

# Lunar Ice Detection and Mapping: Science Summary of 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop

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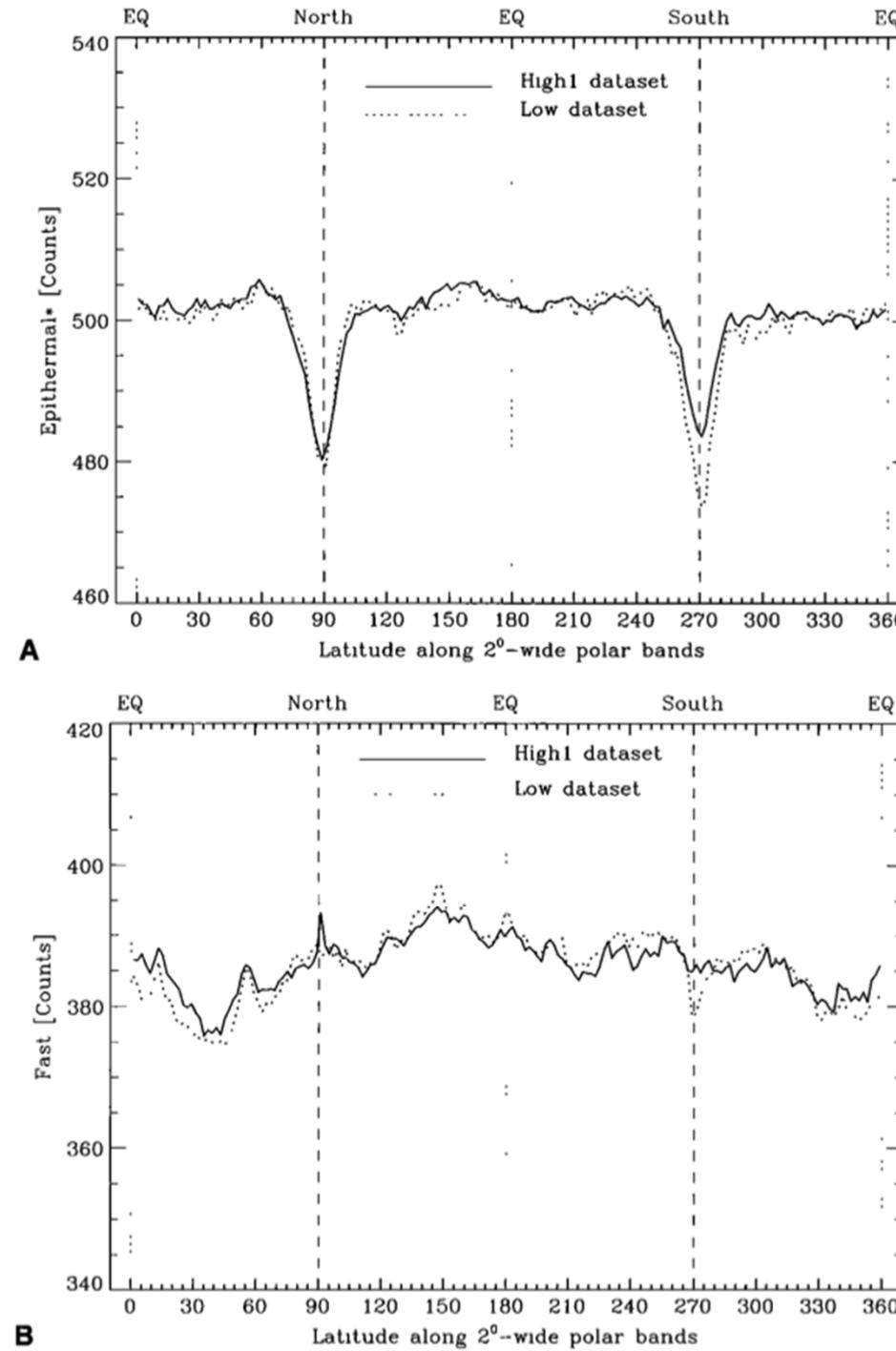
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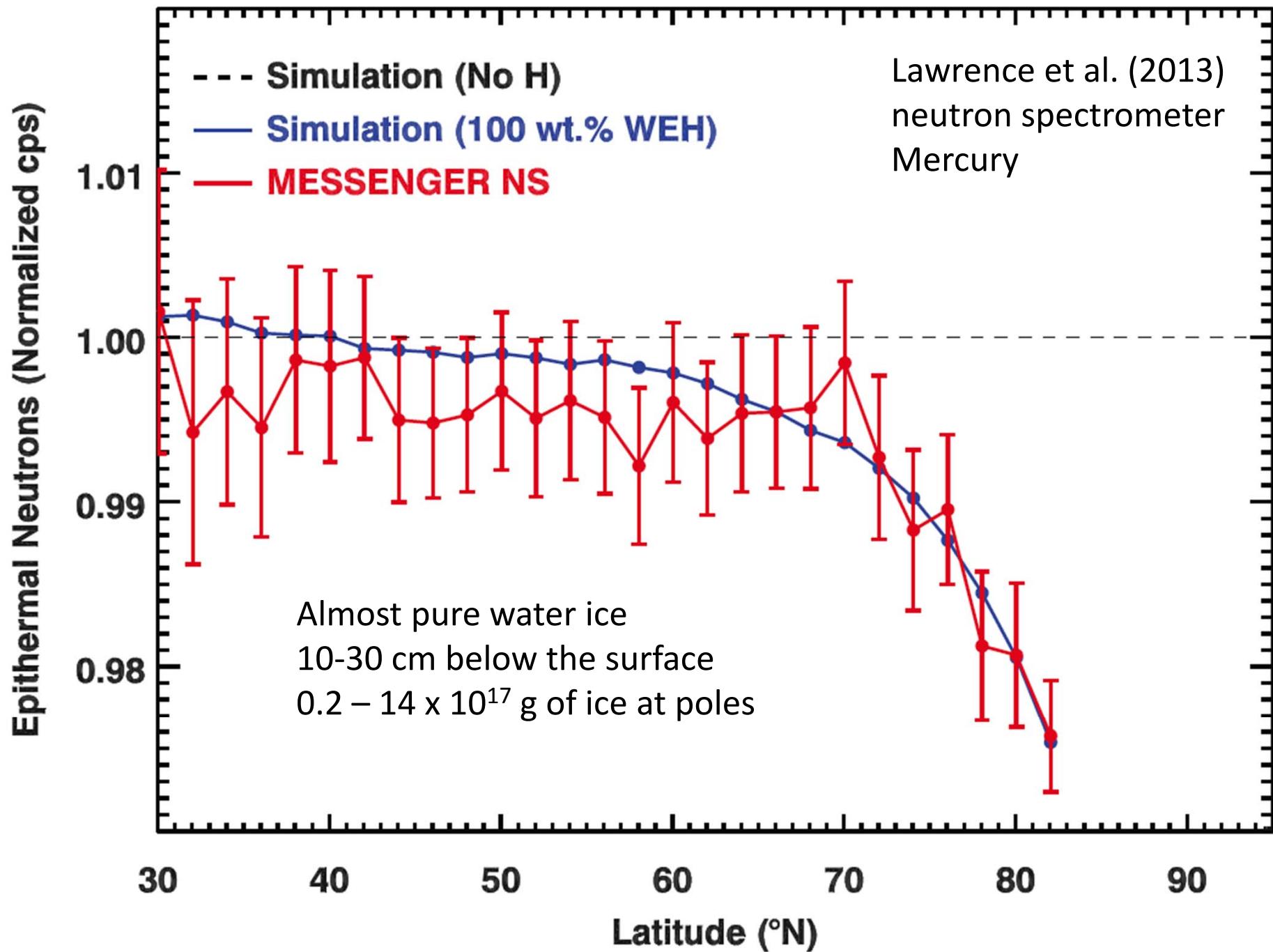
Feldman et al. (2000)  
 $\sim 2 \times 10^{15}$  g ice at lunar poles

