

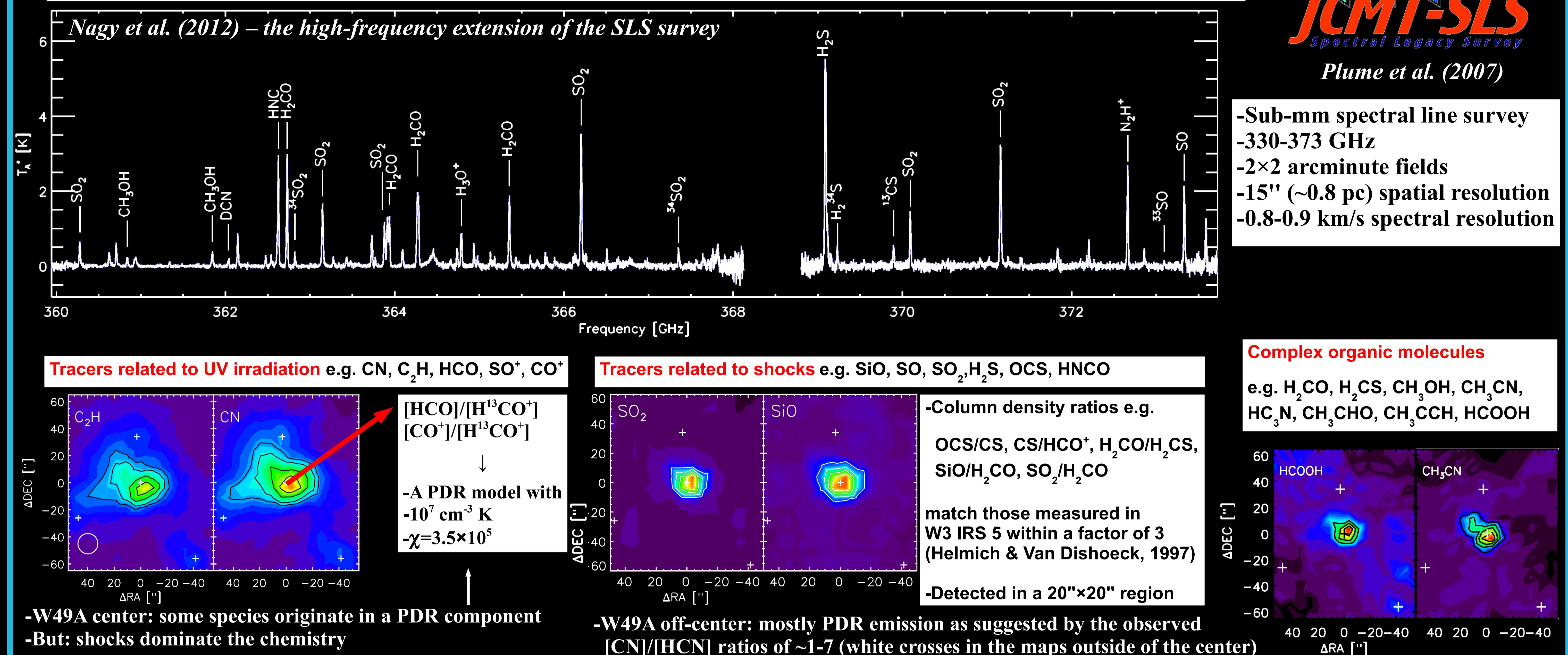
Molecular line tracers of high-mass star forming regions*

