Water in Space as seen by ISO

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The Quest for H₂O

- Detected in 1969 by Cheung et al through the maser emission at 22 GHz of the 6₁₆-5₂₃ transition (Eupp=609 K, Aij=1.9 10-9)
- Observed in small regions with peculiar physical conditions (shocks)
- Earth atmosphere blocks almost all millimeter and submillimeter lines of water
- Most interesting lines in the far infrared and in the mid-infrared (bending mode). High Aij's, high energy levels, high frequencies



Water in Orion observed with the 30-m telescope (beam 14"). Cernicharo et al., 1994

ISO capacities for the observation of water

- SWS : high excitation pure rotational lines and the ro-vibrational lines of the stretching and bending modes
- LWS : pure rotational lines
- ISOCAM and LWS : Water Ice

• Main goal in the GT and the open time for many observers

WATER IN WARM REGIONS AROUND HIGH MASS STARS



Water in High Mass Star Forming Regions











The pumping of H_2O is strongly affected by the dust grains absorption/emission.

Radiative transfer models have to include these effects as they become crucial as soon as the dust opacity is ≈ 1 .

González-Alfonso et. al. 1998, ApJ Letters, 502,L169



 ${\rm H_2O}$ absorption-emission at 6 $\mu{\rm m}$ in O-rich CSEs



González-Alfonso et al., 1999



Cernicharo et al., 2006

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Letter to the Editor

Widespread water vapour absorption in SgrB2¹

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Fig. 3. a) and b) Results of model calculations showing the line over continuum flux ratio of four $o-H_2O$ transitions (labelled with their wavelengths) as a function of kinetic temperature. c) Model spectrum for a cloud with an external absorbing shell (see text for details)

Fig. 2. LWS Fabry-Perot observations of the central position of SgrB2. (a) The 2_{12} - 1_{01} and 3_{03} - 2_{12} lines of water at 179.52 and 174.6 μ m, respectively; (b) the 5/2-3/2 and 7/2-3/2 lines of the ${}^{2}\Pi_{3/2}$ state of OH at 119 and 84 μ m; (c) the 2_{12} - 1_{01} H₂¹⁸O line at 181.05 μ m





Cernicharo et al., 2006

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COLD WATER

- FIRST DETECTION OF WATER VAPOR IN COLD DARK CLOUDS WITH ISO !!
- SWAS & ODIN have not detected H₂O towards these objects (only upper limits)





ISO/SWS data on Sgr A*

(Moneti, Cernicharo & Pardo ApJ Letters, 2001)

Low Mass Star Forming Regions





Barlow et al., 1996; Neufeld et al., 1996







Fig. 1.—ISO LWS spectrum of Arp 220, where the most prominent line features are identified (see text). The gray line shows the adopted baseline (continuum level). Wavelengths in this and following figures are rest wavelengths.

H₂O in the Solar System



- First detection of stratospheric H₂O on giant planets and Titan.
- External source of oxygen required.





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Water! Water! Everywhere!





Giant Planets



Circumstellar envelopes



Ultra-luminous galaxy Arp 220





Shocks (Orion)



cold interstellar medium



Now waiting for Herschel!

