Warm gas towards young stellar objects in Corona Australis

Herschel/PACS observations from the DIGIT key programme

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ABSTRACT

Context. The effects of external irradiation on the chemistry and physics in the protostellar envelope around low-mass young stellar objects are poorly understood. The Corona Australis star-forming region contains the R CrA dark cloud, comprising several low-mass protostellar cores irradiated by an intermediate-mass young star.

Aims. We study the effects on the warm gas and dust in a group of low-mass young stellar objects from the irradiation by the young luminous Herbig Be star R CrA.

Methods. Herschel/PACS far-infrared datacubes of two low-mass star-forming regions in the R CrA dark cloud are presented. The distribution of CO, OH, H$_2$O, [C\textsc{ii}], [O\textsc{i}], and continuum emission is investigated. We have developed a deconvolution algorithm which we use to deconvolve the maps, separating the point-source emission from the extended emission. We also construct rotational diagrams of the molecular species.

Results. By deconvolution of the Herschel data, we find large-scale (several thousand AU) dust continuum and spectral line emission not associated with the point sources. Similar rotational temperatures are found for the warm CO (282 ± 4 K), hot CO (890 ± 84 K), OH (79 ± 4 K), and H$_2$O (197 ± 7 K) emission, respectively, in the point sources and the extended emission. The rotational temperatures are also similar to what is found in other more isolated cores. The extended dust continuum emission is found in two ridges similar in extent and temperature to molecular millimetre emission, indicative of external heating from the Herbig Be star R CrA.

Conclusions. Our results show that a nearby luminous star does not increase the molecular excitation temperatures in the warm gas around a young stellar object (YSO). However, the emission from photodissociation products of H$_2$O, such as OH and O, is enhanced in the warm gas associated with these protostars and their surroundings compared to similar objects not suffering from external irradiation.

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1. Introduction

One of the open questions in low-mass star formation is how the irradiation from intermediate-mass stars affects the chemistry, temperature, and excitation conditions in the warm gas around low-mass young stellar objects. With the resolution of the Herschel Space Observatory, superior to that of previous far-infrared telescopes, in combination with deconvolution algorithms, we can now address this question. Both the spectral line emission from the gas and the dust continuum emission from the warm regions peak in the far-infrared (FIR) part of the electromagnetic spectrum. CO, the second most abundant molecule in the interstellar medium (ISM) after H$_2$, has a large number of transitions in this band. In addition, water and its related species, OH, have their most important transitions in this band.

With the advent of the Herschel Space Observatory (Pilbratt et al. 2010), FIR observations with unprecedented spatial and spectral resolution have been made available. The Herschel observations of low-mass YSOs reveal numerous lines of CO, H$_2$O, and OH, along with atomic lines like [O\textsc{i}] and [C\textsc{ii}] (e.g. Herczeg et al. 2012; Kristensen et al. 2012; Green et al. 2013). In most studied sources, the CO rotational diagrams can be fitted with warm and hot components, with rotational temperatures of about 300 K and 900 K, respectively (Green et al. 2013; Karska et al. 2013; Manoj et al. 2013). The OH and H$_2$O emission is usually characterised by somewhat lower rotational temperatures around 100 K (Goicoechea et al. 2012; Herczeg et al. 2012; Wampfler et al. 2013). Most of these studies of low-mass YSOs have targeted isolated embedded objects. To better understand low-mass star formation in more dynamic environments, studies of small groups of resolvable embedded objects are warranted.

This paper presents PACS (Photodetector Array Camera and Spectrometer; Poglitsch et al. 2010) maps of the R Coronae Australis (R CrA) dark cloud, which harbours one of the closest star-
forming regions, located at a distance of 130 pc (Neuhäuser & Forbrich 2008). The cloud is named for the young star R CrA, which has spectral classifications ranging from F5 to B5 (e.g., F5: Hillenbrand et al. 1992; A0: Manoj et al. 2006; B8: Bibb et al. 1992; B5: Gray et al. 2006). The cloud was mapped in CO by Loren (1979), who found an elongated cloud extended over about 2 by 0.5 pc and peaking near R CrA. Higher resolution maps of C$^{18}$O with the SEST (Swedish-ESO Submillimetre Telescope) revealed several dense molecular clumps with masses between 2 $M_\odot$ and 50 $M_\odot$ near R CrA (Harju et al. 1993). Surveys of the clumps have revealed a number of embedded protostars, with IRS7 in the clump to the southeast of R CrA and IRS5 in the clump to the west. Taylor & Storey (1984) report that IRS7 is the most reddened source in the region, having a visual extinction of more than 25 mag. Brown (1997) split IRS7 into two sources separated by 14", using VLA 6 cm observations. For a more complete description and references, see Neuhäuser & Forbrich (2008).

The R CrA region (including IRS7) has previously been studied at FIR wavelengths using the ISO telescope (Lorenzetti et al. 1999; Giannini et al. 1999), detecting lines from CO, OH, O$_i$, and C$_2$. However, these studies were limited by the ISO angular resolution of 80", which made it impossible to separate the sources in the region. Sicilia-Aguilar et al. (2013) present 100 $\mu$m and 160 $\mu$m photometry maps of the CrA region observed with Herschel/PACS. The IRS7 clump is positioned with its centre between the two Herbig Ae/Be stars R CrA and T CrA, and harbours a handful of Class 0/1 Young Stellar Objects (YSOs). Nutt et al. (2005) report detections of four cores within the IRS7 and IRS5 clumps in SCUBA 450 $\mu$m and 850 $\mu$m data: SMM 1A, with no mid-IR counterpart, proposed to be a pre-stellar core; SMM 1B, coincident with the mid-IR source IRS7B; SMM 1C, a Class 0 protostar; and SMM 4, coincident with the IRS5 clump. Peterson et al. (2011) report SMA 1.3 $\mu$m point-source continuum detections at the positions of SMM 1B (IRS7B), SMM 1C, and SMM 4 (IRS5N). The IRS5 clump contains two protostellar sources, IRS5A and IRS5N. IRS5 is situated at a slightly greater projected distance from R CrA than is IRS7. IRS5A is not detected in SMA 1.3 $\mu$m continuum observations, whereas IRS5N shows significantly fainter continuum emission than the IRS7 sources (95 mJy in IRS5N, 320 mJy in IRS7B; Peterson et al. 2011).

Through single-dish APEX observations, Schöier et al. (2006) found elevated H$_2$CO and CH$_3$OH abundances and rotational temperatures in IRS7A and IRS7B, which were suggested to be caused by increased internal heating or outflows. van Kempen et al. (2009a) used mid-J CO observations to find an EW outflow centred at IRS7A, but also found that the CO line fluxes in the region are too high to originate from heating by the embedded protostars, and proposed that the heating originates from R CrA. This was confirmed by Lindberg & Jørgensen (2012), who found large-scale (~10 000 AU) H$_2$CO emission heated to 40-60 K by external irradiation from R CrA. The IRS5 sources are found to be less affected by the irradiation from R CrA (the H$_2$CO rotational temperature in a 29" beam is 47 K for IRS7B and 28 K for IRS5A; Lindberg et al., in prep.).

In Sect. 2 we will describe the methods of observations and data reductions and show the first results. In Sect. 3 follows a discussion of our deconvolution algorithm and the results thereof. In Sect. 4 we investigate models of the excitation conditions of the gas. In Sect. 5 we discuss the interpretations of our results, and in Sect. 6 we list our conclusions.

2. Observations and data description

In this section we first describe the observations and methods of data reduction. A more detailed description can be found in Green et al. (2013). We then discuss the first results of these reductions.

2.1. Observation setup and data reduction

Integral-field spectroscopy observations in the far infrared (FIR) regime cover parts of the R CrA star-forming region were performed by the Photodetector Array Camera and Spectrometer (PACS; Poglitsch et al. 2010) on board the ESA Herschel Space Observatory (Pilbratt et al. 2010), with a spectral range from 55 $\mu$m to 210 $\mu$m. The observations were carried out in range-spectroscopy mode. The spectral resolution varies between 0.013 $\mu$m and 0.13 $\mu$m ($\Delta\nu \approx 55-318$ km s$^{-1}$, $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \approx 950-5500$).

These observations are part of the “Dust, Ice and Gas in Time” (DIGIT; PI: N. Evans) Open-Time Key Programme, a survey of the change of FIR spectral features through the evolution of young stellar objects. For details of the DIGIT Key Programme, see Green et al. (2013). The observed PACS fields are shown compared to the point-source positions and a Spitzer 4.5 $\mu$m image in Fig. 1 and the telescope pointings are found in Table 1. The configuration of the 9/4 x 9/4 spaxels shown in Fig. 1 is a simplified model: in reality, no spaxels overlap. This is taken into account in the deconvolution method described in Sect. 3.1.

The spectral line fluxes in each spaxel were calculated using the HIPE 8.0.2489 reduction of the data, but corrected by the continuum value in the HIPE 6.1 reduction. The HIPE 8.0.2489 reduction was found to provide on average ~40% better signal-to-noise ratio (spanning from almost no improvement up to about a factor 2 at specific wavelengths), whereas the HIPE 6.1 reduction produced more accurate and reliable spectral energy distributions (SEDs) by ~20%. These SEDs are consistent with PACS photometry within ~10% (Green et al. 2013). The method of combining these two reductions is thoroughly described in Green et al. (2013). For the continuum flux densities, the HIPE 6.1 reduction was used.

For each spectral line in each spaxel, a first-degree polynomial baseline calculated from the surrounding line-free channels was subtracted from the spectrum. The total line flux was then calculated by summing the channel flux densities within a typical linewidth (mostly 0.1–0.5 $\mu$m) and multiplying this sum by the channel width. Of the OH doublets, only four out of nine are resolved. In the unresolved cases, the combined total flux for both OH lines is calculated, and half of this value is used for each of the components in the rotational diagram analysis. The statistical errors are calculated from the rms noise around each spectral line (any lines weaker than 3$\sigma$ are ignored) to get the total standard deviation of the spectral line flux. If nothing else is stated, all errors given in this paper are at the 1$\sigma$ level. In addition to the statistical error, a systematic calibration error of 20% of the flux (see Green et al. 2013) is used when calculating quantities such as the rotational temperatures and total number of molecules from the rotational diagrams.

The two bands below 103 $\mu$m are considerably noisier than the bands above this wavelength, and between approximately 94 $\mu$m and 103 $\mu$m the noise makes line fluxes very difficult to estimate. The spectrometer suffers from leakage in the wavelength ranges 70–73 $\mu$m, 98–105 $\mu$m, and above 190 $\mu$m, which produces ghost images of lines from the next higher grating order.

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Fluxes at these wavelengths are thus less reliable than at other wavelengths (Herczeg et al. 2012).

In addition to the Herschel data, we also used the ISIS spectrograph on the William Herschel Telescope (WHT) on 6 August 2012 to obtain a low-resolution ($R \sim 1000$) optical spectrum of R CrA covering 3000–10000 Å. The spectrum was flux calibrated against the spectrophotometric standard LTT 7987. The analysis of this spectrum will be discussed in Sect. 4.1.1.

2.2. First look

In this section, we provide a first look at the PACS continuum and spectral maps before they are treated by our deconvolution algorithm.

