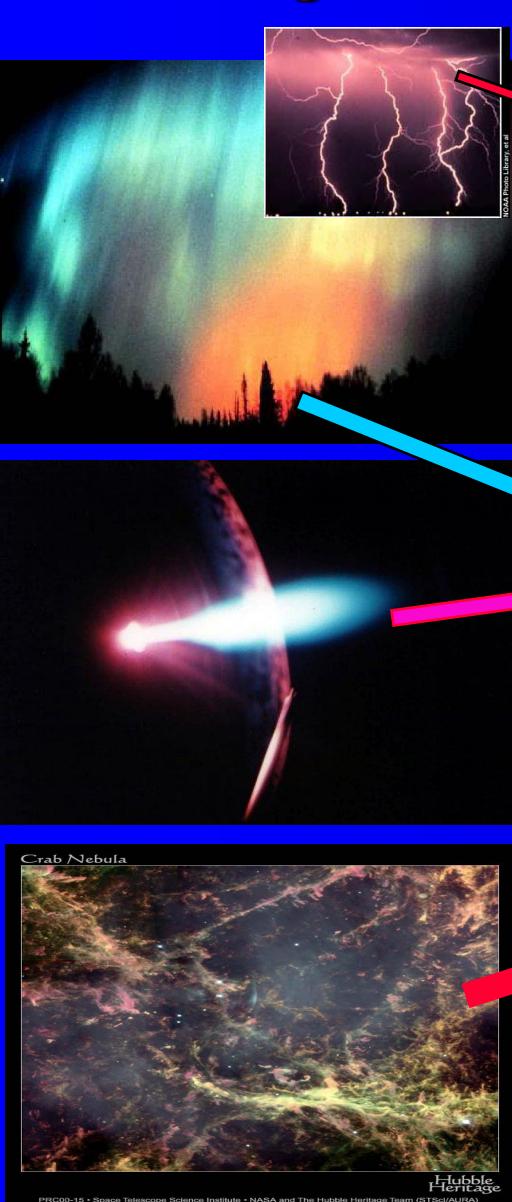


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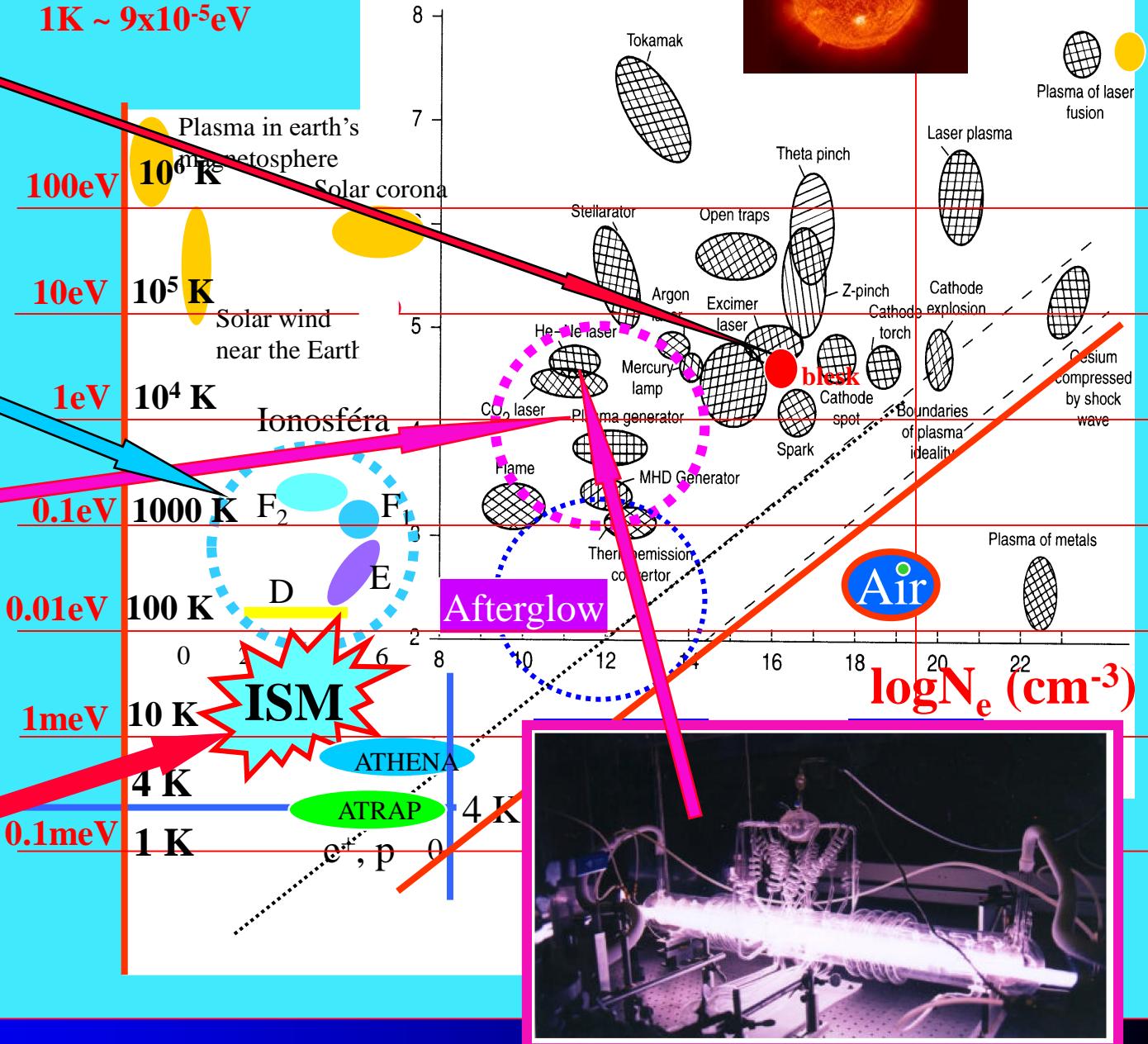
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# Temperatures and energies



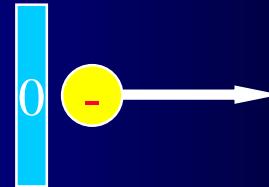
$E/k \leftrightarrow T$   
 $1\text{eV} \sim 11\,604.505 \text{ K}$   
 $1\text{K} \sim 9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$

$\log T_e (\text{K})$  Solar nucleus



# Electronvolt

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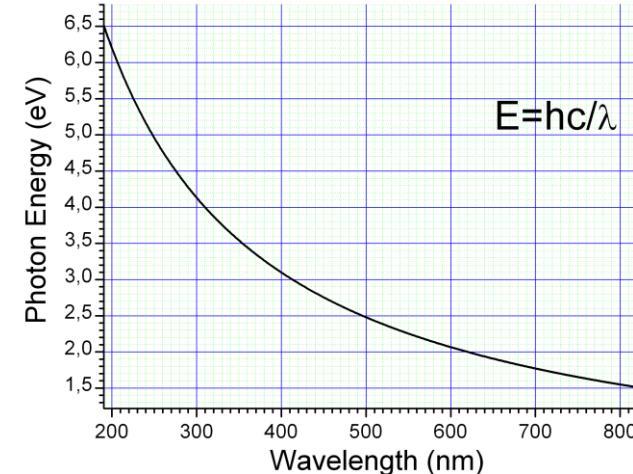
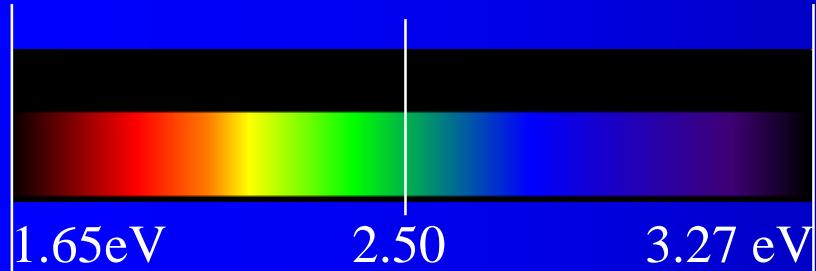


By definition, it is equal to the amount of kinetic energy gained by a single unbound electron when it accelerates through an electric potential difference of one volt

Conversion factors:

$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6021765(40) \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$  (the conversion factor is numerically equal to the [elementary charge](#) expressed in [coulombs](#)).  
 $1 \text{ eV}$  (per atom) is  $96.485 \text{ kJ/mol}$ .

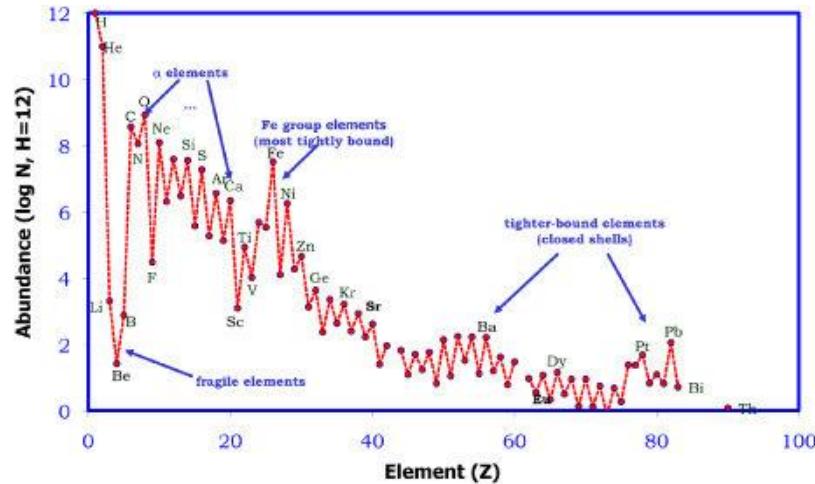
1.6 to 3.4 eV: the [photon energy](#) of visible light.



13.6 eV: The energy required to [ionize atomic hydrogen](#).  
[Molecular bond energies](#) are on the [order](#) of one eV per molecule

1 TeV: A trillion electronvolts, or  $1.602 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$ , about the kinetic energy of a flying [mosquito](#)

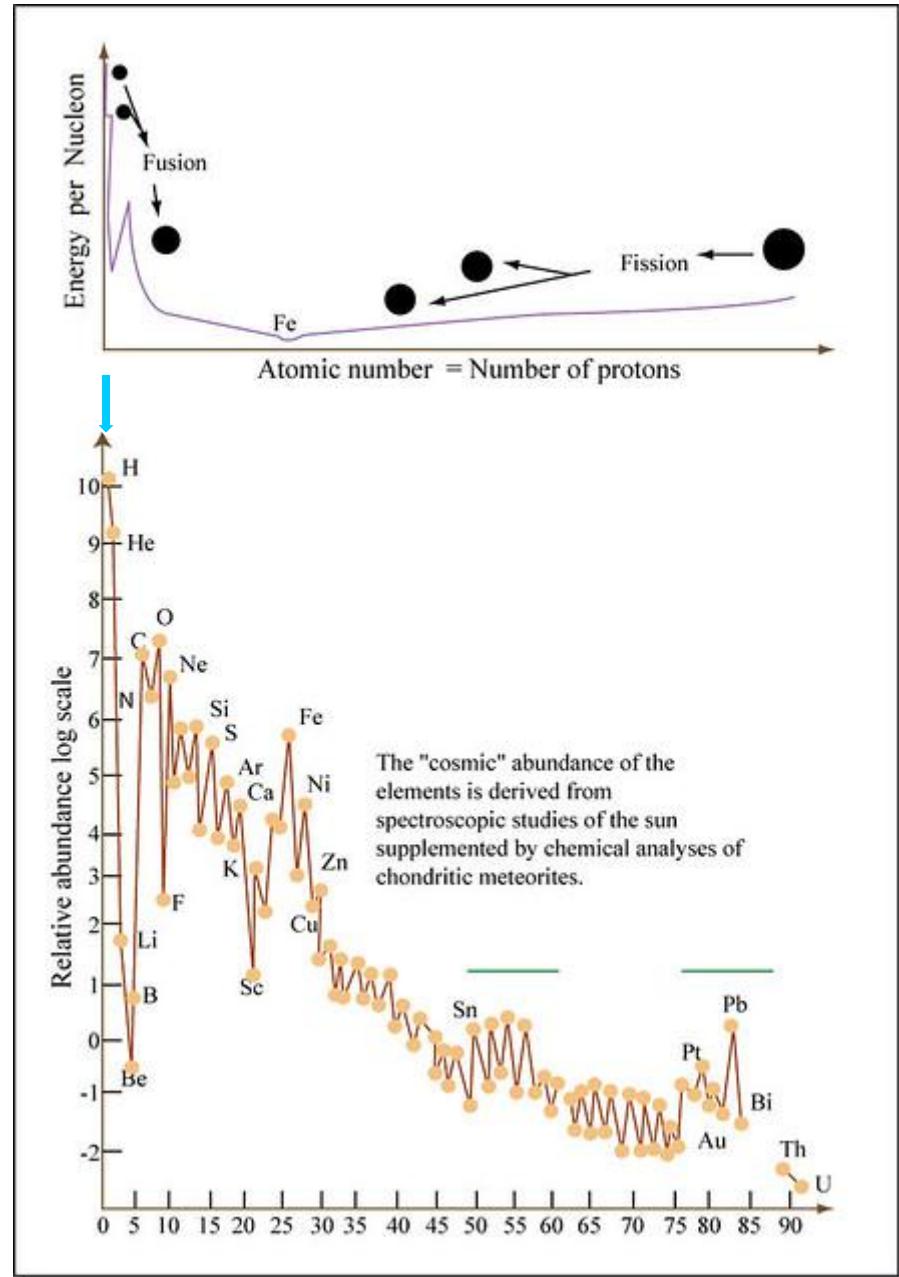
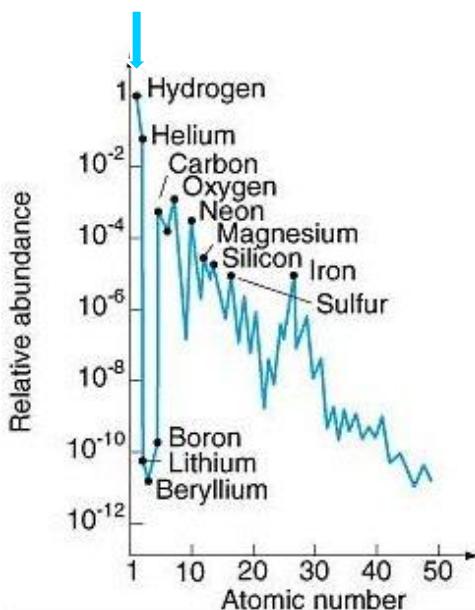
14 TeV: the design proton collision energy at the [Large Hadron Collider](#) (which has operated at half of the energy since March 30, 2010).



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The cosmic elemental abundances extend over 12 orders of magnitude.

# Interstellar medium

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Cosmic abundance

H

He

C N O Ne

Mg

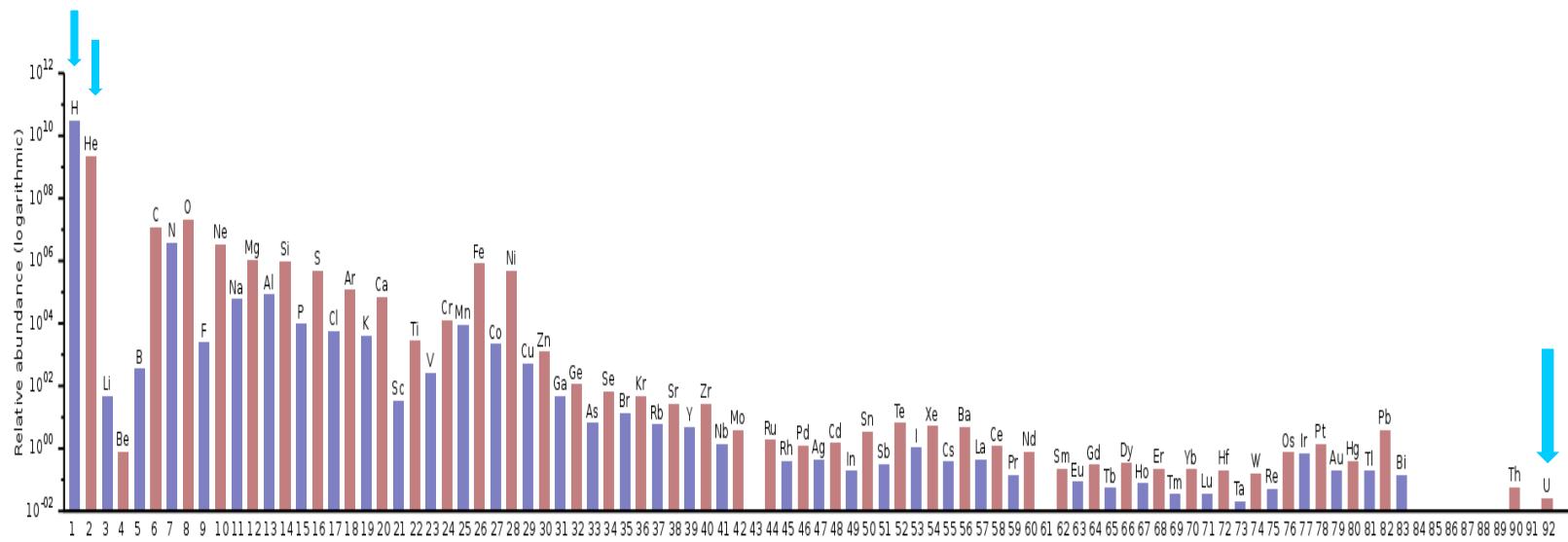
Si S Ar

Fe

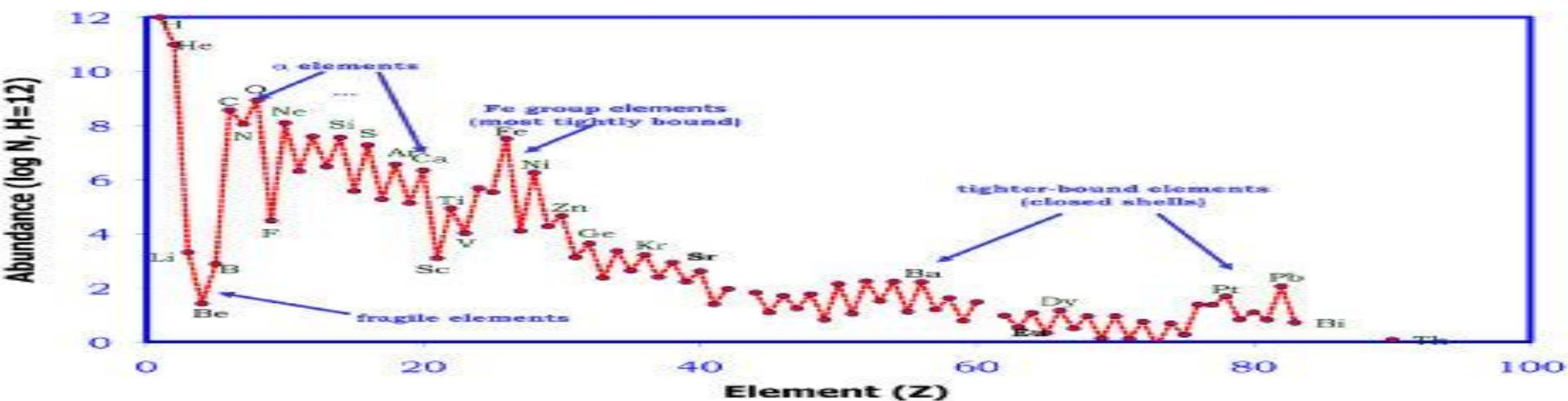


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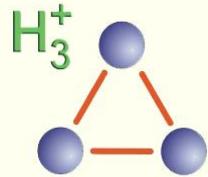
~0.005%.....D



Estimated abundances of the chemical elements in the Solar System  
(logarithmic scale)



The cosmic elemental abundances extend over 12 orders of magnitude.



# $\text{H}_2$ and $\text{H}_3^+$ Story



(IMR & Recombination of  $\text{H}_3^+$ )

## motto

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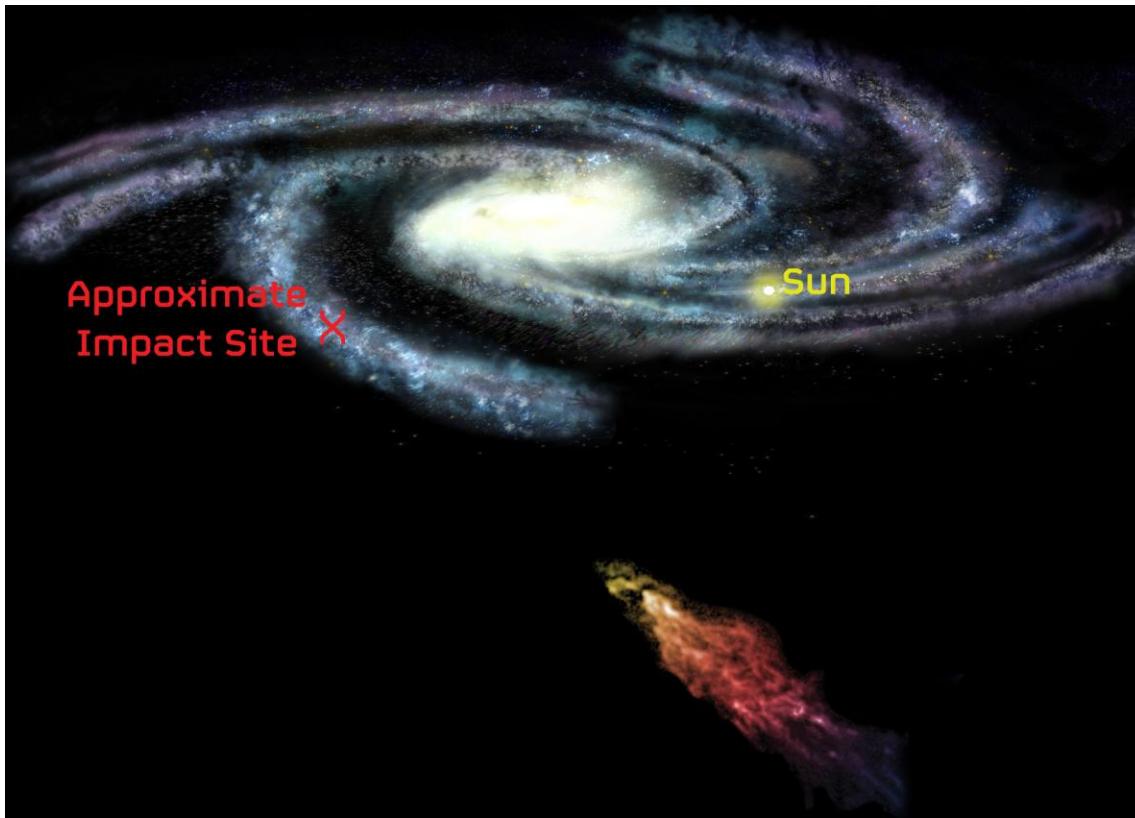
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Smith's Cloud

motivation?... \$\$\$ ? ....

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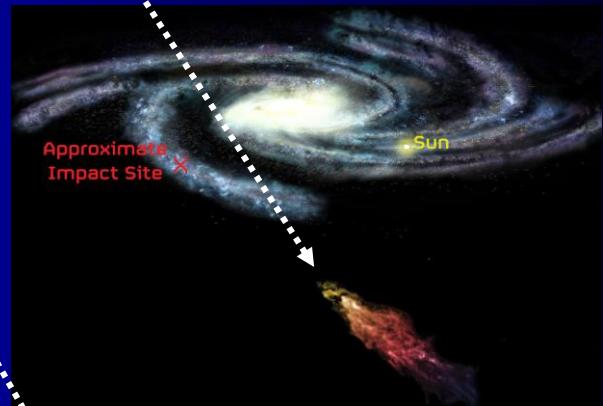


called Smith's Cloud, after the astronomer who discovered it in 1963, contains enough hydrogen to make a million stars like the Sun. Eleven thousand light-years long and 2,500 light-years wide, it is only 8,000 light-years from our Galaxy's disk. It is careening toward our Galaxy at more than 150 miles per second, aimed to strike the Milky Way's disk at an angle of about 45 degrees. Don't worry! It will hit 30,000 light years away from Earth.

