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ABSTRACT

We present and analyse SO and SO₂, recently observed with high angular resolution and sensitivity in a spectral line survey with ALMA, for two oxygen-rich AGB stars: the low mass-loss rate R Dor and high mass-loss rate IK Tau. We analyse 8 lines of SO detected towards both stars, 78 lines of SO₂ detected towards R Dor and 52 lines of SO₂ detected towards IK Tau. We detect several lines of ³⁴SO, ³³SO and ³⁴SO₂ towards both stars, and tentatively S¹⁸O towards R Dor, and hence derive isotopic ratios for these species. The spatially resolved observations show us that the two sulphur oxides are co-located towards R Dor and trace out the same wind structures in the circumstellar envelope (CSE). Much of the emission is well reproduced with a Gaussian abundance distribution spatially centred on the star. Emission from the higher energy levels of SO and SO₂ towards R Dor provide evidence in support of a rotating inner region of gas identified in earlier work. The new observations allow us to refine the abundance distribution of SO in IK Tau derived from prior observations with single antennas, and confirm the distribution is shell-like with the peak in the fractional abundance not centred on the star. The confirmation of different types of SO abundance distributions will help fine-tune chemical models and allows for an additional method to discriminate between low and high mass-loss rates for oxygen-rich AGB stars.

Key words: stars: AGB and post-AGB – stars: individual: R Dor – stars: individual: IK Tau – circumstellar matter

1 INTRODUCTION

Upon leaving the main sequence and passing through the red giant branch, low to intermediate mass stars ($\sim 0.8 - 8 M_{\odot}$, Höfner & Olofsson 2018) enter the asymptotic giant branch (AGB). During the AGB phase, stars lose mass rapidly, eject matter in a stellar wind, and form an expanding circumstellar envelope (CSE) where molecules and dust are produced. The chemical type of an AGB star is classified according to the photospheric C/O ratio, which in turn strongly affects the molecular composition of the CSE. The C/O ratio is < 1 in oxygen-rich stars, > 1 in carbon-rich stars, and ~ 1 in S-type stars. Carbon-rich CSEs contain a variety of carbon-bearing molecules and oxygen-rich CSEs contain a greater variety of oxygen-bearing molecules than do the other two chemical types.

Spectral line observations of the rich molecular environment of the CSEs of AGB stars reveal much about the physical and dynamical conditions in these regions (Höfner & Olofsson 2018). In the past few years sulphur bearing molecules in the CSE of oxygen-rich AGB stars have been the subject of several extensive papers (Danilovich et al. 2016, 2017b, 2018, 2019). Sulphur is not synthesised in AGB stars or in their main sequence progenitors, but instead is produced in massive stars through oxygen burning and in Type II supernovae. Because sulphur is not depleted onto circumstellar dust in significant quantities, as evidenced by the near-solar abundances seen in post-AGB stars, (Waelkens et al. 1991; Reyniers & van Winckel 2007; Kamath & Van Winckel 2019), we can estimate the total sulphur abundance of nearby stars by assuming the solar abundance. The sulphur-bearing molecules that are most commonly observed in the CSE with radio telescopes are CS, SiS, SO, SO₂, and H₂S. CS is most commonly seen towards carbon stars, SiS and H₂S are most commonly seen towards the

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highest mass-loss rate stars of all chemical types (Danilovich et al. 2017b, 2018), and SO and SO₂ have only been detected towards oxygen-rich stars (see Danilovich et al. 2016, and references therein).

Rotational lines of SO and SO₂ are especially prominent towards oxygen-rich AGB stars. In their study of SO and SO₂ observed with the *Herschel* and APEX single antennas, Danilovich et al. (2016) found that the spatial abundance distribution of SO towards five oxygen-rich stars (IK Tau, R Dor, TX Cam, W Hya, and R Cas) differs between stars with low ($1 - 2 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) and higher ($8 - 50 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) mass-loss rates. The circumstellar emission of SO in low mass-loss rate stars was well reproduced with a Gaussian abundance distribution centred on the star, whereas the relative abundance of SO in stars with higher mass-loss rates was greatest in the CSE some distance from the central star — i.e., the abundance distribution is shell-like. Furthermore, the peak relative SO abundance for the higher mass-loss rate stars was lower than for the lower mass-loss rate stars. The radial abundance distribution of SO in both high and low mass-loss rate stars correlated with the peak in the OH abundance derived from the H₂O abundance distribution and photodissociation radius. The difference in the shapes of the SO abundance distributions (centred on the star vs shell-like) was attributed to OH which drives the formation of SO by the reaction of OH with S. Owing to the limitations of the observations, Danilovich et al. (2016) were unable to directly determine whether the abundance distribution of SO₂ is similar to that of SO. From the observations of H₂S towards five AGB stars with high mass-loss rates of $(5 - 40) \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ with APEX, Danilovich et al. (2017b) concluded H₂S could account for a significant fraction of the sulphur budget in the highest mass-loss rate sources, which may explain the lower SO abundances in these sources.

These significant chemical differences seem to be density-dependent, since mass-loss rate correlates with gas density. Despite this, any chemical network should be able to reproduce the observed abundances of sulphur molecules for all AGB stars. Hence, a more detailed understanding of how sulphur molecules behave will allow us to fine-tune chemical networks, which can, in turn, be applied to other astrophysical environments. Furthermore, the dependence of the abundances of these molecules on mass-loss rate means that they can act as a secondary diagnostic of mass-loss rate, especially in situations where there is some significant uncertainty (for example if the distance is not known).

Until recently, there were no spatially resolved observations comparing SO and SO₂ towards low and high mass-loss rate AGB stars. Such observations ought to provide additional information about potential three-dimensional structural differences between sulphur oxides in low and high mass-loss rate AGB CSEs, beyond the one-dimensional difference in radial abundance distribution that was already found by Danilovich et al. (2016). A recently published spectral scan covering frequencies 335–362 GHz for R Dor and IK Tau (Decin et al. 2018) detected approximately 200 rotational lines towards R Dor, and 168 lines towards IK Tau from at least 15 molecular species — including many from sulphur-bearing molecules. R Dor has a low mass-loss rate of $1.6 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ and IK Tau has a mass-loss rate about 30 times higher at $5.0 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (Maercker et al. 2016).

Transition lines of the main isotopic species of SO and SO₂ make up roughly 40% of the lines towards both stars. NS was also observed towards IK Tau, and CS and SiS were observed towards both stars and analysed by Danilovich et al. (2019) who derived the corresponding abundance distributions for R Dor and IK Tau.

The emphasis in this paper is on the spatial distribution of the sulphur oxides, SO and SO₂, towards R Dor and IK Tau (observed by Decin et al. 2018) and the determination of the abundance distributions with a radiative transfer model. The model was previously used to analyse the two sulphur oxides in five oxygen-rich AGB stars observed at low angular resolution with single antennas by Danilovich et al. (2016). The line identifications of the normal and rare isotopic species of SO and SO₂ are presented in Sect. 2; the radiative transfer model is briefly described in Sect. 3; the analysis of the spectra and maps of R Dor and IK Tau in Sections 3.1 and 3.2; a detailed comparison of the abundance distributions of both molecules towards the two sources, and the results of recent chemical models are discussed in Sect. 4.1; the derived isotopic ratios are presented in Sect. 4.2; and supporting tables and spectra of SO and SO₂ are given in Appendices A and B.

2 OBSERVATIONS

The spectral line survey in Band 7 of R Dor and IK Tau between 335 – 362 GHz was done by Decin et al. (2018) in August and September of 2015 (proposal 2013.1.00166.S, PI: L. Decin). The interferometer baselines of 0.04 – 1.6 km allowed for imaging of structures with an angular resolution of ~ 150 mas and angular scales of up to $2''$. The channel σ rms noise varied between spectral windows, as explained in Decin et al. (2018). For IK Tau this sensitivity range was 3–9 mJy and for R Dor it was 2.7–5.7 mJy, with the higher noise occurring towards the top end of the frequency range. As a result of the data reduction, the absolute flux scale is uncertain by up to 10% but the relative flux scale and astrometry for each star is very well registered for all species, such that the map noise is the main source of uncertainty in the flux. Eight transitions in the ground vibrational state and three in the vibrationally excited level of SO were observed towards R Dor and IK Tau, 75 transitions of SO₂ were observed towards R Dor, 54 lines of SO₂ were observed towards IK Tau; a few lines of SO₂ in the $\nu_2 = 1$ excited vibrational level were observed towards both stars, the rare isotopic species ³³SO and ³⁴SO were observed in both stars, and ³⁴SO₂ was observed in R Dor.

When we discuss 1D spectra of these ALMA observations, we refer to an aperture size, which is the size of a circular region, centred on the continuum peak, for which the spectrum has been extracted. Smaller apertures allow us to more easily examine spectra from regions close to the star, while larger apertures ensure more of the extended emission is included in the spectrum. Spectra extracted for larger apertures also have the tendency to be noisier, since larger noise-dominated areas (with low or no emission) are likely to be included. The map rms on small scales close to ‘cleaned’ sources is dominated by thermal noise. However, on scales approaching the largest angular scale imageable ($2''$), partially resolved-out flux, including from dust contin-

Table 1. SO transitions detected with ALMA.

	Transition $N_{J''}'' \rightarrow N_{J'}'$	Frequency [GHz]	E_{up} [K]	Star	
SO	$11_{10} \rightarrow 10_{10}, v = 0$	336.5533 ^a	143	Both	
	$8_7 \rightarrow 7_6, v = 1$	337.8862 ^{*a}	1681	Both	
	$3_3 \rightarrow 2_3, v = 0$	339.3415 ^b	26	Both	
	$8_7 \rightarrow 7_6, v = 0$	340.7142 ^b	81	Both	
	$8_8 \rightarrow 7_7, v = 1$	341.5591 ^a	1688	Both	
	$8_9 \rightarrow 7_8, v = 1$	343.8285 ^a	1679	Both	
	$8_8 \rightarrow 7_7, v = 0$	344.3106 ^b	88	Both	
	$8_9 \rightarrow 7_8, v = 0$	346.5285 ^{*b}	79	Both	
	³³ SO	$8_7 \rightarrow 7_6, F = \frac{15}{2} \rightarrow \frac{13}{2}$	337.1978 ^{*a}	81	Both
$F = \frac{13}{2} \rightarrow \frac{11}{2}$		337.1980 ^a			
$F = \frac{17}{2} \rightarrow \frac{15}{2}$		337.1986 ^a			
$F = \frac{11}{2} \rightarrow \frac{9}{2}$		337.1994 ^a			
$F = \frac{11}{2} \rightarrow \frac{11}{2}$		337.2462 ^a			
$F = \frac{13}{2} \rightarrow \frac{13}{2}$		337.2498 ^a			
$F = \frac{15}{2} \rightarrow \frac{15}{2}$		337.2528 ^a			
$F = \frac{11}{2} \rightarrow \frac{13}{2}$		337.2979 ^a	87	Both	
$F = \frac{13}{2} \rightarrow \frac{15}{2}$		337.3048 ^a			
$8_8 \rightarrow 7_7, F = \frac{13}{2} \rightarrow \frac{11}{2}$		340.8373 ^a			
$F = \frac{15}{2} \rightarrow \frac{13}{2}$		340.8379 ^a			
$F = \frac{17}{2} \rightarrow \frac{15}{2}$		340.8387 ^a			
$F = \frac{19}{2} \rightarrow \frac{17}{2}$		340.8396 ^a			
$F = \frac{17}{2} \rightarrow \frac{17}{2}$		340.8417 ^a			
$F = \frac{15}{2} \rightarrow \frac{15}{2}$		340.8446 ^a	78	R Dor IK Tau*	
$F = \frac{13}{2} \rightarrow \frac{13}{2}$		340.8463 ^a			
$8_9 \rightarrow 7_8, F = \frac{19}{2} \rightarrow \frac{19}{2}$		343.0325 ^a			
$F = \frac{17}{2} \rightarrow \frac{17}{2}$		343.0418 ^a			
$F = \frac{15}{2} \rightarrow \frac{15}{2}$		343.0492 ^a			
$F = \frac{15}{2} \rightarrow \frac{13}{2}$		343.0861 ^a			
$F = \frac{17}{2} \rightarrow \frac{15}{2}$		343.0873 ^a			
$F = \frac{19}{2} \rightarrow \frac{17}{2}$	343.0881 ^a	93	R Dor [†]		
$9_9 \rightarrow 8_8$	358.6457 ^a			99	Neither
$9_{10} \rightarrow 8_9$	360.6379 ^a				
³⁴ SO	$8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$	337.5801 ^a	86	Both	
	$8_9 \rightarrow 7_8$	339.8576 ^a	77	Both	
^S ¹⁸ O	$9_8 \rightarrow 8_7$	355.5711 ^a	93	R Dor [†]	
	$9_9 \rightarrow 8_8$	358.6457 ^a	99	Neither	
	$9_{10} \rightarrow 8_9$	360.6379 ^a	91	R Dor [†]	

Notes: An * indicates lines participating in overlaps and a † indicates a tentative detection. Curly braces indicate (unresolved) hyperfine components. All listed isotopologue lines are in the ground vibrational state $v = 0$. Frequency references: (^a) Calculation method from Amano & Hirota (1974), calculated frequencies from CDMS, Müller et al. (2001, 2005); (^b) Measured frequencies from Clark & Lucia (1976).

uum causes large-scale error and contributes to errors in the cleaning process.

2.1 SO

Generally speaking, the brightest transition lines of SO are those which follow the rule $N - J = N' - J'$ for an allowed transition $N_J \rightarrow N'_{J'}$, where J is the total angular momentum excluding nuclear spin and N is the total angular momentum including electronic spin (Hartquist & Williams 1998). In the survey range, the three brightest SO lines are ($8_7 \rightarrow 7_6$), ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$), and ($8_7 \rightarrow 7_8$) in the ground vibrational state, $v = 0$, with frequencies listed in Table 1. In addition to these

three lines, we also detected their rotational counterparts in the first vibrationally excited state, $v = 1$, and two fainter lines in the ground vibrational state: ($11_{10} \rightarrow 10_{10}$) and ($3_3 \rightarrow 2_3$). The frequencies for all these lines are listed in Table 1.

In Figures 1 and 2 we show the channel maps for ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$), as a representative SO line, for R Dor and IK Tau, respectively. There is clear extended emission in both sets of channel maps, with the central emission peaking within the indicated continuum contours. R Dor shows an absorption feature towards the stellar position at a blue-shifted velocity of 3–4 km s⁻¹ with respect to the LSR velocity. This is evident due to the large angular size of R Dor, 60 mas (Bedding et al. 1998; Norris et al. 2012), which is almost half the size of the 150 mas restoring beam. Absorption is not seen towards IK Tau, which has an angular diameter of 20 mas (Decin et al. 2010b), much smaller than the 170 mas restoring beam, so any absorption is blended with the surrounding emission. Structure can be seen in the SO emission towards R Dor, with some higher flux density arcs/loops and lower flux density regions visible, especially in the central velocity channels from ~ 5.5 km s⁻¹ to ~ 10.6 km s⁻¹, although there are some asymmetric features seen out to 1.3 km s⁻¹ on the blue side and 14 km s⁻¹ on the red side of the LSR velocity. Most of these arc-like features extend out to around 1.5'' from the continuum peak, with lower-density regions located non-uniformly around the continuum peak at distances of around 0.5–1'' from the centre. In the case of IK Tau, however, the SO emission shown in Fig. 2 is more uniform and diffuse, extending up to 2'' in the channels close to the LSR velocity of 34 km s⁻¹, but with no clear structures visible above the noise.

Of the SO lines detected with ALMA, all of the ground vibrational state lines except ($11_{10} \rightarrow 10_{10}$) were previously detected with APEX and published by Danilovich et al. (2016) for R Dor. For IK Tau, the ground vibrational state ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) line was previously published by Kim et al. (2010). The single antenna observations allow us to compare the total flux recovered by ALMA with that observed by APEX¹. In Fig. 3 we plot the R Dor ALMA spectra against the corresponding APEX spectra, both in Jy. As can be seen there, all of the flux has been recovered by ALMA for the ($8_7 \rightarrow 7_6$) line, a small amount may have been resolved out for the ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) line (although the difference is small enough that this could be a calibration uncertainty since the ALMA flux scale uncertainty in band 6 is $\leq 7\%$ and the APEX uncertainty is $\sim 20\%$), some flux has been resolved out for the ($8_9 \rightarrow 7_8$) line and it is hard to make a conclusive statement about the ($3_3 \rightarrow 2_3$) line since the APEX spectrum is so much noisier than the ALMA spectrum. In the case of the ($8_9 \rightarrow 7_8$) line, it may be that its overlap with the SO₂ ($16_{4,12} \rightarrow 16_{3,13}$) line contributes to the larger amount of flux being resolved out. In Fig. 4 we show the ALMA and APEX observations of the SO ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) line towards IK Tau, which indicates that no appreciable flux has been resolved out by ALMA.

