

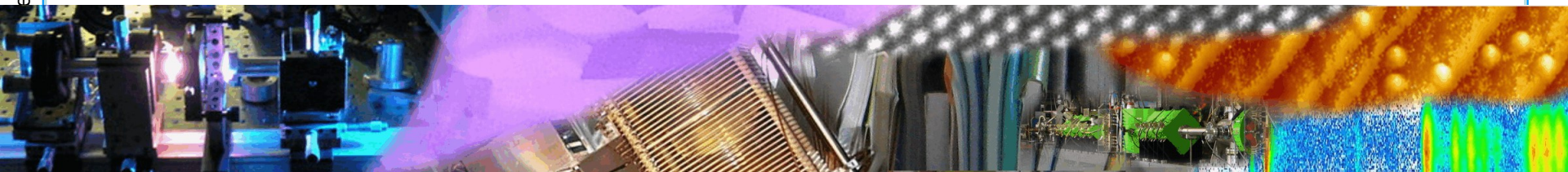
# Swift heavy ions, ices and astrophysics

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Ices?

Ions? In space, in the lab (GANIL) and in matter.

Laboratory simulations :  
Several examples

Water : compaction and amorphisation

Role of CR : CO ice

Gaz mixture and complex molecules

**Perspectives : IGLIAS, next?**

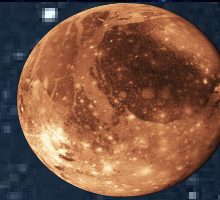


# Astrophysical Ices ...

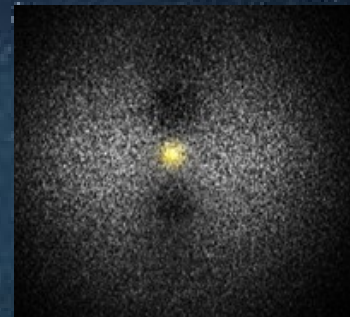
→ Comets



→ Giant Planet's Moons  
(Europa, Ganymede, ...)



→ Dust Grains



Rings

Dense Interstellar Clouds

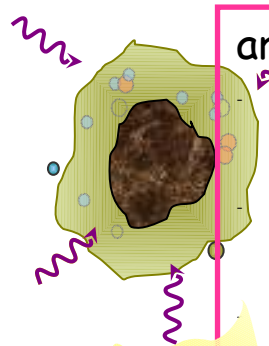
(birthplaces of suns and planets)



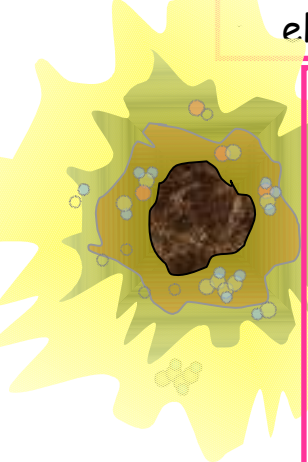
# Interstellar dust grains (dense molecular clouds)



• covered with thin layers of ices ( $H_2O$ ,  $CO$ ,  $NH_3$ , ...)



are exposed to  
 cosmic rays;  
 (protons, helium, heavy ions)  
 stellar wind  
 ( $H$ ,  $He$ ,  $C$ ,  $O$ ,  $S$  ...)  
 UV photons  
 electrons



irradiation leads to ...

- Radiolysis
- fragmentation/destruction
- formation of molecules (radiation chemistry)
- Desorption / Sputtering
- Compaction / Amorphization

nom

- Primary Cosmic Rays are very energetic ( $10^3$  to  $10^{22}$  eV) charged particles that traverse outer space

↓  
1 kJ

- Basically, they are:

- light ions: protons + deuterons (87%) and  $\alpha$  particles (11%)
- heavy 4n ions :  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^{20}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{32}\text{S}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  /  $^{60}\text{Ni}$
- electrons (~1%)

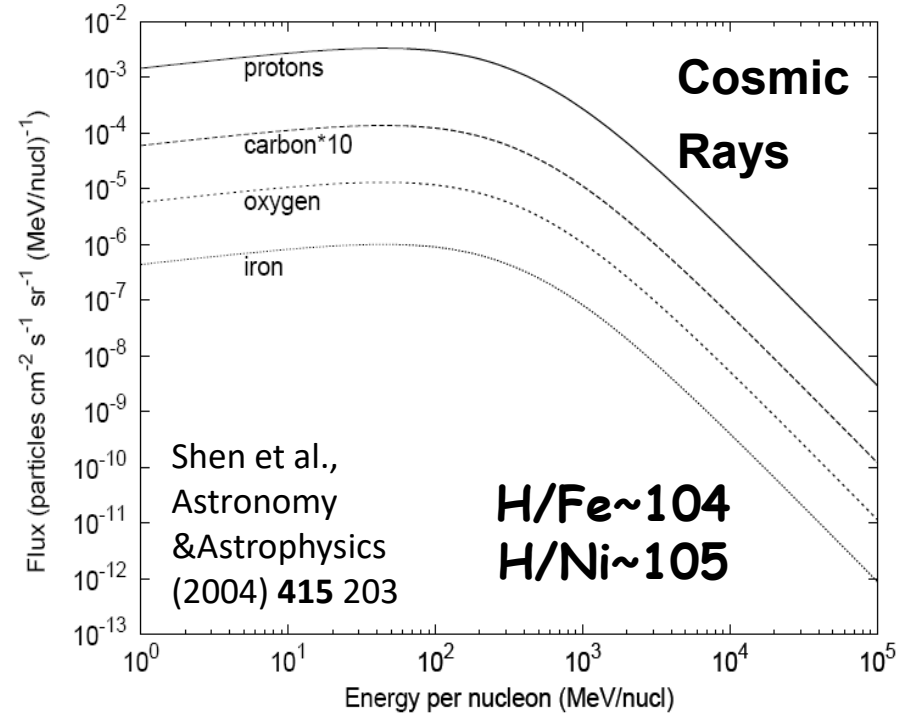
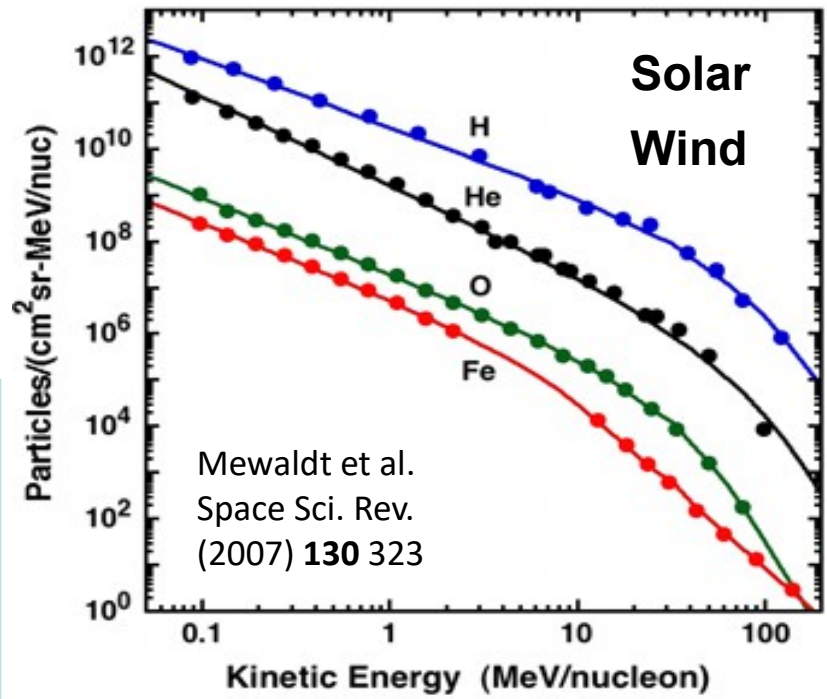
[unstable ions or neutrals are excluded: neutrons, neutrinos, X-rays,  $\gamma$  rays]

After collision with interstellar matter and atmosphere,

Secondary Cosmic Rays are formed. They are constituted by:

- Li, Be, B, neutrons (formed by spallation)
- pions, kaons, mesons, positrons and  $\gamma$  rays

# Concerning heavy ions in space:



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**Heavy multiply charged ions:**

- Large electronic energy loss **Se**
- Scaling laws: **Sen** with  $n \approx \frac{1}{2}, 1, 3/2, 2, \dots, 4$ )
- Unexplained findings (gas phase CO in dense clouds... ), few data
- Astrochemistry: origin of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> on Europa, implantation.
- Shorter time for experiments...

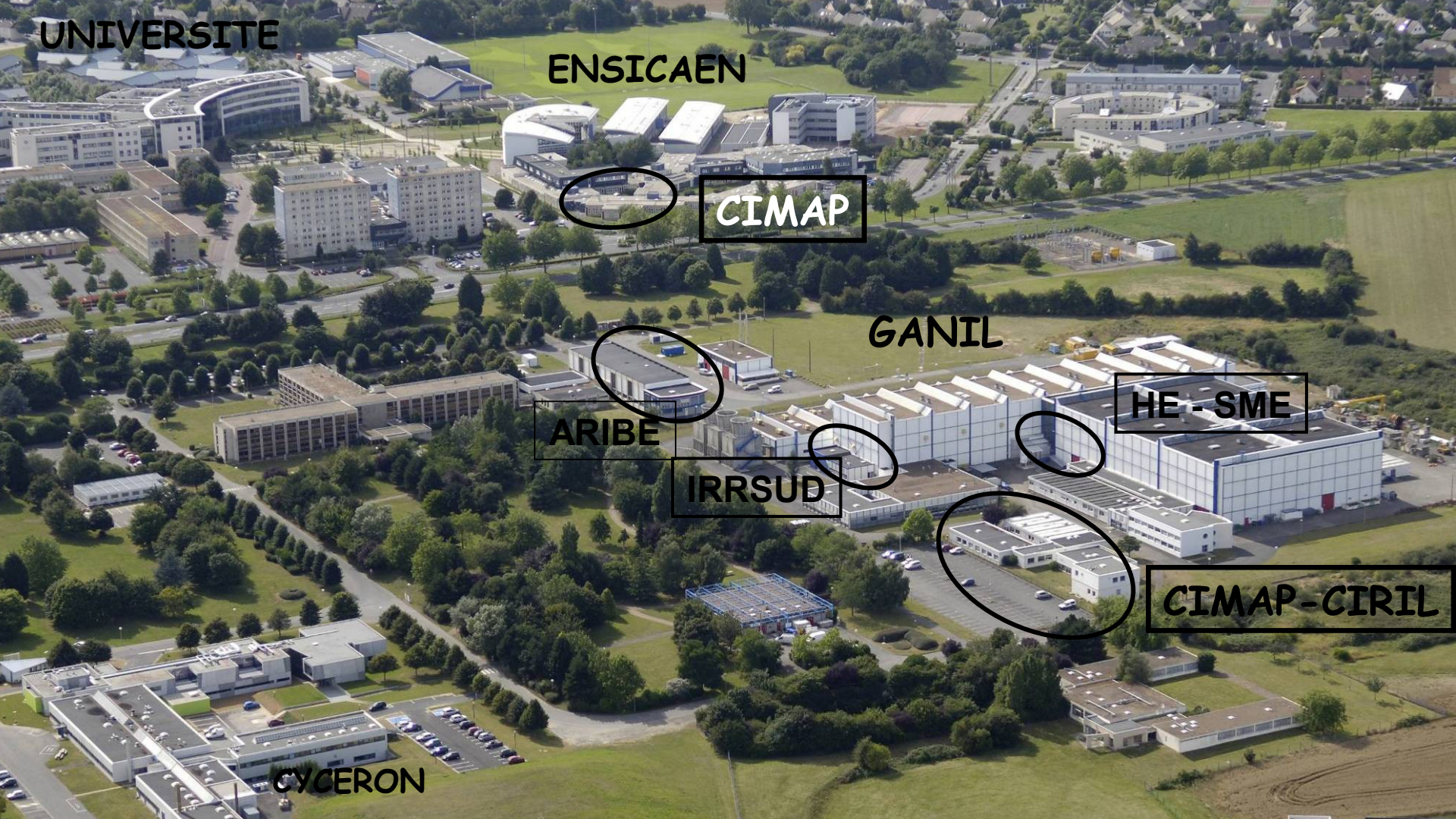
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Caen: a big accelerator of particles, GANIL





*Du carbone à l'uranium, de l'eV au GeV*  
*From Carbon to Uranium, from eV to GeV*

**User's Facility : you can apply for beam time!**





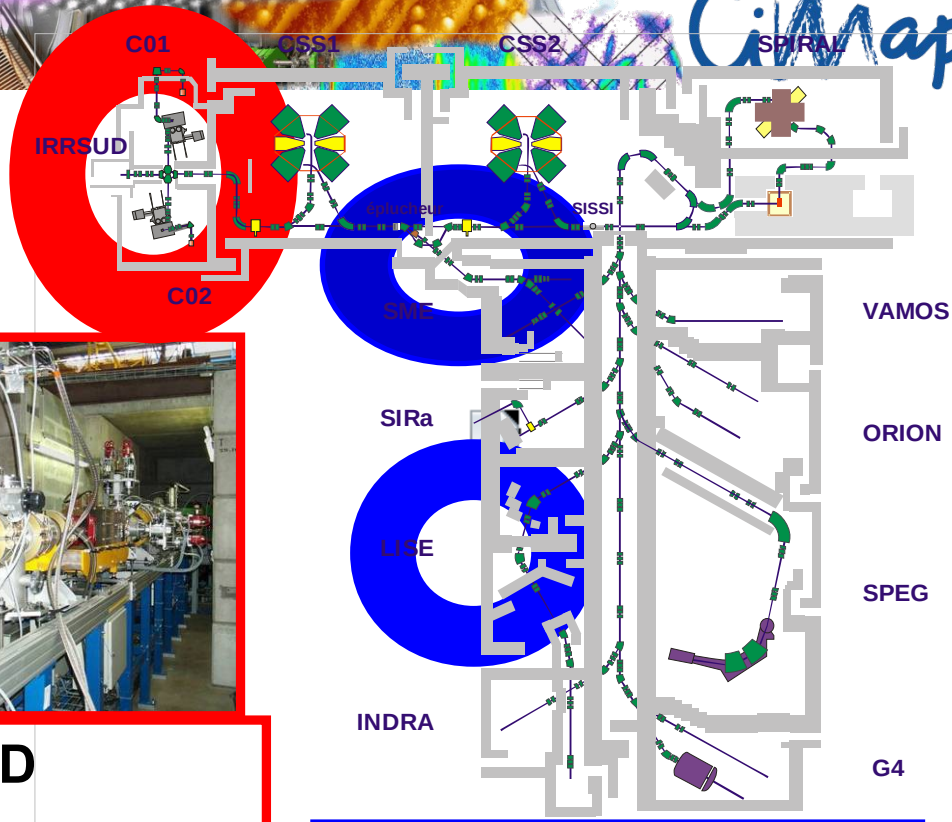
**+ ARIBE** low energy  
multiply charged ions

He, C, O, S, Ar, Xe:  
q keV



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O, Ni, Xe, Ta, Pb:  
0.5 to 1 A MeV



**High Energy: LISE**

Fe, Ni: 70 A MeV

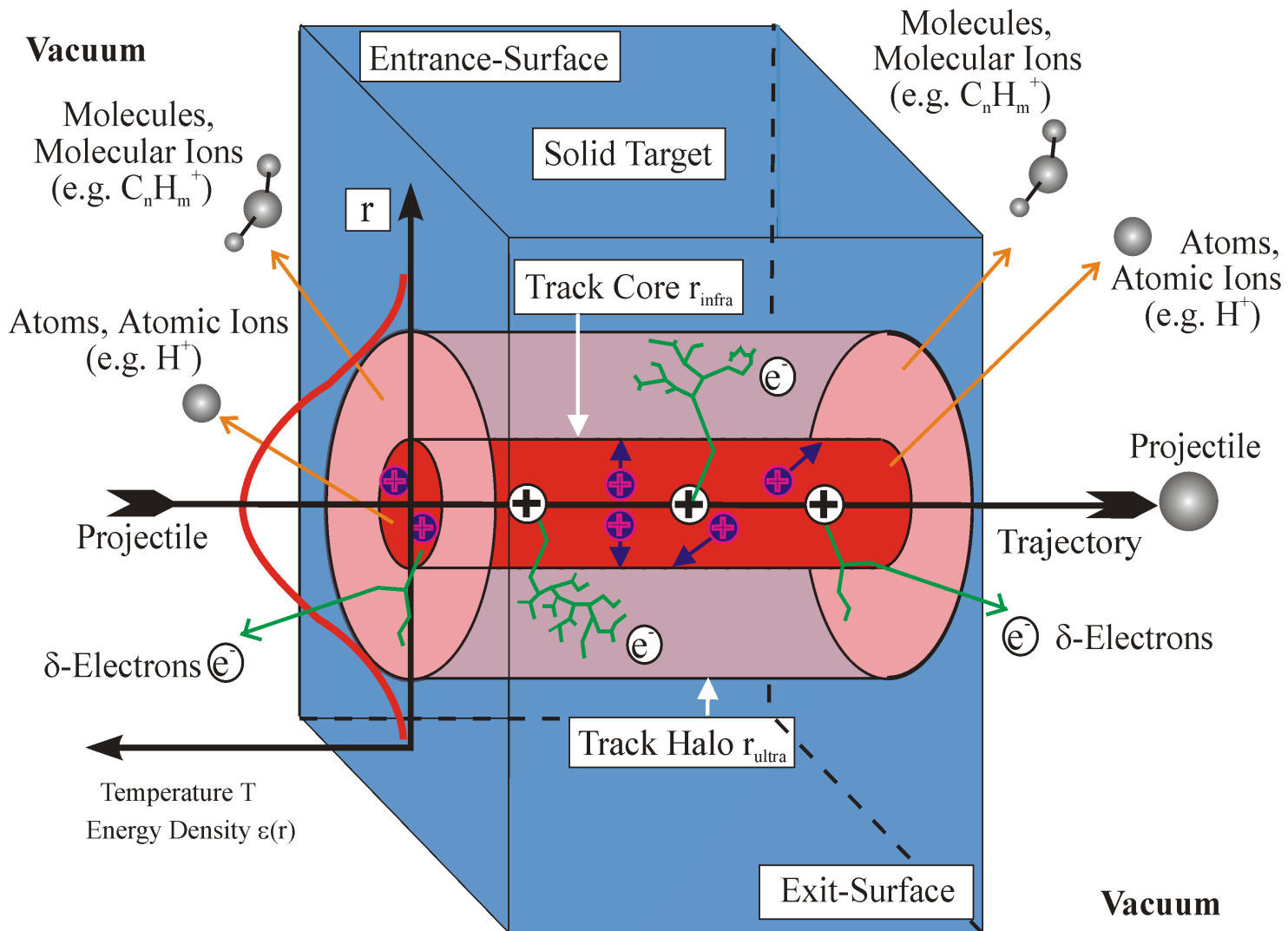
**Medium Energy: SME**

O, Fe, Ni, Kr: 5-13 A MeV

**3 GeV for iron ion!**



# ions in condensed matter: nuclear tracks



Fast process  
10-15s

1-30 MeV/ $\mu\text{m}$   
(1-30 KeV/nm)  
 $V_e$ : 0 to  $2V_p$

Radicals

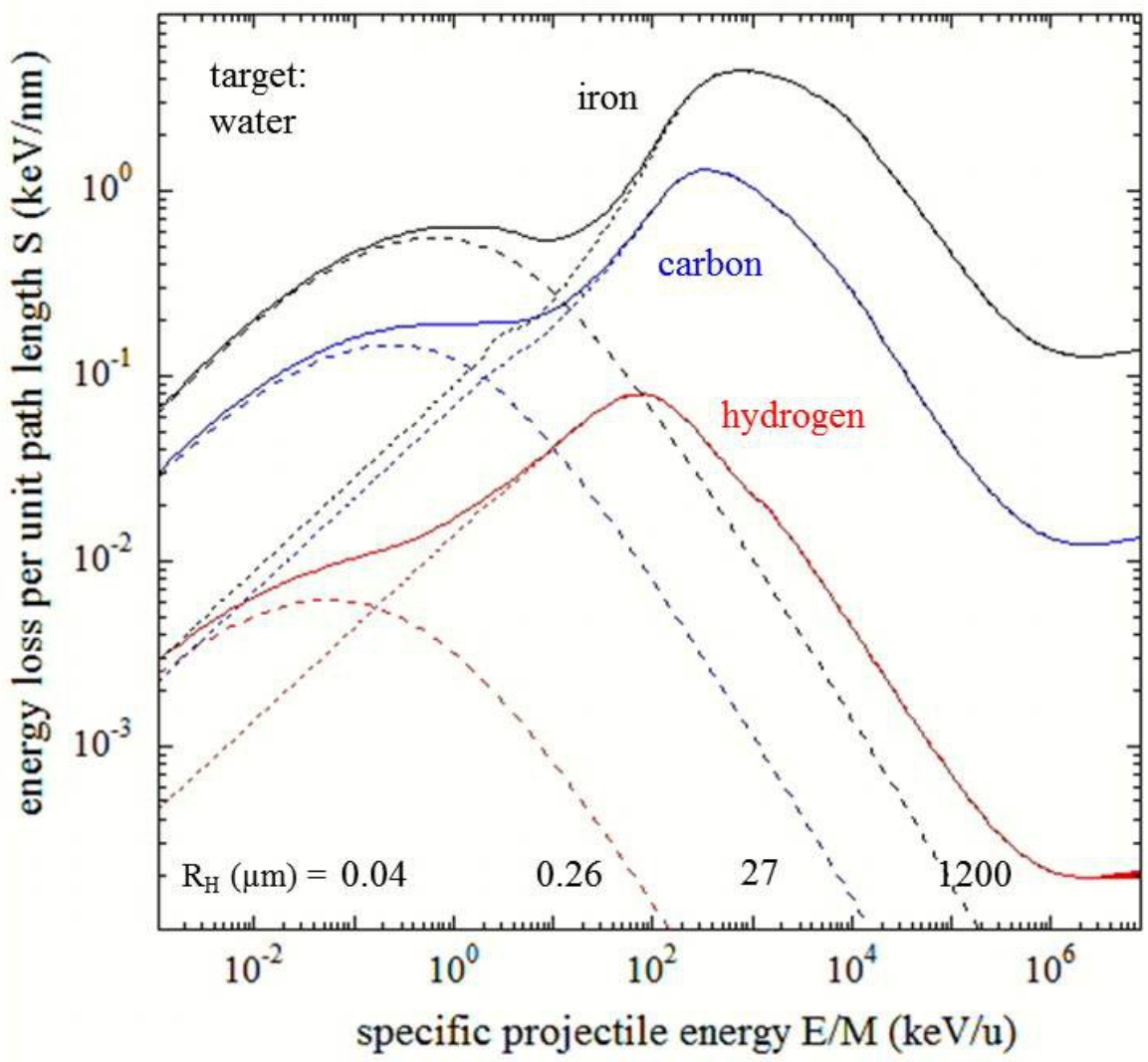
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$Y_{\text{sput}}$  :  
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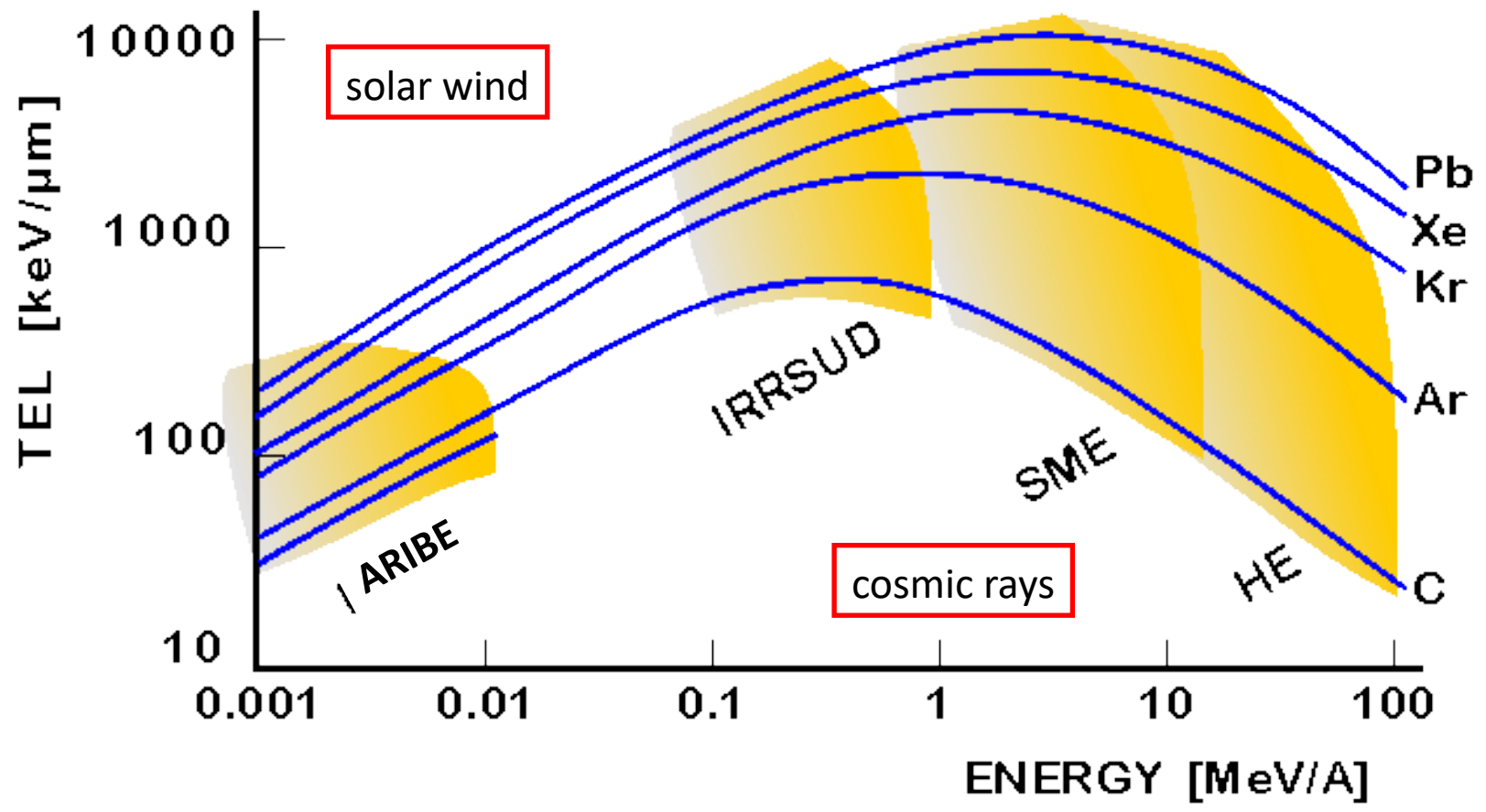
For the incoming projectile:  
 The stopping power  $dE/dx$  :  
 Energy loss per length unit

