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## ABSTRACT

High resolution two- dimensional gas chromatography time- of- flight mass spectrometry (GC x GC TOFMS), inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) and trace nitrogen/ sulfur analysis methods are used to analyze the fuel and hydrocarbon liquid samples. The high resolution two- dimensional gas chromatography (GC x GC) along with one dimensional gas chromatography are used to separate the complex samples and to report the identification of separated components provided by time- of- flight mass spectrometer (TOFMS). Traces of elements in gasoline, diesel fuel, pygas samples are determined by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). A lithium metaborate fusion method was used for sample preparation. As nitrogen/ sulfur are present in smaller concentrations in gasoline, diesel fuel and pygas samples, accurate determination of these nitrogen/ sulfur concentrations is important for quality control, to prevent engine deposits and to meet the regulatory requirements. For this a nitrogen/ sulfur instrument with an automatic quick furnace is used for selective and sensitive measurements of these elements.

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## CHAPTER 1: Introduction

The determination of aromatic compounds in reformulated gasoline (RFG) is of importance to refiners because laws exist limiting the amount of emission of ozone forming and pollutant compounds [1]. The levels of aromatic compounds in gasoline are adjusted by refiners to comply with the environmental regulations and to improve the performance and properties of the fuels.

The environmental protection agency (EPA) has established that the determination of benzene, toluene and total aromatics should be done by gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC-MS) [2]. EPA has also certified that a fuel complies with the standards for RFG only if it contains a minimum of 2.0 mass percent oxygen and maximum volume percent benzene. The emission performance of a fuel is based on a complex model which requires the input of a number of fuel parameters (chemical composition and physical properties), each of which must be measured by a specific test method designated by the EPA [3]. Such input parameters include the chemical composition and total aromatic content of the fuel. Due to the complex hydrocarbon matrix of the fuel, it is difficult to chromatographically separate all aromatic compounds from other non- aromatic hydrocarbons. To ensure the consistent implementation of the EPA method, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) has developed a standard test method that meets the requirement of the EPA. This standard test method (D5769) is used for the determination of total aromatics in finished gasoline samples by Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry. In this study, the analysis of fuel and hydrocarbon samples is complicated by a relatively large number of

volatile components, and GC x GC TOFMS has been investigated for the complete aromatic analysis and characterization of these samples.

The Pegasus 4D GC x GC TOFMS has several advantages over traditional GCMS systems. The Pegasus II provides a spectral collection rate up to 500 full- range mass spectra/ second to allow accurate measurement of the narrowest GC peaks. The analyte detectability can be increased by cryo- focusing the sample before separation by the secondary column. The automated peak find algorithm effectively locates the position of all the peaks in the chromatogram and reduces analysis time [4]. The unique features of the Pegasus II in fuel analysis were evaluated using a fast gas chromatographic method for rapid determination of total aromatics in finished gasoline [5].

Traces of elements in fuel and hydrocarbon samples are determined by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP- MS). A lithium metaborate fusion method for sample preparation and a standard multi- element calibration were used to quantify these samples.

Nitrogen and sulfur compounds exist in a wide variety of analytical samples like petroleum refinery, and environmental samples. The determination of these compounds in complex samples like gasoline, diesel fuel, and pygas samples is important for quality control. Due to the complex nature of the fuel and hydrocarbon samples and the low concentrations, an element specific method for nitrogen/ sulfur is required. To meet this challenge, a nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer that uses oxidative combustion followed by chemiluminescence detection for nitrogen and UV fluorescence detection for sulfur was utilized. The nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer is an example of simultaneous nitrogen/ sulfur detection and is known for its selectivity and sensitivity. The main goal of these studies is



to prepare a series of calibration standards and then quantify the gasoline samples using the calibrated standards.

### **1.1 Gasoline**

Gasoline is a refined product of petroleum consisting of a mixture of hydrocarbons, additives and blending agents. The composition of gasoline depends on the crude oils used, the refinery processes available, and the product specifications. Gasoline is primarily divided into regular, plus and premium according to the different octane number. Gasoline primarily comes from petroleum cuts with boiling points ranging from 38°C to 150- 205°C and is blended with different components to improve the fuel properties.

Different grades of gasoline (regular, plus and premium) are obtained through blending of light straight runs, catalytic reformates, hydrocracked gasoline, catalytically cracked gasoline, alkylates, n- butane and oxygenates like Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether(MTBE) [6].

The elimination of lead from gasoline made the refiners rely mostly on Methanol, Ethanol, oxygenates like Di Methyl Ether [DME], Methyl Tert- Butyl Ether (MTBE), Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether [ETBE], and Tetra Amyl Methyl Ether [TAME] to achieve acceptable octane levels [7].

### **1.2 Gasoline blending**

Streams of gasoline blends are refined from crude oil or petroleum. The hydrocarbon molecules in the crude oil range from one to 50 or more carbon atom. Petroleum refining in general is distillation as well as chemical treatment. Catalyst and

pressure are the two factors which separate the hydrocarbon molecules and combine them into petroleum streams for commercial petroleum products. Gasoline is blended from various petroleum refinery streams by direct distillation of crude oil, hydrocracking, catalytic and thermal cracking, catalytic reforming, alkylation and polymerization.

Direct distillation of crude oil separates mixture of substances with a narrow difference in the boiling points and is one of the most important steps in the refining process. The crude oil contains various components having different sizes, weights and boiling temperatures. The components in the crude oil can be separated by fractional distillation because of different boiling temperatures. Hydrocracking is the process of catalytic cracking in the presence of elevated partial pressure of hydrogen which permits wide variations in the yields of gasoline by removing sulfur and nitrogen hetero- atoms. Hydrocracked stocks of gasoline lacks high octane olefin content present in catalytically cracked stocks, so they must be reformed [8]. The reforming process converts low octane olefins to higher octane liquid components in the gasoline. Catalytic reforming completely replaces thermal reforming. Most catalytic reforming catalysts contain platinum with another promoting metal such as rhenium [8, 9]. In gasoline refining, alkylation processes convert the refinery gases into gasoline range liquids, however this approach is expensive and not commonly used in gasoline production [8, 10].

Polymerization is a process of reacting or combining two or more low molecular weight olefins into higher molecular weight olefin liquids for gasoline blending [8]. The polymerization process is no longer used to produce gasoline blend streams [8, 10]. With the elimination of lead phase in gasoline, different options for increasing the octane have been explored [11]. Refining and blending of fuel components produce a fuel with

increased knock resistance [12]. Oxygenates like MTBE, ETBE, and DME are also added to gasoline to increase the overall octane number and to improve combustion efficiency [13].

### 1.3 Physical and chemical properties of gasoline

**Table 1: Physical and chemical properties of gasoline**

| Property                   | Information  | Reference                               |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Molecular weight           | 108 <sup>a</sup>   | Anonymous 1989                          |
| Color                      | Colorless to pale brown or pink  | Sax and Lewis 1989;<br>Weiss 1986       |
| Physical state             | Liquid   | Sax and Lewis 1989                      |
| Boiling point              | Initially, 39 <sup>0</sup> C<br>After 10% distilled, 60 <sup>0</sup> C | Budavari et al. 1989;<br>OHM/TADS 1991; |
| Density                    | 0.7-0.8 g/cm <sup>3</sup> <sup>b</sup>                                 | IARC 1989                               |
| Odor                       | Gasoline odor  | Weiss 1986                              |
| Odor threshold             | 0.025 ppm <sup>c</sup>   | Weiss 1986                              |
| Solubility:                |  |   |
| Water at 20 <sup>0</sup> C | Insoluble  | OHM/TADS 1991;<br>Sax and Lewis 1989    |

| Property                | Information                                     | Reference                                   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Organic solvent         | Absolute alcohol, ether,<br>chloroform, benzene | Budavari et al. 1989;<br>Sax and Lewis 1989 |
| Partition coefficients: |   |   |
| Log K <sub>ow</sub>     | 2.13-4.87 <sup>d</sup>                          | Air Force 1989                              |
| Log K <sub>oc</sub>     | 1.81-4.56 <sup>d</sup>                          | Air Force 1989                              |
| Vapor pressure:         |   |   |
| At 60 <sup>o</sup> C    | 465 mmHg  | Weiss 1986                                  |
| At 56 <sup>o</sup> C    | 518 mmHg  | Weiss 1986                                  |
| At 51 <sup>o</sup> C    | 593 mmHg  | Weiss 1986                                  |
| At 47 <sup>o</sup> C    | 698mmHg   | Weiss 1986                                  |
| At 41 <sup>o</sup> C    | 773mmHg   | Weiss 1986                                  |

| Property                      | Information   | Reference                                   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Henry's law constant; at 20°C | $4.8 \times 10^{-4} - 3.3 \text{ m}^3 / \text{mol}^e$ | Air Force 1989                              |
| Auto ignition temperature     | 280-486°C   | NEPA 1986;<br>Sax and Lewis 1989            |
| Flammability limits           | 1.4-7.4%  | Weiss 1986                                  |
| Explosive limits              | 1.3-6.0%  | Budavari et al. 1989;<br>Sax and Lewis 1989 |

a. Average molecular weight.

b. Temperature not specify

c. Not specified whether data for air or water

d. ASTM has established guidelines on the compositions of gasoline that will permit satisfactory performance under a range of conditions. These guidelines define five volatility classes that vary by seasonal climatic changes. The values given for vapor pressure at the given temperatures are based on volatility classes

e. Since data are not available for gasoline, ranges are given indicating different values for the individual components.

**Table 2- Major components of gasoline**

| Component                         | Percentage | Component                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|
|                                   |            | Other possible components                    |
| C <sub>5</sub>                    | 3.0        | Octane enhancers                             |
| C <sub>6</sub>                    | 11.6       | Methyl t-butyl ether(MTBE)                   |
| C <sub>7</sub>                    | 1.2        | t-butyl alcohol(TBA)                         |
| C <sub>9</sub>                    | 0.7        | Ethanol                                      |
| C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>13</sub>  | 0.8        | Methanol                                     |
| Total of n-alkanes                | 17.3       | Antioxidants                                 |
| Branched alkanes                  |            | N,Ndialkylphenylenediamine                   |
| C <sub>4</sub>                    | 2.2        | 2,6-dialkyl and 2,4,6- trialkylphenols       |
| C <sub>5</sub>                    | 15.1       | Butylated methyl, ethyl and dimethyl phenols |
| C <sub>6</sub>                    | 8.0        | Triethyene tetramine                         |
| C <sub>7</sub>                    | 1.9        | Metal deactivators                           |
| C <sub>8</sub>                    | 1.8        | N,N-disalicylidene-1,2ethanediamine          |
| C <sub>9</sub>                    | 2.1        | N,N-disalicylidene-propanediamine            |
| C <sub>10</sub> - C <sub>13</sub> | 1.0        | N,N-disalicylidene-cyclohexanediamine        |
| Total of branched                 | 32.0       | Disalicylidene-N-methyl-dipropylenetriamine  |
| Cyclo alkanes                     |            | Ignition controllers                         |
| C <sub>6</sub>                    | 3.0        | Tri-o-cresylphosphate(TOCP)                  |
| C <sub>7</sub>                    | 1.4        | Icing inhibitors                             |
| C <sub>8</sub>                    | 0.6        | Isopropyl alcohol                            |
| Total of cyclo                    | 5.0        | Detergents/dispersants                       |
| Olefins                           |            | Alkyl amine phosphates                       |
| C <sub>6</sub>                    | 1.8        | Poly-isobutene amines                        |
| Total of olefins                  | 1.8        | Long chain alkyl phenols                     |
| Aromatics                         |            | Long chain alcohols                          |
| Benzene                           | 3.2        | Long chain carboxylic acids                  |
| Toluene                           | 4.8        | Long chain amines                            |

| Component                | Percentage | Component            |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Xylenes                  | 6.6        | Corrosion inhibitors |
| Ethyl benzene            | 1.4        | Carboxylic acids     |
| C <sub>3</sub> - benzene | 4.2        | Phosphoric acids     |
| C <sub>4</sub> - benzene | 7.6        | Sulfonic acids       |
| Others                   | 2.7        |                      |
| Total aromatics          | 30.5       |                      |

[a] Adapted from Air Force 1989

[b] Percent by weight



## CHAPTER 2: Instrumentation

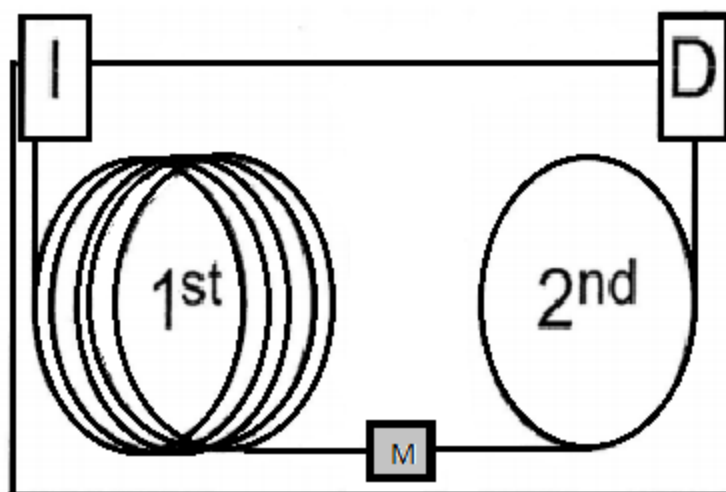
### 2.1 GC x GC TOFMS

All the work has been performed on a PEGASUS 4D GC x GC TOFMS which has an Agilent Technologies 7890A GC system equipped with an Pegasus HT (High Throughput) TOFMS having a Micro channel plate detector. The auto sampler used is CTC Analytics Combi Pal System and the true signal deconvolution is done by Chroma TOF.

Basic principle of GC x GC:

GC x GC is an analytical technique that can be used to separate the volatile organic compounds in a gaseous mixture based on two different separation mechanisms. The Gas Chromatograph usually consists of two capillary columns with different stationary phases i.e., one in the main oven and the other in the secondary oven coupled in series. Between the two columns is a trapping and cooling device which is called the Thermal Modulator.

A schematic overview of a GC x GC system is shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1: Gas chromatograph**

I= Injector

M= Thermal Modulator

D= Detector

1<sup>st</sup>= 1<sup>st</sup> dimension column

2<sup>nd</sup>= Secondary Oven

The first dimension column is a conventional GC- separation, with a normal GC- column length in an oven that will be temperature programmed. The one dimensional (1D) chromatogram which is obtained in a conventional GC separation shows a chromatogram in which the x- axis represents the retention time and the y- axis represents the intensity. In the two-dimensional chromatogram, the x- axis represents the retention time of the separation on the first dimension column and the y-axis represents the retention time on the secondary oven.

Pegasus 4D GC x GC TOFMS instrumentation in this project consists of:

1. Gas chromatograph
  - A. Carrier gas
  - B. Injector
  - C. Capillary column
  - D. Thermal modulator
  - E. Secondary oven
2. Transfer line
3. Mass spectrometer
  - A. Ion source
  - B. Mass analysis
  - C. Ion detection
4. Data processing and peak deconvolution

1. Gas chromatograph:

A. Carrier gas:

In gas chromatography, the carrier gas (mobile phase) that carries the analyte through the column should be light and inert. The most commonly used carrier gases or the mobile phase in GC x GC TOFMS are helium, hydrogen and nitrogen. In this work, helium is used as the carrier gas due to its inert nature. It is safer than hydrogen which can accumulate when the GC, mass spectrometer, or rough pump is shut down un-

intentionally or due to an internal or external power failure. The low molecular weight of helium allows faster analyses than nitrogen.

Martin and Synge proposed that the higher diffusivities of solutes in gas would result in faster partitioning of the analytes between two phases, more efficient columns, and shorter separation times [14]. The work demonstrated that the gas could be used as a mobile phase and was further supported by the work of James and Martin in 1952. In this paper, the use of passing an inert gas through a steel column packed with activated carbon in order to separate a homologous series of fatty acids was discussed [15]. The work of Martin, Synge, and James was further developed by Van Deemter who is credited with the development of “rate theory” [16]. The theory incorporates both kinetic and mass transfer effects with the “plate theory” developed by Craig [17]. Van Deemter proposed that the broadening of chromatographic peaks traveling through a column is dependent upon three factors: eddy diffusion (A- term), longitudinal diffusion (B- term), and the resistance to mass transfer (C- term) [16]. It should be noted that the resistance to mass transfer term includes the resistance to mass transfer in the stationary phase,  $C_s$  and in the mobile phase,  $C_m$ . Equation 1 shows the standard and extended forms of the van Deemter equation relating these three factors to the plate height  $H$ , and the average linear velocity  $\bar{\mu}$ .

$$H = 2\lambda d_p + \frac{2\gamma D_m}{\bar{\mu}} + \left[ \frac{\omega d_c^2 \bar{\mu}}{D_m} + \frac{R d_f^2 \bar{\mu}}{D_s} \right] = A + \frac{B}{\bar{\mu}} + (C_s + C_m)\bar{\mu} \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation 1}$$

In the above equation

$$2\lambda d_p, \frac{2\gamma D_m}{\bar{\mu}}, \frac{\omega d_c^2 \bar{\mu}}{D_m}, \quad \frac{R d_f^2 \bar{\mu}}{D_s} \text{ correspond to the } A, \quad \frac{B}{\bar{\mu}}, C_s \text{ and } C_m \text{ terms}$$

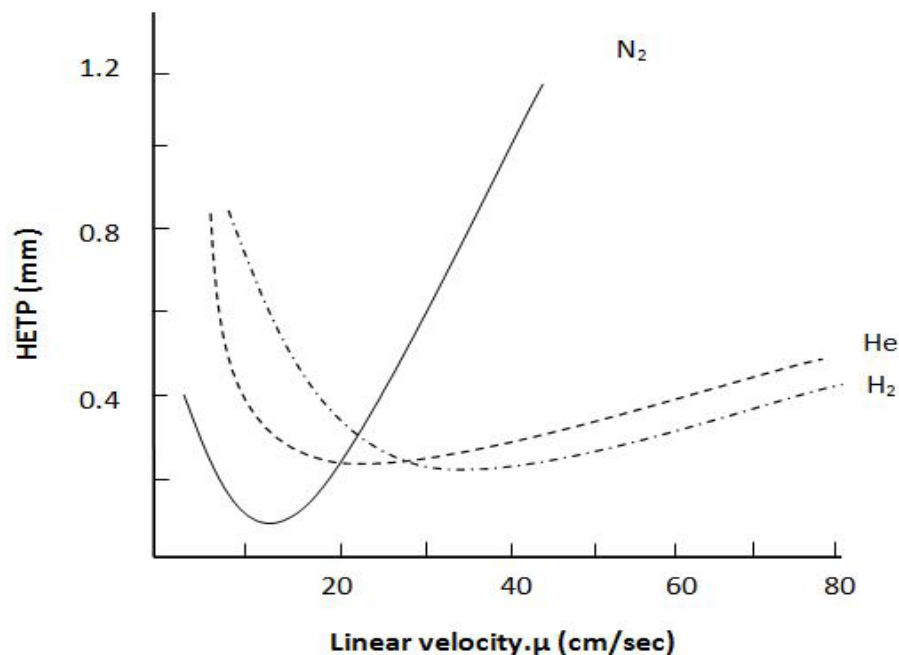
A= Eddy diffusion

$\frac{B}{\bar{\mu}}$  = longitudinal diffusion/ average linear velocity

$C_s$ = Resistance to mass transfer in the stationary phase

$C_m$ = Resistance to mass transfer in the mobile phase

A graphical representation of the Van Deemter equation is shown in Figure 2 for nitrogen, helium, and hydrogen. The optimal linear velocity of the column is located at the lowest point on the curve which often corresponds to the point at which each of the three factors are minimized [16, 18].



**Figure 2: Typical van deemter plots for common carrier gases used in GC systems**

#### B. Injector:

Sample introduction in gas chromatography is critical, in quantitative analysis since the amount of sample lost during the process is dependent on the sample introduction method. In this work, the sample is introduced by an auto sampler because of its better precision and accuracy when compared to that of manual sample injection.

Types of injection: split and splitless

The most common type of inlet system used in GC x GC is a split/ splitless inlet. A schematic diagram of the split/ splitless inlet system is shown in the figure 3. The purge valve attached to the inlet determines the type of injection whether it is split/ splitless. In a split injection, the purge valve opens allowing only a small fraction of the sample to be injected onto the capillary column. The split injections prevent the nonvolatile components or other contaminants from reading the capillary column and

produce sharp and narrow peaks [19- 21]. The main disadvantage is that it is less accurate than splitless injection for quantitation studies. The amount of sample that enters the capillary column is determined by the split ratio which is set by the user and is defined by the equation:

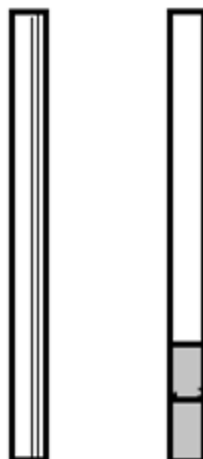
$$\text{Split ratio} = (S + C) / C$$

Where:

S= flow rate at the splitter vent

C= flow rate at the column outlet

In a splitless injection, the analyte sample that is vaporized goes into the capillary column and this type of injection is preferred in trace analysis where the sample contains very small amount of analyte. Figure 3 shows typical glass liners that are often used for splitless and split injections, respectively. In splitless injections, the glass liner doesn't contain any obstructions thereby allowing all the sample components into the column. In splitless injection, only the pure samples or solvent less samples are analyzed to prevent the damage to the capillary column. In split injections, a piece of glass wool in the glass liner traps the nonvolatile components and prevents them from entering into the capillary column [21, 22].



**Figure 3: Split less and split liner**

Heart cutting vs. comprehensive two dimensional GC:

The main difference between heart cutting and comprehensive two dimensional GC is the amount of sample or the effluent that is separated on the secondary column. In heart cutting, only selected portion of the effluent is analyzed on the secondary column. As opposed to heart cutting, in the comprehensive GC x GC all the effluent from the primary column passes through the secondary column. In other words in the comprehensive technique, the entire sample is separated on both the primary and the secondary columns.

C. Capillary column:

The sample that is injected into a heated injection port, gets vaporized, and carried into a capillary column by a carrier gas such as helium or hydrogen.



Column dimensions and stationary phase:

The columns used for a GC x GC TOFMS generally can vary in the length, internal diameters, and film thickness of the stationary phase. In general, the dimensions of the first column are typical of a column that is normally used with a single column GC or GC- MS system. The dimensions of the secondary column are usually much smaller. The second column usually has a length of 1- 2 meters and the internal diameter is about half the size of the first column [24- 28]. The main purpose of this secondary column is to perform a fast separation of compounds in the effluent from the primary column using a more polar stationary phase on the secondary column [24- 28]. A typical column set-up is that the primary column contains a polar stationary phase which separates the analytes based on polarity and the second column which separates the compounds based on their boiling points [23- 28].

**Table 3: Column configuration**

| S. No | Type      | Location      | Length<br>(M) | Internal<br>Diameter( $\mu$ ) | Film<br>Thickness | Maximum<br>Temperature |
|-------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1     | Capillary | GC Oven       | 10.000        | 180                           | 0.20              | 340                    |
| 2     | Capillary | Secondary     | 0.790         | 100                           | 0.10              | 320                    |
| 3     | Capillary | Transfer Line | 0.210         | 100                           | 0.10              | 320                    |

In this work the capillary column used is a fused silica tube that is 10 m with a protective polyamide coating on the outside of surface for mechanical protection and the inner surface of the capillary column is coated with a specially formulated stationary phase. In this capillary column, the separation of the components of the mixture is done

with respect to time by their different migration rates through the column. Interaction of the sample molecules with the stationary phase as they move through the capillary column results in the retention of the sample molecules in the stationary phase and the duration of the retention depends on the type of analyte molecules, type of stationary phase, column temperature, flow rate and the type of carrier gas. The separation occurs through multiple events of retention and desorption during sample movement through the column in the carrier gas stream where the degree of this separation determines the chromatographic resolution.

Press fit connector:

The primary column and the secondary column are connected by a connector called the press fit which is made up of a fused silica tube which provides an inert pathway as the sample passes from primary to secondary column. The press fit is prone to leaks which may be due to uneven cuts of the column, or the use of a capillary column having a larger internal diameter than the primary column. In GC x GC TOFMS, the only way to the seal of the press fit is by performing a leak test for air on the instrument [27].

D. Thermal modulator and its functions:

The modulator serves to allow the chromatographic peak that elutes or emerges from the end of the primary column to be time-sampled into the second column. The modulator is often referred to as the heart of the GC x GC, since it is the one which generates the second dimension separation of the sample. There are several modulators available in the market for GC x GC systems and the most commonly used modulators are the Deans switch, thermal sweeper and the thermal modulator. The thermal modulator uses alternating jets of cold and hot nitrogen gas to perform peak modulation in a two

stage process [27]. The two cold jets focus the fraction of eluent to narrow the bandwidth which ultimately split the narrow peak forming slices of eluent fraction. The two hot jets keep the fraction of eluent moving through the modulator making the process continuous as well as preventing interference between the fractions. The nitrogen gas for the modulator is cooled by liquid nitrogen which enters the instrument from a small Dewar attached to the side of the GC oven. The Dewar is directly attached to a tank of liquid nitrogen. The flow of the liquid nitrogen into the Dewar is controlled by the data acquisition software or by the user [27]. In a thermal modulator, the length of time for the hot jacket is slightly shorter than that of the cold jacket and this time is determined by the modulation period which is controlled by the system software. This is critical for effective separation and for reducing the bandwidth of the sample. The software allows the user to change the modulation temperature, modulation period, and the time for the hot and cold jets. The modulator is also used to manipulate the retention of analytes on the second column by changing the modulation period and the pulse time for the two hot nitrogen jets in the modulator [27]. The modulation period depends on the complexity of the sample. The sample with the less complex mixture requires short modulation period and vice-versa. The final parameter of the thermal modulator that can be changed is its temperature which should be higher than the initial temperature of the secondary oven. However the modulator temperature does not interfere with the peak modulation process or the secondary column separation. The main reason behind the increase in modulator temperature is to reduce the overload of the sample on the secondary column.

Specifications for thermal modulator:

LN<sub>2</sub> modulator: Liquid nitrogen

Consumable- free Modulator: Immersion cooler

Minimum temperature: GC oven temperature + 3°C above the GC oven temperature

For ambient- cooled GC ovens typical +30°C

Maximum temperature: 400°C

Maximum heating rate: 40°C per minute

LN<sub>2</sub> modulator cold jet flow, gas pressure: ~6 lpm/ 15 psi (1.03 bar), dry nitrogen (dew point < -50°C) with periodic defrosting as needed

Consumable free modulator cold jet flow, gas pressure: ~10 lpm/ 15 psi (1.03 bar), dry air (dewPoint < -50°C) with periodic defrosting as needed

Hot jet low, gas pressure: ~20 lpm/ 30 psi (2.03 bars), dry air

Modulation period: 1- 65 sec

Hot pulse: minimum, 100 ms; 400 ms typical

E. Secondary oven:

The secondary oven is mainly used to optimize of the second dimension chromatographic separation. The dimensions of secondary column in the secondary oven are small in terms of the length or internal diameter when compared to that of primary column and result in higher linear velocities for analytes moving through this column. The main purpose of the second column is to perform rapid separation of the eluent from the primary column using a more polar stationary phase on the second column resulting a thorough separation of the volatile analytes [24- 28].

Specifications for the secondary oven:

Minimum temperature: GC oven temperature +5°C, above ambient temperature

Maximum temperature: 400°C

Heating rate, maximum: 40°C per minute

Cooling gas, flow pressure: Air, ~ 40 Lpm/ 30 psi (2.07 bar)

## 2. Transfer line:

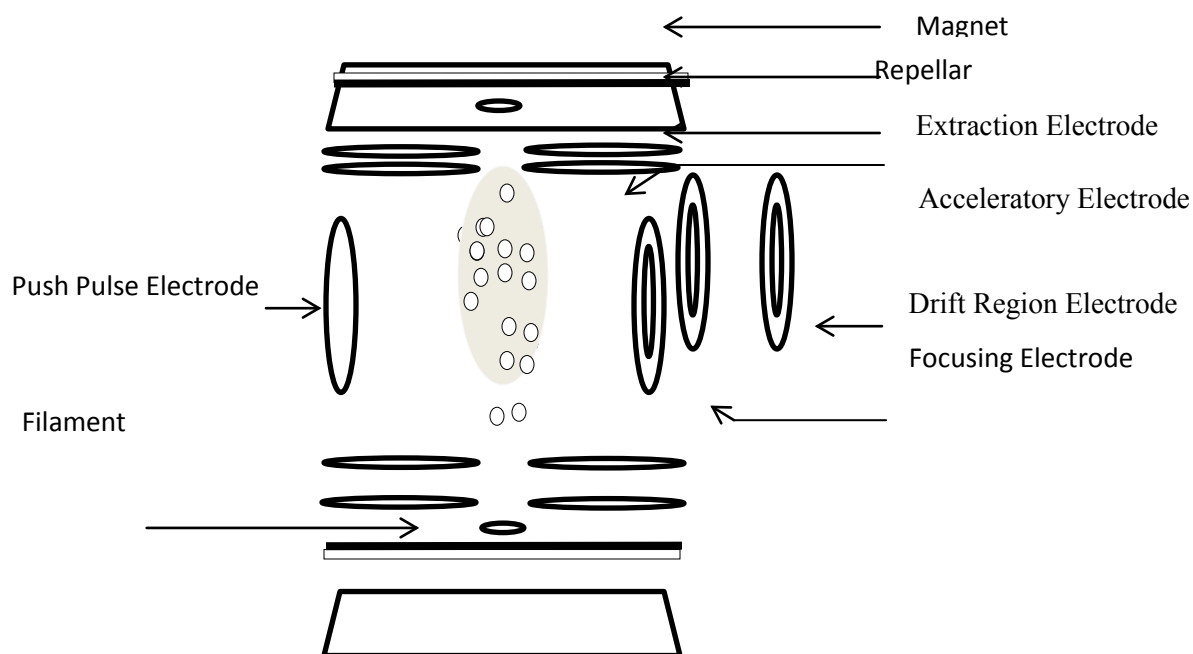
After the sample has been separated on both columns, it passes through a heated transfer line that serves to transfer the sample from the gas chromatograph to the mass spectrometer and also ensures that the sample remains in the gas phase when entering the ion source of the mass spectrometer [29- 31]. The temperature of the transfer line depends on the type of analyte in the sample and the temperature of the transfer line should be high enough to keep the sample in the vapor state, but low enough not to degrade any analyte in the sample.