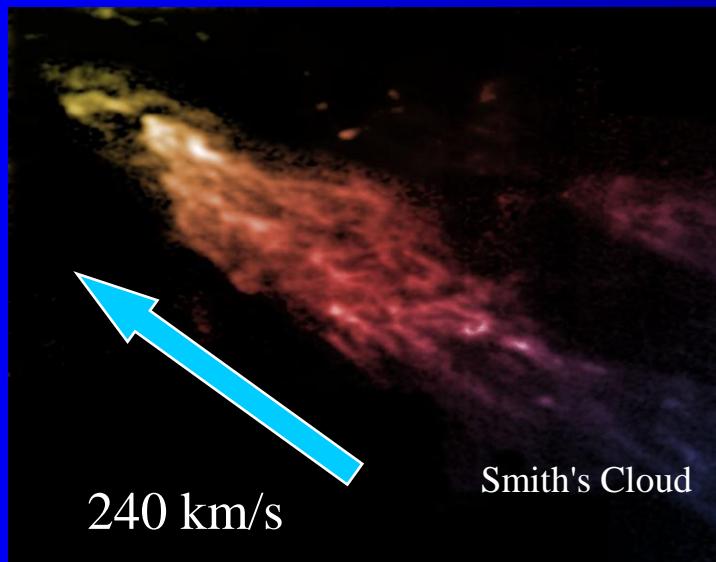
## .... What about energy...

# Smith's Cloud

Our Galaxy will get a rain of gas from this cloud, then in about 20 to 40 million years, the cloud's core will smash into the Milky Way's plane." The cloud will likely strike a region somewhat farther from the Galactic center than our Solar System and about 90 degrees ahead of us in the Milky Way disk. The collision may trigger a period of rapid star formation fueled by the new gas and the shock from the collision. Some theories say that the ring of bright stars near the Sun, called Gould's Belt, was created by just such a collision event.

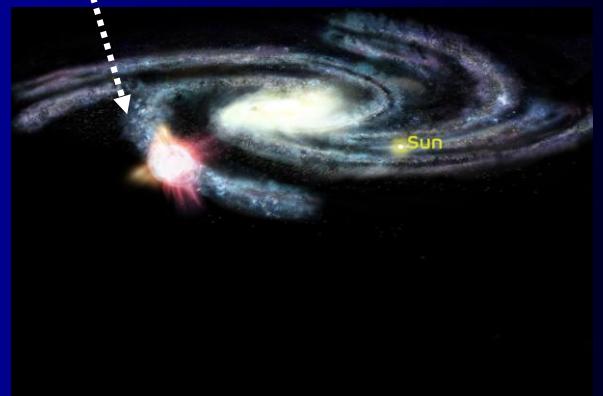
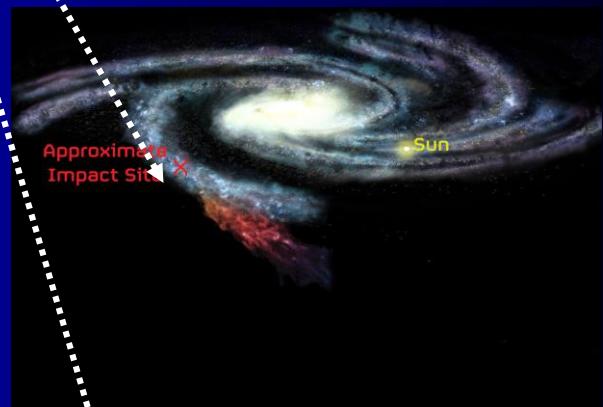


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240 km/s

240 km/s ~562 eV ~ $5 \times 10^6$  K

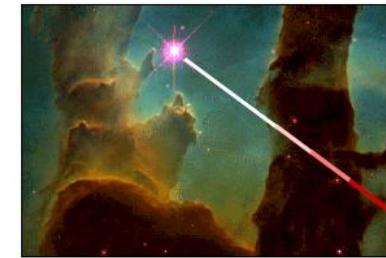


# Importance of Interstellar Hydrogen

H

He

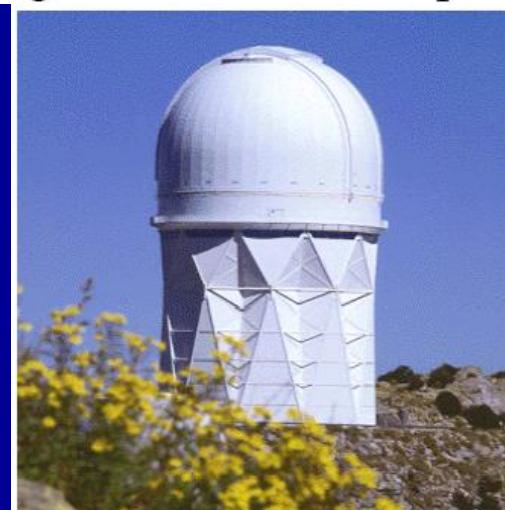
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C	N	O	Ne
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Mg	Si	S	Ar
Fe			



Subaru Telescope  
Mauna Kea, Hawaii



Integrated area of absorption lines



Nicholas U. Mayall Telescope  
Kitt Peak, AZ

United Kingdom Infrared Telescope  
Mauna Kea, Hawaii

# Importance of Interstellar $\text{H}_3^+$

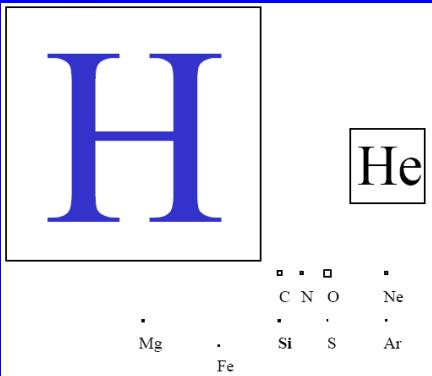
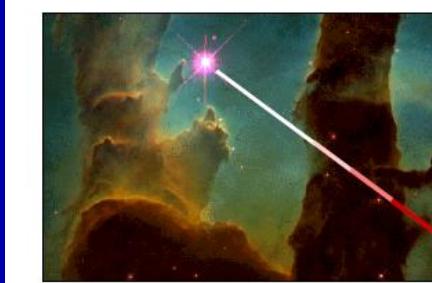
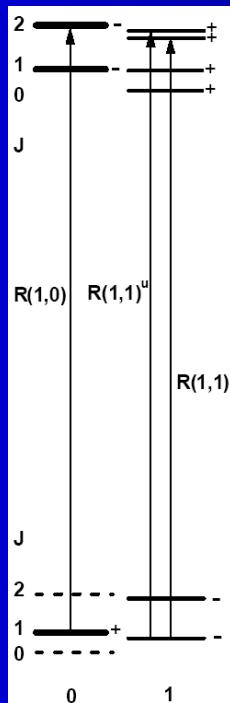


Table 2 Molecules detected in diffuse molecular clouds

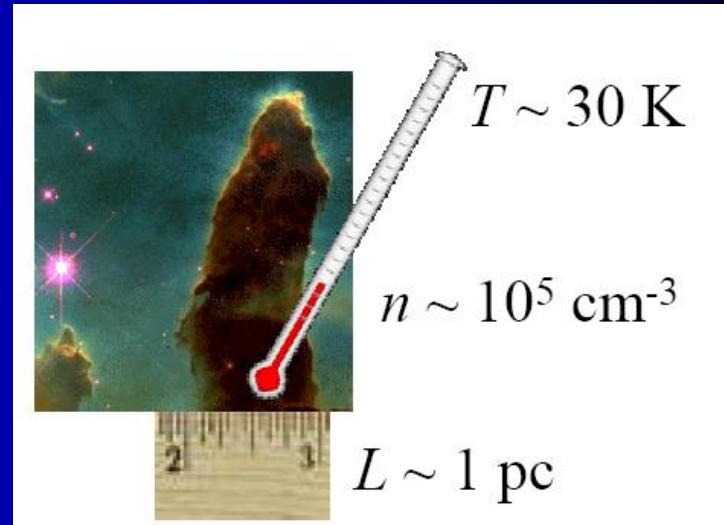
Weight	Species	Method	Target	$N(\text{X})/N_{\text{H}}$	Reference
2	$\text{H}_2$	UV	$\zeta$ Oph	0.56	1
3	HD	UV	$\zeta$ Oph	4.5 (-7)	2
3	$\text{H}_3^+$	IR	$\zeta$ Per	5.1 (-8)	3
13	CH	Optical	$\zeta$ Oph	1.5 (-9)	4
13	$\text{CH}^+$	Optical	$\zeta$ Oph	2.4 (-8)	5
14	$^{13}\text{CH}^+$	Optical	$\zeta$ Oph	3.5 (-10)	6
15	NH	Optical	$\zeta$ Oph	6.2 (-10)	7
17	OH	UV	$\zeta$ Oph	3.3 (-8)	8
24	$\text{C}_2$	Optical	$\zeta$ Oph	1.3 (-8)	9
25	$\text{C}_2\text{H}$	mm abs.	BL Lac	1.8 (-8)	10
26	CN	Optical	$\zeta$ Oph	1.9 (-9)	11
27	HCN	mm abs.	BL Lac	2.6 (-9)	12
27	HNC	mm abs.	BL Lac	4.4 (-10)	12
28	$\text{N}_2$	UV	HD 124314	3.1 (-8)	13
28	CO	UV	X Per	6.4 (-6)	14
29	$\text{HCO}^+$	mm abs.	BL Lac	1.5 (-9)	15
29	$\text{HO}^+$	mm abs.	BL Lac	2.2 (-11)	15
29	$^{13}\text{CO}$	UV	X Per	8.9 (-8)	16
29	$\text{C}^{17}\text{O}$	UV	X Per	7.4 (-10)	16
30	$\text{C}^{18}\text{O}$	UV	X Per	2.1 (-9)	16
30	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}$	mm abs.	BL Lac	3.7 (-9)	17
36	$\text{C}_3$	Optical	$\zeta$ Oph	1.1 (-9)	18
36	HCl	UV	$\zeta$ Oph	1.9 (-10)	19
38	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_2$	mm abs.	BL Lac	6.4 (-10)	10
44	CS	mm abs.	BL Lac	1.6 (-9)	20
64	$\text{SO}_2$	mm abs.	BL Lac	$\leq 8.2$ (-10)	20



Subaru Telescope  
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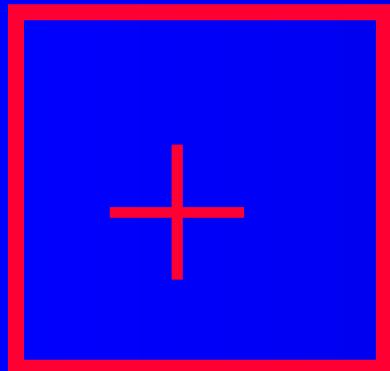


Integrated area of absorption lines

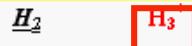


Plasma

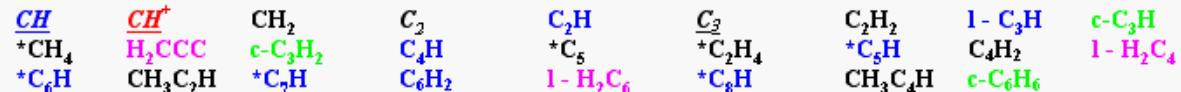
# Plasma.



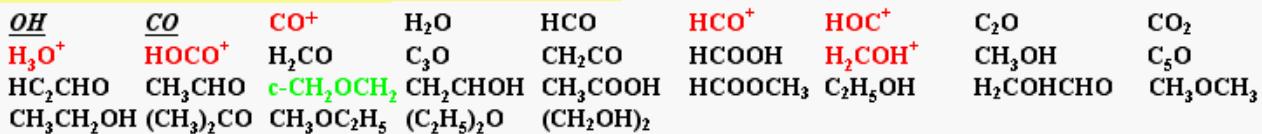
## Hydrogen containing molecules



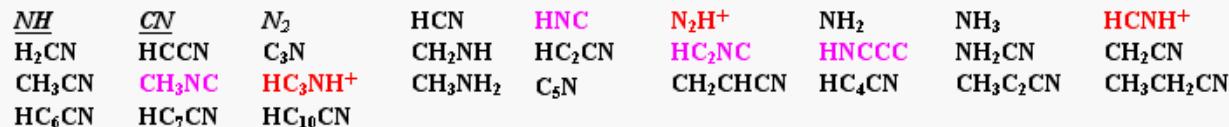
## Hydrogen + carbon containing molecules



## Hydrogen + oxygen + carbon containing molecules



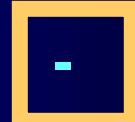
## Hydrogen + nitrogen + carbon containing molecules



## Hydrogen + nitrogen + oxygen + carbon containing molecules



## Other species



## Motivations

- $\text{H}_3^+$  is the cornerstone of ion-molecule reactions in the interstellar medium (ISM)
- Simple chemistry allows for the inference of various physical parameters (density, temperature, ionization rate, cloud size)

Table 1 Classification of Interstellar Cloud Types

	Diffuse Atomic	Diffuse Molecular	Translucent	Dense Molecular
Defining Characteristic	$f^n_{\text{H}_2} < 0.1$	$f^n_{\text{H}_2} > 0.1 \ f^n_{\text{C}+} > 0.5$	$f^n_{\text{C}+} < 0.5 \ f^n_{\text{CO}} < 0.9$	$f^n_{\text{CO}} > 0.9$
$A_V$ (min.)	0	$\sim 0.2$	$\sim 1\text{--}2$	$\sim 5\text{--}10$
Typ. $n_{\text{H}}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	10–100	100–500	500–5000?	$> 10^4$
Typ. T (K)	30–100	30–100	15–50?	10–50
Observational Techniques	UV/Vis HI 21-cm	UV/Vis IR abs mm abs	Vis (UV?) IR abs mm abs/cm	IR abs mm cm



The Orion molecular clouds

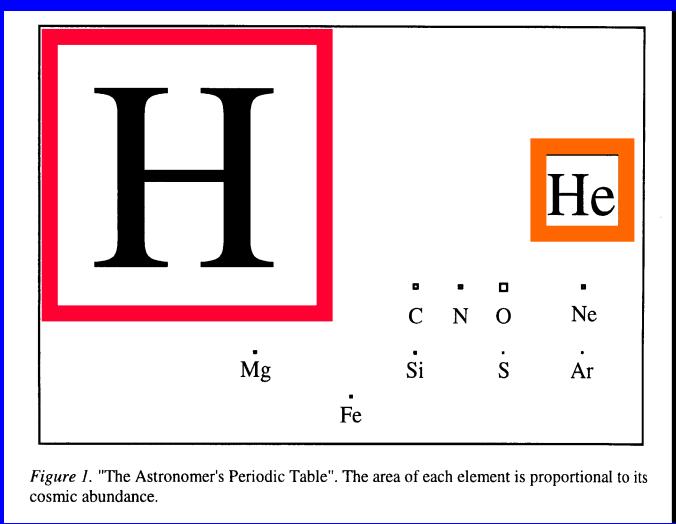
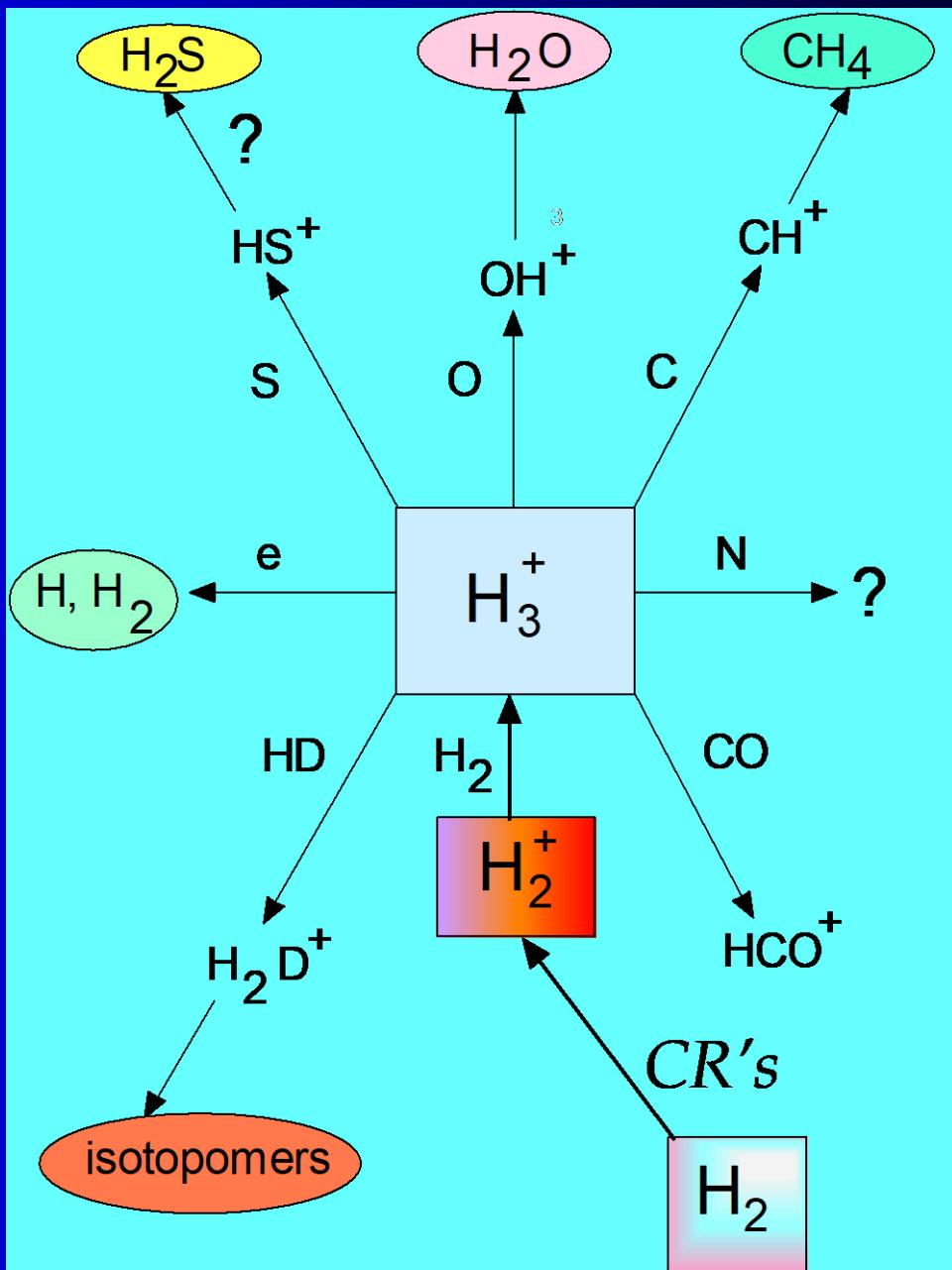


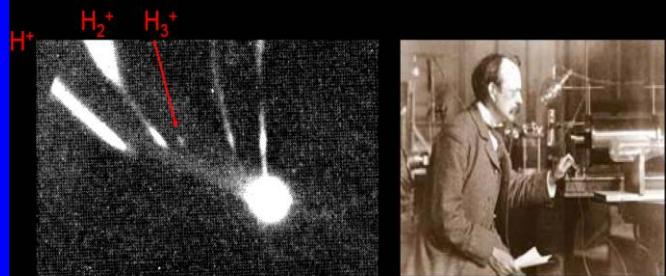
Figure 1. "The Astronomer's Periodic Table". The area of each element is proportional to its cosmic abundance.



# History of H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

J. J. Thomson

1912

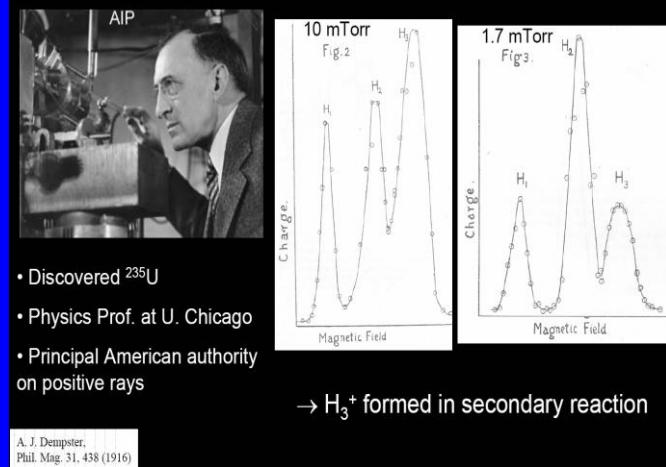


*Existence of H<sub>3</sub>.*—On several plates taken when the discharge-tube contains hydrogen, the existence of a primary line for which  $m/e = 3$  has been detected. There can, I think, be little doubt that this line is due to H<sub>3</sub>. The existence of this substance is interesting from a chemical point of view, as it is not possible to reconcile its existence with the ordinary conceptions about valency, if hydrogen is regarded as always monovalent. The polymeric modification of hydrogen seems to require special conditions for its formation, for it cannot be detected on many of the plates taken with hydrogen in the tube.

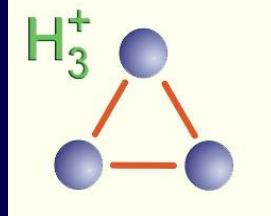
J. J. Thomson.  
Phil. Mag. 24, 209 (1912)

**m=3**

Arthur J. Dempster 1916



1935 Charles A. Coulson



- First Ph.D. student of Lennard-Jones
- First ab initio calculation on a polyatomic molecule
- "It appears that the ion H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> should exist in stable equilateral form with a nuclear distance about 0.85 Å, and that all excited levels are unstable."
- Prediction not accepted by Eyring, Hirschfelder, and others
- With advent of computers, prediction was confirmed (Christoffersen, Hagstrom, & Prosser 1964, Conroy 1964)

C. A. Coulson.  
Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. 31, 244 (1935)



- No excited electronic state
- No dipole moment in ground state  
– → no pure rotational spectrum
- $\nu_1$  symmetric stretch - infrared inactive
- $\nu_2$  vibration fundamental band feasible freq.  $\sim 2700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Intensive laboratory search for H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> spectra

1912 1920 1930 ..... 1970 1980



# $H_3^+$ in Interstellar space

## Interstellar $H_3^+$

1961

### ON THE POSSIBLE OCCURRENCE OF $H_3^+$ IN INTERSTELLAR SPACE

The possibilities for detection of the molecular ion  $H_2^+$  by radio-astronomical techniques have recently received considerable attention, and theoretical predictions of the spectrum have been made by Mizushima (1961) and by Burke (1961). Recent work on ion-molecule reactions indicates that the molecular ion  $H_3^+$  may also be expected in interstellar space. In fact, with the presence of quantities of molecular hydrogen,  $H_2^+$  will react to form  $H_3^+$ .

Formation of  $H_3^+$  through the reaction  $H_2^+ + H_2 \rightarrow H_3^+$  has been observed independently by Stevenson and Schissler (1958) and by Barnes, Martin, and McDaniel (1961). The cross-section for this reaction has been found to have a remarkably large value of the order of  $10^{-14} \text{ cm}^2$  at normal thermal energies. This is much greater than the gas-kinetic cross-section for neutral hydrogen molecules. The cross-section for  $H_3^+$  formation by this reaction varies inversely with the relative velocity of the  $H_2^+$  ion and the hydrogen molecule (Stevenson and Schissler 1958; Lampe and Field 1959). The experimental work of Barnes, Martin, and McDaniel furthermore shows that  $H_3^+$  ions persist over very many subsequent collisions with hydrogen molecules. The  $H_3^+$  ion is stable against spontaneous dissociation. Its binding energy of 4.18 ev (Varney 1960) exceeds that of  $H_2^+$  (2.65 ev), so the formation reaction is exoergic (Hirschfelder, Curtiss, and Bird 1954).

Thus it may be expected that  $H_2^+$  will be converted to  $H_3^+$  upon encounter with a hydrogen molecule, and the population of  $H_3^+$  will be very strongly influenced by the density of neutral molecular hydrogen. It now appears desirable to consider the possibilities for detecting  $H_3^+$  because this molecular ion may be present under some circumstances to the virtual exclusion of  $H_2^+$ .

