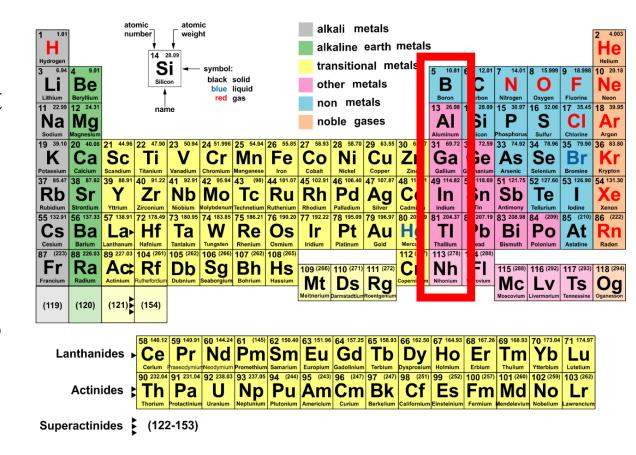
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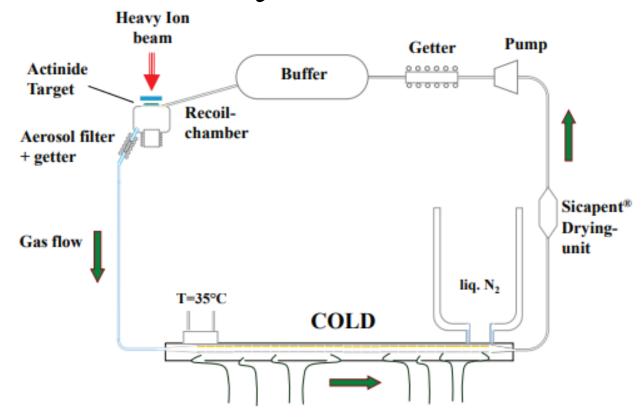
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# Super Heavy Elements (SHEs)

- SHEs are elements with Z≥112
- The chemistry of SHEs is difficult to study
  - Short half-life
  - Low production rates
- Nihonium (113)
- Homolog experiments in group 13



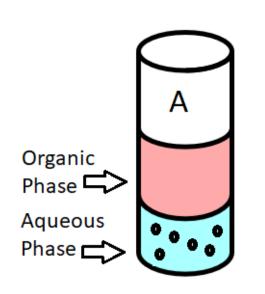
## Gas Phase Chemistry

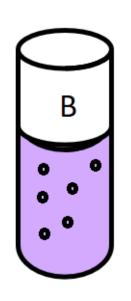


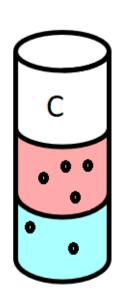
R. Eichler et. al., Chemical characterization of element 112, Nature, 447 (2007) 72-75.

# Liquid-Liquid Extraction (LLE)

- Homologue experiments in a radiochemistry lab
- Measure the distribution of Indium-111 in each phase







$$D = \frac{[c]_{org}}{[c]_{aq}} = \frac{[A]_{org}[V]_{aq}}{[A]_{aq}[V]_{org}}$$
In our case,
$$D = \frac{[A]_{org}}{[A]_{aq}}$$

