Complex carbon chemistry in disks

(and some simple stuff too!)

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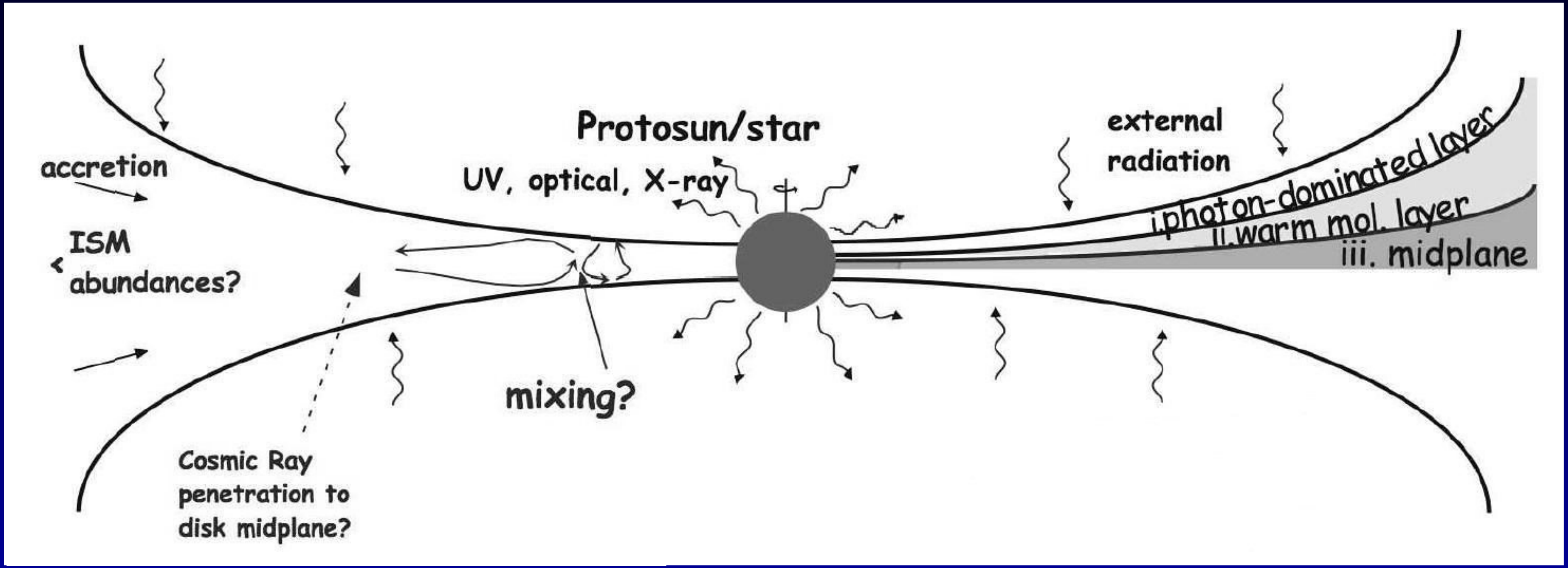
A chemical view of disks



i) Photon-dominated layer - mostly ions and radicals, e.g. C^+

ii) Warm molecular layer - many species in the gas phase, interactions between ions and neutrals

iii) Midplane - most species frozen out onto grains

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Disk model

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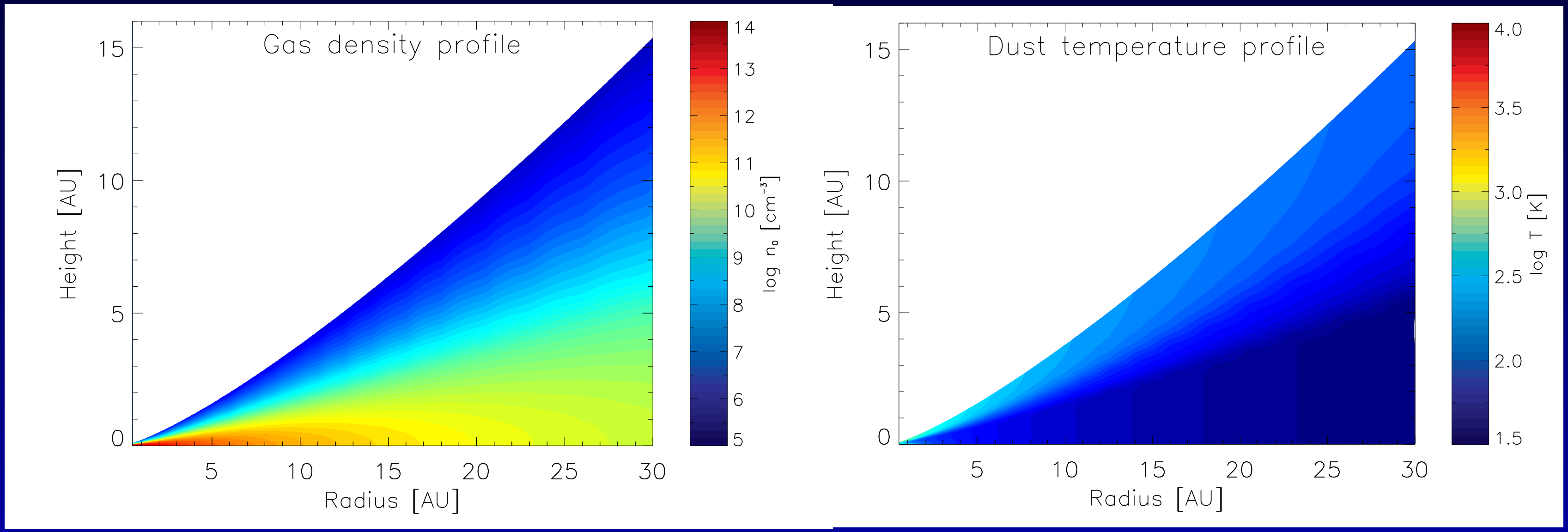

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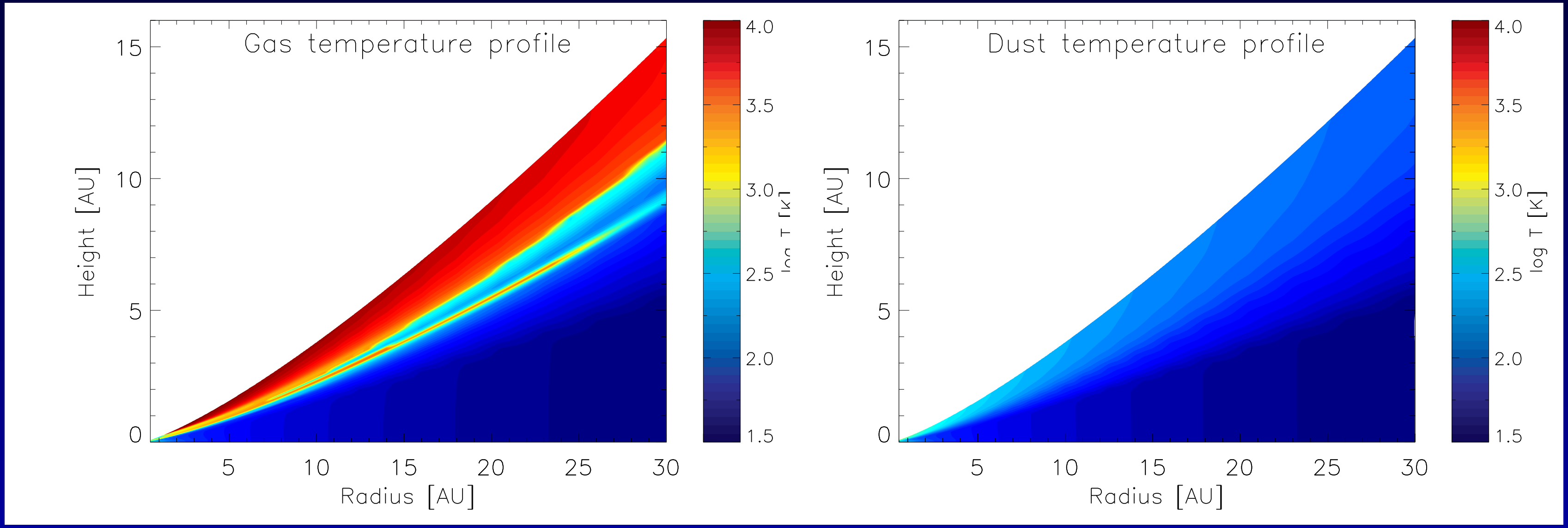