D. W. MARTIN  
E. W. McDANIEL  
M. L. MEEKS

June 13, 1961

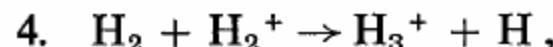
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Martin, McDaniel, & Meeks,  
*Astrophys. J.* 134, 1012 (1961)

## Interstellar Chemistry

1973

Another important subclass of reactions are those involving  $H_3^+$ . This ion is produced by the well-studied reaction



and then reacts with many neutral species according to the general formula



where  $X = CO, N_2, H_2O, NH_3$ , etc. These reactions have been studied by Burt *et al.*

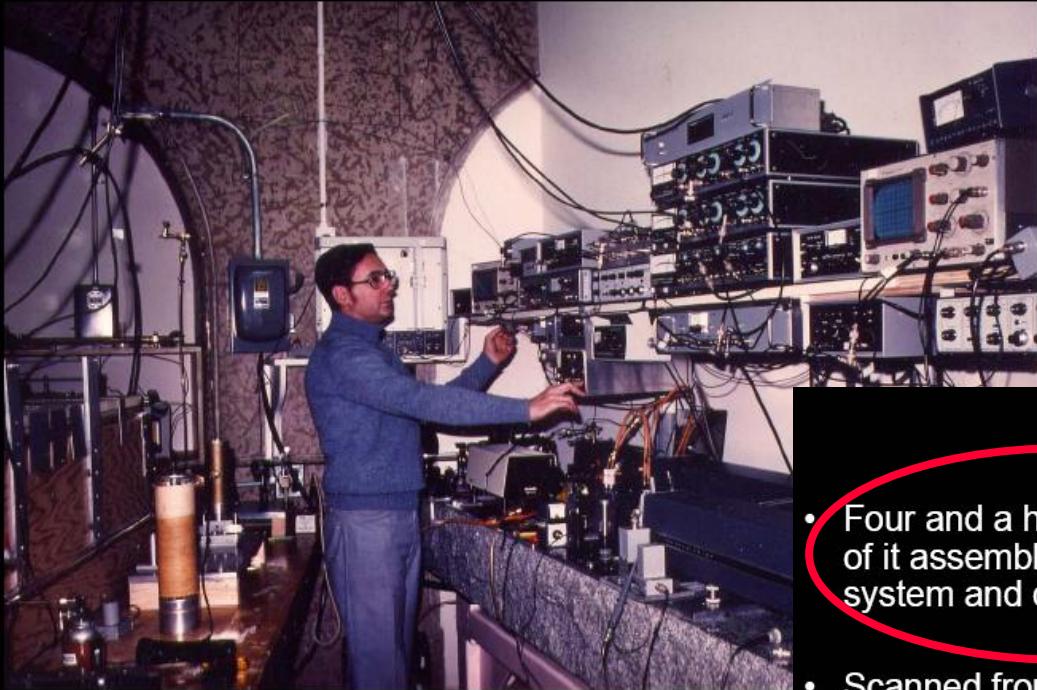
E. Herbst & W. Klemperer,  
Astrophys. J. 185, 505 (1973)

also: W. D. Watson  
Astrophys. J. 183, L17 (1973)

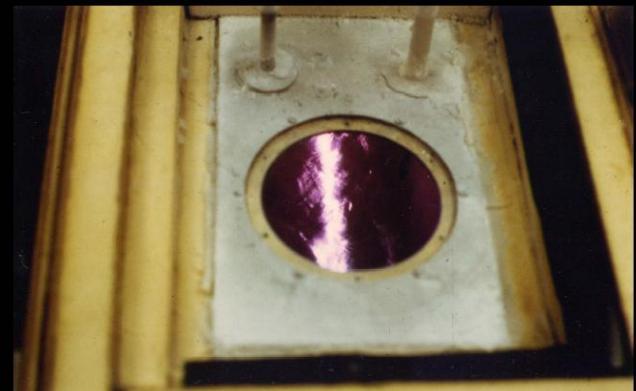
- $H_3^+$  “universal protonator”
  - $H_3^+ + O \rightarrow H_2 + OH^+$
  - $OH^+ + H_2 \rightarrow H + H_2O^+$
  - $H_2O^+ + H_2 \rightarrow H + H_3O^+$
  - $H_3O^+ + e^- \rightarrow H_2O + H$
- Origin of Earth's water (?)

# Search for H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> in laboratory

## Oka's Search for H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>



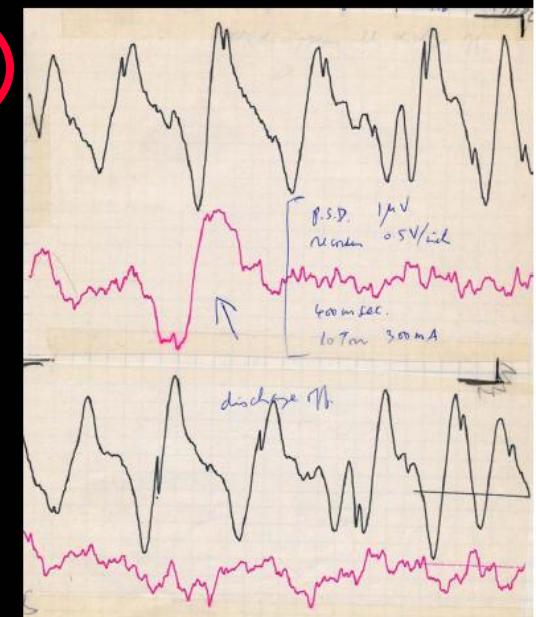
### Positive Column Discharge



Every morning, he transferred six 50 liter cans of liquid nitrogen to the laboratory!

### The Long Search

- Four and a half years. Much of it assembling the DF system and discharge cell.
- Scanned from:
  - 6/12-8/3 (1978)
  - 12/18-1/26 (1978-79)
  - 4/24-12/18 (1980)
- R(1,0) April 25, 1980.
  - Oka and Allen Karabonik in lab
  - Keiko came in at 10 pm
- Watson assigned it overnight



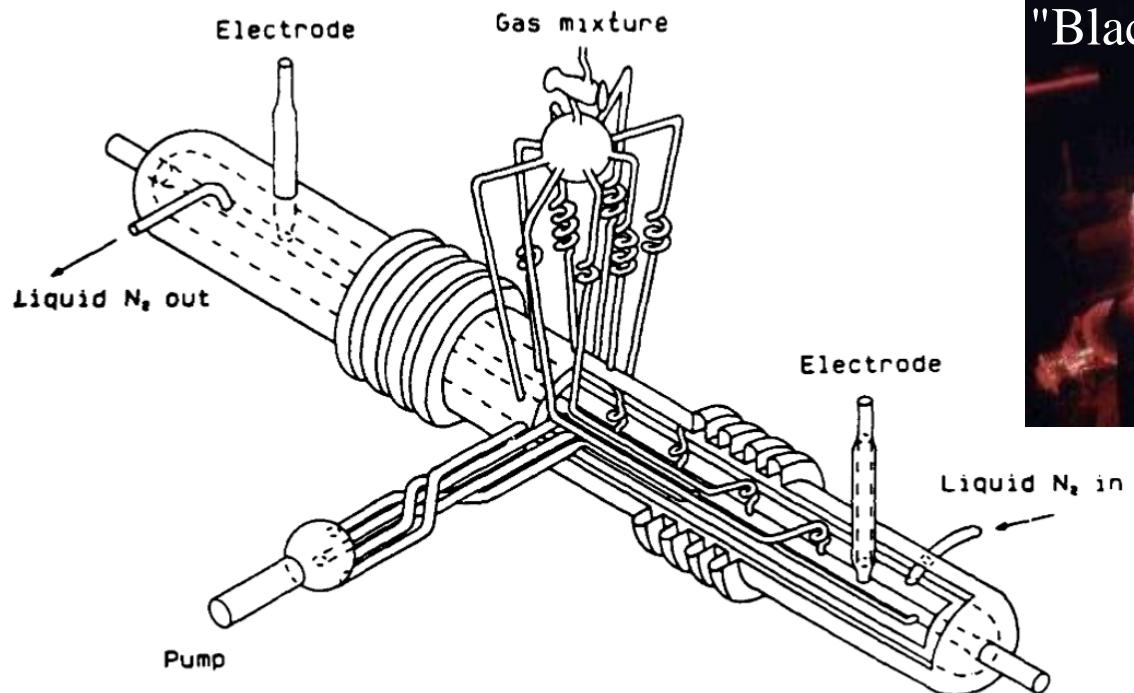


Fig. 8. The multiple inlet-outlet liquid nitrogen cooled plasma tube (nicknamed "Black Widow").

# Aastrophysical – Observations of $\text{H}_3^+$ ( v=0)

1912 .. 1916 ... 1935 .....

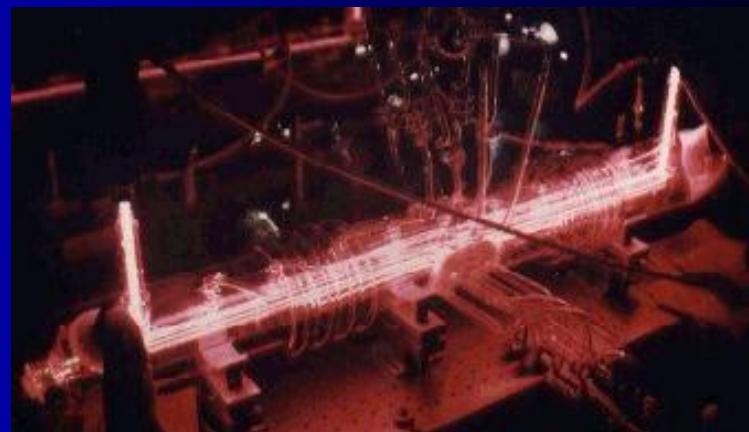
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"Black Widow"

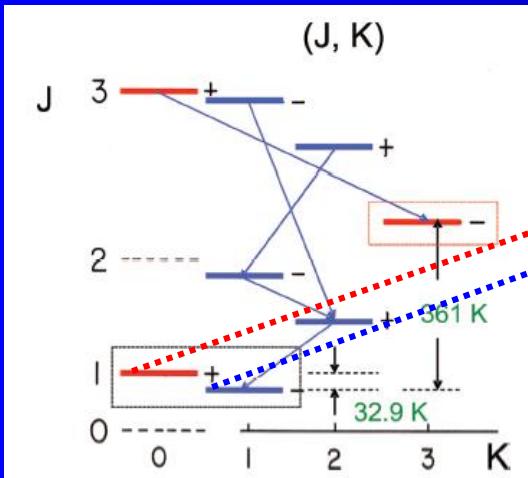
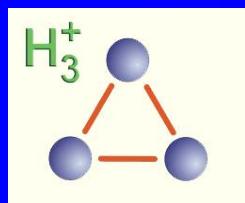
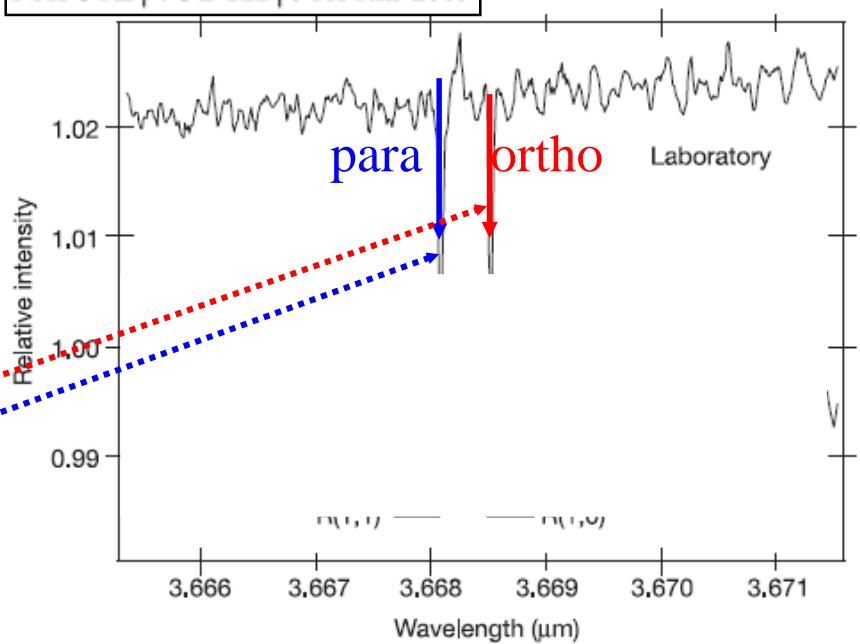
## 1980 - Laboratory

### T. Oka -IR Spectroscopy Observation of $\text{H}_3^+$

Oka, T. 1980 *Phys. Rev. Lett* 45, 531.

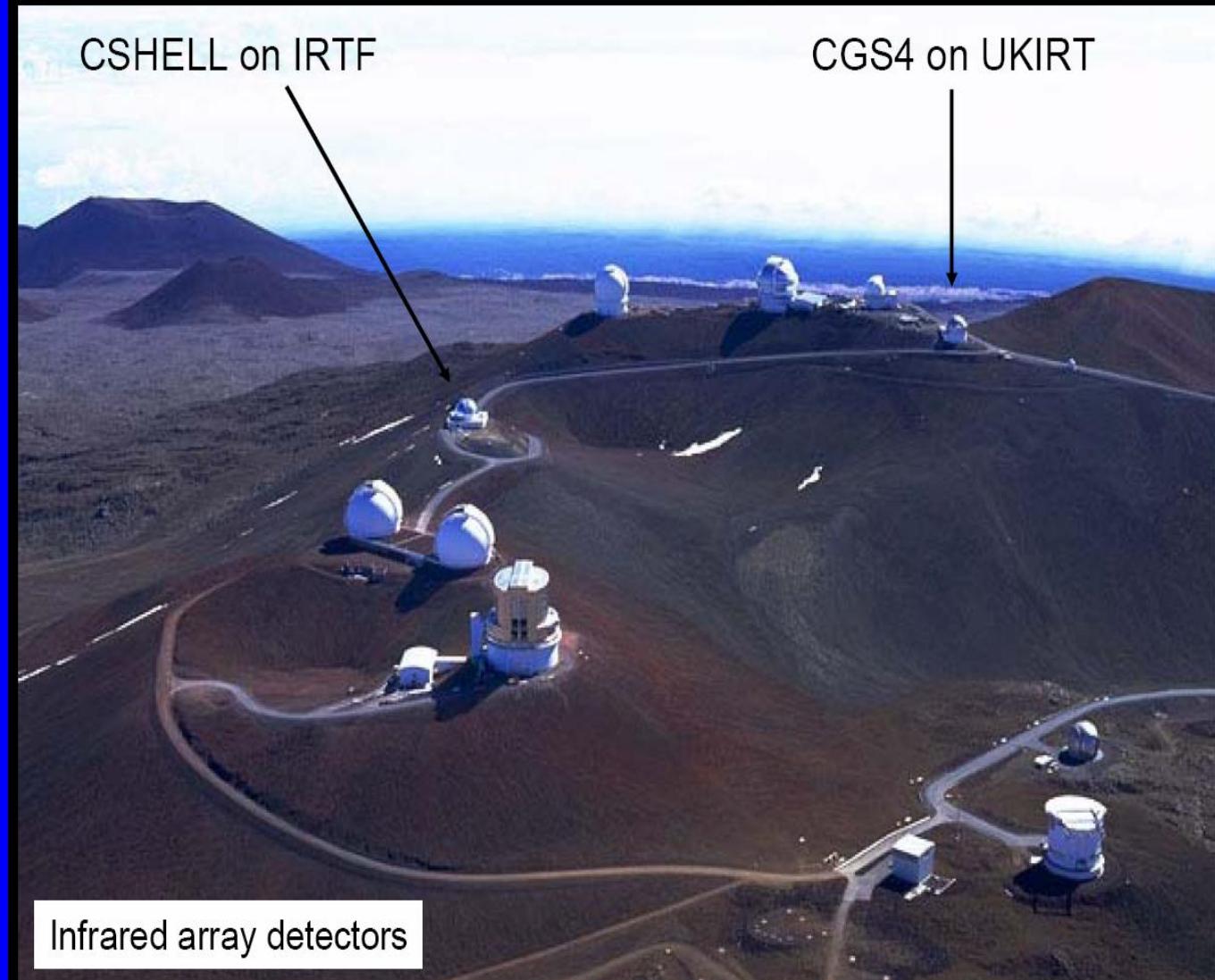


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R(1,1)u originates from the lowest para level ( $J = 1, K = 1$ ), while R(1,0) comes from the lowest ortho level ( $J = 1, K = 0$ ). Note that the ( $J = K = 0$ ) level is forbidden by the Pauli principle.

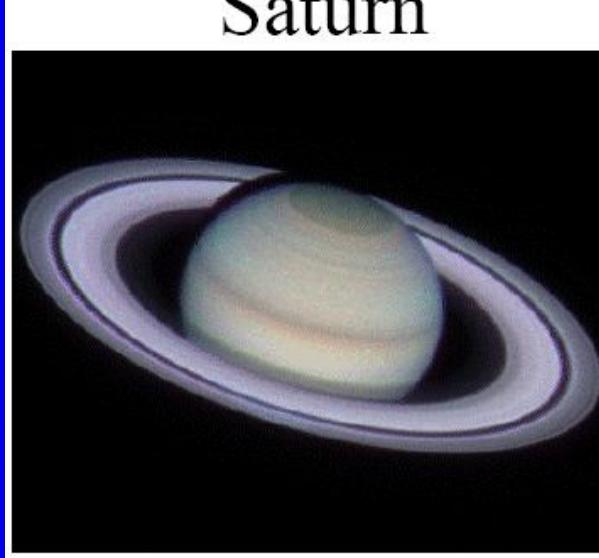
# Back to the Interstellar Search



Jupiter

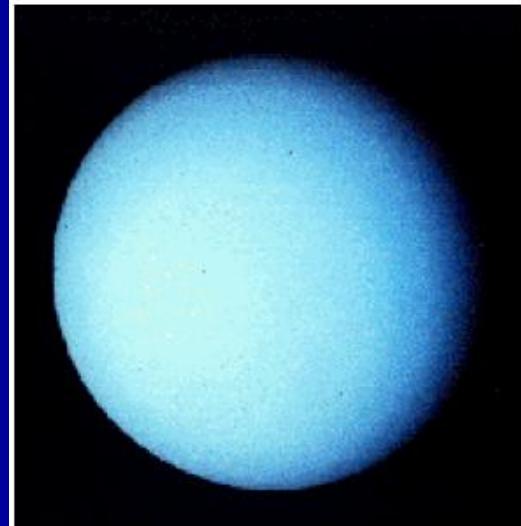


Saturn



Environments with  $\text{H}_3^+$

Uranus



Observation of  $\text{H}_3^+$ : **1987-1993**

Ionosphere of large planets:

**Jupiter (1987), Saturn (1993),  
Uran(1993)**

# Search for H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> - Interstellar space

## First detection!

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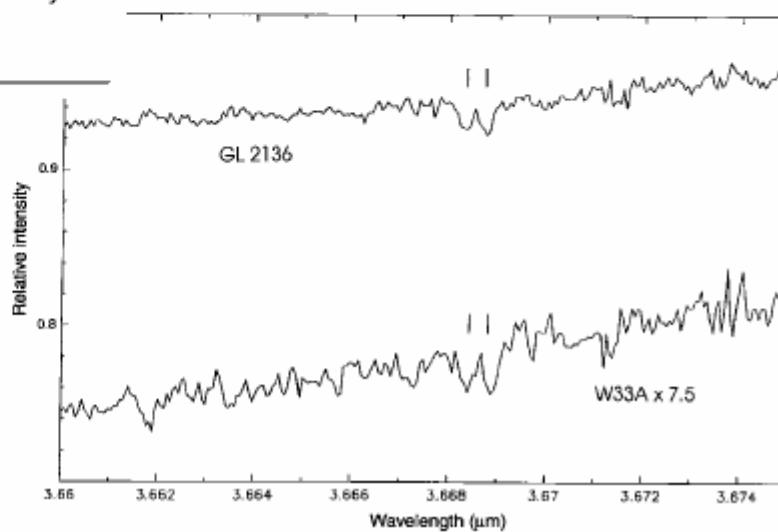
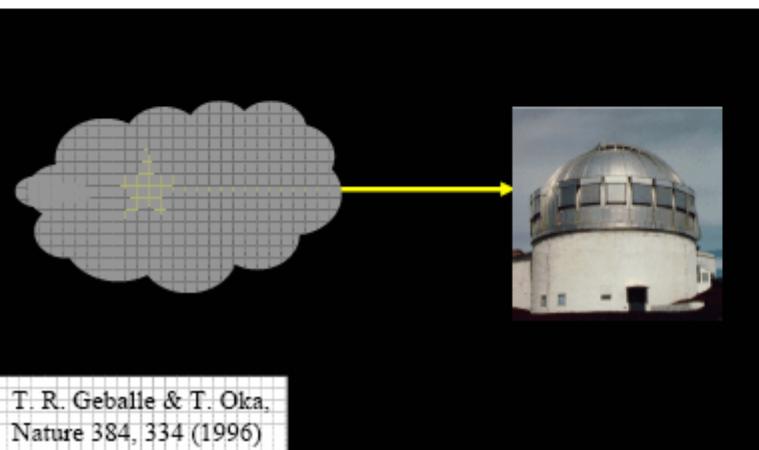
1996

### Detection of H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> in interstellar space

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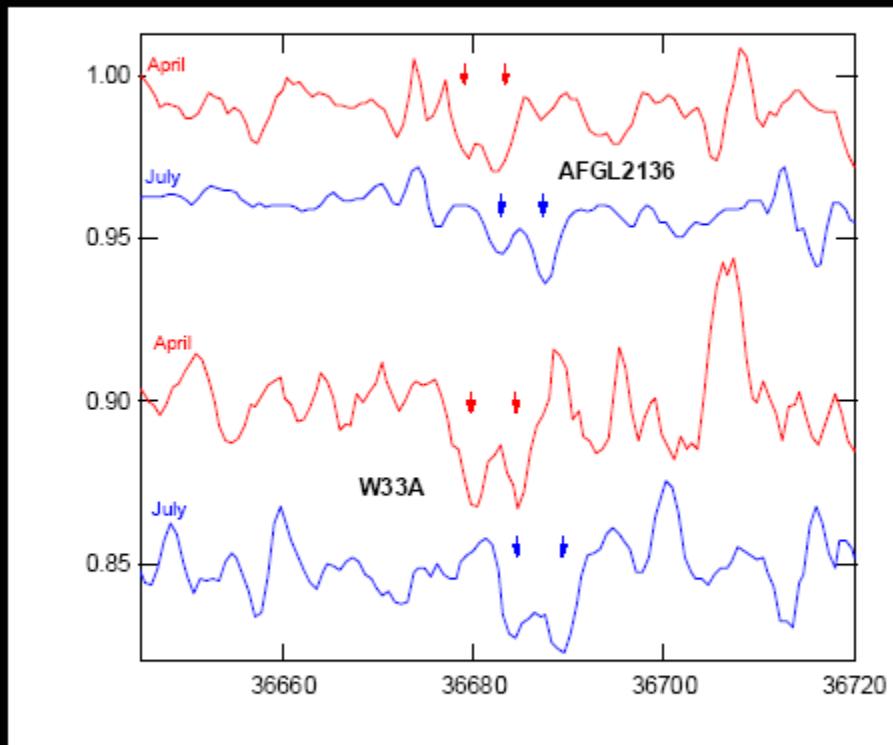
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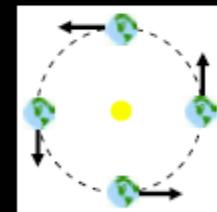
# Search for H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> - Interstellar space

## Confirmed by Doppler Shift

1996

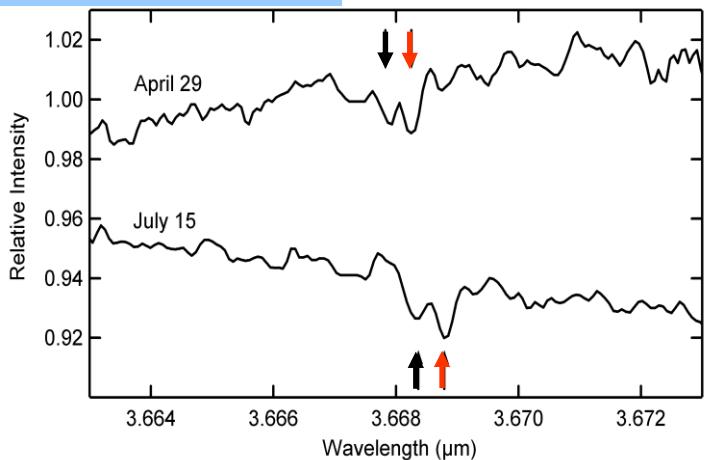


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Doppler shift  
confirms  
interstellar  
origin



