Mass Spectrometry for Cultural Heritage Science

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- **Petroleomics** \rightarrow bitumen
- **Proteomics** \rightarrow paleontology, archaeology, Renaissance paint binder
- **Lipidomics**: \rightarrow lipids in archaeological ceramic, oil paint
- **Metabomics**: \rightarrow bee wax, glue, polyphenols from wine or beer
- Glycomics: stucco, watercolor
- **Polymer**: \rightarrow amber, modern paints



Workflow for a new insoluble object in Heritage Science

- Mock samples
- Sample preparation
- Chemical or biological depolylmerization
- Mass spectrometry
- Data treatment

For precious Heritage samples the quantities allow few trials only!



For valuable samples the quantity is always less than necessary to be confortable. Miniaturization is required.

Similar well characterized samples from the Heritage Science point of view or modern for establishing the data bank.





Py-GC MS of modern paint varnishes



Resin A. To a mixture of cyclohexanone (9.8 g, 0.1 mol) and aqueous 5 M sodium hydroxide (50 mL) was added slowly formaldehyde trimer (6.0 g, 2 equiv of CH_2O), producing an exothermic reaction. The mixture was then refluxed for 30 min, yielding a gummy resin which was washed with water and dried in a vacuum dessicator.

Resin B was prepared in the same way, except for the amount of formaldehvde trimer (15 g, 5 equiv) and the reflux time (7 h).

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FTICR MS of bitumen from ancient Greek amphora



A,B—the ancient Greek Amphora full of bitumen. C—The place of the discovery.



FT ICR spectrum of the bitumen from amphora, positive ESI mode,

Kostyukevich, Y., Solovyov, S., Kononikhin, A., Popov, I., & Nikolaev, E. (2016). The investigation of the bitumen from ancient Greek amphora using FT ICR MS, H/D exchange and novel spectrum reduction approach. *Journal of Mass Spectrometry*, *51*(6), 430-436.



Methodological developments applied to Cultural Heritage: protein identification



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New





Methodological developments in proteomics applied to the analysis of cultural heritage samples

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Archaeological sample



Collaboration with Dr Franca CIBBECCINI, DRASSM



 $\underset{_3}{\text{Location of the shipwreck}}$

- Studied ceramic samples were taken from a Dressel 14 amphora discovered in a shipwreck near the island of Tiboulen de Maïre, near Marseille
- The shipwreck is dated from 116 AD and it was found at 49-50 m deep



Various types of amphorae discovered in the shipwreck; on the right: Dressel 14







Garum fish sauce

- Dressel-14 (Dr. 14) amphorae have been produced in south of Spain (Baetica) and Portugal (Lusitania) from the 1st century AD to the end of the 2nd century AD
- Tituli picti (inscriptions) found on Dr. 14 informs on their fish sauces contents (the studied Dr. 14 did not show titulus pictus)



Map of trade routes in Western Romain Empire for garum (from curtis 2005)



- Liquamen and garum sauces were obtained from fermented fishes (cuisine of Roman antiquity)
- Various recipes were used (e.g. small fishes versus bigger fishes and fish innards)
- Several fish species were used among which mackerels, sardines, tuna,...

Objective of the study: identification of protein remains trapped in the ceramic and identification of fish species



Current fish protein databases

	NCBI	TrEMBL	Swiss- Prot
Actinopterygii (Class)	3858321	1469565	5343
Clupeiformes (Order)	41668	3966	14
Perciformes (Order)	118224	67597	208
Clupeidae (Family)	36836	2274	13
Scombridae (Family)	9736	3425	68
Sardina (Genus)	1507	253	1
<i>Clupea</i> (Genus)	30480	703	16
Scomber (Genus)	1920	1635	22
<i>Auxis</i> (Genus)	605	191	1
<i>Euthynnus</i> (Genus)	271	133	-
Thunnus (Genus)	3188	1347	50
Sardina pilchardus (Species)	323	96	1
Scomber scombrus (Species)	694	207	4
Auxis thazard (Species)	261	6	-
Euthynnus alletteratus (Species)	131	-	-
Thunnus thynnus (Species)	687	325	16
Thunnus alalonga (Species)	436	109	2

• The current fish protein databases have few entries

- Informative entries for our study are missing
- An in house database with various fish species was build



Phylogenetic tree of the studied fish species



		Sardina pilchardus	Scomber scombrus	Auxis thazard	Ehthynnus alletteratus	Thunnus thynnus	Thunnus alalunga
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Experimental procedure



Selection of 6 fish species to build a database (muscle and blood proteins)



Analysis of garum model sauces:

Sardines 1.

