



Forensics Tools for Gasoline Spills and Case Studies

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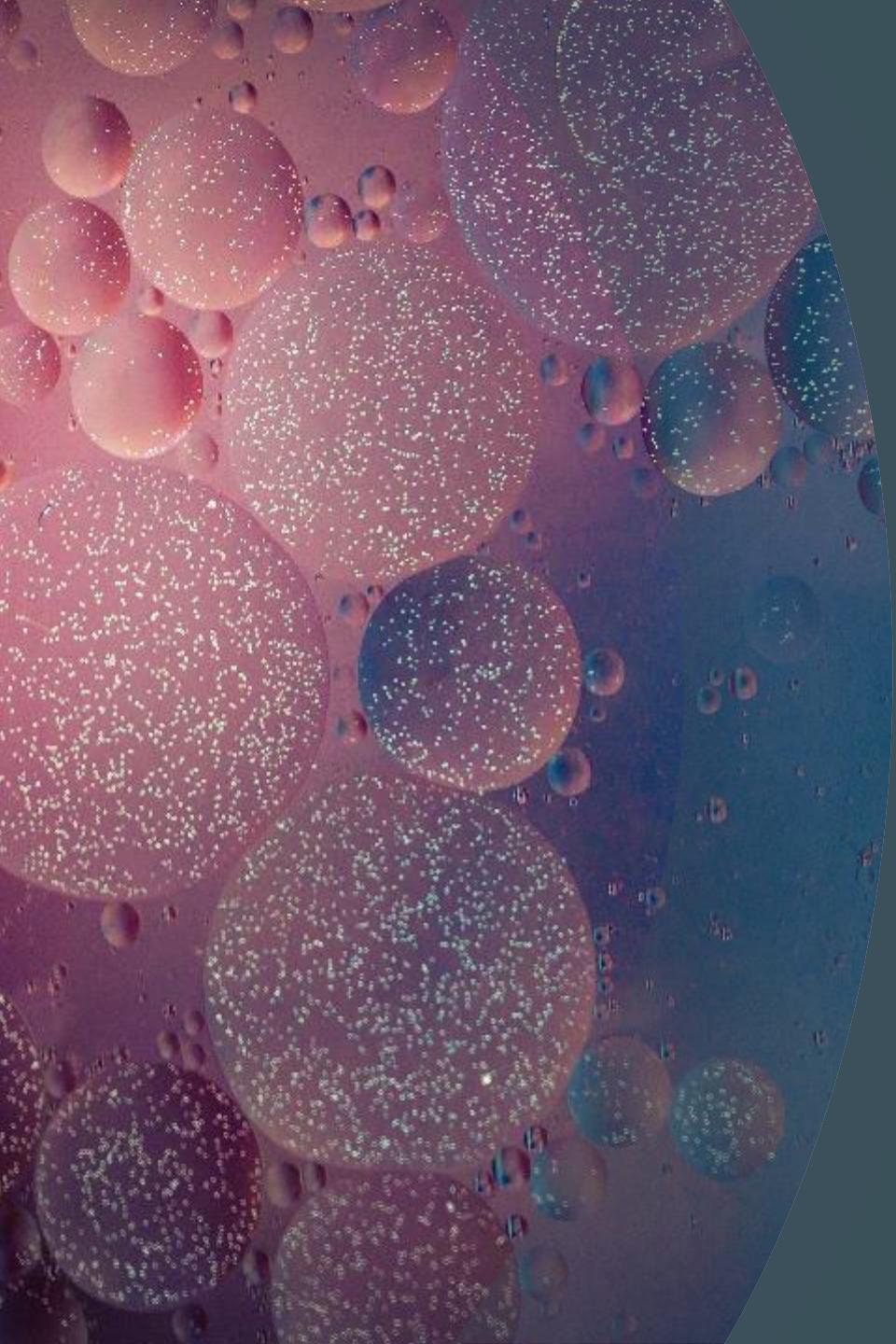
Introduction



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- Whole Oil Analysis
- PIANO Analysis
- Additives – Alkylated Leads, Oxygenates, Halogens, Thiophenes
- Isotopic Analysis
- Interpretation

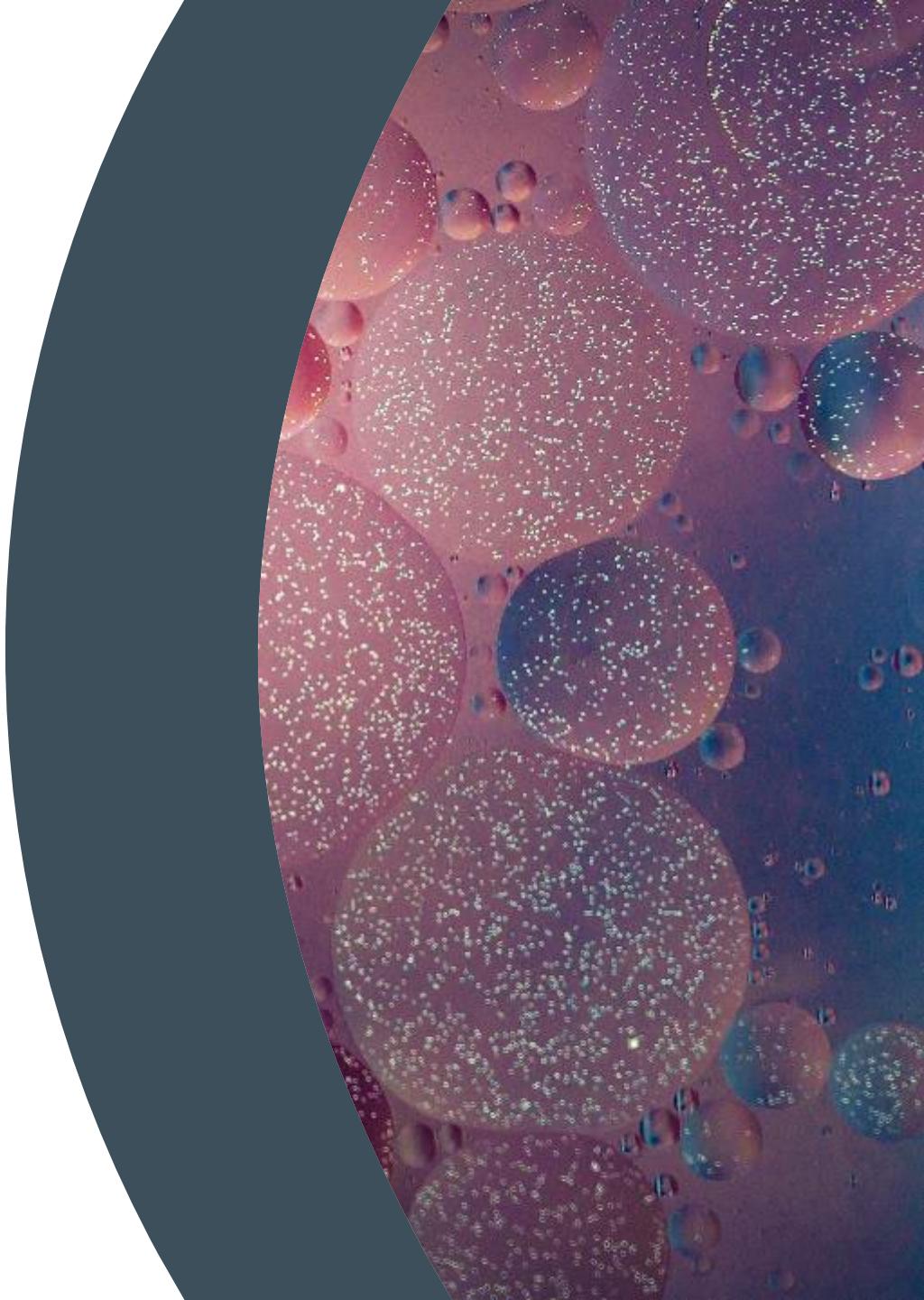




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- Characterization of Product
- Determination of Source
- Multiple Sources?
- Range of Approximate Time of Release
- Allocation of Liability





How do Hydrocarbons get into the Environment?