# Conditions in ISM

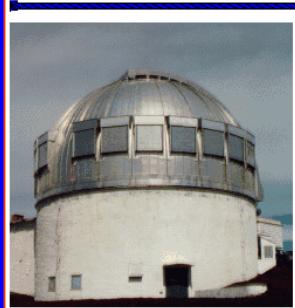
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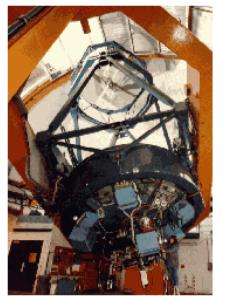
$$N_{\text{para}} = 4.0(9) \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$N_{\text{ortho}} = 3.0(6) \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2} (\Delta E \sim 32.9 \text{ K})$$

Molecular Cloud GL2136.  
The first detection of interstellar  $\text{H}_3^+$   
CGS4 spectrometer at UKIRT



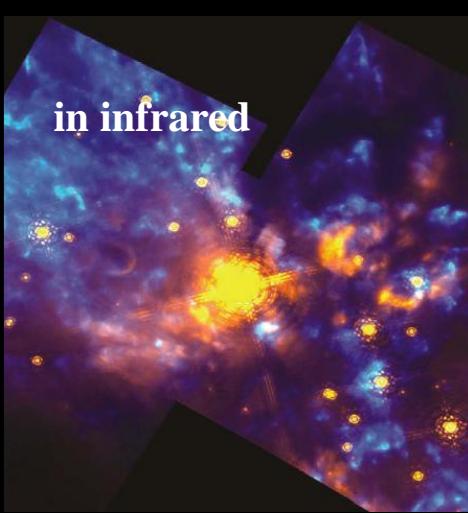
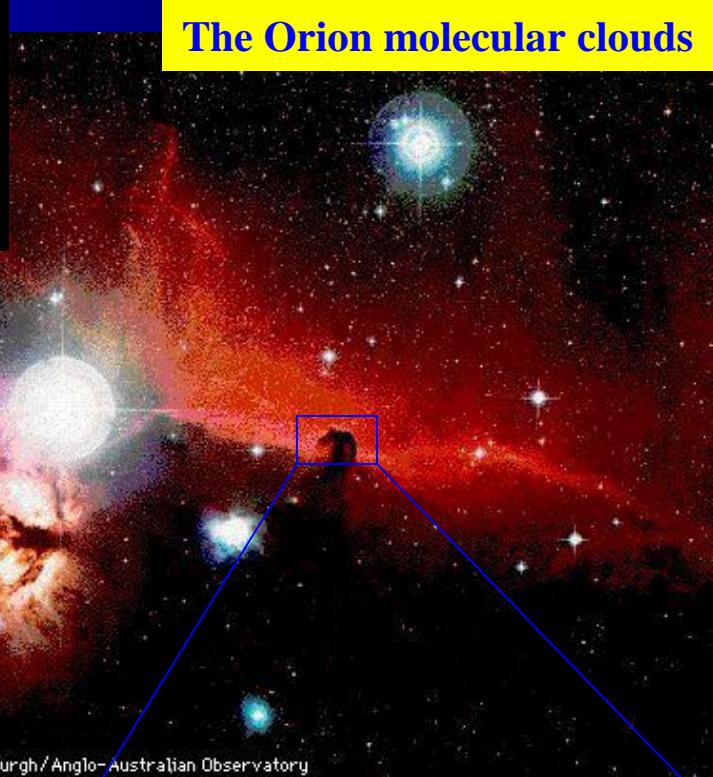
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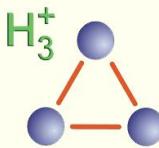


## Dark Clouds:

- $T \sim 10\text{K}$
- $\text{H}_2$  density  $\sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

The Orion molecular clouds



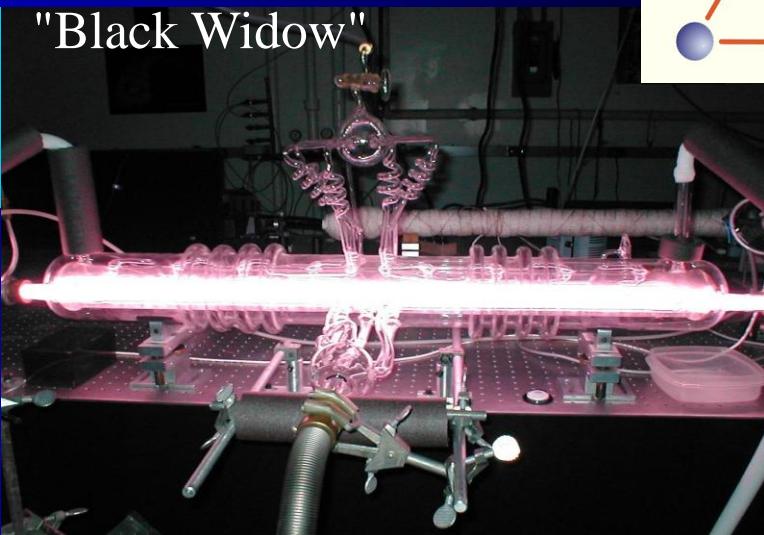


# Astrophysical – Observations OF $\text{H}_3^+$ ( v=0)

## 1980 - Laboratory

### T. Oka -IR Spectroscopy Observation of $\text{H}_3^+$

Oka, T. 1980 *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 45, 531.



## 1987 -2006; Observation of $\text{H}_3^+$ :

### Supernova 1987A

Interstellar clouds (1998....)

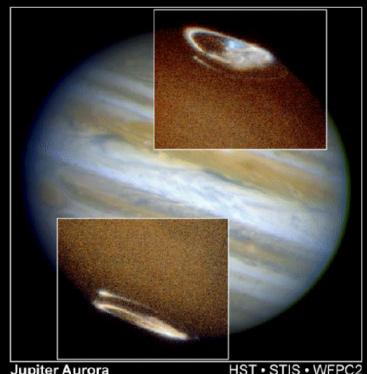
Centre of Galaxy (1999)

Ionosphere of large planets:

Jupiter (1987), Saturn (1993),  
Uran(1993)

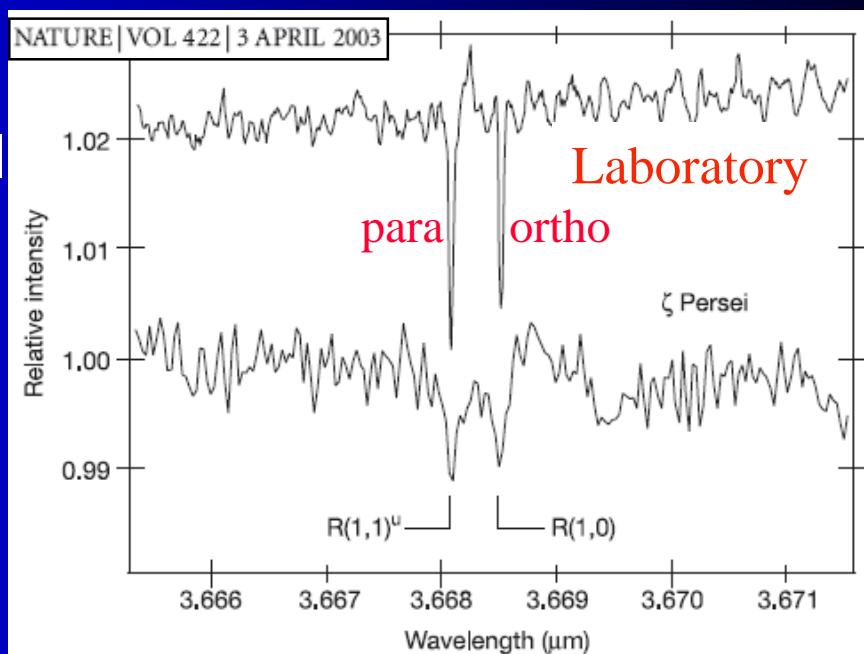
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Jupiter



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J. Clarke (University of Michigan) and NASA

Saturn

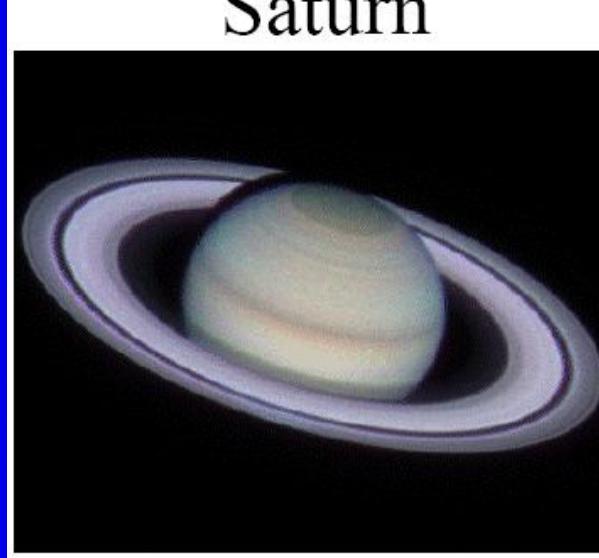


R(1,1)u originates from the lowest para level ( $J = 1, K = 1$ ), while R(1,0) comes from the lowest ortho level ( $J = 1, K = 0$ ). Note that the ( $J = K = 0$ ) level is forbidden by the Pauli principle.

Jupiter



Saturn



Environments with H<sub>3</sub>+

Uranus



Dense Clouds



Barnard 68 (João Alves)

Diffuse Clouds



Cygnus OB2 (POSS)

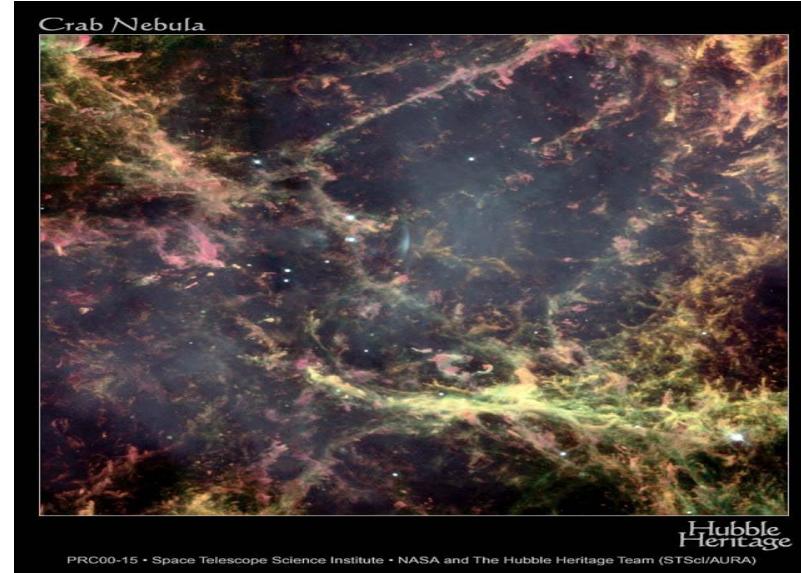
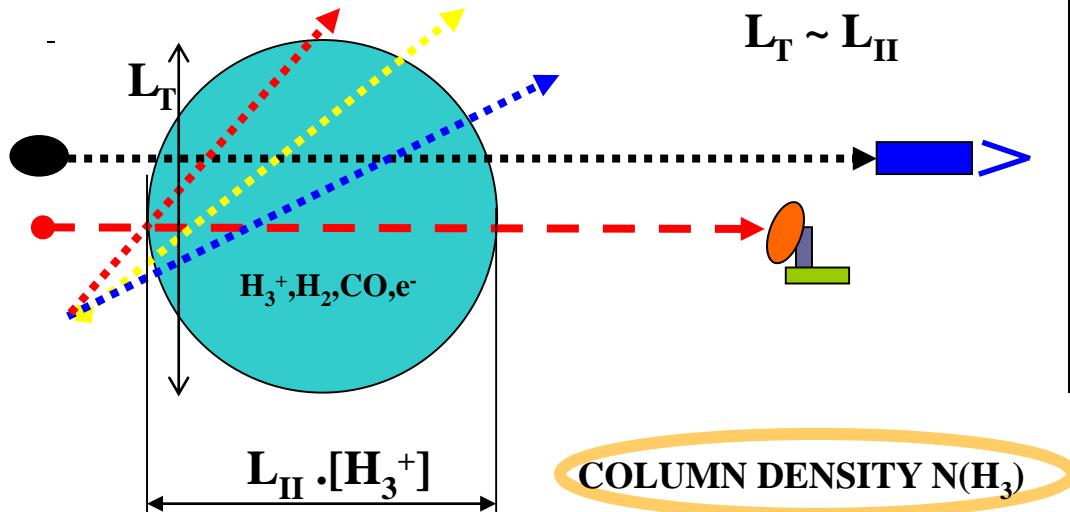
Galactic Center



Galactic Center (2MASS/MSX)

# Balance in ISM

Cosmic-ray ionisation rate  $\gamma \sim 3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1}$



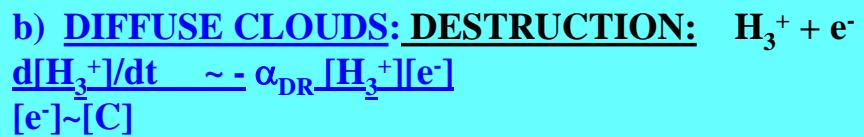
a) DENSE CLOUDS: DESTRUCTION:



$$\frac{d[H_3^+]}{dt} \sim -k_{CO} \cdot [H_3^+] \cdot [CO]$$

$$[H_3^+] = \gamma / k_{CO} \cdot [H_2] / [CO] = \underline{\sim 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

OK with observation



$$\alpha_{DR} = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \times (T/300)^{-0.65} ?$$

$$[H_3^+] = \gamma / \alpha_{DR} \cdot [H_2] / [C] = \underline{\sim 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

NO with observation

# Interstellar medium

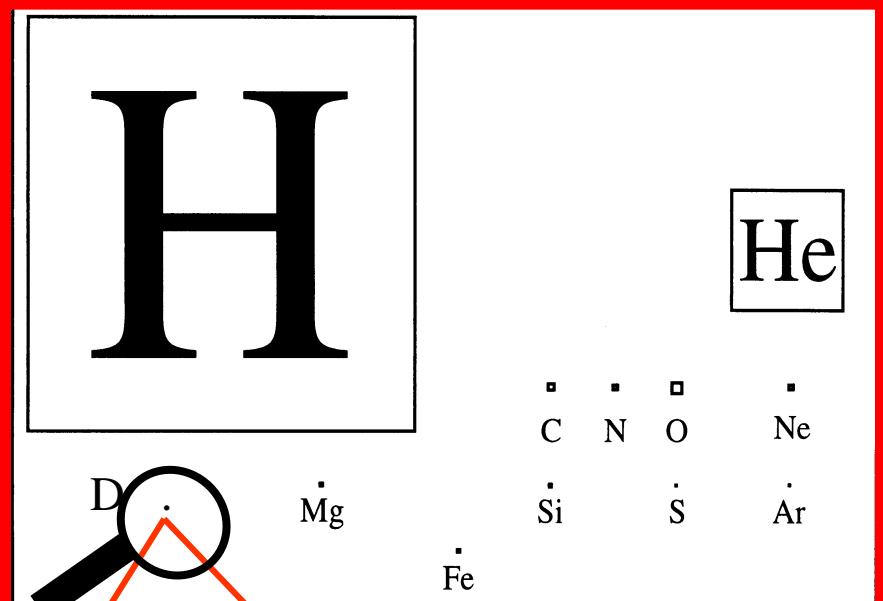
@ 10-50K

92.1% of nucleons in the universe are protons

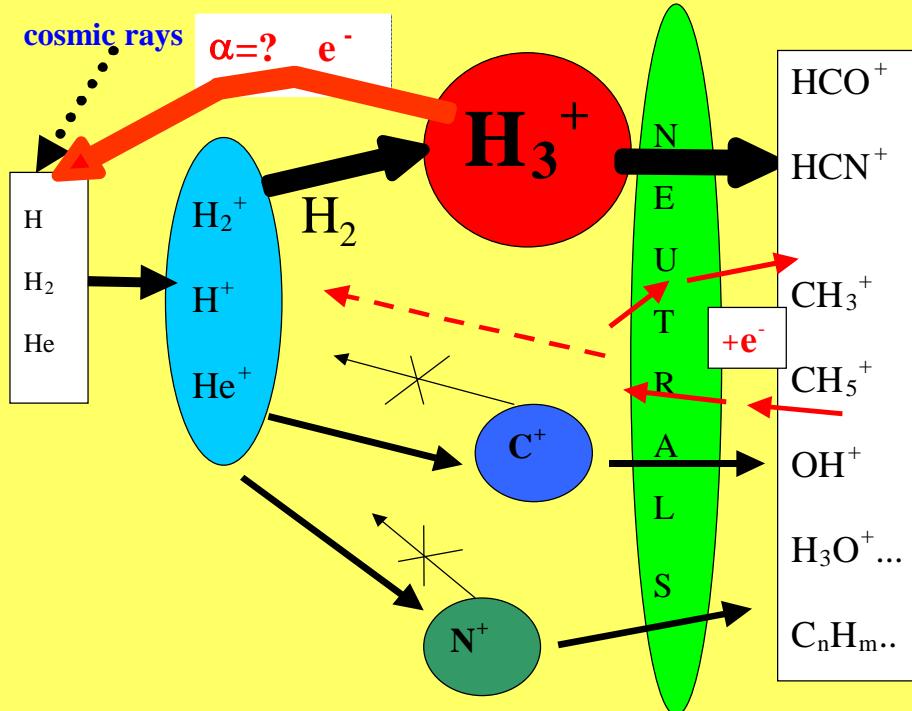
7.8% are helium nuclei !

0.1%.....C,N,O,S,Si....

## Cosmic abundance



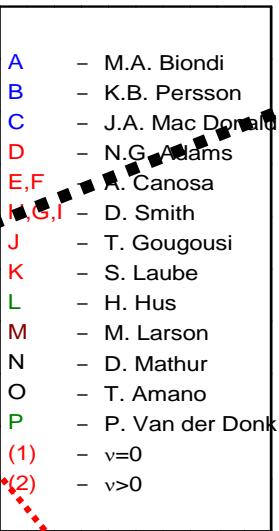
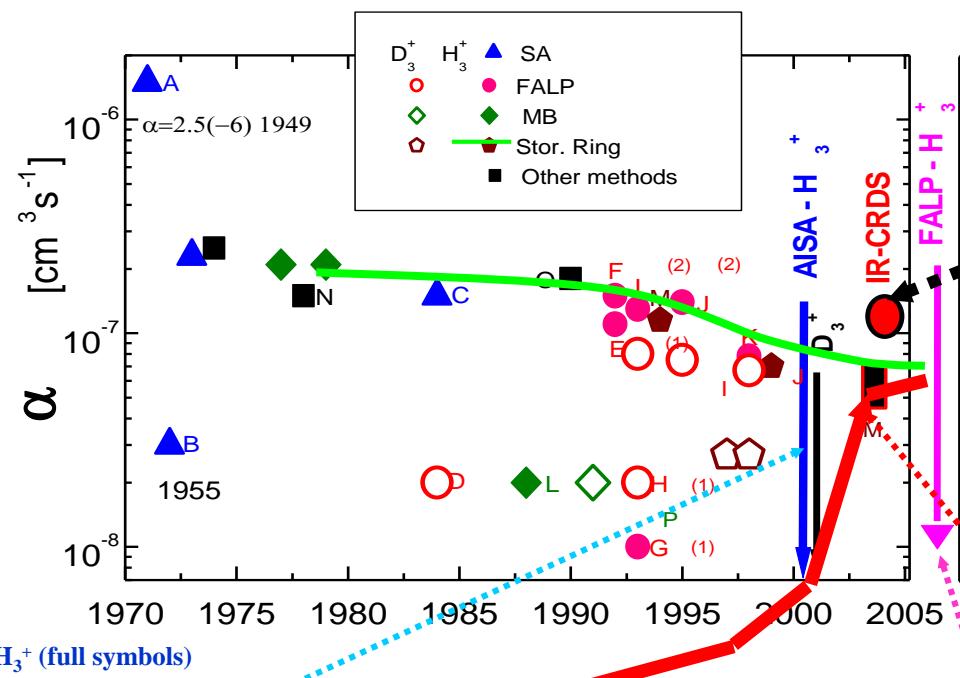
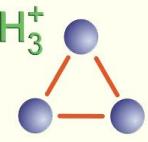
## DENSE INTERSTELLAR CLOUDS



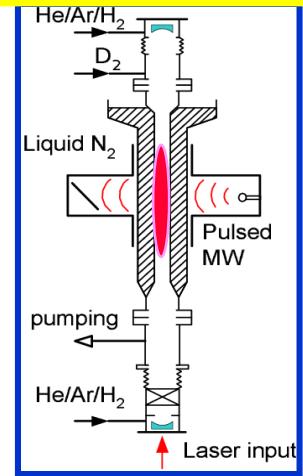
$$\alpha (10 \text{ K}) = ????$$

# Emotional history of experiments

–“time evolution“ of  $\alpha(\text{H}_3^+)$ ,  $\alpha(\text{D}_3^+)$



$\mu\text{w}$  discharge cell



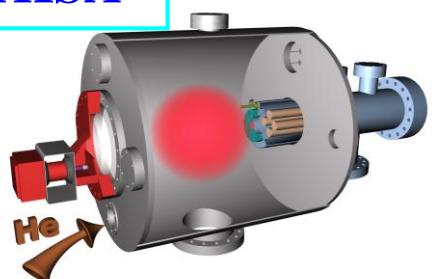
IR spectroscopy

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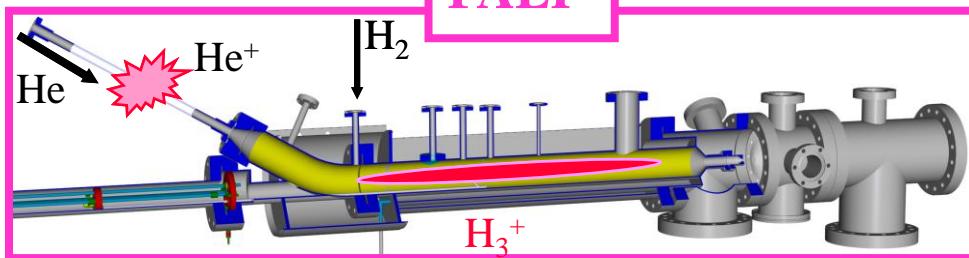
Unified theoretical treatment of dissociative recombination of  $\text{D}_{3h}$  triatomic ions:  
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# Interstellar medium, HD role

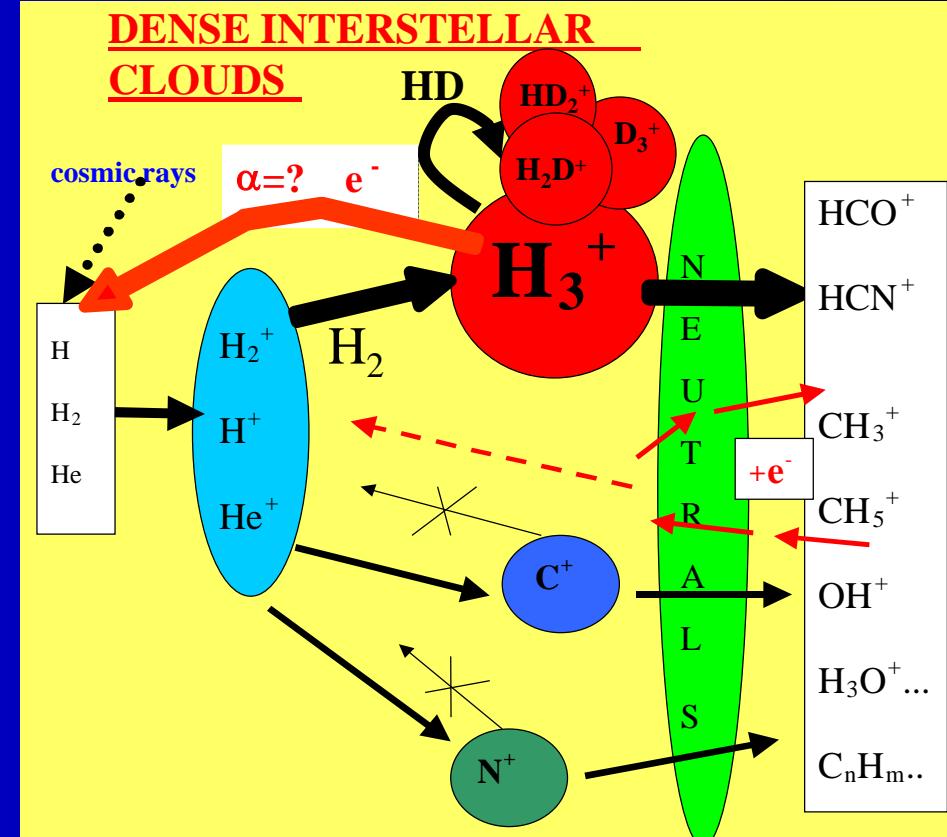
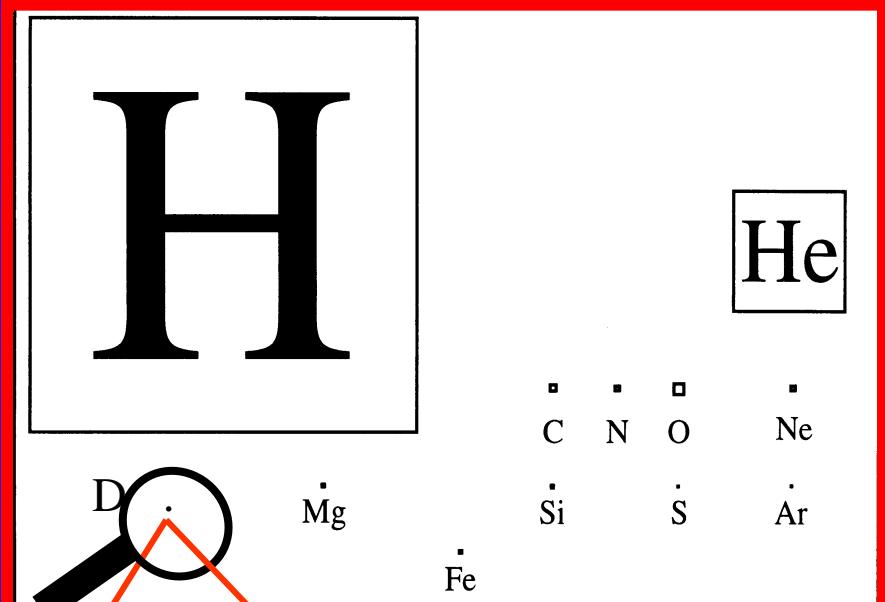
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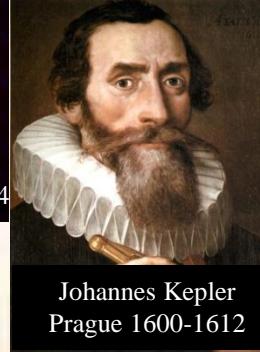
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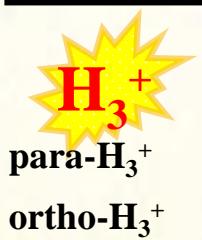
# Laboratory astrophysics

H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup> and HD<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> recombination with electrons at low temperature.



