

New processes in the PDR code

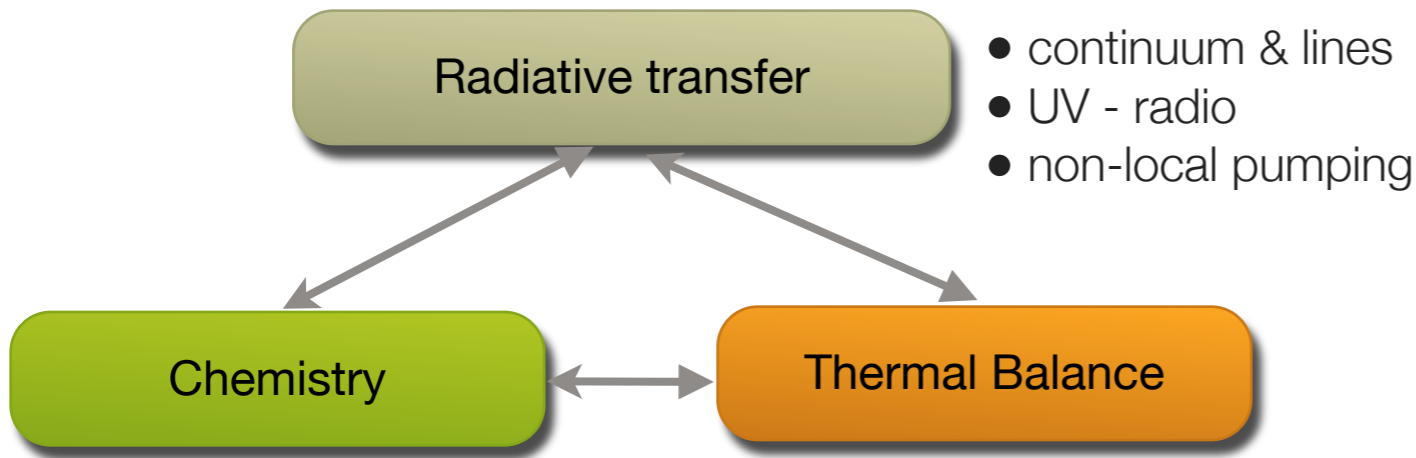
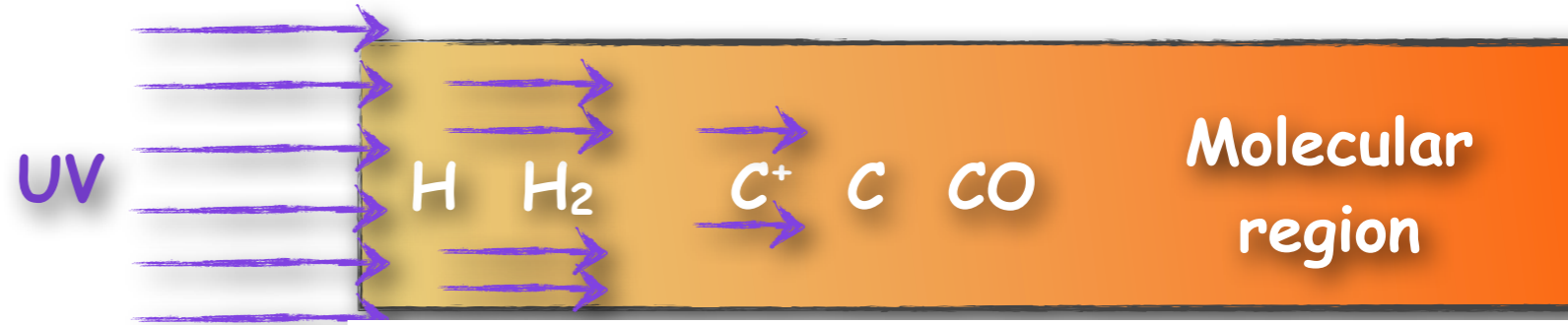
The Meudon PDR code

PDR code :

- computes atomic and molecular structure of interstellar clouds
- interpret observations & understand physical and chemical processes
- 1D & stationary

- densities of chemical species
- level excitations
- gas and grains temperature
- ...

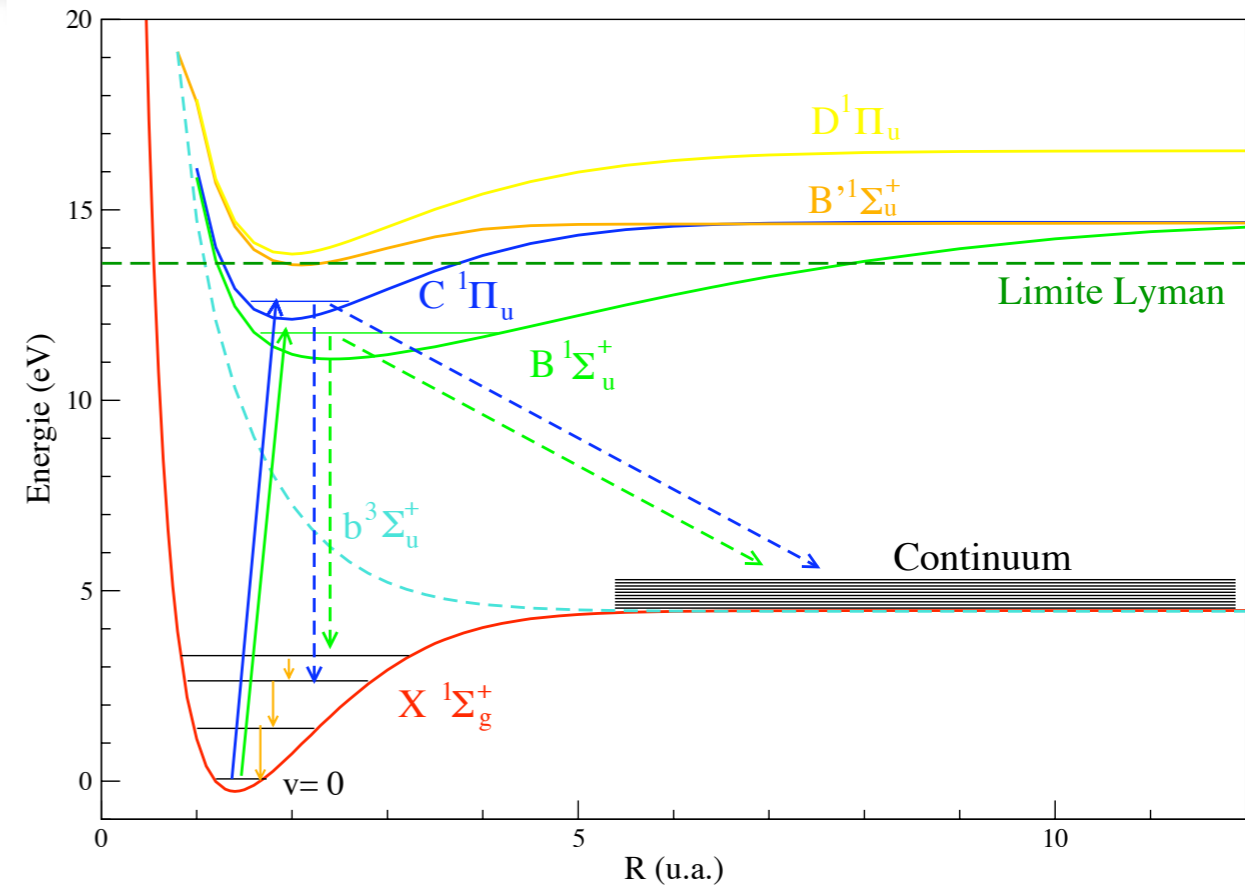
- line intensities (H₂, CO, H₂O, ...)
- column densities
- spectra



- continuum & lines
- UV - radio
- non-local pumping

- hundreds species
- thousands reactions

- non LTE
- Statistical equilibrium in levels populations
- Detailed heating mechanisms
- Cooling - non local radiative transfer



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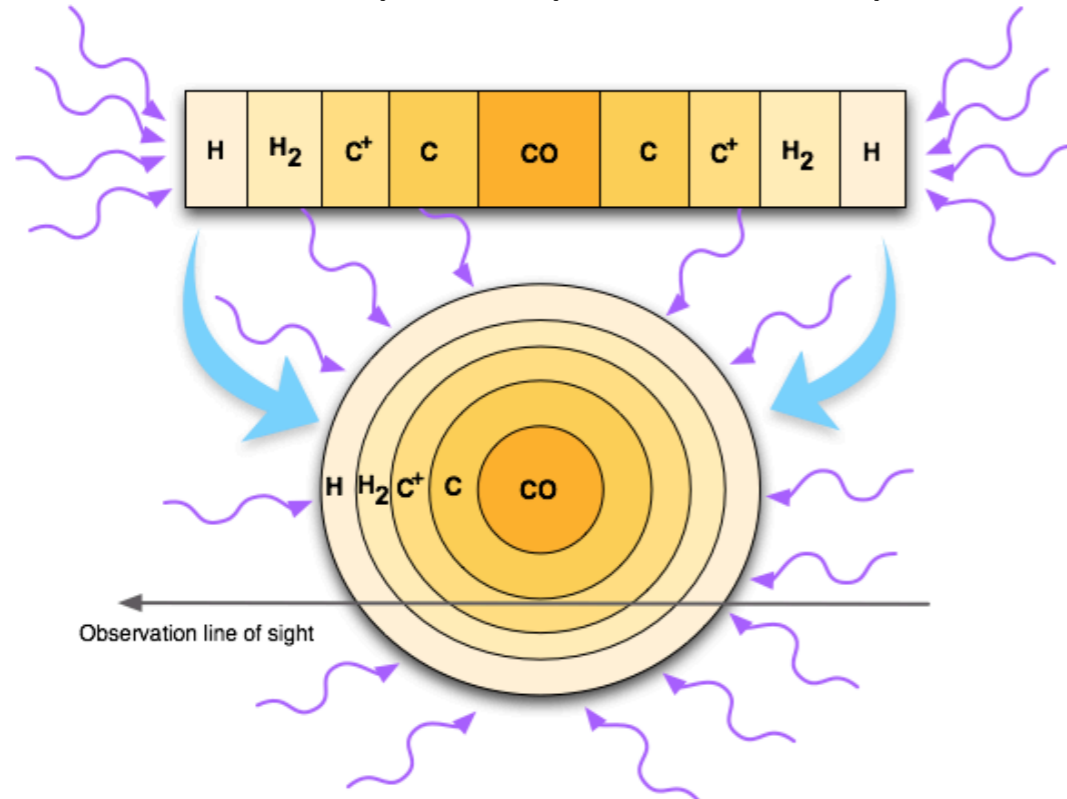
New developments :

