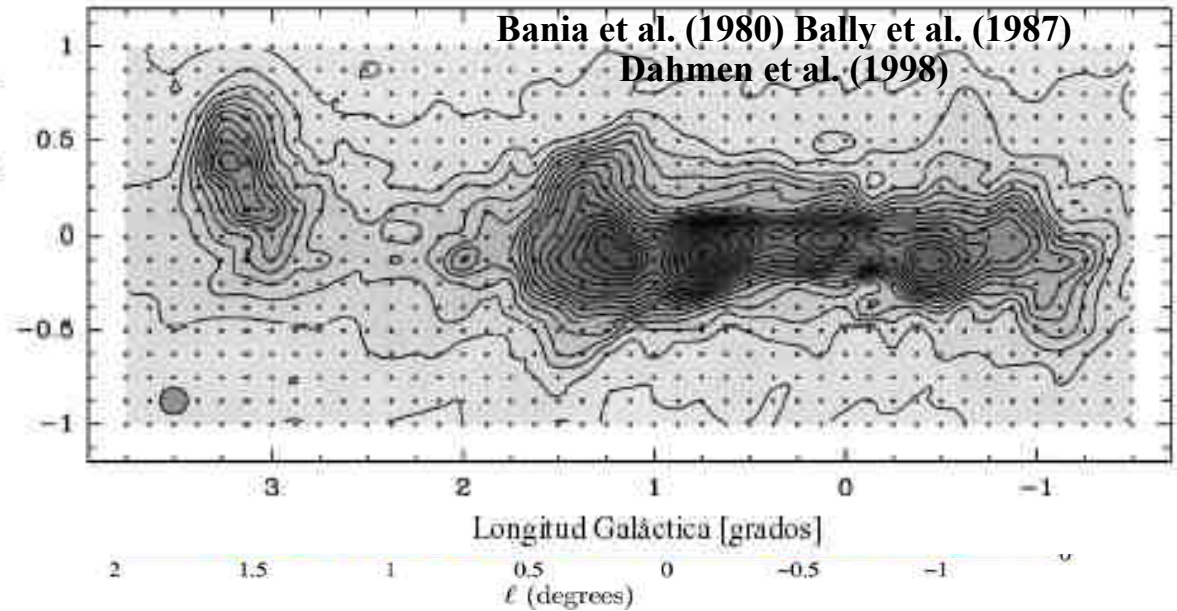
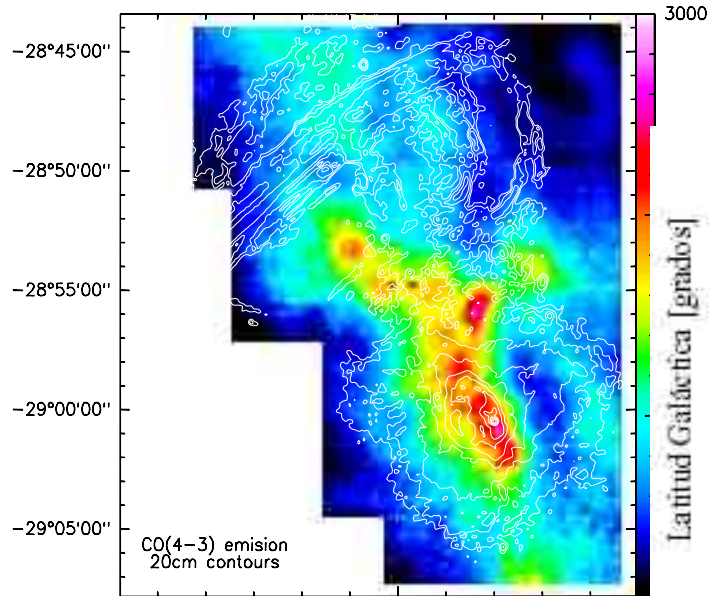
From Mopra, Jones et al. 2011  
Peak Temperature Images



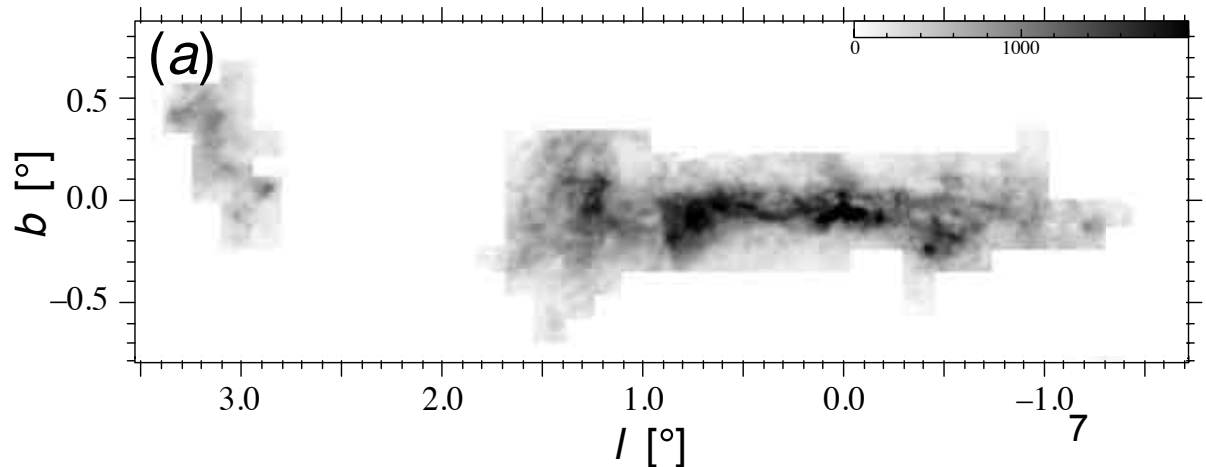
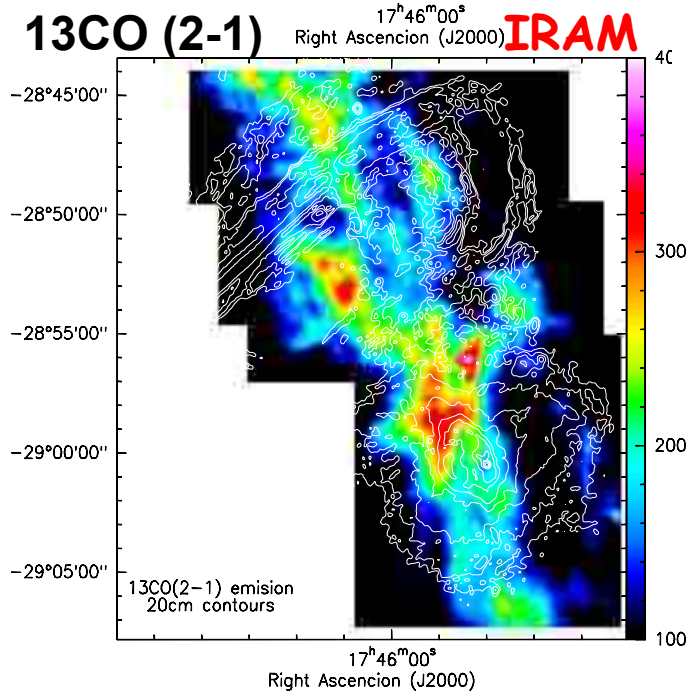
Mopra telescope, 35" beam  
with 8 GHz Bandwidth, 16  
molecules with strong  
emission mapped in parallel.

CO (4-3) **CSO**

# Other CO maps in the GC area



13CO (2-1) **IRAM**



Oka et al. 2011, CO 3-2 maps with ASTE 22''





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# APEX

## Atacama Pathfinder Experiment



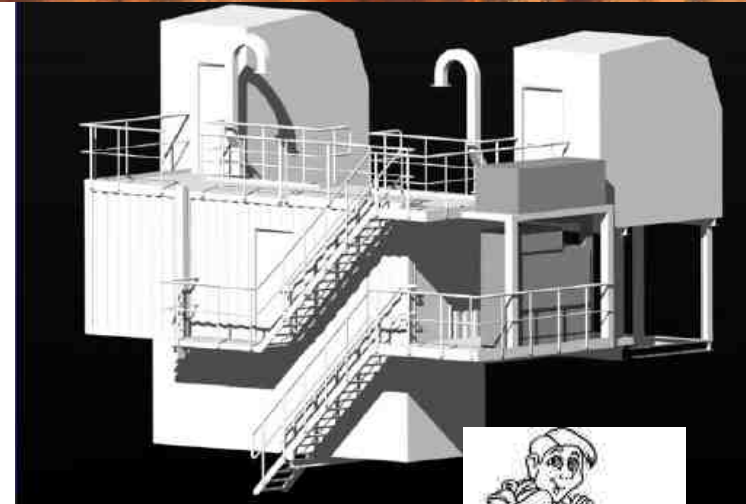
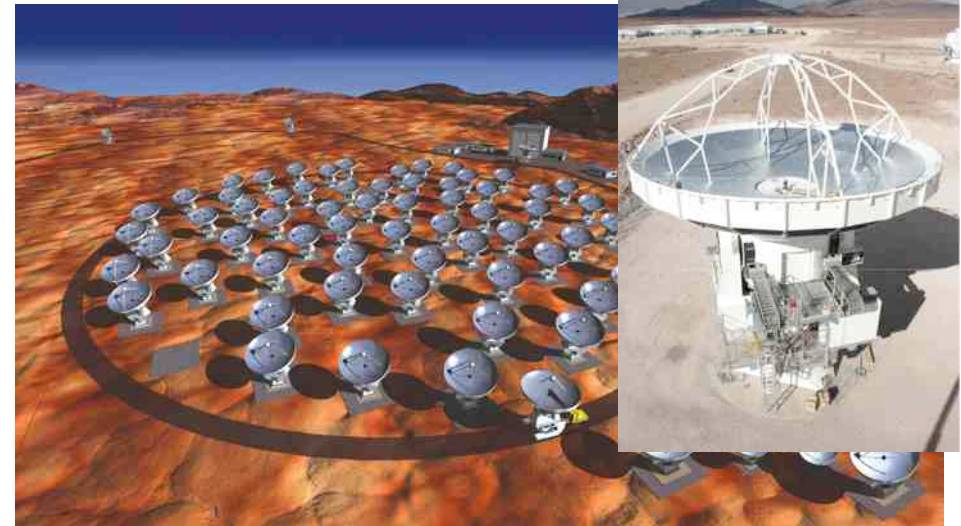
Llano de Chajnantor

Latitude : 23°00'20.8" South

Longitude : 67°45'33.0" West

Altitude : 5105 m

- **Vertex Antenna**, as the american contribution to ALMA
- **12m** diameter, 14 $\mu$ m rms surface accuracy
- Alt-Az mounting
- **2 Nasmyth + 1 Cassegrain** receiver cabins
- **Wobbler** (2Hz, <150" amplitude azimuthal chops)
- Beam width:  
 $7.8'' * (800 / f \text{ [GHz]})$



Heterodyne (from 210 to 1200 GHz), Bolometers (345 and 860 GHz), and POLKA in commissioning phase.

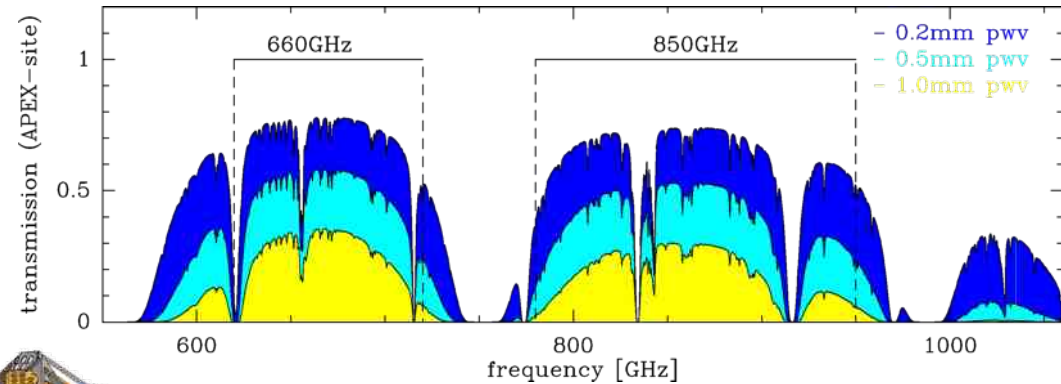
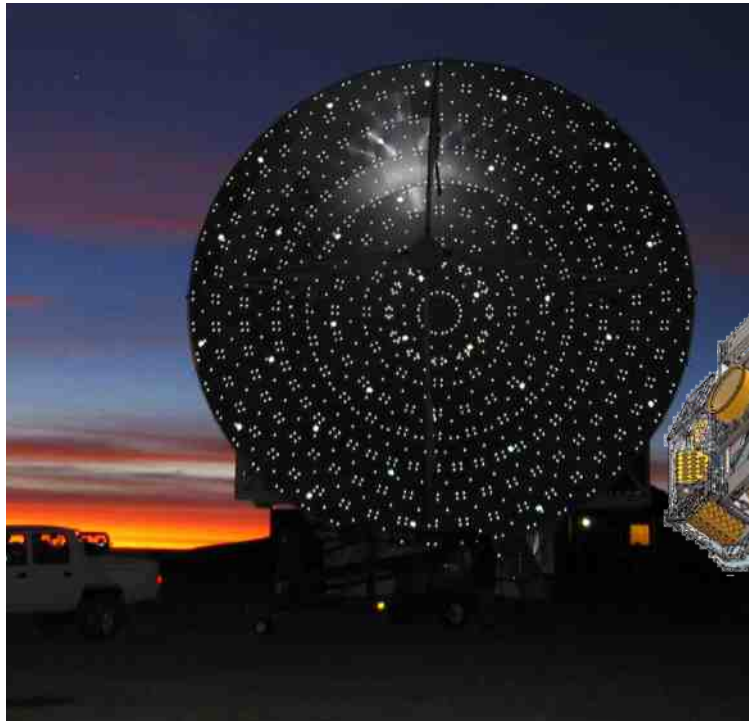




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# APEX And the good work of CHAMP+

