### Heavy particle collisions:

from atomic targets to complex molecular clusters

Henrik Cederquist, Stockholm University

ICPEACXXX Cairns, Queensland, Australia, July 26<sup>th</sup> -August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

#### Stockholm in winter



.....part of my biking route to work...



#### I also bike past



Old Town

#### ...to reach Stockholm University and the AlbaNova university center



#### only to meet hard working PhD students



Erik Bäckström

#### The DESIREE ion-beam storage rings



Erik Bäckström (PhD 2015)

SR on OH<sup>-</sup> by Gustav Eklund at 15:30 today !

Selected DESIREE publications:

R.D. Thomas *et al.*, Rev Scientific Instruments **82** 065112 (**2**011) H.T. Schmidt *et al.*, Rev Scientific Instruments **84** 055115 (2013)

E. Bäckström et al., Storing keV negative ions for an hour: the Lifetime of the Metastable  ${}^{2}P_{1/2}^{o}$  level in S-, PRL **114**, 143003 (2015).

H.T. Schmidt *et al., Rotationally cold OH<sup>-</sup> in the cryogenic electrostatic ion-beam storage ring DESIREE,* PRL *accepted* (2017).

Poster: Metal clusters cooling in DESIREE, Emma Anderson Mo142



#### **Electrostatic ion-***beam* **storage**:

-Electrostatic – ions of any mass and charge can be stored for long times from H<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>-</sup> to large clusters, bio-molecules, nanoparticles

-Efficient collection and detection of reaction products (coincidence experiments) studies of individual reaction/action events

- Cooling ions - internally and translationally

ions in well defined quantum states



RICE, Tokyo



CSR, MPIK, Heidelberg



DESIREE, Stockholm

...and ELISA and SAPHIRA in Aarhus, MINIring in Lyon, TMU-ring at Tokyo Metropolitan University, liner ion-beam traps - Zajfman traps - at the Weizmann institute, Israel, ....



Parts of an <u>extended</u> Stockholm group at the conference for Electrostatic Storage Devices

H Cederquist, M Stockett, M Kristiansson, HT Schmidt, N Kuono, D Hanstorp, K Chartakunchand ("KC"), M Wolf, M Kaminska, S Rosén, E Anderson, G Eklund, P Löfgren, RD Thomas, M. Gatchell, H Zettergren

#### ...meanwhile in the lab



L Giacomozzi

N de Ruette

#### A group photo for a project with astrophysical applications



Paul Barklem, Uppsala University, Sweden

Åsa Larson, Stockholm University

#### with this strong Swedish-Australian connection I am happy to be in Cairns!



Skogens Konung – The King of the Forest



...and the King of Beers

#### Outline (rest of the talk):



#### How are ions and ion collisions important?

Radiation damage and treatment, astrophysics and -chemistry, stellar and planetary atmospheres



#### Collisions with atomic targets – some examples

Fast and slow collisions, interactions with electron clouds and atomic nuclei, electron capture and highly charged ions



#### Atoms, smaller molecules, fullerenes and PAHs (?) in space

Spectroscopic identifications and predictions



Collisions with fullerenes, PAHs, and biomolecules

Statistical and non-statistical fragmentation



#### Collisions with clusters of molecules

Ionization, fragmentation, evaporative cooling, and molecular growth



Final remarks – new prospects for experiments, e.g., with stored ion beams

#### How are ions and ion collisions important?

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#### Radiation damage of DNA



#### Radiation damage and radiation treatment

Dose as a function of depth in tissue for 20 MeV x-rays, 150 MeV protons, and 3 GeV carbon



ChemPhysChem 2006, 7, 2339-2345

## Ion-Induced Biomolecular Radiation Damage: From Isolated Nucleobases to vicleobase Clusters

Thomas Schlathölter,\*<sup>[a]</sup> Fresia of the cluster Ronnie Hoekstra,<sup>[a]</sup> Virgil of the influence of the cluster Bernd Huber<sup>[b]</sup> Fresia influence of the cluster Bernd Huber<sup>[b]</sup> Fresia influence of the influence of the cluster Evidence for the influence of the influence of the cluster Evidence for the influence of the cluster environment on radiation damage of the cluster individual molecules!

