



AbGradCon 2018

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00:00:00,260 --> 00:00:10,870

[Music]

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00:00:15,740 --> 00:00:13,570

Thanks yeah so maybe another talk

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00:00:18,109 --> 00:00:15,750

another talk title for this could be

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00:00:20,630 --> 00:00:18,119

where does interstellar nitrogen

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00:00:22,340 --> 00:00:20,640

fixation happen so that's really what I

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00:00:24,140 --> 00:00:22,350

want to think about is where do you

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00:00:27,200 --> 00:00:24,150

start making interesting nitrogen

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00:00:28,880 --> 00:00:27,210

bearing compounds in the universe I see

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00:00:31,580 --> 00:00:28,890

we've already kind of we seen this slide

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00:00:32,930 --> 00:00:31,590

but I just to go back to it the the

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00:00:34,790 --> 00:00:32,940

really interesting thing here and the

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00:00:36,650 --> 00:00:34,800

important thing to remember is that if

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00:00:38,330 --> 00:00:36,660

you want to think about the initial

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00:00:39,950 --> 00:00:38,340

conditions for building life on a planet

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00:00:41,810 --> 00:00:39,960

you really need to think about the

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00:00:43,639 --> 00:00:41,820

chemistry that happens and all these

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00:00:45,319 --> 00:00:43,649

phases that lead up to it because each

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00:00:47,779 --> 00:00:45,329

phase depends on the one before it and

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00:00:50,270 --> 00:00:47,789

the chemical inventories you find in

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00:00:52,610 --> 00:00:50,280

things like meteorites and asteroids and

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00:00:55,069 --> 00:00:52,620

comets as well as just the chemical

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00:00:57,610 --> 00:00:55,079

abundances the planets start with depend

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00:00:59,840 --> 00:00:57,620

on the early stages of the chemistry so

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:59,850

there's a bit of a problem I'll talk

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00:01:03,979 --> 00:01:01,440

about today which is the nitrogen

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00:01:06,260 --> 00:01:03,989

problem so once you go into the

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00:01:07,700 --> 00:01:06,270

protoplanetary disk phase of formation

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00:01:09,980 --> 00:01:07,710

this is after the clouds mostly

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00:01:12,950 --> 00:01:09,990

dissipated you have a disk of gas and

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00:01:14,539 --> 00:01:12,960

dust and in the mid plane the larger

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00:01:16,210 --> 00:01:14,549

pieces of dust start to set them out and

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:16,220

these are the seeds for forming planets

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but what happens is you build up a

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00:01:22,340 --> 00:01:21,090

temperature gradient so close to the

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00:01:23,929 --> 00:01:22,350

star it's warm and as you move further

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00:01:24,620 --> 00:01:23,939

and further away it gets colder and

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colder

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and you hit what are called snow lines

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00:01:30,499 --> 00:01:28,590

so at some point about 150 Kelvin the

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00:01:32,420 --> 00:01:30,509

water snow line happens and that water

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freezes out and further out you get CO₂

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CO and N₂ snow line and so in a really

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simplistic view this is the material

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00:01:43,520 --> 00:01:41,250

that is going to be treated onto your

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00:01:45,380 --> 00:01:43,530

planet so you switch to a top-down view

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00:01:47,420 --> 00:01:45,390

if you move further and further out you

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00:01:48,920 --> 00:01:47,430

get water ice and ammonia and clathrates

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00:01:51,889 --> 00:01:48,930

and things like that so if you form a

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00:01:53,899 --> 00:01:51,899

planet fairly close in inside the water

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00:01:56,510 --> 00:01:53,909

snow mound like an earth what you get is

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00:01:57,830 --> 00:01:56,520
a silicate rich water poor planet but as

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00:01:59,870 --> 00:01:57,840
you move further and further out you

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00:02:03,980 --> 00:01:59,880
make gas and ice giants and these have

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00:02:06,080 --> 00:02:03,990
very different elemental composition and

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00:02:08,990 --> 00:02:06,090
so one of the interesting problems you

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00:02:10,910 --> 00:02:09,000
have is that in two is highly volatile

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00:02:12,559 --> 00:02:10,920
it doesn't it evaporates at a

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00:02:15,710 --> 00:02:12,569
very low temperature so if you form