- A. Epithermal neutrons
- B. Fast neutrons

Low counting rates indicate absorption by hydrogen. Fast neutrons are more sensitive to elements beside H.

The polar deposits are estimated to be  $1.5 \pm 0.8\%$  by mass of water ice. Any deposits of pure water ice must be at least 1 m below the surface.





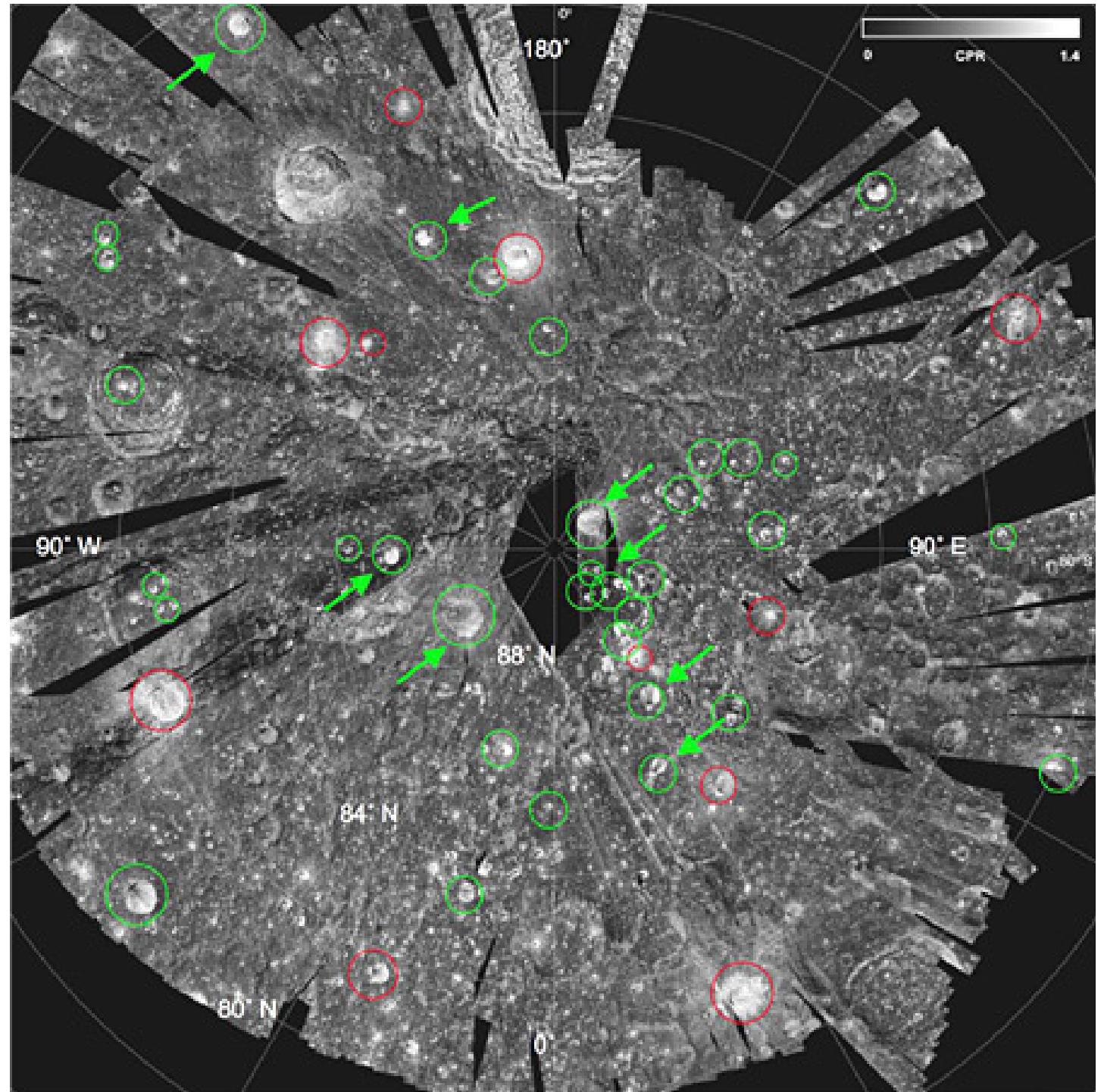
Spudis et al.  
(2010)  
Mini-SAR

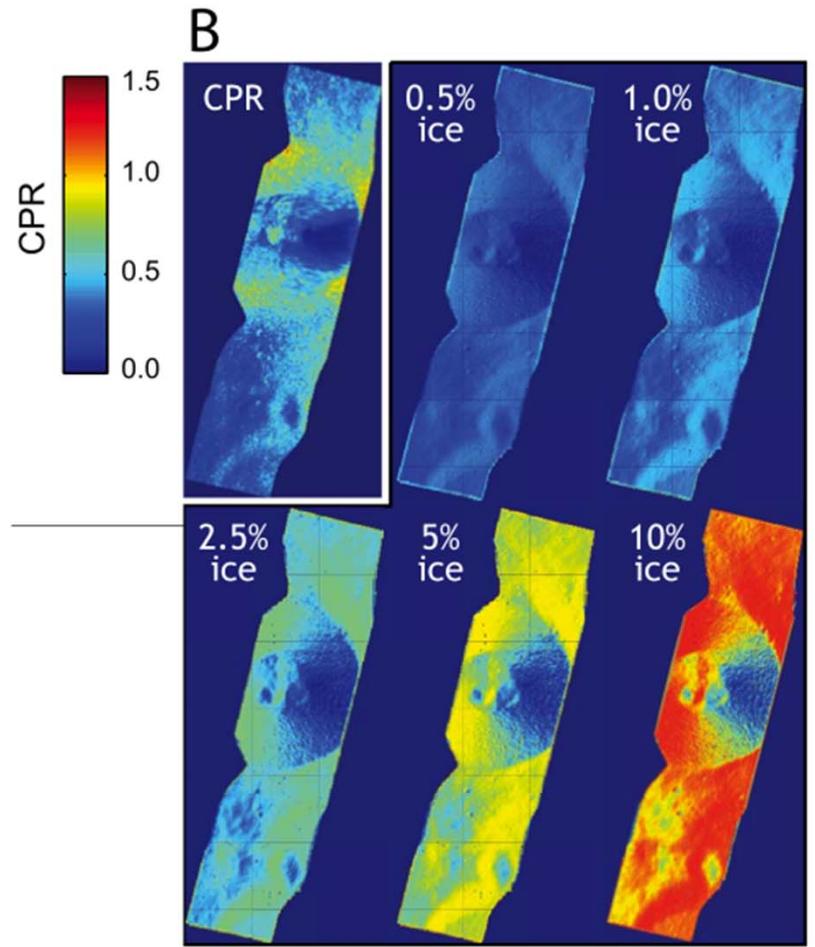
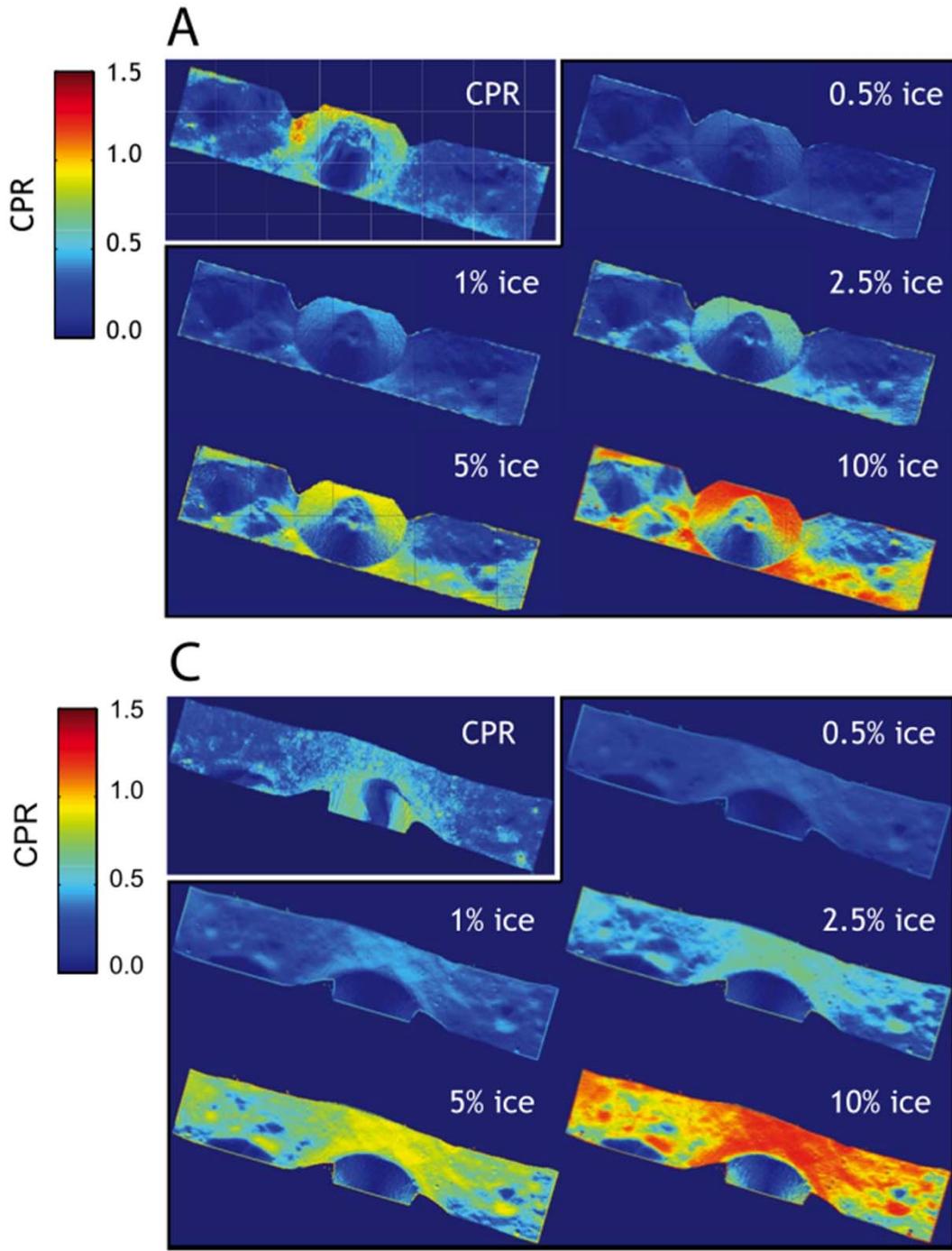
Lunar north  
pole

