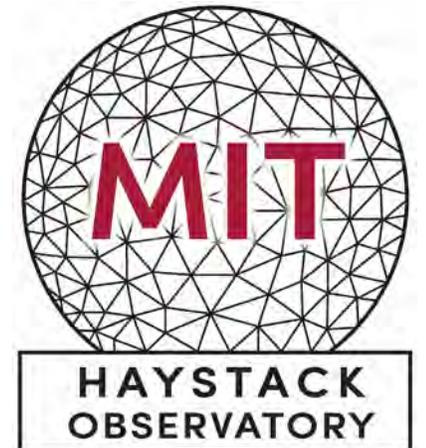




# How Much Deuterium is in our Galactic Center?

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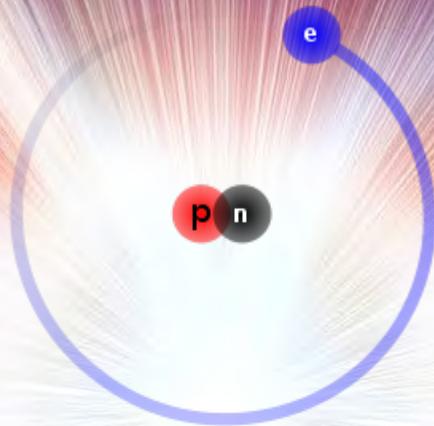


# Intro to Deuterium

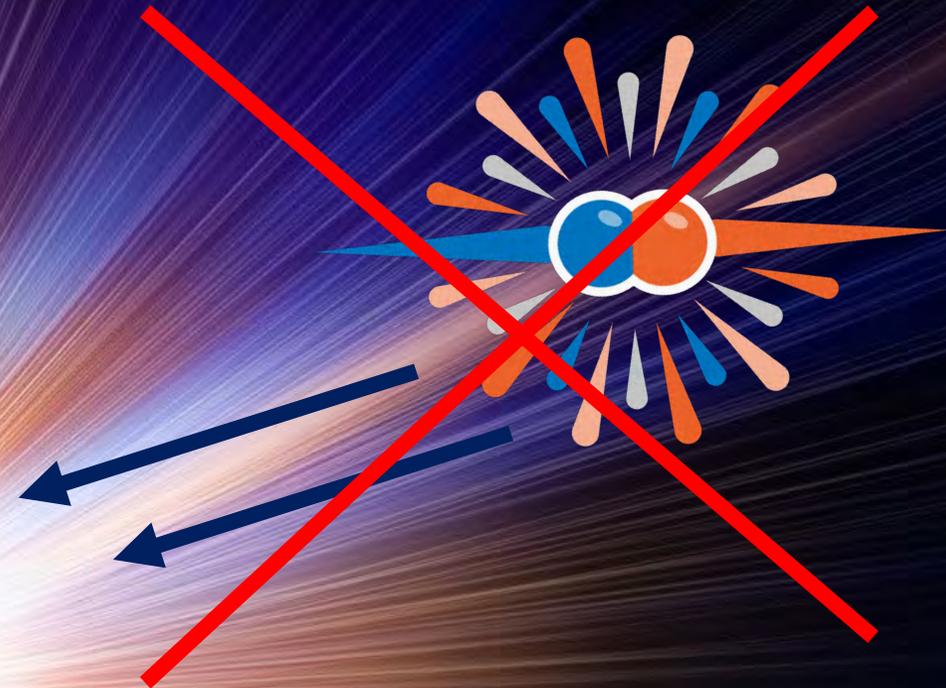
Big Bang  
Nucleosynthesis



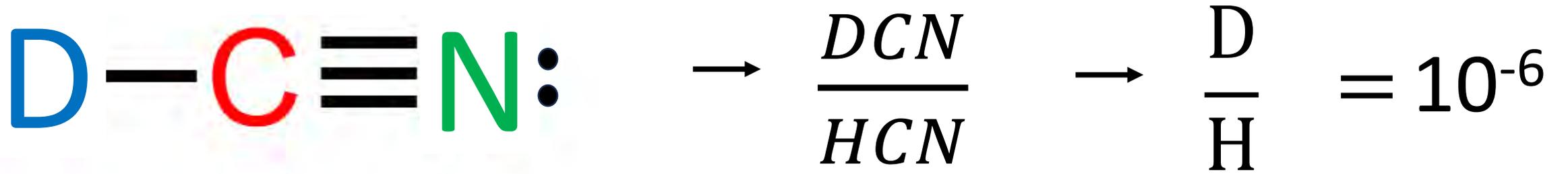
$$\frac{D}{H} = 3 \times 10^{-5}$$



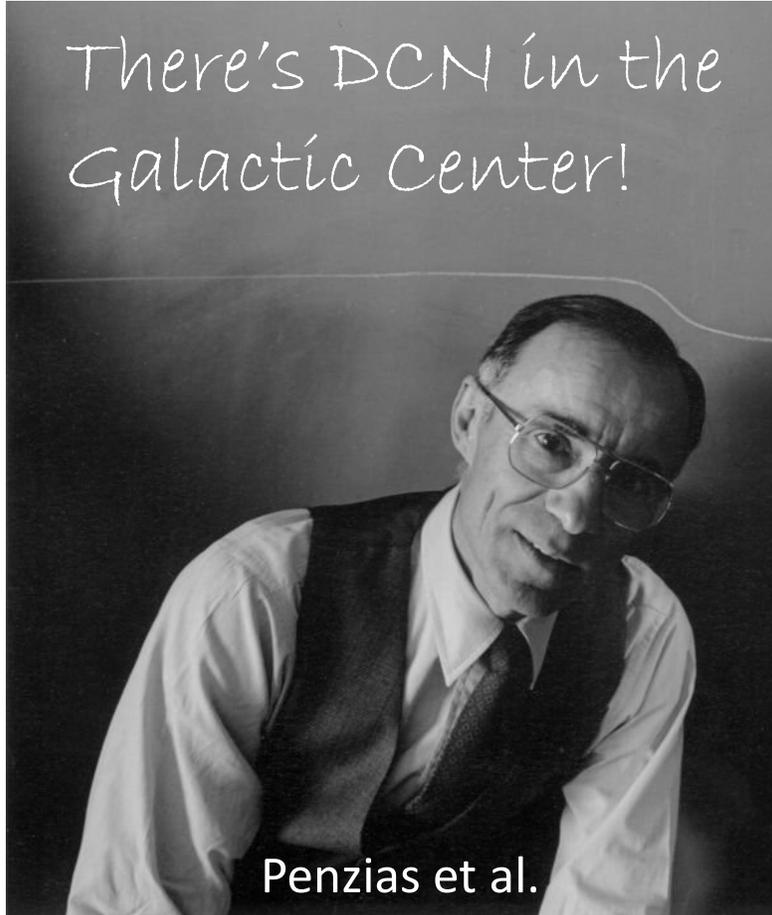
Deuterium



$$\frac{D}{H} = 10^{-12}$$



There's DCN in the  
Galactic Center!

