

# Examination of rocket fuel poisoning

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Modern rocket and space technology is based on developments of the 1970s



# Environmental risks of rocket and space activities

Energy-intensive technologies.

Unique and small-scale production.

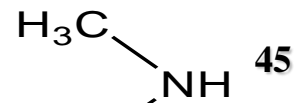
Global pollution of terrestrial and near-Earth space.

Ozone layer destruction.

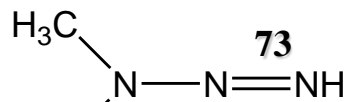
Operation of hazardous production, use of toxic components.

“Heptil” - 1,1 - dimethyl hydrazine

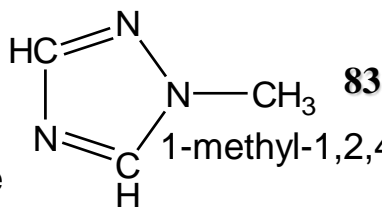
## Some of the well-known transformation products of UDMH



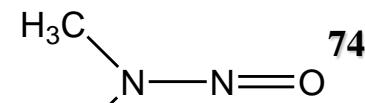
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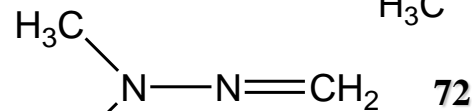
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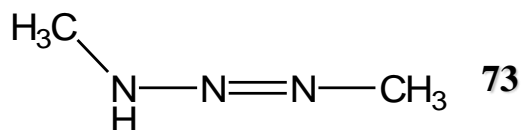
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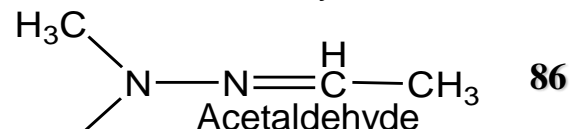
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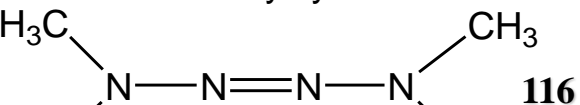
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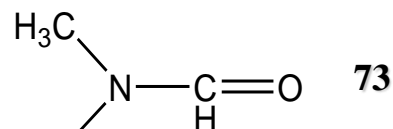
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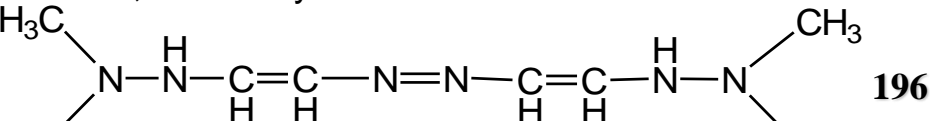
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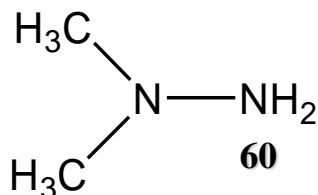
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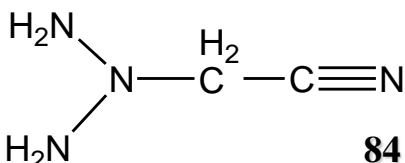
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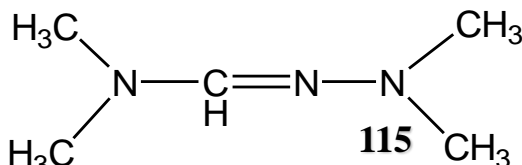
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-3,4-diazohexatriene-1,3,5



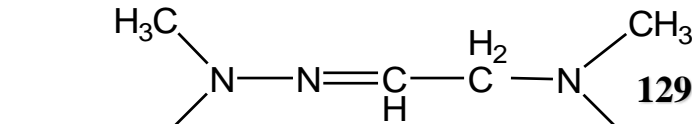
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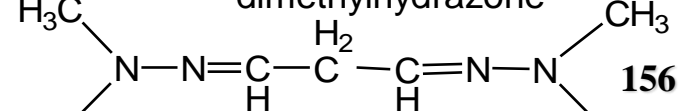
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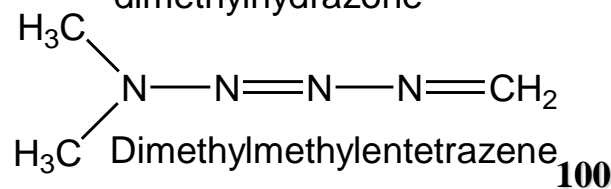
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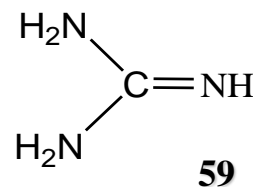
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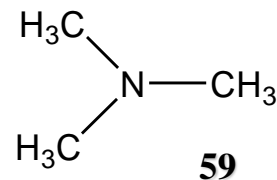
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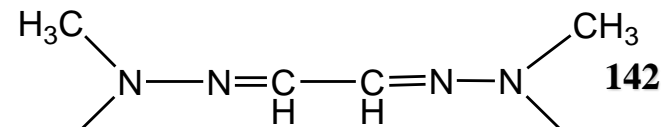
Dimethylmethylenetetrazene



Guanidine



Trimethylamine



Bis-dimethylhydrazoneglyoxal

# Hygienic standards of UDMH and its transformation products

Substance	Maximum permissible concentration			
	Air working area, mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Atmospheric air average daily, mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Household water, mg/l	Soil, mg/kg
UDMH	0,1	0,001	0,02	0,1 *
Dimethylamine	1,0	0,005	0,1	-
Tetramethyltetrazene	3,0	0,005	0,1	-
Nitrozodimetilamine	0,001	0,001	0,01	-
N,N-dimethylformamide	10,0	-	-	-
Trimethylamine	5,0	0,16	0,05	-
1-methyl-1,2,4-triazole	-	-	-	-
Dimethyl-1,2,4-triazole	-	-	-	-
Guanidine	-	-	0,1	-

\* roughly safe exposure

# The tasks of chromatography-mass spectrometry in the field of ecology of the rocket and space industry

## **Maintaining existing technologies**

- Modernization based on in-depth studies of the mechanism of reactions
- Expansion of control and analytical procedures

## **Development of new technologies**

- Cheap
- Reliable

Modern chromatographic-mass-spectrometric methods used in the rocket and space industry

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# Variants of chromato-mass-spectrometry

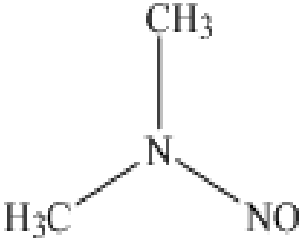
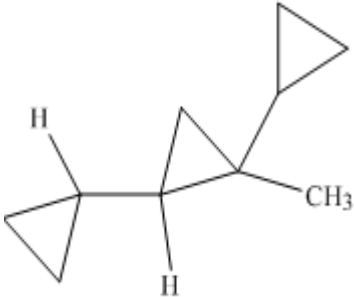
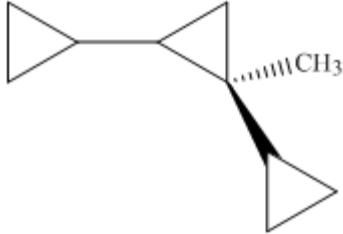
- ON-LINE
  - GC-MS
  - LC-MS
    - IC-MS
    - CE-MS
- OFF-LINE
  - TLC-MS
  - LC-MS



# GC-MS

- GC/GC – MS/MS
- Restriction of mass-spectrometry – no theory possessed to predict mass-spectra
- For gas chromatography molecular-statistical theory can calculate Henry constants (retention time) and empirical methods can calculate retention indexes

# What does it mean “identify molecule”?

Levels of identification			
What atoms?	Atoms connection	Space distribution	Are optical isomers exist?
$C_xH_y$			

- Construct molecular structure
- Compare suspected structure and experimentally observed

# Molecular structure

- Based on mathematic calculation of all possible structures of investigated class of isomers.
- Theoretical (quantum-chemical or constructed based on structural chemistry lows.

PCIB's	209
PCIBrB's	4078

Draw	Minutes
Calculate	Hours

# Where we can find molecular structure?

Theoretical calculation	NMR
Gas-phase electron diffraction	IR-, UV-spectroscopy

- Roentgeno-structural analyses (X-ray studies)

# Abilities of chromato-mass-spectrometry for isomers identification

Chromatography	Mass-spectrometry
Standards	Standards
Library search	Library search
Calculation of retention values	Calculation of mass-spectra
Correlations retention - structure	Regularities of fragmentation
Specific variants of analysis	Structure specific methods

- Combined libraries of retention indexes and mass-spectra
- Chromatographic filter for mass-spectral data

# Abilities of chromato-mass-spectrometry for isomers identification

Chromatography	% of reliability	Mass-spectrometry	% of reliability
Standards	25	Standards	50
Two columns	50	MS/MS	75
Library search	10	Library search	30
Calculation of retention values: (mol-stat.) indexes	25	Calculation of mass-spectra	0
	10	Sequence de novo	10
Correlations retention - structure	10	Regularities of fragmentation	10
Specific variants of analysis	?	Structure specific methods	?

- We must collect 125 %, because precision +/- 25%

# MOLECULAR STATISTICAL METHOD

**Henry constant for adsorption of quasirigid molecules:**

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint \left( \frac{2kT}{\Phi_z''} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left( -\frac{\Phi_0}{kT} \right) \sin \Theta d\Theta d\Psi, \quad (1)$$

where  $\Phi_0$  and  $\Phi_z''$  - values of potential function of intermolecular interaction of adsorbate molecules with the adsorbent, and its second derivative by the distance  $z$  the mass center of the molecule from the surface of the adsorbent at the equilibrium distance  $z_0$ . The values of  $\Phi_z''$ ,  $\Phi_0$  and  $z_0$  depends on the Euler angles  $\Theta$  and  $\psi$ , defining the orientation of the molecules on the surface of the adsorbent.

