From Astrochemistry to Astrobiology?

A few selected papers on cosmic ices evolution

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Model Calculations of the Molecular Composition of Interstellar Grain Mantles

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AGAIN!

Time dependent chemistry in dense molecular clouds

I. Grain surface reactions, gas/grain interactions and infrared spectroscopy

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Time-dependent chemistry in dense molecular clouds

II. Ultraviolet photoprocessing and infrared spectroscopy of grain mantles

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Revisiting History? the Greenberg's group (1977)



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THE CYCLE OF SOLID STATE MATTER IN THE GALAXY



Molecules detected in the ISM gas (2010)

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H ₂	H_2O	NH ₃	CH ₄	CH ₃ OH	CH ₂ CHOH	H_2C_6	(CH ₃) ₂ O	(CH ₃) ₂ CO
CO	H_2S	H_2CO	SiH ₄	CH ₃ SH	c-C ₂ H ₄ O	HCOOCH ₃	CH ₃ CH ₂ CN	HOCH2CH2OH
CSi	HCN	H ₂ CS	CH ₂ NH	C_2H_4	HCOCH ₃	CH ₂ OHCHO	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	CH ₃ CH ₂ CHO
CP	HNC	C_2H_2	NH_2CN	H_2C_4	CH ₃ CCH	CH ₃ C ₃ N	CH ₃ C ₄ H	CH ₃ C ₅ N
CS	CO_2	HNCO	CH_2CO	CH ₃ CN	CH ₃ NH ₂	CH ₃ COOH	HC7N	HC ₉ N
NO	SO_2	HNCS	нсоон	CH ₃ NC	CH ₂ CHCN	CH ₂ CHCHO	C_8H	CH ₃ C ₆ H
NS	MgCN	H_3O^+	HC_3N	NH ₂ CHO	HC ₅ N	CH ₂ CCHCN	C_8H^-	C ₂ H ₅ OCHO
SO	MgNC	SiC ₃	HC_2NC	HC ₂ CHO	C_6H	C_7H	CH ₃ CONH ₂	C_6H_6
HCl	NaCN	C_3S	c-C ₃ H ₂	HC_3NH^+	C_6H^-	NH ₂ CH ₂ CN	CH ₂ CHCH ₃	C ₃ H ₇ CN
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In an H-rich medium, atoms like O, C, N will easily make simple hydrides like H₂O, CH₄, NH₃ and **in presence of cold surfaces** give **ICES (Oort and van de Hulst, BAN, <u>1946</u>)**

Interstellar Ices

Observed (much later!) toward embedded infrared souces (protostars) within collapsing molecular clouds, forming disks, stars, planets and debris (asteroids, comets,dust)

Gas phase ion-molecule reactions (and others) will provide for CO and its derivatives (HCO, $H_2CO...$) and go to **ICES**

Ices: the most abundant and universal molecular material

First detection for (solid) CH₄ and solid CO₂?



although for CH₄...and for CO_{2...}

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> DISCOVERY OF INTERSTELLAR METHANE: OBSERVATIONS OF GASEOUS AND SOLID CH₄ ABSORPTION TOWARD YOUNG STARS IN MOLECULAR CLOUDS J. H. LACY,^{1,5} J. S. CARR,^{2,5} NEAL J. EVANS II,^{1,4} F. BAAS,^{3,1} J. M. ACHTERMANN,^{1,5} AND J. F. ARENS⁴ Received 1990 November 25: accepted 1991 January 28

'...The total abundance (predominantly in the solid phase) is 1 to 4% of total CO (predominantly gaseous). This high fraction of CH_4 in the solid quggests that it Is made on the grains...' (Oort and Van de Hulst hydrides)

The discovery of interstellar carbon dioxide

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'...This detection of solid CO₂ is a confirmation of the presence of UV irradiation of these ices...'

Dust grain: a simple view



→ Surface and **solid-state** - **bulk** chemistry

Organic Synthesis via Irradiation and Warming of Ice Grains in the Solar Nebula

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Complex organic compounds, including many important to life on Earth, are commonly found in meteoritic and cometary samples, though their origins remain a mystery. We examined whether such molecules could be produced within the solar nebula by tracking the dynamical evolution of ice grains in the nebula and recording the environments they were exposed to. We found that icy grains originating in the outer disk, where temperatures were <30 K, experienced UV irradiation exposures and thermal warming similar to that which has been shown to produce complex organics in laboratory experiments. These results imply that organic compounds are natural byproducts of protoplanetary disk evolution and should be important ingredients in the formation of all planetary systems, including our own.

