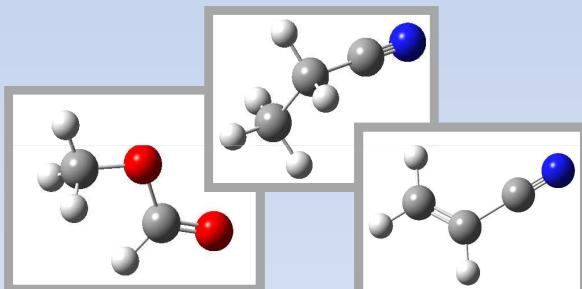


Organic molecules in the massive star forming region Orion-KL



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MASSIVE
STARS



Orion-KL source

N-bearing molecules

Internal rotation/torsion: $-\text{CH}_3$

Rigidity: $-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}-$

Barrier to internal rotation more
hindering than methyl formate

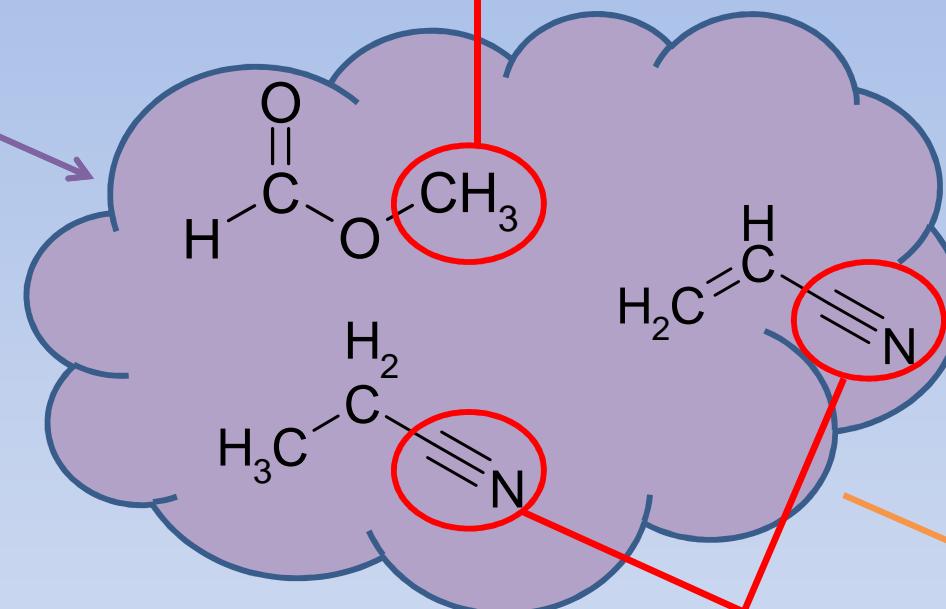
Internal rotation/torsion



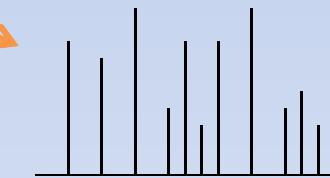
E (doubly degenerated)

A (non degenerated)

