



# Gas Chromatography - Vacuum Ultraviolet Spectroscopy: A Versatile Tool for Analysis of Gasoline and Jet Fuels

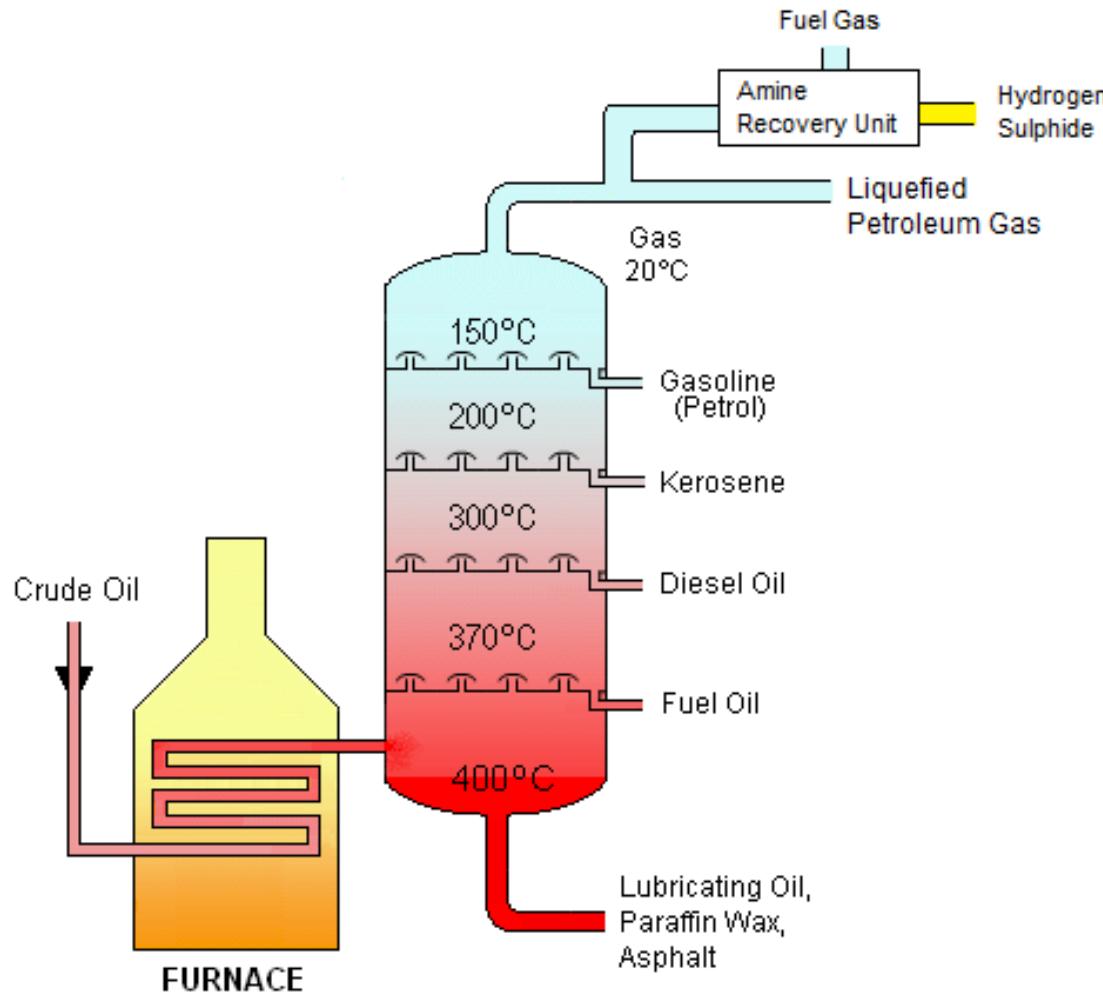
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# Overview of Crude Oil Refining Products

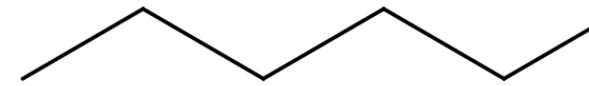


- Liquefied petroleum gases (LPG): C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>4</sub>
- Gasoline: C<sub>5</sub> - C<sub>12</sub>
- Middle distillates (e.g., jet, diesel): C<sub>10</sub> - C<sub>20</sub>
- Heavier oils and waxes: C<sub>20</sub> +

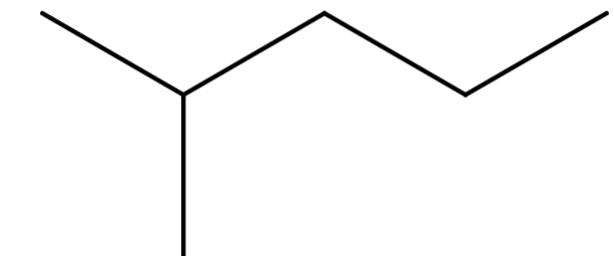
# What is PIONA?

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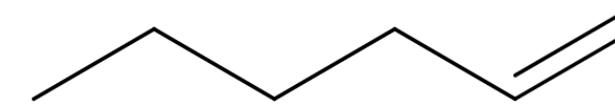
- Paraffins (linear alkanes)



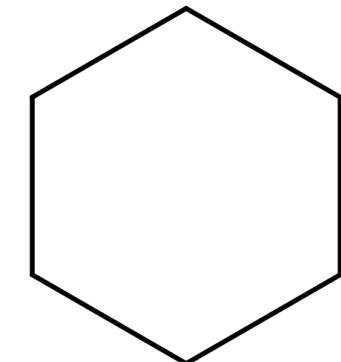
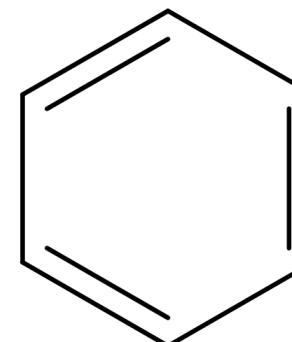
- Isoparaffins (branched alkanes)



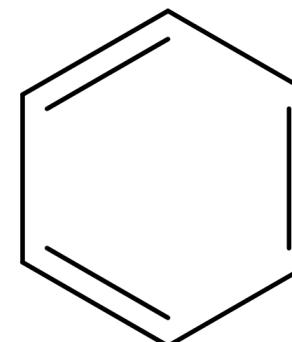
- Olefins (alkenes)



- Naphthenes (cycloalkanes)



- Aromatics



# Classical GC Detectors

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## Flame ionization detection (FID)

- Good LODs
- Wide dynamic range
- Cheap
- Robust
- Great for process applications

## Mass spectrometry (MS)

- The “gold standard” (R&D)
- Compound identification
- Tunable physical selectivity (SIM, SRM, MRM)
- Very low LODs (MS/MS)

# Shortcomings, and how VUV fits in

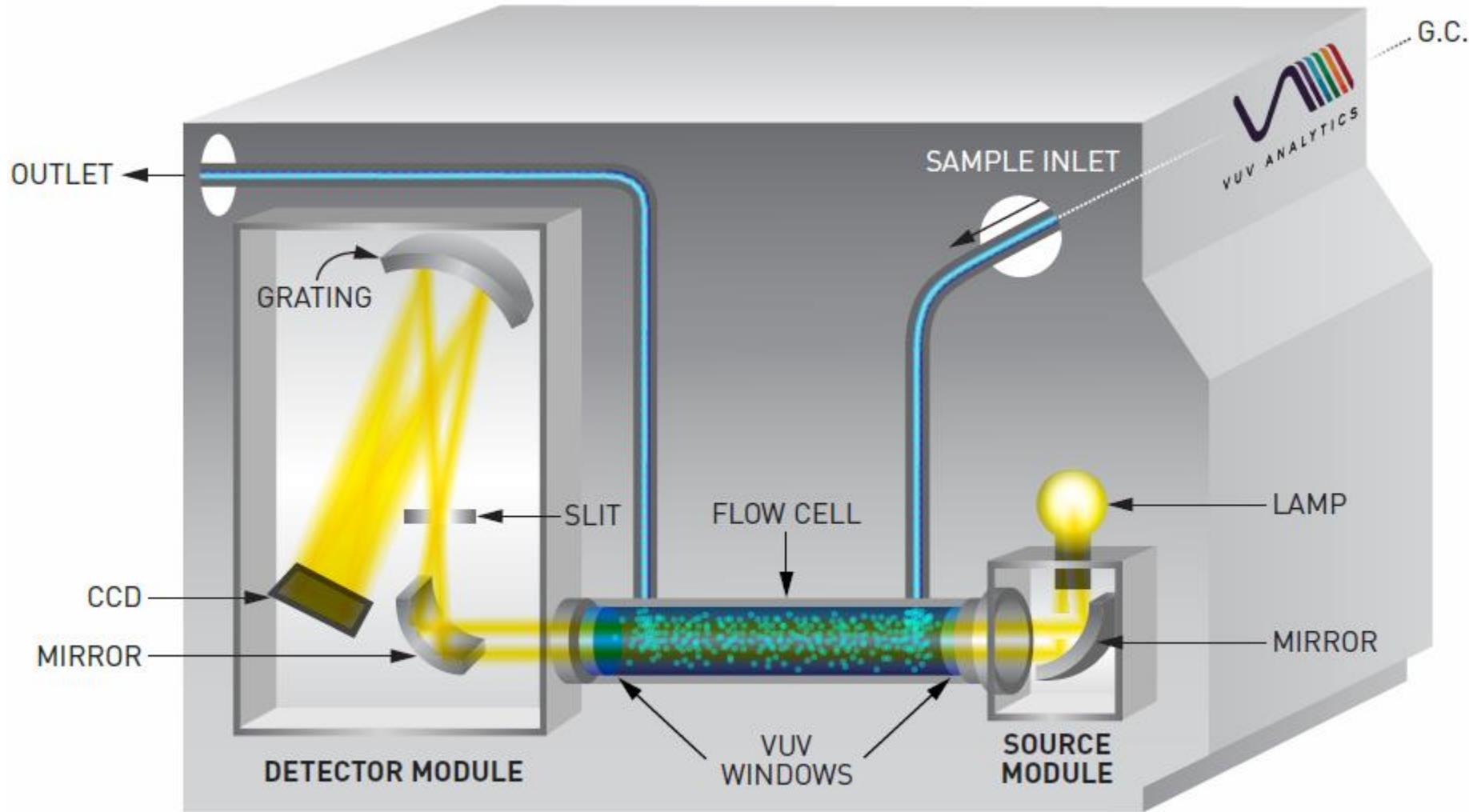


- FID requires baseline separation of peaks for accurate quantitation
- MS has limited flow rates due to vacuum pump considerations; can struggle with isomer differentiation
- ***VUV combines the speeds of FID with the qualitative spectral information of MS, and unique spectral fingerprints make deconvolution of coeluting isomers straightforward***

# Vacuum Ultraviolet (VUV) Absorption Spectroscopy



- Absorption spectroscopy in a new spectral region (<200 nm)
  - Previously only measurable using synchrotrons
- A universal technique that provides unique spectral fingerprints
  - High energy, low wavelength exposure produces electronic transitions between  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$ ,  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ , and  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  molecular orbitals
- ***Unambiguous compound identification, even for structural isomers***
- 1<sup>st</sup> order quantitation following Beer-Lambert Law ( $A = \epsilon bc$ )
- ***Chromatography runs can be deliberately compressed, leading to higher sample throughput***



	VGA-100	VGA-101
Max Temp	300°C	430°C
$\lambda$ Range	125 - 240 nm	125 - 430 nm
Acq Rate	75 Hz	75 Hz



# Traditional Gasoline Analysis

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The current playing field of PIONA

# DHA – Overview and Setup



- GC-FID (ASTM D6730), though sometimes simultaneously run on GC-MS for confirmation
- Speciation of up to 600 compounds in gasoline-range fuels (though not all compounds are identified by name)
- 100m non-polar column, 5% diphenyl “tuning” precolumn
- Cryogenic oven start (5°C)
- Run time: 174 minutes
  - Run time subsequently cut to 38 minutes

# DHA – Drawbacks

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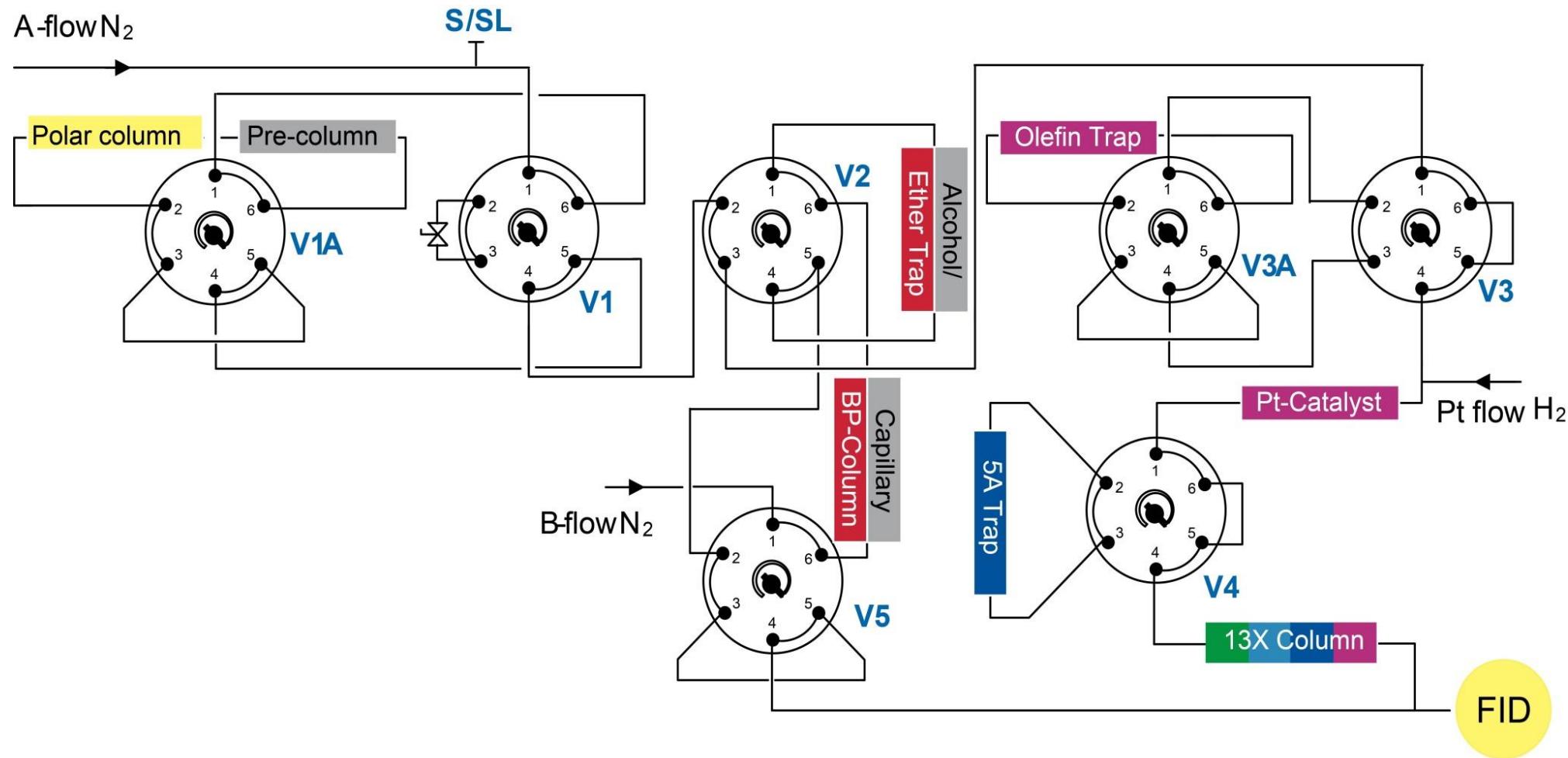
- Relies solely on retention time
- Tuning precolumn necessary to baseline separate known coelutions
  - Benzene/1-Methylcyclopentene
  - m-/p-Xylene
- Any unexpected coelutions cannot be identified with the FID data, requires MS analysis
- Requires a trained user to go through data peak by peak

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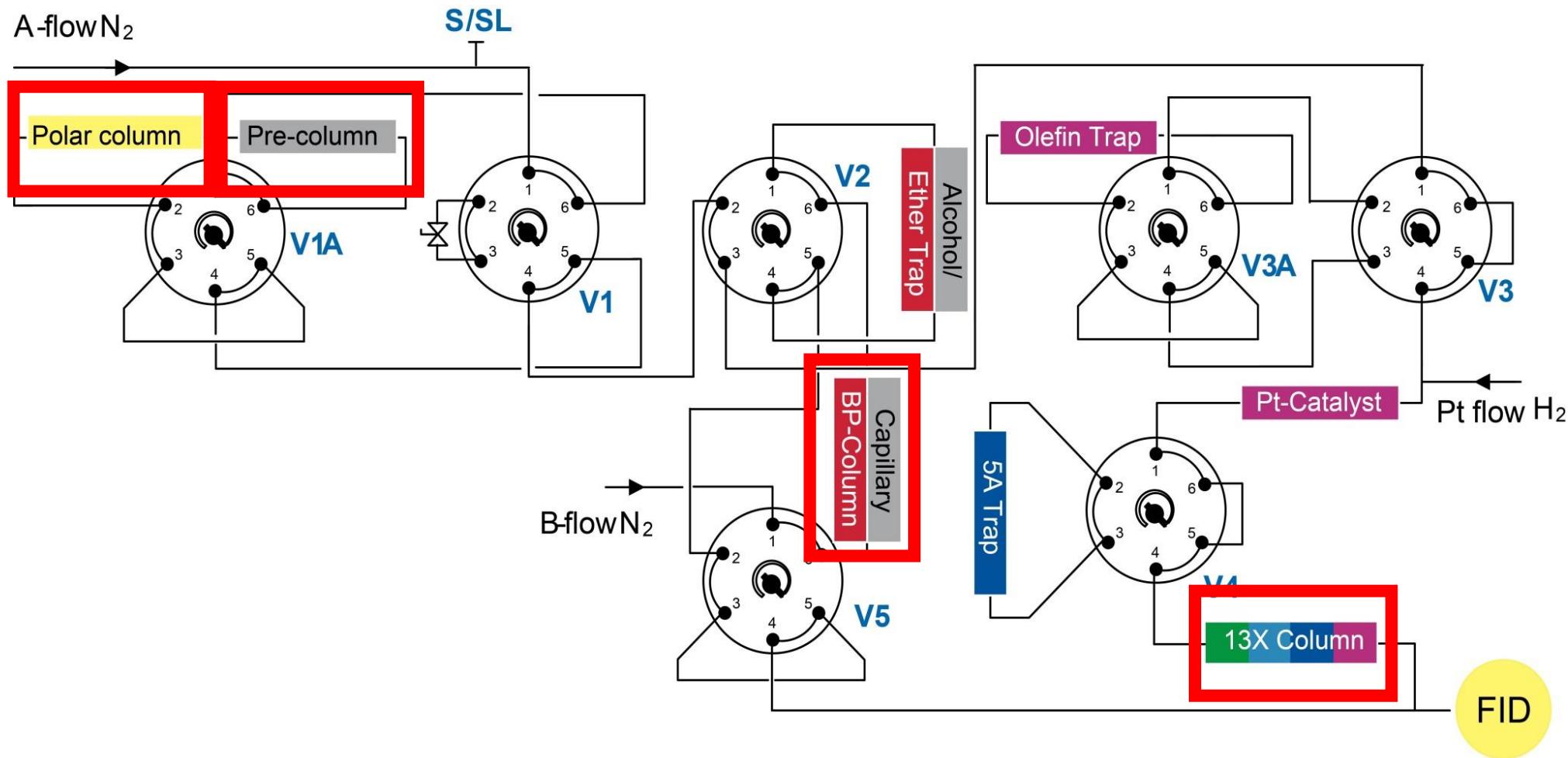
- Multi-dimensional GC-FID (ASTM D6839)
- Measures PONA compounds and oxygenates in gasoline and gasoline blend streams
  - Physically separates compounds using a series of columns and traps actuated by 6-port valves
    - Paraffins and isoparaffins not separated
- 39-minute run time



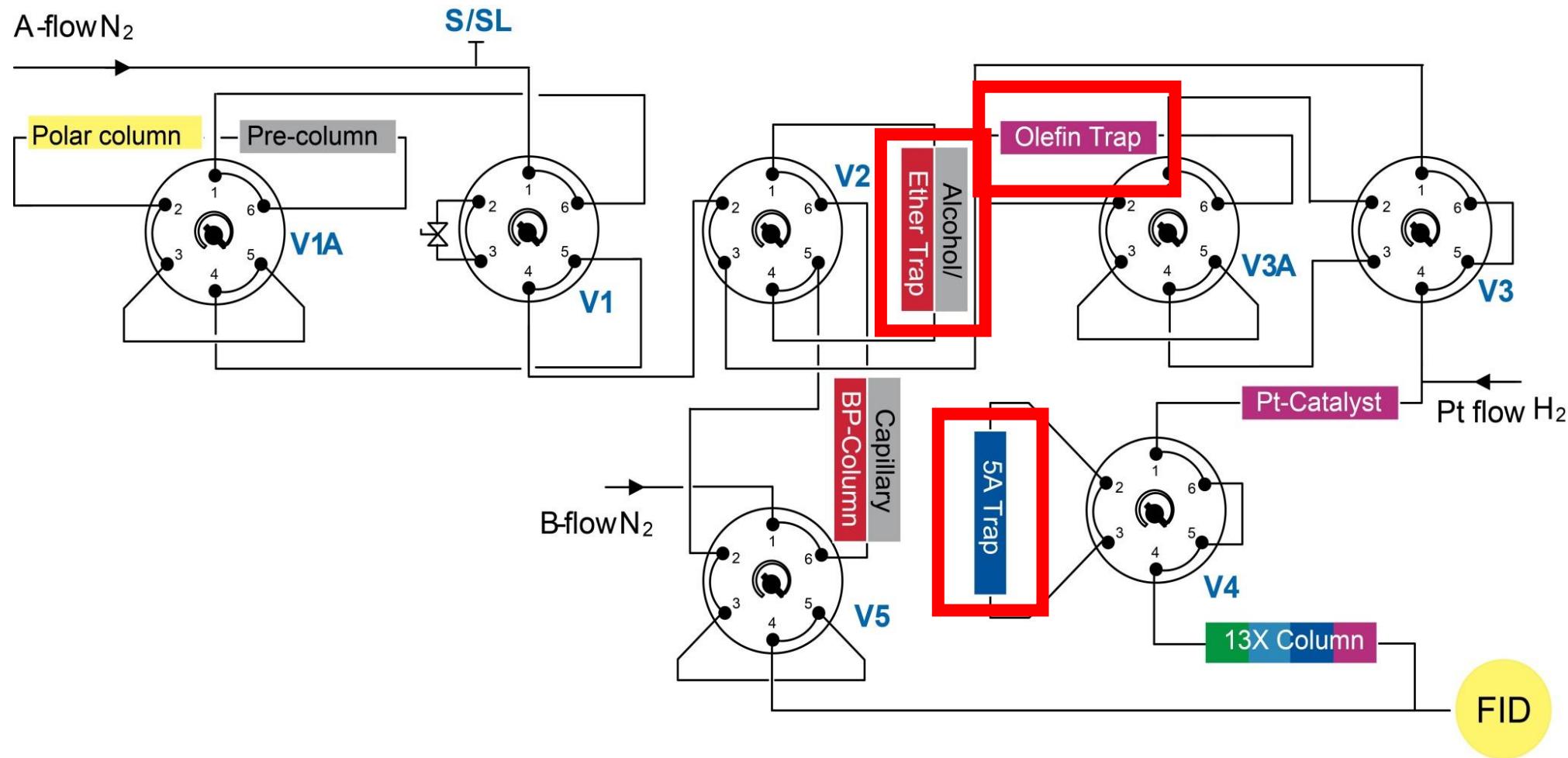
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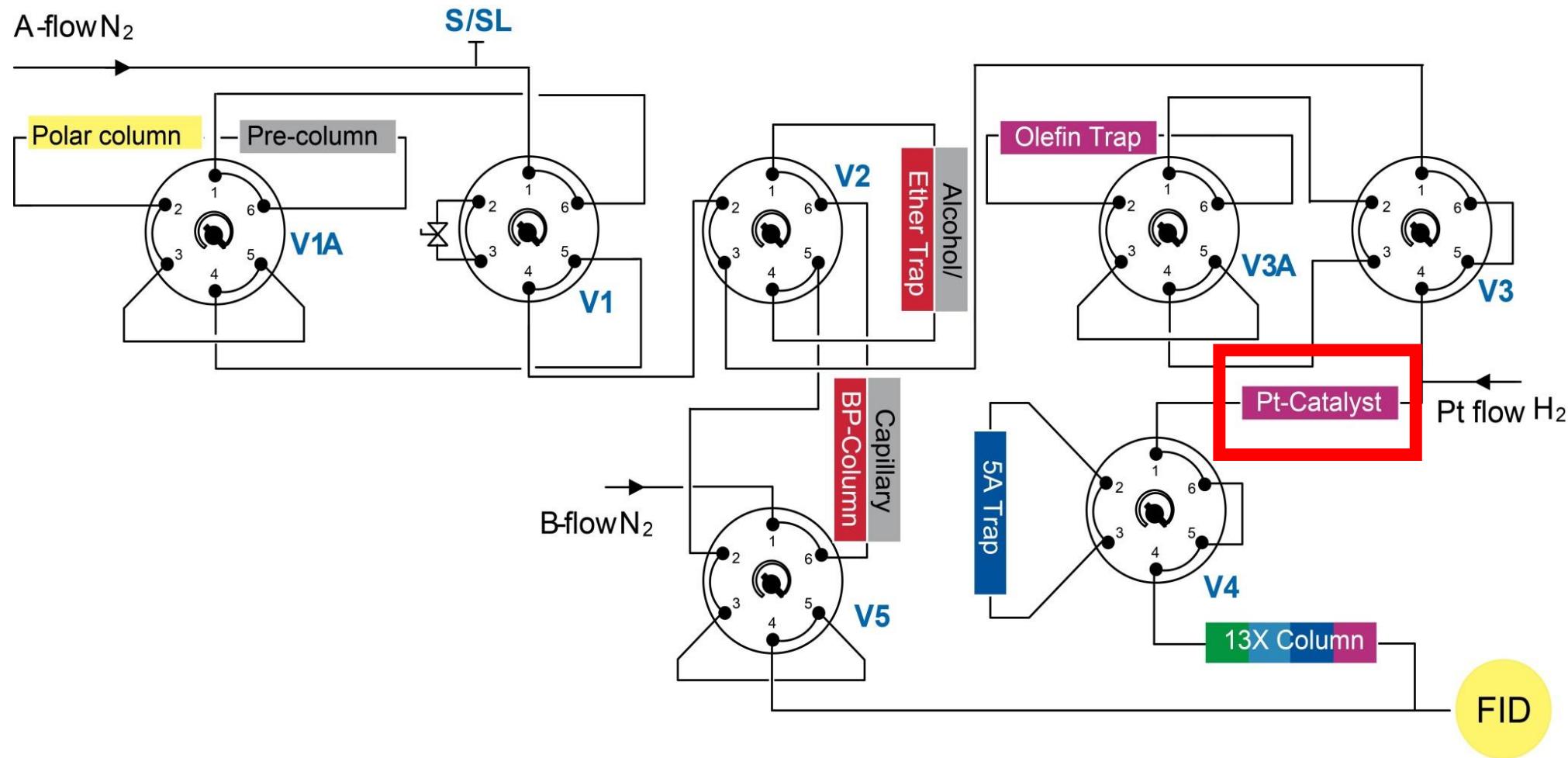
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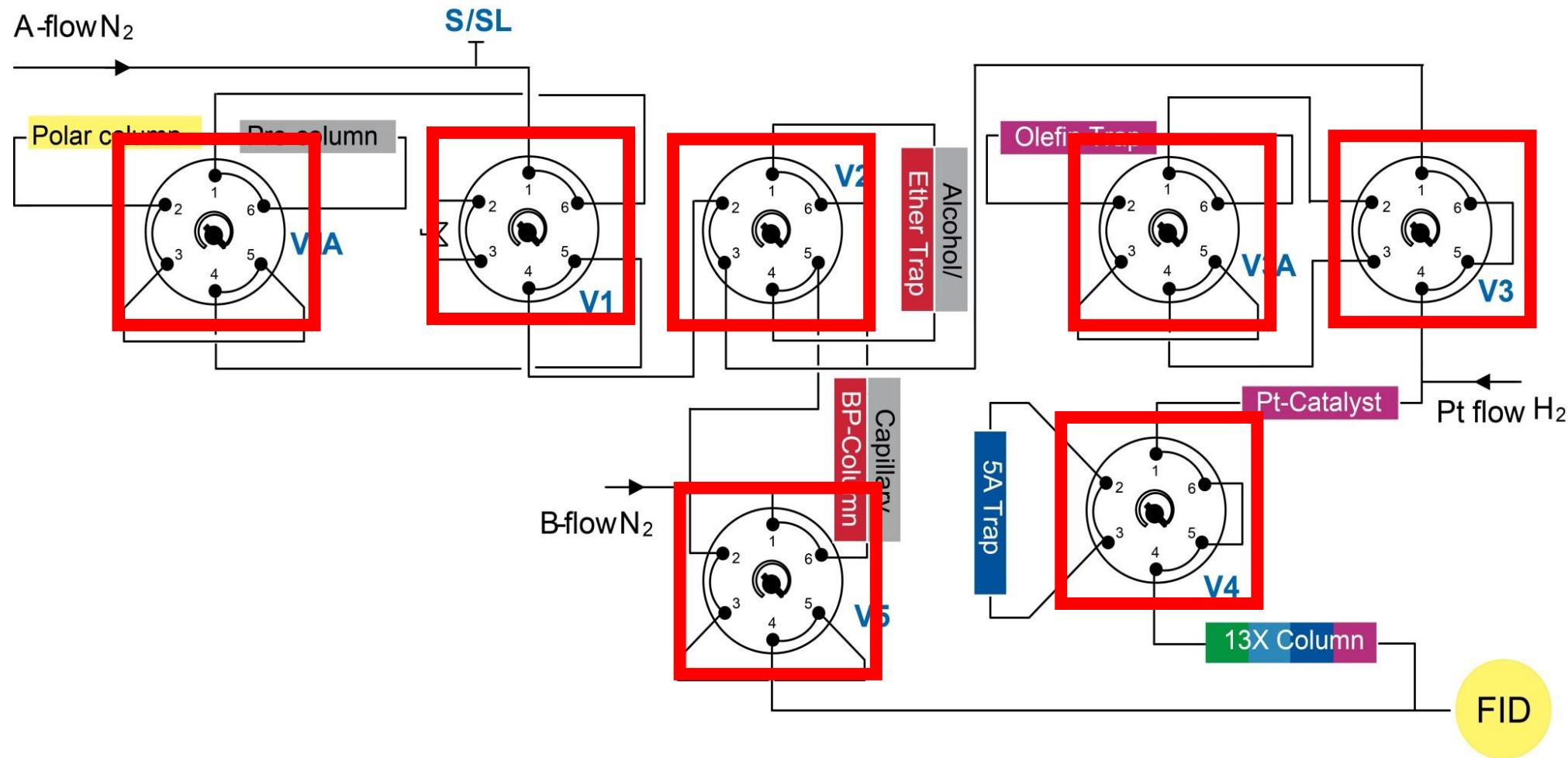
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# Reformulyzer – Drawbacks