**Potential function  $\Phi$ :**

$$\Phi = \sum_a \sum_{c(\Gamma TC)} \varphi_{a...c}(\Gamma TC) \quad (2)$$

**For  $\varphi_{a...c}(\Gamma TC)$  the potential in Buckingham-Korner form was chosen:**

$$\varphi_{a...c}(\Gamma TC) = -C_1 r^{-6} - C_2 r^{-8} + B \cdot \exp(-qr), \quad (3)$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ,  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{nm} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  - parameters of attraction forces,  $B$ ,  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{nm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$ ,  $q$ ,  $\text{nm}^{-1}$  - the parameters of repulsive forces. Parameter of repulsive forces  $q$  taken to be  $35.7 \text{ nm}^{-1}$

**Molar differential heat ( $\Delta \bar{U}_1$ ) and entropy ( $\Delta \bar{S}_1$ ) of adsorption :**

$$\ln K_{l,C} = (\Delta \bar{S}_1 + R)/R - \Delta \bar{U}_1 / (RT), \quad (4)$$

где  $\Delta \bar{S}_1$  - entropy,  $\Delta \bar{U}_1$  - heat of adsorption.

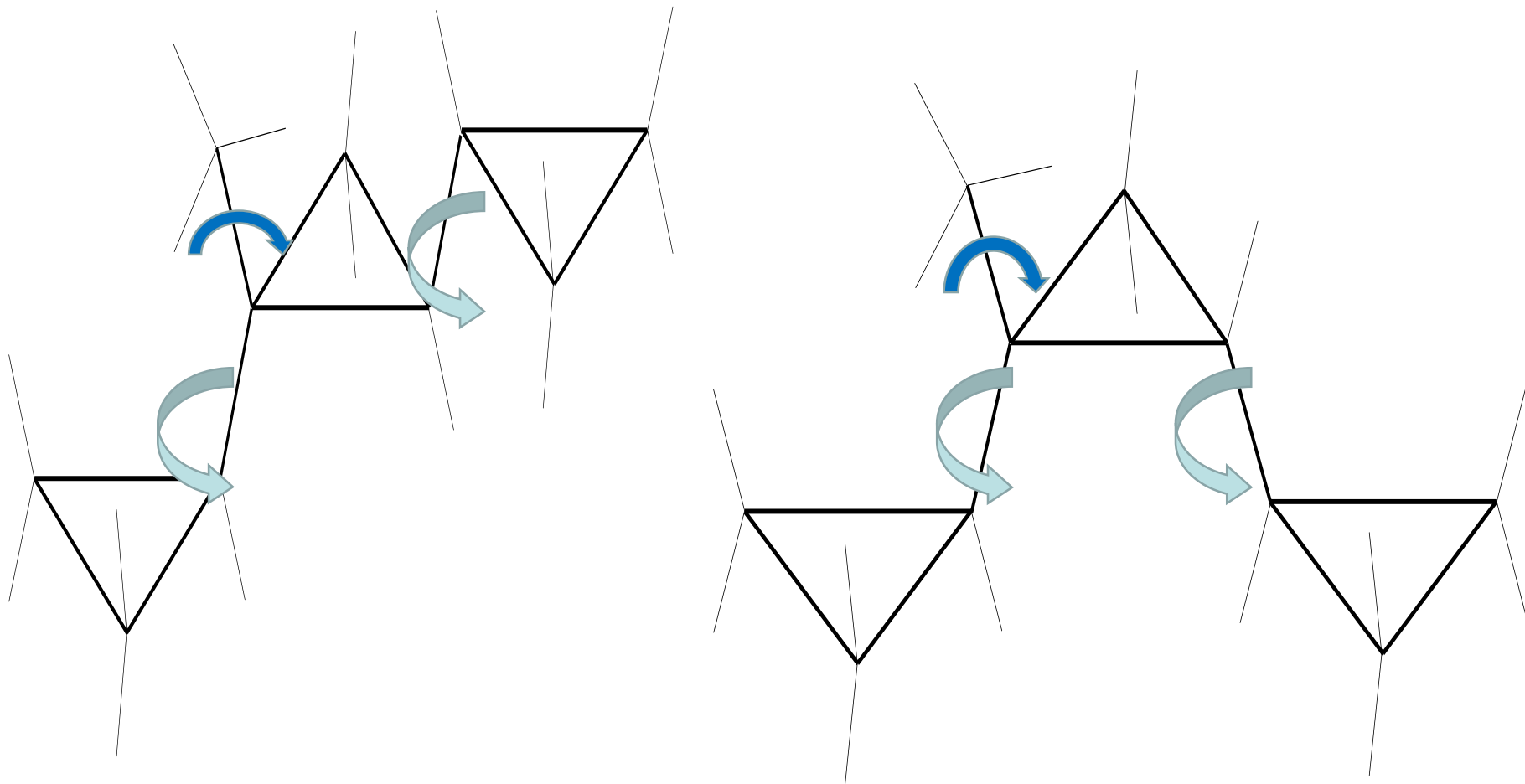
# Combination of molecular-statistical calculations and GC-MS data

Molecular-statistical theory		GC-MS experiment		
Reference data	Chromatography results	Mass-spectral data		
Calculation	Experiment	Library search	Fragmentation	Element composition
Structure		Structure		

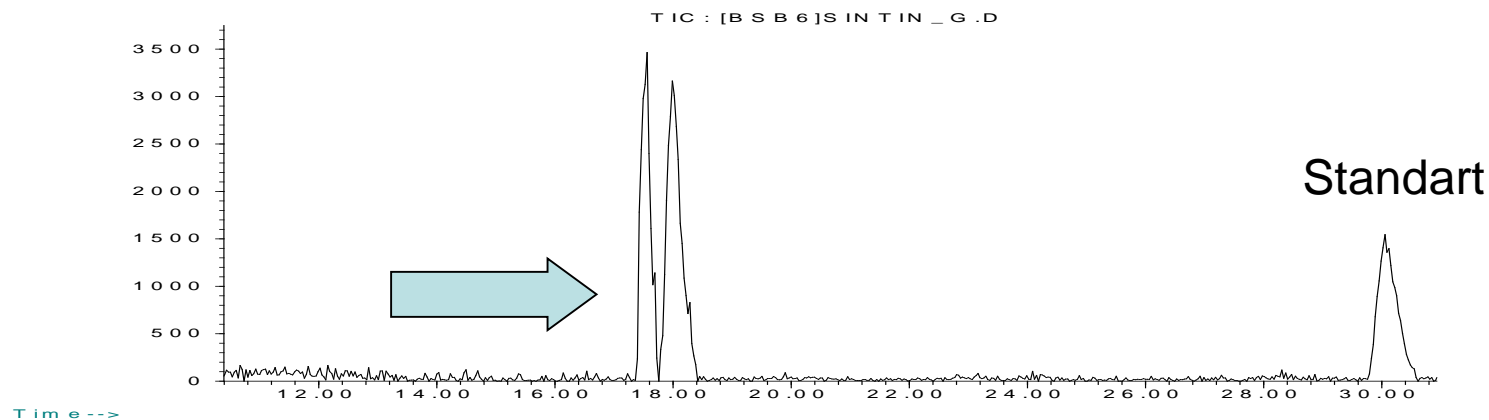
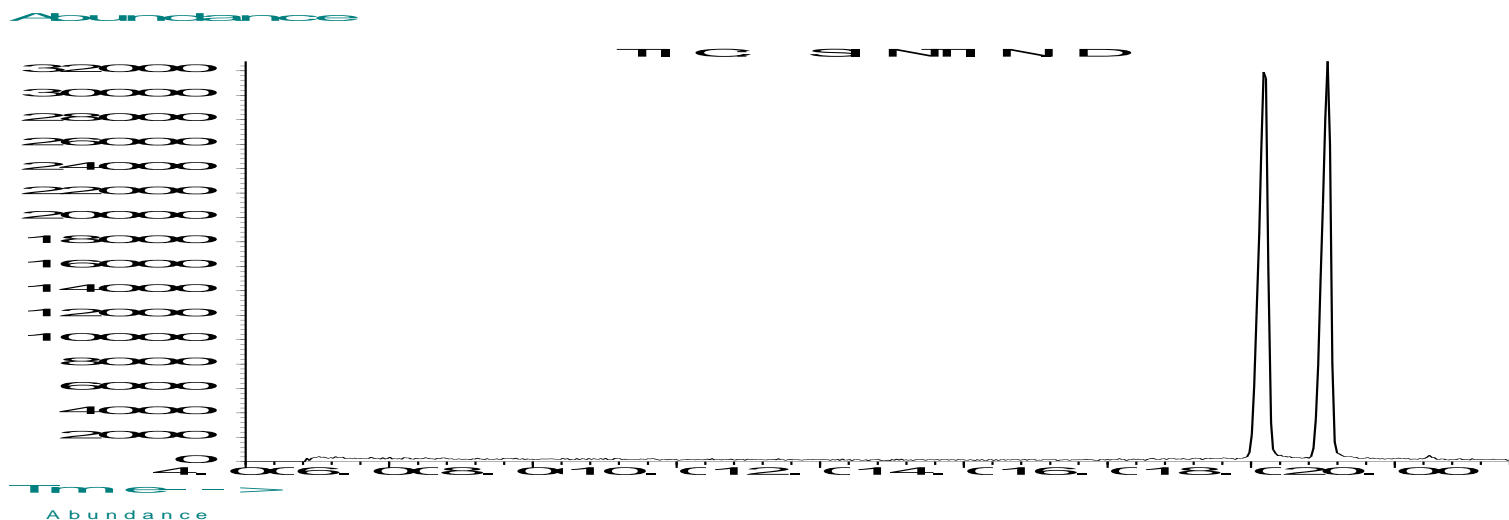
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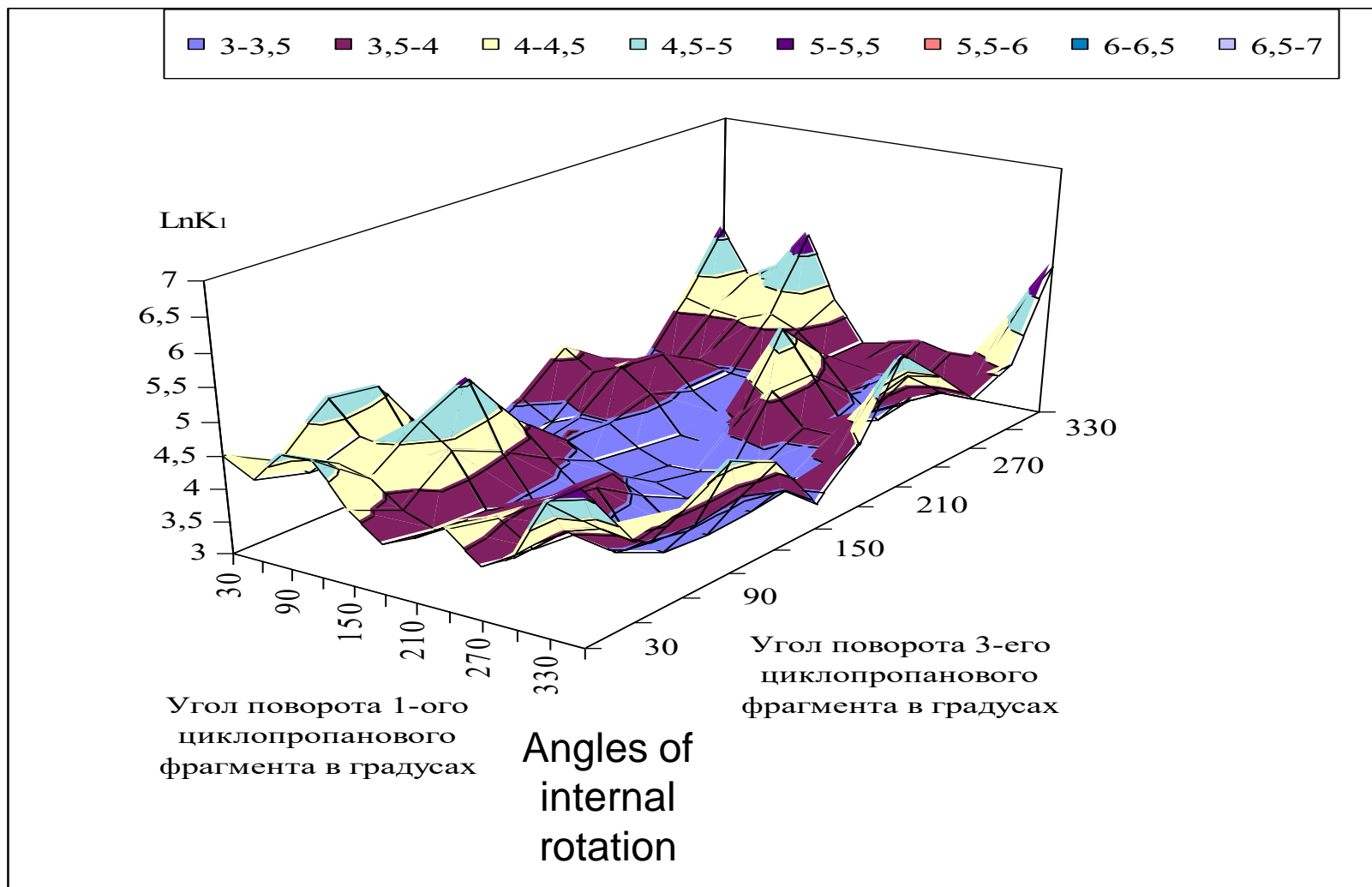
# Structures of isomeric cis-, trans-methyl-dicyclopropyl- cyclopropanes



