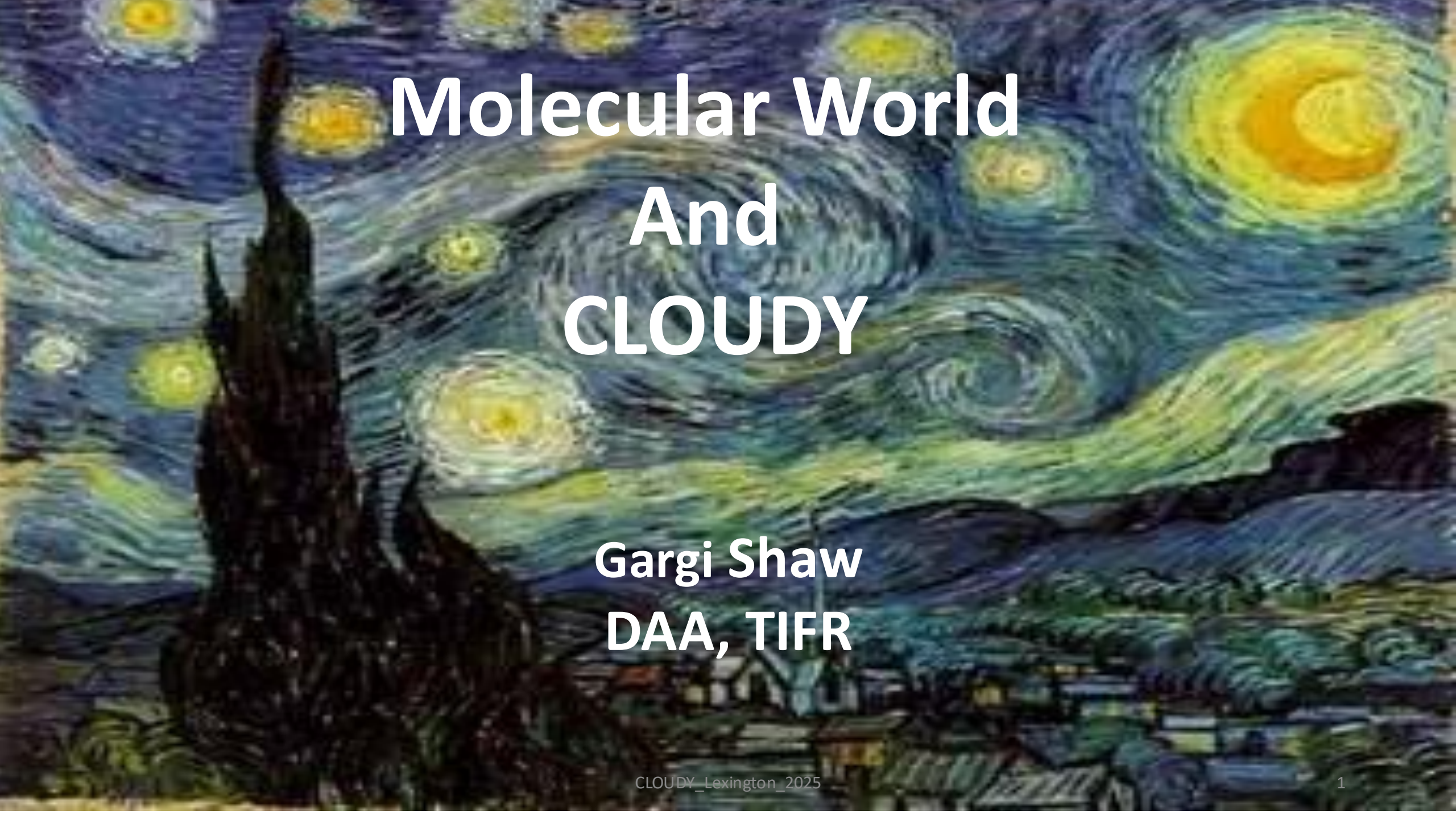


The background of the slide is a reproduction of the painting 'The Starry Night' by the Dutch Impressionist painter J.M.W. Turner. The painting depicts a night scene with a dark, swirling sky filled with numerous bright, glowing stars and a large, luminous moon. In the foreground, a dark, silhouetted cypress tree stands on the left, and a small town with a church spire is visible in the distance. The overall mood is dreamlike and atmospheric.

Molecular World And CLOUDY

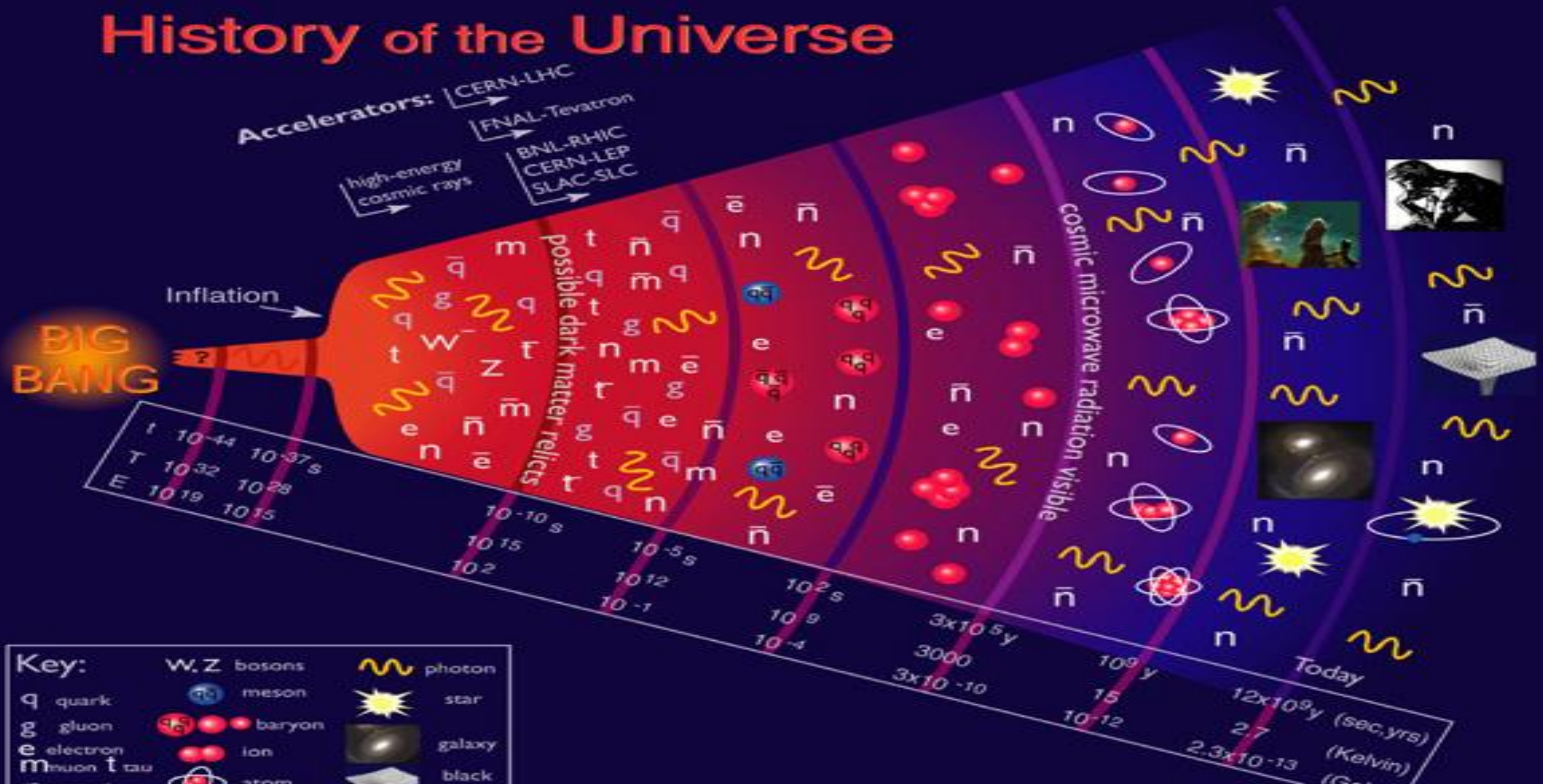
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Outline

