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Surface chemistry in photodissociation regions

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1. Introduction

In Table A.5 (page 17) of our original publication (Esplugues et al. 2016), the rate coefficient considered for the CO ice photodesorption was $2.2 \times 10^{-15}$ s$^{-1}$, however we should have considered a coefficient of $3.67 \times 10^{-10}$ s$^{-1}$ according to recent results (Fayolle et al. 2011; Muñoz-Caro et al. 2016). We also update here the values for the solid species H$_2$O and H$_2$CO considering a coefficient of $3.67 \times 10^{-11}$ s$^{-1}$ for both of them (see Table 1) instead of $2.16 \times 10^{-11}$ s$^{-1}$. In particular, the photo-process reaction rate, $R_{\text{photo}}$ (cm$^3$ s$^{-1}$), is calculated for these cases as

$$R_{\text{photo}} = n_i f_{\Sigma i} k_{\text{photo}},$$

(1)

where $n_i$ is the number density of the photodissociated species, $f_{\Sigma i}$ is the self-shielding factor, and $k_{\text{photo}}$ (s$^{-1}$) is the photo-process rate coefficient as follows:

$$k_{\text{photo}} = \frac{\chi F_{\text{Draine}} Y_i}{4n_{\text{surf}} N_{\text{lay}}} = 2.16 \times 10^{-8} \chi Y_i = 3.67 \times 10^{-8} G_0 Y_i = \alpha_i G_0,$$

(2)

following Chaparro-Molano & Kamp (2012). In expression (2), $\chi$ is the UV field strength (Draine 1978), the photon flux produced by this field per unit area is $F_{\text{Draine}} = 1.921 \times 10^6$ cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ (Woitke et al. 2009). Furthermore, $n_{\text{surf}} = 1.11 \times 10^{15}$ cm$^{-2}$ is the surface density of available absorption sites per unit grain area assuming 3 Å separation between sites, $N_{\text{lay}} = 2$ is the assumed number of ice layers that photons can penetrate for photodesorption (Andersson et al. 2006; Arasa et al. 2010; Muñoz-Caro et al. 2016), and $Y_i$ is the photodesorption yield per photon (see Table 2).

These corrections lead to variations in some of the results included in the original publication. The variations are mainly produced at visual extinctions $A_V \geq 4$ mag. In particular, significant differences are found for Model 1 ($n_H = 10^4$ cm$^{-3}$, $G_0 = 10^4$), while results for Model 2 ($n_H = 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$, $G_0 = 10^4$) and Model 3 ($n_H = 10^6$ cm$^{-3}$, $G_0 = 10^2$) are barely affected. We show the new figures for those cases affected by the new rate coefficients below. We also compare these new figures with those from the original paper. In spite of these variations, all the conclusions obtained in Esplugues et al. (2016) remain the same.

2. Cooling

The corrected version of the paper, Fig. 1 (left), shows that cooling by CO becomes dominant at $3 < A_V \leq 5$ mag. In the original paper (right), the cooling is dominated by CO and [OI] 63 $\mu$m at $3 < A_V \leq 4$ mag and by gas-grain collisions at $4 < A_V \leq 5$ mag.

3. Chemical structure

3.1. Gas-phase species

The corrected version of the paper, Fig. 2 (top), shows high CO gas-phase abundances in comparison with those obtained in the...
Fig. 1. Cooling processes for Model 1 as calculated in the original paper (right) and after the rate coefficient correction (left).

Fig. 2. Gas-phase fractional abundances, $n(x)/n_H$, for Model 1 as calculated in the original paper (bottom) and after the rate coefficient correction (top).

3.2. Dust-phase species

Figure 3 (left) shows that, taking the updated rate coefficients into account, one full monolayer of CO$_2$ and H$_2$O ice at $A_V \lesssim 5$ mag does not form for Model 1, unlike the original (right) paper (see also Fig. 4 with the exact number of monolayers formed in each case). We also find a significant difference in the abundances of solid H$_2$O$_2$. In particular, with the new photodesorption rate coefficients (left), the H$_2$O$_2$ abundances remain high at $4 < A_V \lesssim 5$ mag in comparison with the original publication (right).

3.3. Ice species formation rates

For chemical reactions forming water ice (Fig. 5), the main difference between the original paper (right) and the corrected version (left) is found in the rates of the reaction between solid H and solid H$_2$O for Model 1 at large $A_V$. In spite of this difference, however, we still obtain that the main chemical reaction forming water ice at $A_V > 4$ mag for Model 1 is the reaction between solid H and solid OH.