## 3. Mass spectrometer:

In the mass spectrometer, the volatile analytes that is separated in the gas chromatograph are ionized, fragmented, analyzed, and identified based on their fragmentation pattern. A typical mass spectrometer has three main parts: the ion source, mass analyzer and the detector. The mass analyzer defines the sensitivity, resolution, and speed of the mass spectrometer. Common types of mass analyzers include double focusing, ion traps, quadrupoles, and time-of-flight analyzers. During this work, a time-of-flight mass analyzer is used.

### A. Ion source:

The main purpose of the ion source is to ionize and fragment the analyte in a given sample [30, 31]. The commonly used ionization in gas chromatography- mass spectrometry is Electron Impact Ionization (EI) and Chemical Ionization (CI). Electron Impact Ionization removes a valence electron from the atom with lowest ionization energy by bombarding the molecules with a beam of electrons resulting in the formation of a typically unstable radical- cation that undergoes rearrangement and/ or fragmentation [31, 32]. These mass fragments are unique and produce a characteristic mass spectrum for the analyte. In this work, only the electron impact ionization is used. The ion source usually has a heating block, filament and a repeller as shown in figure 4. The heating block maintains the analyte in the vapor state by maintain a constant temperature. The filament is generally held at 70 eV and generates high energy electrons capable of removing the valence electrons from the analyte. The analyte molecules fragment according to their structure and the type of functional groups present [32]. The fragmentation pattern (relative amount vs. mass/ charge ratio) is called a mass spectrum and is often unique to the molecule. The fragments in the ion source are pushed through a small opening to the mass analyzer by the repeller and the main purpose of the pumps is to remove the carrier gas, neutral and the negatively charged ions from the MS system and to slow down the analyte ions during fragmentation in the ion source.

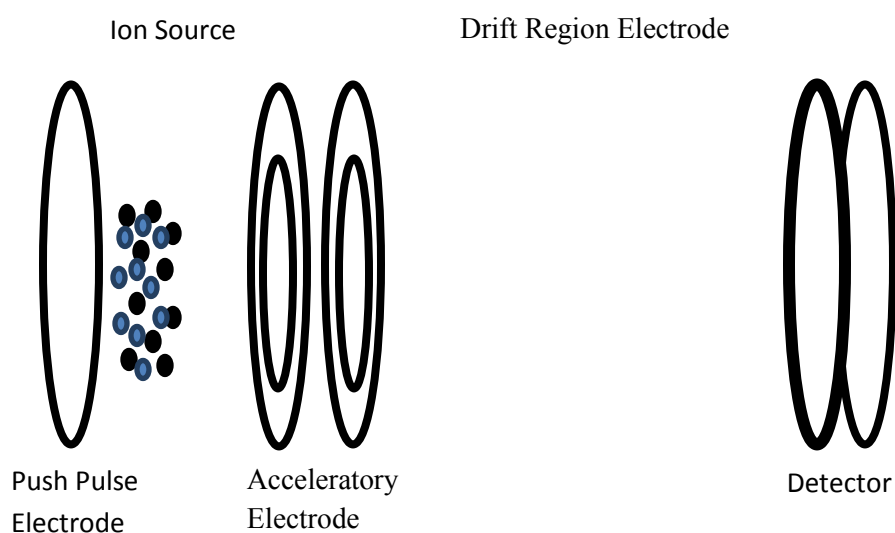


**Figure 4: Ion source**

#### B. Mass analyzer:

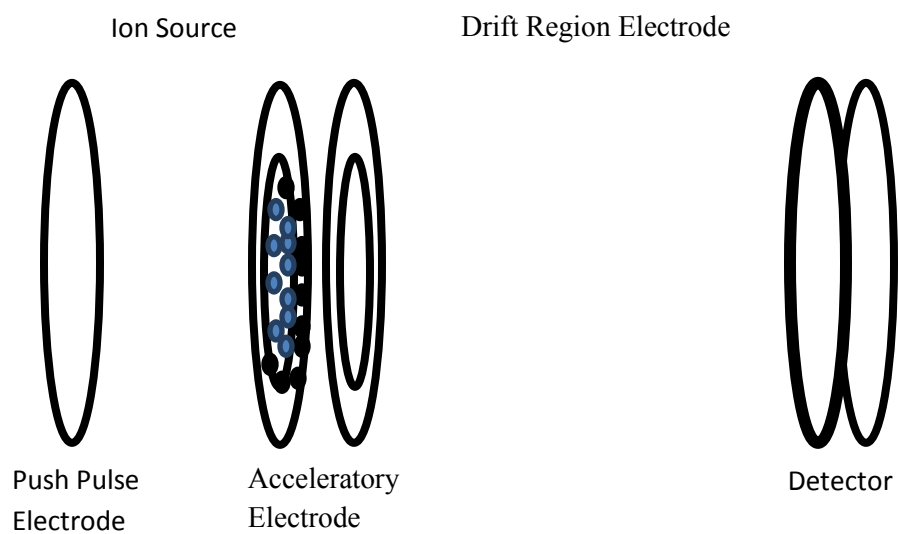
In this work, a time of flight mass analyzer is used. In general a time of flight systems are known for their high sensitivity, high resolution, and faster scan rates. In a time- of- flight mass spectrometer, the mass/ charge ratio of an ion is determined by measuring its travel time through the instrument starting from the ion source to the detector. All ions have the same kinetic energy. So the ion travels are proportional to their mass/ charge ratio. The smaller the ion, the faster its time- of- flight. Ions produced in the ion source are pushed out of it by applying an electrical pulse to the push pulse electrode as displayed in figure 6. The electrical force is created due to the difference in the electrical potential between the accelerating electron grid and push pulse electrode accelerates the positively charged ions into the flight tube. All of the ions having the same kinetic energy accelerate almost simultaneously and leave the ion source as displayed in figure 8. The ions from the ion source enter into a drift region where they

have a constant energy as displayed in figure 8. Since all the ions have the same kinetic energy, their mass- to charge ratio determines their velocity as shown in figure 9. For ions having the same  $m/z$  ratio but moving with different velocities, the ions travelling with higher velocity reach the positively charged reflectron and move deep farther into it compared to ions with lower velocity. All ions of the same  $m/z$  reach the detector at the same time.

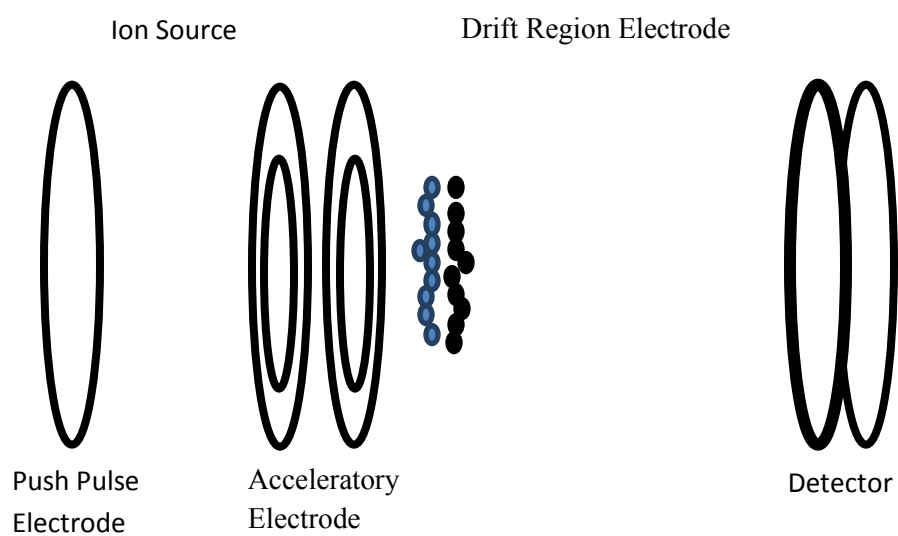


**Figure 5: Ions pushed from ion source**

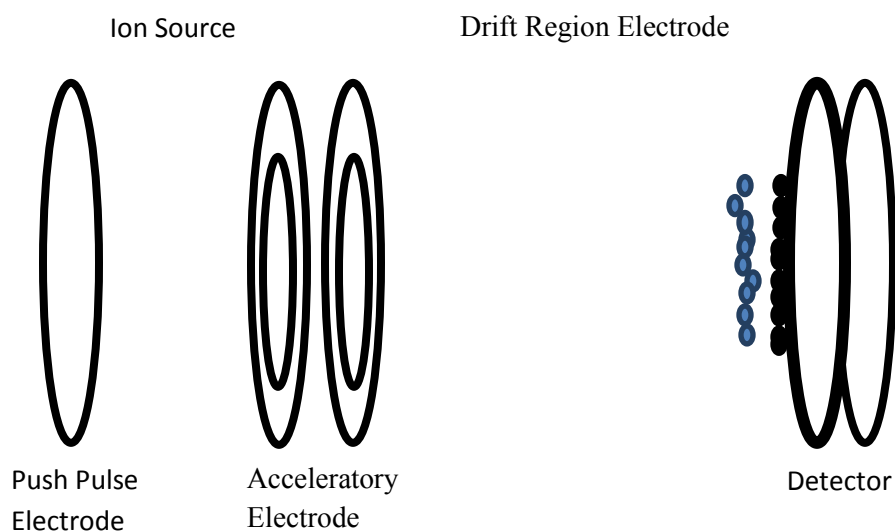




**Figure 6: Ions acceleration**



**Figure 7: Ions in drift region**



**Figure 8: Ions mass/ charge ratio at detector**

Ideally, all the ions pulsed from the ion source should have the same kinetic energy, but they actually have a range of kinetic energies depending on several factors. This causes differences in the time-of-flight even for ions having the same mass/charge ratio and reduces the mass resolution of the mass spectrometer. In order to reduce these differences and improve the mass resolution, an electrostatic device called a reflectron/ion mirror is placed in the drift region. One advantage of the reflectron is that it reduces the overall size of the mass spectrometer as shown in figure 9.

The mass/charge ratio of each ion is determined by the equation

$$t = \text{slope} * \sqrt{m/z} + \text{Offset}$$

Slope and offset values are constant and are specific to a particular mass spectrometer for a given set of parameter values. The slope and offset values are determined using a mass calibration standard. This mass calibration standard is done automatically by the chromaTOF software. During the determination of the slope and

offset, the valve connecting the ion source chamber to the vial with a calibration compound, PFTBA is opened. The vapors of the PFTBA are introduced into the ion source and a mass spectrum is obtained. Since the mass calibration of PFTBA is known, the time-of-flight of each mass is measured. These measured values are then used to calculate the slope and offset values automatically by solving a set of linear equations by the chromaTOF software.

Since the probability of creating multiple charged ions by electron impact ionization with electrons of 70 eV energy, is low, almost all of the ions created are singly charged ( $z=1$ ). Thus, the  $m/z$  values calculated from the time-of-flight equation give the masses of the ions directly. The time-of-flight is measured as the time between the moment when the push pulse is triggered and the moment when the signal maximum from the corresponding ion packet is detected. The time-of-flight of the heaviest ion possible for detection ( $m/z=1000$ ) is approximately 170  $\mu\text{sec}$ . This is the time required to acquire the complete mass spectrum of the sample ionized in the ion source. In addition, the complete mass spectrum is obtained by sampling all ions in the ion source simultaneously. These two important features, simultaneous sampling of all ions for each mass spectrum and a very short acquisition time for the mass spectrum, are the main advantages of that Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry.

Vacuum system:

Ions travel a long distance of more than one meter in the TOFMS. In order to survive during this period of travel to the detector, the ions must travel in a vacuum. To avoid ion loss due to scattering, or reactions, the average ion path until collision with a residual gas molecule,  $l$  (the mean free path), has to be much longer than the travel

distance  $L$ , shown as  $l \gg L$ . This determines what vacuum level is required for the operation of the mass spectrometer. Optimal performance is achieved at residual gas pressure below  $10^{-6}$ Torr. The pressure of the vacuum is kept at  $10^{-7}$  torr for a time-of-flight mass spectrometer by two turbo molecular pumps.

The mass spectrometer is enclosed within a vacuum chamber and consists of two parts, the Ion Source Chamber and the Analyzer Chamber. The vacuum pumping system includes two high performance turbo molecular vacuum pumps, rough pump and turbulent pump specifically suited for pumping out the carrier gases such as helium or hydrogen. These turbo molecular pumps are backed by a mechanical rotary vane vacuum pump. The pumping speed of the turbo molecular pumps corresponds with the desired maximum carrier gas flow rate. The residual gas pressure is measured by a hot cathode gauge attached to the main analysis chamber.

### C. Ion detection:

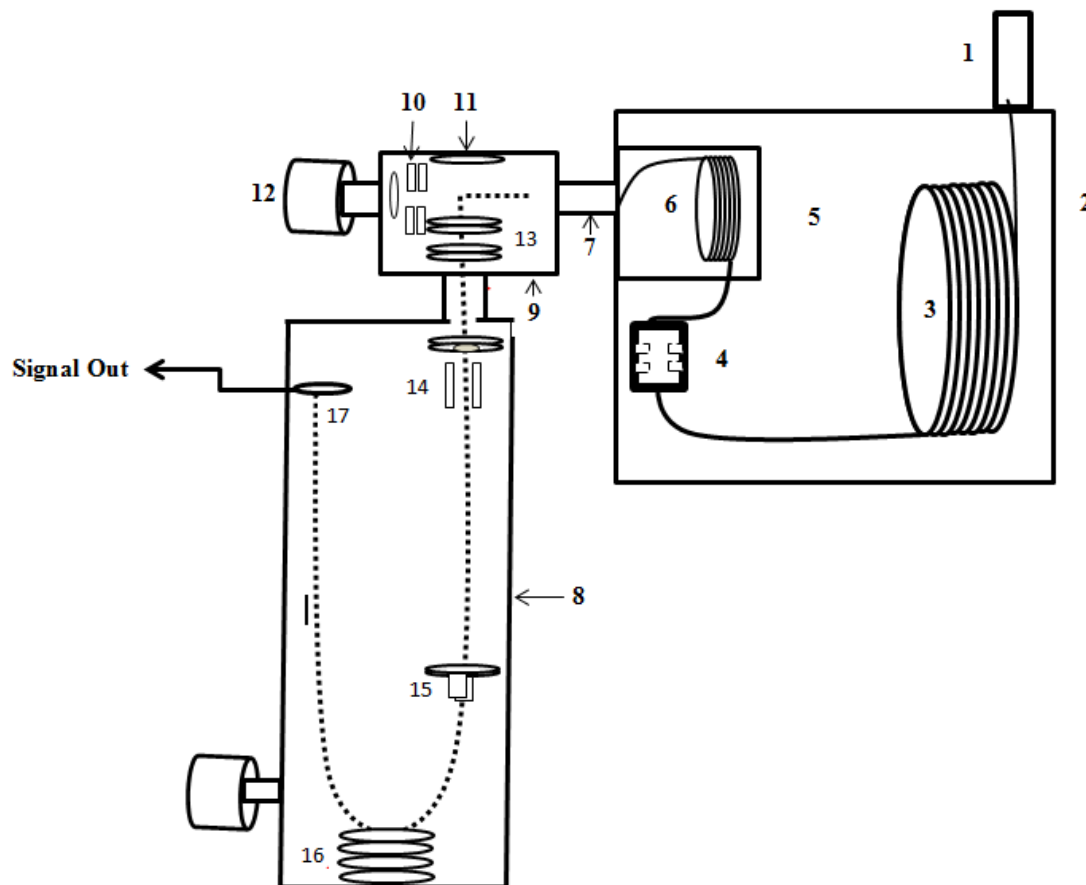
The ion detector used in this work is a micro channel plate and is common for most mass spectrometer systems. Approximately one million small pores each with a diameter of  $10 \mu\text{m}$  penetrate the glass body of the micro channel plate creating one million single channel electron multipliers. Ions striking the internal surface of these channels knock out several electrons from the channel surface due to an effect called ion-electron emission. These created electrons, called secondary electrons, are accelerated by the electric field applied across the plate surfaces. Due to electron-electron emission, each of the accelerated secondary electrons has enough energy to knock out several electrons when it strikes the channel wall surface. This process is repeated many times creating an

avalanche of electrons. Thus, the signal from a single ion can be amplified, which makes it easier to detect ions and to electronically process the resulting signal.

The amount of amplification, also known as the detector gain, depends on the detector voltage applied across the micro- channel plate and the condition of the surface of the micro- channels. The ability to generate electrons can change due to surface degradation, ion and electron collisions, and moisture adsorption. The degree and rate of degradation, depends on detector usage conditions. In order to prevent exposing the ion detector to the highly abundant ions created from the carrier gas and residual gas, all undesirable ions are deflected by applying an electrical pulse to a set of deflection plates, located after the ion source. The electrical pulse has an appropriate delay and duration after each sampling of the ion source.

#### 4. Data processing and peak deconvolution:

Peak deconvolution and data processing are the final points in mass spectrometer system to locate a specific mass/ charge ratio in the TIC (Total Ion Chromatogram). ChromaTOF has a peak deconvolution algorithm built in the data processing software making it possible to input multiple masses producing multiple EICs (Extracted Ion Chromatogram) on a single chromatogram. Due to the higher sensitivity of TOFMS system, the software produces EIC's with high S/N ratio, has a high mass spectral acquisition rate up to 500 Hz, and stable baseline spectra. In general the data processing for the acquired samples can be processed immediately or at a later time.



**Figure 9: GC x GC TOFMS instrument**

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|---|--|
| 1. Sampling Inlet                             | 10. electron focusing optics           |
| 2. Main Oven                                  | 11. push pulse plate                   |
| 3. 1 <sup>st</sup> Dimension capillary column | 12. Turbo molecular pump               |
| 4. Thermal modulator                          | 13. Ion focusing optics                |
| 5. Secondary oven                             | 14. Z- steering and deflection plates  |
| 6. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dimension capillary column | 15. Einzel lens and Y- steering plates |
| 7. Heated transfer line                       | 16. Reflectron                         |
| 8, 9. Main analysis chamber                   | 17. Detector                           |

## 2.2 Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP- MS)

Principle:

The principle of ICP- MS is that the sample or analyte gets ionized by the application of high temperature plasma. These ionized atoms are then separated and identified according to their  $m/z$  (mass to charge ratio). A typical ICP- MS system consists of five sections:

1. Automated sample introduction system
2. Inductively coupled plasma (ICP)
3. Interface
4. Mass spectrometry
5. Data processing and display system

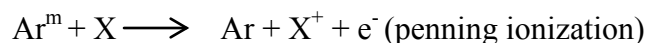
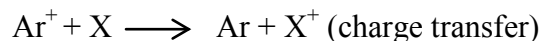
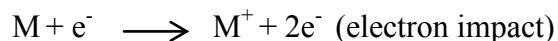
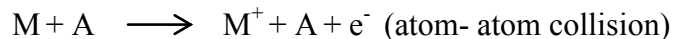
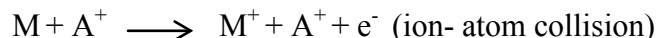
1. Automated sample introduction system:

The most common type of sample introduction is when the liquid sample is forced into a pneumatic nebulizer by a peristaltic pump. This pneumatic nebulizer converts the liquid sample into an aerosol, which is transferred to a spray chamber from which the aerosol is carried by a stream of argon gas to the plasma through the spray chamber.

2. Inductively coupled plasma:

Plasma which is a partially ionized gas with sufficiently high temperature atomizes and ionizes most of the elements in the periodic table and argon is used as a carrier gas since it produces pure form of ions because of its inert nature.

The following are the types of ionization processes that occur in the ICP:



Penning ionization happens when a meta- stable atom collide with a neutral atom and ionizes the neutral atom by the de- excitation of the meta- stable atom. In ICP, the plasma torch consists of three concentric silica quartz tubes each of which is open at the top.

A RF induction coil is wrapped around the top opening of the silica quartz tube. Auxiliary argon passes through the central tube and argon gas is passed through the middle or second tube. The sample in the form of dried aerosol passes through the central tube by argon carrier gas. The helical flow pattern of the argon plasma gas isolates the outer most quartz tube from the plasma. Ionization of argon gas is done by a spark from a tesla coil probe. These seeded free electrons absorb enough energy from the coil and maintain constant temperature of the plasma 6000- 10000K. Accelerated electrons collide with the atoms and transfer their energy to the entire gas. Coolant gas passes through the outer tube and protects the quartz torch from overheating. Ions produced in the plasma enter the mass spectrometer through the interface.



### 3. Interface:

The interface transfers the ions from the extremely hot plasma into the mass spectrometer. The mass spectrometer requires high vacuum to avoid the collisions between ions and with the gas molecules which diverts the ions from their trajectory. Also the mass spectrometer does not work at high temperatures. The temperature is reduced by a series of vacuum chambers held at low pressure. A water cooled nickel sampling cone with one mm diameter orifice is used to introduce gases into the mass spectrometer. A fraction of the plasma along with the analyte passes through the orifice and because of high vacuum pressure a gas expansion is formed which might take a form of a cone. Just behind this sample cone, another water cooled cone called a skimmer cone is placed with a small orifice. The ions pass through this skimmer as an ion beam into the mass spectrometer where the ions are separated according to their mass/ charge ratio. Several mass spectrometers are available for mass analysis but in this study, an iCAP Qc ICP MS, Thermo Scientific with a quadrupole mass filter is used.

### 4. Quadrupole mass spectrometer:

Quadrupole consists of four parallel rods where opposite rods are connected to radiofrequency and direct current which creates an electric field. The electric field in the quadrupole deflects or transmits ions of different masses. Only specified ions of same mass to charge are passed through the quadrupole and transferred to the ion detector. All other ions collide with the rods and are removed before reaching the detector. The detector then transfers the ion information to the data processor.

## 5. Data processing and display System:

The detector transfers the ion information to system control for data processing. Experiment controller software system converts the signals into graphical display with real time data. The software can not only detect all the elements in the periodic table but also their isotope and isobars.

### 2.3 Nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer [34, 35]

#### Principle:

The sample is introduced by a sample boat into furnace where it gets vaporized and carried by argon gas to a high temperature zone where it reacts with oxygen and gets converted to nitric oxide (NO). This NO reacts with ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and is converted to excited nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>). The light emitted by this excited nitrogen dioxide when it decays is measured by a photo multiplier tube (PMT).

For sulfur, the sample is introduced by an automatic boat controller into furnace where it gets vaporized and carried to a high temperature zone where it is oxidized by oxygen and converted to sulfur dioxide which is then irradiated by ultraviolet rays to form excited sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>). This excited sulfur dioxide returns to the ground state with the emission of photon energy. This emitted fluorescence is measured by a photo multiplier tube (PMT).

#### Apparatus:

**Microliter Syringe:** A microliter syringe with a constant rate injector system, capable of delivering 5- 250 µl is used to inject samples into sample boat.

**Sample inlet system:** Direct injection and boat inlet system are the two types of sample inlet systems and the inlet system used with this instrument is a boat inlet system which facilitates analysis of samples that would react with the syringe needle. The boat inlet external to the furnace cools to room temperature to dissipate the heat from the boat when it is removed from the furnace. The boat is constructed of quartz.

Furnace: The electric furnace is maintained at a temperature (900- 1000°C) sufficient to pyrolyze and combust the sample and oxidize sulfur to sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and organically bound nitrogen to nitric oxide (NO).

Combustion tube: A quartz combustion tube is used so that the inlet end of the tube is large enough to accommodate the sample boat.

Drier tube: The apparatus is equipped with a drier for the removal of water vapor produced during the oxidation reactions. The water vapor must be eliminated prior to the measurement by the chemiluminescence detector.

Chemiluminescent detector measures the light emitted from the reaction between nitrous oxide and ozone and the UV fluorescence detector measures the light emitted from the fluorescence of sulfur dioxide by UV light.

Vacuum system: The chemiluminescence detector is equipped with a vacuum system to maintain the reaction cell at reduced pressure (typically at 20- 25 mm hg) which improves the signal to noise ratio of the detector.

## CHAPTER 3: Experimental section

### Chemicals used:

#### 3.1 GC x GC TOFMS:

The following aromatic compounds were analyzed: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, styrene,  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene and cumene.

**Table 4: List of aromatics for standard calibration**

| Aromatic compound       | Purity  | Supplier          |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Benzene                 | 99.9 %  | J. T. Baker       |
| Toluene                 | 99.97 % | Pharmco Aaper     |
| Ethylbenzene            | 99.9 %  | Fisher Scientific |
| Styrene                 | 99 %    | Sigma Aldrich     |
| $\alpha$ -Methylstyrene | 99 %    | Aldrich           |
| Cumene                  | 98 %    | Aldrich           |

All the reagents used in this study were of analytical grade or better. Calibration standards were freshly prepared by appropriate dilutions of the stock with 2, 2, and 4-trimethylpentane (Isooctane). The reagents that were used for GC x GC TOFMS are as follows: 2, 2, 4-trimethylpentane (Sigma Aldrich- Reagent grade ACS), ethanol (Fisher Scientific- 0.2  $\mu$  filtered), and methanol (Fisher Scientific- 0.2  $\mu$  filtered).

## GC x GC TOF Analysis

All analysis was performed on an Agilent Technologies 7890A GC system equipped with a Pegasus HT High Throughput TOFMS. The GC was fitted with a capillary split/ splitless injection port. The mass spectrometer was fitted with Agilent Technologies high vacuum turbo pump V551 navigator. The auto- sampler used for this instrument is CTC Analytics CombiPAL System with a 10  $\mu$ L syringe.

**Table 5: Column configuration for GC oven**

| Type      | Location  | Length<br>(m) | Internal<br>diameter | Max<br>Temp | Film<br>thickness | Phase   | Bleed<br>masses |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Inlet     | Front     |               |                      |             |                   |         |                 |
| Capillary | GC Oven   | 10.00         | 180.00               | 340.0       | 0.2               | RTX- 5  | 74,             |
| Capillary | Secondary | 0.570         | 100.00               | 320.0       | 0.1               | RXI- 17 | 74,             |
| Capillary | Transfer  | 0.210         | 100.00               | 320.0       | 0.1               | RXI- 17 | 74,             |
| Detector  | TOF       |               |                      |             |                   |         |                 |

**Table 6: Experimental conditions**

| Component                     | Condition  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| GC                            |  |
| Type                          | Agilent 7890A system equipped with a   |
| Carrier gas                   | Helium at 1.00 ml/ min constant flow   |
| Injection size                | 0.1 $\mu$ L using a 1.2 $\mu$ L syringe  |
| Split ratio                   | 500:1  |
| Oven temperature programming  | 10°C for 3 min, then to 100 °C at 10 °C/<br>min finally to 250 °C at 25°C/ min |
| Modulation period(2D)         | 8.00 sec   |
| Hot pulse time (2D)           | 0.4  |
| Cool time between stages (2D) | 3.6  |
| GC- MS Interface              |  |
| Interface                     | Capillary direct   |
| Temperature                   | 280°C  |
| Equilibrium time              | 1 sec  |
| MS                            |  |
| Type                          | Time- of- flight   |
| Acquisition voltage           | 1475   |
| Ion source temperature        | 200°C  |
| Storage mass range            | 5- 1000 U  |
| Acquisition rate              | 100 spectra/ sec   |
| Ionization voltage            | 70 eV  |

Sample preparation:

Renewable energy solutions Polyflow (RES Polyflow):

The RES Polyflow process is robust and is designed to handle the types and percentages of polymers present including plastic waste, tires and carpets as reported by

EPA. The RES Polyflows technology thermally decomposes hydrocarbon based materials such as plastic and rubber and converts them into organic compounds that can be marketed as transportation fuels and new feed stocks for new polymer production. The end product generated by the RES Polyflow is a liquid known as pygas from which diesel fuel, octane enhancers and gasoline blend stocks can be yielded. The main purpose of this work is to analyze these different pygas samples, diesel fuel, gasoline.

Calibration curves:

A 7 g stock aromatic mix was prepared by adding the seven aromatic compounds in decreasing order of their weights to a 10 mL volumetric flask.

