Primordial Molecular Emission in Population III Galaxies

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Abstract

We consider the formation of molecules in primordial prestellar clumps and evaluate the line luminosities to assess detectability by next-generation observational facilities. If the initial H₂ fraction is sufficiently high, HD becomes an important coolant in the clumps. The luminosity from such HD cooling clumps is lower than that from H₂ cooling ones because of the lower temperature (< 100 K). As for Li reactions, we include the three-body LiH formation approximately. The Li molecular fraction remains very low (< 10⁻³) throughout the evolution, owing to the high dissociative reaction rate of LiH + H → Li + H₂. LiH does not become an important coolant in any density range. The luminous emission lines from the prestellar cores include H₂ rovibrational lines [1–0 Q(1), 1–0 O(3), 1–0 O(5)] and pure rotational lines [0–0 S(3), 0–0 S(4), 0–0 S(5)]. The next-generation facilities SPICA and JWST are able to detect H₂ emission in a large pre-galactic cloud that forms metal-free stars at a high rate of ∼ 10⁵ M_☉ yr⁻¹ at a redshift of z < 10. We also derive an analytical expression for the luminosity that reproduces the numerical results.

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1. Introduction

Population III (Pop III) stars, which are formed from primordial pristine gas, have been postulated as the origin of metals of metal-deficient stars in the galactic halo (Schwarzschild, Spitzer 1953). Recent detection of very metal-poor stars has renewed interest in Pop III stars (e.g., Christlieb et al. 2002). Pop III stars may also account for the presence of metals (z ~ 5) in the high-z (z ~ 5) Ly absorption systems observed in quasar spectra (e.g., Songaila 2001). Additionally, as a source of ultraviolet photons that caused reionization of the intergalactic medium at z ~ 17 ± 5, suggested by WMAP data (Bennett et al. 2003), Pop III stars are attracting the attention of many researchers (e.g., Ciardi et al. 2003). These observations clearly suggest the importance of roles played by Pop III stars in the early evolution of galaxies.

Partly stimulated by observations, theoretical studies on the formation of primordial objects in the early universe have made remarkable progress in recent years. Simultaneously, several next-generation large observational facilities are planned, one of whose goals is to detect star formation in the first galaxies. In this context, a variety of observational verifications for scenarios of the first object formation in the early universe have been proposed.

The detectability of primordial pre-galactic clouds has been discussed by some authors. For example, Haiman, Spaans, and Quataert (2000) and Fardal et al. (2001) estimated the Ly luminosity from collapsing pre-galactic clouds, and discussed their detectability by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).1 Omukai and Kitayama (2003) demonstrated that H₂ lines, in addition to Ly emission, were emitted in collapsing pre-galactic clouds, and discussed the detectability of H₂ rotational lines by the Single Aperture Far-Infrared observatory (SAFIR).2 H₂ line emission from supershells produced in IGM by supernova (SN) blastwaves of Pop III stars can be detected by JWST (Ciardi, Ferrara 2001). Observational features of clusters of Pop III stars that have already formed have also been studied by many researchers (e.g., Bromm et al. 2001; Schaerer 2002; Venkatesan et al. 2003). Near-infrared background anisotropies produced by these clusters may have been detected by the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) (e.g., Salvaterra, Ferrara 2003; Kashlinsky et al. 2004).

H₂-line luminosity from individual Pop III star-forming regions has also been evaluated (Kamaya, Silk 2002; Ripamonti et al. 2002; Mizusawa et al. 2004, hereafter Paper I). At first, the H₂-line emission from a primordial cloud including a number of first star-forming regions was expected to be observable by next-generation facilities (Kamaya, Silk 2002; Ripamonti et al. 2002). Later, a flaw was found in the luminosity distance used in their estimations. With the correct luminosity distance, the detectability of the H₂ emission at the typical epoch for first star formation (z ~ 20) is extremely low, even with the SPace Infrared telescope for Cosmology and Astrophysics (SPICA),3 which is one of the most sensitive

1 (http://www.jwst.nasa.gov/).
2 (http://safrir.jpl.nasa.gov/whatIs/index.asp).
3 (http://www.ir.isas.ac.jp/SPICA/).
facilities planned in this wavelength band (Paper I).

Nonetheless, even in lower redshift (say, z ~ 5), primordial gas can be present in objects that are formed with delay (Scannapieco et al. 2003). The detection of primordial molecular emission from the first episode of star formation in such objects should be easier than in genuine first objects in the universe. In the case of star formation in the first objects, whose mass is small (∼ 10^6 M⊙), dense star-forming cores are formed with little fragmentation (Bromm et al. 1999, 2002; Abel et al. 2000, 2002). On the other hand, in large pre-galactic clouds, post-shock cooled sheets, which are expected to form after virialization, fragment into filamentary clouds (Yamada, Nishi 1998; Yamada 2002). After further contraction and fragmentation of these filaments, star-forming cores are produced. In such clouds, H2 and HD form abundantly owing to ionization accompanying the strong shock (Uehara, Inutsuka 2000; Nakamura, Umemura 2002) and strong molecular emission is expected. Another trace molecule in primordial gas, LiH, can be an important coolant if all of the Li becomes LiH in spite of a small Li abundance (Lepp, Shull 1984). The luminosities of these trace primordial molecular (i.e., HD and LiH) emissions were calculated, and their detectability by ALMA was discussed by Kamaya and Silk (2003). In their estimation, however, they again used incorrect luminosity distances, as in Kamaya and Silk (2002). Moreover, their assumption that all of the deuterium and lithium are in molecular form, particularly for Li, is not justified, as described later.

In this paper, we discuss the formation of HD and LiH as well as H2, not only in collapsing star-forming cores, but also in filamentary clouds, and estimate their line luminosities. Here, to assess the importance of HD and LiH lines as coolants, we include the deuterium and lithium chemical reactions in addition to the processes considered in Paper I and calculate these molecular fractions and luminosities. This treatment improves that of Kamaya and Silk (2003), who adopted a rather crude assumption for the HD and LiH fraction without solving chemical reactions. In particular, we include the Li three-body reaction in an approximate way, by which the complete conversion of Li into LiH has been envisaged (Stancil et al. 1996). Additionally, we consider the formation reaction of LiH,

\[ \text{Li} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{LiH} + \text{H}, \]

which is the inverse reaction of the dominant LiH dissociation reaction. Since their rate coefficients are not well constrained, these reactions have not been included in studies on the first star formation. Considering possible variations of these rates, we consider the effect of different rate coefficients. Furthermore, we also assess the effects of different initial conditions, which correspond to different sizes of parent clouds, while in Paper I we only calculated a single case. As for the geometry of clouds, we consider not only spherical cores, which are assumed in Paper I, but also filamentary clouds, which are supposed to form in large pre-galactic clouds (∼ 10^6 M⊙). As in Paper I, we evaluate the luminosities of primordial molecules both in the accretion and collapse phases, while related works by Kamaya and Silk (2002, 2003) and Ripamonti et al. (2002) considered only the collapse phase.

Using this model, we discuss the condition, i.e., formation redshift, star-formation rate (SFR), and size of the parent pre-galactic clouds of Pop III stars that permit SPICA and JWST to detect primordial molecular emission. We found that those facilities can observe H2 line emission in a pre-galactic cloud at z < 10 with SFR ∼ 10^3−4 M⊙ yr⁻¹. LiH fraction is found to remain low (< 10⁻³ of total Li nuclei) even in such high densities where the three-body reaction is important. This is because of the high rate of the dissociation reaction,

\[ \text{LiH} \rightarrow \text{Li}^+ + \text{H}. \]

The structure of this paper is as follows: In section 2, our calculation method and results for spherical star-forming cores are described. In section 3, modifications to the method and results for filamentary clouds are presented. In section 4, we give discussions about (i) an analytical estimate of molecular line luminosities, which agrees well with numerical calculations in sections 2 and 3, and (ii) the detectability of primordial star-forming regions by next-generation facilities, SPICA and JWST. Finally, we summarize this paper briefly in section 5.

