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***Lines at THz Frequencies:
Lessons Learned from ~~HIFI~~
HEXOS***

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POSSIBILITIES for THz Spectroscopy from CCAT



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Herschel HIFI Observations of Extraordinary Sources



The Orion and Sagittarius B2 Star-Forming Regions

Herschel observations of EXtra-
Ordinary Sources (HEXOS)
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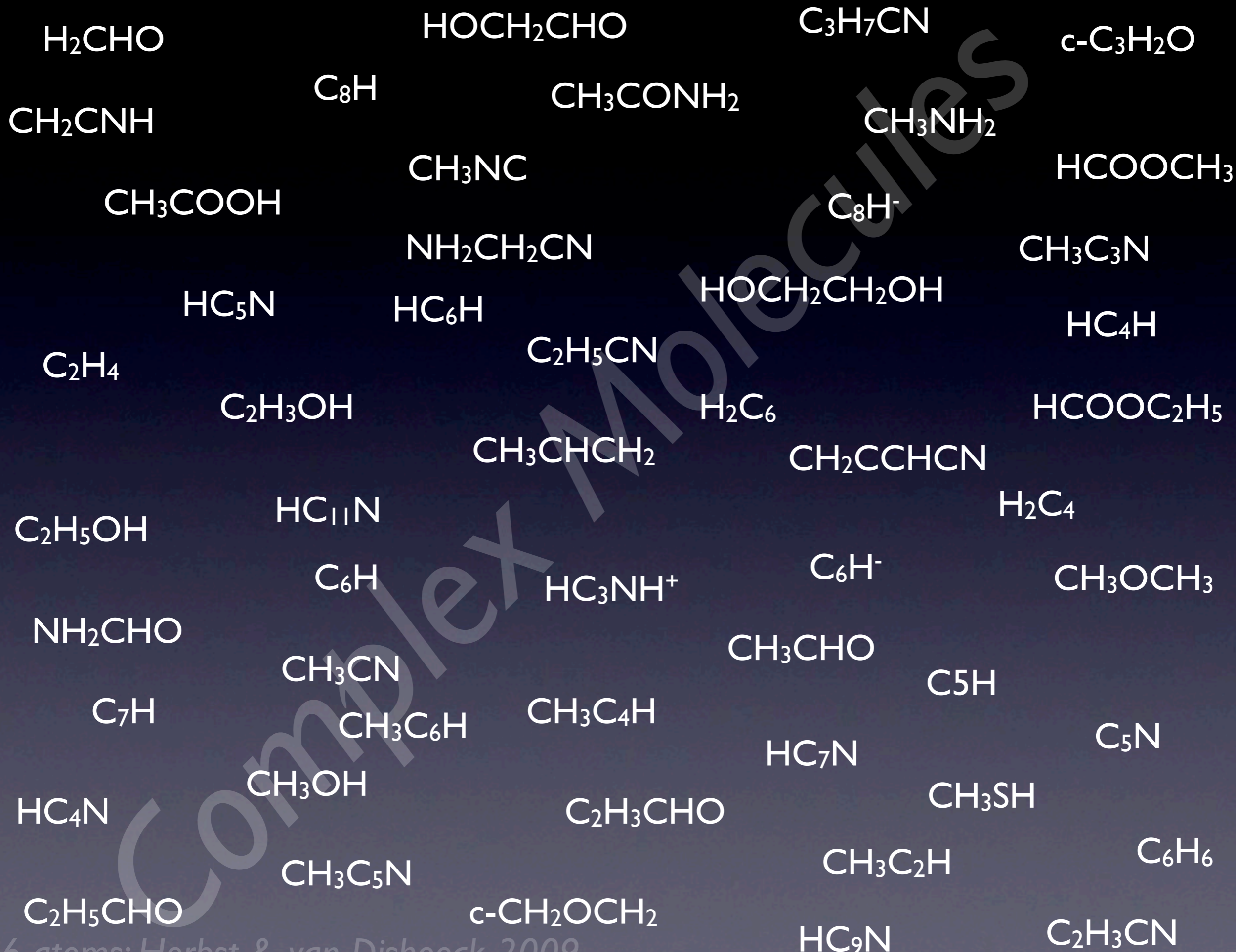
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I'm Sorry!

- First detection of H_2O^+ (Ossenkopf et al. 2010) and H_2CL^+ (Lis et al. 2010)
- ortho/para ratio of H_2O in diffuse gas (Lis et al. 2010)
- ortho/para ratio of H_2O^+ in diffuse gas (Schilke et al. 2010)
- OH^+ and H_2O^+ in the Orion outflow (Gupta et al. 2010)
- high frequency spectrum (Crockett et al. 2010)
- Probing infall with HCN (Rolffs et al. 2010)
- HF as a probe in Orion (Phillips et al. 2010)
- HDO in Sgr B2 (Comito et al. 2010)
- Detection of HD^{18}O (Bergin et al. 2010)
- CH in spiral arm clouds (Qin et al. 2010)
- Observations of H_2O and its isotopologues towards Orion KL (Melnick et al 2010)
- Herschel observations of ortho- and para-oxidaniumyl (H_2O^+) in spiral arm clouds toward Sagittarius B2(M) (Schilke et al 2010)
- The Terahertz spectrum of Orion KL (Crockett, et al 2010)

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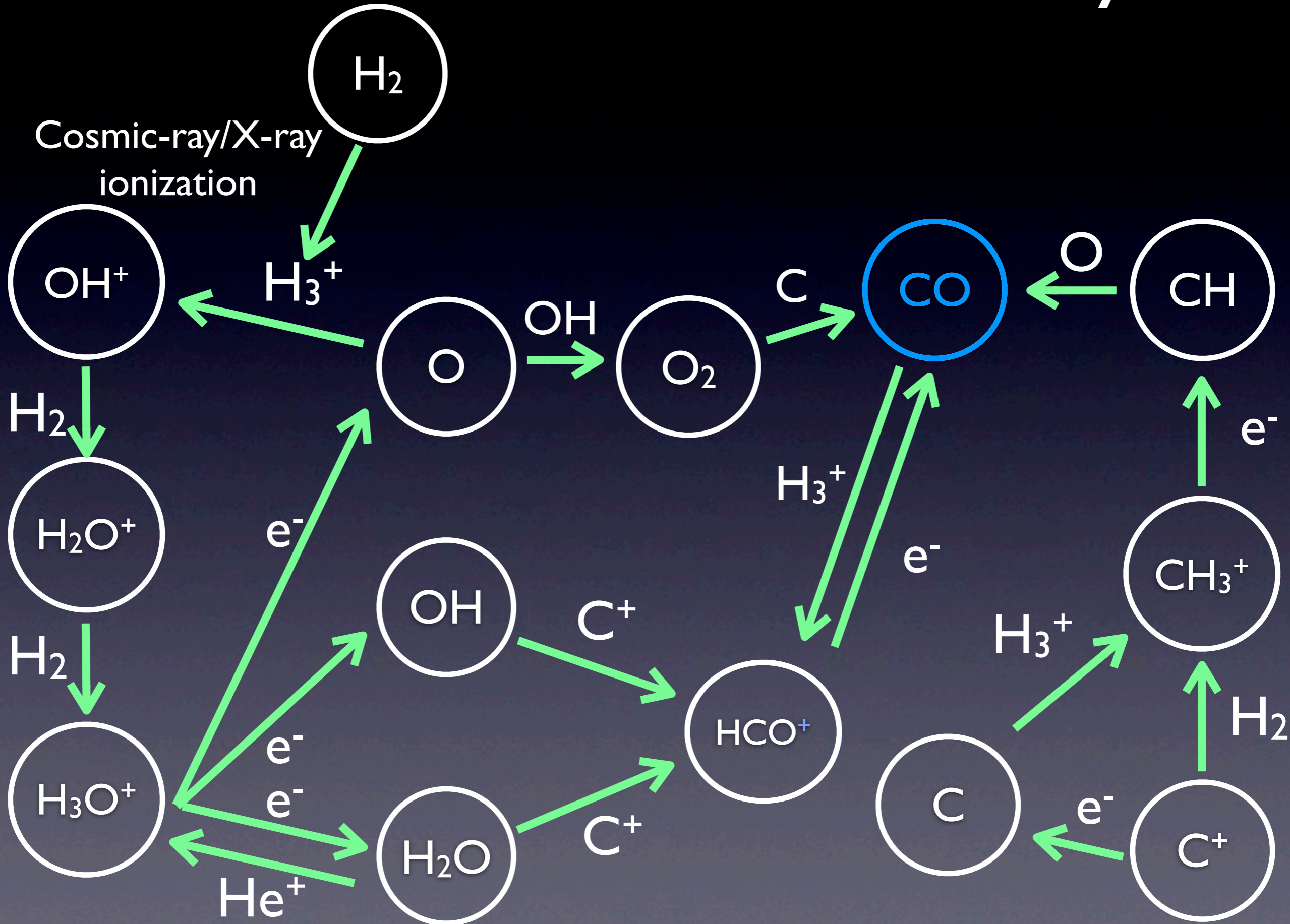


> 6 atoms; Herbst & van Dishoeck 2009

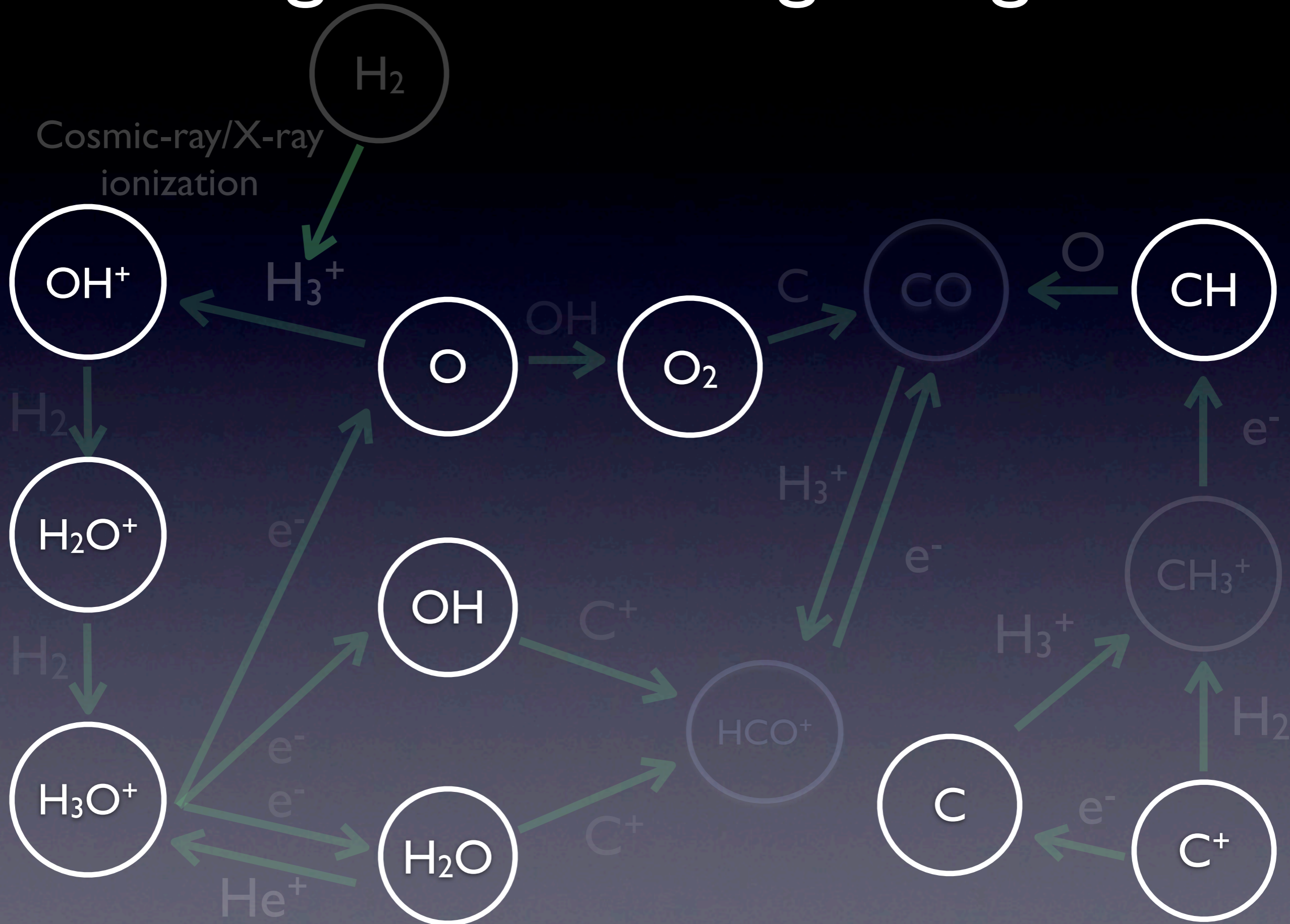
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Main Gas-Phase C/O Pathways



Probing chemical beginnings....

