

# **The Genesis of PCMI**

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I will report on the early days of PCMI in the pre-IRAM era and the subsequent development of the interdisciplinary French community interested in the Physics and Chemistry of the Interstellar Medium.

The ISO [1] and Herschel [2] missions have also played a crucial role in extending the areas of PCMI to grain physics and surface chemistry.

How can we further progress? The availability of ALMA [3] data offers the opportunity to define new challenges. Preserving such an interdisciplinary environment is decisive to move forward and PCMI provides a unique frame to bridge different skills.

## **References**

[1] <http://iso.esac.esa.int/>

[2] <http://www.cosmos.esa.int/>

[3] <http://www.eso.org/sci/facilities/alma.html>