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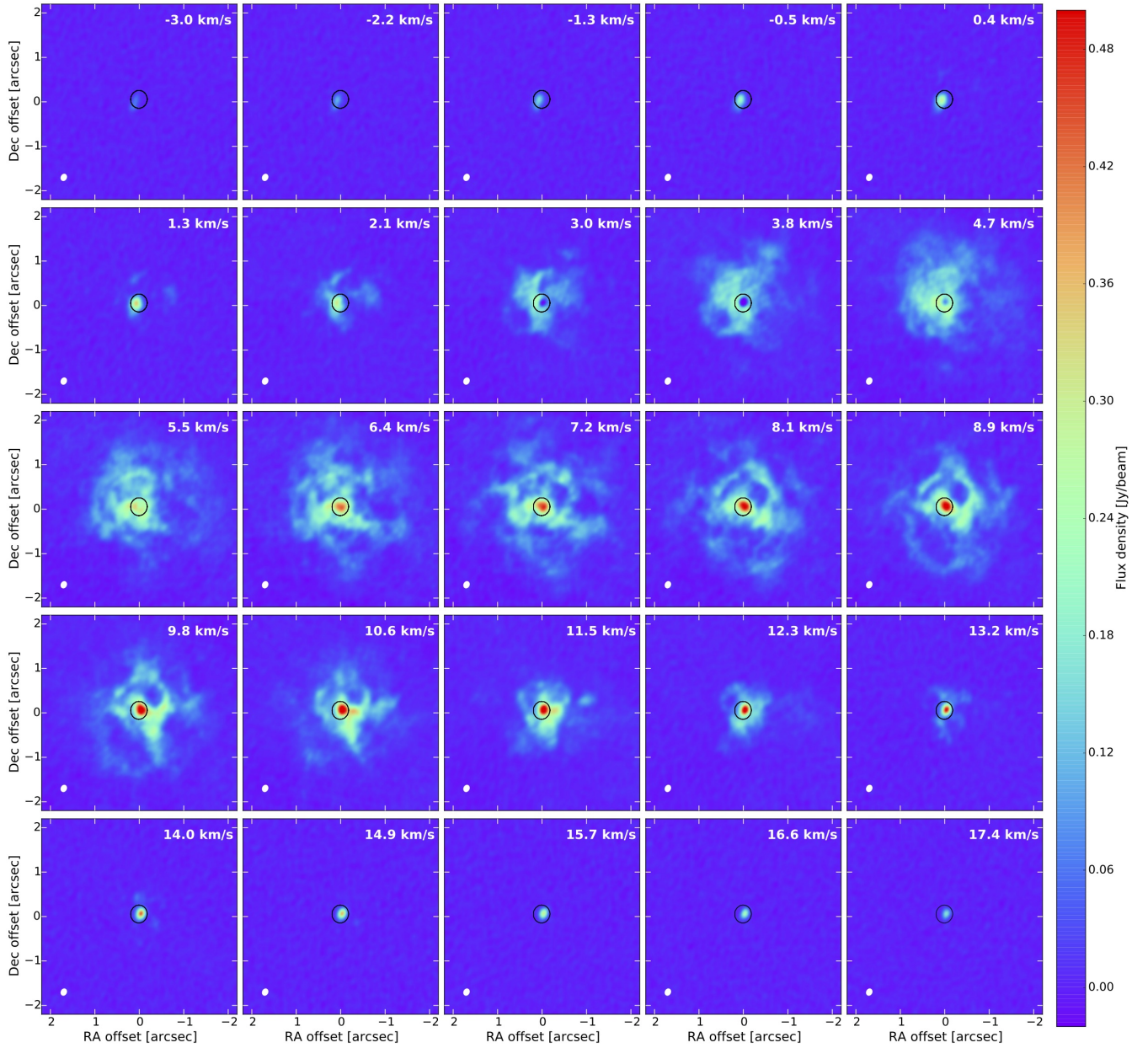


Figure 1. Channel maps of SO ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) towards R Dor. The black contour is drawn for 1% of the peak continuum flux and the beam is shown in white in the bottom left hand corners of each channel plot. Plots are best viewed on a screen.

2.1.1 Isotopologues of SO

For the isotopologues of SO, the two brightest lines of ^{34}SO that fall in our range were detected towards both R Dor and IK Tau (see Table 1). Lines of ^{33}SO exhibit hyperfine structure due to the ^{33}S nucleus (Klaus et al. 1996) and these are distinguished in Table 1 by the inclusion of F , the quantum number representing the total angular momentum including nuclear spin (Townes & Schawlow 2013). In Fig. 5 we show the ^{33}SO lines observed towards R Dor with all the hyperfine components marked on the spectrum. The ($8_7 \rightarrow 7_6$) line group has a possible overlap with tentative lines of TiO_2 ($25_{1,25} \rightarrow 24_{0,24}$) and ($24_{1,23} \rightarrow 23_{2,22}$) at 337.1961 GHz and 337.2061 GHz, respectively. However, examining the channel

maps, the emission at that frequency has more morphological similarities with the other isotopic species of SO than with other TiO_2 lines, so we assume the emission is dominated by ^{33}SO . Furthermore, the ^{33}SO ($8_9 \rightarrow 7_8$) line group is adjacent to TiO_2 ($23_{3,21} \rightarrow 22_{2,20}$), which is not detected above the noise in Fig. 5. All three of the mentioned TiO_2 lines have similar level energies (with the lower level energies around 192–198 K) and similar predicted intensities, so we can safely assume the two lines which overlap with ^{33}SO ($8_7 \rightarrow 7_6$) do not have a significant impact on the line intensity. For completion, we indicate the location of the TiO_2 lines in Fig. 5. For IK Tau the ^{33}SO lines are fainter than for R Dor and are observed most clearly in the spectra extracted for the smallest radius. Also, the ($8_9 \rightarrow 7_8$) line group co-

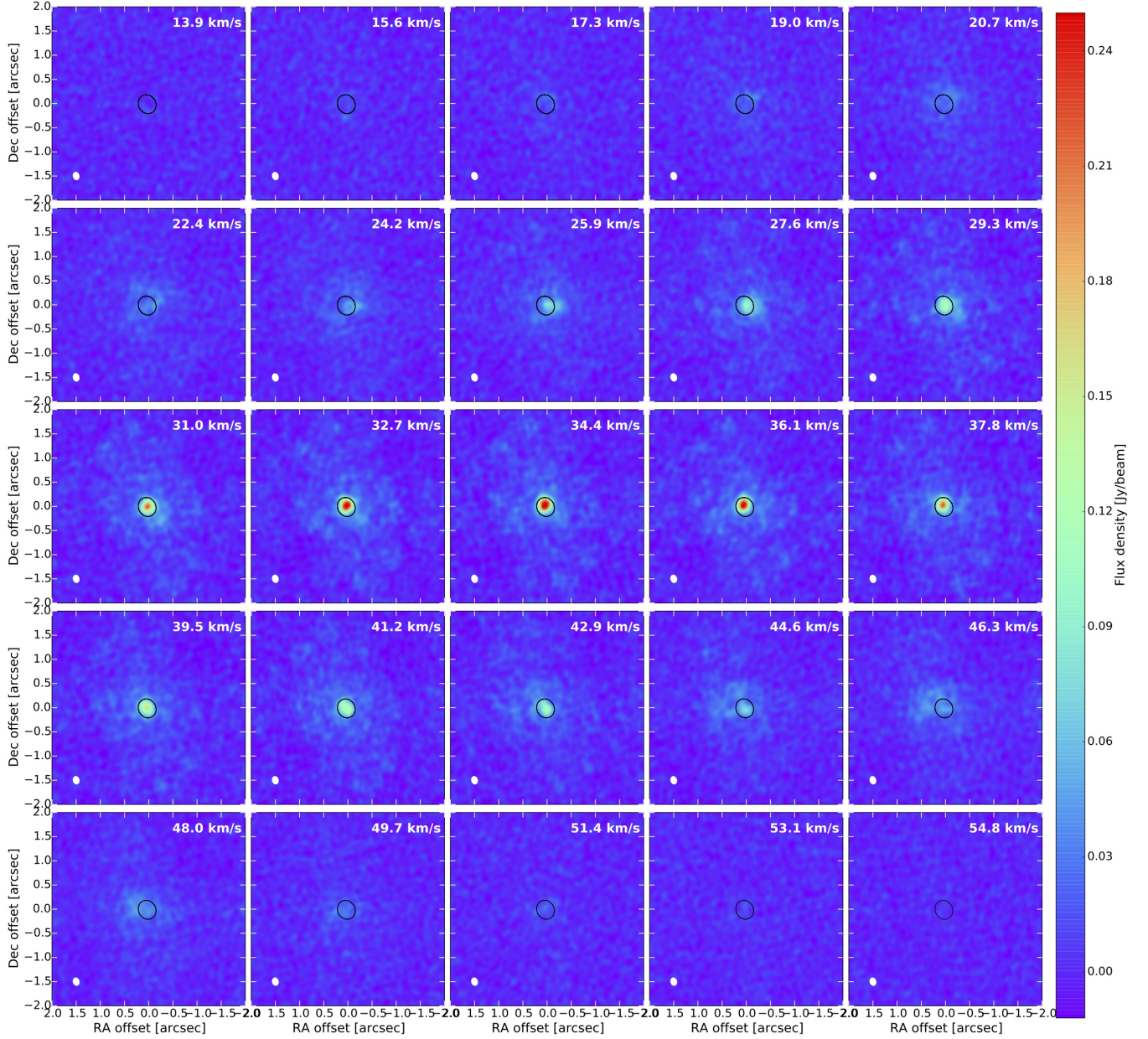


Figure 2. Channel maps of SO ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) towards IK Tau. The black contour is drawn for 5% of the peak continuum flux and the beam is shown in white in the bottom left hand corners of each channel plot. Plots are best viewed on a screen.

incides with SiS ($19 \rightarrow 18$, $\nu = 1$), which is not detected towards R Dor (see Danilovich et al. 2019, for a comprehensive discussion of SiS towards R Dor). We plot the IK Tau ^{33}SO lines in the lower portion of Fig. 5.

We also checked for any possible lines from S^{17}O (which has hyperfine components, like ^{33}SO , due to the ^{17}O nucleus), S^{18}O , and ^{36}SO . From the line lists provided by the Cologne Database for Molecular Spectroscopy (CDMS² Müller et al. 2001, 2005; Endres et al. 2016), we determined that the brightest lines of S^{17}O and ^{36}SO fall outside of the frequency range surveyed by ALMA. Three bright lines of

S^{18}O fall within our frequency range. Although they were not noted as detections by Decin et al. (2018), they are listed in Table 1 and were checked carefully for weak signatures. We find no additional detections towards IK Tau but found very tentative detections of the ($9_8 \rightarrow 8_7$) and possibly ($9_{10} \rightarrow 8_9$) lines in the spectrum of R Dor, although they cannot be discerned in the channel maps or zeroth moment maps. We do not find any evidence of the other possible S^{18}O line, which may be because it has a lower predicted integrated intensity at 300 K than the other two lines, according to CDMS, and falls on the edge of an observing window.

² <https://cdms.astro.uni-koeln.de>

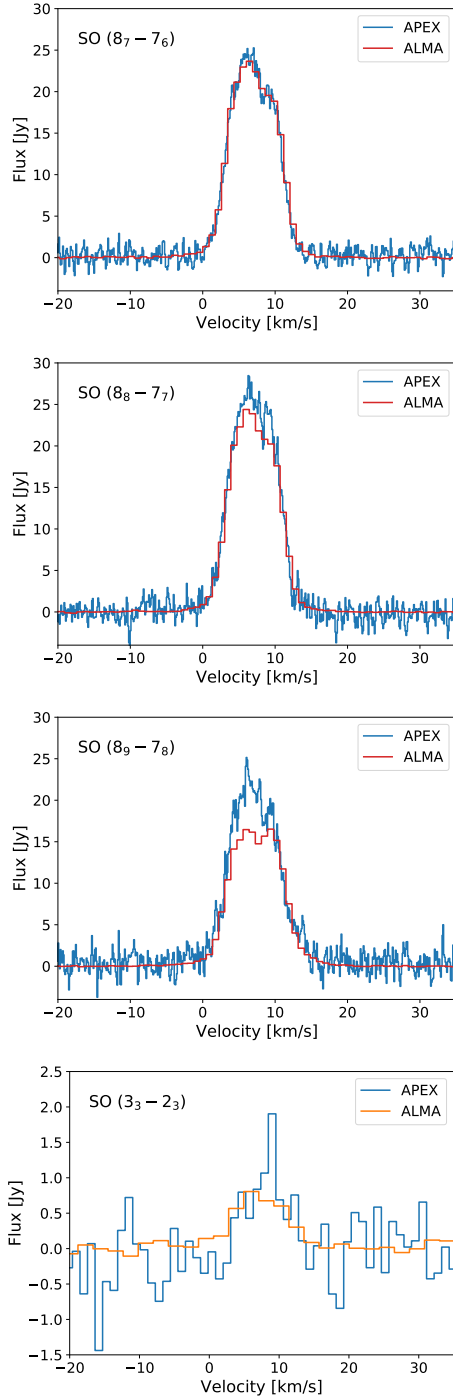


Figure 3. Comparison of the APEX (*blue*) and ALMA (*red* or *orange*) observations of SO towards R Dor. The ALMA spectra were extracted for a circular aperture with a radius of 5'' (red lines) except for ($3_3 \rightarrow 2_3$) which was extracted for an aperture with a radius of 1'' (orange line).

2.2 SO₂

2.2.1 Overview

SO₂ is a near prolate asymmetric rotor ($\kappa = -0.94$) with C_{2v} symmetry whose permanent electric dipole moment lies along the intermediate (*b*) inertial axis and whose rotational

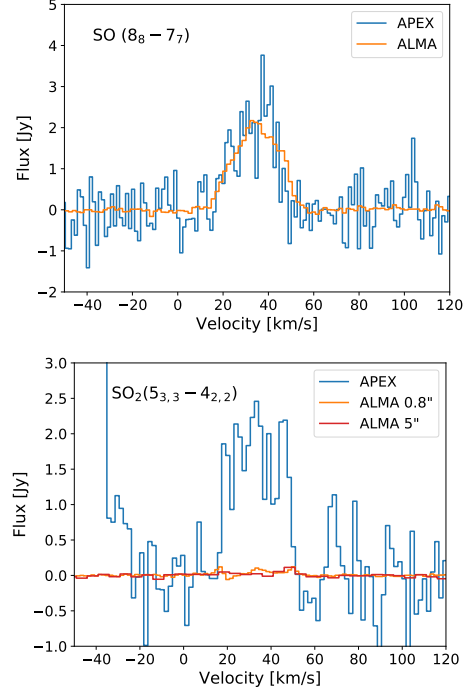


Figure 4. Comparison of the APEX and ALMA observations of various sulphur-bearing molecules towards IK Tau. From top to bottom: SO ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$), SO₂($5_{3,3} \rightarrow 4_{2,2}$). Orange lines indicate ALMA spectra extracted with an 800 mas radius aperture while red lines indicate ALMA spectra extracted using a 5'' radius and with a coarser velocity resolution. Both spectra are shown for SO₂ for which most of the flux has been resolved out.

levels are labeled J_{K_a, K_c} , where J is the total angular momentum (excluding nuclear spin) and K_a and K_c are the projections of the angular momentum along the *a* and *c* molecular axes, both of which are orthogonal to the dipole moment of the molecule (Hartquist & Williams 1998). Because the two equivalent off-axis ¹⁶O atoms are bosons, half of the rotational levels — i.e., those with $K_a + K_c = \text{odd}$ — are missing. The sensitivity of ALMA allows us to detect a large number of lines, some of which are impossible to see with less sensitive telescopes such as APEX. Indicated in Table 2 is whether the lines were detected towards R Dor or both stars, and any unusual features such as overlapping lines. A more detailed discussion of SO₂ towards the individual stars is given in Sections 2.2.3 and 2.2.4.

Owing to the large number of observed SO₂ transitions in the main isotopologue in the ground vibrational state, we have divided them into two categories to aid the analysis and refer to them as “most favoured” (brighter) and “less favoured” (fainter) transitions. All Q-branch transitions (where $\Delta J = 0$) fall into the most favoured category and all R-branch transitions (where $\Delta J = +1$) fall into the less favoured category. P-branch transitions (where $\Delta J = -1$) are split between the two groups: the P_{-1,+1} subbranch containing transitions with $\Delta K_a, \Delta K_c = -1, +1$ is in the most favoured category and the P_{+1,-3} subbranch with $\Delta K_a, \Delta K_c = +1, -3$ is in the less favoured category. For a more detailed discussion of subbranches for asymmetric top rotational transitions, we direct the interested reader to Cross et al. (1944) and chapter 4 of Townes & Schawlow (2013).

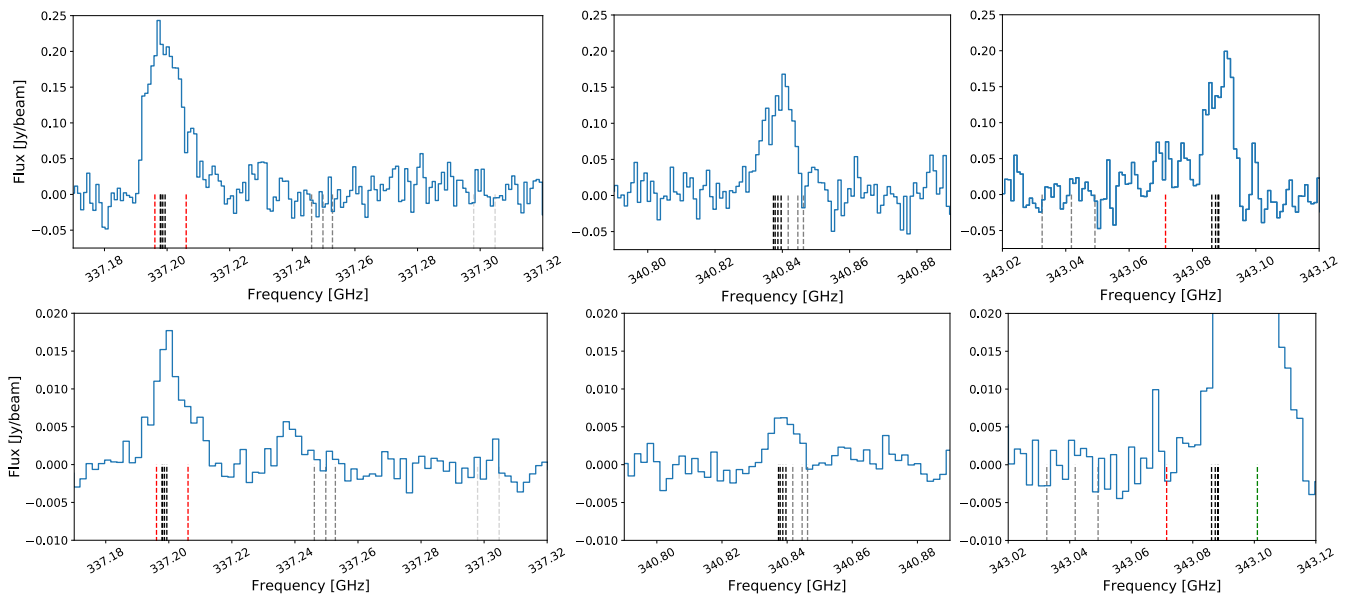


Figure 5. ³³SO lines towards R Dor (*top*), extracted for a 1'' radius aperture, and IK Tau (*bottom*), extracted for an 80 mas radius aperture. From left to right we show the (8₇ → 7₆), (8₈ → 7₇), and (8₉ → 7₈) line groups. Hyperfine components are indicated by the dashed lines: the black lines indicate the hyperfine components with the highest predicted intensities, the medium grey lines the hyperfine components with predicted intensities ~ 1.5 dex lower and the light grey lines hyperfine components with predicted intensities ~ 3.5 dex lower. The red dashed lines indicate the frequencies of nearby TiO₂ lines and the green dashed line in the rightmost IK Tau panel indicates the location of the SiS (19 → 18, $\nu = 1$), which overpowers the ³³SO flux.

