

Organic Compounds

Chapter 3

Burning Coal-Mining Heaps as an Organo-chemical Laboratory: Interesting Trace Compounds and Their Potential Sources

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Abstract

A continuation of research on the composition of complex gaseous emanations in burning post-mining waste heaps of the Upper Silesian Basin, Poland, brought new data for a large group of relatively weakly studied fumarolic vents. It concerns admixing gases either semi-quantified from *in situ* recorded FTIR spectra or proposed via qualitative analysis of their derivative residual curves. The most likely additional compounds include formaldoxime isocyanate, HON=CHNCO, ethenol, C₂H₃OH, hydrogen isocyanide, HNC, tetrafluoro-*p*-xylylene, C₆(CH₃)₂F₄, 1-fluorocyclohexadienyl radical, C₆H₆F[·], perfluorinated *p*-benzyne, C₆F₄, 1,2,4-trioxolane, C₂H₃O₃, thioacetaldehyde, CH₃CHS, thiocarbonyl fluoride, dithio-*p*-benzoquinone, *c*-cyanomethanimine, bromomethane, peroxyethyl nitrate, triflic radical, CF₃OSO₃[·], and possibly a cyclic C₁₀ molecule. Derivatives of freons include CHClF, HCFBr, CF₂I⁺. Organo (semi)metallics include monomethylsilane, titanacyclopentene, CH₃MoH and CH₂MoH₂, and an indium-acetylene complex. In addition, numerous inorganics may also be present. Possible pathways of the formation of the listed organics are considered.

Keywords: Burning Post-Mining Waste Heaps; Coal Fires; Portable FTIR Gas Analysis; Halogenated Hydrocarbons; Gaseous Organosulfurs; Gaseous Organo (Semi) Metallics.

1. Introduction

Fossil fuel fires are known worldwide. They both concern completely natural environments, e.g., exposed coal or bituminous shale seams, and anthropogenic environments – burning post-coal-mining waste heaps. The latter, herein referred to as BPWHs, are, more or less, permanent elements of coal basins worldwide. This includes numerous objects within both the Upper and Lower Silesian Coal Basins. Spontaneous coal combustion is related to coal oxidation by atmospheric origin, and dependent on atmospheric conditions, coal petrography, occurrence of iron disulfides acting as catalysts, and microbial activity (e.g., [1-5]). Coal remnants and barren rocks undergo degassing and a vast fumarolic vent system is developed. It emits coal-fire gases (CFG). The most important gaseous species emitted, as studied by [6-8] are H_2O and CO_2 , with some CH_4 and CO ; NO_x as the major NO_x ; thiophene (C_4H_4S), dichloromethane, dichloroethanes and other halohydrocarbons; higher alkanes and, locally, SO_2 , NH_3 , HCl , propene, furan and/or tetrahydrofuran, acetic acid, some nitriles, aldehydes, SiF_4 , trace monoterpenes and freons, CCl_4 and AsH_3 , very local thiols and numerous other admixing compounds. The main goal of the current study is to report potential admixing gases in some newly probed vents.

1.1. Sampling sites

Sampling sites are identical to those analyzed for main gases in [8]. They include fumarolic vents from two heap areas in Czerwionka-Leszczyny (CD), Radlin (RD), Bytom-Stroszek (BST), Świętochłowice-Chropaczów (SWC) and Zabrze (ZB), northern part of the USCB; and Rybnik (RCH). Details about these sites are in the literature mentioned.

1.2. Methodology

All the CFG results reported here are obtained using portable Fourier-Transform InfraRed (pFTIR) gas spectrometer, model DX4000 (GASMET/ENVAG), with CALCMET software. The pFTIR method has many advantages over both the Indicator Tube (IT) and, to some extent, Gas Chromatography. It allows for precise, three-level analysis of chemically complex, hot, aggressive, and ash-bearing gaseous emanations, as shown in [6-8]. The system is also capable of simultaneous measurement of water-soluble inorganic species and hydrocarbons, due to heating of the whole probing line to 180 °C. Composition of the precisely, quantitatively measured major gaseous species, and the second subtype analysis, i.e., external library search mode (ESLM), in the CFG in vents of the aforementioned sites was reported in [6]. In this work results from the third level – qualitative analysis of remaining bands in residual spectra (RSA) are reported. Details on the analytical approach are to be found in the listed literature.

1.3. Results

Results of the ELS are given in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3. Results of the RSA are juxtaposed in Table 4.

Table 4: Results of residual spectra qualitative pFTIR analysis. Underlined samples have the particular bands more intense.

Band [cm ⁻¹]	Samples	Vibration designations	Literature
4221-4222vw ¹	ZB2o, BT2	H ₂ ?	[9]
4007-4008vw	RD07, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	activated HHF complex	[10]
3960-3961vw(as/df)	CD6o, CD7, CL2a, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, RD07, RD07A, RD08NA, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1A, BT1o, BT2	HF	[11]
3953-3951vw	CD5	O-H and N-H (in aminonaphthoquinone)	[12]
3929-3930w	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD5, CD5S, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdU, CLdo, CL2a, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4	H-F stretching (in (HF) ₂); C-H stretching ?	[13]; [14]
3920-3922as	RD07A, RD08NA, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	v≡C-H (in cellulose ether); HF?	[12]
3915-3912vw	CD5, CD7, CL2a, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, RD07, BT1o3, BT2	OH stretching (in 3-chloro-2-nitrobenzyl alcohol); vHF (in HF complex with ClCN)	[12]
3898-3900	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, CLdU, CL2a, SW1oP, RCH1 , RCH1A, BT1	H-bonded OH groups	[12]
3882-3881	CD6o, CD2, CD3, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2a, CL2aA, BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	N ₂ or O ₂ ? (or both?)	[15]
3828-3830	(CD1), CD5S, CD5, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2a, CL2aA, BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	Mg(OH) ₂	[12]
3814-3816	CD5, <u>SW3</u> , <u>SW3A</u> , RD07, RD07A, BT1	Mg(OH) ₂	[12]

3785-3784w(~sh)	CD5, CD5S, CD6o	Al(OH); Ca(OH) ₂ ; Y(OH) ₃	[16]; [12]; [17]
3782	BT1	Ca(OH) ₂ or Zr(OH) ₄	[12]
3777as	RD07	Ti(OH) ₂ or Ca(OH) ₂ ?	[12]
3768as-3769	(CD1), CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD5S, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2a, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	Ca(OH) ₂ ?	[12]
3750	CLdU, BT1	Al(OH) ₃ ; Sr(OH) ₂	[12]
3728-3730	CLd, CLdA, CLdU, RCH1 , RCH1A	Fe(OH) ₂	[12]
3721-3720w	CD2, CD3, CD5, CD5S, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS	FeO(OH); Ba(OH) ₂	[18]; [19]
3713	RCH1, RCH1A	OH group (in catechin)	[12]
3700-3698as	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD5 (3700), CD5S, CD6o, CD7, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, SW3, SW3A, RCH1, RCH1A	Zn(OH) ₂ ; Cr(OH) ₂	[12]
3681-3682	CD1, CD2, CD3, CD5, CD5S, CD6o, CD7, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A	Zn(OH) ₂	[12]
3673-3674	CLd, CLdA, CLdU	Ga(OH) ₃ ; CoOH; +1269(CLdU): H ₂ SiO ₃ (metasilicic acid) (?)	[20]; [18]; [21]
3668	CL2aA, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	Ga(OH) ₂ ? (shf ²)	[12]
3665as	RD08NA, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11o	Ga(OH) ₂ ?; CrOH	[12]
3662-3663	BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4	Ga(OH) ₂ ?; Cd(OH) ₂ ; CrOH	[12]
3659-3660w(as)	CD1, CD2, CD3, CD5, CD5S, CD6o, CD7, CLdU, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A	Cd(OH) ₂	[12]
3645-3643sh	RCH1, RCH1A, BT1o3	In(OH) ₂	[12]
3642-3639	CD1, BT1A, BT1o4	HON=CHNCO (a nitrile oxide)?; nonbonded, alcohol- or phenol-included OH group	[12]
3638as-3639as	CD5, CD6o	+~3609: Pb(OH) ₂	[22]
3636-3637	CD1o, (CD2), CD3, CD5S, CD7, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, SW3, SW3A	+~2276+1646(CD2,3,7): HON=CHNCO (formaldoxime isocyanate) ; Cu(OH) ₂	[23]; [24]
3618-3621w(as)	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD5, CD5S, CD6o, CD7, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, SW3, SW3A	OH groups; + ~3583(CD5,CD5S,CD6o,CD7): HNC (hydrogen isocyanide)	[12]; [25]

