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ABSTRACT

The funded research had three major goals:

1. To investigate the effect of competitive adsorption of substrates typically found in fire debris on the classification by ASTM E1618 methodology,
2. To develop and validate an expert system for assisting forensic analysts in classifying ignitable liquid residues in fire debris, and
3. To provide statistical evaluation of error rates for experienced fire debris analysts in reviewing “case files” of gas chromatograph-mass spectrometry data for identifying and classifying ignitable liquid residues in simulated fire debris. An additional side project was undertaken to determine the best location of sampling fire debris from apparent pour patterns.

The substrate study confirmed prior studies that charred yellow pine can affect the distribution and relative abundance of ignitable liquid components, especially the normal hydrocarbons present in petroleum distillates. Substrates used as comparison samples which are uncharred may have additional incidental compounds which may be lost or greatly reduced when charred in the fire.

The expert system was developed using the open-course statistical software language R to be independent of the particular vendor gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) software. It was based on analyses of over 500 reference liquids from the Ignitable Liquid Reference Collection developed by the Technical Working Group for Fire and Explosions (TWGFEX) and maintained by the National Center for Forensic Science at the University of Central Florida. Cross-validation of the expert system demonstrated a correct assignment to E1618 class of 95% for most samples. The Oxygenate and Miscellaneous classes had slightly higher error rates in part due to the variability within these classes. In routine analysis, identification of these classes often requires mass spectral identification of individual components in the chromatogram. However, a series of challenge samples created by spiking commercial ignitable liquids onto charred substrates proved that the developed system needs more testing and refinement before adoption for actual case work.

The statistical evaluation of experienced fire debris analysts’ error rates in identifying the presence and classifying the ignitable liquid residues showed no false positives (determining presence of ignitable liquid when none was present) or mis-classification (wrong E1618 class). False negatives (not identifying the presence of a liquid when present) or “no classification possible” were not considered errors. However, because the sample size was smaller (20 participants) than originally proposed, additional work is needed before a definitive error rate can be established.

The pour pattern sampling study demonstrated that for porous materials such as carpet, sampling near the center of the pour pattern had a higher recovery of ignitable liquid residues than at the edges which has been the conventional wisdom for many years. The “donut effect” previously observed and the way the fire is self-sustained by the substrate beyond the limit of the original pour are believed to be responsible for these results.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The focus of the funded research was three-fold:

1. To assess the effect of competitive adsorption of specific components by various charred substrates routinely found in fire debris when employing the ASTM E1412 (Separation of Ignitable Liquid Residues from Fire Debris Samples by Passive Headspace Concentration with Activated Charcoal) methodology which can lead to an incorrect interpretation of the results from E1618 (Standard Test Method for Ignitable Liquid Residues in Extracts from Fire Debris Samples by Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry);
2. Development of an expert system to interpret chromatograms obtained from Gas Chromatography-Mass spectrometry analysis of ignitable liquid residues; and
3. Statistical evaluation of the false positive rates by fire debris analysts and the expert system following E1618 at low levels of ignitable liquids in fire debris samples.

Effect of Substrates

Although the effect of competitive adsorption of ignitable residues on activated charcoal has been known for many years [1], only recently has the effect of competitive adsorption by charred debris been shown (with a limited number of substrates) to potentially affect the interpretation of the results [2]. This initial study showed that some aromatic hydrocarbons are present in gasoline and normal hydrocarbons (nHC's) are found in kerosene and diesel fuels, especially for charred pine substrates. In our lab we have seen a similar though less pronounced outcome for a significant decrease in apparent nHC's in kerosene samples from burns of wood and carpet pad [3, 4]. A systematic investigation was undertaken to better understand the effects of substrate, degree of charring, ignitable liquid class and quantitative level of ignitable liquid through interpretation of the ignitable liquid class according to the E1618 methodology [5].

During the course of acquiring substrate samples for this phase, a side project was undertaken to determine the best sampling procedure for pour patterns in larger fires. Prior to this work, it was conventional wisdom to sample the edges of the suspected pour pattern. Our work demonstrated that the center of the pour pattern, especially on carpet, has the highest levels of ignitable liquid residues, and thus should be sampled. This result was presented recently at a fire investigators' conference and has been submitted for publication [6].

Development of an Expert System

Because E1618 is basically a visual pattern matching method, it is, by nature, subjective. Automated methods using neural networks and multivariate statistics have been reported to reduce the subjective nature of the interpretation [7-15]. An expert system was to be developed using over 500 samples from the Ignitable Liquid Residue Collection (maintained by NCFS, University of Central Florida) [16] following E1412 [17] and E1618 [6] methodology. The expert system was created using open source software and designed to be independent of the type of GCMS system utilized. (Software routines are included in the appendix). Cross-validation studies resulted in an error rate of less than 5% for assignment into the top three "picks." The oxygenate and miscellaneous classes had the highest error rates, as would be

expected, due to the widely varying nature of these two classes. Assignment to either of these two classes generally requires mass spectral identification of specific compounds (i.e. a ketone, alcohol, or ether in oxygenate class; terpenes or mixtures in miscellaneous class). However, when simulated fire “debris” samples were prepared by spiking charred samples of various common substrates with common ignitable liquids, the expert system did not perform to an acceptable level. Additional modification, refinements and testing are needed before this system should be utilized in case work.

Determination of Error Rates

The National Academy of Science report specifically addresses the need for identification of false positive determinations of pattern evidence [18]. This is particularly important at low levels of ignitable liquid residue in the fire debris where interpretation is more difficult [19]. Pyrolysis products from charred substrates may further complicate interpretation [20-27]. We created two series of “case files” of GCMS chromatograms with total ion chromatograms (TIC) and extracted ion profiles (EIP) as prescribed by E1618 using low level spiked and comparison samples on charred and un-charred substrates. These case files were distributed to a number of experienced fire debris analysts for ‘case review’. These experts were solicited from the Fire Debris Analysis Discussion Group (meets annually at American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS) national meetings and includes state, local, federal and private fire debris analysts) and other fire debris analysts. The original intention was to have fifty experts representing federal, state and local public labs and private labs. Unfortunately only twenty participants responded, with fairly equal distribution between public and private labs.

Each analyst was asked to make a determination for each case file according to his/her agency’s guidelines:

1. Is an ignitable liquid present?
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False negative (determination of no ignitable liquid when present) was not considered an “error” especially at low levels with substrate contribution. This was considered to be the more conservative approach favoring the accused who is assumed innocent until proven guilty. Likewise, not being able to classify an ignitable liquid residue at low levels was not considered an error.

No false positive or misclassification errors were observed. A number of samples which were positive were not classified by the participants based on protocols in their respective labs (lack of comparison samples, low levels, etc.). As the participants were aware of the nature of the study, there may have been some “conservative” bias; that is, to be reluctant to make a determination because “no classification possible” was not considered an error whereas mis-classification would be an error. Further studies with a larger group are recommended.

Impact on the Forensic Community

The substrate effects confirm previous studies showing that competitive adsorption of ignitable liquid residues (ILR) by charred substrates can affect the pattern and relative abundance of individual components in the residues. This could lead to misclassification of ILR according to E1618. Fire debris analysts should be aware of this possibility especially in residential structures where yellow pine is a common building material.

The related pour pattern study contradicts the “conventional wisdom” of sampling near the edge of a pour pattern. Fire investigators are encouraged to sample closer to the apparent center of the pattern and even across the pattern to increase the likelihood of sufficient ILR for identification and classification.

The expert system needs additional development before it can be recommended for incorporation into routine case work. One benefit of the approach undertaken here is that the software developed is open-source and independent of the vendor GCMS in use at a particular lab.

With additional studies to determine the accuracy of experienced fire debris analysts in identifying and classifying ILR especially at low levels, a reasonably average error rate for false positives and misclassification can be achieved. This will be of substantial benefit where such error rates are expected by the court.

INTRODUCTION

Statement of the Problem

Determination of the presence of ignitable liquid residues in fire debris and their classification according to the current accepted methodology (ASTM E1618) is by its nature a subjective pattern recognition technique. Based on court rulings, the error rate and factors affecting the results are needed for such techniques. The overall purpose of this project was to address these factors.

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Ignitable Liquid Pour Patterns

The National Fire Protection Association estimated that public fire departments in the United States responded to approximately 1,348,500 fires in 2009.[28] The 2009 Uniform Crime Reports on Arson stated that there were 58,871 reported arsons in 2009 [29]. It is the role of the fire investigator to assess a fire scene and to determine if the fire was accidental or incendiary.

When an ILR is suspected to have been used, investigators must collect evidence samples to be submitted to a laboratory for analysis. The fire debris analyst has the responsibility to prepare the sample for instrumental analysis and evaluate the results, and then report if any IL residues are present in the samples provided. The fire investigator and the fire debris analyst have two very different but equally important jobs in helping to determine the cause of the fire. They must work together to obtain reliable results from the evidence.

When a suspected pour pattern is found at a fire scene, the fire investigators must determine a location to collect evidence samples to send to the fire debris analysts. Following the work of O'Donnell, most sources suggest the best results are produced by samples collected from the edge of the pattern [30-32]. In O'Donnell's experiments, one cup of unleaded gasoline was dispersed over a three foot diameter circle in the center of each 4 foot square piece of shag carpet. The carpet squares were ignited and allowed to burn until the development of black smoke ceased and were extinguished with carbon dioxide. Four-inch by six-inch sections were cut from one edge of the carpet to the other and analyzed. The published results indicate that the highest concentrations of IL residues were found at the edge of the original pour pattern in the sections ranging from 2.5 to 3.0 feet from the center. This, however, would put the samples outside the four foot square piece of carpeting. The author states that the concentrations steadily decreased as the samples moved closer to the center of the pour pattern, with trace amounts of IL residues found at the center [30].

In the 26 years since the study by O'Donnell little further research has been done on the subject. However, new all-synthetic carpets can produce extensive burn patterns that bear no similarity to the original pool of ignitable liquid (IL) [33]. A halo or ring effect can often be observed near the flame front around the outside of the pool of IL. If the substrate is readily combustible, as modern synthetic carpet often is, this ring of damage can extend a considerable distance from the original pool [7]. An example of this halo effect can be seen in Figure 1A. The pool of IL often creates a central protected area of the substrate that will not burn as well until the protective layer of fuel evaporates. This original spill area (protected area) can be seen as the central circle in the "doughnut" type patterns observed post extinguishment in the circular burns [33-34]. The outer circle of the "doughnut" pattern is the perimeter of burning which extends further from the central pour area when allowed to burn longer [33]. An example of a "doughnut" type pattern can be seen in Figure 1B. In traditional carpets the central protected area may contain sufficient amounts of identifiable IL residues. This would suggest that it is best to collect samples from the center of the pour pattern on carpets or similar porous substrates.

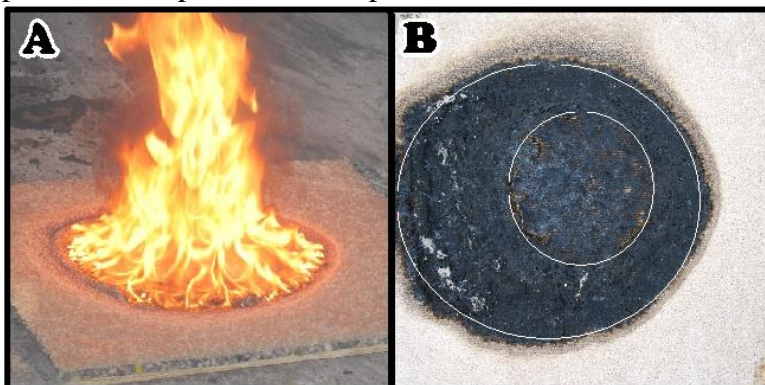


Figure 1: 70% Burn of low pile carpet treated with kerosene. **A)** Halo pattern developing around flames. **B)** Doughnut pattern visible post-extinguishment.

In 2010, similar study was performed using five two-foot square pieces of 23-year-old shag carpeting, pouring 4 cups of gasoline onto each [35]. Five samples were taken in each direction

(N, S, E, and W) as well as a central sample from each carpet square. One square was allowed to burn to completion which took approximately 10 minutes. The other four were sampled after 0, 2.5, 5.0, and 7.5 minutes of burn time. All samples were analyzed by GCMS and quantitatively evaluate according to an internal standard. Those results showed the highest concentrations of IL residues at the center of the pour pattern suggesting this would be the best place to collect samples [35].

One factor to consider is whether the substrate has any effect on the location of the prime collection area. Carpeting, for example, can wick the IL away from the original pour pattern, diluting the IL over a larger area. Some newer synthetic carpets can also self-sustain combustion beyond the edge of the original pour pattern leaving a completely unrelated pattern as stated above [31]. Sampling from the edge of this final post-burn pattern could potentially give negative results. Also, different types of subflooring wood may absorb the IL allowing for a deeper burn pattern while others may resist it allowing the IL to spread farther and burn faster with little effect on the substrate.

Arsonists rarely dump the fuel in a perfect circle in the center of the room. Irregular burn patterns on the floor are often an indication of an IL pour pattern. Linear patterns called “trailers” are often seen in cases where an IL is intentionally poured or trailed from one area to another with intention of spreading or connecting fires [31].

Our research goal was to expand on these previous experiments to determine if the substrate, pour pattern, or IL used has an effect on the identification of the best sample area. Two different substrates, two different ILs, and two different pour patterns were tested. A circular pattern, representing a central dump of the IL, as was tested by O'Donnell and Macomber, as well as a linear pattern to represent a trailer pattern were tested. A much smaller amount of IL was used in comparison to Macomber's experiments to see if her results were simply from using too much gasoline [35]. Samples were taken from the same spots of each test based on the pour pattern used and analyzed quantitatively and qualitatively by GCMS.

METHODS

Competitive Adsorption Effects on Fire Debris Analysis

A number of different substrates were tested as un-charred, charred and dry, charred and wet. Although carpet and carpet pad represent the majority of substrates submitted for fire debris analysis, wood and other materials were also common. Different wood types were tested. These are given in Table 1 below. An approximately 5 cm X 5 cm X 1 cm piece of each substrate was spiked with decreasing levels (10 µl, 5 µl, 1 µl and 0.5 µl) of each ignitable liquid tested such that some samples were barely above the pyrolysis background.

Table 1: List of Substrates tested

<i>Woods (unfinished)</i>	<i>Flooring</i>	<i>Carpet/Padding</i>
Yellow Pine	Plywood	Foam Padding
White Pine	Oriented strand board (OSB) subflooring	Polyporylene Carpet
Red Oak		Carpet tiles (indoor/outdoor)
Poplar		

Ignitable liquids representing the more common ones found in fire debris and are shown in Table 2 [21]. “Charred substrates” were ignited with a butane torch and allowed to burn until completely charred or allowed to self-extinguish. The percentage weight loss was determined as a measure of the degree of charring. After cooling to room temperature, charred samples were spiked with the ignitable liquid. For “charred and wet” substrates the charred sample was spiked and allowed to soak in before sprayed with distilled water. This simulated fire debris which had been exposed to water during fire suppression. A “neutral” substrate consisting of a single sheet of Kimwipe® was spiked with 2 µl of ignitable liquid for comparison purposes.

Table 2: List of Ignitable Liquids Used for Spiking Samples

<i>Ignitable Liquid</i>	<i>E1618 class</i>
Gasoline (unleaded regular)	Gasoline
Kerosene	Heavy Petroleum Distillate
Diesel	Heavy Petroleum Distillate
Mineral Spirits	Medium Petroleum Distillate
Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenated Product
Charcoal Starter	Medium Naphthenic-paraffinic

Each substrate-ignitable liquid combination was placed in a lined quart paint can with an activated charcoal strip (ACS) as per the E1412 method and heated in an oven overnight (~16 hrs) at 80° C [22]. The ACS was then placed in a GC vial with insert and approximately 150 µl of carbon disulfide added and capped. GCMS conditions followed published criteria [21] as shown in Table 3. Solvent blanks were injected between each sample to insure there was no carryover between samples. Method blanks were prepared using empty paint cans with the ACS in the oven with other samples and processed at the same time.

Table 3. GCMS conditions

Gas Chromatograph	Mass Spectrometer
Varian CP-3800	Saturn 2200
HP-1ms Column: 30 m X 250 μ m ID X 0.250 μ m film	70 eV electron ionization, ion trap
Injector temperature: 250 C	Scan range: 40-500 amu
Split: 20:1, 1 μ l injection	Scan rate: 0.5 s/scan
Column flow: 1 ml/min. Helium	Solvent delay: from 1.75 min to 2.00 min.
Temperature Program:	
60 for 2 min, ramp 10 /min to 300, final hold 2 min.	

Extracted ion profiles (EIP) and total ion chromatograms (TIC) were produced as prescribed by E1618 [5]. An E1618 test standard (Restek) was analyzed twice (near beginning and near end of the sample list) with each set of samples. The relative areas of each group (aliphatics, aromatics, cycloparaffins, naphthalenes, indanes) were compared between the neutral substrate and each of the charred and un-charred substrates to assess the degree of competitive adsorption.

Expert System Development

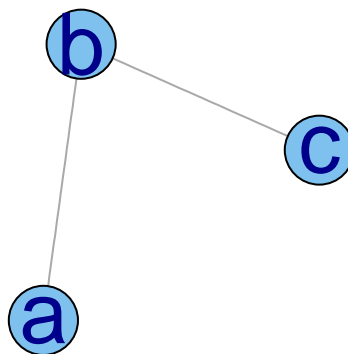
Let, p denote a set of features that characterize a particular chromatogram of an ignitable liquid. For this study these will be categorical estimates of the relative mass-abundances of each extracted ion chromatogram (discussed below), however they may in general be any ordinal/categorical mix of features. The feature vectors describing a chromatogram from row vectors \mathbf{x}_i and arranged into an $n \times p$ data matrix (\mathbf{X}) for analysis (1) [7-15]

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & .. & X_{1j} & .. & X_{1p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ X_{i1} & .. & X_{ij} & .. & X_{ip} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ X_{n1} & .. & X_{nj} & .. & X_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

Once a data matrix is available, numerous multivariate statistical pattern recognition methods can be applied in both supervised and unsupervised ways to search for stable patterns. As a matter of note, several feature vector formulations and pattern recognition algorithms were examined for this study (See Appendix 1 for details). Only the best method uncovered will be discussed. For further information we direct the reader attention to standard texts on pattern recognition [46].

