Water in star-forming regions with Herschel (WISH)

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425 hr GT key program using HIFI and PACS

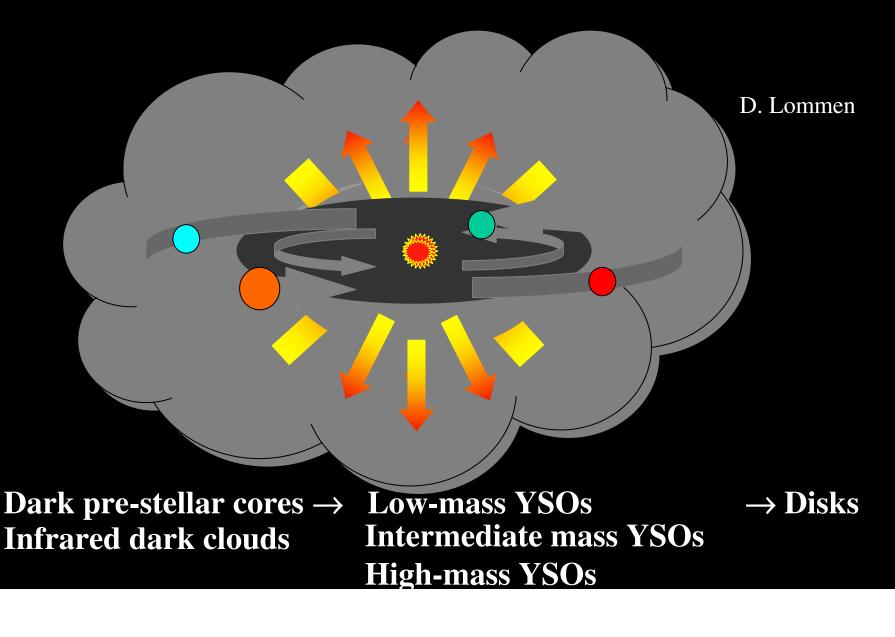
See http://www.strw.leidenuniv.nl/WISH

WISH today



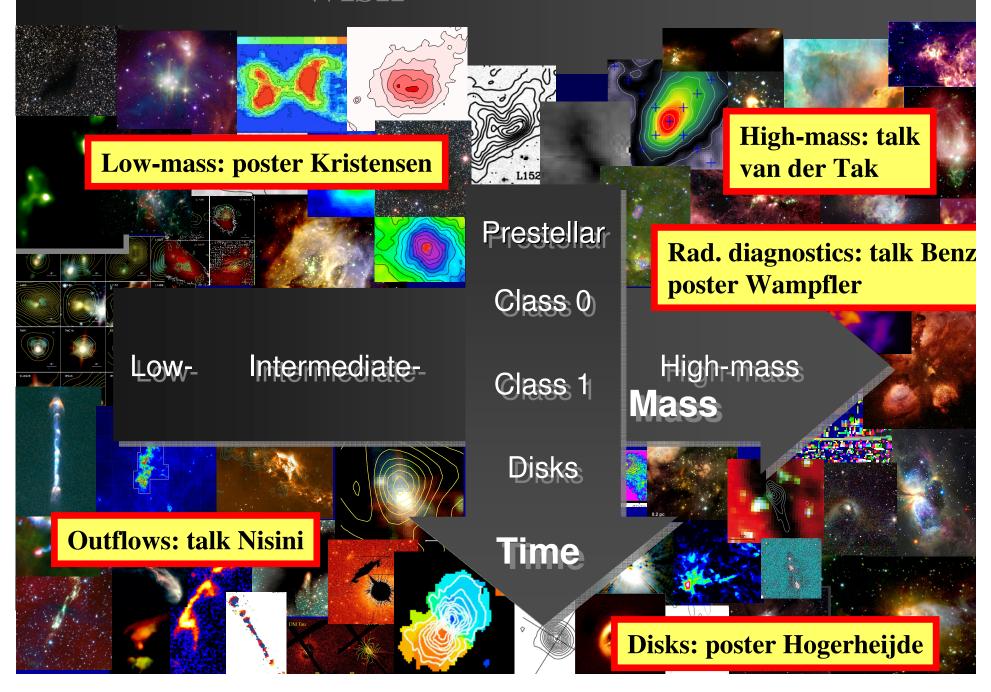
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Follow water trail during star and planet formation



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WISH (Images: courtesy MANY)



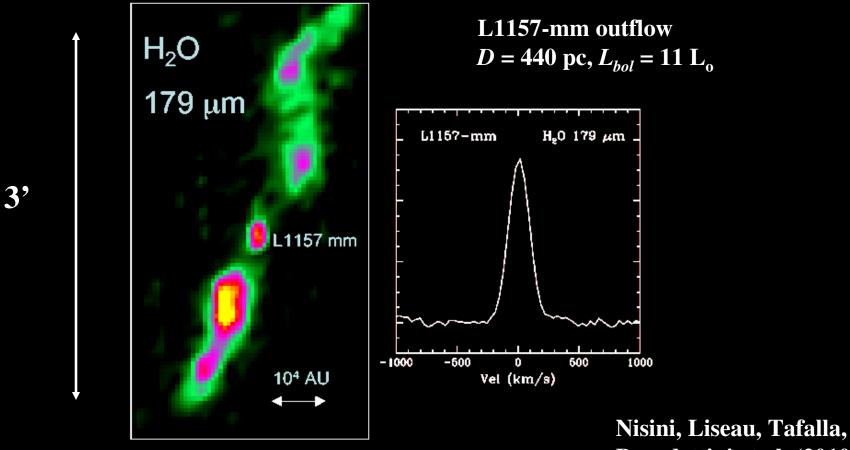
Why water?

