

# Recent advances in Inverse Gas Chromatography - IGC - measurements of HSP

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# Who are we?

**Eric Brendle (France)**

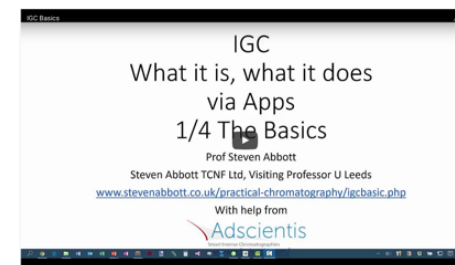


- ▶ 15 years IGC service for industry
- ▶ founder of Adscientis

**Steven Abbott (UK)**



- ▶ enthusiastic expert and advisor
- ▶ creator of apps and videos



**Ralf Duempelmann (CH)**

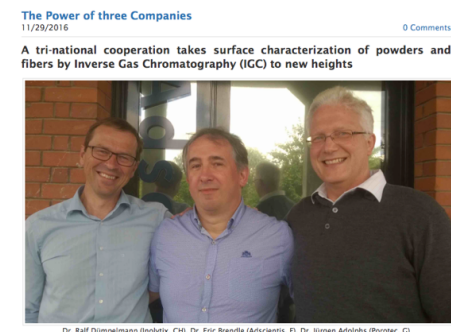
- ▶ 20 years R&D work in industry
- ▶ founder of Inolytix for better insights

**Collaborations (D)**



together

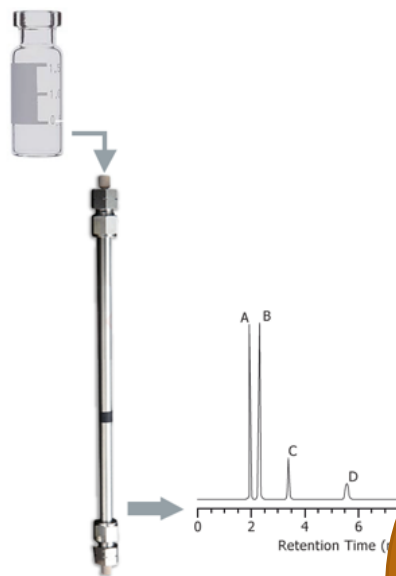
- ▶ new, fully automated and most-versatile IGC instrument



# The Inverse Chromatography

**Goal: Physicochemical measurements of surface properties or HSP**

**analytical chromatography**



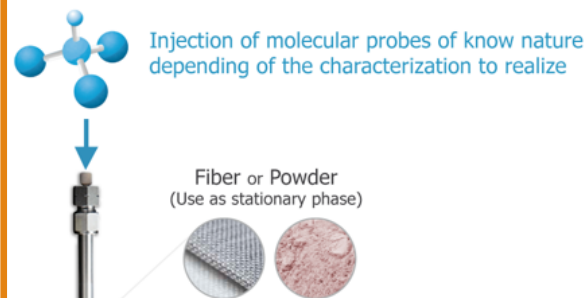
**Mobile phase**

**unknown mixture**

**Stationary phase**

**solid packing**

**inverse chromatography**



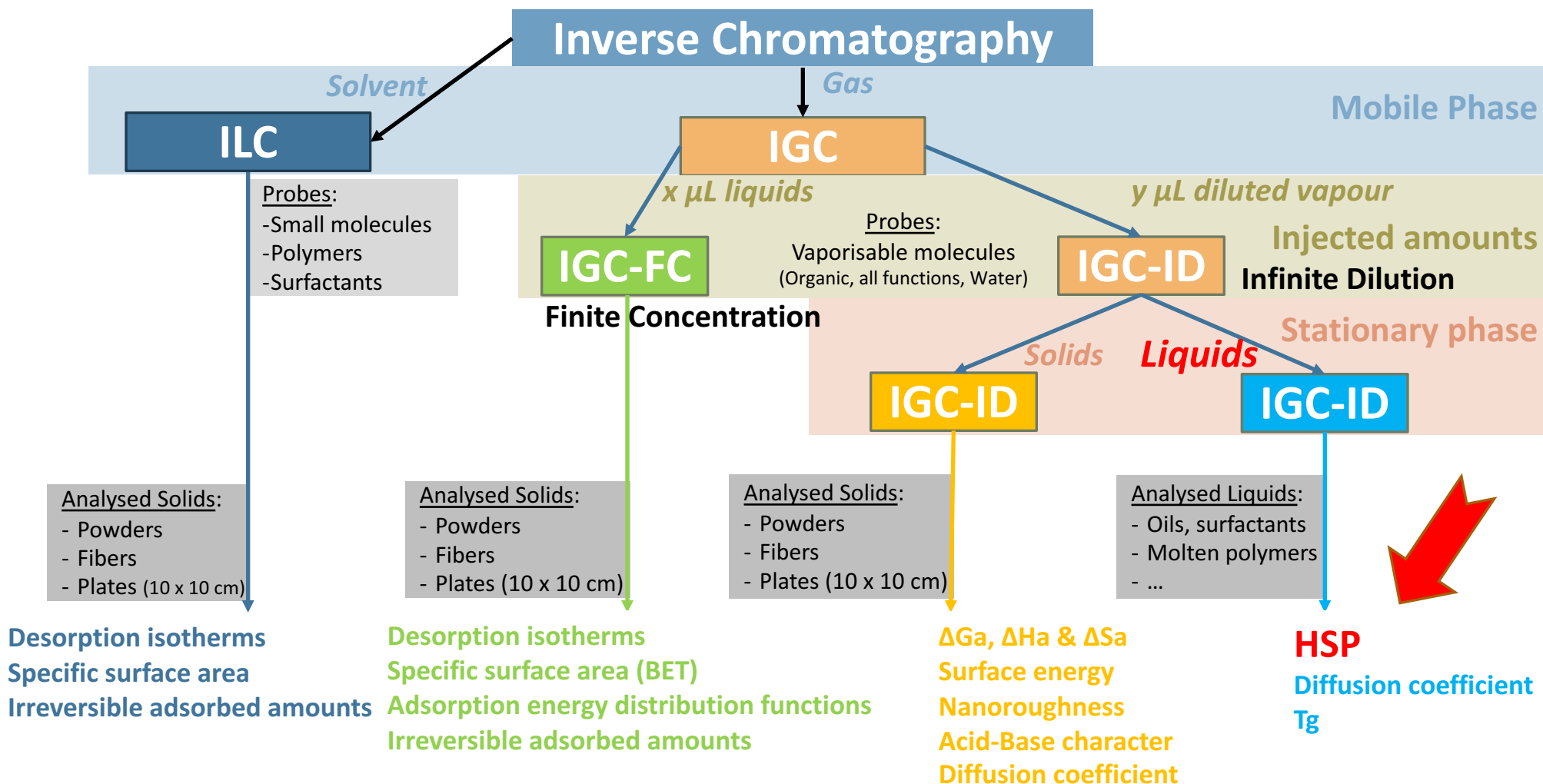
Injection of molecular probes of known nature depending on the characterization to realize