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00:02:17,660 --> 00:02:15,720
farther in things non-volatile and

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00:02:21,199 --> 00:02:17,670
nitrogen bearing species are still there

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00:02:21,890 --> 00:02:21,209
but things like and two are already

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00:02:24,620 --> 00:02:21,900
blown away

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00:02:26,449 --> 00:02:24,630

so I one of the big questions is how do

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you make or how do you fix nitrogen in

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00:02:32,090 --> 00:02:28,680

the interstellar interstellar

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environment and the basic way you do

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this it's through cosmic rays so this is

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why interstellar chemistry looks kind of

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00:02:40,970 --> 00:02:39,060

weird you start with a cosmic ray that's

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a really energetic electron or proton

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that ionized helium and this is the

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important step because N_2 is just so

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00:02:50,690 --> 00:02:48,810

darn hard to crack that you really need

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something very energetic to break it

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apart you split it into n and n plus

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00:02:58,190 --> 00:02:56,880

this can make things like an O and H you

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00:02:59,840 --> 00:02:58,200

know again and then the problem is

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00:03:01,729 --> 00:02:59,850

sometimes you've cycled back and down to

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00:03:04,850 --> 00:03:01,739

and you've lost this back to just an

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00:03:07,789 --> 00:03:04,860

unreactive species if you have ch₃ or h

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do present you can make hydrogen cyanide

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or further on methyl cyanide and this is

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the molecule focus on today I so really

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figuring out which pathways are active

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00:03:20,300 --> 00:03:17,660

and how these run determines how you

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00:03:22,190 --> 00:03:20,310

fraction eight molecules into more

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interesting and reactive species you can

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use and that are retained during

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accretion or more volatile species that

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are less helpful I also if you want to

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build up bigger complex oxygen bearing

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00:03:36,110 --> 00:03:32,459

species so through things like

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00:03:37,699 --> 00:03:36,120

protonated methanol I this works pretty

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well when there's not a ton of ammonia

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00:03:42,710 --> 00:03:40,109

present but as you make ammonia through

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00:03:45,199 --> 00:03:42,720

pathway similar to this this completely

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00:03:47,210 --> 00:03:45,209

shuts this route down so not only I

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00:03:48,979 --> 00:03:47,220

business matter for how you make

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00:03:50,990 --> 00:03:48,989

nitrogen bearing species it also has

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00:03:55,099 --> 00:03:51,000

knock-on effects for other complex

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chemistry that happens and so the other

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00:03:58,340 --> 00:03:56,850
process that can happen this by the way

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00:04:00,080 --> 00:03:58,350
all the stuff I showed is entirely in

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00:04:01,729 --> 00:04:00,090
the gas phase but these molecules once

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00:04:04,280 --> 00:04:01,739
you start making these small species

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00:04:05,960 --> 00:04:04,290
they can accrete on to these very small

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00:04:07,610 --> 00:04:05,970
dust grains these are the seeds that

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00:04:09,110 --> 00:04:07,620
will eventually aggregate together to

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00:04:11,360 --> 00:04:09,120
form planets but for now they're just a

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00:04:13,789 --> 00:04:11,370
little micron size dust grains and they

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00:04:15,710 --> 00:04:13,799
create a nice layer of ice so once you

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00:04:17,390 --> 00:04:15,720
accrete them on to the ice grain they

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00:04:19,789 --> 00:04:17,400

roam around and find each other and

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00:04:21,979 --> 00:04:19,799

react but the recombination $2n_2$ is much

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00:04:22,670 --> 00:04:21,989

slower so these reactions are actually

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00:04:25,840 --> 00:04:22,680

much more fish

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00:04:28,460 --> 00:04:25,850

making things like it's cyanides so this

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00:04:30,110 --> 00:04:28,470

understanding exactly where if it's in

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00:04:31,760 --> 00:04:30,120

the gas phase or if it's on grain

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00:04:33,740 --> 00:04:31,770

surfaces a really big part of

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00:04:35,480 --> 00:04:33,750

understanding how this chemistry runs

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00:04:38,180 --> 00:04:35,490

and how you partition your nitrogen out

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00:04:40,100 --> 00:04:38,190

and so I've been focusing on the

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00:04:42,409 --> 00:04:40,110

cyanides for a very specific reason and

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00:04:45,379 --> 00:04:42,419