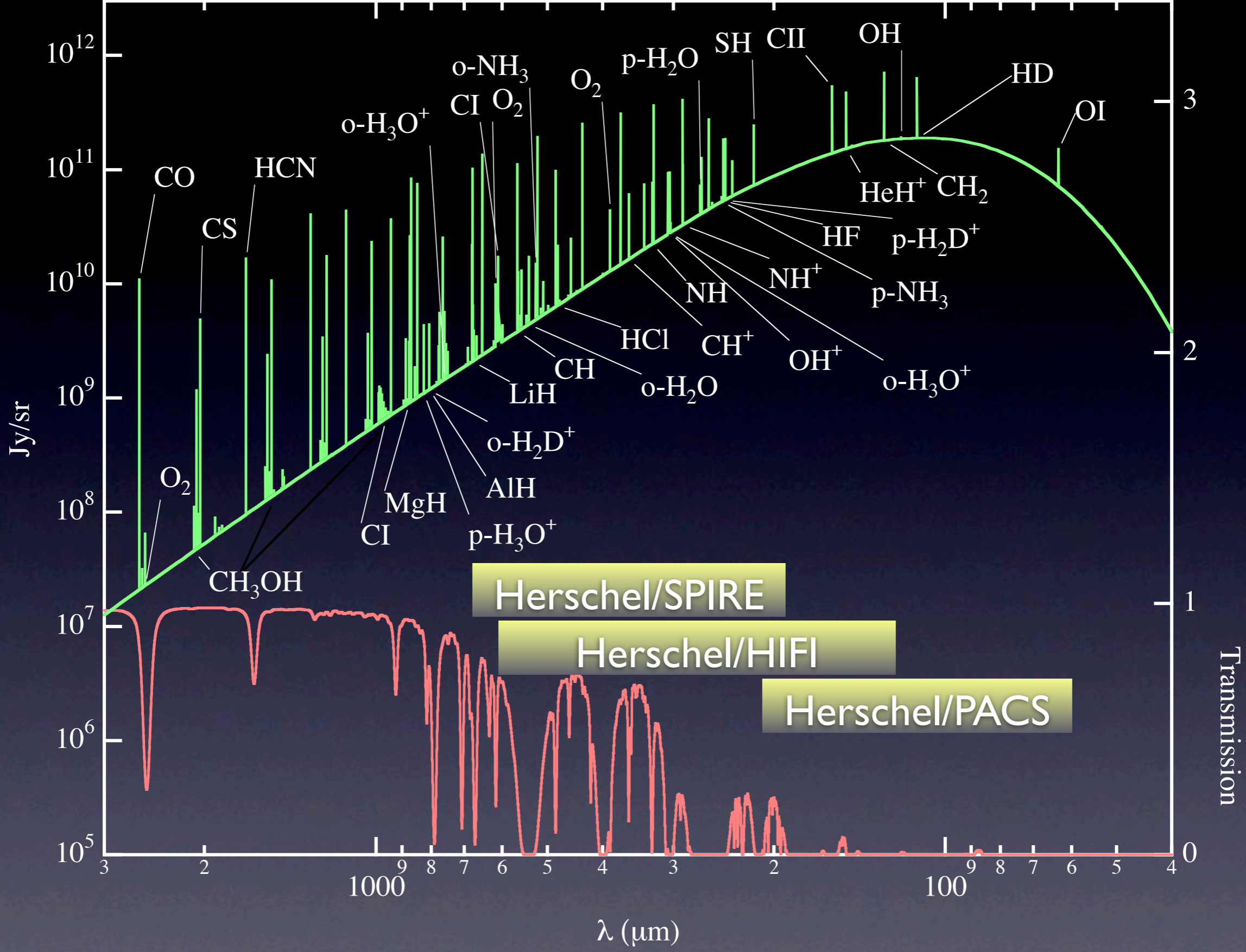


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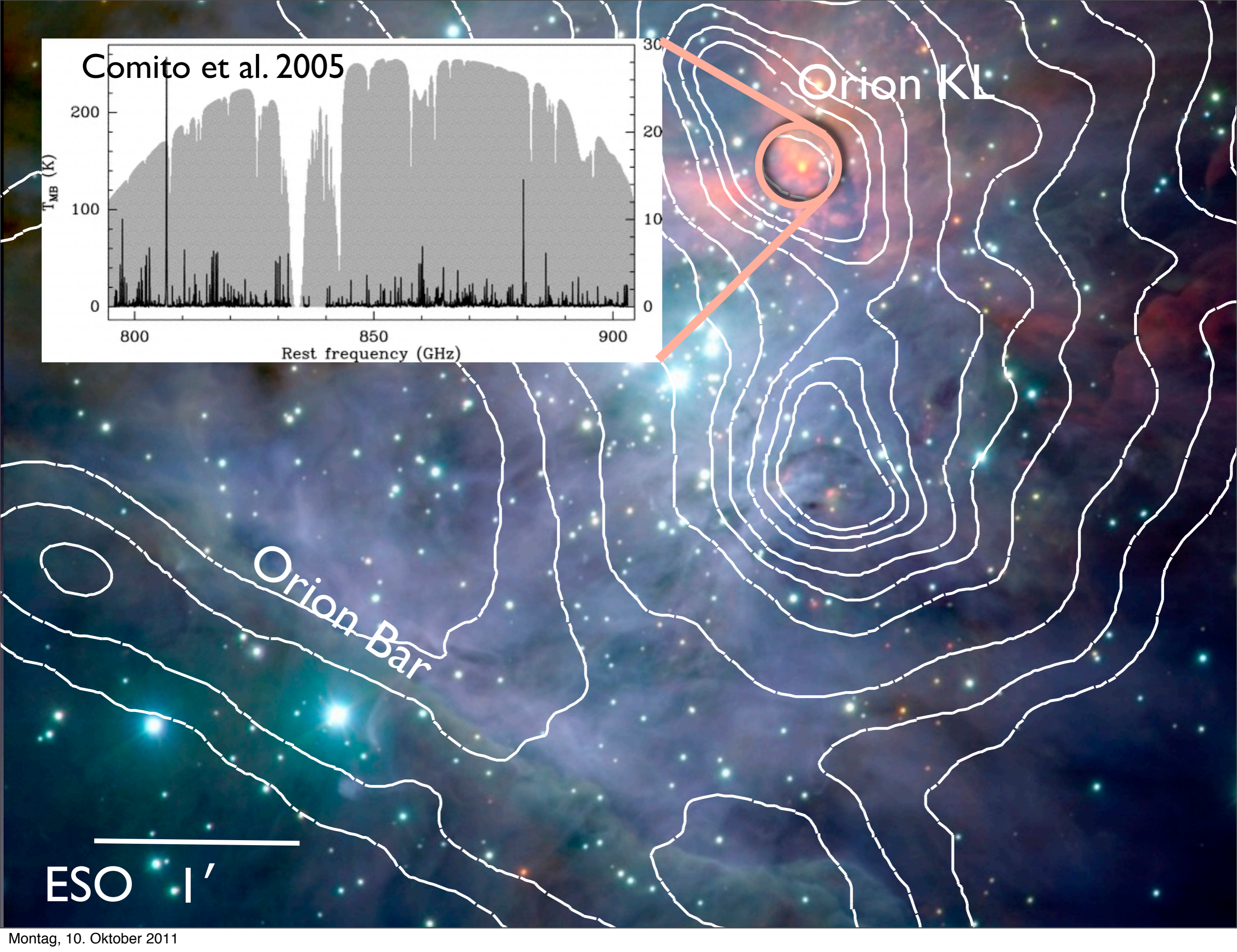
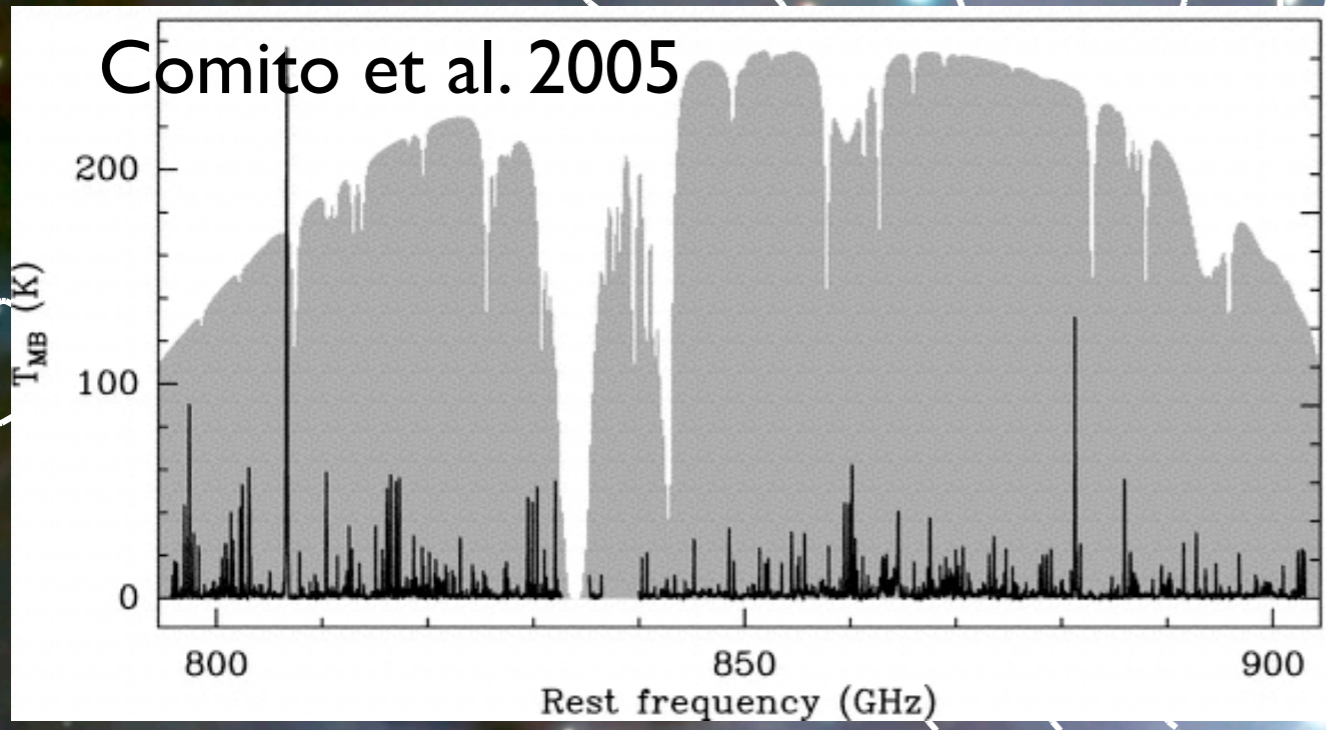
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- How can we use the rich variety of chemical species to provide key understandings of the physical conditions in molecular clouds?