- Multiple columns and connections → greater chance for leaks or restrictions
- Access to certain areas only possible by removing all traps and fans, disconnecting columns
- Problems take longer to troubleshoot and repair
- Longer down time





# PIONA by VUV: ASTM D8071

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GC-VUV Analysis of Gasoline-Range Fuels

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# ASTM D8071-17

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Standard Test Method for Determination of Hydrocarbon Group Types and Select Hydrocarbon and Oxygenate Compounds in Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel Using Gas Chromatography with Vacuum Ultraviolet Absorption Spectroscopy Detection (GC-VUV)

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Paraffins, Isoparaffins, Olefins, Naphthenes, Aromatics by Carbon Number from C1 to C15

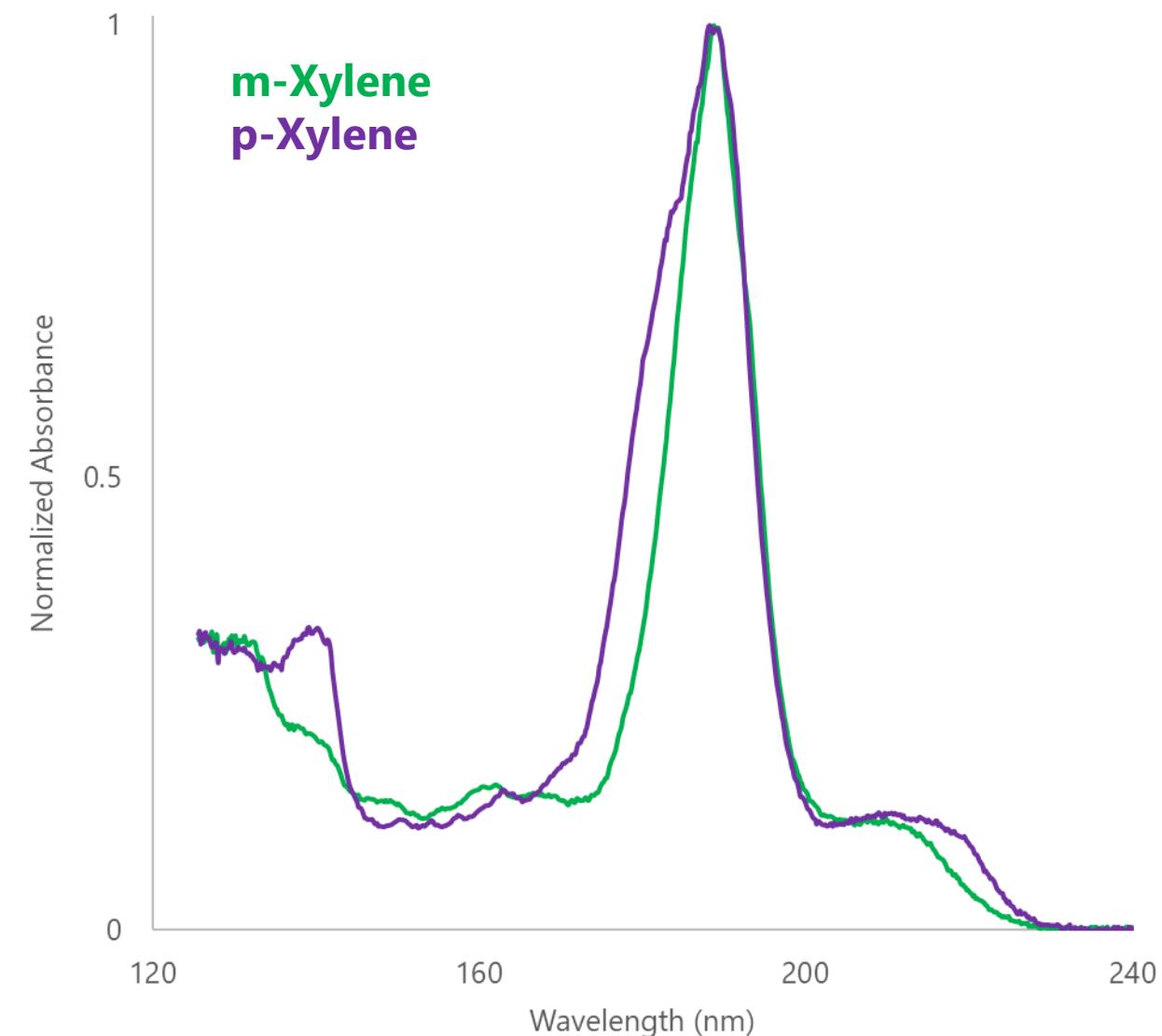
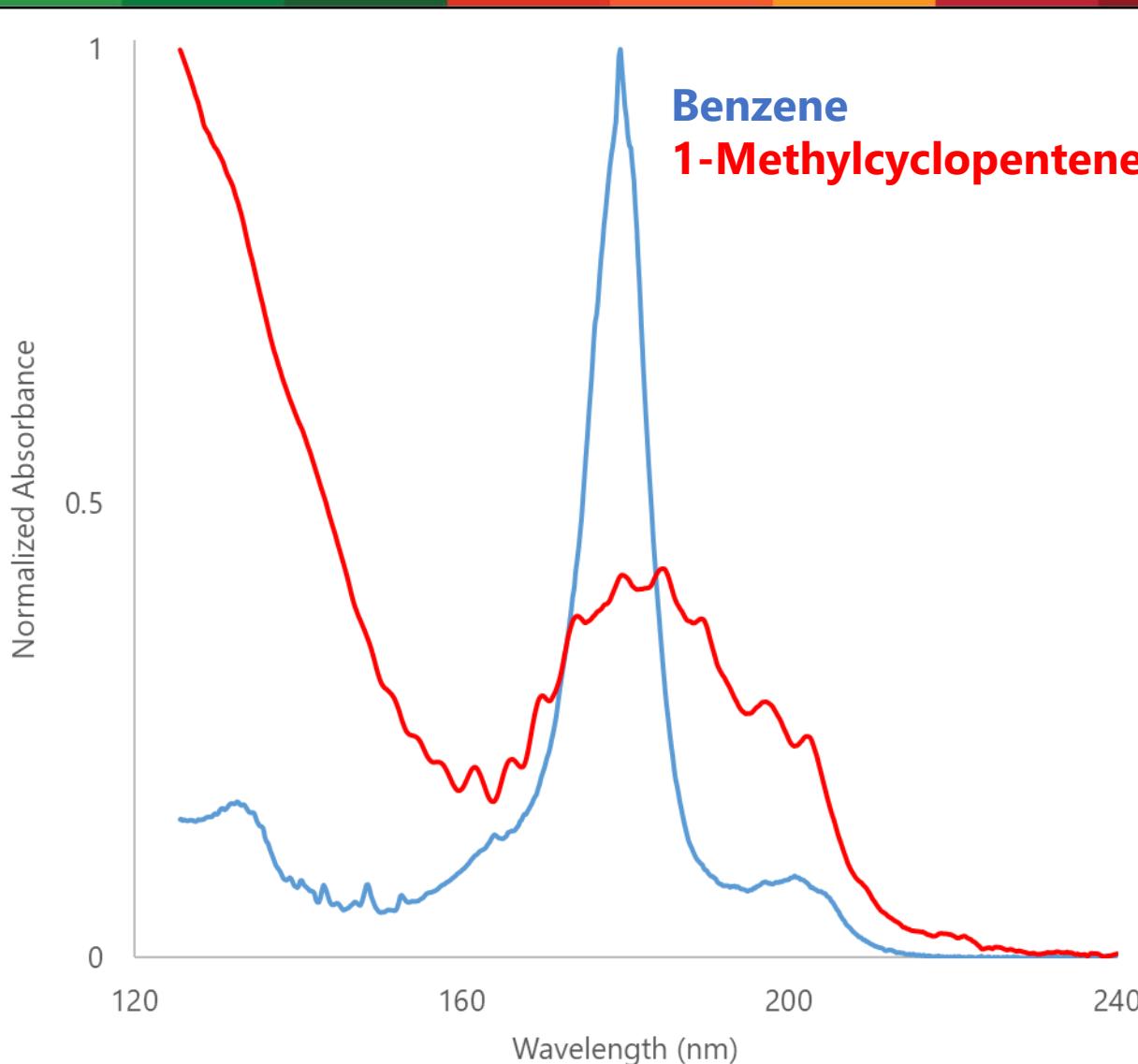
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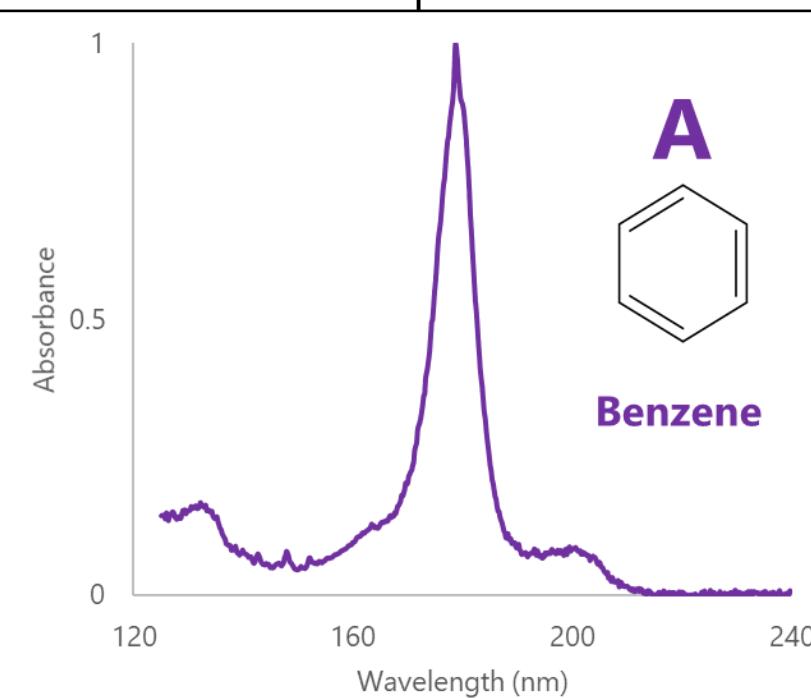
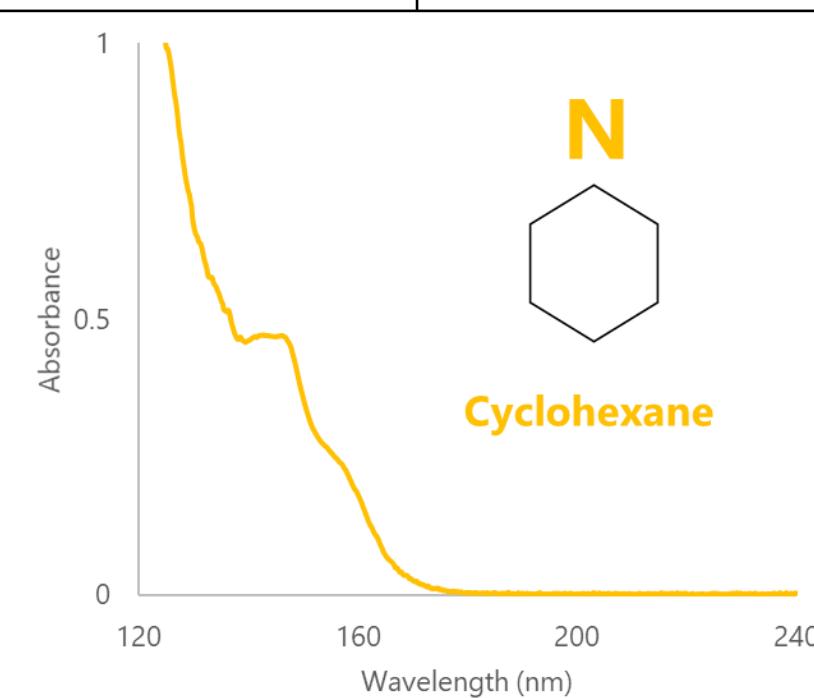
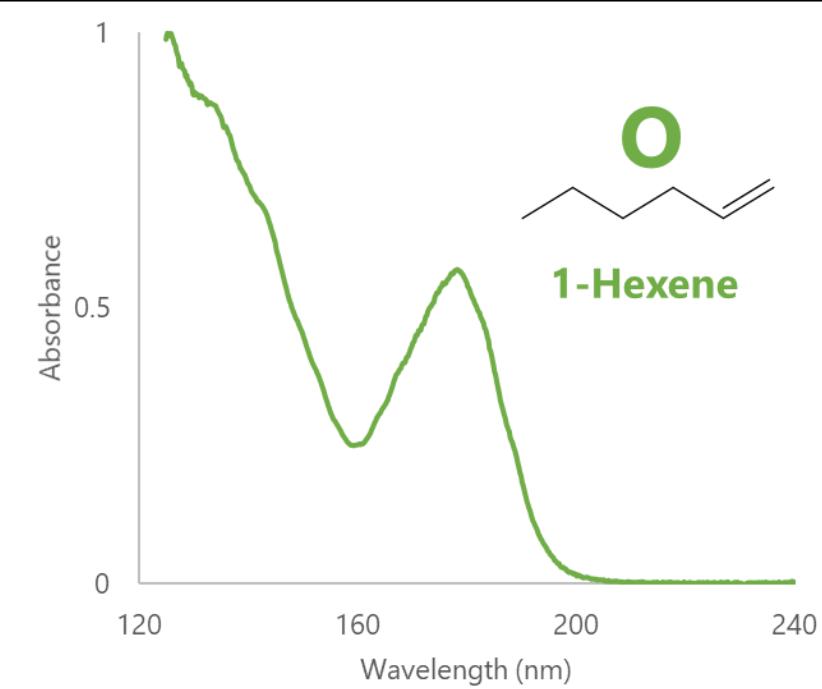
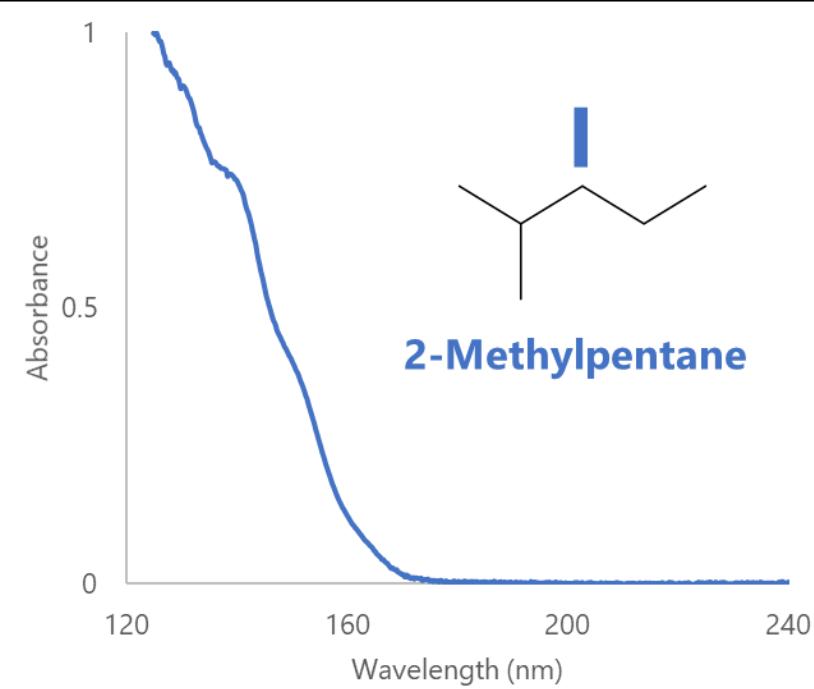
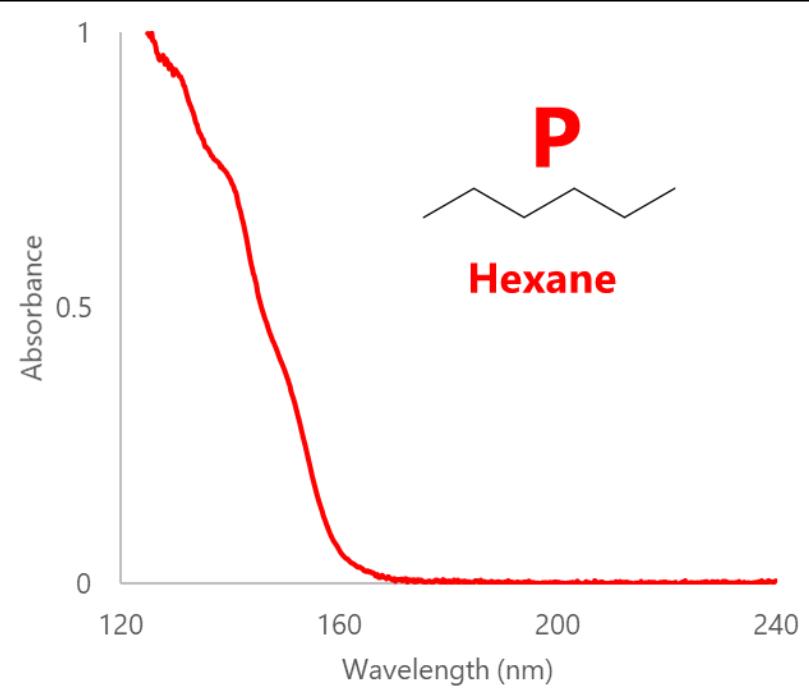
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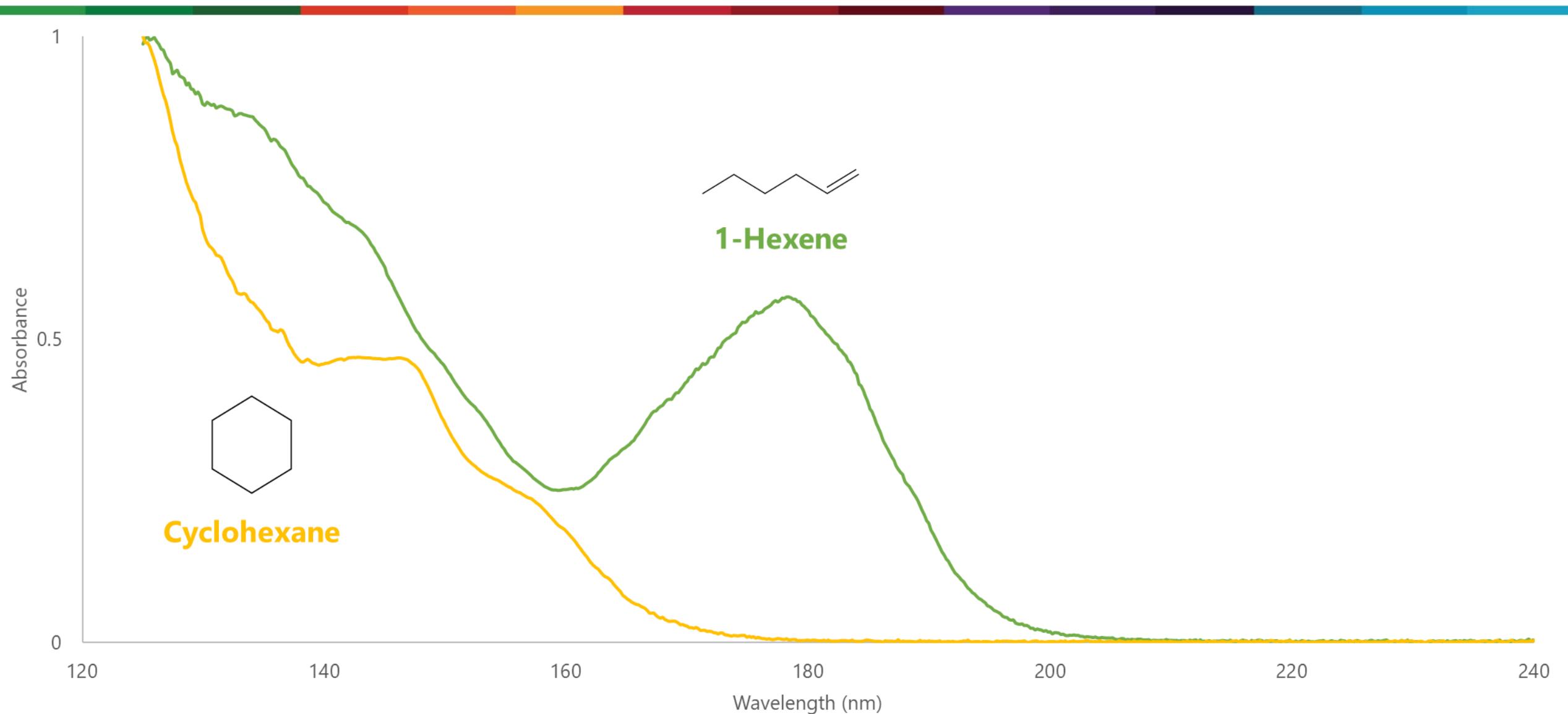
- 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25μm 100% dimethylpolysiloxane column
  - About 33.5 min run versus two hours for DHA
  - No precolumn for benzene/1-methylcyclopentene separation, e.g.
- Collect VUV absorbance data (125-240 nm)
  - Spectra can be unique and class-indicating
- Fully automated data processing with VUV Analyze PIONA +
  - Spectral library, retention index, relative response factors
  - “Separation” of coelutions with Time Interval Deconvolution
  - Mass % and Volume % reports, carbon number breakdown

# Precolumn? We don't need no stinkin' precolumn...

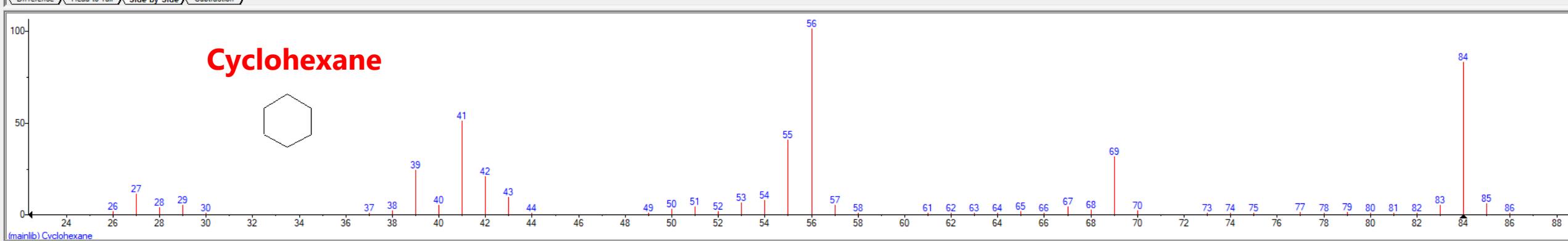
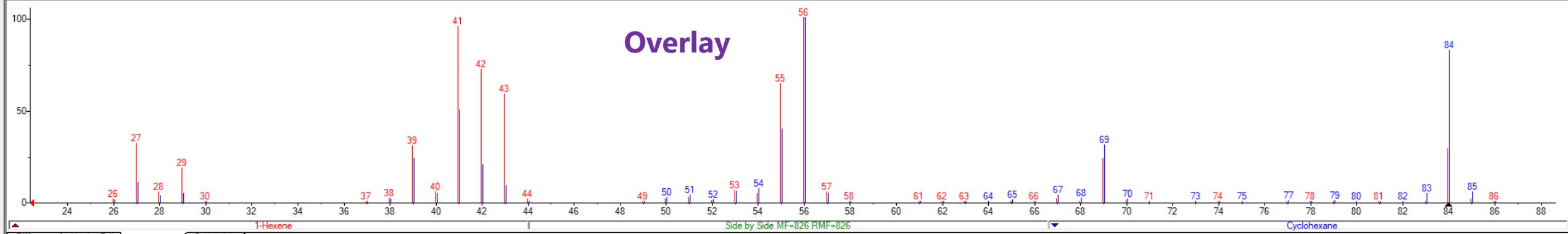
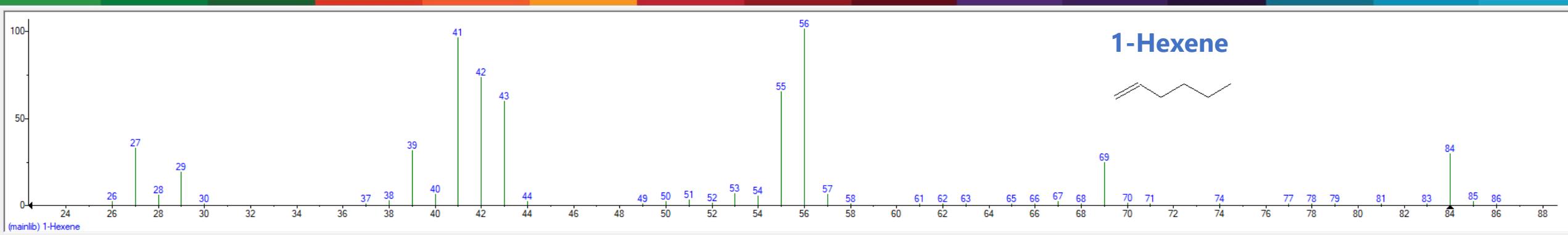




# Olefin/Naphthalene Differentiation using VUV Spectroscopy



# Issues with Olefin/Naphthalene Differentiation using MS



# ASTM D8071 Run Conditions

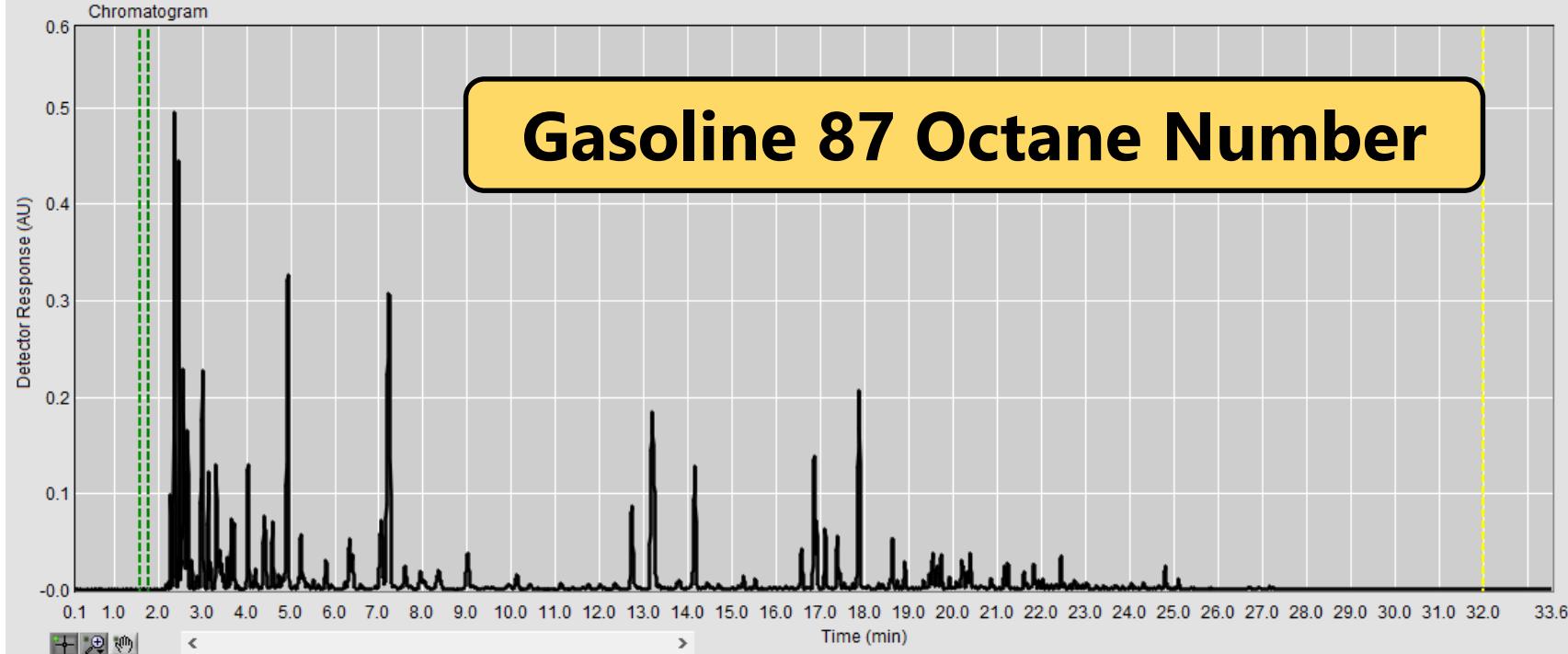
- Agilent 6890 GC

- 1  $\mu$ L injection
- Inlet: 250°C, split 300:1
- Column: Restek Rxi-1ms (30 m x 0.25 mm, 0.25- $\mu$ m)
- Flow: 1 mL/min helium, constant flow
- Oven: 35°C, hold 10 min; 7°C/min to 200°C (run time – 33.6 min)

- VUV Analytics VGA-100

- Makeup gas: 0.40 psi N<sub>2</sub>
- Flow cell and transfer line: 275°C
- Acquisition rate: 4.5 spectra/sec
- Acquisition range: 125-240 nm