Projectile	Se (keV/nm)
$^{58}\text{Ni}^{13+}$	3.0
$^{58}\text{Ni}^{11+}$	2.9
$^{64}\text{Ni}^{24+}$	2.0
$^{20}\text{Ne}^{6+}$	0.92
$^{16}\text{O}^{2+}$	0.79
$^{16}\text{O}^{5+}$	0.67

$\text{H}^+(100\text{keV}) \text{ Se}=0,08 \text{ KeV/nm}$



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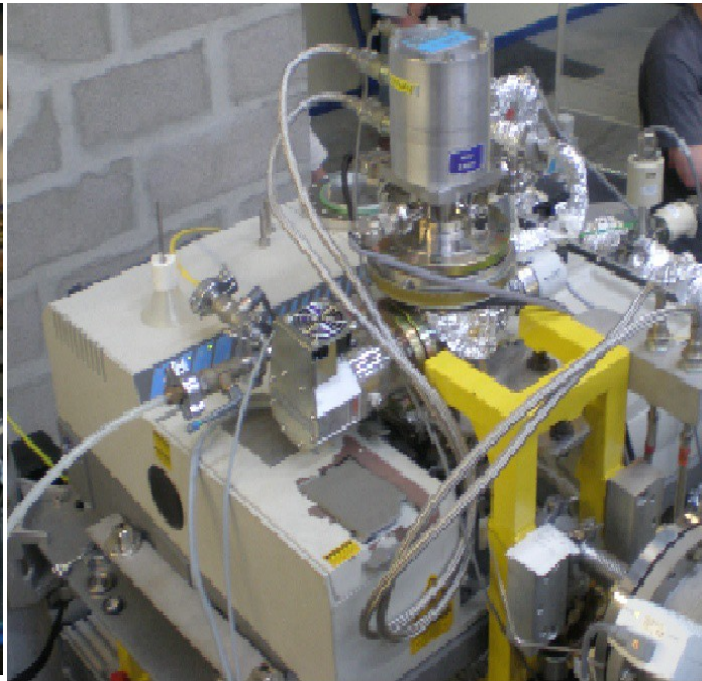
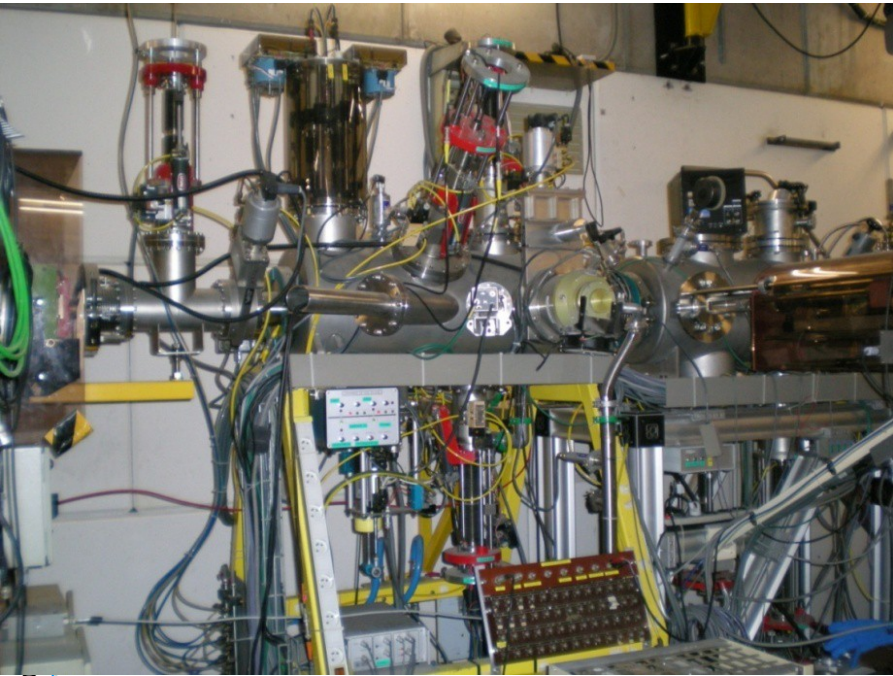
Se: 3 orders of magnitude

Cross sections versus Se





**experimental set-up CASIMIR:  
FTIR of condensed gases at 14 K**

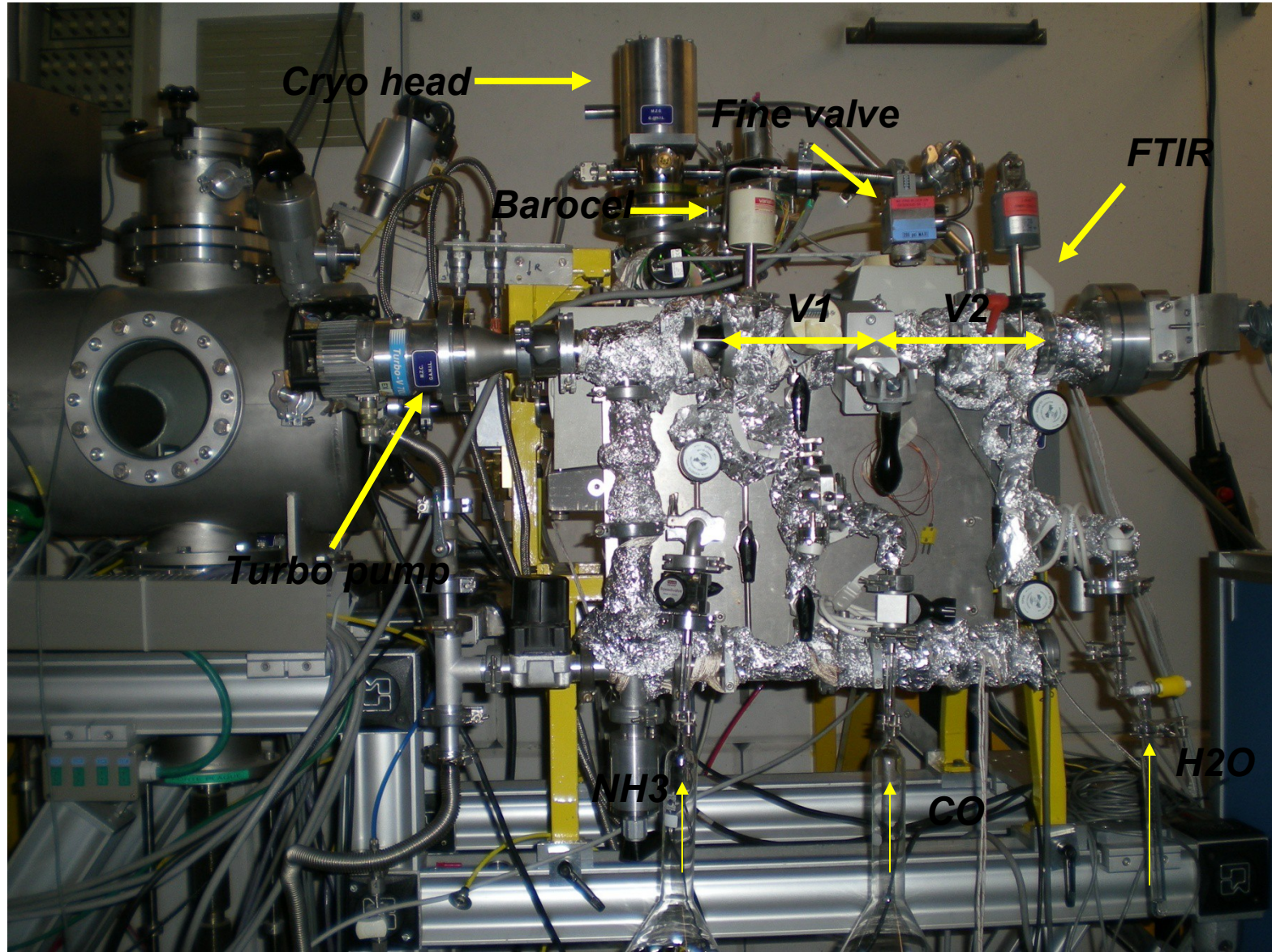


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# the "gas mixing and deposition machine"





# Experimental details

## Pressure in irradiation chamber

$\sim 2 \times 10^{-8}$  mbar (14 K)

## Substrate

CsI, ZnSe windows

## Temperature

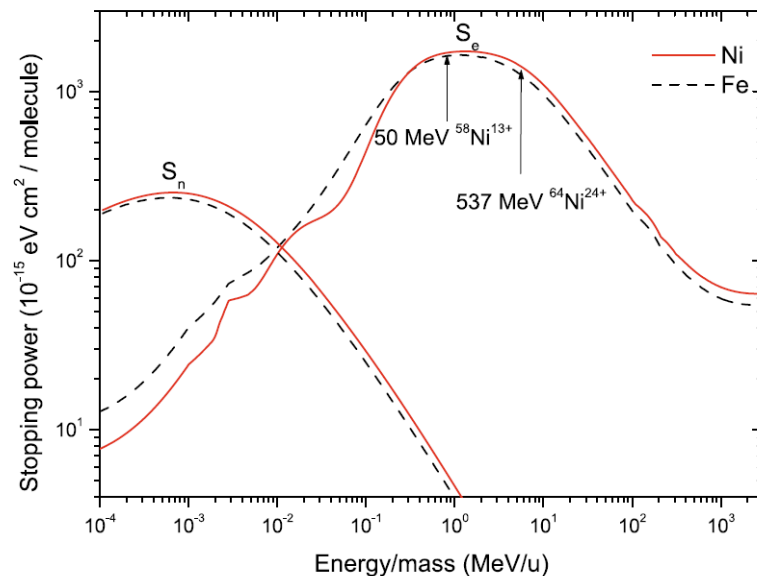
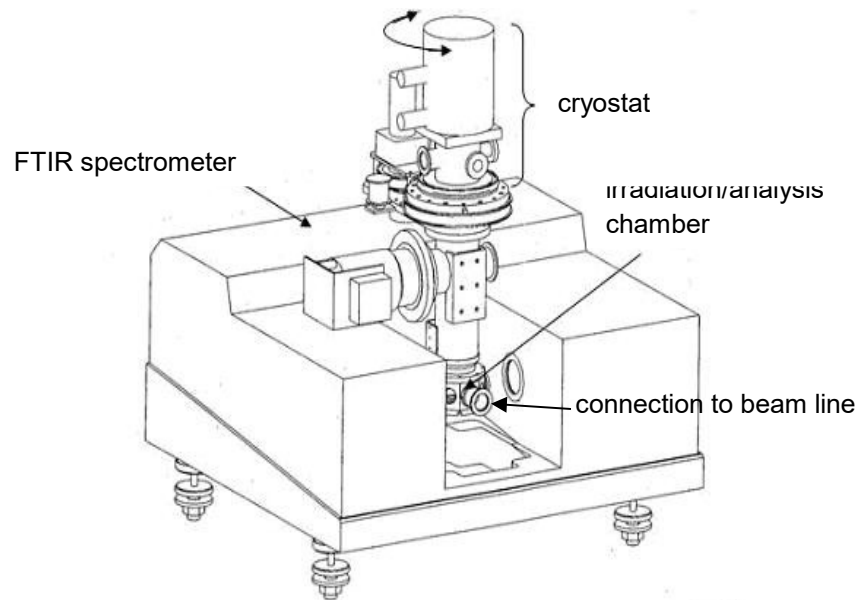
$13 \text{ K} < T < 300 \text{ K}$

## Samples (ices)

- in situ gas deposition
- thickness  $\sim 0.1 - 2 \mu\text{m}$  ( $10^{17} - 10^{18}$  molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- ion penetration depth  $>$  ice thickness (HE exp.)
- ion implantation (Low E exp.)

## Ion beam (Grand Accélérateur National d'Ions Lourds, Caen, France)

- 50 MeV  $^{58}\text{Ni}^{13+}$ , 537 MeV  $^{64}\text{Ni}^{24+}$
- flux  $\sim 10^9$  ion/cm<sup>2</sup> s
- fluence upto  $2 \times 10^{13}$  ion/cm<sup>2</sup> ( typically 4 hours)

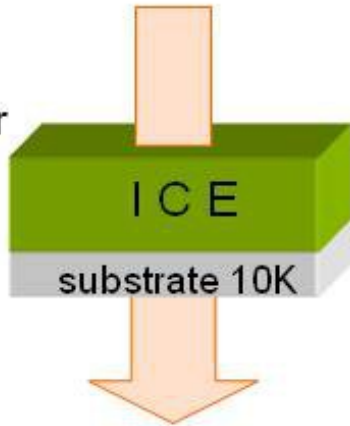




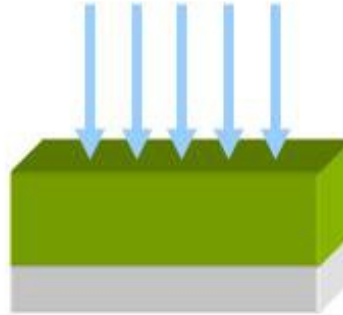


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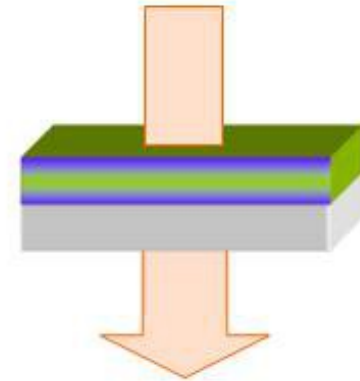
H<sub>2</sub>O, CO, ... or  
H<sub>2</sub>O-NH<sub>3</sub>-CO



ion irradiation  
(C, O, Fe, ...)



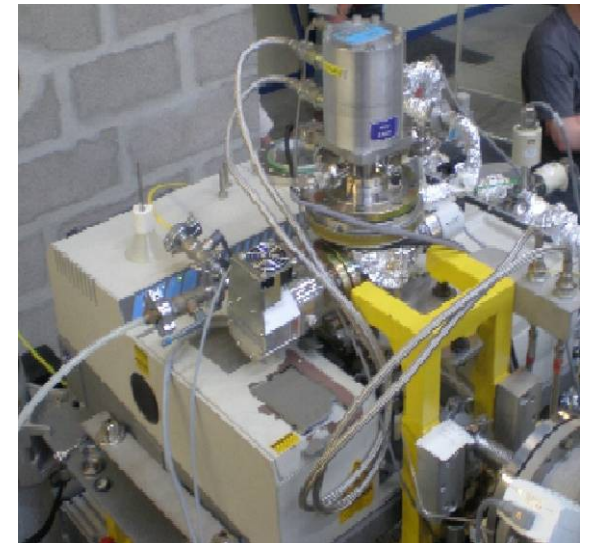
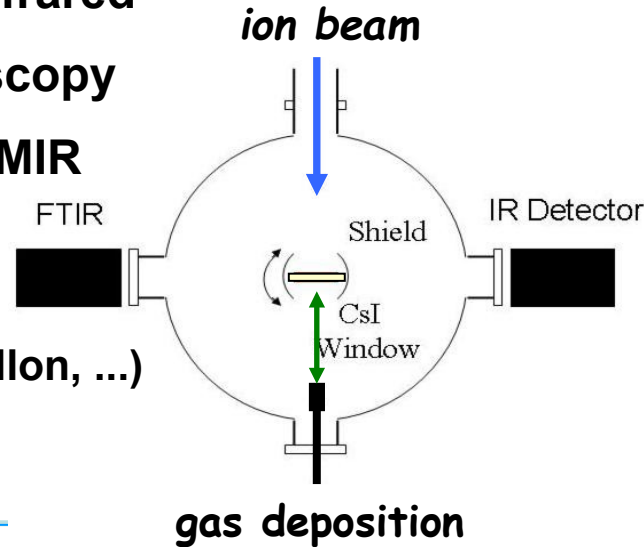
new species:  
CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, ...  
glycine, ...



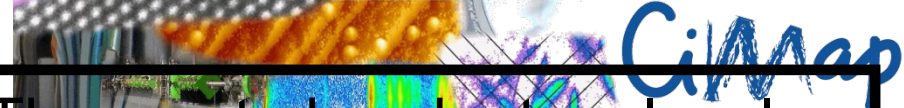
**Fourier Transform Infrared  
Absorption Spectroscopy**

**FTIR @CIMAP: CASIMIR**

(E. Balanzat, J.M. Ramillon, ...)

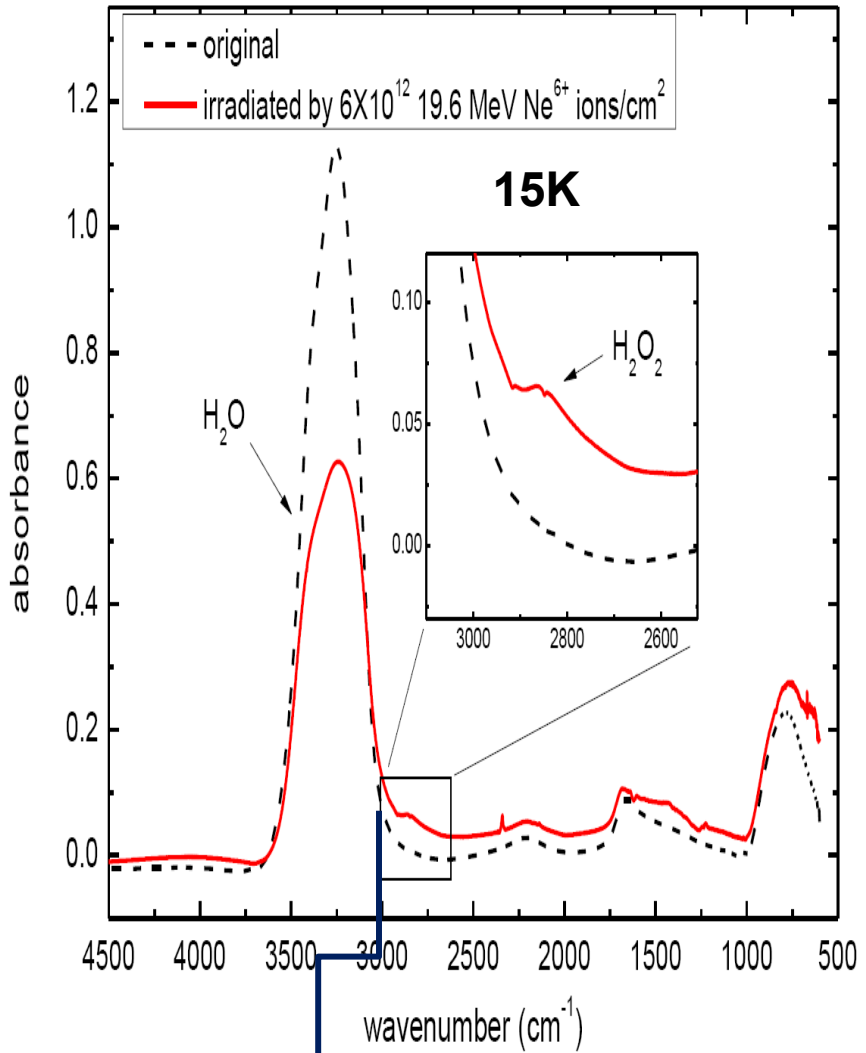


# Water ice: Compaction and Amorphization



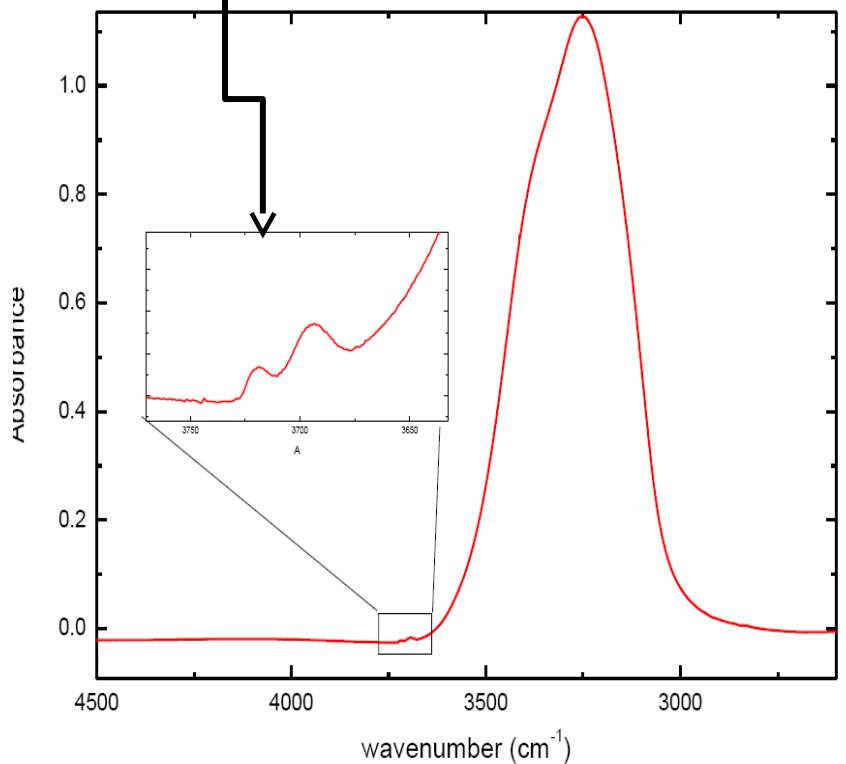
The most abundant molecule  
in interstellar ices:  
**Water H<sub>2</sub>O**

