The background of the slide is a reproduction of the painting 'The Starry Night' by Vincent van Gogh. It features a dark, swirling night sky with numerous bright, glowing stars and a large, luminous crescent moon. Below the sky, a dark, jagged silhouette of a cypress tree stands on the left, and a small town with a church spire is visible in the distance. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, greens, and yellows.

# Molecular Universe And CLOUDY

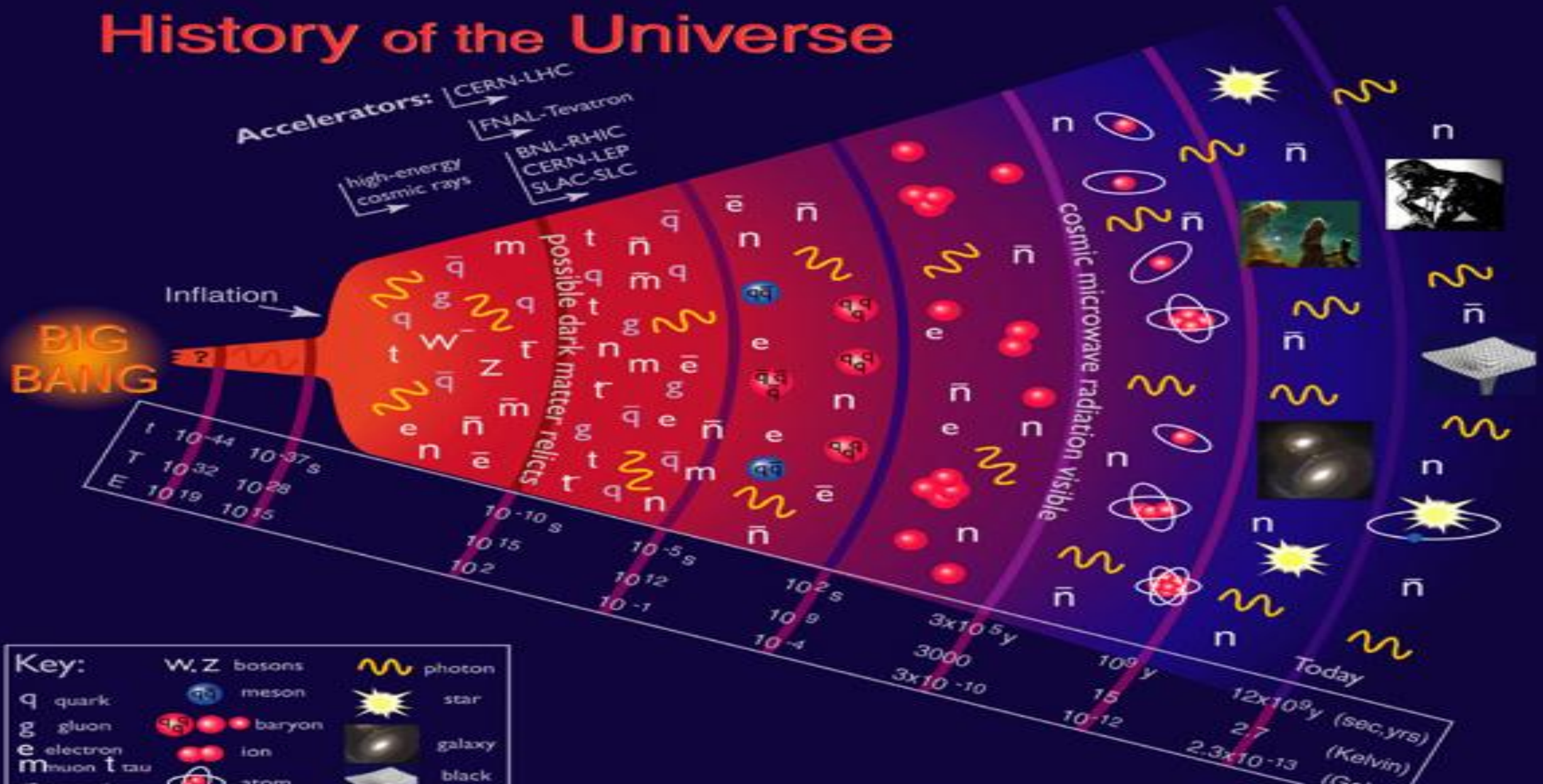
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# Outline

- A brief introduction to molecules and its importance
- Molecular network of CLOUDY
  - $H_2$
  - Other molecules
- How to include new molecules in CLOUDY

# Molecules formed much later

## History of the Universe



# Why molecules are important?

## ❖ Molecules are excellent coolants

Collisional excitation followed by radiative transition

- Radiation escapes from cloud => net kinetic energy lost
- cloud cools down => helps structure formation

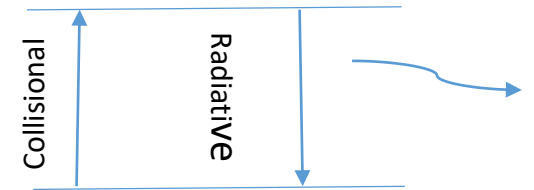
## ❖ Exotic chemistry: unique laboratory