# Gasoline 87 Octane Number

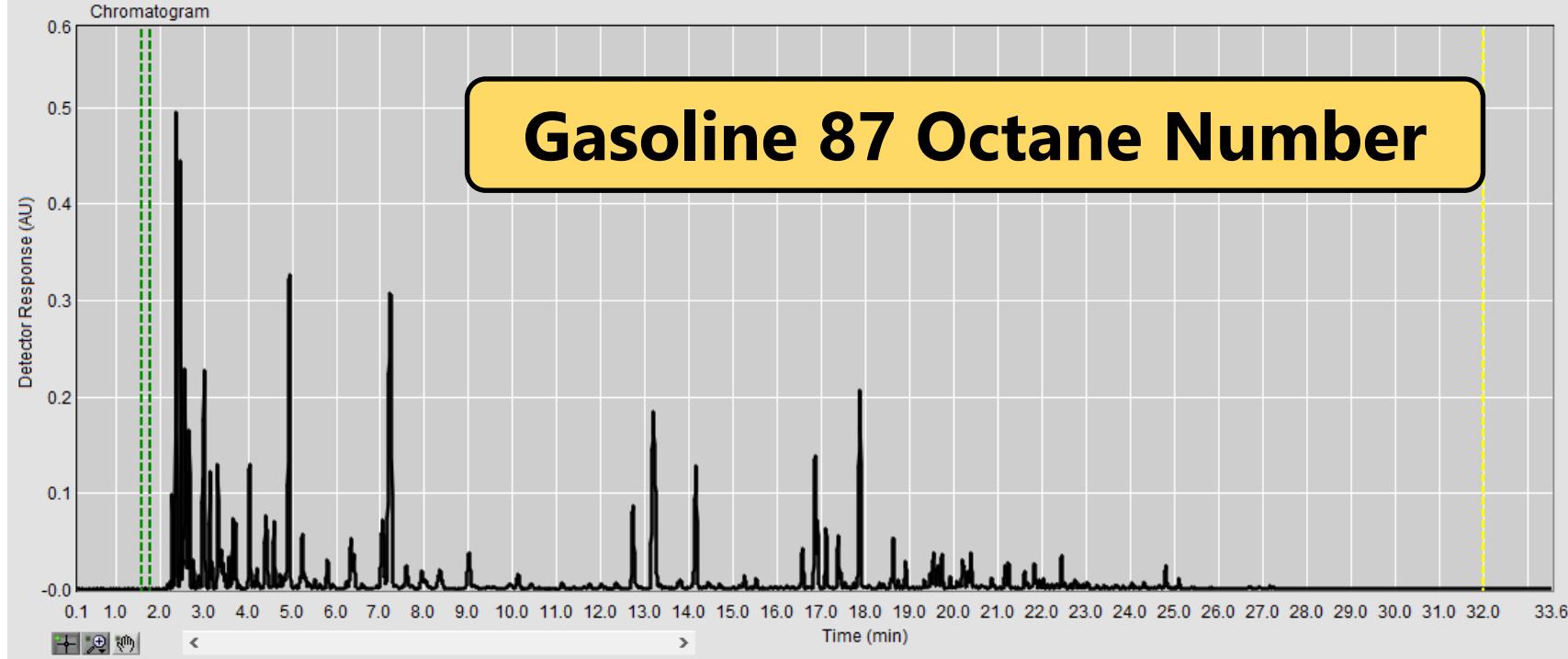
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# Gasoline 87 Octane Number

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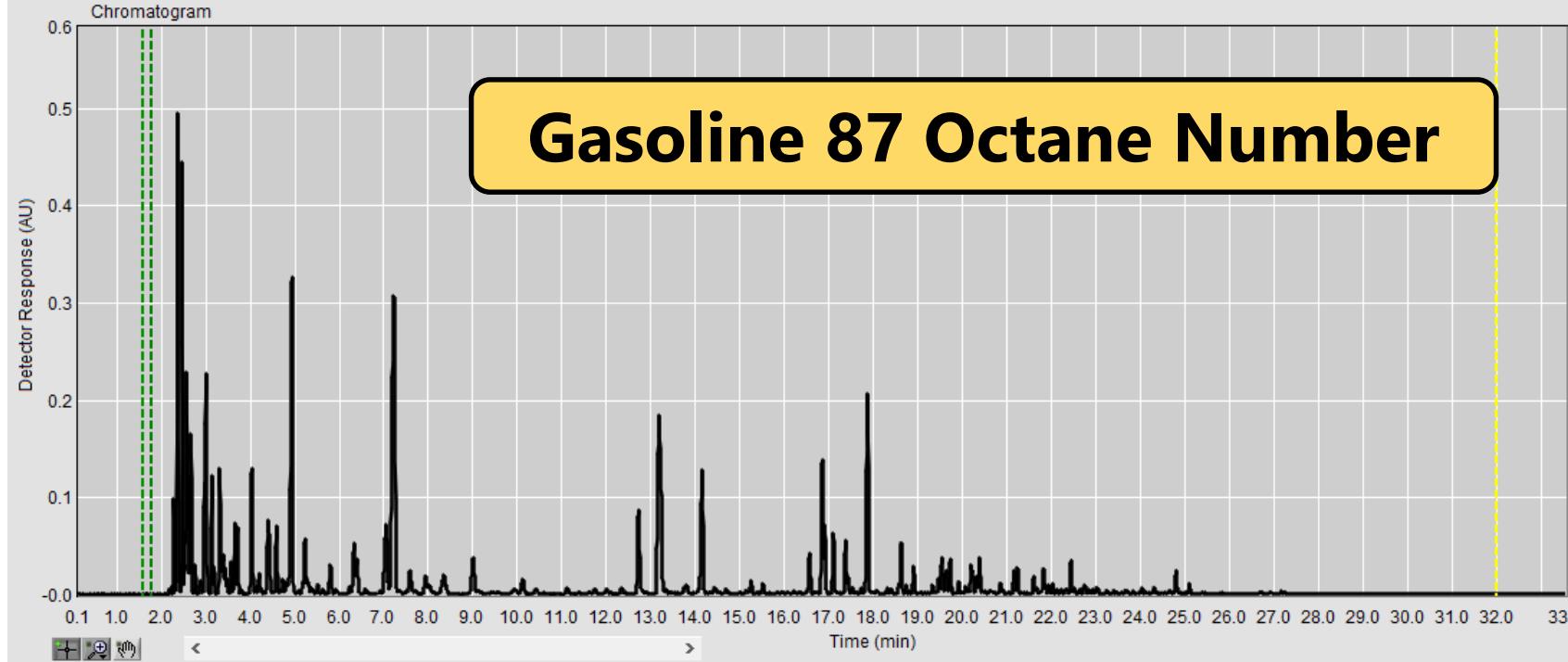
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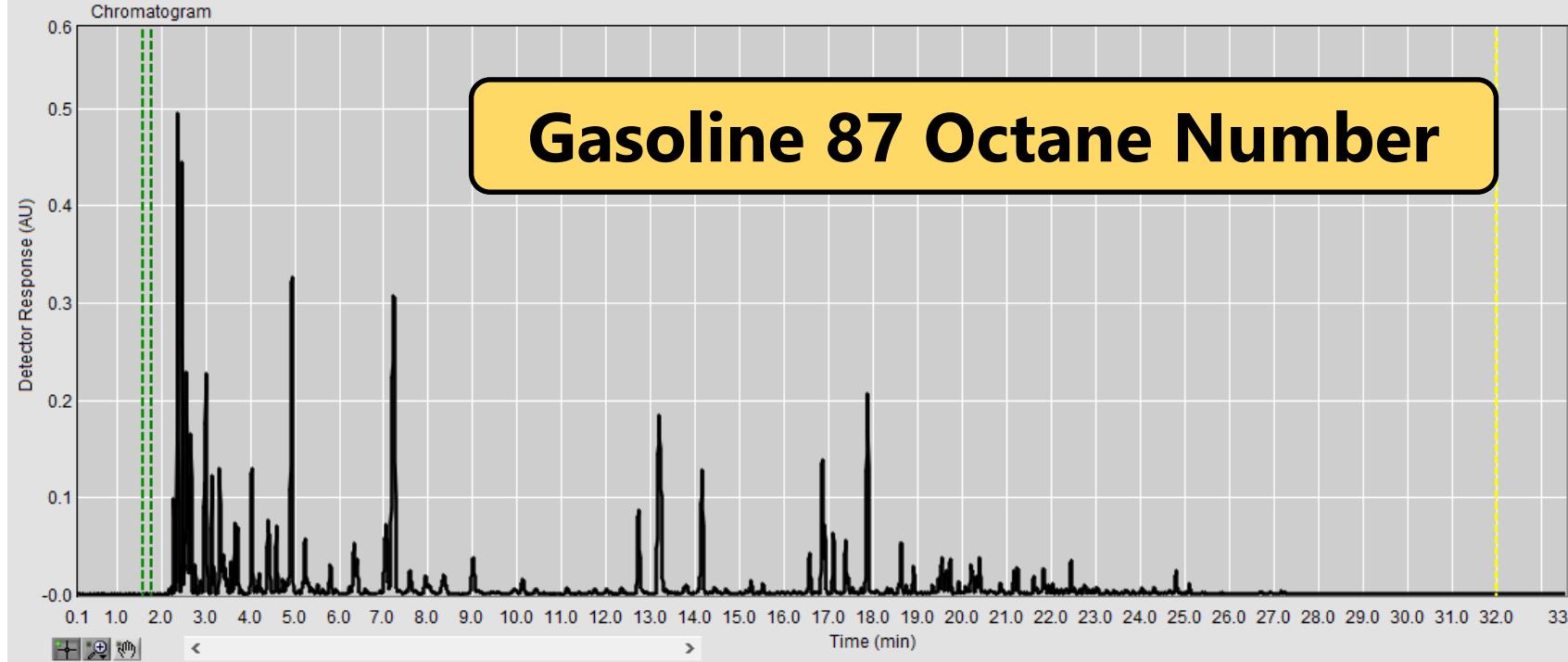
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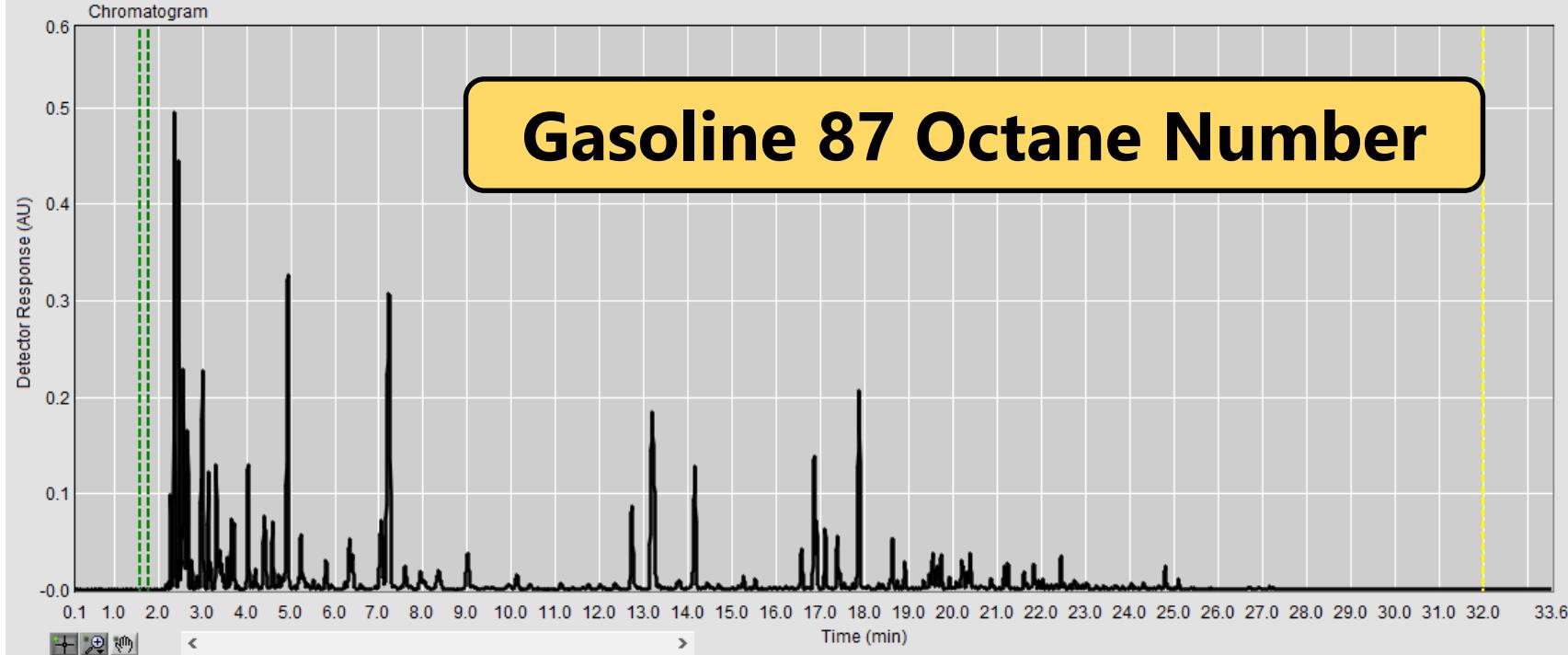
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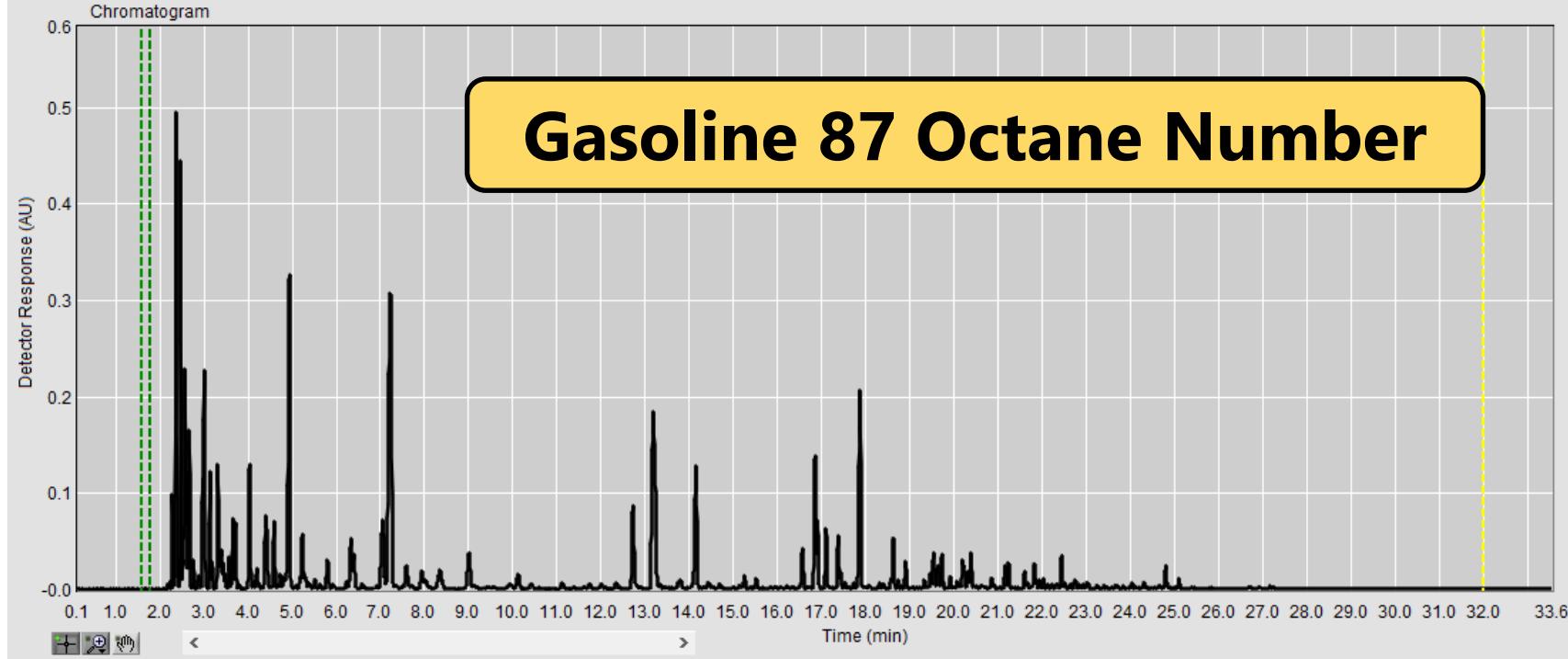
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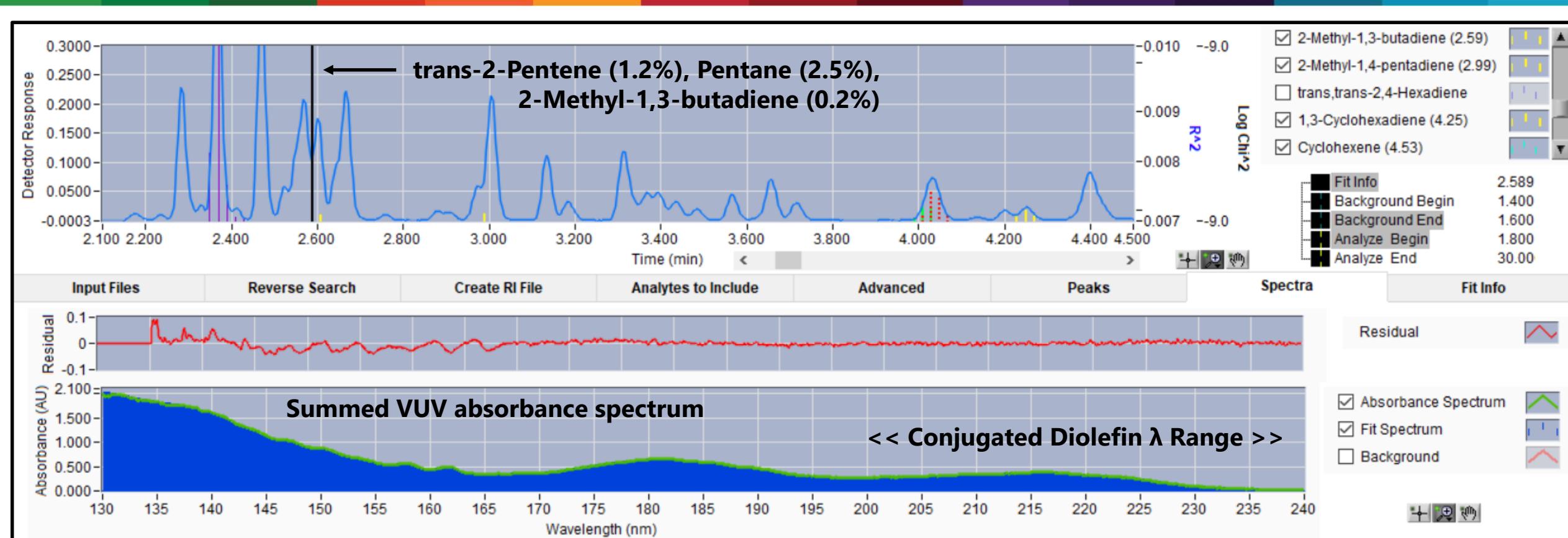
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# Time Interval Deconvolution (TID)



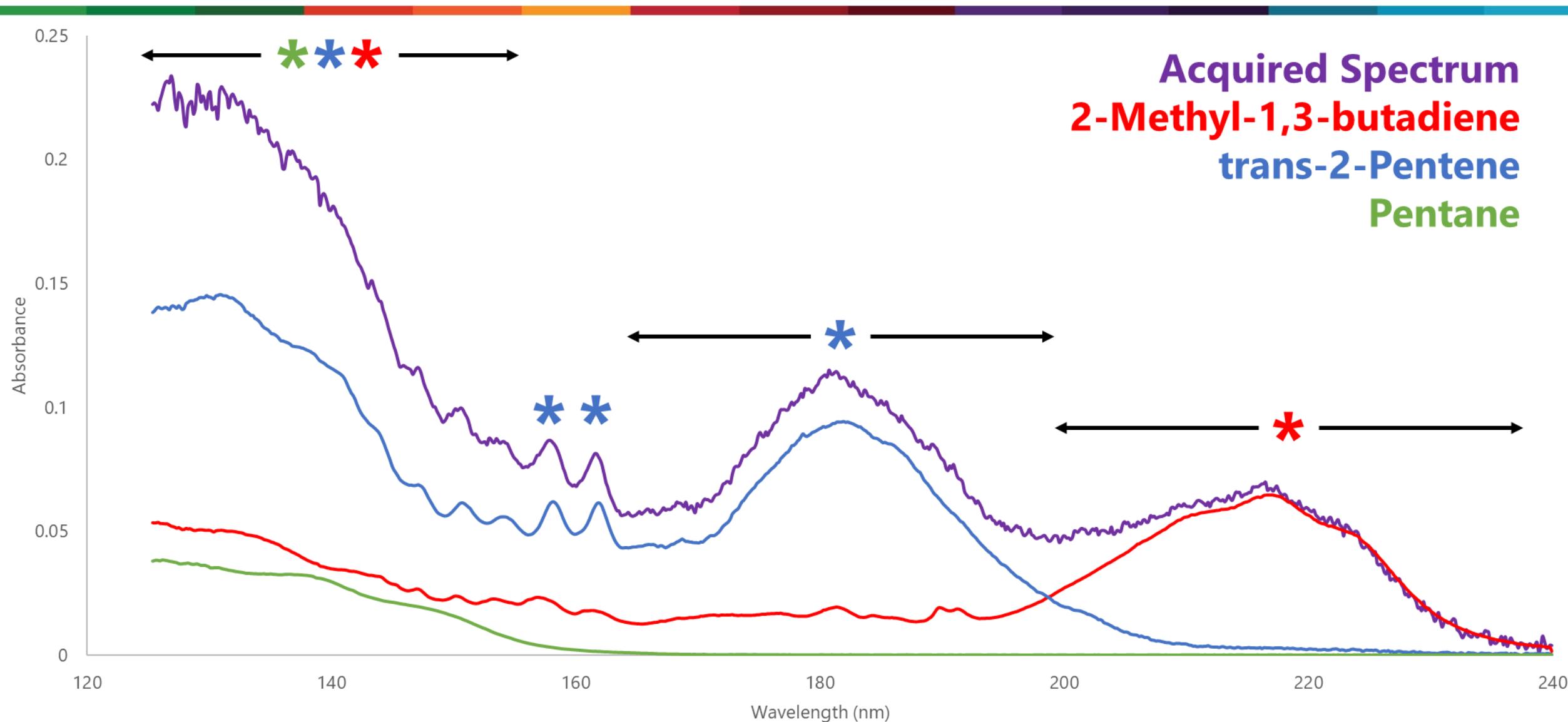
- Alternative quantitation method using VUV Analyze™ software
- Chromatogram is divided into equal, small time intervals (typically <0.05 min)
- For each time interval, compare measured spectrum against reference spectra in designated library, best analyte(s) fit determined
- Can quickly be performed to measure total response per analyte for a chromatogram; this can be converted into a relative mass percentage and relative volume percentage

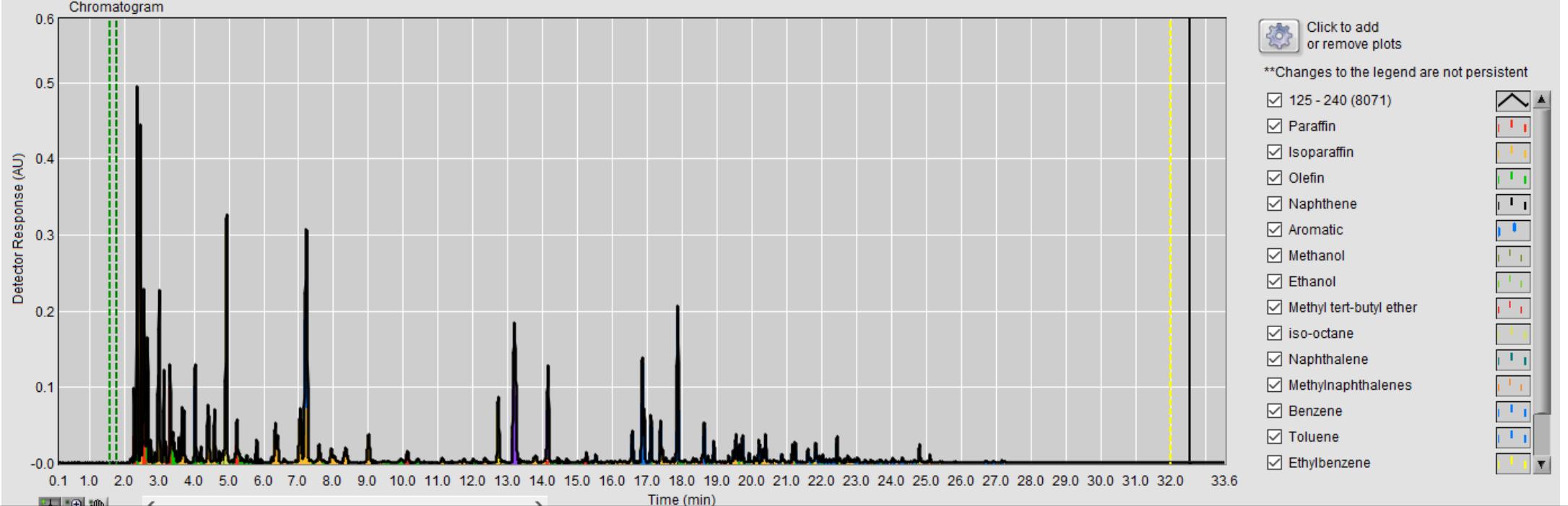
# VUV Spectral Deconvolution of Hydrocarbons in Gasoline



Analyte Table								
Chi^2	RRF Display	Analyte Name	Analyte Category	Fit Values	Spectra Ave.	Response	Area	Ret. Index
1.735E-4	Olefin	trans-2-Pentene	Olefin	0.85770	0.35124	0.30126	0.001115	506.73599
	Paraffin	Pentane	Linear alkane	0.96550	0.18176	0.17549	0.0006493	500.00000
	2-Methyl-1,3-butadiene	2-Methyl-1,3-butadiene	Olefin	0.36569	0.45053	0.16476	0.0006096	503.70239

# Spectral Deconvolution of Coeluting Hydrocarbons





## Mass % Report for PIONA + Select Individual Hydrocarbons and Ethanol

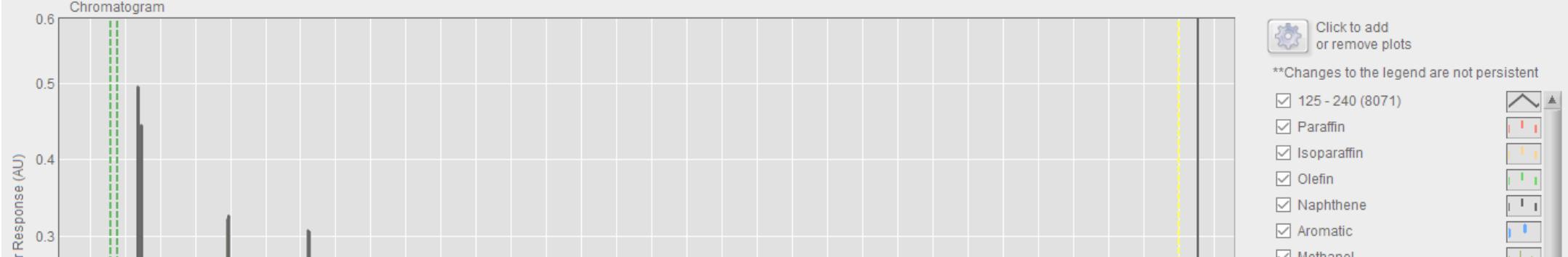
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P	I	O	N	A																					
C1																									
C2																									
C3																									
C4	1.2604	0.1114	0.0581																						
C5	3.1375	6.7534	3.7404	0.1456																					
C6	1.9858	7.3473	2.8238	1.6022	0.8250																				
C7	1.1744	5.6581	1.0126	2.2271	3.9218																				
C8	0.5486	18.1335	1.0130	1.6267	5.7333																				
C9	0.3854	2.8188	0.1990	1.3372	5.8269																				
C10	0.1992	0.8996	0.2441	0.7377	2.6590																				
C11	0.0894	0.6189	0.0679	0.4207	1.2177																				
C12	0.0385	0.1390	0.0232	0.0588	0.2667																				
C13		0.0514			0.0350																				
C14		0.0047																							
C15																									
C16																									
C17																									
C18																									
C19																									
Total	8.8192	42.5362	9.1821	8.1559	20.4855																				

Area Rejected % (Chi^2 Limit)

Negative Fit %

No. of Background Time steps

Total No. of Time steps



Response					Mass %		Volume %		Amount		Config	
P	I	O	N	A			Category	Mass %	RT (min.)	RRF	Density	
C1							Paraffin	8.8192				
C2							Isoparaffin	42.5362				
C3							Olefin	9.1821				
C4	1.2604	0.1114	0.0581				Naphthalene	8.1559				
C5	3.1375	6.7534	3.7404	0.1456			Aromatic	20.4855				
C6	1.9858	7.3473	2.8238	1.6022	0.8250		Methanol	0.0000				
C7	1.1744	5.6581	1.0126	2.2271	3.9218		Ethanol	10.8211	2.370	1.029	0.789	
C8	0.5486	18.1335	1.0130	1.6267	5.7333		Methyl tert-butyl ether	0.0000				
C9	0.3854	2.8188	0.1990	1.3372	5.8269		iso-octane	7.5817	4.930	0.674	0.692	
C10	0.1992	0.8996	0.2441	0.7377	2.6590		Naphthalene	0.1886	22.429	0.207	1.025	
C11	0.0894	0.6189	0.0679	0.4207	1.2177		Methylnaphthalenes	0.2171	24.810	0.250	1, 1.010	
C12	0.0385	0.1390	0.0232	0.0588	0.2667		Benzene	0.8250	4.029	0.258	0.879	
C13		0.0514			0.0350		Toluene	3.9218	7.209	0.267	0.867	
C14		0.0047					Ethylbenzene	0.9860	12.730	0.284	0.867	
C15							Xylenes	4.7461	13.190	0.284	0.870	
C16												
C17												
C18												
C19												
Total	8.8192	42.5362	9.1821	8.1559	20.4855							

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List Poor Fits



# Conjugated Diolefin Analysis by GC-VUV

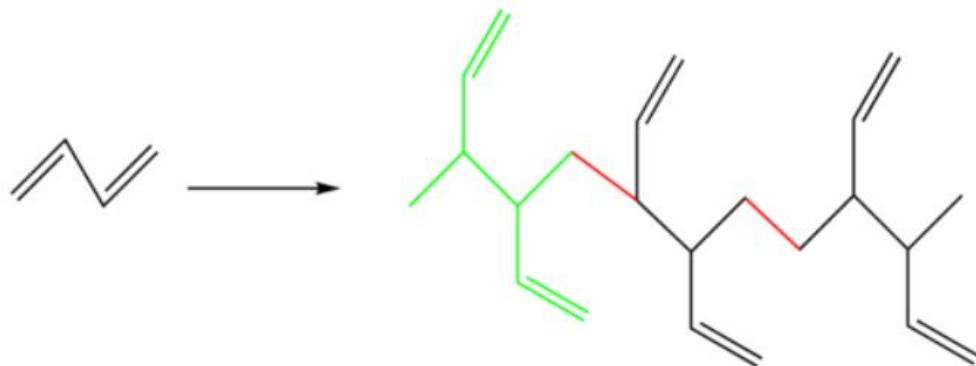
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# The Trouble with Conjugated Diolefins (CDOs)

- Easily polymerize in high enough concentrations
  - Used in synthesis of rubber and other polymers
- Polymers can foul hydrocarbon streams of petrochemical refineries
- CDO levels must be kept below a threshold to prevent polymerization