The most favoured transitions, which are listed in the upper portion of Table 2, produce the brightest lines and the less favoured transitions, which are listed in the lower portion of Table 2, are fainter and generally produce compact emission that is either unresolved or barely resolved for both stars. Most of the vibrationally excited lines, which have $\nu_2 = 1$ and are listed in Table B1, fall into the more favoured category (with the two exceptions being noted as very weak), but also exhibit compact emission, which is either unresolved or barely resolved.

To give an indication of which transitions are more likely to be detected, we use theoretical line intensities³. For the ground vibrational state, these intensities are plotted in Fig. 6 for 300 K (corresponding to $\sim 20R_*$ for R Dor) against the lower state energy levels for all SO₂ lines that lie within the frequency range of the spectral line survey. In the inset of Fig. 6 the same transitions are plotted for $T = 1500$ K, representing gas temperatures in the inner regions of the CSE, within a few stellar radii of the star. The points are colour-coded to indicate whether the transitions were detected, and to denote the most favoured and less favoured transitions. We find that all of the most favoured transitions are detected, except for those from levels with very high excitation energies of $J \sim 90$ and $E > 4000$ K. This gives us a quick way to predict the likelihood of detecting an SO₂ line based primarily on the transition's quantum numbers (in conjunction with the level energies). Referring to the higher temperature plot in the inset in Fig. 6, it is apparent that the few outliers at 300 K (detected lines with

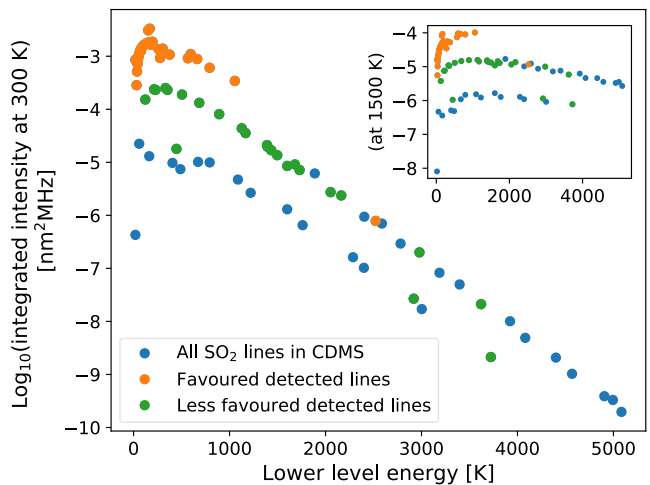


Figure 6. The predicted integrated intensities at 300 K against the lower state energy levels for all the vibrational ground state SO₂ lines listed in CDMS that fall within the frequency range of our line scan. The detections indicated are for R Dor. The inset figure shows the same information but for 1500 K.

low predicted intensities) are not unrealistic. The most egregious outlier is the (8_{7,79} → 8_{8,82}) transition (rightmost green point) which closely coincides in frequency with the (5_{7,52} → 5_{6,49}) transition also of SO₂. In Table B1 we list all the vibrationally excited SO₂ lines, all of which are excited to the first bending mode, $\nu_2 = 1$, which is the lowest-lying vibrational state of SO₂. An analogous plot to Fig. 6 is given in Fig. B1 for the vibrationally excited SO₂ lines towards R Dor.

³ Taken from CDMS. The units of intensity, nm² MHz, are based on the integral of the absorption cross-section over the spectral line shape. See Pickett et al. (1998) for further explanation.

Table 2. SO₂ lines detected with ALMA. Lines listed in the bottom section of the table are less favoured, as defined in Sect. 2.2.1.

Frequency [GHz]	Line	E_{up} [K]	Star	Notes I = IK Tau, R = R Dor
336.0892 ^a	23 _{3,21} → 23 _{2,22}	276	both	SO ₂ overlap
338.3060 ^a	18 _{4,14} → 18 _{3,15}	197	both	
338.6119 ^a	20 _{1,19} → 19 _{2,18}	199	both	
340.3164 ^c	28 _{2,26} → 28 _{1,27}	392	both	I: SiS $v = 2$ overlap
341.1364 ^c	70 _{10,60} → 69 _{11,59}	2539	both	
341.4031 ^a	40 _{4,36} → 40 _{3,37}	809	both	
341.6740 ^c	36 _{5,31} → 36 _{4,32}	679	both	
342.7616 ^c	34 _{3,31} → 34 _{2,32}	582	both	
345.3385 ^a	13 _{2,12} → 12 _{1,11}	93	both	H ¹³ CN overlap
346.5239 ^c	16 _{4,12} → 16 _{3,13}	165	both	SO overlap
346.6522 ^a	19 _{1,19} → 18 _{0,18}	168	both	
348.3878 ^c	24 _{2,22} → 23 _{3,21}	293	both	R: TiO ₂ overlap I: ³⁰ SiS $v = 1$ overlap
349.7833 ^c	46 _{5,41} → 46 _{4,42}	1072	both	
351.2572 ^a	5 _{3,3} → 4 _{2,2}	36	both	R: SO ₂ $v = 1$ overlap in wing, I: Si ³⁴ S overlap
351.8739 ^a	14 _{4,10} → 14 _{3,11}	136	both	
355.0455 ^a	12 _{4,8} → 12 _{3,9}	111	both	
356.7552 ^a	10 _{4,6} → 10 _{3,7}	90	both	I: TiO ₂ overlap
357.1654 ^a	13 _{4,10} → 13 _{3,11}	123	both	
357.2412 ^a	15 _{4,12} → 15 _{3,13}	150	both	
357.3876 ^a	11 _{4,8} → 11 _{3,9}	100	both	
357.5814 ^c	8 _{4,4} → 8 _{3,5}	72	both	SO ₂ $v = 1$ overlap
357.6718 ^a	9 _{4,6} → 9 _{3,7}	81	both	
357.8924 ^c	7 _{4,4} → 7 _{3,5}	65	both	
357.9258 ^c	6 _{4,2} → 6 _{3,3}	59	both	
357.9629 ^a	17 _{4,14} → 17 _{3,15}	180	both	
358.0131 ^a	5 _{4,2} → 5 _{3,3}	53	R Dor	SO ₂ overlap in wing
358.0379 ^a	4 _{4,0} → 4 _{3,1}	49	R Dor	SO ₂ overlap in wing
358.2156 ^a	20 _{0,20} → 19 _{1,19}	185	both	R: poss. Si ³⁴ O overlap
359.1512 ^a	25 _{3,23} → 25 _{2,24}	321	both	
359.7707 ^a	19 _{4,16} → 19 _{3,17}	214	both	
360.2904 ^c	34 _{5,29} → 34 _{4,30}	612	both	
335.7732 ^a	29 _{5,25} → 30 _{2,28}	463	R Dor	ID uncertain
336.1135 ^c	42 _{12,30} → 43 _{11,33}	1183	both	SO ₂ overlap
336.6696 ^a	16 _{7,9} → 17 _{6,12}	245	R Dor	
338.8698 ^c	47 _{13,35} → 48 _{12,36}	1451	R Dor	
339.8909 ^b	65 _{9,57} → 64 _{10,54}	2180	R Dor	ID uncertain
341.2755 ^a	21 _{8,14} → 22 _{7,15}	369	both	
341.3219 ^c	52 _{14,38} → 53 _{13,41}	1746	both	SO ₂ & AlO $v=1$ overlap
341.3233 ^c	53 _{6,48} → 52 _{7,45}	1413	both	SO ₂ & AlO $v=1$ overlap
343.4767 ^b	57 _{15,43} → 58 _{14,44}	2070	R Dor	I: only see Na ³⁷ Cl
345.4490 ^a	26 _{9,17} → 27 _{8,20}	521	both	
347.8276 ^c	87 _{9,79} → 88 _{6,82}	3740	R Dor	SO ₂ overlap
347.8292 ^c	57 _{6,52} → 56 _{7,49}	1618	R Dor	SO ₂ overlap
349.1914 ^c	77 _{19,59} → 78 _{18,60}	3637	R Dor	ID uncertain
349.2271 ^c	31 _{10,22} → 32 _{9,23}	701	both	
350.1103 ^b	55 _{6,50} → 54 _{7,47}	1514	R Dor	ID uncertain
350.8628 ^a	10 _{6,4} → 11 _{5,7}	139	both	ID uncertain
352.6390 ^a	36 _{11,25} → 37 _{10,28}	909	both	I: bad channels
353.1119 ^c	76 _{11,65} → 75 _{12,64}	2978	R Dor	ID uncertain
355.7055 ^b	41 _{12,30} → 42 _{11,31}	1144	R Dor	ID uncertain
356.0406 ^a	15 _{7,9} → 16 _{6,10}	231	R Dor	
358.3442 ^c	77 _{8,70} → 78 _{5,73}	2936	R Dor	ID uncertain
358.4419 ^c	46 _{13,33} → 47 _{12,36}	1408	R Dor	poss. U overlap
360.7218 ^a	20 _{8,12} → 21 _{7,15}	350	both	I: very noisy
360.8592 ^b	51 _{14,38} → 52 _{13,39}	1698	R Dor	ID uncertain

References: (^a) Lovas (1985); (^b) Belov et al. (1998); (^c) Müller & Brünken (2005) & Müller et al. (2005).

2.2.2 Isotopologues of SO₂

The SO₂ isotopologue detections for both R Dor and IK Tau are listed in Table B2. We detected several ³⁴SO₂ lines, mostly towards R Dor. These are plotted for R Dor in Fig. B4 for a 300 mas radius extraction aperture, since some of the lines are hidden in the noise for a larger extraction aperture. No lines of ³³SO₂ were detected. This is not unexpected due to the lower cosmic abundance of ³³S and the hyperfine splitting that occurs due to the ³³S nucleus.

We list a few SO¹⁷O lines towards R Dor in Table B2. These are included because these are the best identifications

we presently have for these lines, however, they are by no means certain. We would not expect to observe SO¹⁷O and SO¹⁸O with the present sensitivity because of: (1) the much lower abundance of ¹⁷O and ¹⁸O — where ¹⁶O/¹⁷O = 800 in R Dor and 1500 in IK Tau, and ¹⁶O/¹⁸O = 315 in R Dor and 650 in IK Tau on the basis of the H₂O models in Danilovich et al. (2017a) — and (2) the two oxygen nuclei have different masses in the singly substituted rare isotopic species, and therefore there are twice as many rotational levels which are populated in the rare isotopic species than in the main species (i.e. levels with $K_a + K_c = \text{odd}$ are permitted). Furthermore, we only have tentative detections for S¹⁸O lines towards R Dor, and these lines are inherently brighter than SO¹⁸O (there were no S¹⁷O lines in the observed frequency range). Danilovich et al. (2017a) find higher abundances of ¹⁸O than ¹⁷O from their H₂O results for both R Dor and IK Tau, so seeing SO¹⁷O lines but not SO¹⁸O lines does not fit with this. We conclude that the SO₂ oxygen isotopologue lines are most likely misidentified and include them here only for completion.

2.2.3 R Dor

Our ALMA observations cover a large number of SO₂ lines and a broad range of level energies are involved in producing these lines. Since we also expect the emitting regions of these lines to be spread out in the CSE, we check for any resolved out flux using four lines of different energies. In Fig. 7 we show these lines and compare their total flux with the corresponding APEX observations (originally presented in Danilovich et al. 2016). For the lowest energy lines, (5_{3,3} → 4_{2,2}) with $E_{\text{up}} = 36$ K and (13_{4,10} → 13_{3,11}) with $E_{\text{up}} = 123$ K, we find that some of the large scale flux has indeed been resolved out. For the higher energy lines, (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) with $E_{\text{up}} = 199$ K and (40_{4,36} → 40_{3,37}) with $E_{\text{up}} = 808$ K, all the flux has been recovered (although the noise in the latter APEX observation makes this difficult to be absolutely certain of).

In Fig. 8 we show the channel maps for the SO₂ (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) transition towards R Dor. Similar features can be seen as for the SO channel map shown in Fig. 1 and described in Sect. 2.1. To check whether the structure is indeed the same — since the SO channels maps show brighter and larger areas of emission — we plotted the contours of SO₂ (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) over the SO (8₈ → 7₇) emission in Fig. 9. As can be clearly seen, SO₂ does indeed trace out similar structures to those seen in the SO emission.

Although some of the flux is resolved out for the lower-energy SO₂ lines, it is still interesting to compare the distributions of the emission for different energy transitions. In Fig. 10 we plot the 5 central channels for each of the (5_{3,3} → 4_{2,2}), (13_{4,10} → 13_{4,11}), (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}), and (40_{4,36} → 40_{3,37}) lines. Despite some of the larger scale emission being resolved out for the two lowest energy lines, it is clear that they follow similar spatial distributions to the (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) line, tracing out some of the same structures. The highest energy (40_{4,36} → 40_{3,37}) line, however, is much more spatially confined, with all the emission coming from within 0.5'' of the star. The trends seen for these four lines are consistently seen for the other SO₂ lines (that do not participate in overlaps with any other lines) listed in the upper part of Table 2; the lower energy lines have more

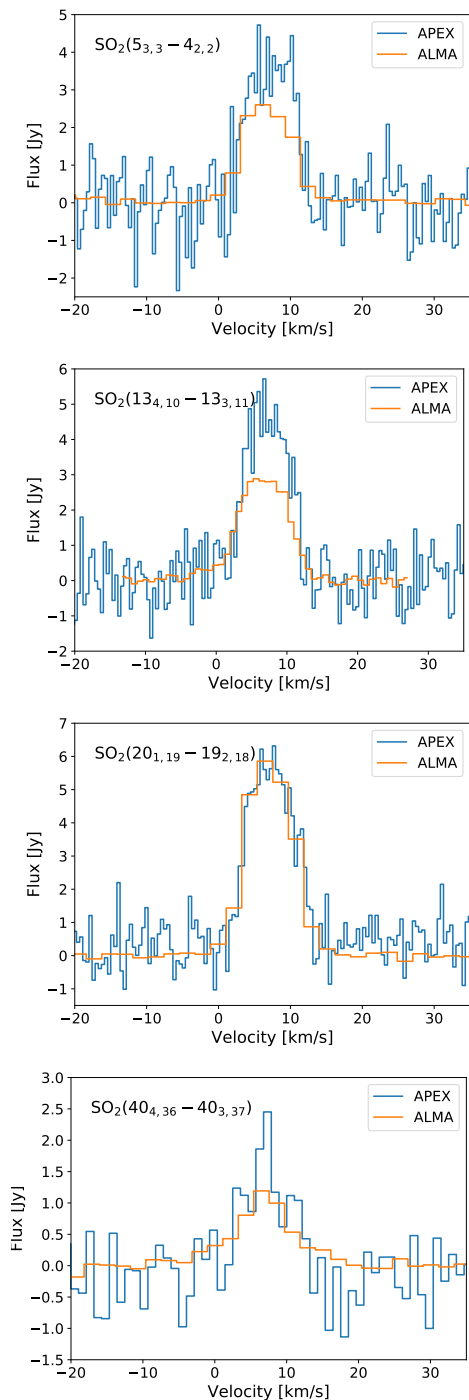


Figure 7. Comparison of the APEX (*blue*) and ALMA (*orange*) observations of four key transitions of SO₂ towards R Dor. Note that not all of the flux has been recovered in the lower-energy ALMA spectra. The ALMA spectra were extracted using a 5'' radius aperture.

extended emission while the higher energy lines exhibit more confined emission.

The vibrationally excited lines all exhibit compact emission, as do the less favoured lines in the lower part of Table 2. The emission from both of these groups of lines is generally spatially unresolved and centred on the continuum peak. It

is possible that two different causes lead to the same effect here. While the vibrationally excited lines are most likely emitted from regions close to the star, the less favoured lines with lower-energy levels could just be too faint in the outer regions of the star to be detected, giving the illusion that their emission is only coming from the central regions.

2.2.4 IK Tau

All the SO₂ lines detected towards IK Tau are dominated by compact, spatially unresolved emission centred on the stellar continuum peak. For example, see the zeroth moment map of the (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) line in Fig. 11. The spectra of the SO₂ lines are characterised by profiles much narrower than expected based on the expansion velocity, with a half width of ~10 km s⁻¹ compared with the expansion velocity of 17.5 km s⁻¹ found from single dish observations of CO (Maercker et al. 2016) and earlier detections of SO₂ (Omont et al. 1993; Kim et al. 2010; Decin et al. 2010a; Danilovich et al. 2016; Velilla Prieto et al. 2017). They are also much narrower than the wide wings (up to expansion velocities of ~25 km s⁻¹) observed for other molecules towards IK Tau in the same ALMA dataset by Decin et al. (2018). Spectra of all the lines of SO₂ lines observed with ALMA are shown in Fig. B5, where we have also indicated the LSR velocity ($v_{\text{LSR}} = 34 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, Decin et al. 2018), which corresponds well with the intensity peaks. In addition to a narrow central peak, many of the lines are wider at the base, more closely corresponding to the expansion velocity of 17.5 km s⁻¹ derived from the single antenna observations.