Astrochemical evolution

## ❖ Molecules as diagnostics of physical parameters

temperature  $T_{\text{kin}}$

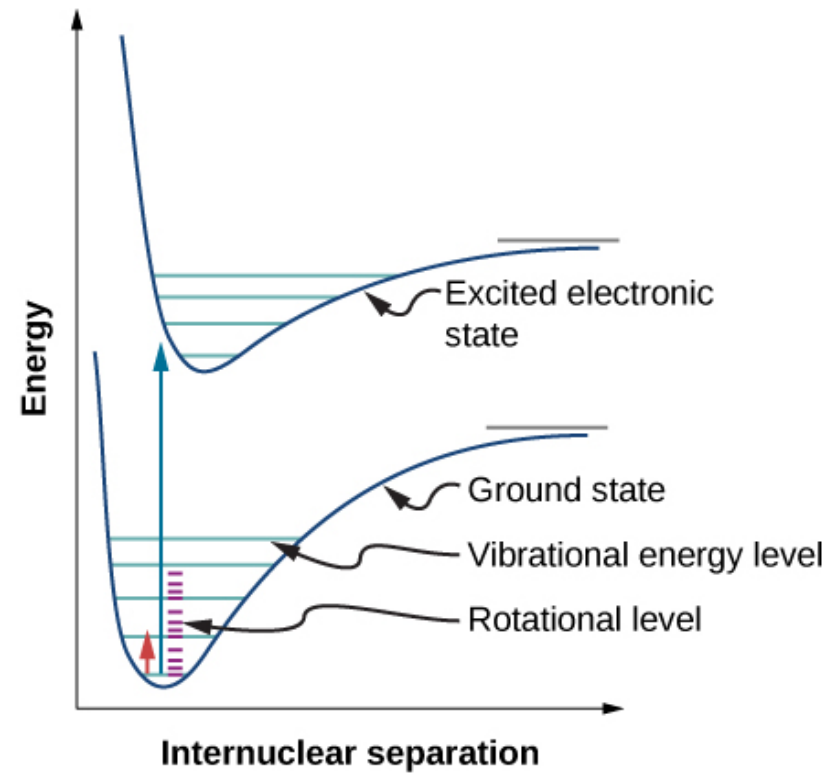
density  $n_{\text{H}}$



# Molecular Spectroscopy

$$E_{\text{molecule}} = E_{\text{electronic}} + E_{\text{vibrational}} + E_{\text{rotational}}$$

- Electronic transitions: UV-visible
- Vibrational transitions: IR
- Rotational transitions: Radio
- **Molecular spectra is rich and complex**



# List of Molecules predicted by CLOUDY

H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>  
HeH<sup>+</sup>  
LiH, LiH<sup>+</sup>  
CH, CH<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>H, C<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, C<sub>3</sub>H,  
C<sub>3</sub>H<sup>+</sup>  
NH, NH<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, CN, CN<sup>+</sup>, HCN, HCN<sup>+</sup>, HNC, HCNH<sup>+</sup>, HC<sub>3</sub>N, N<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, N<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup>  
OH, OH<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, CO, CO<sup>+</sup>, HCO<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>CO, NO, NO<sup>+</sup>, HNO, HNO<sup>+</sup>, OCN, OCN<sup>+</sup>, N<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>,  
NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>  
HF, HF<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>F<sup>+</sup>, CF<sup>+</sup>  
NeH<sup>+</sup>  
SiH, SiH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, SiN, SiN<sup>+</sup>, SiO, SiO<sup>+</sup>, SiOH<sup>+</sup>  
**PH, PH<sup>+</sup>, PH<sub>2</sub>, PH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, PH<sub>3</sub>, PH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, CP, CP<sup>+</sup>, HCP, HCP<sup>+</sup>, PN, PN<sup>+</sup>, PO, PO<sup>+</sup>**  
HS, HS<sup>+</sup>, CS, CS<sup>+</sup>, HCS<sup>+</sup>, NS, NS<sup>+</sup>, SO, SO<sup>+</sup>, OCS, OCS<sup>+</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>, SiS, S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>  
HCl, HCl<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sup>+</sup>, CCl, CCl<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>CCl<sup>+</sup>, ClO, ClO<sup>+</sup>  
ArH<sup>+</sup>  
TiH, TiH<sup>+</sup>, TiH<sub>2</sub>, TiH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, TiC, TiC<sup>+</sup>, HCTi, HCTi<sup>+</sup>, TiC<sub>2</sub>, TiC<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, TiN, TiN<sup>+</sup>, HNTi, HNTi<sup>+</sup>, TiNC, TiNC<sup>+</sup>, TiO,  
TiO<sup>+</sup>, TiOH<sup>+</sup>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, TiF<sup>+</sup>, TiS, TiS<sup>+</sup>, HTiS<sup>+</sup>

Work on P-related chemistry is now in progress.

