



# Solid-state formation of complex molecules under dense cloud conditions

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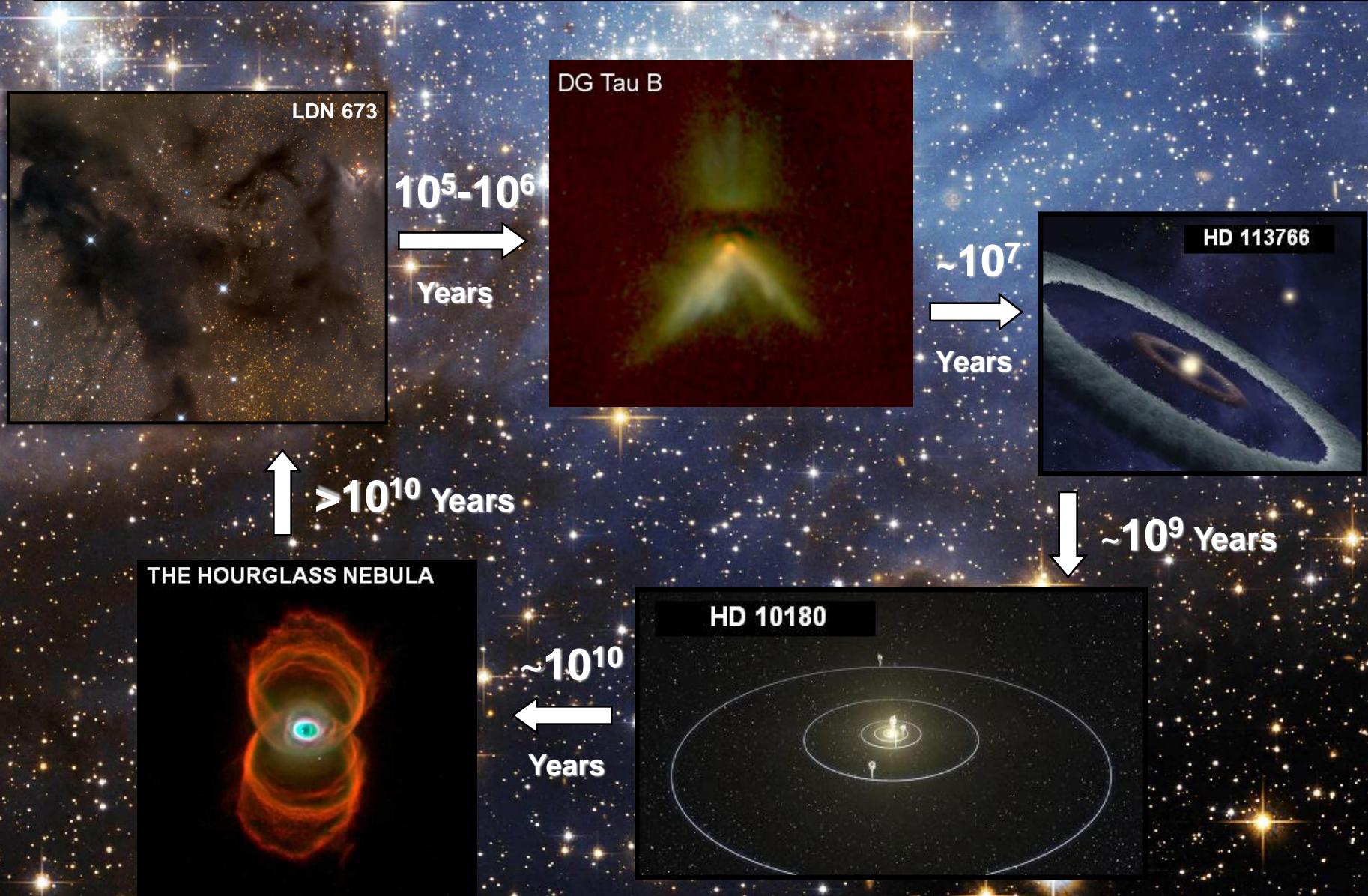
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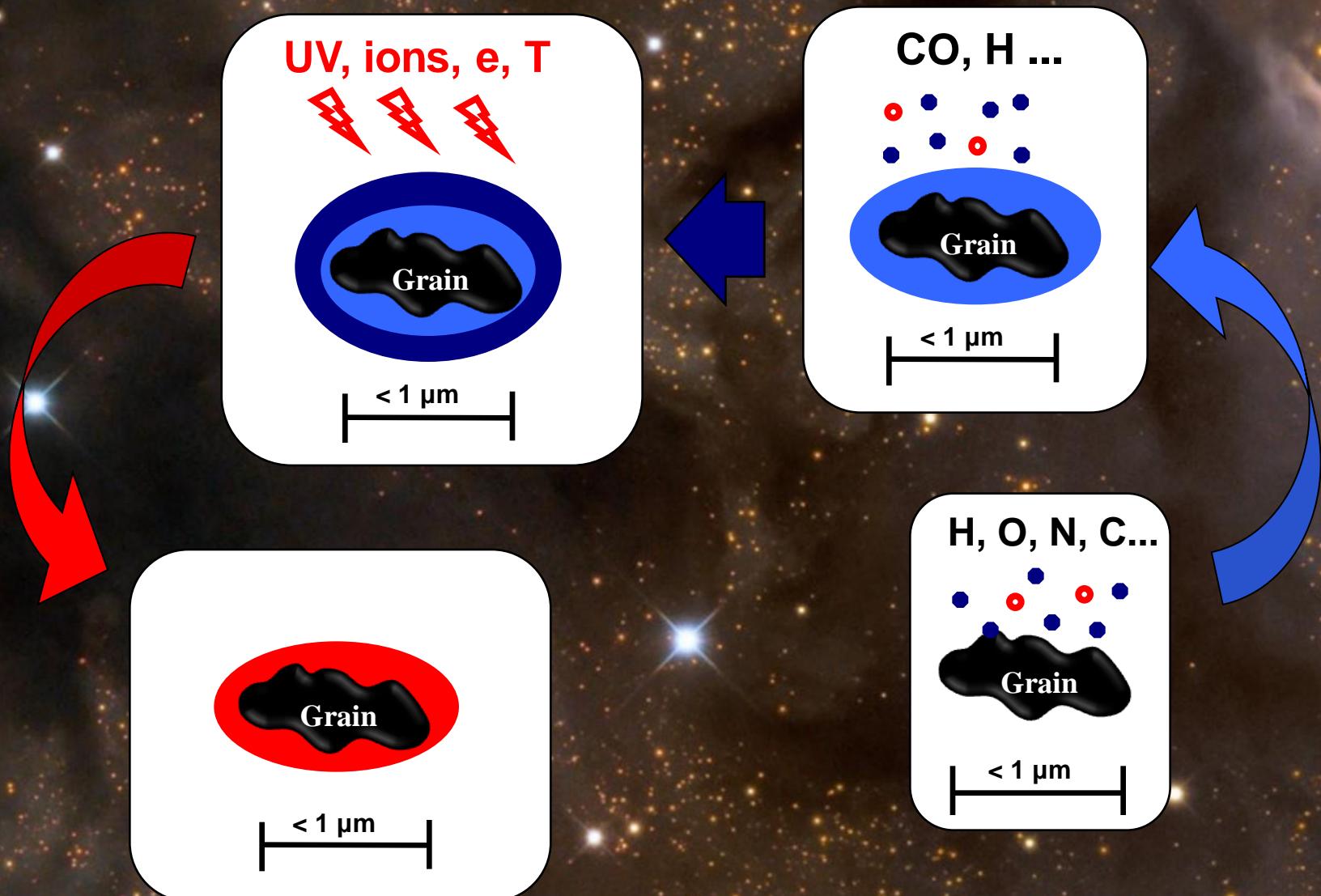
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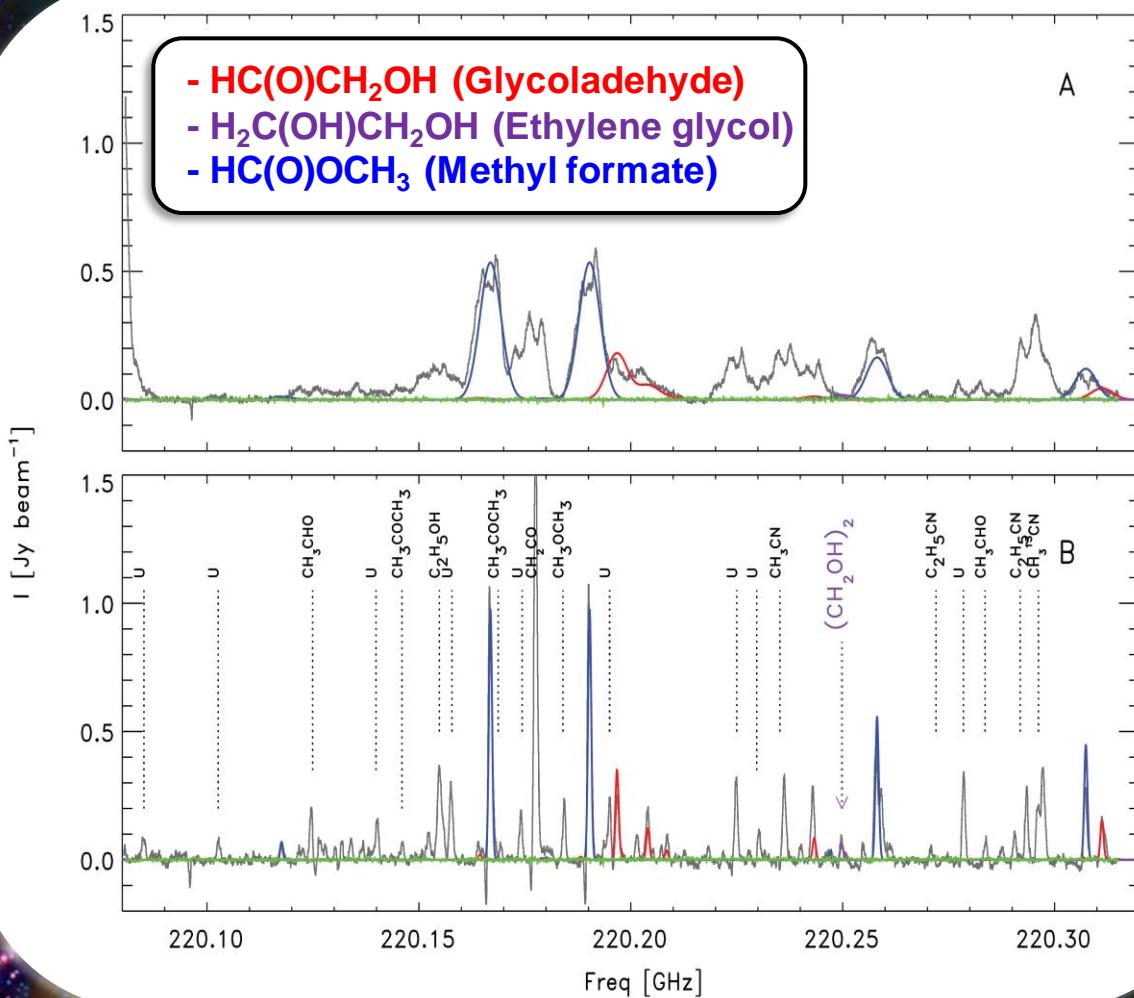
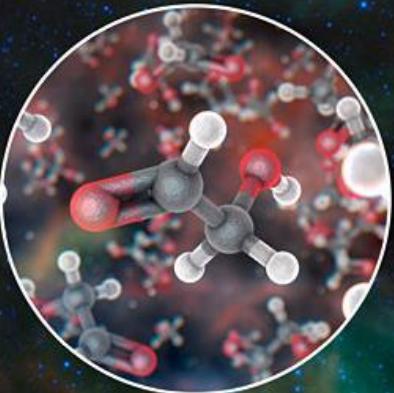
# Different Stages of Star Formation