# Chromatograms of isomeric cis-, trans-methyl-dicyclopropyl- cyclopropanes on DB-5 and micro packed column with GTCB.



# Three dimensional diagram



Differences between calculated Henry constants of isomeric cis-, trans-methyl-dicyclopropyl- cyclopropanes for different angles of internal rotation

		$\alpha_1$					
		120	150	180	210	240	270
$\alpha_2$	90	<u>0,886</u>	<u>0,7340</u>	<u>0,4436</u>	<u>0,0811</u>	<u>0,0762</u>	<u>0,1813</u>
	120	1,679	1,3483	0,786	0,1355	<b>-0,816</b>	<b><u>-0,7059</u></b>
	150	0,693	<b>0,6968</b>	<b>0,4361</b>	0,2076	<b>-0,532</b>	<b><u>-0,7968</u></b>
	180	0,016	<b>-0,056</b>	<b>-0,165</b>	<b>-0,119</b>	0,0206	<u>0,0011</u>
	210	<b>-0,142</b>	0,0218	<b>-0,148</b>	<b>-0,095</b>	0,4120	<u>1,1031</u>
	240	<b><u>-0,682</u></b>	<b><u>-0,386</u></b>	<b><u>-0,572</u></b>	<b><u>-0,363</u></b>	<u>0,3134</u>	<b><u>-0,0467</u></b>
	270	<b><u>-0,363</u></b>	<b><u>-0,486</u></b>	<b><u>-0,294</u></b>	<u>0,3801</u>	<u>0,3751</u>	<b><u>-0,8227</u></b>

# Kovach Retention indexes

$$J_x = J_n + (J_{n+1} - J_n) \frac{(f(t_{R,x}) - f(t_{R,n}))}{(f(t_{R,n+1}) - f(t_{R,n}))}$$

$$f(t_R) = t_R + q \lg(t_R - t_0)$$

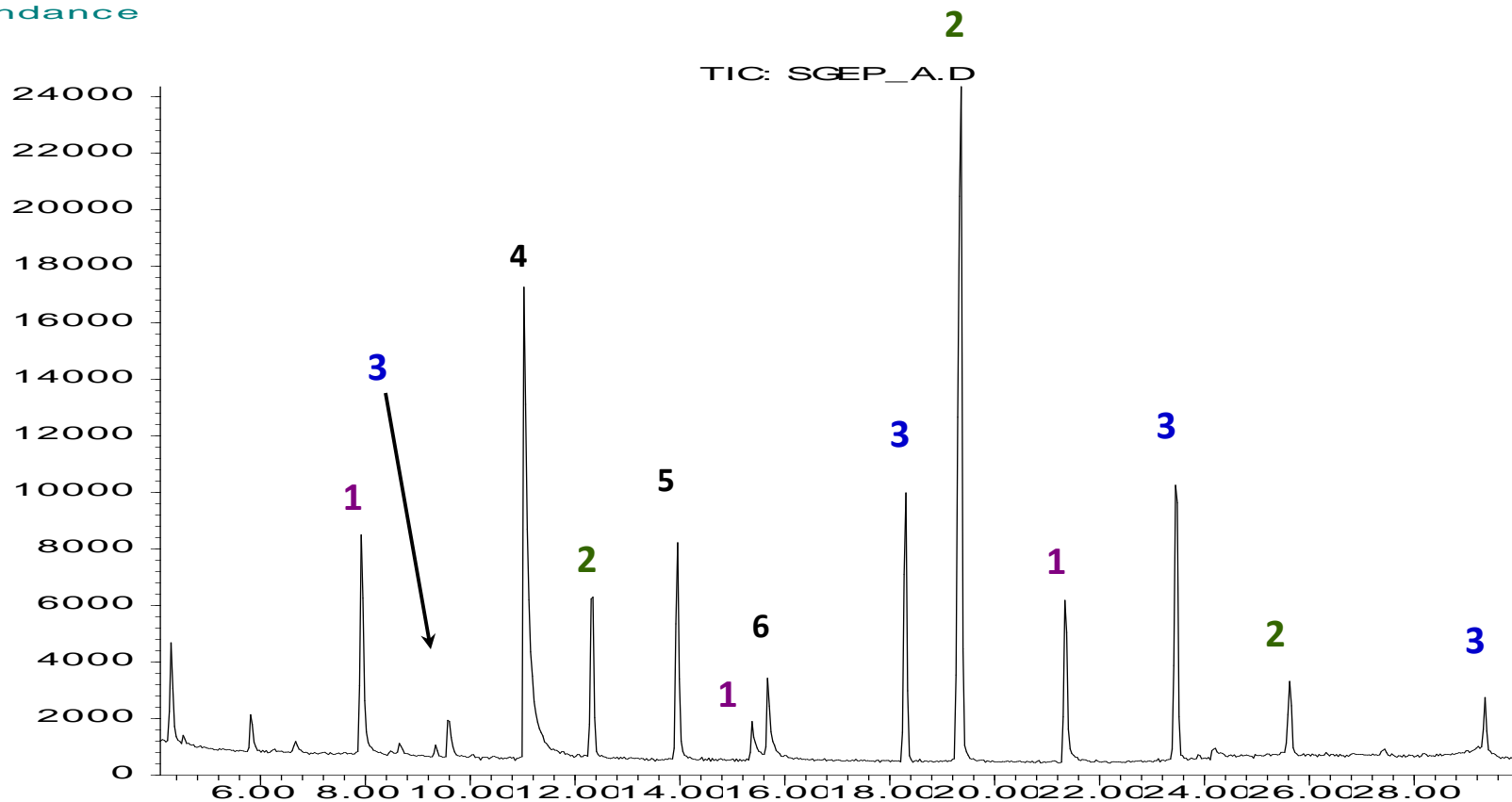
## ***Correlation “retention-property”***

: any physical or chemical property of molecule(  $t_{\text{boiling}}$ , van-der-Vaals volume, dipole moment, polarization, critical volume, pressure, temperature

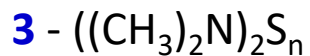
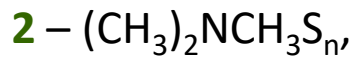
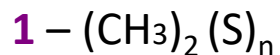
: topology indexes