**Porosity:  
OH dangling bonds**

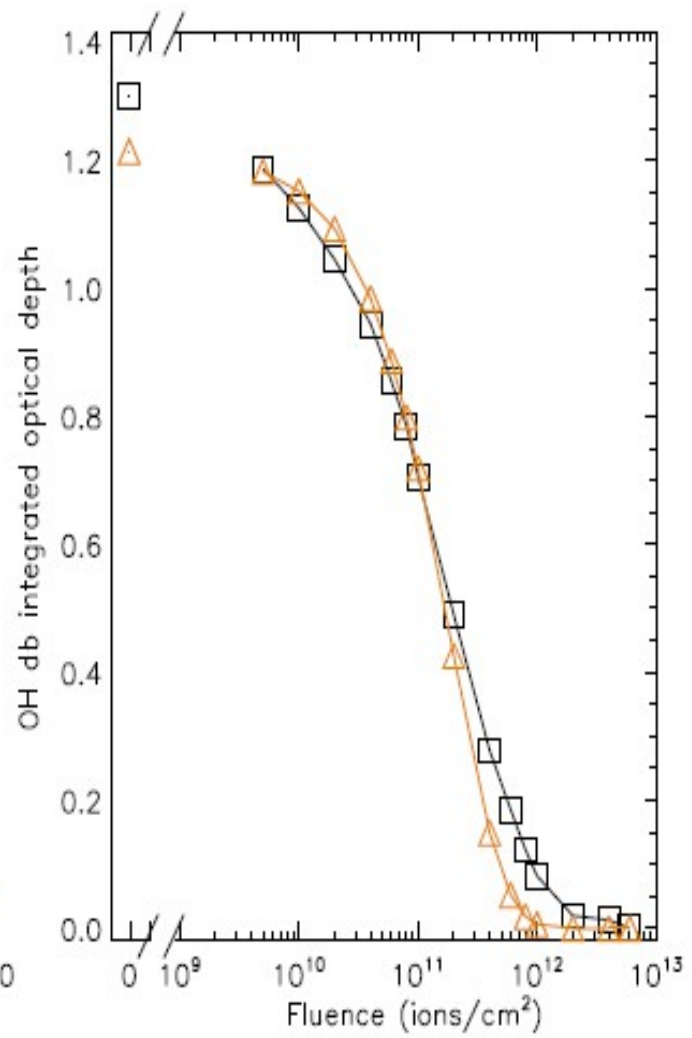
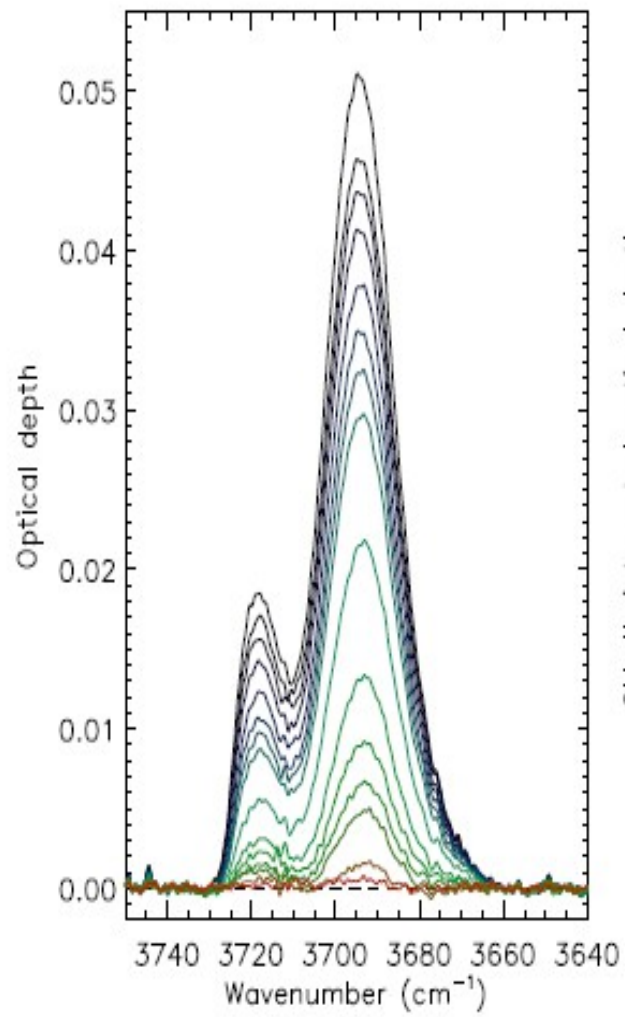
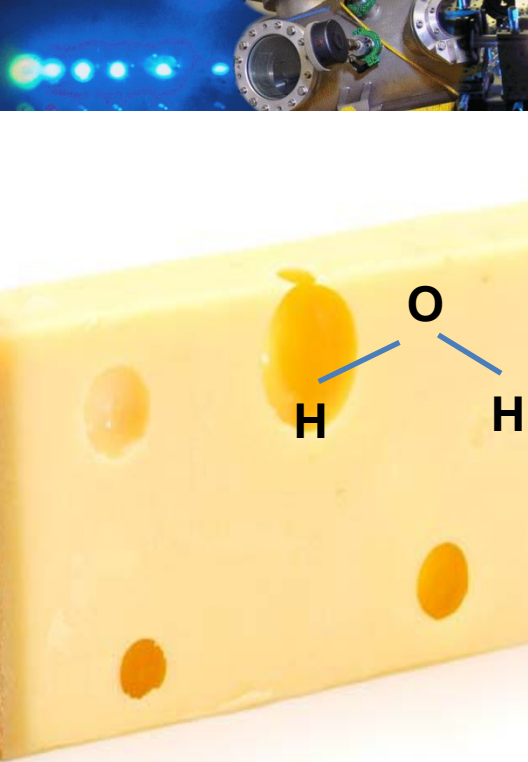


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**Irradiation of H<sub>2</sub>O ice:  
formation of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**

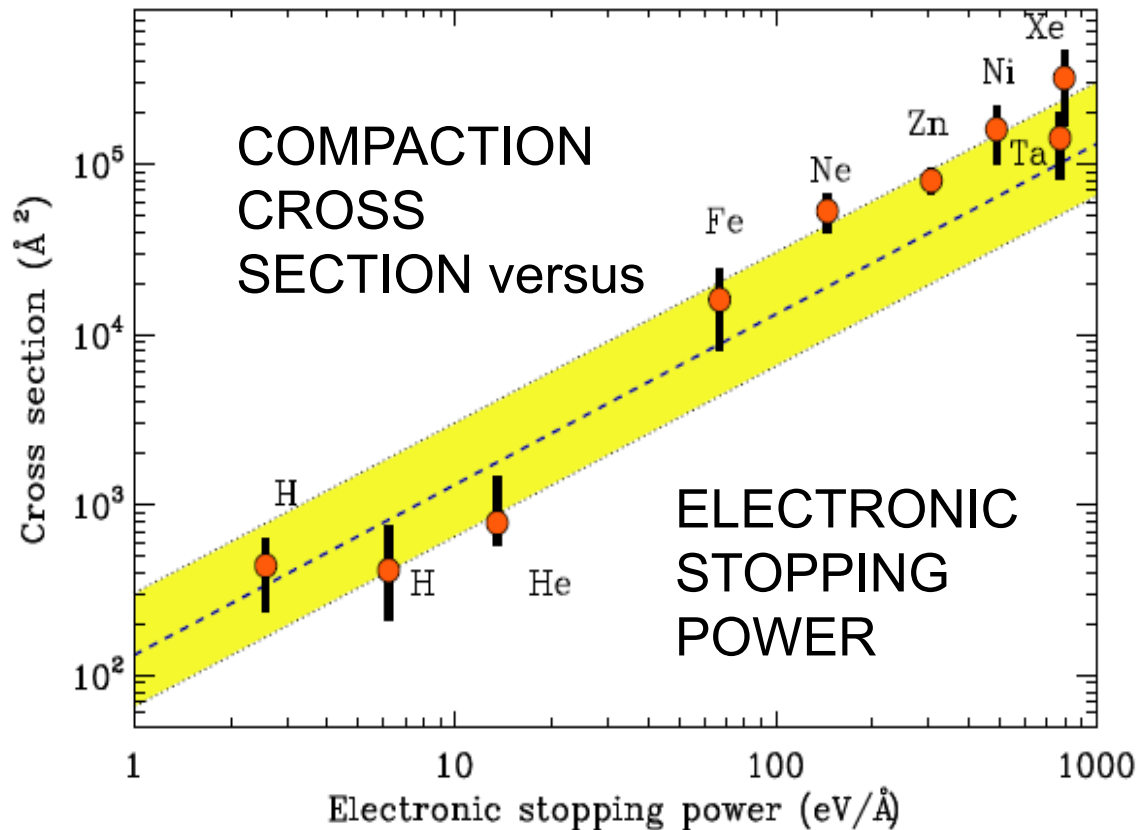






**compaction "dose": 1 eV/molecule**





$$\sigma_c = A S_e^n \quad \text{with} \\ n = 1,0 \pm 0,2$$

$$t_{comp} = 1 \times 10^5 \\ \text{to } 2 \times 10^6 \text{ years}$$

small compared  
to cloud lifetimes

Indeed **no**  
OH dangling bonds  
observed by  
ISO in ISM

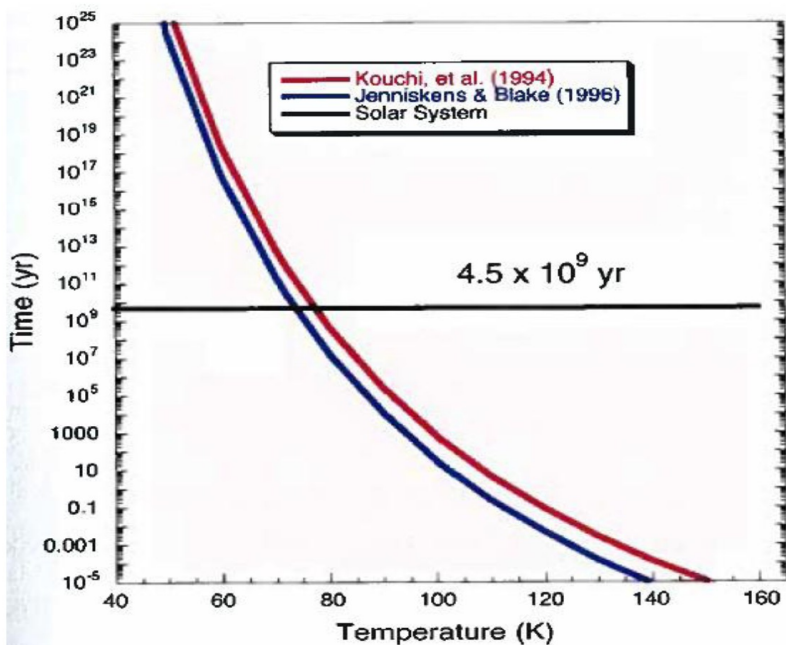
### Compaction of Water Ice by Cosmic Rays: Experiment 2012 GANIL-LISE

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**Swift heavy ion irradiation of water ice at MeV to GeV energies:  
approaching true cosmic ray compaction**

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# Crystal versus amorphous ice: a competition



## Thermal induced transition:

- At 100K amorphous ice converted in crystal in about 103 years.

Irradiation : it induces amorphization.

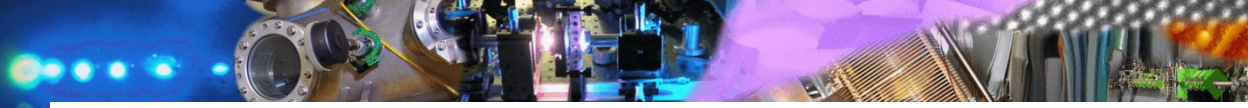
Table3-2: Ions used for irradiation, their electronic stopping power  $S_e$ , their nuclear stopping power  $S_n$ , and the irradiation temperature.

	Energy (MeV)	Irradiation temperature	$S_e$ (eV/Å)	$S_n$ (eV/Å)
Ne	19.6	15K	143	0.2
Ta	81	17K	757	12.7
Ni	46	145K	460	1.4

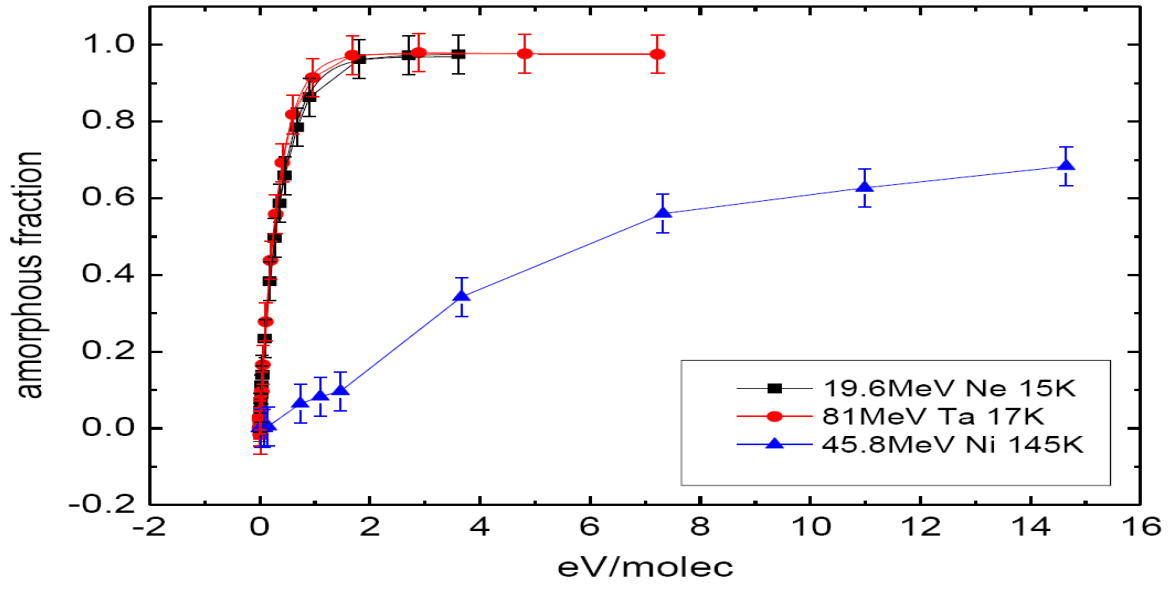
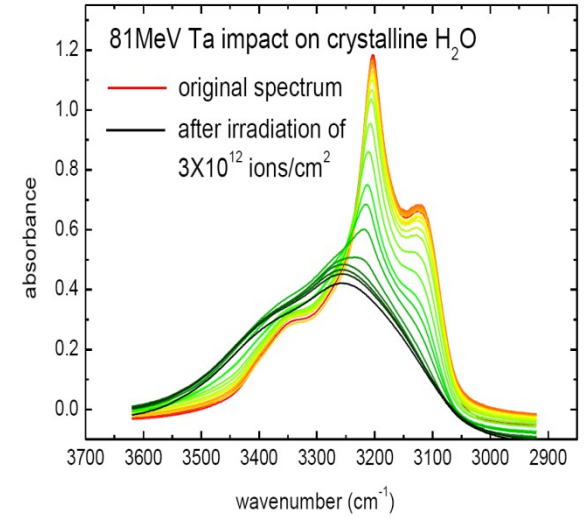
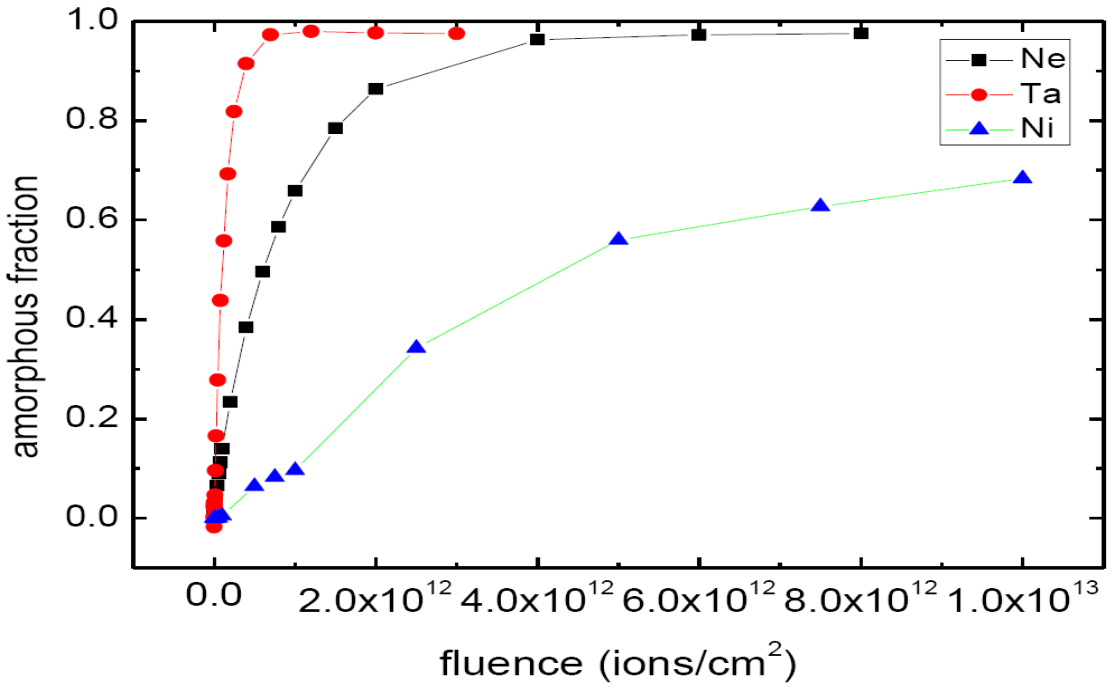
*Mastrapa et al, 2013*

$$f = A_c \times f_c + A_a \times f_a$$





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Local dose: the key parameter!

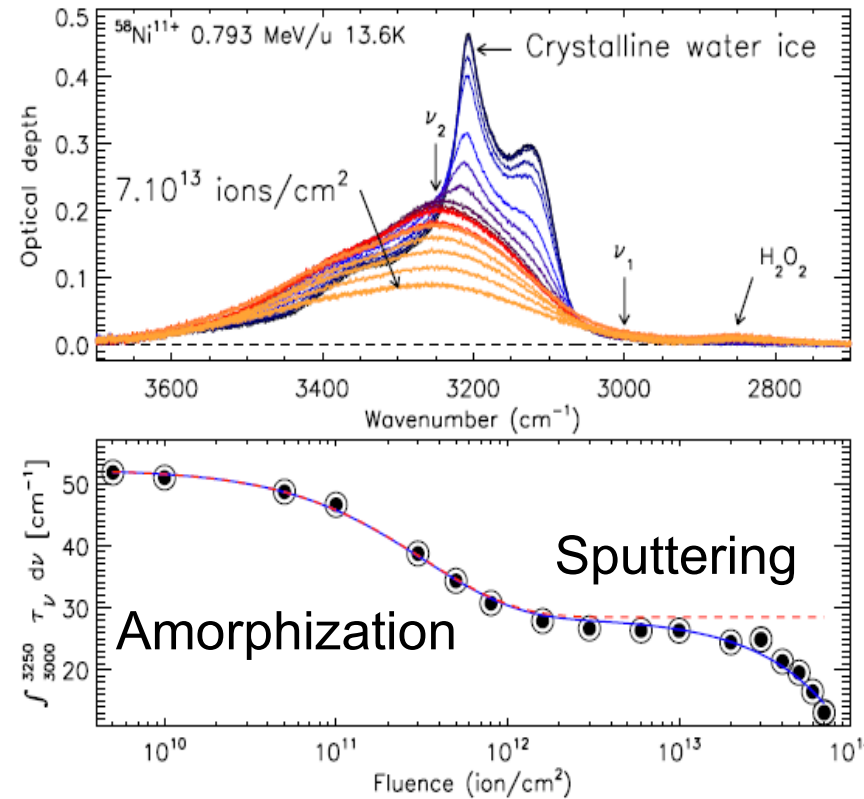
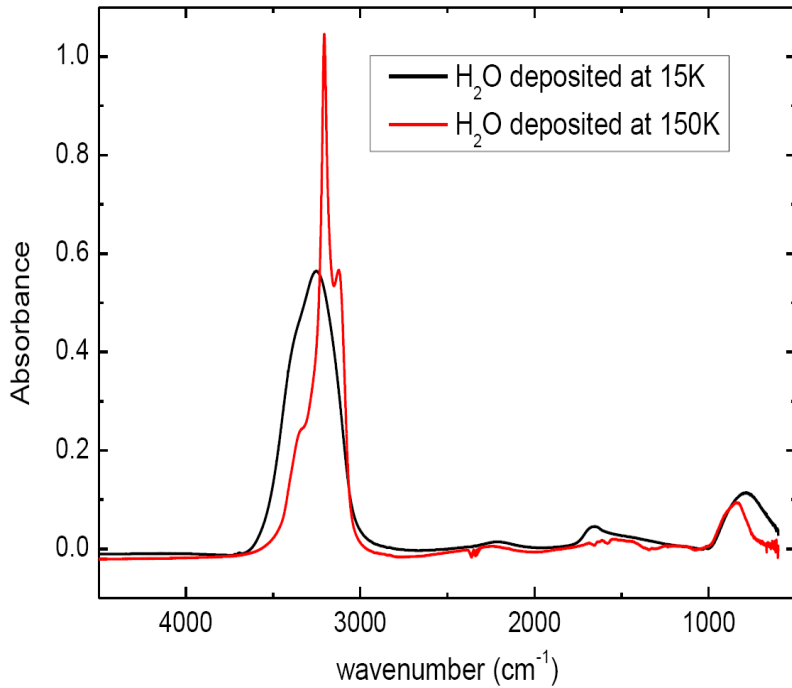
95% at 1,4 eV @15K

Around 3eV for 100%

At 145 K, much longer due to the thermal crystallization

*Thesis JJ Ding*

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Total Amorphisation dose:  
3 eV/molecule

Ion irradiation 3 times more efficient  
for compaction vs. amorphization  
Water ice resilient to phase transition



End point:  
**amorphous compact ice**

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**Heavy ion irradiation of crystalline water ice -Cosmic  
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**Carbon Oxide CO,  
dense molecular clouds,  
and cosmic rays.**