(MPI + The Netherlands)



two 7-pixel sub-arrays

(620 - 720 GHz and 780 - 950 GHz)

orthogonal polarizations - parallel observations

fixed tuned DSB SIS-mixers (SRON)

mixer instant. bandwidth: 4 - 8 GHz

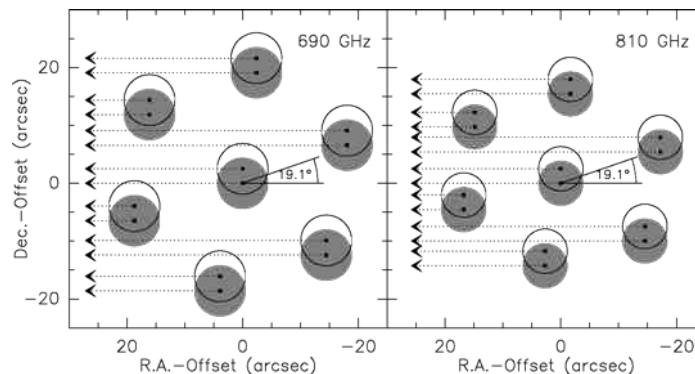
main optics cooled to 15 K

SSB-filter for both sub-arrays

image side-band terminated at 15 K

image de-rotation

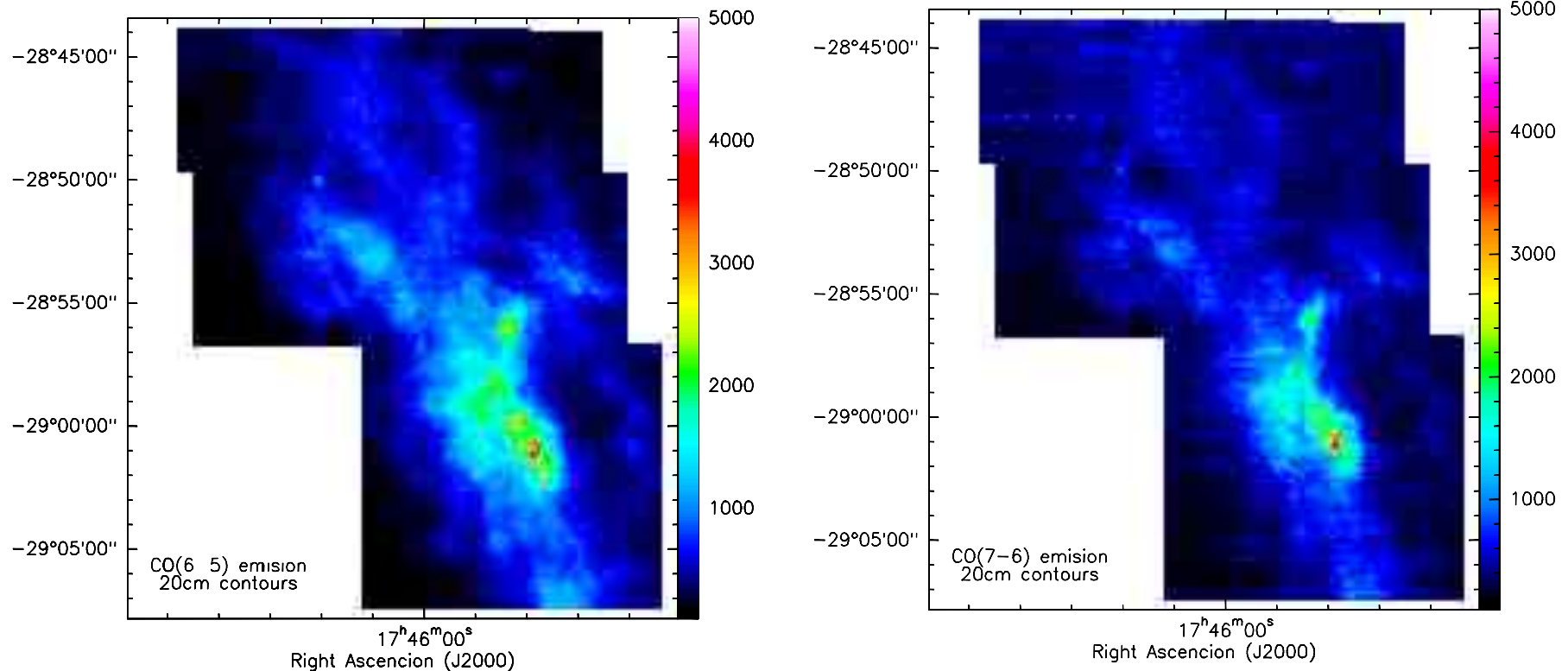
backend/IF - 2.8 GHz instantaneous  
bandwidth





**APEX**  
maps

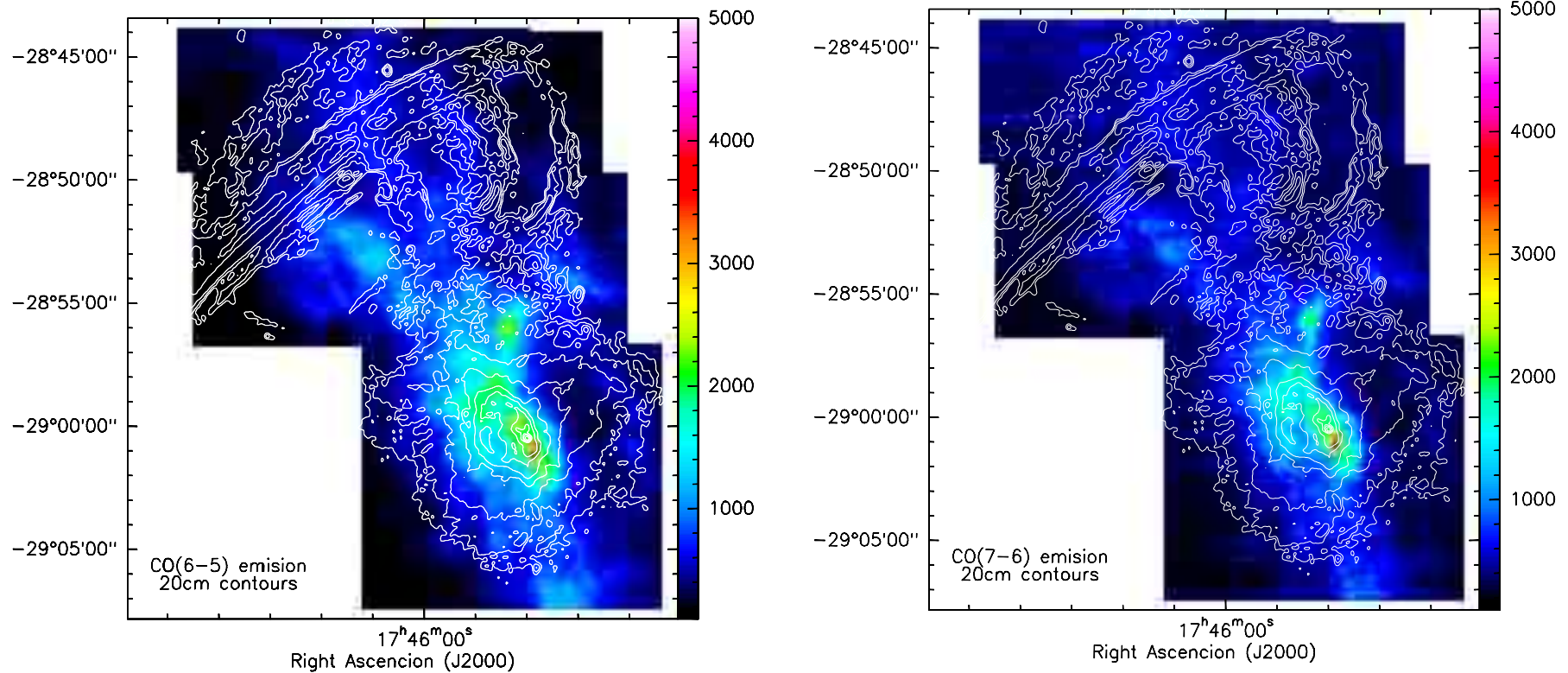
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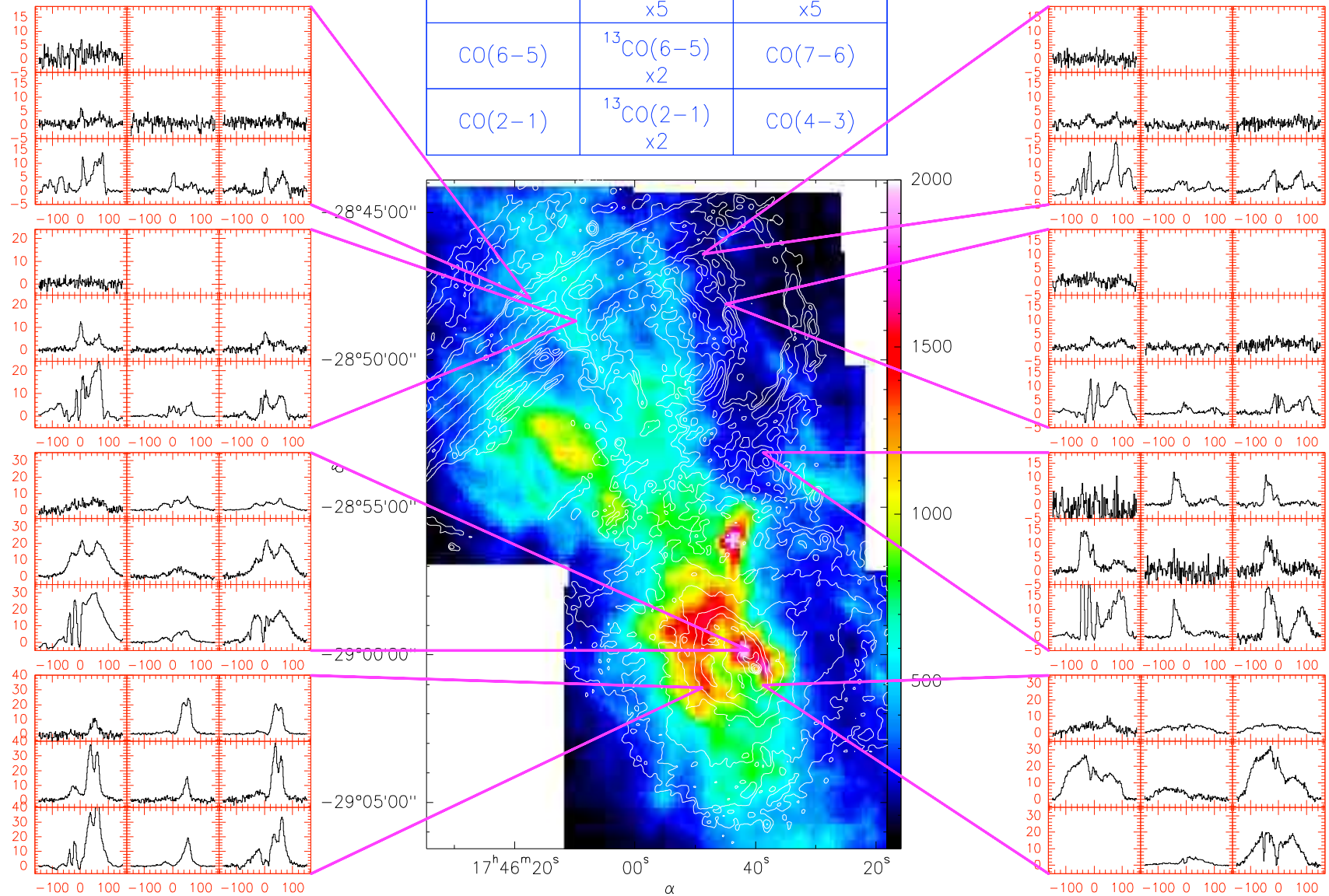
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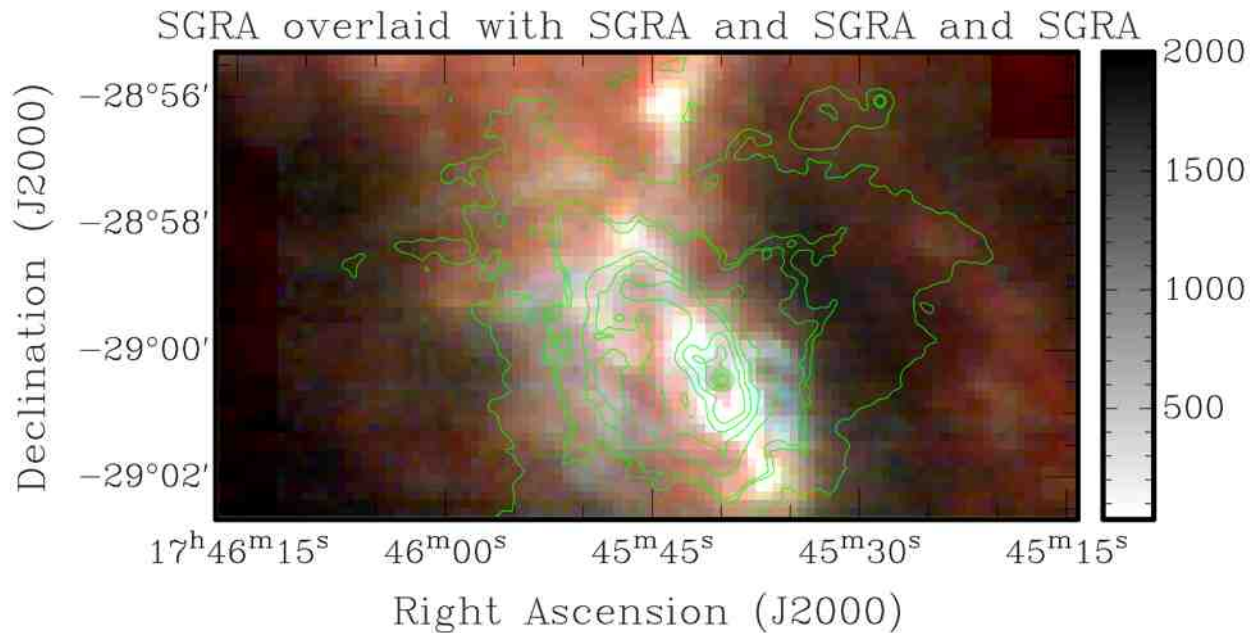


+data from CSO and IRAM 30-m

CO(6-5) V(-150,150)  
Contours 20cm cont.

Cl-809	CS(2-1) x5	CS(3-2) x5
CO(6-5)	<sup>13</sup> CO(6-5) x2	CO(7-6)
CO(2-1)	<sup>13</sup> CO(2-1) x2	CO(4-3)





**Regions of interest:**

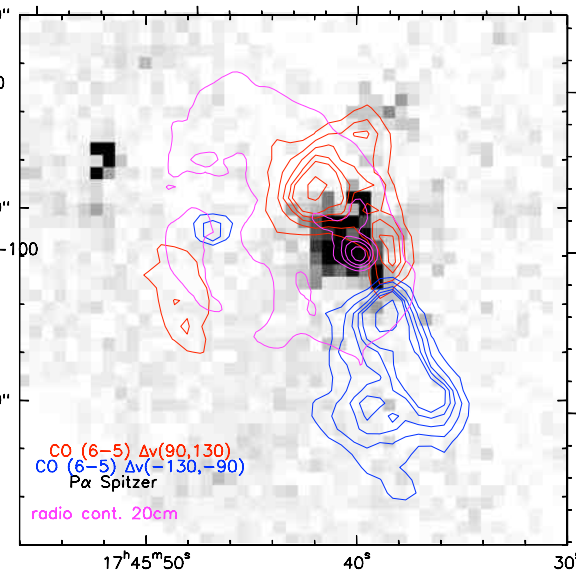
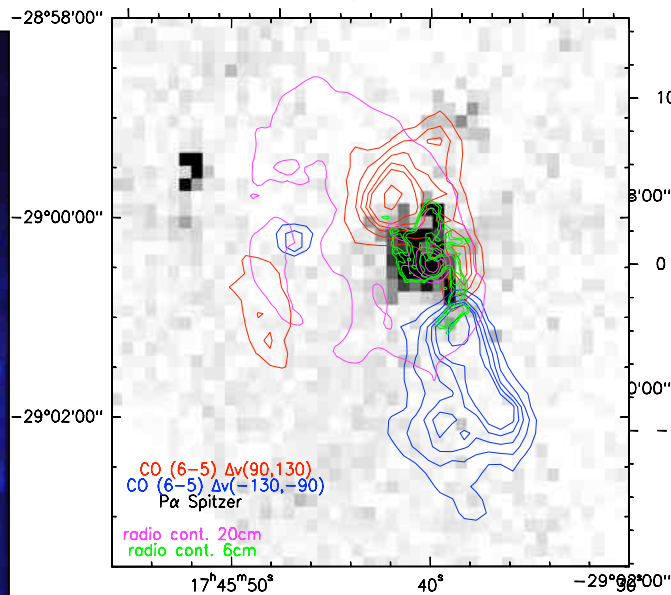
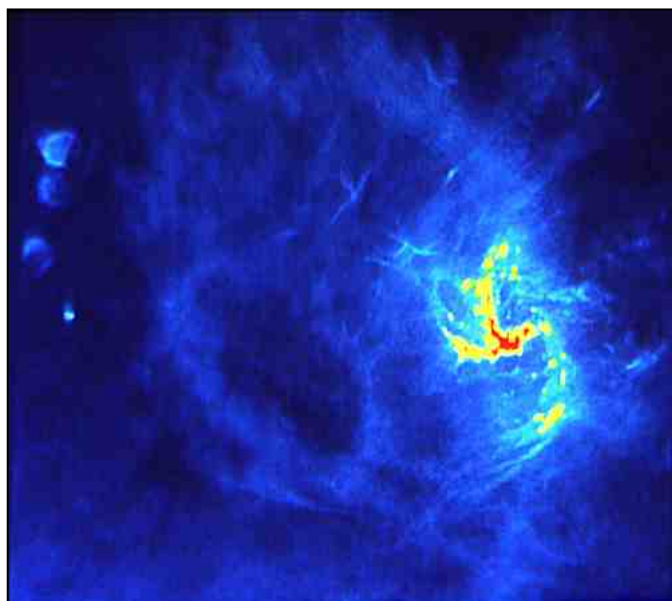
**The CND**