2.2.1. Continuum maps

The total emission continuum maps of IRS7 and IRS5 at three representative wavelengths can be found in Figs. 2–3, and continuum maps at 20 μm steps can be found in Figs. A.1–A.2. These continuum maps show extended emission in the order of 30–60″ in size. The larger sizes are found in the longer wavelengths (which could be suggested to be attributed only to the larger beam size at these wavelengths, but the shapes of the emission suggest differently; see also Sect. 3.2). The highest continuum flux densities in the strongest illuminated spaxels are found around 85 μm in IRS7 and 105 μm in IRS5, but the spatially integrated flux density is strongest around 120 μm in IRS7 and 155 μm in IRS5 (since the longer wavelength data have more extended PSFs, which spreads the signal over a larger solid angle). It is, however, difficult to draw conclusions about the stages of evolution of the individual sources from the total emission, since it is a combination of several compact sources and any extended emission. For such a study, deconvolution of the emission is necessary.

The continuum emission in the IRS7 region is very extended in comparison to the line emission (see Sect. 2.2.2), and has at least some signal across most of the two PACS fields that cover the region (see Figs. 2, 3). Without any deconvolution, it is impossible to distinguish the point sources detected in mid-IR and mm data (IRS7A, IRS7B, SMM 1C, and R CrA).

IRS5 consists of two separate sources, of which the northern source IRS5N is detected in SMA continuum, whereas the southern IRS5A is detected in Spitzer continuum and line emis-

Table 1. Observational parameters: Positions give the centre coordinates of the central spaxel. All footprints are 5 × 5 spaxel grids with approximately 9′′25 separation between the spaxel centres.

| Region | RA (J2000.0) | Dec (J2000.0) | P.A. † | Observing IDs | Date of observation |
|--------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------------|---------------------|
| IRS7A  | 19:01:55.3   | −36:57:17.0  | −0.22  | 1342206990, 1342206989 | 2010-10-23          |
| IRS7B  | 19:01:56.4   | −36:57:28.3  | 2.47   | 1342207807, 1342207808 | 2010-11-02          |
| IRS5A  | 19:01:48.1   | −36:57:22.7  | 2.40   | 1342207806, 1342207805 | 2010-11-01          |

Notes. †Position angle with respect to an equatorial grid coordinate system.
Fig. 2. IRS7 contour maps of continuum emission at three wavelengths (green with black contours), and some important spectral lines (the same as in Table 4 of Green et al. 2013, blue with red contours). The first column in each panel shows the total emission, whereas the second column in each panel shows the residual emission after deconvolution (emission not associated with the point sources). Such maps of the whole band of continuum and all spectral lines can be found in Appendices A–B. The point sources used for the deconvolution are marked with crosses, except for R CrA, which is marked with a star symbol (the sources are identified in the top row). The dots indicate the PACS spaxel centres. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner. Contour levels are at 10 Jy for the continuum maps, and at 5σ, 10σ, 15σ, 30σ, 60σ, and 90σ for the line maps. The blue colour maps have the same ranges for each separate molecule, with maximum fluxes of $7 \times 10^{-16} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ for CO, $1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ for OH, $4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ for o-H$_2$O, and $1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ for [O i].

sion. It is difficult to distinguish the two sources in the PACS data.

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Fig. 3. As Fig. 2, but for IRS5. Contour levels are at 3 Jy for the continuum maps, and as in Fig. 2 for the line maps. The blue colour maps have the same ranges for each separate molecule, with maximum fluxes of $1.5 \times 10^{-16}$ W m$^{-2}$ for CO, $2 \times 10^{-16}$ W m$^{-2}$ for OH, $1 \times 10^{-16}$ W m$^{-2}$ for o-H$_2$O, and $2 \times 10^{-15}$ W m$^{-2}$ for [O\textsc{i}].

### 2.2.2. Spectral line maps

The sum of the PACS spectra of the spaxels closest to IRS7A and SMM 1C is shown in Fig. 4. The detected species are indicated by different colours. The total emission spectral line emission maps of some important lines are found in Figs. 2–3, and all spectral line emission maps can be found in Figs. B.1–B.10. The CO emission in IRS7 is generally found to be more extended than the OH and H$_2$O emission. The emission from the atomic species C\textsc{ii} and O\textsc{i} detected in IRS7 is even more extended. In particular, the [C\textsc{ii}] line emission peaks off-source in a position east of IRS7A. Compared to the CO, OH, and H$_2$O emission in the IRS7 cloud, which is mainly centred on the three point...
sources, the \([\text{[C}]_\text{II}]\) emission in IRS7 is more extended in the EW-direction. The \([\text{O}]_\text{I}\) emission is similar to the CO and OH emission, but apparently much stronger in SMM 1C than in IRS7A. There is also a relatively strong band of extended emission in a band W and NE of IRS7A. For IRS5, the spectral line emission seems point-like.

The CO, OH, and \(\text{H}_2\text{O}\) emission detected by PACS in the IRS7 field is centrally peaked on the three protostellar sources in the IRS7 field (SMM 1C, IRS7A, and IRS7B), with the strongest emission from SMM 1C and IRS7A. This is consistent with the centrally peaked (but also extended) \(\text{CO}\) \(J=6 \to 5\) and HCO\(^+\) emission found by van Kempen et al. (2009a,b), but different from the very extended \(\text{H}_2\text{CO}\) and \(\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\) emission detected in SMA (Submillimeter Array) and APEX (Atacama Pathfinder Experiment) observations (Lindberg & Jørgensen 2012). None or very little FIR line emission is seen around SMM 1A, despite the fact that this region shows very strong \(\text{H}_2\text{CO}\) and \(\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\) emission in the SMA mm data.

### 3. Image analysis

As is clearly seen in the total emission continuum and line maps (Figs. [2][3]), the emission originating from the different sources in the IRS7 and IRS5 fields cannot be easily separated, and a deconvolution method needs to be applied. To test the hypothesis that most of the emission can be accounted for by the previously known point sources, we need to deconvolve the data with the point-spread function (PSF) of the observations.

#### 3.1. Deconvolution method

The effective diameter of the Herschel Space Observatory is 3.28 m. The Herschel PSF is slightly triangular projected on the sky due to the three-point mount of the telescope dish (see Fig. [C.1]), but it can be roughly approximated by a Gaussian with a full width at half maximum (FWHM) between 4 and 12\(^\prime\) depending on the wavelength (for our deconvolution algorithm we instead use PSFs constructed from the simulated telescope PSF; see Appendix [C]). The PACS spectrometer detector array consists of 25 spaxels, positioned in a square 5\times5 pattern. The separations between the spaxel centres are on average approximately 9\(^\prime\)25. This has the effect that emission from a point source will spill over to adjacent spaxels, particularly for the longer wavelengths, since the telescope PSF will be larger than the spaxel size. This is normally easy to correct for when observing a single well-centred point source, because it is then in principle sufficient to use the central spaxel flux (or flux density) multiplied by a wavelength-dependent PSF correction factor. However, if observing off-centred point sources, several point sources in the same field, or extended emission (or combinations of these), the interpretation of the data becomes more difficult. We find several point sources in the IRS7 field, some of them not well-centred on spaxel centres, and also signs of extended emission in the PACS field, and therefore need another method to separate the emission from the different possible origins. The IRS7 field was observed

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1 Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4 for a detailed description of the PSF correction factor and the PACS beam: [http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html](http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html)
in two partially overlapping PACS pointings, which creates an almost Nyquist-sampled map for all but the shortest wavelengths in the overlap region.

To be able to distinguish point-source emission from more extended emission, the signal must be deconvolved from the PSF. However, the spatial resolution of the signal is limited by the design of the PACS instrument, only providing 25 data points for this signal per pointing. We have developed a method that still can provide deconvolution of point sources from the PACS data, called POMAC. The method is based on the CLEAN algorithm (Högbom 1974), often used to deconvolve undersampled maps in radio interferometry. Due to the low number of data points, our method relies on a priori knowledge about the point-source positions. In this case, we employ ALMA data from Lindberg et al. (2013), and SMA and Spitzer data from Peterson et al. (2011) to establish the positions of the YSOs with an accuracy of ≤ 1″. Based on the larger sample of more isolated sources (Green et al. 2013), we expect that a major part of the emission seen with Herschel, both continuum and line, will originate from the point sources seen at mid-infrared and submillimetre wavelengths, and we use the deconvolution to test this hypothesis. The CLEAN algorithm is used with the modification that it is only allowed to identify these pre-defined point sources as sources of emission. The algorithm then iterates over the PACS data with customary break criteria (such as avoiding subtraction below the noise floor in any spaxel). After this, the residual map can be studied to identify previously unknown point sources as well as extended emission. Repeating the process after adding new point sources will eventually leave all extended emission in the residual map (however, still convolved with the PSF). The algorithm was tested on the PACS spectrometer continuum of the disc source HD 100546 (Sturm et al. 2010), which is not expected to differ significantly from a point source in the continuum. The deconvolution produced results within errors of those obtained using the PACS PSF correction factor across the whole PACS band, and no significant residuals were noted. A more detailed explanation of the POMAC algorithm, including a description of how the telescope PSFs were generated, can be found in Appendix C.

3.1.1. Definition of point sources

The sources treated in this paper have been studied in several previous papers, giving them many different names. To facilitate comparison with other work, a list of the most common names for these point sources found in the literature can be found in Table 2. We will maintain the name usage of Lindberg & Jørgensen (2012).

To match the line and continuum emission with compact objects we rely on a priori position data from other observations with better resolution, thus obtained in other wavebands. To cover all sources that could be visible in the FIR, we used both longer (submillimetre) and shorter (mid-infrared) wavelength observations to identify possible point sources. Peterson et al. (2011) used SMA 226 GHz continuum observations to identify four continuum peaks in the IRS7 and IRS5 regions (IRS7B, SMA2 / SMM 1C, IRS5N, and R CrA); and Spitzer 4.5 μm observations to find five continuum peaks in the same fields (R CrA, CrA-19 / IRS5A, IRS7B, IRS7A, and CXO 34). We identified four of these sources (IRS7B, SMM 1C, IRS7A, and CXO 34) in ALMA Cycle 0 observations of the 342 GHz continuum centred at IRS7B (Lindberg et al. 2013). The ALMA coordinates are of superior accuracy, and will be used for these sources. The coordinates for these sources can be found in Table 2.

From these point-source positions, we selected the six most prominent sources (only excluding CXO 34, which is almost an order of magnitude weaker at 4.5 μm than the second weakest infrared source) to use for the deconvolution of both the continuum and the line emission. The excluded source CXO 34 is not only very weak, but also situated between the much stronger sources IRS7B and IRS7A, and any near-infrared emission originating from CXO 34 would not be possible to disentangle from the emission of the surrounding sources. IRS7A and SMM 1C have an angular separation of only 5″, i.e. not spatially resolved by the PACS array. We attempted to separate the emission from IRS7A and SMM 1C, but we found that the results were unreliable, also for the shorter wavelengths. Therefore, we have decided to treat IRS7A and SMM 1C together, summing the fluxes given for the two sources. This is not ideal, however, since they are suggested to be of different types (Class 0 and Class I, respectively). Since the line and continuum emission in this region is extended in the north-south direction it is likely that both sources contribute to this emission.