- Unique probe of different physical regimes and processes → natural filter of warm gas
 - H₂O abundance shows large variations in SF regions: <10⁻⁸ (cold) – 3. 10⁻⁴ (warm) from ISO, SWAS, ODIN
- Main reservoir of oxygen → affects chemistry of all other species
 - Traces basic processes of freeze-out onto grains and evaporation, which characterize different stages of evolution
- Astrobiology: water associated with life on Earth → characterize water 'trail' from clouds to planets, including origin of water on Earth

pre-stellar cores \rightarrow YSO's \rightarrow disks \rightarrow comets

Early highlight

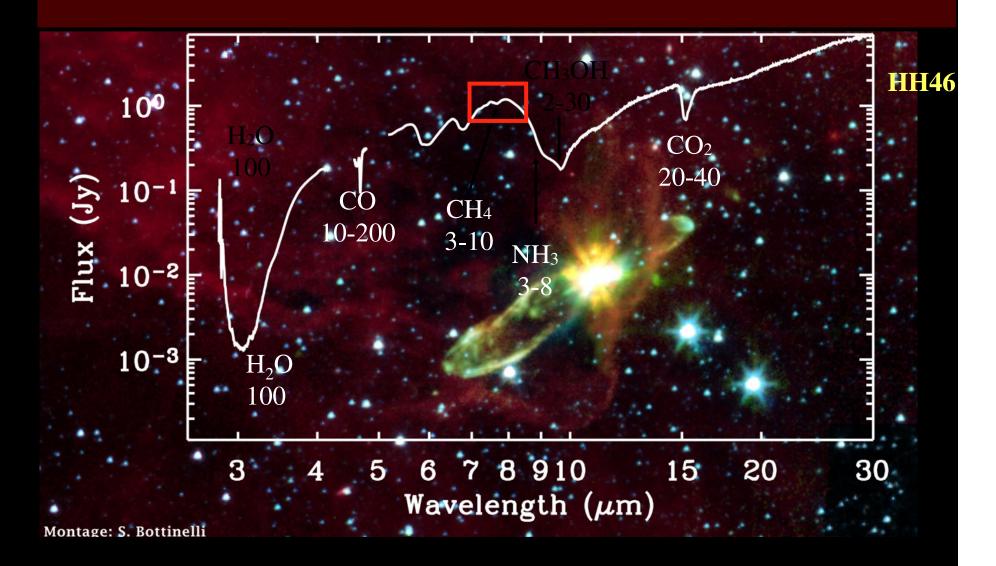
Herschel-PACS image of water in proto-stellar systems



Benedettini et al. (2010)

Water traces 'hot spots' where shocks dump energy into cloud

Ices are abundant and common!

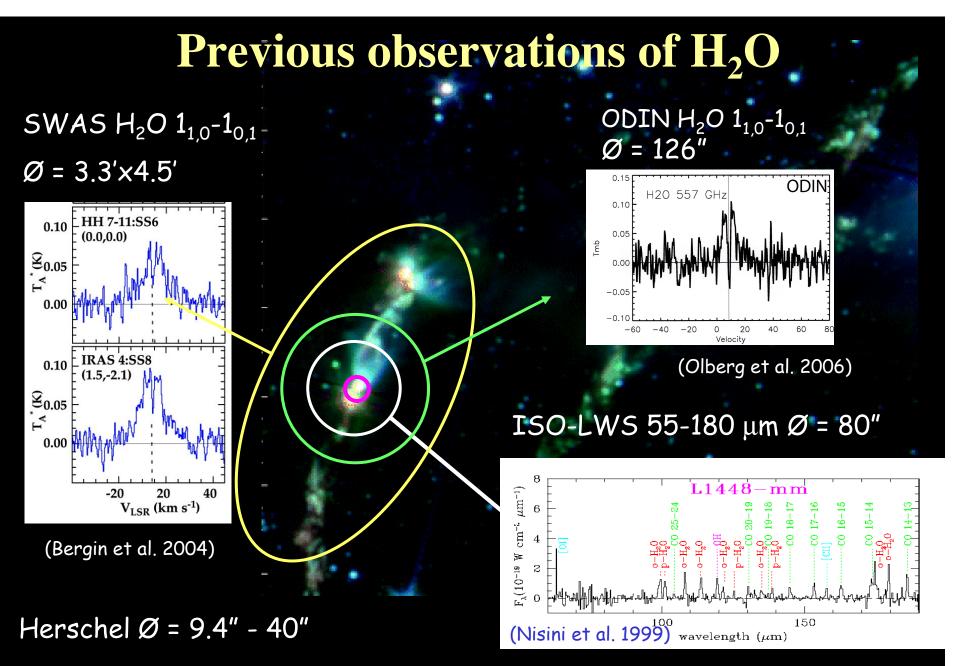


Ices can contain significant fraction of heavy elements (50% or more)

Boogert et al. 2008

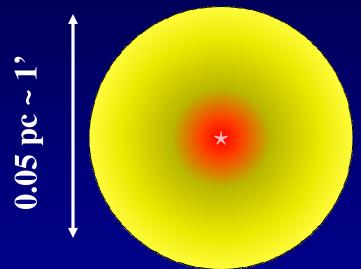
Further motivation

- H₂O as a dynamical probe of warm high density gas: infall, outflow, quiescent gas, mixing, ...
- H₂O's role in the thermal balance: when and where does H₂O become dominant cooling or heating agent?
- HDO/H₂O: determined by gas-phase or grainsurface processes?
 - Relation with comets and origin of water on Earth
- H₂O as a radiative transfer challenge: high/low optical depths, masers,
- HIFI legacy



 \Rightarrow provides orders of magnitude increase in spatial and/or spectral resolution and sensitivity

Origin of hot CO and H₂O?