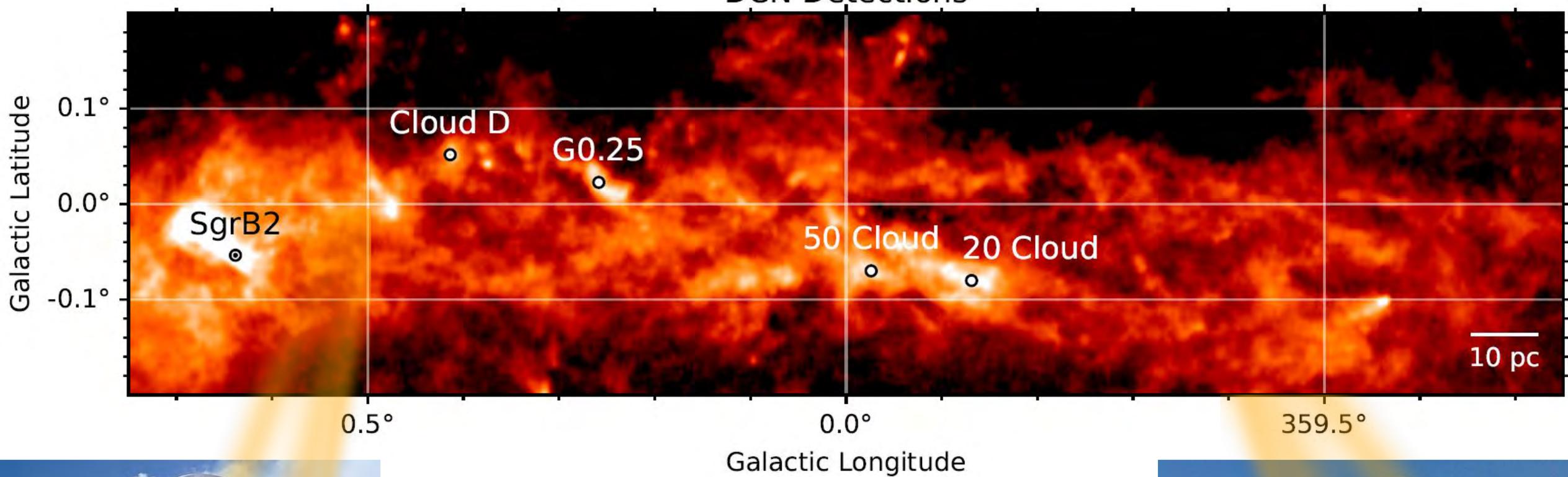


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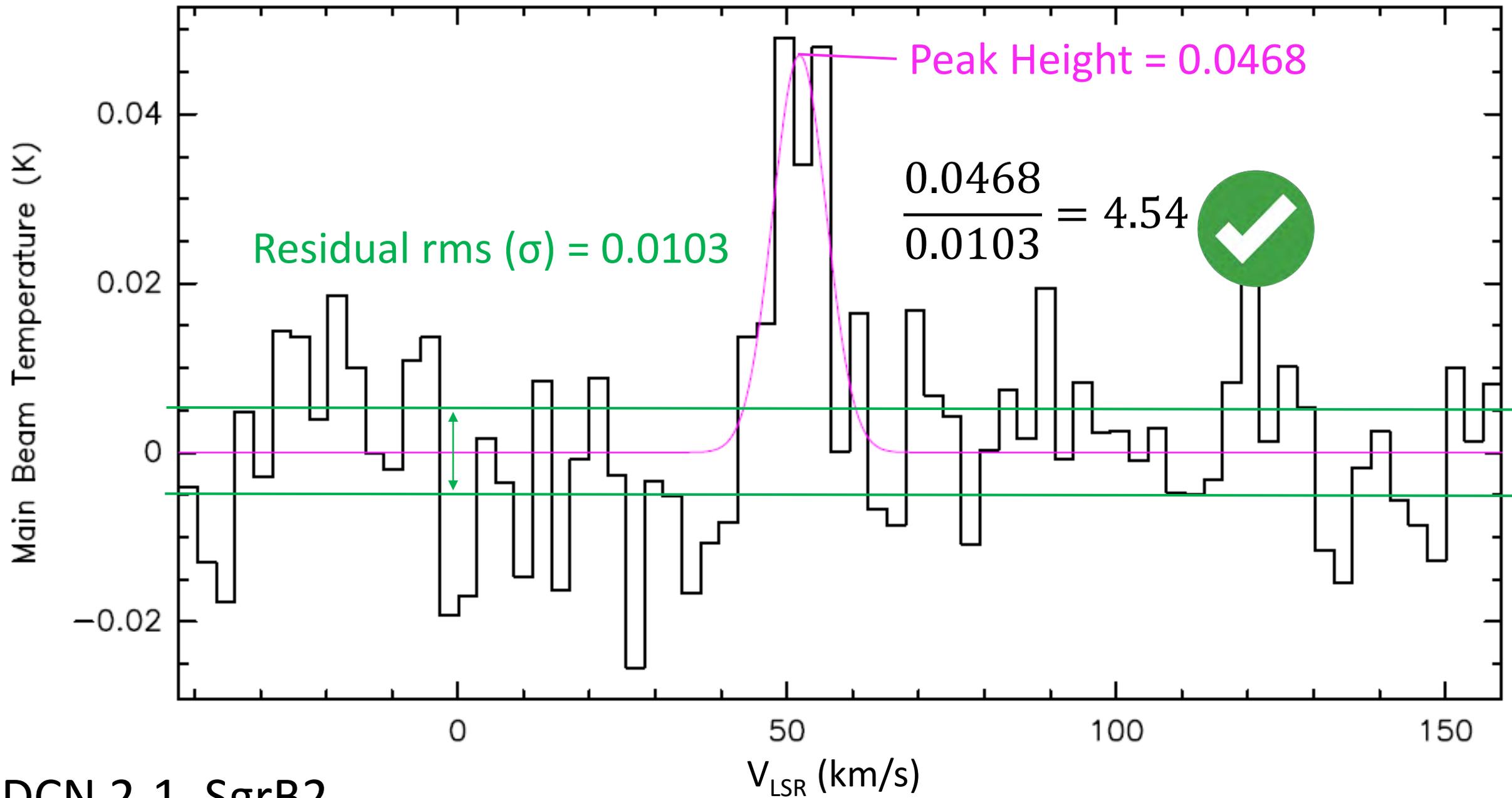
# DCN Detections

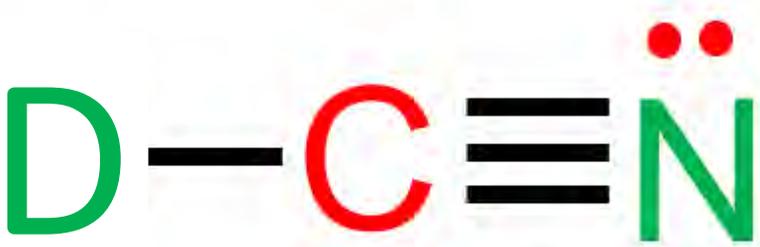
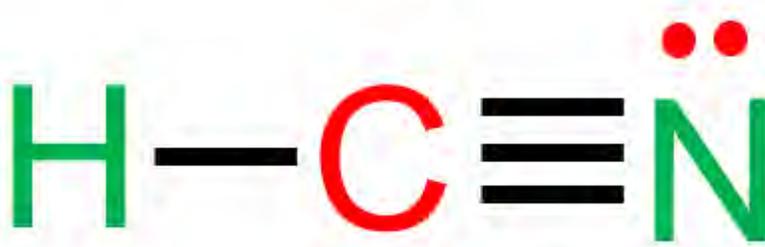


APEX  
(northern Chile)