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- Spills
- Leaks
- Explosions
- Natural Seeps
- Emissions



What is necessary to perform Fingerprinting?

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- Samples from Site
- Source Product or Products
- Historical Background
- All other Information

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Two Tracks of Data Collection

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- Regulatory Aspects
- Determination of Source/ Multiple Sources





Analytical Tiers

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- Tier I – GC/FID*
- Tier II – GC/MS (SHC's, PAH/APAH's, BIOMARKERS, PIANO)
- Tier III – CSIA (Carbon Stable Isotope Analysis)
- All 3 Tiers Offered at SGS
- *Products comparison
- Whole Oil Analysis (GC/FID)
- Other Parameters... additives, metals, wear metals, sulfur, organic Pbs, Mn etc..
- P (Paraffins), I (Isoparaffins), A (Aromatics), N (Naphthenes), O (Olefins)



Methods

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- ASTM Methods
- ASTM D7900 (Detailed Hydrocarbon Analysis (DHA))
- ASTM D6730 Mod. (DHA Analysis)
- ASTM D8003 HPLIS (n-C1 through n-C24)
- ASTM D2887
- ASTM D7169
- ASTM D3328 (whole Oil)
- Physical Parameters by ASTM methods
- ASTM D7363 (Microextraction/SPE method)
- ASTM D5739 (Extraction and Analysis)





Methods - SGS Scott

- GC Methods
- SW846 8015 Mod. (whole Oil)
- Ethanol
- GC/MS Methods
- SW846 8260 Mod. (PIANO)
(Oxygenates, Thiophenes, Halogens)
- SW846 8270 Mod., - Organic Leads (5)
- SW846 6010D for metals - Pb, Cr, Ni, V
including Sulfur



Matrices

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- Pure Product
- NAPL (Nonaqueous Phase Liquids) (Light and Dense)
- Soils & Sediments
- Water
- Matrix Combinations

Method Choice based on Matrix
(ASTM or EPA)

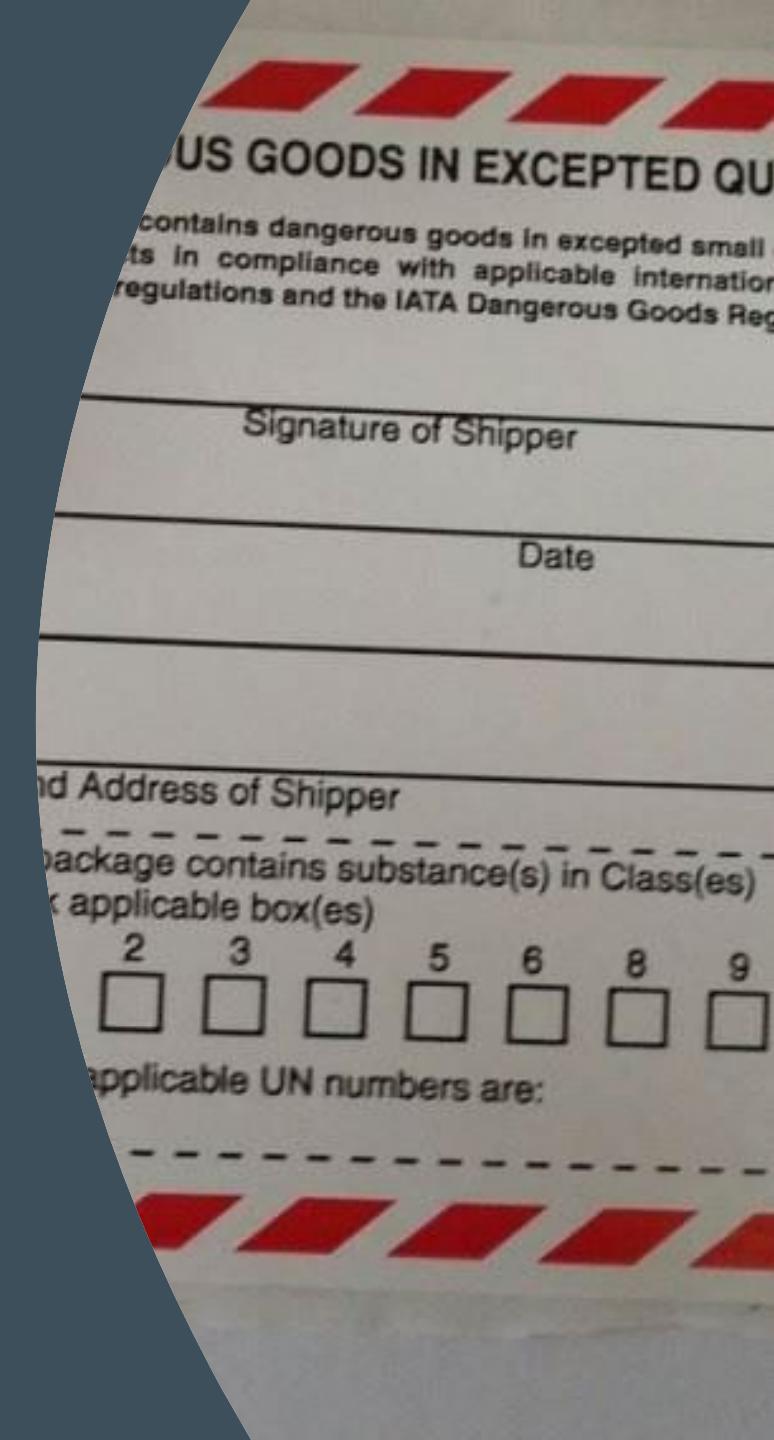


Sample Collection and Shipping



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- Normal Sample Collection Protocols
- GW & Soils – Regular Protocols
- Product Samples - Special Handling
- DOT Shipping Rules
- Exempted Quantity Shipping
- 30 ml VOA Vials
- No more than 300 ml in a Shipment
- Requires Exempted Quantity Label on the outside of the Shipment



