

Tracing the production pathways of molecules by $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio

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$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ Ratio in Molecular Cloud

- Optical depth estimation

Interstellar $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ Ratio = 60-70

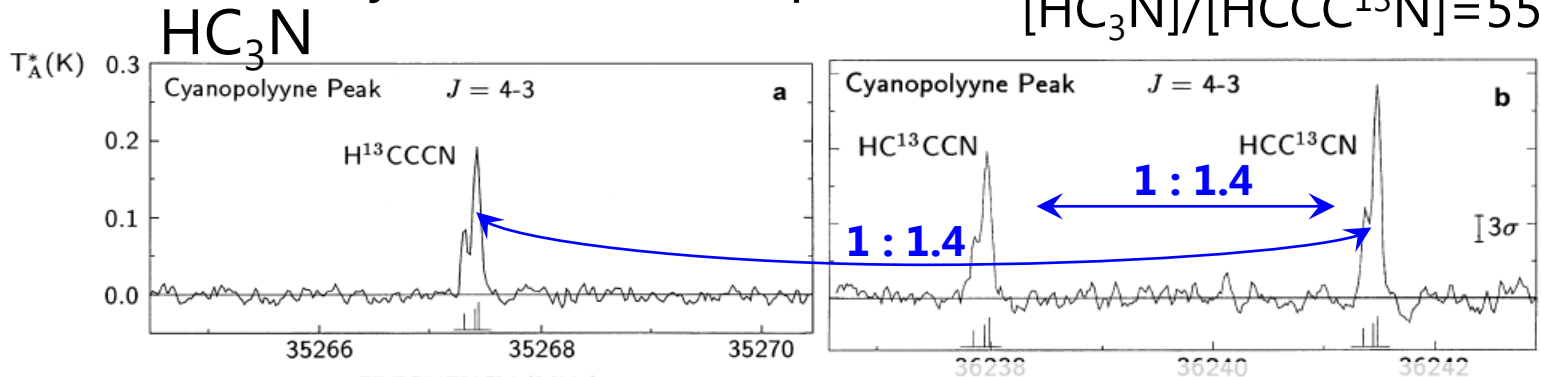
(e.g.
 Lucas & Liszt (1998): 59, derived from HCO^+ , HCN , & HNC
 Milam+(2005): 68, derived from CO , CN , & H_2CO)

- “Chemical evolution” of galaxies
- “Fractionation” of ^{13}C species in cold clouds?



- Abundance anomaly in the same species?

$[\text{HC}_3\text{N}]/[\text{H}^{13}\text{CCCN}] = 79$
 $[\text{HC}_3\text{N}]/[\text{HC}^{13}\text{CCN}] = 75$
 $[\text{HC}_3\text{N}]/[\text{HCCC}^{13}\text{N}] = 55$



$\text{HCCH} + \text{CN}$ would be the main reaction to produce HC_3N (Takano+1997)

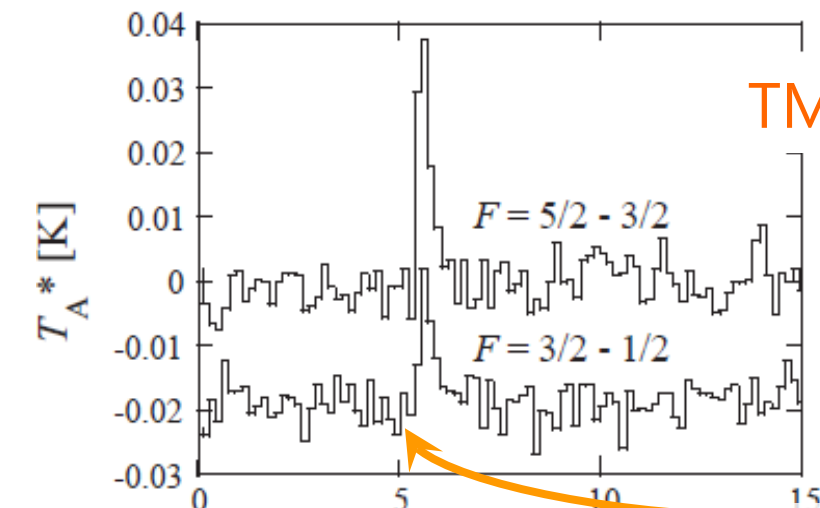




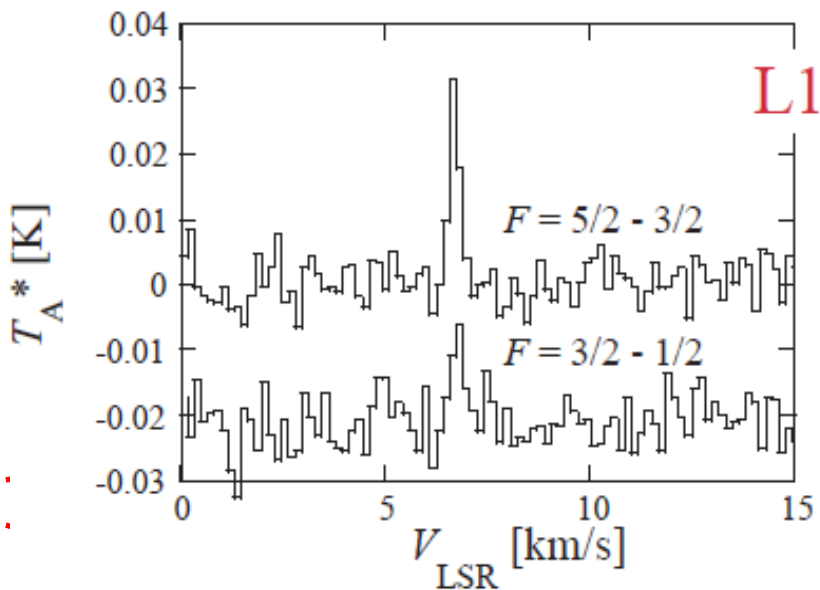
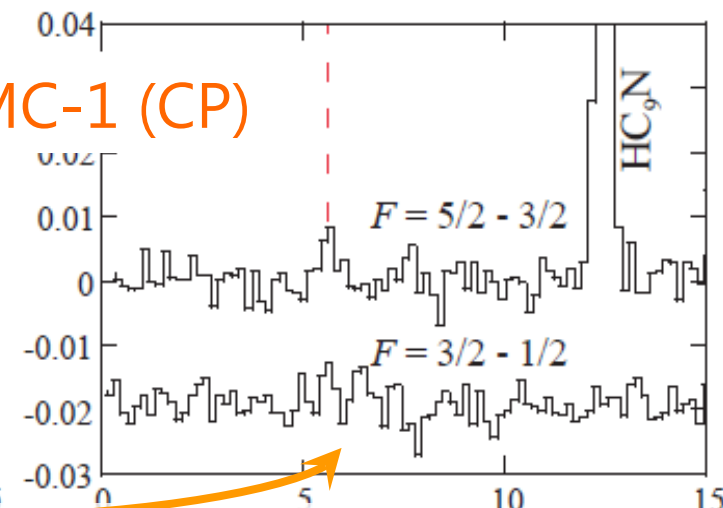
Abundance Anomaly: ^{13}C species of CCS