3612-3615	CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, RCH1, RCH1A	+1514(CLd, CLdA): 2,4-C₆H₃OH (2,4-didehydrophephenol) (?) ; Tl(OH) ₃	[26]; [20]
3605-3608	(CD1), CD1o, (CD2), CD3, CD5, CD5S, CD6o, SW3, SW3A	Pb(OH) ₄ ; Tl(OH) ₂ ; HOSbO ₂ (metaantimonic acid); +~3640(CD5,6o): Pb(OH) ₂	[22]; [20]; [27]; [22]
3600-3597	CLdU, CLdA	Cl ₂ V(O)OH ?; free OH groups	[12]
3590-3592	CD1, CD2, CD3, CD1o, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW3, SW3A, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1o2	hypobromous acid? ; OH groups in an alcohol or a phenol	[12]
3581-3582w(as)	CD5, CD5S, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, BT1A, BT1o3, BT1o4	+ 3620(CD): HNC (hydrogen isocyanide); silanenitrile ?	[12]
3550-3552vw	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD5, CD5S, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdo, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2	dimeric OH group stretch (or a one in a phenol)	[12]
3528w-3529w	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4	HOClO (chlorous acid)	[28]
3134	CL2a, CL2aA	NH ₃ ⁺ symm. stretching; C ₂ H ₂ ⁺ (acetylene ion) (shf)	[29]; [30]
3064-3065	BT1o3, BT1o4	naphthalene	[12]
3062-3060vw	BT1A, BT1o, BT2	naphthalene (?) ; +1668 (BT2): (C₂H₂)In (indium-acetylene complex)	[12]; [31]
3058-3059vw	RD08NA	medial <i>cis</i> or <i>trans</i> C-H stretch in an alkene); NH ₄ ⁺ ion; +1304: bromomethane	[12]; [32]
3042b(df)	BT1o4	cyc-C₃H₅(cyclopropyl radical)	[33]
3027-3028vw	RD07, BT1o4	CH ₂ asymmetric stretching ? (in a poly(vinylidene fluoride))	[34]
3011-3012	CL2a, CL2aA, RD07, RD07A, RD08N, RD08NA, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3 , BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o4, BT2	=CH stretching ?; +1090+~1033 (CL2aA, RCH1; RD and ZB): methane-d2	[32]
2971-2970vw	CD5, RD08NA	cyc-CH ₂ CHCHSi ?; methyl ion	[12]
2963sh	BT2	fluoromethane ; dimethylmercury; cumene ? (undercalculated ?)	[32]; CALCMET
2934-2930vw	RD08NA, BT1, BT1o, BT2	cyclohexene? ; methylene ion	[12]
2902vw	BT1A	CH₂FCI⁺	[35]
2402-2400(w)	CL2a, CL2aA, RD11U, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	SiF _{4-x} + SiH ₄	[12]
2398-2896	BT1o4	H ₂ O ₂ ⁺ (D ₂ O ₂ ⁺)??; ND ₂ F or BF ₂ OH ⁺ ?; SiF _{4-x} + SiH ₄ ?	[12]

2394w-2390w	CD6o, CD2, CD3, CD7, SW1oB, RD07, RD07A, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11o	BF_2OH^+ ?	[12]
2385-2387(w)	CD1, CD1o(b), CD5, CD5S, CLdA, CLdU, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3	dicyanoacetylene (2-butynedinitrile); v(C=N) in nitrilium ion / N-alkylacetonitrilium / acetonitrilium	[12]
2378-2377	CD1o, SW1, RCH1 , RCH1A	azacyclopropenylidene (cyc-HC=NC:)?	[12]
2355	CD5, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3	thiirene (cyc-C₂H₂S)	[12]
2348-2347	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, (CD5S), CD6o, CD7, RCH1 , RCH1A, BT1o2	¹² C ¹⁶ O ₂ ?; NO ₂ ⁺ ?	[12]
2339-2340	SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, SW3, SW3A , RD07, RD07A	+1072 (SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3): C ₆ F ₄ (perfluorinated p-benzyne)	[36]
2330-2331	RCH1 , RCH1A	CO₂?? (shf); HCCH⁺ (DCCD⁺; a derivative of acetylene); cyanogen N-oxide; F₂BNCO (fluoroisocyanatoborane)	[12]
2324sh	CD2, CD3	v(CN) in protonated acetonitrile ?	[37]
2316sh ⁴⁾ -2318	CLdU, CLd, CLdA, CLdo, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RCH1, RCH1A	trifluorosilane?	[12]
2309	SW1oP	diazonium group (aryl-N ⁺ ≡NX ⁻); v(N=N) (diazo groups) in a diphenyldiazomethane ; Brønsted-acid-absorbed acetonitrile (CD ₃ CN); acetonitrile (CD ₃ CN); methylphosphine ; HI	[12]
2300(sh)-2304	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD5, (CD5S), CD6o, CD7, RCH1A	cyanic acid	[12]
2291sh	SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3	C₃BrN (bromocyanoacetylene)	[32]
2287-2285	CD5, SW1, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RD08NA	¹² C ¹⁶ O ₂ ? or benzene-D ₆ ; cyanic acid? ; HC ₃ O (DC ₃ O) radical; (HF) ₂ ⁺ (D ₂ F ₂ ⁺) radical	[12]
2278-2279	CD2, CD3, CD5S, CD6o, CD7	cyanogen isocyanate ; trifluoroacetonitrile? (shf); aliphatic nitrile/cyanide; +~3638+1646(CD2,3,7): HON=CHNCO (formaldoxime isocyanate)	[12]; [23]
2269-2270	SW1, SW1oB, SW3, SW3A, RD07, RD08N, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11o , RD08k, RD08ka, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o	iodocyanoacetylene; isocyanic acid ; an aliphatic nitrile/cyanide or an isocyanate; physisorbed acetonitrile (CD ₃ CN)	[12]

2255-2252	SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RD08NA , BT1, BT1A, BT1o	difluorosilane? (shf); disubstituted alkyne or an aliphatic nitrile/cyanide or a(n) (iso)cyanate	[12]
2248-2246	RD08N, BT1o3, BT1o4	m-hydroxybenzonitrile (C≡Nstretching); aliphatic nitrile/cyanide or a cyanate	[12]
2239-2241	CL2aA, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11o, BT2	tribromosilane ; nitrile group (e.g., in acrylonitrile) or an aromatic nitrile/cyanide or a(n) (iso)cyanate	[12]
2232-2231sh	ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1	CHNO (DNCO); Cu(CO) ₂ ⁺ or CuCO ⁺ ; an aromatic nitrile/cyanide or an isocyanate	[12]
2076-2075vw(as)	SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, BT1o2	Ge ₂ H ₆ (digermane); +1915(SW): C₁₀ (cyclic) ; C₆N₄⁻ (tetracyanoethylene anion) ; MgNC (magnesium isocyanide)	[32]; [38]; [39]; [40]
2072-2070vw	RD07, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	H₂C=BH (an organoborane); S=C=N-CH₃ (methylisothiocyanate); BrNC (bromine isocyanide); BFO (boron monofluoride monoxide)	[41]; [12]; [42]; [43]
2053vw (as)-2050	SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RD07, RD07A, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	v _{as} (NCS) ?; AuCO; INC (iodine isocyanide); C₄H (butadiynyl radical)	[44]; [45]; [46]; [47]
1915vw	CD5, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3	HgH ₂ ?; a transition metal carbonyl; HSiF (monofluorosilylene) radical (shf); +2075(SW): C₁₀ (cyclic)	[12]; [48]; [38]
1901		CBrO; carbonylsilene (shf); ZrCO; B ₂ O ₂ ; Be ₂ H ₂ ; Cu(CO) ₂ (shf); a transition metal carbonyl	[12]
1890-1891	CD5, CD6o, CD7, (SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RCH1, RCH1A), RD07, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1o2, BT1o3	ZnH ₂ ; Cu(CO) ₂ ; alane (AlH ₃); NCCO radical; Mo(CO) ₂ ; VCO; methyl-d-3-stannane?; Si(CCH) ₂ ; TiCO; SbH ₃ ; SiH ₃ HgH (shf); a transition metal carbonyl	[12]
1868-1870	CD1o, (CD2), (CD3), CD5, CD6o, CD7, (RCH1, RCH1A), RD08NA, BT1A, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4	c-(NO) ₂ (a dimer); Mo(CO) ₃ ; CO group in a 5-member-ring anhydride or transition metal carbonyl	[12]
1860-1863	RD07, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1	formyl radical or SiH ₃ HgH or c-CH ₃ C(O)OO (acetyl peroxy radical); HGeBr	[12]; [49]
1846vw-1843	CD5, CD6o, CD7, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4	Ag(CO) ₂ ; SnH ₃ ; nitrosyl fluoride; isonitrosyl chloride; cyc-C ₈ ; ethynyl radical; SiH ₃ ⁻ ; CO group in an organic anhydride or transition metal carbonyl	[12]
1830(as)	CD1o, (CD2), (CD3), CD5, CD6o, CD7, CLdU, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, RD07, RD07A, RD08N , RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1, BT1A, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	Ag(CO) ₂ ; MoH ₄ ; phosgene (shf); benzoylperoxy radical ?; Mn(CO) ₂ (shf); 2-propynylidyne; CO group in a n organic anhydride or transition metal carbonyl; +964 (RD11U): CH₃MoH	[12]; [50]