# Chemistry on the Surface of Interstellar Grains



# “Sweet Result from ALMA”



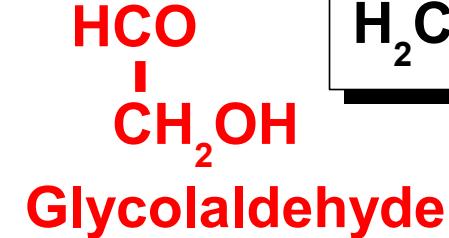
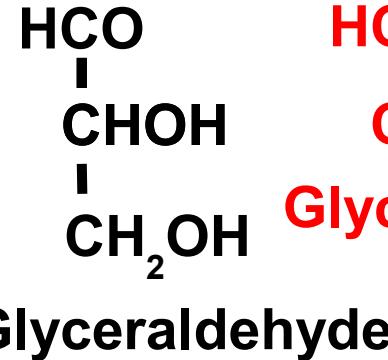
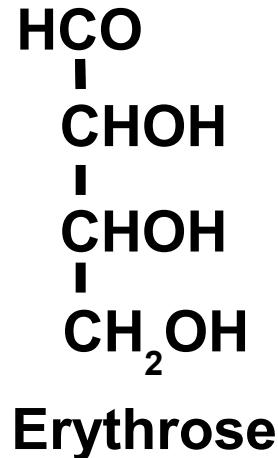
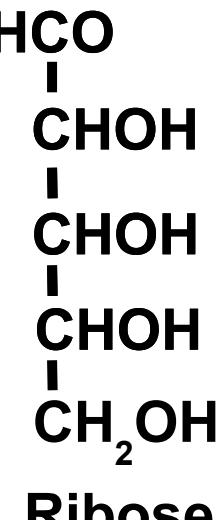
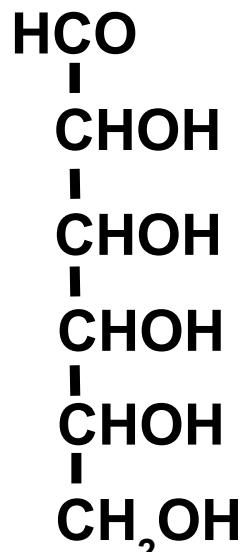
Jørgensen et al. 2012, 2016, Beltran et al. 2009

Coutens et al. 2015, Taquet et al. 2015, 2017, Rivilla et al. 2016

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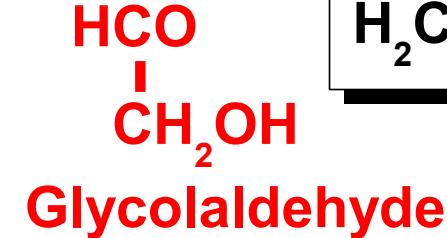
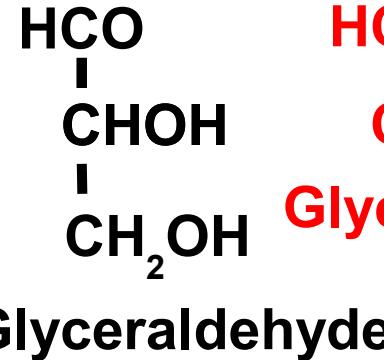
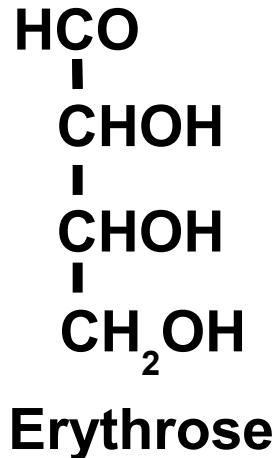
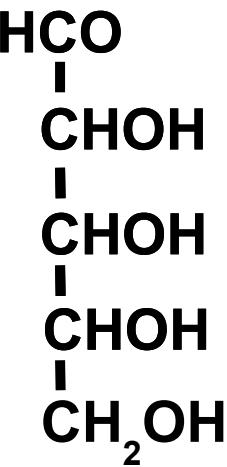
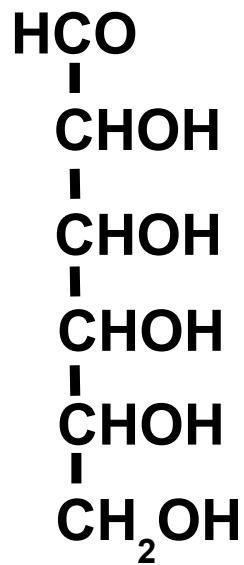
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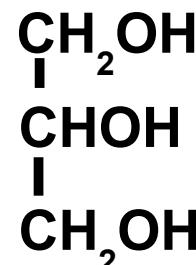


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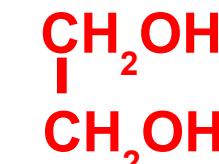
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Erythrose