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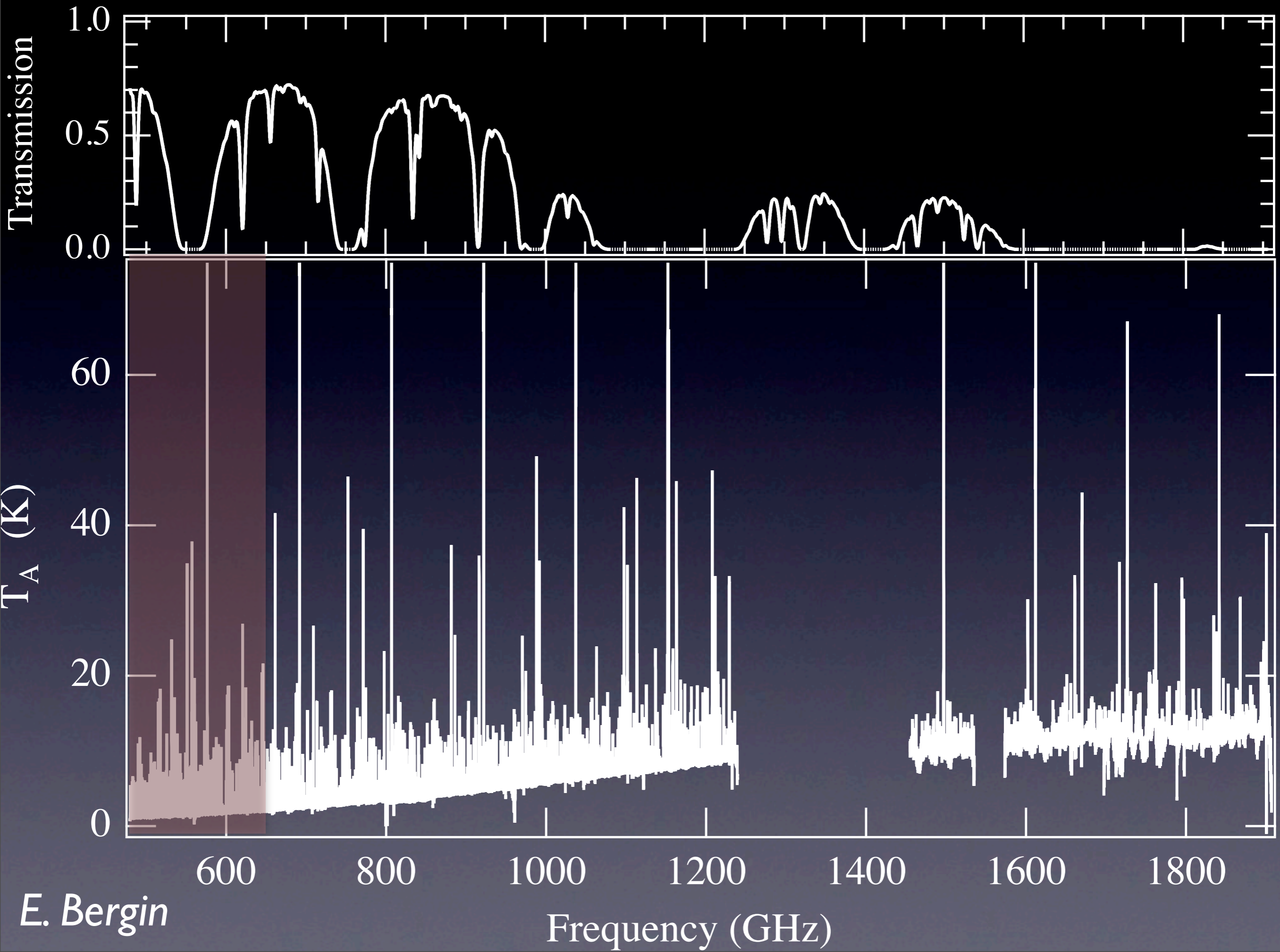
- Our ability to answer these questions has been hindered by our inability to view the entire spectrum of star forming gas.
- We have not been able to observe many of the key species in the early (simple) chemical networks
- We have also not been able to trace the key coolants (e.g. C II, O I, CO ladder)



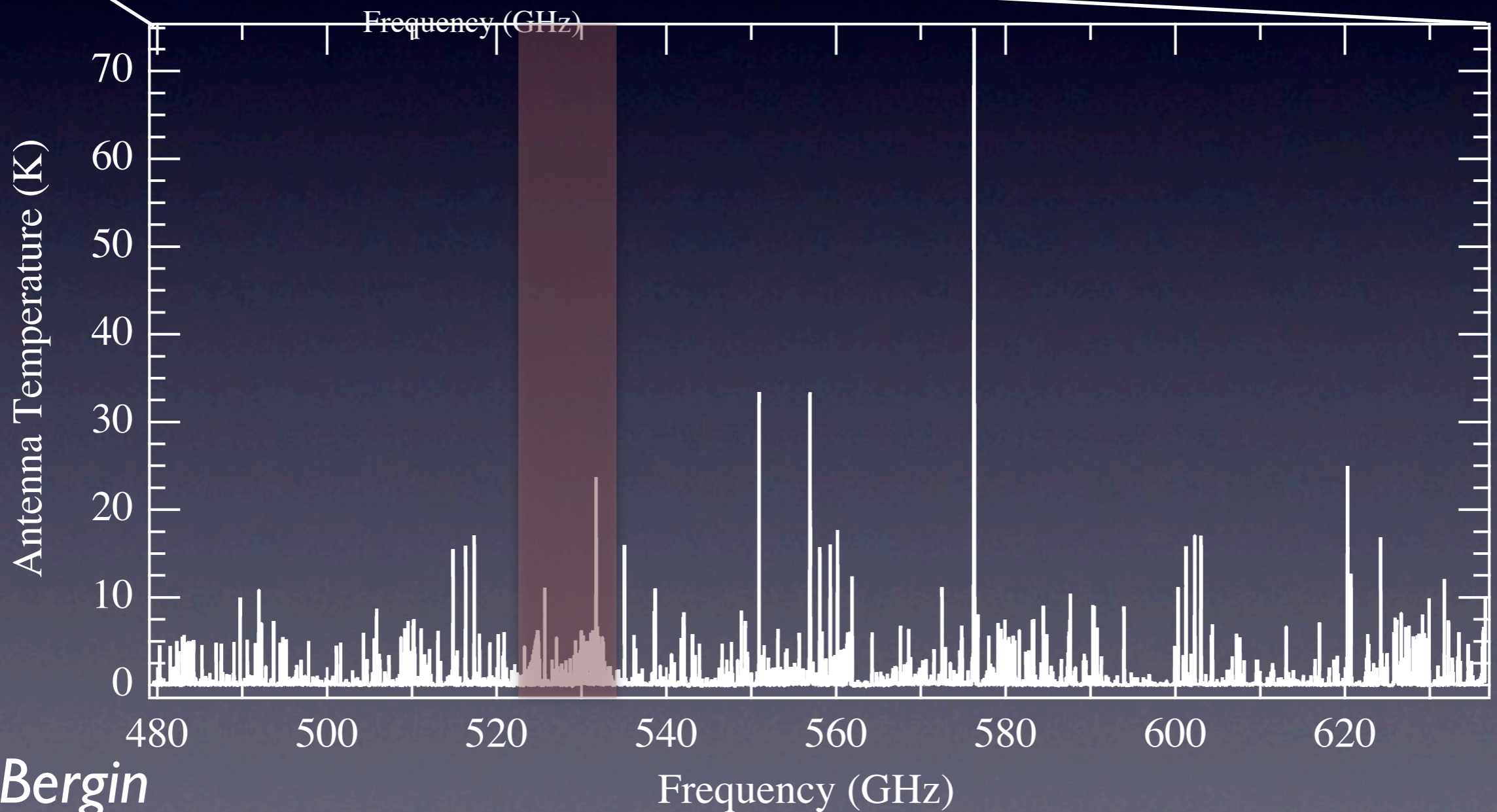
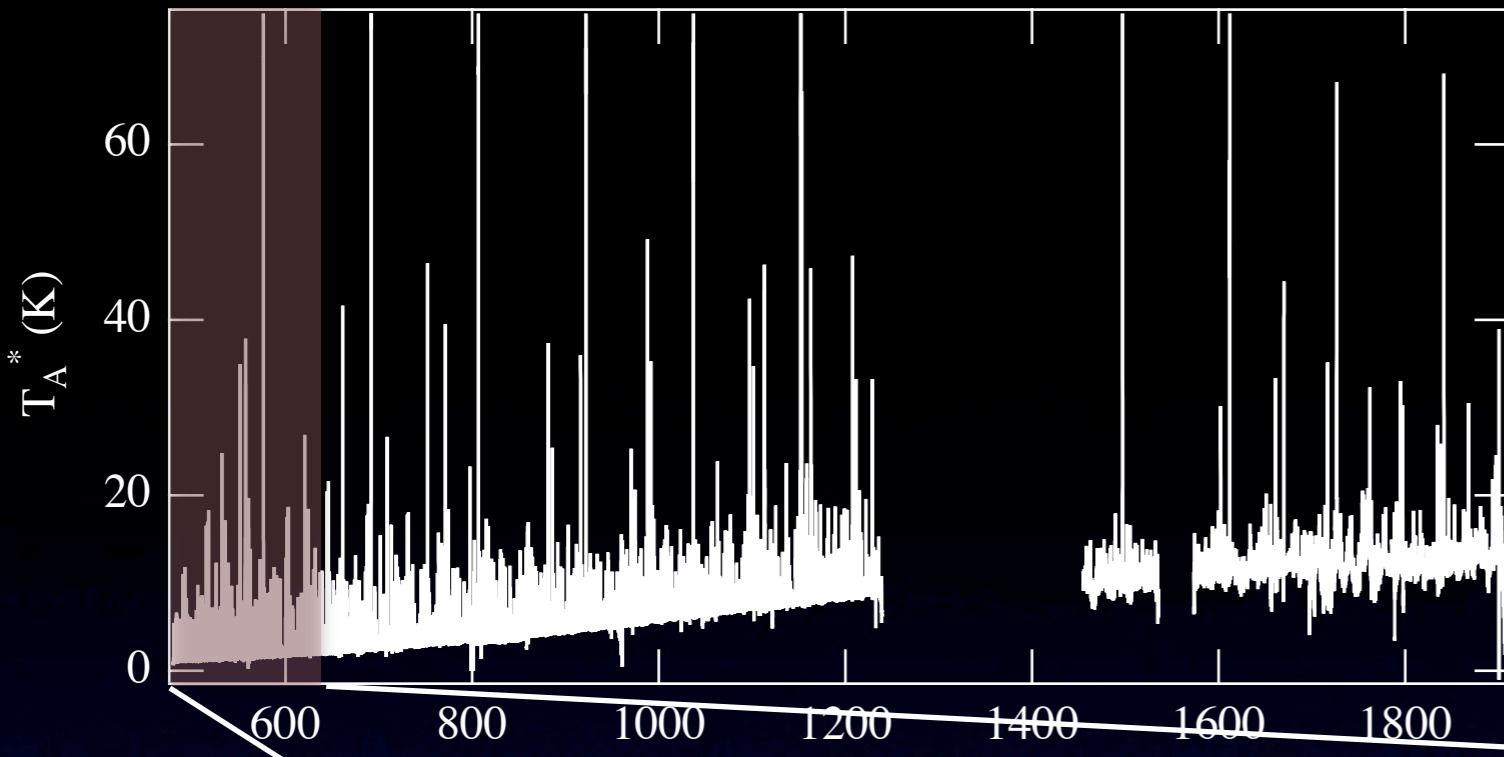
FIR Spectrum of Ambient Gas