**Integrated intensity (-150,150)**

**CO(4-3)**

**CO(6-5)**

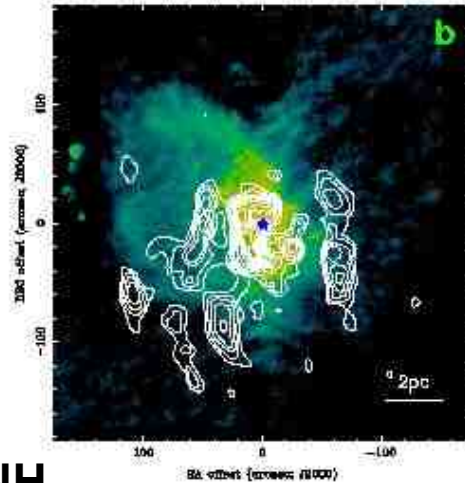
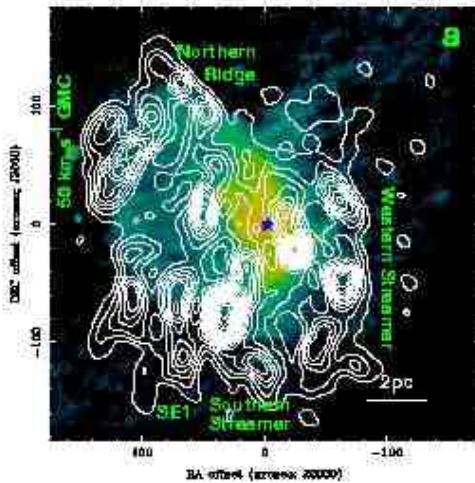
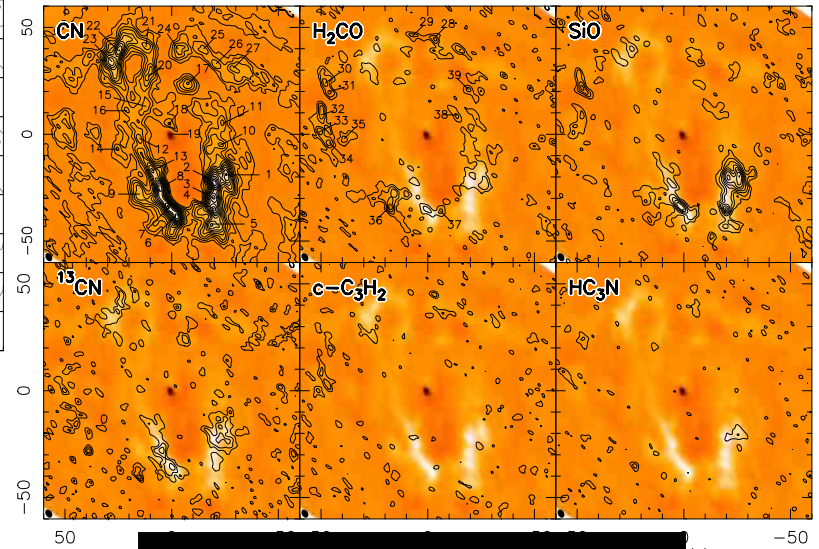
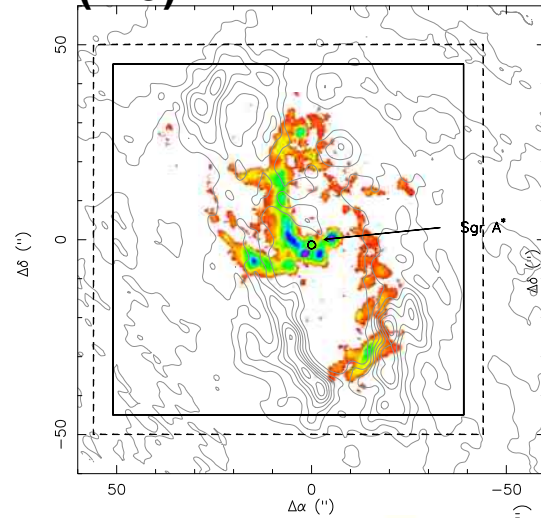
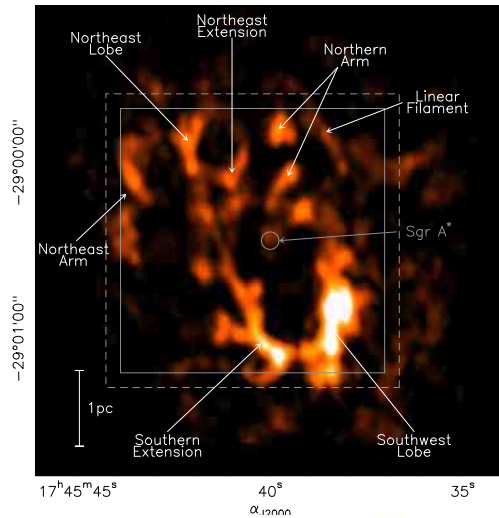
**CO(7-6)**



# Interferometric observations

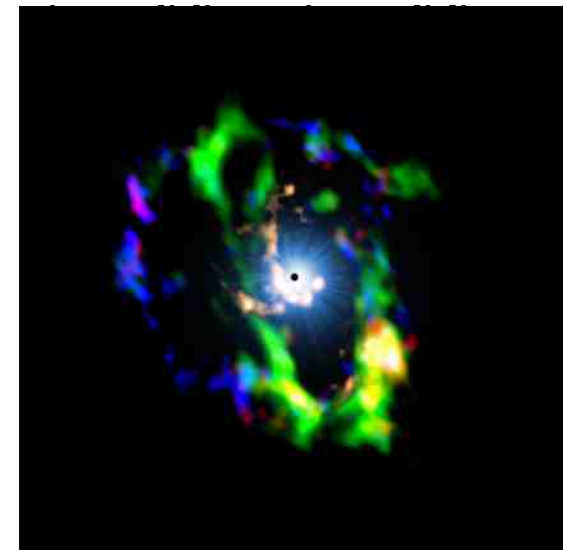
## HCN(4-3)

Herrnstein, R. M. & Ho, P. T. P. 2005, *ApJ*, 620, 287  
 Christopher et al. 2005, *ApJ*, 622, 346  
 Montero-Castaño et al. 2009, *ApJ*, 695, 1477  
 Martín et al. 2012, *A&A*, 539, A29



## NH<sub>3</sub>

RGB composite SMA image of CN (green), H<sub>2</sub>CO (blue), SiO (red) (Martín et al. 2012) combined with the VLA H90 $\alpha$  recombination (orange, Roberts & Goss 1993) at  $\sim 4'' \times 3''$ , and  $2''$  resolutions





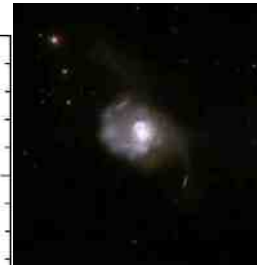
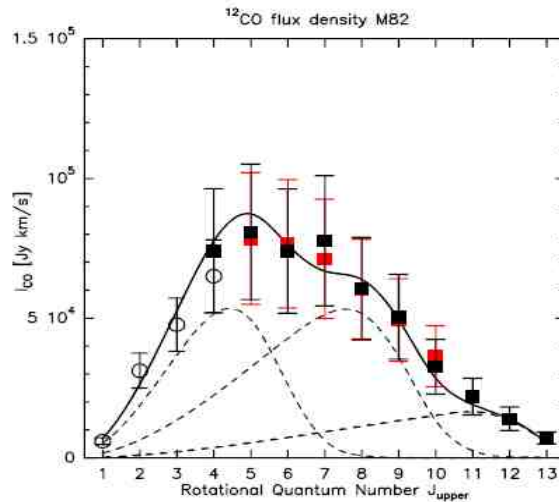
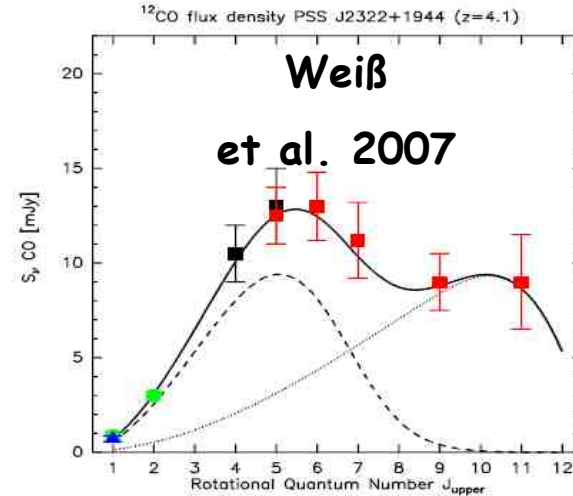
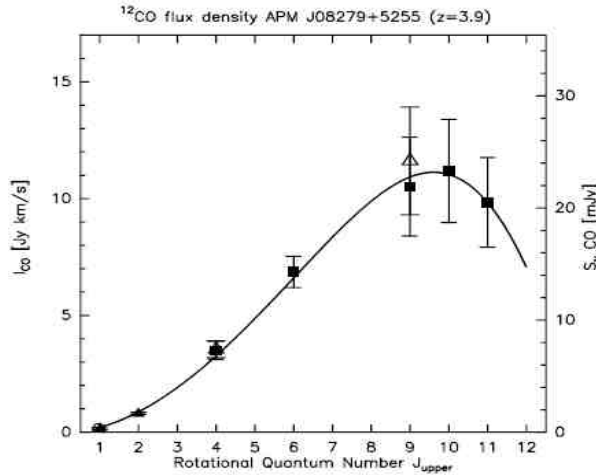
# CO SED in galactic nuclei

CO SED in galaxies have been largely study for the high-z galaxies (IRAM and other ground based telescopes).

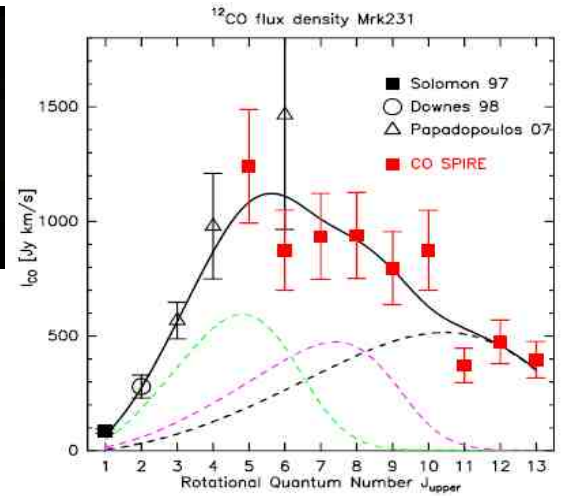
With HERSCHEL and now with SOFIA, we can access the nearby galaxies and the GC.



LVG modeling



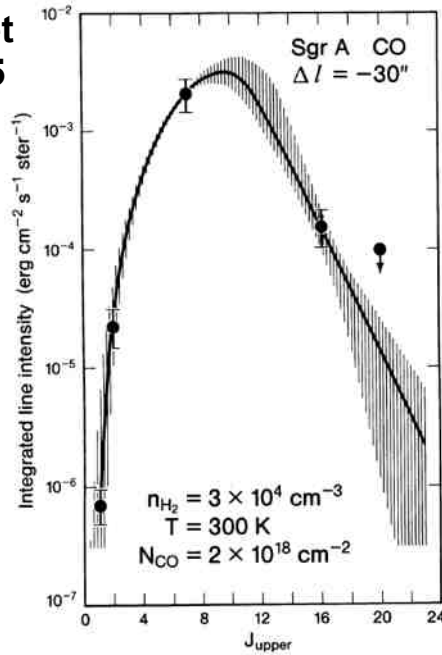
Panuzzo et al. 2010



van der Werf et al. 2010

# CO SED in the Galactic Center

Harris et al. 1985



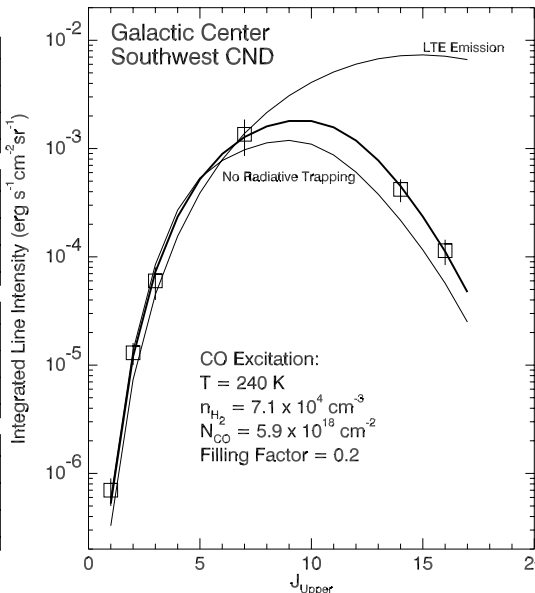
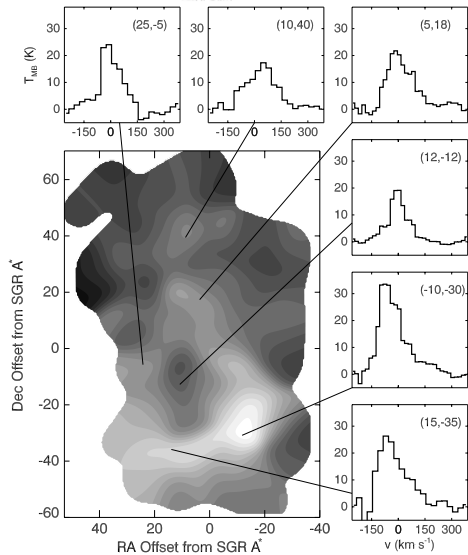
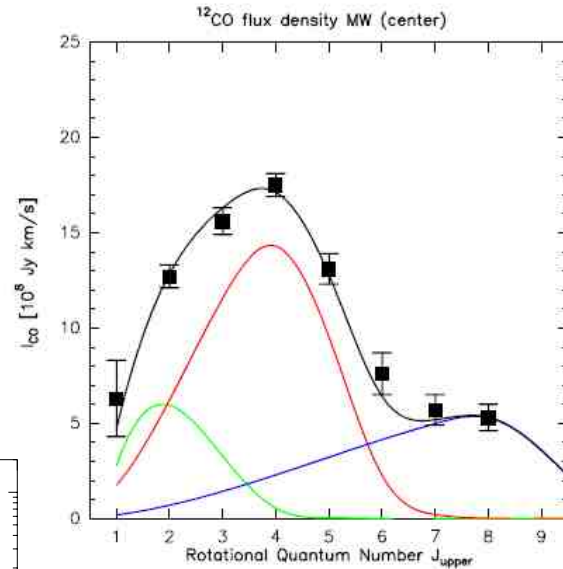
Lugten (1984), Genzel et al. (1985) here the first to detect the CO(15-14) and CO(21-20)

line in the vicinity of Sgr A\* using the Kuiper Airborne Observatory (KAO).

