



Imaging of Ganymede through Energetic Neutral Atoms sputtered/backscattered from the surface

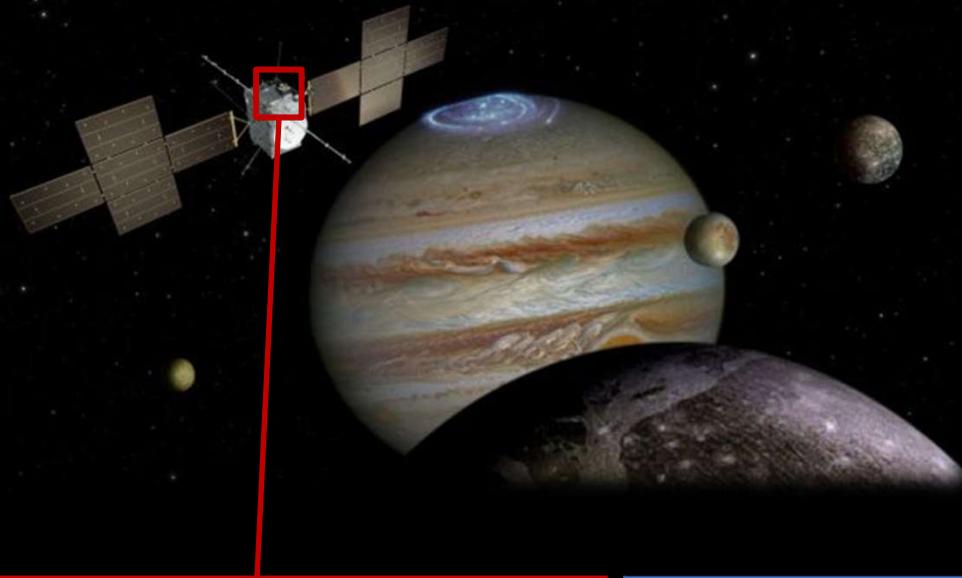


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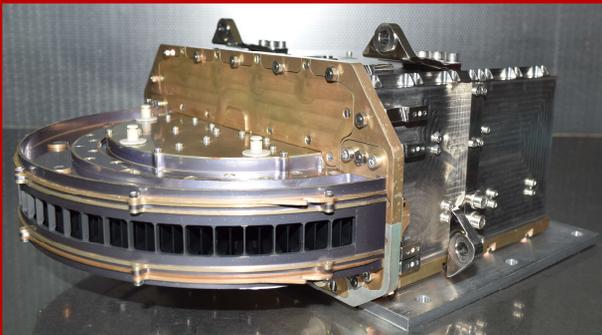
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BACKGROUND



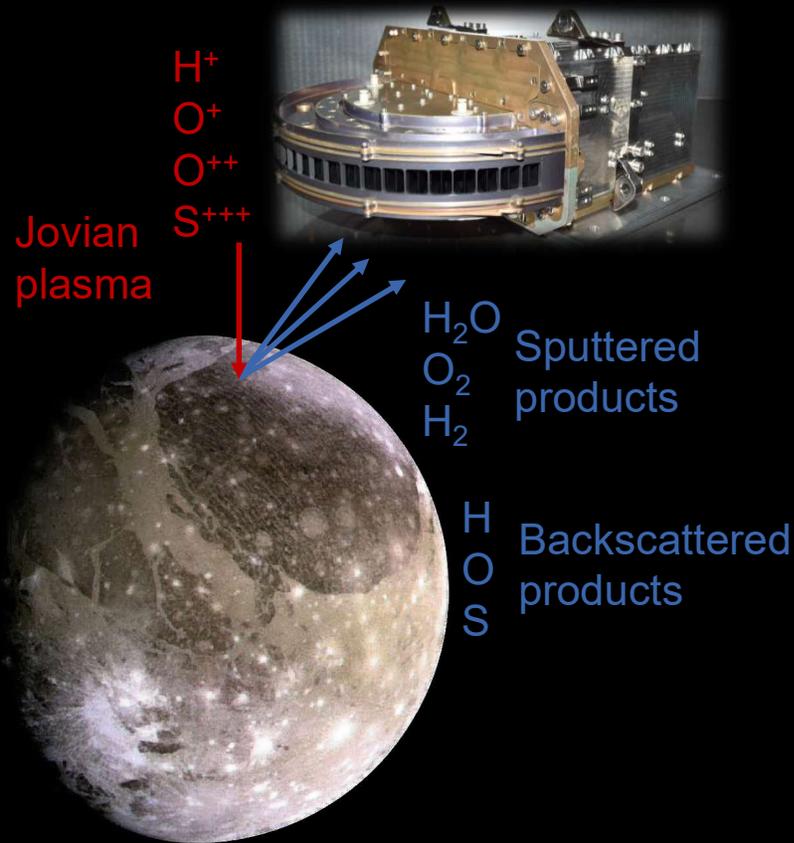
- The **JUICE** spacecraft will investigate **Jupiter and its icy moons** in the 2030s, with a **focus on Ganymede**
- Onboard JUICE, the **Jovian Neutrals Analyzer (JNA)** will measure low energy **Energetic Neutral Atoms (ENAs)**



