Using HD to Measure the Gas Mass of a Protoplanetary Disk

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Herschel Space Observatory

- ESA Cornerstone mission covering far-infrared wavelengths 60 670 µm
 - 3.5m diameter telescope passively cooled to 80 K
 - Orbit: Lissajous around L2 very stable
 - 3 instruments:
 - → SPIRE (imaging; FTS R ~ 350-1300)
 - ➡ PACS (imaging; spectrscopy R ~ 1000-5000)
 - \Rightarrow HIFI (heterodyne spectroscopy R > 10⁵)

Protoplanetary Disk Gas Mass

- The disk gas mass is the fundamental quantity that determines whether planets can form and on the primary mechanism for gas giant formation.
- For our solar system we have an estimate of the so called minimum mass of 0.01 M_{\odot}
- BUT we are clearly detecting exo-planetary systems with more massive planets.

Minimum Mass Solar Nebula

By looking at the mass distribution in the solar system, Hayashi (1981) concluded that the protoplanetary disk of our own solar system had to have (at least) the following mass distribution:

$$\Sigma_{\text{gas}} = 1700 \left(\frac{r}{1 \text{AU}}\right)^{-3/2} \text{g/cm}^2$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{solids}} = 7.1 F_{\text{snow}} \left(\frac{r}{1 \text{AU}}\right)^{-3/2} \text{g/cm}^2$$

$$F_{\text{snow}} = \begin{cases} 1, & r < r_{\text{snow}} \\ 4.2, & r > r_{\text{snow}} \end{cases}$$

 F_{snow} is the solid mass enhancement due to freeze-out of water onto the grains. Dullemond

Minimum Mass Solar Nebula



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Minimum Mass Solar Nebula: 0.01 M_☉



Our planets overplotted: $M_{planet}/\pi\Delta R$ Box = planet, cross = estimated rocky core

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Protoplanetary Disk Gas Mass

- For protoplanetary disks it is more complicated
 - H₂ contains all the mass but is unemissive for typical temperatures (20 K) that characterize the disk mass reservoir
- Two proxies are used:
 - thermal emission from dust grains at mm/sub-mm wavelengths (and a gas to dust ratio)
 - thermo-chemical modeling of gas emission, primarily CO and isotopologues (and a CO abundance)



Andrews et al. 2009

• Mass (gas + dust) = $F_v D^2 / \kappa_v B_v [T(r)]$

• at sub-mm wavelengths - Mass $\propto F_{\nu}/\kappa_{\nu}T$

Protoplanetary Disk Gas Mass



Williams and Cieza 201

- at submm wavelengths emission proportional to K (T = Kσ)
- κ = dust mass opacity
- σ = mass column density of grains
- Because of grain growth mass is uncertain - perhaps by a large factor



Draine 2006

Protoplanetary Disk Gas Mass



Thermo-chemical Models

- Models of the coupled disk thermal physics and chemistry
- Include relevant heating, cooling, chemistry as a function of radial and vertical distance
 - dependent on grain physics (and optical properties),
 UV + X-ray radiation field, chemical rates, AND DISK
 MASS
 - predict line emission of a variety of species (CO, ¹³CO, O I, ...)
- Two models of the closest and best studied object -TW Hya - Gorti et al. 2010, Thi et al. 2010











Herschel Detection of HD towards TW Hya

- HD is a million times more emissive than H₂ at T ~ 20 K.
- Atomic D/H ratio inside the local bubble is well characterized (~1.5 x 10⁻⁵)
- HD will follow H₂ in the gas
- New probe of gas mass

Emission is strongly sensitive to gas temperature:

$$M_{gas} \propto \frac{F_l}{x(HD)} D^2 \exp\left(\frac{128.5 K}{T_{gas}}\right)$$

• Does not trace $T_{gas} < 20$ K because J = 1 state is not populated

Deuterium Abundance



from atomic D & H (Friedman et al. 2006) from HD & H₂ (Neufeld et al. 2006)



• Use ALMA observations of optically thick CO to constrain $T_{gas} \sim 30$ K inside of R = 43 AU.

• TW Hya minimum gas mass is > $4 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$ Bergin et al. 2013, Nature, 493, 644







- Thermochemical models with $M_{gas} = 3 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$ -- predict HD line flux a factor of 20 too low
- Thermochemical models with $M_{gas} = 0.06 M_{\odot}$ -- are a factor of 2 below observed HD J = 1-0 emission Bergin et al. 2013, Nature, 493, 644









TW Hya has a massive gas disk
many times MMSN
other systems are underestimated?

Summary

- First detection of HD fundamental transition in a protoplanetary disk
- New estimate of disk gas mass in TW Hya from HD detection implies mass is greater than the minimum mass solar nebula.
- Current survey of 5 systems -- no other HD detections.
 - → other objects at greater distance and lower sensitivity
 - ⇒ also did not discuss midplane optical depth
- Future -- detection is right at limit for SOFIA (AND requires southern deployment).
- BUT current RX is not near the quantum limit -- much more room for hope.