**Table 7: Stock solution**

| Compound                 | Mass (g) | Mass percent (%) |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Benzene                  | 1.0      | 14.28            |
| Toluene                  | 1.0      | 14.28            |
| Ethylbenzene             | 1.0      | 14.28            |
| Styrene                  | 2.0      | 28.57            |
| $\alpha$ - Methylstyrene | 1.0      | 14.28            |
| Cumene                   | 1.0      | 14.28            |

This stock aromatic mix was diluted using serial dilution by isooctane to produce different calibration standards. A 1 % calibration standard was prepared by adding 0.21 g of stock solution to 2.79 g of isooctane. A 2 % calibration standard was prepared by adding 0.42 g of stock solution to 2.58 g of isooctane. A 3 % calibration standard was prepared by adding 0.63 g of stock solution to 2.37 g of isooctane. A 4% calibration standard was prepared by adding 0.84 g of stock solution to 2.16 g of isooctane. A 5%



calibration standard was prepared by adding 1.05 g of stock solution to 1.95 g of isooctane. The mass percent of aromatic compounds in different calibration standards are as follows:

**Table 8: Mass percent of aromatics in different calibration standards**

| Compound                | 1% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 5% |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Benzene                 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| Toluene                 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| Ethylbenzene            | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| Styrene                 | 2  | 4  | 6  | 8  | 10 |
| $\alpha$ -methylstyrene | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| Cumene                  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |

Internal standard:

For the reliable quantitative data, internal standards are required to correct the analytical and chemical losses during analysis. It was observed that the linearity with the benzene in calibrations standards was lost over a narrow concentration range and is not reproducible or the reproducibility is lost for the same set of calibration standards. This led to the conclusion that internal standards are needed which are structurally similar to that of the analytes and where the mass differences between the analytes and the internal standards are more than one mass unit. The deuterated components in the internal standard mix used for the analysis are shown in Table 9.

**Table 9: Internal standards**

| Component        | CAS number   | Purity % | Weight | Mix Ratio |
|------------------|--------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Benzene- d6      | 1076- 43- 3  | 97.1     | 16.70  | 2 ml      |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 25837- 05- 2 | 97       | 16.80  | 2 ml      |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 1146- 65- 2  | 100      | 8.84   | 1 g       |
| Toluene- d8      | 2037- 26- 5  | 98.2     | 57.66  | 7 ml      |

Limit of detection (LOD):

The limit of detection or the detection limit (LOD) is the lowest quantity of a compound that can be distinguished from the absence of that compound. The calculation method is again based on the slope and the intercept of the calibration curve.

$$S_{y/x} = [\sum (d_i^2) / N-2]^{1/2}$$

$$d_i = y_i - (m * x_i + b)$$

$$S_{y/x} = \text{Limit of Detection}$$

$d_i$  = residuals

N = number of runs for each set of calibration standard

m = slope from equation of line

b = intercept from equation of line

The Carrier gas used for the GC x GC TOFMS is PRAXAIR BIP HE (Build In Purife Helium). PRAXAIR 22 PSI (cooling the oven) and 235 PSI (cold jets in Modulator) nitrogen refrigerated liquid are used.

### **3.2 Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP- MS)**

The following elements were analyzed as per federal and state hazardous waste criteria: chromium, manganese, nickel, arsenic, selenium, silver, cadmium, mercury, lead, vanadium, cobalt, zinc and copper. All analysis was performed on iCAP Q ICP with a quadruple mass analyzer. All the standard solutions and samples were prepared using double distilled water. All the reagents used in this study were of analytical grade or better. Calibration standards were freshly prepared by appropriate dilutions of the stock with 3 % nitric acid.

Sample and standard preparation:

Gasoline and diesel samples:

Gasoline with super grade was obtained from Get GO Gas station. Diesel sample was obtained from two different places on different days. Gasoline with regular grade was obtained from the gas station on different days. All these samples were analyzed for chromium, manganese, nickel, arsenic, selenium, silver, cadmium, lead, vanadium, cobalt, zinc and copper on ICP- MS.

Renewable energy solutions polyflow (RES Polyflow Samples):

The RES Polyflow process is robust and is designed to handle the types and percentages of polymers present including plastic waste, tires and carpets as reported by EPA. The pygas samples were collected from the reactor at different days and at different times and are named according to them. The main purpose of this work is to characterize these different pygas samples. All these samples were analyzed for chromium,

manganese, nickel, arsenic, selenium, silver, cadmium, mercury, lead, vanadium, cobalt, zinc and copper on ICP- MS.

Gasoline, diesel and Polyflow samples are acid digested or solubilized by lithium metaborate fusion before analysis. In general metals will not dissolve in organic solvents or regular solvent, and acid digestion is a method of dissolving the metal into solution which can then be analyzed to determine the amount of element or metal present in the sample. Organic sample materials present in the sample are generally decomposed into carbon dioxide with nitric acid and reagent hydrogen peroxide.

Acid digestion procedure:

- A. Half a gram (solid) or One gram (liquid) of the sample is weighed into a teflon beaker
- B. Add 5 ml of nitric acid and 5 ml of water to the sample
- C. Gently heat the solution mixture, avoid spattering
- D. After about 5 min when the reaction slows down, add 2 ml of hydrogen peroxide
- E. When all but about 3- 4 ml of solution left, add more 5 ml of nitric acid and water
- F. After the reaction is complete, add 2 ml of hydrogen peroxide
- G. Drive off all but about 3 ml
- H. Cool, add 5 ml water and transfer to a 50 ml volumetric with distilled water.

Lithium metaborate fusion method:

- A. Mix 0.1 g oven- dried sediment/ sample with 0.5 g lithium metaborate in a high purity graphite crucible
- B. Heat in a muffle furnace for 15 min at 1000 °C

- C. Remove crucible and pour melt into polypropylene wide- mouth bottle containing 3 % nitric acid
- D. Cap bottle and shake until solution is complete
- E. Add concentrated nitric acid in small (1 ml) aliquots to dissolve particulate/ turn solution clear if needed after shaking

Standard preparation:

A 10 ppm multi element analysis mixture was taken. An intermediate standard (500 ppb) was prepared to make a set of standards in parts per billion range. A 500 ppb calibration standard was prepared by adding 2.5 ml of 10 ppm multi- element standard diluting to 50 ml with distilled water. A 0.5 ppb, 1.0 ppb, 3.0 ppb, 10 ppb and 30 ppb calibration standards were prepared by adding 50  $\mu$ L, 100  $\mu$ L, 300  $\mu$ L, 1 ml and 3 ml of intermediate standard (500 ppb) respectively and diluting to 50 ml with distilled water and a calibration standard was constructed using this set of standards.

### 3.3 Nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer

Nitrogen/ sulfur concentrations were analyzed on Mitsubishi Nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer which uses an oxidative combustion followed by chemiluminescence and fluorescence detection coupled with automatic boat controller (ABC 210) and automatic quick furnace (AQF 2100 H). All the reagents used in this study were of analytical grade or better. The reagents that were used for nitrogen sulfur determination are as follows: N, N- dimethylaniline (Acros organics), dibenzothiophene (Aldrich), toluene (Pharmco Aaper –UV reagent grade ACS). All the standard solutions and samples were prepared using toluene. Calibration standards were freshly prepared by appropriate dilutions of the stock with toluene.

#### Standard preparation:

The stock solution for nitrogen sulfur determination is prepared based on mass by taking N, N- dimethyl aniline (0.1 g) and dibenzothiophene (0.1 g) in toluene (99.8 g) which is 1000 ppm. Calibration standards of 10 ppm, 50 ppm, 100 ppm, 300 ppm, 500 ppm of N, N- dimethyl aniline and dibenzothiophene were prepared by adding 0.5 ml, 2.5 ml, 5 ml, 15 ml, 25 ml of stock solution (1000 ppm) to a 50 ml volumetric flask respectively and finally diluting to 50 ml with toluene.

#### Sample preparation:

All the gasoline and diesel fuel sample are directly analyzed for nitrogen/ sulfur content whereas the Polyflow samples are diluted to 1/ 10 in toluene.

**Table 10: Experimental conditions for nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Sample volume             | 25 $\mu$ L        |
| Inlet heater temperature  | 900 $^{\circ}$ C  |
| Outlet heater temperature | 1000 $^{\circ}$ C |
| Argon flow                | 300 ml/ min       |
| Oxygen flow               | 300 ml/ min       |

The carrier gas used in nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer is PRAXAIR ultra-high pure compressed argon and oxygen with 99.993 % pure is used for combustion of the sample.

## CHAPTER 4: Results and discussion

### 4.1 GC x GC TOFMS

#### 4.1.1 One dimensional gas chromatography

Qualitative and quantitative analyses of all the gasoline, diesel fuel, Pygas samples and distillation standard, D 86 were performed by both one dimensional and two dimensional gas chromatography. All the samples were analyzed twice by both one dimensional and two dimensional gas chromatography to evaluate the method and to check the reproducibility of the results.

##### 4.1.1.1 Calibration of aromatic compounds (1D)

Set 1:

A set of calibration standards of 1 %, 2 %, 3 %, 4 % and 5 % each of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, cumene,  $\alpha$ -methyl styrene and 2 %, 4 %, 6 %, 8 % and 10 % of styrene is made to which an internal standard is added. All the gasoline, diesel fuel, pygas samples and the distillation standard were taken into a 2.0 ml vial to which a known amount of internal standard is added and was qualitatively determined which is then quantified using the set 1 calibration standards.

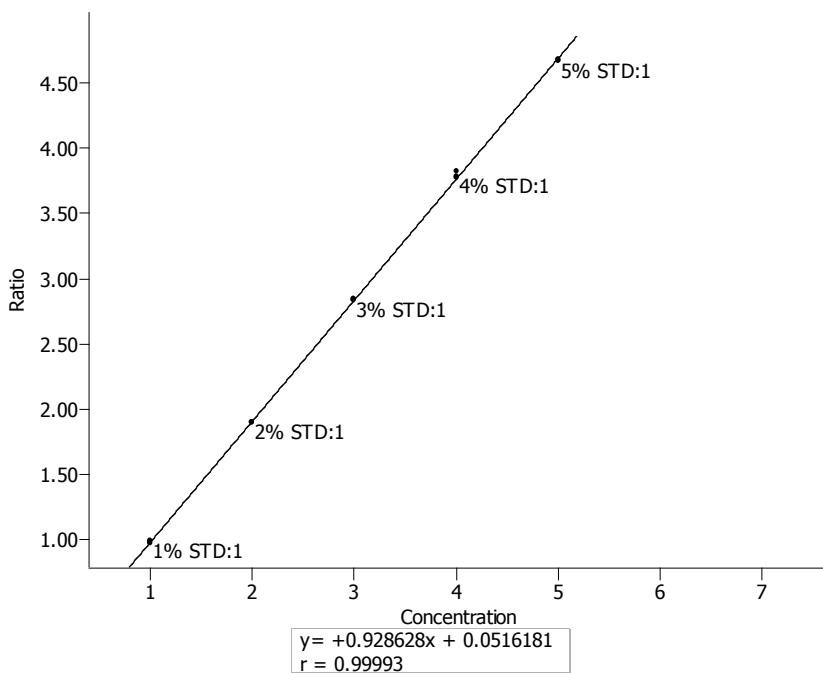
In order to quantitatively determine the fuel and hydrocarbon samples, calibration curve measurements were performed and the typical calibration curves for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, styrene, cumene,  $\alpha$ -methyl styrene are shown in figures 10 to 15. In the calibration curves, X-axis represents the concentration and the Y-axis represents the ratio of the area of analyte to that of internal standard



Benzene:

The calibration curve for benzene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 %. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for benzene is shown in figure 10 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99993$ ). The internal standard used for benzene is benzene- d6 having a mass of 84+83 comes out at 72.77 sec.

| Name    | Mass | Absolute R. T (Sec) | Equation                     | Correlation Coefficient |
|---------|------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Benzene | 78   | 73.93               | $Y = +0.928628x + 0.0516181$ | 0.99993                 |

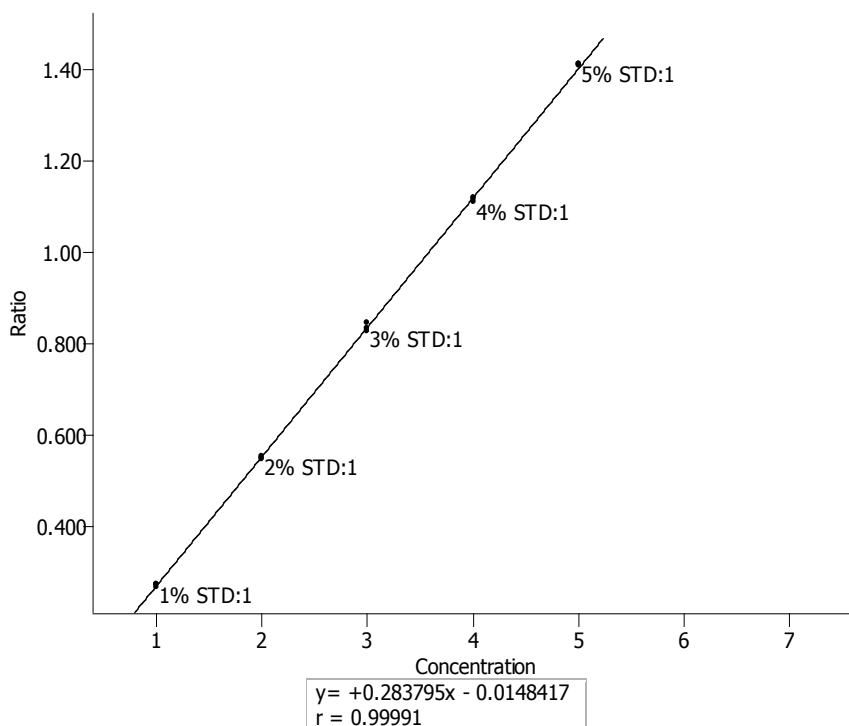


**Figure 10: Calibration curve of benzene**

## Toluene

The calibration curve for toluene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for toluene is shown in figure 11 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99991$ ). The internal standard used for toluene is toluene-  $d_8$  having a mass of 100 + 99 comes out at 186.32 sec.

| Name    | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                     | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|---------|------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Toluene | 92   | 192.44                 | $Y = +0.283795x - 0.0148417$ | 0.99991                    |

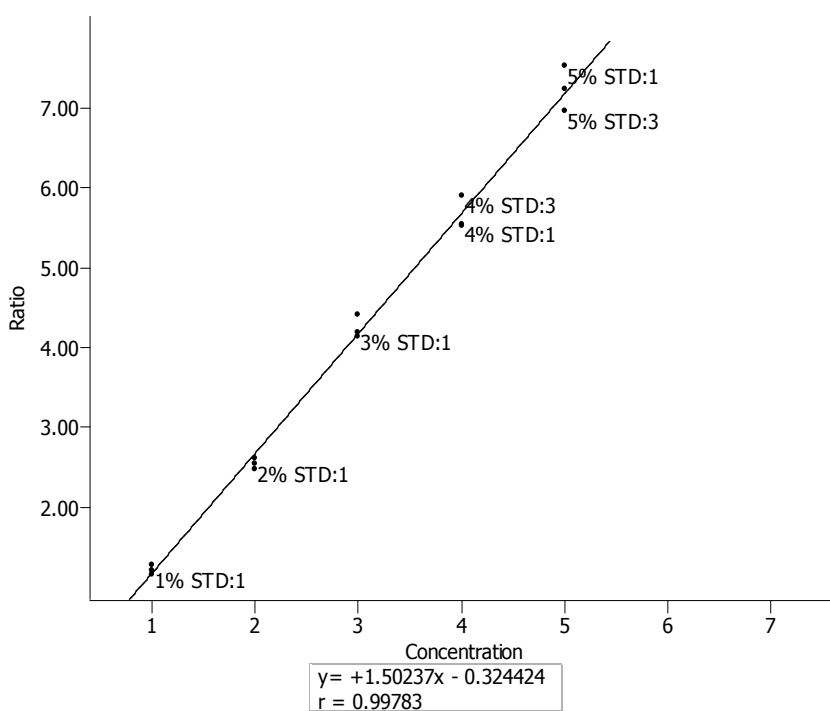


**Figure 11: Calibration curve of toluene**

## Ethylbenzene:

The calibration curve for ethylbenzene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for ethylbenzene is shown in figure 12 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99781$ ). The internal standard used for ethylbenzene is ethylbenzene- $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 324.64 sec.

| Name         | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                   | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|--------------|------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ethylbenzene | 106  | 331.0                  | $Y = +1.50237X - 0.324424$ | 0.99783                    |

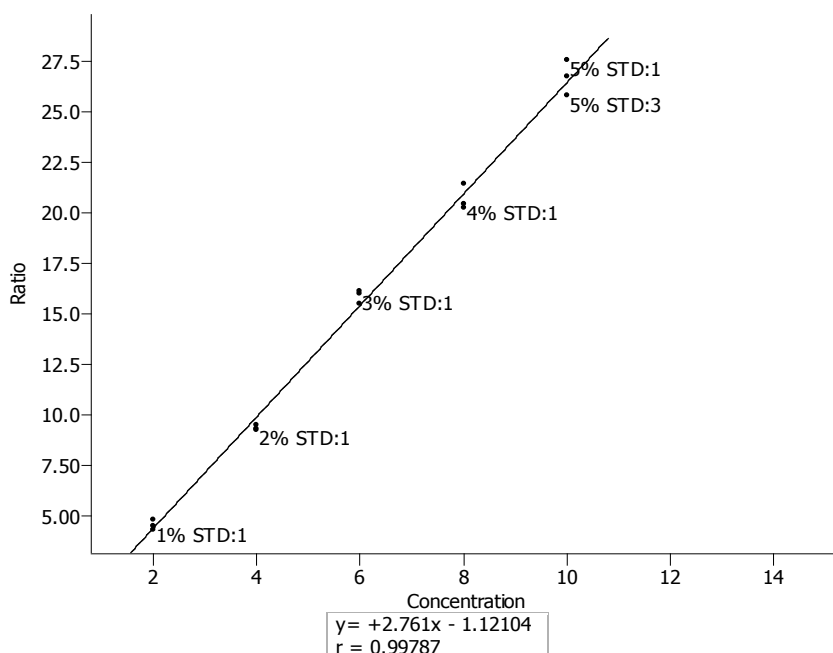


**Figure 12: Calibration curve of ethylbenzene**

Styrene:

The calibration curve for styrene was constructed using the following concentrations: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for styrene is shown in figure 13 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99698$ ). The internal standard used for styrene is ethylbenzene-  $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 324.64 sec.

| Name    | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                 | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|---------|------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Styrene | 104  | 369.37                 | $Y = + 2.761X - 1.12104$ | 0.99787                    |



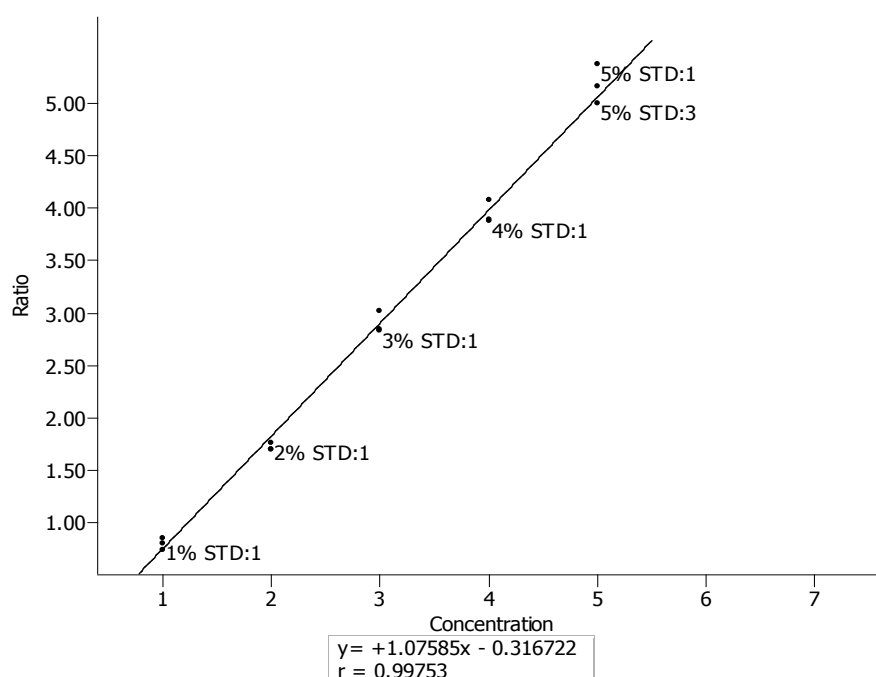
**Figure 13: Calibration curve of styrene**

Cumene:

The calibration curve for cumene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of

the results. The calibration curve for cumene is shown in figure 14 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99753$ ). The internal standard used for cumene is ethylbenzene-  $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 324.64 sec.

| Name   | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                    | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|--------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cumene | 120  | 407.84                 | $Y = + 1.07585X - 0.316722$ | 0.99753                    |

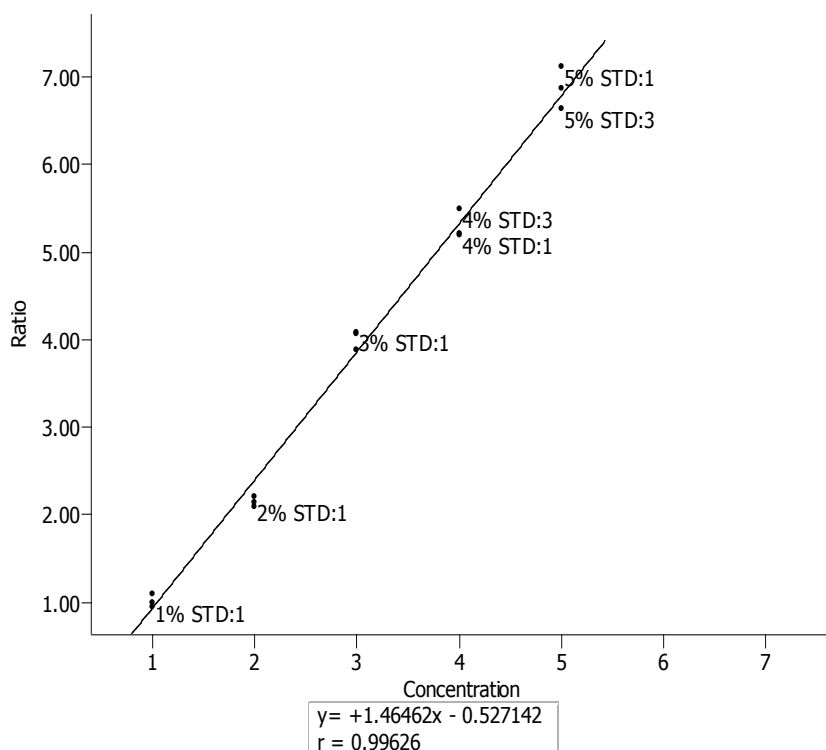


**Figure 14: Calibration curve of cumene**

$\alpha$ - Methylstyrene:

The calibration curve for  $\alpha$ - methylstyrene was constructed using following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of results. The calibration curve for  $\alpha$ - methylstyrene is shown in figure 15 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99692$ ). The internal standard used for  $\alpha$ - Methylstyrene is ethylbenzene-  $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 324.64 sec.

| Name                     | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                    | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|--------------------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| $\alpha$ - Methylstyrene | 118  | 472.49                 | $Y = + 1.46462x - 0.527142$ | 0.99626                    |



**Figure 15: Calibration curve of  $\alpha$ - methylstyrene**

#### 4.1.1.2 Limit of detection for aromatics in mass percent (1D)

The limit of detection or the detection limit (LOD) is the lowest quantity of a compound that can be distinguished from the absence of that compound. The calculation method is again based on the slope and the intercept of the calibration curve.

**Table 11: Limit of detection for aromatics in mass percent**

| Compound                 | 1D (Mass Percent) |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Benzene                  | 0.02              |
| Toluene                  | 0.007             |
| Ethylbenzene             | 0.2               |
| Styrene                  | 0.6               |
| Cumene                   | 0.1               |
| $\alpha$ - Methylstyrene | 0.2               |

Different grades of gasoline, diesel, polyflow and distillation standard D86 were qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibration set 1. The retention time, area and mass percent of each the aromatic compounds in different grades of gasoline, diesel and distillation standard D86 are tabulated below.

#### 4.1.1.3 Distillation standard D 86 (1D)

The distillation standard D 86 was qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. Table 12 shows only the calibrated compounds, with their retention time, area and mass percent. D 86 contains only toluene and Cumene.

**Table 12: Quantified aromatics in D 86 in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 73.05                | 234196   | 7.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 186.27               | 536014.6 | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 194.11               | 4355544  | 32.8         |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.56               | 55481    | 7.2          |
| Cumene           | 408.21               | 783143.3 | 13.4         |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.28               | 91706    | 7.2          |

#### 4.1.1.4 Gasoline samples (1D)

Different grades of gasoline like regular and super were collected from different places on different days. This gasoline sample was characterized and was quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds. Each sample was run in triplicate to check the reproducibility of the method. All the gasoline samples were named according to their grade and the date they were collected and the format used in naming the samples is type, grade, the day it was collected (YY/ MM/ DD). All the aromatic compounds in the gasoline samples were listed below in mass percent.

Gasoline super (130611):

Gasoline super (130611) was qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. Table 13 shows only the calibrated compounds, with their retention time, area and mass percent. Gasoline super (130611) contains benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and cumene which have 0.2, 12.0, 1.2 and 0.6 mass percent respectively of the six aromatic compounds.

**Table 13: Quantified aromatics in gasoline super (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.91               | 561732.3 | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 74.32               | 138877.3 | 0.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 186.05              | 886809.7 | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192.95              | 3018553  | 12.1         |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.48              | 72569.33 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.72              | 108332   | 1.2          |
| Cumene           | 407.48              | 22399    | 0.6          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.34              | 113648.3 | 7.2          |



Gasoline regular (130611):

Gasoline regular (130611) was qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. Table 14 shows only the calibrated compounds, with their retention time, area and mass percent. Gasoline regular (130611) contains benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and cumene which has 0.9, 6.5, 1.4 and 0.4 mass percent respectively of the six aromatic compounds

**Table 14: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area      | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.89               | 538421.6  | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 74.16               | 502686.3  | 0.9          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.78              | 760428.3  | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192.15              | 1396424.6 | 6.5          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.55              | 60151.3   | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.64              | 104507    | 1.4          |
| Cumene           | 407.51              | 9290.7    | 0.4          |
| Naphthalene-d8   | 656.35              | 92289.3   | 7.2          |

Gasoline regular (130522):

Gasoline regular (130522) was qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. Table 15 shows only the calibrated compounds, with their retention time, area and mass percent. Gasoline regular (130522) contains benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and cumene which has 0.4, 4.5, 1.0 and 0.42 mass percent respectively of the six aromatic compounds.

**Table 15: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130522) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.96               | 517231.7 | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 74.31               | 216459   | 0.4          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.67              | 686292   | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 191.91              | 870442.3 | 4.5          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.52              | 57583.33 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.83              | 65038    | 1.0          |
| Cumene           | 407.52              | 7604.63  | 0.4          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.26              | 82324    | 7.2          |

Gasoline regular (130505):

Gasoline regular (130505) was qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. Table 16 shows only the calibrated compounds, with their retention time, area and mass percent. Gasoline super (130505) contains benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and Cumene which has 0.3, 4.1, 1.2 and 0.4 mass percent respectively of the six aromatic compounds.

**Table 16: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130505) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area      | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.21               | 570382.66 | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 73.56               | 207907.33 | 0.3          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.15              | 859535    | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 191.45              | 988876.33 | 4.1          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.28              | 71690.67  | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.5               | 104094.33 | 1.2          |
| Cumene           | 407.36              | 11371.1   | 0.4          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.23              | 107566.67 | 7.2          |

**4.1.1.5 Diesel samples (1D)**

Diesel samples were collected from different places on different days. These samples were characterized and were quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds to check the reproducibility of the method. All the diesel samples were named according to their grade and the dates they were collected and the format of the date for the samples is yy/mm/dd. All the diesel samples were qualitatively determined and is then quantified using the calibration standard. All the diesel samples do not contain any aromatic content in them. Most of the diesel samples had decane derivatives in it when quantified. The complete peak table of diesel is shown in the table 17.

**Table 17: Peak table of diesel collected on different days**

| Compound             | Retention Time(sec) | Area   | Mass Percent   |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|
| Benzene              | -                   | -      | -              |
| Toluene              | -                   | -      | -              |
| Ethylbenzene         | -                   | -      | -              |
| Styrene              | -                   | -      | -              |
| Cumene               | -                   | -      | -              |
| à-Methylstyrene      | -                   | -      | -              |
| Benzene- d6          | 73.48               | 181157 | 7.2            |
| Toluene- d8          | 186.07              | 434284 | 7.2            |
| Ethylbenzene- d8     | 324.81              | 33099  | 7.2            |
| Naphthalene- d8      | 656.32              | 53138  | 7.2            |
| Unknown 1            | 587.44              | 26399  | Not quantified |
| Undecane             | 675.57              | 72942  | Not quantified |
| Tridecane            | 752.47              | 75592  | Not quantified |
| Hexadecane           | 801.52              | 16618  | Not quantified |
| Tridecane            | 838.9               | 69614  | Not quantified |
| Decane, 2,9-dimethyl | 870.82              | 22817  | Not quantified |

#### 4.1.1.6 Polyflow samples

The end product generated by the RES Polyflow process is a liquid known as pygas from which diesel fuel, octane enhancers and gasoline blend stocks can be produced. The pygas samples were collected from the reactor at different days and at different times and are named according to them. All the pygas samples were qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. All the quantified pygas samples, with their retention time, area and mass percent are shown in their respective tables.

