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Role of Nanoclays in Carbon stabilization in Andisols and Cambisols

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Abstract

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and their consequent effect on global warming are an issue of global environmental concern. Increased carbon (C) stabilization and sequestration in soil organic matter (SOM) is one of the ways to mitigate these emissions. Here we evaluated the role of nanoclays isolated from soil on C stabilization in both a C rich Andisols and C depleted Cambisols. Nanoclays were analyzed for size and morphology by transmission electron microscopy, for elemental composition and molecular composition using pyrolysis-GC/MS. Moreover, nanoclays were treated with H_2O_2 to isolate stable SOM associated with them. Our result showed better nanoclay extraction efficiency and higher nanoclay yield for Cambisol compared to Andisols, probably related to their low organic matter content. Nanoclay fractions from both soils were different in size, morphology, surface reactivity and SOM content. Nanoclays in Andisols sequester around 5-times more C than Cambisols, and stabilized 6 to 8-times more C than Cambisols nanoclay after SOM chemical oxidation. Isoelectric points and surface charge of nanoclays extracted from the two soils was very different. However, the chemical reactivity of the nanoclay SOM was similar, illustrating their importance for C sequestration. Generally, the precise C stabilization mechanisms of both soils may be different, with nanoscale aggregation being more important in Andisols. We can conclude that independent of the soil type and mineralogy the nanoclay fraction may play an important role in C sequestration and stabilization in soil-plant systems.

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1. Introduction

Increased atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO_2) is the principal cause of the ongoing global warming (Lal, 2010). The majority of carbon (C) in terrestrial ecosystems is known to be present in the soil organic matter (SOM) (Batjes, 1996), and this pool can act as a source or a sink for atmospheric CO_2 (Lal, 2010) and thereby mitigating or enhancing the overall rise in atmospheric CO_2 concentration and associated climate warming issues.

Natural nanoparticles (< 100 nm) occur widely in the environment, especially in soils (Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2009, 2011; Montreal *et al*., 2010; Pan and Xing, 2012). It has been suggested that nanoclays could be effective in increasing soil water, carbon (C) and nutrient storage capacities, due to their large surface area (Khedr *et al*., 2006; Hiemstra *et al*., 2010; Hernández and Almendros, 2012; Regelink *et al*., 2013). The use of nanomaterials with their unique electronic, kinetic, magnetic and optical properties may enhance C stabilization in soil (Monreal *et al*., 2010; Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2011).

Nanomaterials in soils comprise clay minerals as well as metal oxides. A soil type naturally rich in nanomaterials is Andisol. These soils derived from volcanic ash naturally contain nanoclay, among which allophane is the most abundant (Parfitt *et al*., 1983; Wada, 1987; Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2009). Allophane is a non-crystalline aluminosilicate, and occurs as nano-spheres with an outer diameter of 3.5–5.0 nm, with defects in the wall structure that give rise to perforations of ~ 0.3 nm in diameter. It has been demonstrated that the extracted aggregates of Andisol nanoparticles retain a significant amount of C (11.8 %) against intensive peroxide treatment (Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2011). This was attributed to physical and chemical protection due to the spatial

et al., 2010; Chevallier *et al*. 2010; Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2011) and may therefore contribute to long-term storage of C in soil. However, Andisols represent only around 0.8% (around 110 to 124 million hectares at worldwide) of global soil area (FAO, 2001), but contain 6-8% of total soil C (Batjes, 1996).

The most common global soil type (based on land area) is Cambisol, it is also one of the major soil types widely used in food production, covering 1.5 billion hectares (FAO, 2001). Due to intensive agricultural use these soils are now generally C depleted and contain only 3% of soil C (Batjes, 1996). Nanomaterials in this soil type may strongly differ from those of Andisols and comprise different clay minerals as well as iron and/or aluminum oxides.

The main objective of this work was to evaluate the role of the nanoclay fractions on C stabilization from a C rich Andisols and C depleted Cambisols. In particular we investigated extraction yields, amounts, turnover, and the composition of C associated with the nanoclay fractions of both soils.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Soil preparation and clay extraction

The soil samples were collected from a Chilean Andisols (UFRO experimental site) and French Cambisols (INRA experimental site, les Closeaux) all under agricultural management. The Andisols studied were Pemehue (PEH) (39°04′ S and 072°10′ W) and Piedras Negras (PN) (40°23′ S and 072°30′ W) series in Southern Chile (Soil Survey Laboratory Staff, 1996), both Andisols 0-20 cm depth were collected in 2011. The agricultural management in PEH series corresponds to annual crop (wheat) under traditional tillage, while PN is managed under permanent grassland (white clover + ryegrass).

We also sampled an Eutric cambisol (Eu Cam) with a silt loam texture, located in the "Parc du Château de Versailles" (Centre INRA Versailles-Grignon, France). This experimental area had been thoroughly described in Dignac *et al*. (2005) and Bahri *et al*. (2006). Sampled Cambisols were both under agricultural annual cropping management; maize (CM) and wheat (CW). All soil samples were air-dried (2–3 days at room temperature) and sieved at 2 mm discarding coarse plant residues.

Approximately, 100 g of each soil samples were used for clay extraction. Briefly, deionized water (180 ml) was added to 50 g of air-dried bulk soil, and shaken overnight with 20 glass beads (diameter 5 mm). The fraction < 50 μm was collected after wet sieving. It was ultrasonicated applying 7,500 J g^{-1}, using a Sonics Vibra Cell model VC 550 equipment, the soil mass (g): water (mL) ratio was 1:10. Around 14 g of soil suspension was placed in a one-liter measuring cylinder, from which the clay fraction (< 2 μm equivalent spherical diameter), was obtained by sedimentation under gravity, following Stokes' law. The separated clay suspension was concentrated by sedimentation overnight changing the ionic force achieved 1.8 M with NaCl.

For Cambisol fractionations three soil suspension cycles and sample sonications were used before clay isolation. With these standard procedures we were able to recover 100 % of theoretical amount (Dignac *et al*., 2005). We increased de number of cycles to 15 for Andisols and we were then able to recover around 84 % of theoretical content (Mella and Kühne, 1985). The clay extractions were performed in triplicate.

2.2. Nanoclay extraction

The nanoclay fraction was extracted using the methodology as described by Calabi-Floody *et al*. (2011). Briefly, 5 g of the clay was suspended in 100 mL of 1 M NaCl, ultrasonicated at 5,600 J g^{-1}, and centrifuged at 1350 *g* for 40 min and 25 °C. The first-round supernatant was discarded in order to remove vegetal and mineral impurities. The pellet was suspended in 50 mL of deionized water applying 750 J g^{-1}. The supernatant was collected, while the pellet was resuspended (in deionized water) by sonication and centrifuged, this stage was repeated 11 times for Andisols and 5 for Cambisols. The collected supernatants, containing the nanoclay, were dialyzed (1000 kDa membrane) against deionized water until the conductivity of the water reached 0.5–0.8 μS cm^{-1}. The dialyzed material was freeze-dried to yield solid nanoclays. The nanoclay extractions were performed in triplicate.