ISO-LWS: Nisini et al. 2000 Ceccarelli et al. 1999

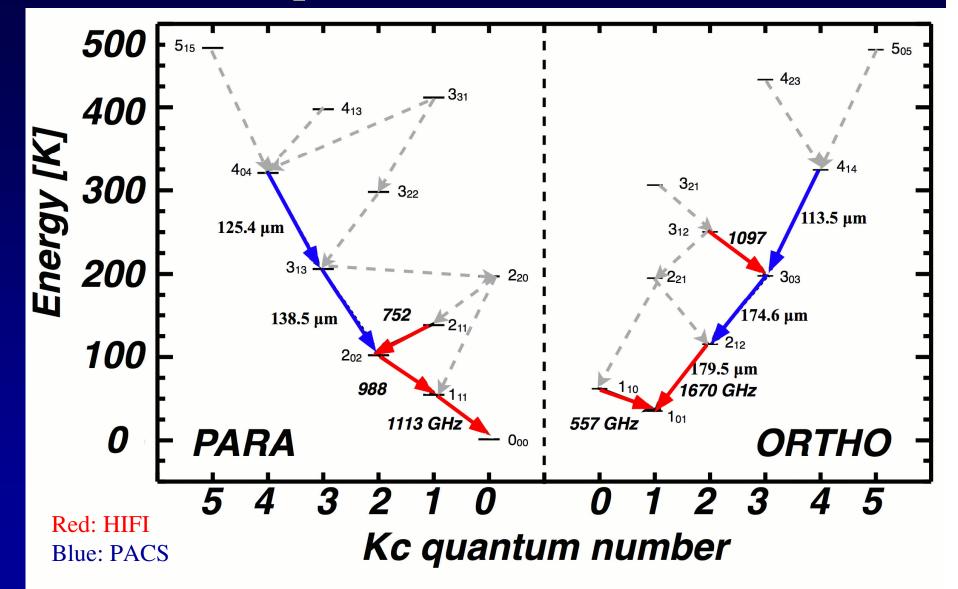
Passively heated envelope with hot core Compact (~200 AU) region where H₂O ice evaporates

Outflows Extended emission along outflow; H₂O enhanced in shock

The WISH program

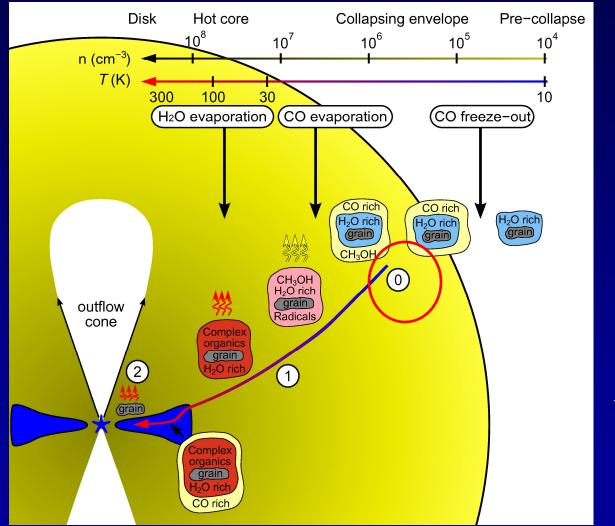
- Survey ~90 sources in a variety of lines of H₂O and chemically related species
 - Typically 10-20 sources in each category
 - Low → High mass YSOs
 - Pre-stellar cores → protoplanetary disks
 - Deep integrations at source positions
 - Maps of outflows on few arcmin scale in selected sources
 - CO and dust continuum to constrain source structure
- Ground-based complementary data
 - Archive will be made publically available
- Radiative transfer and modeling tools

H₂O lines: HIFI vs PACS



Observe mix of low- and high-excitation lines to probe cold and hot environments

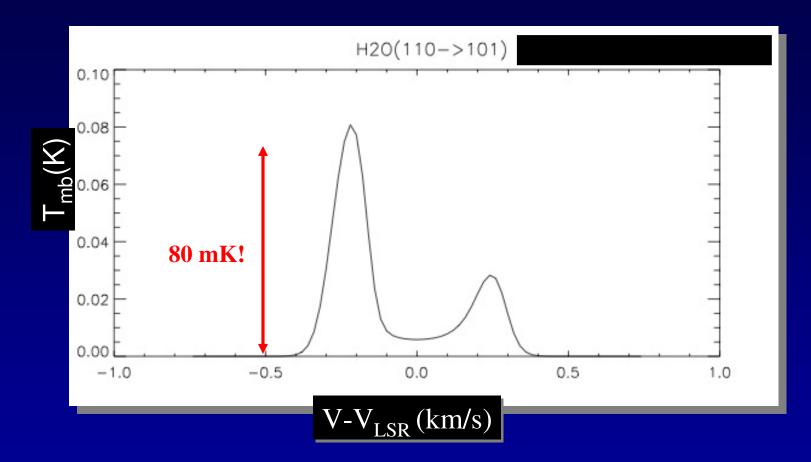
Follow journey of parcel from cores to disk from ice to steam