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MICMOC: Matière Interstellaire et Cométaire, Molécules Organiques Complexes



Schematics of the **MICMOC** experiment



Radical-induced chemistry from VUV photolysis of interstellar ice analogues containing formaldehyde

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v (cm ⁻¹)		Mode	Α	Molecule	Ref
¹² C	¹³ C		(cm molec ⁻¹)		
2343	2275	v(CO)	7.6×10^{-17}	CO ₂	a
2136	2087	v(CO)	1.1×10^{-17}	CO	b
1846	1804	v(C = O)	2.1×10^{-17}	HCO	с
1751	1721	v(C = O)	2.6×10^{-17}	GA	d
1217	1205	??		POM	c
1109	1095	$\nu(C-O)$	9.7×10^{-18}	POM	c
1075	1058	v(C-O)	3.9×10^{-18}	EG	d
1046	XX	v(C-O)	3.9×10^{-18}	EG	đ
1027	1006	v(C-O)	1.8×10^{-17}	CH ₃ OH	ſ
991	970	v(C-O)	_	PŐM	e
945	919	v(C-O)	3.0×10^{-17g}	POM	c
912	887	v(C-O)	3.0×10^{-17g}	POM	e

VUV irradiation of H₂CO at 15 K: molecules identified in the infrared

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A tracer of organic matter of prebiotic interest in space, made from UV and thermal processing of ice mantles

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Review

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Photochemistry and Astrochemistry: Photochemical Pathways to Interstellar Complex Organic Molecules

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The organic residue at 300 K



totally soluble in usual solvents (water, methanol)

• 50 to 300 µg in each experiment (1 week to 1 month)

• Macromolecular material (*Danger et al., GCA, 2013*) as free molecules up to 4000 uma in the soluble part

The « new » tools of Astrochemistry: analytical chemistry

A scientific/technical interdiscilinary challenge



Detection of numerous amino acids (chiral molecules) in the acid hydrolysis of organic residues



Munoz-Caro et al, 2003, see also Bernstein et al, 2003, Nuevo et al, 2006, 2008, Meinert et al, 2012



GCxGC-MS of the organic residue

20 amino acids (up to 6 C atoms) + 6 di-amino acids + ~ 10 'unknown' species

Targeted search for amino acids



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Targeted Molecules search: amino acids

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N-(2-Aminoethyl)glycine and Amino Acids from Interstellar Ice Analogues

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Glycine Sarcosine N-Methyl-D,L-alanine α -L-Alanine α -D-Alanine β-Alanine L-Serine^[f] D-Serine^[f] D, L-Amino (methylamino) acetic acid N-Aminomethyl glycine L-2,3-Diaminopropanoic acid p-2,3-Diamino-propanoic acid Triaminopropane N-Ethylglycine L-2-Aminobutyric acid D-2-Aminobutyric acid D, L-3-Aminoisobutyric acid L-3-Aminobutyric acid D-3-Aminobutyric acid 4-Aminobutyric acid L-Aspartic acid D-Aspartic acid

L-Pyroglutamic acid^[h] D-Pyroglutamic acid^[h] N-(2-aminoethyl) glycine 3-Amino-2-(aminomethyl) propionic acid^[] L-2,4-Diaminobutyric acid[®] D-2,4-Diaminobutyric acid^[1] Glycine-glycine^[i] D, L-Proline L-Norvaline p-Norvaline Aminomethyl butanoic acid^[k] 5-Aminovaleric acid D, L-Hydroxyproline L-Aminomethyl pentanoic acid^[] D-Aminomethyl pentanoic acid^[] Aminomethyl pentanoic acid^[] Unidentified

N-(2-Aminoethyl)glycine and D,L-2,4-diaminobutyric acid may be involved in PNA prior to RNA world.

Numerous «prebiotic» molecules



Follow-up work

Analogue of soluble organic matter (SOM) of meteorites (carbonaceous chondrites) and comets (ROSETTA)? Precursor of insoluble organic matter (IOM)? (*de Marcellus et al, MNRAS, 2017*)
Search for sugars

Targeted molecules: glycolaldehyde and glyceraldehyde



de Marcellus, Meinert et al, PNAS, 112, 965 (2015)

