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Biotic and abiotic transformation of amino acids in cloud water: experimental studies and atmospheric implications

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Table S1: Composition of the artificial cloud medium used for biotic and abiotic transformation of amino acids in microcosms.

| Chemical species | Concentration (μM) | Chemical species | Concentration (μM) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acetate | 100 | cysteine | 1 |
| Formiate | 72.5 | glutamic acid | 1 |
| Succinate | 7.5 | glycine | 1 |
| Oxalate | 15 | histidine | 1 |
| Cl^- | 200 | isoleucine | 1 |
| NO_3^- | 400 | lysine | 1 |
| SO_4^{2-} | 25 | methionine | 1 |
| Na^+ | 1000 | phenylalanine | 1 |
| NH_4^+ | 400 | proline | 1 |
| K^+ | 25 | serine | 1 |
| Mg^{2+} | 50 | threonine | 1 |
| Ca^{2+} | 200 | tryptophan | 1 |
| alanine | 1 | tyrosine | 1 |
| arginine | 1 | valine | 1 |
| asparagine | 1 | glutamine | 1 |
| aspartic acid | 1 | pH^a | 6 |

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^a The pH of the artificial cloud medium was adjusted to 6 (a few drops of NaOH at 1.38 M and of 0.39M H_2SO_4) and the medium was sterilized by filtration on a polyethersulphone (PES) membrane of 0.20 μm porosity (Fisher Scientific) before use. Note that cysteine was present in the medium but it could not be assayed by LC-HRMS, neither leucine that cannot be distinguished from isoleucine by LC-HRMS.

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Table S2: Retention times, exact masses and LODs and LOQs measured for the 18 AA measured by UPLC-HRMS

| Amino acid | Molecular formula | Retention time (min) | m/z [M+H] | LOD (μM) | LOQ (μM) |
|------------|--|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ALA | $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}_2$ | 4.25 | 90.0550 | 0.237 | 0.474 |
| ARG | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ | 7.41 | 175.1190 | 0.072 | 0.143 |
| ASN | $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ | 5.57 | 133.0608 | 0.143 | 0.286 |
| ASP | $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{NO}_4$ | 5.09 | 134.0448 | 0.148 | 0.295 |
| GLN | $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ | 5.35 | 147.0764 | 0.234 | 0.468 |
| GLU | $\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$ | 4.8 | 148.0526 | 0.111 | 0.222 |
| GLY | $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$ | 4.6 | 76.0393 | 0.242 | 0.483 |
| HIS | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ | 7.47 | 156.0768 | 0.094 | 0.188 |
| ILE | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ | 2.59 | 160.1081 | 0.179 | 0.359 |
| LYS | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ | 7.62 | 147.1128 | 0.069 | 0.139 |
| MET | $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ | 2.69 | 150.0584 | 0.072 | 0.144 |
| PHE | $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$ | 2.64 | 166.0863 | 0.061 | 0.122 |
| PRO | $\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2$ | 3.05 | 116.0706 | 0.140 | 0.281 |
| SER | $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3$ | 5.36 | 106.0499 | 0.135 | 0.268 |
| THR | $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NO}_3$ | 4.87 | 120.0655 | 0.163 | 0.327 |
| TRP | $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ | 2.65 | 205.0972 | 0.058 | 0.117 |
| TYR | $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3$ | 7.46 | 182.0812 | 0.072 | 0.143 |
| VAL | $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$ | 2.61 | 118.0863 | 0.237 | 0.475 |

Table S3: Relative standard deviation (RSD = Standard deviation/mean) for each AA based on calibration curves (3 technical replicates).

| | Relative Standard Deviation (RSD = Standard deviation/mean) | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Amino acid | 0.1 μM (n = 3) | 0.5 μM (n = 3) | 1 μM (n = 3) |
| ALA | | 0.71% | 3.61% |
| ARG | 0.83% | 1.96% | 1.56% |
| ASN | 5.23% | 4.92% | 3.63% |
| ASP | | 10.77% | 5.96% |
| GLN | 4.19% | 4.37% | 3.20% |
| GLU | 3.77% | 2.89% | 3.92% |
| GLY | | | 21.39% |
| HIS | 0.62% | 0.89% | 1.22% |
| ILE | 4.48% | 0.48% | 0.59% |
| LYS | 6.64% | 1.96% | 1.50% |
| MET | 4.49% | 4.35% | 6.38% |
| PHE | 4.63% | 1.68% | 1.02% |
| PRO | 11.67% | 5.08% | 1.28% |
| SER | 14.34% | 3.06% | 3.20% |
| THR | 14.15% | 3.67% | 1.06% |
| TRP | 7.00% | 1.67% | 1.75% |
| TYR | 0.94% | 1.81% | 1.15% |
| VAL | 17.94% | 2.98% | 11.41% |

