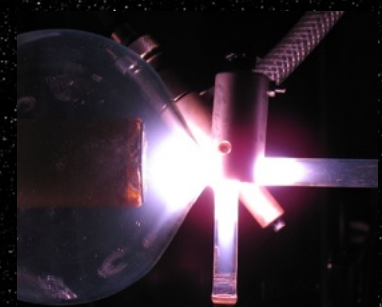
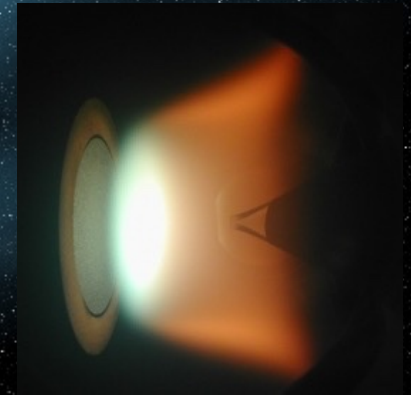
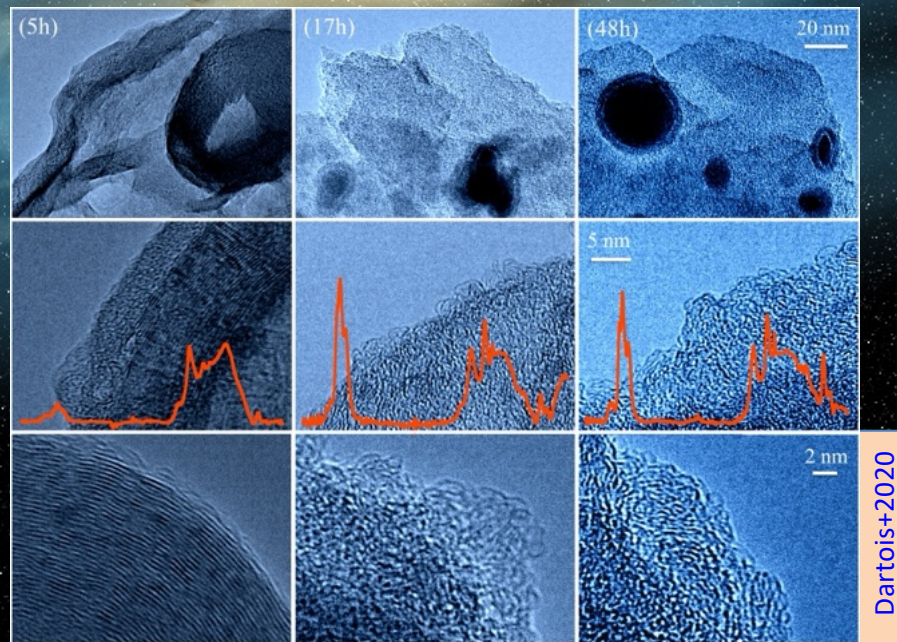
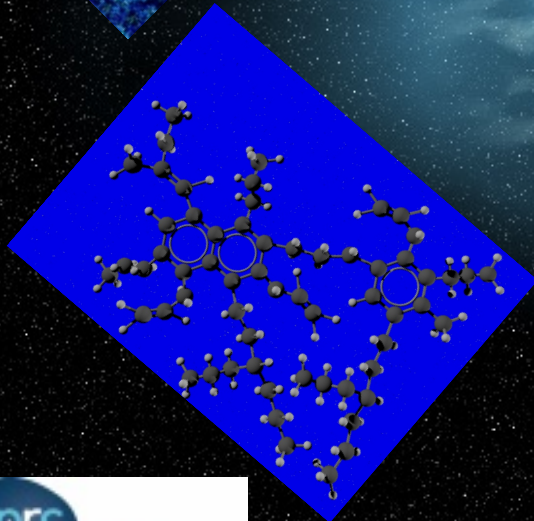
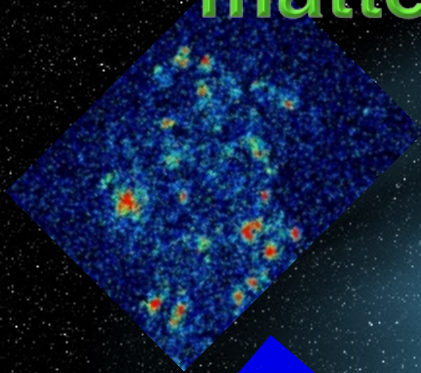


# Interstellar grains and extraterrestrial solid matter: generation, ID, & processing



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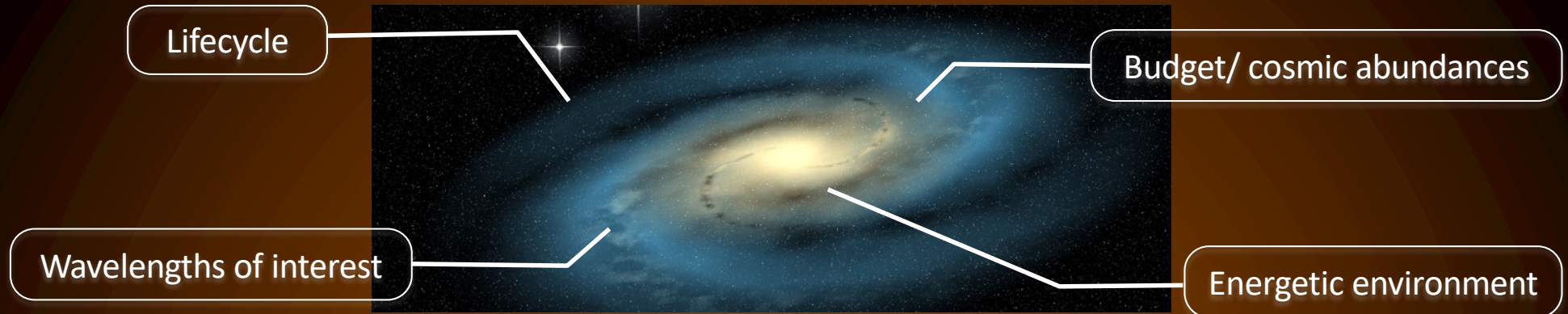
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## Introduction: some key ingredients to study interstellar solids in the laboratory



### Silicates

in stellar envelopes, the diffuse interstellar medium, in disks

Which carbon allotropes & organic matter observed in the ISM

Nanodiamants, Fullerenes, amorphous carbon, hydrogenated amorphous carbon (a-C :H ou HAC), AIBs (« astro-PAHs »), mixed a-C :H-PAHs, organic residues

Transition diffuse to dense ISM

Signatures for the ISM solids incorporation in the solar syst (remote observations) ?

Comparison IOM meteorites & UCAMMs / ISM a-C:H

See GISM1 (K.Demyk) and GISM2 (N. Ysard) lectures !...



# Interstellar dust temporal lifecycle

Dense Molecular  
Clouds

→ bare grains  
 $r \sim [0.5 - 300] \text{ nm}$

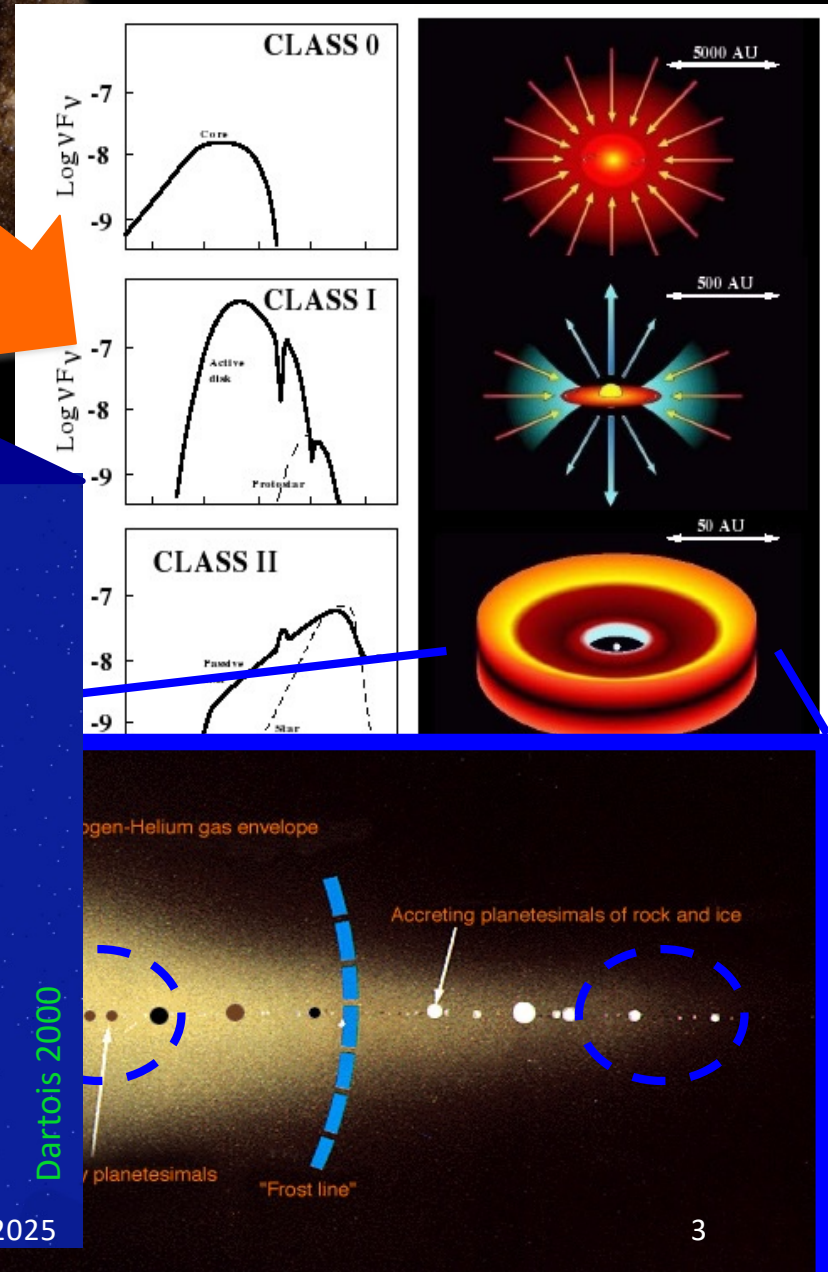
condensation  
0.1...0.1 Gy

(e.g. HVC's,

(other gala

Dartois 2000

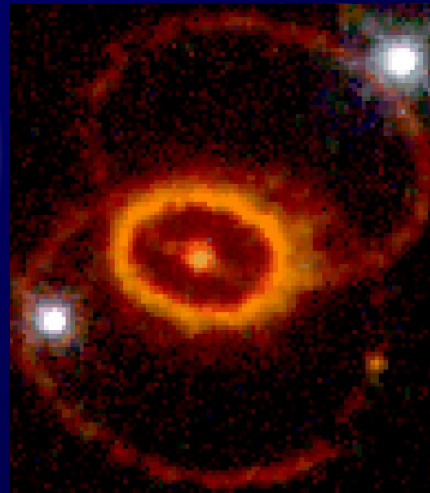
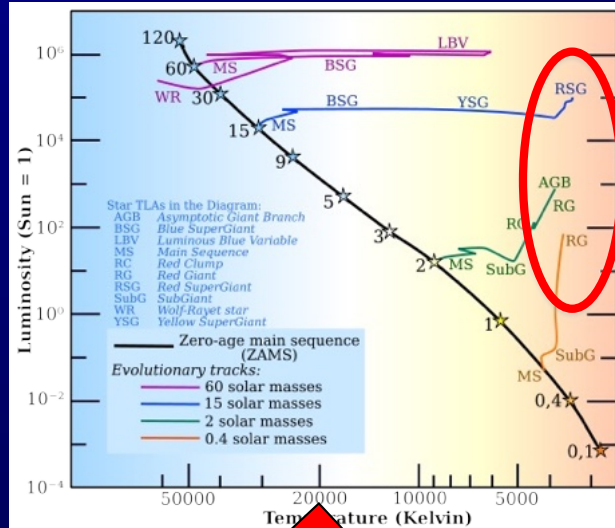
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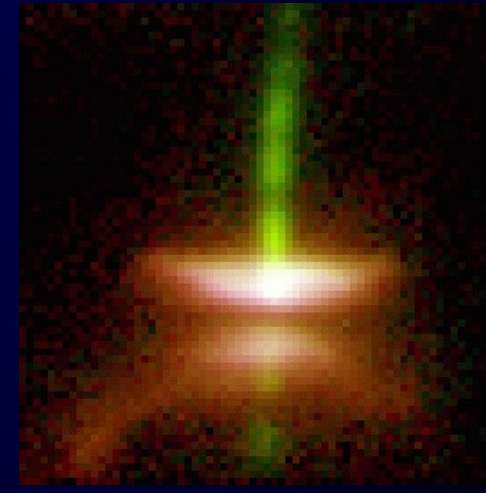


# Interstellar dust budget (the ingredients...)

Stellar mass losses contribute significantly to dust production  
Dust observed at later evolutionary stages

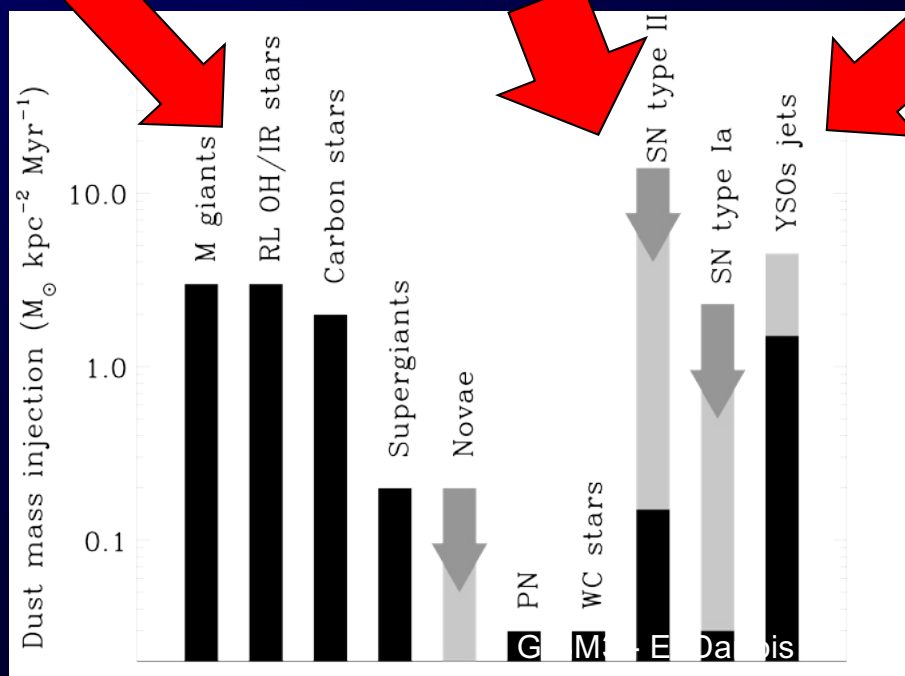


SN1987A - HST

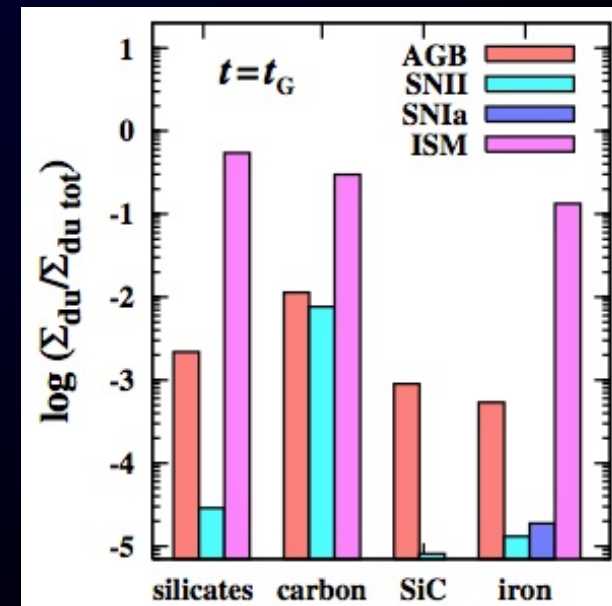


HH30- HST

Rursus



Jones 2001, Tielens 2005,  
Robitaille 2010, Matsuura 2011



Zhukovska2008+

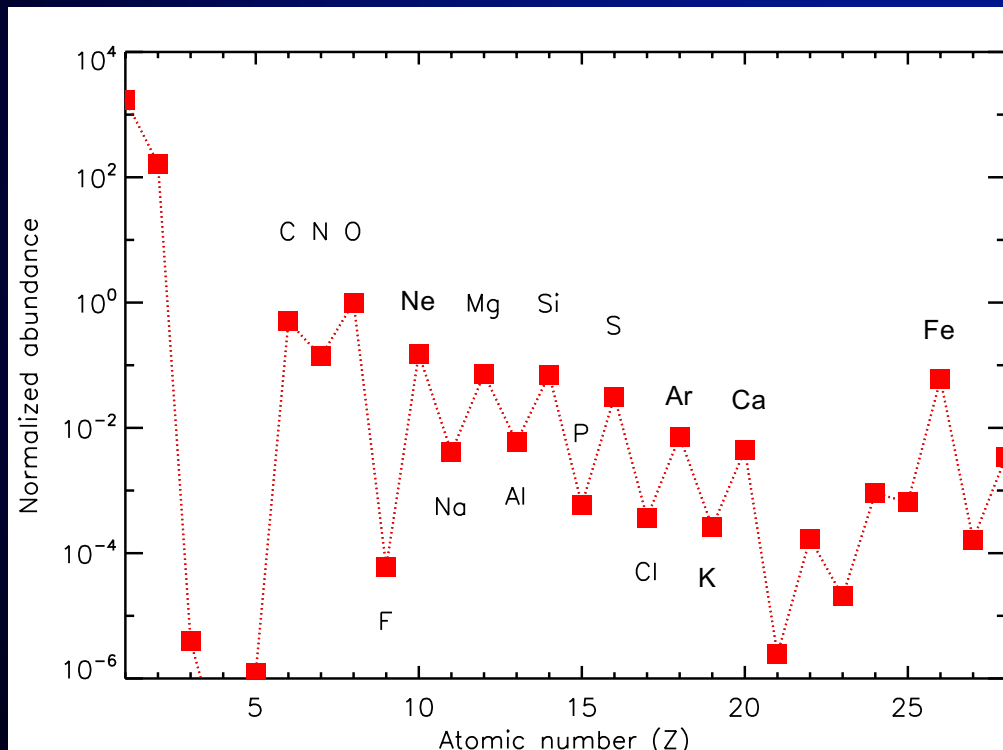


# Elemental cosmic abundances

## What to expect for dust grains ?

(DISM,  $N_H \sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )

“Carbonaceous” matter



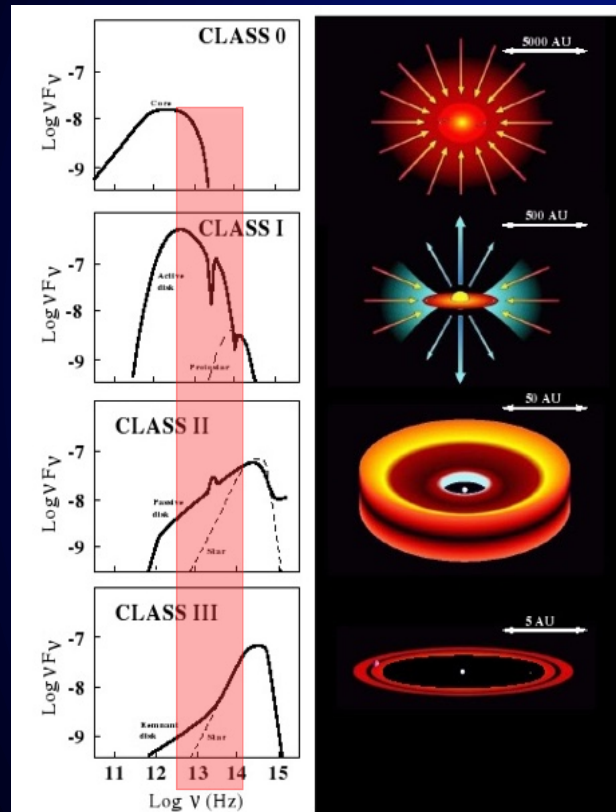
“Minerals”

| Element | [X/H] IS<br>(ppm) | $\delta X$<br>(%) |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| He      | $7.8 \cdot 10^4$  | 0                 |
| C       | 288.4             | 38.7              |
| N       | 79.4              | 22.2              |
| O       | 575.4             | 41.9              |
| Mg      | 41.7              | 94.6              |
| Si      | 40.7              | 95.6              |
| S       | 18.2              | 80.7              |
| Fe      | 34.7              | 99.4              |

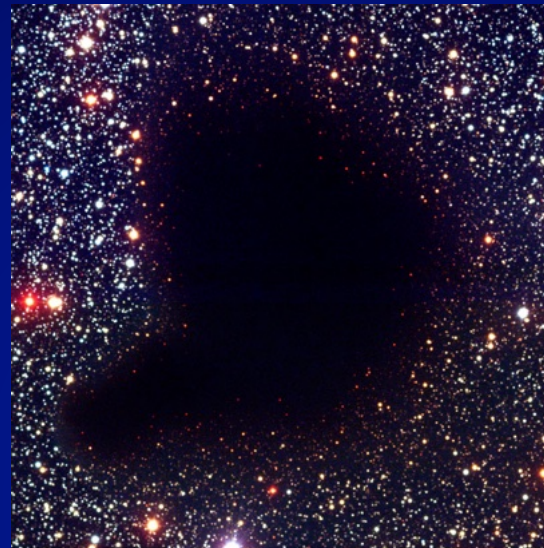
Asplund+2021, Nieva & Przybilla 2011,  
Verstraete 2011, Jenkins 2009, Lodders 2003,...

# Wavelengths of interest:

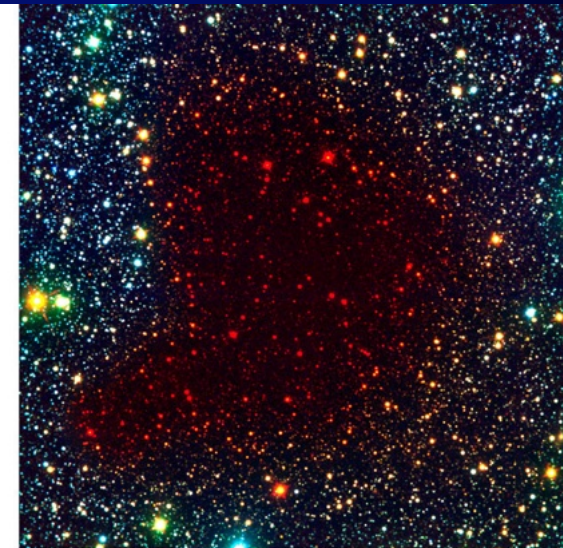
Trade-off between wavelength accessibility & spectral signatures



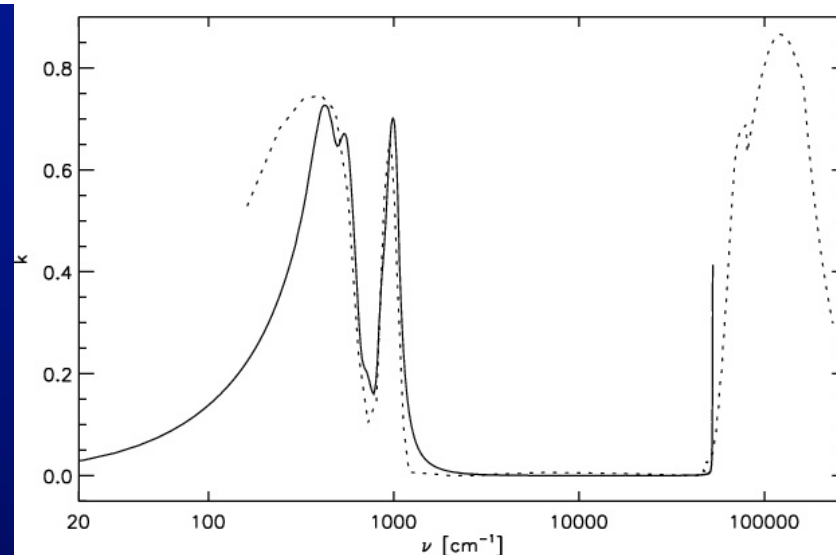
Van Boekel



B, V, I



B, I, K



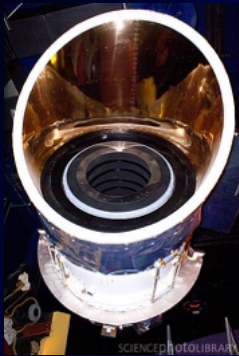
ESO

Jaeger 2003

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(sub)-mm FIR - Infrared - NIR Visible - UV





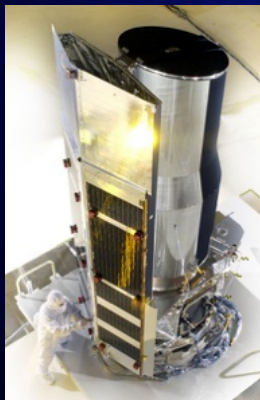
## IRAS

0.57m / 1983 (10 months) NASA



## ISO

0.6m / 1995-1998 ESA



## Spitzer

0.85m / 2003-2020 NASA



## Herschel

FIR / 3.5m / 2009-2013 ESA



## Akari

0.67m / 2006-2011 JAXA



## JWST

6.5m / 2022 NASA/ESA



# Energetic sources of evolution

## Photon sources

VUV photolysis:  
ambient  
stellar  
CR induced

X-Rays

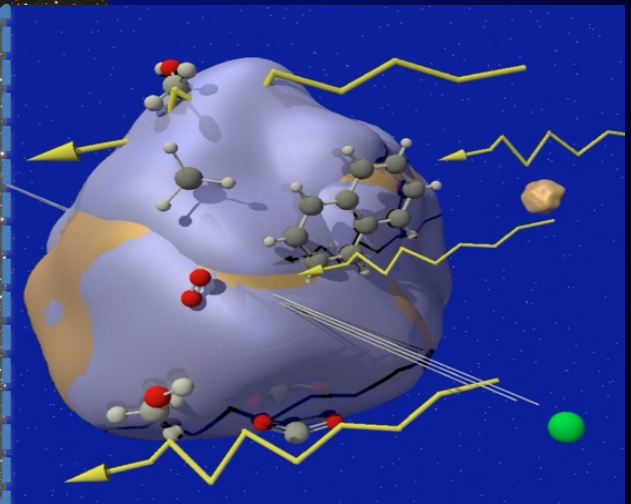
## Particles sources

electrons

Cosmic rays

## Thermal

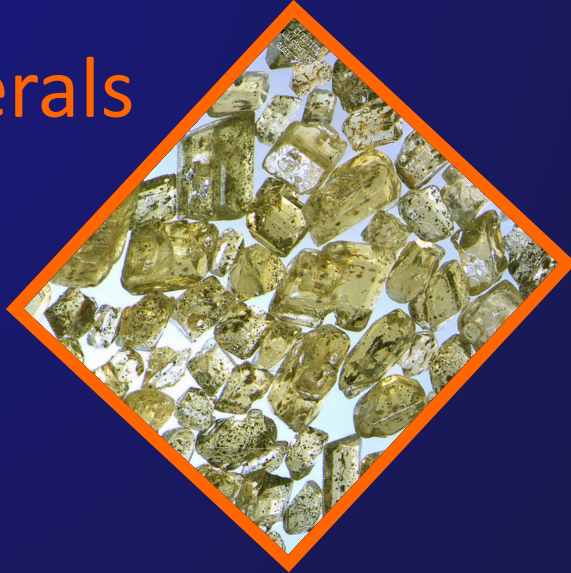
## Shocks (C,J,...)





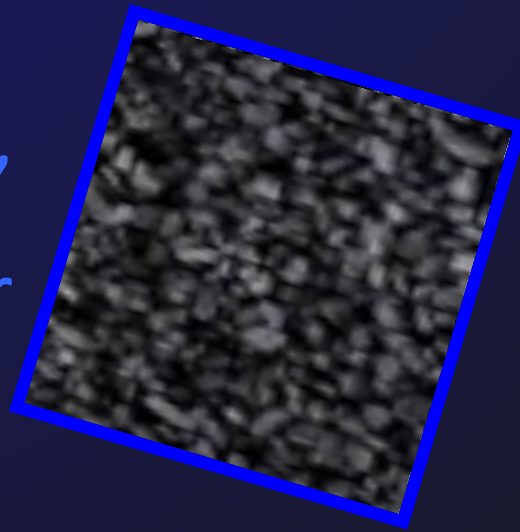
# The simplified picture of ISM solids

Minerals



*“Refractory” solids*

*“Carbonaceous”  
matter*



*“Volatile” solids*



ICE house

Ice mantles

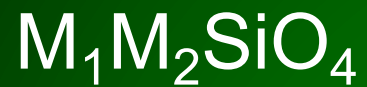
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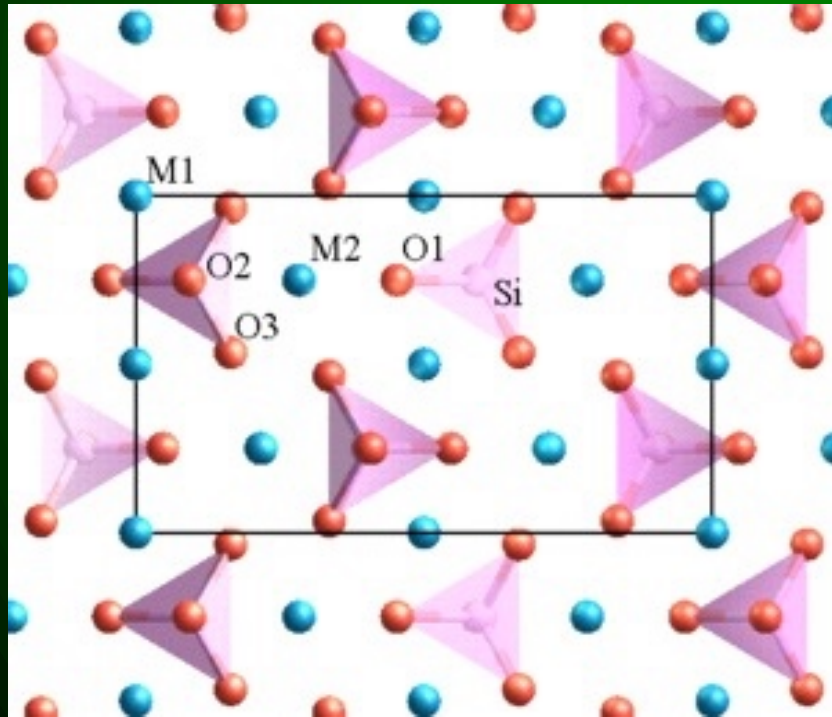


# Some important minerals

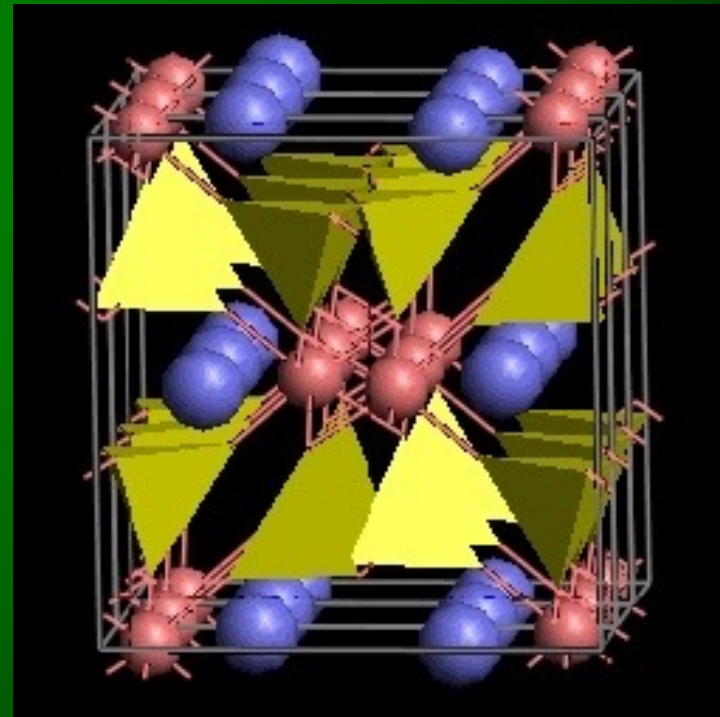
## Olivine



$M_1$  &  $M_2$  :divalent cations



## Pyroxene



# Silicates “mineralogy”

**Olivines** ( $\text{Mg}_{2x}\text{Fe}_{2-2x}\text{SiO}_4$ )

$\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$  **Forsterite**

$\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$  Fayalite

**Pyroxenes** ( $\text{Mg}_x\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{SiO}_3$ )

$\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$  **Enstatite**

$\text{Fe}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$  Ferrosilite (hypersthene)

$\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$  Diopside

$\text{CaFeSi}_2\text{O}_6$  Hedenbergite



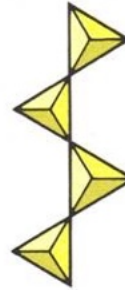
Isolated silicate  
structure



Example

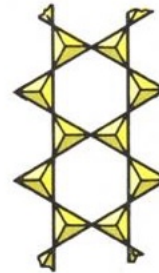
Olivine

Single chain  
structure



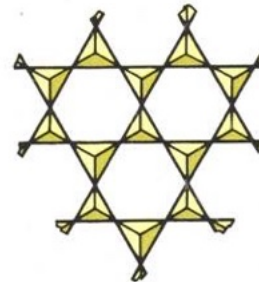
Pyroxene  
group

Double chain  
structure



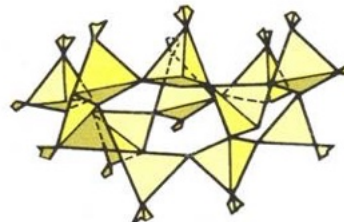
Amphibole  
group

Sheet silicate  
structure

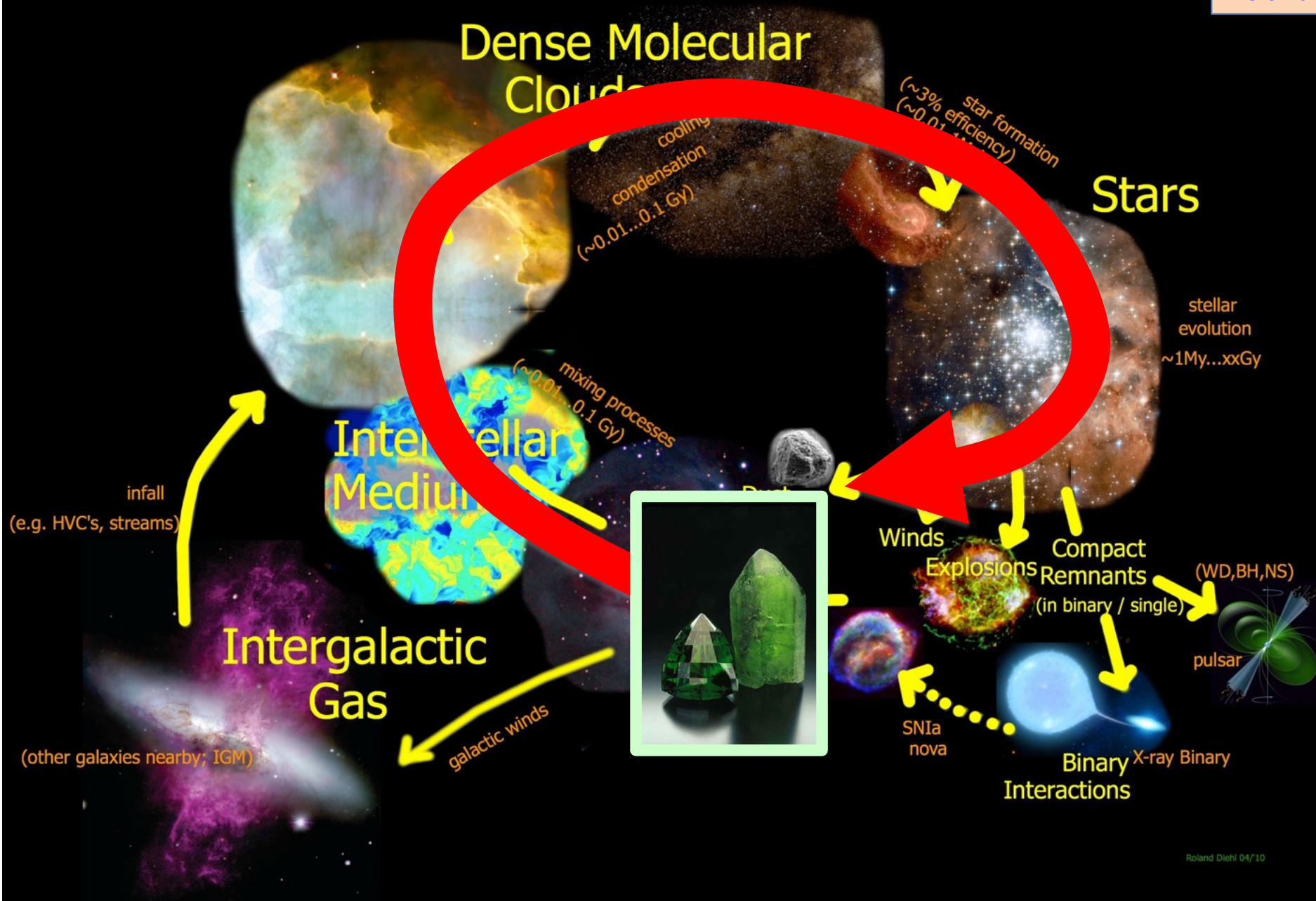


Mica group  
Clay group

Framework silicate  
structure

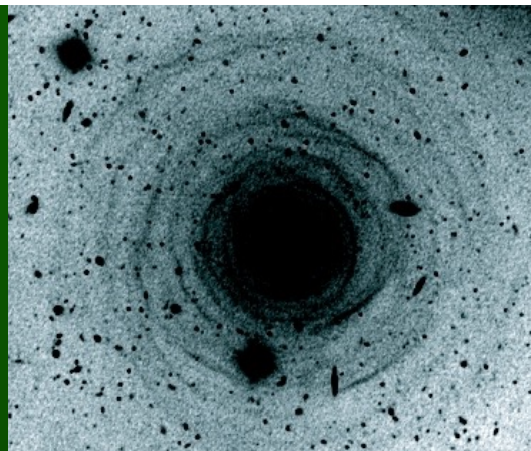


Quartz  
Feldspar group

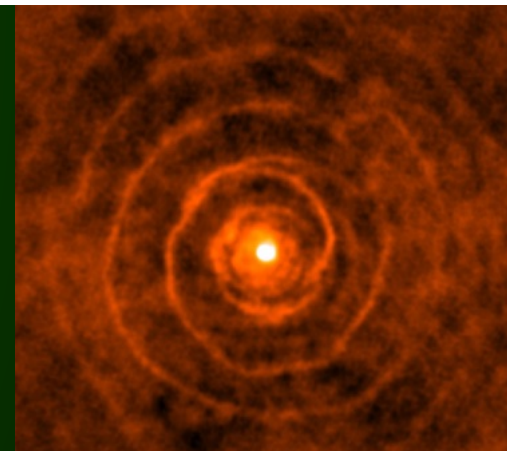




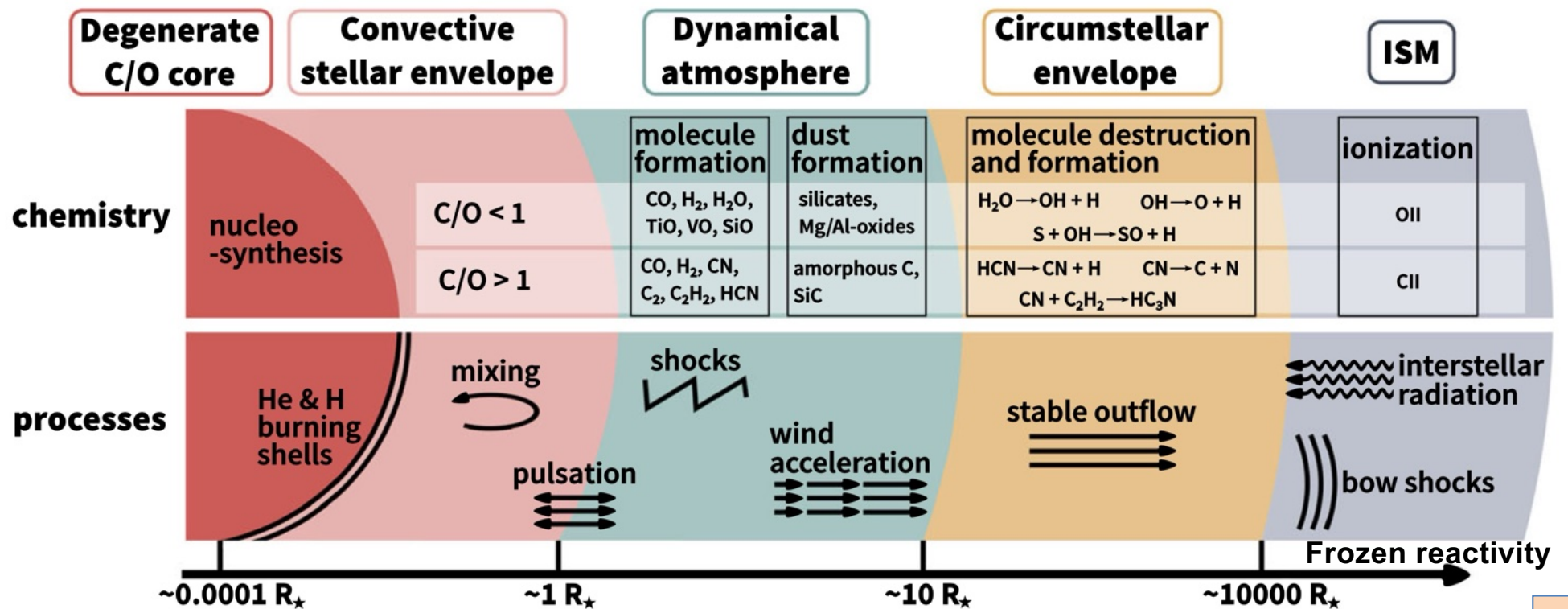
# Schematic view of an AGB stellar flow



Leao + 2006



Kim + 2017

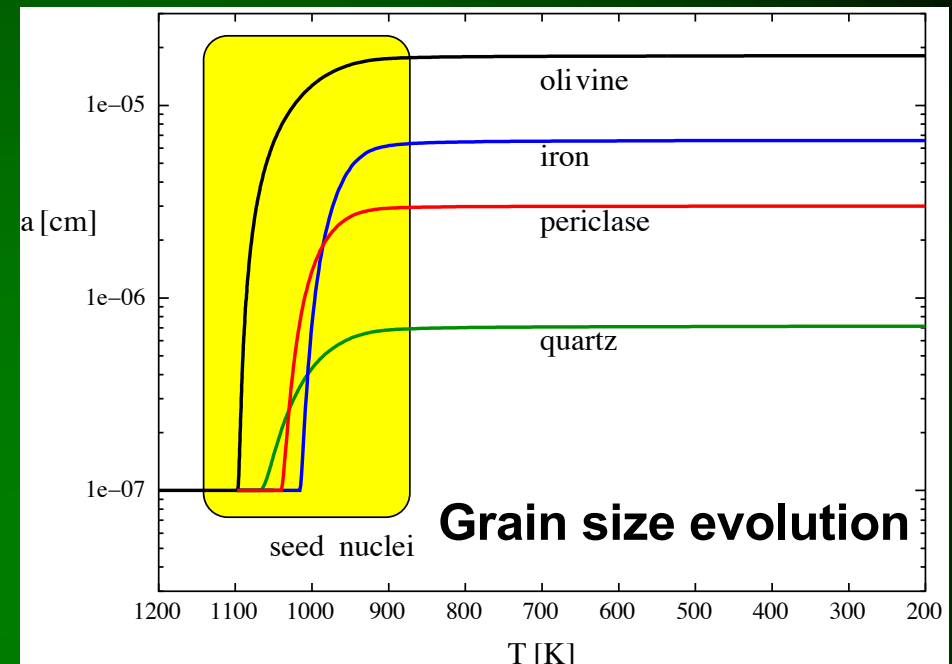
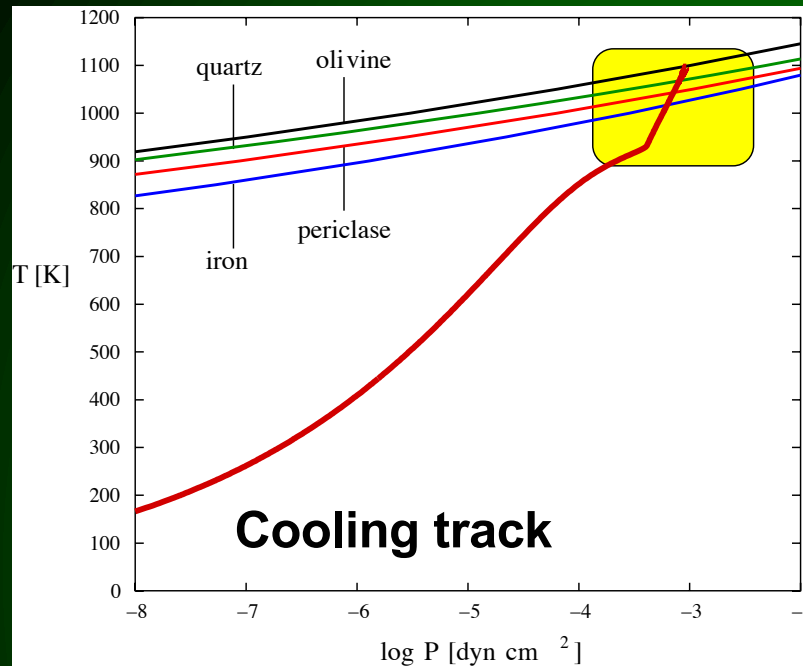


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Hofner+ 2018

# Stellar wind model



Gail & Sedlmayr 1999

Condensation far from ETL  $T \sim 1000\text{K}$ ,  $P \sim 10^{-10}$  atm

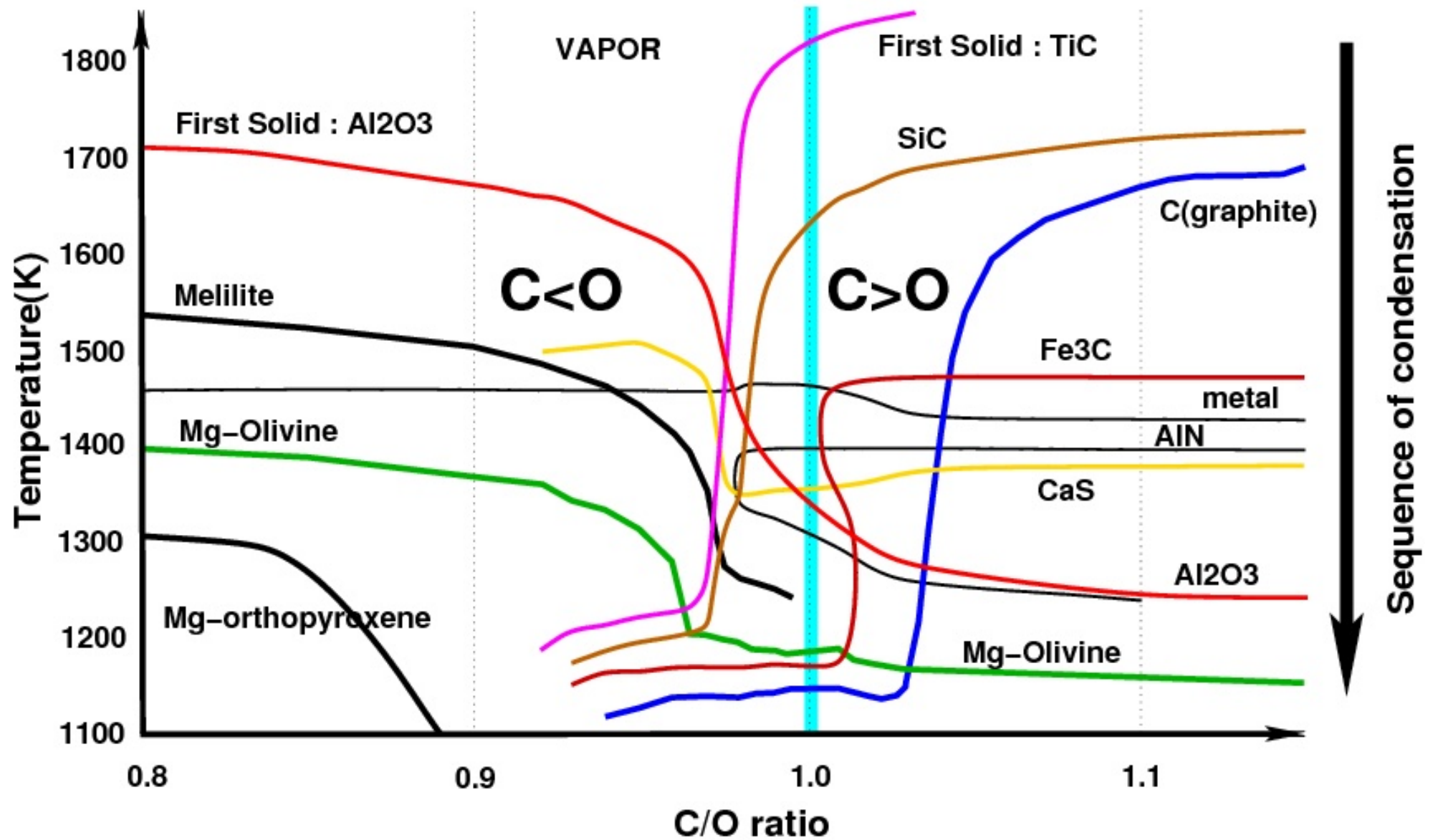
Critical phase: molecular aggregates to form seed particles (10-100 atoms)

These seeds less stable than bigger particles & require supersaturation / solids

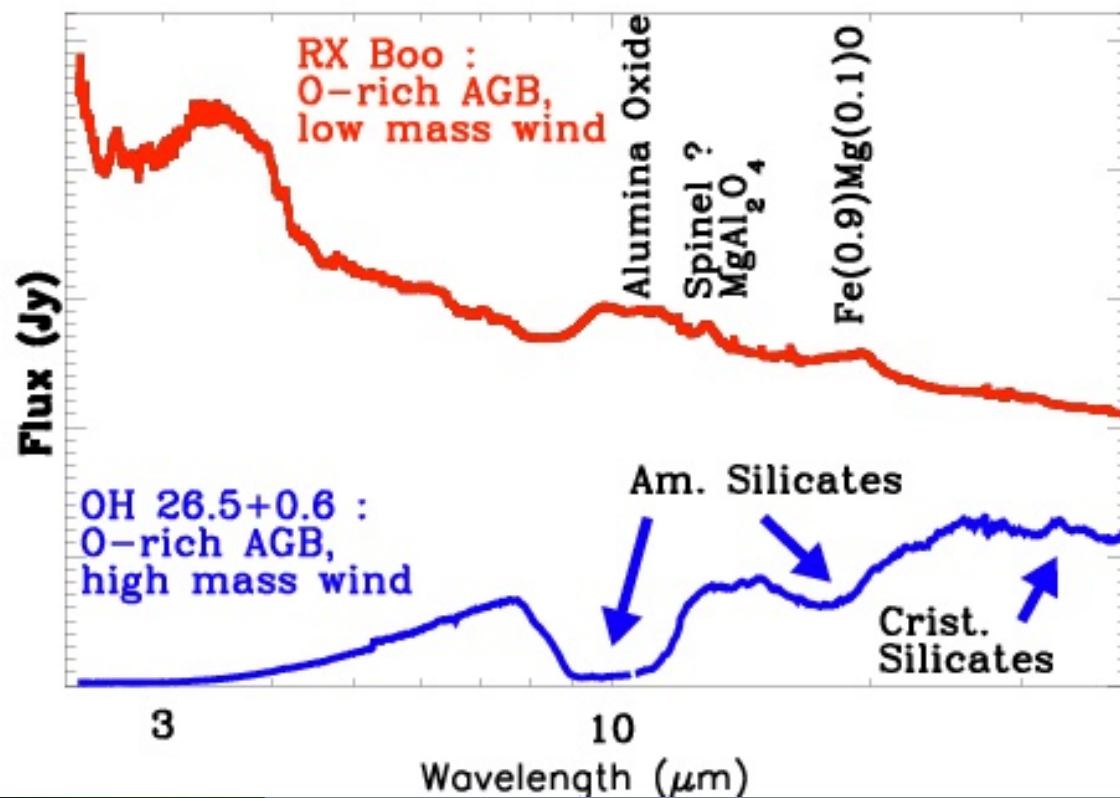
Competition between characteristic formation & ejection time scales (reactions « frozen »)



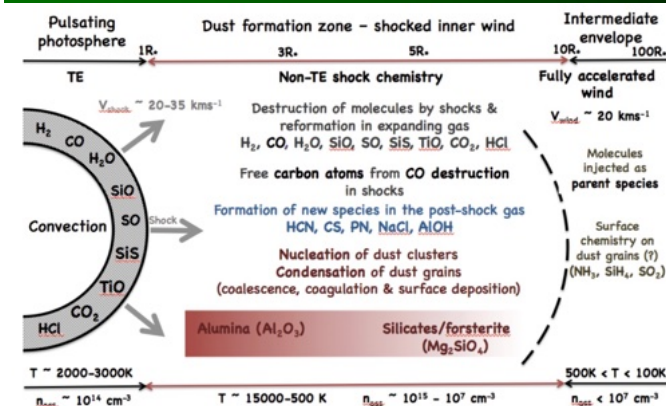
$\chi$



$\phi$



Molster et al. 2002, Posch et al. 2002, Cami 2002 ...



Schematic view of the dust formation zone in O-rich AGB stars, which includes typical physical parameters and the prevalent chemical species related to dust production. Molecules present under TE in the photosphere are shown.