- A brief introduction to molecules and its importance
- Molecular network of CLOUDY
- How to include new molecules in CLOUDY
- Molecular Hydrogen
- Test model

Molecules formed much later

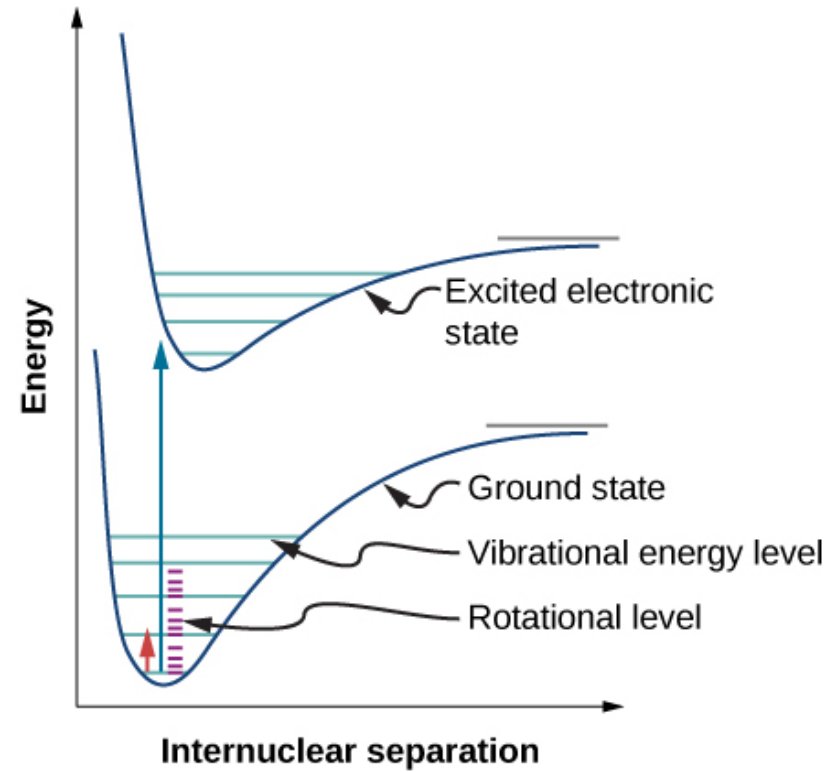
History of the Universe



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

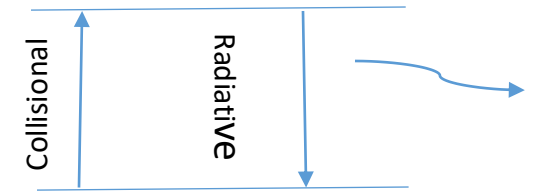


Why molecules are important?

❖ 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_{kin}

density n_{H}

List of Molecules predicted by CLOUDY

Currently CLOUDY predicts 191 molecules and their column densities.

H₂, H₂⁺, H₃⁺

HeH⁺, NeH⁺, ArH⁺

LiH, LiH⁺

CH, CH⁺, CH₂, CH₂⁺, CH₃, CH₃⁺, CH₄, CH₄⁺, CH₅⁺, C₂, C₂⁺, C₂H, C₂H⁺, C₂H₂, C₂H₂⁺, C₂H₃⁺, C₃, C₃⁺, C₃H, C₃H⁺

NH, NH⁺, NH₂, NH₂⁺, NH₃, NH₃⁺, NH₄⁺, CN, CN⁺, HCN, HCN⁺, HNC, HCNH⁺, HC₃N, N₂, N₂⁺, N₂H⁺

OH, OH⁺, H₂O, H₂O⁺, H₃O⁺, CO, CO⁺, HCO⁺, H₂CO, NO, NO⁺, HNO, HNO⁺, OCN, OCN⁺, N₂O, O₂, O₂⁺, NO₂, NO₂⁺

HF, HF⁺, H₂F⁺, CF⁺

SiH, SiH₂⁺, SiN, SiN⁺, SiO, SiO⁺, SiOH⁺, SiS

PH, PH⁺, PH₂, PH₂⁺, PH₃, PH₃⁺, CP, CP⁺, HCP, HCP⁺, PN, PN⁺, PO, PO⁺

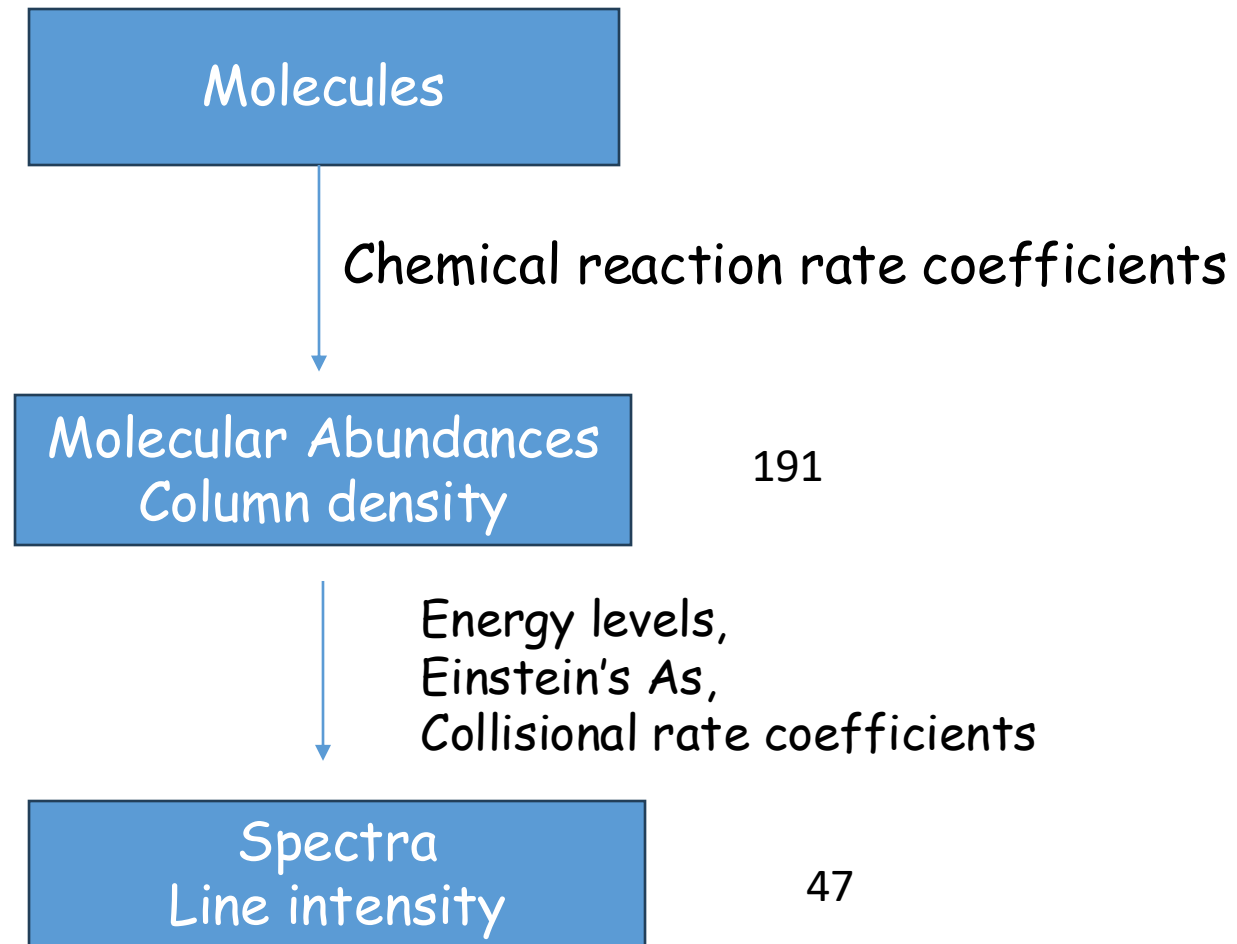
HS, HS⁺, CS, CS⁺, HCS⁺, NS, NS⁺, SO, SO⁺, OCS, OCS⁺, SO₂, SiS, S₂, S₂⁺