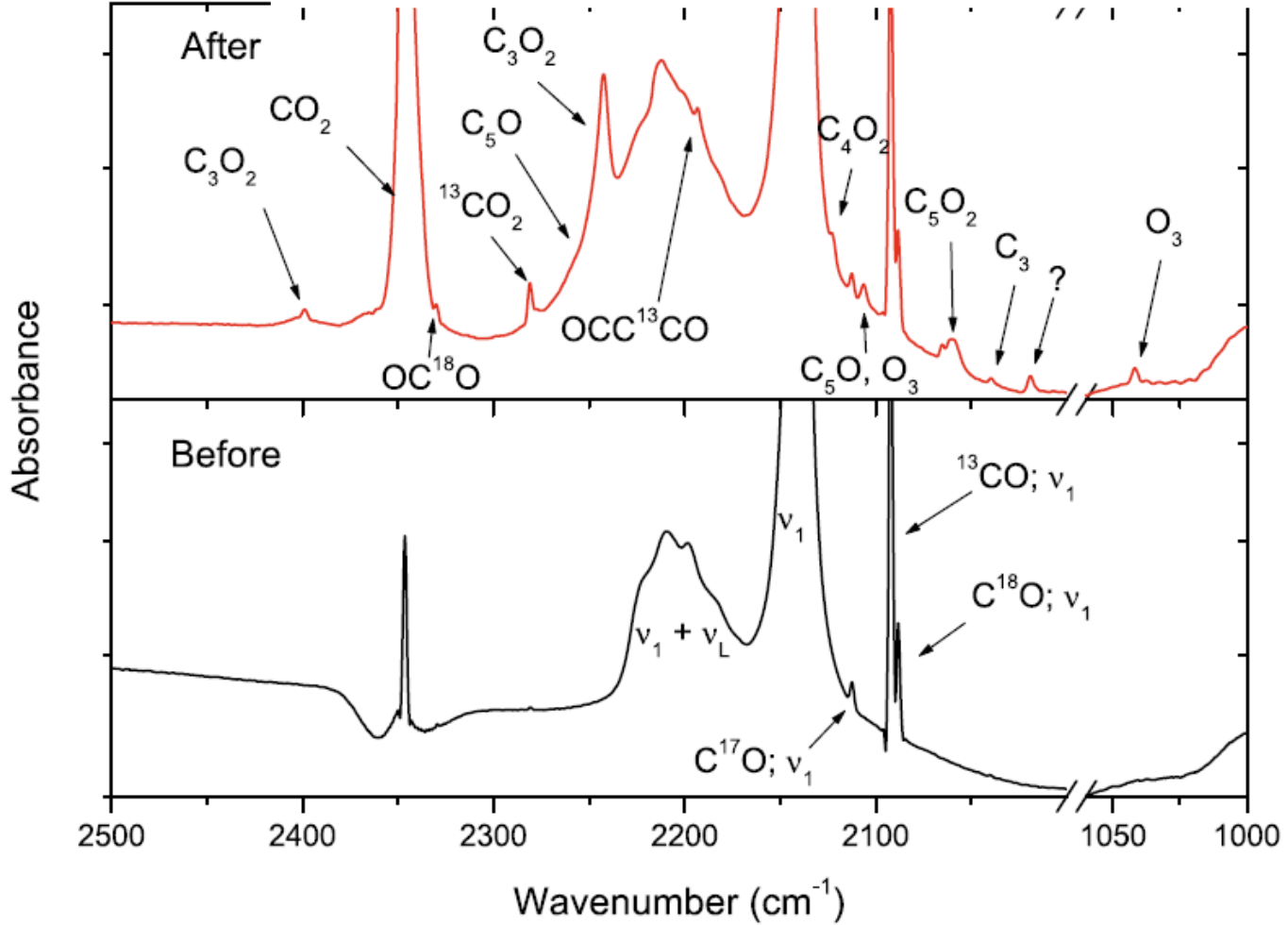
*The starting point: the Eduardo's thesis, cotutella with Enio.*





# Second example: CO ice

(the second most abundant molecule in space ices after H<sub>2</sub>O)



CO  
destruction

Production of  
CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>x</sub>  
and C<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>

Main  
« observable  
» daughter:  
CO<sub>2</sub>

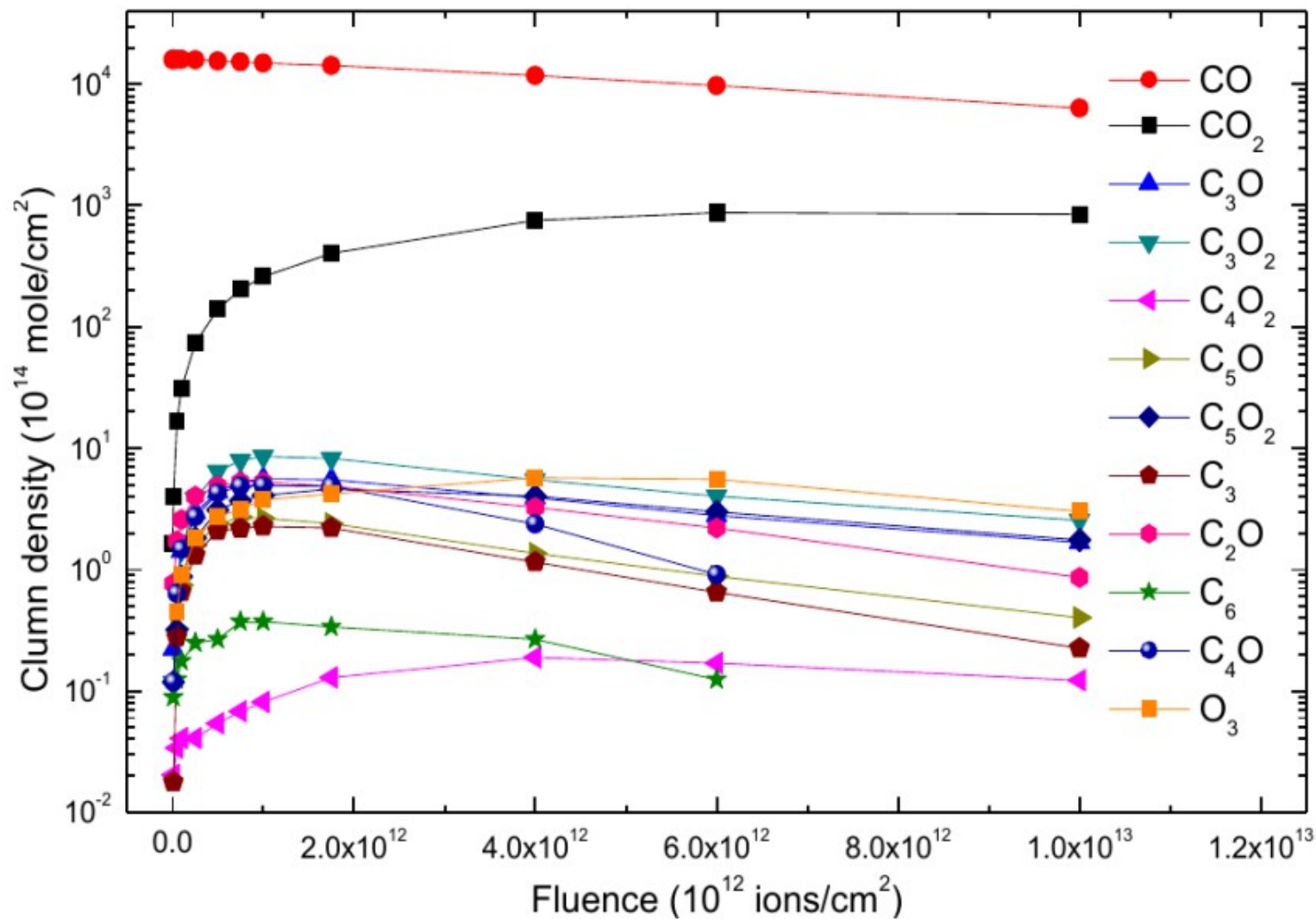
Infrared spectrum of CO ice before and after 50 MeV <sup>58</sup>Ni<sup>11+</sup> irradiation with a fluence of 1.0 × 10<sup>12</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>.



ion	$E_0$	$S_e$	$S_n$	$P_d$	$\ell_0$	$N_0$
$^{16}\text{O}^{7+}$	220	94	0.04	812	0.41	7.16
$^{16}\text{O}^{5+}$	16	385	0.4	25	0.39	6.78
$^{16}\text{O}^{2+}$	6	452	1.0	11	0.53	9.22
$^{64}\text{Ni}^{24+}$	537	1136	0.7	226	0.39	6.88
$^{70}\text{Zn}^{26+}$	606	1255	0.7	228	0.74	12.86
$^{56}\text{Fe}^{24+}$	270	1318	1.0	112	0.24	4.15
$^{58}\text{Ni}^{11+}$	46	1690	5.5	29	0.85	14.8
$^{58}\text{Ni}^{13+}$	52	1706	4.9	31	0.54	9.45
$^{58}\text{Ni}^{13+}$	52	1706	4.9	31	0.66	11.5
$^{86}\text{Kr}^{31+}$	774	1731	1.1	233	0.05	0.83

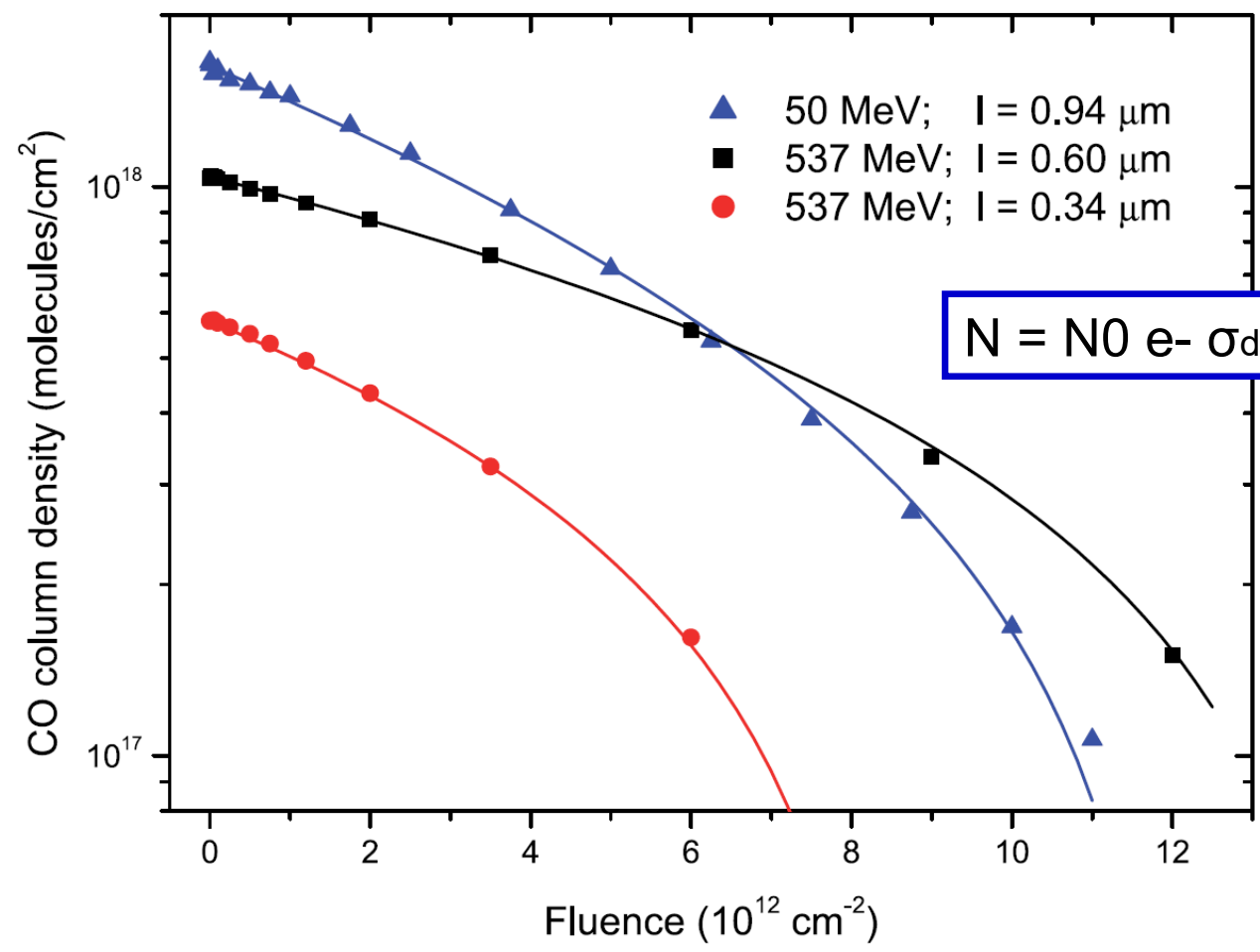
**Sputtering yield , destruction and formation cross sections...  
... as a function of  $S_e$ , the electronic stopping power**

# CO ice: formation of new molecular species





# CO ice: disappearance of CO Molecules during Nickel Ion Irradiation:



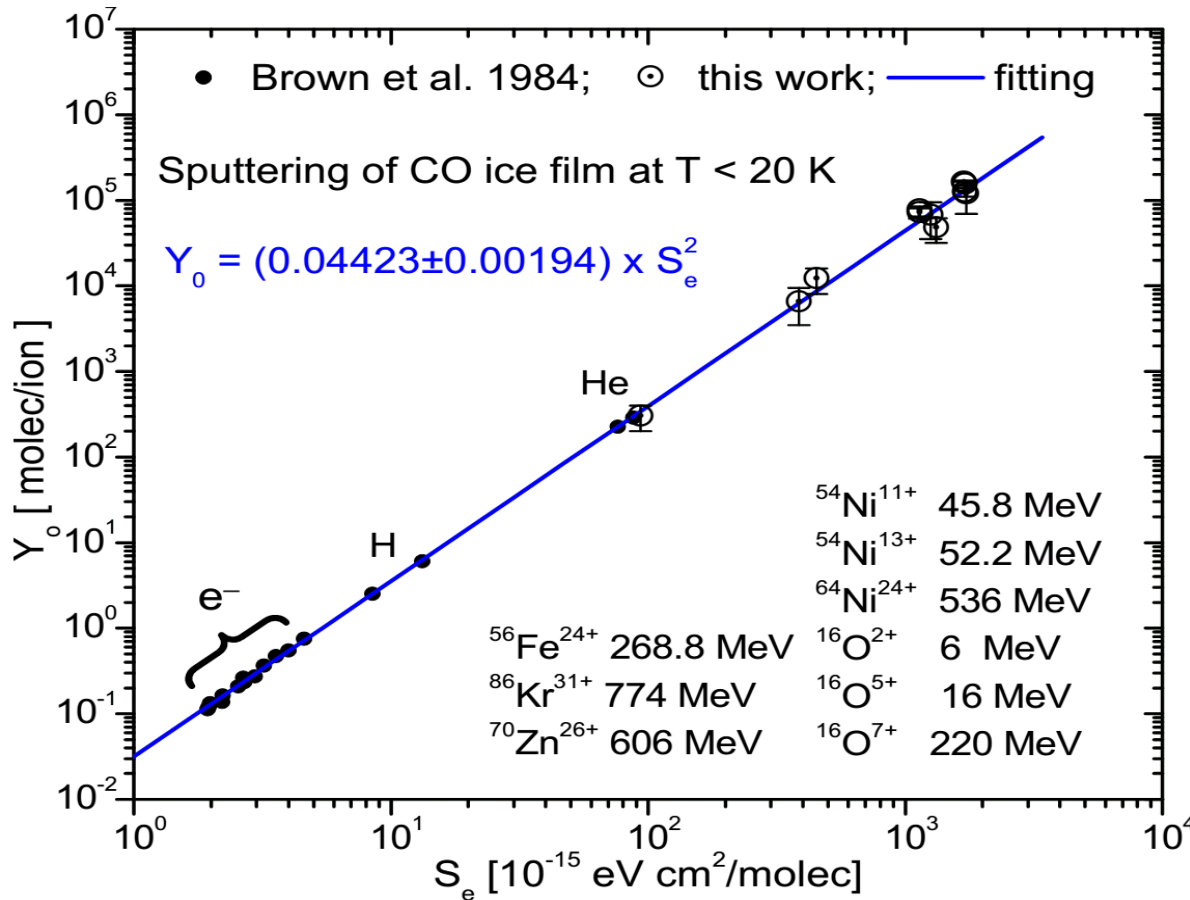
$$N = N_0 e^{-\sigma_d F} - (Y / \sigma_d) (1 - e^{-\sigma_d F})$$

**deduced quantities:**

- Destruction
- Cross Section  $\sigma_d$
- Sputtering Yield  $Y$



# CO ice: Ion induced Sputtering Yield



**Y ~ Se**

Se ~ ZP<sup>2</sup>

Y ~ Se<sup>2</sup>

**Y ~ ZP<sup>4</sup>**

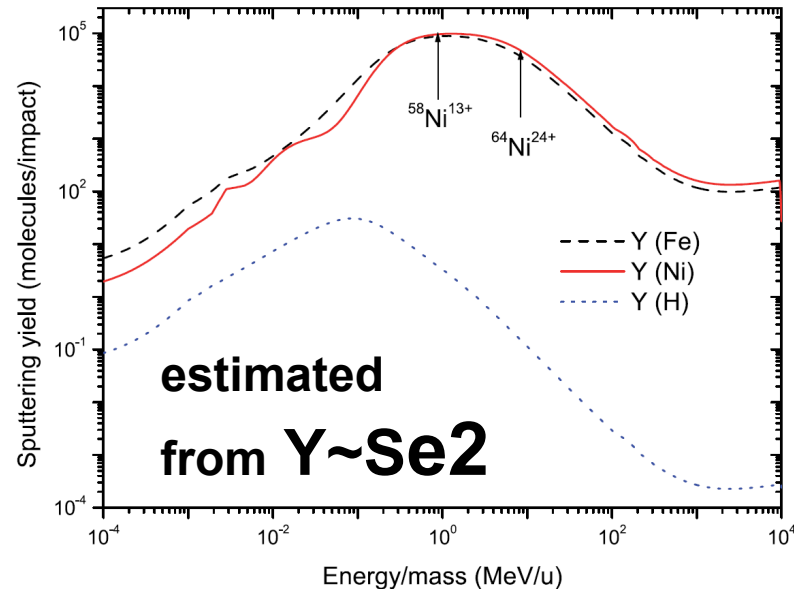
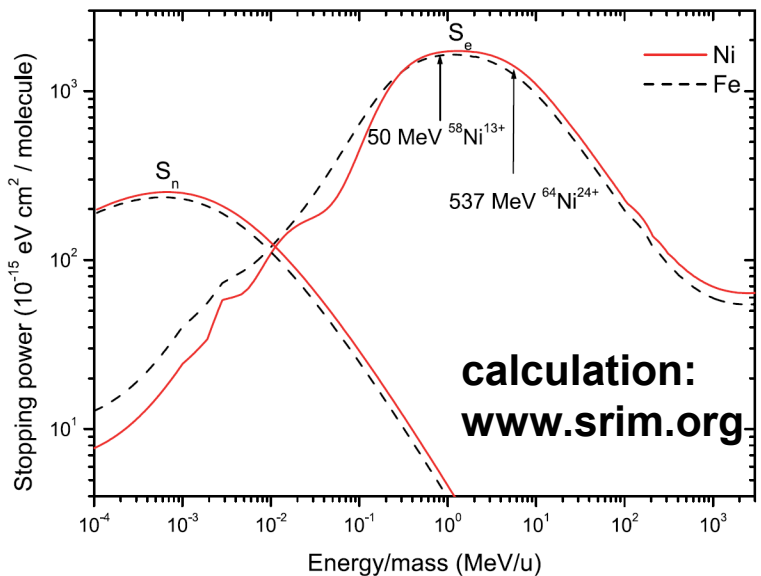
very strong dependence!

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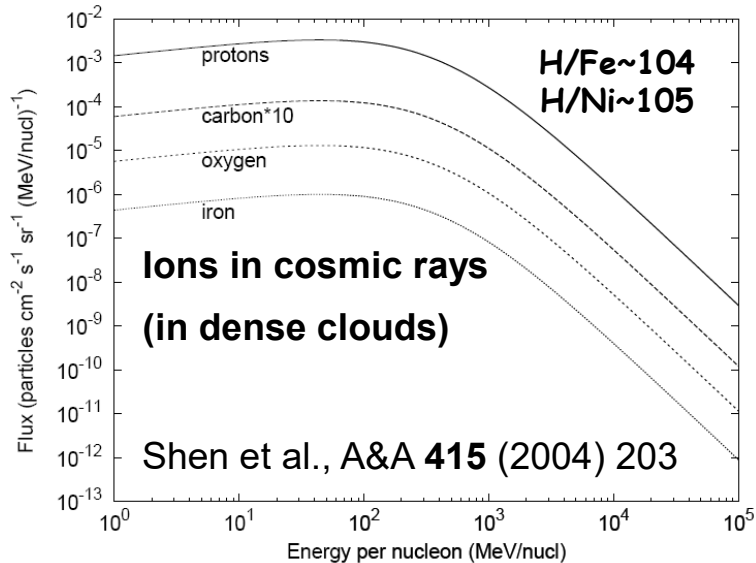
# Electronic Energy Loss in CO

# CO Sputtering Yield



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# Heavy Ion Abundance in Space



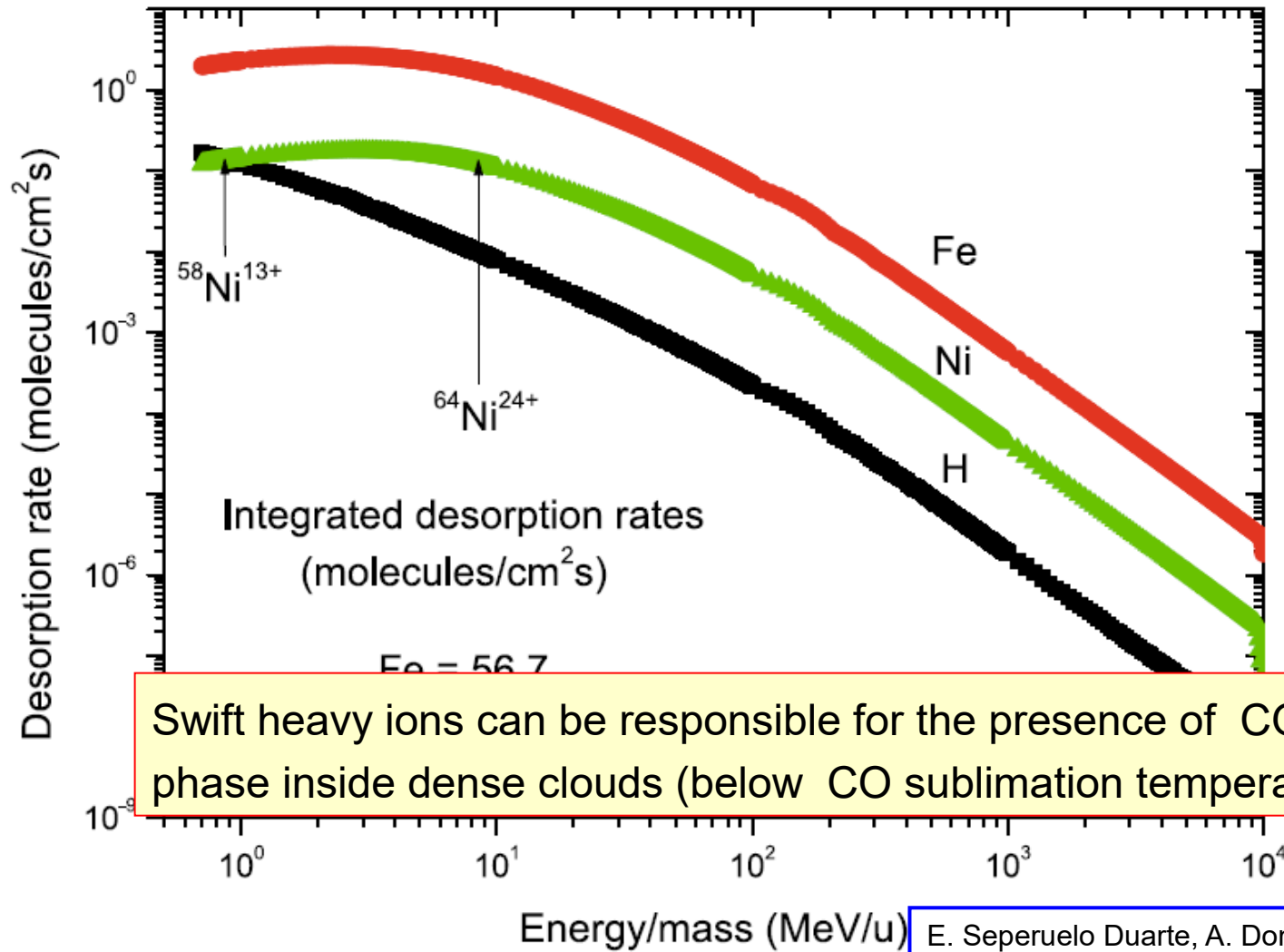
astrophysical application:

presence of CO in the gas phase in "dense" ( $10^4$ – $10^6$  molecules  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) molecular clouds ?