that's result from something called the

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00:04:48,050 --> 00:04:45,389

hexo survey so this is just the result

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00:04:49,909 --> 00:04:48,060

from it so these are all the these are

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00:04:51,409 --> 00:04:49,919

all the molecules right here the large

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00:04:53,990 --> 00:04:51,419

majority of the molecules that were

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00:04:56,960 --> 00:04:54,000

detected and each pie chart is a

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00:04:58,850 --> 00:04:56,970

molecule and the cuddler tells you what

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00:05:01,490 --> 00:04:58,860

fraction of that molecule was found in a

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00:05:03,620 --> 00:05:01,500

warm medium or hot or cold environment

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00:05:06,070 --> 00:05:03,630

and so the this was a really fantastic

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00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:06,080

survey because it gave us the most

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00:05:10,219 --> 00:05:08,400

precise determination of this and

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00:05:11,810 --> 00:05:10,229

unfortunately it's such a huge beam on

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00:05:13,339 --> 00:05:11,820

the sky it averages over a ton of

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00:05:15,350 --> 00:05:13,349

different environments within its source

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00:05:16,760 --> 00:05:15,360

you can't be really specific you don't

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00:05:19,219 --> 00:05:16,770

know exactly where it's coming from but

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00:05:21,620 --> 00:05:19,229

basically what you see is that anything

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00:05:23,570 --> 00:05:21,630

with a cyanide in it consistently shows

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00:05:26,360 --> 00:05:23,580

up with having a much warmer component

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00:05:28,640 --> 00:05:26,370

than anything else and so this green

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00:05:30,920 --> 00:05:28,650

doubt this is a trend this is a very

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00:05:32,960 --> 00:05:30,930

obvious simple thing that you can try to

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00:05:35,180 --> 00:05:32,970

model and understand and actually figure

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00:05:37,129 --> 00:05:35,190

out what's going on because if you can

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00:05:38,899 --> 00:05:37,139

if you can't understand such a simple

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00:05:41,120 --> 00:05:38,909

thing why are cyanides consistently

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00:05:42,500 --> 00:05:41,130

warmer than everything else you're kind

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00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:42,510

of a creek for understanding more

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00:05:48,020 --> 00:05:45,840

complex chemistry so the two ideas we

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00:05:51,200 --> 00:05:48,030

came up with for how this can happen are

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00:05:53,089 --> 00:05:51,210

one cyanide chemistry is only efficient

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00:05:56,659 --> 00:05:53,099

at very warm temperatures so in the gas

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00:05:58,850 --> 00:05:56,669

phase because if you're on an ice you

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00:06:00,649 --> 00:05:58,860

don't you know once you hit a hundred

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00:06:04,040 --> 00:06:00,659

and fifty Kelvin you're not nice anymore

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00:06:06,770 --> 00:06:04,050

you're in the gas phase so these gas

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00:06:08,810 --> 00:06:06,780

phase reactions at work at 300 Kelvin

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00:06:10,640 --> 00:06:08,820

may be very efficient but if you're not

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00:06:14,839 --> 00:06:10,650

hot enough you just don't make cyanides

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00:06:16,010 --> 00:06:14,849

the other idea is that it's just that

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00:06:18,589 --> 00:06:16,020

night trials are very sticky

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00:06:20,270 --> 00:06:18,599

once you embed them in a nice they don't

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00:06:22,129 --> 00:06:20,280

evaporate until much warmer temperature

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00:06:24,560 --> 00:06:22,139

so radio telescopes like the one that

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00:06:26,240 --> 00:06:24,570

did this work are completely blind to

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00:06:27,589 --> 00:06:26,250

anything that's not in the gas phase so

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00:06:29,570 --> 00:06:27,599

it's not in the gas phase you don't know

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00:06:31,190 --> 00:06:29,580

about it and so maybe you just have to

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00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:31,200

heat these grains up to much higher

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00:06:34,640 --> 00:06:33,120

temperatures to actually get this in the

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00:06:36,530 --> 00:06:34,650

gas phase where the panel scope can see

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00:06:38,240 --> 00:06:36,540

it so the question is

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00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:38,250

which one of those two things happen

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00:06:42,350 --> 00:06:41,010