Graphical models elegantly encode dependencies between random variables. The variables themselves are represented as “nodes”. Abstract relationships between them are represented by connections known as “edges”. These edges may either be directed or undirected. Directed edge

graphs are also known as Bayesian networks. Undirected graphical models are also known as Markov random fields [45]. Given a set of random variates and a set of edges connecting them, the probability mass function (discrete variables) or probability density (continuous variables) of the statistical model is completely specified. That is, the network structure encodes the (conditional) statistical independence between the variables. For example, consider the (undirected) network of three random variates, $\{a, b, c\}$:



This graph represents a conditional independence between variables a and c . The joint probability density $p(a, b, c)$ may be written as $p(a, b, c) = p(a, b)p(b, c)$. The remaining joint probability densities can be expressed as

$$p(a, b, c) = p(b|a)p(a)p(b|c)p(c).$$

The value of this exercise is to use conditional independence to express a high dimensional functional form, as products of lower dimensional, easier to determine functions.

Both Bayesian networks and Markov random fields may be used for to represent joint probability distributions. However, if the task is to learn a graphical model form a set of data, only undirected Markov random fields can be uncovered automatically. That is, causal directions included in a Bayesian network cannot be inferred from the data alone in general. If the causal directions are not required and an extra “class label” is included in a set of random variates, then a Markov random field classification model can be fit to discrete/categorical data using log-linear modeling [42].

Nearly the entire NCFS ignitable liquid collection (510 samples) was used to verify the expert system. These samples were obtained from the Ignitable Liquid Collection and from our own collection of gasolines, kerosene, diesel fuels and commercial products and processed according to E1412 protocol [17]. Validation of the expert system was accomplished using cross validation along with test data from samples not used to train the system and from the competitive adsorption phase of the overall project. Determination of error rate and details of the error rate theory are given below.

Assessment of False Positives and Incorrect Classification

The TIC and EIP from known ignitable liquids and simulated fire debris (competitive adsorption studies) were used to prepare “case files”. Some of these did not contain any added ignitable liquids (“negatives”), others with moderate levels and some with low levels of spike. Additional samples representing all other E1618 classes of ignitable liquids were obtained from the Ignitable Liquid Reference Collection. These were assigned randomly to various fire debris experts solicited from the forensic community. Each of the case files were sent to at least three different analysts with different case numbers. The case file will include a brief description of the sample (“charred wood”, “carpet pad”, “flooring”, etc.). A portion of the files, again selected at random, included indication that the sample was the result of a “canine alert”, “collected at pour pattern” or was a “comparison sample”. Had there been false positive results from case files including canine alerts or other “indicators”, the same set of data would have been utilized without the indicator.

These were used to determine if such information has an effect on the interpretation of the results. All responses maintained confidentiality and insured anonymity of the expert by using code numbers. Only the PI had the “key” to the identity. The initial goal was to enlist fifty experts from state, local, private and federal laboratories. Only twenty experts agreed to participate about equally from public and private labs.

An error is defined as a misidentification of a chromatogram by the examiner. This occurred when one of the examiners identified the chromatogram as coming from a sample when indeed it had not (type I error, false positive) or the examiner did not identify the chromatogram as coming from a sample when indeed it had (type II error, false negative). Let us assume that there are procedures, i.e. “algorithms”, alg that are used to identify samples from their chromatograms, \mathbf{x}_i

$$\text{alg}(\mathbf{x}_i) = \text{i.d. label}$$

These algorithms can be conscious or subconscious procedures on the part of the human examiner. With the above notation, probabilities for false positives and false negatives can be expressed as

$$\text{False positive} = \Pr(\text{alg}(\mathbf{x}_i) = S_j | \text{true i.d.}(\mathbf{x}_i) \neq S_j)$$

$$\text{False negative} = \Pr(\text{alg}(\mathbf{x}_i) \neq S_j | \text{true i.d.}(\mathbf{x}_i) = S_j)$$

where S_j denotes sample j and $\text{true i.d.}(\mathbf{x}_i) = S_j$ indicates the true identity of sample i (represented by its chromatogram, \mathbf{x}_i) is sample S_j . These quantities were determined for examiner identifications of known ignitable liquids and simulated fire debris samples in this project as a blind study. The number of false positives and/or incorrect assignment of E1618 class were noted and compared against the sample matrix and level of spike to determine any statistically significant effects from substrate, class of liquid or level of spike.

Cross Validation Assessment of Error Rates for Expert Systems

The simplest method to empirically estimate the error rate for an expert system is resubstitution. This is simply the application of the computed classification rules to the set of data used to

derive them. The percentage of misclassifications via the resubstitution method is called the apparent error rate and is simply the empirical risk, R_{emp} . This is a biased estimate and tends to be overly optimistic and should be corrected. The first and simplest correction is called hold-one-out cross validation. This method computes the decision rules using all but one of the chromatograms in the data set of similar ignitable liquids. Let \mathbf{x} be the held out chromatogram with true identity y , and let $g^{\text{hold-out-}\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})$ denote the identity of \mathbf{x} assigned by the “hold-one-out” decision rules. Misclassifications are assigned a 1 and correct classifications a 0. Symbolically this is written as $1 - \delta_{y, g(\mathbf{x})}$ where the Kronecker delta denotes

$$\delta_{y, g(\mathbf{x})} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = g(\mathbf{x}) \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq g(\mathbf{x}) \end{cases}.$$

The hold-one-out procedure is repeated for each chromatogram in the data set and the results are averaged to compute an estimated error rate [20].

$$\text{Err}^{\text{HOO-CV}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1 - \delta_{y_i, g^{\text{hold-out-}\mathbf{x}_i}}(\mathbf{x}_i).$$

If c chromatograms are held out the resulting error rate is called c -fold cross-validation.

Challenge samples for Expert System

A series of charred substrates (2” X 2”, similar to substrate study above) were spiked with 10 ul of an ignitable liquid. Each substrate was charred prior to spiking to approximately 50% weight loss. A charred and uncharred substrate blank was included for each substrate. Substrates and ignitable liquids are given in Table 4.

Table 4: Substrate and Ignitable liquids for Challenge Samples

Substrate burned to 50% mass, then spiked with Ignitable Liquid			
File Name	Ignitable Liquid	Classification	Substrate
Blc 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	blue carpet
Blc 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate (OXY)	blue carpet
Blc 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	blue carpet
Blc Blk	unburned blank		blue carpet
Blc E85	E85	Gasoline	blue carpet
Blc Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	blue carpet
Blc Ker	Kerosene	HPD	blue carpet
Blc MtdB	burned blank		blue carpet
Brc 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	brown carpet
Brc 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate	brown carpet
Brc 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	brown carpet
Brc Blk	unburned blank		brown carpet
Brc E85	E85	Gasoline	brown carpet
Brc Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	brown carpet
Brc Ker	Kerosene	HPD	brown carpet

Brc MtdB	burned blank		brown carpet
CP 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	carpet padding
CP 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate	carpet padding
CP 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	carpet padding
CP Blk	unburned blank		carpet padding
CP E85	E85	Gasoline	carpet padding
CP Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	carpet padding
CP Ker	Kerosene	HPD	carpet padding
CP MtdB	burned blank		carpet padding
OO 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	old oak
OO 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate	old oak
OO 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	old oak
OO Blk	unburned blank		old oak
OO E85	E85	Gasoline	old oak
OO Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	old oak
OO Ker	Kerosene	HPD	old oak
OO MtdB	burned blank		old oak
PW 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Plywood
PW 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate	Plywood
PW 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	Plywood
PW Blk	unburned blank		Plywood
PW E85	E85	Gasoline	Plywood
PW Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	Plywood
PW Ker	Kerosene	HPD	Plywood
PW MtdB	burned blank		Plywood
YP 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Yellow Pine
YP 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate	Yellow Pine
YP 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	Yellow Pine
YP Blk	unburned blank		Yellow Pine
YP E85	E85	Gasoline	Yellow Pine
YP Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	Yellow Pine
YP Ker	Kerosene	HPD	Yellow Pine
YP MtdB	burned blank		Yellow Pine

With the exception of “Old Oak”, all substrates were new unused material purchased from local (Huntington, West Virginia) sources. Old Oak was painted tongue and groove flooring recovered from the front porch of a house (approximate age 70 years) which was undergoing renovation.

After spiking, each sample was placed in a 1-quart lined paint can, an activated charcoal strip suspended in the can, the lid tapped on with a rubber mallet and then processed according to E1412. Carbon disulfide with 0.2 wt % 3-phenyl toluene as an internal standard was used to elute the charcoal strip. GCMS analysis was performed using conditions given above.

Ignitable Liquid Pour Patterns

Although not specifically a part of the original proposal, a study of sampling pour patterns was undertaken while sampling larger scale burn samples.

Small Scale Test Burns

In these tests, low pile carpeting and oriented strand board (OSB) obtained from a local (Huntington, WV) home center were tested. The polypropylene carpet was tested with both gasoline and kerosene in both the linear and the circular patterns. The OSB was tested with kerosene in a circular pattern. Each substrate was cut into a two foot by two foot square. The carpet samples were tacked into place on a piece of oriented strand board of the same size. Since carpet padding would normally be found under carpet, a two foot square piece of this was also tacked down between the carpet and the OSB. For each substrate/IL combination, two different pour patterns were tested: a circular pattern in which the IL was dumped in the center of the square and a linear pattern in which the IL was dumped in a line across the length of the square.

For each carpet sample, 300 ml of the selected IL was used. Once poured, the IL was allowed to sit and soak into the carpet for two minutes. A kitchen lighter was held to the center of the pour pattern to ignite the IL. A test burn was first performed for each substrate/IL combination with the circle pattern. The carpet square without padding or plywood was set directly on the steel floor. The selected IL was poured, allowed to soak, and ignited in the described manner. It was allowed to burn to self-extinguishment and the time was recorded. Seventy percent of the total time was calculated and the circular and linear patterns on padding and OSB were then allowed to burn for that amount of time. The fires were extinguished with a minimal amount of water.

For the OSB test, 300 ml of kerosene proved to be too much ignitable liquid. It covered the square and ran off the edges leaving no real pattern. Instead, 50 ml of kerosene was poured on the center of the two foot square leaving a symmetrical circular pour pattern. The kerosene was allowed to soak in for five minutes before being lit. The fire was allowed to burn for 3.5 minutes at which time it self-extinguished.

Two inch by two inch samples were cut from designated areas of the substrates based on the pour pattern used according to the templates shown in Figure 2. A two-inch square, unburned sample labeled "X" was taken from the upper left hand corner of each substrate prior to pouring the IL to serve as a control. All other samples were collected post-burn.

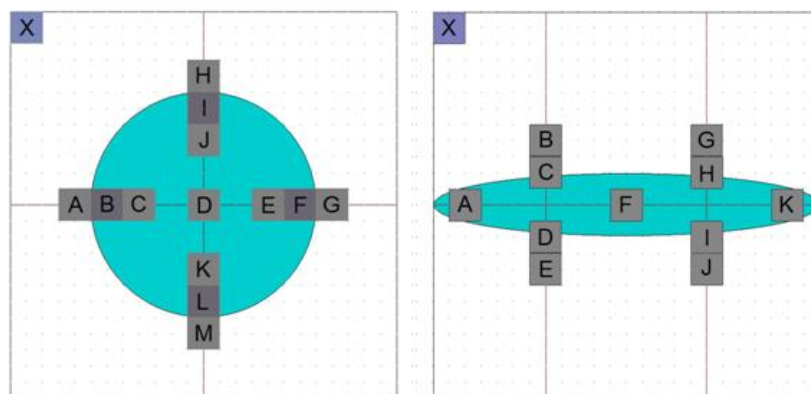


Figure 2: Designated circle and line pour pattern templates for collection of samples. X is the location of the unburned control sample collected prior to pouring the IL. Samples are approximately 8 cm X 8 cm (2" X 2"). Overall size of the substrate is approximately 60 cm X 60 cm (24" X 24").

Sampling and Extraction

Once the substrate was cool enough to handle, two-inch square samples were cut out from their designated areas then added to and sealed in labeled unlined quart size paint cans. A two-inch paint scraper was used to extract the debris from the designated area.

Activated charcoal strips (ACS) were purchased from Albrayco Technologies Inc. (Cromwell, Connecticut). In the laboratory, one full ACS was attached to a paperclip and suspended by floss in each can. The cans were then heated in an oven at 60°C for approximately 16 hours. The ACS were then removed and placed in 250 µL glass inserts in GC vials.

There is disagreement within the fire debris community as to whether to add the internal standard (IS) to the can prior to the adsorption process or to the extraction solvent during the desorption process.[36-38] For these studies we chose to add 3-phenyltoluene (3PT) to the extraction solvent rather than to the fire debris. When ready for analysis on the GCMS, a 0.2% (v/v) stock solution of 3PT (Sigma Aldrich, Saint Louis, MO) in the extraction solvent, carbon disulfide (Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA), was prepared and 250 µL was added to each glass insert.

Large Scale Test Burns

Large scale test burns were performed in two different sized bedrooms of a house. New low pile carpet was laid down in each room and furniture from the property was added to the rooms to increase the fuel load. Room 2, the smaller of the two rooms also had carpet pad below the carpet. Diesel fuel was poured in a large "S" shaped pattern on the floor of each room, and the diesel fuel was ignited. The fires were allowed to progress to flashover before being extinguished with water. Samples were taken around the ends of the "S" pattern in Room 1, and straight across the entire pattern in Room 2.

Analysis

The peak area of a selected abundant target compound in each IL was compared to the peak area of the 3PT internal standard and multiplied by 100 to give a percent ratio. For the gasoline patterns, the selected target compound was 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene. For the kerosene and diesel patterns, the selected target compound was tetradecane.

RESULTS

Effect of Substrate on E1618

A Kovats index was created for comparison purposes using the normal carbons associated with the E1618 standard (C₆-C₂₀) (see Figure 3). In most cases, the substrate blanks of both the charred and uncharred pieces of each substrate showed minimal interfering peaks on the chromatograms from the wood substrate itself. Only chromatograms of a few substrates of uncharred wood contained peaks from the wood substrate itself. These were accounted for during data reduction. In the wood samples that contained peaks in the uncharred blank sample chromatogram, most were absent from the corresponding charred substrate blank.

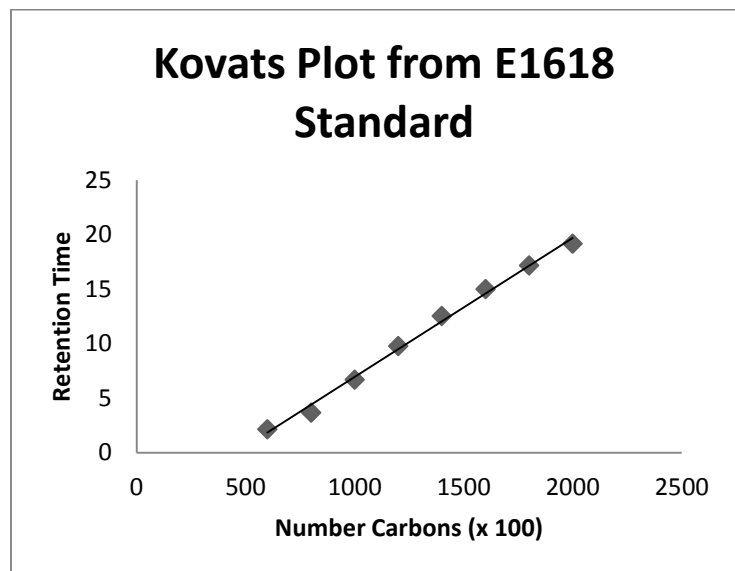


Figure 3. Kovats plot of carbons x 100 versus retention time.

In the Aspen samples, the uncharred blank showed significant peaks at a Kovatz Index of 700, 744, 774 and 1000. Samples and indices were run against the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) library and no matches meeting an 80 percent match were obtained. The peak with a Kovatz of 1000, when compared against the library, did not contain a MS similar to decane. In the spiked charred substrate sample of aspen interfering substrate peaks were present, but when compared to the spiked uncharred substrate sample of aspen, the peak heights were less.

Both the red oak and western red cedar each had one significant peak in the uncharred sample's chromatogram. The western red cedar's peak was located at a Kovatz of about 1340. Although below an 80 percent match against the library, this peak possessed MS qualities similar to benzoic acid p-isopropyl methyl ester. The peak from the uncharred sample of red oak was located at an index of 800 and did not share any similarities with the compounds searched in the NIST library. The peaks present on the chromatograms from the western red cedar and the red oak did not appear in the chromatogram on the charred substrate samples.

The white pine exhibited peaks in the uncharred substrate blank, but when charred, the substrate blank only contained one of these peaks with a significant response. This peak eluted at a Kovatz 775 on the uncharred substrate blank as well as on the charred blank. The peak was significantly smaller in height on the charred surface and was not identified.

Finally, in the selected white pine samples, the uncharred substrate blank contained several peaks, where as in the charred substrate blank, there were no peaks seen.

In the Aspen initial study, there were differences noticed in the relative height of prominent peaks in the chromatogram when looking at the gasoline spiked substrate's chromatogram. Some of the ratios between peaks were different due to the peaks and is noted in Figure 4. The same chromatogram response loss was also noticed in the kerosene spiked Aspen substrate samples.