2.3. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM)

A drop of the clay or nanoclay suspension (1 μg mL^{-1}) was evaporated on a carbon-coated copper grid. TEM images were obtained with a Jeol-1200 EXII instrument operating at 120 kV, equipped with a Gatan 782 camera for image digitization. Electron diffraction (ED) was made at 60 cm from the focus.

2.4. Elemental analyses and turnover

Carbon and nitrogen contents were determined by dry combustion using a CN Elemental analyzer (CHN NA 1500, Carlo Erba). Stable C isotope ratios (δ^{13}C) were determined with a CHN analyser coupled with a SIRA10 isotopic ratio mass spectrometer (Micromass). The results for isotope abundance are reported in per mil (‰) relative to the Pee Dee Belemnite standard. Accuracy of the elemental analysis was ±0.1 mg g^{-1} for C and ±0.05 mg g^{-1} for N content. The accuracy of isotope δ^{13}C measurements was ±0.3‰. Calculation of mean residence times of C was carried out using the carbon isotope signatures

of the Cambisol under permanent wheat and after 9 years of maize cultivation. The proportion (F) of incorporated maize C in bulk and nanoclay fraction was calculated using the isotopic mass balance:

$$F = (\delta^{13}C\text{soil}_{\text{wheat control}} - \delta^{13}C\text{ soil }_{\text{9 yrs maize}})/(\delta^{13}C_{\text{wheat}} - \delta^{13}C_{\text{maize}})$$

where $\delta^{13}C\text{soil}_{\text{wheat control}}$ is the stable C isotope ratio of soil sampled under continuous wheat and $\delta^{13}C\text{ soil }_{\text{9 yrs maize}}$ is the stable C isotope ratio of soil sampled after 9 years of maize cultivation, $\delta^{13}C_{\text{wheat}} - \delta^{13}C_{\text{maize}}$ are the stable carbon isotope ratios of the wheat and maize plants respectively, these values were took from Dignac *et al.* (2005) who facilitated the Cambisol samples. From these data we then calculated the C incorporation per year and the mean residence time (MRT) as 1/incorporation rate.

2.5. Chemical reactivity and electrophoretic mobility

A portion of the nanoclay fractions was treated with 30% hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) to remove the associated organic matter. This was done by adding H_2O_2 to the soil fractions at a H_2O_2: suspension ratio of 1:2, acidifying to pH 2 with 0.1 M HCl, and heating at 60 °C for 16 h with stirring. The suspensions were neutralized by adding NaOH (0.1 M) and dialyzed (1000 kDa membrane) against deionized water to remove excess H_2O_2. To determine chemical reactivity, C and N contents were determined before and after the oxidation.

Electrophoretic mobility measurements were made at 25 °C using a Zetasizer Nano ZS apparatus (Malvern Instruments) with a re-usable dip cell (Malvern EZ 1002). The associated software allowed zeta potentials to be derived from electrophoretic mobility data, using the Smoluchowski and Hückel equations (Hunter, 1981). Briefly, 1 mg of the clay or nanoclay (before and after treatment with H_2O_2) was suspended in 1 mL of 0.001 M KCl by immersion in an

ultrasonic bath for 5 min. Measurements were carried out over a range of pH values (between 1 and 12), adjusted by careful addition of either 0.01 M HCl or 0.01 M NaOH.

2.6. Chemical characterization of soil organic matter

The molecular composition of the SOM associated with the clay and nanoclay fractions were determined by analytical pyrolysis coupled with gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC-MS), using samples that had been freeze-dried and ground to a fine powder. Curie -Point pyrolysis was carried out by heating the samples to the Curie -Point temperature of 650 °C. The pyrolysis products were analyzed by GC-MS, carried out with a pyrolysis unit (GSG Curie -Point Pyrolyser 1040 PSC) coupled to a gas chromatograph (Hewlett Packard HP 5890) and a mass spectrometer (Hewlett Packard HP 5889; electron energy 70 eV), using a polar silica capillary column. The temperature in the GC oven was raised from 30 °C to 250 °C at 4 °C per minute.

2.7. Statistical analysis

Data were analyzed by a multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA), and comparisons were carried out for each pair with Tukey test by SPSS software (SPSS, Inc.) and the values were given as means ± standard errors. Differences were considered significant when the P value was less than or equal to 0.05.

3. Results

3.1. Extraction yield and nanoclay size and morphology

Significantly more nanoclay could be extracted ($p \leq 0.05$) from Cambisols than from Andisols, amounting to 87.0±0.6 and 88.5±1.5 g kg^{-1}soil for CW and CM

respectively, while in Andisols recovery ranged 29.3±0.7 and 55.3±0.5 g kg⁻¹soil for PN and PEH, respectively.

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) showed that nanoclays obtained from the two Andisols principally consisted of spherical aggregates of allophane with main diameter about 100 nm (Figure 1a, b). The nanoclays from the two Cambisols were crystalline nanoparticles according to observed in electron diffraction patterns with pseudohexagonal morphology (Figure 1c), typically reported for Kaolinite (Cravero *et al*., 1997; Qui *et al*., 2014). Their main size was ~ 50 nm of external diameter (Figure 1d). TEM results showed that nanoclay fractions in the studied soils ranged from 100 – 50 nm and were smaller in Cambisol as compared to Andisol.

3.2. Carbon and nitrogen content and C turnover

The C and N content in bulk soil were higher in Andisols than Cambisols, ranging from 12.5±0.02 to 106.2±1.1 g kg⁻¹ for C and 1.9±0.4 to 10.2±0.2 g kg⁻¹ for N (Table 1). The nanoclay fractions in the two soil types were enriched in both C and N ($p \leq 0.05$) with 41.4±0.6 to 200.7±2.0g C kg⁻¹ and 5.5±0.2 to 21.9±0.6 g N kg⁻¹, for Cambisols and Andisols, respectively. The C/N ratio of the nanoclay fractions did not differ from the bulk soils for both soil types under cropland, although C/N ratios of the nanoclay fraction were lower compared to the bulk soil for the Andisol under grassland (Table 1).

The MRT of C was calculated for the Cambisol using stable C isotope ratios using the natural abundance tracing technique The MRT of nanoclays showed a turnover time of 135.7±10.5 years; which was higher than for C in the bulk soil (94.8 years).

3.3 Chemical reactivity

After chemical oxidation, significant proportions ($p \leq 0.05$) of C and N were removed from nanoclays.