Innards of mackerel 2.

(Prepared with traditional recipes by Dr N. Garnier, and Dr E. Botte)



Analysis of archaeological ceramic



Workflow





De novo analysis of the fishes samples with Peaks software

	Sardina	Scomber	Auxis thazard	Ehthynnus	Thunnus	Thunnus
	pilchardus	scombrus		alletteratus	thynnus	alalunga
Number of MS	7729	7889	7664	8111	7584	7762
Number of MS/MS	49427	49329	49526	49144	49608	49526
Peptide-Spectrum	18444	19388	18589	22700	24635	23454
Matches						
Peptide sequences	9970	9804	9499	11596	12435	11068
Missed Cleavages = 0	6229	6711	6266	7493	8268	7405
Missed Cleavages = 1	2629	2394	2446	3013	3101	2780
Missed Cleavages = 2	834	575	660	890	869	741
Missed Cleavages = 3	242	112	117	179	173	131
Protein groups	521	490	441	522	609	428
Proteins	1388	1569	941	1240	1252	774
Proteins (>2 Unique Peptides)	754	83	539	679	685	403

• Successful identification of proteins including muscle proteins and blood proteins



Home-made database: identification fish specific peptides from fresh fishes

Example of Tropomyosin protein extracted from Scomber scombrus fish sample (identified by sequence homology to the *Thunnus thynnus*)

MEAIKKKMQM LKLDKENALD RAEQSESDKK AAEDRTKQLE DDLVDMQKRL KGTEDELEK<u>Y SGALKDVQEK</u> LEVAEKQATD AEGDVASLNR RIQLVEEELD RAQERLATAL TKLEEAEKVA DESERGMKVI ENRNMKDEEK MEMQDVQLKE AKNIAEEADR KYEEVARKLV VIESDLERTE ERAELSETKC SELEEESKTV TNNLKSLEAQ AEKYTQKEDK YEEEIKVLTD KLKEAETRAE FAERSVAKLE KTIDDLEDEL YAQKQKFKSI SEELDHALND MTSI



MS/MS spectrum of the doubly charged ion at m/z = 619.816 ($\Delta m = 0.3$ ppm)

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YSG <u>N</u> LKD <u>A</u> QEK	Thunnus thynnus (NCBI database)

Specificity using Blastp on NCBI database (Identities 82%)

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Methodology development on model garum samples



Species specific peptide identified in garum sauce

• Muscle and blood proteins identified in the modern garum fishes sauces showed sequence matches and dissimilarities with several species present in the in house database

Example of garum modern sauce made from entire sardine

Sample	Protein	Specific peptide with amino acid substitution
Model garum sardine	myosin light chain 2	NLWAAFPPDV <u>T</u> GNVDYK
<i>Sardina pilchardus</i> in house data base	myosin light chain 2	NLWAAFPPDV <u>T</u> GNVDYK
<i>Thunnus thynnus</i> in house data base	myosin light chain 2	N <mark>M</mark> WAAFPPDV <mark>A</mark> GNVDYK
Sardinops melanostictus NCBI	myosin light chain 2	NLWAAFPPDVTG <mark>Q</mark> VDYK



Doubly charged ion at m/z 953.971 (Δm = 0.4 ppm), Protein identified by sequence homology to the *Thynnus thynnus* species



Analysis of the archaeological sample

	Archaeological sample
Number of MS scans	25609
Number of MS/MS scans	33291
Peptide-spectrum matches	1721
Peptide sequence	701
Missed cleavages = 0	531
Missed cleavages = 1	152
Missed cleavages = 2	23
Missed cleavages = 3	1
Protein groups	39
Proteins	198
Proteins (>2 unique peptides)	157