2. Evolution of a Spherical Star-Forming Core

2.1. The Model

In this paper, we use the same method as in Paper I for calculating the dynamical and luminosity evolution of star-forming cores. A modification from the previous model is the addition of deuterium and lithium chemical reactions and the cooling due to HD and LiH.

2.1.1. Dynamics

In our analysis, the dynamics in two phases of star formation, i.e., the runaway collapse phase and the main accretion phase, corresponding to before and after the formation of a central protostar, are treated in different ways because of their vastly different dynamical natures.

In the runaway collapse phase, the dynamics is described mathematically by a Larson–Penston type similarity solution (Larson 1969; Penston 1969). In this solution, the cloud can be divided into two regions: the central densest region and the lower density envelope. Since the central densest region collapses at roughly the free-fall time, \( t_f = \sqrt{3\pi/(32G\rho_c)} \), which inversely depends on the density, the envelope with lower density remains almost unevolved. Thus, this evolution is called a runaway collapse. The central region with a flat density distribution has a length scale of about the local Jeans length, \( \lambda_J = \sqrt{\pi/(G\rho_c)} \), where \( c_s \) and \( \rho_c \) are the sound speed and density at the center. On the other hand, the envelope is characterized by density decreasing with radius by the power-law, \( \rho \propto r^{-2(<2-\gamma)} \), where \( \gamma = d \ln P/d \ln \rho \) is the effective adiabatic coefficient (Larson 1969).

Here, we model the central region as a sphere with radius \( R_{\text{core}} = a \lambda_J/2 \), and collapsing at the free-fall rate with a pressure modification,

\[ \frac{d\rho_c}{dt} = \frac{\rho_c}{\beta t_f}, \]

where \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) are correction factors of order unity owing to a finite pressure gradient force. These values are given below shortly. Considering the runaway nature of the collapse, we assume that physical quantities evolve only when the mass shell is inside the central region, i.e., \( r < R_{\text{core}} \); after the matter
has left behind the central evolution and become part of the envelope, those quantities remain constant until the end of this phase. With this assumption, we can construct the whole density and velocity structures by calculating only the evolution of the central quantities.

The evolution of primordial star-forming clouds in the runaway collapse phase is studied by way of one-dimensional (spherical symmetric) radiative hydrodynamics by Omukai and Nishi (1998). They found that the actual dynamics is approximated by the Larson–Penston type similarity solution with \( \gamma = 1.09 \). For a self-similar solution with \( \gamma = 1.09, \alpha = 1.13, \) and \( \beta = 2.13 \), which we use hereafter.

At the end of the collapse phase, a small protostar forms at the center. Although the protostar is initially small, it grows in mass by accreting the surrounding matter. This is the onset of the main accretion phase. In this phase, since the pressure gradient force is negligible compared with the gravitational force, we assume that the matter in the envelope falls at the free-fall rate. The evolution of each mass shell is given by

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dv}{dt} &= -\frac{GM_r}{r^2}, \\
\frac{dr}{dt} &= v,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( v \) is the velocity of a free-falling mass shell, and \( M_r \) is the mass contained inside the mass shell. The density of a free-falling mass shell, \( \rho \), is described by \( \rho \propto r^{-3/2} \). Using these equations, we calculate the evolution of each mass shell until the beginning of \( \text{H}_2 \) dissociation.

2.1.2. Thermal evolution

We follow the evolution of the internal energy per unit mass,

\[
e = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{kT}{\mu m_H},
\]

by solving the energy equation

\[
\frac{dE}{dt} = -P \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \frac{\Lambda_{\text{tot}}}{\rho},
\]

where \( P \) is the pressure, \( \mu \) is the mean molecular weight, and \( m_H \) is the mass of the hydrogen nucleus. The total cooling rate per unit volume, \( \Lambda_{\text{tot}} \), is the sum of the following contributions:

\[\Lambda_{\text{tot}} = \Lambda_{\text{H}_2} + \Lambda_{\text{HD}} + \Lambda_{\text{LiH}} + \Lambda_{\text{chem}},\]

where \( \Lambda_{\text{H}_2} \) is the cooling rate by \( \text{H}_2 \) line emission, \( \Lambda_{\text{HD}} \) by HD line emission, \( \Lambda_{\text{LiH}} \) by LiH line emission, and \( \Lambda_{\text{chem}} \) the net cooling rate by chemical reactions. The dominant contribution to \( \Lambda_{\text{chem}} \) is cooling by \( \text{H}_2 \) dissociation. Although we have also included the cooling by continuum emission, as in Paper I, it is always negligible compared with other terms. The \( \text{H}_2 \) cooling is treated in the same way as in Paper I, where we considered the effects of radiation trapping for optically thick lines by the escape probability method. In addition to the above processes considered in Paper I, here we include the HD and LiH cooling. For the collisional de-excitation rate of HD, we use the rate coefficients of Flower et al. (2000). We take account of the first eight rotational levels of HD. In calculating the emissivity of HD lines, we use the same method as for the \( \text{H}_2 \) lines. The cooling rate by the LiH lines \( \Lambda_{\text{LiH}} \) is given by

\[
\Lambda_{\text{LiH}} = \Lambda_{\text{LiH}(\text{LTE})} \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LiH}}(\text{LTE})}{1 + n_{\text{cr}}/n(\text{H})},
\]

The critical density for LTE \( n_{\text{cr}} \) is

\[
n_{\text{cr}}/n(\text{H}) = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LiH}(\text{LTE})}}{\Lambda_{\text{LiH}}[n(\text{H}) \rightarrow 0]},
\]

where \( \Lambda_{\text{LiH}(\text{LTE})} \) is the cooling rate at the LTE, and \( \Lambda_{\text{LiH}}[n(\text{H}) \rightarrow 0] \) is that in the low-density limit. For \( \Lambda_{\text{LiH}}[n(\text{H}) \rightarrow 0] \), we use a fit by Galli and Palla (1998).

2.1.3. Chemistry

In addition to the hydrogen chemical network in Paper I, we solve major deuterium chemistry between \( \text{D}, \text{D}^+, \text{D}^- \), HD, and HD\(^+\), and lithium chemistry between Li, Li\(^+\), Li\(^-\), LiH, LiH\(^\ast\). The included D reactions and their coefficients are the same as in Nakamura and Umemura (2002, table 1). The Li reactions include those in Stancil, Lepp, and Dalgarno (1996) and are given in table 1.

Stancil, Lepp, and Dalgarno (1996) discussed a possible enhancement of LiH via the following three-body reactions:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Li} + \text{H} + \text{H} &\rightarrow \text{LiH} + \text{H}, \\
\text{Li} + \text{H} + \text{H}_2 &\rightarrow \text{LiH} + \text{H}_2,
\end{align*}
\]

at sufficiently high densities. We also include these reactions. Without an accurate measurement of the rate coefficients for these reactions, we estimate them by assuming the same reaction cross sections as those of the corresponding hydrogen three-body reactions (Palla et al. 1983), but with a correction owing to a different molecular weight. The dissociative reaction,

\[
\text{LiH} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{Li} + \text{H}_2,
\]

is important for limiting LiH fraction owing to its high reaction coefficient, \( k_{\text{diss}} = 2.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \). We include the inverse reaction,

\[
\text{Li} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{LiH} + \text{H},
\]

with its rate coefficient calculated from the detailed balance.
The initial temperature and H$_2$ abundance for other parameter sets of first-star forming cores (e.g., Bromm et al. 2002). Around the fiducial parameters, we put possible variations of the initial temperature and H$_2$ abundance for other models.

