

# The Big, the Small and the Heavy: Chemistry in protoplanetary disks

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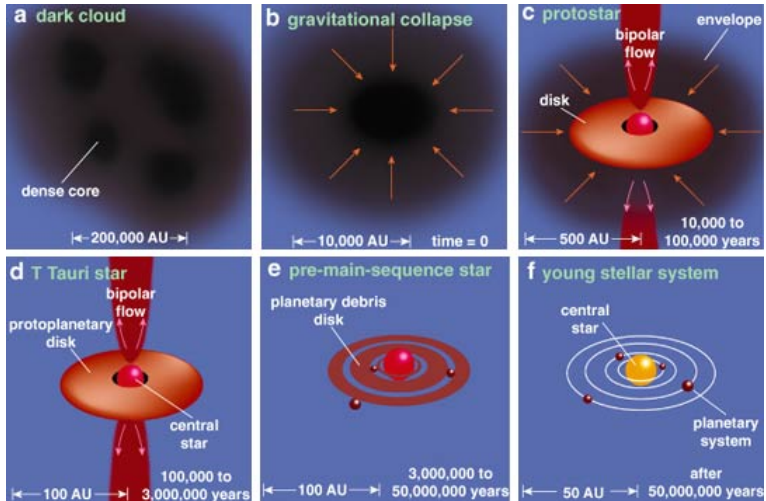
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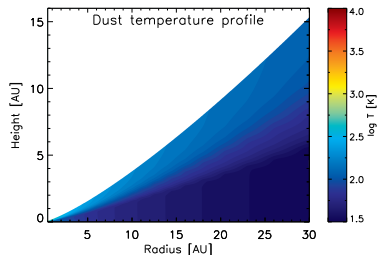
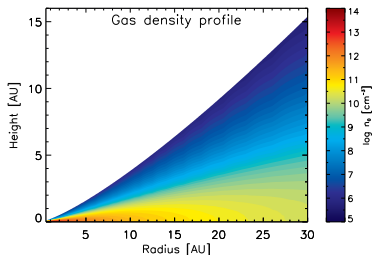
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# The low-mass star formation scenario



# Disk structure

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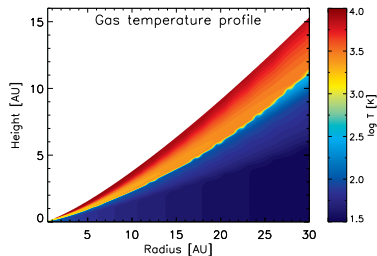
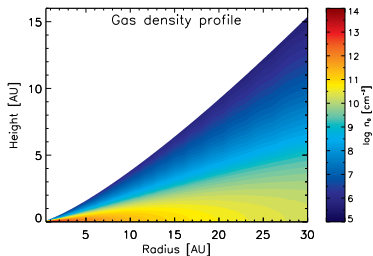


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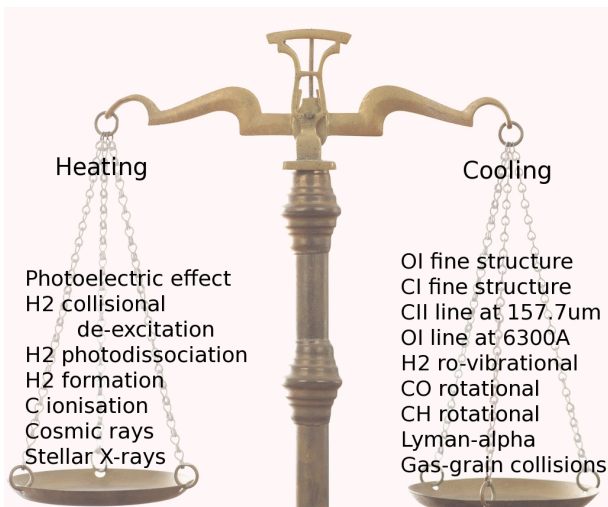
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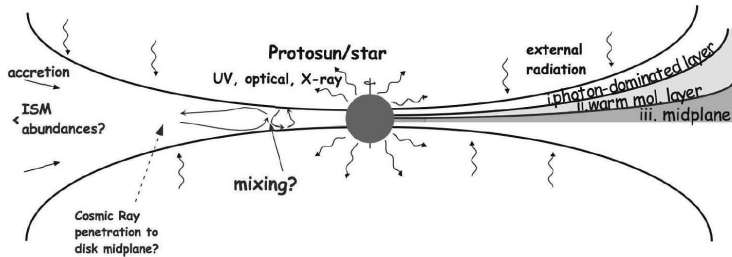