C^{13}CS ($J_N=2_1-1_0$)

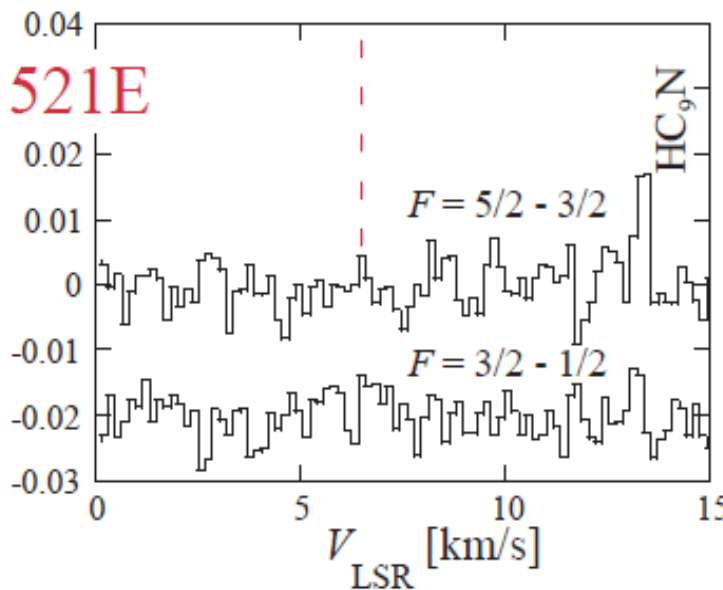
^{13}CCS ($J_N=2_1-1_0$)



TMC-1 (CP)



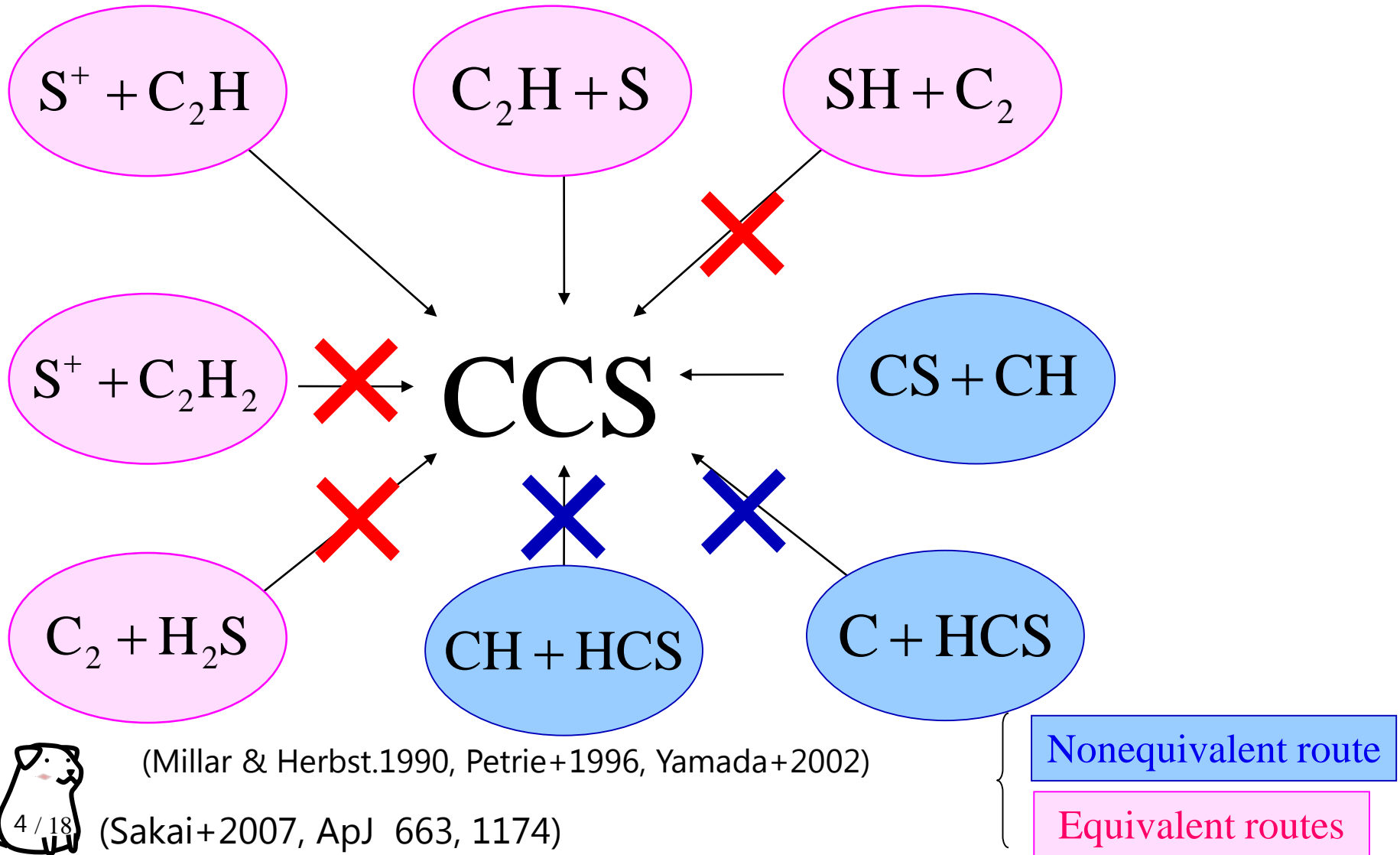
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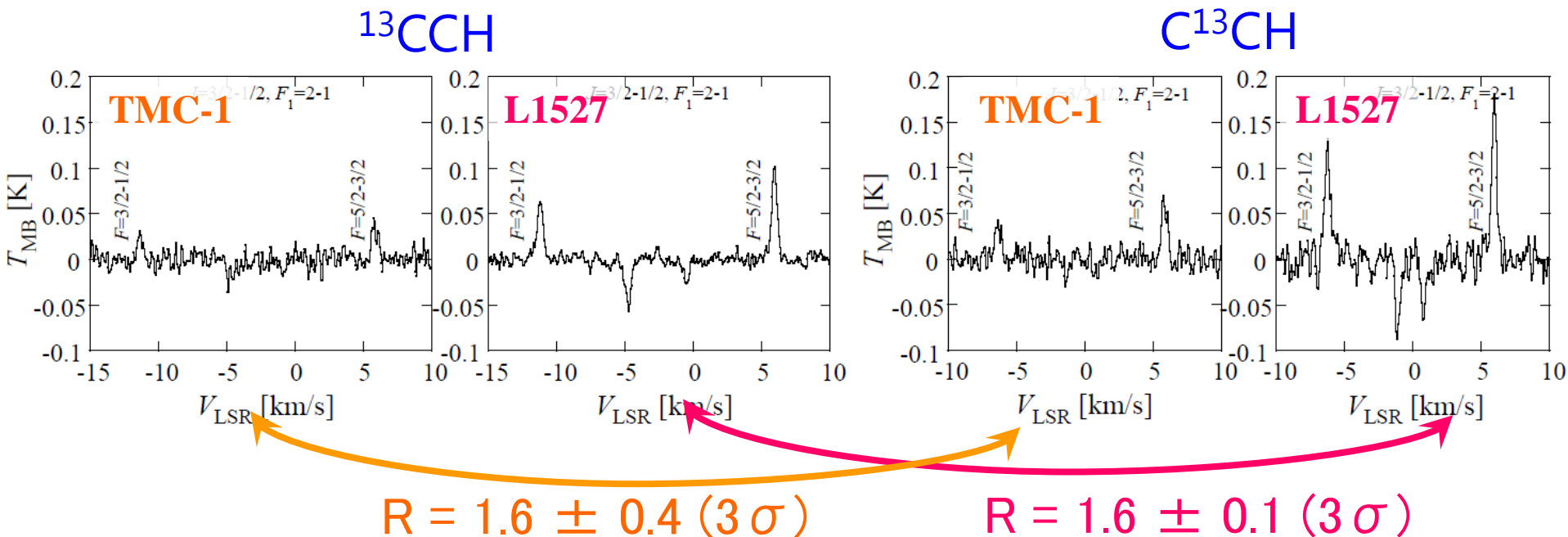
Abundance Anomaly: ^{13}C species of CCS