CPR = circular  
polarization  
ratio

Green =  
shadowed  
craters = ice?

Red = fresh craters  
with high CPR =  
regolith?

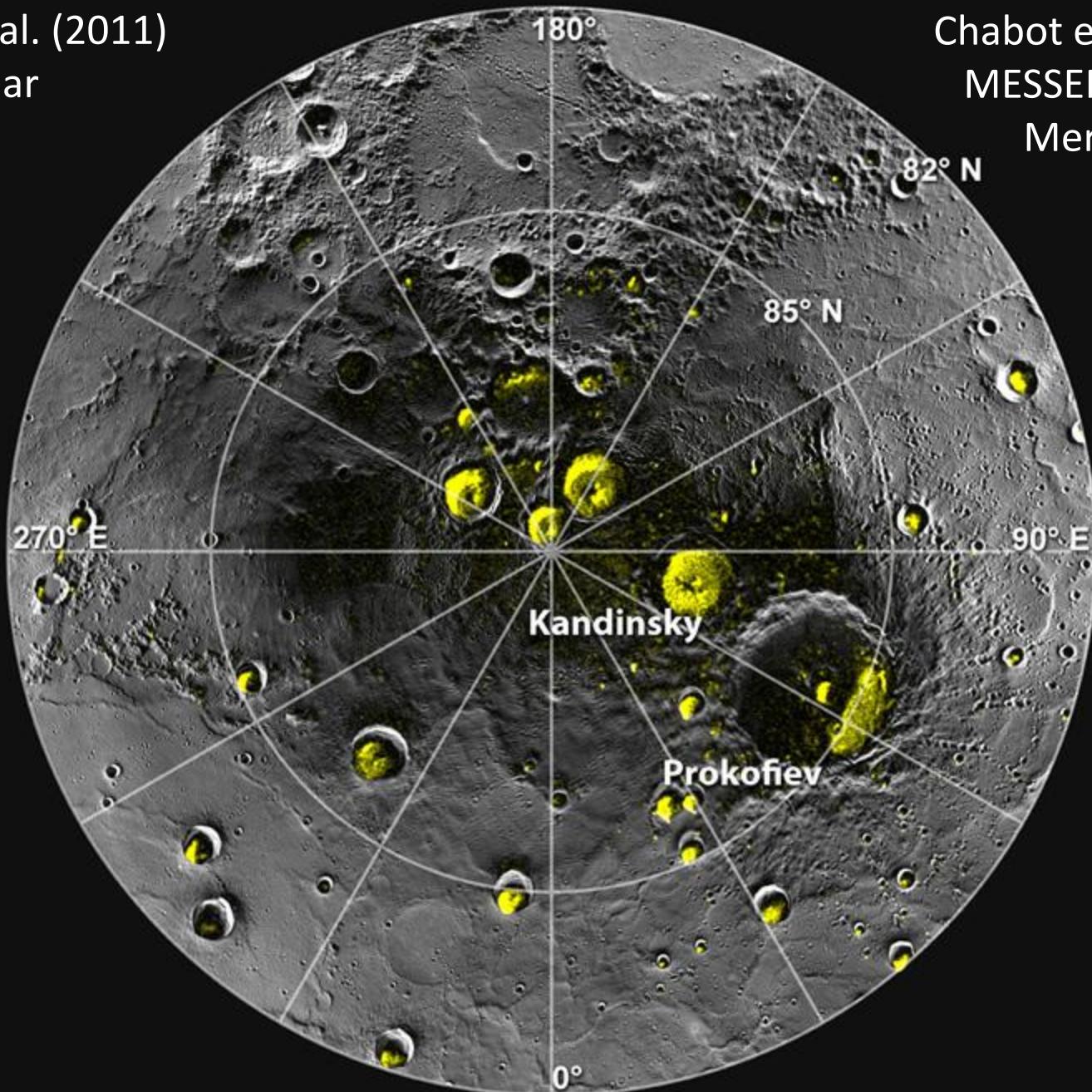


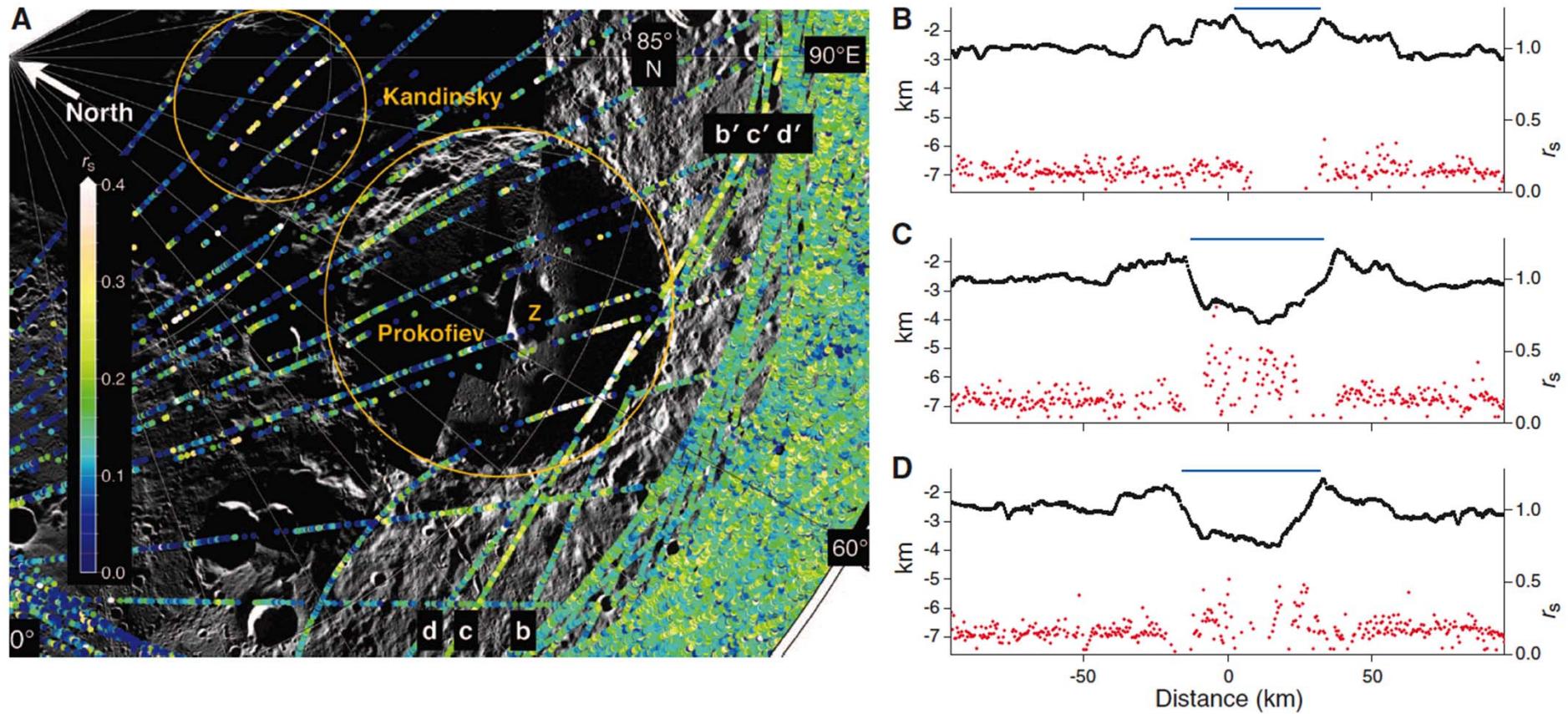


Thomson et al. (2012)  
LRO radar: CPR = circular polarization ratio = ice or  
unconsolidated regolith