## SUGAR ALCOHOLS:



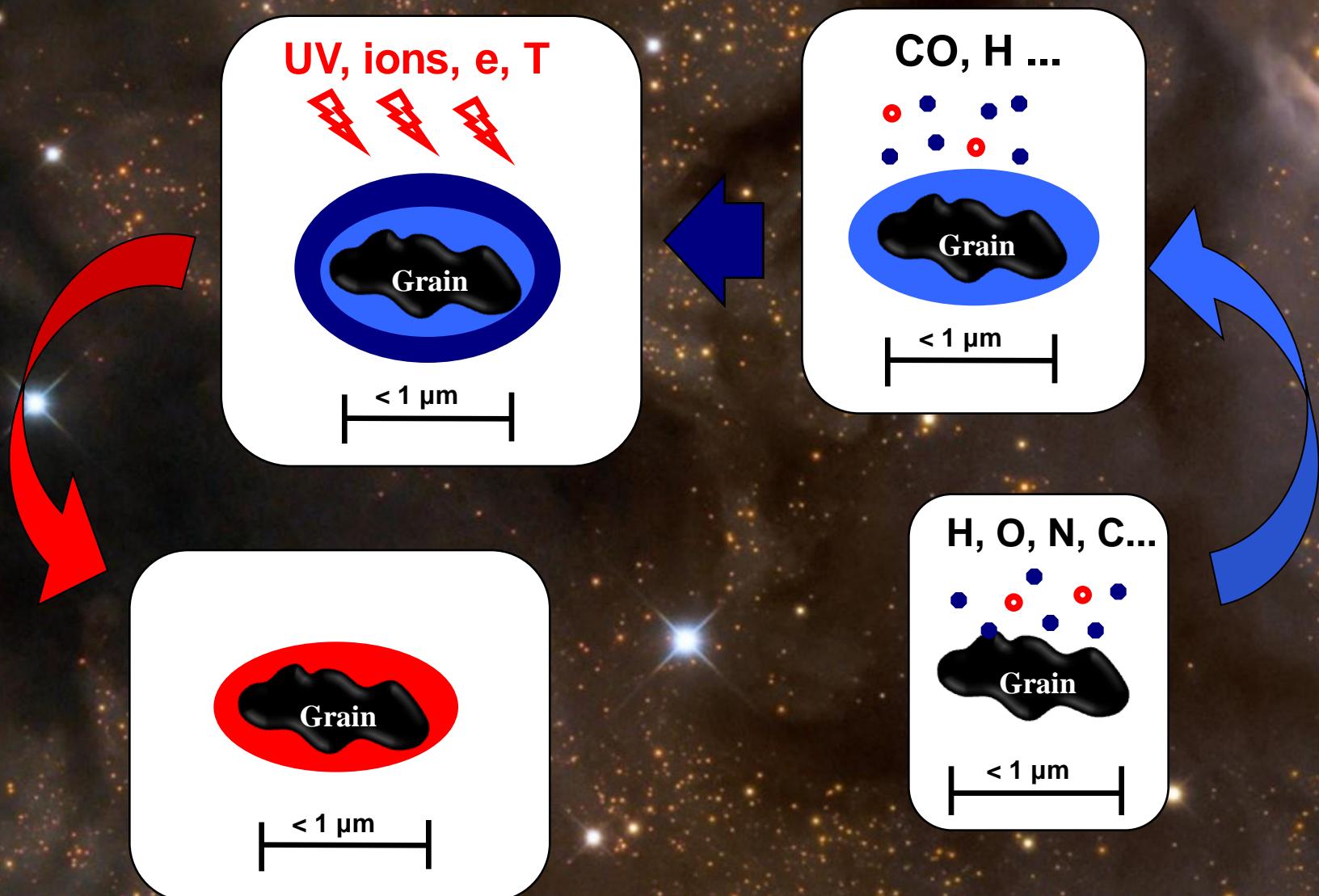
Glycerol



Ethylene Glycol



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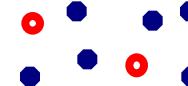
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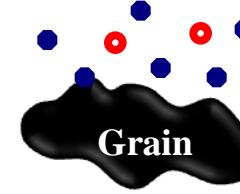
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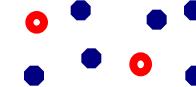
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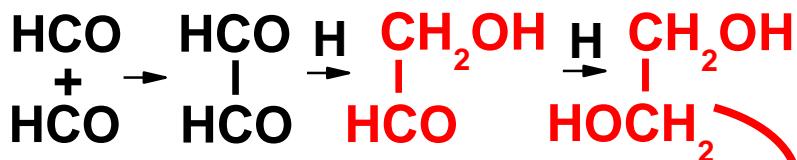
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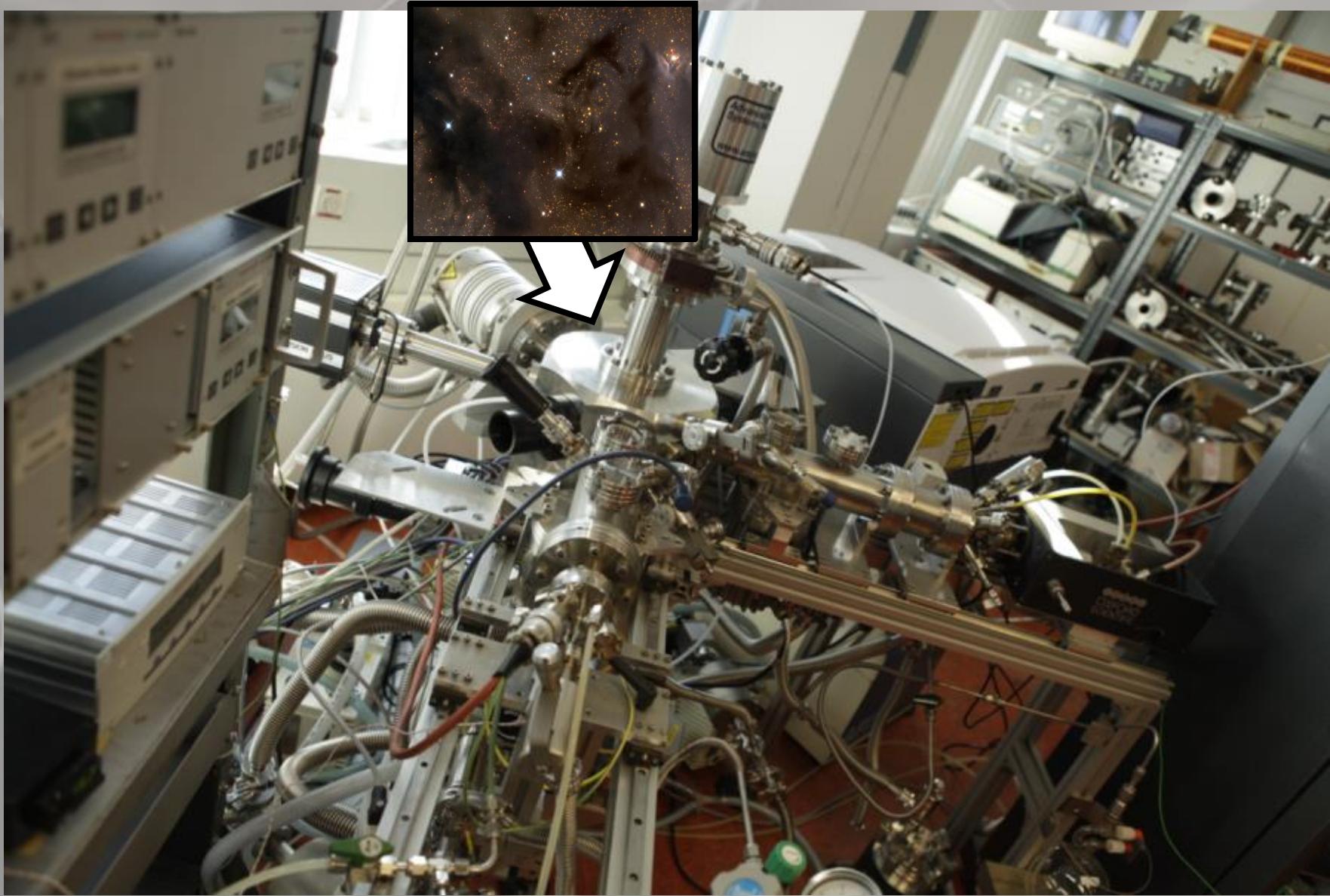
Garrod et al. 2008, Woods et al. 2013

# Can We Address These Questions to the Lab?



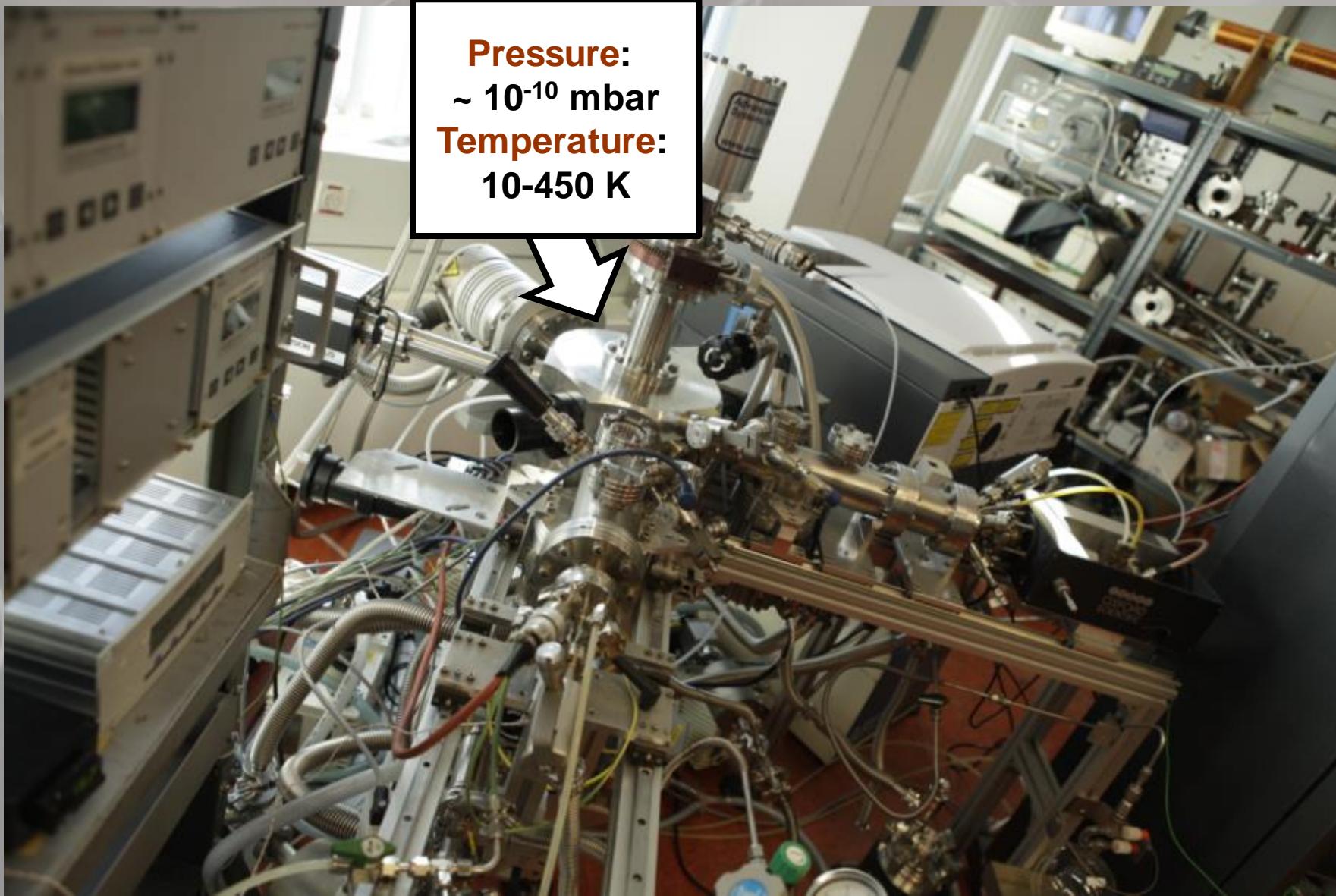
Montage: Karoliina Isokoski (Sackler Laboratory)