1806-1809	CD1o, (CD2), (CD3), CD5, CD6o, CD7, CLdU, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, RD07, RD07A, RD08N , ZB1, ZB1A , ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3 , BT1, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	Mn(CO) ⁻ ; nitrosyl iodide; Fe(NO) ₂ ? (shf); V(CO); CO group in an acyl halide or in an organic anhydride or transition metal carbonyl	[12]
1790-1791	(CD2), CD3, CD5, CD6o , CD7, RCH1, RCH1A, RD08NA, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4	c-(NO) ₂ ; Ti(CO) ⁻ ; diazomethyl radical ; BF ₃ ⁺ ; l-CrC ₃ ; (HgH) ₂ ; HGeNH ₂ ; Mn(CO) ⁻ ; CO group in an acyl halide or in an open-chain acid anhydride; +1760: CH₂MoH₂	[12]
1783-1782	ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT2	Fe(CO) ⁻ ; diazomethyl radical (HCNN); formyl chloride (CHClO); (HHg) ₂ ?; tricarbon hydride ?	[51]; [52]; [53]; [54]; [55]
1777-1774	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD6o, CD7, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2a, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1 , RCH1A , BT1, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4	(HHg) ₂ or CO group in a ring anhydride; V(CO) (shf)	[12]
1760-1762b(as)	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD7, CLdU, CL2a, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, RD07A, RD08N , RD08NA, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	(t-(NO) ₂ or CO group in an alkyl carbonate or N ₂ O ₄ (shf)); +1790: CH₂MoH₂	[12]; [50]
1752	CD5, CD6o	Zn ₂ H ₂ ; t-ClNO ₂ (chlorine nitrite, <i>trans</i> isomer); W(CO) ₂ ⁻ ; HAg(H ₂); HFeF	[56]; [57]; [58]; [59]; [60]
1747-1745	CD7, CLd, CLdA, (BT1), BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	MoH ₄ ; phosgene (shf); benzoylperoxy radical ?; Mn(CO) ₂ (shf); 2-propynylidyne; CO group in an organic anhydride or transition metal carbonyl; C ₄ S radical;	[12]; [61]
1737-1741	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD7, CLd, CLdU, CL2a, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2 , SW2o , SW2o2 , SW2o3 , SW3 , SW3A , RCH1 , RCH1A	t-(NO) ₂ ; Zn ₂ H ₂ ; MoH ₂ ; [GeH ₃] ⁻ ; HFeCl; CH ₃ OF ₂ H; [2H4] acetaldehyde ?; B ₂ N ^{??} ; C ₇ ⁻ ?; an aldehyde or ester or alkyl carbonate or CO group in an organic acid anhydride; +1150 (RCH): [2H4] acetaldehyde	[12]; [32]
1729as-1730	CD5, CD6o, RD08N , RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	MoH ₂ (shf); SnCO ⁻ ; difluorovinylidene (1,1-difluoroethene)-acetone adduct (C ₄ H ₂ F ₂) ?; diazasilene; CH ₃ MoH; Al ₂ (CO) ₂ ⁻ ; an aldehyde or ester; +1304(CD5;RD;BT1): HO ₂ NO ₂ (peroxynitric acid)	[12]; [62]
1721vw	RD07A, BT1	GeH ₃ ⁻ ; +1297 (RD07a): C₂H₅OONO₂ (peroxyethyl nitrate); N ₂ O ₅ ; Fe(CO) ₂ ⁻ ; Th(CO) ₂ ⁻ ; Mo(CO) ₂ ⁻ ; Ce(CO) ₂	[12]; [63]; [64]; [65]; [66]; [58]; [67]

1715-1712	CD1o, (CD2), CD3, CD7, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o2, BT1o4	+1304(BT1): HNO ₃ ; HFe ₂ OH; HFe ₂ F; Mn(NO) ₃ ; ClNO ₂ (chlorine nitrite); V(NO) ₃ ; FONO (FNO ₂ ; “nitrosyl hypofluorite”)	[68]; [69]; [60]; [70]; [71]; [72]; [73]
1706w	CD5	AlH ₃ ⁻ ; Mn(NO) ₃ ; SiCO ⁻	[74]; [75]; [76]
1697vw-1700	CD6o, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW3, SW3A, RCH1, RCH1A	N ₂ O ₃ (O=N-O-N=O isomer); C ₄ ⁻ ; PbH ₃ ; a carboxylic acid or a ketone or aldehyde	[12]
1690(sh)-1691	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD5, CD6o, CD7, CL2a, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	N ₂ O ₃ (O=N-O-N=O isomer); UCO ⁻	[77]; [78]
1679-1677	CLd, CLdA, BT1A, BT1o4	MoH ₃ ; NiNO; AgNO; alkenyl C=C stretch or amide group or a quinone (or conjugated ketone); +1513(CLd, CLdA): C₆S₄O₂ (dithio-p-benzoquinone)	[12]; [79]
1673-1676	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CLdU, CL2a, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW3, SW3A, RCH1, RCH1A , BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3	V(CO) (shf); MoH ₃ ; NiNO; AgNO; alkenyl C=C stretch or amide group or a quinone or conjugated ketone); +1327+1321(CD1o): H ¹⁵ NO ₃ ; +1528(CD2;RCH): Au(NO) ₂ ?	[12]; [32]; [80]
1666-1669	CD5, CD6o, CD7, RD07, ZB1 , ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT2	GeH₂⁻; CCS (thioxoethenylidyne) radical; (fluoromethylidyne)phosphine; alkenyl C=C stretch or amide group or an open-chain imino compound; F₂C=C radical (difluorovinylidene; shf); +1227 (CD7): Al₂H₂ (H(cyc-AlHAL)); +3062 (BT2): (C₂H₂) In (indium-acetylene complex)	[12]; [81]; [31]
1660sh-1662sh	CD1o, CD2, CD3, RCH1, RCH1A, RD08N , BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o4	BF ₂ OD ⁺ ; alkenyl C=C stretch or amide group or an open-chain imino compound	[12]
1651-1652	CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW3, SW3A	alkenyl C=C stretch or amide group or an open-chain imino compound	[12]
1645as-1642	(CD1o), CD2, CD3, CD5, CD6o, CD7, RCH1, RCH1A, RD08NA, BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o4, BT2	alkenyl C=C stretch or amide group or a quinone (or conjugated ketone) or an open-chain imino compound; c-HONO ; +~2276+~3638(CD2,3,7): HON=CHNCO (formaldoxime isocyanate)	[12]; [23]
1639-1636	RD07, RD07A, RD08N , ZB1 , ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	CrNO; Cu(NO) ₂ ; alkenyl C=C stretch or amide group a quinone (or conjugated ketone) or an organic nitrate or open-chain imino compound; +1605(RD08N): CrH ₂	[12]; [82]
1612-1613	CD5, (RD07, RD07A), RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, ZB1 , ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	c-cyanomethanimine ?; Cu(NO) ₂ ; bicyc-C₆H₃F₂N? (2,6-difluorophenylnitrene – a fluorinated azirine) ?; a quinone (or conjugated ketone) or an open-chain imino or azo compound	[12]

