

Supplementary information for

A Vacuum Ultraviolet Photoionization Study on the Formation of Methanimine (CH_2NH) and Ethylenediamine ($\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$) in Low Temperature Interstellar Model Ices Exposed to Ionizing Radiation

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Table S1 Data applied to calculate the irradiation dose per molecule. * values from CASINO simulations, § derived values based on 15 nA, 20 min irradiation of CH₃NH₂.

initial kinetic energy of the electrons, E_{init}	5 keV
irradiation current, I	20 ± 2 nA
total number of electrons	$(1.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{14}$
average kinetic energy of backscattered electrons, E_{bs}^*	3.1 ± 0.3 keV
fraction of backscattered electrons, f_{bs}^*	0.3 ± 0.1
average kinetic energy of transmitted electrons, E_{trans}^*	2.9 ± 0.3 keV
fraction of transmitted electrons, f_{trans}^*	0.5
average penetration depth, l^*	180 ± 80 nm
density of the ice, ρ	0.85 ± 0.05 g cm ⁻³
irradiated area, A	1.0 ± 0.1 cm ²
total number of molecules processed [§]	$(3 \pm 1) \times 10^{17}$
dose per molecule, D^{\S}	1.0 ± 0.1 eV

Table S2 Theoretical values for the molecule geometry of CNH₃ and C₂N₂H₈ isomers and their ions.

Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
H₂CNH				H₂CNH⁺			
C	0.584348	0.028954	0.000407	C	0.598498	0.023834	-0.000021
H	-1.166258	0.735956	-0.000251	H	-1.561096	0.309440	-0.000069
H	1.075482	1.006604	-0.000763	H	1.071217	1.022722	0.000044
H	1.244023	-0.838535	-0.000968	H	1.245402	-0.864826	0.000009
N	-0.665619	-0.153964	-0.000066	N	-0.620931	-0.087191	0.000021
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
³CH₃N				³CH₃N⁺			
C	0.000000	0.000000	-0.542736	C	0.000000	0.000000	-0.661067
H	0.000000	1.027837	-0.935418	H	0.000000	1.076160	-0.862293
H	-0.890133	-0.513918	-0.935418	H	-0.931982	-0.538080	-0.862293
H	0.890133	-0.513918	-0.935418	H	0.931982	-0.538080	-0.862293
N	0.000000	0.000000	0.866096	N	0.000000	0.000000	0.936183
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
CHNH₂				CHNH₂⁺			
C	-0.763425	0.191020	-0.000052	C	-0.708468	0.155030	-0.000061
H	-1.247136	-0.803479	0.000169	H	-1.572427	-0.505327	0.000151
N	0.525142	-0.024423	0.000051	N	0.527230	-0.030424	0.000071
H	1.162890	0.760881	0.000002	H	1.183835	0.756126	-0.000072
H	0.988801	-0.932556	-0.000216	H	0.948786	-0.968009	-0.000209
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
³CHNH₂				³CHNH₂⁺			
C	-0.768492	-0.000134	0.172029	C	-0.849378	0.000034	0.156575
H	-1.560245	0.000521	-0.576784	H	-1.468652	-0.000260	-0.741014
N	0.571054	-0.000018	-0.107523	N	0.616161	-0.000017	0.018755
H	1.086806	0.834059	0.148853	H	1.125711	0.875811	-0.164974
H	1.087013	-0.833653	0.148415	H	1.126085	-0.875639	-0.164752
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
CH₃NHNHCH₃				CH₃NHNHCH₃⁺			
C	-0.016087	1.827841	0.099439	C	-0.057850	1.881992	0.132329
H	0.653402	2.003275	0.944607	H	0.649709	1.977094	0.954431
H	0.205281	2.581493	-0.656072	H	0.228114	2.564111	-0.663288
H	-1.048326	1.952461	0.449831	H	-1.065870	2.120303	0.477022
N	0.249943	0.509348	-0.466674	N	-0.002265	0.526287	-0.399047
H	-0.350222	0.404574	-1.280016	H	-0.296266	0.340675	-1.350792
N	-0.249943	-0.509348	0.466674	N	0.002265	-0.526287	0.399047
H	0.350222	-0.404574	1.280016	H	0.296266	-0.340675	1.350792