# Analysis and Method

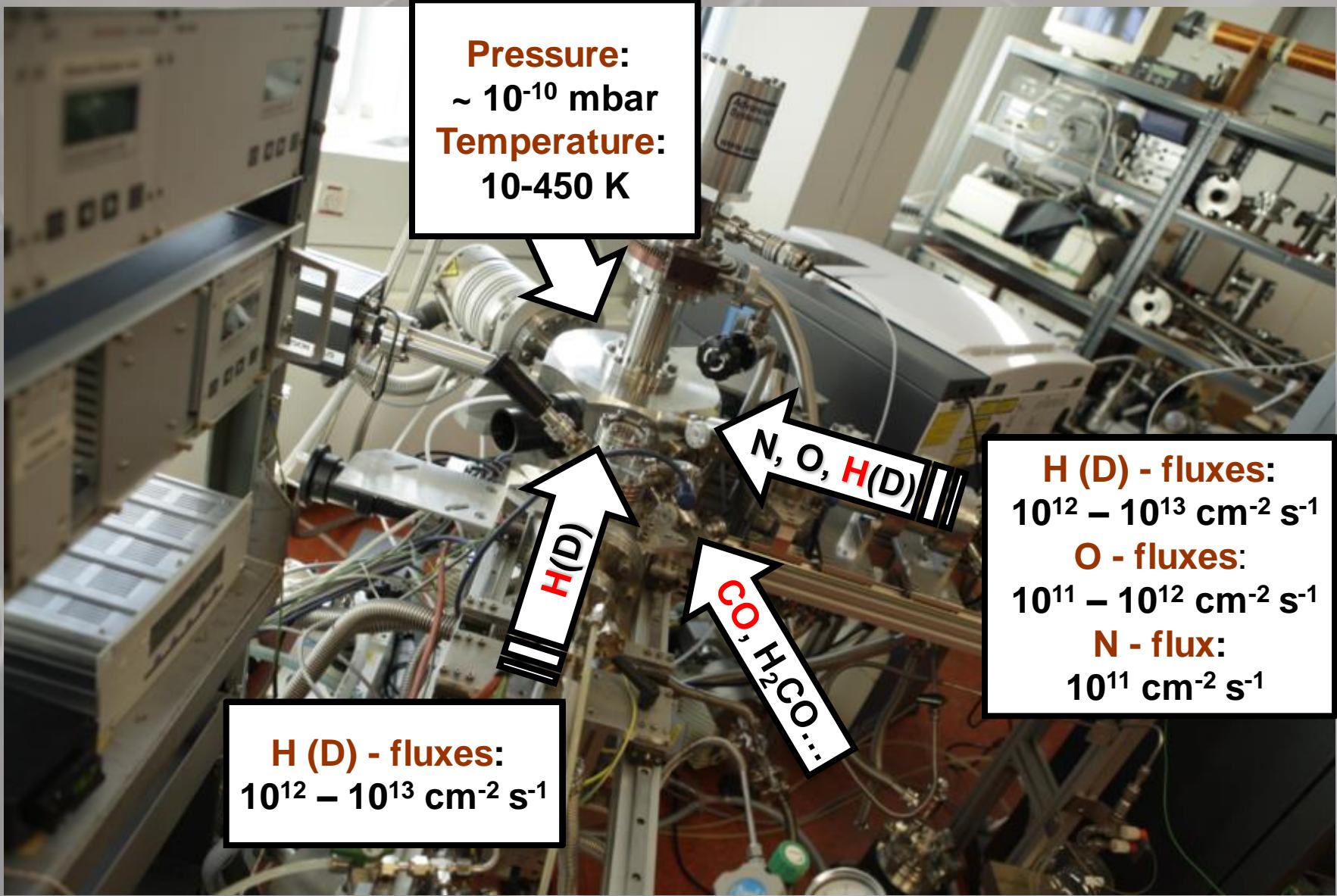


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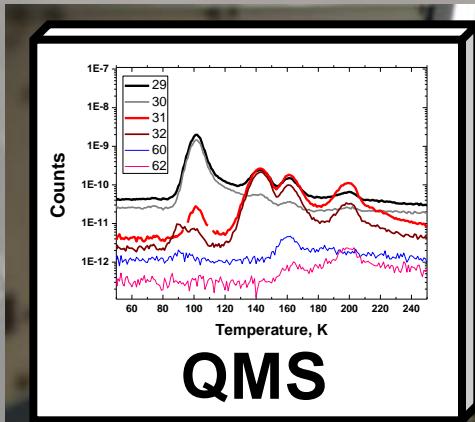
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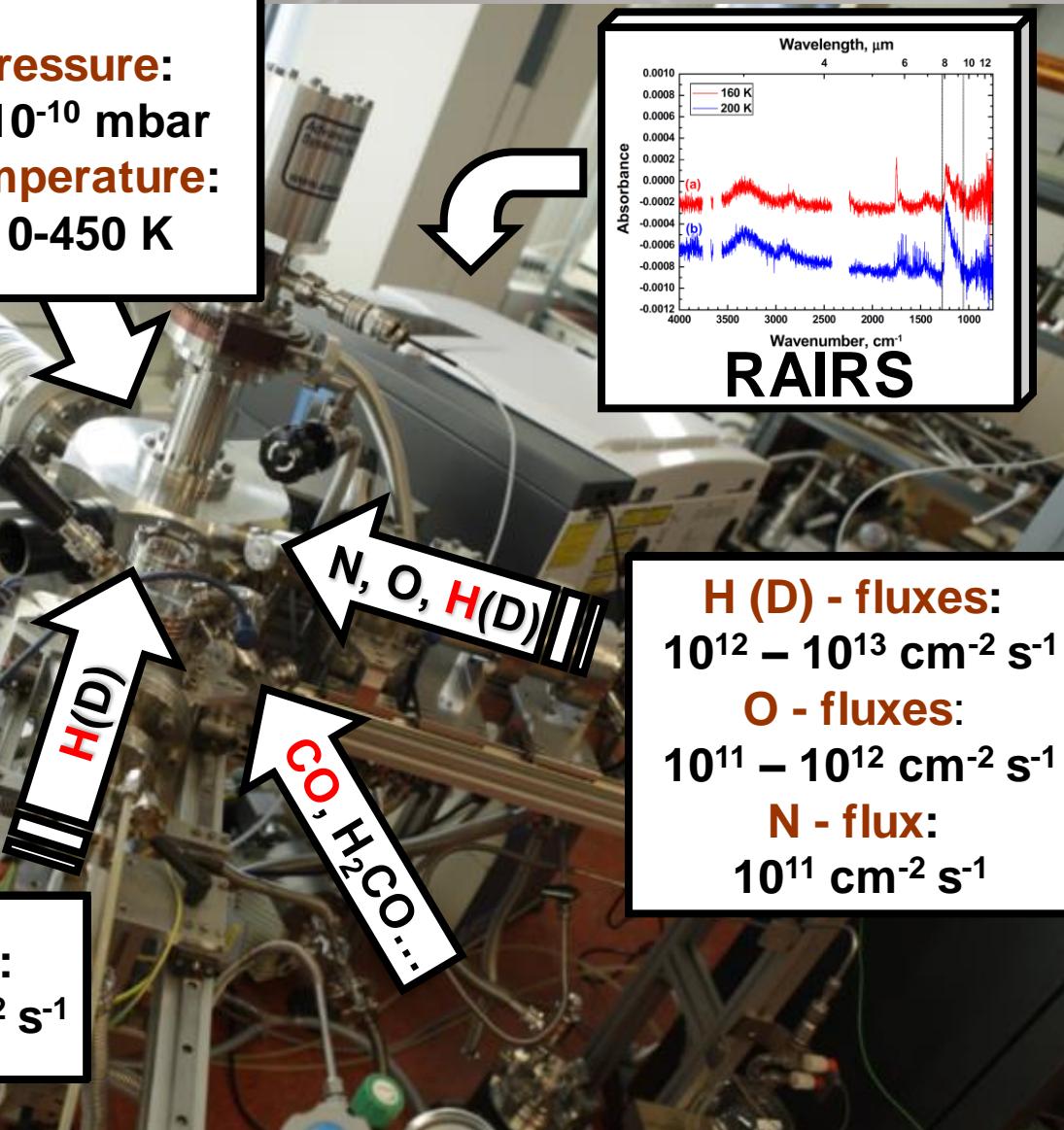


