

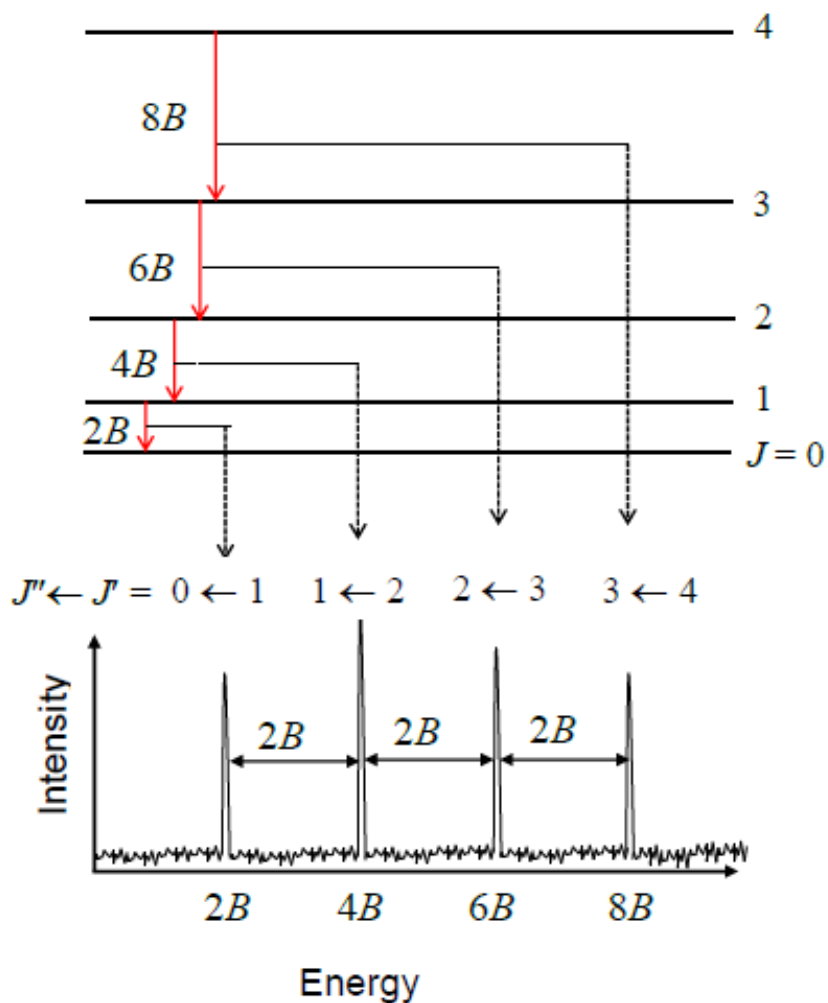
mm/sub-mm interferometry

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# Motivation

# Rotation lines



- Quantification of angular momentum. Example for a linear molecule: rotational ladder.
- H<sub>2</sub> difficult to excite, does not emit in cold environments.
- Second most abundant molecule is CO.

## CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE ORION NEBULA

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### ABSTRACT

We have found intense 2.6-mm line radiation from nine galactic sources which we attribute to carbon monoxide.

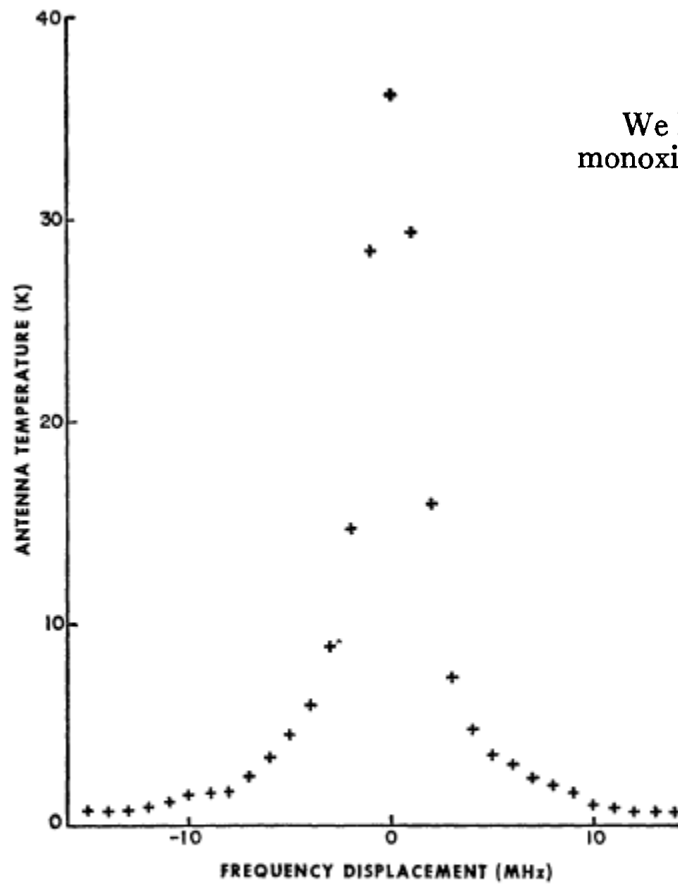


FIG. 1

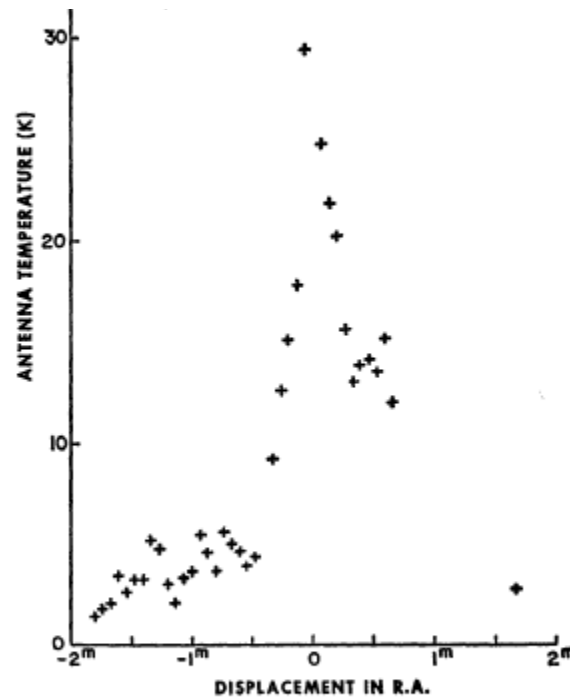
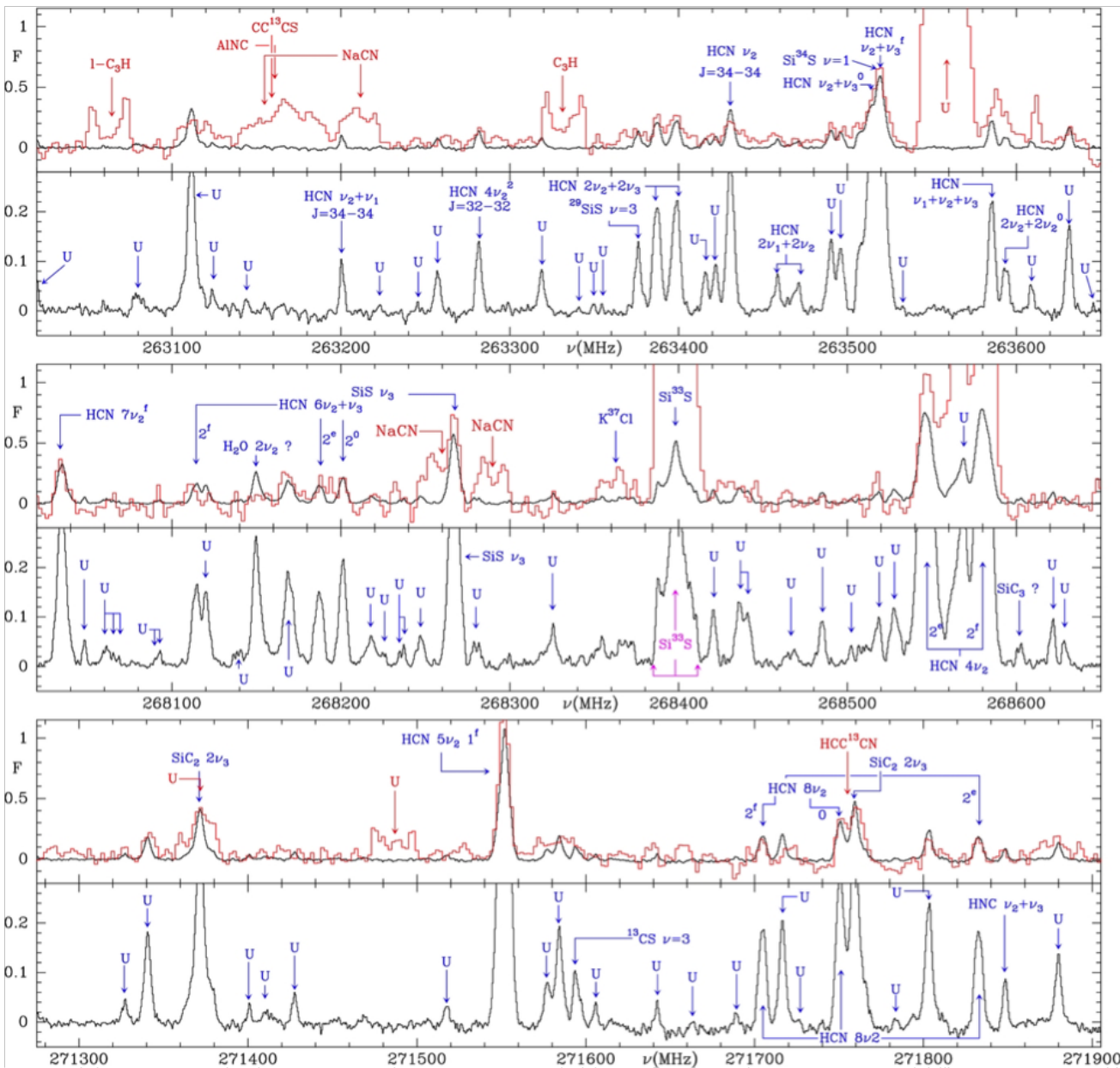


FIG. 2

FIG. 1.—Spectrum of CO radiation in the Orion Nebula made with the NRAO forty-channel line receiver. The center frequency is 115, 267.2 MHz.

FIG. 2.—Distribution in right ascension of the peak antenna temperature of CO radiation at a declination of  $-5^{\circ}24'21''$ .

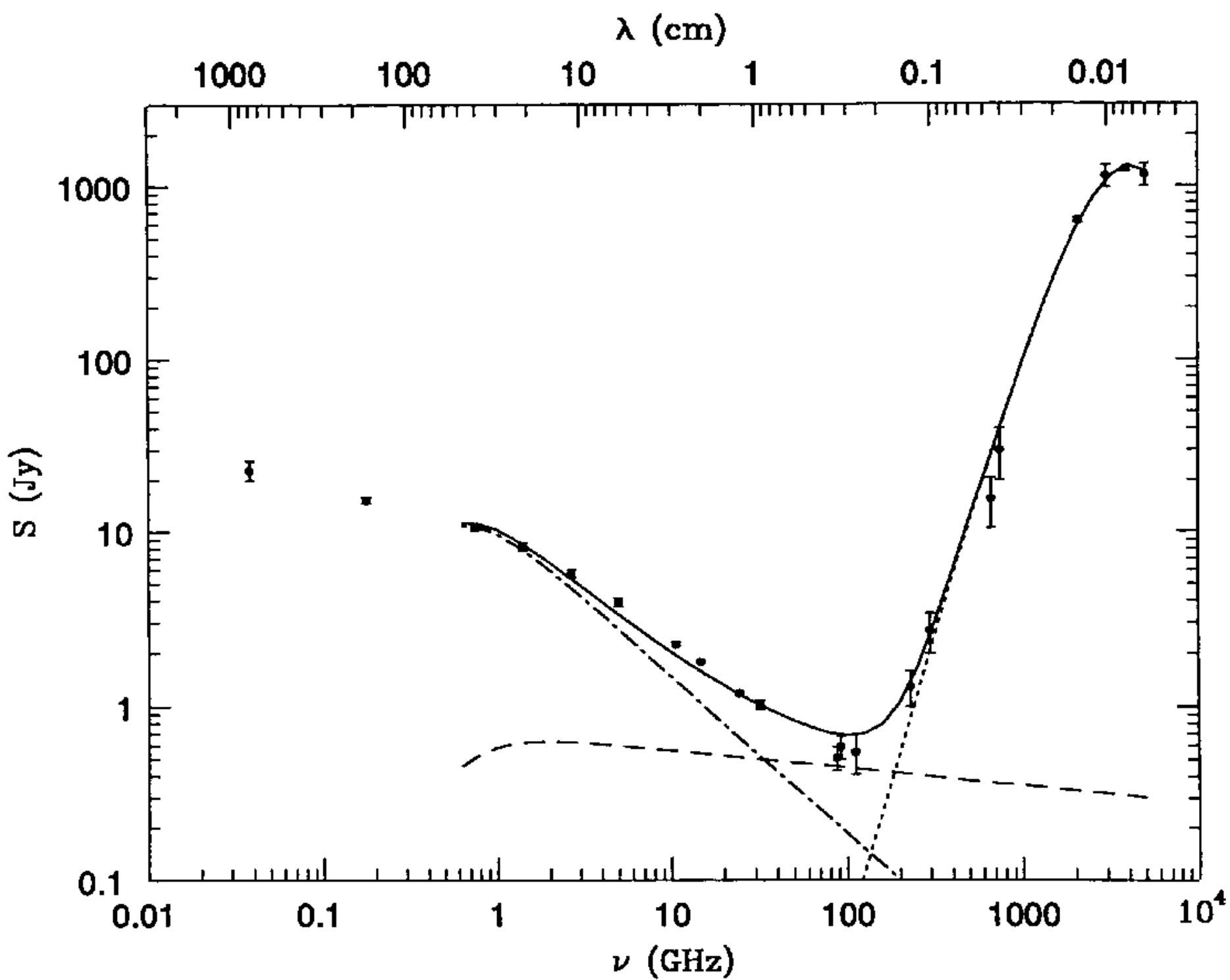
# Rotation lines



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- Mm spectrum full of molecular lines.
- Already many are unidentified (U)
- Interferometer helps beating the spectral confusion by resolving out emission from different regions.

| 2 atoms           | 3 atoms                         | 4 atoms                         | 5 atoms                                 | 6 atoms                                 | 7 atoms                           | 8 atoms                            | 9 atoms                                | 10 atoms                            | 11 atoms                             | 12 atoms   | >12 atoms          |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| H <sub>2</sub>    | C <sub>3</sub> *                | c-C <sub>3</sub> H              | C <sub>5</sub> *                        | C <sub>5</sub> H                        | C <sub>6</sub> H                  | CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> N   | CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>4</sub> H       | CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub> N    | HC <sub>9</sub> N                    | c-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> *                  | HC <sub>11</sub> N |
| AlF               | C <sub>2</sub> H                | <i>l</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H      | C <sub>4</sub> H                        | <i>l</i> -H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>4</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> CHCV              | HC(O)OCH <sub>3</sub>              | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CN     | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO  | CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H     | <i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> CN         | C <sub>60</sub> *  |
| AlCl              | C <sub>2</sub> O                | C <sub>3</sub> N                | C <sub>4</sub> Si                       | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> *         | CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H  | CH <sub>3</sub> COOH               | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O      | (CH <sub>2</sub> CH) <sub>2</sub>   | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OCHO   | <i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> CN<br>2014 | C <sub>70</sub> *  |
| C <sub>2</sub> ** | C <sub>2</sub> S                | C <sub>3</sub> O                | <i>l</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> | CH <sub>3</sub> CV                      | HC <sub>5</sub> N                 | C <sub>7</sub> H                   | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH     | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO | CH <sub>3</sub> OC(O)CH <sub>3</sub> |  |                    |
| CH                | CH <sub>2</sub>                 | C <sub>3</sub> S                | c-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub>         | CH <sub>3</sub> NC                      | CH <sub>3</sub> CHO               | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>      | HC <sub>7</sub> N                      |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CH <sup>+</sup>   | HCN                             | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> * | H <sub>2</sub> CCN                      | CH <sub>3</sub> OH                      | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>   | CH <sub>2</sub> OHCHO              | C <sub>8</sub> H                       |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CN                | HCO                             | NH <sub>3</sub>                 | CH <sub>4</sub> *                       | CH <sub>3</sub> SH                      | c-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O | <i>l</i> -HC <sub>6</sub> H*       | CH <sub>3</sub> C(O)NH <sub>2</sub>    |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CO                | HCO <sup>+</sup>                | HCCN                            | HC <sub>3</sub> N                       | HC <sub>3</sub> N <sup>+</sup>          | H <sub>2</sub> CCHOH              | CH <sub>2</sub> CHCHO(?)           | C <sub>8</sub> H <sup>-</sup>          |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CO <sup>+</sup>   | HCS <sup>+</sup>                | HCNH <sup>+</sup>               | HC <sub>2</sub> NC                      | HC <sub>2</sub> C=O                     | C <sub>6</sub> H <sup>-</sup>     | CH <sub>2</sub> CCHCN              | C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>          |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CP                | HOC <sup>+</sup>                | HNCO                            | HCOOH                                   | NH <sub>2</sub> C=O                     |                                   | H <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CN | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SH (?) |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SiC               | H <sub>2</sub> O                | HNCS                            | H <sub>2</sub> CNH                      | C <sub>5</sub> N                        |                                   | CH <sub>3</sub> CHNH               |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| HCl               | H <sub>2</sub> S                | HOCO <sup>+</sup>               | H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O         | <i>l</i> -HC <sub>4</sub> H*            |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| KCl               | HNC                             | H <sub>2</sub> CO               | H <sub>2</sub> NCN                      | <i>l</i> -HC <sub>4</sub> N             |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| NH                | HNO                             | H <sub>2</sub> CN               | HNC <sub>3</sub>                        | c-H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> O       |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| NO                | MgCN                            | H <sub>2</sub> CS               | SiH <sub>4</sub> *                      | H <sub>2</sub> CCNH (?)                 |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| NS                | MgNC                            | H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>   | H <sub>2</sub> COH <sup>+</sup>         | C <sub>5</sub> N <sup>-</sup>           |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| NaCl              | N <sub>2</sub> H <sup>+</sup>   | c-SiC <sub>3</sub>              | C <sub>4</sub> H <sup>-</sup>           | HNCHCN                                  |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| OH                | N <sub>2</sub> O                | CH <sub>3</sub> *               | HC(O)CN                                 |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| PN                | NaCN                            | C <sub>3</sub> N <sup>-</sup>   | HNCNH                                   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SO                | OCS                             | PH <sub>3</sub>                 | CH <sub>3</sub> O                       |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SO <sup>+</sup>   | SO <sub>2</sub>                 | HCNO                            | NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>            |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SiN               | c-SiC <sub>2</sub>              | HOcN                            | H <sub>2</sub> NCO <sup>+</sup> (?)     |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SiO               | CO <sub>2</sub> *               | HSiCN                           | NCCNH <sup>+</sup><br>2015              |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| Sis               | NH <sub>2</sub>                 | H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CS                | H <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> (*) | C <sub>3</sub> H <sup>+</sup>   |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| HF                | SiCN                            | HMgNC                           |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| HD                | AlNC                            | HCCO<br>2015                    |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| FeO?              | SiNC                            |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| O <sub>2</sub>    | HCP                             |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CF <sup>+</sup>   | CCP                             |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SiH?              | AlOH                            |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| PO                | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup>   |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| AlO               | H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sup>+</sup>  |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| OH <sup>+</sup>   | KCN                             |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| CN <sup>-</sup>   | FeCN                            |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SH <sup>+</sup>   | HO <sub>2</sub>                 |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| SH                | TiO <sub>2</sub>                |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| HCl <sup>+</sup>  | C <sub>2</sub> N<br>2014        |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| TiO               | Si <sub>2</sub> C<br>2015       |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| ArI <sup>+</sup>  |                                 |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| NO <sup>+</sup> ? |                                 |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |
| 2014              |                                 |                                 |   |   |                                   |                                    |  |                                     |                                      |  |                    |



# Why do we need sensitivity

- For studying faint objects:
  - “normal” galaxies at cosmological distances
  - “faint” protoplanetary disks
- For detecting faint lines
  - Aminoacids for example
- But also because we want high angular resolution. Brightness sensitivity goes as  $1/\theta^2$ .