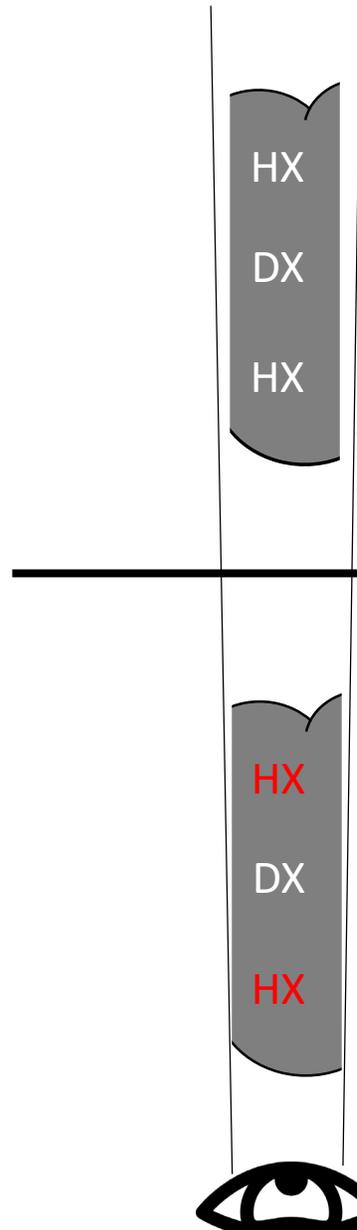
IRAM 30m  
(southern Spain)



	DCN	DCO+	DNC	N <sub>2</sub> D+
				
Clump 2	X	X	X	X
CND	X	X	X	X
G0.25	✓	X	X	X
Point C1	X	X	X	X
Point C2	X	X	X	X
Point D1	✓	X	X	X
Sgr B2	✓	X	X	✓
Sgr C	X	X	X	X

X = no detection or detection was unusable

# Our Goal

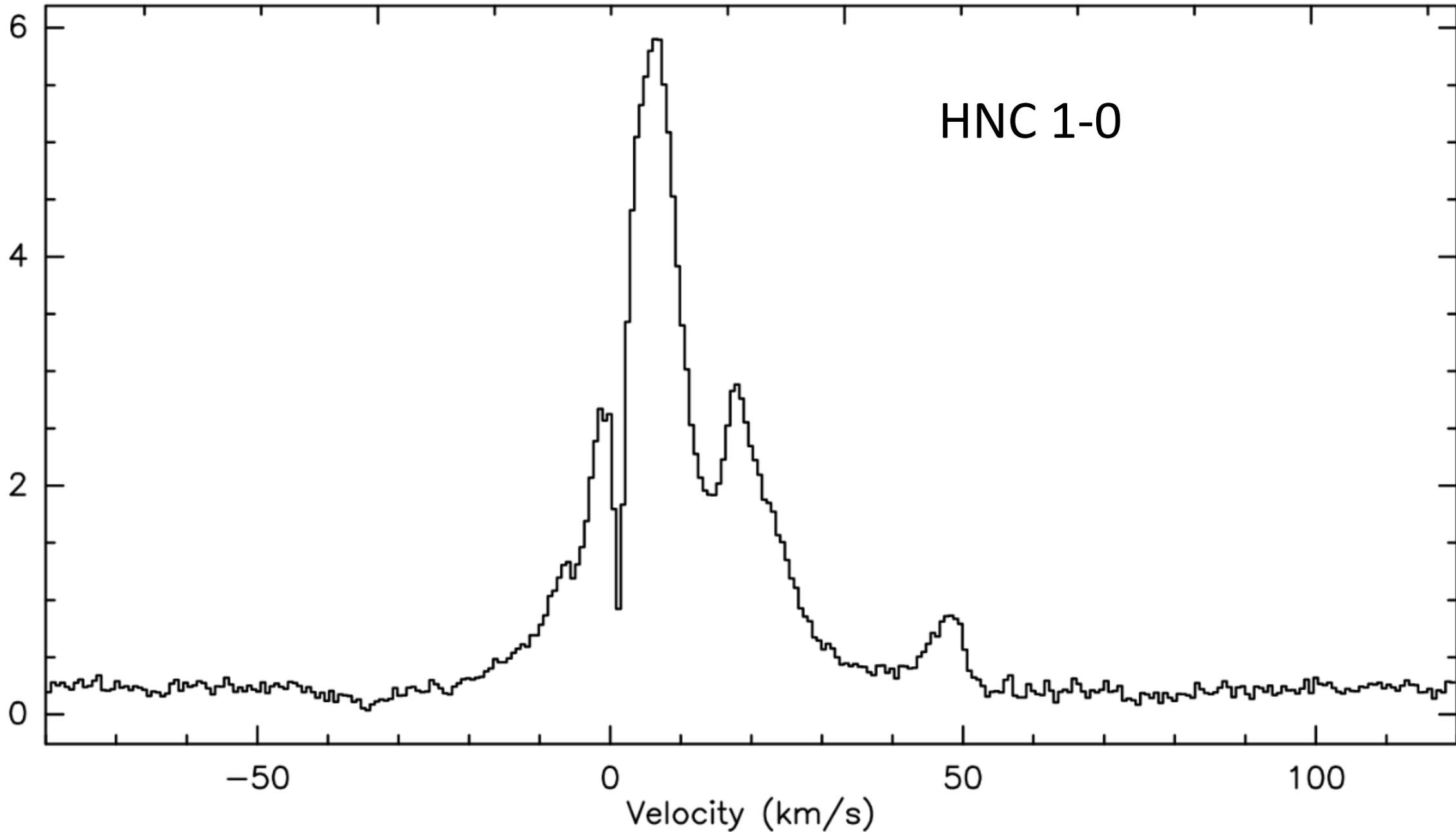


$$= \frac{8\pi W}{\lambda^3 A} \frac{g_l}{g_u} \frac{1}{J_\nu(T_{\text{ex}}) - J_\nu(T_{\text{bg}})} \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-hv/kT_{\text{ex}})} \frac{Q_{\text{rot}}}{g_l \exp(-E_l/kT_{\text{ex}})}$$