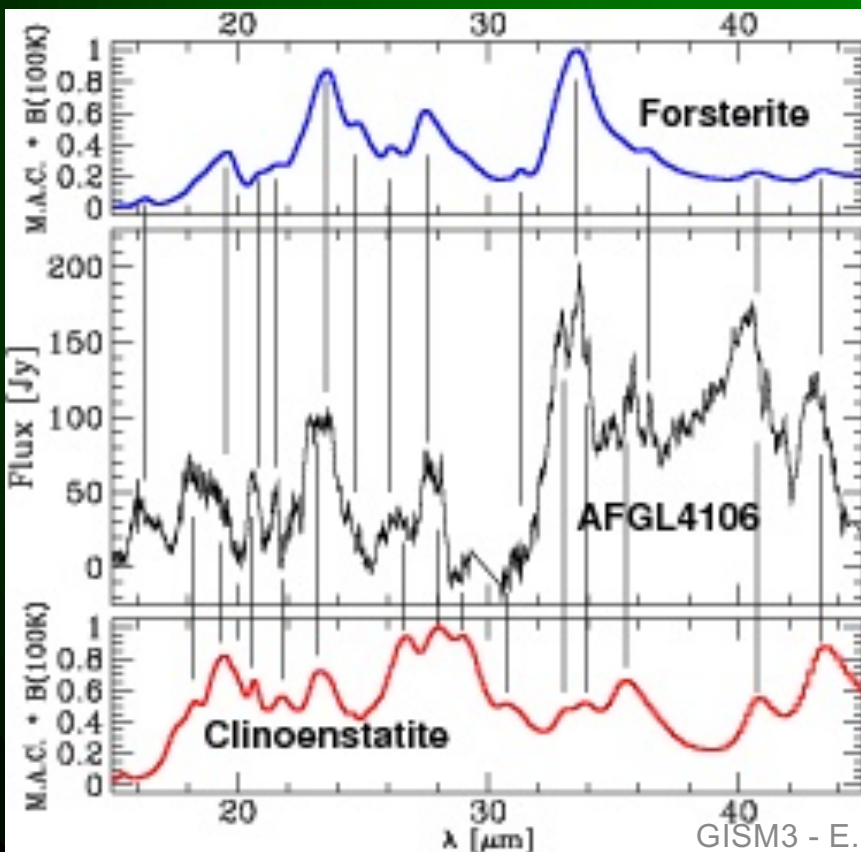
Gobrecht+2016



# The crystalline « revolution »

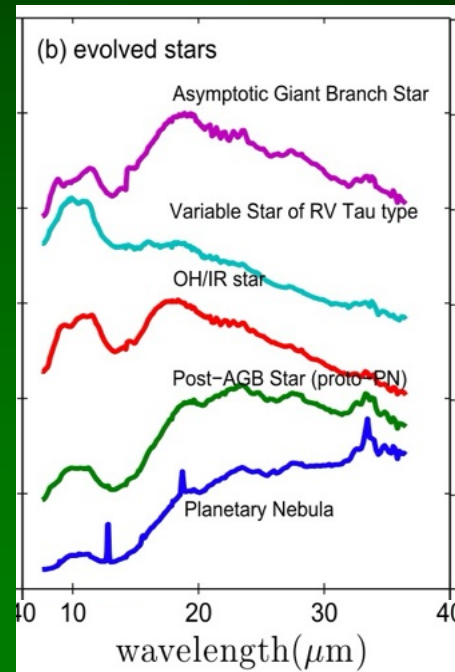


ISO

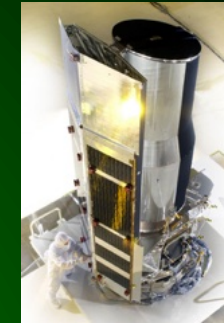


Jaeger + 1998

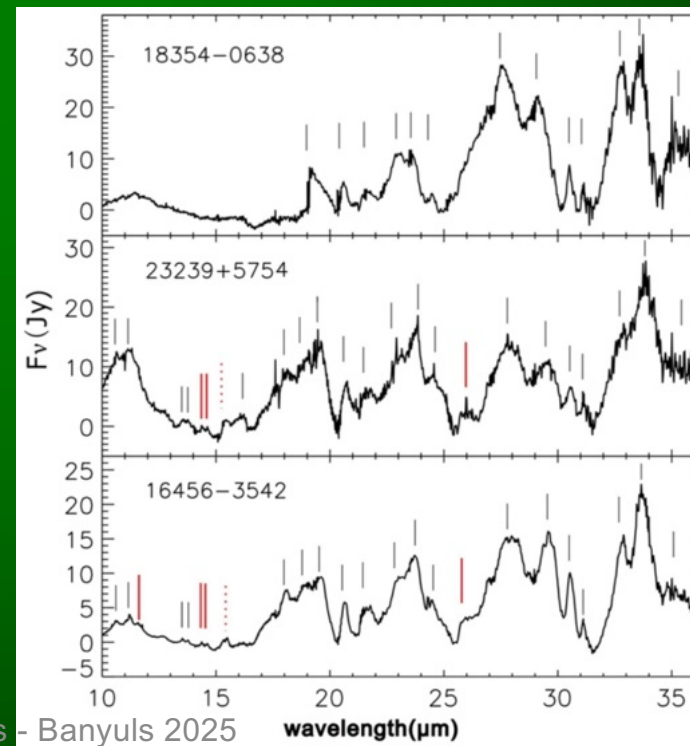
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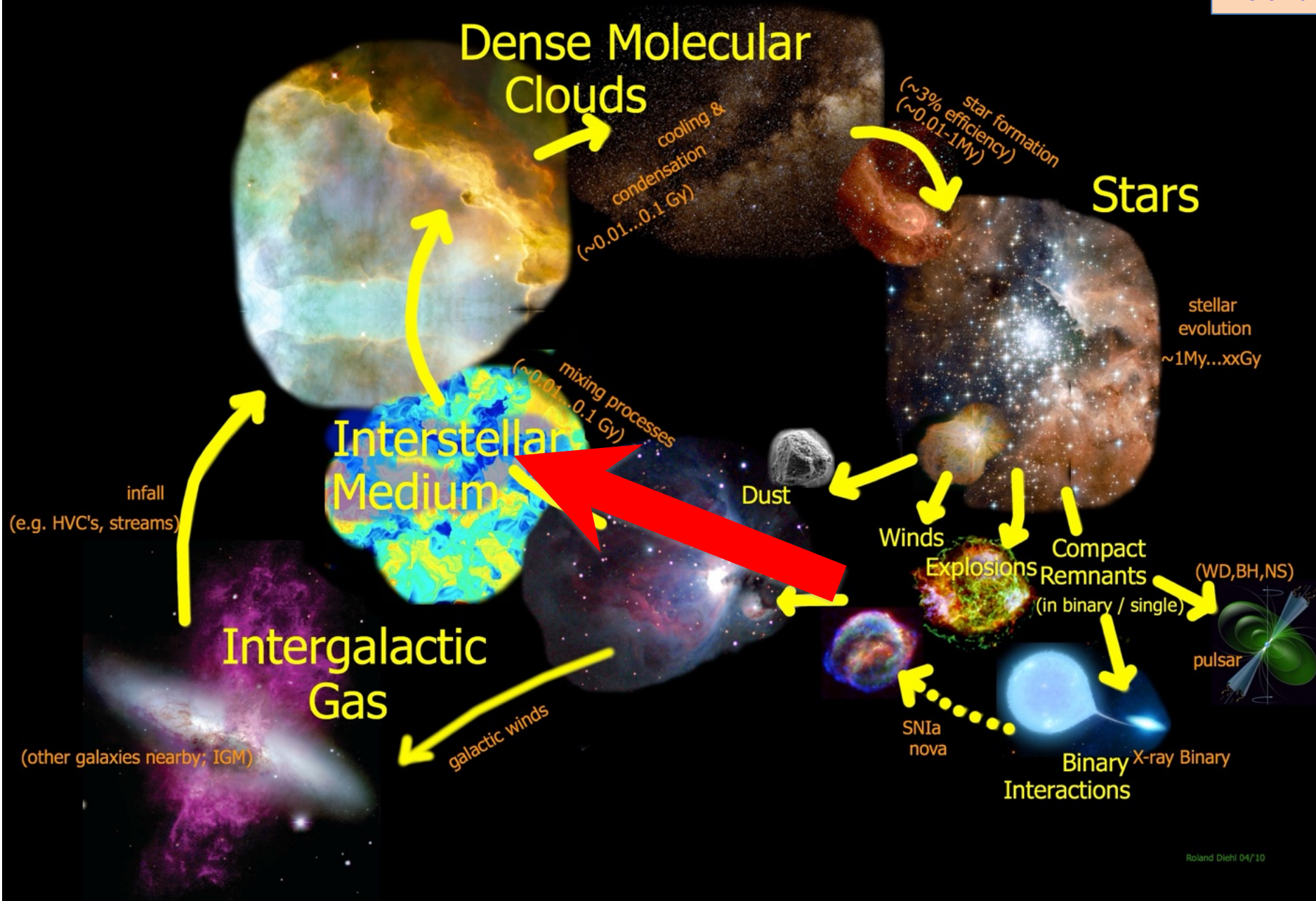
Chen+ 2016



Spitzer

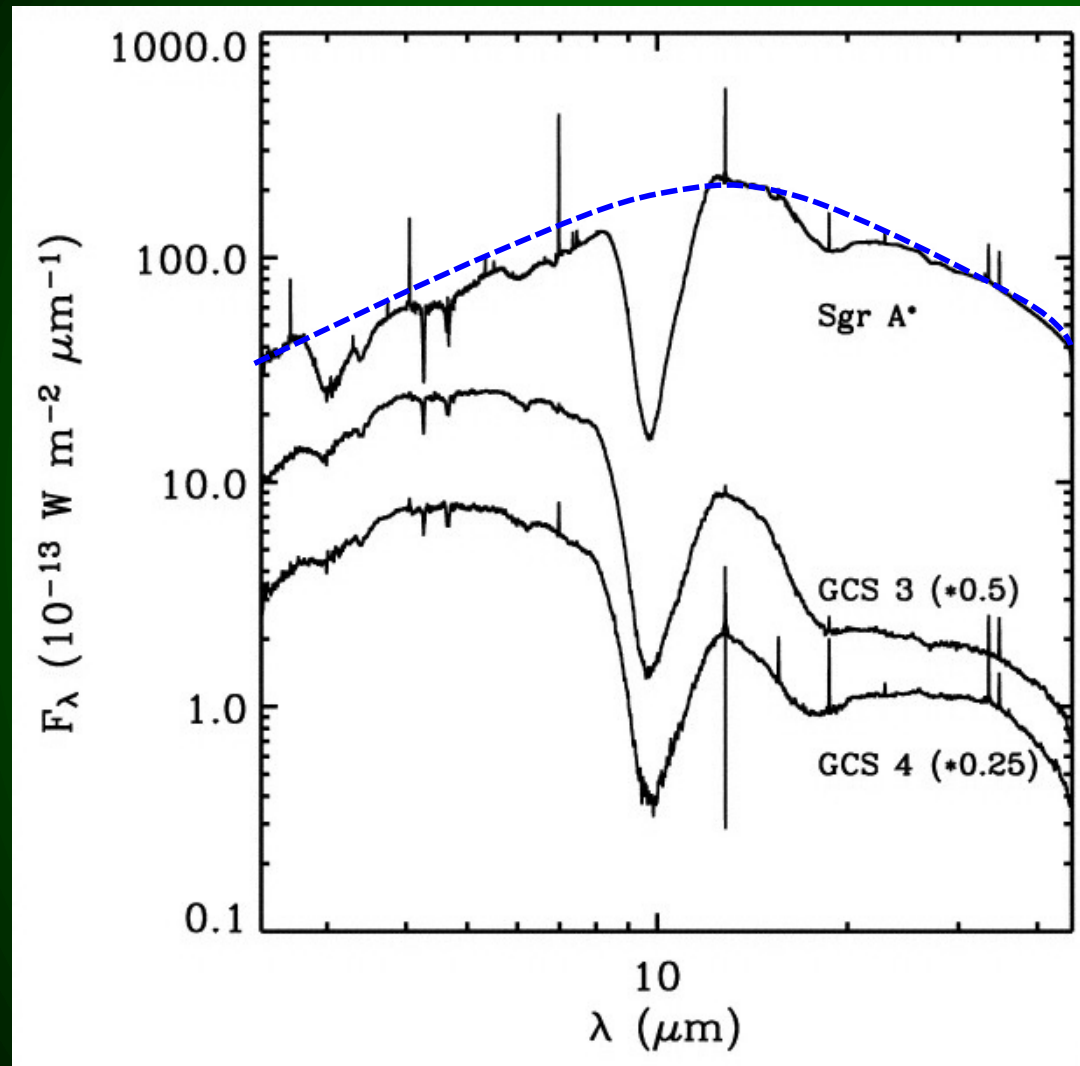


Jiang + 2013

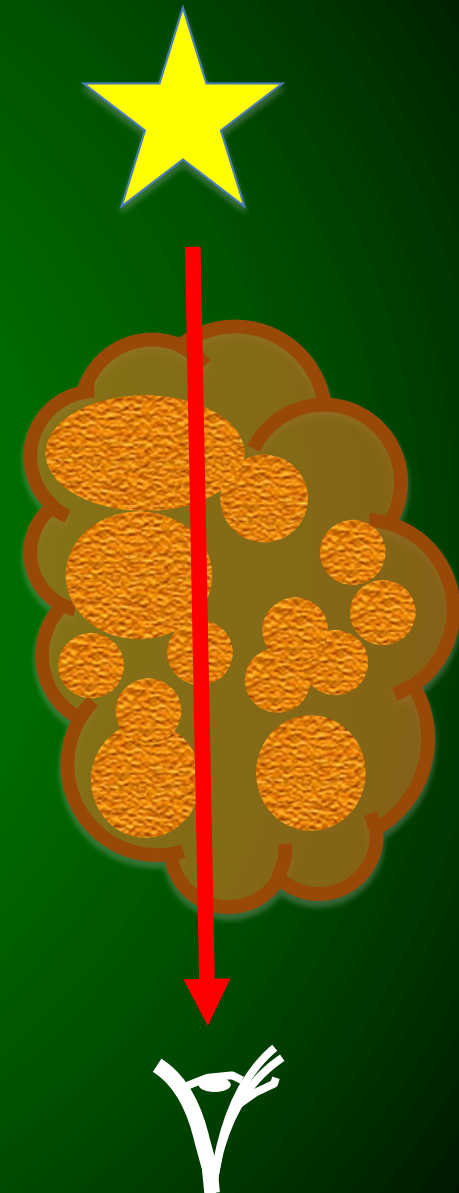




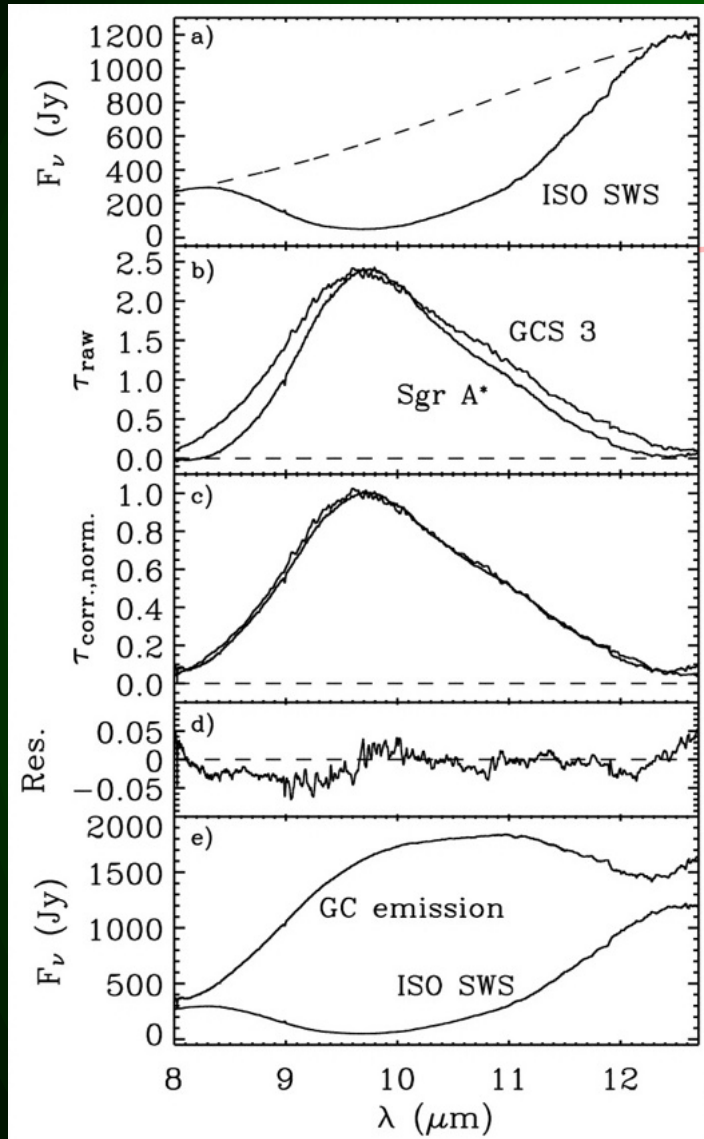
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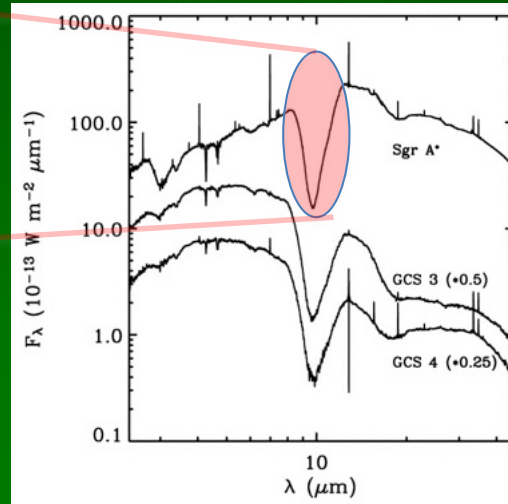
ISO, Kemper+ 2004



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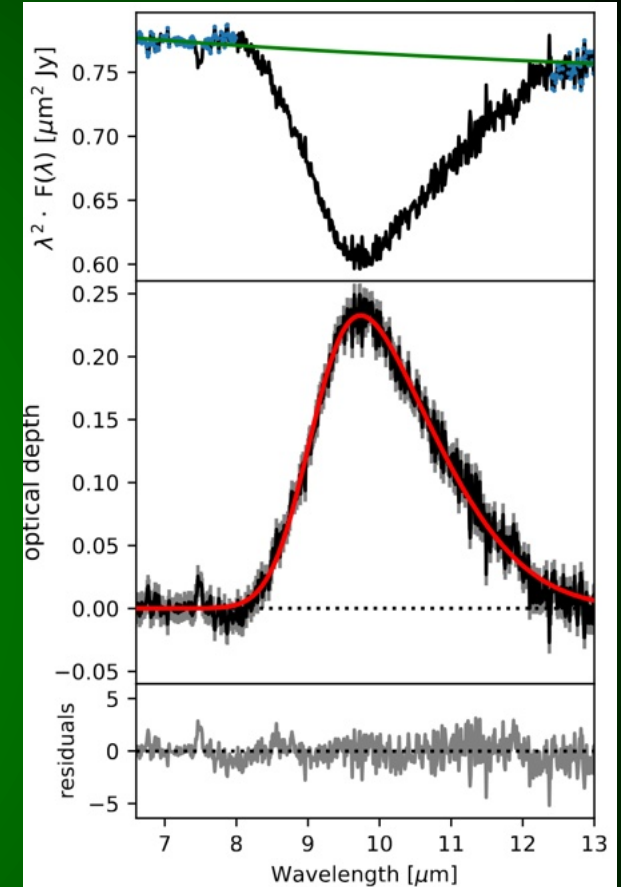
Kemper et al. 2004



ISM silicates almost fully « amorphous »

<2.2% crystalline  
( $1.1\% \pm 1.1$ )  
Kemper et al. 2004 +  
erratum

And mostly in the  
Rayleigh limit (small)



JWST, Zeegers+ 2025



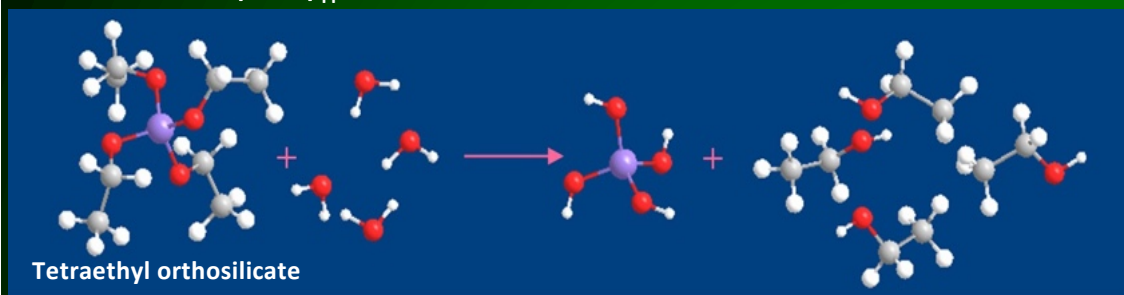


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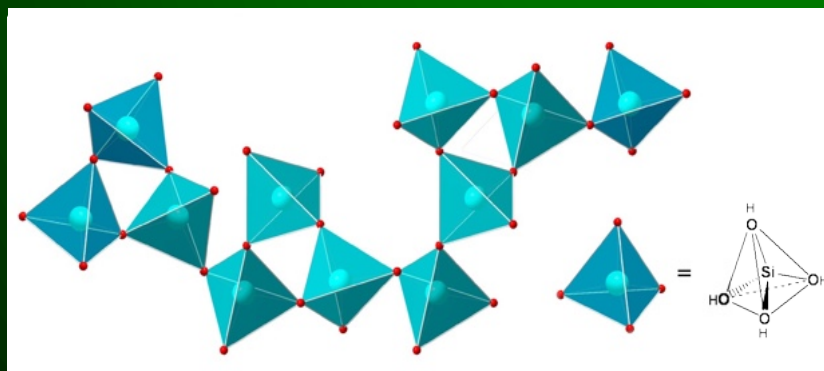
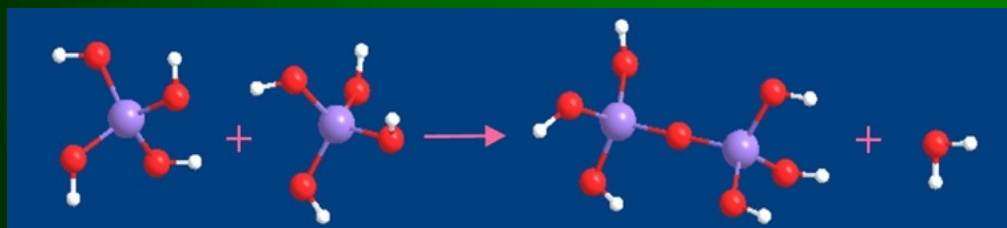
Amorphous silicates synthesised by different methods: solgel, quenching, laser ablation,...



hydrolysis

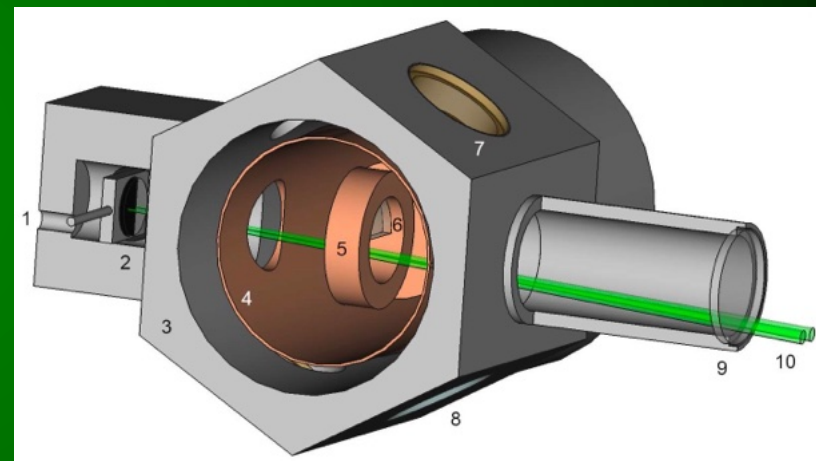


condensation



Wikipedia

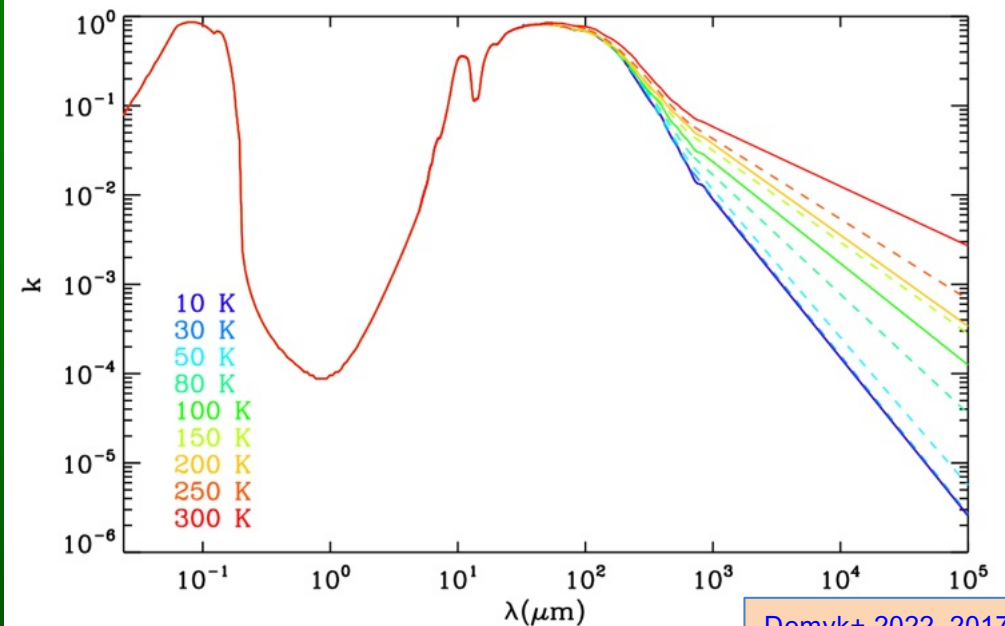
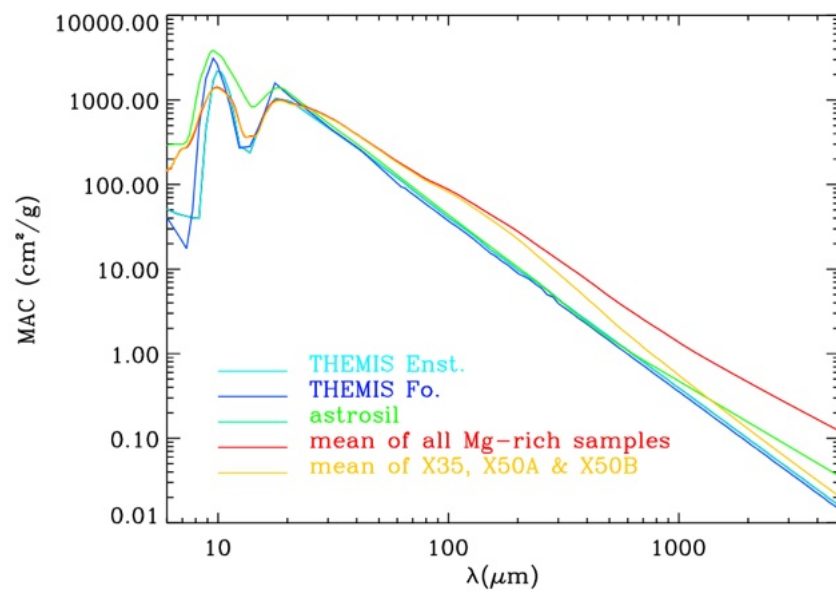
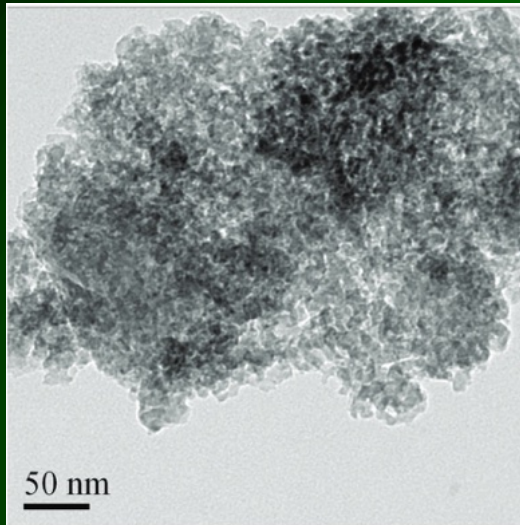
Solid Target ablation/recondensation



Rouillé 2020

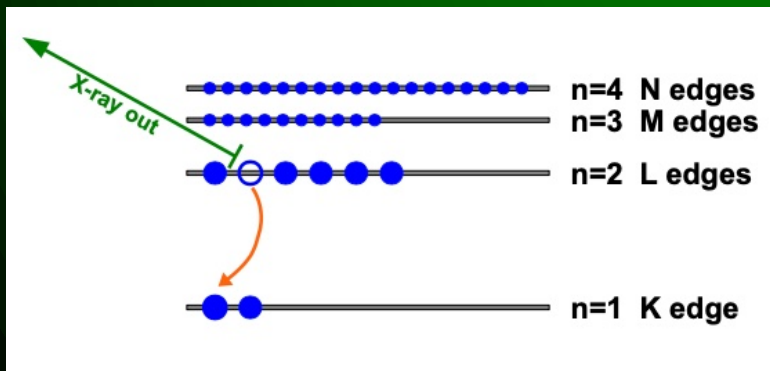
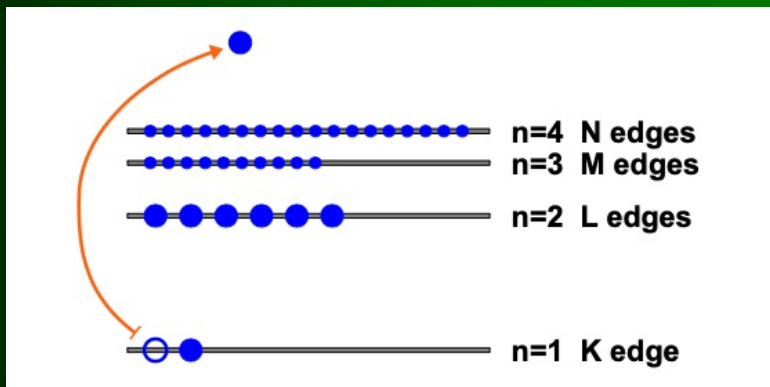
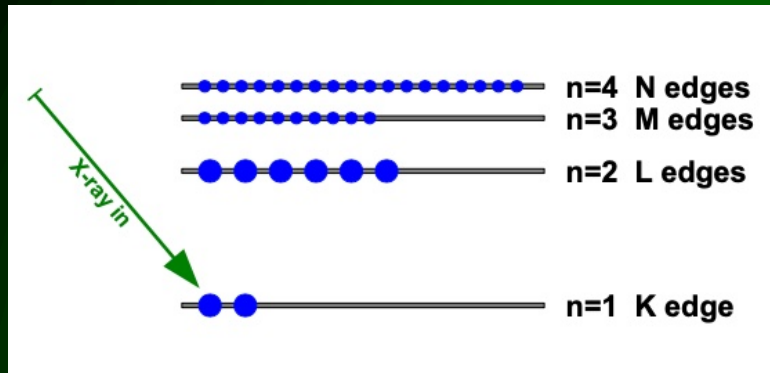
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Optical constants determination and T dependence

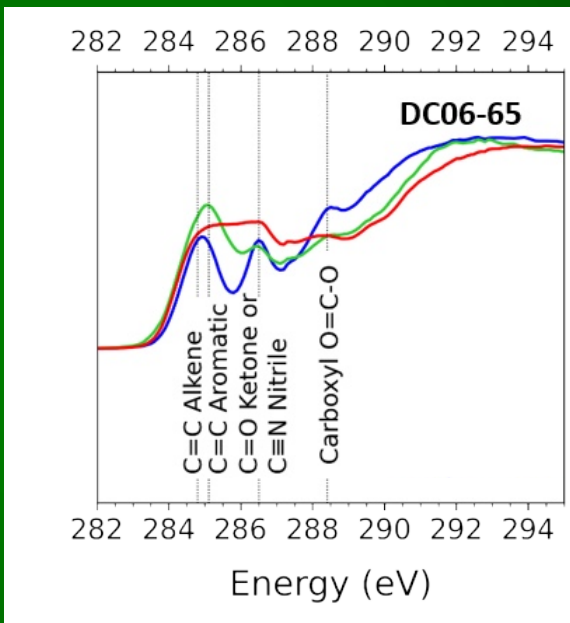
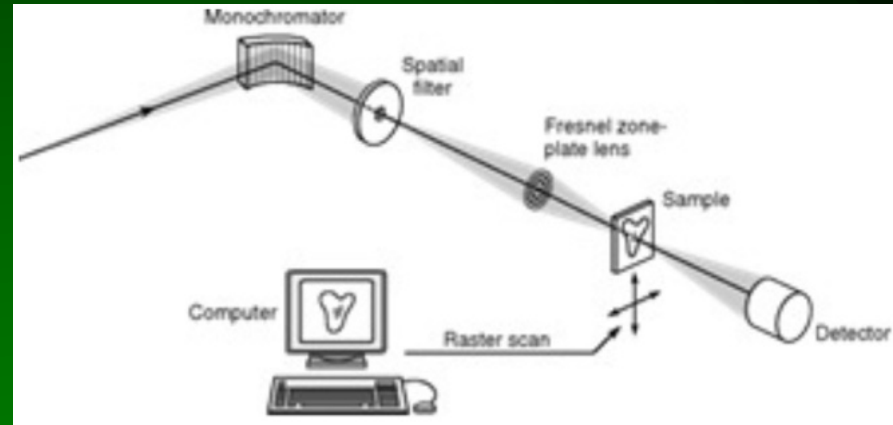


Demyk+ 2022, 2017

# ISM composition from X-rays lab probe

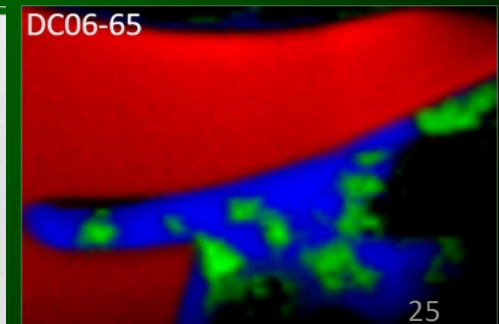
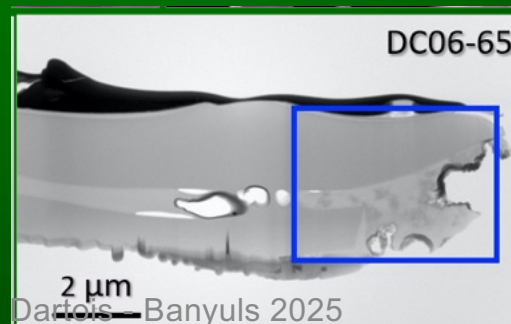


Ravel 2015



Applied to  
extraterrestrial  
material:  
Ultracarbonaceous  
micrometeorites

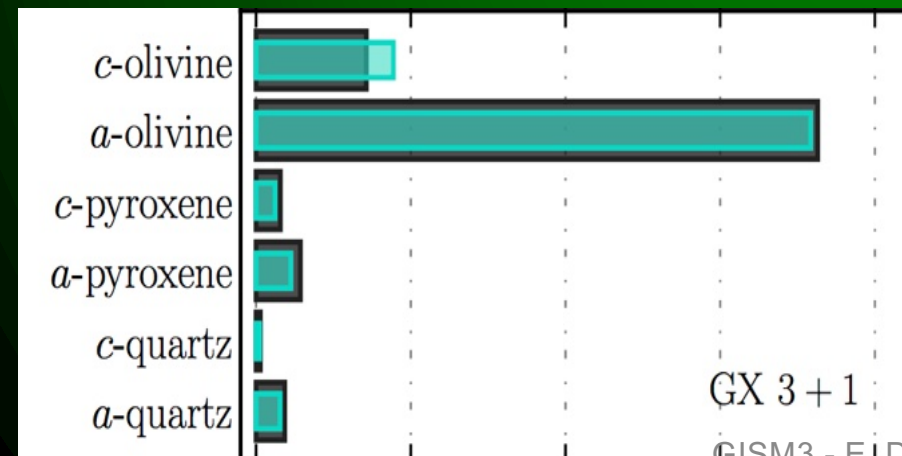
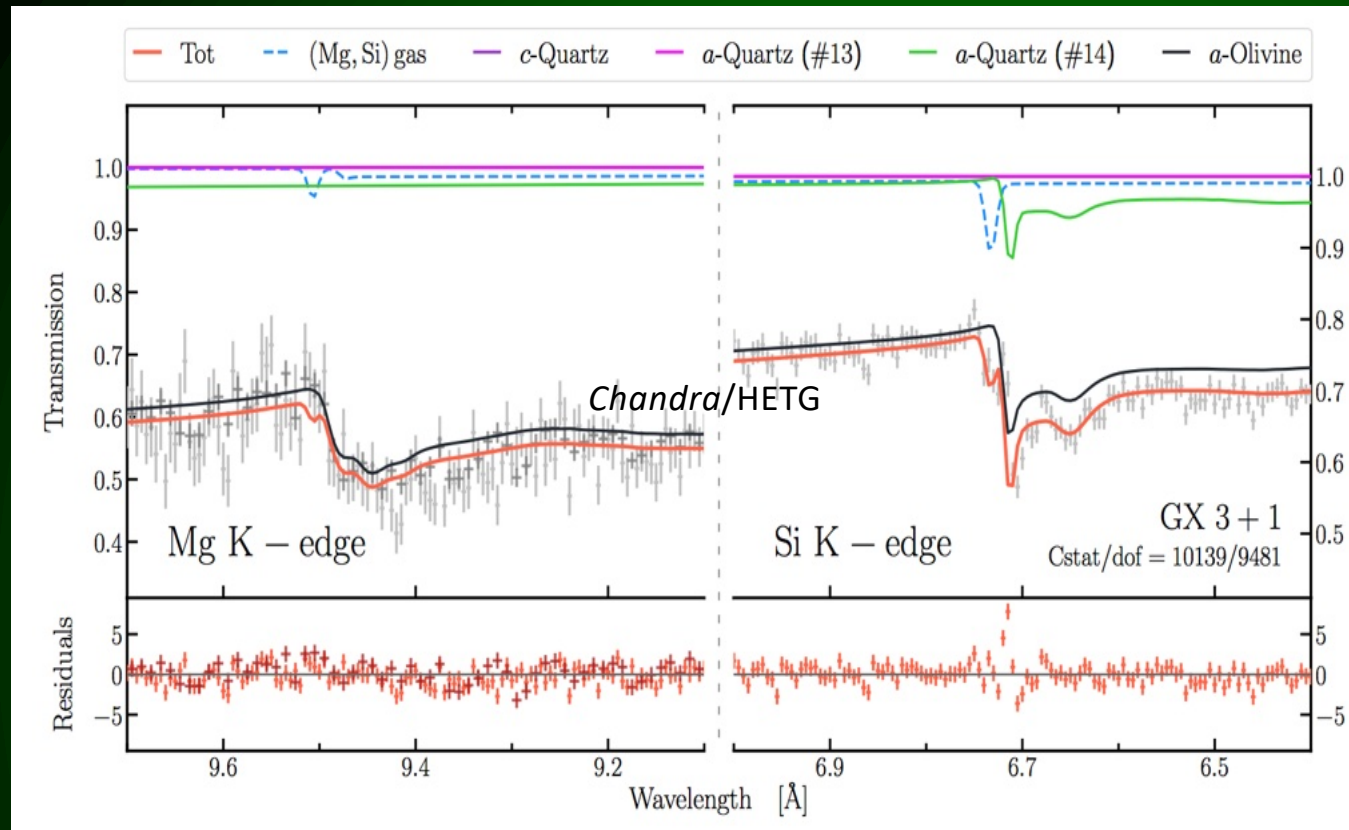
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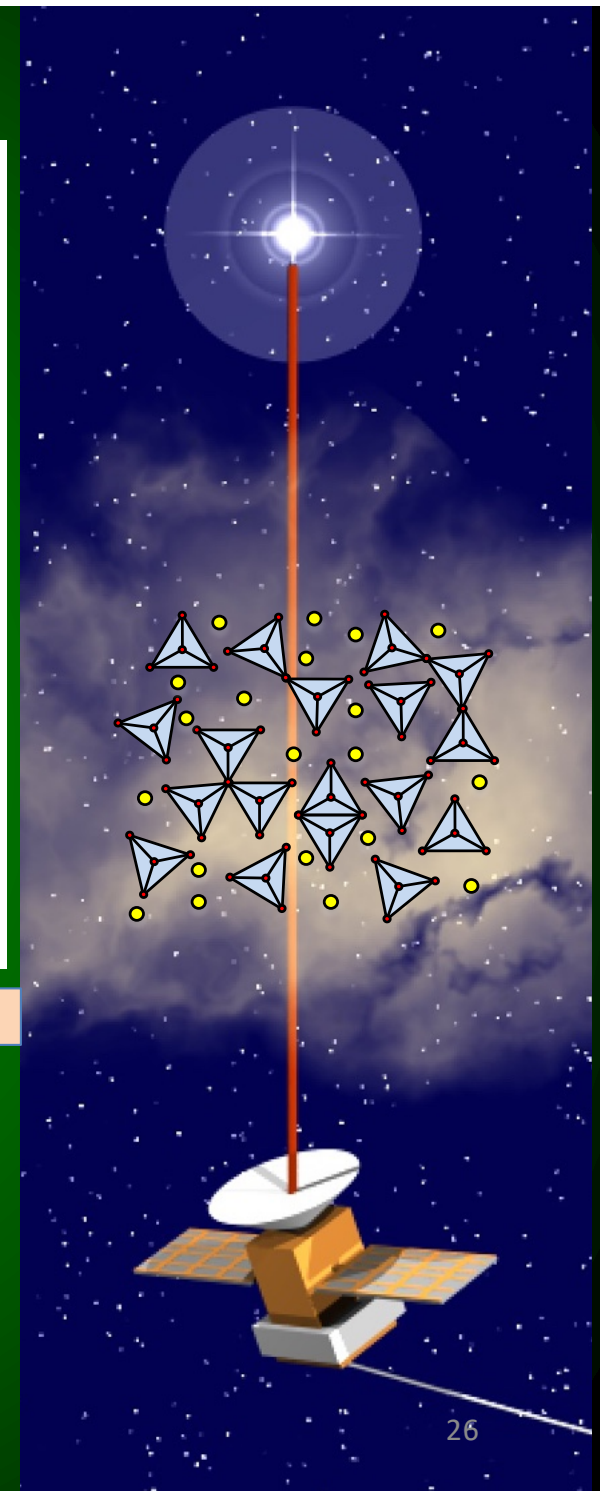
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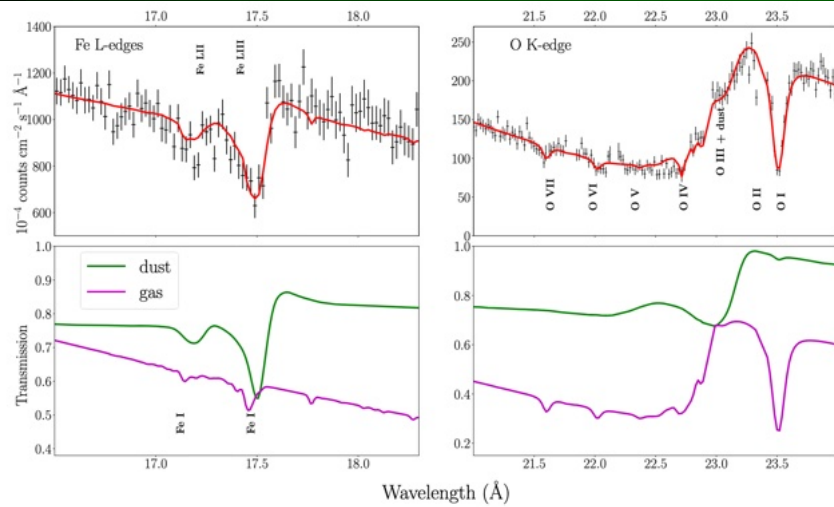
Rogantini+2020, Psaradaki+2022

GX 3 + 1

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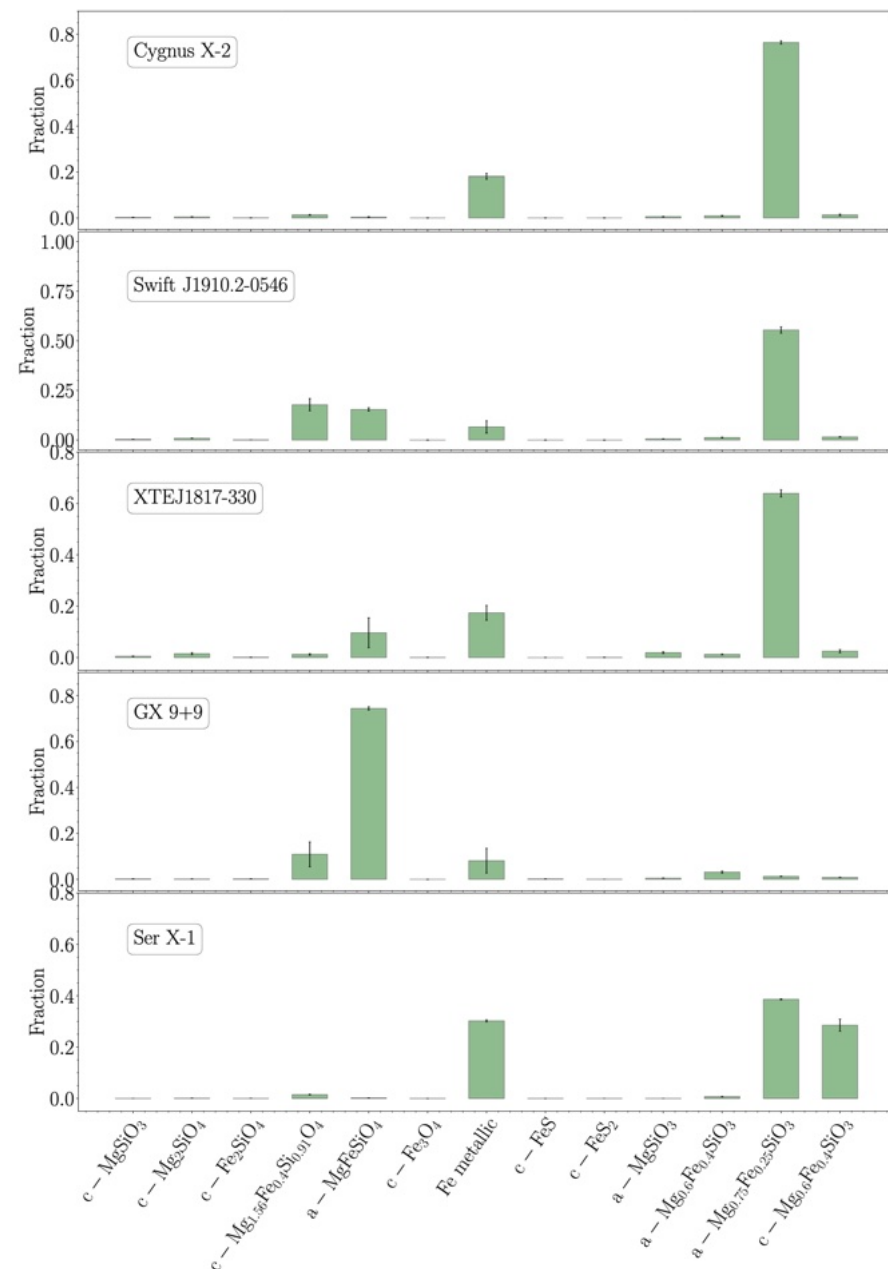


Psaradaki+2023

Mg-rich amorphous pyroxene ( $\text{Mg}_{0.75}\text{Fe}_{0.25}\text{SiO}_3$ ) largest fraction of dust towards most of the X-ray sources, about 70% on average.

~15% of the dust column density in lines of sight could be in metallic Fe.

No strong evidence for ferromagnetic compounds, such as  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  or iron sulfides ( $\text{FeS}$ ,  $\text{FeS}_2$ ).