1,2-Polymerization of 1,3- Butadiene

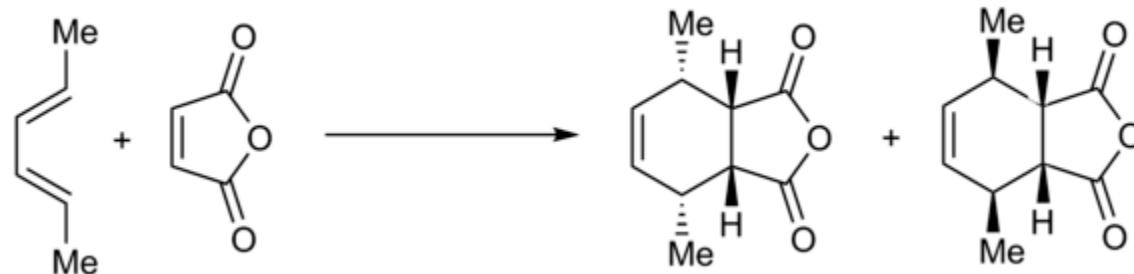


1,4-Polymerization of 1,3- Butadiene



# UOP-326: Maleic Anhydride Method

- Common method for determining diene content in lighter hydrocarbon mixtures
- Maleic anhydride consumed via Diels-Alder reaction with dienes; remaining maleic anhydride converted to maleic acid, which is measured by colorimetric titration

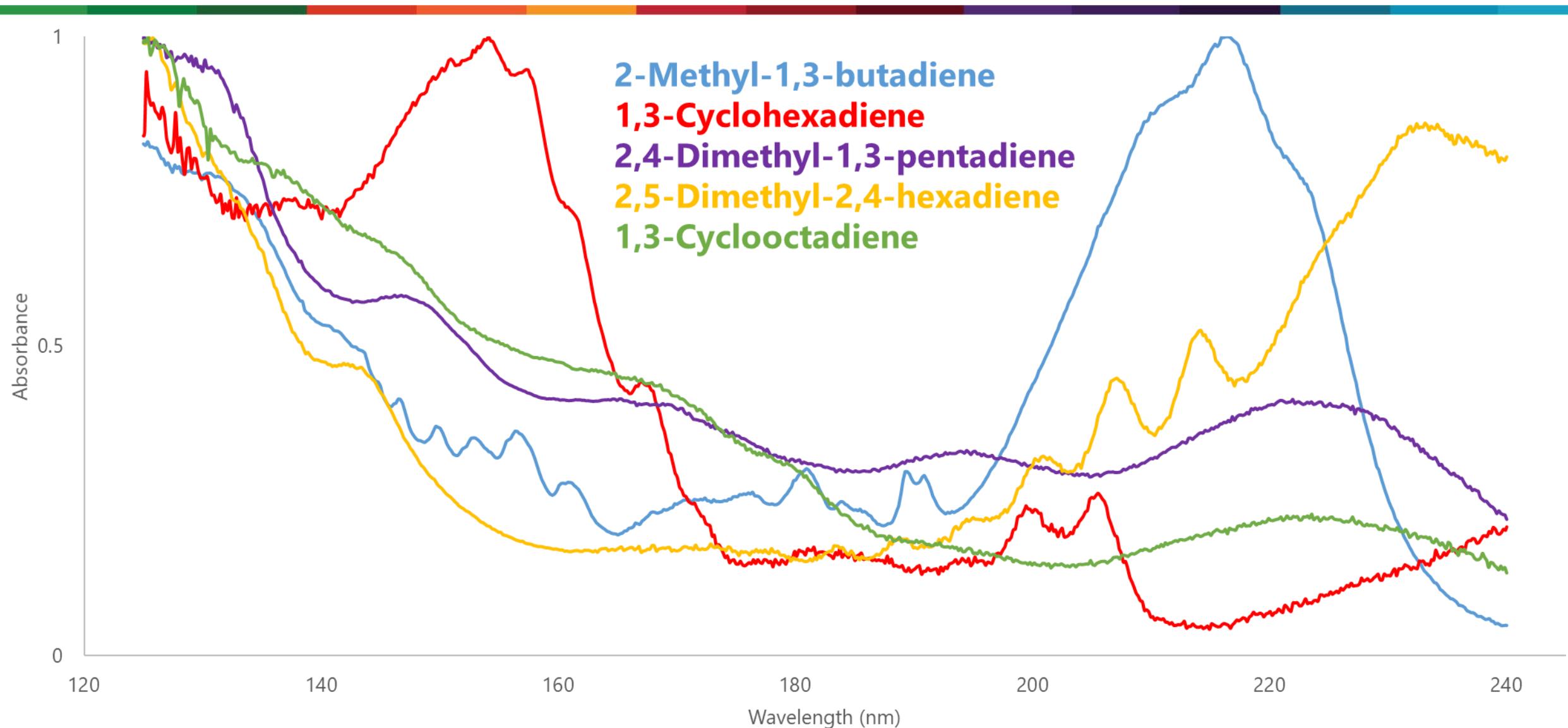


# Drawbacks of Using Maleic Anhydride



- >3-hour analysis time (both manual and automated)
- Nucleophiles (e.g. alcohols, thiols) will also react with maleic anhydride; high diene values reported for samples containing MeOH and EtOH
- Some sterically-hindered dienes (e.g. 2,5-dimethyl-2,4-hexadiene) will not react
- Only semiquantitative, as reaction is not selective
- No qualitative information (i.e. identification of diolefin species)

# VUV Absorbance Spectra for Conjugated Diolefins



# Conjugated Diolefin Run Conditions

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- Agilent 6890 GC
  - 1  $\mu$ L injection
  - Inlet: 250°C, split 300:1
  - Column: Restek Rxi-1ms (30 m x 0.25 mm, 0.25- $\mu$ m)
  - Flow: 1 mL/min helium, constant flow
  - Oven: 35°C, hold 10 min; 7°C/min to 200°C (run time – 33.6 min)
- VUV Analytics VGA-100
  - Makeup gas: 0.40 psi N<sub>2</sub>
  - Flow cell and transfer line: 275°C
  - Acquisition rate: 4.5 spectra/sec
  - Acquisition range: 125-240 nm

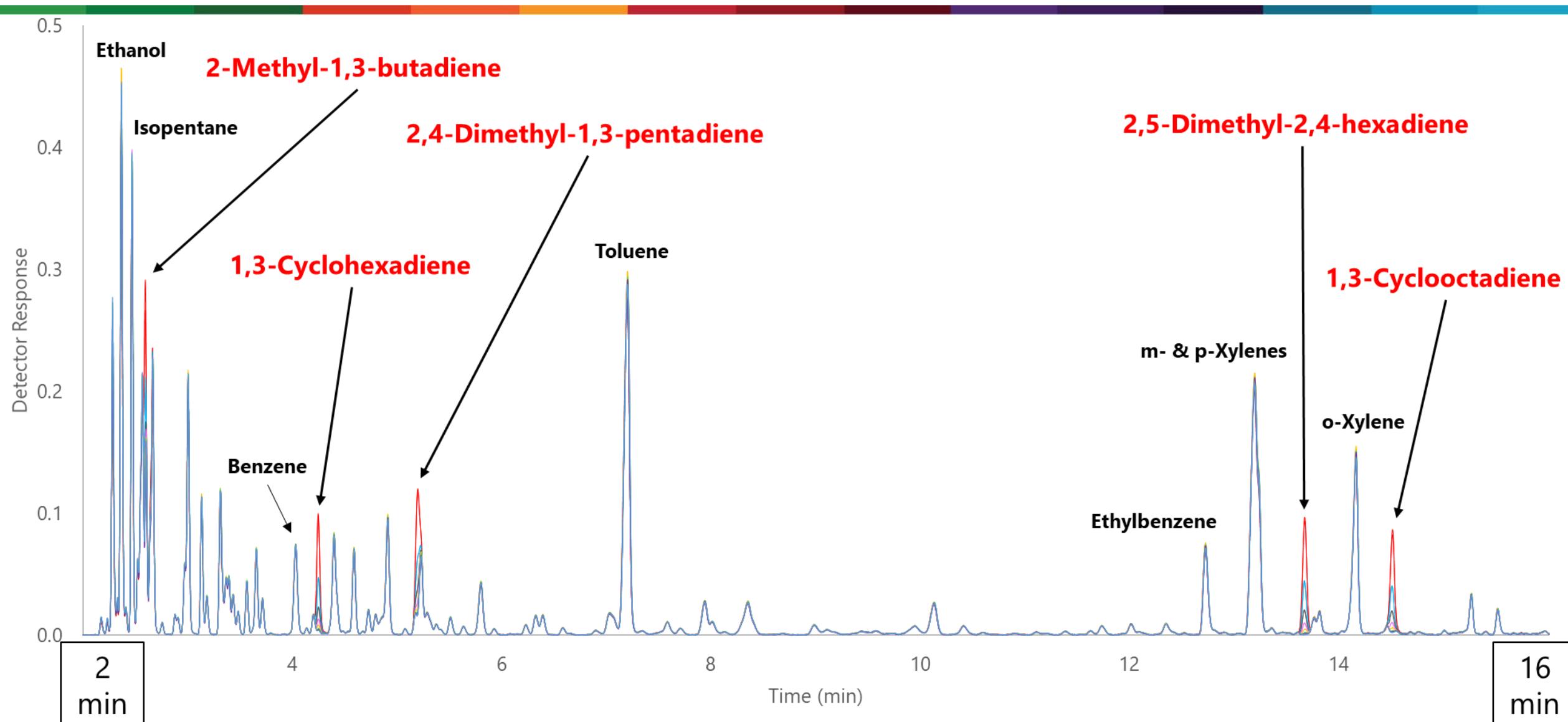


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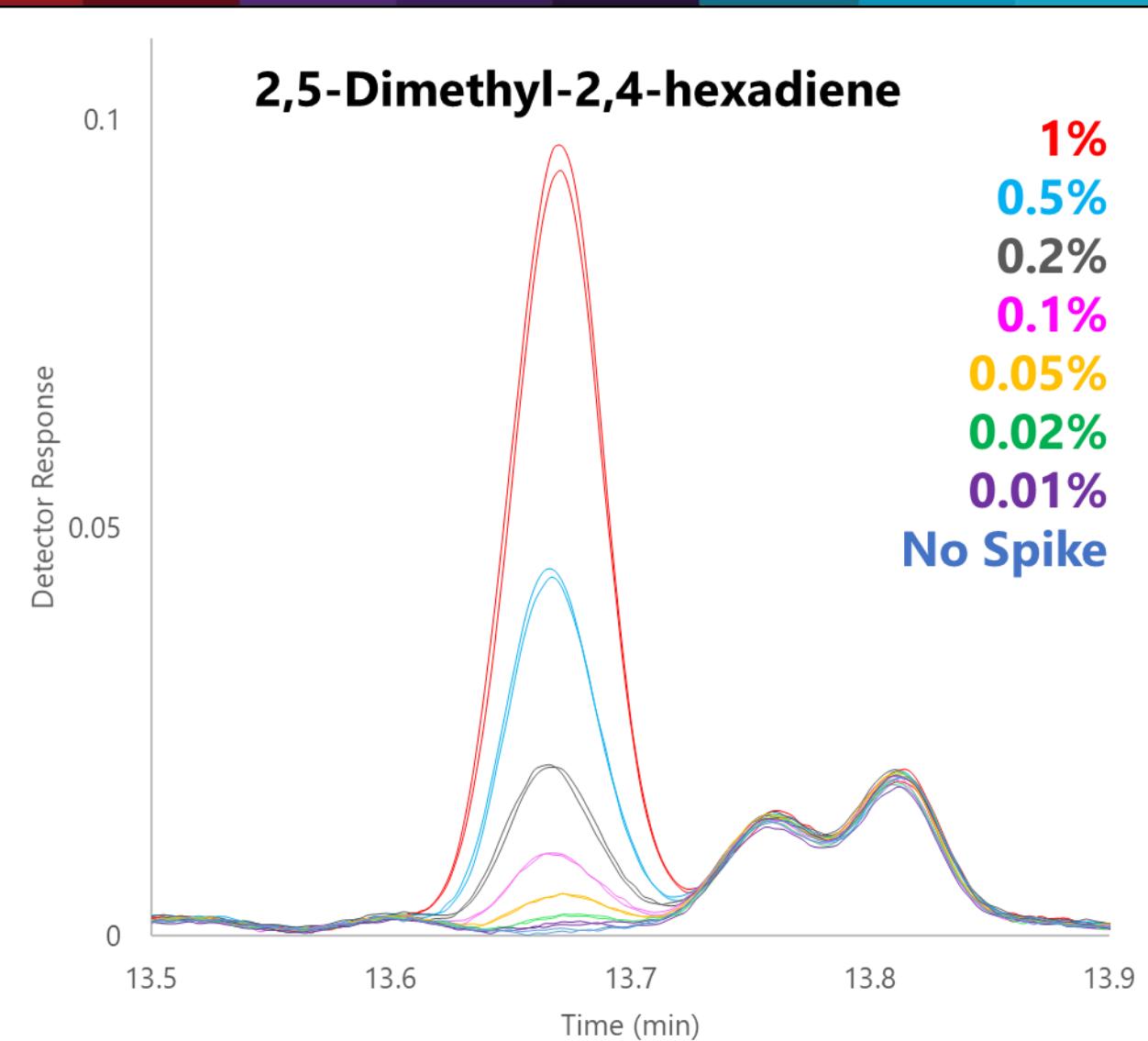
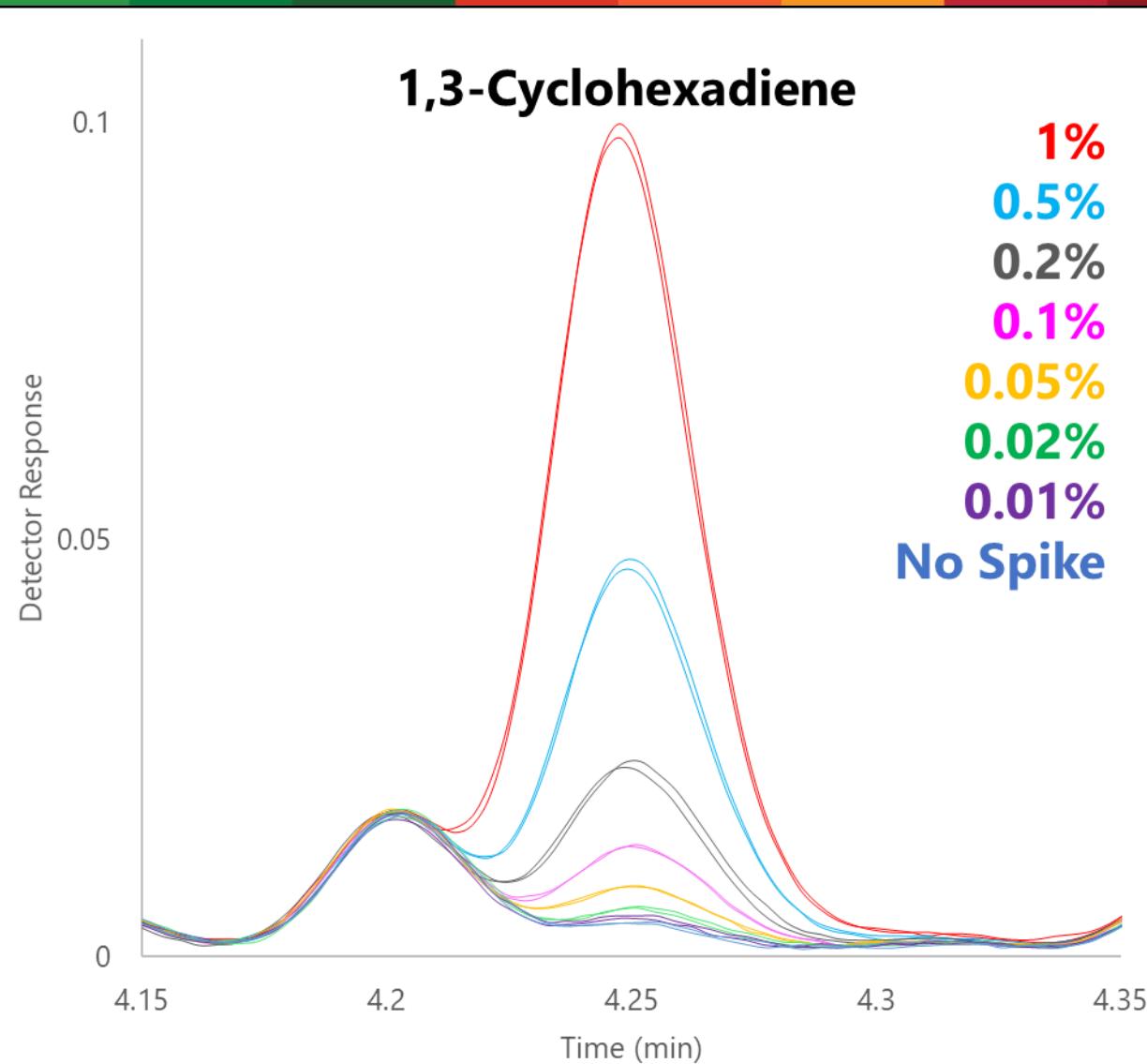
- Agilent 6890 GC
    - 1  $\mu$ L injection
    - Inlet: 250°C, split 300:1
    - Column: Restek RxI-1ms (5 m x 0.25 mm, 0.25- $\mu$ m)
    - Flow: 1 mL/min He (Um) constant flow
    - oven: 30°C hold 10 min; 7°C/min to 200°C (run time – 33.6 min)
  - VUV Analytics VGA-100
    - Make up gas: 0.40 psi N<sub>2</sub>
    - Flow cell and transfer line: 275°C
    - Acquisition rate: 4.5 spectra/sec
    - Acquisition range: 125-240 nm
- SAME METHOD AS  
ASTM D8071!**



# Gasoline Spiked with 0-1% Conjugated Diolefins



# Spiked Gasoline Overlays: 0-1% CDOs



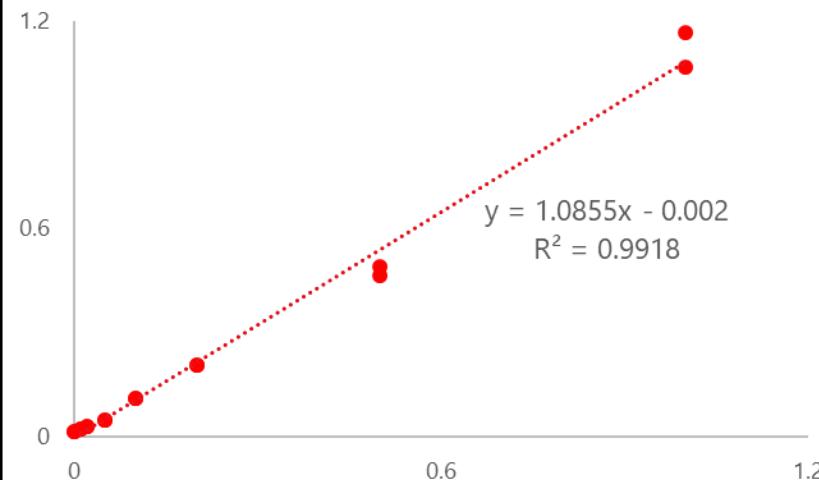
# Quantitative Analysis of CDO-Spiked Gasoline

2-Methyl-1,3-butadiene		1,3-Cyclohexadiene		2,4-Dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene		2,5-Dimethyl-2,4-hexadiene		1,3-Cyclooctadiene	
Expected Conc	Measured Conc	Expected Conc	Measured Conc	Expected Conc	Measured Conc	Expected Conc	Measured Conc	Expected Conc	Measured Conc
0	0.015	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
0.010	0.022	0.010	-	0.010	-	0.010	-	0.010	-
0.020	0.029	0.020	0.019	0.020	-	0.020	-	0.020	-
0.050	0.047	0.051	0.044	0.050	0.042	0.051	0.048	0.050	0.028
0.10	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.099
0.20	0.21	0.20	0.23	0.20	0.22	0.20	0.22	0.20	0.24
0.50	0.48	0.51	0.56	0.50	0.55	0.51	0.52	0.50	0.58
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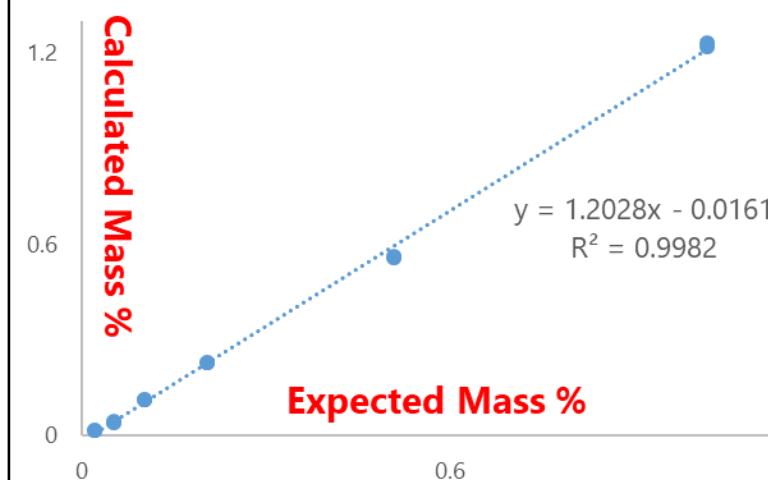
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# Linearity for Conjugated Diolefins in Gasoline

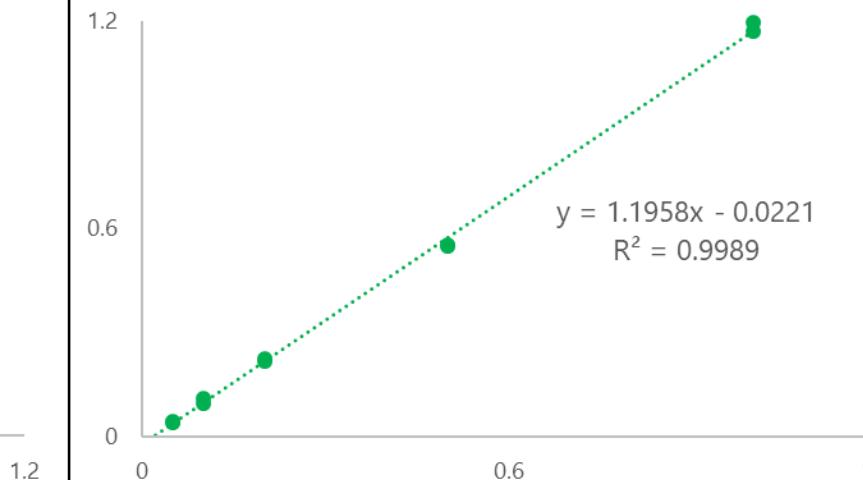
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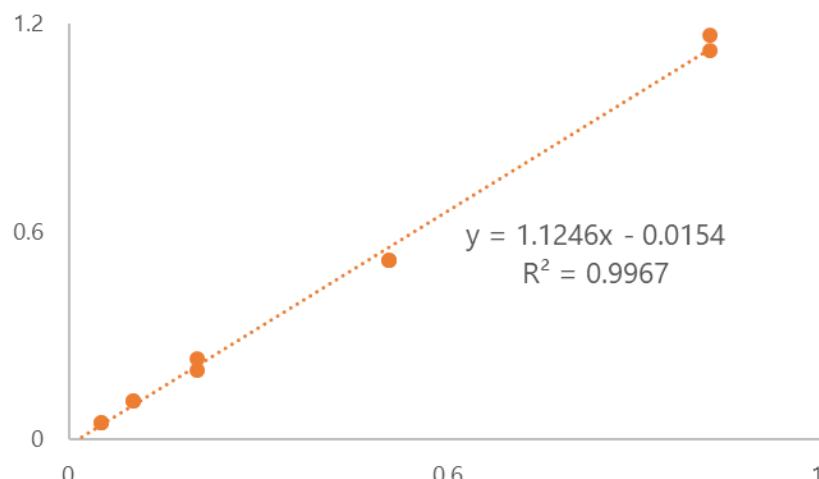
1,3-Cyclohexadiene (0.02-1%)



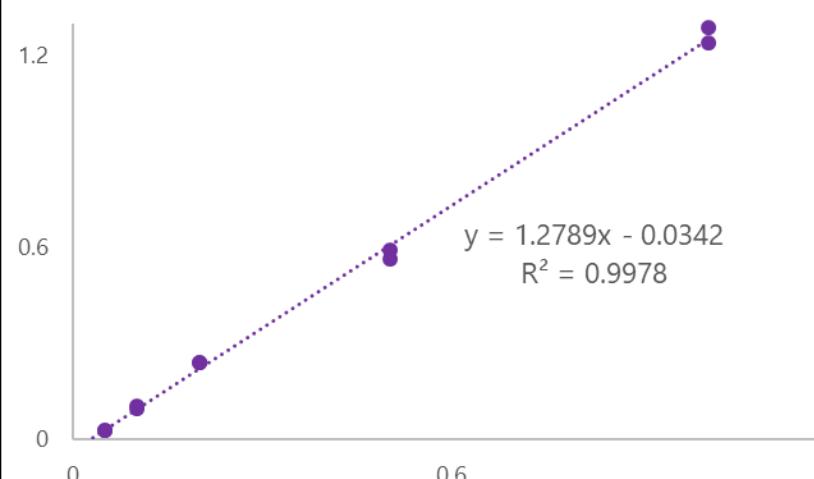
2,4-Dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene (0.05-1%)



2,5-Dimethyl-2,4-hexadiene (0.05-1%)



1,3-Cyclooctadiene (0.05-1%)





# VUV Verified™ Hydrocarbon Analysis (VHA™)

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Detailed Hydrocarbon Analysis with GC-VUV

# The Starting Point for VUV VHA – ASTM D6730

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# Strategy for Prototype DHA (VHA) with GC-VUV

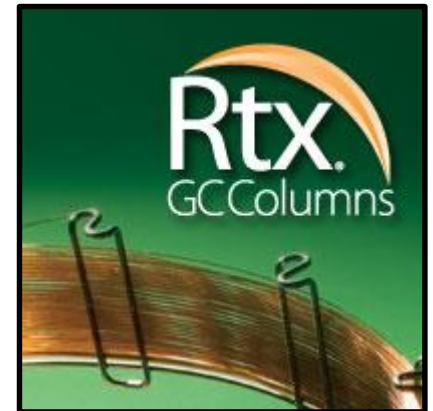
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- Use ASTM D6730 GC conditions
  - 100m x 0.25mm x 0.50 $\mu$ m “methyl silicone” GC column
  - Exception; ***no precolumn*** for critical separations
  - Cryogenic oven start (5°C)
- Build VUV VHA gasoline compound retention time table using D6730 DHA Component Table
  - Starting with higher mass % compounds in gasoline
- Use VUV Analyze software for automated data processing
  - “Analytes to Include”
  - Time Interval Deconvolution



# GC Conditions – VUV VHA

- Agilent 6890 GC
- Precision 4mm Split liner with Wool (Restek)
- 250°C, 1 µL
- Split ratio 300:1
- .
- 100m x 0.25mm x 0.50µm Rtx-DHA GC Column (Restek)
- Helium 40 psi (constant pressure)
- 5°C (10 min), 5°C/min to 50°C (50 min), 1.5°C/min to 200°C (5 min)
- **Run time: 174 min**



# VUV Spectrometer Conditions – VUV VHA

- VUV Analytics VGA-100
- Transfer line temperature: 275°C
- Flow cell temperature: 275°C
- Makeup gas pressure: 0.25 psi
- Acquisition range: 125 to 240 nm
- Acquisition rate: 4 spectra/sec



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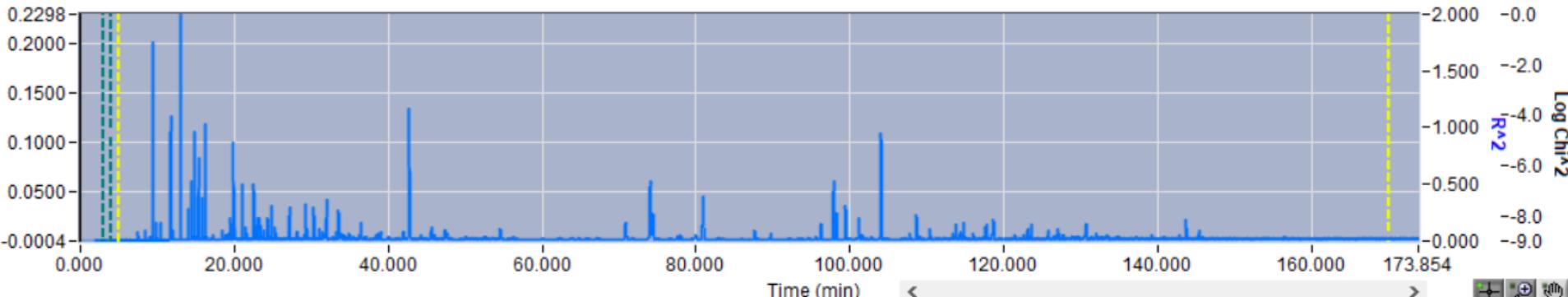
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Detector Response

 125 - 240 Spectra Ave. 125 - 240 Avg. Aromatics Saturates Di-Olefins

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Begin

End

Time Step

Methods

PIONA

DHA

Oxygenates

Tiered Search Limit

3 Analytes

Chromatogram Filter

140 - 160

Chi<sup>2</sup> Min

1.0000E-9

Chi<sup>2</sup> Max

1.0000E-1

Chi<sup>2</sup> delta (%)

40

R<sup>2</sup> Limit

0.8000

Abs Threshold

0.0010

BG Threshold

0.0003

 Use Peak Detection Analyze Spectra Within Peaks Use Initial Background Time

RI window +/-

25

Analyze

Load Parameters

Save Parameters

Stop Analyzing

Status

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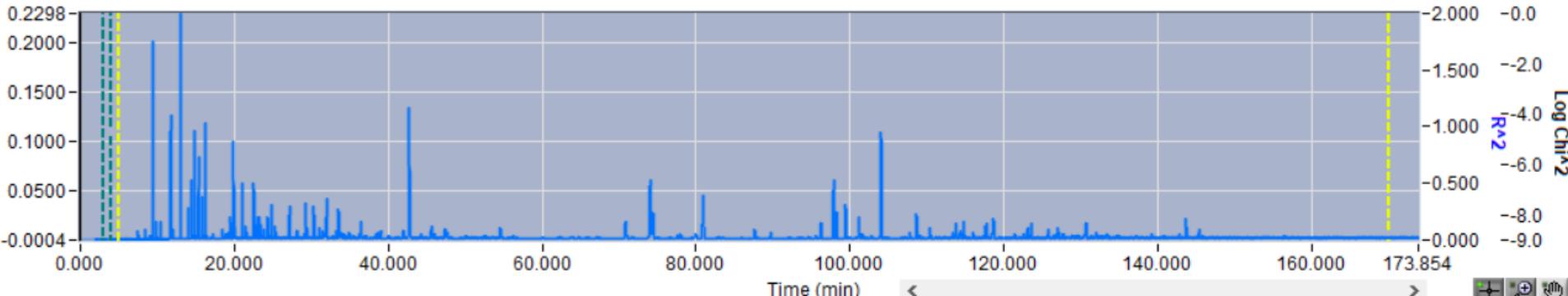
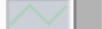
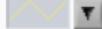
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Production

