HABITABLE TRINITY James Dohm and Shige Maruyama (ELSI)



I am truly grateful to have an opportunity to work with Shige Maruyama, importantly Shige is most significant to the new concept that I will present today, Kei Hirose, Shigeru Ida, and all of you to make this interdisciplinary and international ELSI effort most fruitful





Outline

1. Existing "Habitable" concept

2. New paradigm-changing concept is proposed, **"Habitable Trinity"**, to provide an index for identifying prime candidate life-containing targets beyond Earth including exo-solar planets

3.Application of the **Habitable-Trinity** concept to the solar planets and satellites of our solar system, examples including

- 1. Earth HABITABLE TRINITY
- 2. Mars
- 3. Venus
- 4. Europa
- 5. Titan

4. Application of the concept to the extrasolar planets

5. Conclusions - Implications concerning ELSI



Existing "habitable" concept: Circumstellar Habitable Zone (CHZ)

The CHZ, a well-known region around a star where a planet with sufficient atmospheric pressure to maintain liquid water on its surface, originated during the 1950s (e.g., Strughold, 1955; Huang, 1959).

Since that time, a water-enriched planetary body is automatically assumed to be a habitable planet, even possibly metozoan-scale evolution of life. You may be familiar with the "FOLLOW THE WATER" approach including the quest for Exoplanets

As was emphasized yesterday, water can actually be harmful to life.



Element	Weight(Kg)	Wt%	Compose of
0	45.50	65.00	All
Н	7.00	10.00	Ocean
С	12.60	18.00	Atmosphere
Ν	2.10	3.00	Atmosphere
Са	1.05	1.50	Landmass
Р	0.70	1.00	Landmass
Minor*	1.05	1.50	Landmass
Total	70.00	100.00	

Elements of a 70 kg human being - Life is not composed of only water - all elements must be supplied from 3 components (ocean, atmosphere, and landmass)

We therefore must go beyond the "follow the water" paradigm. All 3 components (atmosphere, ocean, and landmass) are critical to unraveling the origin and evolution of life, including a sufficient and continuous nutrient supply for embryos to develop, metabolisms to create energy for sustainability and evolution, and self duplication.



Habitable-Trinity environmental conditions do not remain constant due to:

impact events and orbital parameters such as obliquity and eccentricity) and endogenic activity such as superplume and plate tectonic activity (todays **Habitable-Trinity** environment is ever

changing).



Maruyama et al.

S. America

Mid-Atlantic Ridge

Our team ELSI effort will be unique to those that have come before in the quest of the origin of life and its possible existence beyond Earth through bringing together geology and biology at an optimal point, including their evolution, while incorporating the various disciplines as highlighted by Kei Hirose in the last few days. It has been common practice to use present-day conditions for experimentation. We will collectively go beyond this The Hadean environment, for example, was distinct from today, as informed by Shige Maruyama. Collectively we must be mindful of this as we perform experimentation.



Toxic conditions in the oceans existed during the Hadean

- 3 characteristics of poisonous ocean: ultra acidic, extremely saline, heavy metals (Halogen and sulfur leads to extremely toxic conditions)
- How then to clean up the toxic primordial oceans with ultra acidity, high salinity, and highly-enriched heavy metals (Cd, Cu, Pb, Zn, etc.)?
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Plate tectonics plays a critical role in a Habitable-Trinity environment

Plate tectonics removed toxic ocean conditions over a long period of time (millions of years). The extremely saline aqueous conditions is cleaned up through the formation of evaporites and the toxic acid conditions and highly-enriched heavy metals removed through plate tectonics Ore deposits Water-rock interaction **Increasing the pH to neutral** Ocean Into mantle



Summary of Part 1 - New Concept

- Life requires the three components (ocean, atmosphere, and nutrient-enriched landmass), Habitable Trinity, to have originated and evolved - without them life would not have originated
- Thus, "follow the water" is not good enough in the search of life beyond Earth
- The 3 components with steady-state supply of energy for life cycled to each through the primary engine, the Sun
- Plate tectonics cleaned up the toxic primordial oceans

During ELSI experimentation and laboratory analyses, we need to be thoughtful of the fact that Habitable-Trinity conditions of the ancient Earth, when life originated, was different from that of present-day

now that that we have presented a new concept, how do we apply it?