# RIC of sulfur and non-symmetrical dimethylhydrazine interaction products

Abundance



Time-->

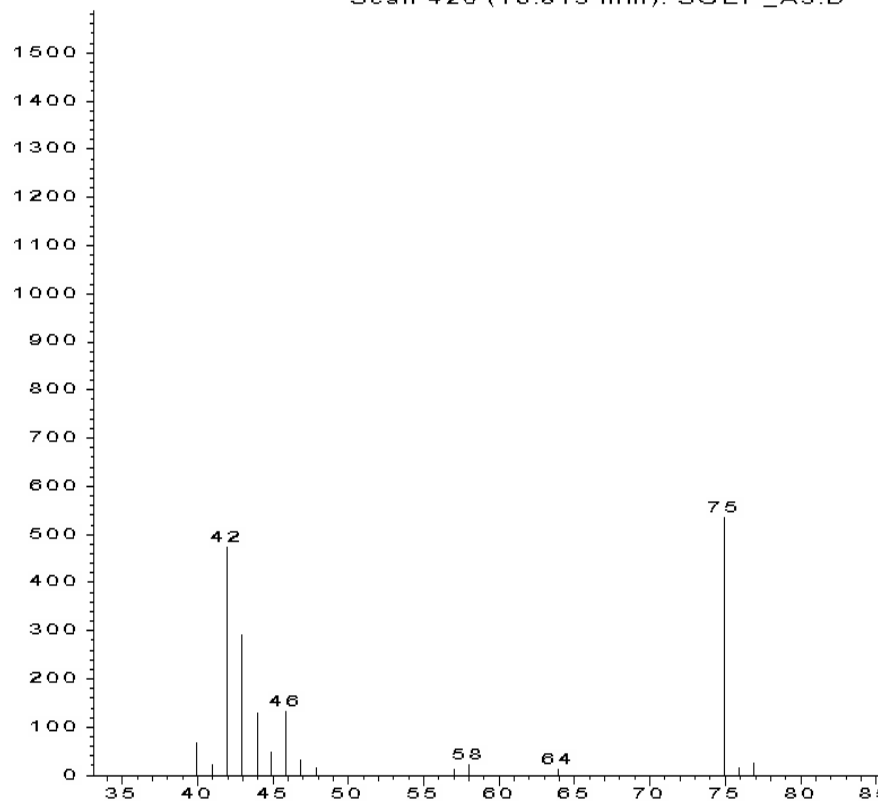


**4, 5, 6 Unknown substances**

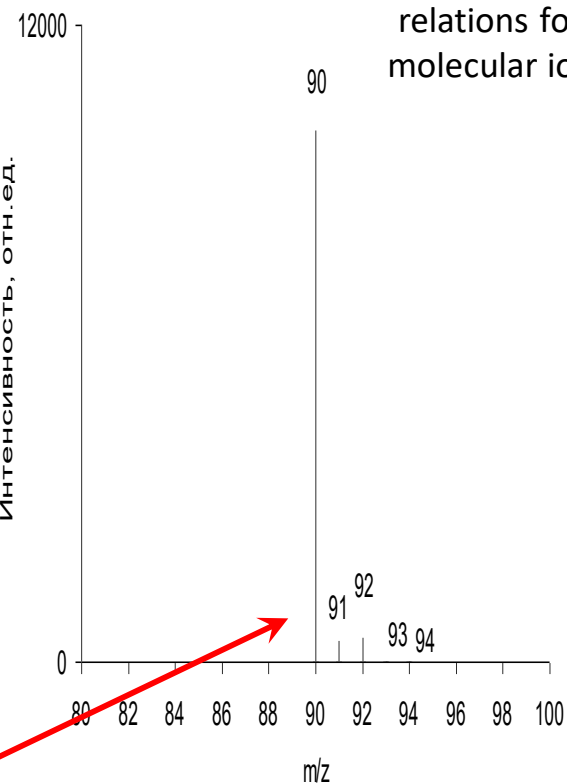
# Mass-spectrum of unknown molecule

Abundance

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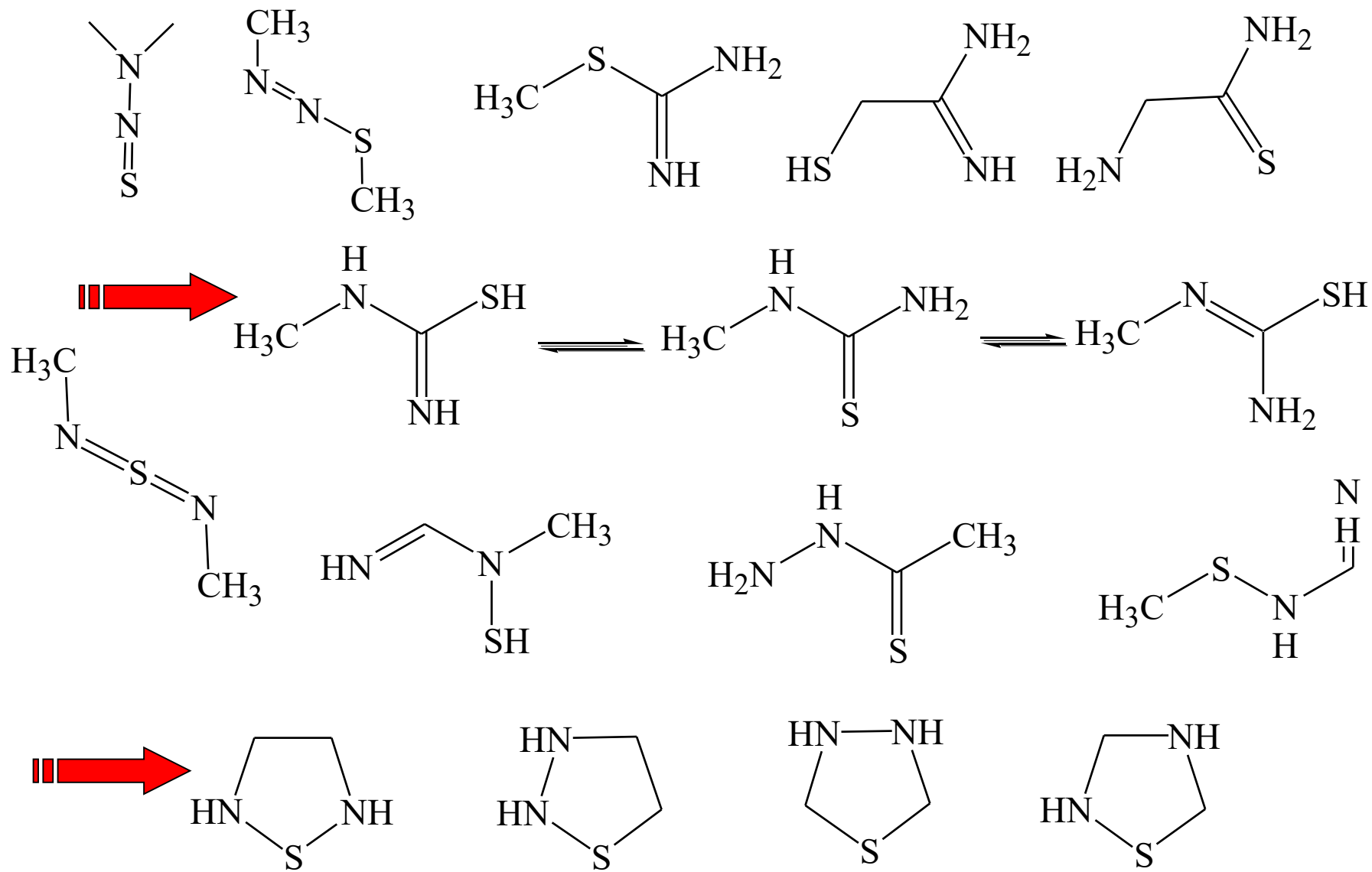


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Theoretically  
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relations for  
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m/z-->



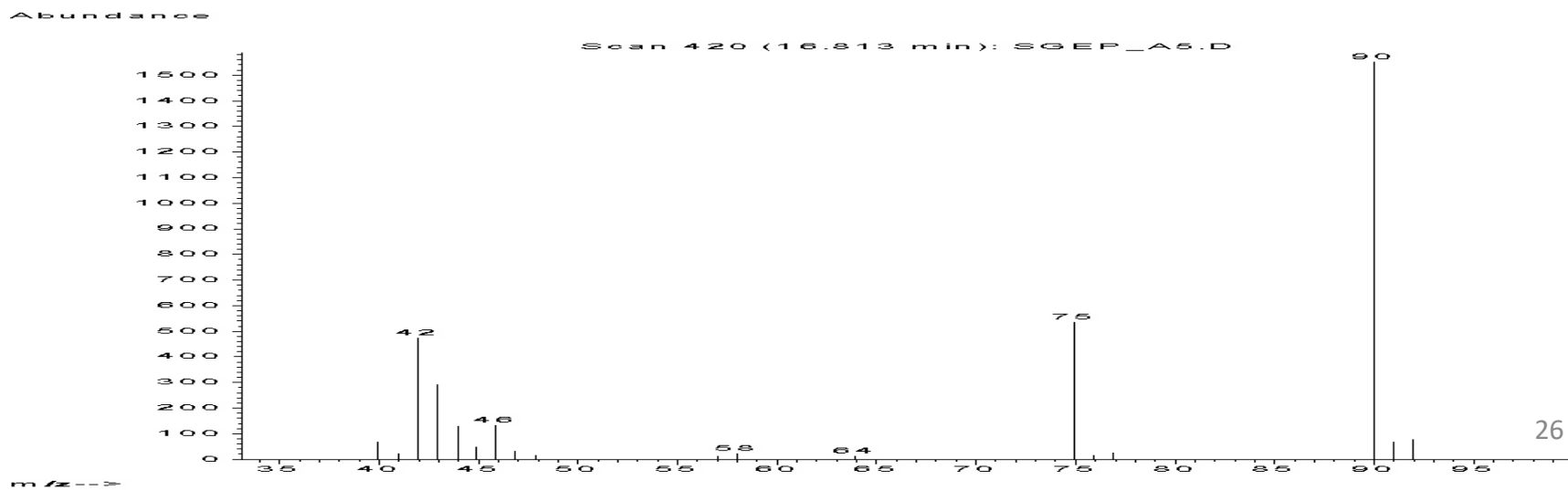
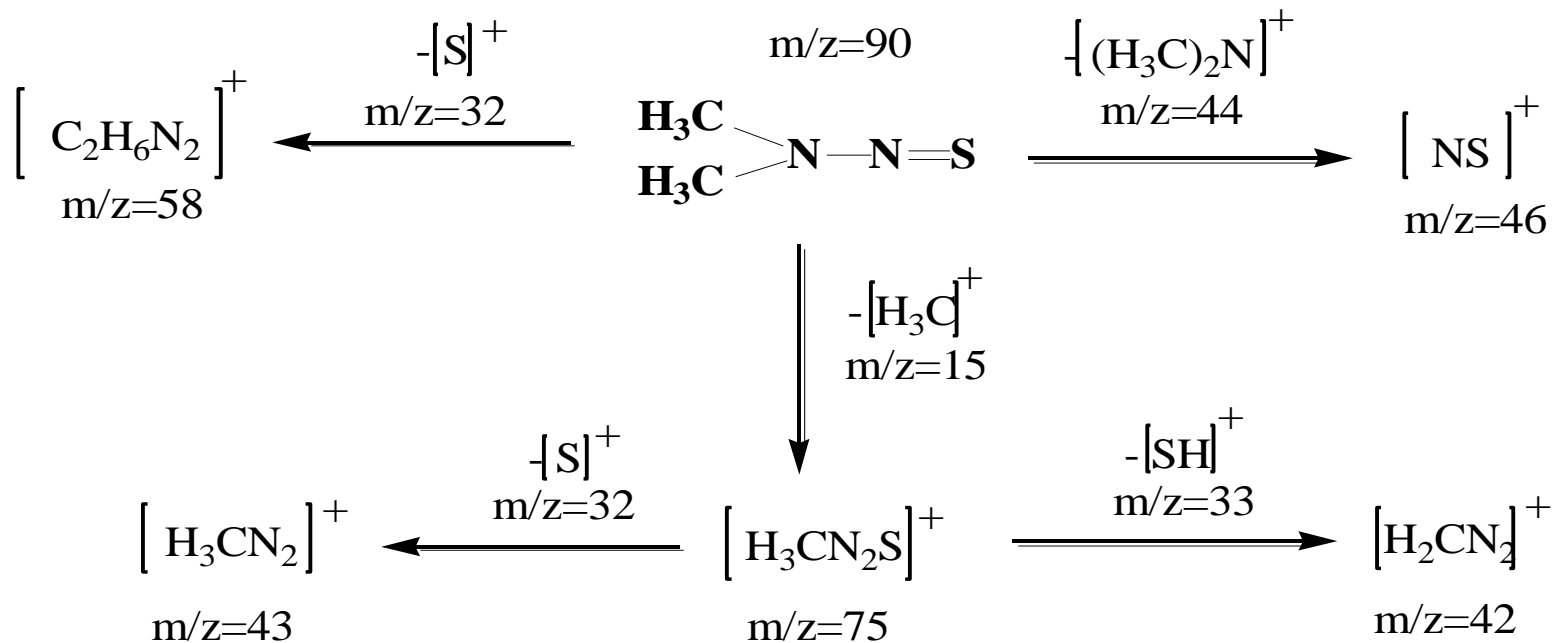