(and example, 60'' and 100Km/s spectral resolution)

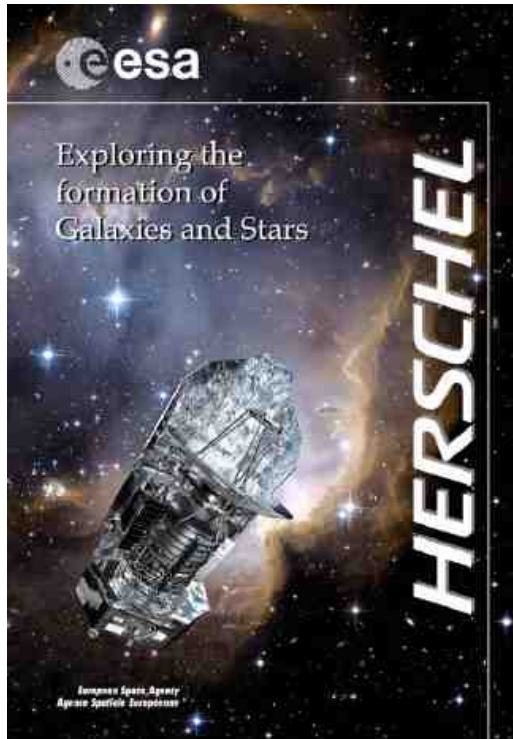
CMZ of the MW

COBE, Fixsen et al. 1999



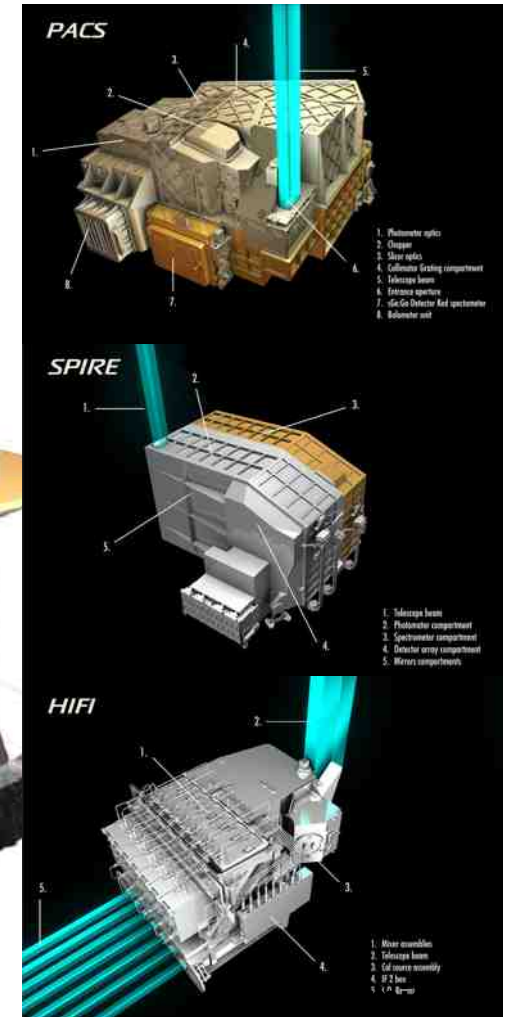
Bradford et al. (2005) did the latest update in the CO excitation in the CND, still low resolutions and beam sizes for the analysis 44'' and 70 km/s resolution.





# HERSCHEL

- telescope (eff) diam (3.3) 3.5 m
- telescope WFE < 6  $\mu$ m
- telescope temp < 90 K
- telescope emissivity < 4%
- abs/rel pointg (68%) < 3.7" / 0.3"
- science instruments 3
- science data rate 130 kbps
- cryostat lifetime > 3.5 years
- height / width ~ 7.5 / 4 m
- launch mass ~ 3300 kg
- power ~ 1500 W
- orbit 'large' Lissajous around L2
- solar aspect angle 60-120 deg
- launcher (w Planck) Ariane 5 ECA



Herschel was launched the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009, and is expected to live till February 2013.

Guaranty Time

**Herschel EXtra GALactic KP:**

Physical and chemical conditions of the ISM in Galactic Nuclei

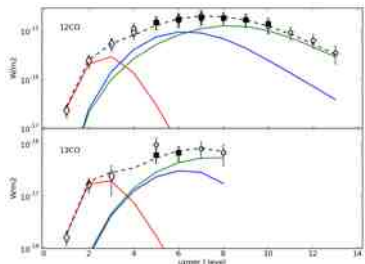
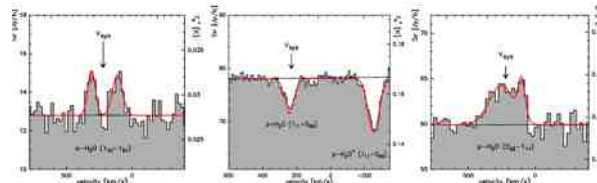
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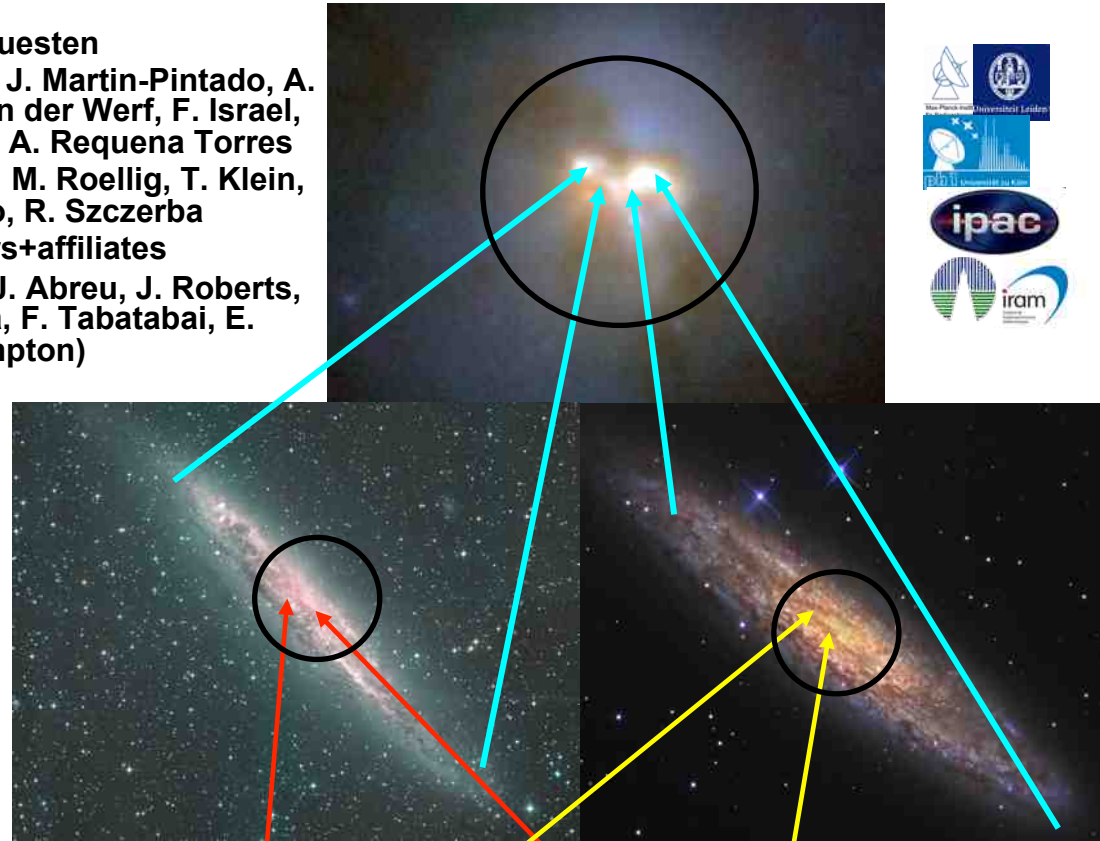
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**Other Co-investigators: M. Roellig, T. Klein, S. Garcia-Burillo, R. Szczerba**  
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**( E. Loenen, A. Weiss, J. Abreu, J. Roberts, P. Fiadino, Y. Okada, F. Tabatabai, E. Polehampton)**



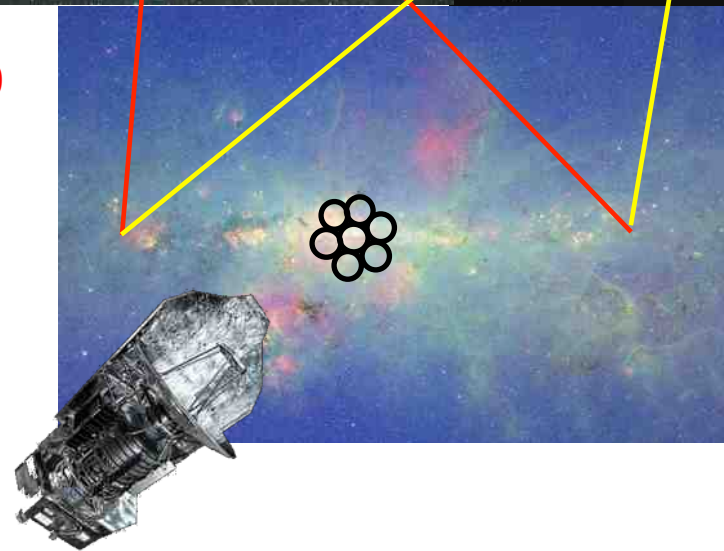
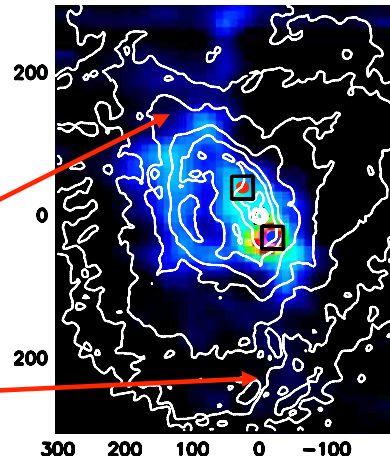
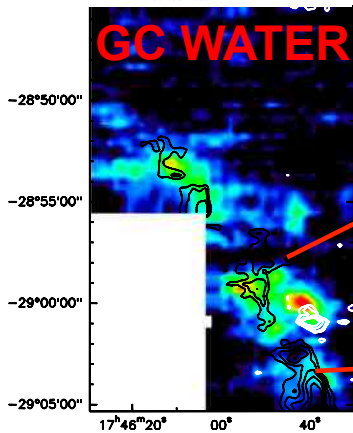
**HIFI observations of water lines in M82 (Weiss et al. 2010)**



**Dense gas:**  
**M82: (Loenen et al. 2010)**



**CO 10-9**

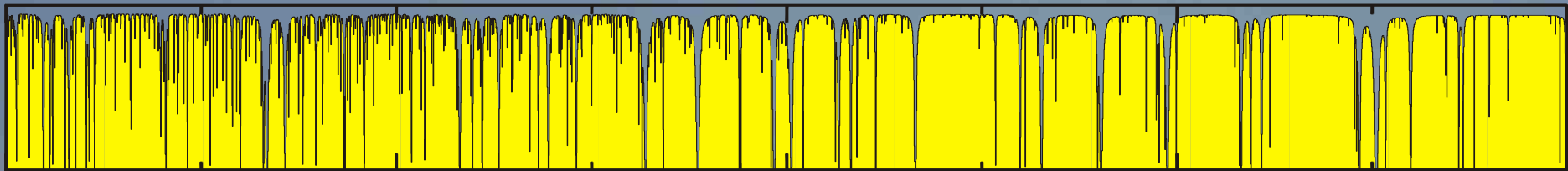




# SOFIA

Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy





ATM 1-5 THz, 14 km altitude

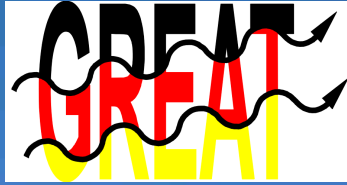
German Receiver for Astronomy at THz Frequencies

GREAT



Channel	Frequencies [THz]	Astronomical lines of interest
low-frequency #1	25 – 1.50	[NII], CO(12-11), <sup>13</sup> CO(13-12), HCN(17-16), H <sub>2</sub> D <sup>+</sup>
low-frequency #2	1.82 – 1.92	[CII], CO(16-15)
mid-frequency	2.4 – 2.7	HD, OH( <sup>2</sup> Π <sub>3/2</sub> ), CO(22-21), <sup>13</sup> CO(23-22)
high-frequency	~ 4.7	[OI]





First upgrade to the rear of the plane...



First flight to Germany!