Production Pathways of CCS

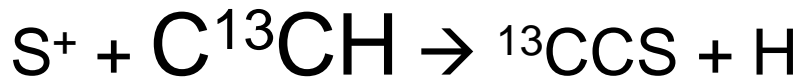
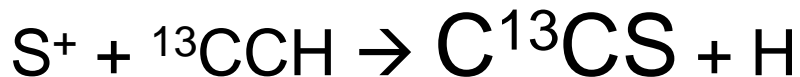




Abundance Anomaly: ^{13}C species of CCH



If CCS is formed via $\text{S}^+ + \text{CCH} \dots$



Opposite !

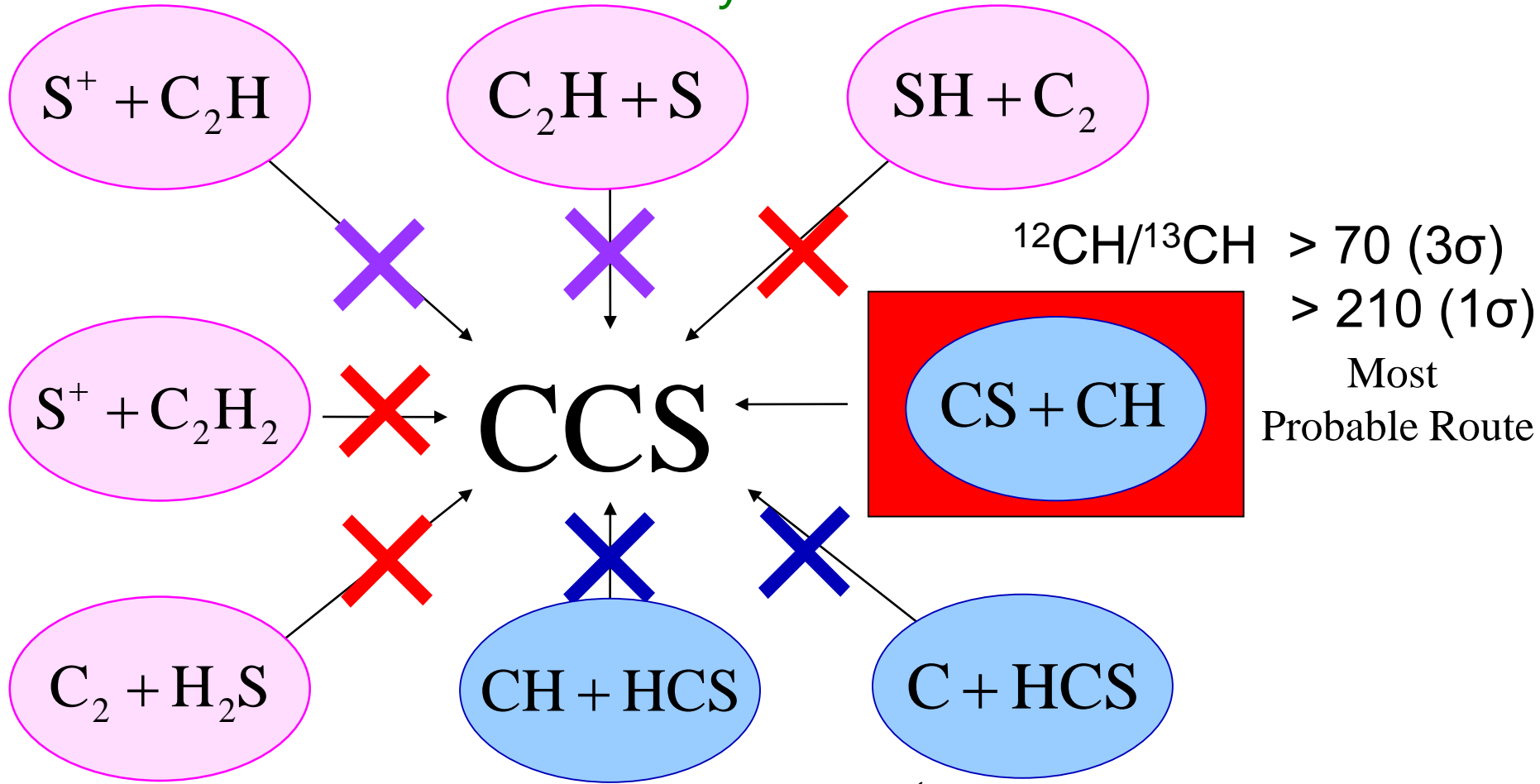


IRAM 30 m
(Sakai+2010, A&A, 512, A31)



Abundance Anomaly: ^{13}C species of CCS

Production Pathways of CCS



(Millar & Herbst.1990, Petrie+1996, Yamada+2002)

(Sakai+2007, ApJ 663, 1174)