# Sensitivity

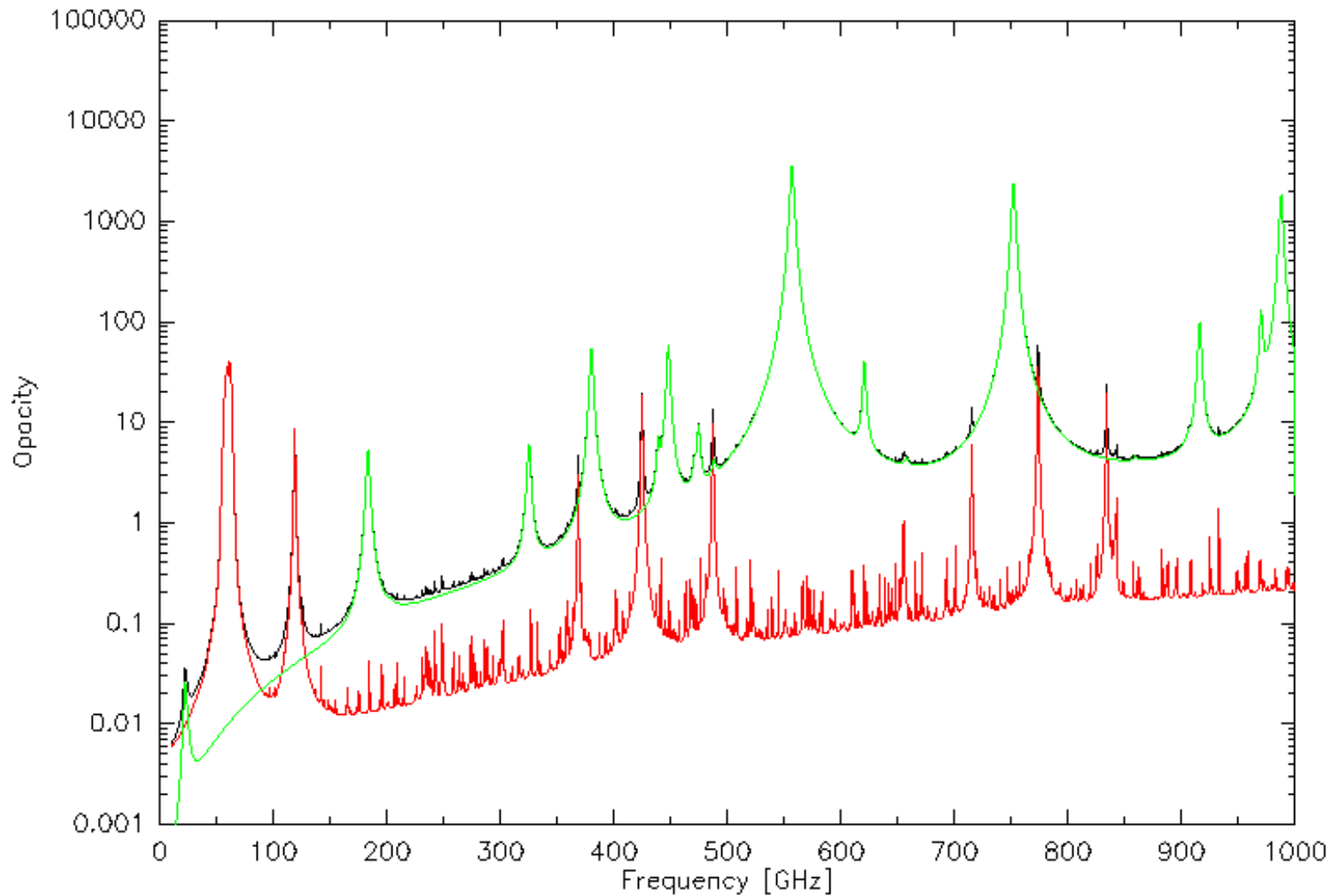
# Sensitivity

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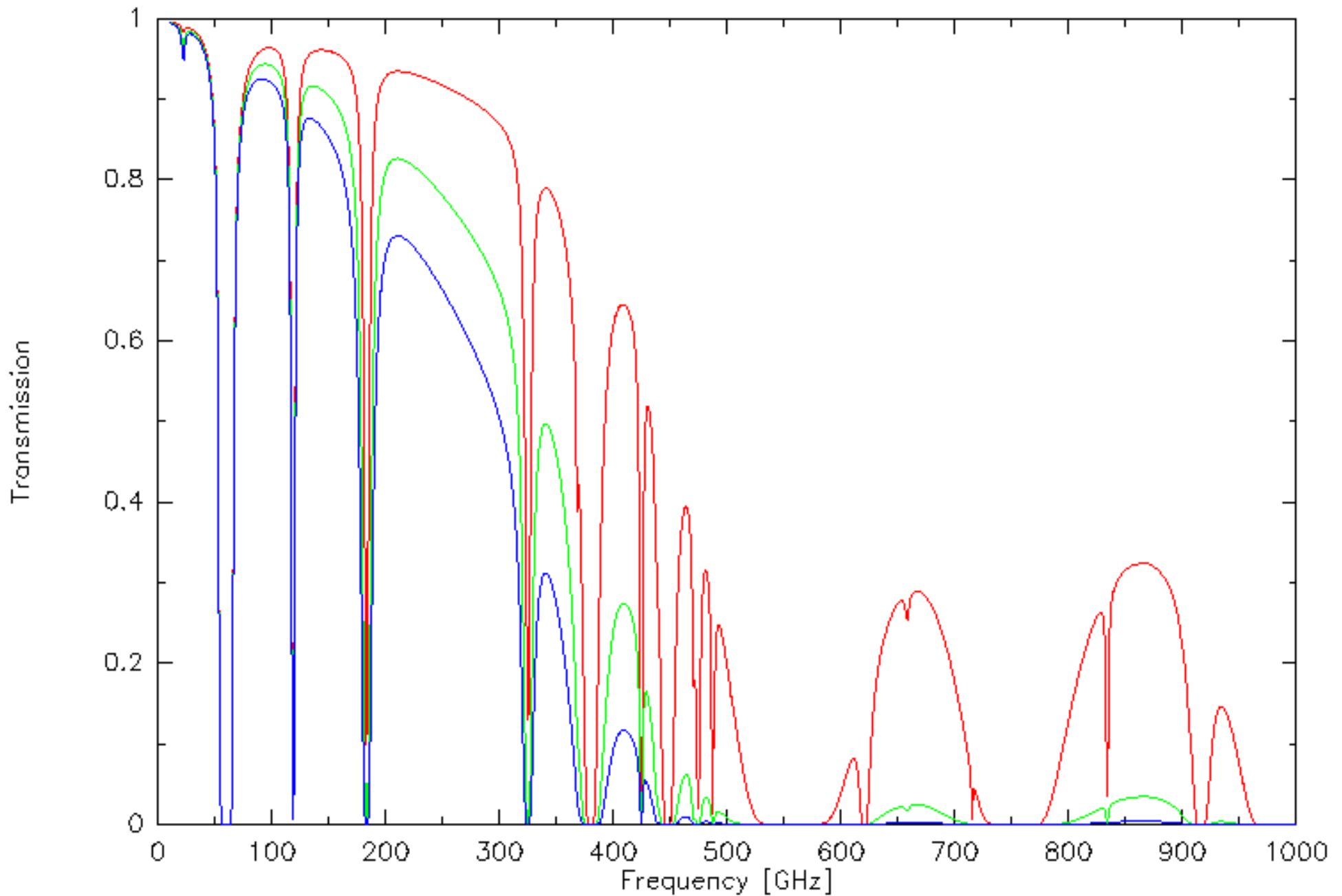
# Atmosphere

- Atmospheric lines: mainly H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> in the mm/sub-mm range



*Atmospheric model ATM (Pardo et al.)*

# Atmospheric “windows”



# Radiative transfer

Radiative transfer equation

$$I_\nu(l) = I_\nu(0) \exp \left[ - \int_0^l \kappa_\nu(l') dl' \right] + \int_0^l \epsilon_\nu(l') \exp \left[ - \int_l^{l'} \kappa_\nu(s) dl' \right] dl$$

$$I_\nu(\tau_\nu) = I_\nu(0) \exp(-\tau_\nu) + \int_0^{\tau_\nu} S_\nu(\tau') \exp[-(\tau_\nu - \tau')] d\tau'$$

Or:

$$I_\nu = I_{bg} \exp(-\tau) + (1 - \exp(-\tau)) S_\nu$$

# Temperatures

Planck function: 
$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{-\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}$$

Rayleigh-Jeans 
$$I_\nu = T \frac{2k\nu^2}{c^2}$$

Brightness temperature: 
$$T_b = I_\nu \times \frac{c^2}{2k\nu^2}$$

Optically thick emission: 
$$T_b = T_k$$

Optically thin emission 
$$T_b = \tau \cdot T_k$$

# System temperature

$$\begin{aligned} T_{ant} &= T_{bg} \\ &+ T_{sky} \sim \eta_f(1 - \exp(-\tau_{atm}))T_{atm} \\ &+ T_{spill} \sim (1 - \eta_f - \eta_{loss})T_{ground} \\ &+ T_{loss} \sim \eta_{loss}T_{cabin} \\ &+ T_{rec} \end{aligned}$$

- At mm wavelength, we are dominated by the atmosphere.
- $35\text{K} < T_{rec} < 100\text{ K}$
- Taking into account receiver rejection and referring to a perfect antenna outside atmosphere, one gets:

$$T_{sys} = (1 + g) \frac{\exp(\tau_{atm})}{\eta_f} T_{ant}$$

- Opacity correction allows to have sources on a scale proportional to their intensities (no more elevation dependant)

# Solution: get rid of water vapor

- Atmospheric scale height:
  - Dry air: 8.4 km
  - Water vapor: 2 km
- Solution: go to a dry high altitude site:
  - ALMA: Chajnantor (5000 m)
  - SMA: Mauna Kea (4000 m)
  - NOEMA: (2500 m)

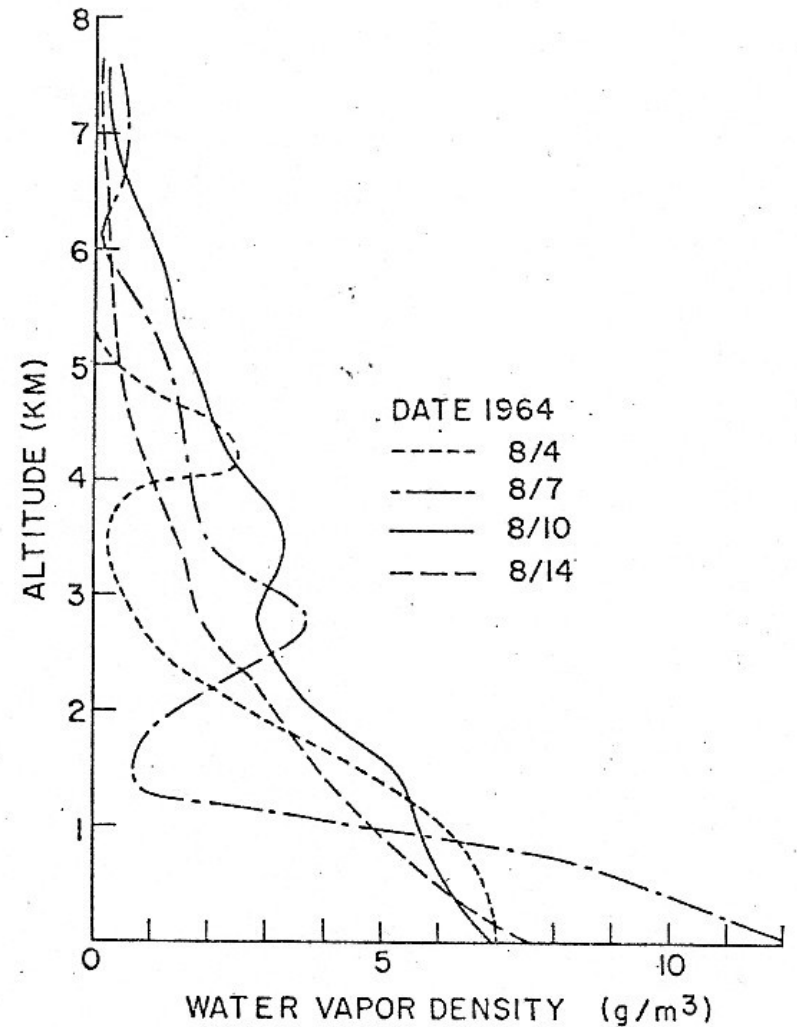


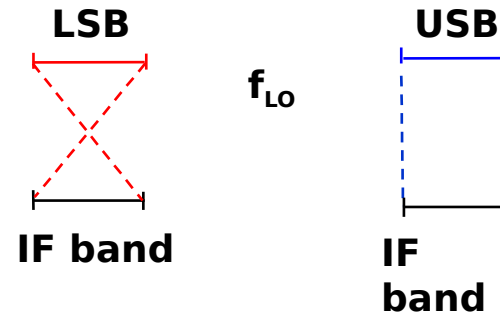
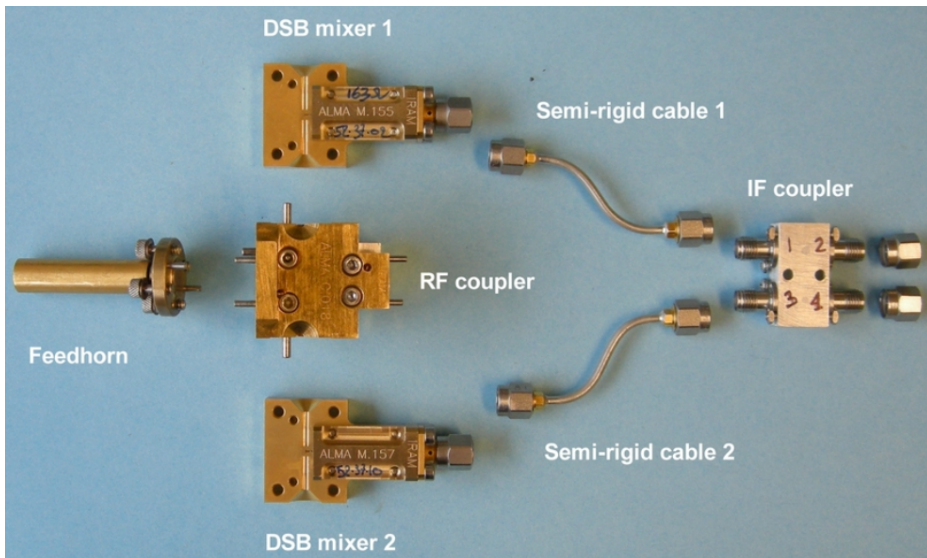
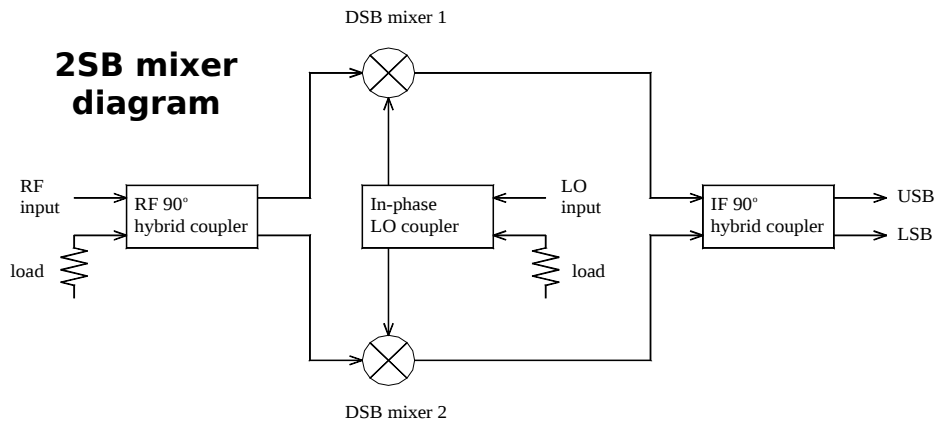
Fig. 3. Atmospheric water vapor profiles measured by radiosondes.



# Receiver

- High frequencies are not suited for a direct processing: needs a (frequency) down-conversion
  - Cm: amplify then down-convert
  - Mm: down-convert then amplify
- Technologies:
  - SIS mixers: needs a 4 K cooling, 2 times 8 GHz bandwidth
  - HEMT: direct amplification, 15 K sufficient. Bw up to 30%
  - HEB: 4 K cooling, up to Thz frequencies, 4 GHz bandwidth

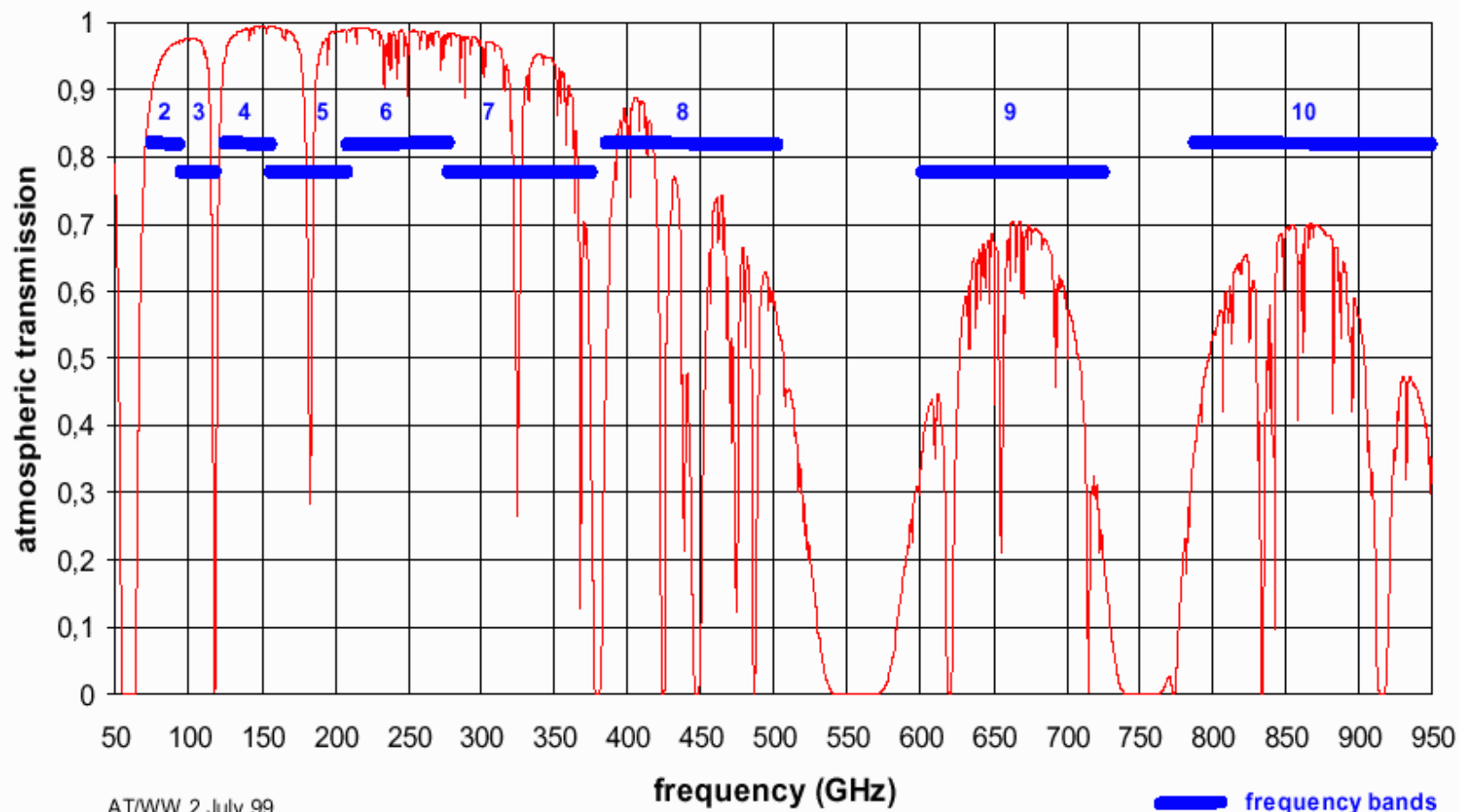
# Sideband



- DSB: both sidebands superimposed after downconversion
- SSB: one sideband is suppressed
- 2SB: sidebands are separated
- SSB have typically factor 2 lower system temperatures.
- In interferometry, phase control allows separation (walsh switching)/suppression (LO offsetting) of signal from image sideband

