

Exploration of Spacecraft Environments with Mass Spectrometers

Experiences with ROSETTA, SOHO and others

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Experiences...



Degradation...

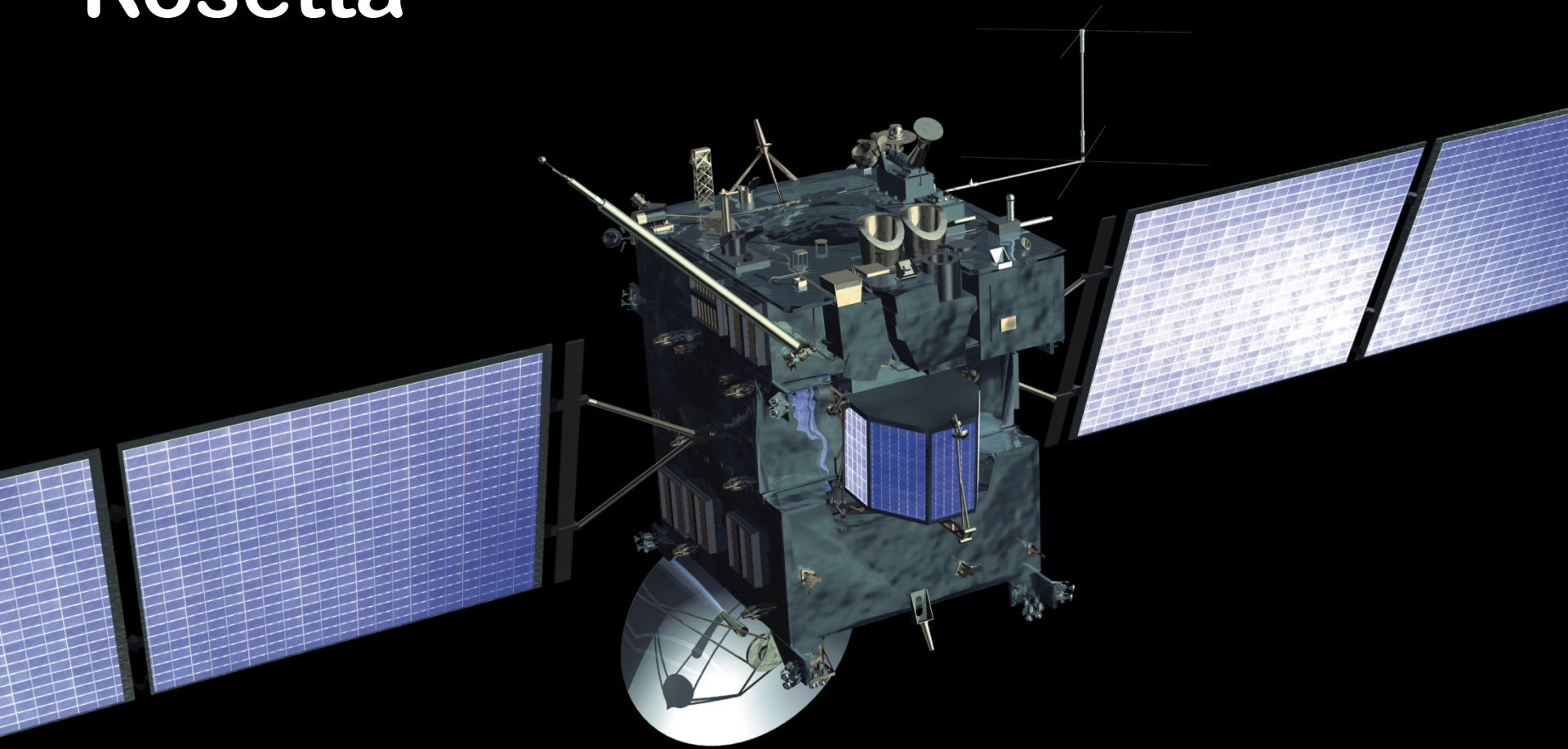


Experiences...

Rosetta/ROSINA

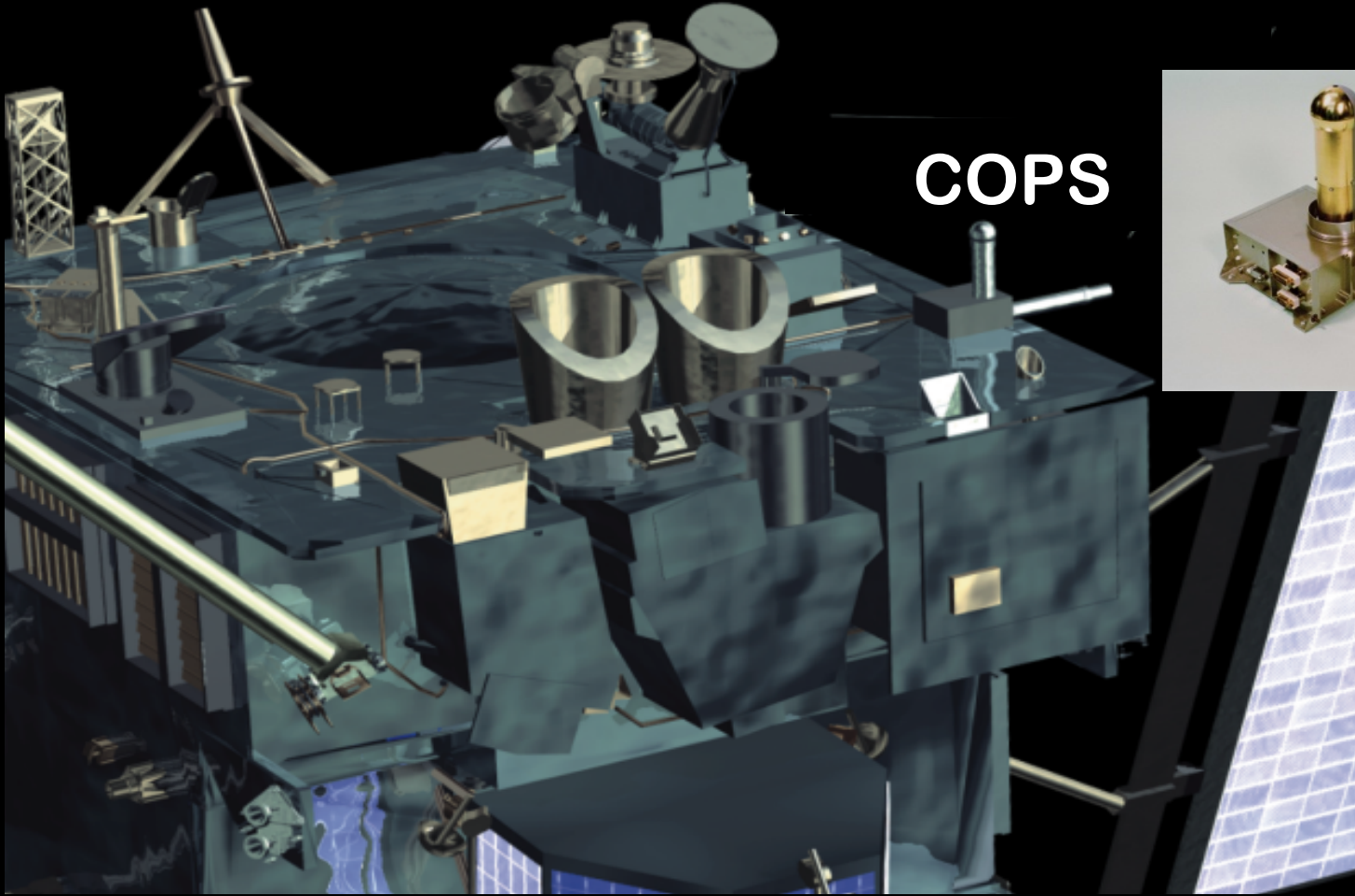


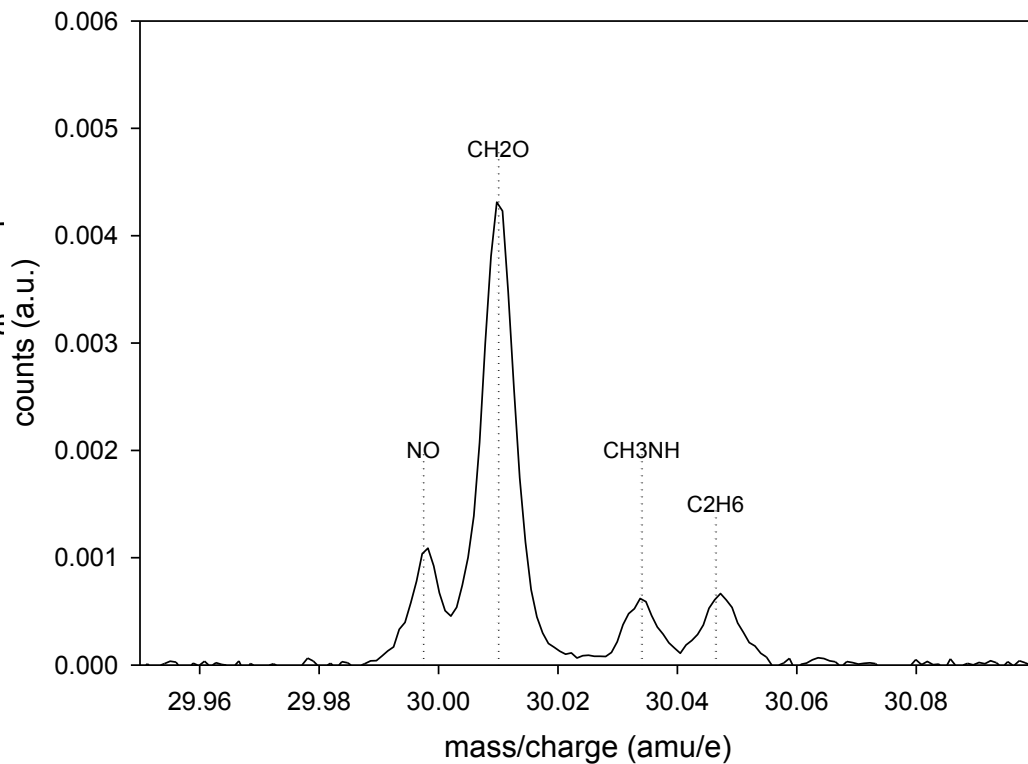
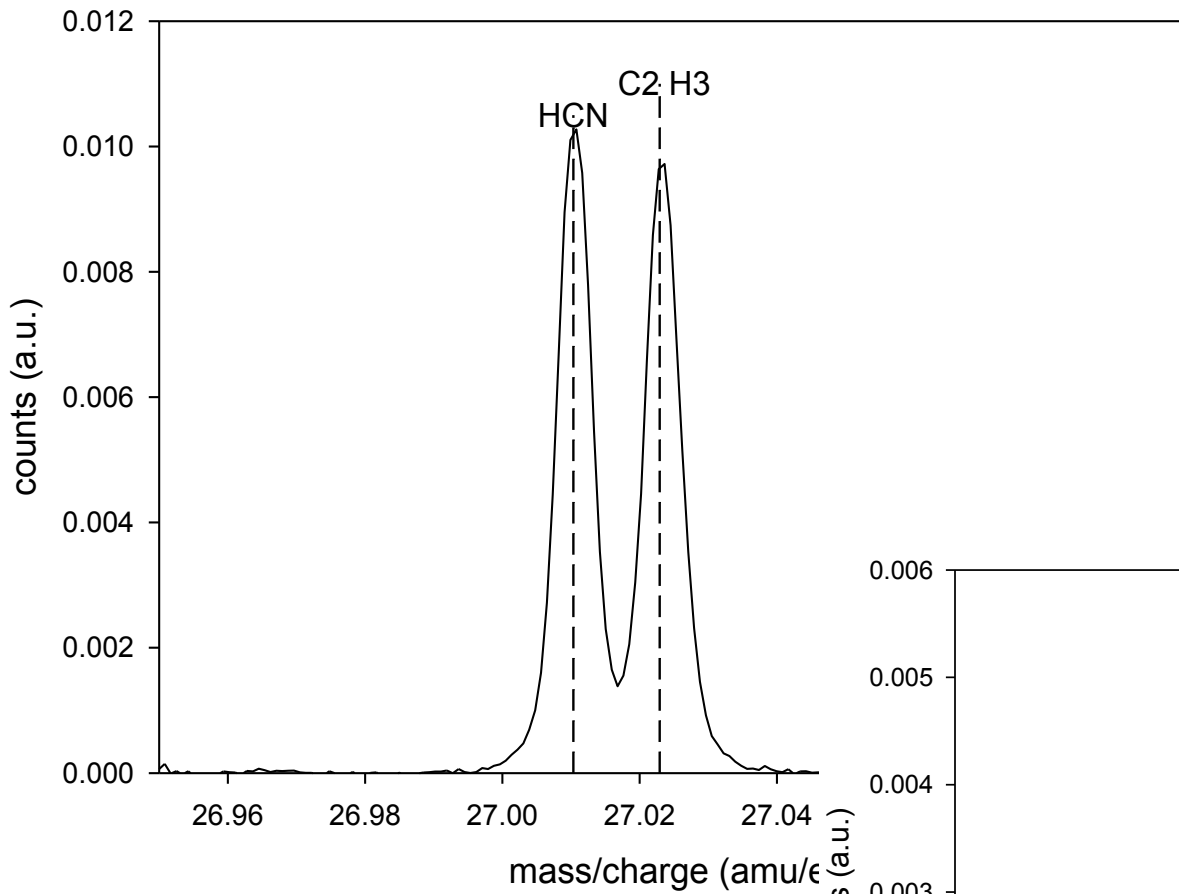
Rosetta

