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Small icy bodies revealed by JWST : a glimpse into the early outer solar system

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Since their discovery about 30 years ago, observations of Trans-Neptunian Objects (TNOs) have been limited. These small icy bodies orbiting beyond Neptune were observed in the 0.5 to 2.5 μ m range, where only bands of water and methanol ice could be detected and identified on non-dwarf planets (diameter < 800 km). In autumn 2022, a large JWST program began observing 54 TNOs, in the 0.7 to 5.1 μ m range, providing an unprecedented look at their surface composition. We found that TNO surfaces fall into 3 spectral types whose characteristics reflect their distance to the sun before the planetary migration which placed them in their current orbit (Pinilla-Alonso et al. 2024). CO₂ was detected across all objects (De Prá et al. 2024), in abundances correlated to their spectral types. I am now studying the distribution of CO across 38 objects and investigating its possible irradiation origin by comparing them to ion irradiation experiments on ices, that I conducted at IAS and IJCLab in Orsay.

Astrophysics Field

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