O-bearing molecule



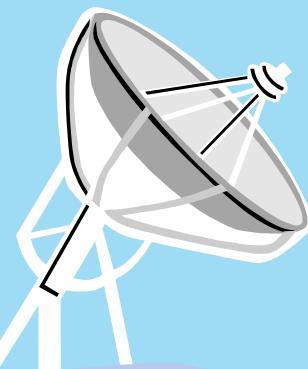
DENSE SPECTRUM



**OBSERVED ROTATIONAL
TRANSITIONS**

METHODS

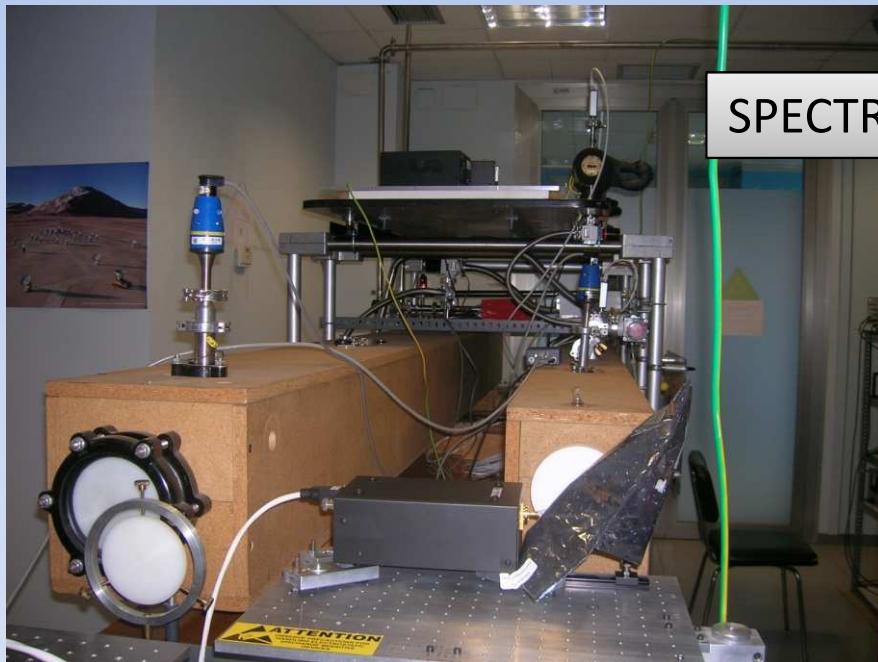
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RADIOASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS

30m-IRAM (3, 2, 1.3 mm)

1-1.25 MHz



SPECTROSCOPY LABORATORY

- Stark modulation (100-700 V)
- Frequency-modulated spectrometers

26-110 GHz (170 GHz, multipliers & detectors)

240-360 GHz (FM modulation)

0.5 KHz

THEORIC CALCULATIONS AND PREDICTIONS

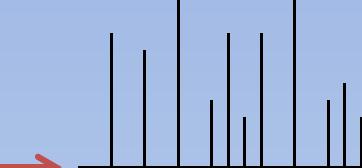
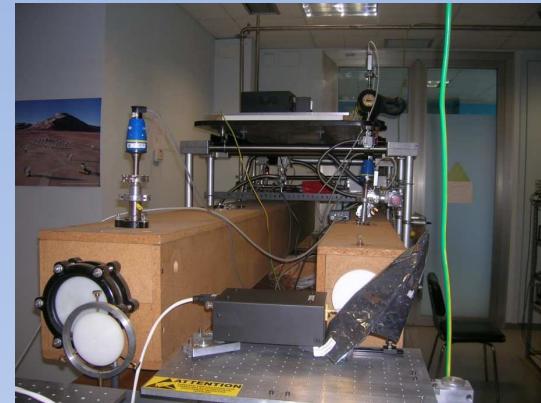


RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODEL AND ANALYSIS **LTE**

SPECTROSCOPIC STUDY

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ORGANIC
MOLECULE
(gas phase)



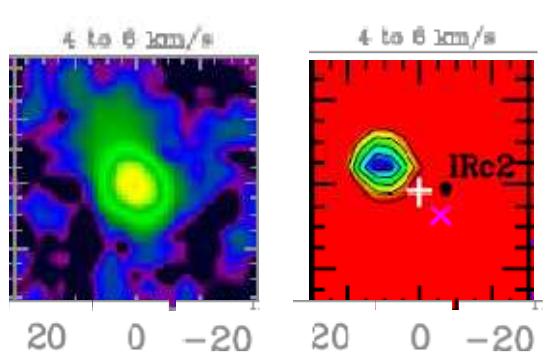
CALCULATED ROTATIONAL
TRANSITIONS

SPECTROSCOPIC
PARAMETERS

A, B, C,
 D_i , Φ_i , ϕ_i ,
 L_i , I_i , P_i , p_i



SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS



>1000-2000 detected lines (80-280 GHz)
of HCOOCH_3 , $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$ or CH_2CHCN

- Model emission lines
(excitation and radiative transfer code)
 - Observed parameters: v_{LSR} , Δv , T_a
(gaussian fit)
 - T_{rot} (rotational diagrams)
 - Offset and diameter (2D maps)

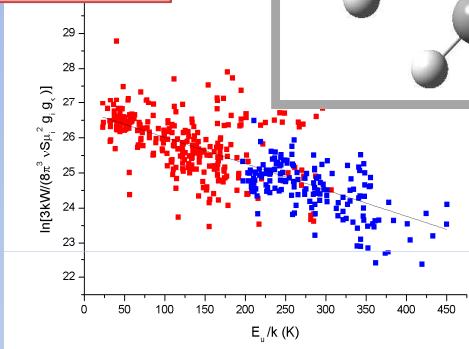
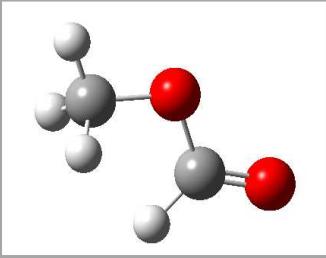
Column density N (cm^{-2}) = ?