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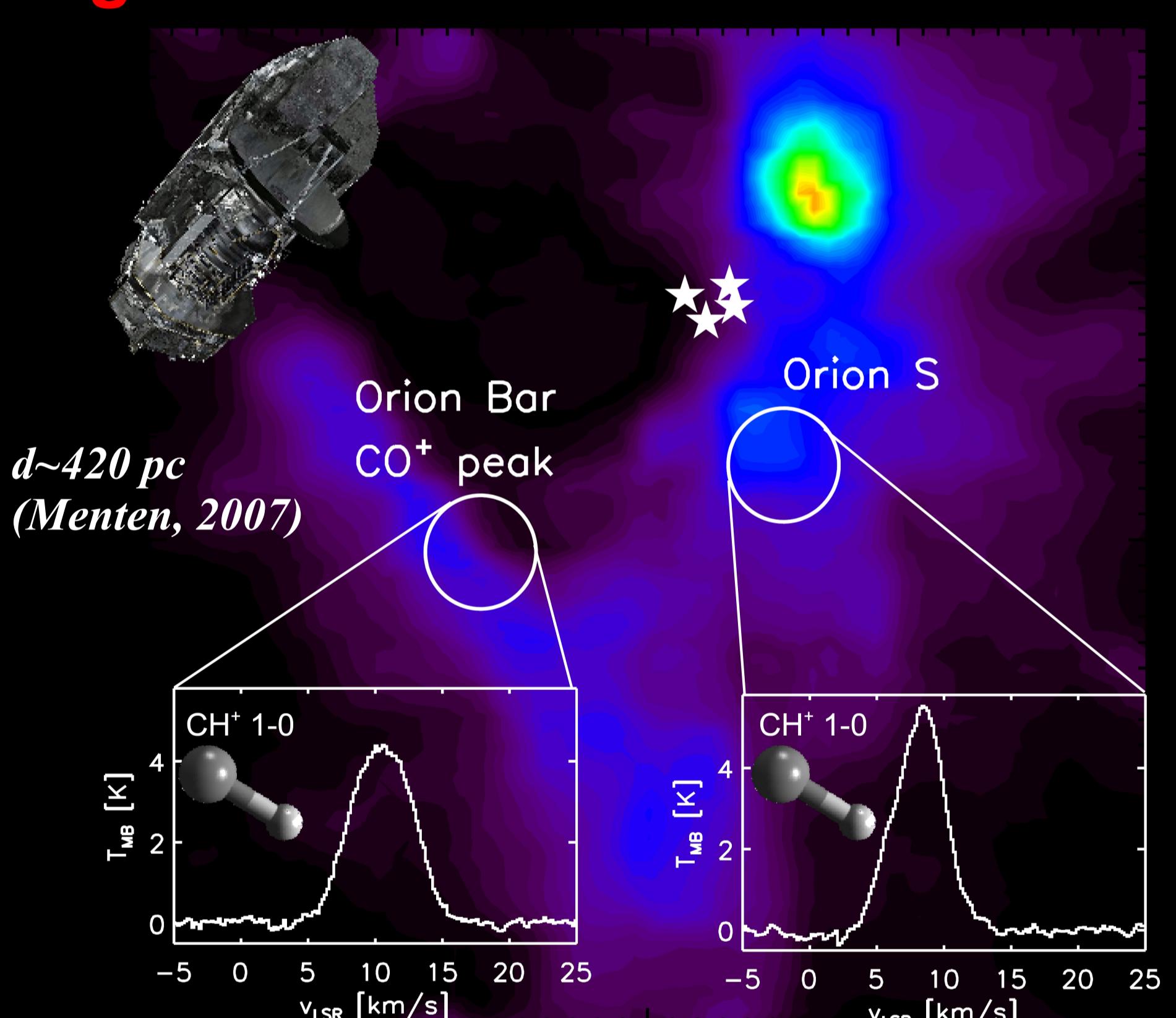
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Signatures of shocks, UV irradiation, and hot cores: W49A

W49A: luminous ($>10^7 L_\odot$) and massive ($\sim 10^6 M_\odot$) star-forming region (Sievers et al. 1991) at a distance of 11.4 kpc (Gwinn et al. 1992).

