

Ice chemistry:



Formation of complex organic molecules in interstellar ice

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The solid-state formation of COM



Modeling ice chemistry

a bottom-up (non-directed) approach , isolating each reaction and each process

Laboratory astrochemistry

(the RING experimental set-up)

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The initial molecules

NGC 7538 ISO spectrum

HCOOHIoppolo et al. (2011) CO_2 Oba et al. (2010), Ioppolo et al. (2011b), Noble et al. (2011) $CH_3CHO \rightarrow C_2H_5OH$ (and CH_4 and CH_3OH) Bisschop et al. (2007)

Inventory of the thermal reactions in the ice mantle

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absorbance

The NH₃ + CO₂ thermal solid-state reaction

thermally produced species above 80K :

first-generation molecules G1

 \blacktriangleright C = ammonium carbamate (NH₄⁺ NH₂COO⁻)

 \blacktriangleright D = carbamic acid (NH₂COOH)

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J.B. Bossa, F. Duvernay, P. Theulé, F. Borget, T. Chiavassa, Chem. Phys.354(3), 211, 2008 Bossa, J.B.; Theule, P.; Duvernay, F.; Borget, F.; Chiavassa, T. *A&A*, 2008, *492*, 719

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Thermal reaction in a H₂CO:NH₃:H₂O ice

H₂CO

aminomethanol

Bossa, J. et al. ApJ 2009, 707, 1524

alpha-aminoethanol (chiral)

Duvernay et al., A&A, 2010 (523), 79

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The H₂CO + HCN thermal solid-state reaction

$HCN + H_2O$

$HCN + H_2CO + H_2O$ (1:1:1)

hydroxyacetonitrile HOCH₂CN

Danger et al., 2013

Atomistic interpretation of hydroxyacetonitrile formation

NGC 7538 ISO spectrum

OCN⁻ formation and destruction

acid-base thermal reactions:

Formation

$HNCO + NH_3 \rightarrow OCN^- + NH_4^+$

Demyk et al. A&A 1998, Raunier et al., JCP 2004, Van Broekhuizen et al., A&A 2004, Mispelaer A&A 2012

 $HNCO + H_2O \rightarrow OCN^- + H_3O^+$ Raunier S. et al., JCP, 2003, Theule A&A 2011 Destruction $OCN^{-} + H_3O^{+} \rightarrow (HOCN) + H_2O$

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СО											
CO2				NH ₂ COOH							
NH ₃			NH ₂ COOH				NH ₂ CH ₂ OH		NH4 ⁺ HCOO ⁻	NH₄⁺OCN⁻	
CH ₄											
OCS											
H ₂ CO	HOCH ₂ OH			NH ₂ CH ₂ OH			РОМ				
CH₃OH											
нсоон				NH₄ ⁺ HCOO ⁻							
HNCO	H ₃ O⁺OCN [¯]			NH₄⁺OCN⁻							

Toward more and more complexity: the organic residue

Condensation reactions in the ice mantle

H₂CO : H₂O thermal reactivity

 $H_2CO: H_2O$ mixture (1:14)

methanediol HOCH₂OH

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Toward more complex molecules: ice photochemistry

photons flux



The NH₃ + CO₂ thermal solid-state reaction



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Ice formed COMs detection



complexity

Ice formed COMs detection



NGC 7538 ISO spectrum



Ice formed COMs detection

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formation of COMs in the ice

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Chirped pulse Fourier transform microwave spectrometer





Ice formed molecules detection



NH₃ ice TPD

high-resolution and sensitivity

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the diffusion-reaction equation

$$\frac{\partial n_A}{\partial t} - D(T) \times \nabla^2 n_A + k(T) \times n_A n_B = 0$$

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 $A = NH_3$

 $B = CO_2$

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = -k_{ij}(T_{const}) N_i^{\alpha} N_j^{\beta}$$

 α , β partial orders $\alpha + \beta$ total order



k_{ij} (T_{const})

 \rightarrow





The temperature dependence of the reaction rate constant



$$k(T) = A e^{-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}}$$
 $E_a = 5.1 \pm 1.6 \ kJ.mol^{-1}$ (613 K, 53 meV)
 $A = 0.09^{+1.1}_{-0.08} s^{-1}$



Noble et al., PCCP 2014

$$HNCO + NH_3 \rightarrow OCN^- + NH_4^+$$
 Mispelaer et al., A&A 201



 $k(T) = k_0 * e^{-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}} k_0 = 0.0035 \pm 0.0015(s^{-1}) E_a = 0.4 \pm 0.1 \ kJ \ mol^{-1}$ (36 K)