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# Heating/cooling balance



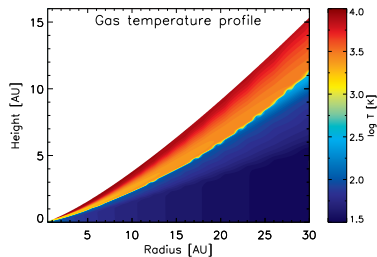
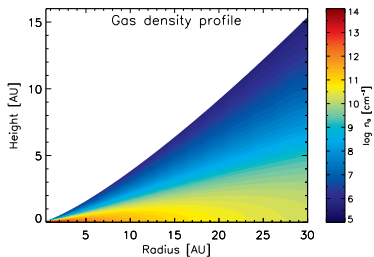
# A chemical view of disks



Bergin, PPV

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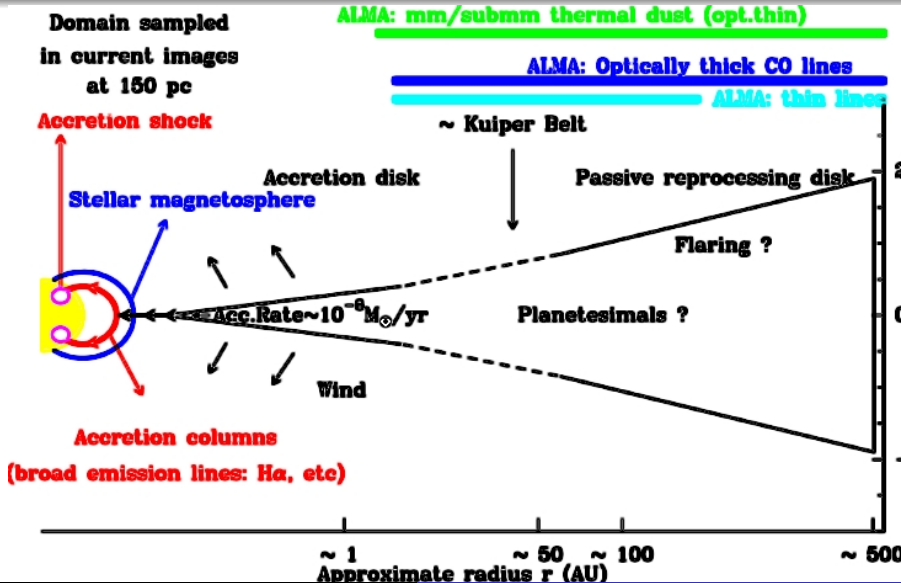


# Chemical model

A subset of the UMIST Ratefile  
([www.udfa.net](http://www.udfa.net))  
+ grain surface reactions  
+ X-ray ionisation reactions  
= around 8000 reactions  
between 475 species  
incorporating 6 elements  
Interstellar initial abundances  
3 or 4 days to run...

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# Outer disk observations

CONTINUUM AND CO/HCO<sup>+</sup> EMISSION FROM THE DISK AROUND THE  
T TAURI STAR LkCa 15

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## Organic molecules in protoplanetary disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae stars\*

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### MILLIMETER OBSERVATIONS AND MODELING OF THE AB AURIGAE SYSTEM

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### ABSTRACT

We present the results of millimeter observations and a suitable chemical and radiative transfer Aurigae (HD 31293) circumstellar disk and surrounding envelope. The integral molecular emission is studied by observing CO, C<sup>18</sup>O, CS, HCO<sup>+</sup>, DCO<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>CO, HCN, HNC, and SiO rotations with a 30 m antenna, while the disk is mapped in the HCO<sup>+</sup> (1–0) transition with the Plateau de Bure interferometer. Using a flared disk model with a vertical temperature gradient and an isothermal spherical