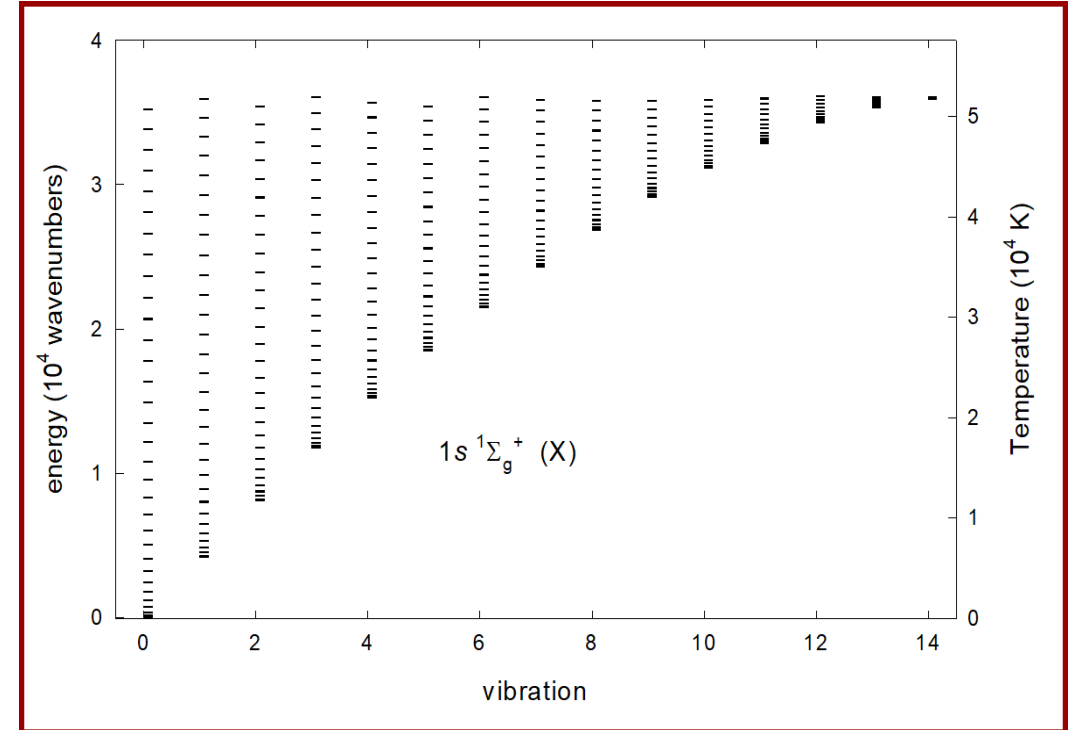
# Hydrogen Molecule

- About 90% of the current Baryonic matter is in the form of Hydrogen.
- Molecular hydrogen plays an important role in astrophysics.
  - It is the first and the most abundant neutral molecule to be formed in the Universe.
  - As a highly efficient coolant, it increases the rate of formation of galaxies in primordial gas
  - In the interstellar gas, the formation of molecular hydrogen controls
    - \* Ionization
    - \* Thermal balance
    - \* Mechanism of star formation.
  - Molecular hydrogen is a major constituent of giant molecular clouds.

# Hydrogen Molecule

- Hydrogen molecule ( $H_2$ ) is the simplest neutral molecule consisting of two protons and two electrons.
- $H_2$  has several electronic energy states and each electronic state consists of several vibrational and rotational levels.
- It is a symmetric molecule and does not have a permanent electric dipole moment.

Energy levels within the ground electronic state



Shaw et al. 2005



# Hydrogen Molecule

## Fermi statistics

- Total (nuclear × electronic ) wave function must be anti-symmetric under the exchange of nuclei
- Ortho states : Total spin  $I=1$ , Degeneracy :  $3 \times (2J+1)$   
Nuclear spin wave function : symmetric  
Spatial wave function : anti-symmetric
- Para states : Total spin  $I=0$ , Degeneracy :  $2J+1$   
Nuclear spin wave function : anti-symmetric  
Spatial wave function : symmetric

## Ground state

Even  $J$  : Para state      Odd  $J$  : Ortho state

In ground state rovibrational transitions can occur only via quadrupole transitions with  $\Delta J=0, \pm 2$ .

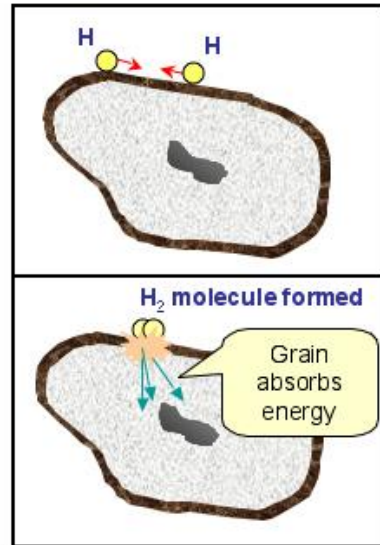
# Micro-physics of H<sub>2</sub>

Formation of H <sub>2</sub>	Destruction of H <sub>2</sub>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catalysis on the grain surface <math>H + H + \text{grain} \rightarrow H_2 + \text{grain}</math></li><li>• Radiative association processes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <math>H^- + H \rightarrow H_2 + e^-</math></li><li>ii. <math>H_2^+ + H \rightarrow H_2 + H^+</math></li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solomon process</li><li>• Direct photo-dissociation</li><li>• Collisional dissociation</li></ul>

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# FORMATION OF H<sub>2</sub>