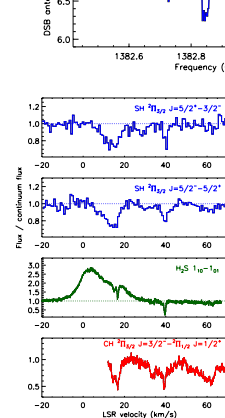
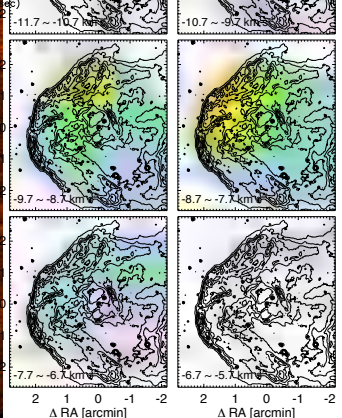
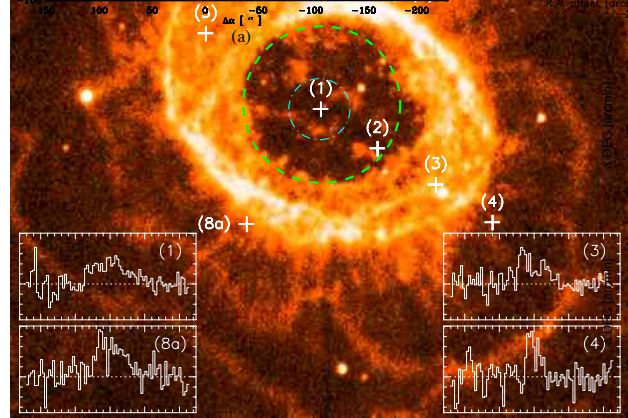
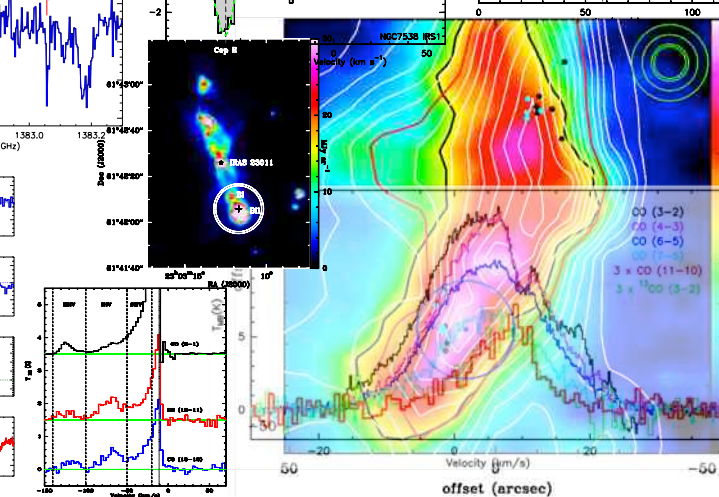
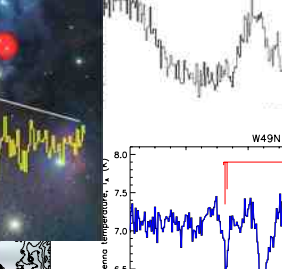
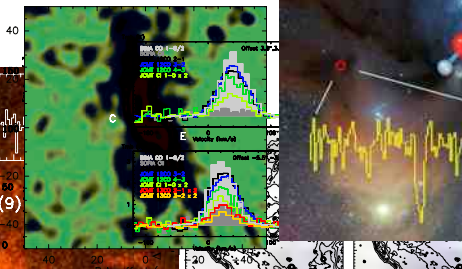
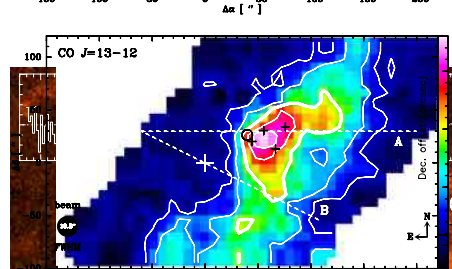
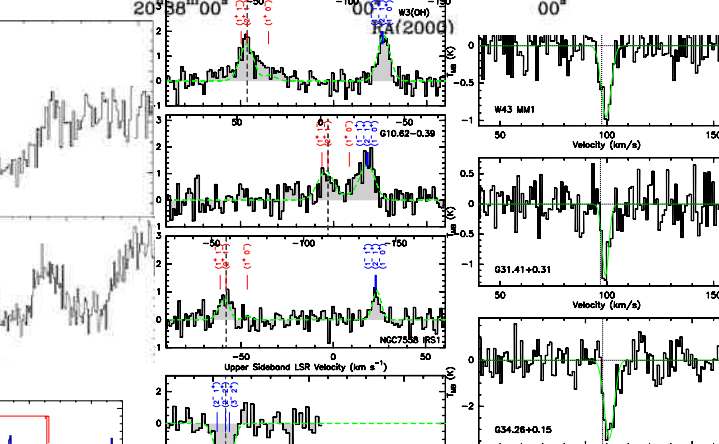
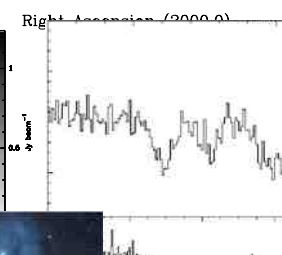
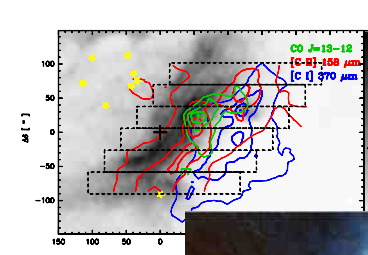
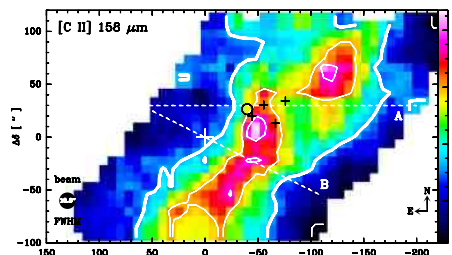
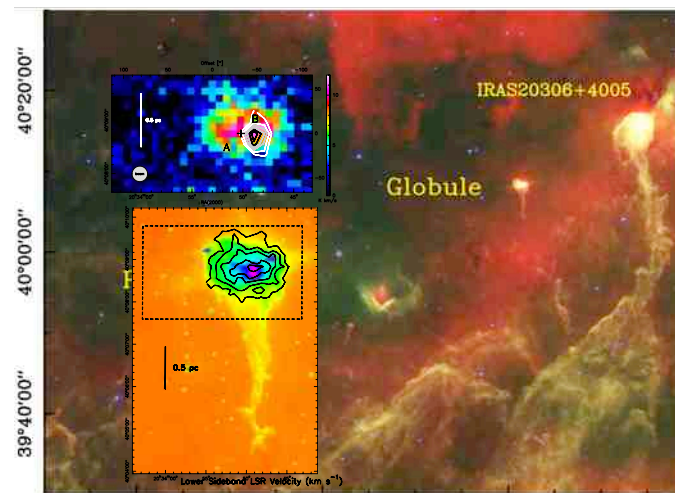
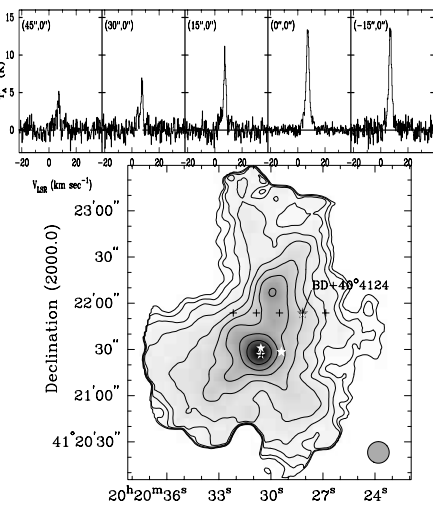
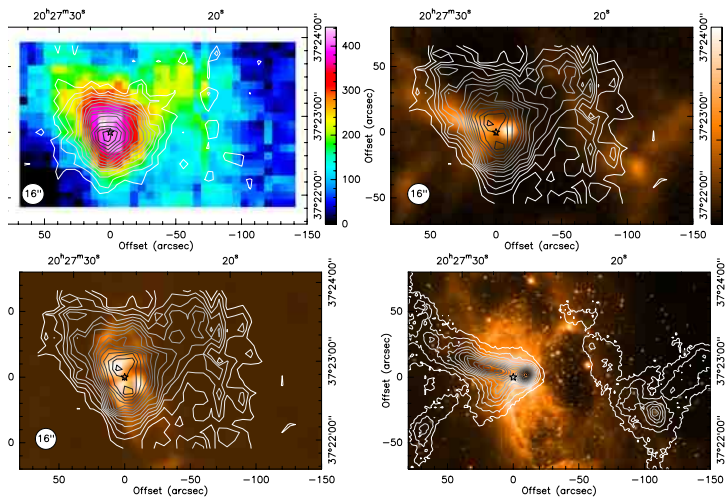
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## Science from observations with GREAT during the Early Science phase

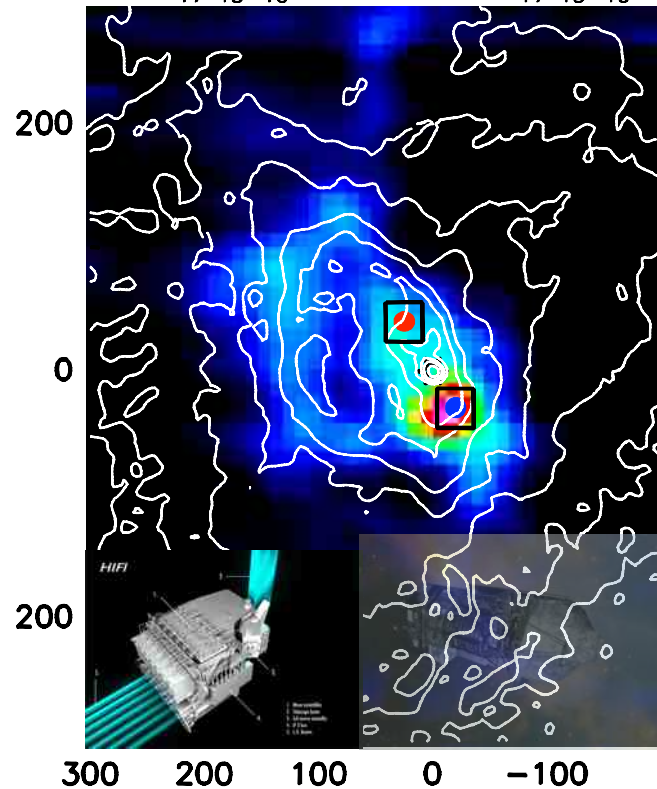
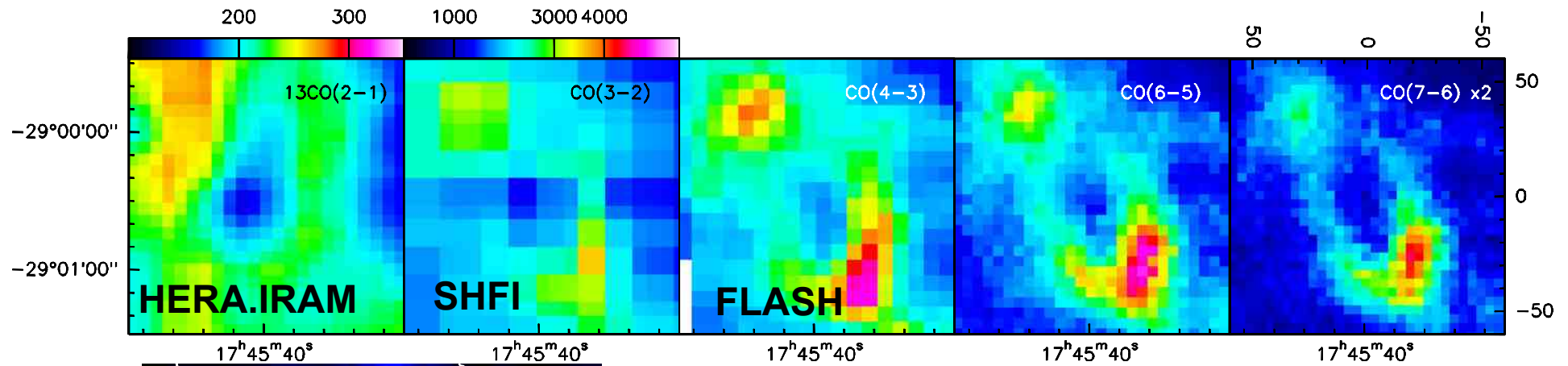
GREAT was operated during SOFIA's Short (4 flights) and Basic Science (12 flights) phase to address a wide variety of timely astrophysical topics. A total of 18 scientific publications was submitted for a Special Feature of *Astronomy & Astrophysics* (Vol. 554, May 2012), complemented by 4 technical papers describing the GREAT instrument.

T. Csengeri	SOFIA observations of far infrared hydroxyl emission toward ultra-compact HII/OH maser regions
J. Eislöffel	SOFIA observations of CO(12 11) emission along the L1157 bipolar outflow
A. Gomez	High-J CO emission in the Cepheus E protostellar outflow observed with SOFIA/GREAT
U. Graf	[ <sup>12</sup> CII] and [ <sup>13</sup> CII] 158 m emission from NGC 2024: Large column densities of ionized carbon
A. Gusdorf	Probing MHD Shocks with High-J CO Observations: W28F
B. B. Mookerjea	The structure of hot gas in Cepheus B
D. Neufeld	Discovery of interstellar mercapto radicals (SH) with the GREAT instrument on SOFIA
Y. Okada	Dynamics and PDR properties in IC1396A
B. Parise	Detection of OD towards the low-mass protostar IRAS 16293-2422
J.-P. Perez-Beaupuits	The ionized and hot gas in M17 SW: SOFIA/GREAT THz observations of [C II] and <sup>12</sup> CO J=13-12
M. Requena	GREAT confirms transient nature of the Circumnuclear Disk
M. Röllig	[CII] gas in IC 342
R. Sahai	Probing the Mass and Structure of the Ring Nebula in Lyra with SOFIA/GREAT Observations &
G. Sandell	GREAT [CII] and CO observations of the BD+40°4124 region
N. Schneider	Globules and pillars seen in the [CII] 158 m line with SOFIA
R. Simon	SOFIA observations of S106: dynamics of the warm gas
H. Wiesemeyer	High-resolution absorption spectroscopy of the OH 2PI3/2 ground state line
F. Wyrowski	Terahertz ammonia absorption as a probe of infall in high-mass star forming clumps
S. Heyminck et al.	<a href="#">GREAT: the SOFIA high-frequency heterodyne instrument</a>
P. Pütz et al.	<a href="#">Terahertz hot electron bolometer waveguide mixers for GREAT</a>
B. Klein et al.	<a href="#">High-resolution wide-band Fast Fourier Transform Spectrometers</a>
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# CO SED in the Galactic Center