The only observation with ALMA that we were able to directly compare with an earlier single antenna observation was the (5_{3,3} → 4_{2,2}) line at 351.2572 GHz that was observed with APEX by Kim et al. (2010). In Fig. 4 we compare this APEX observation with our observation with ALMA extracted for circular apertures with radii of 0.8'' and 5'' centred on the continuum peak. Although the (5_{3,3} → 4_{2,2}) line is present in Fig. B5, when it is compared with the line observed with APEX it is apparent that most of the flux has been resolved out and less than 3% of the flux has been recovered by ALMA. On the basis of the shapes of lines of other molecules observed with ALMA, and with the shapes of lines of SO₂ lines observed with single antennas (Danilovich et al. 2016), we conclude that a similarly large amount of flux has been resolved out for most of the lines of SO₂ towards IK Tau. A possible exception are lines from high lying levels such as those in the $v = 1$ excited vibrational level, and perhaps even lines from the highest levels in the ground vibrational state.

3 MODELLING AND ANALYSIS

Both IK Tau and R Dor were included in the Danilovich et al. (2016) study of SO and SO₂ molecules. That study involved finding the radial abundance profiles of both molecules around both stars. *Herschel*/HIFI data was available for both stars, but a much larger set of observations from ground-based single-dish telescopes (mostly APEX) was available for R Dor, making the abundance determinations more reliable for R Dor than for IK Tau. Now, with the newly available ALMA observations, we ought to be able

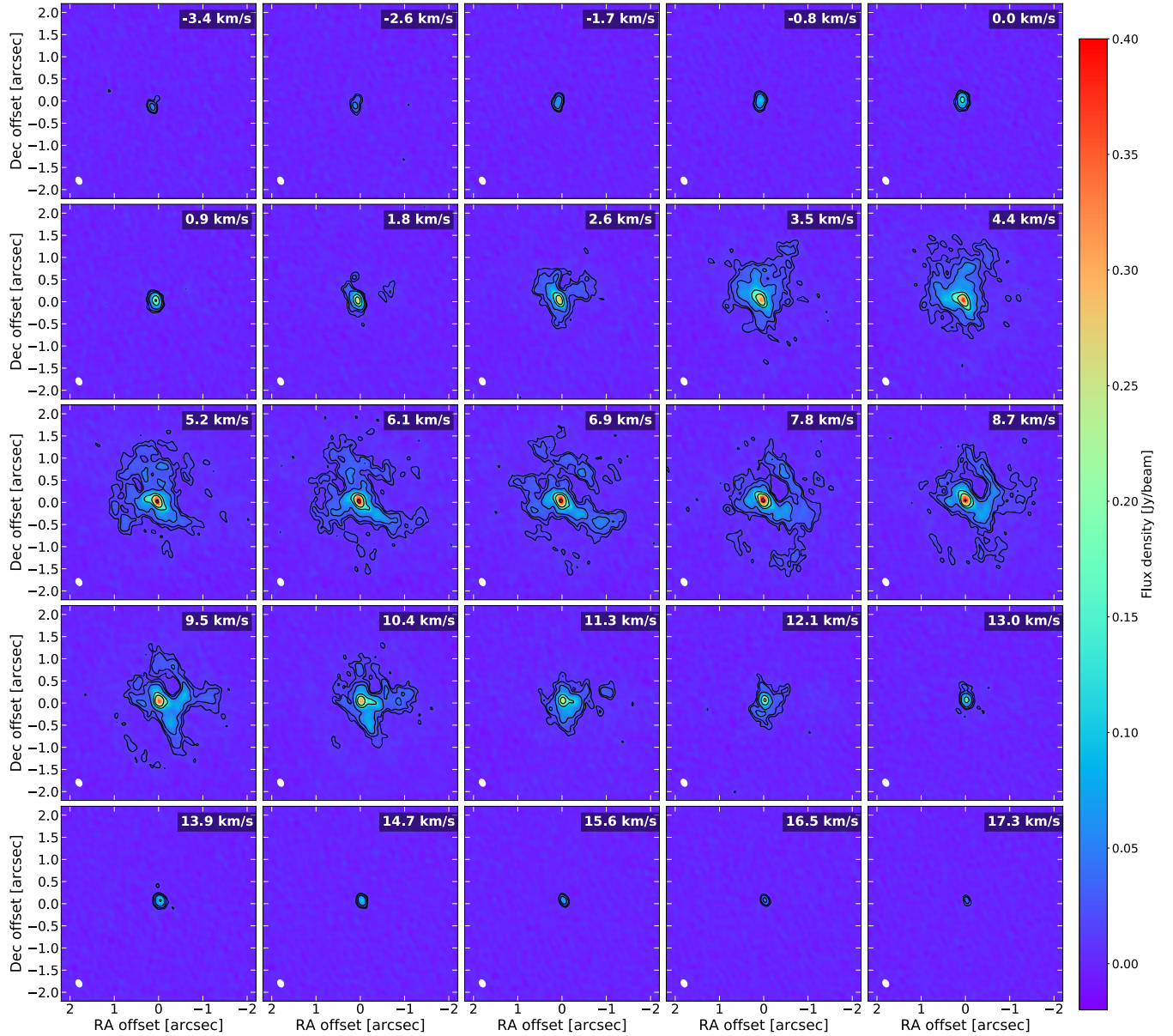


Figure 8. R Dor SO₂ (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) channel maps. The contours show flux levels at 3, 5, 10, 30, 50, and 100 times the rms noise and the beam is shown in white in the bottom left hand corners of each channel plot. Plots are best viewed on a screen.

to confirm and possibly refine those earlier single-dish results. It should be noted, however, that the model used by Danilovich et al. (2016) is spherically symmetric and hence cannot take into account the asymmetric features seen in the ALMA observations (especially towards R Dor). This and other issues are discussed in detail for R Dor in Sect. 3.1 and for IK Tau in Sect. 3.2.

The modelling we perform in this section uses the same procedure as Danilovich et al. (2016) with modifications discussed in the text as relevant. We use a one-dimensional accelerated lambda iteration model, which assumes a spherically symmetric CSE with a smoothly accelerating wind. The stellar parameters of the models for R Dor and IK Tau are given in Table 3, as are the parameters of the molecular models found by Danilovich et al. (2016). Alterations made

to the molecular parameters in this work are discussed in the text.

3.1 R Dor

3.1.1 SO analysis

Plotted in Fig. A1 are the spectra of the five lines of SO in the ground vibrational ground state observed towards R Dor and extracted for apertures with small (75 mas), intermediate (300 mas) and large (1'') radii. The plots show how the line shapes and intensities change with increasing extraction radius. Spectra extracted with the small (75 mas) aperture reveal broad wings and the ‘‘blue hole’’ feature a few km s⁻¹ bluewards of the v_{LSR} . For larger extraction radii, the extended emission at the central velocity channels dom-

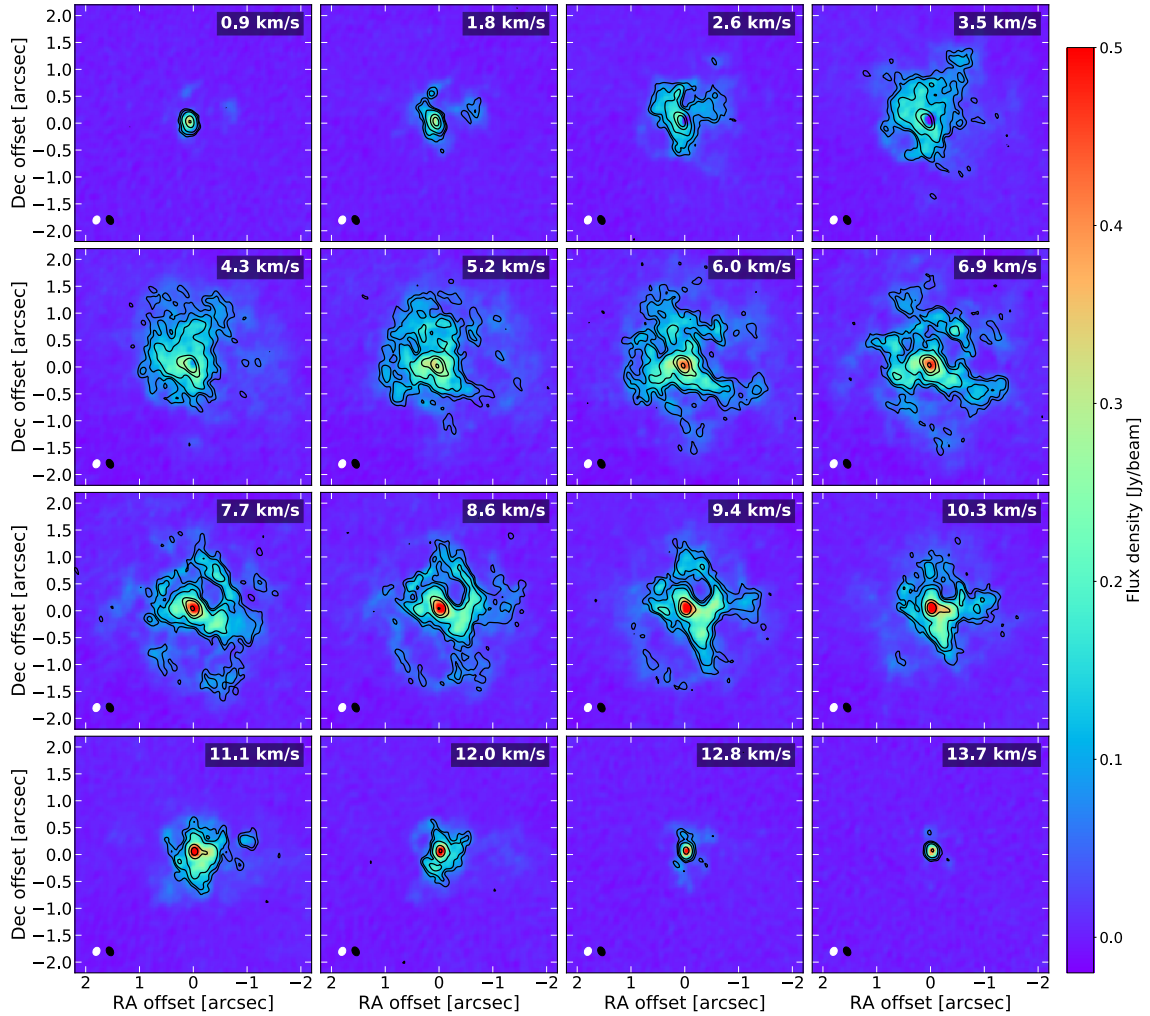


Figure 9. Channel maps of SO and SO₂ towards R Dor. The background colours show the SO ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) transition, with the beam for those observations indicated in white in the lower left corners of each channel plot. The black contour plots show flux levels at 3, 5, 10, 30, 50, and 100 times the rms noise for the SO₂ ($20_{1,19} \rightarrow 19_{2,18}$) transition, with the beam for those observations shown in black in the bottom left hand corner of each channel plot. Plots are best viewed on a screen.

inates the line profile shapes, and although the wings are still present they become less prominent with respect to the rest of the line profile. The wings are an indication of the departure from spherical symmetry, and cannot be modelled with a spherically symmetric description of the CSE.

Danilovich et al. (2016) modelled SO based on 17 lines observed using APEX and *Herschel*/HIFI. The final best-fit model in that study had a radial Gaussian abundance distribution for R Dor, with a peak SO abundance of $f_p = 6.7 \times 10^{-6}$ relative to H₂ and an e -folding radius of $R_e = 1.4 \times 10^{15}$ cm (Table 3). We start by comparing that SO model with the ALMA spectra extracted for an aperture radius of $1''$. In that case the $\nu = 0$ lines are in good agreement with the model, comparable to, or better than, the fits to the APEX lines used to originally find the model. The $\nu = 1$ lines, however, are significantly under-predicted by the model and the observed lines are also a lot wider than the model lines (even excluding the line participating in an overlap with SO₂). An example of this is shown in Fig. 12, plotted as a solid blue curve. Comparing the model results

with smaller spectral extraction apertures of 300 mas and 75 mas radii, the goodness of fit decreases for the smaller radii. For the $\nu = 0$ lines, the line fits could be considered adequate aside from the high velocity wings, which become more prominent for most of these lines and are not at all reproduced by the model. For the 75 mas lines, the wings dominate the observed line profiles, making for the worst model fit. The small-aperture model lines are also a lot less bright than the observed lines, but this is mostly due to the inner radius of the model being set at too high a value (1.9×10^{14} cm $\approx 0.2''$ at 59 pc). The $\nu = 1$ lines are under-predicted to an even greater extent for the smaller extraction apertures. The above issues are shown for two example lines, one each of $\nu = 0, 1$, in Fig. 12. Note that the model lines have been ray-traced anew to match the ALMA observations (albeit with a higher velocity resolution), as have all subsequent model lines discussed here.

Several refinements were made to the original model of Danilovich et al. (2016) with the goal of improving the fit to the ALMA lines. For the most part, the adjustments de-

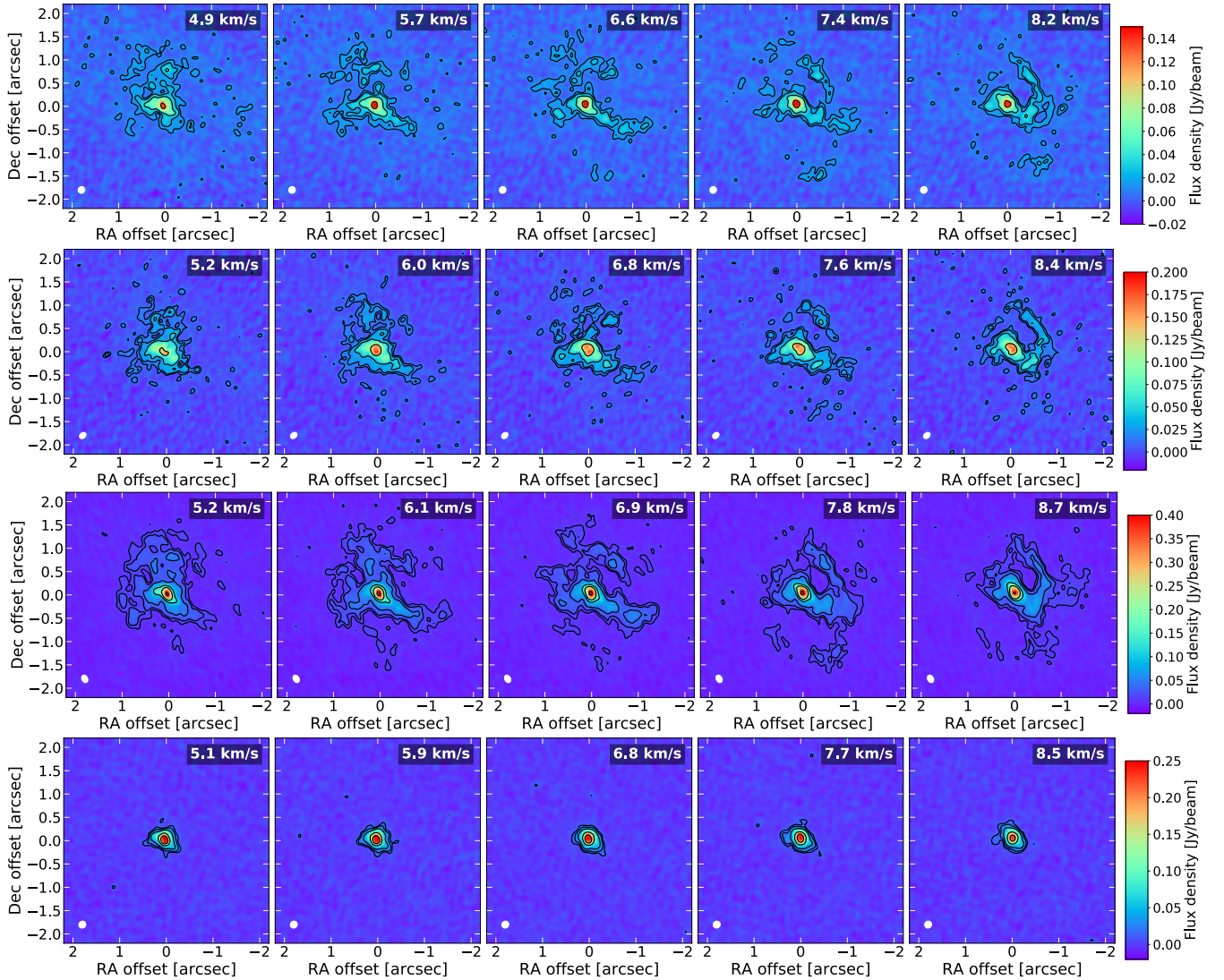


Figure 10. The central channels of four SO_2 lines towards R Dor. From the lowest level-energy line in the top row to the highest level-energy line in the bottom row, we show the $(5_{3,3} \rightarrow 4_{2,2})$, $(13_{4,10} \rightarrow 13_{4,11})$, $(20_{1,19} \rightarrow 19_{2,18})$, and $(40_{4,36} \rightarrow 40_{3,37})$ lines. The contours show flux levels at 3, 5, 10, 30, 50, and 100 times the rms noise and the beams are shown in white in the bottom left hand corners of each channel plot. Note that for the two lowest level-energy lines some of the large scale flux has been resolved out. Plots are best viewed on a screen.

scribed below did not have a significant effect on the model fits to the single-dish lines, nor the ALMA $\nu = 0$ lines extracted from a $1''$ radius region. Decreasing the inner radius to 6×10^{13} cm ($\approx 0.07''$ at 59 pc and $\approx 2R_*$) improved the fit to the smallest extraction radius lines, but did not significantly change the other results. To reproduce the wide wings seen in the $\nu = 1$ lines and (most prominently) in the $\nu = 0$ lines extracted at the smallest radius, we introduced a high turbulent velocity in the innermost regions in the CSE. Inner turbulent velocities of 11 km s^{-1} (decreasing to 1 km s^{-1} in the outer regions following $v_{\text{turb}}(r) = 1 + 0.15r^{-1}$) reproduced the line shapes of the 75 mas $\nu = 0$ lines well. However, the $\nu = 1$ lines were still significantly under-predicted, albeit now as broad as the observed lines. We had some success in reproducing the $\nu = 1$ lines by introducing an overdense region close to the star (a density increase by a factor of 8 between $\sim 3 R_*$ and $4 R_*$). Combining this with the aforementioned

increase in the inner turbulent velocity gave us good fits to the $\nu = 1$ lines. However, this model over-predicted the the 75 mas $\nu = 0$ lines. Listed in Table 4 are the refinements in our radiative transfer model, and plotted in Fig. 12 are the calculated and observed spectra.