JNA specifications

Energy range	Energy resolution dE/E	Mass range	Masses resolved	Field-of-View	Angular resolution	Time resolution
10 eV – 3.3 keV	100%	1 – 32 amu	1, Heavy	$15^\circ \times 150^\circ$	$7^\circ \times (15^\circ - 20^\circ)$, 11 pixels	0.5 seconds

MOTIVATION



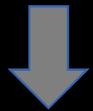
- **Energetic ions** hit the surface of Ganymede (water ice) and **sputter** (or are backscattered as) **Energetic Neutral Atoms**
- By measuring **ENAs** at Ganymede, JNA can **map ion precipitation** at the surface
- **To optimize operations planning at Ganymede, estimates of emitted neutral fluxes at Ganymede are needed**

METHOD

Velocity distribution of impinging ions

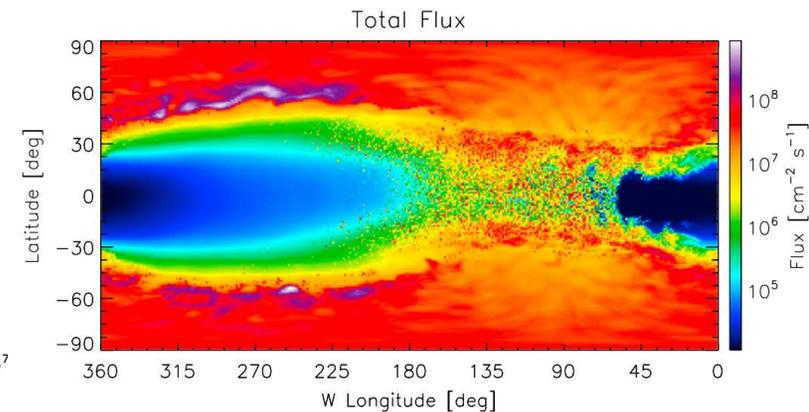
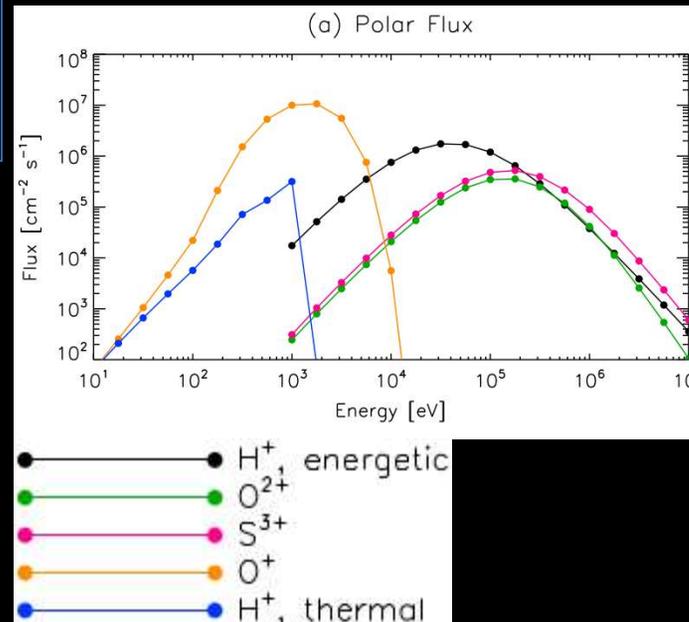