- **Grains**

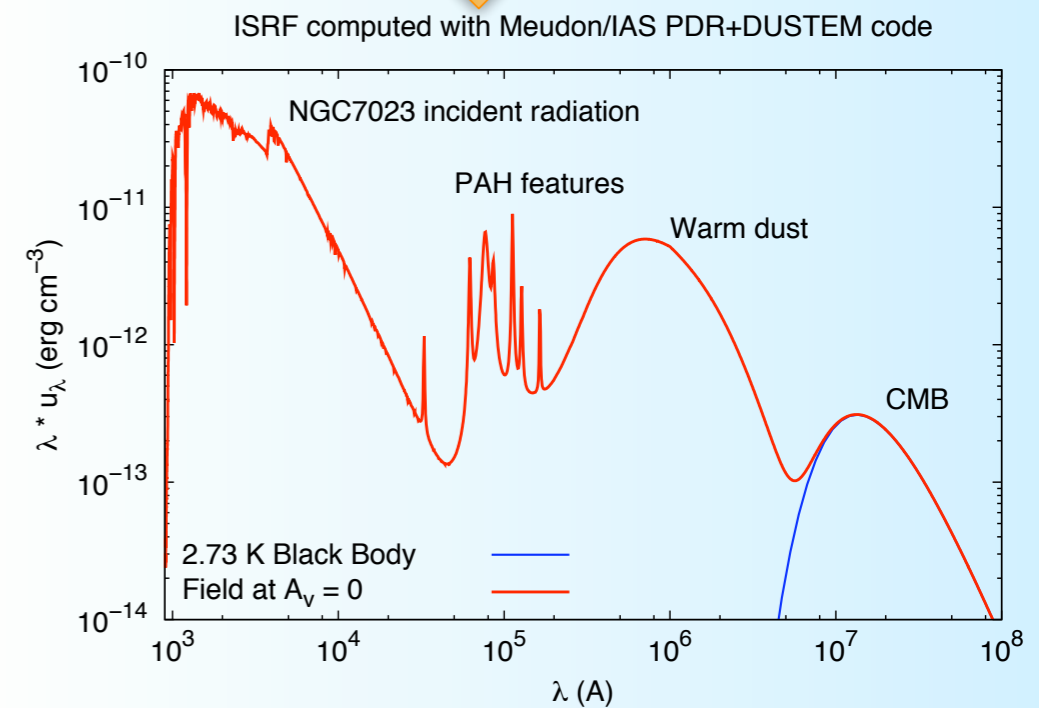
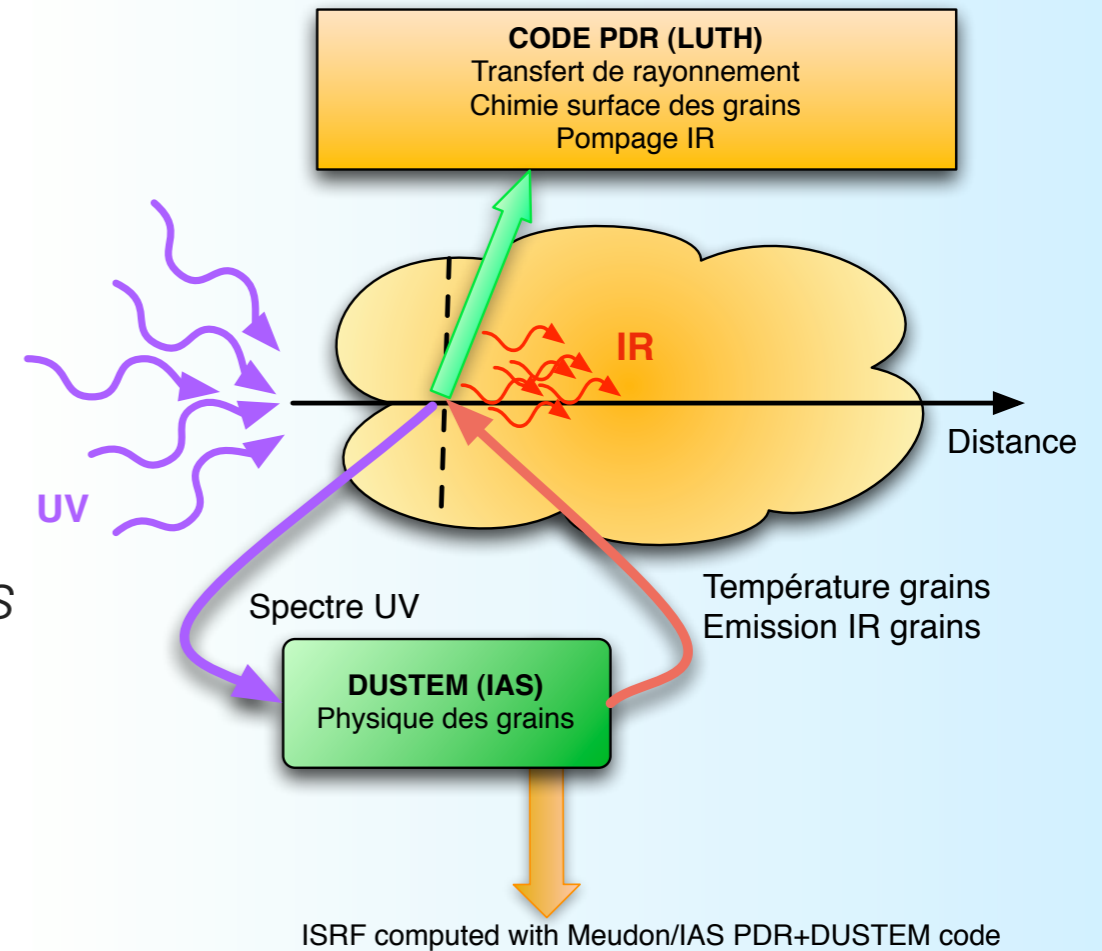
- modified Hollenbach et al. prescription
 - MRN grains size distribution
 - Simple prescriptions for $T_{gr}(r, A_V)$
- PDR + DustEM
 - computes I.R. emission by dust
 - *Ex : non-local pumping of H₂O by warm grains*

- **Spherical geometry**

- Post-treatment : plane-parallel -> sphere



PDR (LUTH) + DUSTEM (IAS)



Surface chemistry : H₂ formation

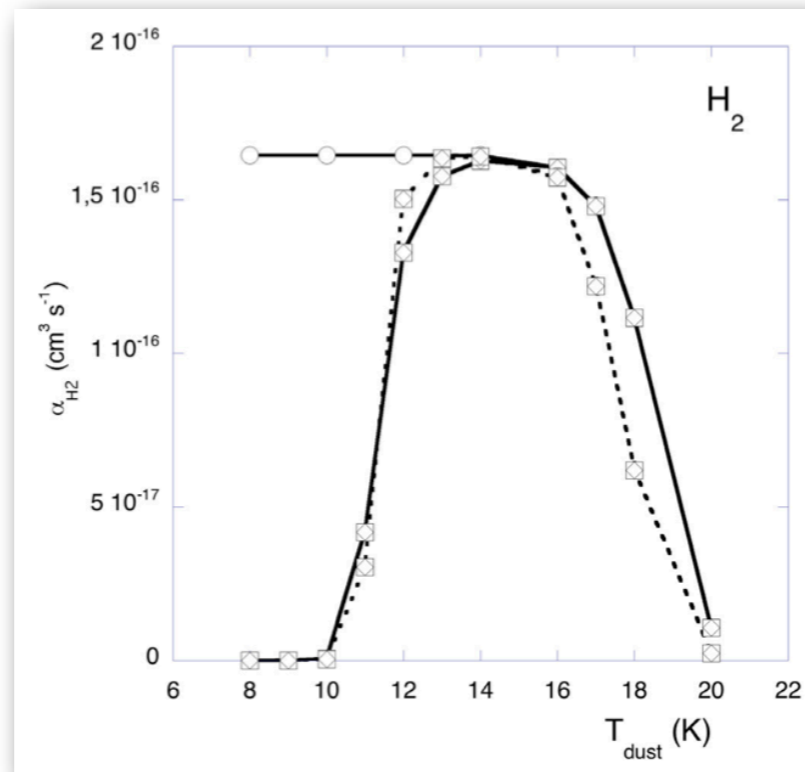
Observations :

ISO - Spitzer : Models underestimate H₂ line intensities in PDRs (Habart et al.)

- H₂ formation rate on grains in models is too low
- Impacts the transition atoms / molecules
- Impacts interpretations of all species

Laboratory experiments :

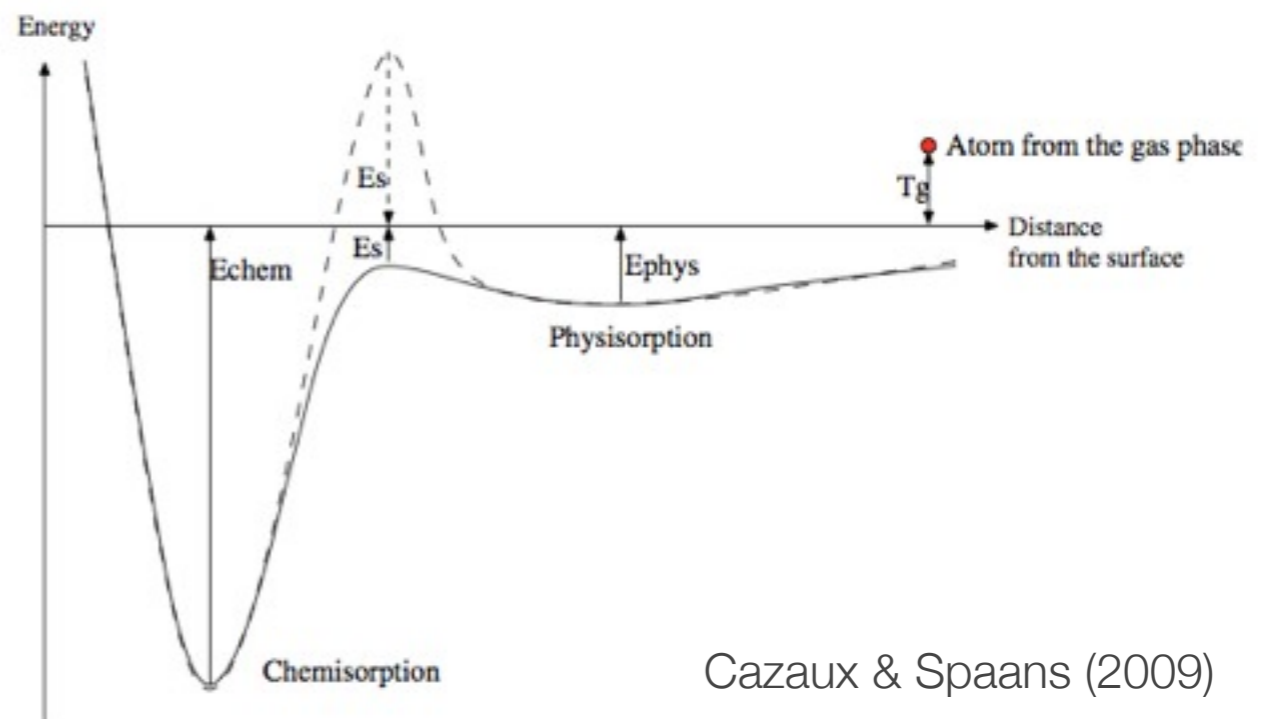
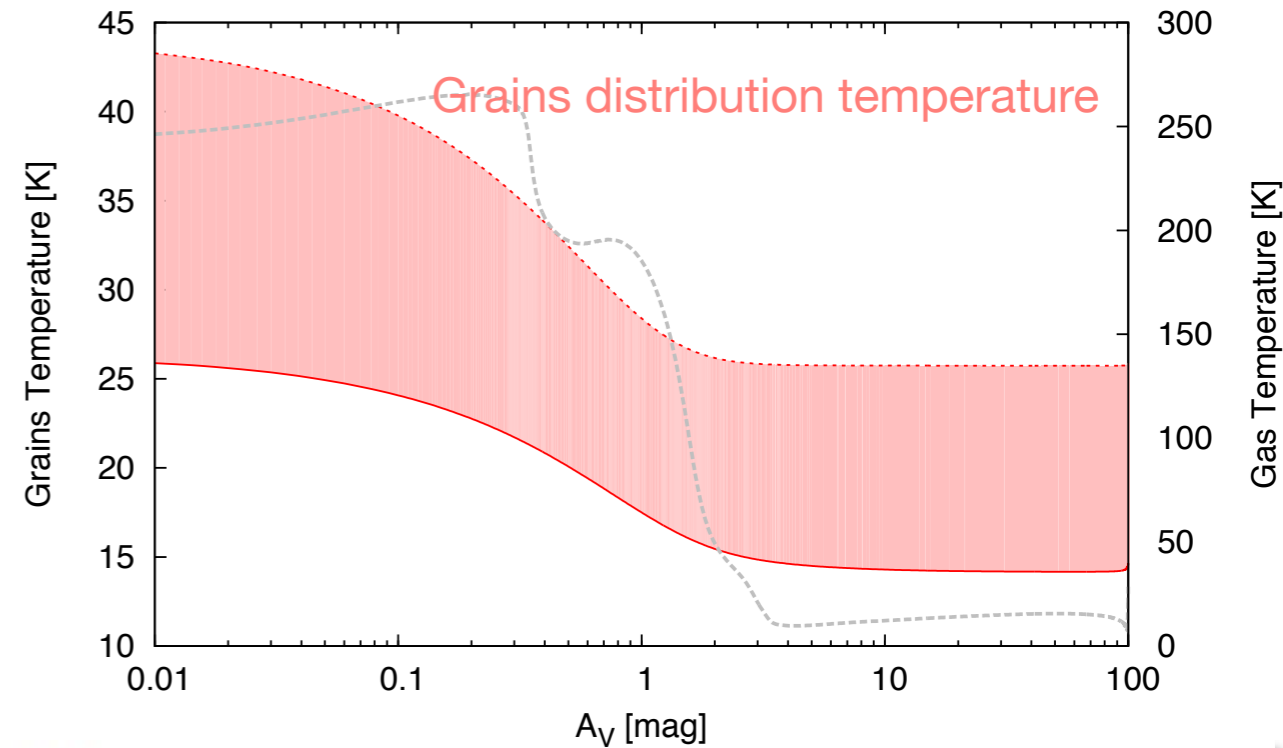
- H₂ forms in a narrow window of T_{dust}
- ~ 11 - 20 K



