

MOLECULAR ORBITAL STUDY OF THE DISSOCIATIVE RECOMBINATION; $\text{HC}_3\text{NH}^+ + e^-$. IS IT POSSIBLE TO PRODUCE ALL OF ISOMERS OF CYANOACETYLENE?

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The dissociative recombination reaction between HC_3NH^+ and an electron is one of the major route to produce cyanoacetylene, HC_3N , in interstellar clouds. We have studied various pathways of this recombination reaction producing HC_3N and its isomers, HNC_3 , HCCNC , and HCNCC , theoretically. Potential energy surfaces for the processes from neutralized HC_3NH are examined by using the *ab initio* molecular orbital method. The calculated result shows that HCCNC is also produced via the isomerization processes in addition to the products HC_3N and HNCCC from the direct hydrogen dissociation. Several product channels $\text{C}_2\text{H} + \text{HNC}$, $\text{C}_2\text{H} + \text{HCN}$, $\text{NH} + \text{C}_3\text{H}$, $\text{CN} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2$, $\text{C}_3 + \text{NH}_2$ and $\text{C}_3\text{N} + \text{H}_2$ are shown to be energetically possible based on the thermochemical relationships.