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**The Permian-Triassic  
of the Gartnerkofel-1 Core  
(Carnic Alps, Austria):  
Geochemistry of Common and Trace Elements I –  
ICP, AAS and LECO**

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With 1 Text-Figure and 7 Tables

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**Zusammenfassung**

Die Analysenmethoden werden beschrieben, die bei der Untersuchung der Kernproben der Bohrung Gartnerkofel-1 zur Anwendung kamen. Für die Haupt-, Neben- und Spurenelemente waren dies die induktiv gekoppelte Plasma-Atomemissionsspektrometrie (ICP) und die Atomabsorptionsspektrometrie (AAS). Kohlenstoff und Schwefel wurden durch Verbrennungsanalyse mit nachfolgender Infrarotdetektion mittels eines Lecomaten CS-244 bestimmt.

**Abstract**

Analytical methods used for the examination of samples from core Gartnerkofel-1 are described. Common and trace elements were analyzed through inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP) and atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS). Carbon and sulfur were determined through combustion analysis followed by infrared detection using a Lecomat CS-244.

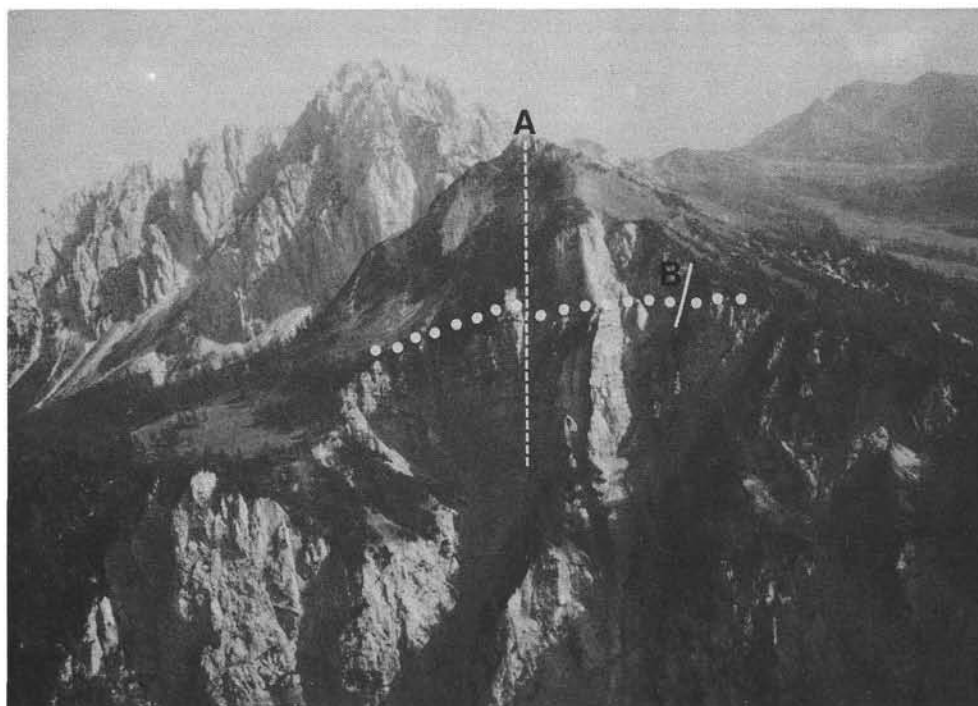
**1. Sampling**

Samples of the core Gartnerkofel-1 were cut as described by W. T. HOLSER et al. in this volume, and aliquots of the ground powder were assigned for analysis of common and trace elements and of carbon and sulfur, respectively.

**2. Analysis  
of Common and Trace Elements**

A sample of the powder of about 500 mg was leached with 20 ml 1 M HCl for 90 minutes in a centrifuge tube, and centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 5 minutes. The supernatant solution was used for analysis

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Text-Fig. 1.  
Aerial photograph from the north of the Reppwand with the Gartnerkofel (2195 m) in the background. A: Drill site on Kammleiten (1998 m); B: Top of the outcrop section. Dotted line indicates the Permian-Triassic boundary between the Bellerophon Formation (below) and the Werfen Formation above. Photo: G. FLAJS, Aachen.

by inductively coupled plasma spectroscopy (ICP) and atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS). The insoluble residue (IR) was rinsed with distilled water, dried and weighed.

Spectroscopic measurements were made on a PERKIN-ELMER PE ICP-6500 equipment. Measurements were made in four sets, by appropriate method and wavelength listed in Table 1. Calibrations were made with solutions prepared with known concentrations, and with our internal laboratory standard Bellerophon Dolomite A/1. The results are given for the initial and two supplementary sets of samples in Tables 2, 3, and 4 respectively.