pre-exponentiel coefficient

reaciants				products				ν ₀ , E _a , [T interval, K]		
acid-base reactions										
generation 0		generation 0		generation 1					\square	
H ₂ O	+	HNCO	+	$H_3 O^+ OCN^-$					$(3 \ 10^8, 26$	[110K-130K]
NH ₃	+	HCOOH	\rightarrow	NH ⁺ HCOO ⁻					· · ·	
NH ₃	+	HNCO	-	$NH_4^+ OCN^-$					$(4 \ 10^{-3}, 0$.4) [8K-40K]
NH ₃	+	HCN	-	NH ⁺ _i CN ⁻					$(1.6 \ 10^{-2})$	2.7)[60K-105K]
generation 1		generation 0		generation 2						
NH ₂ COOH	+	NH ₃	\rightarrow	$NH_4^+ NH_2 COO^-$						
CH ₃ NHCOOH	+	CH ₃ NH ₂	-+	CH ₃ NR ₃ ⁺ CH ₃ NHCOO ⁻						
nucleophilic additions										
generation 0		generation 0		generation 1						
CO ₂	+	NH ₃	+	NH ₂ COOH						
CO2	+	CH ₃ NH ₂	\rightarrow	CH ₃ NHCOOH						
H ₂ CO	+	H ₂ O	+	HOCH ₂ OH						
H ₂ CO	+	NH ₃	-+	$NH_2 CH_2 OH$					$(5 \ 10^{-2}, 4$.5)[80K-100K]
H ₂ CO	+	CH ₃ NH ₂	-+	CH ₃ NIICH ₂ OH					$(2 \ 10^{-2}, 1$	1)[30K-120K]
CH ₃ CHO	+	NH ₃	\rightarrow	NH ₂ CH(CH ₃)OH					$(7 \ 10^{10}, 3$)[115K-125K]
generation 1		generation 0		generation 2						
NH ⁺ ₆ ON ⁻	+	CH ₂ NH	\rightarrow	NH2CH2CN						
NH ⁺ ₄ CN ⁻	+	H_2CO	-+	$HOCH_2CN$	+	NH_3			$(2.8 \ 10^{-1})$	3.8)[50K-130K]
elimination reaction										
generation 1										
NH ₂ CH ₂ OH	+	HCOOH	-+	$CH_2 = NH$	+	H_2O	+	HCOOH		
$NH_2CH(CH_3)OH$	+	HCOOH	+	$CH_3 CH=NH$	+	H_2O	+	HCOOH		
CH3NHCH2OH	+	HCOOH	+	CH ₂ =NCH ₃	+	H ₂ O	+	HCOOH		

Theule et al., Adv. Space Res. 2013

The pre-exponential factor issue

the influence of quantum tunneling

credit: Alexandre Faure



thermal (Arrhenius) regime



50 K

The pre-exponential factor issue





usefullness of quantum calculations to understand the microphysics

Laboratory data into model



 $n_d \approx 1.33 \ 10^{-12} \times N_H cm^{-3}$

grain density

 $N_s \approx 10^6 grain^{-1}$

nb of sites on a grain



$$k_{chem} = \exp\left(-\frac{2a}{\hbar}\sqrt{2\mu E_a}\right) = 3.3 \ 10^{-2}$$
 [Ø] μ : masse réduite
a= 1 Å

Laboratory data into model

 $HNCO + NH_3 \rightarrow OCN^- + NH_4^+$

in HNCO: NH₃: H₂O



- problem of formalism
- temperature dependence of the reactions (tunneling effect not appropriated for all reactions)
- problem of the yield

M. Faure et al., Icarus, submitted + A. Faure A&A submitted



 $H_2O + CD_3OD \rightarrow CHD_2OD/CH_2DOD/CH_3OD/ CHD_2OH/CH_2DOH/CH_3OH + HOD/D_2O$

 $H_2O + CD_3ND_2 \rightarrow CH_2DND_2, CHD_2ND_2, CH_3ND_2/...$

 $D_2O + HCN \rightarrow HDO + DCN$

example: a H₂O :CD₃ND₂ mixture at T constant



D/H exchanges between -OH and -NH₂/NH functional groups





Photochemistry rate constants: photo- production/destruction of COMs and photo equilibrium





 $\sigma \sim 10^{-19} \text{ cm}^2$

in the gas phase:

$$AB \xrightarrow{k_{photo}} A + B \qquad k_{photo} = \int \Phi(\nu) * \sigma(\nu) d\nu \qquad \sigma_{gas} \sim 10^{-17} \, \text{cm}^2$$



 σ_{solid} ~ 10⁻¹⁹ cm²

the « cage effect »

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 $X = CO, HNCO, H_2CO \text{ or } NH_3$





+ molecular dynamics calculations in low-density amorphous ice (LDA)



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Diffusion coefficients of molecules in amorphous ice



good agreement experiment and MD calculations





surface diffusion faster than volume diffusion



correlation with water self-diffusion for both hydrogen bonded and non hydrogen bonded molecules

Diffusion coefficients of molecules in amorphous ice

temperature dependence of the diffusion coefficient

 $D(T) = D_0 e^{-\frac{E_d}{k_B T}}$

System	D ₀ (cm ² .s ⁻¹)	E _a (kJ.mol ⁻ⁱ)	E _* (kJ.mol ⁻¹) with D ₀ = 0.22 cm ² .s ⁻¹	Edes ((kJ.mol ⁻¹)
H ₂ O Self-D LDA	(7 ± 1) e-06	15 ± 5	24.9 ± 2.9	46.6 [44]
H ₂ O Self-D Ih	(1 ± 0.2) e-10	9 ± 5		
NH ₃ LDA	(3 ± 0.5) e-05	17 ± 5	25.4 ± 1.0	25 [61]
NH ₃ Ih	(7 ± 2) e-10	9 ± 5		
CO ₂	(3 ± 0.5) e-10	3 ± 3	25.0 ± 2.4	22.4 [61]
CO	(2 ± 0.5) e-09	8 ± 5	27.2 ± 2.1	9.8 [61][62]
H ₂ CO	(1.7 ± 0.5) e-08	9 ± 5	25.0 ± 1.7	27 [57]
H ₂ O	(9 ± 1) e-07	13 ± 5	25.3 ± 1.3	46.6 [44]



diffusion of small molecules probably driven by the water self-diffusion in the ice

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Diffusion and trapping

no trapping





trapping important for « mild » chemistry and COM formation (role of the water solvent)

Conclusion and perspectives

Iaboratory experiments and theoretical studies enable to understand solid-state chemistry

important to quantify each competing process (activation energies, cross sections,...)

to understand the dynamics

challenge to input the microphysics in a gas-grain code with the required level of details (and not too much) Thanks



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Thank you for your attention
The pre-exponential factor issue

// desorption



see M. Bertin's talk and Misha Doronin's poster