## Retention indexes (RI)

$t_r$ , min	Substance	RI	MW	$(m/z)_{0}^{10}$
<b>5,9</b>	<b>Dimethyldisulfide*</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>
9,4	di-(N,N-dimethylaminosulfide	816	120	76
11,3	Dimethylhydrazonedimethylformamide	869	115	44
12,5	N,N-dimethylaminomethylsulfide	904	123	76
<b>14.1</b>	<b>Dimethyltrisulfide *</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>126</b>
15,6	<b>Dimethylsulfonitrosoamine</b>	998	90	90
15,9	N,N-dimethylmetanosulfoamide	1008	89	89
18,6	di-(N,N-dimethylaminodisulfide	1093	152	44
19,6	N,N-dimethylaminomethyltrisulfide	1126	155	76
<b>21,6</b>	<b>Dimethyltetrasulfide *</b>	<b>1191</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>79</b>
23,7	di-(N,N-dimethylaminotrisulfide	1261	184	42
24,3	Unknown	1281	129	129
25,9	N,N-dimethylaminomethyltetrasulfide	1334	187	76

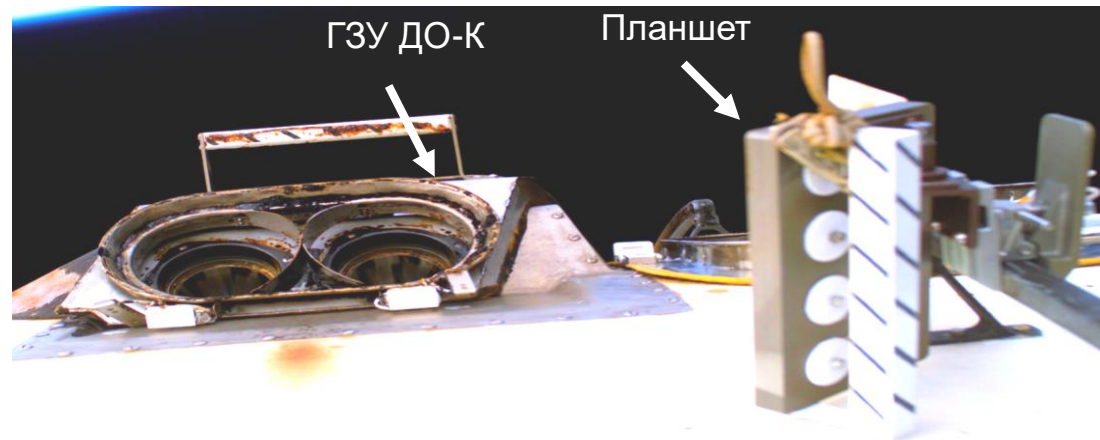
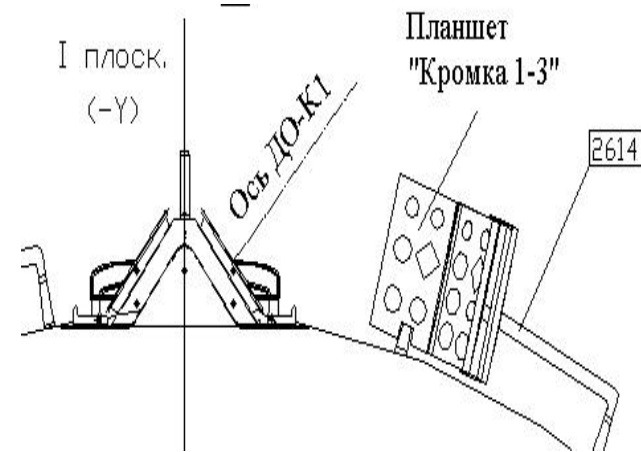
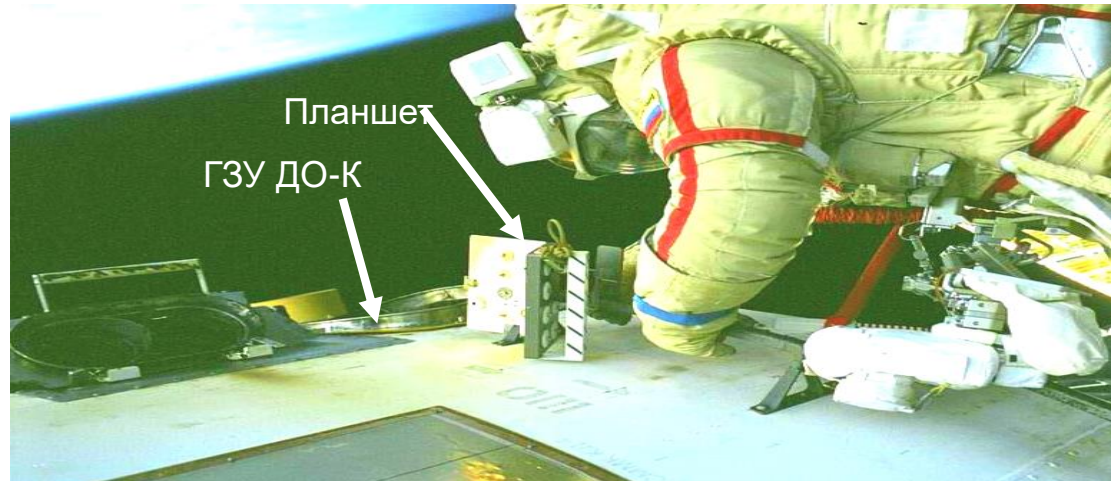
\* compounds, chosen as standards

# Suspected fragmentation scheme of dimethylsulfonitrosoamine



# Space experiments

## “Kromka 1-3” - ISS



# Chemical composition of products of incomplete combustion of rocket fuel

Fresh precipitate

Dry precipitate

№	Substance	m/z	%		m/z	%
1	NO	30	8.97	14	Dihydrazone dihydrazine	
2	CO <sub>2</sub>	44	9.52	15	1-methyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole	83
3	Ammonia	17	16.45	16	4,5-dihydro-3,4,5-trimethyl-1H-pirazole	97
4	H <sub>2</sub> O	18	30.58	17	N,N-diethylacetamide	115
5	Dimethylamine	44	1.75	18	1H-3,5-diamino-1,2,4-triazole	99
6	Trimethylamine	58	0.50	19	heterocyclic nitrogen-containing compound	107
7	Formaldehyde dimethylhydrazone	42	0.68	20	Imidazole	108
8	Derivative of Isocyanate	56	8.30	21	1H-1,2,4-trimethyltriazole	97
9	Dimethylhydrazine acetone	100	0.33	22	6-methyl-4,5-diaminopyrimidine	124
10	Nitrozodimethylamine	74	3.87	23	N,N-dimethylurea	97
11	Dimethylaminoacetonitrile	83	3.10	24	Derivative of N,N-dimethylurea	102
12	N,N-dimethyldimethylformamide	73	1.06	25	1H-4-nitropirazole	113
13	4-dimethylaminomethyltetrasulfide	94	0.18	26	Derivative of UDMH	121
				27	Derivative of UDMH	134

Substance
Nitrozodimethylamine
Dimethylaminoacetonitrile
N,N-dimethylformamide
Guanidine
1-methyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole
1H-1,2,4-trimethyltriazole