3.2. Results of the continuum deconvolution

Deconvolved and non-deconvolved spectra of the point sources are found in Fig. 5. When comparing the non-deconvolved and deconvolved spectra, we find that the spectral lines are stronger compared to the continuum in the deconvolved data (especially in the IRS7 sources), indicating that the spectral line emission is less extended than the continuum emission, a pattern which is also seen in the larger DIGIT embedded objects sample (hereby referred to as “the DIGIT sample”; Green et al. 2013), although data of more crowded regions (e.g. Serpens; Dionatos et al. 2013) or strong outflow sources (e.g. L1448-MM; Lee et al. 2013) show spatial extent. As in the other sources in the DIGIT sample, the emission from \([\text{O}\ i]\) is more extended than that from the other species. We also find that IRS5N only shows a few spectral lines, but has a continuum as strong as that of IRS5A. The bumps in the spectra around 180 μm are caused by an instrument leakage effect.

The continuum deconvolution is performed on averaged line-free spectral boxes every 5 μm. As a sanity check, these results

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Table 2. Continuum point sources in mid-IR and/or (sub)mm data.

| Name         | RA (J2000.0) | Dec (J2000.0) | Other names |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| IRS7A        | 19:01:55.33  | −36:57:22.4  | IRS7W, IRS7 |
| SMM 1C       | 19:01:55.31  | −36:57:17.0  | SMA 2, Brown 9 |
| IRS7B        | 19:01:56.42  | −36:57:28.4  | IRS7E, SMM 1B, SMA 1 |
| CXO 34       | 19:01:55.78  | −36:57:27.9  | FP-34 |
| R CrA        | 19:01:53.67  | −36:57:08.0  | |
| IRS5A        | 19:01:48.03  | −36:57:22.2  | CrA-19, IRS5ab |
| IRS5N        | 19:01:48.47  | −36:57:14.9  | CrA-20, SMM 4, FP-25 |

Notes: (a) Coordinates from ALMA 0.8 mm continuum map (Lindberg et al. 2013). (b) Coordinates from Spitzer 4.5 μm image data (Peterson et al. 2011). (c) Coordinates from SMA 1.3 mm maps (Peterson et al. 2011).

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Fig. 5. Spectra of the deconvolved point-source emission (black) and the non-deconvolved data (grey). Note that since the flux density in the line channels are sums of the line and continuum flux densities, these will not be properly cleaned (line strengths are under-estimated in these spectra, due to the more extended continuum). The deconvolved spectra shown here are used for a sanity check on the continuum deconvolution (see Sect. 3.2), but not for extracting line fluxes (see Sect. 3.3 for a description of the method used for the line flux deconvolution).

are compared to the continuum level found in the channel-by-channel deconvolution (see above and Fig. 5), and the two methods are found to be in good agreement.

The total emission maps as well as the deconvolution residual maps at three different wavelengths can be found in the first six panels of Figs. 2–3. Continuum total emission maps and residual maps in 20 µm steps can be found in Figs. A.1–A.2.

Running the POMAC deconvolution algorithm on the continuum data leaves strong residual emission in a shape that remains constant across most of the PACS spectral band, except for the shortest wavelengths. We find only a little continuum residual emission in the centre of the IRS7 field, but strong residual emission is found in two ridges north and south of the YSOs. This could be an effect of the stop criteria used by the POMAC algorithm, which assume that all emission on the point-source positions shall be attributed to the point sources, and should thus not leave considerable residuals on-source. We did several POMAC runs with different stop criteria. None of them could reproduce a smooth continuum residual, but either showed the ridges or left significant emission on the point source positions. The continuum residual at 110 µm is shown in Fig. 6, which is used to define the residual regions Res N-c and Res S-c (c for continuum). These regions are chosen to coincide with the spaxels with a residual continuum spectral flux density of at least 30 Jy at 110 µm. Also shown are the ridges of molecular gas detected in H2CO and CH3OH (Lindberg & Jørgensen 2012), which bear resemblance in shape and position to the PACS continuum residuals. Res S-c coincides partially with the pre-stellar
core SMM 1A detected in SCUBA submm observations (Nutter et al. 2005). These similarities indicate that the deconvolution algorithm and the used stop criteria produce accurate results. Also in the IRS5 field there is some residual continuum emission, but only at wavelengths longer than 100 µm.

Some spectral lines suffer heavily from line blending, and will not be considered in the further analysis. These are listed in Table 3. In addition, only spectral lines between 55 µm and 100 µm, and 103 µm and 195 µm are considered, due to leakage and/or a high noise level in the outer parts of the bands. The instrument suffers from leakage also in the ranges 70–73 µm and 98–105 µm, so line strengths in these bands are less reliable than those in other bands.

3.3. Results of the spectral line deconvolution

For the deconvolution of the spectral lines, the flux of each spectral line in each spaxel is first measured after subtraction of linear baselines, producing total line flux maps. These total line flux maps are then the input data to the POMAC algorithm. The line strengths are somewhat higher (approximately 20%) compared to those found if extracting line strengths from the continuum-subtracted channel-by-channel-deconvolved spectra (Fig. 5). This is due to the stop criteria, making the algorithm reach the noise floor earlier in the channel-by-channel data than in the line flux data, since the S/N level is lower in the individual channels than for the total line fluxes.

The line flux maps as well as the deconvolution residual maps of seven important spectral lines can be found in the 14 last panels of Figs. 2–5. All total line intensity maps and residual maps can be found in Figs. B.1–B.10 in Appendix B. The extracted point source line fluxes are listed in Table 3. Note that, as in the case of the continuum deconvolution, the POMAC algorithm will attribute all on-source emission to the point sources, and not leave residuals at the point-source positions. One could also assume that the point sources are sitting on a plateau of extended emission, but attempts to model that situation with different stop criteria have been unsuccessful. In any case, since the residual emission is much fainter than the point-source emission, such a solution would not change the results of excitation analysis of the point sources dramatically. It is difficult to give an exact estimate on this contribution, since the residual emission is primarily found west of the IRS7 point sources, and a smooth distribution of the extended emission around these sources is thus not possible. For CO, the molecule with the most prominent extended emission, the point sources line fluxes would be ≲ 25% lower assuming a flat distribution of the extended emission as strong as the residual west of the point sources, but it shall be noted that this is a worst-case scenario. Our estimates show that the errors on the rotational temperatures (Sect. 4.2) would increase by ~ 60% assuming this scenario. The reported extended emission should, on the other hand, be seen as a lower limit on the amount of extended gas.

Some spectral lines suffer heavily from line blending, and will not be considered in the further analysis. These are listed in Table 3. In addition, only spectral lines between 55 µm and 100 µm, and 103 µm and 195 µm are considered, due to leakage and/or a high noise level in the outer parts of the bands. The instrument suffers from leakage also in the ranges 70–73 µm and 98–105 µm, so line strengths in these bands are less reliable than those in other bands.

3.3.1. CO emission patterns

We find CO emission associated with all the pre-defined point sources in the deconvolution, although only very faint emission is found to originate from IRS5N.

Studying the residual maps (Figs. 6 and B.1–B.2), considerable extended CO emission is found southwest, east, north, and west of the point sources in the IRS7 field for the lower-J CO lines (J ≲ 25). For the higher-J CO lines, the S/N is too low to find more than traces of such emission, but this will be further discussed in Sect. 4.2.2. In the IRS5 field, the CO emission is completely point-like, leaving no residuals after the deconvolution.

The relatively strong extended emission in the SW part could also be explained by a CO point source in a position not associated with any YSO. No corresponding point source has been identified in the SMA data, in the Spitzer data, or in any source catalogue, but we cannot rule out that this is a very faintly emitting YSO. However, we do not consider this to be a point source, and the excitation conditions of this emission will be treated together with that of the other extended CO emission in Sect. 4.2.2. This peak bears resemblance to an outflow front, but it does not align well with the EW outflow found by van Kempen et al. (2009a). The origin is thus uncertain.

The CO line emission in IRS5 is well-centred on the spaxel corresponding to IRS5A (see CO emission maps and CO residual maps in Figs. 3 and B.2), and when running the POMAC code on this data assuming IRS5A as the only point source, only marginal residuals are found. It is thus reasonable to believe that IRS5N produces only a very low amount of CO emission.

3.3.2. OH and H₂O emission patterns

The OH and H₂O (p-H₂O and o-H₂O) line emission will be treated in the same section due to their similar emission pattern. IRS7A+SMM 1C are strong emitters of lines from these molecules, whereas IRS7B is much weaker in the OH and H₂O transitions. The OH, p-H₂O, and o-H₂O line emission maps and residual maps are found in Figs. B.3–B.8. There is less extended emission in the OH and H₂O line data compared to the CO data, in particular, there is no considerable extended emission southwest of IRS7. There is, however, some extended OH and H₂O emission west of IRS7.
Table 3. Spectral lines in the observed spectral band which are not considered in the analysis since they suffer from line blending.

| Species    | Transition       | Wavelength [µm] | Blend     | Transition                                      |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| o-H$_2$O   | $6_{25} \rightarrow 5_{14}$ | 65.2            | OH        | $^2\Pi_{3/2}(J = 9/2- \rightarrow 7/2+)$       |
| CO         | $J = 35 \rightarrow 34$     | 74.9            | o-H$_2$O  | $7_{25} \rightarrow 6_{34}$                    |
| o-H$_2$O   | $7_{25} \rightarrow 6_{34}$ | 74.9            | CO        | $J = 35 \rightarrow 34$                        |
| CO         | $J = 31 \rightarrow 30$     | 84.4            | OH        | $^2\Pi_{3/2}(J = 7/2+ \rightarrow 5/2-)$       |
| OH         | $^2\Pi_{3/2}(J = 7/2+ \rightarrow 5/2-)$ | 84.4            | CO        | $J = 31 \rightarrow 30$                        |
| o-H$_2$O   | $6_{25} \rightarrow 6_{16}$ | 94.6            | o-H$_2$O  | $4_{41} \rightarrow 4_{32}$                    |
| o-H$_2$O   | $4_{41} \rightarrow 4_{32}$ | 94.7            | o-H$_2$O  | $6_{25} \rightarrow 6_{16}$                    |
| CO         | $J = 23 \rightarrow 22$     | 113.4           | o-H$_2$O  | $4_{14} \rightarrow 3_{03}$                    |
| CO         | $J = 23 \rightarrow 22$     | 113.5           | CO        | $J = 23 \rightarrow 22$                        |
| p-H$_2$O   | $3_{22} \rightarrow 3_{13}$ | 156.2           | o-H$_2$O  | $5_{23} \rightarrow 4_{32}$                    |
| o-H$_2$O   | $5_{25} \rightarrow 4_{32}$ | 156.3           | p-H$_2$O  | $3_{22} \rightarrow 3_{13}$                    |

As in the case of CO, IRS5A seems to be the dominant emitter of OH and H$_2$O in the IRS5 field, IRS5N not contributing any significant emission.

3.3.3. Atomic line emission patterns

Compared to the CO, OH, and H$_2$O emission in the IRS7 cloud, which is mainly centred on the three point sources, the [C ii] emission is more extended in the EW-direction and peaks in different positions from the other spectral lines in the IRS7 field. However, the [C ii] PACS data of protostellar sources often suffer from emission in the off-positions. We have investigated the signal using the two different nod positions, and the general structure is similar but not identical in these two data sets, which suggests that the detected [C ii] morphology may partly be an observational effect. The [C ii] data could thus be unreliable, and will not be further discussed.