Analyze

Results

Detector Response

 125 - 240 Spectra Ave. 125 - 240 Avg. Aromatics Saturates Di-Olefins

Fit Info



0.000

Background Begin

3.000

Background End

4.000

Analyze Begin

5.000

Analyze End

170.0

Input Files

Reverse Search

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Analytes to Include

Advanced

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Spectra

Fit Info

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1,2-Dimethyl-3-ethylbenzene	List of possible analytes	121.22	121.62	Only during time range
1,2,4,5-Tetramethylbenzene	List of possible analytes	122.91	123.31	Only during time range
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Naphthalene	List of possible analytes	130.49	130.89	Only during time range
2-Methylnaphthalene	List of possible analytes	143.47	143.87	Only during time range
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## Analysis Parameters

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Methods

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Begin

PIONA

End

170.000

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Time Step

0.020

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BG Threshold

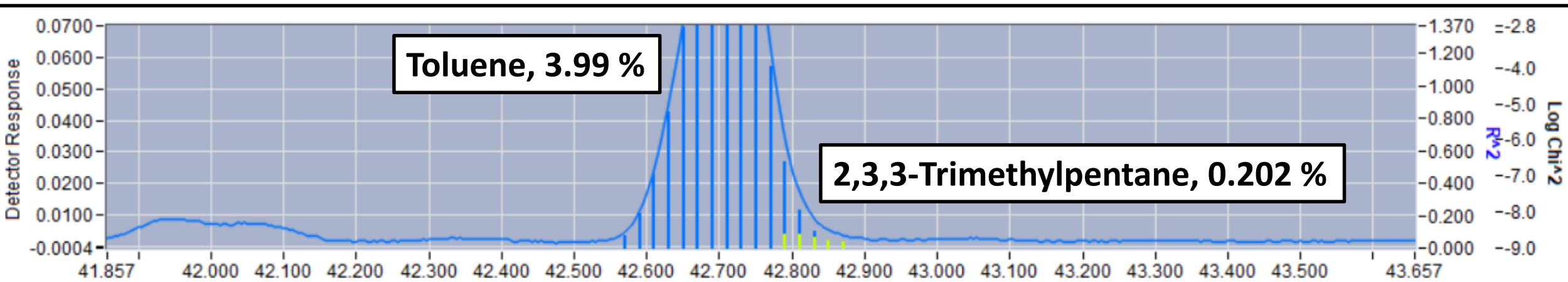
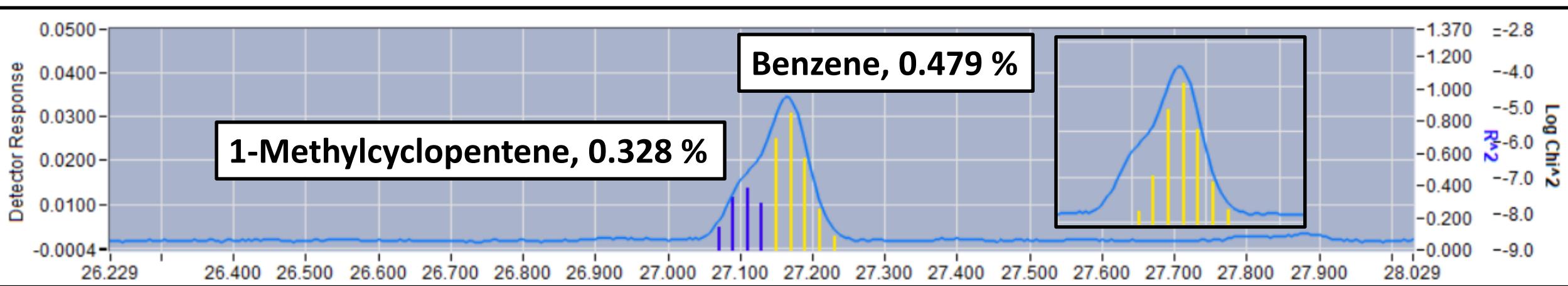
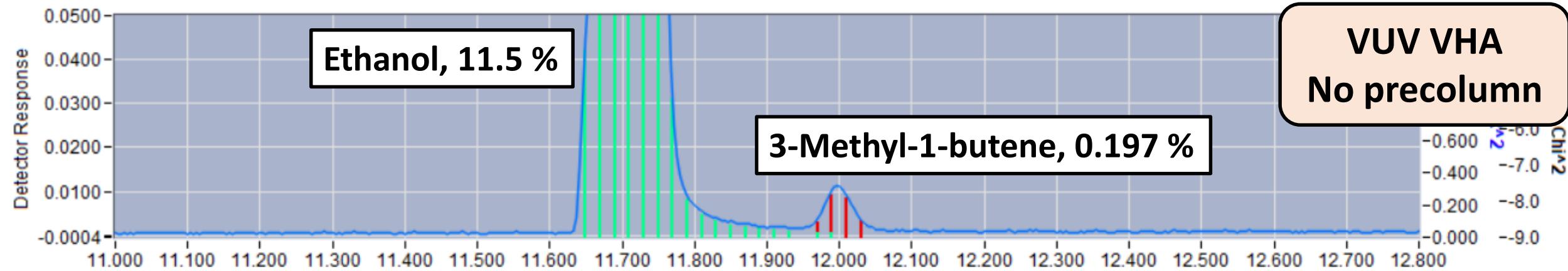
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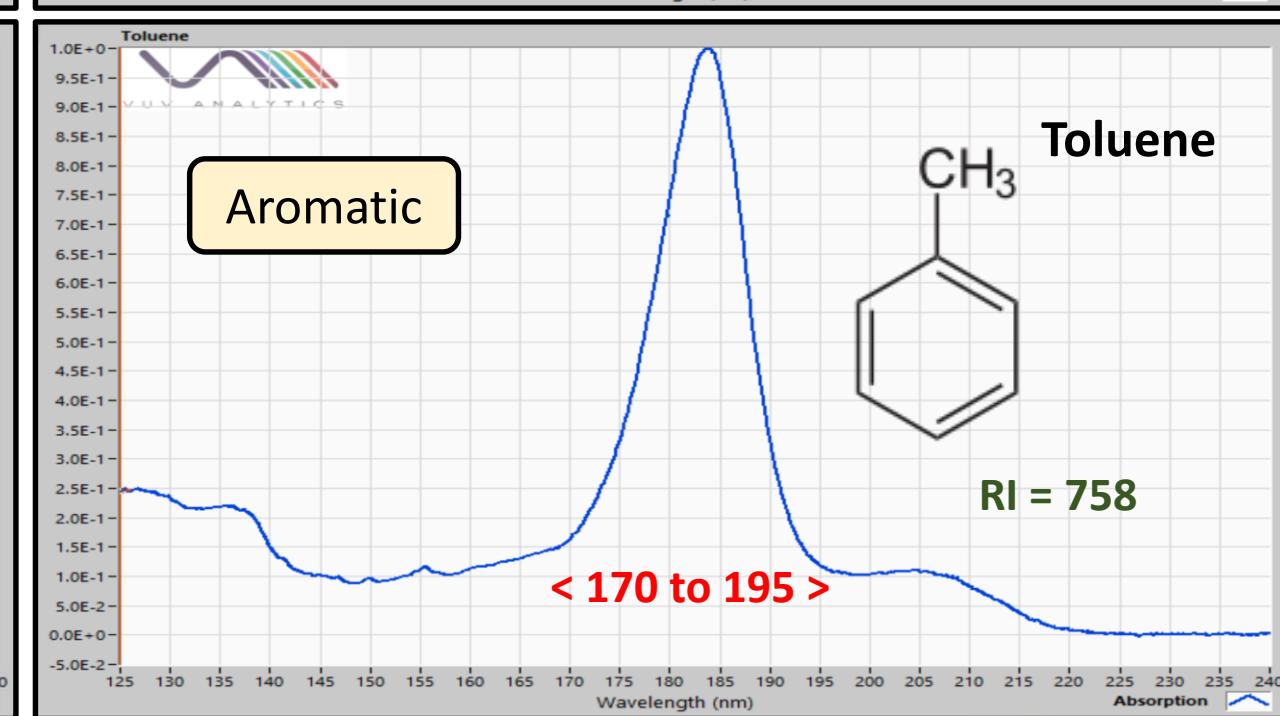
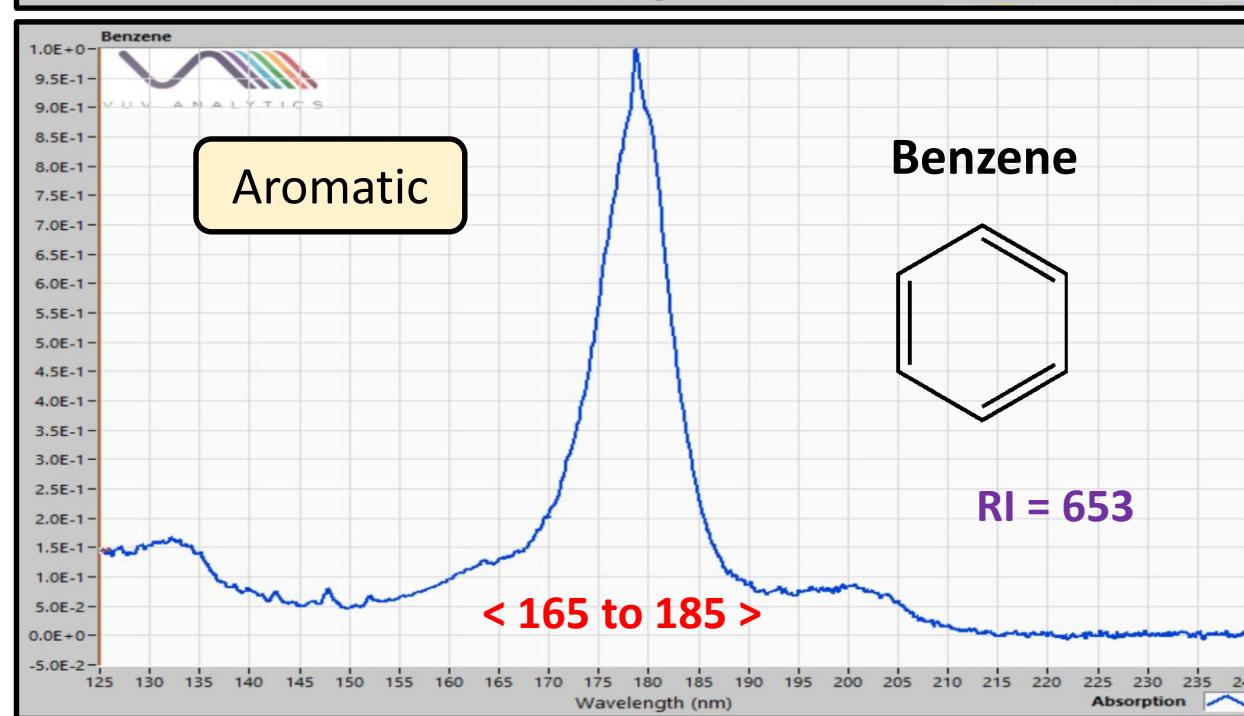
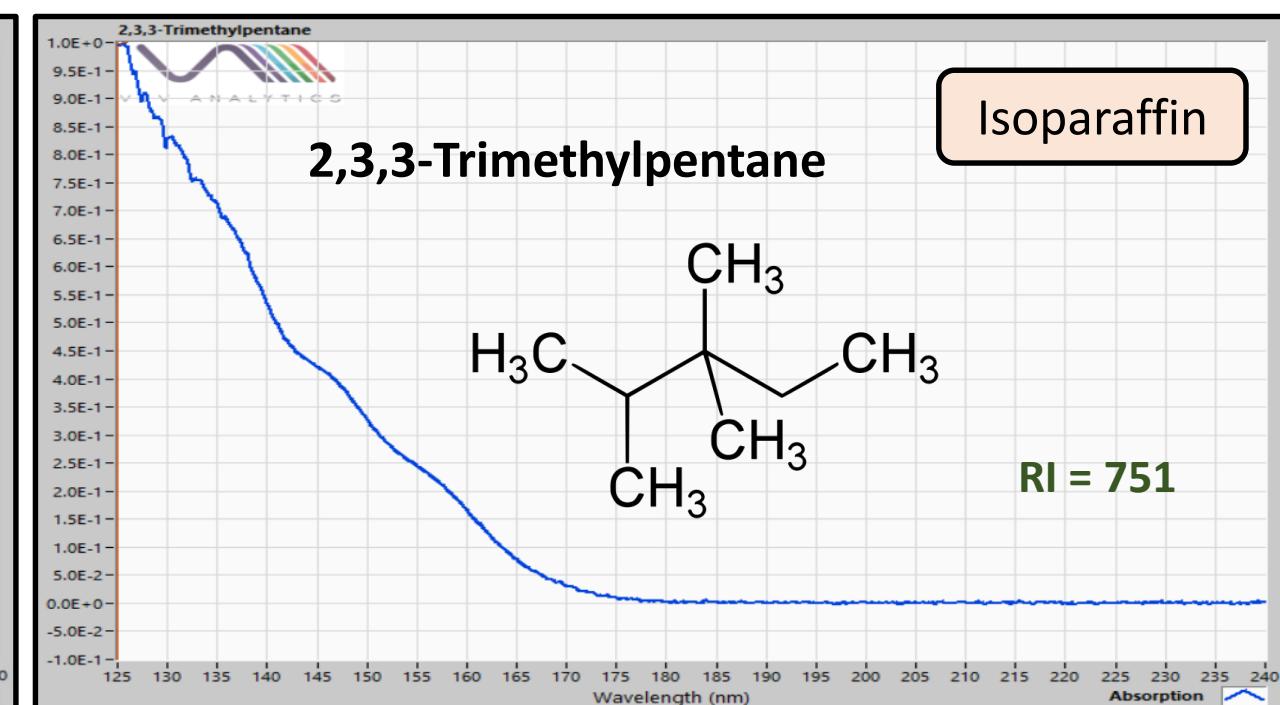
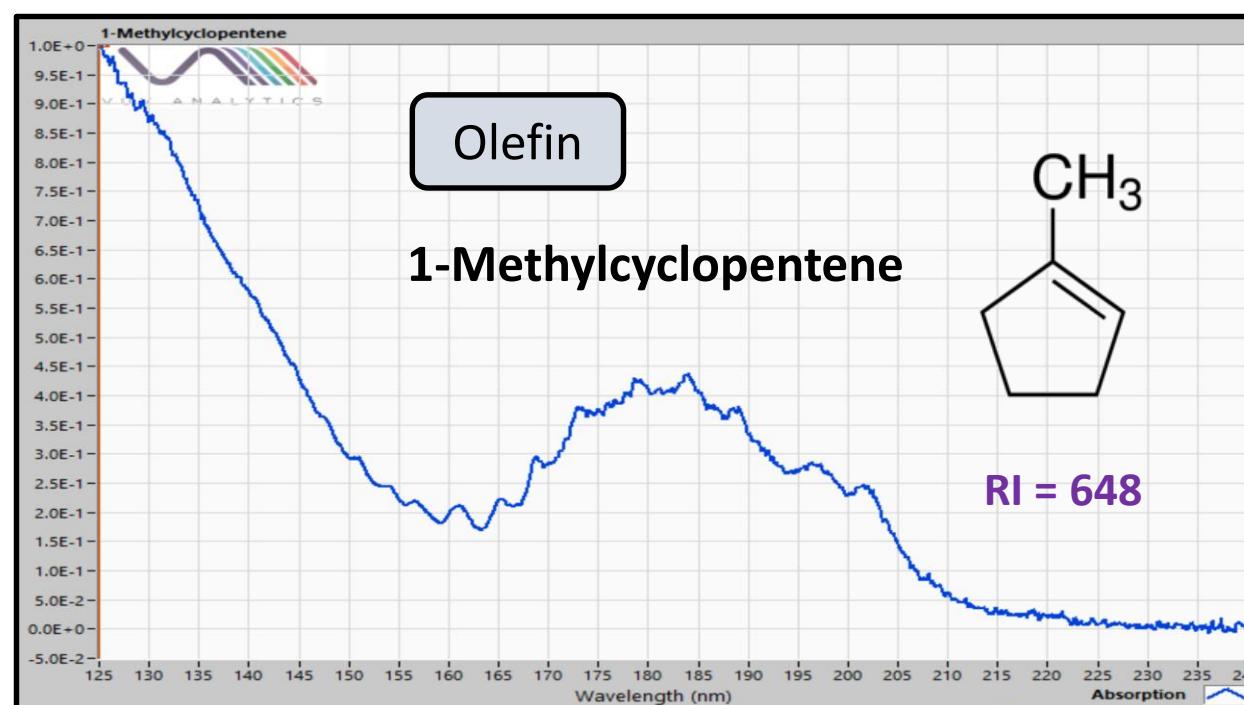
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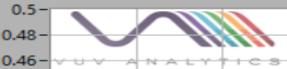




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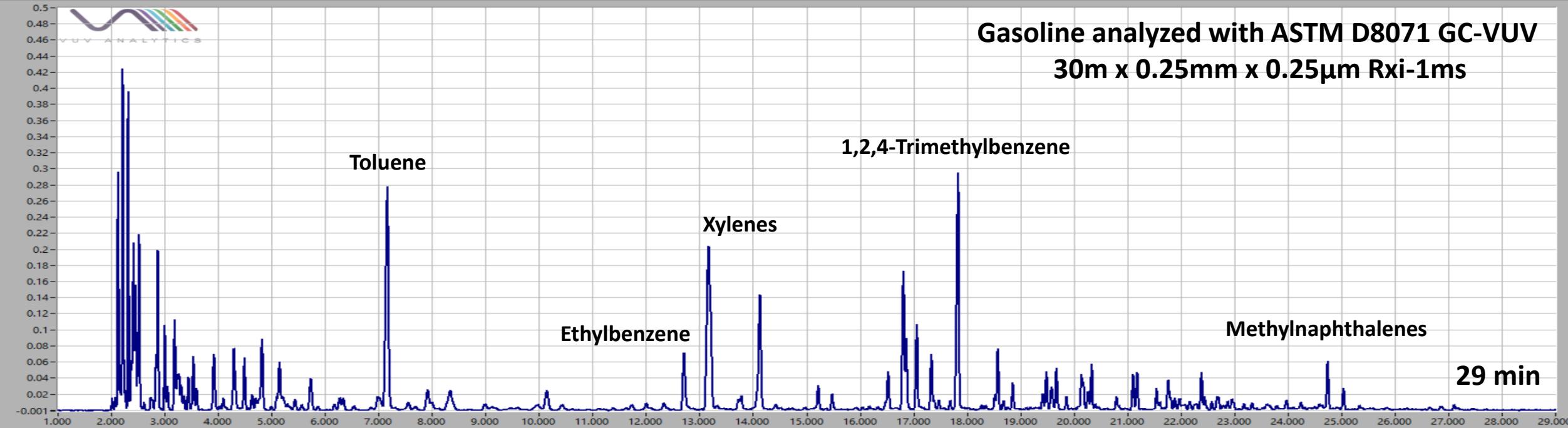
- Currently report mass and volume % data for 151 compounds
- Individual compounds add up to about 90% of gasoline composition
  - Other compounds are classed through absorbance spectra shape and RI
  - Class carbon number report from C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>15</sub>
- VHA (PIONA) absorbance spectra library contains ~ 750 spectra
  - Additional spectra always being added

Class	#
Paraffins	13
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Olefins	45
Naphthenes	24
Aromatics	28
Di-Aromatics	9
Alcohols	2
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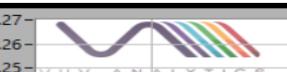


Gasoline analyzed with ASTM D8071 GC-VUV

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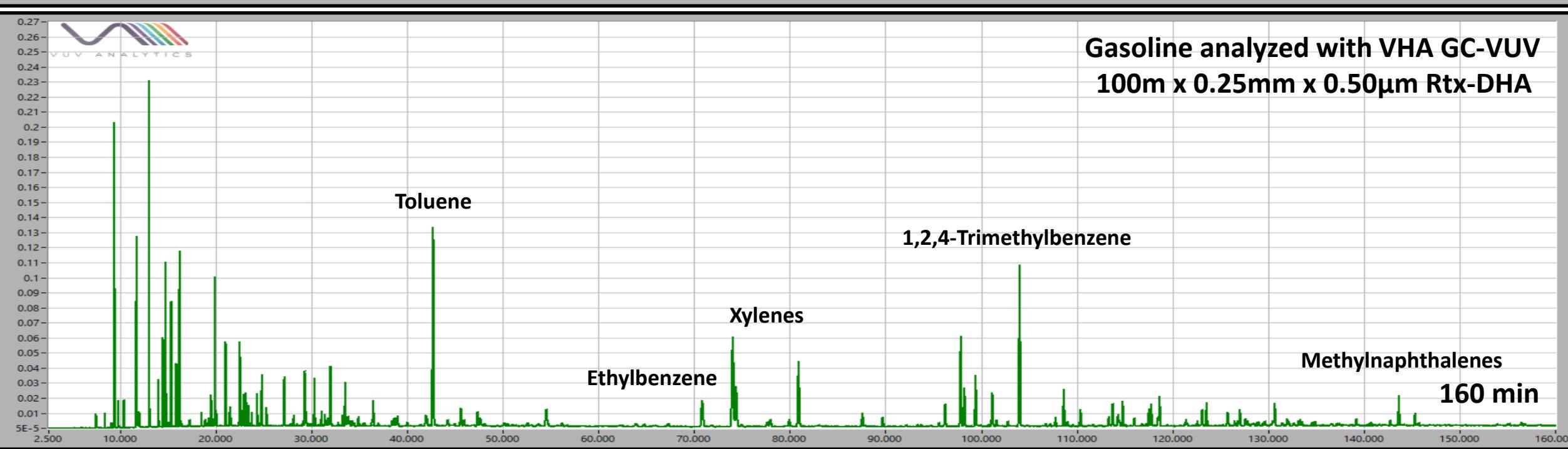


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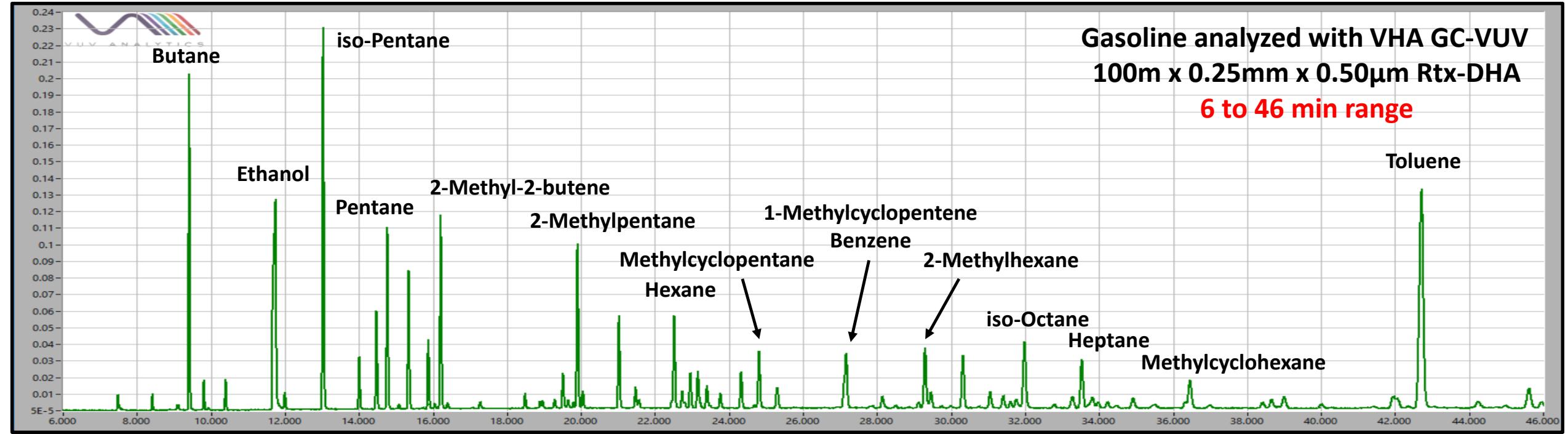
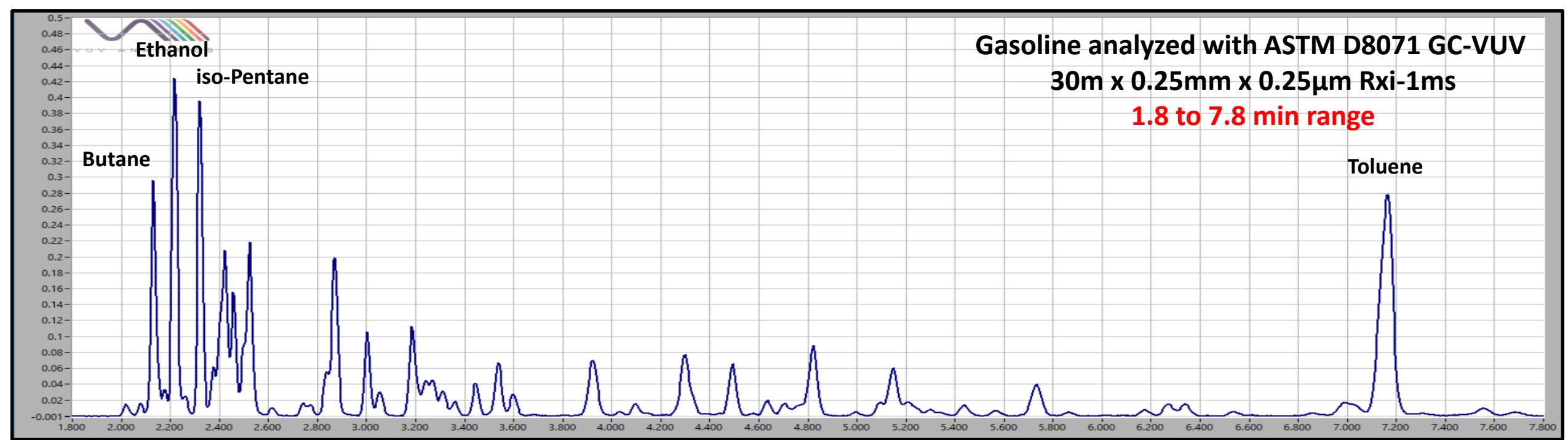


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100m x 0.25mm x 0.50μm Rtx-DHA



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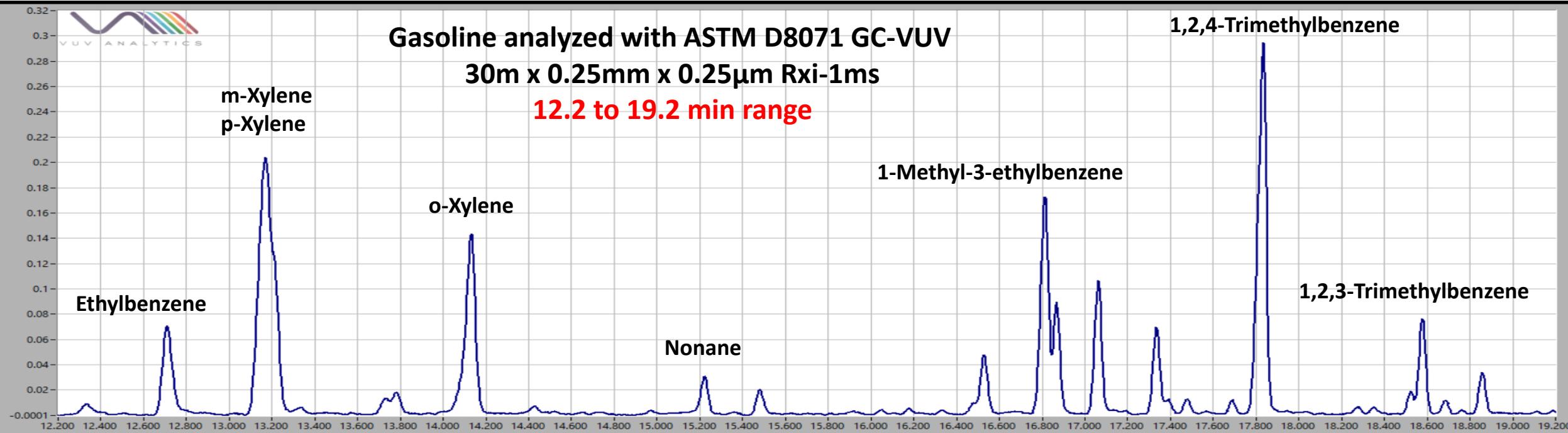




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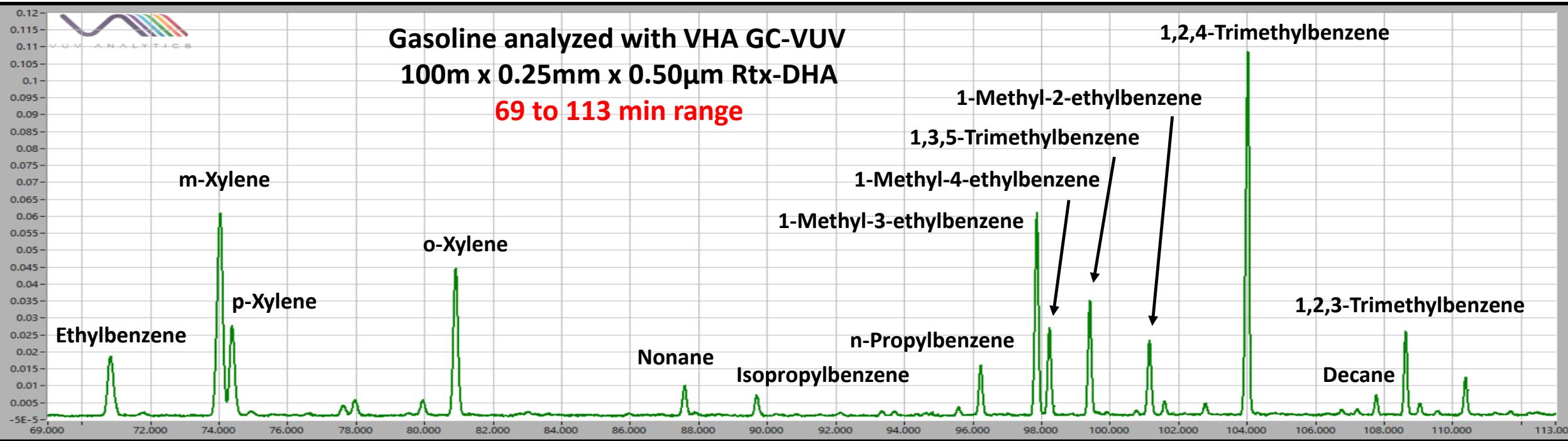
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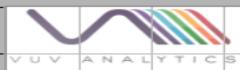


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100m x 0.25mm x 0.50 $\mu$ m Rtx-DHA