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QMS

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Temperature:  
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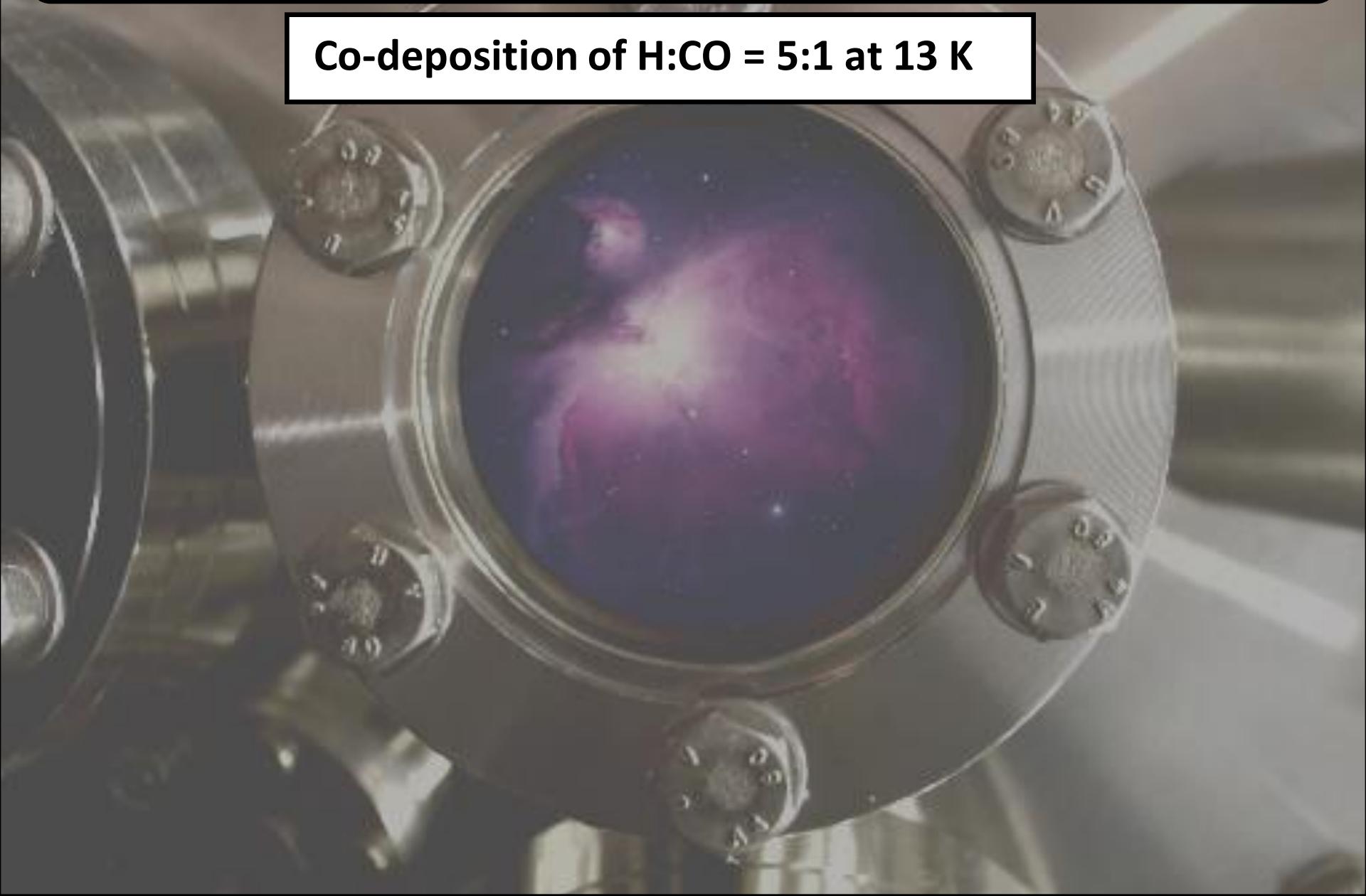
RAIRS

H (D) - fluxes:  
 $10^{12} - 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$   
O - fluxes:  
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N - flux:  
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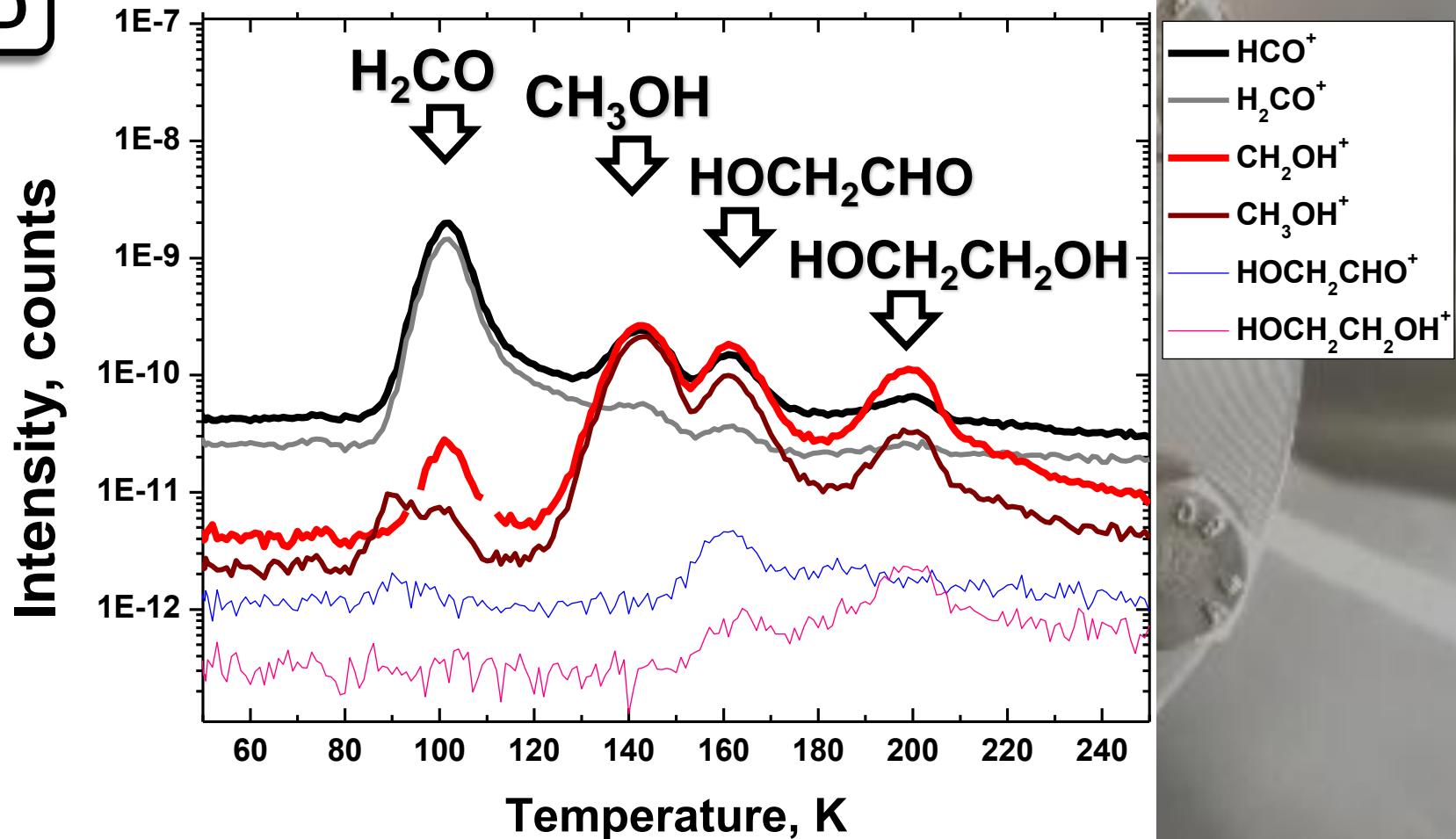
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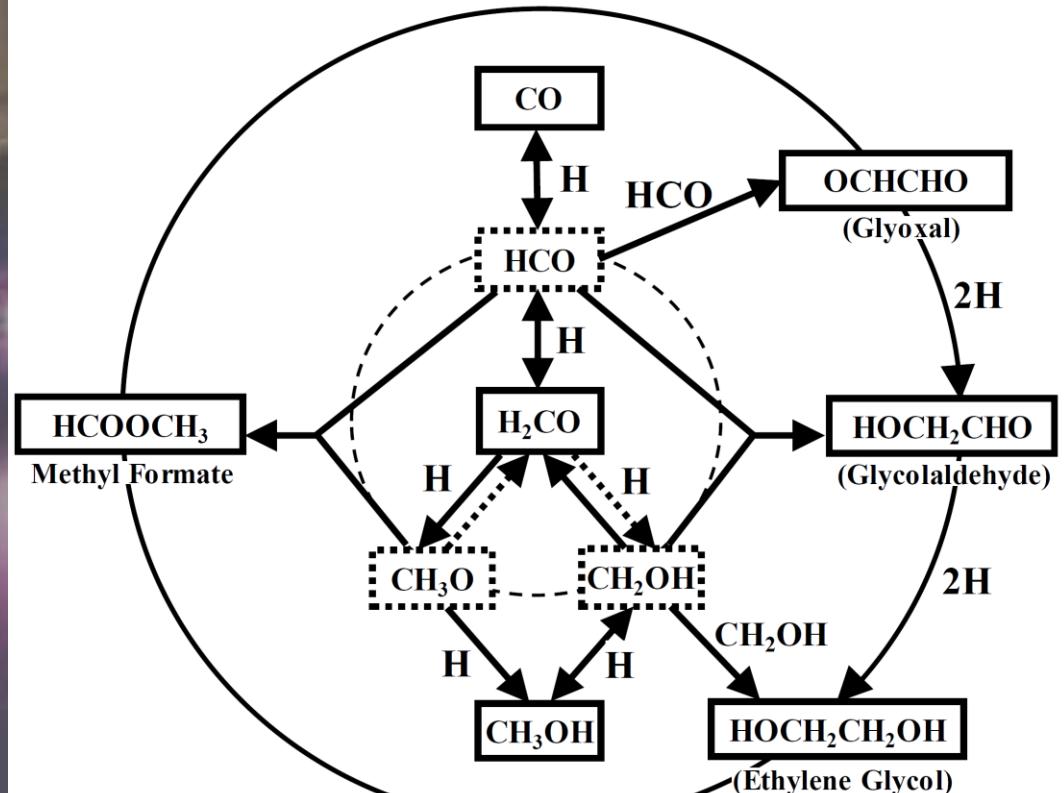
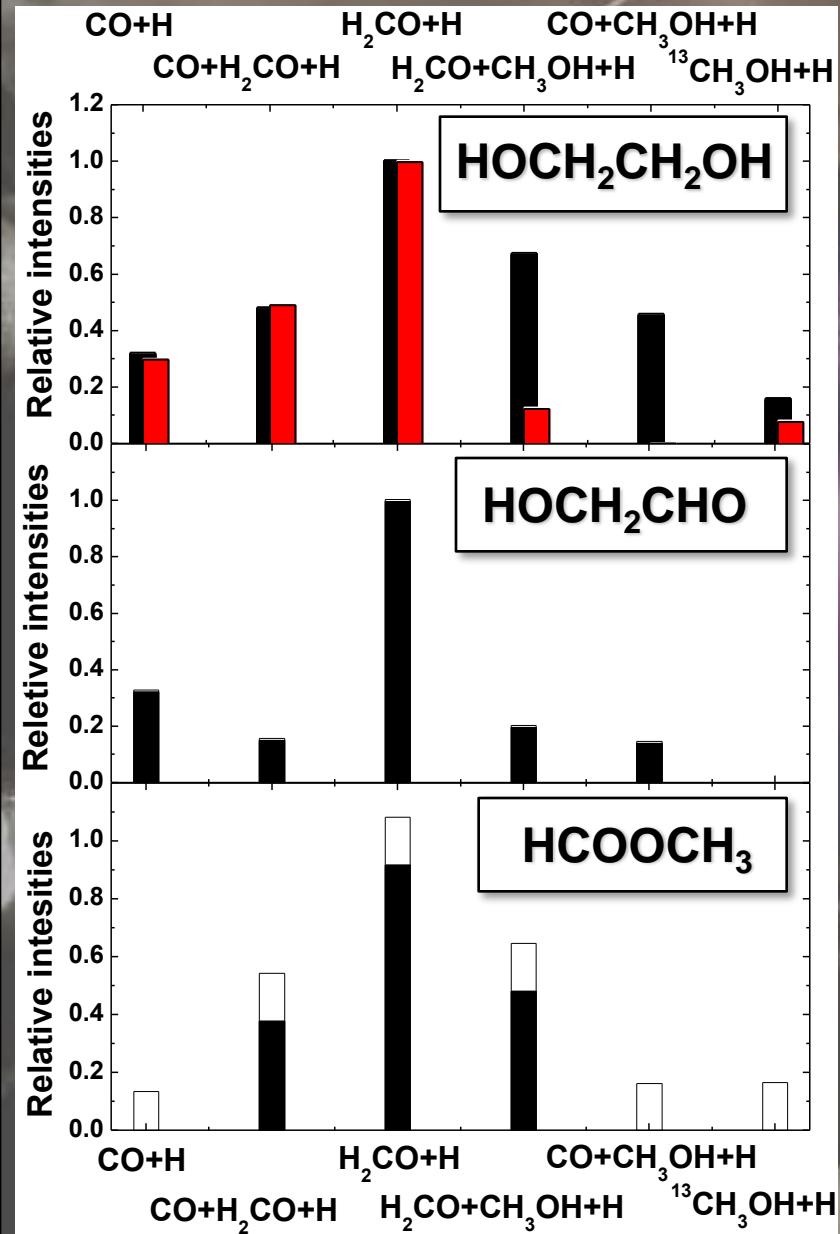
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H-atom total fluence: **1.8E+17 atoms cm<sup>-2</sup>**