In particular, the difference in the H$_2$ abundance reflects the past history of star-forming cores in the parent cloud. If the mass of the parent cloud is $\sim 10^6 M_\odot$, i.e., at the size of the first luminous objects in the standard $\Lambda$CDM cosmology, the H$_2$ abundance reaches at most $y(H_2) \sim 10^{-4}$ at the formation of the star-forming core ($\sim 10^4$ cm$^{-3}$, e.g., Abel et al. 2002; Bromm et al. 2002). On the other hand, if the parent cloud is a giant pre-galactic cloud, i.e., $\gtrsim 10^8 M_\odot$, and its virial temperature is higher than $10^4$ K, abundant H$_2$ is formed [$y(H_2) \sim 10^{-3}$] owing to shock ionization and subsequent non-equilibrium H$_2$ formation (Shapiro, Kang 1987; Susa et al. 1998; Oh, Haiman 2002). Considering the difference in parent cloud mass, we calculate models of both low- (models S1, S7) and high- (models S5, S6) H$_2$ abundance. Similarly, for observing the dependence on different initial temperatures from the fiducial one, we calculate models S2-4. The ionization degree is set to be $y(e^-)$ = $10^{-6}$. The abundances of other chemical species are fixed to the values calculated for the study of molecule formation in the primordial gas by Galli and Palla (1998): $y(D) = 4 \times 10^{-5}$, $y(HD) = 1.2 \times 10^{-9}$, $y(Li) = 10^{-10}$, $y(Li^+) = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$, $y(LiH) = 7.1 \times 10^{-20}$, $y(LiH^+) = 9.4 \times 10^{-18}$. The initial abundance of H$_3^+$, H$_3^+$, H$, D^+$, D$, HD^+$, Li$^-$ are set to zero. The concentration of the $i$th species $y(i)$ is defined by $y(i) = n(i)/n_H$, where $n(i)$ is the number density of the $i$th species and $n_H$ is the number density of hydrogen nuclei.

2.3. Numerical Results

2.3.1. Evolution in the fiducial case

The evolution of the star-forming core in the fiducial case (model S1) is presented in figure 1, where (a) the temperature and (b) the H$_2$, HD, and LiH fractions are shown against the number density. Here, the molecular fraction denotes the fraction of each element converted into the molecular species. For example, for LiH, the molecular fraction $f$(LiH) is defined as $f$(LiH) = $n$(LiH)/$n_{Li}$, where $n_{Li}$ is the number density of Li nuclei. In figure 1a, the solid curves show the evolution of the central region in the collapse phase. For the accretion phase, the evolution of three representative mass-shells is indicated by long- and short-dashed and dotted lines. The bold and thin lines indicate the temperature of the fiducial model and of the model with same parameters but without HD cooling, respectively. In figure 1b, the H$_2$, HD, and LiH fractions at the central region in the collapse phase are shown by solid, dashed, and dotted lines.

The small enhancement of HD fraction and resultant HD cooling in $n < 10^5$ cm$^{-3}$ (figure 1b) causes a slight deviation in temperature evolution from the case without HD (see figure 1a). With increasing temperature for $n > 10^5$ cm$^{-3}$ this HD is soon dissociated. The reason for this sudden HD dissociation is as follows: the abundance of HD in this density range is determined by balance between formation via

$$ \text{D}^+ + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2^+ + \text{HD}, $$

and dissociation via

$$ \text{HD} + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{D}^+. $$

The equilibrium abundance between these reactions is given by $y($HD$)/y($H$_2$) = 2 $exp (464 K/T) $y($D^+$/y($H^+$)), which means that for low temperatures ($T < 464$K), HD fraction is enhanced relative to H$_2$ fraction. When the density exceeds the critical density, $n_c \sim 10^5$ cm$^{-3}$, for HD to reach the local thermodynamic equilibrium, the temperature begins to increase. Since the increase in temperature reduces the HD fraction, HD cooling becomes inefficient. At higher density, the two evolutionary paths in figure 1a converge. Accordingly, the presence of HD does not alter the evolution in the fiducial case for higher densities. In particular, the HD cooling does not modify the temperature evolution of mass shells in the accretion phase (figure 1a).

Hydrogen becomes fully molecular at $\sim 10^{11}$ cm$^{-3}$ via the following three-body reactions,

$$ 3\text{H} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{H}, $$

$$ 2\text{H} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2, $$

which start at $\sim 10^8$ cm$^{-3}$ (Palla et al. 1983). Simultaneously, all of the deuterium becomes HD via the molecular exchange reaction

$$ \text{D} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{HD}. $$
Fig. 1. Evolution of (a) the temperature and (b) the molecular fractions of H (solid), D (dashed), and Li (dotted) against the number density for the fiducial model S1. The molecular fraction is the fraction of each element locked into the molecular species shown. In (a), the temperature in the central part in the runaway collapse phase is drawn with a thick solid line. Here, that of the model with the same parameters as in the fiducial model but without HD cooling (thin line) is also shown for a comparison. For the accretion phase, the evolutionary trajectories of the mass shells of $M/M_\odot = 1$ (long-dashed lines), 13 (short-dashed lines), and 50 (dotted lines) are shown. In (b), only the evolutionary trajectories of the central region are shown. The H$_2$ fraction is shifted by $10^4$ for clarity.

Fig. 2. Evolution of the LiH abundance for different formation rate coefficients. Shown are the values at the center in the collapse phase. The standard case, whose rates are given in table 1, is shown by the solid line. The cases 1a, b, where the molecular exchange reaction (reaction 1 in table 1) are omitted, are shown by long-dashed (1a) and short-dashed lines (1b). In the case 1a the coefficients of the three-body reactions (reactions 2, 3 in table 1) are the same as the standard values, while in the case 1b they are increased by a factor of ten. The cases with reduced rates of the molecular exchange reaction and its inverse by a factor of 10 (case 2a) or 100 (2b) from the standard ones are shown by dotted and long-dash-dotted lines.

On the other hand, figure 2 shows the effect of different LiH formation rate coefficients on the LiH fraction. Along with the case with the standard rate given in table 1, the following cases are shown:

[Case 1] the molecular exchange reaction (reaction 1 in table 1) is excluded from chemistry. The rate of three-body reactions (reactions 2, 3 in table 1) are the same as the standard values (case 1a), or is increased by a factor of ten (1b).

[Case 2] the rates of the molecular exchange reaction and its inverse are reduced by a factor of 10 (case 2a) or 100 (2b) from the standard ones. In figure 2, the LiH fraction in $n < 10^{12}$ cm$^{-3}$ increases if the rate coefficients of the reaction 1 and its inverse are decreased (i.e., case 2): since the LiH formation is suppressed by the dissociative reaction [equation (13); Stancil et al. 1996; Bougleux, Galli 1997; Puy, Signore 1998], lowering the rate coefficient for this reaction results in enhancement of the LiH fraction. However, even in these cases, the LiH fraction remains $< 10^{-7}$ for $n < 10^{12}$ cm$^{-3}$ and their cooling rate is always negligible. At $\sim 10^{12}$ cm$^{-3}$, the LiH fraction increases with the onset of the molecular exchange reaction (reaction 1 in table 1). The Li three-body reactions are negligible in comparison with the exchange reaction for LiH formation. For higher density, the molecular fraction of lithium saturates at the equilibrium value $\sim 10^{-3}$ (figures 1b, 2). As in figure 3, the total cooling rate by LiH $L_{\text{LiH}}$ is less than $10^{35}$ erg s$^{-1}$ in $n < 10^{12}$ cm$^{-3}$. At $n \sim 10^{13}$ cm$^{-3}$, the maximum value $L_{\text{LiH}} \sim 10^{35}$ erg s$^{-1}$ is reached, which is lower than $L_{\text{H}_2}$ and $L_{\text{HD}}$ by 2–3 orders of magnitude. Some authors (Lepp, Shull 1984; Stancil et al. 1996) considered that in some late stages of the collapse all the lithium might be converted to LiH by the three-body reactions, and thus LiH could be an important coolant. However, in our calculation, LiH never become an important coolant in any evolutionary stage. As for HD, $L_{\text{HD}}$ is smaller by more than an order of magnitude than $L_{\text{H}_2}$ for $n > 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$, although $L_{\text{HD}}$ is comparable to $L_{\text{H}_2}$ at $n < 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$ in the fiducial case (figure 3).
2.3.2. Dependence on initial conditions

In the following, we describe the dependence on the initial conditions. First, we show the dependence on the initial temperature by comparing the fiducial model with models S2–4 (figure 4). For the initial temperature \( T_{\text{init}} \gtrsim 200 \text{ K} \), temperature drops, since the \( \text{H}_2 \) cooling is effective in this temperature range. On the other hand, for lower initial temperatures, the temperature rises with the compressional heating owing to inefficient cooling. Then, the temperature approaches around \( T \approx 200 \text{ K} \), and for \( n \sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3} \), these evolutionary trajectories converge in all these cases.

