

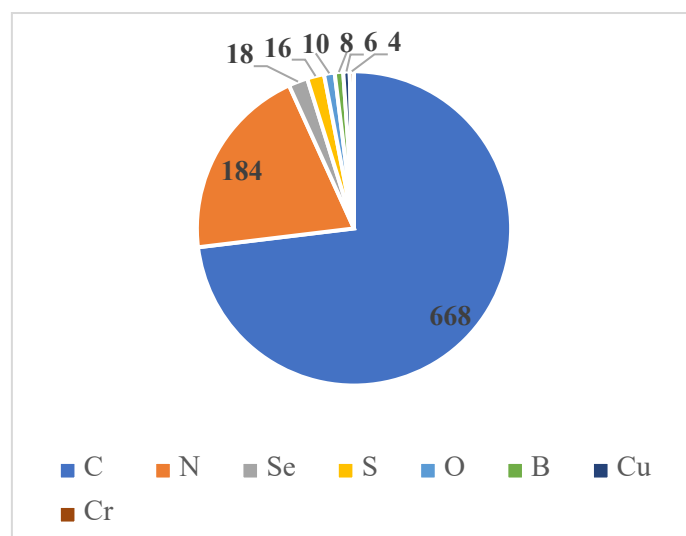
Arrangement of σ -Holes at Halogen Atom in Halonium Cation

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Table S1. The detailed results of the CSD survey.

$[D\cdots X\cdots D']^+$ angle	number of hits	Exemplary refcodes from CSD
30-40	1	WEVPOC
40-50	2	LEGVOL
50-60	0	
60-70	1	KELTEA
70-80	3	ISABUC, LOPQIQ
80-90	66	HIGVOL, ICIROE, ISACAJ, JOMMUW
90-100	283	AMEPAM, APUHIC, BEVVOR
100-110	32	HOHKAQ
110-120	0	
120-130	1	
130-140	1	
140-150	0	
150-160	0	
160-170	0	
170-180	88	EROFUP



C	668	73%
N	184	20%
Se	18	2%
S	16	2%
O	10	1%
B	8	1%
Cu	6	1%
Cr	4	0%

Figure S1. The distribution of the ligand atom connected to halogen atom within the CSD results.

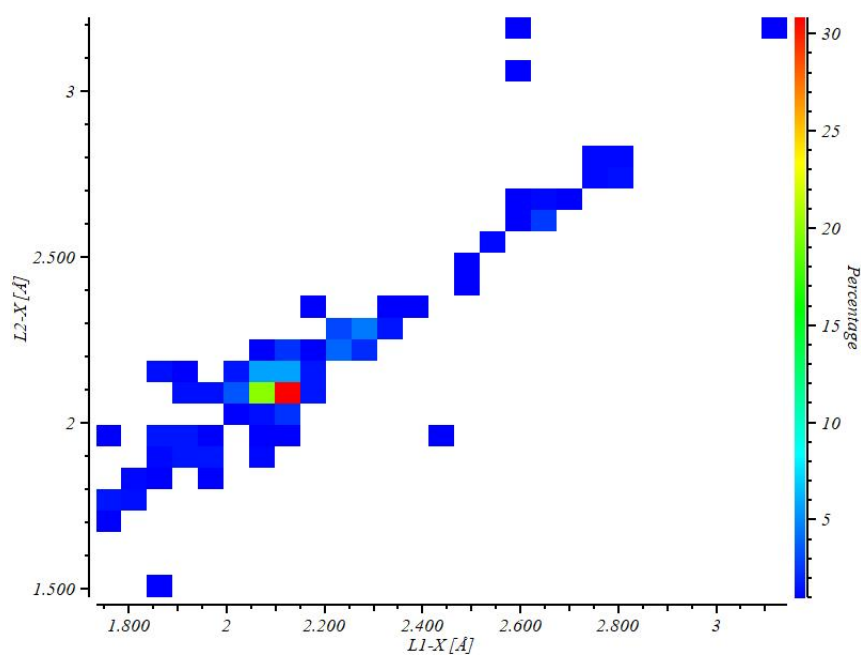


Figure S2. Heat plot representing the distribution of the L1-X and L2-X interatomic distances.