130417 Post Scrub:

**Table 18: Quantified aromatics in 130417 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time (sec) | Area      | Mass Percent |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.94                | 687776.5  | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 74.16                | 791077.5  | 1.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.87               | 1141726.5 | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192.38               | 2484210.5 | 7.7          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.38               | 103799    | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.57               | 334169.5  | 2.4          |
| Styrene          | 368.22               | 894330.5  | 3.6          |
| Cumene           | 407.54               | 5367.95   | 0.3          |
| à-Methylstyrene  | 471.96               | 17610.5   | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene-D8   | 656.19               | 131376    | 7.2          |

130313 post scrub:

**Table 19: Quantified aromatics in 130313 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.63                | 555038.7 | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 73.82                | 1550722  | 2.9          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.37               | 801934   | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 191.66               | 923829   | 4.1          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.26               | 66800    | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.57               | 67365.3  | 0.9          |
| Styrene          | 367.96               | 172631   | 1.3          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.12               | 91574.5  | 7.2          |

130313 pyrogas scrub:

**Table 20: Quantified aromatics in 130313 pyrogas scrub in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 73.19               | 588892.3 | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 74.44               | 709632.7 | 1.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.99              | 958630.7 | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192.15              | 766540.3 | 2.9          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.42              | 88094.67 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.52              | 165896.7 | 1.5          |
| Styrene          | 368.05              | 368054.3 | 1.9          |
| Cumene           | 407.42              | 9060.7   | 0.4          |
| à-Methylstyrene  | 471.87              | 17829    | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.21              | 124778   | 7.2          |

Hydro treated gasoline fraction:

**Table 21: Quantified aromatics in hydro treated gasoline fraction in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.45               | 583422.3 | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 73.73               | 383447   | 0.7          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.46              | 973335.3 | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192.27              | 2418040  | 8.8          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.45              | 87961.3  | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 331.49              | 1395190  | 10.8         |
| Styrene          | 369.77              | 4020901  | 17.0         |
| Cumene           | 407.13              | 106681.3 | 1.4          |
| à-Methylstyrene  | 471.77              | 273235.7 | 2.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.17              | 156481.3 | 7.2          |

111005 Dr- 1 heated 2x:

**Table 22: Quantified aromatics in 111005 Dr- 1 heated 2X in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 73.11               | 528779   | 7.2          |
| Benzene          | 74.41               | 366199.3 | 0.7          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.86              | 866701   | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192.45              | 2362865  | 9.7          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.54              | 75155    | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 331.35              | 1332289  | 12.0         |
| Styrene          | 369.61              | 3901744  | 19.2         |
| Cumene           | 407.17              | 103168.3 | 1.6          |
| à-Methylstyrene  | 471.76              | 265254.7 | 2.8          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 655.99              | 132827   | 7.2          |

Set 2:

Calibration and quantitation of aromatic compounds (1D):

A set of Calibration standards were freshly made on a different day and the qualitative, quantitative analysis of the gasoline, diesel and distillation standard D86 was determined to check the reproducibility of the results. The compound mass, retention time, equation of the line and the correlation coefficient of each of the calibrated compounds are shown in the table. Benzene- d6 was used as an internal standard for benzene, toluene- d8 was used as an internal standard for toluene and Ethylbenzene- d8 was used as an internal standard for ethylbenzene, styrene, cumene and à-Methylstyrene.

**Table 23: Equation of line and correlation coefficient of calibrated aromatics**

| Compound        | Mass | Retention Time(sec) | Equation of Line              | Correlation Coefficient |
|-----------------|------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Benzene         | 78   | 73.62               | $Y = + 0.954137x - 0.0221691$ | 0.99903                 |
| Toluene         | 92   | 191.19              | $Y = + 0.291794x - 0.0425493$ | 0.99885                 |
| Ethylbenzene    | 106  | 330.25              | $Y = + 1.46861x - 1.15141$    | 0.99749                 |
| Styrene         | 104  | 368.29              | $Y = + 2.66367x - 1.15141$    | 0.99581                 |
| Cumene          | 120  | 407.13              | $Y = + 1.10755x - 0.381265$   | 0.99708                 |
| p-Methylstyrene | 118  | 471.75              | $Y = + 1.43772x - 0.529426$   | 0.99593                 |

The limit of detection or the detection limit (LOD) is the lowest quantity of a compound that can be distinguished from the absence of that compound. The calculation method is again based on the slope and the intercept of the calibration curve.

**Table 24: Limit of detection for aromatics in mass percent**

| Compound       | LD (Mass Percent) |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Benzene        | 0.02              |
| Toluene        | 0.006             |
| Ethylbenzene   | 0.2               |
| Styrene        | 0.6               |
| Cumene         | 0.1               |
| Methyl styrene | 0.2               |

All the samples were qualitatively determined and then quantified using their respective calibration curves. The retention time, quant mass, area and mass percent of the aromatic compounds in different grades of gasoline, diesel and distillation standard D86 are tabulated below.



Distillation standard D 86:

The distillation standard D 86 was qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. Table 25 shows only the calibrated compounds, with their retention time, area and mass percent. The quantified distillation standard D 86 contains only toluene and cumene in 32.3 and 13.2 mass % respectively of the six aromatic compounds.

**Table 25: Quantified aromatics in distillation standard D 86 in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 73.05               | 256717   | 7.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.32              | 638363.3 | 7.4          |
| Toluene          | 193.09              | 5434350  | 32.3         |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 324.13              | 53025.67 | 7.4          |
| Cumene           | 407.66              | 751443.7 | 13.2         |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 655.93              | 84779.33 | 7.4          |

Gasoline samples:

Different grades of gasoline like regular and super were collected from different places on different days. This gasoline sample was characterized and was quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds to check the reproducibility of the method. All the gasoline samples were listed with their quantified aromatic content with their retention time, area and mass percent.

Gasoline super (130611):

**Table 26: Quantified aromatics in gasoline super (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.05               | 690706   | 7.4          |
| Benzene          | 73.41               | 164162.7 | 0.3          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.1               | 1123784  | 7.4          |
| Toluene          | 192.35              | 3526120  | 10.9         |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 323.85              | 99155.33 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.01              | 134816.7 | 1.1          |
| Cumene           | 406.99              | 29232    | 0.6          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 655.97              | 158181   | 7.4          |

Gasoline regular (130611):

**Table 27: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 71.96               | 715313.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene          | 73.22               | 671810.7 | 1.0          |
| Toluene- d8      | 184.67              | 1142053  | 7.4          |
| Toluene          | 191.3               | 1883875  | 5.8          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 323.78              | 99067.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.04              | 150518.7 | 1.3          |
| Cumene           | 407                 | 12673.17 | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene-d8   | 656.05              | 151409.7 | 7.4          |

Gasoline regular (130522):

**Table 28: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130522) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72.43               | 609090.3 | 7.4          |
| Benzene          | 73.78               | 257123.3 | 0.5          |
| Toluene- d8      | 185.07              | 873386   | 7.4          |
| Toluene          | 191.32              | 1045274  | 4.2          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 323.98              | 78162    | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.26              | 82614    | 0.9          |
| Cumene           | 407.14              | 9765.23  | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 655.97              | 122436.3 | 7.4          |

Gasoline Regular (130505):

**Table 29: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130505) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72                  | 687245.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene          | 73.32               | 218200   | 0.4          |
| Toluene- d8      | 184.97              | 1093153  | 7.4          |
| Toluene          | 191.24              | 1081919  | 3.5          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 323.87              | 94348.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 330.09              | 126295   | 1.1          |
| Cumene           | 406.91              | 17528    | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656.18              | 171664.3 | 7.4          |

### Diesel samples:

Diesel samples were collected from different places on different days. These samples were characterized and quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds to check the reproducibility of the method. All the aromatic compounds in the gasoline samples were listed below in mass percent. Diesel samples collected on 130611, 130505 do not contain the six aromatic compounds present in the set of calibration standards. Most of the diesel samples had decane derivatives in it when quantified. The complete peak table of diesel is shown in the table 30.

**Table 30: Peak table of diesel collected on different days in mass percent**

| Compound                  | Retention Time (sec) | Area   | Mass Percent   |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------|----------------|
| Benzene                   | -                    | -      | -              |
| Toluene                   | -                    | -      | -              |
| Ethylbenzene              | -                    | -      | -              |
| Styrene                   | -                    | -      | -              |
| Cumene                    | -                    | -      | -              |
| à-Methylstyrene           | -                    | -      | -              |
| Benzene-d6                | 73.25                | 256261 | 7.4            |
| Toluene-d8                | 185.53               | 586943 | 7.4            |
| Ethylbenzene- d8          | 324.19               | 43564  | 7.4            |
| Naphthalene-D8            | 656.08               | 84925  | 7.4            |
| Unknown 1                 | 587.16               | 31207  | Not Quantified |
| Hexadecane                | 675.22               | 101224 | Not Quantified |
| Unknown 2                 | 752.23               | 118185 | Not Quantified |
| Decane, 2,5,9-trimethyl-  | 801.41               | 60680  | Not Quantified |
| Hexadecane                | 838.8                | 51768  | Not Quantified |
| Hexadecane                | 870.63               | 22483  | Not Quantified |
| Decane, 6-ethyl-2-methyl- | 899.25               | 45296  | Not Quantified |

Polyflow samples:

The end product generated by the RES Polyflow process is pygas from which diesel fuel, octane enhancers and gasoline blend stocks are produced. The pygas samples were collected from the reactor at different days and at different times and are named according to them. All the quantified aromatic compounds in the pygas samples are listed below in mass percent with their retention time and area.

130417 post scrub:

**Table 31: Quantified aromatics in 130417 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound          | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6       | 72.05                | 773645.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene           | 73.25                | 1004229  | 1.4          |
| Toluene- d8       | 185.1                | 1308338  | 7.4          |
| Toluene           | 192.23               | 3160319  | 8.4          |
| Ethylbenzene- d10 | 323.95               | 121685.3 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene      | 330.26               | 430962.3 | 2.6          |
| Styrene           | 368.16               | 1190324  | 4.1          |
| Cumene            | 407.06               | 10553.7  | 0.4          |
| à-Methylstyrene   | 471.42               | 24889    | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene-D8    | 655.93               | 169313.7 | 7.4          |

130313 post scrub:

**Table 32: Quantified aromatics in 130313 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound          | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6       | 72.53                | 605018.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene           | 73.72                | 1720457  | 3.0          |
| Toluene- d8       | 184.99               | 879665.3 | 7.4          |
| Toluene           | 191.23               | 1049827  | 4.2          |
| Ethylbenzene- d10 | 323.93               | 76982.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene      | 330.14               | 79336.67 | 0.9          |
| Styrene           | 367.64               | 210649   | 1.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8   | 655.95               | 101290.3 | 7.4          |

130313 pyrogas scrub:

**Table 33: Quantified aromatics in 130313 pyrogas Scrub in mass percent**

| Compound          | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6       | 72.19               | 597873.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene           | 73.42               | 741893.3 | 1.3          |
| Toluene- d8       | 184.52              | 982413   | 7.4          |
| Toluene           | 190.89              | 796359.7 | 2.9          |
| Ethylbenzene- d10 | 323.9               | 92381.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene      | 330.01              | 175429   | 1.5          |
| Styrene           | 367.64              | 394935.3 | 2.0          |
| Cumene            | 407                 | 9358.767 | 0.4          |
| à-Methylstyrene   | 471.55              | 20542    | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8   | 656.02              | 134896   | 7.4          |

Hydro treated gasoline fraction:

**Table 34: Quantified aromatics in hydro treated gasoline fraction in mass percent**

| Compound          | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6       | 72.87               | 542846.3 | 7.4          |
| Benzene           | 74.15               | 356061.7 | 0.7          |
| Toluene- d8       | 185.26              | 903415.3 | 7.4          |
| Toluene           | 192.02              | 2234195  | 8.6          |
| Ethylbenzene- d10 | 324.27              | 83385.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene      | 331.19              | 1252491  | 10.5         |
| Styrene           | 369.54              | 3687290  | 17.0         |
| Cumene            | 406.88              | 104627.3 | 1.5          |
| à-Methylstyrene   | 471.58              | 256728.7 | 2.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8   | 656.05              | 145533.7 | 7.4          |

111005 Dr- 1 heated 2X:

**Table 35: Quantified aromatics in 111005 Dr- 1 heated 2X in mass percent**

| Compound          | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6       | 72.27               | 447732.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene           | 73.54               | 312112.7 | 0.7          |
| Toluene- d8       | 184.91              | 741600   | 7.4          |
| Toluene           | 191.5               | 1994131  | 9.3          |
| Ethylbenzene- d10 | 324.1               | 67861    | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene      | 331.04              | 1123544  | 11.5         |
| Styrene           | 369.47              | 3279778  | 18.6         |
| Cumene            | 406.94              | 93674    | 1.6          |
| à-Methylstyrene   | 471.59              | 225396   | 2.7          |
| Naphthalene- d8   | 655.91              | 124769.3 | 7.4          |

#### 4.1.2 Two dimensional gas chromatography

GC x GC, combined with the Pegasus high throughput TOFMS, has the potential to allow a significant reduction in chromatographic analysis time. The GC X GC thermal modulation system traps the higher volatility aliphatic and aromatics commonly found in all the volatile samples and a secondary column type with different conditions provides greater separation. The modulator placed between the columns, consists of a quad- jet system that creates two distinct trapping zones that traps and focuses all the effluent from the primary column before it is released into the secondary column. Qualitative and quantitative analysis of all the gasoline, diesel and Polyflow samples were conducted by GC x GC TOFMS.



Set 1:

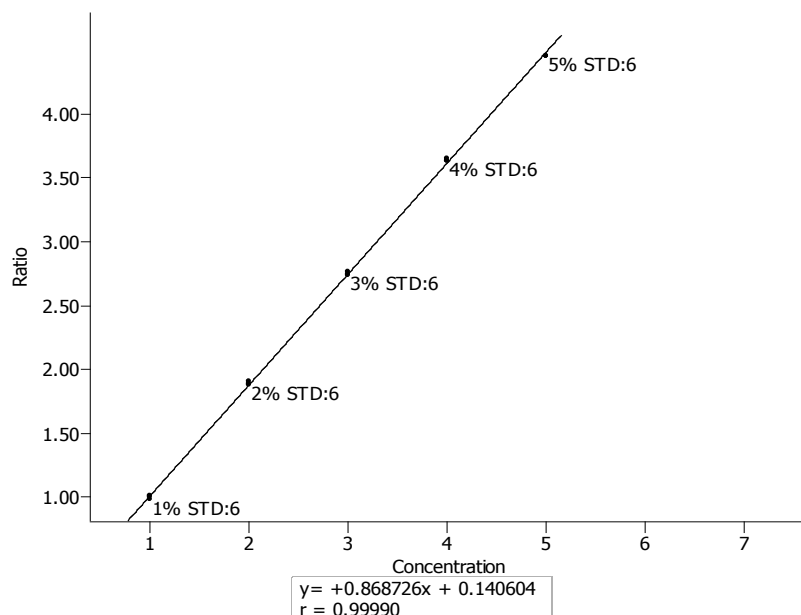
#### 4.1.2.1 Calibration and quantitation of aromatic compounds (2D)

In order to quantitatively determine the fuel and hydrocarbon samples, calibration curve measurements were performed and the typical calibration curves for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, styrene, cumene,  $\alpha$ -methyl styrene are shown in figures 16 to 21. In the calibration curves, X-axis represents retention time of the separation on the first dimension column and the y-axis represents the retention time on the secondary oven.

Benzene:

The calibration curve for benzene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 %. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for benzene is shown in figure 16 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99990$ ). The internal standard used for benzene is benzene-d6 having a mass of 84+83 comes out at 72, 2.920 secs. The first retention time is the separation on the first dimension column and the second retention time represents the retention time on the secondary oven.

| Name    | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                     | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|---------|------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Benzene | 78   | 72, 2.970              | $Y = + 0.868726x + 0.140604$ | 0.99990                    |

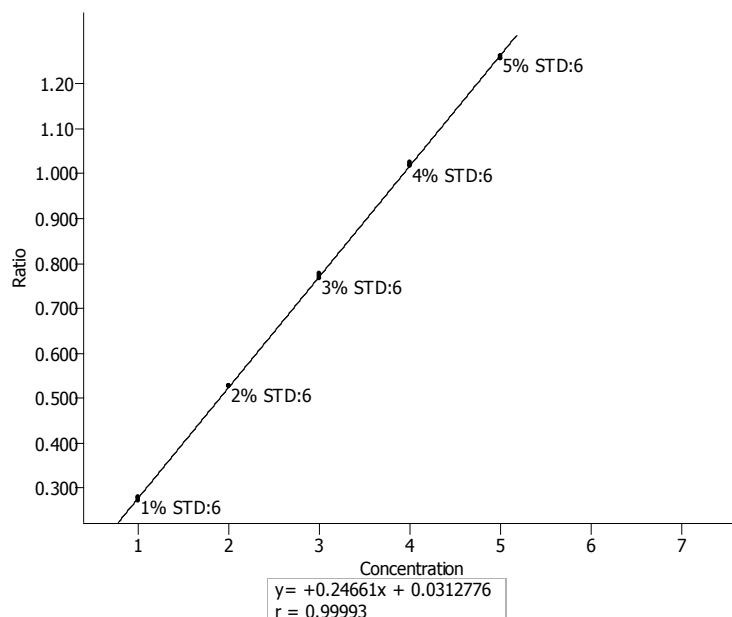


**Figure 16: Calibration curve of benzene**

### Toluene

The calibration curve for toluene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for toluene is shown in figure 8 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99993$ ). The internal standard used for toluene is toluene-  $d_8$  having a mass of 100 + 99 comes out at 184, 5.290 secs.

| Name    | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                     | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|---------|------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Toluene | 92   | 192, 5.150             | $Y = + 0.24661x + 0.0312776$ | 0.99993                    |

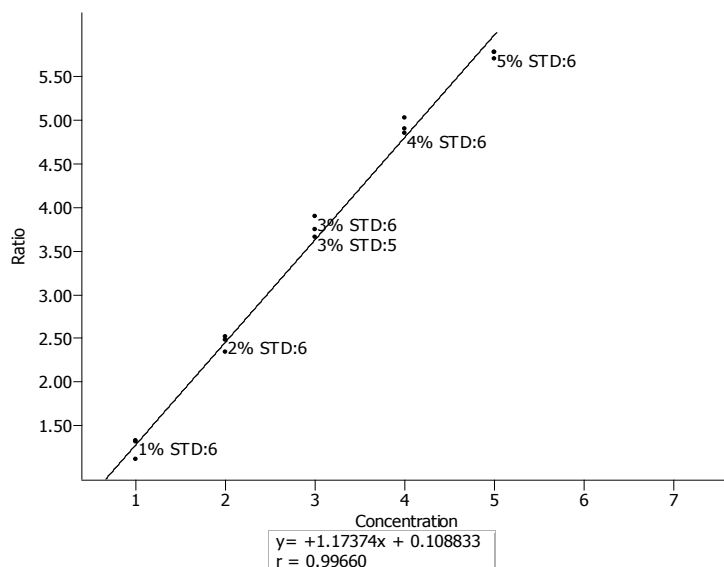


**Figure 17: Calibration curve of toluene**

Ethylbenzene:

The calibration curve for ethylbenzene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for ethylbenzene is shown in figure 9 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99660$ ). The internal standard used for ethylbenzene is ethylbenzene- $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 328, 4.240 secs.

| Name         | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                    | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|--------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ethylbenzene | 106  | 328, 4.430             | $Y = + 1.17374x + 0.108833$ | 0.99660                    |

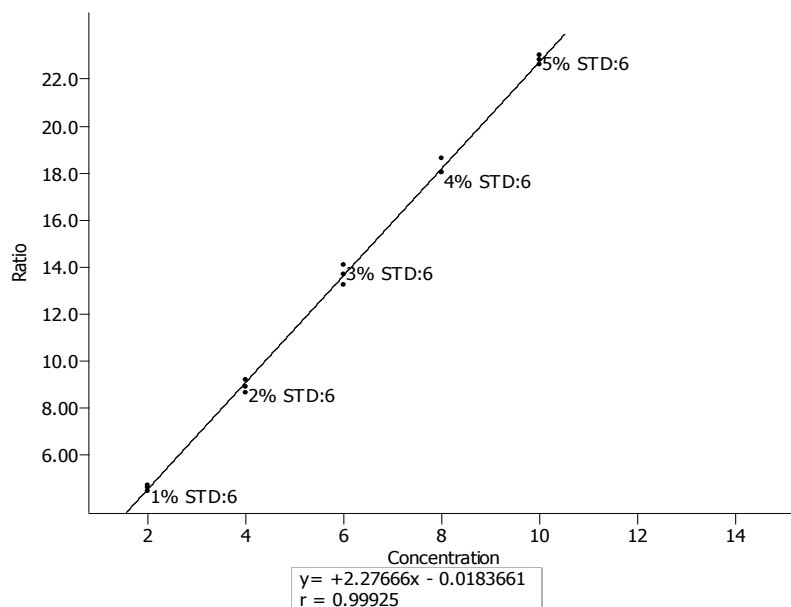


**Figure 18: Calibration curve of ethylbenzene**

Styrene:

The calibration curve for styrene was constructed using the following concentrations: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for styrene is shown in figure 10 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99925$ ). The internal standard used for styrene is ethylbenzene- $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 328, 4.240 secs.

| Name    | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                     | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|---------|------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Styrene | 104  | 368, 4.8               | $Y = + 2.27666x - 0.0183661$ | 0.99925                    |

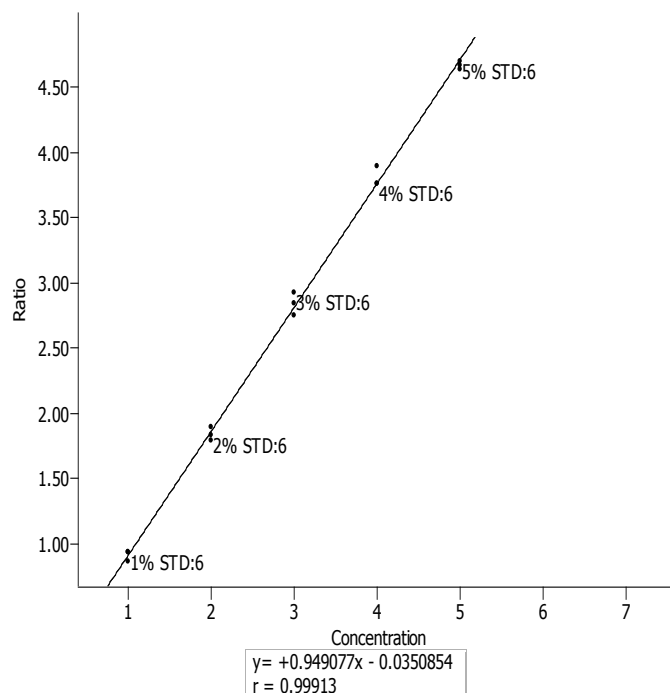


**Figure 19: Calibration curve of styrene**

Cumene:

The calibration curve for cumene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for cumene is shown in figure 11 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99913$ ). The internal standard used for cumene is ethylbenzene-  $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 328, 4.240 secs.

| Name   | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                      | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|--------|------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cumene | 120  | 408, 4.07              | $Y = + 0.949077x - 0.0350854$ | 0.99913                    |

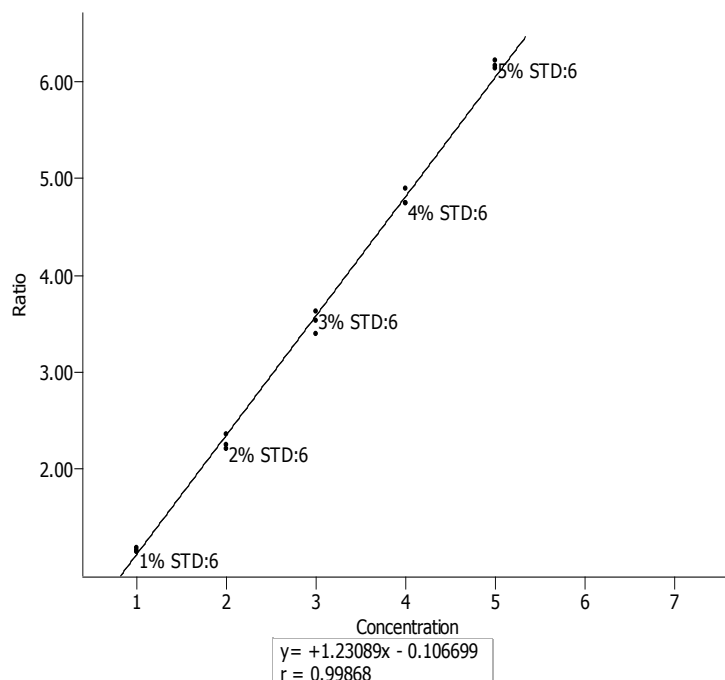


**Figure 20: Calibration curve of cumene**

$\alpha$ - Methylstyrene:

The calibration curve for  $\alpha$ - methylstyrene was constructed using the following concentrations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5%. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for  $\alpha$ - methylstyrene is shown in figure 12 and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.99868$ ). The internal standard used for cumene is ethylbenzene-  $d_8$  having a mass of 116 + 115 comes out at 328, 4.240 secs.

| Name                     | Mass | Absolute R. T<br>(Sec) | Equation                    | Correlation<br>Coefficient |
|--------------------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| $\alpha$ - Methylstyrene | 118  | 472, 4.540             | $Y = + 1.23089x - 0.106699$ | 0.99868                    |



**Figure 21: Calibration curve of  $\alpha$ -methyl styrene**

#### 4.1.2.2 Limit of detection for aromatics in mass percent (2D)

The limit of detection or the detection limit (LOD) is the lowest quantity of a compound that can be distinguished from the absence of that compound. The calculation method is again based on the slope and the intercept of the calibration curve.

**Table 36: Limit of detection for aromatics in mass percent**

| Compound     | 2D (Mass Percent) |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Benzene      | 0.02              |
| Toluene      | 0.005             |
| Ethylbenzene | 0.2               |
| Styrene      | 0.5               |
| Cumene       | 0.2               |
| Metstyrene   | 0.2               |

Different grades of gasoline, diesel, polyflow and distillation standard D86 were qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibration set 1. The retention time, quant mass, area and mass percent of the aromatic compounds in different grades of gasoline, diesel and distillation standard D86 are tabulated below.

#### 4.1.2.3 Distillation standard D 86

The distillation standard D 86 was qualitatively determined and then quantified using the calibrated standards. Table 37 shows only the calibrated compounds, with their retention time (primary column followed by secondary column), area and mass percent. The quantified distillation standard D 86 contains only toluene and cumene in 28.98 and 11.71 mass % respectively of the six aromatic compounds.

**Table 37: Quantified aromatics in distillation standard D 86 in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72 , 2.920           | 778167   | 7.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 184 , 5.290          | 1273751  | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192 , 5.370          | 9143276  | 29.0         |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 328 , 4.230          | 124116   | 7.2          |
| Cumene           | 408 , 4.130          | 1374799  | 11.7         |
| Naphthalene-D8   | 656 , 6.120          | 196841.7 | 7.2          |

#### 4.1.2.4 Gasoline samples

Different grades of gasoline like regular and super were collected from different places on different days. This gasoline sample was characterized and was quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds to check the reproducibility of the method. All the aromatic compounds in the gasoline samples were



listed below in mass percent. The quantified gasoline samples with their retention time (primary column followed by secondary column), area and mass percent were listed in their respective tables.

Gasoline super (130611):

**Table 38: Quantified aromatics in gasoline super (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.970          | 1019042  | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.020          | 282627.3 | 0.3          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.280         | 1797112  | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.210         | 5263786  | 11.8         |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.240         | 152410.7 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.420         | 233138   | 1.2          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.050         | 59225.33 | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.120         | 266794   | 7.2          |

Gasoline regular (130611):

**Table 39: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.990          | 964932.3 | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.050          | 1037752  | 1.1          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.280         | 1686046  | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.160         | 2825337  | 6.7          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.250         | 150868.7 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.430         | 240412.3 | 1.3          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.040         | 31926.33 | 0.4          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.130         | 251053.7 | 7.2          |

Gasoline regular (130522):

**Table 40: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130522) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.960          | 721356.7 | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.020          | 388909.7 | 0.5          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.250         | 1173270  | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.110         | 1492085  | 4.4          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.240         | 112321.7 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.420         | 131537   | 0.9          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.050         | 21890.33 | 0.3          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.130         | 191031.7 | 7.2          |

Gasoline regular (130505):

**Table 41: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130505) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.970          | 732802.7 | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.030          | 302162.7 | 0.3          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.270         | 1230088  | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.130         | 1376990  | 3.4          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.230         | 109790.7 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.410         | 184347   | 1.0          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.040         | 26132    | 0.6          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.120         | 191591.7 | 7.2          |

#### 4.1.2.5 Diesel samples:

Diesel samples were collected from different places on different days. Diesel samples were characterized and were quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds to check the reproducibility of the method. All the aromatic compounds in the diesel samples were listed below in mass percent. Diesel samples collected on 130611, 130505 do not contain the six aromatic compounds present in the set of calibration standards. Most of the diesel samples had decane derivatives.