69 to 113 min range





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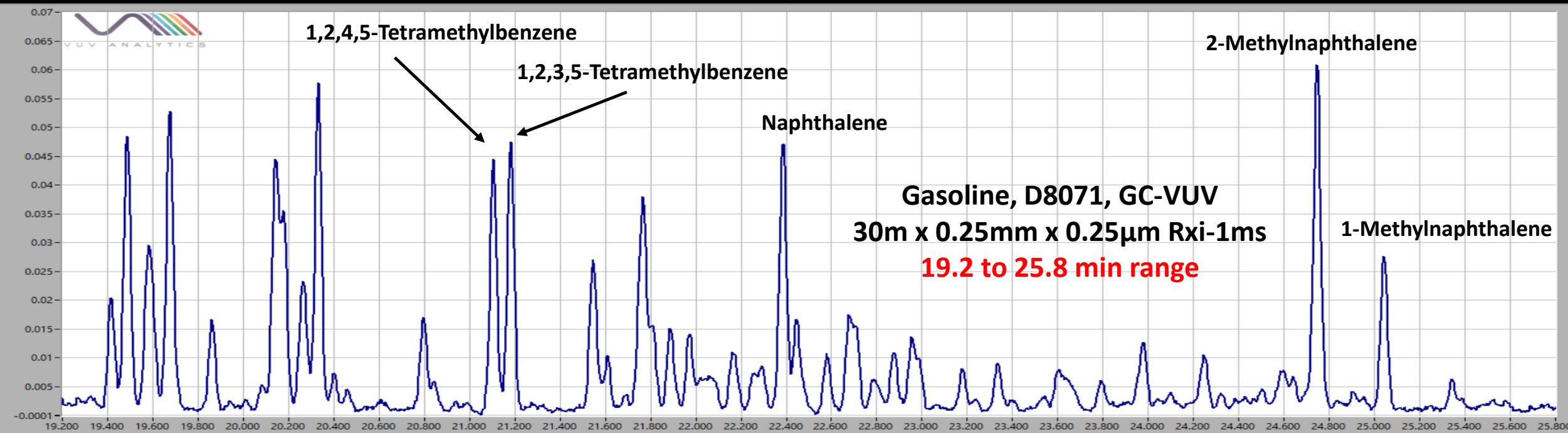
Naphthalene

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19.2 to 25.8 min range

1-Methylnaphthalene



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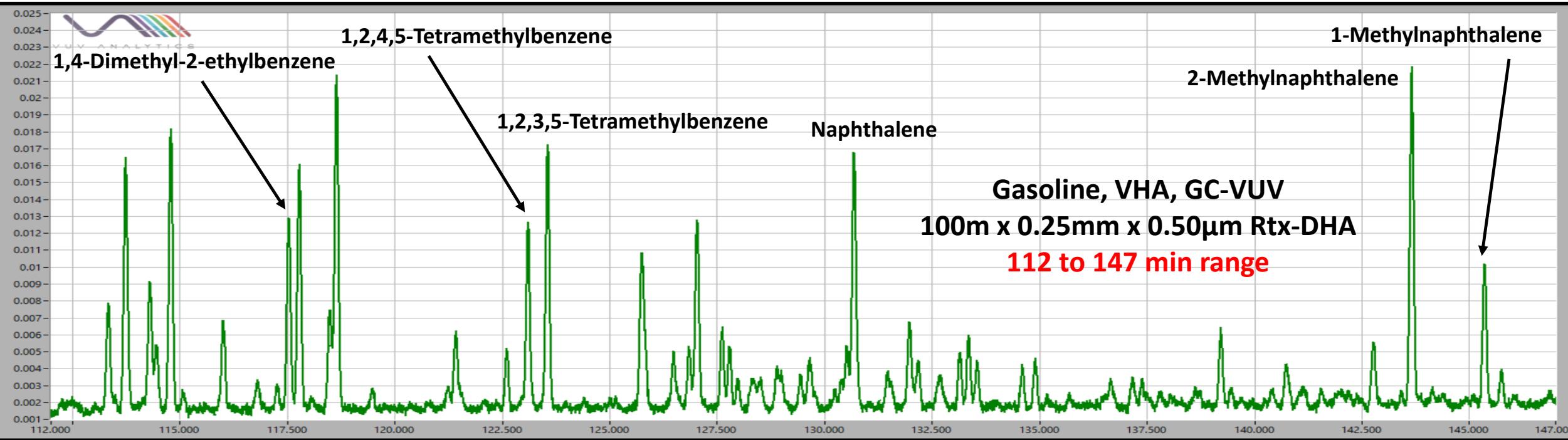
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C2					Olefin	12.7089
C3					Naphthene	6.3669
C4	5.1914	0.2350	0.6322		Aromatic	24.8493
C5	3.5075	7.5802	6.8148	0.1822	Di-Aromatic	0.8587
C6	2.1806	6.6897	3.7730	1.8755	iso-butane	0.2350
C7	1.5994	4.7750	0.9201	2.8040	Methanol	0.0000
C8	1.0650	6.4443	0.5264	1.3166	Isobutylene	0.0268
C9	0.7974	1.5549	0.0032	0.0670	1-Butene	0.0424
C10	0.4157	0.9806	0.0298	0.0140	1,3-Butadiene	0.0000
C11	0.2058	0.2394	0.0094	0.1076	Butane	5.1914
C12	0.1420	0.0058			Vinyl acetylene	0.0000
C13	0.0784	0.0115			trans-2-Butene	0.2722
C14					cis-2-Butene	0.2909
C15					Ethyl Alcohol	11.5165
Total	15.1833	28.5164	12.7089	6.3669	3-Methyl-1-butene	0.1967
					iso-pentane	7.5605
					1,4-Pentadiene	0.0000
					1-Pentene	0.5959
					2-Methyl-1-butene	1.1212

Gasoline analyzed on 100m x 0.25mm x 0.50µm Rtx-DHA  
using D6730 GC conditions and VUV VHA data processing...

Category	Mass %
2,4-Dimethylpentane	0.4238
1-Methylcyclopentene	0.3283
Benzene	0.4786
Cyclohexane	0.3414
4-Methyl-1-hexene	0.0000
cis/trans-4-Methyl-2-hexene	0.1032
2-Methylhexane	1.9064
2,3-Dimethylpentane	0.4675
1,1-Dimethylcyclopentane	0.0329
tert-Amyl methyl ether	0.0000
Cyclohexene	0.0000
3-Methylhexane	1.7435
cis-1,3-Dimethylcyclopentane	0.5218
trans-1,3-Dimethylcyclopentane	0.4231
3-Ethylpentane	0.1286
trans-1,2-Dimethylcyclopentane	0.2884
iso-octane	2.0745
1-Heptene	0.0000
trans-3-Heptene	0.0247
Heptane	1.5994
trans-2-Heptene	0.1160

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2,5-Dimethylhexane	0.3725
2,4-Dimethylhexane	0.4312
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2-Methylheptane	0.0000
4-Methylheptane	0.2470
3-Methylheptane	0.9112
trans-1,4-Dimethylcyclohexane	0.0991
2,2,5-Trimethylhexane	0.1434
3c-Ethylmethylcyclopentane	0.0744
3t-Ethylmethylcyclopentane	0.0900
2t-Ethylmethylcyclopentane	0.0000
trans-1,2-Dimethylcyclohexane	0.0171
Octane	1.0650
cis-1,2-Dimethylcyclohexane	0.0000
1,1,4-Trimethylcyclohexane	0.0000
Ethylcyclohexane	0.1275

Category	Mass %
2,5-Dimethylheptane	0.0473
Ethylbenzene	0.8470
ctt-1,2,4-Trimethylcyclohexane	0.0000
m-Xylene	2.9707
p-Xylene	1.1242
2-Methyloctane	0.4273
Styrene	0.0000
3-Methyloctane	0.3826
o-Xylene	1.7354
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Isopropylbenzene	0.1543
n-Propylbenzene	0.4698
1-Methyl-3-ethylbenzene	1.9510
1-Methyl-4-ethylbenzene	0.7819
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	1.0287
1-Methyl-2-ethylbenzene	0.6209
2-Methylnonane	0.2587
3-Methylnonane	0.2387
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	3.4281
Decane	0.4157
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	0.7162

Category	Mass %
Dicyclopentadiene	0.0000
Indene	0.0000
1-Methyl-3-n-propylbenzene	0.3674
1-Methyl-4-n-propylbenzene	0.1724
n-Butylbenzene	0.0000
1,3-Dimethyl-5-ethylbenzene	0.4231
trans-Decalin	0.0000
1-Methyl-2-n-propylbenzene	0.0944
1,4-Dimethyl-2-ethylbenzene	0.2814
1,3-Dimethyl-4-ethylbenzene	0.2362
1,2-Dimethyl-4-ethylbenzene	0.4279
1,2-Dimethyl-3-ethylbenzene	0.0947
Undecane	0.2058
1,2,4-Tetramethylbenzene	0.2434
1,2,3,5-Tetramethylbenzene	0.3710
Naphthalene	0.2792
Dodecane	0.1420
Pentamethylbenzene	0.0149
2-Methylnaphthalene	0.4107
1-Methylnaphthalene	0.1688
Tridecane	0.0784

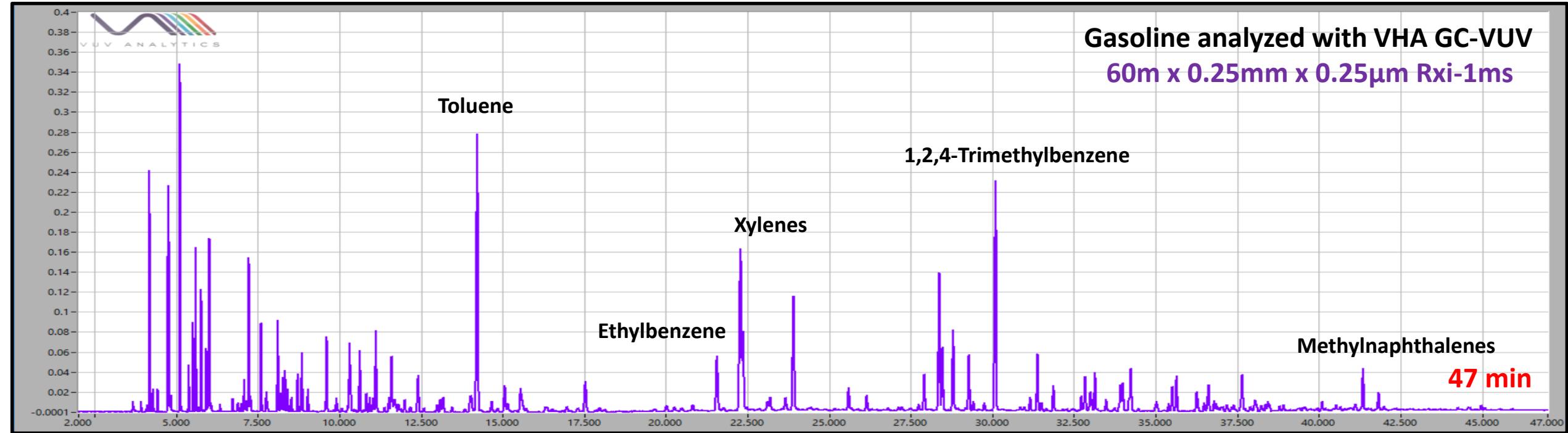
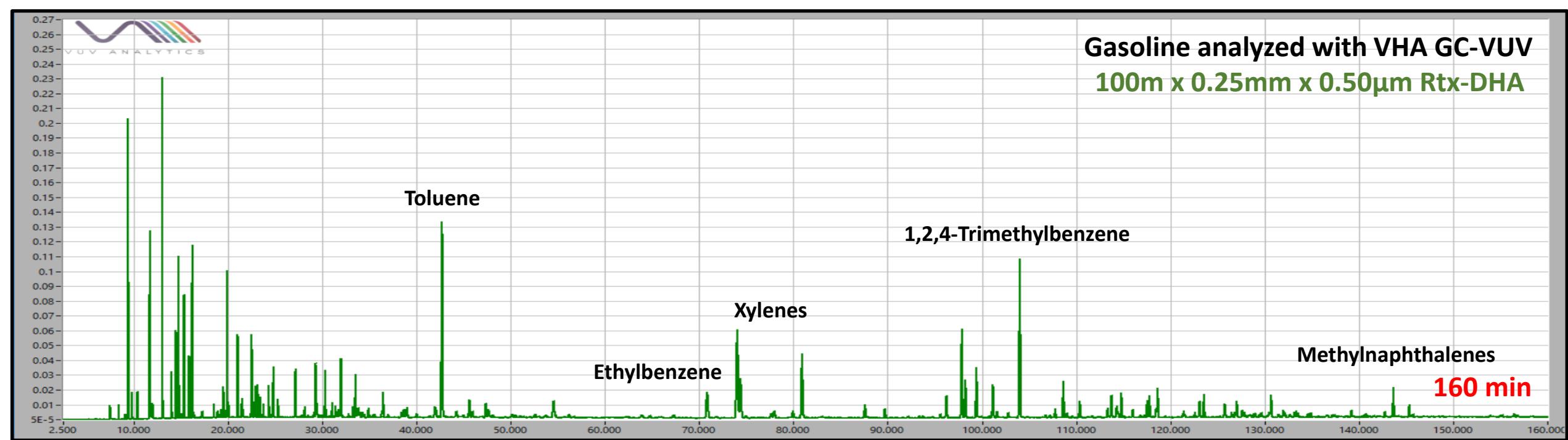
# Can We Improve VUV VHA GC Run Time?

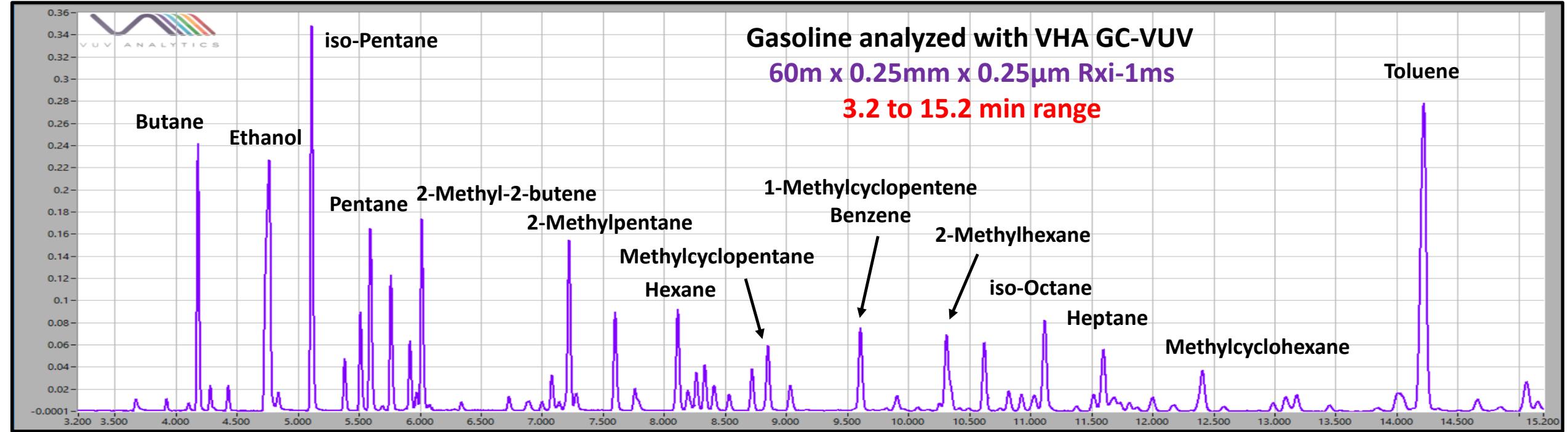
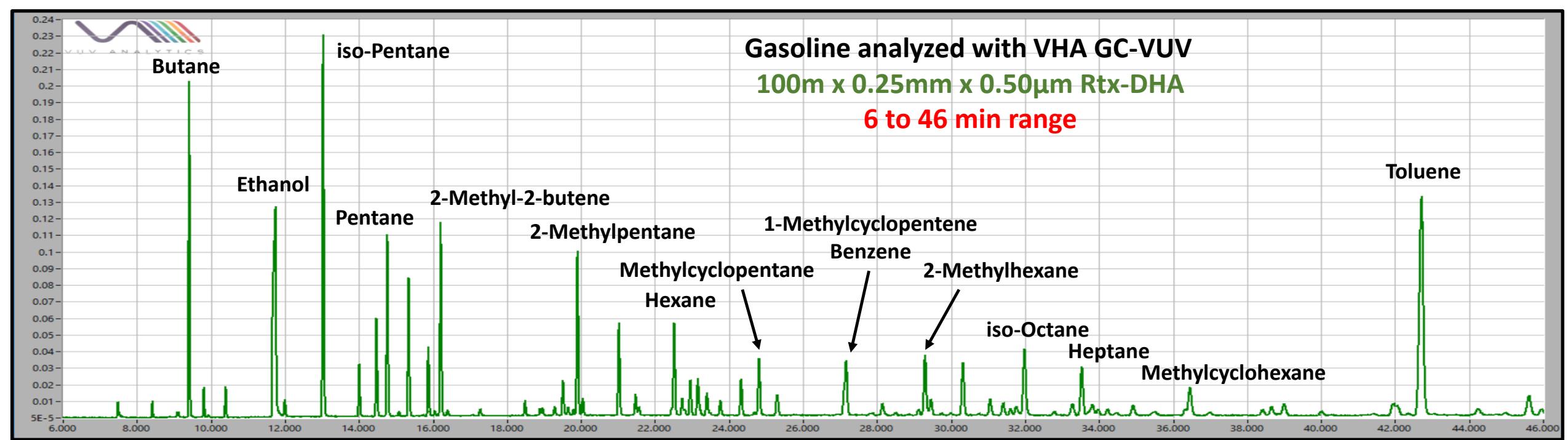
- Shorter GC column
- Thinner column film thickness
- Method translation for a new GC oven program
- Elution order of compounds should be the same
- GREATLY reduced run time
- What about the separations?

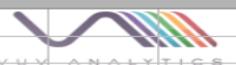
Carrier Gas	Original	Translation				
Helium	Helium	Helium				
<strong>Column</strong>						
Length	100.00	60.00 m				
Inner Diameter	0.25	0.25 mm				
Film Thickness	0.50	0.25 μm				
Phase Ratio	125	250				
<strong>Control Parameters</strong>						
Outlet Flow	2.07	2.07 mL/min				
Average Velocity	25.50	31.27 cm/sec				
Holdup Time	6.54	3.20 min				
Inlet Pressure (gauge)	40.00	28.52 psi				
Outlet Pressure (abs)	14.70	14.70 psi				
	Atm	Vacuum				
	Atm	Vacuum				
<strong>Oven Program</strong>						
<input type="radio"/> Isothermal	Ramp ("C/min)	Temp ("C)	Hold (min)	Ramp ("C/min)	Temp ("C)	Hold (min)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Ramps	5	10		5	4.05	
Number of Ramps	2 (1-4)	5	50	18.8	50	13.15
	1.5	200	5	5.4	200	1.4
<strong>Control Method</strong>						
Constant Flow						
Results	Solve for	<input type="radio"/> Efficiency <input type="radio"/> Speed <input type="radio"/> Translate <input type="radio"/> Custom				
Run Time	174.00	48.77 min				
Speed		3.57 x				



Gasoline analyzed with VHA GC-VUV  
100m x 0.25mm x 0.50 $\mu$ m Rtx-DHA



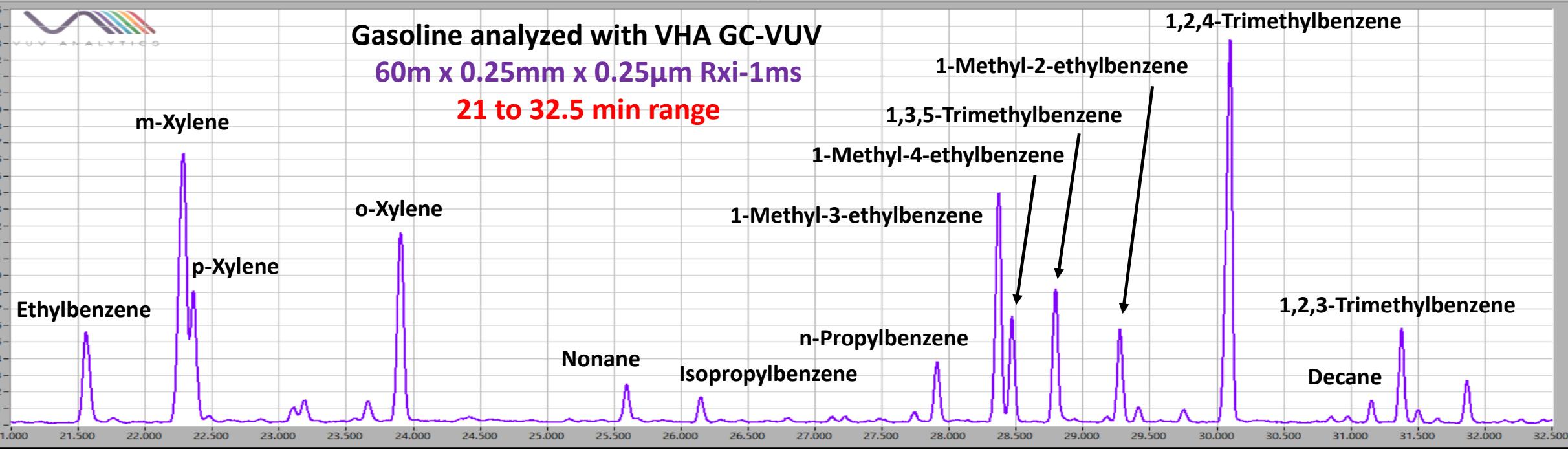
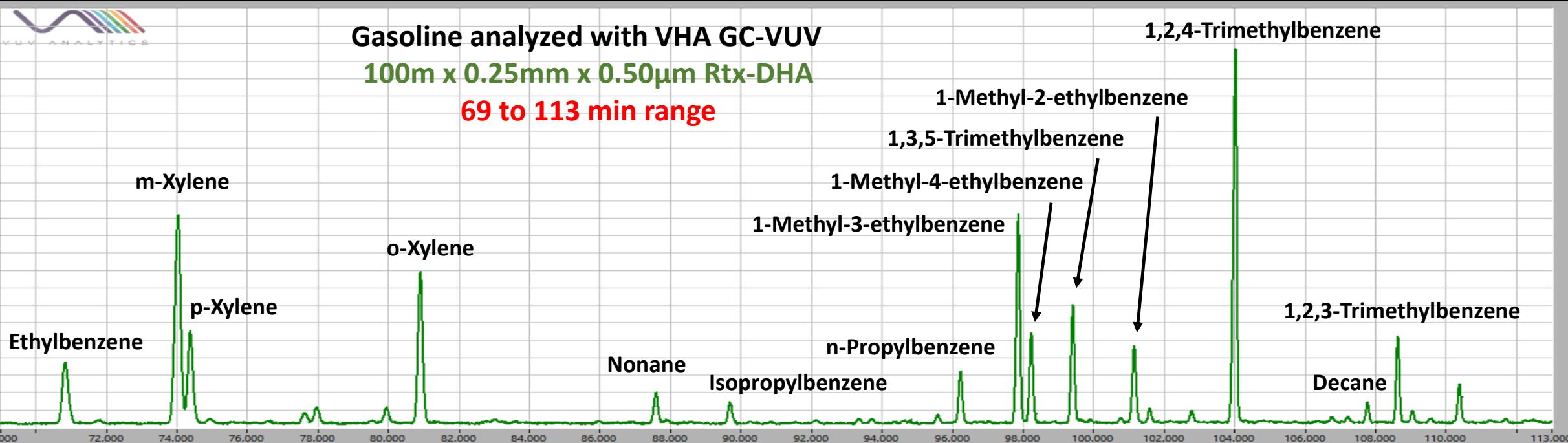


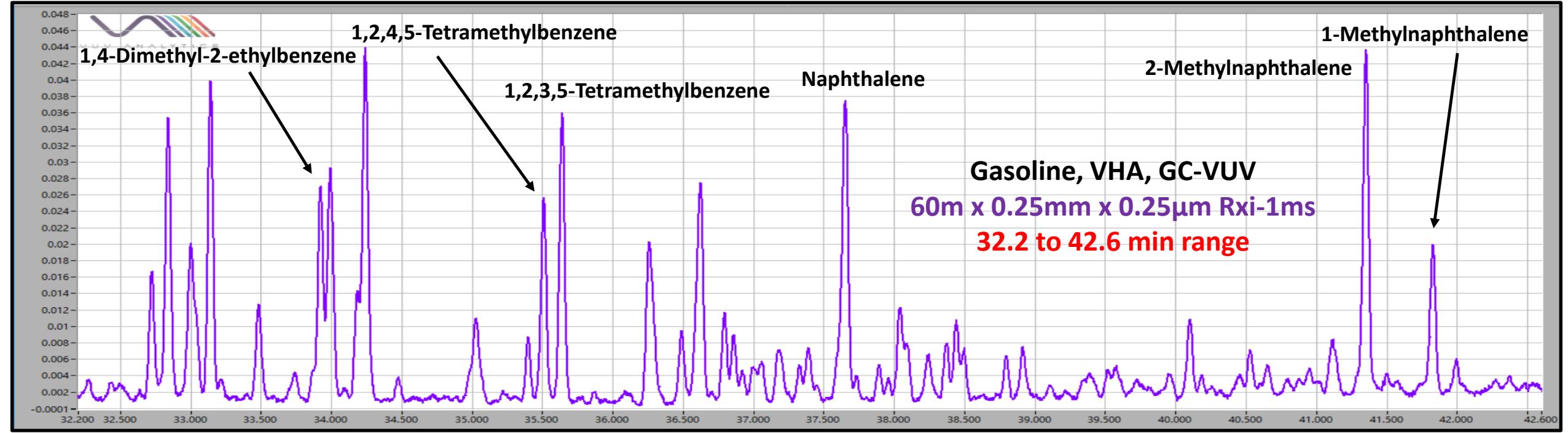
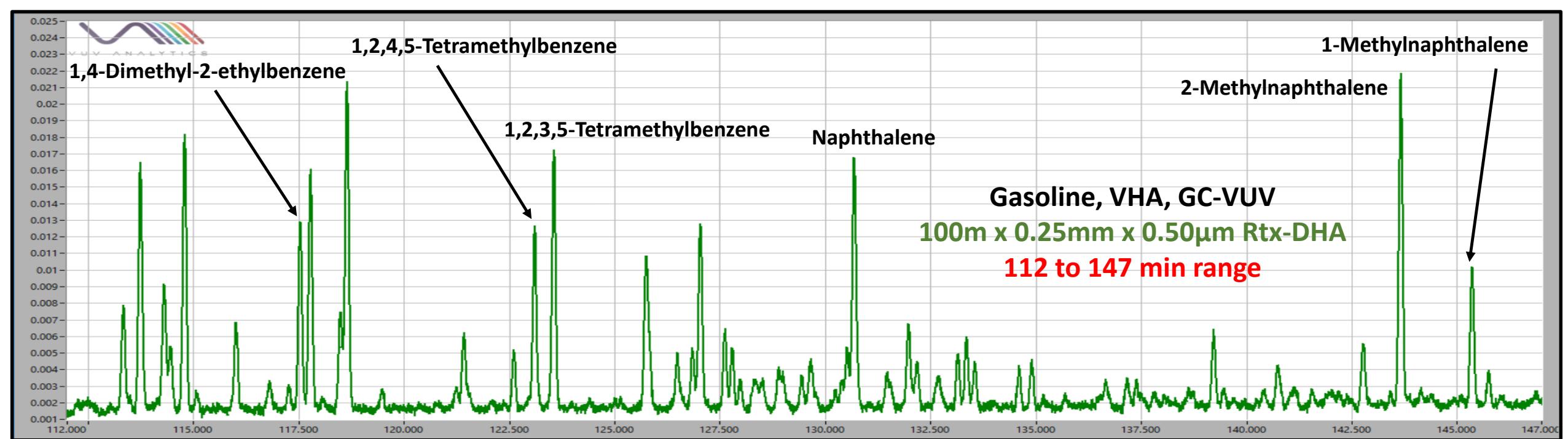


## Gasoline analyzed with VHA GC-VUV

100m x 0.25mm x 0.50 $\mu$ m Rtx-DHA

69 to 113 min range





# Mass % Comparison for Gasoline Analyzed with 3 GC-VUV Methods

- ASTM D8071 PIONA
  - 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25μm, no cryo
- ASTM D6730 VUV VHA
  - 100m x 0.25mm x 0.50μm, cryo
- “Fast” VUV VHA
  - 60m x 0.25mm x 0.25μm, cryo

Category	30m D8071	100m VHA	60m VHA
Paraffin	13.7	15.2	13.8
Isoparaffin	27.6	28.5	27.7
Olefin	13.2	12.7	12.3
Naphthene	8.84	6.37	7.75
Aromatic	25.6	24.8	26.9
Di-Aromatic	0.970	0.859	0.994
Ethanol	10.1	11.5	10.6
Iso-octane	1.91	2.08	2.00
Benzene	0.426	0.479	0.441
Toluene	3.51	3.99	3.82
Ethylbenzene	0.875	0.847	0.913
Xylenes	5.55	5.83	5.96
Naphthalene	0.266	0.279	0.345
Methylnaphthalenes	0.590	0.580	0.615



# Jet Fuel Analysis by GC-VUV

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Flying at the Speed of (Ultraviolet) Light

# Jet Fuel Analysis – An Overview

- AKA Aviation Turbine Fuel – middle distillate
  - Kerosene-type (e.g. Jet A, A-1): C8-C18(C22)
  - Wide-cut (e.g. Jet B): C5-C16
- Strict upper limits on total aromatics (25%) and total di-aromatics (3%)
- No real “PIONA” analysis (matrix too complex)



# FIA – Overview and Issues

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- ASTM D1319-14 – Standard Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Liquid Petroleum Products by Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption
  - Silica gel fractionation not always clean cut between saturates, olefins, and aromatics
  - Performance issues with newer dye batches
  - Sole manufacturer of the dye no longer exists
  - FIA dye more valuable than gold???