The Supernova of 1604

Johannes Kepler  
Prague 1600-1612



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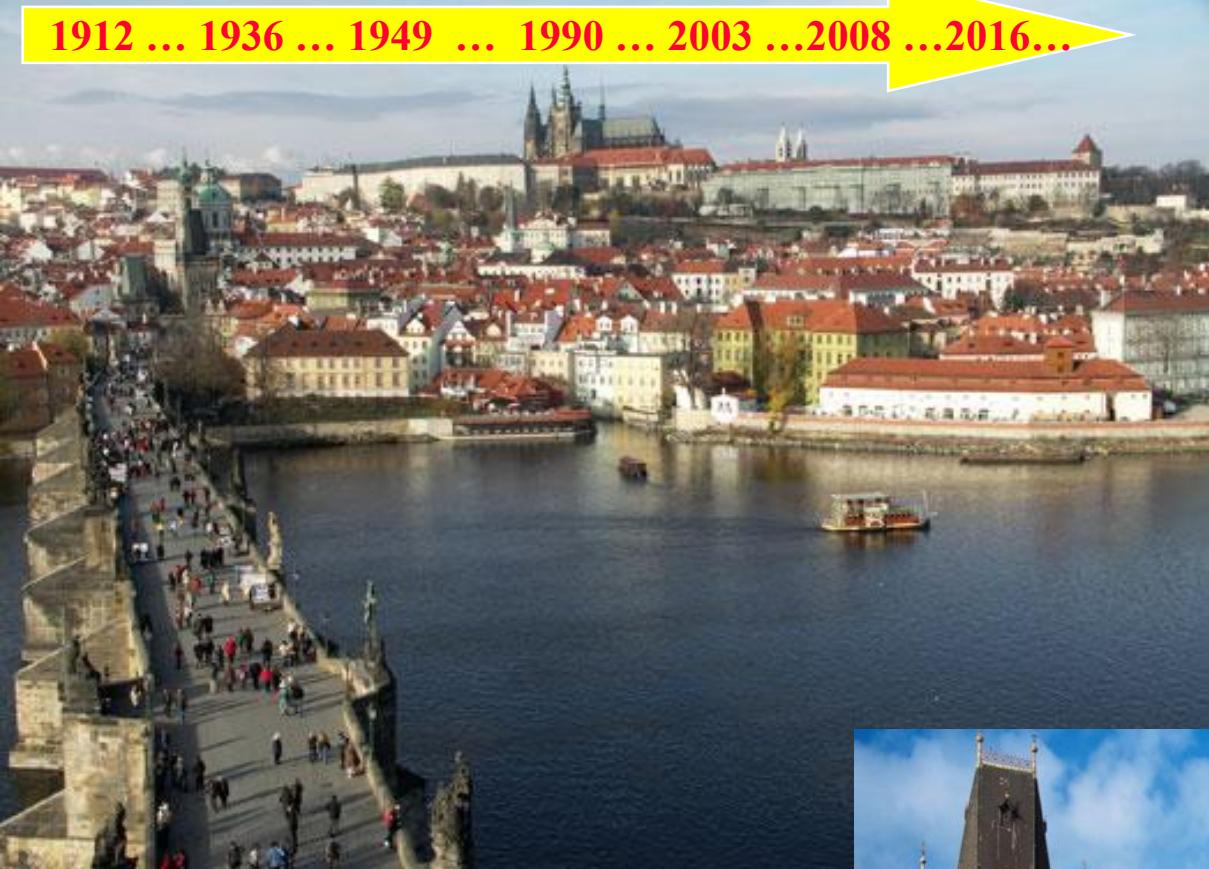
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# $\text{H}_3^+$ , $\text{H}_2\text{D}^+$ , $\text{HD}_2^+$ , $\text{D}_3^+$ are fundamental

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## Chemical modeling of L183 (L134N): an estimate of the ortho/para $\text{H}_2$ ratio\*

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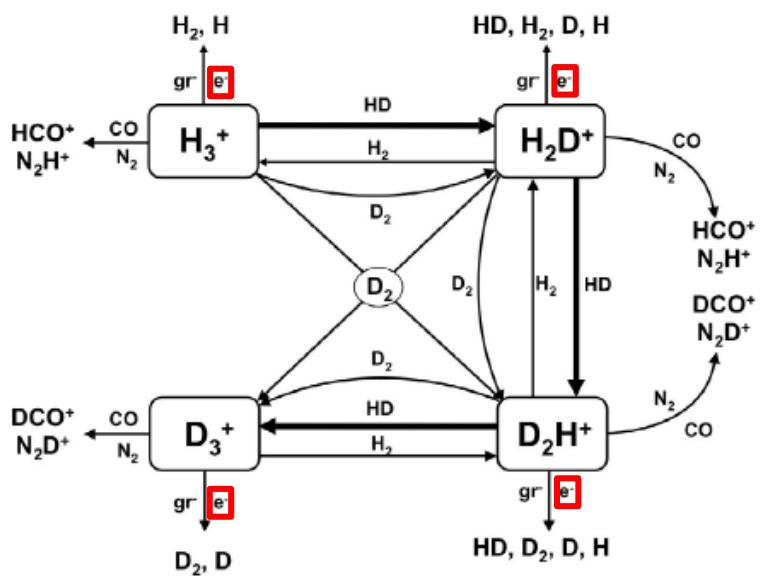
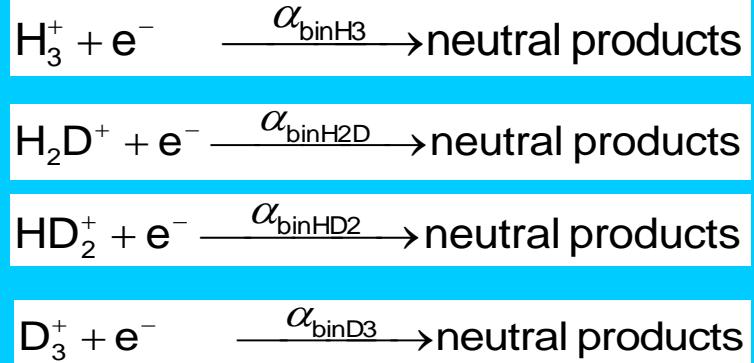


Fig. 4. Main reactions involved in the  $\text{H}_3^+$  chemical network. When CO and  $\text{N}_2$  are depleted, the reactions with bold arrows are dominant.



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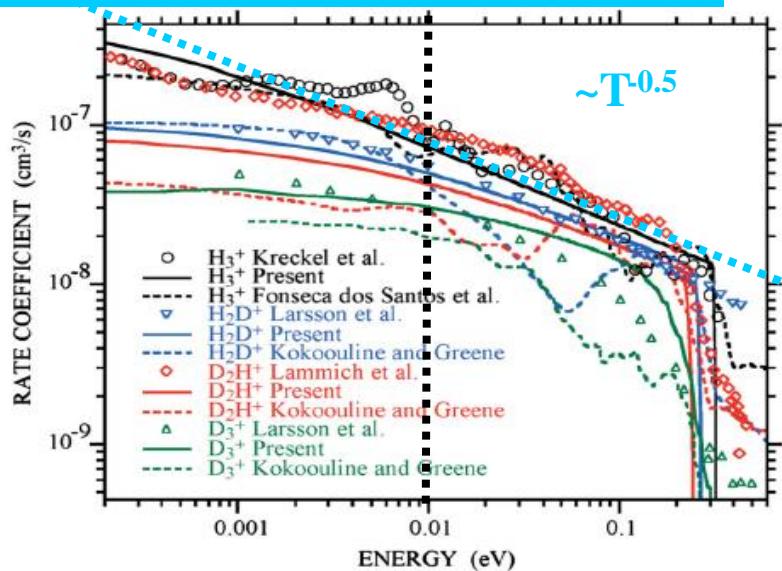
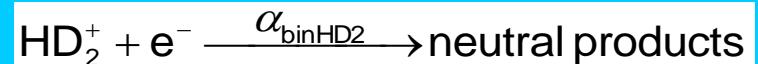
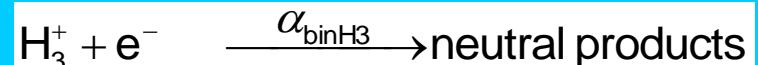
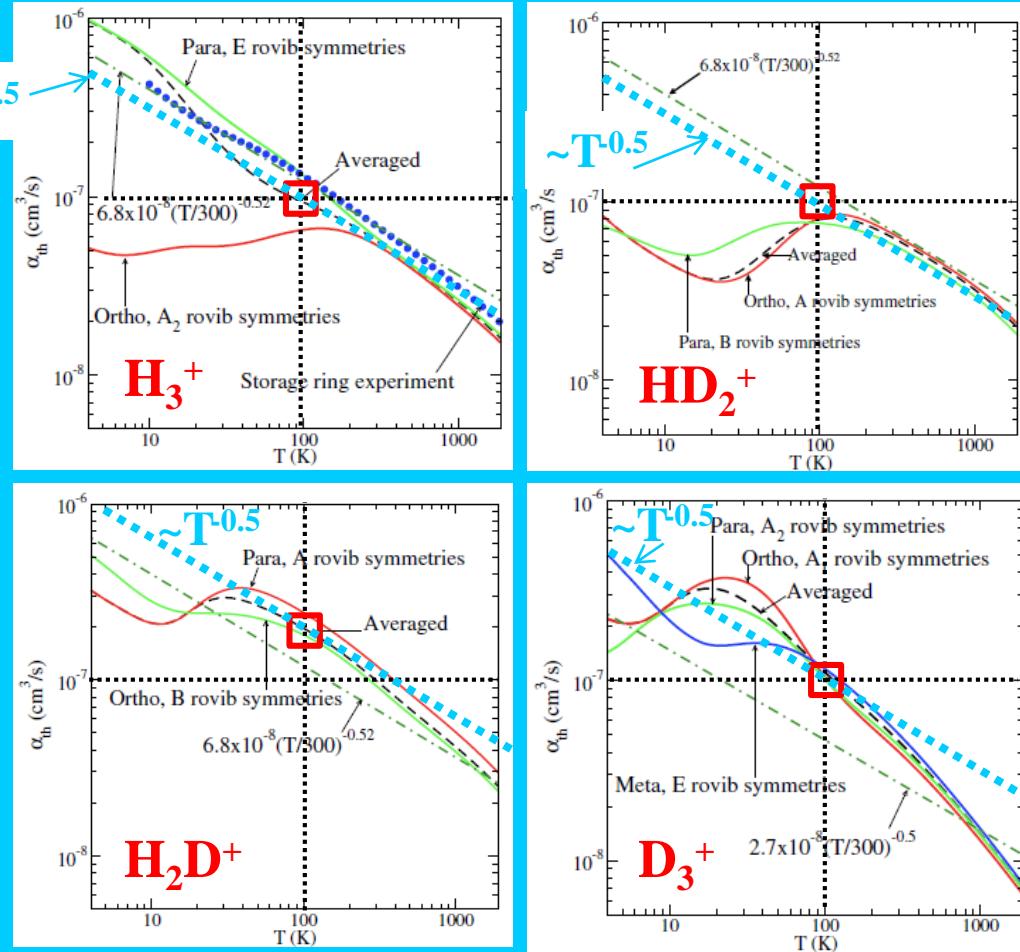


FIG. 3 (color). The DR rate coefficient of an electron and  $H_3^+$ ,  $H_2D^+$ ,  $D_2H^+$ , and  $D_3^+$  as a function of collision energy.  $H_3^+$

$$\alpha \sim \langle v \cdot \sigma \rangle$$

$$\alpha \sim T^{0.5}$$



Nuclear spin dependence of  $H_3^+$  recombinationB. J. McCall, et al. *Physical Review A* (2004)H. Kreckel, J. Glosik, et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 2005,

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## Doubts 2011

“Presently no rate coefficient measurement with a confirmed temperature below 300 K exists“.

Petrignani *et al.* *Phys. Rev. A* (2011)

## Theory of Binary DR

The main mechanism (Jahn-Teller coupling) that leads to the fast dissociation when electron recombines with the ion requires vibrational excitation of ionic core

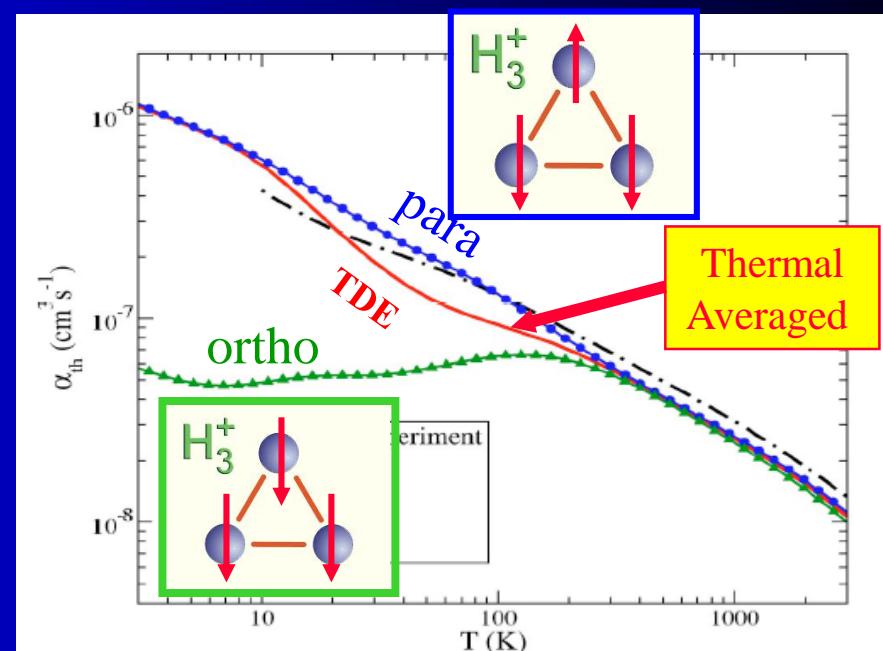


FIG. 5. (Color online) The present theoretical thermal rate coefficient for dissociative recombination of  $H_3^+$  is compared with the experimental rate coefficient deduced from the storage ring experiment of McCall and co-workers (Refs. 9 and 10).

Unfortunately the experiments on storage rings were stopped



3D 60 K

**H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> Potential curves** In the case of H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, a simple 2-dimensional picture of molecular states suggests that recombination should be very inefficient

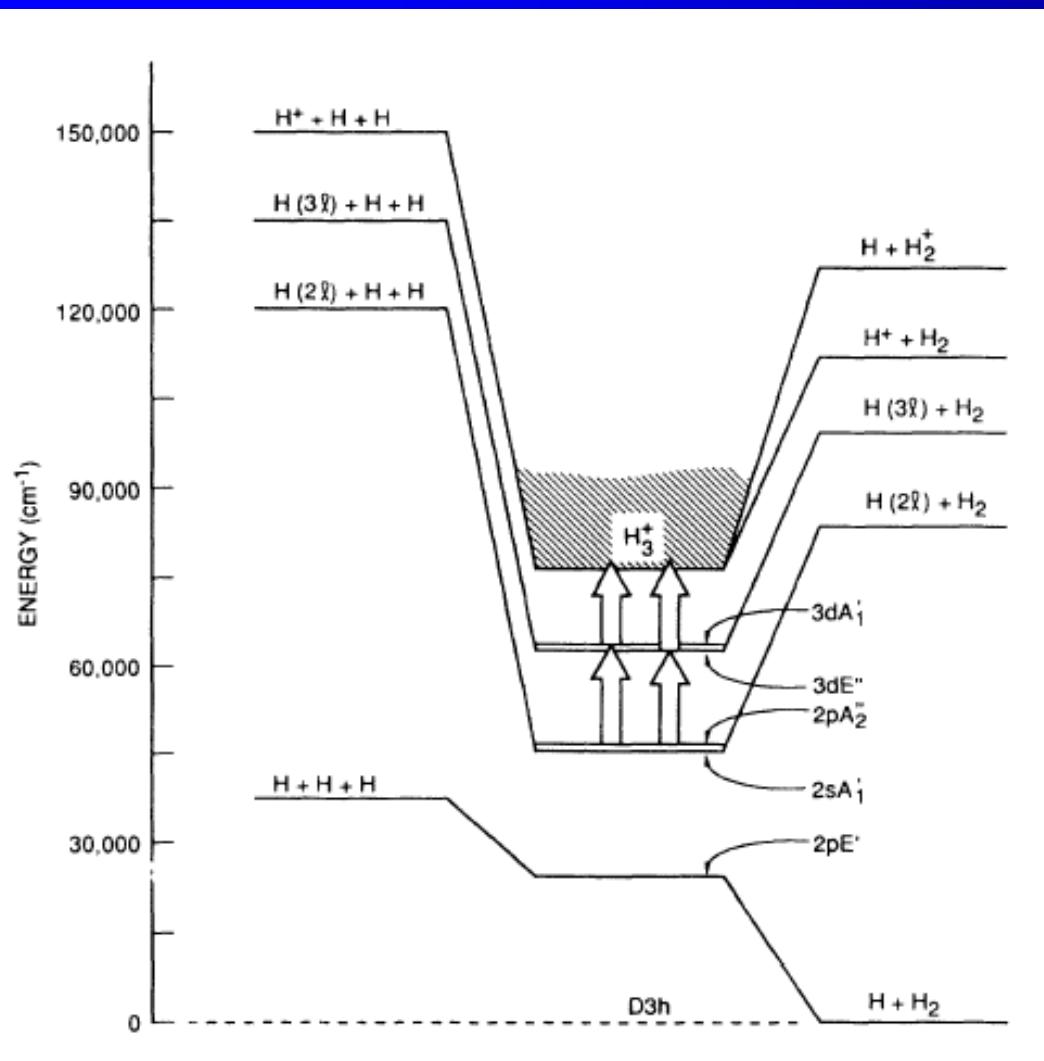
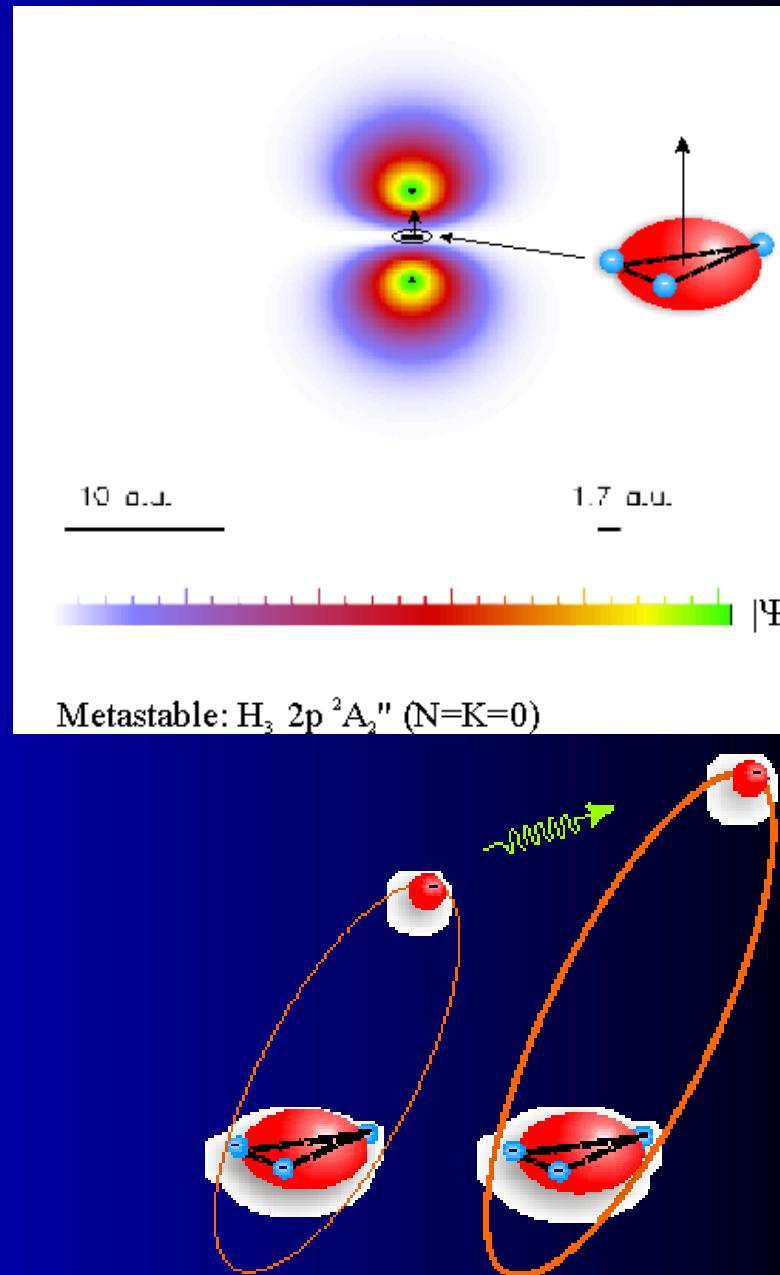
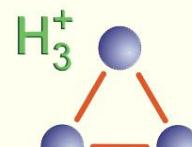