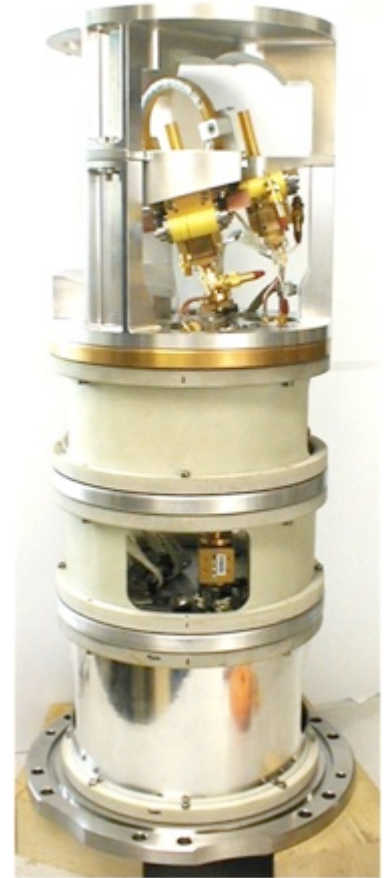
# ALMA receivers

Atmospheric transmission at Chajnantor, pwv = 0.5 mm

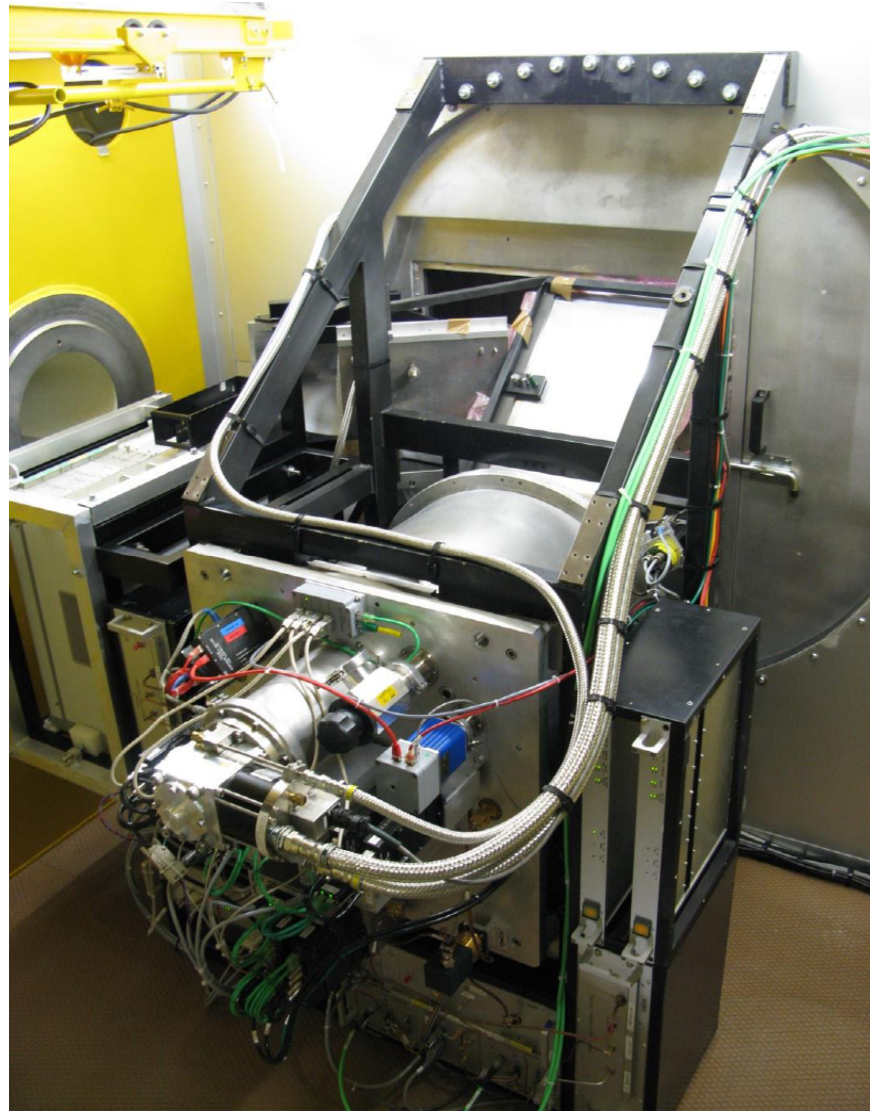
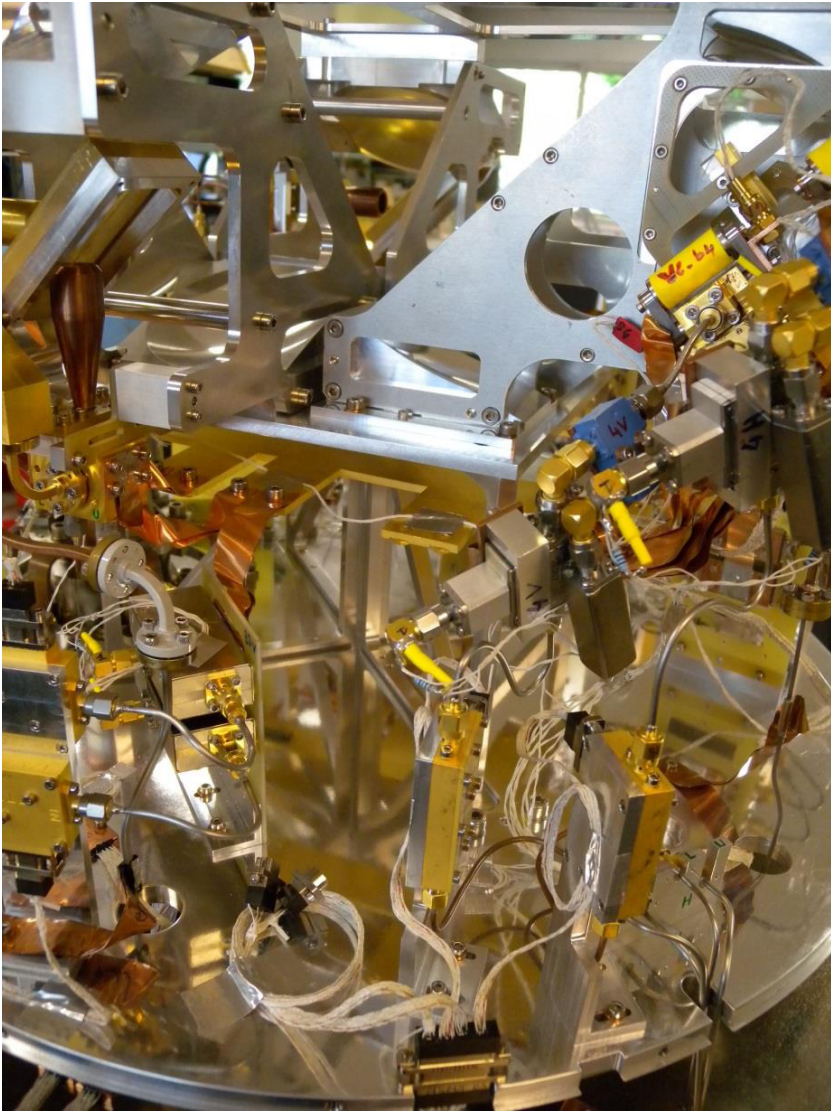


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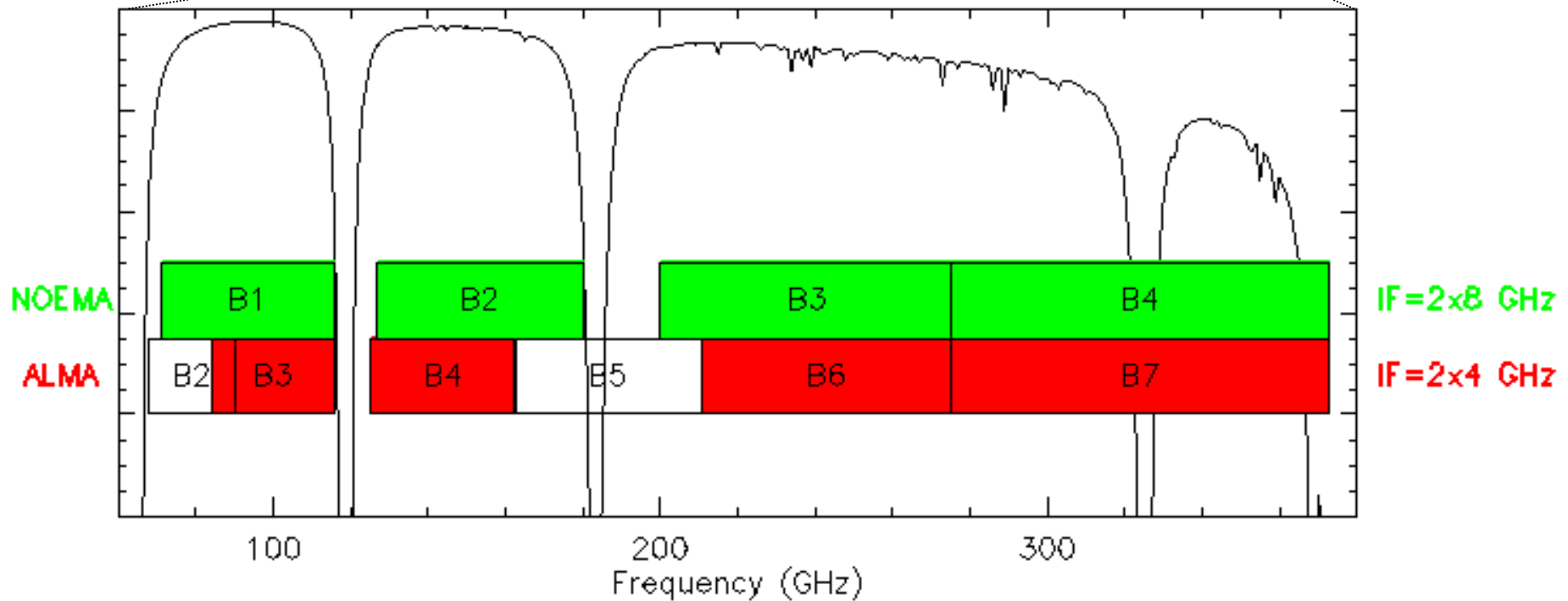
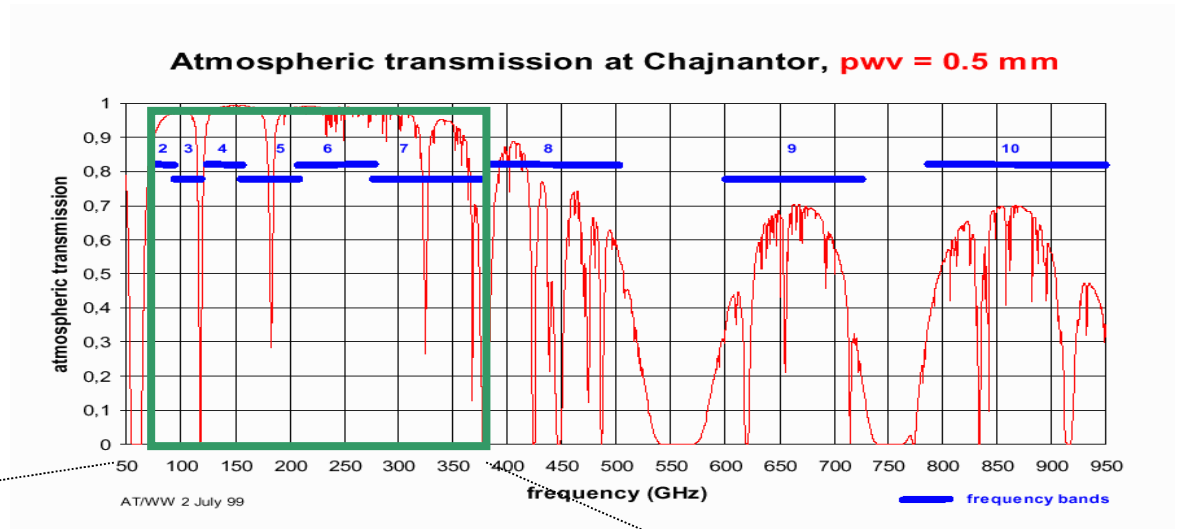
- Receiver Bands currently installed on all antennas:
  - Band 3: 3 mm (84-116 GHz)
  - Band 6: 1 mm (211-275 GHz)
  - Band 7: 850  $\mu\text{m}$  (275-370 GHz)
  - Band 9: 450  $\mu\text{m}$  (602-720 GHz)
  - Band 4: 2 mm (125-163 GHz)
  - Band 8: 650  $\mu\text{m}$  (385-500 GHz)
  - Band 10: 350  $\mu\text{m}$  band (787-950 GHz)
  
- All receivers **8 GHz bandwidth x 2 polar.**



# NOEMA Receivers



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# Antenna efficiency

- Antenna efficiency (Jy/K) is the reverse of

$$J = \frac{2k}{A_{eff}} = \frac{2k}{\eta_A A}$$

- Solution: larger antenna
- But this is:
  - Difficult
  - Costly
  - Reduce the field of view



# Aperture efficiency

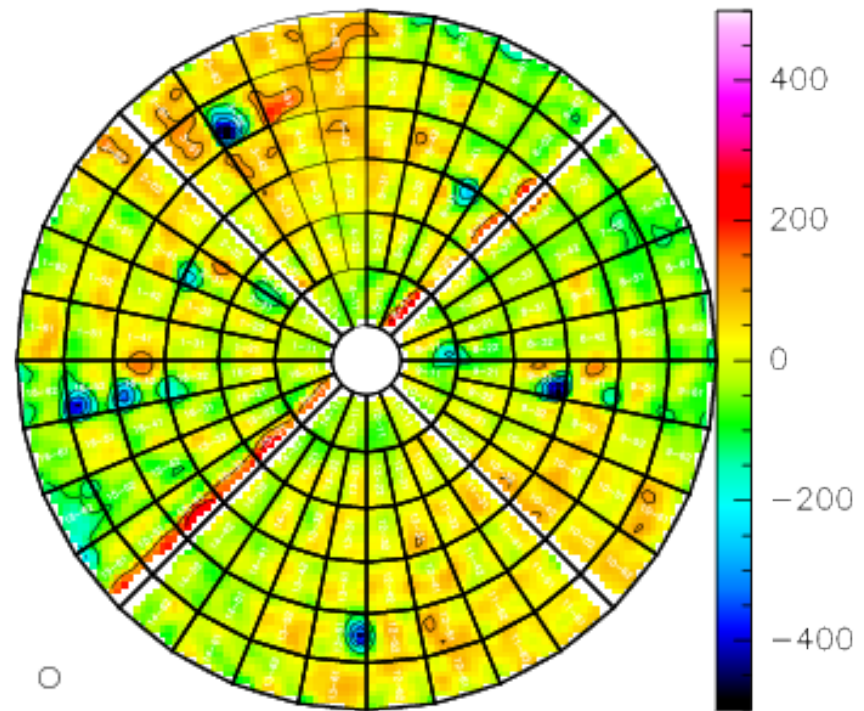
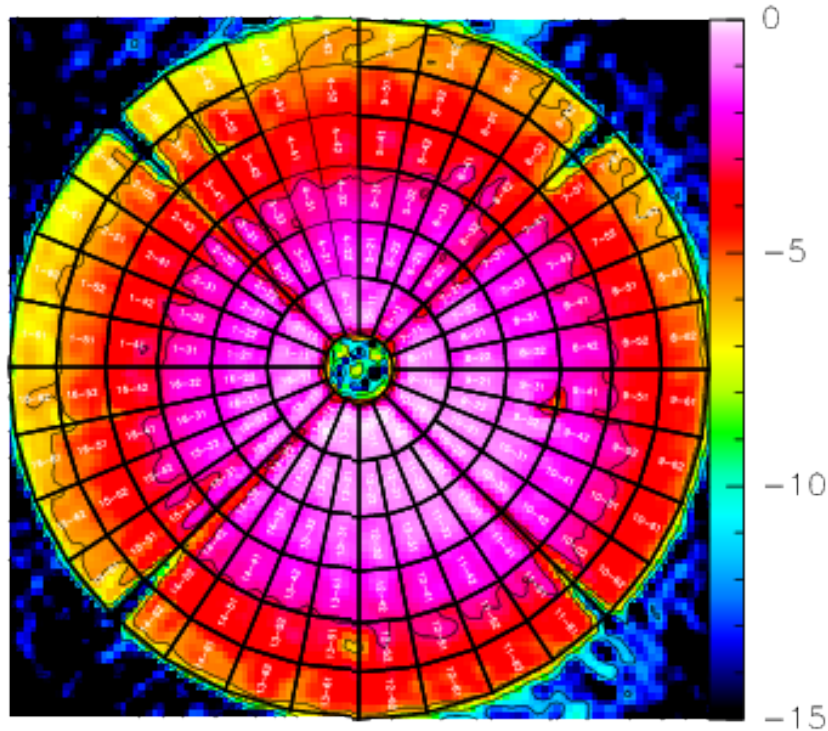
- Ruze formula relates surface errors r.m.s. and aperture efficiency

$$\eta_a = \eta_0 \exp\left(-\left(4\pi\sigma/\lambda\right)^2\right)$$

- With  $\sigma = \lambda/16$  one gets 50% efficiency.
- ALMA, 350 microns, needs 25 micron surface rms.
- NOEMA, 850 microns, needs 50 micron surface rms.
- Actual numbers are slightly better.
- Antenna panels position adjusted using holographic measurements.