Application 1: Solar planets and satellites.



Ocean: 4km thick

Mechanism to deliver appropriate amount of water to rocky (naked) planet is a key (Maruyama et al., 2013). Earth has an ocean, nutrient-enriched continental crust, atmosphere, plate tectonics, and solar radiation from the sun (trafficking) Early Mars had an ocean, nutrient-enriched continental crust, atmosphere, plate tectonics, and solar radiation from the sun (trafficking), making it a prime Habitable-Trinity target¹⁰ habitable trinity is satisfied through Earth even as far back as the Pre-Cambrian based on the geologic record and possibly extending back to the Hadean as there is no record

now that examples of the application of Habitable-Trinity to the rocky planets has been presented, now we will apply the Habitable-Trinity perspective to the outer planets and their satellites, specifically Europa and Titan





 Europa has an ice-covered ocean, no nutrient-enriched continental crust, a tiny, tenuous atmosphere, no plate tectonics, and solar radiation from the sun

difficult to make amino acids and protein due to the lack of atmosphere which contains nitrogen and carbon--no trafficking between atmosphere and ocean due to the lid of ice sheet//toxic ocean,, making it an unlikely Habitable-Trinity target



Titan has methane lakes and a possible ocean at great depths with a solid methane and water-ice lid, no nutrient-enriched continental crust, a thick atmosphere, no plate tectonics, and solar radiation from the sun (no trafficking), making it an unlikely Habitable-Trinity target Application 2: Extrasolar planets

60/3600=habitable zone planet (2013)
 If Habitable Trinity is applied
 = how many left?

Criteria to seek life-sustaining planet



(Maruyama, Ikoma, Genda, Hirose, Yokoyama, 2013)

Very narrow window to find lifesustaining exo-planet Habitable-Trinity is defined on the narrow line of Earth

Super Earth's would plot into too much water (though could happen along the line)

Super Earths are so large that they would readily destroy primordial crustal materials and granitic rocks even if plate tectonism was in operation

Therefore Habitable
 Trinity is an excellent
 index for the search of life
 beyond Earth 16

Extremely tight condition: ocean thickness must be 3-5km = Naked Planet (Maruyama et a., 2013); initial mass of ocean controls the fate of a planet.



Conclusions

HABITABLE TRINITY (coexistence of atmosphere, ocean and landmass (trafficking)) is a paradigm-changing concept to optimize our search for prime life-containing objects (solar planets/satellites and extrasolar planetary bodies), including providing an an index for the life-hunt:

- 1. size of planet
- 2. mass of ocean
- 3. atmospheric composition
- 4. geochemistry of the landmass {{e.g., granite}}
- 5. snowline & origin of ocean

Conclusions continued

Habitable-Trinity provides:

- a new perspective and systemization of Astrobiology.
- the environmental inputs to our ELSI laboratory/experimental/super computing-based analyses (e.g., inputs to the work spearheaded by Ken Kurokawa). {{we must be thoughtful of the various past environmental conditions informed by the geologic record, consistent with what Ken Takai noted yesterday.}}



We, ELSI, have an opportunity to set an example for the rest of the world, by bringing together our various disciplinary expertise at an optimal point and through channeling our efforts collectively and thoughtfully in support of ELSI led by Kei Hirose This is a golden age of exploration, multidisciplinary and international effort, education of our youth (as emphasized by Ken Takai yesterday), and discovery. I look forward to having the opportunity to work with all of you on the ELSI effort to produce most significant fruit.

We certainly have been given a unique opportunity through the Japanese government and tax payers - a significant step for mankind in the words emphasized by Dr. Hiroshi Kitazato of Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology.

