



Možnosti stanovení složek bioplynů, rozpouštědel a degradačních produktů polymerů plynovou chromatografií s detekcí ve vakuové UV oblasti

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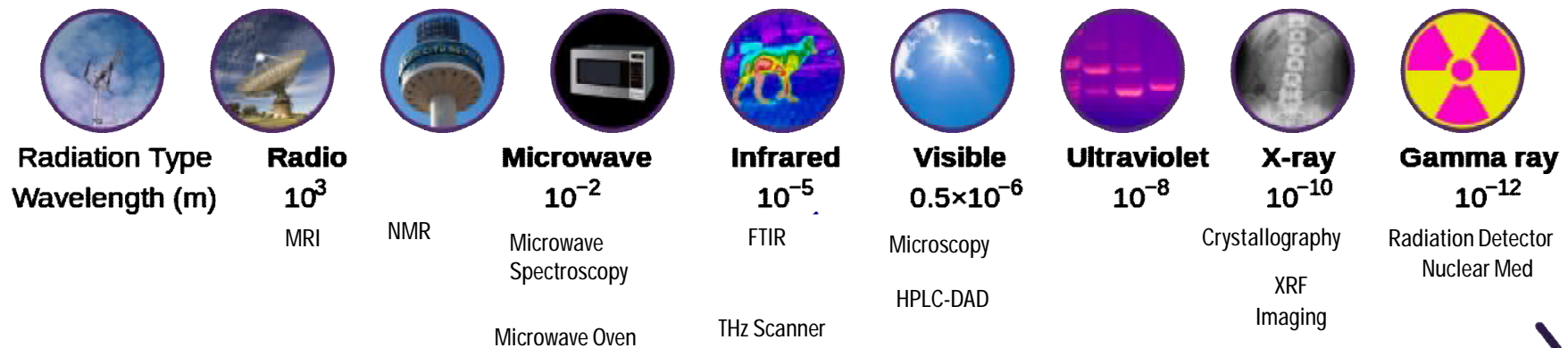
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The Commercialization of Light