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What can isotopes of C tell us?

- Trace the origin and evolution of molecules
  - Formation environment
  - Types of chemical processing
- Trace vertical temperature structure of disks (Dartois et al. 2003)
- Allow us to trace molecules which may be optically thick (^{12}CO vs. ^{13}CO)
- Label various regions of the disk

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- $$^{13}\mathrm{C^{+}} +^{12} \mathrm{CS} \rightleftharpoons^{13} \mathrm{CS} +^{12} \mathrm{C^{+}} + \Delta E$$
- $$^{13}\mathrm{C^{+}} +^{12} \mathrm{CH_3} \rightleftharpoons^{13} \mathrm{CH_3} +^{12} \mathrm{C^{+}} + \Delta E$$

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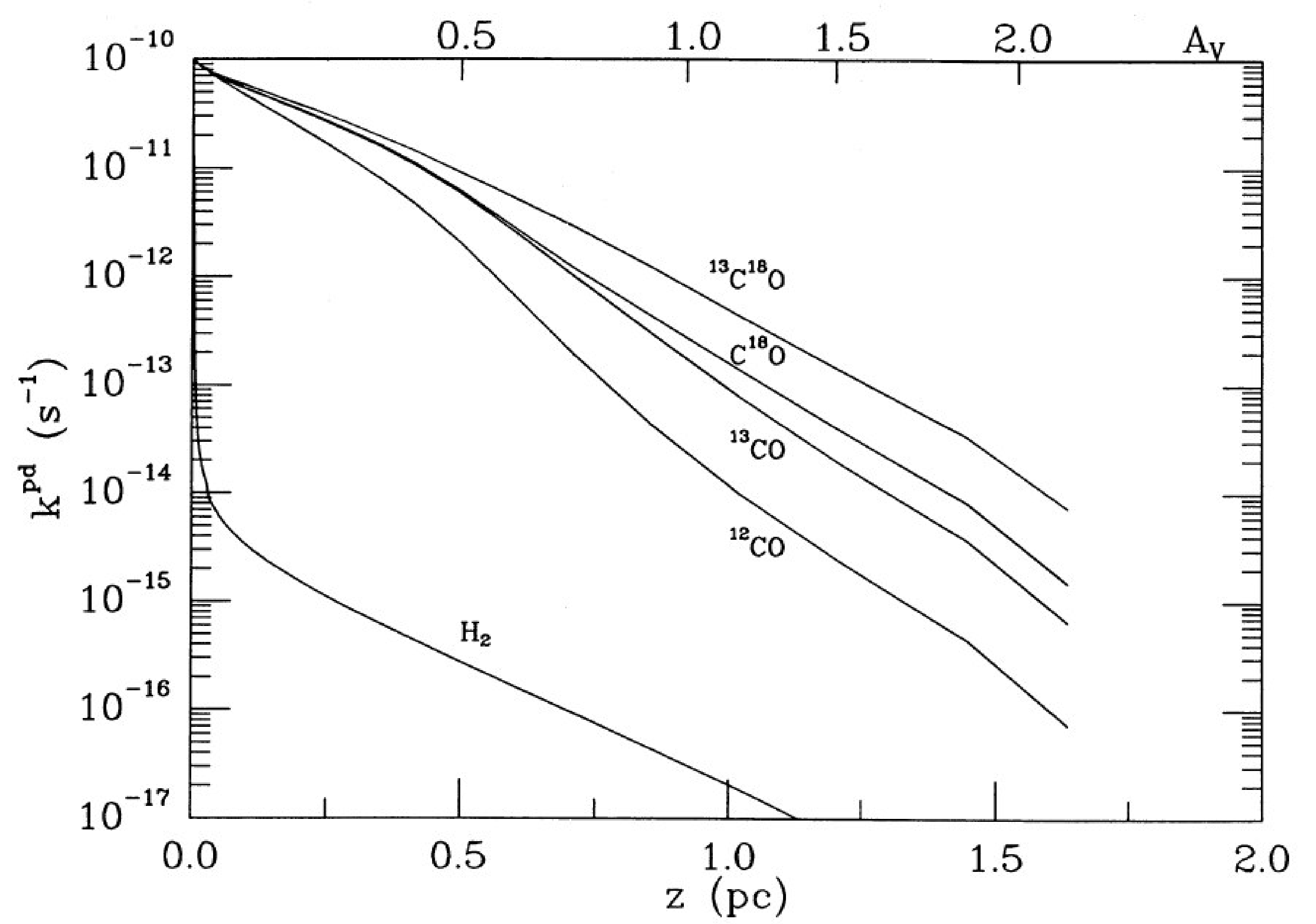
- $$\mathrm{^{13}C^{+} +^{12} CH_3 \rightleftharpoons^{13} CH_3 +^{12} C^{+}} + \Delta E$$

- ⟹ Rates unknown?

Selective photodissociation



van Dishoeck & Black (1988)