1605	RD08N	+~1640: CrH ₂ ; VNO; HSnOH; CH₂BCl (chloromethylboron)	[82]; [72]; [83]; [84]
1590vw-1591	CD6o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1	MgH ₂ or MnH ₂ or HMgOH or Ni(NO) ₂ ⁻ or difluoromethylene cation or formyl methyl iminoxy radical	[85]; [12]
1588	CD5	CF₂⁺ (difluoromethylene cation); CH₃C(=NO)CHO (formyl methyl iminoxy radical); MgH₂	[86]; [87]; [84]
1581w-1583as	RCH1, RCH1A, RD07, RD07A, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	TiH ₃	[88]
1572-1576w	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RCH1, RCH1A , BT1, BT1o2, BT1o4, BT2	difluoronitroxide radical; carboxylate group; +1267: monomethylsilane (deuterated); <i>cis</i> -1,2-dichloroethene-d2	[12]
1568(as)-1567	CD5, CD6o, BT1o	+1777: (HHg) ₂ or CO group in a ring anhydride; +1669(CD): ONSNO (N ₂ O ₂ S); NOH ? (nitrosyl hydride); NbH ₂ ; H ₂ NbO; SeNO; <i>c</i> -HSNO (thionitrous acid); CH₃NHCH₂NO (methyl(nitrosomethyl) amine); SnNO	[12]; [89]; [90]; [91]; [92]; [93]; [94]; [95]
1553-1551	CD1o, CD2, CD3, CLd, CLdA, CLdo, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, SW3, SW3A, RCH1, RCH1A , BT1, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o4	methyl(nitrosomethyl)amine (CH ₃ NHCH ₂ -NO); Cu(NO) ₂ ⁻ ; phenylnitrene radical (PhN); phenoxy radical? ; NH bend in a secondary amine or carboxylate group or a nitro-aliphatic or nitro-aryl	[12]
1547	SW3, SW3A	C₄; HCr(H₂); HMgCH₂F (a Grignard compound); CH₃InH (monomethylindium hydride)	[96]; [97]; [98]; [99]
1537	CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS	H ₂ I ₂ ⁺ ; HTiOH	[100]; [101]
1530-1528	CD2, CD5, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1o4	+1676(CD2;RCH): Au(NO) ₂ ; HZrOH	[80]; [102]
1520-1522	SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW3, SW3A	1,3-butadiene (deuterated); Cd ₂ H; GeD ₄ (germane, deuterated); SNO (nitrogen oxide sulfide); CrNO ⁻ ; AgH ⁻	[32]; [103]; [75]; [59]
1518	CLdU	t-OCCO⁻ (C₂O₂⁻; acetylenediolate anion?); 1,2-C₆F₄(NO)₂ (1,2-dinitrosobenzene); In₂H₂; HHgOH; ZrH₂; CuH₂⁻	[104]; [105]; [106]; [107]; [108]; [109]
1514	CLd, CLdA	+1679(CLd, CLdA): C₆S₄O₂ (dithio-p-benzoquinone); CH₂CHO (vinoxy radical); (NS)F₃ (thiazyl trifluoride); F₂P(O)N (difluoronitrosophosphine); SF₅O₃ radical; HAsF₂ (monofluoroarsine); +3612: 2,4-C₆H₃OH (2,4-didehydrophenol) (?)	[79]; [110]; [32]; [111]; [112]; [113]; [26]

1500-1498vw	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, SW3, SW3A , RCH1, RCH1A , BT1, BT1A, BT1o3, BT1o4	SNS ⁺ (dithioxoammonium); vinyl titanium hydride; O ₂ F??; phenanthrene? (sfh) or triphenylene ; a nitro-aryl ; nitrosyl cyanide	[12]; [114]
1490vw(sh)	CD5, CD6o	<i>o</i>-C₆F₄ (<i>o</i>-tetrafluorobenzyne); O ₂ F; Si(NO) ₂ (shf); VH ₂ ; Ge ₂ H ₆ (digermane)	[115]; [116]; [117]; [118]; [32]
1482-1481(vw)	RD07, RD07A, RD08N, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, ZB1 , ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT2	HScOH ?; + 1468: Ge ₂ H ₄ or nitromethyl radical ?; +1463: Ge(NO) ₂	[12]; [119]; [120]
1473-1475	(CD1o), (CD2), (CD3), CD5, CD6o, CD7, RCH1, RCH1A, BT1A, BT1o3	H₂BC₂H₃ (vinylborane); Ge ₂ H ₄ ; CCIP ((chloromethylidyne)phosphine) (shf); F ₂ PO ⁺	[121]; [119]; [122]; [123]
1471	SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS	p-C₆F₄I (iodotetrafluorobenzene); HSiCN (cyanosilylene); H₂BC₂H₃ (vinylborane); Mg ₂ H	[36]; [124]; [121]; [125]
1467-1468	CLd, CLdA, CLdU, (ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3), BT1, BT2	+1408(ZB): YH ₂	[126]
1460w	CD1o, CD2, (CD3), CL2aA, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, SW3, SW3A, RCH1, RCH1A	YH ₂ ; methylene ion or an inorganic carbonate; MgNO; 3,5-C₆H₃CH₃ (5-methyl-1,3-didehydrobenzene) ?	[12]
1450	SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS	HGaCl ₂ ; H ₂ GaCl ₂ GaH ₂	[127]; [128]
1440-1443	CD1, (CD2), (CD3), CD5, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, RCH1, RCH1A , RD07, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1, BT2	triphenylene ; ClO ₂ *; dihydroxycarbene?; an inorganic carbonate; benzyl radical?	[12]
1430-1428	CD1, CD2, CD3, CD1o, CD5, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdo, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A , RD07, RD07A, RD08NA , ZB1, ZB1A , ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3 , BT1, BT1A, BT1o3, BT1o4, BT2	ClO ₂ *; HAlCl ₂ ; Si ₂ H ₄ (disilane , Si ₂ D ₄); Tl ₂ H ₂ ; CNiS ₂ ⁺ ; difluorovinylidene? ; cyanomethyl radical (in the RDT samples); an inorganic carbonate or NH ₄ ⁺ ion; Be ₂ H ₅ ; +1406: GaH ₂ Cl; +928 (CD5, CD7, ZB3): C ₆ H ₆ F; +1429(CD5, RD07, RD08N; ZB): PO ₂ Cl (phosphenic chloride); +~1320(CD1o, CD2, CD3): CF ₂ I ⁺ ; +1408(ZB): GaH ₂ Cl	[12]; [129]; [130]; [131]; [132]
1412sh	RCH1, RCH1A	CH ₃ BeO; H ₃ SbO (stibine oxide)	[133]; [134]
~1408	ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	HO(NO)SO ₂ ? (nitrososulfonic acid); OH group in phenol or a tertiary alcohol or a compound with carboxylate group or an organic sulphone or NH ₄ ⁺ ion; +1430(ZB): GaH ₂ Cl; BCIS (chlorothioxoborane); +1468(ZB): YH ₂	[12]; [132]; [135]; [126]

1406-1407as	(CD5), CD6o, CD7, RD07, BT2; BT2	benzyl radical ?; CF_2Cl^+ ; $\text{HO}(\text{NO})\text{SO}_2$ (nitrososulfonic acid); HThO ; H_2UO_2 ; HZnCl	[136]; [137]; [138]; [139]; [140]
1397-1400	CD1, CD1o, CD2, CD3, CD6o, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, CL2aA, SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RCH1, RCH1A , BT1, BT1o3, BT1o4	YH_2 ; iodosomethane ?; PbH_3^- ; HYOH ; OH group in phenol or a tertiary alcohol or carboxylate group or an organic sulphone or sulphate or NH_4^+ ion; CHBrF^+ ; +1152(RCH): $\text{H}_2\text{Ti}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_2)$ (titanacyclop propane)	[12]; [35]; [141]
1389	CD7	SO_3 ; $(\text{F}_2)\text{BF}_2$?; GaH_3 (gallane)	[32]; [142]; [143]
1381	ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	SAuCS; $(\text{H}_2)\text{YH}_2$; HCuOH ; AlNO^- ; C_2S_4^+	[144]; [126]; [69]; [145]; [146]
1372(vw)-1374	CD1o, CLd, CLdA, CLdU	SO_2 ; FNS (thiazyl fluoride) ; NSCN (thiazyl cyanide) ; PNS (thiazylidene phosphane) ; F_2PN (difluoro-λ^3-phosphinonitrile); F_2CSO (difluorosulfine); $(\text{CH}_2)=\text{PCl}$ (methylene phosphine chloride, 1-phosphaethene); cyc-H_2COC : (oxiranylidene); PbH_3^- ; ZnH_2	CALCMET; [32]; [147]; [148]; [149]; [150]; [151]; [152]; [153]; [154]
1368	CD7	thiocarbonyl fluoride (CSF₂) ; CHF^+ ; CH_3UH (uranium methylidene dihydride); HY(OH)_2	[32]; [155]; [156]; [157]
1360-1358	ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT2	thioacetaldehyde ?; SbH_3 ?; OH group in phenol or a tertiary alcohol or CN group (stretch) in an aromatic tertiary amine or a nitro-aliphatic or a sulphonate or an inorganic nitrate; CHFI⁺ or sulfine (CH₂SO) or SiD_3HgD (SiH_3HgH) or $(\text{REE})\text{NO}$ or WD_3 ; ; H₂B=OCH₃ (methoxyborane)	[12]; [158]
1350(vw)-1351	CD1o, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, <u>CL1</u>	pentacene ; C_6Cl_6 ?; methyne ion or phenol or a tertiary alcohol (OH group) or an aromatic amine (CN group) or a nitro-aliphatic or nitro-aryl or an organic phosphate or sulphonate or an inorganic nitrate	[12]
1346w(as)	BT2	+1358: thioacetaldehyde ; UH_3 ; $\text{HCu}(\text{H}_2)$; HNiOCH₃ (an intermediate methoxy compound); difluoroethyne	[159]; [160]; [109]; [161]
1342-1345	RD08N, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	thioacetaldehyde ?; cyc-FeNO ; C-NH bond (in a thiazolidine); Mn_2H_4 ; Cu_2H_2 ; methyne ion or an aromatic amine (CN group) or a nitro-aryl or an organic phosphate or sulphonate; HGeCl ; +1306(RD11U;ZB): Al_2H_4 (dialane)	[12]; [74]
1340-1341	RD07A	Cu_2H_2 ; cyc-FeNO ; HGeCl ; Mn_2H_4 ; phenol or a tertiary alcohol (OH group) or an aromatic amine (CN group) or a nitro-aryl or an organic phosphate	[12]
1329-1327	CD1o, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CLdo, <u>CL1</u> , ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT2	2,4,6-trinitrene-1,3,5-triazine ; phenol or a tertiary alcohol (OH group) or an aromatic amine (CN group) or a nitro-aryl or an organic phosphate or dialkyl/aryl sulphone; +1672+1321(CD1o): H^{15}NO_3	[12]; [32]