The [O i] emission peaks on the point sources, but also shows strong extended emission in the whole IRS7 field, with residual peaks similar to those of OH and H$_2$O, indicating that they trace the same extended gas. This is a good indicator of large-scale PDR (photo-dissociation region) activity or alternatively outflow-associated shocks, since H$_2$O can be photo-dissociated into OH and O (Hollenbach & Tielens 1997). The [O i] data do not suffer from off-position emission to a significant level. The line ratio between the 145 µm and 63 µm [O i] lines varies between 0.06 and 0.11 for the point sources, which is also indicative of a strong radiation field (i.e. PDR activity; Kaufman et al. 1999). Around IRS5, however, the [C ii] and [O i] emission can be explained by two point sources centred at IRS5A and IRS5N.

3.4. Comparing line and continuum emission

Using our deconvolution algorithm POMAC, we find that the FIR line emission mostly originates from the (sub)mm/mid-IR continuum point sources (but there is also some CO and OH line emission from residual regions: Res SW-l, Res E-l, Res N-l, and Res W-l), whereas the FIR continuum shows a much more extended shape (see Fig. 5). After using the deconvolution algorithm we find that most of the continuum emission not associated with point sources can be found in two ridges extending in the east-west direction, positioned north and south of the YSO point sources. These ridges coincide with molecular (H$_2$CO and CH$_3$OH) emission detected in millimetre data, proposed to be heated by external irradiation from the Herbig Be star R CrA (Lindberg & Jørgensen 2012).

The northern ridge (Res N-c and Res N-l) coincides not only with the northern H$_2$CO ridge observed by Lindberg & Jørgensen (2012), but also to some extent with HCO$^+$ $J = 3 \rightarrow 2$ emission (Gröppi et al. 2007) and X-ray emission (Forbrich & Preibisch 2007). Another possible explanation for the physical conditions found in the region could thus be that the gas is dominated by X-ray irradiation.

4. Analysis

4.1. Analysis of the spectral energy distributions

The spectral energy distributions (SEDs) of the low-mass point sources, can be found in Fig. 8 where continuum data points from Spitzer and SCUBA measurements as well as the deconvolved Herschel/PACS spectra have been included. Bolomet-
Table 4. Results of SED fits.

| Source            | $T_{bol}$ [K] | $L_{bol}$ [$L_\odot$] | $L_{bol}/L_{submm}$ |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| IRS7A+SMM 1C      | 79            | 9.1                    | 99                  |
| IRS7B             | 89            | 4.6                    | 48                  |
| R CrA             | 889           | 53.4                   | ...                 |
| IRS5A             | 209           | 1.7                    | 135                 |
| IRS5N             | 63            | 0.7                    | 55                  |

Fig. 9. Spectral energy distributions of the continuum residual regions Res N-c and Res S-c within the PACS band. The shading shows the 20% calibration uncertainty of the Herschel/PACS spectrometer.

The spectral energy distributions of the residual structures Res N-c and Res S-c within the PACS band (Fig. 9) are found to peak around the same wavelength as typical embedded YSOs do (such as the Class 0 source IRS5N). The SED peak around 100 µm corresponds to a black-body dust temperature of $\sim 40$ K.

4.1.1. Spectral classification and SED of R CrA

The WHT optical spectrum of R CrA is consistent with a photosphere of a star with spectral type B3–A0, by comparison to the Pickles (1998) compilation of photospheric templates. The higher Balmer lines are seen in absorption and are used for the spectral comparison. The large range in acceptable spectral types is caused by the possibility of emission and absorption affecting the Balmer line equivalent widths. Strong emission is detected in H$\alpha$ and H$\beta$. P-Cygni and inverse P-Cygni absorption are detected in some lines by Brown et al. (2013). Both emission and absorption may affect the equivalent widths in the photospheric lines. A high resolution spectrum would be required to improve the spectral type.

This spectral type is consistent with the most reliable literature spectral types of B5 (Gray et al. 2006) and B8 (Bibo et al. 1992), which were also obtained using blue spectra. Other spectral types range from A0–F5 (e.g. Joy 1945; Greenstein & Aller 1947; Hillenbrand et al. 1992; Vieira et al. 2003) but are typically based on red spectra, which are much less sensitive to the spectral type of hot stars. The spectrum cannot be well fit with the median interstellar extinction law, using a total-to-selective extinction ratio $R_V = 3.1$. For the Weingartner & Draine (2001) extinction law with $R_V = 5.5$, the $A_V = 4.5$ for an A0 spectral type and 5.3 for a B3 spectral type. A higher $A_V$ may be obtained with a higher $R_V$ (Manoj et al. 2006), however such a high $R_V$ is not necessary to explain the shape of the optical spectrum.

The V magnitude at the time of our observation was $\sim 13.2$ mag., as measured in our spectrum. The parameters B6 spectral type, $A_V = 5.0$, and $d = 130$ pc lead to a luminosity of $22 L_\odot$ – much smaller than that inferred from the total SED and much smaller than that expected for a young B star. The V-band magnitude is variable by $\sim 3$ magnitudes (Bibo et al. 1992). At its brightest, the star could be $350 L_\odot$, assuming no change in the measured extinction. Alternatively, the measured luminosity may be much lower than the real luminosity if the star is seen edge-on, as found in the Robitaille models (see below).

The SED of R CrA including SAAO, 2MASS, ISO SWS, and Herschel/PACS data points, is shown in Fig. 10 (blue data points and spectra). R CrA is found to have a bolometric temperature of $\sim 900$ K, making it a Class II YSO; and a luminosity of $53 L_\odot$, significantly lower than the previous value of $99 L_\odot$ (Bibo et al. 1992, the lower value is from integration of the SED and the higher value is from a model of the extinction-free SED). This discrepancy largely owes to the fact that Bibo et al. (1992) used KAO data for the FIR data points, and the large KAO beam included most of the R CrA cloud. As a result, the KAO 100 µm flux is 7 times higher than our deconvolved value for R CrA measured with PACS. Another contribution to the large spread in the spectral classification data in the literature (F5 to B5) could be variability of the source (see e.g. Herbst & Shevchenko 1999).

We here attempt to constrain the physical properties of R CrA by the use of another method: using a database of SED models of YSOs (Robitaille et al. 2006) and an online fitting tool Robitaille et al. 2007), we found that the observed SED can best be explained by a source with stellar mass $M = 6 M_\odot$, a stel-
Spectral energy distributions of the deconvolved point sources. The continuum data points come from Spitzer and SCUBA data. The spectra are deconvolved PACS spectra. Refer to Table D.1 for details and references.

A temperature corresponding to a B3 star, a total stellar luminosity $L \approx 900 \, L_\odot$, a nearly edge-on disc (inclination $80^\circ$), and an extinction of $A_V \approx 3.3$. The fit is found in Fig. 10, with the fifth and tenth best fits from this model. The ten best fits all correspond to sources with $L_{bol} \gtrsim 480 \, L_\odot$ and nearly edge-on discs. We also investigate the model SED of a star with the same properties as the best fit, but with a face-on disc. It is found to have flux densities more than an order of magnitude higher in the UV/optical and a few times higher in the infrared/submm than the edge-on counterpart. Thus, assuming that R CrA behaves like this model star, it will heat some parts of the surrounding regions much more efficiently than other parts, perhaps giving rise to the ridge-like structures of heated gas and dust. Differences in the density distribution could also contribute to the uneven temperatures in the region. Since the SED database is not exhaustive, and due to the large number of free parameters, the use of this model and the resulting interpretation could be unreliable. Lindberg & Jørgensen (2012) estimate a minimum luminosity for R CrA of $100 \, L_\odot$ in order to heat the molecular gas to the measured temperatures.

4.2. Rotational diagram analysis

If the line emission is optically thin, the flux of a spectral line can be converted into a population of molecules in the upper state of the rotational transition it represents. Rotational temperatures and the total number of emitting molecules can be estimated by fitting a line to a plot of upper-state population versus upper-state energy (Goldsmith & Langer 1999; Green et al. 2013). To evaluate the line flux of each spectral line for each YSO, one could either use the line flux in the spaxel closest to the YSO.
(with a wavelength-dependent correction factor\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} applied), or the POMAC method described in Sect.\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} and Appendix\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}}. When studying an isolated point source, the difference in the results of these two methods should be small, at least if the amount of extended emission is reasonably low. However, in a field with several YSOs (like IRS7), the emission from the YSOs would spill over into each other’s spaxels, so that a strong emitter could influence the measured flux in a weaker nearby source. This spill-over contribution is minimised when the POMAC method is used. In this section, all rotational diagrams are calculated with fluxes estimated from the POMAC algorithm.

4.2.1. CO – point-source emission

In the non-deconvolved YSO spaxels, up to 28 CO lines are detected, from the \( J = 13 \rightarrow 12 \) line at 200 \( \mu \text{m} \) to the \( J = 40 \rightarrow 39 \) line at 66 \( \mu \text{m} \). However, some CO lines, including the \( J = 13 \rightarrow 12 \) line, lie in the leakage spectral region\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} (Green et al.\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}}, 2013), and others are blended with other spectral lines. These lines will not be used in the rotational diagrams. We also detect five \( ^{12}\text{CO} \) lines \((J = 14 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow J = 21 \rightarrow 20; \text{three of the eight lines in this range are blended with stronger spectral lines)}\).

The rotational temperature found by this method will correspond to the kinetic temperature if the cloud is homogeneous and in LTE, and the spectral lines are optically thin. However, in the case of CO, two rotational temperatures fit the data much better than does a single rotational temperature (see\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} Green et al.\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}}, 2013) for a justification of the use of a two-component fit; and also\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} Manoj et al.\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} (2013)\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}}. In the case of CrA, the warm component has a temperature of approximately \( 300 \text{ K} \) for all point sources, whereas the hot component has a larger spread around \( 650–1400 \text{ K} \) (mainly due to a lower S/N, which both are in the same order as in many other embedded YSOs (e.g. Green et al.\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}}, 2013; Manoj et al.\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} 2013; Herczeg et al.\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} 2012).

In Table\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} 5, the calculated CO rotational temperatures and total number of molecules are given along with the same properties of other similar sources in the literature. The errors on the temperatures and numbers of molecules are calculated assuming a systematic error of \( 20\% \) on the line fluxes – even though the line fluxes are from the same spectrum, the systematic errors are assumed to be independent. The CO rotational diagrams are found in Fig. 11.

The CO rotational temperatures towards IRS5A established from the POMAC fluxes are found to be within errors of those derived from just using the central spaxel flux and the PSF correction factor, as expected for this relatively isolated point source. IRS5N has five times as faint CO emission as IRS5A, but has a similar CO rotational temperature in the warm component. No hot component is detected in IRS5N (if present at all)\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}}, but has a similar CO rotational temperature in the warm component. IRS5N has five times fainter CO emission than IRS5A, corresponding to a size of the emitting region in the order of a few arcseconds (\( \sim 500 \text{ AU} \)).

We have also investigated whether the data can be fitted with a single kinetic temperature component of much higher temperature and lower density, as suggested by\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} Neufeld\footnote{Refer to the PACS manual v. 2.4, Figure 4.5: \url{http://herschel.esac.esa.int/Docs/PACS/html/pacs_om.html}} (2012). RADEX calculations assuming the same line width as above \( (7.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}) \) and the column density derived above \( (\sim 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}) \) give a single kinetic temperature component with a best fit at \( \sim 5000 \text{ K} \) with a 1\textsigma{} uncertainty for an \( ^{12}\text{CO} \) density \( (2.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{4} \text{ cm}^{-3} \) for IRS7A+SMM 1C. For the best solution, the lowest-\( J (\leq 17) \) lines are marginally optically thick \( (\tau \sim 1) \), while the lines with \( J \geq 22 \) have optical depths \( \tau \ll 1 \).