Nonequivalent route

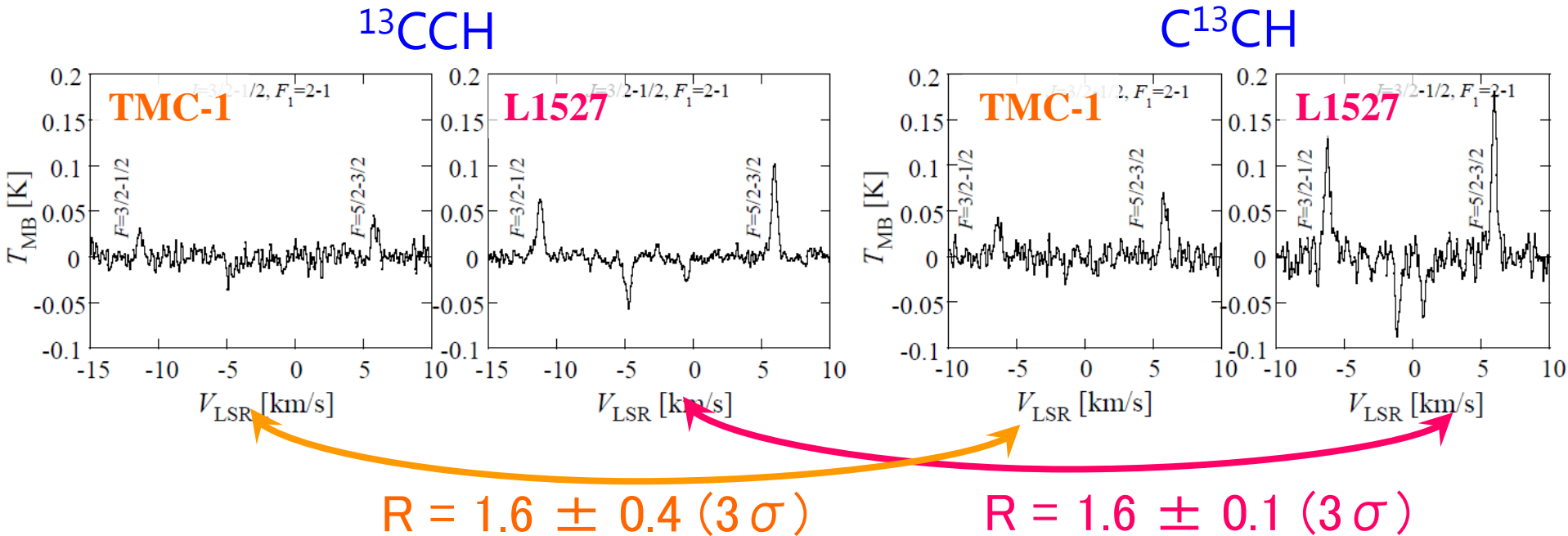
~~Equivalent routes~~

76%↑

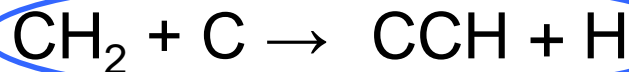
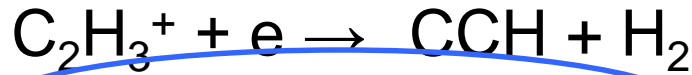
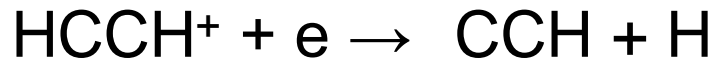




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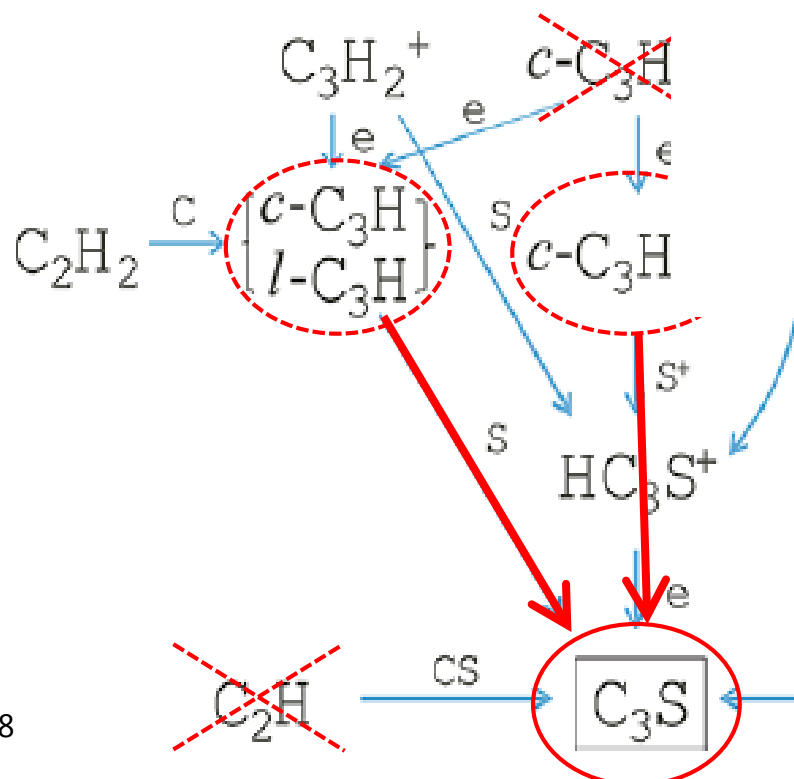
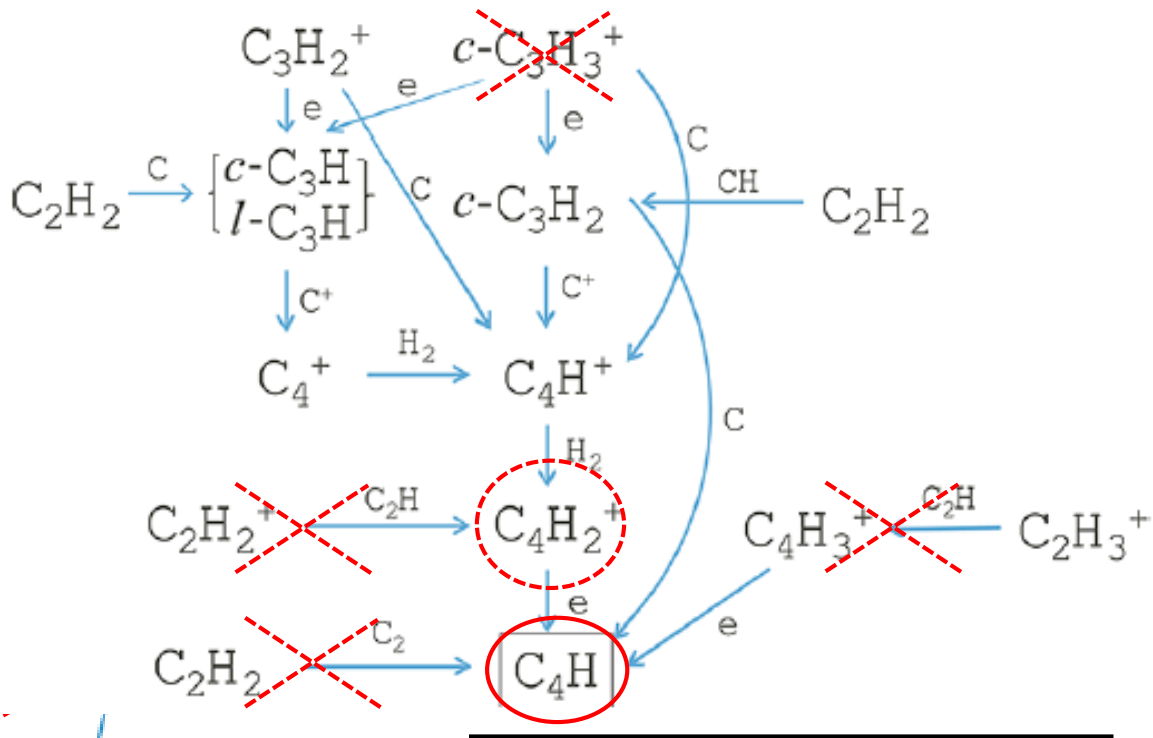
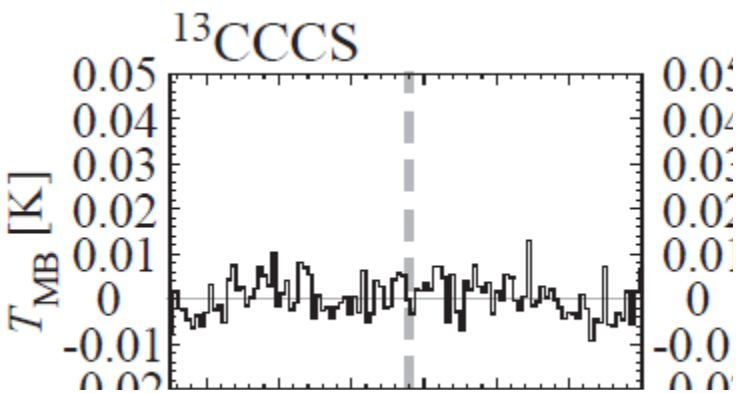
Production pathways of CCH