In general, highest C and N contents were recorded for nanoclays after chemical oxidation compared to all other fractions (data not shown). They ranged between 8.1±1.7 to 65.2±0.7 g kg⁻¹ for C and 2.5±0.4 to 12.2±0.3 g kg⁻¹ for N. They were higher for nanoclay extracted from Andisols compared to Cambisols (Table 1).

The surface determinations showed that nanoclay from Cambisols had permanent negative charge (around -35 mV) before and after chemical oxidation of organic matter, while Andisols had variable charge (Table 2). We found an isoelectric point (IEP) in nanoclays with organic matter of 3.4 ± 0.2 to PN and 2.2 ± 0.7 to PEH, after chemical oxidation of organic matter the nanoclay showed an IEP of 5.1 ± 0.6 to PN and 5.4 ± 1.2 to PEH.

3.4. Chemical characterization of soil organic matter

More pyrolysis products were released from bulk soil and nanoclay fractions of Andisols than Cambisols (Appendix A).

The results of the pyrolysis GC/MS analysis (Appendix A and Figure 2) showed that the most important compounds found in Andisol and Cambisol were released from aromatic compounds of unspecific origin (25 to 32%), compared with 13-21% for polysaccharide-derived compounds and 15-42% for N-containing compounds. The contribution of isoprenoid, lipid, black carbon and lignin-derived compound was generally lower (1-14%).

In the Andisol fraction the pyrolysis products were chemically similar between bulk and nanoclay, while in Cambisols the nanoclay fractions did reveal higher contribution of N-containing compound respect to bulk, and lower lignin-derived and unspecific origin compounds.

The black carbon content in Andisol fractions had higher relative contributions than in the Cambisol fractions, i.e. between 8 to 14 % of relative abundance of C derived from black carbon for Andisols fractions compared with 4 to 6 % for Cambisols (Figure 2).
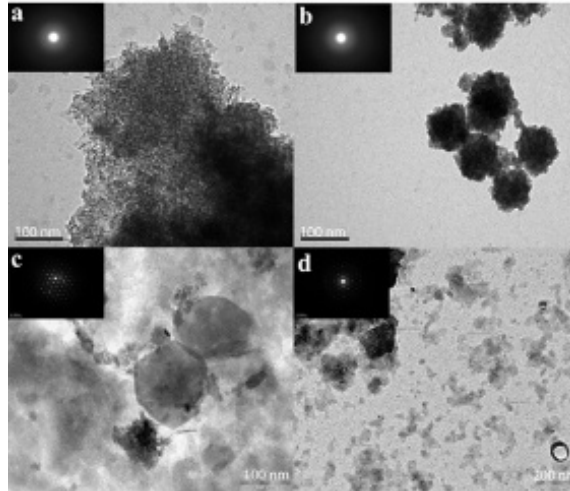

Figure 1. Transmission electron micrographs and electron diffraction patterns: (a) close-up of nanoclay Andisol; (b) nanoclay Andisol; (c) close-up of nanoclay Cambisol; and (b) nanoclay Cambisol.

Table 1. Mass recovery and C and N content before and after chemical oxidization of soil organic matter

	Mass (g kg⁻¹ soil)	C	N	CN	C	N	δ¹³C (‰)	C	N	CN	C	N	C %[a]
		(g kg⁻¹ fraction) Untreated samples			Enrichment			(g kg⁻¹ fraction) Treated with H₂O₂			Enrichment		

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[a] Percentage of total C, calculated as [C (Treated with H_2O_2)×100/ C (Untreated samples)]

[b] Media ± standard error

[c] n.d = not determined, single measurement only

4. Discussion

4.1. Nanoclay extraction yields and morphology

Cambisols nanoclay was extracted with fewer washing steps than Andisols (5 instead of 11). Despite the faster extraction procedure, nanoclay yields were significantly higher ($p \leq 0.05$) for Cambisols than Andisols (Table 1), comprising around 90 g nanoclay kg^{-1} soil, while for Andisols we recovered between 29.3±07 and 55.3±0.5 g nanoclay kg^{-1} soil (Table 1). Thus, between 54 to 56 % of clay fraction in Cambisols is nanoclay, in line with results reported by Eusterhues *et al*. (2005).

In Andisols, the nanoclay contribution to the clay fraction ranged between 22 to 28%. This is in contrast to the theoretical content of nanomaterials in Chilean Andisols, which is much higher with quoted values of around 117 and 72 g nanoclay kg^{-1} soil for PN and PEH, respectively (only considering allophane and ferrihydrite content reported by Vistoso *et al*., 2009). Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) showed that the nanoclay from Andisols were larger than nanoclay from Cambisols, consisting of spherical aggregates of allophane with a diameter of about 100 nm (Figure 1b). Chevallier *et al*. (2010) found similar results for Andisols and suggested that intimate association of OM and minerals through aggregation at small scale is an important mechanism for C stabilization in Andisols.

The TEM images of nanoclay from Cambisol showed that the methodology proposed by Calabi-Floody *et al*. (2011) was useful for nanoclay extractions also from this soil type. In contrast to nanoclay from Andisol, the one which was extracted from Cambisol was smaller and contrasting morphology, indicating crystalline pseudohexagonal nanoclays with mainly size ~ 50 nm of external diameter (Figure 1c), commonly described for kaolinite (Cravero *et al*., 1997;

Qui *et al*., 2014). The differences in the morphology and the sizes of the nanoclays obtained could be explained by the nature of the organo-mineral interactions operating in both soil types. In Andisols there are strong interactions between OM and allophane, due to low permeability of the fractal allophane aggregate (Huygens *et al*., 2005; Chevallier *et al*., 2010), as well as Al-Fe-Humic complexes (Mora and Canales, 1995a; Dahlgren *et al*., 2004; Matus *et al*., 2014). These strong interactions generate an incomplete disruption of organo-mineral complexes leading to larger size of nanoclay fractions isolated from Andisols than Cambisols. The allophane aggregate formation may also be the reason for the lower extraction yields. Thus, higher levels of dispersion are required for Andisols compared to Cambisols to achieve complete aggregate dispersion (Asano and Wagai, 2014). It is widely accepted that nanoparticles have different properties respect to its bulk material, becoming highly interesting at industrialist level (Patel *et al*., 2006; Haider and Kang, 2015), their potentiality in nanotechnology have been proposed as a key role in the current society (Qian and Hinestroza, 2004), and is one of the most important tools in modern agriculture (Sekhon, 2014). For example, nanoparticles were recently reported to be potentially useful carrier for enzymes and could be used for fertilizer development (Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2012; Menezes-Blackburn *et al*., 2014), to control nitrate (Cai *et al*., 2014) and pesticide migration (Xiang *et al*., 2014).

