The chemistry of disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars

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ABSTRACT

Context. Infrared and (sub-)millimeter observations of disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars point to a chemical differentiation, with a lower detection rate of molecules in disks around hotter stars.

Aims. We aim to investigate the underlying causes of the chemical differentiation indicated by observations and perform a comparative study of the chemistry of T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks. This is one of the first studies to compare the chemistry in the outer regions of these two types of disk.

Methods. We developed a model to compute the chemical composition of a generic protoplanetary disk, with particular attention to the photochemistry, and applied it to a T Tauri and a Herbig Ae/Be disk. We compiled cross sections and computed photodissociation and photoionization rates at each location in the disk by solving the far-ultraviolet (FUV) radiative transfer in a 1+1D approach using the Meudon PDR code and adopting observed stellar spectra.

Results. The warmer disk temperatures and higher ultraviolet flux of Herbig stars compared to T Tauri stars induce some differences in the disk chemistry. In the hot inner regions, H₂O, and simple organic molecules like C₂H₂, HCN, and CH₄ are predicted to be very abundant in T Tauri disks and even more in Herbig Ae/Be disks, in contrast with infrared observations that find a much lower detection rate of water and simple organics toward disks around hotter stars. In the outer regions, the model indicates that the molecules typically observed in disks, like HCN, CN, C₂H, H₂CO, CS, SO, and HCO⁺, do not have drastic abundance differences between T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks. Some species produced under the action of photochemistry, like C₂H and CN, are predicted to have slightly lower abundances around Herbig Ae stars due to a narrowing of the photochemically active layer. Observations indeed suggest that these radicals are somewhat less abundant in Herbig Ae disks, although in any case, the inferred abundance differences are small, of a factor of a few at most. A clear chemical differentiation between both types of disks concerns ices. Owing to the warmer temperatures of Herbig Ae disks, one expects snow lines lying farther away from the star and a lower mass of ices compared to T Tauri disks.

Conclusions. The global chemical behavior of T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks is quite similar. The main differences are driven by the warmer temperatures of the latter, which result in a larger reservoir of water and simple organics in the inner regions and a lower mass of ices in the outer disk.

Key words. astrochemistry – molecular processes – protoplanetary disks – stars: variables: T Tauri, Herbig Ae/Be

1. Introduction

Circumstellar disks around young stars, the so-called protoplanetary disks, are an important link in the evolution from molecular clouds to planetary systems. These disks allow feeding of the young star with matter and provide the scenario in which planets form. The study of the physical and chemical conditions of these objects is thus of paramount importance to understanding how planets form and the types of material incorporated. Protoplanetary disks are mainly composed of molecular gas and dust. The last two decades have seen significant progress in the study of their chemical composition thanks to astronomical observations at wavelengths from the millimeter to the ultraviolet (UV) domains.

Observations with ground-based millimeter and sub-millimeter telescopes such as the 30 m antenna of the Institut de Radioastronomie Millimétrique (IRAM), the *James Clerk Maxwell* Telescope (JCMT), and the APEX 12 m telescope, which are sensitive to the outer cool regions of disks, have provided information on the presence of various gaseous molecules such as CO, HCO⁺, H₂CO, C₂H, HCN, HNC, CN, CS, and SO

(Dutrey et al. 1997; Kastner et al. 1997, 2014; van Zadelhoff et al. 2001; Thi et al. 2004; Fuente et al. 2010; Guilloteau et al. 2013, 2016; Pacheco-Vázquez et al. 2015). Interferometers that operate at (sub-)millimeter wavelengths such as the OVRO millimeter array, the IRAM array at Plateau de Bure (PdBI, now known as NOEMA), and the Submillimeter Array (SMA) have also permitted sensitive observations leading to the detection of new molecules such as N₂H⁺ and HC₃N, and to obtain maps of the emission distribution of some molecules with angular resolutions down to a few arcseconds (Qi et al. 2003, 2008, 2013a; Dutrey et al. 2007, 2011; Piétu et al. 2007; Schreyer et al. 2008; Henning et al. 2010; Öberg et al. 2010, 2011; Chapillon et al. 2012a,b; Fuente et al. 2012; Graninger et al. 2015; Teague et al. 2015; Pacheco-Vázquez et al. 2016). In recent years, the advent of the Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA) has made it possible to characterize the molecular content of protoplanetary disks with unprecedented sensitivity and angular resolution (down to sub-arcsecond scales). For example, thanks to ALMA, it has been possible to detect new molecules such as cyclic C₃H₂ (Qi et al. 2013b; Bergin et al. 2016), CH₃CN (Öberg et al. 2015), and CH₃OH (Walsh et al. 2016), and to image the CO snowline

in a few disks (Mathews et al. 2013; Qi et al. 2013c, 2015; Schwarz et al. 2016; Zhang et al. 2017). Infrared (IR) observations using space telescopes such as *Spitzer* and ground-based facilities, such as the Very Large Telescope (VLT) and the Keck Observatory telescopes have provided a view of the molecular content of the very inner regions of protoplanetary disks, where absorption and emission lines from molecules, such as CO, CO₂, H₂O, OH, HCN, C₂H₂, and CH₄ have been routinely observed (Lahuis et al. 2006; Gibb et al. 2007; Salyk et al. 2007, 2008, 2011; Carr & Najita 2008, 2011, 2014; Pontoppidan et al. 2010a,b; Najita et al. 2010, 2013; Kruger et al. 2011; Doppmann et al. 2011; Fedele et al. 2011; Mandell et al. 2012; Bast et al. 2013; Gibb & Horne 2013; Sargent et al. 2014; Banzatti et al. 2017). The launch of the *Herschel* Space Observatory was also very helpful to investigate the chemical content at far-IR wavelengths, with the detection of molecules, such as CH⁺ (Thi et al. 2011) and NH₃ (Salinas et al. 2016), and the exhaustive characterization of H₂O and OH from the inner to the outer regions (Hogerheijde et al. 2011; Riviere-Marichalar et al. 2012; Meeus et al. 2012; Fedele et al. 2012, 2013; Podio et al. 2013). Probing the molecular gas in the inner regions of disks through the most abundant molecule, H₂, has also been possible thanks to observations at UV wavelengths using the *Hubble* Space Telescope (Ingleby et al. 2009; France et al. 2012).

On the theoretical side, the chemical structure of protoplanetary disks has also been widely studied during the last two decades. Early models focused on the one dimensional radial structure of disks along the midplane (Aikawa et al. 1996, 1997, 1999; Willacy et al. 1998; Aikawa & Herbst 1999a), although it was later recognized that the chemical composition also presents an important stratification along the vertical direction, with a structure consisting of three main layers: the cold midplane where molecules are mostly condensed as ices on dust grains, a warm upper layer where a rich chemistry takes place, and the uppermost surface layer where photochemistry driven by stellar and interstellar far-ultraviolet (FUV) photons regulates the chemical composition (Aikawa & Herbst 1999b, 2001; Willacy & Langer 2000; Aikawa et al. 2002). In recent years there has been an interest in identifying the main processes that affect the abundance and distribution of molecules in protoplanetary disks. A large number of studies have addressed in detail the role of processes, such as the interaction with FUV and X-ray radiation (Willacy & Langer 2000; Markwick et al. 2002; Bergin et al. 2003; Ilgner & Nelson 2006a; Agúndez et al. 2008; Walsh et al. 2010, 2012; Aresu et al. 2011; Fogel et al. 2011), the interplay between the thermal and chemical structure (Glassgold et al. 2004; Woitke et al. 2009), turbulent mixing and other transport processes (Ilgner et al. 2004; Semenov et al. 2006, 2011; Ilgner & Nelson 2006b; Willacy et al. 2006; Aikawa 2007; Heitzler et al. 2011), and the evolution of dust grains as they grow by coagulation and settle onto the midplane regions (Aikawa & Nomura 2006; Fogel et al. 2011; Akimkin et al. 2013). Some studies have investigated the impact of using different chemical networks (Semenov et al. 2004; Ilgner & Nelson 2006c; Kamp et al. 2017) and the sensitivity to uncertainties in the rate constants of chemical reactions (Vasyunin et al. 2008). Various specific aspects of the chemistry of protoplanetary disks have also been addressed in detail, such as deuterium fractionation (Willacy 2007; Willacy & Woods 2009; Thi et al. 2010; Furuya et al. 2013; Yang et al. 2013; Albertsson et al. 2014), the formation and survival of water vapor (Dominik et al. 2005; Glassgold et al. 2009; Bethell & Bergin 2009; Du & Bergin 2014), and the formation of particular species such as benzene

(Woods & Willacy 2007) and complex organic molecules (Walsh et al. 2014).

Overall, protoplanetary disks are complex systems where many different processes govern the chemical composition: for example, gas phase chemistry, interaction with stellar and interstellar FUV photons, transport processes, adsorption, and desorption from dust grains, chemical reactions on grain surfaces, and grain evolution (see reviews by Bergin et al. 2007; Henning & Semenov 2013; Dutrey et al. 2014; Pontoppidan et al. 2014).

Disks are commonly found around young low-mass (T Tauri) and intermediate-mass (Herbig Ae/Be) stars, which have quite different masses and effective temperatures, and thus can affect the disk chemical composition differently. For example, Herbig Ae/Be stars have a higher UV flux and disks around them are warmer than around T Tauri stars. Indeed, T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks have been extensively observed from millimeter to IR wavelengths and it has been found that the detection rate of molecules (e.g., H₂O, C₂H₂, HCN, CH₄, CO₂, H₂CO, C₂H, and N₂H⁺) is strikingly lower toward Herbig Ae disks than toward disks around T Tauri stars (Mandell et al. 2008; Schreyer et al. 2008; Pontoppidan et al. 2010a; Öberg et al. 2010, 2011; Fedele et al. 2011, 2012, 2013; Salyk et al. 2011; Riviere-Marichalar et al. 2012; Meeus et al. 2012; Guilloteau et al. 2016; Banzatti et al. 2017). This fact may indicate that there is a marked chemical differentiation between these two types of disk. Most theoretical studies on the chemistry of protoplanetary disks have focused on disks around T Tauri-like stars, and only a few have studied Herbig Ae/Be disks (e.g., Jonkheid et al. 2007). Here we present a comparative study in which we investigate the two-dimensional (2D) distribution of molecules in disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars. In a recent study, Walsh et al. (2015) investigated the differences in the chemical composition between disks around stars of different spectral type, focusing on the inner disk regions. In the present study, we make a thorough investigation of the main chemical differences and similarities between T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks from the inner to the outer disk regions, which to our knowledge has not been investigated in detail. We are particularly concerned with a detailed treatment of the photochemistry and with the impact of the FUV illumination from these two types of stars on the chemical composition of the disk. To this purpose we have implemented the Meudon PDR code in the disk model to compute photodestruction rates at each location in the disk in a 1+1D approach. We adopted FUV stellar spectra coming from observations of representative T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars. In Sect. 2 we present in detail our physical and chemical disk model, with particular emphasis on the photochemistry (further described in Appendices A and B). In Sect. 3 we present the resulting abundance distributions of important families of molecules for our T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disk models and compare them with results from observations. In Sect. 4 we analyze the influence on the chemistry of the stellar spectra and the method used to compute photodestruction rates, and we summarize the main conclusions found in this work in Sect. 5.

2. The disk model

We consider a passively irradiated disk in steady state around a T Tauri or Herbig Ae/Be star. We solve the thermal and chemical structure of the disk using a procedure which can be summarized as follows. We first solve the dust temperature distribution

Table 1. Model parameters.

Parameter	Value/Source
Disk	
Disk mass (M_{disk})	0.01 $M_{\odot}$
Inner disk radius (R_{in})	0.5 au
Outer disk radius (R_{out})	500 au
Radial surface density power index (ϵ)	1.0 [†]
Gas-to-dust mass ratio (ρ_g/ρ_d)	100
Dust composition	70% silicate 30% graphite
Minimum dust grain radius (a_{min})	0.001 μm
Maximum dust grain radius (a_{max})	1 μm
Dust size distribution power index (β)	3.5
Interstellar radiation field	Draine (1978)
Cosmic-ray ionization rate of H_2 (ζ)	$5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1}$
T Tauri star	
Stellar mass (M_*)	0.5 $M_{\odot}$
Stellar radius (R_*)	2 $R_{\odot}$
Stellar effective temperature (T_*)	4000 K
Herbig Ae/Be star	
Stellar mass (M_*)	2.5 $M_{\odot}$
Stellar radius (R_*)	2.5 $R_{\odot}$
Stellar effective temperature (T_*)	10 000 K

Notes. [†] $\epsilon = -12$ at $r < R_{\text{in}}$.

in the disk using the RADMC code (Dullemond & Dominik 2004). We assume that gas and dust are thermally coupled except for the surface layers of the disk where we estimate the gas kinetic temperature following Kamp & Dullemond (2004). We then solve the radiative transfer of interstellar FUV photons along the vertical direction and of stellar FUV photons along the direction from the star using the Meudon PDR code (Le Petit et al. 2006) to get the photodissociation and photoionization rates of the different species at each disk location. We finally solve the chemical composition at each location in the disk as a function of time including gas phase chemical reactions, processes induced by FUV photons and cosmic rays, and interactions of gas particles with dust grains (adsorption and desorption processes).

2.1. Physical model

We adopt a fiducial model of disk representative of objects commonly found around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars (see parameters in Table 1). The disk extends between an inner radius R_{in} of 0.5 au and an outer radius R_{out} of 500 au from the star and has a mass M_{disk} of 0.01 $M_{\odot}$. We consider that the radial distribution of the surface density Σ is given by a power law of the type

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_0 (r/r_0)^{-\epsilon}, \quad (1)$$

where Σ_0 is the surface density at a reference radius r_0 and the exponent ϵ is chosen to be 1.0 between R_{in} and R_{out} . To avoid the abrupt disappearance of the disk at the inner radius we set ϵ to -12 at $r < R_{\text{in}}$, which results in a soft continuation of the disk at the inner regions.

We consider that dust is present in the disk with a uniform abundance and size distribution, i.e., they do not vary with radius or height over midplane. We adopt a gas-to-dust mass ratio of 100 and consider spherical grains typically present in the interstellar medium, that is, with the composition being a mixture of 70% of silicate and 30% of graphite (with optical properties taken from

Draine & Lee 1984; Laor & Draine 1993; Weingartner & Draine 2001), and the size distribution being given by the power law

$$n(a) \propto a^{-\beta}, \quad (2)$$

where $n(a)$ is the number of grains of radius a , the minimum and maximum grain radius a_{min} and a_{max} are 0.001 and 1 μm , and the exponent β takes a value of 3.5 according to Mathis et al. (1977).

As stellar parameters we adopt typical values of T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars. The T Tauri star is assumed to have a mass M_* of 0.5 $M_{\odot}$, a radius R_* of 2 $R_{\odot}$, and an effective temperature T_* of ~ 4000 K, typical values of T Tauri stars of spectral type M0-K7 in Taurus (Kenyon & Hartmann 1995). In the case of the star of type Herbig Ae/Be we adopt a mass of 2.5 $M_{\odot}$, a radius of 2.5 $R_{\odot}$, and an effective temperature of $\sim 10\,000$ K, typical values of early Ae and late Be stars (e.g., Martin-Zaïdi et al. 2008; Montesinos et al. 2009).

2.1.1. Stellar and interstellar FUV spectra

The irradiation from the central star is of great importance for the disk because it dominates the heating of gas and dust. The stellar and interstellar spectra at FUV wavelengths are also of prime importance because they control the photochemistry that takes place in the disk surface.

The FUV component of the interstellar radiation field (ISRF) adopted here is given by

$$I_{\lambda} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{6.3622 \times 10^7}{\lambda^4} - \frac{1.0238 \times 10^{11}}{\lambda^5} + \frac{4.0813 \times 10^{13}}{\lambda^6} \right), \quad (3)$$

where λ is the wavelength in $\text{\AA}$, I_{λ} is the specific intensity in units of $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{\AA}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$, and the expression has been obtained by fitting to the radiation field given by Draine (1978). The expression in Eq. (3) is similar to that given by Le Petit et al. (2006), except for an erratum in their first term. The ISRF given by Eq. (3) is complemented with another component that accounts for the emission at longer wavelengths (from ~ 2000 $\text{\AA}$ to the near IR), for which we adopt the radiation field given by Mathis et al. (1983) in the form of a combination of three diluted black bodies

$$I_{\lambda} = 1.05 \times 10^{-14} B_{\lambda}(7127\text{K}) + 1.28 \times 10^{-13} B_{\lambda}(4043\text{K}) + 3.30 \times 10^{-13} B_{\lambda}(2930\text{K}), \quad (4)$$

where $B_{\lambda}(T)$ is the Planck law at temperature T .

Concerning stellar spectra, in the case of the T Tauri star we adopt as a proxy of the stellar spectrum that of TW Hya, which consists of observations with the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer (FUSE) in the 900–1150 $\text{\AA}$ wavelength range (data from program C0670102) and *Hubble* STIS observations in the 1150–3150 $\text{\AA}$ range (Herczeg et al. 2002; Bergin et al. 2003). The intrinsic stellar brightness is calculated adopting a distance to the star of 51 pc (Mamajek 2005), a stellar radius of 1 $R_{\odot}$ (Webb et al. 1999), and a negligible interstellar reddening (Bergin et al. 2003). At wavelengths longer than 3150 $\text{\AA}$ we use a Kurucz model spectrum (Castelli & Kurucz 2004)¹ with an effective temperature of 4000 K, a surface gravity of $10^{1.5} \text{ cm s}^{-2}$, and solar metallicity, scaled to match the flux of TW Hya around 3150 $\text{\AA}$. The resulting spectrum is similar to that presented by France et al. (2014) in the 1150–1750 $\text{\AA}$ wavelength

¹ <http://wwwuser.oats.inaf.it/castelli>

Fig. 1. Stellar FUV flux at 1 au of the T Tauri star (emitting as TW Hya and as a 4000 K blackbody) and of the Herbig Ae/Be star (emitting as AB Aurigae and as a 10 000 K blackbody).

range, although their continuum level is about twice below our adopted spectrum. In the case of the star of type Herbig Ae/Be we use as a proxy the FUV spectrum of AB Aurigae, which consists of observations taken with FUSE in the 900–1190 Å wavelength range (data from program P2190301) and with *Hubble* STIS in the 1190–1710 Å range (Roberge et al. 2001; Ayres 2010). The intrinsic brightness of AB Aurigae is calculated adopting a distance to the star of 144 pc, a stellar radius of $2.41 R_{\odot}$, and an interstellar extinction of 0.48 mag (Martin-Zañdi et al. 2008). For the correction due to extinction we use the method and coefficients of Fitzpatrick & Massa (2007). Longwards of 1710 Å we use a Kurucz spectrum (Castelli & Kurucz 2004) with an effective temperature of 9750 K (close to that of AB Aurigae), a surface gravity of $10^{2.0} \text{ cm s}^{-2}$, and solar metallicity.

