Water in pre-stellar cores





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Outline

- Introduction: pre-stellar cores
- Detection of water vapor:
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- What have we learned?

Molecular clouds, dense cores and star formation



Pre-stellar cores: temperature structure

Pre-stellar cores are gravitationally unstable starless cores (e.g. Ward-Thompson et al. 1999; Crapsi et al. 2005; Keto & Caselli 2008)

They have temperature gradients (~6-12 K)



Pre-stellar cores: CO freeze-out



Pre-stellar cores: strong ortho-H₂D⁺

- Led to strong revision of astrochemical models (e.g. Roberts et al. 2003)
- Triggered new laboratory work (e.g. Hugo et al. 2009)



Pre-stellar cores: deuterium fractionation



Right ascension

 CH_3OH traces the region where CO is freezing out (R ~ 4000 AU; *Bizzocchi et al. 2014*)

 $CH_2DOH/CH_3OH \sim 0.1$ (toward center) [to be compared with $D_{frac} \sim 0.4$ from NH_2D/NH_3 ; *Crapsi et al. 2007*]

Pre-stellar cores: complex organic molecules

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Letter to the Editor

Detection of complex organic molecules in a prestellar core: a new challenge for astrochemical models*,**

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| Table 1 | 1. | Line | fluxes ^a | and | column | densities. |
|---------|----|------|---------------------|-----|--------|------------|
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| Species | Transition | T _{mb} (mK) | rms (mK) | Integrated area (K km s ⁻¹) | Column density ^c (cm ⁻²) $T_{ex} = 5 \text{ K}$ | Column density ^c (cm ⁻²) $T_{ex} = 4 \text{ K}$ | Column density ^c (cm ⁻²) $T_{\rm ex} = 8 {\rm K}$ |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| AA-CH ₃ OCH ₃ | $4_{14} - 3_{03}$ | 55 | 7 | 0.026 ± 0.005 | $(3.32 \pm 0.74) \ 10^{12}$ | $(5.08 \pm 1.12) \ 10^{12}$ | $(2.49 \pm 0.55) \ 10^{12}$ |
| EE-CH ₃ OCH ₃ | $4_{14} - 3_{03}$ | 90 | 7 | 0.037 ± 0.005 | $(6.81 \pm 0.92) \ 10^{12}$ | $(10.4 \pm 1.40) \ 10^{12}$ | $(5.11 \pm 0.69) \ 10^{12}$ |
| EA-CH ₃ OCH ₃ | $4_{14} - 3_{03}$ | 36 ^b | 7 | 0.014 ± 0.003 | $(1.65 \pm 0.55) \ 10^{12}$ | $(2.53 \pm 0.84) 10^{12}$ | $(1.24 \pm 0.41) \ 10^{12}$ |
| AE-CH ₃ OCH ₃ | $4_{14} - 3_{03}$ | 22^{b} | 7 | 0.009 ± 0.003 | $(1.67 \pm 0.37) \ 10^{12}$ | $(2.55 \pm 0.56) \ 10^{12}$ | $(1.25 \pm 0.28) \ 10^{12}$ |
| E-CH ₃ CHO | 514-413 | 125 | 3 | 0.149 ± 0.015 | $(9.12 \pm 0.92) \ 10^{12}$ | $(2.67 \pm 0.27) \ 10^{13}$ | $(2.12 \pm 0.21) \ 10^{12}$ |
| A-CH ₃ CHO | $5_{14} - 4_{13}$ | 110 | 4 | 0.137 ± 0.014 | $(8.26 \pm 0.84) \ 10^{12}$ | $(1.73 \pm 0.18) 10^{13}$ | $(3.86 \pm 0.39) 10^{12}$ |
| A-CH ₃ OCHO | $8_{17} - 7_{16}$ | 20 | 3 | 0.025 ± 0.005 | $(2.01 \pm 0.40) \ 10^{13}$ | $(5.73 \pm 1.15) \ 10^{13}$ | $(5.91 \pm 1.18) \ 10^{12}$ |
| A-CH ₃ OCHO | $9_{09} - 8_{08}$ | 12 | 2 | 0.016 ± 0.005 | $(1.73 \pm 0.54) \ 10^{13}$ | $(5.50 \pm 1.71) \ 10^{13}$ | $(4.33 \pm 1.35) \ 10^{12}$ |
| E-CH ₃ OCHO | $8_{17} - 7_{16}$ | 19 | 3 | 0.024 ± 0.005 | $(1.90 \pm 0.40) \ 10^{13}$ | $(5.44 \pm 1.15) \ 10^{13}$ | $(5.59 \pm 1.18)10^{12}$ |
| E-CH ₃ OCHO | $9_{09} - 8_{08}$ | 12 | 2 | 0.016 ± 0.003 | $(1.72 \pm 0.32) \ 10^{13}$ | $(5.47 \pm 1.03) \ 10^{13}$ | $(4.32 \pm 0.81) \ 10^{12}$ |
| o-CH ₂ CO | 515-414 | 140 | 3 | 0.171 ± 0.018 | $(1.50 \pm 0.16) \ 10^{13}$ | $(3.09 \pm 0.33) \ 10^{13}$ | $(6.75 \pm 0.71) \ 10^{12}$ |
| p-CH ₂ CO | <u> </u> | e also | Öberg | g et al. 2010; | ; Vastel et al. 2 | 014; Jiménez-S | Serra et al. 201 |