Edge of clouds :

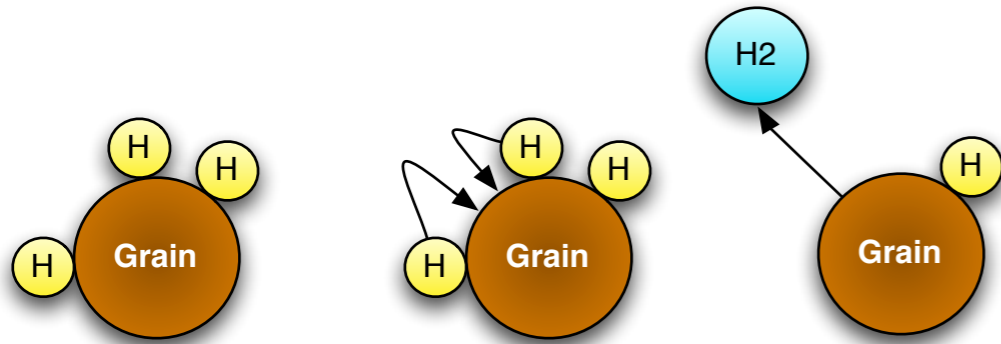
Physisorption :

- $T_{\text{dust}} > 20 \text{ K} \Rightarrow$ Thermal desorption
- not in agreement with observations

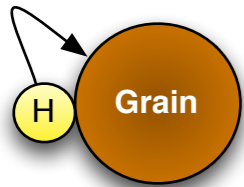


Cazaux & Spaans (2009)

Langmuir-Hinshelwood (LH)

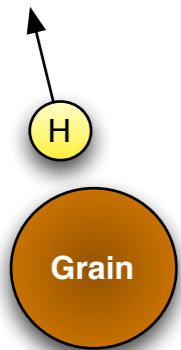


- Diffusion



$$A = \frac{\nu}{S} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_0}{kT_d}\right)$$

- Desorption

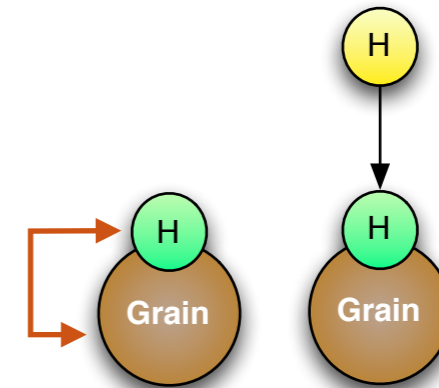


$$W = \nu \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_1}{kT_d}\right)$$

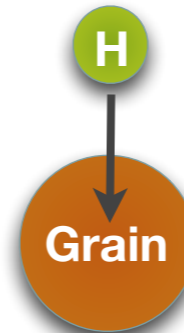
The formation rate by LH mechanism depends on grains temperature

Eley-Rideal (ER) on chemisorption sites

Binding energy
~ 5000 K

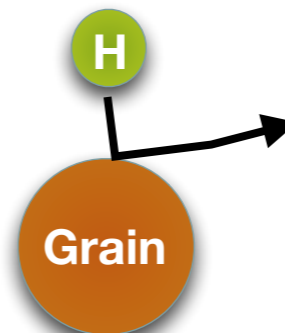


- Chemisorption efficiency



T1 : chemisorption barrier
~ [100 - 1000]
our choice : 300 K

- Reaction efficiency



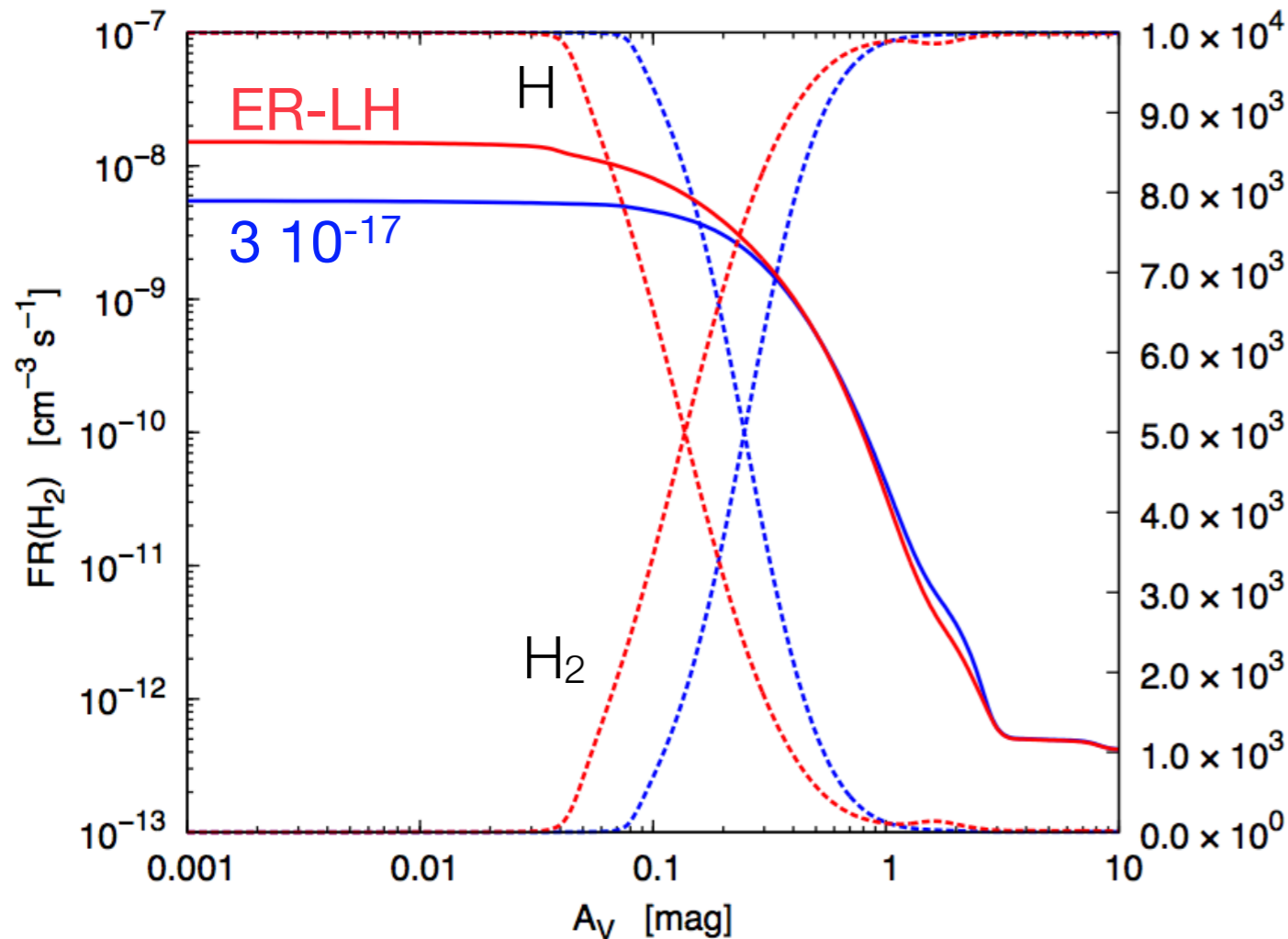
T2 : bounce back efficiency
T2 ~ 400 K

The formation rate by ER mechanism depends on gas temperature

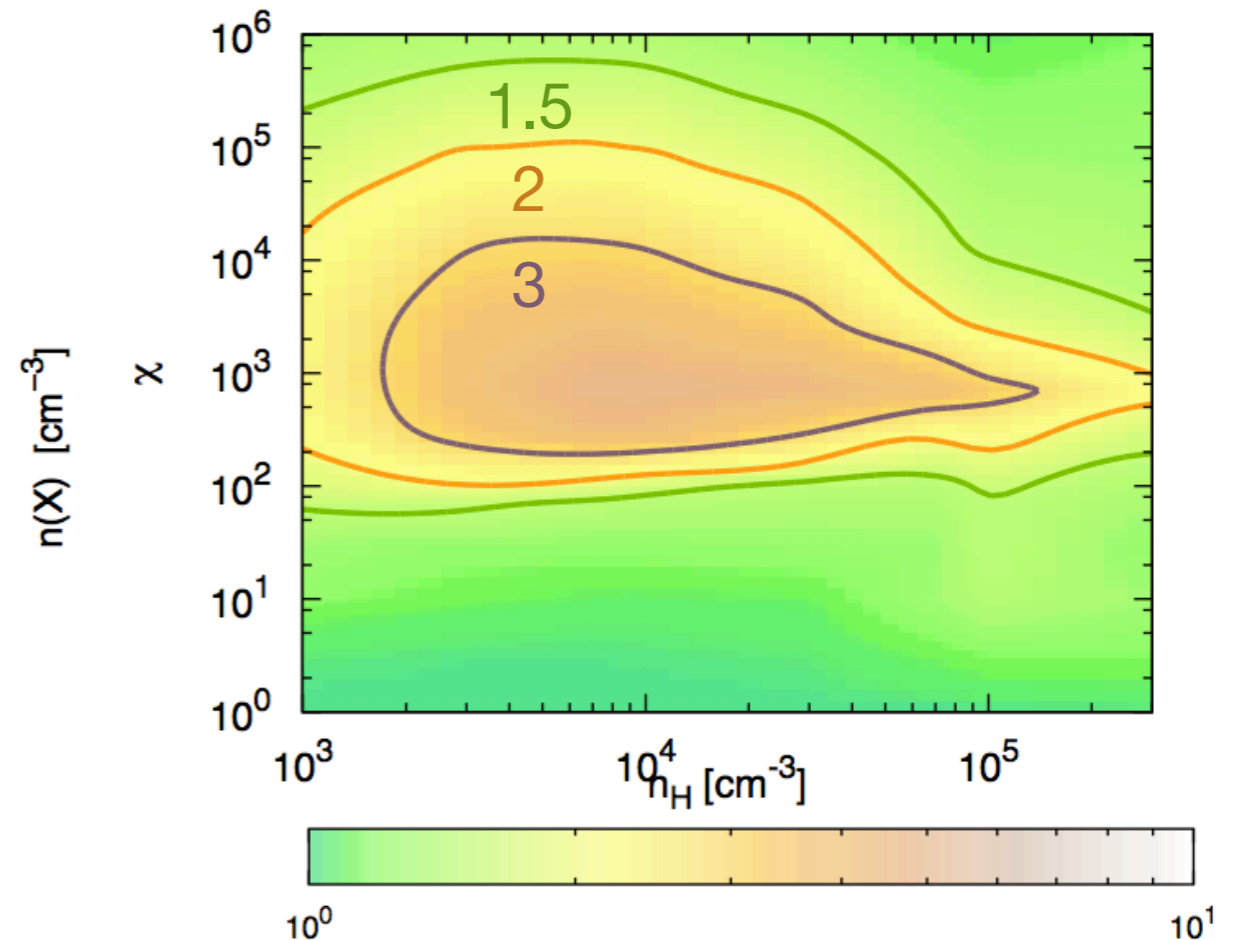
Surface chemistry : H₂ formation

Impact on H₂ line intensities

PDR : $n_H = 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $G = 10^3 \text{ ISRF}$



H₂, 0-0 S(2)
 $I(\text{ER-LH}) / I(\text{R} = 3 \times 10^{-17})$



Eley-Rideal mechanism :

- shifts H₂ formation towards the edge of PDRs
 Efficient formation on warm grains
- H₂ line intensities can be increased up to a factor 3

H₂ formation by Eley-Rideal : Heating mechanism

Theoretical results of **Eley-Rideal** (Sizun et al. 2010)