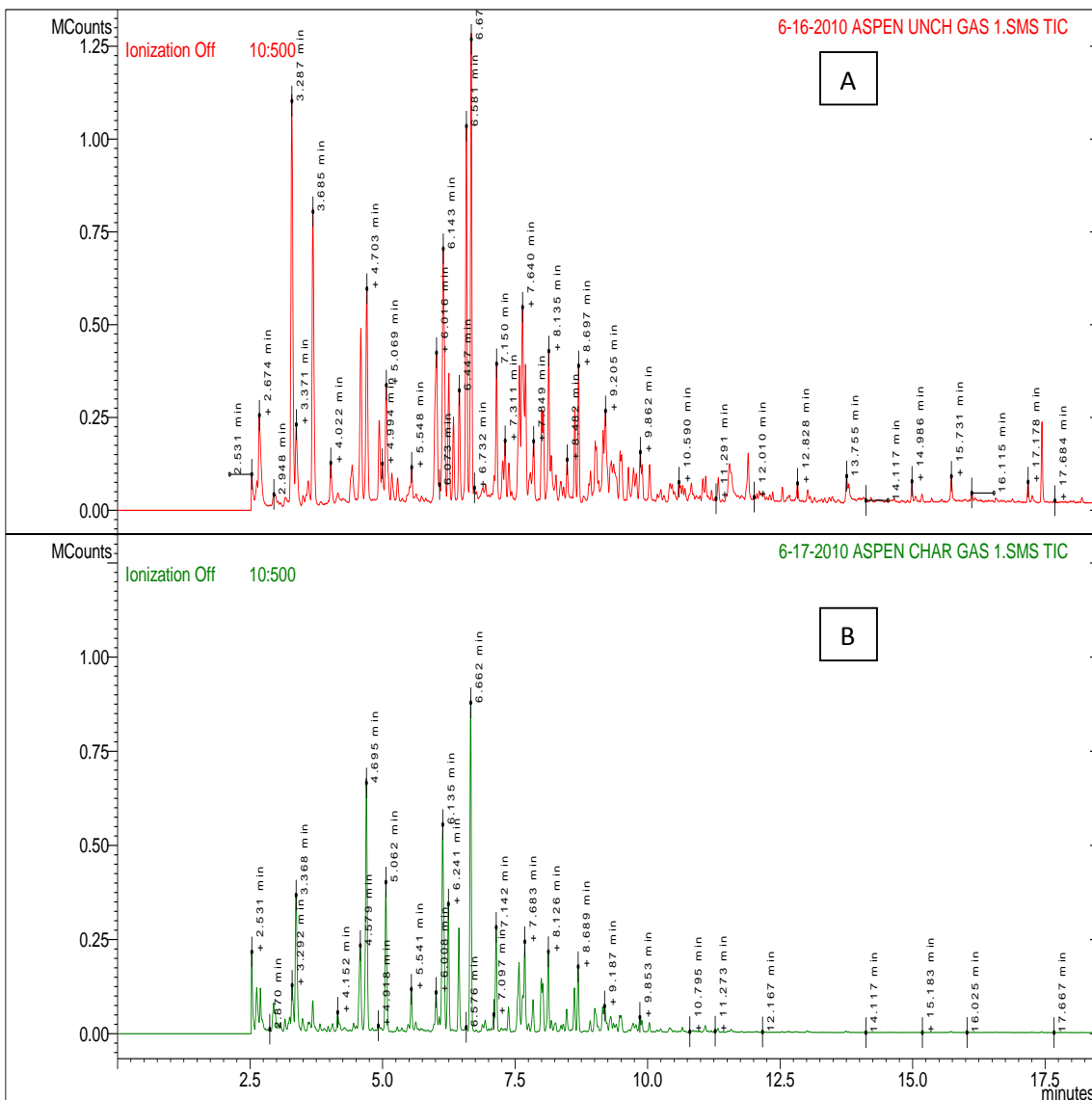


Figure 4. Aspen uncharred (A) and charred (B) comparison spiked with gasoline.

Poplar, one of the few that did not demonstrate any interference peaks from the wood substrate itself, showed a decrease in peak height in the gasoline spiked sample, as noted in Figure 5. However, the wood showed more of a decrease in relative peak heights in the kerosene sample. Neither chromatogram had absent or additional peaks that could not be accounted for.

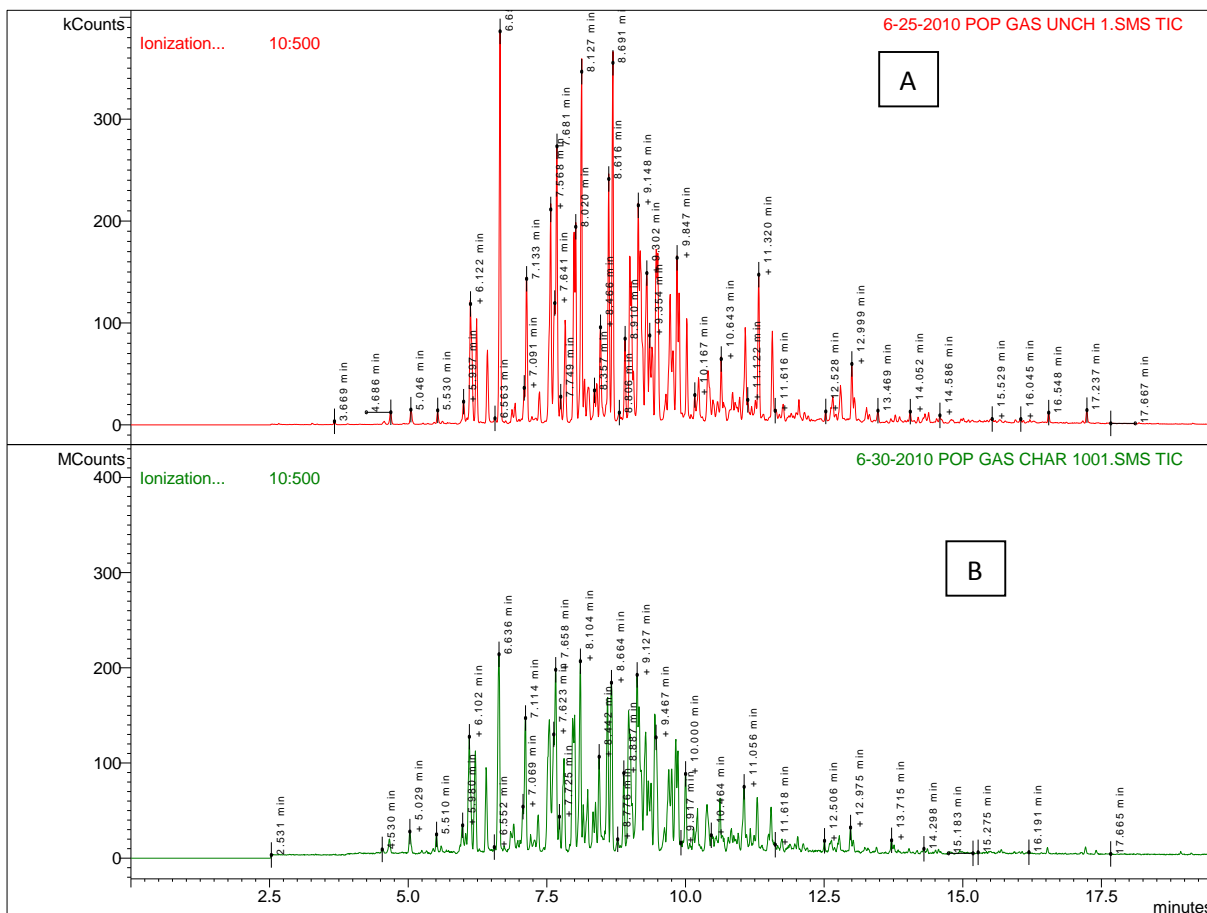


Figure 5. Poplar uncharred (A) and charred (B) comparison with gasoline spike.

In the pressure treated pine samples, a decrease in peak height was not seen with the gasoline spike. In the kerosene spiked samples, a decrease of about 50% in the height of the peaks were observed when comparing the uncharred to charred substrate samples, seen in Figure 6. No peaks were absent from the kerosene chromatogram, only the relative overall responses were different.

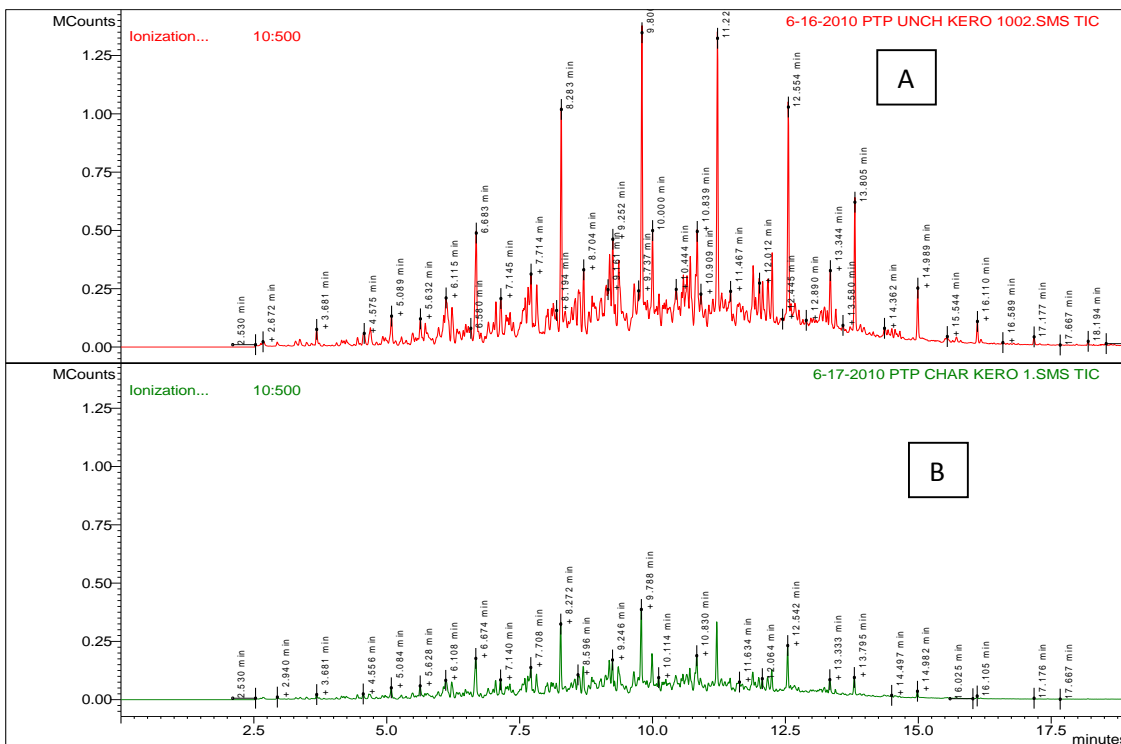


Figure 6. Pressure treated pine uncharred (A) and charred (B) comparison with kerosene spike.

The white pine substrate when spiked with gasoline demonstrated only a slight decrease in relative peak height response when compared with the uncharred sample, noted in Figure 7. When comparing the uncharred and charred substrates spiked with kerosene, the decrease in peak height was about 50%. No peaks from the substrate uncharred blank sample appeared on the chromatogram.

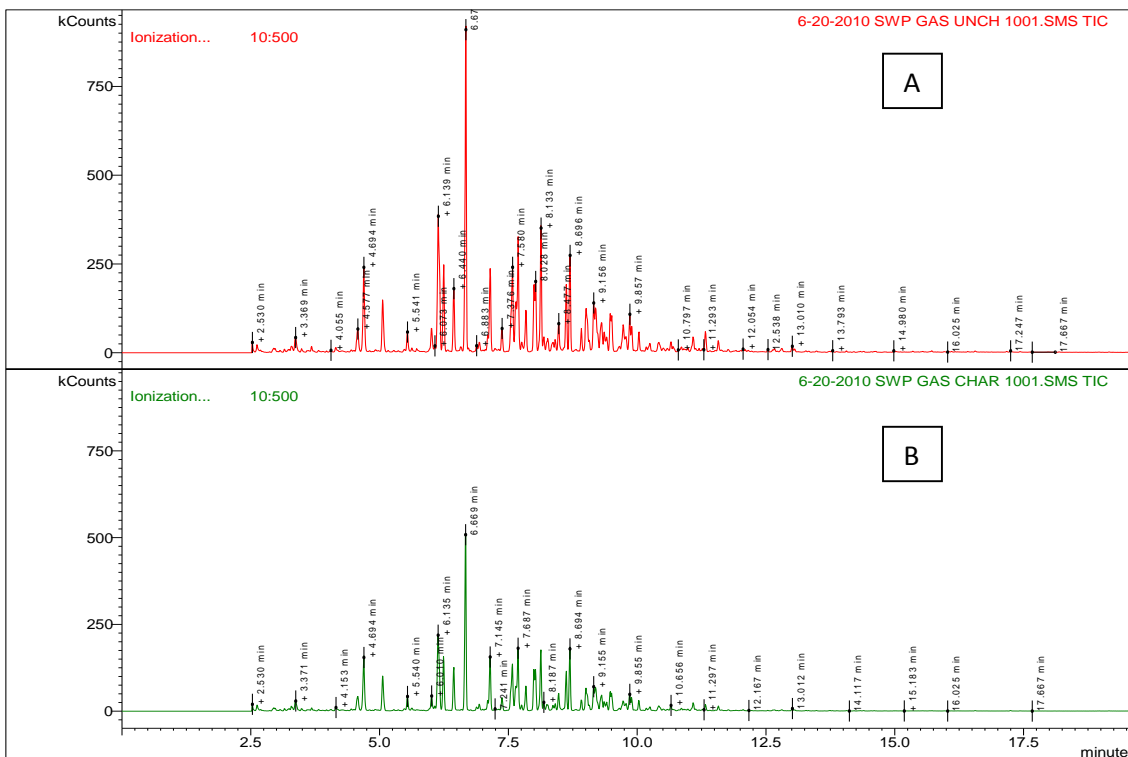


Figure 7. Select white pine uncharred (A) and charred (B) comparison with gasoline spike.

The red oak samples spiked with gasoline showed a slight decrease in the relative peak heights. A decrease of 25% was noted. When placed on the same axes, the kerosene spiked sample of red oak decreased to almost a flat line, as shown in Figure 8. Comparing the charred to the uncharred substrate spiked samples, a few peaks are absent from the charred chromatogram. The kerosene peaks present are the significant peaks needed to identify kerosene and are identified as the normal hydrocarbons.

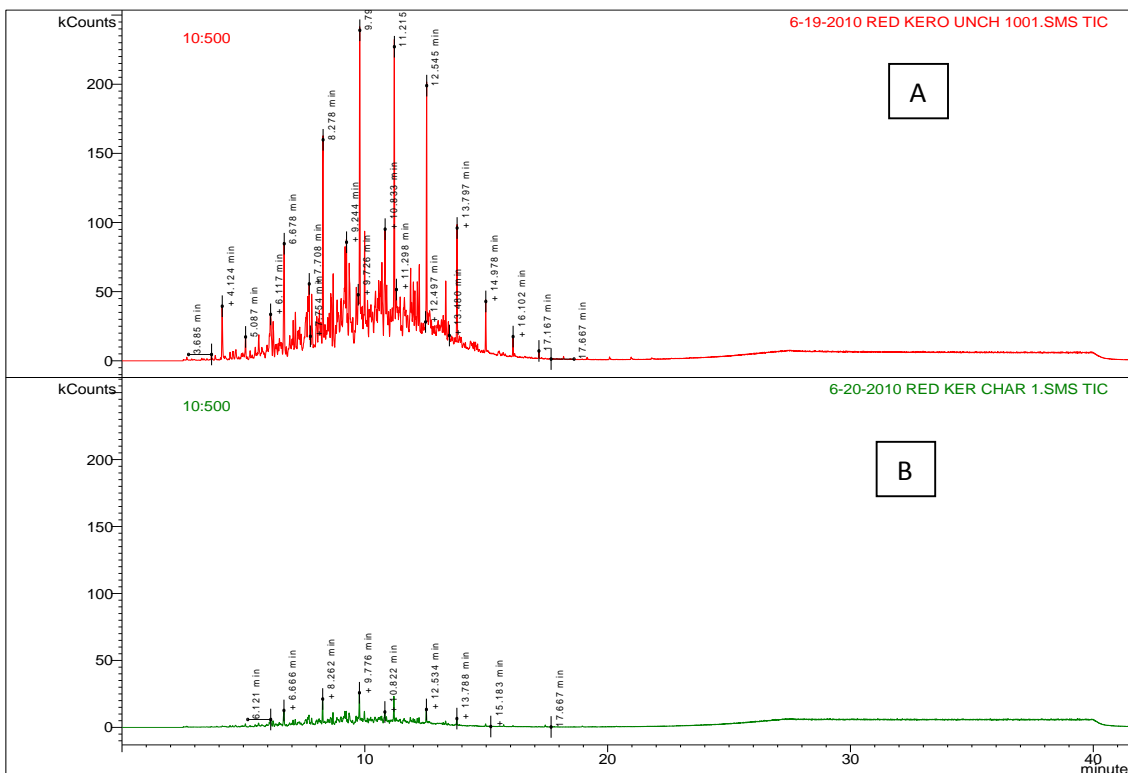


Figure 8. Red oak uncharred (A) and charred (B) comparison with kerosene spike.

Western red cedar charred substrates, when spiked with gasoline, showed a decrease in relative peak height in the entire chromatogram. However, both the charred and uncharred substrates had large gasoline overall response. The kerosene spiked samples, like many of the other substrates tested, had a decrease in relative peak height of about 50% when compared to the uncharred spike, noted in Figure 9.

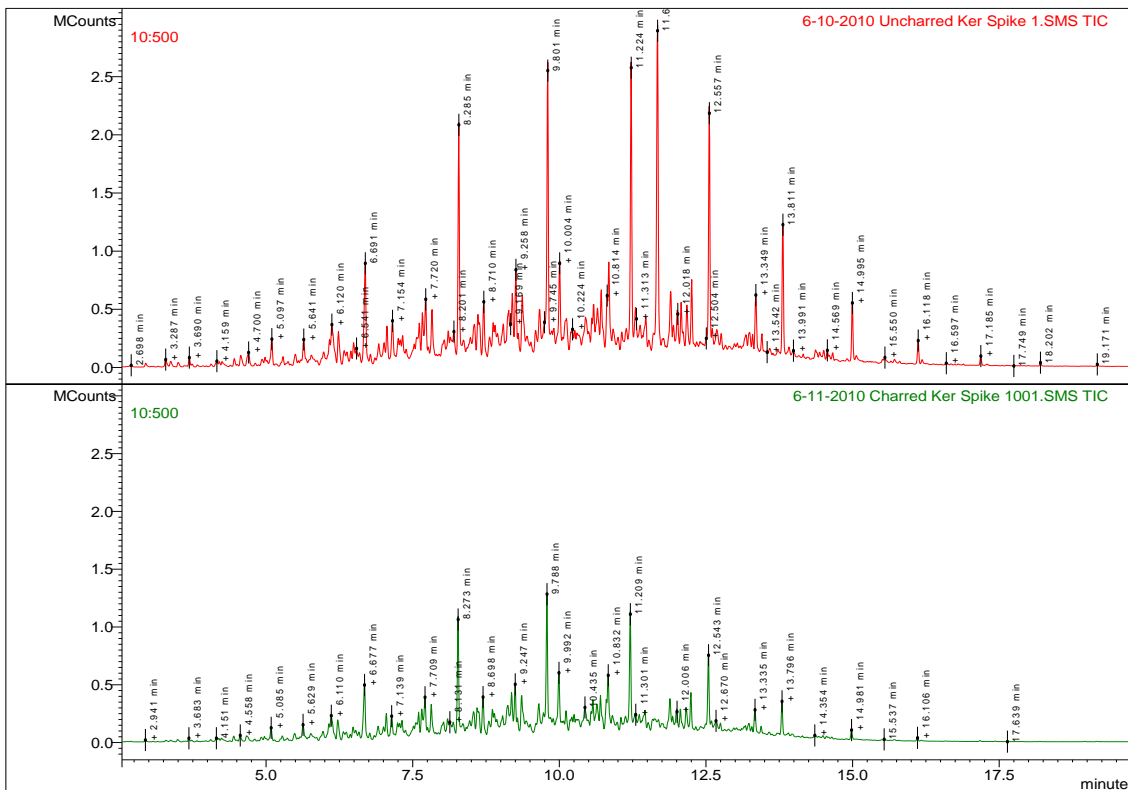


Figure 9. Western red cedar uncharred (A) and charred (B) comparison with kerosene spike.