HCl, HCl⁺, H₂Cl⁺, CCl, CCl⁺, H₂CCl⁺, ClO, ClO⁺

TiH, TiH⁺, TiH₂, TiH₂⁺, TiC, TiC⁺, HCTi, HCTi⁺, TiC₂, TiC₂⁺, TiN, TiN⁺, HNTi, HNTi⁺, TiNC, TiNC⁺, TiO, TiO⁺, TiOH⁺, TiO₂, TiF⁺, TiS, TiS⁺, HTiS⁺

(Shaw et al. 2022,2023)

Molecular network of CLOUDY



Gas-phase reactions in the ISM

- ✓ Ion-neutral ($A^+ + B \rightarrow C^+ + D$)
- ✓ Neutral-neutral ($A + B \rightarrow C + D$)
- ✓ Photodissociation ($AB + h\nu \rightarrow A + B$)
- ✓ Charge transfer ($A^+ + B \rightarrow A + B^+$)
- ✓ Radiative-association ($A + B \rightarrow AB + h\nu$)
- ✓ Dissociative-recombination ($A^+ + e^- \rightarrow C + D$)
- ✓ Associative detachment ($A^- + B \rightarrow AB + e^-$)

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,

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

The parameters α and γ used in the two-body reactions and photoreactions are not the same.

Reaction rate coefficients and databases



1991 THE UMIST DATABASE FOR ASTROCHEMISTRY WORLD LEADING SINCE 1991

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e.g. CH₃CCH, C₂H₂ as Reactant

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The UMIST Database for Astrochemistry

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This is the sixth official public release of the database.

The first public release of the UMIST Database for Astrochemistry (UDfA) was back in 1991 (Millar et al. 1991), 32 years ago! It was, in main



KINETIC DATABASE FOR ASTROCHEMISTRY

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KIDA is a database of kinetic data of interest for astrochemical (interstellar medium and planetary atmospheres) studies.

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 ¹³C 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.

Chemical rate coefficients and Temperature

A wide range of temperatures occurs in nature.

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 reactions with $\gamma < 0$ will become unphysically large at low temperatures.

➤ For $\gamma < 0$, $k(T < 10 \text{ K}) = k(T = 10 \text{ K})$

Rate coefficients with a positive β can become large at high temperatures.

➤ For $\beta > 0$, $k(T > 5000 \text{ K}) = k(T = 5000 \text{ K})$

➤ For $\beta < 0$, $k(T < 10 \text{ K}) = k(T = 10 \text{ K})$

Internal structure of molecules and databases

LAMDA

Leiden Atomic and Molecular Database

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

Atoms and ions

C C⁺ O O²⁺

N⁺ Si S

Diatomic molecules

AlH⁺ CF⁺ CH

CH⁺ CN CO

CS HCl HD

HF NH NO

NO⁺ NS⁺ OH

OH⁺ O₂ PN

PO SiO SiS

SO

Triatomic molecules

C₂H C₂S CH₂

D₂H⁺ HCN HCO⁺

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



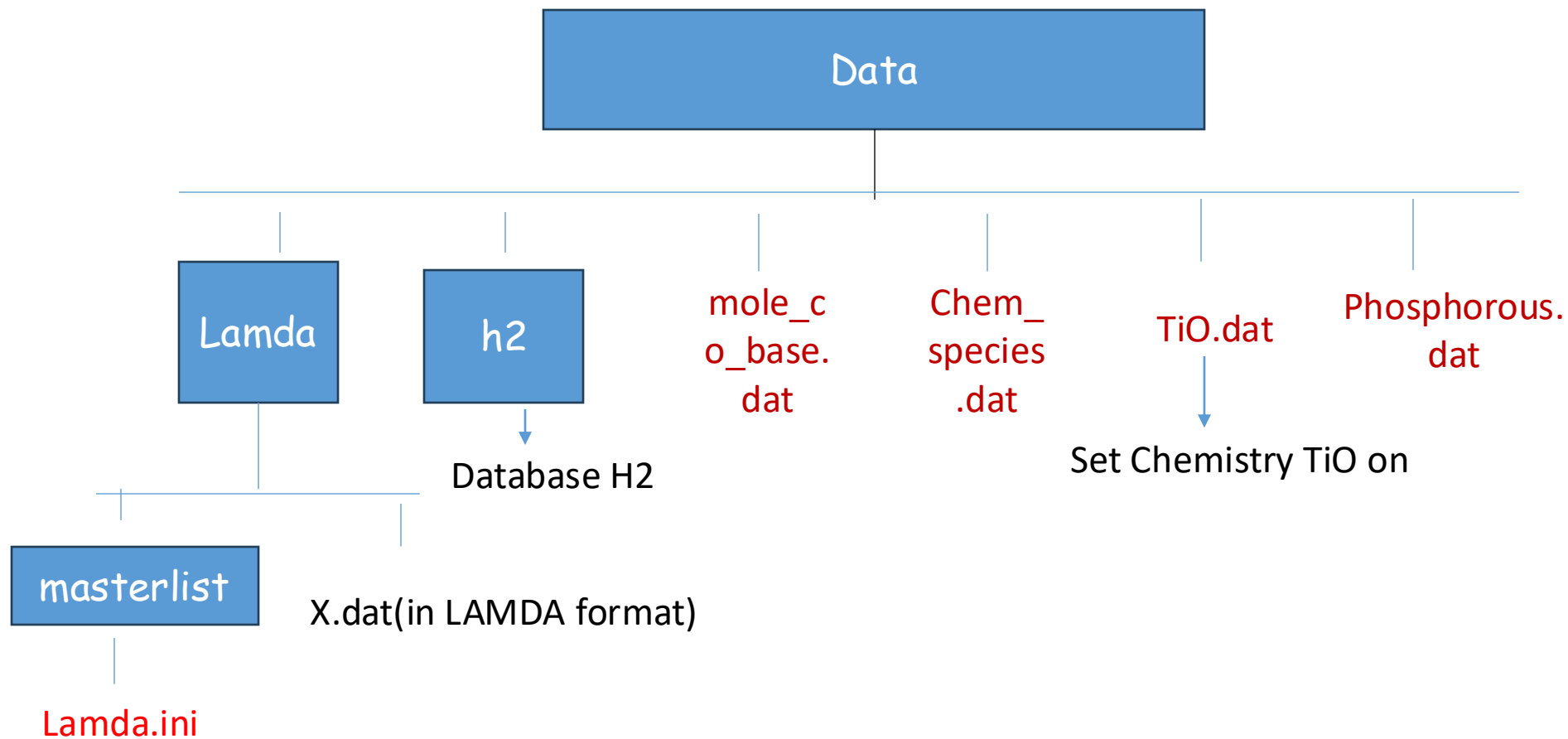
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Adding new molecules