The FUV spectra adopted for the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars are shown in Fig. 1, where we also compare with spectra corresponding to blackbodies at the temperatures of the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars, 4000 and 10 000 K, respectively. It is seen that AB Aurigae outshines the FUV flux of TW Hya by 2–3 orders of magnitude due to the much higher effective temperature. However, T Tauri stars usually have an important FUV excess and may become very bright in lines such as Ly α (at 1215.67 Å). It is worth noting that TW Hya is brighter than AB Aurigae in the Ly α line and that in TW Hya the fraction of flux emitted in Ly α is about 30% of the total flux emitted in the 910–2400 Å wavelength range. We also note that while the FUV spectra of AB Aurigae is similar to that of a 10 000 K blackbody, a 4000 K blackbody is a bad approximation for a T Tauri star as it completely misses the FUV excess. As is discussed in Sect. 4, this has important consequences for the chemistry of the disk.

2.1.2. Dust and gas temperature

Given the input parameters characteristic of the star (M_* , R_* , and stellar spectrum), the radial distribution of surface density in the disk given by Eq. (1), the dust-to-gas mass ratio, and the dust properties, we solve for the 2D distribution of the dust temperature in the disk using the RADMC code (Dullemond & Dominik 2004)². RADMC is a 2D Monte Carlo code that solves the dust continuum radiative transfer in circumstellar disks and yields the

dust temperature as a function of radius r and height z over the midplane. The vertical distribution of the volume density of particles $n(z)$ is assumed to be given by hydrostatic equilibrium as

$$\frac{dn(z)}{n(z)} = -\frac{\mu G M_*}{k T_d(z)} \frac{z}{(z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} dz, \quad (5)$$

where μ is the mean mass of particles, G the gravitational constant, k the Boltzmann constant, and $T_d(z)$ is the vertical distribution of dust temperature. We proceed iteratively to find $n(z)$ at each radius r according to Eq. (5) and consistently with the vertical distribution of dust temperature $T_d(z)$ computed at each radius r .

We assume that gas and dust are thermally coupled, that is, that gas and dust temperatures are equal, except for the disk surface. Models dealing with the computation of the gas temperature in protoplanetary disks find that the thermal coupling of gas and dust is a good approximation over most of the disk and that this assumption breaks down at the surface layers of the disk, where the visual extinction A_V in the vertical outward direction becomes lower than ~ 1 (Kamp & Dullemond 2004; Woitke et al. 2009; Walsh et al. 2010). In these surface layers the gas can be much warmer than dust grains. In order to take this into account we use the following approximation for the gas temperature. We assume that the gas temperature is equal to the dust temperature in those regions where A_V in the vertical outward direction is higher than 1. Following the study by Kamp & Dullemond (2004), we assume that in the uppermost regions of the disk, where $A_V < 0.01$, the gas temperature is equal to the evaporation temperature of a hydrogen atom, calculated as the temperature at which the most probable speed of particles equals the escape velocity from the disk, that is,

$$T_{\text{evap}} = \frac{G M_* m_H}{k r}, \quad (6)$$

where m_H is the mass of a hydrogen atom. Finally, at regions intermediate between $A_V = 1$ and $A_V = 0.01$ we approximate the gas temperature through a linear interpolation with height. In Fig. 2 we show the 2D distributions of the volume density of particles and of the gas and dust temperatures calculated for the disks around the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars. The flared shape, which is apparent in both disks, is more prominent in the T Tauri disk owing to the lower gravity of the star. The most significant difference between the physical structure of both disks is that the disk around the Herbig Ae/Be star is significantly warmer than the disk around the T Tauri star because of the higher stellar irradiation of the former.

2.2. Chemical model

Once the physical structure of the disk (temperature of gas and dust and volume density of particles) is calculated at steady state, we solve for the temporal evolution of the chemical composition at each location in the disk. Since transport processes are neglected, each location in the disk evolves independently of other disk regions. We solve the chemical composition as a function of time up to 1 Myr, which is of the order of the typical ages of protoplanetary disks, for a grid consisting of 50 radii (logarithmically spaced from R_{in} to R_{out}) and 200 heights (generated specifically for each radius to properly sample the different regimes of A_V in the vertical direction). The chemical network includes 252 species (97 neutral species, 133 positive ions plus the negative ion H^- and free electrons, and 20 ice molecules) involving the elements H, He, C, N, O, S, Cl, and F.

² <http://www.ita.uni-heidelberg.de/~dullemond/software/radmc/>

Fig. 2. Calculated volume density of H nuclei (*top panel*), gas temperature (*middle panel*), and dust temperature (*bottom panel*) as a function of radius r and height over radius z/r for the T Tauri (*left panel*) and Herbig Ae/Be (*right panel*) disks. The dashed lines indicate the location where A_V in the outward vertical direction takes values of 0.01 and 1.

Atoms of Si, P, Fe, Na, and Mg are also included because their ionized forms are important in controlling the degree of ionization in certain disk regions. We adopt an initial chemical composition calculated with a pseudo-time-dependent chemical model (where the chemical evolution is solved under fixed physical conditions) of a cold dense cloud with standard parameters (density of H nuclei of $2 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, temperature of 10 K, visual extinction of 10 mag, and cosmic-ray ionization rate of H_2 of $5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1}$) at a time of 0.1 Myr. The elemental abundances adopted, based on the so-called “low metal” case (e.g., [Graedel et al. 1982](#); [Lee et al. 1998](#)), are listed in Table 3 of [Agúndez & Wakelam 2013](#). The chemical network comprises 5533 processes including gas phase chemical reactions, cosmic-ray induced processes, photodissociations and photoionizations due to stellar and interstellar FUV photons, and exchange

processes between the gas and ice mantle phases (adsorption and desorption). At this stage, the model does not include X-ray-induced processes and grain-surface reactions, except for the formation of H_2 . X-rays may be an important source of chemical differentiation between disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars because the former are more important X-ray emitters (see, e.g., [Telleschi et al. 2007](#)). Moreover, winds and magnetic fields in actively accreting T Tauri systems may lead to cosmic-ray exclusion meaning that ionization in the disk can be dominated by X-rays rather than cosmic rays ([Cleeves et al. 2015](#)). Therefore, it will be interesting to study the impact of X-rays on the chemistry of the two types of disks in the future. In any case, previous chemical models of T Tauri disks have found that the gas-phase chemistry is not greatly affected by X-rays. The species whose abundance is most affected are, according to

Aresu et al. (2011), the ions present in the disk surface OH^+ , H_2O^+ , H_3O^+ , and N^+ , while Walsh et al. (2012) find that N_2H^+ is the most sensitive species to X-rays. We however note that the models of Aresu et al. (2011) and Walsh et al. (2012) did not consider cosmic-ray exclusion, unlike the study of Cleeves et al. (2015). Chemical reactions occurring on the surface of dust grains are likely to have an effect on the chemical composition of cool midplane regions, especially regarding complex organic molecules (Walsh et al. 2014), although the distribution of abundant molecules and the main chemical patterns in the disk are probably not greatly affected by such processes. We also plan to investigate this particular aspect in the future.

2.2.1. Gas phase chemical reactions

The vast majority of gas-phase chemical reactions included can be grouped into two main categories: ion–neutral reactions and neutral–neutral reactions. The subset of ion–neutral reactions has been constructed based on databases originally devoted to the study of the chemistry of cold interstellar clouds, such as the UMIST database for astrochemistry (Woodall et al. 2007; McElroy et al. 2013)³ and the Ohio State University (OSU) database, formerly maintained by E. Herbst and currently integrated into the Kinetic Database for Astrochemistry (KIDA; Wakelam et al. 2012, 2015)⁴. Rate constants of ion–neutral reactions have been taken from the previous databases and from the literature on chemical kinetics. In particular, a large part of the rate constants has been revised according to the compilation by Anicich (2003)⁵. The chemical kinetics of exothermic ion–neutral reactions is rather simple because in most cases the kinetics is dominated by long range electrostatic forces. In the case of reactions in which the neutral species is nonpolar the theory indicates that the rate constant is independent of temperature and is given by the Langevin value. If the neutral species has an electric dipole moment the expression found by Su & Chesnavich (1982) can be used to evaluate the rate constant and its dependence with temperature (Maergoiz et al. 2009; see more details in Wakelam et al. 2010). For ion–nonpolar reactions for which there is no experimental data, the rate constant has been approximated as the Langevin value. In the case of ion–polar reactions, we have used the Su-Chesnavich approach to evaluate the rate constant of reactions not studied experimentally and to obtain the temperature dependence of the rate constant of reactions which has only been characterized at one single temperature, usually around 300 K.

The part of the chemical network involving ions also includes dissociative recombinations of positive ions with electrons and radiative recombinations between cations and electrons. The set of reactions and associated rate constants have mainly been taken from databases such as UMIST (Woodall et al. 2007; McElroy et al. 2013) and KIDA (Wakelam et al. 2012, 2015). Information on the chemical kinetics of dissociative recombinations has largely benefited from experiments carried out with ion storage rings (Florescu-Mitchell & Mitchell 2006; Geppert & Lason 2008).

The subset of neutral–neutral reactions has been constructed from chemical kinetics databases, such as the one by NIST (Manion et al. 2013)⁶, databases devoted to the study of interstellar chemistry, such as UMIST (Woodall et al. 2007; McElroy

et al. 2013) and KIDA (Wakelam et al. 2012, 2015), compilations for application in atmospheric chemistry, such as the evaluations by IUPAC (Atkinson et al. 2004, 2006)⁷ and JPL (Sander et al. 2011)⁸, and compilations for use in combustion chemistry, such as the IUPAC evaluation by Baulch et al. (2005) and the Leeds methane oxidation mechanism (Hughes et al. 2001) or the mechanism by Konnov (2000). A good number of reaction rate constants have been taken from specific experimental and theoretical studies found in the literature on chemical kinetics. For example, we have included the numerous measurements at low and ultra-low temperatures carried out with the CRESU apparatus (Smith et al. 2006). It is important to note that some regions of protoplanetary disks may have temperatures up to some thousands of degrees Kelvin and therefore it is necessary to include reactions that become fast at high temperatures, i.e., reactions which are endothermic and/or have activation barriers. Chemical kinetics data for such reactions are to a large extent based on chemical networks used in previous chemical models of warm gas in protoplanetary nebulae (Cernicharo 2004) and inner regions of protoplanetary disks (Agúndez et al. 2008), whose original sources of data are mainly the combustion chemistry databases listed above. A similar high-temperature chemical network was also used by Harada et al. (2010) to model the chemistry of active galactic nuclei (AGNs). We also include three-body reactions and their reverse process (thermal dissociation) with H_2 , He, and H acting as third body. Three-body reactions become important at densities above $\sim 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, values that are reached in the innermost midplane regions of protoplanetary disks, while thermal dissociations become important at high temperatures. We use an expanded version of the set of three-body reactions and thermal dissociations compiled by Agúndez & Cernicharo (2006). An important aspect of the neutral–neutral subset of reactions is that for many of the endothermic reactions for which chemical kinetics data are not available the rate constants have been calculated through detailed balance from the rate constant of the reverse exothermic reaction and the thermochemical properties of the species involved. Thermochemical data in the form of NASA polynomial coefficients (McBride et al. (2002) have been obtained from compilations like those by Konnov (2000) and Burcat & Ruscic (2005)⁹.

2.2.2. Cosmic-ray-induced processes

The processes induced by cosmic rays also play an important role in the chemistry of protoplanetary disks. We include the direct ionization of H_2 and atoms by cosmic-ray impact, together with photoprocesses induced by secondary electrons produced in the direct ionization of H_2 , the so-called Prasad–Tarafdar mechanism (Prasad & Tarafdar 1983; Gredel et al. 1989). The rates of these processes are expressed in terms of the cosmic-ray ionization rate of H_2 (ζ), for which we adopt a value of $5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (see Table 1), and are taken from astrochemical databases such as UMIST (Woodall et al. 2007; McElroy et al. 2013) and KIDA (Wakelam et al. 2012, 2015).

2.2.3. Photoprocesses

Photodissociation and photoionization processes caused by stellar and interstellar FUV photons are a key aspect of the chemistry of protoplanetary disks as they control the chemical composition of the surface layers, from where much of the molecular

³ <http://udfa.ajmarkwick.net>

⁴ <http://kida.obs.u-bordeaux1.fr>

⁵ <http://trs.jpl.nasa.gov/handle/2014/7981>

⁶ <http://kinetics.nist.gov>

⁷ <http://iupac.pole-ether.fr/>

⁸ <http://jpldataeval.jpl.nasa.gov/>

⁹ <http://burcat.technion.ac.il/dir>

emission arises. In order to treat these processes in detail we have used the Meudon PDR code (Le Petit et al. 2006; Goicoechea & Le Bourlot 2007; González García et al. 2008)¹⁰, where PDR stands for photodissociation region, to compute the photodissociation and photoionization rates of various important species at each location in the disk. We use version 1.4 of the Meudon PDR code, with some practical modifications to make it more versatile and integrate it into the protoplanetary disk model. The Meudon PDR code solves the FUV radiative transfer in one dimension for a plane-parallel cloud illuminated on one side by a FUV source. In protoplanetary disks, the geometry involves two dimensions (radial and vertical) and there are two different FUV sources, the star illuminating from the central position and the interstellar radiation field illuminating isotropically from outside the disk. We thus adopt a 1+1D approach. On the one hand we solve the radiative transfer of FUV interstellar radiation as it propagates from outside the disk to the midplane along a series of vertical directions located at the different radii of the grid described in Sect. 2.2. On the other hand we solve the radiative transfer of FUV stellar radiation as it travels from the star through the disk along a series of directions given by a grid of 200 angles from the midplane (covering the range from 0° to almost 90°). The Meudon PDR code assumes that stellar photons arrive from a direction perpendicular to the plane-parallel surface of the cloud. In disks, the star may illuminate the disk with small grazing angles, in particular in the inner regions where the flaring shape of the disk is less marked. It is thus likely that when computing the FUV energy density along the different directions from the star, at low penetration depths the Meudon PDR code underestimates the contribution of FUV photons scattered by dust from nearby regions around the disk surface. However, it is not straightforward to properly correct by this geometrical effect without moving to 2D and therefore we do not apply any specific correction for it here.

In summary, once the physical structure of the disk is calculated at steady state (using the RADMC code as described in Sect. 2.1) and prior to the computation of the temporal evolution of the chemical composition, we use the Meudon PDR code to evaluate the photodissociation and photoionization rates at each location in the disk by calculating the FUV flux as a function of wavelength due to stellar and interstellar radiation and using the relevant wavelength-dependent cross sections. Our approach to treat photochemistry is thus different from other state-of-the-art chemical models of protoplanetary disks in which the FUV radiative transfer is solved in 2D but only in a few broad spectral bands (e.g., Woitke et al. 2016) and it is in essence more similar to the series of models by Walsh et al. (2012, 2014, 2015).

We have compiled cross sections for 29 molecules and 8 atoms (see Appendix A). The photodissociation rate of H₂ and CO are computed by solving the excitation and the line-by-line radiative transfer taking into account self and mutual shielding effects. In the case of photoprocesses for which cross section data is not available we have approximated the rate using a parametric expression in which the rate Γ , in units of s⁻¹, is expressed as a function of the visual extinction A_V as

$$\Gamma = \chi \alpha \exp(-\gamma A_V), \quad (7)$$

where χ is the FUV¹¹ energy density with respect to that of the ISRF of Draine (1978), α is the rate under a given unattenuated radiation field with $\chi = 1$, and the coefficient γ controls the

¹⁰ <http://ism.obspm.fr>

¹¹ The FUV is chosen to cover the wavelength range from the Lyman cutoff at 911.776 Å to the limit of the Habing field at 2400 Å.

Fig. 3. Contribution of the stellar (solid lines) and interstellar (dashed lines) FUV fields to the photodissociation rates of various molecules as a function of the height over radius (z/r) at 1 au and 100 au in the T Tauri (upper panel) and Herbig Ae/Be (lower panel) disks.

decrease in the rate with increasing visual extinction. The coefficients α and γ are specific of each photoprocess and depend also on the spectral shape of the FUV field. Values of α and γ corresponding to the ISRF have been taken from the databases such as the UMIST database for astrochemistry (Woodall et al. 2007; McElroy et al. 2013) and the OSU and KIDA databases (Wakelam et al. 2012, 2015), as well as from the compilation by van Dishoeck et al. (2006), recently revised by Heays et al. (2017).

In Fig. 3 we show the contribution of the stellar and interstellar radiation fields to the photodissociation rate of various molecules as a function of height over the disk midplane. This is shown at two radial distances from the star (1 au and 100 au) for the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks. We see that in the uppermost regions of the disk, photoprocesses are clearly dominated by the stellar radiation field. However, as we go deeper into the disk, at some point the contribution of the ISRF becomes more important than the stellar one because of the more marked increase of the visual extinction against stellar light than against interstellar photons. Therefore, depending on the location in the disk, photodestruction can be driven by the ISRF or by the star.

2.2.4. Reactions with vibrationally excited H₂

At the disk surface, the gas is strongly illuminated by FUV photons and vibrationally excited states of molecular hydrogen are easily populated through FUV fluorescence. Since the reactivity of H₂ can be quite different when it is in the ground or in excited vibrational states – the internal energy of H₂ can be used to overcome or diminish endothermicities or activation barriers which are present when H₂ is in its ground vibrational

state – we have included a few reactions of H_2 with specific rate constants for each vibrational state. Specifically, we have included the reactions of H_2 with C^+ (important in the formation of CH^+), He^+ , O , OH , and CN , with the rate constant expressions compiled by Agúndez et al. (2010), and the reaction of H_2 and S^+ , which may be important in the synthesis of the ion SH^+ , with the rate constant expressions calculated by Zanchet et al. (2013). The populations of the different vibrational states of H_2 are computed at each location in the disk with the Meudon PDR code.

2.2.5. Adsorption processes

The adsorption of gas species onto the surface of dust grains is treated in a rather simple and standard way. The adsorption rate of a gas species i , in units of s^{-1} , is given by

$$R_i^{\text{ads}} = \alpha_i v_i \langle \sigma_d n_d \rangle, \quad (8)$$

where α_i and v_i are the sticking coefficient and thermal velocity of each gas species i . The sticking coefficient is assumed to be 1 for all species and the thermal velocity is evaluated as $\sqrt{3kT_k/m_i}$, where T_k is the gas kinetic temperature and m_i is the mass of each gas species i . The term $\langle \sigma_d n_d \rangle$ is the product of the geometric cross section and the volume density of dust particles averaged over the grain size distribution given by Eq. (2) and is evaluated following the formalism of Le Bourlot et al. (1995). To simplify, we only consider adsorption of a limited number of stable neutral species, among which there are the most typically abundant ice constituents (see Table 2).