because it has a very big effect on how

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00:06:43,520 --> 00:06:42,360

you would model the chemistry and how

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00:06:46,220 --> 00:06:43,530

you think about it

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00:06:48,200 --> 00:06:46,230

and so the best idea we've come up with

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00:06:49,640 --> 00:06:48,210

through the how to figure out how to

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00:06:51,380 --> 00:06:49,650

differentiate between these two because

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00:06:53,870 --> 00:06:51,390

our observations don't really tell us

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00:06:55,610 --> 00:06:53,880

which one is which is to use something

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00:06:58,280 --> 00:06:55,620

called the kinetic isotope effects and

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00:06:59,540 --> 00:06:58,290

again this was brought up last night and

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00:07:01,580 --> 00:06:59,550

actually explained very well so I won't

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00:07:04,340 --> 00:07:01,590

belabor the point but just say that I

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00:07:07,190 --> 00:07:04,350

when you substitute a deuterium for a

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00:07:09,560 --> 00:07:07,200

hydrogen its thermodynamically favored

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00:07:11,270 --> 00:07:09,570

so exponentially so so at 10 Kelvin or

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00:07:14,270 --> 00:07:11,280

20 Kelvin where a lot of these reactions

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00:07:16,970 --> 00:07:14,280

happen this is a huge effect and this is

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00:07:18,800 --> 00:07:16,980

best demonstrated by nd 3 so the

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00:07:21,980 --> 00:07:18,810

interstellar abundance of deuterium is

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00:07:23,810 --> 00:07:21,990

10 to the minus 5 so statistically if

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00:07:25,340 --> 00:07:23,820

you wanted to find this or if you wanted

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00:07:27,560 --> 00:07:25,350

to guess how abundant this is this would

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00:07:30,230 --> 00:07:27,570
be 15 orders of magnitude lesson

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00:07:31,970 --> 00:07:30,240
abundant than ammonia that's not the

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00:07:34,370 --> 00:07:31,980
case it's enhanced by a factor of about

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00:07:36,980 --> 00:07:34,380
10 million over the statistical

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00:07:39,200 --> 00:07:36,990
abundance so it's a sign that really

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00:07:41,240 --> 00:07:39,210
cold chemistry pushes deuterium into

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00:07:43,220 --> 00:07:41,250
these bonds very efficiently and you can

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00:07:45,440 --> 00:07:43,230
use this to measure what the temperature

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00:07:47,750 --> 00:07:45,450
was when the bond was formed not what it

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00:07:49,940 --> 00:07:47,760
is now but what it was when it was

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00:07:51,140 --> 00:07:49,950
formed and this is one of the great and

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00:07:53,330 --> 00:07:51,150
really terrible things about

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00:07:55,460 --> 00:07:53,340

astrochemistry is that it is not

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00:07:57,850 --> 00:07:55,470

thermodynamic so you're not at a

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00:08:01,100 --> 00:07:57,860

thermodynamic equilibrium ever so

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00:08:02,630 --> 00:08:01,110

history matters so it's a really nice

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00:08:04,490 --> 00:08:02,640

thing because you can figure out what

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00:08:07,040 --> 00:08:04,500

happened if you're looking at something

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00:08:08,810 --> 00:08:07,050

today you can imply err infer what

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00:08:10,700 --> 00:08:08,820

happened you know hundreds of thousands

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00:08:12,830 --> 00:08:10,710

of years ago but downside is you want to

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00:08:14,210 --> 00:08:12,840

understand this you have to model what

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00:08:18,320 --> 00:08:14,220

happened hundreds of thousands of years

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00:08:20,990 --> 00:08:18,330

ago so but the idea here is that if you

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00:08:23,150 --> 00:08:21,000

can measure the deuterium fraction and

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00:08:24,800 --> 00:08:23,160

the temperature at the same time you can

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00:08:28,040 --> 00:08:24,810

break the degeneracy and actually work

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00:08:30,110 --> 00:08:28,050

out how nitriles and other molecules are

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00:08:32,780 --> 00:08:30,120

formed and what environment they're

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00:08:35,180 --> 00:08:32,790

formed in so to do this we went to be

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00:08:37,430 --> 00:08:35,190

Alma Observatory that's the Atacama

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00:08:40,490 --> 00:08:37,440