Detect and identify vibrationally excited states in our LINE SURVEY → ↓ U-lines

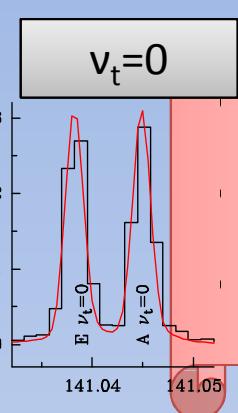
RESULTS

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METHYL FORMATE

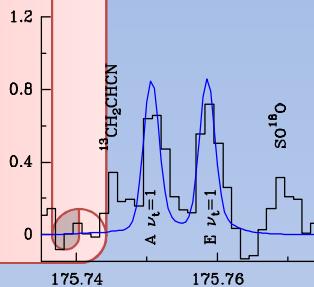


T_{MB} (K)



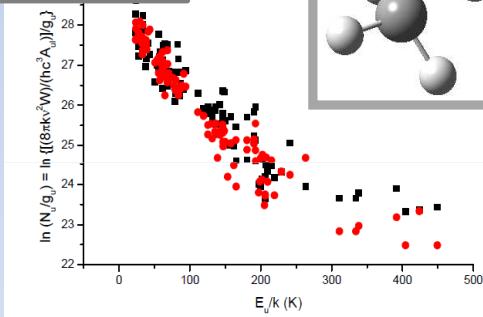
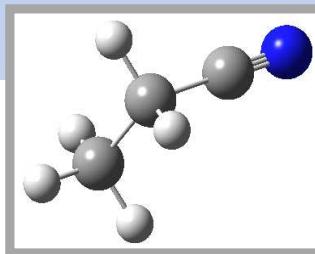
NOT WORKED
IN LAB

v_t=1

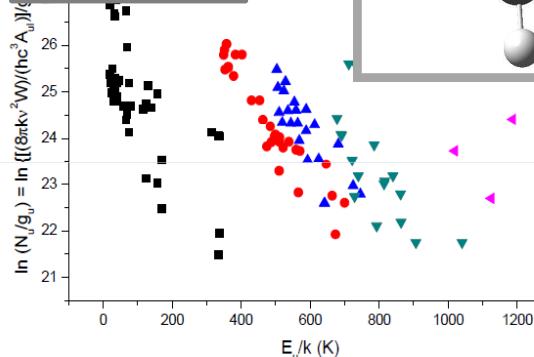
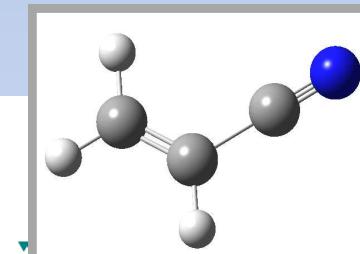


“Low-lying
energy
excited states”