35 **Table S4:** Rate constants for 18 amino acids for the OH, O₃ and ¹O₂ reactions. As most rate constants are only available at or near room temperature, we chose this temperature for all constants.

| | $k_{OH} / M^{-1} s^{-1}$ | Reference | $k_{O_3} / M^{-1} s^{-1}$ | Reference | $k_{^1O_2} / M^{-1} s^{-1}$ | Reference |
|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALA | $7.7 \cdot 10^7$ | (Scholes et al., 1965) | $2.5 \cdot 10^1$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $2 \cdot 10^6$ | (Matheson and Lee, 1979) |
| ARG | $3.5 \cdot 10^9$ | (Buxton et al., 1988) | $2.8 \cdot 10^2$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $< 1 \cdot 10^6$ | (Kraljić and Sharpatyi, 1978) |
| ASN | $4.9 \cdot 10^7$ | (MASUDA et al., 1973) | $7.0 \cdot 10^1$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |
| ASP | $4.9 \cdot 10^7$ | (MASUDA et al., 1973) | $5.0 \cdot 10^1$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |
| GLN | $5.4 \cdot 10^8$ | (MASUDA et al., 1973) | $8.0 \cdot 10^1$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |
| GLU | $1.6 \cdot 10^8$ | (Scholes et al., 1965) | $2 \cdot 10^{-1}$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $5.0 \cdot 10^5$ | (McGregor and Anastasio, 2001) |
| GLY | $1.7 \cdot 10^7$ | (Scholes et al., 1965) | $2.1 \cdot 10^1$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $< 1 \cdot 10^5$ | (Michaeli and Feitelson, 1994) |
| HIS | $5 \cdot 10^9$ | (Motohashi and Saito, 1993) | $3.9 \cdot 10^3$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $6 \cdot 10^7$ | (McGregor and Anastasio, 2001) |
| ILE | $1.8 \cdot 10^9$ | (MASUDA et al., 1973) | | | | |
| LYS | $3.5 \cdot 10^8$ | (MASUDA et al., 1973) | $1.2 \cdot 10^2$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |
| MET | $8.5 \cdot 10^9$ | (Adams et al., 1965) | $4 \cdot 10^6$ | (Pryor et al., 1984) | $2.1 \cdot 10^7$ | (Miskoski and García, 1993) |
| PHE | $6.5 \cdot 10^9$ | (Buxton et al., 1988) | $1.3 \cdot 10^3$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $7 \cdot 10^5$ | (Michaeli and Feitelson, 1994) |
| PRO | $6.5 \cdot 10^8$ | (MASUDA et al., 1973) | $4.8 \cdot 10^2$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |
| SER | $2.5 \cdot 10^8$ | (Scholes et al., 1965) | $1.8 \cdot 10^2$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |
| THR | $5.1 \cdot 10^8$ | (MASUDA et al., 1973) | $2.6 \cdot 10^2$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |

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|-----|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| TRP | $1.3 \cdot 10^{10}$ | (Buxton et al., 1988) | $5.6 \cdot 10^4$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $4.1 \cdot 10^7$ | (McGregor and Anastasio, 2001) |
| TYR | $1.3 \cdot 10^{10}$ | (Solar et al., 1984) | $4.8 \cdot 10^3$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | $5 \cdot 10^6$ | (McGregor and Anastasio, 2001) |
| VAL | $8.5 \cdot 10^8$ | (Prütz and Vogel, 1976) | $4 \cdot 10^1$ | (Ignatenko and Cherenkevich, 1985) | | |

40 **Table S5:** Selected experimental studies of amino acid oxidation by various oxidants. Note that the experimental conditions were not necessarily atmospherically-relevant. Products are only listed to demonstrate the wide variety of possible reaction pathways and products.