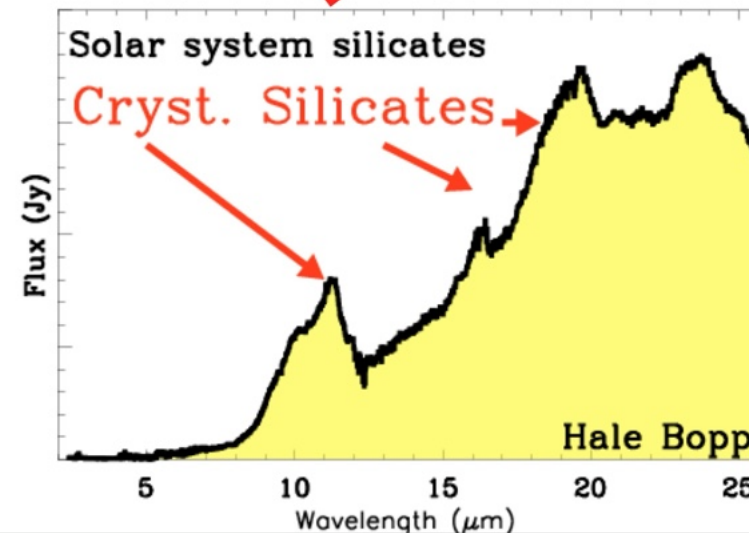
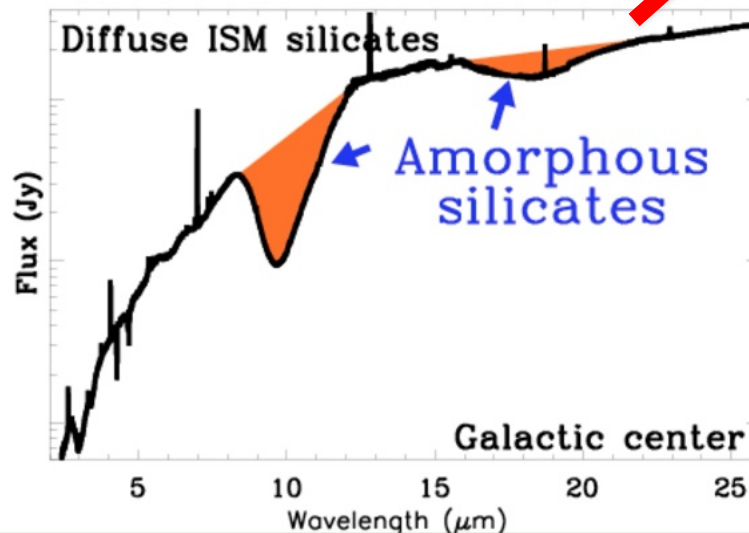
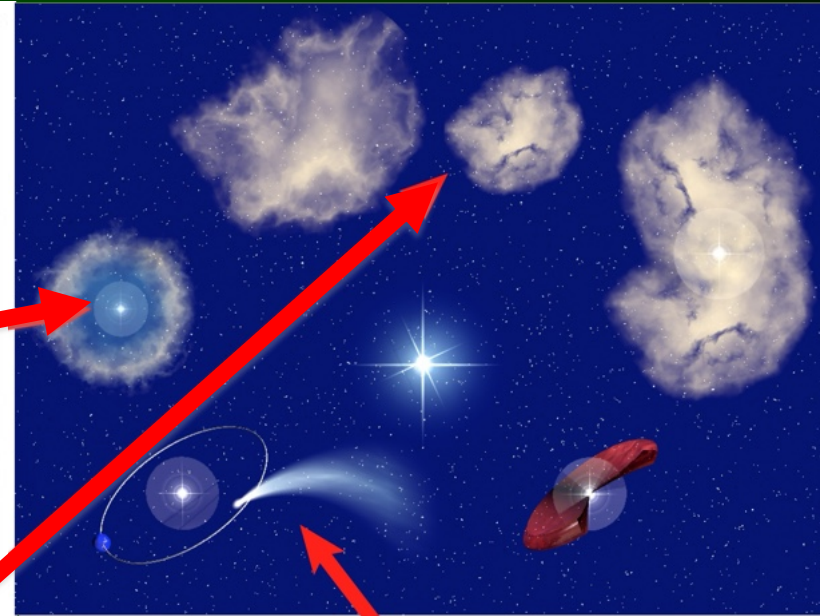
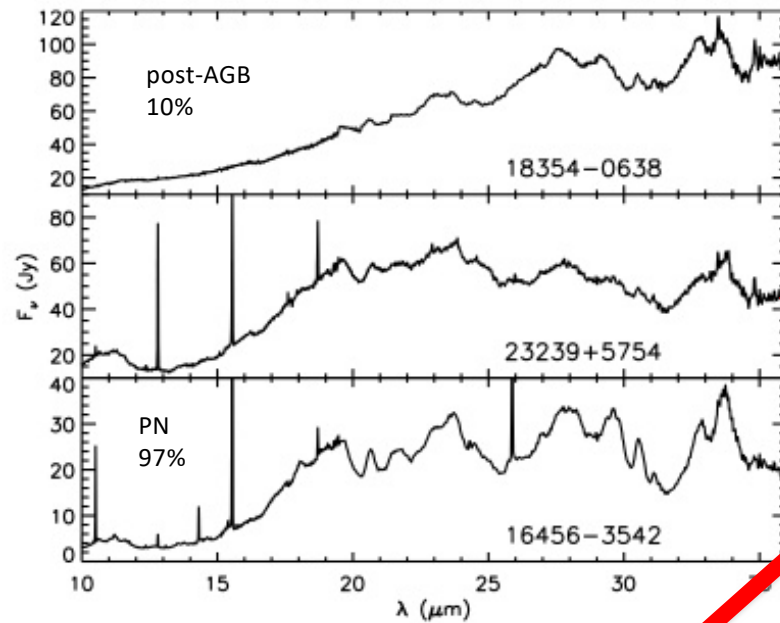


# Silicates : crystals are locally formed/(re-)processed

Spitzer

Jiang et al. 2013

Infrared Space Observatory



Dartois 2008, « Cosmic Dust: Near and Far », Heidelberg

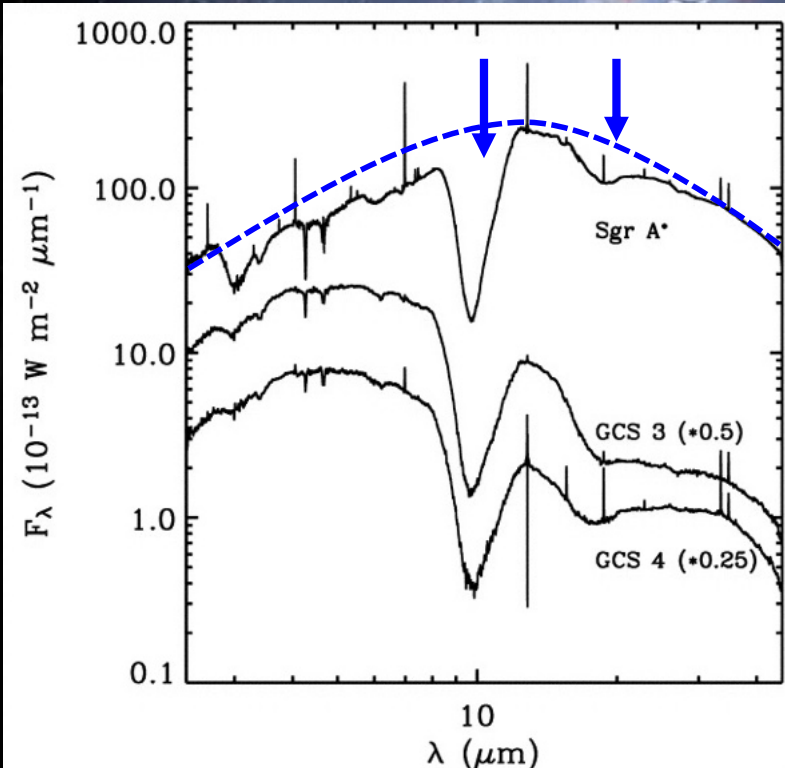


# Why amorphous silicates in the DISM?

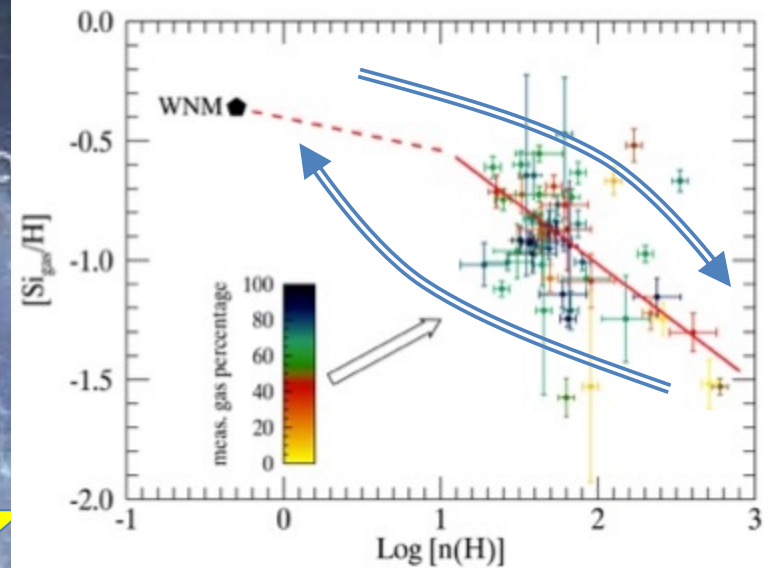
Kemper+2004  
Wright+ 2016

Si-O stretch

O-Si-O bend



1.1%  $\pm$  1.1% crystalline



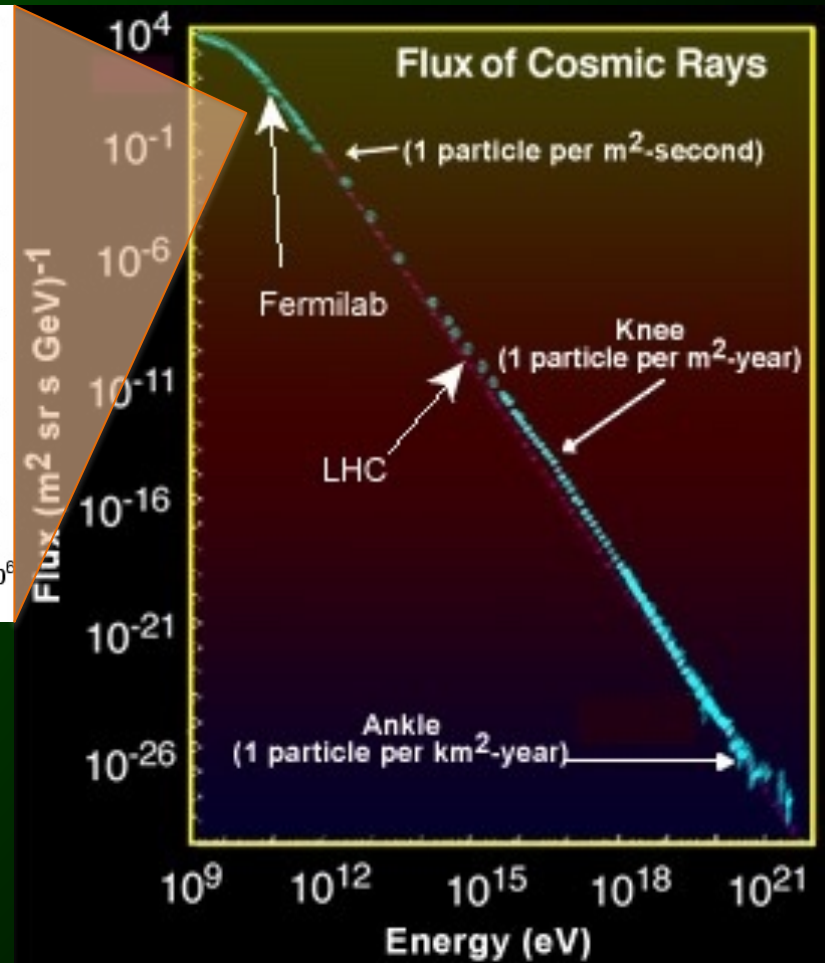
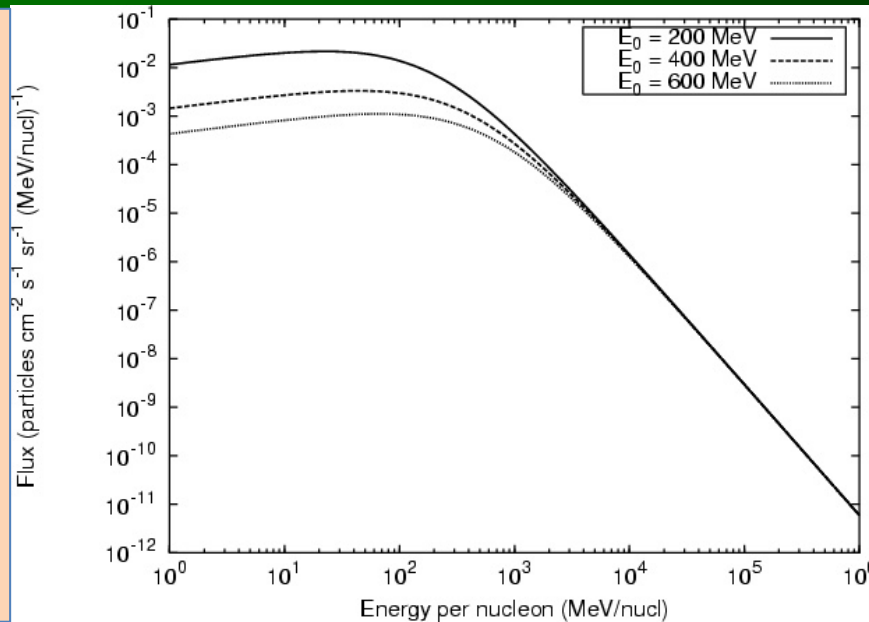
Zhukovska+ 2018, Jenkins 2011



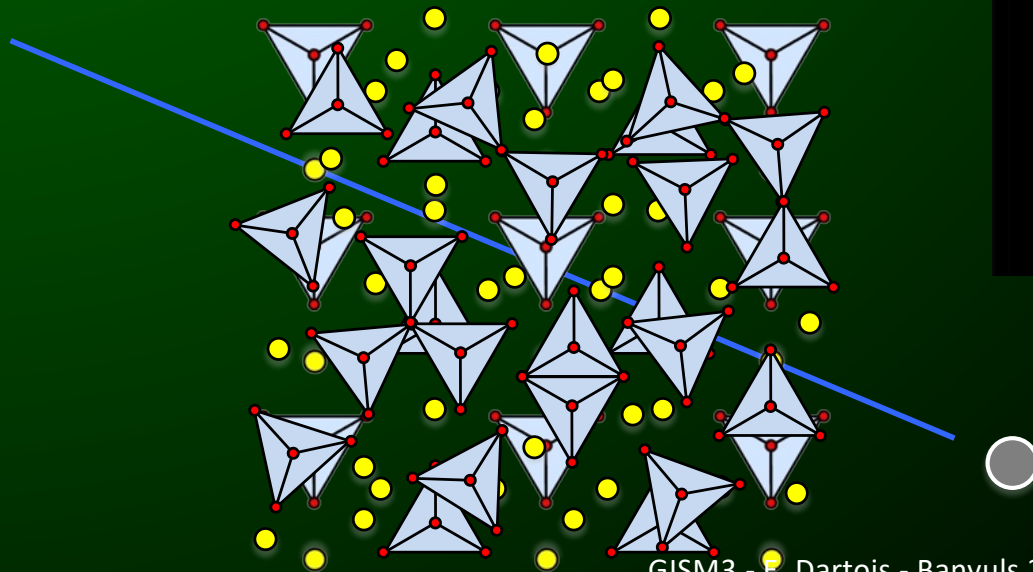
Proportion inherited from stars vs growth by accretion in ISM ?

# Influence of cosmic rays

Webber & Yushak 1983, Shen 2004



LPSC Grenoble



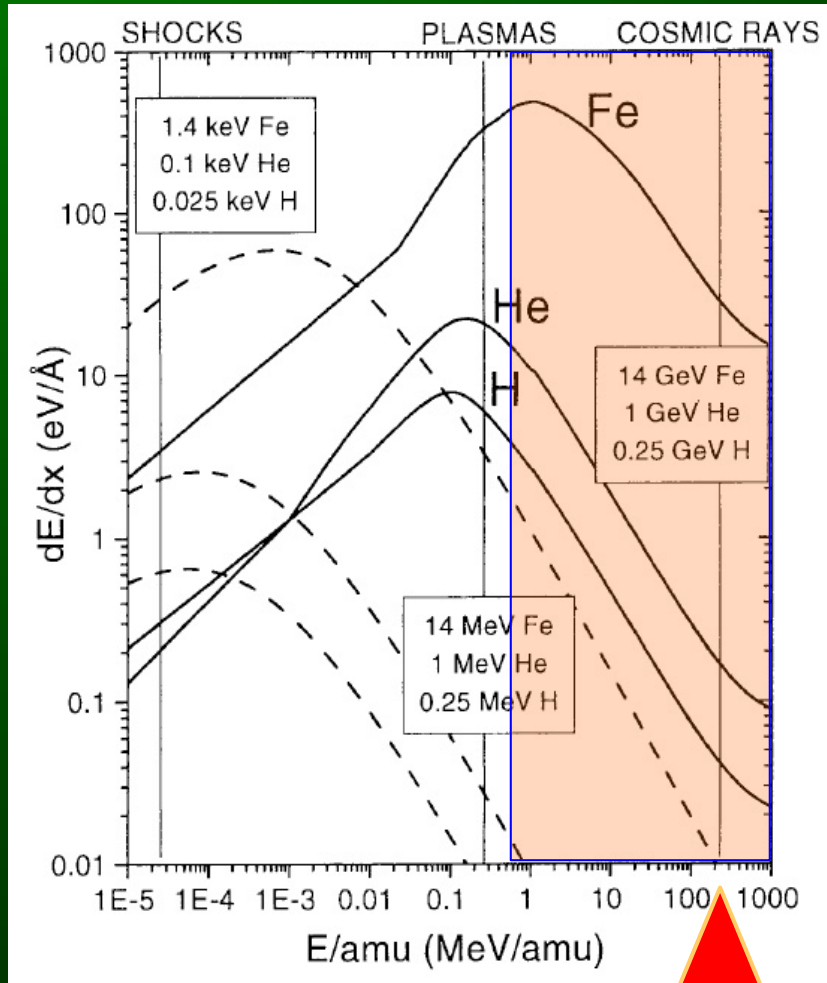
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# Energy deposition in astrophysical solids

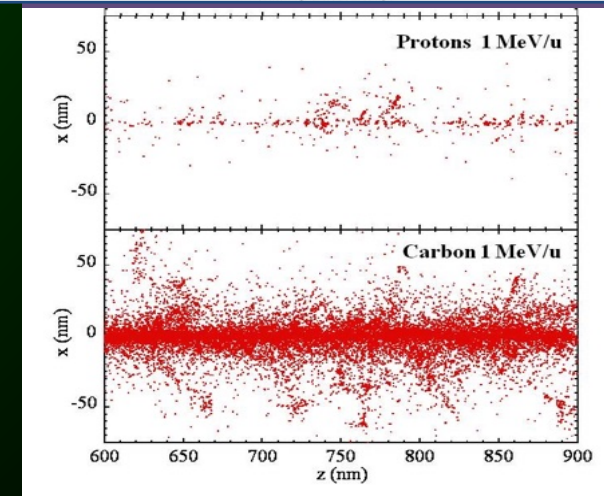
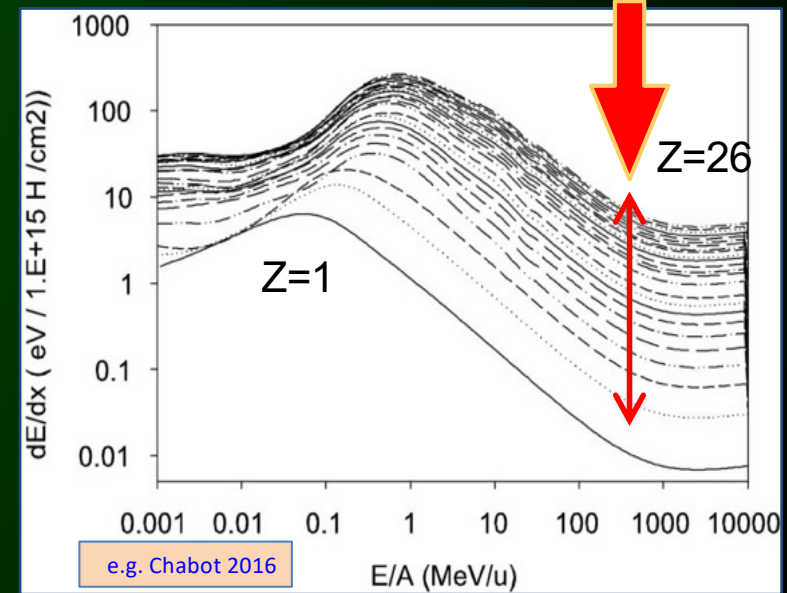
Nrj ~ a few 100 MeV/nucl

Ion matter interactions scale with dE/dx

$$S_e = dE/dx \propto Z^2$$



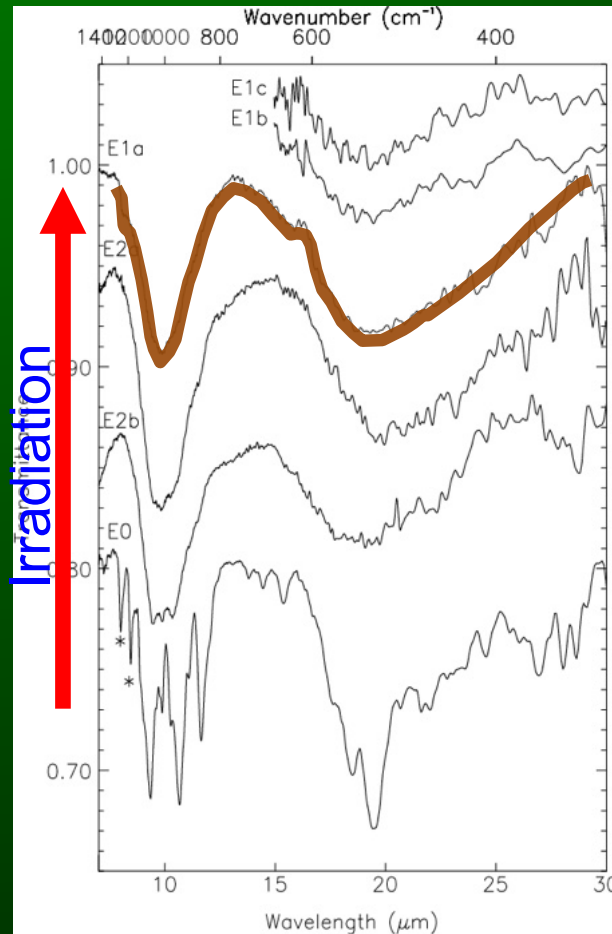
Bringa 2003





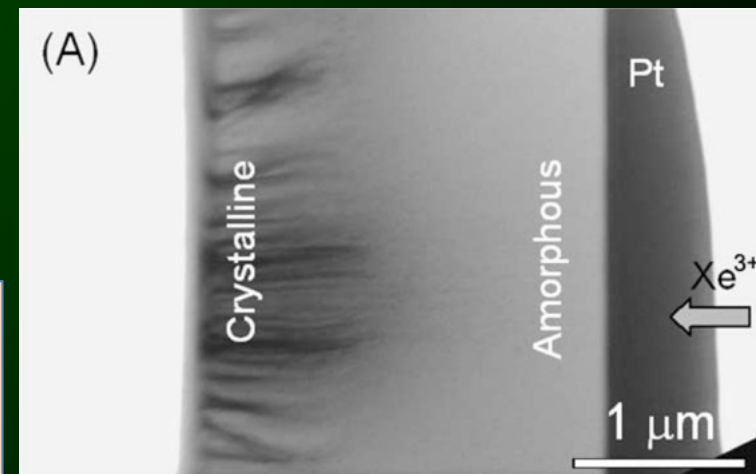
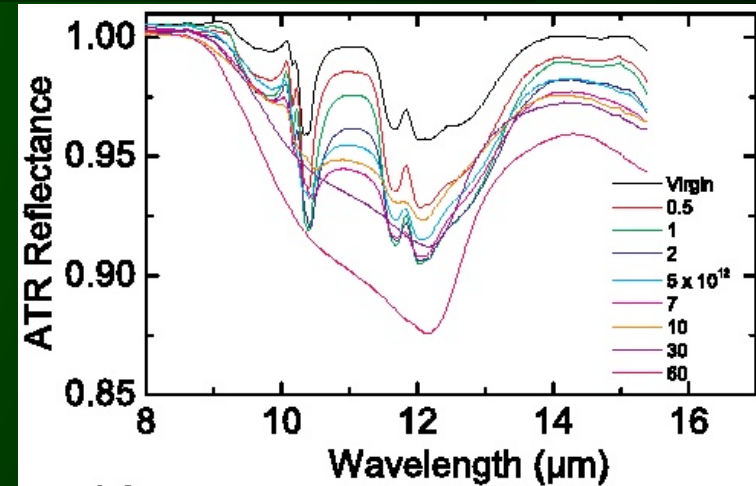
# Amorphous silicates & CR in the laboratory

CR irradiation simulations 20-50keV  
He+ irradiation of Enstatite ( $\text{MgSiO}_3$ )

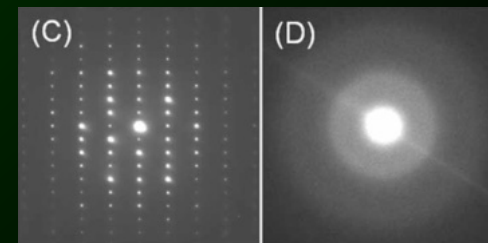


Demyk+2004

e.g. Szenes+2010, Bringa+2007,  
Stratzzulla+2005, Demyk+2004,  
Brucato+2003, 2004, Carrez+2002,  
Shrempel+2002

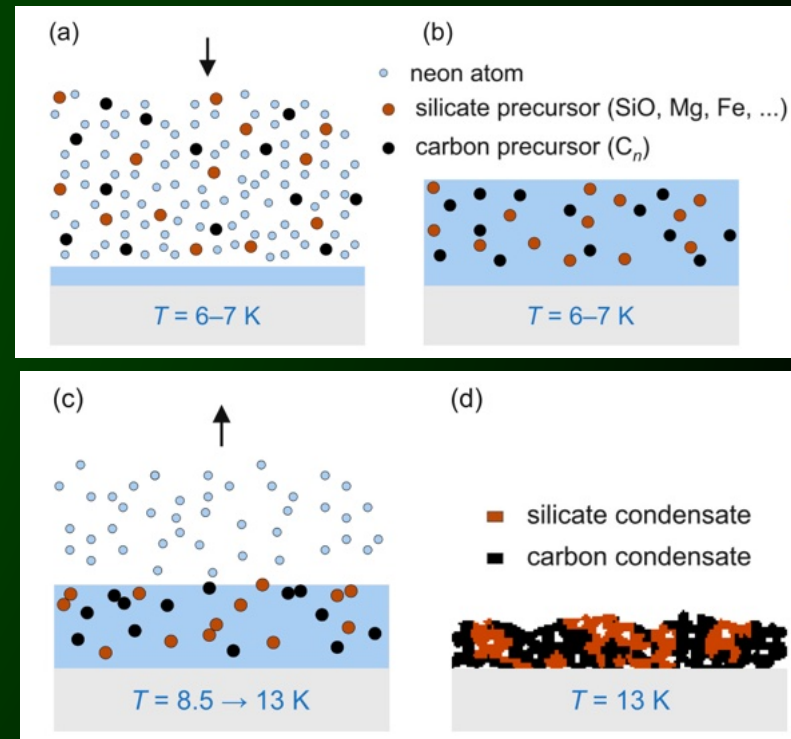
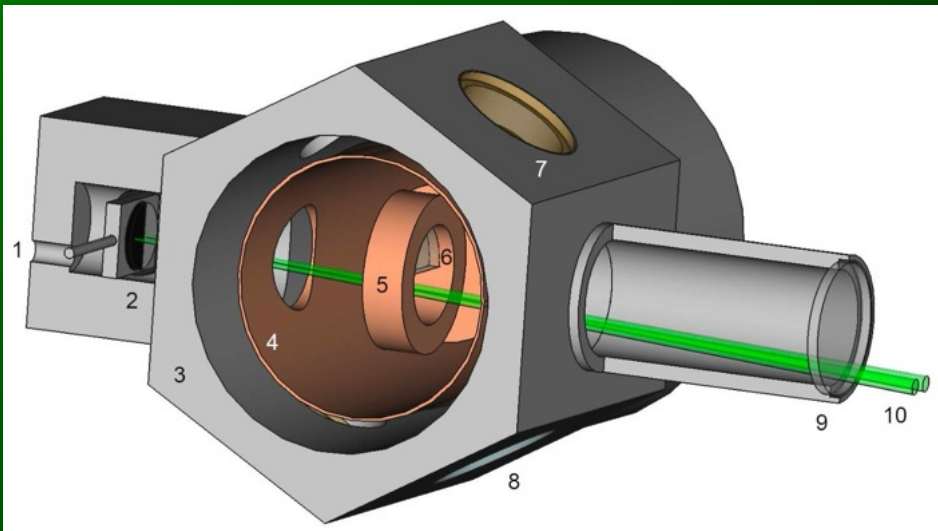


Bringa+2007

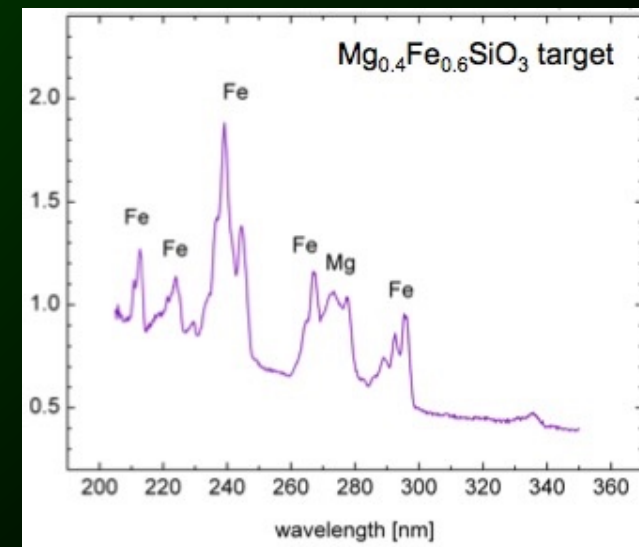
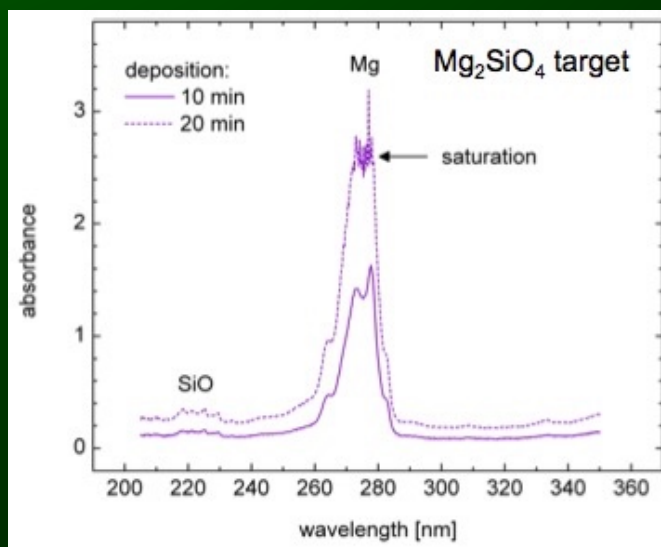


« 0.1-5.0 GeV heavy-ion cosmic rays can rapidly  
(~70 Myr) amorphize crystalline silicate »

# Amorphous silicates from gas in the lab

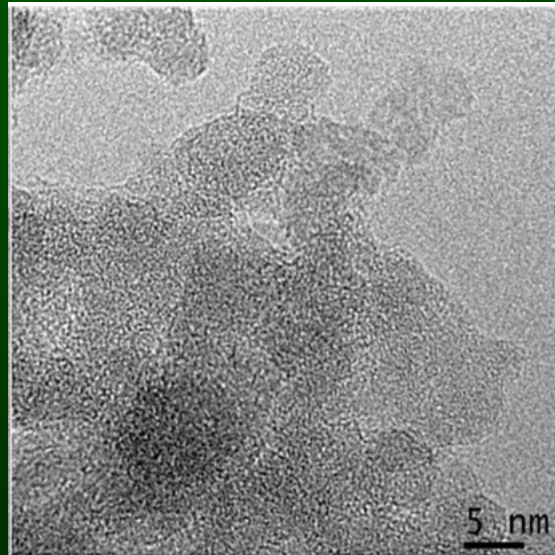
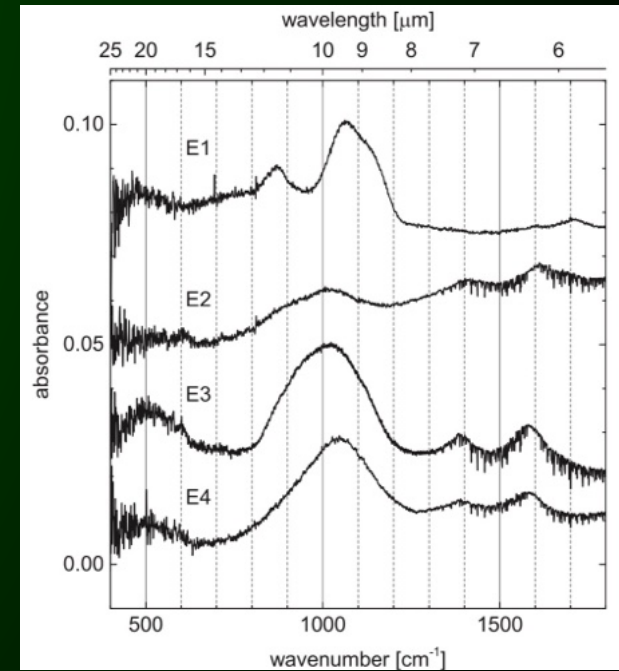
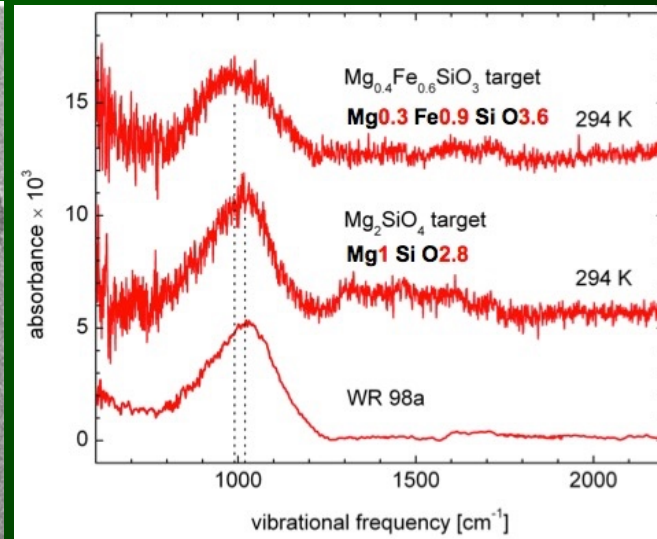
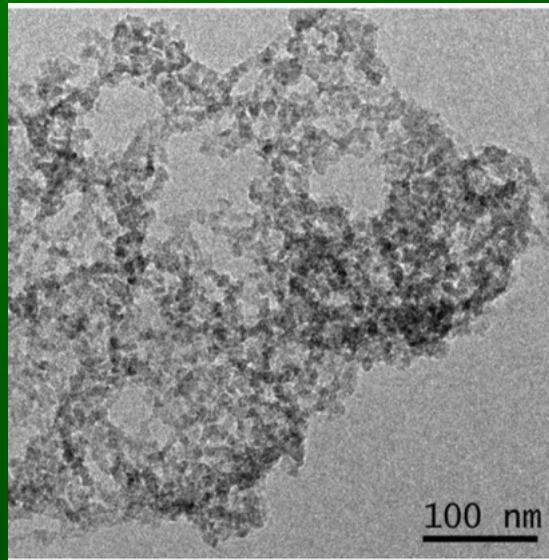


Rouillé 2020



# Amorphous silicates from gas in the lab

Lab work on condensation of an amorphous phase from atoms at very low T

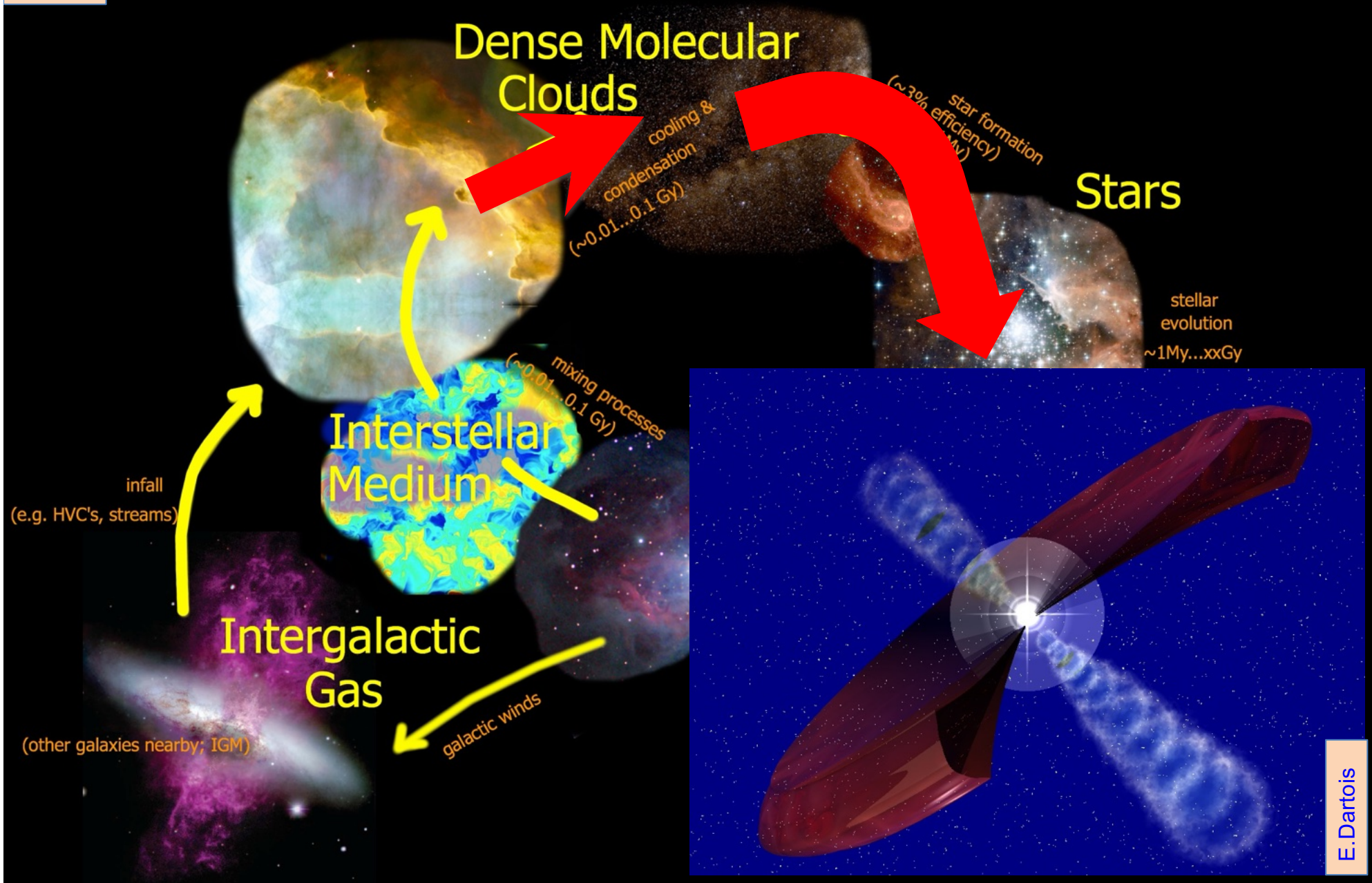


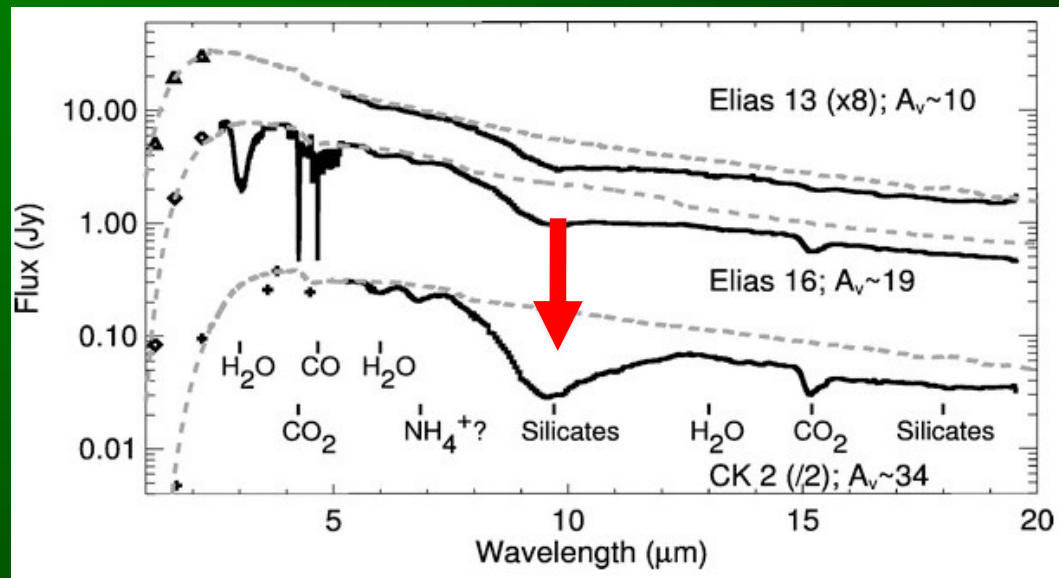
e.g. Rouillé+2020, 2014, Nuth & Moore 1989, Donn+1981, Khanna+1981

**Table 1**  
Average Concentrations<sup>a</sup> of Matrix-isolated Species

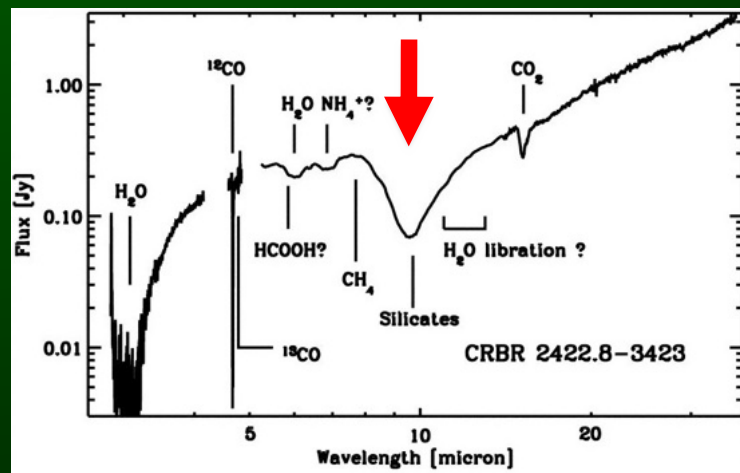
| Species                        | E1 <sup>b</sup> | E2     | E3    | E4   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|------|
| Mg                             | ...             | 10.06  | 1.55  | 1.64 |
| Fe                             | ...             | ...    | 19.2  | 16.2 |
| SiO                            | 26.0            | 19.6   | 59.3  | 41.1 |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | ...             | 6.63   | 17.9  | 11.3 |
| Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 16.4            | ...    | 8.81  | 15.9 |
| Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 6.76            | ...    | ...   | 1.14 |
| C <sub>2</sub>                 | ...             | 1.53   | 2.83  | 4.99 |
| C <sub>3</sub>                 | 10.0            | 4.90   | 11.7  | 35.2 |
| C <sub>4</sub>                 | 0.538           | 2.41   | 2.17  | 4.58 |
| C <sub>5</sub>                 | 2.02            | 3.41   | 3.53  | 8.49 |
| C <sub>6</sub>                 | 2.55            | 1.15   | 5.15  | 9.91 |
| C <sub>7</sub>                 | 0.297           | 1.72   | 0.551 | 1.00 |
| C <sub>8</sub>                 | 0.243           | 0.0972 | 0.390 | ...  |
| C <sub>9</sub>                 | 0.498           | 0.156  | 0.554 | 1.55 |
| CO                             | 8.92            | 610    | 477   | 458  |
| CO <sub>2</sub>                | 5.85            | 70.4   | 65.8  | 51.5 |
| C <sub>3</sub> O               | 0.330           | 14.5   | 13.2  | 19.0 |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>c</sup>  | 425             | 213    | 483   | 180  |
| O <sub>3</sub>                 | ...             | 24.9   | 30.2  | 13.9 |



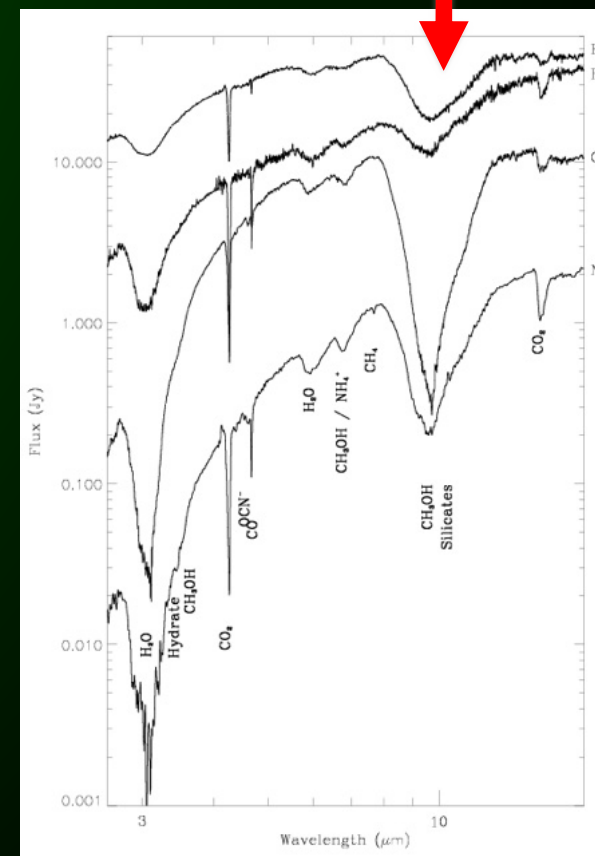
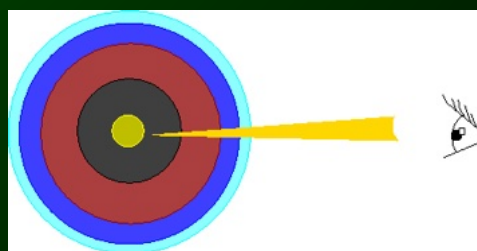




e.g. Knez+2005, Bergin+2005

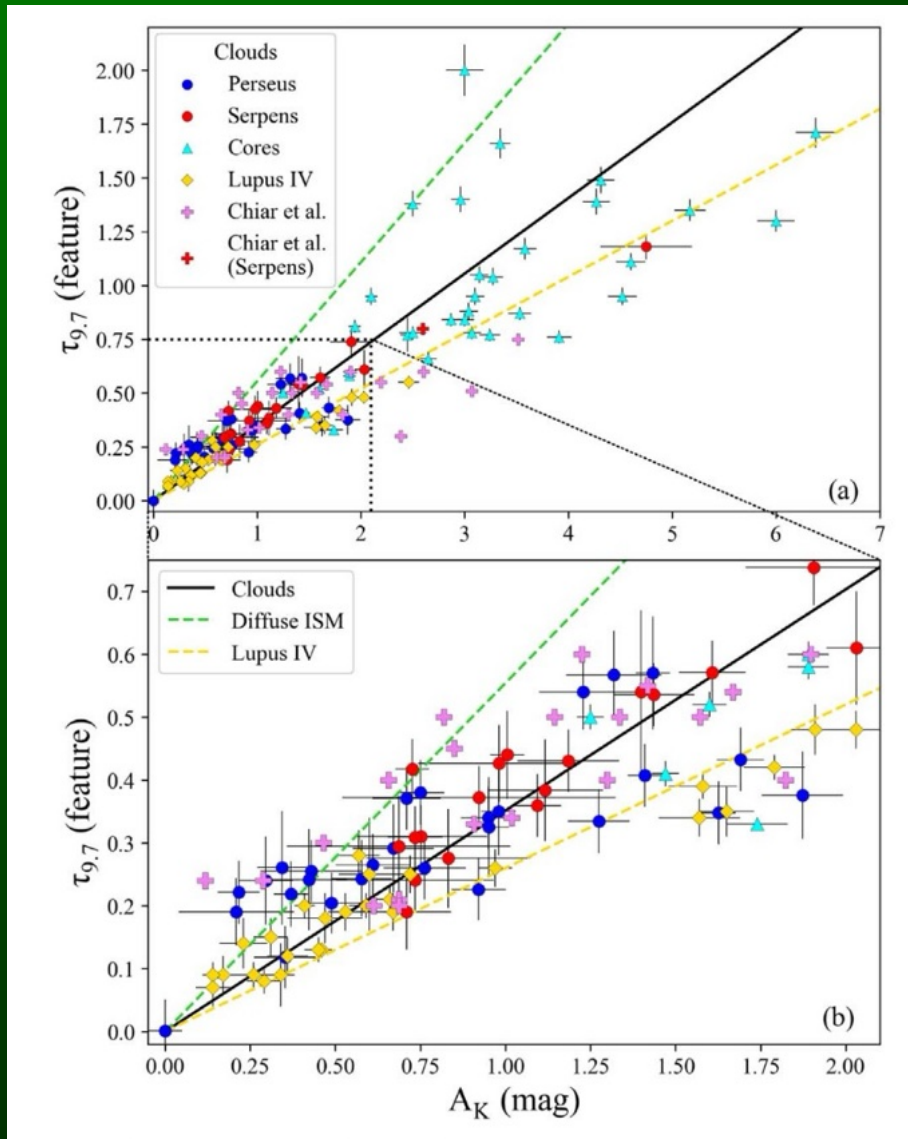


Spitzer/VLT, Pontoppidan+2005



ISO database extract

# Silicates in dense clouds/cores



$\tau_{9.7}/AK$  from DISM values ( $\sim 0.55$ ) to lower ratios ( $\sim 0.26$ ).

$AK > \sim 1.2$  ( $AV \sim 10$ ; Perseus, Lupus, dense cores) and  $\sim 2.0$  ( $AV \sim 17$ ; Serpens), the  $\tau_{9.7}/AK$  ratio is lowest.

$\tau_{9.7}/AK$  reduction from diffuse to dense clouds consistent with moderate grain growth ( $\sim 0.5 \mu m$ )

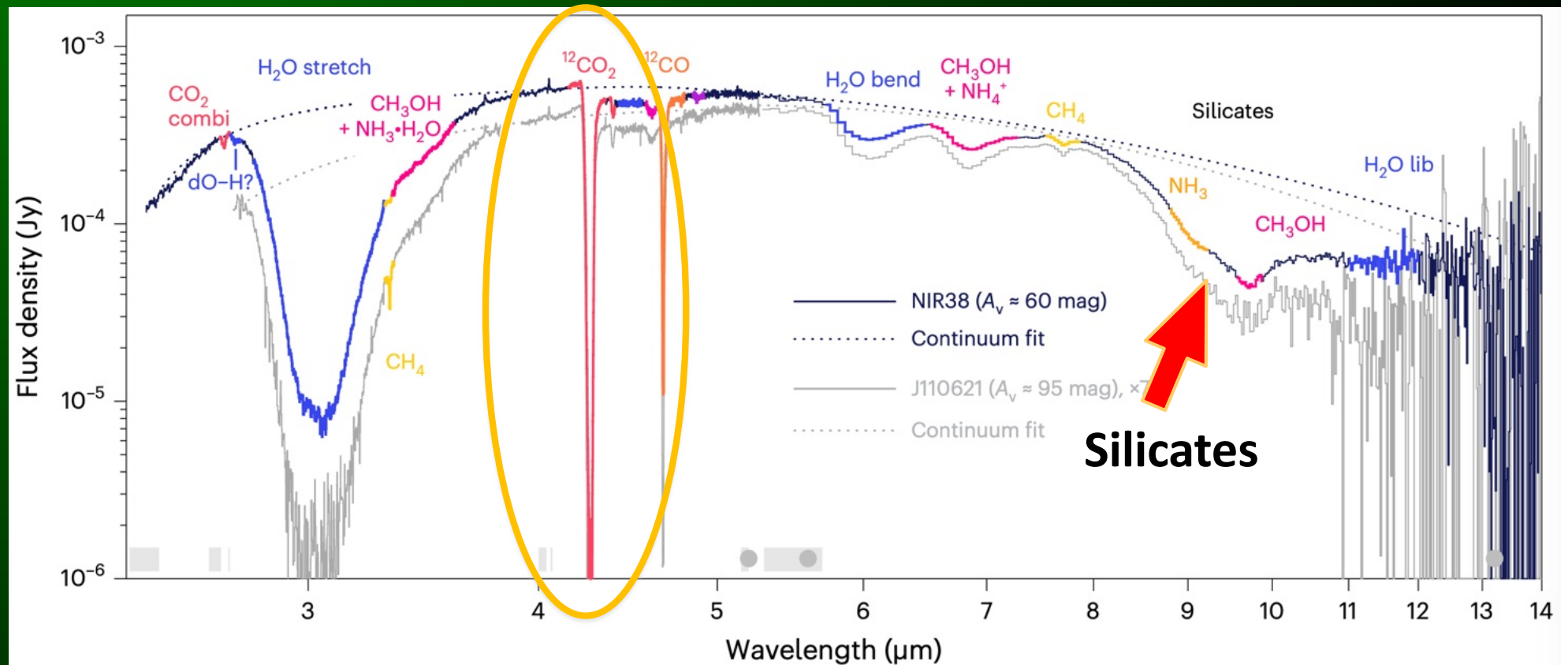
NIR excess increase ( $AK$ ) but not affecting much silicate band profiles.



# Silicates at highest extinction



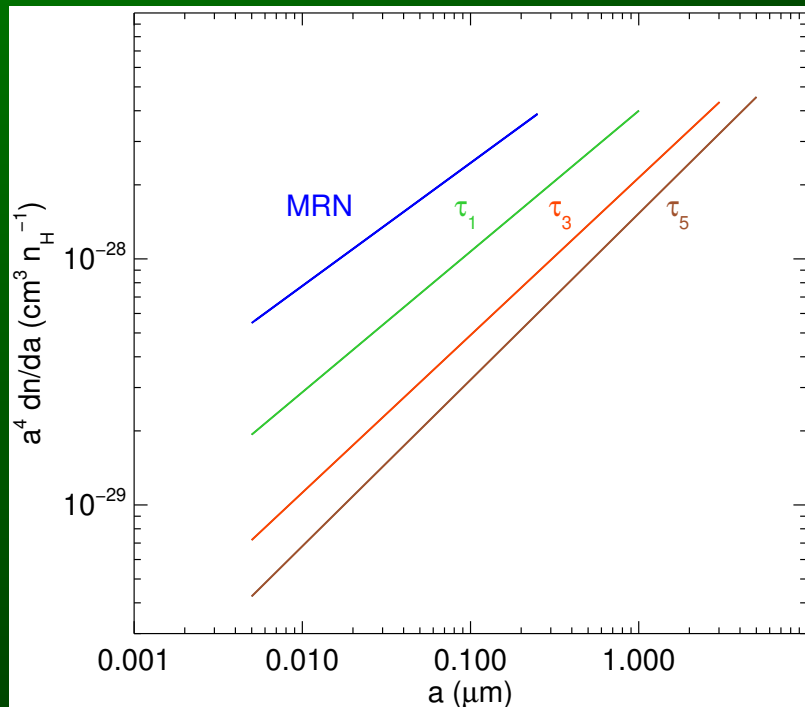
JWST spectra of densest cloud ices to date!