Next, we see the dependence on initial \( \text{H}_2 \) abundance \( y_i(\text{H}_2) \) by comparing the fiducial model and models S5–7 (figure 5). For low initial \( \text{H}_2 \) abundances \( y_i(\text{H}_2) \lesssim 10^{-3} \), the temperature does not drop sufficiently for HD formation. In this case, without enough HD formation, the temperature evolution follows the fiducial case closely (see figure 5a). The situation changes for higher values of initial \( \text{H}_2 \) abundance \( y_i(\text{H}_2) \gtrsim 10^{-3} \). Uehara, Inutsuka 2000; Nakamura, Umemura 2002. With such a high value of \( y_i(\text{H}_2) \), the temperature falls below the threshold value (\( \sim 150 \text{ K} \)) for HD formation. Because of the rapid HD formation and consequent HD cooling, the temperature drops further. Although HD cooling becomes inefficient after the density exceeds the critical value for LTE (\( \sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3} \)), the temperature evolution differs from the fiducial case owing to a different \( \text{H}_2 \) abundance. When the difference in \( \text{H}_2 \) abundance becomes negligible due to the three-body reactions at \( \sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3} \), the temperature evolution converges. In above cases with high initial \( \text{H}_2 \) abundance (models S5 and S6), the temperature rises adiabatically around \( n = 10^6-10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3} \). In this regime, the actual contraction of clouds should be slower than the assumed free-fall rate. Longer contraction timescale reduces the compressional heating rate, and thus the temperature increase should be more gradual than in our model. Nevertheless, an alteration of the evolution at this density range does not affect the maximum luminosity; in such a high-density regime where the maximum luminosity is attained, the evolution already has converged regardless of the behavior in the lower density regime.

In conclusion, the evolutionary trajectories of both temperature and HD abundance are most affected by the initial \( y_i(\text{H}_2) \) value. This difference disappears at \( n \sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3} \) with rapid \( \text{H}_2 \) formation by the three-body reactions. The evolution at high densities is independent of the initial conditions. In particular, the evolution of inner mass shells (\( M_r \lesssim 50 M_\odot \)) is independent of the initial conditions because the density there is higher than \( 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3} \).
2.3.3. Luminosity evolution

The maximum luminosities, $L_{\text{peak}}$, of the two strongest H$_2$ lines, 1–0 Q(1) and 0–0 S(3), and the mass of the protostar when these maximum luminosities are attained, $M_{\text{peak}}$, are presented in table 3 for each model.

As examples, we choose the two strongest H$_2$ lines in our calculation, the rovibrational line of 1–0 Q(1) and the pure rotational line of 0–0 S(3), whose wavelengths at rest are 2.34 $\mu$m and 10.03 $\mu$m, respectively. For models S1, S2, S3, and S4 (cases with same initial H$_2$ abundances, but different initial temperatures), the luminosities evolve in a similar way, since both the temperature and HD abundance converge immediately. In figure 6a, we show the luminosity evolution of models S1, S6, and S7, which are cases with the same initial temperatures, but with different initial H$_2$ abundances. The temperature, as well as H$_2$ and HD abundances in these models are significantly different up to 10$^9$ cm$^{-3}$. For lower densities, the luminosity from the cores depends on the initial conditions (figure 6a), while for higher densities ($>10^9$ cm$^{-3}$) the physical quantities converge. Since the temperature is higher in this range than at lower densities, and the emission from the highest temperature region dominates the total emission (see subsection 4.1 later), similar temperatures lead to a convergence of the H$_2$ line luminosities for both the late collapse phase and the early accretion phase. Note that regardless of the initial conditions, the peak values of the rovibrational line luminosities are almost unchanged among our models; variations in $y_i$(H$_2$) cause differences in the peak values by less than a factor of two. In figure 6b, we show the luminosity evolution of the HD lines 0–0 R(1) (56.2 $\mu$m) and 0–0 R(7) (15.0 $\mu$m), and that of the H$_2$ lines 1–0 Q(1) and 0–0 S(3) for the model S6. This is the case with the same parameters as in Paper I. Although the main coolant is still H$_2$, as in Paper I, its cooling rate is reduced because of the contribution by HD cooling for the early collapse phase. Since physical quantities converge for higher densities ($>10^9$ cm$^{-3}$) regardless of the HD contribution in low-density region (figures 1, 5), the maximum luminosities of H$_2$ lines (table 1 in Paper I) remain almost the same.

### Table 3. Maximum line luminosities.

| Model | $L_{\text{peak}}$ [1–0 Q(1)]$^*$ | $M_{\text{peak}}$ ($M_{\odot}$) | $L_{\text{peak}}$ [0–0 S(3)]$^*$ | $M_{\text{peak}}$ ($M_{\odot}$) |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| S1    | 1.69                             | 12.9            | 1.11            | 18.2            |
| S2    | 1.70                             | 13.8            | 1.11            | 18.2            |
| S3    | 1.69                             | 13.8            | 1.11            | 18.2            |
| S4    | 1.69                             | 13.8            | 1.11            | 18.2            |
| S5    | 1.50                             | 12.0            | 0.70            | 7.9             |
| S6    | 1.63                             | 12.9            | 0.91            | 10.5            |
| S7    | 1.94                             | 29.5            | 1.33            | 19.5            |

$^*$ In 10$^{35}$ erg s$^{-1}$ units.

3. Evolution of a Filamentary Cloud

A large pre-galactic cloud ($\gtrsim 10^8 M_{\odot}$) collapses into a sheet-like configuration because of an instability against a non-spherical perturbation (Lin et al. 1965; Hutchins 1976; Susa et al. 1996). This oblate cloud experiences a shock and forms a post-shock-cooled layer. The cooled layer more likely fragments into filamentary clumps than into spherical ones (Miyama et al. 1987a, b). In the shocked layer, the formation of H$_2$ and HD is promoted because of abundant free electrons produced by shock heating, which catalyzes the formation reactions (MacLow, Shull 1986; Shapiro, Kang 1987). The filaments continue to contract due to effective molecular cooling. At $\sim 10^9$ cm$^{-3}$, where the heat input by H$_2$ three-body formation becomes significant, the filaments fragment and dense star-forming cores are produced (Nakamura, Umemura 2002). This is in contrast to the situation in a small cloud ($\sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$), where cores directly form at $\sim 10^4$ cm$^{-3}$ (Bromm et al. 1999, 2002; Abel et al. 2000, 2002). Because of a larger molecular abundance, stronger molecular emission is expected in filamentary clouds. Here, we then evaluate the molecular line luminosity from those filaments.

3.1. Model

In studying the thermal and chemical evolution of a filamentary cloud, we approximate the filament by an infinitely long cylindrical cloud, for simplicity. Since a sheet fragments when pressure retards gravitational contraction, in filaments thus formed, the pressure is comparable to the gravity. Moreover, the ratio of gravity to pressure force is constant during the isothermal evolution, which is indeed approximately the case. The small deviation from the isothermal evolution has an important dynamical effect. Here, we need to treat the effect of gas pressure carefully in our model.