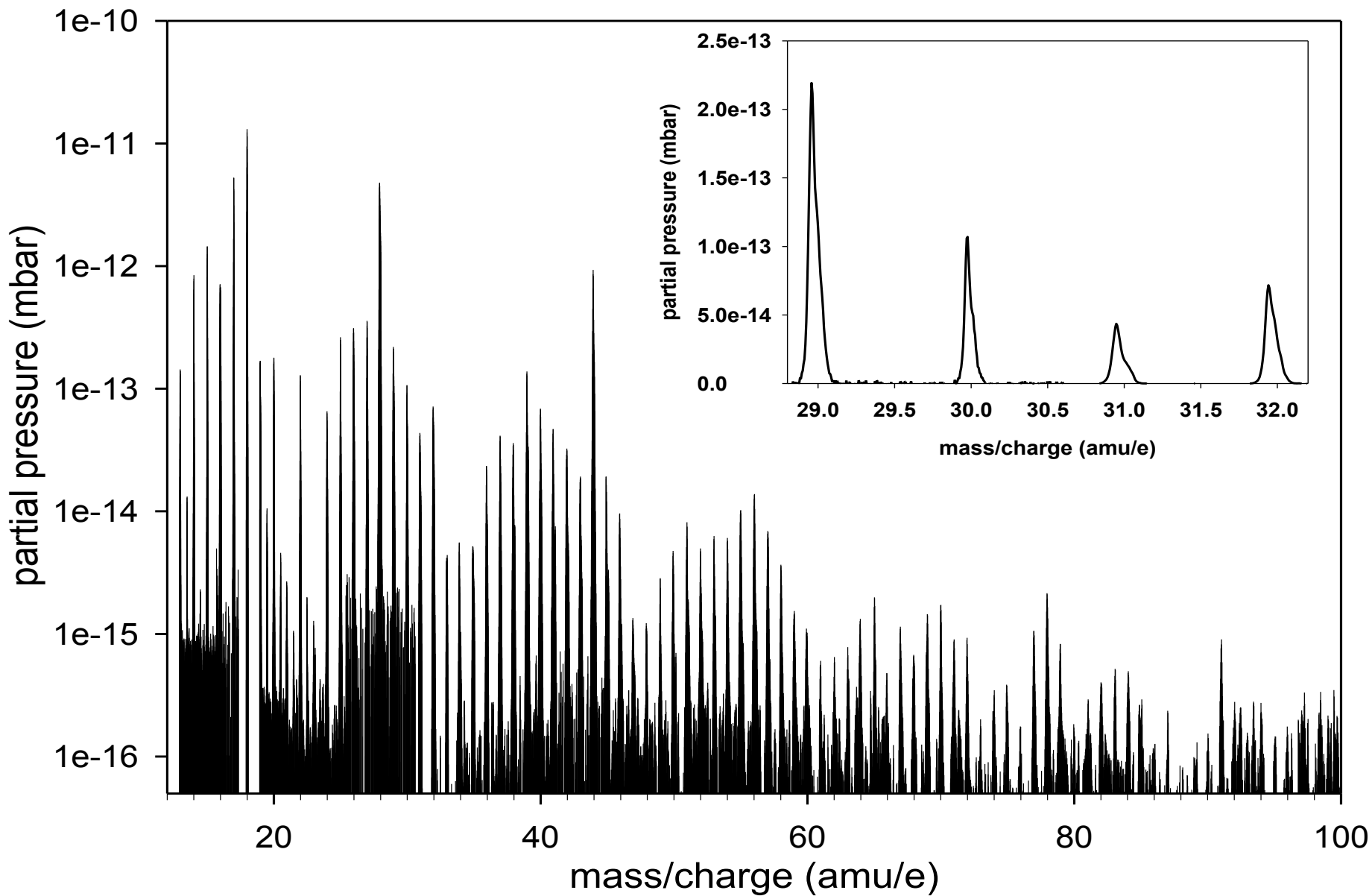


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COPS





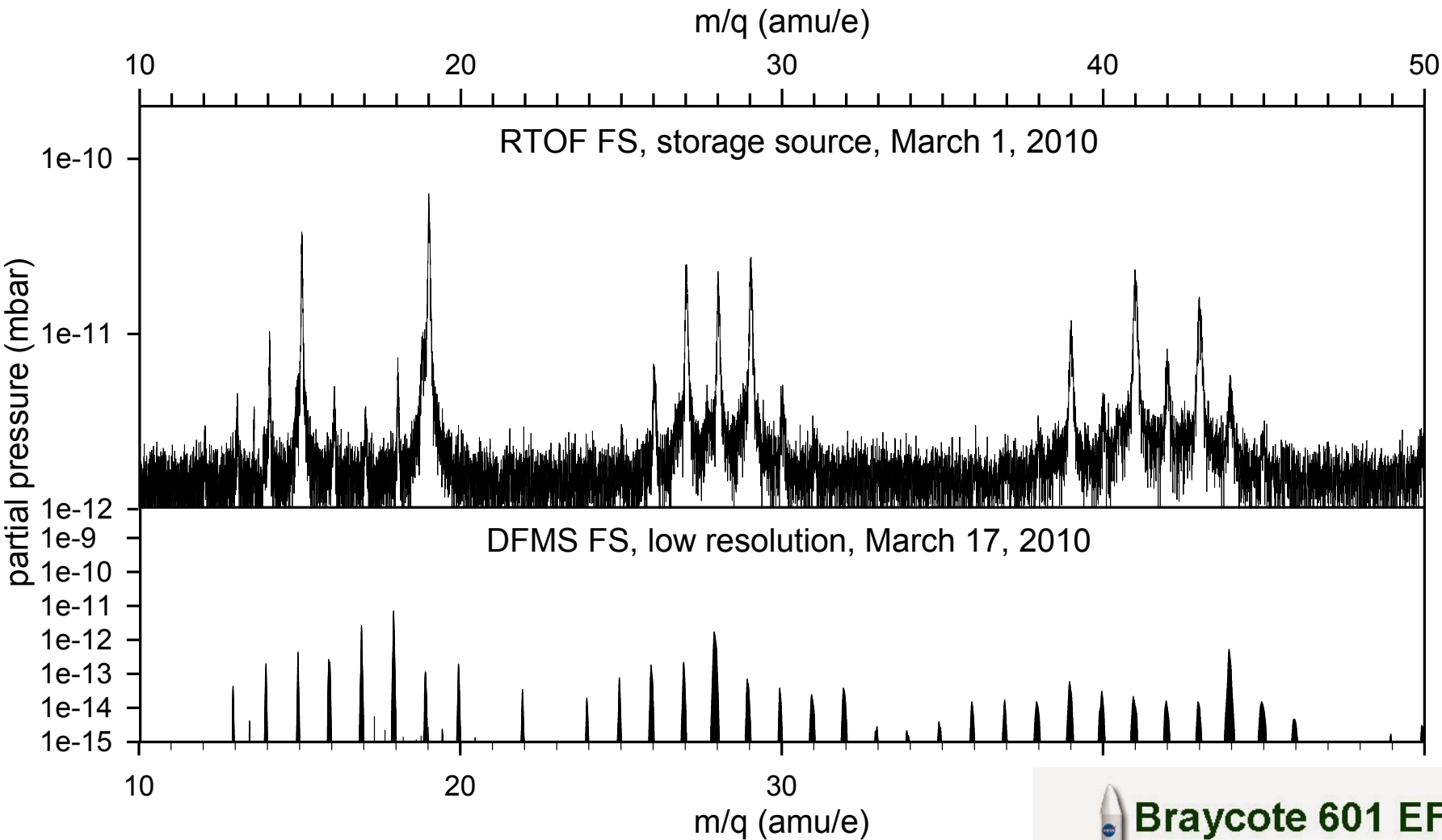


Altwegg et al. 2014

Environment of the Rosetta Spacecraft

Carbohydrates					PAH	N-H	Hydrazine	C-N	Oxygen	N-O	
	C2	C3	C4	C5		N	CN		O	NO	
CH	C2H	C3H	C4H	C5H	C6H	NH	CHN	C2H2N	OH	CNO	
CH2	C2H2	C3H2	C4H2	C5H2	C6H2	NH2	CH2N	C2H3N	OH2	HCNO	
CH3	C2H	C3H3	C4H3	C5H3	C6H3	C7H3	NH3	CH3N	C2H4N	ODH	H6CNO
CH4	C2H4	C3H4	C4H4	C5H4	C6H4	C7H4	N2	CH3NH		¹⁸ OH2	NO2
	C2H5	C3H5	C4H5	C4H5	C6H5	C7H5		CH3NH2	C5H4N	O2	HNO2
	C2H6	C3H6	C4H6	C5H6		C7H6		CH3N2H	C5H5N		H4NO2
		C3H7	C4H7	C5H7		C7H7		CH3N2H2	C5H6N		CHNO2
		C3H8	C4H8	C5H8		C7H8, Toluene		CH3N2H3	C5H7N		CH3NO2
			C4H9	C5H9		C8H10			C5H8N		CH4NO2
			C4H10	C5H10		C9H12					C2H6NO
				C5H11					C4H4N2		H2N2O
				C5H12							C2N2O
											C2HN2O
								Halogens & Sulfur			C2H2N2O
							F	Cl			C2H3N2O
							FH	HCl			C2H5N2O
							CF	CCl			C2H6N2O
							S	CCl2			C2H7N2O
							N2S				C2H8N2O
							SO2				