Herbst & vD ARA&A 2009

Visser et al. 2009

L1544 Model prediction

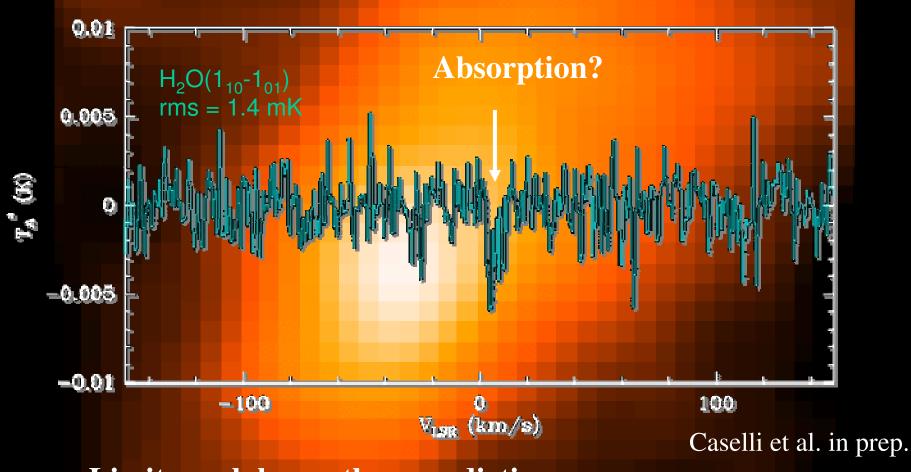


Maximum (undepleted-undissociated) H_2O abundance in model = 5×10⁻⁹, consistent with the lowest upper limit found in dark clouds by ODIN (<7×10⁻⁹; Harju et al. 2009)

Model convolved with Herschel beam at 557 GHz.

Caselli, Aikawa, Keto et al. in prep

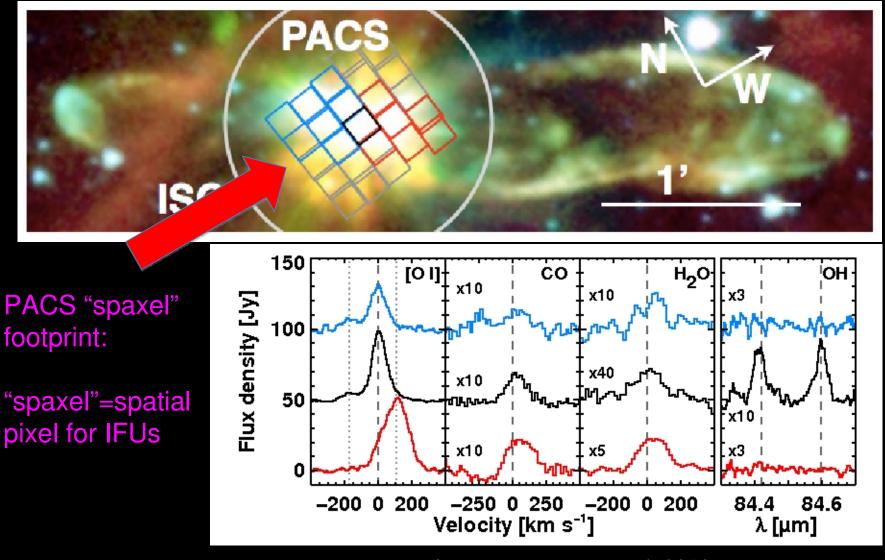
The prestellar core L1544



Limit much lower than prediction Implies water abundance < 10⁻⁹ for n=10⁵ cm⁻³

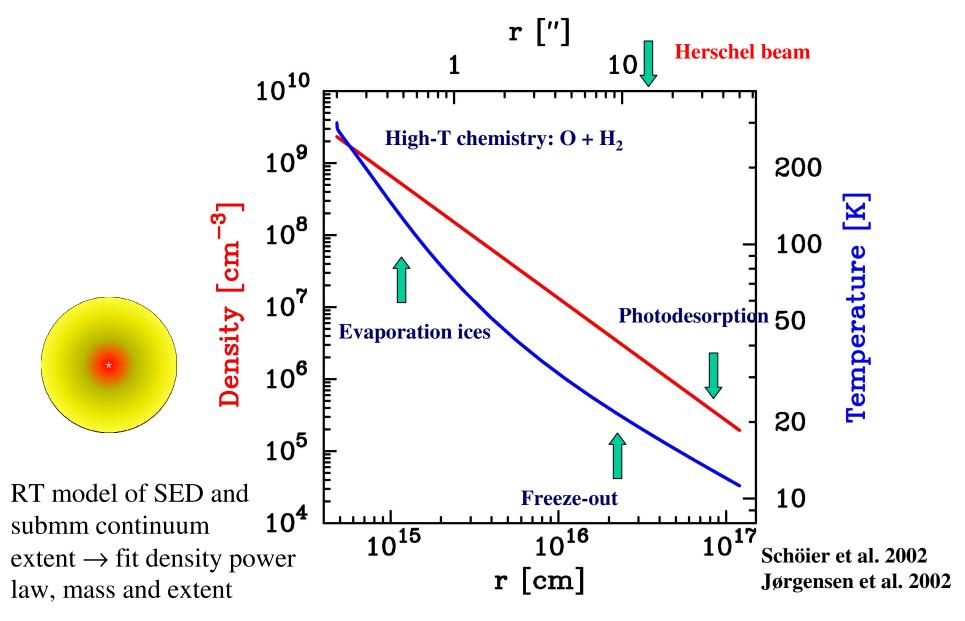
1.3 mm continuum map from Ward-Thompson et al. (1999)

