

EVIDENCE FOR A 12 MICRON WATER-ICE ABSORPTION BAND IN THE IRAS LRS SPECTRA OF PROTOSTARS AND LATE TYPE STARS

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We present evidence for a 12 micron absorption band due to the librational mode of the H₂O molecule in the form of ice in some IRAS LRS spectra. This identification is based on the 3 micron spectrophotometry of these objects showing the presence of the 3 micron ice band. From these spectra, physical characteristics of the ice can be discussed.