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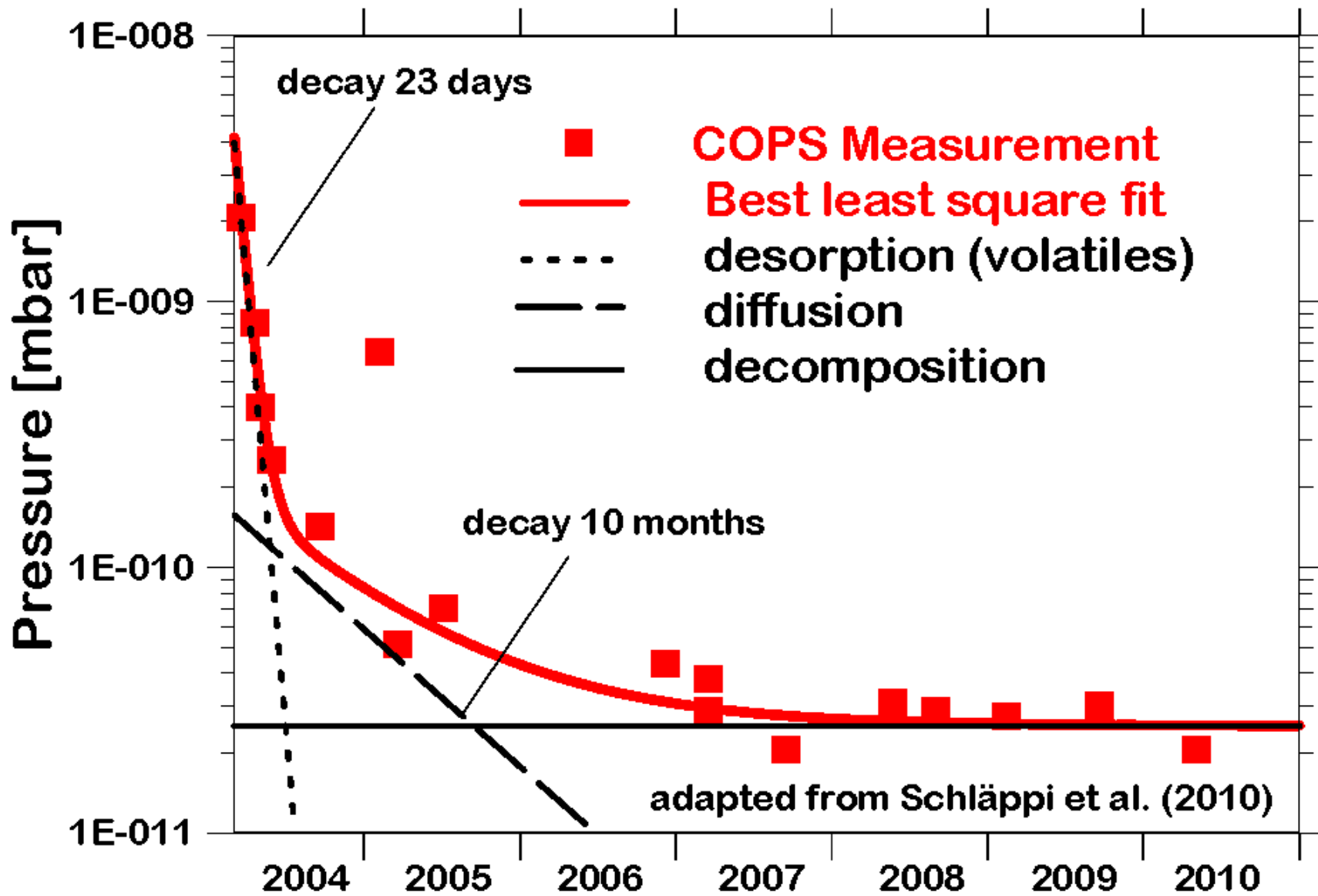
The Braycote Problem

Braycote 601 EF

Designed to operate in the presence of rocket fuels, oxidizers and high vacuum. It is frequently used in space applications including the Space Shuttle and satellites.

QC Lubricants

QC Lubricants #1014
BRAYCOTE 601EF
LUBRICANT

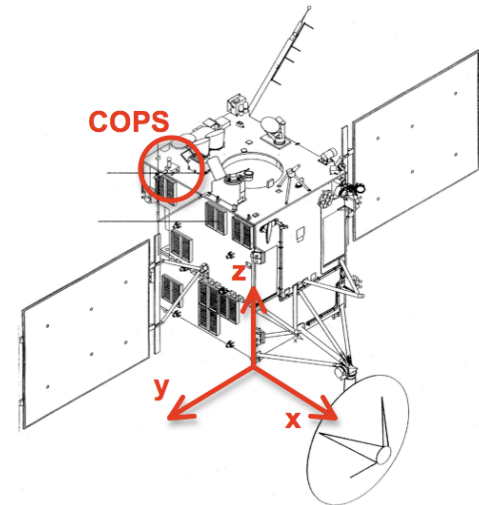


Helium measured by COPS during the thruster pressurization test on September 9, 2010

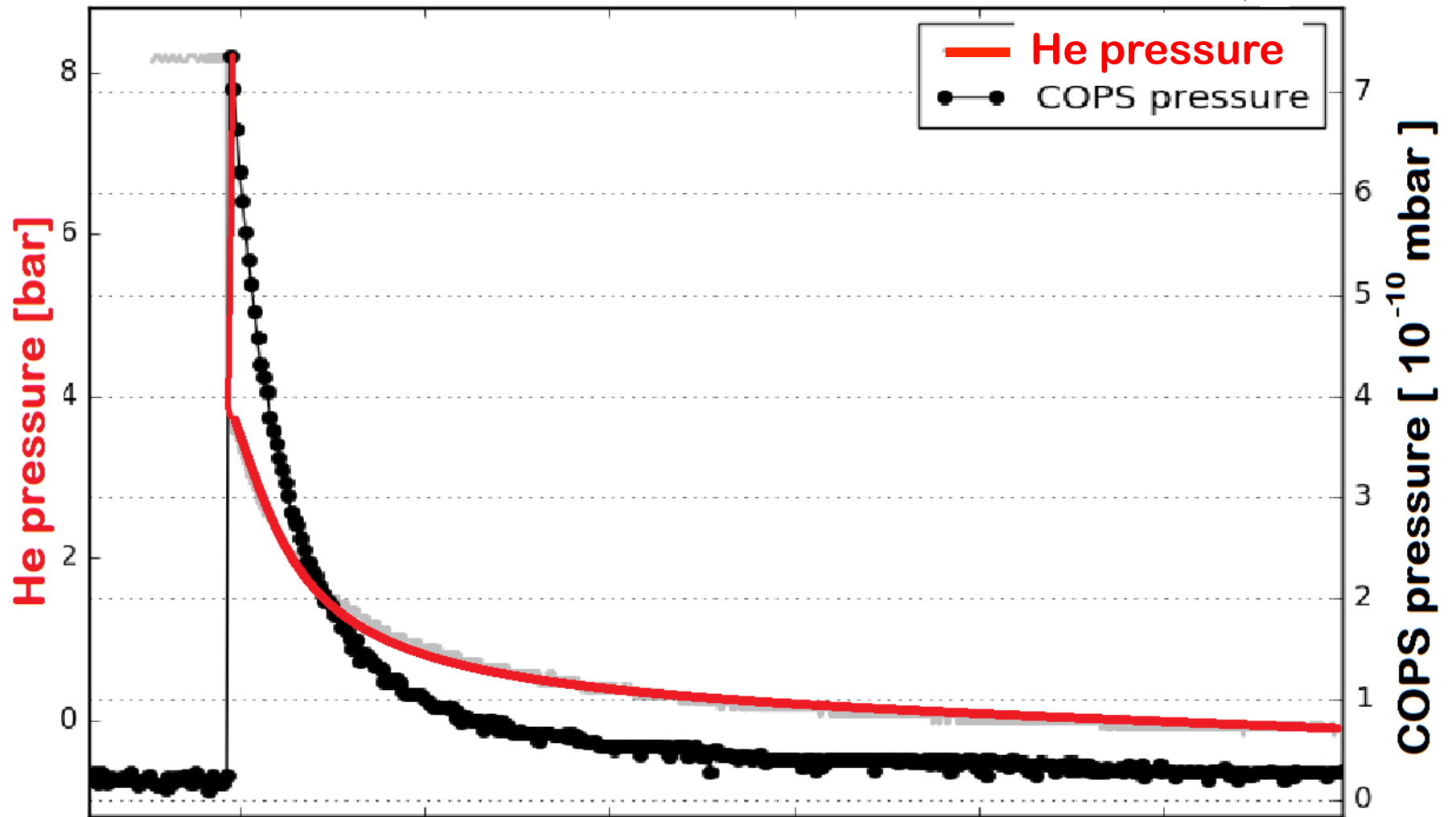
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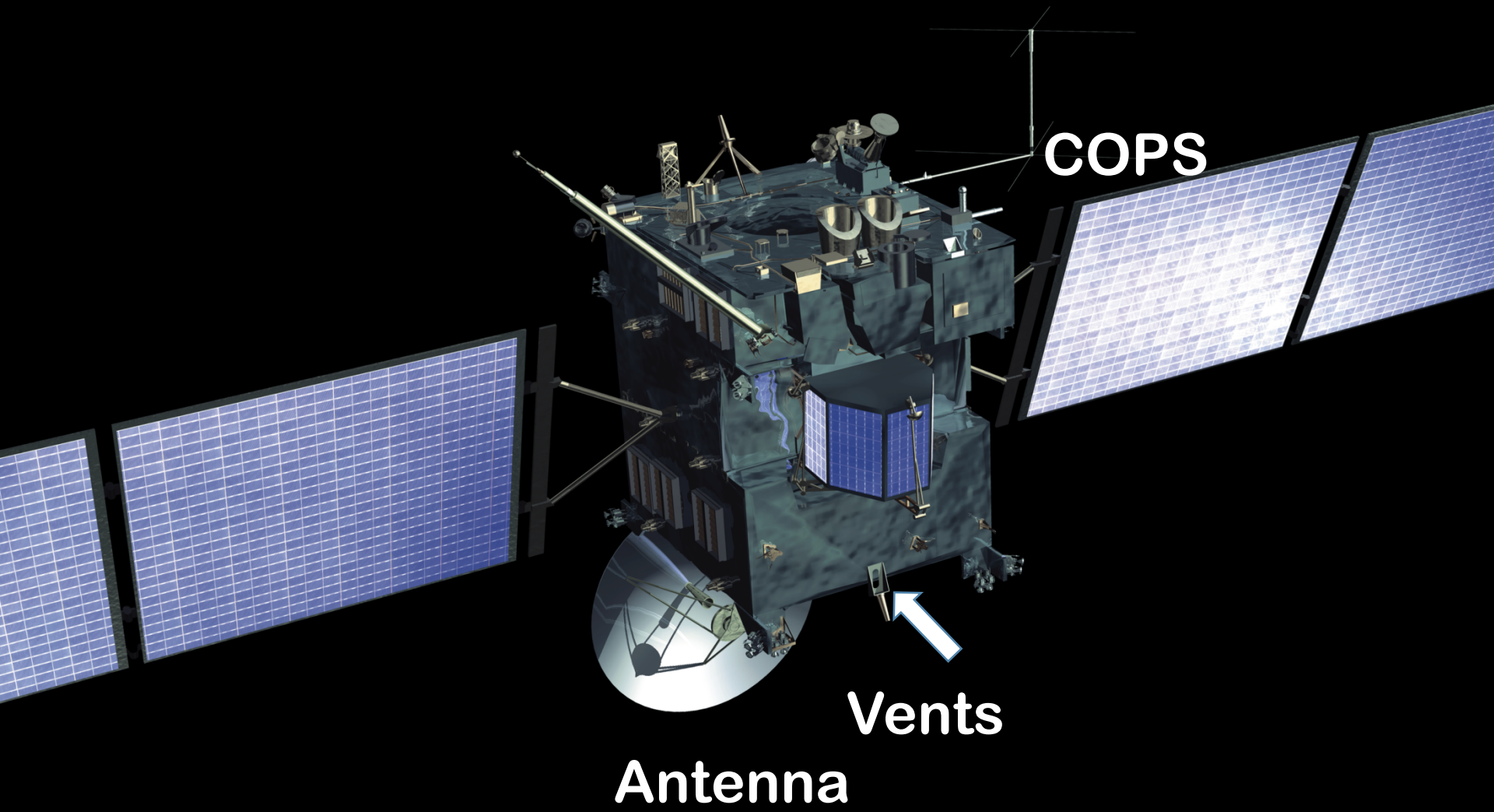
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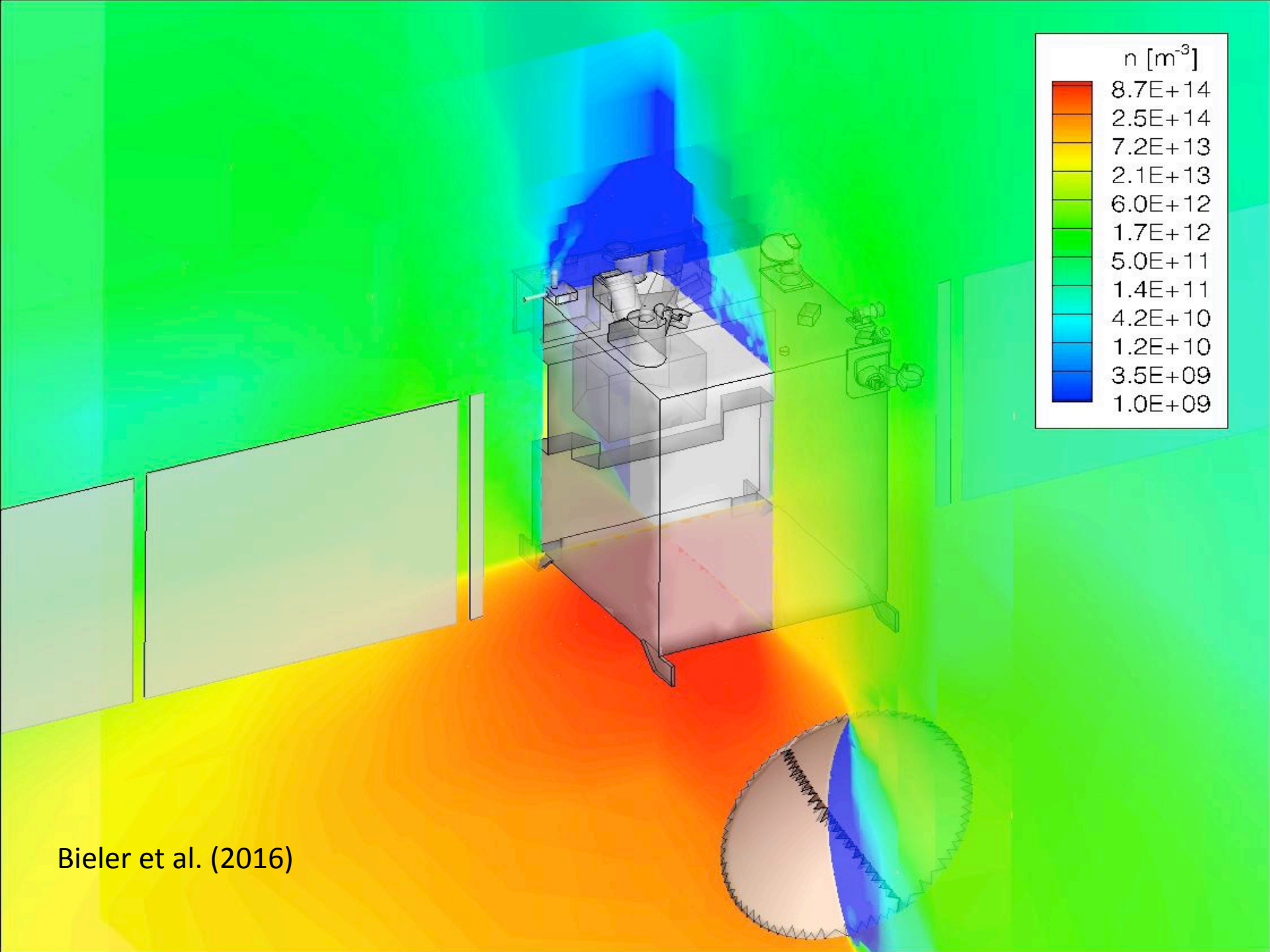
Bieler et al. (2016) SPIE 9952