Successful identification of 157 proteins among them 10 muscle proteins and 2 blood proteins contain specific peptides for fishes



Spectrum signal to noise ratio and sequence coverage

Archaeological Sample



High sequence coverage (61 %),

Tropomyosin protein identified *Thunnus thynnus* (NCBI database) whithout any substitution

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Grey: All sequenced peptides Yellow: Considered peptide



Sequences alignments (tropomyosin protein)

>Analyzed sample: Archaeological sample

> Tropomyosin [*Thunnus thynnus*-NCBI]

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> In house database Thunnus alalunga

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> In house database Scomber Scombrus

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> In house database Auxis thazard

> Tropomyosin [Thunnus thynnus-NCBI]

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> In house database Euthynnus alletteratus

> Tropomyosin [Thunnus thynnus-NCBI]

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Sequences matching(e.g. tropomyosin protein)





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Proteins identified in the archaeological sample

Among the 157 proteins (\geq 2 unique peptides):

10 muscle proteins:

• 32 peptides discriminant for fishes (comparison with the NCBI database)

2 blood proteins:

4 peptides discriminant for fishes

The peptides identified in the archaeological sample showed dissimilarities with several species studied in this work (e.g. *Sardina pilchardus, Scomber scombrus*)

No sequence dissimilarities were found with *Thunnus thynnus* and *Thunnus alalunga* species



- Proteins from Dressel 14 archaeological samples preserved in submarine context during two millenaries were identified
- Proteins from muscles and blood were identified
- Good protein sequence coverages were obtained allowing sequence alignment studies
- New peptides not referenced in the current databases have been identified by *de novo* sequencing (and sequence homology to referenced proteins)
- Proteins identified in the archaeological material showed sequence dissimilarities with several modern species studied in this work (e.g. Sardina pilchardus, Scomber scombrus)
- No sequence dissimilarities were identified with *Thunnus thynnus* and *Thunnus alalunga species* raising the question of the potential use of tuna in the studied amphorae.



Taxonomy and classification of Upper Pleistocene bones with ultrahigh resolution MALDI-FTICR Mass Spectrometry

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Why

- Ancient preserved molecules give a better knowledge on the biological past
- Bones proteomic is a good alternative to replace ancient DNA analysis
- Tiny fragments are found in large numbers during paleontological excavations
- Analysis of fossils must consume a low quantity of material to avoid damaging samples
- Modifications post translationnal are markers of degradation of bones



High throughput method using FT-ICR development



Reference bones and paleontological bones from Caours and Waziers (130,000 – 110,000 years old, France) were given by Dr Patrick AUGUSTE, EEP laboratory.



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Workflow optimization on 96 well plate



MALDI FT ICR : detection limit from eFASP in 96 wells plates

Bos primigenus spectra from archeological site Caours (130,000 – 110,000 years old) Resolution 2M, FID 5.0 sec, 15 accumulated spectra, laser shot: 1'30 s



Detection limit: 0.1 mg of bone Depend on bone conservation & archaeological sites



Protocol reproductibility of 96 well plate digestion



Optimum resolution $m/\Delta m$ for the identification of deamidation



Zoom of deamidation on peptide of archaeological bone spectrum



Analysis of archaeological bones from different sites



Waziers

Caours

Archaeological bones samples the Wazier site



Correlation of % desamidation and datation of different sites





Study of plant gums polysaccharide moiety by sequential enzymatic hydrolysis

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Plant gums: applications

Plant gums are naturally occurring polysaccharide materials exuded by several species of plants or extracted from the endosperm of some seeds.

gum arabic fruit tree gums gum tragacanth



karaya gum locust bean gum ghatti and guar gum



- adhesive properties
- ability to form gels
- stabilize emulsion, foams and dispersions