Finally, the white pine substrate, which demonstrated interference peaks from the blank uncharred substrate, had those same peaks show up in the beginning of the chromatogram of the charred and uncharred substrate spike. Overall chromatographic response in the gasoline spike was smaller in the charred sample. In the kerosene spiked sample, the overall response was also decreased, and can be seen in Figure 10.

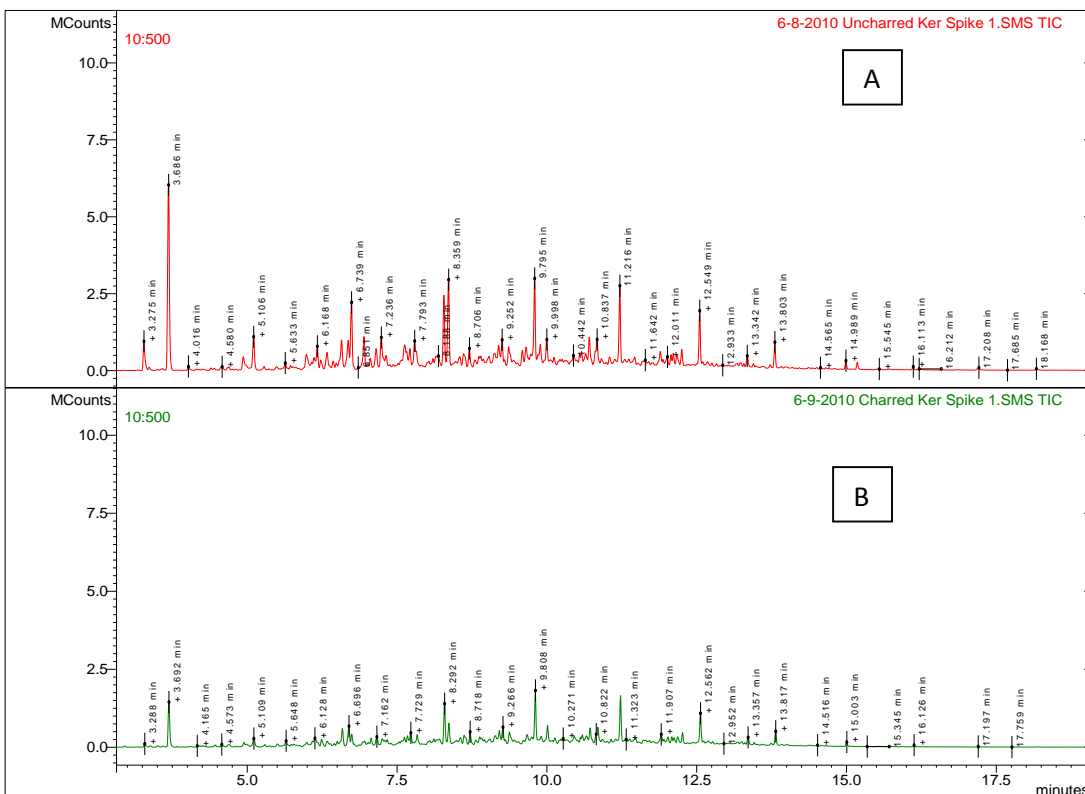


Figure 10. White pine uncharred (A) and charred (B) comparison with kerosene spike.

Variation with Percentage Charred

Two sets of wood, white pine and aspen, were used in this portion of the experiment to determine if varying the amount of charring would show a more significant decrease overall in the chromatogram response. The white pine and the aspen were both spiked with gasoline.

Comparing the chromatograms in the white pine substrate samples showed a decrease in overall response the more the wood was charred, as shown in Figure 11. In white pine substrates that were 20% charred compared to 40% charred, the overall chromatographic response decreased by 25%. However, when comparing the white pine substrates charred 40% to 60% charred, the chromatographic response was almost lost. The peaks that are present are about 20% the size of the peaks represented in the 40% charred chromatogram.

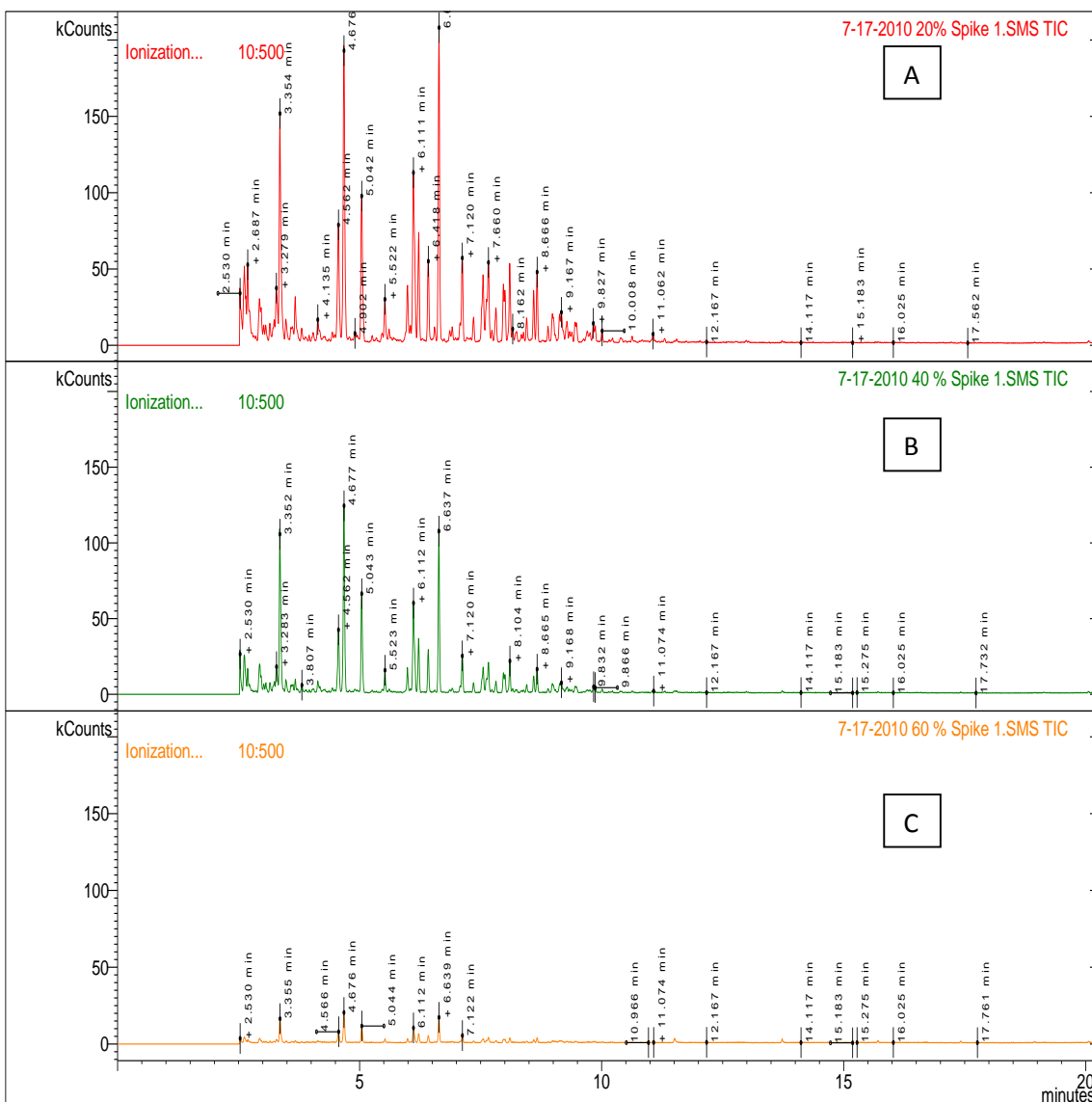


Figure 11. White pine percent charred comparison of 20% (A) 40% (B) and 60% (C) chromatogram spiked with gasoline.

In aspen, the more the substrate was charred, the smaller the overall response was observed, as well as some peaks becoming absent. Comparing the two substrates, the white pine showed more of a significant peak height loss between the varying levels. However, from the 20% charred to 40% charred, about 33% of the response was lost. Comparing the 40% charred to 60% charred about 50% of the response is almost lost, seen in Figure 12. The substrate charred and uncharred blanks showed no peaks present on the chromatograms that differed from the initial study substrate blanks of aspen.

mostly composed of normal hydrocarbons, gasoline contains mostly aromatics with lesser amounts of iso- and cyclo-hydrocarbons with negligible normal hydrocarbons. Due to the nature of these compounds, it might be more difficult for the wood or the char to retain particular compounds in the kerosene samples, resulting in gasoline compounds to not have as a significant decrease in response.

Although competitive adsorption has been well known for some time [1, 2], the purpose of this study was to further elucidate the selective retention of some classes of compounds (i.e. normal hydrocarbons observed by Kelly [2]) as a function of substrate and amount of char. During the charring process it was noted that the more charred the substrate became, (due to the more cracks and nooks present in the wood), the greater the apparent surface area of char. With the increased surface area of char, the wood would have more area available to retain the compounds of the IL, and not releasing them into the headspace when heated. However, one could also argue that because there was more charred surface area, that the compounds competing for space on the activated charcoal had also increased. This means that the pyrolysis products released and the ignitable liquid were competing for space on the strip. Further studies potentially using another method of fire debris analysis might give more insight into this dilemma. Also, future studies, including using more wood samples in the varying the amount of percentage charred would be beneficial to determine if the wood itself is a variable.

Figure 13 demonstrates that there is a decrease in 1, 2, 4-Trimethyl Benzene found in gasoline, one of the main peaks used to determine and classify gasoline. Although this is not a conclusive trend that happened consistently, this does demonstrate the overall response after losing more weight in the charring process. Again, this might be due to the increased surface area present, causing less to be vaporized and collected on the ACS.

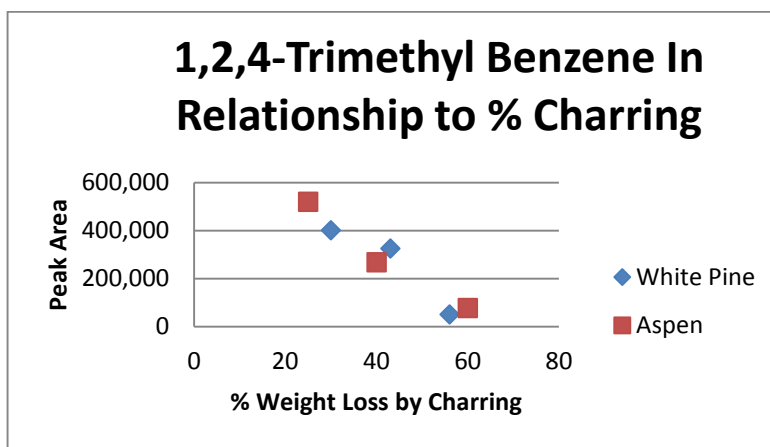


Figure 13. Relationship of percent charring relative to 1, 2, 4-TMB peak area.

After the initial study, additional substrates (yellow pine, polypropylene carpet and foam carpet pad) and an additional ignitable liquid (MPD = Charcoal lighter) were tested. Extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) were prepared for five different compound types to allow for E1618

classification. The EICs extracted were those of alkanes, cycloalkanes, alkylbenzenes, naphthalenes, and indanes. The ions (m/z) extracted from the TIC are presented in Table 5. The experimental chromatograms were then compared to previously run neat sample chromatograms of the same ignitable liquids to determine what differences, if any, were observed in the burned samples.

Table 5: Ions Extracted for Each Compound Class [11]

Compound Type	Ions (m/z)
Alkanes	57, 71, 85, 99
Cycloalkanes	41, 55, 69, 83
Alkylbenzenes	91, 92, 105, 106, 119, 120
Naphthalenes	128, 142, 156, 170
Indanes	117, 118, 131, 132

For yellow pine, several notable terpenes were present in the un-charred blanks (1S- α -pinene, 5.6 min; β -pinene, 6.2 min; 1,5-dimethyl-1,5-cyclooctadiene, 7.0min) as shown in Figure 14. In the charred samples, the terpene chromatographic peaks were greatly diminished (Figure 15).

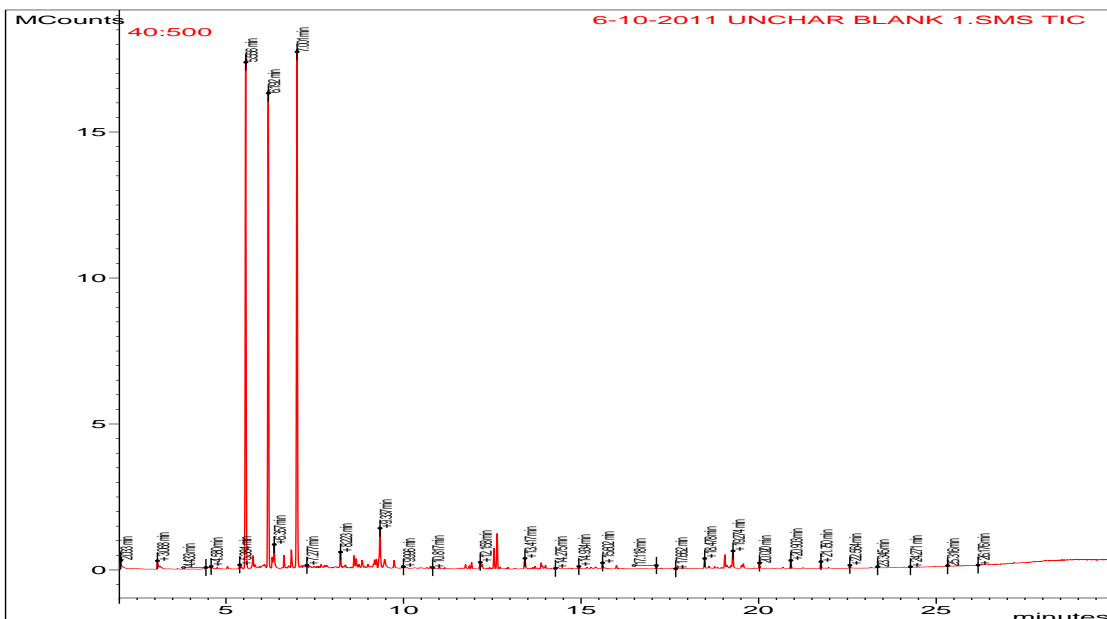


Figure 14: Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC) of Un-Charred Yellow Pine Sample with No Ignitable Liquid Spike

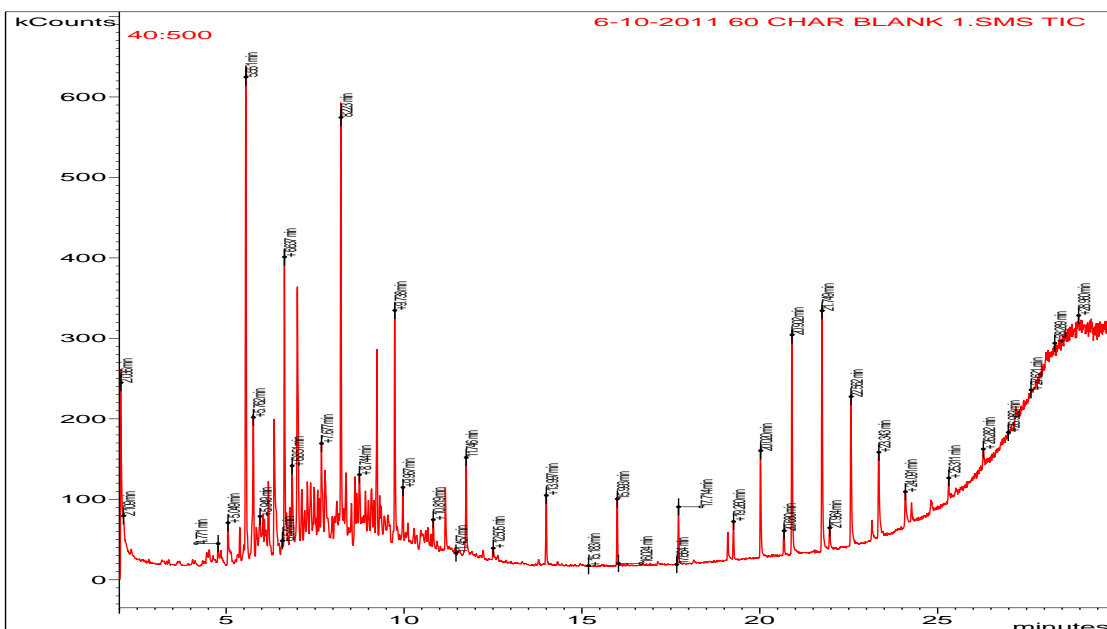


Figure 15: Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC) of Charred Yellow Pine Sample with No Ignitable Liquid Spike

For carpet, several minor precursory products were present in the substrate blanks, mostly olefins from the carpet fibers (such as dodecene, 8.6min [Figure 16]), however these were negligible in the gasoline (Figure 17), kerosene (Figure 19), and charcoal lighter fluid spiked samples (Figure 20).