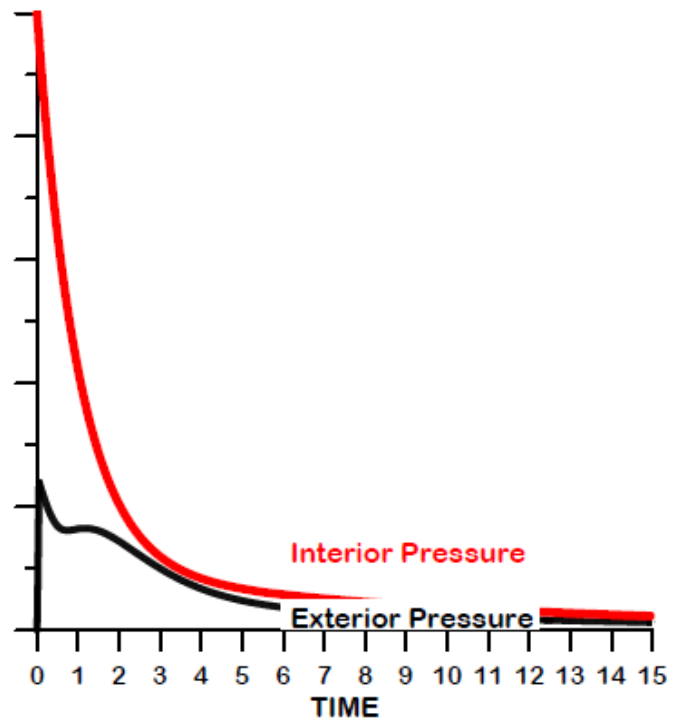
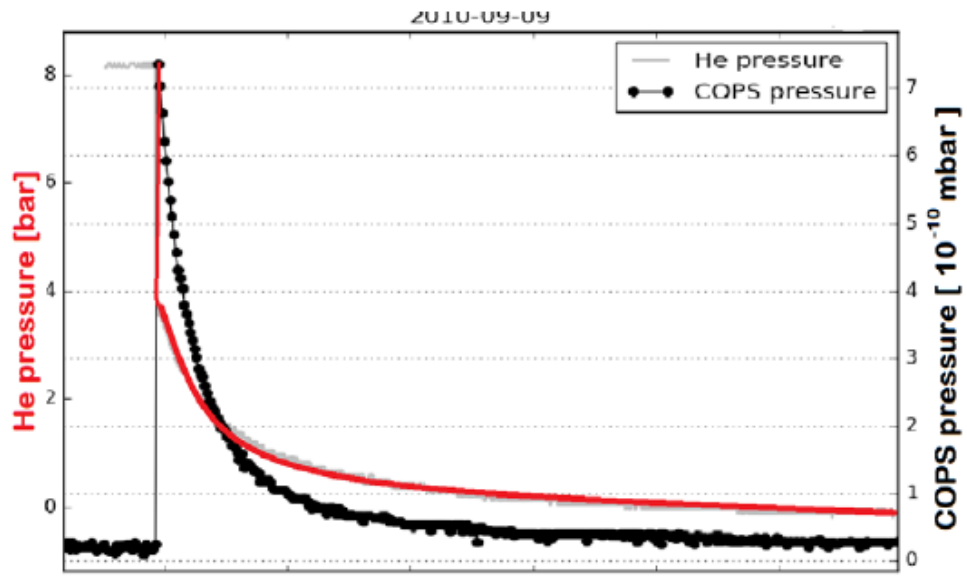
COPS

Vents

Antenna



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ORIGINAL PAPER



Influence of Ultraviolet Irradiation on the Deposition of Spacecraft Molecular Contamination

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\dot{m}_d rate of deposition [g/cm²s]

\dot{m}_i mass flux of contaminant
[g/cm²s]

α sticking probability

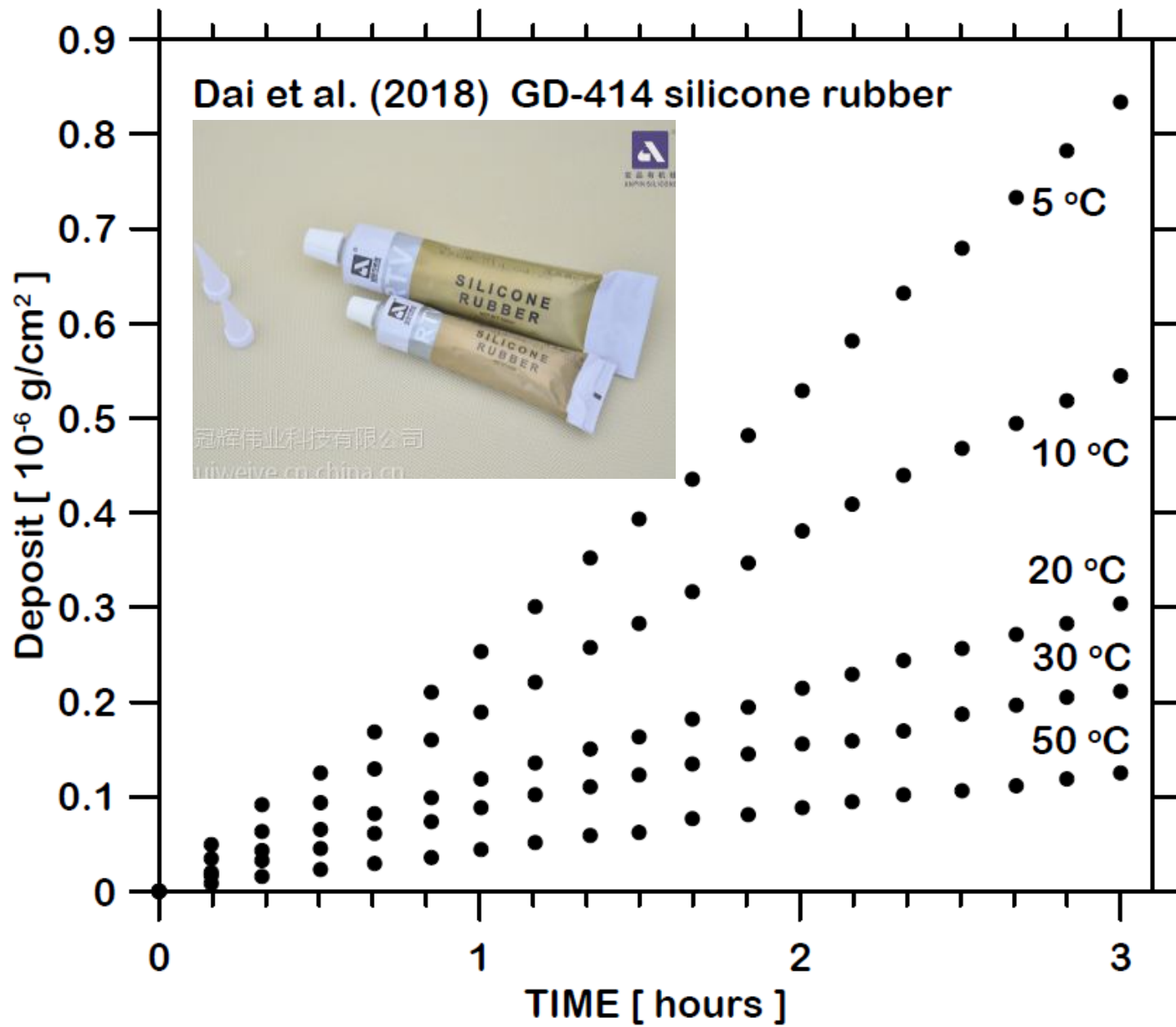
τ residence time [s]