2.2.6. Desorption processes

Species which have been adsorbed on dust grains forming ice mantles can return to the gas phase through a variety of desorption mechanisms. In protoplanetary disks, the most important desorption processes are thermal desorption and photodesorption by FUV photons. We also include desorption induced by cosmic rays. Based on the results of experimental work using isotopic markers (Bertin et al. 2012, 2013) and molecular dynamics calculations (Andersson & van Dishoeck 2008), we consider that only molecules from the top two monolayers can desorb efficiently ($N_l = 2$). The term due to desorption can therefore be written in the kinetic rate equations as

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = -\frac{dn_i^{\text{ice}}}{dt} = (R_i^{\text{thd}} + R_i^{\text{pd}} + R_i^{\text{crd}})n_i^{\text{ice,desorbable}}, \quad (9)$$

where n_i and n_i^{ice} are the volume densities of species i in the gas and ice phases, respectively, R_i^{thd} , R_i^{pd} , R_i^{crd} are the desorption rates, in units of s^{-1} , of thermal desorption, photodesorption, and desorption induced by cosmic rays, respectively (see below). The quantity $n_i^{\text{ice,desorbable}}$ is the volume density of species i in the top desorbable ice layers, which is simply equal to n_i^{ice} when these layers are not fully occupied while it is given by n_i^{ice} multiplied by the factor $(n_{\text{top}}/n_{\text{tot}}^{\text{ice}})$ otherwise. The volume density of sites in the top desorbable layers n_{top} is given by $n_s 4 \langle \sigma_d n_d \rangle N_l$ (where n_s is the surface density of sites, typically $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$; see Hasegawa et al. 1992) and $n_{\text{tot}}^{\text{ice}}$ is the sum of the volume densities of all ice species, that is, $\sum_i n_i^{\text{ice}}$. This implementation of desorption in the kinetic rate equations is similar to that of, for example, Aikawa et al. (1999) and Woitke et al. (2009); see also Cuppen et al. (2017).

Table 2. Ice species, binding energies, and photodesorption yields.

Species	E_D (K)	Ref.	Y (molecule photon $^{-1}$)	Ref.
CH_4	1000	(1) $^\diamond$		10^{-3} (11)
C_2H_2	2587	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
C_2H_4	3487	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
C_2H_6	4387	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
H_2O	5773	(3) $^\diamond$	$(1.3 + 0.032 T_d) \times 10^{-3}$	(12) *
O_2	1161	(4) † ‡	$(2.8^a, 2.3^b, 2.4^c) \times 10^{-3}$	(13)§
CO	1575	(5) † ‡	$(9.5^a, 4.8^b, 10.3^c) \times 10^{-3}$	(14) §
CO_2	2346	(4) † ‡	$(8.2^a, 2.0^b, 0.98^c) \times 10^{-4}$	(15) §*
H_2CO	3260	(6) †		10^{-3} (11)
CH_3OH	4990	(7) $^\diamond$	$(1.5^a, 1.1^b, 1.3^c) \times 10^{-4}$	(16)§*
HCOOH	5570	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
NH_3	3830	(1) $^\diamond$		10^{-3} (11)
N_2	1435	(5) † ‡	$(2.0^a, 1.6^b, 0.89^c) \times 10^{-3}$	(13)§
HCN	2050	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
H_2S	1945	(8) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
CS	1900	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
H_2CS	2700	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
SO	2600	(2) ‡		10^{-3} (11)
SO_2	3900	(9) †		10^{-3} (11)
OCS	3440	(10) $^\diamond$		10^{-3} (11)

Notes. $^\diamond$ Pure ice; † amorphous water ice substrate (‡ submonolayer regime); ‡ solid SO_2 substrate; ‡ estimated for water ice substrate; § wavelength-dependent photodesorption yield is convolved over the 7–13.6 eV range with the interstellar $^{(a)}$, T Tauri $^{(b)}$, and Herbig Ae/Be $^{(c)}$ FUV radiation fields described in Sect. 2.1.1; * yields of direct photodesorption and fragmentation have been measured.

References. (1) Luna et al. (2014); (2) Garrod & Herbst (2006); (3) Fraser et al. (2001); (4) Noble et al. (2012a); (5) Fayolle et al. (2016); (6) Noble et al. (2012b); (7) Doronin et al. (2015); (8) Sandford & Allamandola (1993); (9) Schriver-Mazzuoli et al. (2003), assuming that E_D is directly proportional to the desorption temperature (see, e.g., Martín-Doménech et al. 2014); (10) Burke & Brown (2010); (11) assumed; (12) pure H_2O ice (>8 ML) in the 18–100 K range; the fraction of H_2O molecules photodesorbed is $(0.42 + 0.002 T_d)$, the remaining results in fragmentation into $\text{OH} + \text{H}$ (Öberg et al. 2009); (13) pure O_2 (30 ML) and $^{15}\text{N}_2$ (60 ML) ices at 15 K (Fayolle et al. 2013); (14) pure CO ice (10 ML) at 18 K (Fayolle et al. 2011); (15) pure $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ (10 ML) ice at 10 K; the fraction of CO_2 molecules desorbed is 0.37, 0.42, and 0.22 under the interstellar, T Tauri, and Herbig Ae/Be FUV fields, respectively, the remaining results in fragmentation into $\text{CO} + \text{O}$ (Fillion et al. 2014); (16) pure CH_3OH (20 ML) ice at 10 K; the fraction of CH_3OH molecules desorbed is 0.08, while the fragmentation channels $\text{CH}_3 + \text{OH}$, $\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \text{H}_2$, $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2$ occur with fractions of 0.05, 0.07, and 0.80, almost independently of the radiation field (Bertin et al. 2016; see also Cruz-Díaz et al. 2016).

– *Thermal desorption.* This process, which depends on the dust temperature T_d and the binding energy of adsorption of each species E_D , controls to a large extent the distribution of ices in protoplanetary disks and the location of the different snow lines of each molecule. The thermal desorption rate, in units of s^{-1} , of an adsorbed species i is given by

$$R_i^{\text{thd}} = \nu_{0,i} \exp(-E_{D,i}/T_d), \quad (10)$$

where $\nu_{0,i}$ is the characteristic vibration frequency of the adsorbed species i (evaluated as $\sqrt{2n_s k E_{D,i}/(\pi^2 m_i)}$, where the binding energy $E_{D,i}$ is expressed in units of K. Binding energies

have been measured in the laboratory by depositing volatile species on different cold substrates and using temperature programmed desorption methods (see [Burke & Brown 2010](#) and references therein). In general, binding energies show little dependence on the chemical or morphological nature of the substrate as long as the ice under study consists of various monolayers (ML). If desorption occurs at submonolayer coverage, desorption energies can be quite different depending on the substrate; for example, they tend to be higher when employing water ice as a substrate than when using silicates ([Noble et al. 2012a](#)). The translation of these laboratory experiments into a realistic model of thermal desorption in protoplanetary disks is complicated because ices are heterogeneous mixtures, thought to be dominated by water ice but whose composition probably varies between cold and warmer regions. Also, molecules may selectively co-desorb with other trapped species, experience volcano desorption following the crystallization of water ice, or co-desorb with some of the major ice constituents ([Collings et al. 2004](#)). Here we have adopted the simple and usual approach in which the thermal desorption of each species is controlled by a specific binding energy. We have collected values of experimentally measured E_D , when possible using a water ice substrate and under a submonolayer regime. For those molecules for which experimental binding energies are not available, we have adopted the values estimated by [Garrod & Herbst \(2006\)](#) for a water ice substrate based on the previous compilation by [Hasegawa & Herbst \(1993\)](#) and the experimental study of [Collings et al. \(2004\)](#). The binding energies of the ice molecules considered and the corresponding references are given in Table 2.

– *Photodesorption.* The absorption of FUV photons of stellar or interstellar origin (or generated through the Prasad–Tarafdar mechanism) by icy dust grains can induce the desorption of molecules on the ice surface. In regions where the dust temperature is too cold to allow for thermal desorption, photodesorption can provide an efficient means to bring ice molecules to the gas phase. The photodesorption rate, in units of s^{-1} , of an adsorbed species i is given by

$$R_i^{pd} = Y_i F_{\text{FUV}} \frac{\langle \sigma_d n_d \rangle}{4 \langle \sigma_d n_d \rangle n_s N_i}, \quad (11)$$

where Y_i is the yield of molecules desorbed per incident photon, F_{FUV} is the FUV photon flux (in units of $\text{photon cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), and the expression of R_i^{pd} , when inserted in Eq. (9), naturally accounts for the fact that ices are not pure but consist of multiple constituents and that desorption is only effective from the top desorbable layers (see, e.g., [Cuppen et al. 2017](#)). FUV photons may have a stellar or interstellar origin (in which case F_{FUV} is evaluated with the Meudon PDR code at each position in the disk) or can be generated through the Prasad–Tarafdar mechanism, in which case we adopt $F_{\text{FUV}} = 2 \times 10^3 \text{ photon cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ (values between 750 and $10^4 \text{ photon cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ have been reported in the literature; e.g., [Hartquist & Williams 1990](#); [Shen et al. 2004](#)). We note that this latter value scales with the cosmic-ray ionization rate. Experiments carried out to study the photodesorption of pure ices or binary ice mixtures ([Öberg et al. 2009](#); [Muñoz Caro et al. 2010](#); [Fayolle et al. 2011, 2013](#); [Bertin et al. 2013](#); [Fillion et al. 2014](#); [Martín-Doménech et al. 2015](#)) suggest that the main underlying mechanism, called desorption induced by electronic transition (DIET), involves absorption of FUV photons in approximately the top five monolayers and electronic excitation of the absorbing molecules, followed by energy redistribution to neighboring molecules, which may break their intermolecular bonds and be ejected into the gas phase. The

efficiency of photodesorption is thus regulated by the ability of the molecules present in the ice surface and sub-surface to absorb FUV photons through electronic transitions. If these transitions are dissociative, the situation becomes more complex because the fragments may desorb directly, recombine in the ice, and then desorb or diffuse through the ice forming new molecules that may also desorb (e.g., [Andersson & van Dishoeck 2008](#)). Here we adopt a simple approach in which ice molecules may desorb directly or as fragments upon FUV irradiation, with yields based on experimental data for CO , N_2 , O_2 , H_2O , CO_2 , and CH_3OH (see Table 2). Desorption of fragments has been observed upon irradiation of pure ices of H_2O , CO_2 , and CH_3OH ([Öberg et al. 2009](#); [Fillion et al. 2014](#); [Martín-Doménech et al. 2015](#); [Bertin et al. 2016](#); [Cruz-Díaz et al. 2016](#)), and it is likely that desorption of dissociation fragments and new species formed in situ in the ice dominates over direct desorption for other polyatomic molecules. However, in the absence of experimental photodesorption yields for molecules other than CO , N_2 , O_2 , H_2O , CO_2 , and CH_3OH we have assumed that direct desorption dominates with assumed values for Y_i . It is interesting to note that photodesorption yields of CO , O_2 , N_2 , CO_2 , and CH_3OH have been measured as a function of wavelength using synchrotron techniques ([Fayolle et al. 2011, 2013](#); [Fillion et al. 2014](#); [Bertin et al. 2016](#)), which permits to compute the yield Y_i under different FUV fields (see values for the ISRF and the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stellar radiation fields in Table 2). We note that the photodesorption yield of CO_2 , for example, is almost one order of magnitude higher under the ISRF than under a Herbig Ae/Be stellar field.

– *Cosmic-ray induced desorption.* This mechanism is driven by the impact of cosmic rays on dust grains. The energy deposited on dust grains upon impact of relativistic heavy nuclei of iron results in a local heating that induces the thermal desorption of the ice molecules present in the heated region. According to [Hasegawa & Herbst \(1993\)](#), the desorption rate induced by cosmic rays, in units of s^{-1} , of a species i is given by

$$R_i^{\text{crd}} = 3.16 \times 10^{-19} R_i^{\text{thd}}(70 \text{ K}), \quad (12)$$

where the numerical factor stands for the fraction of the time spent by grains in the vicinity of a temperature of 70 K, at which much of the desorption is assumed to occur in the formalism of [Hasegawa & Herbst \(1993\)](#), and is derived adopting the Fe cosmic ray flux estimated by [Léger et al. \(1985\)](#) for the local interstellar medium and dust grains with a radius of $0.1 \mu\text{m}$. The term $R_i^{\text{thd}}(70 \text{ K})$ is the rate of thermal desorption of species i , given by Eq. (10), evaluated at 70 K. The desorption rate R_i^{crd} scales with the cosmic-ray ionization rate.

2.2.7. Formation of H_2 on grain surfaces

The kinetics of H_2 formation on grain surfaces in interstellar space is usually described as

$$\frac{dn(\text{H}_2)}{dt} = R_f n_{\text{H}} n(\text{H}), \quad (13)$$

where n_{H} is the volume density of H nuclei, $n(\text{H})$ and $n(\text{H}_2)$ are the volume densities of neutral H atoms and H_2 molecules, and R_f is the formation rate parameter for which usually the canonical value of $3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ derived by [Jura \(1975\)](#) for diffuse interstellar clouds is adopted. Here, we evaluate R_f as

$$R_f = \frac{1}{2} S_{\text{H}\epsilon\text{H}_2} v_{\text{H}} \langle \sigma_d n_d \rangle \frac{1}{n_{\text{H}}}, \quad (14)$$

where v_H is the thermal velocity of H atoms, evaluated as $\sqrt{3kT_k/m_H}$. The sticking coefficient of H atoms S_H depends on the gas kinetic temperature T_k and is evaluated through the expression

$$S_H(T_k) = S_0 \frac{(1 + \beta T_k/T_0)}{(1 + T_k/T_0)^\beta}, \quad (15)$$

where we have adopted $S_0 = 1$, $T_0 = 25$ K, and $\beta = 2.5$, based on the experimental study carried out by Chaabouni et al. (2012) for a silicate surface. The recombination efficiency ϵ_{H_2} in Eq. (14) depends on the dust temperature T_d according to the expression derived by Cazaux & Tielens (2002a,b) and is evaluated with the parameters provided by Cazaux & Tielens (2002a) in their Table 1, with an updated value of 12 200 K for the desorption energy of chemisorbed H, as calculated by Goumans et al. (2009) for an olivine surface. Currently, the kinetics of grain-surface H_2 formation considered in the model accounts for the Langmuir–Hinshelwood mechanism. In the future it will be worth considering also the Eley–Rideal mechanism, which is expected to increase the H_2 formation efficiency at high gas temperatures (e.g., Le Bourlot et al. 2012; Bron et al. 2014).

3. Results

In this section we present the calculated abundance distributions of various molecules in our fiducial T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disk models, and compare them with available constraints from observations, specifically highlighting the similarities and differences between both types of disks. We focus on molecules that have been observed in disks at IR or (sub-)millimeter wavelengths. Detected species in disks have been summarized by Dutrey et al. (2014). In Table 3 we provide an updated comprehensive summary of the molecules observed in T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks. We first concentrate on molecules observed through IR observations, which are sensitive to the hot inner disk: H_2O and OH (Sect. 3.1), and simple organics such as C_2H_2 , HCN, CH_4 , and CO_2 (Sect. 3.2). We then focus on molecules observed at (sub-)millimeter wavelengths, which trace the outer disk: the radicals C_2H and CN (Sect. 3.3) and other organic molecules with a certain complexity, such as H_2CO (Sect. 3.4), the sulfur-bearing molecules CS and SO (Sect. 3.5), and molecular ions (Sect. 3.6). We finally discuss the abundance distributions of ices, for which most observational constraints consist of determining the location of the CO snow line (Sect. 3.7). Abundances are mostly expressed as column densities because this is the quantity provided by most observational studies. Nonetheless, sometimes we use the term fractional abundance, which hereafter refers to the abundance relative to the total number of H nuclei.

3.1. Water and hydroxyl radical

In recent years, near-IR to sub-millimeter observations have provided important constraints on the presence of water and its related radical (OH) in protoplanetary disks. At near- and mid-IR wavelengths, the spectra of disks around T Tauri stars show emission of hot H_2O and OH arising from the inner disk (< a few au) atmosphere (Carr et al. 2004; Carr & Najita 2008, 2011, 2014; Salyk et al. 2008, 2011; Pontoppidan et al. 2010a,b; Mandell et al. 2012; Sargent et al. 2014; Banzatti et al. 2017), while in disks around Herbig Ae/Be stars, emission by OH is relatively common but there is a striking lack of H_2O emission

(Mandell et al. 2008; Pontoppidan et al. 2010a; Fedele et al. 2011; Salyk et al. 2011; Banzatti et al. 2017). Far-IR observations with *Herschel*/PACS have essentially confirmed that the water detection rate is much higher in T Tauri disks than in disks around Herbig Ae/Be stars (Riviere-Marichalar et al. 2012; Meeus et al. 2012; Fedele et al. 2012, 2013). Therefore, IR observations suggest that water could be intrinsically less abundant in disks around Herbig Ae/Be stars than around T Tauri stars. Such a trend is however not corroborated by our models.

As can be seen in Fig. 4, in the T Tauri disk model, water is present with fractional abundances of $\sim 10^{-4}$ in a surface layer at $A_V \sim 1$ in the inner ~ 10 au from the star, while in the Herbig Ae/Be disk, the warmer temperatures cause the region of high H_2O abundance to extend radially beyond 10 au and vertically down to the midplane. In the inner disk, water becomes very abundant in regions warmer than ~ 200 K, where the reaction $OH + H_2$ is activated, and sufficiently shielded from FUV photons, while OH is present in a thin layer on top of H_2O resulting from its photodissociation. In our generic T Tauri disk model, the inner midplane regions are not warm enough to sustain a high-water abundance, and thus most H_2O (and all OH) are present in upper layers. We, however, note that the presence of water vapor in the inner midplane is very sensitive to the temperature and that other T Tauri disk models (e.g., Walsh et al. 2015) find high H_2O abundances in these regions. Therefore, the model predicts that as the stellar luminosity increases and the disk becomes warmer, water vapor becomes more abundant.

The vertical column densities calculated for H_2O and OH in the IR-observable atmosphere¹² of the inner T Tauri disk are 10^{17} – 10^{18} cm⁻² and $\sim 10^{15}$ cm⁻², respectively, which are in the low range of observed values (see left panel in Fig. 5). The calculated OH/ H_2O column density ratio in the inner disk, 10^{-2} – 10^{-3} , is between the values derived in AA Tau, DR Tau, and AS 205A (0.1–0.3; Carr & Najita 2008; Salyk et al. 2008) and that found from a study of a much larger sample of T Tauri disks ($\sim 10^{-3}$; Salyk et al. 2011). Previous chemical models of inner T Tauri disks (Agúndez et al. 2008; Walsh et al. 2015) find H_2O and OH column densities and ratios of the same order of magnitude as the ones calculated by us. In summary, chemical models of T Tauri disks predict the existence of a significant reservoir of hot water in the inner regions (formed by warm gas-phase chemistry) and smaller amounts of OH (formed by FUV photodissociation of water), with numbers that are roughly in agreement with those derived from IR observations.