Fedoseev et al. 2015c

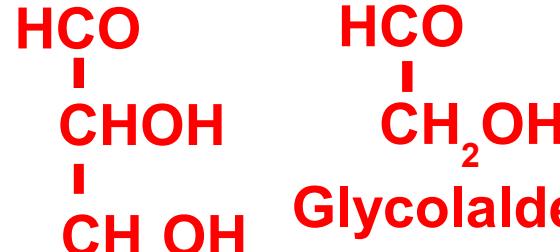
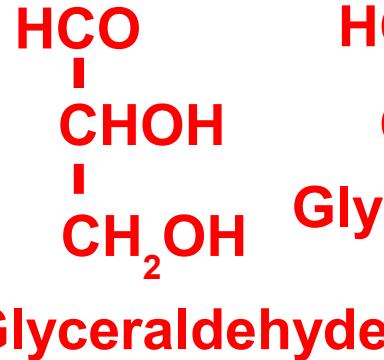
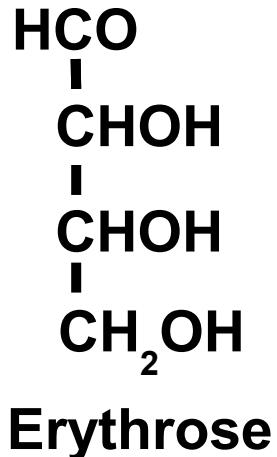
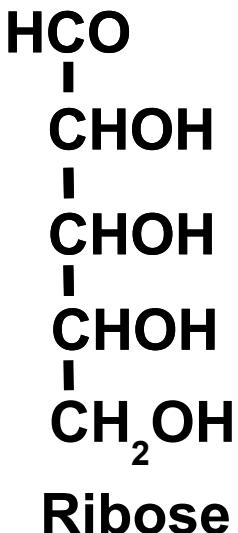
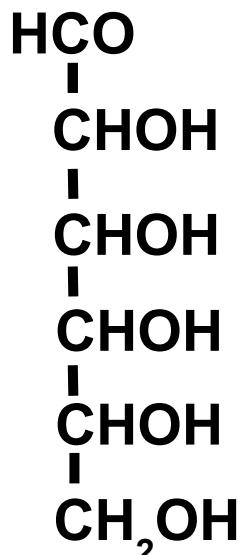
# Constructing the Full Reaction Network



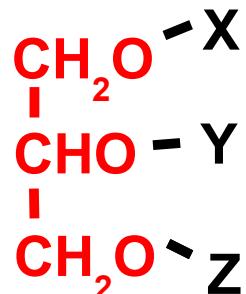
**Fedoseev et al. 2015c, Chuang et al. 2016  
Hidaka et al. 2009,  
Butscher et al. 2015, Minissale et al. 2016**

# Can we form three-carbon bearing analogues?

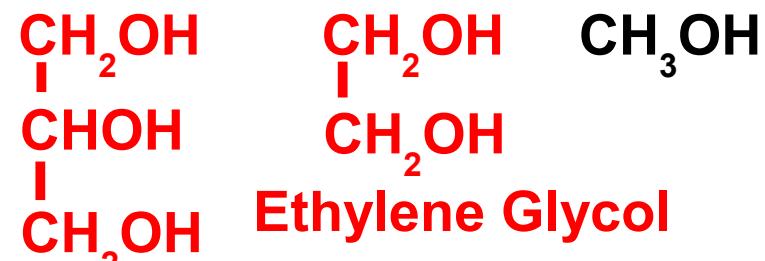
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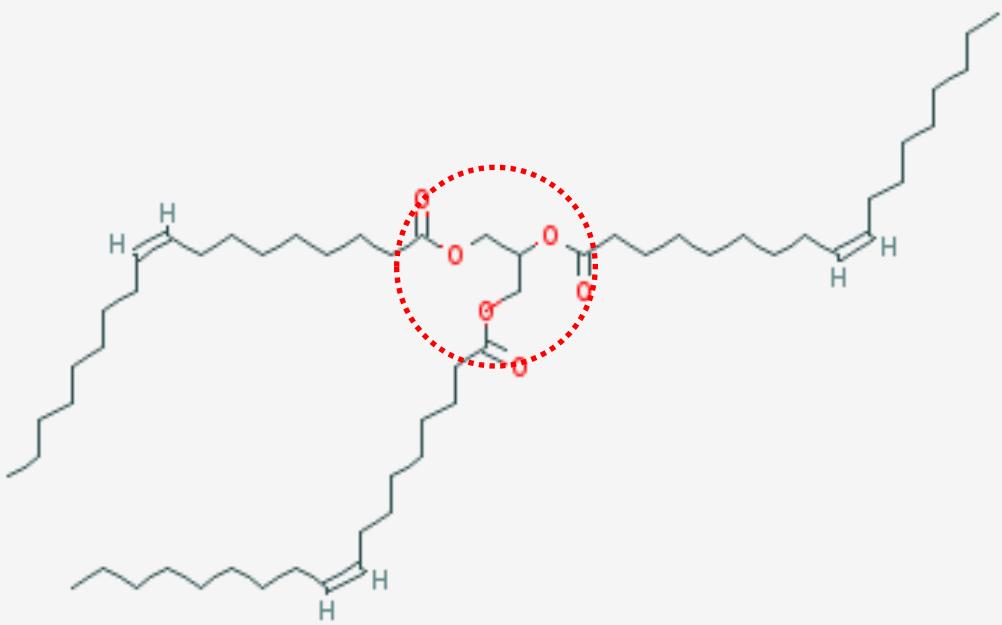