Ultimately, we were unable to simultaneously reproduce the shape of the spectral lines taken for the smallest aperture and the intensities of the $\nu = 1$ lines using a 1D model. Given the parameters that improved our fit, it seems that our observations are in agreement with the result of Homan et al. (2018) of a rotating disc around R Dor, close to the star. In that study, the authors found a disc in the region between 6 au and ~ 25 au, with a scale height of 0.9 au and an inclination of 110° . Our increased turbulent velocity of 11 km s^{-1} could be thought of as a 1D approximation of the rotation of the disc (where the maximal disc velocity is 12 km s^{-1} , equal to the Keplerian orbital velocity at 6 au),

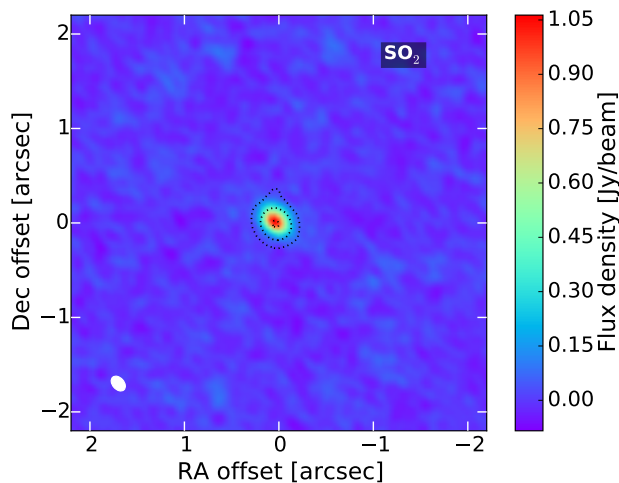


Figure 11. The zeroth moment map of the SO₂ (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) line at 338.6118 GHz towards IK Tau. The dotted black lines show the continuum flux at 1%, 10% and 90% of the peak continuum emission and the restoring beam size is indicated by the white ellipse in the bottom left corner.

Table 3. Stellar parameters for modelling.

Property	Units	IK Tau	R Dor
Stellar luminosity, L_*	L_\odot	7700	6500
Distance, D	pc	265	59
LSR velocity, v_{LSR}	km s^{-1}	34	7
Expansion velocity, v_∞	km s^{-1}	17.5	5.7
Stellar temperature, T_*	K	2100	2400
Model inner radius, R_{in}	10^{14} cm	2.0	1.9
Mass-loss rate, \dot{M}	$10^{-7} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$	50	1.6
SO parameters from Danilovich et al. (2016)			
Peak abundance, f_p	$\times 10^{-6}$	1.0 ± 0.2	6.7 ± 0.9
e -folding radius, R_e	$\times 10^{15}$ cm	-	1.4 ± 0.2
Radius at f_p , R_p	$\times 10^{15}$ cm	13 ± 2	-
SO ₂ parameters from Danilovich et al. (2016)			
Peak abundance, f_p	$\times 10^{-6}$	0.86	5.0
e -folding radius, R_e	$\times 10^{15}$ cm	10	1.6

while the overdensity, which starts at the inner disc radius, could be seen as a 1D approximation of the denser disc region. Of course, in 1D we cannot properly represent the disc and hence we plan to model the disc in three dimensions in a future paper. We hope to then reproduce the disc and extended SO emission simultaneously, since the model in Homan et al. (2018) only reproduced the $\nu = 1$ SiO emission which mostly arose from the disc region.

3.1.2 SO₂ analysis

In Table 2, we have marked some spatially unresolved lines with “ID uncertain”. Lines falling into this category are all less favoured transitions, listed in the bottom section of Ta-

ble 2. These lines, as well as most of the vibrationally excited lines in Table B1 are not centred on the $v_{\text{LSR}} = 7 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ of R Dor. In general, they are offset from the v_{LSR} by 1 to 2 km s^{-1} bluewards in the case of the vibrationally excited lines, and by 3 or 4 km s^{-1} bluewards in the case of the less favoured transitions. Examples of this behaviour are shown in Fig. B2 for a vibrationally excited line with an emission peak around 5 km s^{-1} , and in Fig. B3 for a less favoured line with an emission peak around 3.5 km s^{-1} . This velocity offset roughly corresponds to the location of the blue absorption feature seen in other lines, such as SO in Fig. 1, most of the lower-energy SO₂ lines and CO, HCN, and SiO, as shown in Decin et al. (2018), and the CS spectrum as shown in Danilovich et al. (2019). As noted by Decin et al. (2018), this absorption feature is seen for observations where there is a large ratio between the stellar angular diameter and the angular beam size. It is the result of lines of sight passing through the star itself and is seen in other high resolution observations. For lower resolution images this absorption feature is masked by the brighter emission surrounding the star. However, when modelling CS, Danilovich et al. (2019) noted that the absorption feature given by the spherically symmetric model is offset from the observed blue hole by a few km s^{-1} . They attributed this to the rotating disc around R Dor proposed by Homan et al. (2018), which their 1D model could not properly take into account. The higher-energy emission we see in the same region could be because the dense and warm region of the disc is more likely to excite these lines than the cooler expanding regions of the CSE, further from the star.

Since we have indications of some flux being resolved out for some of the lower-energy SO₂ lines, we do not expect the Danilovich et al. (2016) model to be a perfect fit to our ALMA observations. Comparing the (5_{3,3} → 4_{2,2}), (13_{4,10} → 13_{4,11}), and (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) lines (excluding the (40_{4,36} → 40_{3,37}) line because it is beyond the energy limit of the Danilovich et al. (2016) model), we find similar results as for our SO comparison, albeit with the model consistently under-predicting the ALMA lines by around 30%, as seen in Fig. 13. This suggests that a slightly higher abundance of SO₂ is supported by the ALMA lines than by the predominantly APEX lines studied by Danilovich et al. (2016). However, we run into the same wide wings for SO₂ as for SO, and hence surmise that a 1D model cannot fully reproduce the effects of the disc in the inner regions on the SO₂ emission. Referring to the model prediction for the $\nu = 1$ (20_{4,16} → 20_{3,17}) line, also shown in Fig. 13, the very wide line is not reproduced by the model, as for the $\nu = 1$ SO lines. The main difference for SO₂ is that the model lines do not under-predict the emission as drastically, possibly due to optical depth effects (since the SO₂ lines are in generally more optically thin). The less favoured (20_{8,12} → 21_{7,15}) line, which we also compare with the model, follows similar trends to the brighter lines in the ground vibrational state.

3.1.3 Isotopologues

If we have observations of transitions of different isotopologues with the same quantum numbers, it is possible to derive abundance ratios directly from optically thin emission lines (assuming no flux has been resolved out). To do this, we cannot take the direct ratios but need to account

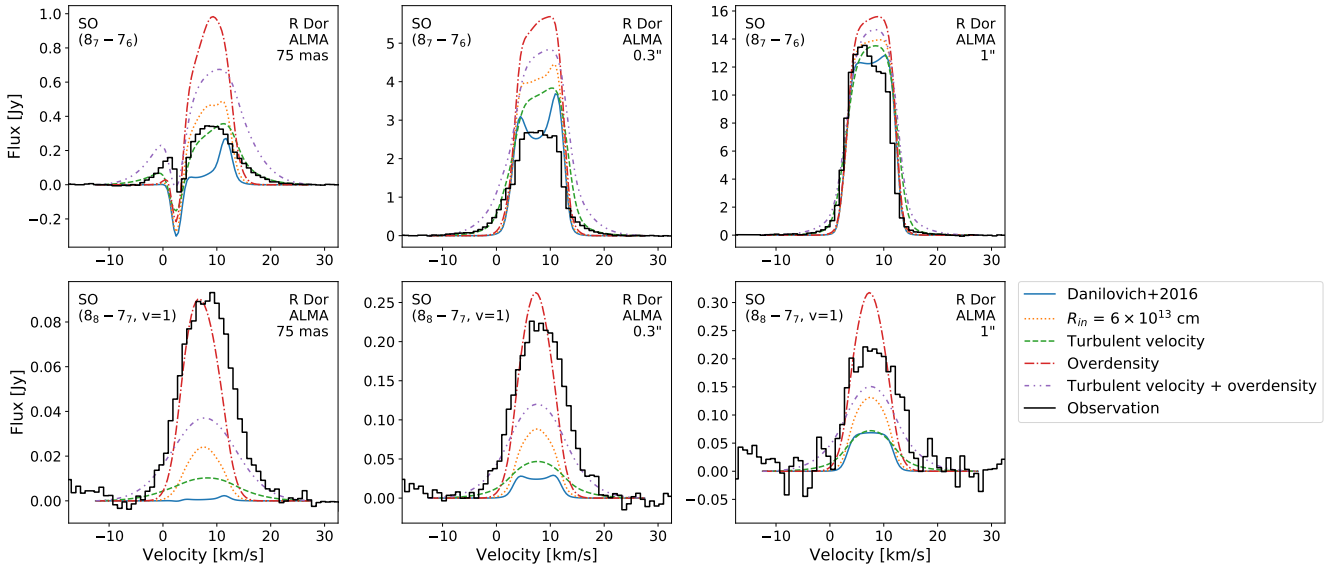


Figure 12. The SO models for R Dor discussed in the text (*curves*) plotted against the ALMA spectra (*black histograms*) for different spectral extraction radii. The $\nu = 0$ ($8_7 \rightarrow 7_6$) line is shown along the top row and the $\nu = 1$ ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) line is shown along the bottom row.

Table 4. R Dor SO parameters for model adjustments shown in Fig 12.

Model name	Details
Danilovich+2016	Model from Danilovich et al. (2016), parameters listed in Table 3
$R_{\text{in}} = 6 \times 10^{13}$ cm	As above, but with the inner radius, R_{in} decreased to 6×10^{13} cm
Turbulent velocity	$R_{\text{in}} = 6 \times 10^{13}$ cm and with turbulent velocity described by $v_{\text{turb}}(r) = 1 + 0.15r^{-1}$
Overdensity	$R_{\text{in}} = 6 \times 10^{13}$ cm and an increased H_2 number density by a factor of 8 between $\sim 3R_*$ and $4R_*$
Turbulent velocity + overdensity	Both turbulent velocity and overdensity adjustments listed above

for differences in the line strengths⁴ between isotopologues. Hence, to find the abundance ratio between two example isotopologues aX and bX , we use:

$$^aX/^bX = \frac{I(^aX)}{I(^bX)} \left(\frac{\nu_{bX}}{\nu_{aX}} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

where I is the integrated line flux and ν are the frequencies of the transition for each isotopologue.

Using this method for R Dor, and assuming that SO is a good indicator of S isotope abundances, we find $^{32}\text{S}/^{33}\text{S} = 68 \pm 22$ (when integrating over all the detected hyperfine components of ^{33}SO). Using lines with the same quantum numbers for both SO and SO_2 (and excluding lines that participate in overlaps) we find $^{32}\text{S}/^{34}\text{S} = 18.5 \pm 5.8$, which is in agreement with the result found by Danilovich et al. (2016) of 21.6 ± 8.5 , from SO lines towards R Dor observed

⁴ Since we have extracted the spectral lines from the ALMA cubes using identical extraction radii, we do not need to account for different beam filling factors. The purpose of the third factor of frequency (excluded here), commonly seen in isotopologue ratio calculations, is to take into account different beam sizes at different frequencies when observations are made using single-dish telescopes.

by APEX and HIFI. Comparing our ALMA ^{34}SO lines with the model results and predictions of Danilovich et al. (2016), we find them to be in good agreement, albeit with the same issues with wide wings that we encountered for ^{32}SO and SO_2 . Finally, we find $^{33}\text{S}/^{34}\text{S} = 0.17 \pm 0.02$ from the SO observations.

For S^{18}O the frequencies that fall inside our survey range cover the $N = 9 \rightarrow 8$ lines, which were not observed for S^{16}O either in our ALMA survey nor by APEX in Danilovich et al. (2016). As such, we cannot use Eq. 1 to find the abundance ratios. Such an endeavour would also be hampered by the very weak tentative detections that we have. Instead, we ran a radiative transfer model of S^{18}O , using a similar method as that used by Danilovich et al. (2016) for ^{34}SO . We use rotational levels up to $N = 30$ and for $\nu = 0$, with level energies and Einstein A coefficients taken from CDMS (Tiemann 1974, 1982; Bogey et al. 1982; Lovas et al. 1992; Klaus et al. 1996). Using a Gaussian abundance distribution and the same e -folding radius as Danilovich et al. (2016) found for SO (and neglecting the model adjustments made in Sect. 3.1.1 since no wings or other features are seen for the comparatively faint S^{18}O lines), we find a peak S^{18}O abundance $\leq (2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$ relative to H_2 , taking the tentative and nondetected lines as upper limits. Combining this result

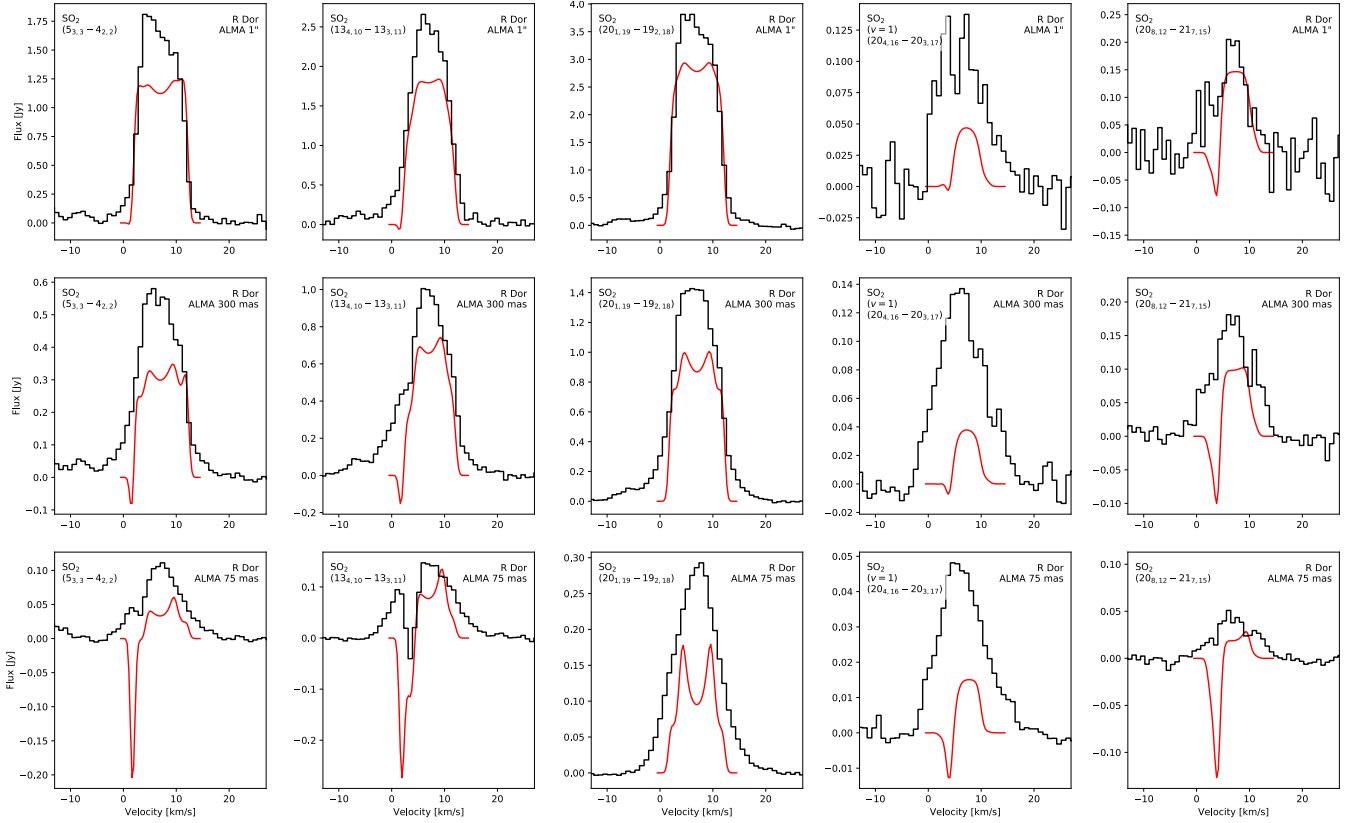


Figure 13. The R Dor SO₂ model of Danilovich et al. (2016) (*red curves*) plotted against the ALMA spectra (*black histograms*) for different spectral extraction radii for the $(5_{3,3} \rightarrow 4_{2,2})$, $(13_{4,10} \rightarrow 13_{3,11})$, $(20_{1,19} \rightarrow 19_{2,18})$, $v = 1$ ($20_{4,16} \rightarrow 20_{3,17}$), and $(20_{8,12} \rightarrow 21_{7,15})$ SO₂ lines.

with the S¹⁶O abundance from Danilovich et al. (2016), we find $^{16}\text{O}/^{18}\text{O} \geq 335 \pm 84$, which is in good agreement with the result of 315 found through the analysis of H₂O isotopologues towards R Dor by Danilovich et al. (2017a). The good agreement of these results supports our tentative detections of S¹⁸O.

3.2 IK Tau

3.2.1 SO analysis

Plotted in Fig. A2 are the spectra of the five lines of ground state SO observed towards IK Tau extracted with small (80 mas), intermediate (320 mas) and large (800 mas) aperture radii. The fainter lines are observed more clearly in the spectra extracted with smaller apertures and are within the noise for the spectrum extracted with the largest aperture. The profile shapes of the three brightest lines change dramatically at the different aperture sizes: the lines observed with the smallest aperture are dominated by a narrow central peak, while the wings become increasingly more prominent at the larger apertures. This implies there is a significant amount of SO present at larger distances from the star and at higher velocities, which is consistent with the shell-like distribution found by Danilovich et al. (2016). Furthermore, the ratio of the peak intensity of the $(8_7 \rightarrow 7_6)$ line to the other two bright lines shifts dramatically for the largest aper-

ture, where the peak flux of the $(8_7 \rightarrow 7_6)$ line is less than half that of the two other bright lines. The peak flux of all three bright lines are similar at the smallest aperture. We are unable to check whether flux has been resolved out for the $(8_7 \rightarrow 7_6)$ or $(8_9 \rightarrow 7_8)$ lines, therefore it is unclear whether this is a real phenomenon or the result of lost flux.