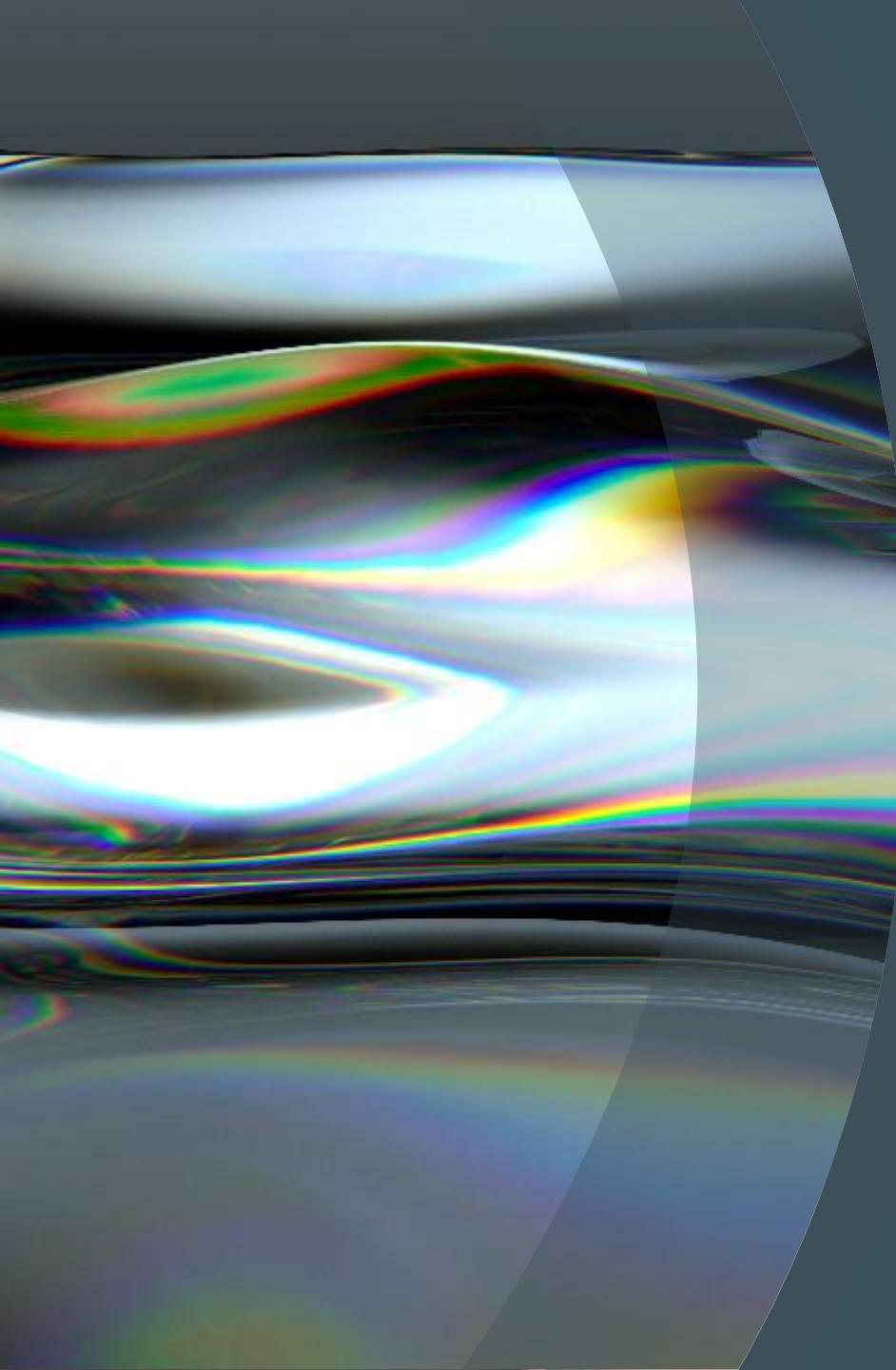


Laboratory Information (Data Presentation)

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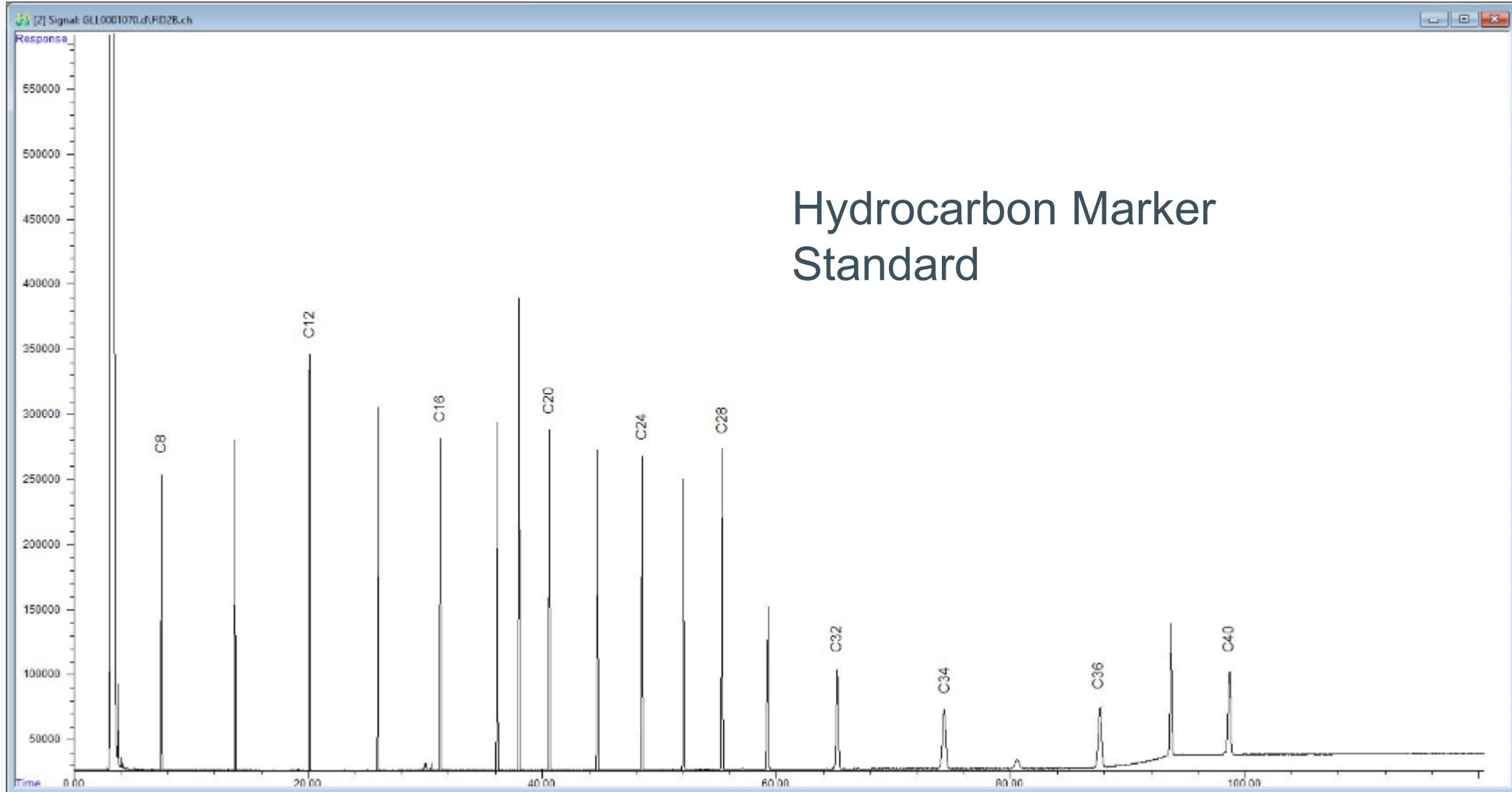
- GC/FID traces
- Total Ion Chromatograms
- Overlays based on Source Product or SGS Library
- Overlays comparison over time
- Overlays based on excavations at various intervals
- Diagnostic Ratios
- Radar Plots
- Data Interpretation Reports