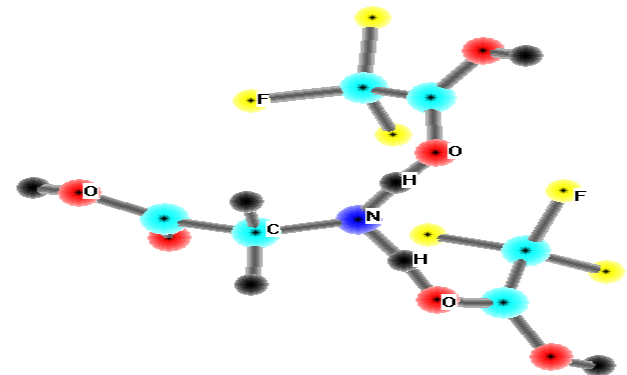
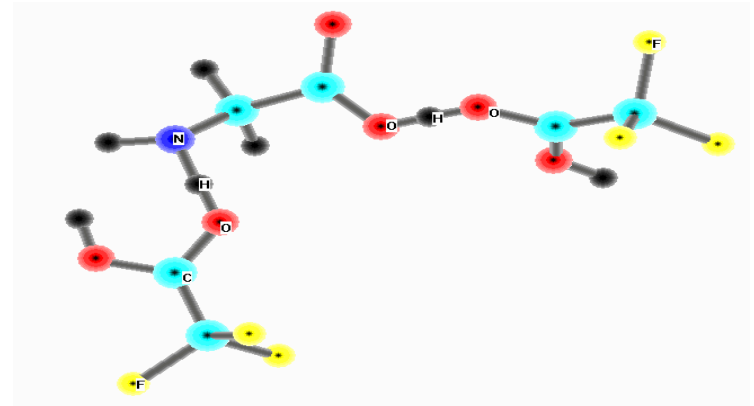
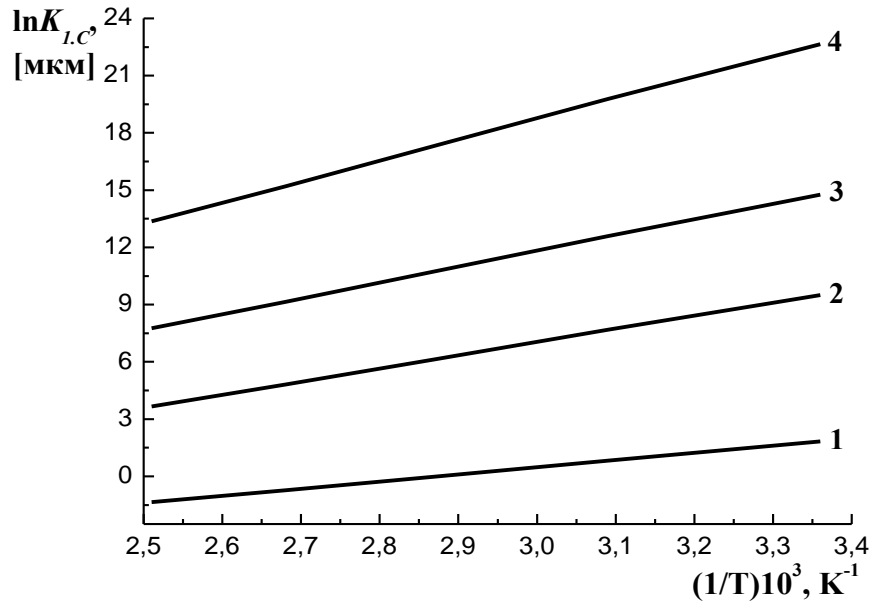
Complex salts with organic cations and inorganic anions NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> provide an abnormally high activity of contaminants even in a vacuum.

A lot of toxic products

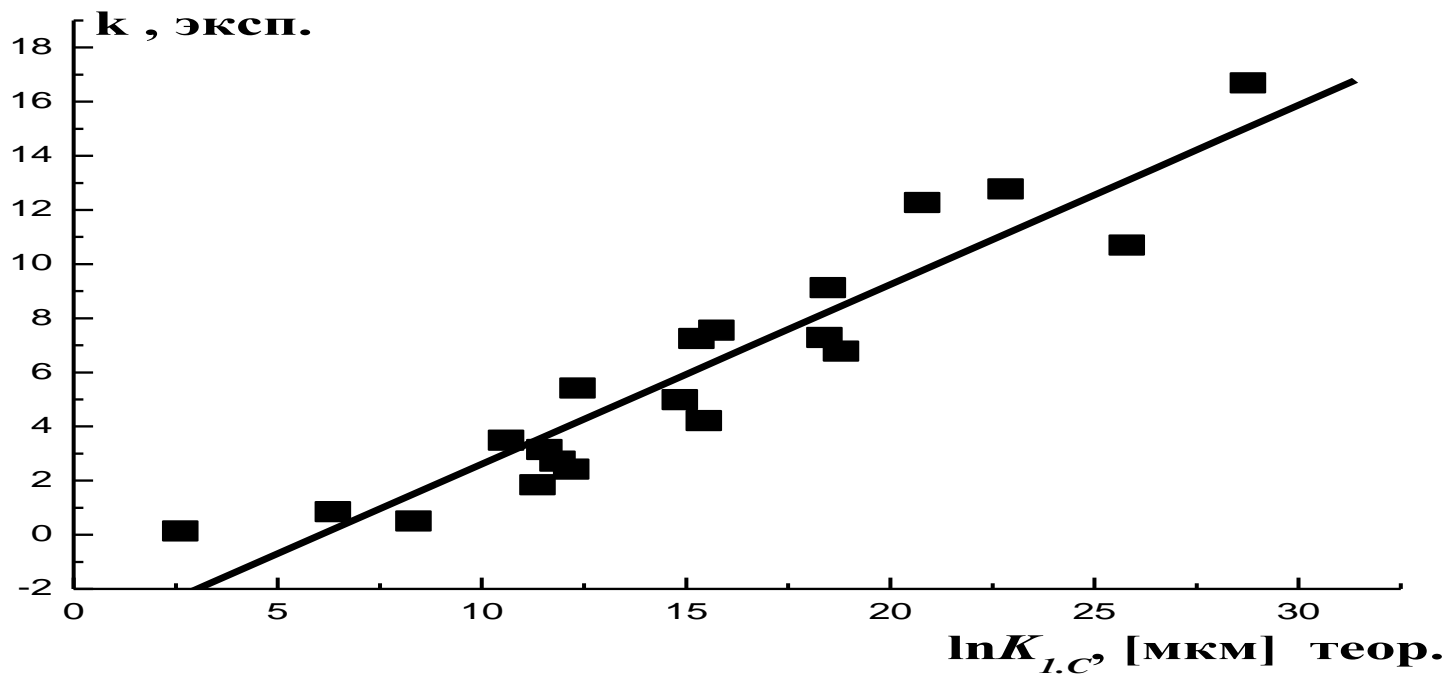
# Abilities of HPLC-MS for molecules identification

HPLC	Mass-spectrometry
Standards	Standards
Library search	Library search
Calculation of retention values	Calculation of mass-spectra
Correlations retention - structure	Regularities of fragmentation
Specific variants of analysis	Structure specific methods