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(Sakai+2010, A&A, 512, A31)



Abundance Anomaly: ^{13}C species of C_3S & C_4H



$\text{H} = 1.0 : 1.5 : 1.7 : 1.2$

By including the error,
there could be a symmetry.

$[\text{C}^{13}\text{CCCH}] \sim [\text{CC}^{13}\text{CCH}]$

$[\text{C}^{13}\text{CCCCH}] \sim [\text{CCC}^{13}\text{CH}]$

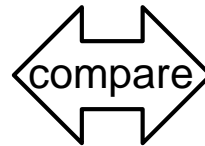
(Sakai+2013, JPCA, 117, 9831)



How to constrain the pathways?

Chemical Models

~5000 reactions
~500 species



Observations

abundances

Macroscopic Approach



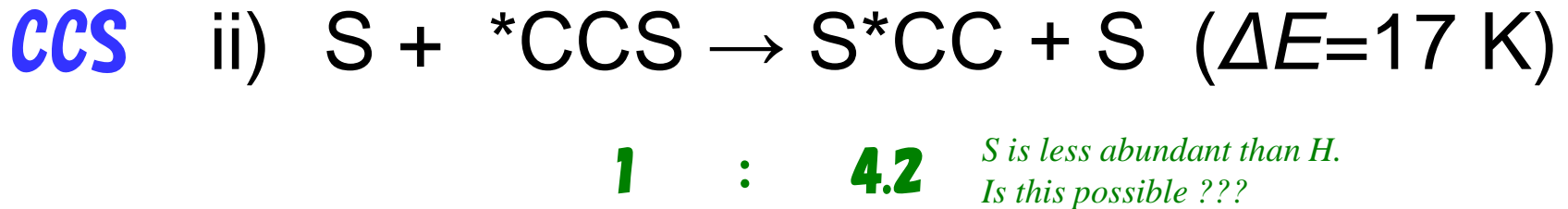
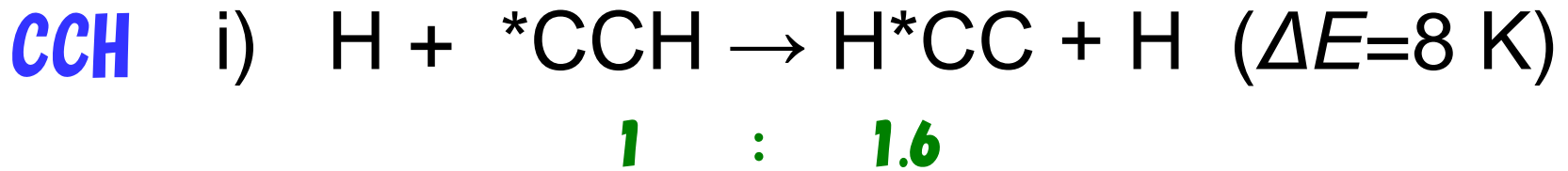
**Microscopic Approach
(Isotopic Species)**





Other Possibilities

Isotope exchange reactions??

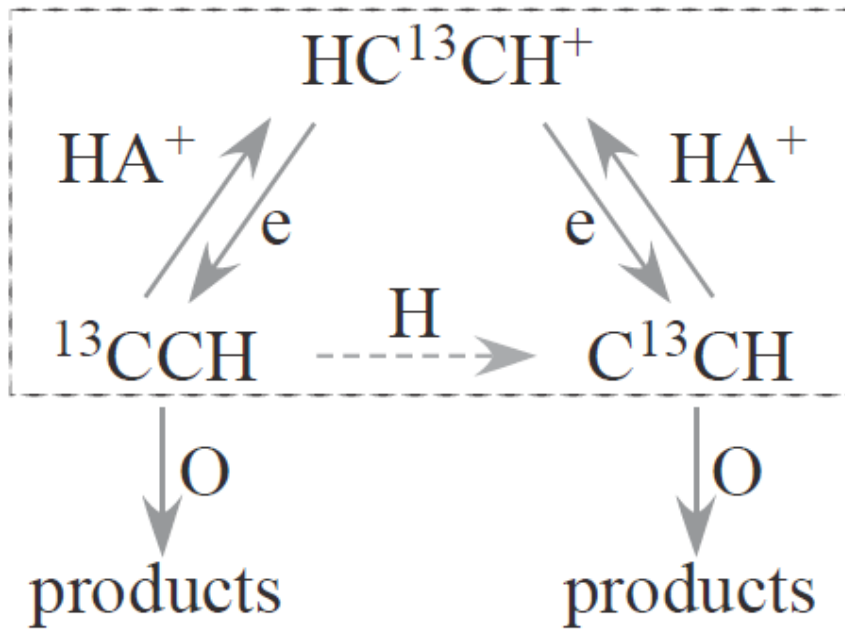


(CCH: Tarroni, private communication)
 (CCS: Osamura, private communication)