### Letter to the Editor

## Chemistry of Protosolar-like nebulae:

### The molecular content of the DM Tau and GG Tau disks

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**Abstract.** We report the detection of CN, HCN, HNC, CS, HCO<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>H and H<sub>2</sub>CO (ortho and para) in the protoplanetary disks of DM Tau and GG Tau. For the first time organic molecules are observed in objects representative of the presolar nebula. These molecules are underabundant with respect to the standard dense clouds. The depletions in the “outer” disk of DM Tau ( $100 < r < 300$  AU), derived from the line intensities  $\approx 5$  (for CO) to 100 (for HCN and C<sub>2</sub>H) are

L 1551 core, in a region devoid of evidence of outflowing molecular gas. T Tauri stars in the Taurus region have a mass  $M_* = 0.65 M_{\odot}$ , according to an extended disk of molecular gas (Dutrey & Guilloteau 1994). Its radius is  $r \approx 100$  AU. The Continuum and <sup>12</sup>CO J=1–0 interferometer at angular resolution  $\approx 100$  AU (1996, G96), show a compact disk at the center of the CO disk with the dust disk is  $M_d \sim 0.03 M_{\odot}$  and the cross section  $\kappa_d(\nu) = 0.1 \times (r/100 \text{ AU})^{-1}$ . GG Tau is a young binary

close – circumstellar  
stars

### REPORTS

## X-ray and Molecular Emission from the Nearest Region of Recent Star Formation

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The isolated, young, sunlike star TW Hya and four other young stars in its vicinity are strong x-ray sources. Their similar x-ray and optical properties indicate that the stars make up a physical association that is on the order of 20 million years old and that lies between about 40 and 60 parsecs (between about 130 and 200 light years) from Earth. TW Hya itself displays circumstellar CO, HCN, CN, and HCO<sup>+</sup> emission. These molecules probably orbit the star in a solar-system-sized disk viewed more or less face-on, whereas the star is likely viewed pole-on. Being at least three times closer to Earth than any well-studied region of star formation, the TW Hya Association serves as a test-bed for the study of x-ray emission from young stars and the formation of planetary systems around sunlike stars.

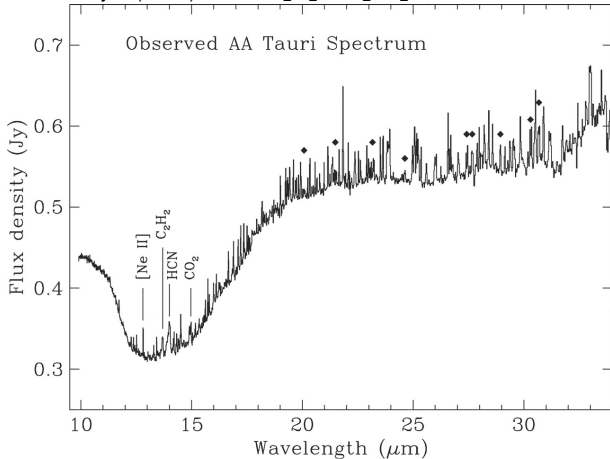


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# Inner disk observations

Carr & Najita (2008): HCN, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, OH detected with Spitzer.



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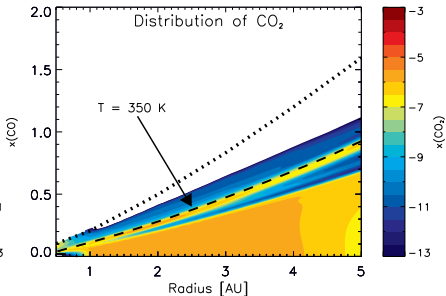
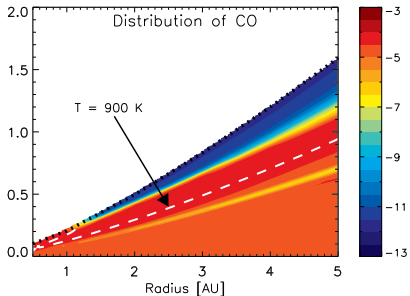
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# AA Tau molecules