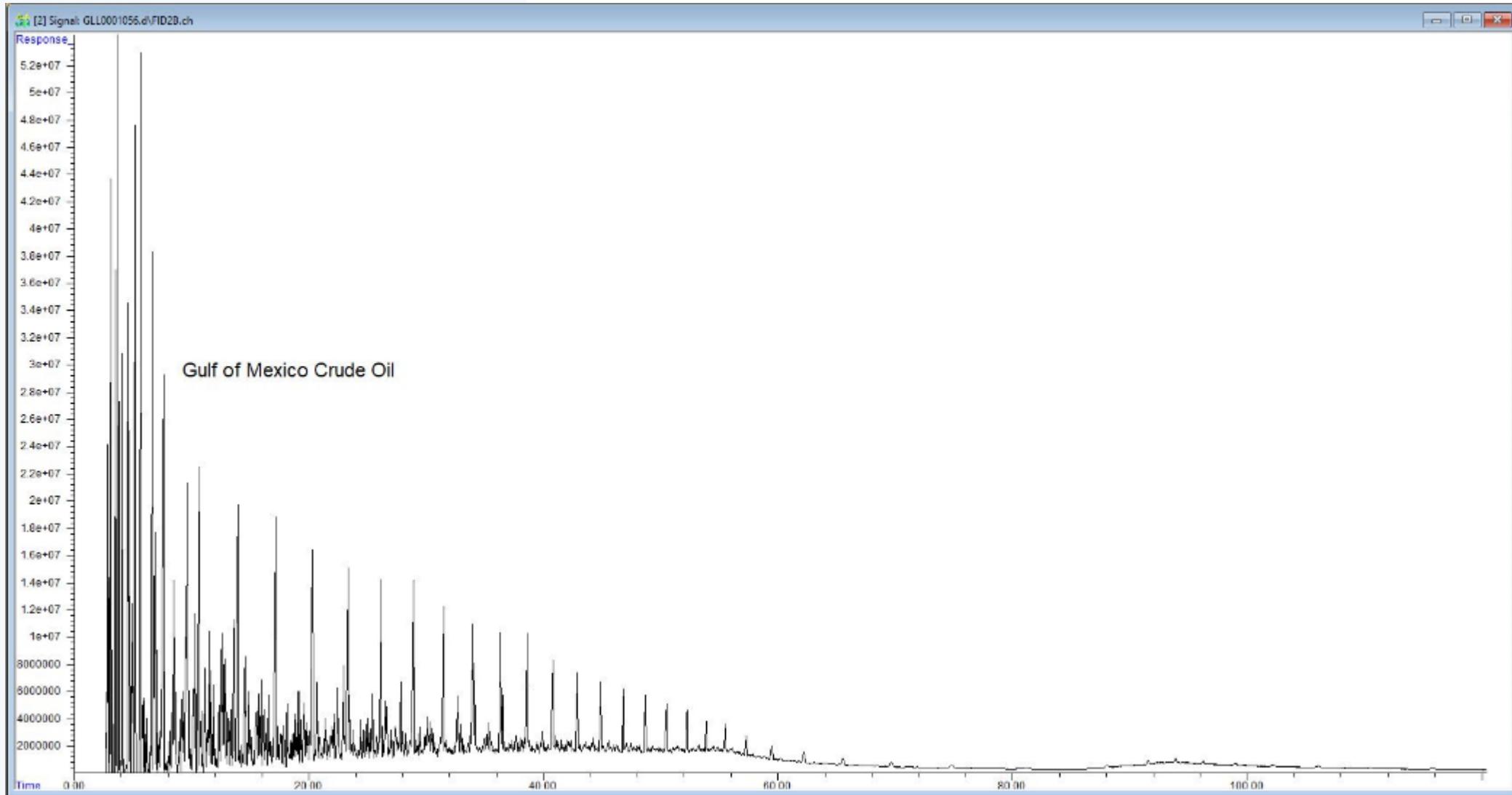


Whole Oil Analysis Forensics

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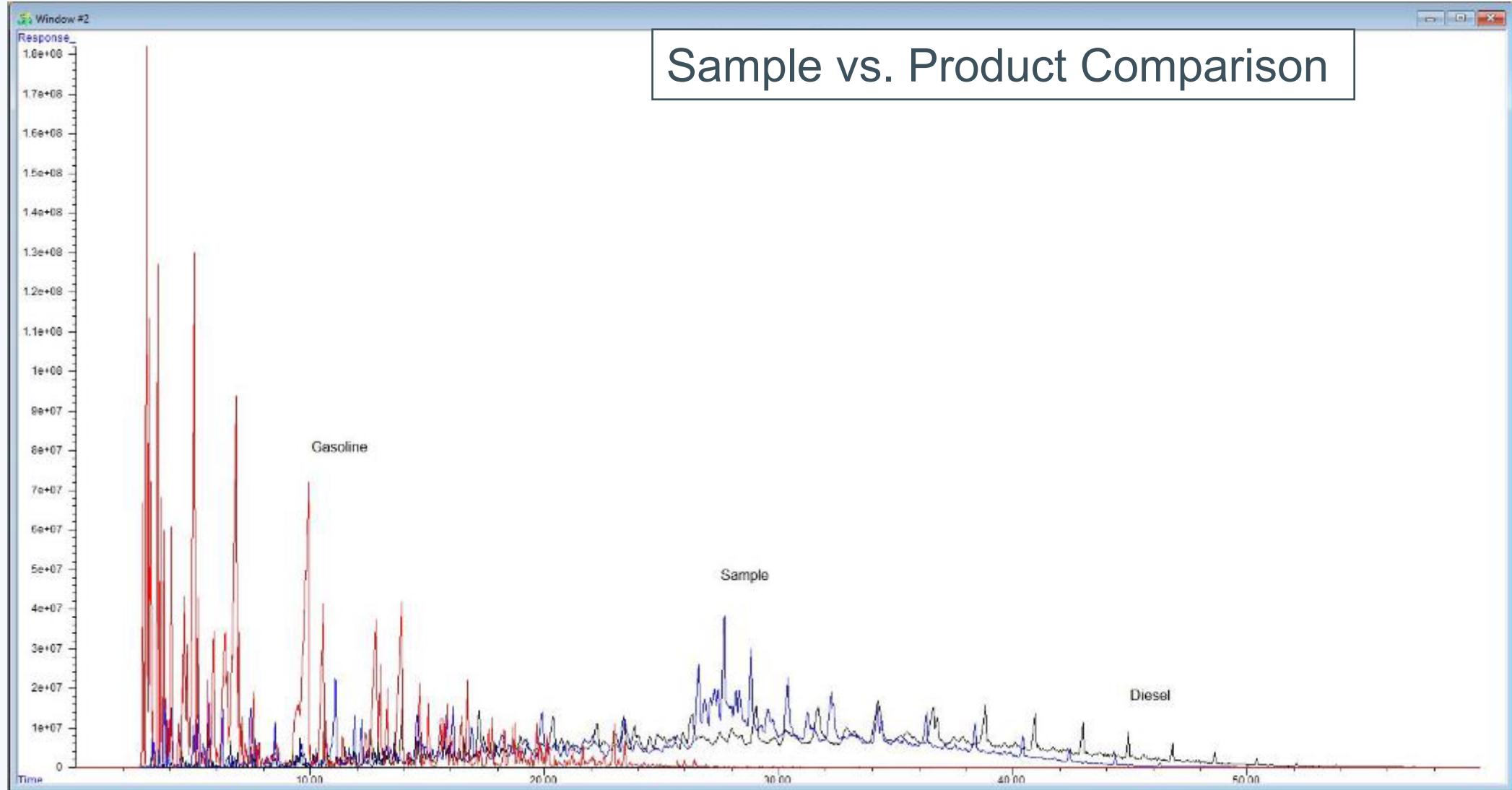
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