Large millimeter array it's an array of

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00:08:42,110 --> 00:08:40,500

44 12-metre antennas in the Atacama

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00:08:44,390 --> 00:08:42,120

Desert in northern Chile it is

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00:08:45,740 --> 00:08:44,400

absolutely fantastic it's just come

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00:08:47,420 --> 00:08:45,750

online in the last couple years and

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00:08:50,170 --> 00:08:47,430

completely change the way we do radio

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00:08:52,570 --> 00:08:50,180

astronomy I so the idea here

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00:08:54,730 --> 00:08:52,580

to go through one of these two scenarios

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00:08:56,290 --> 00:08:54,740

basically if you have great surface

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00:08:59,980 --> 00:08:56,300

formation this happens at very low

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00:09:01,870 --> 00:08:59,990

temperatures so the the the deuterium or

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00:09:03,220 --> 00:09:01,880

the CV bond is made at a very low

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00:09:07,090 --> 00:09:03,230

temperature and then eventually

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00:09:09,519 --> 00:09:07,100

evaporated so if you find methyl cyanide

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00:09:10,960 --> 00:09:09,529

in a slightly warmer environment or if

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00:09:12,910 --> 00:09:10,970

you see a gradient in temperature but

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00:09:14,650 --> 00:09:12,920

the deuterium fraction is constant that

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00:09:16,510 --> 00:09:14,660

tells you that it was made cold and now

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00:09:19,150 --> 00:09:16,520

you've just heated it up if the

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00:09:21,010 --> 00:09:19,160

deuterium fraction changes with the

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00:09:22,780 --> 00:09:21,020

excitation temperature or the local

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00:09:25,510 --> 00:09:22,790

temperature it tells you that that bond

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00:09:26,920 --> 00:09:25,520

is being made right there right then and

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00:09:30,310 --> 00:09:26,930

that's a sign that it's gas phase

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00:09:32,740 --> 00:09:30,320

chemistry but that's exactly what we did

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00:09:35,019 --> 00:09:32,750

we asked for time in cycle three and we

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00:09:38,829 --> 00:09:35,029

rewarded actually we did all this and

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00:09:41,050 --> 00:09:38,839

only half an hour but we were very lucky

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00:09:42,670 --> 00:09:41,060

because we had to do this in a very

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00:09:44,290 --> 00:09:42,680

extended configuration so the beauty of

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00:09:45,880 --> 00:09:44,300

this telescope is you can pick up

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00:09:47,620 --> 00:09:45,890

individual antennas and move them around

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00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:47,630

and change the resolution of the

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00:09:52,000 --> 00:09:50,480

telescope by doing interferometry you

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00:09:54,370 --> 00:09:52,010

can actually piece back together the

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00:09:56,140 --> 00:09:54,380

entire image of your source an

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00:09:57,970 --> 00:09:56,150

incredibly high spatial resolution so

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00:10:00,250 --> 00:09:57,980

the trick here is that you actually need

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00:10:02,470 --> 00:10:00,260

to be able to see the source with enough

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00:10:04,090 --> 00:10:02,480

resolution to spot the temperature

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00:10:06,660 --> 00:10:04,100

gradient happening if you just average

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00:10:08,920 --> 00:10:06,670

over a whole big complex thing you don't

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00:10:10,750 --> 00:10:08,930

there's no good way to figure out what

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00:10:11,949 --> 00:10:10,760