According our results, we suggested that in terms of extraction, nanoclays from Cambisols could be more interesting for future nanotechnological applications, due to faster and easily nanoclay extraction procedure and much larger yield, while nanoclays from Andisols could be interesting in terms of higher reactivity of he allophane.

Table 2. Zeta potentials as a function of suspension pH for nanoclays before and after peroxide treatment. Determination of isoelectric point and surface charge

	Untreated samples		Treated with H₂O₂	
	IEP	Zeta-potential	IEP	Zeta-potential
	(pH)	(mV)	(pH)	(mV)
Andisol series Piedras Negras grassland				
Nanoclay	3.4±1.7[a]	0 to -26±3	3.3±3.6	0 to -13±6
Andisol series Pemehue wheat				
Nanoclay	2.2±0.7	0 to -27±3	4.4±1.2	0 to -15±5
Bare Cambisol 9 year maize				
Nanoclay	-	-33±3	-	-31±1
Bare Cambisol only wheat				
Nanoclay	-	-37±1	-	-31±2

[a] For Andisols the charge reported were after IEP and for Cambisols the main charge were reported

[b] Media ± standard error

4.2. Carbon and nitrogen content

In the nanoclay fractions extracted from both soils, we observed an enrichment of C compared with bulk soil, around 2-fold for allophanic nanoclays and more than 3-fold for kaolinite nanoclays. Their C content ranged between 20 and 4% for Andisols and Cambisols (Table 1). These results are in line with those reported by Mikuta *et al.* (2005), Calabi-Floody *et al.* (2011) and Asono and Wagai (2014), all suggested a possible important role of nanoclay for C sequestration and stabilization independent of soil type. While the smallest particle size fraction (0-2μm) containing high amounts of iron oxides was found to be important for C sequestration, due to stable organic-mineral associations in Cambisols (Mikuta *et al.*, 2005; Eusterhues *et al.*, 2005; Kögel-Knabner *et al.*, 2008). Nano materials (<100nm) have been recently identified as being potentially important for C sequestration in C rich soils such as Andisols (Chevallier *et al.*, 2010; Calabi-Floody *et al.*, 2011; Hernández and Almendros, 2012) and Mollisols (Monreal *et al.*, 2010).

Nanoclays may be important for soils C storage because of their high surface area, surface reactivity and their associated properties such as adsorbing or binding to organic and trace metal contaminants (Tsao *et al.*, 2013). However, allophanic nanoclays showed a significantly higher C and N content than kaolinitic nanoclays, around 5-fold more C and 3-fold more N (Table 1).

These differences could be explained due to higher specific surface area of short-range-order minerals content of Andisols compared to Cambisols (Saggar *et al.*, 1994; Chevallier *et al.*, 2008; 2010) and their observed behavior as natural gels (Woignier *et al.*, 2006; Chevallier *et al.*, 2008; 2010). Therefore, in the nanoclay fraction of Andisols most probably OM is protected from microbial decay by physico-chemical mechanisms in the pore structure of Andisols. To determine if the nanoclay fraction is also important for SOM stabilization in Cambisols both soils were also subjected to chemical oxidation, which is known to isolated old stabilized SOM (Eusterhues *et al.*, 2005).
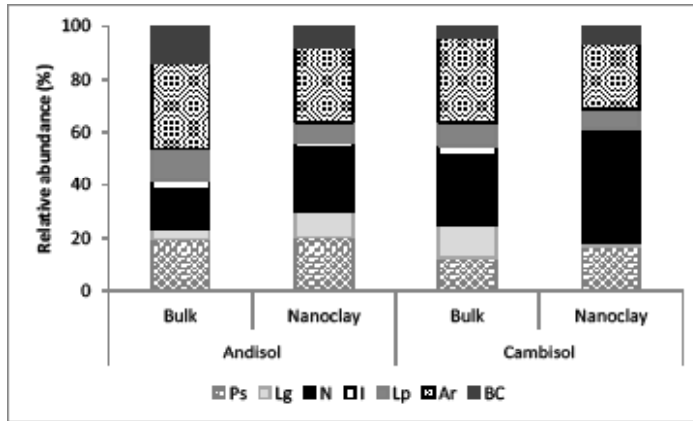
Figure 2. Total relative abundance of the different group of identified pyrolysis products on the bulk and nanoclay from Andisol and Cambisol. Where; Ps: Compound derived from polysaccharides, Lg: Compound derived from lignin, N: N-containing compounds, I: Isoprenic compounds, Lp: Compound derived from lipids, Ar: Aromatic compound and BC: Black carbon

4.3. Chemical oxidation and C stabilization

After chemical oxidation, the C and N contents were significantly reduced ($p \leq 0.05$). Hydrogen peroxide removed between 67 and 80% of C and 33 to 56% of N (Table 1). Both soil showed similar losses and bulk soils were not different from the nanoclay fractions.

After C chemical oxidation of soil fractions, the significant influence of nanoclay fractions on C stabilization clearly was observed (Table 1). The nanoclay fractions from Andisols were C enriched 2.6-fold for PN and 1.3 for PEH respect to bulk soils. The nanoclay from Cambisols showed C enrichment around 2-fold. The N content after H_2O_2 treatments were also enriched in nanoclay fractions around 2.5-fold suggesting that aromatic nitrogen compounds are involved in C sequestration.

The SOM oxidation released active sites on nanoclays surface thereby increasing the IEP values to the typical allophane and iron oxide coating as discussed by Mora and Canales (1995b). Furthermore, the high IEP values of nanoclays from PEH treated with H_2O_2 indicated that C was less stabilized than in PN nanoclays fraction. On

the contrary, the low IEP in PN nanoclays fraction after C chemical oxidation suggesting that fraction. On the contrary, the low IEP in PN nanoclays fraction after C chemical oxidation suggesting that he allophane (Al)-humus complexes are able to stabilize more C in this Andisol (Mora and Canales 1995a). In both Cambisols we observed a trend to reduce the negativity of zeta potential with C chemical oxidation, these results are in agreement with our results of the C with the same content being removed from these soils (see Table 1).

The nanoclay fraction plays an important role in C stabilization in Andisols (Chevallier *et al*., 2010, Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2011; Kögel-Knabner and Amelung. 2014). Taking account, the results presented in Table 1 we observed a higher amount of remained C in PN than PEH nanoclays. Vistoso *et al*. (2009) reported that allophane content was around 2-fold higher in PN (96.50 ± 0.45 g kg^{-1}) than PEH (54.60 ± 0.44 g kg^{-1}), instead that ferrhydrite content was similar for both soils (20.20 ± 0.60 and 17.50 ± 0.70 g kg^{-1}, respectively). These results may suggest that the presence of allophane does play a leading role of C stabilization in Andisols.