*ex*

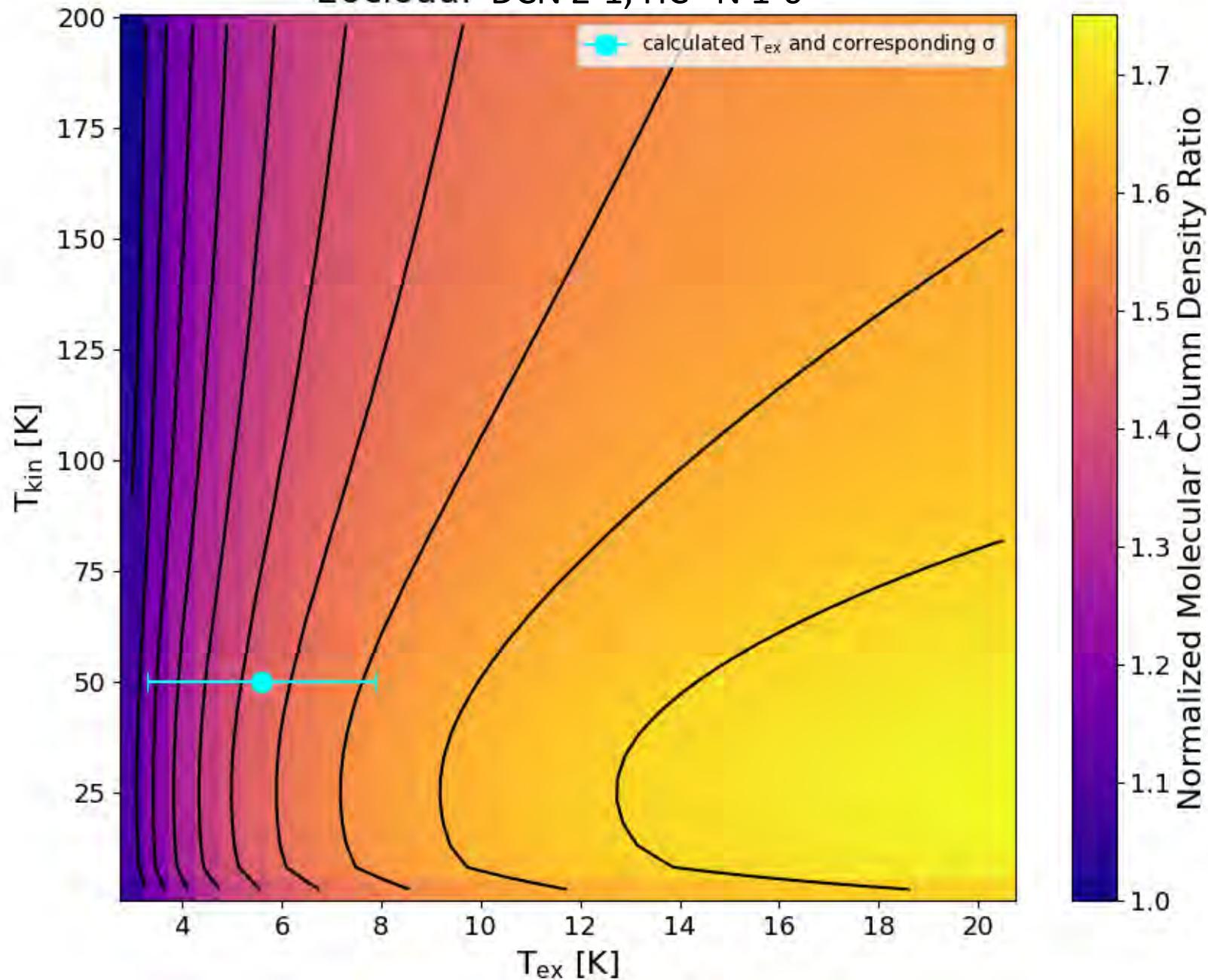
$$= \frac{DX}{HX}$$

Main Beam Temperature (K)



Velocity (km/s)

Sensitivity of Molecular Column Density Ratio to  $T_{\text{ex}}$  and  $T_{\text{kin}}$   
20cloud: DCN 2-1,  $\text{HC}^{15}\text{N}$  1-0



# Put It All Together (for DNC)

$$\frac{[\textit{intensity of detection}]_{\text{DNC}}}{(\text{H}^{15}\text{NC})_{N_{\text{tot}}}} = \frac{f(T_{\text{ex}})_{\text{DNC}}}{\text{H}^{15}\text{NC}} \times \frac{^{15}\text{N}}{^{14}\text{N}} = \frac{\text{DNC}}{\text{HNC}}$$

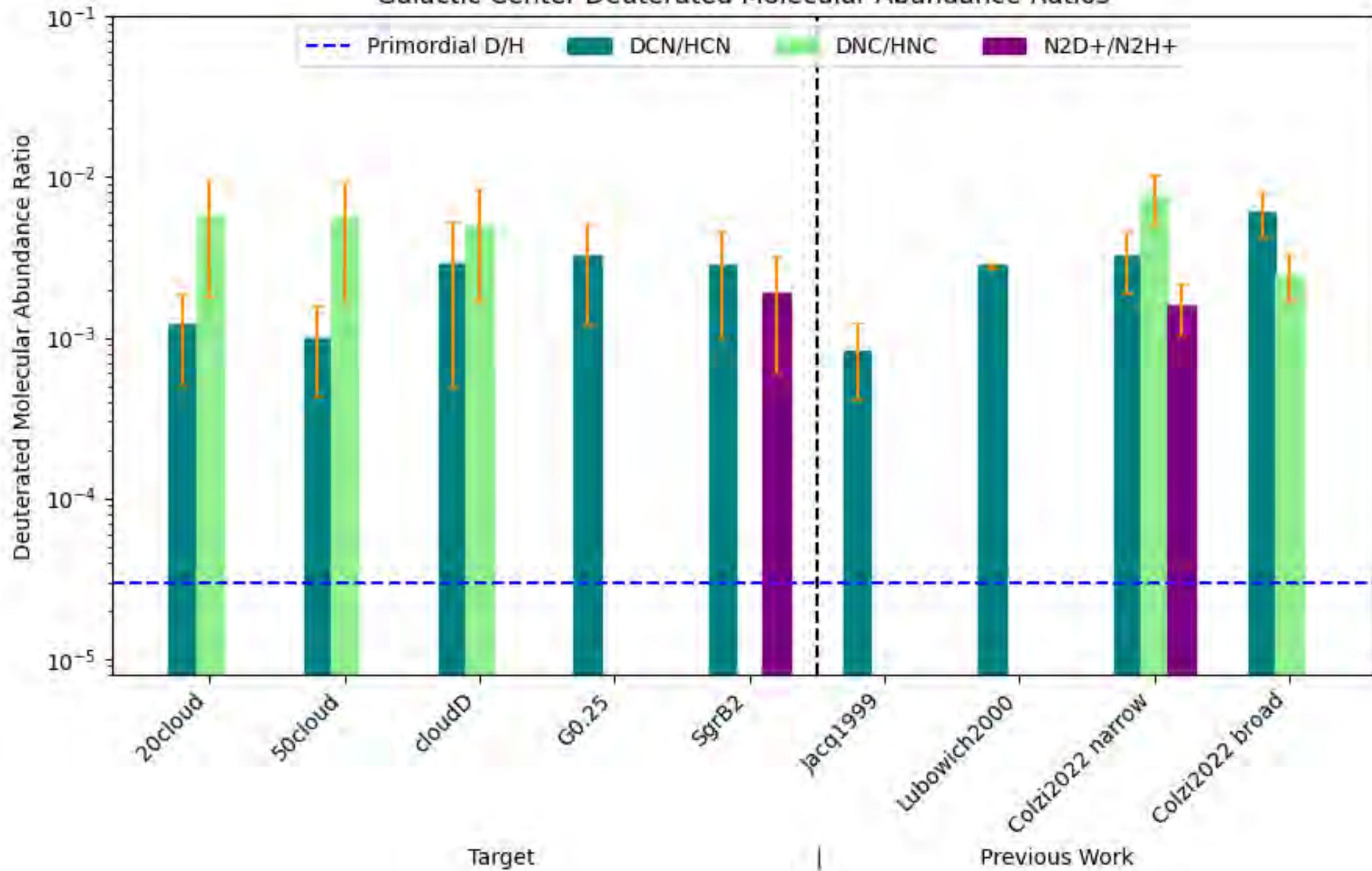
$$N_{\text{tot}} = \frac{8\pi W}{\lambda^3 A} \frac{g_l}{g_u} \frac{1}{J_v(T_{\text{ex}}) - J_v(T_{\text{bg}})} \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-hv/kT_{\text{ex}})} \frac{Q_{\text{ro}}}{g_l \exp(-E_l/kT_{\text{ex}})}$$

↑  
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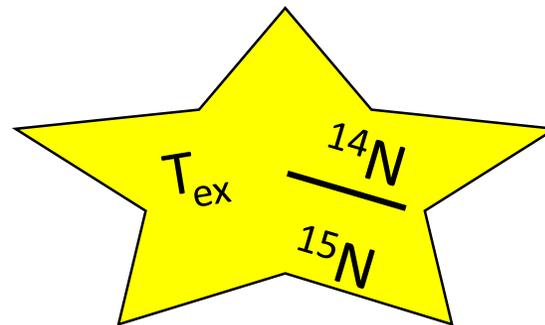
$$N = ^{14}\text{N}$$

Galactic Center Deuterated Molecular Abundance Ratios



# Summary

- Observed 12 targets + searched for 4 deuterated molecules
- Analyzed 804 spectra
- New detections in 5 targets + 3 deuterated molecules
- **Profile fitting** was optimized based on deuterated molecule
  - major obstacles: multiple line components, optical depth, and broad line widths
- Derived Column densities and deuterium fractionation for all 5 clouds
- **Average GC DCN/HCN =  $2.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$**



