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**Observational and theoretical studies of interstellar shocks**

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**Project:**

In this project, targeted observations with instruments like ALMA, NOEMA, JWST, etc., will be conducted and archive mining to increase the number of available data sets will be used. To constrain shock properties, a statistically comparison of the observations with synthetic emission line cubes will be conducted. The emission line cubes are produced by post-processing the shock simulations with radiative transfer tools, first with an existing 1D shock code, later with a 3D MHD code developed in Cologne. We will first concentrate on molecular outflows from protostars.

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**Goals:**

Shocks in the ISM have been observed in outflows, cloud–cloud collisions and in molecular clouds exposed to expanding supernova remnants. Both the chemistry and the molecular line excitation have been studied, but only integrated properties (temperatures, column densities) have typically been examined. No self-consistent 3D simulations that reproduce line shapes exist, and there is little study of the impact of shocks on molecular cloud evolution. We would like to improve on that.

**Requirements:**

- Solid foundation in physics and astrophysics
- Scientific writing skills

**Desirable experience:**

- Programming, e.g., in the python language
- Telescope data analysis
- Interferometry
- Statistical analysis

**Offer:**

Please use the contact information to know more details.

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