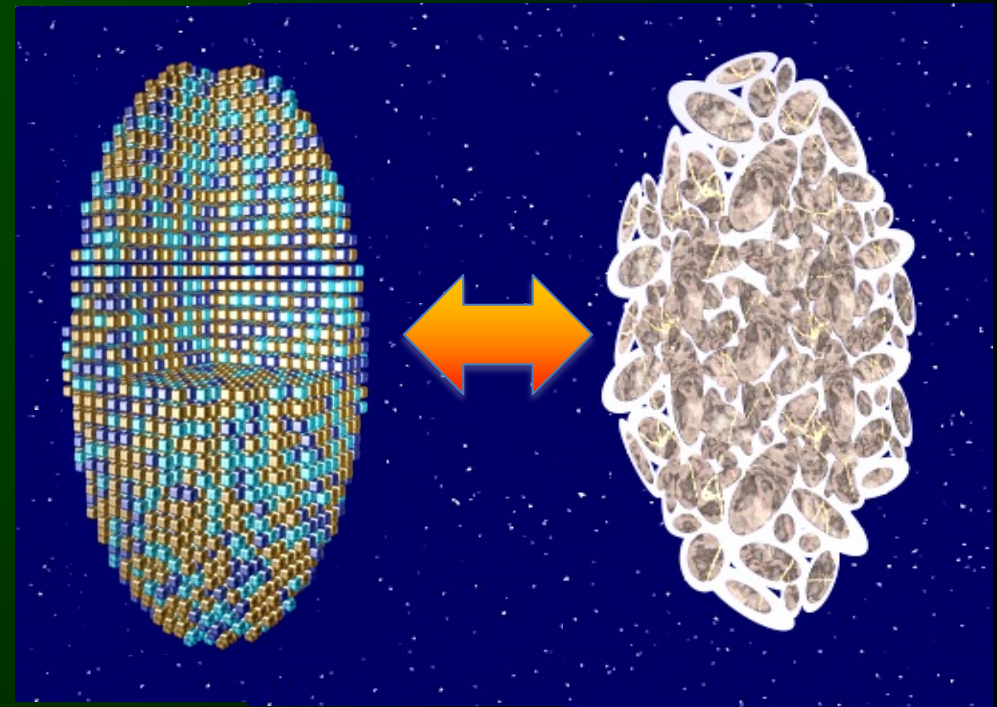
McClure+ 2023

# Exploring dust grains growth and size distribution

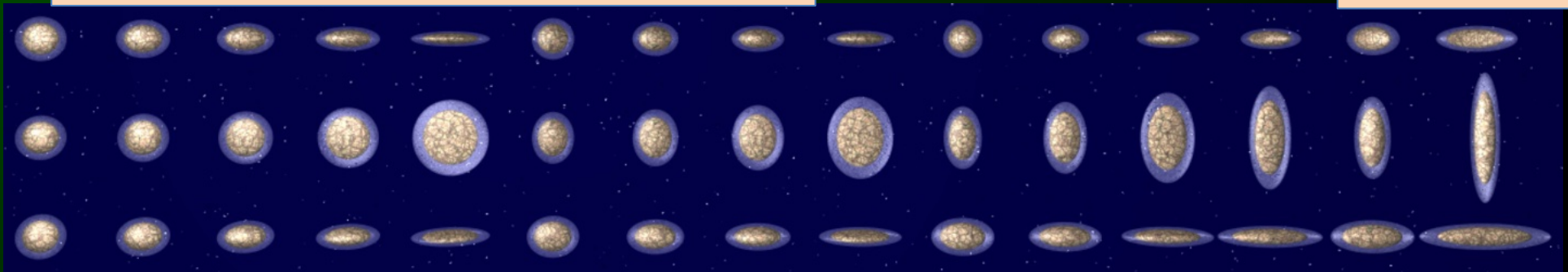
Distribution evolution                      modelling



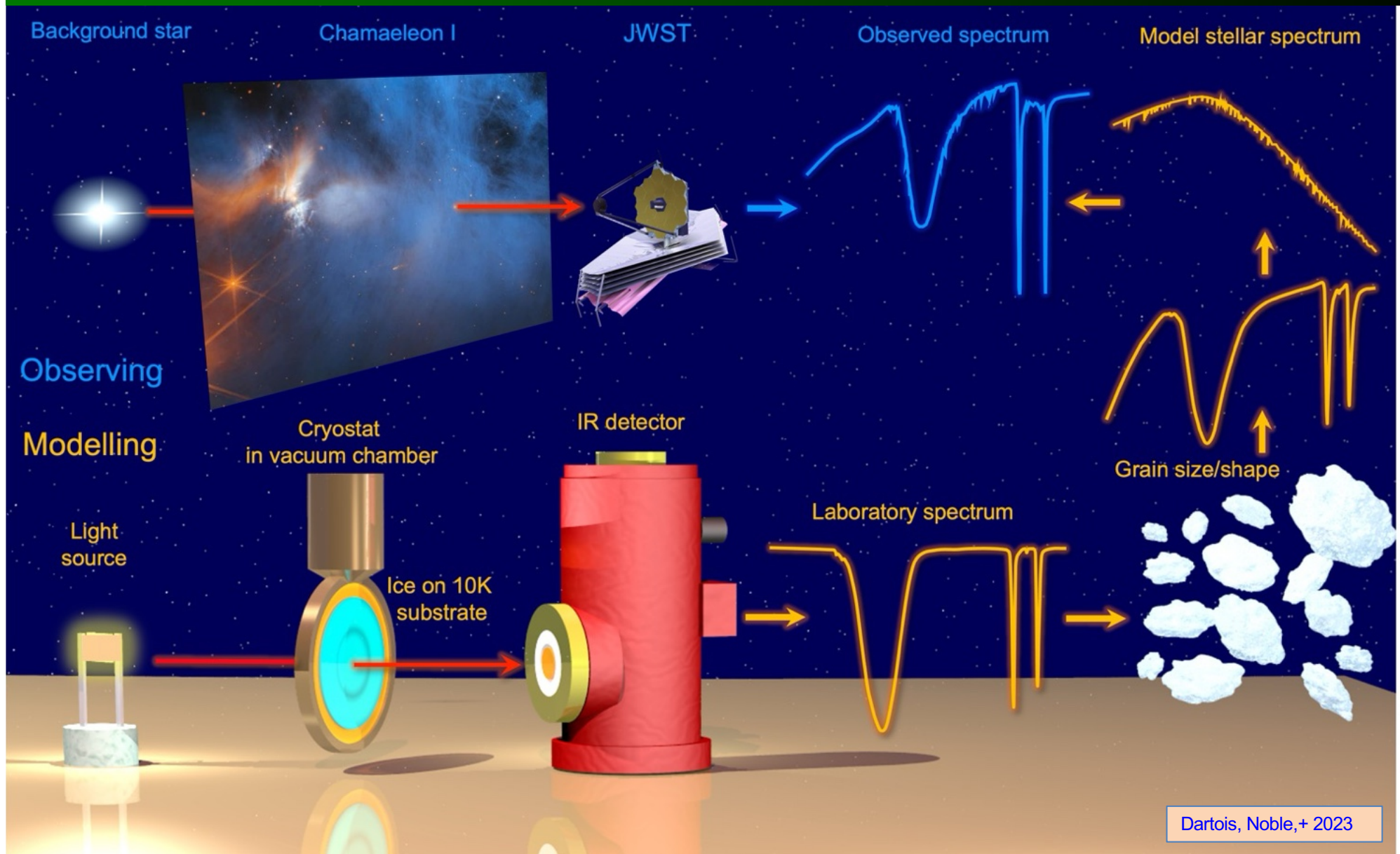
Silsbee+ 2020; Paruta+ 2016; Ormel+ 2011, 2009; Weingartner & Draine 2001



Dartois+2022, 2025

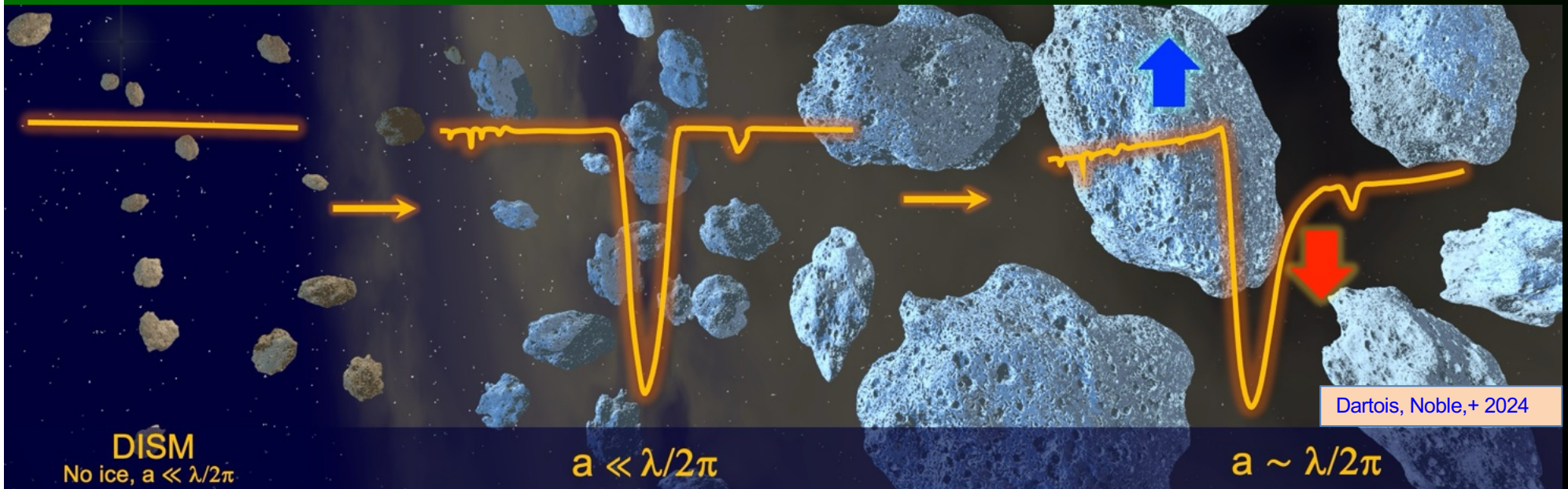


# The process of modelling the observed NIR38 and J110621 spectra



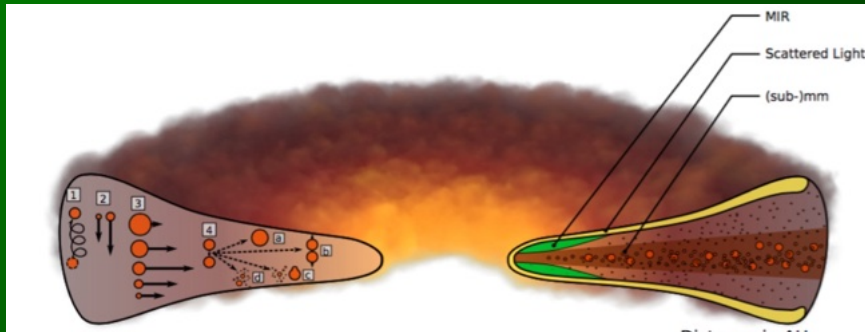


- grain growth will impact the observed band profiles

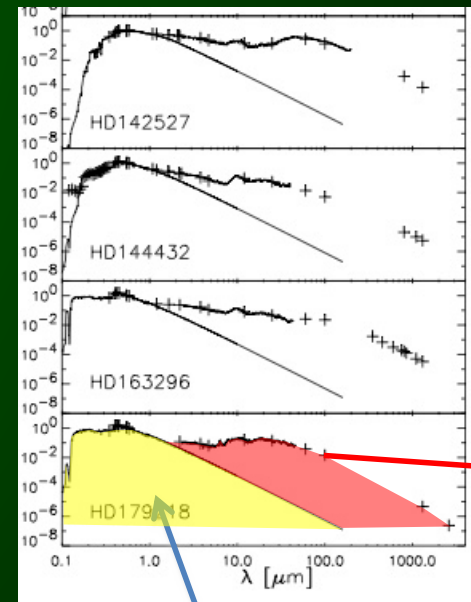


- Observed growth to the micron size with JWST in Ice Age ERS dense cloud high  $A_v$  previous to class 0
- Will potentially affect the available surface for astrochemistry

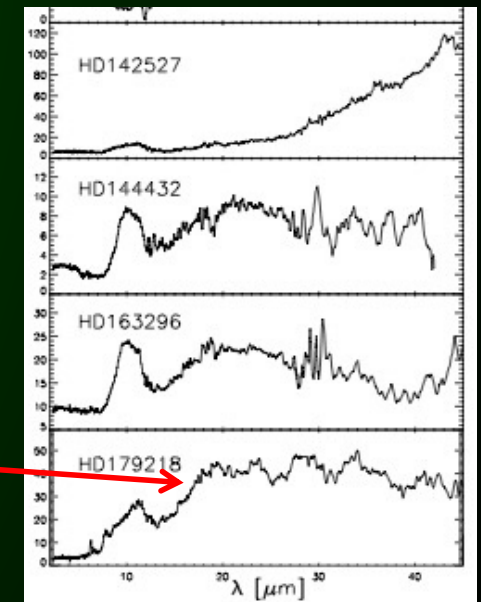
# Silicates in circumstellar disks (Herbig Ae/Be)



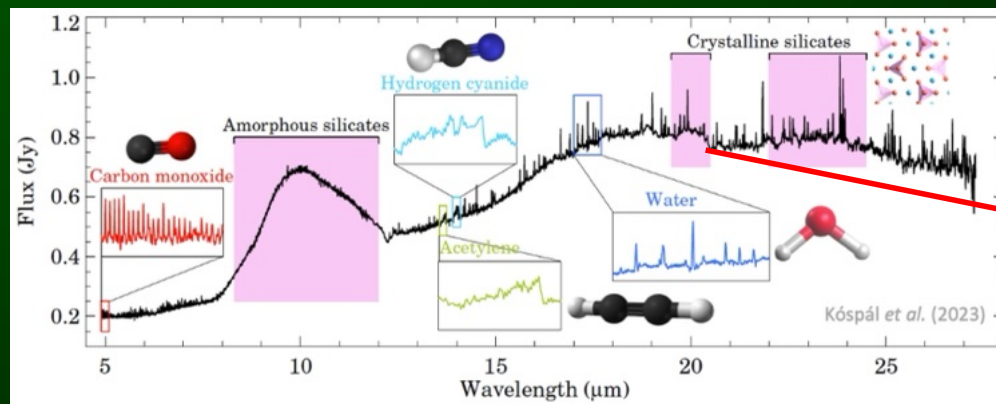
Testi+ 2014



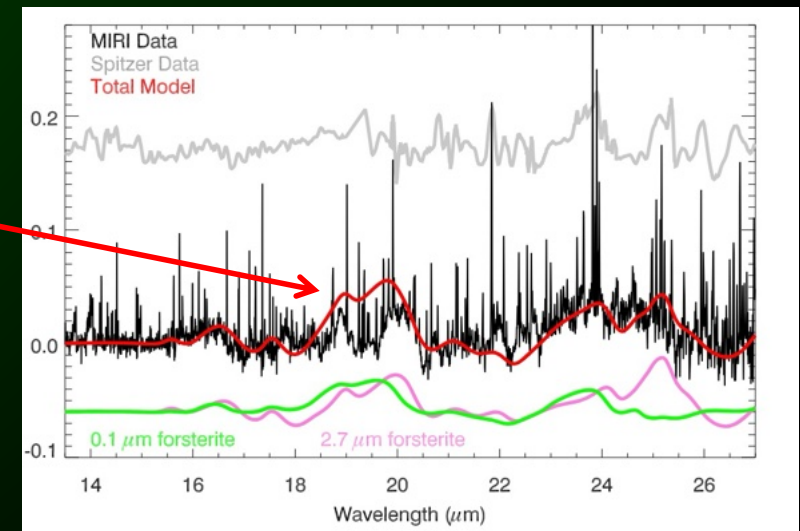
Kurucz model



Meeus+ 2001



Kóspál+ 2023

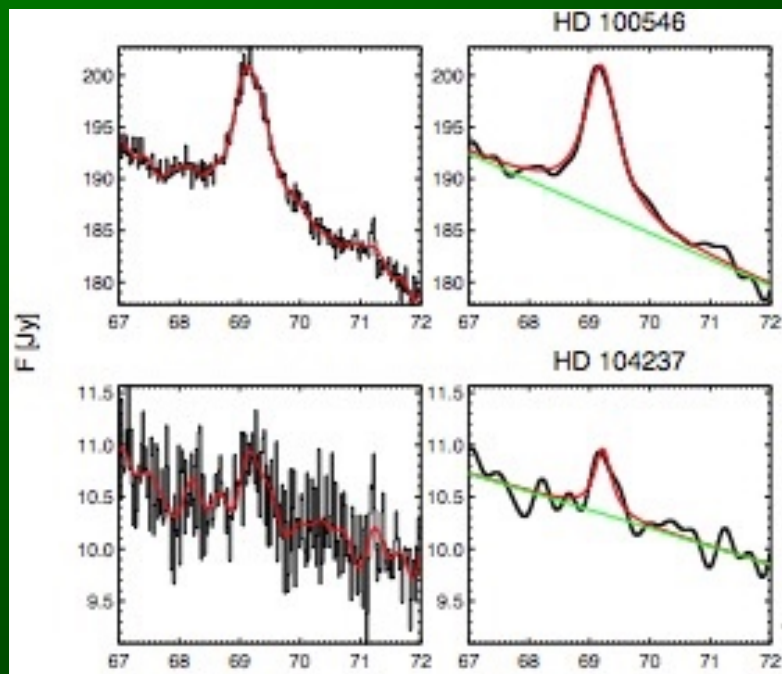


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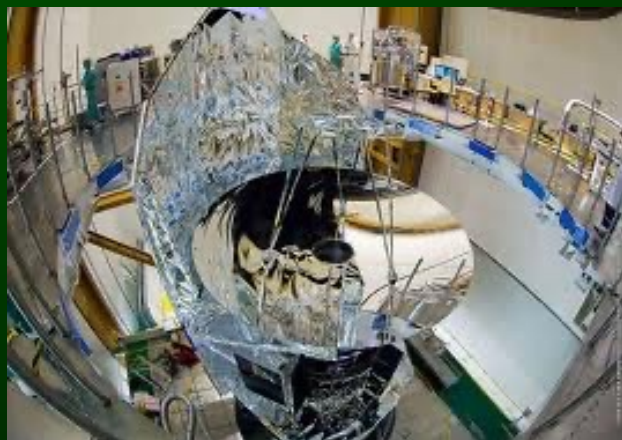


# Silicates in disks

## Comparison to lab data

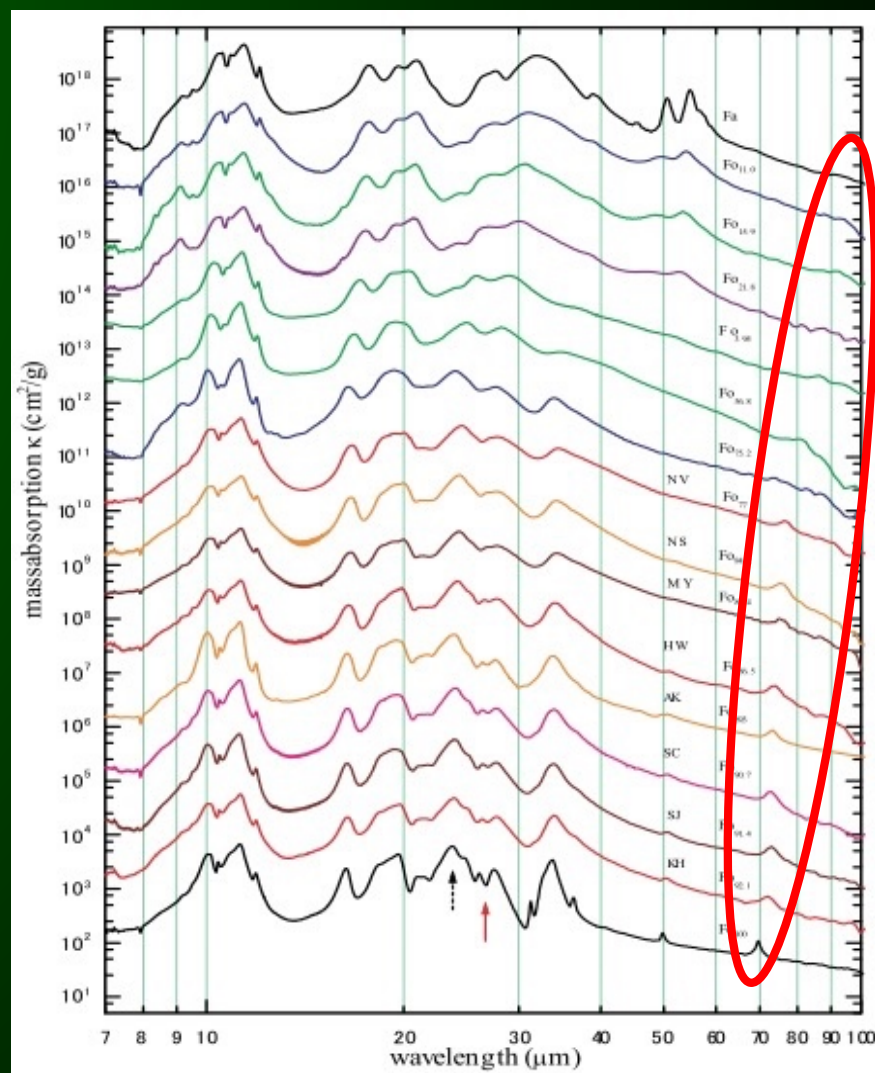


Sturm+ 2013, Malfait+ 1998



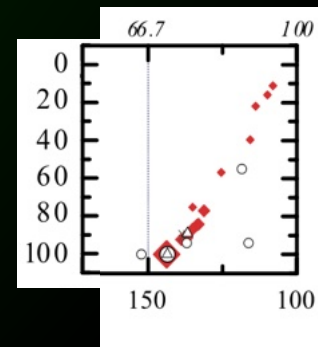
Herschel

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Koike+ 2003

Mg content

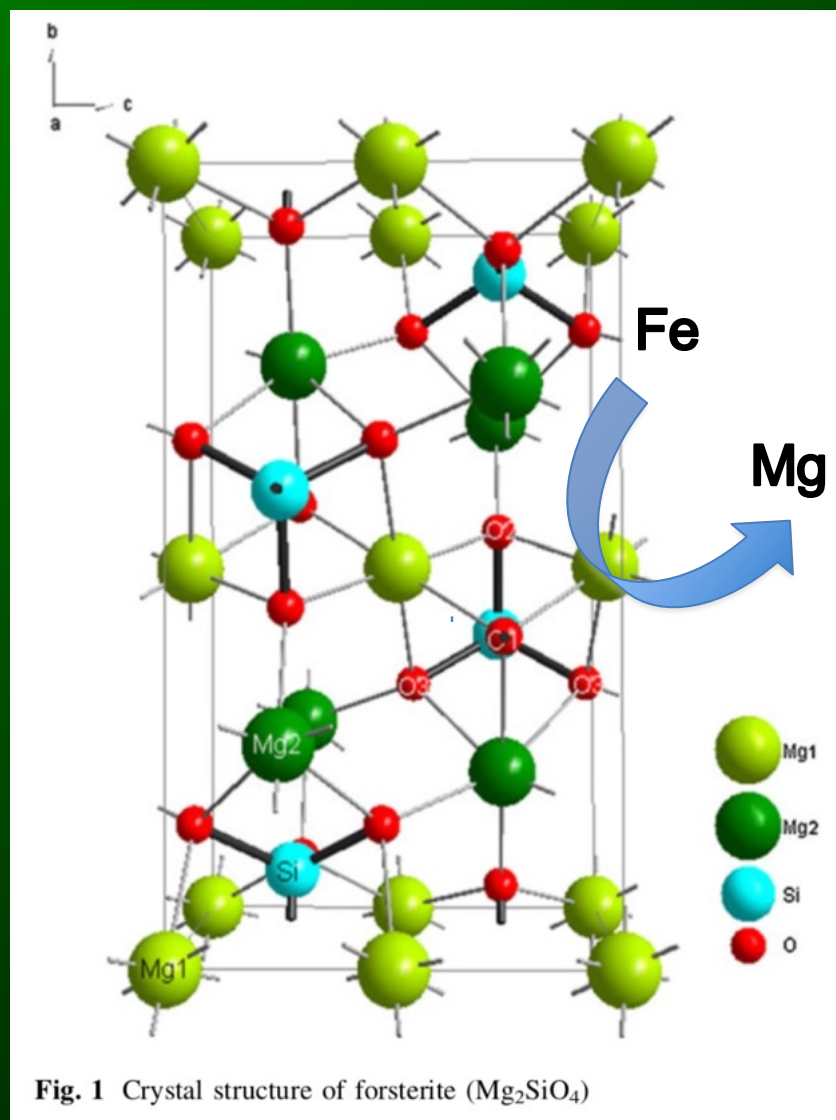


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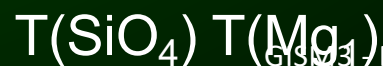


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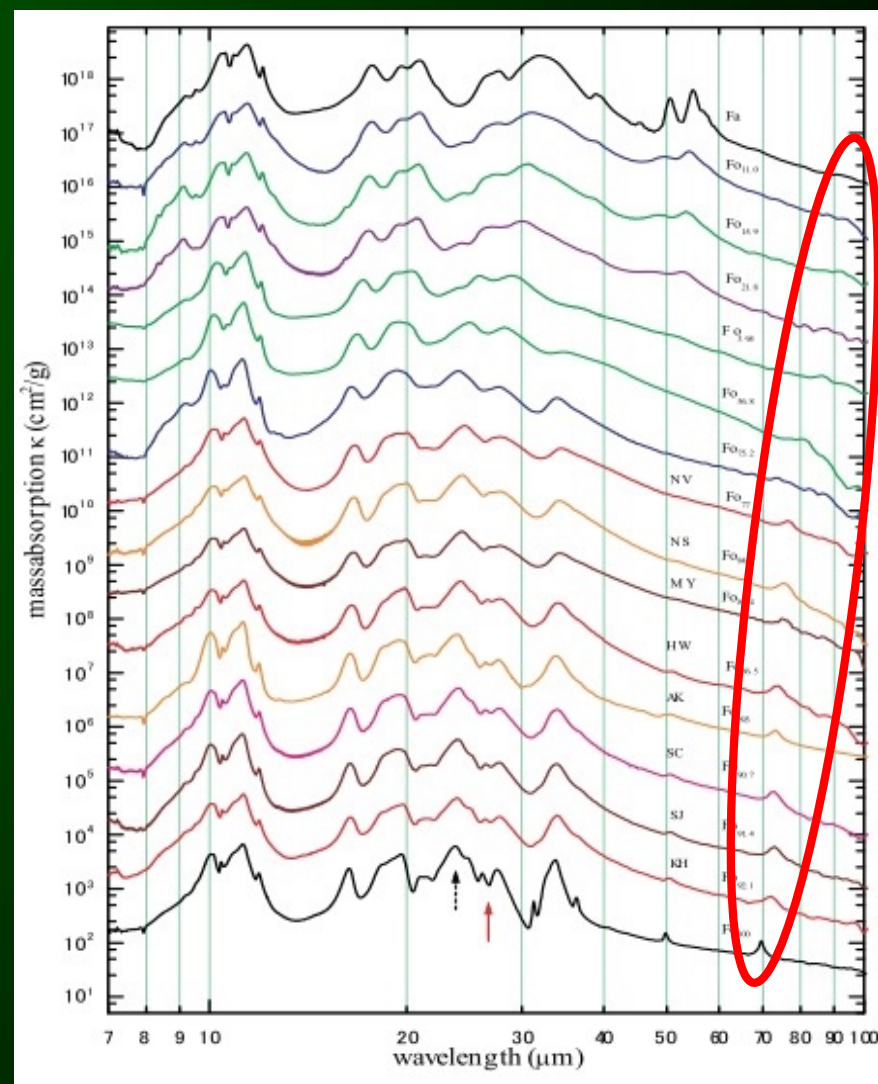
## Comparison to lab data



Eckes+ 2013

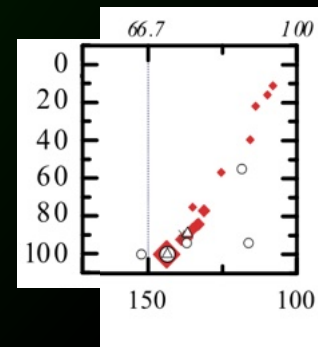


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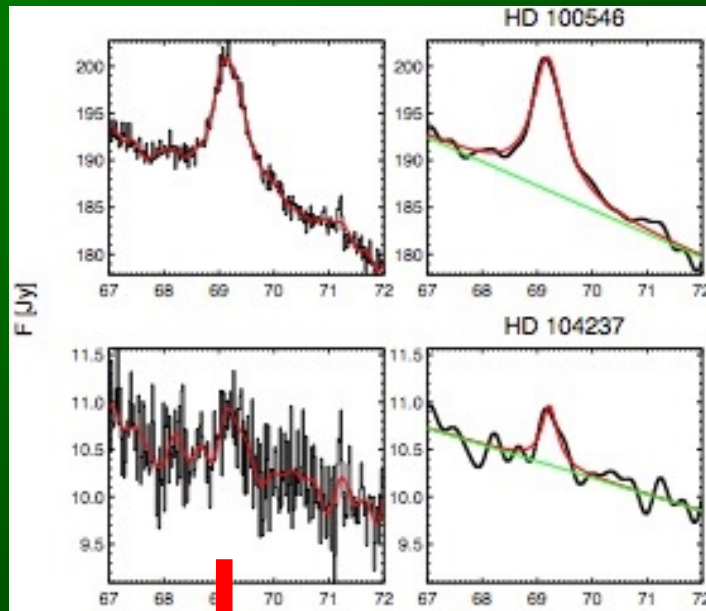
Koike+ 2003

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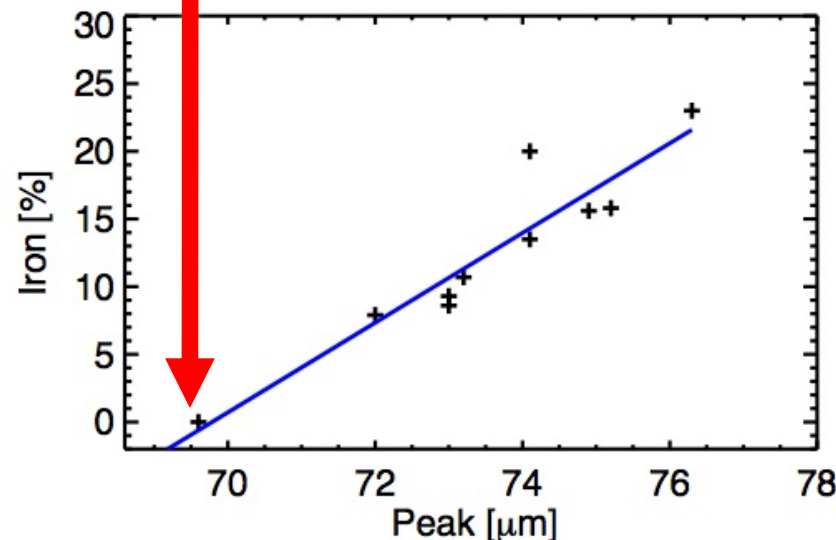
# Silicates in disks

Herschel



| Star      | Iron fraction [%] |     | Temperature [K] |      | distance [AU] |     |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|-----------------|------|---------------|-----|
|           | min               | max | min             | max  | min           | max |
| AB Aur    | 1.9               | 3.5 | 74              | 273  | 16            | 221 |
| HD 100546 | 0.1               | 0.3 | 184             | 223  | 20            | 29  |
| HD 104237 | 0.4               | 1.2 | 60              | 184  | 31            | 289 |
| HD 141569 | 0.0               | 1.2 | 107             | >300 | <9            | 72  |
| HD 179218 | 0.4               | 0.7 | 126             | 173  | 104           | 196 |
| HD 144668 | 0.0               | 0.4 | 130             | 224  | 25            | 74  |
| IRS 48    | 0.1               | 0.6 | 124             | 195  | 17            | 43  |
| AS 205    | 0.0               |     | 121             |      | 32            |     |

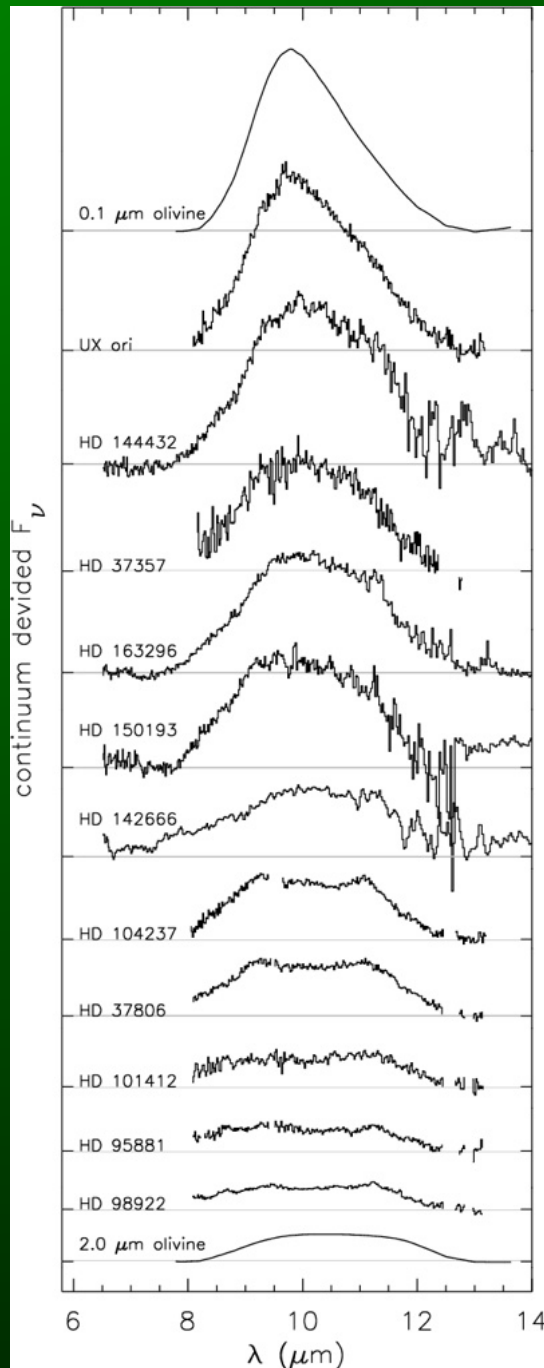
Sturm et al. 2013



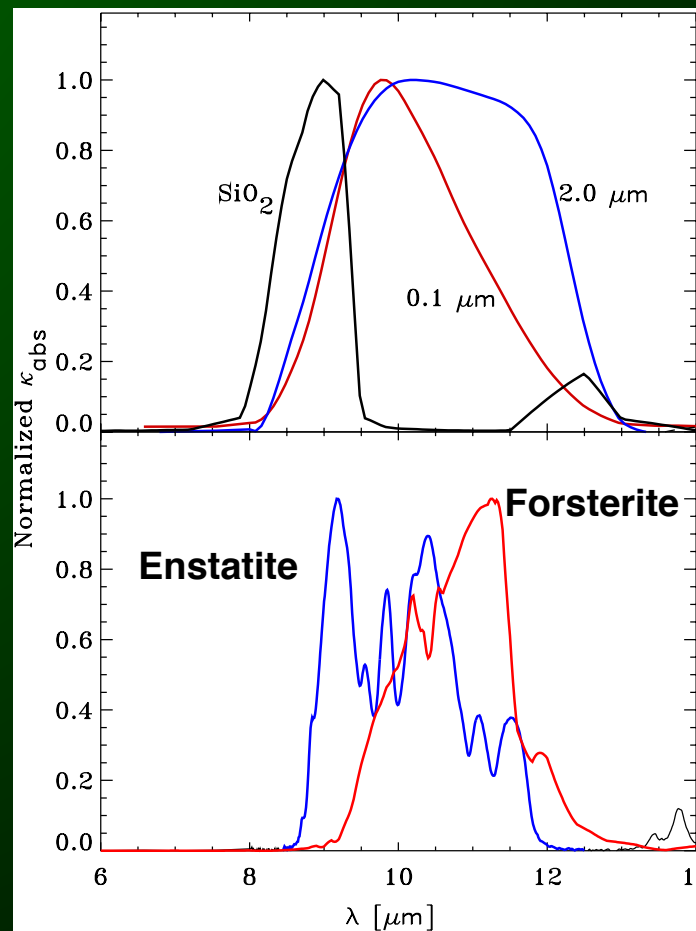
32 disk sources observed.  
 8 sources with 69  $\mu\text{m}$  olivine feature  
 Except 1 T Tauri star, disks associated with  
 Herbig Ae/Be stars.  
 Most of the olivine grains are iron-poor  
 less than  $\sim 2\%$  iron (forsterite like).  
 AB Aur is the only source where the emission  
 cannot be fitted with iron-free forsterite,  
 requiring approximately 3–4% of iron.

# Spectral evidence of grain sizes in emission

The dynamical mass in some disks imply bigger grain sizes  
Above a few microns the grain is spectroscopically « like a planet » in the IR -> mm interferometry



Van Boekel+ 2003



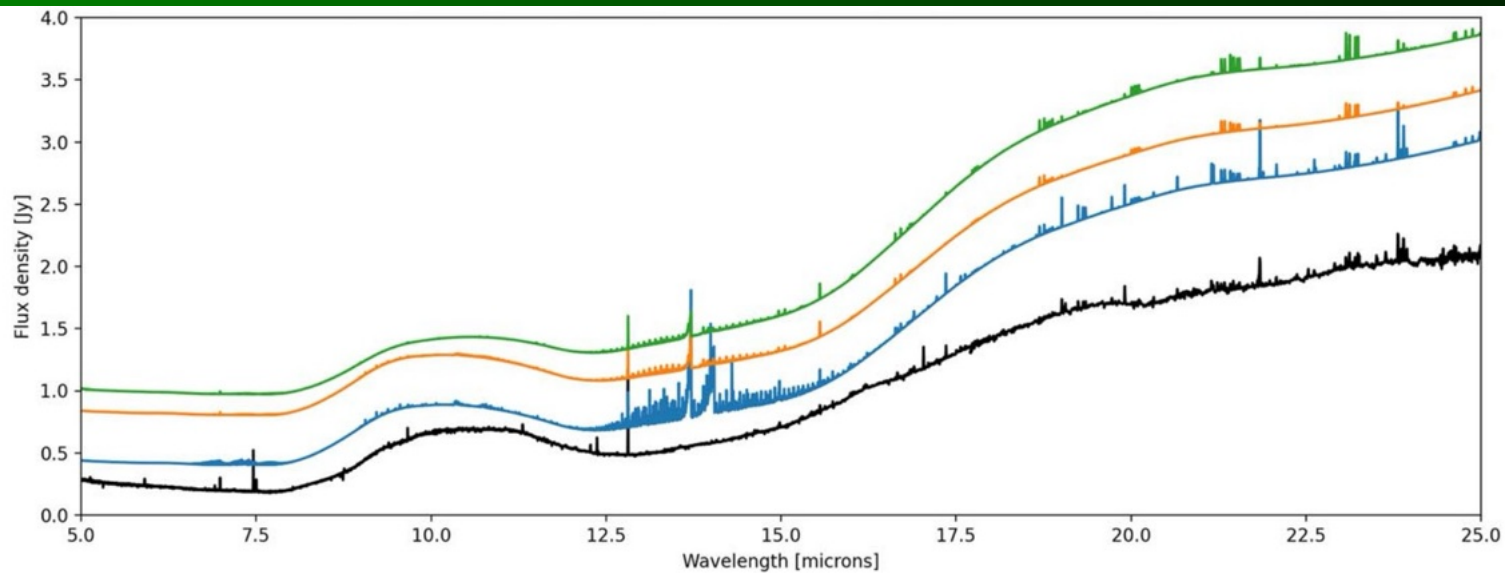
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Bouwman+2001

Mineralogy : dust in  
Herbig Ae Be

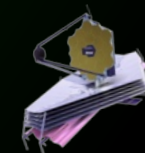
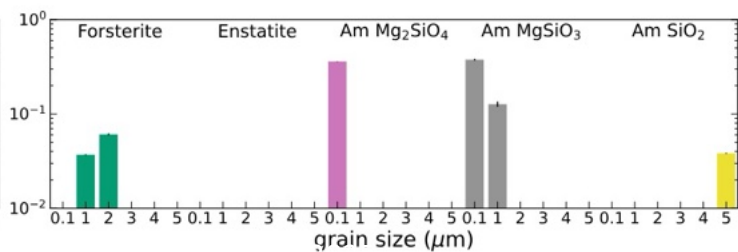
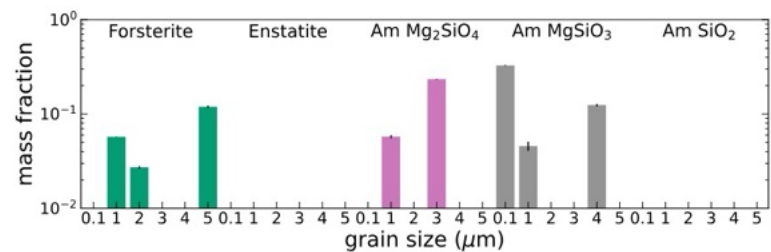
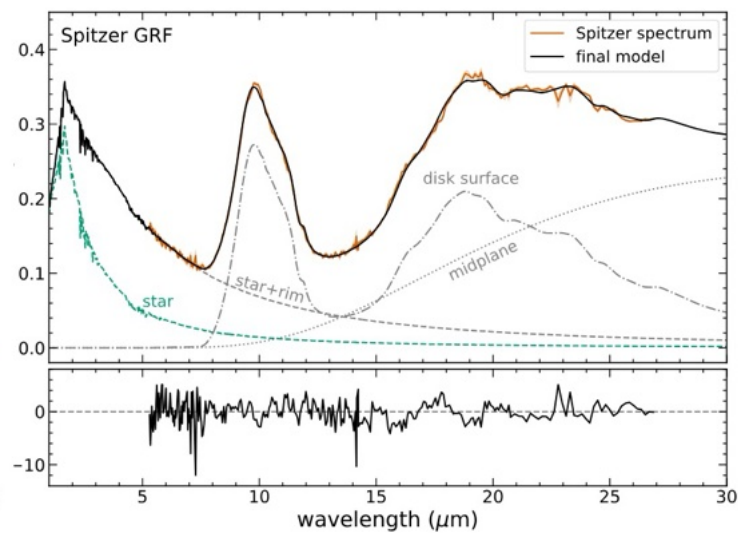
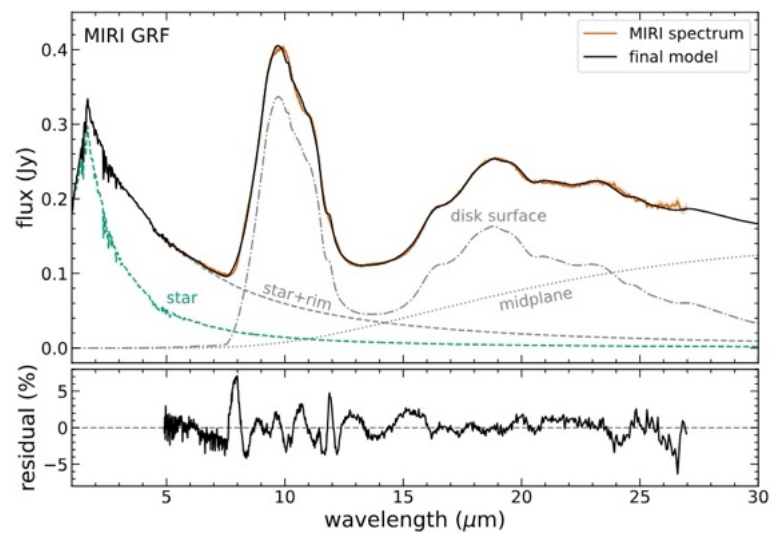
Several components:

- $\chi$  composition
- size
- Phase (am./cryst.)





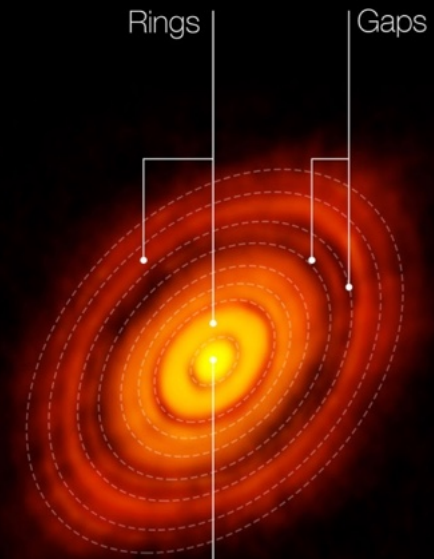
Henning+2024



Jang+2024 47

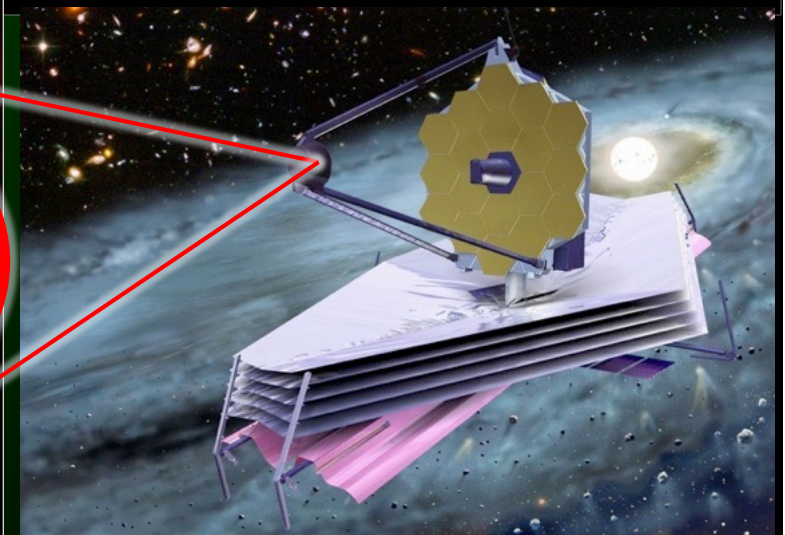
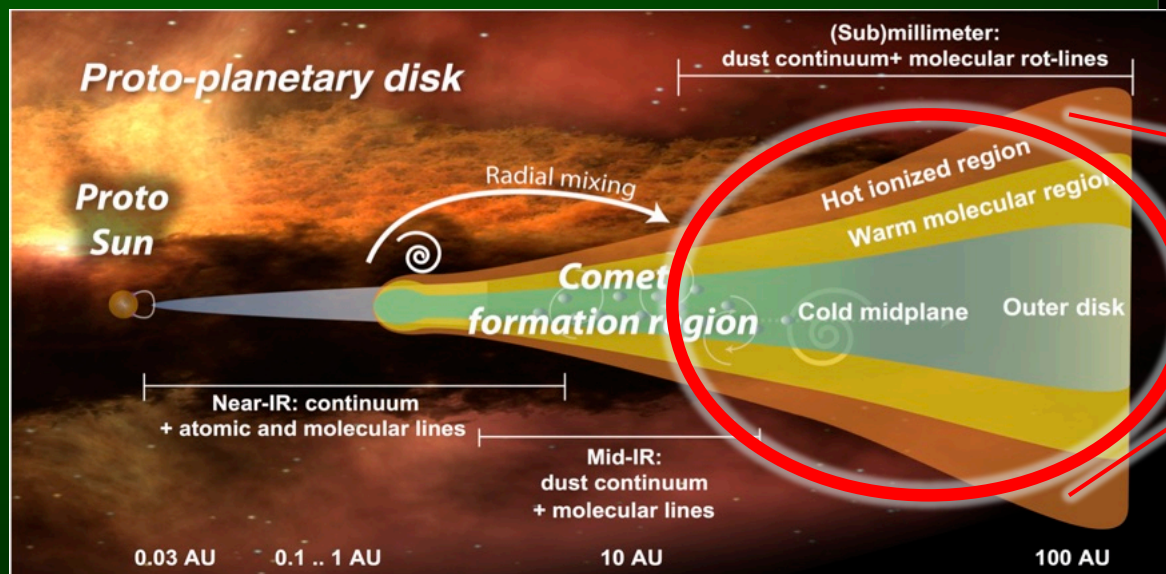
Amount of radial mixing ?

Filiation or reprocessing dominant ?



HL Tauri

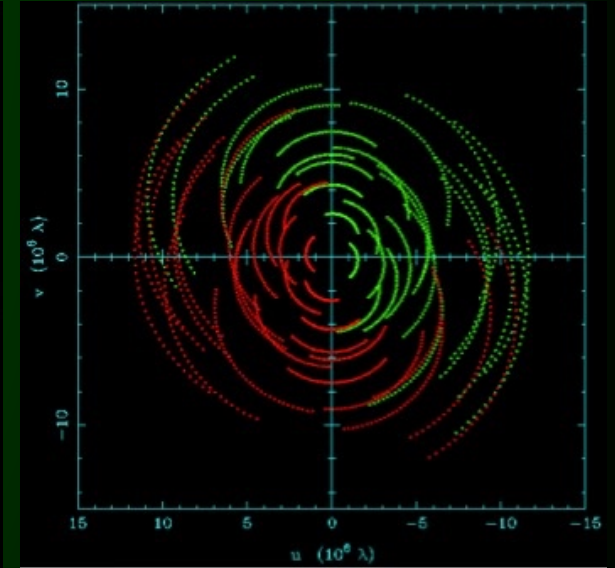
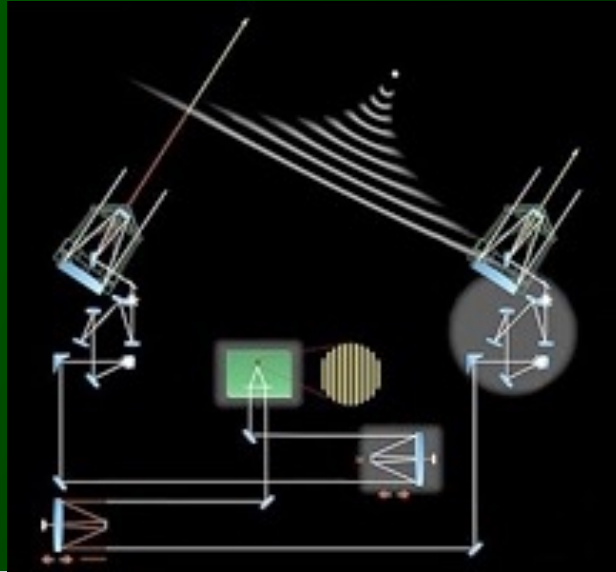
ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO)



JWST



# IR Interferometry: silicates in disks



Haniff 2010



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# IR Interferometry : silicates in Herbig Ae Be

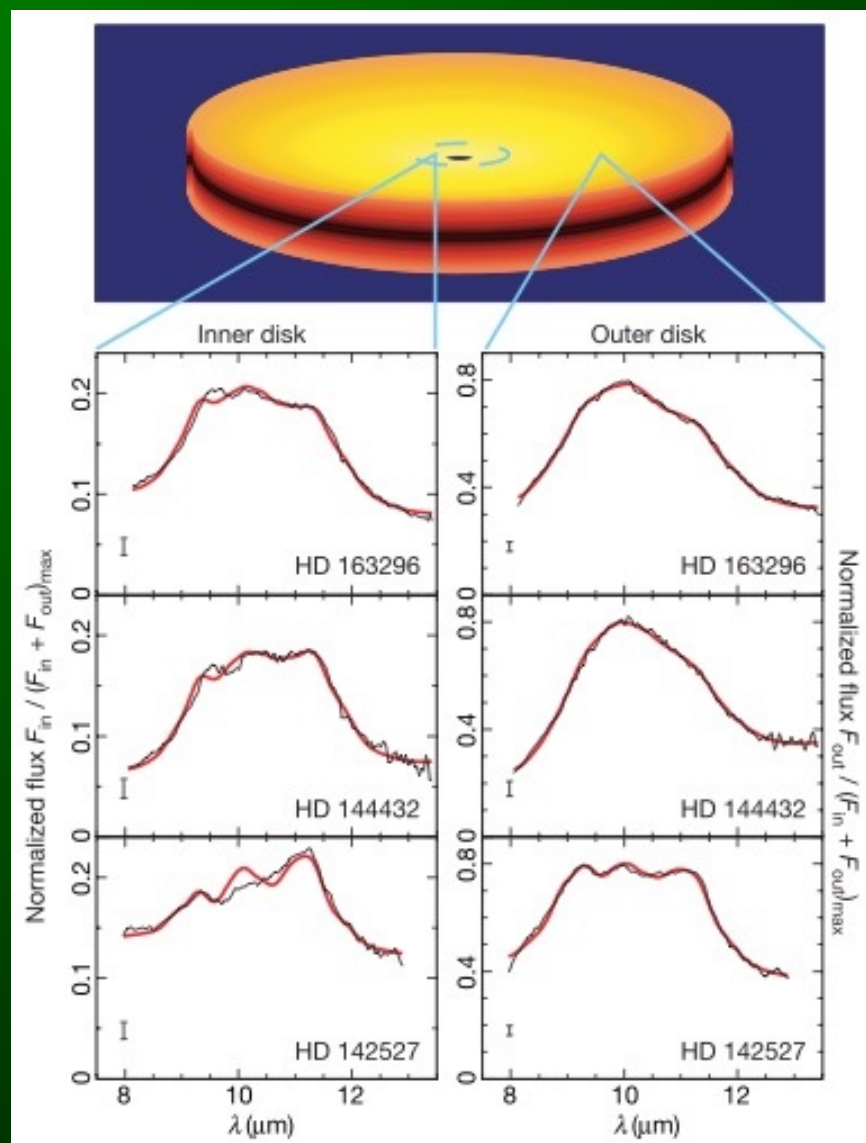
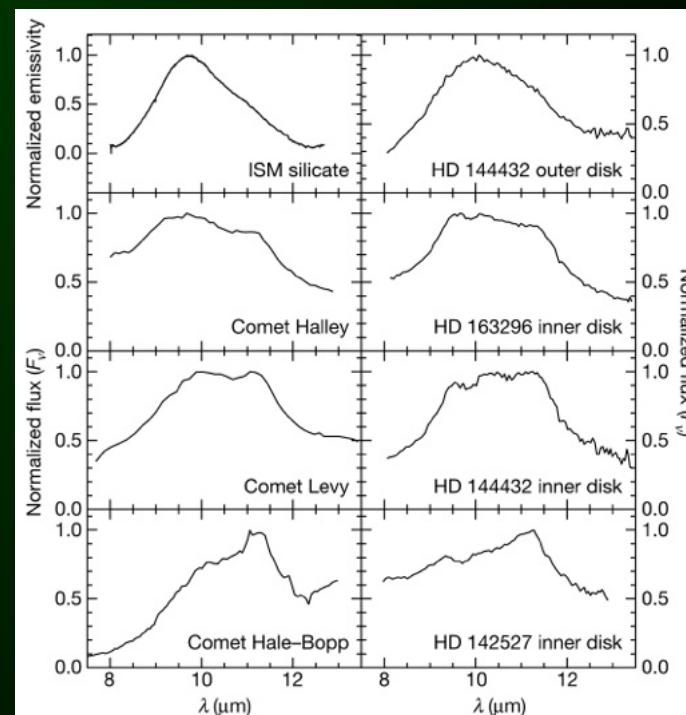


Table 1 Dust properties in the inner and outer disk

|           | Crystallinity (%) |                  | Fraction of large grains (%) |                  | Crystalline olivine to pyroxene ratio |                     |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
|           | Inner disk        | Outer disk       | Inner disk                   | Outer disk       | Inner disk                            | Outer disk          |
| HD 163296 | $40^{+20}_{-20}$  | $15^{+10}_{-10}$ | $95^{+5}_{-10}$              | $65^{+20}_{-20}$ | $2.3^{+3.7}_{-0.5}$                   | —                   |
| HD 144432 | $55^{+30}_{-20}$  | $10^{+10}_{-5}$  | $90^{+10}_{-10}$             | $35^{+20}_{-20}$ | $2.0^{+1.8}_{-0.6}$                   | —                   |
| HD 142527 | $95^{+5}_{-15}$   | $40^{+20}_{-15}$ | $65^{+15}_{-10}$             | $80^{+10}_{-30}$ | $2.1^{+1.3}_{-0.7}$                   | $0.9^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$ |

van Boekel+2004

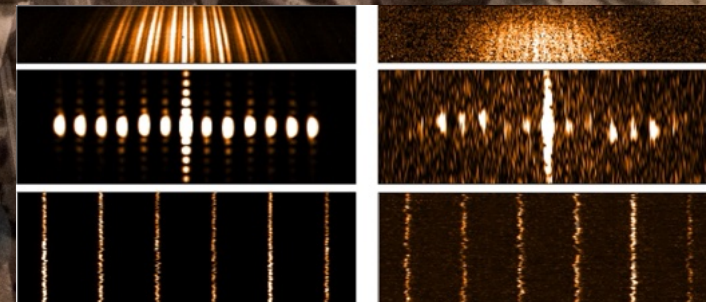
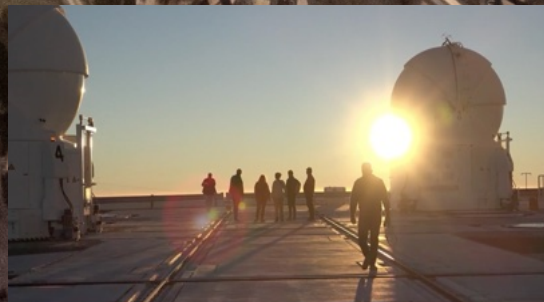


A chemical gradient in the composition of the crystals is seen, with a forsterite dominated spectrum closest to the star, and more enstatite at larger radii.