In disks around Herbig Ae/Be stars, OH has been detected in about a dozen objects with a broad range of column densities (see Table 3). In our Herbig Ae/Be disk model, the calculated vertical column density of OH is $\sim 10^{15}$ cm⁻² across the first 10 au, decreasing down to $\sim 10^{13}$ cm⁻² in the outer disk, in the low range of values derived from observations (see right panel in Fig. 5). Walsh et al. (2015) calculate somewhat higher values for the inner 10 au, 10^{16} – 10^{17} cm⁻², more in line with the high range of observed values. Water has been convincingly detected at IR wavelengths only around one Herbig star, HD 163296 (Meeus et al. 2012; Fedele et al. 2012). The H_2O and OH column densities derived in this disk are similar, in the range 10^{14} – 10^{15} cm⁻², and the emitting region for both species is constrained to be 15–20 au from the star. In our Herbig Ae/Be disk model, the column density of water is very large in the inner disk (out to ~ 4 au), where it is very abundant in the midplane (see right panels in Figs. 4 and 5), and experiences a sharp abundance decline with

¹² We consider the IR-observable atmosphere to extend down to the $A_V = 10$ layer, where the optical depth at $10 \mu m$ is of the order of unity.

Table 3. Summary of molecules (other than H₂ and CO) observed in disks and abundances derived.

Species	Spectral signature, region probed	Detection rate, abundance, and references			
		T Tauri	Herbig Ae/Be		
H ₂ O	IR emission, inner atmosphere	many disks (0.4 – 800) × 10 ¹⁸ cm ⁻²	(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11) (6,7)	one disk: HD 163296 10 ¹⁴ – 10 ¹⁵ cm ⁻²	(4,7,11,12,13,14,15) (14)
	sub-mm emission, outer disk	two disks: TW Hya, DG Tau ~10 ⁻⁷ relative to H ₂	(16,17,18) (16)	one disk: HD 100546	(18,19)
OH	IR emission, inner atmosphere	many disks (0.4 – 200) × 10 ¹⁵ cm ⁻²	(2,3,4,6,7,8,11,15,20) (6,7)	a dozen of disks (0.01 – 200) × 10 ¹⁵ cm ⁻²	(4,7,11,12,21) (12,15,21)
C ₂ H ₂	IR emission/absorption, inner disk	many disks (0.5 – 70) × 10 ¹⁵ cm ⁻²	(2,6,7,8,22,23,24) (6,7,22,23,24)	none	
HCN	IR emission/absorption, inner disk	many disks (0.5 – 65) × 10 ¹⁵ cm ⁻²	(2,6,7,8,22,23,24) (6,7,22,23,24)	none	
	mm emission, outer disk	many disks (0.2 – 10.6) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(27,28,29,30,31,32,33,35) (28,31,32,33)	many disks (0.1 – 1) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(28,29,30,31,32,33,34) (31,33,34)
HNC	mm emission, outer disk	two disks: DM Tau, TW Hya HNC/HCN = 0.3-0.4	(27,36) (27)	one disk: HD 163296 HNC/HCN = 0.1 – 0.2	(36) (36) ^a
CH ₄	IR absorption, inner disk	one disk: GV Tau 2.8 × 10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻²	(25) (25)	none	
CO ₂	IR emission/absorption, inner disk	many disks (0.04 – 10) × 10 ¹⁶ cm ⁻²	(6,7,22,24,26) (7,22,24,26)	one disk: HD 101412 10 ¹⁶ cm ⁻²	(7) (7)
C ₂ H	mm emission, outer disk	many disks (0.4 – 8.5) × 10 ¹³ cm ⁻²	(27,32,33,37,38) (33,37) ^b	two disks: AB Aur, MWC 480 (0.6 – 1) × 10 ¹³ cm ⁻²	(33,34,37,39,40) (33)
CN	mm emission, outer disk	many disks (0.7 – 11.5) × 10 ¹³ cm ⁻²	(27,28,29,30,31,32,33) (28,31,32,33)	a handful of disks (0.1 – 1.5) × 10 ¹³ cm ⁻²	(28,29,30,31,33,34) (28,31,33,34)
H ₂ CO	mm emission, outer disk	a dozen of disks (0.9 – 4.4) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(27,28,29,30,33,41,43,44) (33) ^c	a handful of disks (1.6 – 3.3) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(30,33,34,42,45,46) (33) ^d
CH ₃ OH	mm emission (ALMA), outer disk	one disk: TW Hya; (3 – 6) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(47)	none	
HC ₃ N	mm emission, outer disk	two disks: GO Tau, LkCa 15; ~10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(48)	one disk: MWC 480; ~10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(48,49)
CH ₃ CN	mm emission (ALMA), outer disk	none		one disk: MWC 480; ~10 ¹³ cm ⁻²	(49)
c-C ₃ H ₂	mm emission (ALMA), outer disk	one disk: TW Hya	(38)	one disk: HD 163296; 10 ¹² – 10 ¹³ cm ⁻²	(50)
NH ₃	sub-mm emission, outer disk	one disk: TW Hya (0.2 – 17) × 10 ⁻¹¹ relative to H ₂	(51) (51)	none	
CS	mm emission, outer disk	a dozen of disks (1 – 20.9) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(27,32,33,52) (32,33,52)	two disks: AB Aur, MWC 480 (0.4 – 6.3) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(33,34,40) (33,34)
SO	mm emission, outer disk	two disks: CI Tau, GM Aur (7.4 – 9) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(33) (33)	one disk: AB Aur (0.5 – 10) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(33,34,40,42) (33,34,42)
HCO ⁺	mm emission, outer disk	many disks (0.3 – 20) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(28,29,30,33,35,53,54,55) (28,33,53,54,55)	many disks (0.2 – 5) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(28,29,30,33,34,54,56) (28,33,34,54) ^e
N ₂ H ⁺	mm emission, outer disk	a handful of disks (0.1 – 30) × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(29,30,44,53,54,57) (53,54) ^f	one disk: HD 163296 1.7 × 10 ¹¹ cm ⁻²	(45) (45)
CH ⁺	sub-mm emission, mid disk	none		two disks: HD 100546, HD 97048 4.3 × 10 ¹² cm ⁻²	(15,58) (58) ^g

Notes. ^(a)Values are line intensity ratios rather than abundance ratios. ^(b)Out of this range, [Kastner et al. \(2014\)](#) derive $N(\text{C}_2\text{H}) = 5.1 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in TW Hya. ^(c)Out of this range, [Aikawa et al. \(2003\)](#) derive $N(\text{H}_2\text{CO}) = (7.2 - 19) \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in LkCa 15. ^(d)[Carney et al. \(2017\)](#) derive a H₂CO abundance of (2 – 5) × 10⁻¹² relative to H₂ in HD 163296. ^(e)Out of this range, [Mathews et al. \(2013\)](#) derive $N(\text{HCO}^+) = 1.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in HD 163296. ^(f)Out of this range, [Qi et al. \(2013c\)](#) derive $N(\text{N}_2\text{H}^+) = 10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in TW Hya. ^(g)In the same object, HD 100546, [Fedele et al. \(2013\)](#) derive $N(\text{CH}^+) = 10^{16} - 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ for an emitting area inner to 50–70 au.

References. (1) [Carr et al. \(2004\)](#); (2) [Carr & Najita \(2008\)](#); (3) [Salyk et al. \(2008\)](#); (4) [Pontoppidan et al. \(2010a\)](#); (5) [Pontoppidan et al. \(2010b\)](#); (6) [Carr & Najita \(2011\)](#); (7) [Salyk et al. \(2011\)](#); (8) [Mandell et al. \(2012\)](#); (9) [Riviere-Marichalar et al. \(2012\)](#); (10) [Sargent et al. \(2014\)](#); (11) [Banzatti et al. \(2017\)](#); (12) [Fedele et al. \(2011\)](#); (13) [Meeus et al. \(2012\)](#); (14) [Fedele et al. \(2012\)](#); (15) [Fedele et al. \(2013\)](#); (16) [Hogerheijde et al. \(2011\)](#); (17) [Podio et al. \(2013\)](#); (18) [Du et al. \(2017\)](#); (19) [van Dishoeck et al. \(2014\)](#); (20) [Carr & Najita \(2014\)](#); (21) [Mandell et al. \(2008\)](#); (22) [Lahuis et al. \(2006\)](#); (23) [Gibb et al. \(2007\)](#); (24) [Bast et al. \(2013\)](#); (25) [Gibb & Horne \(2013\)](#); (26) [Kruger et al. \(2011\)](#); (27) [Dutrey et al. \(1997\)](#); (28) [Thi et al. \(2004\)](#); (29) [Öberg et al. \(2010\)](#); (30) [Öberg et al. \(2011\)](#); (31) [Chapillon et al. \(2012a\)](#); (32) [Kastner et al. \(2014\)](#); (33) [Guilloteau et al. \(2016\)](#); (34) [Fuente et al. \(2010\)](#); (35) [Fuente et al. \(2012\)](#); (36) [Graninger et al. \(2015\)](#); (37) [Henning et al. \(2010\)](#); (38) [Bergin et al. \(2016\)](#); (39) [Schreyer et al. \(2008\)](#); (40) [Pacheco-Vázquez et al. \(2015\)](#); (41) [Aikawa et al. \(2003\)](#); (42) [Pacheco-Vázquez et al. \(2016\)](#); (43) [Loomis et al. \(2015\)](#); (44) [Öberg et al. \(2017\)](#); (45) [Qi et al. \(2013a\)](#); (46) [Carney et al. \(2017\)](#); (47) [Walsh et al. \(2016\)](#); (48) [Chapillon et al. \(2012b\)](#); (49) [Öberg et al. \(2015\)](#); (50) [Qi et al. \(2013b\)](#); (51) [Salinas et al. \(2016\)](#); (52) [Dutrey et al. \(2011\)](#); (53) [Qi et al. \(2003\)](#); (54) [Dutrey et al. \(2007\)](#); (55) [Teague et al. \(2015\)](#); (56) [Mathews et al. \(2013\)](#); (57) [Qi et al. \(2013c\)](#); (58) [Thi et al. \(2011\)](#).

increasing radius. At 15–20 au from the star, where water is no longer present in the midplane but in upper disk layers, the model yields $N(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 10^{15} - 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $N(\text{OH}) = 10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, with a OH/H₂O ratio of ~0.1, values which are not far from those

derived in the HD 163296 disk. In the Herbig Ae disk model of [Walsh et al. \(2015\)](#), at 10 au (the farthest radius studied by these authors) the column densities of H₂O and OH are in the range 10¹⁶–10¹⁷, with the OH/H₂O ratio approaching unity. The

Fig. 4. Calculated distributions of H_2O and OH as a function of radius r and height over radius z/r for the T Tauri (left panel) and Herbig Ae/Be (right panel) disks. The dashed lines indicate the location where A_V in the outward vertical direction takes values of 0.01 and 1.

Fig. 5. Calculated vertical column densities down to the $A_V = 10$ surface (solid lines) and down to the midplane (dashed lines) of H_2O , OH , and simple organics as a function of radius r for the T Tauri (left panel) and Herbig Ae/Be (right panel) disks. For (HNC, only the total column density) down to the midplane is shown. Column densities derived from observations are indicated by vertical lines (when there are ranges of values) or by squares (when only one value is available), with their radial locations corresponding to the approximate region probed by observations (see Table 3).

model of [Walsh et al. \(2015\)](#) and ours do a reasonable job at explaining the order of magnitude of the water and OH observations of HD 163296. It however remains puzzling to explain the extremely low detection rate of water in Herbig Ae/Be disks, as compared with T Tauri disks, taking into account the fact that chemical models ([Walsh et al. 2015](#) and this work) predict that in disks around Herbig stars, water should be even more abundant than in T Tauri disks. Several explanations have been proposed (see [Antonellini et al. 2016](#) and references therein), most of which are related to observational aspects (e.g., the higher level of IR continuum in Herbig Ae/Be disks and the lower sensitivity reached for detection of emission lines above the continuum)

than to substantive differences in the chemistry between disks around low- and intermediate-mass pre-main sequence stars.

Our model predicts that the reservoir of hot water present in the inner regions of disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars vanishes typically beyond 10 au from the star, owing to thermal deactivation of the water-forming reaction $\text{OH} + \text{H}_2$ and to freeze-out onto dust grains. This drastic decline of various orders of magnitude in the abundance and column density of water (see Figs. 4 and 5) has been observationally probed by mid- to far-IR observations in a few protoplanetary disks ([Blevins et al. 2016](#)). The model, however, predicts that there exists an additional reservoir of cold water in the outer parts

of T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks, typically beyond 100 au and at intermediate heights (see Fig. 4). Water in these regions arises from the FUV photodesorption of water ice and reaches peak fractional abundances of $\sim 10^{-7}$, with typical vertical column densities of the order of 10^{13} – 10^{14} cm $^{-2}$ (see Fig. 5). This outer reservoir of water is also predicted by previous chemical models of T Tauri disks that include photodesorption (e.g., Willacy & Langer 2000; Woitke et al. 2009; Semenov et al. 2011; Walsh et al. 2012), and has been detected with *Herschel*/HIFI in the T Tauri disks TW Hya and DG Tau (Hogerheijde et al. 2011; Podio et al. 2013) and in the Herbig Be disk HD 100546 (van Dishoeck et al. 2014; Du et al. 2017), although it remains elusive in many other protoplanetary disks (Bergin et al. 2010; Du et al. 2017). It is remarkable that the detection rate of water at sub-millimeter wavelengths is not so different between T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks as it is at IR wavelengths (see Table 3), which suggests that the low detection rate of H $_2$ O IR emission in Herbig objects may not be due to an intrinsic deficit of water with respect to T Tauri systems.

3.2. Simple organics: C $_2$ H $_2$, HCN, CH $_4$, and CO $_2$

It is known that there exists an important reservoir of simple organic molecules in protoplanetary disks. Thanks to observations at near- and mid-IR wavelengths, lines of molecules such as acetylene, hydrogen cyanide, methane, and carbon dioxide have been detected in absorption (Lahuis et al. 2006; Gibb et al. 2007; Gibb & Horne 2013; Bast et al. 2013) and in emission (Carr & Najita 2008, 2011; Salyk et al. 2011; Kruger et al. 2011; Mandell et al. 2012; Najita et al. 2013; Pascucci et al. 2013). These observations probe hot gas located in the inner (a few au) disk, where these molecules are found in large abundances. It is noteworthy that the vast majority of IR detections of simple organics correspond to disks around T Tauri stars rather than to disks around Herbig Ae/Be stars, where neither C $_2$ H $_2$, HCN, nor CH $_4$ are detected, and only CO $_2$ has been detected in one disk, HD 101412 (Salyk et al. 2011). It is therefore tempting to speculate that Herbig Ae/Be disks are less rich in simple organics than disks around T Tauri stars. However, similarly to the case of H $_2$ O, we do not find such a trend in our models.

In our T Tauri disk model, C $_2$ H $_2$, HCN, and CH $_4$ are formed with high fractional abundances (a few $\times 10^{-5}$) in the atmosphere ($A_V \sim 1$) of the inner (within a few au) regions of the disk (see Fig. 6). Their synthesis is driven by FUV photochemistry in a warm gas (see Agúndez et al. 2008; Bast et al. 2013; Walsh et al. 2015). In the Herbig Ae/Be disk model, the region over which these molecules have large fractional abundances extends to larger radii compared to the T Tauri disk, as a consequence of the higher temperatures. Moreover, in the Herbig Ae/Be disk, C $_2$ H $_2$, HCN, and CH $_4$ are formed abundantly in the inner midplane, where the synthesis is not related to photochemistry but to the fact that the chemical composition tends toward thermochemical equilibrium in these hot, dense, and FUV-shielded regions. Both the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disk models show a progressive disappearance of simple organics as one moves radially from the star, in this order: CH $_4$, C $_2$ H $_2$, and HCN. This behavior, already predicted by Agúndez et al. (2008), is a consequence of the requirements of temperature that each molecule has to activate its corresponding formation routes, with CH $_4$ being the most demanding. Such a trend is also found in the disk models of Walsh et al. (2015) for C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN. We note that CH $_4$, unlike C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN, is also predicted to be moderately abundant in cool midplane regions, where the synthesis

is driven by ion-molecule routes. In these regions however the calculated abundance of CH $_4$ could be especially uncertain if grain-surface chemistry (not included in our models) plays an important role.

The calculated vertical column densities of C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN in the IR-observable atmosphere of the inner T Tauri disk (within 1 au from the star) are large, with maxima in the range 10^{15} – 10^{17} cm $^{-2}$, in good agreement with observed values (see left panel in Fig. 5). Observations of T Tauri disks indicate that C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN have similar abundances, although there is a significant dispersion, and that they are somewhat less abundant than water vapor (C $_2$ H $_2$ /HCN = 0.04–20; HCN/H $_2$ O = 10^{-3} – 10^{-1} ; Lahuis et al. 2006; Gibb et al. 2007; Carr & Najita 2011; Salyk et al. 2011; Mandell et al. 2012; Bast et al. 2013). These observed ratios are in line with the values found in the T Tauri disk model. Methane has only been detected in one T Tauri disk, GV Tau, in absorption (Gibb & Horne 2013). These authors derive a column density of 2.8×10^{17} cm $^{-2}$ and a rotational temperature of 750 K, which implies that the detected CH $_4$ is distributed in the inner disk. In GV Tau, CH $_4$ is somewhat more abundant than C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN. We note however that in DR Tau, the non detection of CH $_4$ in emission implies that it has an abundance similar to or smaller than C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN (Mandell et al. 2012). In our T Tauri disk model, CH $_4$ reaches a column density of the order of those of C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN in the IR-observable atmosphere of the inner disk (see left panel in Fig. 5). Neither C $_2$ H $_2$, HCN, or CH $_4$ have been observed in Herbig Ae/Be disks, although our model predicts that they should be even more abundant than in T Tauri disks (see Figs. 5 and 6). Similar conclusions are found in the models by Walsh et al. (2015). The lack of simple organics in the spectra of Herbig Ae/Be disks has not been investigated to the extent of the lack of water, but it is likely that observational rather than chemical effects are at the origin of it.

Carbon dioxide has been extensively observed in T Tauri disks but only in one Herbig Ae/Be disk, where the derived column density is within the range of values found in T Tauri disks. In our models, CO $_2$ is formed abundantly, mostly in the inner disk (<10 au in the T Tauri disk and <100 au in the Herbig disk) and over most of the vertical structure (see Fig. 6). The formation of CO $_2$ occurs in the gas-phase, mainly through the reaction OH + CO, and is less demanding in terms of temperature than the formation of C $_2$ H $_2$, HCN, and CH $_4$. Therefore, CO $_2$ extends over larger radii than the other simple organics. The calculated column density of CO $_2$ in the IR-observable atmosphere of the inner (<10 au) T Tauri disk is in the range 10^{16} – 10^{18} cm $^{-2}$ (see left panel in Fig. 5), in the high range of observed values. As with the other simple organics, according to the model there is no apparent chemical reason for a lower amount of CO $_2$ in disks around Herbig Ae/Be stars than in T Tauri disks.