| Amino acid | Oxidant | Main product(s) | Reference |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| ARG | Fenton chemistry | glutamic semialdehyde | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) and reference therein |
| ASP | OH | NH ₃ , Malonic, oxalic and formic acids | (Marion et al., 2018) |
| CYS | Fenton chemistry | -S-S-disulfide cross-links | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) |
| GLY | OH | Oxalic, formic, oxamic acids | (Berger et al., 1999) |
| GLY | O ₃ | Nitrate, nitrites | (Berger et al., 1999) |
| GLY-ALA-VAL-PRO peptides | OH | Hydroperoxides, alcohols | (Morgan et al., 2012) |
| HIS | O ₃ | PRO | (Mudd et al., 1969) |
| HIS | Fenton chemistry | ASP, ASN, 2-oxoimidazoline | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) and references therein |
| LEU | OH | Isovaleric acid and other carbonyl compounds | |
| LYS | Fenton chemistry | 2-amino-adipicsemialdehyde | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) and references therein |
| MET | O ₃ | Methionine sulfoxide | (Mudd et al., 1969) |
| PHE | ROS | TYR | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) |
| PHE | Direct UV absorption | TYR | (Pattison et al., 2012) |
| PRO | Fenton chemistry | GLU, pyroglutamate, Cis/trans-4-hydroxyproline, 2-pyrrolidone, glutamic semialdehyde | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) and reference therein |
| SER | OH | carbonyl and carboxylic acid | |
| THR | Fenton chemistry | 2-amino-3-ketobutyric acid | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) and references therein |
| THR | O ₃ | Dihydroxyphenylalanine | (Mudd et al., 1969) |
| TRP | OH | Formic and acetic acids, many aromatic | (Bianco et al., 2016) |

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| | | intermediates | |
| TRP | ¹ O ₂ | 3α-hydroxypyrrroloindole; <i>N</i> -formylkynurenine, kynurenine, 3α-dihydroxypyrrroloindole. | |
| TYR | OH | Enedial | (Prasse et al., 2018) |
| TYR | Fenton chemistry | Tyr-Tyr cross-links | (Stadtman, 1993; Stadtman and Levine, 2003) and references therein |
| TYR | ¹ O ₂ or direct UV absorption | 3a-hydroxy-6-oxo-2,3,3a,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1H-indol-2-carboxylic acid | |

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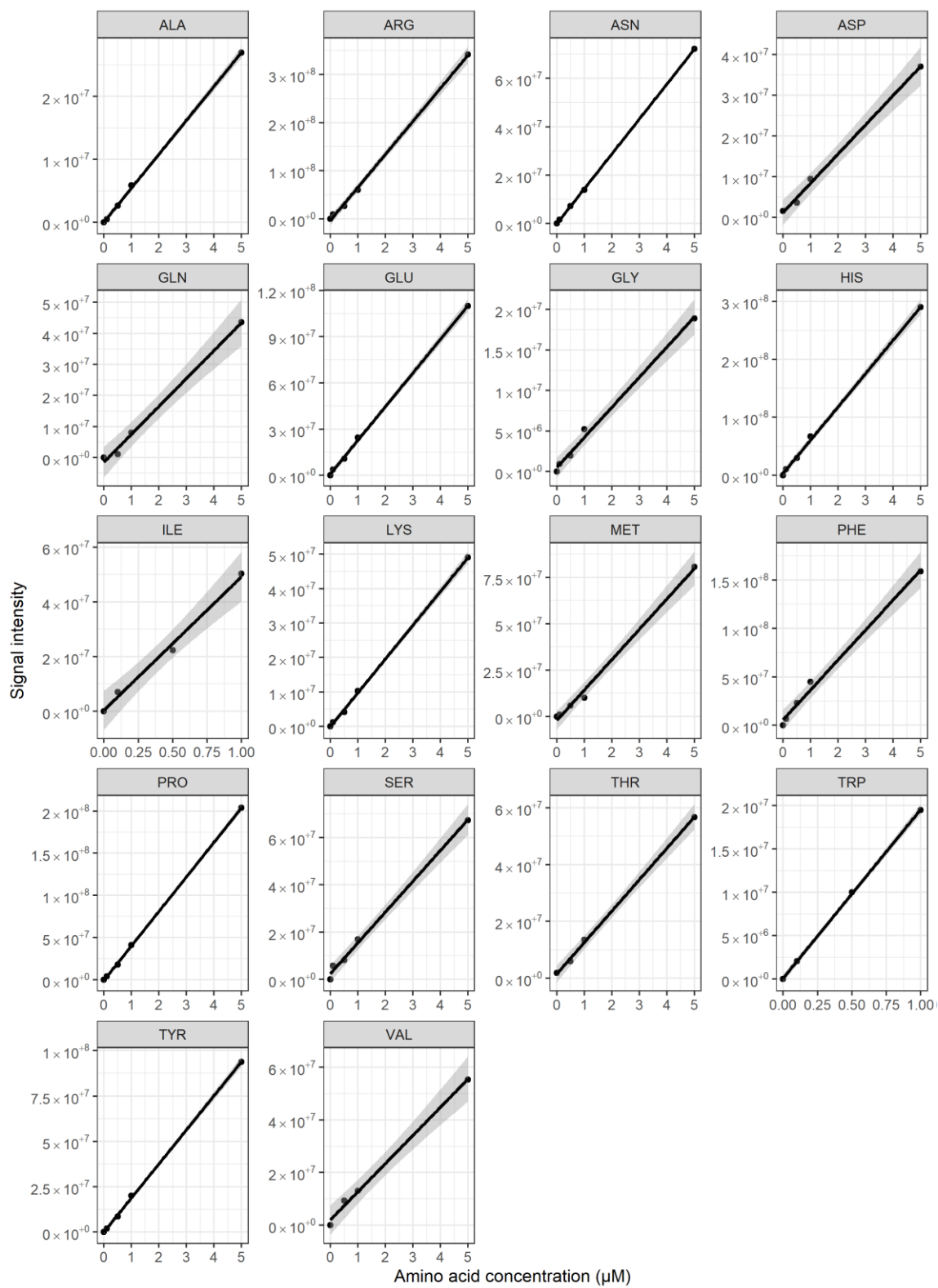