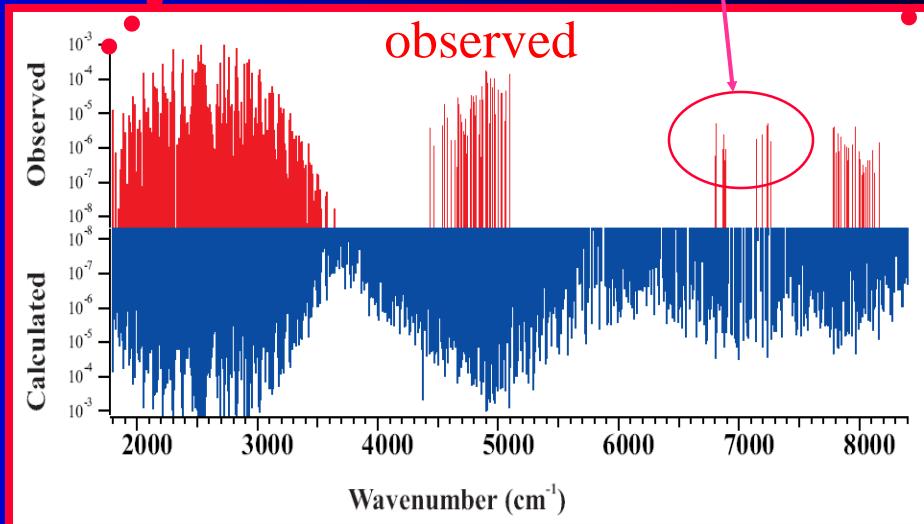
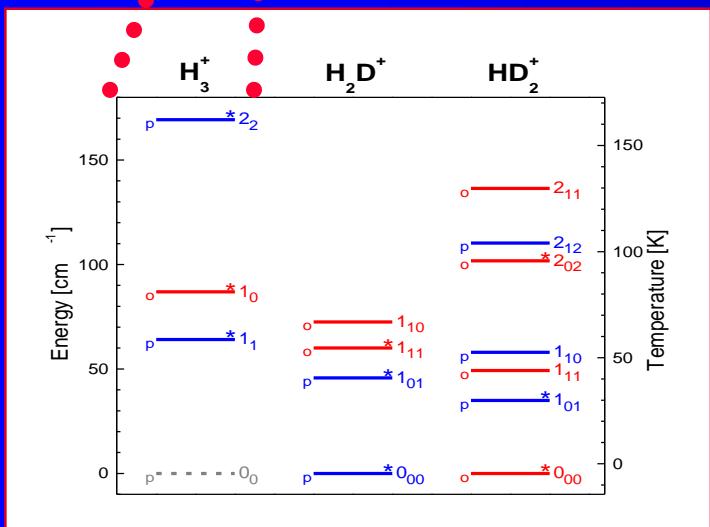
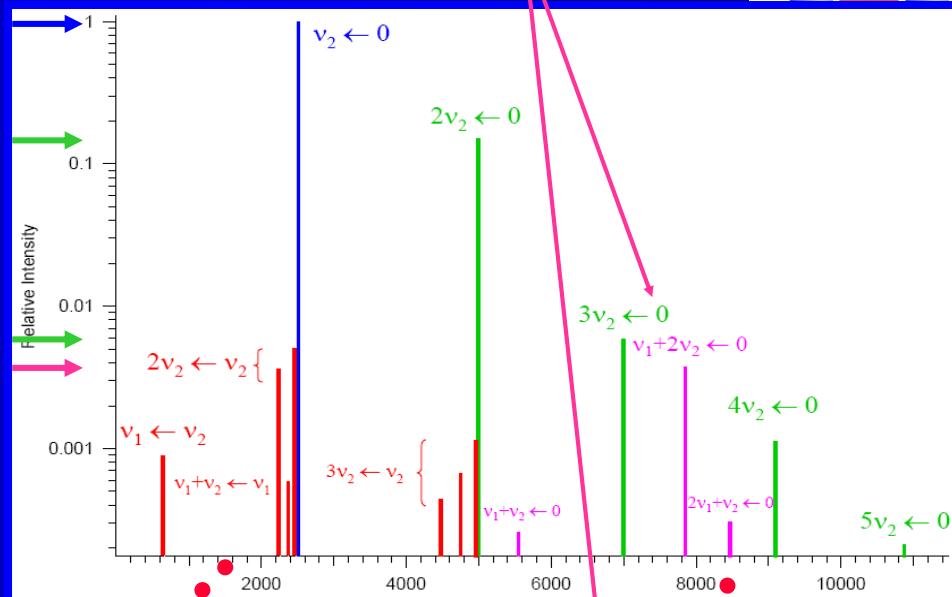
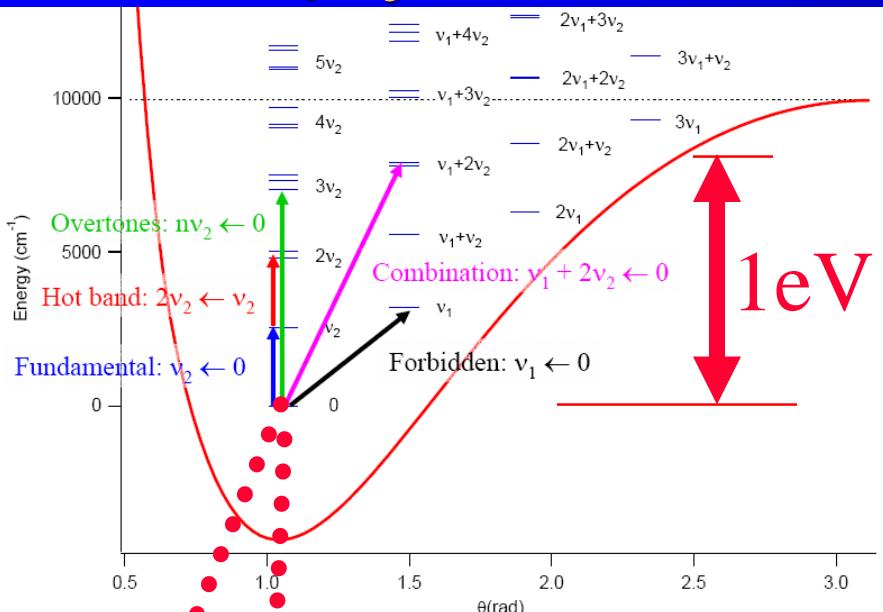
FIG. 1. Energy diagram of triatomic hydrogen ( $D_{3h}$  geometry) showing the location of the bound Rydberg states and the unstable ground state of H<sub>3</sub> in relation to the neutral and ionic dissociation limits.



# Line intensity $\text{H}_3^+$



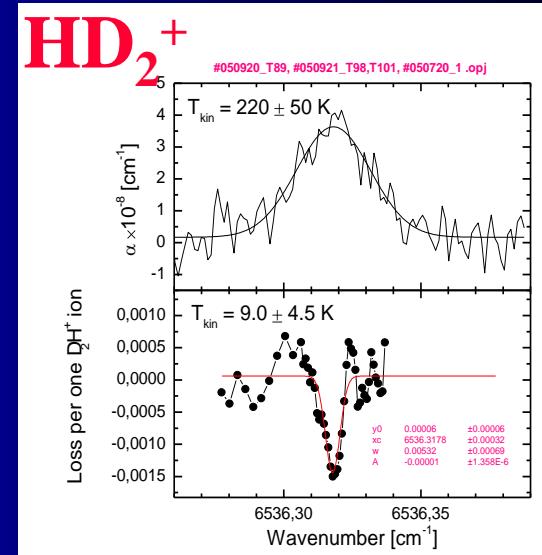
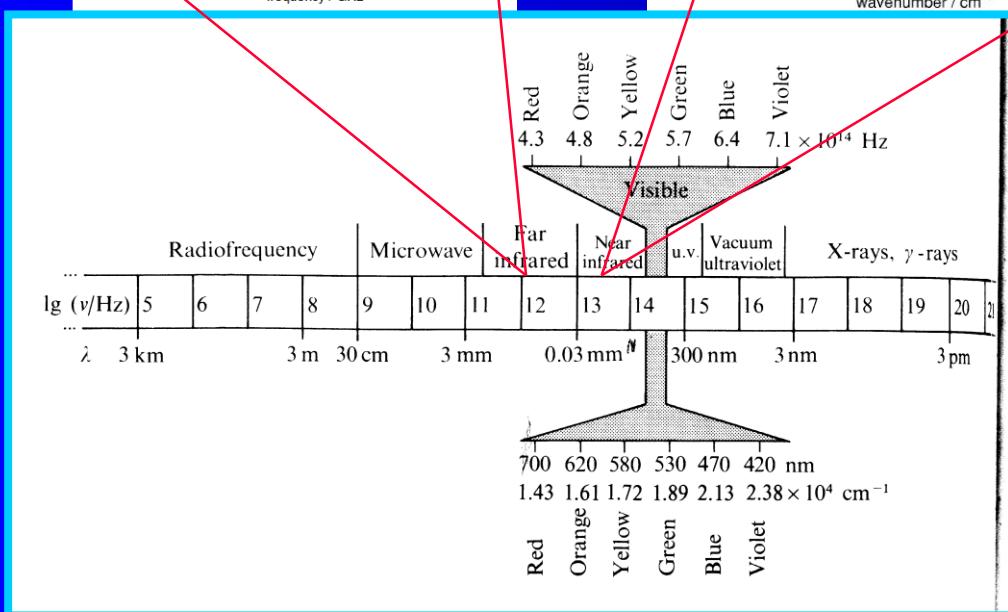
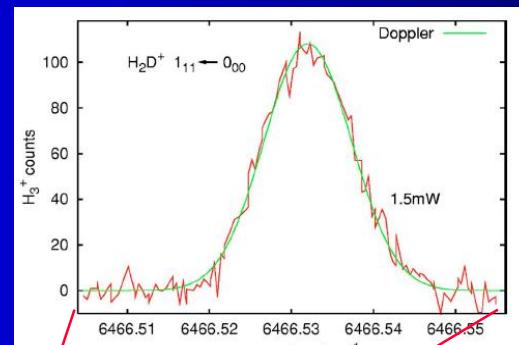
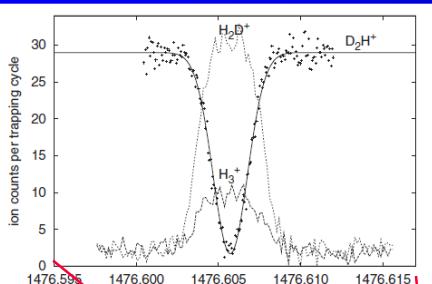
High sensitivity required



LIR - H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup> and D<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup> precision of 10<sup>-8</sup>

precision of  $\Delta \nu/\nu = 10^{-8}$ .

~26K

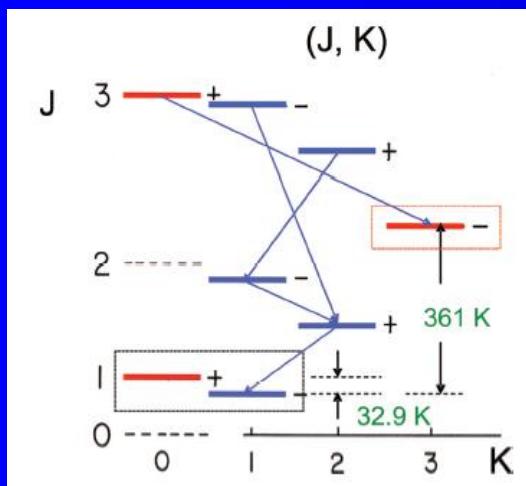


## Stationary afterglow + Spectroscopic identification of recombining ions

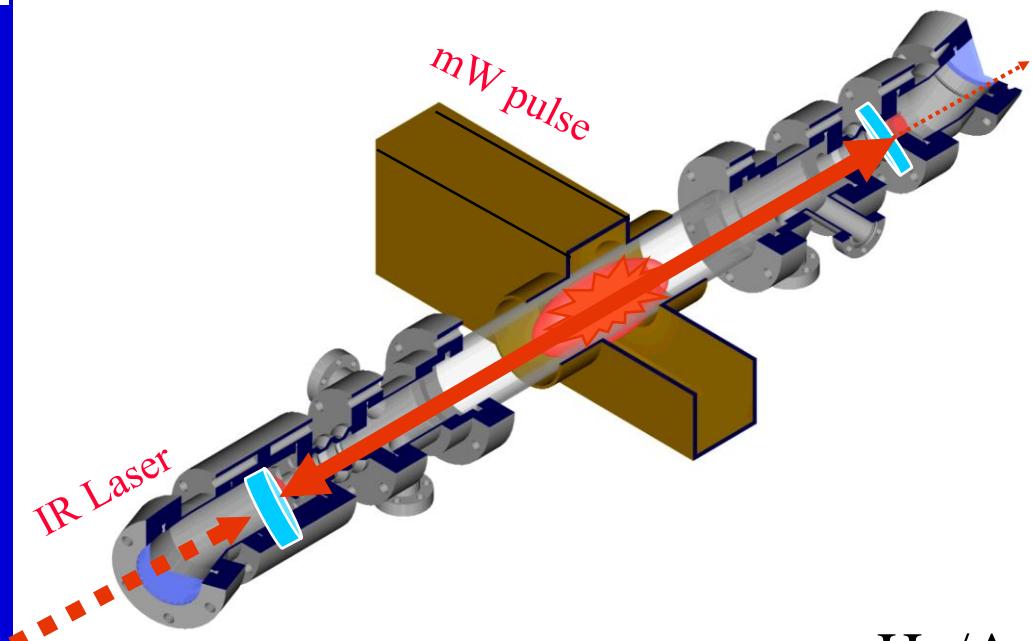
$$\frac{d[H_3^+]}{dt} = -\alpha[H_3^+]n_e = -\alpha[H_3^+]^2$$

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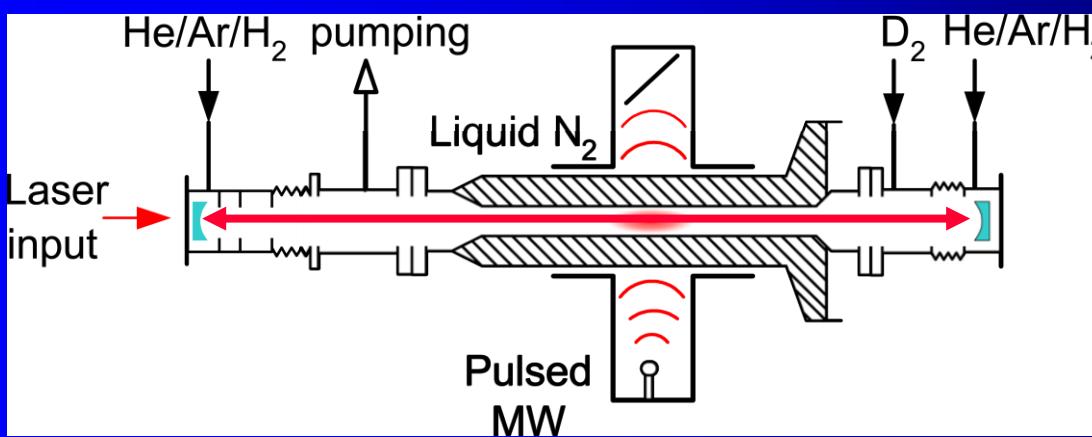
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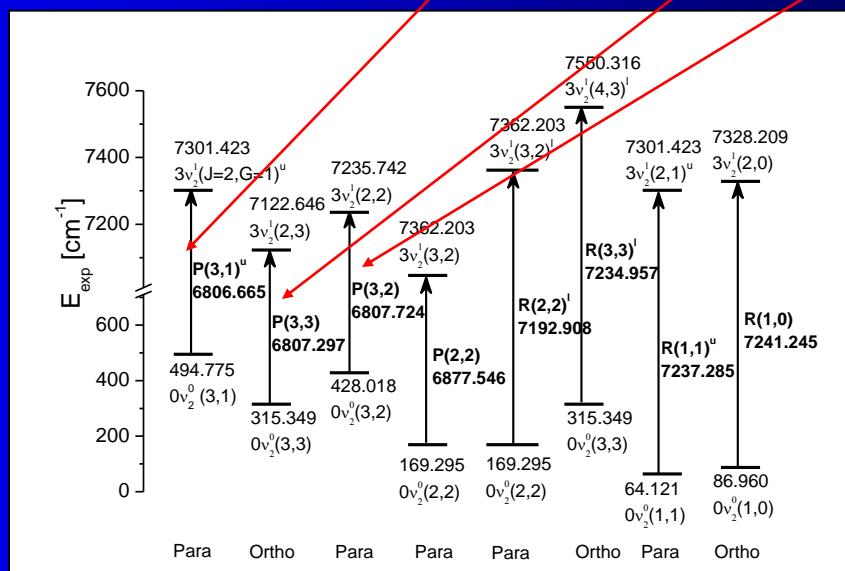
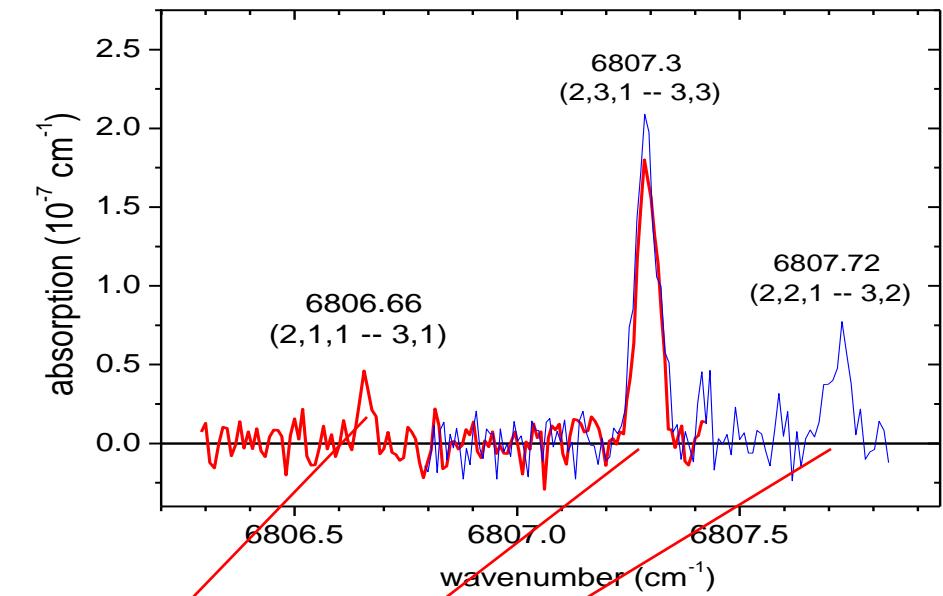
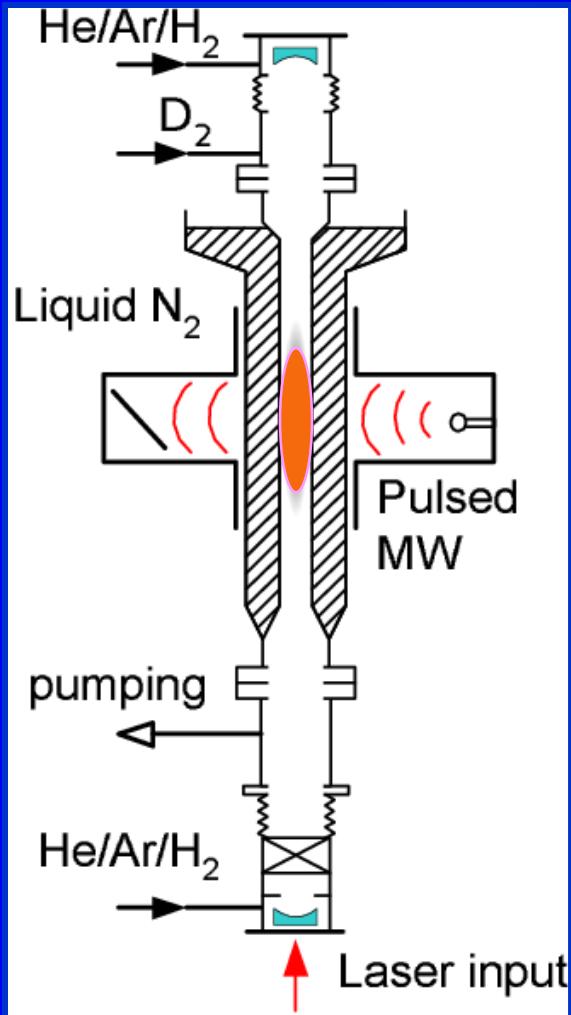
CRDS



He/Ar/H<sub>2</sub>



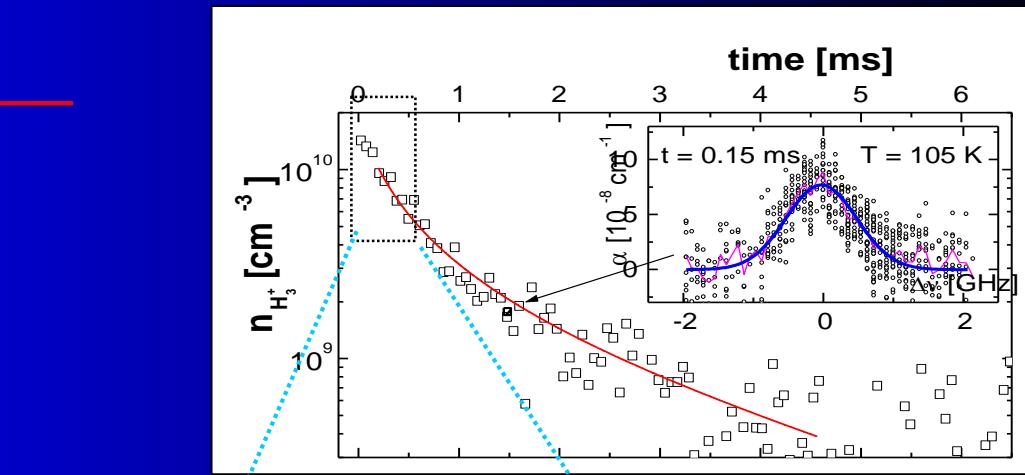
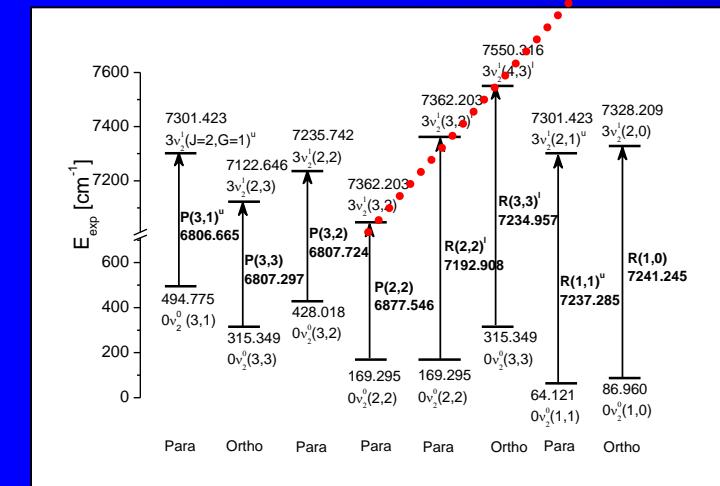
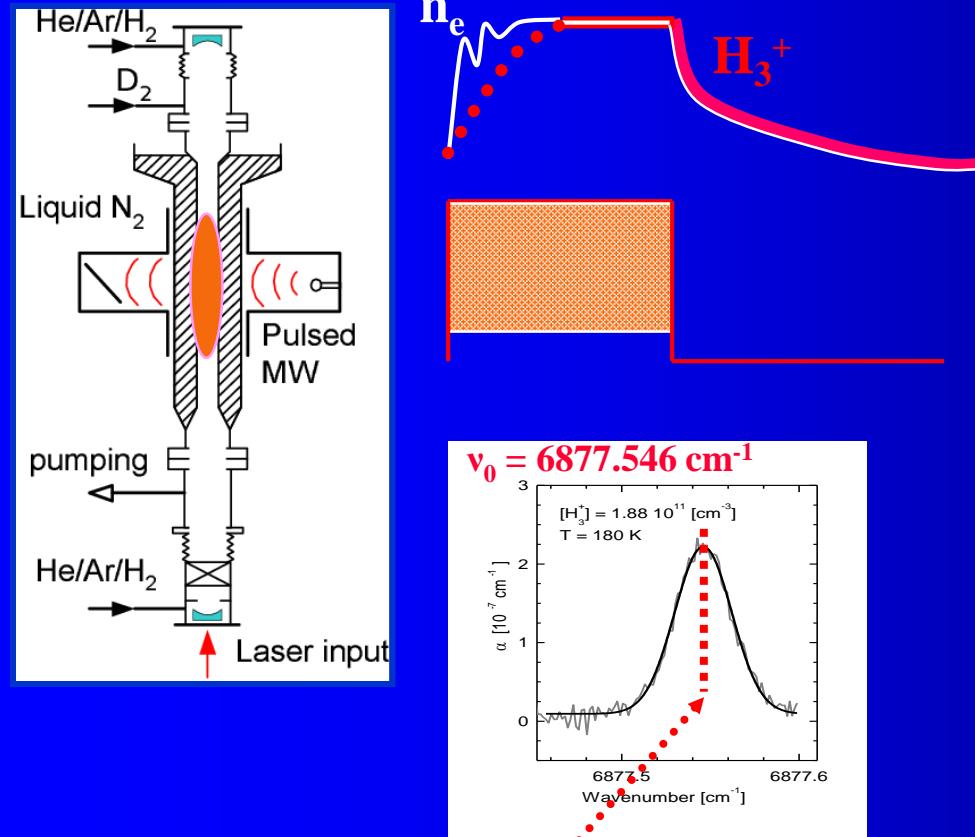
# Spectrum - He/Ar/H<sub>2</sub> microwave discharge