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.dat

Run tsuite models and check asserts

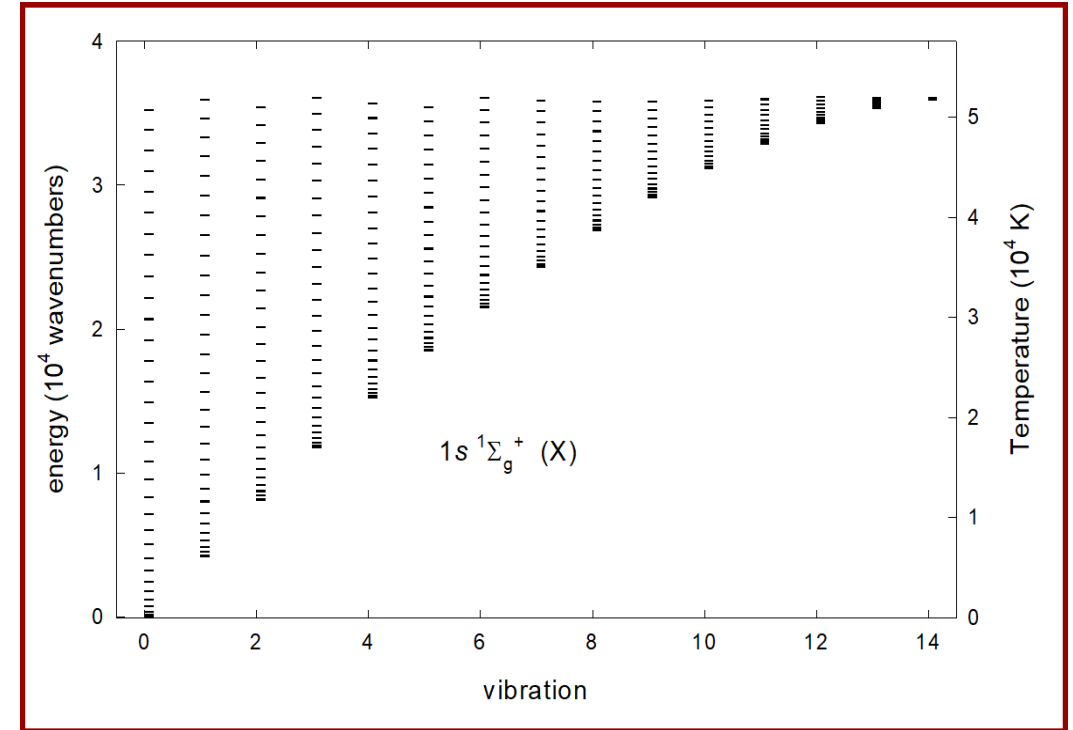
Hydrogen Molecule

- 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 H₂

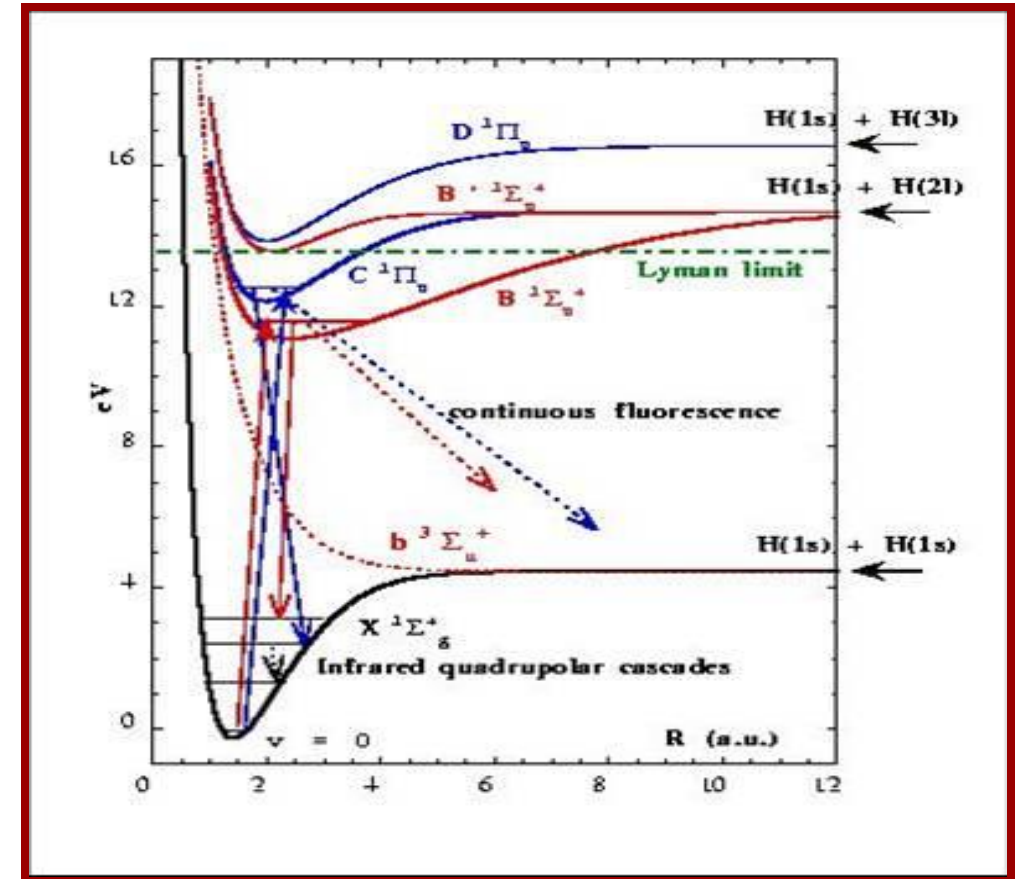
Formation of H ₂	Destruction of H ₂
• Catalysis on the grain surface $H + H + \text{grain} \rightarrow H_2 + \text{grain}$ • Radiative association processes i. $H^- + H \rightarrow H_2 + e^-$ ii. $H_2^+ + H \rightarrow H_2 + H^+$	• Solomon process • Direct photo-dissociation • Collisional dissociation

Shaw et al. 2005

DESTRUCTION OF H₂

Solomon process

- Molecular hydrogen is excited to $B^1\Sigma_u^+$ or $C^1\Pi_u^+$ 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 H₂

+ Collisional dissociation

Collisional dissociation by **H, He, H₂ and e⁻** are also possible from higher vib-rotational state

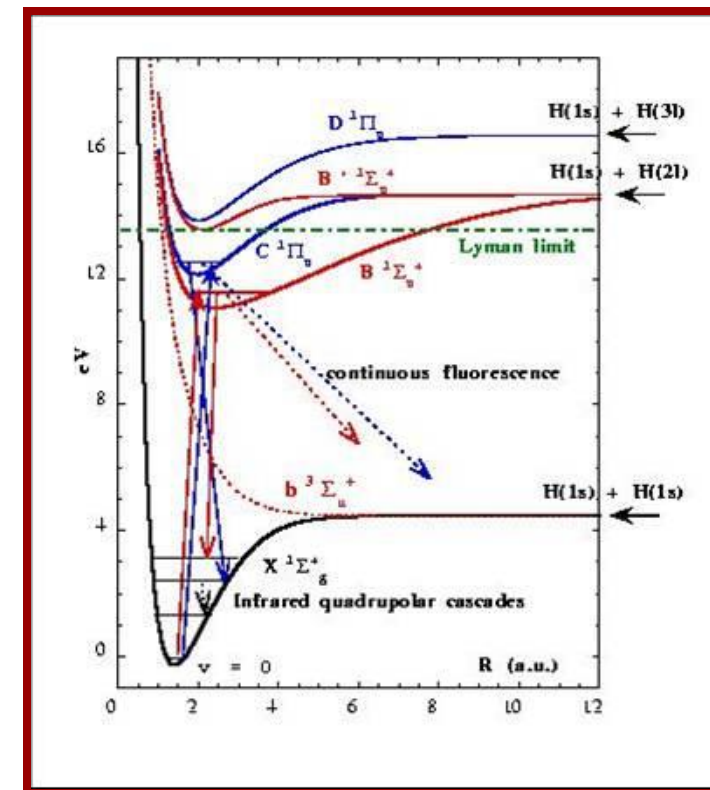
+ Pumping via X-ray electrons

Molecular hydrogen is excited to **B¹Σ_u⁺** or **C¹Π_u[±]** state by secondary electrons.