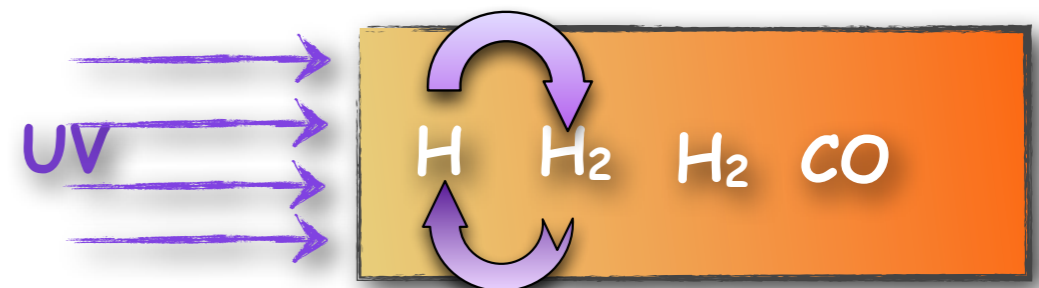
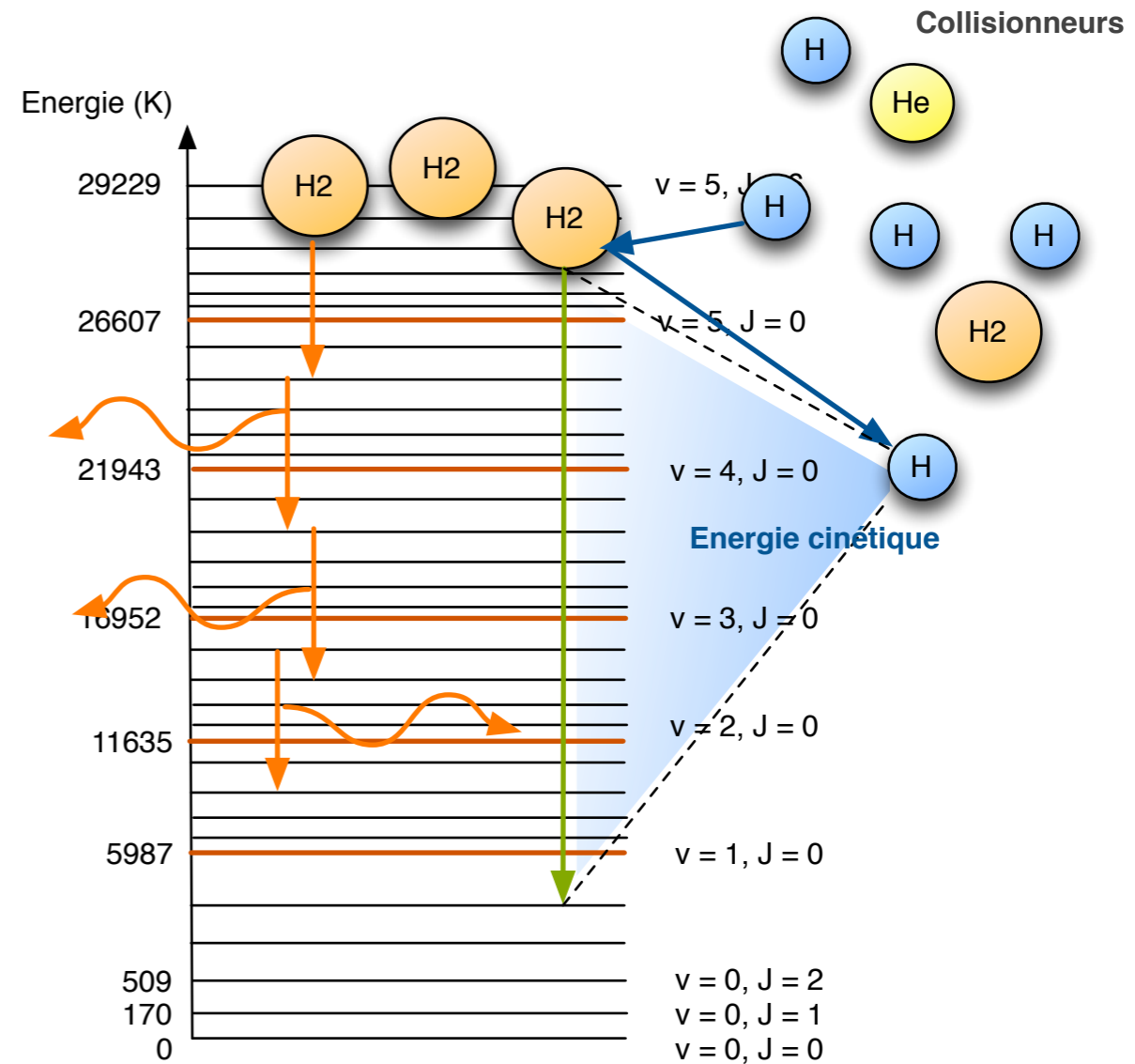
- 7 % Extraction
- 60 % H₂ internal energy**
- 13 % H₂ kinetic energy
- 20 % Grain internal energy

H₂ formation produces 4.5 eV

In star forming regions (Ex : Orion)

- **High density**
 - ▶ collisional de-excitations are efficient
 - ▶ $E_{\text{internal}} \rightarrow E_{\text{kinétique}} (\text{gaz})$
- **High UV radiation field**
 - ▶ Fast cycle : formation - destruction
 - ▶ Fast conversion of the UV energy in kinetic energy of the gas

Eley-Rideal mechanism can be **an efficient heating process** in dense and strongly illuminated regions

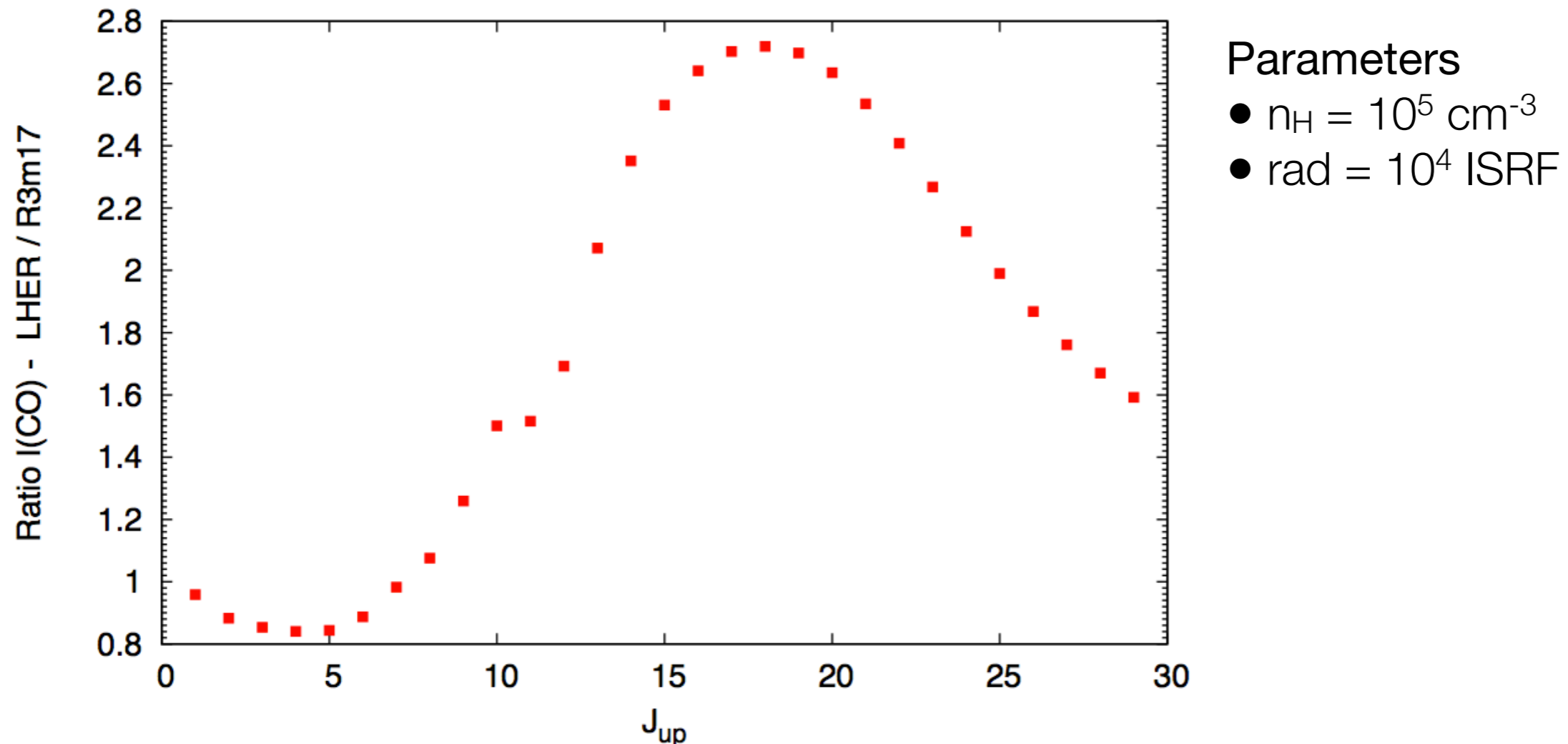


Surface chemistry : H₂ formation

PDR code : everything is coupled !

=> **Impact of H₂ formation by E.R. on CO excitation**

- Comparison of CO line intensities between models with ER and $R = 3 \cdot 10^{-17}$



Some CO lines intensities can be increased up to a factor ~ 3
(dependent on gas density and intensity of radiation field)

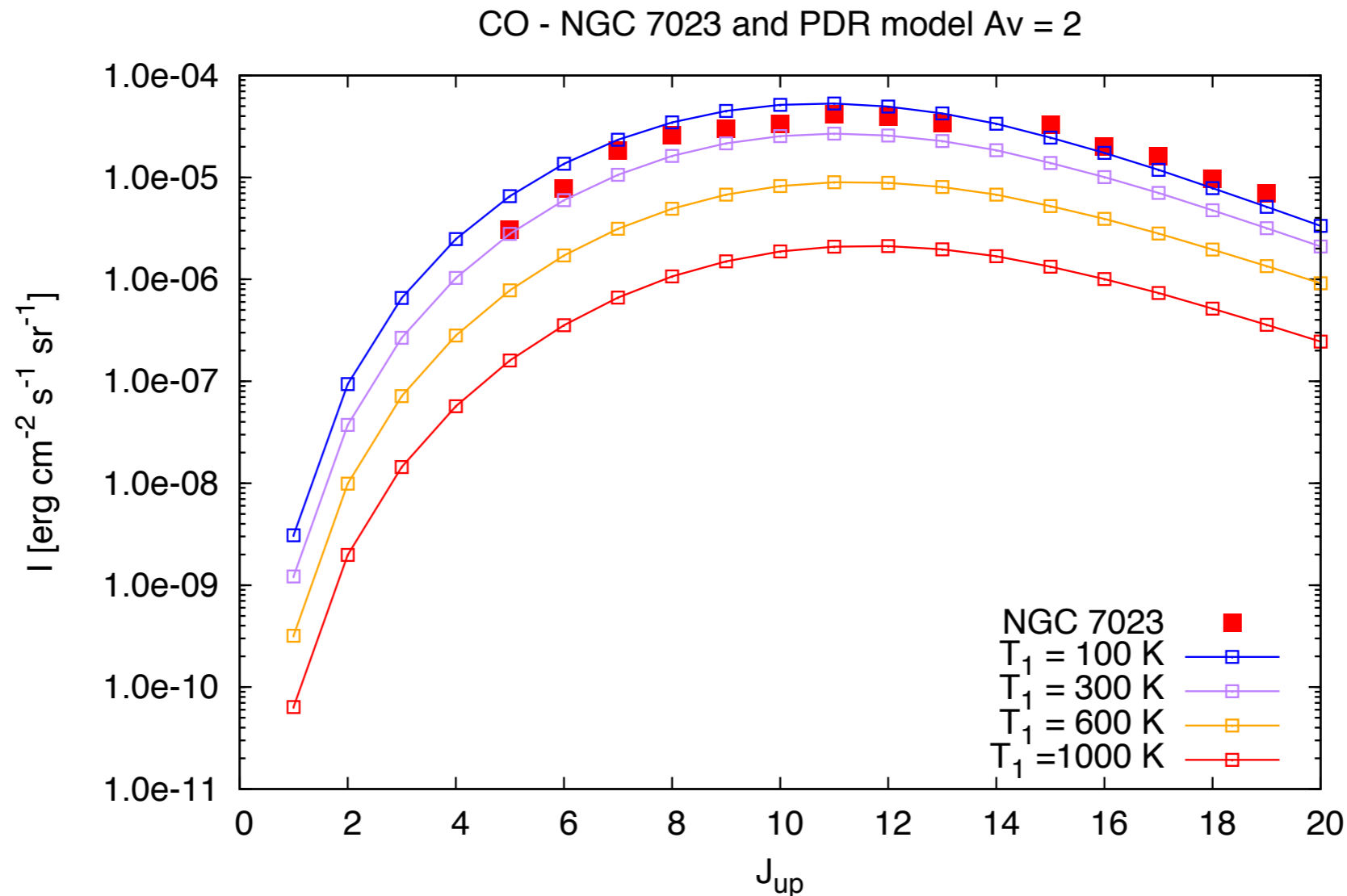
Surface chemistry : H₂ formation

Application to NGC 7023 & Orion Bar

- Herchel observations of CO up to J ~ 19
(Joblin et al. in prep)