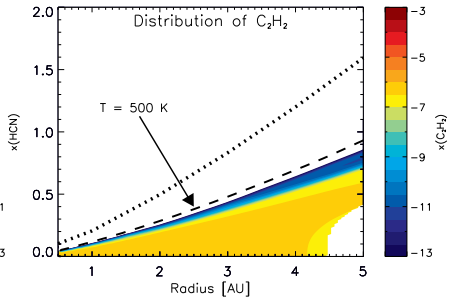
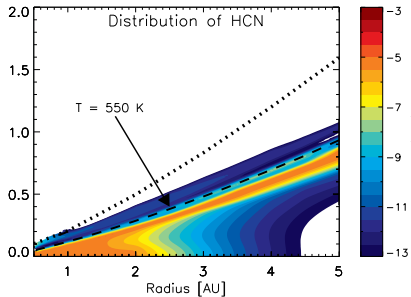
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CO	900±100 K	1.0	1.0
CO <sub>2</sub>	350±100 K	0.004-0.26	0.06
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	650±150 K	0.016	0.03
HCN	650±100 K	0.13	0.23
H <sub>2</sub> O	575±50 K	1.3	6.2
OH	525±50 K	0.18	6×10 <sup>-5</sup>

Carr & Najita (2008)

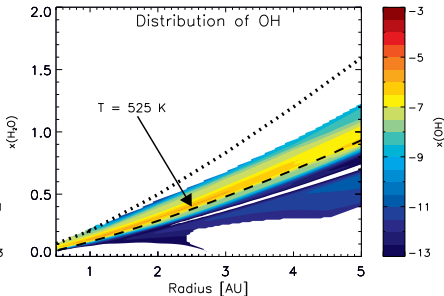
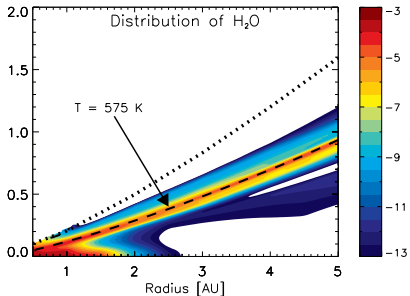
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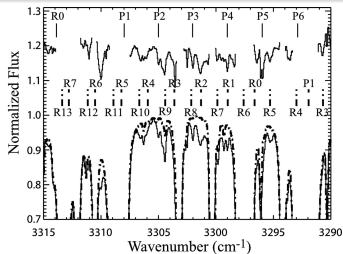
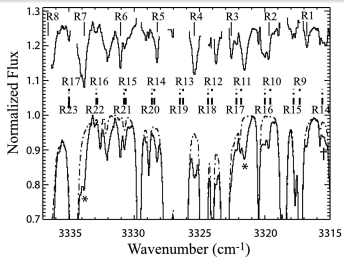


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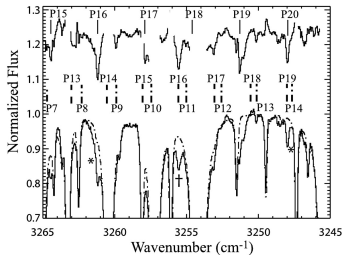
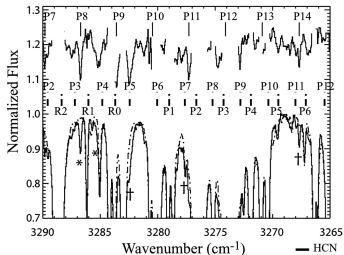
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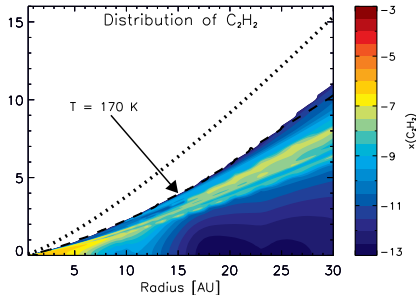
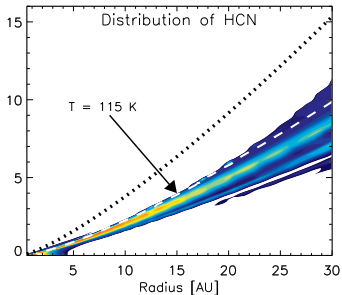
Gibb et al. (2007)  
 GV Tau