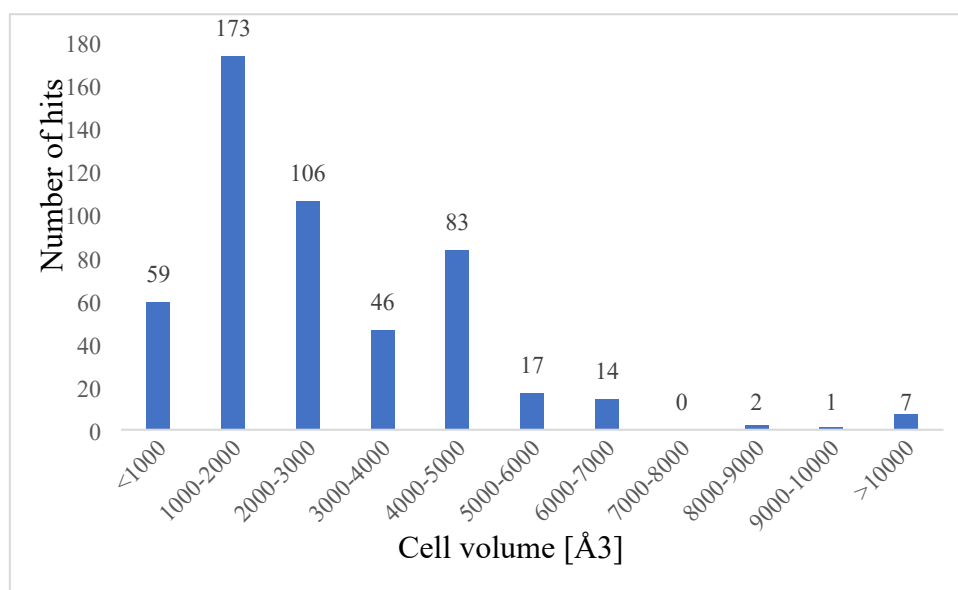


Figure S3. Distribution of the cell volumes across the CSD survey.

Table S2. Parameters for selected halonium cation monomers taken from the CSD survey.

Structures which undergone detailed examination in the text are in bold font.

CSD Refcode	Halogen atom	$\angle \text{L1-X-L2}$ [°]	Are ligands the same?	No of σ -holes	$V_{s,\text{max}}$ [kcal/mol]
VEPXAQ	F	129.9	yes	2	106.7/107.5
NOCHUI	Cl	43.4	yes	1	83.2
LUSBUX	Cl	101.6	yes	2	140.2/140.2
NIXLUE	Cl	105.5	no	2	102.1/103.9
LEGVOL	Br	41.2	yes	1	87.7
AMEPAM	Br	91.1	no	2	101.7/118.5
HOHKAQ	Br	104.1	yes	2	134.8/134.9
WEVPOC	I	36.0	yes	1	96.9
ICIROE	I	93.6	yes	2	113.8/114.0
BEVVOR	I	94.7	no	2	126.1/132.7

Table S3. Geometrical parameters describing the σ -hole location of the $[\text{H}_5\text{C}_6\text{-I-C}_2\text{F}_2\text{H}]^+$ model.

Values for the equilibrium geometry are bolded. Potential in kcal/mol, angles in degrees.

Compound	α	β	Vmax(1)	Vmax(2)	$\angle\text{C1XVmax}(1)$	$\angle\text{C2XVmax}(2)$
$[\text{H}_5\text{C}_6\text{-I-C}_2\text{F}_2\text{H}]^+$	—	150.9	-	-	-	-
	92.4	140.9	105.8	107.7	154.2	154.6
	94.3	130.9	110.2	112.9	161.3	161.5
	99.5	120.9	114.4	117.8	168.9	169.2
	107.1	110.9	118.2	122.2	177.0	177.3
	111.4	100.9	121.4	126.0	175.6	173.8
	113.0	90.9	124.0	129.3	166.7	171.1
	115.5	80.9	125.8	131.4	165.9	159.4
	115.9	70.9	125.8	131.8	162.5	152.4
	105.6	60.9	120.9	128.3	174.1	141.1
	98.6	58.9	118.7	127.6	175.9	136.2
	94.0	56.9	116.0	127.1	167.2	130.1
	96.3	54.9	113.1	126.7	123.3	164.7
	97.2	52.9	110.1	126.3	117.6	162.1
	- ^a	50.9	125.8 ^a		161.4	147.7 ^b