C	0.016087	-1.827841	-0.099439	C	0.057850	-1.881992	-0.132329
H	1.048326	-1.952461	-0.449831	H	1.065870	-2.120303	-0.477022
H	-0.205281	-2.581493	0.656072	H	-0.228114	-2.564111	0.663288
H	-0.653402	-2.003275	-0.944607	H	-0.649709	-1.977094	-0.954431
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
H₂NCH₂CH₂NH₂				H₂NCH₂CH₂NH₂⁺			
N	1.467235	-0.558223	-0.238485	N	1.649073	-0.482818	-0.106493
H	2.352613	-0.666632	0.239672	H	2.163214	-0.404393	-0.970051
H	0.922827	-1.396268	-0.067161	H	1.692992	-1.372142	0.365271
C	0.725558	0.587047	0.284633	C	0.869475	0.527303	0.347502
H	1.237868	1.506806	-0.008397	H	1.159132	1.509213	-0.013010
H	0.648177	0.603502	1.384140	H	0.647637	0.483105	1.407339
C	-0.681973	0.600997	-0.297080	C	-0.869467	0.527333	-0.347489
H	-1.175813	1.543276	-0.025829	H	-1.159102	1.509233	0.013070
H	-0.603702	0.569982	-1.384980	H	-0.647638	0.483171	-1.407330
N	-1.419651	-0.594061	0.133800	N	-1.649103	-0.482808	0.106466
H	-1.724299	-0.496049	1.095300	H	-2.163045	-0.404507	0.970153
H	-2.252264	-0.726897	-0.425272	H	-1.693030	-1.372111	-0.365331
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
H₂NCH₂NHCH₃				H₂NCH₂NHCH₃⁺			
N	-1.460052	-0.588360	-0.115897	N	-1.350176	-0.650407	-0.007934
H	-2.302382	-0.661056	0.440246	H	-1.612240	-1.020626	0.893078
H	-1.728228	-0.501483	-1.088763	H	-2.064393	-0.813112	-0.699780
C	-0.663079	0.563795	0.288990	C	-0.792651	0.639634	-0.008171
H	-0.568907	0.512536	1.386199	H	-1.060042	1.262483	0.862094
H	-1.121452	1.531975	0.046790	H	-1.077541	1.228444	-0.888505
N	0.617793	0.523231	-0.390331	N	0.681601	0.622304	0.007315
H	1.046401	1.438247	-0.364617	H	1.140402	1.522759	0.134171
C	1.536167	-0.490360	0.113919	C	1.497535	-0.547831	-0.033942
H	2.462071	-0.463399	-0.460416	H	2.431510	-0.319606	-0.547820
H	1.784731	-0.369104	1.179809	H	1.757270	-0.853577	0.992699
H	1.085060	-1.472425	-0.013101	H	0.935754	-1.360861	-0.488921
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
(CH₃)₂NNH₂				(CH₃)₂NNH₂⁺			
N	-0.328929	0.239419	0.000000	N	-0.105641	0.050367	0.000000
C	-0.328929	-0.587433	1.196851	C	-0.105641	-0.670272	1.268283
H	-0.345336	0.048620	2.083676	H	-0.378963	0.006386	2.075107
H	-1.232089	-1.196438	1.205462	H	-0.833915	-1.473896	1.205842
H	0.552509	-1.243562	1.256237	H	0.885488	-1.089656	1.458005
C	-0.328929	-0.587433	-1.196851	C	-0.105641	-0.670272	-1.268283
H	-1.232089	-1.196438	-1.205462	H	-0.833915	-1.473896	-1.205842
H	-0.345336	0.048620	-2.083676	H	-0.378963	0.006386	-2.075107

H	0.552509	-1.243562	-1.256237	H	0.885488	-1.089656	-1.458005
N	0.937043	0.989579	0.000000	N	0.312886	1.308805	0.000000
H	0.870093	1.614486	-0.801011	H	0.235876	1.821698	-0.868229
H	0.870093	1.614486	0.801011	H	0.235876	1.821698	0.868229

Table S3 Theoretical infrared frequency modes for the CNH₃ and C₂N₂H₈ isomers and their ions.