# Adsorption of isomeric associates

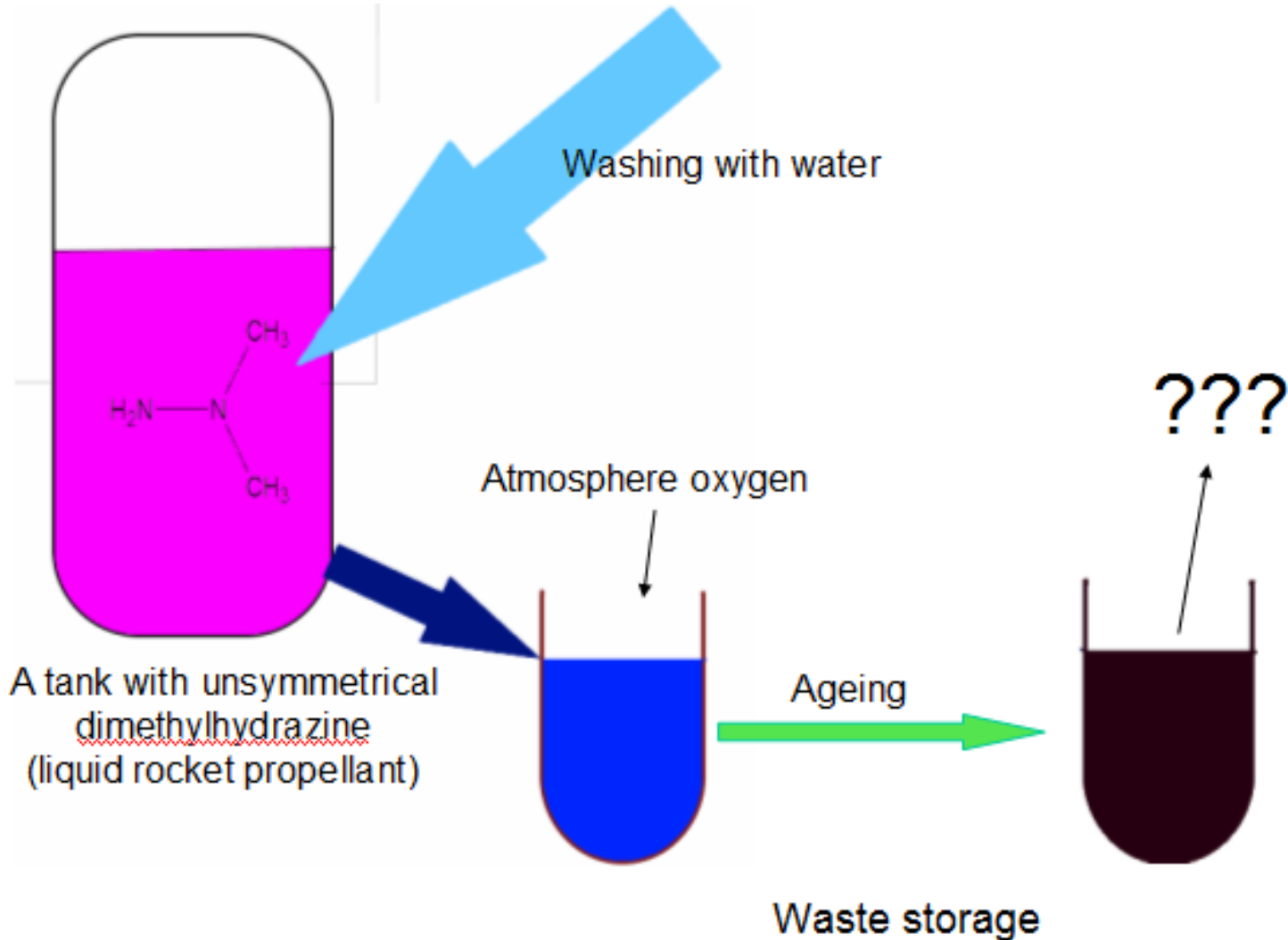


# Correlation: molecular statistical calculation - experiment



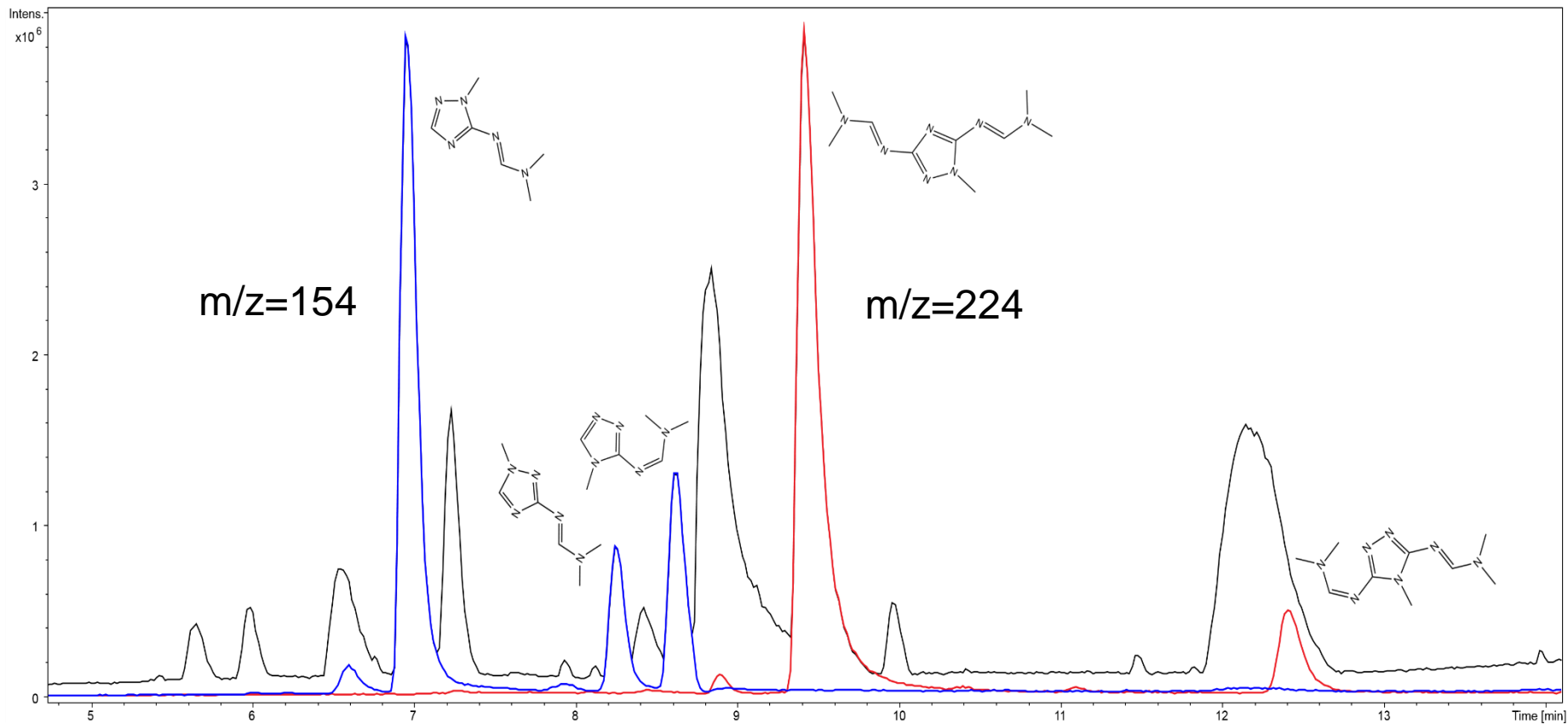
$$R^2 = 0.976$$

# FORMATION OF THE PRODUCT OF OXIDATIVE TRANSFORMATION OF UDMH (BLACK OSMOL)



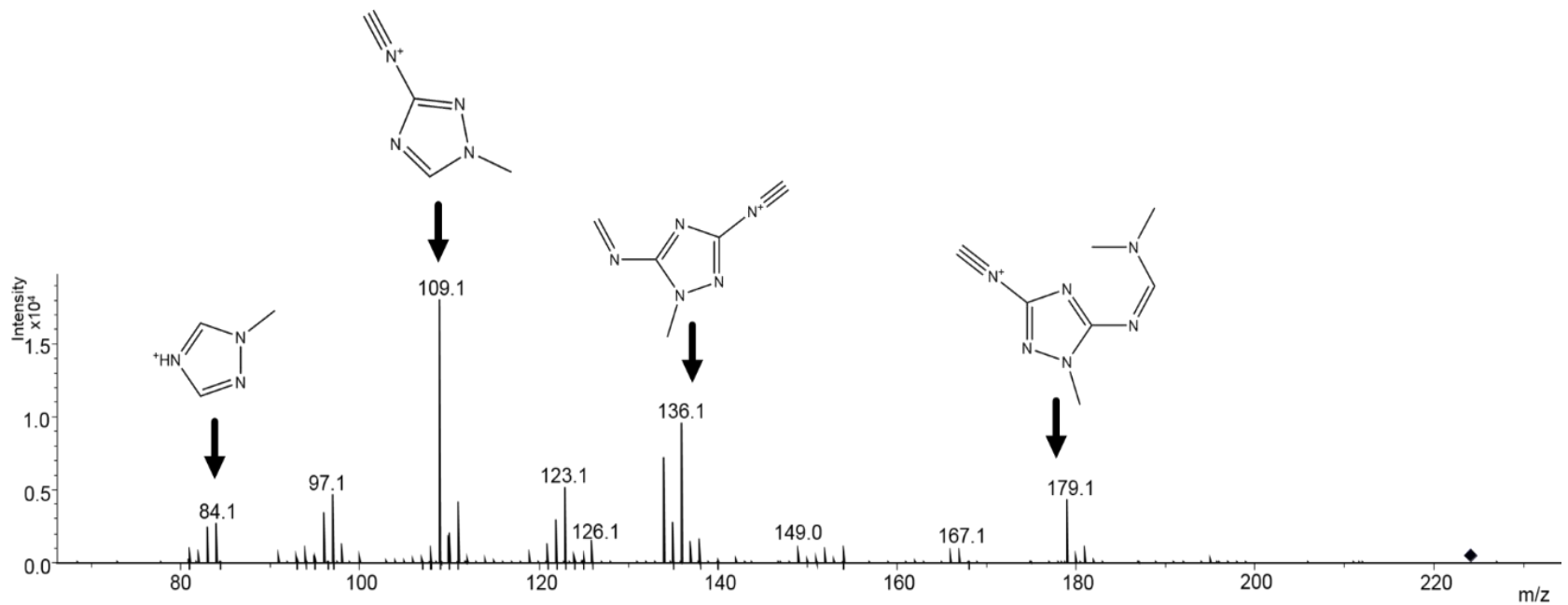


# THE CHROMATOGRAM OF "BLACK OSMOL"

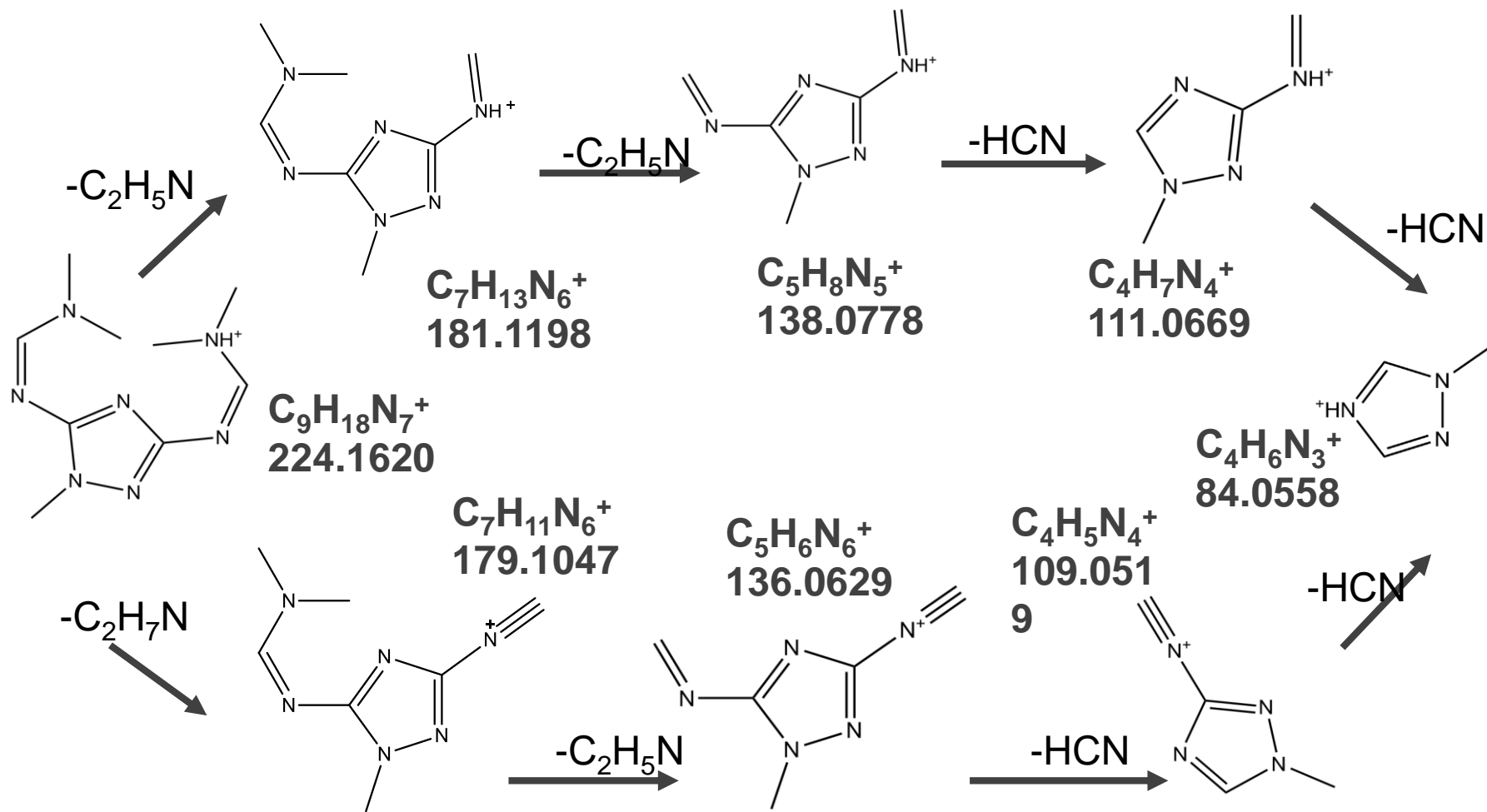


HPLC-ESI-ToF-MS (C18-column, extracted ion chromatogram)