Inputs: the local $^{12}C/^{13}C$ ratio

Hawkins & Jura (1987)	43±4
Goto et al. (2003)	57±5
Langer & Penzias (1993)	62±4
Langer & Penzias (1990)	∼70
Stahl & Wilson (1992)	71±3
Stahl et al. (1983)	77±3
Goto et al. (2003)	86±49
Penzias (1983)	100±14
Vladilo et al. (1993)	98–120
Goto et al. (2003)	137±9
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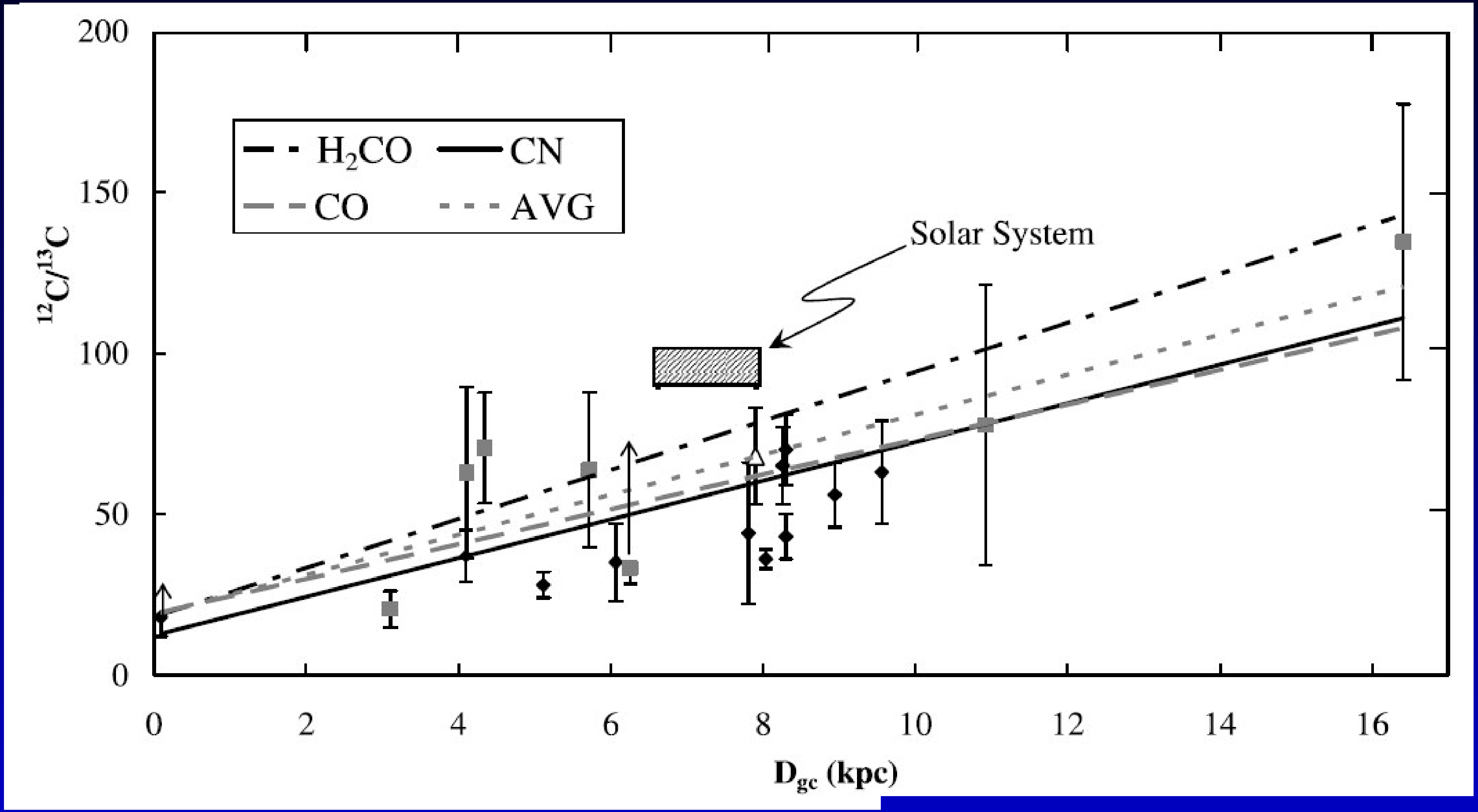
Galactic $^{12}C/^{13}C$ ratio



Milam et al. (2005)

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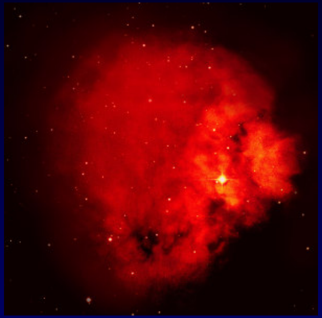
Input abundances

$\frac{^{12}\mathrm{C}+}{^{13}\mathrm{C}+}$=77 ⇒

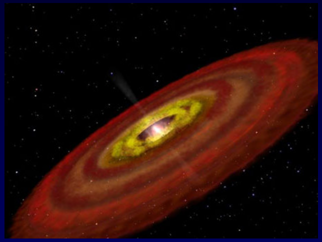


10^6 yr

⇒ $\frac{^{12}\mathrm{CO}}{^{13}\mathrm{CO}}$ =59

$\frac{^{12}\mathrm{C}}{^{13}\mathrm{C}}$ =82 ⇒

$\frac{\mathrm{H}_2^{12}\mathrm{CO}}{\mathrm{H}_2^{13}\mathrm{CO}}$=91



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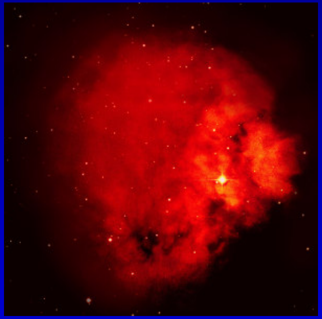
$\frac{^{12}\mathrm{C}+}{^{13}\mathrm{C}+}$=89 ⇒

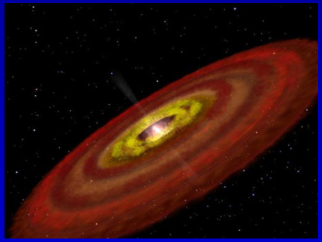


10^6 yr

⇒ $\frac{^{12}\mathrm{CO}}{^{13}\mathrm{CO}}$ =68

$\frac{^{12}\mathrm{C}}{^{13}\mathrm{C}}$ =95 ⇒

$\frac{\mathrm{H}_2^{12}\mathrm{CO}}{\mathrm{H}_2^{13}\mathrm{CO}}$=105



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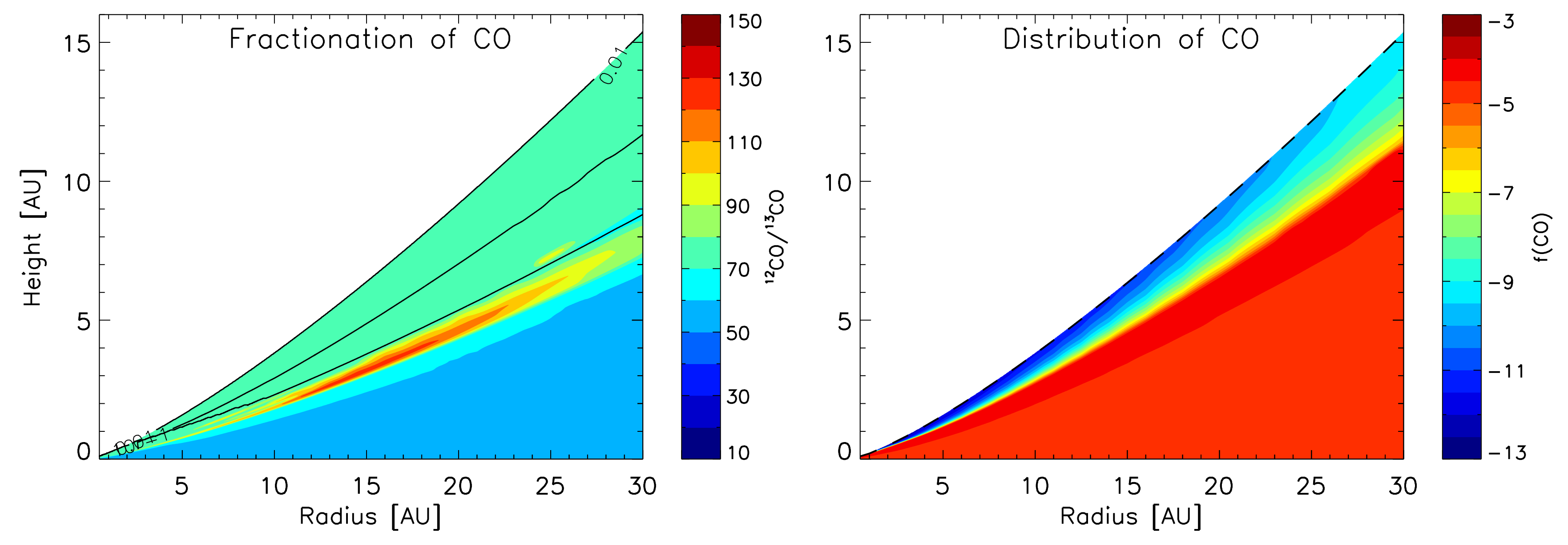
Carbon isotopes - CO