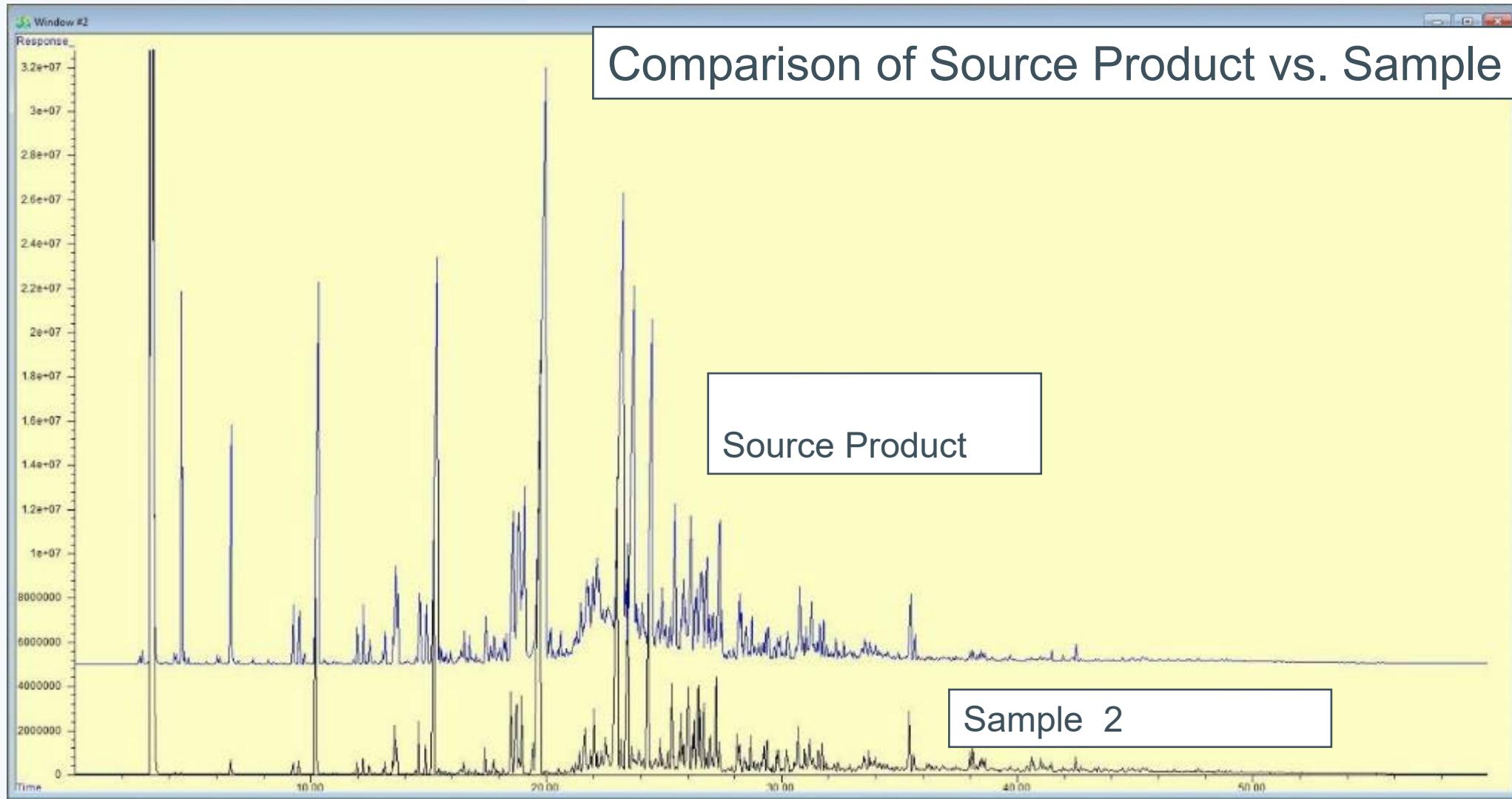
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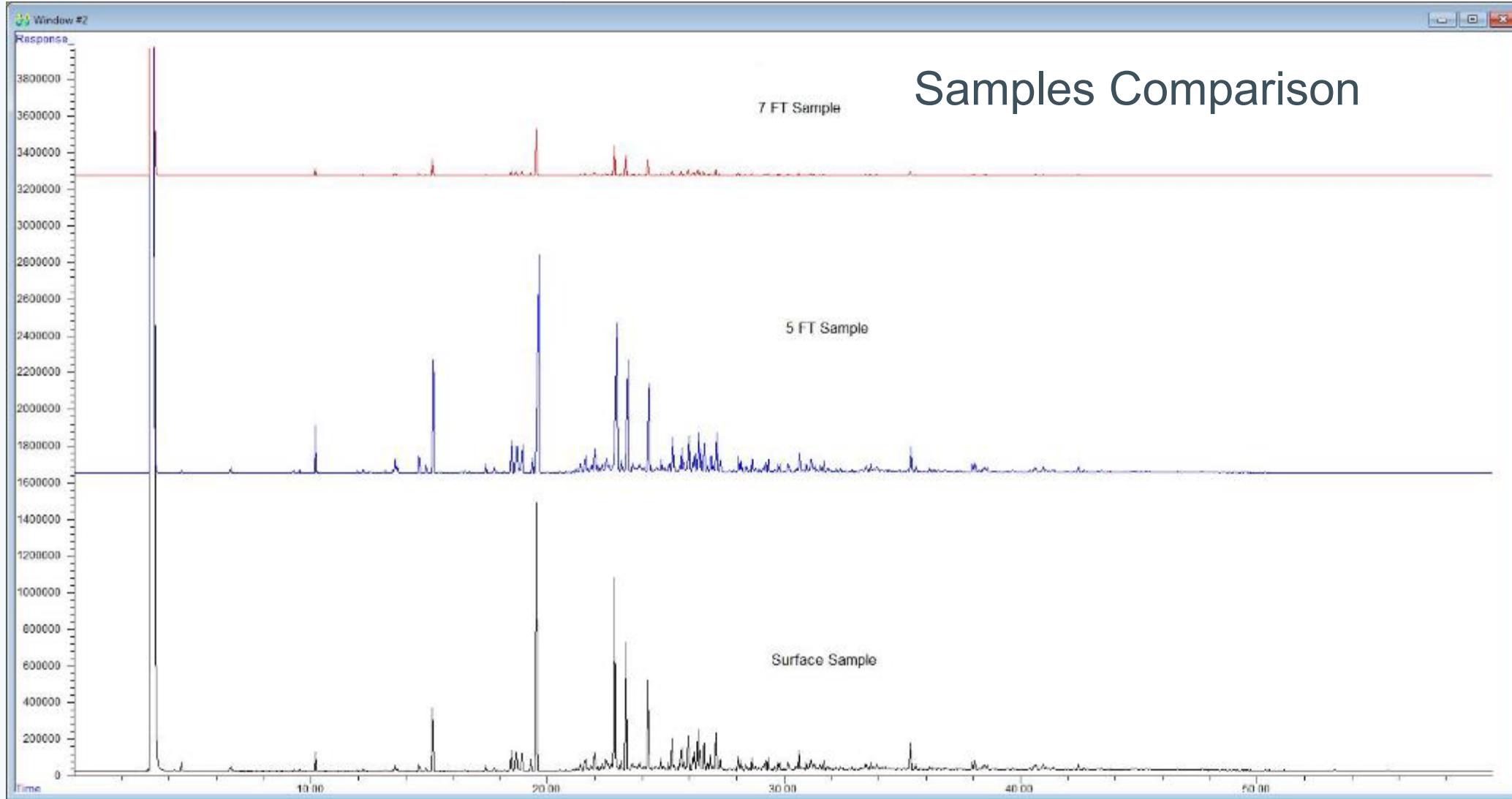
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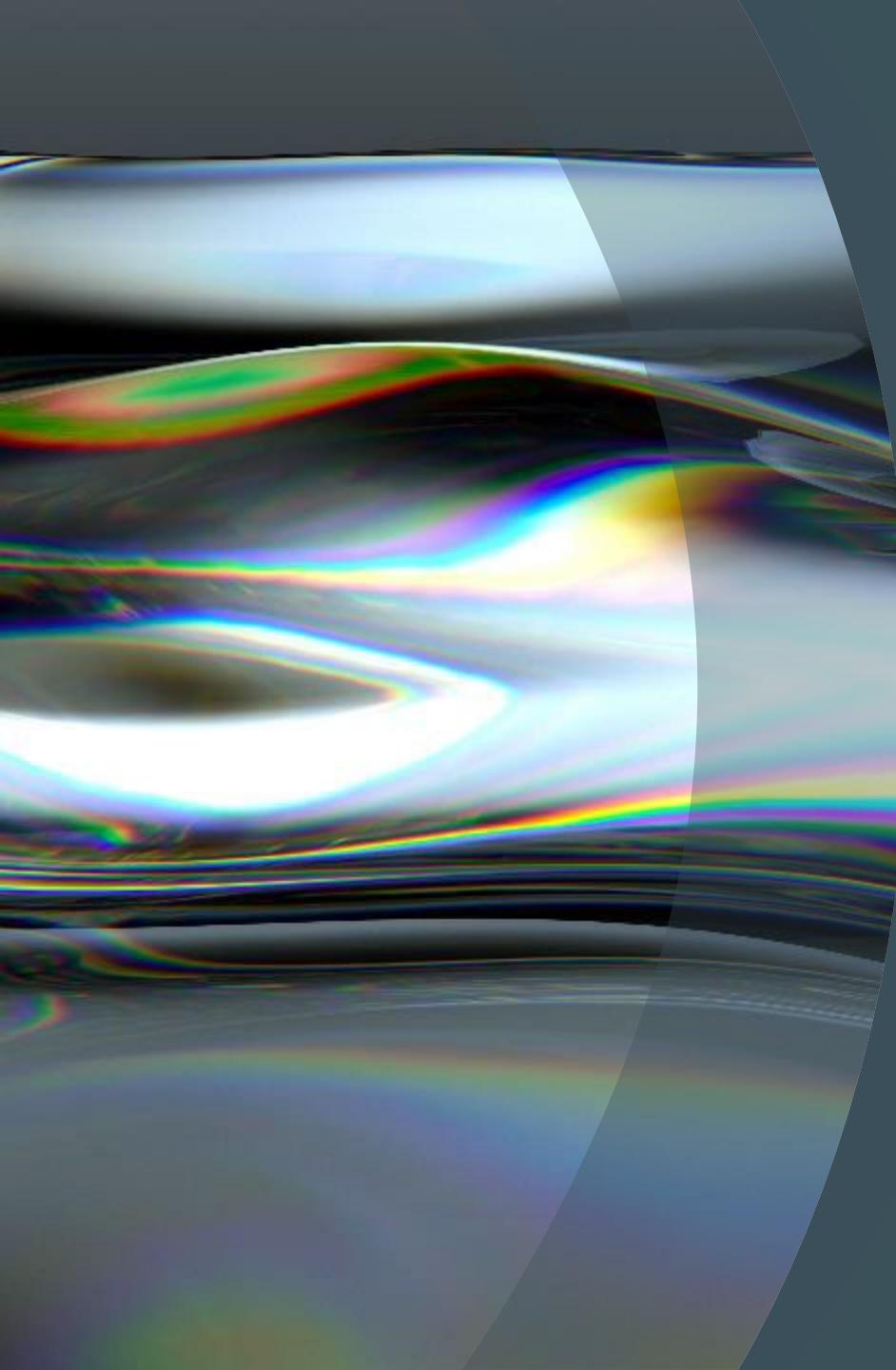