### **Eutectic Solvents**

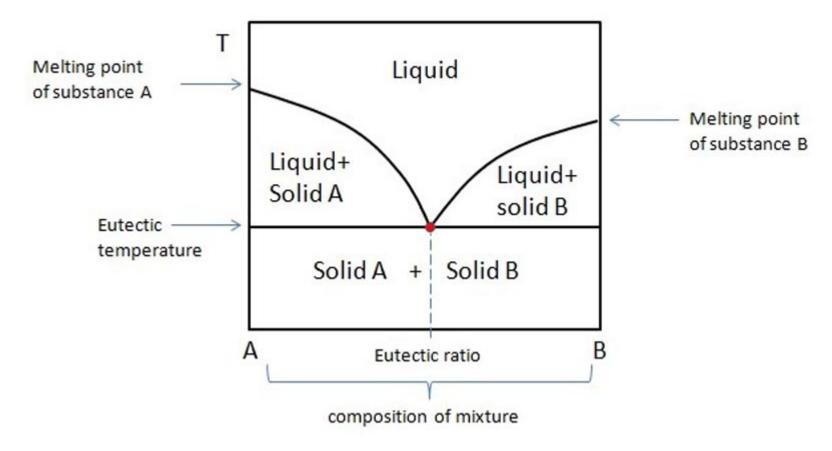
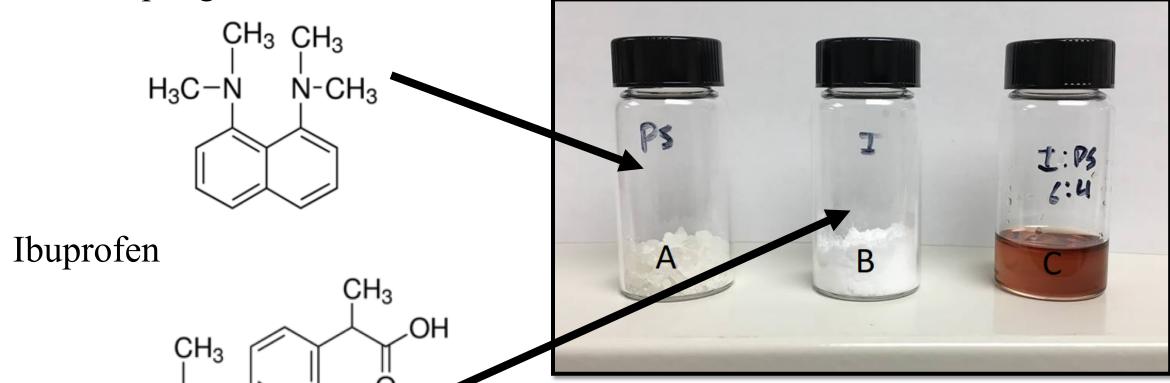


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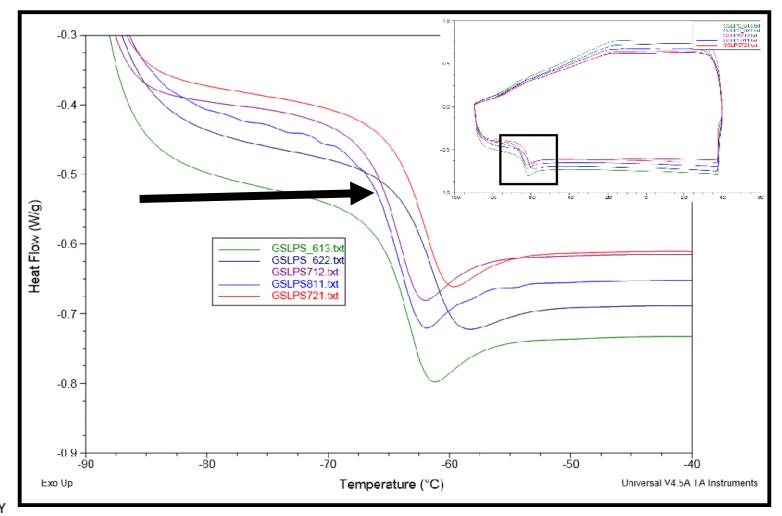
#### **Eutectic Solvents**

Proton Sponge<sup>TM</sup>



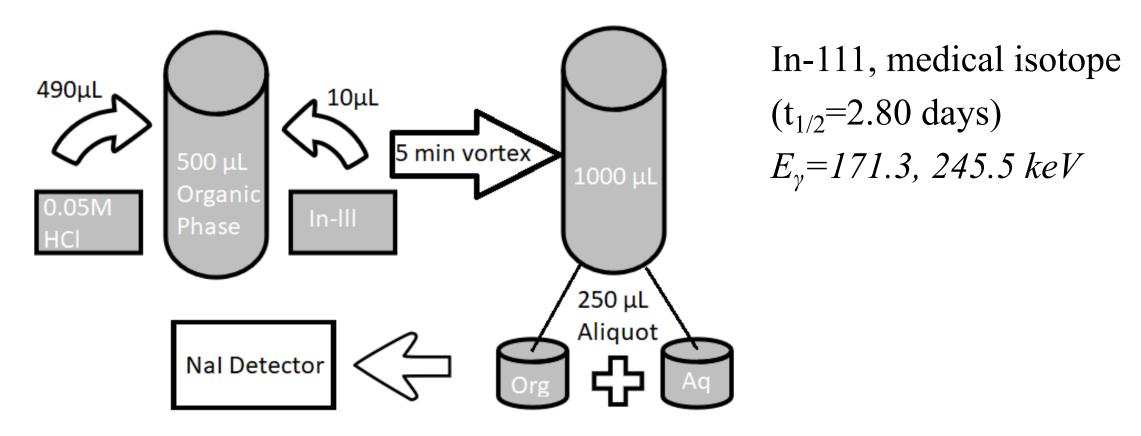
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# Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)