Aldehydes identified into the residues

MS fragmentation/¹³C sample MS fragmentation/¹²C standard #C^a Compound R_{t1}^b [min] R_{+2}^{c} [sec] [M+•] А 226^d 17.08 Formaldehyde 1.80 1 (Z)-Acetaldehyde 20.35 1.94 241^d 2 241^d HO (E)-Acetaldehyde 21.20 1.92 н н (Z)-Glycolaldehyde 41.81 2.24 329^e ОН (E)-Glycolaldehyde 329^e 42.14 2.32 450^f (Z)-Glyoxal 72.12 5.21 Glycolaldehyde Lactaldehyde Glyceraldehyde 450^f (E)-Glyoxal 74.54 5.14 256^d 3 (Z)-Propanal 25.49 1.94 В D 256^d (E)-Propanal 25.99 1.94 254^d (E,Z)-Propenal 25.98 2.20 254^d Н (E,Z)-Propenal 26.66 2.33 н н (Z) Lactaldehyde 46.39 2.54 344^e (E) Lactaldehyde 46.81 344^e 2.54 (Z) Glyceraldehyde 431⁹ 417, 3, 73 51.47 2.55 (E) Glyceraldehyde 52.89 2.44 431⁹ 417, 3, 73 Glyoxal Methylglyoxal Acrolein (Propenal) 465^f (Z)-Methylglyoxal 71.12 3.84 Fig. 1. Selected aldehydes identified at room temperature in simulated 465^f (E)-Methylglyoxal 74.54 4.14 precometary organic residues: (A) hydroxyaldehydes, (B) dialdehyde, (C) (Z) Butyraldehyde 31.65 271^d 1.99 4 ketoaldehyde, and (D) an unsaturated aldehyde. (E) Butyraldehyde 271^d 31.74 2.04

Table 1. Aldehydes and sugar-related molecules identified in simulated precometary organic residues

Data were obtained from a VUV-irradiated ice mixture at 78 K containing water, ¹³C-labeled methanol, and ammonia, H₂O:¹³CH₃OH:NH₃, in molar composition of 12:3.5:1. After water extraction of the residue at room temperature, the aldehydes were derivatized to form 1-(*O*-pentafluorobenzyl) oxime derivatives and identified by enantioselective GC×GC–TOFMS analysis.

^aQuantity of carbon atoms. ^bGC×GC retention time, first dimension. ^cGC×GC retention time, second dimension. ^dMolecular ion *m/z* value of 1-(*O*-pentafluorobenzyl) oxime (PFBO) derivatives. ^eMolecular ion *m/z* value of PFBO trimethylsilyl ether derivatives. ^fMolecular ion *m/z* value of di-PFBO derivatives. ^gMolecular ion *m/z* value of PFBO-bis(trimethylsilyl) ether derivatives. ^hMcLafferty rearrangement.

Detection of ribose in organic residues

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Ribose and related sugars from ultraviolet irradiation of interstellar ice analogs

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Deoxyribose and deoxysugar derivatives from photoprocessed astrophysical ice analogues and comparison to meteorites

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Table 1 Deoxysugar derivatives identified in the ice photolysis residues (regular and ¹³ C-labeled)				
Compounds ^a	Formulas	R _t (min) ^b	Abundances in residues ^c (pmol)	Detected in meteorites?
Deoxysugars				
2-Deoxyribose	C5H10O4	61.2, 61.4	217-3855	Undetermined ^k
2-Deoxyxylose ^d	C ₅ H ₁₀ O ₄	57.0, 57.3	373-3636 ^e	Undetermined ^k
Deoxysugar alcohols				
1,2-Propanediol ^f	C ₃ H ₈ O ₂	9.9	≥8-375	Yes ^{lm}
1,3-Propanediol ^{f,g}	C ₃ H ₈ O ₂	36.9	≥19-27	No
2-Methyl-1,3-propanediol ^{g,h}	C ₄ H ₁₀ O ₂	38.7	≤1038-3354 ^h	No
2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol	C ₄ H ₁₀ O ₃	30.9	n.d.	Yes ^I
1,2,3-Butanetriol	C ₄ H ₁₀ O ₃	14.5	6-39	No
1,2,4-Butanetriol	C ₄ H ₁₀ O ₃	32.2	35-50	Yes ^I
Deoxysugar acids				
3,4-Dihydroxybutyric acid ^{ij}	C ₄ H ₈ O ₄	16.5	_	Yes ⁿ
Sugars				
Ribose	C ₅ H ₁₀ O ₅	64.7, 65.0	237-2467	No



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THE PHOTOCHEMISTRY OF PYRIMIDINE IN REALISTIC ASTROPHYSICAL ICES AND THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEOBASES

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The Photochemistry of Purine in Ice Analogs Relevant to Dense Interstellar Clouds

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ON THE FORMATION OF DIPEPTIDES IN INTERSTELLAR MODEL ICES

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Molecule detections from COSAC experiment (GC- MS on board Philae