HH46: envelope and outflow

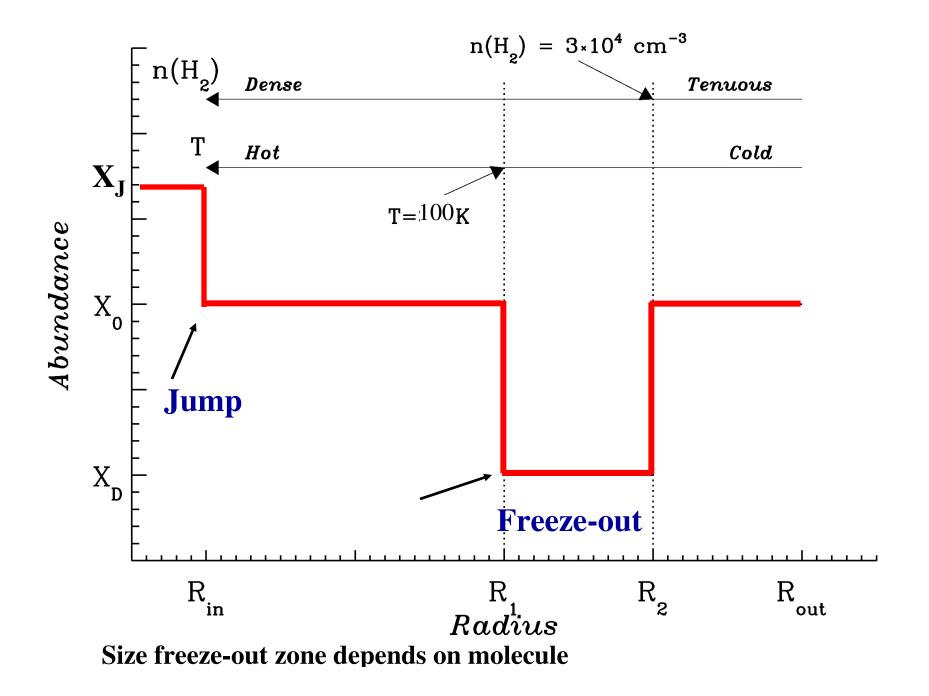


van Kempen, Kristensen, Herczeg et al. 2010

Physical structure protostellar envelope spherical 'passively heated' model

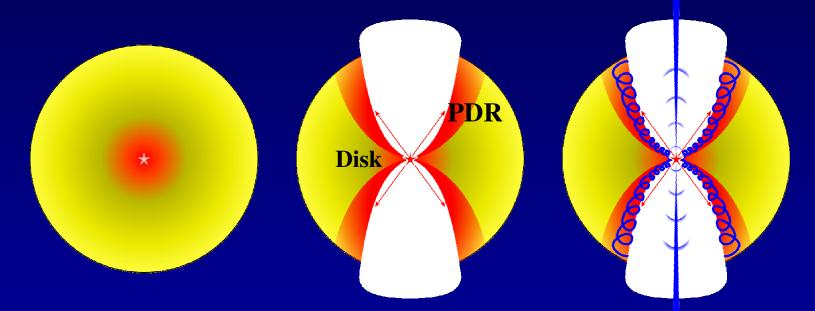


Possible water abundance structure in protostellar envelope



Which physical component dominates which lines?

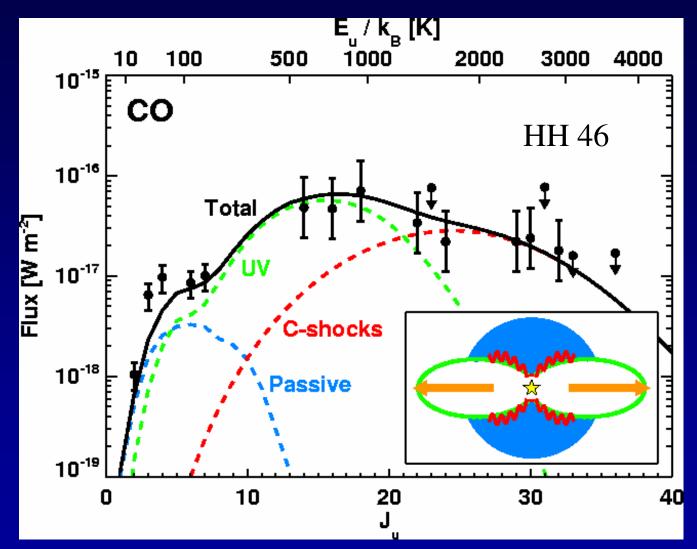
Modeling by Visser, Kristensen, Bruderer



Protostellar envelope with hot core: Low-J CO UV irradiated cavity walls, disk surface: Mid-J CO Hot water?

Outflow shocks: High-J CO, Hot water? High velocity O I

Origin of hot CO

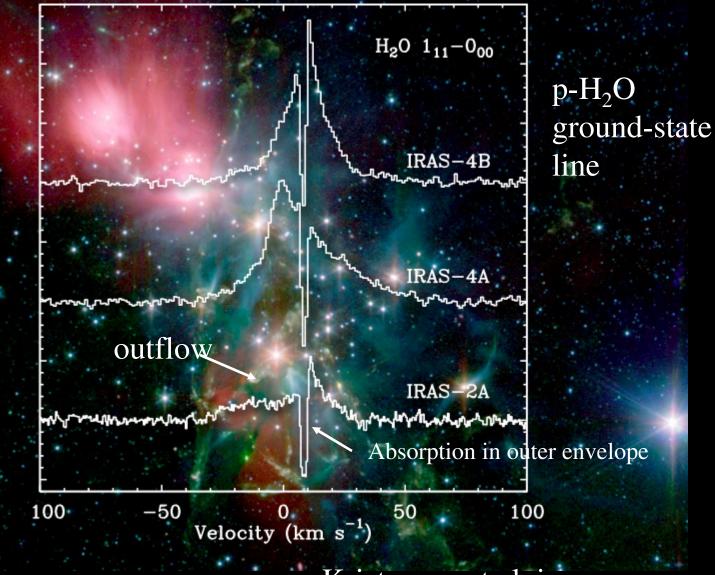


Only parameters: UV field G_o and v_{shock} **For H₂O: likely mix of two processes**

