



Icy pathways to chemical complexity

(i) Simple ices at 10 K

b) **Complex species** 1-10% w.r.t. CH₃OH toward low- and high-(ii) Complex ices? c)mass protostars, outflows and comets (i)AFGL 2591 сн,он H,CS HNCO HCOOCH_ CH_OH H_CS وسيعاليه والمعالم المعالم المعالية والمعالم والمستعلم المعالي والمستعلم المعالي المحالية المحالية المحالية المحالية والمحالية وال www. G24.78 ¹³CH_CN нсоосн. сн_со C_H_CN CH_CN H CS C_H_CN C_H_CN 0C33S 0.5 Bisschop et al. A&A 2007 W 33A (11)240.1 240.2 240.3 240.4 240.5 352.8 352.9 353.0 353.1 353.2 240.0 353.3 Evaporated ices >100 K Rest Frequency (GHz)

A combined Spitzer, ISO, VLT and Keck Legacy

Low mass YSOs (c2d) 54 High mass YSOs 9

Background stars 31

Pontoppidan 2003ab, van Broekhuizen et al. 2005, Boogert et al. 2008, Pontoppidan et al. 2008, Öberg et al. 2008, Reach et al. 2009, Bottinelli et al. 2010

Gibb et al. 2004

Knez et al. 2005, Boogert et al. 2011





XCN vs. OCN-

- \star XCN refers to entire feature
- ★ empirically it consists of two bands
- ★ One band is identified with OCN⁻ from laboratory spectroscopy
- ★ Carrier of second band (2175 cm⁻¹) unknown: OCN⁻ in other ice environment, other XCN ice, CO bound to silicate?



Median ice abundances around protostars

- ★ CO, CO₂, and CH₄ ices are significantly more abundant toward lowmass protostars
- XCN is more abundant toward highmass protostars
- ★ Upper limits important!



Ices before the onset of star formation



Simple ice evolution = prestellar ice evolution

Protostellar ice distributions trace prestellar variability

- ★ CO₂, CH₄ and NH₃
 vary little with respect to H₂O
- ★ CO, CH₃OH and XCN vary by 1-2 orders of magnitude
- ★ Co-formation with H₂O versus later formation?



Not all CO and CO₂ form equal



- ★ CO and CO₂ present in 3-4 unique environments from component analysis
- ★ CO₂:H₂O alone associated with H₂O ice formation
- ★ Most other components well correlated with CO



CO freeze-out as a source of ice chemistry variability



Dramatic CO ice increase toward core center accompanied by CO chemistry. Ice composition depends on source position in cloud!





Icy ions - ionic ices

- ★ OCN⁻: verified
 spectroscopically and
 assignment consistent
 with CO correlations.
 Prestellar formation!
- NH₄+ : most likely carrier of bands in the 6-8 μm region, abundances up to 15%.
- ★ HCOO⁻ : suggested carrier of 7.4 µm band.



Competition between H₂O and CO ice formation? $O \rightarrow O H \rightarrow H_2 O$ $CO+OH \rightarrow CO_2:H_2O$ VS.

 $CO+OH \rightarrow CO_2:CO$

Rob Garrod's poster 3.34: CO₂ formation in quiescent clouds





Protostellar heating II: Complex ice chemistry



Small ice features present that trace complex organics Need Spitzer-type sample with higher spectral resolution to assign carrier



Ices in star forming regions

- ★ Thanks to Spitzer and ISO statistics, typical ice abundances in a range of pre- and proto-stellar sources are known
- ★ Most ice formation does not care about the star: ice variation due to competition between early H₂Odominated ice formation and late CO-driven ice formation
- ★ Protostellar processing segregates, evaporates and allows for radical diffusion required for most complex molecule formation schemes