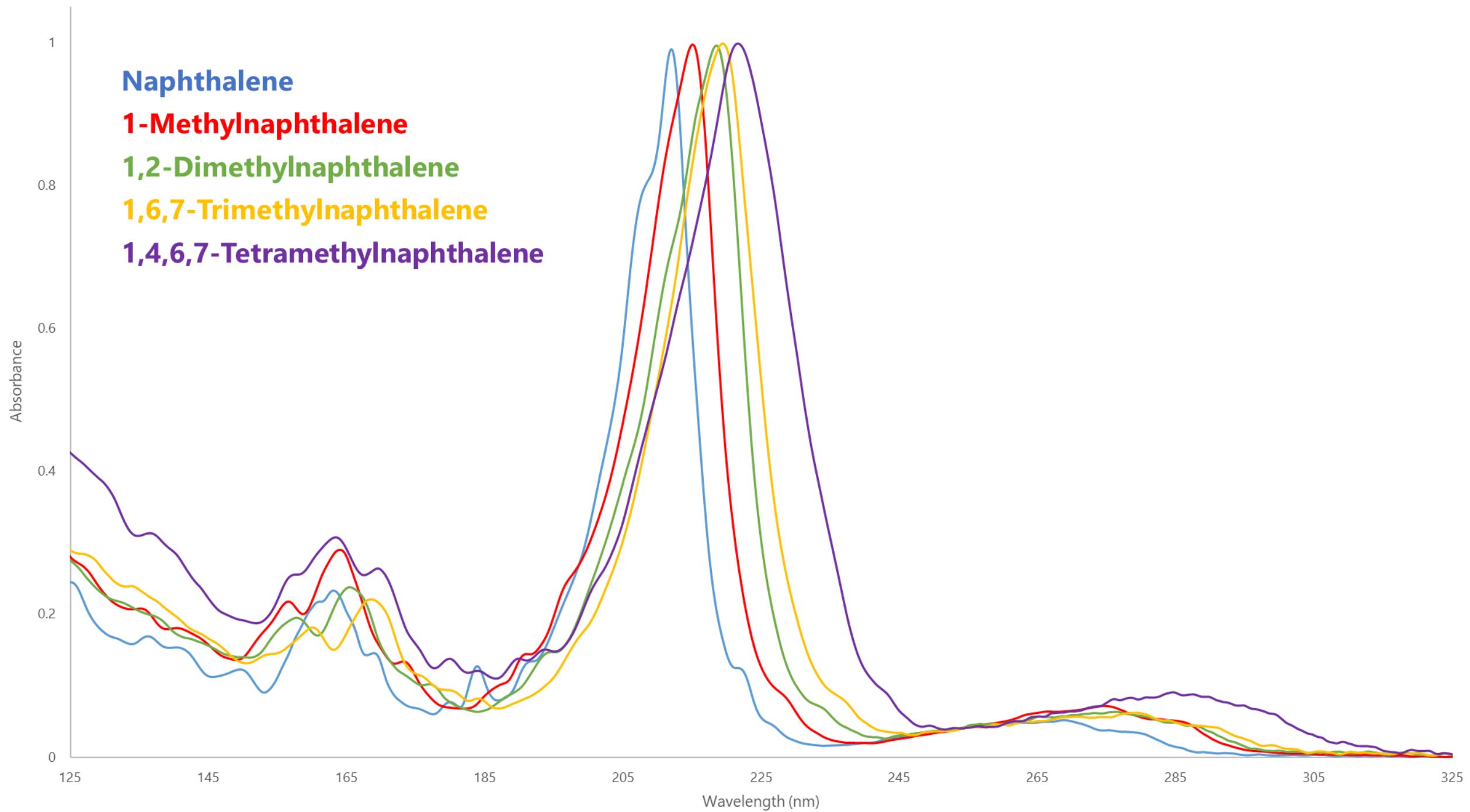
# Issues with ASTM D1840 Method Wavelength



- ASTM D1840 must use 285 nm for all absorbance measurements to eliminate the interference from mono-aromatics
- The relative absorbance for di-aromatics at <250 nm is greater than 10x the absorbance at 285 nm!
- The lower absolute response at 285 nm can lead to a large error range

## 4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The total concentration of naphthalenes in jet fuels is determined by measurement of the absorbance at 285 nm of a solution of the fuel at known concentration.



**1****Naphthalene****1-Methylnaphthalene****1,2-Dimethylnaphthalene****1,6,7-Trimethylnaphthalene****1,4,6,7-Tetramethylnaphthalene**

Absorbance

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0

125

145

165

185

205

225

245

265

285

305

325

Wavelength (nm)

**0.08**

0.04

0

265

285

305

325

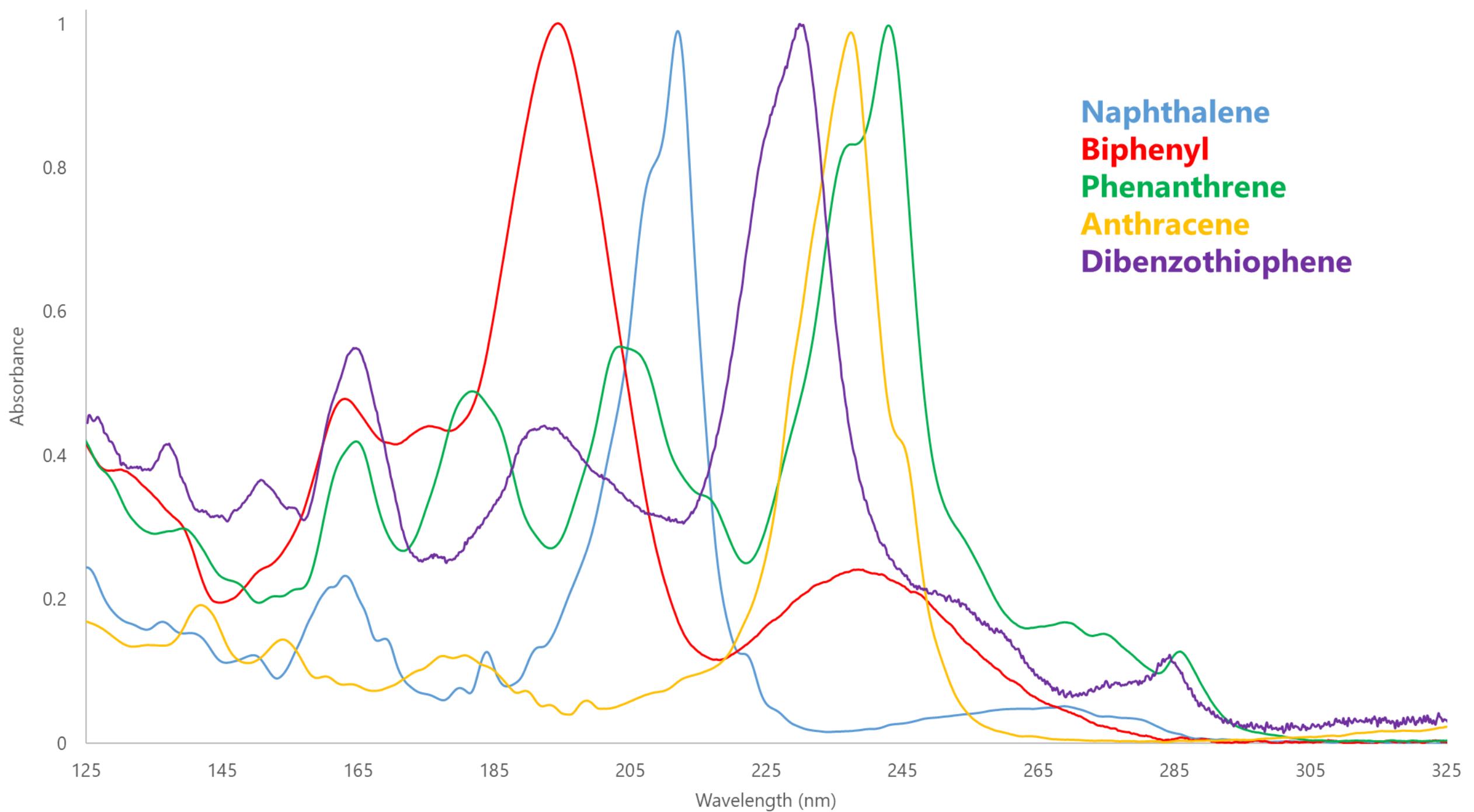
# Interferences in ASTM D1840 Di-Aromatic Determination

## 6. Interferences

6.1 Interferences add to the apparent naphthalene content. Phenanthrenes, dibenzothiophenes, biphenyls, benzothiophenes, and anthracenes interfere if present. The end point limitation of 315 °C will minimize this interference except for benzothiophenes and biphenyls. The contribution to measured naphthalene content by the presence of 1 % of such interfering compounds can be estimated from [Table 1](#).

**TABLE 1 Interfering Compounds**

Type of Interfering Compound	Error in Percentage of Naphthalenes Caused by 1 % Interfering Compound
Phenanthrenes	2
Dibenzothiophenes	2
Biphenyls	1
Benzothiophenes	0.6
Anthracenes	0.1



# Caveats for Analyzing Jet Fuel using GC-VUV

- Olefins typically not present in jet fuel
  - However, their absorbance spectra have response in both the saturate (125-160 nm) and aromatic (170-200 nm) regions
  - Any reported values are likely S/A coelutions; therefore all olefin spectra removed from spectra library
- Classification of saturates nearly impossible at higher C#
  - Number of isomers increases dramatically with C#
  - At higher C# ( $>C_{10}$ ), absorbance spectra of isoparaffins and naphthenes are too similar to distinguish in a complex sample

C#	P/I Isomers
9	35
12	355
15	4347
18	60523

# Why Can We Analyze Jet Fuel So Quickly?

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- The requisite spectral data is simplified
  - At higher C# ( $>C_{10}$ ), absorbance spectra of isoparaffins and naphthenes are too similar to distinguish in a complex sample → ***all saturates quantified together***
  - Mono- and di-aromatics matched using representative absorbance spectra → ***specific compound identification not necessary***
- Distinct wavelength regions of maximum absorbance → ***easy spectral deconvolution***
  - Saturates (125-160 nm)
  - Mono-aromatics (175-205 nm)
  - Di-aromatics (205-240 nm)

# GC-VUV Conditions for Jet Fuel Analysis

- Agilent 6890 GC
  - 1  $\mu\text{L}$  injection
  - Inlet: 250°C, split 100:1
  - Column: Restek Rxi-1ms (30 m x 0.25 mm, 0.25- $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - Flow: **2 mL/min helium**, constant flow
  - Oven: **50°C, hold 0.1 min; 15°C/min to 260°C** (run time – **14.1 min**)
- VUV Analytics VGA-100
  - Makeup gas: 0.23 psi N<sub>2</sub>
  - Flow cell and transfer line: 275°C
  - Acquisition rate: **7 spectra/sec**
  - Acquisition range: 125-240 nm

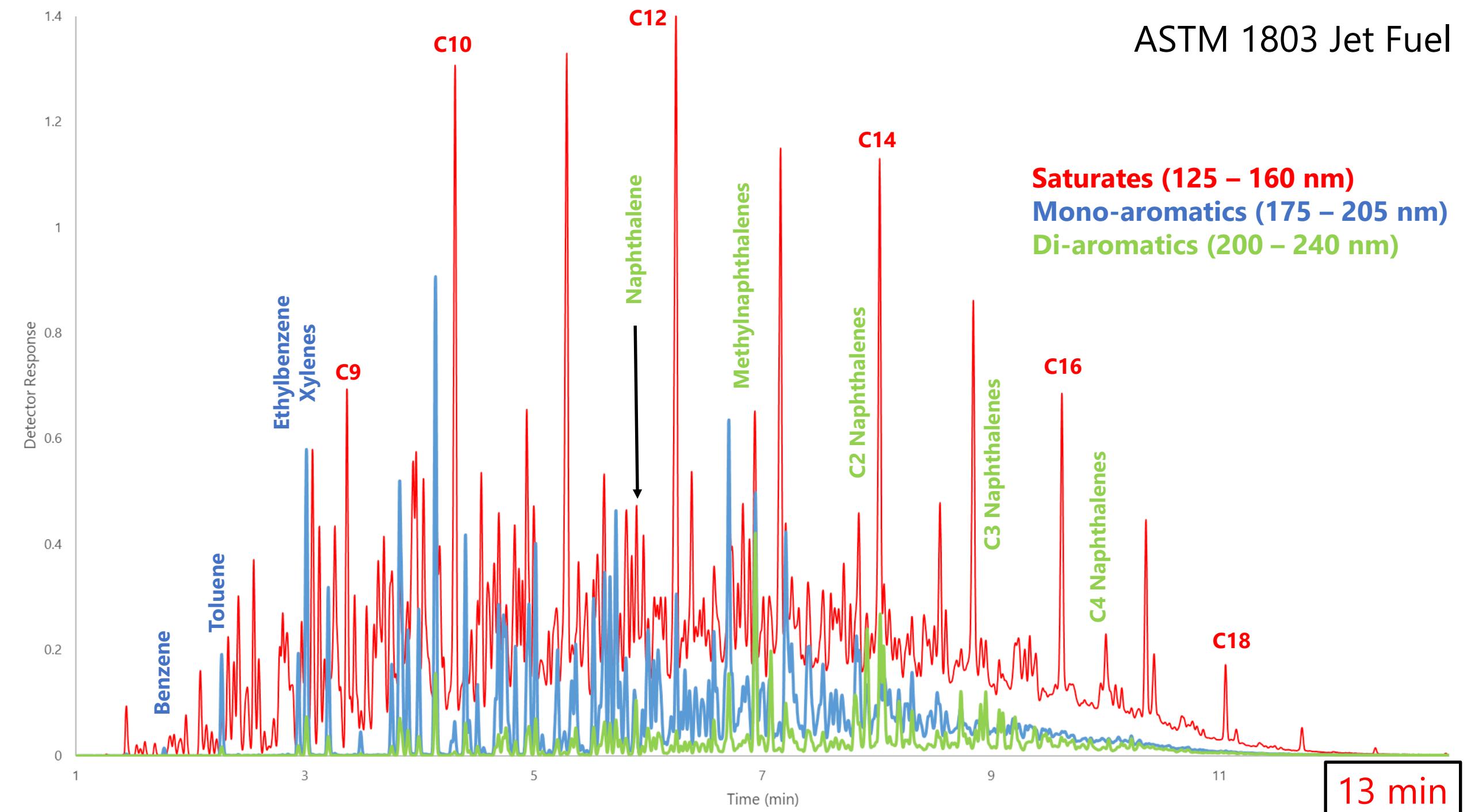


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- SAME CONFIGURATION AS ASTM D8071

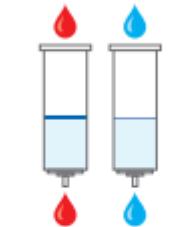


# ASTM 1803 Jet Fuel

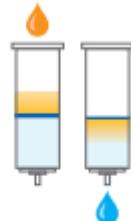


# Fractionation of Jet Fuels

Conditioning      Sample Loading      Aliphatic Elution      Aromatic Elution      Concentration



Red = methylene chloride  
Blue = hexane



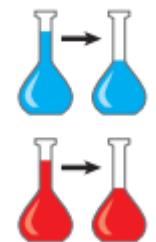
Yellow = sample  
Blue = hexane



Blue = hexane



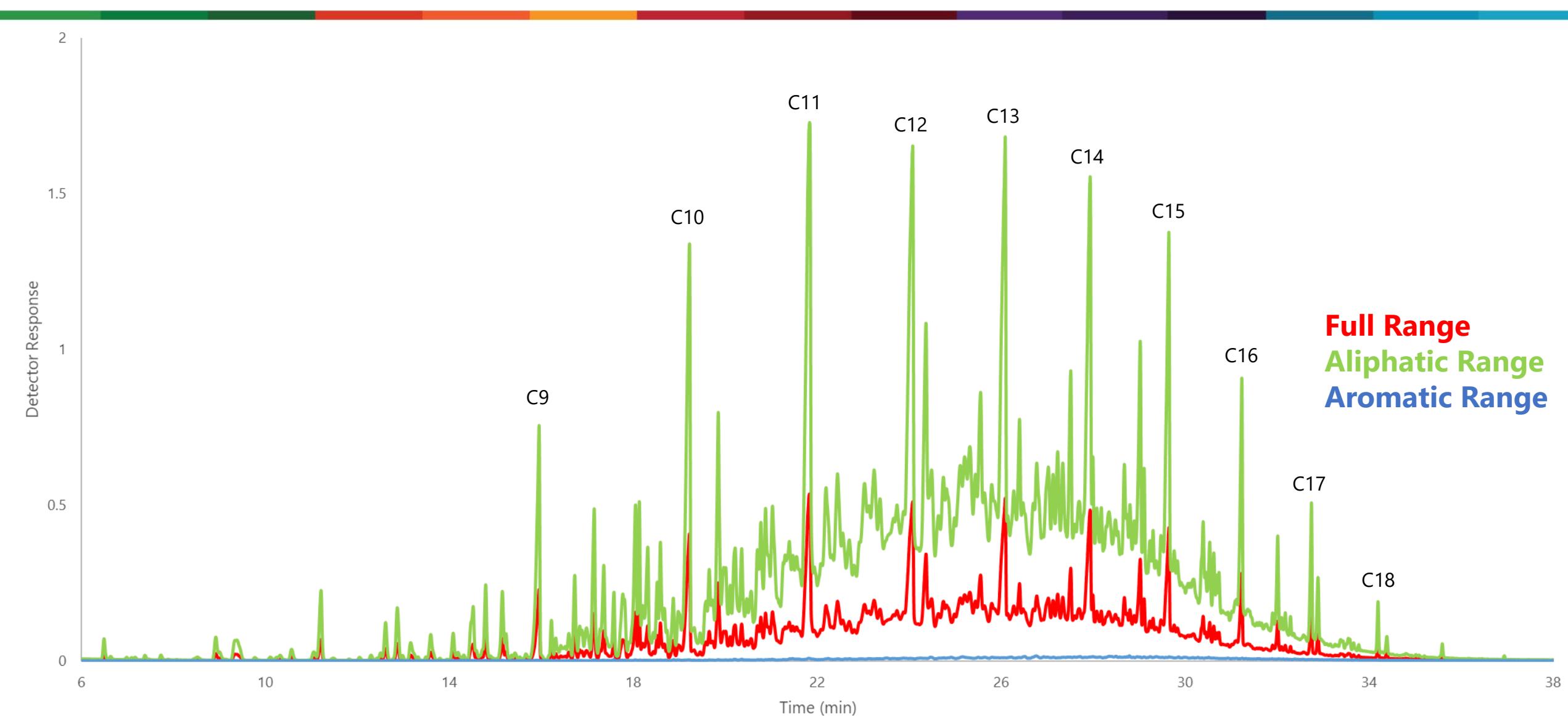
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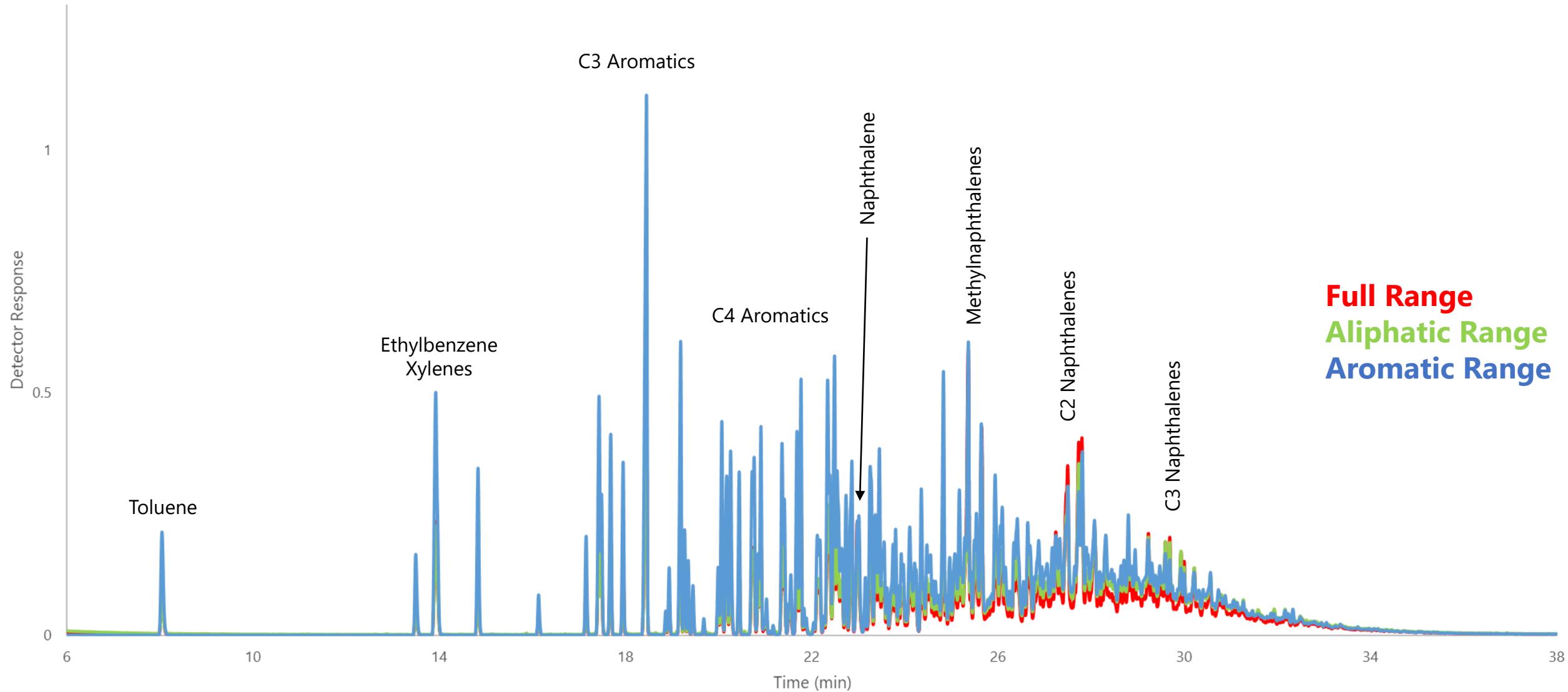
Blue = Fraction 1  
(aliphatics) in hexane  
Red = Fraction 2  
(aromatics) in methylene  
chloride

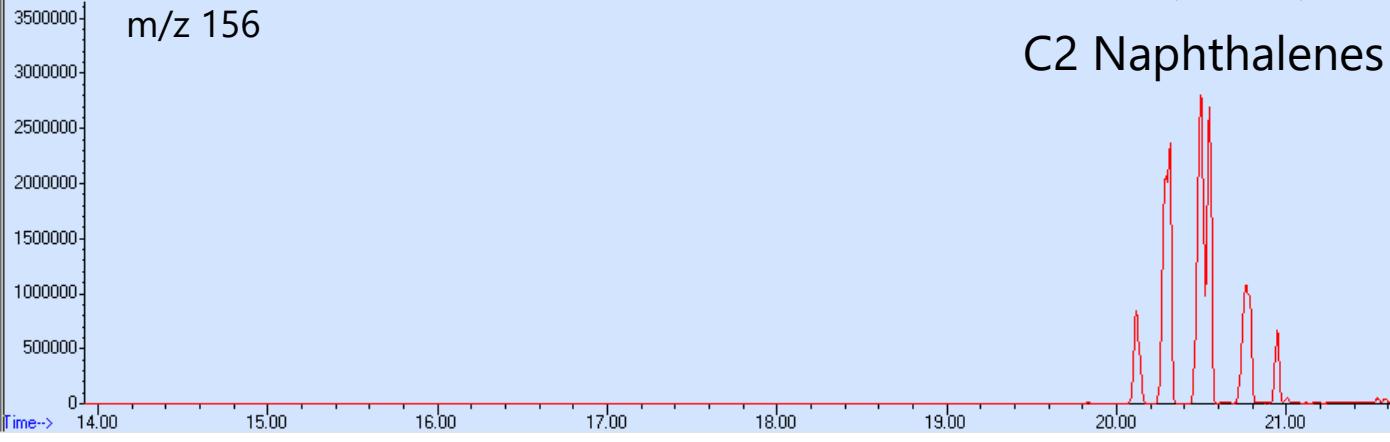
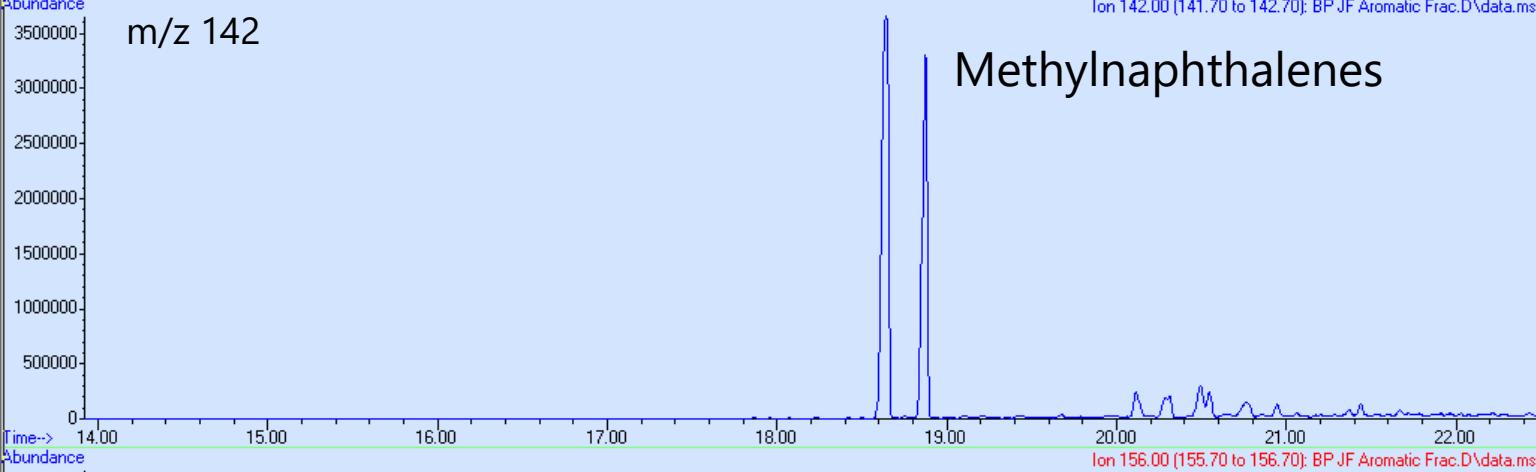
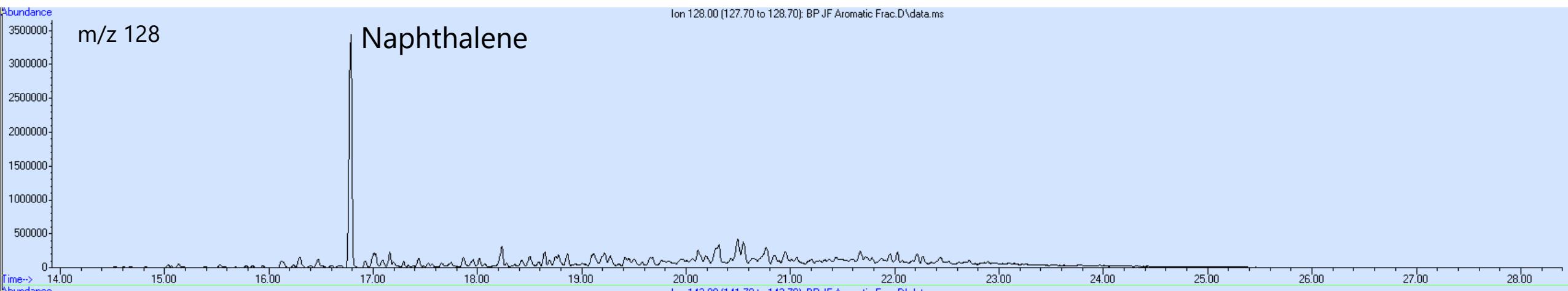


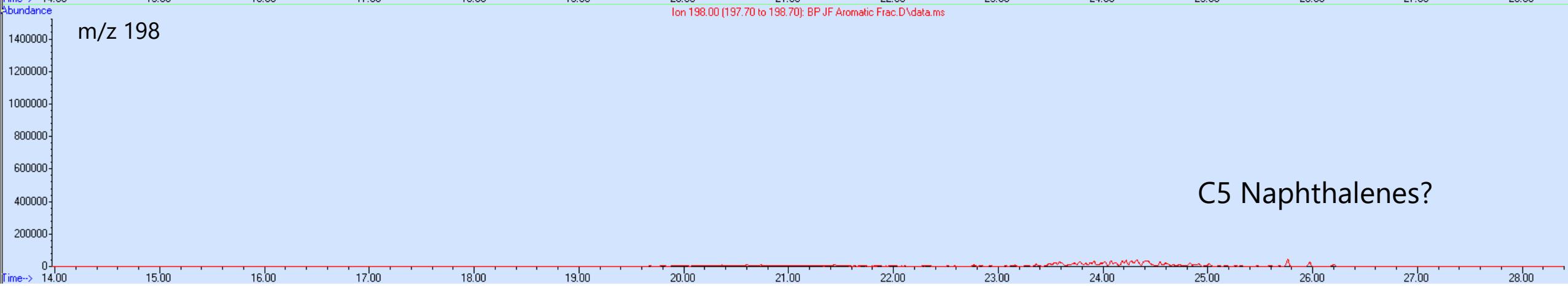
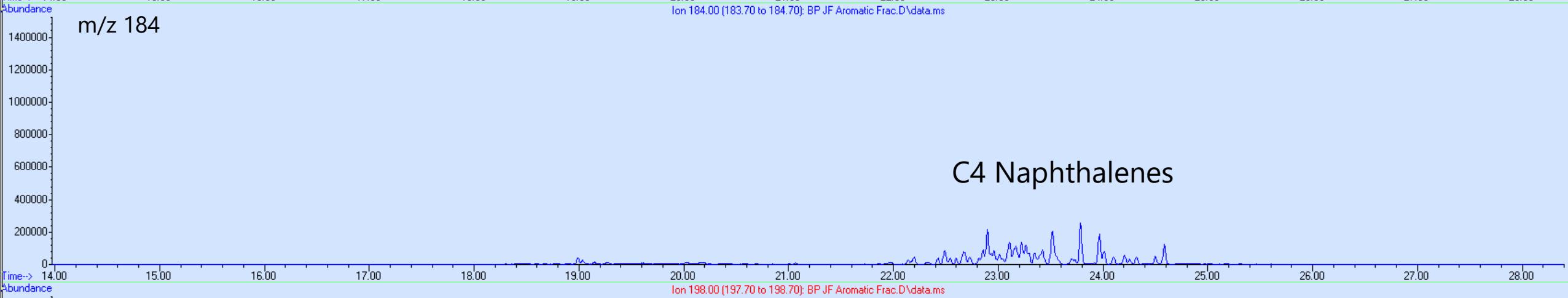
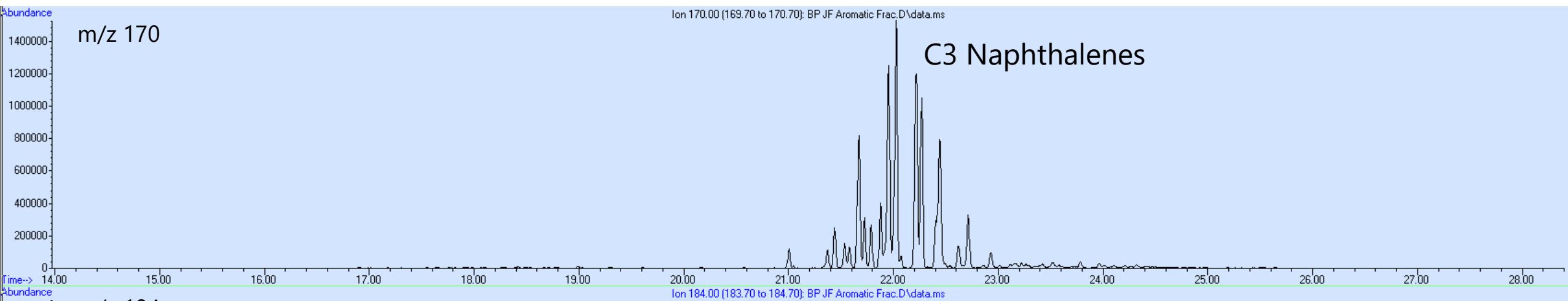
# Jet Fuel – Aliphatic Fraction