## Catalysis on grain surfaces



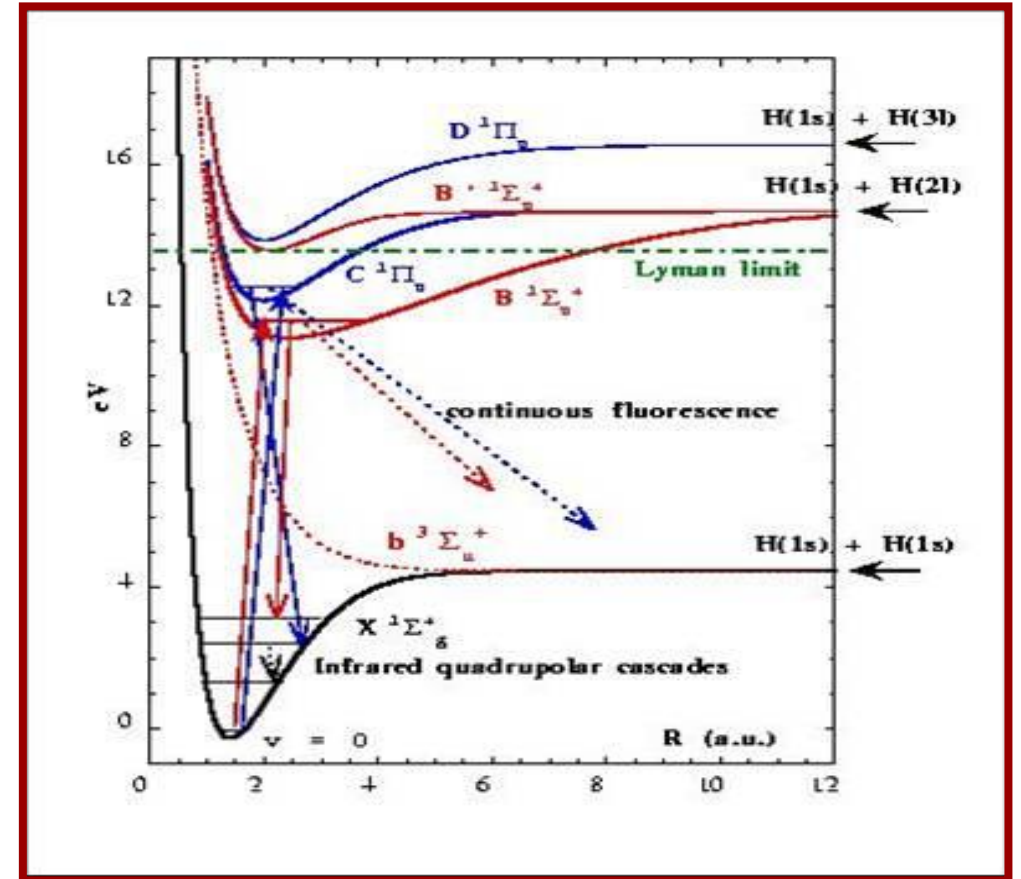
## Other processes

- i.*  $\text{H}^- + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{e}^-$
- ii.*  $\text{H}_2^+ + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{H}^+$

# DESTRUCTION OF H<sub>2</sub>

## Solomon process

- Molecular hydrogen is excited to  $B^1\Sigma_u^+$  or  $C^1\Pi_u^\pm$  states by absorbing Lyman & Werner band photons.
- About 85% of the electronically excited state decay to the bound ground state and 15% decay to the continuum of the ground state.



Roueff 2000

# DESTRUCTION OF H<sub>2</sub>

## ✚ Collisional dissociation

Collisional dissociation by **H, He, H<sub>2</sub> and e<sup>-</sup>** are also possible from higher vib-rotational state

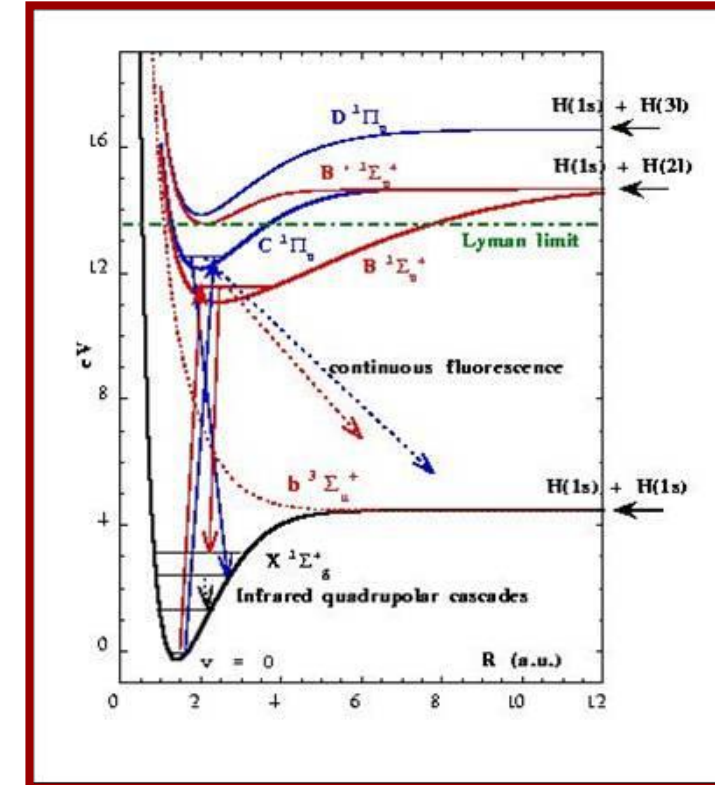
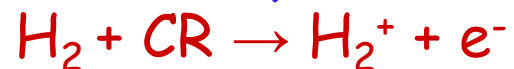
## ✚ Pumping via X-ray electrons

Molecular hydrogen is excited to **B<sup>1</sup>Σ<sub>u</sub><sup>+</sup>** or **C<sup>1</sup>Π<sub>u</sub><sup>±</sup>** state by secondary electrons.

## ✚ Excitation to the triplet **b** state

Molecular hydrogen is excited to triplet **b** state by energetic secondary electrons and is dissociated

## ✚ Cosmic ray ionization



# Ortho-Para conversion

- ❖ No Radiative decay
- ❖ Exchange collisions between  $H_2$  and  $H$ ,  $H^+$  and  $H_3^+$ 
  - $H_2(v, J) + H \rightarrow H_2(v', J') + H$  (Sun & Dalgarno 1994)
  - $H_2(v, J) + H^+ \rightarrow H_2(v', J') + H^+$  (Gerlich 1990)
  - $H_2(v, J) + H_3^+ \rightarrow H_2(v', J') + H_3^+$  (Same as  $H^+$ )
- On grain surfaces (below critical temperature)

Source Dir => h2.cpp, mole\_h2.cpp, mole\_h2\_io.cpp, mole\_h2\_coll.cpp, mole\_h2\_create.cpp  
Data Dir => H2 dir

# Molecular Hydrogen

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## MOLECULAR HYDROGEN IN STAR-FORMING REGIONS: IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS MICROPHYSICS IN CLOUDY