Figure S1: Calibration curves for LC-HRMS experiments

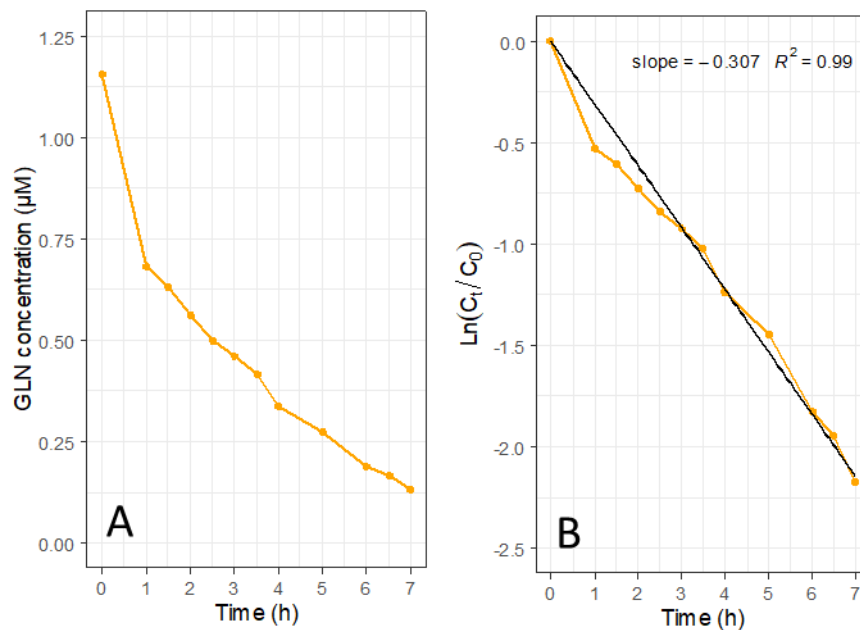
Example of biodegradation rate calculation:

Bacterial degradation of amino acids follows a first order decay equation as $C_t = C_0 \cdot e^{-kt}$ with t the incubation time, C_0 and C_t the initial concentration and concentration at t respectively and k the first order decay constant.

First, concentration of each amino acid is followed through time (Figure S2A) by LC-HRMS as described in the Materials and Methods section. Values are converted to determine k corresponding to the slope of $\ln(C_t/C_0) = f(t)$ (Figure S2B)

Biodegradation rates are then calculated as follows: $V_b = \frac{k \times C_0}{N_{cell}}$ with V_b the biodegradation rate (in $\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{ cell}^{-1}$), k the first order decay constant (in h^{-1}), C_0 the initial concentration in amino acid (in mol L^{-1}) and N_{cell} the bacterial concentration (in cell L^{-1}).