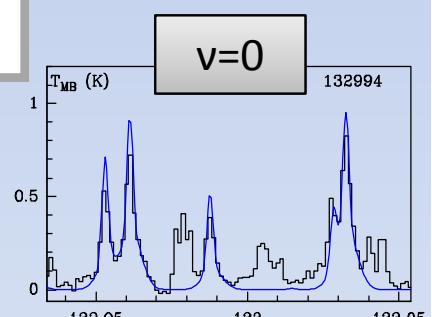
ETHYL CYANIDE



VINYL CYANIDE

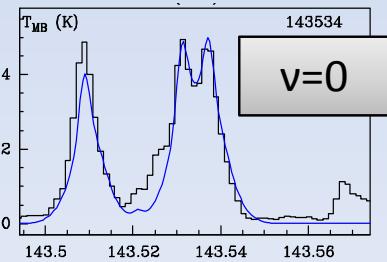


v=0



$v_{20}=1$

$v_{12}=1$



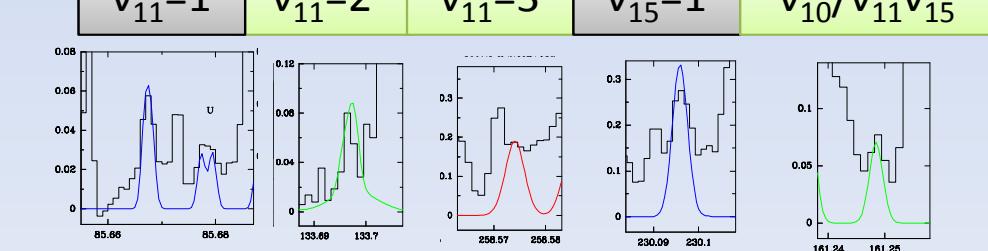
$v_{11}=1$

$v_{11}=2$

$v_{11}=3$

$v_{15}=1$

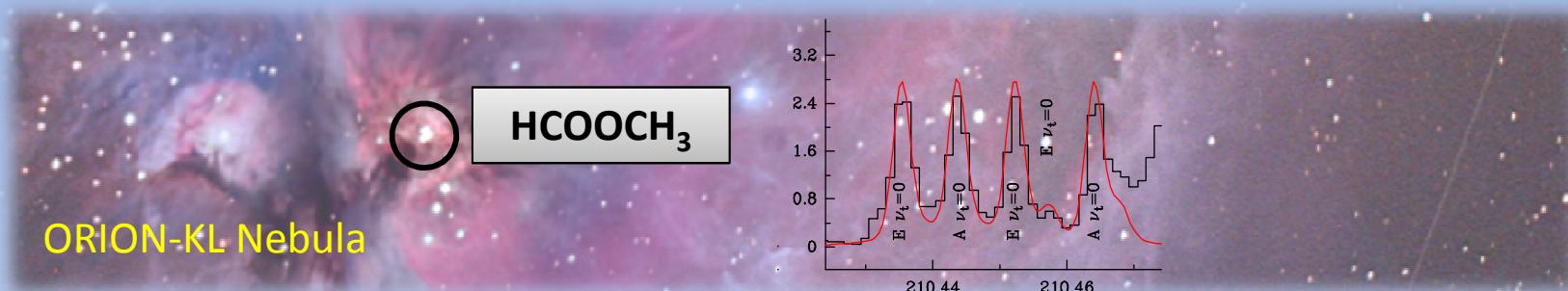
$v_{10}/v_{11}v_{15}$



RESULTS

Methyl formate

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PLATEAU (30'', 9 Km s⁻¹ respect to LSR, 25 Kms⁻¹ line width, 5x10⁶ cm⁻²)

COMPACT RIDGE
(15'', 7.7 Km s⁻¹ respect to LSR, 4 Kms⁻¹ line width, 1x10⁶ cm⁻²)

HOT CORE
(10'', 5.5 Km s⁻¹ respect to LSR, 9 Kms⁻¹ line width, 5x10⁷ cm⁻²)

EXTENDED RIDGE
(120'', 8 Km s⁻¹ respect to LSR, 4 Kms⁻¹ line width, 1x10⁵ cm⁻²)

HOT COMPACT RIDGE
(7'', 7.7 Km s⁻¹ respect to LSR, 4 Kms⁻¹ line width, 5x10⁶ cm⁻²)



150 K

60 K

110 K

300 K

250 K

A & E-HCOOCH₃ ($v_t=0$)

$$N \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)} = (2.8 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{16}$$

A & E-HCOOCH₃ ($v_t=1$)

$$N \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)} = (9 \pm 3) \times 10^{15}$$

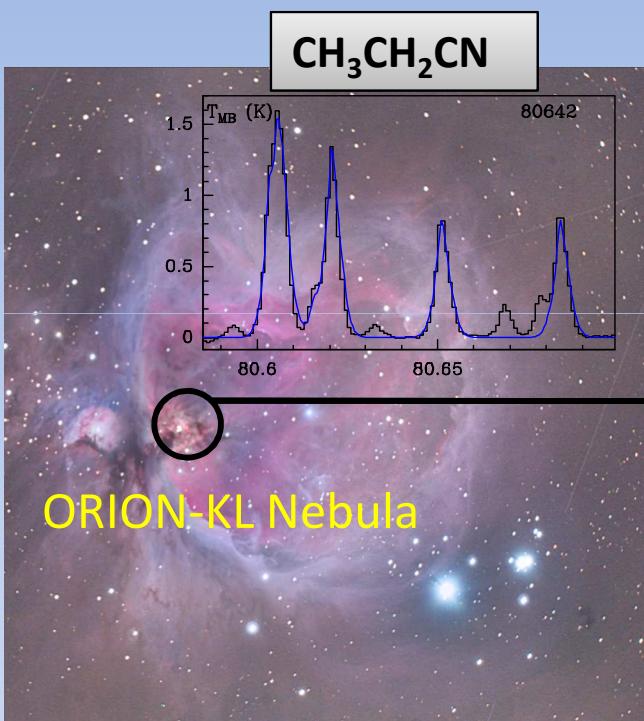
> 1000 detected lines in each $v_t = 0$ y $v_t = 1$ HCOOCH₃

$$X_{[N(\text{HCOOCH}_3)/N(\text{H}_2)]} \text{ TOTAL} = (1.5 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-7}$$