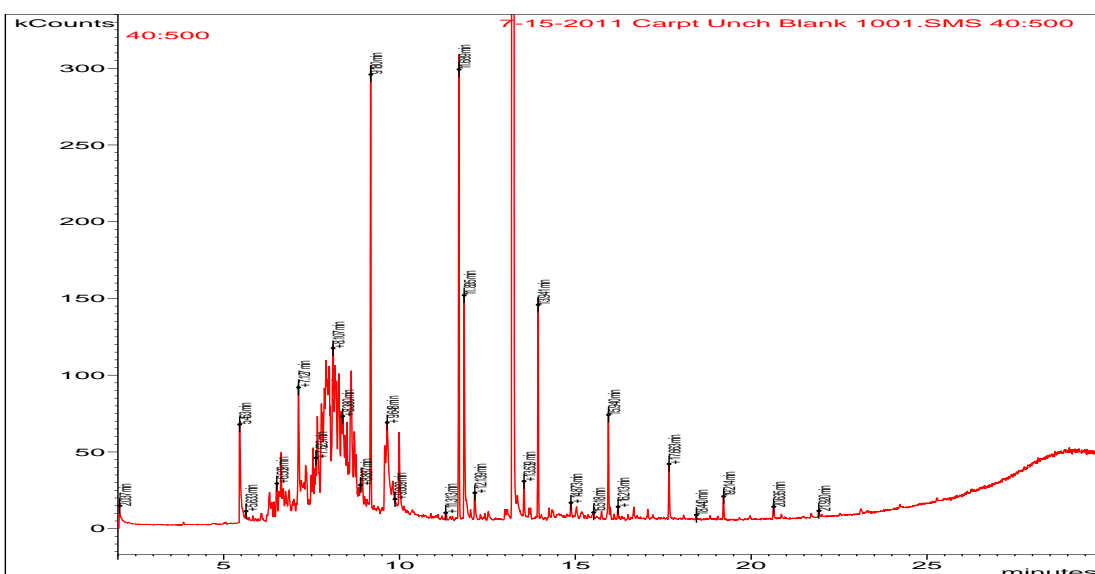


Figure 16: Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC) of Un-Charred Carpet Blank

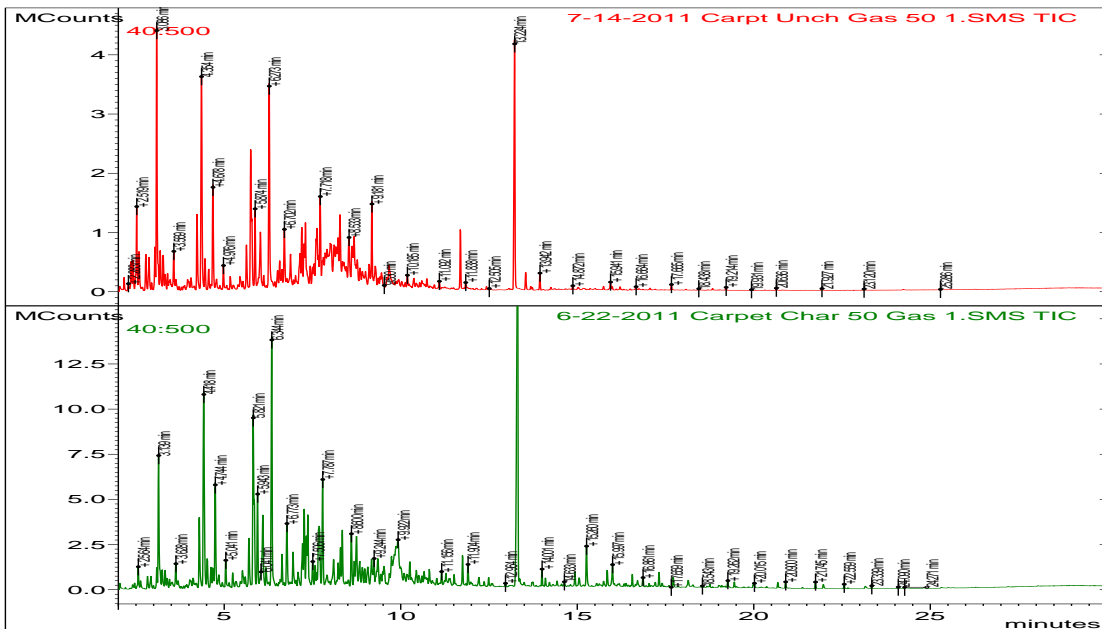


Figure 17: Total Ion Chromatograms (TICs) of Un-Charred and Charred Gasoline Spiked Carpet

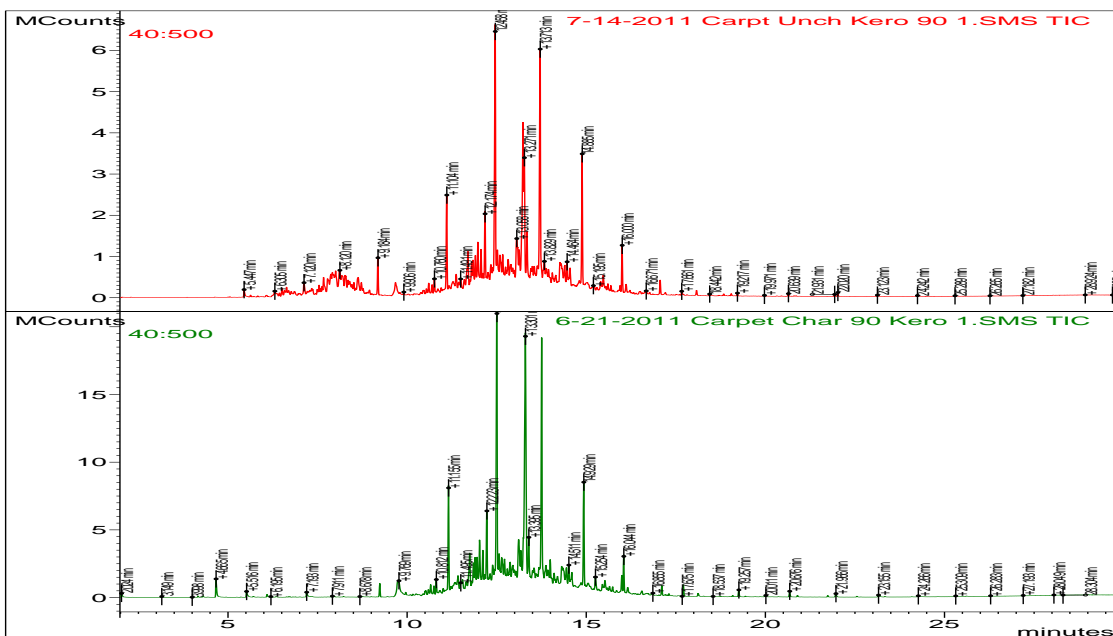


Figure 18: Total Ion Chromatograms (TICs) of Un-Charred and Charred Kerosene Spiked Carpet

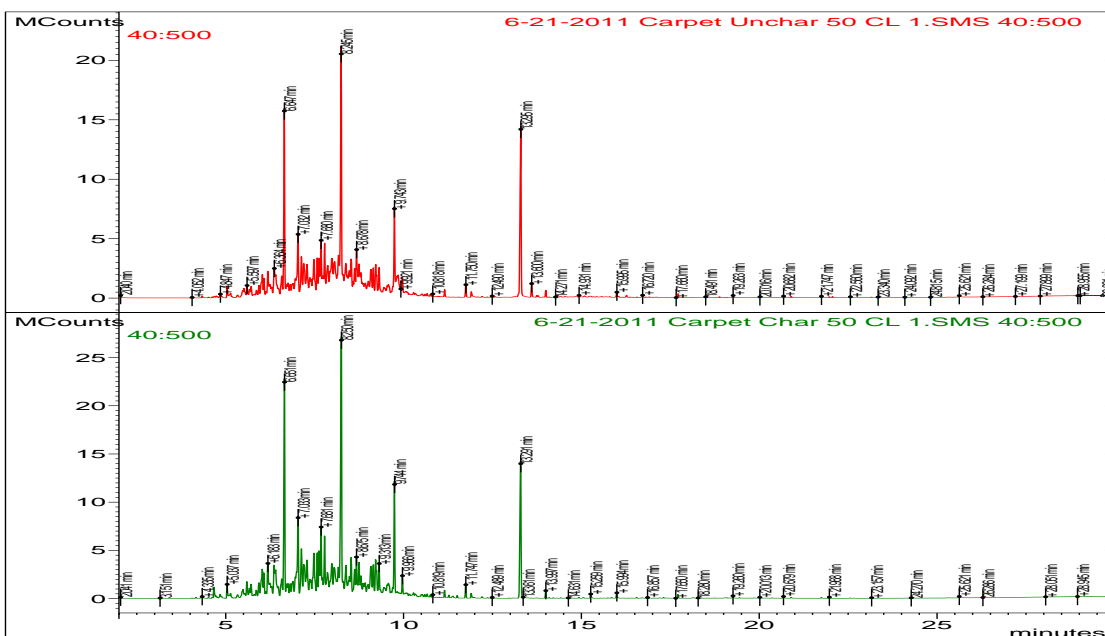


Figure 19: Total Ion Chromatograms (TICs) of Un-Charred and Charred Carpet Spiked with Charcoal Lighter Fluid

Carpet pad had very few detectable compounds in the substrate blanks, such as acenaphthene (11.9 min), a compound found in various dyes. (Figure 20). These compounds were also insignificant in the gasoline (Figure 21), kerosene (Figure 22), and charcoal lighter fluid spiked samples (Figure 23).

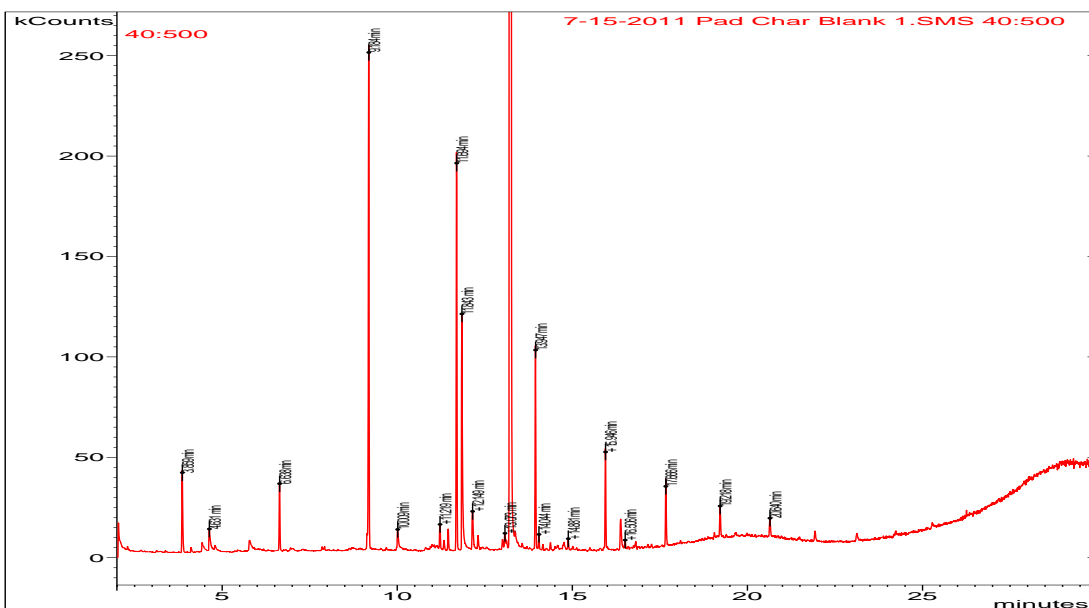
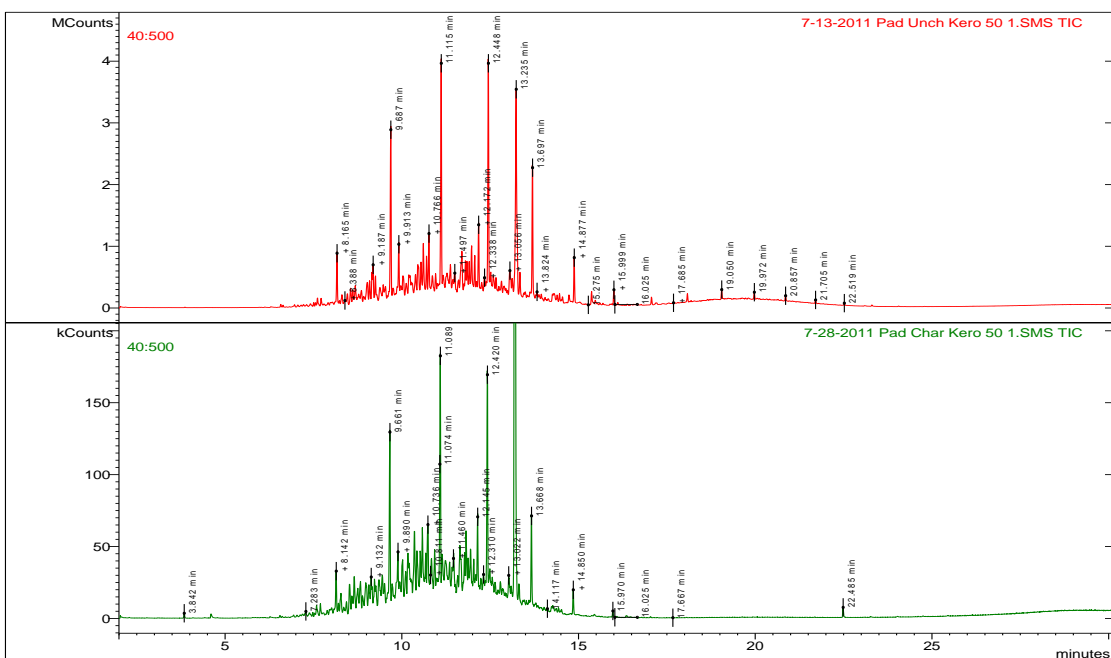
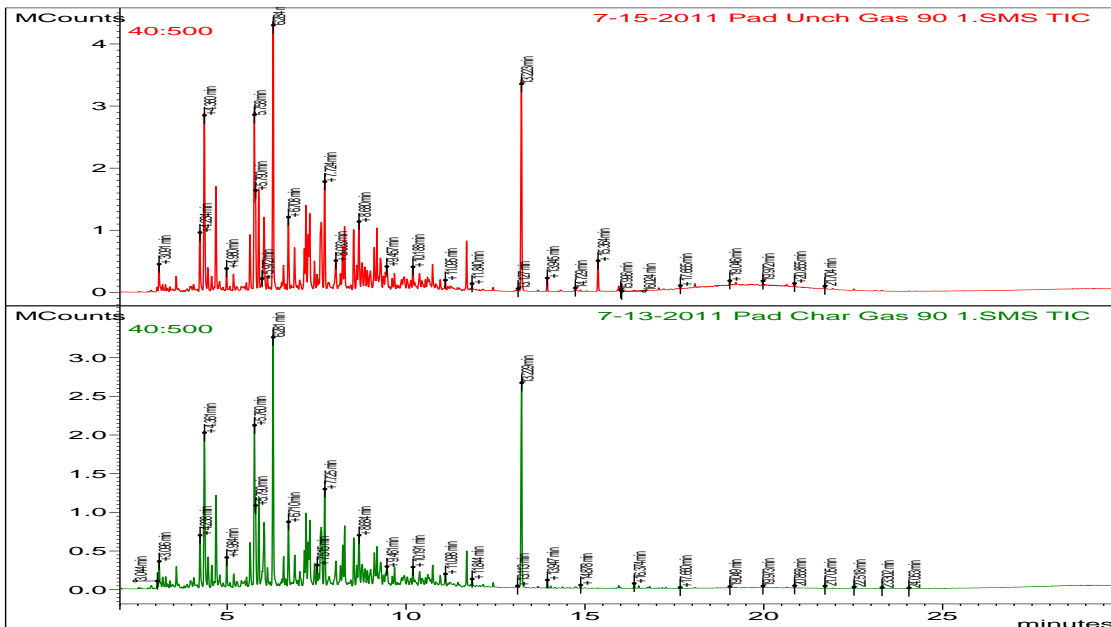


Figure 20: Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC) of Charred Carpet Pad Blank



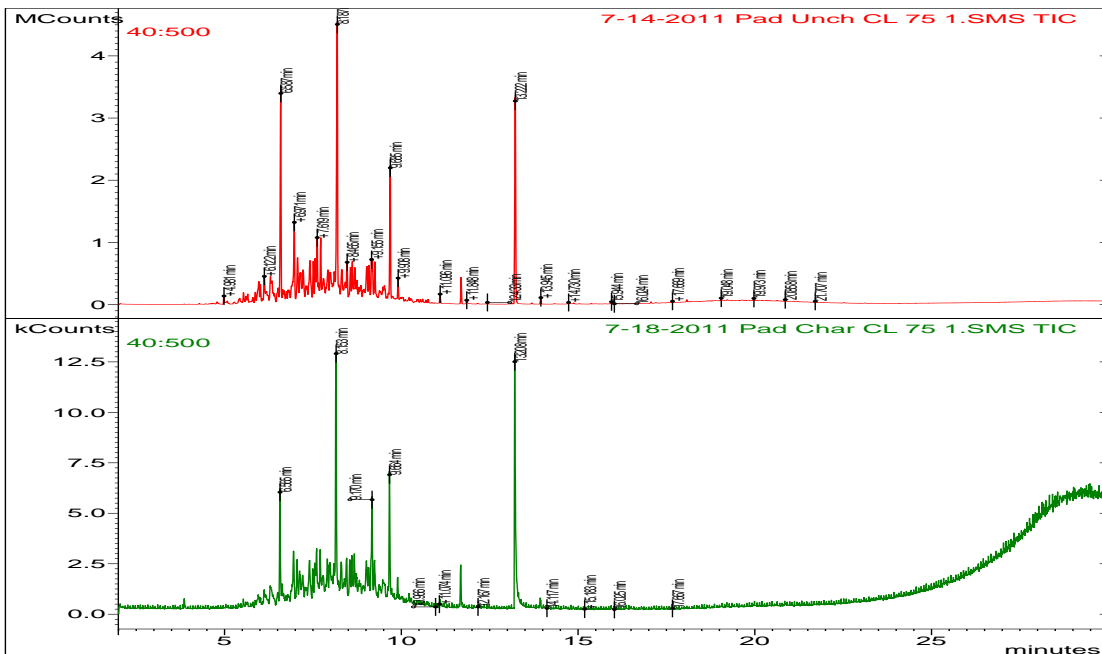


Figure 23: Total Ion Chromatograms (TICs) of Un-Charred and Charred Charcoal Lighter Fluid Spiked Carpet Pad

With kerosene the ignitable liquid pattern was found to shift to the lighter end of the chromatogram for both yellow pine and carpet pad, a phenomenon not observed with the other ignitable liquids or in the other substrates.

With yellow pine the entire chromatographic pattern was observed shifting approximately one carbon lower in comparison to the neat ignitable liquid (Figures 24 and 25). With all substrates various compounds were observed diminishing in abundance with charring. This was most pronounced in yellow pine where the relative abundance of the normal paraffins was significantly reduced relative to the branched and cyclic hydrocarbons. The reduced n-paraffins might lead to misclassifying a HPD as a naphthenic-paraffinic product [2]. For example, an ILR recovered from a container in possession by the suspect might be determined to be a HPD, whereas the ILR of that same HPD recovered from fire debris might be misclassified as a naphthenic-paraffinic product based on the greatly reduced n-hydrocarbon content due to selective retention. This might result in the analyst concluding the two samples were not related when in fact they were.