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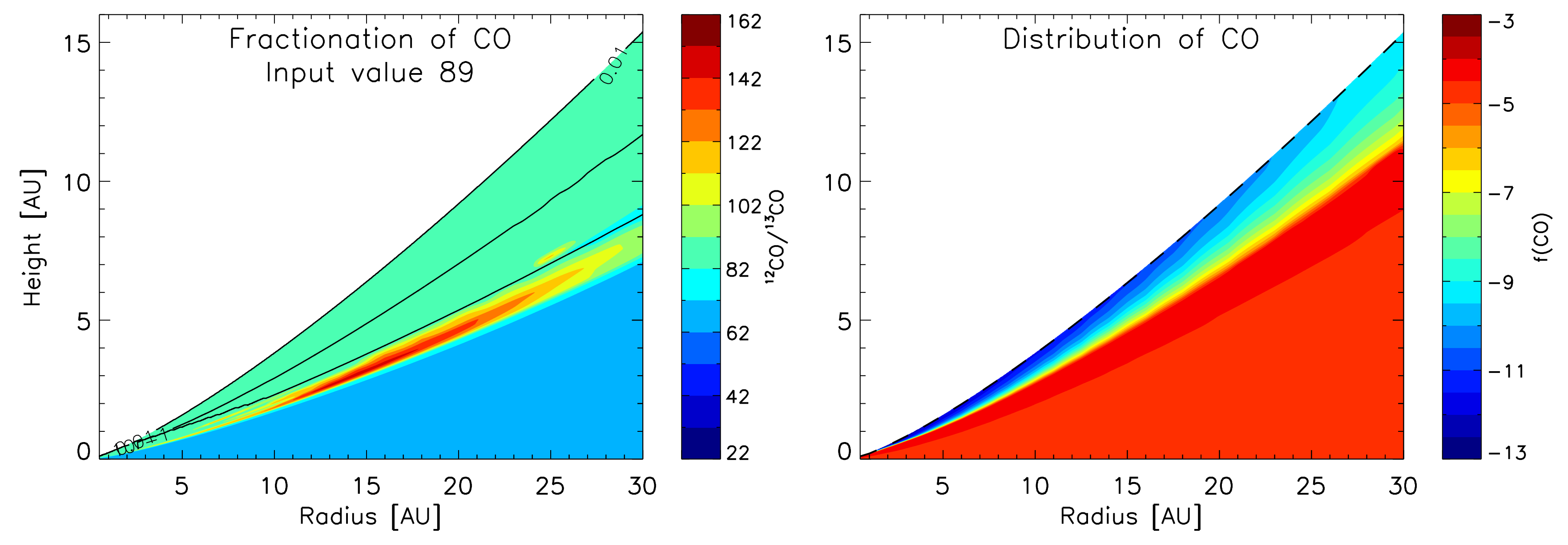

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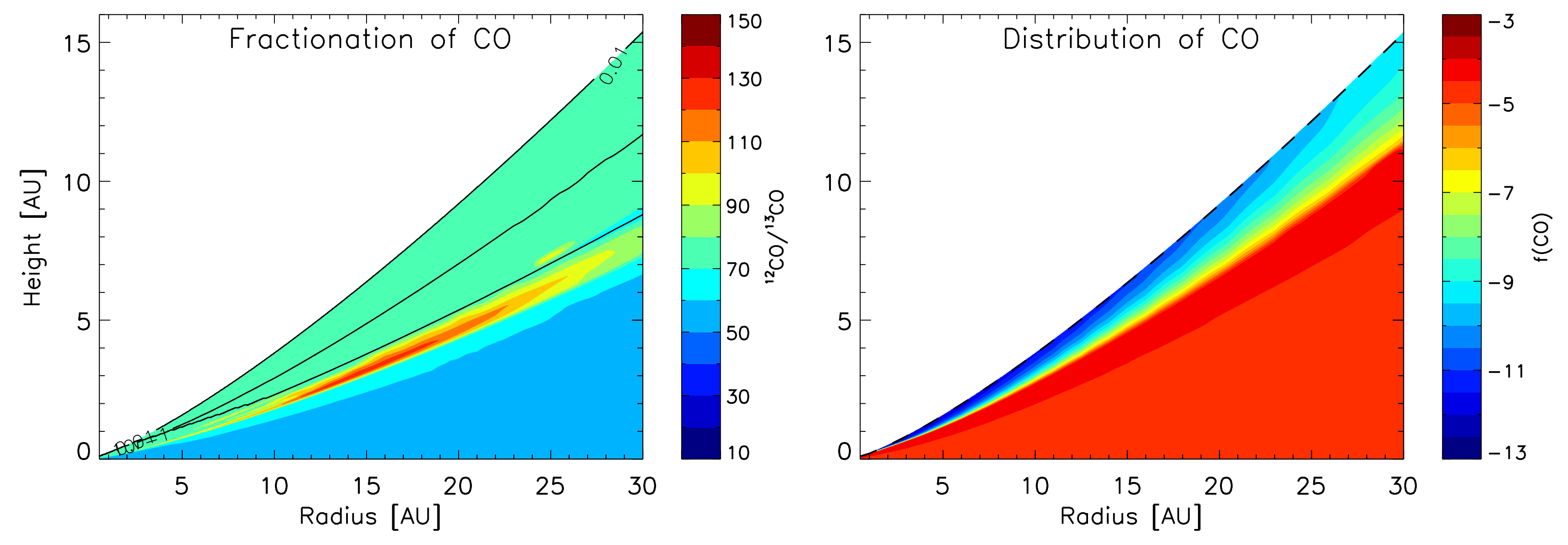

Gibb et al. (2007), GV Tau:

$T(^{12}CO) \approx 240\,K$ $\qquad ^{12}CO/^{13}CO = 54 \pm 15$

Brittain et al. (2005), HL Tau:

$T(^{12}CO) \approx 100\,K$ $\qquad ^{12}CO/^{13}CO = 76 \pm 9$

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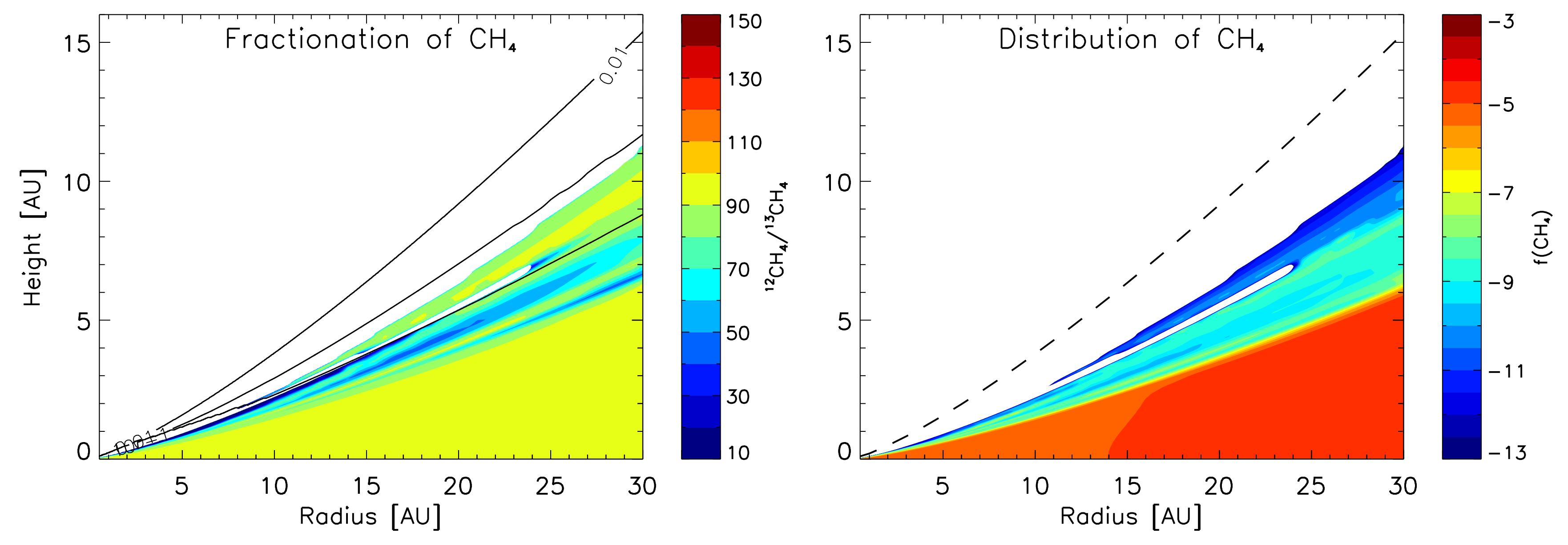
Carbon isotopes - CH_4



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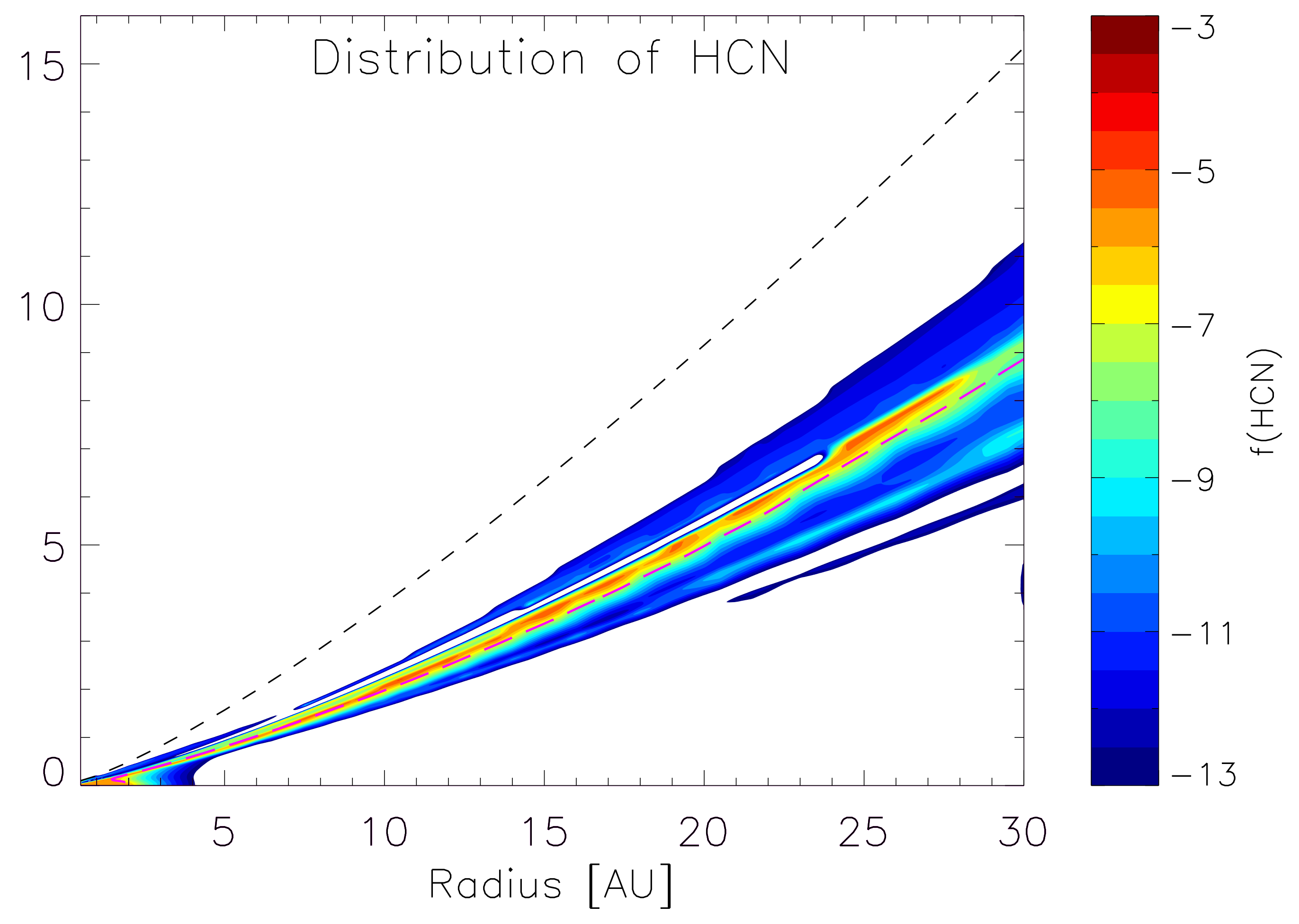

GV Tau: T(HCN) ~ 115 K (Gibb et al. 2007)