# What's Next?

Isotope abundance ratios  
&  
Ionizations rates



Better Molecular  
Ratios



Molecular Model



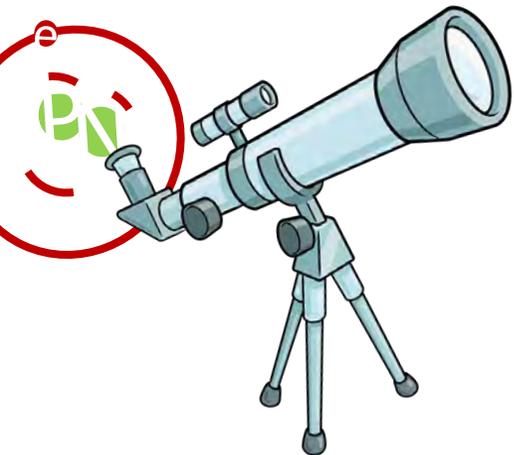
Atomic Ratio (D/H)



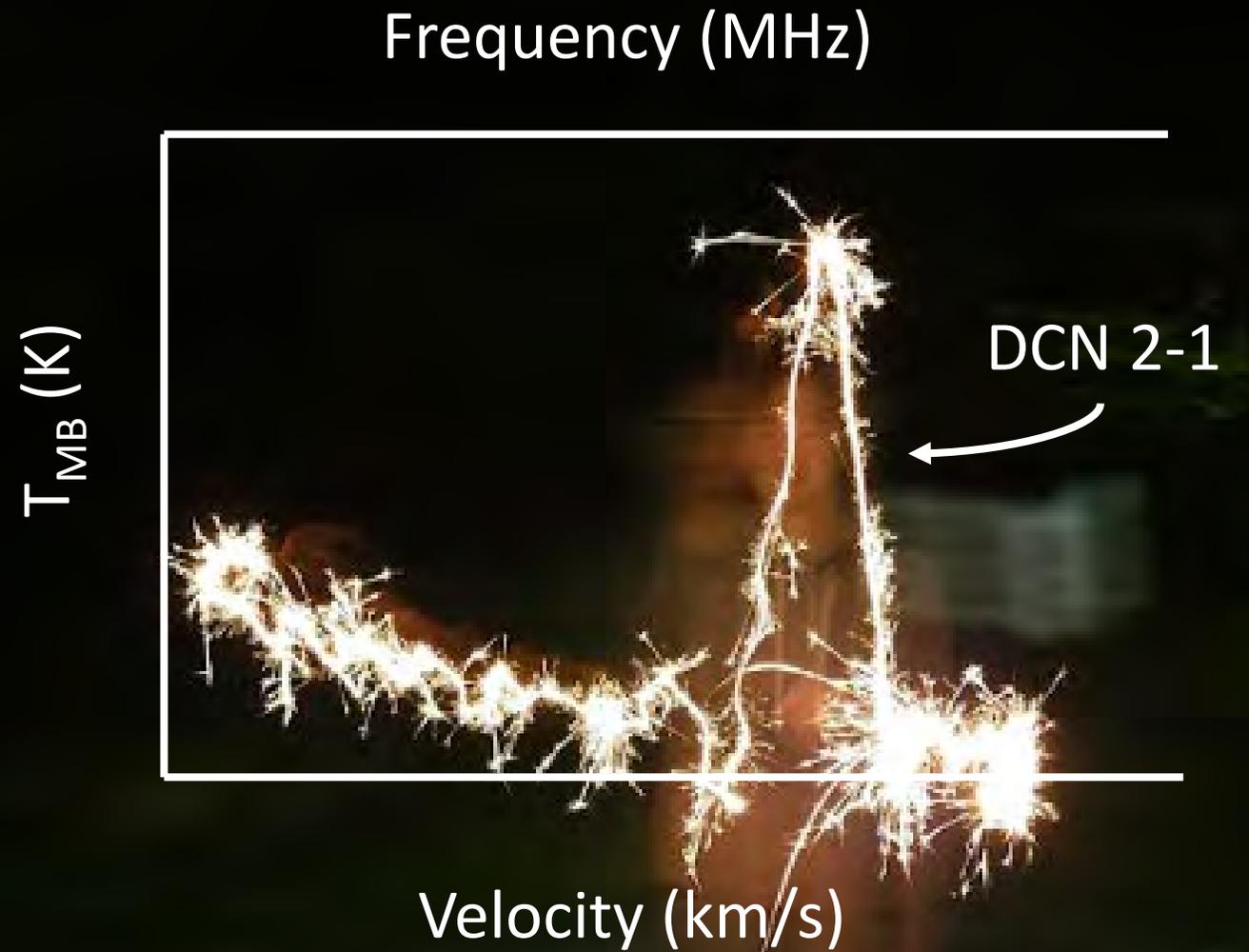
Compare to primordial D/H

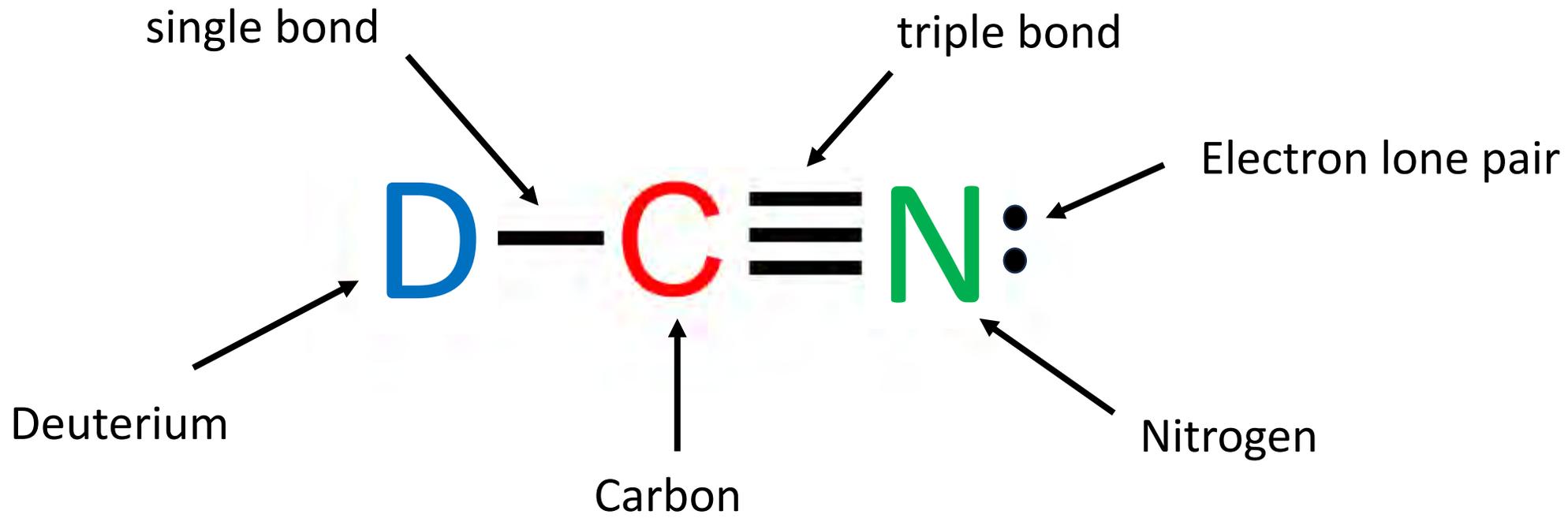


Test GC Star  
Formation Models



Questions?