These findings agree with data reported by Mikutta *el al*. (2005) who found that surface complexation between mineral surface hydroxyls and carboxylic These results may suggest that the presence of allophane does play a leading role of C stabilization in Andisols. These findings agree with data reported by Mikutta *el al*. (2005) who found that surface complexation between mineral surface hydroxyls and carboxylic group of OM was the main mechanism for C stabilization and poorly crystalline minerals explained 84% of the variability of stable C in fine clay fractions.

Our data indicated that also in Cambisols the C stabilization was mainly attributed to nanoclay (Table 1). These results could be explained by the adsorption of strongly humified organic material to the smallest soil particles (Rumpel *et al*., 2004). The MRT calculated for nanoclays (135.7±10.5 years) from Cambisols was higher than for bulk soil of 94.8 years, suggesting that it takes longer to replace C present in the nanoclay fraction compared to bulk soil. These values are much lower than what was generally reported for mineral associated stable soil C, which can have MRTs up to several thousand years (e.g. Moni *et al*., 2010). However, these 'stable' compounds are rarely found in topsoils (Bol *et al*., 2009). Our data suggest that association of SOM to nanoclay may have the potential to lower C turnover of topsoil in the range of several decades.

4.4. Chemical characterization of nanoclay associated SOM

Organo-mineral complexes were studied by pyrolysis, the pyrolysates produced by soils fractions from Andisols were richer pyrolyzable material than those from the Cambisols (Appendix A). Similar results were shown by González-Pérez *et al*. (2007) for bulk soil samples.

The pyrolysis analysis (Figure 2) in general showed that the studied soils were enriched in compounds from unspecific origin, polysaccharide-derived and N-containing compounds. The relative abundance of pyrolysis compound showed no difference chemical nature between nanoclay and bulk fractions, while in Cambisols, the nanoclay fraction showed a higher relative abundance of N-derived compounds than bulk. More than 50% of N-containing compounds of this soil were benzoxazoles and long-chain alkyl nitriles (Appendix A), which appear to be soil specific (Schulten and Schnitzer, 1998). Pyridines were the next abundant group in N-containing compounds for Cambisols. In particular, pyridines have been reported to be derived from microbial decomposition of plant lignins and other phenolics in the presence of NH_3 (Schulten and Schnitzer, 1998; Buurman *et al*., 2007), they but could also be pyrolysis products of chlorophyll (Dignac *et al*., 2005, Gonzalez-Perez *et al*., 2007, Buurman *et al*., 2007). In Andisols, the N-containing compounds contributing were mainly derived from pyridines and pyrroles (Appendix A). Pyrroles can be derived from plant proteins and substituted pyrroles are formed readily through porphyrin pyrolyzes, which is an essential component of the chlorophyll (Bracewell *et al*., 1987; in Schulten and Schnitzer, 1998). This could indicate that the nanoclay fraction contains transformed plant derived compounds rather than microbial products. This hypothesis is supported by the high contribution of unspecific compounds in Andisol fractions; showing that nanoclay associated SOM compounds could be more recalcitrant. The benzene and phenols are commonly formed upon pyrolysis of large macromolecules such as organo-complexes, lignins and tannins. The phenolic and carboxylic group present in these compounds may be responsible for the high functional group content of this fraction, which could be make it used for biotechnological applications. Parfitt *et al*. (1999) and Nierop *et al*. (2005) suggest that polysaccharides may be temporarily stabilized by the presence of allophane, explained the high abundance relative in these

soil fractions. The molecular chemistry of the organic fractions indicates a strong decomposition of plant-derived organic matter and a strong contribution of microbial sugars and N-compounds to soil organic C (Schulten and Schnitzer, 1998; Buurman *et al*, 2007). The findings of this study indicate a relatively higher contribution of BC in nanoclay fraction from Andisols. The small differences observed in BC content on the different Andisol fractions (Figure 2) could be attributed to the fact that the stable C in Andisol was mainly in the nanoclay fraction due to high allophane content (Chevallier *et al*., 2010; Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2011), which have strong organo-mineral interactions (Mora and Canales, 1995a; Chevallier *et al*., 2010; Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2011; Rumpel *et al*., 2012; Matus *et al*., 2014). Moreover, BC compounds in soil are known to be stabilized by interaction with minerals (Brodowski *et al*., 2005, Rumpel *et al*., 2012), contributing to the long-term soil C storage (Rumpel *et al*., 2008). In Cambisol (Figure 2), we did not observe a strong influence of nanoclay fractions on the BC, considering that around 50% of clay fraction corresponds to nanoclay fraction. The results showed a trend of a direct correlation of BC content with size fractions. This could be attributed to the mineralogy of the Cambisol. These results are in accordance with the weak organo-mineral interactions observed in the soil fractionation and facilitation of the nanoclay extractions in Cambisols.

5. Conclusions

Nanoclay fractions from both soil types have contrasting characteristics in terms of size, morphology, organic matter content, composition as well as surface reactivity. However, overall chemical composition of SOM was similar for both soil types, highlighting the importance of nanoclay fraction for C stabilization. Stable isotope analyses indicated a decadal stabilization for SOM associated with nanoclay isolated from Cambisol topsoil, which did not show a strong aggregation of the nanoclay fraction. For Andisol, the C stabilization potential may be higher in Andisol due to the spatial arrangement of minerals and SOM in nano-size structures, which could be efficient in contributing to the long-term soil C storage.

The applied nanoclay extraction methodology was more suitable for Cambisols than for Andisols, indicated by faster and easily nanoclay extraction and much larger yield obtained (~50 % of clay fraction). Low nanoclay yields for Andisols did show that it is necessary to further improve the nanoclay extraction procedure for this soil type considering the potential of allophanic nanoclay for use in future nanotechnological and biotechnological applications (Calabi-Floody *et al*., 2009, 2012; Garrido-Ramirez *et al*., 2010; Menezes-Blackburn *et al*., 2011).

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Appendix A. Relative abundance of different classes of identified main pyrolysis products on the different soil fractions from Andisols and Cambisols. Where; Ps: Compound derived from polysaccharides, Lg: Compound derived from lignin, N: N-containing compounds, I: Isoprenic compounds, Lp: Compound derived from lipids, Ar: Aromatic compound and BC: Black carbon. The peak areas were calculated based on total abundance, considering the summation of the areas of all peaks as 100% of the total ion chromatogram.