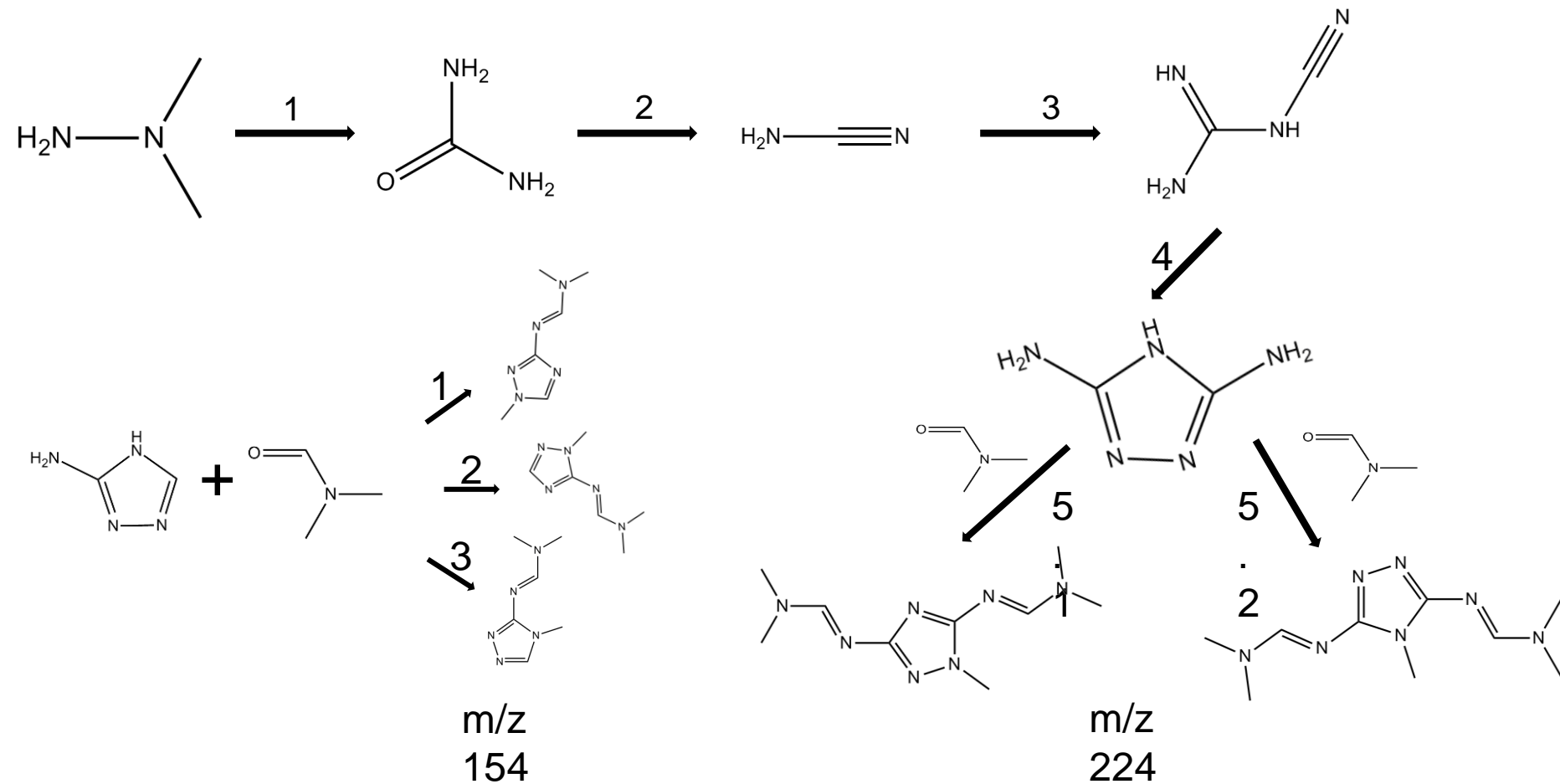
The tandem mass spectrum recorded for the ion with  $m/z$  224 from the first peak with a retention time of 9.5 minutes



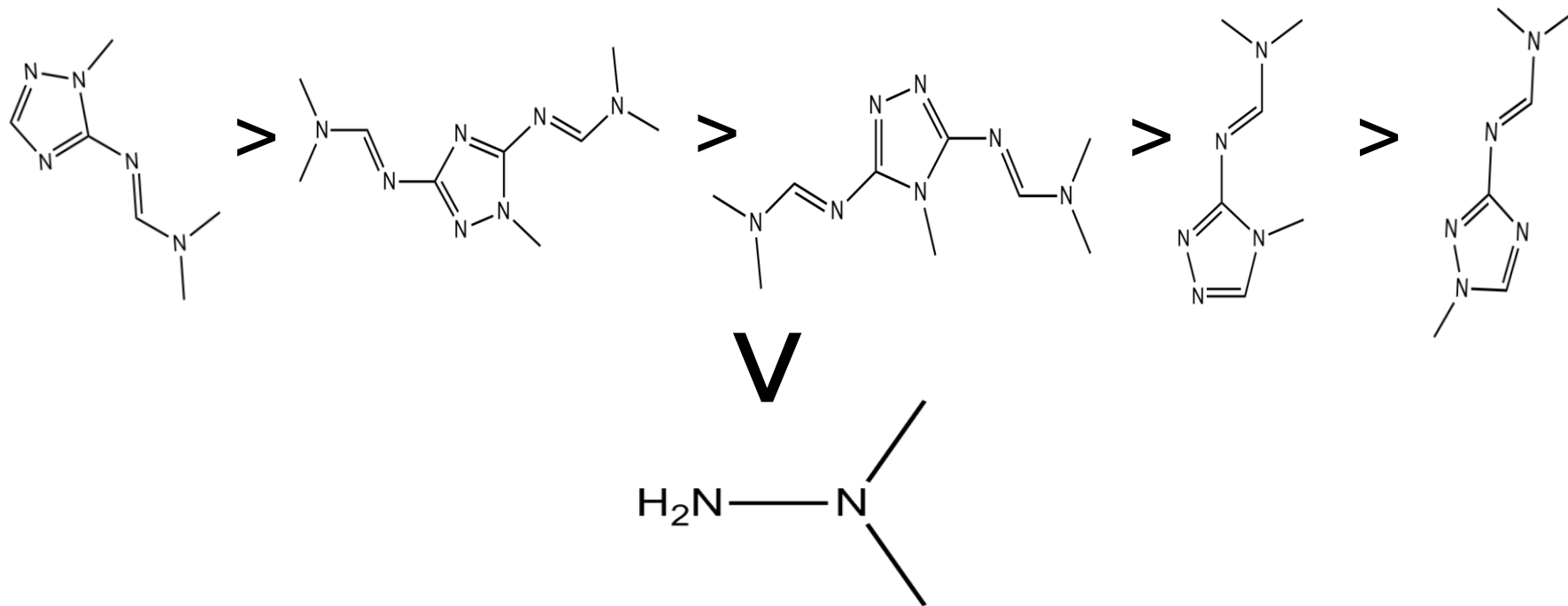
# Scheme of fragmentation of ion 224



# Possible directions of education substances with m / z 154 and 224



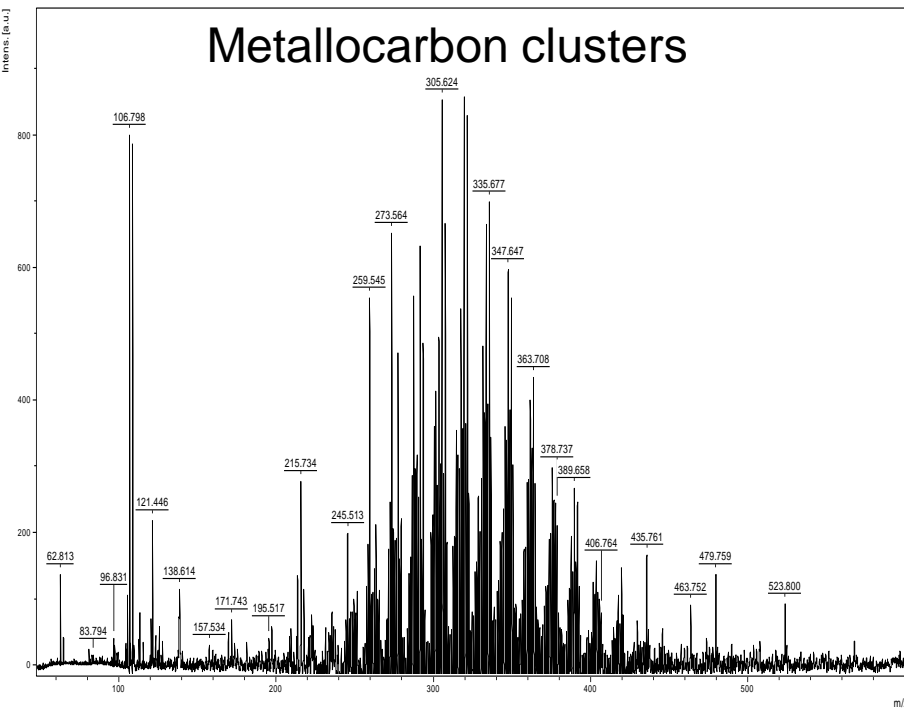
A number of sample toxicity  
in relation toof HELA cells in descending order



# Conclusion

- When assessing the poisoning with rocket fuels, it is necessary to take into account the components of fuels and the products of their transformation.
- Establishing the structure of unknown products of transformation of rocket fuels is the most important stage in assessing their toxicity.
- Chromato-mass spectrometry, supplemented by calculations of retention values, is the main method for studying rocket fuel poisoning.

# Thank you for the attention!



Mass spectrum SALDI of "zarubashechnogo" space.



The launch of the Proton launch vehicle