Diesel Marathon (130611):

**Table 42: Quantified aromatics in diesel marathon (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area   | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72 , 2.950          | 108638 | 7.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 184 , 5.190         | 194416 | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192 , 5.020         | 5232.4 | 0            |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 328 , 4.190         | 21214  | 7.2          |
| Naphthalene-D8   | 656 , 6.100         | 24048  | 7.2          |

Diesel pilot (130611):

**Table 43: Quantified aromatics in diesel pilot (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72 , 2.940          | 346254   | 7.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 184 , 5.240         | 493696   | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192 , 5.080         | 6849.833 | 0.0          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 328 , 4.240         | 53721.33 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 328 , 4.430         | 1337.467 | 0.0          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656 , 6.140         | 88707.33 | 7.2          |

Diesel (130505):

**Table 44: Quantified aromatics in diesel (130505) in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time(sec) | Area        | Mass Percent |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72 , 2.960          | 423049.6667 | 7.2          |
| Toluene- d8      | 184 , 5.260         | 606754      | 7.2          |
| Toluene          | 192 , 5.100         | 10226.03333 | 0.0          |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 328 , 4.250         | 66510       | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene     | 328 , 4.460         | 1643.233333 | 0.0          |
| Naphthalene- d8  | 656 , 6.170         | 109770      | 7.2          |

#### 4.1.2.6 Polyflow samples:

The end product generated by the RES Polyflow process is pygas from which diesel fuel, octane enhancers and gasoline blend stocks are produced. The pygas samples were collected from the reactor at different days and at different times and are named according to them. The main purpose of this work is to characterize these different pygas samples and quantify them with the calibration standards by two dimensional gas chromatography using a thermal modulator.

130417 post scrub:

**Table 45: Quantified aromatics in 130417 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.020           | 862955.7 | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.080           | 999185.7 | 1.2          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.290          | 1443342  | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.190          | 3094072  | 8.6          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.270          | 142831.3 | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.460          | 365217   | 2.1          |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.840          | 1171710  | 3.6          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.070          | 13047    | 0.4          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.540          | 30942.67 | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.170          | 195703.7 | 7.2          |

130313 Post scrub:

**Table 46: Quantified aromatics in 130313 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time (sec) | Area      | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.040           | 713056    | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.100           | 2144589.3 | 3.3          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.300          | 1173097   | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.160          | 1358289   | 4.6          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.270          | 118429.3  | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.450          | 92896     | 1.0          |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.810          | 290432.7  | 1.6          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.070          | 3984.2    | 0.3          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.540          | 7118.0    | 0.4          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.190          | 159615.6  | 7.2          |

130313 Pyrogas scrub:

**Table 47: Quantified aromatics in 130313 pyrogas scrub in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area      | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.020          | 728225    | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.070          | 937176    | 1.3          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.300         | 1193479.3 | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.160         | 996132    | 3.3          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.270         | 129901.6  | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.460         | 151300.3  | 1.6          |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.820         | 496621.6  | 2.0          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.070         | 17623.3   | 0.5          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.540         | 31517.6   | 0.6          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.180         | 191103.6  | 7.2          |

Hydro treated gasoline fraction:

**Table 48: Quantified aromatics in hydro treated gasoline fraction in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.970          | 801458   | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.030          | 509488.7 | 0.6          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.310         | 1320768  | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.210         | 3199752  | 9.7          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.280         | 156968   | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.470         | 526902.7 | 10.8         |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.950         | 4549218  | 12.8         |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.090         | 178861.3 | 1.2          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.580         | 414013.7 | 2.2          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.200         | 256383.7 | 7.2          |

111005 Dr- 1 Heated 2X:

**Table 49: Quantified aromatics in 111005 Dr- 1 heated 2X in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.020          | 729611   | 7.2          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.070          | 535404.3 | 0.7          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.310         | 1225945  | 7.2          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.220         | 3311649  | 10.8         |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.290         | 144501   | 7.2          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.480         | 590791   | 11.5         |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.960         | 4779006  | 18.6         |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.100         | 184475.3 | 1.4          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.580         | 421419   | 2.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.210         | 230253   | 7.2          |

Set 2:

Calibration and quantitation of aromatic compounds(2D):

Another set of calibration standards was freshly made on a different day and the qualitative, quantitative analysis of the gasoline, diesel and distillation standard D86 was determined to check the reproducibility of the results. The compound mass, retention time, equation of the line and the correlation coefficient of each of the calibrated compounds are shown in the table. Benzene- d6 was used as an internal standard for benzene, toluene- d8 was used as an internal standard for toluene and ethylbenzene d8 was used as an internal standard for ethylbenzene, styrene, cumene and à-Methylstyrene.

**Table 50: Equation of Line and Correlation Coefficient for aromatic compounds**

| Compound        | Mass | Retention Time(sec) | Equation of Line              | Correlation Coefficient |
|-----------------|------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Benzene         | 78   | 72, 3.030           | $Y = + 0.967116x - 0.0333183$ | 0.99966                 |
| Toluene         | 92   | 192, 5.15           | $Y = + 0.280284x - 0.0195039$ | 0.99970                 |
| Ethylbenzene    | 106  | 328, 4.45           | $Y = + 1.94329x + 0.582849$   | 0.99057                 |
| Styrene         | 104  | 368, 4.86           | $Y = + 3.54404x + 1.04438$    | 0.99295                 |
| Cumene          | 120  | 408, 4.08           | $Y = + 1.47025x + 0.262839$   | 0.99209                 |
| p-Methylstyrene | 118  | 472, 4.540          | $Y = + 1.96333x + 0.0729557$  | 0.99447                 |

The limit of detection or the detection limit (LOD) is the lowest quantity of a compound that can be distinguished from the absence of that compound. The calculation method is again based on the slope and the intercept of the calibration curve.

**Table 51: Limit of detection for aromatics in mass percent**

| Compound     | Limit of Detection ( Mass Percent) |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Benzene      | 0.03                               |
| Toluene      | 0.006                              |
| Ethylbenzene | 0.2                                |
| Styrene      | 0.5                                |
| Cumene       | 0.2                                |
| Metstyrene   | 0.2                                |

All the samples were qualitatively determined and then quantified using their respective calibration curves. The retention time, quant mass, area and mass percent of the aromatic compounds in different grades of gasoline, diesel and distillation standard D86 are tabulated below.



Distillation standard D 86:

The quantified distillation standard D 86 contains only toluene and cumene in 31.8 and 12.6 mass % respectively of the six aromatic compounds.

**Table 52: Quantified aromatics in distillation standard D 86 in mass percent**

| Compound         | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass percent |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6      | 72 , 2.950           | 320209   | 7.4          |
| Toluene- d8      | 184 , 5.300          | 535097.3 | 7.4          |
| Toluene          | 192 , 5.270          | 4541254  | 31.8         |
| Ethylbenzene- d8 | 328 , 4.260          | 36677    | 7.4          |
| Cumene           | 408 , 4.130          | 578080.7 | 12.6         |
| Naphthalene-D8   | 656 , 6.180          | 67981.67 | 7.4          |

Gasoline samples:

Different grades of gasoline like regular and super were collected from different places on different days. These gasoline samples were characterized and was quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds to check the reproducibility of the method. All the aromatic compounds in the gasoline samples were listed below in mass percent.

Gasoline super (130611):

**Table 53: Quantified aromatics in gasoline super (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.970          | 459747.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.020          | 112774.3 | 0.3          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.320         | 781793.7 | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.220         | 2348810  | 11.3         |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.270         | 52089.33 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.450         | 113881.7 | 1.5          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.090         | 22932.67 | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.190         | 108671.3 | 7.4          |

Gasoline regular (130611):

**Table 54: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.020          | 452644.3 | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.080          | 450617.7 | 1.0          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.310         | 755981   | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.190         | 1198146  | 6.0          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.280         | 57543.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.470         | 98849    | 1.3          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.090         | 10954.33 | 0.4          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.210         | 95261    | 7.4          |

Gasoline regular (130522):

**Table 55: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130522) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.010          | 435055.3 | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.060          | 205395.3 | 0.5          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.320         | 727211.7 | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.190         | 850162   | 4.4          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.300         | 60527.33 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.480         | 65365.67 | 1.0          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.110         | 9927.2   | 0.3          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.230         | 100574.7 | 7.4          |

Gasoline regular (130505):

**Table 56: Quantified aromatics in gasoline regular (130505) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.000          | 456770   | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.060          | 146634   | 0.3          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.320         | 759108.7 | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.180         | 740321.7 | 3.7          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.300         | 63669.33 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.480         | 70471.67 | 1.0          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.110         | 13124.67 | 0.4          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.230         | 102470.3 | 7.4          |

Diesel samples:

Diesel samples were collected from different places on different days. These samples were characterized and was quantified against standard calibration that contains six aromatic compounds to check the reproducibility of the method. All the aromatic compounds in the diesel samples were listed below in mass percent. Diesel samples collected on 130611, 130505 do not contain the six aromatic compounds present in the set of calibration standards. The qualitative determination of the diesel samples had many decane derivatives in it.

Diesel marathon (130611):

**Table 57: Quantified aromatics in diesel marathon (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.990          | 279305   | 7.4          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.300         | 415569.7 | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.140         | 7919.433 | 0.1          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.300         | 40990.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.480         | 1080.83  | 03           |
| Naphthalene-D8  | 656 , 6.260         | 62841.33 | 7.4          |

Diesel pilot (130611):

**Table 58: Quantified aromatics in diesel pilot (130611) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.000          | 99649.67 | 7.4          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.310         | 148316.7 | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.140         | 1782.267 | 0.1          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.310         | 14305.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.500         | 372.5333 | 0.3          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.280         | 22801.33 | 7.4          |

Diesel (130505):

**Table 59: Quantified aromatics in diesel (130505) in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area    | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.970          | 317896  | 7.4          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.330         | 473785  | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.140         | 6155.8  | 0.1          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.310         | 45777   | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.520         | 1045.18 | 0.3          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.300         | 71670   | 7.4          |

Polyflow samples:

The end product generated by the RES Polyflow process is pygas from which diesel fuel, octane enhancers and gasoline blend stocks are produced. The pygas samples were collected from the reactor at different days and at different times and are named according to them.

130417 Post scrub:

**Table 60: Quantified aromatics in 130417 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.070           | 644083   | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.120           | 853477.7 | 1.4          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.370          | 1096559  | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.270          | 2555852  | 8.8          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.340          | 95402.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.530          | 319523.7 | 2.7          |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.920          | 981317.7 | 4.6          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.140          | 9830.4   | 0.3          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.630          | 24066.67 | 0.5          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.360          | 108790   | 7.4          |

130313 Post scrub:

**Table 61: Quantified aromatics in 130313 post scrub in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time (sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.090           | 511712.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.140           | 1655737  | 3.4          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.360          | 866180   | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.220          | 1001862  | 4.3          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.340          | 72040    | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.530          | 76379.33 | 1.0          |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.900          | 217621.7 | 1.6          |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.140          | 2748.4   | 0.2          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.630          | 4520.3   | 0.3          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.360          | 77445.6  | 7.4          |

130313 Pyrogas scrub:

**Table 62: Quantified aromatics in 130313 pyrogas scrub in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 3.060          | 682718.7 | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.110          | 862174   | 1.33         |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.370         | 1146006  | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.220         | 899509   | 2.97         |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.350         | 62110.33 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.540         | 226514.3 | 1.91         |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.910         | 484289   | 2.39         |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.160         | 16829.33 | 0.36         |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.650         | 30904.33 | 0.49         |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.400         | 119236   | 7.4          |

Hydro treated gasoline fraction:

**Table 63: Quantified aromatics in hydro treated gasoline fraction in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.940          | 628202.3 | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 2.990          | 436037.3 | 0.7          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.320         | 1131187  | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.220         | 2635501  | 8.8          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.260         | 69066    | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.510         | 1433116  | 10.9         |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.940         | 4129093  | 17.8         |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.090         | 148100.3 | 1.7          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.570         | 342562   | 3.0          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.180         | 197075.3 | 7.4          |

111005 Dr- 1 heated 2X:

**Table 64: Quantified aromatics in 111005 Dr- 1 heated 2X in mass percent**

| Compound        | Retention Time(sec) | Area     | Mass Percent |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Benzene- d6     | 72 , 2.940          | 542792.3 | 7.4          |
| Benzene         | 72 , 3.000          | 394880.7 | 0.8          |
| Toluene- d8     | 184 , 5.320         | 963692.3 | 7.4          |
| Toluene         | 192 , 5.210         | 2404326  | 9.4          |
| Ethylbenzne- d8 | 328 , 4.270         | 65472.67 | 7.4          |
| Ethylbenzene    | 328 , 4.500         | 1308891  | 11.7         |
| Styrene         | 368 , 4.920         | 3673365  | 18.5         |
| Cumene          | 408 , 4.080         | 131314.3 | 1.8          |
| à-Methylstyrene | 472 , 4.560         | 290748.7 | 3.0          |
| Naphthalene- d8 | 656 , 6.180         | 157398.3 | 7.4          |

Following is a summary of the tabular data for quantified aromatic compounds in the distillation standard, gasoline, diesel fuel and pygas samples by two dimensional gas chromatography. The concentrations are given in mass percent.



Set 1 (2D):

**Table 65: 2D data for samples in mass percent**

| Compound                 | Distillation standard | Gasoline Super(130611) | Regular (130611) | Regular 130522 | Regular 130505 | Diesel Marathon (130611) | Diesel Pilot (130611) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Benzene                  | 0                     | 0.3                    | 1.0              | 0.5            | 0.3            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Toluene                  | 31.8                  | 11.3                   | 6.0              | 4.4            | 3.7            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Ethylbenzene             | 0                     | 1.5                    | 1.3              | 1              | 1.0            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Styrene                  | 0                     | 0                      | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                        | 0                     |
| Cumene                   | 12.6                  | 0.5                    | 0.4              | 0.3            | 0.4            | 0                        | 0                     |
| $\alpha$ -methyl styrene | 0                     | 0                      | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                        | 0                     |

|                          | Diesel (130505) | 130417 Post Scrub | 130313 Post Scrub | 130313 Pyrogas Scrub | Hydro Treated Gasoline Fraction | 111005 Dr- 1 Heated 2X |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Benzene                  | 0               | 1.4               | 3.4               | 1.3                  | 0.7                             | 0.8                    |
| Toluene                  | 0               | 8.8               | 4.4               | 3.0                  | 8.7                             | 9.4                    |
| Ethylbenzene             | 0               | 2.7               | 1.0               | 1.9                  | 10.9                            | 11.7                   |
| Styrene                  | 0               | 4.6               | 1.6               | 2.4                  | 17.8                            | 18.5                   |
| Cumene                   | 0               | 0.3               | 0.2               | 0.4                  | 1.7                             | 1.8                    |
| $\alpha$ -methyl styrene | 0               | 0.4               | 0.3               | 0.5                  | 3.0                             | 3.0                    |

Set 2 (2D):

**Table 66: 2D data for samples in mass percent**

| Compound                 | Distillation standard | Gasoline Super(130611) | Regular (130611) | Regular 130522 | Regular 130505 | Diesel Marathon (130611) | Diesel Pilot (130611) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Benzene                  | 0                     | 0.3                    | 1.1              | 0.4            | 0.3            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Toluene                  | 29.0                  | 11.8                   | 6.7              | 4.4            | 3.4            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Ethylbenzene             | 1.6                   | 1.2                    | 1.3              | 0.9            | 1.0            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Styrene                  | 0                     | 0                      | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                        | 0                     |
| Cumene                   | 11.7                  | 0.5                    | 0.4              | 0.3            | 0.6            | 0                        | 0                     |
| $\alpha$ -methyl styrene | 0                     | 0                      | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                        | 0                     |

| Compound                 | Diesel (130505) | 130417 Post Scrub | 130313 Post Scrub | 130313 Pyrogas Scrub | Hydro Treated Gasoline Fraction | 111005 Dr- 1 Heated 2X |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Benzene                  | 0               | 1.2               | 3.3               | 1.3                  | 0.6                             | 0.6                    |
| Toluene                  | 0               | 8.6               | 4.6               | 3.3                  | 9.7                             | 10.8                   |
| Ethylbenzene             | 0               | 2.1               | 1.0               | 1.6                  | 10.8                            | 11.5                   |
| Styrene                  | 0               | 3.6               | 1.6               | 2.0                  | 12.8                            | 18.6                   |
| Cumene                   | 0               | 0.4               | 0.3               | 0.5                  | 1.2                             | 1.4                    |
| $\alpha$ -methyl styrene | 0               | 0.5               | 0.4               | 0.6                  | 2.2                             | 2.4                    |

Following is a summary of the tabular data for quantified aromatic compounds in the distillation standard, gasoline, diesel fuel and pug samples by one dimensional gas chromatography. The concentrations are given in mass percent.

**Table 67: 1D data for sample in mass percent**

| Compound                 | Distillation standard | Gasoline Super(130611) | Regular (130611) | Regular 130522 | Regular 130505 | Diesel Marathon (130611) | Diesel Pilot (130611) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Benzene                  | 0                     | 0.2                    | 1.0              | 0.4            | 0.3            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Toluene                  | 32.8                  | 12.0                   | 6.5              | 4.5            | 4.1            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Ethylbenzene             | 0                     | 1.2                    | 1.4              | 1.0            | 1.2            | 0                        | 0                     |
| Styrene                  | 0                     | 0                      | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                        | 0                     |
| Cumene                   | 13.4                  | 0.6                    | 0.4              | 0.4            | 0.4            | 0                        | 0                     |
| $\alpha$ -methyl styrene | 0                     | 0                      | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                        | 0                     |

| Compound                     | Diesel<br>(130505) | 130417 Post<br>Scrub | 130313 Post<br>Scrub | 130313 Pyrogas<br>Scrub | Hydro Treated Gasoline<br>Fraction | 111005 Dr- 1<br>Heated 2X |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Benzene                      | 0                  | 1.2                  | 3.0                  | 1.2                     | 0.6                                | 0.7                       |
| Toluene                      | 0                  | 7.7                  | 4.1                  | 2.9                     | 8.8                                | 9.6                       |
| Ethylbenzene                 | 0                  | 2.4                  | 0.9                  | 1.5                     | 10.7                               | 12.0                      |
| Styrene                      | 0                  | 3.5                  | 1.3                  | 1.9                     | 16.9                               | 19.1                      |
| Cumene                       | 0                  | 0.3                  | 0                    | 0.4                     | 1.4                                | 1.7                       |
| $\alpha$ - methyl<br>styrene | 0                  | 0.5                  | 0                    | 0.5                     | 2.5                                | 2.8                       |

**Table 68: 1D data for all samples in mass percent**

| Compound                     | Distillation<br>standard | Gasoline<br>Super(130611) | Regular<br>(130611) | Regular<br>(130522) | Regular<br>(130505) | Diesel Marathon<br>(130611) | Diesel Pilot<br>(130611) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Benzene                      | 0                        | 0.3                       | 1.0                 | 0.5                 | 0.3                 | 0                           | 0                        |
| Toluene                      | 32.3                     | 10.9                      | 5.8                 | 4.2                 | 3.5                 | 0                           | 0                        |
| Ethylbenzene                 | 0                        | 1.1                       | 1.3                 | 0.9                 | 1.1                 | 0                           | 0                        |
| Styrene                      | 0                        | 0                         | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                           | 0                        |
| Cumene                       | 13.1                     | 0.6                       | 0.5                 | 0.4                 | 0.5                 | 0                           | 0                        |
| $\alpha$ - methyl<br>styrene | 0                        | 0                         | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                           | 0                        |

|              | Diesel<br>(130505) | 130417 Post<br>Scrub | 130313 Post<br>Scrub | 130313 Pyrogas<br>Scrub | Hydro Treated Gasoline<br>Fraction | 111005 Dr- 1<br>Heated 2X |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Benzene      | 0                  | 1.4                  | 3.0                  | 1.3                     | 0.7                                | 0.7                       |
| Toluene      | 0                  | 8.4                  | 4.2                  | 2.9                     | 8.6                                | 9.3                       |
| Ethylbenzene | 0                  | 2.6                  | 0.9                  | 1.5                     | 10.5                               | 11.5                      |
| Styrene      | 0                  | 4.1                  | 1.5                  | 2.0                     | 17.0                               | 18.5                      |
| Cumene       | 0                  | 0.42                 | 0                    | 0.43                    | 1.47                               | 1.58                      |
| Metstyrene   | 0                  | 0.5                  | 0                    | 0.5                     | 2.5                                | 2.7                       |

#### **4.1.3 Qualitative characterization and quantitation of gasoline, diesel fuel and pygas samples**

The chromaTOF deconvolution software package processes the data and gives a complete sample assay which has peak table, hit table, mass spectra of each ion, a 3D image and total ion chromatogram of each sample. In other words, qualitative characterization of the sample and quantitative data for specific analyte of interest are provided by the software.

Gasoline Super (130611):

The complete characterization of gasoline regular was shown with their peak table, total ion chromatogram, 3D image. Peak table shows all the compounds that are present in the Gasoline regular which is a qualitative determination. Each compound in the

sample was given with their type, retention time, quant mass, concentration, area and quantitation.

**Table 69: Peak table of gasoline super (130611)**

| Name                          | Type       | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Styrene/20130716 2d           | Not Found  |                | 104          | -             | -       |
| à-Methylstyrene/20130716 2d   | Not Found  |                | 118          | -             | -       |
| Benzene-D6                    | Quantified | 72 , 2.910     | 84+83        | 7.2           | 1123589 |
| Benzene                       | Quantified | 72 , 2.960     | 78           | 0.16          | 312011  |
| Toluene-D8                    | Quantified | 184 ,<br>5.300 | 100+99       | 7.2           | 1968065 |
| Toluene                       | Quantified | 192 ,<br>5.230 | 92           | 11.35         | 5571729 |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4   | Quantified | 320 ,<br>4.480 | 116+115      | 7.2           | 20973   |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4:2 | Quantified | 328 ,<br>4.240 | 116+115      | 7.2           | 161050  |
| Ethylbenzene                  | Quantified | 328 ,<br>4.420 | 106          | 1.23          | 249666  |
| Ethylbenzene:2                | Quantified | 336 ,<br>4.290 | 106          | 4.21          | 72249   |
| Benzene, (1-methylethyl)-     | Quantified | 408 ,<br>4.050 | 120          | 0.44          | 61391   |
| Naphthalene-D8                | Quantified | 656 ,<br>6.140 | 136+135      | 7.2           | 275127  |
| Acetone                       | Unknown    | 16 , 3.570     | 50           | -             | 58945   |
| Butane, 1-chloro-2-methyl-    | Unknown    | 16 , 3.990     | 57           | -             | 39502   |
| Butane, 2-methyl-             | Unknown    | 24 , 1.160     | 57           | -             | 1450108 |
| Ethanol                       | Unknown    | 24 , 1.390     | 45           | -             | 3110400 |
| Butane, 2,2-dimethyl-         | Unknown    | 32 , 1.190     | 72           | -             | 46848   |
| Pentane, 2-methyl-            | Unknown    | 32 , 1.250     | 55           | -             | 463256  |

| Name                      | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area         |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Butane, 2,3-dimethyl-     | Unknown | 40 , 1.330     | 71           | -             | 775030       |
| 1-Hexene, 4-methyl-       | Unknown | 40 , 1.380     | 56           | -             | 974144       |
| n-Hexane                  | Unknown | 48 , 1.430     | 57           | -             | 523883       |
| 2-Hexene, (Z)-            | Unknown | 48 , 1.500     | 55           | -             | 142235       |
| 2-Pentene, 4-methyl-      | Unknown | 48 , 1.560     | 69           | -             | 79144        |
| Pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-    | Unknown | 56 , 1.520     | 57           | -             | 1717663      |
| Cyclopentane, methyl-     | Unknown | 56 , 1.680     | 69           | -             | 282686       |
| Unknown 1                 | Unknown | 72 , 1.660     | 71           | -             | 21069        |
| Cyclohexane               | Unknown | 72 , 2.030     | 56           | -             | 116130       |
| Pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-    | Unknown | 80 , 1.800     | 56           | -             | 2766959      |
| 3-Hexene, 2-methyl-, (E)- | Unknown | 88 , 2.010     | 69           | -             | 91921        |
| Pentane, 2,2,4-trimethyl- | Unknown | 96 , 1.840     | 57           | -             | 1509004<br>3 |
| Heptane, 3-methylene-     | Unknown | 96 , 2.080     | 70           | -             | 76313        |
| Heptane                   | Unknown | 104 ,<br>2.030 | 57           | -             | 146036       |
| Unknown 2                 | Unknown | 104 ,<br>2.490 | 81           | -             | 20918        |
| 3-Hexene, 3-methyl-, (E)- | Unknown | 112 ,<br>2.340 | 69           | -             | 34475        |
| 2-Butyn-1-ol              | Unknown | 120 ,<br>2.500 | 69           | -             | 29415        |
| Cyclohexane, methyl-      | Unknown | 120 ,<br>2.600 | 55           | -             | 155424       |
| Azetidine                 | Unknown | 128 ,<br>2.140 | 57           | -             | 48514        |
| Hexane, 2,4-dimethyl-     | Unknown | 144 ,<br>2.300 | 57           | -             | 1890691      |
| Pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl- | Unknown | 160 ,<br>2.650 | 71           | -             | 1660565      |

| Name                                | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Heptane, 2,2,3,3,5,6,6-heptamethyl- | Unknown | 160 ,<br>2.810 | 84           | -             | 13909   |
| Pentane, 2,3,3-trimethyl-           | Unknown | 168 ,<br>2.700 | 70           | -             | 655643  |
| Hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-               | Unknown | 184 ,<br>2.610 | 70           | -             | 590264  |
| Unknown 3                           | Unknown | 184 ,<br>2.650 | 69           | -             | 25705   |
| Heptane, 2-methyl-                  | Unknown | 192 ,<br>2.590 | 57           | -             | 172602  |
| Unknown 4                           | Unknown | 192 ,<br>2.660 | 56           | -             | 47773   |
| Toluene-D8                          | Unknown | 192 ,<br>4.910 | 98           | -             | 46493   |
| Heptane, 2-methyl-                  | Unknown | 200 ,<br>2.450 | 57           | -             | 256993  |
| 2(3H)-Furanone, dihydro-5-methyl-   | Unknown | 200 ,<br>2.530 | 56           | -             | 170883  |
| Heptane, 3-methyl-                  | Unknown | 208 ,<br>2.480 | 57           | -             | 261839  |
| Cyclohexane, 1,3-dimethyl-, cis-    | Unknown | 208 ,<br>2.820 | 97           | -             | 15379   |
| Hexane, 2,2,4-trimethyl-            | Unknown | 224 ,<br>2.310 | 57           | -             | 1146625 |
| Cyclopentane, 1-ethyl-3-methyl-     | Unknown | 232 ,<br>2.750 | 55           | -             | 67462   |
| Octane                              | Unknown | 248 ,<br>2.450 | 57           | -             | 146230  |
| 3-Ethyl-2-hexene                    | Unknown | 256 ,<br>2.690 | 83           | -             | 12943   |
| Hexane, 2,3,5-trimethyl-            | Unknown | 272 ,<br>2.320 | 85           | -             | 56676   |
| Heptane, 2,2-dimethyl-              | Unknown | 280 ,<br>2.270 | 57           | -             | 45070   |
| Heptane, 2,6-dimethyl-              | Unknown | 296 ,<br>2.240 | 57           | -             | 61067   |
| Heptane, 2,5-dimethyl-              | Unknown | 304 ,<br>2.280 | 57           | -             | 216298  |
| 4-Nonene, 3-methyl-, (Z)-           | Unknown | 312 ,<br>2.540 | 55           | -             | 25330   |
| Unknown 5                           | Unknown | 328 ,<br>2.360 | 84           | -             | 17362   |



| Name                             | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Heptane, 3,4-dimethyl-           | Unknown | 328 ,<br>2.390 | 57           | -             | 68318   |
| Decane, 5-methyl-                | Unknown | 336 ,<br>2.310 | 57           | -             | 34137   |
| Unknown 6                        | Unknown | 336 ,<br>4.330 | 105          | -             | 21940   |
| Octane, 2-methyl-                | Unknown | 344 ,<br>2.280 | 71           | -             | 68484   |
| o-Xylene                         | Unknown | 344 ,<br>4.130 | 91           | -             | 2981637 |
| Pentane, 3-ethyl-3-methyl-       | Unknown | 352 ,<br>2.230 | 85           | -             | 22499   |
| Octane, 3-methyl-                | Unknown | 352 ,<br>2.290 | 57           | -             | 1053920 |
| Cyclopentane, 1-methyl-2-propyl- | Unknown | 360 ,<br>2.620 | 55           | -             | 26925   |
| o-Xylene                         | Unknown | 368 ,<br>4.400 | 91           | -             | 1254075 |
| Heptane, 3,3,5-trimethyl-        | Unknown | 376 ,<br>2.290 | 71           | -             | 133849  |
| Nonane                           | Unknown | 384 ,<br>2.320 | 57           | -             | 115050  |
| Heptane, 2,3,6-trimethyl-        | Unknown | 400 ,<br>2.300 | 57           | -             | 227302  |
| 2-Pyrrolidinone                  | Unknown | 408 ,<br>2.230 | 85           | -             | 8785.7  |
| Decane, 2,5,9-trimethyl-         | Unknown | 416 ,<br>2.230 | 57           | -             | 68279   |
| Octane, 3,6-dimethyl-            | Unknown | 424 ,<br>2.270 | 57           | -             | 39934   |
| Heptane, 2,5-dimethyl-           | Unknown | 432 ,<br>2.280 | 57           | -             | 15846   |
| Benzene, propyl-                 | Unknown | 440 ,<br>4.000 | 91           | -             | 350720  |
| 2,2,7,7-Tetramethyloctane        | Unknown | 448 ,<br>2.280 | 57           | -             | 614952  |
| Benzene, 1-ethyl-2-methyl-       | Unknown | 448 ,<br>4.060 | 105          | -             | 1090053 |
| Benzene, 1,2,3-trimethyl-        | Unknown | 456 ,<br>3.930 | 105          | -             | 317954  |
| Heptane, 2,2,4,6,6-pentamethyl-  | Unknown | 464 ,<br>2.300 | 57           | -             | 481318  |