Fiber or Powder  
(Use as stationary phase)

**known gas probe**

**unknown “solid” properties**

# Various “Inverse Chromatography” techniques



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# Preparation of IGC on liquids for HSP

## Sample (HSP) is deposited on a solid support

Support is often Chromosorb P AW-DMDCS

- Acid washed and treated with dimethyldichlorosilane
- Assumed inert surface (!!)

Target surface coverage: 15-20% in weight

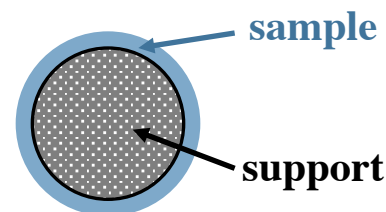
- Several impregnation methods exists

Impregnated support filled into column

- 1/8" or 1/4" stainless steel tubing

Column installed in IGC instrument (can be GC ...)

- Sample conditioning (dry He stream, removes the volatile substance)



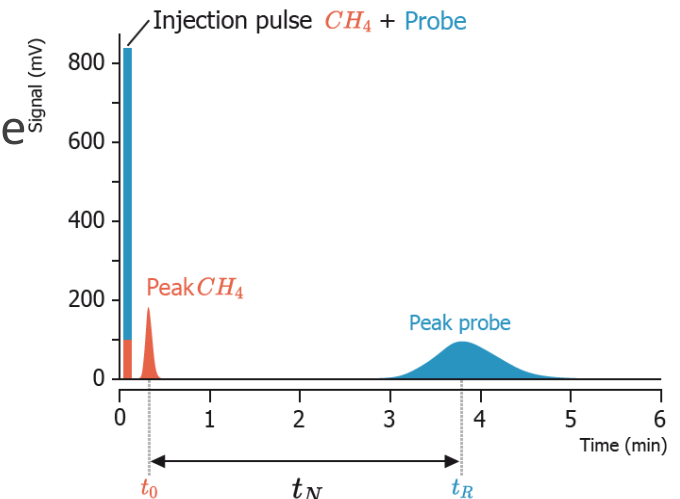
## Sample characteristics:

- **liquids:** oils, mixtures, any not volatile samples
- **Polymers:** above  $T_g$
- **Support amounts:**  
 $200 < \text{Support} < 1000 \text{ mg}$
- **Sample amounts:**  
 $30 < \text{Sample} < 200 \text{ mg}$
- **Measurement  $T^\circ$  range:**  
 $20 < T^\circ_{\text{analysis}} < 200^\circ\text{C}$  (or more)

**Ready for the IGC measurements**

# Operation and calculation of liquids for HSP

- Injection of probe molecules (test solvents)
  - Infinite dilution condition
  - Methane for  $t_0$  determination
- Several molecular probes are injected (between 20 and 22 solvents)
  - Covering a broad HSP parameter domain (S. Abbott)
- Measurement of  $t_N$ , the net retention time of each probe
  - $t_N$  is the time spent into the liquid samples
- Computation of the corresponding  $V_g$  :
  - Specific retention volume (normalized to 1 g sample)
  - Inert gas (He) volume required to elute the probe
- Use of HSPiP software to compute the HSP values
  - Direct import of the  $V_g$  values



$$V_g^0 = \frac{F_c t_N}{m_s} \frac{273.15}{T}$$

*He flow* →  $F_c$   
*Sample weight* →  $m_s$

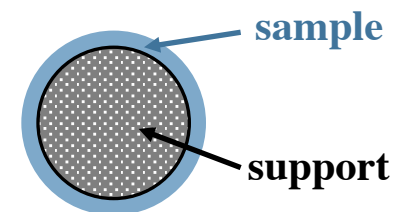


# Key assumptions

- Injections at infinite dilution (IGC-ID)
  - ▶ No overloading, i.e. no solvent-solvent interactions to the retention time
- No significant sample (=liquid) amount modification
  - ▶ Evaporation / bad FID signal
  - ▶ Degradation / non reproducible
- Uniform and perfect support surface coverage by the liquid sample
  - ▶ No contribution of the support surface to the retention time
  - ▶ No interaction between the solvents (= gas probe) and the support