van Kempen et al. 2010

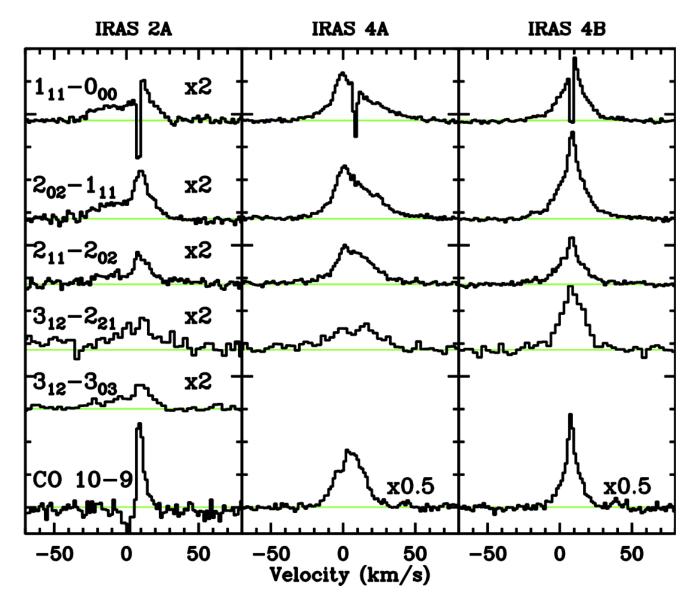
Low-mass YSOs: NGC 1333

L~20 L_{Sun} D~250 pc



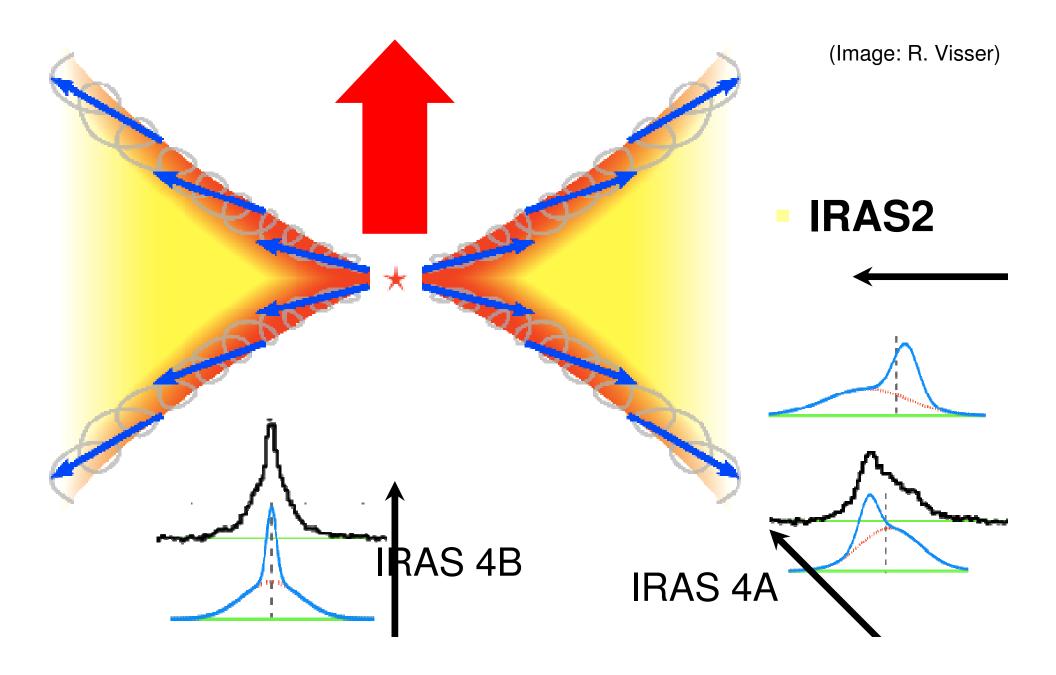
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Excited H₂O and CO lines

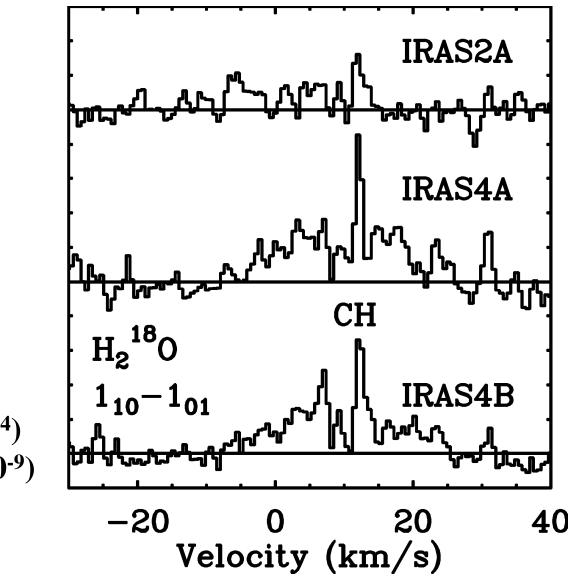


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Line profile related to geometry?