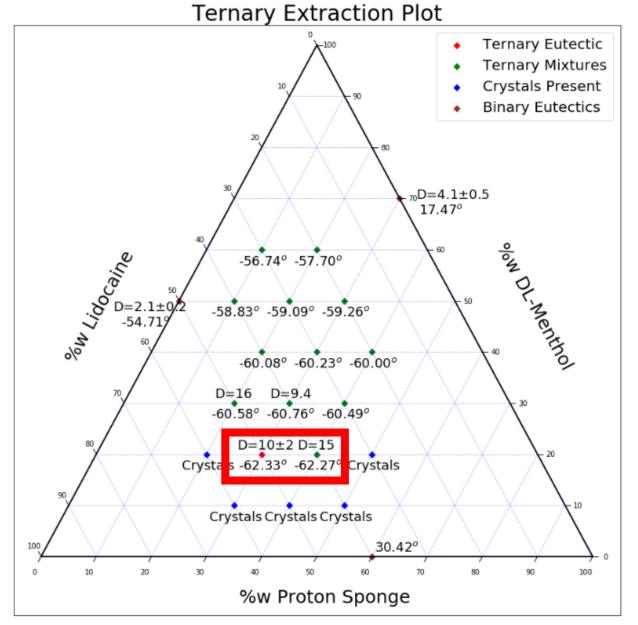
# Experimental Design



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## Results





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## Mechanism of Extraction

• 
$$[C^+]_{org} + [A^-]_{org} \to [C^+]_{aq} + [A^-]_{aq}$$

• 
$$K_{sp} = [C^+][A^-]$$

• 
$$[C^+]_{eq} = [A^-]_{aq} - z \cdot \Delta [S^{z-}]_{aq}$$

• 
$$K_{sp} = ([A^-]_{aq} - z \cdot \Delta [S^{z-}]_{aq}) \cdot [A^-]_{aq}$$

• 
$$[A^-] = \frac{z \cdot \Delta[S^{z-}]_{aq} + \sqrt{(z \cdot \Delta[S^{z-}]_{aq})^2 + 4 \cdot K_{sp}}}{2}$$

• 
$$\lim_{\Delta[S^{Z^-}]_{aq} \to \infty} [A^-] = z \cdot \Delta[S^{Z^-}]_{aq}$$

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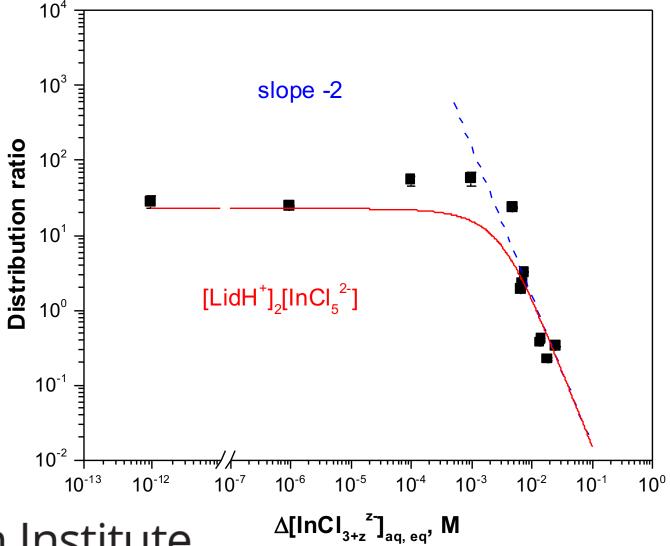
• 
$$z[A^-]_{org} + [S^{z-}]_{aq} \leftrightarrow [S^{z-}]_{org} + z[A^-]_{aq}$$

• 
$$K = \frac{[S^{z-}]_{org} \cdot [A^{-}]_{aq}^{z}}{[S^{z-}]_{aq} \cdot [A^{-}]_{org}^{z}} = D \cdot [A^{-}]_{aq}^{z}$$

• 
$$D = \frac{K}{[A^-]_{aa}^z}$$
, so...

• 
$$\log(D) = \log(K) - \log\left(\frac{z \cdot \Delta[S^{z-}]_{aq} + \sqrt{(z \cdot \Delta[S^{z-}]_{aq})^2 + 4 \cdot K_{Sp}}}{2}\right)^z$$

## Mechanism of Extraction



#### Conclusions

- Determine eutectic composition for various systems
- Measured D-value for those systems
- Report on the mechanism of extraction

#### Future Work

- Run extractions with more non-eutectic mixtures
- Study the mechanism of ternary systems
- Apply to gas phase online experiments
- Time dependency of extraction efficiency of certain mixtures

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# Question?