The simple organic molecules discussed here experience a drastic decline in their column densities with increasing radius, especially for C $_2$ H $_2$ and HCN (see Fig. 5). This extended and cooler reservoir of simple organics can be probed at millimeter wavelengths in the case of polar molecules like HCN. In fact, HCN has been extensively characterized this way in protoplanetary disks (Dutrey et al. 1997; Thi et al. 2004; Fuente et al. 2010, 2012; Öberg et al. 2010, 2011; Chapillon et al. 2012a; Kastner et al. 2014; Guilloteau et al. 2016). Although the statistics of Herbig Ae disks is low, these studies suggest that T Tauri disks can retain somewhat larger HCN abundances in their outer parts than Herbig Ae disks (see Table 3). The column densities calculated for HCN beyond 100 au are $\sim 10^{13}$ cm $^{-2}$ in both the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks, in the high range of observed values

Fig. 6. As in Fig. 4 but for C_2H_2 , HCN, CH_4 , and CO_2 .

(see Fig. 5). The model predicts a slightly higher amount of HCN in the outer regions of the T Tauri disk compared to the Herbig disk. It is interesting to note that the contrary is found in the inner regions. The reason is that the chemical synthesis of HCN is different in nature in the hot inner disk than in the cool outer regions. In the outer disk (>100 au), HCN is mainly present at intermediate heights with fractional abundances of $\sim 10^{-8}$ relative to H_2 (see Fig. 6). In these regions, HCN is formed by the same gas-phase chemical routes that operate in cold interstellar clouds, i.e., through ion-molecule reactions that lead to the precursor ion HCNH^+ , which by dissociative recombination yields HCN as well as its isomer HNC. Thus, both observations and

our model suggest that HCN is somewhat more abundant in the outer regions of T Tauri disks compared to Herbig Ae/Be disks. We, however, caution that from an observational perspective, the statistics of Herbig Ae disks is low, and from a theoretical one, the difference is small and could result from the particular set of parameters adopted in the models.

Hydrogen isocyanide, closely related to HCN from a chemical point of view, has only been detected around the T Tauri stars DM Tau and TW Hya and the Herbig Ae star HD 163296 (Dutrey et al. 1997; Graninger et al. 2015). The lower detection rate of HNC in disks compared to its most stable isomer HCN suggests that HNC is less abundant than HCN, although there is also a

Fig. 7. As in Fig. 4 but for C_2H and CN.

selection effect as lines of HNC have not been targeted as often as those of HCN (e.g., Öberg et al. 2011; Guilloteau et al. 2016). Observations indicate that HNC is indeed somewhat less abundant than HCN, with HNC/HCN ratios in the range 0.1–0.4 (see Table 3). These values may need to be revised down due to differences in the collisional excitation rate coefficients of HCN and HNC (Sarrasin et al. 2010). The calculated distribution of HNC approximately follows that of HCN, but at a lower level of abundance (see Fig. 5). The model shows that there is a gap in the column density of HNC which occurs at 1–10 au in the T Tauri disk (shifted to larger radii in the Herbig Ae/Be disk). There is observational evidence of such a gap in the distribution of HNC from SMA interferometric observations of TW Hya (Graninger et al. 2015). While the presence of HNC in the hot inner disk is related to the existence of large amounts of HCN, a fraction of which isomerizes to HNC in the hot gas phase, in the cool outer disk, HNC has an abundance of the order of that of HCN because the two isomers share the same chemical formation routes, with the molecular ion $HCNH^+$ as main precursor. The calculated HNC/HCN ratio in the outer disk (>100 au) is 0.3–0.4 in both the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks, in line with the values derived from observations. Interferometric observations indicate that HNC does not extend out to radii as large as HCN in TW Hya (Graninger et al. 2015), a feature that is not predicted by our T Tauri disk model. A possible explanation could be related to an enhanced photodissociation cross section of HNC compared to that of HCN, something that is suggested by theoretical calculations (Chenel et al. 2016; Aguado et al. 2017).

3.3. Radicals C_2H and CN

The radicals C_2H and CN, usually considered as good tracers of regions affected by FUV radiation such as PDRs, are among the most conspicuous molecules detected in protoplanetary disks at millimeter wavelengths. These observations probe the emission from the outer disk, out to some hundreds of astronomical

units from the star. Constraints on the abundances of C_2H and CN mainly come from observations of a few protoplanetary disks, the widely studied T Tauri disks DM Tau, LkCa 15, and TW Hya, and the Herbig Ae disks HD 163296, MWC 480, and AB Aur (Thi et al. 2004; Schreyer et al. 2008; Henning et al. 2010; Fuente et al. 2010; Chapillon et al. 2012a; Kastner et al. 2014) and from the more recent study of Guilloteau et al. (2016), in which a larger sample of disks was observed. These studies suggest that C_2H and CN can reach higher abundances in T Tauri disks than in Herbig Ae disks (see Table 3). This would be in line with the general observational finding of a higher detection rate of molecules in T Tauri disks compared to Herbig Ae disks (e.g., Öberg et al. 2011; Guilloteau et al. 2016). However, the confirmation of such hypothesis is still hampered by the low statistics of Herbig Ae disks observed to date. Observations indicate that C_2H is present with an abundance similar to that of CN in most disks, with C_2H/CN ratios in the range 0.2–3.5 (Guilloteau et al. 2016), and no significant difference between T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks. It is also found that the CN radical is significantly more abundant than HCN in all observed disks, with CN/HCN abundance ratios in the range 4–30 (Guilloteau et al. 2016), and again no substantive difference between T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks. In summary, observations at millimeter wavelengths tell us that T Tauri disks can retain larger abundances of C_2H and CN in their outer regions than Herbig Ae disks, and that in round numbers the C_2H/CN ratio is ~ 1 and the CN/HCN ratio is ~ 10 in both types of disk. It is also interesting to note that recent ALMA observations have found that C_2H emission shows a ring-like distribution in the TW Hya and DM Tau disks (Bergin et al. 2016).

In the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disk models, C_2H and CN are essentially located in a relatively thin layer in the disk surface, between the $A_V = 1$ and $A_V = 0.01$ layers (see Fig. 7), with vertical column densities of the order of 10^{13} cm $^{-2}$ in the outer disk (see Fig. 8). Protoplanetary disks can be seen as a PDR with the typical layered structure CO/C/C $^+$ along the vertical direction, and C_2H and CN become abundant in the layer where neutral atomic carbon reaches its maximum abundance.

The formation of C_2H and CN is therefore associated to the disk PDR and to the availability of atomic C in a FUV illuminated gas. Our results regarding the T Tauri disk are similar to those of previous models of disks around low-mass young stars (e.g., Aikawa & Herbst 1999b; Aikawa et al. 2002; Willacy & Langer 2000; van Zadelhoff et al. 2003; Willacy et al. 2006; Walsh et al. 2010; Semenov et al. 2011). There are some differences between the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks. The higher gravity of the Herbig Ae/Be star causes the layer containing C_2H and CN to be more compressed toward lower heights (see Fig. 7), although the most significant difference is that the calculated column densities of C_2H and CN in the outer disk are somewhat lower in the Herbig Ae/Be disk (see Fig. 8). The reason is that the Herbig disk is illuminated by a more intense FUV field from the star than the T Tauri disk, and this narrows the photochemically active layer and limits the ability of photochemistry to build molecules, resulting in smaller amounts of molecules specifically formed by the action of photochemistry. This is a general difference between disks around T Tauri and Herbig stars that is better appreciated in the cool outer disk (>100 au), where warm gas-phase chemistry is inhibited and thus cannot counter-balance the effect of FUV photons. For example, beyond 100 au, the radical OH (a species typically formed under the action of photochemistry) is significantly more abundant in the T Tauri disk than in the Herbig disk (see Fig. 5). In the case of C_2H and CN , the fact that the abundances are lower in the Herbig disk is linked to a slight deficiency in the abundance of neutral atomic carbon, which is a key starting point to form both C_2H and CN . The calculated column densities of C_2H and CN are in line with the values derived from observations. Moreover, the slight overabundance (a factor of a few) of these radicals in the T Tauri disk compared to the Herbig Ae/Be disk is in line with the observational suggestion that T Tauri disks can retain higher abundances of these two radicals. Another salient feature of the model is that the column densities of both C_2H and CN increase with increasing radius in both the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks. The predicted inner gap could be consistent with the ring-like distribution found for C_2H in the TW Hya and DM Tau disks (Bergin et al. 2016). These authors however propose a scenario in which the ring morphology observed for C_2H , and also for cyclic C_3H_2 , is related to the evolution of ice-coated dust due to the combined effect of coagulation, gravitational settling, and drift.

The model indicates that HCN is much more abundant than CN in the inner regions of both types of disk, although as one moves away from the star, the CN/HCN ratio increases, reaching values above unity at radii >50 au (see Fig. 8). The overabundance of CN with respect to HCN in the outer disk is in agreement with observations. According to the model, in the outer disk, C_2H and CN do not spatially coexist with HCN , the radicals being exclusively present in a relatively thin layer at the disk surface while HCN is located at lower heights. There is some controversy regarding the region where C_2H and CN are present in T Tauri disks because millimeter observations derive low excitation temperatures (≤ 10 K) for these two radicals (Henning et al. 2010; Chapillon et al. 2012a; Hily-Blant et al. 2017), which suggest that the emission could arise from cold midplane regions rather than from the warm disk surface. If true, this would be in strong disagreement with the predictions of our model and previous chemical models of T Tauri disks (e.g., Aikawa & Herbst 1999b; Aikawa et al. 2002; Willacy & Langer 2000; van Zadelhoff et al. 2003; Willacy et al. 2006; Walsh et al. 2010; Semenov et al. 2011), which also locate the radicals C_2H and CN well above the midplane. Observations and

chemical models of T Tauri disks could still be reconciled if in the outer regions (>100 au) of the surface layer containing C_2H and CN (where densities are in the range 10^5 – 10^6 cm^{-3} and gas kinetic temperatures are between 30 and 100 K) these two radicals are subthermally excited. We note however that this could have implications for the column densities derived from observations under the assumption of local thermal equilibrium (LTE). Dedicated non-LTE excitation and radiative transfer calculations (e.g., Aikawa et al. 2002) and comparison with millimeter observations are needed to shed light on this issue.

3.4. Organic molecules of a certain complexity

In this section we briefly comment on various organic molecules observed in disks that are more complex than those treated in Sect. 3.2. We refer to H_2CO and CH_3OH , the hydrogenation descendants of carbon monoxide, the cyanides HC_3N and CH_3CN , and the cyclic isomer of the hydrocarbon C_3H_2 .

Formaldehyde has been quite commonly observed in protoplanetary disks, with a higher detection rate in T Tauri disks than in Herbig Ae disks (Öberg et al. 2010, 2011; Guilloteau et al. 2016), but very similar column densities, that is, a few times 10^{12} cm^{-2} , in both types of disk (see Table 3). Interferometric observations of the disks DM Tau, TW Hya, and HD 163296 have provided interesting constraints on the distribution and origin of H_2CO (Qi et al. 2013a; Loomis et al. 2015; Öberg et al. 2017; Carney et al. 2017). These observations point to the presence of an inner component, consistent with gas-phase formation, and an abundance enhancement in the outer disk (beyond the CO snow line) resulting from formation on grain surfaces by hydrogenation of CO ice followed by desorption. The recent detection of methanol in the TW Hya disk (Walsh et al. 2016) also points to a similar outer disk origin driven by the hydrogenation of CO ice. In our model, which does not include grain-surface chemistry, calculated column densities in the outer regions of the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks are around 10^{12} cm^{-2} for H_2CO (i.e., not far from observed values), but vanishingly small for CH_3OH . We note that if most of the H_2CO and CH_3OH in the outer disk indeed comes from CO ice through grain-surface chemistry, one should expect a significant differentiation between T Tauri and Herbig disks because the latter are warmer and should have a lower reservoir of the precursor CO ice.

Other relatively large organic molecules observed in disks are HC_3N , CH_3CN , and cyclic C_3H_2 (see Table 3). Observations indicate that these molecules are present in the outer disk, out to a few hundred astronomical units. In these regions, our model predicts column densities below the observed values by one to two orders of magnitude. Calculated column densities for these molecules are quite different among chemical models in the literature. For example, for HC_3N , Chapillon et al. (2012b) calculate column densities one to two orders of magnitude above the observed ones, while Walsh et al. (2014) find values ten times lower than observed. The dispersion of calculated column densities between different chemical models and the poor agreement with observations suggests that the chemistry of these moderately complex molecules is not yet as robust as for smaller species. The probable role of grain-surface reactions in regulating their abundances makes it worth revisiting their chemistry in T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks with an expanded chemical network including grain-surface chemistry.

We note that our model predicts that organic molecules like H_2CO , CH_3OH , HC_3N , CH_3CN , and c - C_3H_2 are enhanced in the

Fig. 8. Calculated vertical column densities (down to the midplane) of the radicals C_2H and CN and some sulfur-bearing molecules as a function of radius r for the T Tauri (left panel) and Herbig Ae/Be (right panel) disks. HCN is also shown to allow for the visualization of the CN/HCN ratio. The ranges of column densities derived from observations are indicated by the vertical lines plotted in the outer disk (see Table 3).

Fig. 9. As in Fig. 4 but for CS and SO.

warm inner regions (within a few au from the star), in particular in the Herbig Ae/Be disk, following the abundance enhancement of simple organics such as C_2H_2 and HCN (see Fig. 5). Such inner reservoir of complex organics, which is the result of hot gas-phase chemistry, could be detectable at millimeter wavelengths with ALMA provided the angular resolution and sensitivity are high enough.

3.5. Sulfur-bearing molecules: CS and SO

A couple of sulfur-bearing molecules, CS and SO, have been detected in protoplanetary disks. The observation of these species is interesting because it provides information on the degree of depletion of sulfur and because they can be used to probe phenomena, such as turbulence and dust traps (Guilloteau et al. 2012; Pacheco-Vázquez et al. 2016). CS was among the first molecules detected in disks (Dutrey et al. 1997) and since

then has been observed in various T Tauri disks and in two Herbig Ae disks, while SO was first observed in the Herbig Ae disk AB Aur and was later observed in a couple of T Tauri disks (see references in Table 3). These observations were carried out at millimeter wavelengths and thus trace the outer regions of disks. Although the statistics of observed disks is small, it seems that both CS and SO have column densities of the order of 10^{12} – 10^{13} cm^{-2} and that there is no substantial difference between T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks (see Table 3).

In our model, both CS and SO are mostly distributed in a layer located at intermediate heights (around $A_V \sim 1$), both in the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks (see Fig. 9). In the inner regions (within a few au from the star) of the Herbig Ae/Be disk, these two molecules extend down to lower heights. The main formation pathways to both molecules involve various fast neutral–neutral reactions and thermal desorption from dust grains. The calculated column densities in the outer disk (beyond

100 au) are around 10^{12} cm^{-2} in both the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks, in line with the values derived from observations (see Fig. 8). The S-bearing molecule SO_2 has not been detected in disks but it is predicted to have column densities of the same order as or slightly lower than SO in the outer disk (see Fig. 8). In the inner regions, the column densities of CS, SO, and SO_2 are enhanced by various orders of magnitude, especially in the case of the Herbig Ae/Be disk, although these regions are likely to be strongly spatially diluted in the millimeter observations.

The column densities of CS and SO calculated here for the Herbig Ae/Be disk are similar to those obtained in the chemical model of the AB Aur disk presented by Fuente et al. (2010) and Pacheco-Vázquez et al. (2015). The main difference is that those models predict an enhancement in the column densities of CS and SO in the 100–200 au region, something that is not seen in the Herbig Ae/Be disk model presented here. The main reason of such difference is that those models assumed a more simplistic initial composition, with all the sulfur being initially in the form of CS, while in the present model we adopt a more realistic initial composition in which sulfur is initially distributed in various forms, mostly as S, S^+ , CS, and CS ice (see Sect. 2.2). The choice of the initial composition can have non-negligible effects on the calculated abundances at ages typical of protoplanetary disks, something that we plan to investigate in detail in the future.

3.6. Molecular ions

The molecular ion HCO^+ is probably one of the most widely observed species in protoplanetary disks (see references in Table 3). In fact, it is remarkable that the detection rate of HCO^+ is 100% in all the T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks targeted by Öberg et al. (2010, 2011) and by Guilloteau et al. (2016). Observed column densities are of the order of 10^{12} cm^{-2} , with no significant difference between T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks (see Table 3). In our model, HCO^+ is mainly present in the outer disk at intermediate heights (see Fig. 10), where it is mainly formed by the reaction between H_3^+ and CO. The calculated vertical column density in the outer disk is in the range 10^{12} – 10^{13} cm^{-2} in both the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks, in good agreement with the values derived from observations (see Fig. 11) and in line with results from previous chemical models of T Tauri disks (e.g., Aikawa & Herbst 1999b; Aikawa et al. 2002; van Zadelhoff et al. 2003; Walsh et al. 2010, 2012; Semenov et al. 2011). Unlike in the Herbig Ae/Be disk model, in the T Tauri disk model the column density of HCO^+ (and other molecular ions) experience a decline beyond ~ 200 au. In these outer regions, the upper layers are more exposed to stellar FUV photons due to the flared shape of the disk, and atomic ions are favored at the expense of polyatomic ions, such as HCO^+ . This effect is probably a consequence of the particular geometry of the disk model adopted here and may not be a general characteristic of T Tauri disks. Therefore, according to the model, there is no reason to expect significantly different HCO^+ column densities in T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks.

Molecular ions other than HCO^+ are difficult to observe in protoplanetary disks. Nevertheless, sensitive observations with (sub-)millimeter interferometers have enabled the detection of N_2H^+ in a few T Tauri disks and one Herbig Ae disk, HD 163296 (see references in Table 3). Derived column densities are highly dependent on each source and on each particular study. For example, in the disk around LkCa 15, Qi et al. (2003) derive $N(\text{N}_2\text{H}^+) = 3.1 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ from observations with the OVRO array, while Dutrey et al. (2007) find a column density around

100 times smaller using IRAM PdBI. The chemistry of N_2H^+ is relatively simple as it is formed by the reaction between H_3^+ and N_2 , which is favored in the coldest regions where CO is mostly in the form of ice, that is, in the outer midplane region. In our particular disk models, CO ice is present beyond a few tens of astronomical units in the T Tauri disk, while in the Herbig Ae/Be disk, due to the much warmer dust temperatures, it is barely formed just in the outer edge (see Sect. 3.7). As a consequence, N_2H^+ is present in the outer T Tauri disk with a vertical column density of $\sim 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ while it is almost absent in the Herbig Ae/Be disk (see Fig. 11). The vertical column densities calculated for N_2H^+ are in line with the low range of observed values in the case of the T Tauri disk, while in the Herbig Ae/Be disk, $N(\text{N}_2\text{H}^+)$ is lower than observed in HD 163296 by more than one order of magnitude (see Fig. 11). The model also predicts that N_2H^+ must have a ring-like distribution with an inner gap, something that has been verified observationally in the TW Hya disk (Qi et al. 2013c). The inner radius and vertical column density calculated for N_2H^+ are highly dependent on which is the dust temperature structure across the disk, which in turn depends on parameters such as the stellar luminosity, the size and optical properties of dust grains, and the disk geometry (flared vs. flat). In any case, since disks around Herbig Ae/Be stars are expected to be significantly warmer than around T Tauri stars, one should expect larger amounts of N_2H^+ in T Tauri disks than in Herbig Ae/Be disks.