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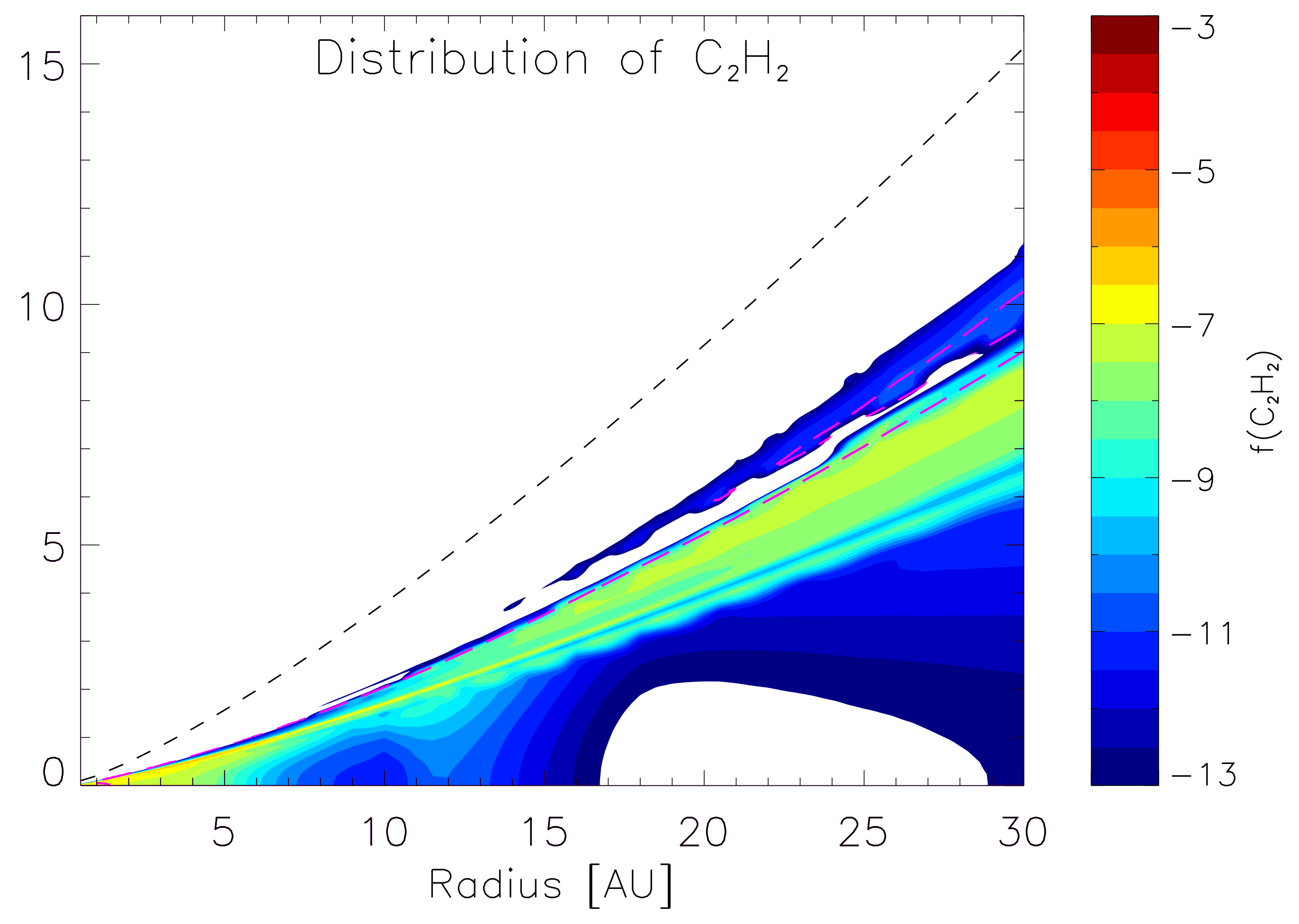

GV Tau: T(C_2H_2) $\sim$ 170 K (Gibb et al. 2007)

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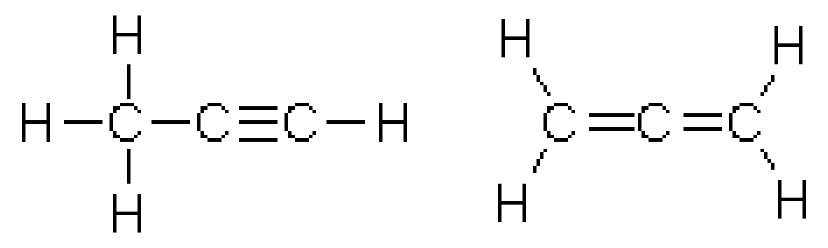

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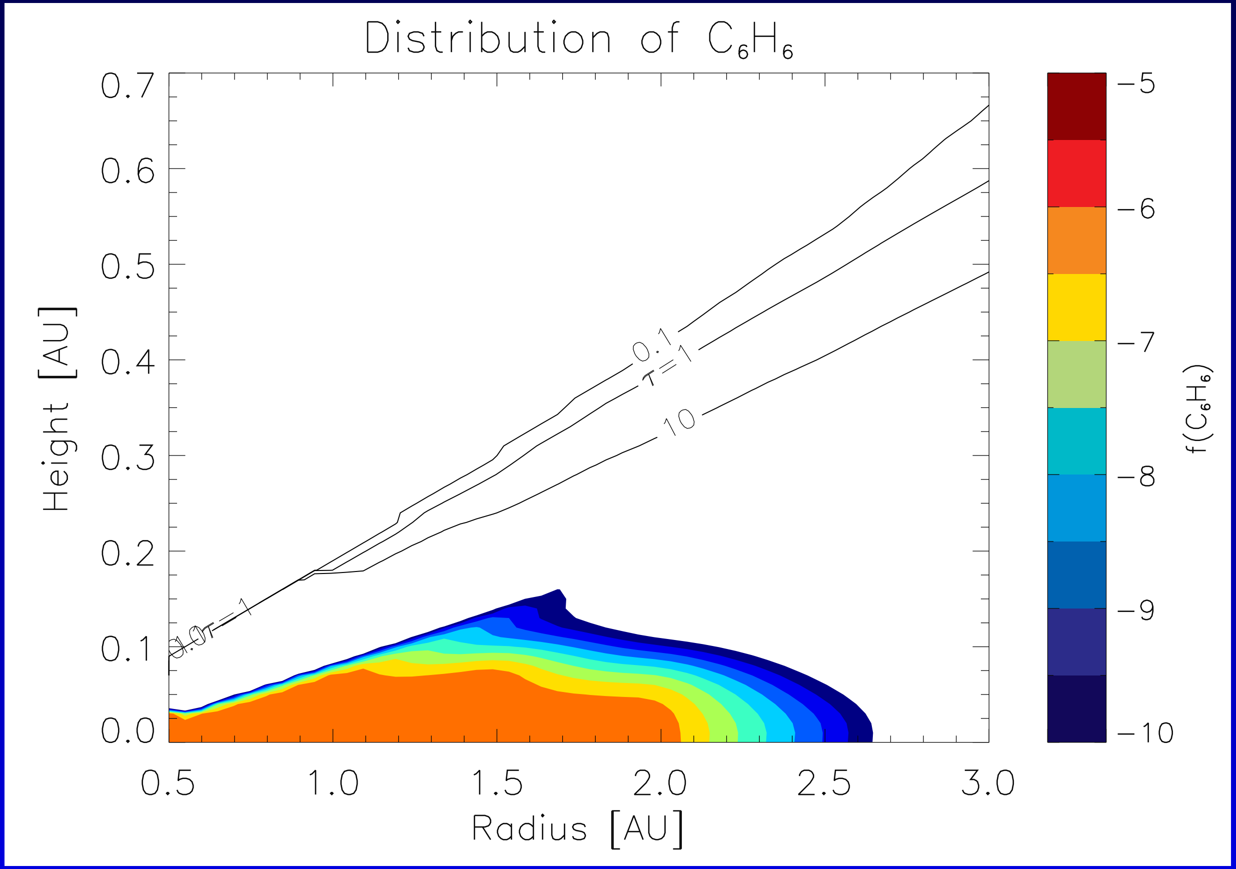
Complex species - C_6H_6

$$\begin{aligned} C_3H_4 + C_3H_4^+ &\longrightarrow c{-}C_6H_7^+ + H \\ c{-}C_6H_7^+ + \mathrm{grain} &\longrightarrow g{-}C_6H_6 + g{-}H \end{aligned}$$