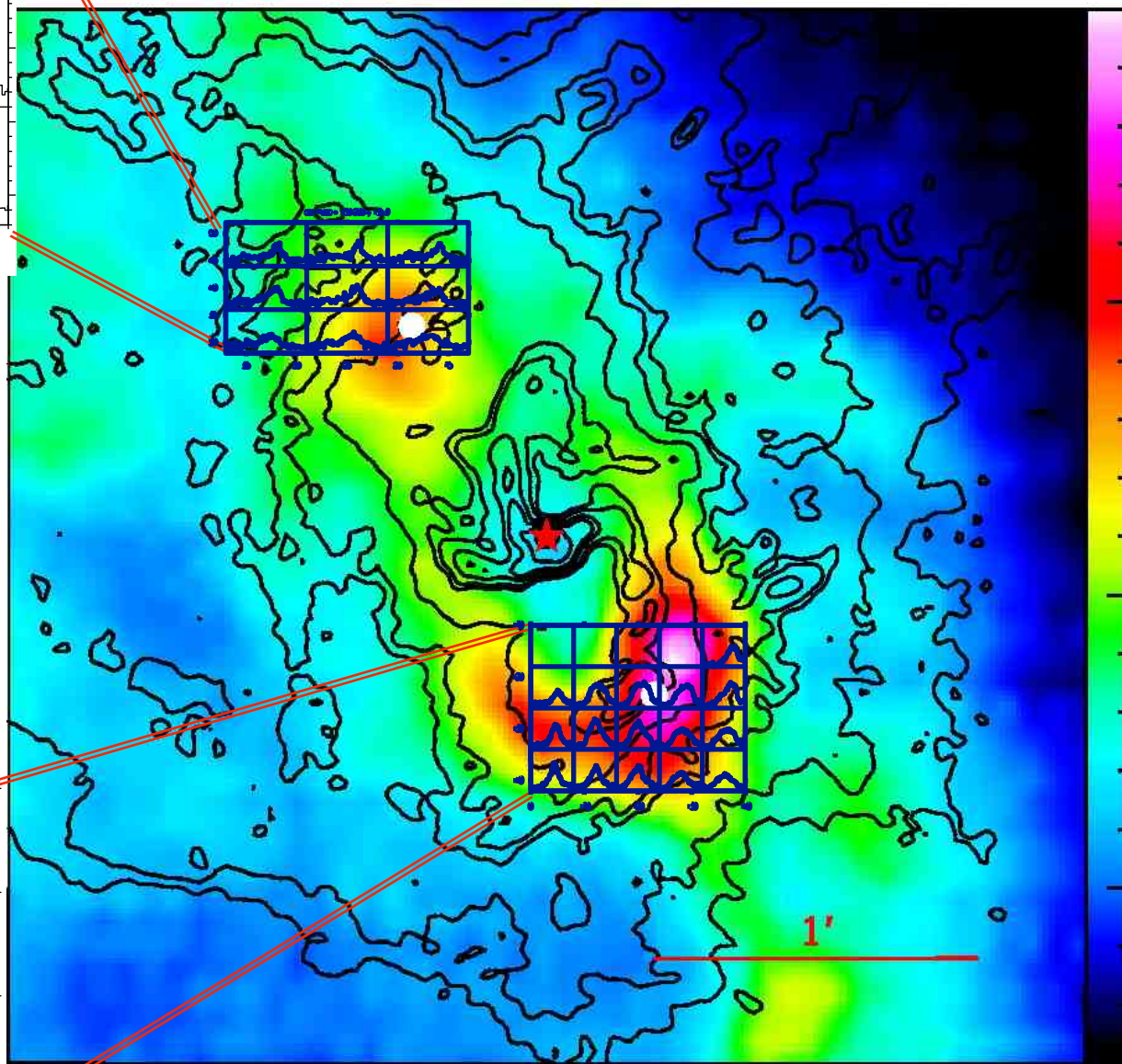
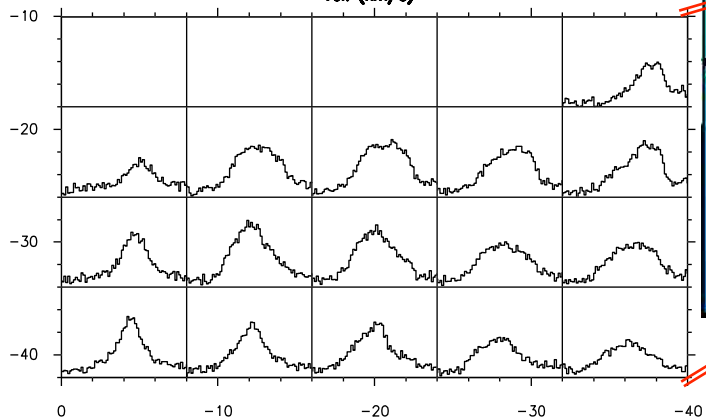
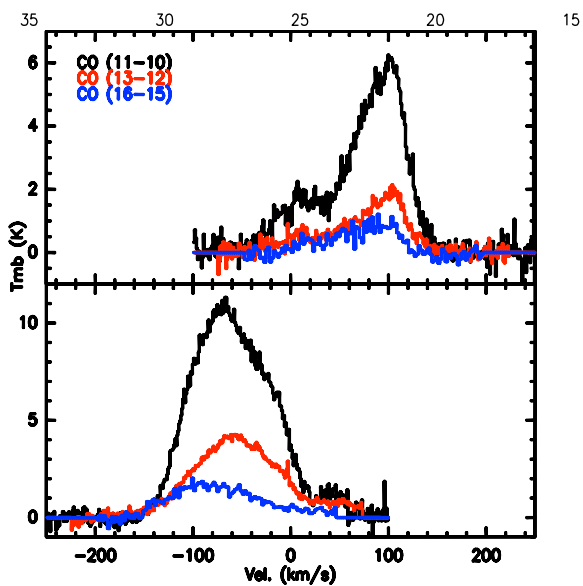
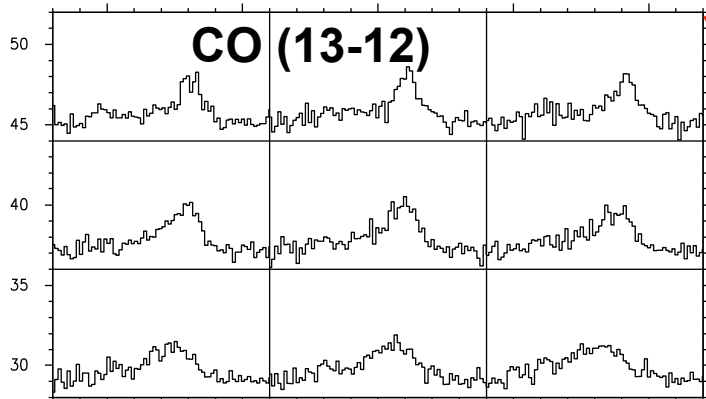


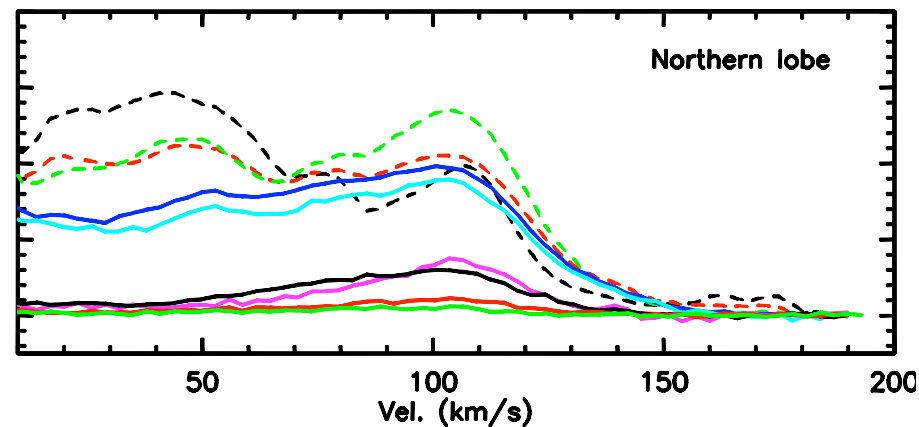
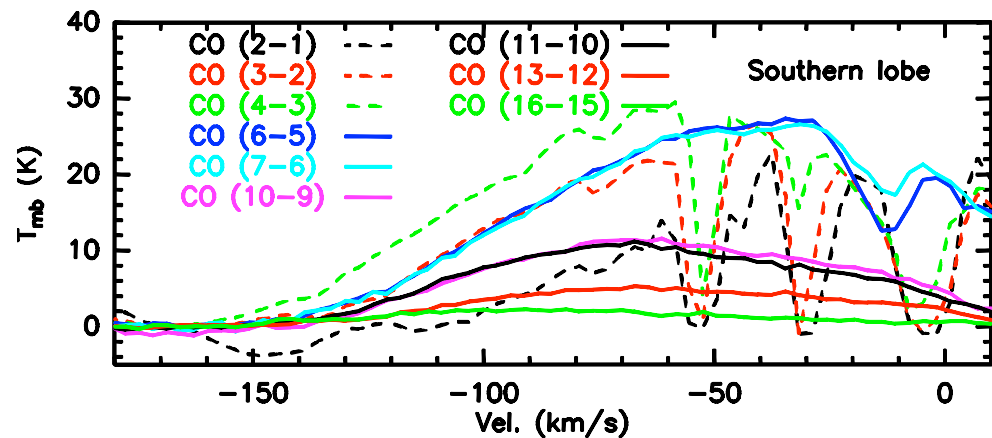
Herschel CO (10-9) Map

	$J_u - J_l$	Freq. (MHz)	$E_u$ (K)	Tel./Inst.	Beam (")	$\eta_{mb}$
CO	2-1	230538	5.53	IRAM30M/HERA	10.7	0.54
	3-2	345796	16.60	APEX/SHFi	17.9	0.73
	4-3	461040	33.19	APEX/FLASH	13.4	0.60
	6-5	691473	82.98	APEX/CHAMP+	8.9	0.45
	7-6	806651	116.16	APEX/CHAMP+	7.7	0.43
	10-9	1151986	248.88	HERSHEL/HIFI	18.6	0.64
CO	11-10	1267014	304.16	SOFIA/GREAT	22.5	0.54
	13-12	1496923	431.30	SOFIA/GREAT	19.0	0.54
	16-15	1841346	663.36	SOFIA/GREAT	15.5	0.51
<sup>13</sup> CO	2-1	220398	5.3	IRAM30/HERA	11.2	0.54
	6-5	661067	79.33	APEX/CHAM+	9.4	0.48
	13-12	1431153	412.34	SOFIA/GREAT	19.9	0.54

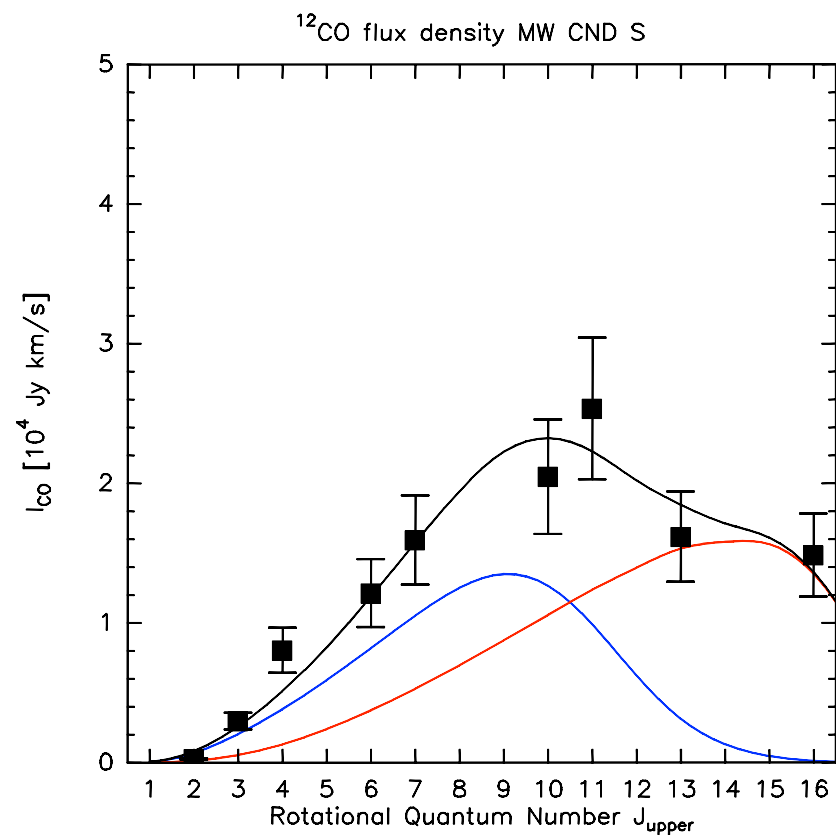
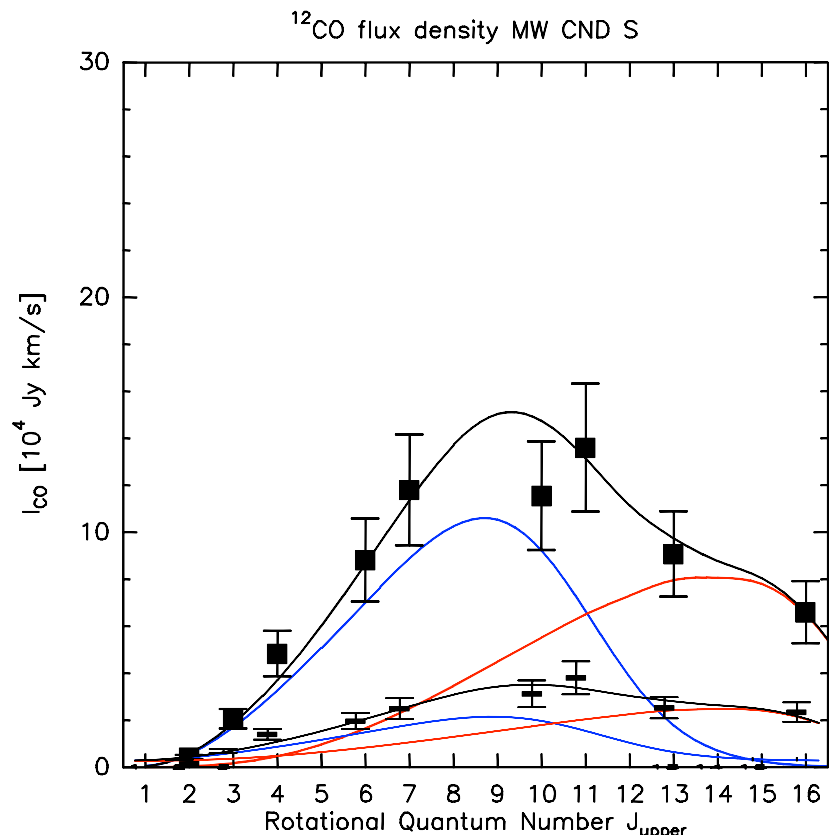


# Sofia Observations: raster maps in CO (13-12) and CO (16-15), single pointing in CO (11-10)

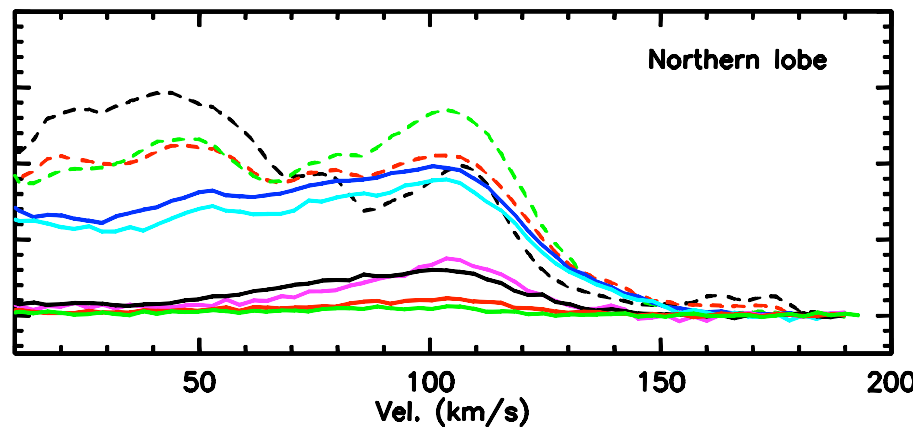
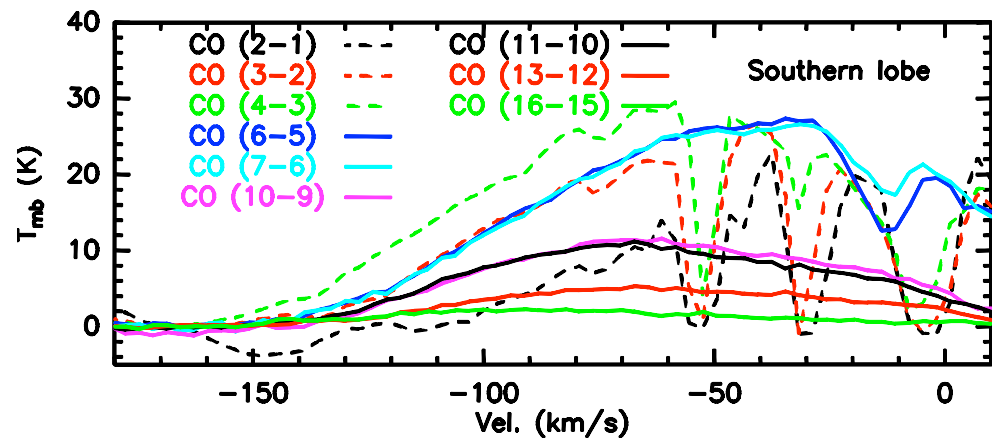