happens you just sort of summing up a

276

00:10:15,640 --> 00:10:11,959

bunch of things that you're not really

277

00:10:17,650 --> 00:10:15,650

sure what they are and so the the

278

00:10:18,970 --> 00:10:17,660

original work showing the cyanides were

279

00:10:21,190 --> 00:10:18,980

much warmer with done in a couple

280

00:10:24,400 --> 00:10:21,200

sources one of them is Orion so you're

281

00:10:26,680 --> 00:10:24,410

familiar with the constellation right

282

00:10:29,079 --> 00:10:26,690

here is the nebula we take a zoom in

283

00:10:31,510 --> 00:10:29,089

this is the trapezium and then up here

284

00:10:33,490 --> 00:10:31,520

is the actual nebula surrounded by this

285

00:10:35,140 --> 00:10:33,500

this is maybe the least pretty picture

286

00:10:37,180 --> 00:10:35,150

of Orion you can find if you google

287

00:10:38,530 --> 00:10:37,190

they're much nicer ones but they don't

288

00:10:43,030 --> 00:10:38,540

really show you what's happening so

289

00:10:45,640 --> 00:10:43,040

we're looking right here at the yeah so

290

00:10:48,430 --> 00:10:45,650

if you zoom in one more time yet these

291

00:10:49,900 --> 00:10:48,440

are explosive outflows caused by an

292

00:10:51,880 --> 00:10:49,910

interaction about five hundred years ago

293

00:10:54,250 --> 00:10:51,890

so that sets the dynamical time for the

294

00:10:55,900 --> 00:10:54,260

whole thing and then the nebula we're

295

00:10:57,460 --> 00:10:55,910

looking at it's right in here the the

296

00:10:59,500 --> 00:10:57,470

black spot isn't a lack of something

297

00:11:02,199 --> 00:10:59,510

it's foreground us the actual nebula we

298

00:11:03,550 --> 00:11:02,209

want to look at so this is the optical

299

00:11:06,130 --> 00:11:03,560

image and now switch

300

00:11:07,450 --> 00:11:06,140

the radio and so now it completely

301
00:11:09,790 --> 00:11:07,460
changes where the at where there was

302
00:11:11,950 --> 00:11:09,800
nothing this is a continuum image of the

303
00:11:14,530 --> 00:11:11,960
warm dust and it turns out Orion is

304
00:11:16,269 --> 00:11:14,540
incredibly spatially complex source each

305
00:11:19,900 --> 00:11:16,279
one of these is a point source these are

306
00:11:21,700 --> 00:11:19,910
probably protostars or other clumps of

307
00:11:24,550 --> 00:11:21,710
gas and dust that are either already

308
00:11:26,890 --> 00:11:24,560
fusing or are condensing down and will

309
00:11:30,280 --> 00:11:26,900
start becoming actual stars and planets

310
00:11:31,720 --> 00:11:30,290
and the link scale here that's a 137 au

311
00:11:34,990 --> 00:11:31,730
that's about the outer edge of the solar

312
00:11:37,480 --> 00:11:35,000
system so each each one of these is a

313
00:11:39,910 --> 00:11:37,490

whole solar system across but the nice

314

00:11:42,490 --> 00:11:39,920

thing is our pixel size is about the

315

00:11:43,750 --> 00:11:42,500

orbit of Neptune so we can see as

316

00:11:45,670 --> 00:11:43,760

something's heating up we can actually

317

00:11:48,400 --> 00:11:45,680

see the temperature gradients happening

318

00:11:50,290 --> 00:11:48,410

and so the really nice thing about Alma

319

00:11:52,269 --> 00:11:50,300

is it's not just an image it's a data

320

00:11:54,400 --> 00:11:52,279

cube so at each pixel we get a spectrum

321

00:11:55,660 --> 00:11:54,410

and the spectrum looked like this so

322

00:11:58,390 --> 00:11:55,670

it's a huge amount of data that comes

323

00:12:01,660 --> 00:11:58,400

through this is just one of our spectra

324

00:12:03,480 --> 00:12:01,670

of deuterated methyl cyanide so the each

325

00:12:05,560 --> 00:12:03,490

one of these is aligned the relative

326

00:12:07,210 --> 00:12:05,570

abundance between these tells you the

327

00:12:09,970 --> 00:12:07,220

temperature the absolute abundance tells

328

00:12:11,590 --> 00:12:09,980

you about the abundance and so we

329

00:12:13,810 --> 00:12:11,600

measured this and then a couple of

330

00:12:16,630 --> 00:12:13,820

carbon-13 methyl cyanide lines we can't

331