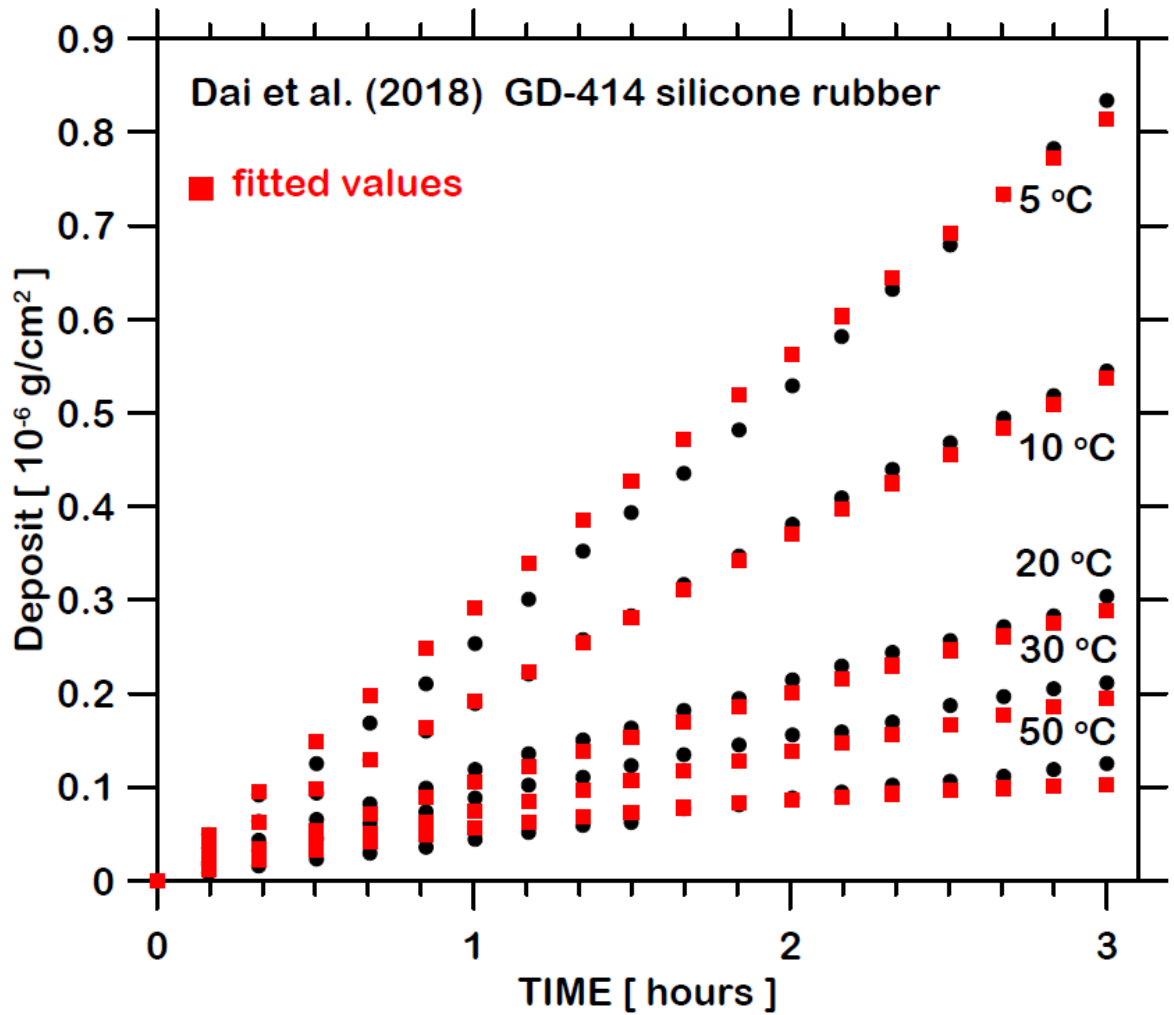
E_d desorption energy [J]

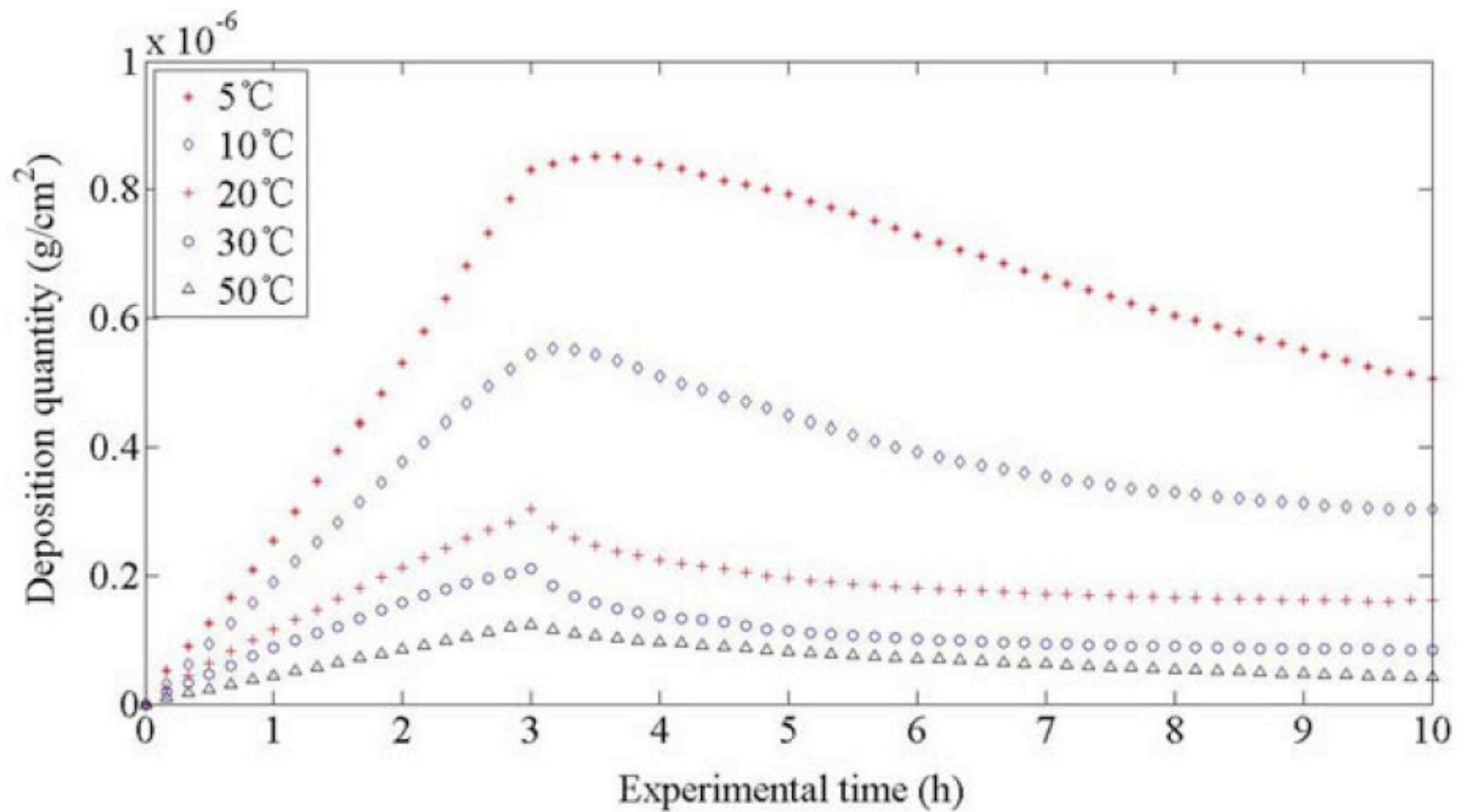
$$\dot{m}_d = \alpha \dot{m}_i - \frac{\dot{m}_d}{\tau}$$

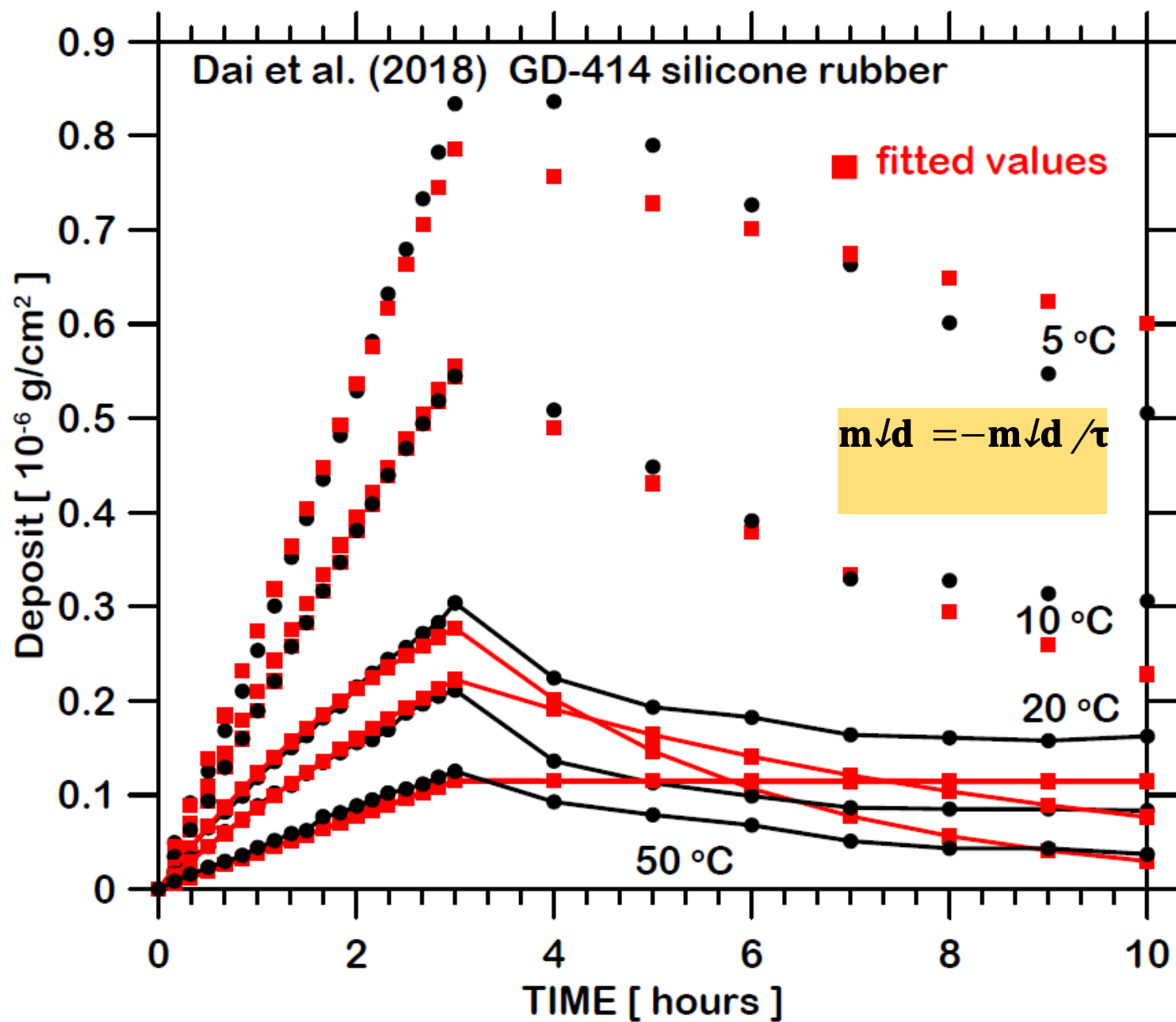
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{T - T_c}{\Delta T_c}\right)}$$