- H₂O, H₂ and O₂ yield
- Sputtered velocity distribution



Neutral flux map

- Input: ion velocity distribution for **energetic H⁺, O²⁺, S³⁺ (1 keV - 10 MeV)** and **thermal H⁺, O⁺ (10 eV – 10 keV)**
- Obtained through a three dimensional **hybrid simulation** (*Fatemi et al. 2016, Poppe et al. 2018*)



Poppe et al., 2018

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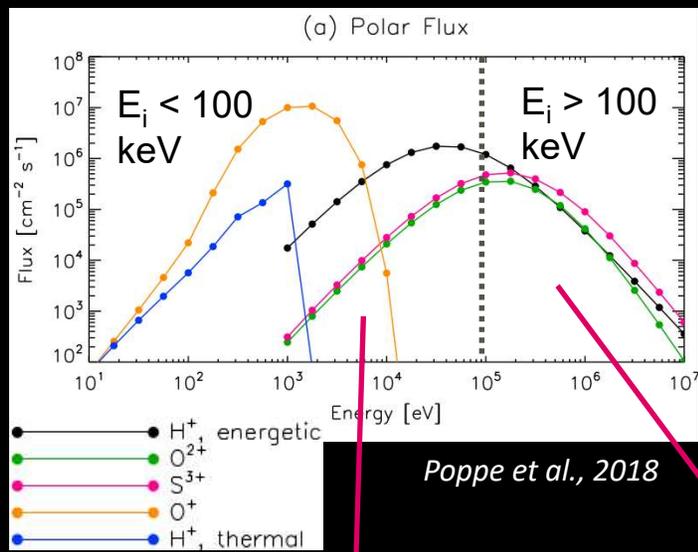
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- **H2O, H2 and O2 yield**
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Neutral flux map



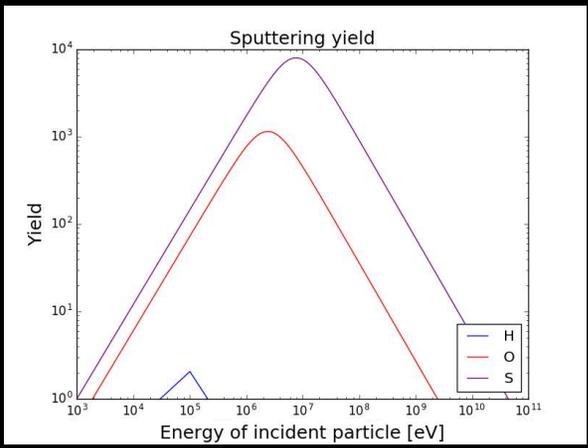
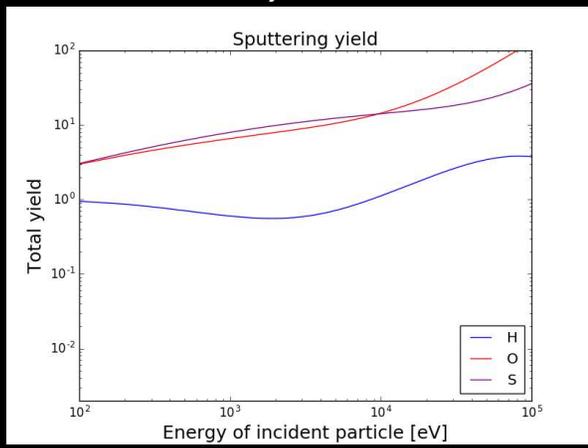
Poppe et al., 2018

$E_i < 100 \text{ keV}$
 => Fama et al., 2008

➤ Yield = number of particles sputtered (assumed neutral) by one particle impinging on water ice