1320-1321vw	CD1o, CD2, CD3	$cyc\text{-O}_4^+$; HCdCl ; +1327+1672(CD1o); $\text{H}^{15}\text{NO}_3^-$; PO_2^- ; +~1433 (shf?): CF_2I^+	[162]; [140]; [32]; [163]; [131]
1303w-1305as	CD5, RD08NA, RD11U, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2	Sb_2H ; POCl_3 ; HOCCOH (dihydroxyacetylene, ethynediol); +~1712(BT): HNO_3^- ; +1728(CD5;RD;BT): HO₂NO₂ (peroxynitric acid) ; +3056(RD08NA): bromomethane ; +~1346(RD11U;ZB): Al_2H_4 (dialane)	[164]; [12]; [165]; [68]; [32]; [74]
1300(as)-1301	CL2a, CL2aA, BT2	CClF_3^+ (and others below); Sb_2H ; +1244: GaH_2 ; PbH_4 ; Cl_2PO radical; H_2GeCl radical	[131]; [164]; [166]; [167]; [62]; [168]
1298as	RD07 , RD07A, BT1o3	CClF_3^+ ; +1719 (RD07A): C₂H₅OONO₂ (peroxyethyl nitrate) ; In_2H_6 ; H_2InNH_2 ; SiH_3AlH	[131]; [63]; [169]; [170]; [171]
1282-1280	RD07, RD07A, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3, BT1A, BT1o	HALOH or HSO_2 (hydroxysulfinyl) or $\text{NC}(\text{cyc-C}=\text{NC}:)$ (a dicyanocarbene isomer) or $\text{CF}_3\text{OSO}_3^-$ radical or AlON or INO_2 (iodine nitrite) or difluorocyclopropenone ; +1150 (RD07): C*HClF radical	[12]; [172]
1266(vw)-1269	CD5, CD6o, CD7, CLdU, CLdo, CL2a , <u>CL2aA</u> , <u>SW2</u> , <u>SW2o</u> , <u>SW2o2</u> , <u>SW2o3</u> , (SW3), (SW3A), RCH1, RCH1A , RD07 , RD07A , RD08N, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U , RD11o, RD08NA , ZB1 , ZB1A , ZB2 , ZB2o , ZB3 , BT1, BT1A, BT1o, BT1o2, BT1o3, BT2	F₂C=C radical (difluorovinylidene) ; methyne ion or an aromatic primary amine (CN group stretch) or an organic nitrate or phosphate ; +~1572: monomethylsilane (deuterated); benzyl radical? ; +1080 (RD07, RD07A; ZB): p-(CF₂)₂C₆H₄ (tetrafluoro-p-xylylene) ; +1149(RD07): HCFBr radical ; +~1300 (CL2a, CL2aA, BT2): GaH_2 ; +~3676(CLdU): H_2SiO_3 (metasilicic acid) (?)	[12]; [272]; [172]; [166]; [21]
1243-1241	CL2a, CL2aA, RD07, RD07A, (ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3), BT1o, BT2	cyclobutadiene or nitrogen dioxide anion or dihydroxycarbene? or HCl₃OSi (trichlorosilanol) or $\text{P}_4\text{O}_?^-$ or CH_3Cl^+ or CF_2Br_2^+ or BiH_3 or $\text{CH}_3\text{MoH}?$ or $\text{CH}_3\text{CoH}?$ or Ca_2H_2 or $\text{H}_2\text{Ca}(\text{OH})$; t-t-HOCOH (dihydroxycarbene)	[12]; [173]
1220	CL2a, CL2aA, (RD07)	CHCl_3 ; $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CCl}$ (phenylchlorocarbene); c-HN=CHCN (c-cyanomethanimine); CH_3SiCl (chloromethylsilane); CH_3SiBr (bromomethylsilane); CH_3SiI (iodomethylsilane); PbH_3 ; HNdO ; $t\text{-}(\text{NO})_2^-$; GeH_3^- ; ClClO_2 (chloryl chloride)	[32]; [174]; [175]; [176]; [177]; [178]; [153]; [179]
1198vw	RD07	$\text{F}_2\text{C}=(\text{cyc-C}_3\text{H}_2)$ (fluorinated methylenecyclopropene); CCl_2^+ (a dihalocarbene cation); PO_2^- ; N_2O_2^- ; HMnOH ; OZrC=S	[180]; [181]; [182]; [183]; [69]; [184]
1159-1158	SW2 , SW2o , SW2o2 , SW2o3 , RD08N	t-1,3-difluoroethene ; CBrF (bromofluoromethylene) ; CS_2^- ; CrH_2 ; SiF_3^+ ; CH_3NbH ; HSnOH ; S_2O (disulfur monoxide)	[32]; [35]; [185]; [82]; [186]; [187]; [188]; [189]

1150vw	RCH1, RCH1A, RD07	CFI_2^+ ; NdH_3 ; ThNH_3 (thorimine); +1737 (RCH): [2H4]acetaldehyde ; +1283 (RD07): C*HCIF radical ; CHBr₃ (tribromomethane); F_2OP ; +1266(RD): HCFBr radical ; +1397(RCH): H₂Ti(C₂H₂) (deuterated; titanacyclopene)	[190]; [191]; [192]; [32]; [172]; [32]; [123]; [141]
1128sh(w)	CD7	HVOH; <i>cyc</i> -(CeH) ₂ ; NbH_2 ; AlO_2^- ; +~1669: <i>cyc</i> -Al ₂ H ₂ ; cyc-C₅Cl₄ (tetrachlorocyclopentadienylidene)	[101]; [191]; [90]; [193]; [81]; [194]
1122w(sh)-1120w	CD5, RD07, RD08N, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	SOBr_2 (thionyl bromide); CBrCl⁺ ; CH₂=PCl (a phosphaalkene); (CH₃)₂Si=NH (1,1-dimethylsilanamine); +1429: PO_2Cl (phosphenic chloride)	[32]; [86]; [151]; [195]; [130]
1119-1120	CLdo, CL2a, CL2aA, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, (SW3), (SW3A), RCH1, RCH1A, RD07, RD07A	+~1078 (RD07, RD07A): ethenol	[196]
1112vw-1110	SW1, SW1oB, SW1oP, SW1oS, RD08NA, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o	ClO_2^- ; CuO_4 (O_2CuO_2); CuO_5 ($\text{OCuO}_2(\text{O}_2)$); <i>cyc</i> -YO ₃ ; <i>cyc</i> -LaO ₄ ; CH_3TiH (an insertion compound); ZrH_3 ; HZr(O)OH; HCr(H ₂); FCSF (fluoro(fluoromethylidyne)-λ⁴-sulfane) ; t,t-HOCOH (dihydroxycarbene) ; HMgOH ; <i>cyc</i> -CrNO	[197]; [198]; [199]; [200]; [201]; [108]; [202]; [97]; [173]; [203]
1098w	RCH1, RCH1A	CBrF₂ ; PF_3^+ ; SnD_3^- ; Ag_2H^- ; HZrOH; LiO_2^- (lithium superoxide); <i>cyc</i> -AlO ₂ ; CCl₃NO₂ (chloropicrin)	[131]; [123]; [153]; [59]; [102]; [204]; [205]; [206]
1088w-1090w	CD5, CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdo, CL2a , CL2aA, RCH1A, RD07, RD07A, RD08N , RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	+1013: (F ₂ N)AuF; +~1033~3013 (CL2aA, RCH1; RD and ZB): methane-d2; BCl_3^+ ; BHCl_2 (dichloroborane)	[207]; [32]; [208]
1081-1080sh	RD07, RD07A, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	CBrCl₂F (bromodichlorofluoromethane) ; NaO_2^- ; AlNO ; VH_2 ; In_2H_2 ; HInOH ; Cd_2H ; <i>cyc</i> -TlO ₂ ; TiH_2 ; HTiC₂H₃ (vinyltitanium monohydride); $\text{H}_2\text{CCl-Cl}$; +~1118 (RD07, RD07A): ethenol ; +1267 (RD07, RD07A; ZB): p-(CF₂)₂C₆H₄ (tetrafluoro-p-xylylene)	[32]; [209]; [145]; [118]; [106]; [16]; [56]; [210]; [56]; [211]; [196]; [272]; [36]
1072w	SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RCH1, RCH1A	<i>t</i> -HNOH; +~2337 (the SW samples): C₆F₄ (perfluorinated p-benzene); MnD_2^- ; CH₃IO (iodosomethane); CH₃SO (methylsulfinyl radical); DPbO (HPbO)	[212]; [36]; [213]; [214]; [215]; [188]
1066w	CLdU	Mg_2H ; HCS_2 ; SnH_2^-	[125]; [216]; [153]