In this example, $N_{cell} = 4 \cdot 10^8 \text{ cell L}^{-1}$ and $C_0 = 1.16 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ so $V_b = 8.88 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ mol h}^{-1} \text{ cell}^{-1}$



Figures S2: Example of calculation of the biodegradation rate of GLN. A) time dependence of GLN concentration with time measured by LC-HRMS. B) $\ln(C_t/C_0)=f(t)$, degradation rates are calculated from the slope at the origin.

C_t : GLN measured concentration at time = t , C_0 :GLN measured concentration at time zero.

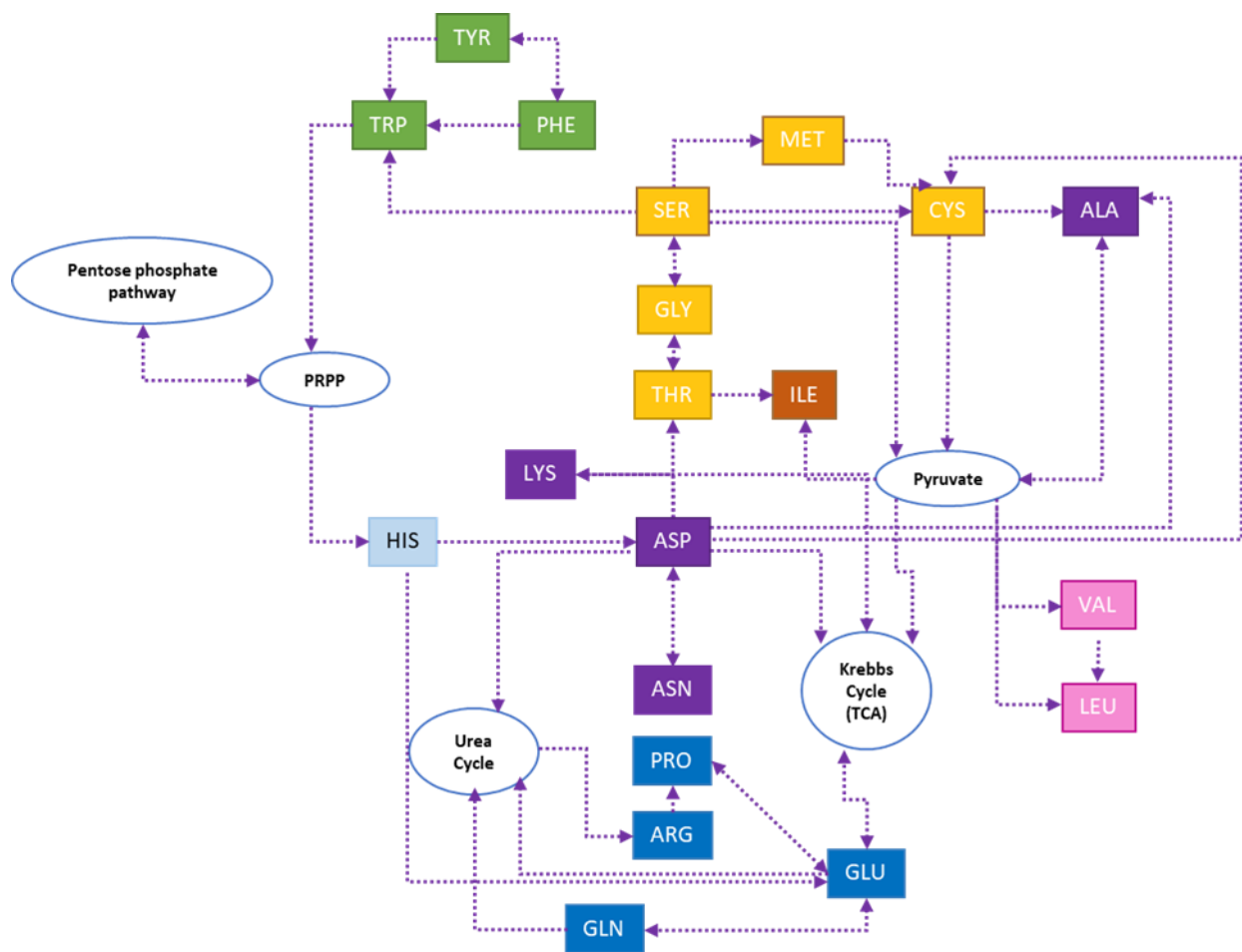


Figure S3: Main metabolic routes for AA metabolism according to (KEGG pathway database, n.d.)