A contracting filament consists of two parts: a denser spindle with almost flat density at the center and an envelope with lower density (e.g., Inutsuka, Miyama 1997). As in the case of spherical cores (section 2), we focus on this central dense spindle, and apply the virial equation for a cylinder with uniform density:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2I}{dt^2} = 2T + 2\Pi - Gm^2,$$

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Fig. 6. Luminosity evolution of strong H$_2$ and HD lines. (a) Those of the two H$_2$ lines, 1–0 Q(1) (thick lines) and 0–0 S(3) (thin lines), are shown for models S1 (fiducial; solid), S6 (dashed), and S7 (dotted). (b) Those of the same H$_2$ lines (solid and long-dashed lines) as (a), and of the two HD lines, 0–0 R(1) (short-dashed) and 0–0 R(7) (dotted) are shown for model S6. The formation of the central protostar corresponds to $t = 0$. Evolution up to the protostar mass of 70 $M_\odot$ is shown.

$I = \int_V \rho r^2 \, dV, \quad T = \int_V \frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 \, dV, \quad \Pi = \int_V p \, dV, \quad (21)$

where the integration acts over the volume per unit cylinder length $V$, and $\rho$ is the line density of the central spindle. Assuming a constant density, $\rho$, in the spindle and using scale radius, $R = \sqrt{m/(\pi \rho)}$, the integration can be worked out:

$I = \frac{1}{2} m R^2, \quad T = \frac{1}{4} m \left( \frac{dR}{dt} \right)^2, \quad \Pi = \frac{k_B T}{\mu m_H} m, \quad (22)$

where $\mu$ is the mean molecular weight, and $m_H$ is the mass of a hydrogen nucleus. Substituting equation (22) into equation (20), we obtain

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dt^2} = -\frac{2G}{R} \left[ m - m_{\text{crit}}(T) \right], \quad (23)$$

where the critical line density is

$$m_{\text{crit}}(T) = \frac{2k_B T}{\mu m_H G}. \quad (24)$$

Note that the gas pressure exactly balances the gravity for the critical line density, $m_{\text{crit}}(T)$.

The line density of the spindle, $m$, is not constant during the collapse. If the gravity is far larger than the pressure, the outer part of the spindle is left to the envelope. In other words, when the line density of the central spindle, $m$, is much larger than the critical value, $m_{\text{crit}}$, $m$ decreases during the collapse of the
3.2. **Initial Condition**

The collapse and fragmentation of a filamentary primordial gas cloud have been investigated by some authors (e.g., Uehara et al. 1996; Uehara, Inutsuka 2000; Nakamura, Umemura 2002). Following the classification of the filaments by Nakamura and Umemura (2002), we study three varieties of filaments:

- **F1**: a low-density filament with low H$_2$ fraction, whose contraction is controlled by H$_2$-cooling; the initial number density, $n_{\text{H}} = 1.0 \times 10^2$ cm$^{-3}$; temperature, $T = 400$ K; and H$_2$ abundance, $y(\text{H}_2) = 10^{-4}$.
- **F2**: a low-density filament with high H$_2$ fraction, whose contraction is controlled by HD cooling; $n_{\text{H}} = 1.0 \times 10^2$ cm$^{-3}$; $T = 300$ K; and $y(\text{H}_2) = 3 \times 10^{-3}$.
- **F3**: a high-density filament, $n_{\text{H}} = 1.0 \times 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$; $T = 400$ K; and $y(\text{H}_2) = 10^{-3}$.

We use the initial ionization degree in filaments $y(\text{H}^+) = y(\text{e}^-) = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ following Nakamura and Umemura (2002). Except H$_2$, H$^+$, and e$^-$, we use the same initial abundances of chemical species as in the case of the spherical cores.

Using the ratio of gravity to pressure gradient, $f$, and the critical line mass, $m_{\text{crit}}(T_{\text{init}})$, for the initial temperature, $T_{\text{init}}$, the initial line density, $m_l$, can be written as $m_{\text{init}} = f m_{\text{crit}}(T_{\text{init}})$. Here, we assume $f = 2$, which is the most probable value for filaments formed by the fragmentation of a sheet-like cloud (Miyama et al. 1987a, b). For a total mass of $10^5 M_\odot$, the filament lengths are (F1) 32.5 pc, (F2) 43.4 pc, and (F3) 32.5 pc.

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**Fig. 7.** Evolution of the filamentary cloud of model F1, where the contraction is induced by H$_2$ cooling. Shown are (a) the temperature, (b) the H (solid) and D (dashed) molecular fractions, and (c) the cooling rate by the H$_2$ line (solid) and the HD line (dashed) at the center.
3.3. Results

3.3.1. Thermal and chemical evolution

Figures 7–9 show the evolution of (a) temperature; (b) abundances of H₂ (solid line) and HD (dashed line); (c) cooling rates by the H₂ $L_{\text{H}_2}$ (solid line) and by HD $L_{\text{HD}}$ (dashed line). We do not present the evolution of the LiH abundance here, since LiH formation proceeds in a fashion similar to the case of the spherical cores: only a tiny fraction of Li becomes molecular form without affecting thermal evolution.

An overview of evolution in each case is as follows:

- **F1**: the low-density filament with low H₂ fraction
  The evolution resembles that of the spherical cores with a low H₂ fraction (e.g., model S1 in section 2). HD fraction remains low (figure 7b). Throughout the contraction, the dominant cooling mechanism is H₂ line cooling, which nearly balances the compressional heating (figure 7c). At densities higher than the critical density for collisional de-excitation of H₂ rotational level ($\sim 10^4$ K), the temperature rises slowly from 400 K to 700 K (figure 7a, c). With the onset of rapid H₂ formation via the three-body reactions and resultant heat injection, the temperature rises suddenly and the pressure becomes stronger than the gravity (figure 7c). At this moment ($\sim 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$) the fragmentation timescale, $t_{\text{frag}}$, becomes shorter than the collapse timescale, $t_{\text{dyn}}$, and then the cylinder fragments.

- **F2**: the low-density filament with high H₂ fraction
  As in the case of the star-forming cores with high H₂ fraction (models S5, S6 in section 2), HD is formed abundantly and becomes an important coolant (figure 8a, c). As a result, the temperature decreases to $< 100$ K. When the filament contracts, $n \gtrsim 10^5$ cm$^{-3}$, which is the critical density for HD collisional de-excitation, the temperature begins rising, as described in subsection 2.3.1. Owing to this temperature increase, HD begins to dissociate. This results in a further temperature increase, and fragmentation occurs at $< 10^7$ cm$^{-3}$.

- **F3**: the high-density filament
  The initial density being already higher than the LTE critical density for H₂ and HD ($\sim 10^4$ cm$^{-3}$ for H₂ and $\sim 10^5$ cm$^{-3}$ for HD), the temperature increases with increasing density. This filament begin to collapse at a rather high density from a highly gravitationally unstable ($f = 2$) state. Even in a density range as high as $\sim 10^8$ cm$^{-3}$, the gravity dominates over the pressure, and the filament contracts faster than in other models. Then, in spite of H₂ formation heating around $n \gtrsim 10^8$ cm$^{-3}$, this filament contracts without fragmenting until $\sim 10^{13}$ cm$^{-3}$, where it becomes opaque to the H₂ lines.

3.3.2. Luminosities from the filaments

In figure 10, time-averaged luminosities of H₂ and HD lines from the filamentary clouds are shown. Here, time averaging is over the total contraction time before fragmentation. The total mass of the filaments is normalized to $10^5 M_\odot$. 
In model F3 (figure 10c), the filament evolves in the region of high temperature \(400 \text{ K} \lesssim T \lesssim 1500 \text{ K}\) and high density \(10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3} \lesssim n \lesssim 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}\), where \(\text{H}_2\) cooling is efficient. Accordingly, strong radiation is emitted with some \(\text{H}_2\) lines exceeding \(10^{37} \text{ erg s}^{-1}\) and HD lines exceeding \(10^{36} \text{ erg s}^{-1}\). The luminosities are weaker for model F1, where all of the line luminosities are less than \(10^{36} \text{ erg s}^{-1}\) (figure 10a) because of the lower temperature (400–700 K) in model F1 throughout the contraction. With temperature even lower \((T < 200 \text{ K})\), in model F2 only a few lower-lying rotational lines of \(\text{H}_2\) and HD are stronger than \(10^{34} \text{ erg s}^{-1}\). Since HD is more effective as a coolant than \(\text{H}_2\), most of the \(\text{H}_2\) lines are very faint \((< 10^{32} \text{ erg s}^{-1})\).