It is necessary to emphasize that the trace element contents detected are mainly those contained in the dolomite mineral phase, but that the treatment with HCl described above may have leached some metals of phosphorous from the clay minerals and other phases of the insoluble residue.

Table 1.  
Analytical methods applied to core Gartnerkofel-1.

ELEMENT	METHOD	SET	WAVELENGTH nm
Al	ICP	b	308.215
B	ICP	a	208.959
Ba	ICP	b	455.403
Ca	ICP	c	317.933
Co	ICP/AAS	a	228.616
Cr	ICP/AAS	a	205.552
Cu	ICP/AAS	b	324.754
Fe	ICP/AAS	a	239.562
K	AAS/ICP	d	769.896
Mg	ICP	c	293.654
Mn	ICP/AAS	a	257.610
Na	AAS/ICP	d	589.592
Ni	ICP/AAS	a	231.604
P	ICP	a	214.914
Pb	ICP/AAS	a	220.353
Sr	ICP	b	407.771
Ti	ICP	b	337.280
V	ICP	b	310.230
Zn	ICP/AAS	a	213.856
Zr	ICP	b	339.198

Salient results are discussed in separate contributions by K. STATTEGGER (this volume) and W. T. HOLSER et al. (this volume).

### 3. Analysis of Carbon and Sulfur

The components of carbon and sulfur content were analyzed on separate aliquots of the powdered samples. For determination of total carbon ( $C_{tot}$ ) and sulfur ( $S_{tot}$ ) a 100 mg portion was weighed into a ceramic crucible by electronic balance. With a glass spoon about 2 g of LECOCEL (a Sn-W alloy) and 1 g of steel (7 ppm C, 14 ppm S) were added. The mixture was combusted in a furnace at 1400°C, using oxygen (>99.5 % pure) as carrier gas. The evolved gases  $CO_2$  and  $SO_2$  were measured in infrared cells by integrating their respective peaks. The system was calibrated with LECO calibration samples and with our internal laboratory standard Bellerophon Dolomite A/1.

Each sample was analyzed two to four times. The relative standard deviations were <1 % for C and <10 % for S. For determination of organic carbon ( $C_{org.}$ ) and "acid-insoluble sulfur" ( $S_{ins.}$ ) 500 mg of powder were weighed into a porous filter crucible, leached three times with 8 ml 2 M HCl, rinsed ten times with deionized water, and filtered with a filtering flask. The crucibles were dried in an oven at 150° overnight. Measurements were carried out as for total C and S.

Acid-soluble carbon ( $C_{carb.}$ ) was calculated by difference. Similarly, "acid-soluble sulfur" ( $S_{sol.}$ ) was calculated by difference. Inasmuch as the main component of sulfur expected in the core and observed by X-ray diffraction (A. FENNINGER, this volume) and reflected-light microscopy (W. T. HOLSER, this volume), was pyrite, most of the S was expected to be insoluble in HCl, and this was generally the case. Otherwise acid-soluble S was probably gypsum altered from pyrite in the outcrop, as observed by A. FENNINGER (this volume)











Table 5.  
Analysis for C and S components core Gartnerkofel-1.  
ins = insoluble in HCl; s = standard deviation.