+ Excitation to the triplet **b** state

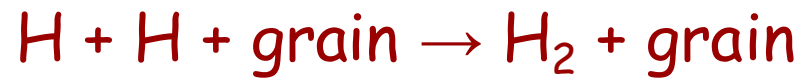
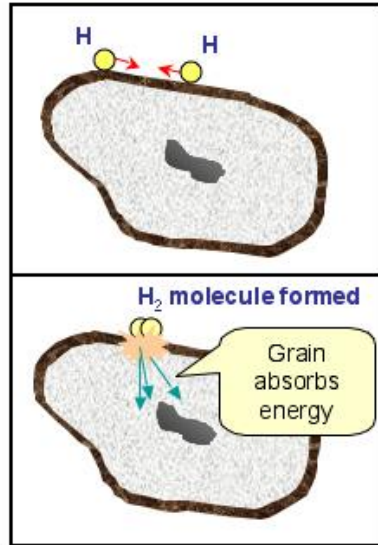
Molecular hydrogen is excited to triplet **b** state by energetic secondary electrons and is dissociated

+ Cosmic ray ionization

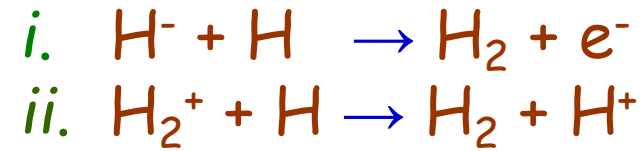


FORMATION OF H₂

Catalysis on grain surfaces



Other processes



Ortho-Para conversion

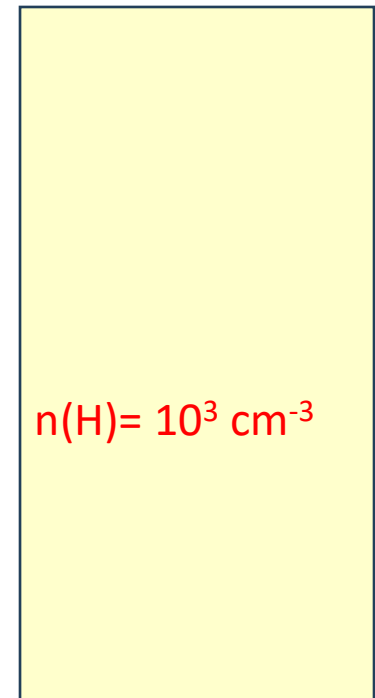
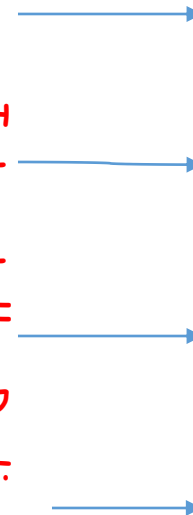
- ❖ No Radiative decay
- ❖ Exchange collisions between H_2 and H , H^+ and H_3^+
 - $H_2(v, J) + H \rightarrow H_2(v', J') + H$ (Sun & Dalgarno 1994)
 - $H_2(v, J) + H^+ \rightarrow H_2(v', J') + H^+$ (Gerlich 1990)
 - $H_2(v, J) + H_3^+ \rightarrow H_2(v', J') + H_3^+$ (Same as H^+)
- On grain surfaces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

Test model (input script)

```
title test_Lexington_2025
set save prefix "test_lexington"
# commands controlling continuum =====
Table ISM
# commands for density & abundances =====
# hydrogen density
hden 3.
abundances gass10 no grains
#
# commands controlling H2 =====
database h2
# commands controlling dust grains =====
grains ism
# command controlling cosmic rays
COSMIC RAYS BACKGROUND
CMB
# commands controlling Ti-Chemistry ====
set chemistry TiO on
# commands controlling stopping criteria ===
stop temperature 3 linear
stop Av 50
# commands controlling output =====
print line faint -7
print lines column
print lines sort wavelength
save overview ".ovr"
save continuum ".con"
save grain dust temperature ".grn"
save chemistry rates destruction ".H2d" "H2"
save chemistry rates creation ".H2c" "H2"
save H2 lines ".h2lin"
save H2 column density ".h2.col"
# test_lexington.in
```