For the purpose of seeing the effect of the cloud geometry, we show in figure 10d the mean luminosities of spherical star-forming cores of total mass \(10^5 \, M_\odot\), calculated with the same initial condition as for model F3. We can see that line luminosities of model F3 are stronger than those of star-forming cores with the same mass by about an order of magnitude. The reason is as follows. In the case of a spherical core, the fully molecular region, where \(\text{H}_2\) emission is strongest owing to heating by \(\text{H}_2\) formation, accounts for at most \(\sim 1 \, M_\odot\) at the center (Omukai, Nishi 1998). Most of the matter is left to the envelope before this epoch. On the other hand, in the cylindrical case, the fraction of envelope mass is less than that in the case of a runaway collapse phase. Although the radius of the fully molecular region at the center of the cylinder is almost the same as in the spherical case, its length in the axis direction is longer. Therefore, the mass of the fully molecular spindle is larger and emission from it is stronger.

4. Discussion

4.1. Analytical Expression for the Luminosity

In this section, we derive an analytical expression for the luminosity from the collapsing clumps, which reproduces well our numerical results. First, let us consider the luminosity from a spherical core in the collapse phase. During the runaway collapse phase, the length scale of the central region is about the Jeans length, \(\lambda_J\), and the mass of the region, \(M_{\text{cen}}\), is about the Jeans mass, \(M_J = \rho \lambda_J^3\). Using the cooling rate (per unit volume) in the central region, \(\Lambda_{\text{cen}}\), the luminosity from the central region is given by

\[
L_{\text{cen}} \approx \frac{M_{\text{cen}} \Lambda_{\text{cen}}}{\rho_{\text{cen}}}.
\]

Also, if we consider only the compression as a source of heating, then

\[
\frac{\Gamma_{\text{cen}}}{\rho_{\text{cen}}} \approx -P_{\text{cen}} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{cen}}} \right) \approx \frac{k_B T}{\mu_{\text{H}} m_\text{H}} \frac{1}{t_{\text{ff}}}.
\]

where we have assumed that the timescale of contraction is approximated by the free-fall time. Substituting equations (27), (28) into (26), the luminosity from the central region is given by

\[
L_{\text{cen}} \approx \frac{32}{3\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \approx 46 \, L_\odot \left( \frac{T}{1000 \text{ K}} \right)^{5/2} \text{ ergs}^{-1}.
\]
Note that $L_{\text{cen}}$ is a function only of temperature; it does not depend, for example, on the mass or density of the central region. In other words, if the temperature is constant throughout the evolution, the luminosity from the central region remains constant.

To calculate the total luminosity, we need to add the contribution from the envelope. In the collapse phase, the Jeans mass decreases with increasing density. A mass shell initially contained within the central region at some time leaves the central evolution and becomes part of the envelope when the mass inside the shell equals the central Jeans mass. We assume that physical quantities in the envelope are frozen; the physical quantities on a mass shell are kept constant after the shell leaves the central region until the end of the collapse phase. Then, the cooling rate of a mass shell in the envelope is given by that of the central region at the moment when the shell is detached from there. Because of homogeneity inside the central region, the cooling rate in this region is

$$\frac{\Lambda}{\rho} = \frac{L_{\text{cen}}}{M_{\text{cen}}},$$

(30)

where $L_{\text{cen}}$ and $M_{\text{cen}}$ is the luminosity and mass of the central region. Since a shell that contains mass $M$ inside is detached from the central region when $M_{\text{cen}} = M$, the cooling rate of the mass shell in the envelope $\Lambda(M)$ is given by

$$\frac{\Lambda}{\rho}(M) = \frac{L_{\text{cen}}}{M}.$$

(31)
Here, we use the constancy of the luminosity of the central region i.e., $L_{\text{cen}}(M) = L_{\text{cen}}$ [see equation (29)], considering a star-forming core collapsing isothermally. Summing over all mass shells in the envelope, the luminosity of the envelope is

$$L_{\text{env}} = \int_{M_{\text{tot}}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\Lambda}{\rho} (M) dM,$$

$$= L_{\text{cen}} \ln \left( \frac{M_{\text{tot}}}{M_{\text{cen}}} \right),$$

where $M_{\text{tot}}$ is the total mass of the star-forming core. Then, the total luminosity of the star-forming core is

$$L_{\text{tot}} = L_{\text{cen}} + L_{\text{env}},$$

$$= L_{\text{cen}} \left[ 1 + \ln \left( \frac{M_{\text{tot}}}{M_{\text{cen}}} \right) \right].$$

The envelope contribution enhances the total luminosity only logarithmically; with increasing central density and decreasing $M_{\text{cen}}$, the total luminosity increases only very slowly. In the following, we do not discriminate between $L_{\text{cen}}$ and $L_{\text{tot}}$. Recall that, in deriving the expression above, we have not specified a mechanism for cooling. In the case of primordial gas, which we consider here, cooling is via $\text{H}_2$ and $\text{HD}$ line cooling. If many lines are equally important for cooling, the total luminosity is divided into them. However, in many situations, one or two lines become dominant. In such cases, the luminosities of these lines are given approximately by the total luminosity, $L_{\text{tot}}$. From equation (29), we also see that when $\text{HD}$ becomes more important than $\text{H}_2$ in cooling, low temperature ($\sim 100 \text{K}$) causes a corresponding drop in luminosity.

Here, we compare the analytical expression (29) with the
is given by equations (27), (28), and (36), the luminosity of the spindle comes from the region of \( n < 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3} \), where \( H_2 \) formation heating is not important. In figure 12, the analytical values shown by equation (37) for the temperature evolution in model S1 and for constant temperatures of \( T = 500 \text{ K} \) and 1000 K.

Unlike spherical cores, the luminosity of a filamentary cloud rises with increasing density even in the isothermal case. So far, we have considered only the contribution from the central spindle. In the isothermal case, since the line density of the central spindle, \( \rho_{cen} \lambda_{cen}^2 \), is constant, all of the matter in the filament contracts uniformly without being left to the envelope. The central contribution, \( L_{sp} \), becomes equal to the total luminosity. Indeed, the filaments remain at approximately constant temperature in many cases in section 3. Thus, we assume in the following that \( L_{tot} \approx L_{fil} \).

Next, we compare the analytical expression (37) with the numerical results. We consider the range \( n < 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3} \), where \( H_2 \) formation heating is not important. In figure 12, the luminosity evolution of models F1–3 is shown, along with analytical values shown by equation (37) for \( T = 100 \text{ K}, 500 \text{ K}, \) and 1000 K. The temperatures in models F1 and F3 are about 500 K, and remain roughly constant, while in model F2 the temperature is about 100 K, but with significant variation. For model F1, the analytical value matches the numerical one by a factor of \(< 3\). Agreement between them is even better for model F3. In the case of model F2, the numerical luminosity deviates from the analytical one for 100 K because of a large variation in temperature. When we calculate the analytical value using the temperature evolution of the numerical result, our numerical result agrees with the analytical one within a factor of a few. In summary, the analytical estimates reproduce our numerical calculation within a factor of a few.

4.2. Expected Luminosity from Population III Star-Forming Galaxies

In this section, we discuss the condition of the Pop III star-formation rate (SFR), \( \psi_{III} \), and the formation redshift, \( z \), for enabling the detection of molecular emission by next-generation facilities, in particular, JWST (optical–mid-infrared wavelengths) and SPICA (mid–far-infrared wavelengths). Hereafter, we consider Pop III star-forming galaxies where star formation proceeds through low-density filaments or through high-density filaments.