A large number of studies are individual investigation of the biomolecular ionization and fragmentation dynamics underlying biological radiation damage. Most of these studies have been based on gas-phase collisions with isolated DNA building blocks. The radiobiological significance of these studies is often ques-

tioned because of the lack of a chemical environment. To clarify this aspect, we studied interactions of keV ions with isolated nucleobases and with nucleobase clusters by means of coincidence time-of-flight spectrometry. Significant changes already show up in the molecular fragmentation patterns of very small clusters.

Talk by Thomas Schlathölter and Talk by Paola Bolognesi on Tuesday afternoon Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

#### How are ions and ion collisions important?

Radiation damage and treatment, astrophysics and –chemistry, stellar and planetary atmospheres

 $\rm H^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$  in the atmosphere of the Sun



H<sup>-</sup> is present in the Sun's atmosphere



#### How are ions and ion collisions important?

Radiation damage and treatment, astrophysics and –chemistry, stellar and planetary atmospheres

#### $H^-$ + H associative detachment -> $H_2$ + $e^-$



M. Čížek, J. Horáček, W. Domcke, J. Phys. B 31, 2571 (1998)

2 JULY 2010 VOL 329 SCIENCE www.sciencemag.org

see also H. Bruhns et al. PHYSICAL REVIEW A 82, 042708 (2010)

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H<sup>-</sup> in stellar atmosphere – for diagnostics

H<sup>-</sup>/X<sup>+</sup> reactions in stellar atmospheres for gauging the history and evolution of galaxies

Absolute Mutual Neutralization (MN) and ion-pair formation rates for X<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>-</sup>, X/H, are needed to determine chemical abundances X=Li, Na, Mg, Fe,....



Gaia - satellite

**Gaia (ESA)** maps positions and velocities of 10<sup>9</sup> stars in the Milky Way (10<sup>11</sup> stars).

**The 4MOST telescope** provides complementary spectral data of a few thousand stars Astron Astrophys Rev (2016) 24:9 DOI 10.1007/s00159-016-0095-9

#### **REVIEW ARTICLE**

#### Accurate abundance analysis of late-type stars advances in atomic physics

#### Paul S. Barklem<sup>1</sup>

Reactions with Hand H for Bauging Stellar chemical compositions Abstract The measurement of stellar properties such as d masses and ages, through stellar spectra, is a fundamental Progress in the understanding, calculation and measure processes relevant to the high-accuracy analysis of I reviewed, with particular emphasis on abundance atomic data such as energy levels, wavelengt processes of photoionisation, collisional ring theme throughout the review is t laboratory measurements, and ast understanding of atoms and atom

Potential energy curves NaH system (from Dickinsson et al (1999))



#### How are ions and ion collisions important?

Radiation damage and treatment, astrophysics and –chemistry, stellar and planetary atmospheres

#### Northern Light



Green: The solar wind excites N<sub>2</sub>, which transfers energy to atomic oxygen, oxygen emits at 557.7 nm.

#### Northern Light over Stockholm



blue: molecular nitrogen emission at 428 nm

#### Southern light over Cairns (?)



red: atomic oxygen emitting at 630 nm

#### Collisions with atomic targets – some examples

Fast slow and collisions, interactions with electron clouds and atomic nuclei, electron capture and highly charged ions

Fast and slow collisions

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# Single-electron-capture cross section for medium- and high-velocity, highly charged ions colliding with atoms



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Electronic and nuclear stopping





Michael Gatchell



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Separation of scattering on target electrons and target nuclei is that possible?

yes with COLTRIMS, reaction microscopes....