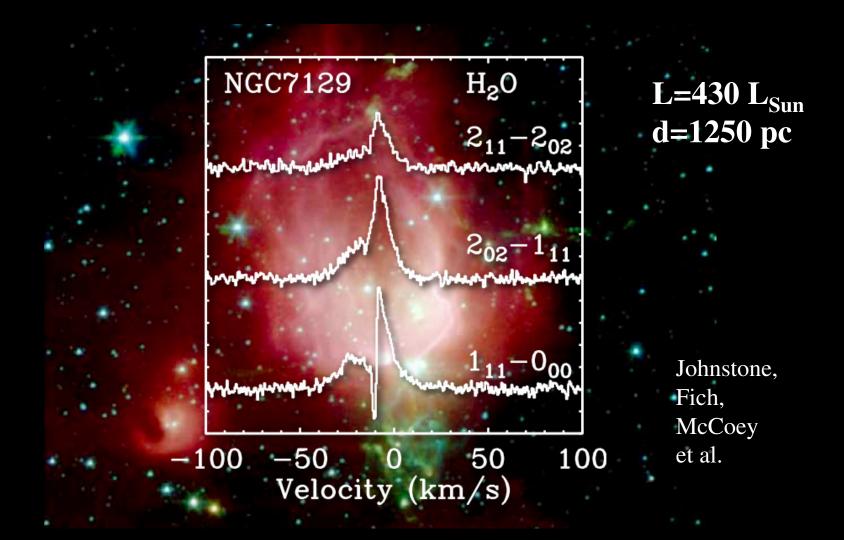


Broad and weak H₂¹⁸O lines



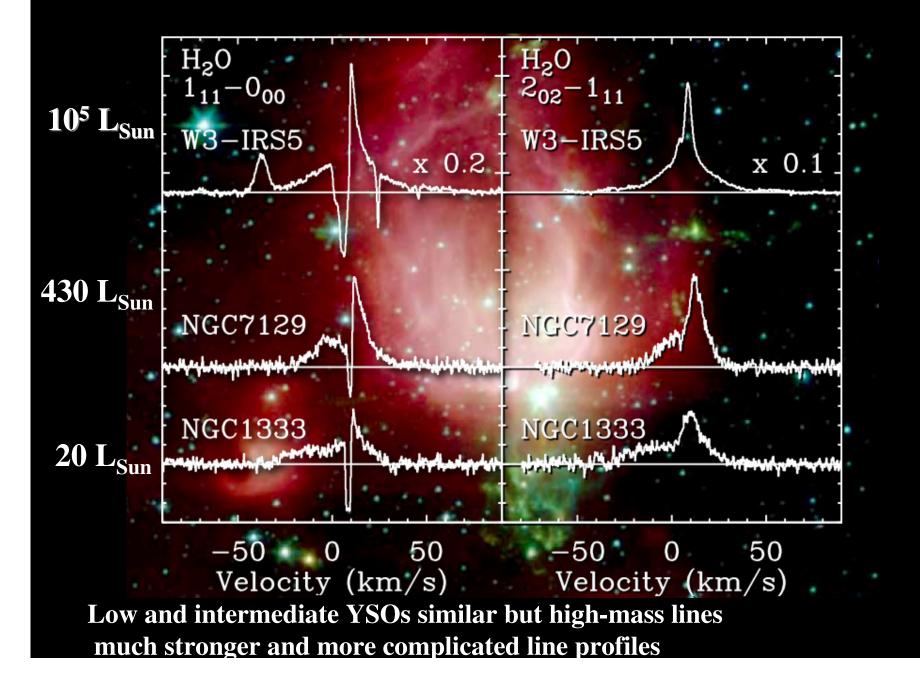
Abundance H₂O high in outflow (10⁻⁵-10⁻⁴) but low in envelope (~10⁻⁹)