Easy to check

**Less obvious to check...**



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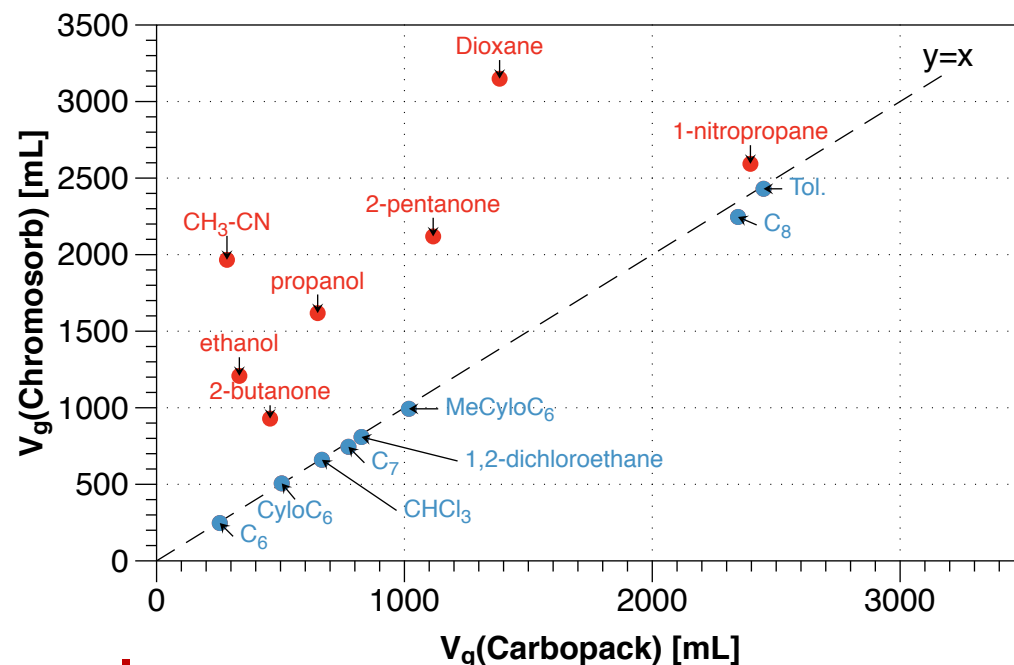
# Characteristics of chromatographic supports

- Determined at 25°C using IGC-ID
- Chromosorb P AW DMCS
  - Silica (diatomaceous earth) treated with dimethylchlorosilane treated and acid washed
  - Low disperse surface energy (24.1 mJ/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - High polar adsorption sites remain
  - Sometimes difficult to wet
- Carbopack C80
  - Graphitized carbon
  - High disperse surface energy (133.4 mJ/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Poorly polar
  - Highly nanorough (size exclusion)

	Chromosorb	Carbopack
Surface energy ( $\gamma_s^d$ )	24,1 ± 1,0 mJ/m <sup>2</sup>	133,4 ± 3,9 mJ/m <sup>2</sup>
Specific interactions	$\Delta G_a^{SP}$ [kJ/mol]	$\Delta G_a^{SP}$ [kJ/mol]
1,2-dichloroethane	15,3 ± 0,1	4,9 ± 0,2
Acetonitrile	17,3 ± 0,2	5,1 ± 0,5
Chloroform	15,4 ± 0,1	6,0 ± 0,2
1-nitropropane	14,7 ± 0,1	-2,3 ± 0,4
Ethanol	16,7 ± 0,2	3,8 ± 0,5
Propanol	16,4 ± 0,1	1,5 ± 0,3
Dioxane 1,4	11,5 ± 0,2	-4,9 ± 0,5
Et-Acetate	8,5 ± 0,1	-2,0 ± 0,4
butanone	10,7 ± 0,1	0,6 ± 0,3
2-pentanone	10,0 ± 0,2	-0,2 ± 0,4
Toluene	10,2 ± 0,1	6,2 ± 0,4