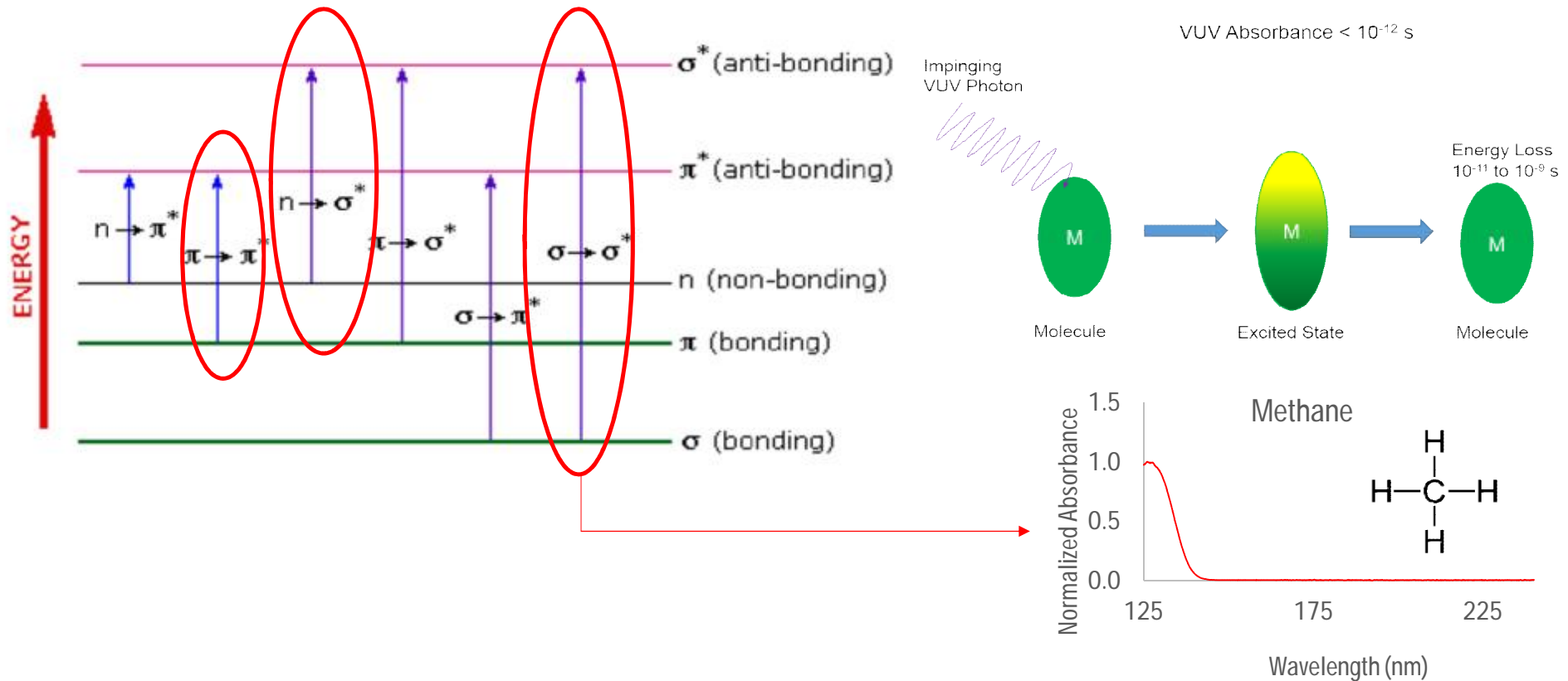
The Electromagnetic Spectrum



✓ : Commercialized

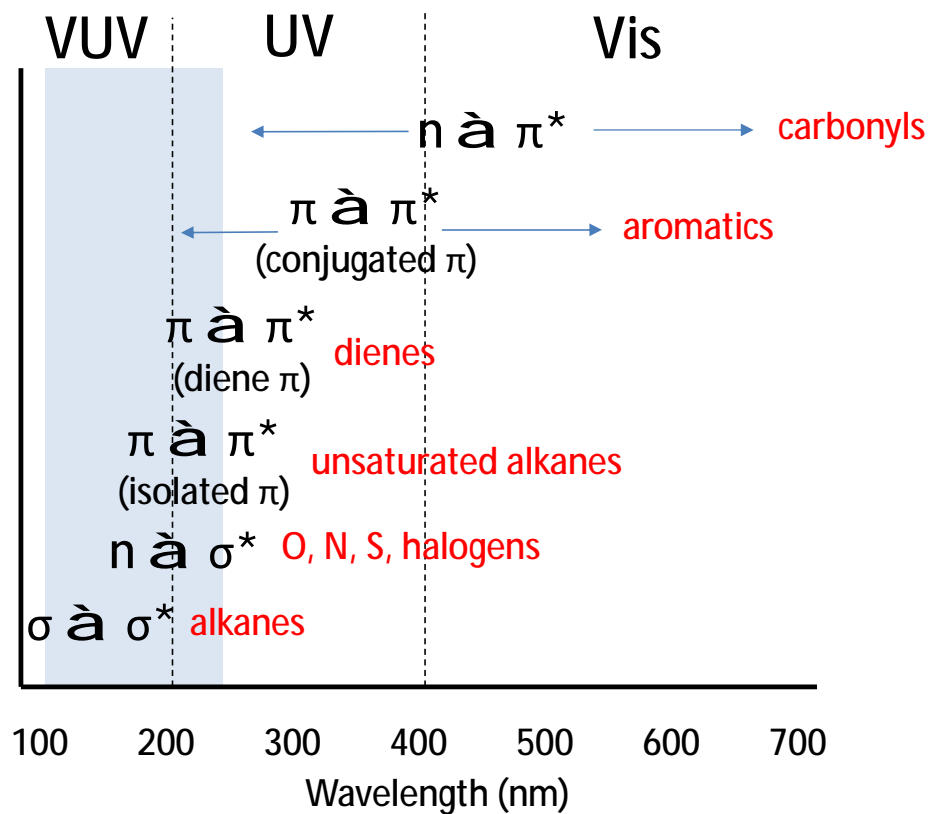


Overview of Molecular Spectroscopy

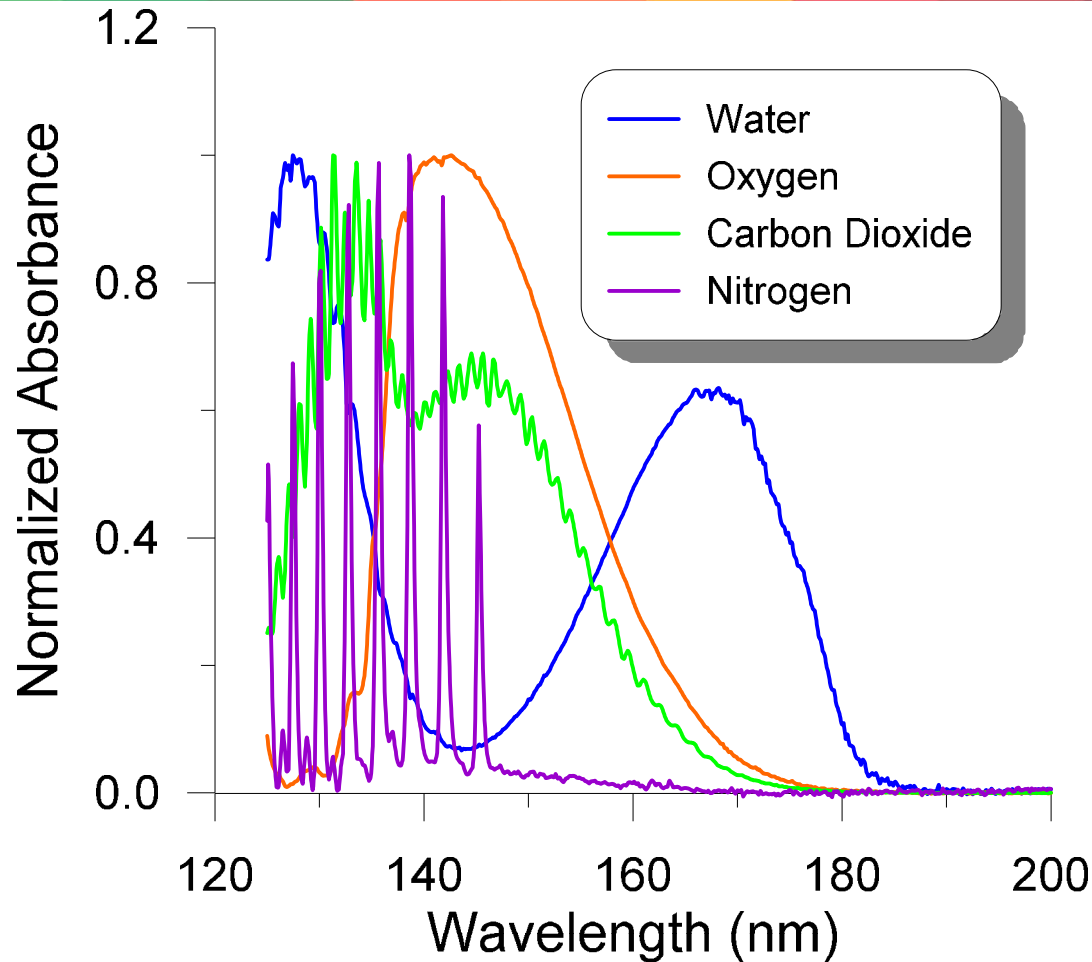


**Exciting the electron cloud, probing the electronic state of the molecule*

Vacuum Ultraviolet Detector for GC



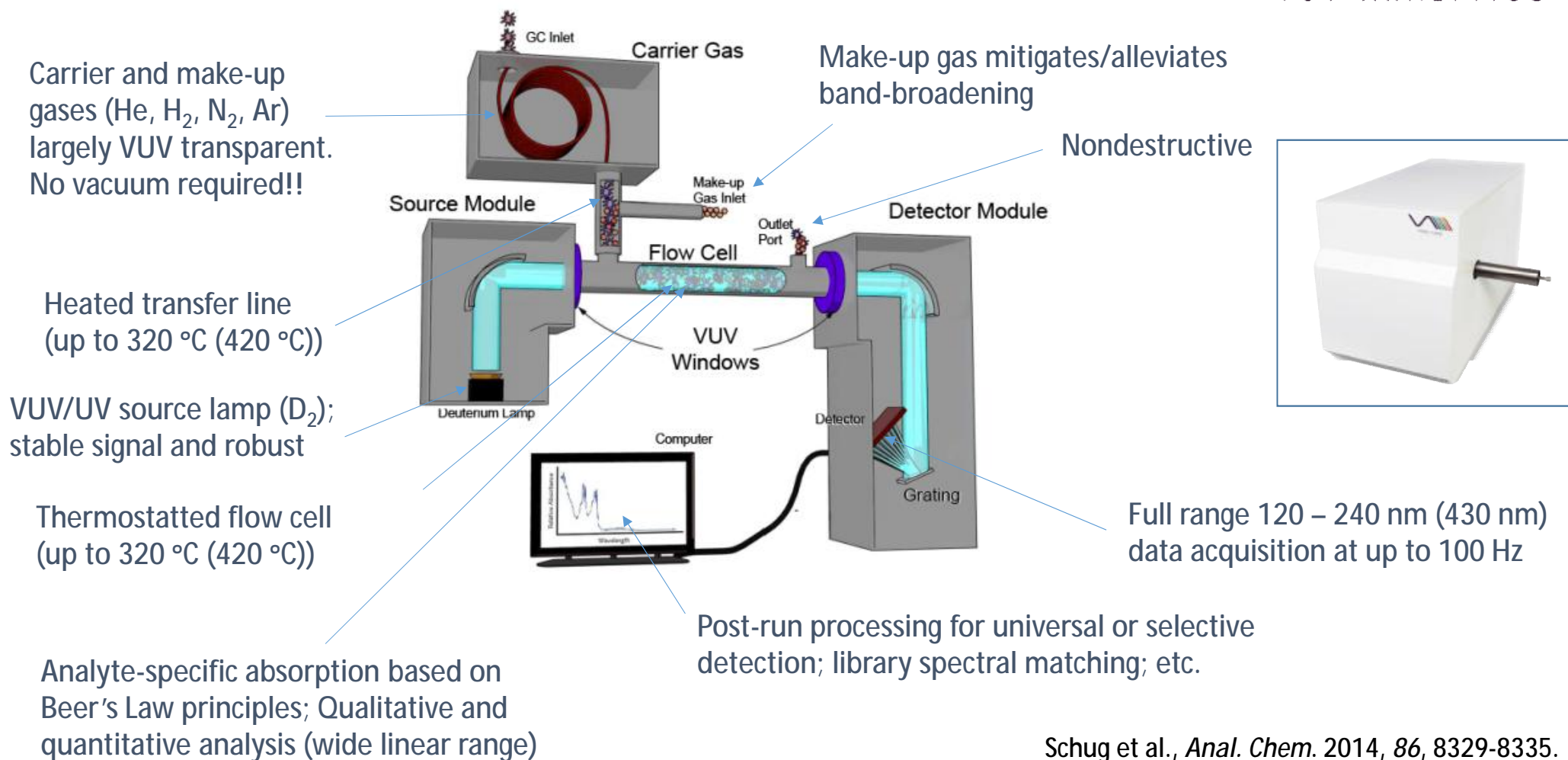
VUV: A Gap in The Analytical Toolbox



"The excitation energies associated with electrons forming most single bonds are sufficiently high that absorption occurs in the so-called vacuum ultraviolet region ($\lambda < 185\text{nm}$), where components in the atmosphere also absorb strongly. Because of experimental difficulties associated with the vacuum ultraviolet region, most spectrophotometric investigations of organic compounds have involved longer wavelengths than 185nm."

Principals of Instrumental Analysis,
by Douglas Skoog, Sixth Edition, 2006

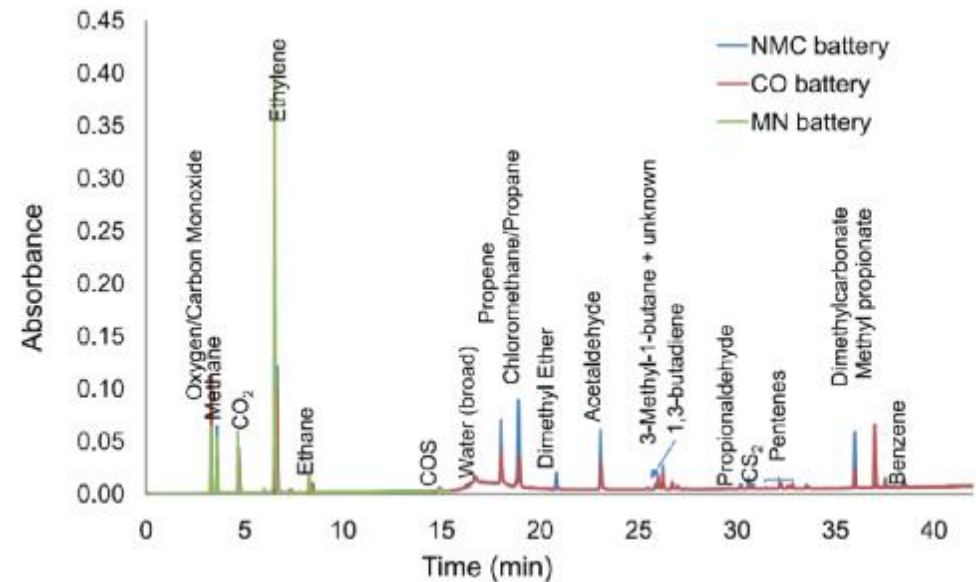
Characteristics of VGA-100 (VGA-101)



Key Features of GC-VUV

- **Universal and selective detection**
- Unique, class similar spectra
- Optical differentiation of isomers
- Deconvolution of coeluting analytes
- Automated classification and speciation of mixtures
- Good quantitative performance

Permanent gas analysis

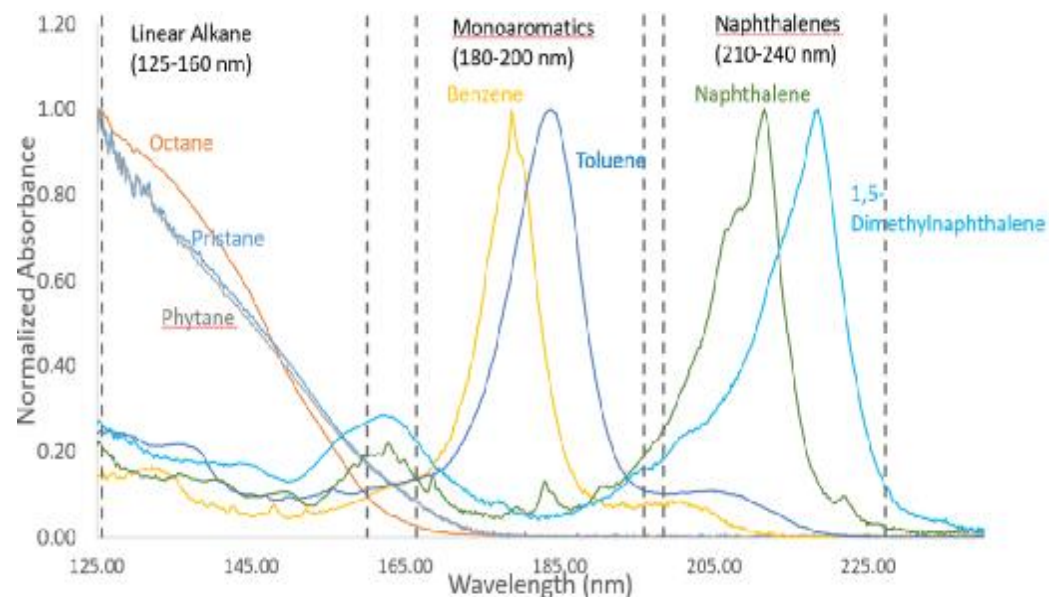


Thermal runaway of Li-ion and Li-M batteries

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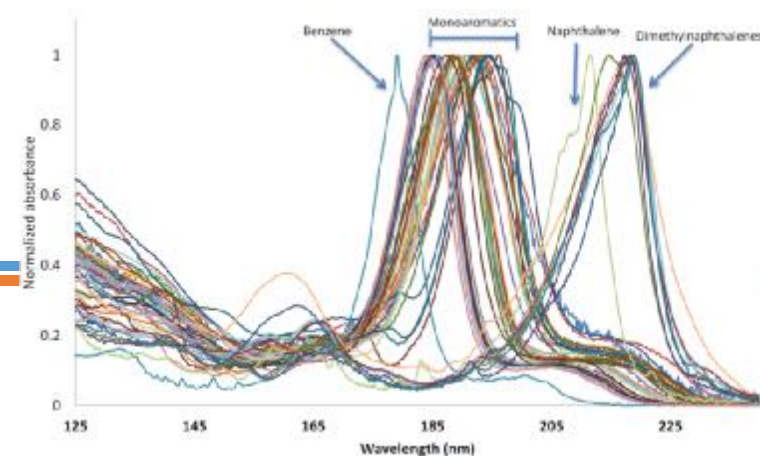
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Alkanes vs. Aromatics