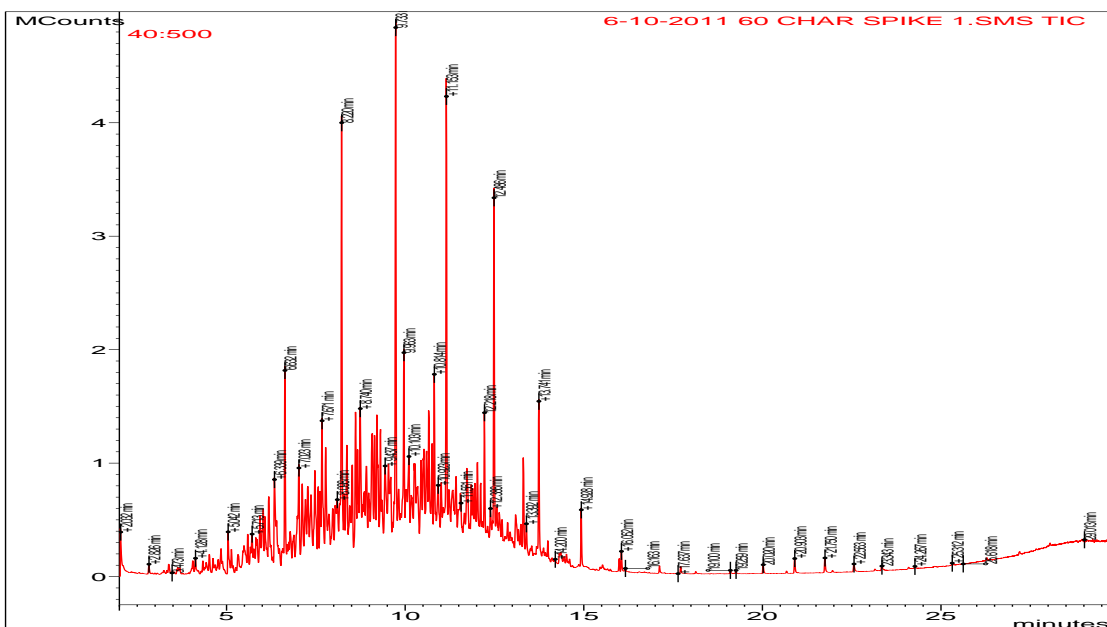
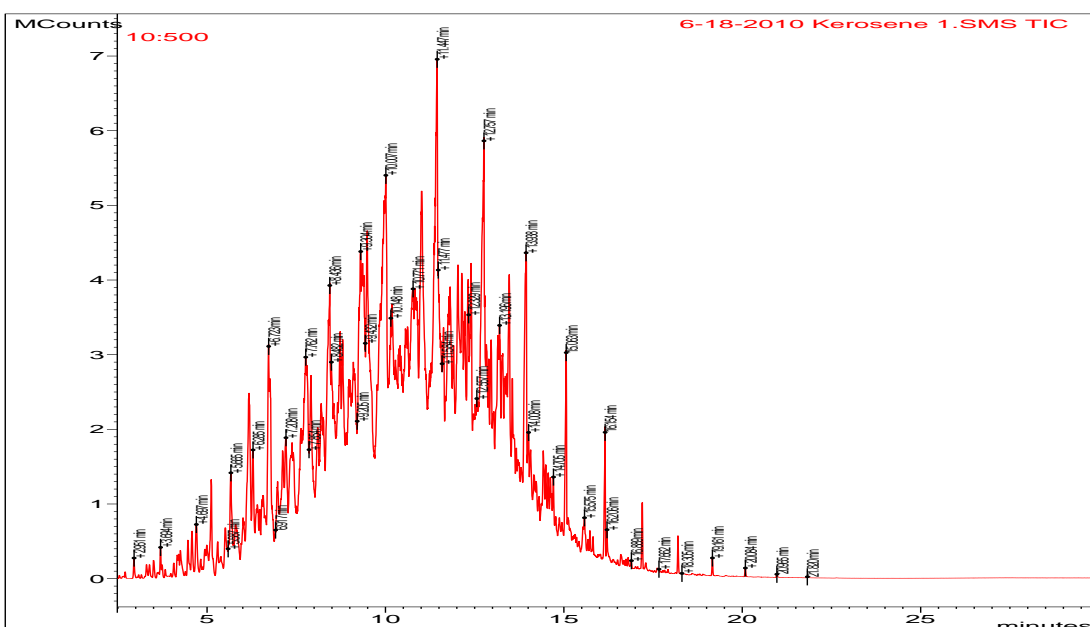


Figure 24: Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC) of Neat Kerosene



blank sample were insignificant in the ignitable liquid spiked samples, which also did not affect E1618 classification. In most samples the internal standard added (3PT, approximate retention time, 13.2 min) was the most abundant peak in the chromatogram. The few precursory product peaks present in minor concentrations in the carpet pad blank were easily masked in the baseline of the spiked samples and, therefore, were insignificant. The shifting of the chromatographic pattern observed in the charred yellow pine-kerosene spiked sample meant that the heavier components of the ignitable liquid were not recovered.

Several peaks (approximately 9.2 min, 11.7 min, 13.9 min, 15.9 min) appear with some regularity in the chromatograms of a variety of different samples. These peaks were identified from their mass spectra as various siloxane compounds which are utilized in the stationary phase of the gas chromatography column. The presence of these compounds in the generated chromatographs is a result, and indicator, of column degradation.

E1618 Expert System Methodology and Graphical User Interface

Using routines written in the software language R (included in the Appendix 1), each chromatogram was processed as a vector of discrete data [41]. A multivariate feature vector for each chromatogram has slots indicating the relative masses in each of the following extracted ion chromatograms: alkanes ($m/z = 43, 57, 71, 85, 99$), cycloalkanes ($m/z = 55, 69, 82, 83$), aromatics ($m/z = 91, 92, 105, 106, 119, 120$), alkylnaphthalenes ($m/z = 128, 142, 156, 170$), and indanes ($m/z = 117, 118, 131, 132$). The "peaks" (integrated areas) in the extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) were first scaled relative to the largest peak appearing across all the EICs. Relative mass (x) means the percentage of scaled mass accounted for in an EIC relative to the sum of scaled masses across all the EICs. The levels for these relative masses were **none** ($0\% < x \leq 1\%$), **low** ($1\% < x \leq 10\%$), **medium** ($10\% < x \leq 30\%$), and **high** ($30\% < x \leq 100\%$). Users of the R code can specify alternative mass cutoffs if desired.

The feature vector also contained binary descriptors (i.e. true/false) for the presence of an N-alkane pattern and hash-and-trash. Thus for example, chromatogram shown in Figure 26 below (TIC of an odorless, 1-K grade kerosene product):

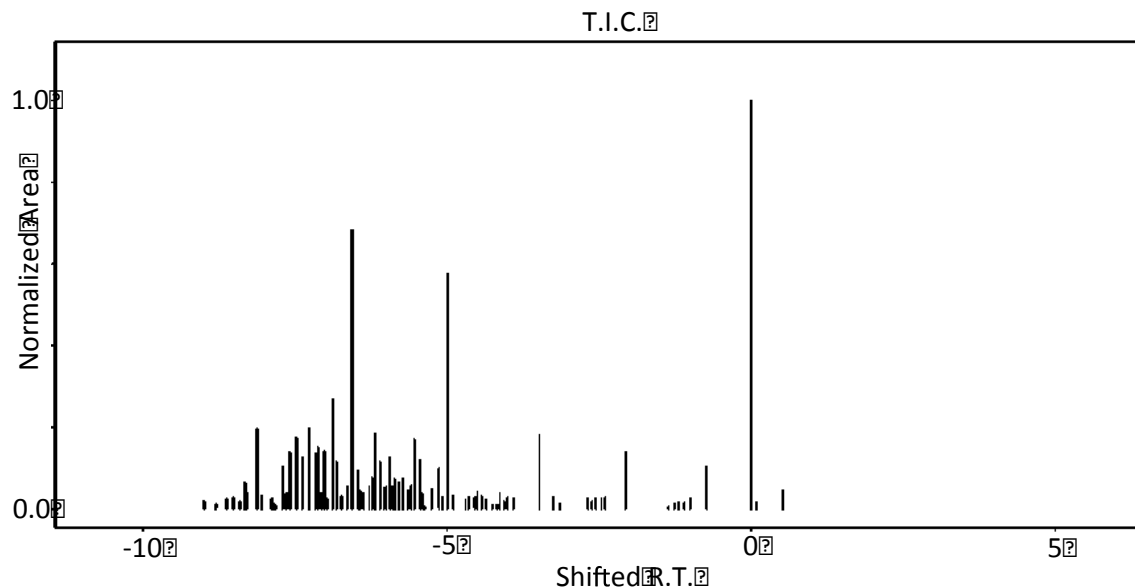
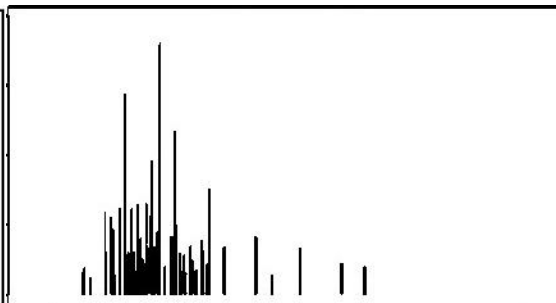
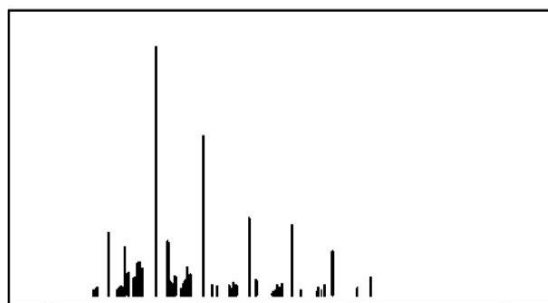


Figure 26 Total ion chromatogram for an odorless, K-1 grade kerosene product.

Alkanes: Extracted ions 57,71,85,99

Cycloalkanes: Extracted ions 59,69,82,83



Aromatics: Extracted ions-91,92,105,106,119,120

Alkyl naphthalenes: Extracted ions-128,142,156,170

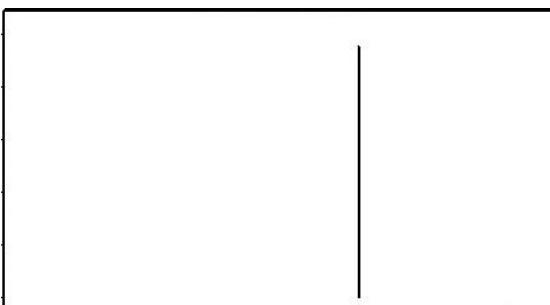
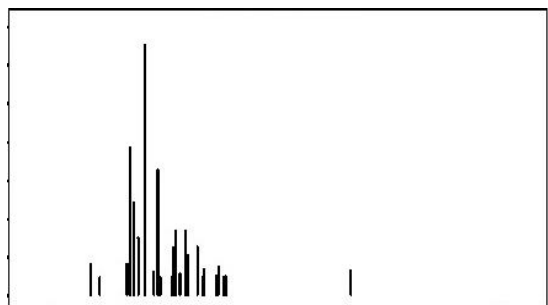


Figure 27 Select extracted ion chromatograms of TIC in Figure 26. Note, no indanes observed for the sample in Figure 26.and corresponding feature vector:

1. N-alkane pattern? = **True**,
2. Hash-and-Trash? = **True**,

3. Alkanes = **High**,
4. Cycloalkanes = **Medium**,
5. Aromatics = **Medium**,
6. Alkyl naphthalenes = **None**,
7. Indanes = **None**

Note that while the EIC for Alkyl naphthalenes shows a peak, it comprises <1% of the total scaled mass across all the EICs and so has level = **None**.

A total of 510 different ignitable liquid residues (ILR) were analyzed in this study and used to build an expert system. They are classified according to the E1618 standard as (light, medium heavy) gasolines, petroleum distillates (PD), isoparaaffinic products, aromatics, naphthenic-paraffinic products (Nap-Par), normal-alkanes (N-alkane), oxygenated solvents and miscellaneous (Misc). Between four and six replicate runs of each ILR were performed to help the expert system cope with within-run variation. A 1633 by 8 row case-list of all the ILR samples (1633) was assembled to train/test the system. Each row of the case list consisted of the seven-component feature vector shown above, along with the E1618 class designation. For example the first nine rows of the case list are shown in Table 6 below. It displays the data automatically extracted from the chromatograms of the first two ILRs.

Table 6 First nine rows of the raw case list automatically extracted from the raw chromatograms

Sample #	E1618 Class	N-alkane pattern*	Hash & Trash*	Alkanes	Cycloalkanes	Aromatics	Naphthalenes	Indanes
1	Misc	TRUE	TRUE	Med	Med	High	None	Low
2	Misc	TRUE	TRUE	Med	Med	High	None	Low
3	Misc	TRUE	TRUE	Med	Med	High	None	Low
4	Misc	TRUE	TRUE	Med	Med	High	None	Low
5	Misc	TRUE	TRUE	Med	Med	High	None	Low
6	PD	TRUE	TRUE	High	High	Med	None	None
7	PD	TRUE	TRUE	High	High	Med	None	None
8	PD	TRUE	TRUE	High	High	Med	None	None
9	PD	TRUE	TRUE	High	Med	Med	None	None

*N-Alkane pattern is the homologous series of normal alkanes predominate in petroleum distillates. Hash & Trash refers to the poorly resolved envelope of predominately iso-alkanes and cycloalkanes found in petroleum distillates.

One can think of each possible configuration of observable variables (N-alkane pattern, Hash&Trash, Alkanes, Cycloalkanes, Aromatics, Alkyl naphthalenes, Indanes) as probabilistically specifying any E1618 class. If the interdependences amongst these variables can be mined from a set of data, an approximation can be found of the joint probability mass function for the vector:

$$\mathbf{x} = (\text{Class, N-alkanes, Hash \& Trash, Alkanes, Cycloalkanes, Aromatics, Alkyl naphthalenes, Indanes}).$$

The joint probability mass function over the eight discrete variables characterizing an ILR can be compactly represented as an undirected graph known as a Markov random field. Such a graphical model can be used to specify $\Pr(\mathbf{x})$ and any of its marginals and conditionals. The conditional probability of most interest for this study was $\Pr(\text{E1618 Class} \mid \mathbf{x}/\{\text{Class}\})$, i.e. the probability of each E1618 class given the observed data (without class label) from the ILR EICs.

The R package gRim [42] was used to estimate pair-wise dependence between variables comprising \mathbf{x} within the raw case-list and fit log-linear coefficients. Several Markov random fields were estimated using the Akaike information criterion (AIC), Bayesian information criterion (BIC) and our own domain specific expertise. After a Markov random field was fit, it was validated using hold-one-out cross validation (HOO-CV) to obtain an estimate of overall model error rate. The error was assessed to determine if the correct classification of the held out ILR was assigned a probability amongst the top three class probabilities produced. The graphical structure specifying some dependence between all the variables (i.e. the saturated model) preformed the best under of all the Markov random fields fit and is shown below.

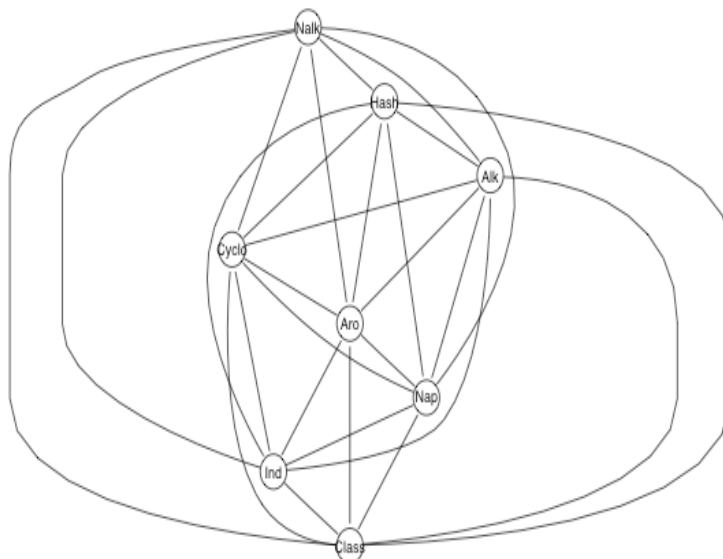


Figure 28: Representation of best performing Markov random field in terms of HOO-CV.

The table below lists the overall performance of the Markov random field expert system of Figure 3 under HOO-CV.

Table 7. Expert system performance under HOO-CV.

E1618 Class	Correct Class is in Top 3 Picks (%)
Gasoline	98.0
Light Petroleum Distillates (LPD)	97.1
Medium Petroleum Distillates (MPD)	99.7
Heavy Petroleum Distillates (HPD)	96.5
Light Isoparaffinic (LISO)	100
Medium Isoparaffinic (MISO)	100
Heavy Isoparaffinic (HISO)	88.0
Light Aromatic (LAROM)	93.8
Medium Aromatic (MAROM)	100
Heavy Aromatic (HAROM)	100
Light Naphthenic-Paraffinic ^a	-
Medium Naphthenic-Paraffinic (MNaPar)	100
Heavy Naphthenic-Paraffinic (HNaPar)	100
Light Normal-Alkane ^a	-
Medium Normal-Alkane ^a	-
Heavy Normal-Alkane (HNPar)	100
Light Oxygenated (LOXY)	96.8
Medium Oxygenated (MOXY)	96.9
Heavy Oxygenated HOXY)	88.6
Light Miscellaneous (LMisc)	100
Medium Miscellaneous (MMisc)	95.8
Heavy Miscellaneous (HMisc)	88.5

^aNot observed in the data set.

A graphical user interface (GUI) was developed to aid the fire debris examiner in their classification task for an unknown ILR. The GUI was built using the R packages RGtk2 and gWidgets [43,44]. A screen shot is shown in Figure 29 below.