# Influence of the support on the measured $V_g$

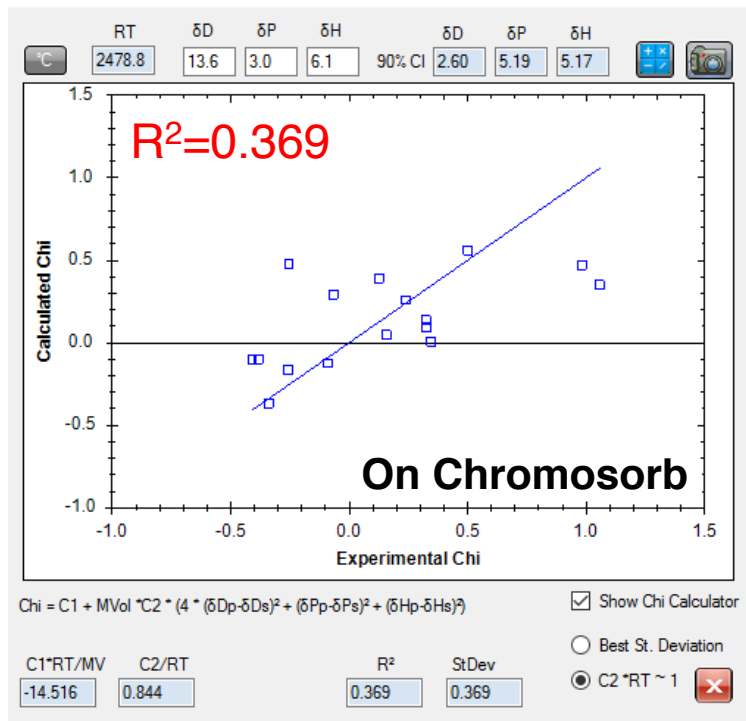
- Comparison of the  $V_g$  measured for **sesame oil** deposited on carbopack and chromosorb
- Measurements at 25°C, all things equal otherwise
- If no influence of the support:  $V_g(\text{chromosorb}) = V_g(\text{carbopack})$
- True for:
  - Apolar solvents and Toluene
  - $\text{CHCl}_3$  and 1,2-dichloroethane (because Chromosorb is DMCS treated?)
- False for all the other polar probes



**Surface polarity of Chromosorb strongly influences the obtained  $V_g$  values**

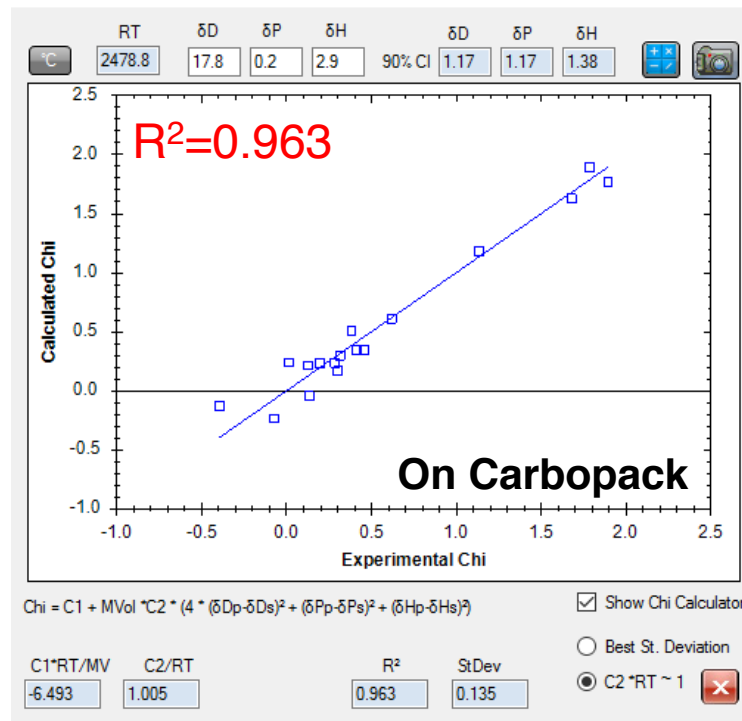
# Influence on the determined HSP values

IGC: IGC Sesame OilC



**HSP:  $\delta_D=13.6$  ;  $\delta_P=3.0$  ;  $\delta_H=6.1$**

IGC: IGC Sesame Oil



**HSP:  $\delta_D=17.8$  ;  $\delta_P=0.2$  ;  $\delta_H=2.9$**

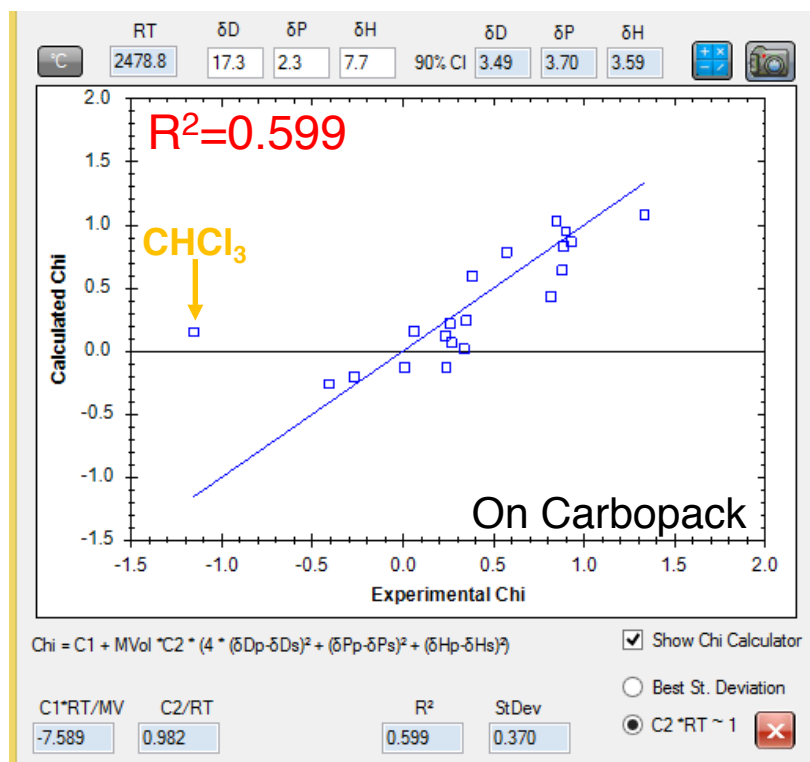
- Major differences
- Good coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) with Carbopack, very poor with Chromosorb