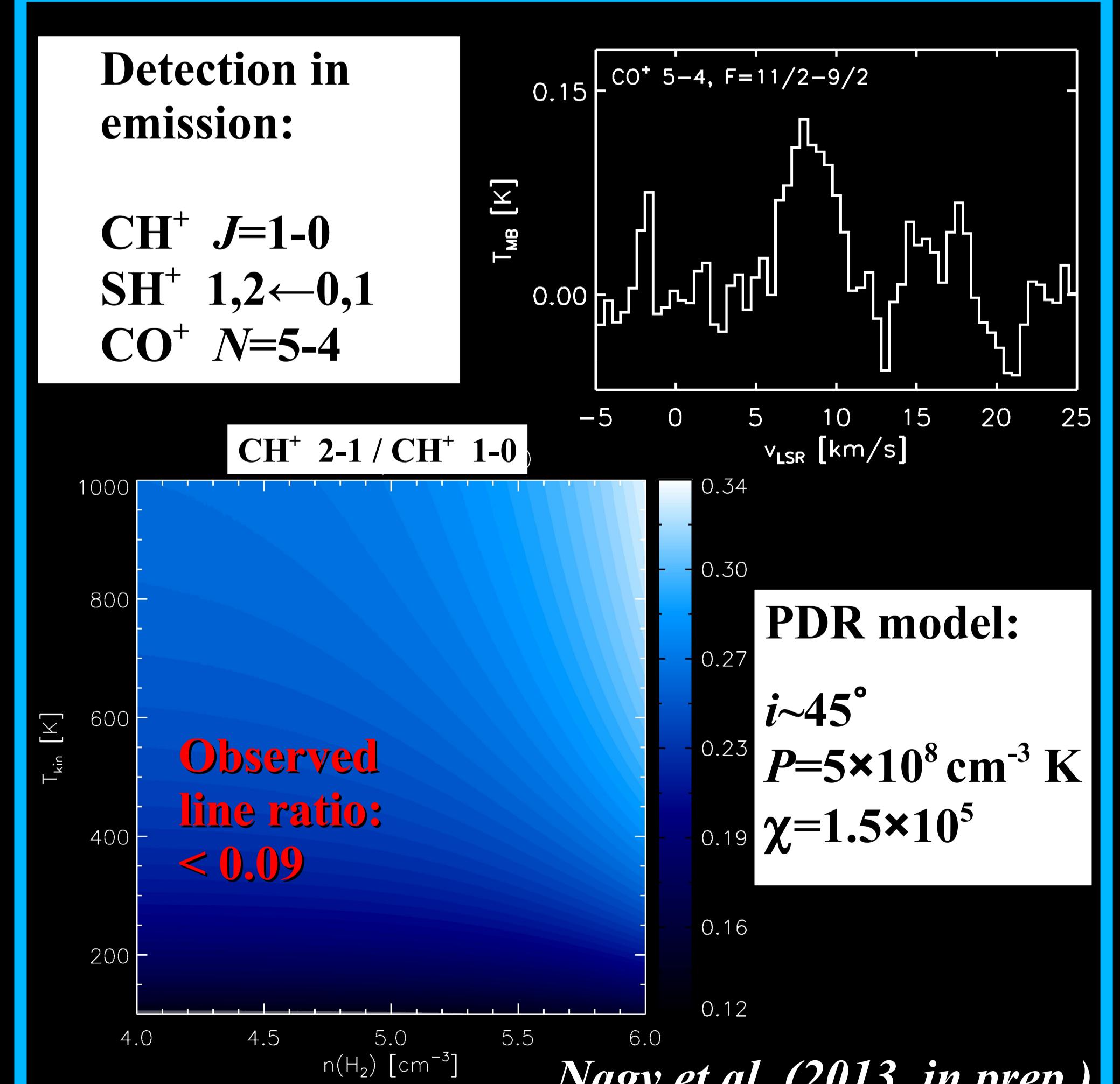


Signatures of UV irradiation: Orion



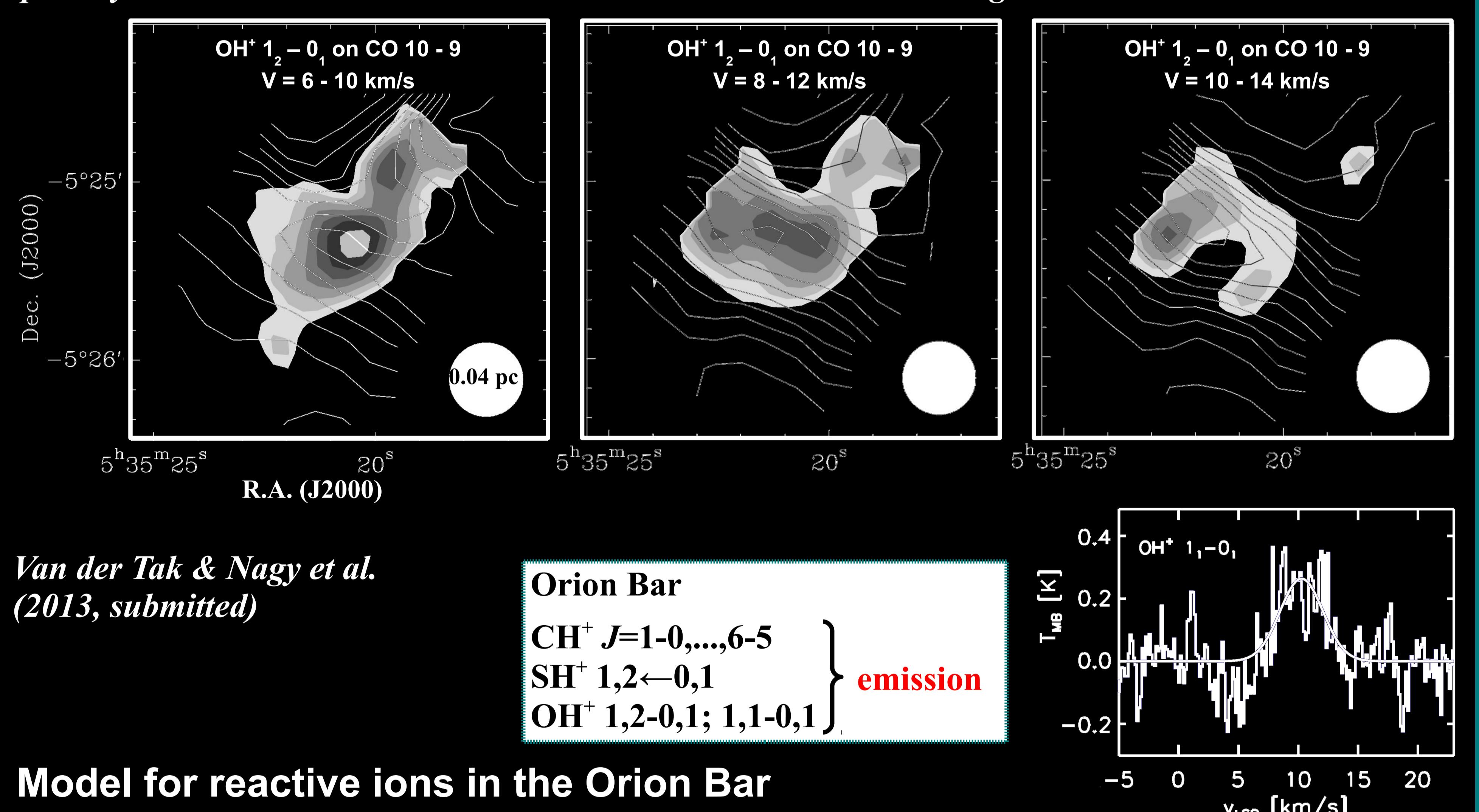
Line survey of the HEXOS key program (PI: E. Bergin): the detection of reactive ions toward the Orion Bar and Orion S

Orion S



Orion Bar

Spatially extended OH⁺ emission toward the Orion Bar and Orion Ridge



Model for reactive ions in the Orion Bar

-Meudon code
(Le Petit et al., 2006, Goicoechea & Le Bourlot, 2007, Gonzalez-Garcia et al., 2008)