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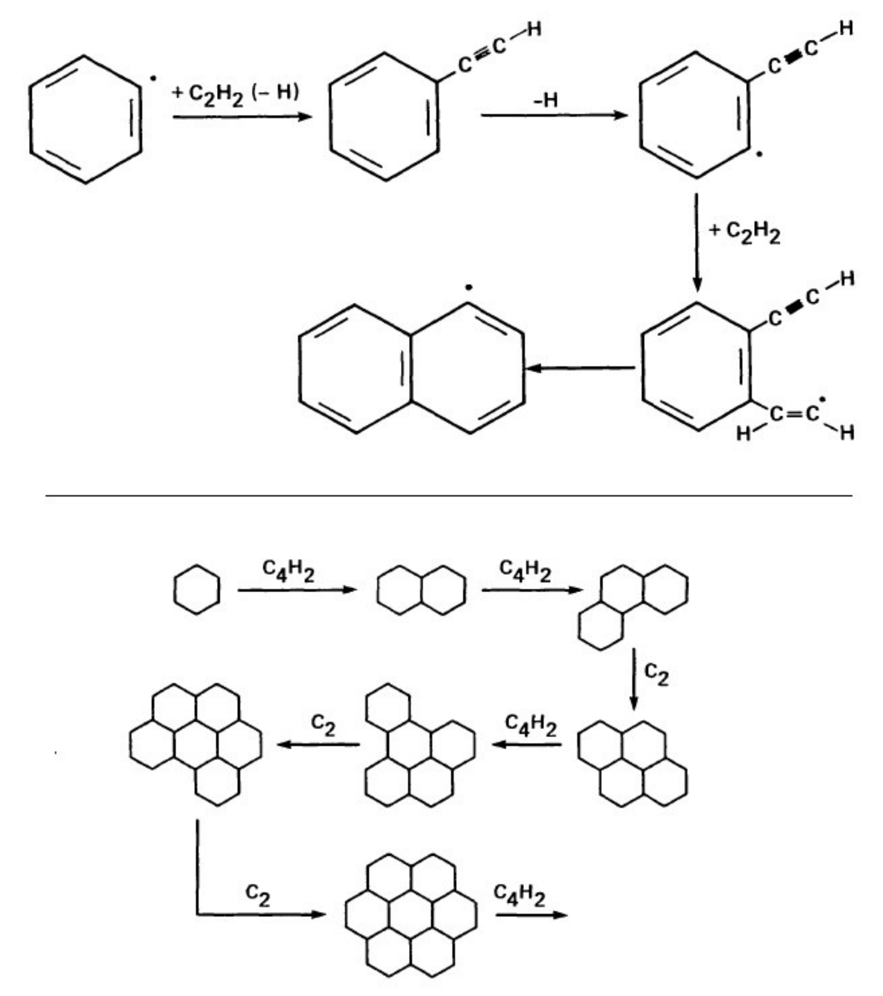
PAHs



Allamandola et al. (1989)

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PAHs

PAHs have been observed in T Tauri disks:
e.g., Geers et al. (2006)

PAHs may form in the gas phase in AGB stars:
e.g., Frenklach & Feigelson (1989), Cherchneff et al. (1992)

Regions of high density with long residency times occur in the inner regions of disks. Do the right ingredients (benzene, acetylene) mix at the right temperatures (700–1 100 K)?

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Impact of ALMA on chemistry

- ALMA will allow us to resolve different chemical regions - both vertically and radially
- Sub-arcsecond resolution at the distance of local star-forming regions such as Taurus and Orion will let us probe inside 10 AU
- ALMA will be able to probe the cold gas at R<30 AU, and discover the chemically important regions where molecules come off grains
- High spectral resolution that will help us to separate very narrow lines in the line forest
- Observers will be able to map species and physical conditions at a much higher resolution than currently possible, and help modellers to refine their models.
- Models will give observers densities, temperatures, and more importantly, the location of species of interest

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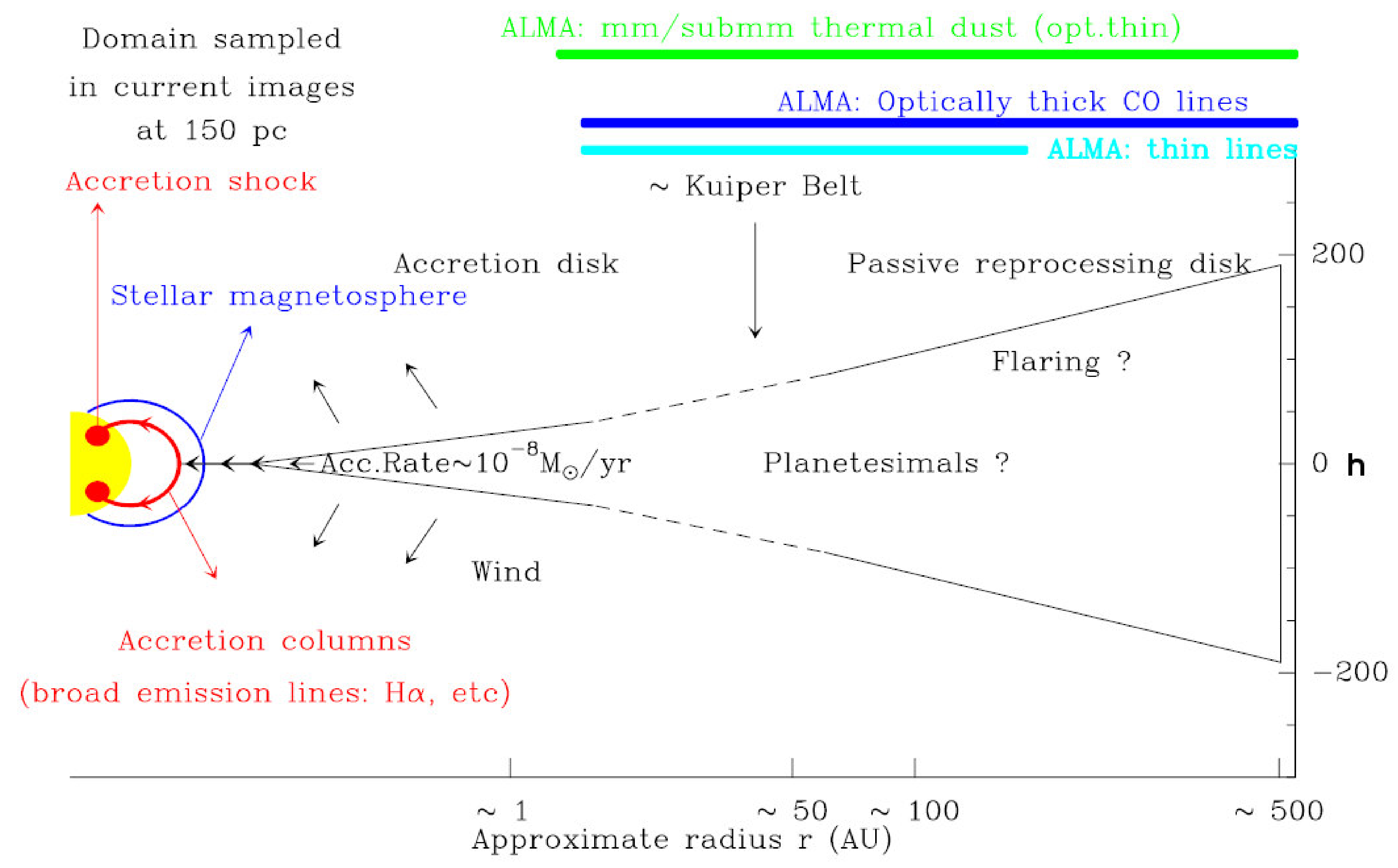