# Over 70 HSPs of excipients measured

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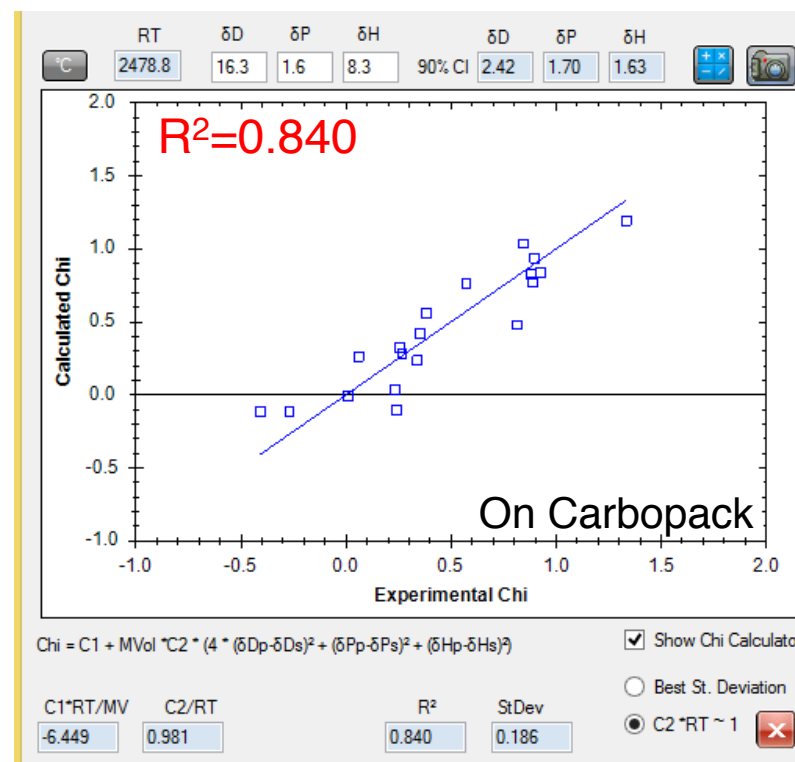
- Mostly good fittings with  $R^2 > 0.8$
- Developed in collaboration with S. Abbott
  - Improvement of the molecular probe list
  - HSPiP computations
- Impregnation on Carbopack (range 15-18% in weight)
- Measurements at 25°C
- Injection of 20 selected molecular probes (test solvents)
  - heptane, octane, nonane, decane, cyclohexane and methylcyclohexane
  - tetrachloromethane, chloroform, 1,2-dichloroethane
  - acetonitrile, nitropropane, toluene
  - ether, THF, dioxane
  - ethanol, propanol
  - ethyl acetate, 2-butanone, 2-pentanone
- Computation of HSP parameters using HSPiP Software

# Example: HSP on pharmaceutical excipients X



**HSP:  $\delta_D=17.3$  ;  $\delta_P=2.3$  ;  $\delta_H=7.7$**

w/o  
CHCl<sub>3</sub>

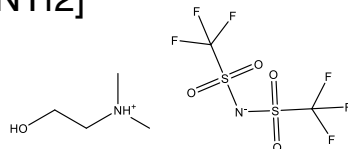


**HSP:  $\delta_D=16.3$  ;  $\delta_P=1.6$  ;  $\delta_H=8.3$**

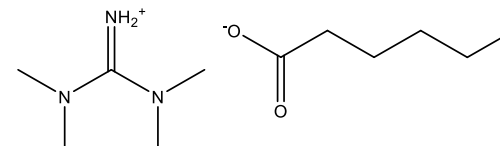
- Observation: chloroform is sometimes out of range...