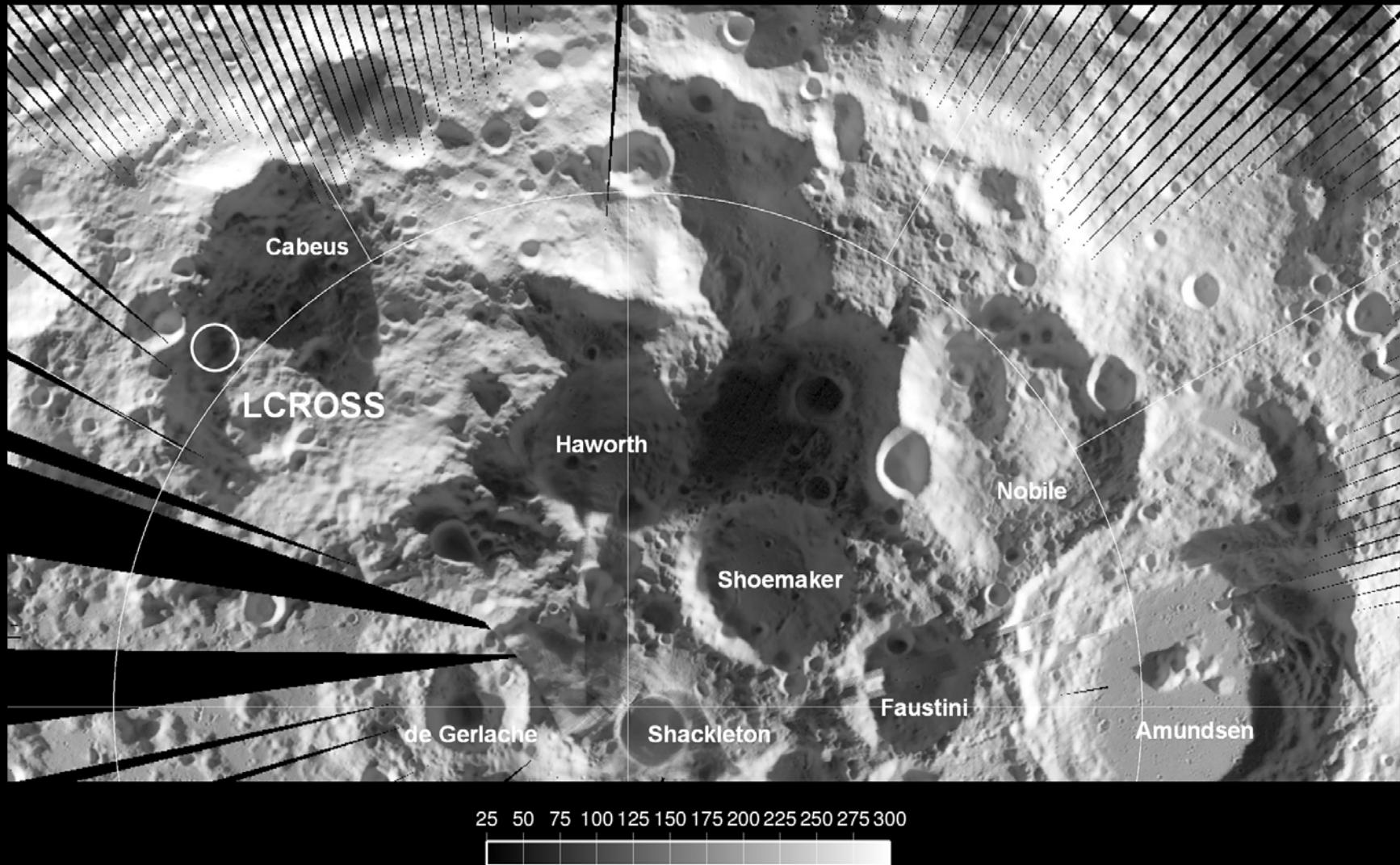
Harmon et al. (2011)  
Arecibo radar  
(yellow)