DCN	DNC	N <sub>2</sub> D <sup>+</sup>	DCO <sup>+</sup>
D-C≡N:	D-N <sup>+</sup> ≡C <sup>-</sup> :	:N≡N <sup>+</sup> -D	D-C≡O <sup>+</sup> :



# Calculating the Excitation Temperature ( $T_{ex}$ )

$$\underbrace{\frac{\nu_{2-1}^2 \cdot W_{2-1} \cdot A_{1-0}}{\nu_{1-0}^2 \cdot W_{2-1} \cdot A_{2-1}}}_{2 \text{ rotational transitions}} = \underbrace{\frac{g_2}{g_1} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{2-1}}{k_b \cdot T_{ex}}\right)}_{1 \text{ rotational transition}}$$

# Targets	# Species	$\langle T_{ex} \text{ [K]} \rangle$	$\sigma T_{ex} \text{ [K]}$
4	2	5.6	2.3

# Calculating Isotope Abundance in GC

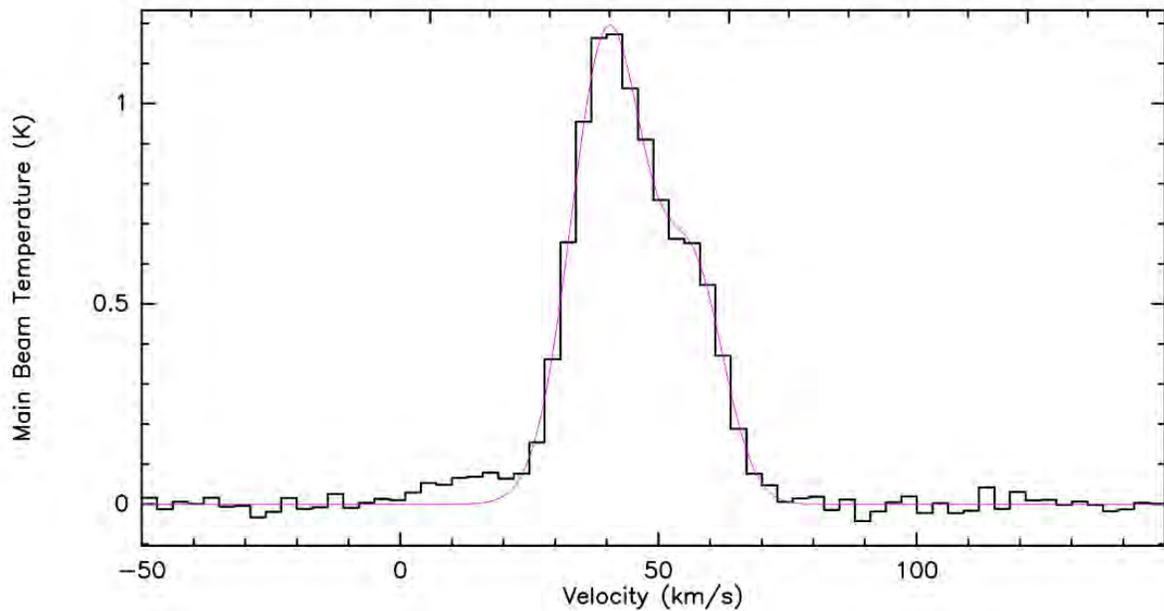
$$\frac{[\textit{intensity of detection}] \times [f(T_{kin})]}{f(T_{ex})} \times \boxed{\frac{^{15}\text{N}}{^{14}\text{N}}}$$

Isotope Abundance	1980	2000	2023
$^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N}$	800	127	246.4

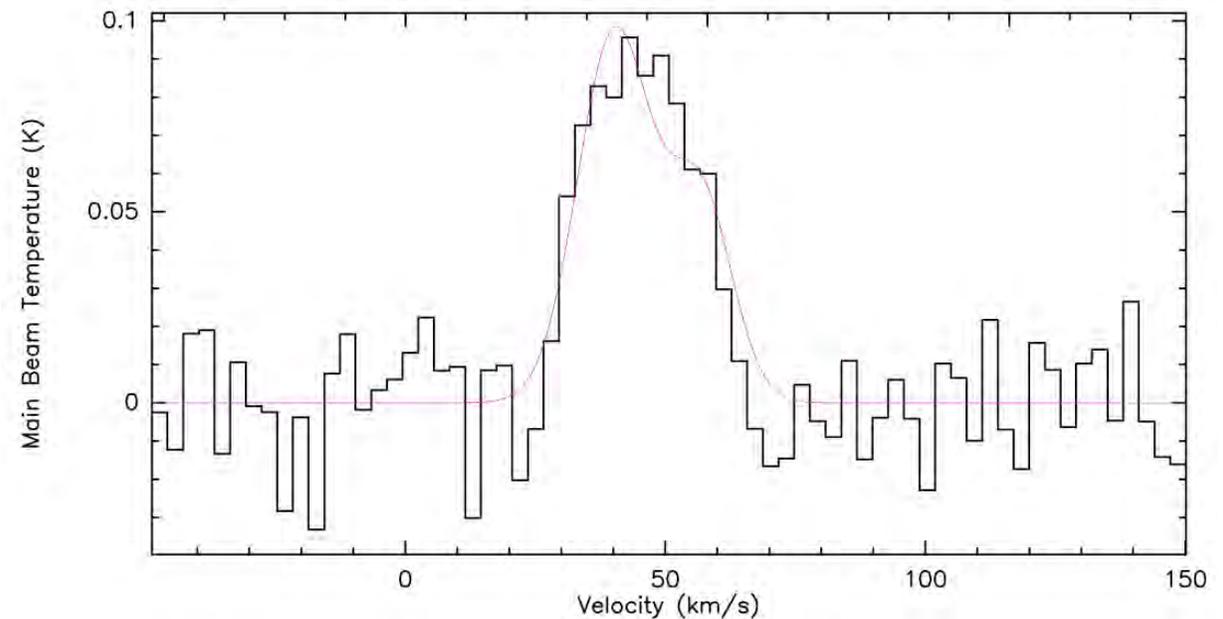
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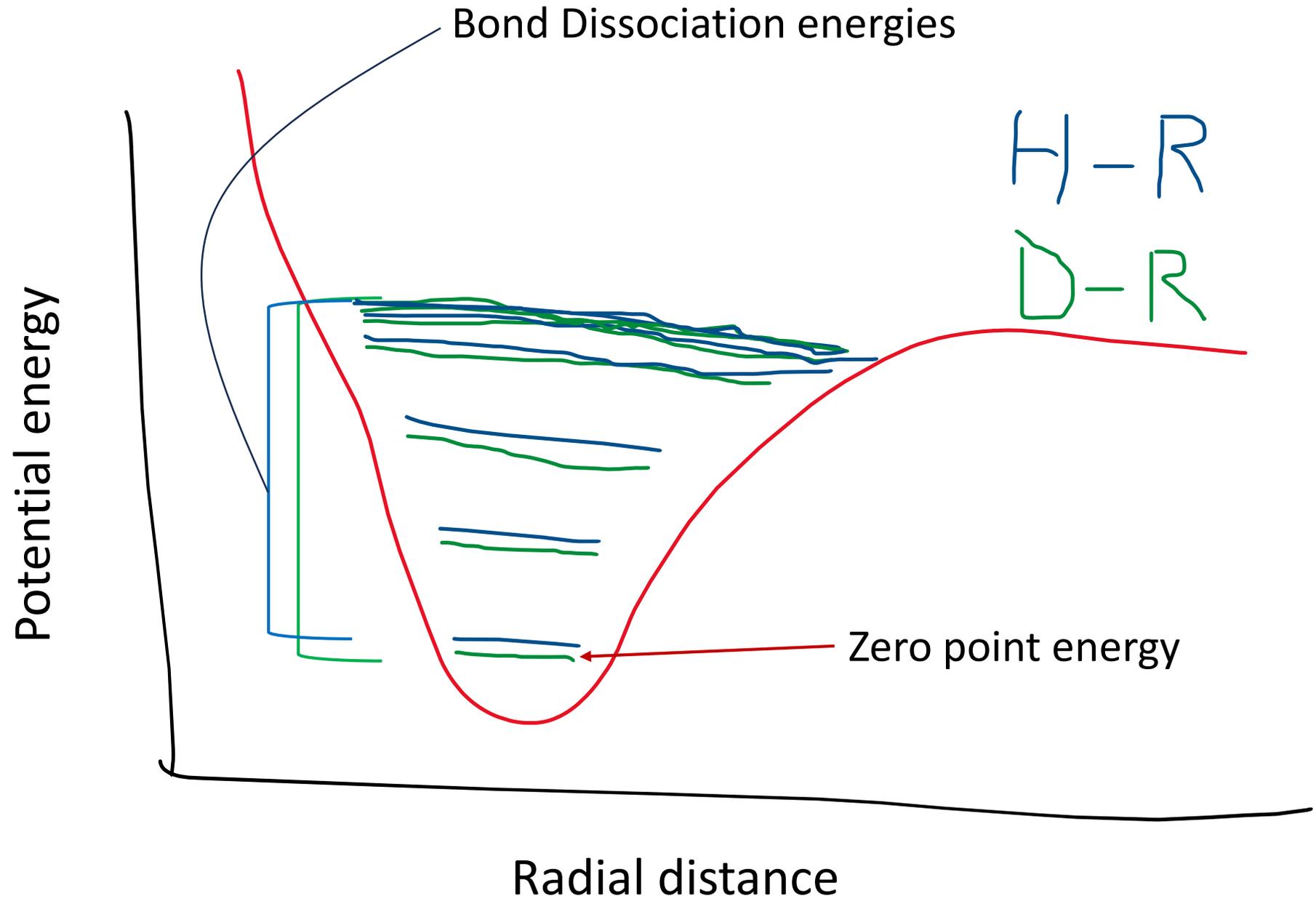
	50cloud	G0.25	SgrB2	20cloud	2000
$^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N}$ (H)	226.6	9.35	10.956	5.786	127
$^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N}$ (L)	266.2	11.242	19.184	9.392	