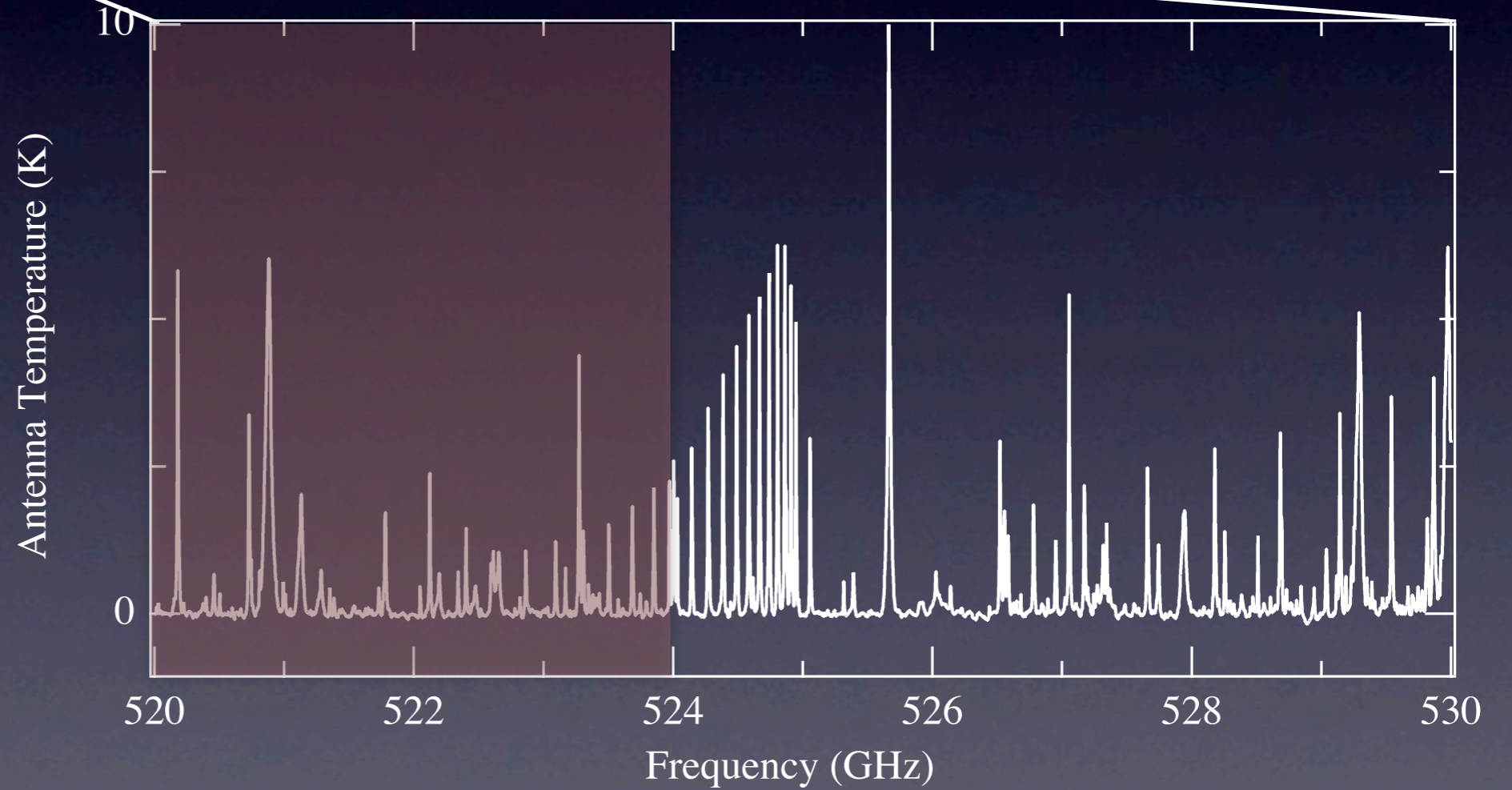
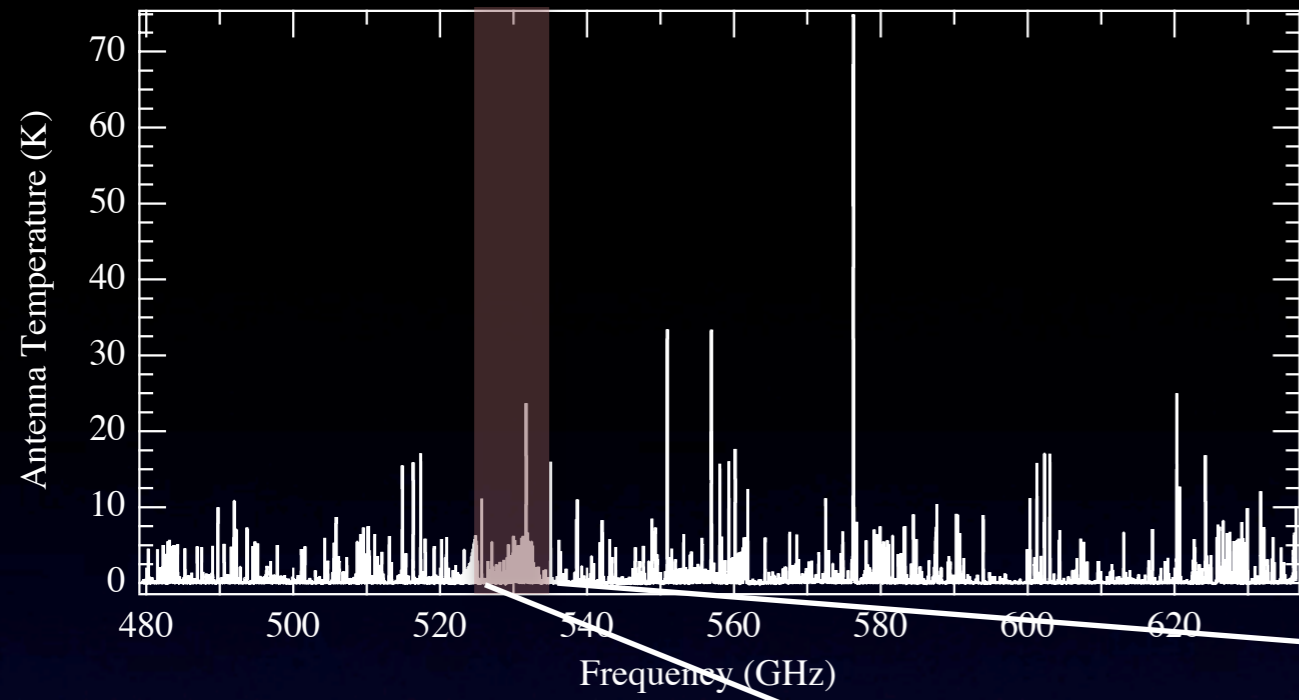
ESO 1'



Orion KL

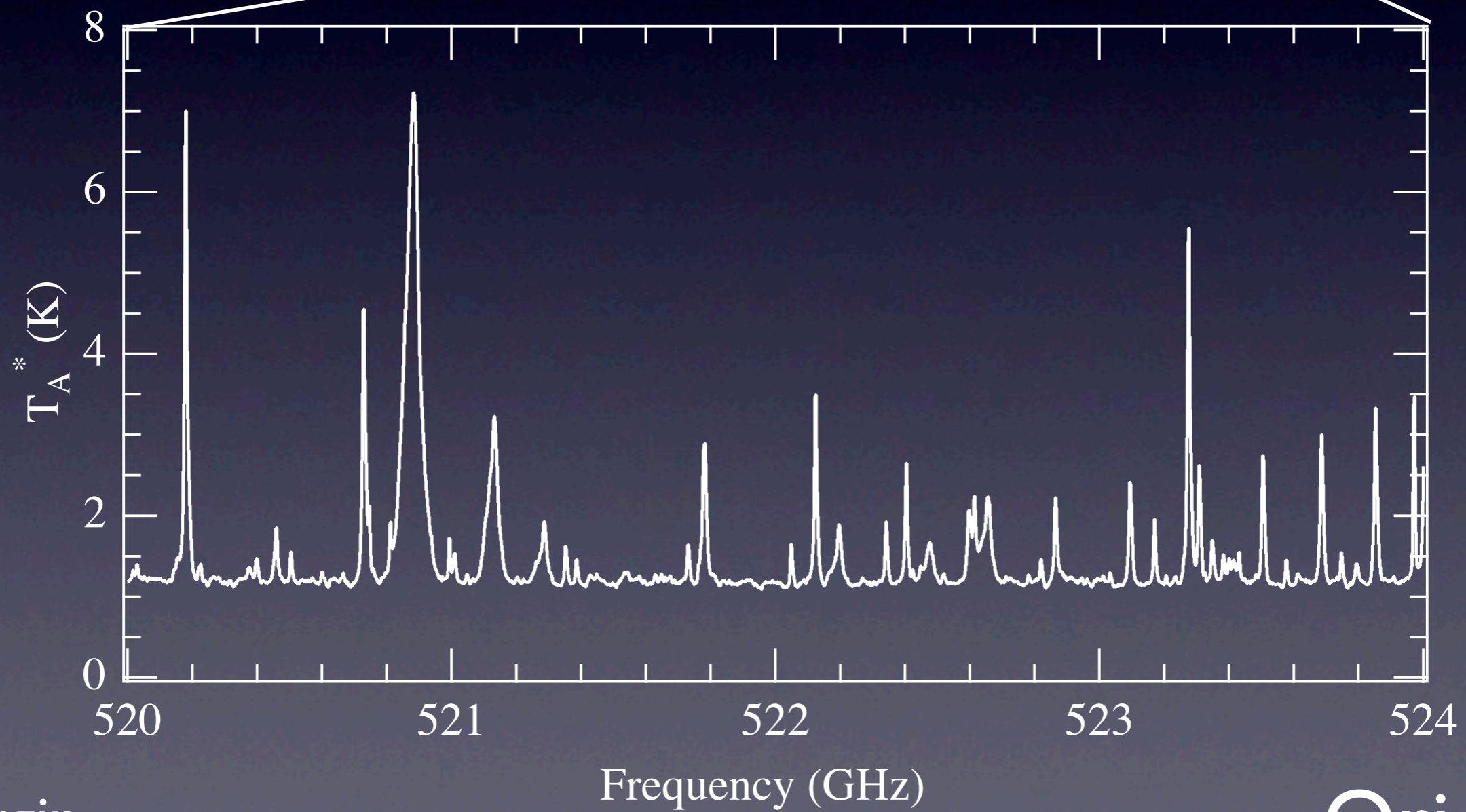
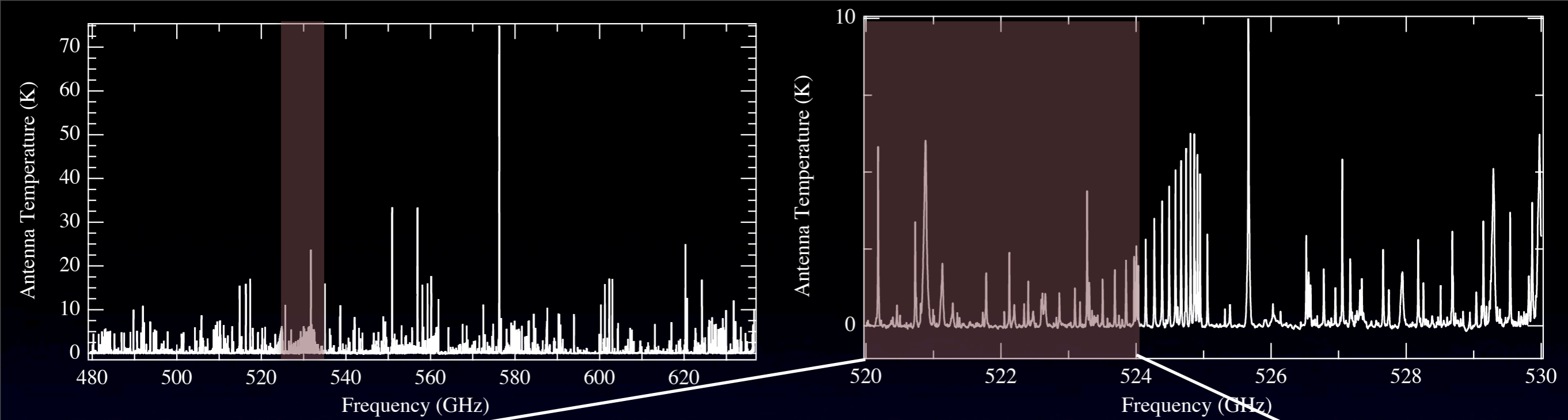