Danilovich et al. (2016) derived the abundance distribution of SO in IK Tau from three lines observed with *Herschel*/HIFI and seven lines with ground based single antennas and concluded: the radial abundance distribution of SO in IK Tau is shell like, with a lower inner abundance and a peak farther out in the CSE (see Table 3 and Fig. 14). They described the radial abundance distribution with a Gaussian centred on the radius of the peak abundance. The abundance peak coincides with the peak in the OH abundance estimated from the e -folding radius of H₂O and most likely is due to the formation of SO by the reaction of S with OH, rather than the formation of SO in the inner wind by the reaction of SH with O. Further evidence of the presence of OH at the relevant radii can be found from studies of OH masers. Kirrane (1987) mapped OH masers around IK Tau with MERLIN, fitting shells with radii of 1''3 and 2''5 at 1667 and 1612 MHz, respectively. The corresponding expansion velocities were 19 and 17 km s⁻¹. IK Tau was re-observed in 1993 and 2001 using MERLIN with additional, longer baselines and greater sensitivity, resolving a complex structure with multiple arcs or possibly a bicone.

Emission extends out to $3''.3$ at 1667 MHz, between $12 - 53$ km s⁻¹ with two sets of peaks, the outer at an expansion velocity ~ 17 km s⁻¹ and the inner (in projection) ~ 5 km s⁻¹, within $0''.5$ of the centre of expansion. The 1665 MHz line has a similar but less extended distribution whilst, as expected, 1612 MHz is found only at the larger distances. European VLBI Network (EVN) observations at 1665 and 1667 MHz in 1999 resolved-out the more extended emission but confirmed that the brightest OH masers are found at a radius of $1''-1''.5$ (assuming a CSE with approximate reflection symmetry) (Richards, private communication). See Fig. 15 and note that absence of masing indicates unfavourable conditions, not necessarily absence of OH.

The aim in the present work was to determine the abundance distribution of SO in IK Tau more precisely, because the observations with ALMA were done over a very short time span of two months, they are more sensitive, and they are spatially resolved. We also include the HIFI lines presented in Danilovich et al. (2016) and lower- J lines obtained using the APEX telescope as part of the observing programme first discussed in Danilovich et al. (2017b). The properties of the APEX lines included in our modelling are given in Table A1. To facilitate a comparison between model and observations, we extracted an azimuthally averaged radial profile for SO ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) from the zeroth moment map of the ALMA data. We chose this transition because it is the only one which was observed with a single antenna, thereby allowing us to establish whether flux has been resolved out. The uncertainties in the azimuthally averaged radial profile are due to fluctuations arising from clumpiness or asymmetries in the distribution of the emission, which are taken into account in the error bars (see Decin et al. 2018).

We again used the same 1D modelling procedure described in Danilovich et al. (2016) and compared observed and modelled radial profiles as described in Brunner et al. (2018). Testing the best IK Tau SO model found by Danilovich et al. (2016), we found that it generally underpredicted the ALMA emission. Rather than adjusting the Gaussian shell radial abundance distribution used by Danilovich et al. (2016), which is difficult to do in a precise manner when comparing with ALMA radial profiles, we used a model with a constant inner abundance, f_0 , with a step up in abundance to f_1 at some radius, R_1 , then a Gaussian decline with some e -folding radius, R_e . Such an abundance distribution was more straightforward to adjust to the ALMA radial profile. The best fitting model we found had $f_0 = 4.1 \times 10^{-7}$, $R_1 = 5 \times 10^{15}$ cm, $f_1 = (2.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$, and $R_e = (1.3 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{16}$ cm, where the uncertainties are given for a 90% confidence interval. The model predicts that some flux has been resolved out for the ($3_3 \rightarrow 2_3$) line. As expected our spherically symmetric model cannot reproduce some of the asymmetries seen in the line profiles in Fig. A2.

The radial profile of the model is plotted on the same scale as the azimuthally averaged radial profile from ALMA in the right hand panel of Fig. 14: shown in the panel on the left is our newly derived abundance profile and the profile in Danilovich et al. (2016). Comparing the observed radial intensity plot with the radial abundance distribution, it is apparent the observations with ALMA largely determine the value of f_0 , but the single antenna observations are needed to constrain the outer Gaussian portion of the radial abundance profile (see Table A1). The ALMA data fits equally well

whether we use the abundance profile plotted in Fig. 14, or a similar profile but with R_e twice as large ($R_e = 2.6 \times 10^{16}$ cm). In that case, however, the low-energy single dish lines are over-predicted by a factor of approximately two.

3.2.2 SO₂ analysis

As noted in Sect. 2.2.4, a lot of SO₂ flux was resolved out towards IK Tau. In our ALMA observations, we are able to image structures only up to angular scales of $2''$. This means that the lost SO₂ flux must be smooth and extend over $2''$ or more. Since some of the observed SO₂ lines have some faint emission surrounding the narrow central peak, we attempted to better see this extended emission by stacking, in the uv-plane, most of the $v = 0$ SO₂ lines. Of course, this method cannot recover flux that has been resolved out, but can improve sensitivity. For the stacking procedure we included all the SO₂ lines detected towards IK Tau that did not participate in overlaps, were not closely adjacent to any other lines, and had $J < 30$ — since the highest energy lines are expected to be compact, as we saw for R Dor, and hence are not expected to contribute much diffuse emission further away from the star. We also selected only most favoured lines, since the less favoured lines are very compact for R Dor so it was unclear whether they would contribute to diffuse emission towards IK Tau.

Shown in Fig. 16 are two versions of the stacked spectrum. On the left is the full resolution spectrum, which makes full use of all the baselines and, on the right, the spectrum resulting from giving higher weightings to the shorter baselines to increase sensitivity to large-scale flux. The differences between the two plots are subtle, but the version with normal baseline weightings retrieves slightly more flux, especially of the smaller structures such as in the central peak and the flux at the highest and lowest velocities (e.g. see Fig. 2). The stacked spectrum with lower weightings for the longest baselines does not seem to show an increase in (larger scale) flux. The broad component in these emission lines can be seen much more clearly in the stacked spectrum than in the individual lines (shown in Fig. B5), although it is still not as bright as the central flux peak. The width of this broad component is in very good agreement with the expansion velocity of 17.5 km s⁻¹ determined from single dish CO observations (Decin et al. 2010a; Maercker et al. 2016). Unfortunately, the majority of the extended emission is still not discernible in the stacked channel maps, so we cannot confirm the true extent of the SO₂ emission around IK Tau.

Since most of the SO₂ flux is resolved out for most of the lines towards IK Tau (with the possible exception of some of the highest energy and vibrationally excited lines, which we are unable to check in the absence of single-dish observations), we cannot extract much information through radiative transfer modelling. In comparing our observations with the model from Danilovich et al. (2016) the most notable result is the large amount of flux that was resolved out. To truly check the validity of the abundance profile used in that work and to conclusively determine the spatial extent of SO₂ emission towards IK Tau, spatially resolved observations that recover flux at larger scales are needed. The possible spatial distribution of SO₂ around IK Tau is discussed further in Sect. 4.

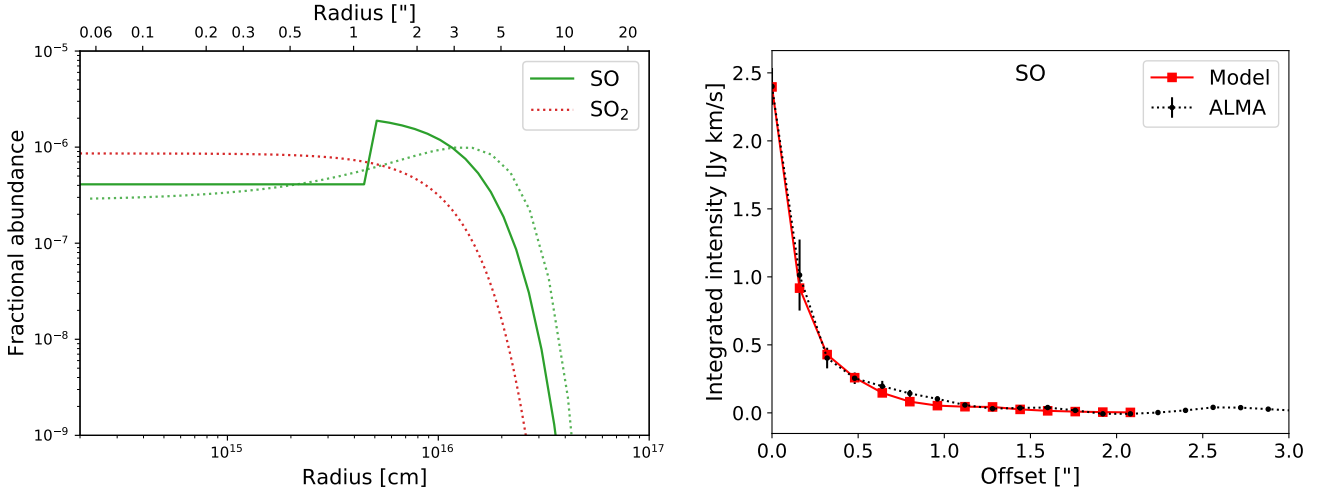


Figure 14. *Left:* the radial abundance profile for IK Tau from our new SO model (solid green line) plotted with those for the SO (dotted green line) and SO₂ (dotted red line) models of Danilovich et al. (2016). *Right:* The ALMA azimuthally averaged radial intensity distribution for IK Tau (black dotted line) and the model radial intensity distribution (solid red line).

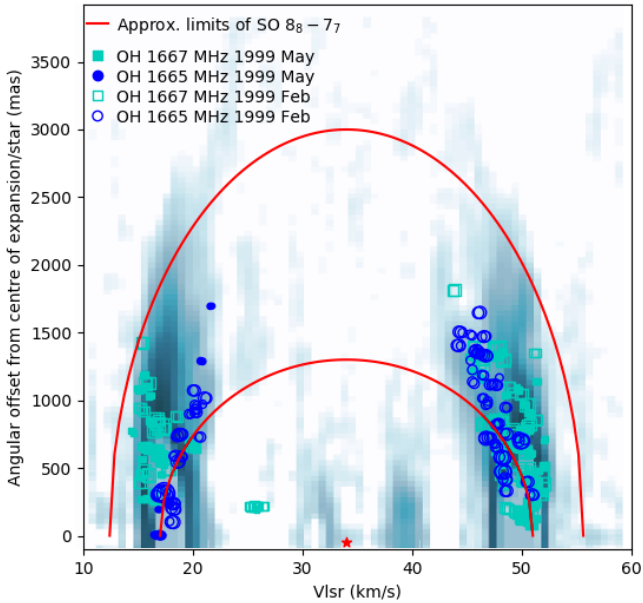


Figure 15. OH maser distribution for IK Tau, showing: *background:* MERLIN observations of OH 1667 MHz maser emission at 200-mas resolution from 1993; *symbols:* components fitted to OH masers mapped using the EVN in 1999; *red lines:* the approximate location of the abundance peak of SO.

3.2.3 Isotopologues

An examination of the channel maps of the less abundant SO isotopologues reveals that the extended emission seen for the main isotopologue towards IK Tau is not present for ³⁴SO. It is unlikely that this emission has been resolved out by ALMA since we have no reason to expect the ³⁴SO emission to be larger in spatial extent than the ³²SO emission. Instead, we suggest that the extended emission is so weak for ³⁴SO that it has not been detected above the noise level.

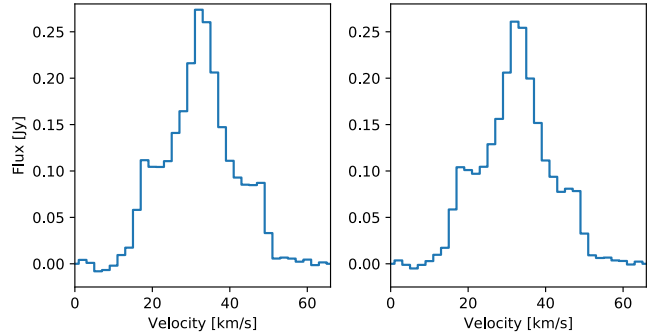


Figure 16. Stacked IK Tau SO₂ plots. The *left* plot shows the stacked spectrum with the normal baseline weighting while the *right* plot shows the stacked spectrum with longest baselines given lower weightings so as to increase the sensitivity to large-scale flux. The spectra were extracted for a circular aperture with a 2'' diameter.

The same is true of ³³SO, where the central emission is also much weaker than for the more abundant two isotopologues. In light of this, we advise caution when interpreting the following isotopologue ratios that we calculate from the ALMA data. For ³²SO/³³SO we find 241 ± 185 , for ³²SO/³⁴SO we find ~ 42 , and for ³³SO/³⁴SO we find ~ 0.1 . The two ratios involving ³²S agree within the uncertainties with the results found by Danilovich et al. (2019) from SiS towards IK Tau, while our ³³SO/³⁴SO is about half of the ³³S/³⁴S found in that study from SiS. These results indicate that the ³²S and ³⁴S isotopes are traced equally well by SO as by SiS. For a more thorough analysis of S isotopologue ratios in IK Tau's CSE we direct the interested reader to the isotopologue analysis in Danilovich et al. (2019) based on SiS from the same ALMA dataset.

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 The co-location of SO and SO₂

4.1.1 R Dor

The two sulphur oxides SO and SO₂ are co-located and trace out the same wind structures in the CSE of R Dor (see Fig. 9 and Sect. 2.2.3). Although the SO features appear a little more extended, with SO emission extending up to 0.5'' further from the continuum peak than the SO₂ emission, we cannot simply conclude that the SO₂ emission is more compact since it is intrinsically less bright and hence weaker extended emission might not be detectable with the present sensitivity. The co-location of SO and SO₂ suggests that both molecules are formed in similar conditions and that one is not fully consumed in the production of the other. The same density features traced by SO and SO₂ are also seen in CO (Decin et al. 2018), despite a considerable amount of flux being resolved out for that molecule. For the HCN emission (Decin et al. 2018), the most central features (within $\sim 0.5''$ of the continuum peak) are different to those of SO and SO₂, but there is a lot of similarity between the medium-scale features (around 0.5–1.5'') of HCN and SO and SO₂. In contrast the SiO emission (Decin et al. 2018) is smooth and does not trace out the same density structures. From this we can conclude that for a low mass-loss rate AGB star such as R Dor, SO and SO₂ are good tracers of density features, particularly in cases where CO may not be available.

4.1.2 IK Tau

Since very little of the SO₂ emission towards IK Tau is detected by ALMA, we cannot directly make the same comparisons between SO and SO₂ as we do for R Dor. We note, however, that the stacked SO₂ spectra shown in Fig. 16 closely resemble the general shape of the SO spectra shown in Fig. A2 (albeit with less recovered emission for velocities further away from the v_{LSR}). The stacked IK Tau spectrum excluded the highest energy lines, since these are not expected to have much extended emission (as demonstrated in Fig. 10 for R Dor).

When it comes to examining the line shapes of the higher-energy SO₂ lines, we can look to the observations presented in Danilovich et al. (2016), which include SO₂ lines with a range of energies. The lower energy lines are all approximately the width of the SO₂ ($5_{3,3} \rightarrow 4_{2,2}$) APEX line plotted in Fig. 4, but the highest energy line in that study was SO₂ ($36_{1,35} \rightarrow 35_{2,34}$), observed with *Herschel*/HIFI, which has a much narrower line profile and an upper level energy of 606 K. To see whether this line shape is comparable with the higher energy lines observed with ALMA, we find the ALMA line with the upper level energy closest to the HIFI line, which is SO₂ ($34_{5,29} \rightarrow 34_{4,30}$) with an upper level energy of 612 K, and plot the two normalised lines together in Fig. 17. As shown there, the HIFI line appears narrower than the ALMA line, although that could be partly due to the lower signal-to-noise for the HIFI observation. The similarity between the two lines does suggest, however, that there may be less flux resolved out for the high energy ALMA line than for the lower-energy lines, since the line shape may not have been altered by the loss of flux. Unfortunately, even if this is the case, we still do not have

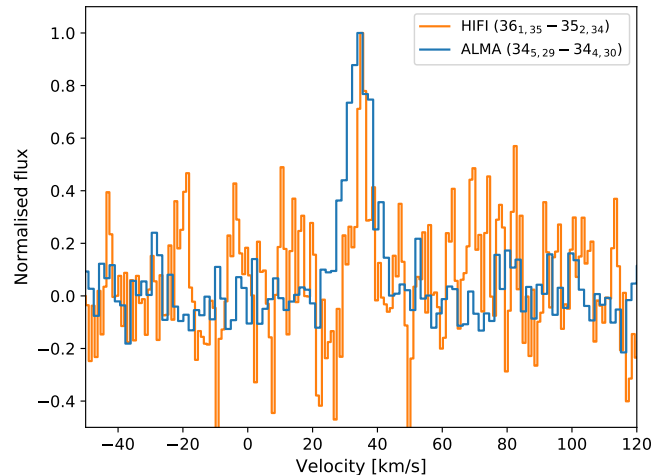


Figure 17. SO₂ lines of similar upper level energy, as observed with *Herschel*/HIFI (orange) and ALMA (blue). Both are normalised to facilitate the comparison of line shapes.

adequate data to run comprehensive radiative transfer models for SO₂ towards IK Tau.