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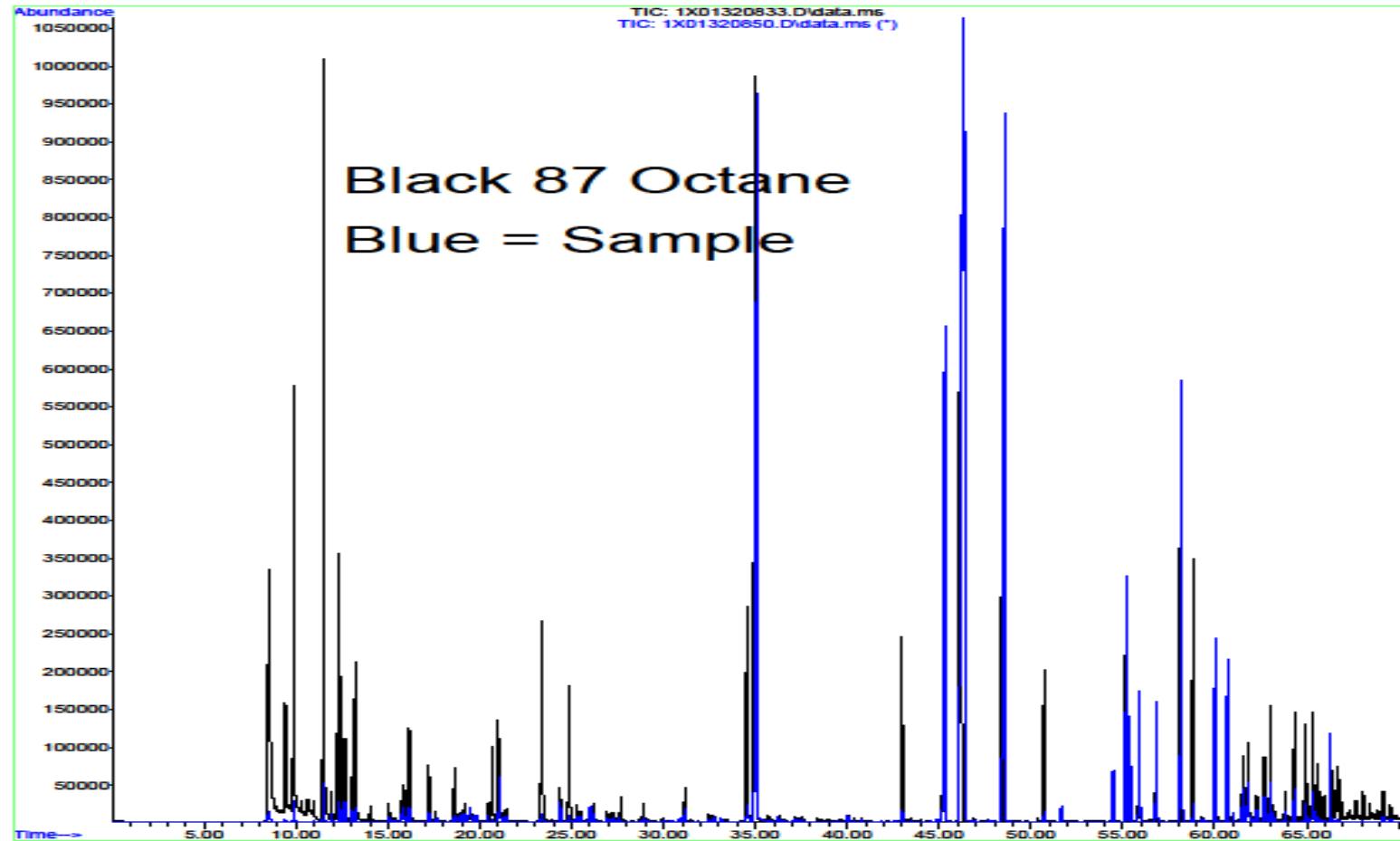