Intermediate mass YSO program

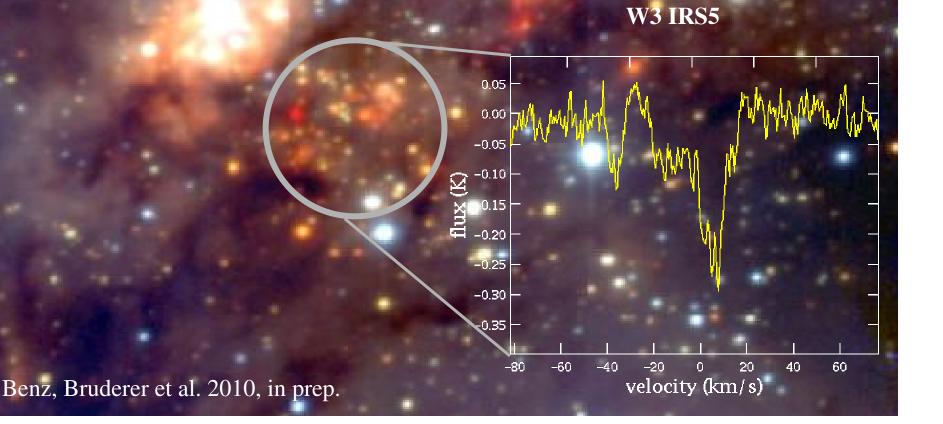


As for low-mass YSO, spherical model cannot fit CO data

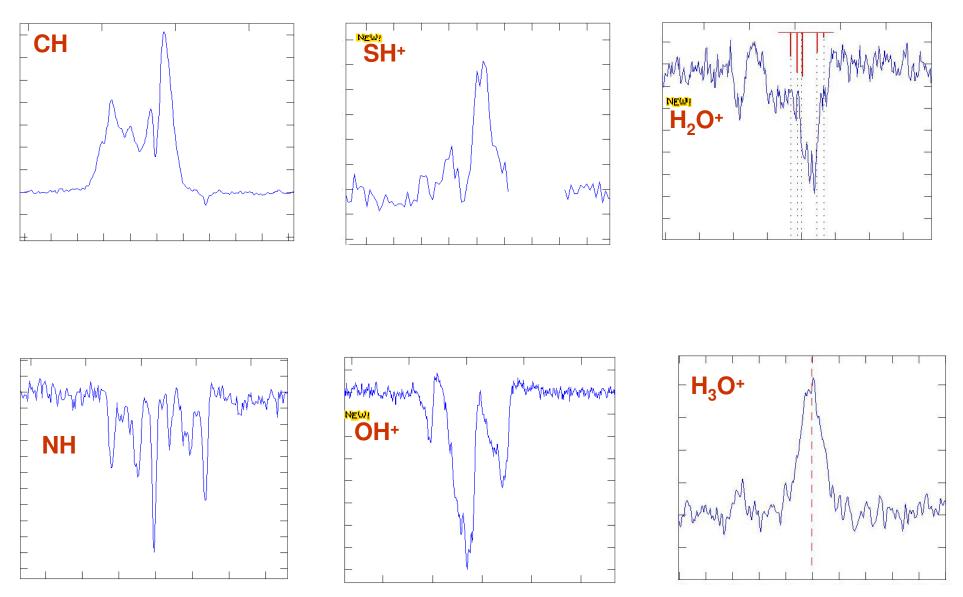
From low to high mass YSOs



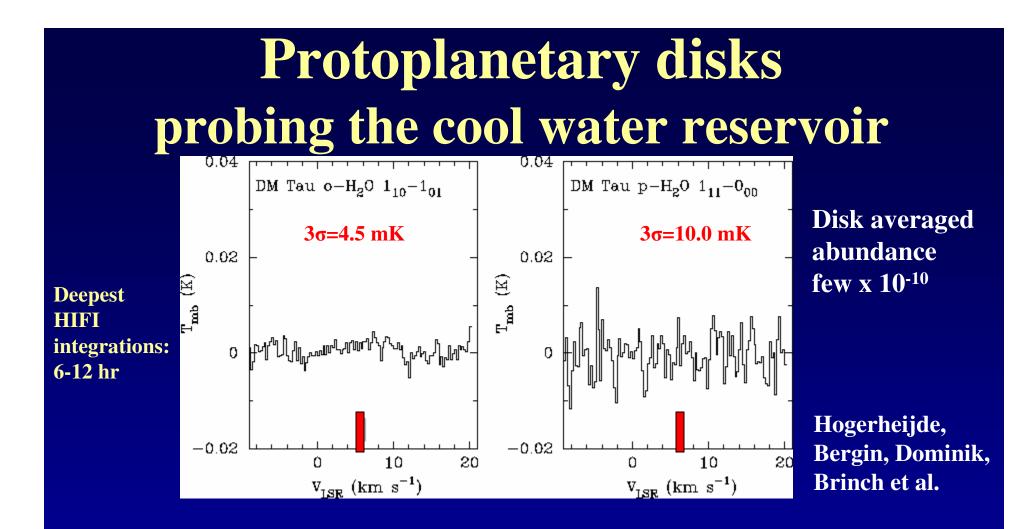
H₂O⁺ detected: the 'fourth phase' of water



Hydrides in Star Forming Region W3 IRS5



Diagnostics of UV (+ X-rays) heated outflow walls Benz et al. 2010

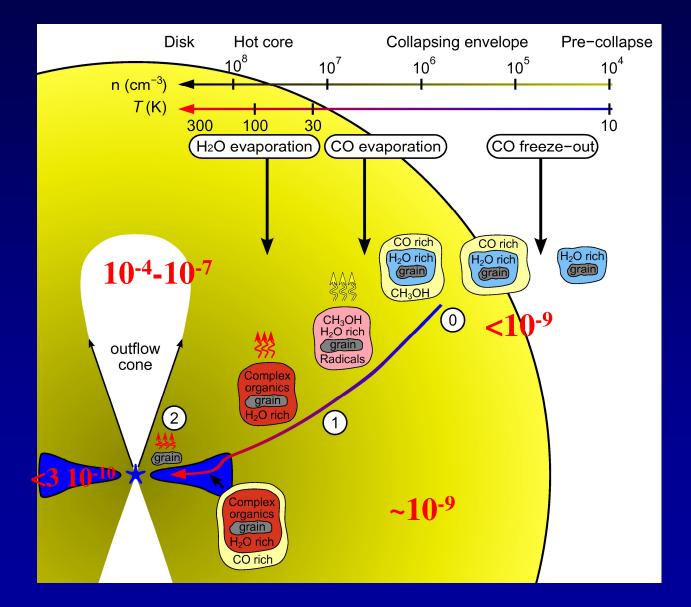


- Models predict line intensities of a few to several tens of mK
- Observations rule out some models
- Comparison to 'warm' CO and CI may be essential to see if
 - disks lack warm gas
 - warm gas in disks is 'dry'
 - water vapor at low T is 'dark'

Conclusions

- HIFI works great!
- Gaseous water abundance in cold regions is very low
 - Lower than thought before (unless 'dark')
 - Water (vapor) is *not* everywhere!
- Warm CO and H₂O emission is dominated by shocks + UV photon heated component along outflow walls
 - No emission detected (yet) from hot core
- Herschel CO and H₂O lines require models beyond spherical symmetry
- H₂O line profiles excellent probes of geometry

Where is water in protostellar envelopes?



All numbers preliminary

Where it all started....



Keukenhof, mei 1982

Thanks to the HIFI and PACS instrument teams!