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#### Life cycle of Stars



#### Hydrogen Formation on Grain Surfaces

## $H + H + g \rightarrow H_2 + g$



Symmetry considerations and Pauli Principle

$$\begin{split} \psi_{\text{tot}} &= \psi_{\text{el}} \cdot \psi_{\text{vib}} \cdot \psi_{\text{rot}} \cdot \psi_{\text{nuc}} \\ \text{para} & \underset{J=0}{\text{even}} & \uparrow \downarrow - \uparrow \downarrow \text{ a} \\ \\ \text{ortho} & \underset{J=1}{\overset{\text{odd}}{\overset{}}_{J=1}} & \uparrow \downarrow + \uparrow \downarrow \text{ s} \\ \\ & \downarrow \downarrow \end{split}$$

#### Lowest Rotational States of H<sub>2</sub>





## **Chemical Clock**



Flower et al. A&A,449,621, 2006

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#### **Initial Reactions in Dense Interstellar Clouds**



D. Smith and P. Spanel, Mass Spectrometry Reviews, 14 (1995) 255-278.

#### Detection of H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> in the Diffuse Interstellar Medium Toward Cygnus OB2 No. 12

B. J. McCall,\* T. R. Geballe, K. H. Hinkle, T. Oka



# **Isotopic Fractionation**

# $H_3^+ + HD \rightarrow H_2D^+ + H_2$

E. Hugo, O. Asvany and S. Schlemmer, J. Chem. Phys. 130, Art.-No. 164302 (2009)



B. Parise, A. Belloche, F. Du, R. Güsten and K. Menten, A&A **526**, A31 (2011) C. Vastel and T.G: Phillips, APJ, **606**, L127 (2004)

#### **Primary Deuteration Reactions**



#### **Isotopic Fractionation** Ideal Case – Laboratory Situation

$$H_3^+ \xrightarrow{HD} H_2^+$$
  
 $H_2^+$ 

Equilibrium

$$[H_2D^+]/[H_3^+] = S(T) [HD]/[H_2]$$
  
 $S(T) = k_f/k_b$ 







Equilibrium

 $[H_2D^+]/[H_3^+] = S(T) [HD]/[H_2]$  $S(T) = k_f/(k_b + \alpha f_{e-} + k_M f_M)$ 

**Isotopic Fractionation** 



#### Astrophysical Observations



Bergin et al. The Astrophysical Journal, 557:209-229, 2001



Enhancement Factor



#### Deuteration of $H_3^+$



<u>Theory</u> (Thermodynamics)				
[H <mark>D</mark> ]/[H <sub>2</sub> ] T S(T)	3*10 <sup>-4</sup> 10 K 3.6*10 <sup>9</sup>			
[H <sub>2</sub> D <sup>+</sup> ]/[H <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> ]	<b>10</b> <sup>6</sup>			

# Experimental Method:

# **Electrodynamical Trapping**



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#### 22-Pole Low Temperature Ion Trap



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Example:  $H_2^+ + H_2 \rightarrow H_3^+ + H_3$ 





FAQ: Why 22 poles?



Gerlich, Herbst and Roueff, Planetary and Space Science 50, 1291 (2002)

#### Current Experiments with para- $H_2$ (J=0,2,...)





Gerlich, Herbst and Roueff, Planetary and Space Science 50, 1291 (2002)

#### **Experimental Results & Modelling**

Hugo et al., J.Chem.Phys. 2009, 130, 164302



# **Isotopic Fractionation** $H_3^+ + HD \rightarrow H_2D^+ + H_2$ and the $H_2 / H_2 D^+ OPR$

 $o/p-H_2D^+ + o/p-H_2 \rightarrow o/p-H_2D^+ + o/p-H_2$ 



#### Lowest energy levels of H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>







#### **Role of Nuclear Spin?**

#### Conservation laws: E, J, P, I, ...





# Laboratory Approach

## H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup> State Distributions

Translation Rotation Nuclear Spin



## **Light Induced Reactions**

#### Spectroscopy in Traps



#### relative B coefficients



transition	line position / cm <sup>-1</sup>	laser power / mW	meas B <sub>red</sub>	cale B <sub>not</sub>	1	
	line position / em	$H_2D^+$	moas D <sub>rel</sub>	care D <sub>rel</sub>		
$0_{00} \rightarrow 1_{11}$	6466.532	1.8	1	1		
$0_{00} \rightarrow 1_{01}$	6330.973	4.0	$0.32 {\pm} 0.02$	0.31		
$\mathbf{1_{11}} \rightarrow \mathbf{1_{10}}$	6303.784	5.0	0.29	0.29		
$\mathbf{1_{11}} \rightarrow \mathbf{0_{00}}$	6340.688	5.3	$0.27 \pm 0.03$	0.27		
$\mathbf{1_{11}} \rightarrow \mathbf{2_{02}}$	6459.036	4.1	$0.35 \pm 0.04$	0.34		Ť
		$D_2H^+$				
$0_{00} \rightarrow 1_{11}$	6536.319	1.6	1	1	$B_1$	B <sub>2</sub>
$0_{00} \rightarrow 1_{11}$	6482.033	3.8	$0.33 {\pm} 0.02$	0.32	1	2
				sign	al~B•po	⊨ p·P·k*

conclusions:

- 1) ab initio predicted (relative) B coefficients reliable
- 2) reaction probability independent of rovib. overtone excitation

#### Rotational Level Populations of H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup>



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#### **H**<sub>2</sub>**D**<sup>+</sup> **Detection in Space**





#### Light Induced Reactions probing H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup>



#### **Results**



O. Asvany et al., PRL 100, 233004 (2008)

 $\Delta = 62 \text{ MHz} (!)_{46}$ 



#### Protostellar Cloud Core I16293A





#### **Astrochemical Modelling**



Collaboration: Jorma Harju, Olli Sipilä, Paola Caselli 50



H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup> observations give an age of at least one million years for a cloud core forming Sun-like stars

S. Brünken et al. Nature doi:10.1038/nature13924

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#### High-Resolution Spectroscopy of Interstellar Molecules

**Cologne Astrophysics Group** Universität zu Köln



- Complex Molecules in Laboratory and Space Frank Lewen, Holger Müller, Christian Endres
- Carbon Chain Molecules
  Thomas Giesen
- Silcon Carbon Molecules
  Sven Thorwirth
- He-Clusters Leonid Surin
- Trap Experiments
  Sandra Brünken, Oskar Asvany, Pavol Jusko







#### **THz Action Spectroscopy**

LIR

#### **Frequency Comb**



Asvany et al. 2008, Phys Rev Lett

Gärtner et al. 2013, J. Phys. Chem. A Asvany et al. 2012, Rev Sci Instr

#### **Infrared Action Spectroscopy**

LIR



COLogne TRAP



2932.998459(7) cm<sup>-1</sup> T = 20.9 +/- 0.4 K

Asvany et al. 2012, Rev Sci Instr

#### Accuracy: 0.2 MHz

Asvany et al. 2013, Appl Phys B

#### **THz Action Spectroscopy**



2-photon LIR



Asvany et al. 2013, Appl Phys B Brünken et al. 2014, ApJL

Jusko et al. 2014, Phys Rev Lett