# Astro holography

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 Am: Rel.(B) 3C454.3 6Dq scans 7887 to 7990 07-AUG-2015 05:40UT EI: 30.94  
 Ph: Rel.(B)  
 rms Pha. Edge taper = 11.72x 11.05 dB - offset X= 0.59 Y= -0.69 m  
 25 24.3 Focus offsets (X,Y,Z) = 0.26 -0.07 -0.05 mm; Astigmatism = 0.0  $\mu$ m ( 180.0deg.)  
 35 18.9 Phase rms (unweighted)= 0.196 (weighted)= 0.187 radians  
 45 14.8 Surface rms (unweighted)= 61.93 - (weighted)= 57.80  $\mu$ m  
 56 16.0  $\eta_A$ ( 86.243 GHz) = 0.771;  $\eta_A$ (230.0 GHz) = 0.640;  $\eta_A$ (345.0 GHz) = 0.509  
 S/T( 86.243 GHz)= 20.270 Jy/K; S/T(230GHz)= 24.395 Jy/K; S/T(345 GHz)= 30.670 Jy/K  
 $\eta_I$ = 0.797  $-\eta_S$ = 0.710  $-\eta_P$ ( 86.243 GHz)= 0.966  $-\eta_P$ (230 GHz)= 0.803  $-\eta_P$ (345 GHz)= 0.639  
 Rms/ring: 55.4 41.7 57.5 55.3 67.4 59.8  
 Amplitude (back view) Normal errors (back view)  
 -15.000 to 0.000 by 3.000 -500.000 to 500.000 by 100.000



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# Large bandwidth

- Large bandwidth allows to gain sensitivity for continuum data
- But lines have limited (by physics) linewidth
  - However one can get through simultaneous observations of many lines at once (e.g. Spectral surveys). Share a common calibration.
  - One gets a larger discovery space for redshift search
  - Or for detecting new molecules
- This produces huge datasets (100's of GB).
- Integration time cannot go beyond reasonable values
  - After observing 1 day, one needs to observe 100 days to gain a factor of 10, 10 000 days to gain another of 10. This is almost 30 years of observing time

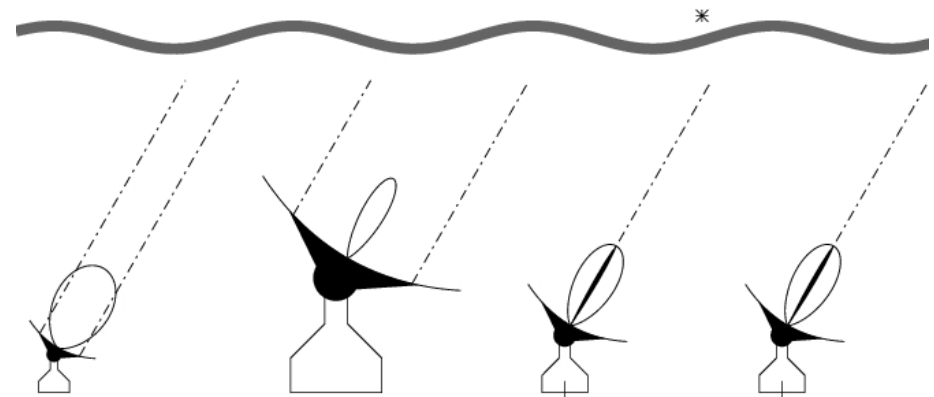
(some) Specificities of mm/sub-mm interferometry

# Tropospheric phase noise

- Water vapor along the line of sight adds a phase:

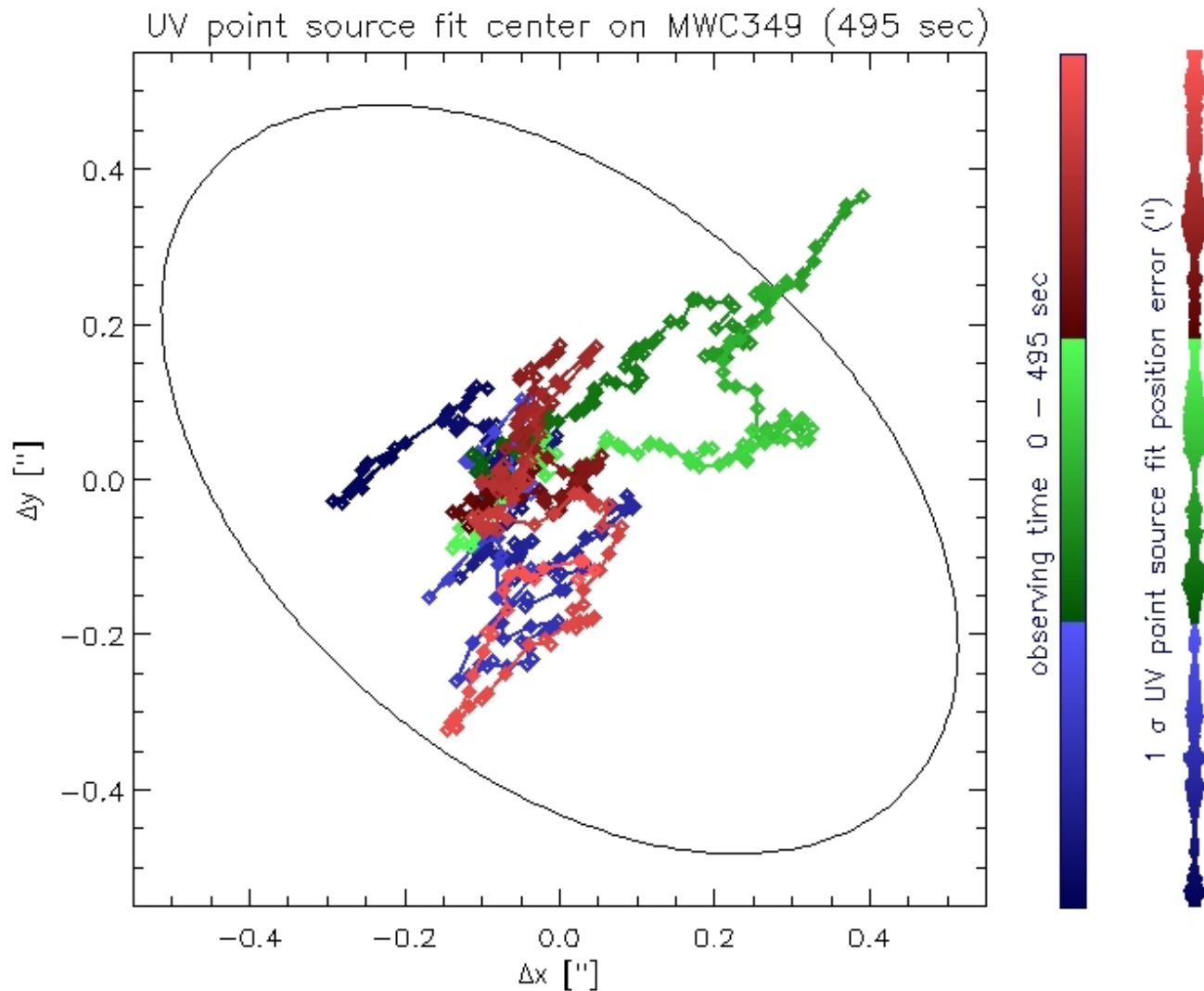
$$\phi \simeq \frac{12.6\pi}{\lambda} \times w$$

- And the air does not mix well



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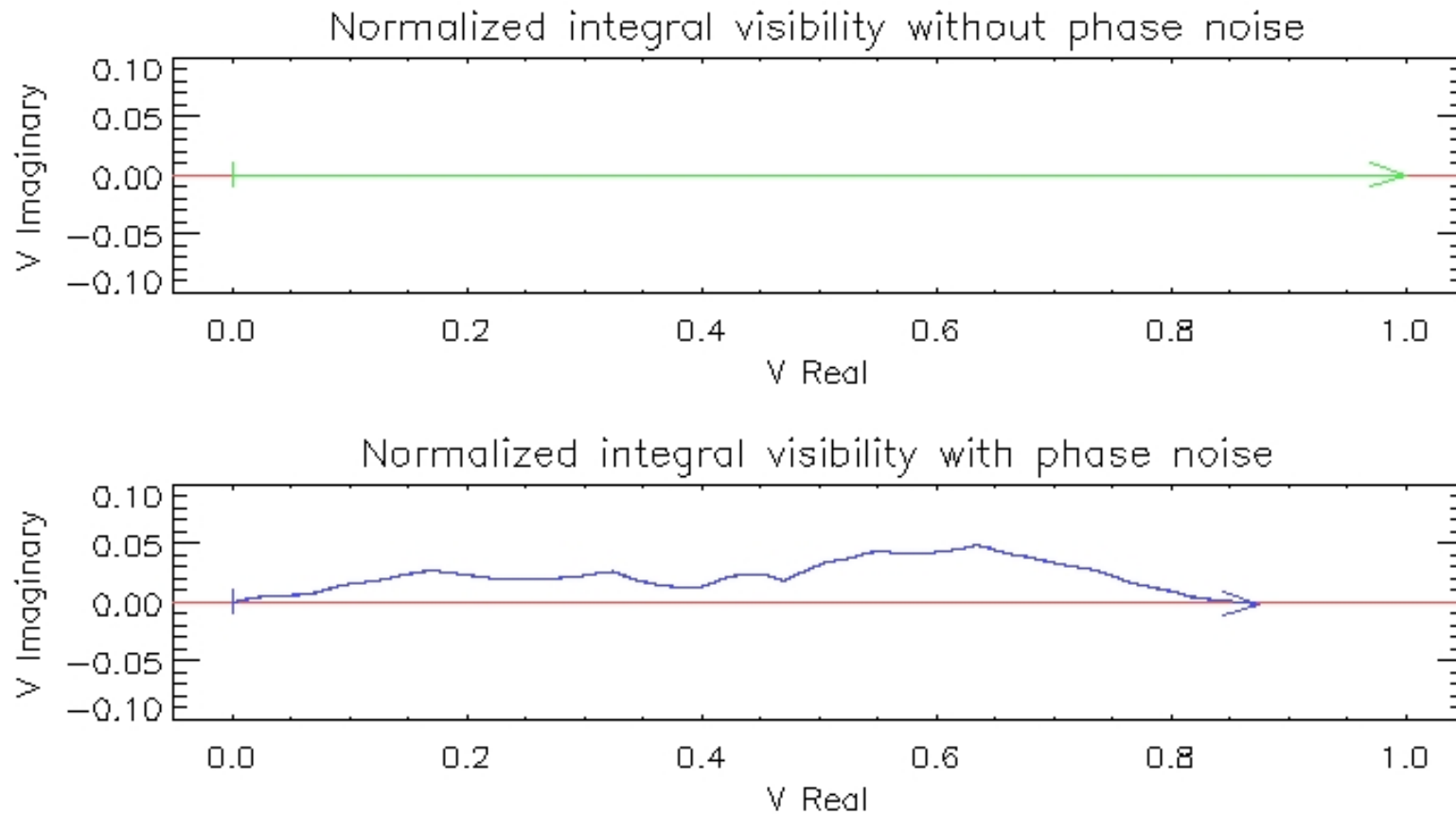
- Point source appears to move



# Tropospheric phase noise

- We lose integrated flux due to phase jitter

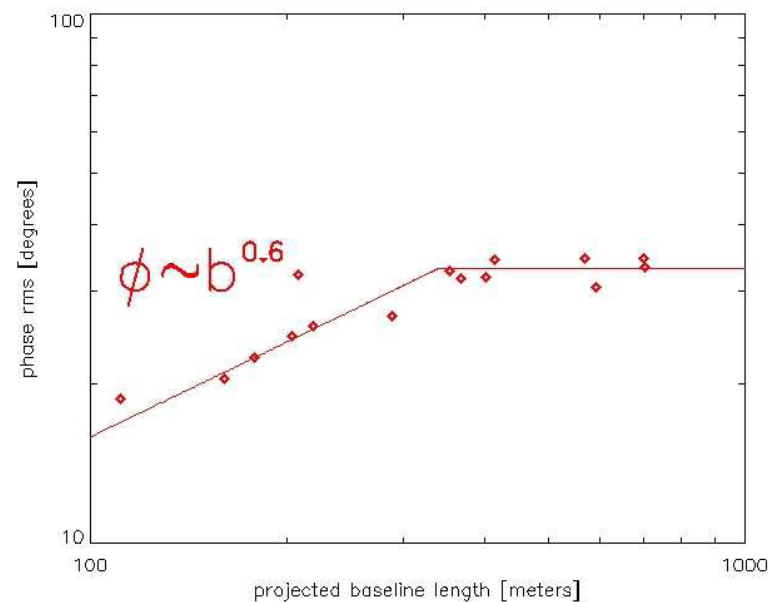
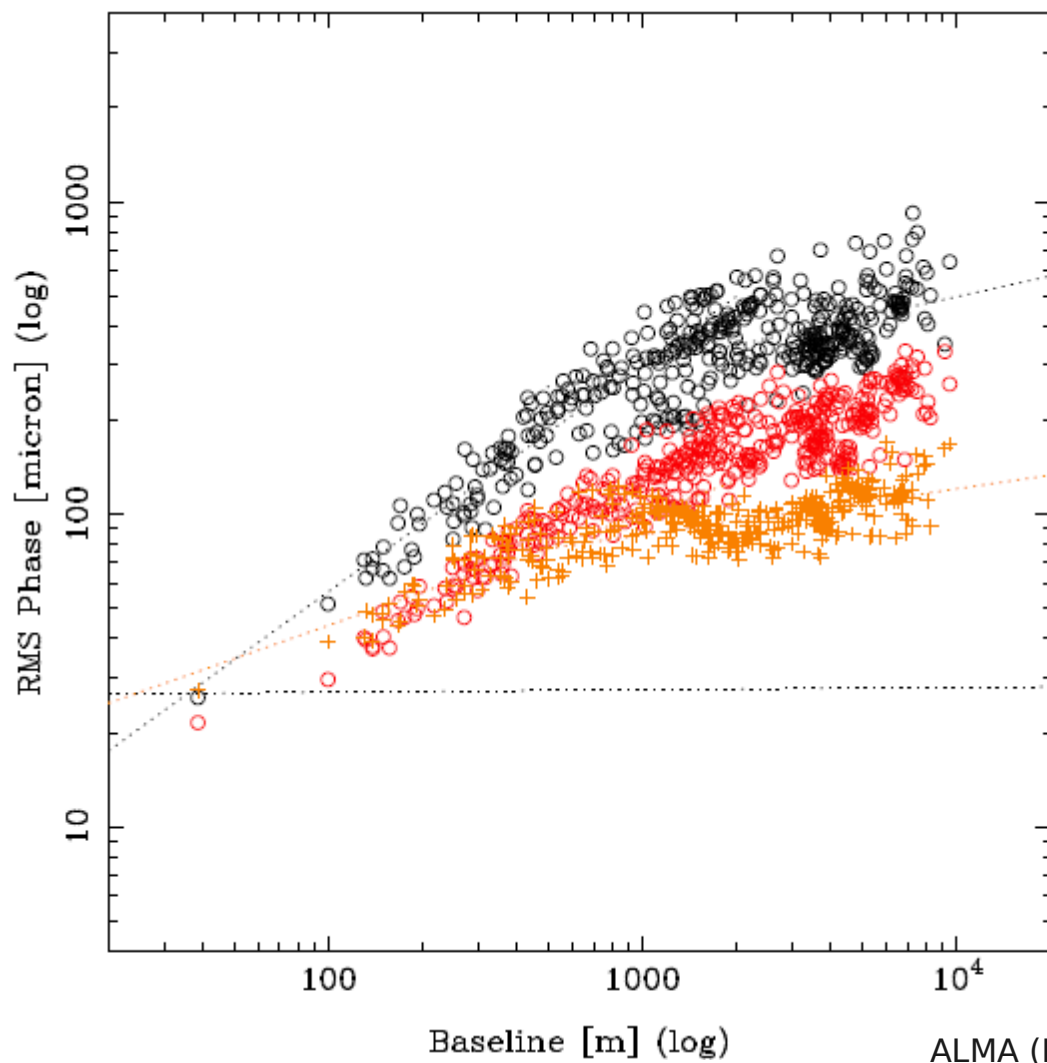
$$V_{obs} = V_{ideal} \exp(-\phi^2/2)$$





# Structure function of the atmosphere

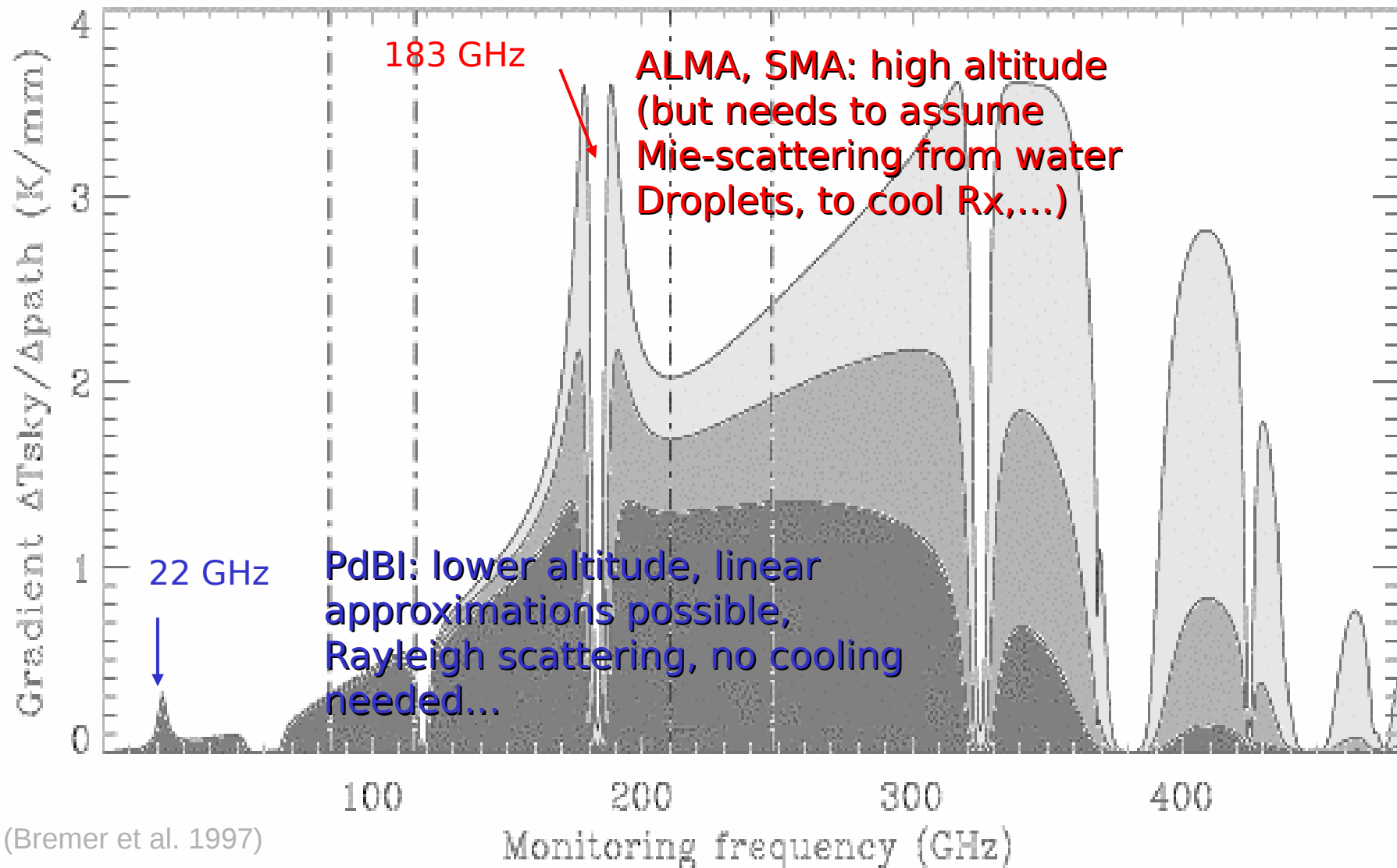
Following Kolmogorov theory, phase rms increases up to an outer scale



PdBI (Bremer 2010)

# Radiometers

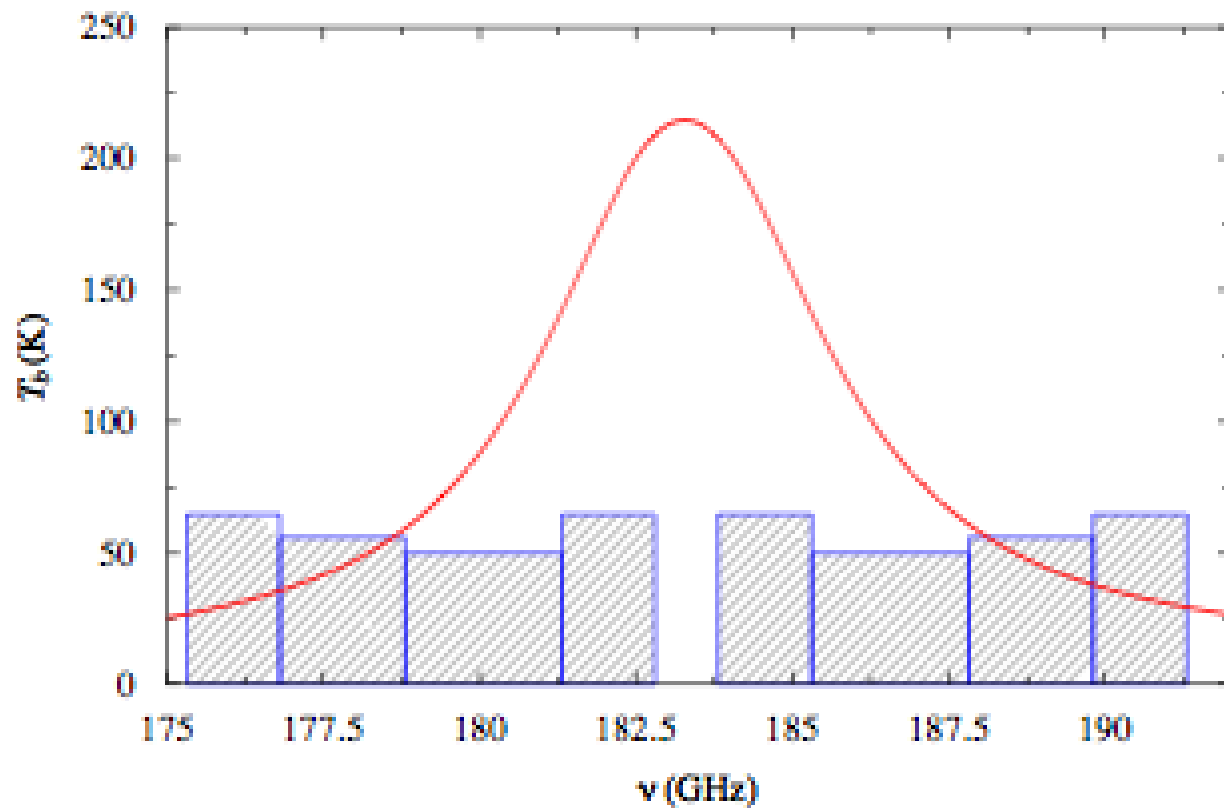
(Un)fortunately, water vapor has emission lines.



