#### Highly complex analysis from petroleum to polymers

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- Complementary expertise
  - Industrial applications
  - MS
  - ICP-MS



**C2MC** joint lab









### **Complex mixtures**















# Analysis of heavy petroleum product









•  $C_3 vs SH_4$ 

– 3.4 mDa

### **Petroleum complexity**









### **Petroleum refining processes**







# Why molecular characterization

- Petroluem valued based on macroscopic descriptors
  - American petroleum institute (API) Gravity
  - Sulfur content
  - Total acidity number (TAN)
  - Metal content (V, Ni)...
- Understand macroscopic properties at the molecular level
  - Corrosion
  - Fouling
  - Emulsion...
- Petroleums with similar macroscopic descriptors may have different properties





	Country of Origin	Crude Oil Class	Properties			
Crude Oil			Gravity °API	Sulfur (wt.%)	Price USD (2018/03)	
Brent	UK	Light Sweet	40.0	0.5	69.0	
West Texas Intermediate	USA	Light Owool	39.8	0.3	64.8	
Arabian Extra Lt. Export	Saudi Arabia	Light Sour	38.1	1.1	68.9	
Daqing	China	Medium Medium Sour	33.0	0.1	63.1	
Arabian Light Expor	Saudi Arabia	Medium Sour	34.0	1.9	64.0	
Kuwait Export Blend	Kuwait		30.9	2.5	62.1	
Oriente Export	Ecuador	Heavy Sour	25.0	1.4	60.3	
Maya Heavy Export	Mexico		21.3	3.4	57.0	





Thèse de Johann Le Maitre

# Vacuum Gasoil ESI(-)





Meas. m/z	#	Ion Formula	m/z	err [ppm]
377.191059	1	C28H25O	377.191089	0.1
377.194431	1	C25H29OS	377.194460	0.1
377.248612	1	C26H33O2	377.248604	0
377.251936	1	C23H37O2S	377.251975	0.1
377.284998	1	C27H37O	377.284989	0
377.342524	1	C25H45O2	377.342504	-0.1







### What is important for complex mixtures

- Properties
  - Resolving Power
  - Mass accuracy
  - Dynamic range
  - Number of ions
- High field FTICR
  - All properties increase
  - Linear
  - Quadratic







### **Molecular map**





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### **Data treatment**



- http://petroorg.com

PetroOrg

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- Composer (Sierra Analytics)
  Composer
  - http://massspec.com/composer/









# Ion source comparison

Electrospray ionization

APCI

• APPI

Atmospheric Pressure Photo Ionization



**Atmospheric Pressure Chemical Ionization** 

Liquid phase ionization

Gaseous phase ionization Using a corona discharge Gaseous phase ionization Using a UV lamp hv = 10.6 eV

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- 。 ESI
- APCI
- APPI
- Direct insertion probe APCI
- MALDI



APCI



Equipment







# **Exemple: Complex petroleum mixtures**

- Basic vs Non Basic N





### **Ionization discrimination**





### **ESI(-) NB nitrogen**















### Un peu de chimie structurale







#### Isolation *m/z* 490.449











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ICR











### **DBE 10 N1 fragment series**





# **Asphaltenes**

#### Reference asphaltene de in the framework of PetroPhase 2017 Le Havre.

Non-soluble in pentane or heptane but soluble in toluene





Island

Archipelago





Org. Biomol. Chem., 2015, 13, 6984-6991











Marianny Combariza



Asphaltene







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### **Absorption mode**




#### **Evolution of RP with** *m***/***z*





## **Quadripolar detection**

- 7 T
- RP150000 m/z
  400 4s transient





UNIVERSITE E. Cho, M. Witt, M. Hur, M. J. Jung, S. Kim. Application of FT-ICR MS Equipped with Quadrupole Detection for Analysis of Crude Oil. Anal Chem 2017, 89, 12101.