Compound	Code	Molecular Formula	Weight	Andisol Bulk	Andisol Nanoclay	Cambisol Bulk	Cambisol Nanoclay
				Relative abundance (%)			
Furan, 2-methyl-	Ps1	C_5H_6O	82	-	1.2	-	2.5
Furan, 3-methyl-	Ps2	C_5H_6O	82	2.9	-	2.7	-
Furan, 2,5-dimethyl-	Ps3	C_6H_8O	96.1	1.4	0.8	1	0.7
2,3,5-Trimethylfuran	Ps4	$C_7H_{10}O$	110.1	0.3	-	0.2	0.2
2-Vinylfuran	Ps5	C_6H_6O	94	-	-	-	0.5
2-Vinyl-5-methylfuran	Ps6	C_7H_8O	108.1	0.8	-	-	-
Furan, 2-ethyl-	Ps7	C_6H_8O	96.1	0.3	-	-	-
2-Cyclopenten-1-one	Ps8	C_5H_6O	82	-	3.3	2.5	1.3
2-Cyclopenten-1-one, 2-methyl-	Ps9	C_6H_8O	96.1	3.1	3.1	1.3	0.5
2-Furancarboxaldehyde	Ps10	$C_5H_4O_2$	96	-	-	-	7.2
2-Cyclopenten-1-one, 3-methyl-	Ps11	C_6H_8O	96.1	2.7	3	1.5	-
2,3-Dimethyl-2-cyclopenten-1-one	Ps12	$C_7H_{10}O$	110.1	2.1	1.2	0.4	-
5 METHYL FURFURAL	Ps13	$C_6H_6O_2$	110	5.2	2.4	2.2	3.3
Benzofuran, 2-methyl-	Ps14	C_9H_8O	132.1	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.7
3,5-DIMETHYL CYCLOPENTENOLONE	Ps15	$C_7H_{10}O_2$	126.1	-	1.1	-	-
2-Cyclopenten-1-one, 2-hydroxy-3-methyl-	Ps16	$C_6H_8O_2$	112.1	-	3.5	-	-
2-Cyclopenten-1-one, 3-ethyl-2-hydroxy-	Ps17	$C_7H_{10}O_2$	126.1	-	0.4	-	-
Acetophenone	Lg1	C_8H_8O	120.1	1.1	-	-	-
Phenol, 2-methoxy-	Lg2	$C_7H_8O_2$	108.1	-	1.1	1.4	-
Phenol, 2-methyl-	Lg3	C_7H_8O	108.1	2	2.1	3.6	0.7
Phenol, 4-methyl-	Lg4	C_7H_8O	108.1	-	6.5	5	0.6
Phenol, 3-methyl-	Lg5	C_7H_8O	108.1	0.8	-	2.6	0.5
1H-Pyrrole, 1-methyl-	N1	C_5H_7N	81.1	1	0.9	-	1.9
Butanenitrile, 2-methylene-	N2	C_5H_7N	81.1	-	-	0.1	-
Pyridine (CAS)	N3	C_5H_5N	79	-	4.3	-	-
2,4-Pentadienenitrile	N4	C_5H_5N	79	-	-	7	24.7
Pyridine, 4-methyl-	N5	C_6H_7N	93.1	-	-	2.5	-
Pyridine, 2-methyl-	N6	C_6H_7N	93.1	3.6	3.4	3.4	5.6
Pyridine, 2,4-dimethyl-	N7	C_7H_9N	107.1	-	0.4	-	-
Pyridine, 2,6-dimethyl-	N8	C_7H_9N	107.1	-	-	0.6	0.5
Pyrazine, methyl-	N9	$C_5H_6N_2$	94.1	-	-	0.8	-
1H-Pyrrole-2-ethanamine, 1-methyl-	N10	$C_7H_{12}N_2$	124.1	0.5	-	-	0.2
Pyridine, 2-ethyl-	N11	C_7H_9N	107.1	0.5	0.5	-	0.4
Hexanenitrile	N12	$C_6H_{11}N$	97.1	0.3	-	-	-
Pyridine, 3-methyl-	N13	C_6H_7N	93.1	-	0.7	-	-
Pyridine, 3,5-dimethyl-	N14	C_7H_9N	107.1	-	-	0.8	0.1

Appendix   continued

Name	Code	Formula	Mass				
Pyridine, 2,4-dimethyl-	N15	C_7H_9N	107.1	-	1.2	0.9	0.4
Pyridine, 2,3-dimethyl-	N16	C_7H_9N	107.1	-	0.2	-	0.3
Pyridine, 3-ethyl-	N17	C_7H_9N	107.1	0.5	-	0.6	0.6
Pyridine, 4-ethyl-	N18	C_7H_9N	107.1	-	-	0.1	-
Heptanenitrile	N19	$C_7H_{13}N$	111.1	-	-	0.4	-
Pyridine, 3,4-dimethyl-	N20	C_7H_9N	107.1	0.2	-	-	-
1H-Pyrrole, 2-methyl-	N21	C_5H_7N	81.1	3.2	4.1	1.2	0.6
1H-Pyrrole, 2,5-dimethyl-	N22	C_6H_9N	95.1	0.8	0.7	-	-
Pyridine, 3-methoxy-	N23	C_6H_7NO	109.1	-	-	-	0.5
Tricyclo[3,1,0,02,6]hex-3-ene-3-carbonitrile	N24	C_7H_5N	103	-	-	-	1.6
1H-Pyrrole, 2-ethyl-4-methyl-	N25	$C_7H_{11}N$	109.1	0.6	0.6	-	-
1H-Pyrrole, 2,3,5-trimethyl-	N26	$C_7H_{11}N$	109.1	0.6	-	0.1	-
1,2-Benzisoxazole	N27	C_7H_5NO	119	-	-	-	0.1
Benzonitrile, 2-methyl-	N28	C_8H_7N	117.1	0.2	-	-	-
Benzonitrile, 3-methyl-	N29	C_8H_7N	117.1	-	-	0.4	-
Benzonitrile, 4-methyl-	N30	C_8H_7N	117.1	-	1	0.7	0.2
Benzoxazole, 2-methyl-	N31	C_8H_7NO	133.1	-	1.7	1.2	0.7
Benzenamine, 4-methoxy-	N32	C_7H_9NO	123.1	0.2	-	-	-
Benzene, 1-isocyano-4-methyl-	N33	C_8H_7N	117.1	0.9	-	0.4	0.3
Benzonitrile, 4-hydroxy-	N34	C_7H_5NO	119	-	-	-	0.7
Aniline	N35	C_6H_7N	93.1	-	-	-	0.5
Pyridine, 4-methyl-	N36	C_6H_7N	93.1	0.4	-	0.6	-
2,5-Dimethylbenzoxazole	N37	C_9H_9NO	147.1	-	-	0.1	-
2,5-Dimethylbenzoxazole	N38	C_9H_9NO	147.1	-	-	-	0.1
Benzene, 1-isocyanato-3-methyl-	N39	C_8H_7NO	133.1	-	-	-	0.3
1H-Indol-5-ol	N40	C_8H_7NO	133.1	-	-	-	0.2
1H-Indole, 2-methyl-	N41	C_9H_9N	131.1	0.2	-	-	-
1H-Imidazole, 2-(4-methylphenyl)-	N42	$C_{10}H_{10}N_2$	158.1	0.1	-	-	-
2-Pyridinecarbonitrile	N43	$C_6H_4N_2$	104	-	0.8	-	-
Benzylnitrile	N44	C_8H_7N	117.1	0.7	1.6	1.9	0.7
Dodecanenitrile	N45	$C_{12}H_{23}N$	181.2	0.2	-	0.1	0.2
Isoquinoline	N46	C_9H_7N	129.1	0.3	0.5	-	0.3
Hexadecanenitrile	N47	$C_{16}H_{31}N$	237.3	-	-	2.7	-
Undecanenitrile	N48	$C_{11}H_{21}N$	167.2	0.1	-	-	-
Benzenepropanenitrile	N49	C_9H_9N	131.1	-	2.1	-	-
7-Propylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine	N50	$C_{10}H_{11}NO$	161.1	-	-	-	0.1
Cyclopropane, ethylidene-	I1	C5H8	68.1	-	-	3.5	-
1,3-Butadiene, 2-methyl-	I2	C5H8	68.1	0.4	0.7	-	0.8
1,4-Cyclohexadiene, 1-methyl-	I3	C7H10	94.1	0.7	-	-	-
1,3,5-Hexatriene, 3-methyl-, (Z)-	I4	C7H10	94.1	1.1	0.4	-	0.2
1,4-Cyclohexadiene, 1-methyl-	I5	C7H10	94.1	0.3	-	-	-
2-METHYL-CYCLOHEXA-1,3-DIENE	I6	C7H10	94.1	0.1	-	-	-
OCTA-2,4,6-TRIENE	I7	C8H12	108.1	0.5	-	-	-
1,3-Cyclopentadiene, trimethyl-	I8	C8H12	108.1	-	0.4	-	-
1-Nonene	Lp1	C9H18	126.1	-	0.8	-	-
1-Decene	Lp2	C10H20	140.2	0.7	0.7	-	0.4
4-Decene	Lp3	C10H20	140.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3
cis-3-Decene	Lp4	C10H20	140.2	-	-	-	0.4
Undecane	Lp5	C11H24	156.2	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.4