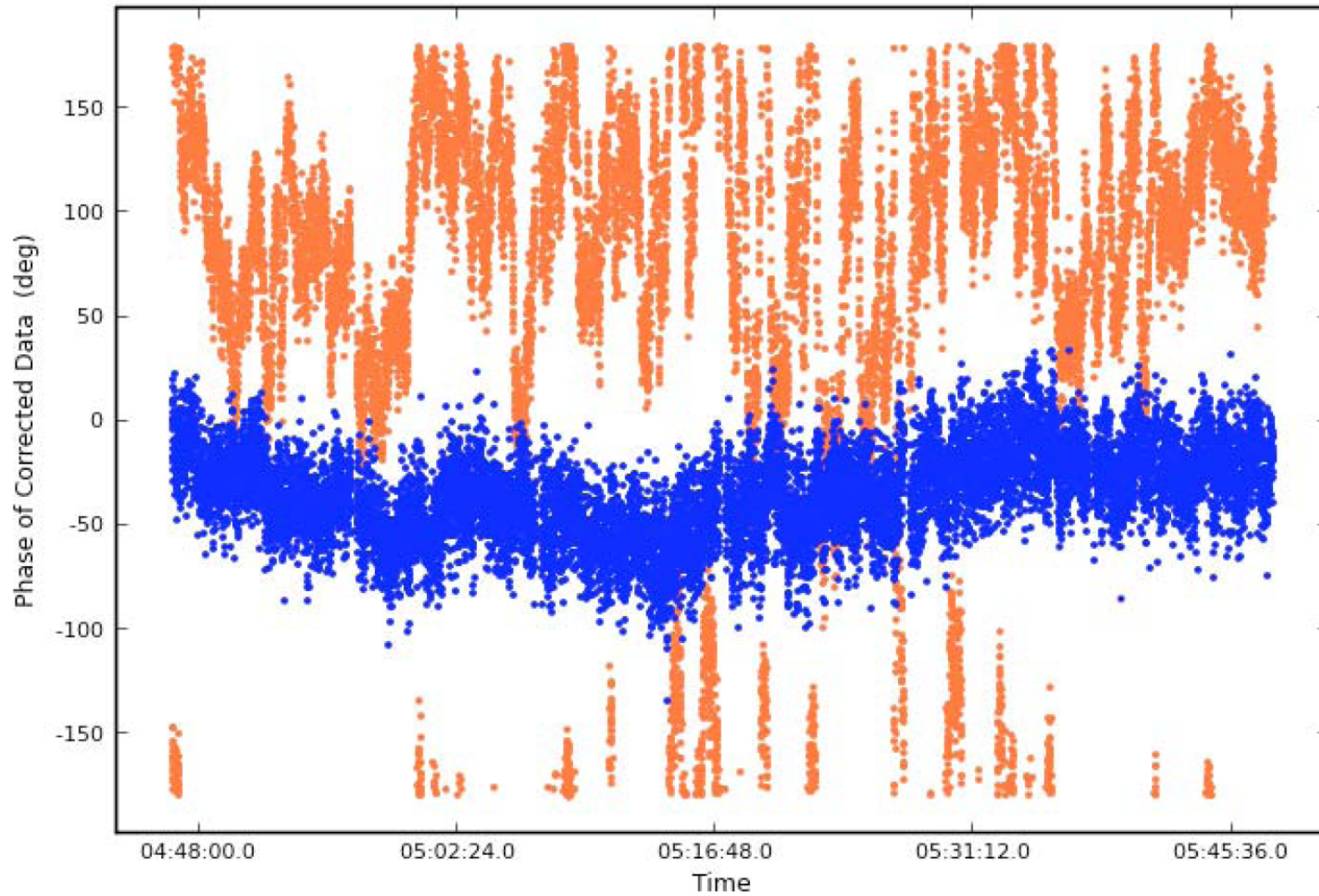
# ALMA radiometers

## The 183 GHz Water Vapour Line

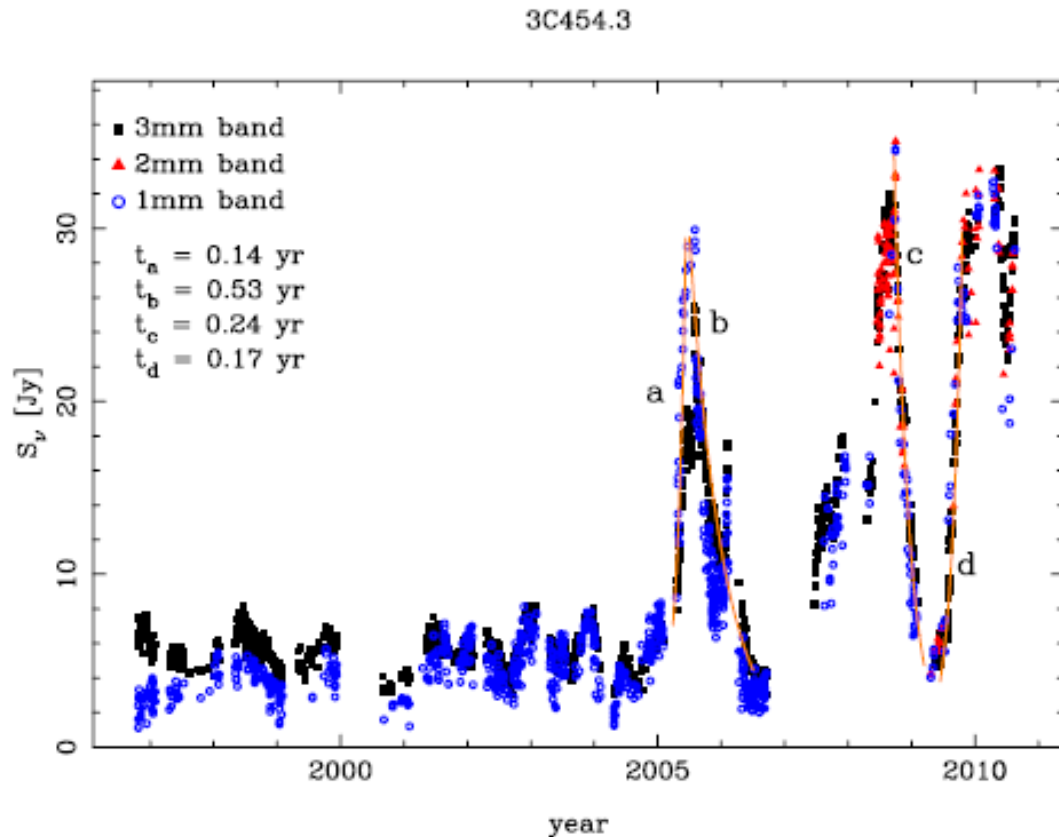
Blue rectangles are the production WVR filters



# Applying radiometric correction

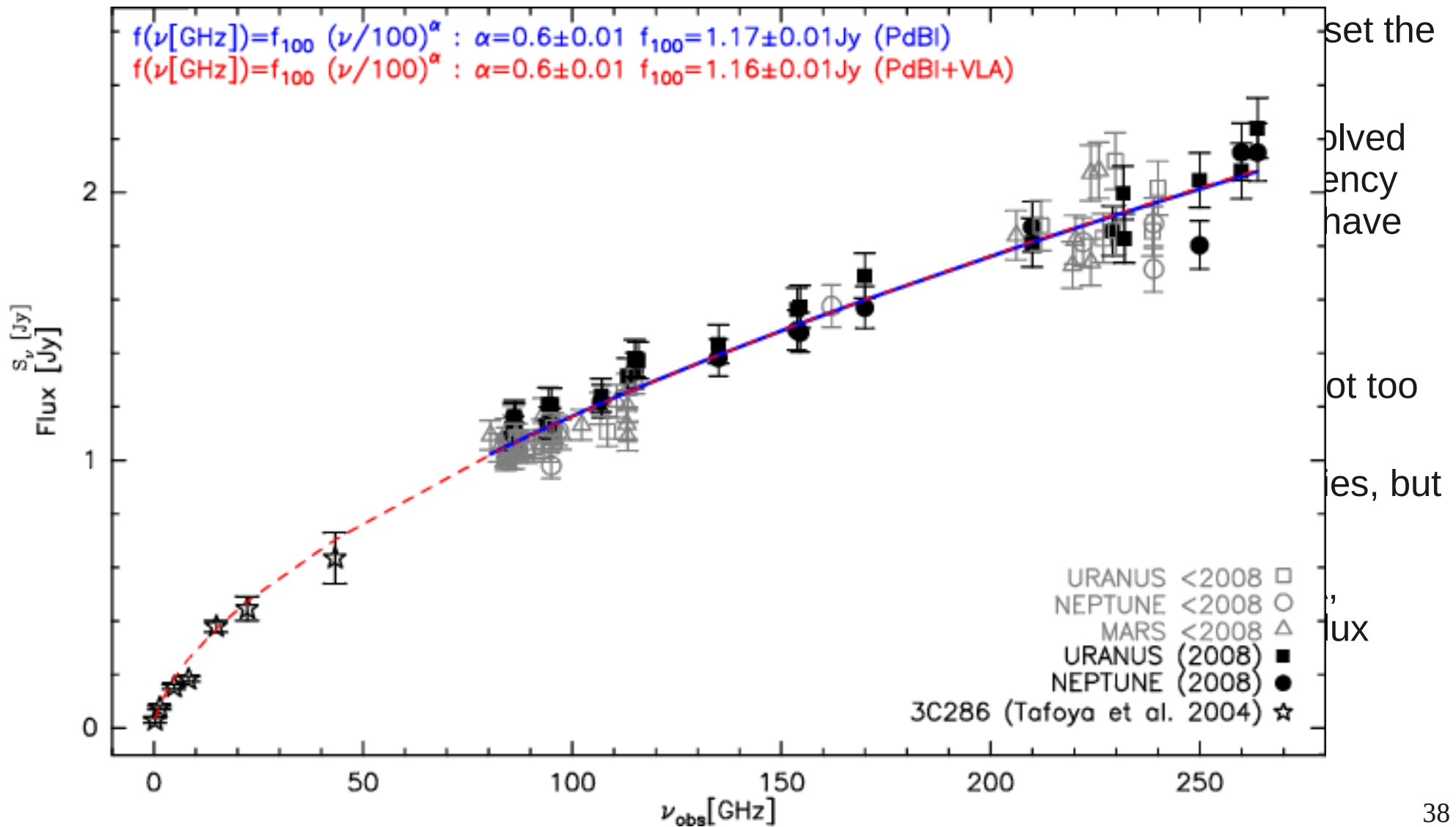


# Quasars are variable



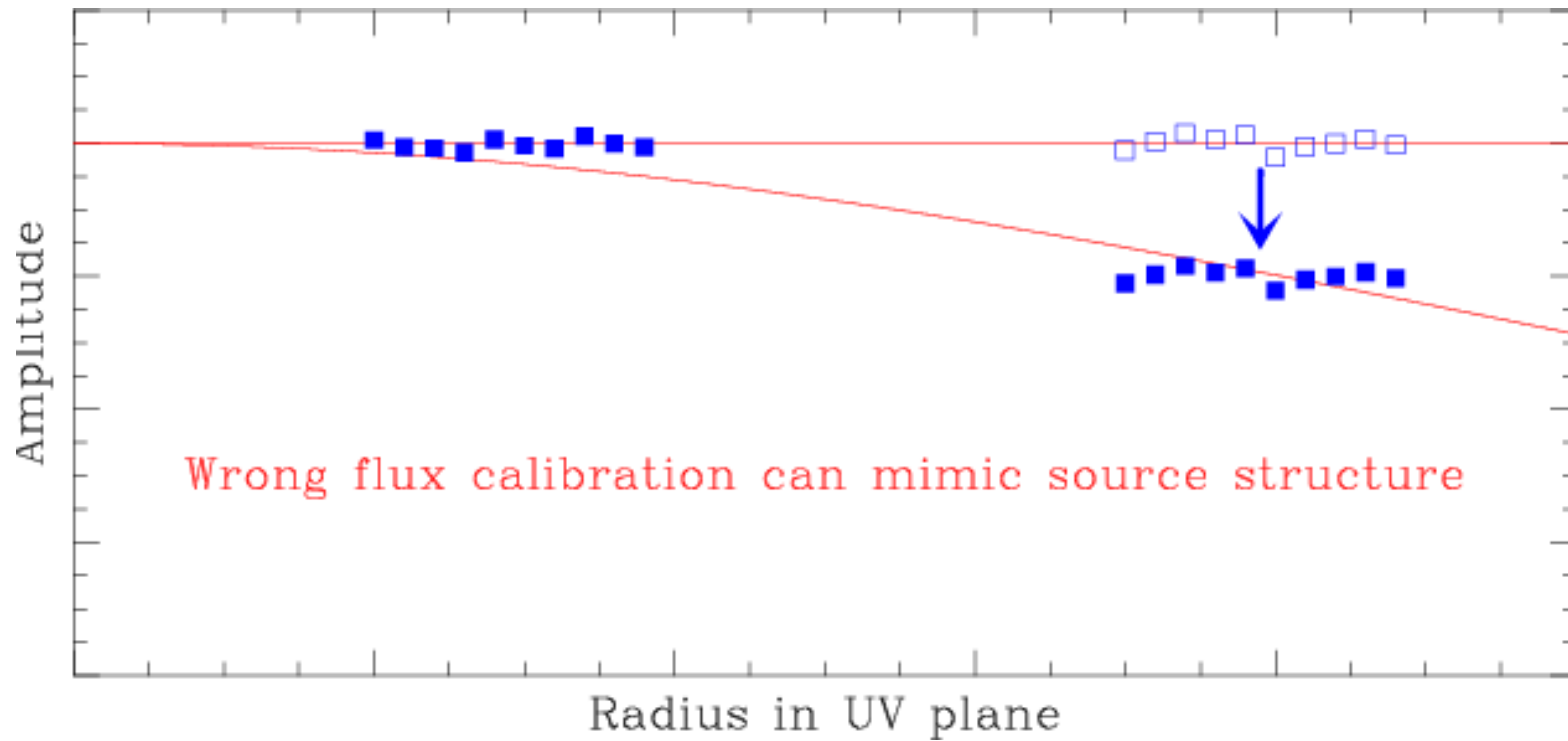
- Use primary calibrators to set the flux scale
  - Planets, but can be resolved out depending on frequency and configuration. Can have absorption line.
  - Satellites
    - Take care that it is not too close from planet
  - Solar system small bodies, but need a good model.
  - Radio-stars. At NOEMA, MWC349 is used as a flux reference

# Quasars are variable



# Why flux scale matters

- Direct error on temperature or surface density.
- When observing with multi configurations:



# mm-submm observatories

1964: Haystack 37-m tel. (up to  $\lambda=10/6\text{mm}$ )

1965: Green Bank 140ft telescope ( $\lambda>6\text{mm}$ )

1969: Kitt Peak 36'/12m telescope ( $\lambda>2/1\text{mm}$ )

1970: Effelsberg 100m telescope ( $\lambda>3\text{mm}$ )

- 1979: Berkley interferometer (-> BIMA)

- 1982: OVRO

1982: Nobeyama 45m telescope ( $\lambda>2\text{mm}$ )

1984: IRAM 30m telescope ( $\lambda>0.8\text{mm}$ )

- 1985: Nobeyama interferometer

1988: CSO 10.4m telescope ( $\lambda>0.3\text{mm}$ )

- 1990: Plateau de Bure Interferometer ( $\lambda>0.8\text{mm}$ )

2000: GBT 105m telescope ( $\lambda>3\text{mm}$ )

- 2003: SMA

2004: APEX ( $\lambda>0.3\text{mm}$ )

- 2011: ALMA ( $\lambda>0.1\text{mm}$ ), ES



# Mm/sub-mm interferometers



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# ALMA

## **Atacama Large Millimeter/Submillimeter Array**

Europe (**ESO**)

North America (USA, Canada, Taiwan)

Eastern Asia (Japan, Taiwan, South Korea)

Chile



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- Main array: 50 x 12 m antennas
- ALMA Compact Array (ACA): 4 x 12m + 12 x 7m
- Frequency range: 30—900 GHz (0.3—10 mm)
- 16 km max. baseline

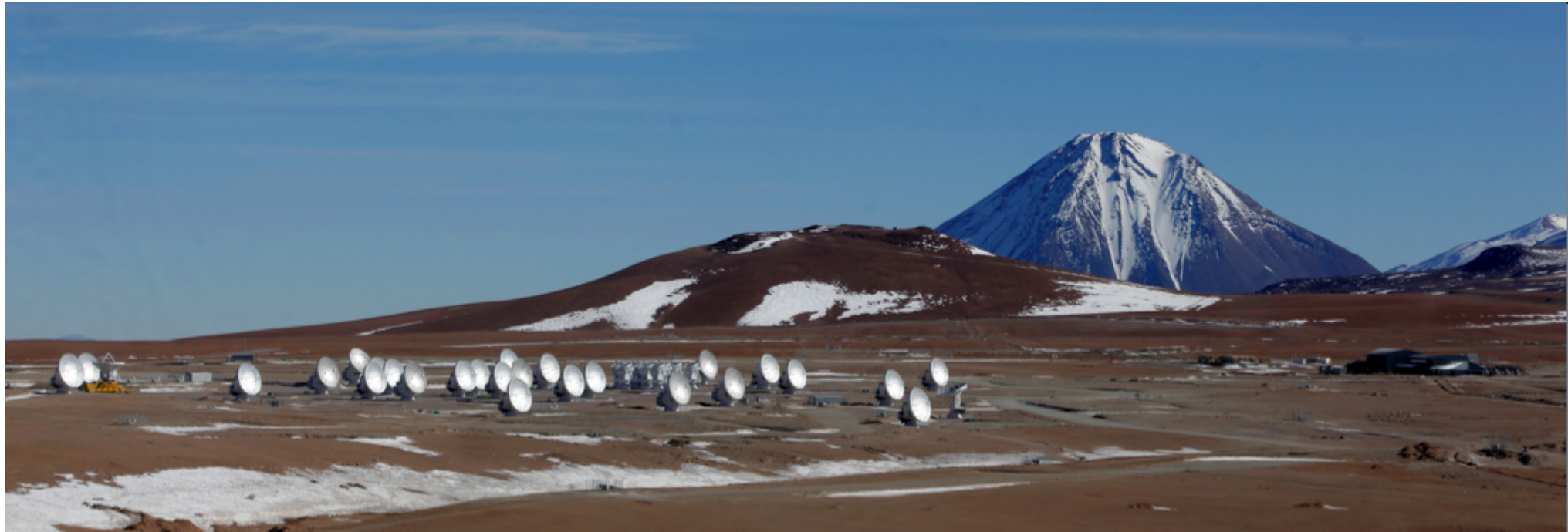
# ALMA antennas



NA and EA antennas



EU antenna + transporter



# ALMA Compact Array



## Morita-array

- 12 7-m antennas to observe the short spacings
- Not (yet) offered in stand-alone mode