^a only one σ -hole exists

^b $\angle\text{C2XVmax}(1)$

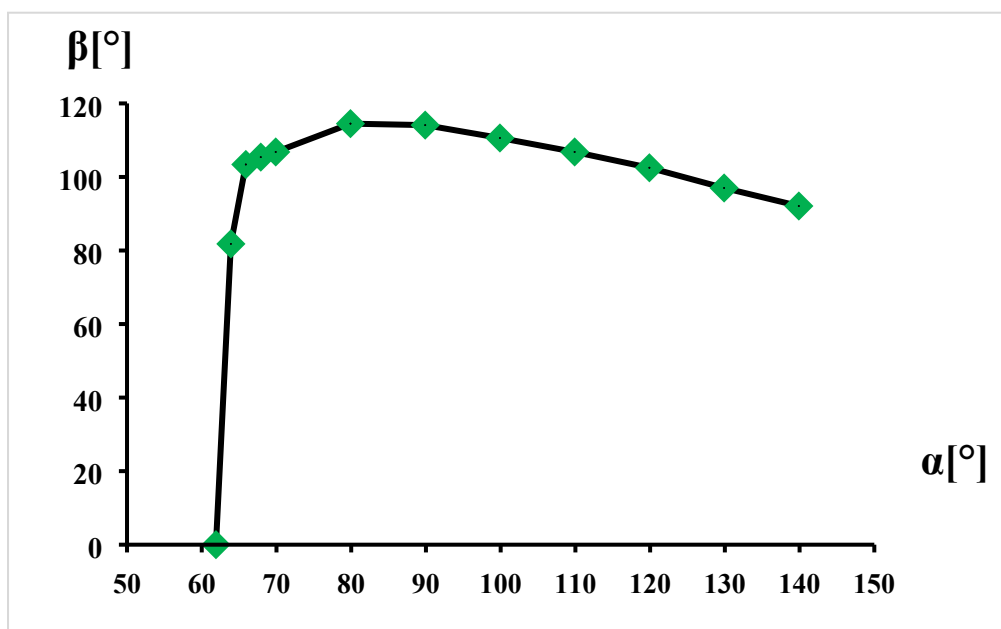


Figure S4. Chart representing changes of β angle versus α angle in the $[\text{H}_5\text{C}_6\text{-I-C}_2\text{F}_2\text{H}]^+$ model.

Table S4. Geometrical parameters describing the σ -hole location of the $[\text{H}_5\text{C}_6\text{-I-C}_5\text{H}_6]^+$ model.

Values for the equilibrium geometry are bolded. Potential in kcal/mol, angles in degrees.

Compound	α	β	Vmax(1)	Vmax(2)	$\angle\text{C1XVmax}(1)$	$\angle\text{C2XVmax}(2)$
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$[\text{H}_5\text{C}_6\text{-I-C}_5\text{H}_6]^+$	-	159.9	-	-	-	-
	89.3	149.9	91.3	91.3	148.3	148.2
	92.1	139.9	96.1	96.1	156.3	155.6
	97.0	129.9	100.7	100.7	163.9	163.2
	102.5	119.9	104.9	104.9	170.5	171.7
	106.8	109.9	108.7	108.6	178.4	177.6
	110.6	99.9	111.8	111.8	173.7	175.4
	114.1	89.9	114.0	114.0	167.7	167.9
	114.5	79.9	115.2	115.2	163.6	161.7
	106.8	69.9	114.8	114.9	162.2	160.9
	105.4	67.9	114.5	114.5	162.1	160.4
	103.4	65.9	114.0	114.0	161.4	161.0
	81.8	63.9	113.5	113.5	171.1	170.9
	- ^a	61.9	113.8 ^a		148.8	149.3 ^b