1060w	RCH1, RCH1A	+~1584: Mg ₂ H ₄ ; HBaOH; hydroxyacetonitrile; 1,2,4-cyc-C₂H₄O₃ (an ethylene ozonide); cyc-C ₃ HCl (chlorinated cyclopropenylidene); (2-ClC ₆ H ₄)CH (2-chlorophenyl)carbene); UH ₄ ; GaBH ₆ (gallaborane); +1035: CeH ₂ ⁺	[125]; [217]; [218]; [219]; [220]; [221]; [159]; [222]; [191]
1037as-1034as	CL2aA, SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3, RCH1, RCH1A, RD07, RD07A, RD08N , RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, RD08k, RD08kA, RD08o, RD11L, RD11U, RD11o, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	NF ₃ ; +1082 (RD07, RD07A, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3): CH₂OCH₂OO (1,2,4-trioxolane); + 1281 + 1244 (RD07, RD07A, ZB): CF₃OSO₃ (triflic) radical; propargyl fluoride (C ₃ H ₃ F); +1090+~3013 (CL2aA, RCH1; RD and ZB): methane-d2; +1060 (RCH1, RCH1A): CeH ₂ ⁺	[32]; [223]; [224]; [32]; [191]
1032-1034w	CD6o, CD7, CLd, CLdA, CLdU, CL2a, RCH1A	methanol ?; NF ₃ ? ; cyclohexane (ring vibrations) or an aliphatic phosphate or an organic siloxane or silicone or an inorganic sulphate or phosphate or silicate	[12]
1012-1011	SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3; RD07, RD11U, ZB1, ZB1A, ZB2, ZB2o, ZB3	HOOBr; CBrCl ₂ F ⁻ ; C₂Cl₄⁺ ; +1090: (F ₂ N)AuF; CuCH ₂ (copper methylene); CuO ₂ ⁻ ; CHSi (silicon methylidyne); BS ₂	[225]; [131]; [226]; [207]; [227]; [228]; [229]
976vw	RCH1, RCH1A	CBr₂Cl⁺ ; NCrO; CHNSi ; CH ₃ UH; FeO ₃ ; SF ₄ ⁺ ; Cu ₂ D ₂ ; IOClO; 2H-azirine	[230]; [203]; [124]; [156]; [231]; [123]; [232]; [233]; [234]
966vw	RD11U	Se ₂ O ₂ (cyc-(SeOSe)=O); Ga ₂ O ₂ ; CrO ₂ S; BCl ₂ ; H2O2; +1830: CH₃MoH	[235]; [236]; [237]; [238]; [239]; [50]
925-928vw	CD5, CD7, (ZB3)	dimethylsilanol ; germanol (GeH ₃ OH); SiCl ₃ OCl; OF ₂ ; Al ₂ H ₄ ; Li(C₆H₆) ; P ₂ F ₄ (F ₃ P=PF); (Cl₂)CCl[•]Cl ; t-ClC(O)OO (peroxychloroformyl radical); +1428: C₆H₆F ; H ₃ Si (silyl radical); CD7: SO ₂ F ₃ ⁻ ; FNC (“fluorine cyanide”)	[240]; [241]; [242]; [32]; [243]; [244]; [235]; [246]; [32]; [247]; [129]; [248]; [25]
920vw	SW2, SW2o, SW2o2, SW2o3	methyl-d3-stannane?; (H ₂)LaH ₂ ; H₃Si(cyc-CSiCH) ; cyc-(HC=NCH)CN; CNbO; cyc-Tl ₂ H ₂ ; SF ₅ O ₂ radical; WO ₃ ; Ga ₂ H ₂	[32]; [126]; [124]; [249]; [250]; [251]; [112]; [252]; [253]
911vw	ZB3, BT1o4	GeCl ₄ ; vinyl-1,2-butadiene	CALCMET; [254]

¹ weak, very weak, diffuse, broad, shoulder; ² shifted against the literature-derived position; ³ other (important) bands missing; expected organic compounds are given in bold; some data is for deuterated molecules.

It is noteworthy that the above table only list proposal trace gaseous species. At least some of them are transient molecules potentially related to photochemical reactions at the heap

surfaces. The cited literature often concerns noble-gas matrix-isolated compounds and laser-ablated precursors. Thus, the listed proposals should be treated with care.

2. Discussion: Chance of the Occurrence And Potential Sources of Selected Trace Organic Gases

Bromomethane, CH₃Br

Observation of bromomethane (methyl bromide) is not a surprise, especially that it is reported, together with chloromethane, as “the most abundant halogenated hydrocarbon” in the atmosphere (e.g., [255]). Interestingly, exactly this compound was detected, exclusively, at the very same vent using the IT method. This observation is somewhat in opposition to the suggestion of the mentioned authors that bromomethane is “mainly of nonindustrial origin” (although they mention biomass burning as one of its sources). Although Br₂ was not detected in any CFGs studied, I₂ was. Thus, a reaction involving methanol, Br₂ and S (or H₂S), is credible:



The compound is degraded by photochemically generated OH⁻ groups and is slowly hydrolysed by water [257].

CHClF, HCFBr, and CF₂I⁺

These molecules, or radicals, are undoubtedly derivatives of their parent freon-type molecules like dichloromethane, chloromethane, CFC-11, and HCFC-22. In our former study similar ions were detected, e.g., dichlorodifluoromethane anion. Such ions are important in studies of ozone depletion, as at least some CFCs may liberate Cl atoms (e.g., [258]).

cyc-C₁₀

This is one of the linear molecules obtained via photodetachment from its relative anion, C₁₀⁻ [38]. Both molecules result from carbon vaporization, i.e., a graphite rod bombardment by Cs cations. A similar molecule, C₄, was previously tentatively detected in the CFGs [7]. It is a matter of debate if C₁₀ could be formed via ring opening of ten-carbon compounds well-known to occur in the exhalative environment of the BPWHs like naphthalene, C₁₀H₈.

c-cyanomethanimine, CH₂=N-CN

This unstable compound, important in astrobiochemical studies, may be formed via pyrolysis of dimethylcyanamide, (CH₃)₂NCO [259]. It is one of many nitriles detected in the CFGs [7-8], and an isomer of HCN. [260] generated its N-homologue from two heterocycles: 1,5-trimethylenetetrazole, (CH₂)₃N(N=N-N)C (by removal of N₂ and ethene, at 500-800 °C) and

ditetrazolopyrazine, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}(\text{=N-N=N-N})_2$ (by removal of 2N_2 , at $600\text{-}850\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). Combustion of *N,N*-dimethylcyanamide may also be used. The *N* isomer of cyanomethanimine is said to be theoretically more stable than both HCN and another isomer – iminoacetonitrile. However, this does not seem to be true for the BPWH environment. Nevertheless, the mentioned reactions seem to be plausible to explain the occurrence of the compound in question there.

Dithio-*p*-benzoquinone (*thio-para*-benzoquinone; DpBQ) $\text{C}_6\text{S}_4\text{O}_2$

This compound was obtained by [261], alongside with *p*-benzoquinone, monothiol-*p*-benzoquinone, and 1,5-hexadiene, during thermal decomposition of 1,4-di(heteroallyl)-substituted benzenes, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{XCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2)_2$ ($\text{X} = \text{O}, \text{S}$), at $797\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. According to [79], DpBQ may also be formed via photolysis or vacuum pyrolysis (at $800\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) from $[\text{C}_4(\text{CO})_2][\text{S}(\text{CO})\text{S}]_2$, that is most likely 1,3,5,7-tetrathia-*s*-indacene-4,8-dione, by removal of 2 CO. The temperatures reported are easily reachable in the BPWHs and are typical for high-temperature pyrolysis, or similar processes, taking place at depth. At once, a rich S source in the CFG would be available in the form of abundant heterocycle thiophene, $\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{S}$. Identification of dithio-*para*-benzoquinone brings to mine detection of hexathiophane (thiepane), $(\text{CH}_2)_6\text{S}$ in an organic pyrolysate deposited in a vent of one of the BPWHs studied [7]. Both compounds, as thiophene, may act as precursors to common elemental sulfur crystals of the local fumaroles.

