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[*In Situ Observations of Refractory Organic Matter in Lacustrine Mudstones of Gale Crater and Their Implications for the Search for Organic Biosignatures*](#) [#2012]

Evidence of refractory organic matter has been discovered in the ancient lacustrine sediments of Gale Crater by the Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) instrument suite onboard the Curiosity rover.

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If surface life emerged on Mars it may have succumbed to a Gaian bottleneck, whereas subsurface life would have continued to grow and evolve sheltered in rocks with sub-freezing saline pore water and their remains preserved in excavated rock.