Figure 6 shows the rates of the reactions forming CO$_2$ ice in the original paper (right) and in the corrected version (left). The main differences between both plots are found once the maximum number of CO$_2$ monolayers is reached (at $\sim 3.5$ mag and $\sim 1.5$ mag for Models 2 and 3, respectively). For these cases, the CO$_2$ ice formation is dominated by the reaction of solid CO with solid O and solid OH. For Model 1, in the corrected version, we obtain that CO$_2$ is mainly formed only through the reaction between solid CO and solid O at $A_V \lesssim 5$ mag. In the original version of the paper, however, we obtain that CO$_2$ ice is formed through solid OH and solid CO at $4.5 \leq A_V \leq 5$ mag.

4. Desorption probabilities

Figure 7 shows abundances for several gas-phase species considering two distinct desorption probabilities ($\delta_{\text{ice}}$). The main present insignificant differences (less than one order of magnitude) between both plots.
Fig. 3. Dust-phase fractional abundances, \( n(x)/n_H \), for Model 1 as calculated in the original paper (right) and after the rate coefficient correction (left). The dash-dotted black line represents the number of possible attachable sites on grain surfaces per cm\(^3\). JX means solid X.

Fig. 4. Growth of ice layers on grains surfaces for H\(_2\)O and CO\(_2\) in the original paper (right) and in the corrected version (left). JX means solid X.

Fig. 5. Rates for surface reactions forming H\(_2\)O ice in the original paper (right) and in the corrected version (left). JX means solid X.

differences between both plots are found for CO at large visual extinctions (\( A_V > 4 \) mag). In particular, while the CO abundances drop at \( A_V \sim 4 \) mag in the original paper (right), this drop occurs deeper in the cloud (\( A_V \sim 6 \) mag) in the corrected version (left). It leads to a difference of \( \sim 3 \) orders of magnitude in the CO abundances between both \( \delta_{\text{ice}} \) in the corrected version of the paper. For H\(_2\)CO and CH\(_3\)OH, we still obtain differences of up to two and three orders of magnitude, respectively, between both \( \delta_{\text{ice}} \) in the corrected paper as in the original publication.
Fig. 6. Rates for surface reactions forming CO$_2$ ice in the original paper (right) and in the corrected version (left). JX means solid X.

Fig. 7. Gas-phase fractional abundances, $n(x)/n_H$, for Model 1 ($G_0 = 10^4$ and $n_H = 10^4$) considering different desorption probabilities ($\delta_{\text{ice}}$). Original paper (right) and corrected version (left).

Fig. 8. Gas-phase fractional abundances, $n(x)/n_H$, for H, O, CO, H$_2$O, and CO$_2$ from Model 1 ($G_0 = 10^4$ and $n_H = 10^4$) with and without considering dust chemistry. Original paper (right) and corrected version (left).

5. Effect of dust in the chemical composition of PDRs

Figures 8 and 9 show a comparison of gas-phase abundances for several species with and without dust chemistry between the original (right) and the corrected paper (left). The main differences are found for CO, CO$_2$, HCO$^+$, and CH$_3$OH. In the corrected version of the paper, the abundances of these species are higher with dust chemistry than without dust chemistry at $4 < A_V < 6$ mag, unlike the original paper.
Fig. 9. Gas-phase fractional abundances, $n(x)/n_H$, for HCO$^+$, HCN, H$_2$CO, and CH$_3$OH from Model 1 ($G_0 = 10^4$ and $n_H = 10^4$) with and without considering dust chemistry. Original paper (right) and corrected version (left).

Fig. 10. Gas-phase fractional abundances, $n(x)/n_H$, for HCO$^+$, HCN, H$_2$CO, and CH$_3$OH from Model 1 ($G_0 = 10^4$ and $n_H = 10^4$) obtained with this PDR code and the version from Meijerink & Spaans (2005). Original paper (right) and corrected version (left).

Fig. 11. Gas-phase fractional abundances, $n(x)/n_H$, for H, O, CO, H$_2$O, and O$_2$ from Model 1 ($G_0 = 10^4$ and $n_H = 10^4$) obtained with this PDR code and the version from Meijerink & Spaans (2005). Original paper (right) and corrected version (left).
6. Comparison with the original Meijerink PDR code

Figures 10 and 11 show gas-phase abundances for several species obtained with this PDR code and with the version from Meijerink & Spaans (2005) for the original paper (right) and the corrected paper (left). In the corrected version, the abundances of HCO$^+$, H$_2$CO, and CH$_3$OH (Fig. 10) are up to two orders of magnitude larger than in the original publication at $4 < A_V < 5$ mag. In Fig. 11, we find the main difference in the CO abundances between the original paper (right) and the corrected version (left) at $4 < A_V < 5$ mag. Other species shown in Fig. 11 present differences that are lower than one order of magnitude at $4 < A_V < 5$ mag. For lower visual extinctions, all the abundances remain unchanged.

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