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# Astrophysical implication



Swift heavy ions can be responsible for the presence of CO in the gas phase inside dense clouds (below CO sublimation temperature, 10 K).

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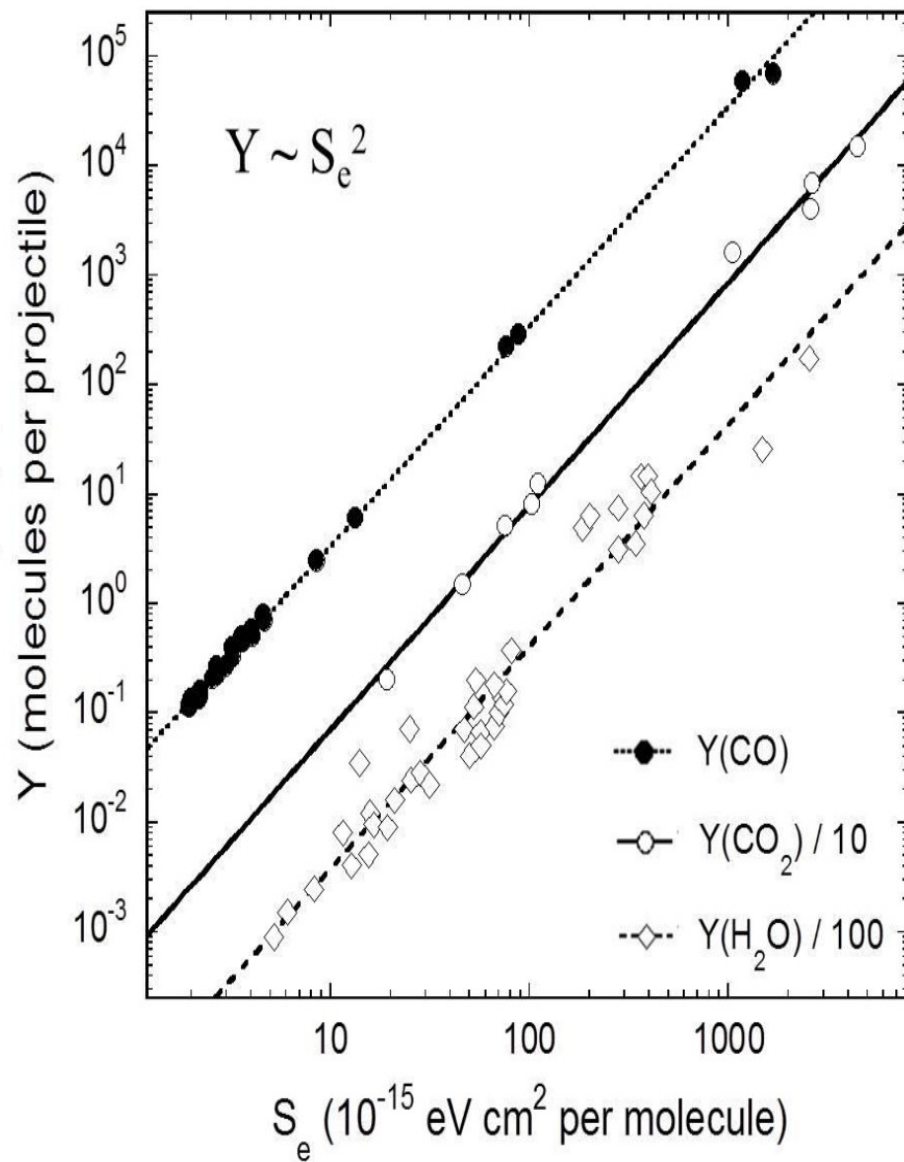
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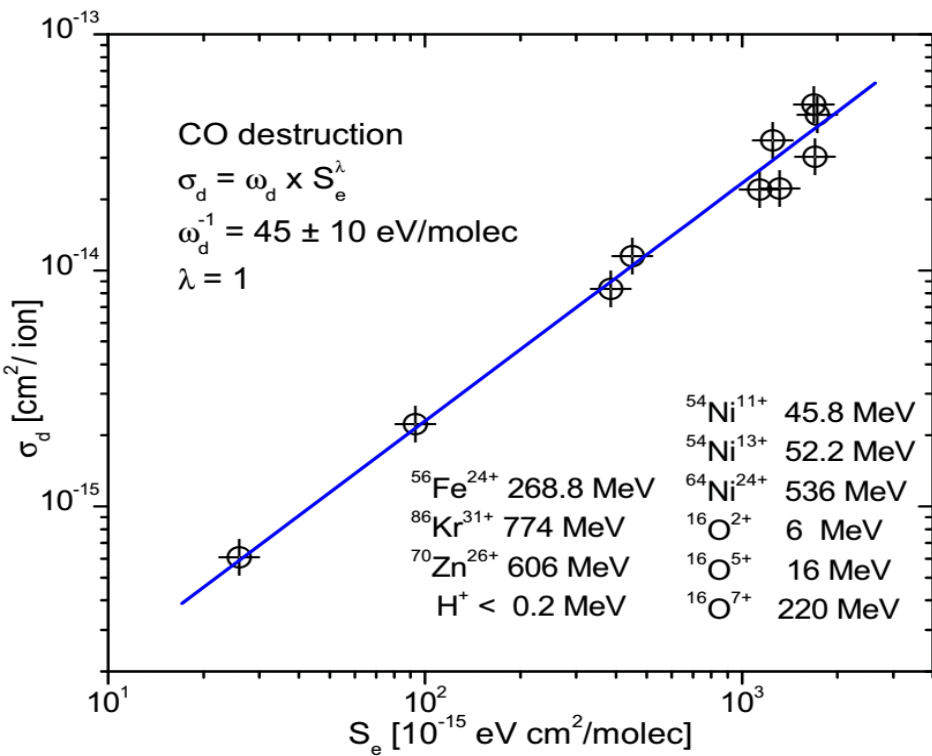
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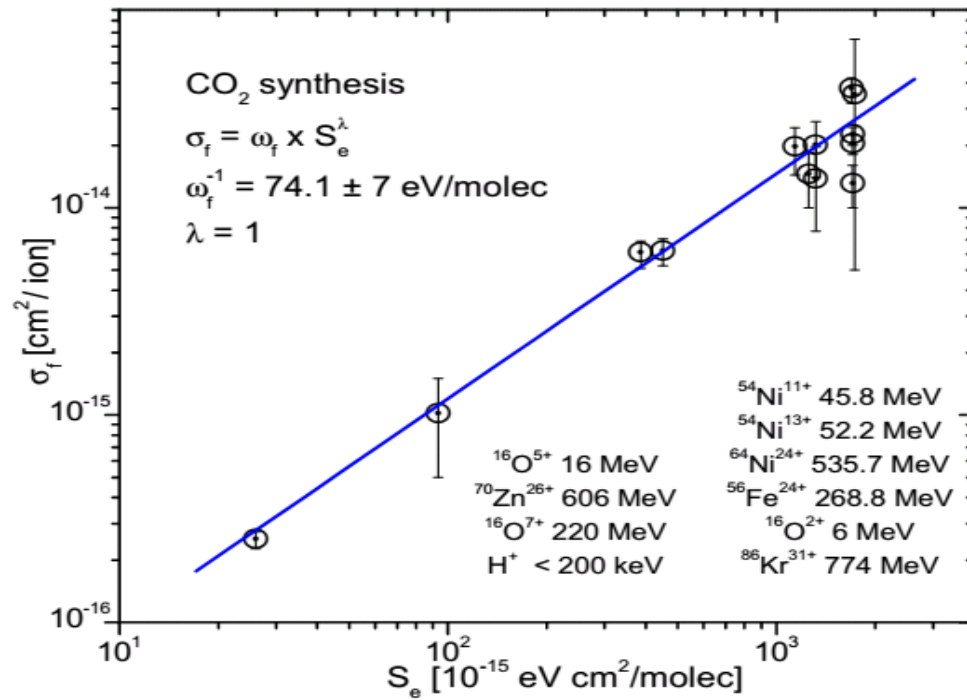


The same results for:  
CO, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O





$$\sigma_d(\text{CO}) \propto S_e$$



$$\sigma_f(\text{CO}_2) \propto S_e$$

# Destruction and formation

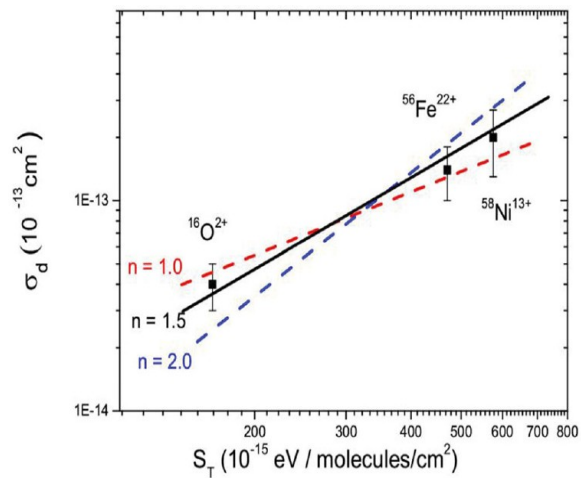
Formation proportional to destruction :  
Chemical Equilibrium ?



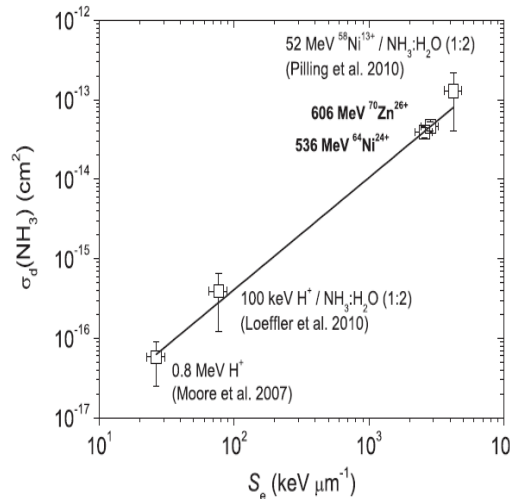
# CO ice-different projectiles: destruction/formation cross sections

## Comparison with "other projectiles"

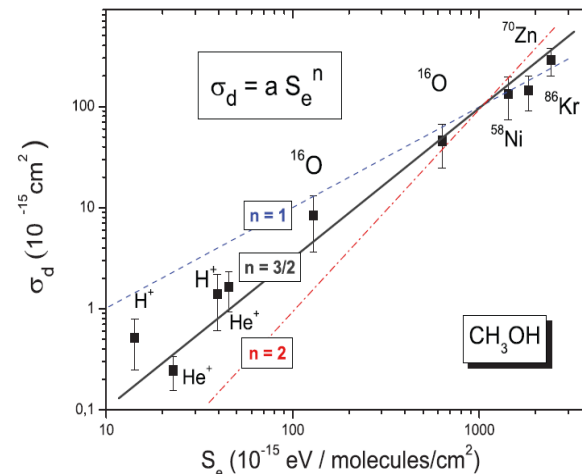
Molecules	Projectile	$\sigma$ ( $10^{-15}$ cm <sup>2</sup> )	Reference
<b>destruction</b>	50 MeV Ni <sup>13+</sup>	100	This work
	537 MeV Ni <sup>24+</sup>	30	This work
	200 keV H <sup>+</sup>	0.28	Loeffler et al. (2005)
	10.2 eV photons	0.0003	Loeffler et al. (2005)
	>6 eV photons	<0.000001	Cottin et al. (2003)
	>6 eV photons	<0.00008	Gerakines et al. (1996)
<b>formation</b>	50 MeV Ni <sup>13+</sup>	20	This work
	537 MeV Ni <sup>24+</sup>	18	This work
	200 keV H <sup>+</sup>	6	Loeffler et al. (2005)
	10.2 eV photons	0.017	Loeffler et al. (2005)
	>6 eV photons	0.000013	Gerakines et al. (1996)



**Figure 6.** The dependence of the HCOOH destruction cross-section on the total stopping power. Data are for 6 MeV (O), 52 MeV (Ni; in preparation) and 267 MeV (Fe; the results of the current work). The lines correspond to the function  $\sigma_d \sim S_e^n$ , for  $n = 3/2$  (solid line).



**Figure 16.** Destruction cross-section ( $\sigma_d$ ) and stopping power ( $S_e$ ) relationship. The power law  $\sigma_d(\text{NH}_3) \propto S_e^{1.4 \pm 0.1}$  is derived from  $\sigma_d(\text{NH}_3)$  obtained in this work and those compiled from the literature. See details in the text.



**Figure 8.** The dependence of CH<sub>3</sub>OH destruction cross-section on the electronic stopping power. Data for 16- and 220-MeV O, Zn and Kr are results of the current work; Gerakines et al.(2001), Brunetto et al. (2005) and Baratta et al.(2002). The lines correspond to the function  $\sigma_d \sim S_e^n$ , for  $n = 1, 3/2$  (solid line) and 2.

Diana P. P. Andrade et al(MNRAS 2013)

n=1,5 for formic acid

Vinicius Bordalo et al (Astro. Journal (2013)

n=1,4 for ammonia

Ana L, F, de Barros et al (MNRAS 2011)

n=1.5 for methanol

**Conclusion: for the destruction, always between 1 and 1,5 for simple molecules**



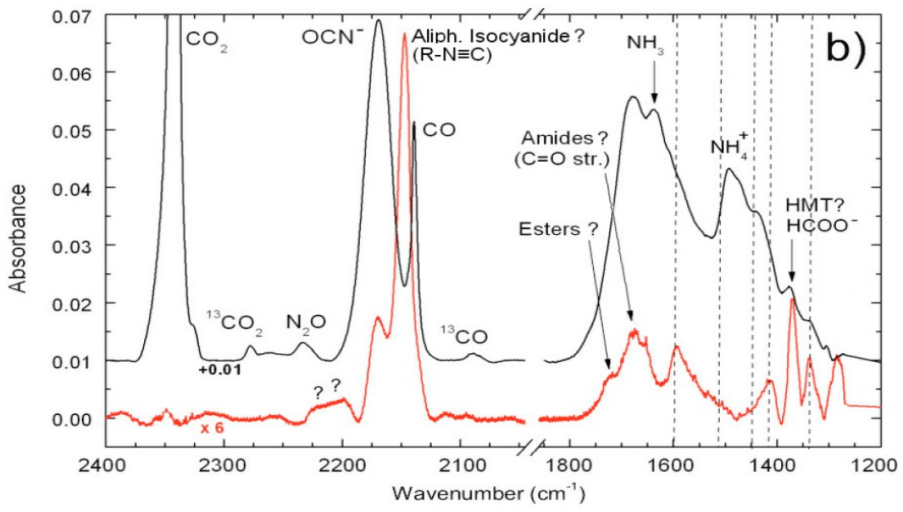
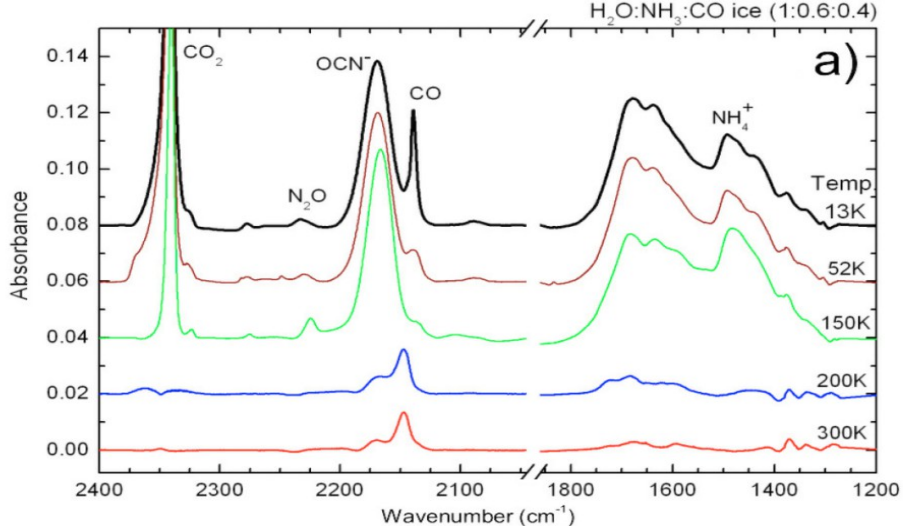
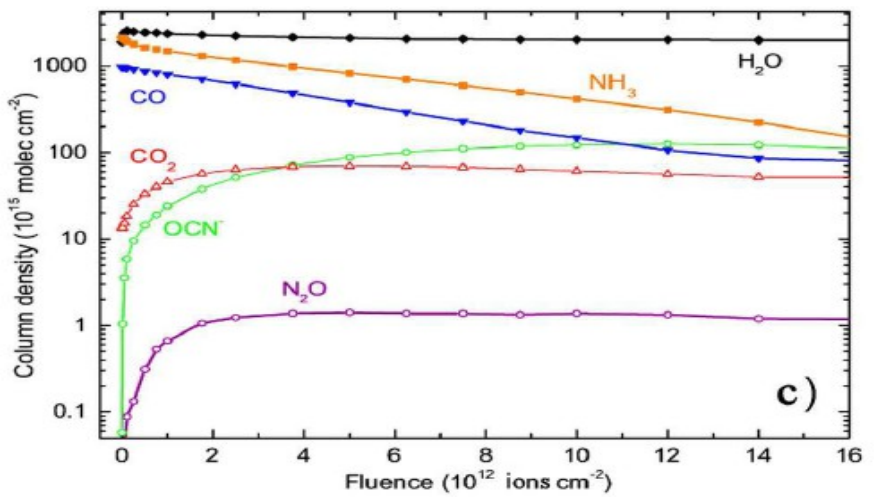
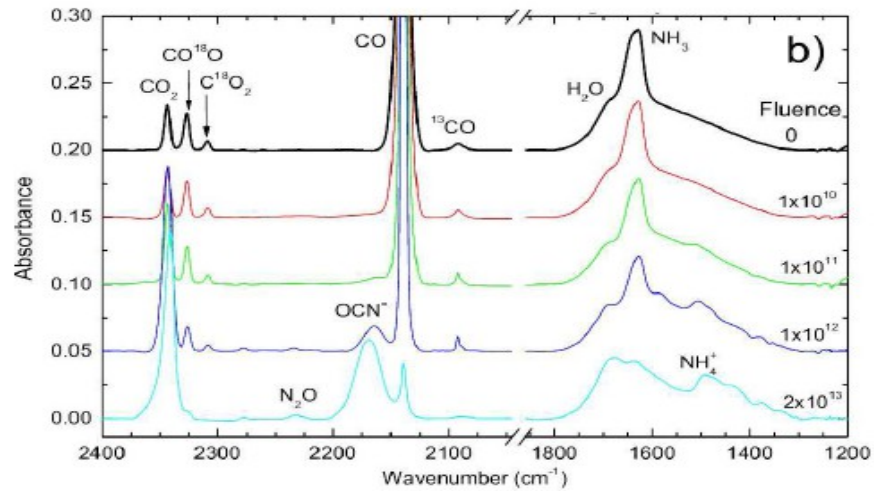
# Mixtures and complex organic molecules





# H<sub>2</sub>O - CO - NH<sub>3</sub> ice

## 46 MeV 58Ni<sup>13+</sup>



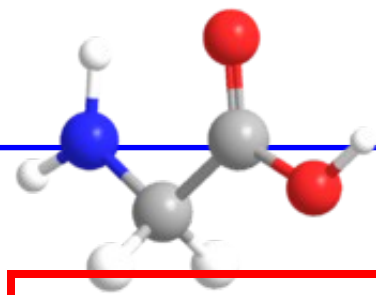
**Fig. 6. a)** Infrared spectra of H<sub>2</sub>O:NH<sub>3</sub>:CO ice (1:0.6:0.4) from 2400 to 1200 cm<sup>-1</sup> during heating to room temperature. The sample temperature of each spectrum is given. Each spectrum has an offset of 0.02 for clearer visualization. **b)** Comparison between the irradiated ice at 13 K (top spectrum) and the 300 K residue (bottom spectrum). Vertical dashed lines indicate the frequencies of some vibration modes of zwitterionic glycine (NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>COO<sup>-</sup>).

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Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Wavelength (μm)	Temp. (K)	Molecule
2233	4.48	13	N <sub>2</sub> O
2218–2200	4.51–4.54	300	nitriles <sup>†</sup>
2168	4.61	13, 300	OCN <sup>-</sup>
2147	4.66	300	aliph. isocyanide <sup>†</sup>
~2112	4.73	300	NCO <sub>2</sub> <sup>†</sup>
1725	5.80	300	ester <sup>†</sup>
1683	5.94	300	amides <sup>†</sup>
1652	6.05	300	asym-N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>†</sup>
1637	6.11	13	?
1593	6.28	300	NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> CH <sub>2</sub> COO <sup>-†</sup>
1558	6.42	300	?
1533	6.52	300	?
1506	6.64	300	NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> CH <sub>2</sub> COO <sup>-†</sup>
~1490	6.71	13	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>
1474	6.78	13	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>†</sup>
1440	6.94	13	NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> CH <sub>2</sub> COO <sup>-†</sup>
1415	7.07	300	NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> CH <sub>2</sub> COO <sup>-†</sup>
~1370	7.30	13, 300	HMT <sup>†</sup> HCOO <sup>-</sup>
~1338	7.47	13, 300	NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> CH <sub>2</sub> COO <sup>-†</sup> NH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> COO <sup>-†</sup> HCOO <sup>-</sup>
1305	7.66	13	N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>†</sup> ; N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> <sup>†</sup>
1283	7.80	300	N <sub>2</sub> O <sup>†</sup>

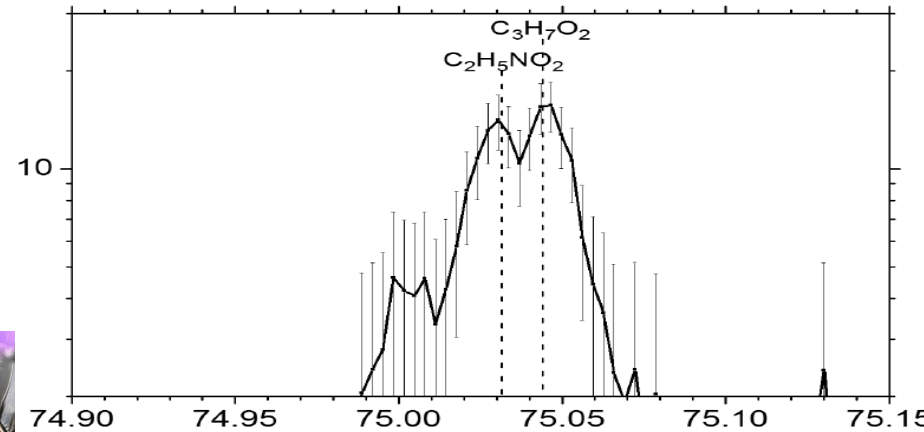
## H2O - CO - NH3 ice

= glycine (amino acid)



**Analysis of the Residues by Chromatography?**  
**The amount of residue?**

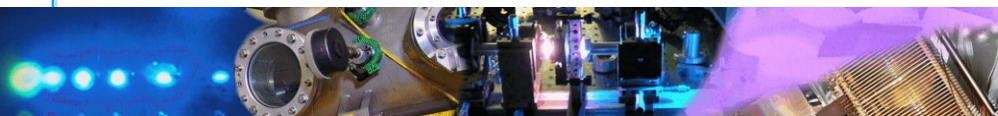
Prebiotic chemicals  
 amino acid in the coma of  
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*Kathrin Altwegg et al, Space sciences, 2016.*



# New experimental setup : IGLIAS

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- 1 10<sup>-10</sup> mbar (1 ML of water per hour)
- Online device with two spectrometers:
  - IR Bruker V70 (under primary vacuum, (500-6000 cm<sup>-1</sup>))
  - UV visible Perkin (200-800 nm, transmission, optical fiber).
  - for samples: 3 windows, 20 mm diameter (bigger residues).
  - Up to 4 gas for the deposition, co deposition available.
  - QMS, electron gun.
- Open to the scientific community!