First, we discuss the case of star formation through low-density filaments. In this scenario, in a large pre-galactic
cloud, shocked layers formed at virialization fragment into low-density (∼10^2 cm^{-3}) filaments, which again fragment at ∼10^3 cm^{-3} into star-forming cores of 10–40 M_⊙ (Nakamura, Umemura 2002). In the following, the mass of the cores is assumed to be ∼10 M_⊙. Under the assumption that the relative number of cores in a specific evolutionary phase is proportional to the duration of that phase, the luminosity averaged over the lifetime of a core, L_{core}, coincides with the ensemble mean luminosity of cores in a pre-galactic cloud. Here, the physical quantities at the fragmentation of the low density filaments are similar to those of the star-forming core at n ∼ 10^3 cm^{-3} in model S5 of section 2. Then, in the following numerical evaluation, we use the model S5 core at n ≥ 10^7 cm^{-3} as a model of the fragments. The duration of the core collapse is ∼Δt_{core} = 10^5 yr and the time-averaged luminosities of the strongest lines from the cores, which include H_2 rovibrational lines of 1–0 Q(1)(2.34 μm), 1–0 O(3)(2.69 μm), 1–0 O(5)(3.04 μm), and H_2 pure rotational lines of 0–0 S(3)(10.03 μm), 0–0 S(4)(8.27 μm), 0–0 S(5)(7.07 μm), are \( T_{core} \simeq (2–6) \times 10^{33} \text{erg s}^{-1}. \) On the other hand, for a low-density filament before fragmentation into cores (model F2 in section 3), the strongest lines are H_2 pure rotational lines: 0–0 S(0)(29.7 μm), 0–0 S(1)(17.9 μm), and HD pure rotational lines: 0–0 R(0)(112 μm), 0–0 R(1)(56.2 μm) with \( T_{fil} \simeq (2–5) \times 10^{33} \text{erg s}^{-1}. \) The duration of the filamentary contraction is roughly \( \Delta t_{core} = 4 \times 10^6 \text{yr}. \) Since the strongest lines differ between the core and the filament, we can judge the conditions of the emission regions by line diagnosis. Next, we estimate the luminosity from the whole pre-galactic cloud using the values of the luminosity from the individual cores/filaments given above. With the luminosity of a line from the core, \( L_{core} \), and the number of cores in cloud, N_{core}, the luminosity of the line from the whole cloud, \( L_{cl} \), is described by \( L_{cl} = T_{core} \times N_{core}. \) The total number of star-formation cores, \( N_{core} \), is \( \psi_{III} \Delta t / M_\ast \) using the Pop III SFR \( \psi_{III} \), the typical mass of the formed star, \( M_\ast \), and the lifetime of the core, \( \Delta t. \) However, we assume that the star-formation efficiency, \( \epsilon \), is unity because the density is sufficiently high (n ∼ 10^3 cm^{-3}) for star formation. Using the luminosity of the strongest lines [e.g., H_2 0–0 S(3) at 10.03 μm or 0–0 S(5) at 7.07 μm] from an individual core, \( T_{core} = 5 \times 10^{33} \text{erg s}^{-1} \), the stellar mass, \( M_\ast = 10 M_\odot \), and the lifetime of the core, \( \Delta t = 10^5 \text{yr} \), the luminosity from the whole pre-galactic cloud is

\[
L_{cl,core} = T_{core} \left( \frac{\psi_{III} \Delta t}{M_\ast} \right) = 5 \times 10^{39} \left( \frac{\psi_{III}}{100 M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1}} \right) \text{erg s}^{-1}.
\]

Next, we consider the contribution from filaments. The number of filaments in a pre-galactic cloud is \( N_{fil} = \psi_{III} \Delta t_{fil} / \epsilon M_{fil}. \) In a numerical evaluation, we use \( \epsilon = 0.1 \), which is a typical value of the star-formation efficiency of some cluster forming regions (e.g., Megeath et al. 1996; Nanda Kumar et al. 2004). Using the contraction time of filaments, \( \Delta t_{fil} = 4 \times 10^6 \text{yr} \), the mass of a single filament, \( M_{fil} = 10^6 M_\odot \), and the luminosity of the strongest line [i.e., HD 0–0 R(0) at 112 μm] of a single filament, \( T_{fil} = 5 \times 10^{44} \text{erg s}^{-1} \), the sum of luminosities from filaments is

\[
L_{cl,fil} = T_{fil} \left( \frac{\psi_{III} \Delta t}{\epsilon M_{fil}} \right) = 2 \times 10^{39} \left( \frac{\psi_{III}}{100 M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1}} \right) \text{erg s}^{-1}.
\]

Thus, the flux from the cloud at redshift \( z \) is

\[
F = \frac{L_{cl}}{4\pi D_l^2},
\]

where \( L_{cl} \) is the luminosity from the whole pre-galactic cloud and \( D_{l,z} \) is the luminosity distance at redshift \( z \). We use the cosmological parameters \( H_0 = 70 \text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}, \Omega_M = 0.7, \) and \( \Omega_\Lambda = 0.3 \). In figure 13 we show the redshift-SFR domain where the H_2-line flux exceeds the detection limit of SPICA, 10^{-22}–10^{-21} W m^{-2} in the mid- and far-infrared wavelengths with a spectroscopic resolution \( R = 3000 \) and observation time of 10 hours (H. Matsushara, private communication). SPICA is most sensitive at the redshifted wavelengths of molecular emission for \( z < 10 \) among next-generation facilities. In figure 13, the top and bottom lines are drawn by the criterion \( F = L_{cl} / (4\pi D_{l,z}^2) > 10^{-22} \text{W m}^{-2} \) using the luminosities from the whole cloud \( L_{cl} = 10^{37} \psi_{III} \text{erg s}^{-1} \) and \( = 5 \times 10^{37} \psi_{III} \text{erg s}^{-1} \), respectively. With Pop III SFR as high as \( \sim 10^{-4}–10^4 M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1} \) at redshift \( z < 8–10 \), SPICA can detect the strongest H_2 and HD lines, such as H_2: 1–0 Q(1), 1–0 O(3), 1–0 O(5), 0–0 S(0), 0–0 S(1), 0–0 S(3), 0–0 S(4), 0–0 S(5), HD: 0–0 R(1). Being more sensitive than SPICA for \( \lambda < 10 \mu m \), JWST can detect H_2 vibrational lines under the same condition as in figure 13. However, strong H_2 and HD pure rotational lines are redshifted away from the JWST band for \( z \gtrsim 3 \). To study the physical condition of the emission regions using the luminosity ratio of the rotational and vibrational lines, SPICA is more suitable. Next, we discuss the case of star formation through high-density filaments (\( \gtrsim 10^5 \text{cm}^{-3} \)). Because the formation mechanism of these high-density filaments remains unclear, we do not try to include the emission from the lower density region, but consider only the contribution from the high-density filaments (model F3 in section 3). The strongest emission lines in this case are very similar to those from spherical cores, and their time-averaged luminosities are \( T_{fil} \gtrsim 10^{37} \text{erg s}^{-1} \) for a filament mass of \( 10^3 M_\odot \) (see figure 10c). The number of filaments in the pre-galactic cloud \( N_{fil} = \psi_{III} \Delta t_{fil} / (\epsilon M_{fil}) \). Because all of the matter in the filaments is dense enough to form stars, we assume that SFR in these filaments is unity, \( \epsilon = 1 \). The sum of the luminosities in a strong line over all of the filaments in the pre-galactic cloud is

\[
L_{cl,fil} = T_{fil} \left( \frac{\psi_{III} \Delta t}{\epsilon M_{fil}} \right) = 10^{37} \psi_{III} \text{erg s}^{-1},
\]

