

Fresh sublimates detected in a disk in outburst

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Ices in protoplanetary disks are of special interest, since they are reservoirs of volatiles that could be incorporated to planetesimals (cometesimals) and eventually be delivered to planets. Chemical composition of ices in disks is, however, not easy to observe.

We observed a disk around FU ori star V883 Ori using ALMA. Previous work [1] found that the water snow line is located at the radius of ~ 40 au; a warm region is extended compared with typical disks, since the disk is heated via the outburst accretion. The duration of the outburst ($\sim 10^2$ years) in FU ors is much shorter than the chemical timescale of the gas-phase reactions (several 10^4 yrs). We thus expect to detect fresh sublimates, which could tell us the ice composition in the disk prior to outburst.

We detected various COM lines in the disk of V883 Ori. The high spatial resolution data shows that CH₃OH emission is bright and originates in the water sublimation front. It suggests that the COMs we detected are fresh sublimates.

References

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