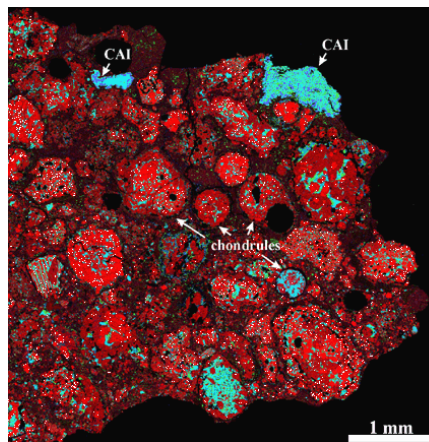
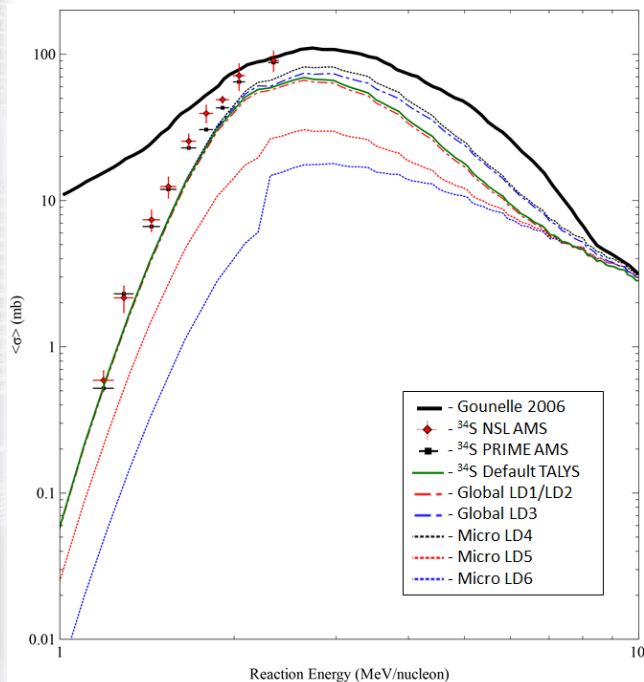


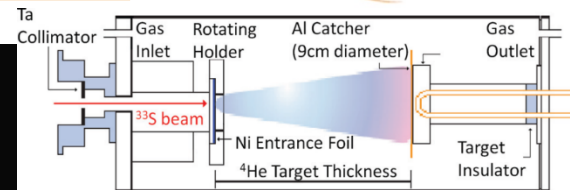
# Further Probing of the Early Solar System through AMS measurement of $^{36}\text{Cl}$



$^{36}\text{Cl}$  is known to have been present in the Early Solar System because of excess abundances of its daughter isotopes found in meteoritic material. An important possible  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  production method is via local particle irradiation by the proto-Sun, where H and He are accelerated onto dust and gas. We have assessed the viability of this production mechanism through cross-section measurements of these reactions at several relevant energies.

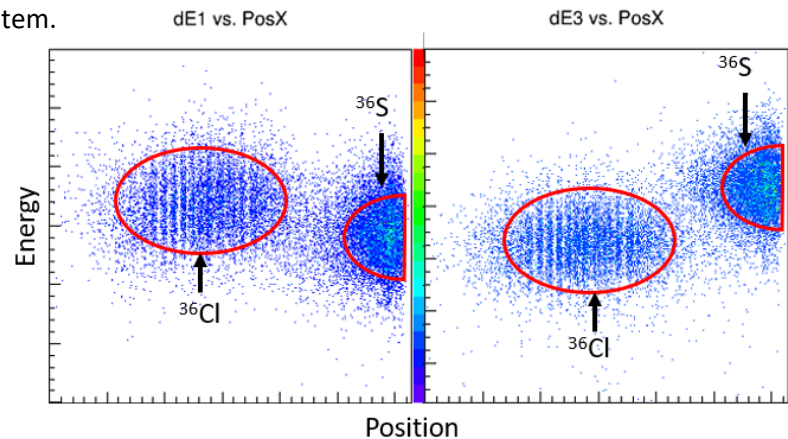


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This work required two parts, production of  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and subsequent measurement with Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS). First,  $^{34}\text{S}$  was accelerated into a  $^3\text{He}$ -filled gas cell to produce  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ , after which the produced material was chemically processed at Purdue's PRIME Lab. Then, the resulting material was analyzed using AMS and Gas Filled Magnet techniques.

The reaction cross section as a function of energy was then determined by counting the  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  atoms at several different energies. Finally, our measurements were used to produce more accurate models of the formation and isotopic enrichment of our Solar System.



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