| Name                                 | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Benzene, 1-ethyl-2-methyl-           | Unknown | 464 ,<br>4.320 | 105          | -             | 163376  |
| Nonane, 2,6-dimethyl-                | Unknown | 480 ,<br>2.390 | 57           | -             | 156930  |
| Benzene, 1,2,3-trimethyl-            | Unknown | 480 ,<br>4.130 | 105          | -             | 1271155 |
| Benzene, (2-methylpropyl)-           | Unknown | 496 ,<br>3.800 | 91           | -             | 36000   |
| Benzene acetaldehyde, à-methyl-      | Unknown | 496 ,<br>3.980 | 105          | -             | 28762   |
| o-Cymene                             | Unknown | 512 ,<br>3.900 | 119          | -             | 53920   |
| Benzene, 1,2,3-trimethyl-            | Unknown | 512 ,<br>4.330 | 105          | -             | 259351  |
| Azetidine                            | Unknown | 520 ,<br>2.230 | 57           | -             | 356060  |
| Pentane, 3,3-dimethyl-               | Unknown | 520 ,<br>2.390 | 71           | -             | 52894   |
| Benzene, 2-propenyl-                 | Unknown | 520 ,<br>4.940 | 117          | -             | 67219   |
| Decane, 2,5,9-trimethyl-             | Unknown | 528 ,<br>2.320 | 57           | -             | 41876   |
| Benzene, 1,4-diethyl-                | Unknown | 536 ,<br>4.070 | 105          | -             | 36019   |
| Pentane, 3-ethyl-2,2-dimethyl-       | Unknown | 544 ,<br>2.400 | 57           | -             | 241953  |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-4-propyl-          | Unknown | 544 ,<br>3.860 | 105          | -             | 294176  |
| Benzene, butyl-                      | Unknown | 544 ,<br>3.930 | 91           | -             | 122867  |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-3-(1-methylethyl)- | Unknown | 544 ,<br>4.030 | 119          | -             | 47554   |
| o-Cymene                             | Unknown | 552 ,<br>3.860 | 119          | -             | 95006   |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-4-propyl-          | Unknown | 552 ,<br>4.130 | 105          | -             | 92846   |
| Methane, isocyanato-                 | Unknown | 560 ,<br>2.350 | 57           | -             | 48435   |
| Hexane, 3,3,4,4-tetramethyl-         | Unknown | 560 ,<br>2.430 | 71           | -             | 26721   |
| Pentane, 2,2,3,4-tetramethyl-        | Unknown | 568 ,<br>2.360 | 57           | -             | 53158   |

| Name                                  | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Benzene, 1-methyl-3-(1-methylethyl)-  | Unknown | 568 ,<br>4.040 | 119          | -             | 196393 |
| Undecane, 4-methyl-                   | Unknown | 576 ,<br>2.420 | 57           | -             | 22000  |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-3-(1-methylethyl)-  | Unknown | 576 ,<br>4.050 | 119          | -             | 121426 |
| Benzene, 1-ethenyl-4-ethyl-           | Unknown | 576 ,<br>4.520 | 117          | -             | 9480.5 |
| Undecane, 4-methyl-                   | Unknown | 584 ,<br>2.430 | 57           | -             | 30784  |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-4-butyl             | Unknown | 592 ,<br>3.780 | 105          | -             | 21592  |
| Benzene, (1,1-dimethylpropyl)-        | Unknown | 592 ,<br>3.840 | 119          | -             | 15738  |
| Benzene, 2-ethyl-1,4-dimethyl-        | Unknown | 592 ,<br>4.370 | 119          | -             | 30517  |
| o-Cymene                              | Unknown | 600 ,<br>4.190 | 117          | -             | 12632  |
| Heptane, 4-ethyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl- | Unknown | 608 ,<br>2.320 | 57           | -             | 77778  |
| 2,2,7,7-Tetramethyloctane             | Unknown | 616 ,<br>2.340 | 57           | -             | 14315  |
| Indan, 1-methyl-                      | Unknown | 616 ,<br>4.830 | 117          | -             | 12978  |
| Hexadecane                            | Unknown | 624 ,<br>2.380 | 57           | -             | 9680.4 |
| Benzene, (1,1-dimethylpropyl)-        | Unknown | 632 ,<br>3.820 | 119          | -             | 40433  |
| Benzenepropanal, á-methyl-            | Unknown | 632 ,<br>3.940 | 105          | -             | 28642  |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-3-(1-methylethyl)-  | Unknown | 632 ,<br>4.500 | 119          | -             | 30861  |
| 1H-Indene, 2,3-dihydro-4-methyl-      | Unknown | 632 ,<br>4.820 | 117          | -             | 33475  |
| Benzene, (1,1-dimethylpropyl)-        | Unknown | 640 ,<br>4.000 | 119          | -             | 37065  |
| Octane, 2,6-dimethyl-                 | Unknown | 648 ,<br>2.330 | 57           | -             | 85000  |
| Benzene, (1-methylbutyl)-             | Unknown | 648 ,<br>4.010 | 105          | -             | 10578  |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(1-methylpropyl)- | Unknown | 656 ,<br>4.030 | 119          | -             | 24921  |

| Name                           | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Azulene                        | Unknown | 656 ,<br>6.250 | 128          | -             | 92586  |
| Benzene, 1,4-diethyl-2-methyl- | Unknown | 672 ,<br>4.270 | 133          | -             | 19659  |
| Octane, 2,4,6-trimethyl-       | Unknown | 680 ,<br>2.430 | 57           | -             | 14205  |
| Decane, 2,2,7-trimethyl-       | Unknown | 696 ,<br>2.390 | 57           | -             | 29108  |
| Decane, 2,5,9-trimethyl-       | Unknown | 728 ,<br>2.280 | 57           | -             | 10016  |
| Naphthalene, 2-methyl-         | Unknown | 744 ,<br>4.740 | 142          | -             | 9397.5 |
| 1H-Indene, 1-ethylidene-       | Unknown | 752 ,<br>4.330 | 142          | -             | 16363  |
| 1H-Indene, 1-ethylidene-       | Unknown | 760 ,<br>4.440 | 142          | -             | 16091  |

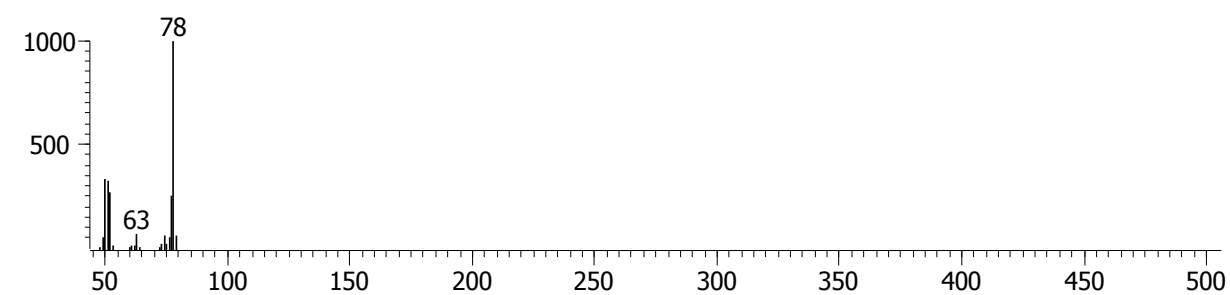
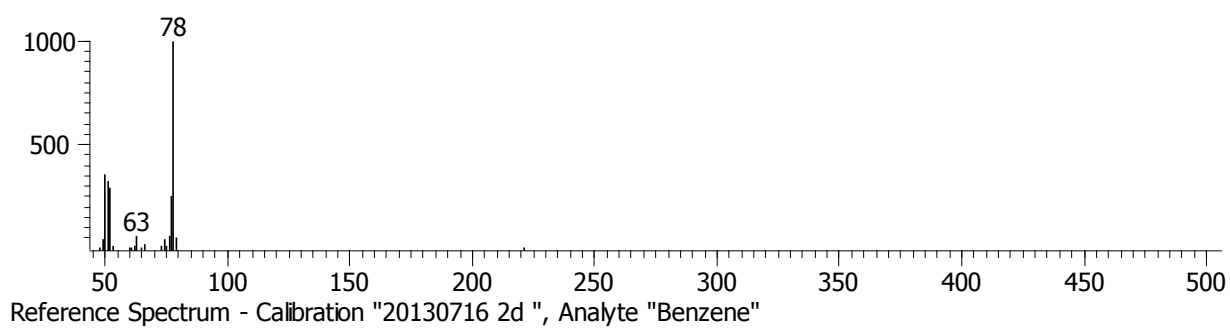
The hit table shows the possibility of all the compounds that are present with a given mass to charge ratio and at a particular retention time. Each compound was given with their similarity, type of library, ID of that compound, formula, molar mass and the contributor of the reference data.

**Table 70: Hit table of benzene in gasoline regular (130611)**

| Name               | Similarity | Library | Id    | Formula | Weight | Contributor                                  |
|--------------------|------------|---------|-------|---------|--------|--|
| Benzene            | 954        | mainlib | 43787 | C6H6    | 78     | NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Center, 1990.    |
| Benzene            | 923        | mainlib | 43787 | C6H6    | 78     | NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Center, 1990.    |
| Benzene            | 923        | replib  | 10366 | C6H6    | 78     | Chemical Concepts                            |
| Benzene            | 915        | replib  | 10364 | C6H6    | 78     |  |
| Benzene            | 906        | replib  | 10367 | C6H6    | 78     | Japan AIST/NIMC Database-Spectrum MS-NW- 75  |
| 1,5-Hexadien-3-yne | 897        | mainlib | 43770 | C6H6    | 78     |  |
| 1,5-Hexadiyne      | 892        | replib  | 699   | C6H6    | 78     |  |
| 1,5-Hexadiyne      | 883        | mainlib | 1692  | C6H6    | 78     | Japan AIST/NIMC Database-Spectrum MS-NW-4647 |
| 2,4-Hexadiyne      | 860        | mainlib | 43743 | C6H6    | 78     |  |
| 2,4-Hexadiyne      | 853        | replib  | 10356 | C6H6    | 78     | NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Center, 1990.    |
| 2,4-Hexadiyne      | 851        | replib  | 10357 | C6H6    | 78     | Chemical Concepts                            |

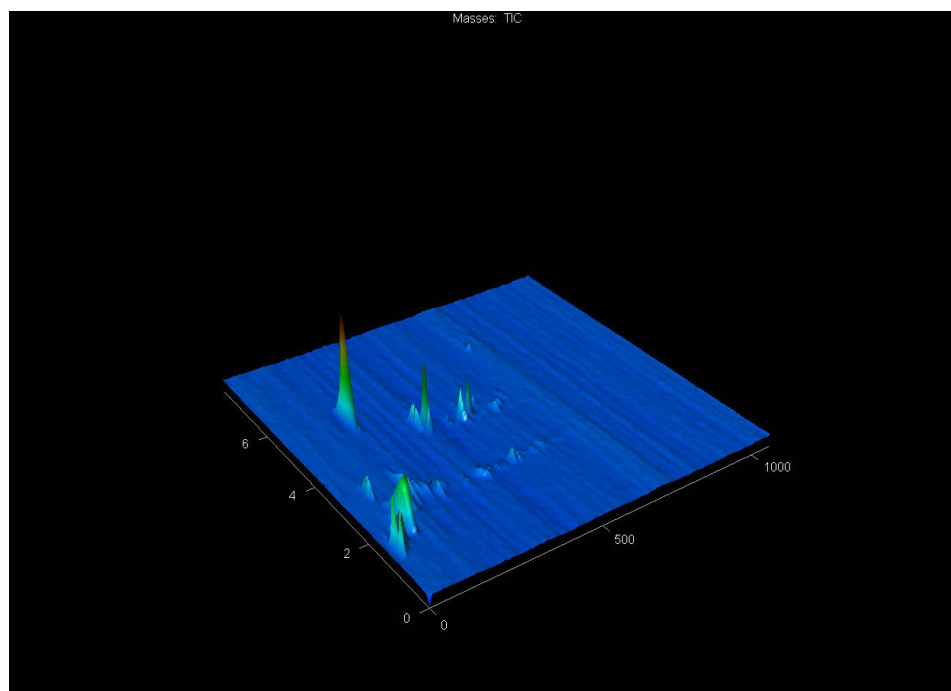
The spectra compare the peak true spectra (compound spectra) with that of reference spectra before it assigns a particular chemical name to the compound. The spectrum of benzene is shown in the figure 22.

Peak True - sample "SUPER GAS:1", peak 17, at 72 , 2.960 sec , sec



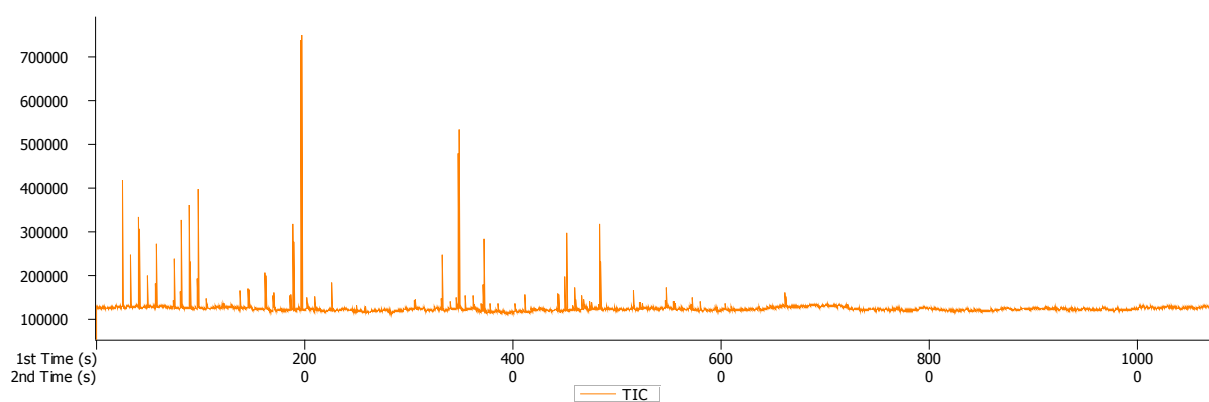
**Figure 22: Spectra of benzene in gasoline regular (130611)**

The 3D image of the Gasoline super is shown in the figure 23. The x- axis represents the time on primary column and y- axis represents the retention time on secondary column.



**Figure 23: 3D Image of gasoline super (130611)**

The total Ion chromatogram of the gasoline regular was shown in the figure 24. Each peak in the chromatogram represents a compound. The x- axis in the chromatogram represents the retention time and y- axis represents the intensity.



**Figure 24: Total ion chromatogram of gasoline super (130611)**

Diesel pilot (130611):

The complete characterization of diesel pilot is shown with their peak table, total ion chromatogram, 3D image. The peak table shows all the compounds that are present in the diesel pilot which is a qualitative determination. Each compound in the sample is given with their type, retention time, quant mass, concentration, area and quantitation.

**Table 71: Peak table of diesel pilot (130611)**

| Name                                    | Type       | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|---|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Benzene/20130716 2d                     | Not Found  |                | 78           | -             | -      |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4/20130716 2d | Not Found  |                | 116+115      | -             | -      |
| Styrene/20130716 2d                     | Not Found  |                | 104          | -             | -      |
| Benzene, (1-methylethyl)-/20130716 2d   | Not Found  |                | 120          | -             | -      |
| à-Methylstyrene/20130716 2d             | Not Found  |                | 118          | -             | -      |
| Benzene-D6                              | Quantified | 72 ,<br>2.940  | 84+83        | 7.2           | 296383 |
| Toluene-D8                              | Quantified | 184 ,<br>5.240 | 100+99       | 7.2           | 410644 |
| Toluene                                 | Quantified | 192 ,<br>5.080 | 92           | -0.07         | 5881.9 |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4:2           | Quantified | 328 ,<br>4.240 | 116+115      | 7.2           | 44817  |
| Ethylbenzene                            | Quantified | 328 ,<br>4.430 | 106          | -0.06         | 1773.7 |
| Ethylbenzene:2                          | Quantified | 336 ,<br>4.200 | 106          | 0.47          | 994.02 |
| Naphthalene-D8                          | Quantified | 656 ,<br>6.140 | 136+135      | 7.2           | 70503  |
| Toluene-D8                              | Unknown    | 192 ,<br>4.900 | 98           | -             | 106039 |
| Cyclohexane, 1,3-dimethyl-              | Unknown    | 208 ,<br>2.810 | 55           | -             | 16615  |
| Cyclohexane, ethyl-                     | Unknown    | 288 ,<br>2.930 | 55           | -             | 15445  |



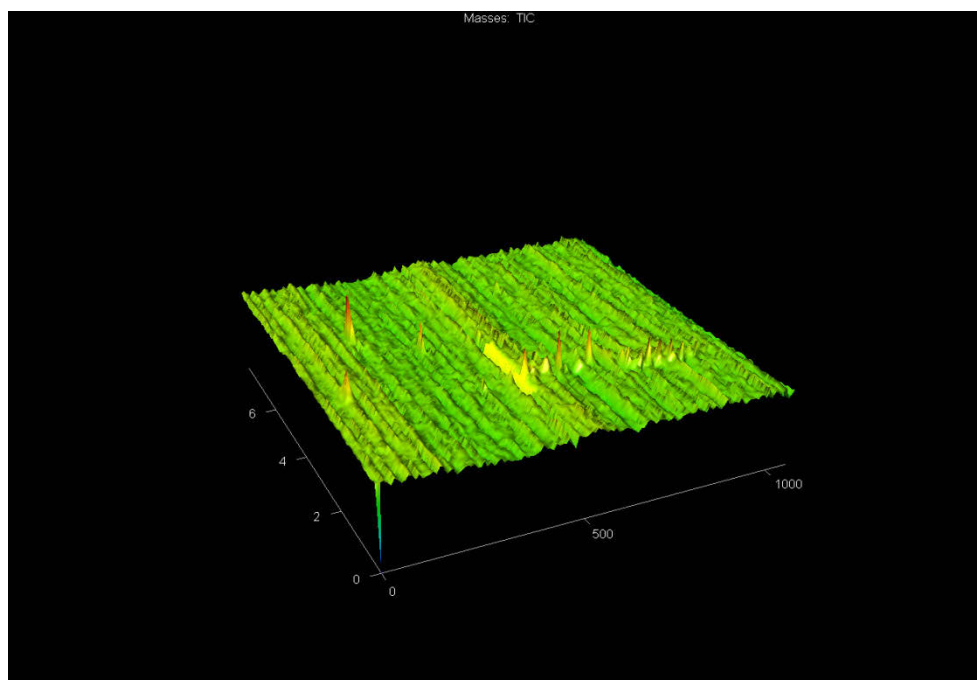
| Name                                     | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|--|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Octane, 2-methyl-                        | Unknown | 344 ,<br>2.260 | 57           | -             | 14403  |
| o-Xylene                                 | Unknown | 344 ,<br>4.080 | 91           | -             | 28285  |
| Octane, 3-methyl-                        | Unknown | 352 ,<br>2.290 | 57           | -             | 23755  |
| 1-Ethyl-4-methylcyclohexane              | Unknown | 360 ,<br>2.690 | 55           | -             | 32660  |
| p-Xylene                                 | Unknown | 368 ,<br>4.360 | 91           | -             | 11534  |
| Nonane                                   | Unknown | 384 ,<br>2.320 | 57           | -             | 45601  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-ethyl-4-methyl-, cis-     | Unknown | 384 ,<br>2.800 | 55           | -             | 16078  |
| Cyclohexane, (1-methylethyl)-            | Unknown | 408 ,<br>2.840 | 55           | -             | 20676  |
| Pentane, 2,2,3,3-tetramethyl-            | Unknown | 416 ,<br>2.250 | 57           | -             | 27761  |
| Octane, 3,6-dimethyl-                    | Unknown | 424 ,<br>2.260 | 57           | -             | 22886  |
| Octane, 2,3-dimethyl-                    | Unknown | 432 ,<br>2.310 | 57           | -             | 12883  |
| Benzene, 1-ethyl-4-methyl-               | Unknown | 448 ,<br>4.060 | 105          | -             | 24014  |
| Hexane, 4-ethyl-2-methyl-                | Unknown | 456 ,<br>2.300 | 57           | -             | 73688  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-methyl-3-(1-methylethyl)- | Unknown | 456 ,<br>2.770 | 55           | -             | 18685  |
| Nonane, 3-methyl-                        | Unknown | 464 ,<br>2.320 | 57           | -             | 28740  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-methyl-2-propyl-          | Unknown | 472 ,<br>2.650 | 55           | -             | 46066  |
| 4-Decene, 4-methyl-, (E)-                | Unknown | 480 ,<br>2.800 | 55           | -             | 30906  |
| Benzene, 1,2,3-trimethyl-                | Unknown | 480 ,<br>4.120 | 105          | -             | 42606  |
| Decane                                   | Unknown | 496 ,<br>2.340 | 57           | -             | 162025 |
| Decane, 2,6,7-trimethyl-                 | Unknown | 512 ,<br>2.330 | 57           | -             | 61185  |
| Cyclohexane, 1,4-dimethyl-2-octadecyl-   | Unknown | 520 ,<br>2.620 | 69           | -             | 56188  |

| Name                                   | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|--|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Cyclohexane, butyl-                    | Unknown | 520 ,<br>2.840 | 83           | -             | 17477  |
| Nonane, 3,7-dimethyl-                  | Unknown | 528 ,<br>2.370 | 57           | -             | 26534  |
| Cyclohexane, 2-ethyl-1,3-dimethyl-     | Unknown | 536 ,<br>2.660 | 55           | -             | 29613  |
| 1,1'-Bicyclopentyl                     | Unknown | 536 ,<br>3.420 | 67           | -             | 14794  |
| Benzene, 1-methyl-4-propyl-            | Unknown | 544 ,<br>3.870 | 105          | -             | 25558  |
| Benzene, butyl-                        | Unknown | 544 ,<br>3.940 | 91           | -             | 10470  |
| Decane, 4-methyl-                      | Unknown | 552 ,<br>2.360 | 57           | -             | 69580  |
| 2,3,4-Trimethyl-hex-3-enal             | Unknown | 552 ,<br>2.760 | 69           | -             | 13302  |
| o-Cymene                               | Unknown | 552 ,<br>3.880 | 119          | -             | 10844  |
| Decane, 3-methyl-                      | Unknown | 560 ,<br>2.390 | 57           | -             | 44468  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-isopropyl-1-methyl-     | Unknown | 568 ,<br>2.750 | 55           | -             | 74720  |
| 1,3,8-p-Menthatriene                   | Unknown | 568 ,<br>4.050 | 119          | -             | 13624  |
| Cyclohexane, 1,4-dimethyl-2-octadecyl- | Unknown | 576 ,<br>2.740 | 69           | -             | 16291  |
| 1,3,8-p-Menthatriene                   | Unknown | 576 ,<br>4.070 | 119          | -             | 10538  |
| 1-Nonylcycloheptane                    | Unknown | 584 ,<br>2.810 | 55           | -             | 23458  |
| Undecane                               | Unknown | 592 ,<br>2.410 | 69           | -             | 17613  |
| cis-Decalin, 2-syn-methyl-             | Unknown | 592 ,<br>3.230 | 67           | -             | 21107  |
| Decane                                 | Unknown | 608 ,<br>2.360 | 57           | -             | 47470  |
| 1-Methyldecahydronaphthalene           | Unknown | 608 ,<br>3.340 | 67           | -             | 14321  |
| p-Cymene                               | Unknown | 608 ,<br>4.170 | 119          | -             | 8641.6 |
| Undecane, 2,8-dimethyl-                | Unknown | 616 ,<br>2.400 | 57           | -             | 21284  |

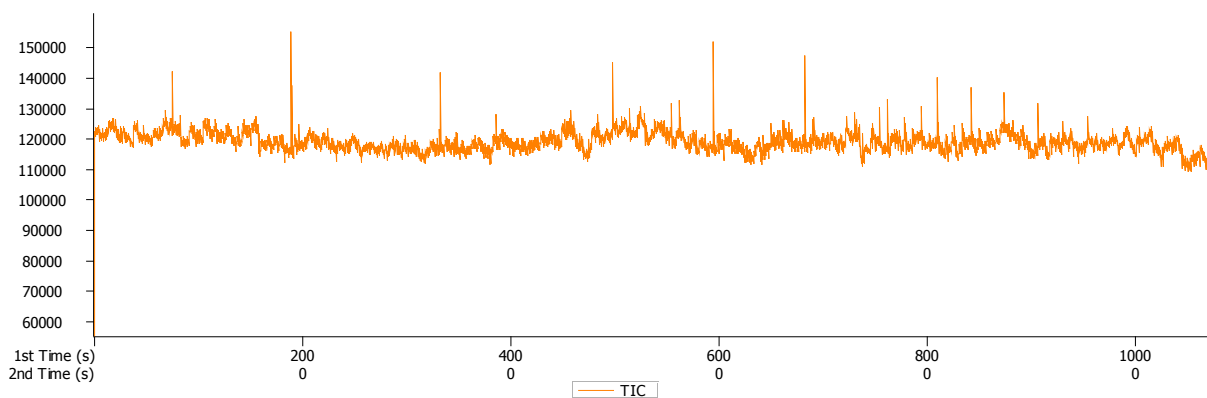
| Name  | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|---|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Cyclohexane, (1-methylethyl)-                     | Unknown | 616 ,<br>2.910 | 83           | -             | 14246  |
| Cyclooctane, methyl-                              | Unknown | 624 ,<br>2.760 | 55           | -             | 39679  |
| Indan, 1-methyl-                                  | Unknown | 632 ,<br>4.840 | 117          | -             | 9528.6 |
| Undecane, 4,6-dimethyl-                           | Unknown | 640 ,<br>2.430 | 57           | -             | 133317 |
| Naphthalene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-                  | Unknown | 640 ,<br>5.220 | 104          | -             | 14292  |
| Naphthalene, decahydro-1,6-dimethyl-              | Unknown | 656 ,<br>3.190 | 81           | -             | 17917  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-methyl-4-(1-methylbutyl)-          | Unknown | 664 ,<br>2.780 | 55           | -             | 31066  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-3-methyl-, cis- | Unknown | 672 ,<br>2.900 | 55           | -             | 20410  |
| Dodecane  | Unknown | 680 ,<br>2.480 | 55           | -             | 61244  |
| Naphthalene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-methyl-         | Unknown | 688 ,<br>4.810 | 104          | -             | 10402  |
| Tridecane   | Unknown | 696 ,<br>2.460 | 57           | -             | 19115  |
| Octane, 2,7-dimethyl-                             | Unknown | 704 ,<br>2.470 | 57           | -             | 14828  |
| (E)-Hex-3-enyl (E)-2-methylbut-2-enoate           | Unknown | 704 ,<br>3.000 | 83           | -             | 12234  |
| Cyclopentane, (2-methylpropyl)-                   | Unknown | 712 ,<br>2.840 | 55           | -             | 20561  |
| Undecane, 2,8-dimethyl-                           | Unknown | 728 ,<br>2.320 | 57           | -             | 73505  |
| Cyclopentane, 2-isopropyl-1,3-dimethyl-           | Unknown | 728 ,<br>2.600 | 69           | -             | 45349  |
| Naphthalene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-5-methyl-         | Unknown | 728 ,<br>4.510 | 118          | -             | 9858.8 |
| Dodecane, 4,6-dimethyl-                           | Unknown | 736 ,<br>2.210 | 57           | -             | 71841  |
| Tridecane   | Unknown | 752 ,<br>2.170 | 57           | -             | 77509  |
| Cyclooctane, 1,4-dimethyl-, cis-                  | Unknown | 752 ,<br>2.350 | 83           | -             | 26658  |
| Tridecane   | Unknown | 760 ,<br>2.060 | 57           | -             | 144685 |

| Name  | Type    | R.T. (s)       | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|---|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Naphthalene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,1-dimethyl-       | Unknown | 768 ,<br>3.520 | 145          | -             | 23536  |
| Cyclopentane, 1-butyl-2-propyl-                     | Unknown | 776 ,<br>2.260 | 69           | -             | 21688  |
| Cyclohexane, 2-propenyl-                            | Unknown | 776 ,<br>2.320 | 55           | -             | 44502  |
| Dodecane, 2,7,10-trimethyl-                         | Unknown | 792 ,<br>1.960 | 57           | -             | 111144 |
| Cyclopentane, 1-methyl-3-(2-methylpropyl)-          | Unknown | 800 ,<br>2.150 | 55           | -             | 241198 |
| Naphthalene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-5,7-dimethyl-       | Unknown | 800 ,<br>3.390 | 145          | -             | 10970  |
| Tetradecane   | Unknown | 808 ,<br>1.930 | 57           | -             | 192030 |
| Undecane, 2,8-dimethyl-                             | Unknown | 832 ,<br>1.880 | 57           | -             | 108749 |
| Hexadecane  | Unknown | 840 ,<br>1.940 | 57           | -             | 146991 |
| Cyclopentane, 1-pentyl-2-propyl-                    | Unknown | 840 ,<br>2.060 | 83           | -             | 41988  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-methyl-3-propyl-                     | Unknown | 848 ,<br>2.080 | 55           | -             | 82330  |
| Hexadecane  | Unknown | 864 ,<br>1.880 | 57           | -             | 73146  |
| Cyclohexane, 1,1'-(1,2-dimethyl-1,2-ethanediyl)bis- | Unknown | 864 ,<br>2.050 | 69           | -             | 38317  |
| Hexadecane  | Unknown | 872 ,<br>1.930 | 57           | -             | 112472 |
| Cyclooctane, 1,4-dimethyl-, cis-                    | Unknown | 872 ,<br>1.940 | 55           | -             | 51249  |
| Undecane  | Unknown | 888 ,<br>1.890 | 57           | -             | 73067  |
| 2,2-Dimethyl-3-heptene trans                        | Unknown | 888 ,<br>2.050 | 69           | -             | 34368  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-ethyl-1,3-dimethyl-, trans-          | Unknown | 896 ,<br>2.060 | 55           | -             | 26836  |
| Hexadecane  | Unknown | 904 ,<br>1.910 | 57           | -             | 94114  |
| Cyclohexane, 1,4-dimethyl-2-octadecyl-              | Unknown | 904 ,<br>1.920 | 69           | -             | 21755  |
| Cyclohexane, 1-methyl-4-(1-methylbutyl)-            | Unknown | 912 ,<br>2.050 | 55           | -             | 23540  |

| Name  | Type    | R.T. (s)        | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area  |
|---|---------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| Hexadecane  | Unknown | 920 ,<br>1.910  | 57           | -             | 43234 |
| Cyclohexane, 1,1'-(1,2-dimethyl-1,2-ethanediyl)bis-, (R*,R*)-(ñ)- | Unknown | 920 ,<br>2.100  | 55           | -             | 25635 |
| Dodecane, 2-methyl-   | Unknown | 928 ,<br>1.950  | 57           | -             | 71307 |
| 2-Octene, 4-ethyl-, (E)-  | Unknown | 928 ,<br>1.960  | 55           | -             | 28670 |
| Borane, [1,2-bis(1-methylethyl)butyl]bis(1-methylethyl)-          | Unknown | 936 ,<br>2.070  | 55           | -             | 64557 |
| Hexadecane  | Unknown | 944 ,<br>1.930  | 57           | -             | 17410 |
| Octane, 2,7-dimethyl-   | Unknown | 952 ,<br>1.980  | 57           | -             | 49983 |
| Decane, 2,5,9-trimethyl-  | Unknown | 968 ,<br>1.950  | 57           | -             | 12453 |
| Hexadecane  | Unknown | 976 ,<br>2.000  | 57           | -             | 41443 |
| Sulfurous acid, 2-ethylhexyl isohexyl ester                       | Unknown | 1000 ,<br>2.010 | 57           | -             | 19049 |