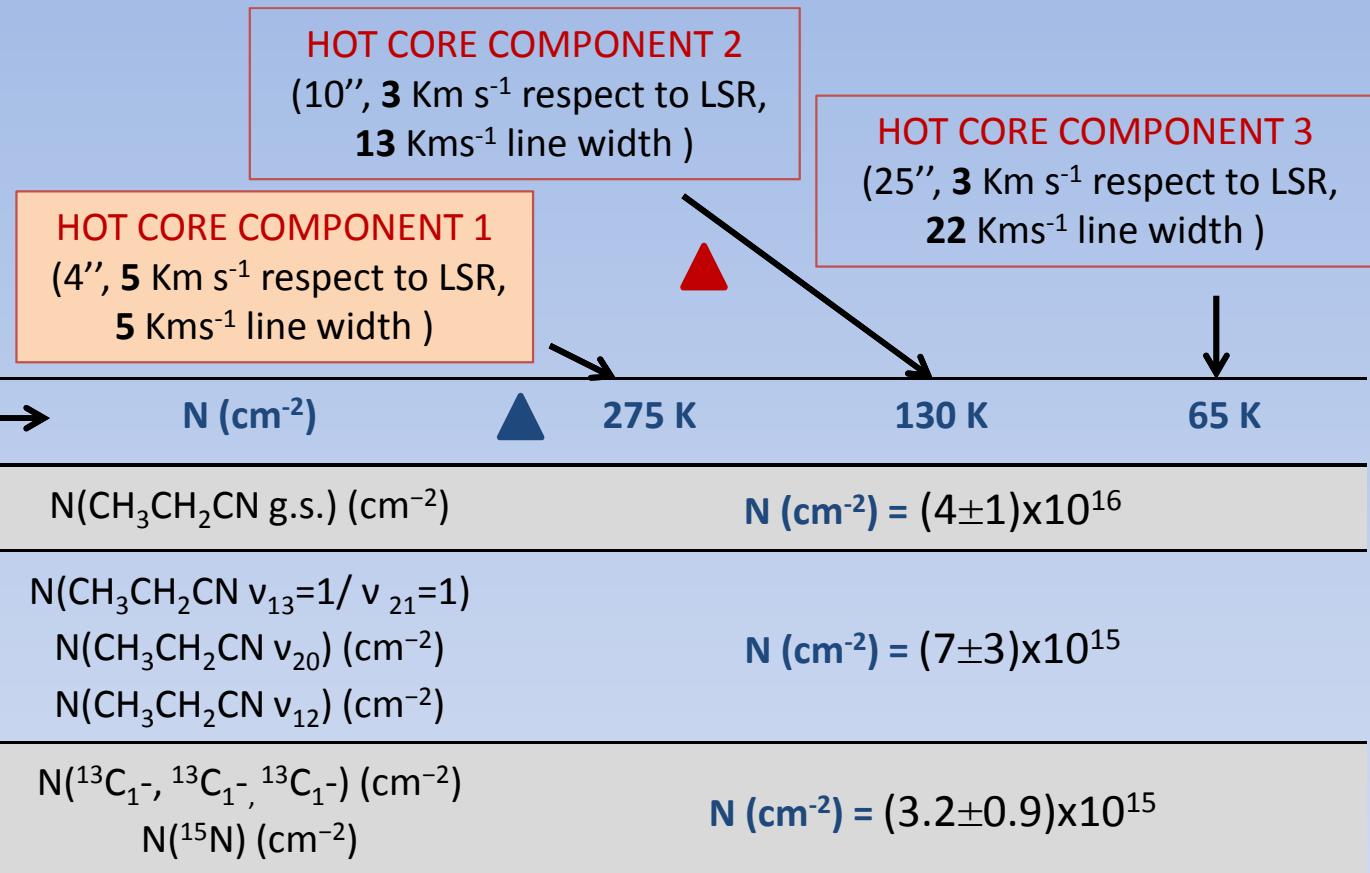
RESULTS

Ethyl cyanide

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LABORATORY
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>2000 detected lines CH₃CH₂CN