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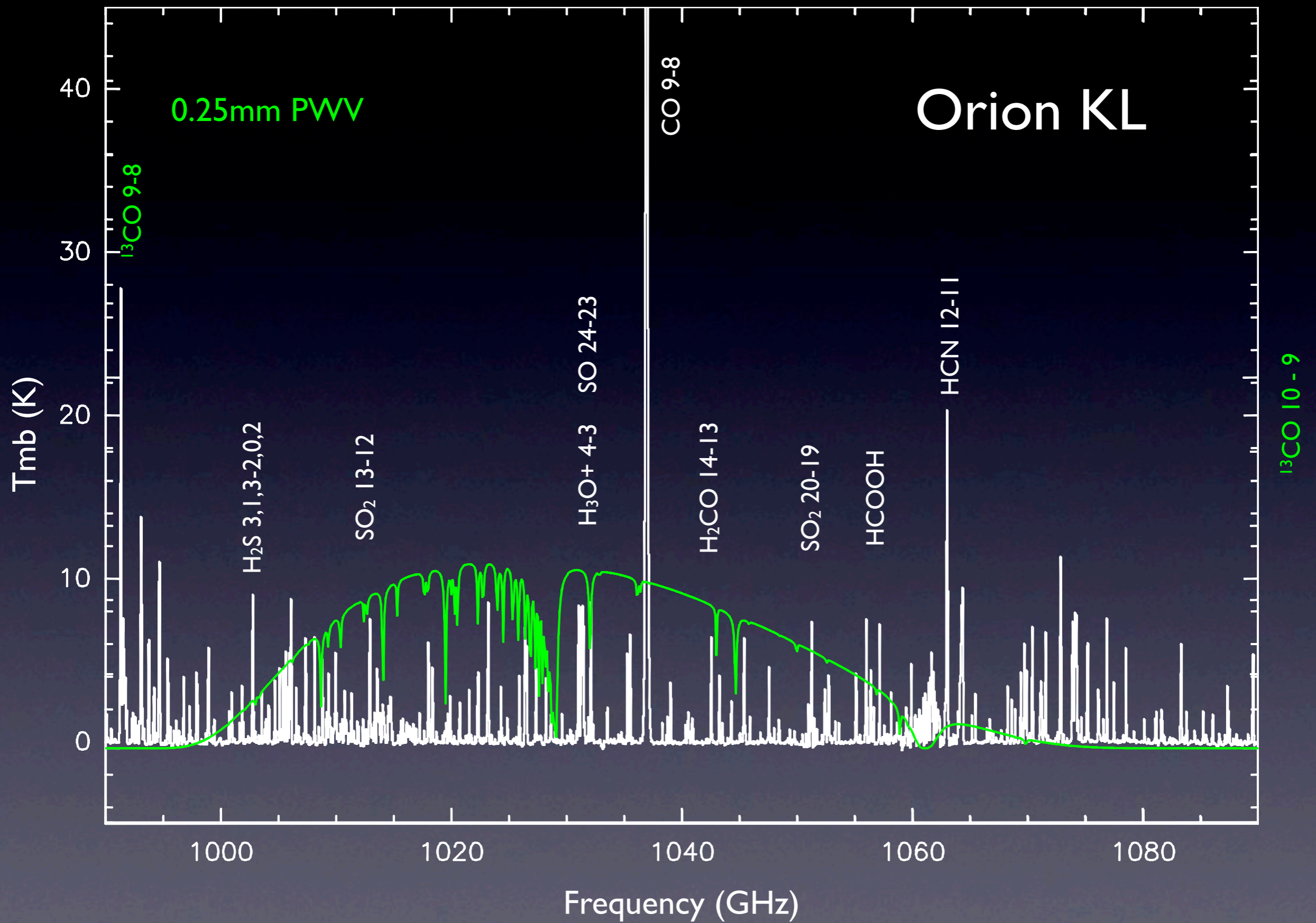
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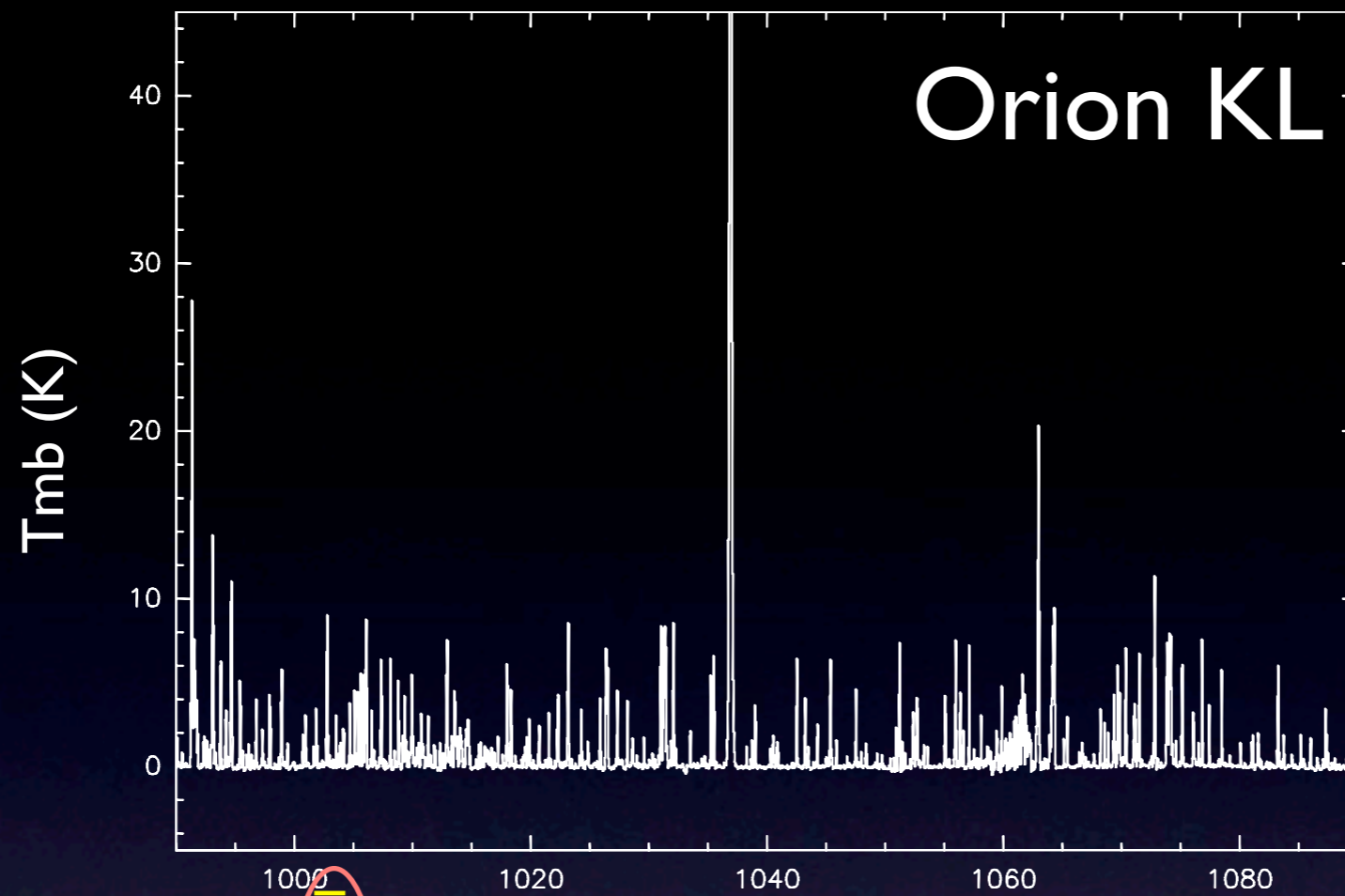


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THz Bands Accessible to CCAT