Sample No.	Depth m	C <sub>tot.</sub>		C <sub>org.</sub>		C <sub>karb.</sub>	S <sub>tot.</sub>		S <sub>(ins.)</sub>		S <sub>HCl sol</sub>
		in %		in %			in ppm		in ppm		
		x	s	x	s	x	s	x	s		
1	57.53	3.68	0.05	0.074	0.008	98	157	2	7	2	96
2	58.81	11.90	0.10	0.098	0.003	99	205	10	118	15	42
3	60.88	9.29	0.04	0.061	0.004	99	217	7	40	4	82
4	61.65	8.40	0.06	0.104	0.008	99	190	20	22	2	88
5	63.00	7.96	0.03	0.140	0.005	98	169	11	10	2	94
6	64.95	10.65	0.10	0.075	0.010	99	212	5	70	3	67
7	65.70	11.20	0.08	0.053	0.004	99	200	20	55	5	73
8	70.62	10.31	0.11	0.050	0.001	99	158	12	70	6	56
9	71.70	7.95	0.10	0.057	0.006	99	170	15	25	5	85
10	72.10	8.83	0.05	0.071	0.008	99	215	15	144	15	33
11	73.75	9.85	0.02	0.071	0.009	99	210	20	75	5	64
s 12	74.40	2.75	0.05	0.058	0.001	98	120	15	25	5	79
13	75.32	8.80	0.01	0.075	0.014	99	196	7	50	10	77
s 14	75.90	5.10	0.01	0.072	0.011	98	140	15	20	4	86
s 15	76.30	6.90	0.08	0.079	0.002	99	170	13	60	10	65
17	79.67	10.25	0.08	0.064	0.001	99	210	10	80	8	62
18	81.52	9.54	0.01	0.062	0.006	99	340	30	300	20	13
s 19	82.60	1.11	0.01	0.103	0.007	91	136	8	20	4	85
20	82.85	11.97	0.11	0.082	0.004	99	47	2	40	2	15
21	84.37	12.25	0.10	0.070	0.015	99	55	7	50	4	9
22	86.26	10.04	0.07	0.061	0.009	99	140	15	35	5	75
23	86.92	10.89	0.05	0.060	0.007	99	99	1	90	2	9
24	88.85	11.86	0.03	0.062	0.004	99	78	3	60	7	23
s 25	90.30	5.45	0.05	0.150	0.015	97	167	2	95	15	43
26	90.56	8.00	0.07	0.141	0.001	98	220	20	55	5	75
27	95.17	6.25	0.12	0.136	0.010	98	225	25	140	20	38
28	95.30	4.70	0.08	0.110	0.010	97	240	20	75	7	69
s 29	95.90	4.02	0.02	0.120	0.015	99	220	20	80	6	64
30	96.05	11.10	0.13	0.097	0.009	99	186	1	86	4	54
s 31	97.40	4.12	0.04	0.114	0.004	97	290	15	130	10	55
32	99.46	5.45	0.05	0.765	0.009	86	300	15	250	20	17
33	100.42	11.75	0.10	0.098	0.005	99	110	2	90	2	18
s 34	102.39	11.00	0.10	0.065	0.007	99	217	15	80	4	63
35	102.93	11.70	0.10	0.070	0.001	99	252	17	154	9	39
36	103.45	12.25	0.10	0.069	0.001	99	115	7	86	2	25
s 37	103.78	9.30	0.10	0.098	0.003	99	340	15	140	12	59
38	105.32	9.60	0.15	0.099	0.009	99	348	5	191	1	45
39	105.90	10.50	0.10	0.080	0.008	99	310	10	237	4	24
40	107.75	11.80	0.12	0.095	0.015	99	100	10	73	8	27
41	110.02	10.90	0.10	0.090	0.006	99	175	15	90	7	49
42	111.42	11.70	0.11	0.070	0.009	99	160	14	85	5	47
43	112.43	11.78	0.05	0.065	0.010	99	110	7	80	6	27
44	113.20	10.40	0.10	0.080	0.011	99	280	13	140	8	50
s 44A	114.00	10.24	0.03	0.065	0.012	99	290	15	126	6	57
45	114.10	9.80	0.05	0.060	0.010	99	230	17	105	7	54
46	115.95	12.60	0.05	0.115	0.010	99	72	8	50	5	31
47	117.70	11.90	0.10	0.125	0.011	99	77	11	66	6	14
48	118.64	12.40	0.10	0.235	0.013	98	55	7	45	5	18
49	119.27	12.62	0.05	0.120	0.010	99	70	7	60	6	14
50	123.50	12.70	0.10	0.060	0.005	99	60	5	53	4	12
52	127.04	10.35	0.05	0.075	0.004	99	170	10	156	4	8
53	127.40	7.90	0.10	0.105	0.005	99	270	15	200	5	26
54	127.46	8.50	0.10	0.112	0.006	99	310	10	245	6	21
55	127.55	7.72	0.05	0.205	0.010	97	3850	100	3750	50	3
56	130.10	11.80	0.03	0.090	0.003	99	190	15	125	5	34
57	130.40	12.10	0.05	0.080	0.004	99	70	5	60	6	14
58	130.55	12.37	0.03	0.065	0.008	99	19	2	20	5	0
s 59	134.53	4.75	0.05	0.195	0.005	96	200	5	109	10	46
60	136.50	11.84	0.07	0.105	0.002	99	168	2	160	3	5
61	137.23	11.72	0.01	0.104	0.003	99	160	15	115	5	28
63	138.96	9.05	0.05	0.130	0.006	99	246	2	235	3	5
64	140.60	10.60	0.05	0.161	0.007	98	140	10	130	3	7
65	141.54	11.00	0.10	0.093	0.001	99	145	5	140	2	3
s 66	142.74	8.90	0.10	0.129	0.002	99	170	10	164	2	4
67	143.26	12.00	0.10	0.084	0.002	99	200	15	180	10	10
68	144.33	11.80	0.10	0.073	0.001	99	150	15	139	5	7
s 69	146.08	10.50	0.10	0.122	0.001	99	225	10	183	5	19
70	146.65	12.00	0.10	0.098	0.002	99	120	15	110	5	8
71	147.60	11.20	0.10	0.195	0.003	99	210	10	185	4	12
72	149.34	11.30	0.10	0.110	0.005	99	196	5	165	4	16









Table 5 (continued).