Plant gums: polysaccharides classification

Plant gum	Polysaccharide family
Arabic	Type II Arabinogalactan
Ghatti	Substituted glucuronomannan
Tragacanth	Mixture of type II arabinogalactan and galacturonan type
Karaya	Substituted rhamnogalacturonan
Guar/Locust bean	Galactomannan
Fruit tree (e.g. cherry)	Substituted arabinogalactan



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(1) α-L-Arabinofuranosidase

From side chains to main chain





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(1) α-L-Arabinofuranosidase

(2) β-glucuronidase



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EU FT-ICR MS

Gum Arabic: MALDI



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Summary





Locust Bean gum: galactomannan

(1) α-galactosidase

(2) Endo-1,4-beta-mannanase

Linear backbone of $1 \rightarrow 4$ -linked β -D-mannose units attached by a single α -D-galactose residue at C-6 of mannose with $1 \rightarrow 6$ glycosidic bonds





Locust Bean gum : MALDI



Identification of the binder of a watercolor paint





Wooden 'Colour Box Charles Roberson & Co' dating 1870s. Approximately 1 mg was sampled from the blue watercolor paint located on the left in the box MALDI-TOF MS profile of the old watercolor sample dating 1870 with the related oligosaccharide attributions. The reported ions correspond to oligosaccharides derivatized with 3-aminoquinoline.

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Identification of the origin of archaeological fat remains by triacylglycerols analysis using Li⁺ cationization, nanoESI ionization, high resolution MS and IRMPD

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Why and how studying archaeological object contents?

- Why?
 Historical, socio-economic, cultural precisions (knowledge of trades etc.) + analytical challenge
- How?
 - Typology (origin, content)
 - Epigraphy (stamp: potter, insurer; *Tituli picti*: owner, charterer; content and quality)
 - Coating (pitch = aqueous contents)
 - Chemical analysis based on fatty acid composition*



Port Vendres II (42-50 BC) shipwreck



* Evershed R.P. Archaeometry 2008, 50, 895–924.

Colombini M.P., Modugno F., Ribechini, E. 2009 GC/MS in the Characterization of Lipids, in Organic Mass Spectrometry in Art and Archaeology, Eds M. P. Colombini and F. Modugno, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, Chichester, UK.



Triacylglycerols analysis: example of olive oil (cationized with Li⁺)



TAGs purified on diol cartridge (elution: cyclohexane/dichloromethane/diethyl ether; 89/10/1; v/v/v)

MS spectra allow discrimination of oil origin: vegetal oils



MS/MS spectra allow discrimination of oil origin InfraRed MultiPhoton Dissociation experiments (C_{54:3} / C₅₇H₁₀₄O₆Li)



Loss of oleic acid from olive C_{54:3} versus loss of oleic, stearic, linoleic acids from sesame C_{54:3}

MS spectra allow discrimination of oil origin: dairy products and animal fats

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Study of TAGs remains from 5th century BC– 4th century AD archaeological lamps (Olbia, Ukraina)



- Dichloromethane-methanol extraction + ultrasonic baths
- TAGs purified on diol cartridge (elution: cyclohexane dichloromethane, diethyl ether; 89/10/1)
- Strong dominance of saturated TAGs, a weak proportion of monounsaturated TAGs and few polyunsaturated TAGs (due to oxidation) in 6 analyzed lamps (9 lamps analyzed)
- Characteristic odd-C-numbered TAGs (not found in nonherbivore species) identifying ovine/bovine species

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Study of TAGs remains from 5th century BC– 4th century AD archaeological lamps (Olbia, Ukraina)



- MS/MS profiles allow confirming each TAGs composition
- Here the C_{52:0} TAG contains 2 stearic acid and 1 palmitic acid
- Precursor ion selection for MS/MS acquisition was made with higher Δm than Δm used for model oil analysis to increase the signal to noise

 $(\Delta m \ 2 \ ppm \ for \ standard \ oils \ versus 5 \ ppm \ for \ ancient \ samples)$

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Analysis of fresh versus naturally aged olive oils



- Low intensity peaks related to oxidation in 'fresh' commercial olive oil
- Strong dominance of oxidized TAGs in 10 years-naturally aged olive oil



Analysis of naturally aged olive oil (10 years)