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4-Undecene, (E)-	Lp6	$C_{11}H_{22}$	154.2	-	-	-	0.5
5-Undecene, (E)-	Lp7	$C_{11}H_{22}$	154.2	0.5	-	0.1	0.6
1-Undecene	Lp8	$C_{11}H_{22}$	154.2	0.8	1	-	0.7
Cyclopropane, 1,2-dibutyl-	Lp9	$C_{11}H_{22}$	154.2	-	-	0.1	0.2
Dodecane	Lp10	$C_{12}H_{26}$	170.2	0.4	0.5	-	0.2
Eicosane	Lp11	$C_{20}H_{42}$	282.3	-	-	0.4	-
1-Dodecene	Lp12	$C_{12}H_{24}$	168.2	0.8	1	-	-
Cyclododecane	Lp13	$C_{12}H_{24}$	168.2	-	-	0.1	-
Tridecane	Lp14	$C_{13}H_{28}$	184.2	0.8	0.6	0.2	-
6-Tridecene, (Z)-	Lp15	$C_{13}H_{26}$	182.2	-	-	-	0.4
1-Tridecene	Lp16	$C_{13}H_{26}$	182.2	0.9	0.7	-	-
Tetradecane	Lp17	$C_{14}H_{30}$	198.2	0.8	-	0.2	-
1-Tetradecene	Lp18	$C_{14}H_{28}$	196.2	0.6	0.5	-	-
2-Tetradecene, (E)-	Lp19	$C_{14}H_{28}$	196.2	-	-	-	0.3
7-Hexadecene, (Z)-	Lp20	$C_{16}H_{32}$	224.3	-	-	-	0.3
1-Pentadecene	Lp21	$C_{15}H_{30}$	210.2	0.4	-	0.4	0.9
pentadecane	Lp22	$C_{15}H_{32}$	212.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	-
Methyl 7,9-tridecadienyl ether	Lp23	$C_{14}H_{26}O$	210.2	-	-	-	0.2
2,4-Hexadiene, 2,5-dimethyl-	Lp24	C_8H_{14}	110.1	0.5	-	-	-
8-Heptadecene	Lp25	$C_{17}H_{34}$	238.3	-	-	-	0.1
1-Hexadecene	Lp26	$C_{16}H_{32}$	224.3	0.7	-	0.2	0.4
Heptadecane	Lp27	$C_{17}H_{36}$	240.3	0.8	-	-	0.5
Octadecane	Lp28	$C_{18}H_{38}$	254.3	0.3	-	-	0.3
1-Octadecene	Lp29	$C_{18}H_{36}$	252.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	-
Nonadecane	Lp30	$C_{19}H_{40}$	268.3	-	-	2.2	-
1-Nonadecene	Lp31	$C_{19}H_{38}$	266.3	-	-	1.7	-
9-Nonadecene	Lp32	$C_{19}H_{38}$	266.3	-	-	0.1	-
Z-5-Nonadecene	Lp33	$C_{19}H_{38}$	266.3	-	-	0.2	-
5-Eicosene, (E)-	Lp34	$C_{20}H_{40}$	280.3	-	-	0.5	-
Heneicosane	Lp35	$C_{21}H_{44}$	296.3	-	-	0.2	-
Butanal, 3-methyl-	Ar1	$C_5H_{10}O$	86.1	0.4	-	-	-
Benzene	Ar2	C_6H_6	78.1	3.3	-	3.2	2.8
Benzene, methyl-	Ar3	C_7H_8	92.1	8.6	11	8.8	5.3
Benzene, ethyl-	Ar4	C_8H_{10}	106.1	2.2	1.5	1.4	1.4
Benzene, 1,3-dimethyl-	Ar5	C_8H_{10}	106.1	1.3	-	0.7	1
Benzene, 1,2-dimethyl-	Ar6	C_8H_{10}	106.1	-	0.9	1.3	-
p-Xylene	Ar7	C_8H_{10}	106.1	1.7	1	-	1.3
Phenol, 3-methyl-	Ar8	C_7H_8O	108.1	-	0.2	-	-
Benzene, 1,2-dimethyl-	Ar9	C_8H_{10}	106.1	1.5	-	-	0.9
Benzene, 1,3-dimethyl-	Ar10	C_8H_{10}	106.1	-	0.8	1.1	-
Benzene, 1-ethyl-2-methyl-	Ar11	C_9H_{12}	120.1	0.7	-	-	-
Benzene, 1-ethyl-3-methyl-	Ar12	C_9H_{12}	120.1	-	-	0.4	0.5
Benzene, 1,3,5-trimethyl-	Ar13	C_9H_{12}	120.1	0.1	-	-	-
Styrene $$ Benzene, ethenyl-	Ar14	C_8H_8	104.1	1.8	2.3	1.5	1.5
Benzene, 1-ethyl-2-methyl-	Ar15	C_9H_{12}	120.1	-	0.3	-	-
Benzene, 1-ethyl-4-methyl-	Ar16	C_9H_{12}	120.1	-	-	0.4	-
Benzene, 2-propenyl-	Ar17	C_9H_{10}	118.1	-	0.2	-	-
Benzene, 1,2,4-trimethyl-	Ar18	C_9H_{12}	120.1	0.7	0.5	-	0.8
Benzene, 1-methyl-3-propyl-	Ar19	$C_{10}H_{14}$	134.1	0.2	-	-	-
Benzene, (1-methylpropyl)-	Ar20	$C_{10}H_{14}$	134.1	0.2	-	-	0.3