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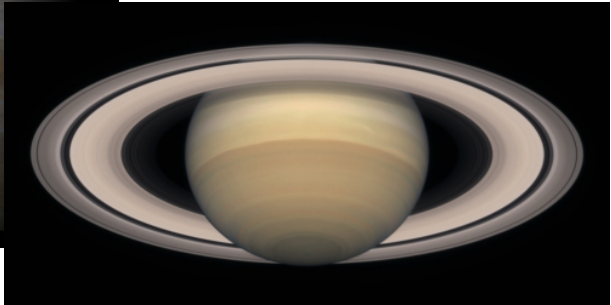
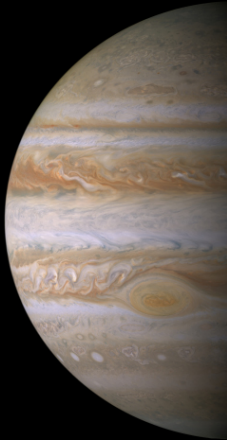
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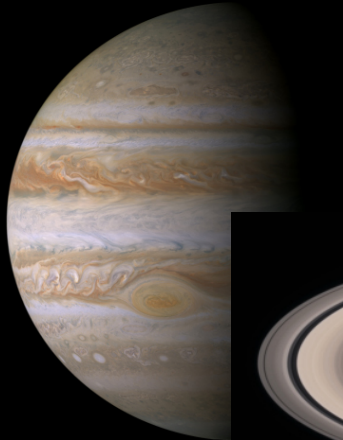
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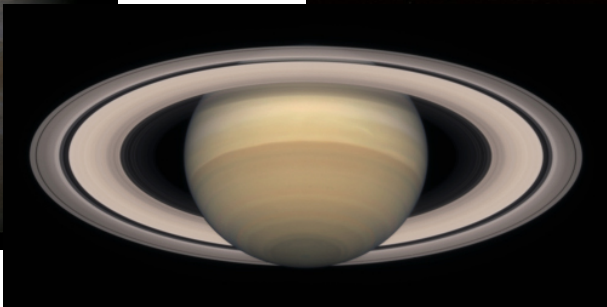
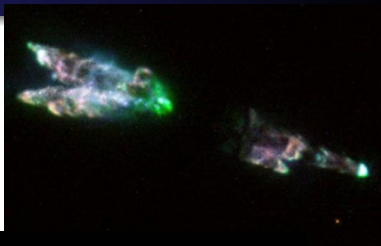
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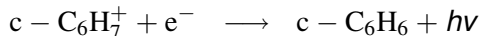
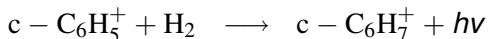
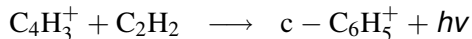
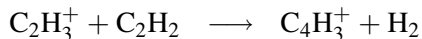
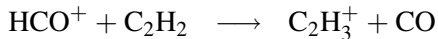
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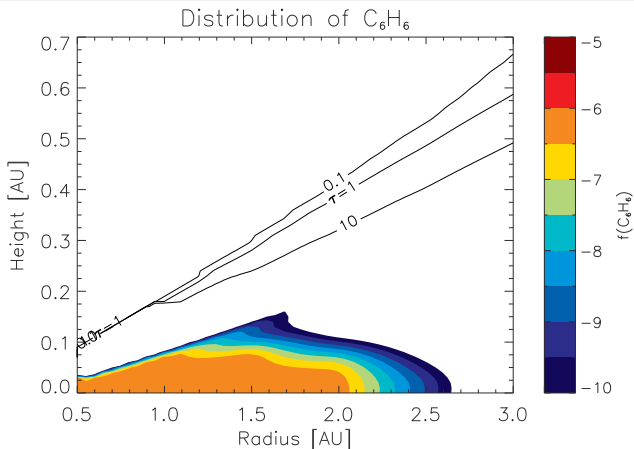
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# Benzene in the disks of evolved stars