Model parameters :

- Specific radiation field
- isobaric model ($P \sim 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ K}$)



Limits to have better agreement :

- geometry
- grain size distribution / composition profile

• **Poster 32** : Impact of PAH evolution on the energetic of photon-dominated regions (C. Joblin)

Complex surface chemistry

Implementation of surface chemistry in the PDR code

Rate equation formalism

Two kind of species

- Mantle / Ice : C, CH, CH₂, CH₃, CH₄,
O, OH, H₂O,
CO, HCO, H₂CO, H₃CO, O₂, CO₂, CH₃OH
F, HF, Cl, HCl...
- Surface species : H

Reactions

- Adsorption / Bouncing
- diffusion reactions
- Desorption due to :
 - UV photons (primary & secondary)
 - cosmic rays

Important chemical parameters

- adsorption efficiencies
- surface reaction rates
- photo & cosmic rays desorption rates

Only a few of these chemical parameters are known

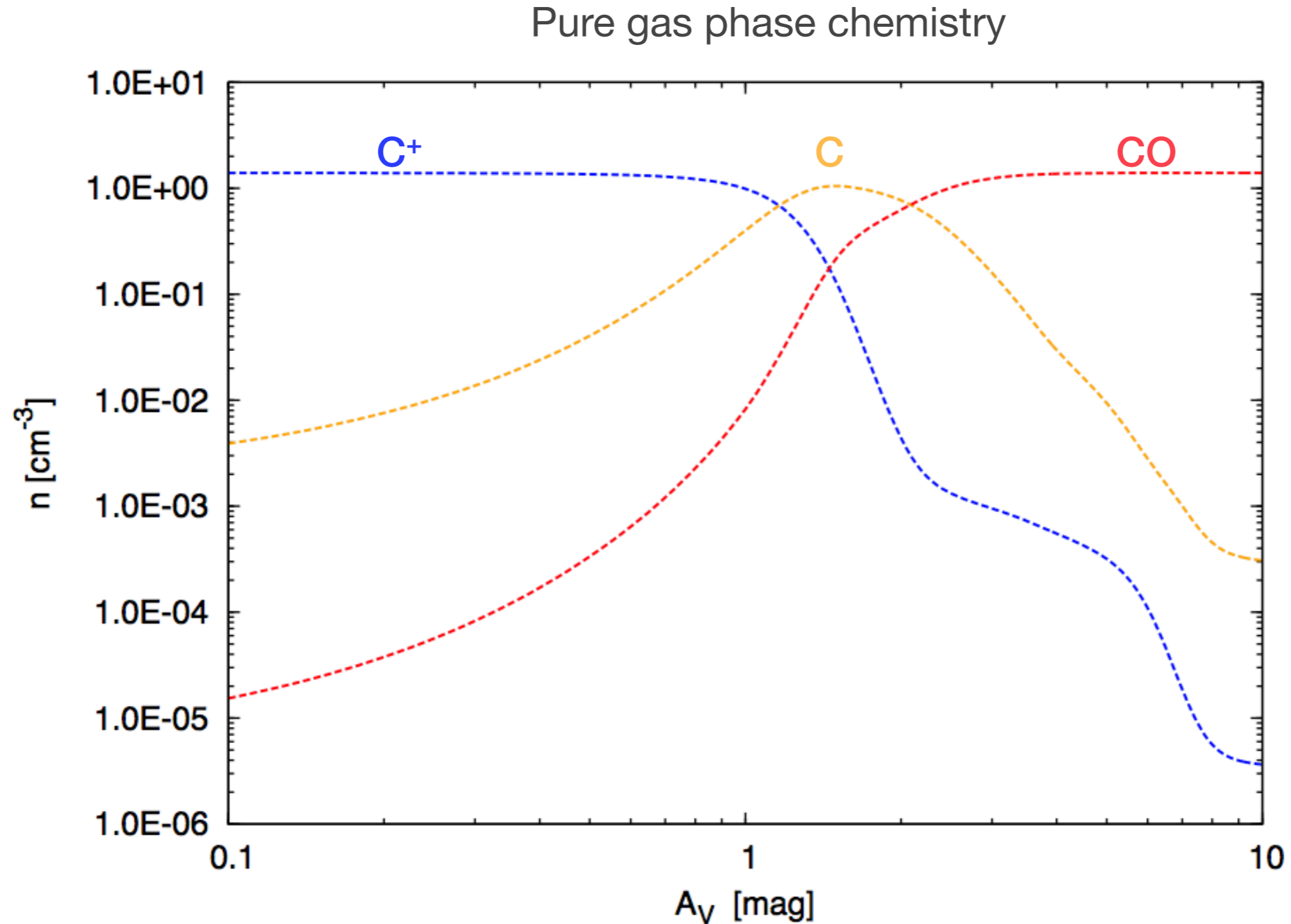
	Barrier [K]	
	Diffusion	Desorption
H	100	350
O	240	800
OH	378	1260
H ₂	135	450
O ₂	363	1210
H ₂ O	558	1860
CO	363	1210
HCO	453	1510
H ₂ CO	528	1760
CH ₃ O	651	2170
CH ₃ OH	618	2060
CO ₂	750	2500

Stantcheva et al. (2002)

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Impact of surface chemistry on a typical PDR

