

Water in Star Forming Regions

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High spectral resolution observations of multiple transitions of water from disks around protostellar disks should provide a significant breakthrough in our understanding of this phase of the star formation process. Some preliminary results from a numerical model treating the radiative transfer of water in some simple disk models will be presented and implications for the FIRST mission will be discussed.