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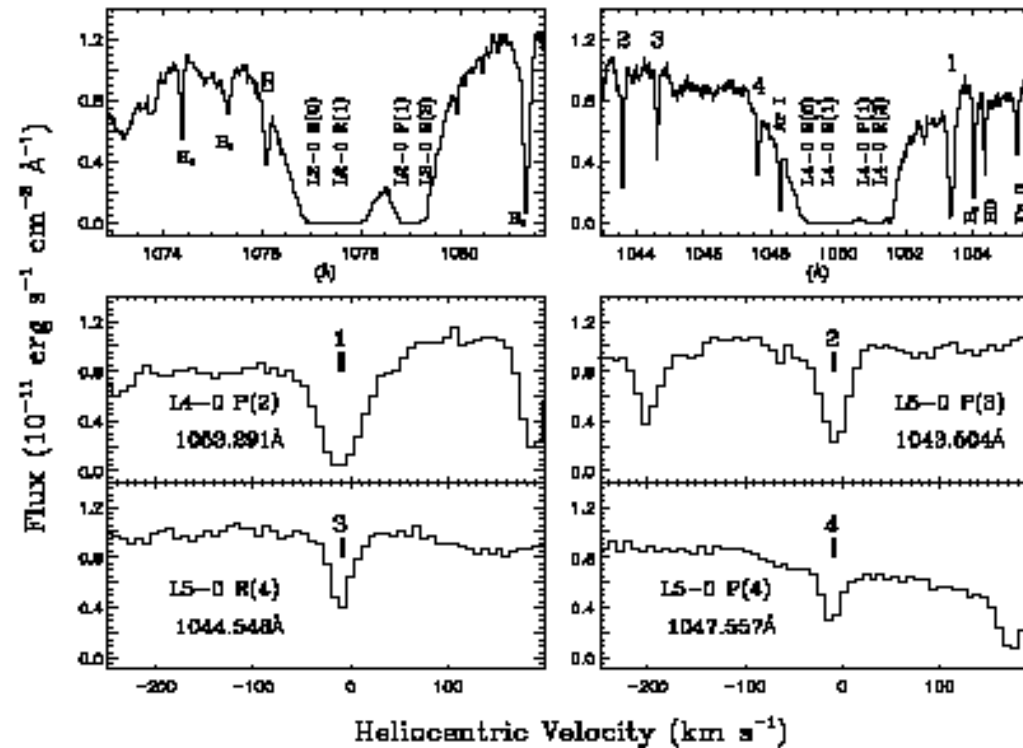
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**In the input script include “Database H2”  
Section 12.3 of Hazy 1: Database H2 commands**

# Physical conditions in ISM towards HD185418

HD185418 is a well studied B0.5 V star located at Galactic coordinates  $(l, b) = (53^\circ, -2.2^\circ)$  at a distance of 790 pc.

Large number of molecular, atomic, and ionic absorption lines (Sonnentrucker et al. 2003).