## COLD TARGET RECOIL ION MOMENTUM SPECTROSCOPY: A 'MOMENTUM MICROSCOPE' TO VIEW ATOMIC COLLISION DYNAMICS

## R. DÖRNER<sup>a</sup>, V. MERGEL<sup>a</sup>, O. JAGUTZKI<sup>a</sup>, L. SPIELBERGER<sup>a</sup>, J. ULLRICH<sup>b</sup>, R. MOSHAMMER<sup>b</sup>, H. SCHMIDT-BÖCKING<sup>a</sup>

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Physics Reports 330, p. 95 (2000)



Horst Schmidt-Böcking



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Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics

J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 48 (2015) 144016 (9pp)

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# High-resolution x-ray spectroscopy to probe quantum dynamics in collisions of Ar<sup>17+,18+</sup> ions with atoms and solids, towards clusters




Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research B9 (1985) 397-399 North-Holland, Amsterdam

ABSOLUTE CROSS SECTIONS FOR MULTI-ELECTRON PROCESSES IN LOW ENERGY Ar<sup>4+</sup>-Ar COLLISIONS: COMPARISON WITH THEORY

Anders Bárány

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$$R_m = \left[2(q-m+1)^{1/2}m^{1/2} + m\right]/I_m$$

 $I_m$ : m:th ionization potentials first capture state  $n \approx q^{3/4}/I_1^{1/2}$ 

$$\sigma_1 = \pi \left( R_1^2 - R_2^2 \right),$$
  

$$\sigma_2 = \pi \left( R_2^2 - R_3^2 \right),$$
  

$$\cdots$$
  

$$\sigma_N = \pi R_N^2.$$

See also Niehaus, A., J. Phys. B 19, 2925 (1986)

#### Static OBM model for: Projectile-sphere radius Target-sphere radius Cluster-cluster Finite Finite H. Zettergren *et al.*, (2002) Physical Review A **66**, 032710 Ion-cluster Finite $\rightarrow 0$ Bárány and Setterlind NIMB (1995) Cederquist et al. PRA (2000) $\rightarrow 0$ Ion-atom $\rightarrow 0$ Bárány et al NIMB (1985). Niehaus J Phys B (1986). $\rightarrow 0$ Ion-surface $\rightarrow \infty$ Burgdörfer, J., Lerner, P. and Meyer, F. W., Phys. Rev. A 5674 (1991). Cluster-surface Finite $\rightarrow \infty$ H. Zettergren et al., (2002) Physical Review A 66, 032710

Over-the-barrier electron transfer models for different collision scenarios

NEW! Electron transfer between dielectric spheres, Lindén *et al.*, JCP **145**, 194307 (2016) Ion- metal disc (PAH-molecule), B. Forsberg et al., JCP **138**, 054306 (2013)

#### Atoms, smaller molecules, fullerenes and PAHs (?) in space

Spectroscopic identifications and predictions





Elemental abundance in the interstellar medium, B.J. McCall, PhD thesis, University of Chicago 2001.

#### Molecules in the universe (as of 2013)



and  $C_{60}^{+}$ 

Table from A.G.G.M. Tielens, "The Molecular Universe", Reviews of Modern Physics **85**, 1022 (2013).

See http://www.astrochymist.org/ or https://www.astro.uni-koeln.de/cdms/ for updates

TABLE I. Identified interstellar and circumstellar molecules. [Most molecules have been detected
at radio and millimeter wavelengths, unless otherwise indicated (IR, VIS, or UV). Species labeled
with a question mark await confirmation.]