Spectro-imaging exploration with 4 telescopes  
Collecting power of the VLT  
L, M and N band spectral domains from 3 to 13  $\mu\text{m}$

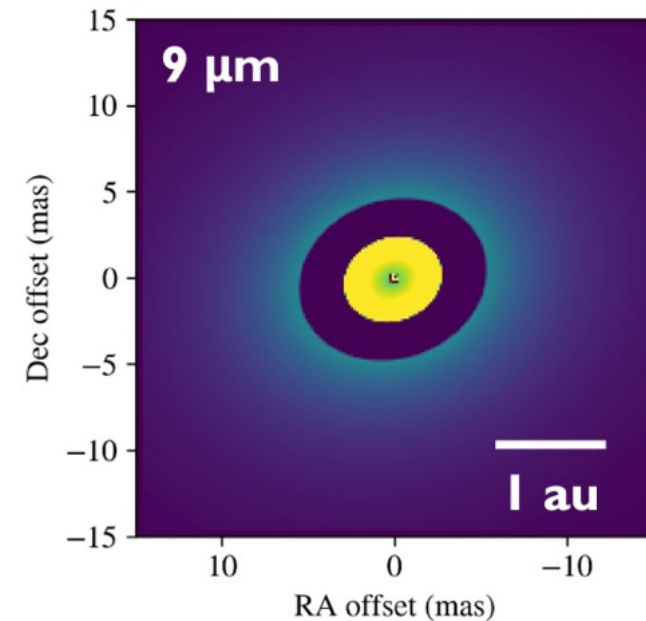
=> Extension of the VLTI spectral exploration from H, PIONER, K, GRAVITY, L, M and N, MATISSE







# circumstellar disk of the Herbig Ae star HD 144432 gap and silicate mineralogy



Temperature gradient modeling of L- (ATs) and N-band (UTs) MATISSE data and SED data

hot inner region ( $\geq 1500\text{k}$ )

gap ( $0.4 < r < 0.9 \text{ au}$ )

warm outer disk ( $r > 0.9 \text{ au}$ )

N-band closure phase changed over 1 year

time-variable asymmetry at  $r \sim 1 \text{ au}$

Radial variation in silicate composition

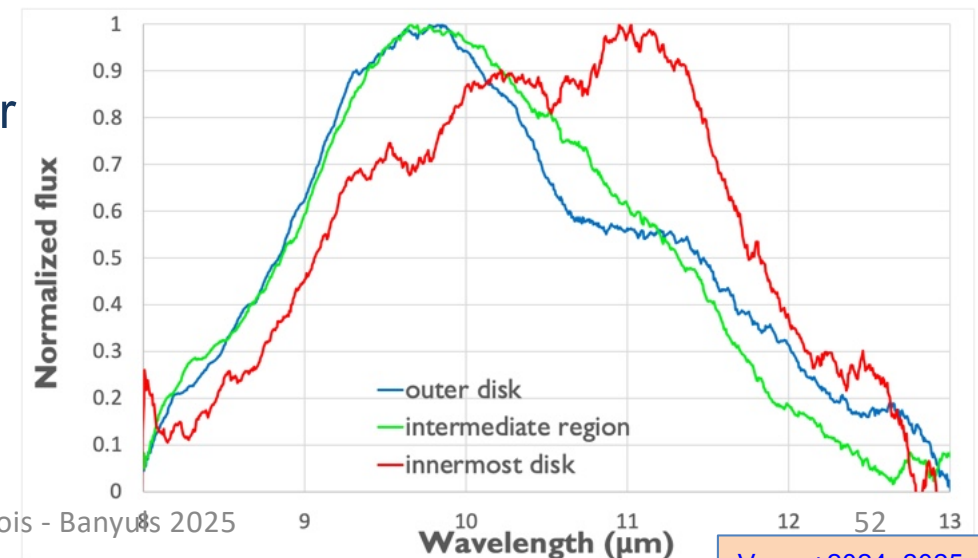
outer disk: small & large amorphous grains

intermediate region: small amorphous

inside (probably near the gap outer edge):

crystalline & large amorphous grains

GISM3 - E. Dartois - Banyuls 2025



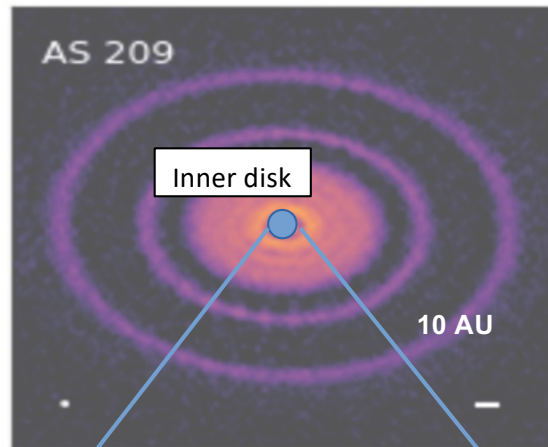
Varge+2024, 2025



# Inner disk structure of T Tauri and dust mineralogy

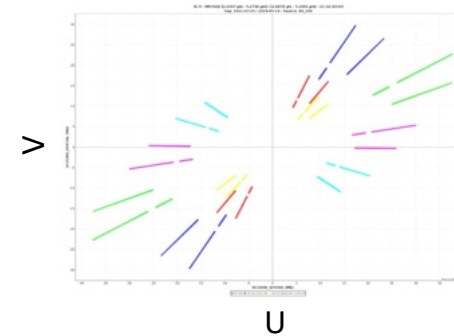
T Tauri star AS 209

ALMA image (Andrews et al., 2018)



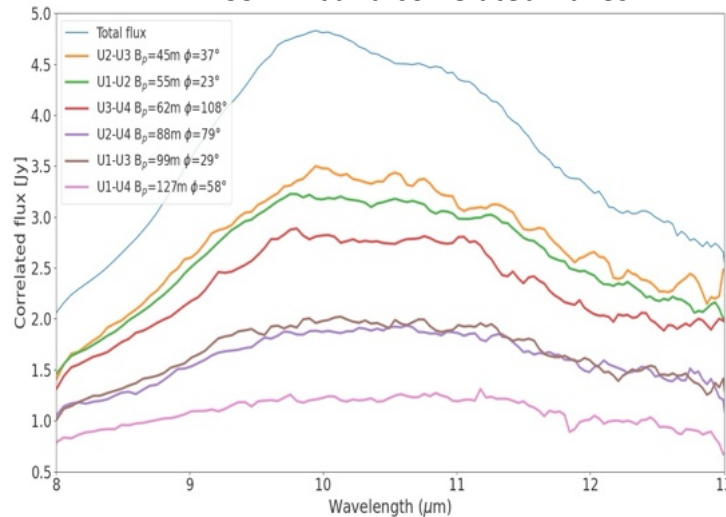
A. Matter et al., in preparation for A&A

Fourier plane coverage for MATISSE observations



## Grain processing / mineralogy gradients ?

MATISSE N-band correlated fluxes

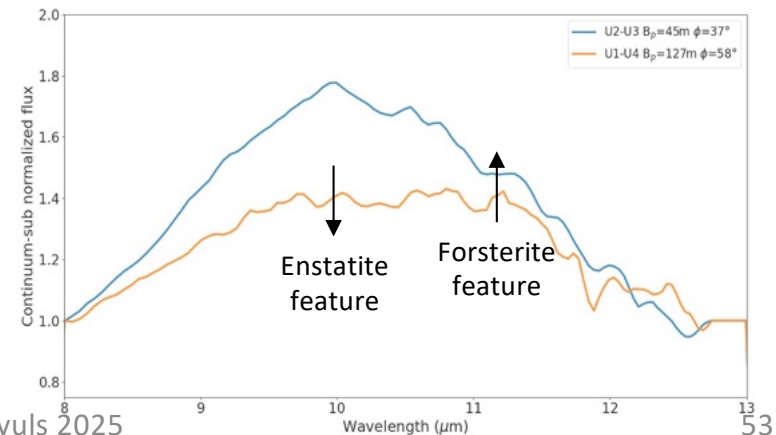


Smaller and more amorphous grains

Baseline length

Bigger and more crystalline grains

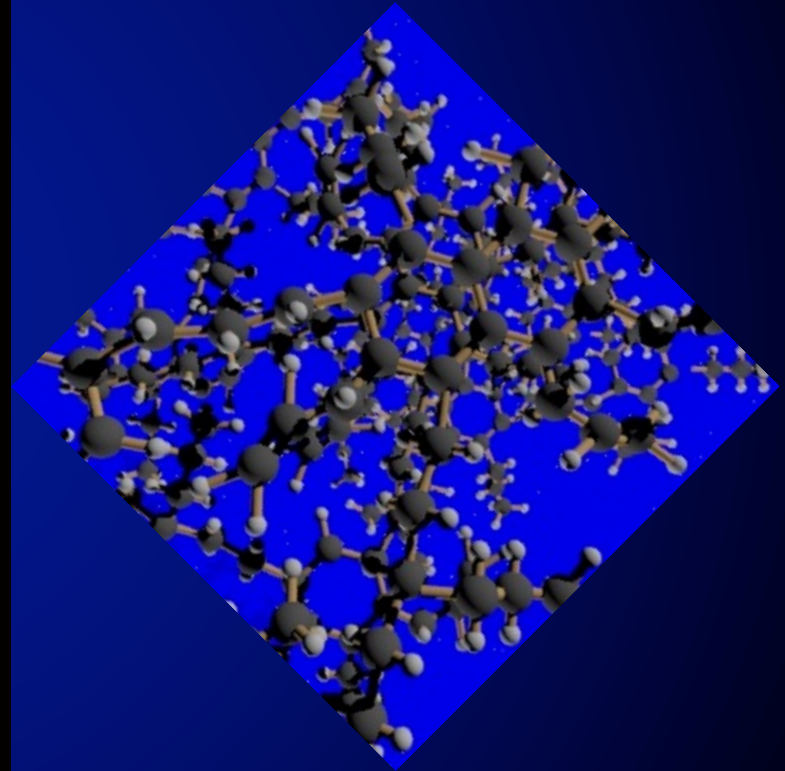
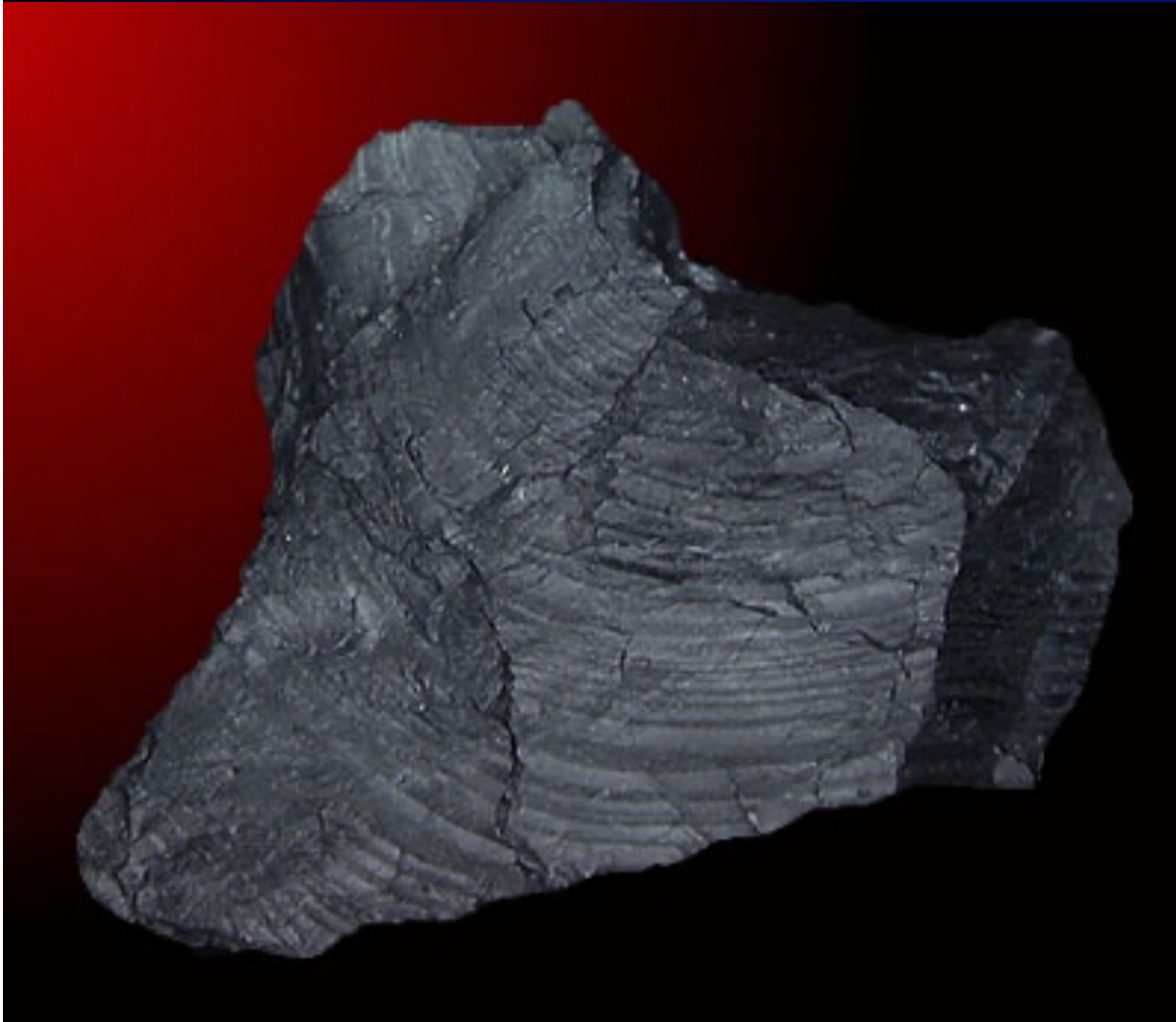
MATISSE N-band correlated fluxes



Enstatite feature

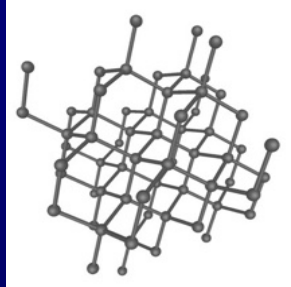
Forsterite feature

# ISM « Carbonaceous » dust

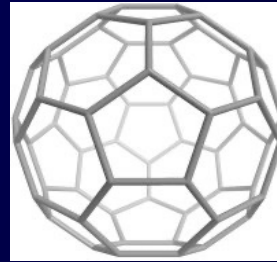


# Main carbonaceous solids observed in the ISM

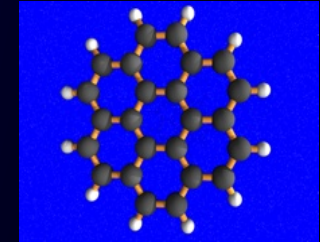
Diamond



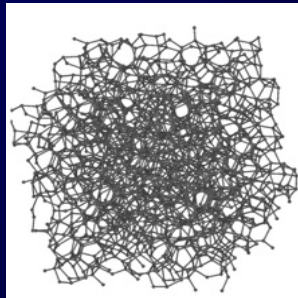
Fullerenes



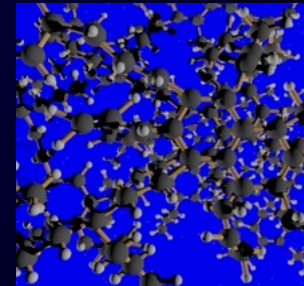
AIBs-PAHs :  
Class A to C-D



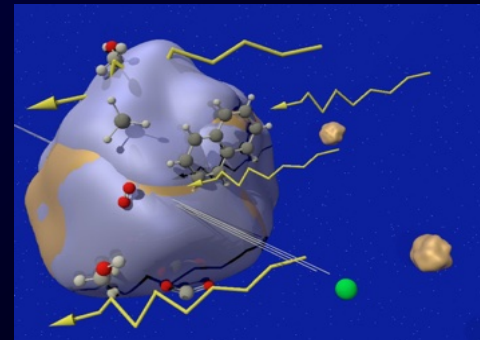
Amorphous  
carbon



Hydrogenated  
amorphous carbon



+ organic matter

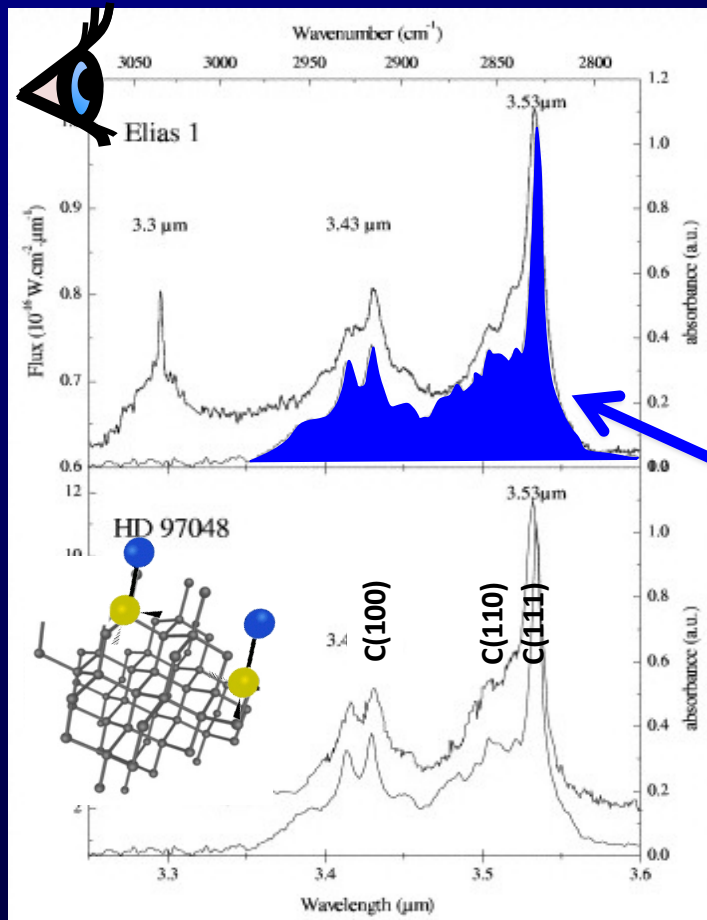


Ice mantles  
residues



# Nano-diamonds

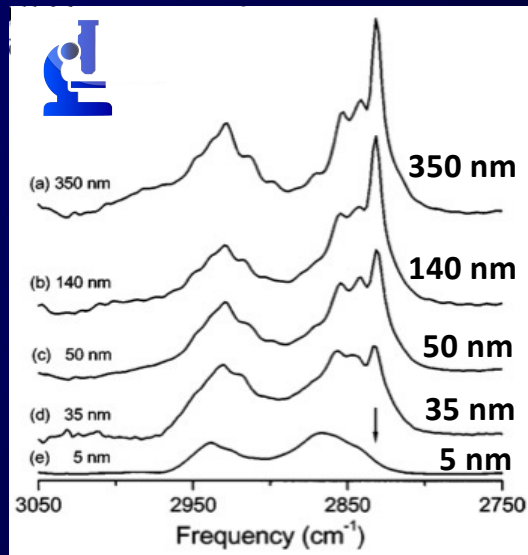
## Astrophysical Observations



Guillois+1999, Chen+ 2003 Chang+ 1995

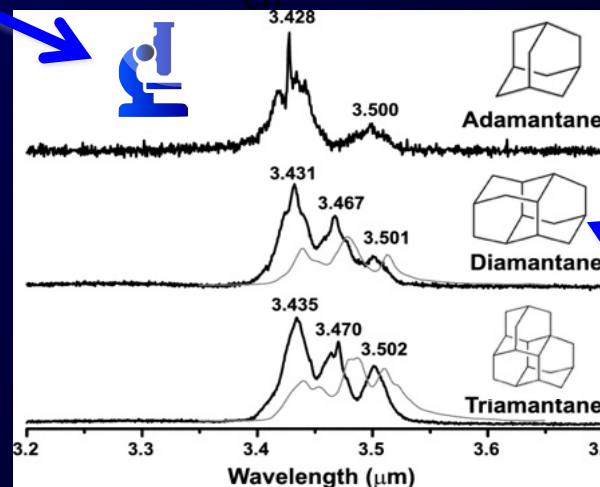
Jones & d'Hendecourt 2000; Van Kerckhoven+2002, Chen+2003, Jones+2004

## Lab Top down approach > 35nm

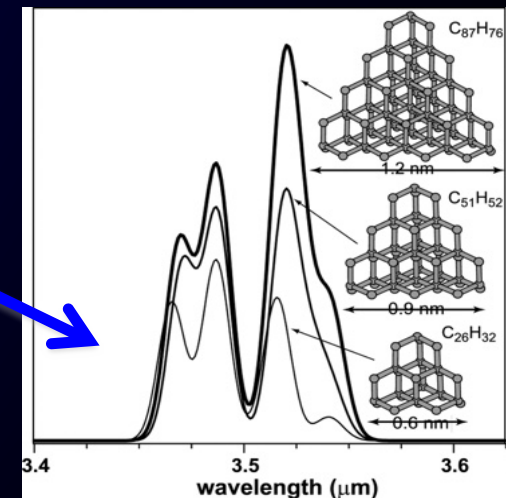


Chen+2003

## size dependence



Pirali+ 2007



Lab Bottom up approach ~ 130 C

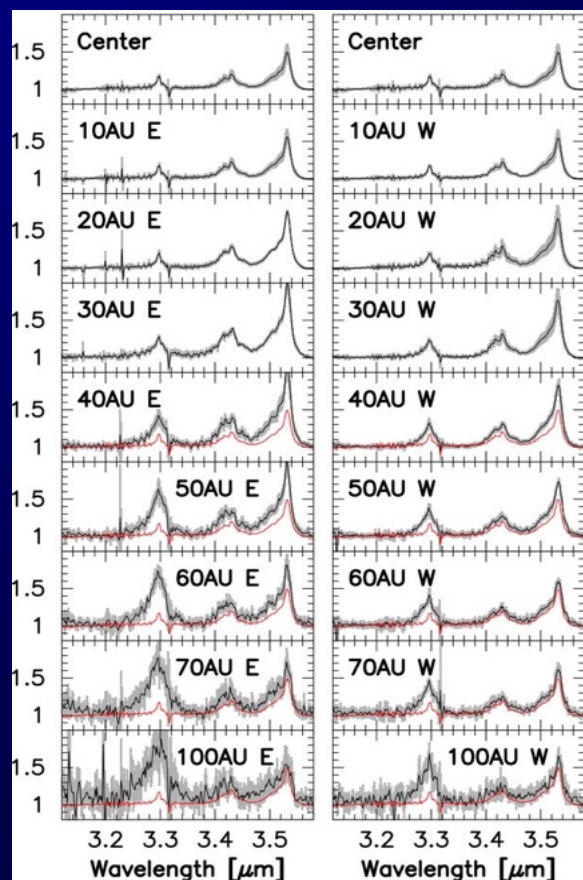
Nanodiamond approach : Non relaxed surface for nanodiamonds < 35nm

Molecular approach : Observed I(3.53 $\mu\text{m}$ /3.43 $\mu\text{m}$ ) = analogues around 130 C atoms

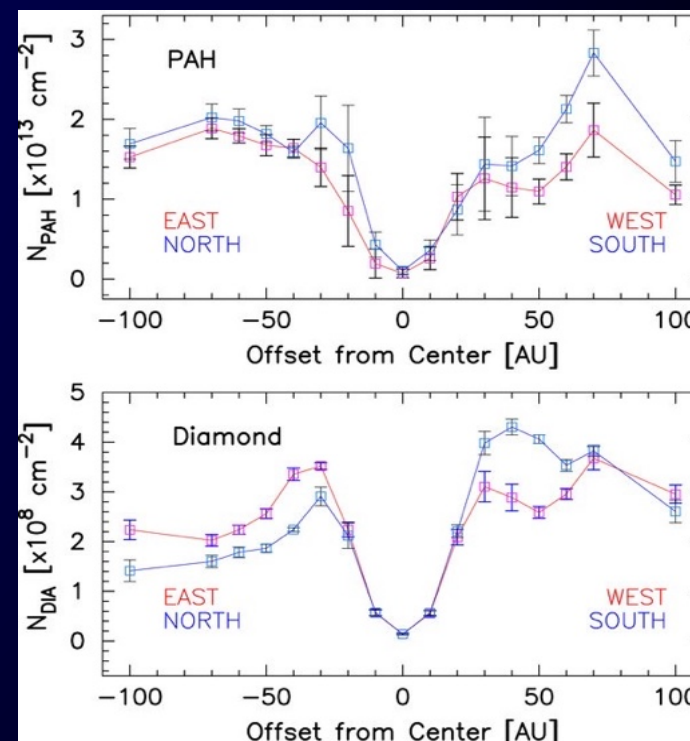


# Nano-diamonds: almost resolved observations

Observed close to the star



Elias 1



Goto et al. ApJ 2009

HD 97048

Habart et al. A&A 2004

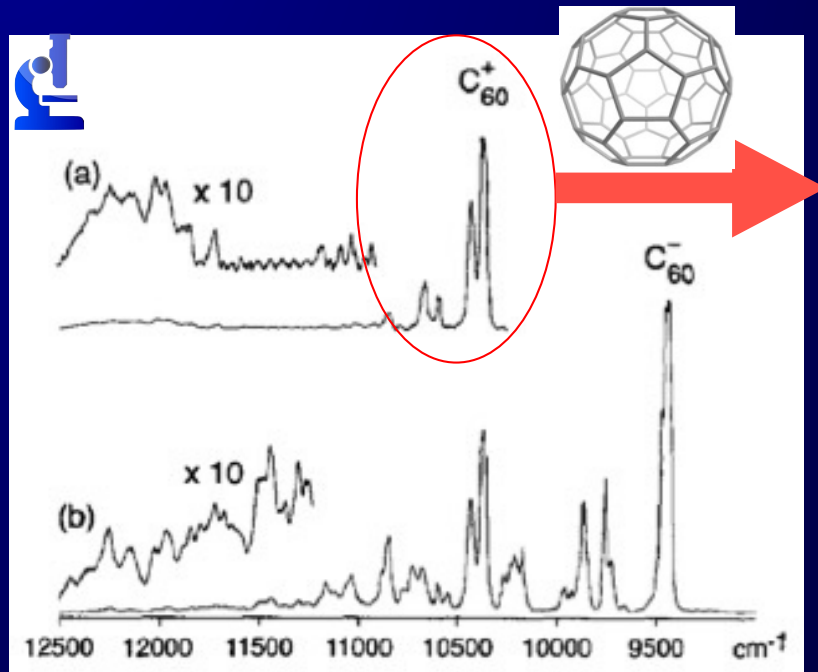
- Survey of 30 Herbig Ae/Be stars

Acke et al. A&A 2006

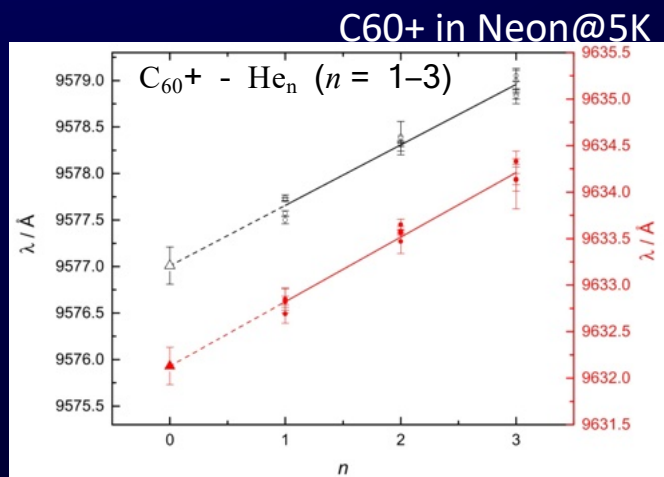
Jones+2022

< 4% of the targets with characteristic emission @3.43 and/or 3.53  $\mu\text{m}$

# Fullerenes in the DISM

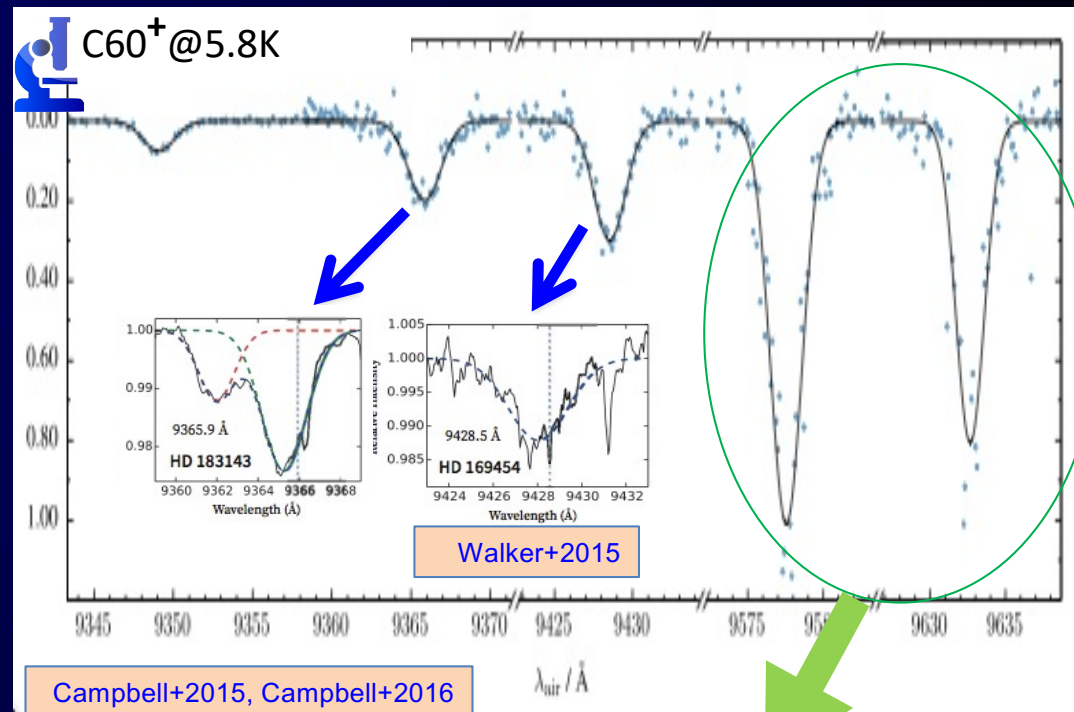


Fulara+1993

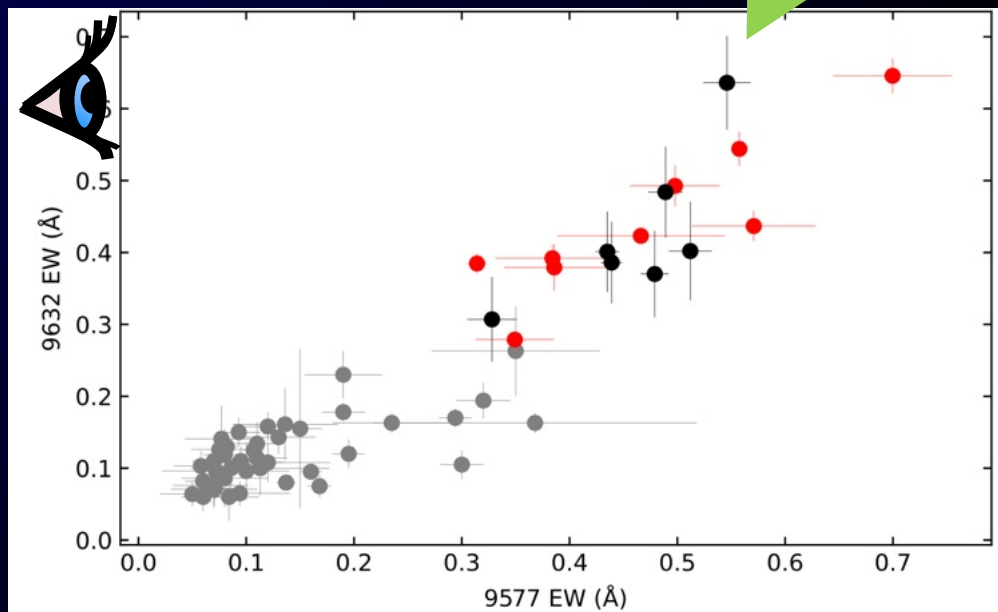


$C_{60}^+$  f value measured in Ne  
 $\langle X_C(C_{60}^+) \rangle \approx 0.04\%$

Strelnikov+2015



Campbell+2015, Campbell+2016

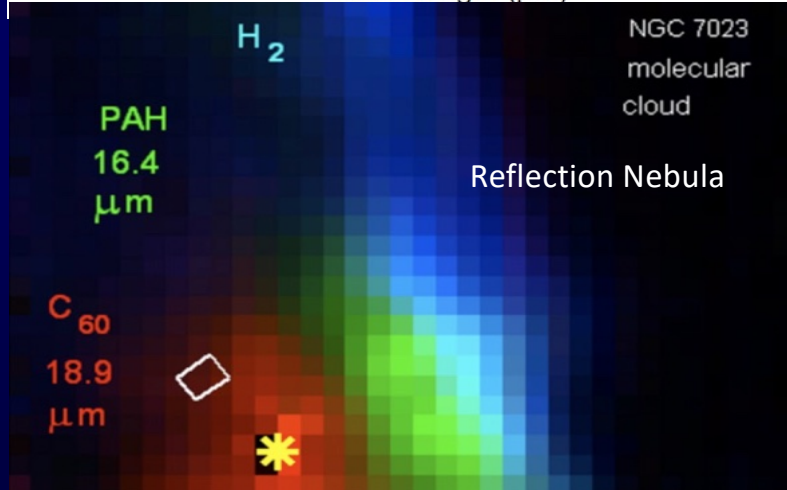
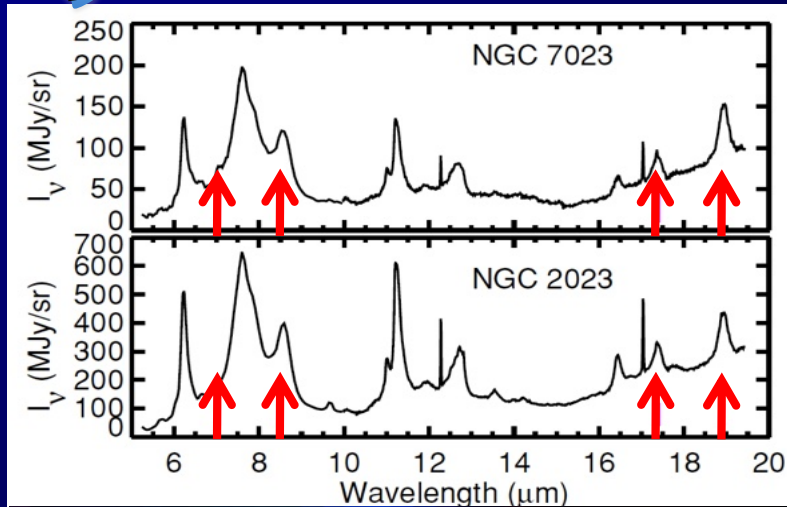


Majaess+2025





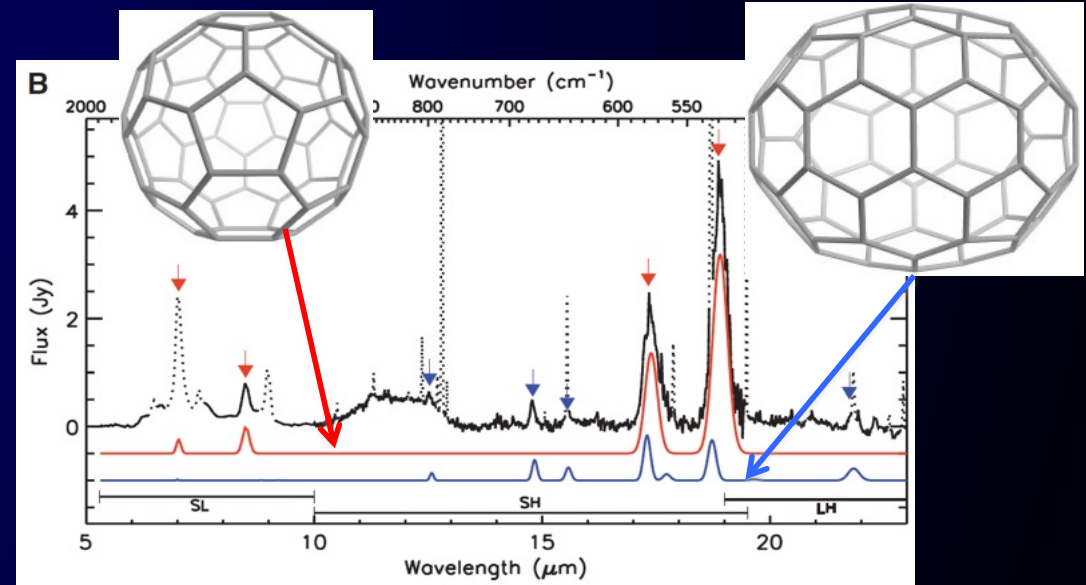
# Space Fullerenes



Sellgren+2009, 2010

Low % of the cosmic C implied ( $\sim 0.001$ - $0.05$  % of C) Formation route ?  
only  $\sim 3\%$  of all PNe observed in the Milky Way with Spitzer show evidence of the C60 mid-IR bands

Otsuka+2014



PN (white dwarf) with low H

Cami et al. Science 2010

A long search with upper limits: visible DIBs & IR

e.g. Foing & Ehrenfreund 1994, Fulara+1993; Moutou+1999, Herbig 2000

Spatially resolved C<sub>60</sub> in Reflection Nebulae

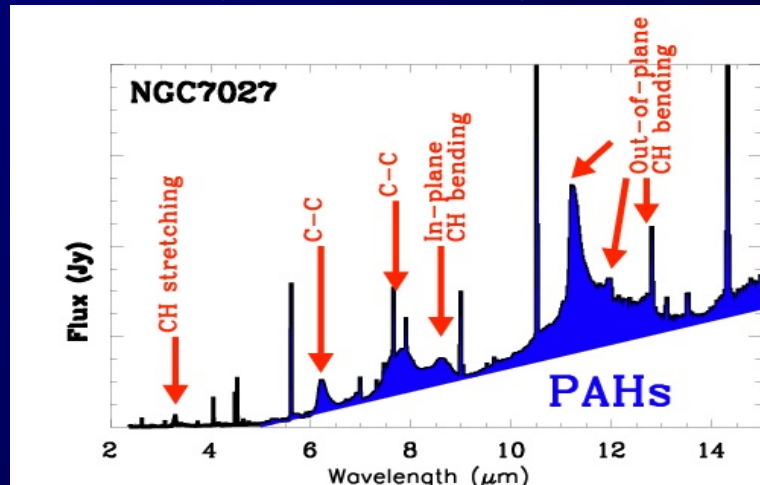
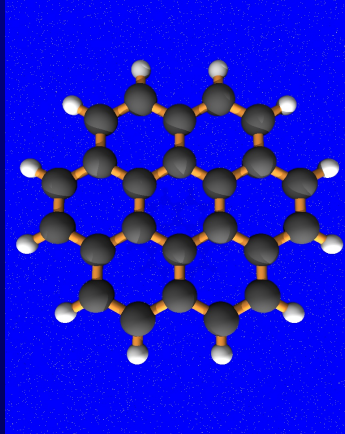
Sellgren et al. AAS 2009, Sellgren et al. ApJL 2010

Observed mainly in PN (<5% C-rich) & many other objects (RN, AGB, Post-AGB, PPN, Herbig Ae/Be)

Cami+2010, García-Hernández+2010,2011,2012, Gielen+2011, Otsuka+2013, Zhang & Kwok 2011, Rubin+2011, Peeters+2012, Boersma+2012, Berné & Tielens 2012, Roberts+2012, Omont 2016, Arun+2023 García-Hernández+2023...



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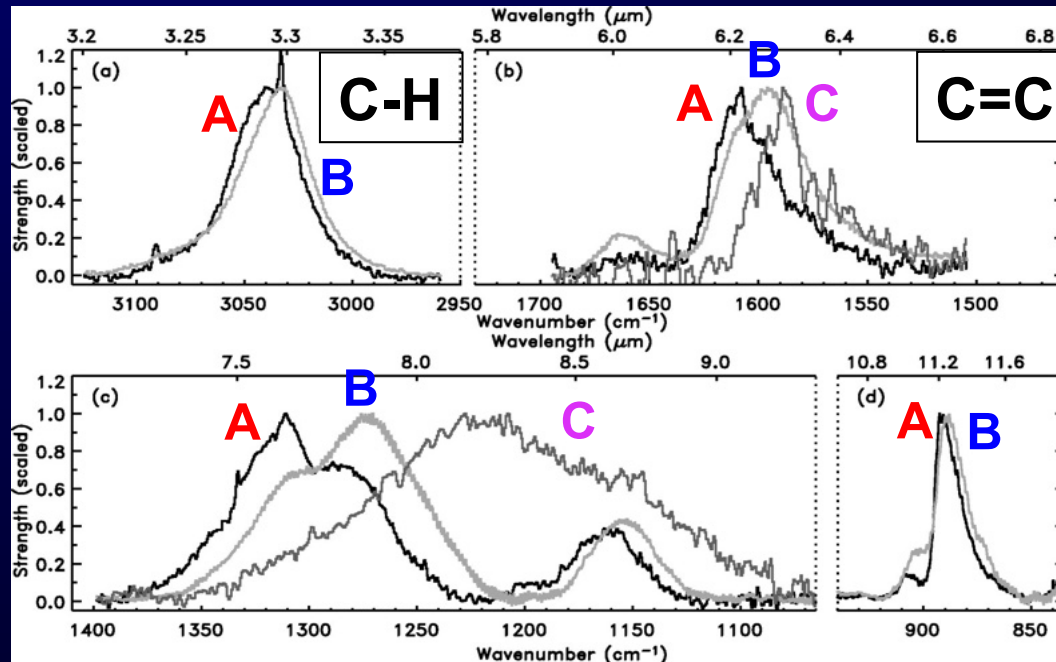
ISO database



HST

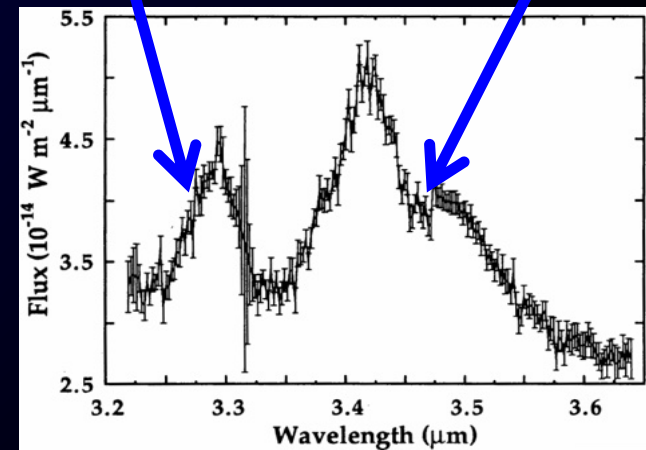
# sources observed : class A >> class B > class C - D

Aliphatic/aromatics mixed in class C



Van Dienenhoven+2004, Sloan+2014

Aromatic C-H      Aliphatic C-H

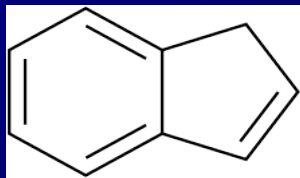


Joblin+1996

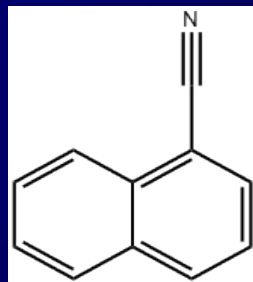
5-20% C



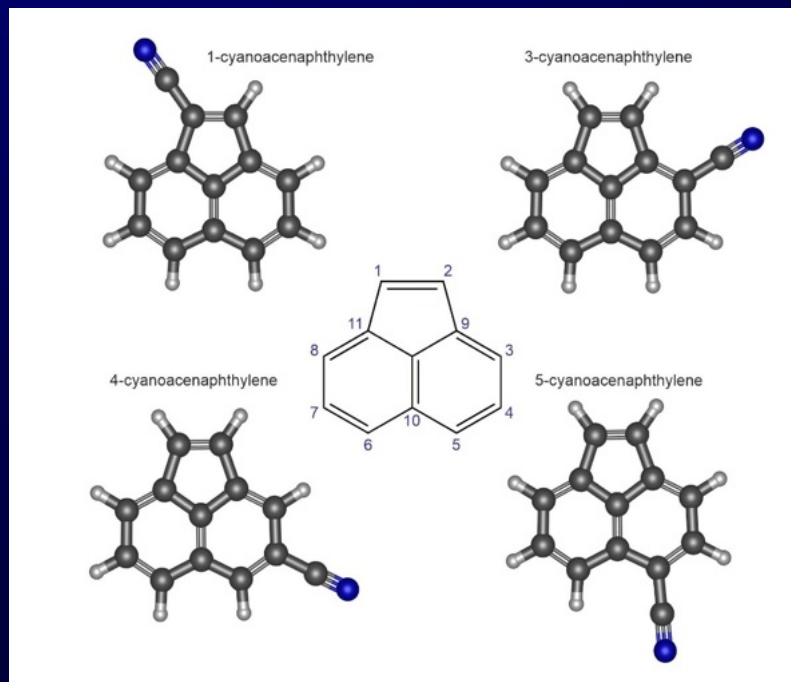
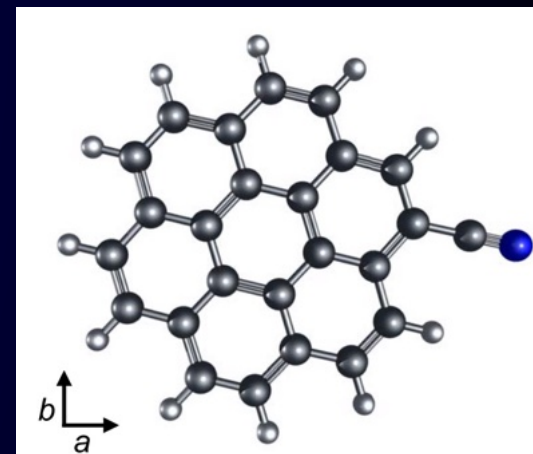
# *(Cyano-)PAHs detected in (sub-)mm in TMC1*



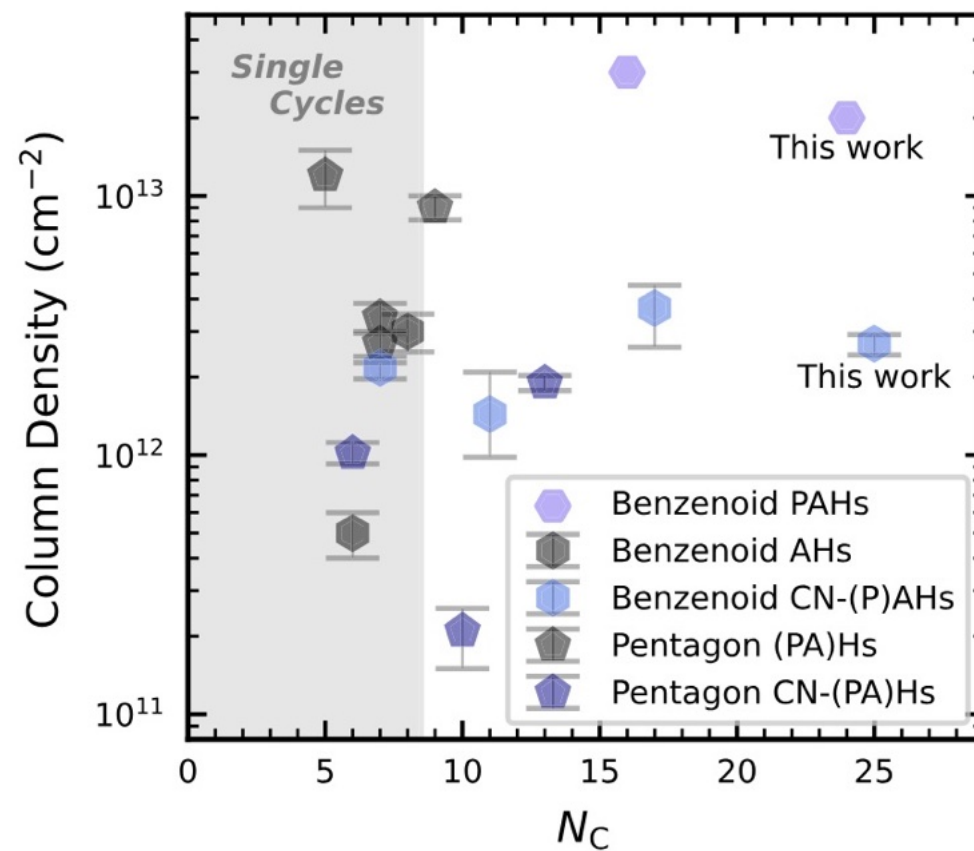
Cernicharo+ 2021



McGuire+ 2021



Cernicharo+ 2024



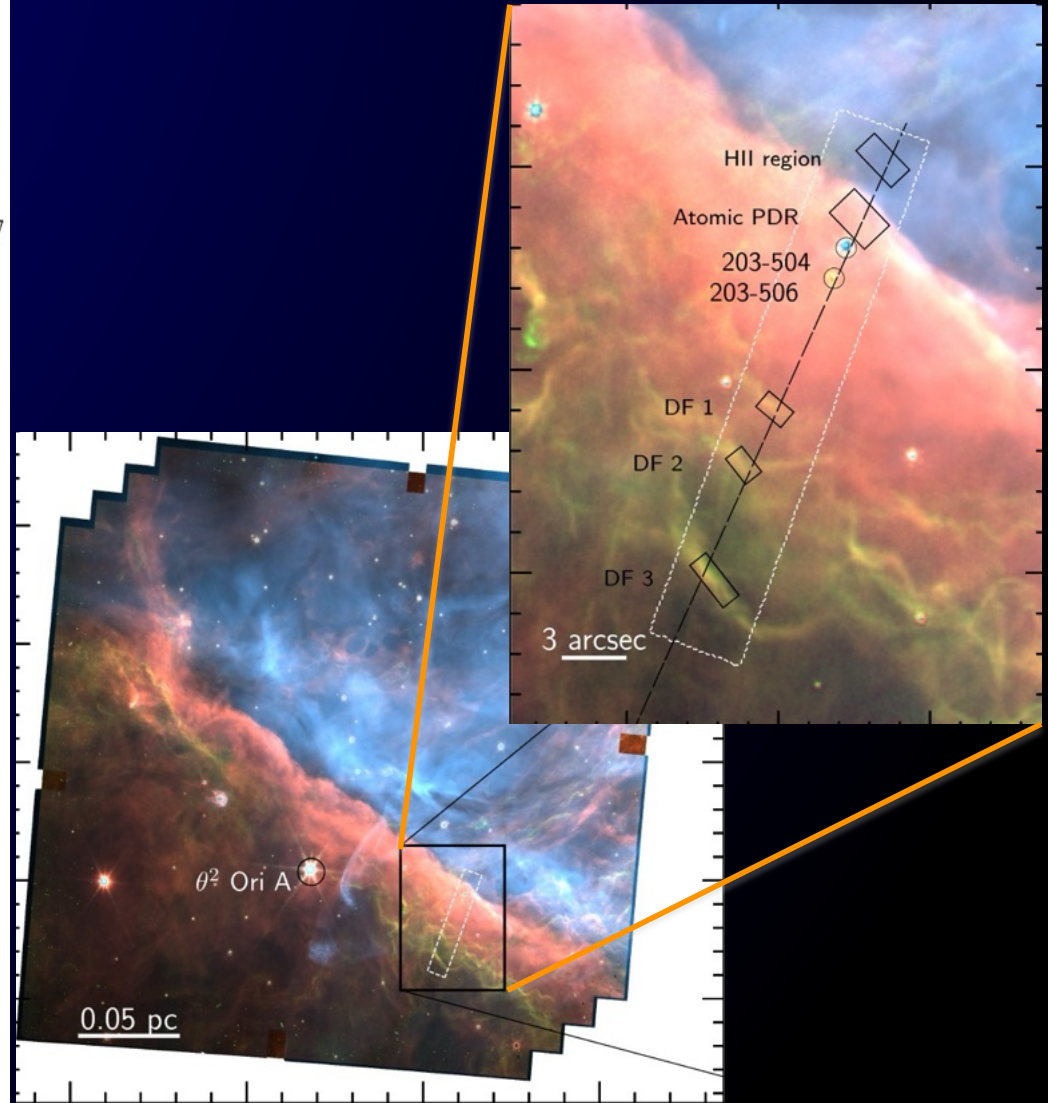
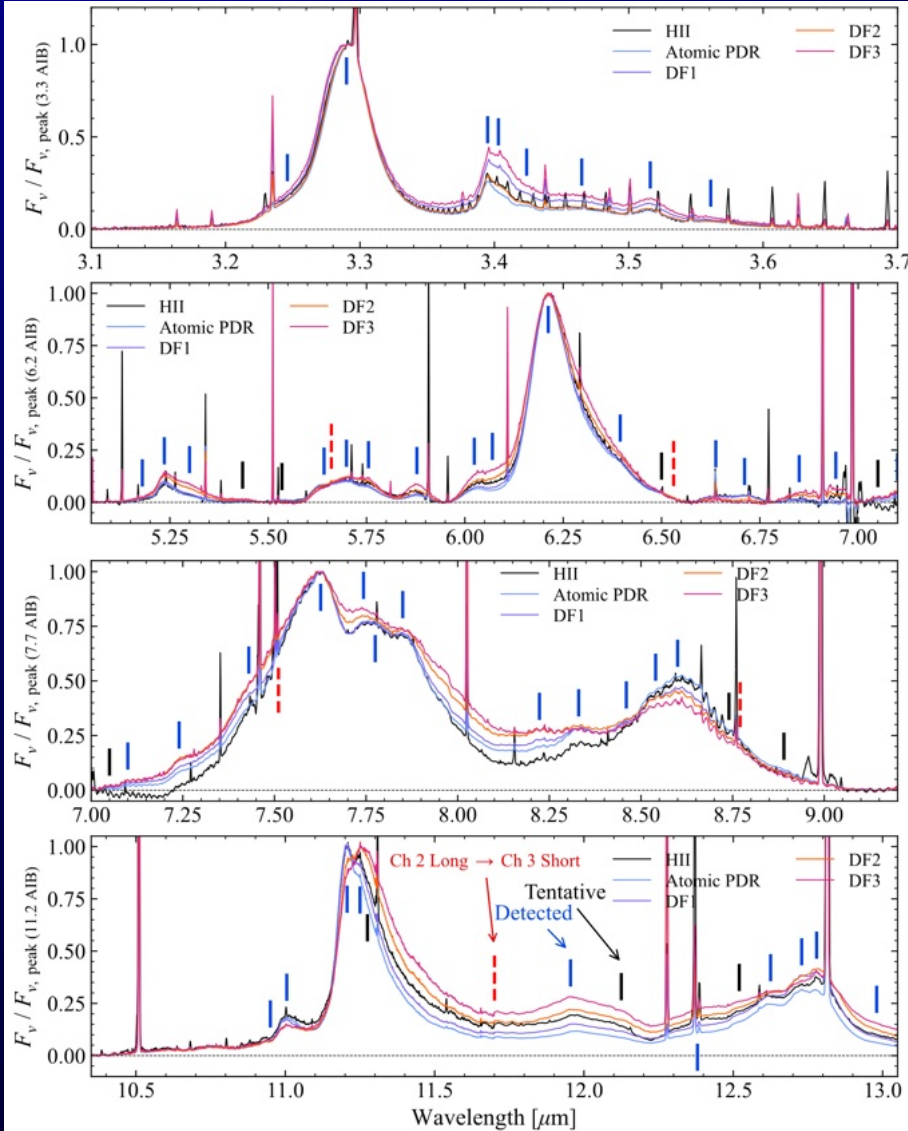
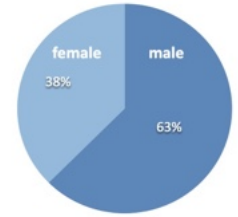
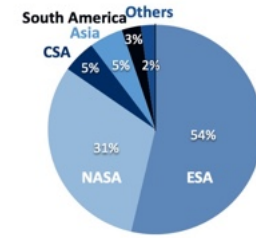
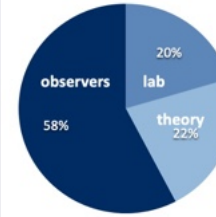
Wenzel+ 2025





# PDRs4All ERS program

- PI Team : O. Berné (FR), E. Habart (FR), E. Peeters (CA)
- 122 scientists, from 18 countries
- Target : Orion Bar
- Instruments : 15.5h NIRspec / 22.5h MIRI / 2.7h NIRCam

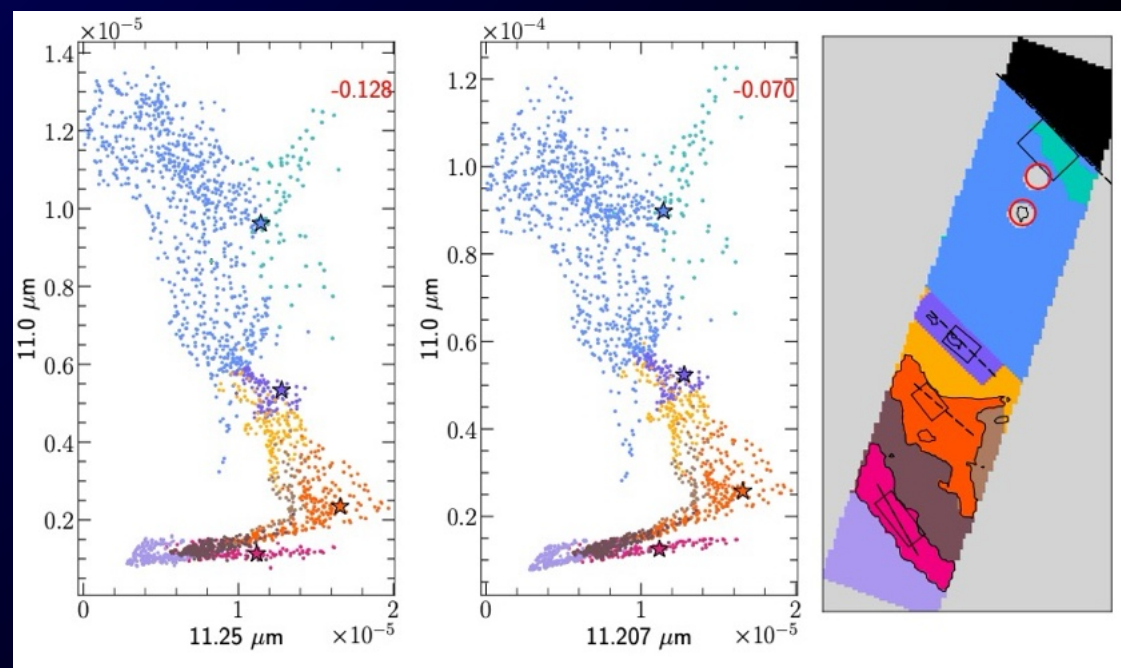
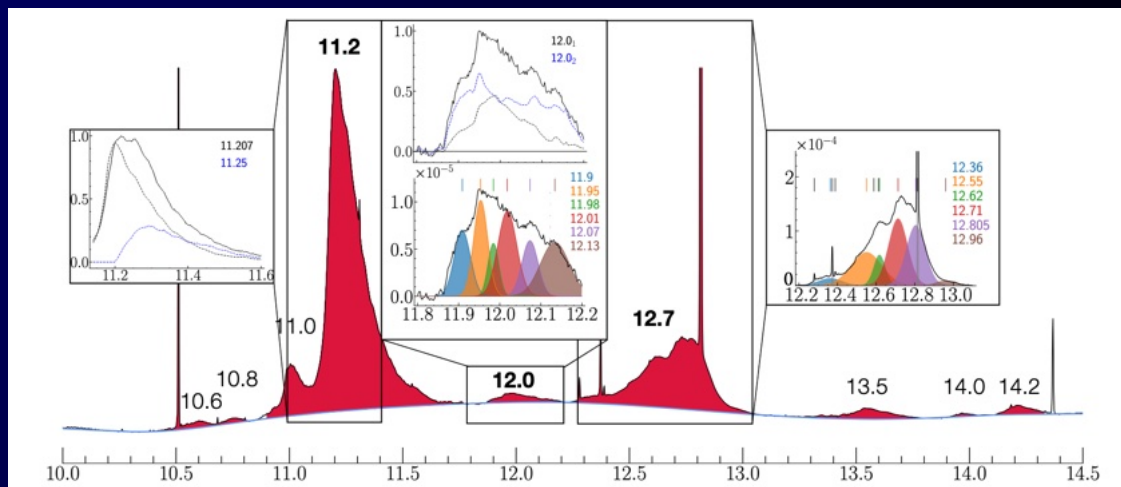
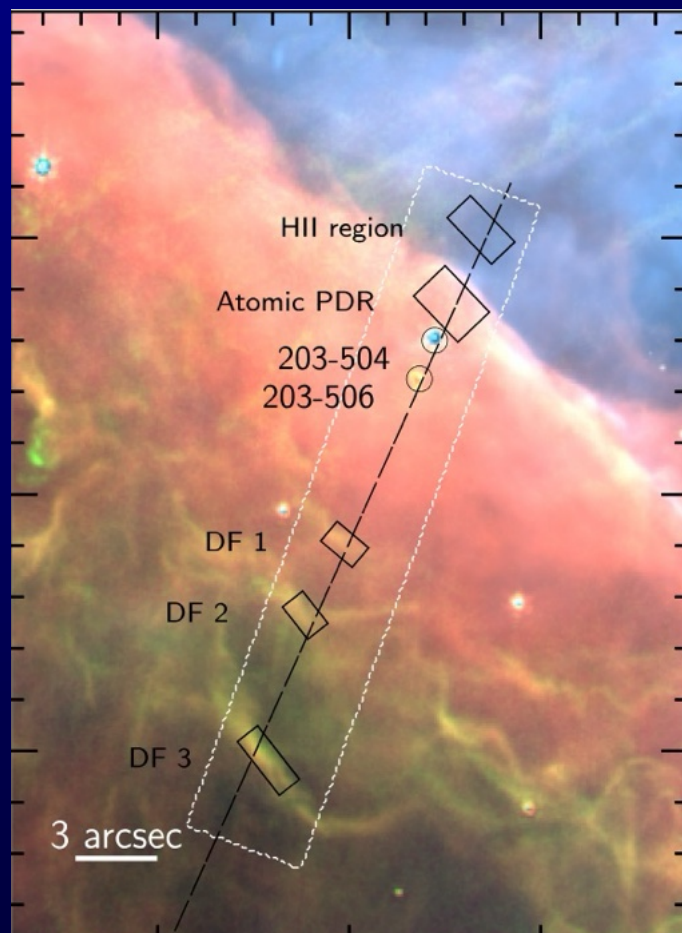
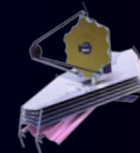


Chown+2024

Habart+2024, Berné+2023, Peeters+2024, van de Putte+2025, many others...