Trygliceride



Glycerol

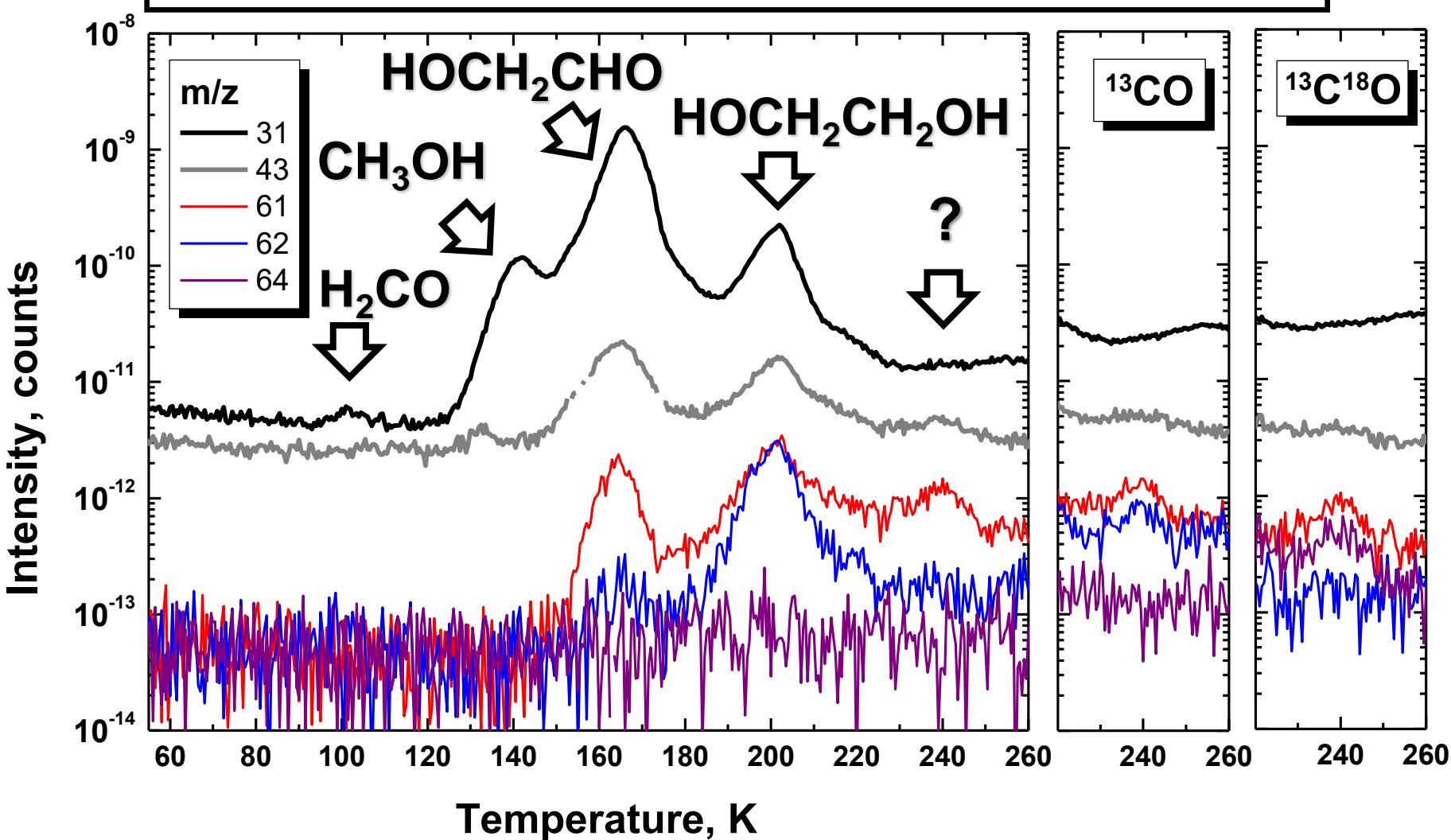
# Glycerol is a backbone of all lipids



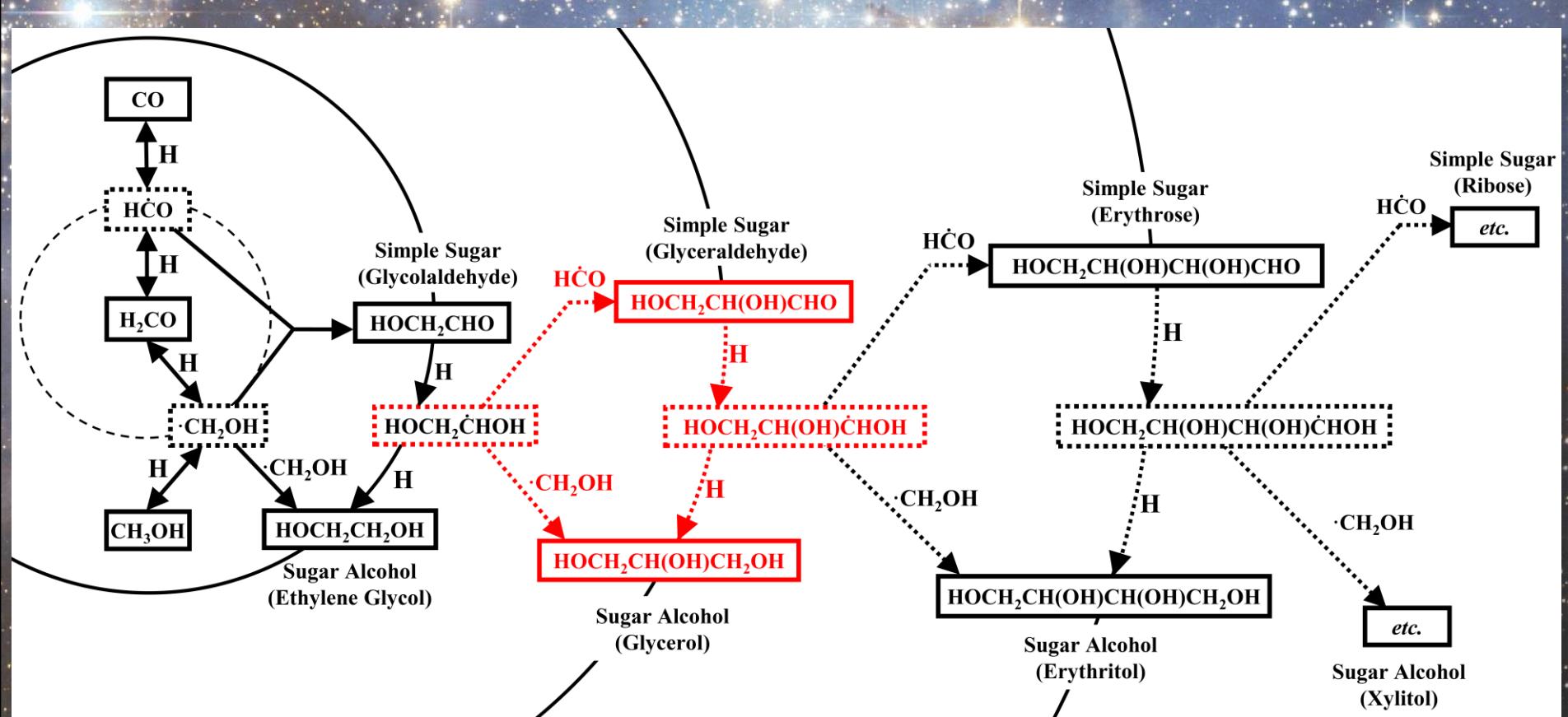
Glycerides comprise ~98% of olive oil, e.g., Glycerol trioleate (~ 50 %)

# Hydrogenation of CO with Glycolaldehyde (1:1)

Co-deposition of H-atoms with CO:GA (1:1) at 15 K

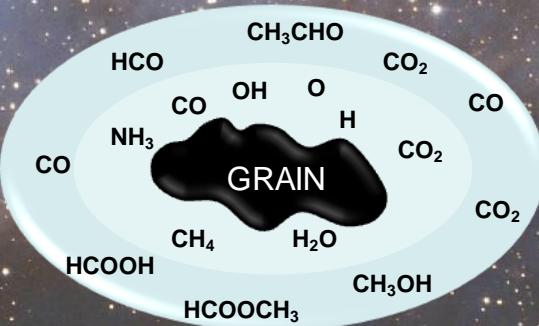


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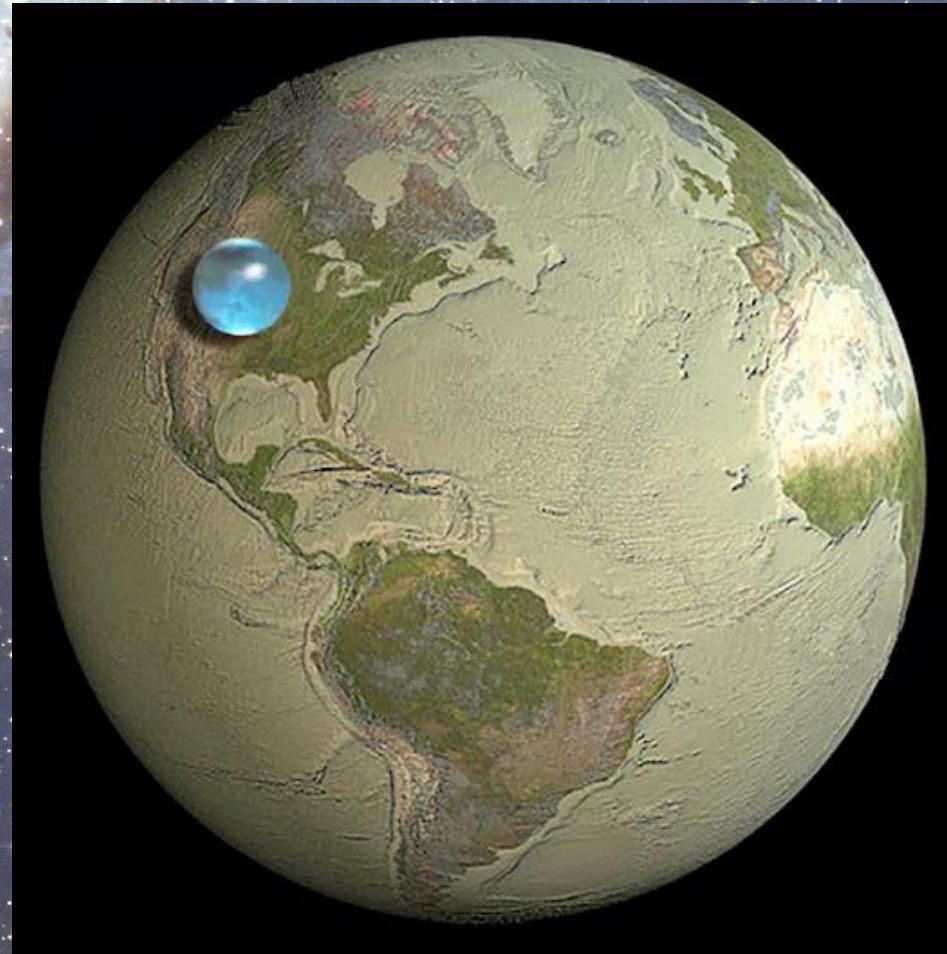