# Advanced: HSP determination on ionic liquids

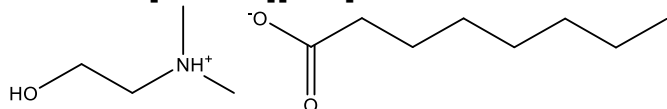
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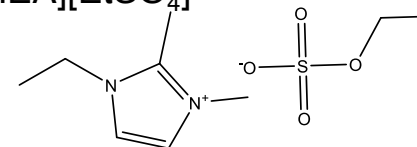
Tetramethylguanidinium hexanoate  
[TMG][Hex]



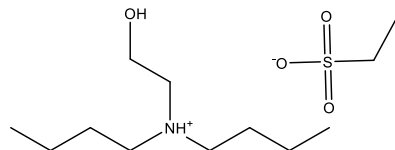
N,N-Dimethylethanammonium octanoate  
[DMEA][Oct]



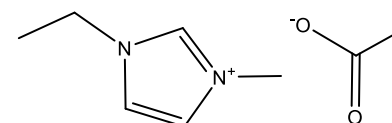
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[DMEA][EtSO<sub>3</sub>]



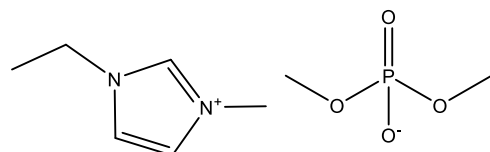
N-Butyldiethanolammonium trifluoromethanesulfonate  
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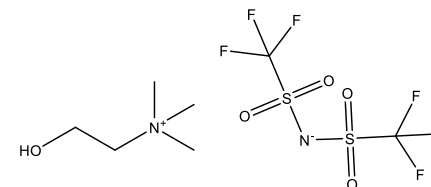
1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate  
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1,2-dimethylimidazoliumdimethylphosphate  
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Choline bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide  
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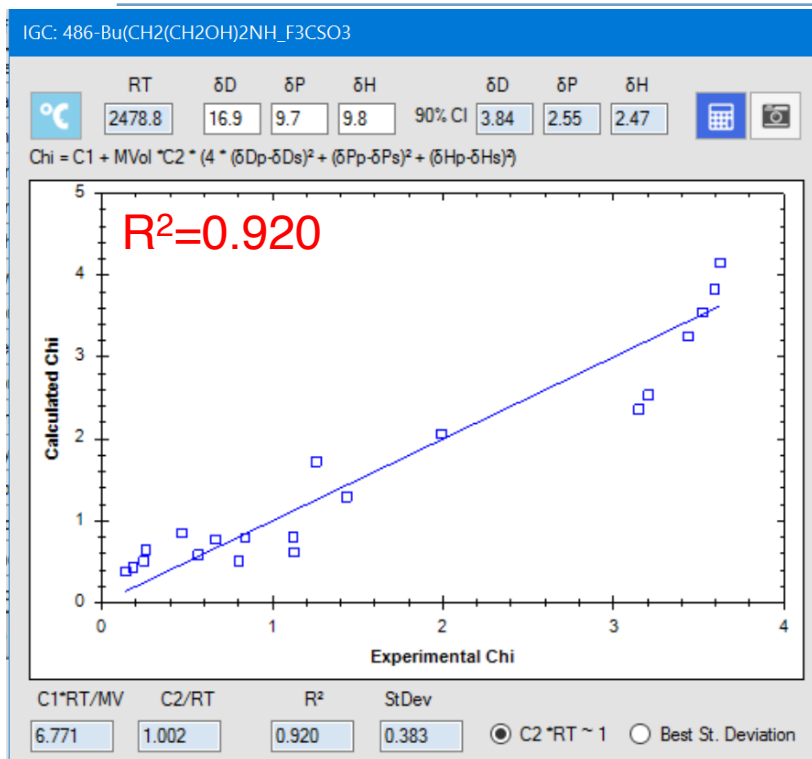


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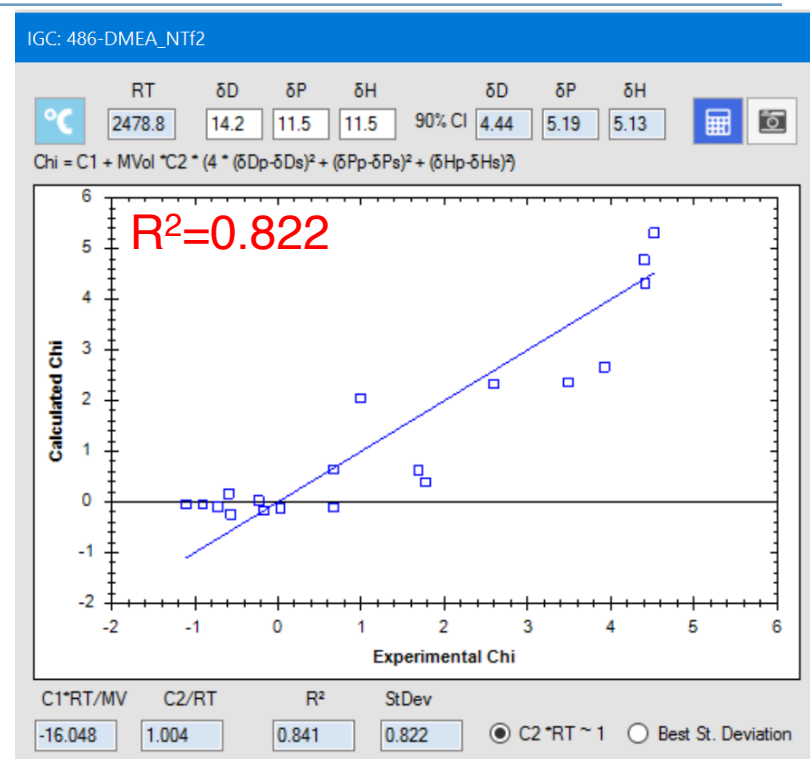
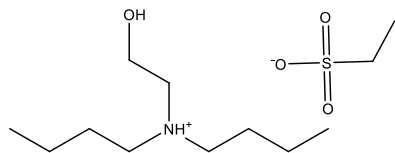
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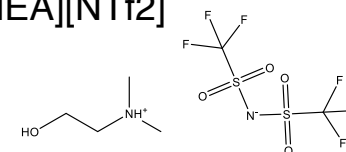
# HSP determination on ionic liquids - good!