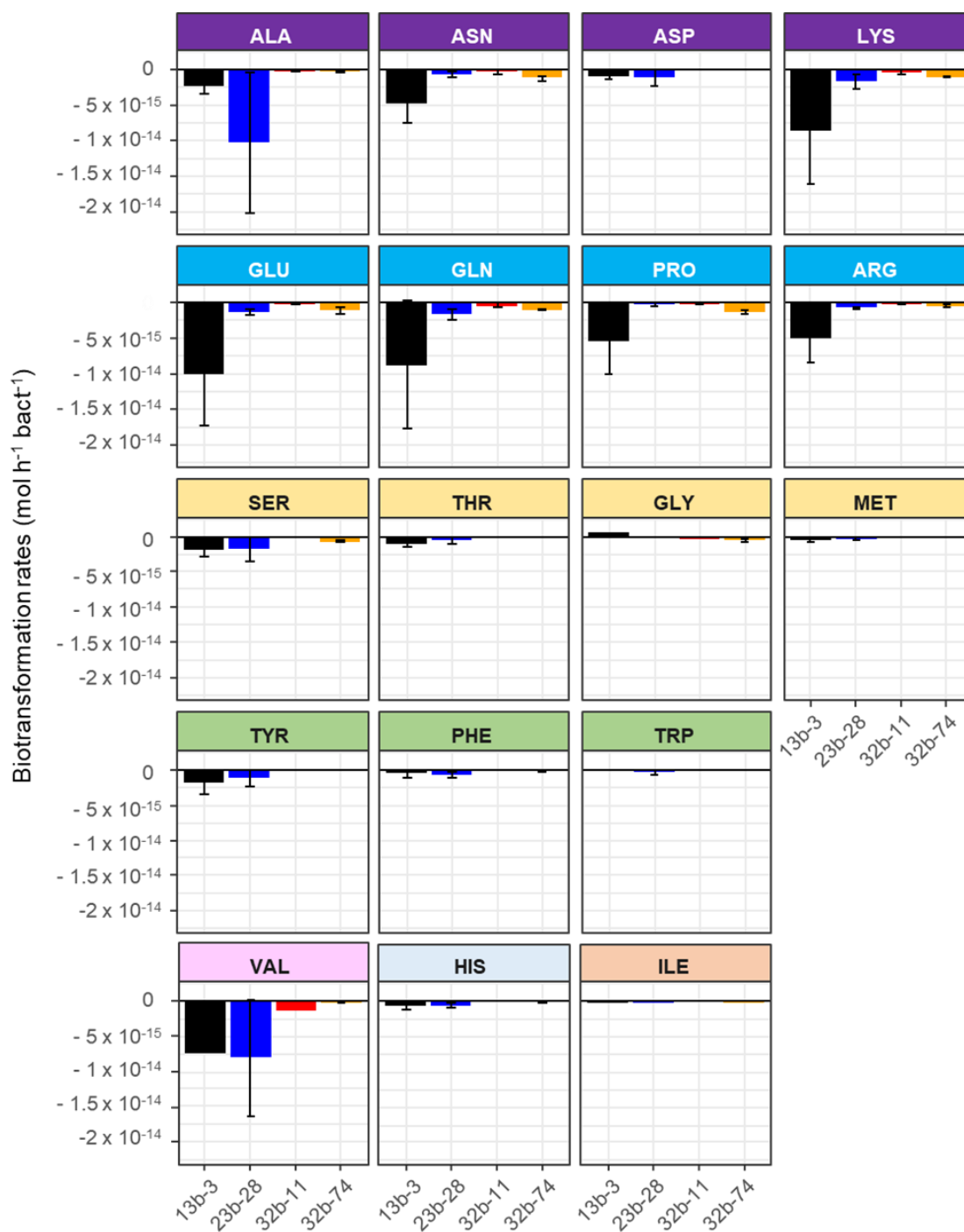


Figure S4: Biotransformation rates ($\text{mol bact}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) of AA by the four bacterial strains grouped according the metabolic pathways of the AA (see Figure S3). *Pseudomonas graminis* PDD-13b-3 in black, *Rhodococcus enclensis* PDD-23b-28 in blue, *Spingomonas* sp. PDD-32b-11 in red and *Pseudomonas syringae* PDD-32b-74 in orange). The standard error bars reflect the rather important biological variability measured from 3 triplicates (independent incubations). Positive values correspond to a biosynthesis process, negative values to a biodegradation process.

