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# WATER VAPOR ABSORPTION AND EMISSION FROM EXTRAGALACTIC SOURCES

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**Based on Herschel/PACS & SPIRE observations** 

# NEAR-IR IMAGES (Scoville+2000, Evans+2002)



# Infrared Space Observatory (ISO) (U)LIRGs with high far-IR radiation densities have far-IR spectra (50-200 µm) dominated by absorption in Fischer+1999 molecular lines





# ABSORPTION LINES: Herschel/PACS (U)LIRGs with high far-IR radiation densities have far-IR spectra (50-200 µm) dominated by absorption in molecular lines



#### **ABSORPTION LINES**

# Many hydrides contribute to the far-IR absorptions (OH, OH+, H2O+, H3O+, CH, CH+, NH, NH2, NH3, etc), but H<sub>2</sub>O dominates in both absorption strength and number of lines

NGC 4418: 38  $H_2O$  absorption lines Arp 220: 28  $H_2O$  absorption lines



H2O: asymmetric rotor Red: detected in both NGC 4418 & Arp 220 Blue: detected in NGC 4418 Dashed blue: marginal Green: contaminated

González-Alfonso+2012

**ABSORPTION LINES** 

# H<sub>2</sub>O lines in NGC 4418 & Arp 220 (G-A+2012)

#### Upper spectra:NGC 4418 Lower spectra: Arp 220

Red: ortho

Blue: para



#### **ABSORPTION LINES**

Upper spectra:NGC 4418 Lower spectra: Arp 220

# Very high-lying (tentative) absorption lines of H<sub>2</sub>O in NGC 4418



Red: ortho Blue: para

Elower=800-1100 K

#### **EMISSION LINES**

# Galaxies also show H2O *emission* lines in the submm (>200 μm), with upper level energies up to 640 K

#### Van der Werf+2010: Mrk 231

Rangwala+2011: Arp 220



...with strengths comparable to the CO lines! Note: the ortho-H2O ground-state 110-101 at 557 GHz is not detected

#### **EMISSION LINES**

#### Many local Galaxies show H2O emission lines in the submm



Talk by Chentao Yang at 14:50



#### **ABSORPTION & EMISSION LINES**



- A complementary view of the ISM
- -Absorption and emission lines are the 2 faces of the same coin
  -H2O traces the far-IR continuum emission, with an obvious observable: SED
  -Goal: fiting the H2O absorption/emission and the SED simultaneously
  -Advantage: Einstein coefficients are much better known than collisional rates

#### **COLLISIONAL EXCITATION MAY STILL HAVE AN EFFECT!**

# In far-IR optically thin sources, as the 1(11) and 2(12) are the base-levels



And how do we know observationally that collisions play a role? The 1(11)-0(00) at 269 microns will be seen in *emission* 



Observations from Spinoglio+2012 Model from G-A+2014

\*Lines 7-8 not detected: optically thin far-IR

#### How models work...

González-Alfonso et al (2012, 2013, 2014)





# Models for the emission H<sub>2</sub>O lines: ortho/para=3 (G-A+14)



# The far-IR continuum (G-A12)



The emission lines with E<400 K require a more extended region (and less thick) than the absorption lines

The nuclear regions probe the transition from the mid- to the far-IR

# H2O emission/absorption probes the The far-IR continuum (G-A+12) source structure (G-A+12)



\*The optically thick and compact nuclei are responsible for the high-lying H2O absorption lines.

\*The more optically thin, more extended Cextended dominate the emission in the submm H2O emission lines

> We understand better the SEDs... from the lines!



The nuclear and extended regions may have different SEDs



**Caveats:** 

- 1) Line opacity effects
- 2) Line excitation
- 3) Several components contributing to the absorption
- 4) Line blending
- 5) Baseline uncertainty

We investigate whether the observed H2O line ratios are consistent with the high Tspin OPR value of 3, or whether there is evidence for departure from this value.

# **High-lying H<sub>2</sub>O lines**

#### Upper spectra:NGC 4418 Lower spectra: Arp 220



Labels Red: ortho Blue: para

The *observed* OPR is not 3, but...



