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Morning twilight on the *Salar de Uyuni* in Bolivia on April 2, 1996. An ‘embedded’ power source illuminates the ring-like salt structures, which are reminiscent of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon molecules (PAHs). Overhead, the dusty southern starburst galaxy NGC 4945. Cover designed by Jack Waas.

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