Average Interstellar Radiation field



$n(\text{H}) = 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$A_v = 50$

CLOUDY_Lexington_2025

Test model (output)

```
==== H      compounds ====
H2      : 22.658  H2*      : 14.376  H2+      : 13.426  H3+      : 15.604

==== He     compounds ====
HeH+    : 9.623

==== Li     compounds ====
LiH     : 4.073  LiH+    : 1.911

==== C      compounds ====
CH       : 16.889  CH+     : 12.356  CH2      : 16.016  CH2+     : 12.332  CH3       : 15.048  CH3+     : 13.624  CH4       : 14.725  CH4+     : 9.686
CH5+    : 10.854  C2      : 17.369  C2+     : 11.561  C2H      : 16.458  C2H+     : 11.595  C2H2     : 12.090  C2H2+    : 12.887  C2H3+    : 9.298
C3      : 15.276  C3+     : 9.429  C3H      : 12.938  C3H+     : 11.499

==== N      compounds ====
NH       : 15.509  NH+     : 10.989  NH2      : 15.153  NH2+     : 11.617  NH3       : 14.231  NH3+     : 12.516  NH4+     : 9.682  CN        : 16.126
CN+     : 9.751  HCN     : 15.789  HCN+     : 10.389  HNC      : 15.865  HCNH+    : 12.142  HC3N     : 14.817  N2        : 18.004  N2+      : 13.071
N2H+    : 13.181

==== O      compounds ====
OH       : 15.333  OH+     : 11.435  OHgrn    : 15.249  H2O      : 15.977  H2O+     : 11.359  H2Ogrn   : 19.538  H3O+     : 12.418  CO        : 18.763
CO+     : 9.895  COgrn   : 18.390  HCO+     : 13.447  H2CO     : 9.902  CH3OH    : -19.493  NO       : 14.720  NO+      : 10.327  HNO       : 12.133
HNO+    : 9.220  OCN     : 10.396  OCN+     : 8.325  N2O      : 8.447  O2       : 14.285  O2+      : 9.375  NO2      : 9.936  NO2+     : 2.570

==== F      compounds ====
HF       : 14.292  HF+     : 6.045  H2F+     : 9.962  CF+      : 10.820

==== Ne     compounds ====
NeH+    : 12.913

==== Si     compounds ====
SiH      : 12.400  SiH2    : -18.584  SiH2+    : 9.593  SiC      : -35.930  SiC+     : 15.506  SiCH2+   : -35.930  SiC2     : -35.930  SiC2+    : -8.209