Some deuterated ions, mostly DCO^+ but also H_2D^+ and N_2D^+ , have been observed at (sub-)millimeter wavelengths in a few protoplanetary disks (van Dishoeck et al. 2003; Ceccarelli et al. 2004; Guilloteau et al. 2006; Qi et al. 2008; Öberg et al. 2010, 2011; Mathews et al. 2013; Huang & Öberg 2015; Teague et al. 2015; Huang et al. 2017). Here we do not specifically model deuterium chemistry (see, e.g., Willacy 2007; Teague et al. 2015), but we point out that these molecular ions are usually present in the cool outer disk and are useful to probe the fractional ionization. Estimates of the ionization fraction from observations of H_2D^+ (which is present in the midplane of the cold outer disk) are a few times 10^{-10} (Ceccarelli et al. 2004), while values inferred from observations of DCO^+ (which is expected in upper layers) are as high as $\sim 10^{-7}$ (Qi et al. 2008; Teague et al. 2015). In our T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disk models, the ionization fraction in the midplane ranges from $\sim 10^{-10}$ in the denser inner regions to $\sim 10^{-8}$ in the outer disk (see Fig. 10). In these midplane regions, the fractional ionization is controlled by the cosmic-ray ionization rate and also depends on the gas density. As one moves to upper layers, where the gas is less dense, warmer, and less shielded against interstellar and stellar FUV photons, the ionization fraction increases gradually up to very high values in the surface of the disk (see Fig. 10). According to the model, there are no substantive differences in the ionization degree of disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars.

The ion CH^+ has been detected in a couple of disks, around the Herbig Be star HD 100546 and the Herbig Ae star HD 97048, using *Herschel* (Thi et al. 2011; Fedele et al. 2013). The analysis of the emission lines in HD 100546 indicates that CH^+ has an excitation temperature of 100–300 K, with most emission arising from regions inside 100 au. In our model, CH^+ is distributed along a surface layer on top of HCO^+ (see Fig. 10), where it is mainly formed by the reaction of C^+ with hot H_2 and FUV-pumped vibrationally excited H_2 (Agúndez et al. 2010) and reaches a maximum fractional abundance of $\sim 10^{-7}$. The calculated distribution of CH^+ is very similar in the T Tauri and

Fig. 10. As in Fig. 4 but for HCO^+ , electrons, and CH^+ .

Fig. 11. Calculated vertical column densities (down to the midplane) of selected molecular ions as a function of radius r for the T Tauri (left panel) and Herbig Ae/Be (right panel) disks. Column densities derived from observations are indicated by vertical lines or squares, with their radial locations corresponding to the approximate region probed by observations (see Table 3).

Herbig Ae/Be disks. The model predicts that the largest column densities are reached in the outer disk (>100 au; see Fig. 11) contrary to what observations of HD 100546 indicate. We, however, note that CH^+ emission is probably very sensitive to the temperature structure and geometry of each particular disk. In fact, CH^+

has only been detected in a couple of disks from the sample of 22 Herbig Ae/Be and 8 T Tauri systems surveyed by Fedele et al. (2013).

Apart from HCO^+ , the most abundant molecular ions in the disk are H_3^+ , CH_2^+ , CH_3^+ (see Fig. 11), and C_2H_2^+ , species which

are very difficult to detect. While H_3^+ is mostly present in the midplane of the outer disk, the hydrocarbon cations are essentially present in the disk surface. For example, the formation of CH_2^+ and CH_3^+ is strongly linked to that of CH^+ (Agúndez et al. 2010). Molecular ions not yet observed in disks but potentially detectable are HCNH^+ (the precursor of HCN and HNC in the outer disk) and CF^+ (formed in the disk PDR). Both ions are polar and have column densities in excess of 10^{11} cm^{-2} (see Fig. 11), although detecting them may be challenging because their dipole moments are not very high. An additional interesting feature emerging from the model is that most of the positive charge is not carried out by molecular ions but by atomic ions (metals in the disk midplane and carbon in the disk surface).

3.7. Ices and snow lines

Ices account for an important percentage of the matter of protoplanetary disks. The high densities and cold temperatures prevailing in the midplane regions ensure a rapid and efficient adsorption of gas-phase molecules onto dust grains, where they settle and live long in the form of ice. The presence or absence of a particular type of ice in a certain disk region depends on the balance between adsorption and desorption, and, because adsorption rates are similar for most molecules (see Sect. 2.2.5), the extent of each particular type of ice is determined by its specific desorption rate. According to the model, among the various desorption mechanisms considered (see Sect. 2.2.6), thermal desorption is clearly the most important and the one that shapes the bulk distribution of most ices. We however note that for those species with large binding energies, the vertical extent of ices in the outer disk is essentially controlled by photodesorption by interstellar and stellar FUV radiation. In these outer regions, dust temperatures may not be high enough to trigger thermal desorption of strongly bonded ices, while FUV photons can penetrate down to intermediate heights and provide an efficient means of desorbing ice molecules. The main effect of photodesorption is that it shifts down the snow line¹³ of highly polar molecules in the outer disk, enhancing their gas-phase abundance at intermediate heights. In summary, the distribution of ices with low binding energies, such as CO and N_2 , is controlled by thermal desorption, while for ices with large binding energies, like NH_3 and H_2O (see Table 2), distribution is determined by thermal desorption in the inner regions and by photodesorption in the outer disk. Other desorption mechanisms, such as cosmic-ray induced desorption or photodesorption by FUV photons generated through the Prasad–Tarafdar mechanism, are much less important.

In protoplanetary disks, ices are mostly distributed around the midplane, from the very outer disk down to an inner edge, which is given by the location of the snow line in the midplane. Since the midplane snow line is essentially controlled by thermal desorption (and thus by the binding energy of the particular ice and by the dust temperature structure of the disk along the midplane), ices appear progressively in the radial direction according to their binding energies. In Fig. 12, we show the calculated distributions of CO and H_2O ices in the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be disks. First focusing on the T Tauri disk model, we see that CO ice, for which the adopted binding energy is 1575 K, is only present beyond a few tens of astronomical units, while H_2O ice, which has a much higher binding energy (the adopted value is 5773 K), is present all over the disk midplane. The fact that

water ice extends down to the inner disk edge is a particular outcome of the T Tauri disk model adopted here, which results in dust that is too cold to allow for efficient thermal desorption of water ice in the inner disk midplane. Since dust temperatures are strongly dependent on parameters such as the size of dust grains, other T Tauri disk models may find water snow lines that are further out compared to that obtained here (see, e.g., Walsh et al. 2015). An obvious difference between the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disk models is that in the latter, snow lines shift to larger radii owing to the warmer dust temperatures (see Fig. 12), and as a consequence, the mass of ices in the disk becomes smaller.

The abundance distributions of CO and H_2O ices shown in Fig. 12 serve to illustrate two extreme cases of molecules with low and high binding energies, respectively (see Table 2). Other ices with binding energies between those of CO and H_2O have intermediate distributions between those of these two molecules. In general, the smaller the binding energy, the larger the radius to which the snow line shifts. This relationship is illustrated in Fig. 13, where we plot the radius at which the midplane snow line lies for various ices as a function of their binding energies. There is a clear trend which indicates that both quantities are related by a power law of the type $E_D \propto r_{\text{ms}}^{-q}$, where r_{ms} stands for radius of midplane snow line. A fit to the data points in Fig. 13 yields an exponent q of ~ 0.23 in both the T Tauri and the Herbig Ae/Be disks. This behavior is not surprising since the midplane snow line of a given ice is essentially located at the radius at which the dust temperature in the midplane becomes similar to the condensation temperature of the ice, and the latter is directly proportional to the binding energy of the ice. That is, the observed relation between binding energy and midplane snow line merely reflects how the midplane dust temperature varies with radius. In Fig. 13 we have overplotted as a solid line the radial profile of the dust temperature in the midplane scaled up by a factor of 45. The comparison between solid line and data points in Fig. 13 suggests that a factor of proportionality between binding energy and condensation temperature in the range 30–50 is adequate for the protoplanetary disks modeled here. For comparison, Hollenbach et al. (2009) calculate this factor of proportionality to be ~ 50 while Martín-Doménech et al. (2014) quote a value of ~ 30 (from Attard & Barnes 1998).

Using observations to reveal the location of snow lines in protoplanetary disks is still challenging, although ALMA observations are starting to permit interesting constraints. For example, in the disk around the T Tauri star TW Hya the CO snow line has been found to lie at a radius of ~ 20 au (Schwarz et al. 2016; Zhang et al. 2017), while in the disk around the Herbig Ae star HD 163296 it has been located at a radius of 90 au from the star (Qi et al. 2015). These two observational points are included in Fig. 13. While the CO snow line derived for TW Hya is close to the value calculated in our T Tauri disk model, the radius derived for HD 163296 is much smaller than indicated by our Herbig Ae/Be disk model, which puts the CO snow line even beyond the outer disk edge. We however note that the coincidence in the case of TW Hya is very likely accidental because our generic T Tauri disk model is not aimed to represent either the TW Hya disk or any other particular disk. The observational finding of a CO snow line farther out in the HD 163296 disk than in the TW Hya disk is in line with the general expectation that snow lines are shifted to larger radii in Herbig Ae/Be disks compared to T Tauri disks, although taking into account the poor statistics, consisting of just one object of each type, this result may be fortuitous. Expanding the sample of disks seems mandatory to draw more definitive conclusions. It will also be very interesting

¹³ The snow line of a particular species is defined here as the transition region where its gas and ice abundances become equal.

Fig. 12. Calculated distributions of CO and H₂O ices as a function of radius r and height over radius z/r for the T Tauri (left panel) and Herbig Ae/Be (right panel) disks. The dashed line in each panel indicates the location of the corresponding snow line.

Fig. 13. Midplane snow line of various ices (along x -axis) as a function of the binding energy (along y -axis) in the T Tauri (green circles) and Herbig Ae/Be (magenta circles) disks. Observational CO snow lines in TW Hya (Schwarz et al. 2016; Zhang et al. 2017) and HD 163296 (Qi et al. 2015) are also shown. We also plot the dust temperature in the midplane (scaled up by a factor of 45) as a function of radius in the T Tauri (green solid line) and Herbig Ae/Be (magenta solid line) disk models.

to observationally locate the snow line of different molecules in the same disk, so that the sequence of snow lines of ices with different binding energies depicted in Fig. 13 can be tracked.

4. Influence of the stellar spectrum and the photodestruction rates

Chemical models of protoplanetary disks contain so many ingredients to deal with the multiple processes at work that the output

abundance distributions can be sensitive to many of them. In this study we put the focus on the photochemistry and thus here we evaluate the influence of a couple of related aspects: the spectrum of the star and the way in which photodestruction rates are computed. We concentrate on the T Tauri disk model for this sensitivity analysis.

T Tauri stars are cool, with effective temperatures of the order of 4000 K, although they usually have an important FUV excess that can greatly affect the photochemistry of the disk. To evaluate the influence of this FUV excess we compare our fiducial T Tauri disk model, in which we consider the stellar spectrum of TW Hya, with a model in which we assume that the star emits as a blackbody at a temperature of 4000 K (both spectra are shown in Fig. 1). The lack of FUV excess in this latter case results in much lower photodestruction rates (compare our values in Table B.1 with those of van Dishoeck et al. 2006, or see Heays et al. 2017). The net effect is that without FUV excess, most photodestruction rates are dominated by the ISRF rather than by stellar radiation. As an example, in the left panel of Fig. 14 we show the photodissociation rate of CO as a function of height at a radius of 1 au, where both the contributions of the ISRF and the star are taken into account. It is seen that in the upper disk, where photodestruction rates are dominated by stellar photons (see Fig. 3), the photodissociation rate of CO in the 4000 K blackbody star model is below that in the fiducial model by many orders of magnitude. A similar behavior occurs for the photodestruction rates of other species. As a consequence, the CO/C/C⁺ interface shifts to upper heights and the atomic carbon layer becomes wider (see right panels in Fig. 14). In general, the photochemically active layer, where for example the transition H₂O/OH is located and the radicals C₂H and CN are, is shifted to upper layers. This overall shift of the photochemistry to upper, less dense, and warmer layers, together with the lower strength of the FUV radiation field, induce important changes in the abundances of several molecules. For example, stable

Fig. 14. Vertical structure of the CO photodissociation rate (*left panel*) and the CO/C/C⁺ interface (*right panels*) at a radius of 1 au from the star for the T Tauri disk. We show results from our fiducial model, a model in which a 4000 K blackbody stellar spectrum is considered, and a model in which all photodestruction rates are computed using parametric expressions (see text). The dotted lines in the three right panels indicate the peak abundance of atomic carbon and the height at which it is reached in the fiducial model. The small drop in the abundance of CO seen around $z/r \sim 0.15$, which is more marked in the 4000 K blackbody star model, is due to a maximum in the abundance of water.

Fig. 15. Calculated vertical column densities down to the midplane of H₂O, C₂H₂, and HCN (*left panel*) and the radicals C₂H and CN (*right panel*) as a function of radius r for the T Tauri disk. We show results from our fiducial model, a model in which a 4000 K blackbody stellar spectrum is considered, and a model in which all photodestruction rates are computed using parametric expressions (see text).

molecules like water and the simple organics C₂H₂ and HCN become more abundant at intermediate disk radii compared to the fiducial model (see left panel in Fig. 15), while the radicals C₂H and CN experience a decline in their abundances (see right panel in Fig. 15).

The way in which photodestruction rates are computed may also have an influence on the chemical structure of the photochemically active layer of disks (e.g., Walsh et al. 2012). In our fiducial model, we have used the Meudon PDR code to compute the photodissociation rates of H₂ and CO by solving the excitation and the line-by-line FUV radiative transfer to properly account for self and mutual shielding effects and have computed photodestruction rates for a variety of species using the cross sections compiled in Appendix A. To investigate the effect of using a simpler approach, we have run a T Tauri disk model in which all photodestruction rates are computed through the parametric expression in Eq. (7). The α and γ parameters are taken from Table B.1, while for H₂ and CO we adopt unattenuated rates and dust shielding factors from Heays et al. (2017). In the left panel of Fig. 14 we compare the resulting

CO photodissociation rate as a function of height at a radius of 1 au given by this parametric photodestruction rates approach with that resulting from our fiducial model. It is seen that in the upper disk both approaches yield similar results, although at lower heights, where photodestruction is dominated by ISRF photons (see Fig. 3), the parametric approach overestimates the photodissociation rate of CO. The resulting CO/C/C⁺ interface is very similar in both scenarios, although it is worth noting that the peak abundance of atomic carbon is lower when the parametric photodestruction rates are used. This has some consequences for the abundances of carbon-bearing species typically formed under the action of photochemistry, such as the radicals C₂H and CN. In fact, these two radicals reach abundances significantly lower in the outer disk when parametric photodestruction rates are used compared to the fiducial model (see right panel in Fig. 15). Other species are also affected to different degrees. For example, while the column density of water does not change much, acetylene becomes less abundant and hydrogen cyanide is slightly enhanced in the range of radii between 1 and 10 au (see left panel in Fig. 15).

5. Conclusions

We have developed a model aimed to compute the chemical composition of a generic protoplanetary disk around a young star. The model considers a passively irradiated disk in steady state and computes the physical and chemical structure of the disk with particular attention to the disk photochemistry. In particular we have compiled cross sections for 29 molecules and 8 atoms and computed the photodissociation and photoionization rates at each location in the disk by solving the FUV radiative transfer with the Meudon PDR code in a 1+1D approach.

We have applied the model to perform a comparative study of the chemistry of disks around low-mass (T Tauri) and intermediate-mass (Herbig Ae/Be) stars. Infrared and (sub-)millimeter observations of T Tauri and Herbig disks point to a lower detection rate of molecules in the latter type of disks and, for some species, somewhat lower abundances. Motivated by the observational studies, we have investigated the potential chemical differentiation between disks around these two types of stars, which have very different masses and spectra. We find that globally the chemical behavior of these two types of disk is quite similar, with some important differences driven by the higher stellar UV flux and the warmer temperatures of Herbig Ae/Be disks.

Water vapor and the simple organic molecules C_2H_2 , HCN, and CH_4 are predicted to be very abundant ($\sim 10^{-4}$ for H_2O and a few $\times 10^{-5}$ for the organics) in the hot inner regions of disks around both T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars. The main difference between the two types of disk is that these molecules extend over a larger region in Herbig Ae/Be disks due to the warmer temperatures attained, a finding that is in agreement with the models by Walsh et al. (2015) but in contrast with IR observations that find a much lower detection rate of water and simple organics toward Herbig Ae/Be disks than toward T Tauri disks. This latter fact is probably caused by observational aspects rather than by substantive differences in the chemistry between these two types of disk. For example, Antonellini et al. (2016) point out that Herbig stars are brighter than T Tauri stars resulting in a higher level of mid-IR continuum and smaller line/continuum ratios. If true, the higher sensitivity and spectral resolution of the *James Webb Space Telescope* with respect to *Spitzer* could allow to increase the detection rate of water and simple organics in Herbig Ae/Be systems.

Concerning the outer regions of disks, observations point to a lower detection rate of molecules and to somewhat lower abundances in Herbig Ae disks compared to T Tauri disks, although the statistics of Herbig Ae objects observed is small. Our model indicates that in general there are not drastic differences between T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks concerning the abundances of molecules typically observed in disks at (sub-)millimeter wavelengths. More specifically, various molecules, such as H_2CO , CS, SO, and HCO^+ , are observed with similar abundances in the outer regions of T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks and the model satisfactorily finds no clear differentiation between both types of disks for these species. For other species, such as HCN and the radicals C_2H and CN, observations suggest that T Tauri disks may retain somewhat larger abundances than Herbig Ae disks in the outer regions, while the model indeed predicts that these species are slightly less abundant in Herbig Ae disks than in T Tauri disks. In the case of the radicals C_2H and CN, which are produced by the action of photochemistry, the slightly lower abundances calculated in Herbig Ae disks are caused by the higher UV flux, which narrows the photochemically active layer and limits the ability of photochemistry to synthesize molecules.

In any case, for HCN, C_2H , and CN, the observed and calculated abundance differences between both types of disks are small, of a factor of a few at most.

For other organic molecules with a certain complexity such as CH_3OH , HC_3N , CH_3CN , and $c-C_3H_2$, the match with observed values is not satisfactory. This fact, together with the ample dispersion of abundances calculated by different chemical models in the literature, points to the chemistry of these molecules not yet being as robust as for simpler species. In addition, grain-surface chemistry, not included in our model, is likely playing an active role in the synthesis of some of these molecules.

A clear differentiation between T Tauri and Herbig Ae disks is found concerning ices. The warmer temperatures of Herbig Ae disks shift snow lines to larger radii compared to T Tauri disks and as a consequence disks around intermediate-mass stars are expected to contain a substantially lower mass of ices compared to T Tauri disks.