Weathered diesel analysis

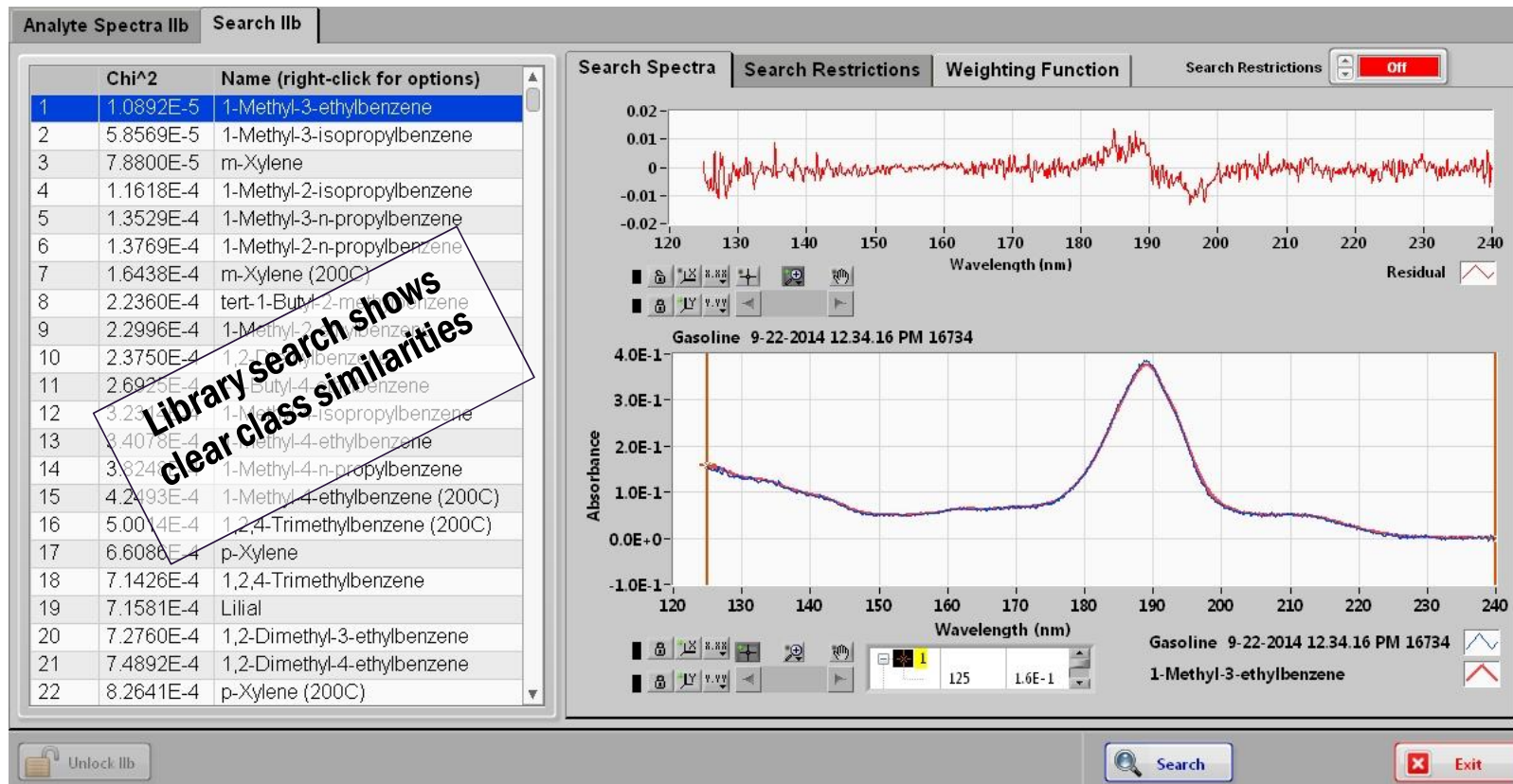
- Aromatics and substituted aromatics



Note: The absorbance of e.g benzene at 180 nm is 10 000 more intense than at the typical 254 nm in HPLC

Bai et al., *Revised*

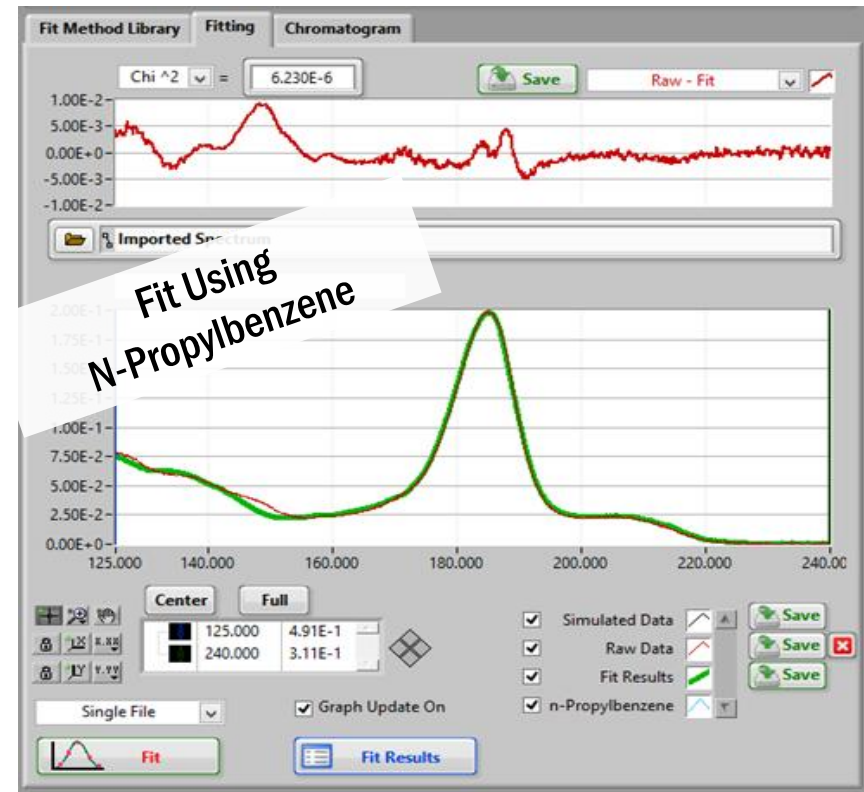
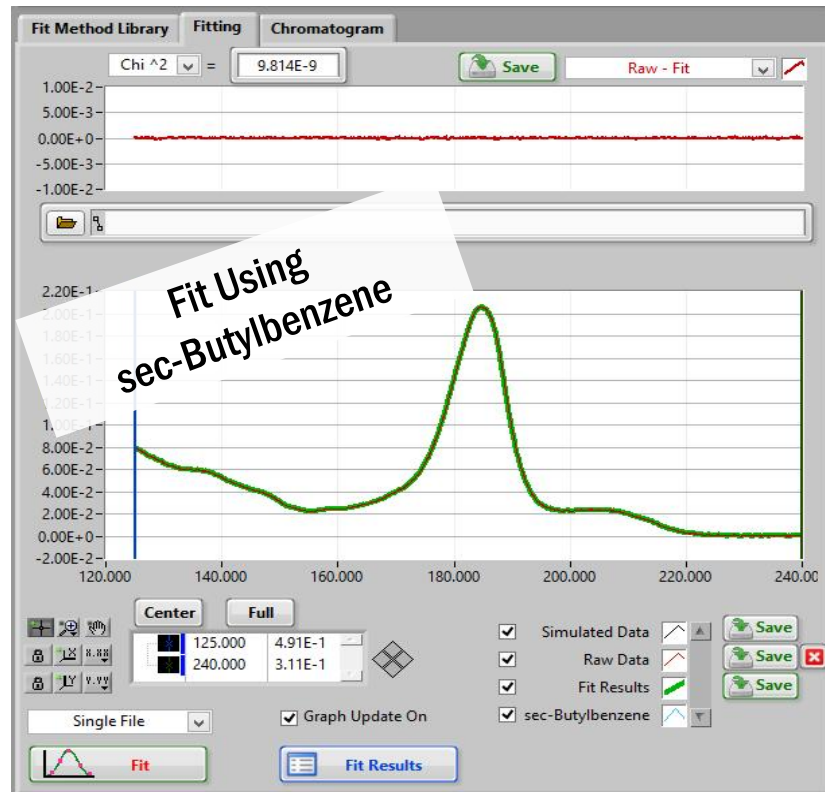
Library search and Unambiguous Compound Identification



Spectra are very robust;
No ghost components in the library match list

Similar But Very Distinct

Visual similarities are easily distinguished in the fitting routine; minor differences are significant



The chi-squared distribution is the distribution of a sum of the squares of k independent standard normal random variables

The chi-squared distribution is used in the common tests for goodness of fit of two criteria of qualitative data,