SiN      : 13.402  SiN+    : 11.305  SiNC     : -15.010  SiNC+    : 9.060  SiO      : 16.019  SiO+     : 10.384  SiOH+    : 11.490

==== P      compounds ====
PH       : 11.627  PH+     : 11.238  PH2      : 10.265  PH2+     : 8.958  PH3      : 9.716  PH3+     : 6.549  CP        : 11.519  CP+      : 5.278
HCP      : -35.930  HCP+    : 6.559  PN       : 15.213  PN+      : 10.413  PO       : 12.651  PO+      : 9.565

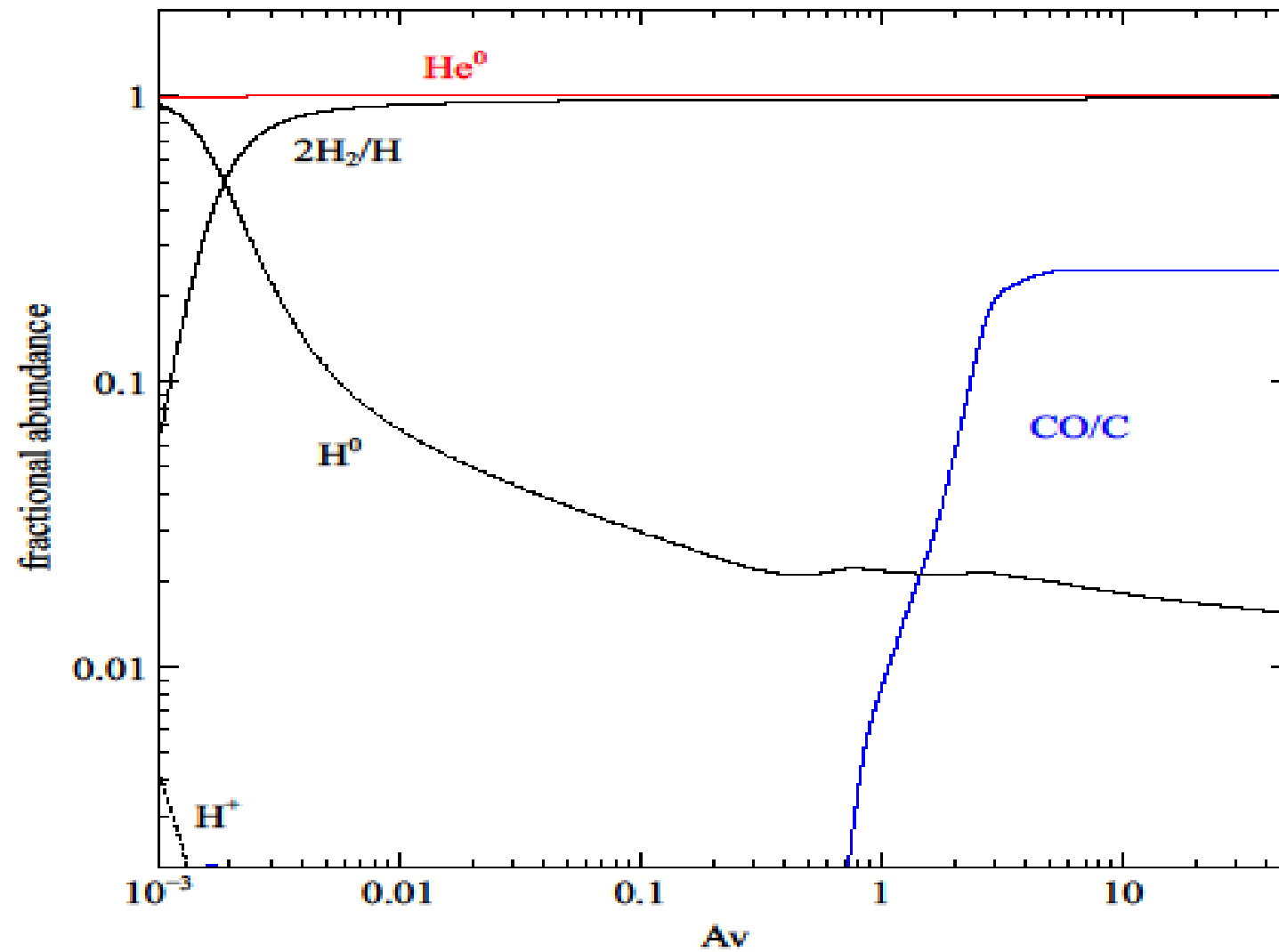
==== S      compounds ====
HS       : 13.990  HS+     : 12.844  CS       : 17.593  CS+      : 12.070  HCS+     : 13.816  NS       : 13.885  NS+      : 10.431  SO        : 14.020
SO+     : 10.121  OCS     : 12.705  OCS+     : 8.787  SO2      : -20.470  SiS      : 14.271  SiS+     : 8.409  HSiS     : -35.930  HSiS+    : 10.416
S2      : -12.181  S2+     : -13.798

==== Cl     compounds ====
HCl      : 14.186  HCl+    : 10.689  H2Cl+    : 11.416  CCl      : 10.948  CCl+     : 9.924  H2CCl+   : 6.951  ClO      : -28.998  ClO+     : -34.061

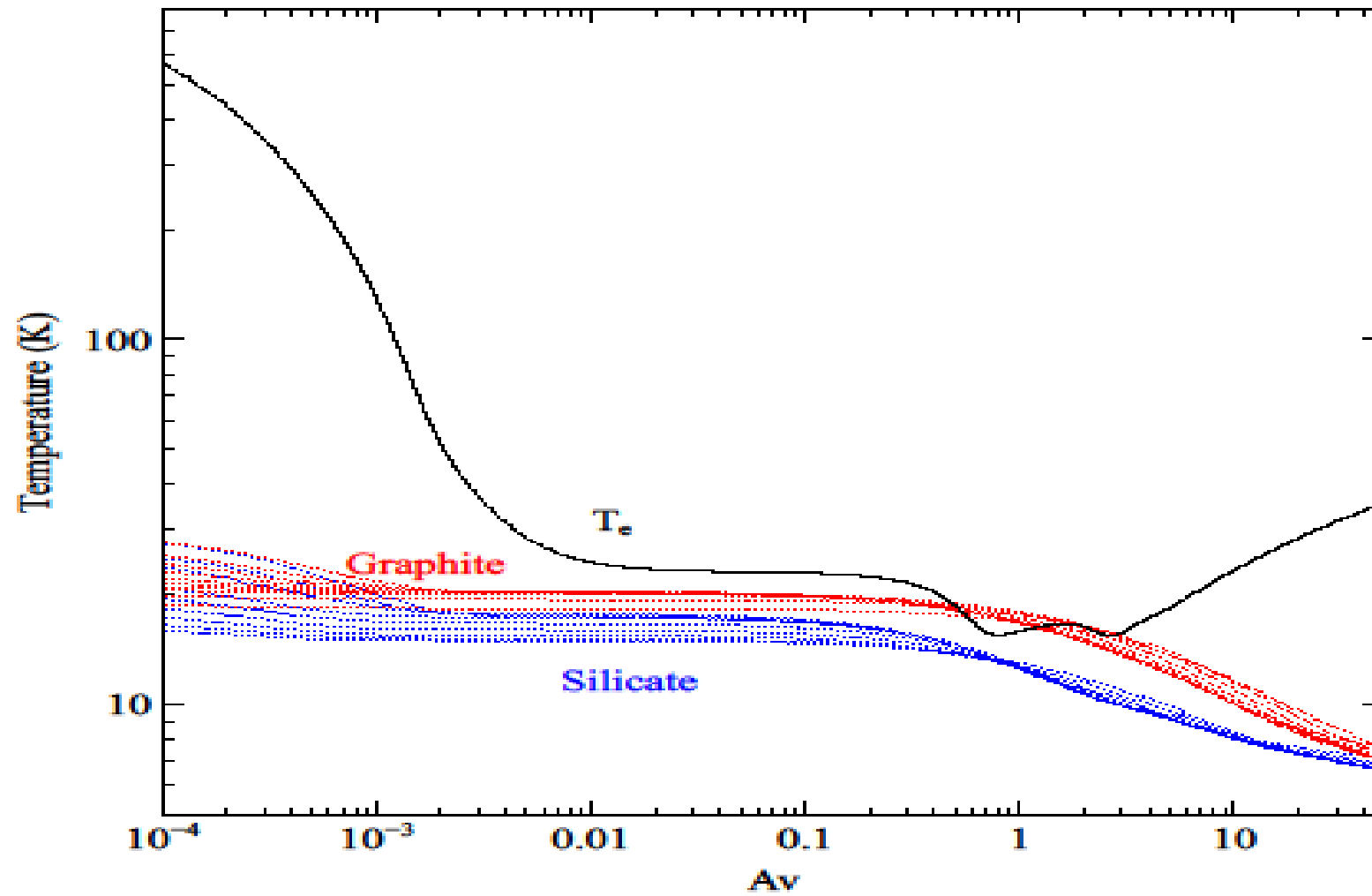
==== Ar     compounds ====
ArH+    : 9.501

==== Ti     compounds ====
TiH      : 8.407  TiH+    : 10.432  TiH2     : -35.930  TiH2+    : 7.572  TiC      : 13.992  TiC+     : 9.264  HCTi     : 14.111  HCTi+    : 10.948
TiC2     : 10.128  TiC2+   : 10.165  TiN      : 14.054  TiN+     : 10.172  HNTi     : -35.930  HNTi+    : 8.808  TiNC     : -35.930  TiNC+    : 10.038
TiO      : 13.190  TiO+    : 8.928  TiOH+    : 9.487  TiO2     : 9.819  TiF+     : 9.384  TiS      : 7.621  TiS+     : 5.901  HTiS+    : 4.388
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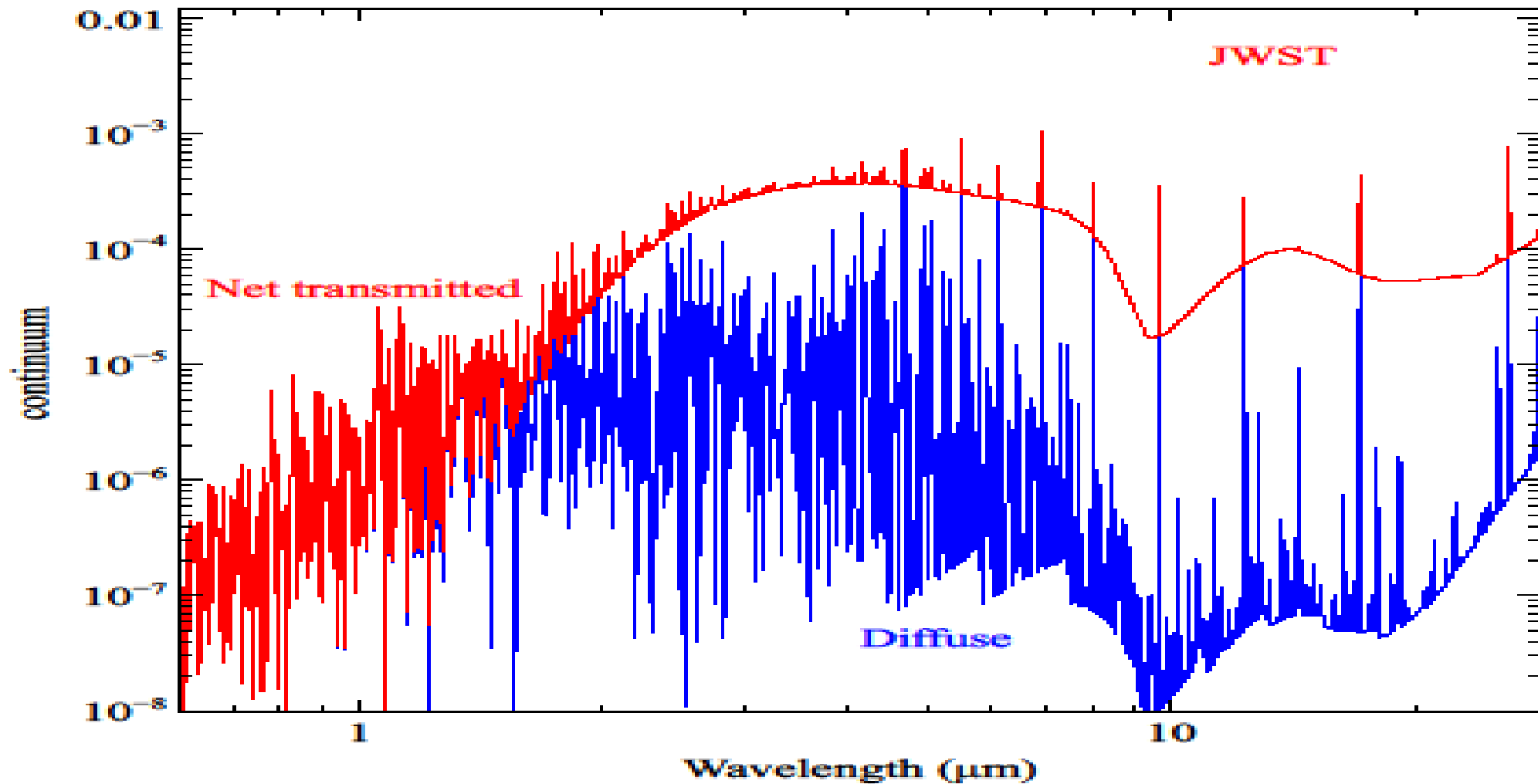


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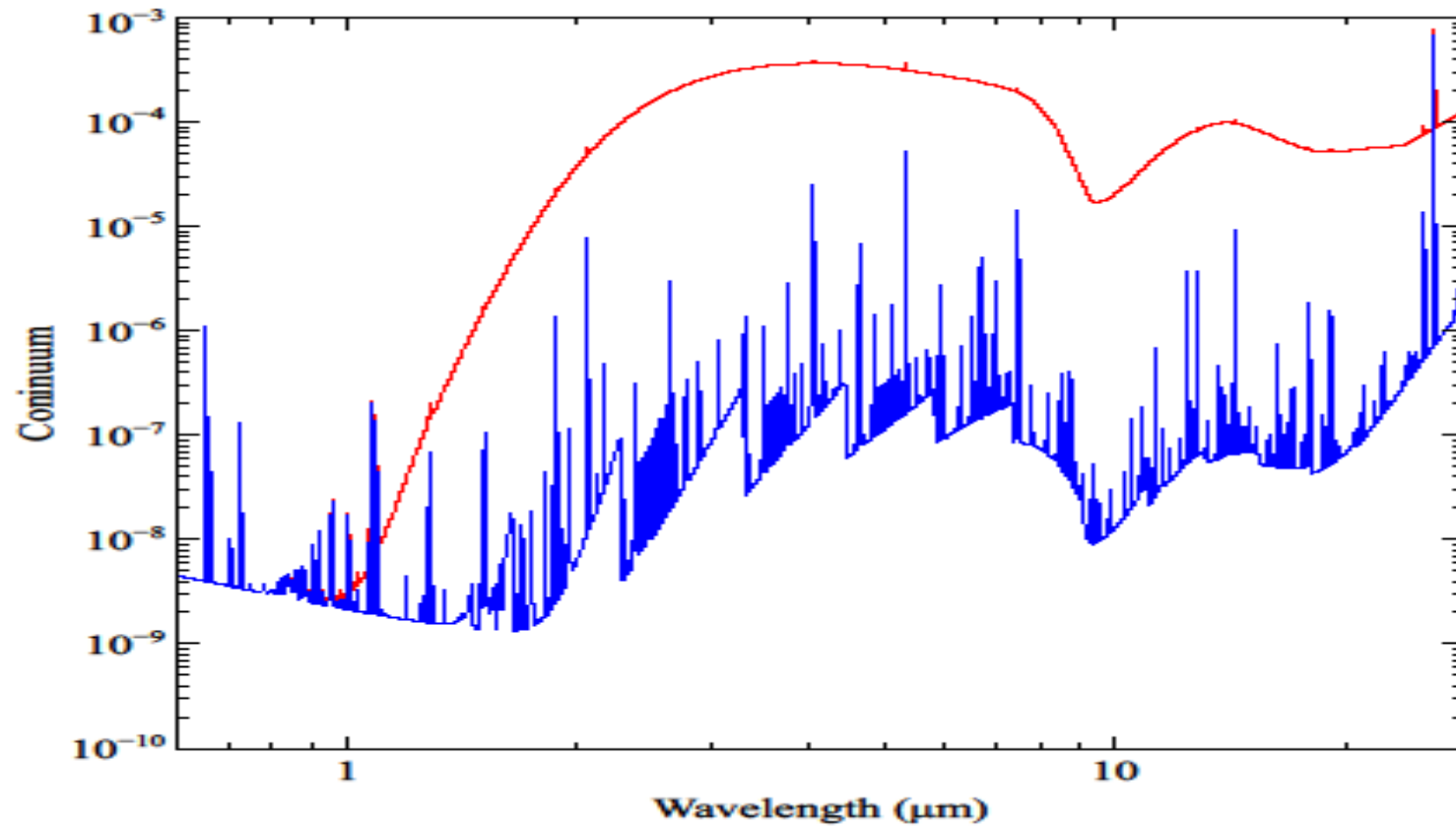


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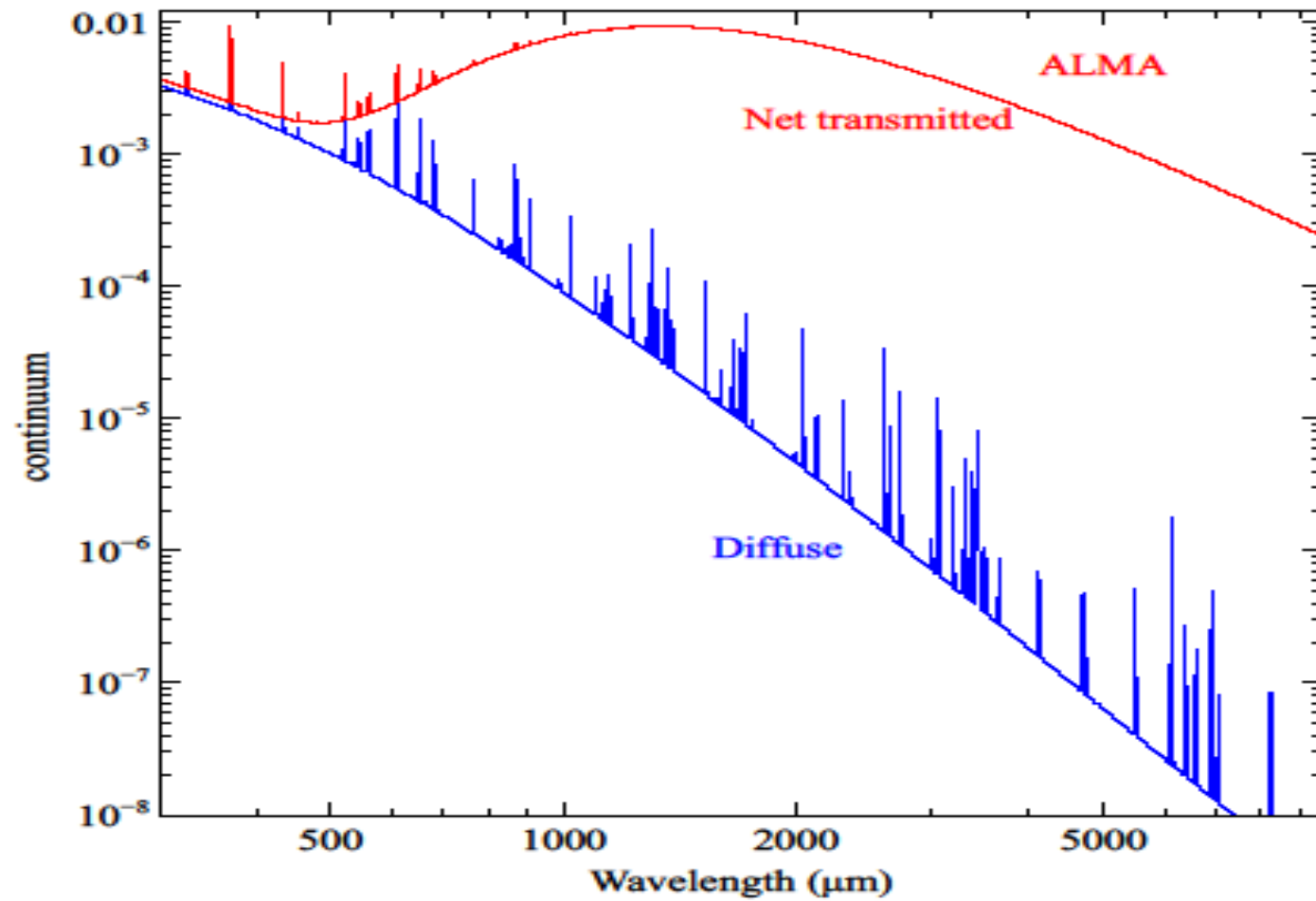


Test model (output)



Database H2 turned off