Pre-stellar cores: chemical differentiation



The pre-stellar core physical/chemical structure



Caselli et al. 1999, 2002, 2003; Vastel et al. 2006; Keto & Caselli 2008, 2010

Pre-stellar cores: the central 1000 AU with ALMA

Caselli, Pineda et al., in prep.

Water vapor in dark clouds

In cold regions, H₂O is mainly formed on the surface of dust grains.



e.g. Tielens & Hagen 1982; Cuppen & Herbst 2007; Ioppolo et al. 2008, 2010; Miyauchi et al. 2008; Cazaux et al. 2010, 2011; Dulieu et al. 2010; Taquet et al. 2013



Previous attempts

x(H₂O) < 10⁻⁸ (Bergin & Snell 2002; Klotz et al. 2008)



HERSCHEL HIFI





2010 WISH Data











2010 Data





Caselli, Keto, Pagani et al. 2010

2011 WISH Data

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Caselli, Keto, Bergin, Tafalla, Aikawa, Douglas, Pagani Yildiz, van der Tak, Walmsley, Codella, Nisini, Kristensen, van Dishoeck 2012, ApJL



Simplified O-chemistry



see also Schmalzl et al. 2014



KEY PHENOMENA:

★x(H₂O) ~ 10⁻⁹ maintained by FUV
photons produced by
c.r. (total mass of
water vapor: ~0.5
Earth masses; total
mass of water ice:
~2.6 Jupiter masses).

 \bullet n_H ≥ 10⁶ cm⁻³, to explain H₂O emission.

Gravitational
 contraction to see
 blue wing in emission.





LARGE WATER RESERVOIRS AT THE DAWN OF STELLAR BIRTH





The radiative transfer of water











Courtesy of Luca Bizzocchi



The Herschel Space Observatory has:

- 1. detected water vapor in a pre-stellar core for the first time;
- 2. unveiled gravitational infall within the central 1,000 AU;
- measured the total mass of water vapor (~0.5 Earth masses → deduced total mass of water ice ~2.6 Jupiter masses);
- 4. given us insight into the radiative transfer and the chemistry of water in cold gas.

OT2 Herschel data on 2 low-mass PSCs and ...



Caselli, Pagani, Yildiz, Aikawa, Tafalla, et al.



CO(8-7) CO(9-8) CO(10-9) maps to check presence of shocked gas produced by turbulence decay in the process of pre-stellar core formation.

Pon et al., in prep.

The use of full radiative transfer



Quénard, Vastel et al. 2014

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