50cloud:  $\text{H}^{13}\text{CN}$  3-2



50cloud:  $\text{HC}^{15}\text{N}$  3-2



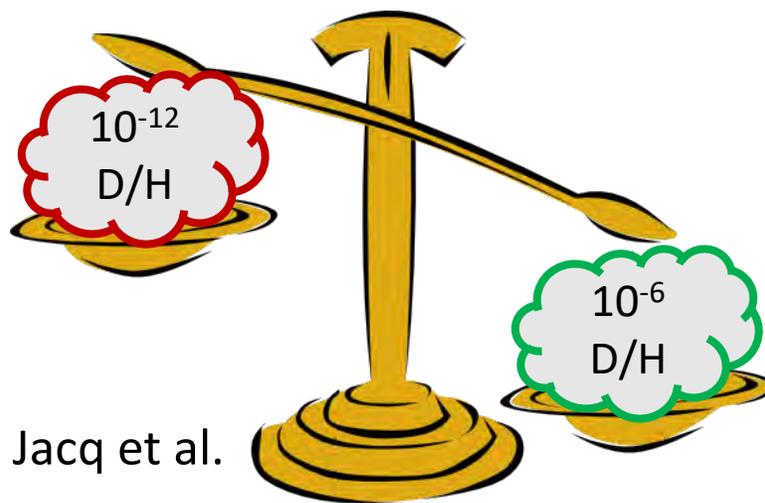


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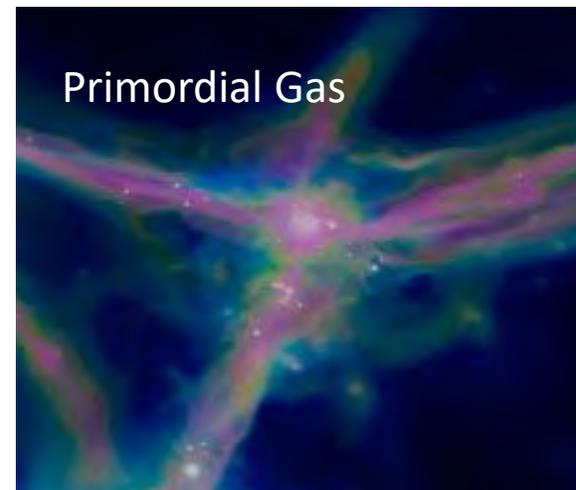
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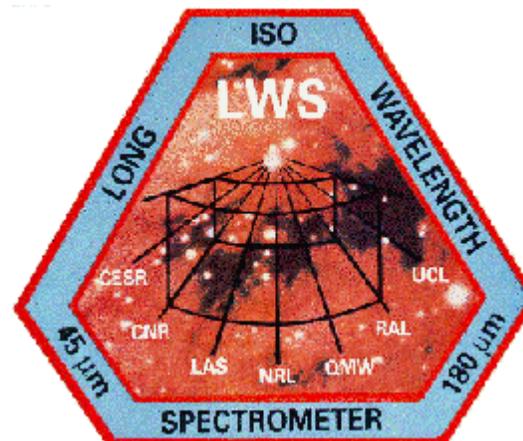
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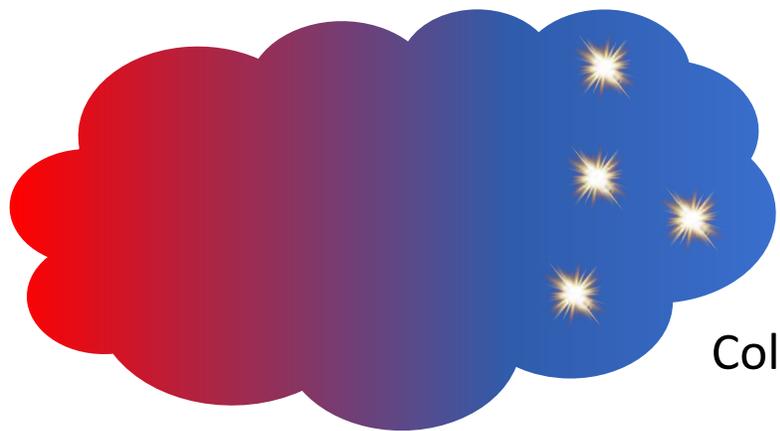
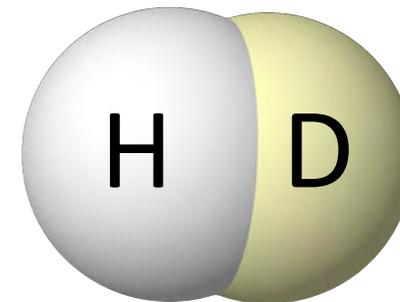
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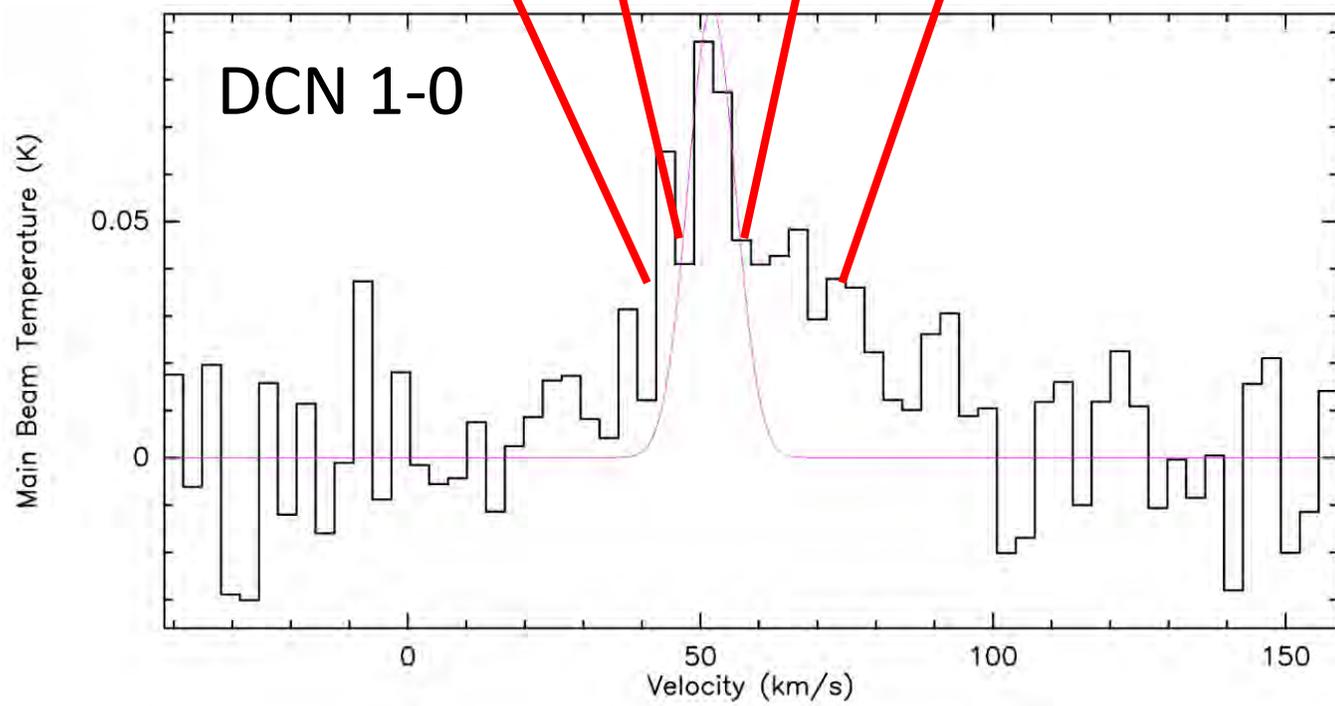