Some other Species

CH₃OH

D₂CO

H₂CO

H₂Cl⁺

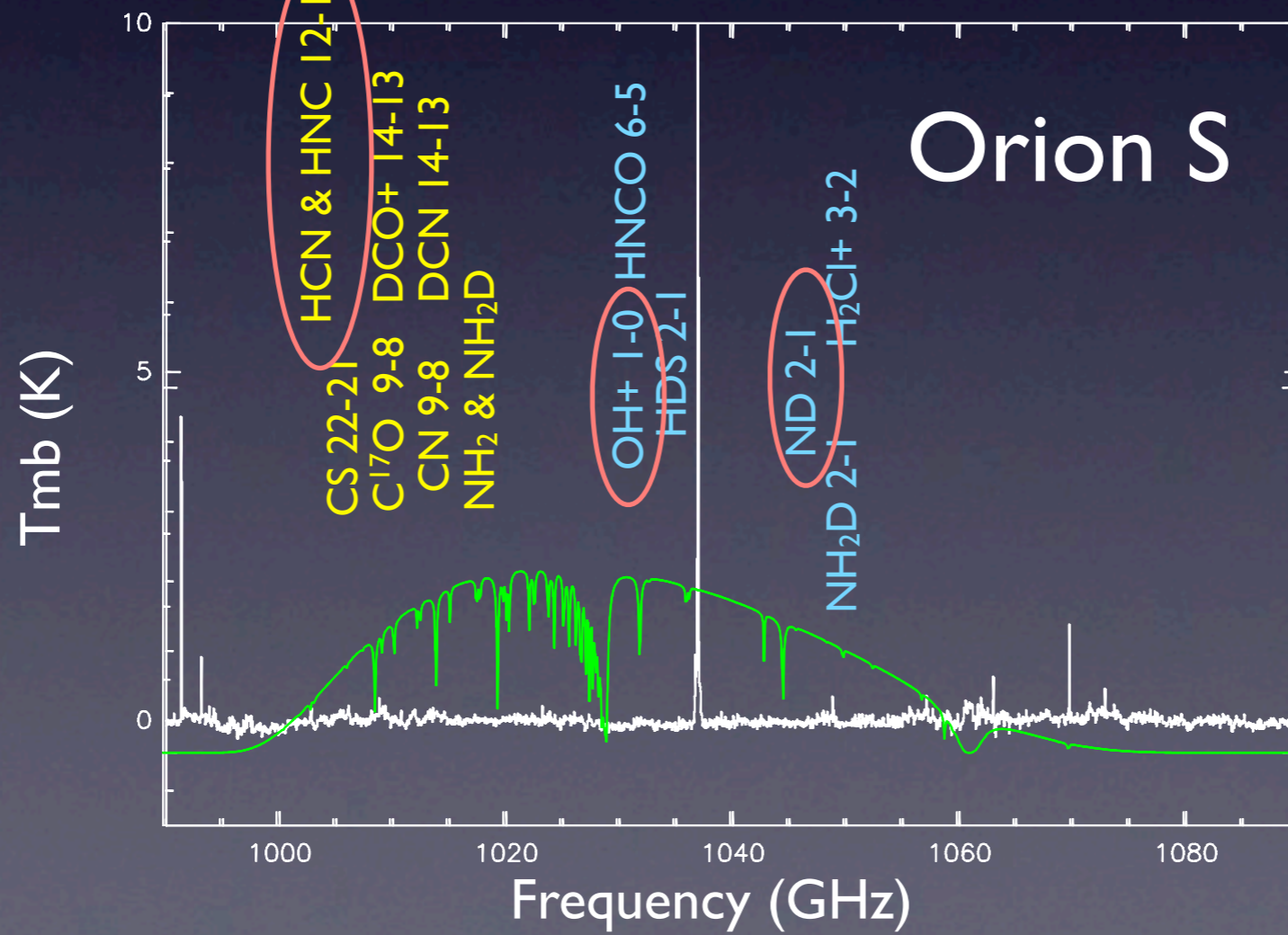
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NH₂

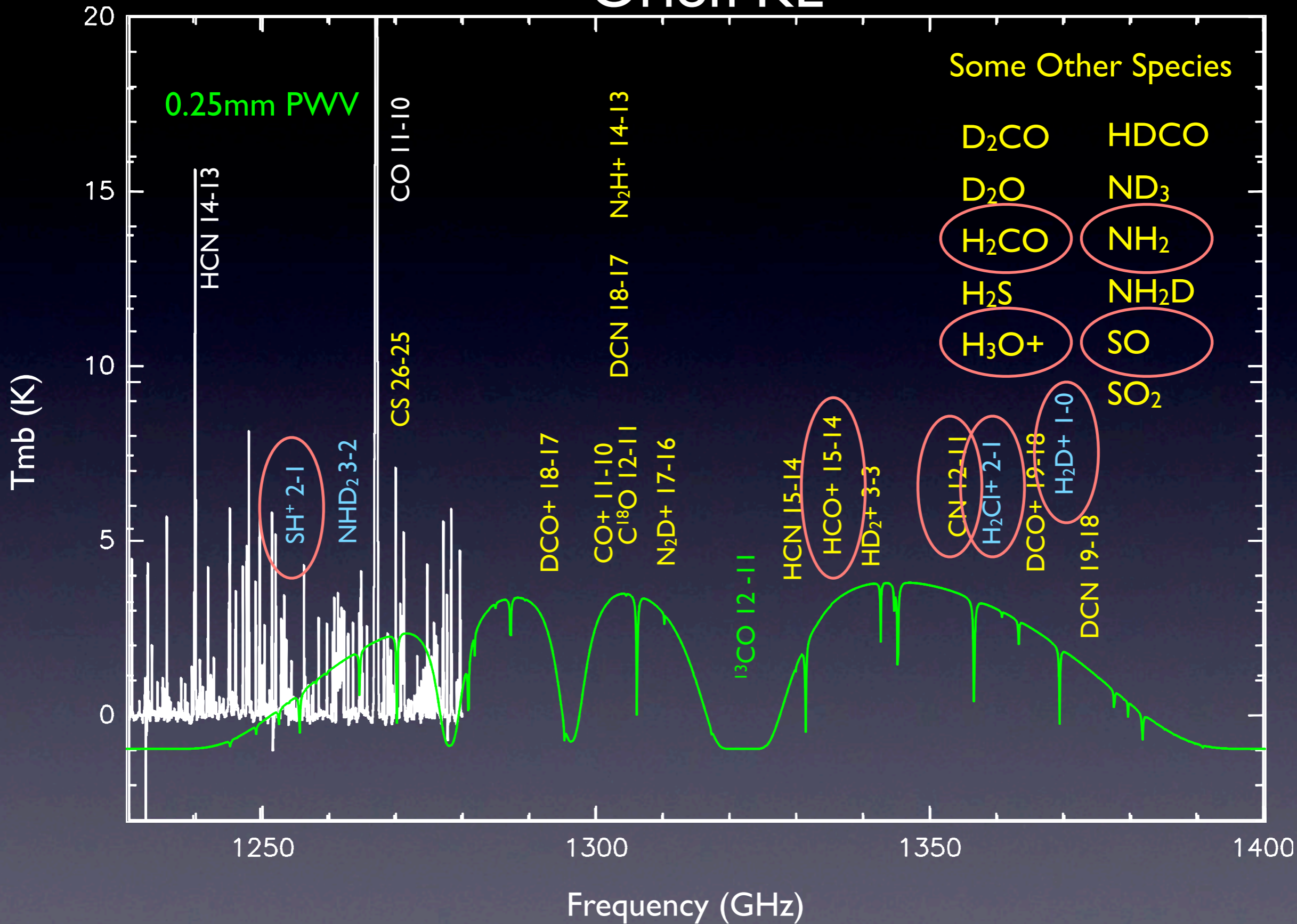
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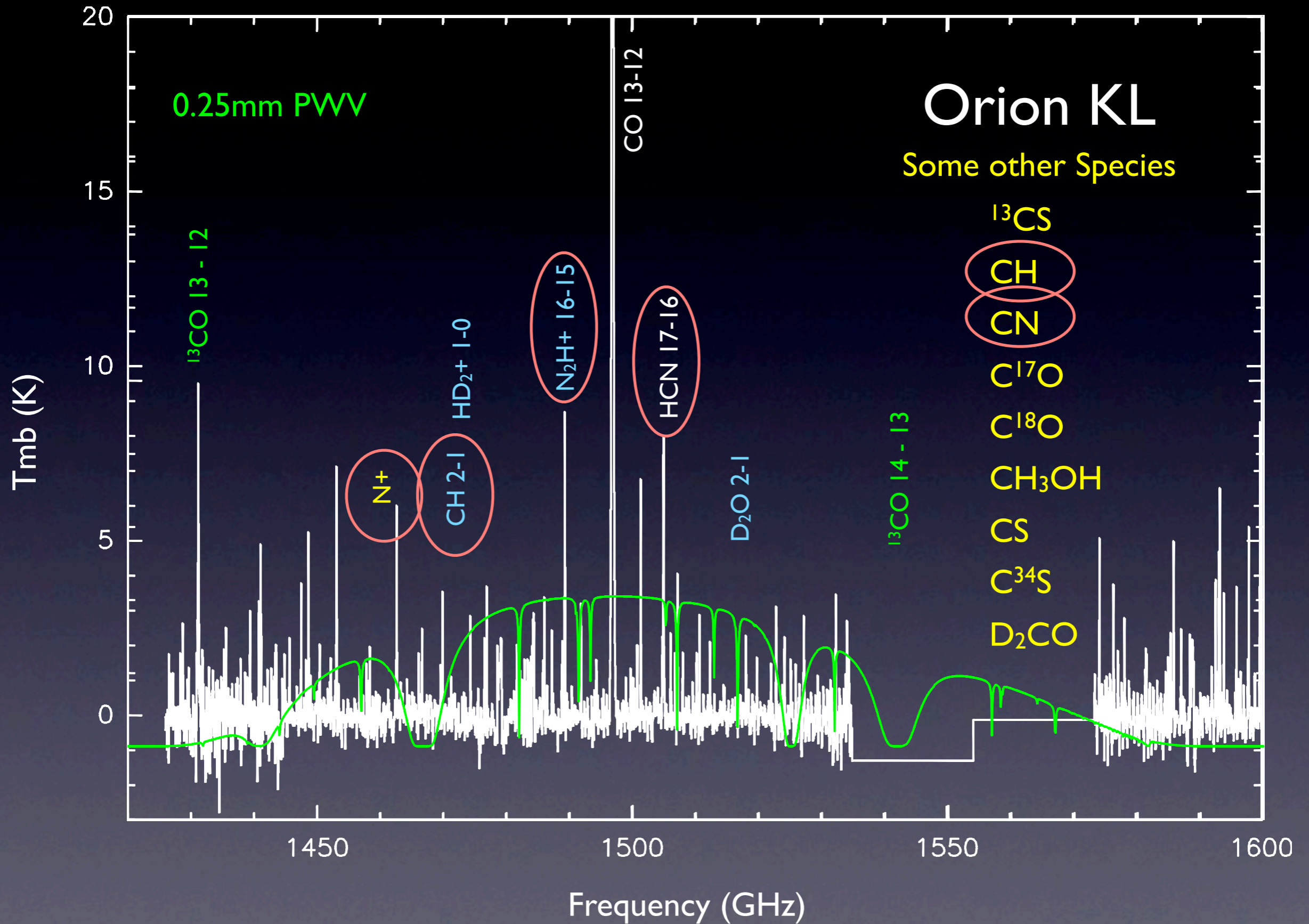
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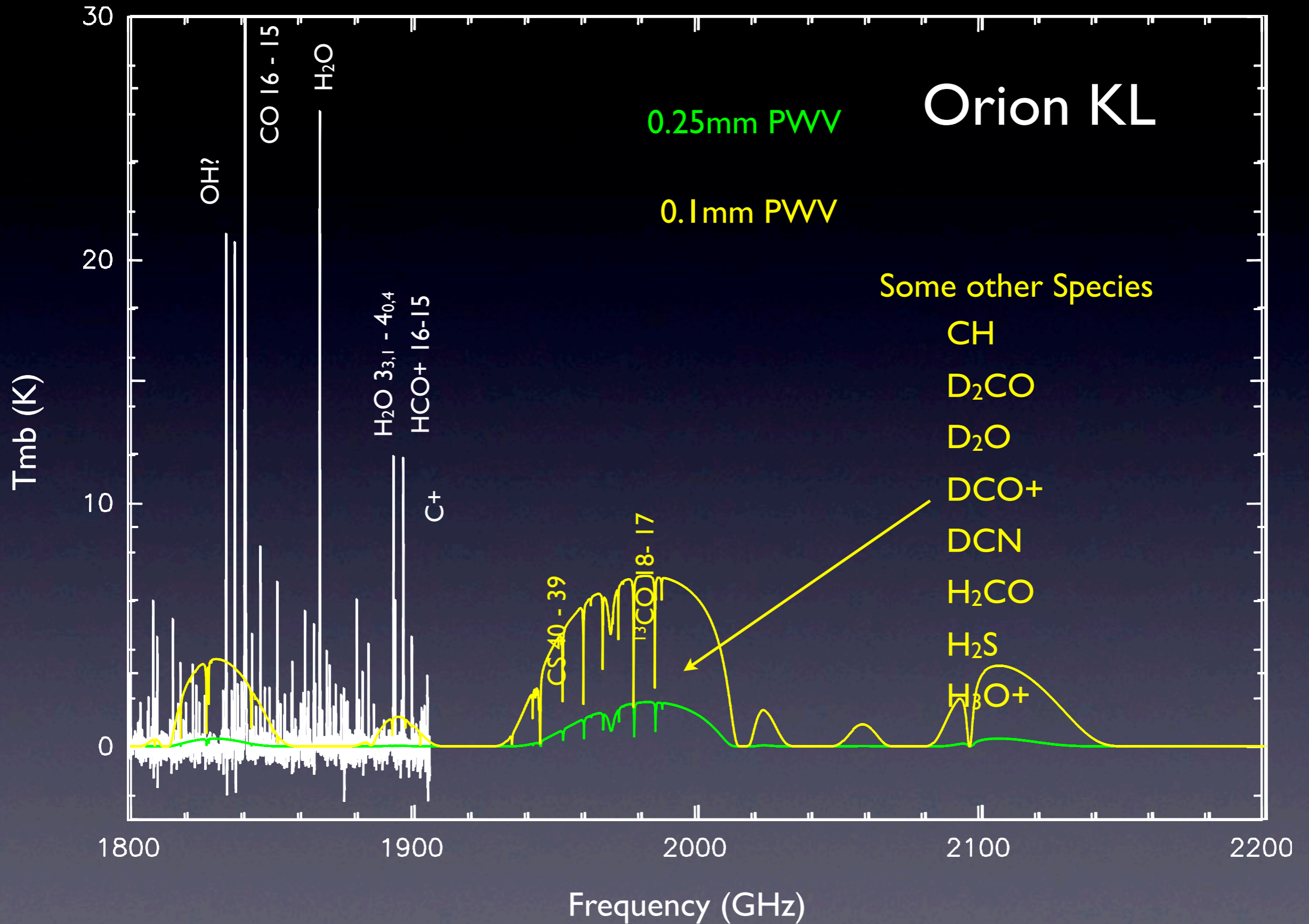
H₂COH⁺ 3-2