# Physical conditions in ISM towards HD185418

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## Model parameters

### Plane parallel geometry

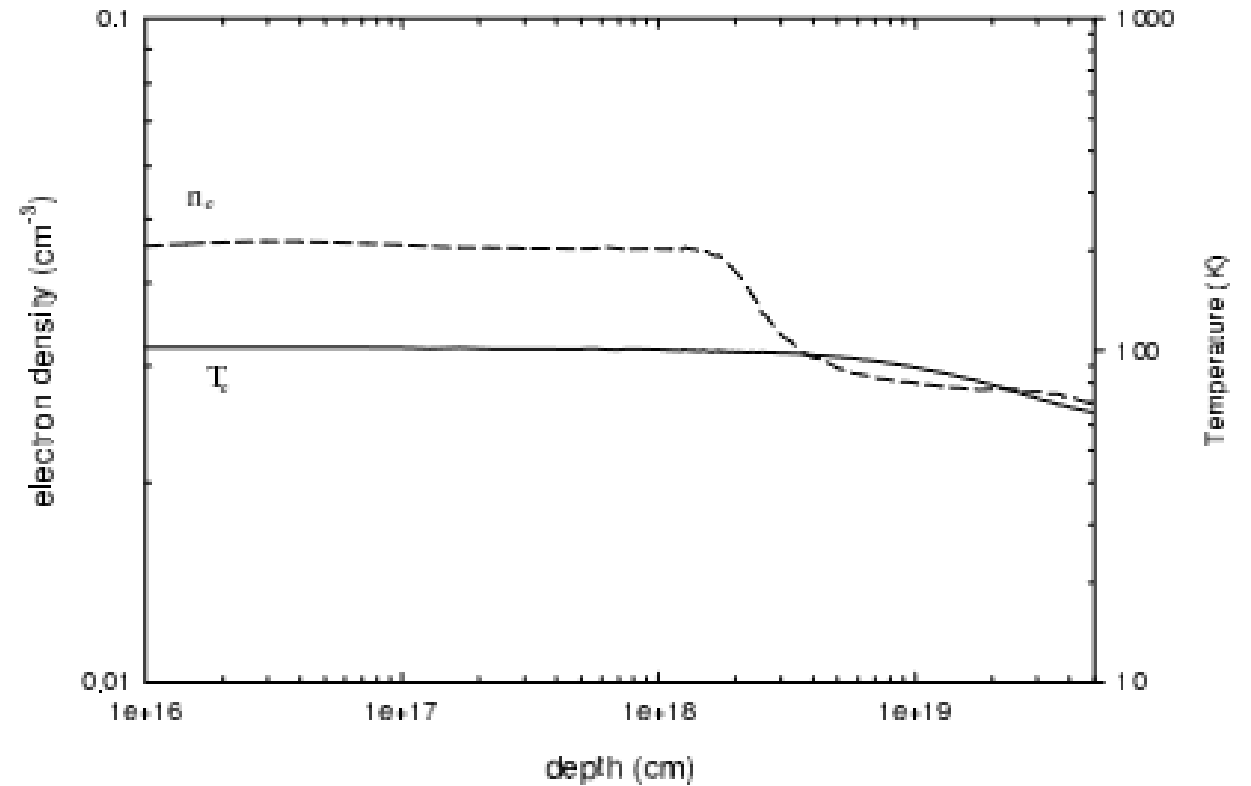
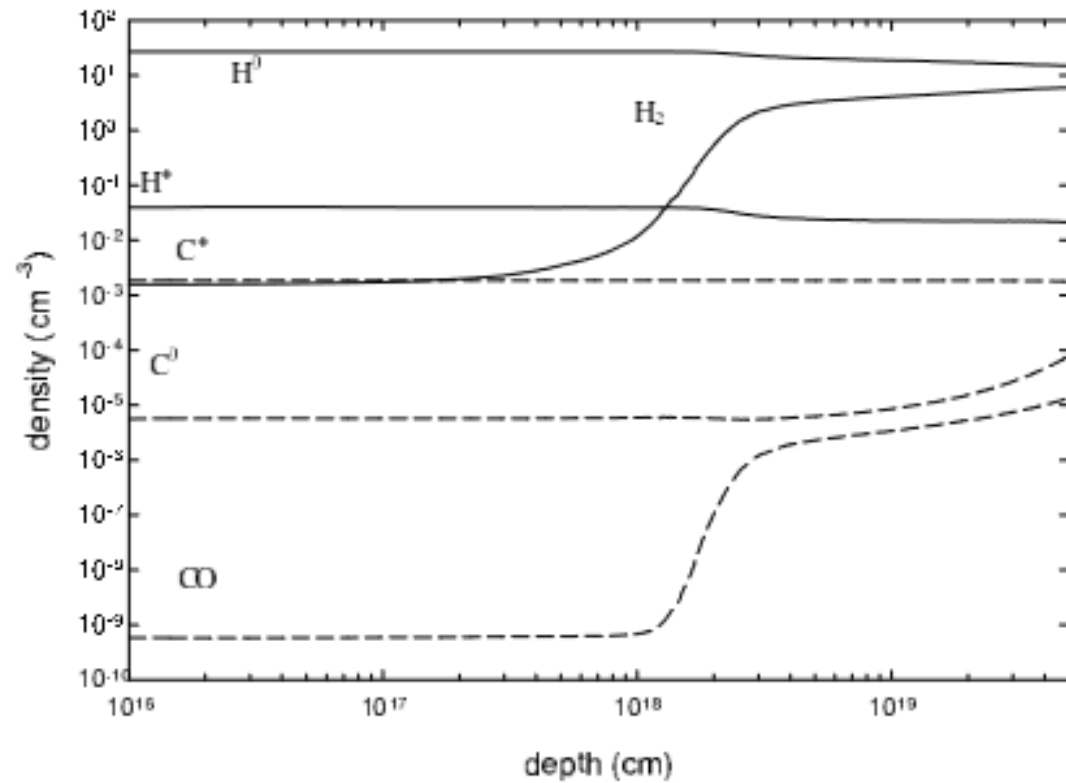
- **1.6 × Black (1987) Galactic background radiation field**
- **Turbulence = 6.0 km s<sup>-1</sup>**
- **$n_{\text{H}} = 25 \text{ cm}^{-3}$**
- **CR = 18 Galactic Background**

- **$T_{10} = 83 \text{ K}$**
- $$T_{10} = -170.5 \left\{ \ln \left[ \frac{N(J=1)}{9N(J=0)} \right] \right\}^{-1},$$

# Physical conditions in ISM towards HD185418

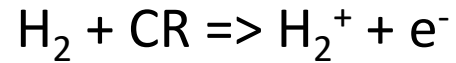
Chemical elements	Observed log $N$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> ) Sonnentrucker et al. 2003	Predicted log $N$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )
C I	15.53 ± 0.09	15.52
C I*	14.45 ± 0.08	14.61
C I**	13.59 ± 0.08	13.75
O I	18.15 ± 0.09	18.15
O I*	12.61 ± 0.16	12.67
O I**	≤ 12.40	12.18
CO	14.70 ± 0.10	14.73
H <sub>2</sub> ( $J=0$ )	20.30 ± 0.10	20.38
H <sub>2</sub> ( $J=1$ )	20.50 ± 0.10	20.44
H <sub>2</sub> ( $J=2$ )	18.34 ± 0.10	18.34
H <sub>2</sub> ( $J=3$ )	16.20 ± 0.15	16.20
H <sub>2</sub> ( $J=4$ )	15.00 ± 0.20	14.30
H <sub>2</sub> ( $J=5$ )	14.30 ± 0.80	13.94
H I	21.11 ± 0.15	21.22
N I	17.30 ± 0.09	17.33
C II	≤ 17.75	17.05
C II*	14.93 ± 0.10	14.90

# Physical conditions in ISM towards HD185418

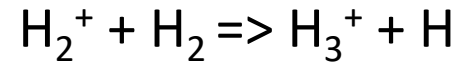


# H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> chemistry, electron density, ζ(H<sub>2</sub>)

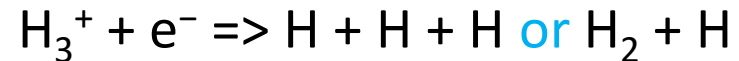
Cosmic-ray ionization of H<sub>2</sub>



Proton abstraction reaction



Electronic dissociative recombination



In a steady state,

$$\zeta(\text{H}_2) n(\text{H}_2) = k_e n(\text{e}^-) n(\text{H}_3^+)$$

where  $k_e$  is electron recombination co-efficient rate of H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>.