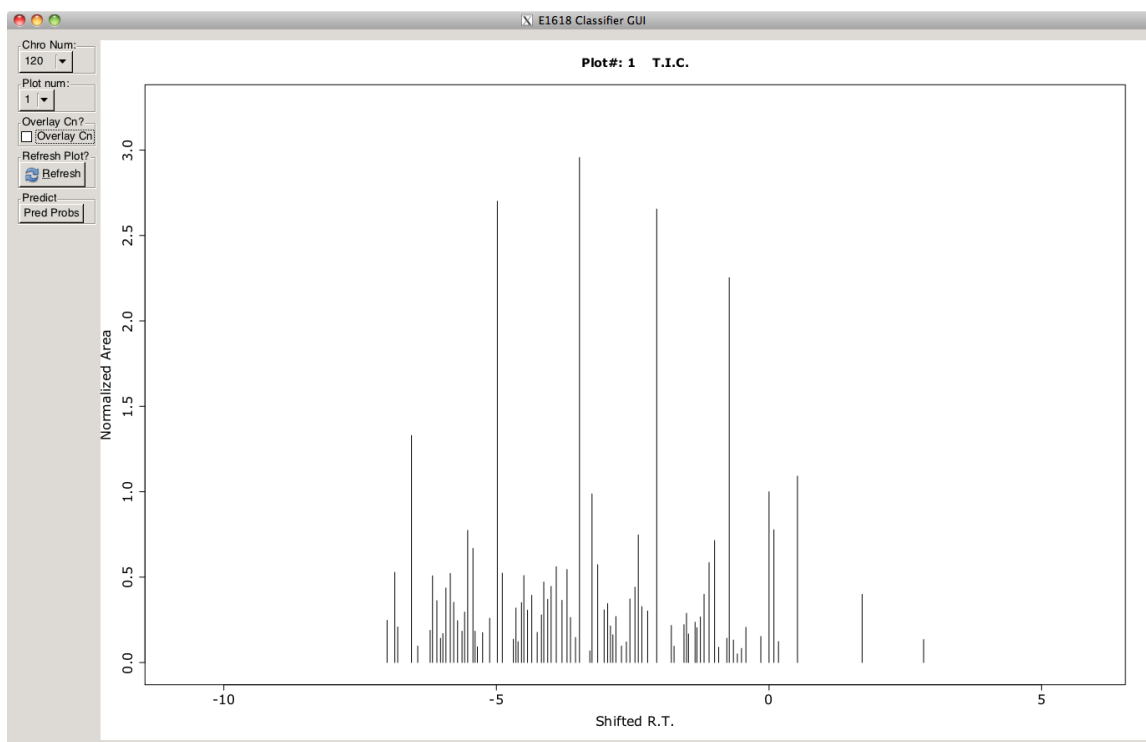


Figure 29: Screen shot of initial GUI window after opening an unknown TIC.

The GUI is used to open a TIC and EICs output in the following format from any instrument. It should be saved as a .csv file (comma-separated-variable) (Figure 30).

	12.481	54299	Retention time and area of internal standard peak
Plot 1			The TIC
Retention Time (min.)	Area		
	2.037	127657	
	2.147	1267	
	6.149	223034	
	12.481	54299	
Plot 2			EIC 1: Alkanes
Retention Time (min.)	Area		
	1.895	11559	
	2.036	4587	
	2.059	2651	
	6.149	86591	
	6.279	3218	
	6.307	2549	
Plot 3			EIC 2: Cycloalkanes
Retention Time (min.)	Area		
	1.896	37207	
	2.037	35254	
	6.149	82522	
	6.272	6060	
Plot 4			EIC 3: Aromatics
Retention Time (min.)	Area		
	None		
Plot 5			EIC 4: Alkyl naphthalenes
Retention Time (min.)	Area		
	None		
Plot 6			EIC 5: Indanes
Retention Time (min.)	Area		
	None		

If no peaks appear in the EIC "None" must appear

Figure 30: Required (textual) format for TIC/EICs for GUI compatibility.

Other fields output by specific instruments are permissible, as the GUI simply looks for the words "Plot", "Retention" and "Area" in the file. Note that "Retention" and "Area" fields must appear somewhere after each "Plot" field. Plot 1 is assumed to be the TIC. Plots 2-6 are the EICs and have the assumptions listed in Figure 30. If no peaks appear in an EIC the word "None" must appear in the Retention Time column. **Note that the first row of the file must be the retention time and area of the internal standard (SPT).**

Once the .csv file containing the TIC/EICs is opened the GUI automatically shifts the retention times to be with respect to the internal standard and scales the EIC peak heights (areas) to be with respect to the tallest peak across all the EICs. Note that the internal standard should not comprise one of the peaks of the EICs. With the GUI opened the TIC or any of the EICs can be viewed. Also the Cn (n = 6-20) can be superimposed with the check box if desired as shown below in Figure 31.

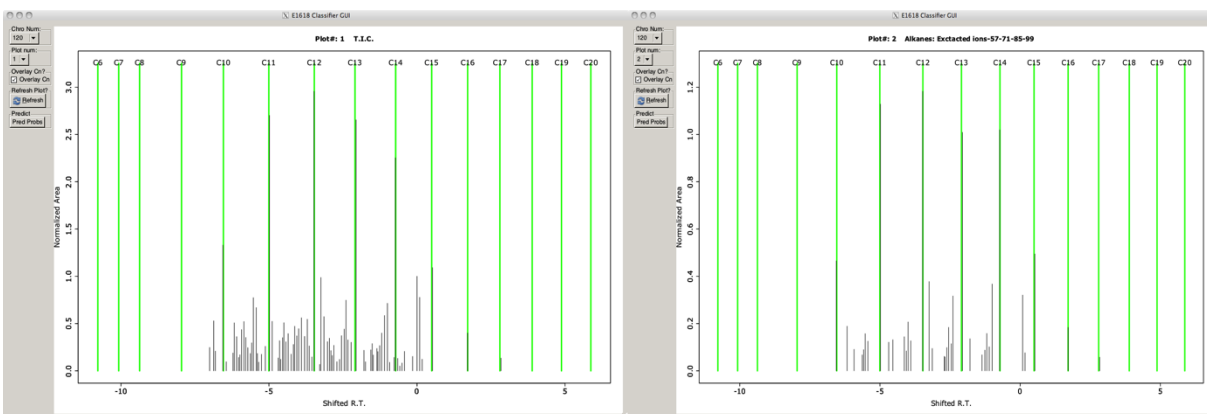


Figure 31: View TIC or any EIC. Superimpose Cn series if desired.

Finally, the fit Markov random field model can be queried using the R package gRain [45]. The feature vector is automatically extracted using data from the EICs when the "Pred Plot" button on the left hand side of the GUI is pushed. The feature vector instantiates the corresponding variables in the model and a probability is computed for each E 1618 $\text{Pr}(\text{E1618 Class} \mid \mathbf{x}/\{\text{Class}\})$. The GUI displays the estimated probabilities as shown in Figure 32.

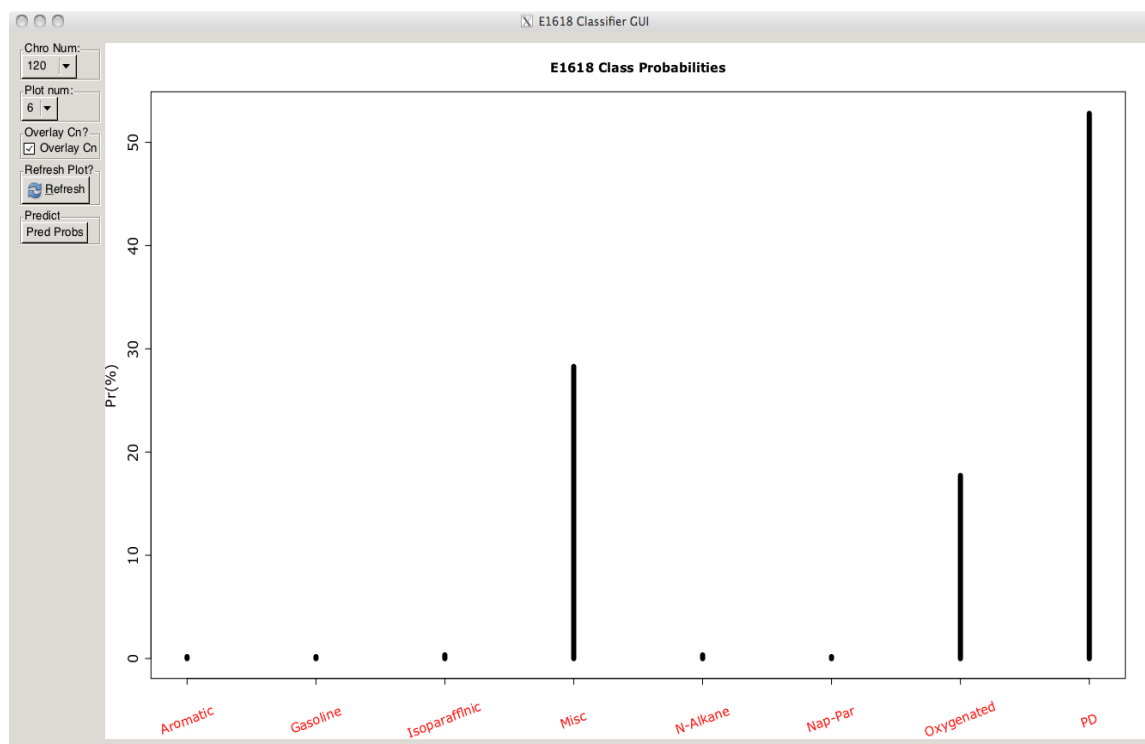


Figure 32: Posterior probability view for each E1618 class given the EIC data from an unknown ILR.

Challenging the Expert System with Spiked Substrate Samples

The complete results of the substrate test samples are given in the Appendix. A summary of the results of the challenge samples are given in Table 8.

Table 8: Challenge Samples Results

Substrate burned to 50% mass, then spiked with Ignitable Liquid				
File Name	Ignitable Liquid	Class	Substrate	Expert System ID (top 3)
Blc 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	blue carpet	MOXY, MPD
Blc 59	Crown Lacquer	MOXY	blue carpet	Cannot ID

	Thinner			
Blc 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	blue carpet	MOXY, MPD
Blc Blk	unburned blank		blue carpet	Cannot ID
Blc E85	E85	Gasoline	blue carpet	MOXY, MPD
Blc Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	blue carpet	MMisc
Blc Ker	Kerosene	HPD	blue carpet	HPD, HMisc, HOXY
Blc MtdB	burned blank		blue carpet	HMisc, HOXY
Brc 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	brown carpet	MPD, MOXY
Brc 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	MOXY	brown carpet	HOXY, Cannot ID
Brc 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	brown carpet	MOXY, MPD
Brc Blk	unburned blank		brown carpet	Cannot ID
Brc E85	E85	Gasoline	brown carpet	MMisc
Brc Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	brown carpet	MMisc, MPD
Brc Ker	Kerosene	HPD	brown carpet	HPD, HMisc, HOXY
Brc MtdB	burned blank		brown carpet	Cannot ID
CP 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	carpet pad	MNapPar, MPD, MOXY
CP 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	OXY	carpet pad	Cannot ID
CP 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	carpet pad	MOXY, MPD
CP Blk	unburned blank		carpet pad	Cannot ID

CP E85	E85	Gasoline	carpet pad	MOXY
CP Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	carpet pad	MMisc
CP Ker	Kerosene	HPD	carpet pad	HPD, HMisc, HOXY
CP MtdB	burned blank		carpet pad	Cannot ID
OO 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	old oak	MNapPar, MOXY, MPD
OO 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	OXY	old oak	HOXY
OO 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	old oak	MPD
OO Blk	unburned blank		old oak	Cannot ID
OO E85	E85	Gasoline	old oak	MMisc
OO Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	old oak	MMisc, MOXY, MPD
OO Ker	Kerosene	HPD	old oak	HPD, HMisc, HOXY
OO MtdB	burned blank		old oak	HPD
PW 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Plywood	MPD, MOXY, MMisc
PW 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	OXY	Plywood	HOXY
PW 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	Plywood	MMisc
PW Blk	unburned blank		Plywood	Cannot ID
PW E85	E85	Gasoline	Plywood	HXY
PW Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	Plywood	MMisc
PW Ker	Kerosene	HPD	Plywood	HPD, HMisc, HOXY
PW MtdB	burned blank		Plywood	HOxy

YP 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Yellow Pine	MMisc, MPD
YP 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	OXY	Yellow Pine	Cannot ID
YP 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	Yellow Pine	MMisc, MOXY
YP Blk	unburned blank		Yellow Pine	MMisc, Gasoline
YP E85	E85	Gasoline	Yellow Pine	MMisc, MOXY
YP Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	Yellow Pine	MMisc
YP Ker	Kerosene	HPD	Yellow Pine	HPD
YP MtdB	burned blank		Yellow Pine	Cannot ID
	Substrate spiked with IL then ignited			
GasYP	Gasoline	Gasoline	Yellow Pine	MMisc
KerYP	Kerosene	HPD	Yellow Pine	Cannot ID
	IL spiked on unburned substrate			
UBSBLC54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Unburned blue carpet	MNapPar, MOXY, MPD
UBSBLC59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	MOxy	Unburned blue carpet	Cannot ID
UBSYP54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Unburned Yellow Pine	MOXY, MPD, MMisc

Table 9 summarizes the errors for the challenge samples. The percent correct below is the number correctly identified by class rather than overall.

Table 9. Summary of Correct E1618 Classification of Challenge Ignitable Liquid Residues

Ignitable Liquid	Correct Assignment	Percent Correct by Expert System (in top 3)
Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	100% (8/8)
Crown Lacquer Thinner	MOXY	0% (0/6) (4 not ID)
Kingsford Lighter Fluid	MPD	29% (2/7)
E85 Gasoline	Gasoline	0% (0/6)
87 Octane Gasoline	Gasoline	0% (0/7)
Kerosene	HPD	86% (6/7) (one not ID)
Blanks	“Cannot ID”	64% (7/11)

Although the results of the expert system with the ILRC data were quite acceptable, the challenge samples on spiked substrates were disappointing. The same set of ignitable liquids (a paint thinner, lacquer thinner, charcoal lighter, E85 gasoline, 87 Octane gasoline and kerosene) were applied to burnt substrates then processed in metal paint cans as per E1412 method. Both gasoline samples were consistently misidentified. This is most vexing as gasoline is a common accelerant used in arson cases. It could be argued that E85 gasoline is really an oxygenated solvent because the majority of the product is ethanol, however, ethanol being very water soluble, it is likely to be removed during fire suppression and not observed. Kerosene (HPD) and paint thinner (MPD) were generally correctly classified in the top three picks by the expert system. The lacquer thinner (medium oxygenate) was either mis-identified as a Heavy Oxygenate (HOXY) or not able to be identified (Cannot ID). Also of concern were the occasional blank sample given a E1618 classification (Table 9). This is considered a False Positive and a serious error. Raising the limit of relative peak area in the TIC for classification would most likely remove this problem. Not being able to classify a sample when an ignitable liquid is present can be considered a False Negative, however, in an actual case, this is not as onerous as a false positive. Additional ignitable liquids should be analyzed including the new substrate collection in the ILRC to help resolve the errors observed here.

Determination of Error Rates by Fire Debris Analysts

As discussed in the methods section above, false negatives (“no ILR detected” when one was present) and inability to make an classification when ILR was detected, were not considered errors as they follow the premise that the the accused is innocent until proven guilty. No false

positive or mis-classification errors were observed. A number of samples which were positive were not classified by the participants based on protocols in their respective labs (lack of comparison samples, low levels, etc.). As the participants were aware of the nature of the study, there may have been some “conservative” bias, that is, to be reluctant to make a determination because “no classification possible” was not considered an error whereas mis-classification would be an error. Further studies with a larger group including federal laboratories are highly recommended.

Ignitable Liquid Pour Patterns

For each set of analyses on the GCMS an E-1618-97 standard test mixture (Restek Co., Bellefonte, Pennsylvania) was prepared and analyzed. From this standard, important peaks could be identified in the chromatogram. A ratio of the peak area of tetradecane for the kerosene samples and 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene for the gasoline samples to the peak area of the 3-phenyltoluene internal standard was calculated to normalize the chromatographic data to the amount of IL residues present. A higher percentage indicated a greater amount of IL residues present. Since each sample was run in triplicate, the average ratio was calculated for each one.

A graph displaying the relative IL residues present in each sample in relationship to the location of removal on the substrate for the low pile carpet with kerosene pour in a circular pattern can be seen in Figure 32.

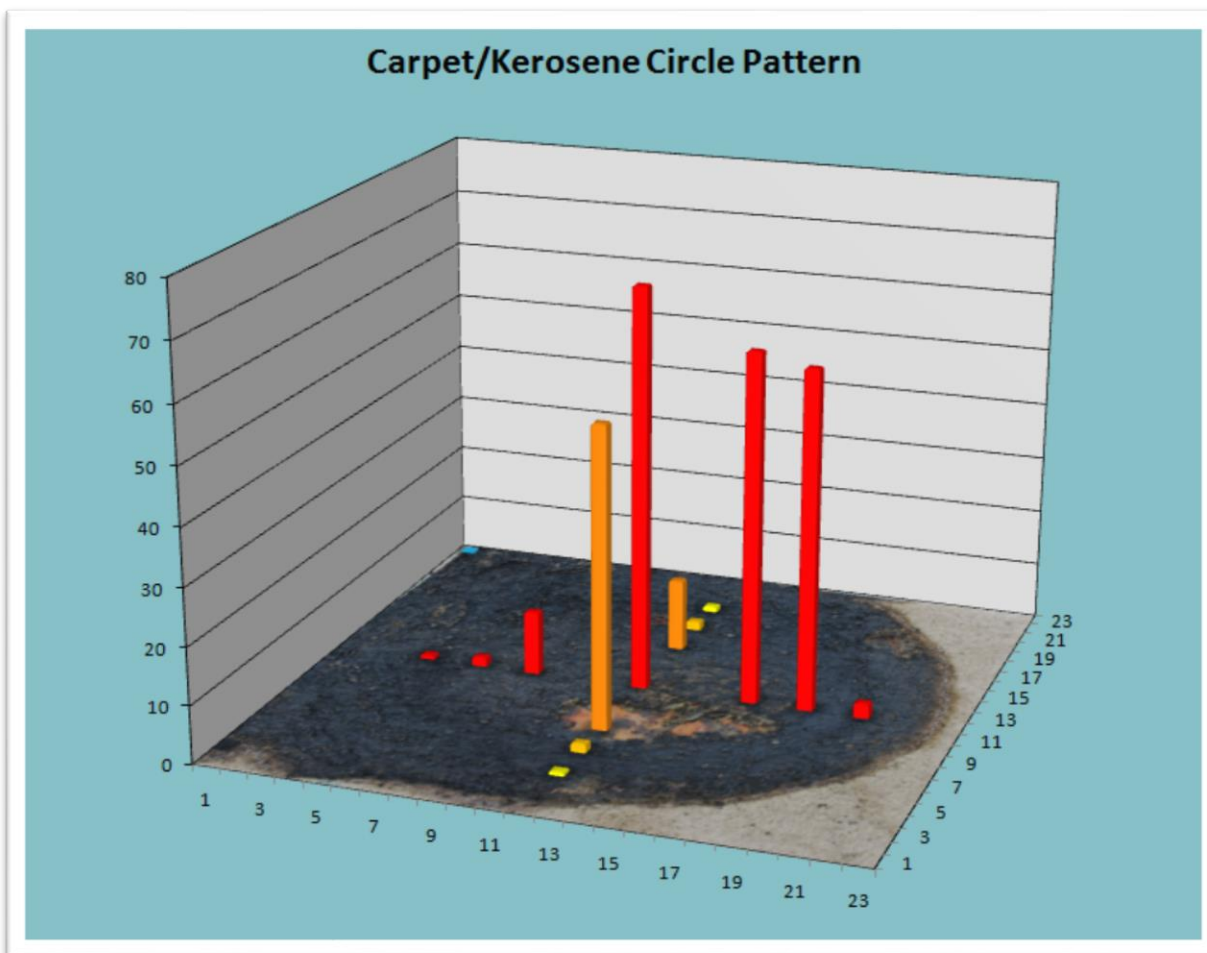


Figure 32: Graph of the percent ratios of the peak areas of tetradecane to 3-phenyltoluene (IS) for each sample in relation to the place each was sampled from on the carpet square.