Sample No.	Depth m	C <sub>tot.</sub>		C <sub>org.</sub>		C <sub>karb.</sub> %	S <sub>tot.</sub>		S <sub>(ins.)</sub>		S <sub>HCl sol.</sub> %
		in %		in %			in ppm		in ppm		
		x	s	x	s		x	s	x	s	
s 286	315.52	0.095	0.005	0.085	0.005	10	230	20	190	15	17
287	315.76	12.60	0.10	0.087	0.003	99	105	10	87	6	17
288	317.05	11.80	0.10	0.120	0.010	99	2250	100	2100	100	7
289	317.53	12.70	0.10	0.067	0.002	99	140	10	130	6	7
290	318.50	11.90	0.10	0.069	0.001	99	190	10	130	15	32
291	318.87	12.20	0.08	0.070	0.010	99	50	5	45	5	10
292	321.43	11.75	0.10	0.079	0.005	99	180	5	105	6	42
293	322.60	12.25	0.05	0.072	0.015	99	110	10	80	4	27
294	322.90	12.65	0.10	0.059	0.011	99	60	10	55	5	8
295	323.70	12.40	0.10	0.075	0.005	99	35	5	30	5	14
296	324.80	12.42	0.02	0.096	0.003	99	75	10	70	3	7
297	326.55	12.80	0.15	0.060	0.004	99	35	4	30	2	14
298	327.31	12.90	0.10	0.062	0.008	99	40	2	35	5	13
299	328.06	13.05	0.10	0.135	0.007	99	50	5	45	5	10
300	329.04	12.62	0.01	0.090	0.009	99	138	4	95	2	31
301	329.60	12.80	0.10	0.070	0.005	99	75	5	70	2	7

Table 6.  
Analysis for C and S components core Gartnerkofel-1.  
First supplementary samples.  
ins = insoluble in HCl; s = standard deviation.

Depth m	C <sub>tot.</sub>		C <sub>org.</sub>		C <sub>karb.</sub> %	S <sub>tot.</sub>		S <sub>(ins.)</sub>		S <sub>HCl sol.</sub> %
	in %		in %			in ppm		in ppm		
	x	s	x	s		x	s	x	s	
251.20m	11.84	0.09	0.063	0.008	99	260	20	199	1	24
251.40m	12.65	0.07	0.047	0.001	99	195	10	158	4	19
251.60m	12.18	0.18	0.047	0.005	99	230	20	119	8	48
251.75m	12.66	0.10	0.118	0.012	99	150	6	118	1	21
251.95m	11.86	0.06	0.048	0.006	99	165	9	93	5	44
252.10m	12.14	0.06	0.058	0.001	99	158	7	98	4	38
252.30m	12.25	0.01	0.052	0.001	99	140	15	86	4	39
252.70m	12.47	0.07	0.074	0.003	99	98	9	85	4	13
252.95m	12.82	0.12	0.051	0.002	99	80	7	75	3	6
253.00m	12.80	0.05	0.064	0.003	99	85	5	85	1	1
253.20m	12.49	0.05	0.068	0.002	99	80	4	63	3	21
253.55m	12.76	0.12	0.047	0.001	99	150	10	130	5	13
253.75m	12.93	0.02	0.060	0.004	99	130	9	125	5	4
253.95m	12.58	0.17	0.062	0.006	99	140	10	130	4	7
254.15m	12.50	0.08	0.073	0.006	99	210	8	190	5	10
313.65m	12.55	0.03	0.048	0.005	99	105	12	70	4	33
313.75m	12.63	0.02	0.051	0.005	99	110	8	67	3	39
313.85m	12.83	0.14	0.047	0.001	99	118	6	111	1	6
313.95m	12.80	0.05	0.058	0.005	99	95	5	88	5	7
314.05m	12.50	0.10	0.057	0.002	99	120	9	85	1	29
314.20m	12.58	0.06	0.051	0.003	99	140	13	104	4	26
314.40m	12.30	0.03	0.053	0.002	99	350	30	320	20	9
314.50m	12.15	0.04	0.053	0.002	99	320	25	200	15	38
314.64m	12.36	0.03	0.070	0.003	99	1200	50	1150	30	4
314.70m	11.60	0.10	0.054	0.001	99	700	30	670	20	4
314.80m	11.24	0.01	0.050	0.004	99	1400	40	1300	30	7