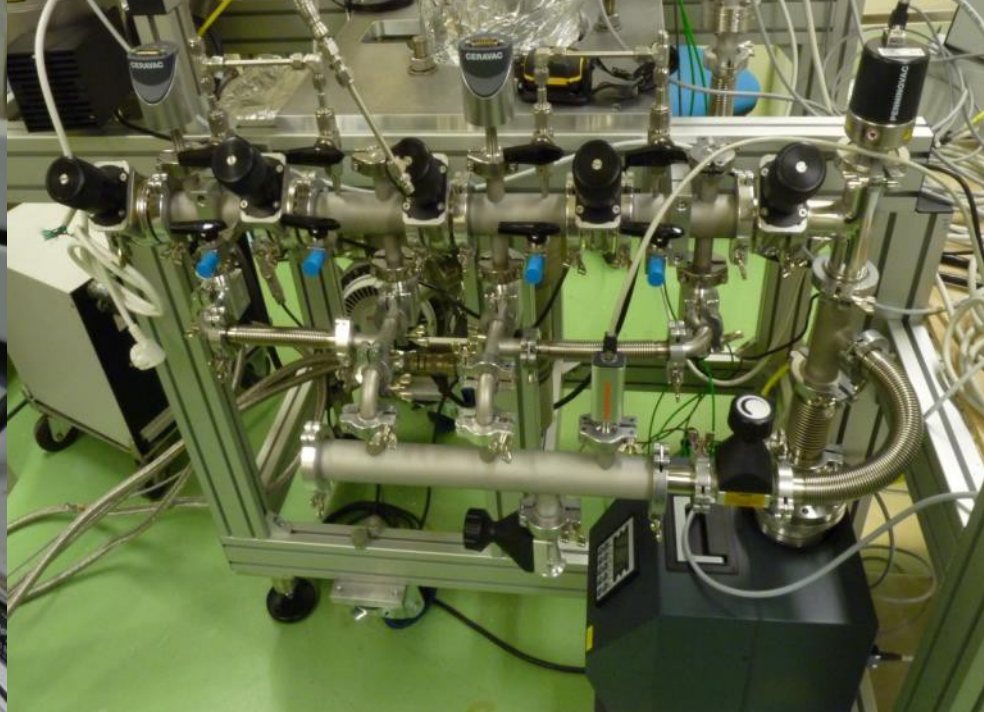
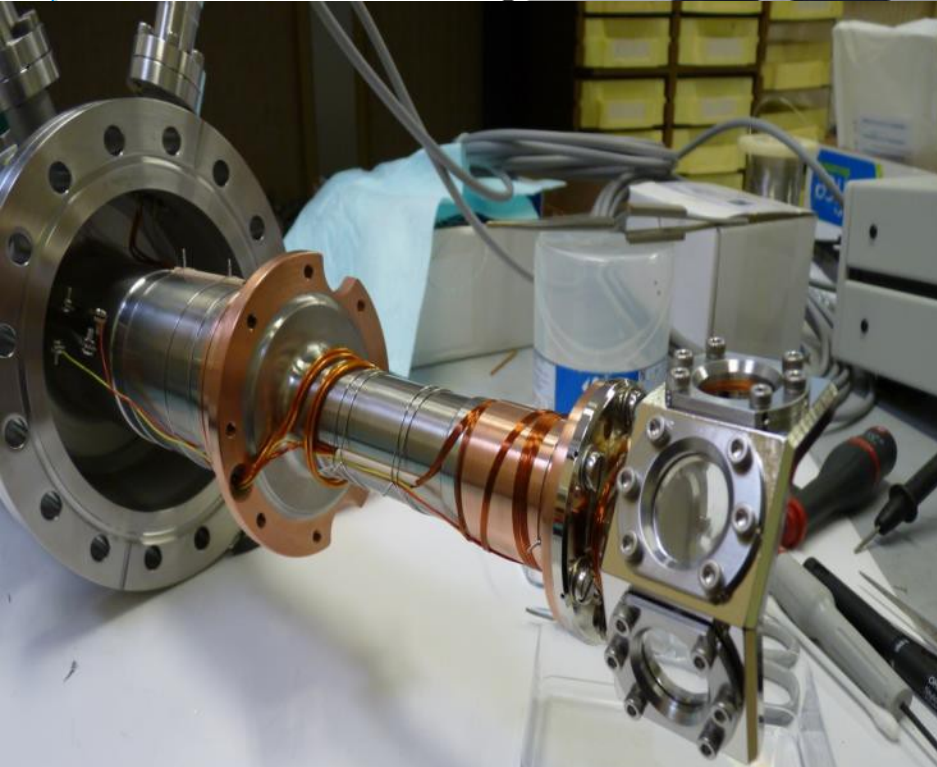
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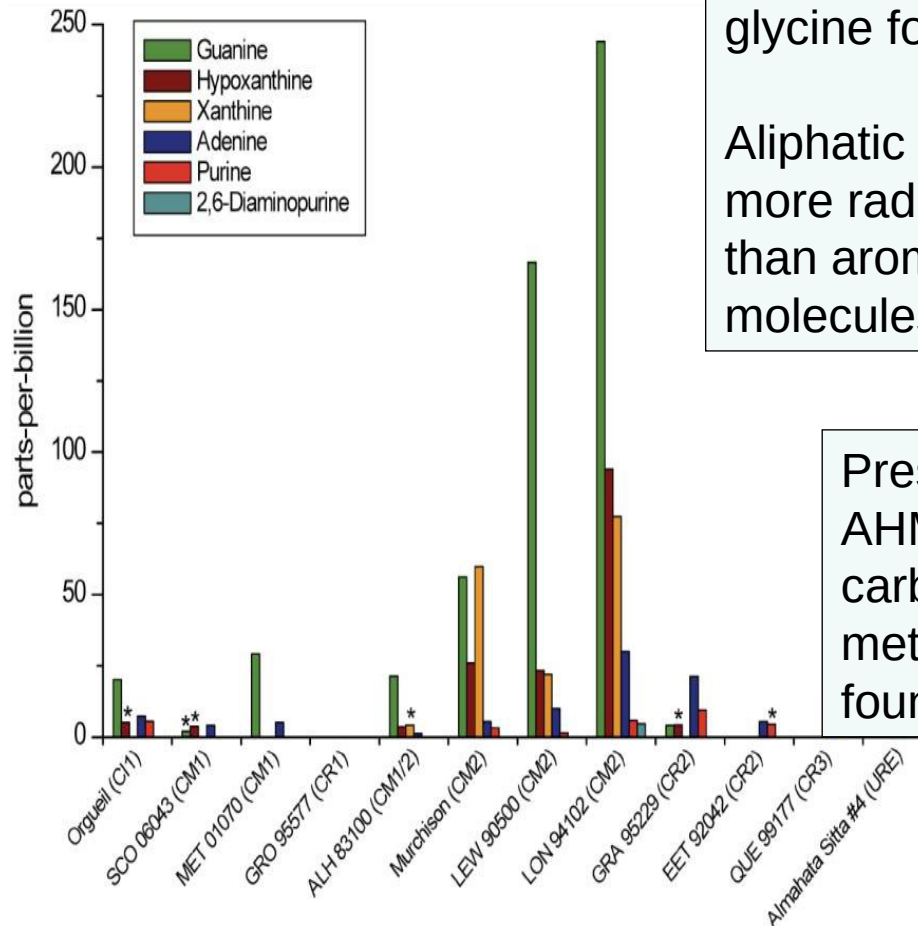
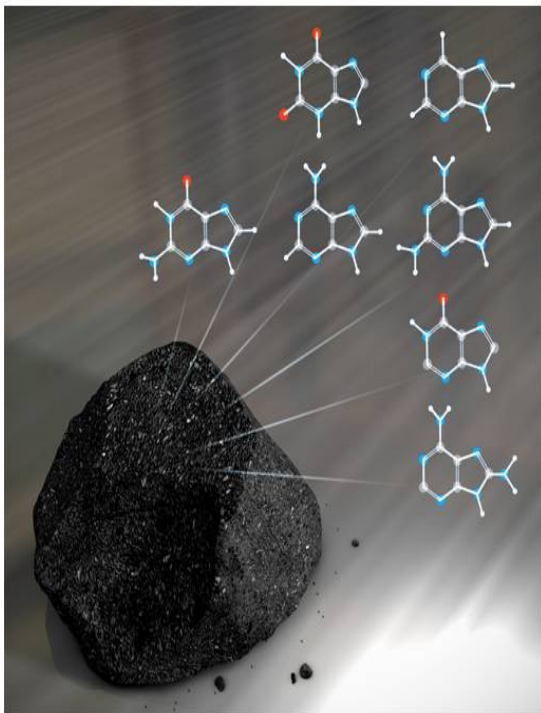
# ***Destruction of COM: Irradiation of nucleobases***



# Introduction – Do AHMs exist in space?

AHMs have not yet been detected

Strong evidences:



Complex organic molecules already were detected in outer space, glycine for example.

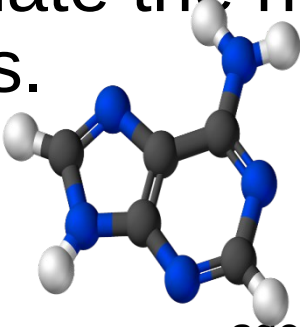
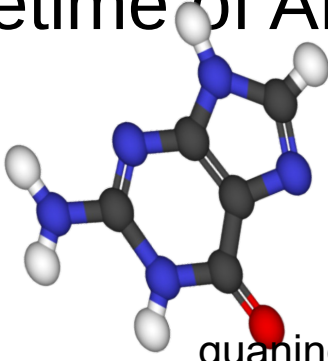
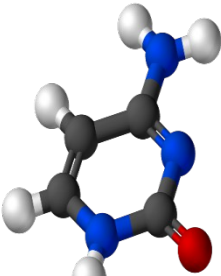
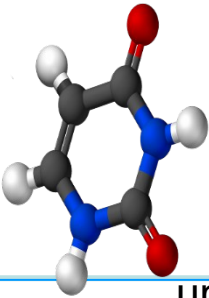
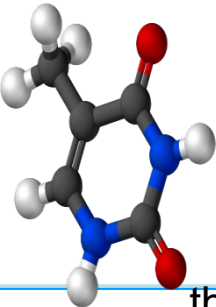
Aliphatic molecules are more radiosensitive than aromatic molecules.

Presence of AHMs in carbonaceous meteorites found on Earth.



Objectives – What we do not know about the stability of AHMs under ionizing radiation.

- Study, at low temperature (~ 12 K), the effects of Galactic Cosmic Rays (GCRs) analogues (SHI) on solid samples of AHMs.

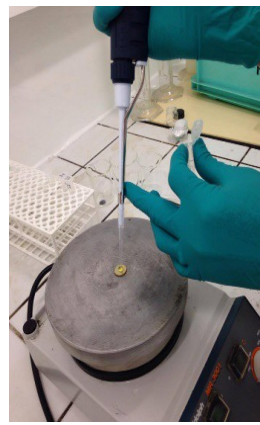
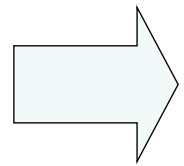
<p><b>Purines</b></p>	<p>Estimate the half-lifetime of AHMs exposed to GCRs.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>adenine (A)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>guanine (G)</p> </div> </div>
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# Sample preparation

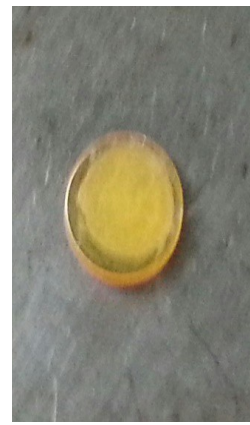
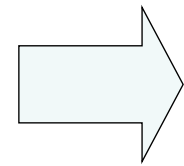
Method 1



Nucleobase solution in water and ethanol



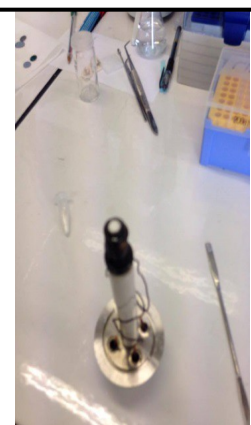
Drops of the solution onto a ZnSe window (heated to 100°C)



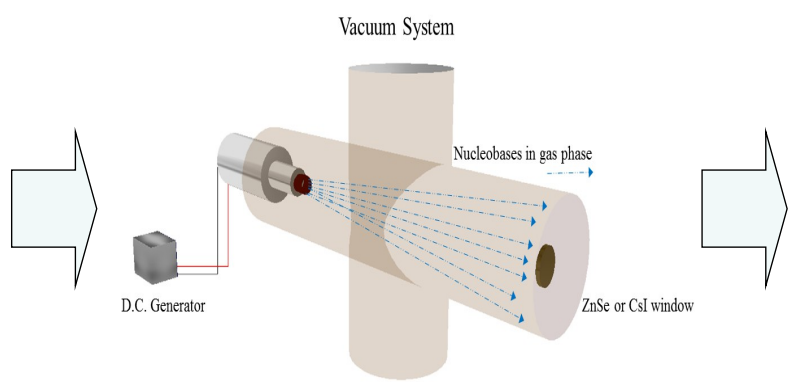
**"Grainy" Sample**

About 10 min

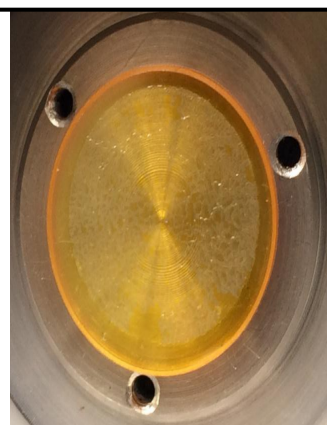
Method 2



Oven filled with nucleobase powder



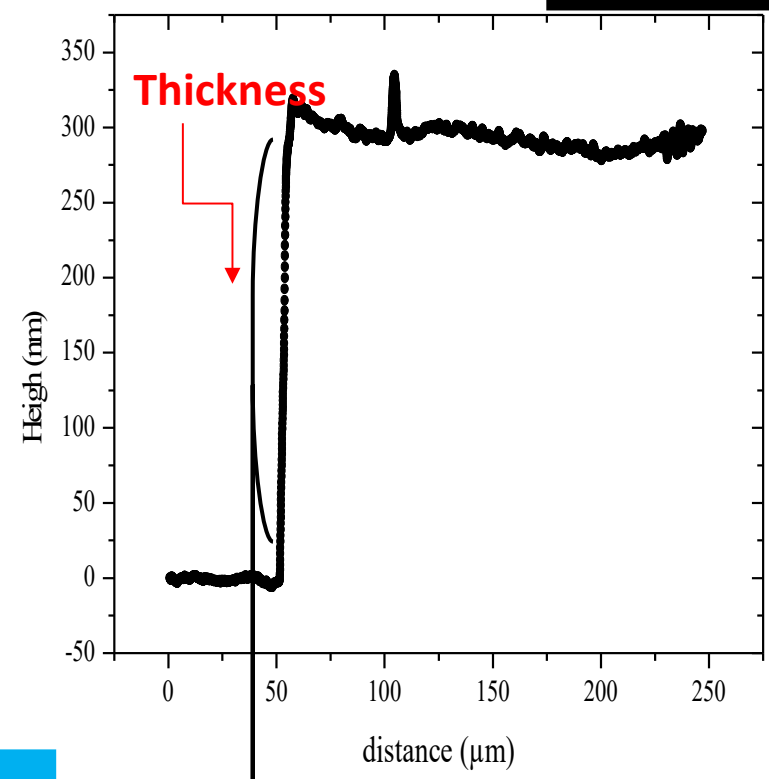
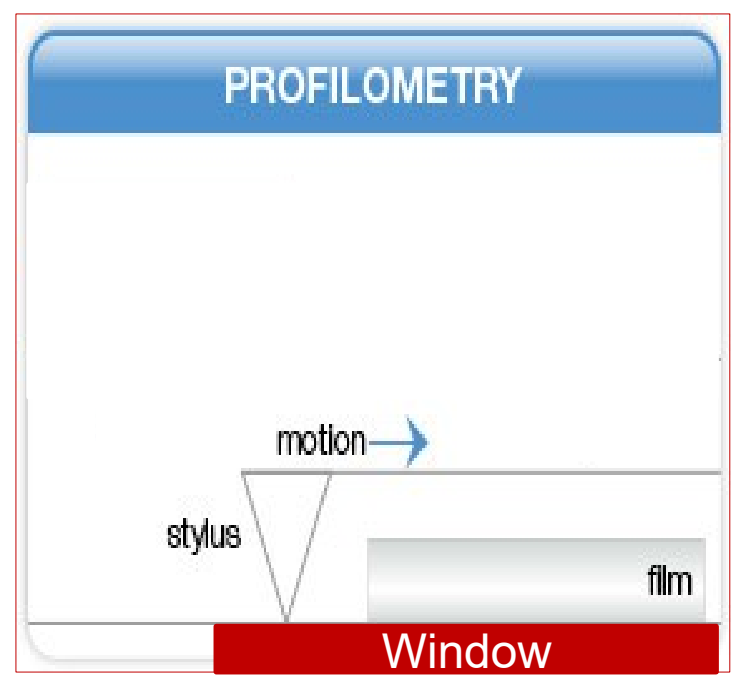
Sublimation of the nucleobase powder by heating in high vacuum



**"Film" sample**

Between 2 to 5 hours

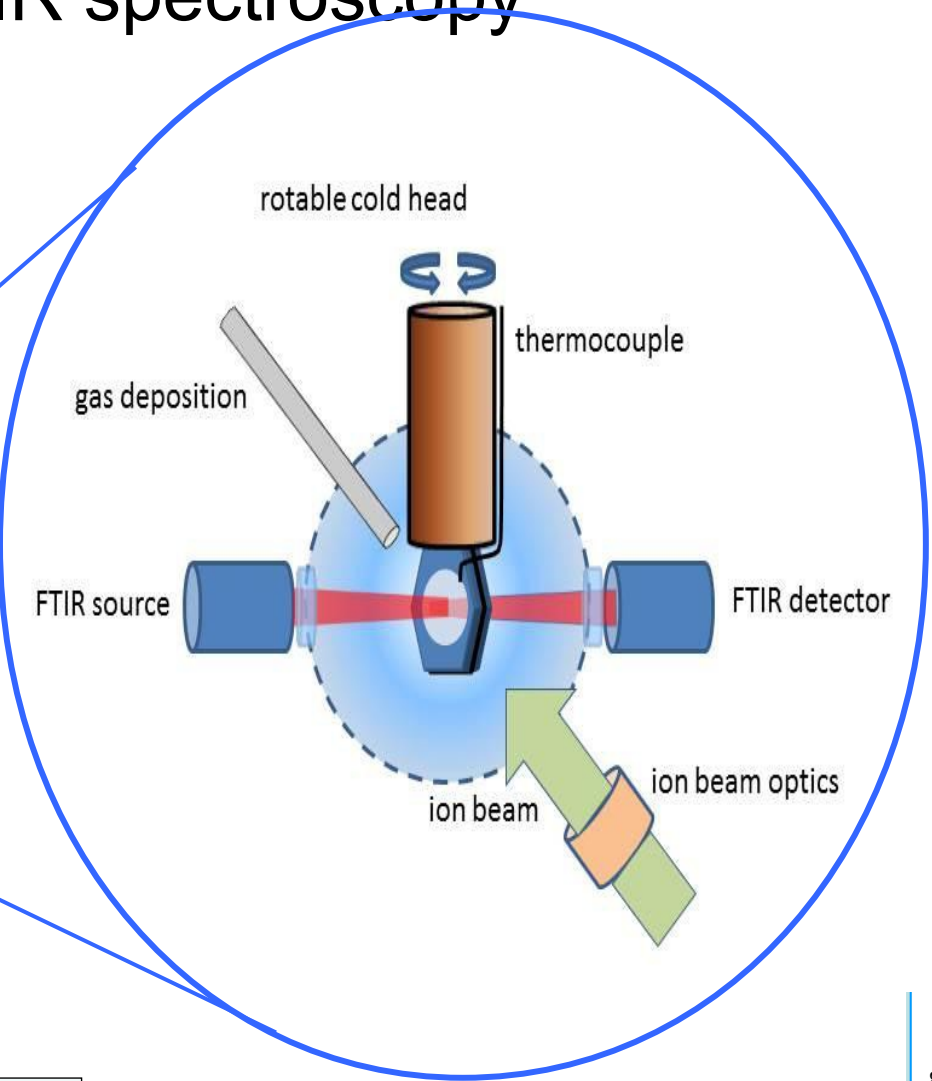
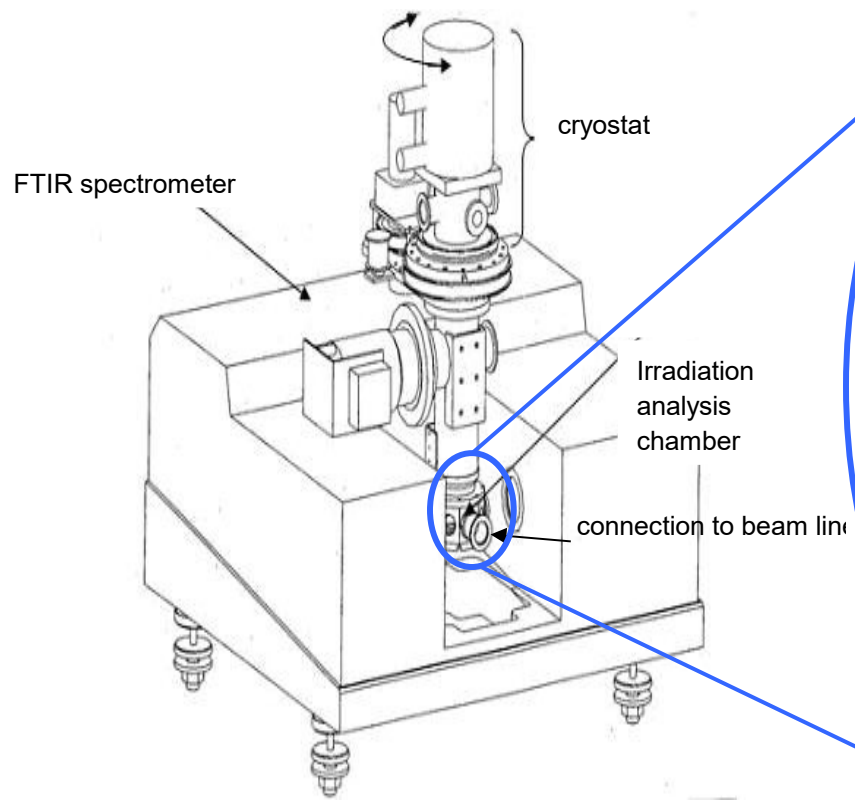
# Results – Profilometry experiments



- Thickness
- Rugosity
- Optical constant (absorption)



# CASIMIR (GANIL): in situ IR spectroscopy



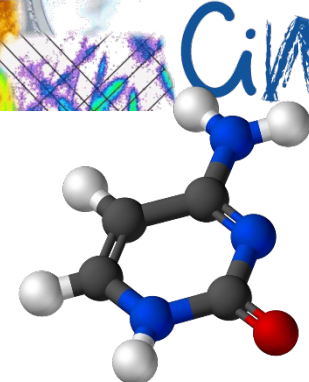
The set-up at GSI is similar

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# Results – Nucleobases radiolysis