## Limits

- Isomers ?
  - m/z depends only on molecular formula
- Ionization discrimination
  - In complex mixtures charge tend to go to the more basic/acidic species
  - Observation of species with higher ionization efficiency
- Compounds with low ionization efficiency?
- Addition of separation
  - Fractionation
  - Liquid chromatography (on line and off line)
  - Gas chromatography





- Formation of emulsions can be a issue for oil production
- Some oils lead to higher amount of emulsions







Column "translucent" = No interaction Column "brown" = Interaction



## HPLC-2 Off line chromatographic separation



**Figure 1.** Commercial components assembled into the HPLC-2 system. A, Varian 5560 ternary solvent pump; B, Varian 8055 autosampler; C1, 4.6 × 2500 mm DNAP column; C2, 4.6 × 250 mm PAC column; D, HP 8451 diode array spectrophotometer (DAD); E, HP 9133 dual disk drive; F, Isco 1-mm flowcell; G, Kiethey 195A digital voltmeter; H, Applied Chromatography Systems 750/14 evaporative mass detector; V1 and V2, Rheodyne 7040 six-port switching valves.



C1 - dinitroanilinopropyl (DNAP) column for separating the larger rings

C2 - propylaminocyano (PAC) column for separating saturates and mono-aromatics HPLC-2 Ring-Separated C5-Soluble C7-DAO (HC Class)



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#### Saturated, Aromatics, Resins, Asphaltens











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#### **Planar limit**





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## **Ion Mobility**



- Drift time (1-30 ms)
- Access to collision cross section
  - Intrinsic property of the ion
  - Predictable
- IM-MS coupling
  - 2D separation
  - Information on isomers
  - Coupling with TOF (acquisition in µs range)
- IM-FTMS coupling
  - Second time scale















P. M. Lalli, Y. E. Corilo, S. M. Rowland, A. G. Marshall, R. P. Rodgers. Isomeric Separation and Structural Characterization of Acids in Petroleum by Ion Mobility Mass Spectrometry. Energy Fuels 2015, 29, 3626.

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## **IMS with FTMS**

#### • IMS coupling with FTICR?

- Second time scale
- FAIMS
- TIMS-FTMS







**TIMS-FTICR** 







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**Tholins** 

Thèse de Julien Maillard









95 % à 98,4 % d'azote 1,6 % à 5 % de méthane









Vue de l'intérieur du réacteur de l'expérience PAMPRE













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# Que savions nous avant cette étude ?

 Propriétés physiques des Tholins (Carrasco et al. 2009) : Analyse élémentaire, Solubilité,

(Le tholins préparées avec 5% de méthane sont solubles à 35% dans le méthanol)

Absorption IR,

(Validation par rapport aux données de Titan)

• Etude de la fraction soluble en ESI-Orbitrap (Gautier et al. 2014): Polymère, motifs CH<sub>2</sub> et HCN

Postulat fraction soluble représentative de la globalité











Van Krevelen avec x = N/C, y = H/C et z = m/z





#### Diagrammes de Van Krevelen de la fraction insoluble

• Deuxième motif de croissance

N/C = 0,5; H/C = 0,75 Motif:  $C_4H_3N_2$ 





#### Comparaison de la saturation des fractions





# Polymères et MS

- Polymères
  - Motif de répétition
  - Terminaisons
  - Masse moyenne



- Additits
  - Anti-UV
  - Antioxydants
  - Photostabilisants de type amines encombrées
    - HALS (hindered amine light stabilizants)





$$\begin{split} M_{N} &= \Sigma M_{i} N_{i} / \Sigma N_{i} \\ M_{W} &= \Sigma (M_{i}) N_{i} / \Sigma M_{i} N_{i} \\ \text{polydispersité } D &= M_{W} / M_{N} \end{split}$$





# **Ionization of Polymers**

- Ionization
  - M+•
  - [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, [M+Met]<sup>+</sup>
- Polymers : large molecular diversity
  - Heteroatoms (PEG, PMMA...)
  - Unsaturated (PB)
  - Aromatics (PS)
  - Saturated (PE, PP...)
- Solubility
  - In MS most ionization imply that the sample is soluble









- Saturated polymers
  - Most common polymers
  - PE (80 million tonnes)
  - PP (55 million tonnes)
- Solubility
  - Insoluble in most solvents
  - Most ionization method requires solutions
- Ionization
  - How to ionize large alkanes ?





# Polyolefins













RP=900000

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### **FT-ICR Analysis**




## **Oxygen number distribution (FT-ICR)**













Exp.

mass

Error

(ppm)

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## **Polymer mix**











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