Ethenol

Ethenol, or *syn*-vinyl alcohol is related to acetaldehyde – a common admixing constituent of the CFGs – via tautomerization (e.g., [262]). The process needs very high temperature and low pressure, but may be achieved in the environment in question due to catalytic role of photochemistry. Vinyl compounds are expected to be enriched in the CFGs, as vinyl chloride is one of the major Cl species there. Another route to ethenol is dehydration of ethylene glycol [263] which, however, was not observed yet. [196] produced ethenol via thermal decomposition of some alcohols and aldehydes. One such reaction, taking place at $\sim 650\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with optimum at $750\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, involves ethene and acetaldehyde at the first stage, with additional acetylene formed at the second one. Ethenol was also obtained from *b*-butyraldehyde, *n*-butanol, and *n*-propanol. Most of these molecules were identified in the CFG, mainly involving the ESLM.

1-fluorocyclohexadienyl radical, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{F}$

The radical, or addition complex, is a relatively long-lasting product of a microwave-discharge, or photochemically formed F atoms with benzene, although at very low temperatures. As such conditions are very different for these in the BPWHs, such radical, if present, must have been formed following another chemical path, or is also to be formed at normal and/or elevated temperatures. It is likely in a recombination relation with fluorobenzene [129]. A similar complex is known as benzene fluoride, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{F}^-$.

Formaldoxime isocyanate, HO-N=CH-N=C=O

This is one of the compounds formed in long-time experimental gas-phase pyrolysis of chloroglyoxime, N(OH)=CH-(Cl)C=N(OH). By removing HCl from the latter, an intermediate nitriloxide, HO-N=C(H)-C≡N→O is formed [23]. Irradiation of the latter produces the compound in question. Formaldoxime – an oxime of formaldehyde – may itself be formed via interaction of hydroxylamine, NH₂OH, and formaldehydes [264]. Amines do occur in the CFGs studied.

Hydrogen isocyanide, HNC

The observation of this compound is expected, as its major tautomer – hydrogen cyanide – is one of the most common cyanides detected in the CFGs studied, at various vents and heaps, by both the FTIR and IT techniques. A well known interstellar molecule, it is extraterrestrially formed via, e.g., dissociative recombination of protonated hydrogen cyanide, HNCH⁺, and H₂NC⁺ [265]. However, it may also be formed as an intermediate in combustion of its tautomer [266].

Monomethylsilane, (CH₃)SiH₃(MMS)

This is yet another silane derivative detected in the CFGs after SiF₄ (fully quantitative analysis), carbonosilylene, diazasilene, difluorosilane, dimethylsilanimine, disilane, tribromosilane, trichlorosilane, trifluorosilane, silanenitrile [7], and other potential Si compounds from this study: bromo- and iodomethylsilane, monofluorosilylene radical, metasilicic acid, methylsilanediyline (methylsilylene, HSiCH₃), trichlorosilanol, silicon methylidyne, and Si(NO)₂, to mention some. In the light of such a potential of a wealth of Si-bearing gases, a monosubstituted silane is not an oddity. Of a particular interest is methylsilylene. Interestingly, it was preliminarily detected, alongside with MMS, in two CL samples and one RD sample. It is a major product of MMS combustion (i.e., static pyrolysis, at 340-440 °C and 40-400 Torr; [270]), according to the reaction of 1,1-H₂ elimination:



A silene compound may be formed in 1,2-H₂ elimination (at 427 °C)



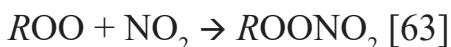
Perfluorinated p-benzyne, C₆F₄

Also known as 1,4-didehydro-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzene, it is yet another compound originally isolated in a noble gas matrix by [36]. Its generation was achieved by destabilization of 1,3,4,6-tetrafluoro-hex-3-ene-1,5-diyne, (CCF₃)₂(CF)₂, although it could theoretically also

be formed photochemically from 1,4-diiodo-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzene and by irradiation of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoroterephthaloyl diiodide. The latter process, however, takes place at very low temperature. Reactions allowing formation of similar compounds are known as Bergmann cyclization. Occurrence of C_6F_4 in the CFG is reliable due to the two-method-confirmed occurrence of benzene and suspected presence of *o*-tetrafluorobenzyne, hexafluorobenzene, and iodofluorobenzene, among others.

Peroxyethyl nitrate (PEN), $C_2H_5OONO_2$

This and similar compounds may be formed in the following reaction (taking place at P close to ambient):



Where $R = C_nH_{2n+1}$, n=1-6. The precursor phase is an alkane-NO₂ mixture. Both these constituents are frequent components in the CFG. [63] also reported similar peroxy nitrates, as major N species, among products of photolysis of mixtures of Cl₂, NO₂, and alkanes. [271] also explored reaction of C₂H₅O₂ (ethylperoxy radical) with NO₂ and found PEN, too. They suggest this compound to be important in urban atmospheres, thus making discovery of it in the CFG more reliable. What is important, the reaction takes place at ambient temperature. The more, other peroxy compounds may be present in the CFG, including acetyl peroxy, benzoylperoxy and peroxychloroformyl radicals, and the conjugate acid relative of the PEN.

Tetrafluoro-*p*-xylylene (TFpX), $(C_6H_4)(CHF_2)_2$

This compound was isolated in a noble gas matrix by [272]. Its formation is due to vacuum pyrolysis of octafluoro[2.2]paracyclophane. The compound was also found to rearrange into heptafulvene. Vapor deposition, in turn, turns it into parylene, $[(C_6H_4)(CF_2)_2]_n$, that is stable at elevated temperatures, i.e., 240 °C. Rearrangement of TFpX produces tetrafluoroheptafulvene, (C₇H₄)F₂(CHF₂), while [1,2]-F shift (F atom migration) leads to fluorocarbene, (C₆H₄)F(:CF)(CHF₂). Interestingly, some carbene compounds may be present in the CFG, too, including dihydroxycarbene, (2-chlorophenyl)carbene, phenylchlorocarbene, and a dihalocarbene cation. The parent molecule, *p*-xylylene, is very reactive, easily undergoing polymerization and oligomerization. As a derivative of benzene, such compound is likely to exist in the CFG.

Thioacetaldehyde, CH₃CHS

A member of the thial group, known as ethanethial and acetothialaldehyde, it is an unstable molecule. Polymerization of thiols, e.g., thioformaldehyde, leads to cyclic organosulfurs [273]. Such a reaction may possibly be responsible for the occurrence of molecules like thiirene in the CFG. The latter authors obtained the compound via pyrolysis of 1,3,5-trimethyl-s-trithiane and hexamethyl s-trithiane, at 500-600 °C. Interestingly, [274] reports another route: (1) matrix

photolysis of either thiirane, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{S}$, or ethanesulfenyl chloride, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SCl}$, or (2) flash photolysis of allyl ethyl sulfide, $\text{CH}_3\text{CHSCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$. The pyrolysis experiments of the latter authors were conducted at 800 or 900 °C depending on the routes.

Thiocarbonyl fluoride (TCF), CSF_2

It is a sulfur analogue of carbonyl fluoride. [275] prepared it from silyl trifluoromethyl sulfide, SiH_8SCF_3 , in reaction with NH_3 (a gas common in the CFG) or NaF . What is important, it is said to be stable not only at room temperature, but up to 300 °C, its occurrence in the CFG is thus very likely. However, what may be important from our point of view, [276] generated it from a carbene – difluorocarbene, reacted with S_8 allotrope of sulfur. This allotrope is identical with the mineral known as native sulfur, occurring in abundance in the BPWH vents. TCF is also a product of interaction of bis(trifluoromethyl)mercury with sulfur. This reaction is interesting in relation to possible occurrence of SiH_3HgH in the CFG. Interestingly, TCF interacts with silica to give SiF_4 and COS [275], both products being also known to occur in the CFG. [277] reports another, simple route, that is pyrolysis of 2,2,4,4,-tetrafluoro-1,3-dithietane, $(\text{CF}_2)_2(\mu\text{-S})_2$, generated from thiophosgene, $(\text{CCl}_2)_2(\mu\text{-S})_2$. Dithietane and thiophosgene are compounds similar or relative to thiirene, thiophene, and phosgene, known or suspected to occur in the CFG.