Optical Differentiation of Isomers

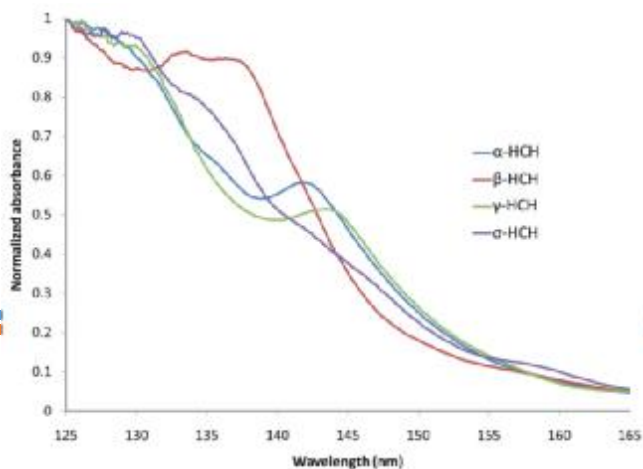
UV/Vis spectroscopy

Atom connectivity; overlap of molecular orbitals

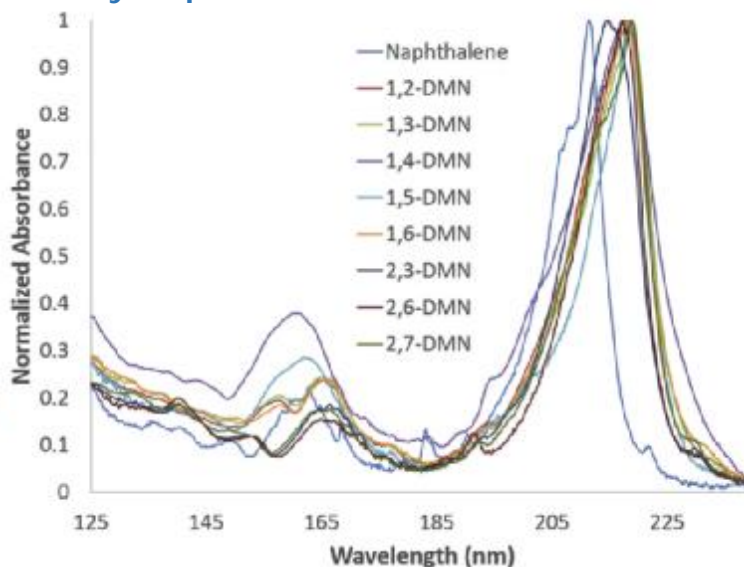
Electron transition between orbitals

Energy gap and probability of transition dependent on molecular structure

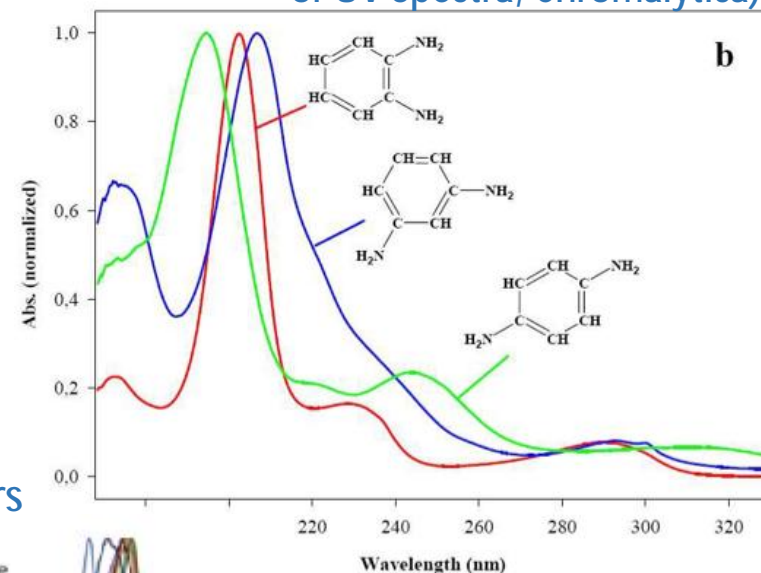
Hexachlorocyclohexane isomers



Dimethylnaphthalene isomers

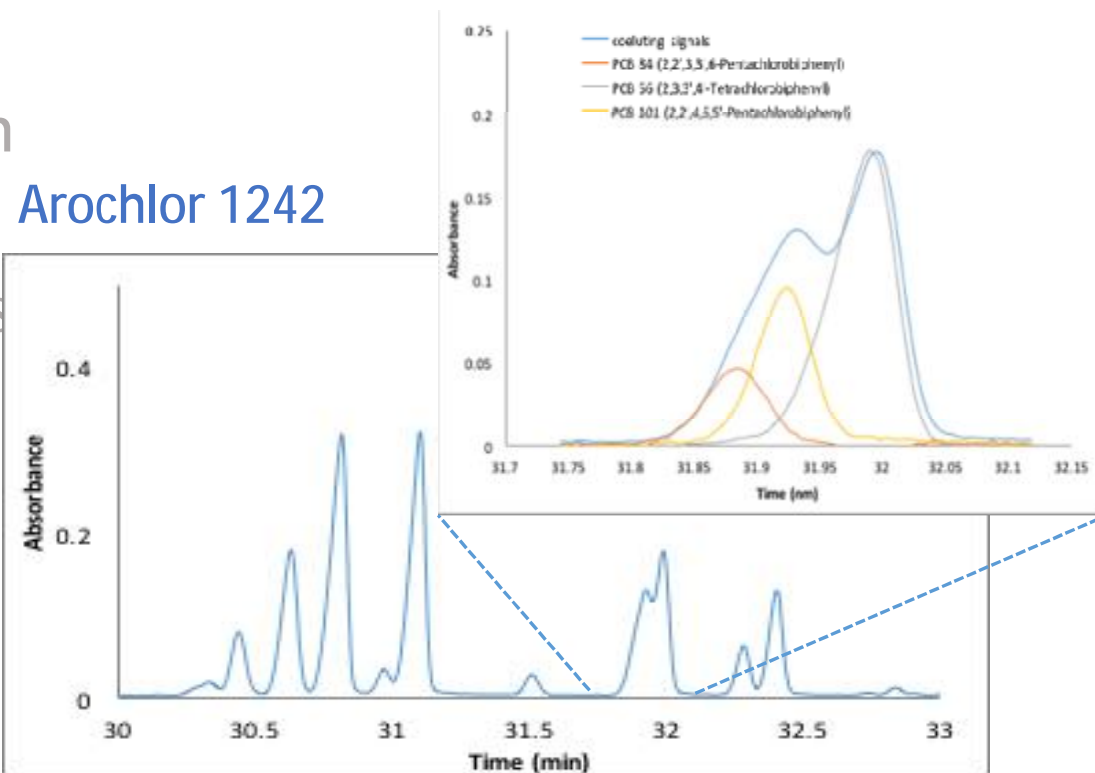


Diaminobenzene isomers (Handbook of UV Spectra, Chromalytica)



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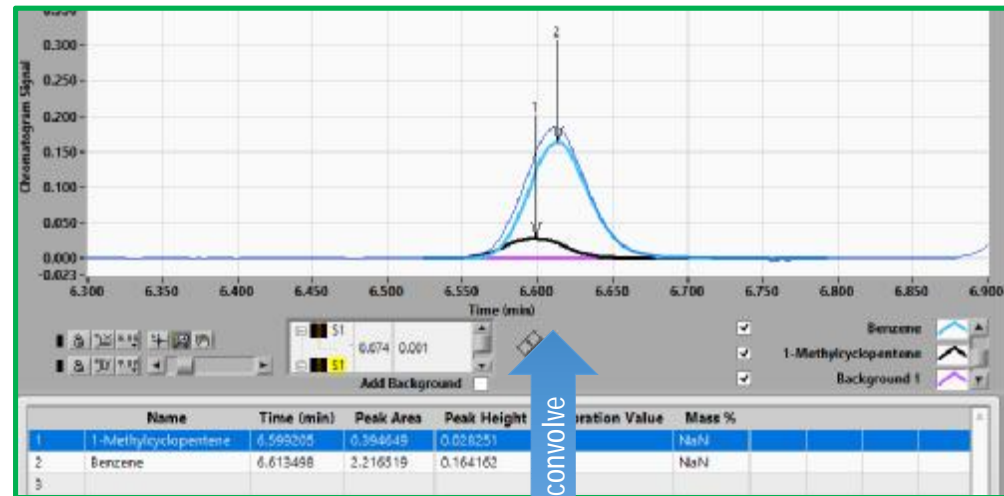
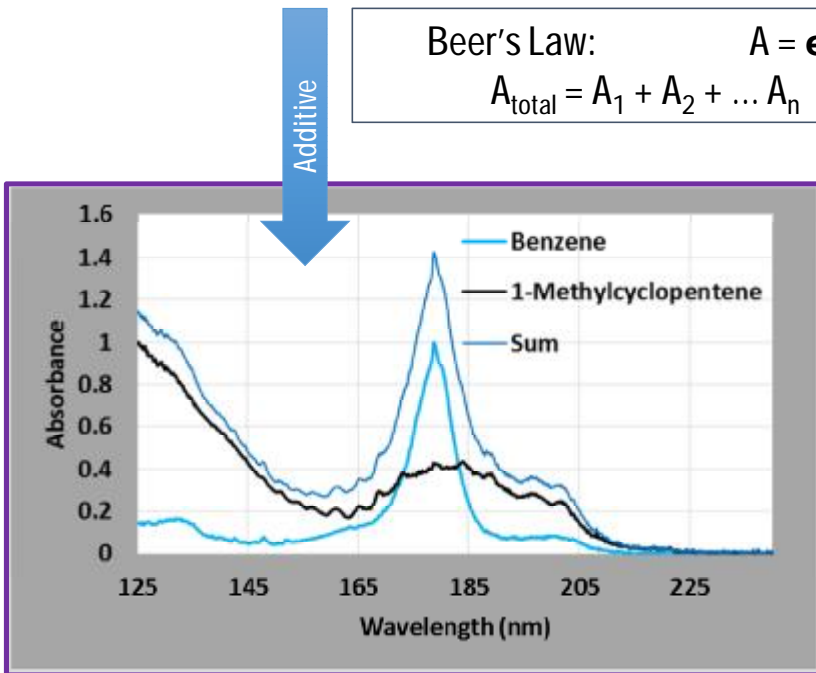
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Polychlorinated biphenyls in Aroclor mixtures

Deconvolution

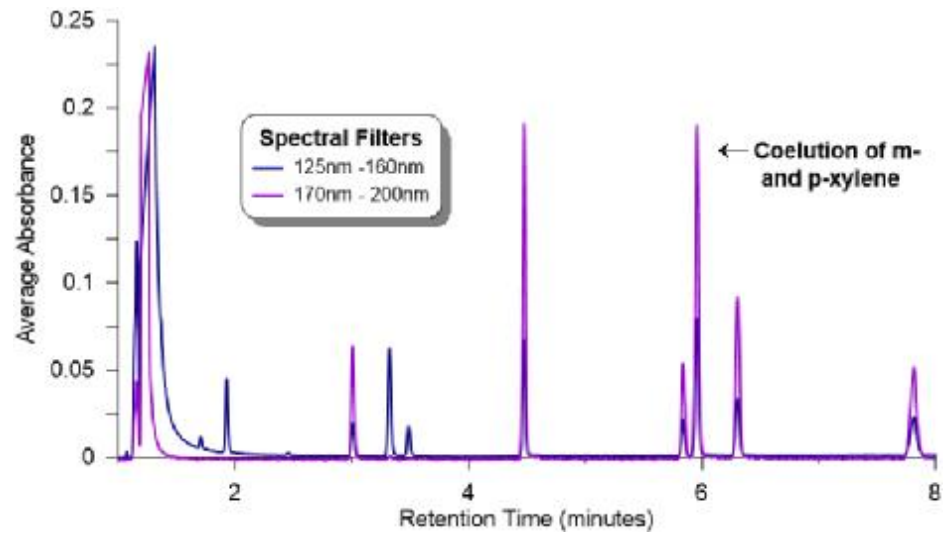
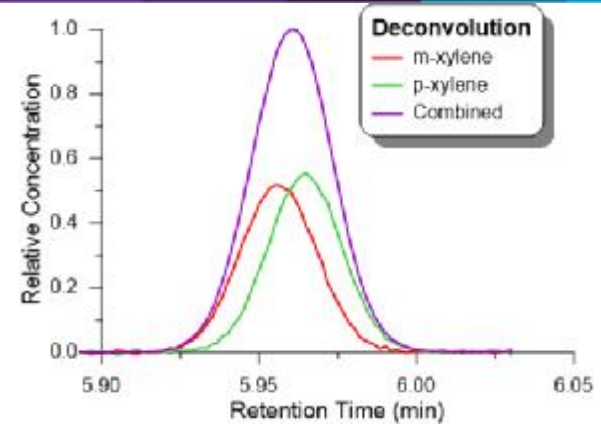
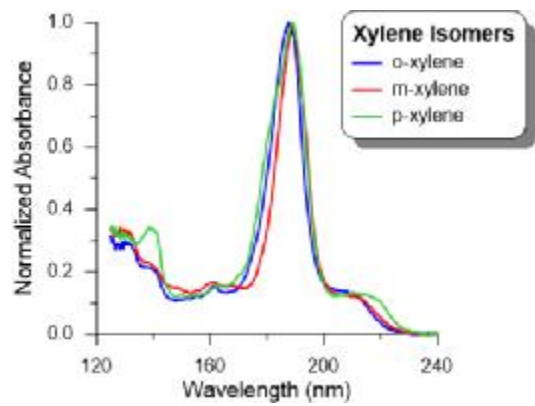
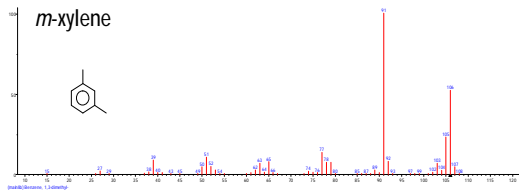
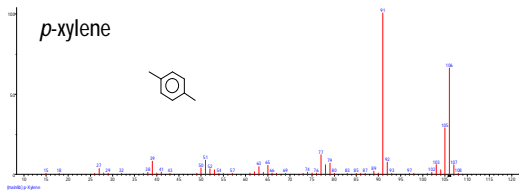
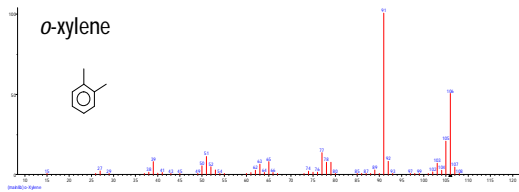
- Total absorption is proportional to the product of the concentration and the absorption cross section
- Co-elution is a sum of these products
- Linear regression allows for easy deconvolution of the compound concentrations; even for co-eluting compounds



$$A_{\text{co-elution}} = f_1 A_1 + f_2 A_2$$

A_i = the absorbance of component i at a given λ
 f_i = the fit coefficient of component i