For a constant density cloud with length L,

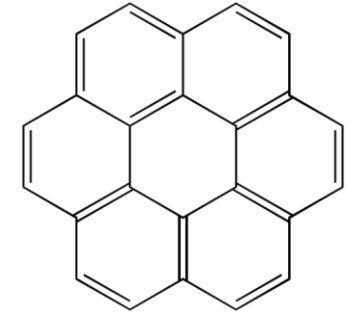
$$\zeta(\text{H}_2) = 2k_e n(\text{e}^-) N(\text{H}_3^+) / f N(\text{H}) [ \text{s}^{-1} ] \text{ where, } f = 2N(\text{H}_2) / N(\text{H}).$$

$n(\text{e}^-)$  plays a crucial role in determining the value of ζ(H<sub>2</sub>).

$k_e$  was measured by Oka & McCall (2004), but  $n_e$  is not observed directly.

# Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

- PAHs are ubiquitous in the Galaxy.
- PAHs has benzene like structure.
- The abundances of C atoms locked up in PAHs containing 20-100 C atoms are 14 parts per million H atom (Tielens 2008)
- PAHs absorbs electrons very effectively.
- Electron density depends on the presence of PAHs.
- $\zeta(\text{H}_2)$  depends on the abundance of PAHs.
- $\zeta(\text{H}_2)$  is higher in the absence of PAHs



Include **grains PAHs** in the input script  
Check **SET PAH** options in HAZY

# HF, CF<sup>+</sup>, HC<sub>3</sub>N, ArH<sup>+</sup>, HCl, HCN, CN, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>, SiS, TiO and Ti-related molecules

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## Recent Updates to the Gas-phase Chemical Reactions and Molecular Lines in CLOUDY: Their Effects on Millimeter and Submillimeter Molecular Line Predictions

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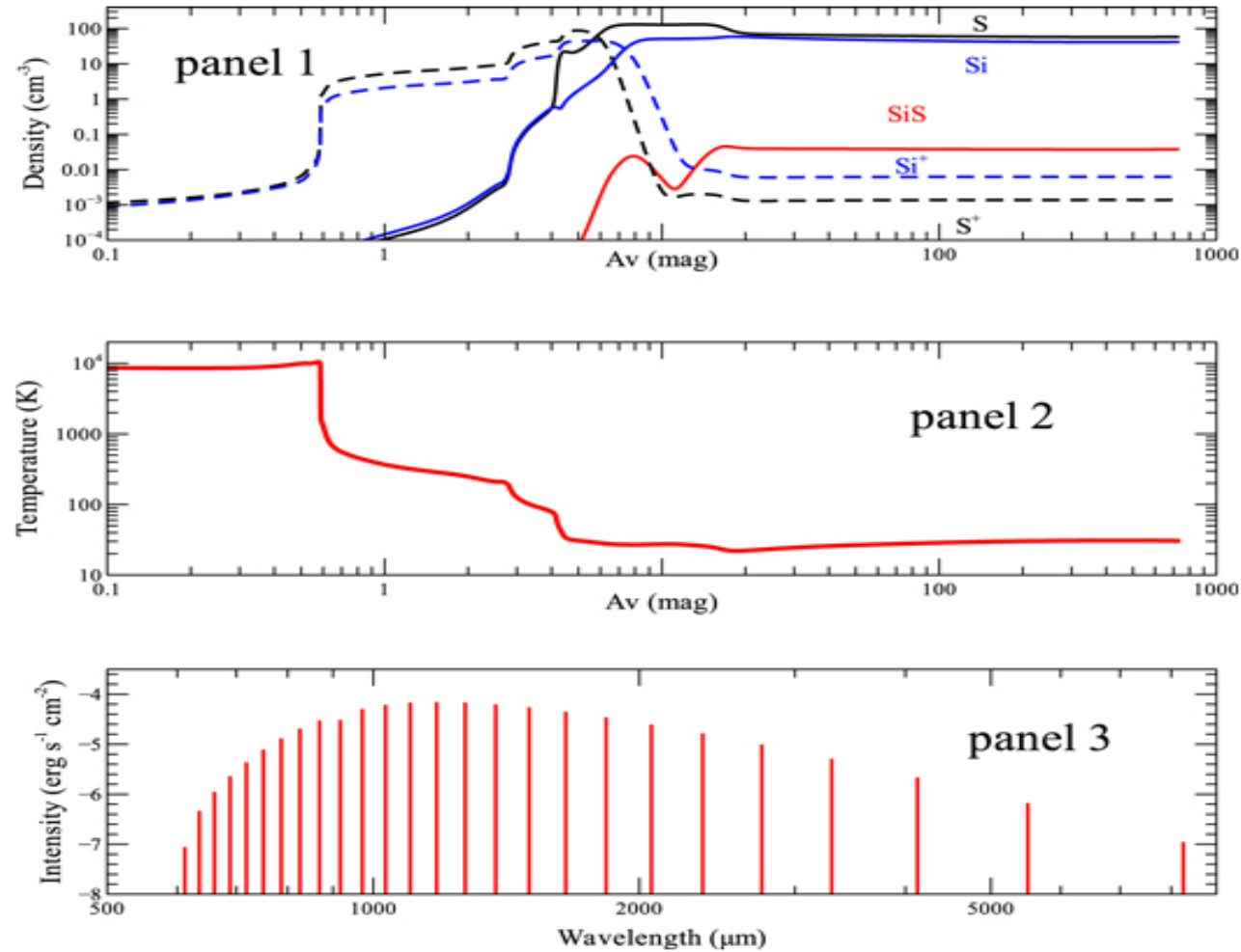
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# Abundances of SiS for a generic HII region and a PDR



Our model is described by Shaw et al. ([2022](#)), and the input script of this model, "h2\_Orion\_hii\_pdr.in,"

# Internal structure of molecules and databases

## LAMDA

Leiden Atomic and Molecular Database

[Data format](#) | [RADEX](#)