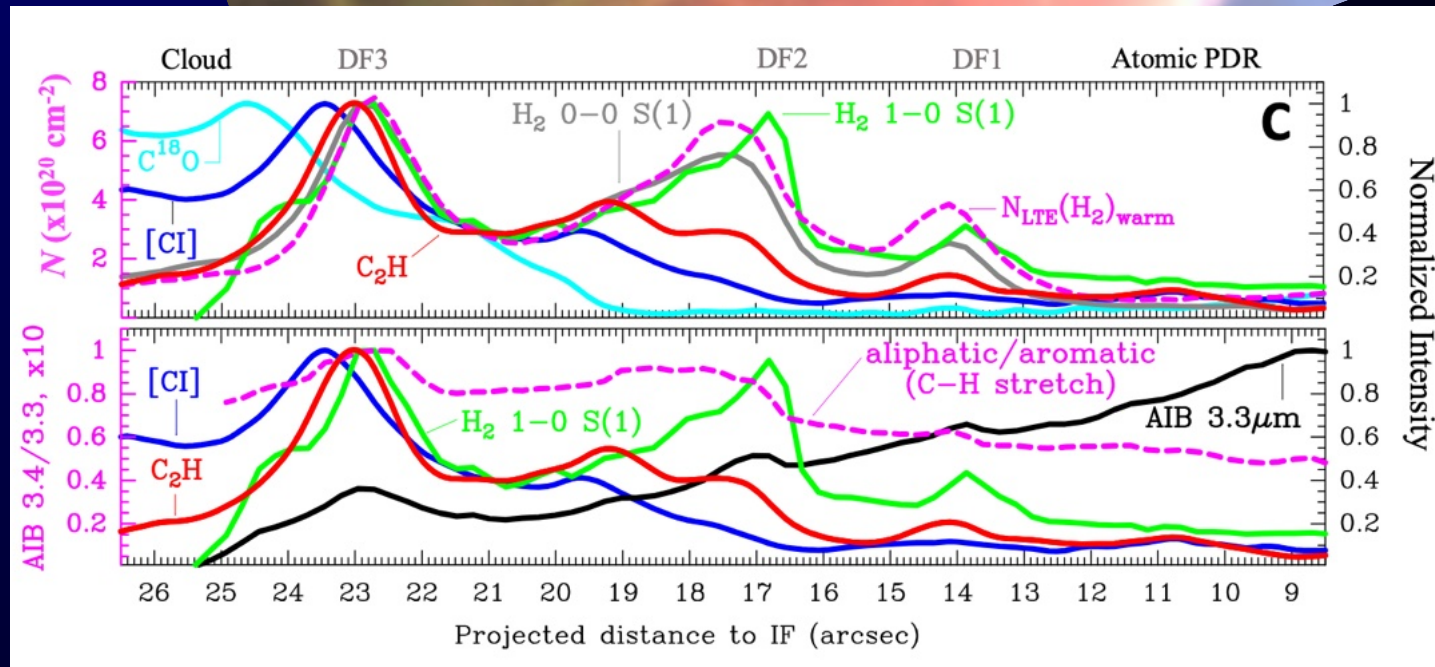
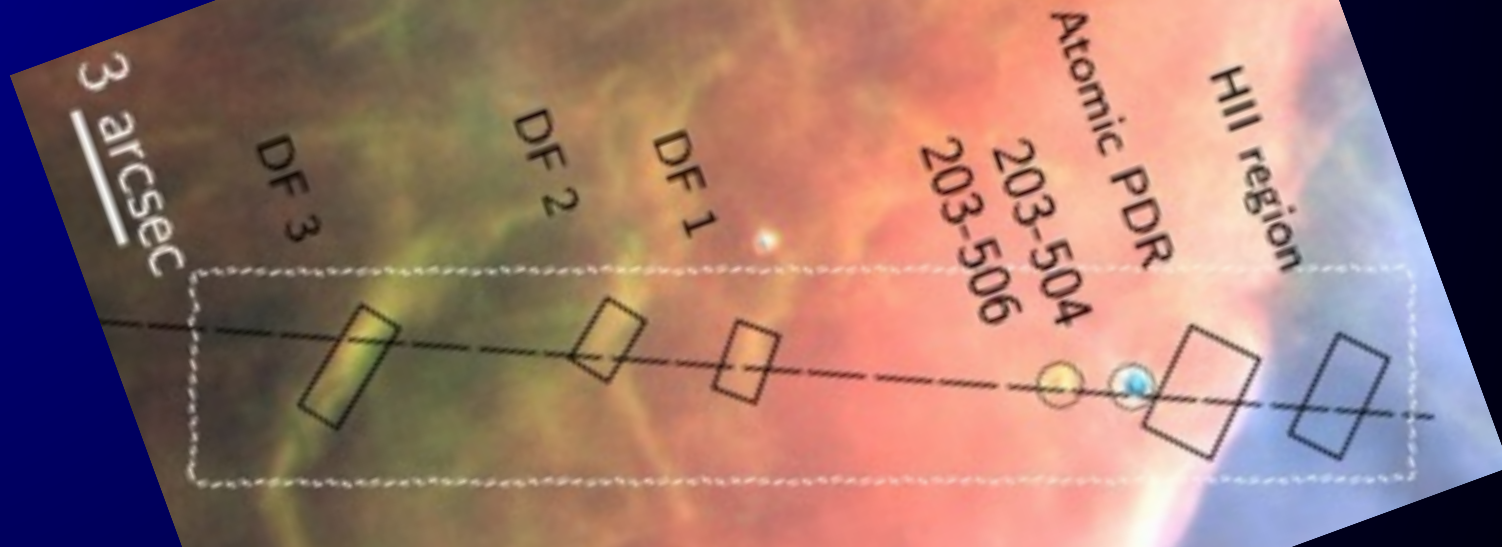
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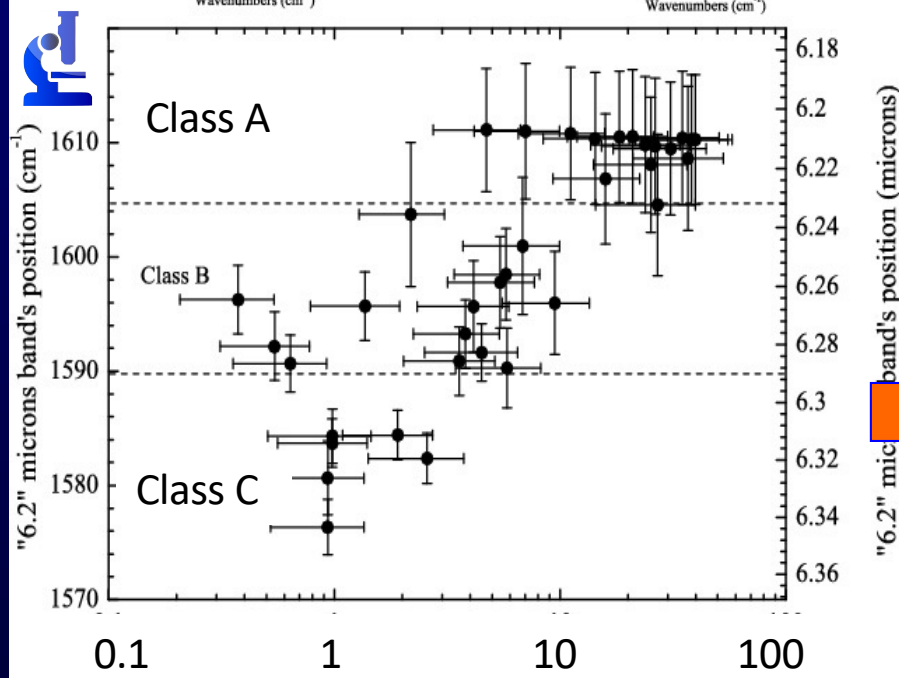
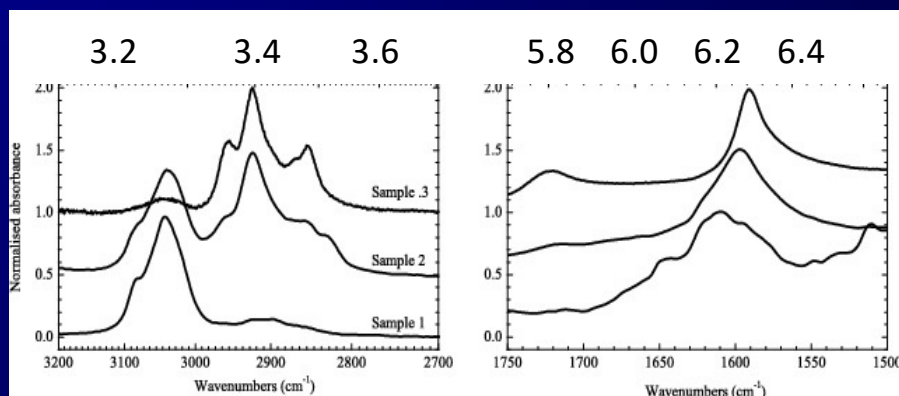


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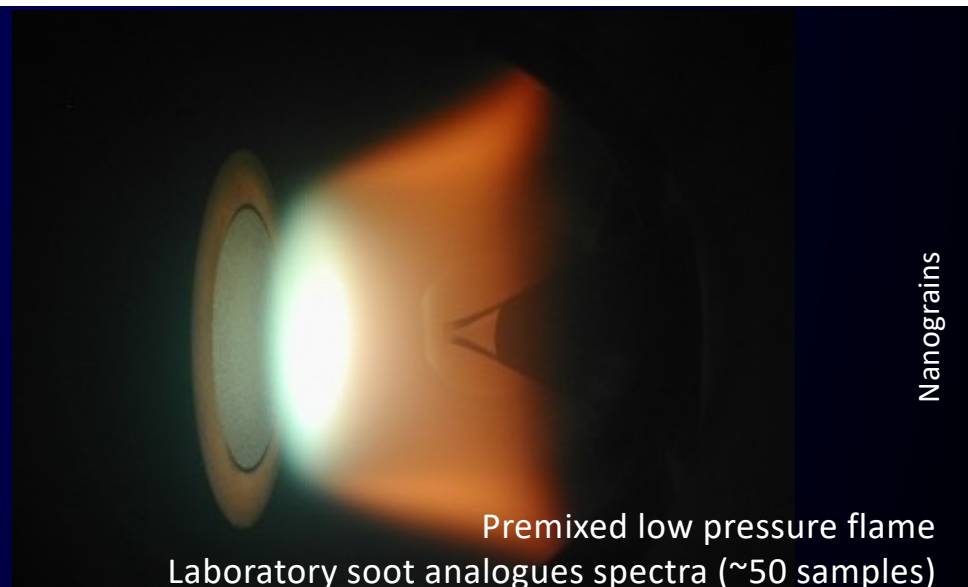


# Class C-D spectral signatures reproduced with laboratory analogues

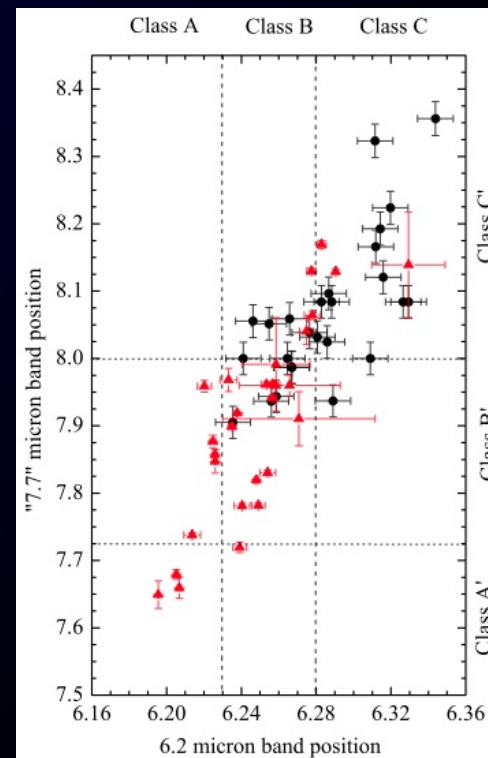
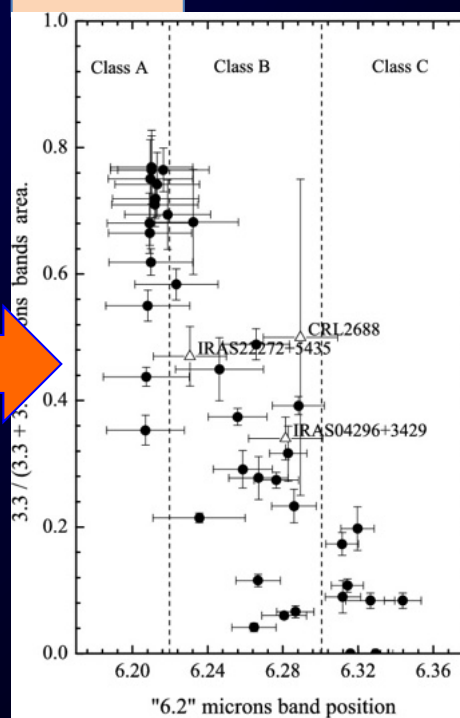


$N(\text{CH Aromatics}) / N(\text{CH aliphatics})$

Aromatic C=C shift induced by aliphatics  $\text{sp}^3$  CH bonds ?



Pino+2008



Carpentier+2012

Kwok&Zhang2013

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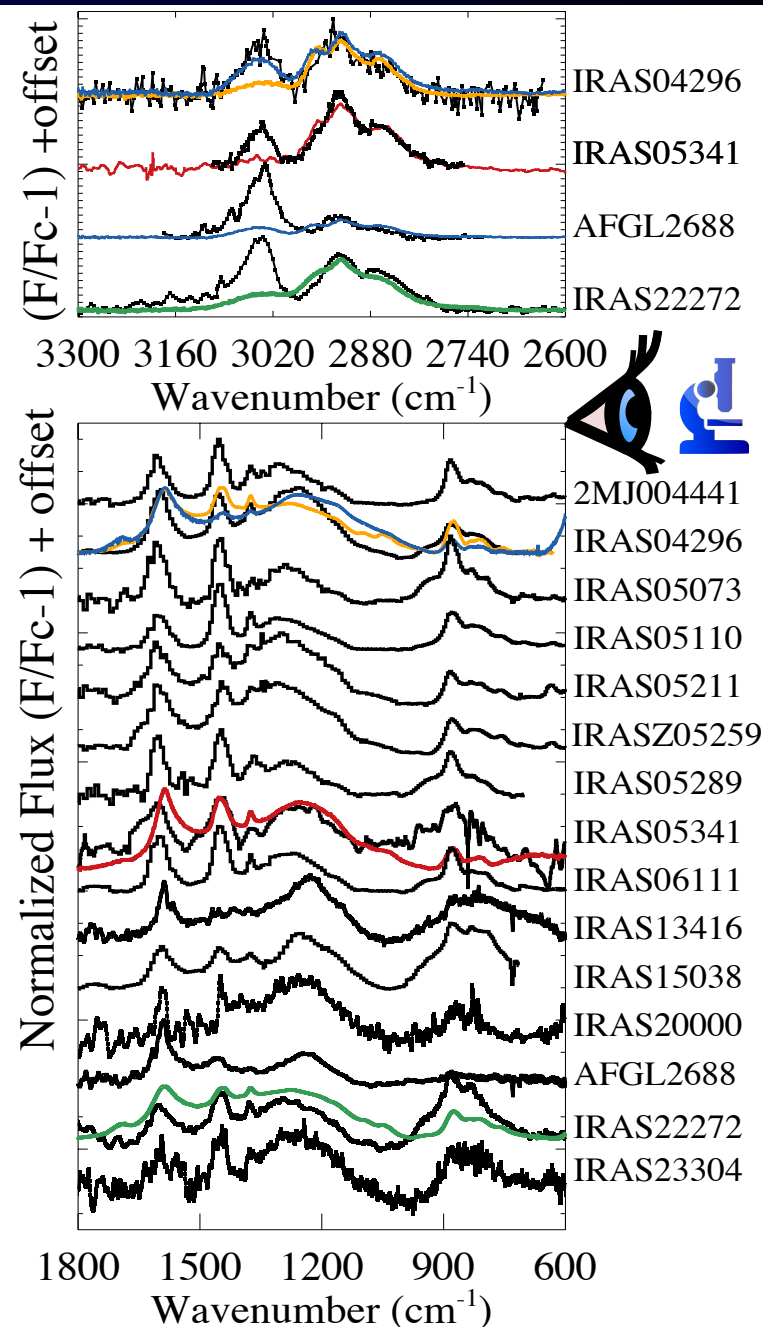
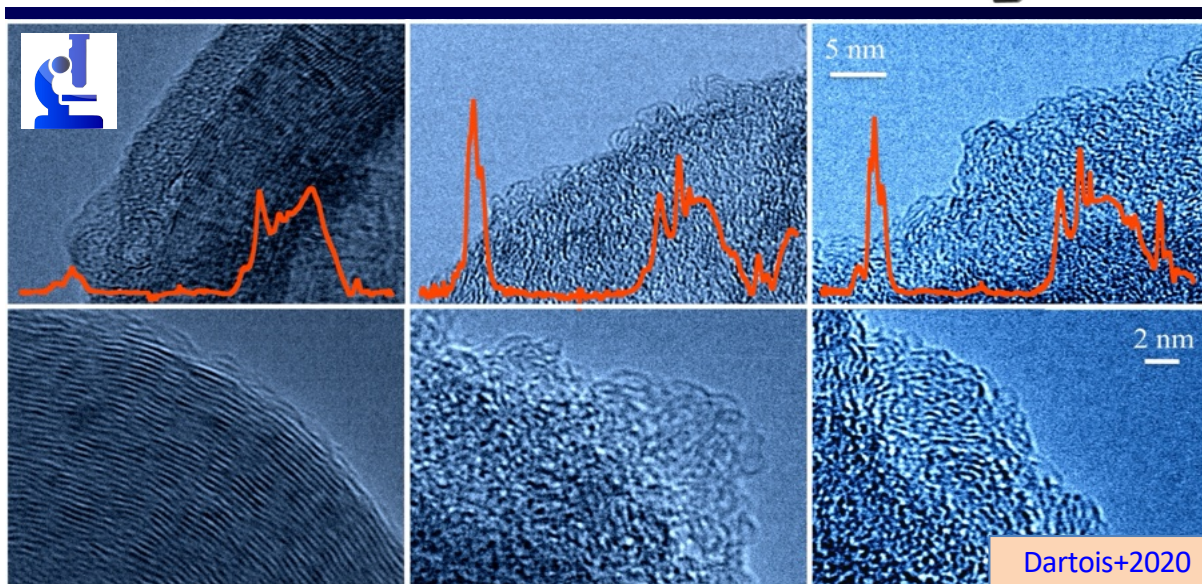
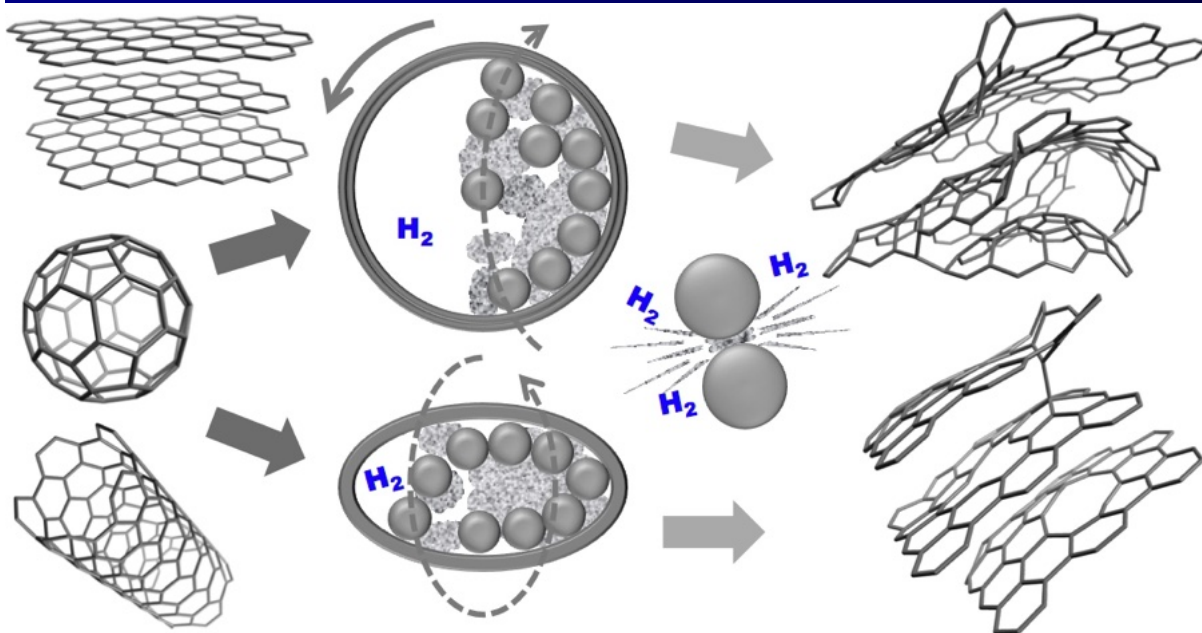
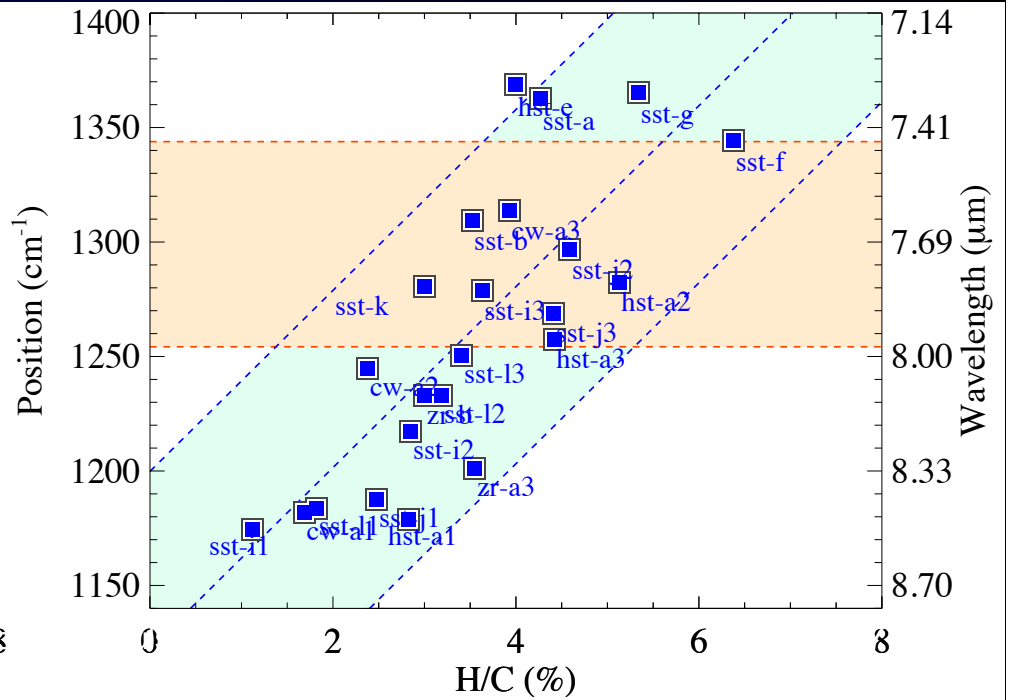


Figure 1 is a scatter plot showing the ratio of absolute magnitudes  $A(1600)/A(1460)$  versus the hydrogen-to-carbon ratio  $H/C$  (%). The y-axis is logarithmic, ranging from 0.5 to 20. The x-axis is linear, ranging from 0 to 8. Data points are labeled with object names: sst-1, sst-l1, sst-j1, zr-b, cv-a2, sst-j2, zr-a3, sst-a, sst-k, sst-l3, hst-a3, sst-j2, sst-j3, hst-a2, sst-g, and sst-f. Two dashed blue lines define a green shaded region. Two horizontal dashed orange lines define an orange shaded region.

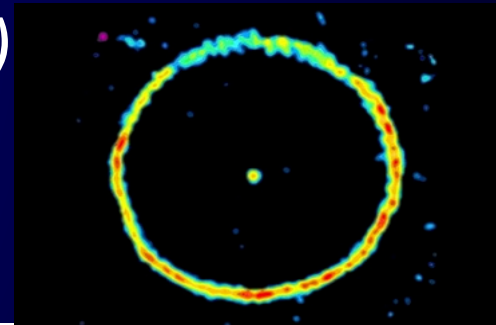




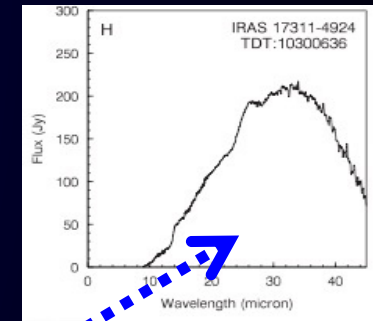


# Amorphous carbon (a-C)

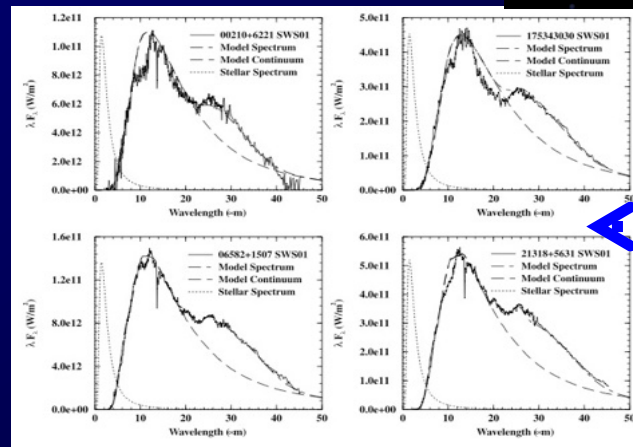
Carbon(-phase) stars



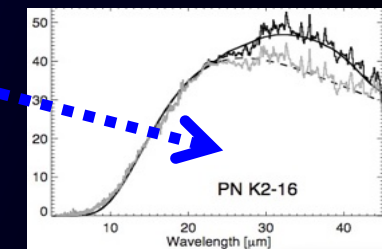
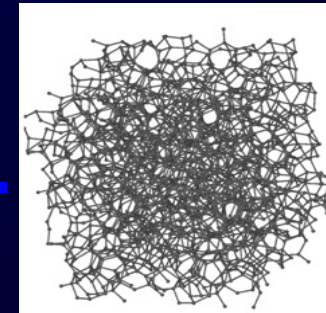
Etoile carbonée  
TTCygni / IRAM



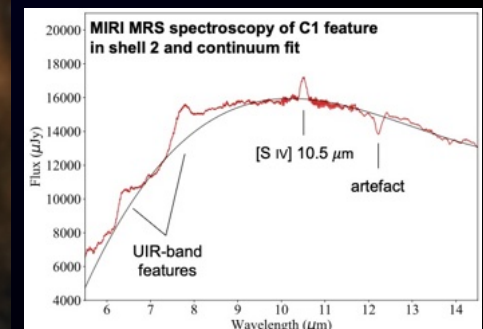
Chen et al.2010  
Gauba 2004



Volk et al.2001



Hony et al.2002



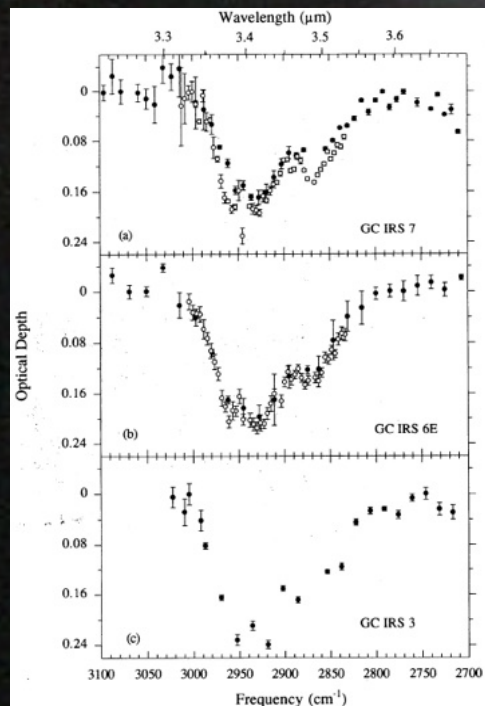
Lau+2022



# Hydrogenated amorphous carbons (a-C:H or HAC)

DISM

CH stretch abs. observed against  
IR bkgd sources

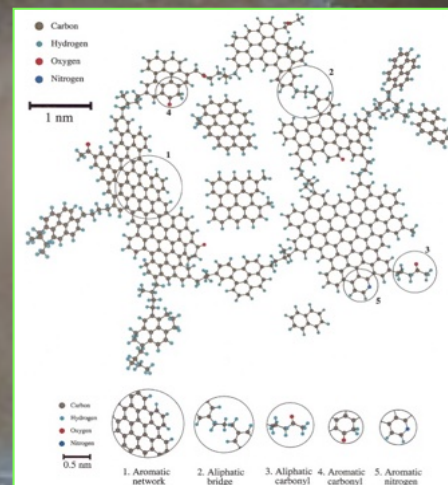


Pendleton+1994

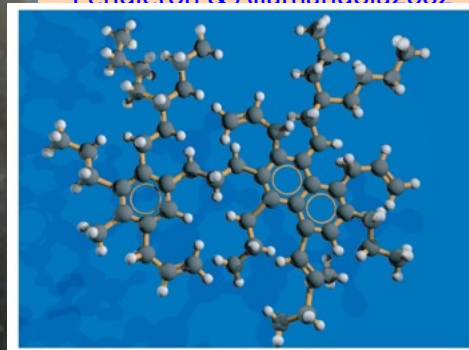
Sandford+1991; 1995, Pendleton+1994, Duley+1994, 1998,  
Dartois+1997; Godard+2013, ...

Viehmann+

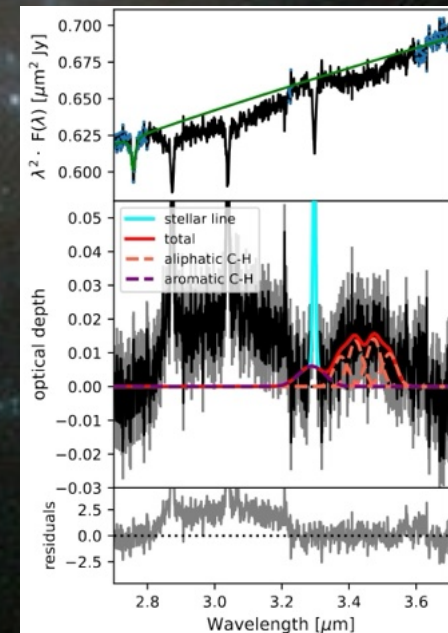
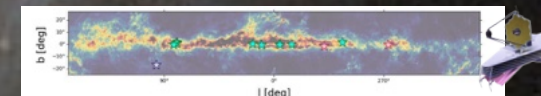
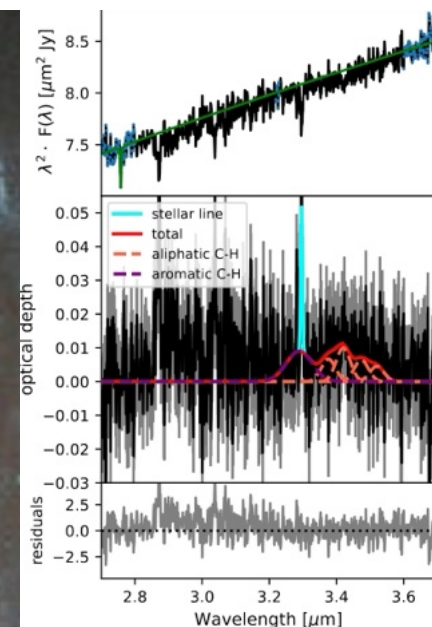
2004



Pendleton & Allamandola2002



Dartois+2007



Zeegers+2025

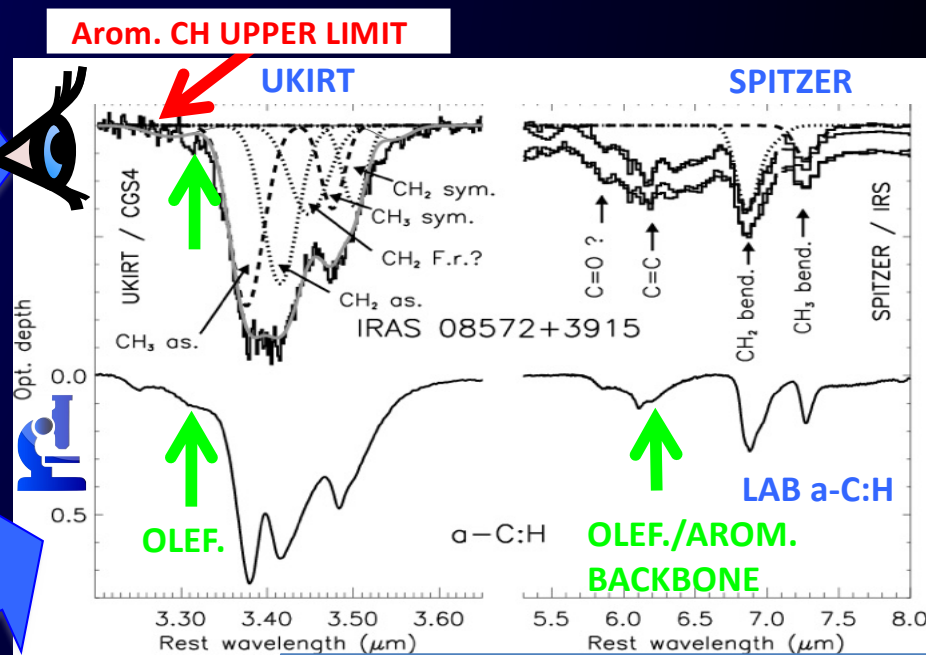


# ISM (ext. galaxies)



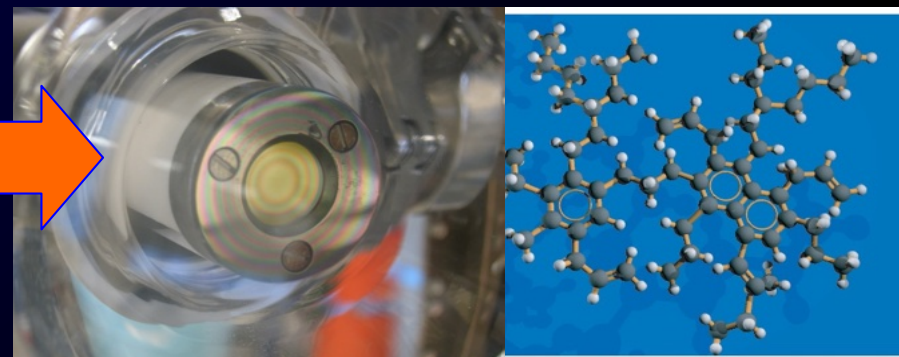
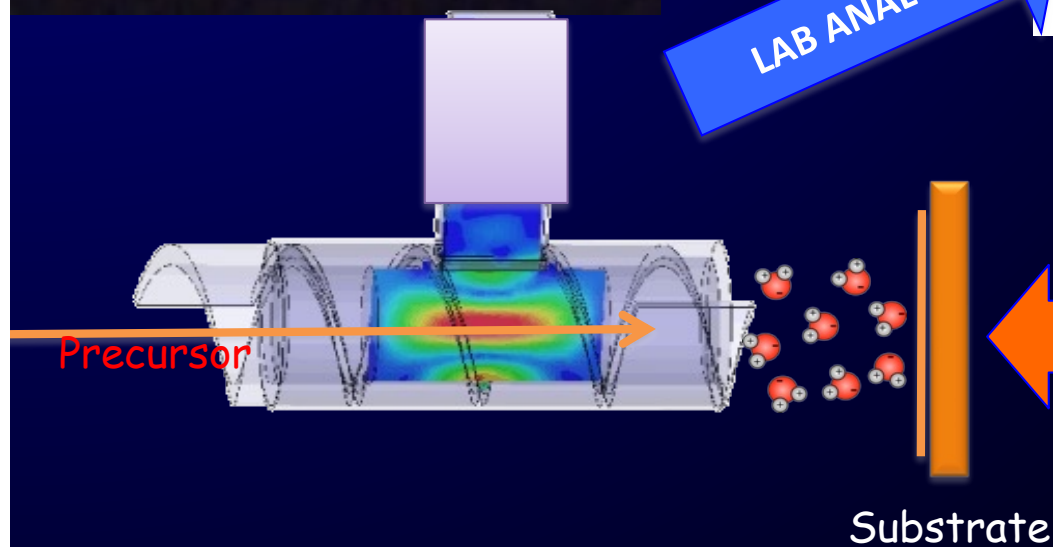
OBSERVED

LAB ANALOG



Godard et al. 2011; Dartois, Geballe, Pino et al. 2007

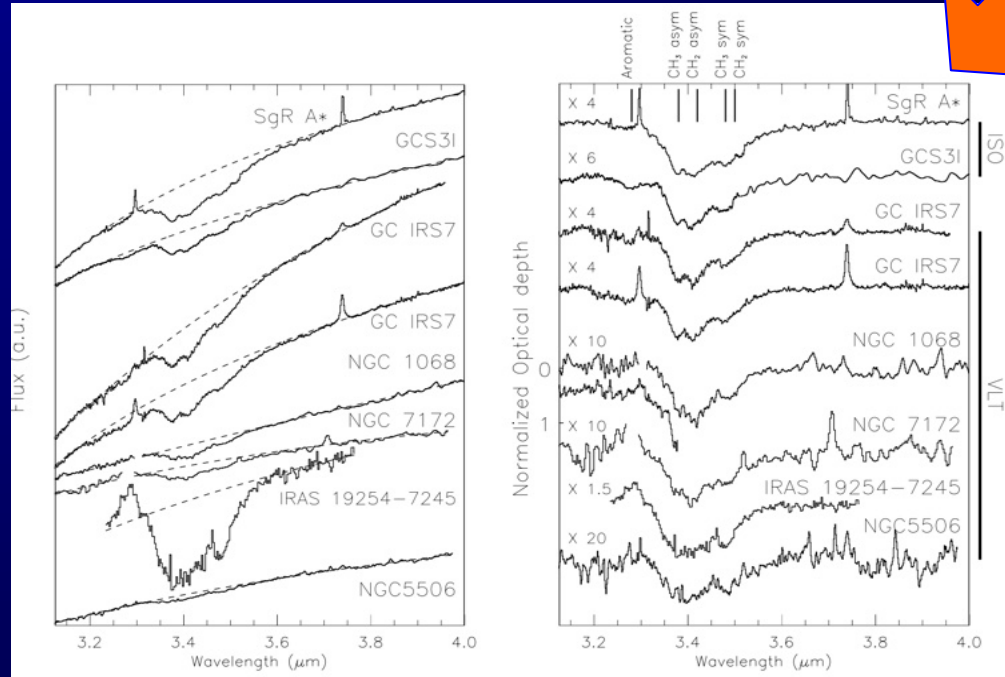
Mori+2022; Sakata+1984; Duley+1998



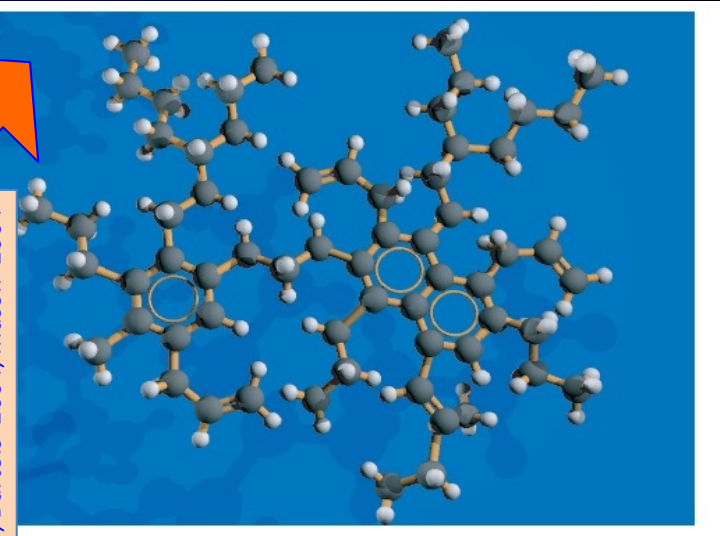




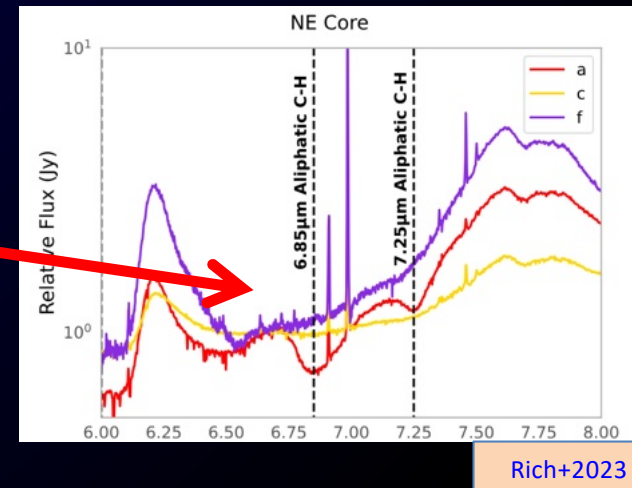
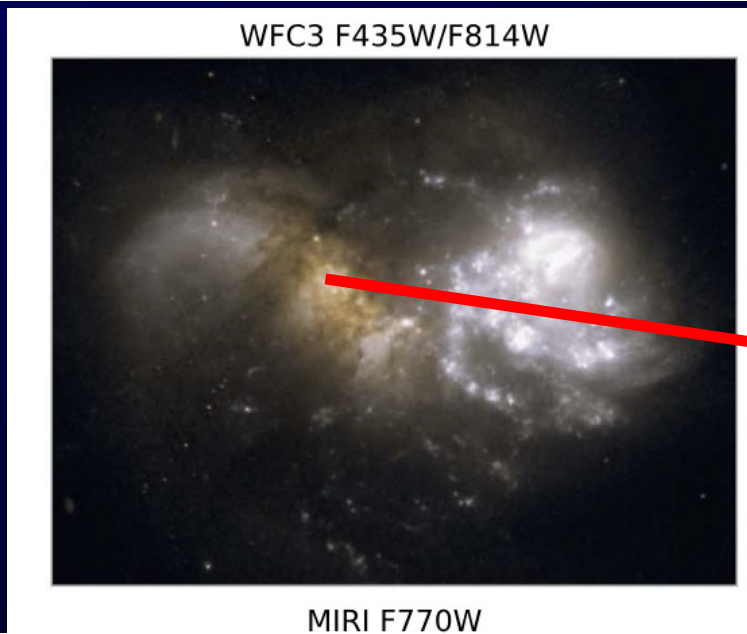
# Extragalactic sources ISM observed with a-C:H



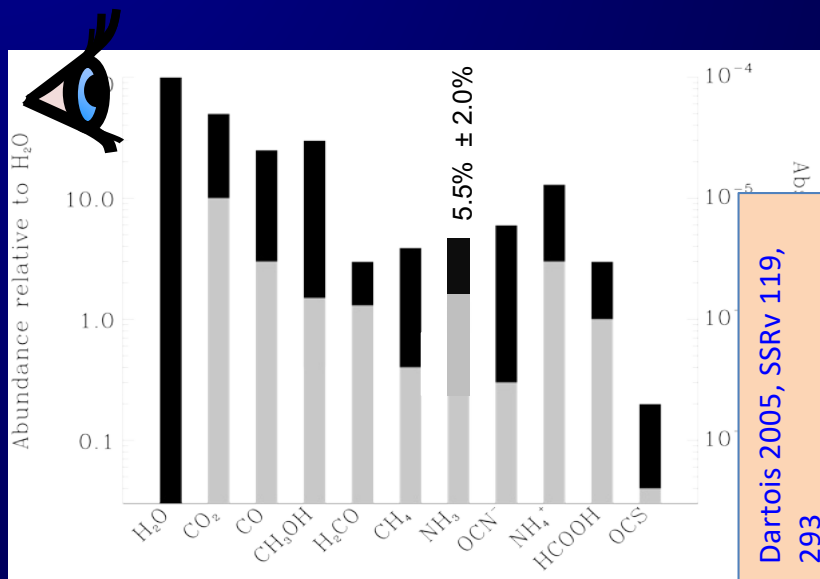
Imanishi+2010, Risaliti+2006, Dartois+2004, Mason+2004



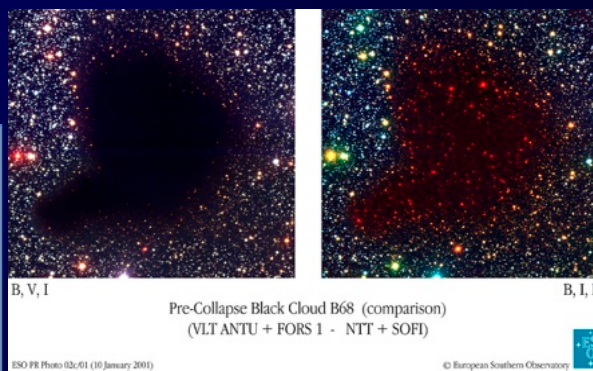
- 5% to up to 40% of cosmic C?



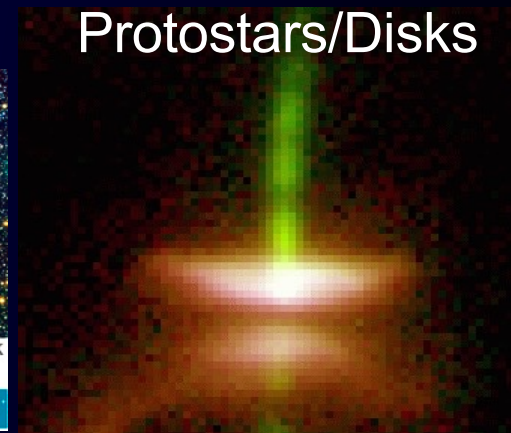
# Ice mantles irradiation + $T$ increase $\rightarrow$ organic residues



## Field stars

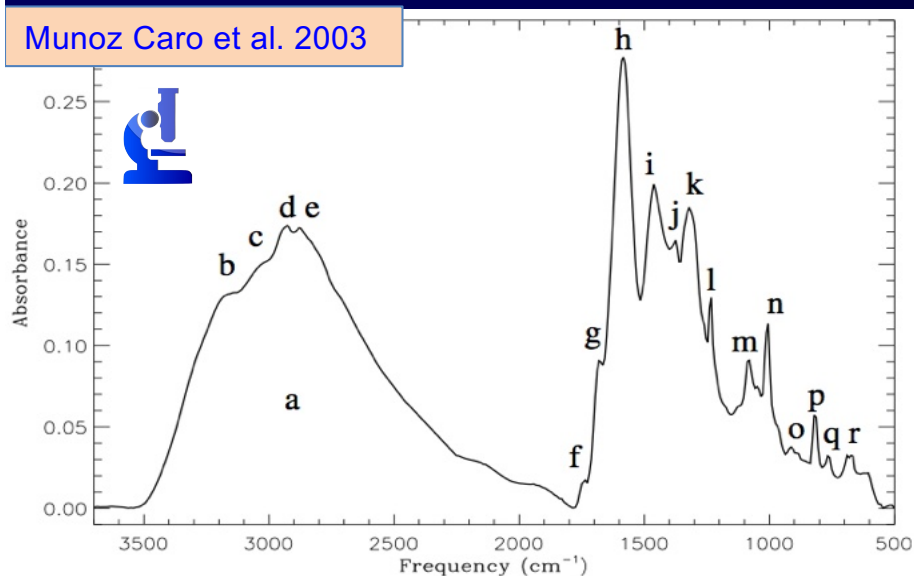


## Protostars/Disks

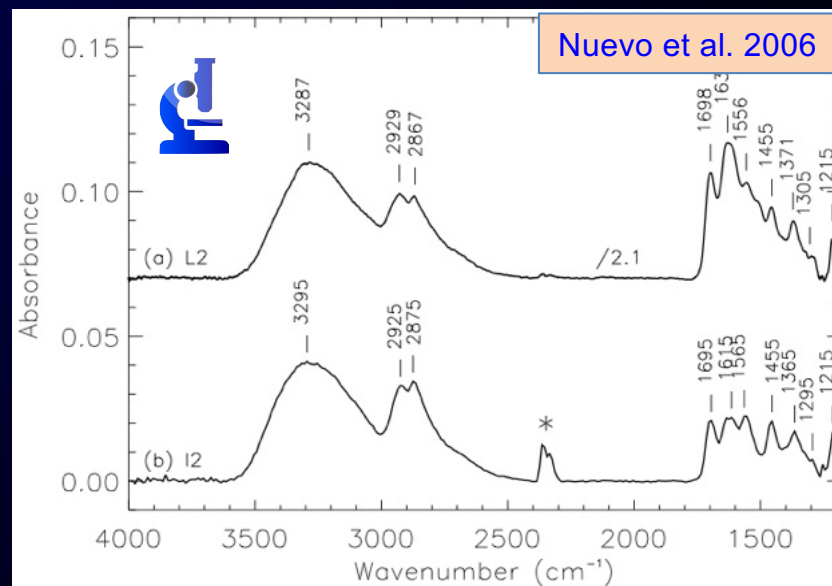


e.g. Bottinelli et al. 2010, Boogert et al. 2008; Pontoppidan et al. 2008; Oberg et al. 2008; Bergin et al. 2005; Dartois et al. 2005; Van Dishoeck 2004; Boogert & Ehrenfreund 2004; Gibb et al. 2000.