PIANO Analysis



PIANO Analysis – Sample vs. Product Comparison



Laboratory Information - PIANO DIAGNOSTIC RATIOS



PIANO Composition		%Makeup	
Total Parafins		185.84	12.98
Total Isoparafins		538.99	37.66
Total Aromatics		559.02	39.06
Total Napthenes		69.97	4.89
Total Olefins		77.39	5.41
Total		1431.20924	
DIAGNOSTIC Ratios			
Isomerization		Ratio	
Isopentane/Pentane		2.76	
2-Methylpentane/3-Methylpentane		1.8	
Evaporation			
n-Pentane/n-Heptane		16.43	
2-Methylpentane/2-Methylheptane		16.84	
Water Washing			
Benzene/Cyclohexane		4.09	
Toluene/Methylcyclohexane		12.09	
Aromatics/Parafins		3.01	
Aromatics/Napthenes		7.99	
Benzene/Toluene		0.33	
Toluene/Total Xylenes		0.94	
Biodegradation			
(C4 to C8 Parafins + Isoparafins) / C4-C8 Olefins		9.35	
3-methylhexane/n-Heptane		0.91	
Methylcyclohexane/n-Heptane		1.44	
Isoparaffins+Napthenes/Parafins		3.28	
Octane Rating/Aalkylation			
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane / Methylcyclohexane		0.16	
Refining Ratios			
2,2,4-TMP+Toluene / n-C7+n-C8		13.58	
2,2,4-TMP / (2,2,4-TMP + 2,2,3 - TMP + 2,3,4-TMP + 2,3,3-TMP)		0.15	
i-C5 / (i-C5 + n-C5)		0.73	
Naphthalene / n-C12		0.08	