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	Simple hyd	rides, oxides, sulfides	, halogens	
H <sub>2</sub> (IR, UV)	CO	NH <sub>3</sub>	CS	HC1
O <sub>2</sub>	$H_2O_2$	PO	$CO_2$ (IR)	NaCl <sup>a</sup>
$H_2O$	$SO_2$	OCS	$H_2S$	KCl <sup>a</sup>
PN	SiO	SiH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup> (IR)	SiS	AlCla
N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub> (IR)	HSCN	HF	AlF <sup>a</sup>
HONC	HNCO	AlOH		
	Nitrile	s and acetylene deriva	atives	
$C_2$ (IR)	HCN	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	HNC	$C_2 H_4^a$ (IR)
$C_3$ (IR,UV)	HC <sub>3</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>3</sub> N	HNCO	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (IR)
$C_{s}^{a}$ (IR)	HC <sub>5</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub> N	HNCS	$C_6H_2$ (IR)
C <sub>3</sub> O	HC <sub>7</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H	HNCCC	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
C <sub>1</sub> S	HC <sub>0</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>4</sub> H	CH <sub>2</sub> NC	C <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub> CN
C <sub>4</sub> Si <sup>a</sup>	HC <sub>11</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H	HCCNC	-,,
$H_2C_4$	HC <sub>2</sub> CHO	CH <sub>2</sub> CHCN	CH <sub>2</sub> CCHCN	
	Aldehvdes,	alcohols, ethers, keton	es, amides	
H-CO	CH-OH	HCOOH	HCOCN	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CN
CH <sub>1</sub> CHO	CH,CH,OH	HCOOCH	CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CN
CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO	CH-CCHOH	CH-COOH	CH-CONH-	NH <sub>2</sub> CN
NH <sub>2</sub> CHO	(CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O	H	CHCHCN
СН-ОНСНО	(CH <sub>2</sub> ),CO	H <sub>2</sub> CS	nįeeo	engeneri
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCHO	(013)200	CH <sub>2</sub> SH		
-23		Cyclic molecules		
C.H.	SiC.	C-C-H	CH.OCH.	C-H- (IR) 2
c-SiC	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>2</sub> HO	ch20ch2	C6116 (IIC) .
	2030	Molecular actions		
CU+	cot	Molecular cations	011+	UNI +
CH +	HCO+	HCNH <sup>+</sup>	Un <sup>+</sup>	$H \pm (ID)$
US+	HOC <sup>+</sup>	H COH+	H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>3</sub> (IK)
HC8 <sup>+</sup>	HOCO	n <sub>2</sub> COn	H <sub>3</sub> U <sup>+</sup>	50°
HCS	HOCO	CF	HCI	H <sub>2</sub> CI
		Molecular antions		
$C_4H^-$	C <sub>6</sub> H <sup>-</sup>	$C_8H^-$		
CN <sup>-</sup>	$C_3N^-$	$C_5 N^-$		
		Radicals		
OH	$C_2H$	CN	$C_2O$	$C_2S$
CH	$C_3H$	$C_3N$	NO	NS
CH <sub>2</sub>	$C_4H$	HCCN <sup>a</sup>	SO	SiCa
NH (UV)	C₅H	$CH_2CN$	HCO	SiN <sup>a</sup>
NH <sub>2</sub>	$C_6H$	$CH_2N$	$C_5 N^a$	$CP^{a}$
SH	C <sub>7</sub> H	NaCN	KCN	MgCN
$C_3H_2$	C <sub>8</sub> H	MgNC	FeCN	
$C_4H_2$	HNO	H <sub>2</sub> CN	HNC <sub>3</sub>	HO <sub>2</sub>
$C_6H_2$	AINC	SiNC	C <sub>4</sub> Si	SiCN
HCP	CCP	AlO		
		Fullerenes		
C <sub>60</sub> (IR)	C <sub>70</sub> <sup>a</sup> (IR)	C <sub>60</sub> <sup>+</sup> (VIS) ?		
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<sup>a</sup>These species have been detected only in the circumstellar envelope of carbon-rich stars.

# Detection of C<sub>60</sub> and C<sub>70</sub> in a Young Planetary Nebula

Jan Cami,<sup>1,2</sup>\* Jeronimo Bernard-Salas,<sup>3,4</sup> Els Peeters,<sup>1,2</sup> Sarah Elizabeth Malek<sup>1</sup> 3 SEPTEMBER 2010 VOL 329 **SCIENCE** www.sciencemag.org





5-20 km/s outflow from a carbon-rich AGB star

С<sub>60</sub>: 330 К С<sub>70</sub>: 170 К

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# Laboratory confirmation of $C_{60}^+$ as the carrier of two diffuse interstellar bands

E. K. Campbell<sup>1</sup>, M. Holz<sup>1</sup>, D. Gerlich<sup>2</sup> & J. P. Maier<sup>1</sup>



Diffuse interstellar Bands – illustration from J.P. Maier and E.K. Campbell, Angew Chem Int Ed 56, 4920 (2017)).



#### ARTICLE



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#### Atoms, smaller molecules, fullerenes and PAHs (?) in space

Spectroscopic identifications and predictions

How are fullerenes made? Are they made from PAHs?