## Munoz Caro et al. 2003



## Nuevo et al. 2006



e.g. Danger+2021, 2016, de Marcellus+2017, Raunier+2004,...

# Which ISM carbonaceous solids ingredients ?

(nano-) Diamonds

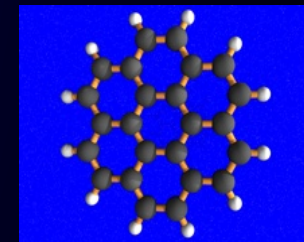


Fullerenes



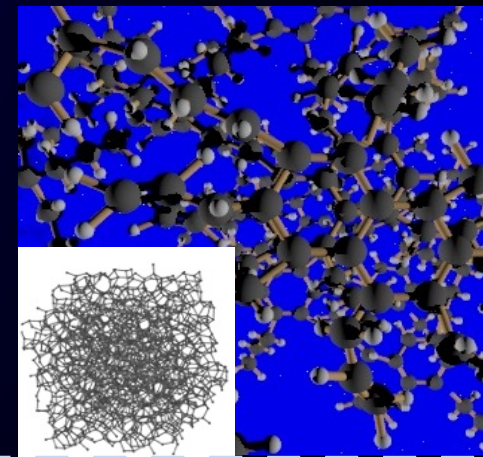
$C_{60}$   $C_{60}^+$  ( $C_{70}$ ?)

AIBs-PAHs :  
Class A to C

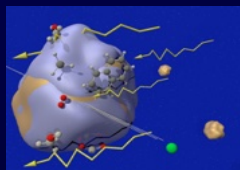


Hydrogenated  
amorphous carbon

Amorphous  
carbon



+ organic matter



Ice mantles  
residues

Observational biases ?  
Location along l.o.s. ?  
 $\mu$ -physics evolution ?  
How are they mixed ?



# Many additional laboratory astrophysics experimental simulations of energetic processes involving solids are needed to interpret observations, a few examples ...

## Photon sources

VUV photolysis:  
ambient  
stellar  
CR induced

X-Rays

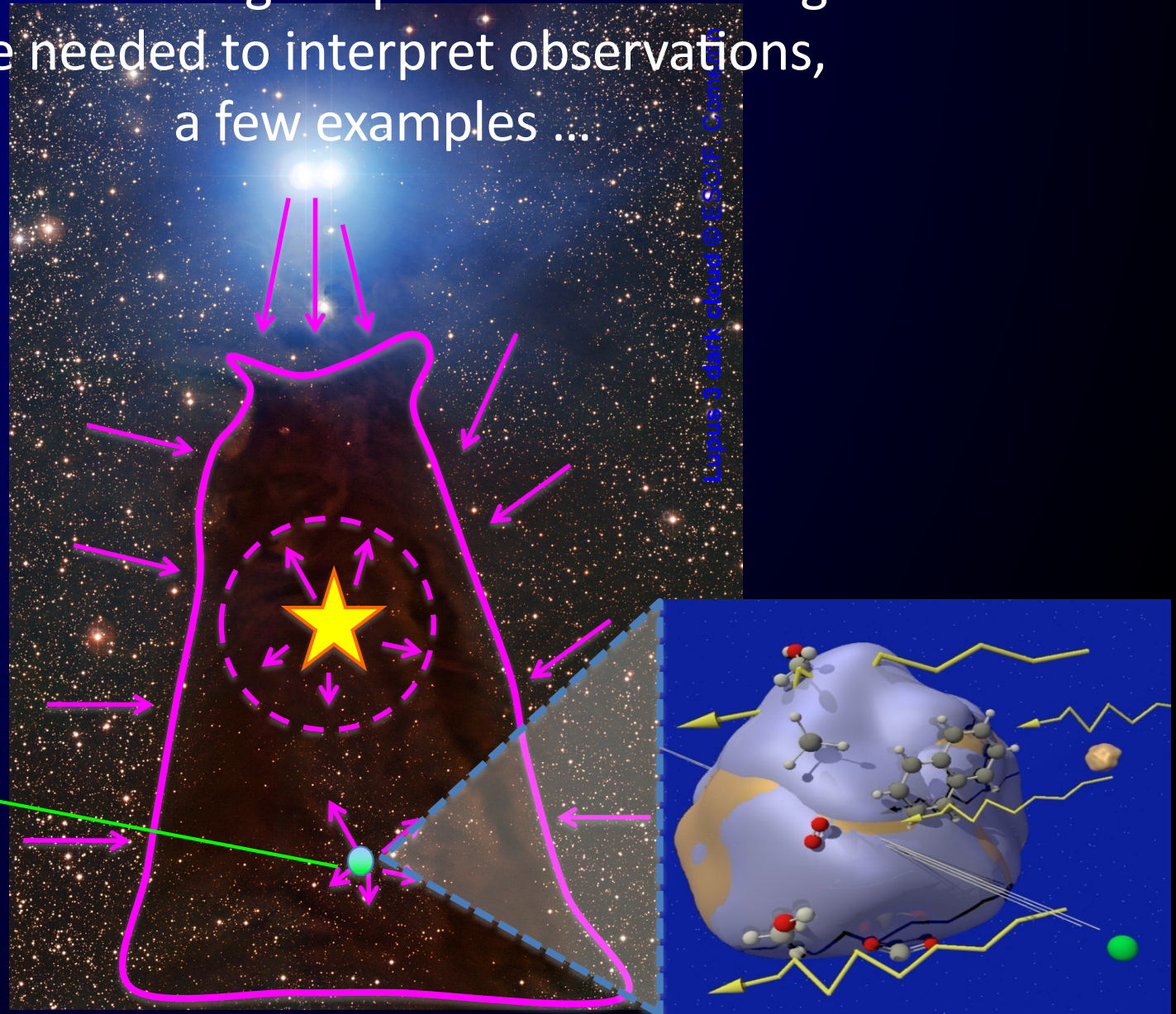
## Particles sources

electrons

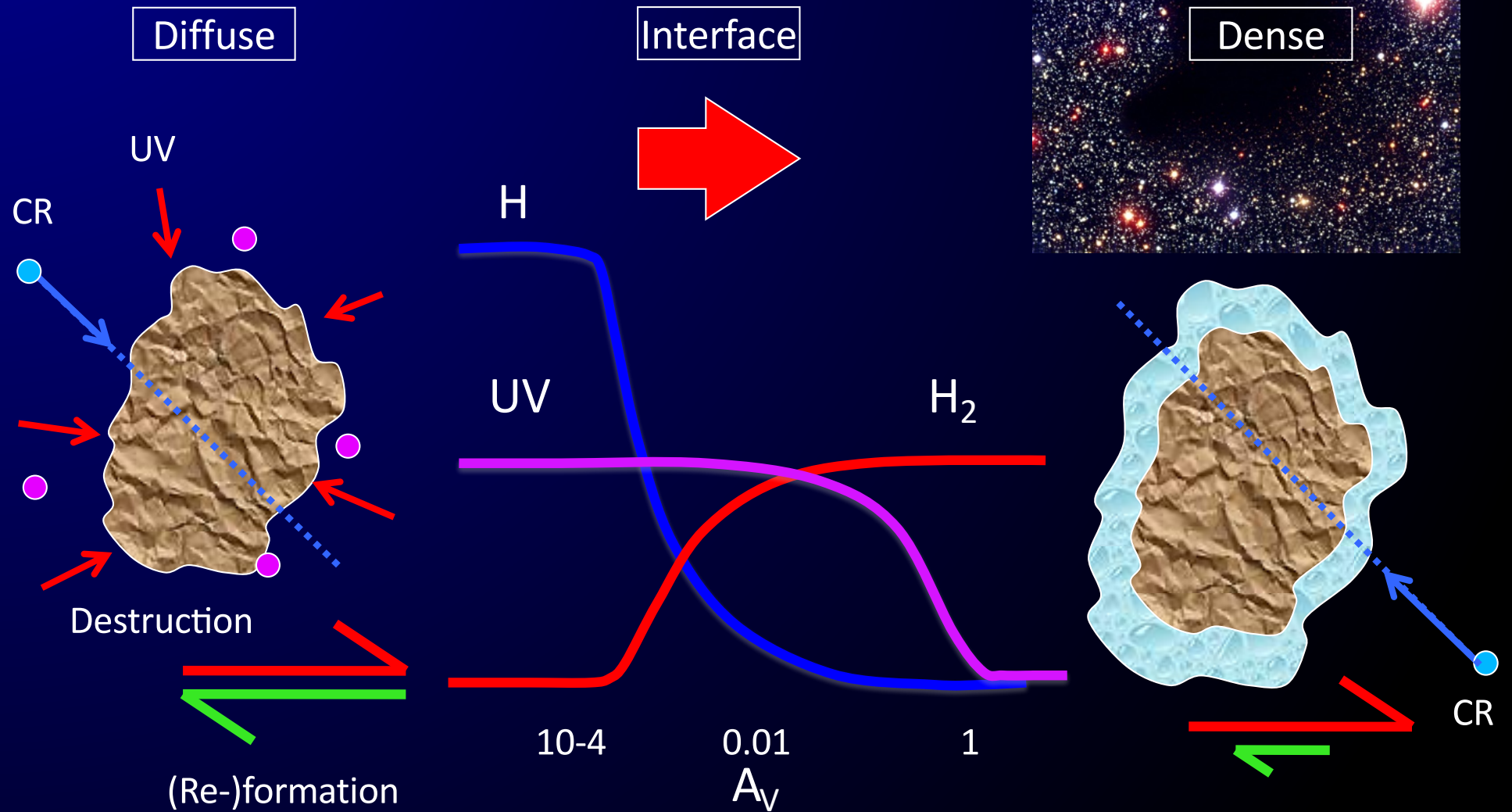
Cosmic rays

## Thermal

## Shocks (C,J,...)



# Diffuse to dense ISM transition



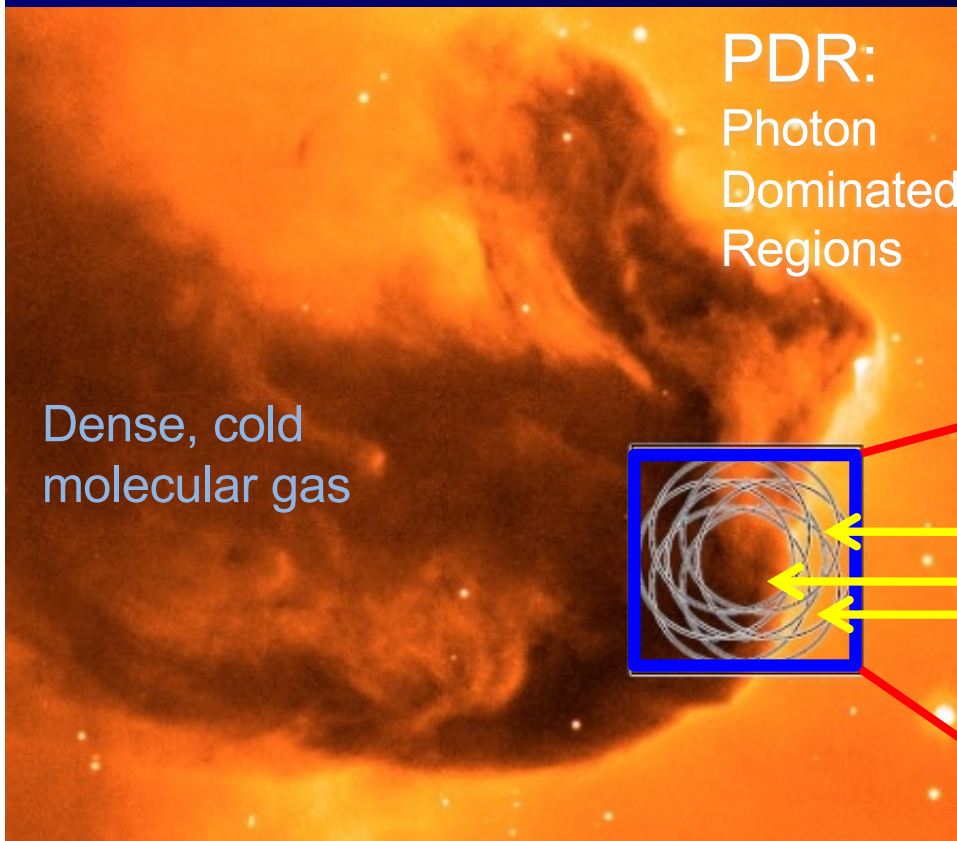


# Evolution at the ISM interfaces & radiative env.

## VUV

Hydrocarbons molecules detections

$C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_2H_2$ ,  $CCH$ ,  
 $c-C_3H_2$ ,  $C_4H$  ....



PDR:  
Photon  
Dominated  
Regions

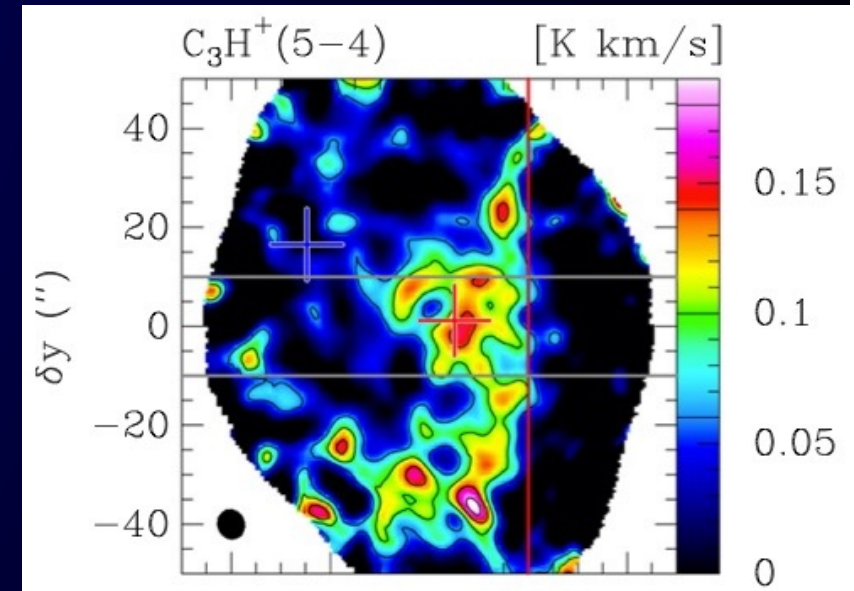
Dense, cold  
molecular gas



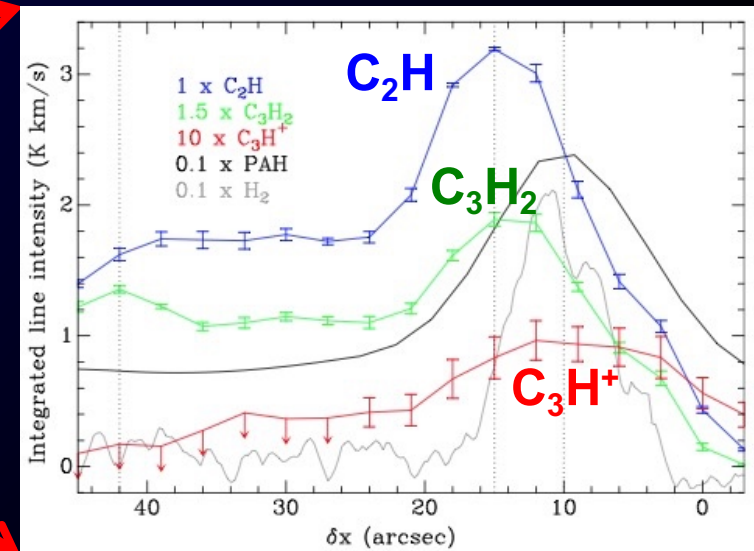
Pety et al. 2005

One-dimensional Photo-Dissociation Region,  
The Horsehead (PDR)

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Top-down chemistry ?



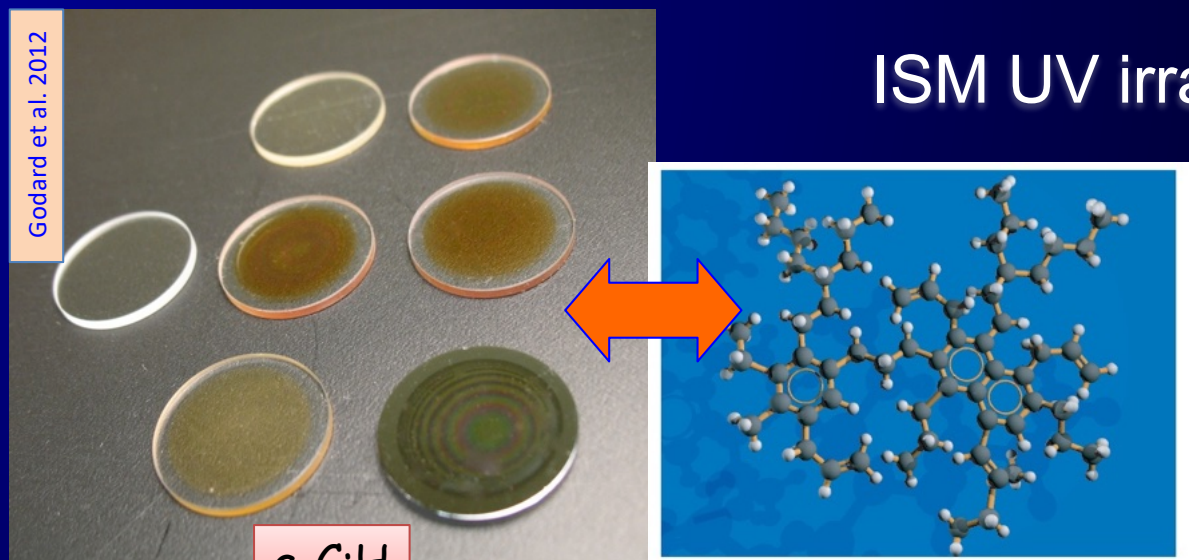
Guzman et al. 2015



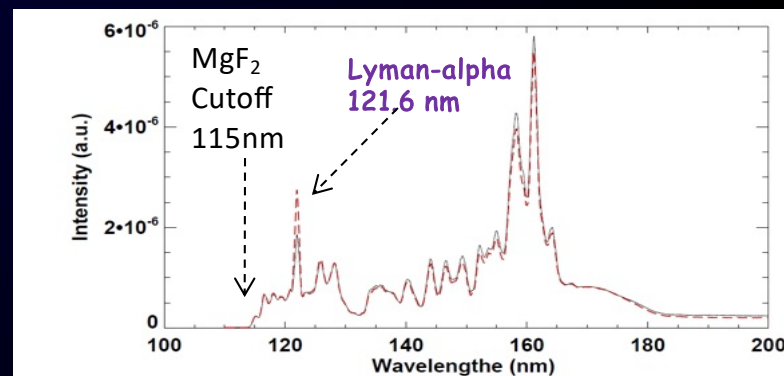
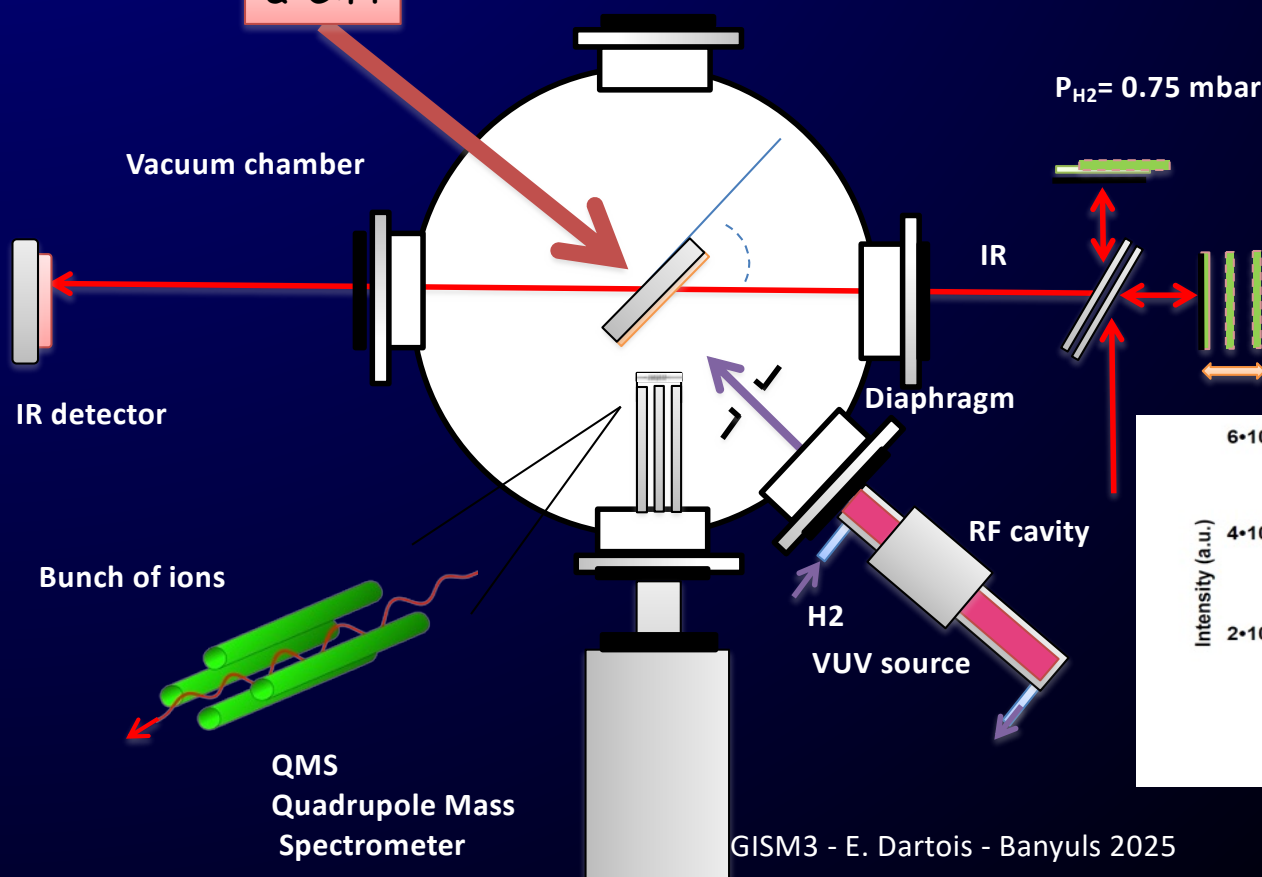
# ISM UV irradiation experiments

Irradiation @T=10 K

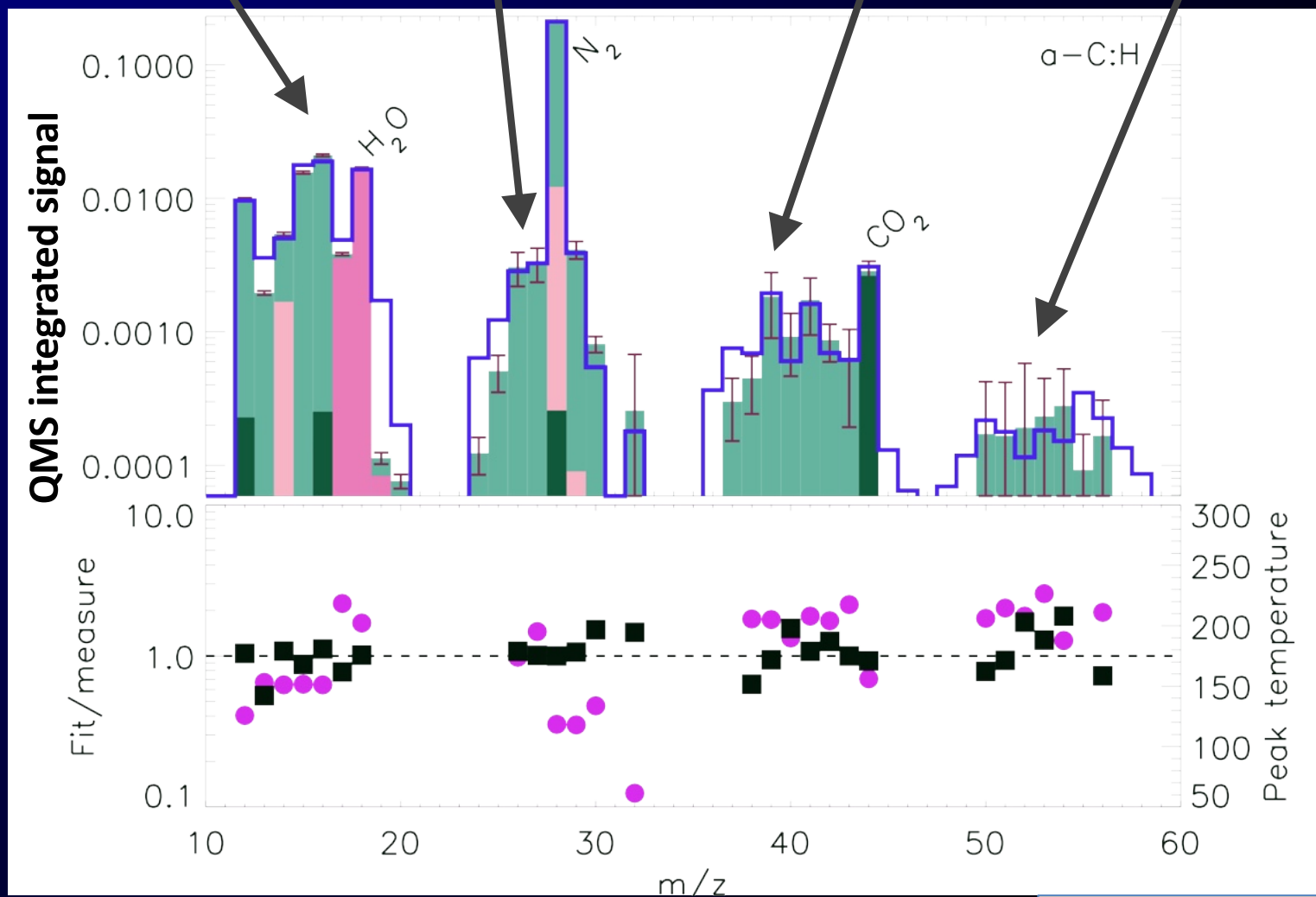
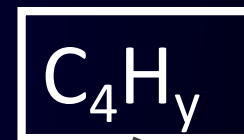
TPD 5K/min



$\alpha$ -C<sub>6</sub>H



# Photoproducts: H<sub>2</sub> and...



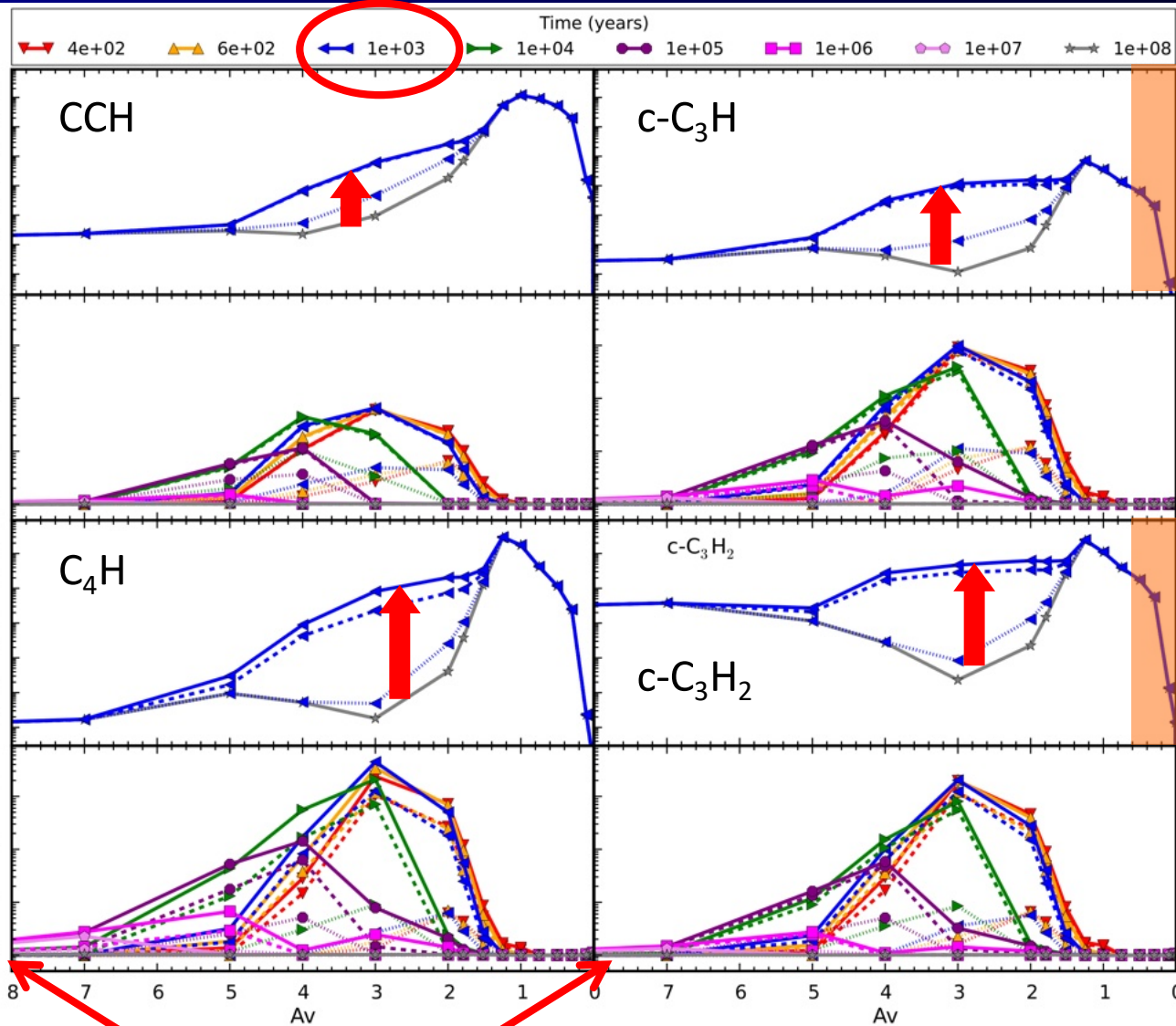
Abundance

Abundance

ratio

Abundance/ $n_{\text{H}}$

Abundance ratio



1<sup>st</sup> stage

Meudon PDR Code:

Le Petit et al. 2006

2<sup>nd</sup> stage

Code Nahoon:

Time dependent  
Perturbation a-CH

Wakelam 2006

PDR speed of  
advective front :  
~ 1 km/s

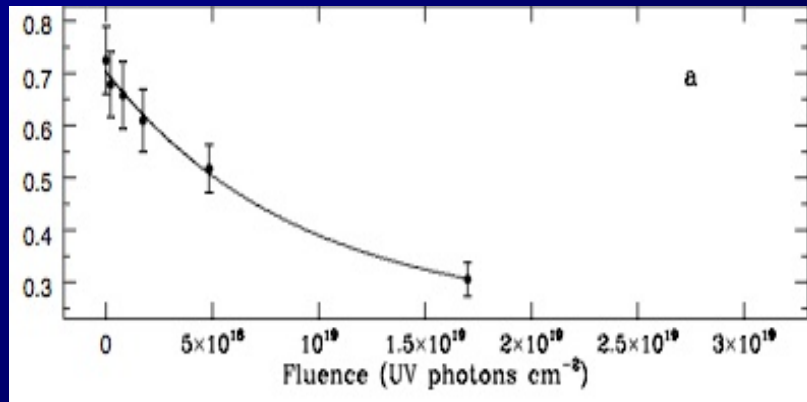
Jallat2015; Alata+2015

$d(0.5A_v) \sim 7.8 \times 10^{15}$  cm,  
equivalent to  $2.5-5 \times 10^3$  years

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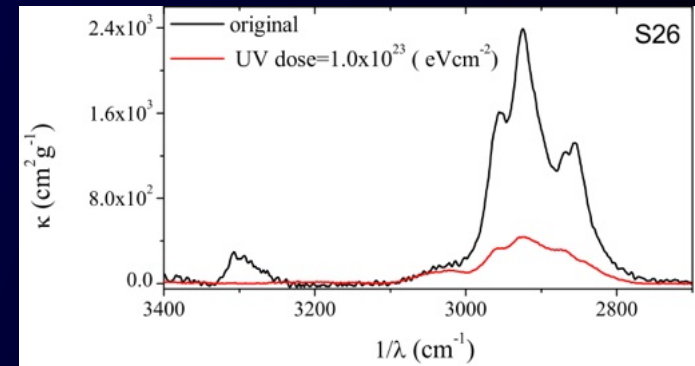


# Laboratory VUV radiative environment simulations



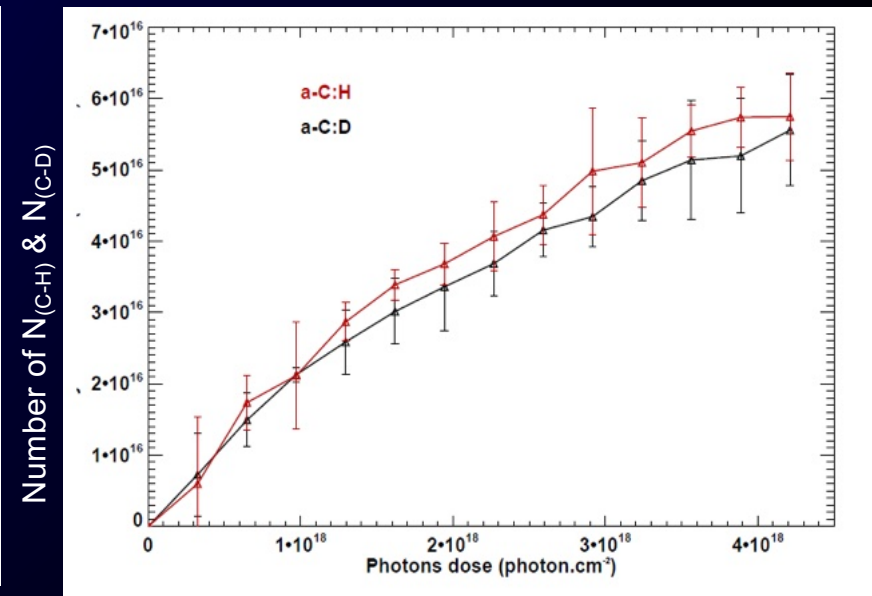
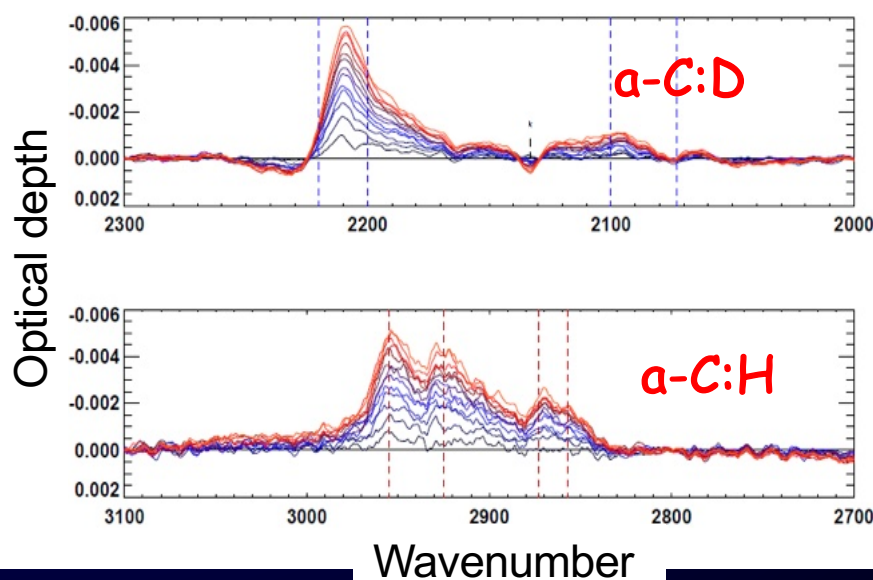
Mennella+1999, 2001

$$\sigma_{\text{CH}}(\text{VUV}) = 1 \text{ to } 5 \times 10^{-19} \text{ cm}^2$$



$\sigma_{\text{CH}}(\text{VUV})$  ?

Gadallah+2011,2013



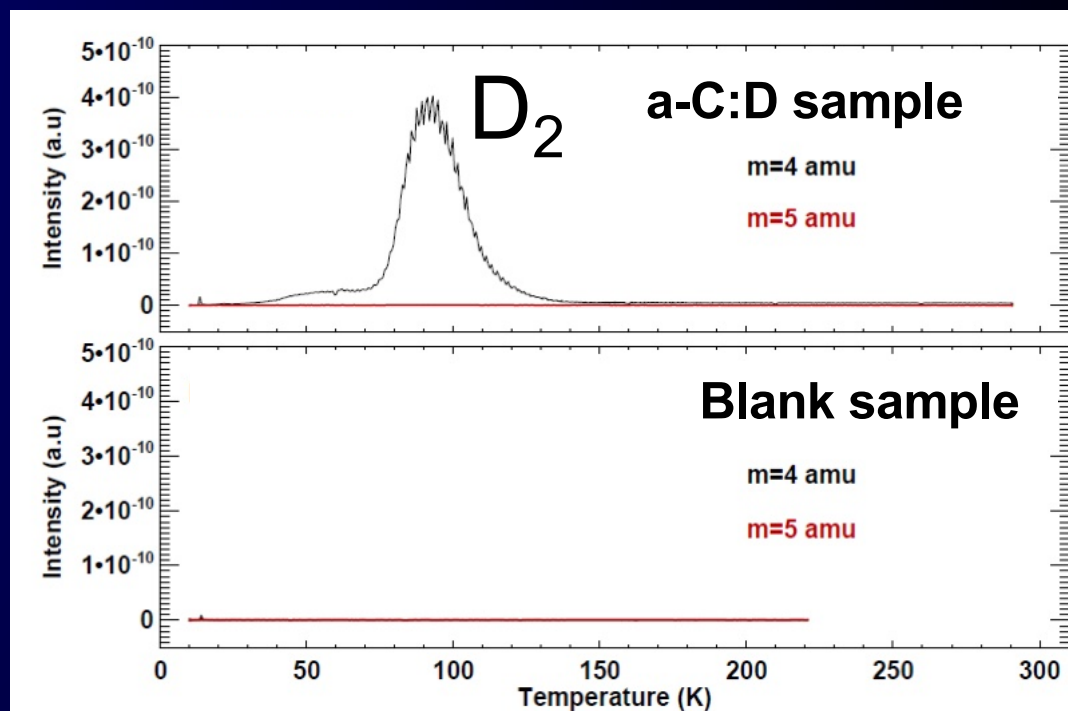
Alata+2014

$$\sigma_{\text{CH}}(\text{VUV}) = 3 \pm 0.9 \times 10^{-19} \text{ cm}^2$$

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# Post irradiation TPD

5h irradiation then TPD 5K/min



Alata, Jallat+ 2015, Martín-Doménech +2016

Photolytic  $D_2$  /  $H_2$  formation rate

$$R_f^{FUV} [\text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}] \approx \gamma_{H_2} \sigma_{CH}^{des}(FUV) \frac{n(CH)}{n_{tot}} n_{tot} \chi \phi^{ISRF}(FUV) e^{-\tau_d}$$

CH abundance

extinction

Yield

Destruction  
cross-section

VUV photons flux

VUV Rate coefficient

GISM3

$$R_f^{FUV} [\text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}] = R_c [\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}] n(H) n_{tot}.$$

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## VUV H<sub>2</sub> Rate coefficient

$$R_c [\text{cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}] \sim 10^{-14} f(\text{C})_{\text{aCH}} \chi/n(\text{H}) e^{-\tau_d}$$

With 5-10% C locked into a-C:H &

PDR:  $\chi/n(\text{H})$  up to 0.25   $R_c$  up to  $1.25\text{--}2.5 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$

**Table 3.** Temperatures of dust and gas and H<sub>2</sub> formation rates.

| Region     | $T_{\text{SGs}}^a$<br>(K) | $T_{\text{BGs}}^a$<br>(K) | $T_{\text{gas}}^b$<br>(K) | $R_f^c$<br>( $\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ ) |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Chamaeleon | >2.7                      | 15                        | 60                        | $4 \times 10^{-17}$                        |
| Oph W      | 10                        | 36                        | 330                       | $1.5 \times 10^{-16}$                      |
| S140       | 10                        | 36                        | 500                       | $1.5 \times 10^{-16}$                      |
| IC 63      | 12                        | 44                        | 620                       | $1.5 \times 10^{-16}$                      |
| NGC 2023   | 25                        | 60                        | 330                       | $3 \times 10^{-17}$                        |
| Orion Bar  | 62                        | 90                        | 390                       | $3 \times 10^{-17}$                        |

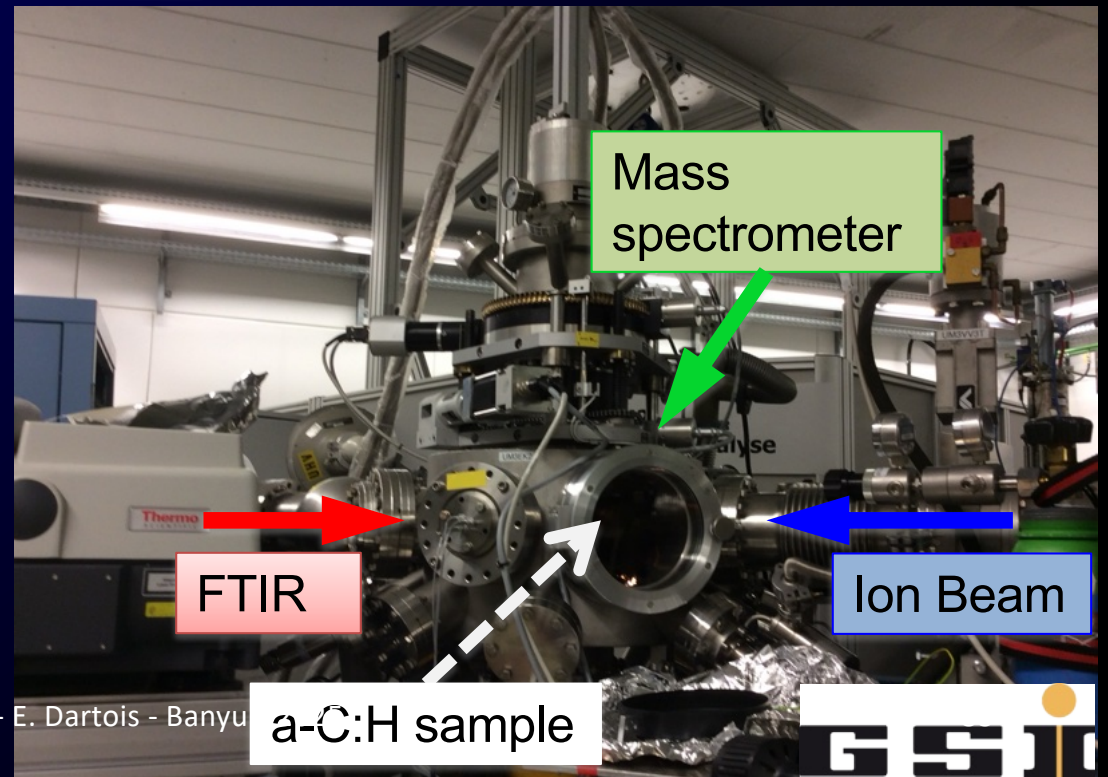
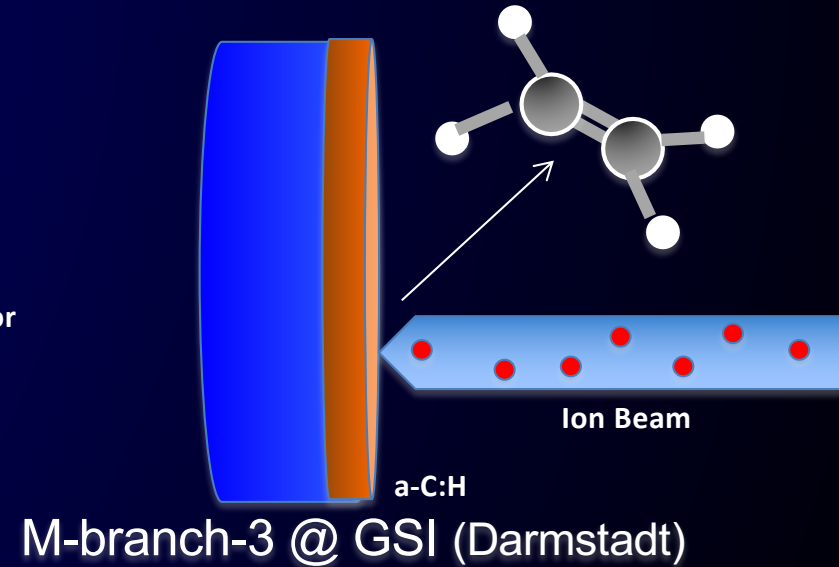
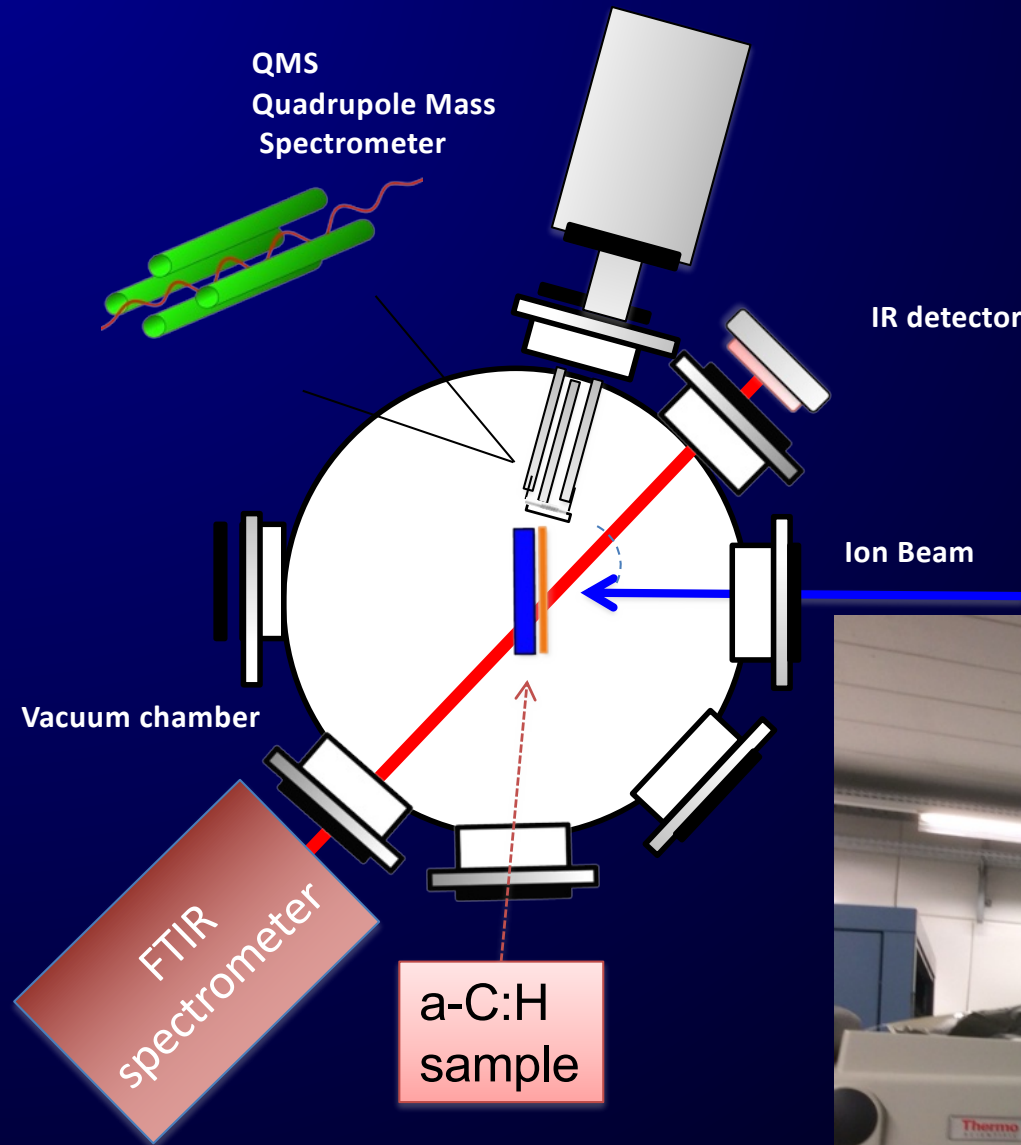
Habart+ 2004

No Langmuir–Hinshelwood  
Low T limitation

Provides high H<sub>2</sub> formation rates at low to high grain T,  
as long as a-C:H grains are present

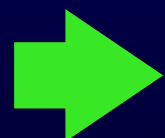
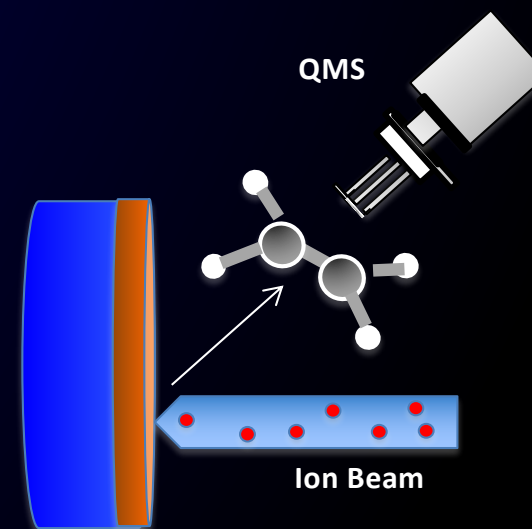
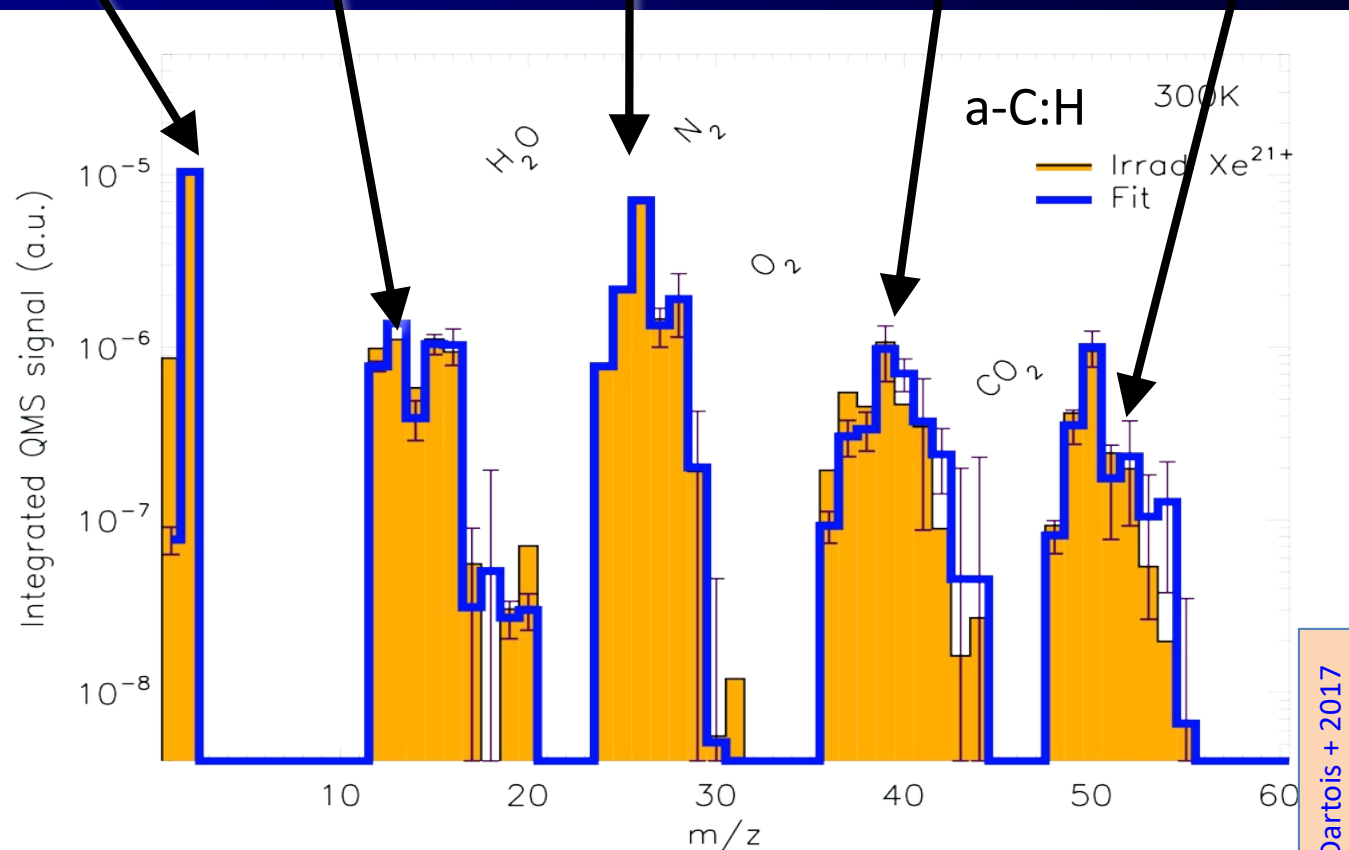
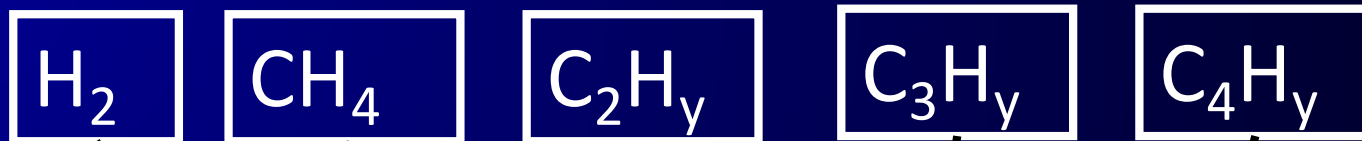