**Table 7.**  
**Analysis for C and S components core Gartnerkofel-1.**  
**Second supplementary samples.**  
**ins = insoluble in HCl; s = standard deviation.**

Sample No.	Depth m	C <sub>tot.</sub>		C <sub>org.</sub>		C <sub>karb.</sub> %	S <sub>tot.</sub>		S <sub>(org.)</sub>		S <sub>HCl sol.</sub> %
		in %		in %			in ppm		in ppm		
		x	s	x	s		x	s	x	s	
190A	220.50 - 220.53	10.30	0.02	0.140	0.010	99	4700	200	4450	50	5
190B	220.72 - 220.76	10.08	0.03	0.125	0.008	99	4970	155	4380	60	12
190C	220.88 - 220.92	8.61	0.10	0.230	0.009	97	8500	210	7750	50	9
191A	221.16 - 221.20	9.87	0.02	0.165	0.010	98	3970	100	3700	40	7
191B	221.32 - 221.35	9.71	0.10	0.210	0.015	98	5500	160	4900	40	11
191C	221.35 - 221.39	9.25	0.07	0.130	0.009	98	6900	180	6050	50	12
191D	221.52 - 221.56	8.43	0.02	0.195	0.002	98	7000	200	6740	30	4
191E	221.78 - 221.82	9.18	0.01	0.150	0.009	98	4750	170	4400	70	7
191F	222.03 - 222.06	8.75	0.08	0.135	0.005	98	7200	100	6480	20	10
192A	222.13 - 222.16	11.01	0.05	0.162	0.004	99	3020	100	2850	30	6
193A	222.25 - 222.28	12.16	0.06	0.129	0.010	99	130	15	120	1	8
194A	222.44 - 222.48	11.55	0.12	0.106	0.003	99	270	20	210	6	22
194B	222.62 - 222.66	11.30	0.10	0.140	0.010	99	740	25	650	10	12
194C	223.00 - 223.03	10.60	0.10	0.145	0.007	99	210	15	141	3	33
194D	223.31 - 223.35	11.80	0.02	0.103	0.001	99	170	10	127	2	25
194E	223.69 - 223.73	12.00	0.03	0.098	0.003	99	190	11	145	5	24
195A	224.02 - 224.06	10.88	0.02	0.120	0.010	99	265	9	240	2	10
195B	224.35 - 224.38	11.15	0.05	0.125	0.009	99	160	5	130	10	19
196A	224.70 - 224.75	12.30	0.06	0.140	0.008	99	170	20	115	2	32
196B	224.99 - 225.03	12.45	0.10	0.105	0.007	99	122	13	88	4	28
196C	225.20 - 225.24	12.40	0.10	0.130	0.010	99	125	14	95	5	24
197A	225.62 - 225.66	12.50	0.05	0.125	0.009	99	123	12	78	4	37
197B	225.82 - 225.86	12.85	0.03	0.128	0.010	99	120	13	77	3	36
198A	226.20 - 226.24	12.80	0.08	0.135	0.006	99	115	13	69	2	40
198B	226.50 - 226.53	12.65	0.07	0.075	0.003	99	121	12	55	7	55
198C	227.00 - 227.04	12.60	0.04	0.060	0.002	99	120	13	72	5	40
199A	227.75 - 227.79	12.65	0.05	0.090	0.005	99	115	13	75	6	35
199B	228.02 - 228.06	12.85	0.05	0.080	0.007	99	119	12	80	7	46
199C	228.50 - 228.55	12.60	0.09	0.070	0.008	99	115	12	76	1	34
199D	228.61 - 228.66	12.90	0.10	0.075	0.009	99	135	15	62	2	54
201A	229.19 - 229.24	11.90	0.10	0.068	0.007	99	118	12	55	7	53
202A	229.72 - 229.76	11.90	0.10	0.120	0.010	99	155	12	110	10	29
204A	230.01 - 230.06	11.70	0.10	0.095	0.011	99	160	15	145	12	10
204B	230.44 - 230.48	12.10	0.08	0.090	0.010	99	140	16	75	4	46
204C	230.58 - 230.62	12.05	0.10	0.105	0.012	99	125	12	90	5	28