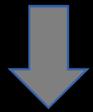
➤ Sputtering yield formulas derived in Fama et al., 2008 for $E_i < 100 \text{ keV}$ and in Johnson et al., 2004 for $E_i > 100 \text{ keV}$

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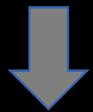


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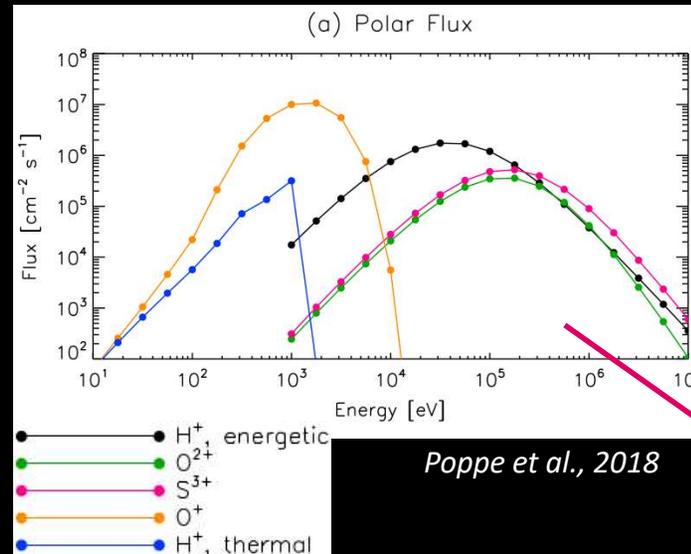
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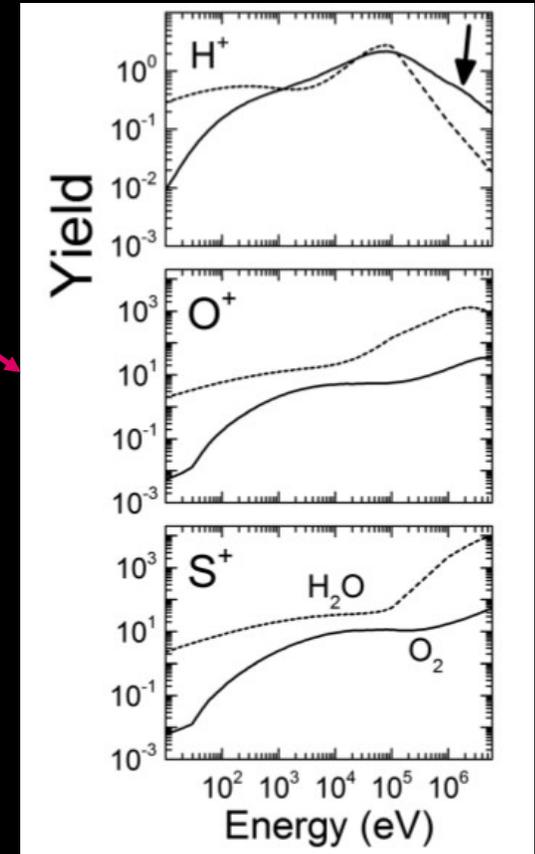


Neutral flux map



Poppe et al., 2018

- Yield = number of particles sputtered by one particle impinging on water ice
- Sputtering yield formula derived in *Teolis et al., 2017 for particles of all energies*