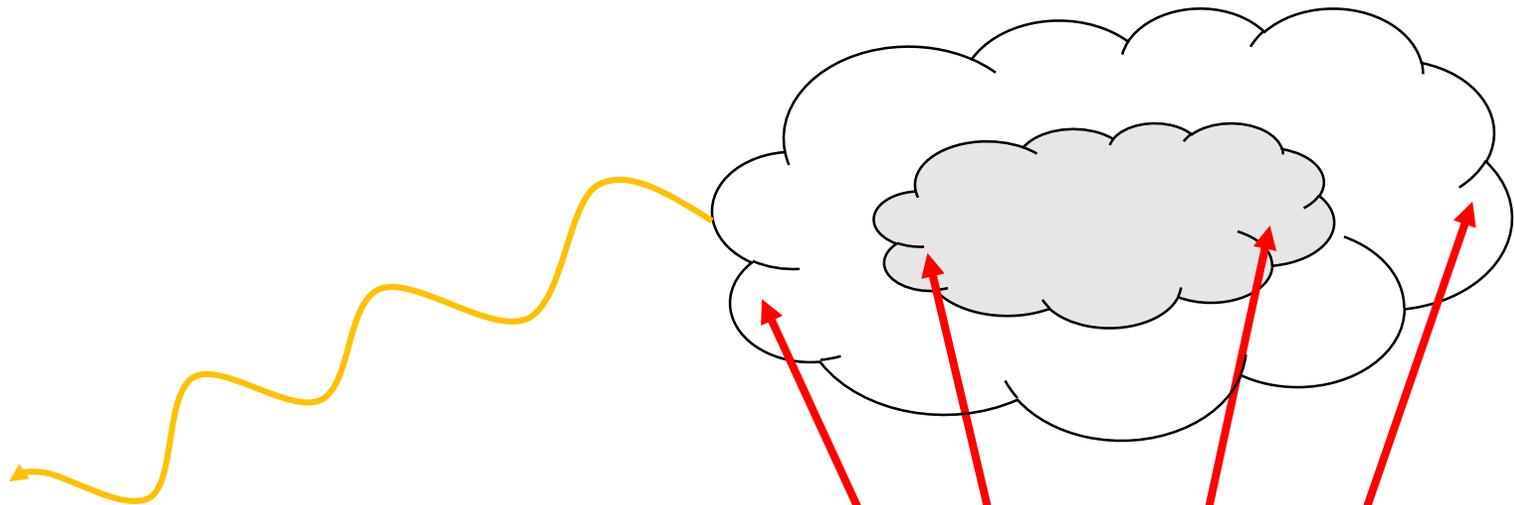
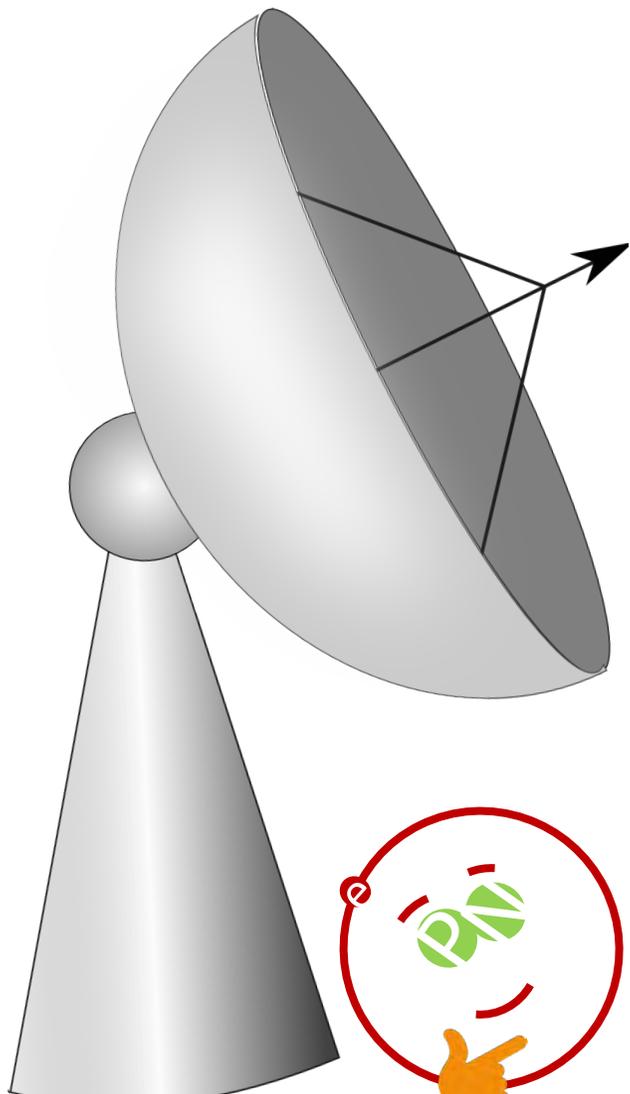
Polehampton et al.

2002



Colzi et al.

2022



# Tabulated Molecular Ratios

	20cloud	50cloud	cloudD	G0.25	SgrB2	Jacq 1999	Lubowich 2000	Colzi (n) 2022	Colzi (b) 2022
$\frac{\text{DCN}}{\text{HCN}}$	0.0012	0.0010	0.0029	0.0032	0.0028	0.00082	0.0028	0.0032	0.0061
$\frac{\text{DNC}}{\text{HNC}}$	0.0057	0.0055	0.0051					0.0078	0.0025
$\frac{\text{N}_2\text{D} +}{\text{N}_2\text{H} +}$					0.0019			0.0016	





Thank You