The modelling results of Danilovich et al. (2016) found centrally peaked abundance distributions for both SO and SO₂ for the low mass-loss rate stars in their sample, and SO abundance distributions that peaked further out in the wind for the higher mass-loss rate stars. However, they did not have sufficient SO₂ observations to conclusively determine the shape of the abundance distribution for any of the higher mass-loss rate stars, and hence assumed a centrally peaked Gaussian distribution. Although our ALMA observations for IK Tau do not allow us to check the shape of the abundance distribution, we will now consider the possibility that the SO₂ distribution around IK Tau is similar to the SO distribution, as is seen for the two sulphur oxides towards R Dor. The shell-like peak in SO distribution for IK Tau manifested itself in the channel maps as relatively smooth diffuse emission (see Fig. 2). While we determined that there was no flux resolved out for at least one SO line (see Fig. 4), we can see from the channel maps that the smooth (albeit slightly noisy) features are close to 2'' in diameter in the central channels. Since the largest angular scales for SO are close to the largest resolvable scale, if the SO₂ emission was a bit smoother or a bit larger, then it would indeed be resolved out. Hence, a shell-like SO₂ abundance distribution is consistent with the observations.

Alternatively, consider that, for a given abundance, SO₂ emission is intrinsically weaker than SO emission — certainly when comparing with the bright SO line plotted in Fig. 4. If the SO₂ and SO emission were distributed similarly, the diffuse SO₂ emission may not be detectable with the present sensitivity. To check the plausibility of this hypothesis, we examined the flux density for $0.25 \times 0.25''$ circular apertures centred 0.5'' from the continuum peak in each of the four cardinal directions for the central channel of the SO ($8_8 \rightarrow 7_7$) line. We found that, in general, the enclosed flux density of these regions is about five times smaller than the flux density of the same size region centred on the continuum peak. If we assume SO₂ behaves analogously and

examine the (20_{1,19} → 19_{2,18}) line in a similar way, we find that the flux density in a 0.25 × 0.25'' region centred on the continuum peak is close to five times the rms noise. Hence, if a similar ratio between peak and diffuse emission is found for SO₂ as for SO, the diffuse emission would not be detectable in the present dataset. Ergo, even if no flux of SO₂ was resolved out, we might not have detected SO₂ with the current sensitivity, on the assumption that the distributions of SO₂ and SO are similar.

4.1.3 Results from chemical modelling

To better determine whether we should expect the SO₂ distribution around IK Tau to be similar to the SO distribution, we turn to chemical modelling. Danilovich et al. (2016) found that the SO and SO₂ distributions for the low mass-loss rate stars (such as R Dor) did not agree with chemical models such as those produced by Willacy & Millar (1997). For the higher mass-loss rate stars (such as IK Tau) there was partial agreement with chemical models for SO.

Updated chemical models from Van de Sande et al. (2018) and Van de Sande & Millar (2019) consider, in addition to the usual reactions, the effects of a clumpy circumstellar medium (by means of a statistical porosity formalism) and the role of stellar UV photons, respectively. The inclusion of stellar photons in the chemical model did not have an effect on the SO₂ distribution. Testing the effects of a clumpy outflow, we found that, depending on the fraction of the total volume occupied by clumps and the amount of material in the inter-clump medium, the models predict an SO₂ abundance profile reminiscent of the observationally-derived SO abundance profile shape. This was even more readily achieved if the inner abundance of SO₂ (an input parameter to the model) was reduced to 1 × 10⁻⁷ relative to H₂, rather than kept at the higher value of 8.7 × 10⁻⁷ found by Danilovich et al. (2016). Some example models showing this effect are shown in Fig. 18, where we also include SO distributions for the same models. While the SO distributions do not perfectly agree with our observational results, they are qualitatively similar in most cases and suggest an increase in abundance at the same radial location as for SO₂. Until more sensitive observations of SO₂ are obtained, on the basis of the models it is reasonable to assume the distributions of SO₂ and SO are similar in higher mass-loss rate oxygen-rich AGB stars.

4.2 Isotopologues

In sections 3.1.3 and 3.2.3 for R Dor and IK Tau, respectively, we determined isotopologue ratios from our ALMA observations. Since the data quality is higher for R Dor, we are able to draw more conclusions for that star than for IK Tau. Rather than the S isotopologue ratios found here for IK Tau, we consider the results of Danilovich et al. (2019) based on SiS observations to be more reliable.

Comparing our S isotope results with those for other AGB stars, we note that the R Dor ³³S/³⁴S ratio is in agreement, within uncertainties, with the ratio found for IK Tau by Danilovich et al. (2019) using SiS observations. However, the ³²S/³⁴S and ³²S/³³S ratios are significantly lower than those found for IK Tau. The ³²S/³⁴S we find here is about

half and the ³²S/³³S is about a third of those found by Danilovich et al. (2019) towards IK Tau (note the larger uncertainties for both stars on the latter ratio). The ³²S/³³S for R Dor is also about half that of the solar ratio given by Asplund et al. (2009), while the ³²S/³⁴S and ³³S/³⁴S ratios are very close to the solar ratio. This might reflect that ³³S is the least abundant of the three isotopes studied here, and the less precise ratios result from lines with lower signal-to-noise. We note that while ³²S and ³⁴S are primarily produced through explosive nucleosynthesis during Type II supernovae, the abundance of ³³S may increase during the AGB phase via the slow neutron capture process (Anders & Grevesse 1989; Hughes et al. 2008). While Danilovich et al. (2019) and Decin et al. (2010a) concluded IK Tau may have a lower metallicity than the Sun, the general consistency of our R Dor results with the solar abundances suggests the metallicity is close to solar. This is not a surprising result, since R Dor is in close proximity to the Sun and hence was likely formed from a nebula enriched by early supernovae to a similar extent as the Sun.

5 CONCLUSIONS

We presented and analysed ALMA observations of SO and SO₂ and their isotopologues towards the oxygen-rich AGB stars R Dor and IK Tau. We note that the brightest lines — which should be preferentially observed if investigating these molecules — are those with the following quantum number designations. For SO, an allowed transition $N_J \rightarrow N'_J$ is intrinsically bright if $N - J = N' - J'$. For SO₂, the brightest transitions $J_{K_a, K_c} \rightarrow J'_{K'_a, K'_c}$ are those which have $\Delta J = 0, -1$ and $\Delta K_a, \Delta K_c = -1, +1$.

For R Dor we found that the new, spatially resolved observations of SO and SO₂ agreed well with earlier models based on single-dish observations, and diverged mainly when the effects of the compact, rotating disc close to the central star dominated the emission. The observations with ALMA confirm SO and SO₂ trace out the same density structures in the CSE in R Dor.

For IK Tau, we found that the ALMA observations of SO agreed with the general results from single-dish observations, and we were able to refine these further based on the spatially resolved and sensitive ALMA observations. For SO₂ towards IK Tau, we ascertained that the majority of the flux was resolved out for ALMA, especially for the low-energy reference line of (5_{3,3} → 4_{2,2}). Earlier results assume a centrally-peaked Gaussian abundance distribution for SO₂, but our results are compatible with a shell-like abundance distribution similar in shape to the SO distribution. Some recently-developed chemical models agree with this hypothesis, but spatially resolved observations with a larger resolvable scale are needed to confirm.

Our observations of SO and SO₂ around the two prototypical oxygen-rich AGB stars — R Dor with a low mass-loss rate and IK Tau with a high mass-loss rate — confirm the abundance distributions of SO in these two classes of AGB stars differ significantly. We conclude that an adequate set of SO observations could indeed be used as a secondary diagnostic of mass-loss rate in cases of uncertainty. Although our measurements of SO₂ in the high mass-loss rate star with ALMA are incomplete, it appears the abundance dis-

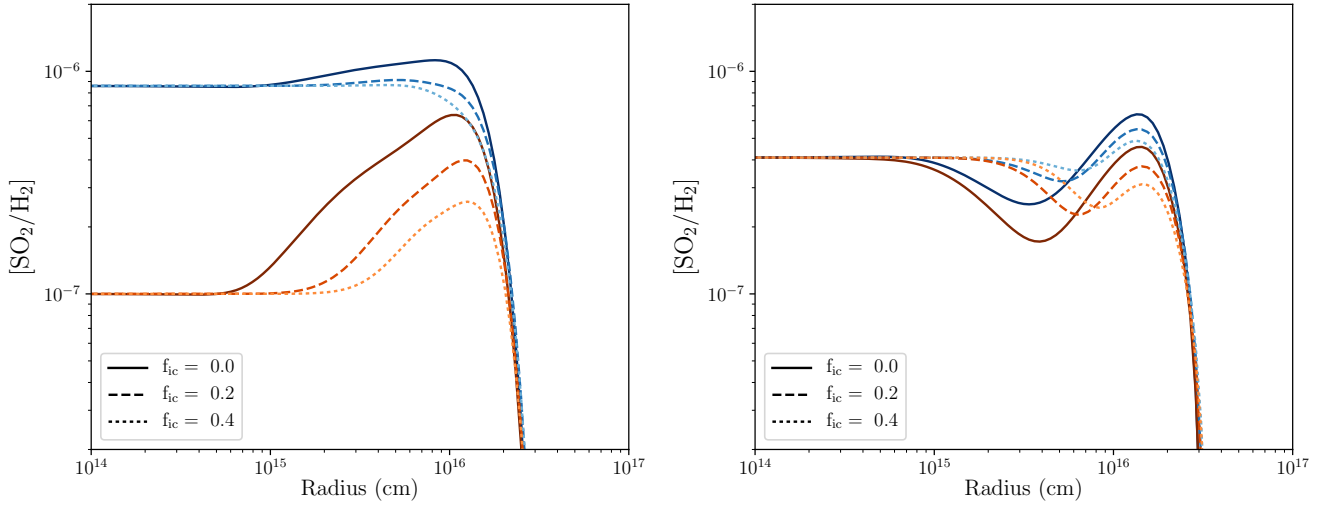


Figure 18. The results of chemical models, taking different clumping parameters in the circumstellar envelope into account. SO_2 results shown on the left and SO results shown on the right. In both cases, solid, dashed and dotted lines indicate different values of f_{ic} , the amount of material in the inter-clump medium; the blue set of lines are for models with inner SO_2 abundance of 8.7×10^{-7} and the red set of models have an inner SO_2 abundance of 1×10^{-7} relative to H_2 . The fraction of the total volume occupied by clumps is 0.2 for all models shown.

tribution of SO_2 might also follow a shell-like abundance distribution, similar to that of SO .

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APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL SO PLOTS AND DATA

APPENDIX B: ADDITIONAL SO₂ PLOTS AND DATA

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Table A1. SO lines observed with APEX towards IK Tau

Frequency [GHz]	Line	E_{up} [K]	θ_{HPBW} ["]	I_{mb} [K km s ⁻¹]
178.605 ^a	4 ₅ → 3 ₄	24	35	3.2
206.176 ^a	5 ₄ → 4 ₃	39	30	1.3
219.949 ^a	5 ₆ → 4 ₅	35	28	3.7
251.826 ^a	6 ₅ → 5 ₄	51	25	1.2
301.286 ^a	7 ₇ → 6 ₆	71	21	1.1
304.078 ^a	7 ₈ → 6 ₇	62	21	2.6
344.311 ^a	8 ₈ → 7 ₇	88	18	1.2

References: (^a) Measured frequencies from Clark & Lucia (1976).

Table B1. SO₂ ($\nu_2 = 1$) vibrationally excited lines detected with ALMA

Frequency [GHz]	Line	E_{up} [K]	Star	Notes
335.1285 ^a	20 _{4,16} → 20 _{3,17}	980	both	
335.4777 ^b	44 _{5,39} → 44 _{4,40}	1732	both	
336.0324 ^b	38 _{5,33} → 38 _{4,34}	1496	R Dor	
336.7607 ^a	20 _{1,19} → 19 _{2,18}	945	both	
337.3499 ^b	57 _{6,52} → 56 _{7,49}	2365	R Dor	very weak, ID uncertain
337.8925 ^b	21 _{2,20} → 21 _{1,21}	966	both	SO, ³⁴ SO ₂ , TiO ₂ overlap
338.3487 ^b	4 _{3,1} → 3 _{2,2}	778	R Dor	
338.3764 ^b	8 _{2,6} → 7 _{1,7}	789	R Dor	
342.4359 ^a	23 _{3,21} → 23 _{2,22}	1022	both	
343.9238 ^a	24 _{2,22} → 23 _{3,21}	1039	both	
344.6137 ^b	28 _{2,26} → 28 _{1,27}	1138	both	
344.9742 ^b	40 _{4,36} → 40 _{3,37}	1555	both	
346.3653 ^b	34 _{3,31} → 34 _{2,32}	1328	both	SO ₂ ($\nu = 1$) overlap
346.3792 ^a	19 _{1,19} → 18 _{0,18}	914	both	SO ₂ ($\nu = 1$) overlap
346.5918 ^a	18 _{4,14} → 18 _{3,15}	943	R Dor	
347.9918 ^a	13 _{2,12} → 12 _{1,11}	839	R Dor	
351.2900 ^b	36 _{5,31} → 36 _{4,32}	1426	both	SO ₂ overlap
351.9824 ^a	16 _{7,9} → 17 _{6,12}	994	R Dor	very weak
354.6242 ^b	46 _{5,41} → 46 _{4,42}	1819	both	
354.8000 ^a	16 _{4,12} → 16 _{3,13}	911	both	H ₂ O overlap
357.0872 ^b	5 _{3,3} → 4 _{2,2}	782	both	R: ³⁴ SO ₂ overlap I: very weak
357.6026 ^a	20 _{0,20} → 19 _{1,19}	931	R Dor	SO ₂ overlap I: SiS $\nu = 3$ overlap
358.8719 ^a	21 _{8,14} → 22 _{7,15}	1119	R Dor	
360.1332 ^b	14 _{4,10} → 14 _{3,11}	883	R Dor	

References: (^a) Lovas (1985); (^b) Müller & Brünken (2005) & Müller et al. (2005).

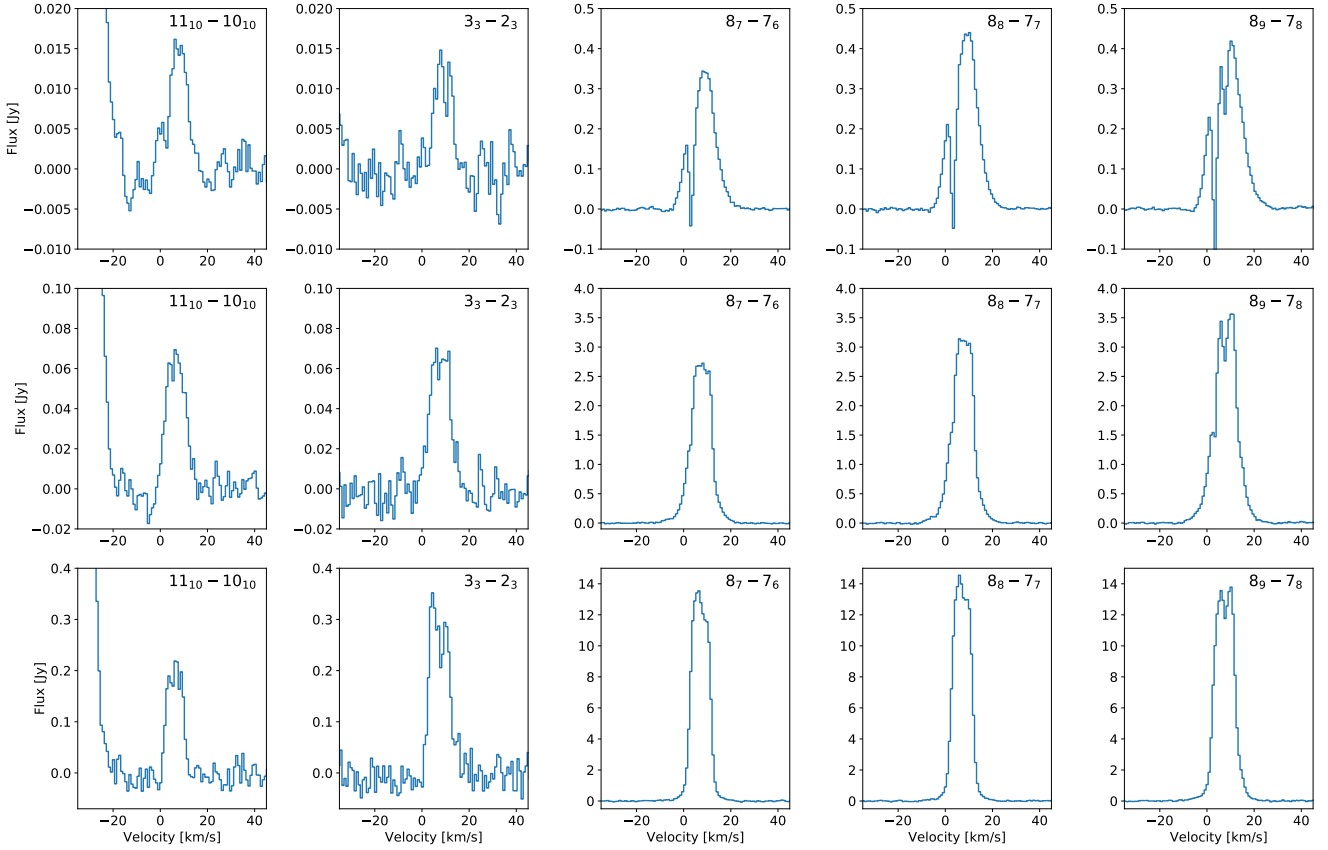


Figure A1. ALMA SO transitions towards R Dor, extracted for different apertures centred on the continuum peak. *Top*: 75 mas spectra; *middle*: 300 mas spectra; *bottom*: 1'' spectra.

Table B2. SO₂ isotopologue lines detected with ALMA. Only ³⁴SO₂ lines with confident IDs are included. All oxygen isotopologue IDs are uncertain.