PAH: Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons



Anthracene  $C_{14}H_{10}$ 





## Formation of buckminsterfullerene (C<sub>60</sub>) in interstellar space

Olivier Berné<sup>1</sup> and A. G. G. M. Tielens

Leiden Observatory, Leiden University, P.O. Box 9513, NL- 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands

Suggested route:

PAHs + UV photons  $\rightarrow$ 

Hydrogen emission  $\rightarrow$ 

Small pieces of graphene  $\rightarrow$ 

Carbon emission  $\rightarrow$ 

Pentagons (curvature)  $\rightarrow$  Fullerenes



#### Unidentified Infrared Emission

The PAH hypothesis – no identification of a specific PAH so far



Tielens (2008), *Annu. Rev. Astro. Astrophys.* **46**, 289. Peeters et al. (2002) Astron. Astrophys. **390**, 1089 Orion star forming region: red 8 µm image

#### Collisions with fullerenes, PAHs, and biomolecules

Statistical and non-statistical fragmentation

Some properties: Typical statistical PAH-fragmentation processes



Multiphotoabsorption of IR-photons in trapped anthracene cations,  $C_{14}H_{10}^+$ 



Experiment at the Free Electron Laser FELICE in Nijmegen, the Netherlands



#### PAHs excited and ionized in collisions with keV ions:



A I S Holm et al., Phys Rev Lett 105, 213401 (2010)

Some additional ion-PAH collision studies at keV and MeV energies

S. Martin *et al* Phys. Rev. A **85** 052715 (2012)
G. Reitsma, *et al* J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **45** 215201 (2012)
P. M. Mishra *et al* Phys. Rev. A **88** 052707 (2013)
G Reitsma *et al* J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **46** 245201 (2013)
P. M. Mishra *et a* J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **47** 085202 (2014)
S. Biswas and L.C. Tribedi, Phys. Rev. A **92**, 060701 R (2015)

...Lyon, Groningen, Mumbai (Tata Institute), Caen, Stockholm,...



#### Atom collisions with PAHs at 100 eV. This is DIFFERENT from keV collisions!

Why is it **DIFFERENT**?

Comparison: Fragmentation at low and high He collision energies



Threshold energies for NON-STATISTICAL fragmentation of PAHs

Exp/calc. in Stockholm partly inspired by work of the Groningen group, e.g., Postma *et al.*, The Astrophysical Journal, 708:435–444, 2010



#### Threshold energies for CH<sub>x</sub>-loss (*Non-statistical fragmentation*)

Thresholds for  $CH_x$ -loss (*Non-statistical fragmentation*): The energy dependence of the cross section  $C_2H_y$ -loss



#### NON-STATISTICAL fragmentation: carbon KnockOut (KO) cross section (analytical expression):



Mark Stockett

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$$\sigma_{\rm KO} = \frac{A/E_{\rm CM}}{\pi^2 \operatorname{arccos}^{-2}(\sqrt{E_{\rm th}/E_{\rm CM}}) - 4}$$

$$A = \frac{4}{3} 0.736 N \frac{2\pi a_0 Z_{\text{He}} Z_{\text{C}}}{\sqrt{Z_{\text{He}}^{2/3} + Z_{\text{C}}^{2/3}}} \frac{4\pi \epsilon_0}{e^2}$$

 $C_{14}H_{10}$   $He \rightarrow 0$   $He \rightarrow 0$   $He \rightarrow 0$ He + PAH Collision Energy

> $E_{CM}$ : center-of-mass collision energy  $E_{th}$ : threshold energy in the center-of-mass system

N: number of carbon atoms in the PAH

 $Z_{He}$  and  $Z_C$ : nuclear charges

M.H. Stockett et al., J Phys Chem Lett 6, 4504 (2015)

Comparing the fitted analytical expressions with Classical MD simulations and experimental data (relative cross section scales):



**Classical MD-simulations:** 

-C-C and C-H bonds and their breaking described by Tersoff potentials

-ZBL potential to describe He-C and He-H interactions

-Mutual interactions between all C-, H, and He- atoms during the simulation

-Multiple angular scattering and knockout; secondary knockout

-No electronic excitations

 $\sigma_{\rm KO} = \frac{A/E_{\rm CM}}{\pi^2 \arccos^{-2}(\sqrt{E_{\rm th}/E_{\rm CM}}) - 4} \qquad E_{th}: \text{ fitting parameter}$ M.H. Stockett *et al.*, J Phys Chem Lett **6**, 4504 (2015) Semi-Empirical (SE) and MD carbon-displacement energies:

<u>The displacement</u> <u>energy:</u> The energy loss of the projectile (here He), which is equal to the energy transfer to the PAH-system, at the KO threshold.