The reduced \( \chi^{2} \) value for the best fit is 1.1.

4.2.2. CO – extended emission

To investigate if the extended CO emission in the IRS7 region shows any variation in temperature, it was grouped into four areas: southwest, east, northwest, and west of the YSOs (see Fig. 7). We call the four residual emission regions Res SW-I, Res E-I, Res N-I, and Res W-I (I for spectral line). Res N-I overlaps with the central part of the continuum residual region Res N-c, and Res SW-I overlaps with the western part of Res S-c (see Fig. 9). By computing the residual spectral line emission in these regions we can produce rotational diagrams for this extended emission.

The resulting rotational diagrams are found in Fig. 13 as for the point-source emission, a warm and a hot component with rotational temperatures around 300 K and 900 K, respectively, are found. The exact properties of the fits are included in Table 5. The rotational temperatures of the residual emission are within the errors of the point-source rotational temperatures.

On one hand, the extended emission is not deconvolved, and one can thus argue that a PSF correction factor needs to be applied to this data. On the other hand, since these fluxes are sums of the total fluxes, a determination of the PSF correction factor is not required.
Fig. 11. CO rotational diagrams of the point sources in the deconvolved PACS data. Some high-J data points are missing in some sources since many of these lines lie around the detection limit and the noise level is fluctuating. \( N \) is the total number of CO molecules in each source given the rotational fit.

of emission from several (2–6) spaxels (see Fig. 7), they are clearly in less need of PSF correction than point-source data. However, to take this issue into account, we calculate the rotational temperatures of the extended emission also using the PACS standard PSF correction factor from the PACS manual, and use the result when establishing the lower boundary of the error estimate of these temperatures.

4.2.3. OH and H\(_2\)O

The excitation conditions of the related species, OH and H\(_2\)O, are treated together in this section.

For the unresolved OH doublets, the sum of both lines is measured and divided by 2. In the rotational diagram fits we exclude the same lines as Wampfler et al. (2013). These excluded lines are the 119 \( \mu \)m doublet (which in similar sources is found to be an optically thick transition), the 84.4 \( \mu \)m line (CO blend), and the 98 \( \mu \)m and 55 \( \mu \)m doublets (lines in leakage regions). They are plotted with open circles in the rotational diagrams.

The OH rotational diagrams of the point sources are found in Fig. 14 and those of the extended emission in Fig. 15. The derived parameters are listed in Table 6 where they are also compared to some other embedded sources in the literature. The CrA sources have fairly uniform excitation temperatures, and do not differ significantly from the other sources in the literature. We also produce OH rotational diagrams of the four extended regions (Fig. 15). The OH temperatures in the extended emission are similar to the point sources within 3\( \sigma \).

For H\(_2\)O, we assume an ortho-to-para ratio of 3 (Herczeg et al. 2012). This assumption is accounted for in the rotational
Table 5. CO rotational temperatures and total number of molecules.

| YSO                  | \(T_{\text{warm}}^a\) [K] | \(N_{\text{warm}}^a\) \([10^{18}]\) | \(T_{\text{hot}}^a\) [K] | \(N_{\text{hot}}^a\) \([10^{18}]\) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| IRS7A+SMM 1C\(^b\)  | 294 ± 16                    | 33.0 ± 3.0                        | 682 ± 34                    | 2.7 ± 0.3                        |
| IRS7B                | 273 ± 14                    | 12.0 ± 1.1                        | 710 ± 54                    | 0.51 ± 0.07                      |
| R CrA                | 287 ± 16                    | 5.4 ± 0.5                         | 992 ± 91                    | 0.27 ± 0.03                      |
| IRS5A                | 293 ± 17                    | 3.1 ± 0.3                         | 1417 ± 780                  | 0.12 ± 0.04                      |
| IRS5N                | 283 ± 24                    | 0.7 ± 0.1                         | ...                         | ...                              |
| Res SW-l             | \(285_{15}^{+15} \) - \(13\) | 5.0 ± 0.5                         | \(653_{-49}^{+68}\)        | 0.35 ± 0.06                      |
| Res E-l              | \(287_{16}^{+14} \) - \(13\) | 1.7 ± 0.2                         | \(1015_{-98}^{+198}\)       | 0.09 ± 0.02                      |
| Res N-l              | \(281_{13}^{+13} \) - \(15\) | 3.3 ± 0.3                         | \(898_{-33}^{+334}\)        | 0.11 ± 0.06                      |
| Res W-l              | \(253_{12}^{+12} \) - \(26\) | 13.0 ± 1.2                        | \(751_{-94}^{+93}\)        | 0.40 ± 0.07                      |
| CrA point-source average | \(286 ± 3^c\)              | \(10.8 ± 5.2^c\)                 | \(950 ± 148^c\)             | \(0.90 ± 0.52^c\)               |
| CrA extended average  | \(277 ± 7^c\)              | \(5.8 ± 2.2^c\)                  | \(829 ± 69^c\)              | \(0.24 ± 0.07^c\)               |
| NGC 1333 IRAS 4B\(^d\) | 3280                      | 40                                | 880                         | 3                                |
| Serpens SMM1\(^e\)  | 337 ± 40                    | ...                               | 622 ± 30                    | ...                              |
| Serpens SMM3/4 average\(^f\) | 260 ± 10^c                | \(49 ± 6^c\)                      | \(800 ± 60^c\)              | \(2.2 ± 0.6^c\)                 |
| DIGIT average\(^g\) | 355 ± 3^c                   | \(5.2 ± 0.4^c\)                  | \(814 ± 29^c\)              | \(1.63 ± 0.20^c\)               |
| HOPS average\(^h\)  | 288 ± 14^c                  | ...                               | 735 ± 37^c                  | ...                              |

Notes. \(^a\) The methods used for calculating the error estimates are discussed in Sects. 4.2.1–4.2.2. \(^b\) The separation between these sources is too small to allow for treating their line fluxes independently using POMAC. \(^c\) For the sample averages, standard deviations of the mean (the standard deviation of the sample divided by the square root of the sample size) of the significant fits are given. \(^d\) From Herczeg et al. (2012). \(^e\) From Goicoechea et al. (2012). \(^f\) Average of SMM3b, SMM3c, SMM3r, and SMM4, from Dionatos et al. (2013), assuming a distance of 415 pc. \(^g\) From Green et al. (2013), including all DIGIT embedded sources except the CrA and Serpens SMM3/4 sources. The Serpens region is, like the CrA region, suffering from confusion and is treated in a separate paper (Dionatos et al. 2013). \(^h\) From Manoj et al. (2013).

Fig. 13. CO rotational diagrams for the residual emission of the extended regions Res SW-l, Res E-l, Res N-l, and Res W-l. \(N\) is the total number of CO molecules in each source given the rotational fit.
Fig. 14. OH rotational diagrams of the point sources in the deconvolved PACS data. The data points plotted as open circles were not included in the fit due to optical thickness, blends, or leakage. $N$ is the total number of OH molecules in each source given the rotational fit.

The H$_2$O rotational diagrams show quite large spreads, which are mainly due to subthermal excitation effects and optical depth effects on some of the lines (Herczeg et al. 2012). The apparent shift between ortho and para lines might be caused by either of these effects, or by an ortho-to-para ratio lower than 3, but without more elaborate radiative transfer models it is impossible to distinguish between these scenarios. The derived rotational temperatures and total numbers of molecules are shown in Table 7. As in the case of OH, non-LTE radiative transfer models can be used to resolve the optical depth effects (Herczeg et al. 2012). Another method would be to exclude spectral lines suspected to be optically thick. The H$_2$O excitation temperatures are higher than the OH temperatures. The higher H$_2$O temperature in R CrA than in the other sources is likely caused by a smaller number of detected lines, which enhances the temperature since the stronger lines are optically thick. The observed H$_2$O temperatures do not vary significantly from the DIGIT average.

As in the CO and OH cases, the H$_2$O rotational temperatures are similar in the extended emission and in the point sources.

4.2.4. Comparison of the rotational diagrams

The rotational temperatures of the three molecules studied in the FIR data (CO, OH, and H$_2$O) are all different (see Tables 5–7). There are, however, relatively small spreads among the warm CO and OH temperatures, respectively. The warm CO temperature average is significantly lower in the CrA point-source sample than in the DIGIT sample (Green et al. 2013), but in agreement with the HOPS (Herschel Orion Protostar Survey) sample
Fig. 15. OH rotational diagrams for the residual emission of the extended regions Res SW-l, Res N-l, Res E-l, and Res W-l. The data points plotted as open circles were not included in the fit due to optical thickness, blends, or leakage. \( N \) is the total number of OH molecules in each source given the rotational fit.

\([\text{Manoj et al. 2013}]\); whereas the hot CO is in agreement between the CrA and DIGIT samples, but higher than in the HOPS sample. The OH and H\(_2\)O temperatures are similar between the CrA and DIGIT samples, where the DIGIT sample average for OH has been recalculated for consistency using only the OH lines in our fits, and thus does not agree with the average value given by \([\text{Green et al. 2013}]\).

Comparing the number of molecules per source between the CrA and DIGIT samples \([\text{Green et al. 2013}]\) shows that the average number of CO molecules is larger in the CrA sample, the average number of OH molecules is larger (but within errors) in the CrA sample, and the average number of H\(_2\)O molecules is lower in the CrA sample. Comparing these results could however be biased, since it was not possible to construct OH and H\(_2\)O rotational diagrams for all sources in the DIGIT sample where CO rotational diagrams could be made. Instead, calculations of line ratios in the whole DIGIT sample will be a better tracer of any difference in abundance ratios (see Sect. 5.4).

5. Discussion

5.1. Survey of source properties

In Table [8], some important properties of the studied point sources and extended line emission regions are tabulated along with the DIGIT sample averages. The properties of the sources in the CrA sample are found to be fairly typical for low-mass embedded protostars. Since IRS7A and SMM 1C cannot be separated in the PACS data it is difficult to draw any conclusions about the classes of the separate sources. However, their different appearance in continuum data of other bands (IRS7A is detected in mid-IR but not mm; SMM 1C is detected in mm but not mid-IR) and their combined \( T_{\text{bol}} = 80 \) K point towards SMM 1C being a Class 0 source. IRS5N is definitely a Class 0 object, but the other low-mass sources in the sample cannot consistently be assigned to Class 0 or Class I.

The SEDs of the extended continuum emission (in Res N-c and Res S-c; see Fig. [9]) are similar to that of the Class 0 source IRS5N, which indicates that this gas has similar temperatures to those of very young protostellar cores. The dust black-body temperature of the two continuum ridges is found to be \( 40–50 \) K, which is consistent with the H\(_2\)CO temperature, estimated to be \( 40–60 \) K in \([\text{Lindberg & Jørgensen 2012}]\). Lindberg & Jørgensen (2012) showed that these temperatures cannot be caused by radiation from the low-mass protostars, but can instead be explained by external irradiation from R CrA.