### Atoms and ions

C C<sup>+</sup> O O<sup>+</sup>

N<sup>+</sup> Si S

### Diatomic molecules

AlH<sup>+</sup> CF<sup>+</sup> CH

CH<sup>+</sup> CN CO

CS HCl HD

HF NH NO

NO<sup>+</sup> NS<sup>+</sup> OH

OH<sup>+</sup> O<sub>2</sub> PN

PO SiO SiS

SO

### Triatomic molecules

C<sub>2</sub>H C<sub>2</sub>S CH<sub>2</sub>

D<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup> HCN HCO<sup>+</sup>

The aim of this project is to provide users of radiative transfer codes with the basic atomic and molecular data needed for the excitation calculation. Line data of a number of astrophysically interesting species are summarized, including energy levels, statistical weights, Einstein A-coefficients and collisional rate coefficients. Available collisional data from quantum chemical calculations and experiments are in some cases extrapolated to higher energies.

Currently the database contains data for 7 atomic / ionic and 50 molecular species. In addition, several isotopomers and deuterated versions are available, usually via the page for the main species. Work is permanently underway to add more datafiles. We encourage comments from the users in order to improve and extend the database.

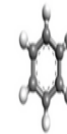
This database should form an important tool in analyzing observations from current and future infrared and (sub)millimetre telescopes. Databases such as these rely heavily on the efforts by the chemical physics community to provide the relevant atomic and molecular data. We strongly encourage further efforts in this direction, so that data for more species become available and the current extrapolations of collisional rate coefficients can be replaced by actual calculations in future releases.

RADEX, a computer program for performing statistical equilibrium calculations is made publically available as part of the data base. The program comes in 2 versions: an on-line calculator for quick checks, and a stand-alone version for extensive calculations. **For publication-quality results, always use the stand-alone version.**

For new or changed datafiles, see the [update history](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

If you use the data files in your work please refer to the [publication](#) by Schöier, F.L., van der Tak, F.F.S., van Dishoeck E.F., Black, J.H. 2005, *A&A* 432, 369-379 introducing this data base. Please mention the date when you accessed the database, in case questions arise about different versions of datafiles. When individual molecules are considered, we strongly suggest that you also refer to the original papers providing the spectroscopic and collisional data.

## The Cologne Database for Molecular Spectroscopy CDMS



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# Reaction rate coefficients and databases

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Welcome to the 2012 edition of **The UMIST Database for Astrochemistry**.

This is the 5th public release of the database.

The database download files and the paper are available from the [download](#) section.

### Recent updates

21/03/16: Python scripts by Paul Woods that take output from UDFa chemical models and generate input files for popular radiative transfer codes. Available in the [download](#) section.

C  
C<sup>+</sup>  
C<sup>-</sup>  
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KIDA is a database of kinetic data of interest for astrochemical (interstellar medium and planetary atmospheres) studies.

C + H SEARCH

Indicate a species (ex: H3O+) or a couple of species (ex: C + H2)  
Warning: Second letter of 2-letters elements have to be lowercase, eg Si

Use the generic names of the species, avoid the cyclic or linear forms (ex: for c-C3H indicate C3H), the isotopic numbers (for <sup>13</sup>C indicate C, except for deuterium), or the excited states (for C(1D) indicate C). You will be able to choose these forms in the next step.

# Reaction rate coefficients

For Two body reaction, the rate coefficient  $k(\text{cm}^3\text{s}^{-1})$  is given by modified Arrhenius formula,

$$k = \alpha \left( \frac{T}{300} \right)^\beta \exp(-\gamma/T), \quad (1)$$

Photoreaction rate coefficient  $k(\text{s}^{-1})$  is given by,

$$k = \alpha \exp(-\gamma A_\nu). \quad (2)$$

The parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  used in the two-body reactions and photoreactions are not the same.

# Chemical rate coefficients and Temperature

*A wide range of temperatures occurs in nature.*

Any species' predicted column densities and line intensities depend on the rate coefficients.

*A simple extrapolation of the rate coefficients can lead to unphysically large values. These result in unrealistic predictions.*

$$k = \alpha \left( \frac{T}{300} \right)^\beta \exp(-\gamma/T), \quad (1)$$

- Rates for those reactions with  $\gamma < 0$  will become unphysically large at low temperatures.
- For  $\gamma < 0$ , fix  $k(T = 10 \text{ K})$  (M. Röllig, 2011)
  
- Rate coefficients with a positive  $\beta$  can become large at high temperatures.
- For  $\beta > 0$ , fix  $k(T = 2500 \text{ K})$  (Shaw et al. 2023)

# Uncertainties

- Uncertainties in chemical reaction rate coefficients influence the predicted abundances/column densities of the species involved.
- This effect empirically increases as the number of atoms in the interacting molecule increases. Hence, among all the molecules considered here, we expect results to be most uncertain for  $\text{HC}_3\text{N}$ , as it involves the greatest number of atoms.
- Vasyunin et al. (2007) showed that the dispersion in the column densities is not more than a factor of 4.
- It is important to note that the abundances of multi-atom organic molecules depend on reactions on dust grain surfaces.

# Adding new molecule in LAMDA format

- Data dir => mole\_co\_base.dat

add reaction rates

CH3,CN=>HCN,CH2:hmrate:9.21e-12:0.7:1500 # UMIST

- Data dir => Chem\_species.dat

add Species label and formation enthalpy at 0K in KJ/mol

CN 436.8

- Data dir => lamda dir -> CN.dat

molecule.dat stores internal structure in LAMDA format

- Data dir => lamda dir ->masterlist ->Lamda.ini

modify Lamda.ini

CN cn.d

**Run tsuite models and check asserts**

*Thank you*