Chemical conditions of gas in planet-forming disks



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Big questions

- What is the gas mass and the gas:dust ratio?
- What is the chemical inheritance for the ISM & star formation process?
- What the is balance between ice and gas? What is the role of snow lines?
- Where do the elements like C,O,N reside?
- Where/how do organics form?
- (How) does the chemistry reflect the underlying disk structure?



Disk structure

- *Basic* structure of the disk
 - Radial surface density profile (gas, dust)
 - Vertical hydrostatic scale height
 - Irradiation by stellar spectrum
- Assumption: small ($\sim\mu m$) grains coupled (thermally, hydrodynamically) to gas
- ⇔ Spectral Energy Distribution fitting provides overall disk structure



$T(R,z), G_{o}(R,z)$

- Radial and vertical temperature gradient
- (Inter)stellar ultraviolet radiation attenuated by small grains → photodissociation layer
- Stellar X-rays, cosmic rays penetrate to midplane → secondary ionization
 - Do stellar winds shield Cosmic Rays effectively from the disk?
 - Short-lived radioactive nuclei also (may) provide secondary ionization



Cleeves et al. (2013, 2014, 2015)

Gas:Dust

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- Dust mass estimates good to ~factor of a few •
 - Complications: dust evolution, migration
- Gas mass estimates uncertain
 - CO generally observed to be depleted (... ٠ see next slides...)
 - H₂ only observable in warm/hot surface, • inner disk (weak lines)
 - HD detected in TW Hya ٠
 - With thermal structure (+chemistry) \rightarrow large gas mass estimates (0.05 M_{sun}), gas:dust~100:1 (~ISM)
 - Model uncertainties? Unresolved contributions from hot material? Generalization to other disks?



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- Directly traced via CO isotopes





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Caution: CO snow line is not sharp. It is a gradient. N₂H⁺ may not show up until well outside the point where the CO freeze out temperature is reached ('t Hoff et al. in prep)

st Line – allow condensing planets molecules such as H₂O,

Image credit: NASA/JPL

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UV irradiated outer regions

- Interstellar radiation field penetrates outer disk
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Guzmán et al. (2015)

See also Chapillon et al. (2012) for more results on HCN, CN, HC_3N

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- Photodesorption (rather than thermal desorption) sets up a second, outer snow line



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 - H₂O in several disks
 - gas-phase production / evaporation in inner disk



Carr & Najita (2008); Salyk et al. (2008, 2015); Pontoppidan et al. (2010); Meijerink et al. (2009); Zhang et al. (2013); Fedele et al. (2012); Riviere-Marichalar et al. (2012)

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 - much lower amount than expected
 → most ices settled in the midplane
 on larger grains?
 - NH₃ in TW Hya





Depletion of volatiles

- CO, C, and H₂O depleted in many disks •
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Kama et al. (2016), Du et al. (2015, in prep)

Ratios

- Deuterated molecules are enriched in cold gas
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 N_2D^+ in HD163296



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DCO⁺ is not as much a CO snow line tracer as it is an ionization tracer (cf. Teague et al. 2015; Guilloteau et al. 2016 for HCO⁺, DCO⁺)

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See also: HC₃N, Chapillon et al. (2012)

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Walsh et al. (in press)

- (stacked) CH_3OH detected in TW Hya
- see talk by Nomura



Gaps

• Fair fraction of disks are transitional: large (dust) gaps



see also Carmona et al. (2014), Bruderer et al. (2014), ...



Perez et al. (2015)

van der Marel et al. (2015)

Inheritance

- Models of disk chemistry:
 - gas-phase & grain-surface formation; full or reduced networks
 - freeze out & evaporation
 - photodesorption by UV
 - ionization by UV, CR, X-rays, short-lived radionuclides
 - steady state, time dependent, or fully coupled with hydrodynamic solution and/or grain evolution



E.g., van Zadelhoff et al. 2003; Jonkheid et al. 2007; Aikawa et al. 2002, 2006, 2015; Fogel et al. 2011; Semenov et al. 2010, 2011; Woitke et al. 2010, 2016; Willacy et al. 2007, 2009; Walsh et al. 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015; ...

Semenov & Wiebe (2011); Walsh et al. (2014)

Radius (AU)

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• How about initial conditions?

- How much of the chemistry is inherited from the ISM, protostellar phase?
- How much is reprocessed during star /disk formation, esp. ices/volatiles
- Influence of episodic heating?



Inheritance

- Tracers of embedded disks
 - e.g., L1527
 - c-C₃H₂ shows rotation & infall: envelope
 - SO shows solid-body rotation: accretion shock at centrifugal barrier
- Alteration of ice/gas at point of entry into the disk



Sakai et al. (2014)

Disks in 2016

- So far, disk structure taken from SED modeling
 - Radial, vertical gradients in density and temperature
 - Freeze out & snow lines, deuteration, photodesorption...
 - (Large) gaps in transitional disks
 - Often seen to be filled with (reduced amounts of) gas
 - Accretion shocks at centrifugal barrier of forming disks
- HL Tau, TW Hya (how general?)
 - Disks are series of rings, gaps, wiggles
 - Traced in millimeter-sized grains
 - Underlying gas surface density distribution?
 - Associated distribution of μ m-sized grains (\Leftrightarrow UV, ionization)?





ALMA Partnership, Brogan et al. (2015); Andrews et al. (2016)

ALMA

This talk has been ALMA-centric

- Great progress in the last few years, and many exciting results to come
- Fundamental limitation
 - Sensitivity to small-scale structure in thermal continuum will *always* be larger than to small-scale structure in gas emission lines
 - Weak lines require very good bandpass calibration and very accurate continuum subtraction
 - Inner, densest regions become optically thick in dust continuum at all/many ALMA wavelengths
- Other ways to probe gas in (inner) disks
 - Long-slit spectroscopy
 - MATISSE
 - JWST



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