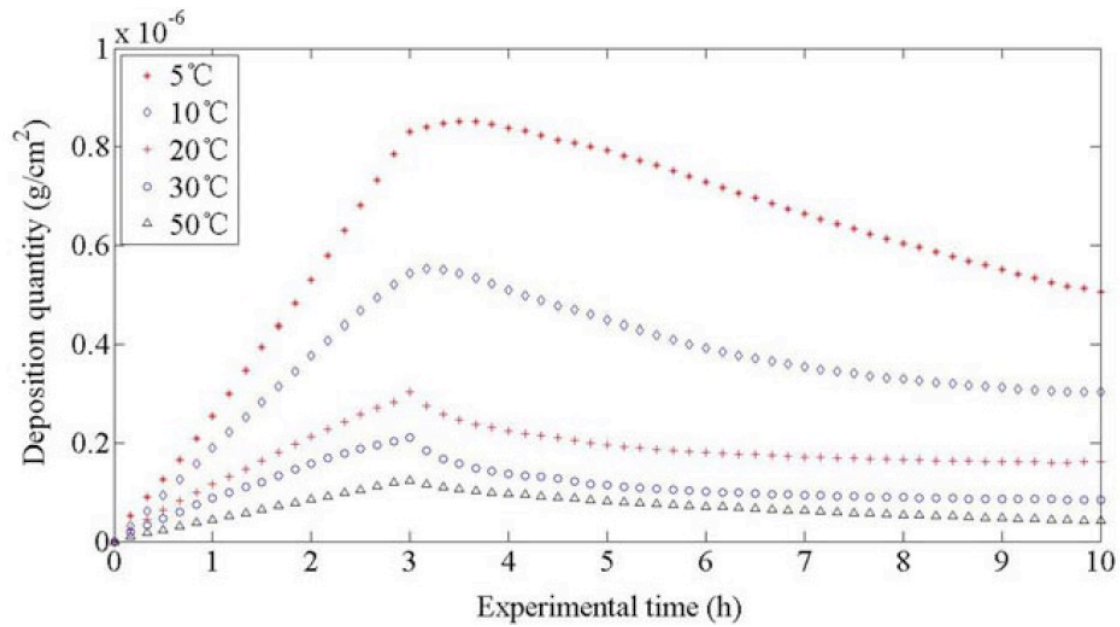
$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{E_d}{RT}\right)$$



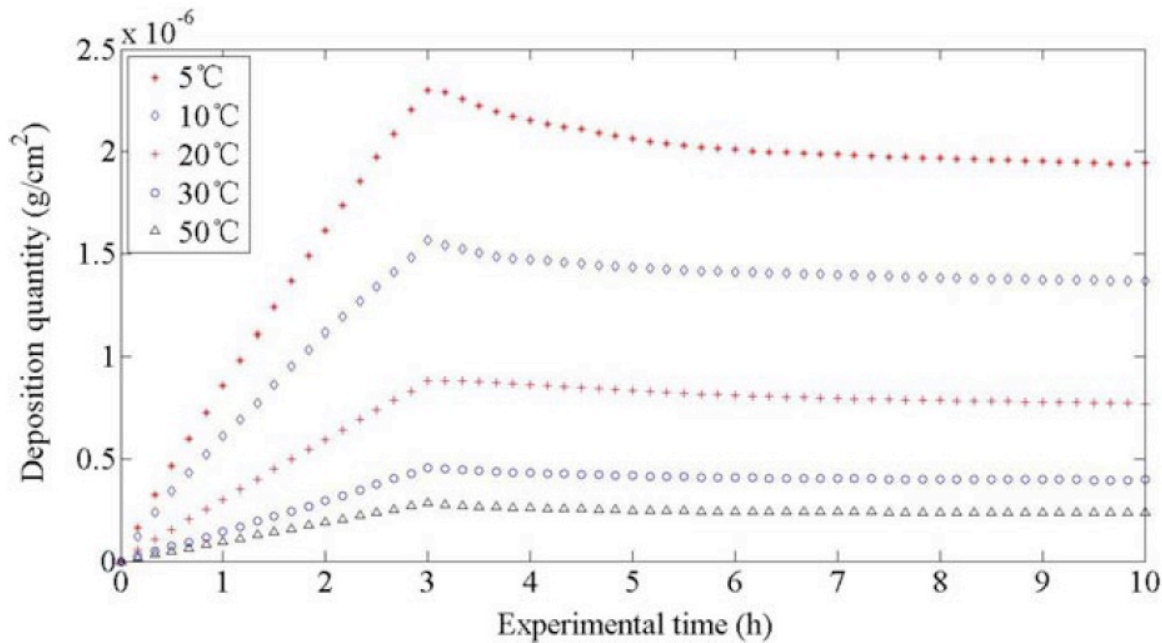








Unirradiated



Irradiated

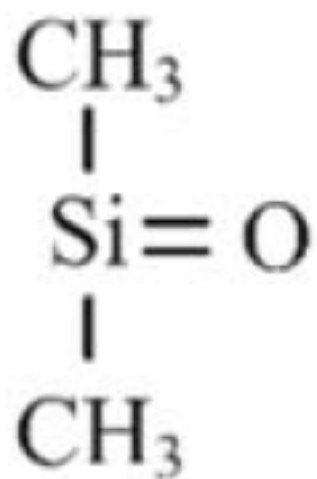


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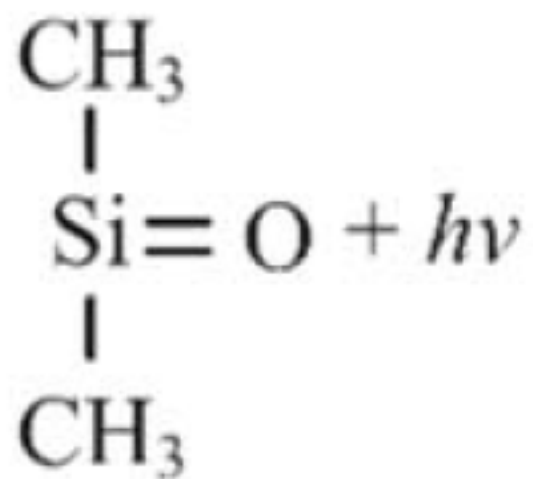


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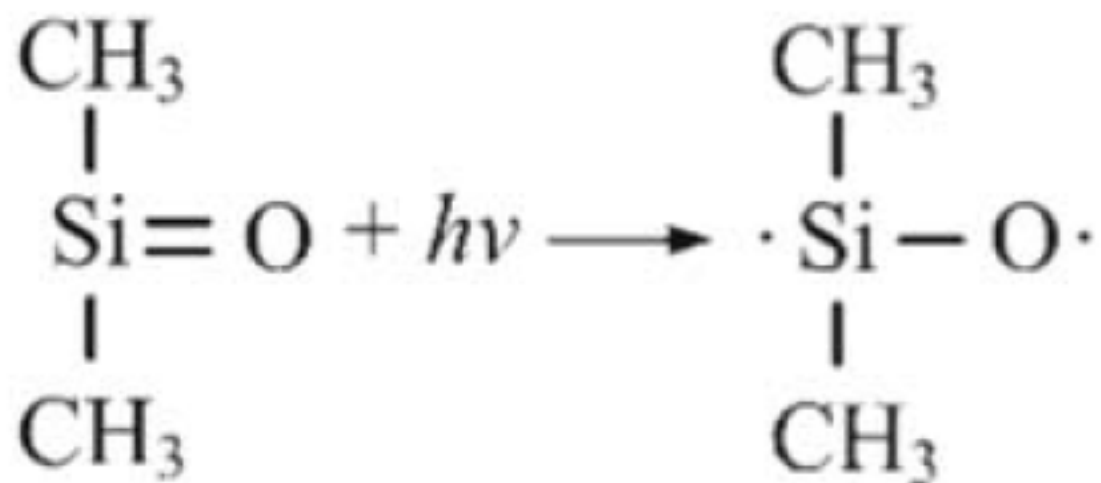


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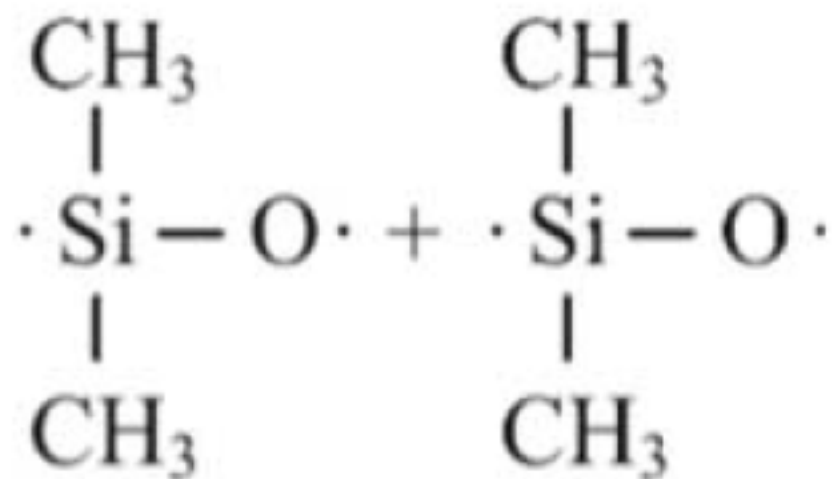
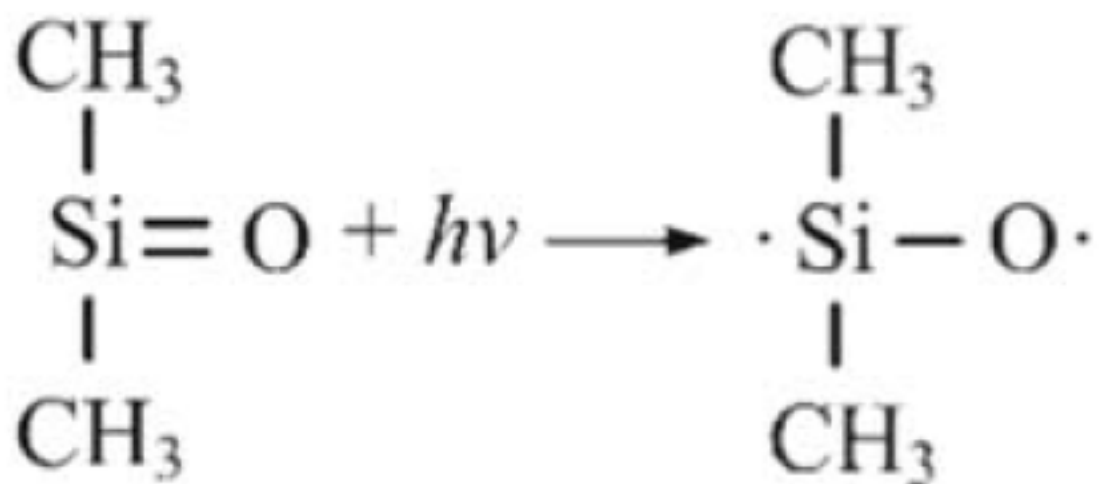