Note: most (if not all) of these molecules are present in our residues (or similar ones)

Low depletion of phosphorus in ISM leads to the detection of phosphine (PH₃) in 61p

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Prebiotic chemicals—amino acid and phosphorus in the coma of comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko

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PROBING THE CARBON–PHOSPHORUS BOND COUPLING IN LOW-TEMPERATURE PHOSPHINE (PH₃)– METHANE (CH₄) INTERSTELLAR ICE ANALOGUES

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An interstellar synthesis of phosphorus oxoacids

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Interstellar ices: a possible scenario for symmetry breaking of extraterrestrial chiral organic molecules of prebiotic interest

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Enantiomeric excesses produced in some amino acids by irradiation of IS ices analogues with UV – CPL light from the synchrotron SOLEIL

IR-CPL observed in many protostellar regions such as Orion-KL (see Kwon et al, 2016, 2018

Link with e.e's observed in meteorites? (Meierhenrich et al, 2015

Comparaison SOM in the lab/meteorites as « Paris »?

Laboratory

« Paris » Carbonaceous chondites CM2.7/.8





Amino acids distribution as a tracer of aqueous alteration (Modica, Martins et al, ApJ 2019 Amino acids and hydrocarbons Martins et al, 2015

Non-targeted searches:

VHRMS (orbitrap) analyses of soluble organic residues



Molecules with proton donor chemical functions (e.g. carboxylic acid –COOH) up to 4000 uma!

Danger et al., 2013, 2016, GCA, 118, 184; 189, 184, Schmitt-Kopplin et al, 2010, Murchison

High molecular diversity of extraterrestrial organic matter in Murchison meteorite revealed 40 years after its fall

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HYDROCARBON MATERIALS OF LIKELY INTERSTELLAR ORIGIN FROM THE PARIS METEORITE

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Micro IR Spectroscopie sur la ligne SMIS-SOLEIL



Mid-infrared Peaks Obtained in the "Excavated" Grains (see Figure 3) between 1150 and 4000 cm⁻¹ and their Possible Assignment According to Ehrenfreund et al. (1991), Socrates (2001), Matrajt et al. (2004), and Berné et al. (2011)

Peak Value in cm ⁻¹	Peak Value in μ m	Possible Assignment
1182	8.13	C-H bending mode
1255	7.97	C-O stretching in an ester
1462	6.84	C-H bending mode
1512	6.61	C=C aromatic stretching
1583	6.32	Carboxylic acids
1740	5.75	C=O in ketone
2850	3.51	Symmetric stretching mode of the CH2 group in the alphatic hydrocarbon
2867	3.49	Symmetric stretching mode of the CH3 group in the alphatic hydrocarbon
2923	3.42	Asymmetric stretching mode of the CH2 group in the alphatic hydrocarbon
2954	3.38	Asymmetric stretching mode of the CH3 group in the alphatic hydrocarbon
3385	2.95	O-H from adsorbed water
3050, 1610, 1305, 1150	3.27, 6.21, 7.66, 8.69	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) ^a

Note. a The 11.2 µm band usually observed in PAH cannot be identified in our samples because of the presence of silicates in this wavelength range.

Processus dans le MIS? Photo/thermochemie des glaces



Prebiotic chemistry: How form complex structures in molecular terms or chemical networks. How can evolve these chemical networks toward biochemical network (chemical evolution, selectivity, replication...).

1- Building blocks from extraterrestrial and planetary reservoir.



Molecular replicators and networks

2- Free low entropy energy (UV-Vis photons, Pascal, 2017) + liquid water

3- Self-organization of organic matter and emergence of far from equilibrium chemical systems (minimal life?) Pascal R., J.Syst.Chem., **3** (2012) 3

Chemical evolution and selectivity

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MICMOC-LE far from equilibrium chemistry

A semi-open reactor for prebiotic chemical evolution in a « natural » environment



MICMOC-LE is a systemic (holistic) experimental approach

toward the <u>exponential</u> build-up of chemical <u>replicators</u> (DKS stability)

allowing for a strong chemical selectivity imposed by the environment,

<u>a proto - Darwinian</u> evolution at the <u>chemical</u> level

possibility to work <u>backwards</u> at each step (reductionist approach)

Ultimate goals

to define a phase space-like conditions for emergence of true prebiotic and biochemical systems that will apply to primitive Earth, Mars, icy satellites, exoplanets...and define:

Habitability at the emergence of life = Chemicability for self-replication

As early as 1967 (!) with the Spiegelman's monster...

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Determinism and contingency



Thank You !