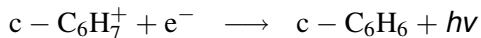
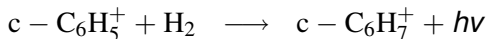
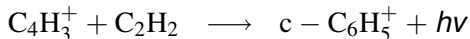
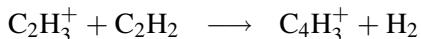
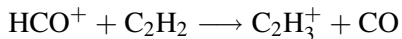
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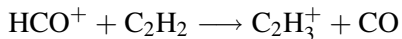


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## Benzene in the disks of T Tauri stars



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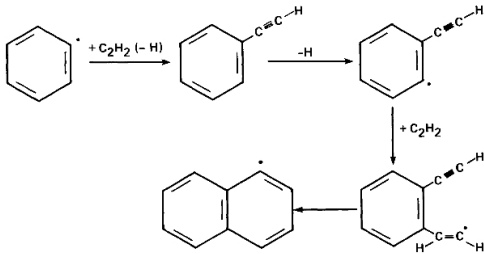
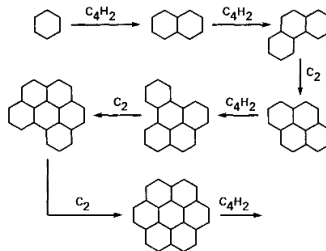
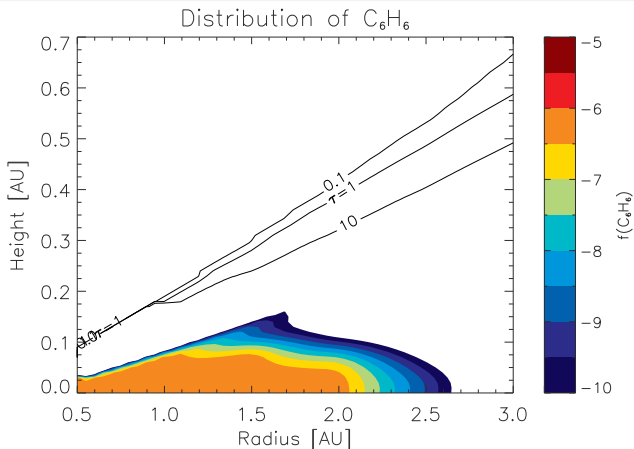


FIG. 23a



Allamandola  
 et al. (1989)

# Benzene in protoplanetary disks



## PAHs in protoplanetary disks?

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)?

## Mini-summary

- Our model matches observations of small molecules very well!
- Benzene and similarly complex molecules could also be present in PPDs
- [CII] lines could give us a quick measure of  $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  ratios in PPDs
- $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  ratios in PPDs do not tally with those in the Solar System

## 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 (Pietu et al. 2007, Dartois et al. 2003)
- Allow us to trace molecules which may be optically thick ( $^{12}\text{CO}$  vs.  $^{13}\text{CO}$ )
- Label various regions of the disk

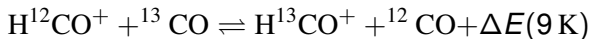
# Isotope exchange reactions



Rate measured by Watson et al. (1976), Smith & Adams (1980)

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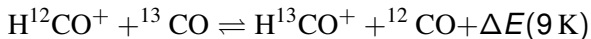


$$k_{\text{for}} = 3.3 \times 10^{-10} (T/300 \text{ K})^{-0.448}$$

$$k_{\text{rev}} = k_{\text{for}} \exp(-35 \text{ K}/T)$$

Woods & Willacy (2008, in review)

