Q02a VLT/ISAAC infrared spectroscopy of embedded high-mass YSOs in the Large Magellanic Cloud: Methanol and the 3.47 μ m band

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We report the results of 3–4 μ m spectroscopic observations towards eleven embedded high-mass young stellar objects (YSOs) in the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC) with the ISAAC at the Very Large Telescope. Absorption bands due to solid H₂O and CH₃OH as well as the 3.47 μ m band are detected, and the properties of these bands are investigated based on comparisons with Galactic embedded sources. We found that the 3.53 μ m CH₃OH ice absorption band for the LMC high-mass YSOs is absent or very weak compared to those seen toward Galactic counterparts. We propose that grain surface reactions at relatively high dust temperature (warm ice chemistry) are responsible for the low abundance of solid CH₃OH in the LMC. The 3.47 μ m absorption band, which is generally seen in Galactic embedded sources, is detected toward six out of eleven LMC YSOs. In contrast to the CH₃OH ice band, strength ratios of the 3.47 μ m band and water ice band are found to be similar between the LMC and Galactic samples. Although the carrier of the band is still under debate, our result suggests that the lower metallicity and different interstellar environment of the LMC have little effect on the abundance ratio of the 3.47 μ m band carrier and water ice. In this presentation, we are going to discuss the characteristics of the infrared C–H stretching region spectrum in low metallicity environments.