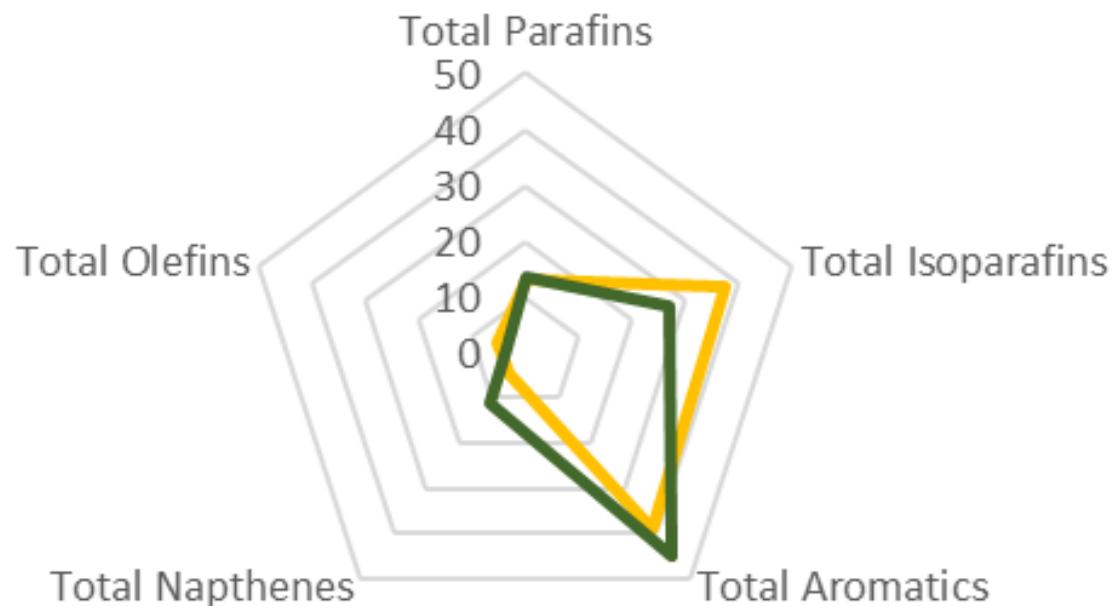
87 Octane Gasoline

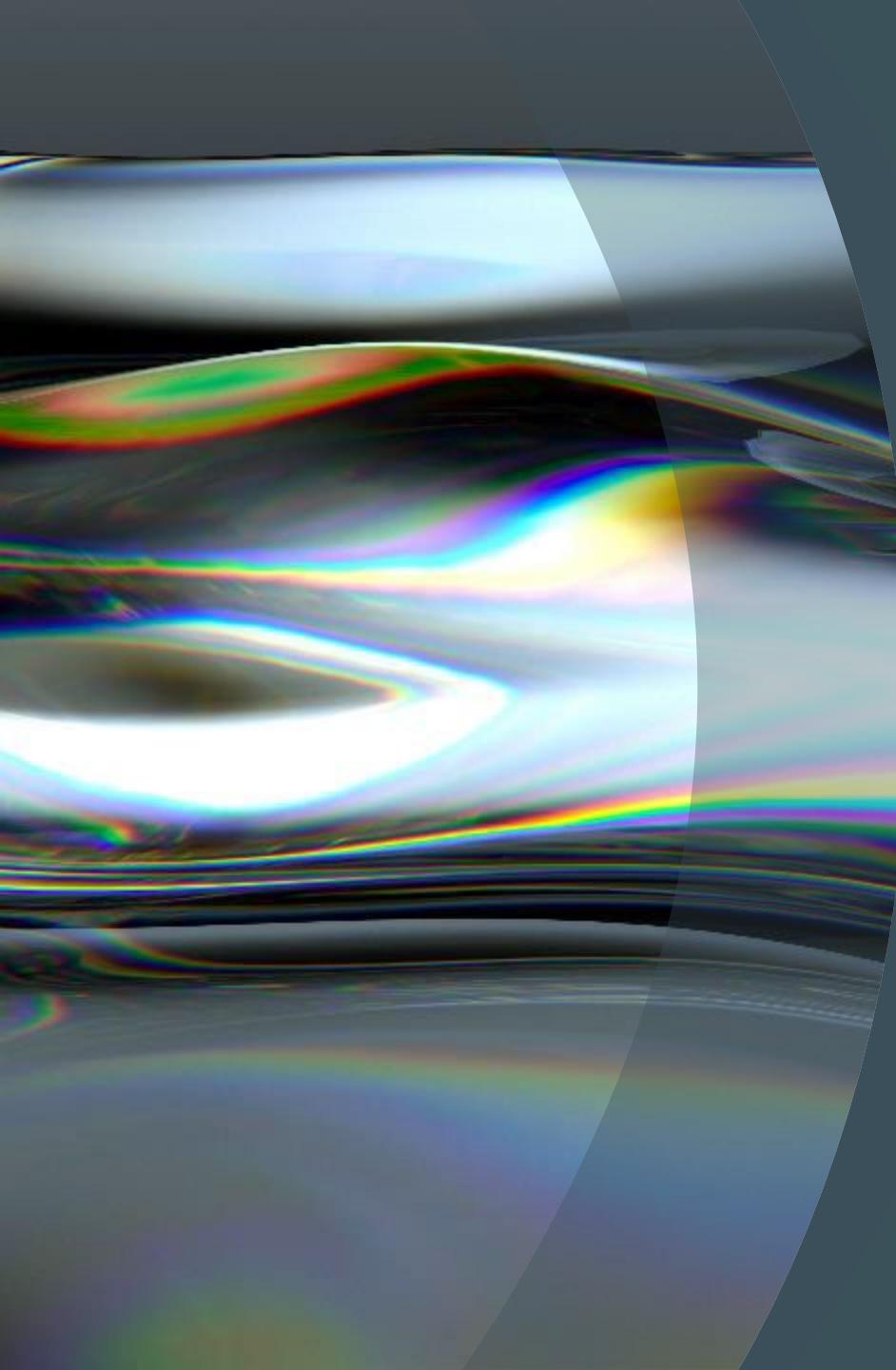
Laboratory Information - PIANO Fractions



PIANO FRACTIONS - GASOLINE COMPARED TO SAMPLE

— Gasoline — Sample

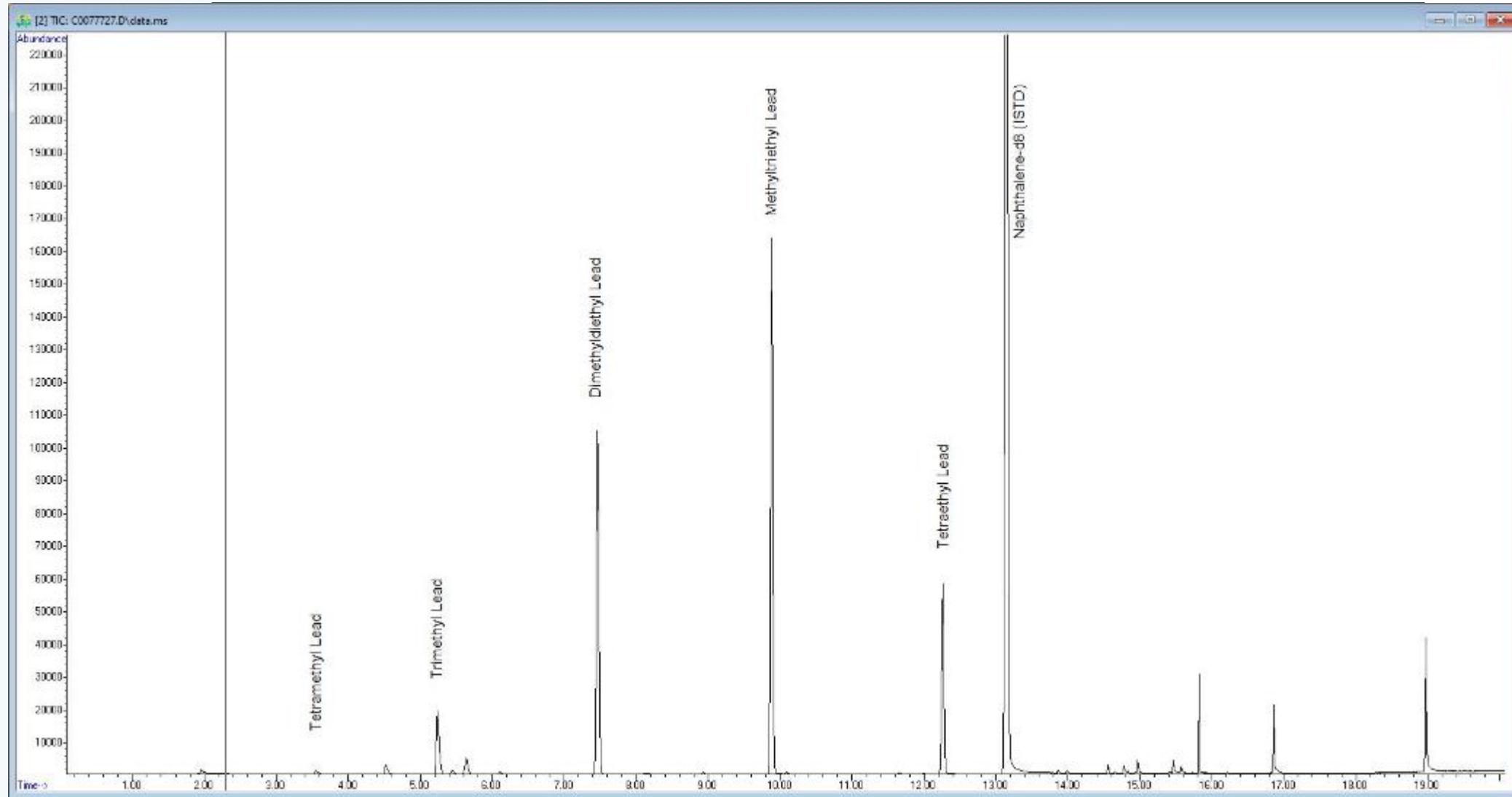




Alkylated Leads



Laboratory Information – Alkylated Leads



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- Whole Oil Analysis
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 - GC/MS SW846 8260 Mod.
 - Oxygenates (Various time periods)
 - Thiophenes
 - Halogenated Additives
- Alkylated Leads
 - 5 Isomers
 - Isomers added at different points in time (1923-1992)



Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

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