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## Exo/astrobiology on Titan: a new vision from the Cassini-Huygens data

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Since the discovery of the presence of an active organic chemistry in its atmosphere, Titan is considered as a planetary body of prime astrobiological importance. The very first fly-bys of Titan by the Cassini spacecraft a few months ago, and the in situ exploration of its atmosphere and surface thanks to the Huygens probe, on January  $14^{th}$  2005, are providing us new and spectacular data on Titan's environment.

Some of the astrobiological consequences of these new data will be presented and discussed.