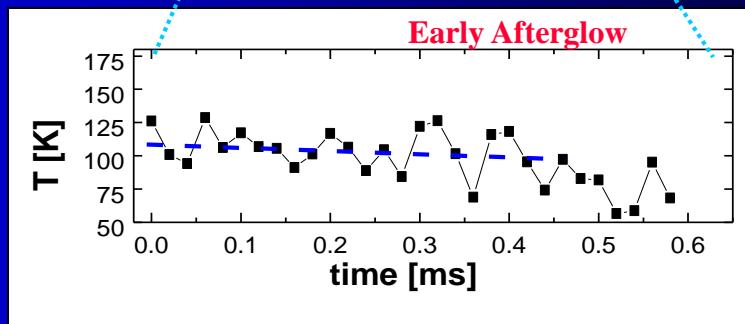
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# Pulsed discharge – plasma decay

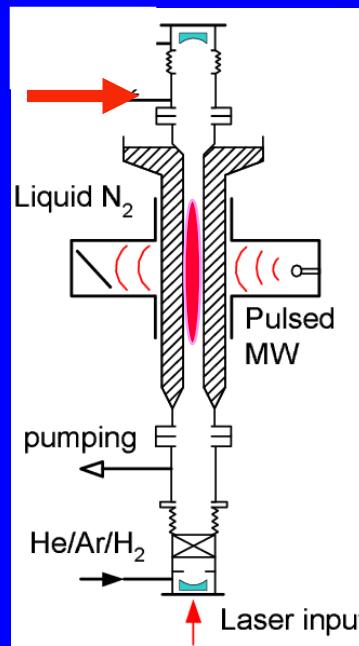


From Doppler broadening

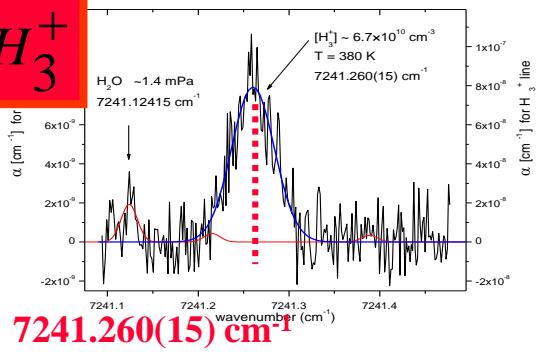


# Absorption studies

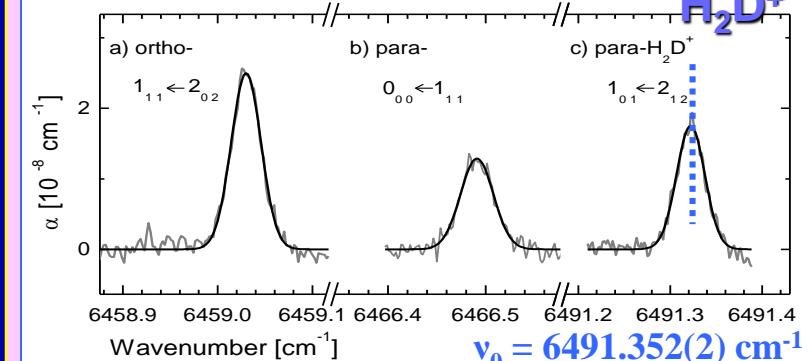
He/Ar/H<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>



H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

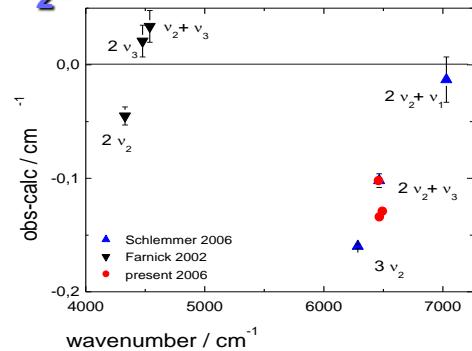


H<sub>2</sub>D<sup>+</sup> ( $2\nu_2 + \nu_3 \leftarrow 0$ )

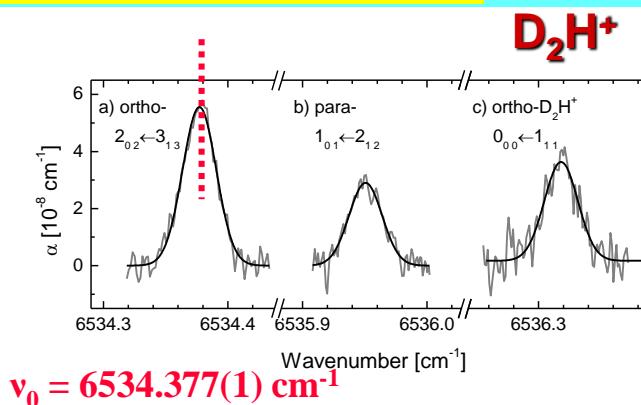


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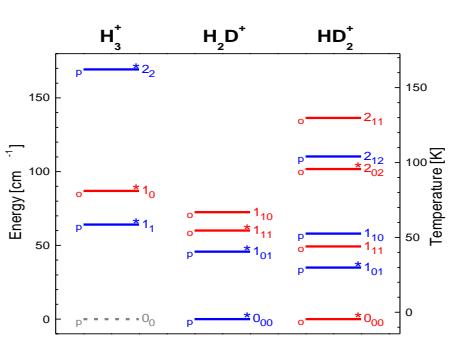
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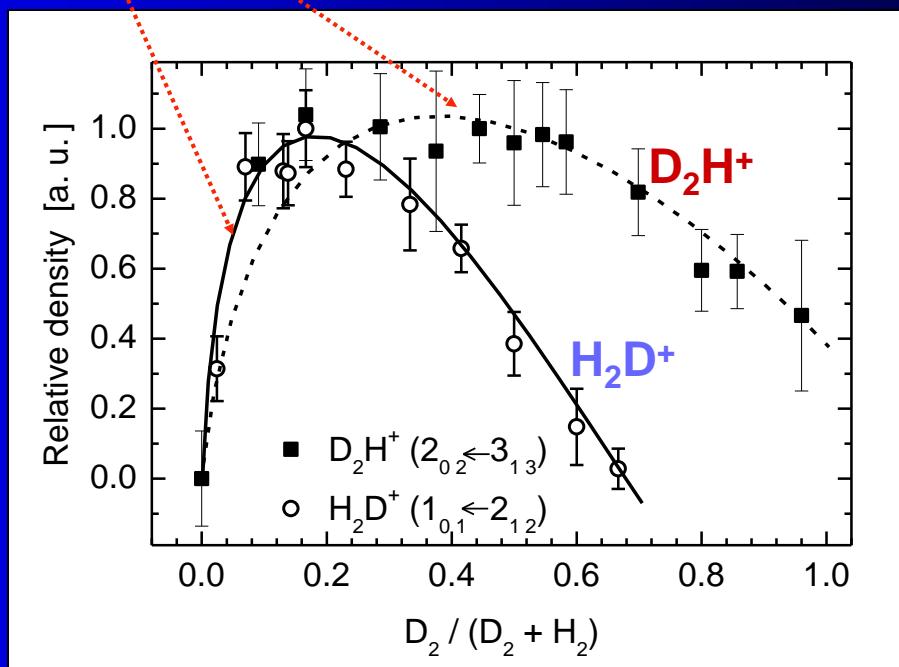
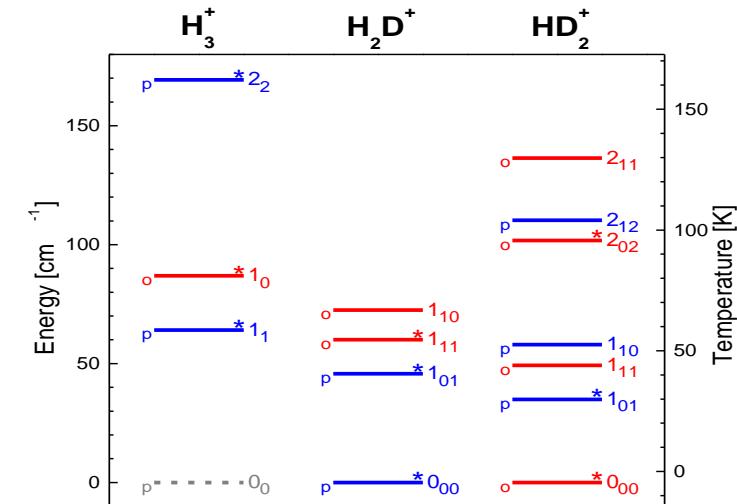
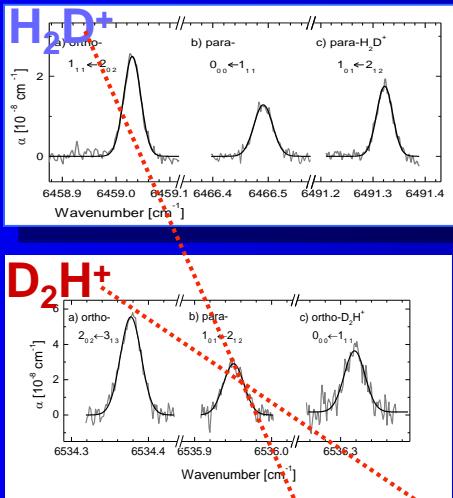
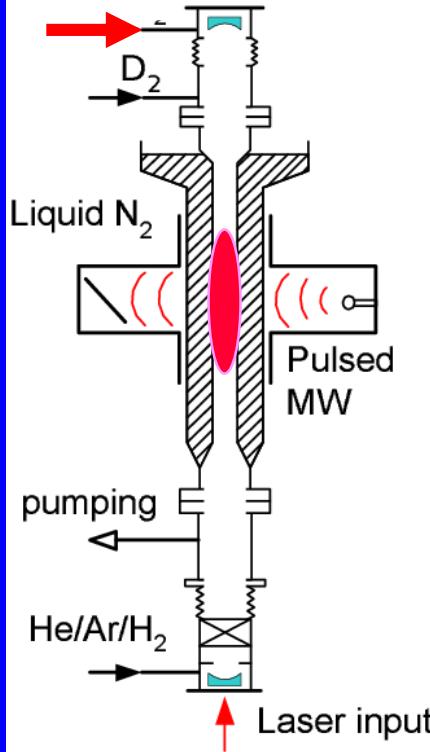
E'[K]	Wavenumber [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]		
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146.3	6534.377(1)	6534.374	0.003
50.2	6535.950(1)	6535.943	0.007
0	6536.319(2)	6536.301	0.018

D<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

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# Ionic composition of H<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>2</sub> plasma

**He/Ar/H<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>**

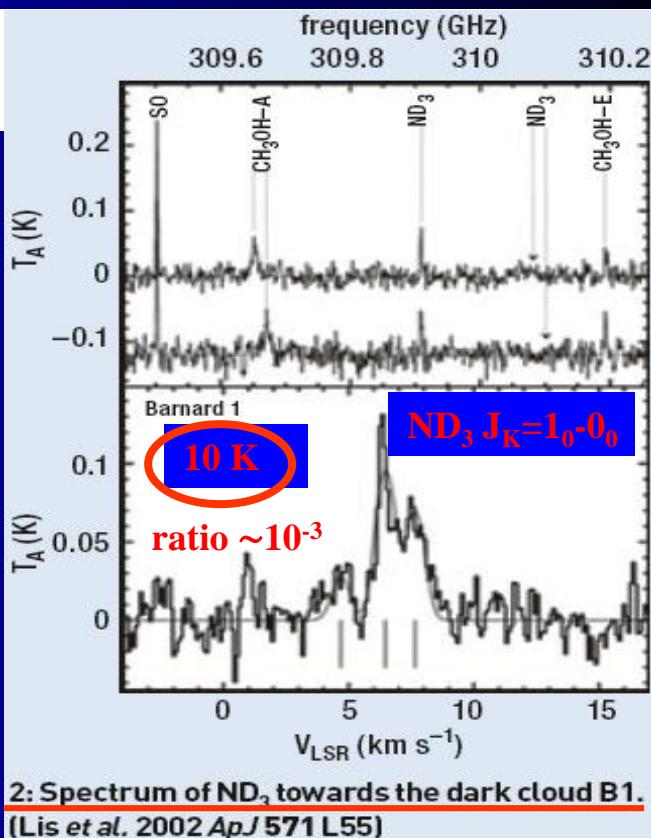
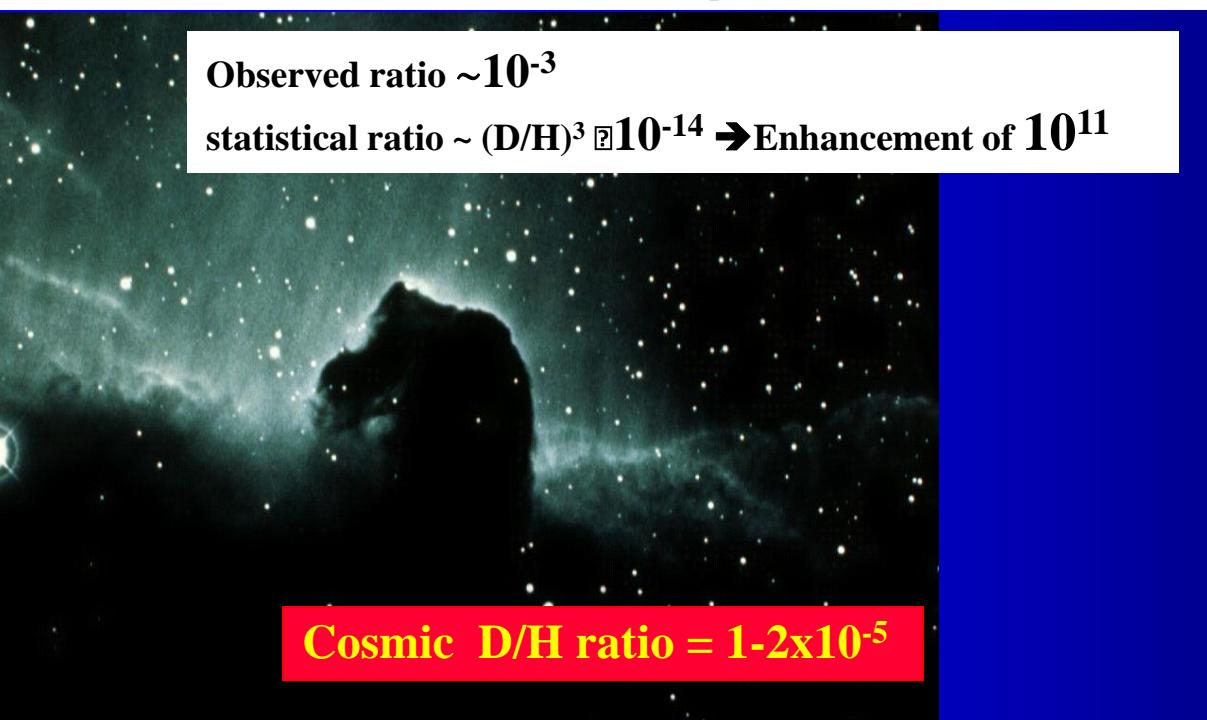


# Observation of high population of deuterated molecules

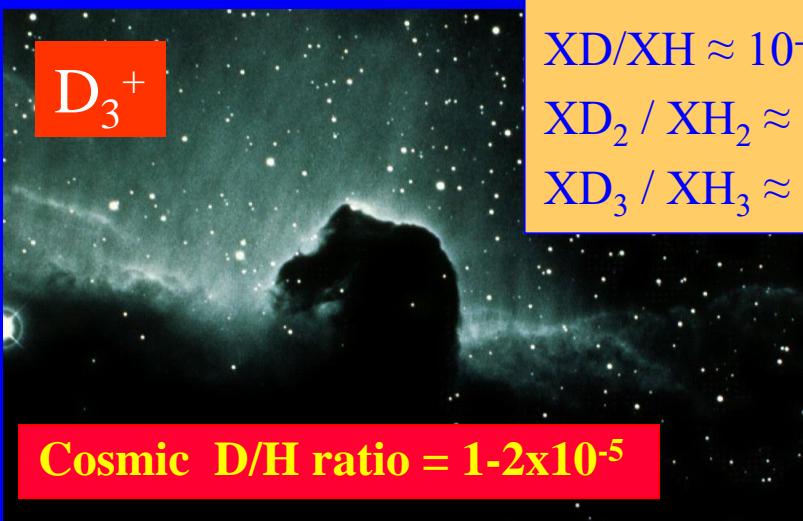
The first detection of deuterated molecules were made in the early 1970s..... Observed enhancement of D in molecules

$\text{H}_2\text{D}^+$	Stark	(1999)	$1_{10}-1_{11}$ transition of ortho- emission from young stellar object NGC 1333 IRAS4A.
$\text{H}_2\text{D}^+$	Caselli	(2003)	detected towards L1544.
$\text{HD}_2^+$	Vastel	(2004)	the first detection
$\text{CH}_2\text{DOH}...$	Parise	(2003, 2004)	have detected 4 isotopomers of deuterated methanol
$\text{NHD}_2/\text{NH}_3$	Roueff	(2000)	
	Loinard	(2001)	is 0.005 in the cold cloud L134N and 0.03 in the low-mass protostar 16293 E
$\text{D}_2\text{CO}/\text{H}_2\text{CO}$	Loinard	(2002)	
	Bacmann	(2003)	is between 0.01 and 0.4 in a low-mass protostars and prestellar cores
$\text{NH}_2\text{D}/\text{NH}_3$	J. Hatchell	(2003)	high ratios~4–33% in protostellar cores
$\text{ND}_3/\text{NH}_3$	Lis	(2002)	ratio $\sim 10^{-3}$ cold dense Barnard 1 cloud
	Tak	(2002)	Class 0 protostar NGC 1333 IRAS4A

Observed ratio  $\sim 10^{-3}$   
statistical ratio  $\sim (\text{D/H})^3 \approx 10^{-14} \rightarrow$  Enhancement of  $10^{11}$



# High population of deuterated molecules



$Cosmic\ D/H \approx 10^{-5}$   
 $XD/XH \approx 10^{-1}-10^{-3}$   
 $XD_2 / XH_2 \approx 10^{-2}$   
 $XD_3 / XH_3 \approx 10^{-3}$

	$H_3^+$	$H_2D^+$	$D_2H^+$	$D_3^+$
HD				
$N_2D^+$		$DCO^+$		$DCN$
DNC		$HDCS$		$D_2CS$
HDO		$DC_3N$		$DC_5N$
$C_3HD$		$HDCO$		$D_2CO$
$CH_3OD$		$CH_2DOH$		$CHD_2OH$
$CD_3OH$		$CH_2DCN$		$NH_2D$
$NHD_2$		$ND_3$		$CHD_2CCH$
$CH_3CCD$		$C_2D$		$C_4D$
HDS		$D_2S$		

Species	Observed ratio
$NH_2D/NH_3$	0.01
$HDCO/H_2CO$	0.005-0.11
$DCN/HCN$	0.023
$DNC/HNC$	0.015
$C_2D/C_2H$	0.01
$DCO^+/HCO^+$	0.02
$N_2D^+/N_2H^+$	0.08
$DC_3N/HC_3N$	0.03-0.1
$HDCS/H_2CS$	0.02

Deuterated molecules that have been detected in interstellar clouds as of February 2005.

## Gas phase reactions,

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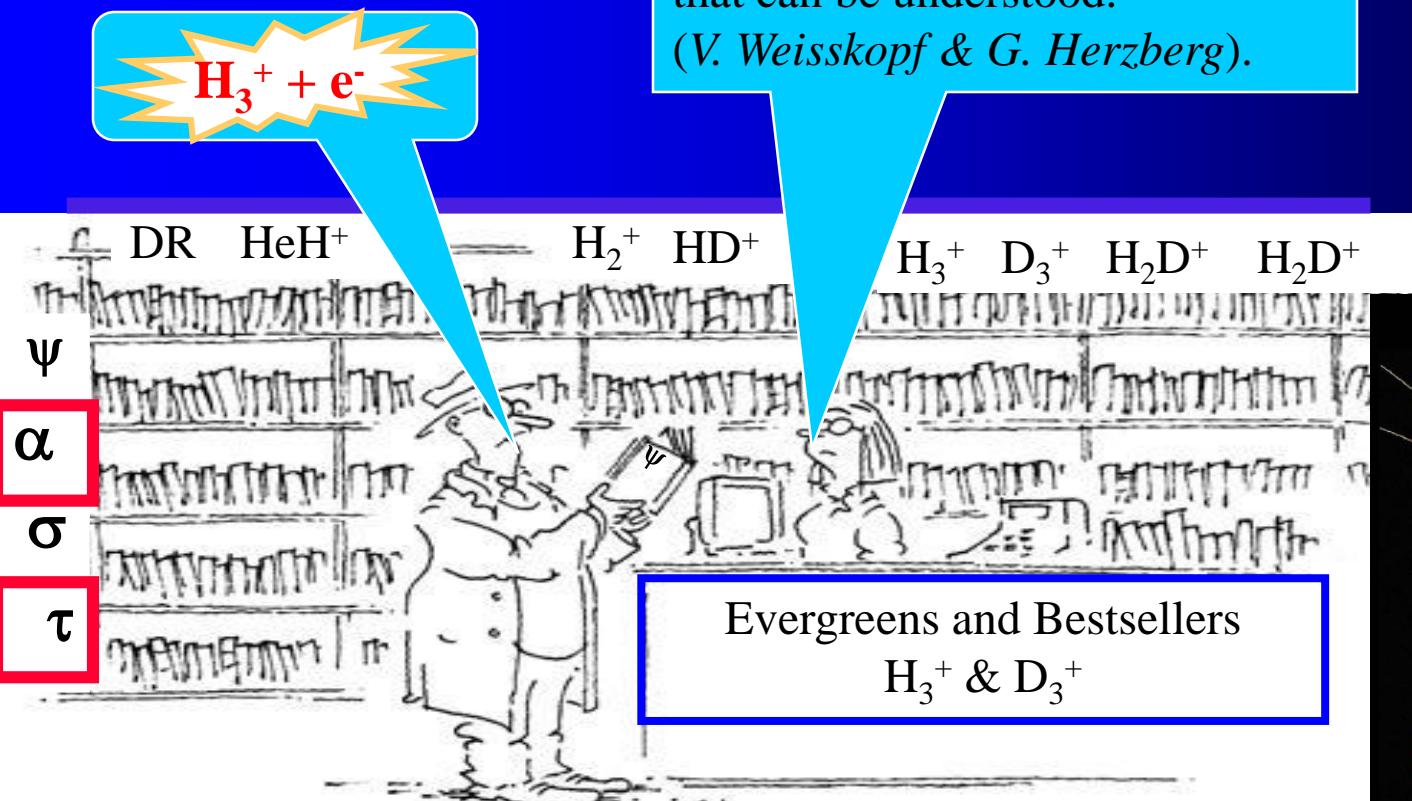
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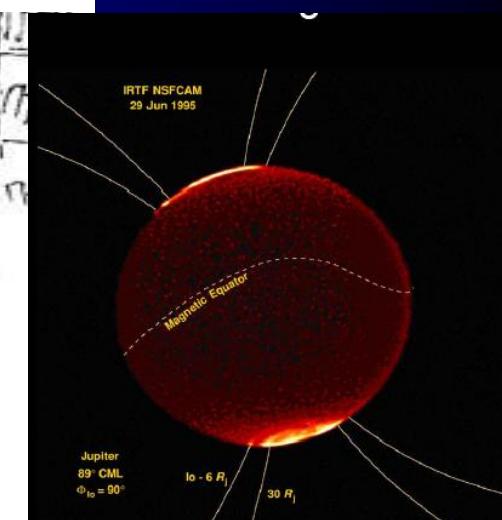
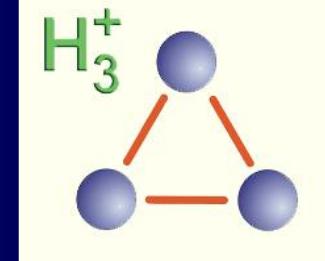
Different views  
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# $H_3^+$ and its interaction of with $e^-$ is FUNDAMENTAL

If you understand hydrogen,  
you understand all  
that can be understood.  
(V. Weisskopf & G. Herzberg).