Titanacyclopene (TCP), $\text{H}_2\text{Ti}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_2)$

Observation of more than a single band of, potentially, this cyclometalloorganic compound, is important, as it may confirm the existence of organometallics in the CFG and may shed light on the mode of gaseous transfer of metals from the fire zones into the surrounding environment. [141] obtained this molecule, alongside with vinyltitanium monohydride, via interaction of ground-state Ti^0 atoms with ethene, in argon, and selective electronic excitation of the metal. [278] have prepared both TCP and titanacyclopropane, by reacting titanium(IV) isopropoxide, $\text{Ti}(\text{O}-\text{i-Pr})_4$, *n*-butyllithium and alkynes, in tetrahydrofuran, at 0 °C. In the case of the unsaturated species, the saturated one was acting as the immediate precursor. [279] obtained a propyl derivative of TCP by reacting diisopropoxy(η^2 -propene)titanium with an alkyne. They do not report exact temperature of this particular process, but is likely a low-temperature one. Possibility of such a process at high temperatures typical for the BPWHs is unknown.

Triflic radical, CF_3OSO_3

Spectroscopic study confirming the existence of this radical was done by [224]. They generated the radical via low-pressure flash thermolysis of a peroxide radical dimer $\text{CF}_3\text{OS(O)}_2\text{OOS(O)}_2\text{OCF}_3$. However, the radical is also known to arise when CF_3O – the trifluoromethoxy radical formed by degradation of the CF_3 group in freons and a major actor

in their atmospheric fate – and SO_2 are combined to form CF_3OSO_2 (trifluoromethoxy sulfonyl radical), which is then slowly oxidized. Their study is of a great importance, because the radical is photolysed to SO_3 – a possible route for SO_2 to SO_3 oxidation in the atmosphere. According to the authors the triflic radical was previously unknown to exist. Its possible occurrence in the CFG is thus important from the environmental protection point of view.

1,2,4-trioxolane

Also known as ethylene ozonide, it may be formed via interaction of ethene and ozone. It is thus yet another compound important from the point of view of atmospheric-environmental studies. The intermediate molecule is CH_2OO^* , known as Criegee intermediate, and formaldehyde. The latter is quite frequent in the CFG. 1,2,4-trioxolane decays into formic anhydride, $(\text{CHO})_2\text{O}$, and hydrogen [223]. [267] reports formation of some trioxolanes via Griesbaum coozolonyisis of oxime ether/ketone pairs. According to [268], 1,2,4-trioxolane is prone to self-decompose, to a triplet biradical, via “a spin intersystem crossing process and O-O bond cleavage”. Trioxolanes may be an important add to the oxygen-bearing heterocycles in the CFG, represented by furan and tetrahydrofuran. Another such compound, detected in a Portuguese BPWH by [269] is 1,4-dioxane.

3. Other Molecules

Below are various molecules with slight less occurrence probability, or the ones with less evident fit to the CFG spectra.

$(\text{C}_2\text{H}_2)\text{In}$ (indium-acetylene complex)

Indium is a very rare element, but may be enriched in various BPWH materials. As shown by [280], its concentration in the local pyrometamorphic rocks may reach 430 ppm, which is a large concentration for this element. As the burning process is known of mobilization of various elements, it is reliable to expect some organoindium compounds in the CFG. Indeed, some exhalative sulfate minerals have shown up to 220 ppm In. This is in accordance to the relatively high affinity of In to coals, with Coal Affinity Index (CAI) of 3.7 ppm as compared to 0.04 ppm mean (Clarke) concentration [281]. To obtain the complex, [31] used indium outgassed at 900 °C – a temperature easily reachable at the burnout stage of the heap burning phenomenon. They suggest the complex to bear μ -In bonding. A similar complex, $\text{In-C}_2\text{H}_2\text{-O}$, formed by semihydrogenation of acetylene on In_2O_3 , is reported by [282] to show a strong chemisorption towards the alkyne. Another related compound, potentially occurring in another heap's fumaroles, is monomethylindium. Other reduced In species in the CFG may include In_2H_2 and In_2H_6 .

CH_3MoH (methylmolybdenum hydride) and CH_2MoH_2 (methylidenemolybdenum hydride)

Molybdenum is a typical coal-enriched element, even though its CAI is 1.1 ppm as compared to the Clarke value of 2.2 ppm [281]. Still, gas deposition (desublimation or similar processes) of minerals with species-defining Mo in the BPWH, e.g., in the form of ilsemannite, $\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_8 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ are known [280]. A recent discovery of the new mineral hasanovite, $\text{KNa}(\text{MoO}_2)(\text{SO}_4)_2$, at the famous Ravat fire site in Tajikistan [283] confirms this phenomenon. Organomolybdenum and other gaseous Mo species are thus expected in the CFG. [50] obtained the two title complexes via activation of methane by laser-ablated Mo atoms. Alongside with methylidynemolybdenum hydride, they are formed via C-H insertion that is achieved thanks to excited Mo atoms. The three complexes are interdependent via α -H transfers. It is important to notice, that Mo hydrides, namely MoH_2 , MoH_3 and MoH_4 , were tentatively detected in the CFG, alongside with other reduced species like $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2$ and $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3$.

2,4-didehydrophephenol (hydroxybenzyne, cyclohexa-1,3-dien-5-yn-1-ol), $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{OH})$

[26] obtained this *meta*-aryne (*m*-benzyne) via photochemical decarboxylation of a carbene, $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_3(\text{CO})\text{C}:)(\text{COOH})$, in argon matrix, at $T = 10$ K. The compound obtained is a diradical. It is yet another potential carbenic molecule to exist in the CFG. [284] found a similar way to obtain the title compound(s). They used photodecarboxylation of *p*-benzoquinone diazide carboxylic acids, $(\text{CRCOC}(\text{COOH})(\text{CH})_2\text{CN}_2)_2$.

Other organic compounds that were tentatively detected via the RSA method in the CFG include (1) radicals: butadiynyl, cyclopropyl, and methylsulfinyl; (2) halogenated hydrocarbons: bromofluoromethylene, 1,3-difluoroethene, chloroform, fluorinated methylenecyclopropane, fluoromethane, *p*-iodotetrafluorobenzene, propargyl fluoride; (3) oxygen-bearing heterocycles: oxiranylidene; (3) amines: methyl(nitrosomethyl)amine; (4) other organonitrogens: 2*H*-azirine, chloropicrin; (4) organosulfurs: difluorosulfine, fluoro(fluoromethylidyne)- λ^4 -sulfane, methylisothiocyanate; (3) organoborons: $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{BH}$ and chloromethylboron; (4) organosilicon compounds: 1,1,-dimethylsilanimine, dimethylsilanol; chloro-, bromo- and/or iodomethylsilane; (5) organophosphorus compounds: 1-phosphaethene, (chloromethylidyne) phosphine, difluoro- λ^3 -phosphonitrile; (4) bromine isocyanide, fluorine isocyanide; (7) organometallics: lithium-benzene complex, HMgCH_2F Grignard-type compound, vinyl titanium hydride, HNiOCH_3 , and CH_3UH .

Inorganic compounds preliminarily observed include: (1) hydrides: Al_2H_2 and Al_2H_4 ; GaH_2 and GaH_2Cl ; YH_2 , CeH_2^+ ; and $(\text{HHg})_2$; (2) sulfur and nitrogen compounds: sulfur monoxide, thiazyl fluoride, nitrogen sulfide oxide, $\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$, peroxy nitric and nitric acid; (3) nitrosyls: $\text{Ge}(\text{NO})_2$, $\text{Au}(\text{NO})_2$; (3) silicon compounds: metasilicic acid; (4) phosphorus compounds: PO_2Cl ; and (5) $(\text{F}_2\text{N})\text{AuF}$ and $\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2$.

4. Conclusions

An obvious weakness of the (FT)IR's RSA method is its usual basing on single bands. Although the CALCMET software is supposed to calculate the precise (major) gas contents, one cannot be fully convinced on its infallibility, i.e., some undercalculated intensities may likely result in tiny remnant signals in the residual spectra. This is especially true for the bands in the 3000-3900 cm⁻¹ range, that is, one of the major absorption ranges of H₂O. On the other hand, there are quite numerous compound proposals in the RSA based on more than a single band. Many of the listed proposals are based on the literature data related to matrix isolation at low temperatures, laser ablation and similar harsh-condition experiments. However, a question arises if matrix isolation spectroscopy necessary for the formation of the particular compounds or, rather, is simply a method to identify and stabilize the otherwise unstable and transient molecules. Thus, at least some of the literature-reported processes, or some similar routes, are suspected to be able to also take place at higher temperatures typical for the BPWHs.

The results presented show that the BPWHs may stand for a very complex organic-chemical laboratory. Complex nature of the waste rocks and very high dynamics of the combustion and related processes may invoke formation of numerous interesting compounds that are otherwise known from very different geological environments, both terrestrial and extraterrestrial ones.

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