00:12:18,940 --> 00:12:16,640

actually measure the non carbon-13 lines

332

00:12:20,740 --> 00:12:18,950

so easily but we measure these together

333

00:12:22,750 --> 00:12:20,750

so we go through as we fit the

334

00:12:25,150 --> 00:12:22,760

temperature and the abundance of

335

00:12:26,829 --> 00:12:25,160

deuterated cyanide and carbon 13 cyanide

336

00:12:28,810 --> 00:12:26,839

at the same time at every single pixel

337

00:12:31,470 --> 00:12:28,820

throughout the cube that gives us our

338

00:12:33,880 --> 00:12:31,480

deuterium fraction in our temperature

339

00:12:36,430 --> 00:12:33,890

I'm just to show you we can actually do

340

00:12:37,990 --> 00:12:36,440

this so we have here this is the

341

00:12:40,000 --> 00:12:38,000

temperature we fit each one of these

342

00:12:41,530 --> 00:12:40,010

sources so we find about six unique

343

00:12:43,360 --> 00:12:41,540

sources wearing actually detect stuff

344

00:12:44,560 --> 00:12:43,370

it's not that there's nothing no data

345

00:12:46,180 --> 00:12:44,570

and these other points but these are the

346

00:12:48,699 --> 00:12:46,190

only places where we find sufficient

347

00:12:50,290 --> 00:12:48,709

abundance to actually do the bits and we

348

00:12:52,270 --> 00:12:50,300

can actually resolve like in up around

349

00:12:54,490 --> 00:12:52,280

the hot core here so this is an active

350

00:12:57,010 --> 00:12:54,500

and outflowing protostar and in front of

351

00:12:58,480 --> 00:12:57,020

it we see really hot gas that tapers off

352

00:13:00,910 --> 00:12:58,490

into cooler gas we can actually measure

353

00:13:02,680 --> 00:13:00,920

this on a scale that's you know

354

00:13:04,240 --> 00:13:02,690

commensurate with how with the actual

355

00:13:06,490 --> 00:13:04,250

heating mechanism so you actually get in

356

00:13:08,500 --> 00:13:06,500

there and see you know these things in

357

00:13:11,860 --> 00:13:08,510

detail sufficient enough to measure this

358

00:13:14,170 --> 00:13:11,870

now if we fit the D to H ratio the log D

359

00:13:15,520 --> 00:13:14,180

to H ratio we plot it so if down here 10

360

00:13:17,200 --> 00:13:15,530

to the minus 5 that's what you would

361

00:13:19,300 --> 00:13:17,210

expect if you just took the interstellar

362

00:13:21,430 --> 00:13:19,310

which each one of the colors is just a

363

00:13:23,830 --> 00:13:21,440

different clump we measure they're all

364

00:13:25,800 --> 00:13:23,840

incredibly enriched in deuterium so much

365

00:13:28,900 --> 00:13:25,810

so that these all had to form at

366

00:13:30,790 --> 00:13:28,910

something like 10 or 20 Kelvin so this

367

00:13:32,830 --> 00:13:30,800

says that this is entirely grain surface

368

00:13:34,510 --> 00:13:32,840

formation that the bulk of this was

369

00:13:36,970 --> 00:13:34,520

formed incredibly cold not in the warm

370

00:13:39,100 --> 00:13:36,980

gas but on a cold grain surface and that

371

00:13:41,350 --> 00:13:39,110

really what you're seeing it's just the

372

00:13:43,210 --> 00:13:41,360

effect of having to heat cyanides

373

00:13:45,450 --> 00:13:43,220

considerably more if you get them off

374

00:13:48,100 --> 00:13:45,460

the grain surface and into the gas

375

00:13:49,990 --> 00:13:48,110

that's the general and interesting thing

376

00:13:52,150 --> 00:13:50,000

the caveat is that if you zoom in on

377

00:13:56,500 --> 00:13:52,160

this and that this structure is all real

378

00:13:58,090 --> 00:13:56,510

I there is signs basically that as you

379

00:14:00,310 --> 00:13:58,100

go up in temperature the deuterium

380

00:14:02,230 --> 00:14:00,320

fraction starts to drop off one each

381

00:14:03,400 --> 00:14:02,240

clump is different so they all show

382

00:14:05,200 --> 00:14:03,410

different behavior a couple of the

383

00:14:08,020 --> 00:14:05,210

really cold clumps actually show

384

00:14:09,490 --> 00:14:08,030

enhanced deuterium as you warm up which

385

00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:09,500

is a little counterintuitive but a lot