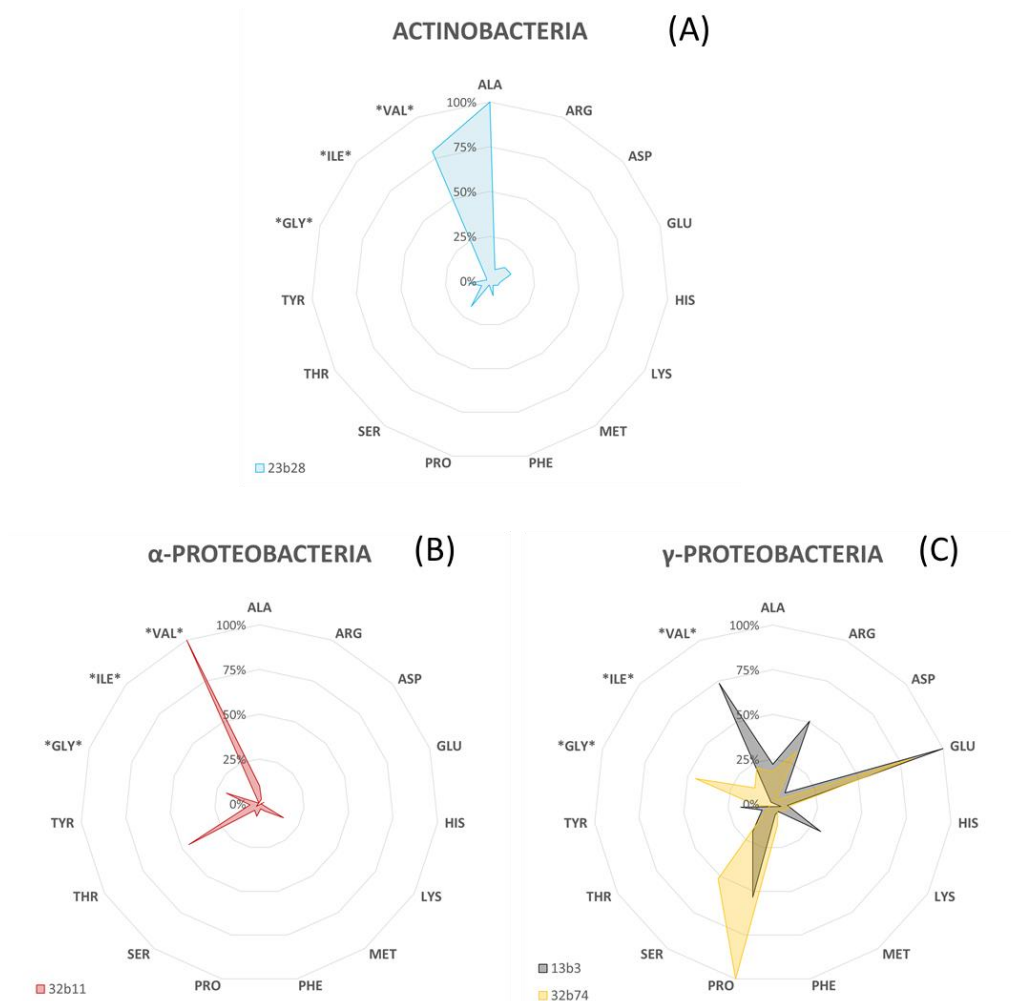


Figure S5: Comparison of the ability of the different strains to metabolize amino acids according to their phylogeny: (A) Actinobacteria (*Rhodococcus enclensis* PDD-23b-28 in blue), (B) α -Proteobacteria (*Sphingomonas* sp PDD-32b-11 in red), (C) γ -Proteobacteria (*Pseudomonas graminis* PDD-13b-3 in black and *Pseudomonas syringae* PDD-32b-74 in yellow). The rates of biodegradation (average from 3 replicates) are presented as a % for each amino acid in the form of a radar plot. For each strain the highest rate is put at 100%. (* only one replicate value was available).

An example of phylogenetic classification is given bellow

Phylum--→Class→Genus→species→strain number

Proteobacteria→ γ -Proteobacteria→*Pseudomonas*→*graminis*→ PDD-13b-3

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