5.2. Excitation conditions

As pointed out earlier, the CO excitation temperatures in the point sources are in good agreement with those found in larger samples of low-mass embedded objects \([\text{Green et al. 2013}]\,\,\,\,\,\,[\text{Karska et al. 2013}]\,\,\,\,\,\,[\text{Manoj et al. 2013}]\). One possible explanation for the excitation conditions being similar towards the externally irradiated protostars and in sources not subject to external irradiation is that the irradiation from R CrA is not substantial enough to dramatically change the properties of the high-temperature gas. The excitation conditions of the extended molecular line emission found across the IRS7 field are consistent with those of the compact objects, and do not change significantly across
Fig. 16. $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ rotational diagrams of the point sources in the deconvolved PACS data. Ortho lines are marked with open circles and para lines with filled diamonds. $N$ is the total number of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ molecules in each source given the rotational fit.

the IRS7 field. The appearance of such extended emission is, however, unusual. The excitation diagrams could be explained by a single-temperature non-LTE fit (Neufeld 2012), assuming a low gas density ($n \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$), and that the gas is collisionally excited to high temperatures ($T \sim 5000 \text{ K}$). However, the observation of strong and extended $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ emission in the field makes this low-density scenario unlikely. Furthermore, $\text{H}_2$ densities $\lesssim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ do not fit with the $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$ optical depth derived by Lindberg & Jørgensen (2012). Another possibility is that the molecular gas towards the point sources and the extended gas are excited by different excitation mechanisms.

5.3. Comparing FIR and mm spectral line data

Strong CO $J = 6 \rightarrow 5$ and $J = 7 \rightarrow 6$ emission found on an east-west line centred at IRS7A (van Kempen et al. 2009a) are consistent with the residual CO regions Res E-l and Res W-l, although the FIR data is more dominated by the point-source emission. The major difference between the morphology of the $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ mm line data (Lindberg & Jørgensen 2012) and the FIR ($\text{Herschel}$) line data is that most of the FIR line emission is well-aligned with the mm and mid-IR continuum point sources, while the mm lines appear in more extended structures, which are not centred on these point sources. However, the residual PACS continuum emission after deconvolution of the point-source emission (corresponding to extended dust continuum emission) shows shapes very similar to the high-temperature $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$ ridges observed in the mm (see Fig. 6). The $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$ rotational temperatures measured in the SMA/APEX mm data range from 30 to 100 K, but non-LTE modelling shows that the physical temperatures probably are in the order of 40–60 K (Lindberg & Jørgensen 2012). The PACS SEDs of these ridges...
Fig. 17. H$_2$O rotational diagrams for the residual emission of the extended regions Res SW-l, Res E-l, Res N-l, and Res W-l. Ortho lines are marked with open circles and para lines with filled diamonds. $N$ is the total number of H$_2$O molecules in each source given the rotational fit.

### Table 8. Properties of the studied point sources.

| YSO     | CO$^b$ | OH   | H$_2$O | T$_{bol}$ | L$_{bol}$ | Mid-IR/FIR/mm continuum detected | FIR/mm lines detected | Class   |
|---------|--------|------|--------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| IRS7A   | 294$^b$ / 682$^b$ | 35.7$^b$ | 83$^b$ | 132$^b$ | 197$^b$ | 10.1$^b$ | 79$^b$ | 9.1$^b$ | yes/yes$^b$/no$^c$ | yes$^b$/yes | 0/I     |
| SMM 1C  | --     | --   | --     | --       | --       | --     | --     | --     | no/yes$^b$/yes | yes$^b$/yes | 0/I     |
| IRS7B   | 273 / 710 | 12.5 | 89    | 17      | 174      | 2.3    | 89     | 4.6    | yes/yes/yes | yes/yes/yes | 0/I     |
| R CrA   | 287 / 992 | 5.7  | 99    | 7.1     | 235      | 1.3    | 889    | 53     | yes/yes/faint | yes/yes | II/III  |
| IRS5A   | 293 /1417 | 3.2  | 80    | 17      | 185      | 1.2    | 209    | 1.7    | yes/yes | yes/... | 0/I     |
| IRS5N   | 283 /... | 0.7  | ...   | ...     | 195      | 0.5    | 63     | 0.7    | no/yes/yes | no/...   | 0       |
| Res SW-l | 285 / 653 | 5.0  | 76    | 9.5     | 181      | 2.0    | ...    | ...    | ...     | ...     | ...     |
| Res E-l | 287 /1015 | 1.7  | 68    | 7.2     | 201      | 8.6    | ...    | ...    | ...     | ...     | ...     |
| Res N-l | 281 / 898 | 3.3  | 66    | 19      | 174      | 2.3    | ...    | ...    | ...     | ...     | ...     |
| Res W-l | 253 / 751 | 13.0 | 72    | 26      | 235      | 1.3    | ...    | ...    | ...     | ...     | ...     |

**Notes.**

$^a$ The temperatures are for the warm and hot components, respectively. The total number of molecules is the sum of the warm and hot component.

$^b$ Combined value for IRS7A and SMM 1C.

$^c$ Detected in ALMA 0.8 mm continuum (Lindberg et al. 2013).

$^d$ Average of the DIGIT sample, from Green et al. (2013), not including the CrA and Serpens sources. The OH rotational diagrams have been recalculated excluding the same lines that are excluded in this paper.

The POMAC algorithm shows that most of the FIR molecular line emission originates from the mid-IR/(sub)mm point sources IRS7A, SMM 1C, IRS7B, R CrA, and IRS5A. This emission is similar in excitation to what is found towards sources that are not subject to external irradiation. However, through the

show black-body temperatures (~ 40–50 K; see Fig. 9) consistent with the H$_2$CO temperatures measured. The H$_2$CO ridges are observed on relatively large scales (~ 8000 AU), and are not associated with the point sources.
Table 6. OH rotational temperatures and total number of molecules.

| YSO                  | $T^a$  | $N^a$  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
|                      | [K]    | $10^{15}$ |
| IRS7A+SMM 1C        | 83 ± 3 | 132 ± 12 |
| IRS7B                | 89 ± 4 | 16.7 ± 1.5 |
| R CrA                | 99 ± 5 | 7.1 ± 0.7  |
| IRS5A                | 80 ± 3 | 17.2 ± 1.5 |
| Res SW-1             | 76 ± 4 | 9.5 ± 1.1  |
| Res E-1              | 68 ± 4 | 7.2 ± 1.2  |
| Res N-1              | 66 ± 2 | 19.1 ± 2.1 |
| Res W-1              | 72 ± 2 | 26.1 ± 2.5 |
| CrA point-source average | 88 ± 4b | 43.3 ± 25.7b |
| CrA extended average  | 71 ± 2b | 15.5 ± 3.8b |
| Serpens SMM3/4 average | 88 ± 2b | 26 ± 3b   |

Notes. (a) The methods used for calculating the error estimates are the same as for the CO rotational diagrams, see Sects. 4.2.1–4.2.2. (b) For the sample averages, standard deviations of the mean of the significant fits are given (see Table 5). (c) From Herczeg et al. (2012). Only the cool component based chiefly on PACS data is given here. (d) From Wampfler et al. (2013). (e) Average of SMM3b and SMM4, from Dionatos et al. (2013), assuming a distance of 415 pc. This value is calculated excluding the same lines that have been excluded in this paper, and does not agree with the values given in Dionatos et al. (2013) for this reason. (f) Average of the DIGIT sample, from Green et al. (2013), not including the CrA and Serpens sources. This value is calculated excluding the same lines that have been excluded in this paper, and for this reason does not agree with the value given in Green et al. (2013) (183 K).

Table 7. H$_2$O rotational temperatures and total number of molecules.

| YSO                  | $T^a$  | $N^a$  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
|                      | [K]    | $10^{15}$ |
| IRS7A+SMM 1C        | 197 ± 4 | 10.1 ± 0.3 |
| IRS7B                | 174 ± 4 | 2.3 ± 0.1 |
| R CrA                | 235 ± 9 | 1.3 ± 0.1 |
| IRS5A                | 185 ± 5 | 1.2 ± 0.1 |
| IRS5N                | 195 ± 20 | 0.5 ± 0.1 |
| Res SW-1             | 181 ± 5 | 2.0 ± 0.1 |
| Res E-1              | 201 ± 4 | 8.6 ± 0.3 |
| Res N-1              | 174 ± 4 | 2.3 ± 0.1 |
| Res W-1              | 235 ± 9 | 1.3 ± 0.1 |
| CrA point-source average | 197 ± 9b | 3.1 ± 1.6b |
| CrA extended average  | 198 ± 12b | 3.5 ± 1.5b |
| NGC 1333 IRAS 4B     | 110/220 | 100     |
| Serpens SMM1        | 136 ± 27 | ...     |
| Serpens SMM3/4 average | 105 ± 6b | 25 ± 3b  |

Notes. (a) The methods used for calculating the error estimates are the same as for the CO rotational diagrams, see Sects. 4.2.1–4.2.2. (b) For the sample averages, standard deviations of the mean of the significant fits are given (see Table 5). (c) From Herczeg et al. (2012). (d) Two separate cool and warm components. (e) From Gutierrez et al. (2012). (f) Average of SMM3b, SMM3c, SMM3r, and SMM4, from Dionatos et al. (2013), assuming a distance of 415 pc. (g) Average of the DIGIT sample, from Green et al. (2013), not including the CrA and Serpens sources.

Deconvolution we also find extended line emission in the IRS7 region. Interestingly, the CO, OH, and H$_2$O excitation conditions of the extended emission resemble those near the protostars (see Tables 3, 7), and suggest high temperatures also on these relatively large scales (> 1000 AU from the protostars). Such extended line emission, in particular the hot CO and OH emission, is unusual around low-mass embedded objects (see e.g. van Kempen et al. 2010; Green et al. 2013; Karska et al. 2013).

Still, the H$_2$CO emission detected by SMA/APEX is even more extended, and not associated with the point sources. Regardless of the lower spatial resolution of the PACS data, it is certain that the FIR and mm line emission have different origins.

5.4. Water and oxygen chemistry

Assuming that the region around R CrA exhibits PDR-like conditions, the OH abundance should be enhanced with respect to the H$_2$O abundance (see e.g. Walsh et al. 2013). We thus want to establish whether the OH/H$_2$O ratio is enhanced in these sources compared to other sources in similar stages of evolution. A first-order comparison can be made by analysing the ratios of certain OH and H$_2$O spectral lines in the DIGIT sample of embedded protostars (Green et al. 2013). So far, no systematic study of OH and H$_2$O excitation diagrams and abundances in low-mass embedded objects is available. To avoid biases introduced by different amounts of detected lines and different methods of extracting the abundances, we instead compare the ratios of individual spectral line luminosities.

We need to compare OH and H$_2$O lines suspected to be optically thin, that are detected in many sources, that have small PSFs (short wavelengths) or at least similar PSFs (similar wavelengths), and that have similar upper-level energies to remove any bias. Thus, in the first four panels of Fig. 18 we plot four different line ratios of three OH lines and three H$_2$O lines. The wavelengths differ by less than 20 µm and the upper level energies by less than 80 K for each of the ratios. Details on the transitions are found in the figure. We find that all the CrA sources have an OH/H$_2$O line ratio higher than most other DIGIT embedded objects, which is indicative of PDR activity (Hollenbach & Tielens 1997). Also the extended regions have relatively high OH/H$_2$O ratios. We have also compared the OH (cf. Fig. 9 in Wampfler et al. 2013), H$_2$O, and CO (J = 16 → 15; cf. Fig. 22 in Green et al. 2013) line luminosities to the bolometric luminosities of the DIGIT and WISH embedded sources, and found that the sources in CrA fall within the scatter around the linear correlation for all three lines, although on the higher end in the OH and CO case. We find that the enhanced OH/H$_2$O ratio mainly is due to an increase of the OH flux rather than a decrease of the H$_2$O flux.