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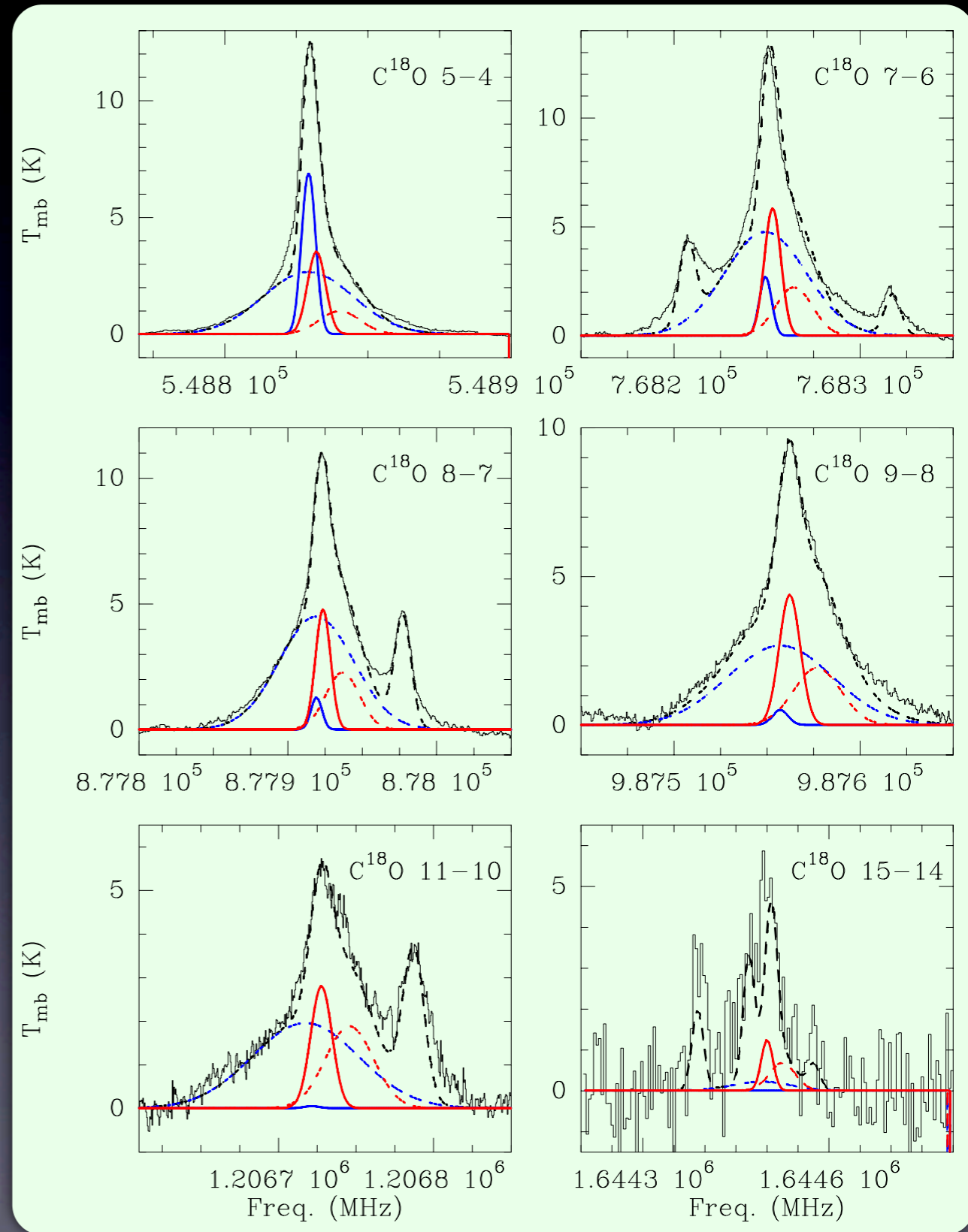
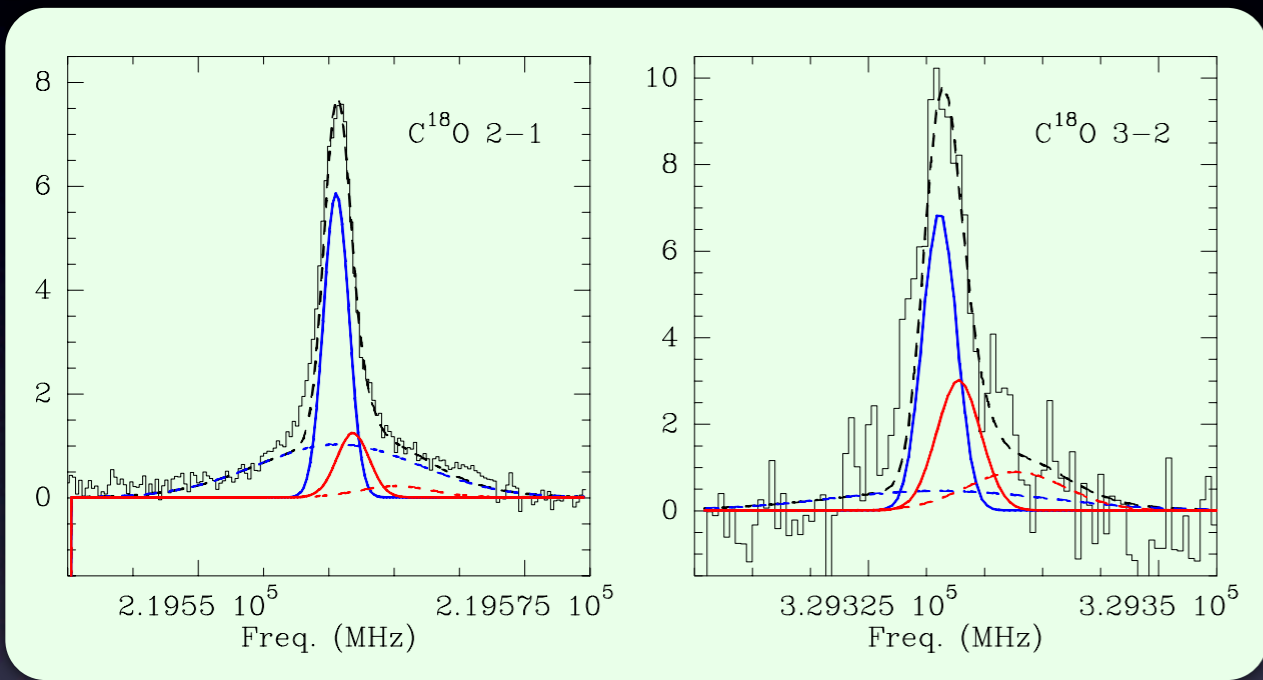




Total C¹⁸O Column Density

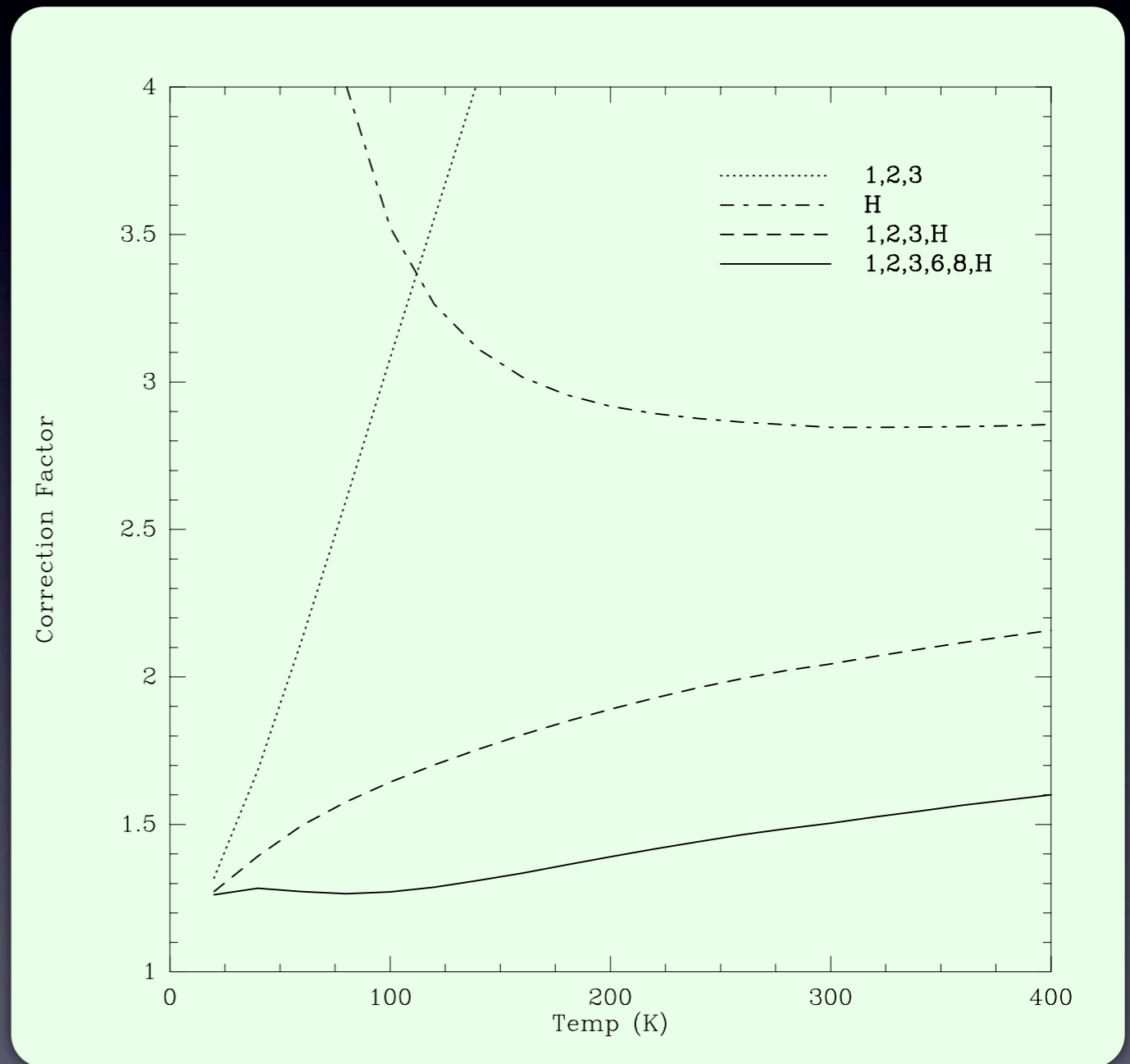
Plume et al. 2011, ApJ, in press

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Correction Factor

- in Hot Cores $T > 100$ K and correction factors become large with large uncertainties
- Better case - Observe as many lines as possible and add up the column in each transition
- use correction factor to account for any missing transitions