^a only one σ -hole exists

^b $\angle\text{C2XVmax}(1)$

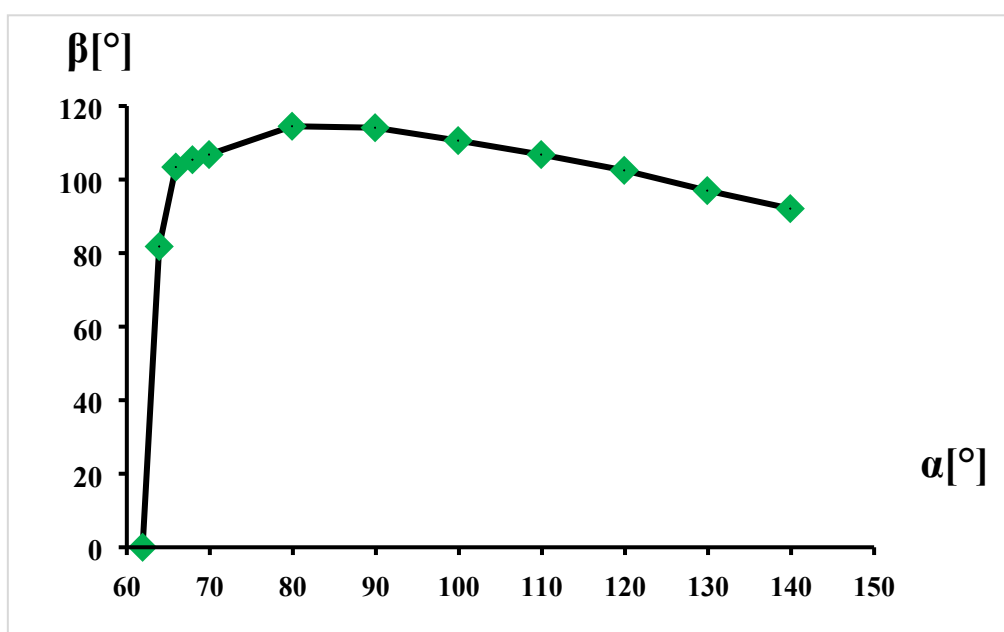


Figure S5. Chart representing changes of β angle versus α angle in the $[\text{H}_5\text{C}_6\text{-I-C}_5\text{H}_6]^+$ model.

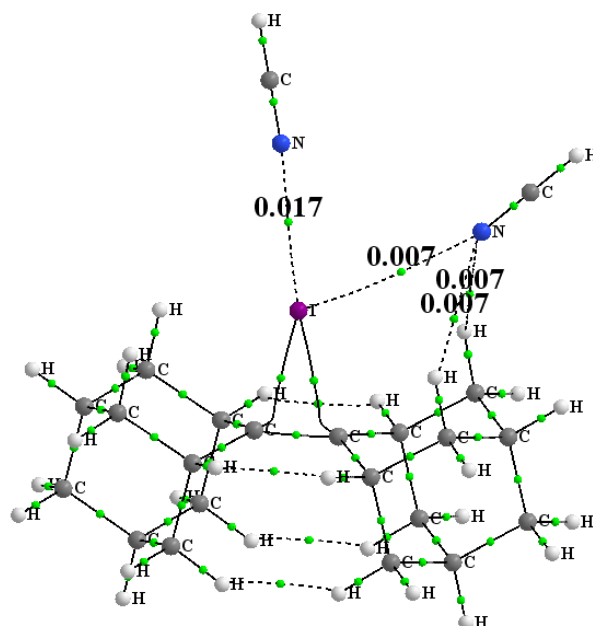


Figure S6. The QTAIM molecular diagram for the WEVPOC crystal structure with two HCN ligands. Values at BCPs (green dots) are the electron density (ρ) given in au.

Table S5. Coordinates of the DFT optimized halonium cation models.

Compound	Coords				
HF ₂ C ₂ -Cl-C ₂ F ₂ H	F	6.52365900	5.78899400	12.34066700	
	F	7.94898400	4.20328500	12.56010700	
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	C	7.34221200	5.19014000	13.12341000	
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	H	10.82392700	5.14236400	14.49496700	
	C	10.47894100	6.22316300	16.31511600	
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	F	11.61660300	6.80603300	16.40080900	
	Cl	8.61997100	4.63302500	15.35227600	
HF ₂ C ₂ -Br-C ₂ F ₂ H	F	6.51086100	5.84634700	12.29255300	
	F	7.90906900	4.23776500	12.49884700	
	C	7.44581400	5.54742400	14.36306300	
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