From dissociation of OH, O should be a major destruction product, so we would also expect an enhancement of the [O I] line strengths compared to H$_2$O and OH in a PDR (Hollenbach & Tielens 1997). In the third row of diagrams in Fig. 18 we compare the line ratios of the [O I] 63.2 µm line to one H$_2$O line and one OH line with similar wavelengths and upper-level energies.
We see a very strong enhancement of [O i], in particular in the extended regions, supporting the hypothesis of a PDR induced by external irradiation. In the last row of Fig. [18] the [O i] 63.2 µm line flux is compared to two CO lines. In the comparison of [O i] and CO it is more difficult to accommodate our ambition of using similar wavelengths and upper-level energies – we could have used the [O i] 145 µm line, but this was not desirable for S/N reasons. We find that the [O i] flux is enhanced in the CrA sources also with respect to the CO flux. The higher [O i]/OH, [O i]/H$_2$O, and OH/H$_2$O line ratios could also indicate a later stage of evolution (cf. Class II sources in Podio et al. [2012]), but the low bolometric temperatures and $L_{bol}/L_{submm}$ ratios of the sources indicate that they are Class 0/I sources, and the (in many cases) higher line ratios found in the extended emission compared to the point sources indicate that the heating is external in its origin.

6. Conclusions

We study Herschel/PACS line and continuum maps of the low-mass star-forming region R CrA subject to strong irradiation from the nearby Herbig Be star R CrA. In addition, we deconvolve the maps to study the point-source and extended contributions to the emission. Our main results are the following:

1. FIR continuum emission is found not only at the (sub)mm and mid-IR continuum point sources, but also (somewhat fainter) in two ridges north and south of the IRS7 protostars. These correlate in position with H$_2$CO and CH$_3$OH mm emission, and the continuum emission peaks give temperatures (40–50 K) similar to the rotational temperature of the H$_2$O emission (Lindberg & Jørgensen [2012]), both suggesting that the extended FIR continuum emission traces the dust associated with the externally irradiated material.

2. The rotational temperatures of the warm CO component (286 ± 3 K), the hot CO component (950 ± 148 K), OH (88 ± 4 K), and H$_2$O (197 ± 9 K) measured towards the continuum point sources are consistent with or lower than those found in larger samples of similar sources, suggesting that the excitation conditions of the dense gas close to the protostars are not affected by the external irradiation. A CO rotational diagram suggests that the mid-J CO lines are marginally optically thick ($\tau < 0.6$).

3. CO, OH, and H$_2$O emission not associated with any of the previously known continuum point sources is detected, and shows excitation conditions similar to the gas near the protostars (277 ± 7 K for the warm CO component, 829 ± 69 K for the hot CO component, 71 ± 2 K for OH, and 198 ± 12 K for H$_2$O). The warm gas thus exists on much larger scales than can be explained by heating from the low-mass YSOs. One possible explanation is that this emission traces radially excited low-density gas, but detections of high density tracers such as H$_2$CO and CH$_3$OH challenge this hypothesis. The extent of the FIR molecular emission is larger than previously seen in any low-mass protostellar sources.

4. When comparing the IRS7 and IRS5 fields – the former with a smaller angular separation from the irradiating Herbig Be star R CrA than the latter – we find that the two fields have similar average rotational temperatures of the warm CO component (285 K and 288 K, respectively), OH (90 K and 80 K, respectively), and H$_2$O (200 K and 190 K, respectively). However, more extended emission (both line and continuum) is seen in the IRS7 field than in the IRS5 field.

The higher level of irradiation from R CrA in IRS7 than in IRS5 does thus not significantly affect the rotational temperatures, but the possible link between extended emission and external irradiation needs to be investigated further.

5. The OH/H$_2$O, [O i]/H$_2$O, [O i]/OH, and [O i]/CO line ratios are enhanced in the CrA point sources and extended gas compared to other embedded objects, which is similar to what has previously been seen in PDRs (Hollenbach & Tielens [1997]). Typically, these line ratios are enhanced by a factor of 1.5–4.0 in the CrA sources.

To further study the origin of the excitation conditions in protostellar cores and their surroundings, we propose similar investigations of any extended emission in PACS observations of embedded objects, including other sources in regions of potential strong external irradiation. This could for instance include the Orion sources discussed by Manoj et al. [2013], and the isolated sources in the DIGIT sample (Green et al. [2013]).

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Fig. 18. Ratios of [O I], OH, H$_2$O, and CO lines plotted versus the bolometric luminosities of the sources. See details in the figures. The CrA point sources are marked with red, the black data points are other DIGIT embedded sources (Green et al. 2013). The CrA extended emission regions are marked with grey lines. Only data points where both lines are significantly detected are included.
Table 9. Identified spectral lines in the Herschel/PACS data and deconvolved line fluxes in the continuum point sources. All errors are 1σ of the rms. For undetected lines, the 3σ upper limit lies between 60 × 10^{-18} W m^{-2} and 10 × 10^{-18} W m^{-2} from 55 μm to 195 μm. Lines in the leakage regions are not tabulated.

| Species | Transition | Wavelength\(^a\) [μm] | IRSA+SM+MC IC [10^{-18} W m^{-2}] | IRSB | R CrA | IRSA | IRS5N [10^{-18} W m^{-2}] |
|---------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------|
| OH \(^2\)Π1/2 (J = 9/2+ → 7/2−) | 55.891 | 352 ± 24 | 85 ± 9 | ... | 34 ± 10 | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π1/2 (J = 9/2− → 7/2+) | 55.950 | 686 ± 24 | 83 ± 9 | 164 ± 17 | 93 ± 10 | 36 ± 9 | ... |
| p-H2O J = 31 → 32 | 56.325 | 347 ± 29 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 41 → 31 | 56.816 | 460 ± 30 | 97 ± 20 | 372 ± 39 | 30 ± 9 | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 42 → 31 | 57.637 | 431 ± 39 | ... | ... | 69 ± 9 | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 43 → 31 | 58.699 | 547 ± 27 | 105 ± 10 | ... | 66 ± 8 | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 726 → 615 | 59.987 | 146 ± 17 | ... | 67 ± 12 | ... | ... | ... |
| O1 \(^3\)P1 → \(^3\)P2 | 63.184 | 147.35 ± 46 | 39 ± 14 ± 26 | 2399 ± 26 | 1961 ± 19 | 809 ± 16 | ... |
| o-H2O J = 818 → 707 | 63.324 | 712 ± 25 | 97 ± 11 | ... | 77 ± 9 | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 808 → 717 | 63.458 | 354 ± 31 | 61 ± 13 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π3/2 (J = 9/2− → 7/2+) | 65.132 | 1341 ± 30 | 247 ± 9 | 185 ± 13 | 163 ± 9 | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 625 → 514 | 65.166 | Blend with OH \(^2\)Π3/2 (J = 9/2− → 7/2+) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π3/2 (J = 9/2+ → 7/2−) | 65.279 | 1197 ± 28 | 221 ± 8 | 140 ± 12 | 118 ± 7 | 16 ± 3 | ... |
| CO J = 40 → 39 | 65.686 | 88 ± 21 | ... | 47 ± 10 | ... | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 316 → 215 | 66.093 | 387 ± 20 | 71 ± 7 | ... | 34 ± 6 | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 330 → 220 | 66.438 | 662 ± 20 | 110 ± 14 | 128 ± 13 | 74 ± 10 | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 331 → 220 | 67.089 | 401 ± 24 | 90 ± 8 | ... | 27 ± 9 | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 330 → 220 | 68.261 | 200 ± 19 | 35 ± 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| CO J = 39 → 38 | 67.336 | 117 ± 19 | 29 ± 6 | 34 ± 9 | ... | ... | ... |
| CO J = 38 → 37 | 69.344 | 192 ± 17 | ... | 86 ± 7 | ... | ... | ... |
| CO J = 37 → 36 | 70.907 | 173 ± 18 | 47 ± 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 524 → 413 | 71.067 | 329 ± 12 | 64 ± 6 | 40 ± 6 | 26 ± 6 | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π3/2 (J = 7/2− → 5/2+) | 71.171 | 1268 ± 23 | 235 ± 7 | 193 ± 9 | 138 ± 7 | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π3/2 (J = 7/2+ → 5/2−) | 71.215 | Blend with OH \(^2\)Π3/2 (J = 7/2− → 5/2+) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 721 → 616 | 71.540 | 271 ± 13 | 42 ± 6 | 27 ± 7 | 20 ± 5 | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 707 → 616 | 71.947 | 624 ± 13 | 110 ± 6 | 52 ± 7 | 54 ± 5 | 18 ± 5 | ... |
| CO J = 36 → 35 | 72.843 | 140 ± 17 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| CO J = 35 → 34 | 74.890 | 362 ± 19 | 74 ± 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 725 → 634 | 74.945 | Blend with CO J = 35 → 34 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 321 → 212 | 75.381 | 861 ± 22 | 133 ± 7 | 71 ± 8 | 90 ± 7 | ... | ... |
| CO J = 34 → 33 | 77.059 | 204 ± 19 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 423 → 312 | 78.742 | 630 ± 27 | 102 ± 12 | 60 ± 11 | 95 ± 6 | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 615 → 524 | 78.928 | 101 ± 18 | 53 ± 7 | ... | 30 ± 5 | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π1/2(J = 1/2− → \(^2\)Π3/2(J = 3/2+) | 79.116 | 1741 ± 28 | 250 ± 14 | 175 ± 13 | 264 ± 8 | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π1/2(J = 1/2+ → \(^2\)Π3/2(J = 3/2−) | 79.179 | Blend with OH \(^2\)Π1/2(J = 1/2− → \(^2\)Π3/2(J = 3/2+) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| CO J = 33 → 32 | 79.360 | 162 ± 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| CO J = 32 → 31 | 81.806 | 290 ± 15 | 37 ± 6 | 57 ± 7 | ... | ... | ... |
| o-H2O J = 616 → 505 | 82.031 | 740 ± 22 | 162 ± 9 | 48 ± 11 | 83 ± 6 | ... | ... |
| p-H2O J = 606 → 515 | 83.284 | 397 ± 21 | 68 ± 10 | ... | 31 ± 5 | ... | ... |
| CO J = 31 → 30 | 84.411 | Blend with OH \(^2\)Π3/2(J = 7/2− → 5/2−) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| OH \(^2\)Π3/2(J = 7/2− → 5/2−) | 84.420 | 1474 ± 18 | 327 ± 14 | 172 ± 11 | 223 ± 7 | ... | ... |
| J     | \( v" \) | \( \Delta E \) | \( \sigma \) | \nabla \( \Delta E \) |
|-------|---------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| \( \Delta J = 1 \) | \( \Delta \Omega \) | \( \Delta \Omega \) | \( \Delta \Omega \) | \( \Delta \Omega \) |

**Legend:**
- J: Quantum number
- \( v" \): Quantum number of the \( \Pi \) state
- \( \Delta E \): Energy difference
- \( \sigma \): Standard deviation
- \( \nabla \( \Delta E \) \): Gradient of the energy difference