Exchange Reaction; CCH Case



$$\frac{[\text{C}^{13}\text{CH}]}{[^{13}\text{CCH}]} = \frac{2k_{ex}^{(f)}[\text{H}] + k_d[\text{O}]}{2k_{ex}^{(b)}[\text{H}] + k_d[\text{O}]}$$

R (indicated by a red arrow pointing to the fraction)

$$k_{ex}^{(b)} = k_{ex}^{(f)} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G}{kT}\right)$$

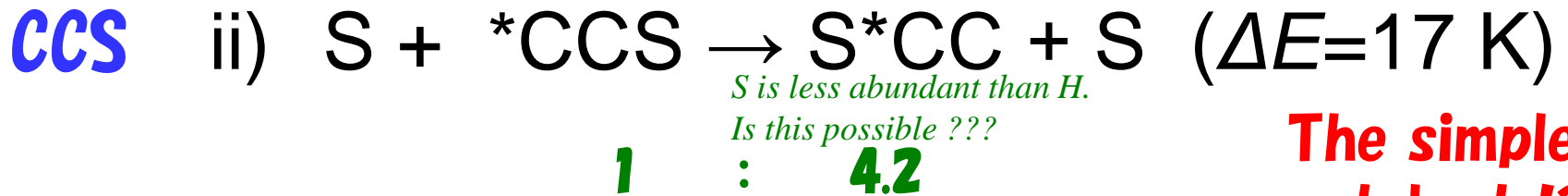
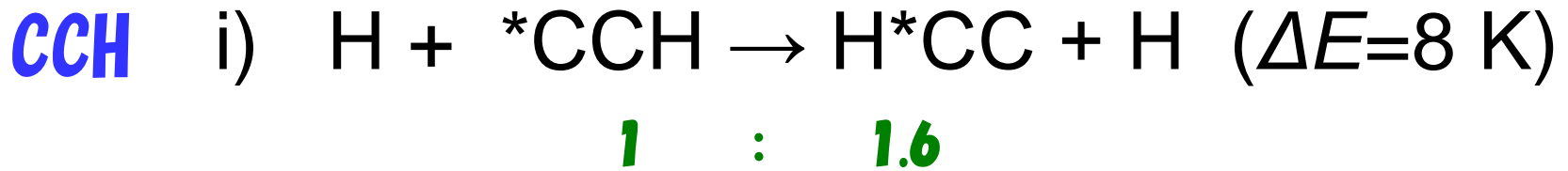
	TMC-1			L1527	
$n(\text{H}_2)/\text{cm}^{-3}$	10^4	3×10^4	10^5	10^5	10^6
<i>R</i>	1.51	1.23	1.07	1.16	1.02
<i>R</i> (obs)	$1.6 \pm 0.4 (3\sigma)$			$1.6 \pm 0.1 (3\sigma)$	



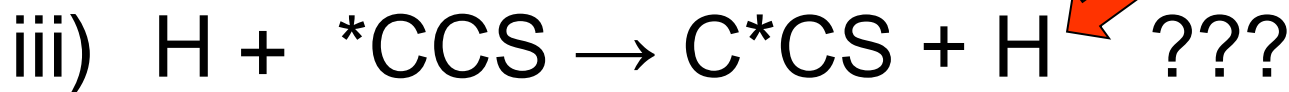


Other Possibilities

Isotope exchange reactions??



The simplest catalyst !?!?



c-C₃H₂

¹³C on-axis : ¹³C off axis = 1:5 (expected to be 1:2)

Closed-shell molecule!

If it happens for C₃H₂, I-C₃H₂ ⇌ c-C₃H₂ would happen.

In this case, I-C₃H₂ would be killed..... (Yoshida+2015, ApJ, 807, 66)





$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratios in Molecules

Anomaly of the ^{13}C Species in TMC-1 (Starless cloud)

$\text{CH}/^{13}\text{CH}$	>71 (3σ)	$\text{CCCCH}/^{13}\text{CCCCH}$	141 ± 44 (3σ)
$\text{CCH}/^{13}\text{CCH}$	>250	$\text{CCCCH}/\text{C}^{13}\text{CCCH}$	97 ± 27 (3σ)
$\text{CCH}/\text{C}^{13}\text{CH}$	>170	$\text{CCCCH}/\text{CC}^{13}\text{CCH}$	82 ± 15 (3σ)
$\text{CCS}/^{13}\text{CCS}$	230 ± 130 (3σ)	$\text{CCCCH}/\text{CCC}^{13}\text{CH}$	118 ± 23 (3σ)
$\text{CCS}/\text{C}^{13}\text{CS}$	54 ± 5 (3σ)	$\text{HCCCN}/\text{H}^{13}\text{CCCN}$	79 ± 11 (1σ) (Takano+1997; Taniguchi+2016; Araki+2016)
$\text{CCCS}/^{13}\text{CCCS}$	>206 (3σ)	$\text{HCCCN}/\text{HC}^{13}\text{CCN}$	75 ± 10 (1σ) (Takano+1997; Taniguchi+2016; Araki+2016)
$\text{CCCS}/\text{C}^{13}\text{CCS}$	48 ± 15 (3σ)	$\text{HCCCN}/\text{HCC}^{13}\text{CN}$	55 ± 7 (1σ) (Takano+1997; Taniguchi+2016; Araki+2016)
$\text{CCCS}/\text{CC}^{13}\text{CS}$	$30-206$	$\text{HC}_5\text{N}/\text{HC}_5\text{N}^{13}\text{C}$ isotopomers	$82-103$ (Takano+1990; Taniguchi+2016)
		$\text{HC}_7\text{N}/\text{average } ^{13}\text{C}$ isotopomers	87_{-19}^{+35} (1σ) (Langston & Turner 2007)

Interstellar $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio : 60-70

(e.g. Sakai et al. 2013, JPC, 117, 9831)