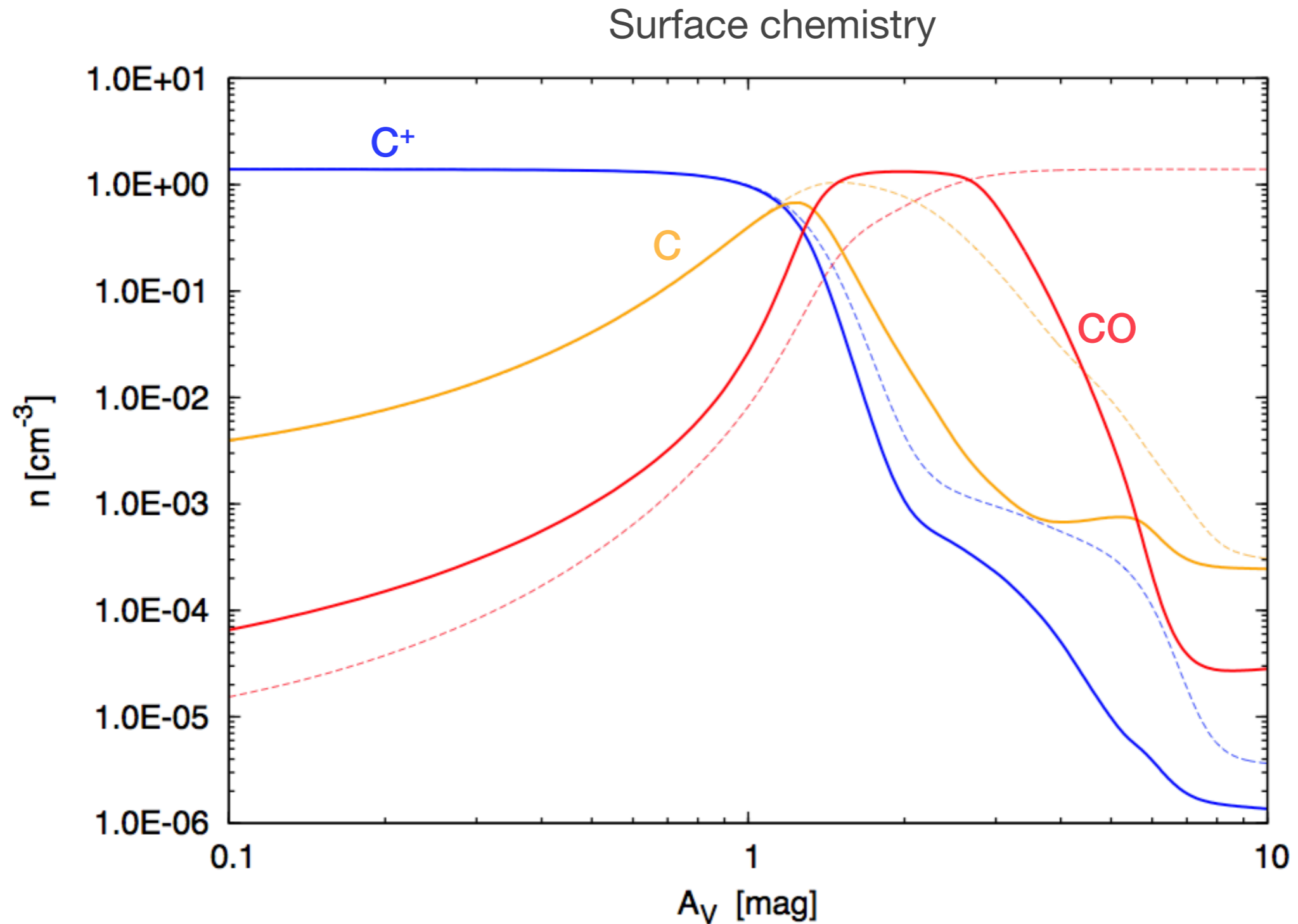
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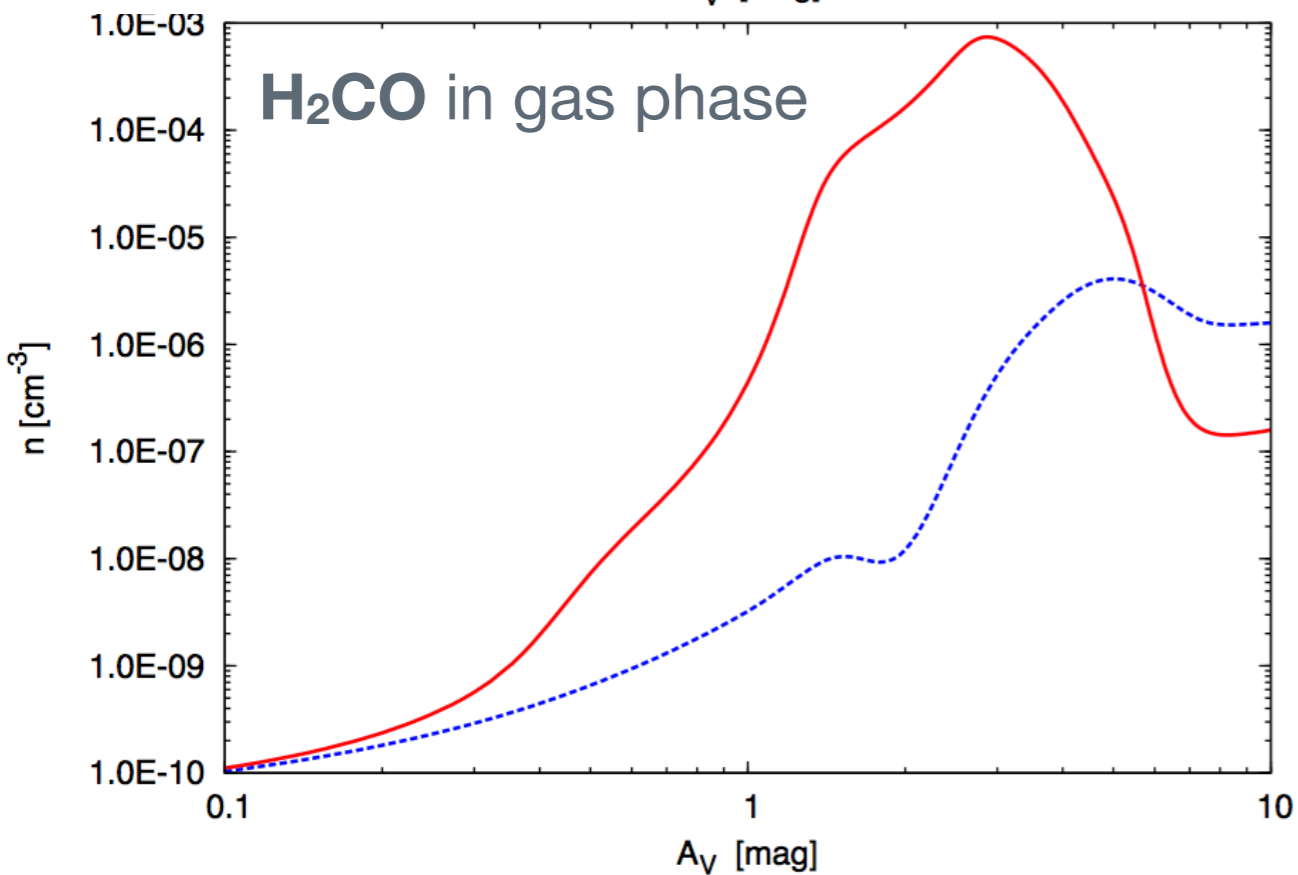
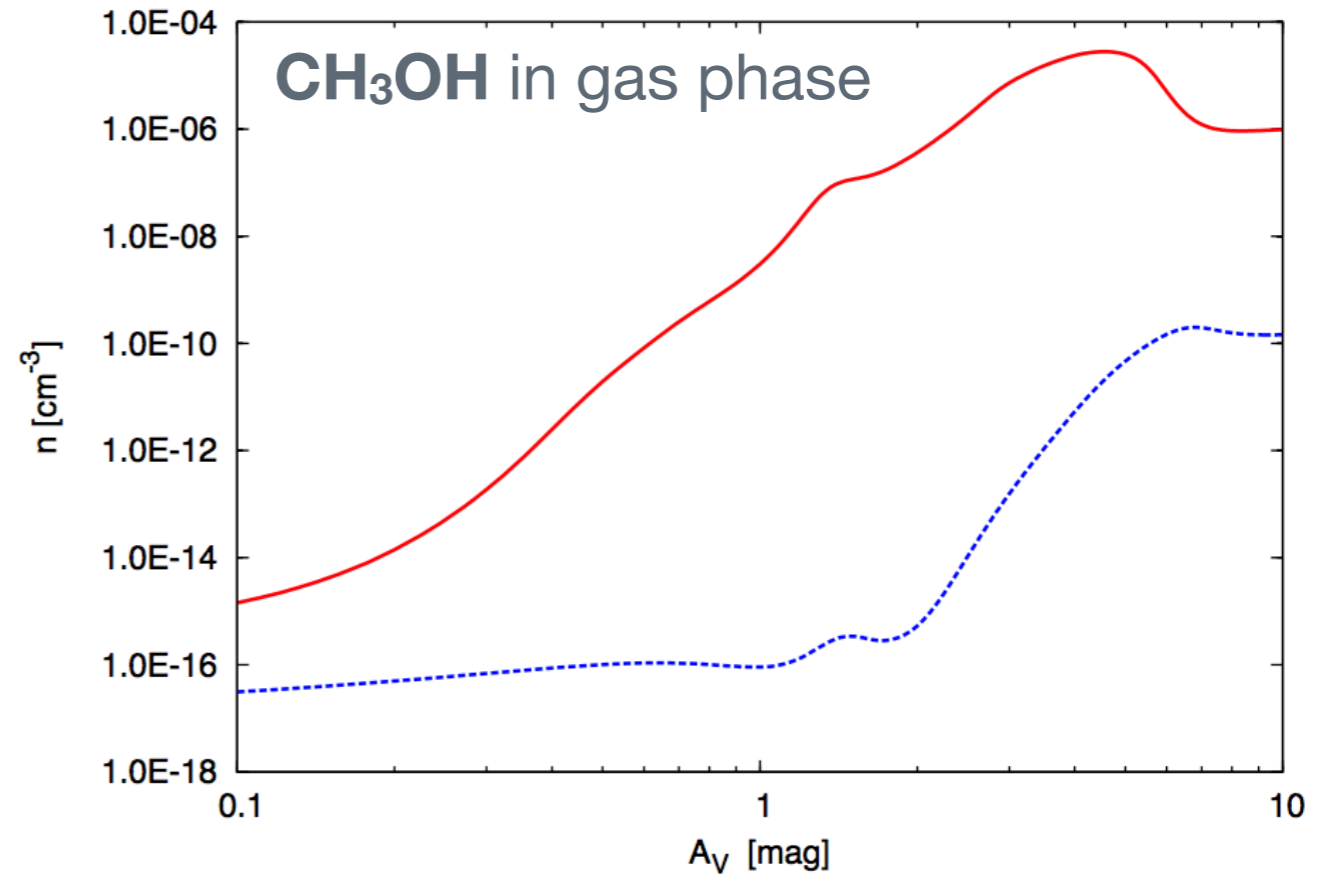
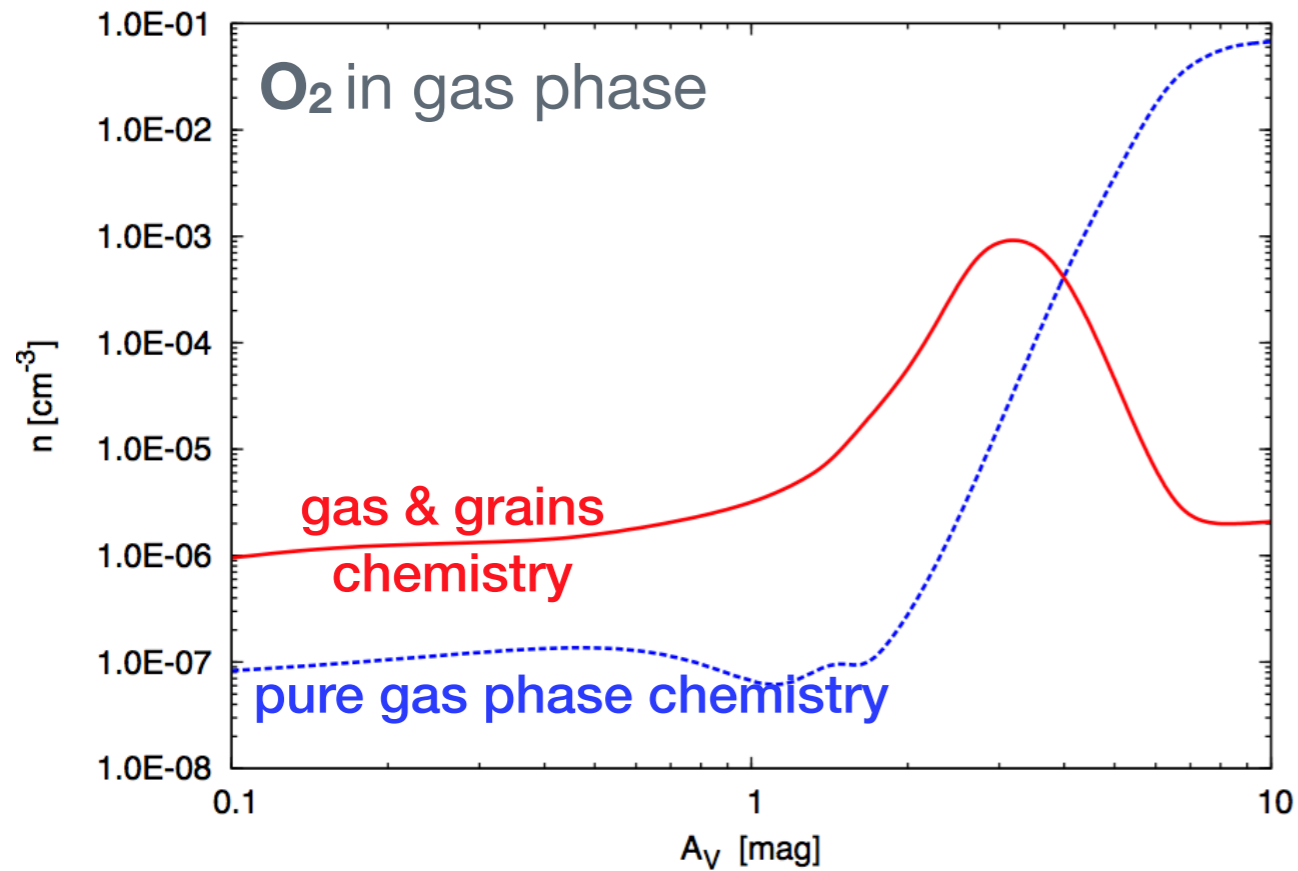
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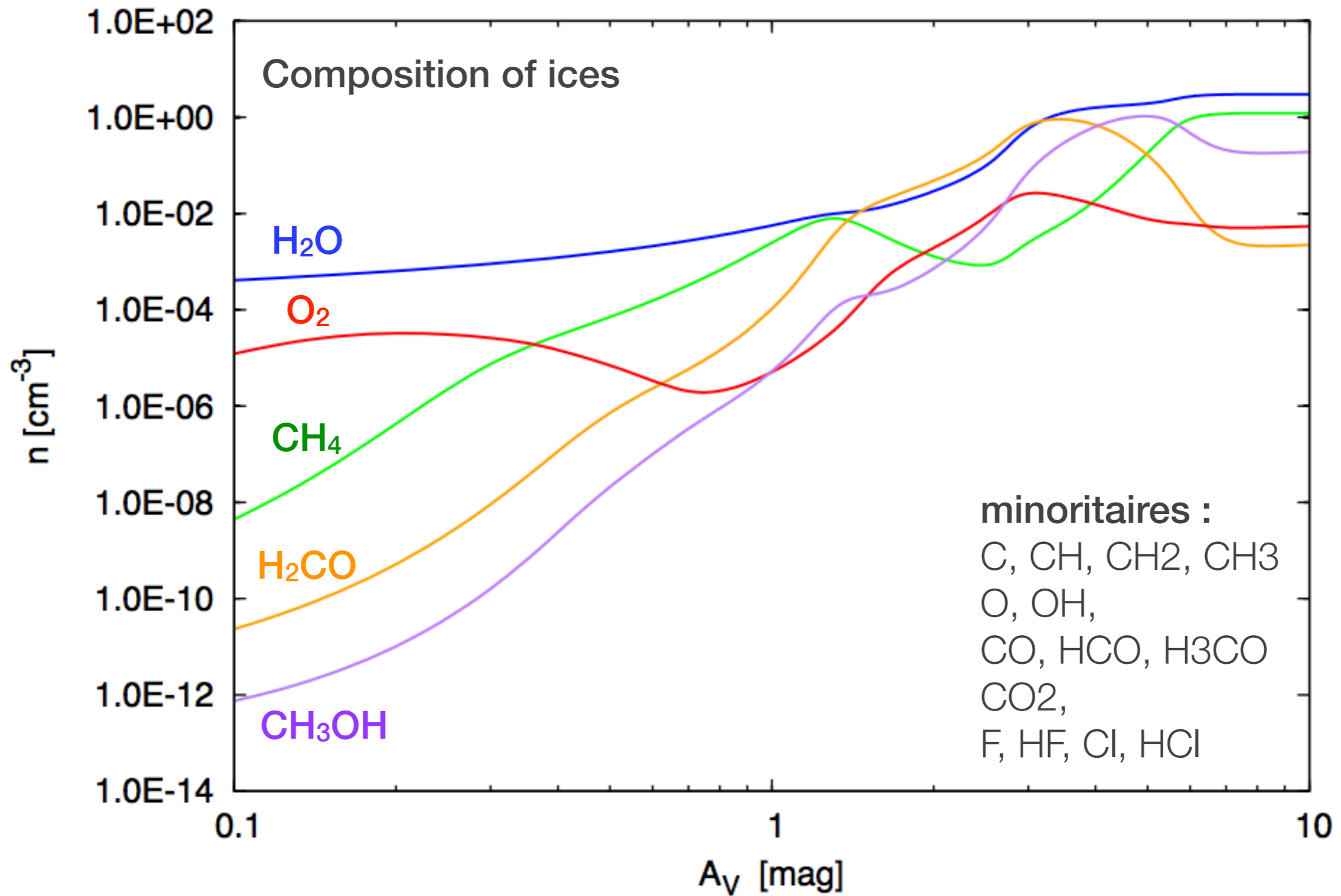


Complex surface chemistry



N(X) [cm ⁻²]	Gas chemistry	Gas & Surface chemistry
CO	2.0E+18	4.2E+17
O₂	4.0E+16	2.6E+14
CH₃OH	1.4E+08	1.2E+13
H₂CO	3.0E+12	2.0E+14