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Appendix A: Photodissociation and photoionization cross sections

Photodissociation and photoionization processes are treated using the relevant cross section as a function of wavelength. We adopt this approach for key species for which cross section data are available in the literature, excluding H_2 and CO , the photodissociation of which are treated solving the excitation and line-by-line radiative transfer and taking into account self-shielding effects. We are mainly interested in cross sections ranging from the Lyman cutoff, at 911.776 Å, to wavelengths in the range 1500–4000 Å, where most molecules have their photodissociation threshold. We note that in protoplanetary disks, stellar photons with wavelengths shorter than the Lyman cutoff may also have an impact on the photodissociation and photoionization rates in disk regions exposed to the star. It will be worth taking this into account in the future.

Cross sections of molecules with a closed electronic shell have been mostly taken from experimental studies carried out at room temperature. In the case of radicals, most of the cross section data come from theoretical studies. We note that cross sections can show a great dependence with temperature, something that may have an important impact on the chemistry of protoplanetary disks taking into account that the gas kinetic temperature can take values from hundreds to thousands of degrees Kelvin in the photon-dominated region of the disk. Of course it would be desirable to use temperature-dependent cross sections, although such data are currently limited to just a few species (e.g., Venot et al. 2013; McMillan et al. 2016). This will be something to take into account in the future.

We have compiled photo cross sections for 29 molecules and 8 atoms from original sources in the literature or from databases such as the MPI-Mainz UV/VIS Spectral Atlas of Gaseous Molecules of Atmospheric Interest¹⁴, which contains extensive information on experimental cross sections of stable molecules, the Photo Rate Coefficient Database¹⁵ (Huebner et al. 1992), the Leiden database of photodissociation and photoionization of astrophysically relevant molecules¹⁶ (van Dishoeck et al. 2006; Heays et al. 2017), which contains theoretical data of numerous radicals. It is common that experimental studies provide the photoabsorption cross section without disentangling whether the absorption leads to fluorescence, dissociation, or ionization. Unless otherwise stated, we have assumed that absorption of FUV photons not leading to ionization leads to dissociation of the molecule, that is, that the contribution of fluorescence to the total photoabsorption cross section is negligible. This may be a bad approximation at long wavelengths but is likely to be correct at short wavelengths, typically below 1500 Å. In the case of photoionization of atoms we have made use of databases such as TOPbase, the Opacity Project atomic database¹⁷ (Cunto et al. 1993), to retrieve cross sections for some of the atoms. In the following subsections we detail the cross section adopted for each of the 29 molecules and 8 atoms considered. In Fig. A.1 we show the photodissociation cross section as a function of wavelength for some key molecules.

A.1. CH

The photodissociation cross section of methylidyne has been taken from the calculations of van Dishoeck (1987), which

comprise dissociation by lines and by continuum. The photoionization cross section has been obtained from the theoretical study by Barsuhn & Nesbet (1978). The photoionization threshold of CH is 1170 Å (Huebner et al. 1992).

A.2. CH⁺

The photodissociation cross section of CH^+ is taken from the theoretical calculations of Kirby et al. (1980), where we have adopted a cross section of 10 Mb¹⁸ at the resonances lying at 1523, 1546, and 1579 Å. Photodissociation through the three excited electronic states considered by Kirby et al. (1980), $2^1\Sigma^+$, $2^1\Pi$, and $3^1\Sigma^+$, yields $\text{C} + \text{H}^+$ as products.

A.3. CH₂

The photodissociation cross section of the methylene radical has been taken from van Dishoeck et al. (1996), whose calculations comprise dissociation by lines and by continuum radiation. Methylene has two main dissociation channels:

but the latter is a minor one (Kroes et al. 1997), and has therefore been neglected here. The ionization threshold of CH_2 is 1193 Å, although there are no cross section data in the literature, except for the relative data in the ionization threshold region by Litorja & Ruscic (1998).

A.4. CH₃

The UV spectra of CH_3 has been recorded in photographic plates (Herzberg 1961; Callear & Metcalfe 1976), although no quantitative measurement of the intensity was carried out. More recently, the absolute photodissociation cross section was measured in the 2000–2400 Å region by Cameron et al. (2002) and in the band at 2164 Å by Khamaganov et al. (2007), in good agreement with previous absolute measurements: 40.1–41.2 Mb at 2136.6 Å (Macpherson et al. 1985) and 35.1 Mb at 2164 Å (Arthur 1986). We have adopted the photodissociation cross section measured by Cameron et al. (2002) and Khamaganov et al. (2007) at wavelengths longer than 2000 Å, and have calibrated the band intensities classified in five categories, from very weak to very strong, by Herzberg (1961) based on the absolute cross section measured for the 2164 Å band. The dissociation of the methyl radical has two possible channels:

whose quantum yields are not clear. Channel (A.3) is observed at 2163 Å by Wilson et al. (1994), at 1933 Å by North et al. (1995), and at 2125 Å by Wu et al. (2004), while channel (A.4) is observed through fluorescence of CH at $\lambda > 1050$ Å by Kassner & Stuhl (1994). In the absence of better constraints we have assumed a quantum yield of 50% for each channel. As concerns photoionization, we adopt the absolute cross section measured by Gans et al. (2010) from the photoionization threshold (1260 Å) to 1085 Å, and consider a constant cross section shortward of 1085 Å. The adopted cross section is, within uncertainties, similar to those reported in previous studies (Taatjes et al. 2008; Loison 2010).

¹⁸ 1 Mb is equal to 10^{-18} cm².

¹⁴ <http://www.uv-vis-spectral-atlas-mainz.org>

¹⁵ <http://phidrates.space.swri.edu/>

¹⁶ [http://home.strw.leidenuniv.nl/~sim\\$ewine/photo/](http://home.strw.leidenuniv.nl/~sim$ewine/photo/)

¹⁷ <http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/topbase/topbase.html>

Fig. A.1. Photodissociation cross section of various molecules as a function of wavelength. The position of the Ly- α line at 1216 Å is marked with a vertical dashed line.

A.5. CH₄

In the case of methane the photoabsorption cross section has been taken from the experimental study by [Au et al. \(1993\)](#) while the photoionization cross section (the ionization threshold of CH₄ is 983.2 Å) has been measured by [Wang et al. \(2008\)](#). Methane has various photodissociation channels leading to the radicals CH₃, CH₂, and CH:

whose quantum yields have been measured by [Gans et al. \(2011\)](#) at 1182 and 1216 Å.

A.6. C₂

The photodissociation and photoionization cross sections of C₂ have been taken from the theoretical studies by [Pouilly et al. \(1983\)](#) and [Toffoli & Lucchese \(2004\)](#), respectively. The photoionization threshold of C₂ is 1020 Å ([Toffoli & Lucchese 2004](#)).

A.7. C₂H

In the case of the ethynyl radical we adopt the photodissociation cross section by lines calculated by [van Hemert & van Dishoeck \(2008\)](#). The main dissociation channel yields C₂ + H ([Duflot et al. 1994](#); [Sorkhabi et al. 1997](#); [Mebel et al. 2001](#); [Apaydin et al. 2004](#)). The photoionization threshold of C₂H is 1068 Å ([Lide 2009](#)), although to our knowledge there are not cross section data available in the literature.

A.8. C₂H₂

For acetylene the photoionization cross section at wavelengths shorter than the ionization threshold of 1087.6 Å has been taken from the compilation by [Hudson \(1971\)](#). We have subtracted the photoionization cross section from the photoabsorption cross section measured by [Cooper et al. \(1995\)](#) to obtain the photodissociation cross section, which is assumed to yield the C₂H radical with a 100% efficiency.

A.9. OH

The photoabsorption cross section of the hydroxyl radical has been measured by [Nee & Lee \(1984\)](#) in the wavelength range 1150–1830 Å. On the theoretical side, the photodissociation has also been studied by [van Dishoeck & Dalgarno \(1984\)](#). The experimental values are somewhat higher than the theoretical ones, although calculations indicate that photodissociation by lines is also important at wavelengths shorter than 1150 Å. We adopt the theoretical photodissociation cross section, mainly because it spans over a broader wavelength range. Relative photoionization cross section has been measured by [Dehmer \(1984\)](#) up to the threshold at 952.5 Å ([Lide 2009](#)). The absolute scale of the photoionization cross section is fixed by setting a value of 2.5 Mb at 946 Å, according to the calculations of [Stephens & McKoy \(1988\)](#).

A.10. H₂O

The photoabsorption cross section of water has been taken from various experimental studies: [Fillion et al. \(2004\)](#) for the wavelength range 999–1139 Å, [Mota et al. \(2005\)](#) in the wavelength range 1148–1939 Å, and [Chan et al. \(1993a\)](#) elsewhere in the range from the Lyman cutoff to 2060.5 Å. The photoionization cross section for wavelengths shorter than the ionization threshold of H₂O (982.4 Å) has been taken from the experimental study of [Fillion et al. \(2003\)](#). Water has two main photodissociation channels, yielding OH radicals and O atoms:

where channel (A.8) dominates over channel (A.9). Water can be photodissociated in the first band $\tilde{X}^1A_1 - \tilde{A}^1B_1$ at wavelengths longer than 1360 Å and in the second $\tilde{X}^1A_1 - \tilde{B}^1A_1$ and higher bands at shorter wavelengths. Quantum yields of 78% and 22% for channels (A.8) and (A.9) have been measured by [Slanger & Black \(1982\)](#) at 1216 Å (Ly α). We adopt these values for $\lambda < 1360$ Å while at longer wavelengths we take quantum yields of 99% and 1% ([Crovisier 1989](#)).

A.11. O_2

In the wavelength range of photoionization of molecular oxygen (up to the ionization threshold of 1027.8 Å, e.g., Huebner et al. 1992), the photoabsorption and photoionization cross sections have been taken from the experimental study of Holland et al. (1993). Up to 1750 Å, the photoabsorption cross section has been taken from Yoshino et al. (2005), and from Chan et al. (1993b) at longer wavelengths. The dissociation threshold of O_2 is 2423.7 Å (Huebner et al. 1992), although at wavelengths longer than ~1850 Å the photodissociation cross section already becomes negligible.

A.12. H_2CO

The photoabsorption cross section of formaldehyde is taken from measurements by Cooper et al. (1996). The cross section of photoionization, which occurs at wavelengths shorter than ~1400 Å, has been measured by Mentall et al. (1971). The photodissociation channels of H_2CO are

where channel (A.12) can be neglected as it occurs in the wavelength range 2000–3340 Å, where the absorption cross section of H_2CO is three orders of magnitude lower than at $\lambda < 2000$ Å. Channels (A.10) and (A.11) occur with similar quantum yields (Stief et al. 1972), however, since the implications of producing either molecular or atomic hydrogen in the photodissociation of H_2CO are small for the chemistry of protoplanetary disks, we have assumed that only channel (A.10) occurs.

A.13. CO_2

The ionization threshold of CO_2 is 900 Å and thus photoionization does not occur in our wavelength range of interest. The adopted photoabsorption cross section is based on the critical evaluation by Huestis & Berkowitz (2010). The only allowed channel in the photodissociation of carbon dioxide is that yielding $CO + O$ (see, e.g., Huebner et al. 1992).

A.14. NH

In the case of the NH radical the photodissociation cross section has been calculated by Kirby & Goldfield (1991). The photoionization cross section has been calculated by Wang et al. (1990) to be around 8 Mb in the narrow wavelength range from the Lyman cutoff to the ionization threshold at 919.1 Å.

A.15. NH_2

The photodissociation cross section of NH_2 is taken from the theoretical calculations of Koch (1997). There are two possible dissociation channels:

where only channel (A.13) is considered here, based on experimental and theoretical evidence that the major channel in the photodissociation of NH_2 leads to NH radicals (Biehl et al.

1994; Vetter et al. 1996). As concerns photoionization, we used the relative cross section measured by Gibson et al. (1985) in the wavelength range 745–1125 Å (the ionization threshold is 1130 Å) and fixed the absolute scale by assuming a guess value of 10 Mb for the cross section at 912 Å.

A.16. NH_3

The photoabsorption cross section of ammonia is taken from Edvardsson et al. (1999) up to the ionization threshold of 1231 Å, from Wu et al. (2007) in the wavelength range 1231–1440 Å, and from Chen et al. (2006a) at longer wavelengths. The data measured by Burton et al. (1993) at a lower spectral resolution is consistent with the data described above. The photoionization cross section has been taken from Edvardsson et al. (1999). As concerns photodissociation, there are different channels for ammonia, leading to NH_2 and NH radicals,

where channel (A.15) dominates over the production of NH with a yield ≥ 0.694 . The quantum yields over the wavelength range of interest have been taken from various measurements carried out at different wavelengths (McNesby et al. 1962; Okabe et al. 1967; Groth et al. 1968; Lilly et al. 1973; Slinger & Black 1982).

A.17. N_2

Molecular nitrogen is ionized by photons with energies higher than 15.58 eV and thus only photodissociation, and not photoionization, occurs in our wavelength range of interest. The photoabsorption cross section has been taken from the experiments carried out by Chan et al. (1993c). The photodissociation threshold of N_2 is 1270.85 Å, although in the practice only photons with $\lambda < 1000$ Å are efficient enough in dissociating molecular nitrogen.

A.18. CN

The photodissociation cross section of the CN radical has been calculated by Lavendy et al. (1987). The photodissociation threshold is 1600 Å (Huebner et al. 1992), although in the practice the cross section becomes vanishingly small at wavelengths longer than ~1100 Å. Since the ionization threshold of CN is 911.756 Å (Lide 2009), slightly shorter than that of hydrogen, we do not consider photoionization here.

A.19. HCN

Hydrogen is ionized by photons with wavelengths shorter than the Lyman cutoff and thus photoionization of HCN is not considered here. We have adopted the photoabsorption cross section measured by Nuth & Glicker (1982) up to $\lambda = 1469.2$ Å. We assume that at longer wavelengths the contribution to photodissociation is small and that the main photodissociation channel leads to the CN radical.

A.20. HNC

The photoabsorption cross section of HNC has recently been calculated simultaneously with that of the most stable isomer HCN by Chenel et al. (2016) in the 7–10 eV energy range. More recently, Aguado et al. (2017) have extended those calculations

including higher electronic states to cover the 7–13.6 eV energy range. We adopted the cross section calculated by [Aguado et al. \(2017\)](#) and assumed that absorption in the studied wavelength range leads mainly to dissociation rather than fluorescence. The ionization threshold of HNC is 992 Å ([Lide 2009](#)), although the relevant cross section is not known.

A.21. NO

The photoabsorption cross section of nitric oxide was taken from [Watanabe et al. \(1967\)](#) up to 1350 Å and from [Guest & Lee \(1981\)](#) at longer wavelengths. The photoionization cross section was measured by [Watanabe et al. \(1967\)](#) up to the ionization threshold, at 1340 Å. The photodissociation cross section was obtained by subtracting the cross sections due to photoionization ([Watanabe et al. 1967](#)) and to fluorescence (as characterized by [Guest & Lee 1981](#)) from the total photoabsorption cross section.

A.22. SH

In the case of the mercapto radical, various theoretical studies have investigated the photodissociation dynamics of selected electronic states, mostly the first excited state $A^2\Sigma^+$ but also higher ones such as $^2\Sigma^-$, $^2\Delta$, and $2^2\Pi$ (e.g., [Wheeler et al. 1997](#); [Chen et al. 2006b](#); [Janssen et al. 2007](#)). However, no quantitative measurement of the photodissociation cross section across the FUV range is available. We have therefore adopted the photodissociation cross section from the Leiden database, whose data are largely based on the calculations of [Bruna & Hirsch \(1987\)](#). The photoionization threshold of SH is 1190 Å, although there are no data on the relevant cross section.

A.23. SH⁺

For the SH⁺ ion, the photodissociation cross section was taken from the Leiden database, where the recent calculations by [McMillan et al. \(2016\)](#) were used adopting the cross section of photodissociation from the ground $v = 0$ and $J = 0$ level (see [Heays et al. 2017](#)). Photodissociation at FUV wavelengths is dominated by transitions involving the excited electronic states $3^3\Sigma^-$ and $3^3\Pi$, which yield S + H⁺ as products ([McMillan et al. 2016](#)).

A.24. H₂S

For hydrogen sulfide the photoabsorption cross section has been taken from [Feng et al. \(1999a\)](#) and the photoionization yield from [Feng et al. \(1999b\)](#). We just consider the dissociation channel leading to SH + H, which dominates over the others (see, e.g., [Cook et al. 2001](#)). There are two possible ionization channels ([Huebner et al. 1992](#)):

where channel (A.17) has a threshold of 1185.25 Å and dominates, while channel (A.18) has a threshold of 927 Å and accounts for just 5% of the total ionization quantum yield. We therefore consider that ionization yields H₂S⁺ in all cases.

A.25. CS

In the case of carbon monosulfide, the photodissociation cross section was taken from the Leiden database, whose data are based on absorption lines measurements by [Stark et al. \(1987\)](#) and vertical excitation energies calculated by [Bruna et al. \(1975\)](#),

in addition to some oscillator strength guesses. For the photoionization cross section, we used the relative measurements carried out by [Norwood et al. \(1991\)](#) in the wavelength range 1000–1100 Å (the ionization threshold is 1095.5 Å) and fixed the absolute scale by assuming a guess value of 10 Mb for the cross section at ≤1000 Å.

A.26. SO

For sulfur monoxide, the cross section data available in the literature cover just a limited spectral region. The photoabsorption cross section has been measured in the wavelength ranges 1150–1350 Å and 1900–2350 Å by [Nee & Lee \(1986\)](#) and by [Phillips \(1981\)](#), respectively. In the gap between these two spectral regions and at wavelengths shorter than 1150 Å we have adopted an arbitrary photodissociation cross section of 5 Mb. The ionization threshold of SO is 1205 Å ([Huebner et al. 1992](#)). As photoionization cross section we used the photoelectron spectrum measured by [Norwood & Ng \(1989\)](#) in the wavelength range 1025–1225 Å and scaled it assuming a cross section of 10 Mb at ≤1025 Å.

A.27. SO₂

The photoabsorption cross section of sulfur dioxide is based on various experimental studies dealing with different wavelength ranges: [Holland et al. \(1995\)](#) up to the ionization threshold of SO₂ at 1004 Å, [Feng et al. \(1999c\)](#) in the range 1004–1061 Å, [Manatt & Lane \(1993\)](#) in the range 1061–1717.7 Å, and [Wu et al. \(2000\)](#) at longer wavelengths. The photoionization cross section is taken from [Holland et al. \(1995\)](#). The photodissociation of SO₂ has two possible channels:

with quantum yields of 50% for each channel, as measured by [Driscoll & Warneck \(1968\)](#) at 1849 Å. We adopt these quantum yields from the Lyman cutoff to the photodissociation threshold of channel (A.20), lying at 2070 Å ([Huebner et al. 1992](#)), and assume that only channel (A.19) occurs from 2070 to 2179 Å, this latter value being the photodissociation threshold of the channel leading to SO ([Huebner et al. 1992](#)).