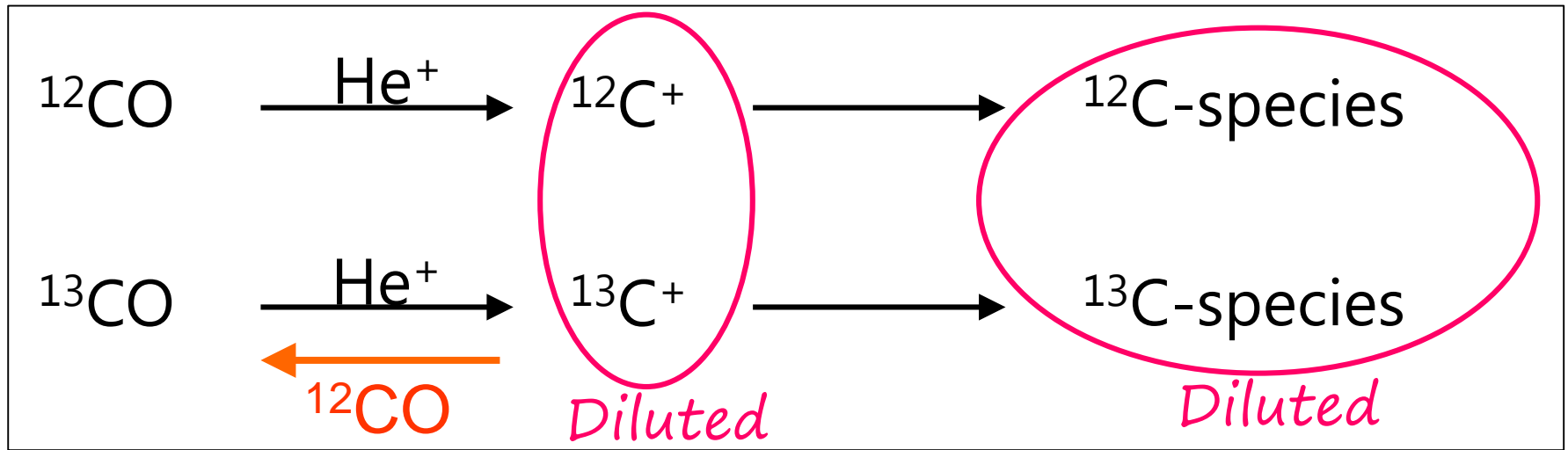




$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ Ratio in Molecular Cloud

- Main reservoir of ^{13}C in molecular cloud \rightarrow ^{13}CO
- Source of $^{13}\text{C}^+$ for production of molecules
 $\text{CO} + \text{He}^+ \rightarrow \text{C}^+ + \text{O} + \text{He}$ (\rightarrow Original $^{12}\text{C}^+ / ^{13}\text{C}^+ = 60-70$)

- Main loss process of $^{13}\text{C}^+$
 $^{13}\text{C}^+ + ^{12}\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{C}^+ + ^{13}\text{CO} + 35 \text{ K}$
➔ High $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio in various molecules



$R \sim 60-70$

$R > 60-70$

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(c.f. Langer+1984, ApJ, 277, 581).

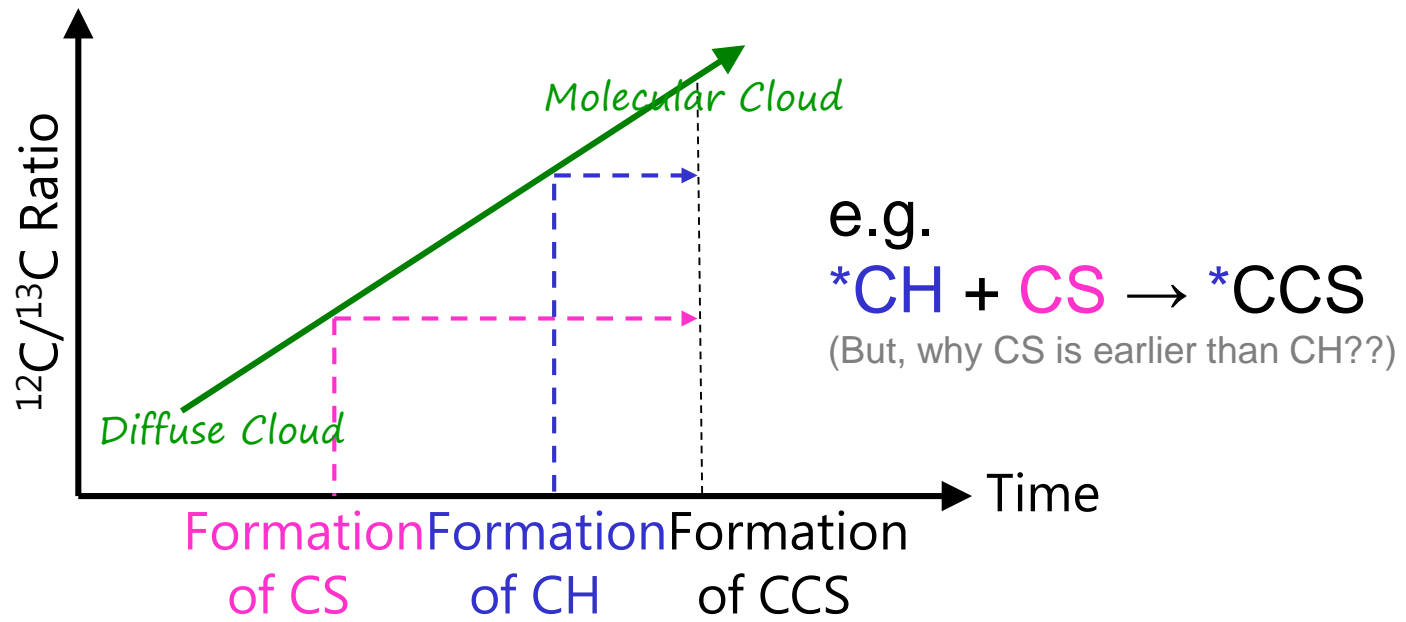




$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ Ratio in Diffuse Cloud

- Main reservoir of ^{13}C in diffuse cloud $\rightarrow ^{13}\text{C}^+$
- $^{12}\text{C}^+ / ^{13}\text{C}^+$ ratio remains to be 60-70, even if the $^{13}\text{C}^+ + \text{CO}$ reaction proceeds. (In diffuse cloud, CO is a minor species)
- Various species have the $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio of 60-70.

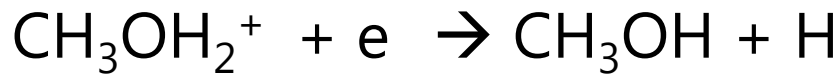
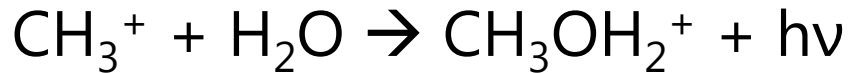
^{13}C is diluted in molecules as cloud evolution!