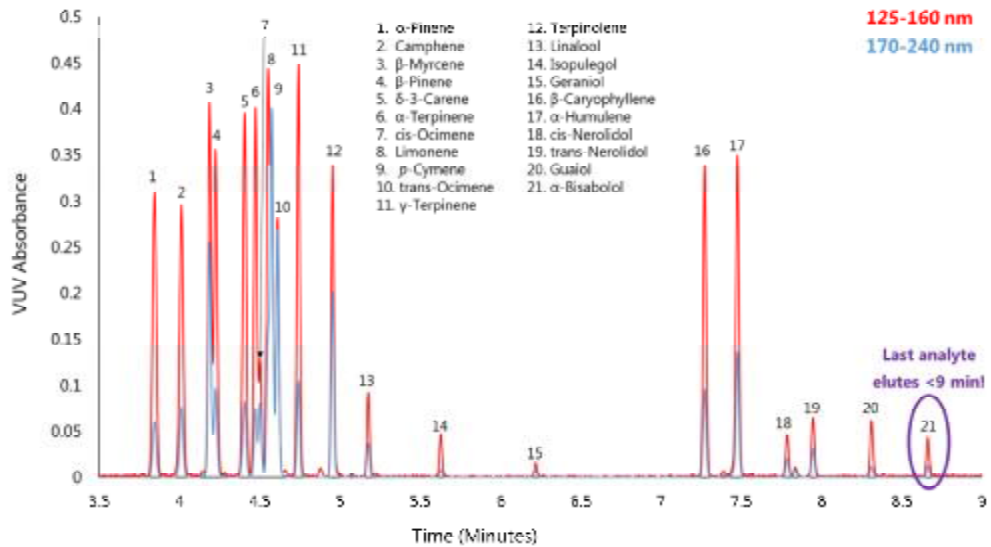
Spectral Deconvolution of m&p Xylene



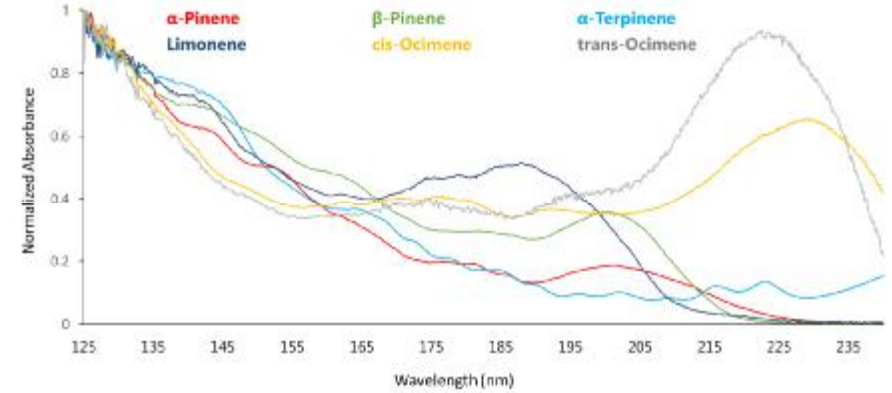
Fast GC-VUV Analysis of Terpene Isomers

Additional selectivity which makes chromatographic separation less stringent

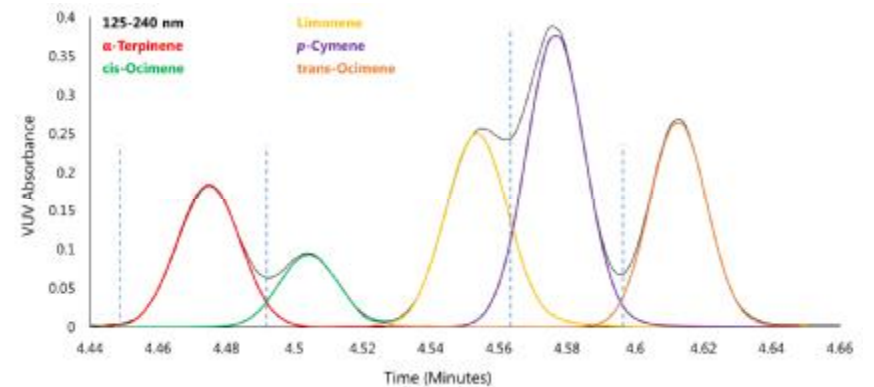
Fast GC-VUV Chromatogram of Terpenes



VUV Spectral Identification of Monoterpene Isomers



VUV Deconvolution of Co-Eluting Isomers



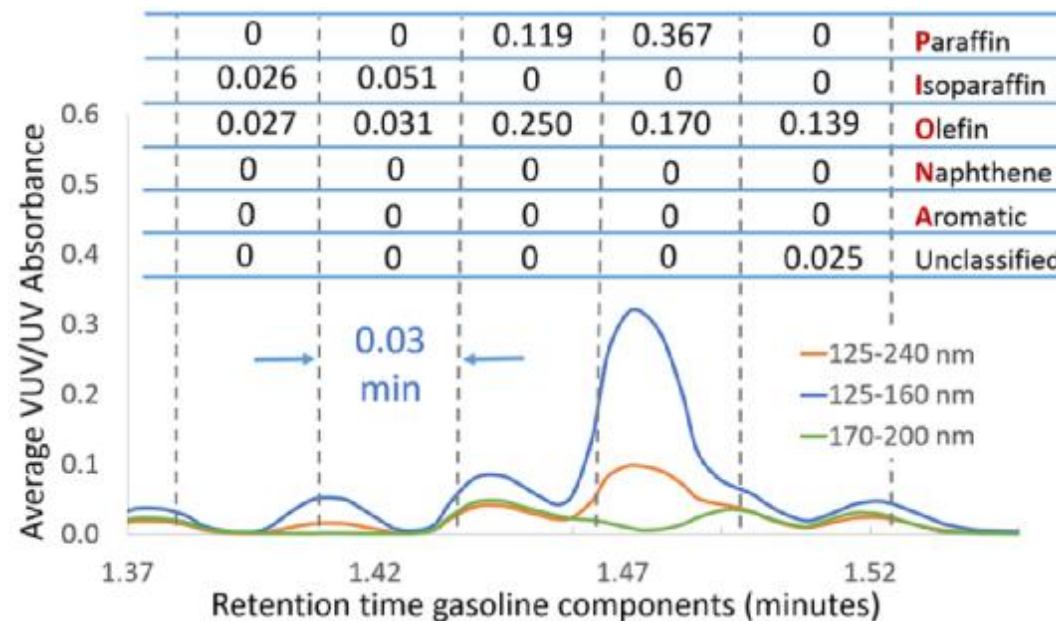
Summary:

- Terpenes have VUV spectra that are distinct
 - Includes structural isomers and co-eluting analytes
- VUV spectral identification of terpene isomers allows the chromatographic compression of GC runtimes
 - Can shorten GC runtimes by 2 – 3X or more
- Natural and forced co-elutions are deconvolved by VUV software
 - Eliminates inaccuracy inherent to dropping vertical integration lines to quantitate

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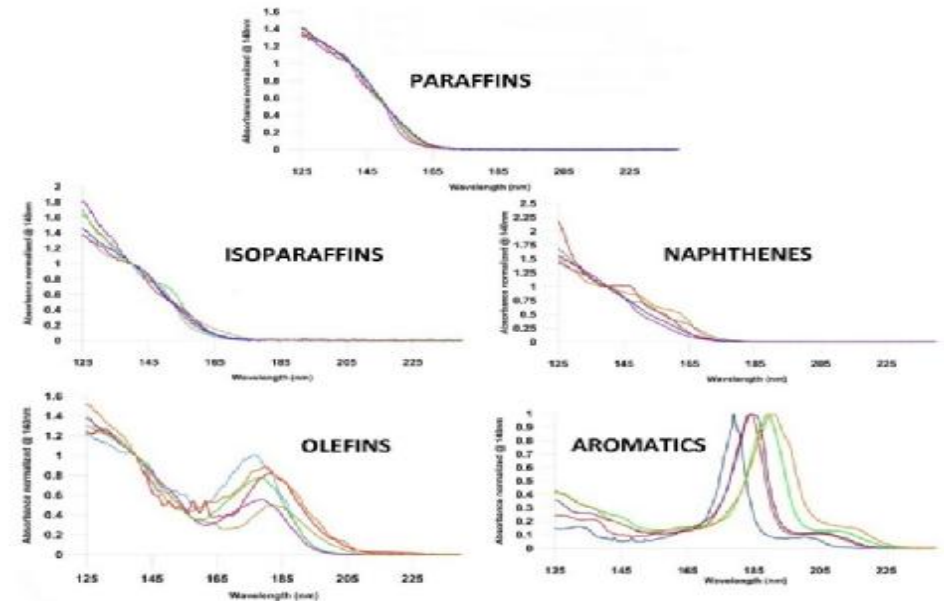
Time Interval Deconvolution (TID)



PIONA analysis of finished gasoline (ASTM D8071)