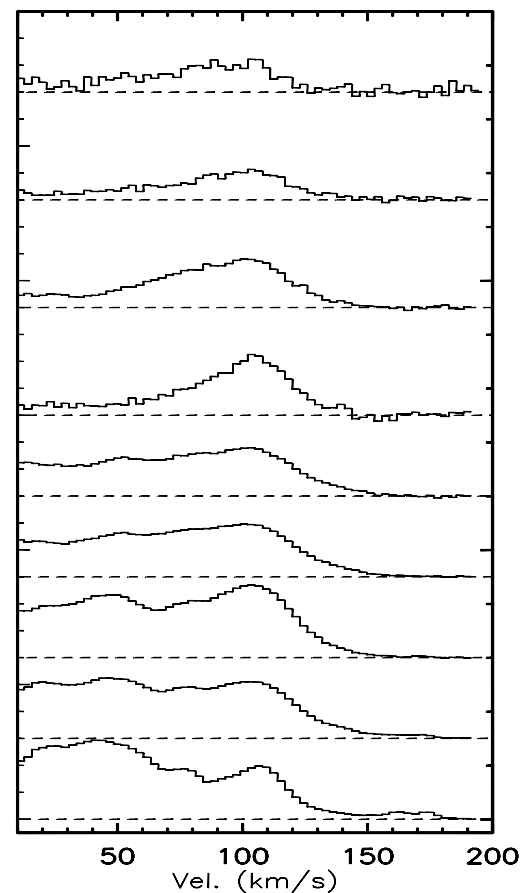
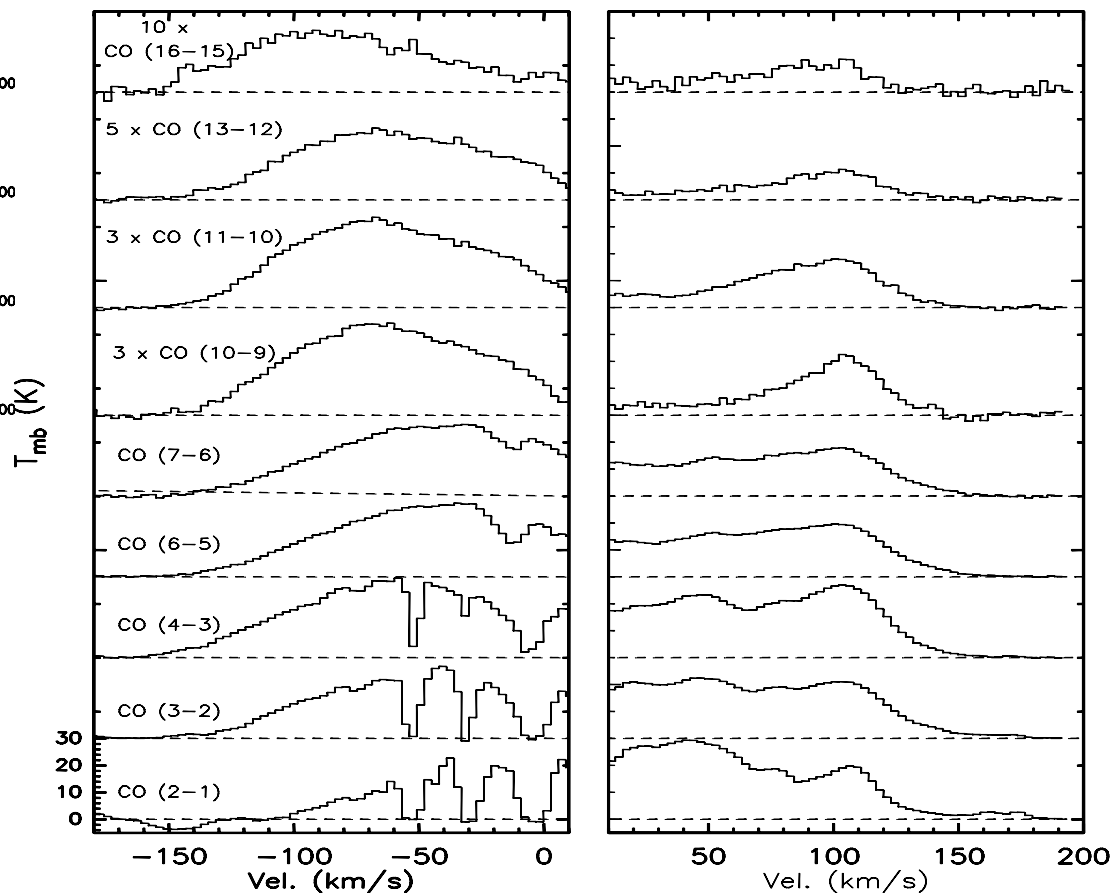
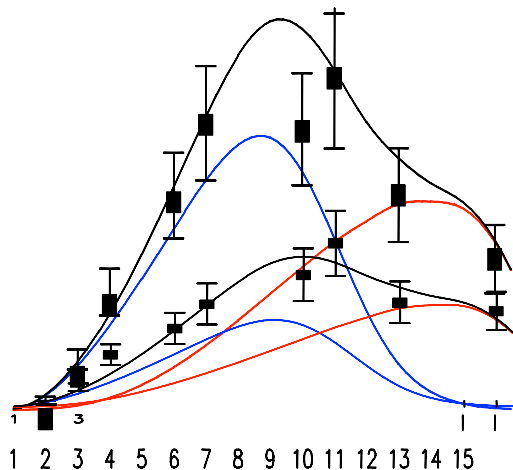
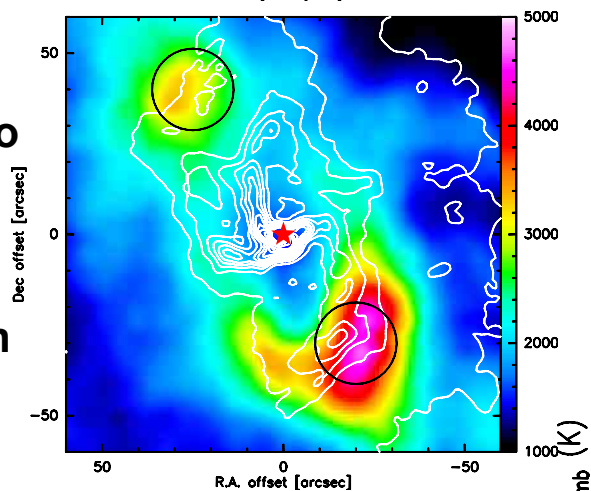
**With high spectral resolution, we have the possibility to separate excitation components in velocities too.**







All data smoothed to the same beam size 22.5'' and extracted in two Sofia positions



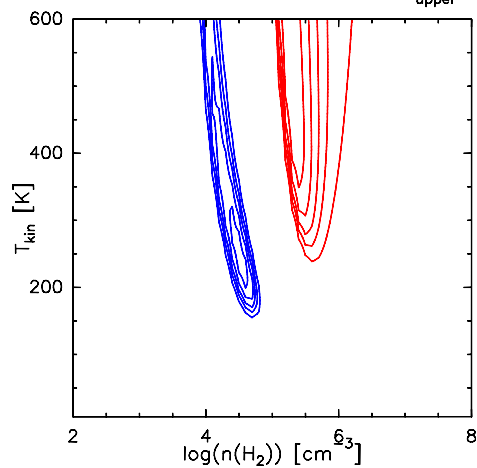
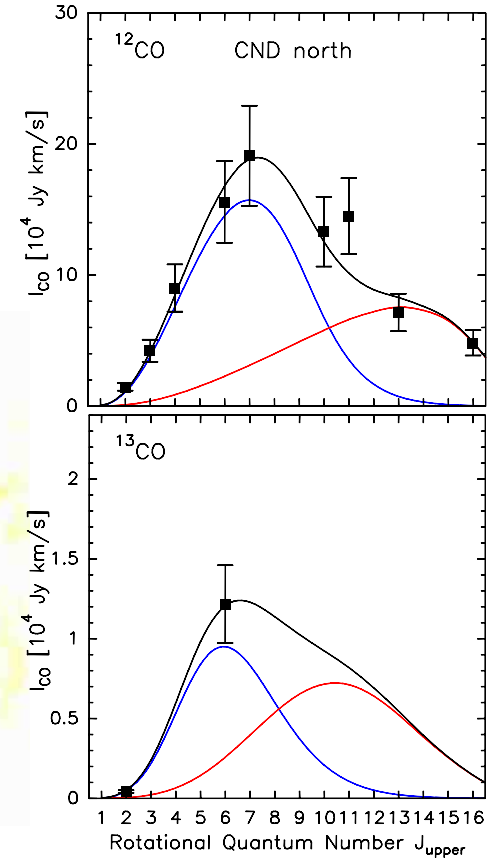
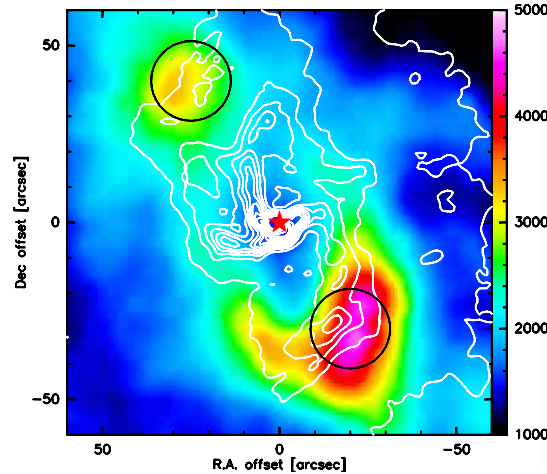
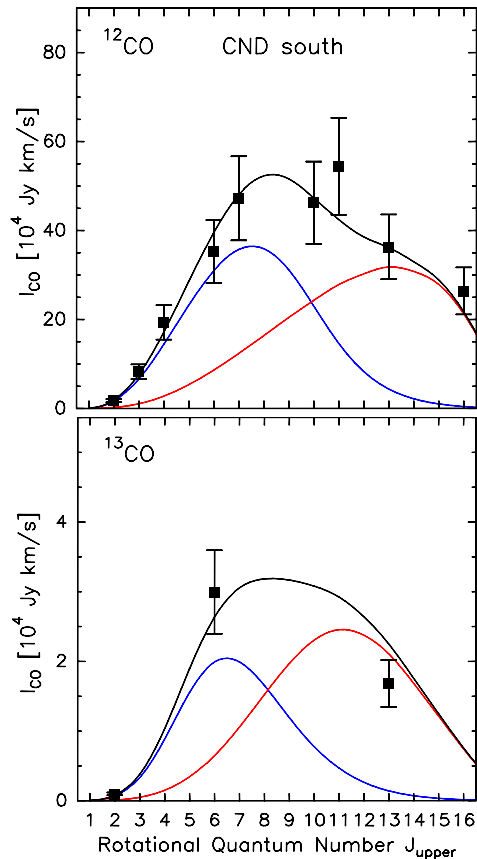
**Constraints in the GC:  
<sup>13</sup>CO in three transitions.**

**<sup>12</sup>C/<sup>13</sup>C ~20-25**

**100-200 km/s/pc**

**[CO]/[H<sub>2</sub>] ~ 8 x 10<sup>-5</sup>**

**T<sub>kin</sub> > 135 K**



**n<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>5.2</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>**

**T<sub>kin</sub> 500 K**

**N<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>23.34</sup>**

**0.008 pc**

**n<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>4.5</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>**

**T<sub>kin</sub> 200 K**

**N<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>22.64</sup>**

**0.031 pc**

**High temperatures in contrast  
with dust emission (24/75K)  
probably due by shocks**

**CND of ~1.2 10<sup>4</sup> Msun  
Lower than interferometric  
studies, but they assume virialize  
material, that we do not see. Our  
densities are below the Roche  
limit (10<sup>7</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>)**

**n<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>5.3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>**

**T<sub>kin</sub> 325 K**

**N<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>23.15</sup>**

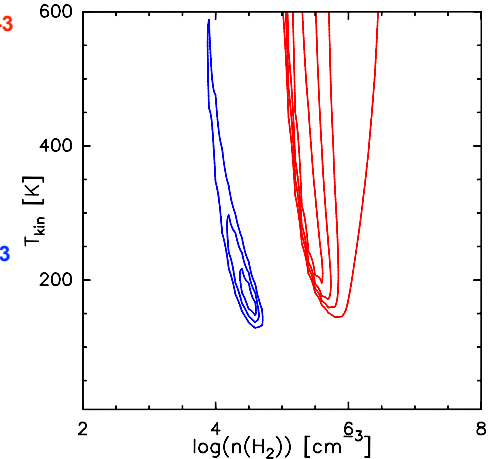
**0.006 pc**

**n<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>4.5</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>**

**T<sub>kin</sub> 175 K**

**N<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> 10<sup>22.35</sup>**

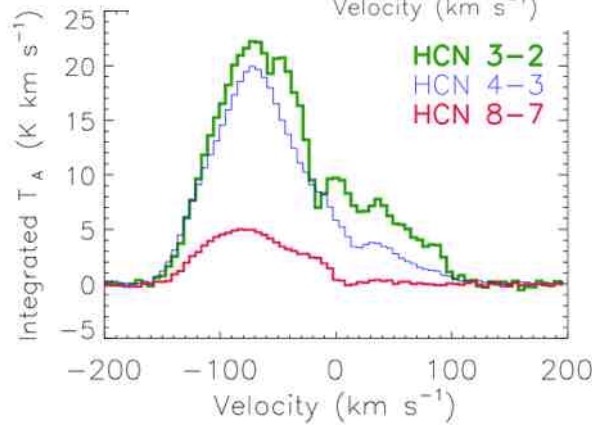
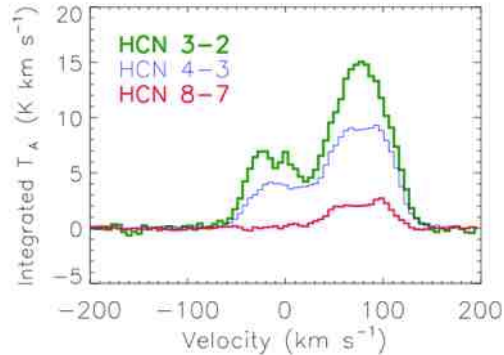
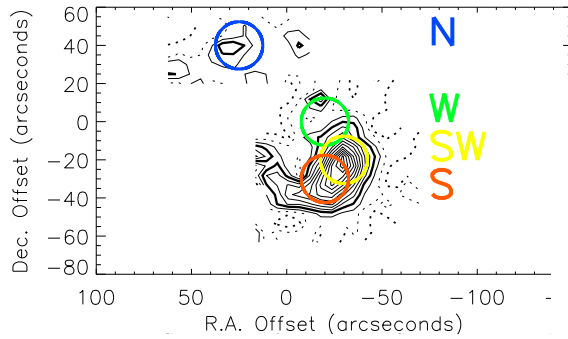
**0.032 pc**