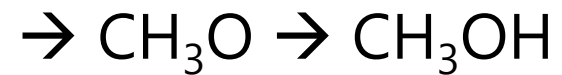
$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ Ratio in CH_3OH

Gas phase Formation

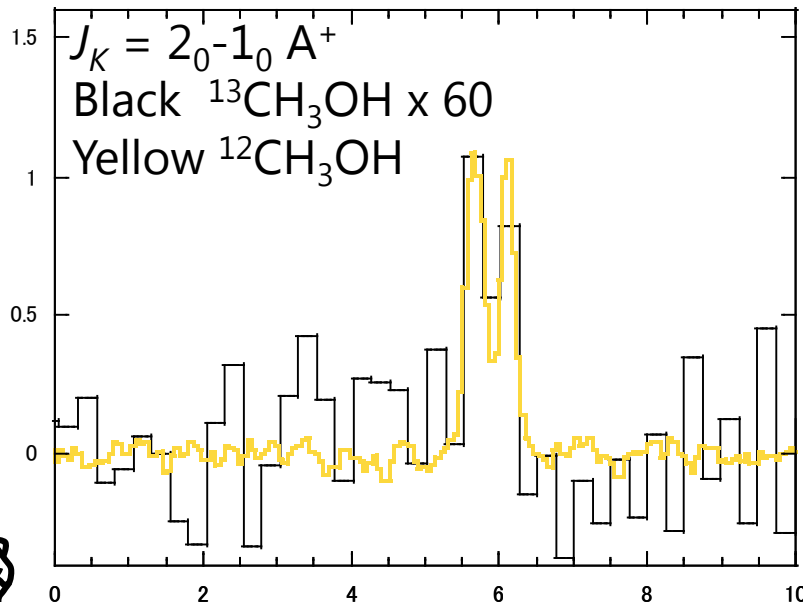


$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C} \gg 60-70$

Formation on Grains



$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C} = 60-70$



TMC-1(CP): Starless core

$^{13}\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$:

$J_K = 1_0-0_0 A^+, 2_0-1_0 A^+, 2_{-1}-1_{-1} E$

$^{12}\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$:

$J_K = 1_0-0_0 A^+, 2_0-1_0 A^+, 2_{-1}-1_{-1} E,$
 $3_0-2_0 A^+, 3_{-1}-2_{-1} E$

$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C} = 62 \pm 10$ (LVG)

Non-thermal Desorption

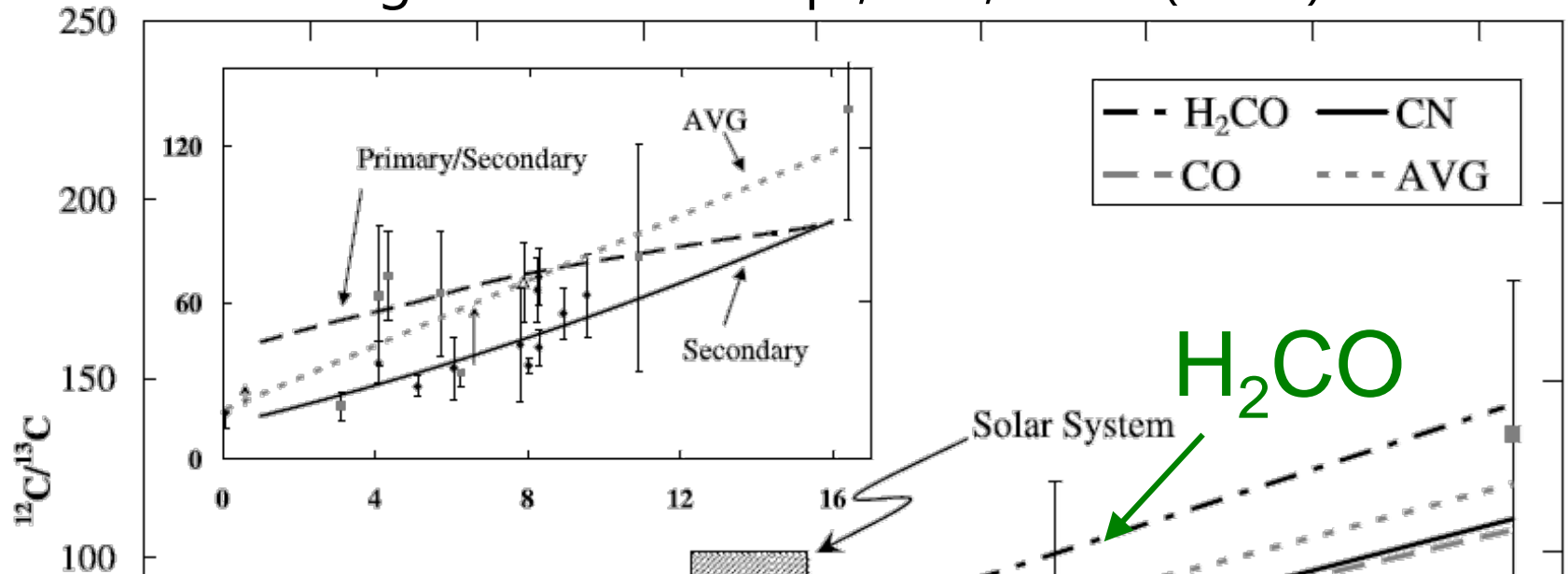
(Soma, Sakai+2015, ApJ, 802, 74)





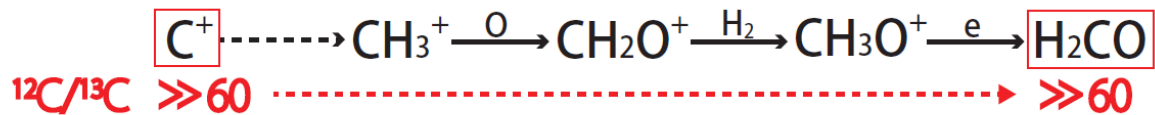
$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ Ratio in H_2CO ?

e.g. Milam et al. ApJ, 634, 1126 (2005)



Possible Formation Mechanisms of H_2CO

a | Gas phase reactions



b | Grain surface chemistry



Summary

- **Abundance anomalies** are observed in ^{13}C isotopomers in the same species. (HC_3N , HC_5N , CCS , C_3S , CCH , $\text{c-C}_3\text{H}_2$, C_4H)
 - It would reflect production pathways, although isotope exchange reactions after the formation of molecules may affect the ratio.
- Various ^{13}C species are found to be **diluted** in molecules.
 - Molecules formed from C^+ (but not via CO) can have higher $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio
- $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio would become **higher along cloud evolution**.
 - We can learn formation pathways not only for carbon-chain molecules but also for other C-bearing species. (ex; CH_3OH , H_2CO , and many other COMs)
($^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio could be a tracer of cloud evolution?)



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