### **Models for H<sub>2</sub>O: ortho/para=3**

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...this is attributable to very high H2O columns: consistent with OPR=3

(G-A+12)

### **Models for H**<sub>2</sub>**O: ortho/para=3**



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No significant departure from an ortho-to-para H<sub>2</sub>O ratio of 3 (high-temperature limit) is found





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NGC 4418: 16O/18O=250-500 Arp 220: 16O/18O=70-130

(G-A+12)

#### Emission lines in Mrk 231 (G-A+10)

#### PACS: Talk by Jackie Fischer at 14:30



Component→	Hot <sup>a</sup> (H <sub>C</sub> )	Warm $(W_C)$	Extended $(E_C)$
Radius (pc)	23	120	610
$T_{\rm dust}$ (K)	400-150	95	41
$\tau_{100 \ \mu m}$	0.4	1.0	0.5
$L(L_{\odot})$	$7.5 \times 10^{11}$	$1.9 \times 10^{12}$	$9.6 \times 10^{11}$
Gas Mass <sup>b</sup> $(M_{\odot})$	$1.9 \times 10^{6}$	$5.9 \times 10^{8}$	$7.7 \times 10^{9}$
$N({\rm H_2O}) ({\rm cm^{-2}})$	_	$5.2 \times 10^{17}$	$2.0 \times 10^{16}$
$V_{\rm turb}  (\rm km  s^{-1})$	<u></u>	$60^d$	40
$n(H_2)^c$ (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1000	$1.5 \times 10^{6}$	$5 \times 10^{5}$
$T_{gas}^{c}(\mathbf{K})$	10.00	150	100



#### OH and H2O in IRAS 08572+3915, G-A+in prep



H2O/OH decreases in strong AGNs → H2O formed in surrounding SB?

#### Emission & absorption lines in Zw049 (Falstad+15) Poster by Niklas Falstad (P10)



### H2O lines in Arp299a (Falstad+16, submitted)

#### Poster by Niklas Falstad (P10)







# THE OH 65µm HERSCHEL/PACS SPECTRA



# Single component models: assuming coexistent OH65 and [CII]



**Composite models: optically thick (OH65) and thin [CII]** 



(G-A+15)











# Population diagram of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (metastable levels) in Arp 220



Similar to Sgr B2 (Lis+2012) Formation pumping?

(G-A+13)

#### **Chemical models by Simon Bruderer (G-A13)**



# Conclusions

\* Dozens of H2O absorption lines, and up to 8 H2O emission lines, are observed in the far-IR and submillimeter spectra of bright infrared galaxies with buried nuclei.

\* H2O absorption/emission probes the structure and properties of the source: absorption lines are produced towards very warm (Tdust~>100 K), optically thick (tau100>~1) compact (R~10-100 pc) cores, and emission lines (Eupper<400 K) are generated towards more extended (R~a few x 100 pc) surrounding regions.

\* H2O absorption/emission probes the SEDs at far-IR wavelengths, where the bulk of the galaxy luminosity is generated. H2O (and other hydrides) absorption trace the transition from mid- to far-IR.

\* Very high columns and abundances of H2O are inferred in the nuclear regions of buried galactic nuclei, with  $X(H_2O) \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-5}$ .

\* The OPR of H2O is consistent with the high-temperature limit of 3, or Tspin>~35 K.

\* Nuclear regions are very optically thick and dusty, so UV photons are absorbed in small volumes around the heating sources while these regions are warm: high molecular abundances.

\* 2 modes of star formation in galaxies have been proposed: "disk-like" and "starburst". High-lying H2O absorption represents the most extreme mode of starburst, with  $\Sigma_{IR}$ ~(10<sup>13</sup> -10<sup>14</sup>) Lsun/kpc<sup>2</sup>

\* How is H2O formed? Hot molecular chemistry:

-Mechanical heating (shocks, dissipation of turbulence)

-X/Cosmic rays (high columns of excited OH+, H2O+, and H3O+ are found)? Disfavoured.

-Undepleted chemistry, with high abundance of Oxygen in the gas phase (Tdust is high). In some sources, complex molecules are found, similar to hot cores (NGC 4418).

\* How is H2O destroyed? -X/Cosmic rays

\* In "four" words: Giant Shock-Hot-Cosmic-Rays Dominated Regions