PIONA Compound Characterization using VUV PIONA+

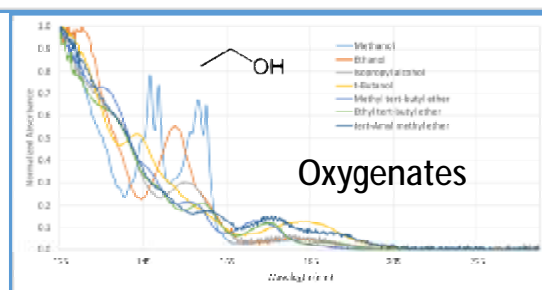
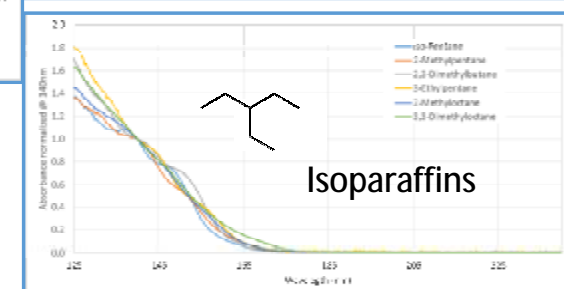
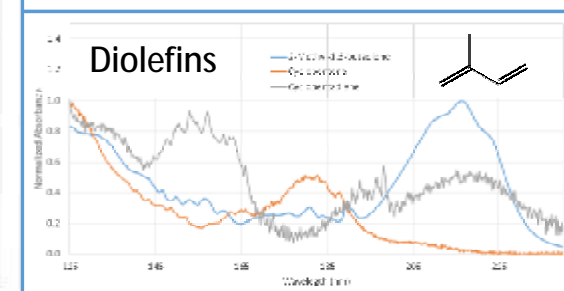
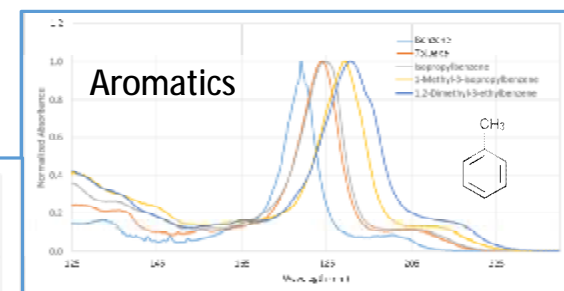
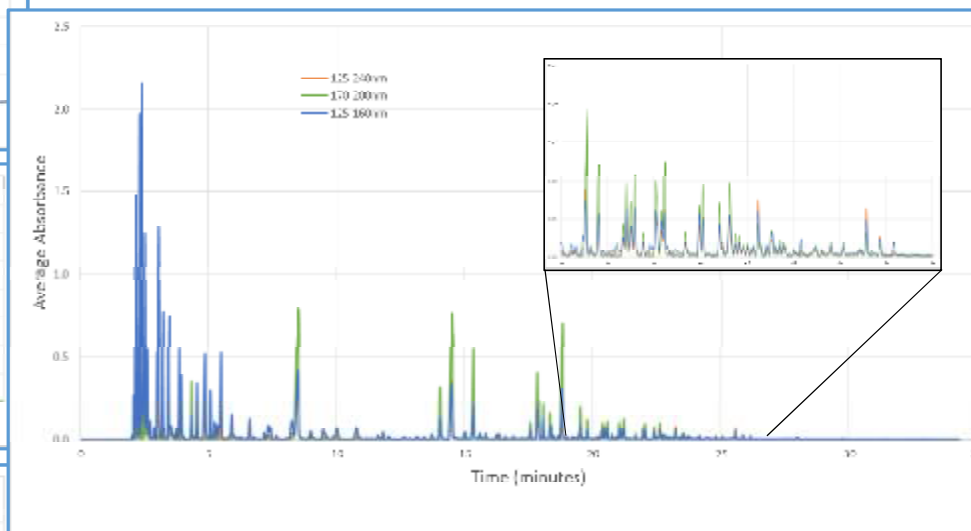
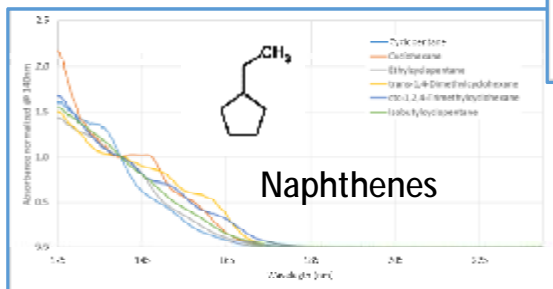
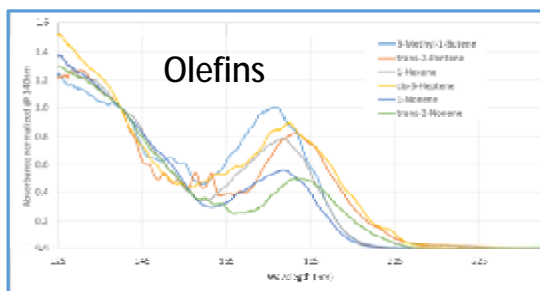
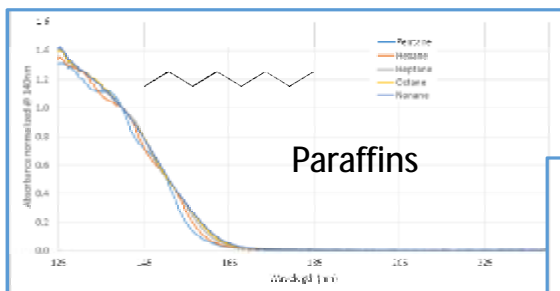
- Compositional Analysis of gasoline type samples
- Each PIONA compound class displays distinct spectral features
 - ∅ Enables straightforward compound class identification and quantitation
- PIONA compounds can be speciated through C6, and class identification >C6 using VUV PIONA+
 - ∅ Flexibility to vary chromatographic conditions
 - ∅ Specific analytes such as individual oxygenates or aromatics belonging to the BTEX complex



- ASTM Method D8071 provides information that historically required the use of several ASTM methods or more comprehensive methods.
 - ∅ A single-column GC-VUV separation method with a total runtime of 34 minutes.
 - ∅ ASTM approved for PIONA compound analysis in finished gasoline
 - ∅ No special setups, traps, pre-column tuning, or calibration requirements
 - ∅ Automated VUV PIONA+ analysis and reporting

Group plus Compound Identification

Typical Gasoline Sample



Gasoline 87 Octane Number

Report File: C:\Users\Jack Cochran\Desktop\PIONA Plus\Gasoline 87 D8071\Gasoline 87 D8071 VUV Analyze Report 0005.VUV_R

View Report

Response					Mass %	Volume %		Amount
P	I	O	N	A		Category	Mass %	A
C0						Paraffin	9.5133	
C1						Isoparaffin	28.4770	
C2						Olefin	12.0796	
C3						Naphthene	11.0598	
C4	1.5284	0.3821	0.4780			Aromatic	28.2774	
C5	2.1306	5.0583	3.6453	0.0948		Methanol	0.0000	
C6	1.9071	6.4362	3.3967	1.3755	0.3114	Ethyl Alcohol	10.5828	
C7	1.4871	5.2484	2.4679	2.3877	3.7044	iso-octane	0.7898	
C8	0.9067	5.0149	0.9587	2.5642	4.5316	Naphthalene	0.2510	
C9	0.7317	2.3738	0.5346	1.4652	9.5859	Methylnaphthalenes	0.6954	
C10	0.3381	1.5927	0.4439	1.4199	5.0987	Benzene	0.3114	
C11	0.1592	0.6234	0.0441	1.4383	2.9608	Toluene	3.7044	
C12	0.1470	0.3781	0.0853	0.3141	1.1470	Ethylbenzene	0.6225	
C13	0.1088	0.9513			0.9375	Xylenes	3.9008	
C14	0.0685	0.3180	0.0253					
C15								
Total	9.5133	28.4771	12.0796	11.0598	28.2774			

Mass % Report for PIONA and Select Individual Components

Analysis Parameters

Initial Background Time (min): Begin 1.400, End 1.600

Analysis Time (min): Begin 1.800, End 30.000, Time Step 0.020

Methods: PIONA, DHA, Oxygenates

Tiered Search Limit: 3 Analytes

Chromatogram Filter: 140-160

Chi² Min: 1.0000E-9, Chi² Max: 1.0000E-1

Chi² delta (%): 40, R² Limit: 0.8000

Abs Threshold: 0.0010, BG Threshold: 0.0003

RI window +/-: 25

Use Peak Detection
 Analyze Spectra Within Peaks
 Use Initial Background Time

Analyze Load Parameters Save Parameters Stop Analyzing

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Instrumental Detection Limits

