

#### HIGH RESOLUTION VACUUM ULTRAVIOLET ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY ON THE DESIRS BEAMLINE @ SOLEIL



# 29 beamlines







- The DESIRS beamline
- Absorption spectroscopy in the UV-VUV
  - The VUV-FTS branch
  - Spectroscopy of Radicals : OH
  - ... and atoms : Xell
- Conclusion





- 1. High resolution spectroscopy : VUV-FTS
  - $CO, CO_2, N_2, H_2, HD, D_2, He, C_2H_4, C_2H_2$  etc...
  - Transient species.
- 2. Spectroscopy, fragmentation and reactivity of state-selected ions : DELICIOUS
- 3. Tandem Mass Spec : SRMS2
- 4. Chemical reactivity : ion/neutral, neutral @ RT, cold neutrals
- 5. Photoionization dynamics (AR-PES/ i2PEPICO) : DELICIOUS
  - cold molecules, laser-excited species, clusters, nanoparticles
- 6. Dichroism & chirality : DELICIOUS
  - gas phase (PECD, CDAD), condensed matter/homochirality
- 7. Excitation and relaxation in the condensed phase

35 % of the proposals are astro-related: astrophysics, astrochemistry, astrobiology



# The DESIRS beamline





## VUV-FTS : Principle for a scanning WD interferometer







# Various set-ups for the production of transient species



A photo-induced Xe plasma is generated in the DESIRS beamline gas filter.

The synchrotron beam is producing the plasma, and is recorded downstream by the FTS



A windowless DC discharge installed in-vacuum in the environmental sample chamber of the FTS experimental branch.



In collaboration with B. Gans et al. (ISMO), JC Loison et al. (ISM), A. Heays



#### OH spectrum from H<sub>2</sub>O + He

Linewidth = 0.27 cm<sup>-1</sup> (resolving power ~ 300000) dOH ~  $1.5 \times 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>









#### Experimental and theoretical OH $D^2\Sigma^-(v'=0) \leftarrow X^2\Pi(v''=0)$

#### band f-values

f <sub>v'v"</sub>	Reference	
0.0135(10)	This work (a)	
0.008-0.013	Experiment (b)	
0.015	Experiment (c)	
0.012	Calculation (d)	
0.013	Calculation (e)	

- (a) A.Heays et al., JQSRT, 204, 12 (2018)
- (b) Lee et al., J. Chem. Phys. 81, 31 (1984)
- (c) Chaffee et al., Astrophys. J., 213, 394 (1977)
- (d) van Dishoeck et al., J. Chem. Phys. , 78, 4552 (1983)
- (e) Van der Loo et al., J. Chem. Phys. , 123, 74310(2005)
- (f) McRaven et al., JPCA, 107, 7138, (2003)
- (g) De Beer E. et al. JCP 94, 7634, (1991)
- (h) Van der Loo and Groenenboom JCP,123,74310 (2005)

#### From line broadening a 20 ps lifetime was determined <sup>a</sup>

- Compatible with a laser-based lifetime measurement <sup>f</sup> : < 8ns</li>
- Incompatible with a REMPI measurement for low  $J^{g}$ : > 500ps /J(J+1)
- A factor 5 shorter than a published theoretical prediction <sup>h</sup> : 100 ps





The *D*-state interacts with various repulsive excited-states, see Van der Loo et al. (J. Chem. Phys., 123, 74310, 2005).

However, this does not explain the observed localized width peak and shifted energy levels of OH D(0) near N = 3 and 4 that would rather be the sign of a bound level in the vicinity of D(0). For a more detailed discussion see : **A.Heays et al., JQSRT, 204, 12 (2018)** 



 $\rightarrow$  In this case, the OD band is completely entangled into a strong structured band from the precursor D<sub>2</sub>O. The high spectral resolution spectrum gives access to the unambiguous radical signature.





## Xe<sup>+</sup> spectroscopy



Two undulator spectral windows recorded near the <sup>3</sup>P<sub>2</sub> ionization limit

• spectral resolution : 0.27 cm<sup>-1</sup> (blue trace) and 0.43 cm<sup>-1</sup> (red trace)











### Xe<sup>+</sup> - calculation using the COWAN code<sup>\*</sup>



strength (Lauer S et al., J Phys B At Mol Opt Phys 32,2015, 1999)

still unattributed

\*Cowan Code: 50 Years of Growing Impact on Atomic Physics, https://doi.org/10.3390/atoms7030064



- High resolution and sensitivity : UV-VUV absorption is a powerful tool for gas phase
- Complete the Xe<sup>+</sup> data analysis
- Project : collaboration with the LPSC (Grenoble) →Time resolved VUV-FTS for plasma diagnostics

# 2 calls per year : mid-February & mid-September





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# Thank you for your attention