N-Butyldiethanolammonium trifluoromethanesulfonate  
[Bu(CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>][F<sub>3</sub>CSO<sub>3</sub>]

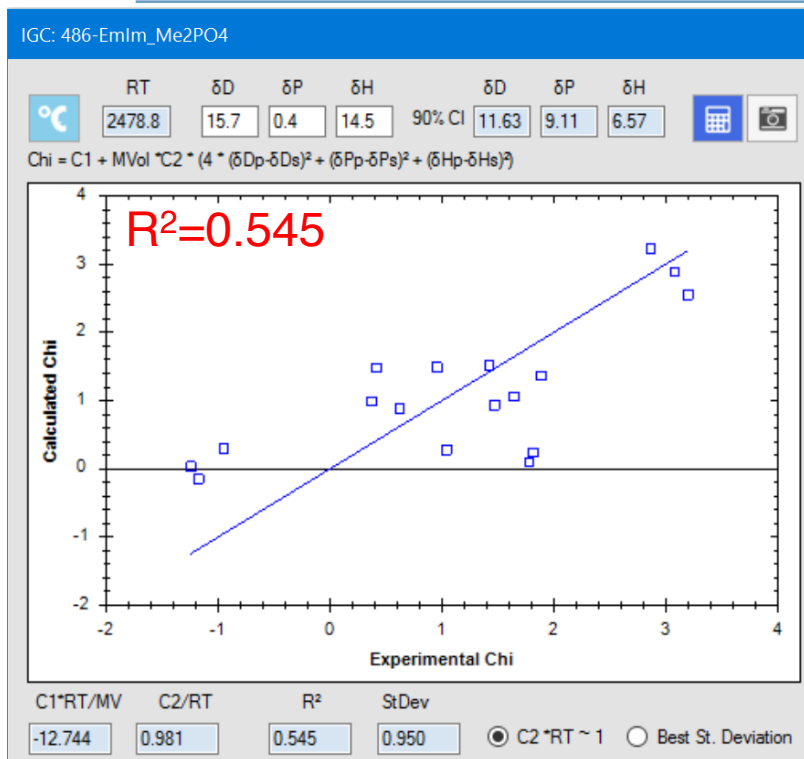


N,N-Dimethylethanolammonium bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonylimide  
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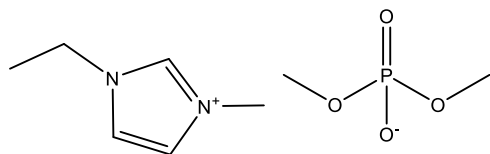


- Sometimes relative good fittings are obtained

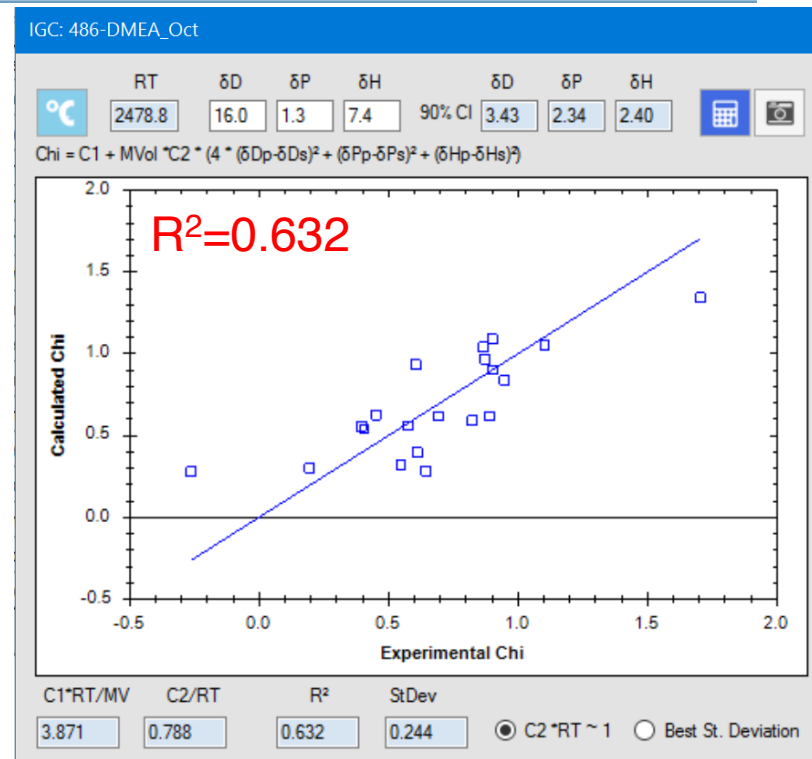
# HSP determination on ionic liquids - bad?