H ₂ CNH			H ₂ CNH ⁺		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity
v ₁	1075.5062	37.0005	v ₁	582.8914	118.9476
v ₂	1101.4124	15.5365	v ₂	633.3062	132.9916
v ₃	1170.0398	45.5313	v ₃	987.4739	10.3758
v ₄	1373.3046	46.9702	v ₄	1058.5386	53.2054
v ₅	1492.8412	6.5260	v ₅	1341.6707	63.0830
v ₆	1713.0952	21.6437	v ₆	1730.4488	0.4752
v ₇	3010.4982	52.4169	v ₇	2914.2190	105.7087
v ₈	3103.8095	36.8335	v ₈	3028.5777	87.9035
v ₉	3425.8292	1.0857	v ₉	3507.1840	387.2770
³ CH ₃ N			³ CH ₃ N ⁺		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity
v ₁	963.5507	0.7019	v ₁	466.3037	8.6117
v ₂	963.5524	0.7019	v ₂	898.2116	7.7179
v ₃	1053.8599	4.9809	v ₃	898.2128	7.7178
v ₄	1379.2879	13.3115	v ₄	1320.4751	0.1288
v ₅	1419.7884	9.9782	v ₅	1352.6705	13.6947
v ₆	1419.7887	9.9775	v ₆	1352.672	13.6931
v ₇	2924.4886	2.4306	v ₇	2968.3363	63.0607
v ₈	2979.3148	14.2024	v ₈	3112.1254	89.7423
v ₉	2979.315	14.2047	v ₉	3112.1258	89.7373
CHNH ₂			CHNH ₂ ⁺		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity
v ₁	801.4767	147.4518	v ₁	845.2991	35.7408
v ₂	1075.3634	25.535	v ₂	893.2671	182.5151
v ₃	1159.0683	12.2723	v ₃	965.3992	42.6828
v ₄	1387.5623	12.7364	v ₄	1177.4118	15.2562
v ₅	1438.5902	13.3644	v ₅	1565.7474	30.102
v ₆	1686.9227	11.4576	v ₆	1728.7476	91.2312
v ₇	2913.9804	110.6138	v ₇	3172.483	60.0396
v ₈	3369.3698	22.9474	v ₈	3337.5861	159.5816
v ₉	3534.9723	15.4043	v ₉	3439.4942	216.8281

${}^3\text{CHNH}_2$			${}^3\text{CHNH}_2^+$		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm^{-1})	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm^{-1})	IR Intensity
v ₁	520.137	30.9842	v ₁	569.0733	17.2517
v ₂	610.4615	219.6403	v ₂	715.1091	116.3377
v ₃	1070.3104	17.7116	v ₃	955.8706	34.4621
v ₄	1099.6283	1.1623	v ₄	972.5576	8.0127
v ₅	1267.8758	18.2884	v ₅	1110.2469	3.7313
v ₆	1625.8034	22.7909	v ₆	1555.383	42.3441
v ₇	3063.6355	30.2464	v ₇	3104.1286	49.0516
v ₈	3464.8578	3.4299	v ₈	3316.4336	80.4391
v ₉	3531.5805	14.6469	v ₉	3421.6898	194.3654
$\text{CH}_3\text{NHNHCH}_3$			$\text{CH}_3\text{NHNHCH}_3^+$		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm^{-1})	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm^{-1})	IR Intensity
v ₁	49.7107	6.3924	v ₁	112.8545	0.0751
v ₂	234.2774	0.9594	v ₂	148.8191	3.1889
v ₃	285.3485	0.0000	v ₃	155.5647	0.0000
v ₄	292.0175	5.1310	v ₄	294.0692	1.9831
v ₅	474.4309	0.0000	v ₅	402.9769	0.0000
v ₆	815.9057	0.0000	v ₆	511.8491	0.0000
v ₇	892.8219	132.1914	v ₇	590.0594	168.2007
v ₈	960.6316	0.0000	v ₈	922.7047	0.0000
v ₉	1044.4290	25.9933	v ₉	1026.3576	14.7526
v ₁₀	1106.7215	0.0000	v ₁₀	1121.8020	24.6704
v ₁₁	1108.4551	14.1059	v ₁₁	1123.8278	0.0000
v ₁₂	1151.7854	12.4246	v ₁₂	1128.0659	1.6143
v ₁₃	1181.2046	0.0000	v ₁₃	1220.7657	0.0000
v ₁₄	1292.2594	0.0000	v ₁₄	1402.7582	0.0000
v ₁₅	1431.1926	5.1148	v ₁₅	1432.3455	12.6587
v ₁₆	1446.5412	4.7441	v ₁₆	1464.1766	5.2859
v ₁₇	1446.7211	0.0000	v ₁₇	1468.4634	0.0000
v ₁₈	1479.2835	0.0000	v ₁₈	1476.7806	29.2365
v ₁₉	1483.8601	13.7356	v ₁₉	1479.2059	0.0000
v ₂₀	1515.4655	22.3501	v ₂₀	1500.0455	0.0000
v ₂₁	1517.1866	0.0000	v ₂₁	1505.3241	65.2002
v ₂₂	1538.4557	0.0000	v ₂₂	1612.1145	0.0000
v ₂₃	2973.5900	160.9774	v ₂₃	3038.1648	0.0000
v ₂₄	2976.7763	0.0000	v ₂₄	3038.5829	2.2985