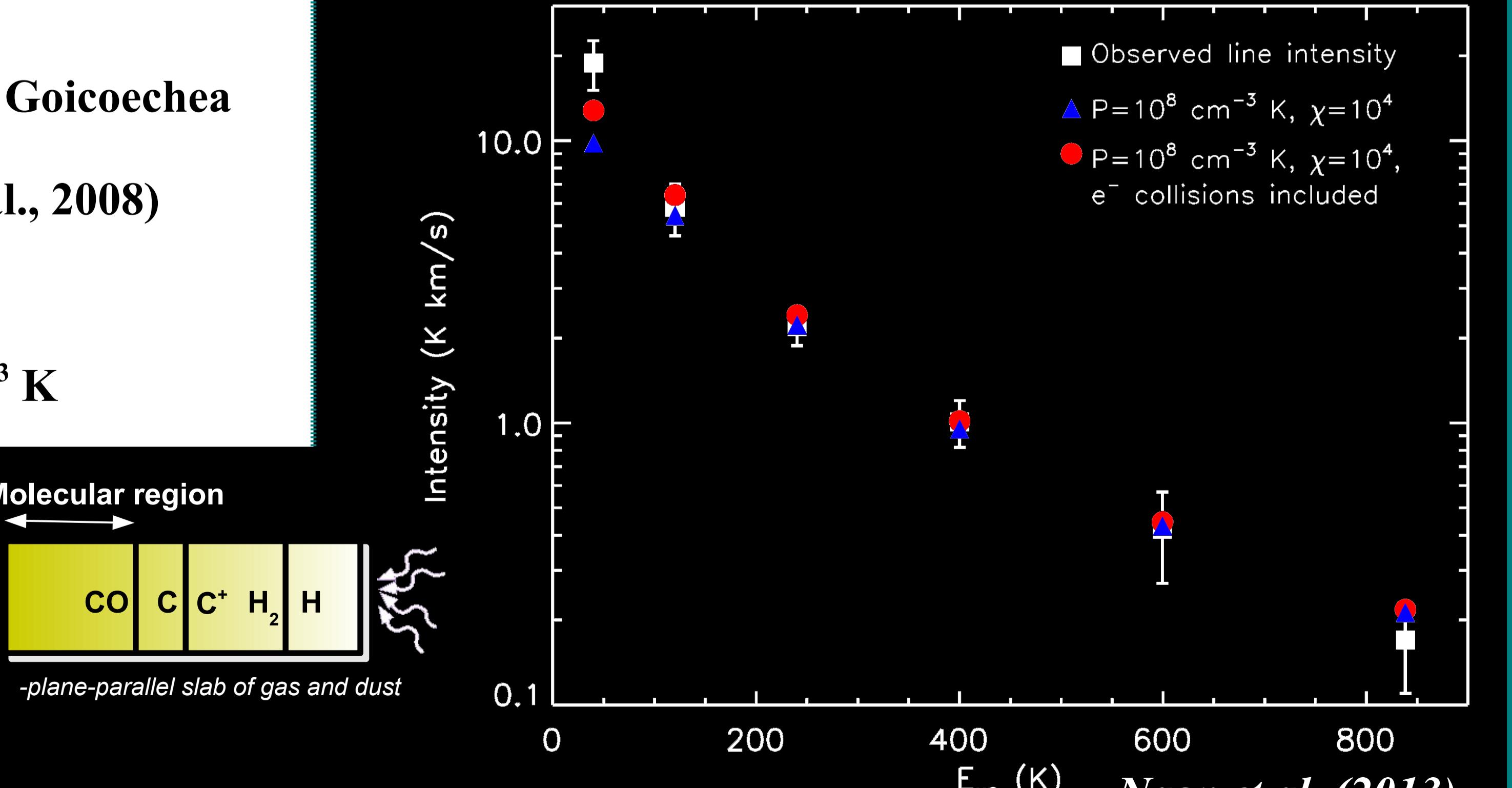
-Isobaric models

-P=5×10⁷ - 2×10⁸ cm⁻³ K

-A_{V,max} = 10

-χ_{obs} = 7×10³ - 3×10⁴

-χ_{back} = χ_{obs} / 100



CH⁺ and SH⁺ formation: reactions with vibrationally excited H₂

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