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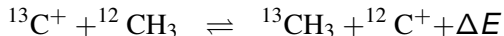
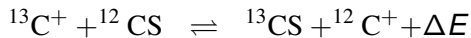
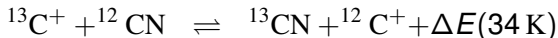


$$k_{\text{for}} = 2.6 \times 10^{-10} (T/300 \text{ K})^{-0.277}$$

$$k_{\text{rev}} = k_{\text{for}} \exp(-9 \text{ K}/T)$$

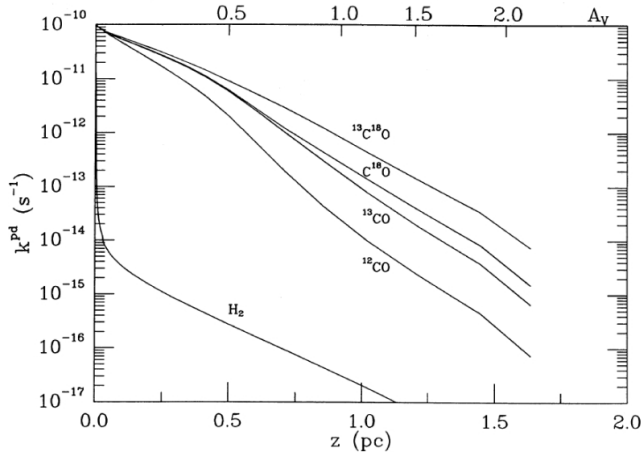
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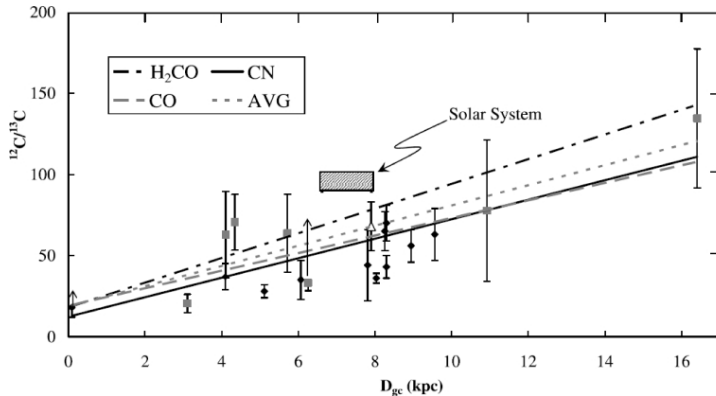
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# Selective photodissociation



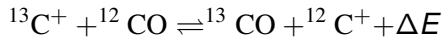
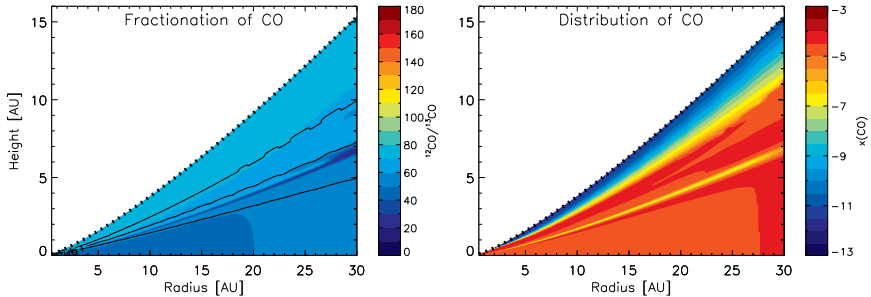
van Dishoeck & Black (1988)

# Galactic $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio

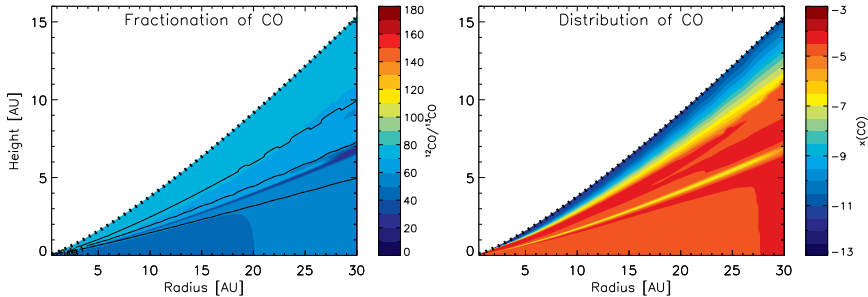


Milam et al. (2005)