C_{54:3} / C₅₇H₁₀₄O₆⁷Li C_{52:2} / C₅₆H₉₀O₆⁷Li 865.68972 891.79876 Detection of oxidation products of ∆m= 0.12 ppm $\Delta m = 0.46 \text{ ppm}$ main olive oil unsaturated TAGs C_{52:2} + O C_{52:2} + 2 O E.g., mass shift of 2 oxygen from $C_{56}H_{90}O_7^7Li \mid C_{56}H_{90}O_8^7Li$ $C_{52\cdot 2}$ TAG can be attributed to 2 881.68456 897.67928 $\Delta m= 0.37 \text{ ppm}^{||} \Delta m= 0.14 \text{ ppm}^{||}$ epoxides or hydroperoxides or a 1 combination 0.8-C_{52:2} + 4 O - H₂O C₅₆H₈₈O₉⁷Li Relative intensity 911.65875 C_{52:2} ∆m= 0.37 ppm +40C_{54:2} C_{52:2} + 4 O C₅₆H₉₀O₁₀⁷Li - 2 H₂O 0.8 C₅₆H₈₆O₈7Li 929.66939 893.64815 Relative intensity 9.0 9.0 $\Delta m = 0.33$ $\Delta m = 0.44 \text{ ppm}$ IC_{54:1} 0.2ppm C_{52:2} ۱ |C_{54:0} 900 Zoom of MS spectrum of m/z aged olive oil 0.2-* See next slide for attribution C_{50:1} 850 900 950 m/z MS spectrum of aged olive oil

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Analysis of naturally aged olive oil (10 years)



MS/MS (IRMPD) spectra of oxidized TAGs

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Analysis of Roman amphorae from Pisa San Rossore harbor (Ist century BC)



+ their oxidized forms

Analysis of Roman amphorae from Pisa San Rossore harbor (Ist century BC)



Analysis of Roman amphorae from Pisa San Rossore harbor (Ist century BC)



Conclusion

Methodological developments based on MS and MS/MS profiles (IRMPD) allowed identification of archaeological triacylglycerols and their origins (from few micrograms of crushed sample)

- Study of TAGs remains from 5th century BC– 4th century AD archaeological lamps (Olbia, Ukraina) showed characteristic odd-C-numbered TAGs (not found in non-herbivore species) identifying ovine/bovine species + strong dominance of saturated TAGs
- Analysis of Ist century BC Roman amphorae from Pisa San Rossore harbor (Italy) allowed identification of olive oil using marker TAGs and their oxidized forms (potentially hydroperoxides, epoxides, epidioxides)
- Actually, studies on lipid (and protein) residues from amphorae preserved in marine context during 2 millenaries
- Collaboration with the *Département des Recherches Archéologiques Subaquatiques et Sous-Marines* (DRASSM, Marseille, France; Dr Franca Cibecchini and Dr Michel L'Hour)



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Deciphering the structure of natural amber by chemical depolymerization and analysis by ultrahigh resolution FT-ICR mass spectrometry

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Amber

Resin is secreted by tree









Insect is captured inside resin



Geochemical ageing and polymerization

- Complex polymer
- Very insoluble
- Difficult to analyze
- Oldest amber: 320 million years ago
- Can contain fossilized animals or plants





Chemical composition of amber

¹³C NMR AND IR ANALYSES OF STRUCTURE, AGING AND BOTANICAL ORIGIN OF DOMINICAN AND MEXICAN AMBERS

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Thermal investigations of amber and copal

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Non-destructive analysis of amber artefacts from the prehistoric Cioclovina hoard (Romania)

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How to solubilize amber? How to identify cross-linking products?