Chabot et al. (2013)  
MESSENGER images  
Mercury



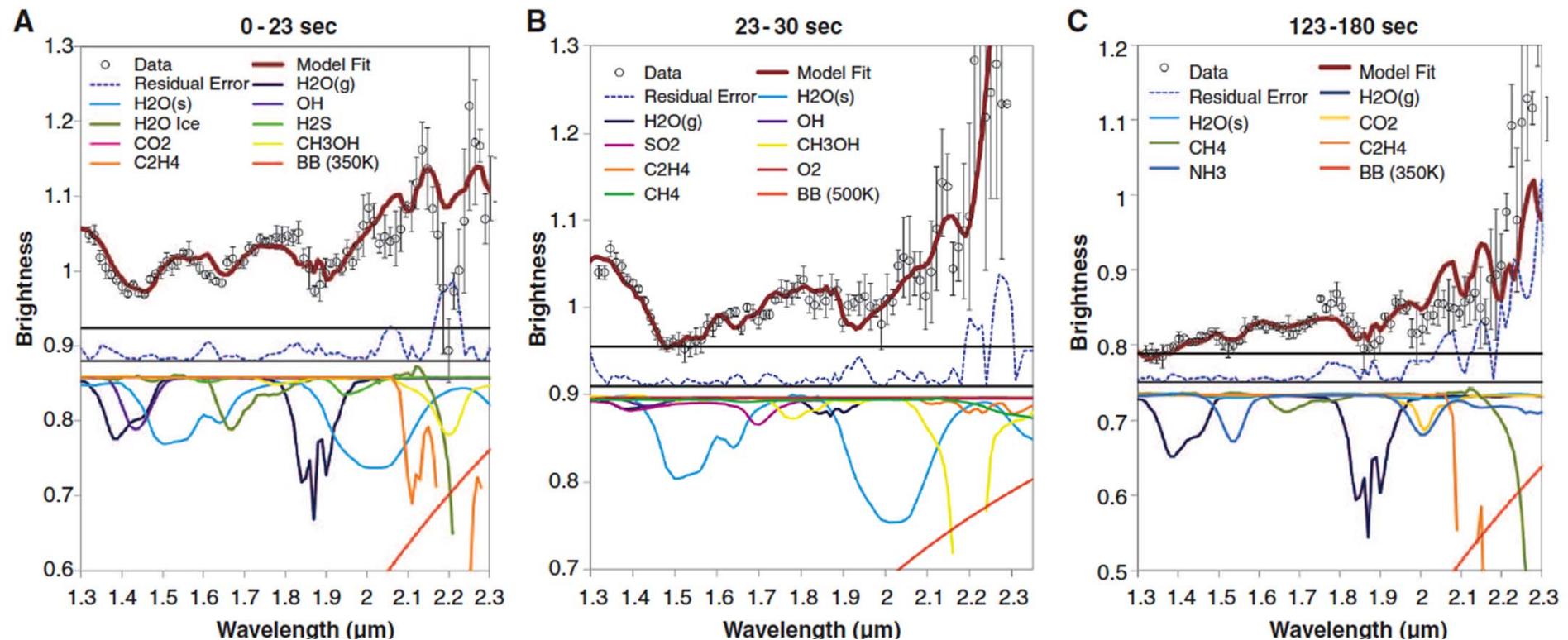


Neumann et al. (2013) reflectivity from MESSENGER laser altimeter



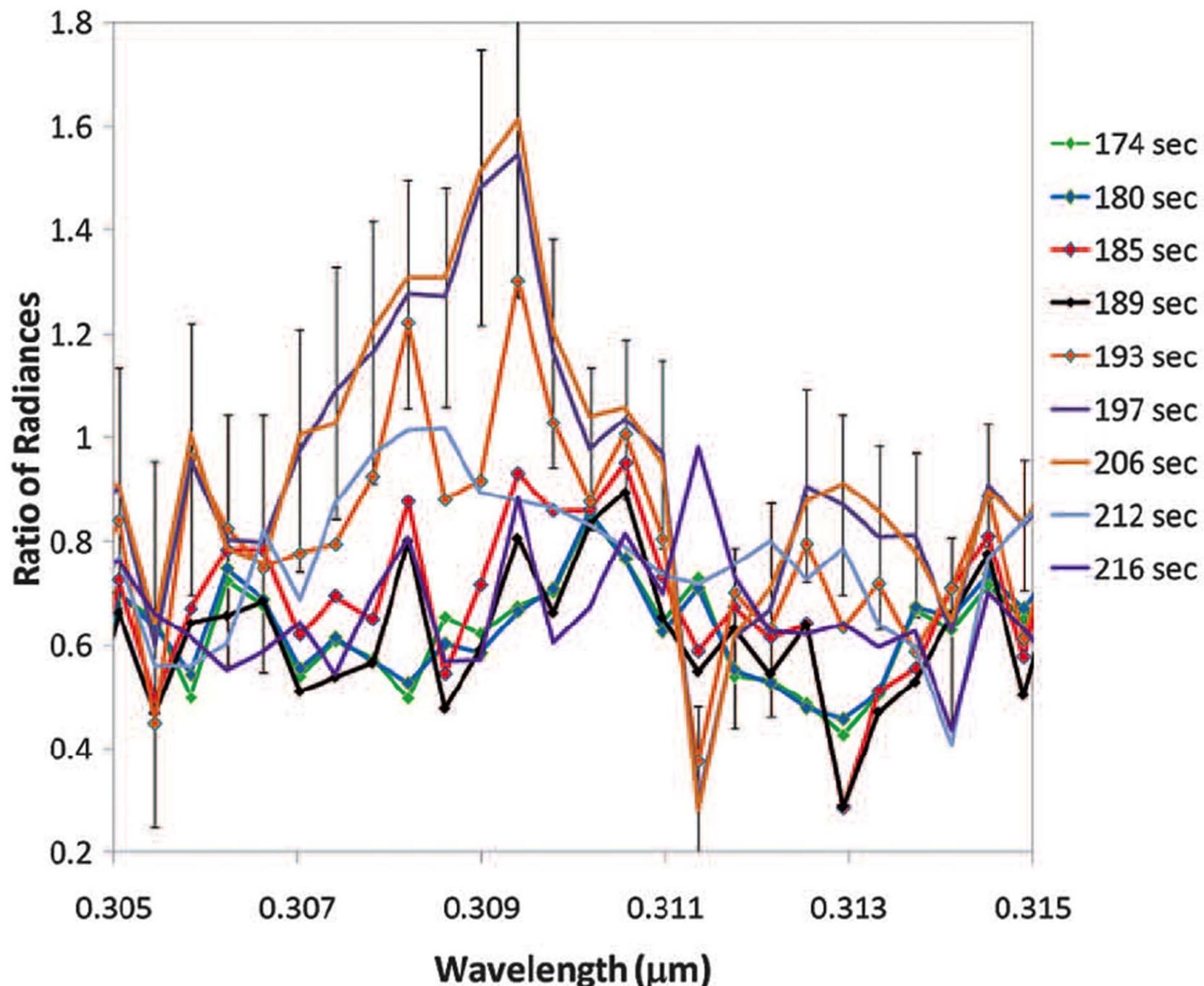
Paige et al. (2010) Lunar Diviner. White circle is at 85° S

# Colaprete et al. (2010): Moon. LCROSS ejecta plume



**Table 1.** Summary of the total water vapor and ice and ejecta dust in the NIR instrument FOV. Values shown are the average value across the averaging period, and errors are 1 SD.

Water mass (kg)				
Time (s)	Gas	Ice	Dust mass (kg)	Total water %
0–23	$82.4 \pm 25$	$58.5 \pm 8.2$	$3148 \pm 787$	$4.5 \pm 1.4$
23–30	$24.5 \pm 8.1$	$131 \pm 8.3$	$2434 \pm 609$	$6.4 \pm 1.7$
123–180	$52.5 \pm 2.6$	$15.8 \pm 2.2$	$942.5 \pm 236$	$7.2 \pm 1.9$
Average	$53 \pm 15$	$68 \pm 10$	$2175 \pm 544$	$5.6 \pm 2.9$



Solar wind particle flux

$$3 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$
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Assume it impacts the lunar disk for 3.5 b.y. and produces one H<sub>2</sub>O for every 2 particles (100% efficiency, no losses).

$$\text{Total mass} = 4.7 \times 10^{19} \text{ g.}$$

100 x (asteroids + comets)