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Gibb et al. (2007), GV Tau:

$T(^{12}\text{CO}) \approx 240 \text{ K}$

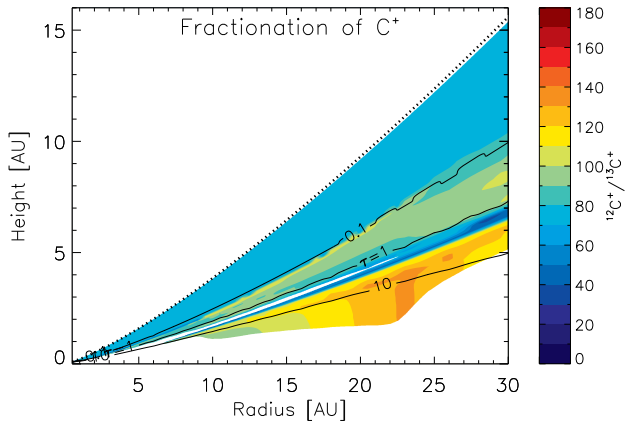
$^{12}\text{CO}/^{13}\text{CO} = 54 \pm 15$

Brittain et al. (2005), HL Tau:

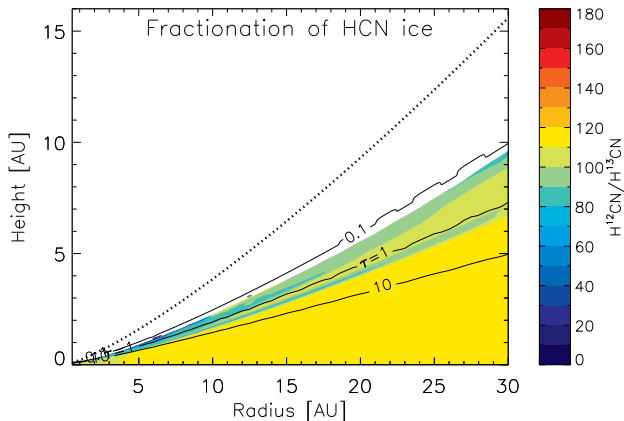
$T(^{12}\text{CO}) \approx 100 \text{ K}$

$^{12}\text{CO}/^{13}\text{CO} = 76 \pm 9$

# Results - C<sup>+</sup>

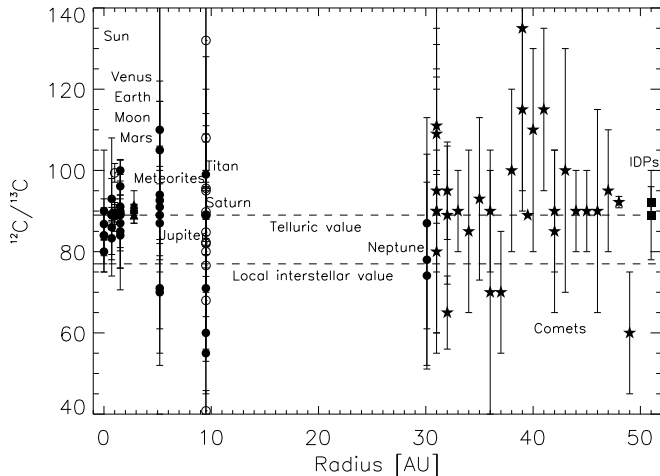


## Results - HCN ice





# Solar System comparison



# Summary

- Our model matches observations of small molecules very well!
- Benzene and similarly complex molecules could also be present in PPDs
- [CII] lines could give us a quick measure of  $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  ratios in PPDs
- $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  ratios in PPDs do not tally with those in the Solar System
- Future work
  - PAHs forming *in situ* in disks?
  - Oxygen isotopes in the protosolar nebula