**Figure 25: 3D Image of diesel pilot (130611)**



**Figure 26: Total ion chromatogram of diesel pilot (130611)**

Distillation standard D 86:

The complete characterization of Distillation Standard D 86 is shown with their peak table, total ion chromatogram, and 3D image. The peak table shows all the

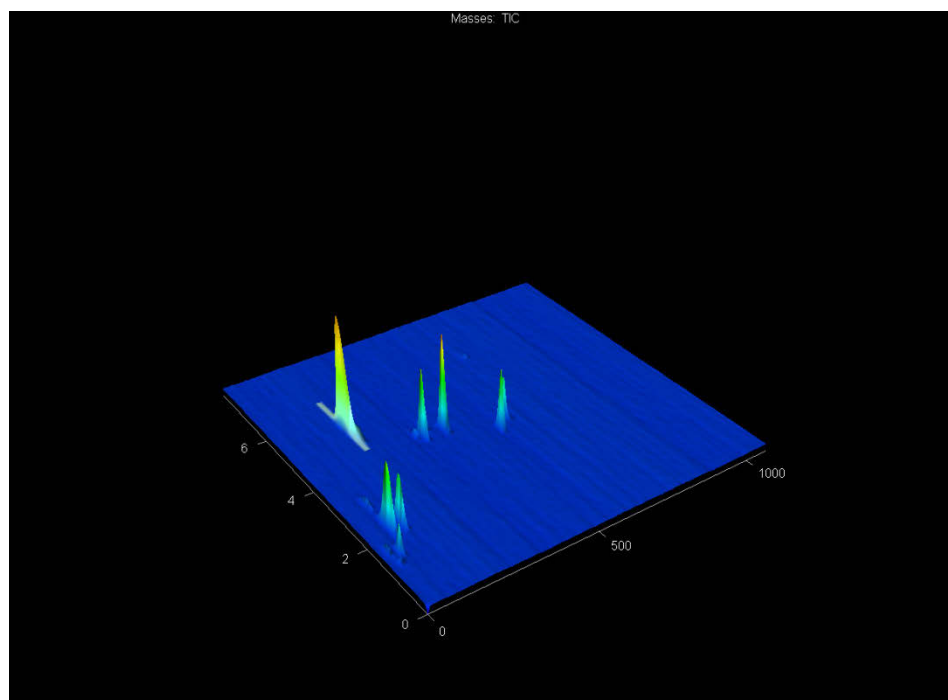
compounds that are present in the Distillation Standard D 86 which is a qualitative determination. Each compound in the sample is given with their type, retention time, quant mass, concentration, area and quantitation.

**Table 72: Peak table of distillation standard D 86**

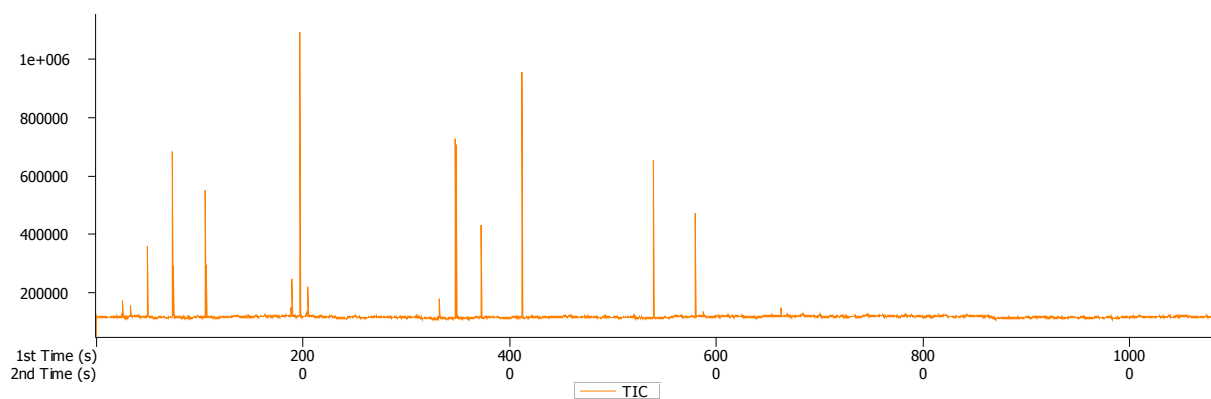
| Name                          | Type       | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Benzene/20130716 2d           | Not Found  |             | 78           |               |         |
| Ethylbenzene/20130716 2d      | Not Found  |             | 106          |               |         |
| Styrene/20130716 2d           | Not Found  |             | 104          |               |         |
| à-Methylstyrene/20130716 2d   | Not Found  |             | 118          |               |         |
| Benzene-D6                    | Quantified | 72 , 2.920  | 84+83        | 7.2           | 804034  |
| Toluene-D8                    | Quantified | 184 , 5.280 | 100+99       | 7.2           | 1307310 |
| Toluene                       | Quantified | 192 , 5.360 | 92           | 28.86         | 9344674 |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4   | Quantified | 320 , 4.490 | 116+115      | 7.2           | 10724   |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4:2 | Quantified | 328 , 4.230 | 116+115      | 7.2           | 129697  |
| Ethylbenzene:2                | Quantified | 336 , 4.340 | 106          | 1.39          | 16491   |
| Benzene, (1-methylethyl)-     | Quantified | 408 , 4.140 | 120          | 11.56         | 1418051 |
| Naphthalene-D8                | Quantified | 656 , 6.110 | 136+135      | 7.2           | 205554  |
| Dimethyl ether                | Unknown    | 24 , 1.320  | 45           |               | 22633   |
| Pentane                       | Unknown    | 24 , 1.590  | 55           |               | 170367  |
| Pentane                       | Unknown    | 32 , 1.200  | 49           |               | 2698.4  |
| n-Hexane                      | Unknown    | 48 , 1.450  | 57           |               | 1929120 |
| Cyclobutane, ethyl-           | Unknown    | 56 , 1.690  | 56           |               | 11941   |

| Name                            | Type    | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Cyclohexane                     | Unknown | 72 , 2.110  | 56           |               | 7505338 |
| Methane, isocyanato-            | Unknown | 96 , 1.790  | 57           |               | 228750  |
| Heptane                         | Unknown | 104 , 2.110 | 71           |               | 2674657 |
| Toluene-D8                      | Unknown | 192 , 4.930 | 98           |               | 215397  |
| Toluene                         | Unknown | 200 , 4.830 | 91           |               | 1348690 |
| o-Xylene                        | Unknown | 344 , 4.160 | 91           |               | 4459654 |
| o-Xylene                        | Unknown | 368 , 4.420 | 91           |               | 2409482 |
| Naphthalene, decahydro-, trans- | Unknown | 536 , 3.470 | 67           |               | 1655249 |
| Spiro[4.5]decane                | Unknown | 576 , 3.800 | 67           |               | 1207418 |
| Spiro[4.5]decane                | Unknown | 584 , 3.620 | 67           |               | 63764   |





**Figure 27: 3D Image of distillation standard D 86**



**Figure 28: Total ion chromatogram of distillation standard D 86**

130417 Post scrub:

The complete characterization of 130417 Post Scrub was shown with their peak table, total ion chromatogram, and 3D image. The peak table shows all the compounds that are present in the 130417 Post Scrub which is a qualitative determination. Each

compound in the sample is given with their type, retention time, quant mass, concentration, area and quantitation.

**Table 73: Peak table of 130417 post scrub**

| Name                          | Type       | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Benzene-D6                    | Quantified | 72 , 3.020  | 84+83        | 7.2           | 965237  |
| Benzene                       | Quantified | 72 , 3.080  | 78           | 1.12          | 1070912 |
| Toluene-D8                    | Quantified | 184 , 5.290 | 100+99       | 7.2           | 1631630 |
| Toluene                       | Quantified | 192 , 5.190 | 92           | 8.52          | 3478796 |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4   | Quantified | 320 , 4.500 | 116+115      | 7.2           | 15304   |
| 1,4-Di(methyl-d3)benzene-d4:2 | Quantified | 328 , 4.270 | 116+115      | 7.2           | 161991  |
| Ethylbenzene                  | Quantified | 328 , 4.460 | 106          | 2.03          | 404487  |
| Ethylbenzene:2                | Quantified | 336 , 4.230 | 106          | 5.69          | 99946   |
| Styrene                       | Quantified | 368 , 4.840 | 104          | 3.64          | 1340127 |
| Benzene, (1-methylethyl)-     | Quantified | 408 , 4.070 | 120          | 0.14          | 15305   |
| à-Methylstyrene               | Quantified | 472 , 4.540 | 118          | 0.27          | 35666   |
| Naphthalene-D8                | Quantified | 656 , 6.170 | 136+135      | 7.2           | 224483  |
| 1-Propene, 2-methyl-          | Unknown    | 16 , 2.560  | 50           |               | 132438  |
| Cyclopropane, ethyl-          | Unknown    | 24 , 1.240  | 55           |               | 2283846 |
| Unknown 1                     | Unknown    | 24 , 1.360  | 45           |               | 11220   |
| 2-Pentene, (E)-               | Unknown    | 32 , 1.280  | 54           |               | 60981   |
| 1,4-Pentadiene                | Unknown    | 32 , 1.390  | 68           |               | 197084  |
| Unknown 2                     | Unknown    | 32 , 1.510  | 66           |               | 55632   |

| Name                                       | Type    | R.T. (s)   | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|--|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Pentane, 2-methyl-                         | Unknown | 40 , 1.360 | 71           |               | 295565  |
| Cyclopentane, bromo-                       | Unknown | 40 , 1.490 | 67           |               | 244419  |
| 1-Pentene, 2-methyl-                       | Unknown | 40 , 1.540 | 84           |               | 590842  |
| 1H-Tetrazole, 5-methyl-                    | Unknown | 48 , 1.530 | 56           |               | 2957711 |
| 2-Pentene, 3-methyl-, (E)-                 | Unknown | 48 , 1.620 | 69           |               | 1368003 |
| Cyclopentene, 3-methyl-                    | Unknown | 48 , 1.760 | 82           |               | 55119   |
| 5H-Tetrazol-5-amine                        | Unknown | 56 , 1.670 | 57           |               | 59902   |
| 2-Hexene, (E)-                             | Unknown | 56 , 1.690 | 55           |               | 316788  |
| Cyclopentane, methyl-                      | Unknown | 56 , 1.740 | 56           |               | 612828  |
| Cyclopropane, (1-methylethylidene)-        | Unknown | 56 , 1.840 | 67           |               | 169268  |
| 1-Pentene, 2,4-dimethyl-                   | Unknown | 64 , 1.800 | 56           |               | 606363  |
| 1,3-Pentadiene, 2-methyl-, (E)-            | Unknown | 64 , 2.030 | 67           |               | 398328  |
| 1,3-Cyclopentadiene, 1-methyl-             | Unknown | 64 , 2.260 | 80           |               | 73238   |
| Methyl propargyl ether                     | Unknown | 72 , 1.840 | 70           |               | 41793   |
| 6-Oxabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane                  | Unknown | 72 , 1.890 | 55           |               | 383598  |
| Ethanone, 1-(1-methyl-2-cyclopenten-1-yl)- | Unknown | 72 , 2.040 | 81           |               | 456879  |
| (Z),(Z)-2,4-Hexadiene                      | Unknown | 72 , 2.110 | 67           |               | 1113021 |
| 1H-Tetrazol-5-amine                        | Unknown | 80 , 1.810 | 85           |               | 27678   |
| 1-Hexene, 5-methyl-                        | Unknown | 80 , 1.920 | 56           |               | 171581  |
| 2,3-Dimethyl-1,4-pentadiene                | Unknown | 80 , 2.050 | 81           |               | 40689   |
| Cyclopropane, (1-methylethylidene)-        | Unknown | 80 , 2.420 | 67           |               | 73766   |

| Name   | Type    | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area    |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| 3-Hexen-1-yne  | Unknown | 80 , 2.730  | 79           |               | 80277   |
| Butanoic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester                     | Unknown | 88 , 1.910  | 57           |               | 29539   |
| Cyclopentane, 1,3-dimethyl-, cis-                          | Unknown | 88 , 2.110  | 70           |               | 88195   |
| Aminoacetonitrile  | Unknown | 88 , 2.160  | 55           |               | 124549  |
| Pyridine, 2-chloro-6-(2-furanylmethoxy)-4-(methylmethoxy)- | Unknown | 88 , 2.300  | 81           |               | 37023   |
| Cyclohexene  | Unknown | 88 , 2.590  | 67           |               | 278301  |
| 1-Heptene  | Unknown | 96 , 2.250  | 56           |               | 2224603 |
| Borane, ethylisopropylmethyl-                              | Unknown | 96 , 2.400  | 81           |               | 302744  |
| Heptane  | Unknown | 104 , 2.140 | 57           |               | 913157  |
| 1,4-Hexadiene, 4-methyl-                                   | Unknown | 104 , 2.600 | 81           |               | 286056  |
| (Z)-3-Heptene  | Unknown | 112 , 2.450 | 56           |               | 241356  |
| 1,3-Pentadiene, 2,3-dimethyl-                              | Unknown | 112 , 2.780 | 81           |               | 236117  |
| 1-Heptene  | Unknown | 120 , 2.700 | 55           |               | 534632  |
| 1,5-Pentanediol, O,O'-di(3-methylbut-2-enoyl)-             | Unknown | 120 , 2.780 | 82           |               | 46745   |
| 3-Heptyne  | Unknown | 120 , 2.950 | 81           |               | 166155  |
| Vinylcyclopentane  | Unknown | 128 , 3.010 | 67           |               | 91348   |
| Methyl methacrylate  | Unknown | 128 , 4.470 | 69           |               | 117985  |
| Cyclopentane, ethyl-                                       | Unknown | 136 , 2.870 | 69           |               | 85994   |
| 1,1'-Bicyclopropyl   | Unknown | 136 , 3.090 | 54           |               | 26520   |
| Butane, 2-cyclopropyl-                                     | Unknown | 144 , 2.660 | 55           |               | 36034   |
| Cyclohexene, 4-methyl-                                     | Unknown | 144 , 3.420 | 81           |               | 129853  |

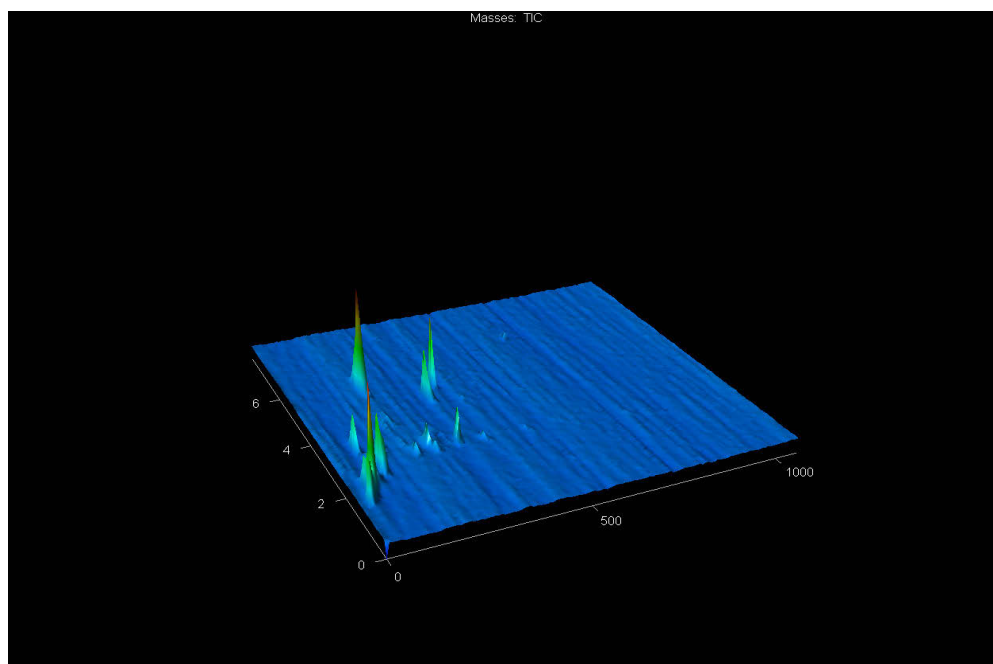
| Name                              | Type    | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Bicyclo[4.1.0]heptane             | Unknown | 152 , 3.600 | 81           |               | 40353  |
| 1-Methylcyclohexa-2,4-diene       | Unknown | 152 , 3.900 | 79           |               | 36990  |
| Isopropylcyclobutane              | Unknown | 160 , 2.800 | 55           |               | 27338  |
| 1-Methylcyclohexa-2,4-diene       | Unknown | 160 , 4.090 | 79           |               | 26807  |
| 2-Octene, (Z)-                    | Unknown | 168 , 2.920 | 56           |               | 53720  |
| 2,3-Dimethyl-1,4-pentadiene       | Unknown | 168 , 3.700 | 81           |               | 62346  |
| 1,3,5-Hexatriene, 3-methyl-, (E)- | Unknown | 168 , 4.270 | 77           |               | 18486  |
| Cyclohexene, 4-bromo-             | Unknown | 176 , 3.590 | 81           |               | 94717  |
| 1-Ethylcyclopentene               | Unknown | 176 , 3.650 | 67           |               | 271623 |
| 1-Hexene, 3,3-dimethyl-           | Unknown | 184 , 2.850 | 69           |               | 164418 |
| 1-Methylcyclohexa-1,3-diene       | Unknown | 184 , 4.410 | 79           |               | 21119  |
| Heptane, 2,5-dimethyl-            | Unknown | 192 , 2.580 | 57           |               | 54241  |
| Cyclohexene, 3-methyl-            | Unknown | 192 , 3.830 | 81           |               | 190793 |
| Toluene-D8                        | Unknown | 192 , 4.910 | 98           |               | 91723  |
| Heptane, 4-methyl-                | Unknown | 200 , 2.490 | 70           |               | 431065 |
| 3-Heptyne                         | Unknown | 200 , 3.590 | 81           |               | 111053 |
| Toluene                           | Unknown | 200 , 4.810 | 91           |               | 21205  |
| Unknown 3                         | Unknown | 208 , 2.480 | 57           |               | 37091  |
| Unknown 4                         | Unknown | 208 , 2.820 | 55           |               | 60585  |
| Spiropentane, propyl-             | Unknown | 216 , 3.060 | 67           |               | 17747  |
| 1,3-Pentadiene, 2,3-dimethyl-     | Unknown | 216 , 3.600 | 81           |               | 25348  |

| Name                                       | Type    | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| 1-Methylcyclohexa-2,4-diene                | Unknown | 216 , 4.060 | 79           |               | 22948  |
| Cyclooctene, (Z)-                          | Unknown | 224 , 3.060 | 67           |               | 21686  |
| Cyclobutane, 1,2,3,4-tetramethyl-          | Unknown | 232 , 2.740 | 56           |               | 204536 |
| 1-Octene                                   | Unknown | 240 , 2.700 | 55           |               | 749880 |
| Cyclopentene, 1,2,3-trimethyl-             | Unknown | 240 , 3.140 | 95           |               | 29148  |
| Cyclopentanone                             | Unknown | 240 , 6.970 | 55           |               | 35561  |
| Octane                                     | Unknown | 248 , 2.480 | 57           |               | 288176 |
| 5,5-Dimethyl-1,3-hexadiene                 | Unknown | 248 , 2.930 | 95           |               | 35881  |
| 3-Octene, (Z)-                             | Unknown | 256 , 2.670 | 69           |               | 101379 |
| 2-Octene, (Z)-                             | Unknown | 264 , 2.690 | 55           |               | 63359  |
| Bicyclo[2.1.0]pentane, 1,4-dimethyl-       | Unknown | 264 , 2.970 | 81           |               | 37306  |
| Cyclopentene, 1,2,3-trimethyl-             | Unknown | 264 , 3.020 | 95           |               | 18547  |
| 1-Hexene, 3,3,5-trimethyl-                 | Unknown | 272 , 2.490 | 69           |               | 23936  |
| 1-Heptene, 3-methyl-                       | Unknown | 272 , 2.740 | 56           |               | 19310  |
| 1-Propylcyclopentene                       | Unknown | 272 , 3.110 | 67           |               | 35521  |
| Hexane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-                   | Unknown | 280 , 2.330 | 57           |               | 29678  |
| Unknown 5                                  | Unknown | 280 , 3.140 | 55           |               | 30204  |
| Cyclohexene, 1,6-dimethyl-                 | Unknown | 280 , 3.180 | 67           |               | 81626  |
| Cyclohexane, 1,3,5-trimethyl-, (1à,3à,5à)- | Unknown | 288 , 2.580 | 69           |               | 120666 |
| Cyclohexane, ethyl-                        | Unknown | 288 , 2.940 | 83           |               | 36707  |
| 4-Decyne                                   | Unknown | 288 , 3.000 | 67           |               | 28892  |

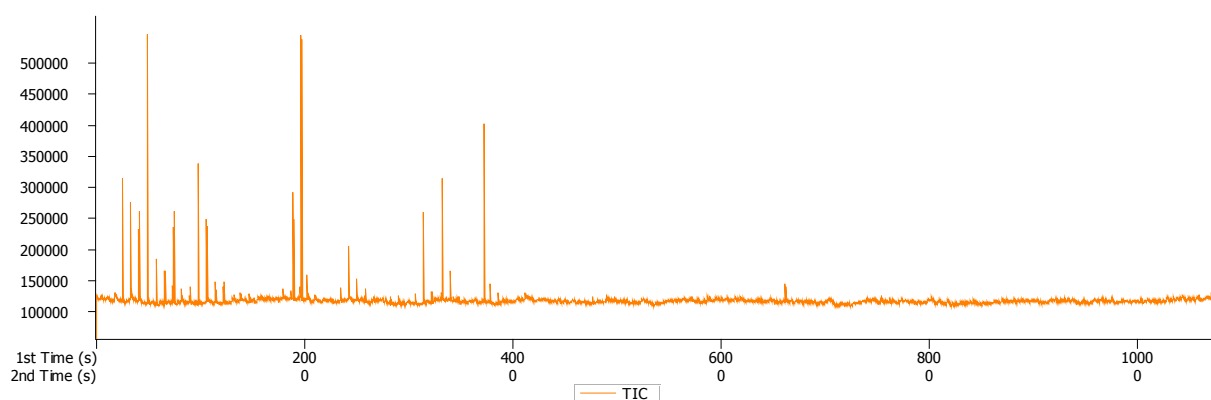
| Name                                     | Type    | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| 2,3-Dimethyl-2-heptene                   | Unknown | 304 , 2.520 | 55           |               | 134904 |
| 1-Ethyl-5-methylcyclopentene             | Unknown | 304 , 3.040 | 81           |               | 19260  |
| 2,4-Dimethyl-1-heptene                   | Unknown | 312 , 2.560 | 55           |               | 711356 |
| Cyclopentene, 3-propyl-                  | Unknown | 312 , 3.160 | 67           |               | 28151  |
| 4-Ethylcyclohexene                       | Unknown | 312 , 3.340 | 81           |               | 14089  |
| Cyclohexane, 1,3,5-trimethyl-            | Unknown | 320 , 2.670 | 69           |               | 125971 |
| Cyclopropane, 1,2-dimethyl-3-pentyl-     | Unknown | 328 , 2.560 | 55           |               | 14220  |
| Cyclohexene, 3,3,5-trimethyl-            | Unknown | 344 , 2.860 | 109          |               | 11005  |
| Cyclohexene, 3-ethyl-                    | Unknown | 344 , 3.250 | 81           |               | 33401  |
| o-Xylene                                 | Unknown | 344 , 4.100 | 91           |               | 47835  |
| Octane, 3-methyl-                        | Unknown | 352 , 2.300 | 57           |               | 15200  |
| 2(5H)-Furanone, 5-(2-methyl-2-propenyl)- | Unknown | 352 , 2.860 | 55           |               | 15914  |
| Cyclohexene, 3,3,5-trimethyl-            | Unknown | 352 , 2.920 | 67           |               | 31531  |
| Cycloheptane, methyl-                    | Unknown | 360 , 2.610 | 55           |               | 16469  |
| Unknown 6                                | Unknown | 368 , 2.560 | 56           |               | 15398  |
| Unknown 7                                | Unknown | 368 , 2.630 | 55           |               | 26264  |
| p-Xylene                                 | Unknown | 368 , 4.430 | 91           |               | 16785  |
| 1-Nonene                                 | Unknown | 376 , 2.520 | 56           |               | 105906 |
| Nonane                                   | Unknown | 384 , 2.340 | 57           |               | 96054  |
| Benzene, propyl-                         | Unknown | 440 , 4.030 | 91           |               | 20249  |
| Cyclopropane, 1-heptyl-2-methyl-         | Unknown | 488 , 2.510 | 55           |               | 54155  |

| Name                               | Type    | R.T. (s)    | Quant Masses | Concentration | Area   |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Decane                             | Unknown | 496 , 2.350 | 56           |               | 12393  |
| 3-Octene, 2,6-dimethyl-            | Unknown | 568 , 2.530 | 69           |               | 20446  |
| Cyclopropane, 1-heptyl-2-methyl-   | Unknown | 584 , 2.580 | 69           |               | 22771  |
| Undecane                           | Unknown | 592 , 2.410 | 57           |               | 31578  |
| Bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-ene            | Unknown | 656 , 4.370 | 80           |               | 14337  |
| Cyclopropane, 1-heptyl-2-methyl-   | Unknown | 672 , 2.640 | 55           |               | 17821  |
| Undecane                           | Unknown | 680 , 2.480 | 70           |               | 3068.8 |
| Unknown 8                          | Unknown | 752 , 2.200 | 57           |               | 18077  |
| Cyclooctane, 1,4-dimethyl-, cis-   | Unknown | 752 , 2.230 | 55           |               | 19644  |
| Oxalic acid, allyl tridecyl ester  | Unknown | 760 , 2.120 | 55           |               | 32826  |
| 6-Tridecene                        | Unknown | 800 , 2.070 | 55           |               | 22250  |
| Tridecane                          | Unknown | 808 , 1.930 | 57           |               | 14622  |
| Decane, 2,5,9-trimethyl-           | Unknown | 840 , 1.960 | 57           |               | 16889  |
| 5-Dodecene, (E)-                   | Unknown | 840 , 1.990 | 55           |               | 28671  |
| Hexadecane                         | Unknown | 872 , 1.950 | 57           |               | 13271  |
| 1-Trifluoroacetoxy-10-undecene     | Unknown | 872 , 1.990 | 55           |               | 19411  |
| Oxalic acid, allyl hexadecyl ester | Unknown | 904 , 1.930 | 57           |               | 8442.1 |
| Unknown 9                          | Unknown | 912 , 3.400 | 91           |               | 13611  |
| Oxalic acid, allyl tridecyl ester  | Unknown | 928 , 1.980 | 57           |               | 7625.8 |





**Figure 29: 3D Image of 130417 post scrub**



**Figure 30: Total ion chromatogram of 130417 post scrub**

The combination of fast GC technique with faster temperature programming, fast acquisition rate, and unique deconvolution algorithm allows accurate analysis of the samples. The total time for the analysis of samples is 18 min. The quantitation of the aromatics after the qualitative characterization is determined using the calibration standards.