## Single-dish antennas

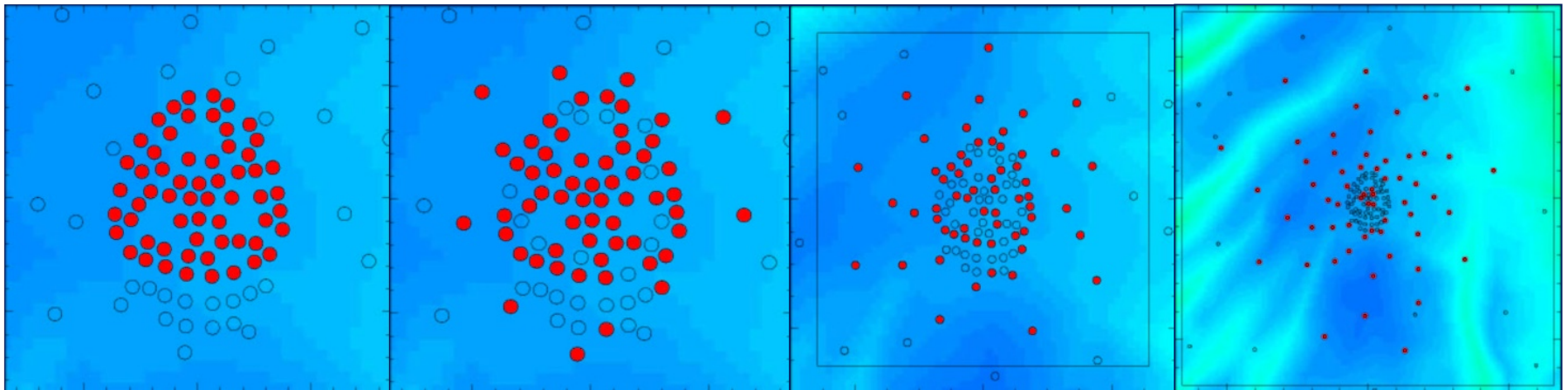
- 4 12-m antennas used in single-dish mode to observe the zero-spacings

# Imaging

50 antennas, 1225 baselines (**Goal = 45 antennas used**)

Angular resolution  $\lambda/B$  down to 40 mas (100 GHz), 5 mas (900 GHz)

28 (TBC) different antenna configurations, from compact to ~16 km



**Short spacings: ACA observations + 4 single-dish antennas**

**Caution: not all projects can have ACA data!**

ALMA imaging simulator in GILDAS and CASA



# ALMA Early Science

Cycle 0: deadline mid 2011 ; observations in 2012

Cycle 1: deadline mid 2012 ; observations in 2013-2014-2015

Cycle 2: deadline end of 2013: observations in 2014-2015

Cycle 3: deadline spring 2015

1582 proposals

Pressure factor ~ **5—10**

Best  
effort  
basis



## ALMA capabilities deployment

Now distinguish between standard and non-standard modes

- ACA & SD, polarimetry, long baselines

# Mm/sub-mm interferometers



# Mm/sub-mm interferometers



# NOEMA

## Northern Extended Millimeter Array

### Extension of the IRAM Plateau de Bure interferometer

- Double the number of 15 m antennas from 6 to 12
- New receivers: increase of IF bandwidth from 8 GHz to 32 GHz
- New correlator (FPGA technology)
- Extension of the baselines from 0.8 to 1.6 km



# NOEMA

## NOEMA Phase I (2017)

4 new antennas (7-8-9-10)

10 new receivers

12-antennas correlator

## NOEMA Phase II (2019)

2 new antennas (11-12)

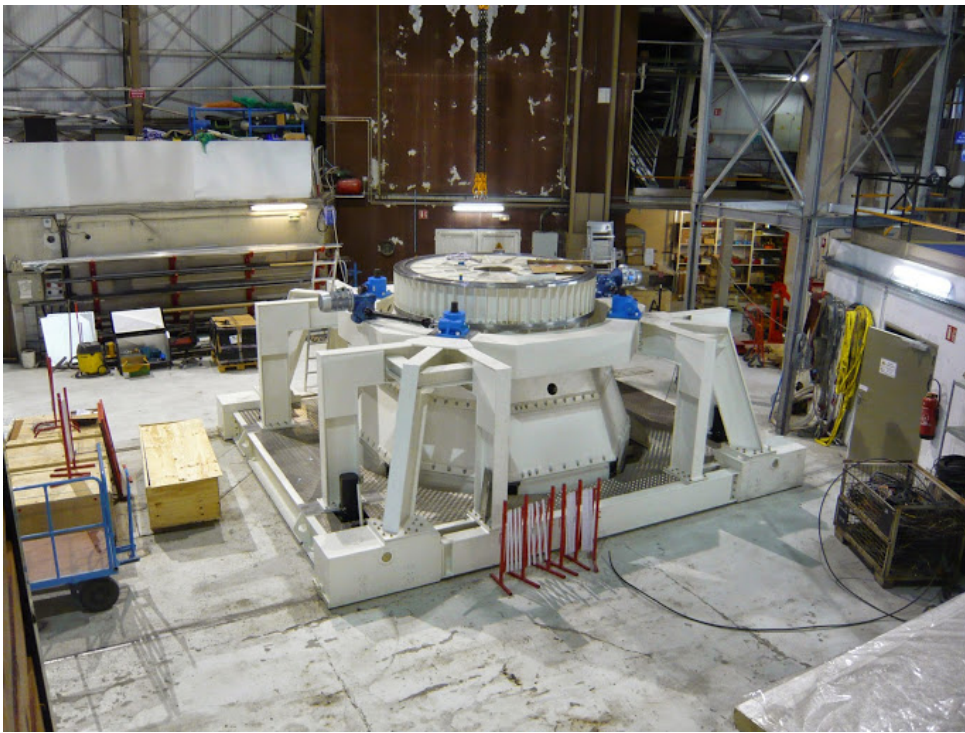
Baseline extension (1.6 km)

Band 4 (0.8 mm / 345 GHz)



Antenna 7 inauguration 22 Sept. 2014





January 2015

Antenna 8

28 May 2015





# NOEMA factsheet

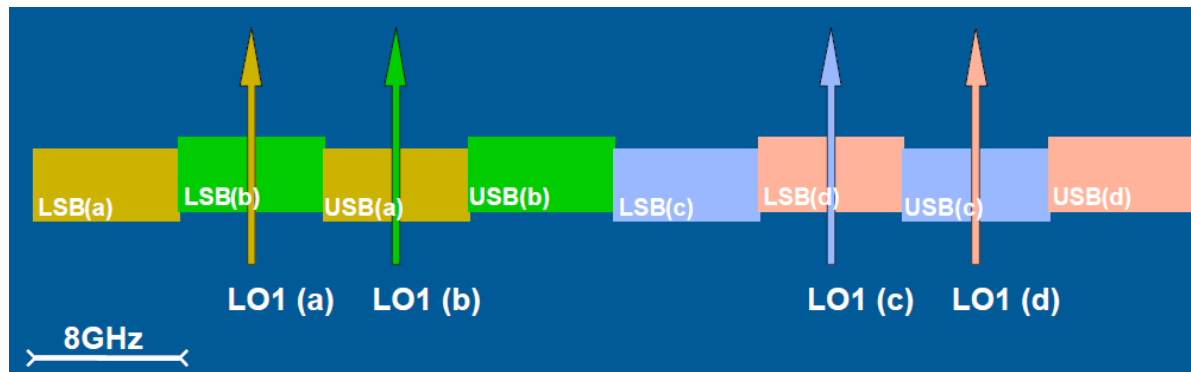
| Collecting area |                     |                   |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                 | Interferometry      | Short spacings    |
| ALMA/ACA        | 5655 m <sup>2</sup> | 914m <sup>2</sup> |
| NOEMA/30m       | 2121 m <sup>2</sup> | 707m <sup>2</sup> |

| Bandwidth per polarization |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| PdBI                       | 4 GHz     |
| ALMA                       | 2 x 4 GHz |
| NOEMA/30m                  | 2 x 8 GHz |

- Line observations: NOEMA rms < 3 ALMA rms
- Continuum observations: NOEMA rms < 2 ALMA rms

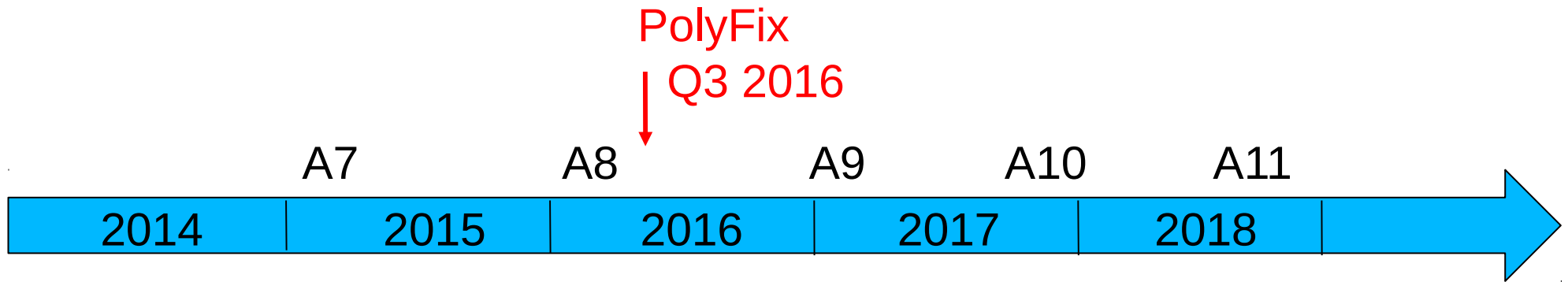
# NOEMA features

- Correlator provides full continuum **and** (up to) 128 spec. windows
- Frequency plan + correlator mode optimized for **frequency surveys**



- **Dual-band observations** (with 2<sup>nd</sup> correlator) funded by the MPG

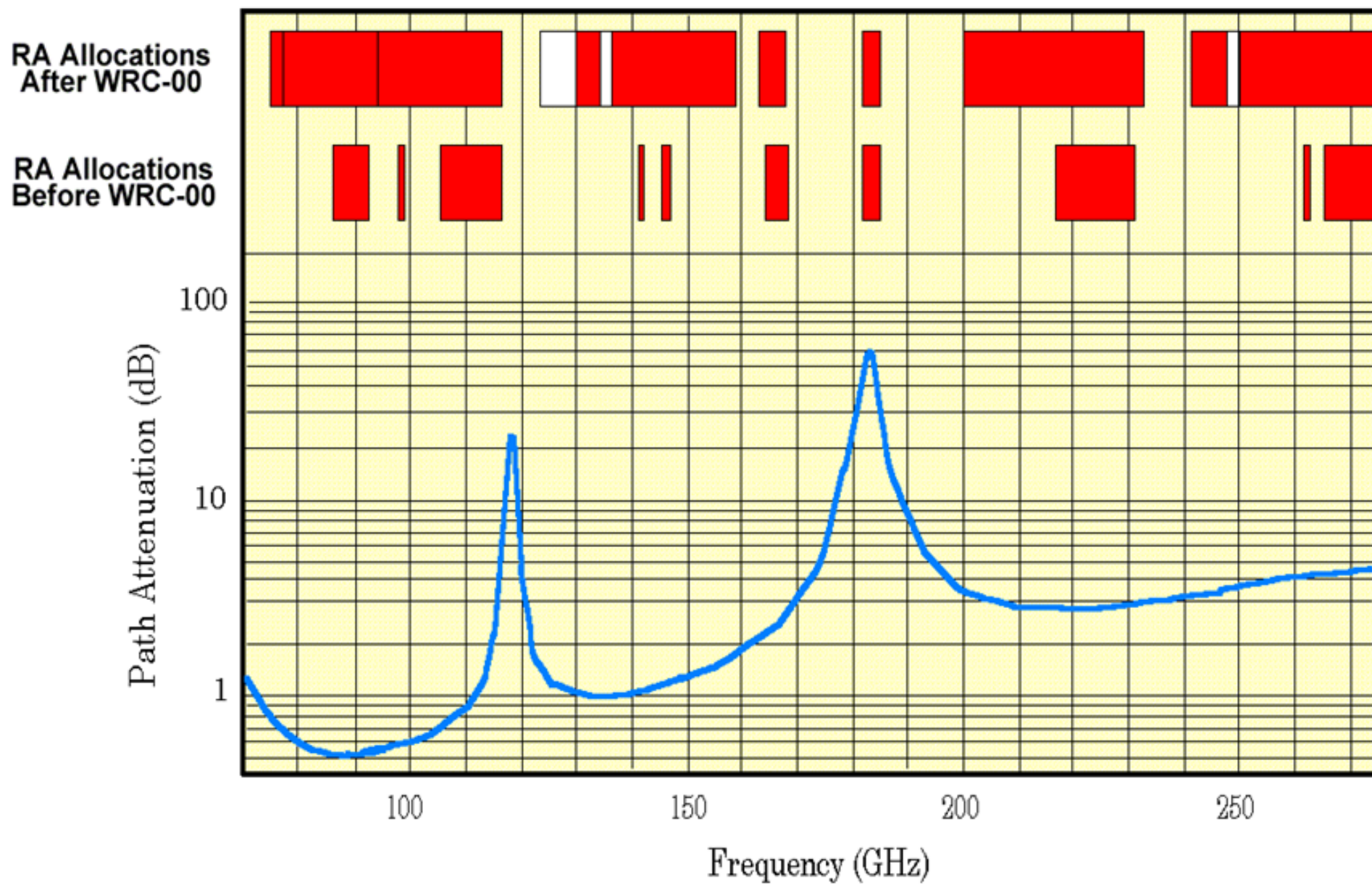
# Timeline NOEMA



- A8: Q1 2016
- A9: Q1 2017
- A10: Q4 2017
- A11: Q3 2018
- A12: Q2 2019

# Radio allocation summary

- **< 30 GHz:**
  - 1.3% primary exclusive for passive frequency use
  - 1.2% primary shared allocations
  - 0.5% secondary allocations
- **30 - 275 GHz:**
  - 16.8% primary exclusive for passive frequency use
  - 38.3% primary shared allocations
  - 5.1% secondary allocations
- **> 275 GHz:**
  - No allocation yet



*Tzioumis, IUCAF Spectrum management SS 2010.*

# WRC 15

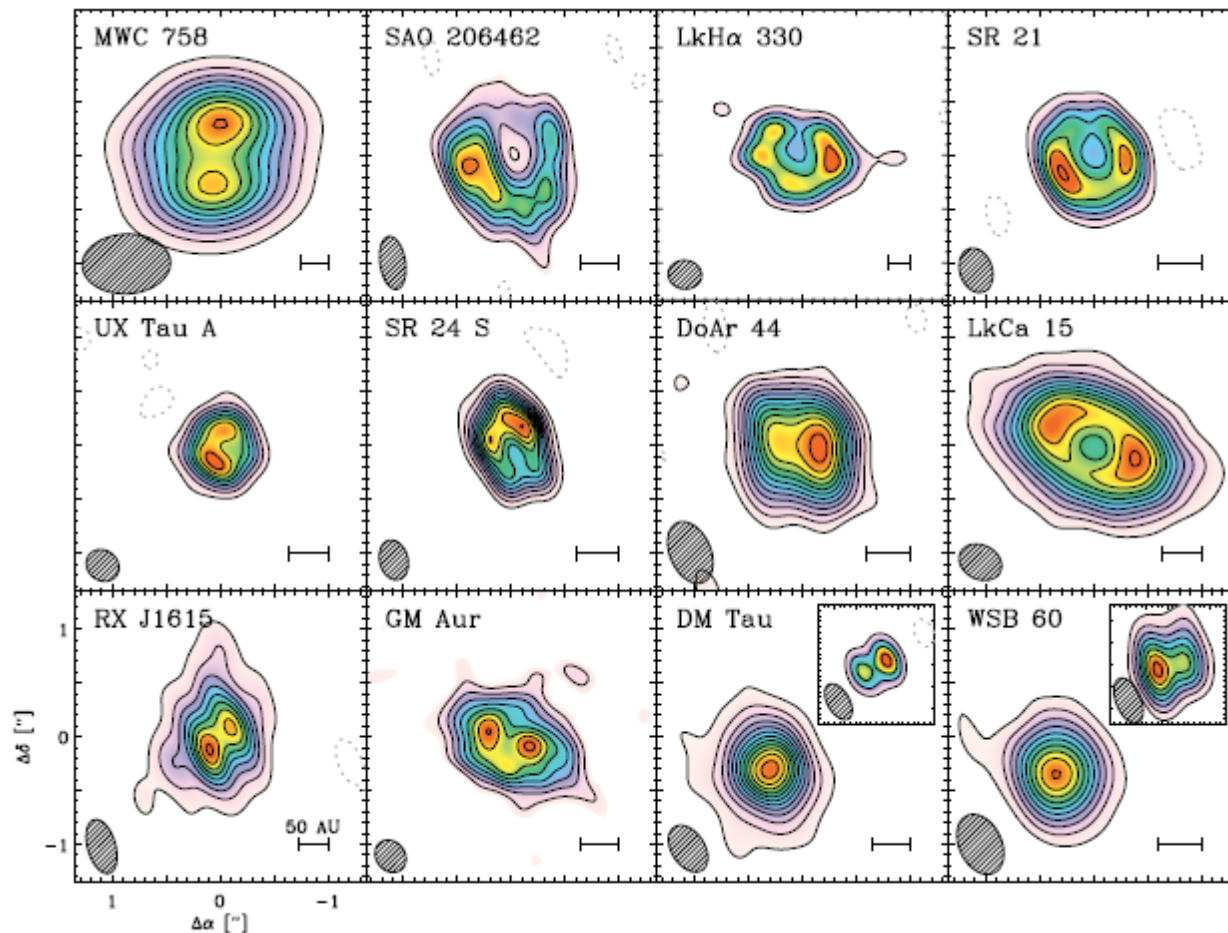
- Agenda item 1.18
  - To consider a primary allocation to the radiolocation service for automotive applications in the 77.5-78 GHz frequency band in accordance with Resolution 654 (WRC12)

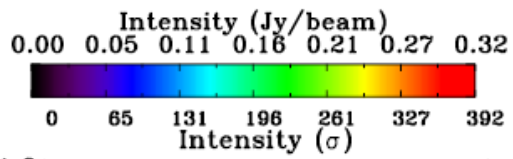
## 76-81 GHz

| Allocation to services |   |          |
|------------------------|---|----------|
| Region 1               | Region 2  | Region 3 |
| ...                    |   |          |
| <b>76-77.5</b>         | RADIO ASTRONOMY<br>RADIOLOCATION<br>Amateur<br>Amateur-satellite<br>Space research (space-to-Earth)<br>5.149                  |          |
| <b>77.5-78</b>         | AMATEUR<br>AMATEUR-SATELLITE<br>RADIOLOCATION <b>ADD 5.XXX</b><br>Radio astronomy<br>Space research (space-to-Earth)<br>5.149 |          |
| <b>78-79</b>           | RADIOLOCATION<br>Amateur<br>Amateur-satellite<br>Radio astronomy<br>Space research (space-to-Earth)<br>5.149 5.560            |          |
| <b>79-81</b>           | RADIO ASTRONOMY<br>RADIOLOCATION<br>Amateur<br>Amateur-satellite<br>Space research (space-to-Earth)<br>5.149                  |          |