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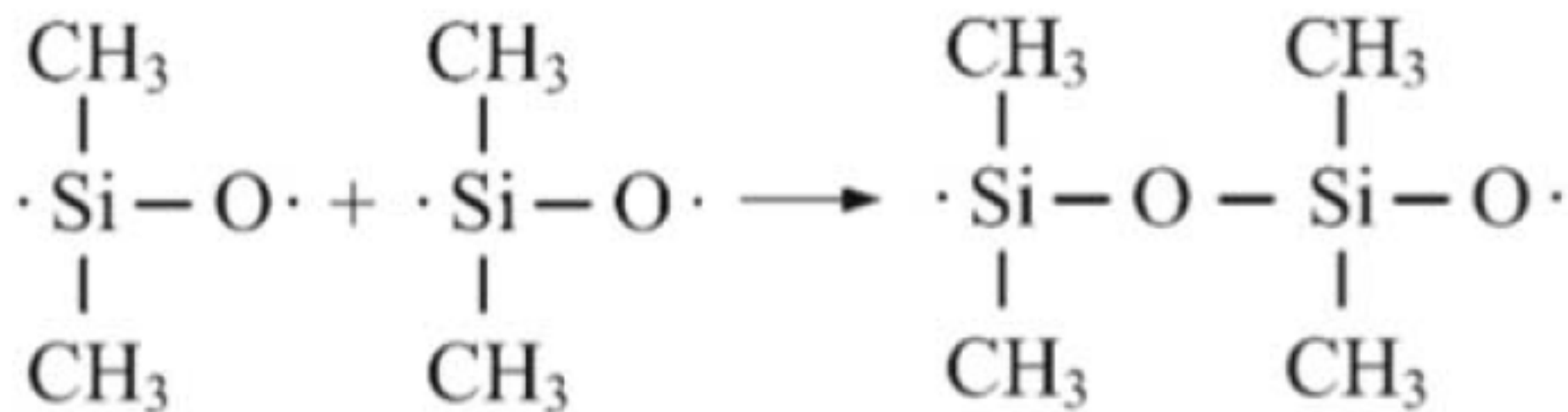
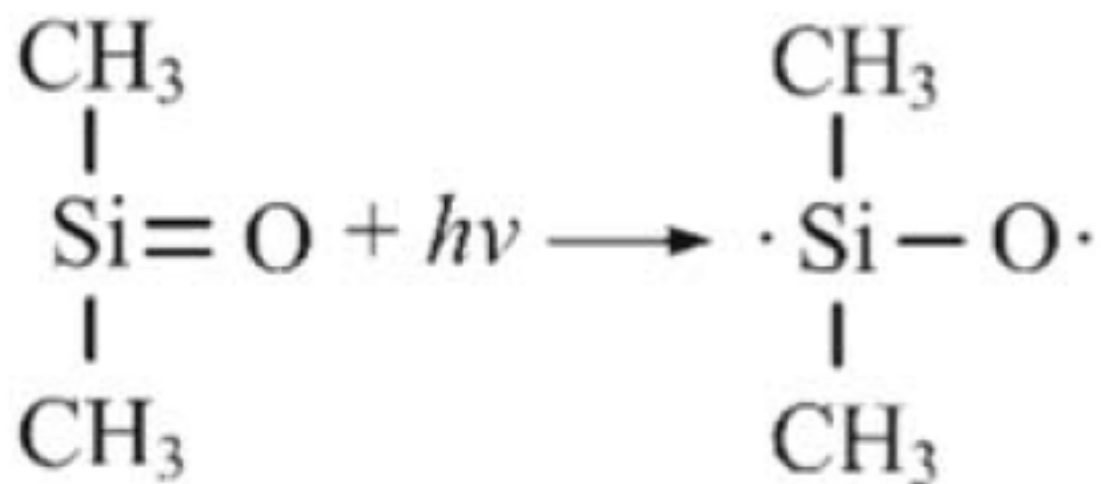
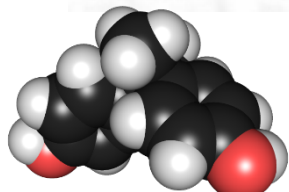
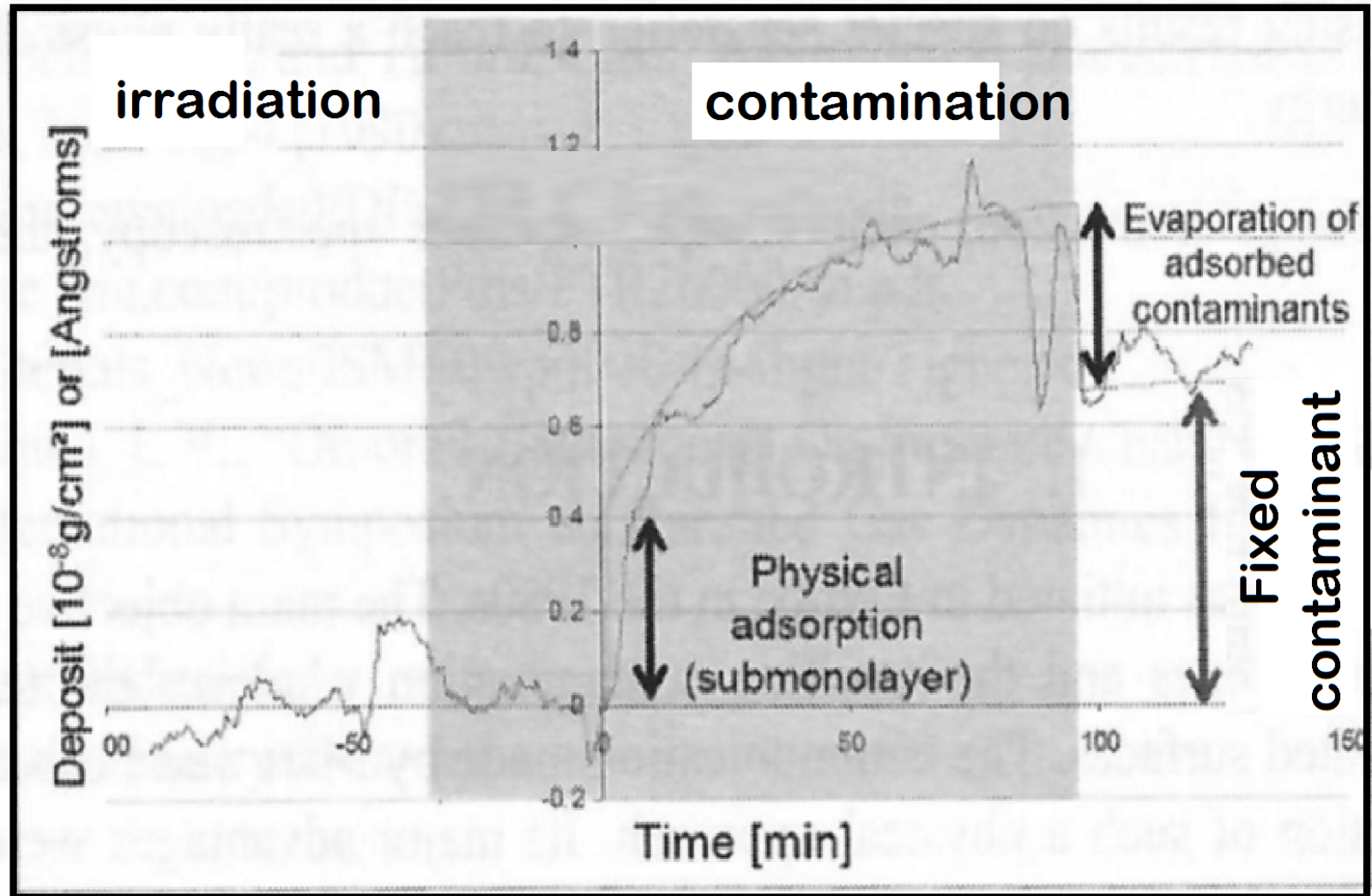


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Comments:

- Simple evaporation from surface vs. diffusion of contaminant through polymer?
- Break-up and volatilization of contaminants?
- Mono- vs. multilayer adsorption?



Bisphenol A

COMOVA

COntamination MOdelling OUtgassing & VenT Analysis

The new ESA contamination modelling software



Examples

- ISS
- Test Spacecraft
- Ground experiment



The Physics

- Contaminant sources
- Contaminant transport
- Surface contaminant Interactions
- Time integration

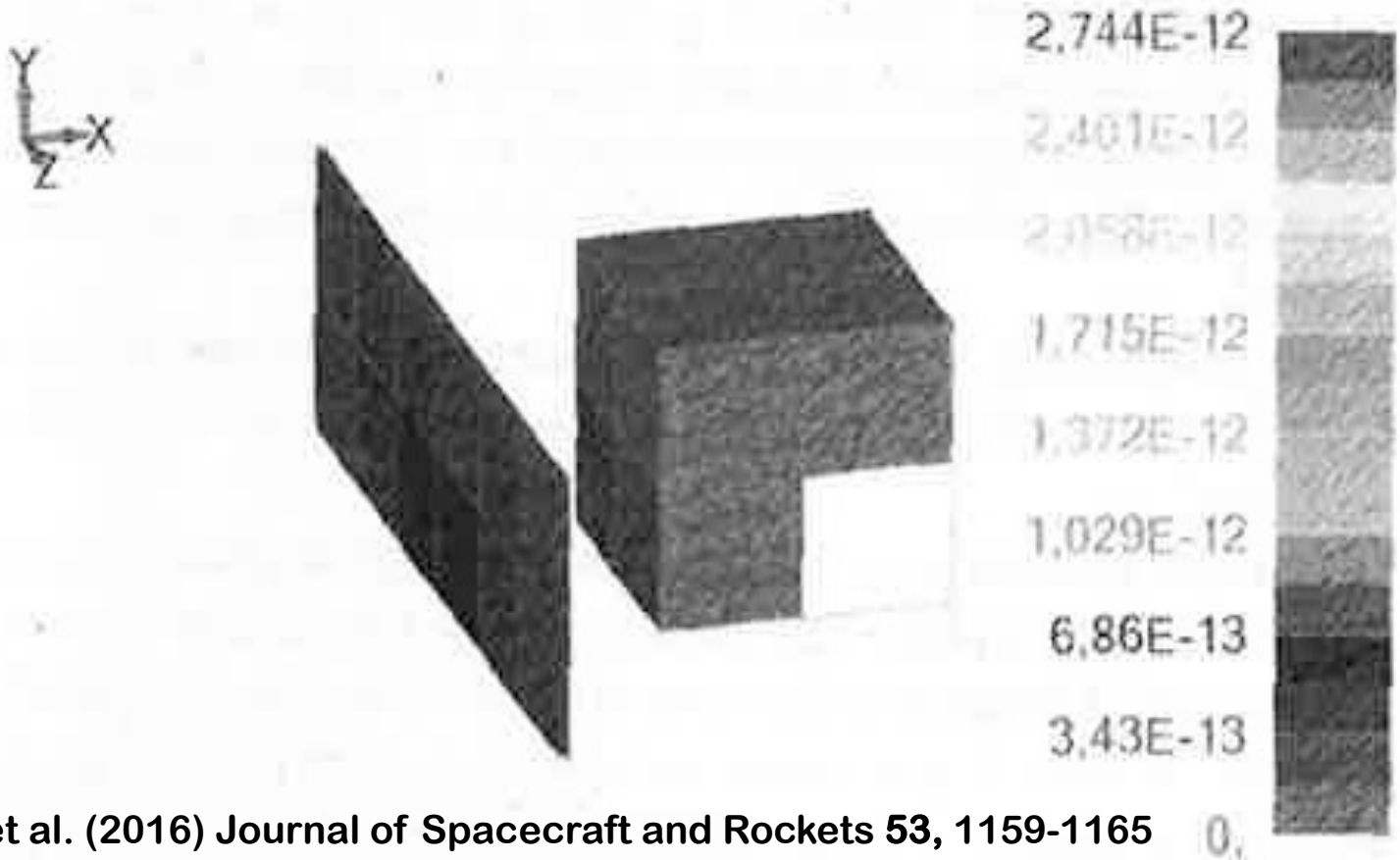


How to use COMOVA

- General organisation
- Input parameters
- Pre/post-processing (external tools)