where we have used the contraction time \( \Delta t_{fil} = 10^5 \text{yr} \) and the mass of a filament \( M_{fil} = 10^3 M_\odot \) and the luminosity of the strongest lines [e.g., H_2: 1–0 Q(1), 1–0 O(3), 1–0 O(5), 0–0 S(3), 0–0 S(4), 0–0 S(5)] \( T_{fil} = 10^{37} \text{erg s}^{-1} \). The \( z \sim \psi_{III} \) domain for detection of the molecular emission by SPICA for the high-density filaments is also shown in figure 13. We can see that SPICA and JWST can detect the molecular emission if the SFR is as high as \( 10^{3–4} M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1} \) at redshift \( z < 7 \). In summary, in both cases, high (\( \sim 1000 M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1} \)) Pop III SFR at redshift \( z < 7 \) is required for protogalaxies to be
expected to be emitted copiously ($\sim 10^{42}$ erg s$^{-1}$) at the virialization of massive ($10^{11}$–$10^{12} M_{\odot}$) pre-galactic clouds (Omukai, Kitayama 2003). A number of $L_\alpha$ blobs and $L_\alpha$ emitters have been found in recent surveys. Although the emission mechanism of those objects still remains disputed, among hypotheses is the cooling radiation at the virialization (Steidel et al. 2000; Haiman et al. 2000; Fardel et al. 2001). Some $L_\alpha$ blobs are very diffuse and in their vicinity no bright continuum source is found. These properties are indeed expected for the $L_\alpha$-cooling objects (Matsuda et al. 2004).

Recently, $L_\alpha$ blobs that are brighter than $10^{41}$ erg s$^{-1}$ and larger than 100 kpc have been found in and around a proto-cluster region at redshift $z = 3.1$ (e.g., Steidel et al. 2000; Matsuda et al. 2004). Those $L_\alpha$ blobs meet the detection condition derived in subsection 4.2 above, namely, being Milky Way sized and located at $z \sim 3$. If those $L_\alpha$ blobs indeed originate in the cooling radiation of low-metallicity gas, there might be a number of Pop III star-formation regions inside them. As an observational strategy, we propose first to select candidates by investigating metallicities of $L_\alpha$ blobs with spectroscopic analysis and then to look for the molecular lines using SPICA or JWST (see also Omukai, Kitayama 2003).

5. Summary

We considered the chemical evolution of primordial molecules ($H_2$, HD, and LiH) in star-forming clumps, and evaluated their line luminosities. We found the conditions of the star-formation rate and the formation redshift of a Pop III star-forming pre-galactic cloud to be observable by SPICA and JWST.

In the case with a high initial $H_2$ abundance, HD cooling becomes effective at a low density of $n < 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$, and affects the thermal evolution. At densities higher than the LTE critical density, $\sim 10^9$ cm$^{-3}$, the temperature increases and HD is dissociated. At a sufficiently high density ($n > 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$), $H_2$ dominates the cooling, and HD has negligible effects on the evolution. LiH cooling remains insignificant despite the expectation that LiH can be an important coolant owing to abundant LiH formation at the high density ($n > 10^{12}$ cm$^{-3}$; e.g., Lepp, Shull 1984; Stancil et al. 1996). Even though three-body LiH formation is included, the molecular fraction of lithium remains low ($< 10^{-3}$) owing to efficient dissociation through $LiH + H \rightarrow Li + H_2$.

Molecular emission from a star-forming core reaches the maximum shortly after the formation of a central protostar. Since the evolution has already converged by this moment, the maximum luminosities of the lines hardly depend on the initial conditions. Most luminous lines include $H_2$ lines of 1–0 Q(1), 1–0 O(3), 0–0 S(3), and 0–0 S(4). Their luminosities are $\gtrsim 10^{35}$ erg s$^{-1}$ for a core of $10^5 M_{\odot}$. For a contracting high-density filament, the strongest lines include $H_2$ lines of 1–0 Q(1), 1–0 O(3), 1–0 O(5), 0–0 S(3), 0–0 S(4), and 0–0 S(5). The luminosities of these lines are $\gtrsim 10^{37}$ erg s$^{-1}$ for a filament of $10^6 M_{\odot}$. On the other hand, for a low-density filament of $10^3 M_{\odot}$, the luminosities reach $> 10^{34}$ erg s$^{-1}$ for the strongest lines [$H_2$ lines of 0–0 S(0), 0–0 S(1), and HD lines of 0–0 R(0), 0–0 R(1)] before fragmentation into cores. In protogalaxies with a high Pop III star formation rate of

Fig. 13. Redshift–star formation rate (SFR) domain where the strongest $H_2$ line flux $F = L_{cl}/(4\pi D_{ls}^2)$ exceeds the detection limit of SPICA, $\sim 10^{-22}$ W m$^{-2}$. The dark (light) gray regions are the domain detectable by SPICA for the cases where the luminosity from the whole pre-galactic cloud is $L_{cl} = 10^{37} \psi_{III}$ erg s$^{-1}$ ($= 5 \times 10^{37} \psi_{III}$ erg s$^{-1}$, respectively). Pop III star-forming galaxies at a redshift of $z = 3–10$ with Pop III SFR $\sim 10^{33} M_{\odot}$ yr$^{-1}$ are detectable by SPICA.

4.3. Observational Strategy for Discovering Pop III Galaxies

Finally, we propose a strategy for discovering pre-galactic clouds that contain Pop III star-forming regions. Such objects are likely to be metal-deficient. A method for finding such objects is then to look for the $L_\alpha$-line emission, which is observable by next-generation facilities through the molecular emission.

How much mass is needed in these pre-galactic clouds? The duration of star formation in a pre-galactic cloud would be larger than the free-fall time of the cloud, $t_{ff} \approx 10^3$ yr, for $\sim 1$ cm$^{-3}$. For star formation to continue at a rate of $\psi_{III}$ during this period, a gas mass of $\psi_{III}$ is required. For $\psi_{III} > 10^3 M_{\odot}$ yr$^{-1}$, the gas mass of a pre-galactic cloud exceeds $10^{11} M_{\odot}$. Also, the metallicity in the cloud must be lower than $10^{-4}$–$10^{-3} Z_{\odot}$ to cool and emit a copious amount of primordial molecular emission (Omukai et al. 2005). In the standard bottom-up scenario of galaxy formation, when building blocks assemble into a protogalaxy as massive as $\sim 10^8 M_{\odot}$, the volume-averaged metallicity of gas has reached [Fe/H] $\approx -2.30$ via metal diffusion by supernovae (Mori et al. 2004). Their results also show that the metal mixing proceeds quite inhomogeneously. Large spatial variation of metallicity ranging from [Fe/H] $\sim -5$ to 0 is found in high-density ($> 1$ cm$^{-3}$) regions. While the ambient gas of supernovae is polluted by metals, most of the gas remains at low metallicity, [Fe/H] $\sim -5$. Within a relatively metal-polluted pre-galactic cloud, a large number of almost metal-free regions can be contained. If star formation is active in such very metal-poor regions, next-generation facilities might have a chance of detecting the $H_2$ and HD lines emitted in those regions.
∼ 10^3–10^4 \, M_\odot \, yr^{-1} at a redshift of z < 7, SPICA is able to detect \text{H}_2 lines, such as 1–0 Q(1), 1–0 O(3), 1–0 O(5), 0–0 S(0), 0–0 S(1), 0–0 S(3), 0–0 S(4), and 0–0 S(5), and the HD line 0–0 R(1). Since JWST is more sensitive than SPICA in the near-infrared wavelengths ≲ 10 \, \mu m, JWST can also detect the \text{H}_2 rovibrational lines. SPICA, whose bands include mid- and far-infrared wavelengths, has an advantage of observing redshifted \text{H}_2 and HD pure rotational lines emitted at z > 3. Thus, we can reveal the physical conditions of star-forming regions by diagnosing the rotational and vibrational line ratios. Provided such objects exist, these facilities can directly probe Pop III star formation through \text{H}_2 lines.

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