## C4H5N3O

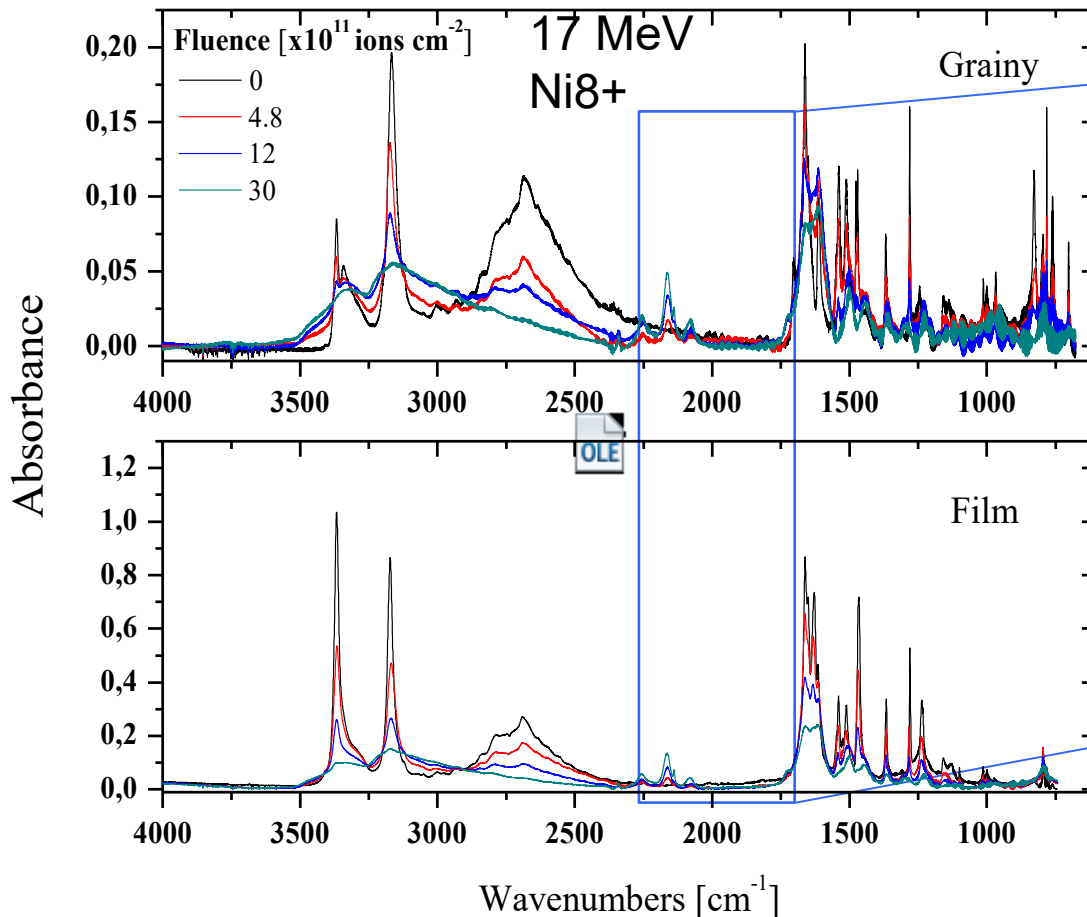


### Summary of target and projectile characteristics

Ion Beam	Energy (MeV)	Electronic stopping power (keV.μm-1)	Nuclear stopping power (keV.μm-1)	Thickness (μm)	Penetration depth (μm)
U32+	116	1.34 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>2</sup>	0.34	17
Xe23+	92	1.13 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	7.3 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	0.8	6.5
Ni24+	632	4.80 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	4.4 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	0.28	137
Ni24+	632	4.80 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	4.4 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	0.20	137
Ca10+	190	3.10 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	2.3 x 10 <sup>0</sup>	1.1	9.1

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# Evolution of samples under irradiation



“Grainy” and “film” samples under irradiation:

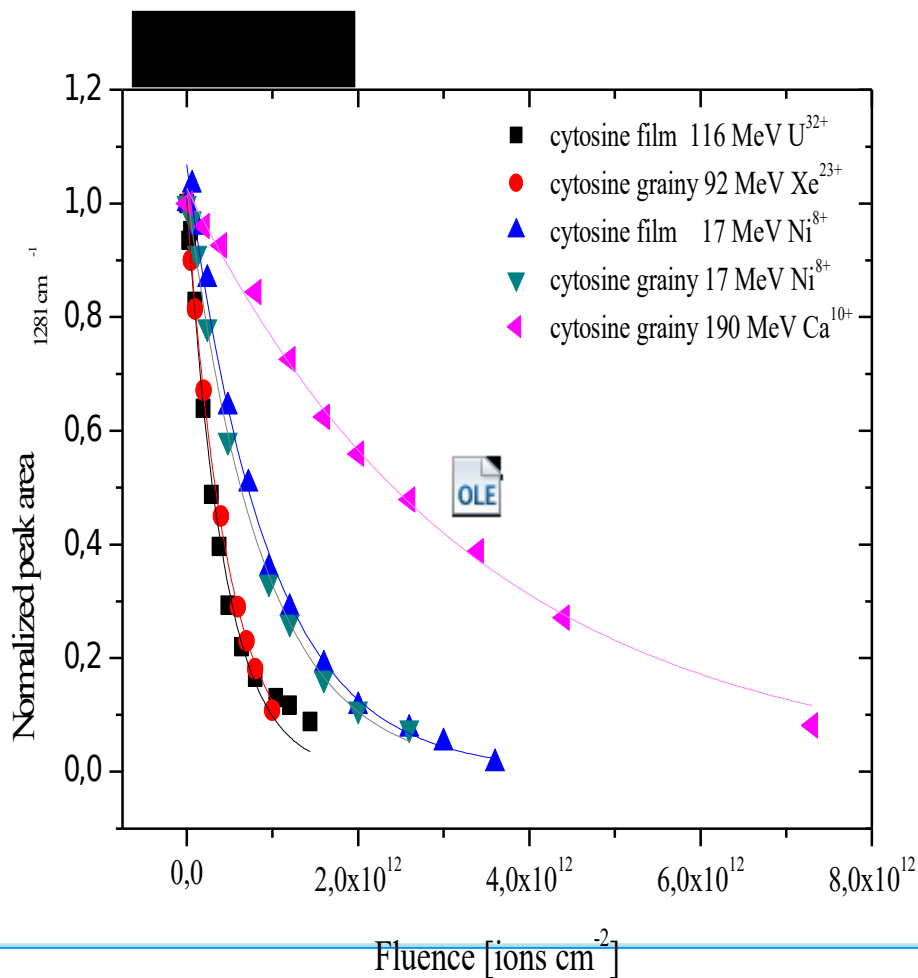
Decrease of the peak area intensity

New absorption peaks in the same region



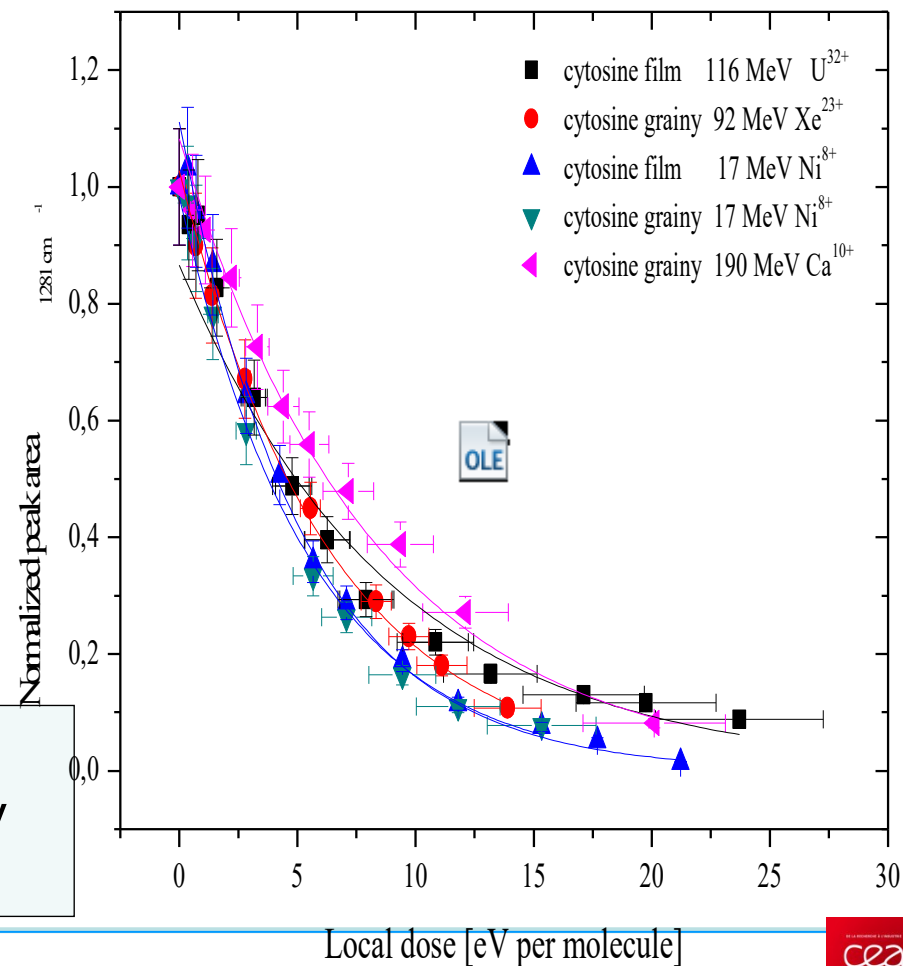
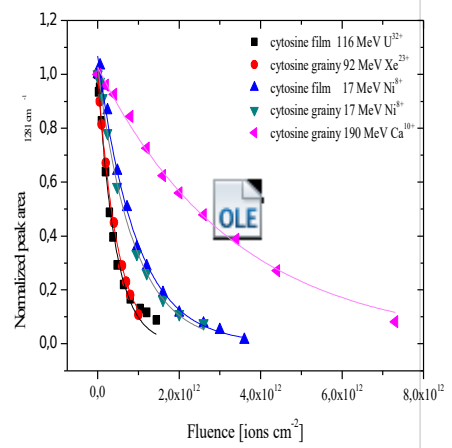
# Evolution of samples under irradiation

$$A = A_0 e^{-\sigma_d F}$$



Sample	Destruction cross section (x10 <sup>-13</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> )	Se [x10 <sup>3</sup> keV μm <sup>-1</sup> ]	
Ca10 +	0.57 ± 0.01	3.2	▲
Ni8+	1.31 ± 0.06	4.8	▼
Ni8+	1.17 ± 0.03	4.8	▲
Xe23 +	3.20 ± 0.3	11.3	●
U32+	3.59 ± 0.09	13.4	■

# Evolution of samples under irradiation



Key parameter  
LOCAL DOSE (energy  
per molecule)



# All nucleobases were exposed to 190 MeV Ca10+ at GSI

$$\sigma_{\text{guanine}} < \sigma_{\text{adenine}} < \sigma_{\text{thymine}} \approx \sigma_{\text{uracil}} \approx \sigma_{\text{cytosine}}$$

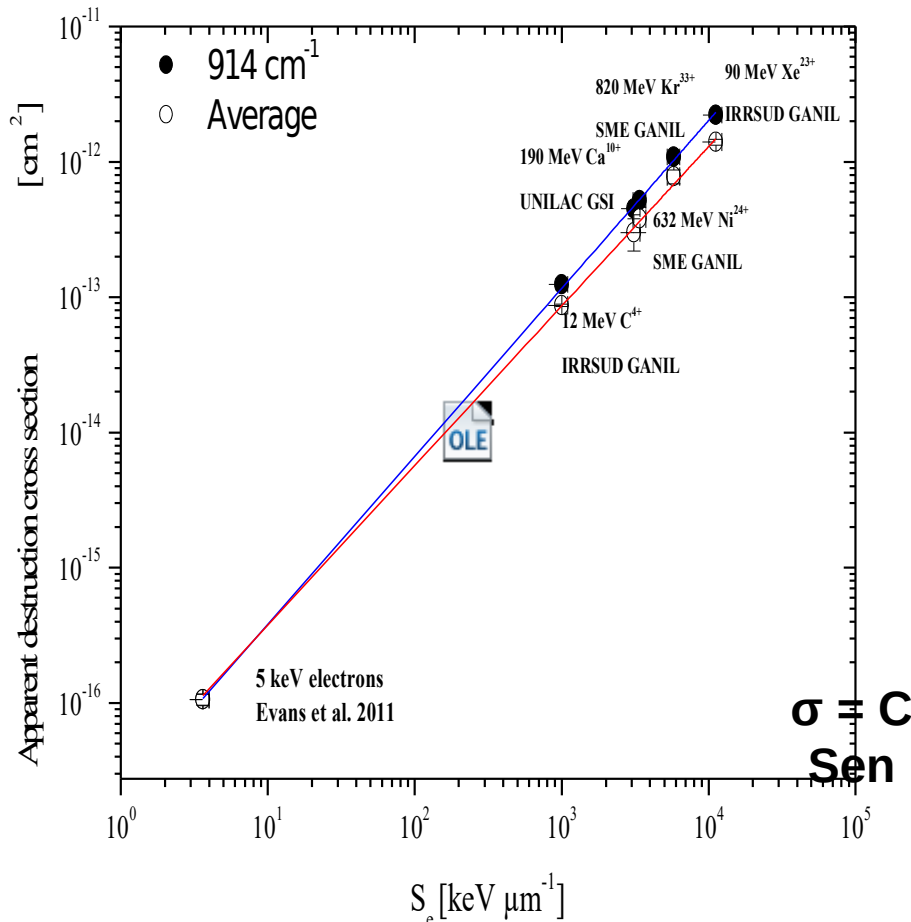
$$\sigma_{\text{Purine}} < \sigma_{\text{Pyrimidine}}$$

Purine nucleobases are more radioresistant than the pyrimidine nucleobases

AHM	Average destruction cross sections [× 10 <sup>-13</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Projectile
Guanine	(1.3 ± 0.8)	190 MeV Ca10+
Adenine	(3.0 ± 0.8)	190 MeV Ca10+
Thymine grainy	(4.0 ± 1)	190 MeV Ca10+
Thymine film	(5.5 ± 0.8)	190 MeV Ca10+
Cytosine	(5.0 ± 1)	190 MeV Ca10+



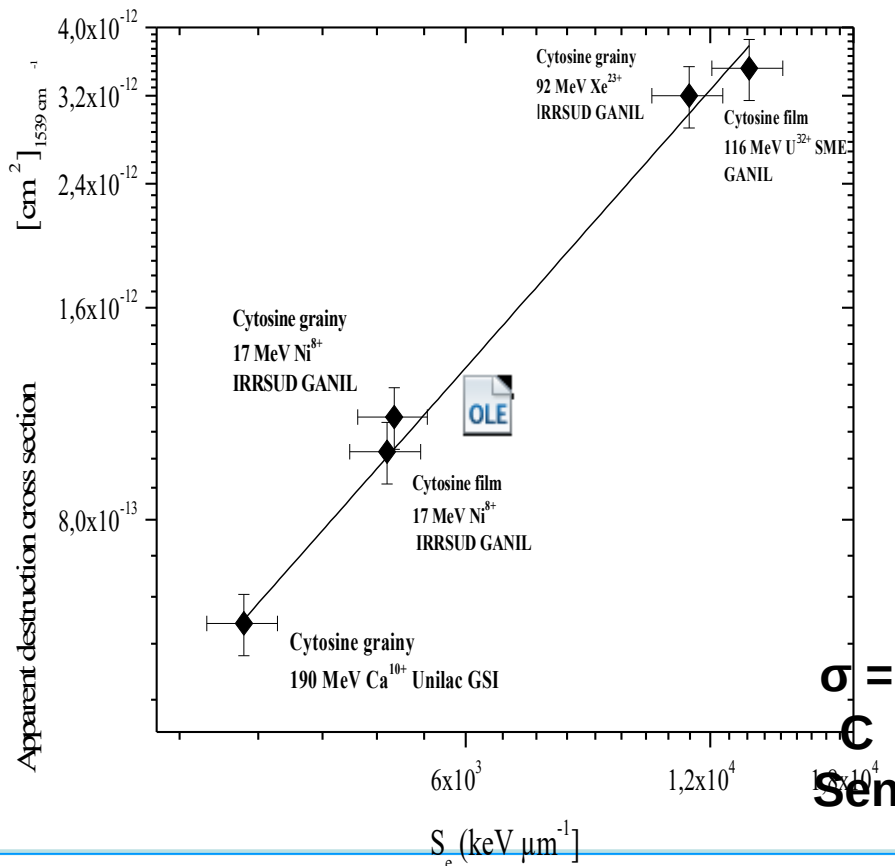
# Apparent destruction cross section as a function of the electronic stopping power



$$\sigma = (2.0 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-17} \text{ Se}(1.24 \pm 0.01)$$

Experiments performed in two different laboratories fall on the same curve. (GANIL and GSI).

# Apparent destruction cross section as a function of the electronic stopping power



$$\sigma_d = (1.5 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-17} S_e^{(1.3 \pm 0.08)}$$

All results obtained by our group:

$$1 \leq n \leq 1.5$$

experiments performed in two different laboratories fall on the same curve. (GANIL and GSI).

# Astrophysical implications

## Estimation of nucleobase survival time

Half-life of solid adenine exposed to cosmic rays in the ISM.

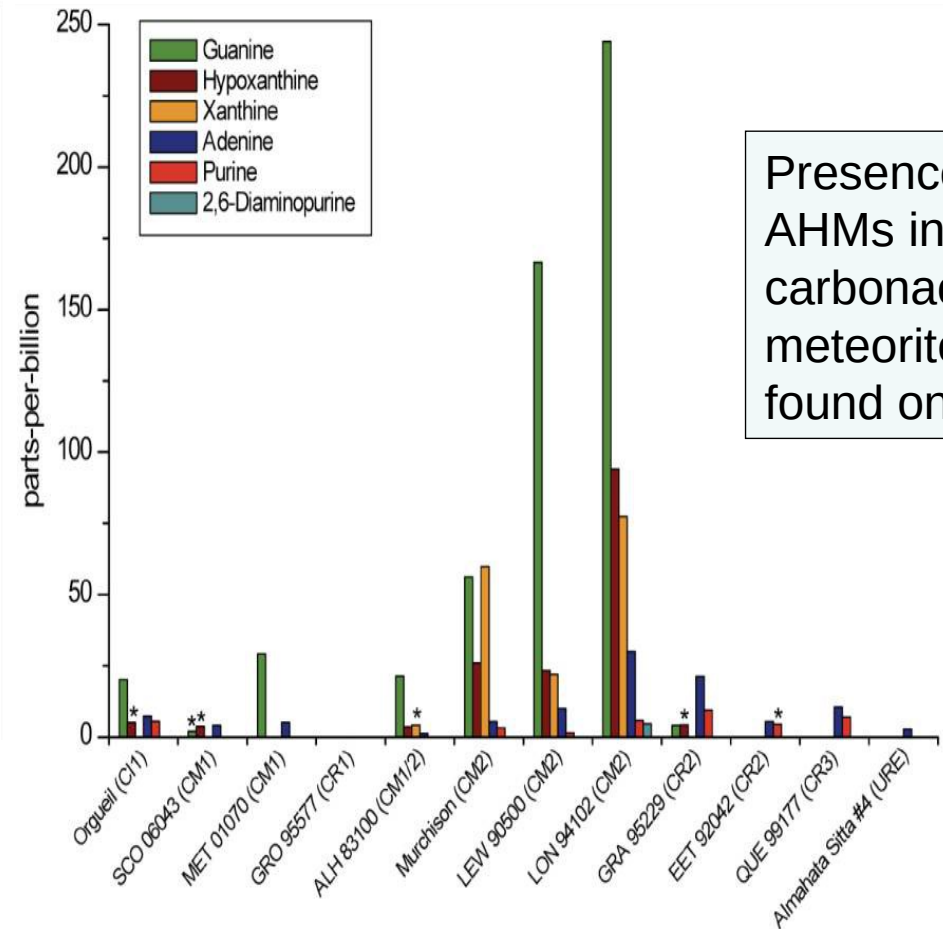
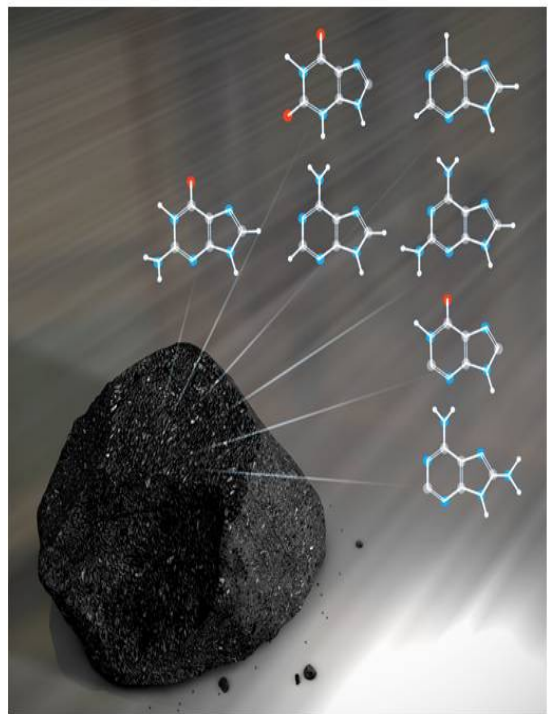
$$\tau_{1/2} = \ln 2 \left( 4 \pi \sum_Z \int_{10^{-1}}^{10^3} \sigma(Z, E) \Phi(Z, E) dE \right)^{-1}$$

$$\tau_{1/2} = (14 \pm 11) \text{ Myears}$$

Dense Clouds: average time of survival = 10 Myears  
High survival probability!



# Relatively high presence of guanine in carbonaceous meteorites



Presence of AHMs in carbonaceous meteorites found on Earth.