# Observations of inner cavities in protoplanetary disks

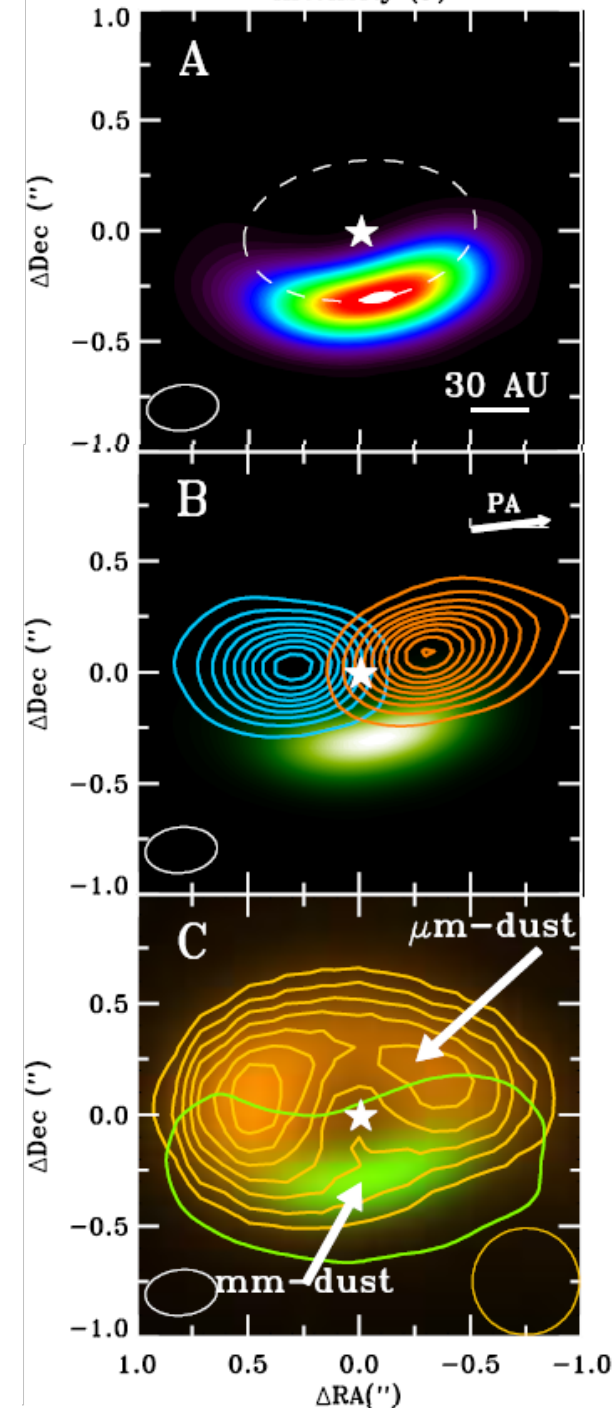
- SMA observations of large cavities within protoplanetary disks. Possibly linked to planetary formation





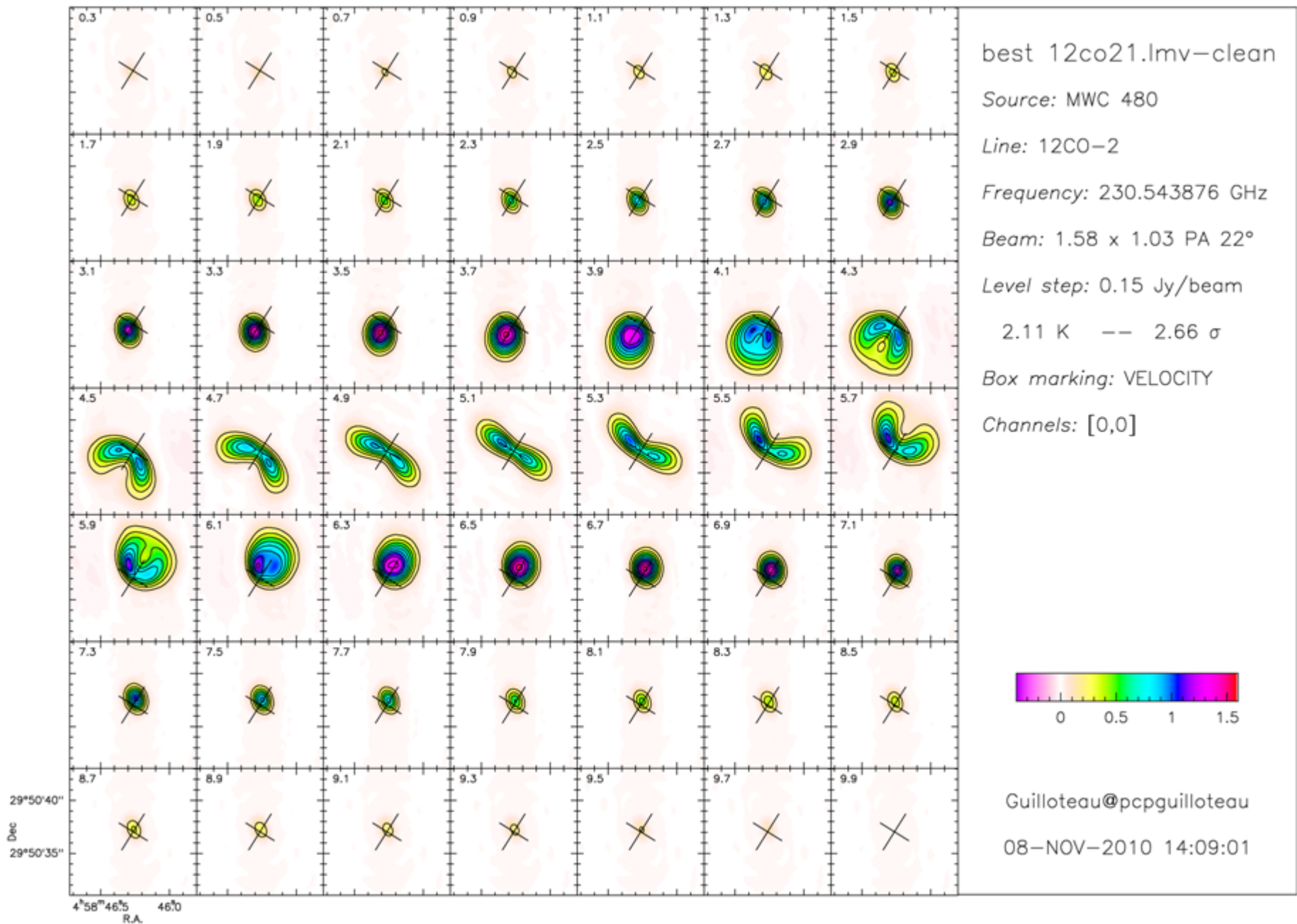
# A dust trap ?

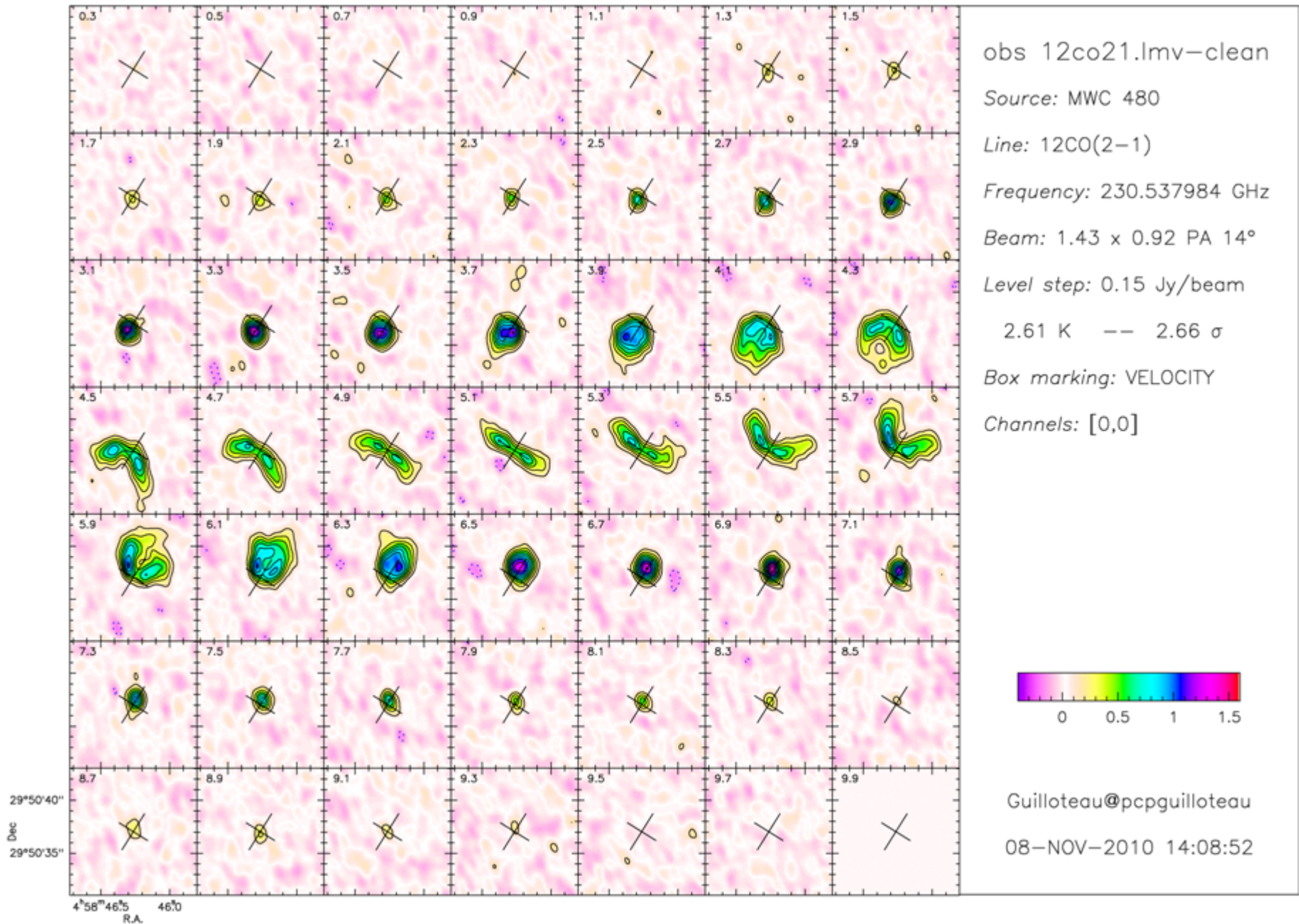
- ALMA B9 observations of IRS48 (Herbig Ae star).
- Asymmetry of the dust continuum
- Possibly tracing dust trapping in a local pressure extremum

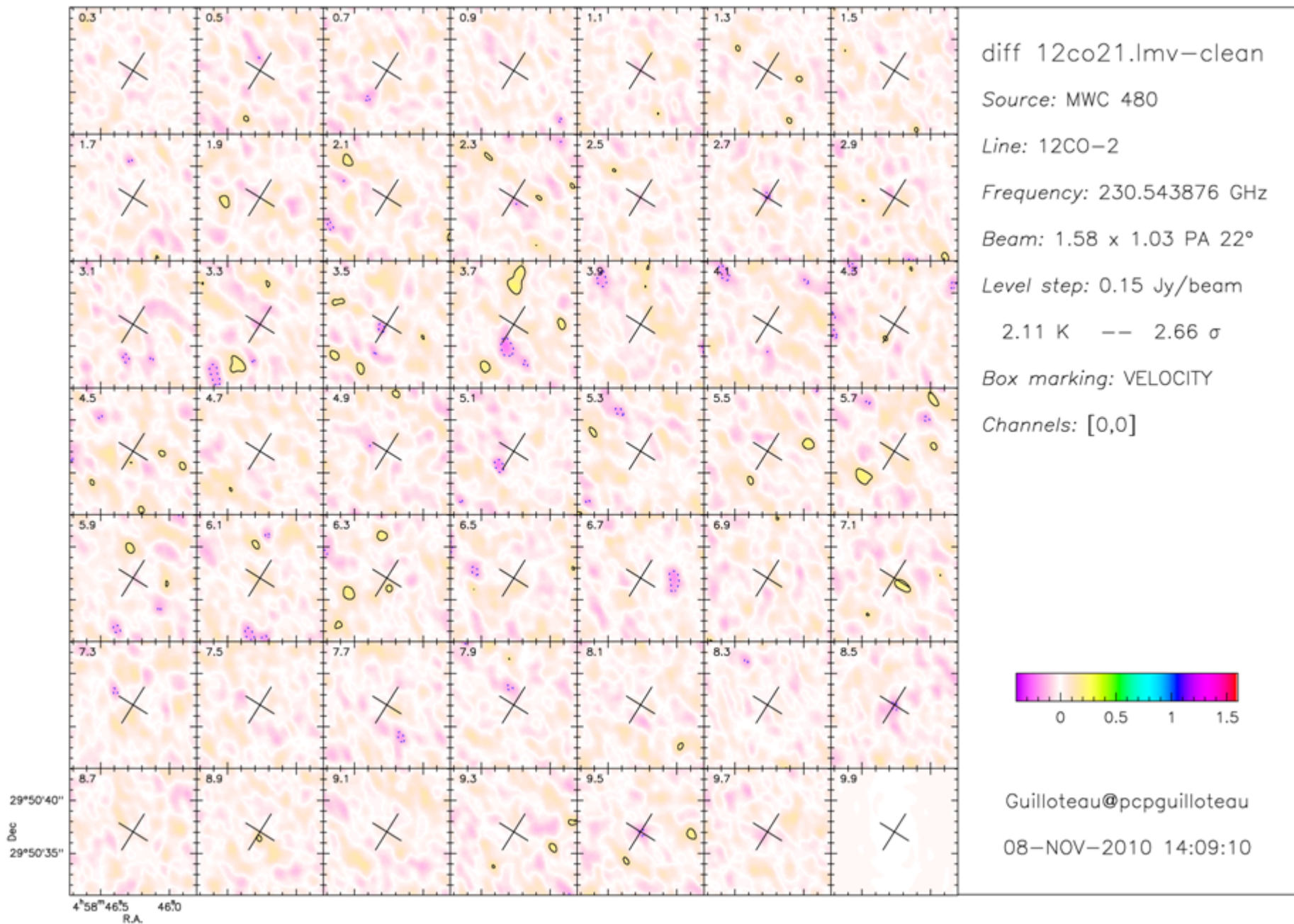


*Van der Marel et al 2013, Science*

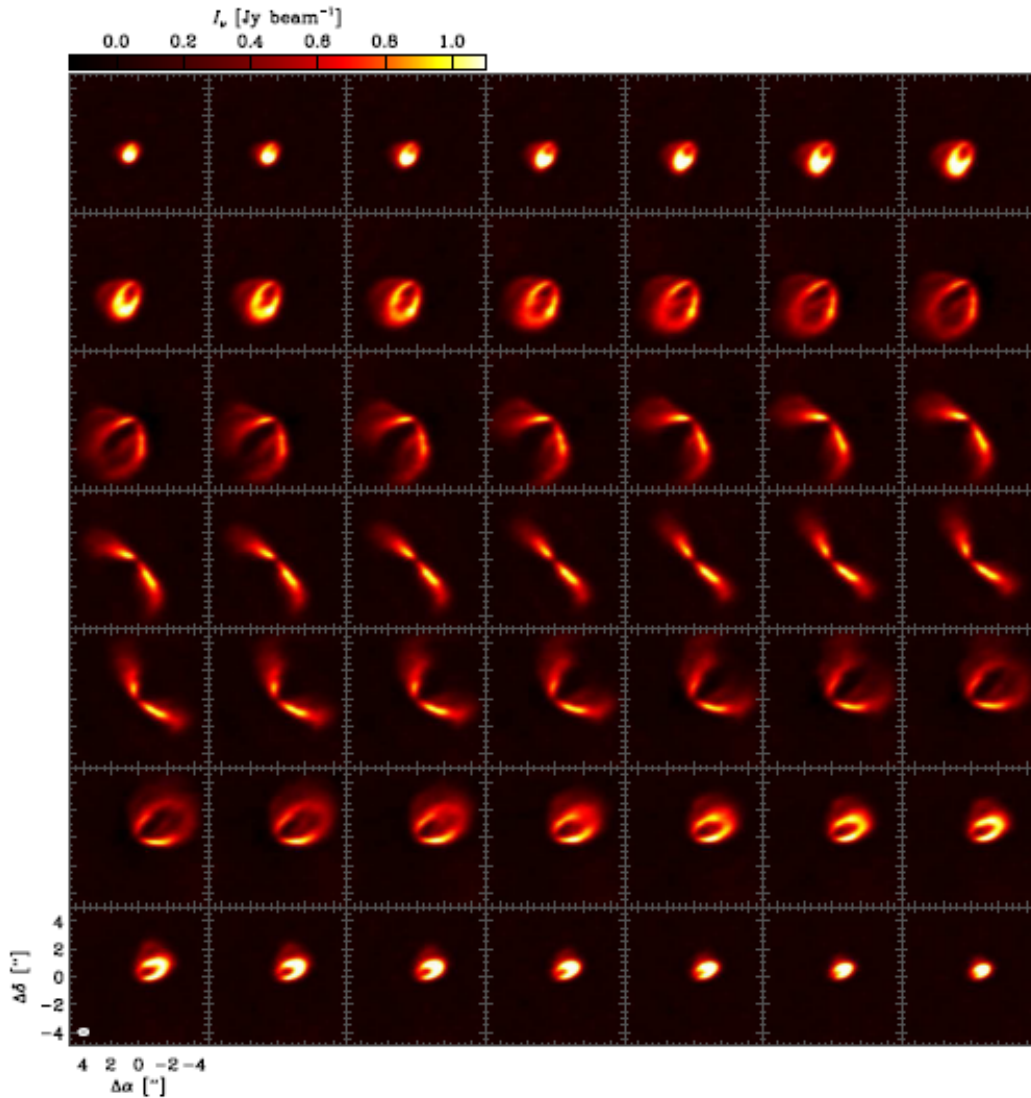








# Molecular content



ALMA Science verification  
CO observations of  
HD163296, a Herbig Ae star.

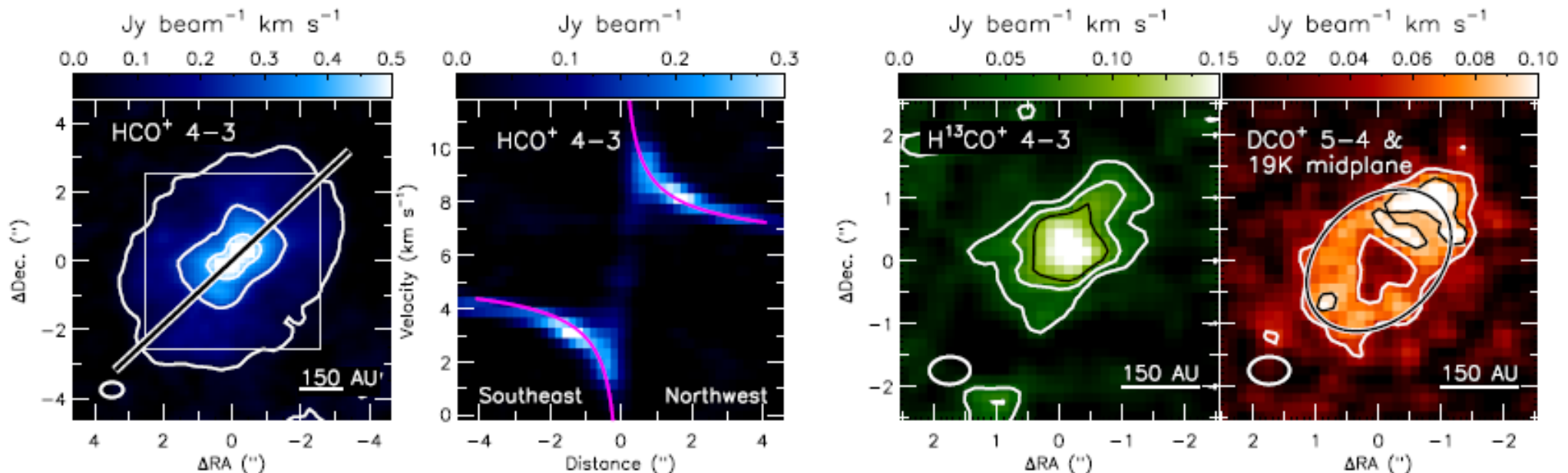
Better resolution

One sees not one, but two  
disks.