Paraffin IDLs averaged 41 pg on column

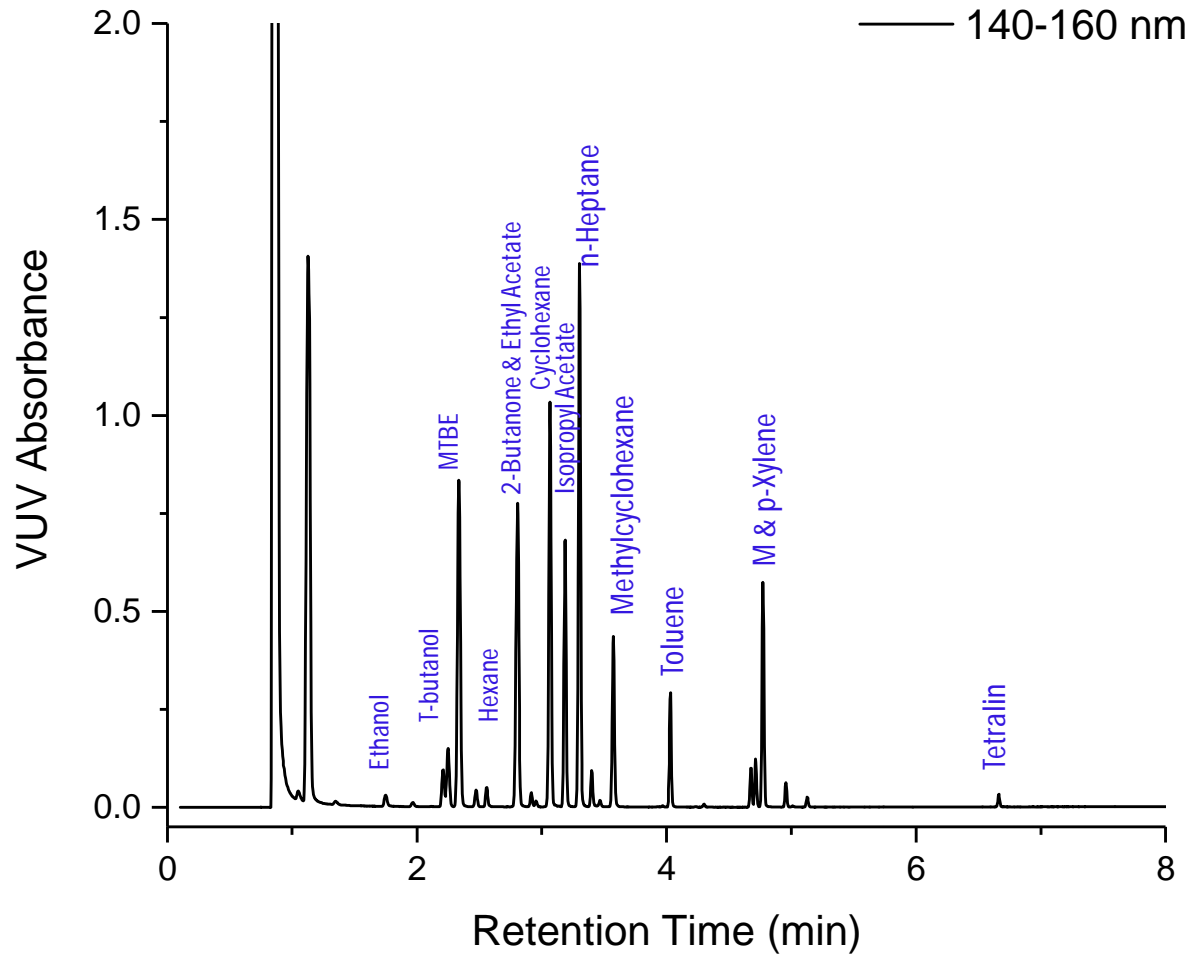
PAH IDLs averaged 28 pg on column

Terpene IDLs averaged 28 pg on column

FAME IDLs averaged 34 pg on column

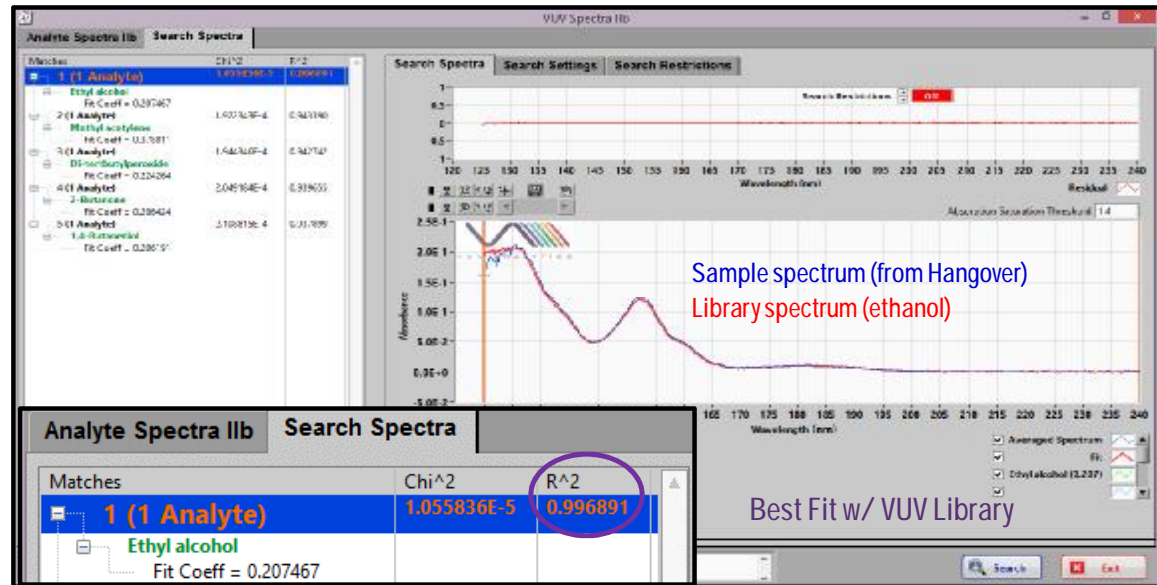
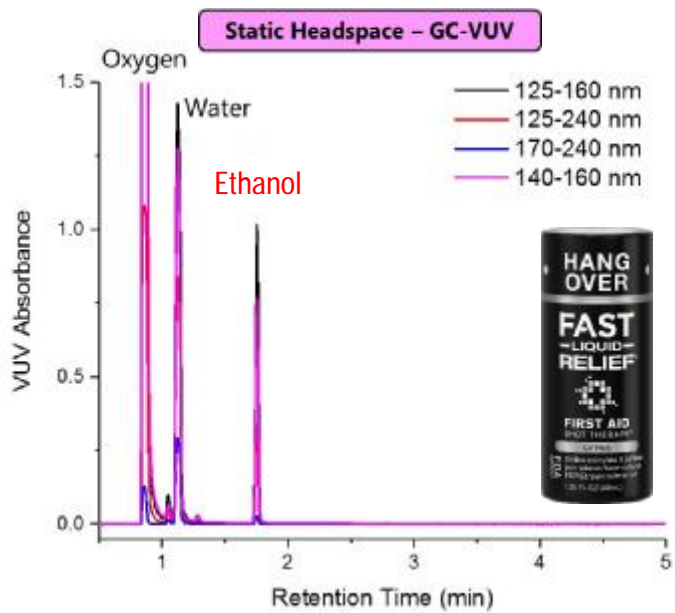
Fragrance allergen [A], [B], and [C] IDLs averaged 35, 44, and 36 pg on column

Combined Class 2 & 3 Solvents



Class 2&3 Residual Solvents
200 mg Infant
Acetaminophen
2 mL Water
0.25X USP Limit (ppm) Spike

Analyzing Untargeted Unknowns by GC-VUV: Hangover Pain Relief

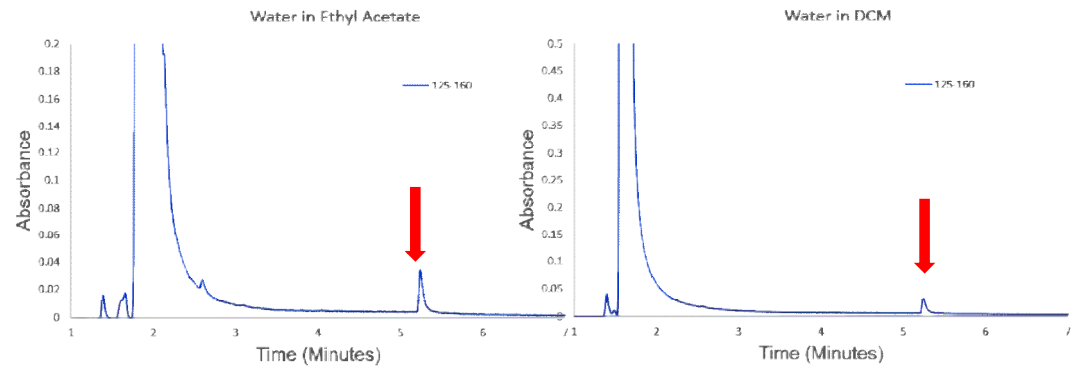
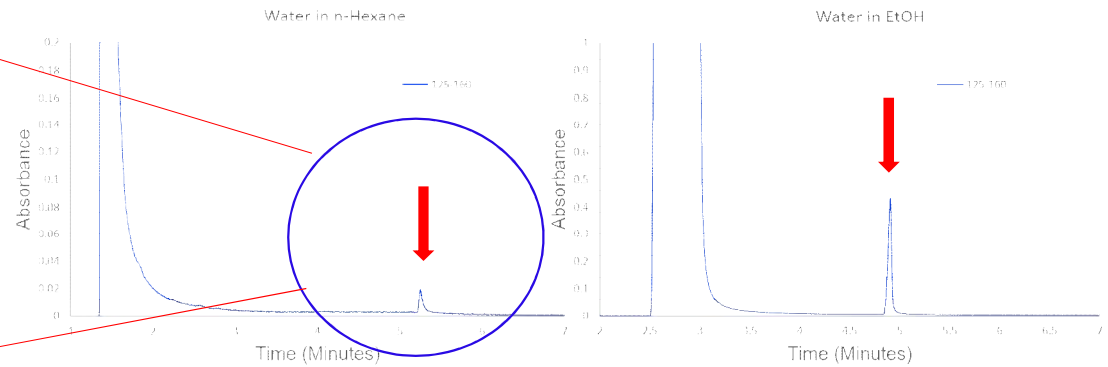
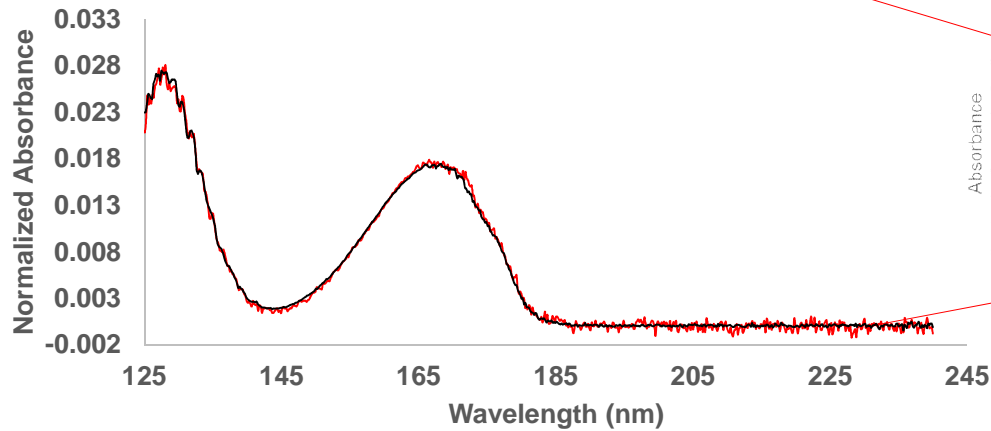


Summary:

- Applied GC-VUV residual solvents method to over-the-counter hangover medicine
- Detected an unexpected compound in the sample injected through static headspace
- Identified the unknown analyte as ethanol using VUV spectral library matching

Water Quantitation with GC-VUV

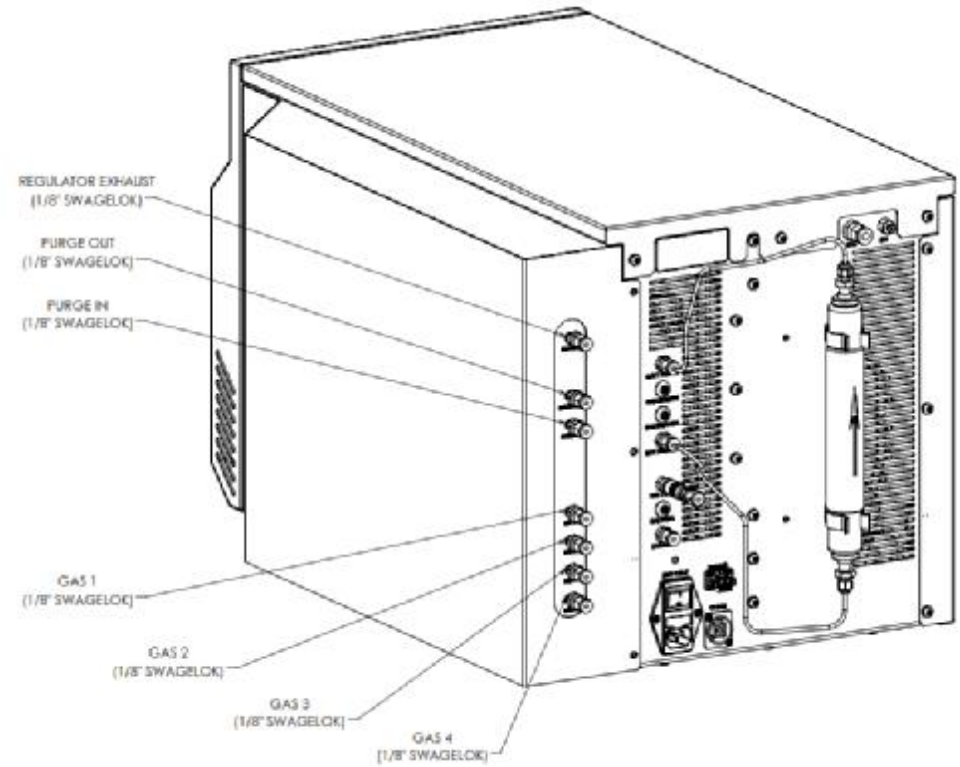
VUV Absorbance Spectrum Library Match



Advantages Compared to Karl Fischer:

- § Fast and reliable
- § No expensive/toxic reagents
- § Definitive Quantitation
- § Not affected by interferences and side reactions that can occur using existing KFT methods