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# $H_3^+$ , $H_2D^+$ , $HD_2^+$ , $D_3^+$ are fundamental

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Chemical modeling of L183 (L134N): an estimate of the ortho/para  $H_2$  ratio\*

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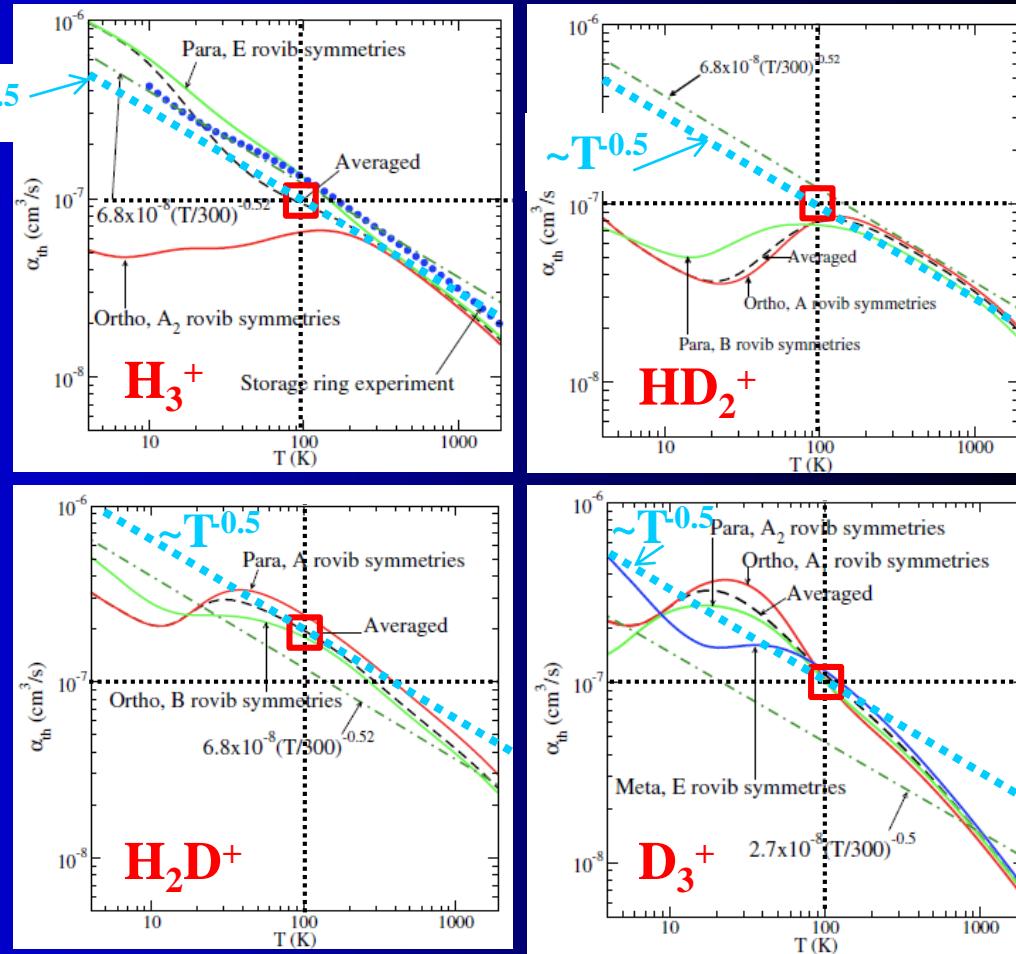
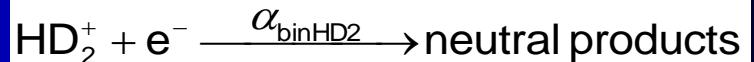
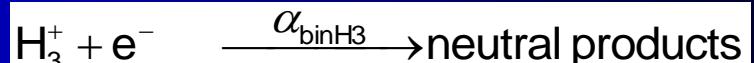


FIG. 3 (color). The DR rate coefficient of an electron and  $H_3^+$ ,  $H_2D^+$ ,  $H_2D^+$ , and  $D_3^+$  as a function of collision energy.  $H_3^+$

$$\alpha \sim \langle v \cdot \sigma \rangle$$

$$\alpha \sim T^{0.5}$$



# $\text{H}_3^+$ interaction with $e^-$

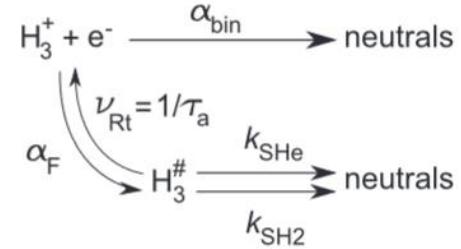


FIG. 1. The scheme of the proposed  $\text{H}_3^+$  recombination mechanism. Used symbols are explained in the text.

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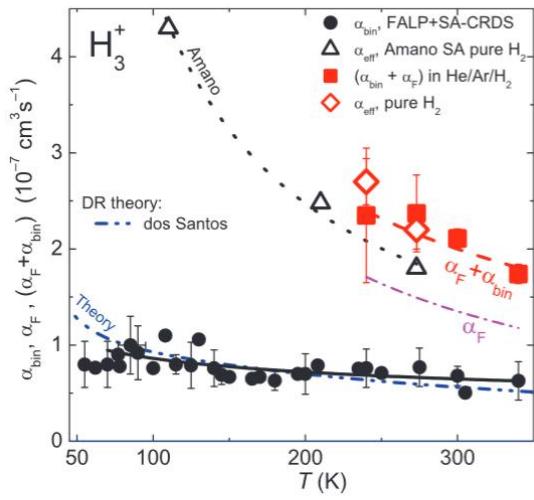


Figure 5. Temperature dependences of  $\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ ,  $\alpha_F$ , and their sum ( $\alpha_{\text{bin}} + \alpha_F$ ). The diamonds and squares indicate ( $\alpha_{\text{bin}} + \alpha_F$ ) measured in pure  $\text{H}_2$  and in  $\text{He}/\text{Ar}/\text{H}_2$  mixture, respectively. The fit of the data (dashed line) gives the temperature dependence:  $(\alpha_{\text{bin}} + \alpha_F) = (2.0 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-7} (T/300 \text{ K})^{-(0.81 \pm 0.30)}$   $\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The filled circles indicate the values of  $\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  for  $\text{H}_3^+$  ions in  $\text{He}/\text{Ar}/\text{H}_2$  mixtures that were obtained in several stationary and flowing afterglow experiments (for details see [22, 26]). The full line indicates the dependence  $\alpha_{\text{bin}} = (6.5 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-8} (T/300 \text{ K})^{-(0.26 \pm 0.07)}$   $\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained by fitting  $\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  data at temperatures 80–340 K. Included are the present data and data from [22, 26]. The dependence of  $\alpha_F$  on temperature (dot-dashed line) was obtained by subtracting  $\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  (full line) from the sum of ( $\alpha_{\text{bin}} + \alpha_F$ ) (dashed line). The rate coefficients measured by Amano [30] in pure  $\text{H}_2$ , assumed to be due to binary recombination only, are plotted as open triangles for comparison. The dotted line indicates a fit to Amano's data:  $\alpha_{\text{Amano}} = 1.7 \times 10^{-7} (T/300 \text{ K})^{0.94}$   $\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The theoretical temperature dependence of the binary rate coefficient of dissociative recombination of  $\text{H}_3^+$  ions calculated by Fonseca dos Santos *et al.* [12] is plotted by a double dot-dashed line denoted Theory.

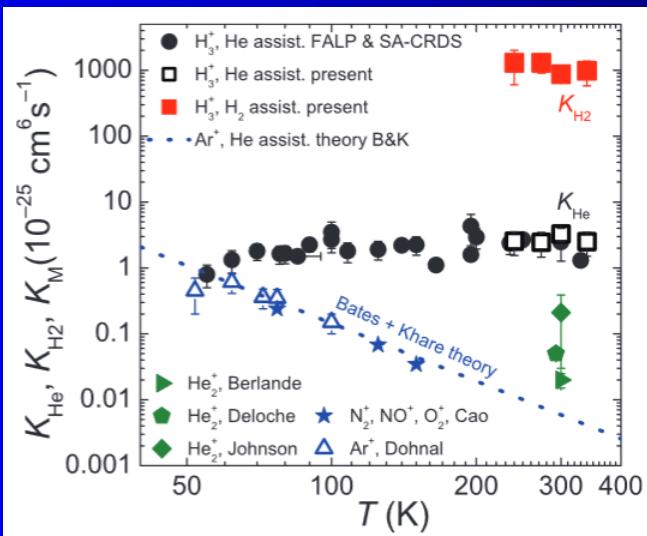


Figure 6. Temperature dependences of the three-body rate coefficients  $K_{\text{H}_2}$  (closed squares) and  $K_{\text{He}}$  (open squares) of  $\text{H}_2$  and He assisted recombination of  $\text{H}_3^+$  ions. Closed circles:  $K_{\text{He}}$  of  $\text{H}_3^+$  ions obtained in our previous experiments [21, 23, 24, 34]. Open triangles: Three-body recombination rate coefficients of He-assisted collisional radiative recombination  $K_{\text{HeAr}^+}$  of  $\text{Ar}^+$  ions measured in a Cryo-FALP II experiment [50]. Filled stars:  $K_{\text{He-CRR}}$  as measured by Cao *et al.* [51] for a mixture of atmospheric ions in He. Dotted line: Theoretical dependence of Bates and Khare [32] scaled for  $\text{Ar}^+$  ions in He by the reduced mass. Full triangle, pentagon and diamond indicate three-body rate coefficients measured for  $\text{He}_2^+$  ions in helium by Berlande [52], Deloche [53] and Johnson [54], respectively.

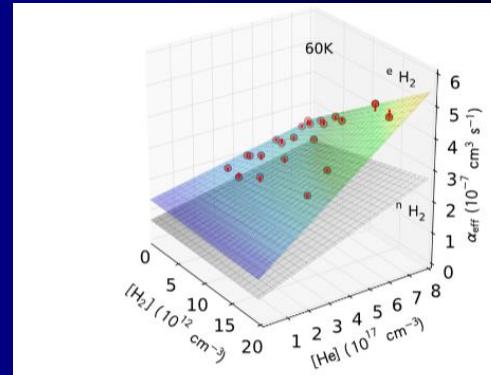


Figure 7. Cryo-FALP II data. Dependence of  ${}^e\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  and  ${}^n\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  on [He] and  $[{}^e\text{H}_2]$  measured at  $T = 60 \text{ K}$  in experiments with  ${}^e\text{H}_2$  and with  ${}^n\text{H}_2$ , respectively. The upper surface is a fit of Eq. (6) to the data (indicated by circles) obtained with  ${}^e\text{H}_2$ . The lower surface represents a fit of Eq. (6) to the data obtained with  ${}^n\text{H}_2$  (data points are omitted for clarity). The data points deviate from the surfaces by amounts on the order  $< 2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  as is shown by red lines connecting the data points with the plane. The parameters of the fits are listed in Table I.

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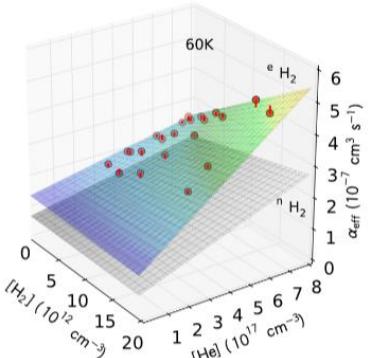


FIG. 7. Cryo-FALP II data. Dependence of  ${}^e\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  and  ${}^n\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  on  $[\text{He}]$  and  $[\text{H}_2]$  measured at  $T = 60 \text{ K}$  in experiments with  ${}^4\text{H}_2$  and with  ${}^2\text{H}_2$ , respectively. The upper surface is a fit of Eq. (6) to the data (indicated by circles) obtained with  ${}^4\text{H}_2$ . The lower surface represents a fit of Eq. (6) to the data obtained with  ${}^2\text{H}_2$  (data points are omitted for clarity). The data points deviate from the surfaces by amounts on the order  $<2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  as is shown by red lines connecting the data points with the plane. The parameters of the fits are listed in Table I.

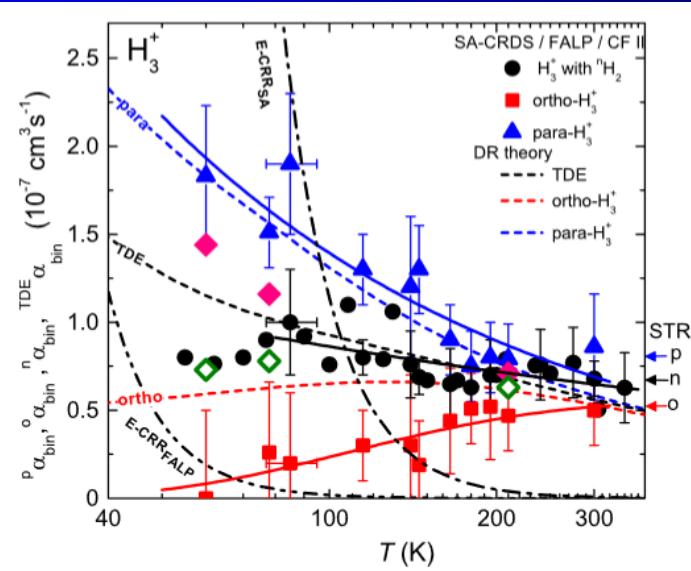


FIG. 8. Cryo-FALP II and SA-CRDS. Nuclear spin state-specific binary recombination rate coefficients measured in Cryo-FALP II, FALP, and SA-CRDS experiments. Triangles and squares indicate  ${}^p\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  and  ${}^o\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ , respectively. The values at 85 K, 140 K, 165 K, and 195 K were taken from our previous experiments.<sup>19</sup> The values of  ${}^n\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  (circles) were measured in the Cryo-FALP II, FALP, and SA-CRDS experiments and some data were taken from our previous studies.<sup>19,41</sup> The diamonds refer to  ${}^n\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  (open diamonds) and  ${}^e\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  (closed diamonds) measured in the present Cryo-FALP II experiment. The full lines are fits to  ${}^p\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ ,  ${}^o\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ , and  ${}^n\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  to the function in Eq. (7) that is used in astrophysical databases. For details and for the parameters of the fits see the text and Table II. The arrows on the right hand side of the figure denoted as p, o, and n indicate the values of  ${}^p\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ ,  ${}^o\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ , and  ${}^n\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  obtained in CRYRING.<sup>13</sup> The dashed lines indicated as para, ortho, and thermodynamic equilibrium (TDE) are theoretical dependences for para- $\text{H}_3^+$ , ortho- $\text{H}_3^+$ , and for  $\text{H}_3^+$  ions in TDE.<sup>33,35</sup> The dashed-dotted lines E-CRR<sub>SA</sub> and E-CRR<sub>FALP</sub> are effective binary rate coefficients of ternary E-CRR calculated for electron number densities  $n_e(\text{SA-CRDS}) = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $n_e(\text{Cryo-FALP II}) = 5 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .<sup>19,27–29</sup>

# $\text{H}_3^+$ interaction with $e^-$

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## Binary and ternary recombination of para- $\text{H}_3^+$ and ortho- $\text{H}_3^+$ with electrons: State selective study at 77–200 K

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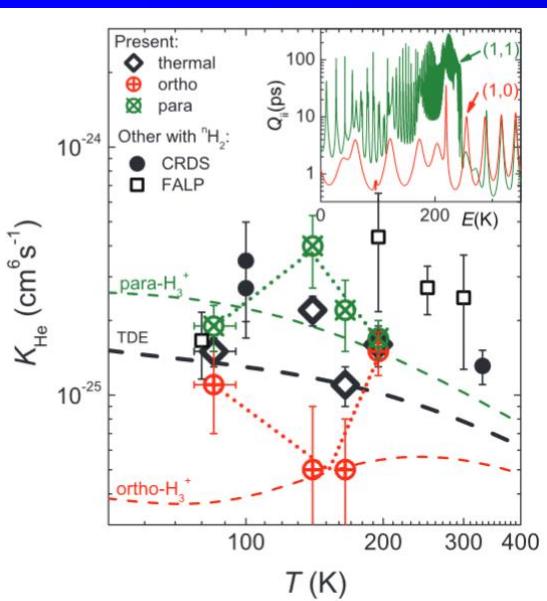


FIG. 12. Ternary recombination rate coefficients  ${}^0K_{\text{He}}$ ,  ${}^1K_{\text{He}}$ , and  ${}^2K_{\text{He}}$ . The data obtained in previous CRDS (closed circles) and FALP/SA (open squares) experiments<sup>33,34</sup> are also shown. The dotted lines drawn through the para and ortho data are only meant to guide the eye. In the insert diagonal elements  $Q_{ii}$  of lifetime Matrix  $Q$  for the two lowest initial rotational states of  $\text{H}_3^+$  are plotted. Each curve is labeled with the corresponding quantum numbers (J.G.).<sup>8,34</sup>

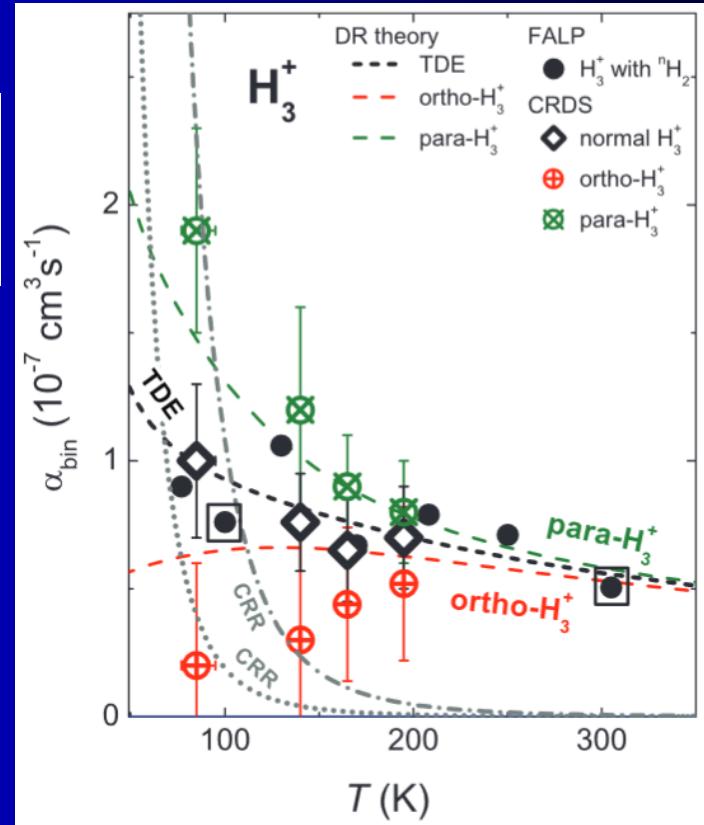
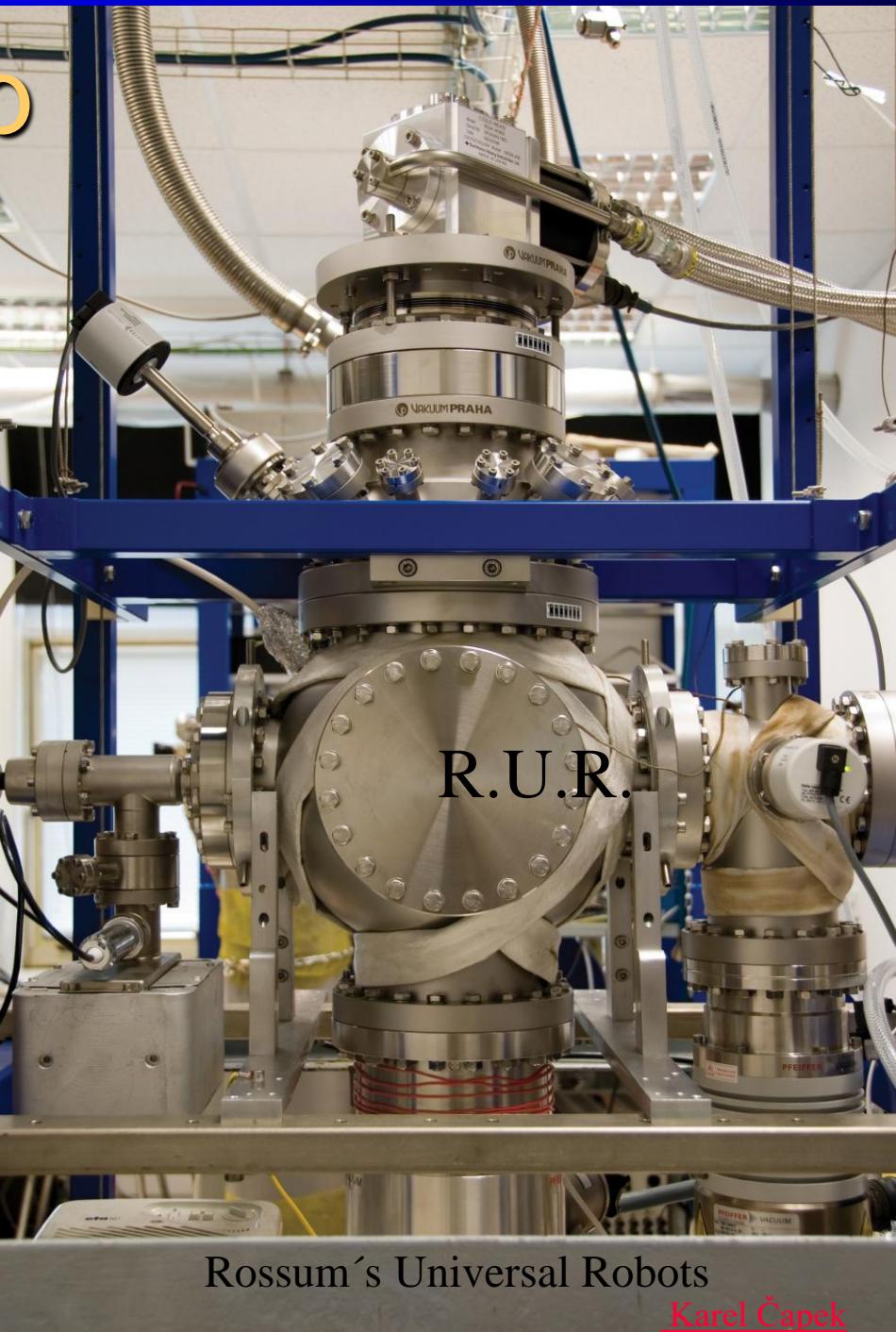


FIG. 13. Measured temperature dependences of the binary recombination rate coefficients  ${}^0\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ ,  ${}^1\alpha_{\text{bin}}$ , and  ${}^2\alpha_{\text{bin}}$  for normal- $\text{H}_3^+$  (measured in experiments with  $n\text{H}_2$ ), para- $\text{H}_3^+$ , and ortho- $\text{H}_3^+$ , respectively (see also Ref. 78). Previous FALP data<sup>8,33,34</sup> measured with  $n\text{H}_2$  are indicated by full circles. Combined SA-CRDS/FALP data at 100 K and 305 K (Refs. 8 and 34) are indicated by a full circle in a square. The temperature  $T$  in the SA-CRDS experiments is given by  $T_{\text{kin}}$ , while in the FALP it is the temperature of the flow tube. That is why we use  $T = 82$  K for data obtained in experiment made with discharge tube (SA-CRDS) immersed in liquid nitrogen, otherwise we indicate it as 77 K (e.g., in Fig. 5). Error bars (present CRDS data) represent statistical errors (see linear fits in Figs. 10 and 11). The dashed lines indicate the theoretical rate coefficients for para- $\text{H}_3^+$ , ortho- $\text{H}_3^+$ , and for  $\text{H}_3^+$  ions in the thermal equilibrium (TDE).<sup>6</sup> The curves labeled CRR are the effective binary rate coefficients of collisional radiative recombination (CRR) calculated from the Steffens formula (see Refs. 31, 32, and 38) for electron densities  $n_e = 5 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (dotted line) and  $n_e = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (dash-dotted line). For details see the Appendix.

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