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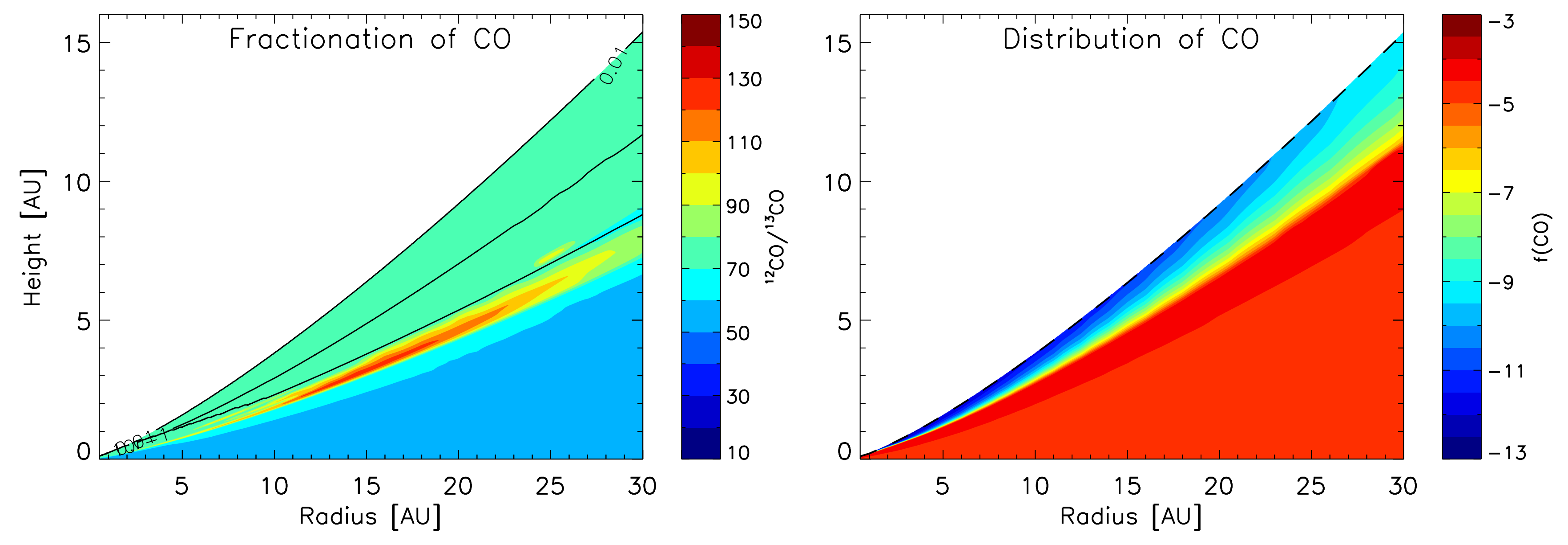

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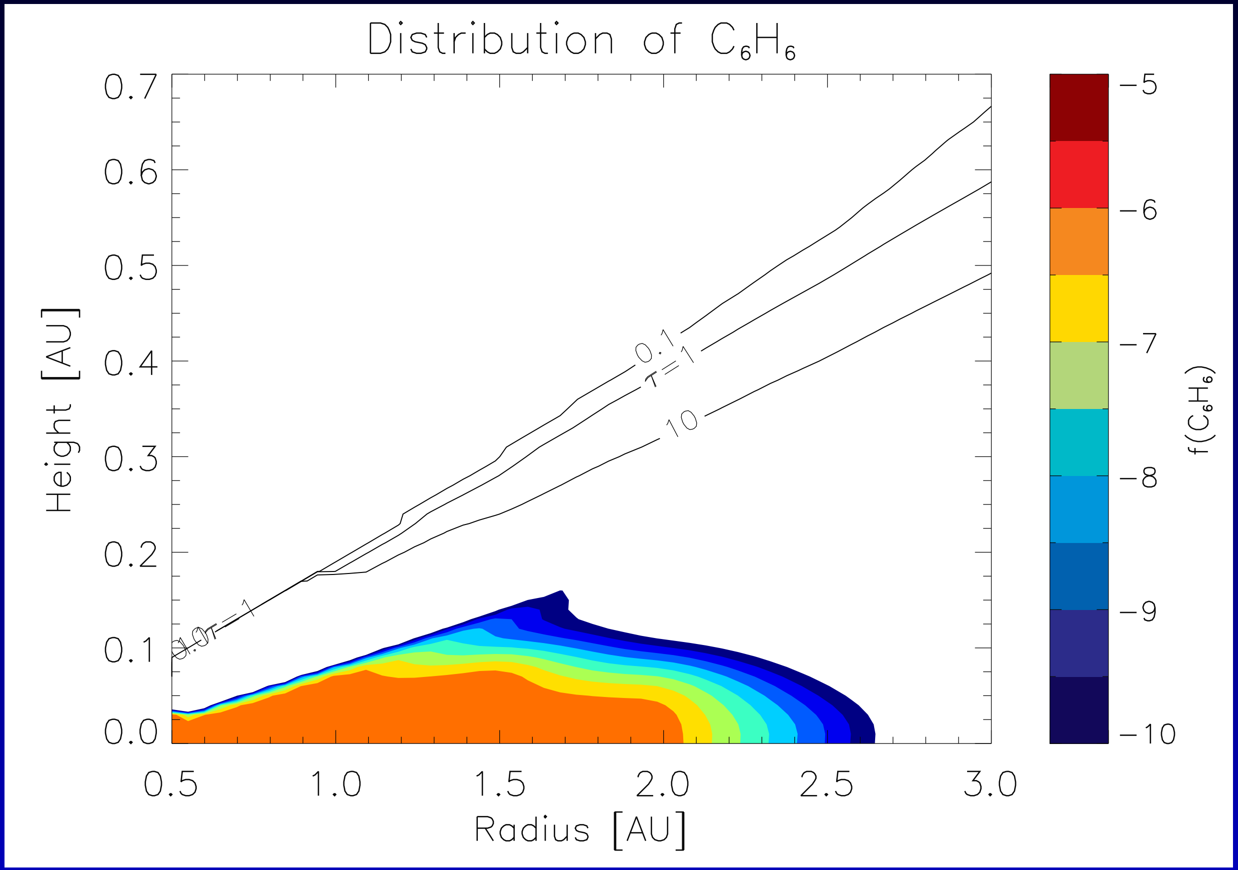

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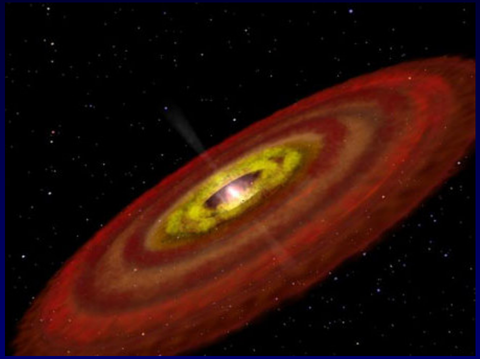

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