# Cosmic rays environment simulated in the laboratory



Irradiation @  $T=25-300\text{ K}$   
+ TPD 5K/min

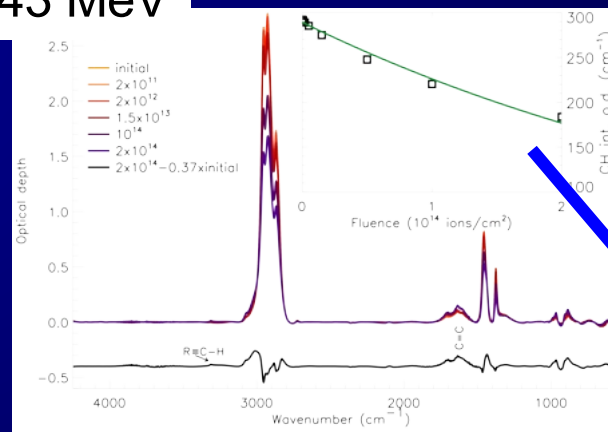
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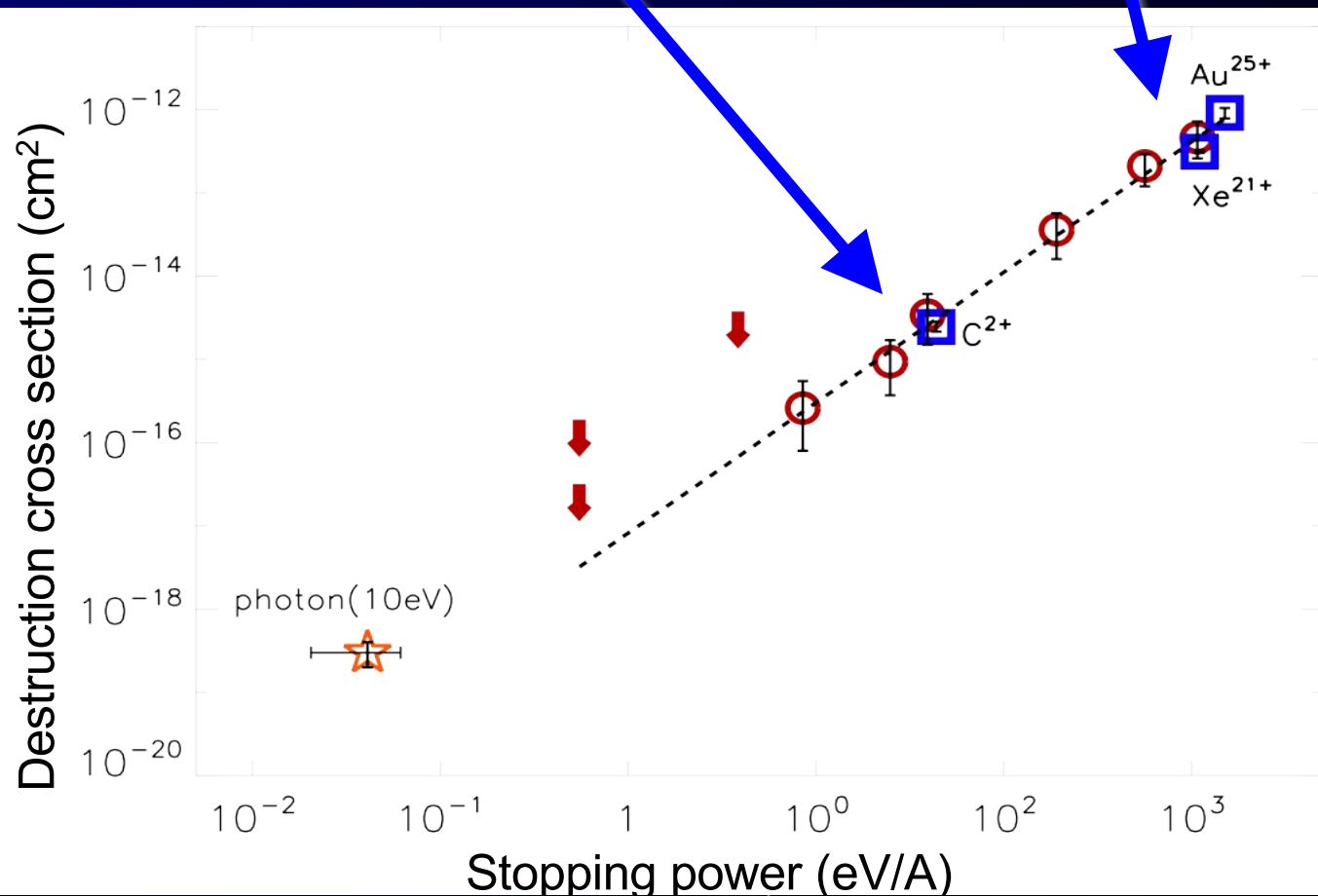
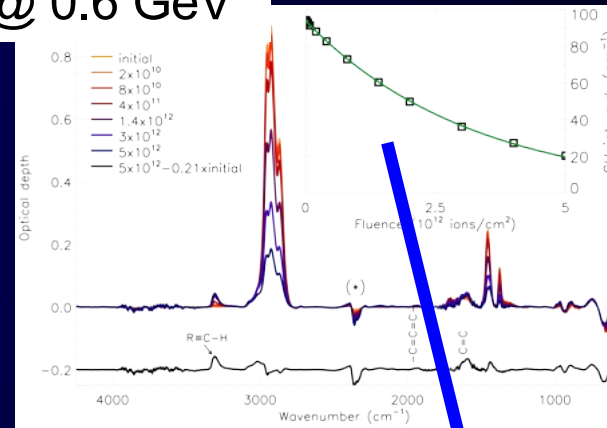
Species released by interaction with CRs

Interstellar chemistry « Top down » feeding the ladder of high C # species

$C^{2+}$  @ 43 MeV

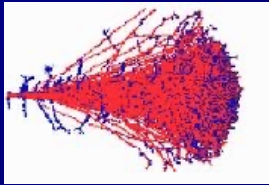


$Xe^{21+}$  @ 0.6 GeV



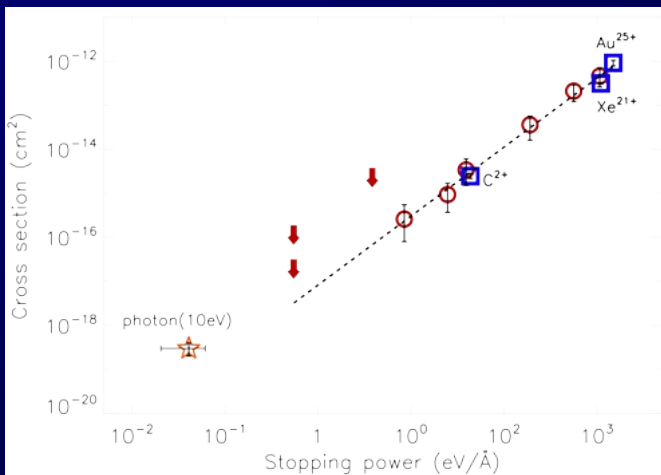
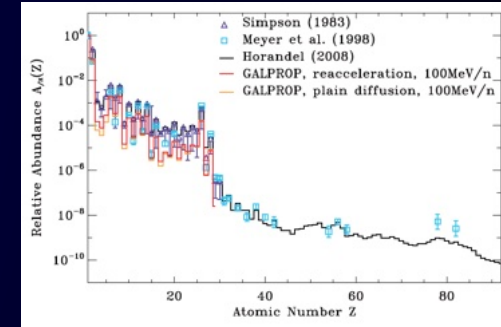


# Implementation in astrophysical models



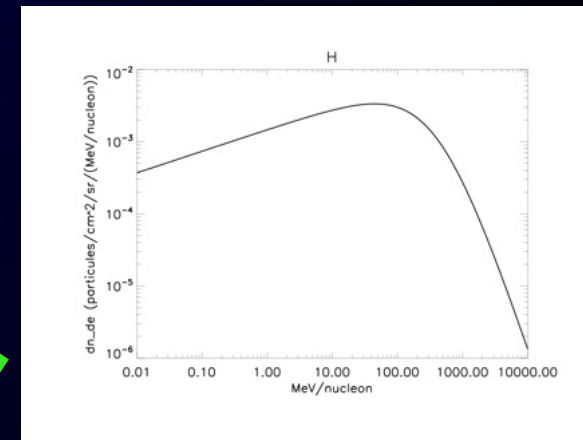
$\text{Se}(Z, E)$

$f(Z)$



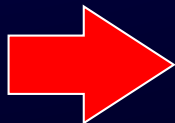
$\sigma(\text{Se})$

$\Phi(Z, E)$



Destruction rate:

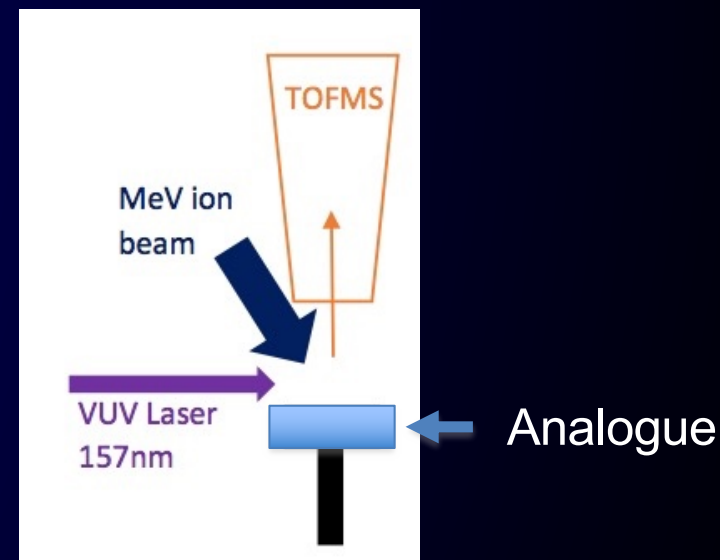
$$R_d^{\text{GCR}}[\text{s}^{-1}] = 4\pi \sum_Z \int_{E_A^{\text{MIN}}} \sigma_d^{\text{CR}}(E_A) f(Z) \Phi(E_A, Z) dE_A$$



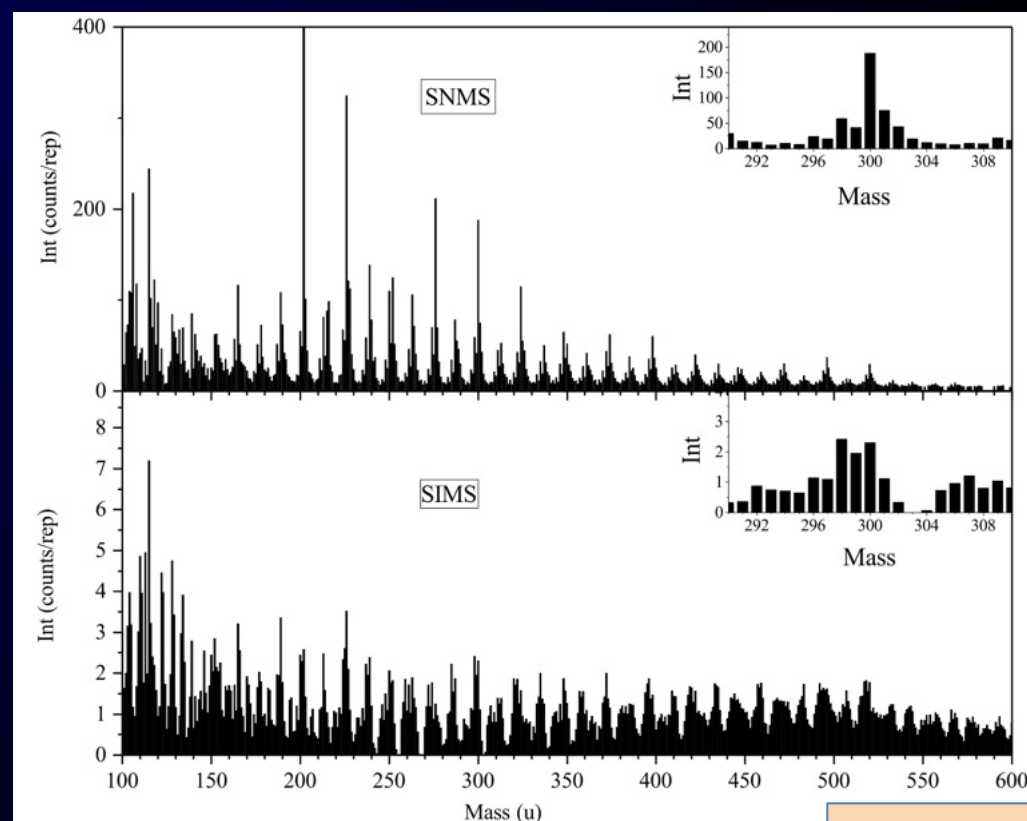
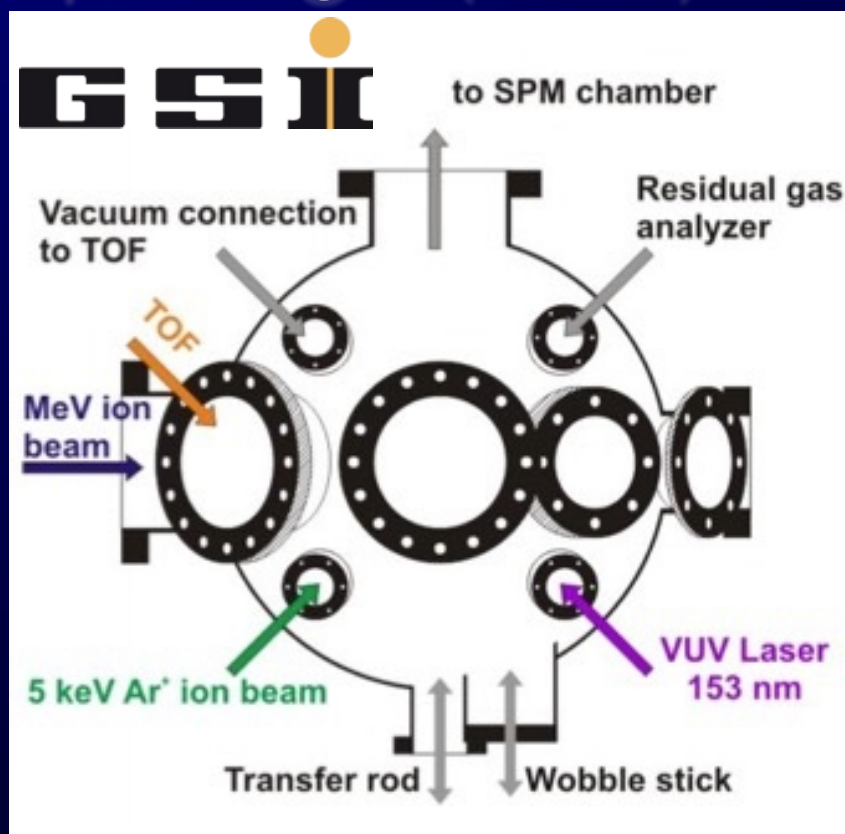
Destruction time scales several tens to thousands My

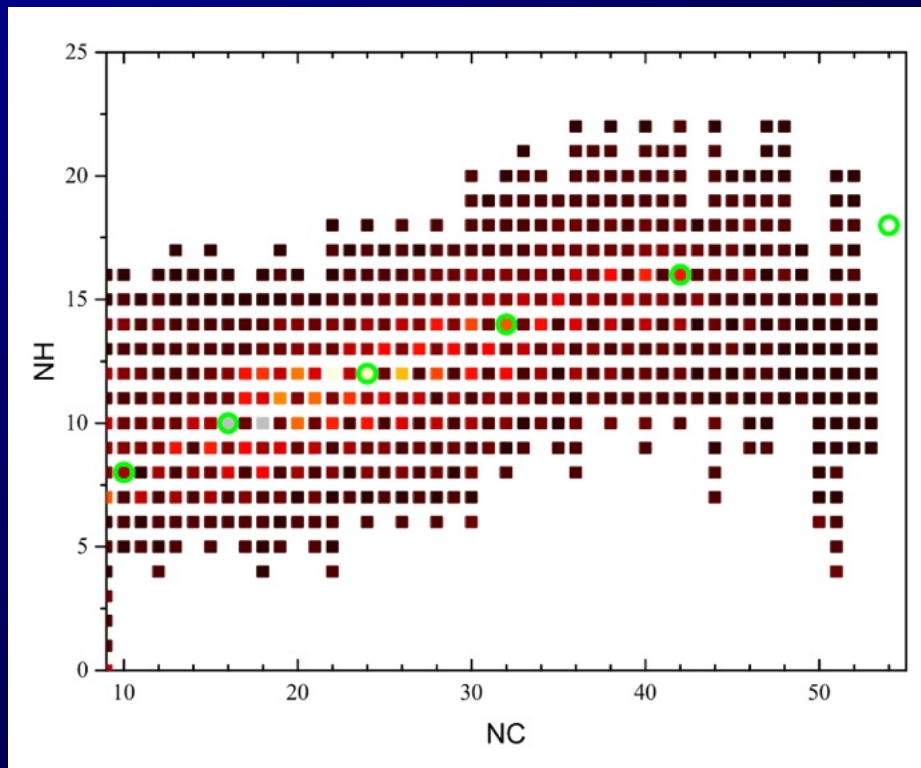
# CRs simulated in laboratory

QMS do not see easily the reactive species  
Detect reactive/unstable species and more  
complex ( $n_C \gg 5$ )

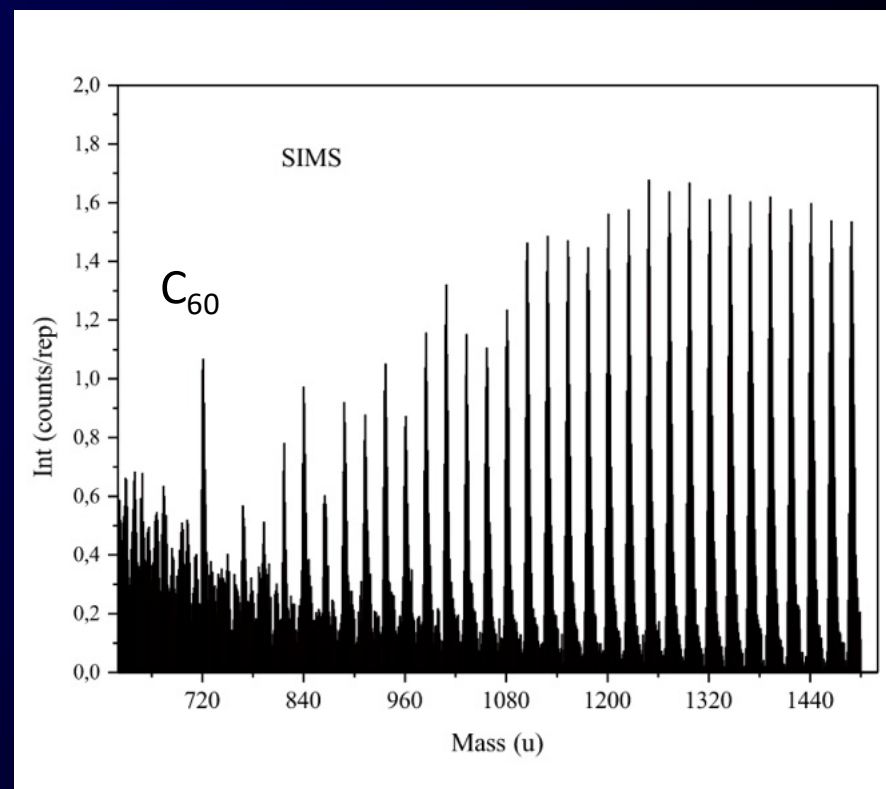


Experiments @ GSI (Darmstadt)





Neutral PAH mass range  
 open green circles = compact PAHs up to  
 circumcoronene.  
 Lower H content = partially dehydrogenated  
 fragments,  
 higher H probably less compact structures



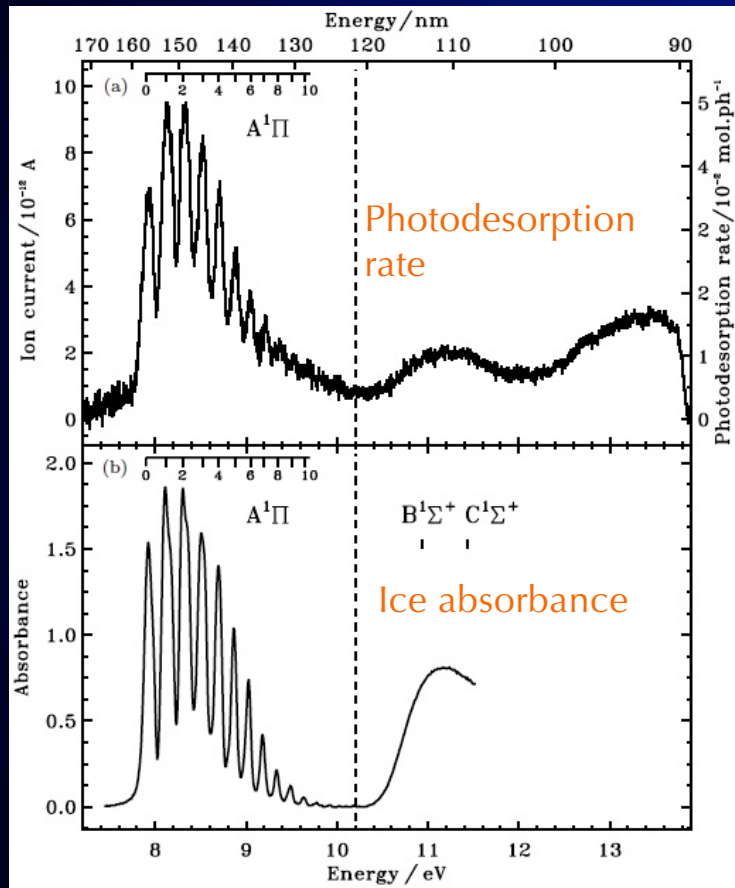
SIMS in the mass range above 620 u.

Pino et al. 2019



# VUV photons desorption

Wavelength dependent measurements point that photodesorption is induced by electronic transitions



Fayolle et al. 2011

CO

$8 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-3}$  per hv

Oberg+ 2007, Muñoz Caro+2010,2011,  
Fayolle+2011, Bertin+2012, Chen+2014

CO, N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>CO, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CH<sub>3</sub>OH

measured with efficiencies in the  $10^{-2}$ - $10^{-5}$  / impinging photon range

Féraud+2019, Cruz-Díaz+ 2018, Cruz Díaz+ 2016, Bertin+ 2016, Muñoz Caro+2016, Martín-Doménech+2015, Arasa+2015, Fillion+2014, Chen+2014, Andersson+2014, DeSimone+ 2013, Yuan+2013, Fayolle+2013, Zhen+2013, Bertin+2012, Bahr+2012, Fayolle+2011, Muñoz Caro+2010,2011, Oberg+ 2009, Westley+1995...

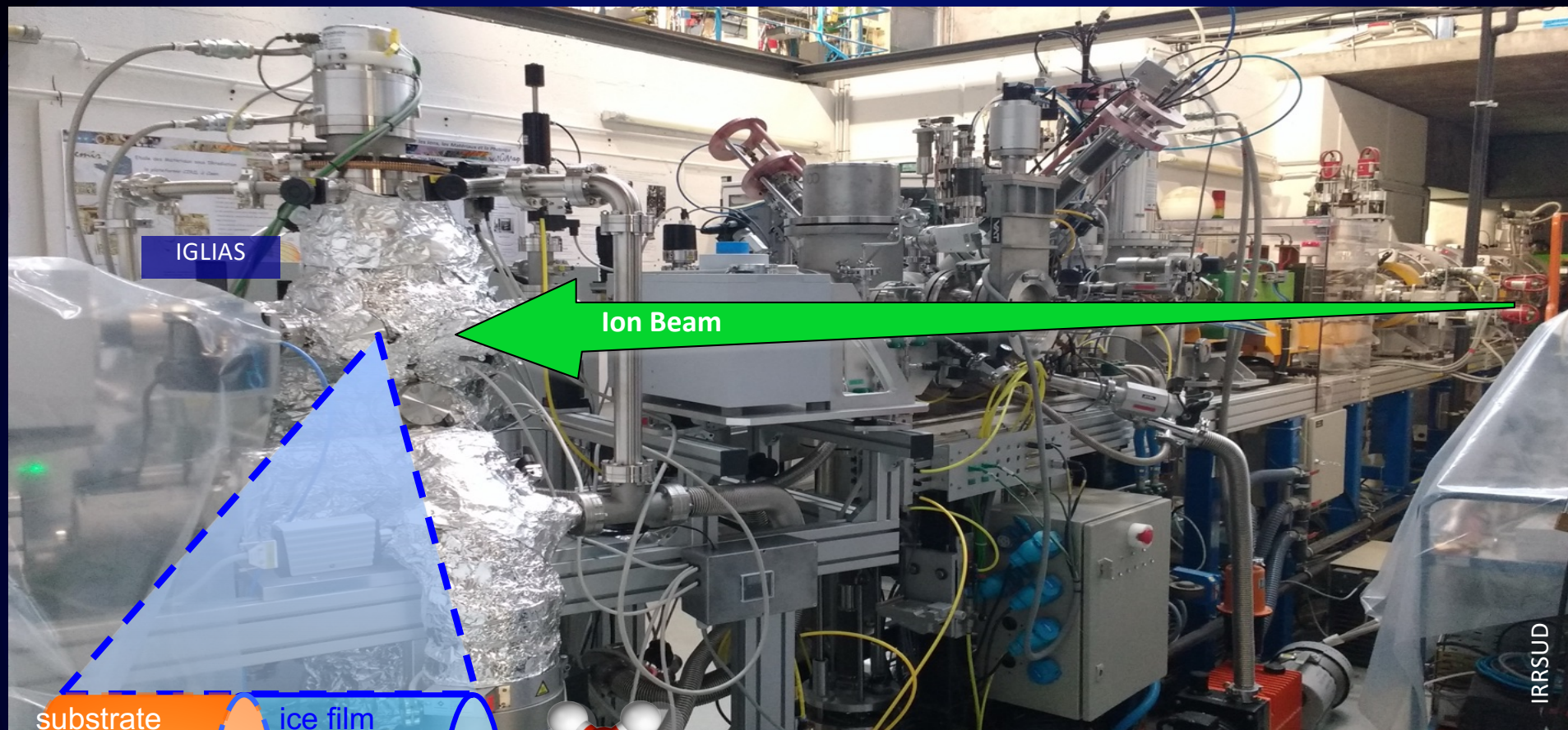
In YSOs envelopes, for  $10^4$  hv cm $^{-2}$  s $^{-1}$

CO rate ( $10^{-3}$ ) of  $\sim 10$  molecules cm $^{-2}$  s $^{-1}$

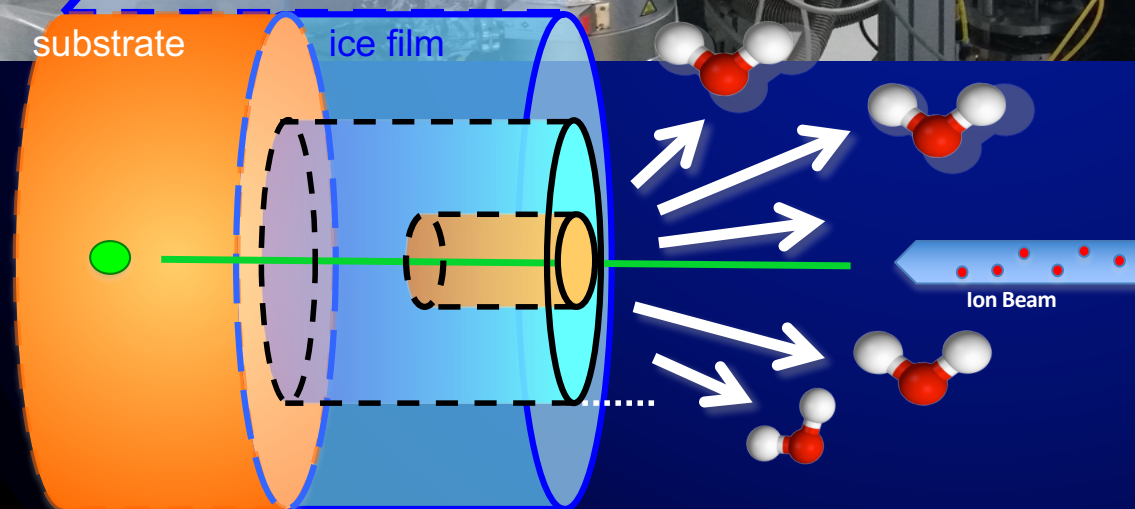
CH<sub>3</sub>OH rate ( $\sim 10^{-5}$ ) of  $\sim 0.1$  molecules cm $^{-2}$  s $^{-1}$

Efficient at the border of clouds, inside provide a few per thousand/percent gas phase injection

# Measuring CR sputtering with IR:



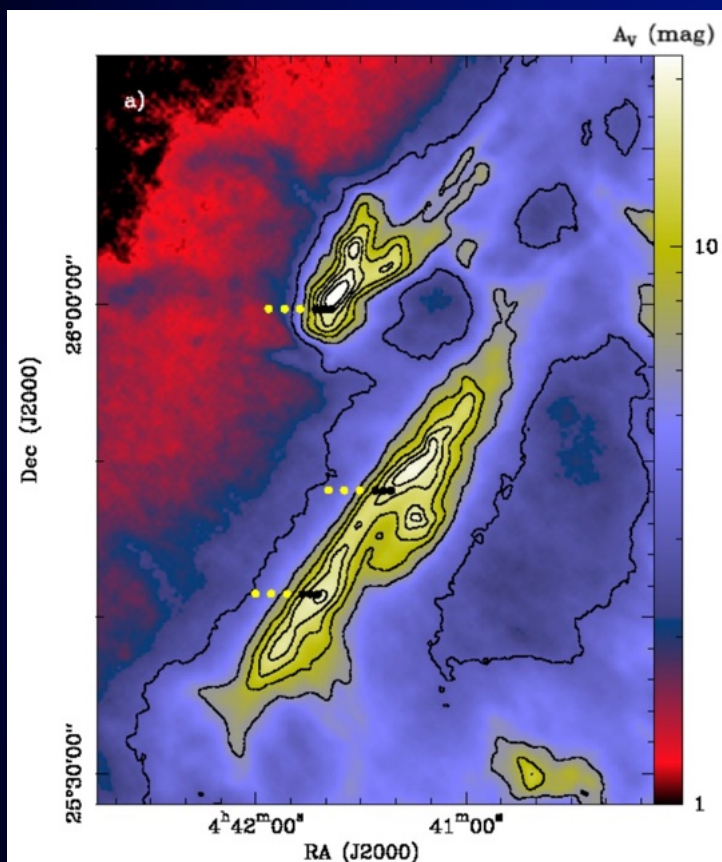
Basile Augé 2017





# Taurus Molecular cloud (TMC-1)

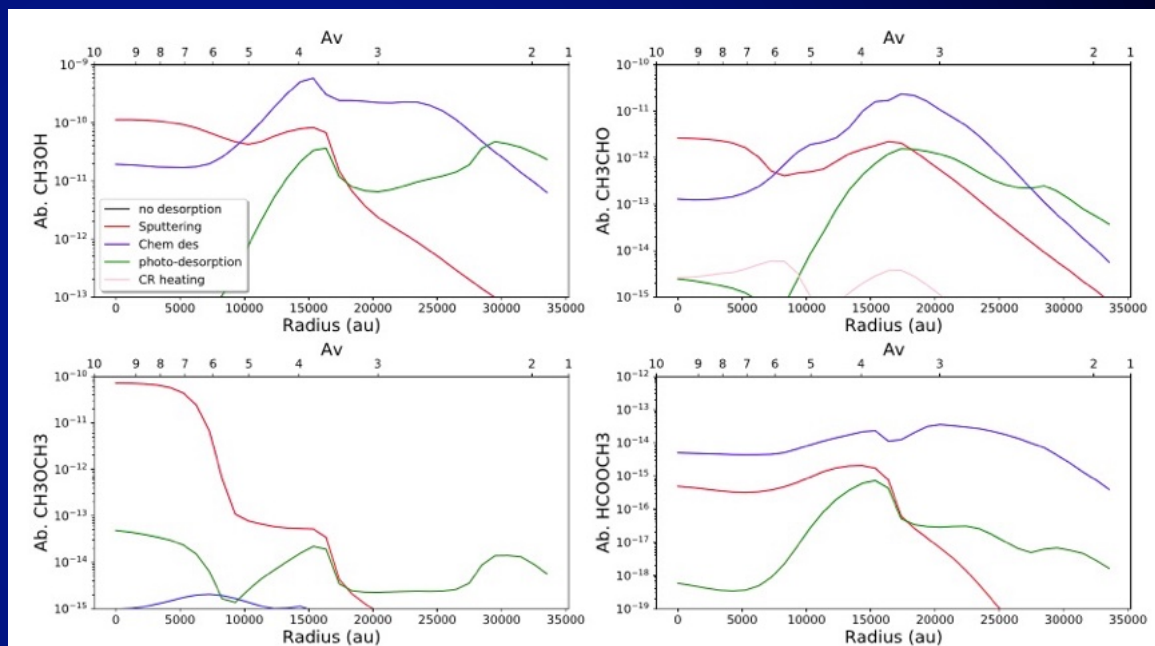
Abundance of COMs @  $6 \times 10^5$  yr



Rodriguez-Barras+2021

$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$

$\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$

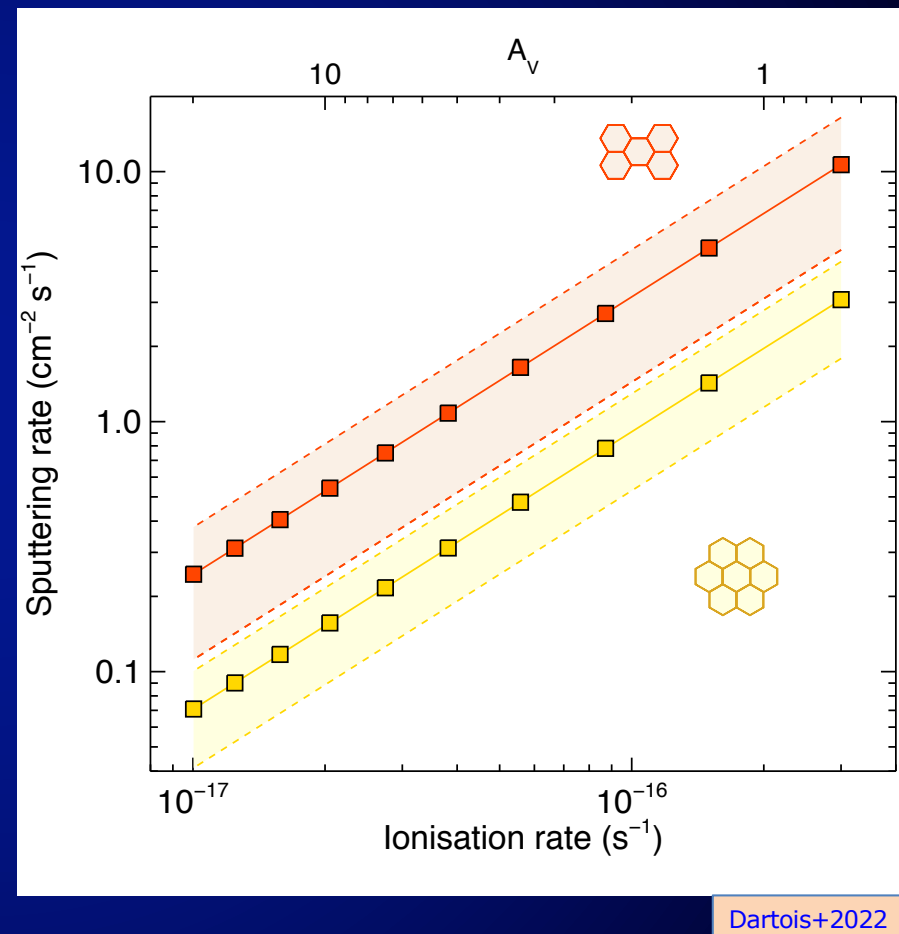
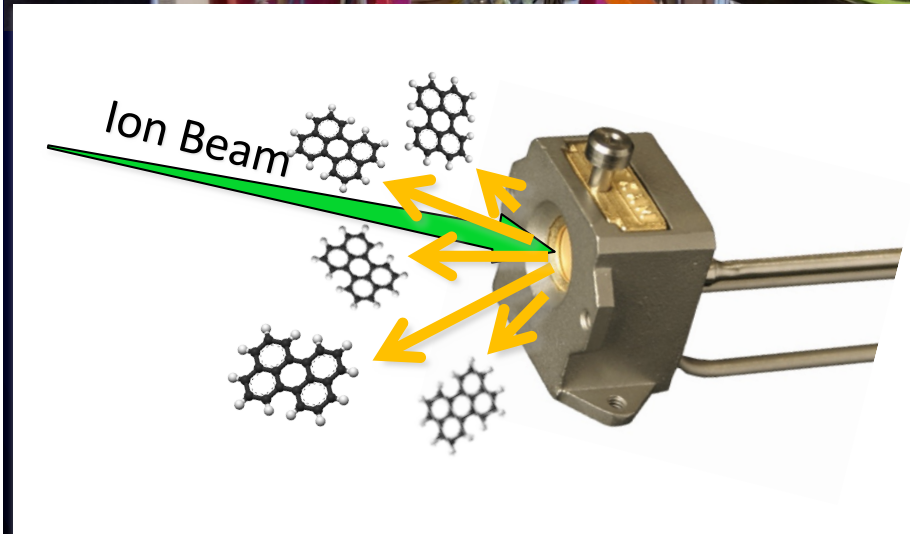
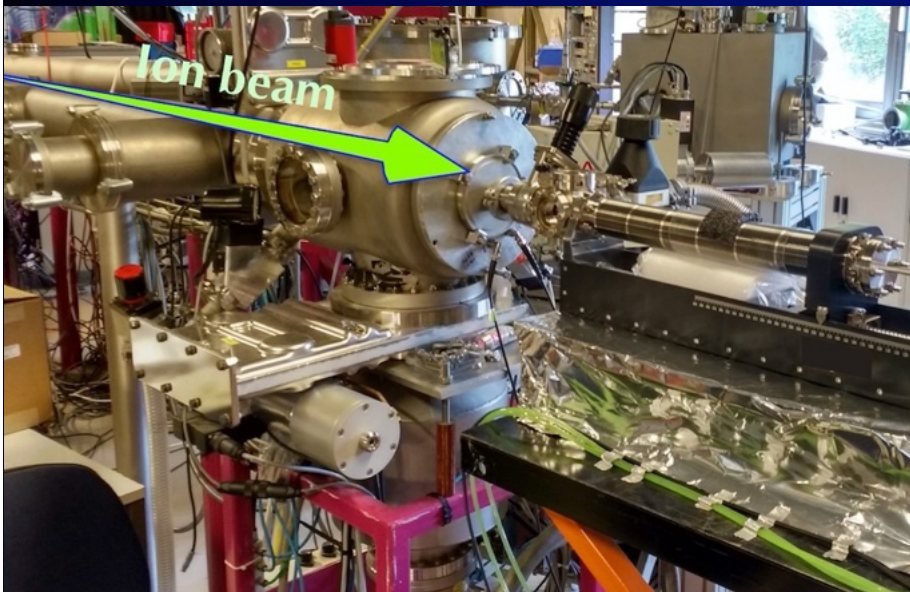


$\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_3$

Wakelam+2021

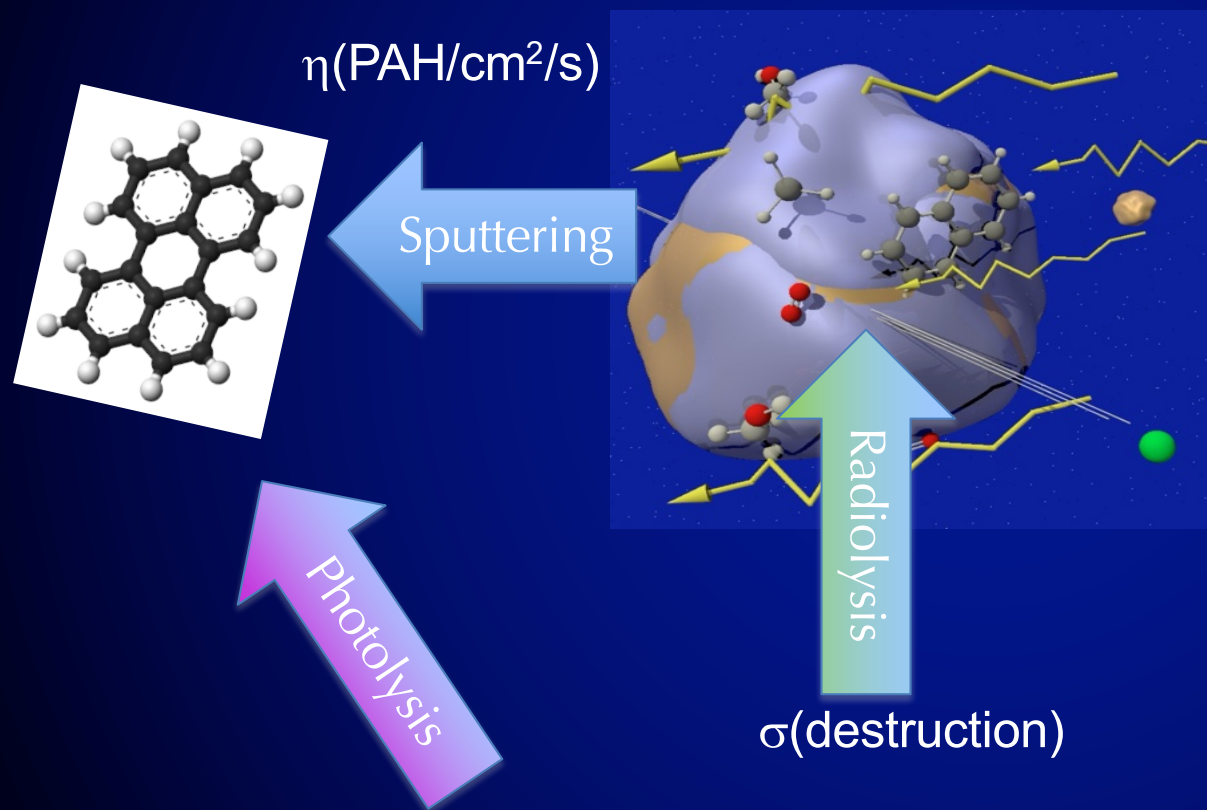


What about very large species ?

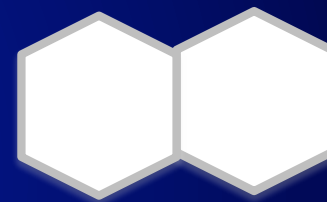


# Which abundances are needed for observations?

Implementation in a simple astrophysical model



Extrapolated to



$$\frac{f_{\text{gas}}(\text{naphthalene})}{f_{\text{solid}}(\text{naphthalene})} = 1.9 - 3.2 \times 10^{-7}$$

# Shock processing of carbonaceous dust: e.g. C<sub>60</sub>

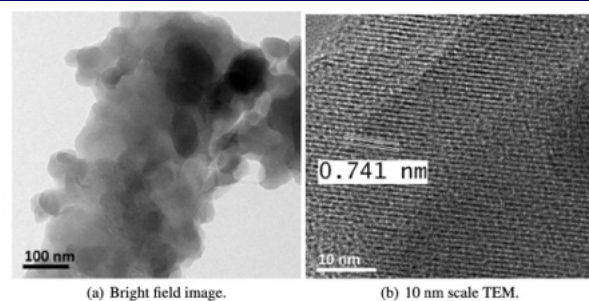
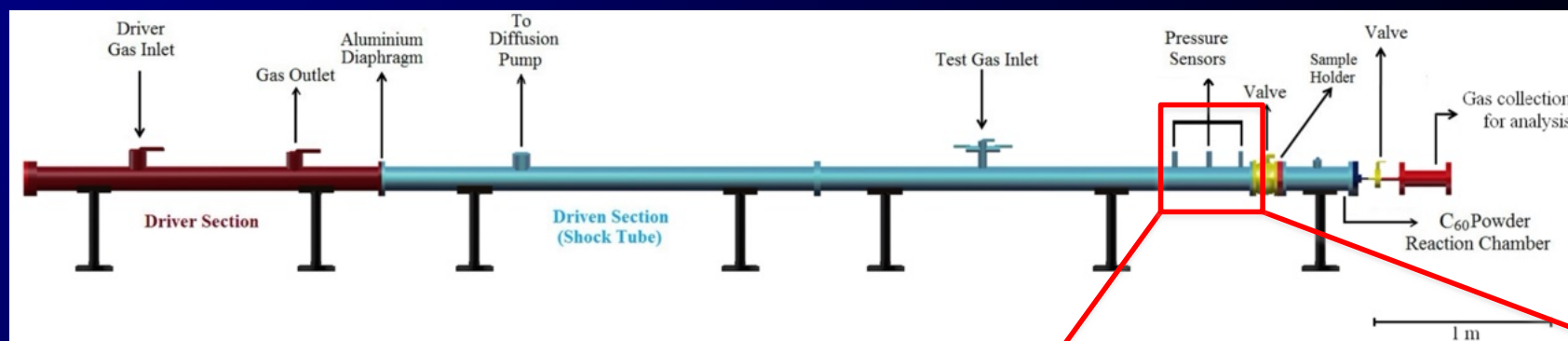


Fig. 12. High resolution transmission electron microscope images of pristine C<sub>60</sub> particles.

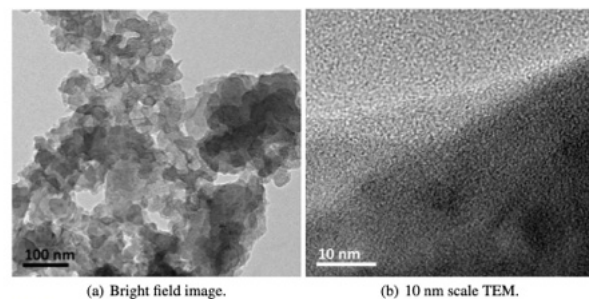
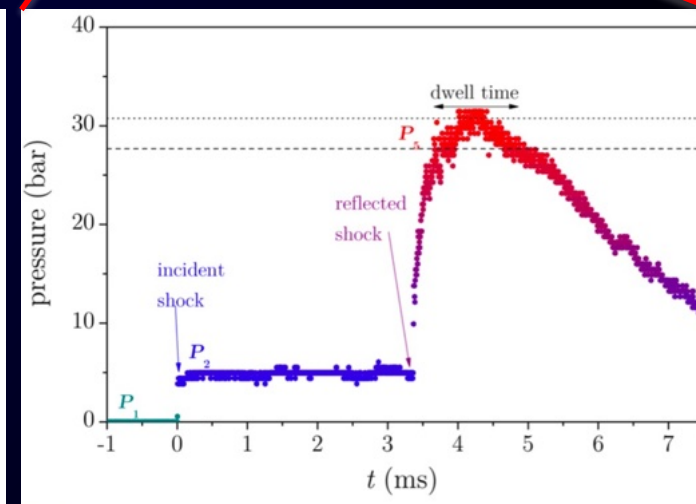
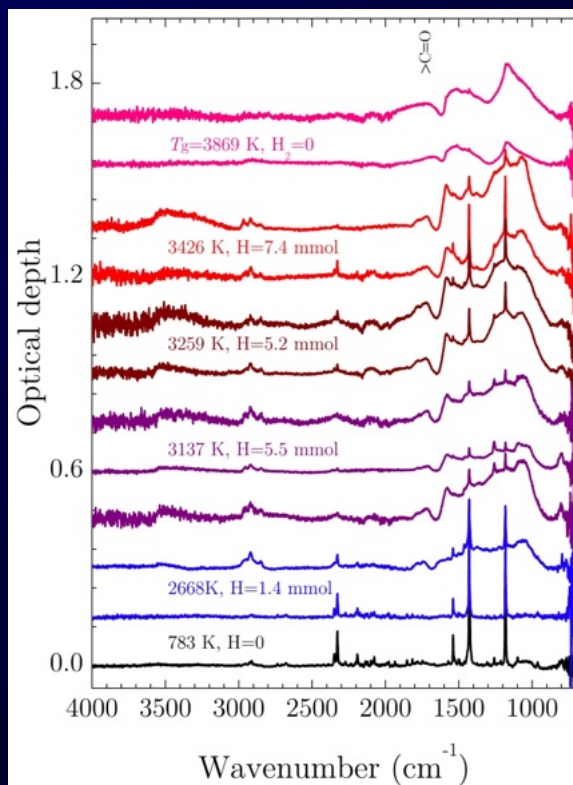
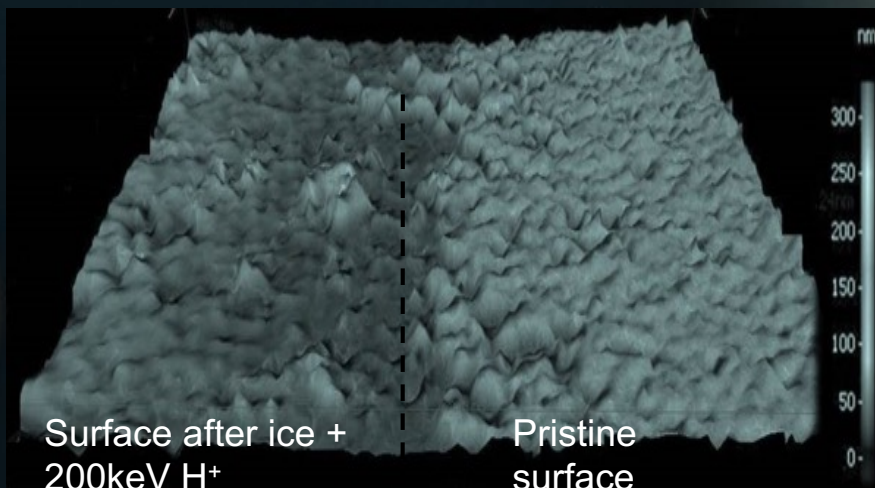


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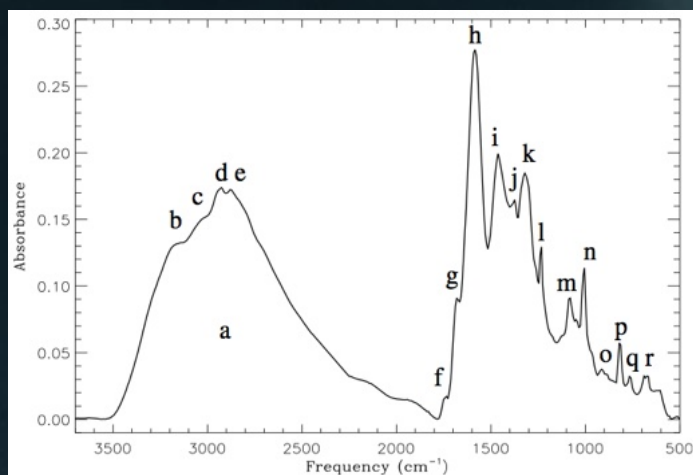
Biennier et al. 2017





Sabri+2015, Jaeger+2020, Mennella+2003

Do chemistry in SFRs and UV-ions induce modifications of ice covered grains? Role of interfaces



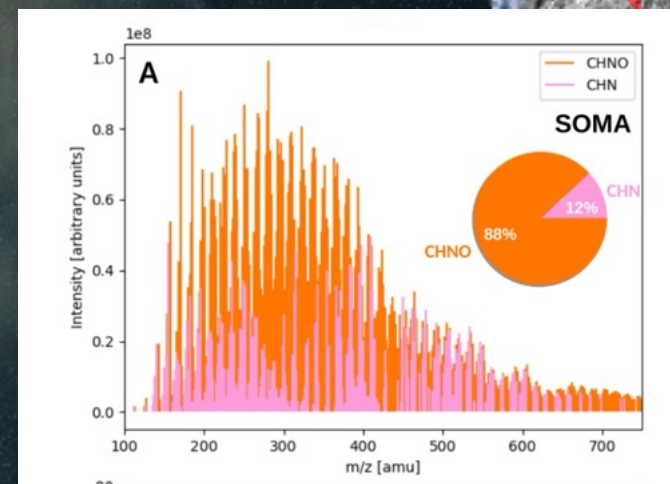
Formation of macromolecular residues incorporated during the late stages of SF ? The PPD ?

Munoz Caro+ 2002, Greenberg+1995, Bernstein+1995, Munoz Caro+ 2003, Nuevo+ 2006+2008+2009, de Marcellus+2011, Cottin+2011, Ciesla+2012, Danger+2013+2016+2020, Theulé+2013, Meinert+2016

Heliopause

100

1000



Danger+2022

# Laboratory experiments for gas, grains, detections, interactions, energetic processes

## Process

## Constraints ?

(Identifications)

Spectroscopies (From VUV to mm)

Low T gas phase reactivity

Chemical diversity (models)

Excitation (collisions, UV pumping,...)

Direct/models

Surface reactions

UHV(lab), Indirect, composition evol

Cosmic rays

Radiolysis

*Sputtering* (CR desorption)

Specific radicals, ions?  
Indirect, gas chemistry?

VUV

Photolysis (\*, ambient, RC induced)

*Photodesorption*

Ions?  
Indirect, gas chemistry?

Radical Recombinaison

Release ?

*Chemical desorption*

Thermal evolution

Band profiles (solids)?  
Chemical diversity (gas)?