v ₂₅	3046.5231	78.8358	v ₂₅	3116.4385	0.2815
v ₂₆	3046.6431	0.0000	v ₂₆	3117.2818	0.0000
v ₂₇	3095.6242	50.5520	v ₂₇	3156.6600	1.2636
v ₂₈	3095.7023	0.0000	v ₂₈	3157.0660	0.0000
v ₂₉	3450.0833	0.0000	v ₂₉	3548.2904	0.0000
v ₃₀	3471.0086	0.0657	v ₃₀	3557.5745	168.3875
(CH ₃) ₂ NNH ₂			(CH ₃) ₂ NNH ₂ ⁺		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity
v ₁	164.5265	36.2334	v ₁	100.5343	0.0109
v ₂	262.6485	7.0780	v ₂	137.5117	0.3196
v ₃	274.4501	0.0136	v ₃	291.3740	11.5028
v ₄	408.7494	4.3265	v ₄	404.9324	10.2624
v ₅	436.2408	1.8204	v ₅	409.7203	3.1825
v ₆	439.5743	16.7883	v ₆	468.9608	0.0372
v ₇	811.4670	14.3654	v ₇	527.4746	191.1342
v ₈	982.7986	20.2362	v ₈	798.0330	1.1307
v ₉	1039.6479	14.8111	v ₉	1027.9332	13.9603
v ₁₀	1107.2052	0.6997	v ₁₀	1086.7726	4.0227
v ₁₁	1116.1826	60.2056	v ₁₁	1111.9567	0.9131
v ₁₂	1132.4435	10.5313	v ₁₂	1137.1129	2.2901
v ₁₃	1199.1632	4.5031	v ₁₃	1159.6141	3.3527
v ₁₄	1256.8760	0.2674	v ₁₄	1389.1960	0.8233
v ₁₅	1396.6579	5.0630	v ₁₅	1425.1564	14.3774
v ₁₆	1433.1014	0.9195	v ₁₆	1448.8353	1.2036
v ₁₇	1460.5832	2.7575	v ₁₇	1465.7927	14.8286
v ₁₈	1477.4936	9.1040	v ₁₈	1468.5245	0.0053
v ₁₉	1487.7995	8.9362	v ₁₉	1487.3965	9.4913
v ₂₀	1497.8457	0.2099	v ₂₀	1488.6399	23.4394
v ₂₁	1511.7046	11.5259	v ₂₁	1526.7873	14.2940
v ₂₂	1650.6901	34.0909	v ₂₂	1659.5838	79.5095
v ₂₃	2942.0905	46.2139	v ₂₃	3031.4526	0.3176
v ₂₄	2950.5747	105.9159	v ₂₄	3035.2911	1.5530
v ₂₅	3051.9818	43.5185	v ₂₅	3117.8989	0.2308
v ₂₆	3054.6447	30.7283	v ₂₆	3118.8408	0.0931
v ₂₇	3097.9984	6.0858	v ₂₇	3156.4993	0.0642
v ₂₈	3103.3640	44.1226	v ₂₈	3161.0826	0.6534
v ₂₉	3421.1784	1.7475	v ₂₉	3513.6341	121.0814
v ₃₀	3498.3215	0.0350	v ₃₀	3645.6045	106.4104