# Parallel project in the CND

## Multi HCN analysis



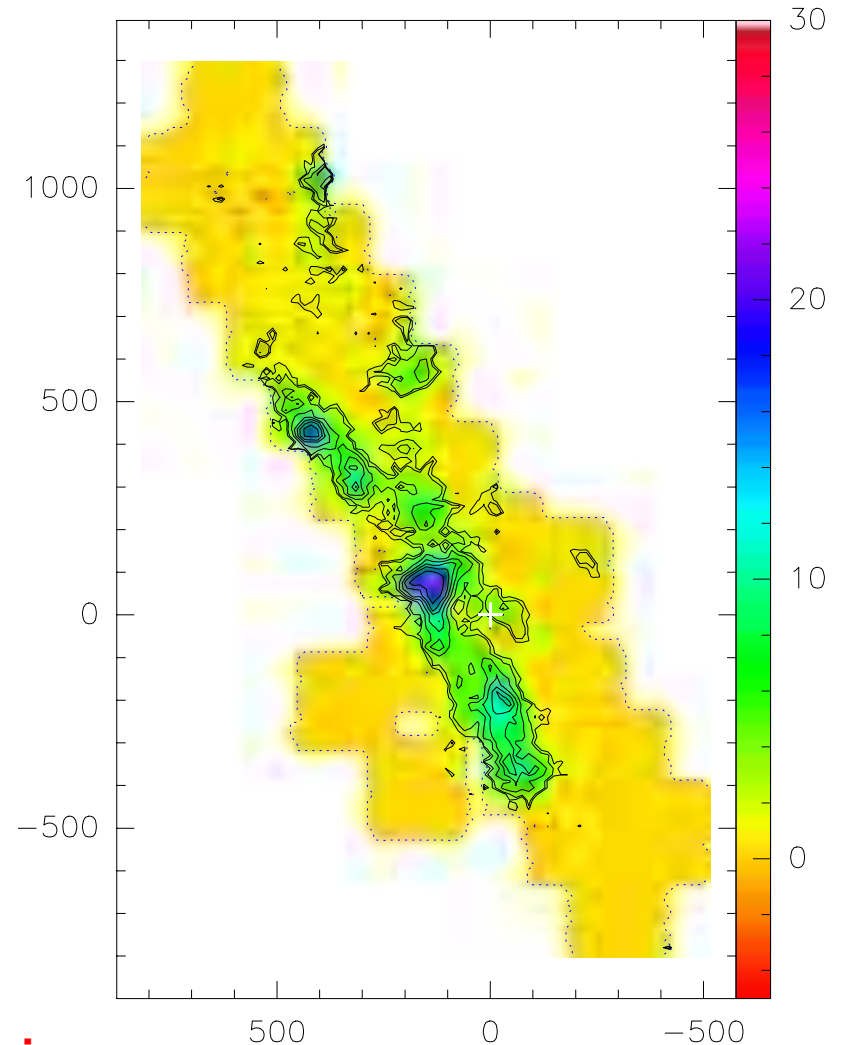
**Affected by infrared pumping??**

**Shocks??**

**Mills et al. (2012)**

**+PACS OI, OIII, NII mapping in SGRA (in progress)**

**+ PACS/SPIRE legacy mapping of the SGRA complex (Being observed right now)**

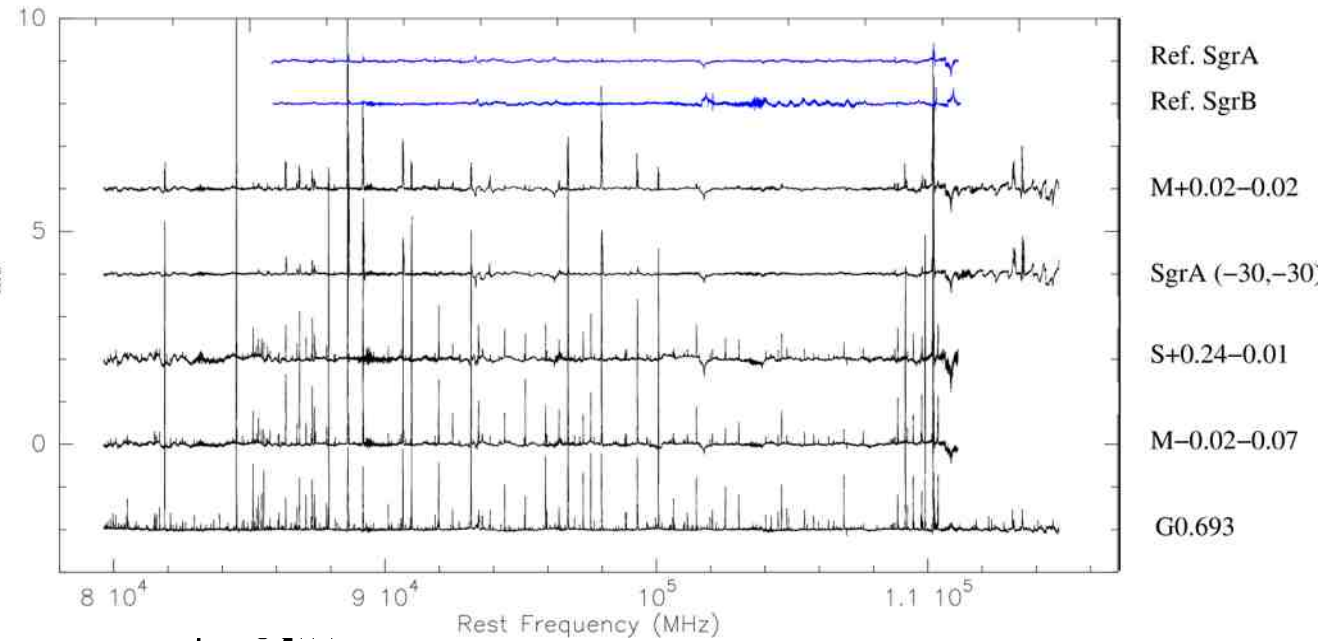
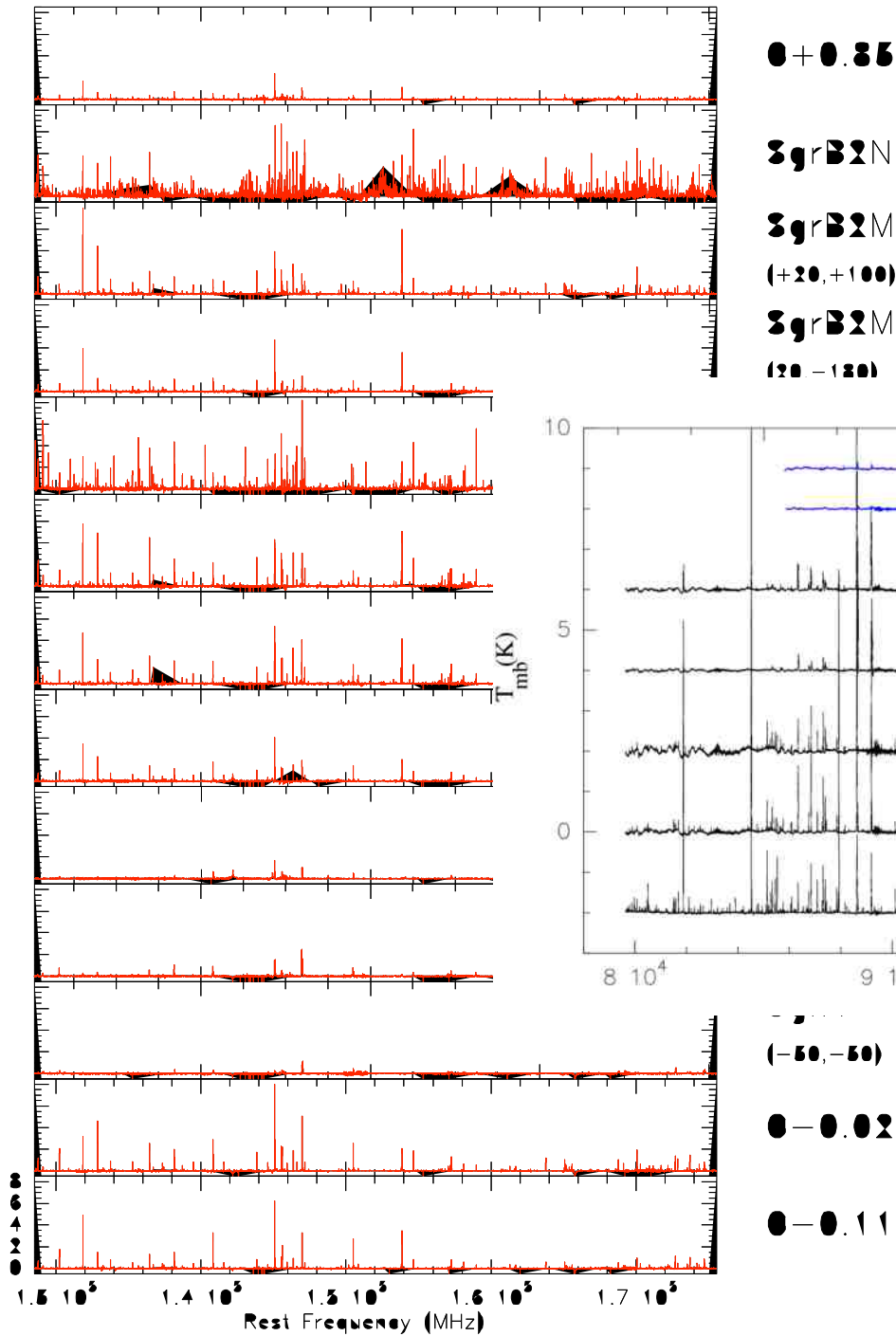


**Ao et al 2012. LVG analysis of H<sub>2</sub>CO in the GC**

**IRAM 30m 2mm surveys by  
Martin et al.**

**3mm surveys by Aladro et al.**

**And we good the 1 mm surveys  
from APEX**

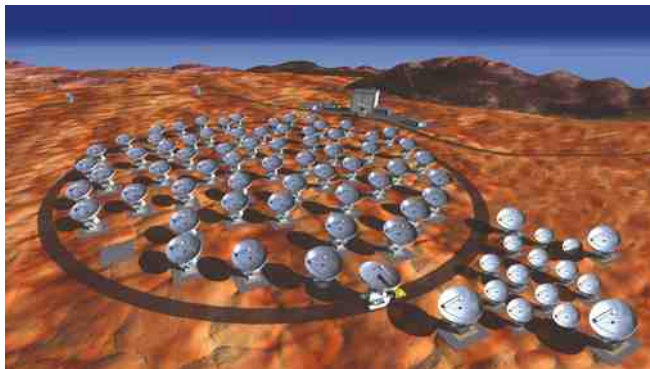
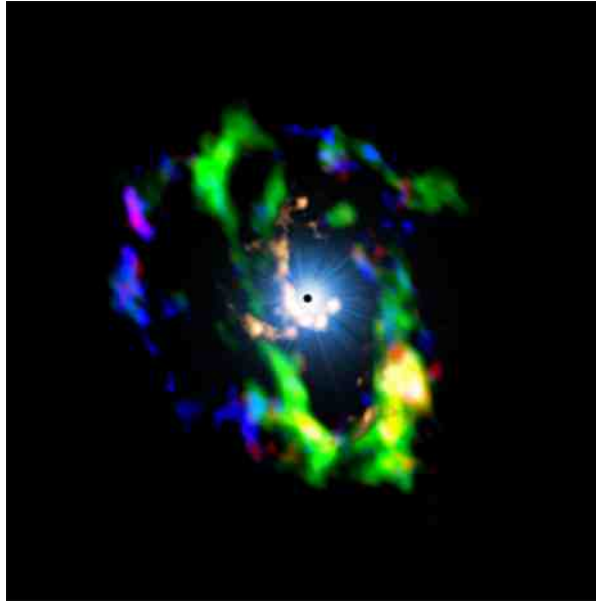




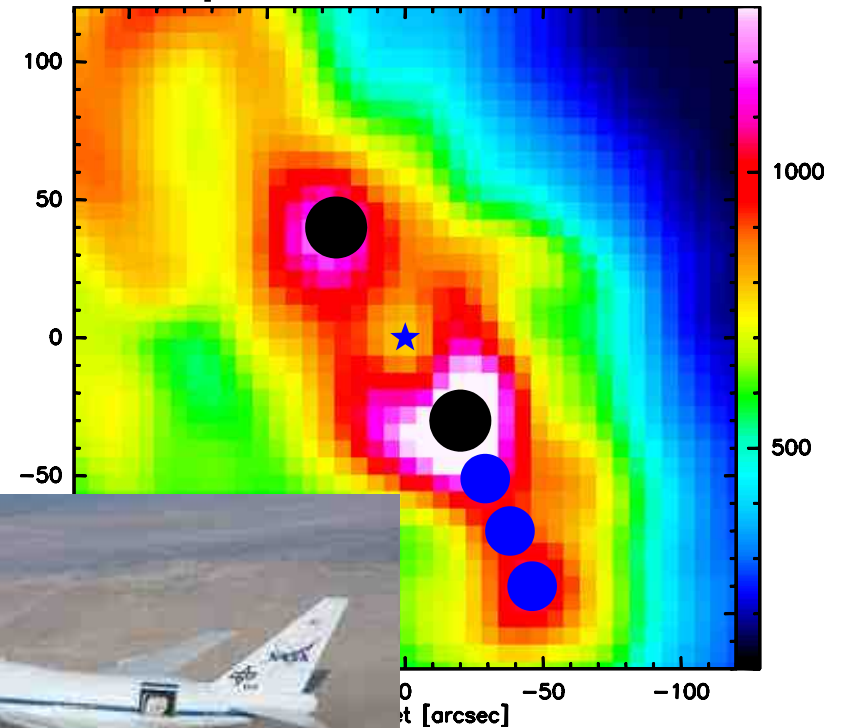
# CND with Alma and Sofia

Martin et al.

High resolution images of the molecular and ionize gas in the CND



Requena-Torres et al.



Physical conditions along the CND

# Summary

- High spectral and spatial resolution maps of the CO (6-5) and CO (7-6) lines have been observed with the CHAMP+ instrument in APEX
- APEX have been used, together with IRAM-30M, HERSCHEL and SOFIA, to study the CO excitation in the CND with better spectral and spatial resolutions than before. Updating the physical conditions there
- Using this data we conclude that the (inner) CND is best described by a collection of transient filamentary streamers and clumps (Güsten et al. 1987). Its mass is comparatively low, few  $10^4$  Msun, which has implications on the mass accretion rate toward the central object (Genzel et al. 2010)
- The APEX maps still contain information of several regions of interest, that need extra work and data. And other data from this telescope and HERSCHEL are still being analyze
- APEX will be used to obtained detailed CO (3-2) and  $^{13}\text{CO}$  (3-2) emission in the regions of interest
- With Sofia/GREAT we will study the variations in the excitation along the CND
- ALMA will be used to study the ionized material in the CND



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**THANKS**



Transition	$E_{\text{up}}[\text{K}]$	$\nu[\text{THz}]$	$\int T_{mb} \cdot dv$ [K km/s]		
			CND-S	CND-N	
$^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$	5.5	0.230	797.4	670.4	I
$^{13}\text{CO}(2-1)$	5.3	0.220	49.0	21.2	I
$^{12}\text{CO}(3-2)$	16.6	0.346	1668.3	852.9	A
$^{12}\text{CO}(4-3)$	33.2	0.461	2199.6	1023.5	A
$^{12}\text{CO}(6-5)$	83.0	0.691	1782.3	786.7	A
$^{13}\text{CO}(6-5)$	79.3	0.661	165.5	67.2	A
$^{12}\text{CO}(7-6)$	116.2	0.807	1753.0	708.6	A
$^{12}\text{CO}(10-9)$	248.9	1.152	841.5	242.1	H
$^{12}\text{CO}(11-10)$	304.2	1.267	818.8	218.0	G
$^{12}\text{CO}(13-12)$	431.3	1.497	391.6	77.0	G
$^{13}\text{CO}(13-12)$	412.3	1.431	26.5		G
$^{12}\text{CO}(16-15)$	663.4	1.841	188.2	34.4	G

# Modeling results

	gas phase	$r_0$ (pc)	$T_{kin}$	$\log n(\text{H}_2)$	$\log N(\text{H}_2)$
CND-S	low exc.	0.31	$200^{+300}_{-70}$	$4.5^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	22.64
	high exc.	0.08	$500^{+100}_{-210}$	$5.2^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$	23.34
CND-N	low exc.	0.32	$175^{+425}_{-45}$	$4.5^{+0.3}_{-0.7}$	22.35
	high exc.	0.06	$325^{+275}_{-165}$	$5.3^{+0.6}_{-0.3}$	23.15



**HCN (4-3)  
positions**