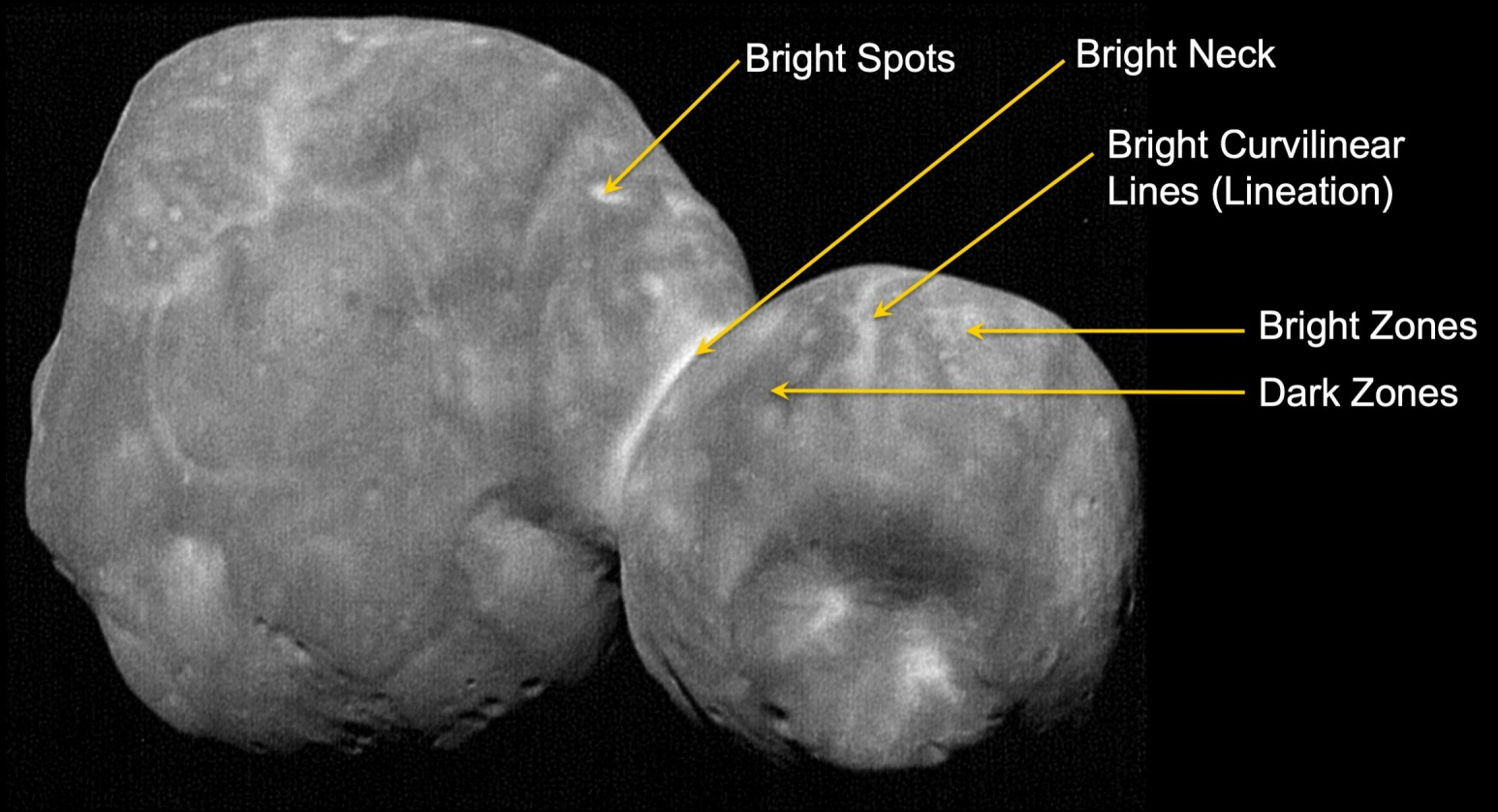
COMOVA: COntamination Modelling Outgassing & Vent Analysis



Roussel et al. (2016) Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets 53, 1159-1165

Ultima Thule (New Horizons)

Enigmatic Albedo Markings



Planetologists are interested in modeling adsorption and re-evaporation of volatiles on complicated bodies under variable conditions of illumination

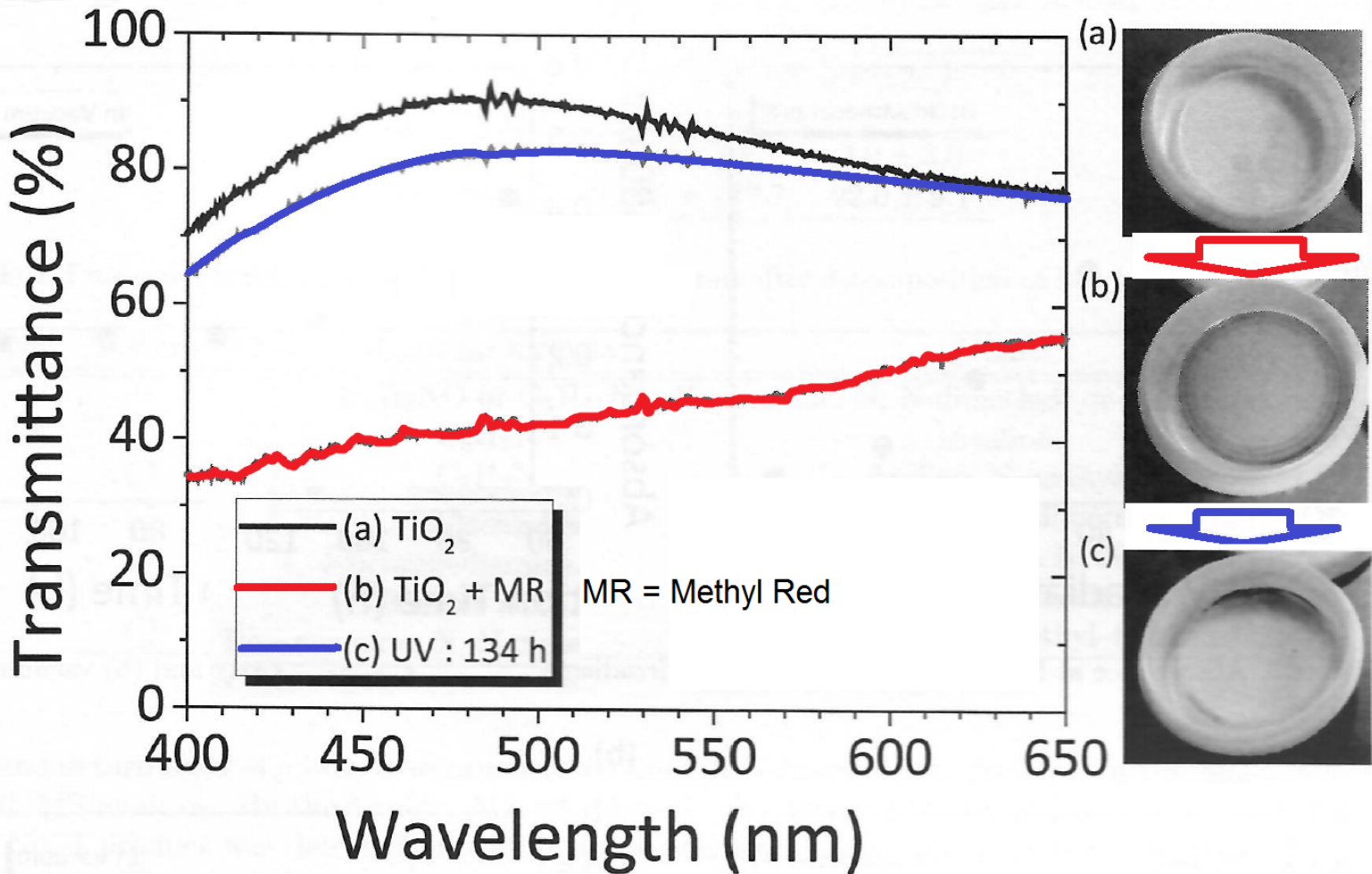
Crazy Ideas:

J.R

(2018):

Replace cables by wave guides

- **Clean Rooms: Manipulating experiments by robots**
- **Propulsion: Use inert gases**
- **Assembling complete missions by robots in space**

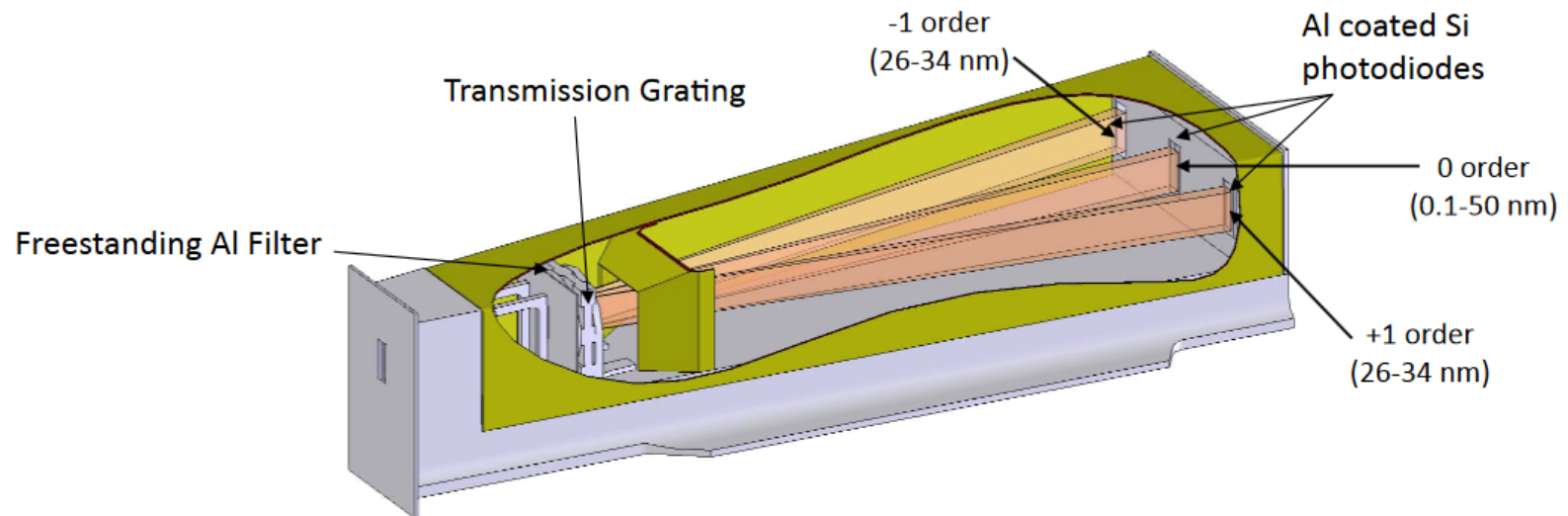


N. Shimosako et al. (Proc. of SPIE Vol 10748)
Effects of Vacuum on Photocatalytic Activity of TiO_2

UV Transmittance ???

Healthy Ideas: The foolproof solution

SEM on SOHO



April 16, 2013 Brussels

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Seth Wieman et al. (2013)

STCE Solar EUV Irradiance
Working Group

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Comment:

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Comment:

But make sure that community of users is informed!