Frequency [GHz]	Line	E_{up} [K]	Star	Notes
³⁴ SO ₂				
342.2316 ^a	20 _{1,19} → 19 _{2,18}	198	R Dor	
342.3320 ^a	12 _{4,8} → 12 _{3,9}	110	R Dor	
344.5810 ^c	19 _{1,19} → 18 _{0,18}	168	both	
347.4831 ^b	28 _{2,26} → 28 _{1,27}	391	R Dor	
348.1175 ^b	19 _{4,16} → 19 _{3,17}	213	R Dor	TiO overlap
352.0829 ^b	21 _{4,18} → 21 _{3,19}	251	IK Tau	poss. U overlap
353.9499 ^c	40 _{4,36} → 40 _{3,37}	807	R Dor	
354.2776 ^c	34 _{3,31} → 34 _{2,32}	581	R Dor	
356.2224 ^c	25 _{3,23} → 25 _{2,24}	320	R Dor	
357.1022 ^c	20 _{0,20} → 19 _{1,19}	185	R Dor	SO ₂ ($v = 1$) overlap I: ³⁰ Si/ ³⁴ S overlap
357.4977 ^c	32 _{5,27} → 32 _{4,28}	547	R Dor	
SO ¹⁷ O				
345.4221 ^d	5 _{3,3} → 4 _{2,2}	35	R Dor	
351.7014 ^d	35 _{5,30} → 35 _{4,31}	627	R Dor	
361.5113 ^d	33 _{2,31} → 34 _{1,34}	499	R Dor	
361.9885 ^d	26 _{3,24} → 26 _{2,25}	341	R Dor	

References: (^a) Lovas (1985); (^b) Belov et al. (1998); (^c) Müller et al. (2005); (^d) Müller et al. (2001) & Müller et al. (2005)

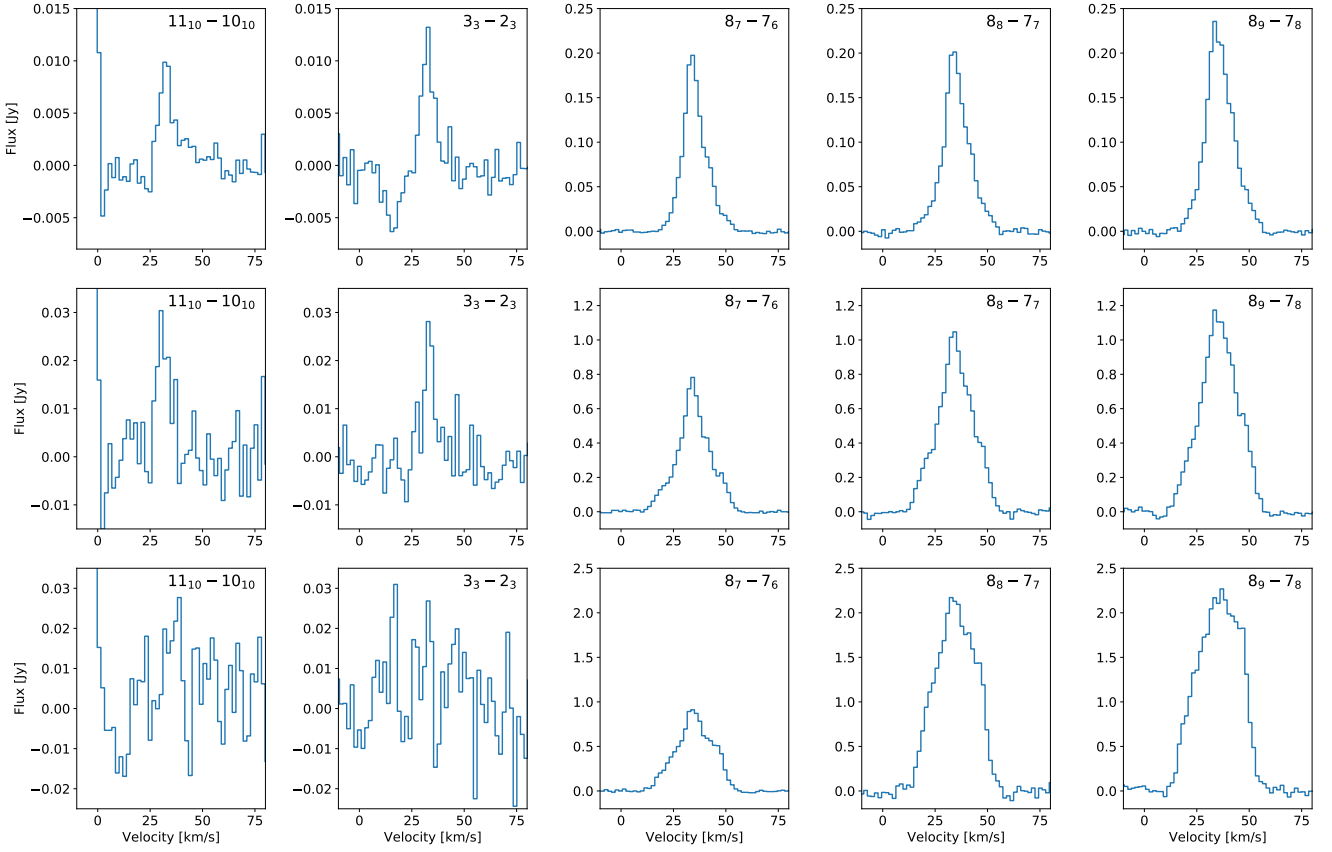


Figure A2. ALMA SO transitions towards IK Tau, extracted for different apertures centred on the continuum peak. *Top*: 80 mas spectra; *middle*: 320 mas spectra; *bottom*: 800 mas spectra.

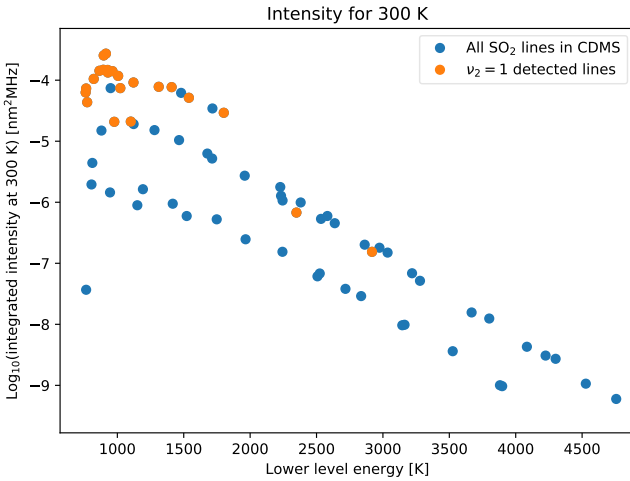


Figure B1. Calculated integrated intensities at 300 K versus the lower state energy for all the $v_2 = 1$ SO_2 lines in CDMS that fall within the frequency range of our spectral line scan. The detections indicated are for R Dor.

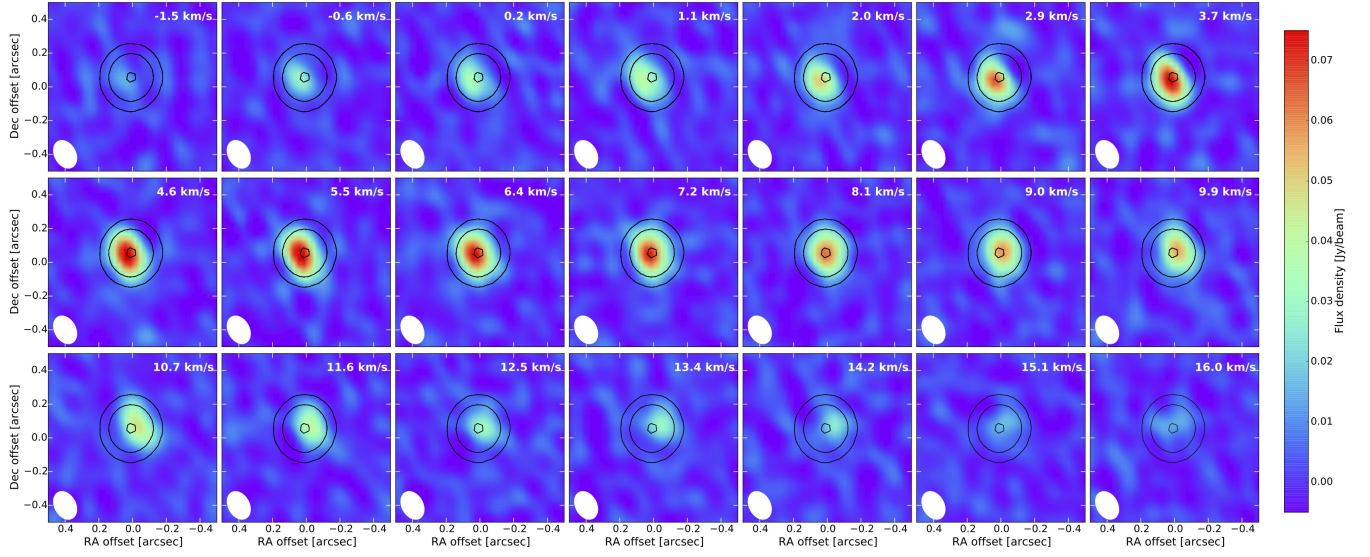


Figure B2. R Dor channel maps for SO_2 $v = 1$ ($20_{4,16} \rightarrow 20_{3,17}$) at 335.1285 GHz. The solid black lines indicate the continuum emission levels at 1, 10 and 90% of the continuum peak flux. The beam is indicated in white in the bottom left corner of each channel plot. Plots are best viewed on a screen.

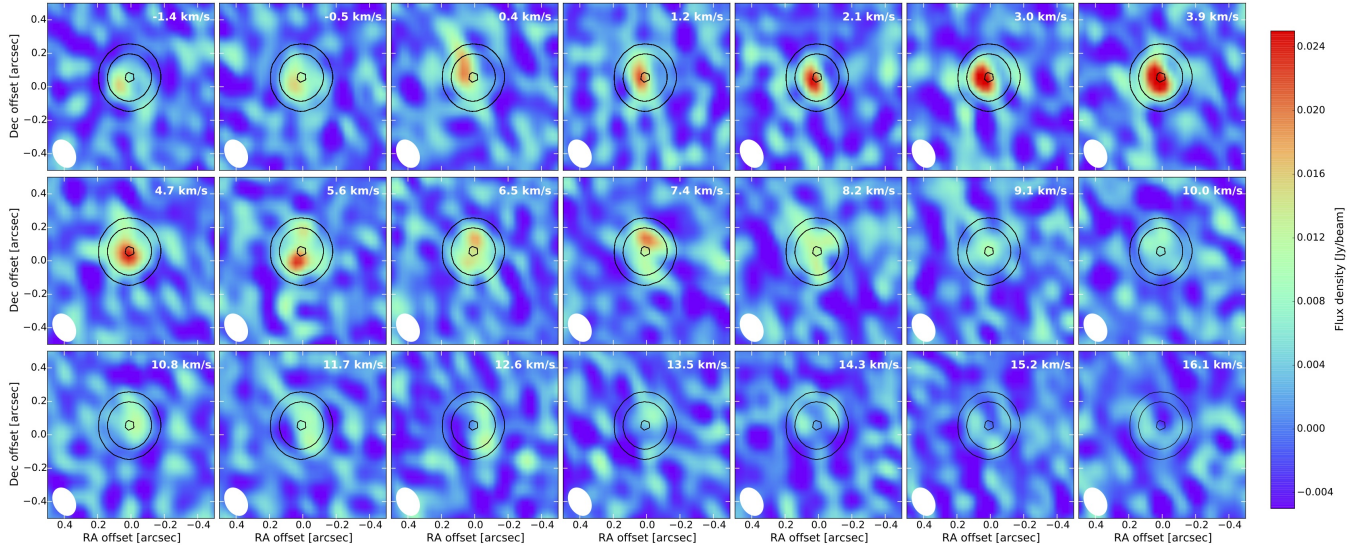


Figure B3. R Dor channel maps for SO_2 ($29_{5,25} \rightarrow 30_{2,28}$) at 335.7732 GHz. The solid black lines indicate the continuum emission levels at 1, 10 and 90% of the continuum peak flux. The beam is indicated in white in the bottom left corner of each channel plot. Plots are best viewed on a screen.

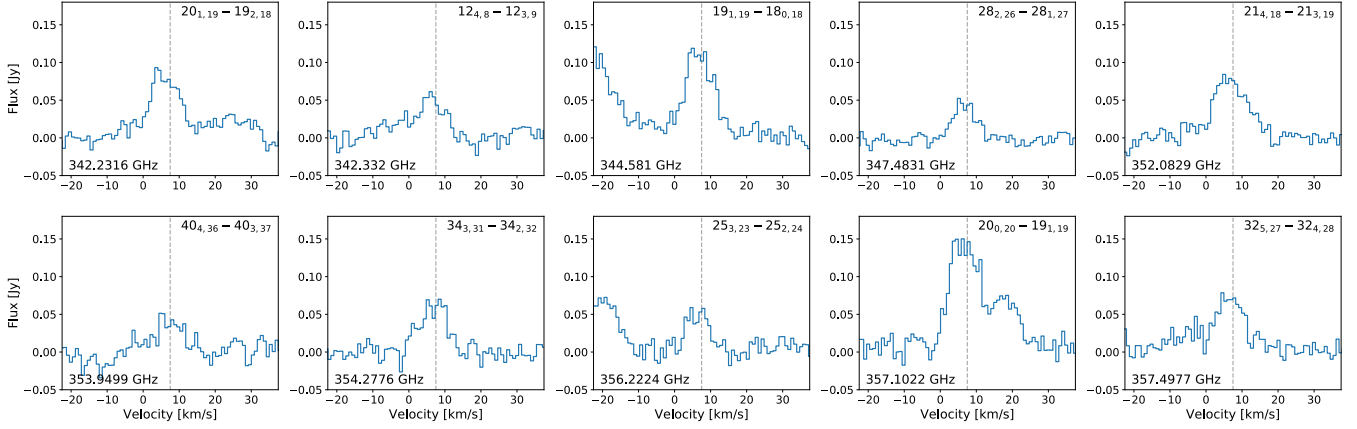


Figure B4. $^{34}\text{SO}_2$ spectra observed towards R Dor with ALMA. The spectral lines have been extracted with a 300 mas circular aperture centred on the stellar continuum peak. The quantum numbers are in the top right corner and the frequencies in the bottom left corner. The v_{LSR} of 7.5 km s^{-1} is indicated by the grey line. The additional peak to the red of the 357.1022 GHz line is the 357.0872 GHz vibrationally excited $^{32}\text{SO}_2$ line.

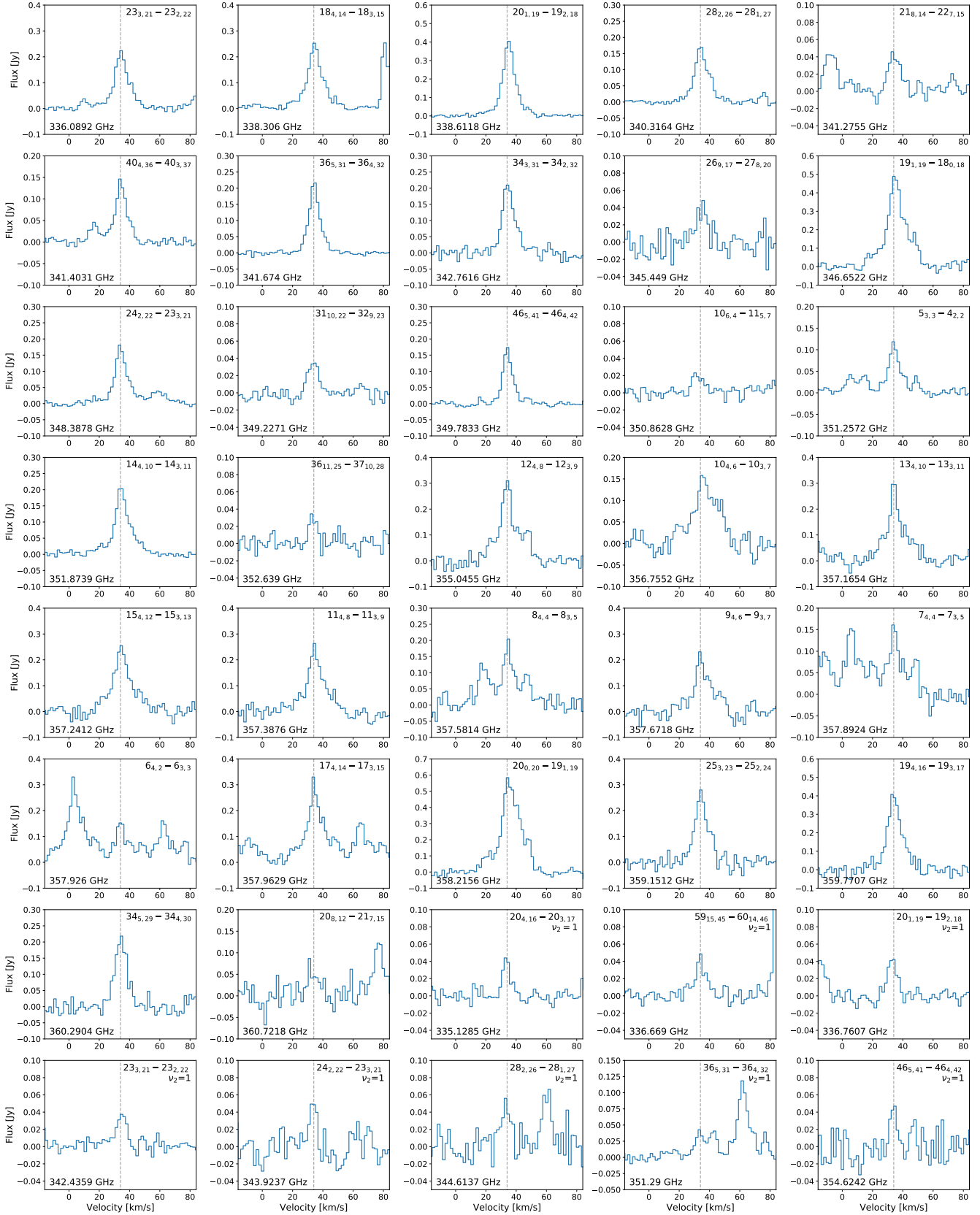


Figure B5. SO₂ spectra observed towards IK Tau with ALMA. The spectral lines have been extracted with a 320 mas circular aperture centred on the stellar continuum peak. The quantum numbers are in the top right corner and the frequencies in the bottom left corner. The v_{LSR} of 34 km s⁻¹ is indicated by the grey line.