100 x Mercury ice deposits

10,000 x Lunar ice deposits

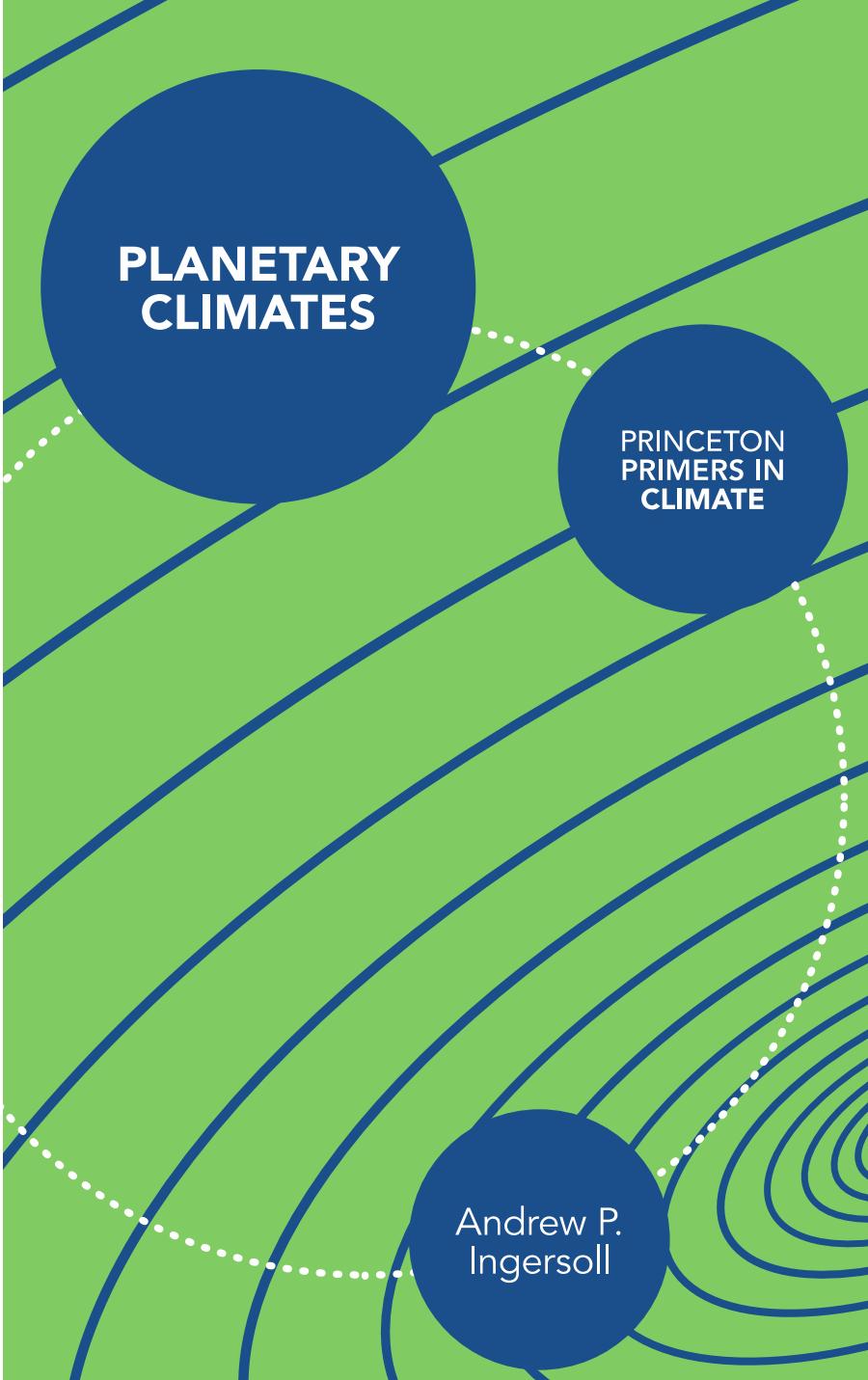


# Lunar Ice: Questions

- Why does Moon have less ice than Mercury?
- Was ice lost during a high-obliquity period?
- Are there fewer impacting bodies at Moon?
- Is ice buried under a thick layer of regolith?
- Is the ice intimately mixed with the regolith?
- Is ice scattered in micro-shadowed areas?
- What is relative abundance of OH and H<sub>2</sub>O?

# Lunar Ice: Strategies

- Focus on a single place or global distribution?
- Importance of a clean impact, e.g., metal ball?
- Can we view impact plume from Earth?
- Feasibility of multiple impacts – cluster bombs?
- Ultra-small orbiters at ultra-low altitude?
- Seeing in the dark – starlight, lasers, spectra?
- Landers and rovers – feasibility and cost issues?
- Flagship or low-cost: What is the best strategy?
- Relation to other potential missions?



The background features a light green color with several dark blue, wavy lines of varying thicknesses. Three solid blue circles are positioned in the upper left, upper right, and lower center areas. Dotted white lines connect the top two circles to the bottom circle.

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# Lunar Volatiles: Principles.1

- KISS: Look beyond the soon-to-be-funded missions of NASA and other agencies.
- Leon Alkalai: Develop a scientific vision; if it is worthy, the missions will follow. Do not be constrained by cost at the outset.
- Meanwhile, NASA HEO Directorate has a rover mission, RESOLVE, scheduled for launch in 2016 and targeted for the polar regions

# Lunar Volatiles: Principles.2

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# Lunar Volatiles: Principles.3

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- Example of something scientific and visionary
- “Understand the origin and evolution of water in the inner solar system”
- Our job is to identify the next step and take it