

# Mol-D a Database and a Web Service within the Serbian Virtual Observatory and the Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Centre

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**Abstract.** In this contribution we report the current stage of the MOLEcular Dissociation (MOL-D) database which is a web service within the Serbian virtual observatory (SerVO) and node within Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Center (VAMDC). MOL-D is an atomic and molecular (A&M) database devoted to the modelling of stellar atmospheres, laboratory plasmas, industrial plasmas etc. The initial stage of development was done at the end of 2014, when the service for data connected with hydrogen and helium molecular ions was done. In the next stage of the development of MOL-D, we include new cross-sections and rate coefficients for processes which involve species such as  $XH^+$ , where  $X$  is atom of some metal. Data are important for the exploring of the interstellar medium as well as for the early Universe chemistry and for the modeling of stellar and solar atmospheres. In this poster, we present our ongoing work and plans for the future.

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## 1. Introduction

In the era of large sky surveys and numerous large telescopes, data volumes have grown exponentially and increased from terabytes into tens or hundreds of petabytes (Brunner *et al.* 2001, Djorgovski *et al.* 2013, York *et al.* 2000) and will increase even faster (LSST Science Collaboration *et al.* 2009). At the same time, simultaneously a huge amount of information and data (produced by powerful supercomputer simulations) are distributed through the global network infrastructure and stored in the networks of archives using new technologies (Allock *et al.* 2002, Tate *et al.* 2016). Consequently, the status of data-oriented science, research methods, algorithms, and techniques become very important. Operative processing and scientific exploitation of such large data sets remains as one of the key motivations behind the astronomical Virtual Observatory and a new emerging discipline Astroinformatics (Borne 2013, Brescia & Longo 2013). This has led to integration of computer science, physics, statistics, astrophysics etc. In this contribution, we give an overview of the motivations, current stage, and technological principles of MOL-D database within Virtual Observatories.



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HOME

PHOTO PLATES  
ARCHIVE  
1934–1996

BEAMDB / EMOL

MOLD

STARK-B

VOEVENT STREAM  
EMITTER

FUNDAMENTAL  
CATALOGS

LSST@EUROPE 2

BIG SKY EARTH /  
BELGRADE MEETING

DSED

FE II LINES IN AGN

VISIT:

- \* Archive of photo plates taken at Astronomical Observatory in Belgrade 1934–1996
- \* EuroVO for latest in the European Virtual Observatory
- \* IVQA for a info about International Virtual Observatory Association

NEWS:

- \* SCLSLA 11th edition will be held in Šabac August 20–25 2017
- \* Major conference LSST@Europe 2 will be held in Belgrade June 20–24, 2016. It will bring together LSST and European scientists.
- \* MC and WG Meetings of COST Action 1403 "Big data in sky and Earth Observations" will be held in Belgrade March 30–31
- \* MoID – VAMDC node in association with Institute of Physics, a new VAMDC node is established for molecule photodissociation data
- \* EMol / BEAMDB – VAMDC node for atomic collisions. In association with LaCP @ Institute of Physics
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Figure 1. The home page of the SerVO (Jevremović *et al.* 2009).



Figure 2. VAMDC (Dubernet *et al.* 2016) portal snapshot (<http://www.portal.vamdc.eu>).

## 2. Overview of MOL-D

Many fields in astronomy, atmospheric physics, chemistry, industry etc. depend on data for A&M interaction processes. A reliable exchange of such data has become crucial. In this context, we are developing the MOL-D database. MOL-D database is a collection of cross-sections and rate coefficients for specific collisional processes (Vujčić *et al.* 2015). It can be accessed via <http://servo.aob.rs/mold/> of Serbian Virtual Observatory (SerVO, see Fig.1) or accessed as a web service <http://portal.vamdc.eu/> which is part of the Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Center (VAMDC, see Fig.2).

The database contains photodissociation cross-sections for the individual ro-vibrational states of the diatomic molecular ions and rate coefficients for the atom-Rydberg atom chemi-ionization and inverse electron-ion-atom chemi-recombination processes. A graphical interface is provided at 'Homepage' (Fig.3). The web interface offers access to data for

**Photodissociation - MolD database**  
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Individual cross sections   average thermal cross sections   plot

Molecule:

QNJ:

QNv:

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/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:cml="http://www.xml-cml.org/schema"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://vamdc.org/xml/xsams/1.0 http://vamdc.org/xml/xsams/1.0">
+<Sources> </Sources>
-<Species>

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**Figure 3.** Homepage of MOL-D. Access to the data: the graphical interface. Data set is represented in XSAMS (Extensible Markup Language (XML) Schema for Atoms, Molecules and Solids) format.

photodissociation (bound-free) cross-sections of hydrogen  $\text{H}_2^+$  and helium  $\text{He}_2^+$  molecular ions (see e.g. figure 3) as well as the corresponding averaged thermal photodissociation cross-sections for the requested wavelength and temperature. All data sets are linked to the original article so that it is fully citable.

### 2.1. Level 2 Release

At the end of 2016 MOL-D is in the *stage 2* of development. We are including new cross-sections and rate coefficients data for processes which involve species such as  $\text{MgH}^+$ ,  $\text{HeH}^+$ ,  $\text{LiH}^+$ ,  $\text{NaH}^+$ ,  $\text{SiH}^+$  which are important for exploring of the interstellar medium, the early Universe chemistry and for the modeling of different stellar and solar atmospheres (Srećković *et al.* 2014, Coppola *et al.* 2016, Ignjatović *et al.* 2014a, Ignjatović *et al.* 2014b, Vujčić *et al.* 2015). Our plans are incremental inclusion of data from our papers concerning atomic and molecular processes important for modeling different stellar atmospheres and laboratory plasmas as they become published. Along with database updates, we intend to develop new web utilities and interfaces for SerVO MOL-D website.

## 3. Database technical description

VAMDC is an international consortium which has built a well documented, secure, flexible interoperable e-science platform permitting an automated exchange of atomic and molecular data. VAMDC e-infrastructure defines protocols for retrieving remote data as well as format for representing these data. The ultimate goal is interoperability of the data along various distributed nodes. Access to the MOL-D data is possible via Table Access Protocol (TAP), a Virtual Observatory standard of a web service or via AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML)-enabled web interface (<http://servo.aob.rs/molD>). Both queries return data in XSAMS (XML Schema for Atoms, Molecules and Solids) format (Braams *et al.* 2016). The XSAMS schema provides a framework for a structured presentation of atomic, molecular, and particle-solid-interaction data in an XML file. Underlying application is written in Django, a Python web framework and represents a customization and extension of VAMDC's NodeSoftware. Additional on-site utilities include: data selection based on molecule name and QNJ/QNv numbers; average thermal

cross section calculation based on temperature for a specific molecule and wavelength; plotting average thermal cross sections along available wavelengths for a given temperature.

#### 4. Concluding remarks

Atomic and molecular databases in today's science have become essential for modeling and interpretation of data provided by observations and laboratory measurements (Srećković *et al.* 2014, Mihajlov *et al.* 2012, Mihajlov *et al.* 2013, Marinković *et al.* 2015). Nowadays, very important resources of such data are dissipated, presented in different, non-standardized ways, available through a variety of highly specialized and often not very well documented interfaces. As a consequence the full exploitation and interconnection of all available data is limited and the free exchange of these data requires the definition of some standards and tools that help users and producers in this process. The continuation of such developments and services is crucial. This is the purpose of further development of MOL-D database within SerVO and VAMDC.

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