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Benzene, 1-propenyl-	Ar21	C₉H₁₀	118.1	-	-	0.1	-
Benzene, 2-propenyl-	Ar22	C₉H₁₀	118.1	-	0.5	0.2	0.2
Benzene, cyclopropyl-	Ar23	C₉H₁₀	118.1	0.3	-	-	-
,alpha,-Methylstyrene	Ar24	C₉H₁₀	118.1	-	-	-	0.3
Benzene, 1-ethyl-3-methyl-	Ar25	C₉H₁₂	120.1	-	-	0.3	0.4
Benzene, 1-ethyl-2,3-dimethyl-	Ar26	C₁₀H₁₄	134.1	-	-	0.1	-
Benzene, 1-ethenyl-3-methyl-	Ar27	C₉H₁₀	118.1	-	-	-	0.3
Benzene, 4-ethyl-1,2-dimethyl-	Ar28	C₁₀H₁₄	134.1	-	-	-	0.1
Benzene, 1-ethenyl-3-methyl-	Ar29	C₉H₁₀	118.1	-	-	0.3	-
1-METHYL-2-PHENYLCYCLOPROPANE 2	Ar30	C₁₀H₁₂	132.1	0.4	-	-	-
Benzene, 2-butenyl-	Ar31	C₁₀H₁₂	132.1	0.2	-	-	-
2,4-Dimethylstyrene	Ar32	C₁₀H₁₂	132.1	-	-	-	0.1
Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(2-methylpropyl)-	Ar33	C₁₁H₁₆	148.1	-	-	-	0.7
Benzene, 1-propynyl-	Ar34	C₉H₈	116.1	-	-	1	0.4
1-METHYL-2-PHENYLCYCLOPROPANE 1	Ar35	C₁₀H₁₂	132.1	0.8	-	-	-
Benzene, 1,4-dimethyl-2-(2-methylpropyl)-	Ar36	C₁₂H₁₈	162.1	-	-	-	0.4
Benzene, hexyl-	Ar37	C₁₂H₁₈	162.1	0.2	-	-	0.3
Benzaldehyde	Ar38	C₇H₆O	108.1	-	-	-	0.8
Benzene, 1-butynyl-	Ar39	C₁₀H₁₀	130.1	-	-	-	0.2
Benzene, heptyl-	Ar40	C₁₃H₂₀	176.2	-	-	-	0.1
Benzene, 1,3-butadienyl-	Ar41	C₁₀H₁₀	130.1	-	-	0.6	-
Benzaldehyde, 2-methyl-	Ar42	C₈H₈O	120.1	-	-	-	0.1
Benzaldehyde, 2-hydroxy-	Ar43	C₇H₆O₂	122	-	-	-	0.1
Benzene, (1-methyl-1-butenyl)-	Ar44	C₁₁H₁₄	146.1	0.2	-	-	-
(1-Methylbuta-1,3-dienyl)benzene	Ar45	C₁₁H₁₂	144.1	0.4	-	-	-
Phenol, 2,6-dimethyl-	Ar46	C₈H₁₀O	122.1	0.4	0.7	0.4	-
Phenol	Ar47	C₆H₆O	94	3.3	6.1	9.9	2.7
Phenol, 2-ethyl-	Ar48	C₈H₁₀O	122.1	0.3	-	-	-
Benzene, (1-hexylheptyl)-	Ar49	C₁₉H₃₂	260.3	-	-	-	0.4
Phenol, 4-methyl-	Ar50	C₇H₈O	108.1	1.8	1.9	-	-
Phenol, 2,6-dimethyl-	Ar51	C₈H₁₀O	122.1	0.4	-	-	-
Phenol, 3-ethyl-	Ar52	C₈H₁₀O	122.1	0.7	-	-	-
Benzene, (1-methyldodecyl)-	Ar53	C₁₉H₃₂	260.3	-	-	-	1.6
Indene	BC1	C₉H₈	116.1	1.4	1.6	-	0.2
1H-Indene, 1-methyl-	BC2	C₁₀H₁₀	130.1	6.1	1.3	0.4	0.3
Naphthalene, 1,2-dihydro-	BC3	C₁₀H₁₀	130.1	-	-	0.4	-
1H-Indene, 1,1-dimethyl-	BC4	C₁₁H₁₂	144.1	1.2	-	0.3	-
1H-Cyclopropa[b]naphthalene, 1a,2,7,7a-tetrahydro-	BC5	C₁₁H₁₂	144.1	0.5	-	-	-
1H-Indene, 4,7-dimethyl-	BC6	C₁₁H₁₂	144.1	0.4	-	-	-
Naphthalene	BC7	C₁₀H₈	128.1	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.6
Naphthalene, 1-methyl-	BC8	C₁₁H₁₀	142.1	1.1	0.8	2	0.3
1H-Inden-1-one, 2,3-dihydro-3-methyl-	BC9	C₁₀H₁₀O	146.1	-	0.6	-	-
Naphthalene, 1,3-dimethyl-	BC10	C₁₂H₁₂	156.1	-	-	0.3	-
1,1'-Biphenyl	BC11	C₁₂H₁₀	154.1	0.5	0.9	-	4.8
Naphthalene, 2,7-dimethyl-	BC12	C₁₂H₁₂	156.1	-	-	-	0.2
Naphthalene, 2,6-dimethyl-	BC13	C₁₂H₁₂	156.1	0.4	-	-	-
1H-Inden-1-one, 2,3-dihydro-	BC14	C₉H₈O	132.1	0.9	1.3	-	-
Fluorene	BC15	C₁₃H₁₀	166.1	0.5	0.3	-	-