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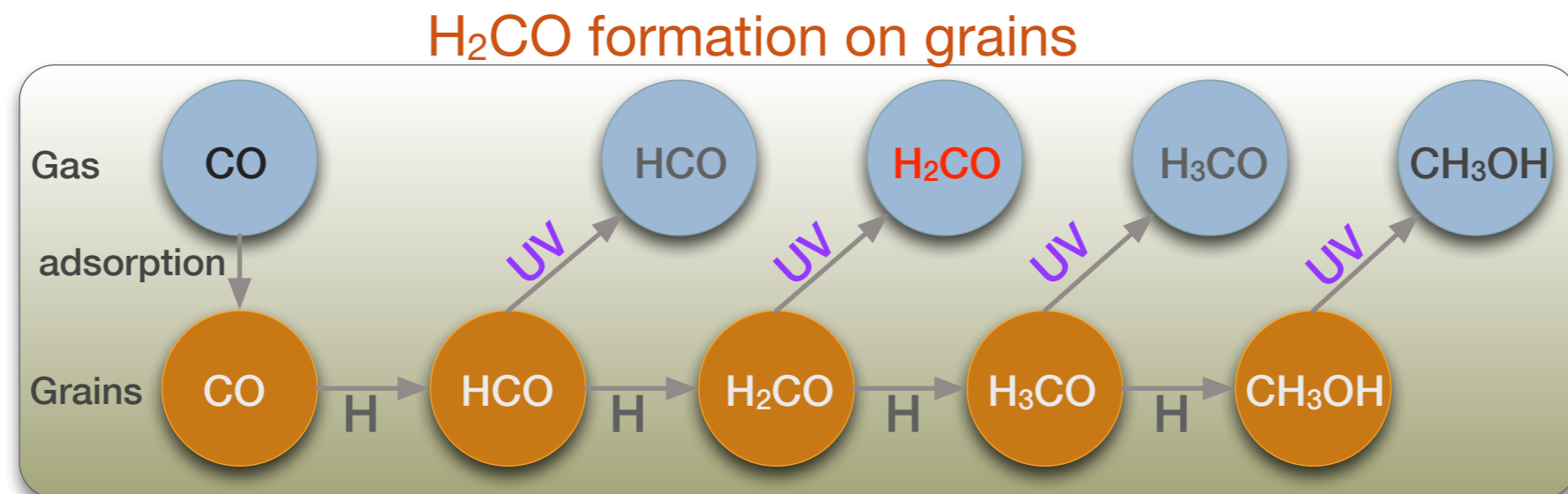
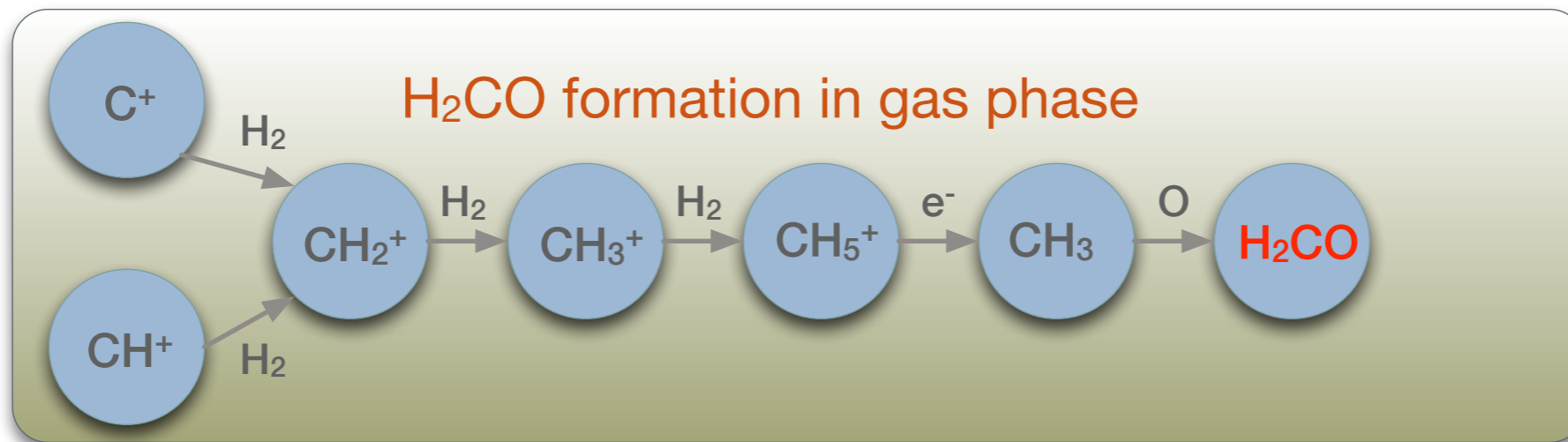


Complex surface chemistry

Application to H_2CO towards the Horsehead

(V. Guzman et al. - A&A, 2012)

Chemistry of H_2CO :



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Application to H₂CO towards the Horsehead

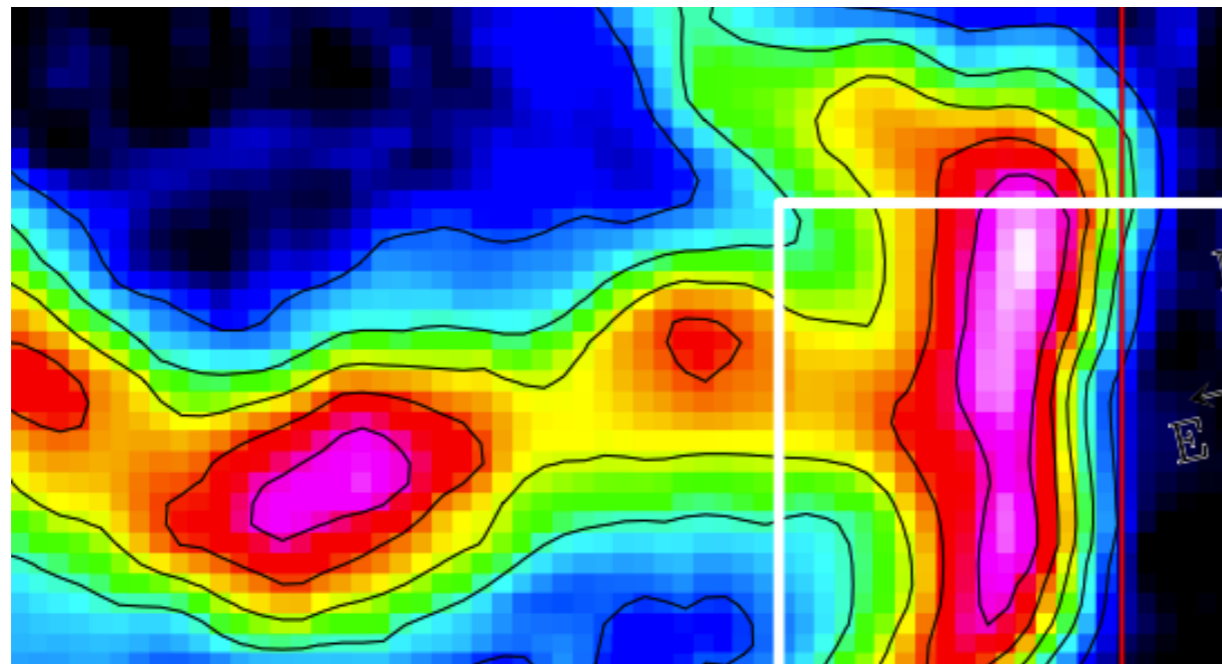
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IRAM obs. of H₂CO at 2 positions

- PDR
- dense core

Model :