Evidence for CO freeze-out  
onto grains ?

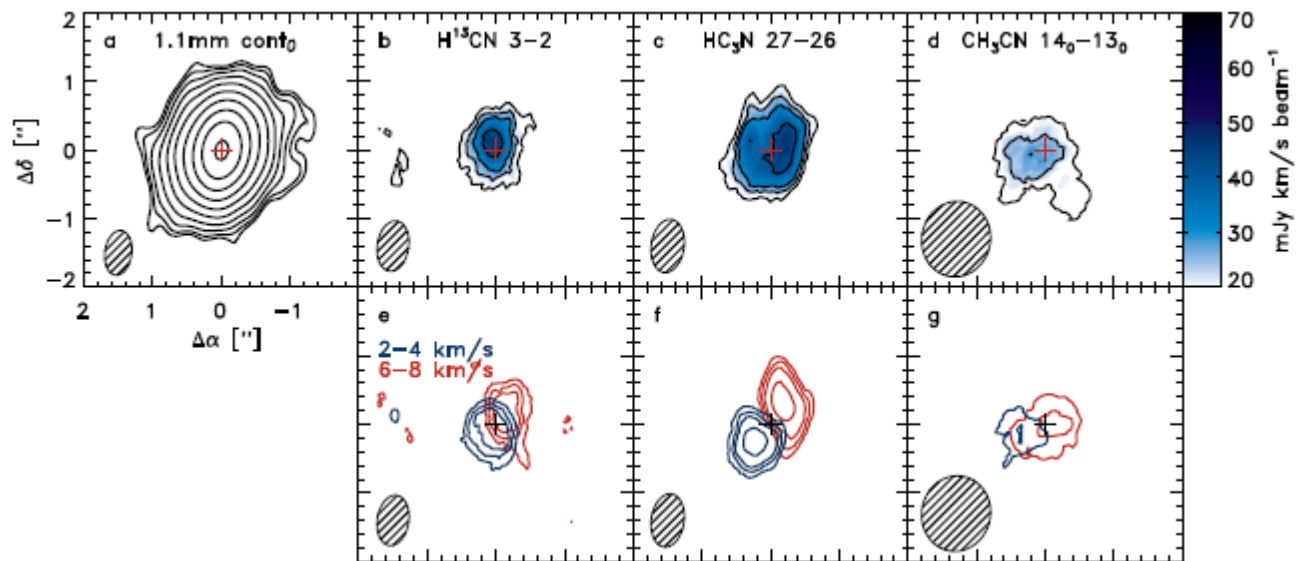
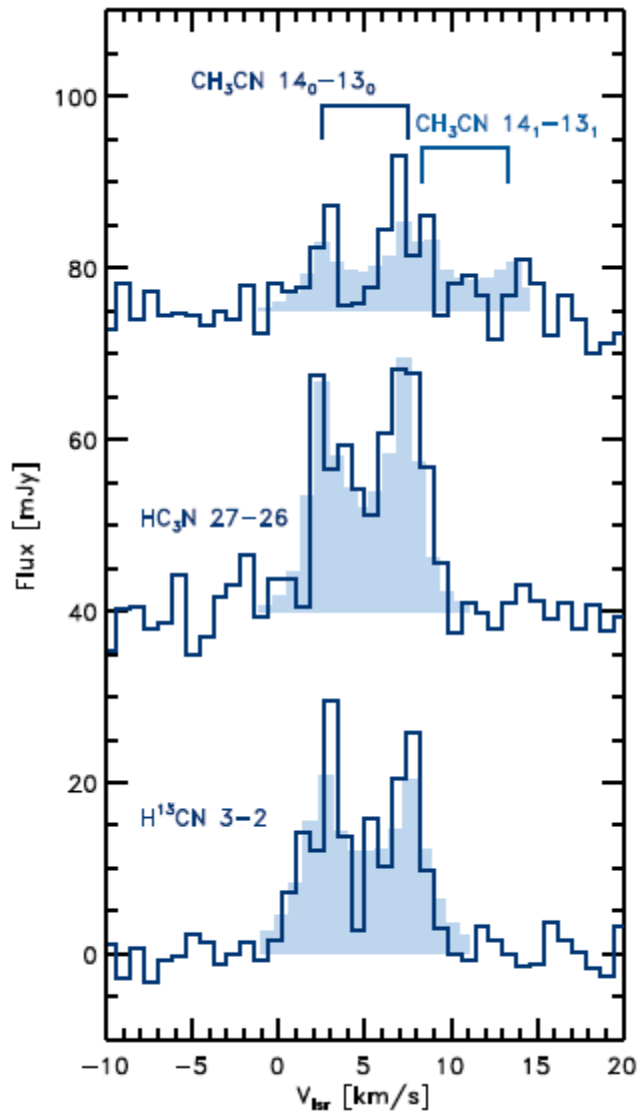
# CO snowline

- Snowline corresponds to the region below which water condensates
- Found using  $^{13}\text{CO}(2-1)$  by *Qi et al 2011*.
- $\text{DCO}^+$  confined in a ring where temperature  $19 < T < 21$  K. (no  $\text{H}_2\text{D}^+$  if hotter, no CO if colder).



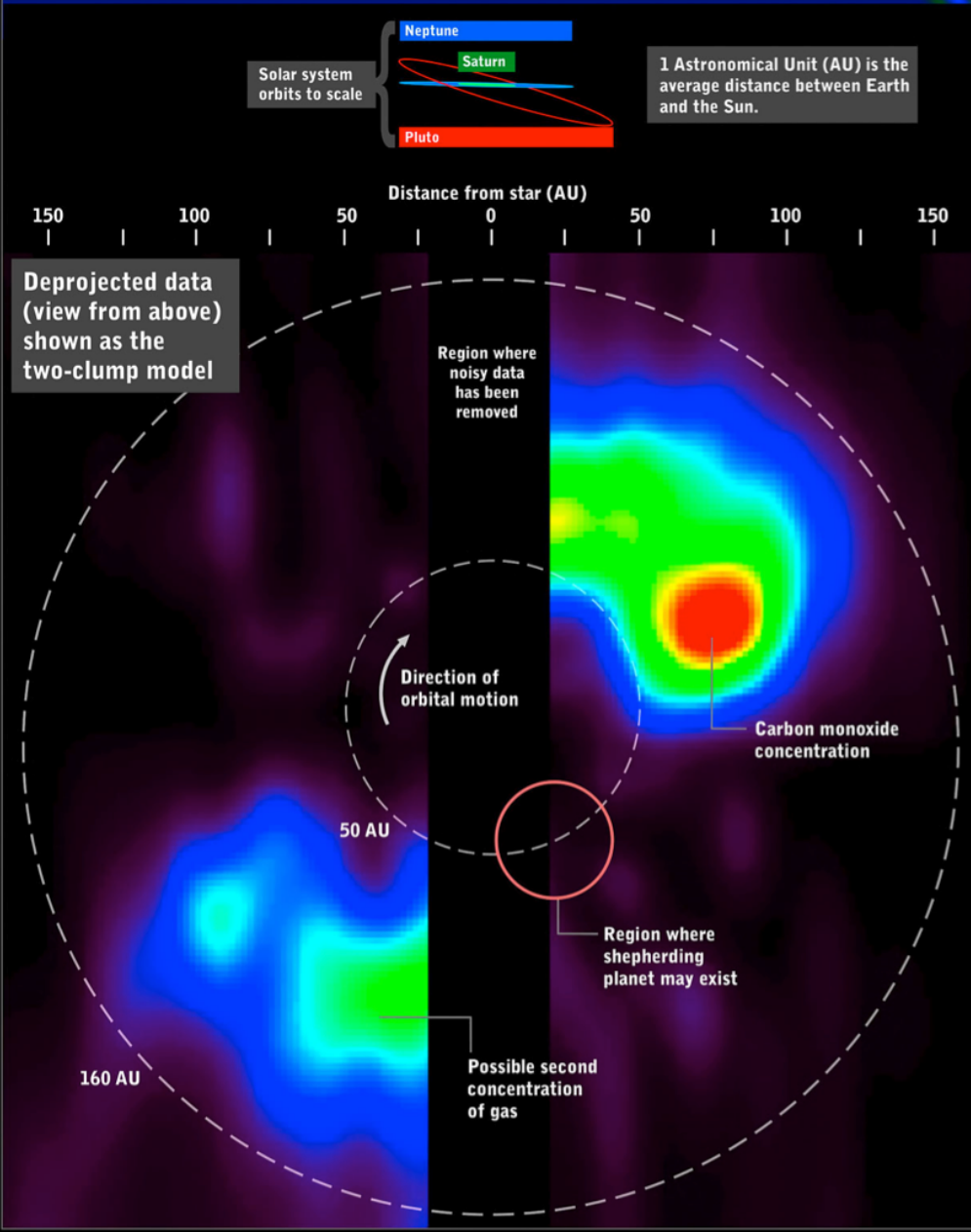
# New molecules in disks

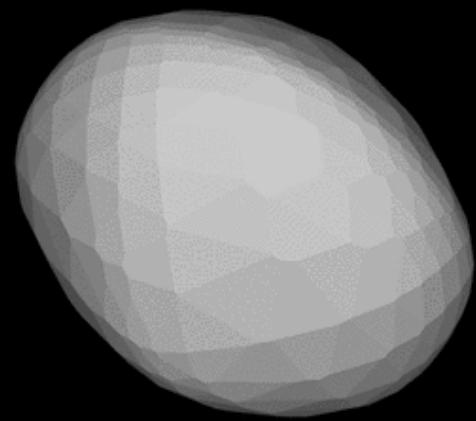
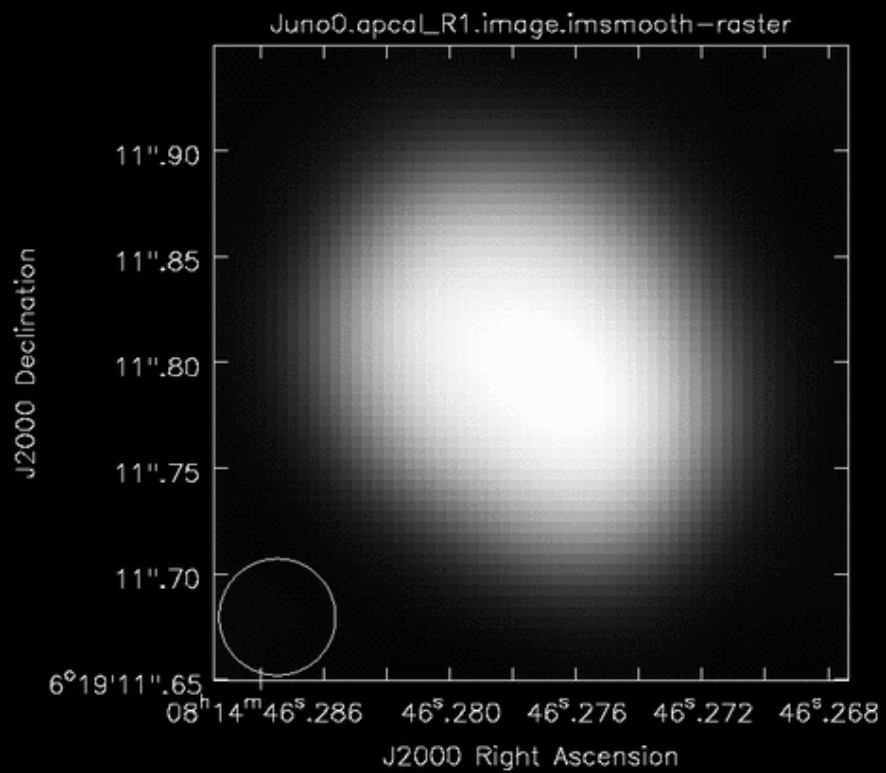
- ALMA observation of MWC480
- Detection of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$



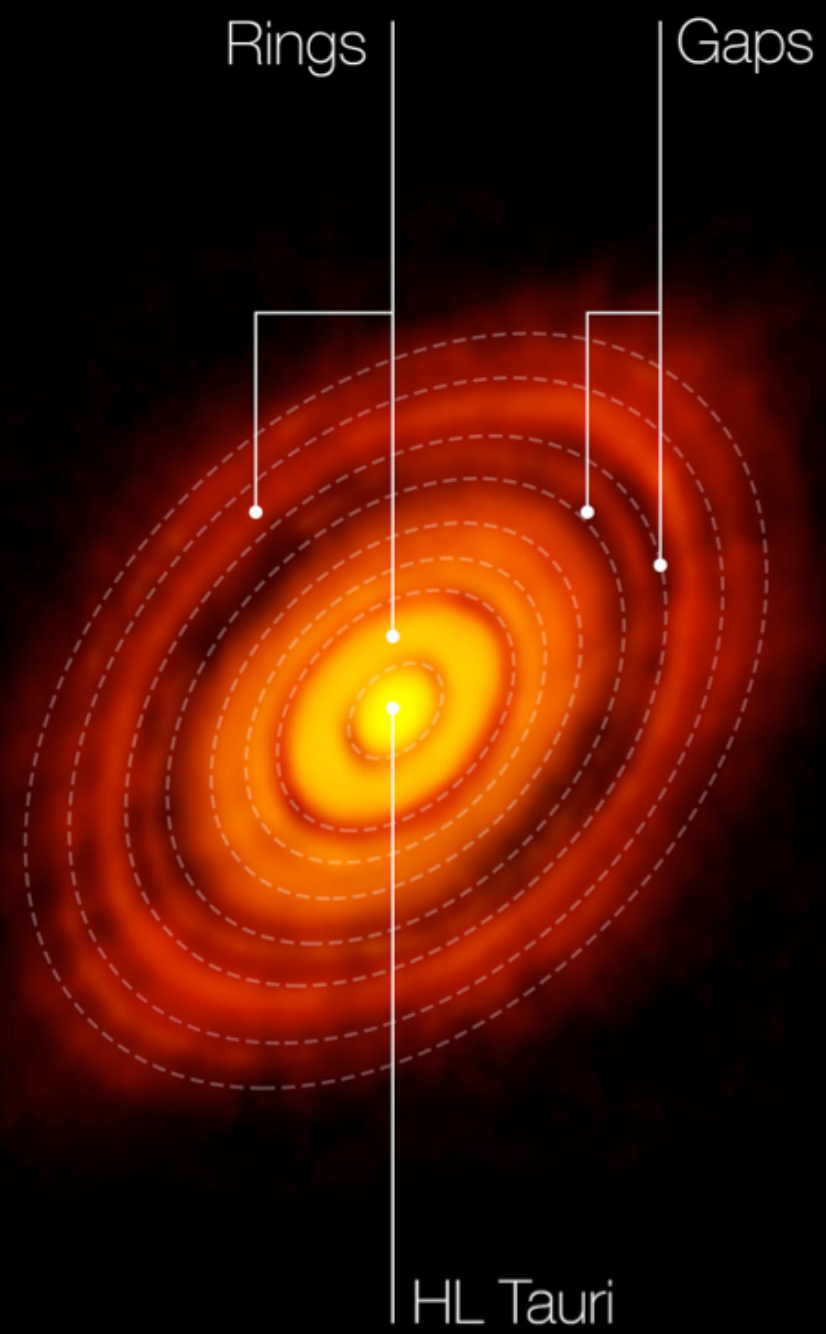
**ALMA image of Beta Pictoris carbon monoxide**

Location of Beta Pictoris      Location of planet Beta Pictoris b      Carbon monoxide concentration









Rings

Gaps

HL Tauri

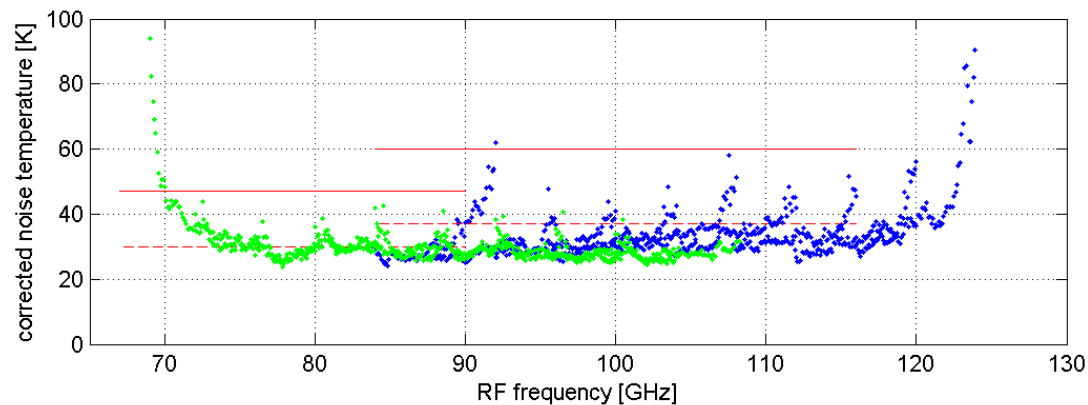
# Summary

- Mm/sub-mm interferometry is similar in many aspects with lower frequency interferometry
  - You can use all the generic background of this school
- Smaller field of view, demanding on antenna performances.
  - To increase mapping speed, use focal arrays ?
- Needs cryo-cooled receivers
- Some specificities:
  - Atmosphere:
    - Absorbing incident radiation and emitting (noise)
    - Corrupting the astronomical phases
    - But one can use radiometers
- Not so much RFI so far, but this may (will ?) change

# NOEMA receivers

- Receivers are 2 polar x 2 sidebands x 8 GHz = 32 GHz/ant.

| NOEMA receivers |        |             |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| Band 1          | 3 mm   | 72-116 GHz  |
| Band 2          | 2 mm   | 127-179 GHz |
| Band 3          | 1.3 mm | 200-276 GHz |
| Band 4          | 0.8 mm | 275-373 GHz |



NOEMA Band 1 72-120 GHz

# NOEMA correlator: PolyFix

- New generation correlator based on FPGAs
- Simultaneous continuum and line capabilities
- Up to 150000 spectral channels

Mode 1 :  
continuum + lines

complete 16 GHz coverage in each polarization with 2 MHz channels

AND

128 windows of 64 MHz (= 8 GHz coverage) with 62.5 kHz channels, each window tunable individually in steps of 64 MHz\*

Mode 2 :  
survey mode

complete 16 GHz coverage in each polarization with 250 kHz channels

Mode 3 :  
continuum + high-  
resolution lines

same as mode 1, but with 64/32/16\*\* windows of 64 MHz with 32/15/8 kHz channels

\*\* Number of windows may eventually be lower

# NOEMA - summary

- NOEMA optimized for millimeter domain + intermediate angular resolution (compared to 30m/ALMA)
- Post-ALMA technology
  - 2x8GHz 2SB receivers
  - FPGA-based correlator
- NOEMA vs ALMA: complementarity + unique features
  - Northern hemisphere
  - Optimized for mm/surveys/spectral surveys
  - Easier access for French community
- Long term: equip antennas with multi-beams?