NH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂			NH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ ⁺		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity
v ₁	179.9656	4.2047	v ₁	118.9283	0.4519
v ₂	235.6987	20.7799	v ₂	173.5474	0.0577
v ₃	290.2833	44.0429	v ₃	334.9658	0.2470
v ₄	348.0012	22.5367	v ₄	375.9995	3.6233
v ₅	504.1945	12.0775	v ₅	417.6388	88.9136
v ₆	812.9440	91.1544	v ₆	472.3067	13.0408
v ₇	853.7207	75.6127	v ₇	516.2050	260.7918
v ₈	878.8733	79.2875	v ₈	518.9747	19.2435
v ₉	927.4051	34.2551	v ₉	826.9022	12.9578
v ₁₀	1007.0535	12.4586	v ₁₀	865.4095	4.4735
v ₁₁	1050.4762	8.4471	v ₁₁	1030.8206	9.5415
v ₁₂	1111.8972	5.2103	v ₁₂	1073.0899	0.2365
v ₁₃	1182.9452	4.0095	v ₁₃	1116.1998	0.1456
v ₁₄	1219.1725	4.7418	v ₁₄	1219.8789	1.0774
v ₁₅	1325.2989	3.0479	v ₁₅	1282.5953	69.0741
v ₁₆	1342.2669	2.1699	v ₁₆	1290.7199	7.8323
v ₁₇	1408.0343	8.9275	v ₁₇	1351.8296	3.2982
v ₁₈	1431.9029	6.5813	v ₁₈	1355.1309	2.5404
v ₁₉	1498.5561	4.4343	v ₁₉	1498.4649	10.5689
v ₂₀	1511.8609	3.3838	v ₂₀	1500.7886	3.6261
v ₂₁	1643.5125	35.9144	v ₂₁	1669.0592	61.4084
v ₂₂	1655.7046	25.0305	v ₂₂	1673.0249	61.3540
v ₂₃	2913.0618	90.1722	v ₂₃	3094.1370	6.9372
v ₂₄	2963.3322	84.6318	v ₂₄	3100.5815	0.0027
v ₂₅	3036.8892	48.2593	v ₂₅	3192.4228	0.3734
v ₂₆	3064.3194	31.7873	v ₂₆	3196.4396	0.1725
v ₂₇	3487.5711	4.5441	v ₂₇	3555.6620	303.5859
v ₂₈	3492.3403	0.2313	v ₂₈	3566.9258	70.1105
v ₂₉	3568.3256	3.0076	v ₂₉	3674.4148	121.0612
v ₃₀	3573.3657	0.9236	v ₃₀	3674.6780	59.1663
H ₂ NCH ₂ NHCH ₃			H ₂ NCH ₂ NHCH ₃ ⁺		
Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity	Normal modes	Frequency(cm ⁻¹)	IR Intensity
v ₁	155.5951	3.0447	v ₁	110.8234	9.5533
v ₂	199.3598	3.9098	v ₂	136.7661	3.8321
v ₃	256.3639	43.6882	v ₃	229.1249	21.1248

v ₄	354.2506	2.7450	v ₄	298.3746	1.4209
v ₅	517.6992	6.6231	v ₅	520.0678	99.4510
v ₆	742.3573	133.3957	v ₆	627.0610	60.7215
v ₇	832.5152	105.1208	v ₇	641.4707	76.2000
v ₈	905.6845	8.3208	v ₈	786.4589	3.2459
v ₉	999.4335	10.5407	v ₉	832.3506	14.4057
v ₁₀	1041.1852	13.1506	v ₁₀	1017.4395	41.2582
v ₁₁	1139.8032	3.4008	v ₁₁	1057.1552	6.1410
v ₁₂	1169.3373	64.2341	v ₁₂	1120.2903	26.2495
v ₁₃	1182.3384	10.8405	v ₁₃	1170.1044	9.7959
v ₁₄	1249.0761	8.9192	v ₁₄	1195.4672	7.1864
v ₁₅	1338.5552	2.4211	v ₁₅	1306.6047	9.4839
v ₁₆	1426.8185	24.4433	v ₁₆	1367.2696	0.9236
v ₁₇	1455.9869	13.7573	v ₁₇	1383.2562	31.6166
v ₁₈	1487.4081	12.6813	v ₁₈	1423.0346	10.0826
v ₁₉	1496.4614	0.8865	v ₁₉	1427.8173	31.8465
v ₂₀	1517.9698	3.0244	v ₂₀	1461.8472	28.6748
v ₂₁	1523.9726	6.8419	v ₂₁	1494.9044	12.1352
v ₂₂	1639.8778	30.8845	v ₂₂	1672.7270	48.4770
v ₂₃	2913.6289	97.5123	v ₂₃	2927.5904	60.8846
v ₂₄	2933.2343	115.6178	v ₂₄	2945.0094	24.0464
v ₂₅	2958.2492	91.4081	v ₂₅	3009.4568	4.5659
v ₂₆	3068.2083	37.6601	v ₂₆	3068.4715	5.5108
v ₂₇	3113.2954	14.8337	v ₂₇	3143.3810	20.4867
v ₂₈	3494.2785	0.3165	v ₂₈	3494.4745	99.8736
v ₂₉	3541.8180	0.3031	v ₂₉	3562.3324	83.0464
v ₃₀	3582.3946	0.8282	v ₃₀	3653.6543	68.2966