Column Densities - CCAT

- ^{13}CO is problematic since many lines are inaccessible
- C^{18}O still has many high frequency transitions in open windows

Transition	Freq.
6-5	658 GHz
8-7	878 GHz
12-11	1316 GHz
14-13	1535 GHz
18-17	1972 GHz

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C¹⁸O

Component	$\sum N_u \text{C}^{18}\text{O}$ cm^{-2}	f_c	$N_{tot} \text{C}^{18}\text{O} \pm error$ cm^{-2}	$N_{tot} \text{H}_2$ cm^{-2}
Extended Ridge	7.85×10^{15}	1.81	1.4×10^{16} $+2.4 \times 10^{15}$ -4.0×10^{14}	7.1×10^{22}
Outflow/Plateau	2.12×10^{16}	1.67	3.5×10^{16} $+6.3 \times 10^{15}$ -1.2×10^{15}	1.8×10^{23}
Compact Ridge	1.29×10^{16}	1.67	2.2×10^{16} $+8.2 \times 10^{15}$ -1.9×10^{15}	1.1×10^{23}
Hot Core	3.67×10^{16}	1.69	6.2×10^{16} $+1.8 \times 10^{16}$ -4.9×10^{15}	3.1×10^{23}

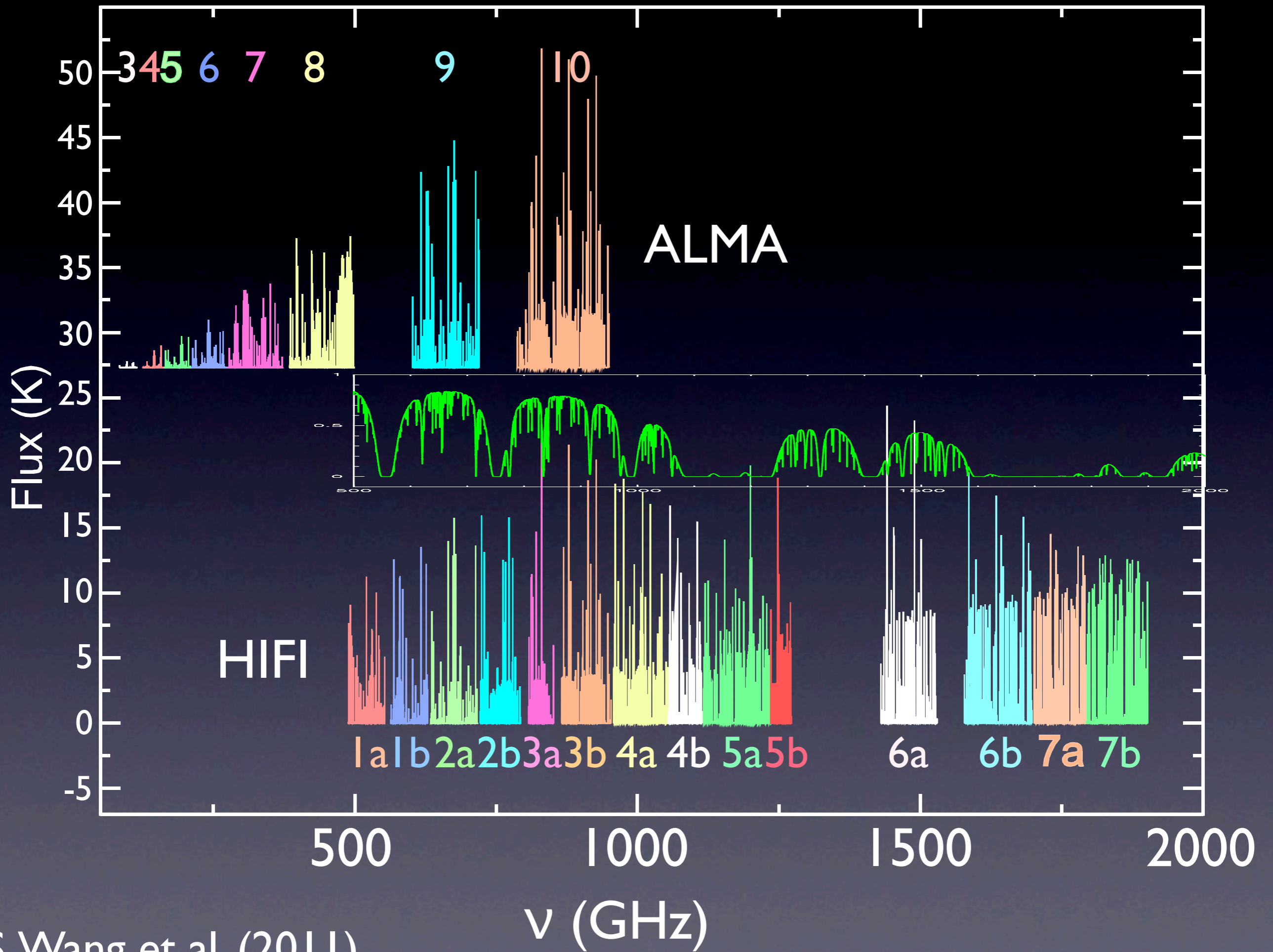
C¹⁷O

Component	$\sum N_u \text{C}^{17}\text{O}$ cm^{-2}	f_c	$N_{tot} \text{C}^{17}\text{O} \pm error$ cm^{-2}	$\frac{N_{tot}(\text{C}^{18}\text{O})}{N_{tot}(\text{C}^{17}\text{O})} \pm error$
Extended Ridge	1.53×10^{15}	4.04	6.2×10^{15} $+1.0 \times 10^{15}$ -1.7×10^{14}	2.3 +0.5 -0.5
Outflow/Plateau	7.52×10^{15}	2.79	2.1×10^{16} $+3.7 \times 10^{15}$ -7.3×10^{14}	1.7 +0.4 -0.5
Compact Ridge	2.16×10^{15}	2.50	5.4×10^{15} $+2.0 \times 10^{15}$ -4.7×10^{14}	4.1 +2.1 -1.3
Hot Core	8.97×10^{15}	2.30	2.1×10^{16} $+6.0 \times 10^{15}$ -1.6×10^{15}	3.0 +1.2 -1.1

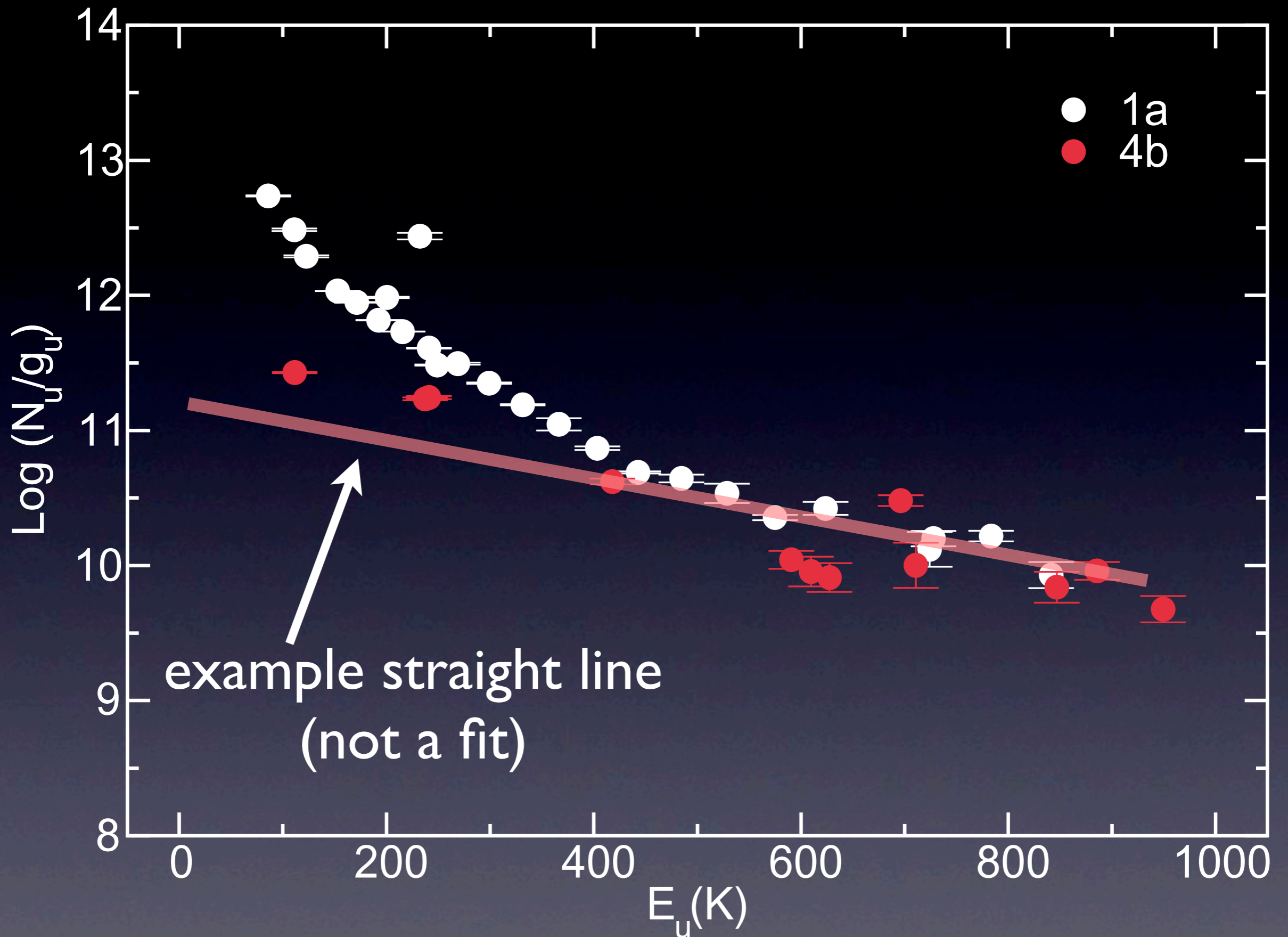
Summary

- THz Spectroscopy from CCAT would be difficult...but do able
- There are many interesting tracers of the cold & diffuse and hot & dense ISM
- What are the “Killer Apps”?

Methanol



S. Wang et al. (2011)



Wang et al. 2010

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Rotation Diagram