Teolis et al., 2017

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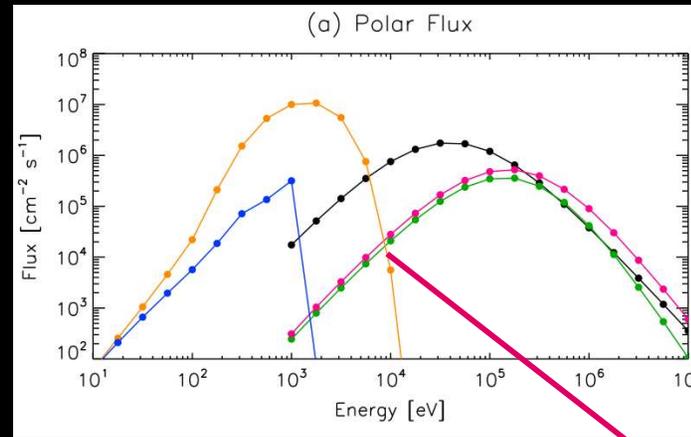
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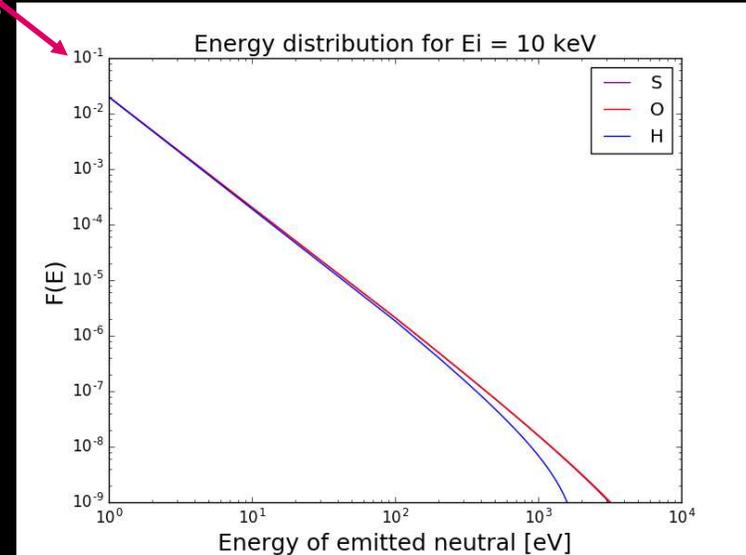


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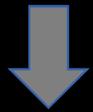
Poppe et al. 2018

- We use a **Thompson-Sigmund law** (Sigmund, 1969) to estimate the **energy distribution of emitted ENAs**

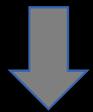


PREVIOUS WORK

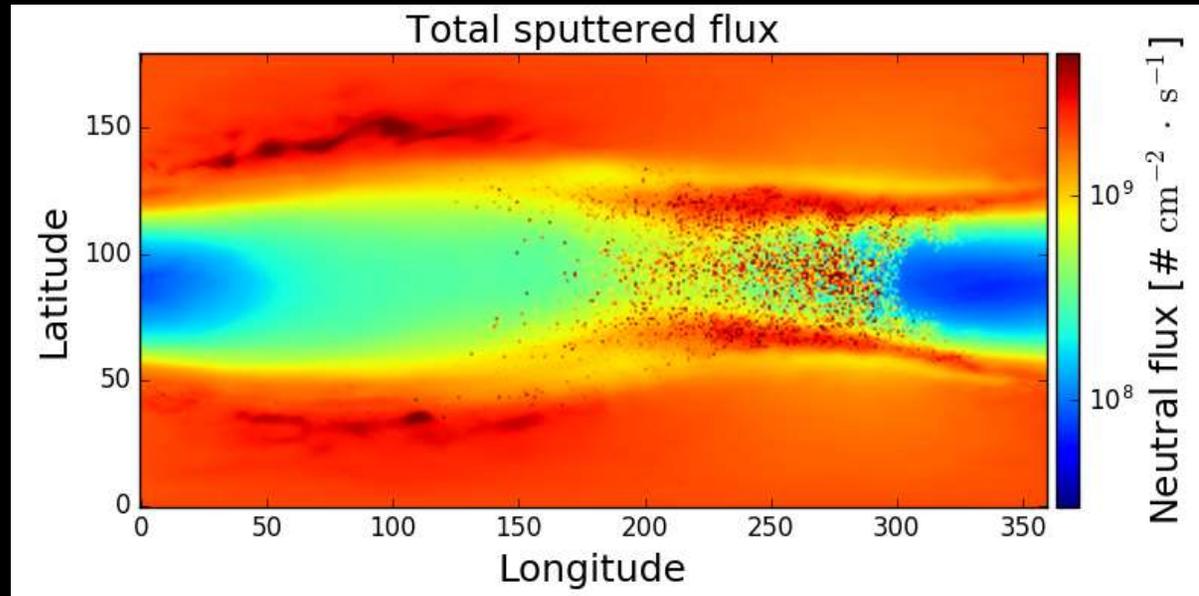
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Neutral flux map