Test model (output)



Test model (output)

$\text{H}_2(0,J)$ column density

vib	rot	Ener(K)	colden	colden/stat wght	LTE colden	LTE colden/stat wght
0	0	0.0	4.258e+22	4.258e+22	4.406e+22	4.406e+22
0	1	170.5	2.922e+21	3.246e+20	1.443e+21	1.603e+20
0	2	509.9	1.117e+17	2.234e+16	3.153e+16	6.305e+15
0	3	1015.1	7.200e+16	3.428e+15	2.138e+14	1.018e+13
0	4	1681.6	5.316e+15	5.906e+14	8.449e+12	9.388e+11
0	5	2503.7	3.297e+15	9.990e+13	4.655e+12	1.411e+11

Test model (output)

#H2 line	Ehi	Vhi	Jhi	Elo	Vlo	Jlo	wl(ang)	wl(lab)	log L or I	I/Inorm
0-0 S(0)	0	0	2	0	0	0	282111.469	28.2111m	-6.683	0.04573
0-0 S(1)	0	0	3	0	0	1	170302.047	17.0302m	-5.403	0.8715
0-0 S(2)	0	0	4	0	0	2	122752.656	12.2753m	-5.626	0.5223
0-0 S(3)	0	0	5	0	0	3	96622.766	9.66228m	-5.176	1.469
0-0 S(4)	0	0	6	0	0	4	80228.539	8.02285m	-5.581	0.5782
0-0 S(5)	0	0	7	0	0	5	69076.25	6.90763m	-5.155	1.542
0-0 S(6)	0	0	8	0	0	6	61068.984	6.10690m	-5.623	0.5257
1-0 O(2)	0	1	0	0	0	2	26261.666	2.62617m	-5.985	0.2283
1-0 Q(1)	0	1	1	0	0	1	24059.354	2.40594m	-5.874	0.2948
1-0 O(3)	0	1	1	0	0	3	28017.521	2.80175m	-5.942	0.2522
1-0 S(0)	0	1	2	0	0	0	22226.836	2.22268m	-6.062	0.1912
1-0 Q(2)	0	1	2	0	0	2	24127.805	2.41278m	-5.894	0.2815
1-0 O(4)	0	1	2	0	0	4	30030.49	3.00305m	-6.012	0.2147
1-0 S(1)	0	1	3	0	0	1	21212.547	2.12125m	-5.658	0.4844

Future plans

- ✓ Currently only 47 out of the 191 molecules included in Cloudy have associated spectral lines. In the future, we plan to incorporate internal structures for the remaining molecules to enable the prediction of their spectral lines.
- ✓ In addition, we will include higher vibrational and rotational levels in the molecular models to better support the JWST observations.
- ✓ Currently we do not include formation of molecules on dust grains (except H₂). In future, we would like to include formation of molecules on dust grains.

Molecular Hydrogen

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