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Chemical composition of amber

- Amber can be classified into classes from I to V
- > Based on terpenoids formed of ring structures with isoprene (C_5H_8) units
- The formation of amber is the result of polymerization of one of its major compounds: communic acid



Cross-metathesis depolymerization of polybutadiene and polyisoprene



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ABSTRACT: Polybutakiene (PB) and polyisoprene (PI), the two most common polydienes (PD), are involved in a large number of materials and used in a wide variety of applications. The characterization of these polymers by mass spectrometry (MS) continues to be very challenging due to their high insolubility and the difficulty to ionize them. In this work, a cross-metathesis reaction was used to generate end-functionalized actoxy ionizable oligomers for the structural deciphering of different commercial PB and PI samples. A cross-metathesis reaction was carried out between polymers and the Z-1,4-diacetoxy-2-butene as a chain transfer agent in dichloromethane using a Howyda–Grubbs second-



enaution calls. Well-defined actory telechelic structures were obtained and analyzed by Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FFICR) high-resolution MS. However, after depolymerization, low molar mass polyolefines contained some units with different configurations, suggesting an olefin isometrization reaction due to the decomposition of the catalyst. The addition of an dectron-deficient reagent such as 2,6 dichloro-1,4-benzoquinone suppressed this isometrization in the case of both Z- and E-PB and PL Ion mobility spectrometry-mass spectrometry (IM-SNS) and energy-resolved tandem mass spectrometry (IREMS) analyses confirmed a successful isometrization suppression. For comparing the results obtained by depolymetrization with dassial methods for polymer analysis, probasis, comprehensive two-dimensional gas dromatography/mass spectrometry (IPS-GC × GC-MS), atmospheric solid analysis probe (ASAP), and direct inlet probe-atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (DIP-APCI) analyses were performed on the same polymers. This strategy can be applied on a variety of synthetic and natural not yet characterized polymers.

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products to more complex applications such as plastics and medical supplies. In recent years, interest has grown dramatically in these versatile macromolecules, which increased the necessity to elucidate their structure and to follow their degradation mechanism.^{1,2}



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Extraction and analysis of communic acid

Communic acid was extracted from cypress \geq cones, purified and polymerized under UV





Analysis on SolarixXR 9.4 Tesla FT-ICR from \succ Bruker Daltonis equipped with a nanoESI ionizzation source





FT-ICR ESI(+) MS of communic acid

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Amber samples

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Samples provided by the National Museum of Natural History-Paris (MNHN)

- Cross-metathesis with ruthenium catalyst was performed applied on the samples
- Disulfide bridges in act as poison to the catalyst and inhibit the depolymerization reaction



Development of alternative chemical pathway for the depolymerization and analysis of amber by high-resolution mass spectrometry

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Depolymerization and analysis of amber samples



Amber polymer free of sulfur and containing isoprenic units 9.4T AS

Analysis by FT-**ICR** high resolution mass spectrometry



Raney Nickel

Desulfurization





Analysis of amber by FT-ICR MS



Analysis of amber samples by FT-ICR MS



 Amber from different regions have specific chemical composition

 Possibility to determine the fingerprint of each sample

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Analysis of amber by FT-ICR MS

Depolymerized Archingeay amber



Depolymerized Baltic amber



Conclusions and perspectives

Conclusions:

- We developed a method for the analysis of natural amber based on desulfurization and depolymerization by olefin cross-metathesis using ruthenium catalysts
- Mass spectra showed the complexity of the amber after ageing and polymerization
- Analysis by high-resolution mass spectrometry revealed the fingerprint of ambers from different regions

Perspectives:

- Full characterization of products obtained from cross-linking after ageing
- Classification of amber samples according to their chemical composition
- Apply the same methodology on amber containing insects or plants



Metabolomics of archaeological samples

- Funeral amphora discovered in a Gallic site at Cébazat (Auvergne, France)
- This amphora has been used as a wine container
- Traces of cannabis were guessed from GC-MS data by Dr Nicolas Garnier

Proof of cannabis presence in the archaeological amphora by FT-ICR MS



Metabolomics of archaeological samples



ESI(-)-FT-ICR IRMPD MS/MS allows to identify exact structure: $C_{22}H_{30}O_4 = \Delta^9$ -THCA-C5 A and B $C_{22}H_{28}O_5 = \Delta^9$ -THCA A-8-one $C_{22}H_{30}O_6 = 8\beta$,11-Di-OH- Δ^9 -THCA







Proteins in Art, Archaeology, and Paleontology: From Detection to Identification

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