# Jet Fuel – Aromatic Fraction



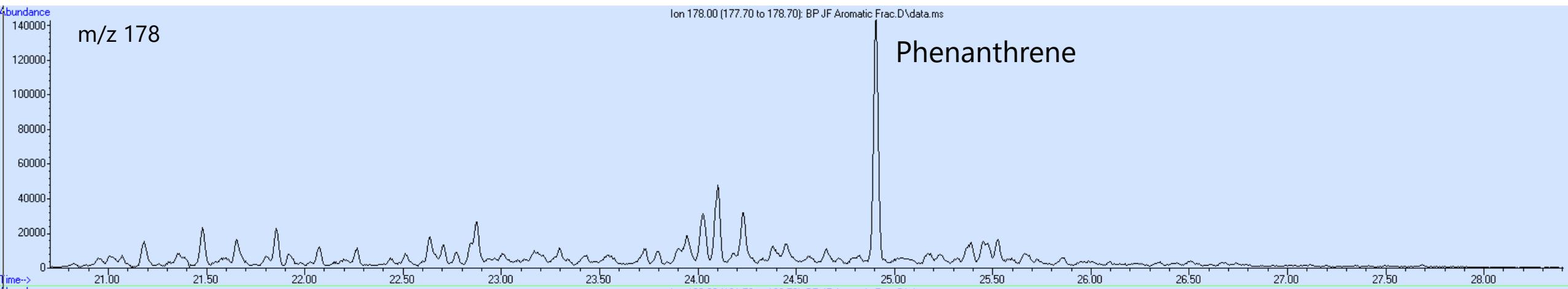




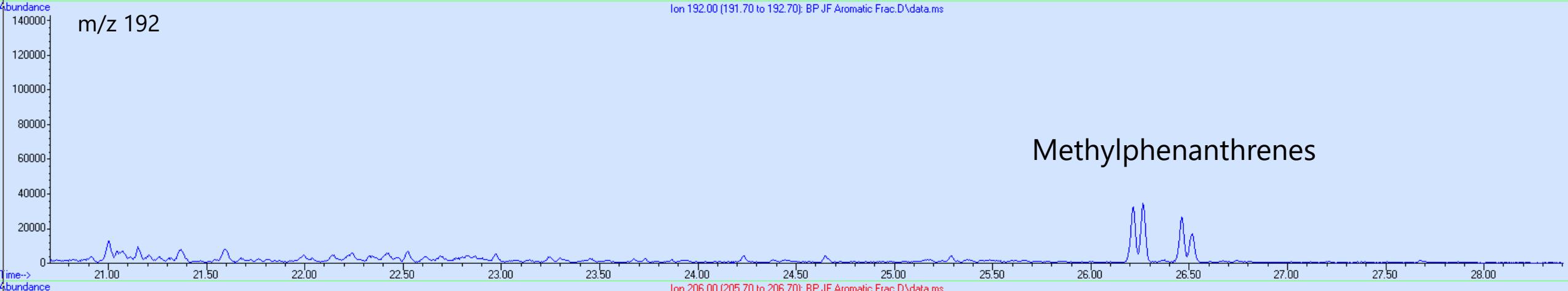
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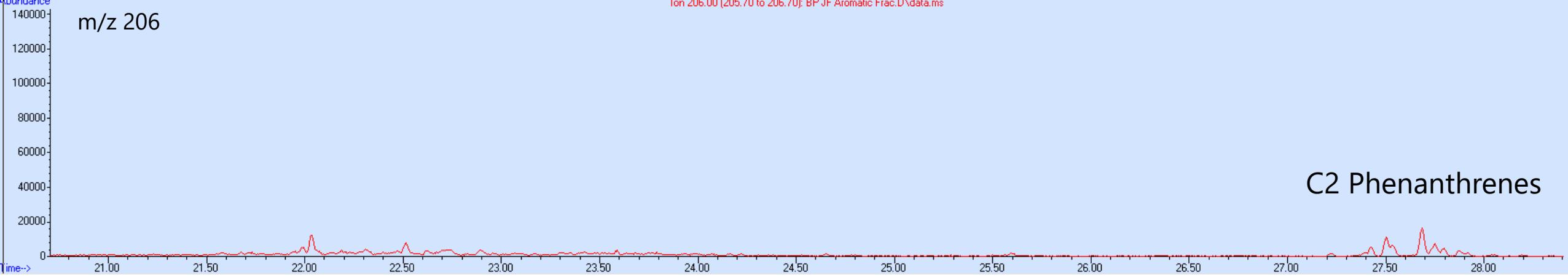
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Phenanthrene

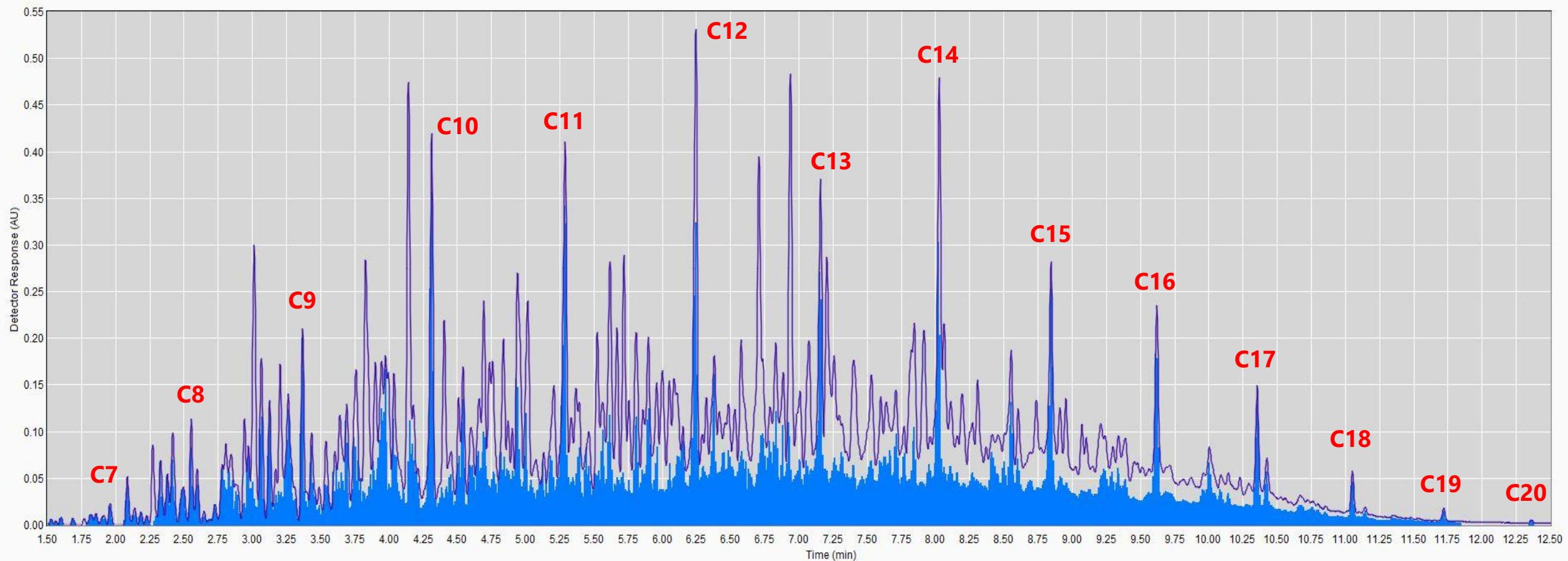


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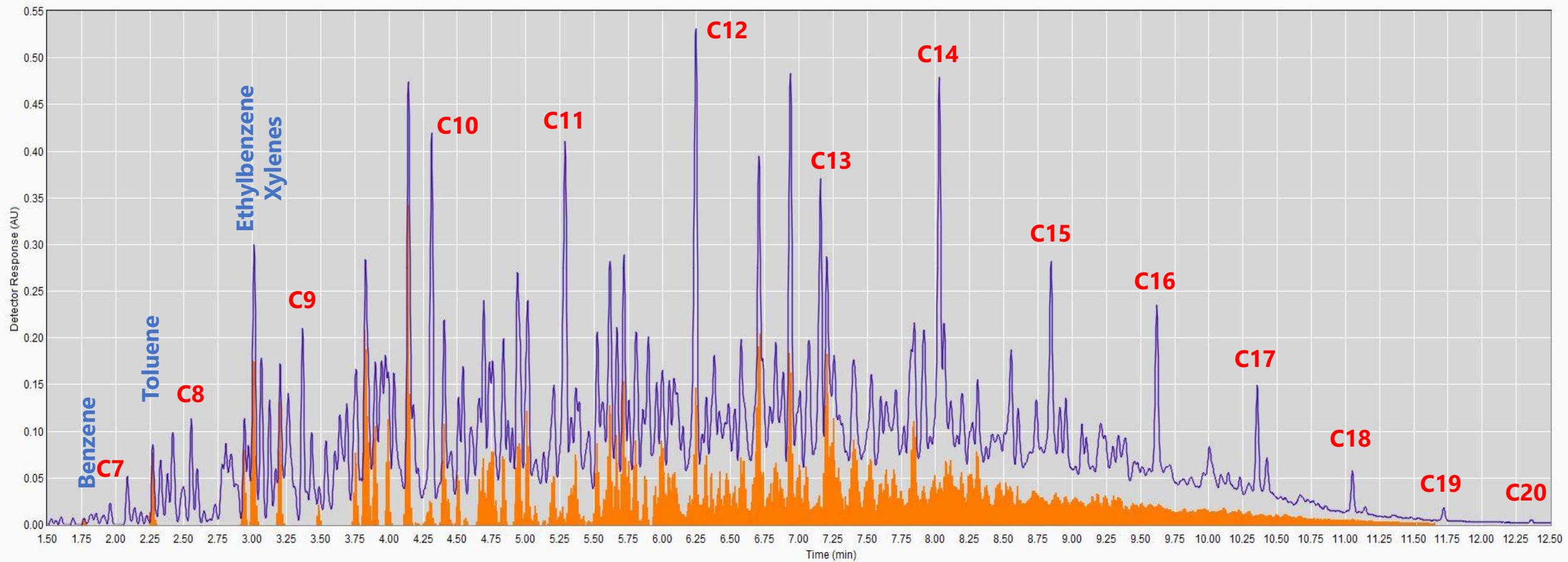


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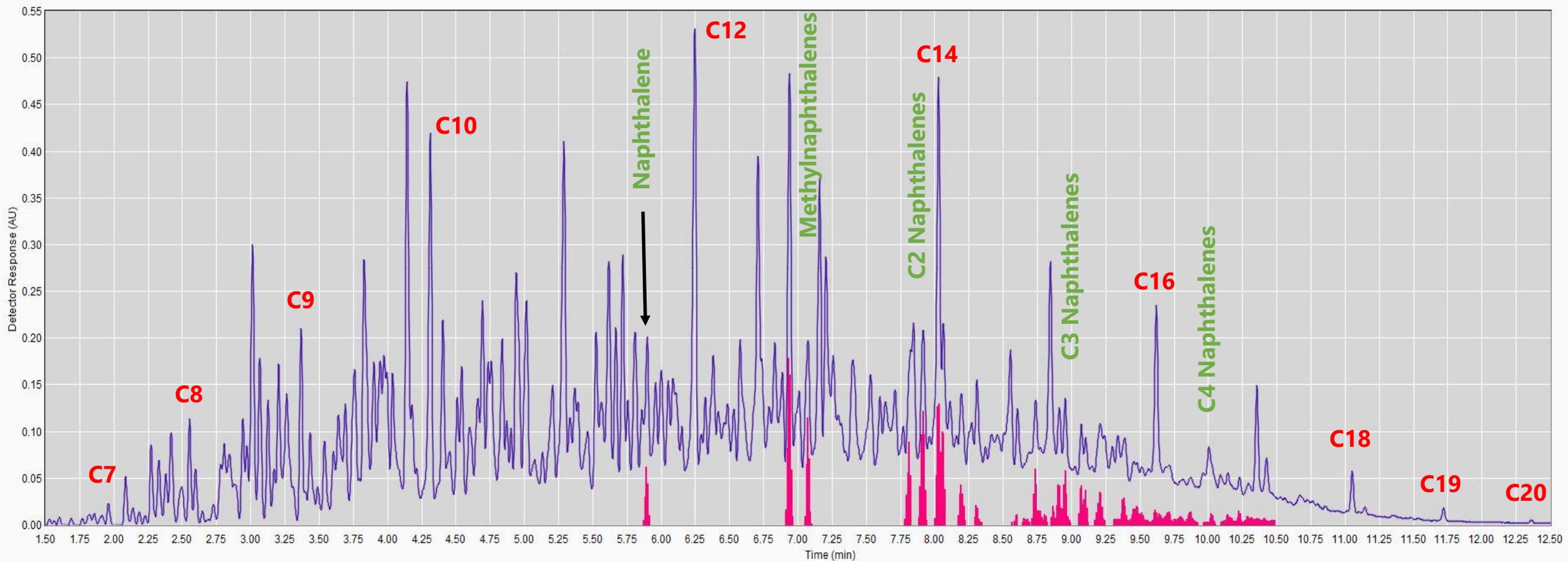
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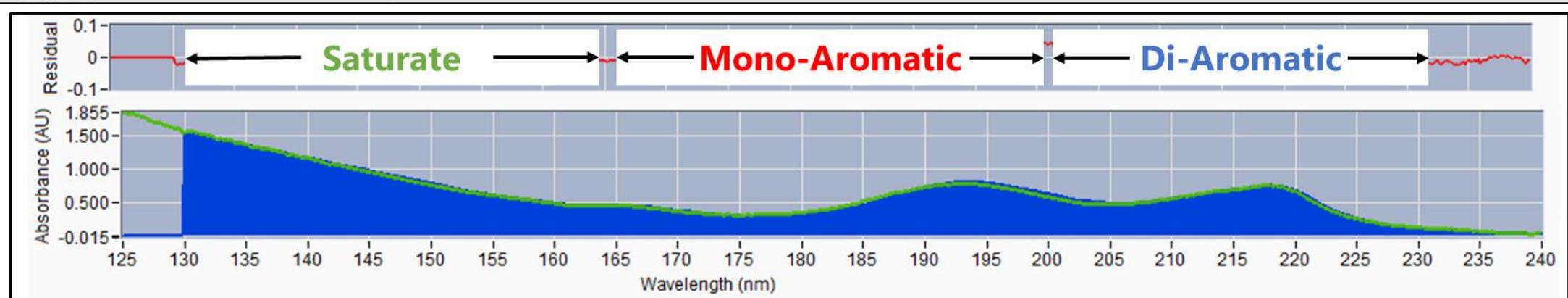
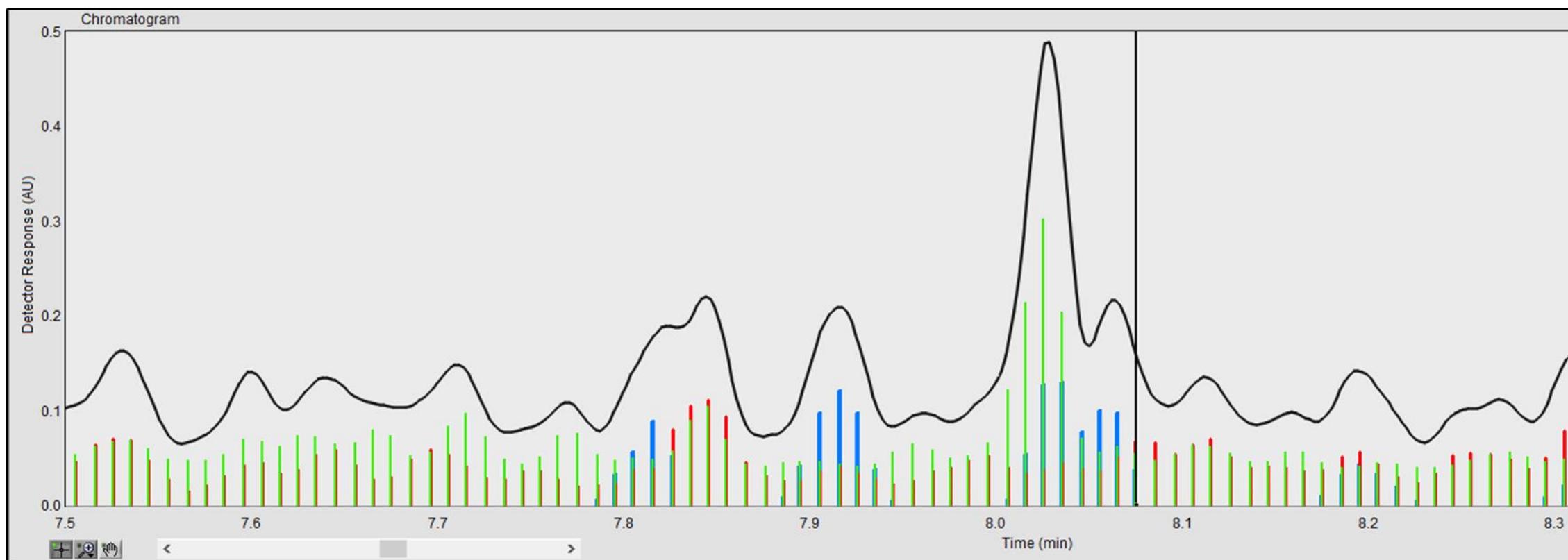


# Jet Fuel Analysis – Total Mono-Aromatics



# Jet Fuel Analysis – Total Di-Aromatics

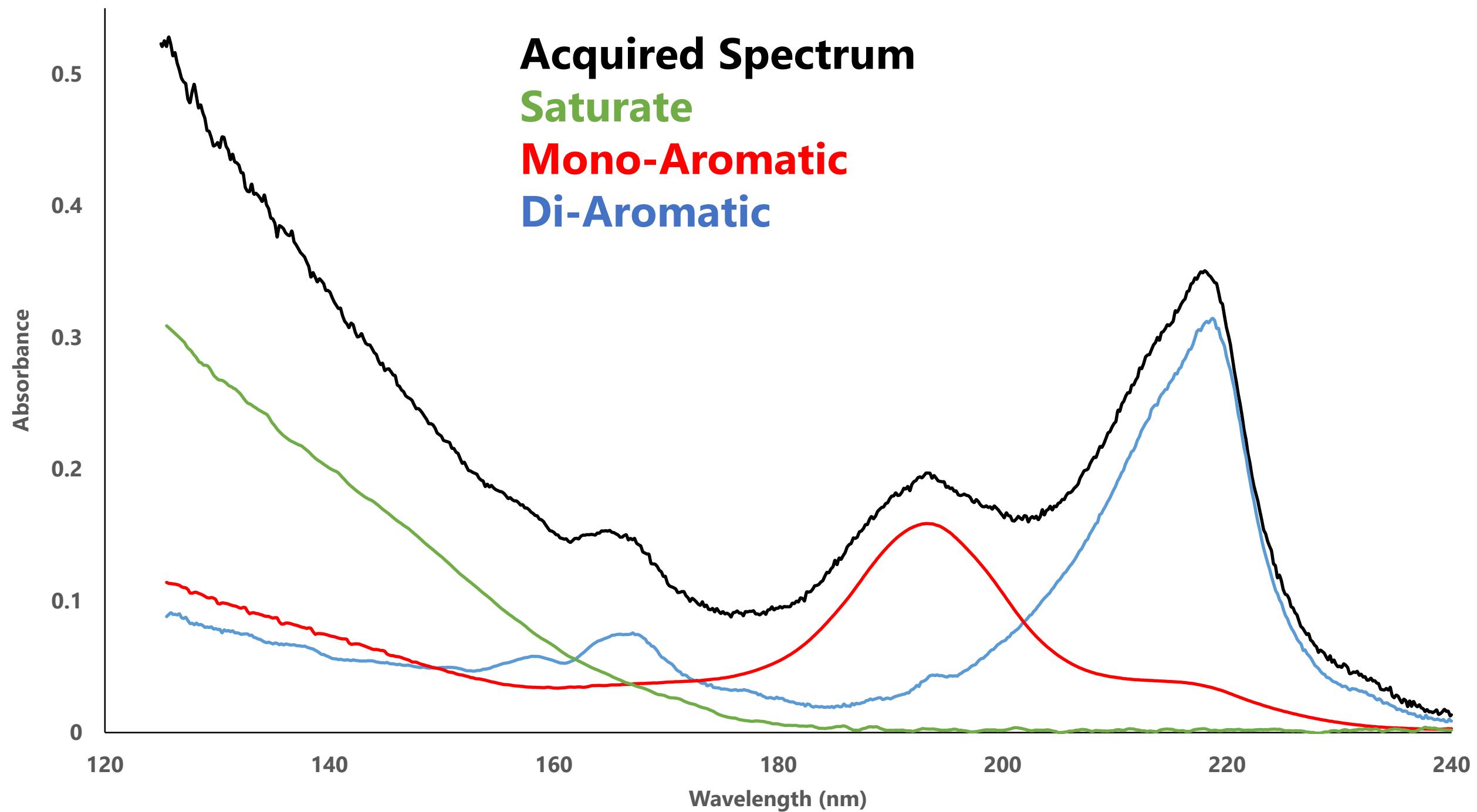




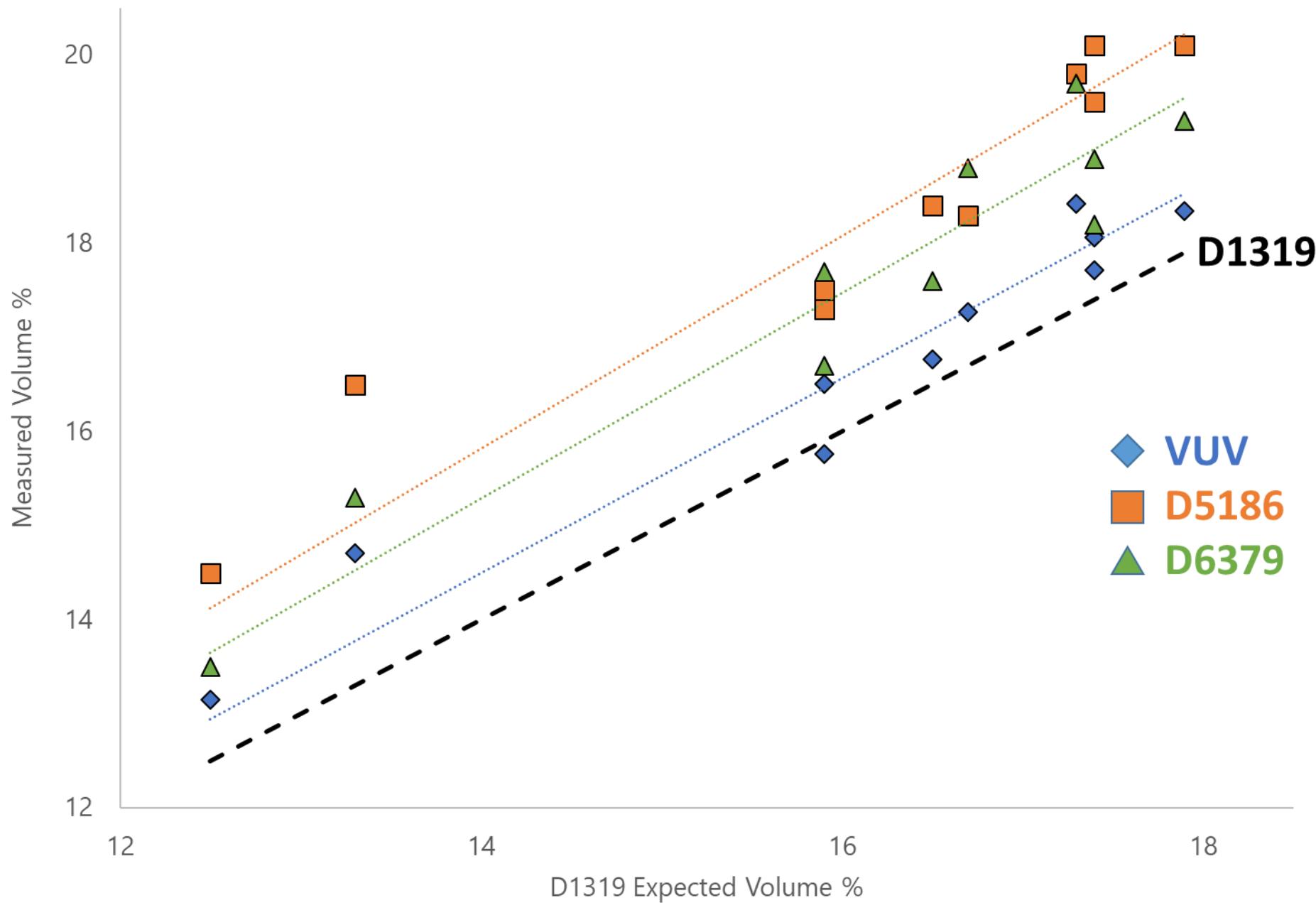
Analyte Table

RRF Display	Analyte Name	Analyte Category	Fit Values	Spectra Ave.	Response (Sum, 4 Scans)	Ret. Index
Total Aromatics		Mono-Aromatic	0.7298	0.3713	0.2710	1400.0
Total Di-Aromatics		Di-Aromatic	0.5872	0.2555	0.1500	1418.0
Total Saturates		Saturate	1.0999	0.1984	0.2177	1390.0

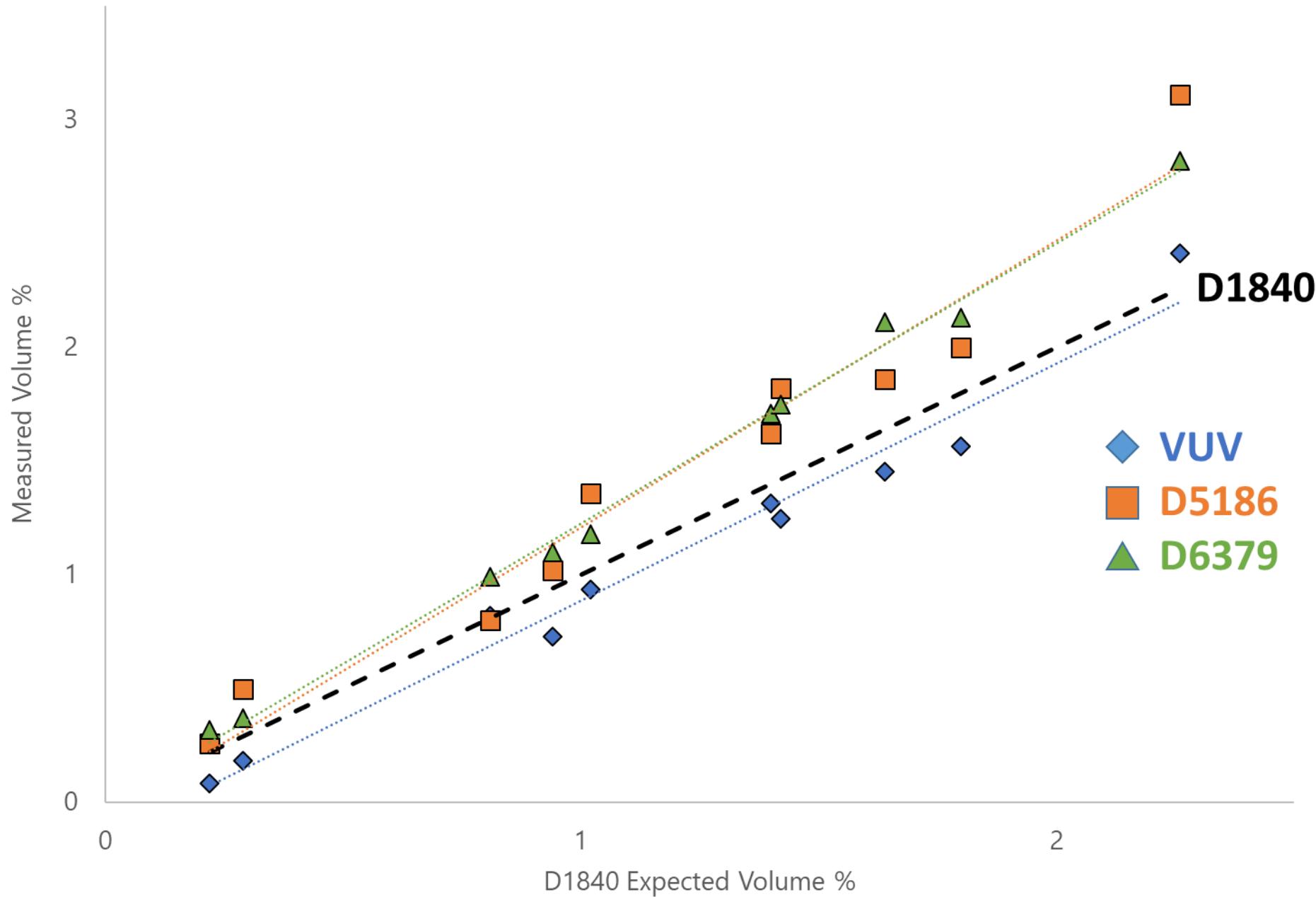
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**Mono-Aromatic**  
**Di-Aromatic**



# Total Aromatics



# Total Di-Aromatics



# Inter-Run Precision of Jet Fuel

Total Saturates				Total Aromatics				Total Di-Aromatics			
Sample	Average	Std Dev	%RSD	Sample	Average	Std Dev	%RSD	Sample	Average	Std Dev	%RSD
AITFT277	82.2	0.03	0.03	AITFT277	17.8	0.03	0.15	AITFT277	1.88	0.003	0.14
ASTM 1703	80.9	0.02	0.02	ASTM 1703	19.1	0.02	0.08	ASTM 1703	0.87	0.004	0.48
ASTM 1711	87.6	0.01	0.02	ASTM 1711	12.4	0.01	0.12	ASTM 1711	2.11	0.006	0.26
CL18 3008	82.2	0.08	0.10	CL18 3008	17.8	0.08	0.45	CL18 3008	1.12	0.01	1.21
CL18 3011	84.4	0.02	0.03	CL18 3011	15.6	0.02	0.13	CL18 3011	0.10	0.003	3.34
CL18 3012	86.9	0.02	0.03	CL18 3012	13.1	0.02	0.17	CL18 3012	0.99	0.006	0.59

# Conclusions

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- PIONA analysis of gasoline
  - Fast and accurate, spectral deconvolution is very powerful
  - ASTM D8071 (IP# coming soon!), ILS complete
- Conjugated diolefins in gasoline
  - Can be analyzed as part of D8071; LODs as low as 0.01%
- VUV VHA
  - Prototype, but results match well with D8071
- Analysis of jet fuel
  - Data correlates well with existing methods, high precision
  - ILS complete, ASTM and IP #s coming very soon!