# Why is It Interesting for Us?

Icy Grain



Hartog et al. 2011



Kevin Hand (JPL/Caltech)

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$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in L1544:

$5 \times 10^{27}$  kg

$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  in L1544

$4 \times 10^{26}$  kg

Glycerol in L1544

$4 \times 10^{22}$  kg

Caselli et al. 2012

Boogert et al. 2015

Evans II et al. 2001

Oceans on the Earth:

$1.4 \times 10^{21}$  kg

All oceanic life forms

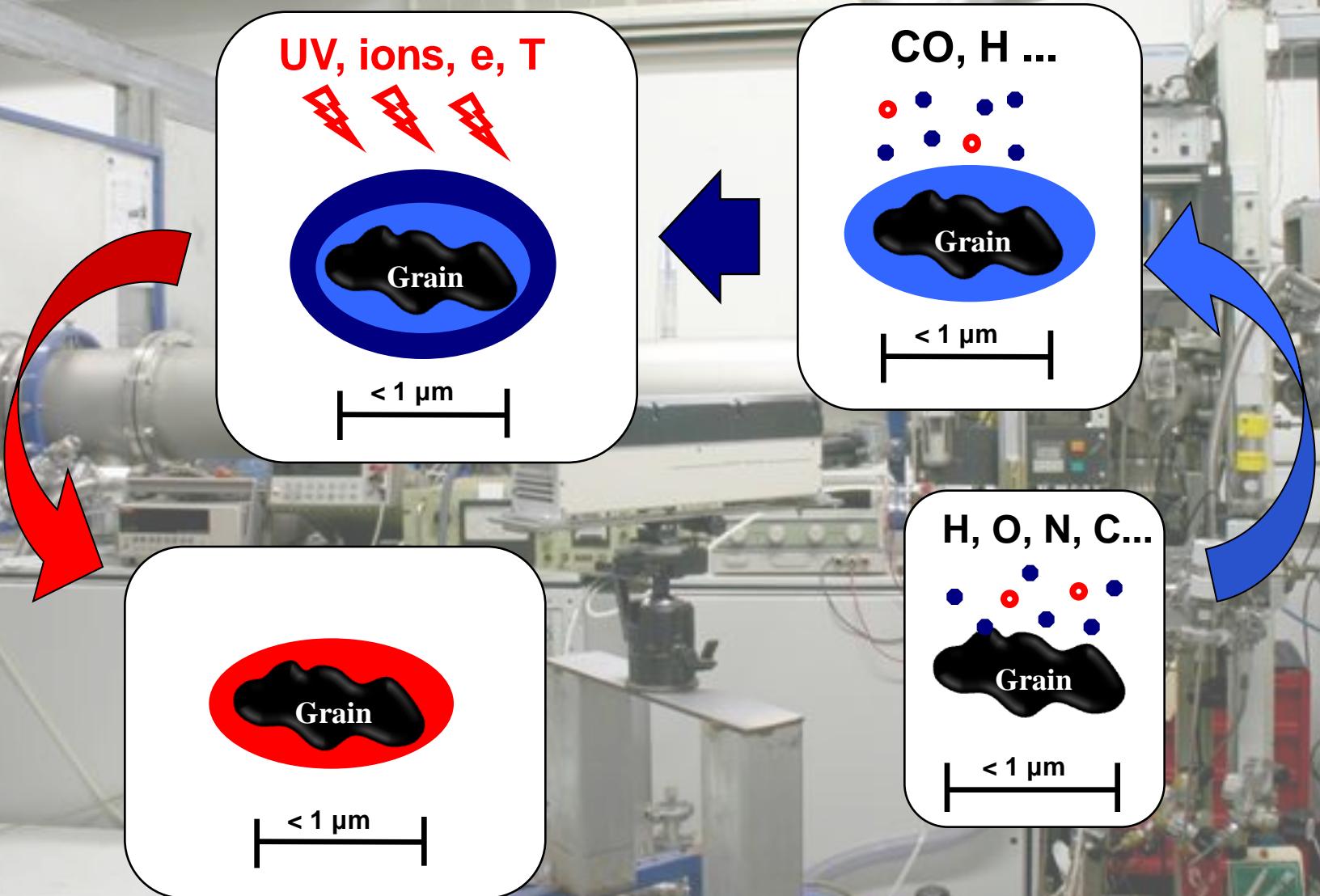
$3.2 \times 10^{12}$  kg

Glycerol in this life  
forms

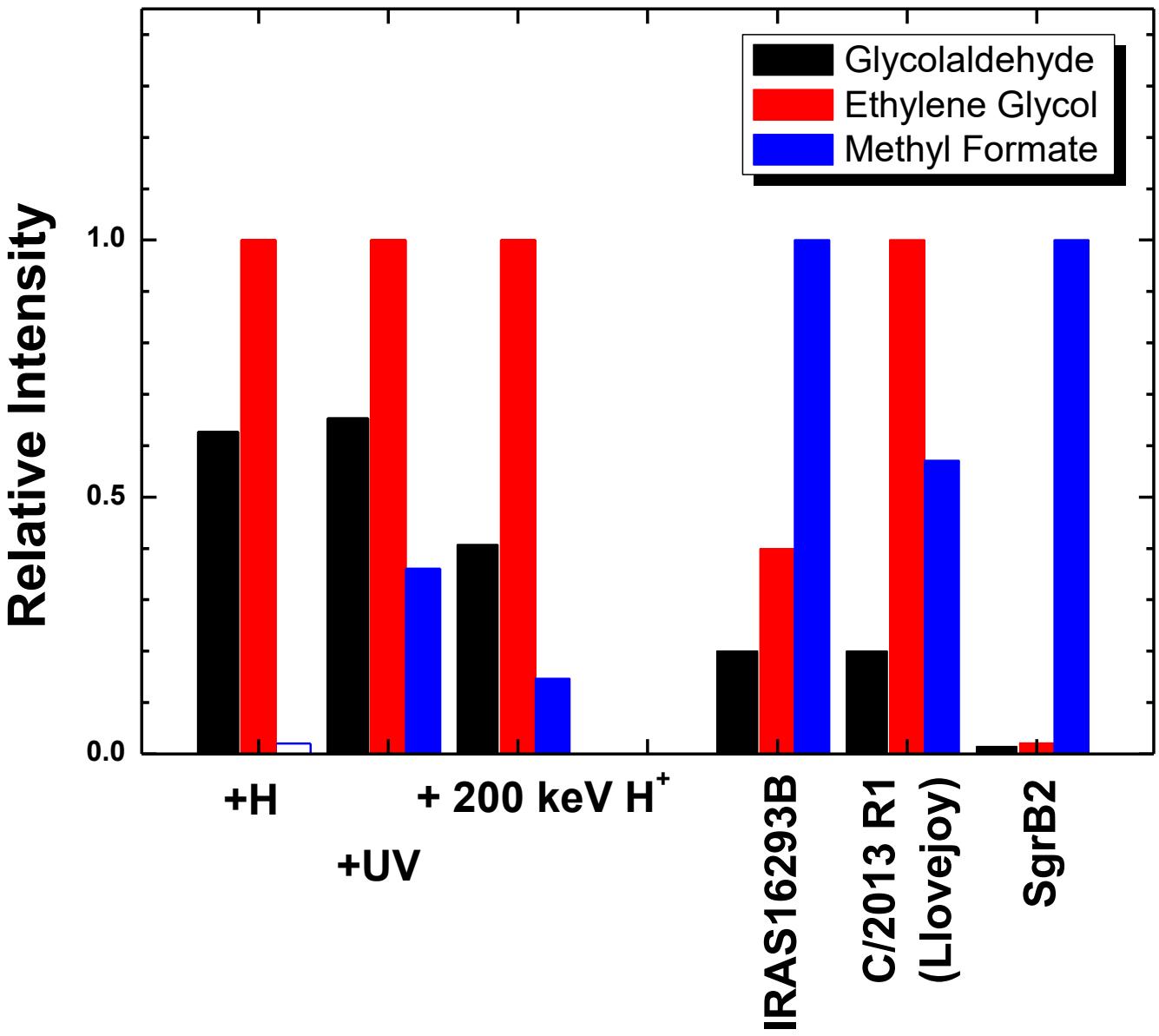
$\sim 1 \times 10^{10}$  kg

Vernadsky 2001,  
Basilevich et al. 1971  
Alberts et al. 2002

# Outlooks. AstroFlt2.



# Comparison between various chemical triggers



+H and +UV

QMS current integration:

GA: ~160K

EG: ~200K

MF: ~120K

200 keV H<sup>+</sup> irradiation

IR optical depth integration:

GA: 1073 cm<sup>-1</sup>

EG: 1087 cm<sup>-1</sup>

MF: 1160 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Chuang et al. 2016 (in prep)

Modica & Palumbo 2010

Jørgensen et al. (2016)

Biver et al. (2014)

Maity et al. 2015

Henderson & Gudipati 2015

Paardekooper et al. 2016

Abou Mrad et al. 2016

Öberg 2016

Vasyunin & Herbst 2013

# Conclusions

- The formation of Complex Organic Molecules (COMs) in the solid state proceeds already in dark molecular clouds before the formation of a protostar
- Various COMs are formed in interstellar ices through accretion of simplest species
- Among these species are prebiotic compounds, Glycerol and the simplest representatives of sugar row

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