386

00:14:12,970 --> 00:14:10,880

of the warmer clumps that we know are

387

00:14:15,010 --> 00:14:12,980

being irradiated are starting to show

388

00:14:17,770 --> 00:14:15,020

drops in deuterium fraction as you heat

389

00:14:19,090 --> 00:14:17,780

them up which would imply that after

390

00:14:21,210 --> 00:14:19,100

you've made this on the grain surface

391

00:14:24,160 --> 00:14:21,220

you start chewing up this prop

392

00:14:28,060 --> 00:14:24,170

population and making a second

393

00:14:31,150 --> 00:14:28,070

population of warmer deuterium or methyl

394

00:14:32,920 --> 00:14:31,160

cyanide so it's not so simple maybe okay

395

00:14:34,630 --> 00:14:32,930

probably what's happening is you make

396

00:14:38,340 --> 00:14:34,640

this stuff cold and then slowly you chew

397

00:14:40,480 --> 00:14:38,350

on it and make a second set so that they

398

00:14:41,710 --> 00:14:40,490

unfortunately not one or the other but

399

00:14:46,480 --> 00:14:41,720

probably a little bit of both that's

400

00:14:47,740 --> 00:14:46,490

happening yeah so with that I just like

401
00:14:49,180 --> 00:14:47,750
to take a second to thank all the

402
00:14:50,050 --> 00:14:49,190
collaborators and people that helped to

403
00:14:51,820 --> 00:14:50,060
make this possible

404
00:15:01,900 --> 00:14:51,830
I thank you all for listening don't

405
00:15:08,770 --> 00:15:01,910
leave my conclusions out questions for

406
00:15:14,870 --> 00:15:13,250
so I'm just wondering because I really

407
00:15:17,240 --> 00:15:14,880
think this mostly preacher that the

408
00:15:19,730 --> 00:15:17,250
methyl has to be created in the cold

409
00:15:21,350 --> 00:15:19,740
environment why do you think that it has

410
00:15:22,700 --> 00:15:21,360
to find to the cyanide and the cold

411
00:15:26,750 --> 00:15:22,710
environment because it's deuterium is

412
00:15:28,760 --> 00:15:26,760
coming from just one group so I don't

413
00:15:30,860 --> 00:15:28,770

have complete data from the other

414

00:15:34,220 --> 00:15:30,870

carbon-13 just because it's in a

415

00:15:37,580 --> 00:15:34,230

different band but both the carbon-13

416

00:15:39,050 --> 00:15:37,590

show roughly the same abundance so it

417

00:15:40,580 --> 00:15:39,060

would imply that they're all basically

418

00:15:42,290 --> 00:15:40,590

coming from the same place but the

419

00:15:43,940 --> 00:15:42,300

problem is deuterium fraction or

420

00:15:46,790 --> 00:15:43,950

fractionation depends on mass and

421

00:15:49,030 --> 00:15:46,800

carbon-13 fractionation is so much

422

00:15:50,840 --> 00:15:49,040

weaker and really difficult to prove

423

00:15:53,180 --> 00:15:50,850

especially with our thing with the noise

424

00:15:54,590 --> 00:15:53,190

yeah I would just be interesting to see

425

00:15:56,240 --> 00:15:54,600

if you could get the clothes for the

426

00:15:58,520 --> 00:15:56,250

carbon 13 because that might learn

427

00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:58,530

further prove impossible yeah oh you

428

00:16:03,140 --> 00:16:00,480

talking about the double substitution oh

429

00:16:05,660 --> 00:16:03,150

no no no we need a lot more signal than

430

00:16:07,250 --> 00:16:05,670

noise to do that you know we're working

431

00:16:09,110 --> 00:16:07,260

on it and we've also got another

432

00:16:11,750 --> 00:16:09,120

proposal in to do methanol the same way

433

00:16:15,830 --> 00:16:11,760

but do just the two different the O H

434

00:16:17,450 --> 00:16:15,840

versus the CH₃ hydrogen's yeah so

435

00:16:19,990 --> 00:16:17,460

hopefully that'll that'll get through

436

00:16:22,160 --> 00:16:20,000

sometime soon and I think that also gets

437

00:16:24,560 --> 00:16:22,170

sort of that gets closer to answering

438

00:16:28,430 --> 00:16:24,570

the question because if the if those two

439

00:16:31,580 --> 00:16:28,440

deuterium populations are different yeah

440

00:16:37,150 --> 00:16:31,590

we can barely see 15 mm no we're trying

441

00:16:37,160 --> 00:16:42,610

any other questions