A.28. HF

Hydrogen fluoride is ionized by photons with energies above 16 eV and thus only photodissociation is considered here. The photodissociation cross section of HF was obtained from the theoretical calculations by [Li et al. \(2010\)](#), which are in good agreement with the experimental values measured in the wavelength range 1070–1450 Å by [Nee et al. \(1985\)](#). The photodissociation cross section of HF has the shape of a continuous band centered at ~1230 Å, which corresponds to the $X^1\Sigma^+ - a^1\Pi$ transition.

A.29. HCl

The photoabsorption cross section of hydrogen chloride has been measured by [Brion et al. \(2005\)](#). The photoionization yield up to the ionization threshold of HCl, at 972.5 Å, has been taken from the study of [Daviel et al. \(1984\)](#).

A.30. Photoionization of atoms

We have also taken into account the photoionization cross sections of those atoms which can be ionized by photons

with wavelengths longer than 911.776 Å. Among the elements included in the chemical network those atoms are, in order of increasing photoionization threshold (taken from [Lide 2009](#) and given in parentheses): Cl (956.11 Å), C (1101.07 Å), P (1182.30 Å), S (1196.76 Å), Si (1520.97 Å), Fe (1568.9 Å), Mg (1621.51 Å), and Na (2412.58 Å). Data for chlorine have been taken from the measurements by [Ruscic & Berkowitz \(1983\)](#). Cross sections for sulfur and sodium were taken from the TOP-base database, while for phosphorus, carbon, and silicon we adopted the analytic fits by [Verner et al. \(1996\)](#)¹⁹. For magnesium and iron we used the cross sections in the Leiden database.

Appendix B: Photodissociation and photoionization rates

The photodissociation and photoionization rate of a given species depends on the relevant cross section and the strength and spectral shape of the FUV radiation field. In protoplanetary disks there are two main sources of FUV radiation, the interstellar radiation field (ISRF) and the star, each one having a different strength, spectral shape, and illumination geometry. Therefore, the relative contribution of each field to the various photoprocesses can be quite different depending on the particular process (via the spectral shape of the cross section) and the position in the disk (via the exposure to each radiation field).

The effect of the different spectral shapes of interstellar and stellar radiation fields on the photoprocesses occurring in protoplanetary disks has been investigated by [van Dishoeck et al. \(2006\)](#). These authors approximated the stellar emission of T Tauri and Herbig Ae stars as blackbodies at temperatures of 4000 K and 10 000 K, respectively. One of the most dramatic effects found is that the 4000 K blackbody field is much less efficient in photodissociating and photoionizing molecules than the interstellar and 10 000 K blackbody fields. The reason is that the 4000 K blackbody emits little at short wavelengths, where dissociation and ionization take place. A similar study using an updated set of cross sections has been recently carried out by [Heays et al. \(2017\)](#). Here we have adopted as proxies of the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be radiation fields the spectra of TW Hya and AB Aurigae described in Sect. 2.1.1 and shown in Fig. 1. As a consequence of the strong FUV excess and Ly α emission usually present in T Tauri stars, which is accounted for by the TW Hya spectrum but not by a blackbody at 4000 K, the photodissociation and photoionization efficiency of the T Tauri radiation field is greatly enhanced with respect to the blackbody assumption.

Following the idea of [van Dishoeck et al. \(2006\)](#), here we are interested in evaluating the effect of the different spectral shapes of interstellar and stellar radiation fields (see, e.g., Fig. B.1) on the photodissociation and photoionization rates of assorted species. To that purpose we scaled the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be radiation fields to get the same energy density of the ISRF over the wavelength range 912–2400 Å, which amounts to 1.07×10^{-13} erg cm⁻³ adopting the ISRF of [Draine \(1978\)](#) and the expressions given in Sect. 2.1.1. This is almost twice the value given by [Habing \(1968\)](#), 5.6×10^{-14} erg cm⁻³. For a given radiation field characterized by a specific intensity I_λ and a photoprocess characterized by a cross section σ_λ , the rate Γ can be computed as

$$\Gamma = \int_{912}^{\lambda_{\max}} (4\pi \frac{\lambda}{hc} I_\lambda) \sigma_\lambda d\lambda, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

¹⁹ <http://www.pa.uky.edu/~verner/photo.html>

Fig. B.1. FUV photodissociation cross sections of H₂O and CO₂ superimposed on the FUV spectrum of the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars (flux at 1 au) and on the spectral shape of the interstellar radiation field. We note for example that Ly α radiation becomes very important to photodissociate H₂O but not CO₂, which is photodissociated more efficiently at wavelengths shorter than ~ 1150 Å.

where the term in parentheses is the photon flux per unit time, area, and wavelength, and the integral extends from the Lyman cutoff (912 Å) to a maximum wavelength $\lambda_{\max}$, which depends on each process.

In order to evaluate how the rates of the various photoprocesses vary with the depth into the disk, we made use of the Meudon PDR code ([Le Petit et al. 2006](#)) to compute the photodissociation and photoionization rates as a function of A_V . We consider a plane-parallel cloud illuminated on one side by an external radiation field corresponding to either the ISRF, the T Tauri star, or the Herbig Ae/Be star, where the stellar fields have been scaled to the FUV energy density of the ISRF. The cloud has uniform density of H nuclei and gas kinetic temperature. We verified that densities in the range 10^4 – 10^8 cm⁻³ and temperatures ranging from 100 to 1000 K, typical values in the photon dominated region of protoplanetary disks, yield identical results. The resulting photodissociation and photoionization rates as a function of the visual extinction have been fitted in the range $A_V = 0$ –5 according to the standard expression given by Eq. (7). We use this expression for simplicity, although we note that more accurate fits can be obtained with more elaborate expressions, for example, considering two coefficients instead of one in the exponential term ([Roberge et al. 1991](#)) or involving the 2nd-order exponential integral E_2 ([Neufeld et al. 2009](#); [Roueff et al. 2014](#); [Heays et al. 2017](#)).

In Table B.1 we list unattenuated rates α and attenuation factors γ under different radiation fields for the photodissociation and photoionization processes involving the 29 molecules and 8 atoms discussed in Appendix A²⁰. If we focus on the unattenuated rates α , we see that the rates calculated under the T Tauri radiation field are not very different from those computed under the ISRF (within one order of magnitude), while in the case of

²⁰ The interstellar unattenuated rates α in Table B.1 have been scaled up by a factor of two with respect to the output values from the one-side illuminated clouds modeled with the Meudon PDR code. This way, our tabulated values are in line with those in the literature ([Roberge et al. 1991](#); [van Dishoeck et al. 2006](#); [Heays et al. 2017](#)) and in the astrochemical databases UMIST and KIDA. We note, however, that when modeling protoplanetary disks or clouds that are illuminated on just one side, the other being optically thick, one must use half the unattenuated rates α listed in Table B.1.

Table B.1. Photodissociation and photoionization rates for various radiation fields.

Reaction	Interstellar ^a		T Tauri ^b		Herbig Ae/Be ^c	
	α (s ⁻¹)	γ	α (s ⁻¹)	γ	α (s ⁻¹)	γ
CH + $h\nu$ → C + H	9.8×10^{-10}	1.58	9.9×10^{-10}	1.02	2.5×10^{-9}	0.89
CH + $h\nu$ → CH ⁺ + e ⁻	9.3×10^{-10}	3.20	1.6×10^{-10}	2.71	1.1×10^{-11}	2.64
CH ⁺ + $h\nu$ → C + H ⁺	3.3×10^{-10}	3.02	1.0×10^{-10}	2.39	2.2×10^{-11}	1.89
CH ₂ + $h\nu$ → CH + H	6.5×10^{-10}	1.89	3.3×10^{-10}	1.45	9.4×10^{-10}	1.42
CH ₃ + $h\nu$ → CH ₂ + H	3.6×10^{-10}	2.06	2.0×10^{-10}	1.55	4.8×10^{-10}	1.54
CH ₃ + $h\nu$ → CH + H ₂	3.6×10^{-10}	2.06	2.0×10^{-10}	1.55	4.8×10^{-10}	1.54
CH ₃ + $h\nu$ → CH ₃ ⁺ + e ⁻	3.3×10^{-10}	2.91	5.4×10^{-10}	2.23	8.1×10^{-12}	2.32
CH ₄ + $h\nu$ → CH ₃ + H	4.7×10^{-10}	2.75	7.8×10^{-10}	2.22	5.3×10^{-11}	2.07
CH ₄ + $h\nu$ → CH ₂ + H ₂	8.8×10^{-10}	2.83	1.0×10^{-9}	2.23	7.0×10^{-11}	2.09
CH ₄ + $h\nu$ → CH + H ₂ + H	1.2×10^{-10}	2.83	1.4×10^{-10}	2.23	9.7×10^{-12}	2.09
CH ₄ + $h\nu$ → CH ₄ ⁺ + e ⁻	1.4×10^{-11}	3.95	1.8×10^{-12}	3.36	1.4×10^{-13}	3.37
C ₂ + $h\nu$ → C + C	1.3×10^{-10}	2.97	3.9×10^{-11}	2.52	3.4×10^{-12}	2.45
C ₂ + $h\nu$ → C ₂ ⁺ + e ⁻	2.1×10^{-10}	3.82	3.9×10^{-11}	3.23	2.3×10^{-12}	3.22
C ₂ H + $h\nu$ → C ₂ + H	1.6×10^{-9}	2.48	1.8×10^{-9}	2.13	5.6×10^{-10}	1.83
C ₂ H ₂ + $h\nu$ → C ₂ H + H	4.4×10^{-9}	2.46	4.2×10^{-9}	2.08	1.9×10^{-9}	1.81
C ₂ H ₂ + $h\nu$ → C ₂ H ₂ ⁺ + e ⁻	3.3×10^{-10}	3.37	9.0×10^{-11}	2.87	6.0×10^{-12}	2.87
OH + $h\nu$ → O + H	3.8×10^{-10}	2.33	5.1×10^{-10}	1.99	1.7×10^{-10}	1.62
OH + $h\nu$ → OH ⁺ + e ⁻	5.2×10^{-12}	3.95	6.5×10^{-13}	3.35	5.5×10^{-14}	3.37
H ₂ O + $h\nu$ → OH + H	6.8×10^{-10}	2.22	1.4×10^{-9}	2.01	3.4×10^{-10}	1.52
H ₂ O + $h\nu$ → O + H ₂	1.0×10^{-10}	2.70	3.5×10^{-10}	2.21	9.5×10^{-12}	1.74
H ₂ O + $h\nu$ → H ₂ O ⁺ + e ⁻	2.7×10^{-11}	3.84	6.2×10^{-12}	3.22	3.6×10^{-13}	3.23
O ₂ + $h\nu$ → O + O	7.3×10^{-10}	2.31	3.5×10^{-10}	1.81	5.6×10^{-10}	1.77
O ₂ + $h\nu$ → O ₂ ⁺ + e ⁻	5.1×10^{-11}	3.72	1.2×10^{-11}	3.08	8.6×10^{-13}	3.08
H ₂ CO + $h\nu$ → CO + H ₂	1.6×10^{-9}	2.16	2.5×10^{-9}	1.80	1.0×10^{-9}	1.37
H ₂ CO + $h\nu$ → H ₂ CO ⁺ + e ⁻	4.3×10^{-10}	3.22	1.0×10^{-10}	2.76	7.6×10^{-12}	2.69
CO ₂ + $h\nu$ → CO + O	1.1×10^{-9}	3.01	2.4×10^{-10}	2.41	4.3×10^{-11}	1.93
NH + $h\nu$ → N + H	4.8×10^{-10}	2.46	2.0×10^{-10}	2.00	2.7×10^{-10}	1.94
NH + $h\nu$ → NH ⁺ + e ⁻	1.8×10^{-12}	4.00	7.4×10^{-15}	3.41	1.7×10^{-14}	3.42
NH ₂ + $h\nu$ → NH + H	8.9×10^{-10}	1.92	4.2×10^{-10}	1.50	1.1×10^{-9}	1.47
NH ₂ + $h\nu$ → NH ₂ ⁺ + e ⁻	1.1×10^{-10}	3.44	3.1×10^{-11}	2.92	2.1×10^{-12}	2.91
NH ₃ + $h\nu$ → NH ₂ + H	1.2×10^{-9}	1.99	6.9×10^{-10}	1.58	1.2×10^{-9}	1.41
NH ₃ + $h\nu$ → NH + H ₂	3.1×10^{-10}	2.72	1.1×10^{-9}	2.21	3.6×10^{-11}	2.03
NH ₃ + $h\nu$ → NH ₃ ⁺ + e ⁻	4.2×10^{-10}	3.04	1.8×10^{-10}	2.34	8.2×10^{-12}	2.50
N ₂ + $h\nu$ → N + N	3.6×10^{-10}	3.81	7.6×10^{-11}	3.21	3.9×10^{-12}	3.19
CN + $h\nu$ → C + N	1.0×10^{-9}	3.55	1.8×10^{-10}	3.02	1.2×10^{-11}	3.04
HCN + $h\nu$ → CN + H	1.9×10^{-9}	2.82	4.5×10^{-9}	2.22	1.6×10^{-10}	2.01
HNC + $h\nu$ → CN + H	9.4×10^{-10}	2.45	3.2×10^{-9}	2.16	3.9×10^{-10}	1.80
NO + $h\nu$ → N + O	4.7×10^{-10}	2.01	2.3×10^{-10}	1.60	4.1×10^{-10}	1.41
NO + $h\nu$ → NO ⁺ + e ⁻	2.6×10^{-10}	3.00	2.4×10^{-10}	2.27	8.7×10^{-12}	2.24
SH + $h\nu$ → S + H	1.3×10^{-9}	1.89	2.0×10^{-9}	1.54	1.8×10^{-9}	1.30
SH ⁺ + $h\nu$ → S + H ⁺	6.9×10^{-10}	1.89	3.2×10^{-10}	1.05	3.9×10^{-10}	0.80
H ₂ S + $h\nu$ → SH + H	3.2×10^{-9}	2.26	3.4×10^{-9}	1.91	1.8×10^{-9}	1.58
H ₂ S + $h\nu$ → H ₂ S ⁺ + e ⁻	7.2×10^{-10}	3.15	1.7×10^{-10}	2.68	1.3×10^{-11}	2.61
CS + $h\nu$ → C + S	9.5×10^{-10}	2.60	4.2×10^{-9}	2.20	1.7×10^{-10}	1.98
CS + $h\nu$ → CS ⁺ + e ⁻	1.7×10^{-10}	3.30	4.1×10^{-11}	2.81	2.8×10^{-12}	2.81
SO + $h\nu$ → S + O	4.8×10^{-9}	2.24	1.1×10^{-8}	2.01	2.1×10^{-9}	1.47
SO + $h\nu$ → SO ⁺ + e ⁻	2.1×10^{-10}	3.18	5.3×10^{-11}	2.72	4.0×10^{-12}	2.64
SO ₂ + $h\nu$ → SO + O	1.2×10^{-9}	2.25	2.1×10^{-9}	1.97	5.5×10^{-10}	1.47
SO ₂ + $h\nu$ → S + O ₂	1.1×10^{-9}	2.29	2.1×10^{-9}	2.02	4.1×10^{-10}	1.47
SO ₂ + $h\nu$ → SO ₂ ⁺ + e ⁻	1.3×10^{-10}	3.77	3.0×10^{-11}	3.17	2.1×10^{-12}	3.16
HF + $h\nu$ → H + F	1.3×10^{-10}	2.57	3.1×10^{-10}	2.18	2.7×10^{-11}	1.84
HCl + $h\nu$ → H + Cl	2.0×10^{-9}	2.53	7.7×10^{-10}	1.99	4.2×10^{-10}	1.68
HCl + $h\nu$ → HCl ⁺ + e ⁻	1.9×10^{-11}	3.91	2.7×10^{-12}	3.33	1.7×10^{-13}	3.35
C + $h\nu$ → C ⁺ + e ⁻	3.3×10^{-10}	3.28	8.4×10^{-11}	2.82	5.8×10^{-12}	2.80
Si + $h\nu$ → Si ⁺ + e ⁻	4.2×10^{-9}	2.49	4.4×10^{-9}	2.13	2.1×10^{-9}	1.91
P + $h\nu$ → P ⁺ + e ⁻	1.1×10^{-9}	2.99	2.5×10^{-10}	2.48	2.3×10^{-11}	2.45
S + $h\nu$ → S ⁺ + e ⁻	9.7×10^{-10}	3.09	2.1×10^{-10}	2.62	1.8×10^{-11}	2.55
Cl + $h\nu$ → Cl ⁺ + e ⁻	4.7×10^{-11}	3.94	6.1×10^{-12}	3.35	4.4×10^{-13}	3.36
Na + $h\nu$ → Na ⁺ + e ⁻	1.3×10^{-11}	2.12	1.6×10^{-11}	1.68	8.4×10^{-12}	1.47
Mg + $h\nu$ → Mg ⁺ + e ⁻	6.7×10^{-11}	2.29	4.4×10^{-11}	1.80	5.4×10^{-11}	1.73
Fe + $h\nu$ → Fe ⁺ + e ⁻	4.7×10^{-10}	2.45	6.9×10^{-10}	2.02	2.8×10^{-10}	1.88

Notes. ^(a)Interstellar radiation field (ISRF) of [Draine \(1978\)](#); see expressions in Sect. 2.1.1. ^(b)Radiation field of TW Hya scaled to the FUV energy density of the ISRF. ^(c)Radiation field of AB Aurigae scaled to the FUV energy density of the ISRF.

the Herbig Ae/Be radiation field some photoprocesses have rates similar to those computed under the ISRF (within one order of magnitude) while for others the rates are lower by more than a factor of ten. By looking to the spectral shape of the different FUV radiation fields (see Fig. B.1) we note that, except for the fact that stellar spectra have spectral features while the ISRF is a continuum, the spectra of the T Tauri star and the ISRF are more flat than that of the Herbig Ae/Be star, which shows a depletion of flux at short wavelengths (below ~ 1300 Å). Therefore, those photoprocesses which occur more effectively at short wavelengths, as, for example, the photodissociation of N_2 (see Fig. A.1), have higher rates under the ISRF and the T Tauri radiation field than under the Herbig Ae/Be field.

It is interesting to compare our results with previous studies. In general, the unattenuated rates α and the attenuation parameters γ calculated here under the ISRF are similar to those calculated by Roberge et al. (1991), van Dishoeck et al. (2006), and Heays et al. (2017). As concerns the rates under the Herbig

Ae/Be radiation field, our parameters α and γ are also not very different from those calculated by van Dishoeck et al. (2006) and Heays et al. (2017) for a 10 000 K blackbody radiation field, because the FUV spectrum of AB Aurigae used by us is not drastically different from that of a 10 000 K blackbody. The same is not true in the case of the radiation field of the T Tauri star. The FUV spectrum of a 4000 K blackbody is very different from that of TW Hya, which translates into very different photodissociation and photoionization rates. In general, the rates calculated by us for a T Tauri star are orders of magnitude higher than those computed by van Dishoeck et al. (2006) and Heays et al. (2017).

The values provided in Table B.1 can be useful in chemical models of protoplanetary disks around T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars, as long as they allow for computation of the photodissociation and photoionization rates in a simple way, avoiding the more expensive approach, in terms of computing time, of solving the FUV radiative transfer.