 $T_{disp}^{SE}$  = 23.3±0.3 eV (isolated PAHs) M.H. Stockett *et al.*, J Phys Chem Lett **6**, 4504 (2015)

T<sub>disp</sub><sup>graphene</sup> = 23.6 eV (electron bombardment on graphene) J.C. Meyer *et al.*, Phys Rev Lett **110**, 239902 (2013)



#### Collisions with clusters of molecules

Ionization, fragmentation, evaporative cooling, and molecular growth

Some further properties – binding energies between molecules in clusters and dissociation energies of molecular building blocks



PAH-PAH binding energies 1 eV (for coronene  $C_{24}H_{12}$ )



Lowest Dissociation Energy about 5 eV



A.I. S. Holm et al, Phys. Rev. Lett., 105, 213401 (2010)

#### Collisions with clusters of molecules

Ionization, fragmentation, evaporative cooling, and molecular growth

Biomolecules imbedded in water

### Selecting a small piece of DNA for the experiment



<sup>1</sup>Liu et al. (2006) *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **97**, 133401 <sup>2</sup>Liu et al. (2008). *J. Phys. Chem.* **128**, 075102. <sup>3</sup>Haag et al. (2009). *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.* **194**, 012053.



### <u>Without water attached:</u> 50 keV AMP<sup>-</sup> + Na



mass / charge



#### Collisions with clusters of molecules

Ionization, fragmentation, evaporative cooling, and molecular growth

## Also charge is distributed over molecular clusters before they disintegrate!

#### Charge mobility within PAH-clusters: Charge them high to see the effect!

360 keV Xe<sup>20+</sup> collisions on monomer and cluster targets:



A.I. S. Holm et al, Phys. Rev. Lett., 105, 213401 (2010)
## Collisions with clusters of molecules

Ionization, fragmentation, evaporative cooling, and molecular growth

Close collisions with molecular clusters

## Molecular Growth in collisions with clusters of PAH molecules



 $[C_{16}H_{10}]_{k}^{+}$ 



#### Molecular Growth Inside of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Clusters Induced by Ion Collisions

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Classical MD-simulations: Ar on  $(C_{16}H_{10})_{36}$ 

Cluster optimized, polarization interaction included (AIREBO force field), all mutual interactions included, ZBL-potential for Ar-scattering, bonds broken and formed, random orientation of cluster, 10<sup>5</sup> random trajectories, time step 10<sup>-17</sup> s, simulation time 1 ps, electronic stopping included by assigning an internal temperature (4000 K) before the collision



R Delaunay et al., J Phys Chem Lett 6, 1536 (2015)

Zoom-in on the two reacting molecules in the cluster for one particular trajectory



R Delaunay et al., J Phys Chem Lett 6, 1536 (2015)

## **Experiment and MD-simulations**



Patrick Rousseau, Lamri Adoui et al.



Michael Gatchell







R. Delaunay et al., to be submitted



Final remarks – points of interest.

- Non-statistical fragmentation: a general process for heavy ion collisions on molecules (poster by Linda Giacomozzi *et al*, Th112).
- Non-statistical fragmentation leads to efficient molecular growth
- Displacement energies for PAHs measured! For C<sub>60</sub> visit poster by Stockett *et al.* Th129
- How are fullerenes formed in space and elsewhere? The role of collision induced molecular growth?
- Can aromatic molecules be formed from non-aromatic ones? Talk by Alicja Domaracka after lunch TODAY!
- Experiments with ions in well defined quantum states

   and conformations in ion storage rings ( sub-eV ionion and ion-neutral heavy particle collisions ). Poster Urbain et al. FR118.)



CSR-talk: O Novotny at 11 today, Thursday!

# Thank you!