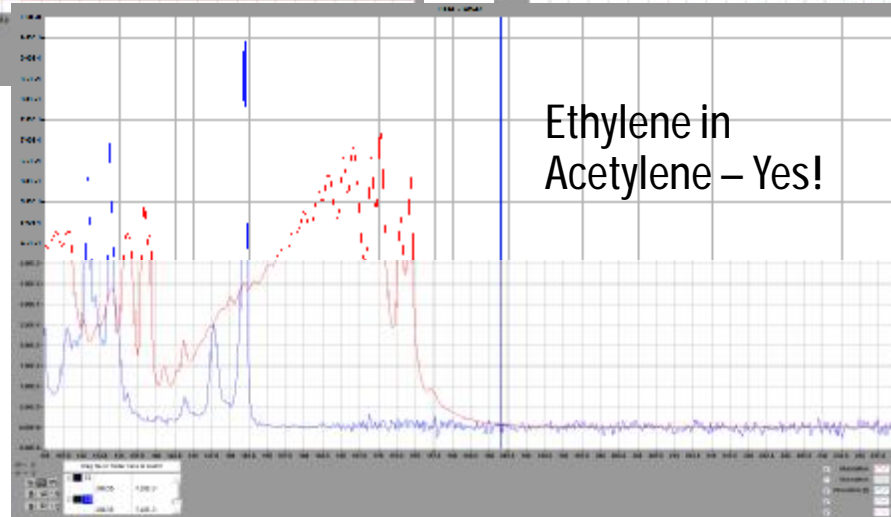
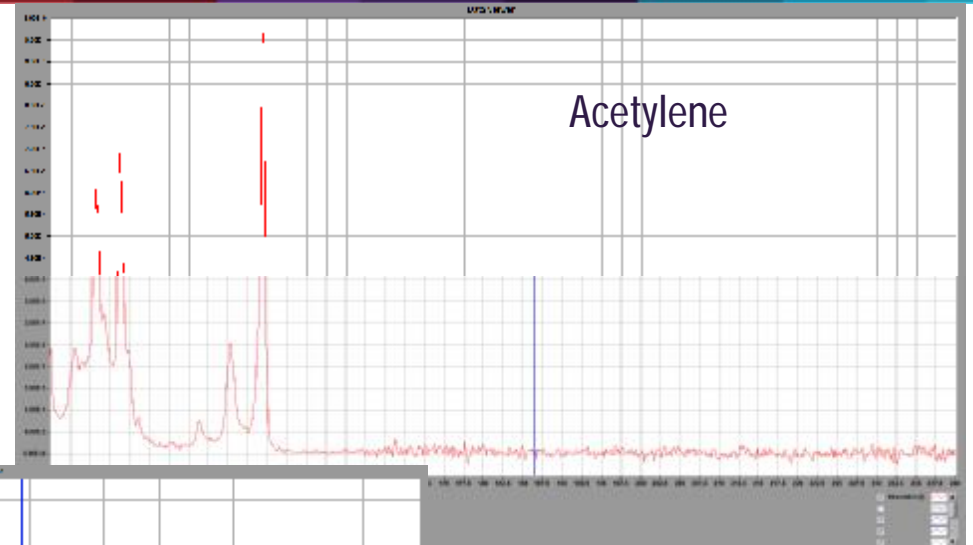
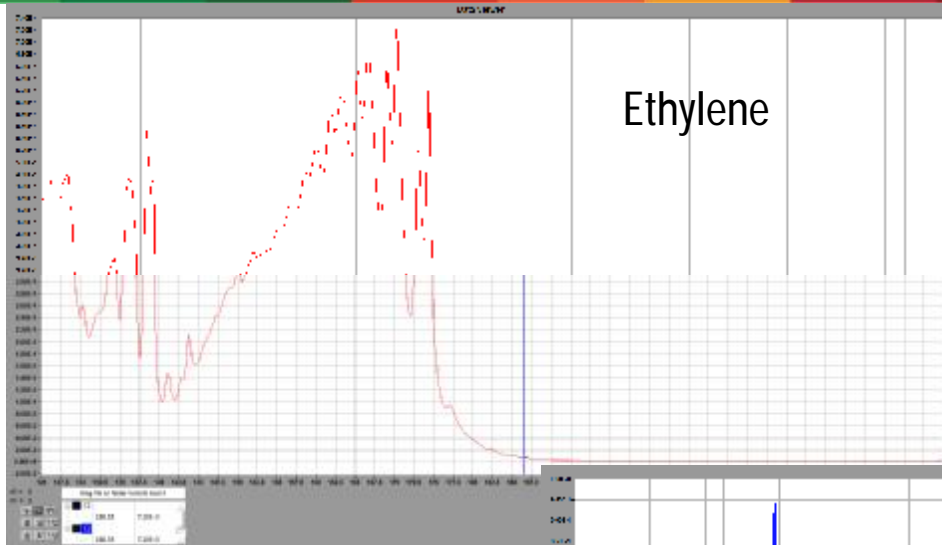
Introducing the SVGA-100



Streaming Gas Analysis Instrument

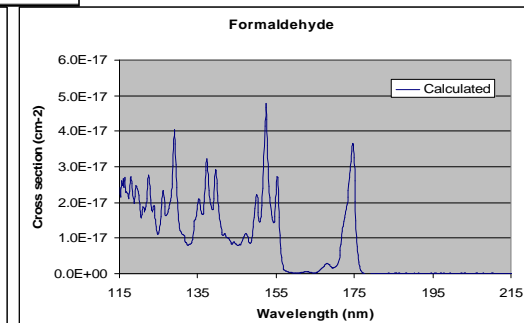
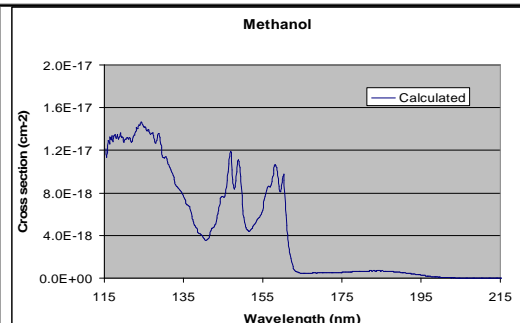
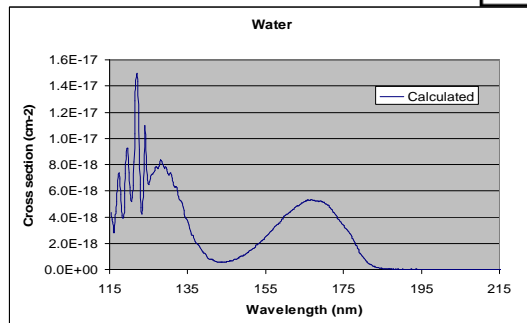
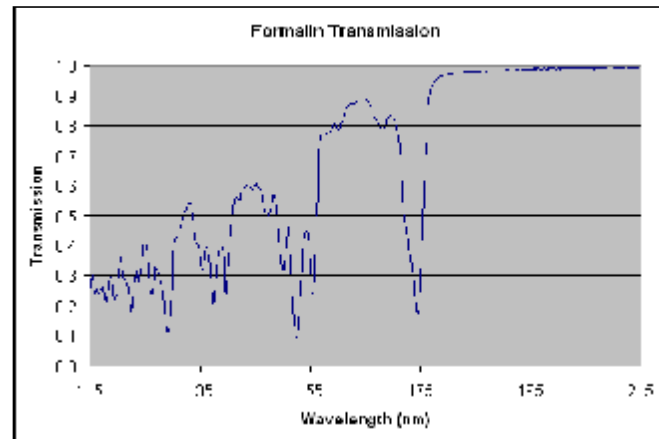


Ethylene / Acetylene Analysis



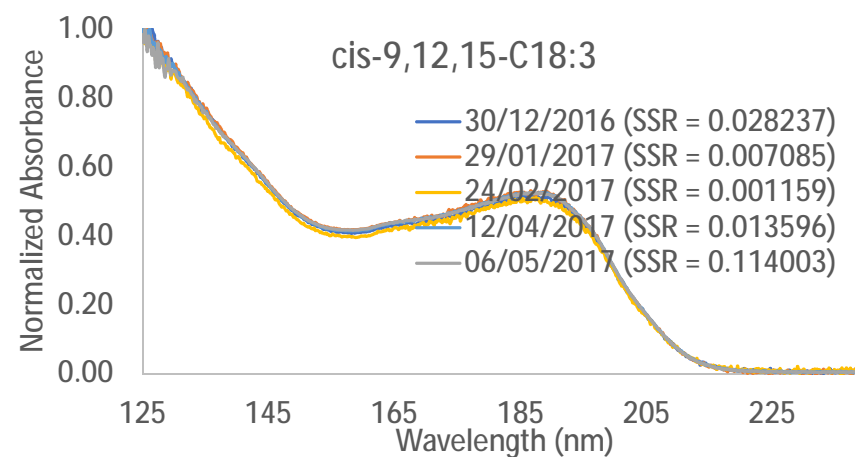
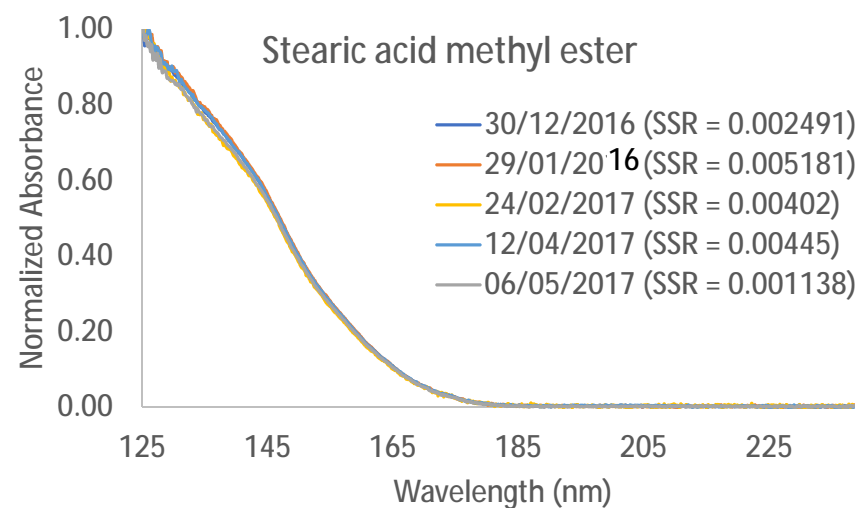
Formalin Headspace – No Separation Case

- Formalin solution headspace was sampled continuously
- Absorption cross sections for water, methanol, and formaldehyde was applied to total absorption



Additional Thoughts

- No vacuum
- Robustness
- **Reproducibility of spectra**
- Fast GC
 - Spectral vs. chrom resolution

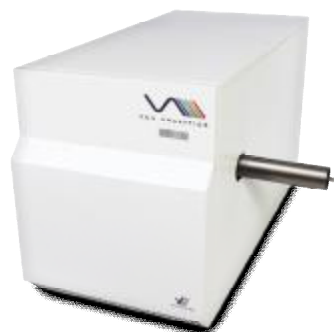


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What's Next?

- GC-VUV/MS: parallel detection
- VUV is complementary to MS



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