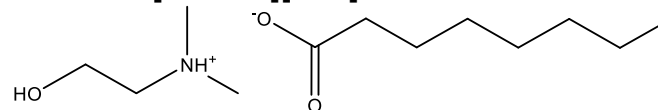
1,2-dimethylimidazoliumdimethylphosphate  
[EmIm][Me<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>]



■ Sometimes fittings are bad



N,N-Dimethylethanolammonium octanoate  
[DMEA][Oct]



# Results: HSP on ionic liquids

N,N-Dimethylethanolammonium bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonylimide

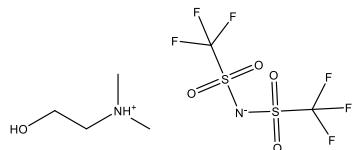
[DMEA][NTf2]

$\delta_D=14.2$

$\delta_P=11.5$

$\delta_H=11.5$

$r^2=0.841$



Tetramethylguanidinium hexanoate

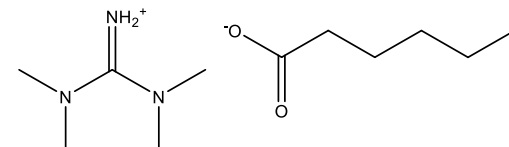
[TMG][Hex]

$\delta_D=17.1$

$\delta_P=0.9$

$\delta_H=11.5$

$r^2=0.532$



N,N-Dimethylethanolammonium octanoate

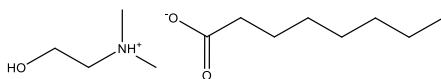
[DMEA][Oct]

$\delta_D=16.0$

$\delta_P=1.3$

$\delta_H=7.4$

$r^2=0.632$



N,N-dimethylethanolammonium ethane sulfonate

[DMEA][EtSO<sub>4</sub>]

$\delta_D=19.4$

$\delta_P=4.9$

$\delta_H=10.8$

$r^2=0.801$

1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate

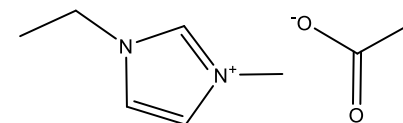
[EM(m)Oac]

$\delta_D=18.2$

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$\delta_H=16.8$

$r^2=0.791$



N-Butyldiethanolammonium trifluoromethanesulfonate

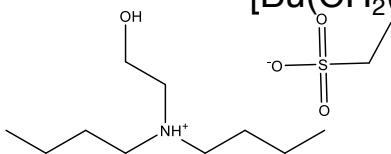
[Bu(CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>NH][F<sub>3</sub>CSO<sub>3</sub>]

$\delta_D=16.9$

$\delta_P=9.7$

$\delta_H=9.8$

$r^2=0.791$



1,2-dimethylimidazoliumdimethylphosphate

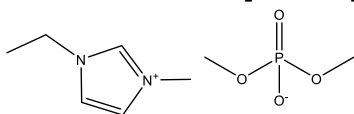
[EmIm][Me<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>]

$\delta_D=15.7$

$\delta_P=0.4$

$\delta_H=14.5$

$r^2=0.545$



Choline bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide

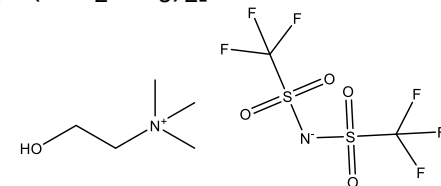
[Me<sub>3</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH)(N(SO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]

$\delta_D=16.4$

$\delta_P=12.7$

$\delta_H=8.7$

$r^2=0.860$



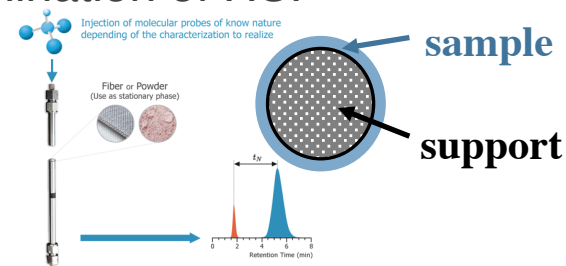
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# Conclusions

- IGC provides a quick and suitable method for the determination of HSP
  - Low sample amounts required
  - Low solvent amounts needed
  - Possibility to test sample with more than 20 solvents a day
- Key assumptions must be fulfilled
  - Good sample preparation (optimal and homogeneous surface coverage)
  - No influence of the injected solvent amounts (ID conditions must be respected)
  - No influence of the support
- Chromosorb P AW DMCS is not ideal
- Carbopack provides far better results
- Strong experience with excipients and other compounds
  - but still questions for... Ionic Liquids



# Outlook

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- IGC and HSP – Still further understanding and improvement

- NeuronIC: a new solution for automated IGC measurements



- Simultaneous measurements on two samples (2 analytical channels)
  - Up to 45 test solvents available
  - Coupling with HSPiP
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- Outstanding performance
    - HSP for **two samples (liquids)** with **20 test solvents within one working day** (repeatability tests included)

The Power of three Companies  
11/29/2016

0 Comments

A tri-national cooperation takes surface characterization of powders and fibers by Inverse Gas Chromatography (IGC) to new heights



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## 6. IGC-Symposium 20.06.2017, Cologne

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Save the date:

6th International IGC Symposium  
20 June 2017 in Cologne



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