**Note:**
- The table above presents the observed energy transitions and associated uncertainties for various vibrational and rotational states of molecules such as \( \Pi \), CO, and OH in the context of young stellar objects in Corona Australis.
| Species | Transition | Wavelength (Å) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
|---------|------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| o-H$_2$O | $5_{32} \rightarrow 5_{21}$ | 160.510 | 62 ± 5 | ... | ... | ... |
| CO | $J = 16 \rightarrow 15$ | 162.812 | 2015 ± 8 | 601 ± 4 | 297 ± 2 | 191 ± 2 | 16 ± 3 |
| OH | $^2\Pi_{1/2}(J = 3/2+ \rightarrow 1/2-)$ | 163.124 | 477 ± 5 | 46 ± 3 | 17 ± 2 | 36 ± 1 | ... |
| OH | $^2\Pi_{1/2}(J = 3/2- \rightarrow 1/2+)$ | 163.396 | 343 ± 5 | 56 ± 3 | ... | 36 ± 1 | ... |
| $^{13}$CO | $J = 16 \rightarrow 15$ | 170.290 | 58 ± 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| CO | $J = 15 \rightarrow 14$ | 173.631 | 1952 ± 10 | 636 ± 5 | 379 ± 4 | 193 ± 3 | 49 ± 2 |
| o-H$_2$O | $3_{03} \rightarrow 2_{12}$ | 174.626 | 568 ± 6 | 192 ± 4 | 88 ± 2 | 78 ± 3 | ... |
| o-H$_2$O | $2_{12} \rightarrow 1_{01}$ | 179.527 | 724 ± 8 | 206 ± 5 | 80 ± 2 | 123 ± 3 | ... |
| o-H$_2$O | $2_{21} \rightarrow 2_{12}$ | 180.488 | 275 ± 5 | 36 ± 5 | ... | 7 ± 2 | ... |
| $^{13}$CO | $J = 15 \rightarrow 14$ | 181.608 | 38 ± 7 | 27 ± 4 | ... | ... | ... |
| CO | $J = 14 \rightarrow 13$ | 185.999 | 2160 ± 8 | 687 ± 5 | 323 ± 3 | 207 ± 5 | 64 ± 3 |
| p-H$_2$O | $4_{13} \rightarrow 4_{04}$ | 187.111 | 111 ± 6 | ... | 11 ± 2 | ... | ... |
| $^{13}$CO | $J = 14 \rightarrow 13$ | 194.546 | 30 ± 3 | 27 ± 2 | ... | ... | ... |

Notes. Wavelengths are from the LAMDA database. [Schöier et al. 2005]
Appendix A: Continuum maps

The PACS continuum maps and POMAC residuals are found in Figs. A.1–A.2.

Fig. A.1. Continuum maps of the IRS7 region. Left: Total flux density map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels are at 10 Jy for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Fig. A.2. Continuum maps of the IRS5 region. Left: Total flux density map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels are at 3 Jy for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Appendix B: Line maps

The line flux maps and POMAC residual maps of the CO lines are found in Figs. B.1–B.2, the OH maps in Figs. B.3–B.4, the H$_2$O maps in Figs. B.5–B.8, and the [O\textsc{i}] and [C\textsc{ii}] maps in Figs. B.9–B.10.

**Fig. B.1.** CO line maps of the IRS7 region. **Left:** Total flux map. **Right:** Residual map. The red contour levels are at 5$\sigma$, 10$\sigma$, 15$\sigma$, 30$\sigma$, 60$\sigma$, and 90$\sigma$ (dashed contours for negative fluxes). The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Fig. B.2. CO line maps of the IRS5 region. Left: Total flux map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Fig. B.3. OH line maps of the IRS7 region. Left: Total flux map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.

Fig. B.4. OH line maps of the IRS5 region. Left: Total flux map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
**Appendix B.5.** $p$-H$_2$O line maps of the IRS7 region. *Left:* Total flux map. *Right:* Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The *Herschel* PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.

**Appendix B.6.** $p$-H$_2$O line maps of the IRS5 region. *Left:* Total flux map. *Right:* Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The *Herschel* PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Fig. B.7. $\nu$-H$_2$O line maps of the IRS7 region. Left: Total flux map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Fig. B.8. $\ce{o-H2O}$ line maps of the IRS5 region. Left: Total flux map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour maps have the same scale for all maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.

Fig. B.9. Atomic line maps of the IRS7 region. Left: Total flux map. Right: Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour scale is used for the $\ce{[O1]}$ 63 $\mu$m map and the purple colour scale for the $\ce{[O1]}$ 146 $\mu$m and $\ce{[C2]}$ 158 $\mu$m maps. The Herschel PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Fig. B.10. Atomic line maps of the IRS5 region. \textit{Left:} Total flux map. \textit{Right:} Residual map. Contour levels as in Fig. B.1. The blue colour scale is used for the [O\textsc{i}] 63 $\mu$m map and the purple colour scale for the [O\textsc{i}] 146 $\mu$m and [C\textsc{ii}] 158 $\mu$m maps. The \textit{Herschel} PSF for each observation is shown in the top left corner.
Appendix C: The POMAC deconvolution algorithm

POMAC (Poor Man’s CLEAN) is a modification of the CLEAN algorithm (Högbom 1974), adapted to deconvolve data with a small number of data points, using previous knowledge about point-source positions as a restricting assumption. The user needs to define the positions of possible point sources (and point sources can be added or removed after running the script, iteratively refining the used set of point sources). The algorithm iteratively subtracts emission corresponding to the pre-defined point sources, finally leaving a residual map showing any emission not attributed to these point sources (extended emission or emission from previously unknown point sources).

More specifically, the script creates an $n \times n$ grid (we use $n = 400$, giving a pixel size of $\sim 0'' 2$ for the IRS7 map) for each of the point sources, covering the whole field-of-view of the PACS footprint(s). For each of the grids, a unitary point source is convolved with a simulated telescope PSF. We use the simulated Herschel PSF, which is available for 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, and 200 $\mu$m (see Fig. C.1). We linearly interpolate these for the intermediate wavelengths. The script iterates over each grid point to determine which PACS spaxel(s) the signal in this grid point will fall into (zero or one spaxels per PACS footprint). The result of this is one PACS instrument PSF (dirty beam) for each of the point sources in the field. We assume PACS spaxel sizes of $9'' 4 \times 9'' 4$, centred at the coordinates given by the telescope data, oriented parallel to the PACS grid. This is, however, a simplified model of the true spaxel footprint, but the simplification will not affect the results more than the calibration accuracy of the instrument (20%).

![Herschel telescope PSF at 120 μm](image)

**Fig. C.1.** The *Herschel* simulated point-spread function (PSF) at 120 $\mu$m plotted with logarithmic scaling to better show the side lobes.

The line flux measured in each of the spaxels are put in a residual flux matrix. Next, the script determines which spaxel is most nearby each of the point sources. The script then analyses the residual map flux in each of these spaxels, and based on the point sources’ distances to their nearest spaxels the brightest point source is determined. A user-defined CLEAN gain (we use 0.01) is multiplied to the calculated flux and added to the CLEAN flux of this point source. The convolution of the PACS footprint Gaussian and a point source with the CLEANed flux is then subtracted from the residual map. This is iterated until one of several possible stop criteria is met:

1. The strongest point-source residual corresponds to negative flux.
2. The residual flux in any one spaxel near a point-source position drops below $-3\sigma$.
3. The residual fluxes in any two spaxels drop below $-3\sigma$.
4. The residual flux drops below $1\sigma$ in a spaxel which is associated with a point source.
5. The average of the residual map drops below 0.
6. The set maximum for CLEAN iterations is reached (this criterium was not reached in any of our deconvolutions).

After this has been finished, the flux of each point source is found in the CLEAN flux vector, and the remaining residual map can be investigated to search for more point sources or extended emission (note, however, that the residual map is still convolved with the instrument and telescope PSF). The algorithm was tested on well-centred PACS data of the disc source HD 100546 (Sturm et al. 2010), which is assumed to behave like a point source in the continuum. The residuals after removing the central point source from the continuum data were found to be less than 5% of the extracted flux density across the whole spectrum.

5 Zemax modelled point spread functions, which are found to agree remarkably well with verification observations: [http://herschel.esac.esa.int/twiki/pub/Public/PacsCalibrationWeb/PACSPSF_PICC-ME-TN-029_v2.0.pdf](http://herschel.esac.esa.int/twiki/pub/Public/PacsCalibrationWeb/PACSPSF_PICC-ME-TN-029_v2.0.pdf)

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It should be noted that in the case of extended emission across the whole field, the algorithm will extract too much flux to the point source, producing a hole in the residual emission. It is, however, impossible to predict the amount of the emission on the point source that should be attributed to the extended emission, and we have thus chosen the most simple approach. In the CrA data, the large-scale extended emission is weak in comparison with the point source emission, so this does not appear to affect the results more than 20%.

The algorithm works particularly well in the IRS7 field, where we have two overlapping PACS footprints (creating an almost-Nyquist sampled grid for most of the PACS bandwidth), but it is also useful for regions with only one PACS footprint, such as IRS5. The method is useful, not only to disentangle emission from several point sources, but also to establish whether a source is a point source or shows extended emission.

Appendix D: SED flux densities

The flux densities from the literature used in the SED fits in Sect. 4.1 are listed in Table D.1.

Table D.1. Flux densities used in the SED fits in Sect. 4.1

| Name     | Telescope  | Wavelength [µm] | Flux density [Jy] | Reference       |
|----------|------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| IRS7A    | Spitzer    | 3.6            | 0.0509           | Peterson et al. (2011) |
|          |            | 4.5            | 0.239            |                 |
|          |            | 5.8            | 0.546            |                 |
|          |            | 8.0            | 1.05             |                 |
|          | SMM 1C     | 450            | 45               | Nutter et al. (2005) |
|          |            | 850            | 5.6              |                 |
| IRS7B    | Spitzer    | 3.6            | 0.0367           | Peterson et al. (2011) |
|          |            | 4.5            | 0.257            |                 |
|          |            | 5.8            | 0.697            |                 |
|          |            | 8.0            | 0.957            |                 |
|          | JCMT SCUBA | 450            | 50               | Nutter et al. (2005) |
|          |            | 850            | 5.4              |                 |
| R CrA    | SAAO       | 0.36           | 0.0141           | Koen et al. (2010) |
|          |            | 0.45           | 0.0359           |                 |
|          |            | 0.555          | 0.0647           |                 |
|          |            | 0.67           | 0.116            |                 |
|          |            | 0.87           | 0.180            |                 |
|          | 2MASS      | 1.25           | 2.68             | Skrutskie et al. (2006) |
|          |            | 1.65           | 10.7             |                 |
|          |            | 2.2            | 47.9             |                 |
| IRS5A    | Spitzer    | 3.6            | 0.389            | Peterson et al. (2011) |
|          |            | 4.5            | 0.798            |                 |
|          |            | 5.8            | 1.27             |                 |
|          |            | 8.0            | 1.81             |                 |
| IRS5N    | Spitzer    | 3.6            | 0.00856          | Peterson et al. (2011) |
|          |            | 4.5            | 0.0262           |                 |
|          |            | 5.8            | 0.0528           |                 |
|          |            | 8.0            | 0.0809           |                 |
|          | JCMT SCUBA | 450            | 12              | Nutter et al. (2005) |
|          |            | 850            | 1.8             |                 |

Notes. (a) The integrated flux density in apertures of 16′′ × 16′′ (SMM 1C), 18′′ × 17′′ (IRS7B), and 24′′ × 24′′ (IRS5N) are given. (b) This is the combined value for IRS5A and IRS5N, which are unresolved. For the SEDs, we assign half of the flux density to each source.