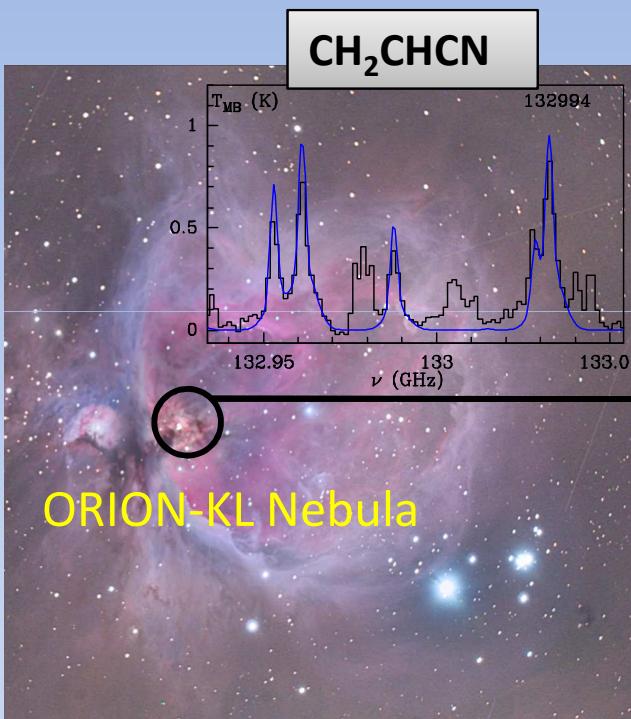
N_{er} detected lines (free of blending): 66 (v₂₀ = 1) and 56 (v₁₂ = 1)

X_[N (CH₃CH₂CN)/N(H₂)] TOTAL = (1.3±0.4)x10⁻⁷

RESULTS

Vinyl cyanide

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LABORATORY
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HOT CORE COMPONENT 1
(4'', 5 Km s⁻¹ respect to LSR,
5 Kms⁻¹ line width)

HOT CORE COMPONENT 2
(15'', 3 Km s⁻¹ respect to LSR,
17 Kms⁻¹ line width)

N (cm⁻²)

235 K

130 K

$N(CH_2CHCN\ g.s.)$ (cm⁻²)

$$N\ (cm^{-2}) = (1.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{16}$$

$N(CH_2CHCN\ v_{11}=1)$ (cm⁻²)

$$N\ (cm^{-2}) = (5 \pm 2) \times 10^{15}$$

$N(CH_2CHCN\ v_{11}=2)$ (cm⁻²)

...

$N(CH_2CHCN\ v_{11}=3)$ (cm⁻²)

...

$N(CH_2CHCN\ v_{15}=1)$ (cm⁻²)

...

$N(CH_2CHCN\ v_{10}/v_{11}v_{15})$ (cm⁻²)

...

$N(^{13}C_1-, ^{13}C_1-, ^{13}C_1-)$ (cm⁻²)

$$N\ (cm^{-2}) = (8.5 \pm 4.2) \times 10^{14}$$

$N(^{15}N)$ (cm⁻²)

>2300 detected lines CH₂CHCN

N^{er} detected lines (free of blending): 40 and 16 ($v_{11}=2,3$), and 33 ($v_{10}/v_{11}v_{15}=1$)

$$\chi_{[N(CH_3CH_2CN)/N(H_2)]} \text{ TOTAL} = (4 \pm 1) \times 10^{-8}$$

CONCLUSIONS

- Detection of new species in ISM regions allow us to improve our knowledge about physico-chemical conditions of astrophysical source.

DETECTED LINES (80-280 GHz):

> 2000 (HCOOCH_3) >2000 ($\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$) >2300 (CH_2CHCN)

For the first time we have detected in the ISM:
2 new states for $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$ and **3** new states for CH_2CHCN

- Organic saturated molecules have **many transitions**, constraining physical parameters in the region and being very **located in a specific component** (HCOOCH_3 from compact ridge, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$ and CH_2CHCN from hot core) so we can derive the T and N gradient:

“POSSIBLE SCENARIO OF STAR FORMATION IN THEIR INNER PARTS”
(region could be internally heated)

Further data analysis coming from ALMA, SOFIA will require the joint study of laboratory and observational data (avoid line confusion and reduce U-line)



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