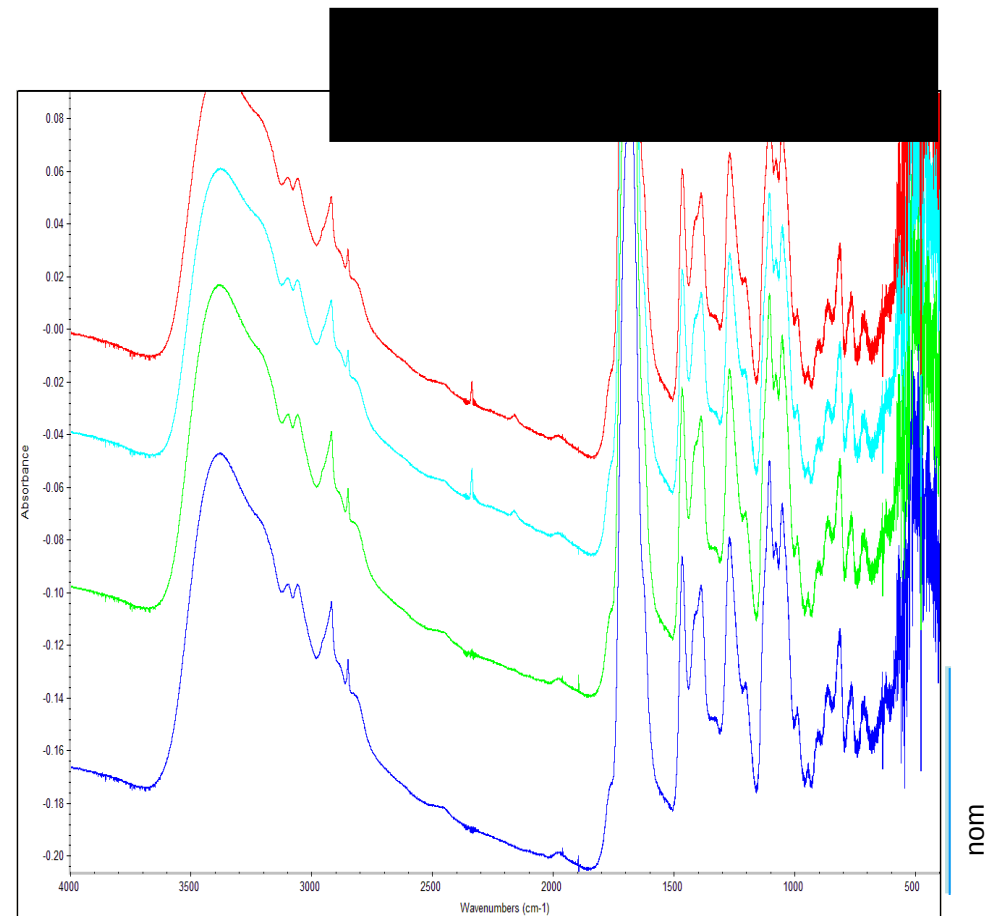
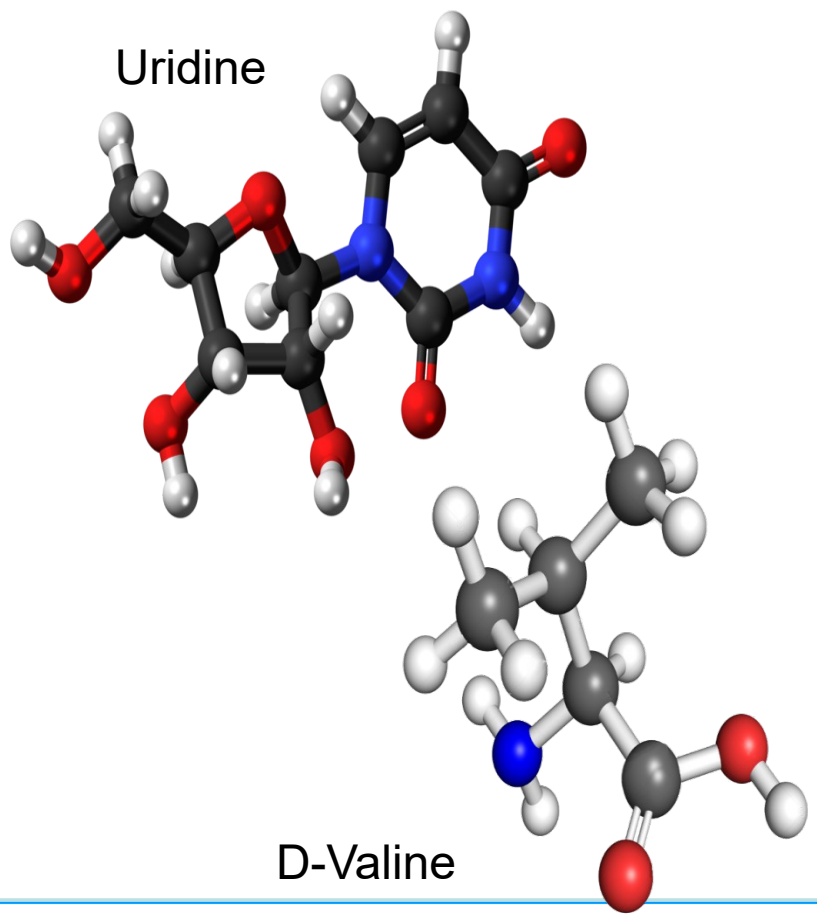


# Outlooks:

- Irradiation of simple ices :  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ,...
- Interfaces : C/Ices Silicates/ices
- Different experimental approaches are necessary to monitor the evolution of ices and complex molecules under SHI irradiation:
  - TOF – SIMS (mass spectrometry, secondary ion emission)
  - QCM (Quartz-Microbalance, total sputtering)
- Study AHMs in more realistic conditions, i.e., in water matrix.
- Since PAHs are an important source of carbon in outer space, radioresistance/ reactivity after irradiation.
- Study the stability of other complex molecules

Uridine and d-valine were irradiated at room temperature.

The data is under analysis at the time of this presentation.







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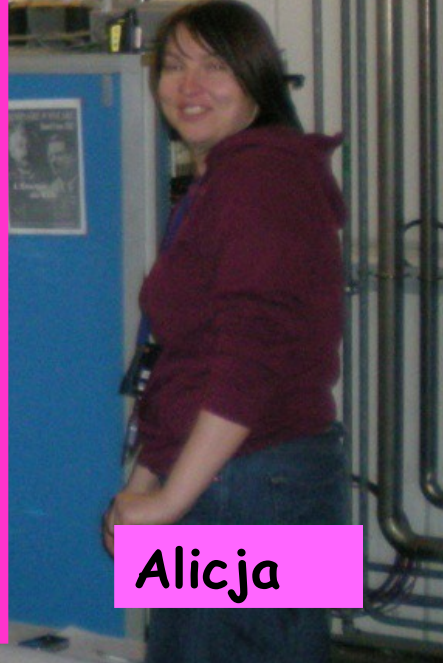


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Thank you



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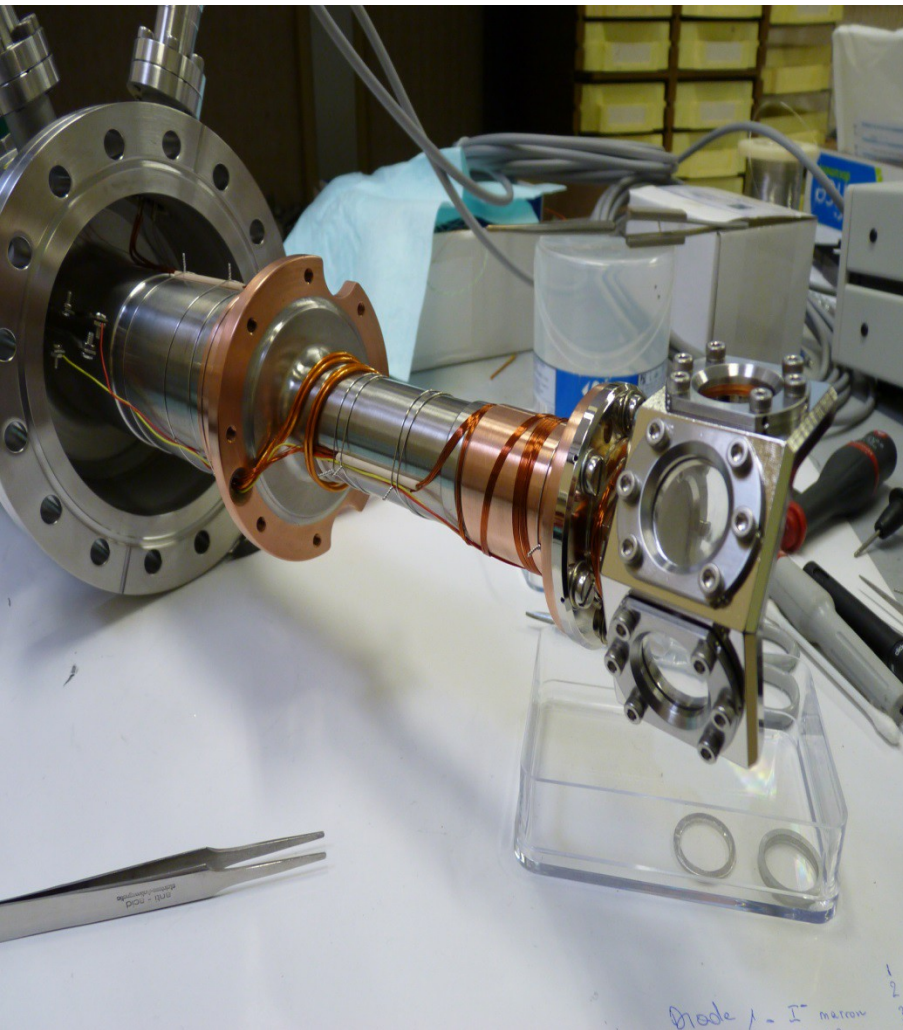


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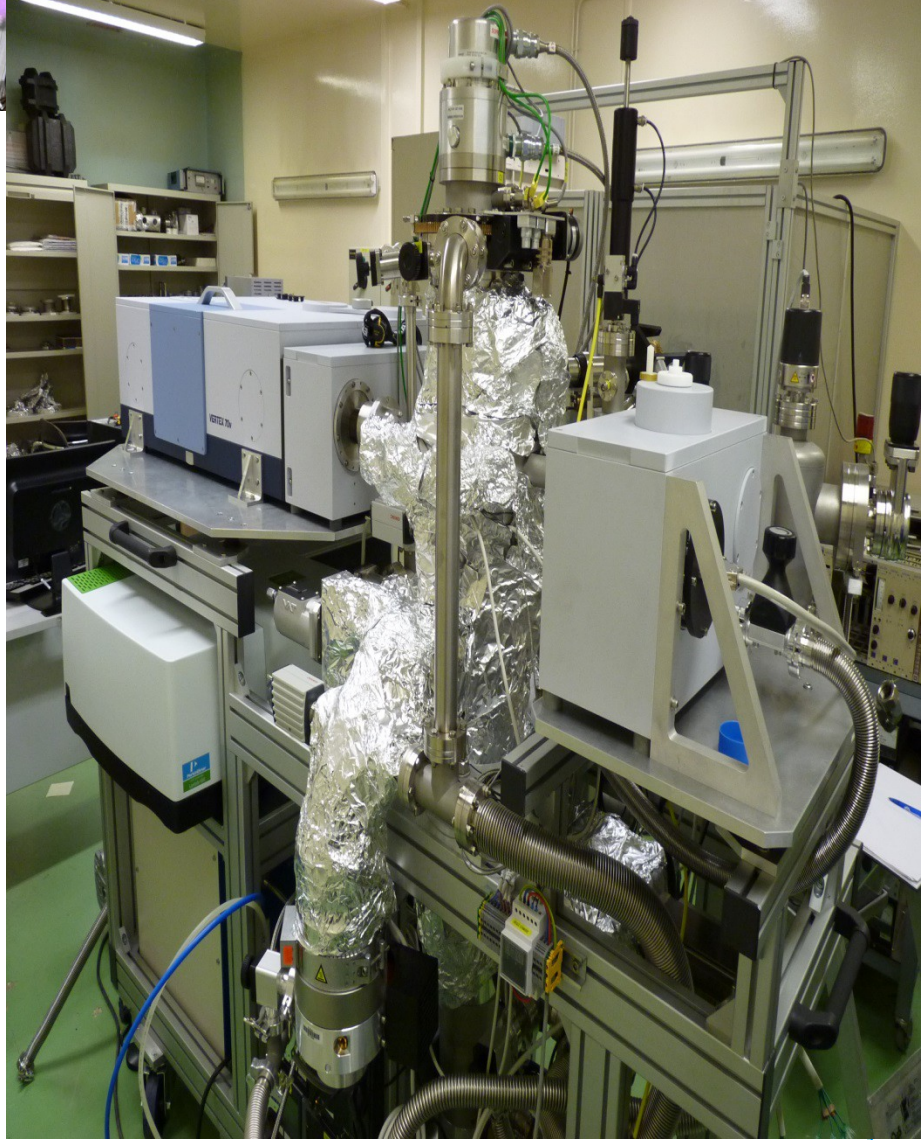
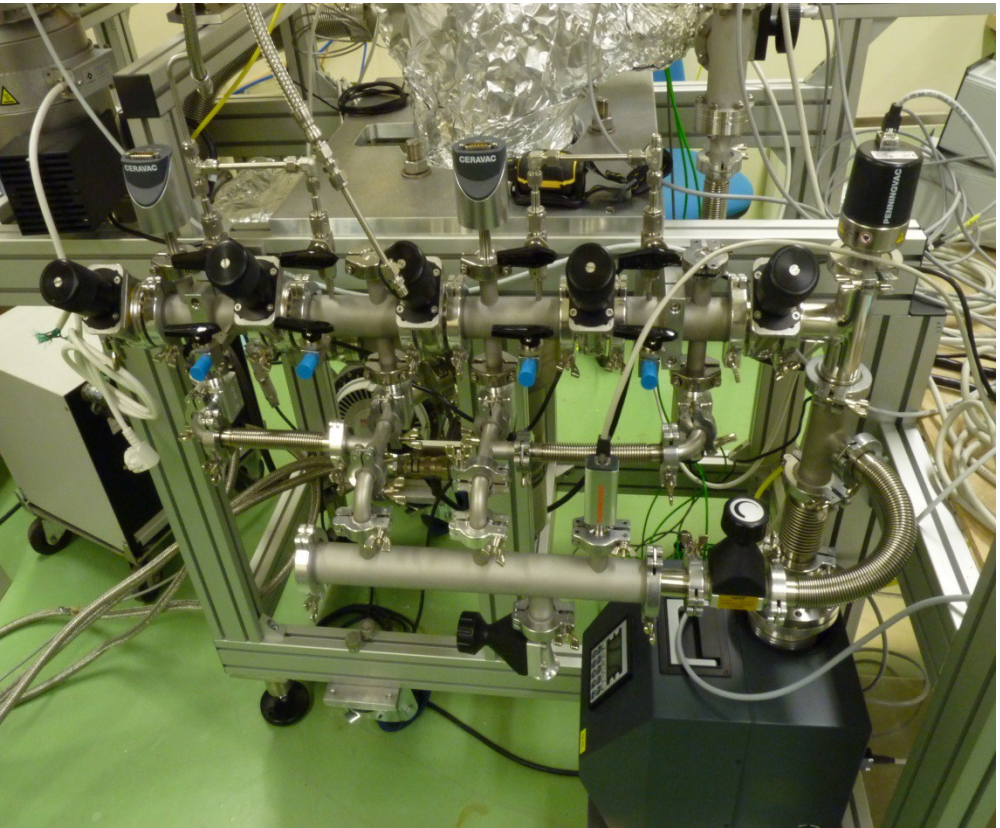
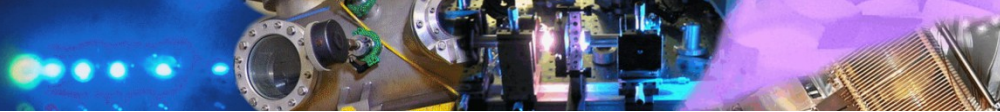




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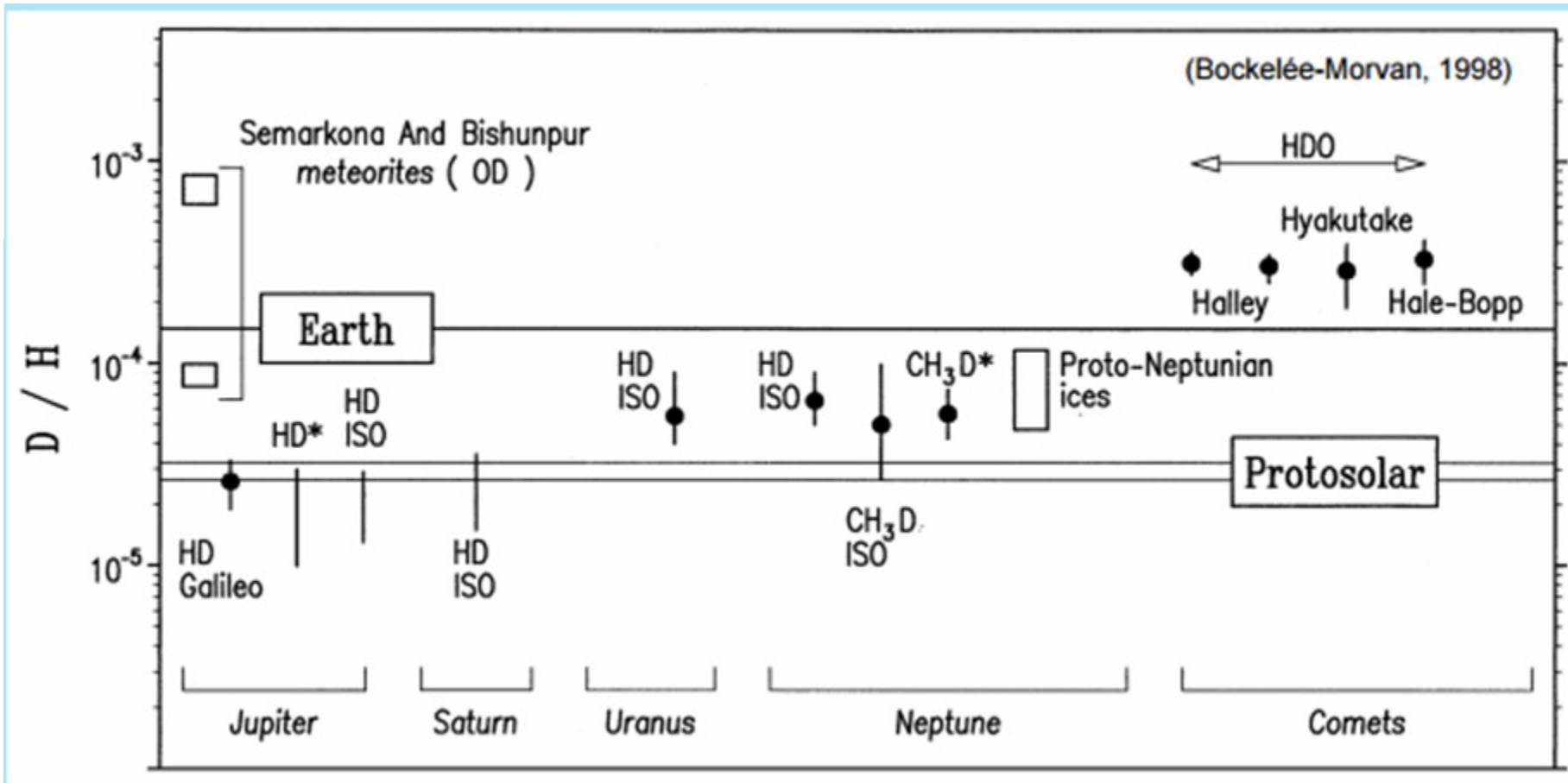




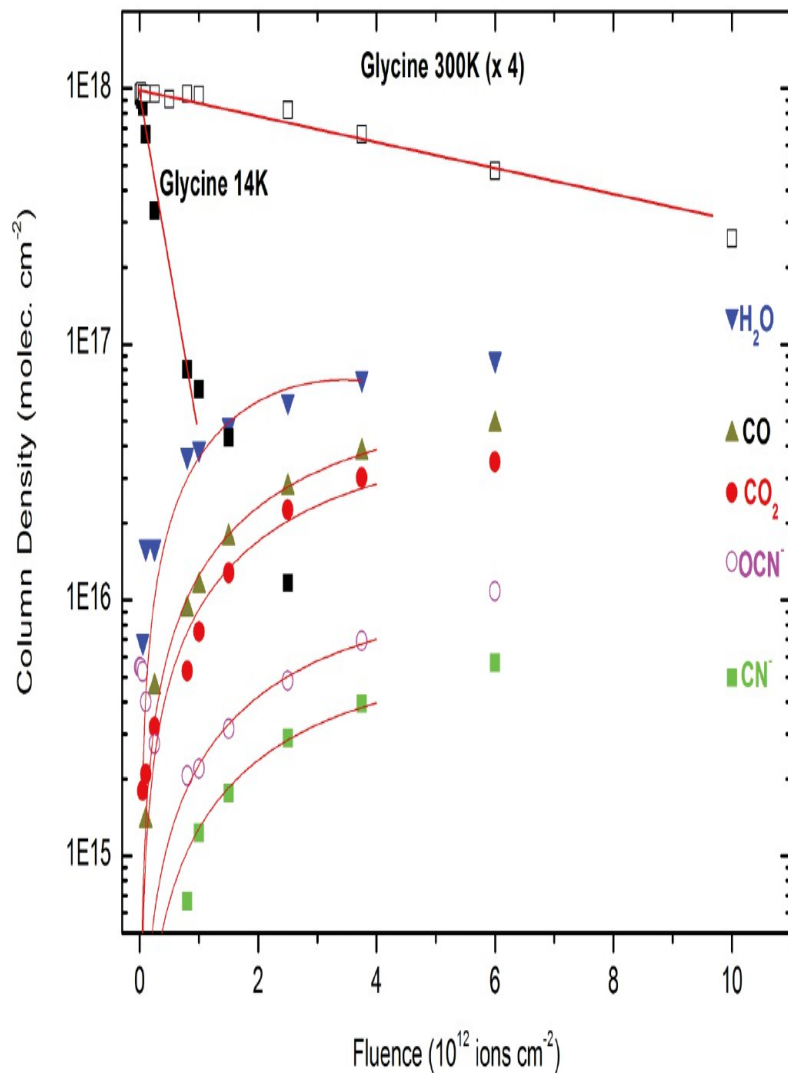
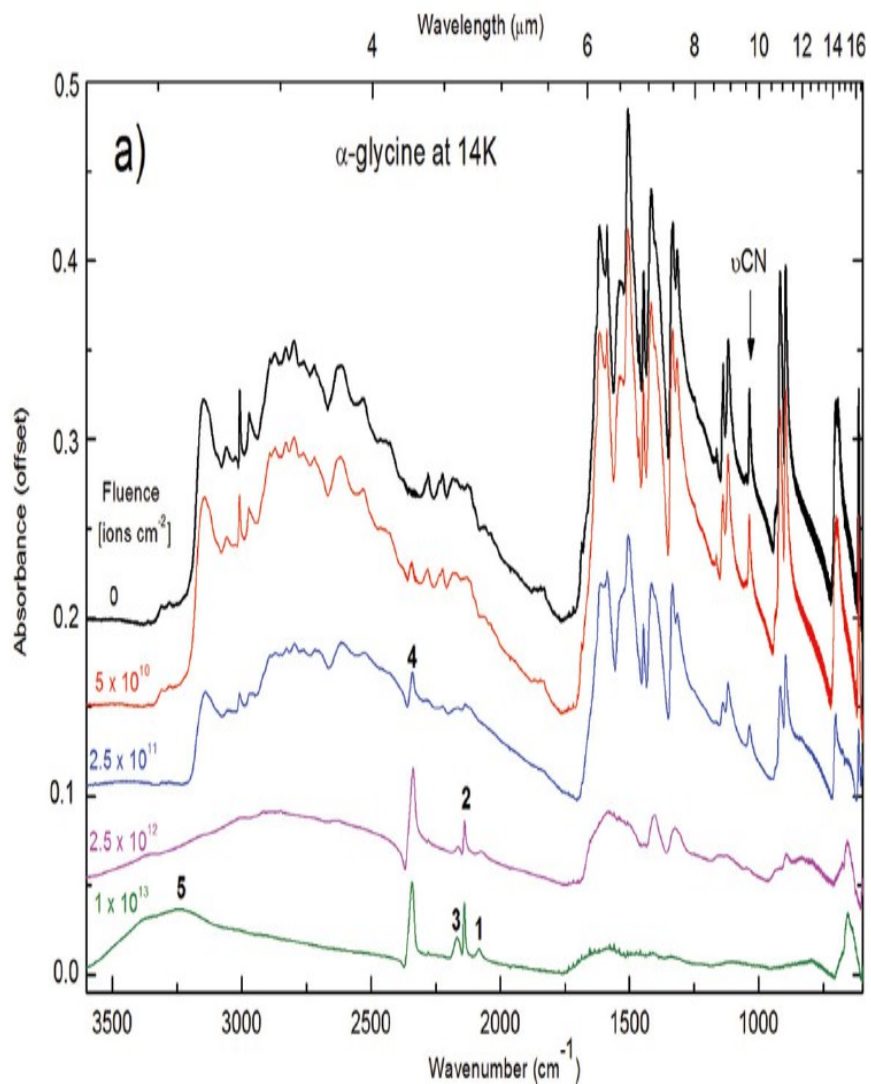
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# Glycine at 14K and 300 K 58Ni11+@ 46MeV



Destruction cross section:

$\sigma = 2,4 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2 @ 14\text{K}$

$\sigma = 3,4 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2 @ 300\text{K}$

Temperature effect

$$\sigma = A S e^n$$

Temperature (K)	$n$
14	1.3
300	0.5