- Specific density profile
- $G \sim 100$ ISRF



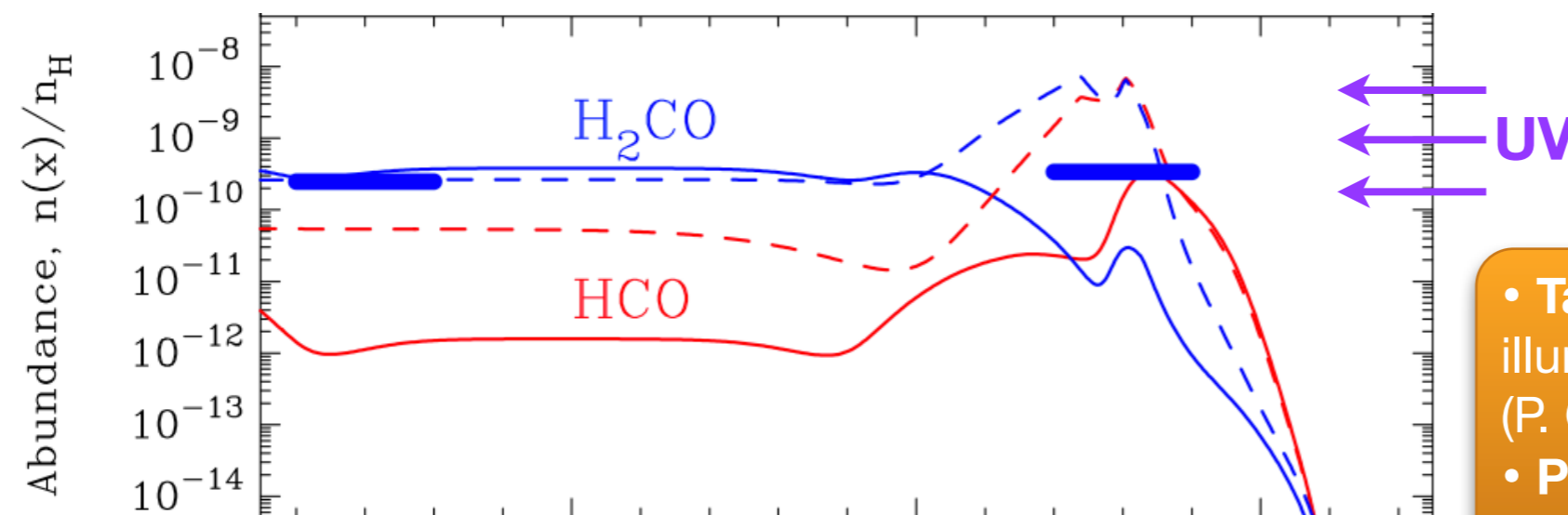
Formation of H₂CO

In dense core

- Formation in gas

In the PDR

- Formation on grains
- **Photo-desorption**

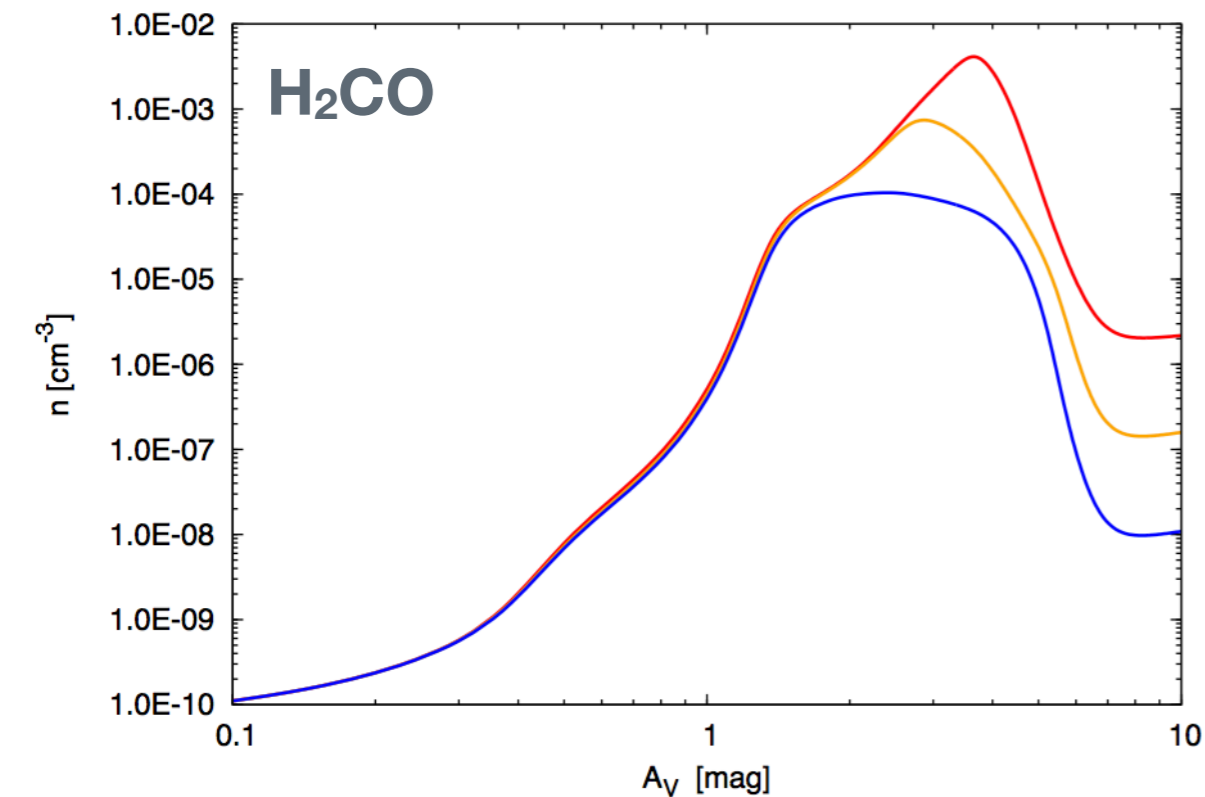
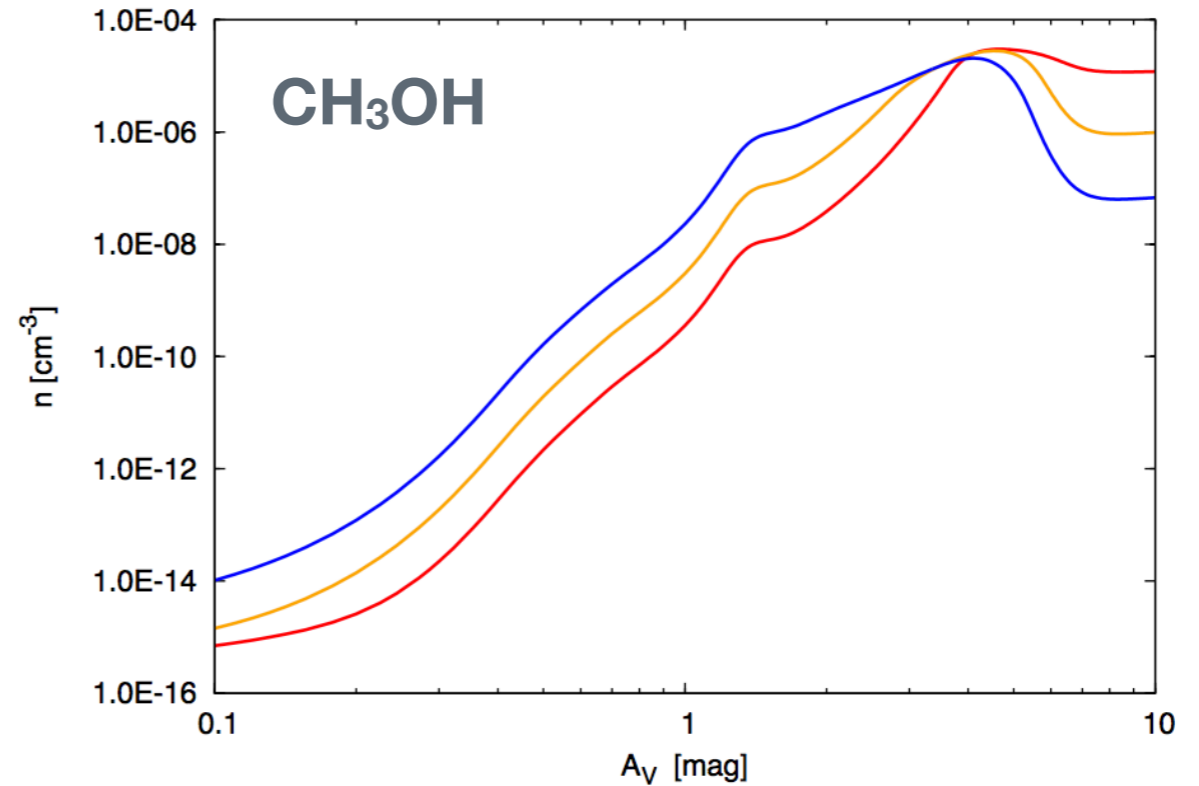
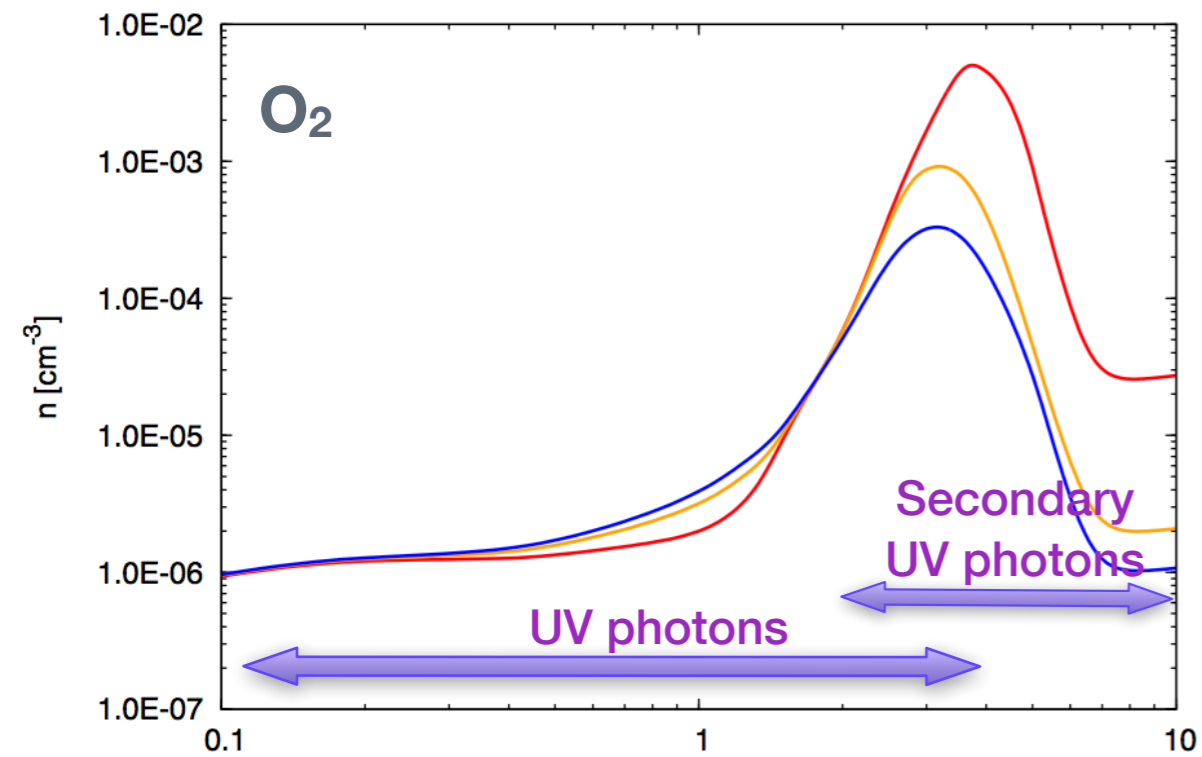


- **Talk** : Physics and chemistry of UV illuminated neutral gas: The Horsehead case (P. Gratier)
- **Poster 30** : The Horsehead WHISPER line survey (V. Guzman et al.)

Complex surface chemistry

Impact of desorption by UV photons (and cosmic rays)

$$\text{rate} = k \times f_{\text{UV}}$$



N(X) [cm ⁻²]	k		
	10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻²
CO	1.9E+17	4.2E+17	6.5E+17
O ₂	1.1E+14	2.6E+14	1.4E+15
CH ₃ OH	7.6E+12	1.2E+13	2.2E+13
H ₂ CO	4.4E+13	2.0E+14	9.4E+14

Conclusions

Implementation of detailed physics :

- ER, LH mechanisms for H₂ formation
- complex surface chemistry
- **Better agreement observations - models**
 - H₂ line intensities
 - CO excitation properly reproduced up to J ~ 20 in PDRs by models
 - Proper order of magnitudes for species linked to surface chemistry : H₂CO, O₂, hydrids, ...

► thanks to many years of laboratory experiments & theoretical studies of grains physics PDR models begin to give proper results !

Still some ad-hoc parameters

Laboratory experiments & theoretical studies more and more mandatory

- adsorption barriers on **non-perfect surfaces**
- surface reaction rates
- photo-desorption rates
- cosmic rays effects on grains

Future of the PDR code

Present public version : PDR 1.4.4

- H₂ formation by ER and LH
- DustEM 4.0 coupling
- non local I.R. pumping effects
- Several updated at. mol. data

Download at : <http://pdr.obspm.fr>

Next version : beginning 2013

- **Complex surface chemistry**
- **UV pumping** for more molecules as CO

What's next

- **Stochastic effects** on grains (T, n(H))
- **Turbulence** and diffusion
- Better implementation of **X-rays** and **cosmic rays**
 - Environments : **Extragalactic medium**, **young stars**, **Galactic center**, ...

The Meudon PDR code

Description

The Meudon PDR code computes the atomic and molecular structure of interstellar clouds. The code considers a stationary plane-parallel slab of gas and dust illuminated by a radiation field coming from one or both sides of the cloud. The incident radiation field can be the Interstellar Standard Radiation Field (ISRF) and/or a star.

It solves at each point in the cloud, the radiative transfer in the UV taking into account the absorption in the continuum by dust and in discrete transitions of H and H₂. The model computes the thermal balance taking into account heating processes such as the photoelectric effect on dust, chemistry, cosmic rays, etc. and cooling resulting from infrared and millimeter emission of the abundant species. Chemistry is solved for any number of species and reactions.

Once abundances of atoms and molecules and level excitation of the most important species have been computed at each point, line intensities and column densities can be deduced.

It can be used to study the physics and chemistry of :

- diffuse clouds
- photodissociation regions (PDRs)
- dark clouds
- circumstellar regions
- ...

Recent activity on the PDR project:

Use the Meudon PDR code

May 2012 : Release of PDR code version 1.4.4

- **Download** and install the code

Recent changes :
Latest revision :

- **Follow recent modifications on the track**

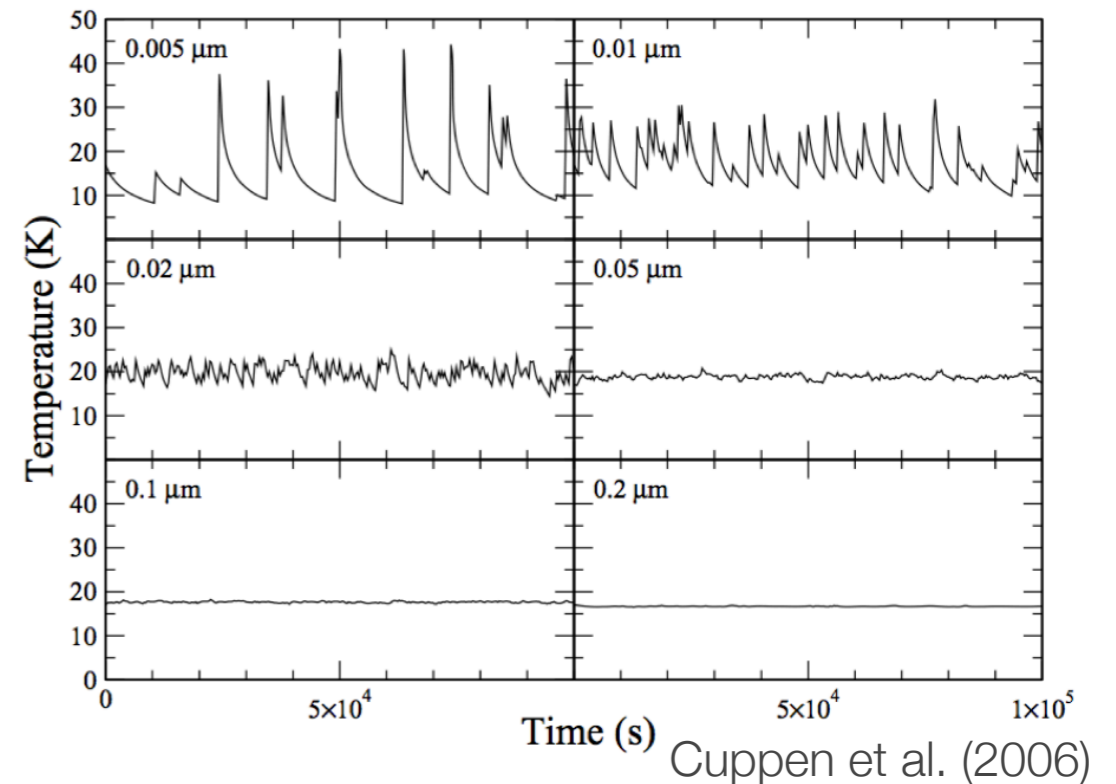
Chemistry

- **Download** chemistry files to run the code

Atomic and molecular data

The Meudon PDR code requires atomic and molecular data.

- **List of Atomic and Molecular data used**



Poster 8 : Formation de H₂ : Influence des fluctuations de la température des grains (E. Bron)