Results shown in *Poppe et al., 2018*, replotted here for better comparison with our results (next slide)

- Poppe et al., presented the **first estimate** of **emitted neutrals** at Ganymede, using **Johnson's** formula for yield
- However, **Fama's** formula for sputtering yield is **more accurate** than Johnson's for $E_i < 100$ keV (see *Cassidy et al., 2013*)

FIRST RESULTS

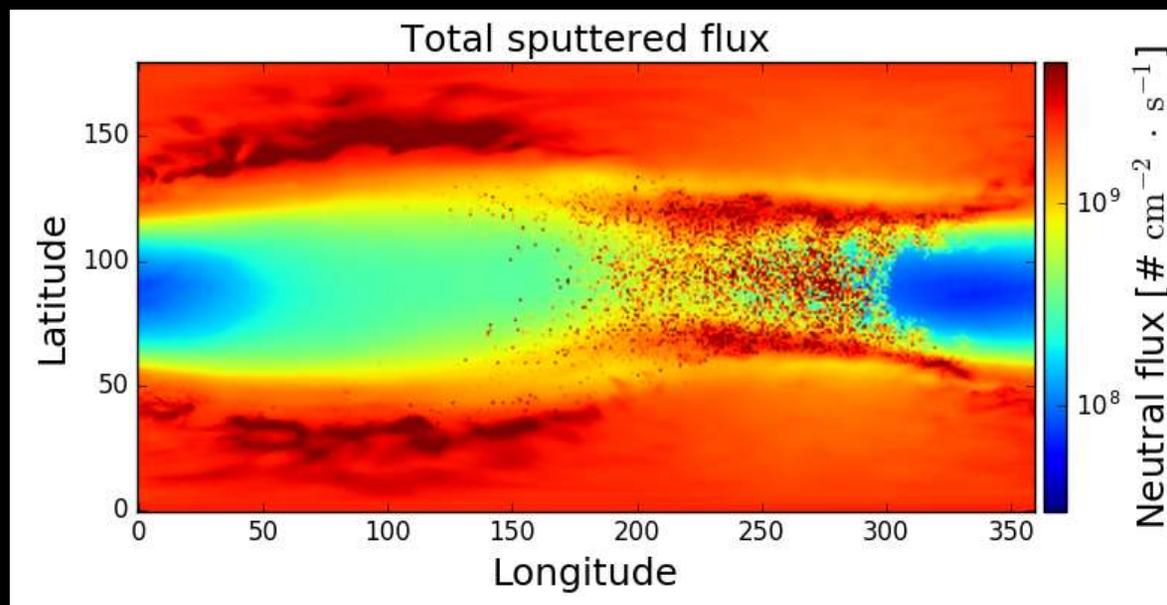
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Neutral flux map



- Using **Johnson's** formula for $E_i > 100$ keV and **Fama's** for $E_i < 100$ keV, we calculated the **estimated neutral H₂O flux** at Ganymede (shown above)
- Results show **higher fluxes** than previously calculated (up to x2 higher)
- The **difference is largest** where the ion flux is **dominated by thermal ions**, for which **Johnson's** formula **underestimates the sputtering yield** (e.g. at the poles on the trailing side (left-hand side))

CONCLUSION

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- We identified a **method to estimate the sputtered neutral fluxes** that **JNA** will observe at **Ganymede** in the 2030s using:
 1. Results from **hybrid simulations of ion precipitation** at Ganymede
 2. Experimentally derived expressions to calculate the **sputtering yield of water ice** and the **energy distribution** of sputtered products
 - Our calculation of **sputtered neutral H₂O** at the surface of Ganymede showed **higher fluxes than previously estimated in Poppe et al., 2018**
 - **Future steps** include investigating the **energy distribution** of emitted neutrals, calculating **H₂ and O₂ fluxes**, accounting for the **angular distribution** of emitted neutrals, accounting for **backscattering** of impinging ions, and converting fluxes **to JNA counts**