By reviewing the results, the reproducibility of the quantified aromatic data in fuel and hydrocarbon samples was good within each method and the data were comparable by two methods, one dimensional and two dimensional gas chromatography. In 1D there was not a good separation of the deuterated compounds from their respective analytes even though they were identified based on their  $m/z$  ratio, but in 2D there was a distinct separation of the deuterated compounds from their respective analytes on secondary column by reducing the width and increasing the height of the peaks and moreover the linearity with the calibrated compounds and the reproducibility of the data appear to be better by 2D GC method than the 1D GC method.

From the data, we observed that the gasoline with different grades collected on different days contains benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, cumene but does not have any styrene, or  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene. The data were comparable by both the methods and are reproducible when they are analyzed on different days except in benzene. The difference in mass percent of benzene might be due to the collection of the samples from different places or it might be due to the evaporation of benzene which is highly volatile (samples were more than 30 days old).

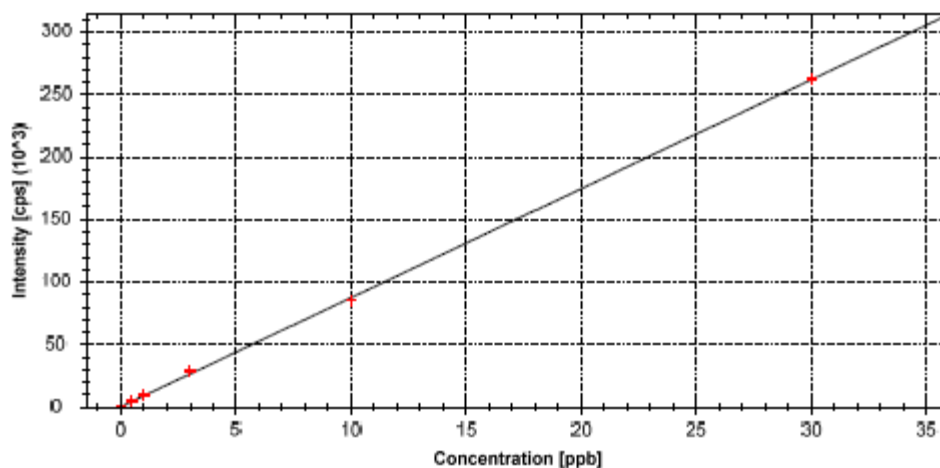
Diesel does not contain any of the six aromatic compounds in it. Most of it has alkane and alkene derivatives in it especially decane and decene derivatives when analyzed qualitatively.

Pygas samples contain all the six aromatic compounds, even the styrene and  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene which are not seen in gasoline. The presence of styrene derivatives in pygas samples might be due to their starting materials plastic, rubber from which they were made.

## 4.2 Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP- MS)

The results and discussion are made on the basis of gasoline and diesel samples. A calibration curve for was constructed using the following concentrations: 0.5, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0, 30.0 ppb in 3 % nitric acid. Five calibration standards of known concentration along with a blank were analyzed which generated a calibration curve for each element. The  $R^2$  (correlation coefficient) value represents the correlation of data points on a straight line. A correlation of 1.000 represents that all the data points lie on the same straight line. Any deviation of the value from the equation of the line decreases the value significantly.

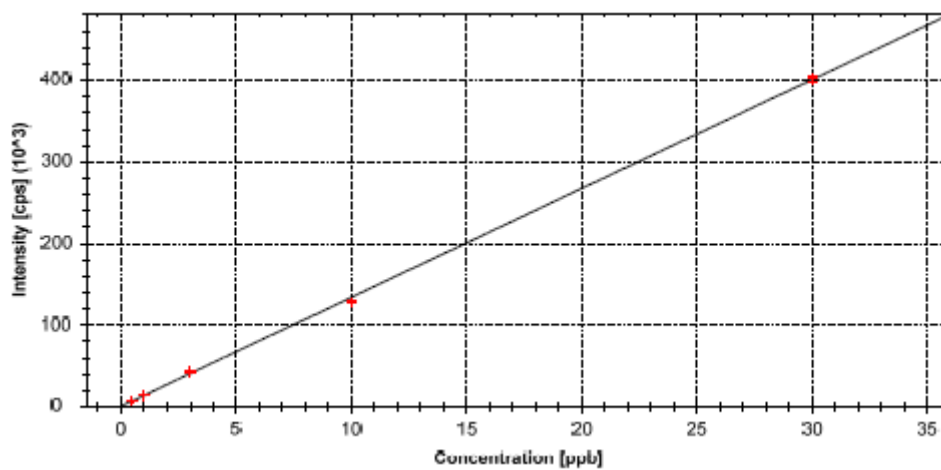
In the Calibration Curves, the Y- axis represents the ICP signal in counts per second and the X- axis represents the concentration of individual elements. Calibration curves for vanadium, chromium, cobalt, and lead were prepared using the multi- element analysis mixture. The correlation coefficient and the equation of the line of each element were shown along with their respective calibration curves.



**Figure 31: Calibration curve of vanadium**

$$f(x) = 8718.230 * x + 60.000$$

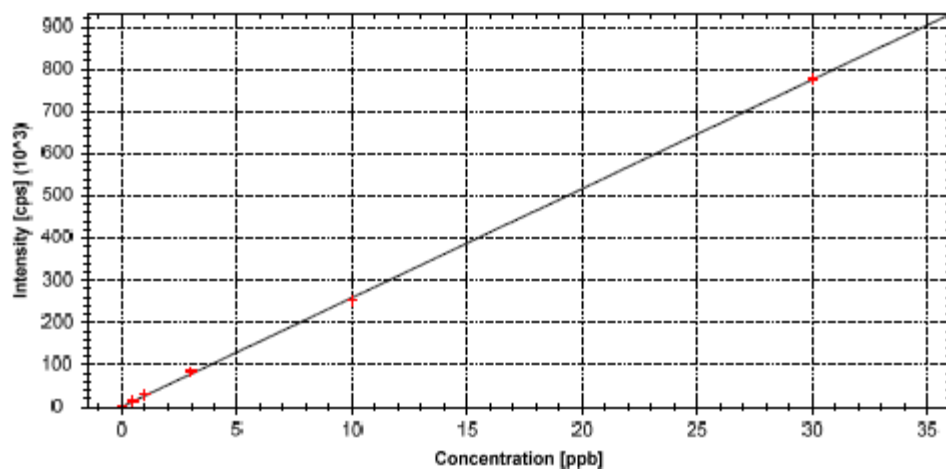
$$r = 1.000$$



**Figure 32: Calibration curve of chromium**

$$f(x) = 13324.307 * x + 570.014$$

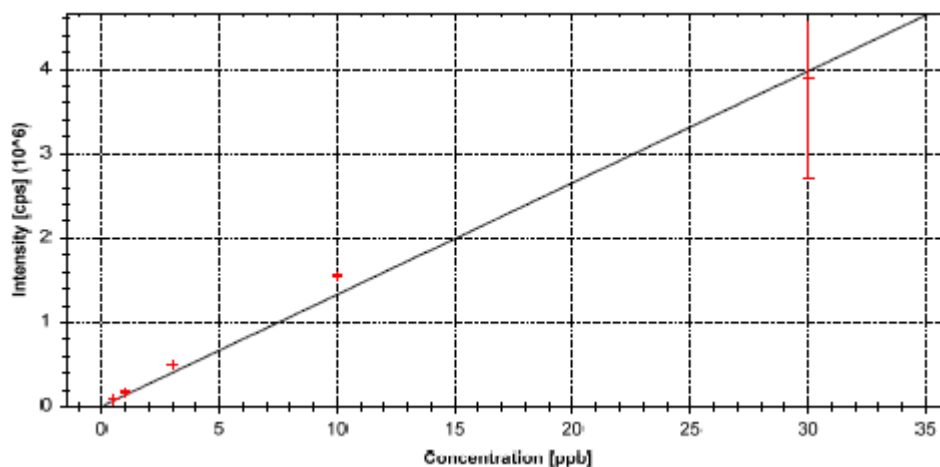
$$r = 1.000$$



**Figure 33: Calibration curve of cobalt**

$$f(x) = 25812.914 * x + 40.000$$

$$r = 1.000$$



**Figure 34: Calibration curve of lead**

$$f(x) = 132275.793 * x + 3495.509$$

$$r = 0.997$$

#### **4.2.1 Elemental analysis of gasoline, diesel and pygas samples**

A number of acid digestion procedures like nitric acid with hydrogen peroxide, sulfuric acid with hydrogen peroxide, nitric acid sulfuric acid mixture (1:3) with hydrogen peroxide, nitric acid hydrochloric acid mixture (1:3) with hydrogen peroxide and lithium metaborate fusion method were performed in order to dissolve the fuel and hydrocarbon samples. Of these, the lithium metaborate procedure is convenient and does not require the use of large amounts of strong acids and was selected as the method for preparation of the fuel samples. Elemental analysis of the dissolved fuel and hydrocarbon samples were performed using the calibration curves of their respective elements. Table 74 shows the calculated concentration of the elements in gasoline, diesel and pygas samples in parts per million (PPM). The data obtained from ICP- MS is in parts per billion (ppb). To convert to content in the original sample, the values that are obtained are

blank subtracted and multiplied with the total volume that it was diluted (50) and then divided with the amount of sample that was digested (i. e., 0.5 g). The value that obtained was finally divided with 1000 to convert the parts per billion (PPB) to parts per million (PPM).

#### **4.2.2 Elemental analysis of gasoline, diesel and pygas samples**

Qualitative and quantitative determination of chromium, lead, vanadium, cobalt, zinc and copper in Polyflow, gasoline and diesel samples were performed using the calibration curves of their respective elements. Table 76 shows the calculated concentration of the elements in gasoline and diesel samples in Parts per million (ppm).

The data obtained from the ICP- MS is in ppb. The concentration obtained for the samples are blank subtracted and multiplied with the total volume that it was diluted (50) and then divided with the amount of sample that was digested (i. e., 0.5 g). The value that were obtained were finally divided with 1000 to convert the PPB to PPM.

Gasoline samples contain chromium, vanadium and cobalt of all the elements that it was quantified. Diesel samples collected from two different places contain chromium, cadmium, lead, vanadium and cobalt in common when quantified against their respective standards. All the pygas samples contain chromium, lead, vanadium, cobalt in common but the Pygas samples, 130417 post scrub, 130313 post scrub, 130313 pyrogas scrub, 130712- 1 3:00 PM, 130712- 2 4:25 PM and 130712 treated contains zinc in addition to the above mentioned elements. All the elements in gasoline, diesel and pygas samples were listed in table 76 along with their concentrations in PPM.

**Table 74: Elements in different grades of gasoline, diesel and pygas samples (PPM)**

| Analyte   | Gasoline<br>super | Gasoline<br>Regular | Marathon<br>diesel | Diesel<br>pilot | 130417 Post<br>scrub | 130313 Post<br>scrub | 130313 Pyrogas<br>scrub |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Chromium  | 0.31647           | 0.39468             | 0.565343           | 0.567006        | 0.735834             | 0.746404             | 0.836187                |
| Manganese | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0               | 0                    | 0                    | 0                       |
| Nickel    | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0               | 0                    | 0                    | 0                       |
| Arsenic   | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0               | 0                    | 0                    | 0                       |
| Selenium  | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0               | 0                    | 0                    | 0                       |
| Silver    | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0               | 0                    | 0                    | 0                       |
| Cadmium   | 0                 | 0                   | 0.000286           | 0.000297        | 0                    | 0                    | 0                       |
| Lead      | 0                 | 0                   | 0.326776           | 0.328944        | 0.16731              | 0.158789             | 0.160489                |
| Vanadium  | 0.004917          | 0.00396             | 0.005676           | 0.004917        | 0.005511             | 0.005475             | 0.005234                |
| Cobalt    | 0.00132           | 0.00363             | 0.004523           | 0.004158        | 0.006567             | 0.006561             | 0.006963                |
| Zinc      | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0               | 0.087582             | 0.089334             | 0.08052                 |
| Copper    | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0               | 0                    | 0                    | 0                       |

| Analyte   | 130712-1 3:00 | 130712-2 4:25 | 130719 11:00 | 130719 12:30 | 130719 1:45 pm | 130712 Treated |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Chromium  | 0.899283      | 1.078506      | 1.153317     | 1.283898     | 1.383096       | 1.444311       |
| Manganese | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0              |
| Nickel    | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0              |
| Arsenic   | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0              |
| Selenium  | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0              |
| Silver    | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0              |
| Cadmium   | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0              |
| Lead      | 1.193593      | 1.206942      | 1.043922     | 0.969243     | 0.976414       | 1.030161       |
| Vanadium  | 0.006831      | 0.005676      | 0.007194     | 0.009471     | 0.00759        | 0.007953       |
| Cobalt    | 0.004158      | 0.006402      | 0.008382     | 0.009273     | 0.009273       | 0.009834       |
| Zinc      | 0.344784      | 0.357905      | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0.086196       |
| Copper    | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0              | 0              |

NOTE: Concentrations shown in table are in PPM



### 4.3 Nitrogen/ sulfur analyzer

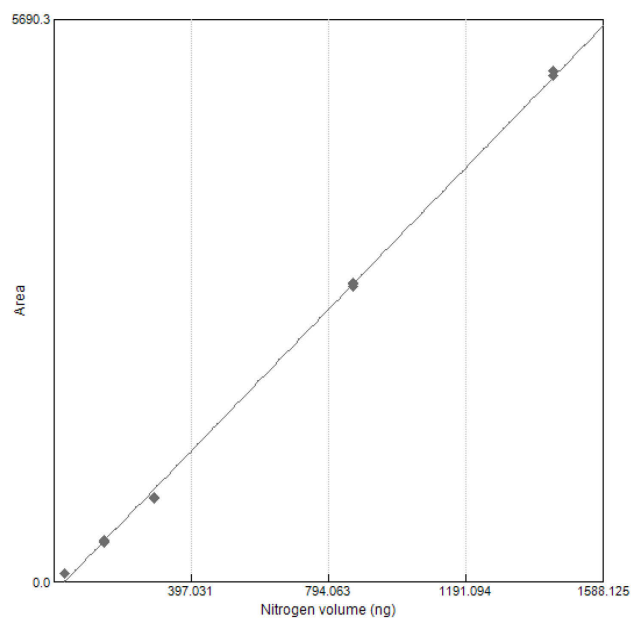
The stock solution for nitrogen sulfur determination is prepared based on mass by taking N, N- dimethyl aniline (0.1 g) and dibenzothiophene (0.1 g) in toluene (99.8 g) which is 1000 ppm. Calibration standards of 10 ppm, 50 ppm, 100 ppm, 300 ppm, 500 ppm of N, N- dimethyl aniline and dibenzothiophene were prepared by adding 0.5 ml, 2.5 ml, 5 ml, 15 ml, 25 ml of stock solution (1000 ppm) to a 50 ml volumetric flask respectively and finally diluting to 50 ml with toluene. The concentrations of nitrogen and sulfur in the diluted standards are listed in the table.

**Table 75: Nitrogen and sulfur concentrations in standards**

| Stock dibenzothiophene and | Nitrogen (PPM) | Sulfur (PPM) |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 10 PPM                     | 1.155          | 1.740        |
| 50 PPM                     | 5.775          | 8.7          |
| 100 PPM                    | 11.55          | 17.40        |
| 300 PPM                    | 34.65          | 52.20        |
| 500 PPM                    | 57.75          | 87           |

#### 4.3.1 Nitrogen

The calibration curve for nitrogen was constructed using the following concentrations: 10, 50, 100, 300 and 500 ppm. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for nitrogen was shown in figure and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2= 0.999510$ ). A calibration curve for nitrogen was plotted by taking the nitrogen volume (amount of sample injected times the concentration) on x- axis and area on y- axis.

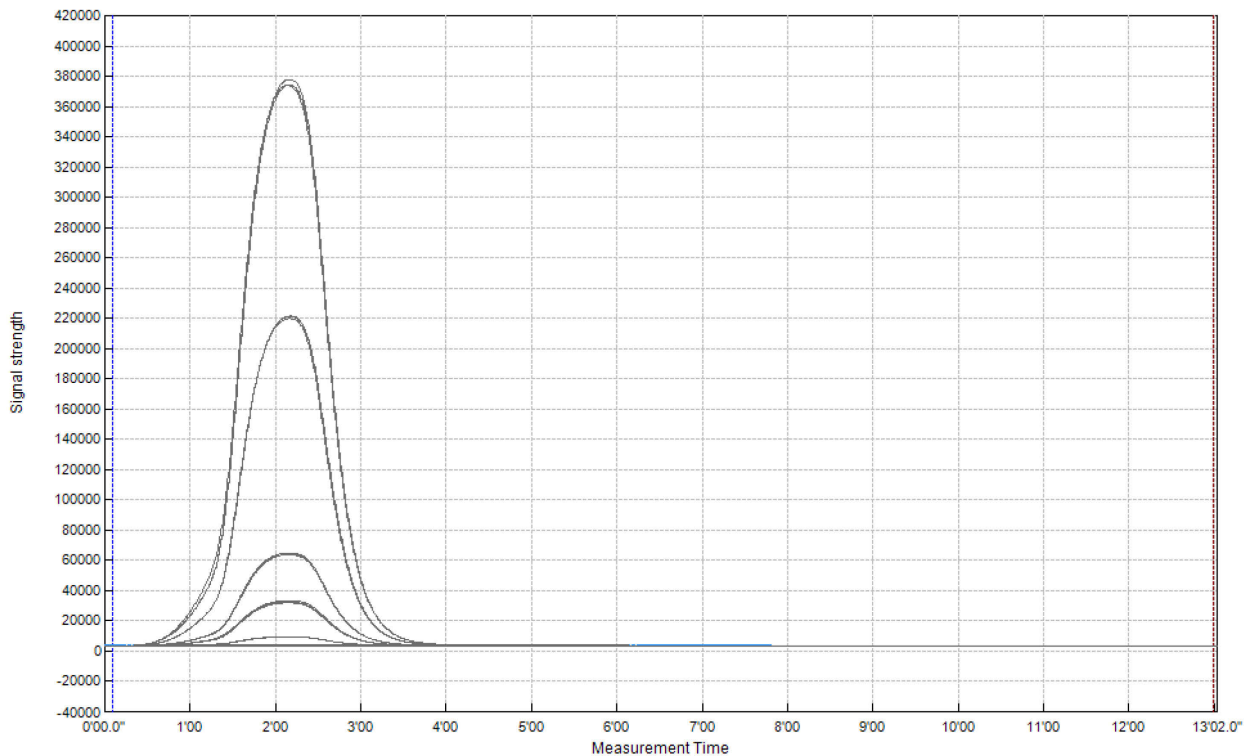


**Figure 35: Calibration curve of nitrogen**

Equation of the line  $Y = 3625.8741x - 108.6783$

Correlation coefficient- 0.999510

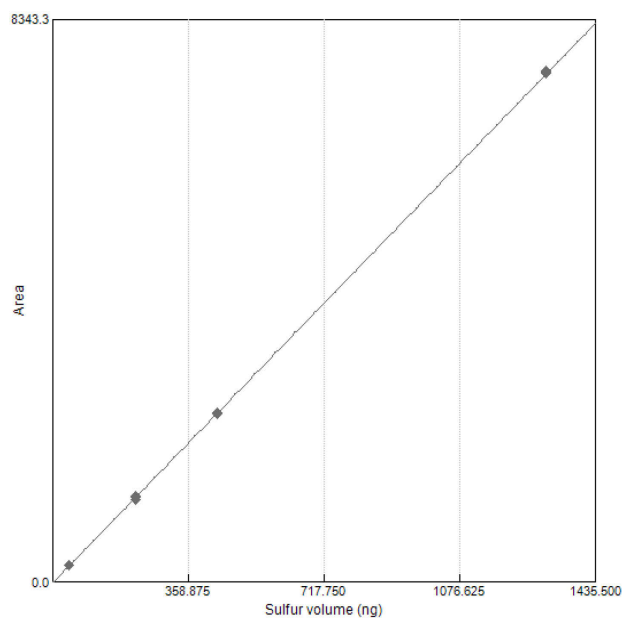
All the calibration standards including the blank were run in triplicate and the signal traces for the calibration standard are shown in figure 53. The traces correspond to three repetitive injections of a refine toluene sample that contained about 10, 50, 100, 300 and 500 ppm N, N dimethyl aniline. The chromatogram demonstrates excellent sensitivity and selectivity.



**Figure 36: Signal traces for samples containing different concentrations of nitrogen**

#### **4.3.2 Sulfur:**

The calibration curve for sulfur was constructed using the following concentrations: 10, 50, 100, 300 and 500 ppm. Each standard was run in triplicate for reproducibility of the results. The calibration curve for nitrogen was shown in figure and the linearity is good with a correlation coefficient ( $R^2 = 0.999988$ ). A calibration curve for sulfur was plotted by taking the nitrogen volume (amount of sample injected times the concentration) on x-axis and area on y-axis.

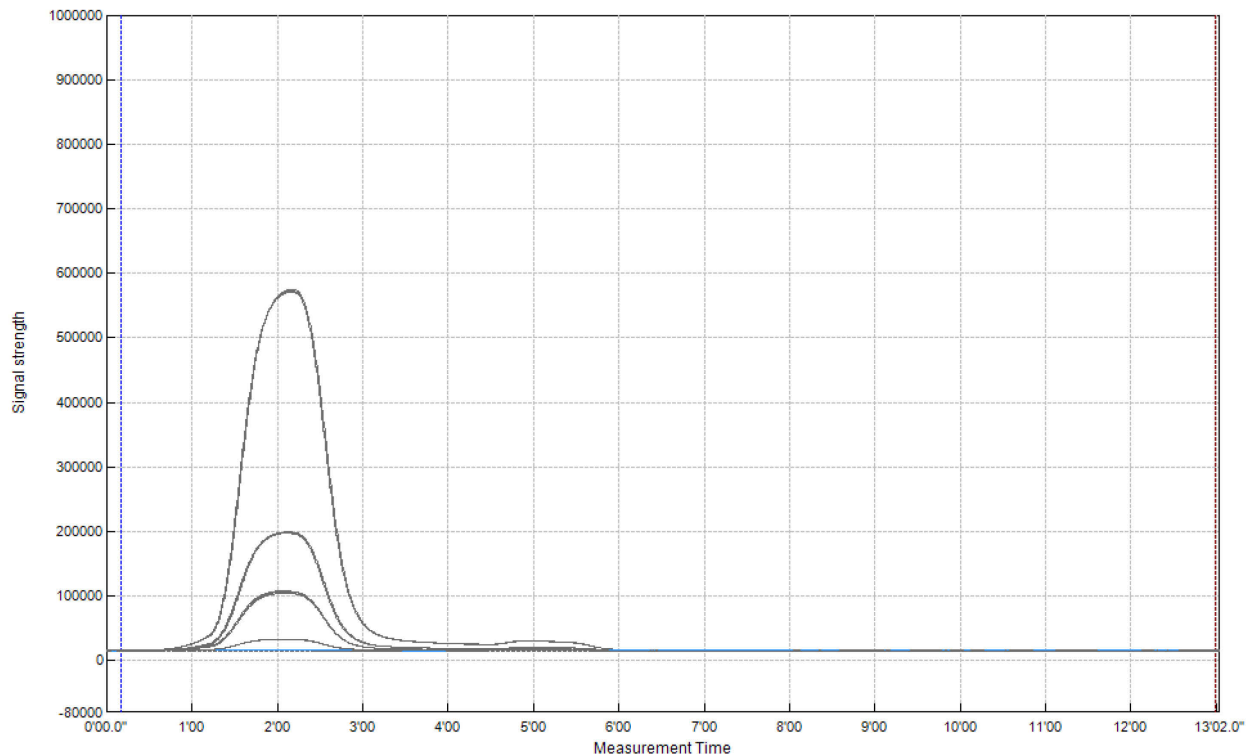


**Figure 37: Calibration curve of sulfur**

Equation of line  $Y = 5806.3238x - 13.5898$

Correlation Coefficient- 0.999988

All the calibration standards including the blank were run in triplicate and the signal traces for the calibration standard are shown in figure 55. The traces correspond to three repetitive injections of a refine toluene sample that contained about 10, 50, 100, 300 and 500 ppm dibenzothiophene. The chromatogram demonstrates excellent sensitivity and selectivity.



**Figure 38: Signal traces for samples containing different concentrations of sulfur**

**Sample Preparation:**

All gasoline and diesel fuel sample are directly analyzed for nitrogen/ sulfur content whereas the Polyflow samples are diluted to 1/ 10 in toluene. Nitrogen and sulfur concentration were quantified with their respective calibration standards. The concentrations along with their relative standard deviation percentage in each of the samples were listed in the table. From the results listed in table 78, we can conclude that the pygas samples contain large amount of nitrogen and sulfur when compared to that of gasoline and diesel samples. Because of the presence of large amount of nitrogen and sulfur in pygas samples, we suggest that further treatment should be done for the removal of sulfur and nitrogen before material is suitable for fuel blending.

**Table 76: Nitrogen and sulfur concentrations in gasoline, diesel and pygas samples  
(PPM)**

| Sample                | Nitrogen               |       | Sulfur                 |       |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
|                       | Concentration<br>(PPM) | RSD % | Concentration<br>(PPM) | RSD % |
| Distillation Standard | 1.24                   | 1.92  | 0.29                   | 7.33  |
| Gasoline Super        | 2.47                   | 0.70  | 4.365                  | 0.53  |
| Gasoline Regular      | 4.93                   | 0.77  | 16.67                  | 0.52  |
| Marathon diesel       | 12.13                  | 0.22  | 8.40                   | 0.41  |
| Diesel Pilot          | 8.87                   | 1.15  | 6.59                   | 1.52  |
| 130417 Post Scrub     | 722.38                 | 1.03  | 60.59                  | 0.96  |
| 130313 Post Scrub     | 467.42                 | 0.48  | 43.66                  | 0.86  |
| 130313 Pyrogas        | 836.32                 | 0.12  | 98.11                  | 0.35  |
| 130719 11:00 AM       | 1476.20                | 0.38  | 83.42                  | 0.45  |
| 130719 12:30 PM       | 540.23                 | 0.28  | 25.48                  | 1.05  |
| 130719 1:45 PM        | 844.65                 | 0.36  | 51.48                  | 1.79  |
| 130712- 1 3:00 PM     | 2469.17                | 0.18  | 46.02                  | 1.54  |
| 130712- 2 4:30 PM     | 1163.5                 | 0.50  | 16.78                  | 2.64  |
| 130712 Treated        | 1997.05                | 0.26  | 38.46                  | 0.86  |

#### 4.4 Conclusion:

The characterization and quantitative determination of aromatic compounds, nitrogen, sulfur and trace metals in fuel and hydrocarbon samples were performed. The one dimensional and two dimensional gas chromatography measurements of majority of the quantified aromatic compounds in the fuel and hydrocarbon were comparable and reproducible. The gas chromatography method used for analysis was evaluated by running the samples in triplicate. One of the main reasons of running the samples by two dimensional gas chromatography is to completely separate the compounds from each other, to obtain a good peak shape and width over wide volatility range, and to provide up to a ten fold increase in analyte detectability. The LECO Pegasus 4D GC x GC TOFMS provided a significant increase in chromatographic resolution for the most complex samples across a wide volatility range. Complete characterization of the gasoline, regular and pygas samples, including identification of several classes of compounds like aromatics, alkanes, alkenes and heterocyclic compounds is also easily achieved using the ascending temperature program with GC x GC TOFMS. The automated peak find algorithm in the ChromaTOF software locates all the peaks in the chromatogram, including those that coelute with other analytes in the chromatogram. The reproducibility of the results of the most complex samples like gasoline, diesel and pygas samples is high.

The lithium metaborate fusion method was used for the determination of trace amount of elements in gasoline, diesel and pygas samples by ICP- MS. Trace amount of chromium, lead, vanadium and cobalt are present in gasoline, diesel and pygas samples, but the concentration of the element varies. Due to the complex nature of the gasoline,

diesel, pygas samples, a high temperature furnace with a nitrogen/ sulfur chemiluminescence detector had been used for measurement of nitrogen and sulfur. From the results, the pygas samples contain large amount of nitrogen and sulfur when compared to that of gasoline and diesel samples. The presence of large amount of nitrogen and sulfur in pygas samples, suggest that the pygas should be treated to remove sulfur and nitrogen hetero- atoms.

In future study, it would be good to try changing different parameters on the GC like split ratios, temperature programming, modulation period and to try running the samples using an agitator on GC x GC TOFMS and look for any change in the results. Also using a microwave digestion for the sample preparation on ICP- MS should be studied. Finally running the sample by combustion ion chromatography (CIC) for the halide and sulfur should be performed to compare the sulfur results with that of sulfur analyzer.



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