Figure 33 shows the relative IL residues for gasoline on carpet in a circular pour. Figure 34 is of kerosene residues from a linear pour patterns. The photograph at the bottom of each figure shows the extent of the burn.

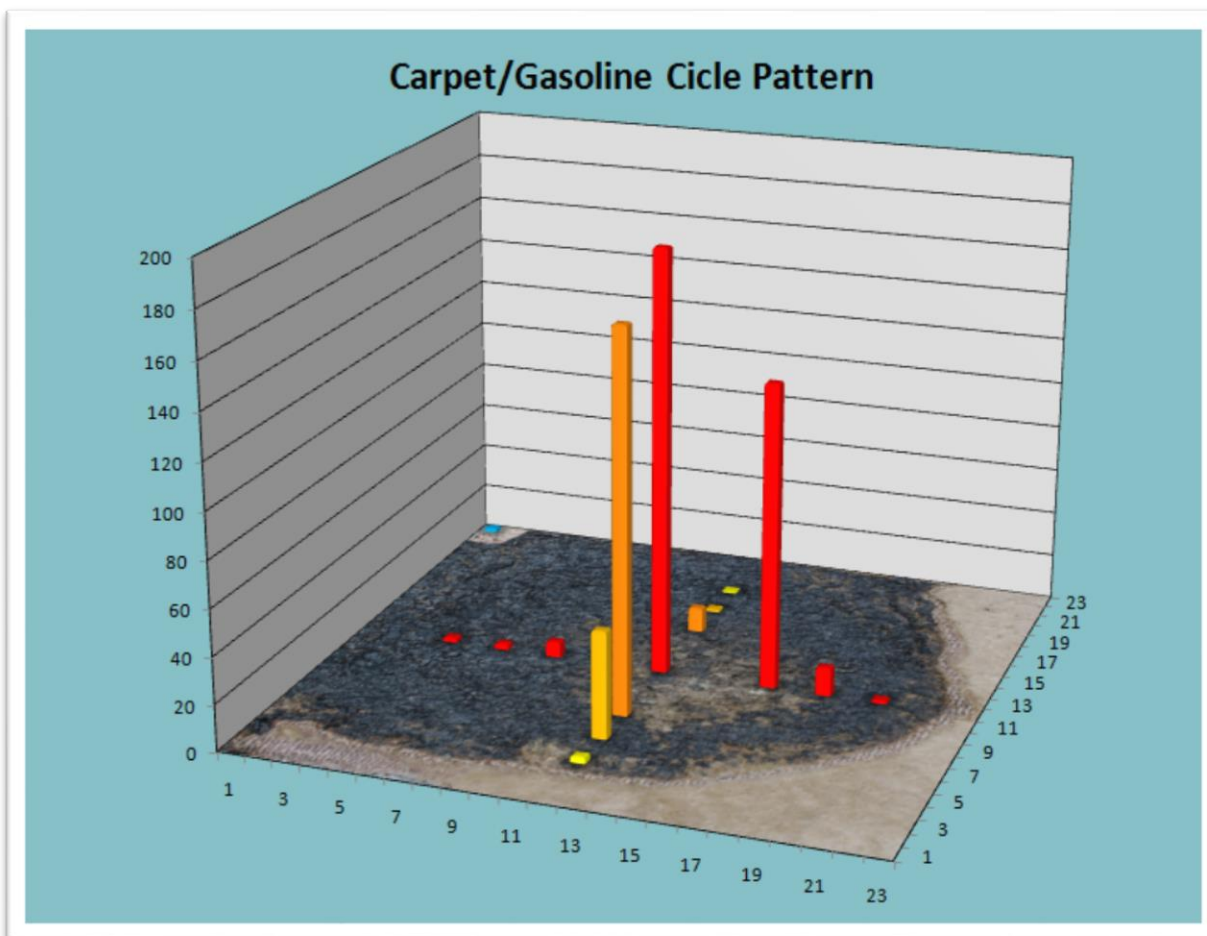


Figure 33: Graph of the percent ratios of the peak areas of 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene to 3-phenyltoluene (IS) for each sample in relation to the place each was sampled from on the carpet square. Photo (bottom) shows extent of burn.

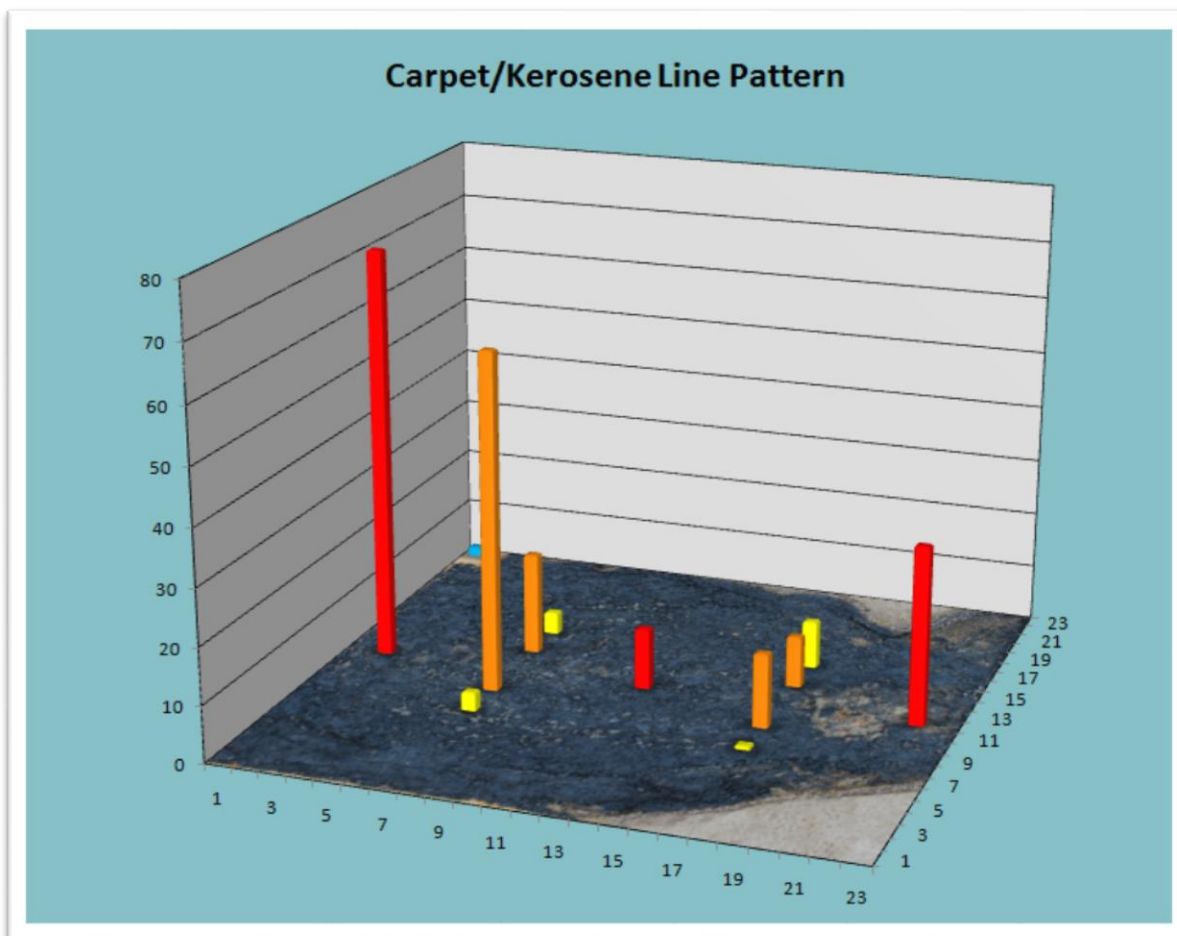


Figure 34: Graph of the percent ratios of the peak areas of tetradecane to 3-phenyltoluene (IS) for each sample in relation to the place each was sampled from on the carpet square.

The highest levels are towards the ends and along the axis of the pour. Because the ignitable liquid was pour by hand along the axis, it is likely that there was variation in the amount of liquid initially at any point. This may have resulted in some of the variation of recovered ILR along the axis. The amount off-axis does decrease rapidly as expected.

Oriented strand board (OSB) is a common subflooring material in home construction [32]. It is less absorbent than carpet so it was tested as an alternative material. Figure 35 the burn pattern for a circular pour pattern from 50 ml of kerosene on the OSB panel.



Figure 35: Burn pattern for OSB (50 ml of kerosene)

A significant amount of tetradecane (~6% relative to IS) was observed in the chromatogram of the control sample (X in Figure 2 above), this was subtracted from each value and replotted as shown in Figure 36. It can be seen that that the center sample was lower for the OSB than with the carpet (Figure 32) but still higher than towards the edges. It was observed during the pour experiments that the liquid tended to spread out more on the OSB probably due to its lower absorbency than with carpet.

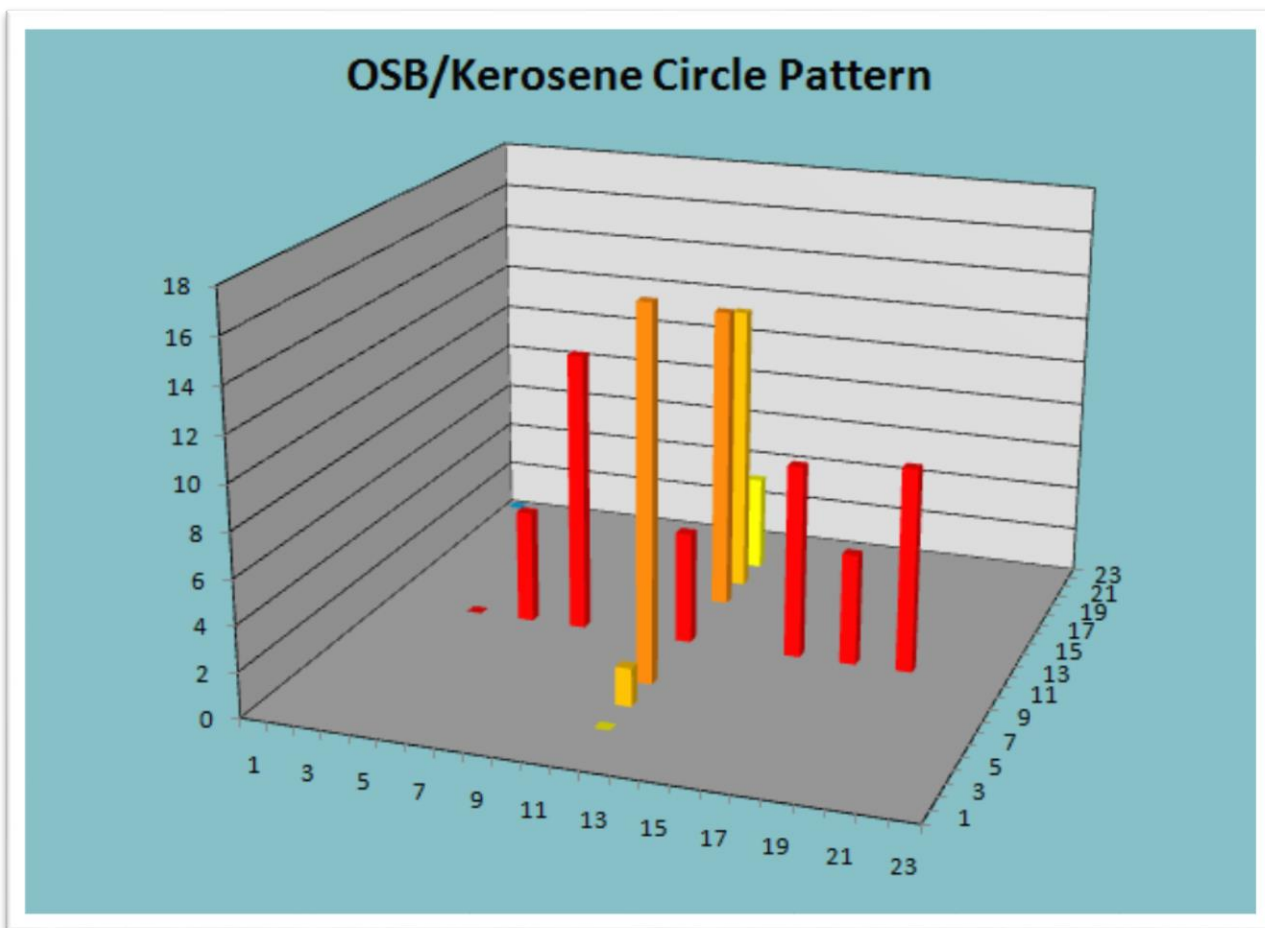


Figure 36: Graph of the percent ratios of the peak areas of tetradecane to 3-phenyltoluene (IS) for each sample minus 6.86% to compensate for the amount of tetradecane found in the blank OSB sample in relation to the place each was sampled from on the OSB square.

Two large scale test burns were conducted in the two bedrooms of a house being burned for a training exercise for a local fire department in West Virginia. Gasoline was used in one room (Room 1) and diesel in the other (Room 2), both poured in an S pattern. Samples were collected in a variety of locations in Room 1 and straight across the pour pattern in the room in Room 2 (Figure 37). In each case the highest results were seen nearest to the original pour pattern with lower amounts of IL residues being found further away. Orange tape was laid along the pour pattern after suppression of the fire to highlight where the pour was in the photograph.

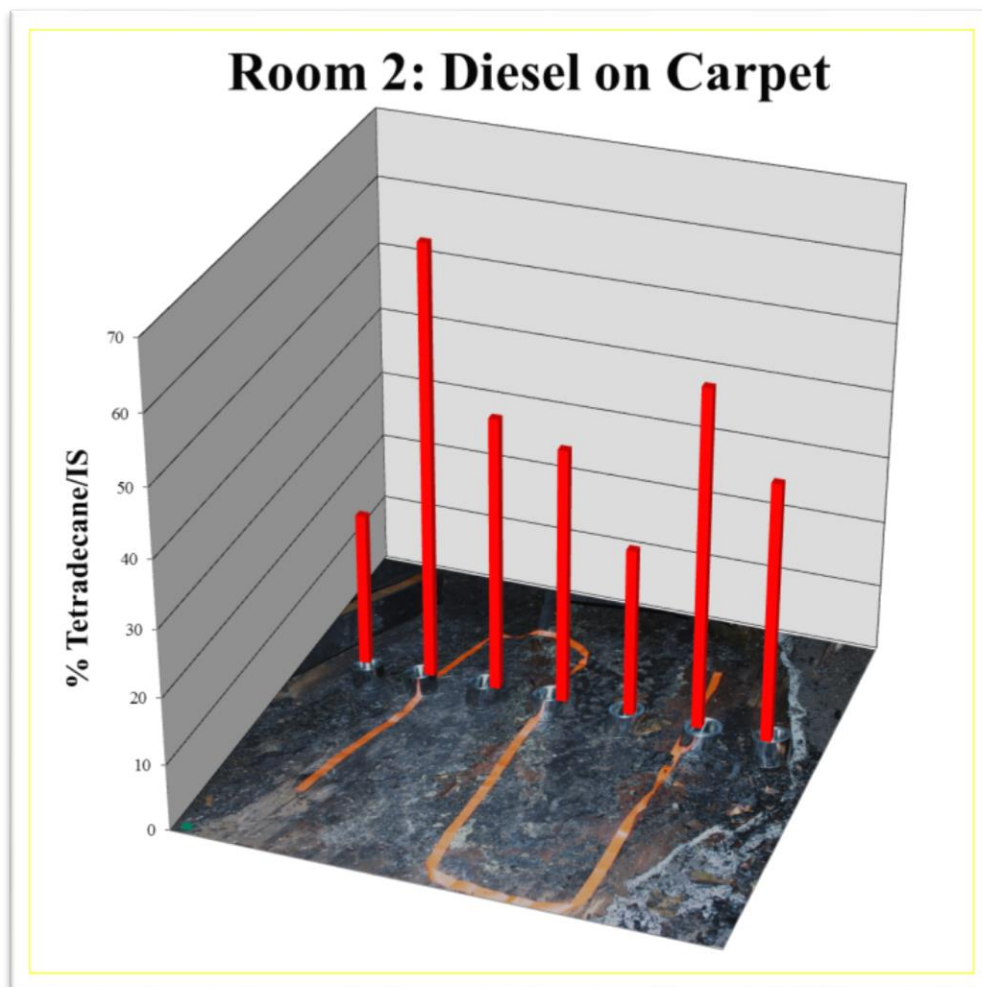


Figure 37. Graph of the percent ratios of the peak areas of tetradecane to 3-phenyltoluene (IS) in relation to the place each was sampled from in the room. Photo (bottom) shows extent of burn, shape of initial pour, and the location of each sample.

CONCLUSIONS

Substrate Effects

While previous observations that selective retention of certain compounds by the fire debris and pyrolysis products from the substrate may affect the assignment of the ILR to the correct E1618 class, this additional work confirms those observations with a range of substrates tested. While virtually all precursory products identified had little to no effect on analysis, these products were present to some degree in the ignitable liquid analysis and, under extremely low ignitable liquid concentrations, could appear much more pronounced. With the kerosene spiked and charred yellow pine the abundant precursory product terpenes virtually disappeared during burning (a phenomenon reasonably explained by the volatility of terpenes). However, in a substrate charred to a much lesser percentage, these products may be much more prominent in the analysis chromatogram and could affect classification. The shifting of the chromatographic pattern observed in the kerosene spiked and charred yellow pine did not change the classification of kerosene as a heavy petroleum distillate (C₈-C₂₀₊), but the loss of the heavier components in the analysis under the right circumstances (such as low ignitable liquid concentration) may lead to misclassification. Additionally, the reduction in the relative abundance of the normal paraffins could potentially result in misinterpretation of the analytical results and misclassification of the ignitable liquid due to the fact that presence and abundance of certain compounds are a part of the classification criteria. Therefore, analysts should remain cognizant of the substrate being analyzed as it may affect their interpretation and E1618 classification of the results.

Expert System

The expert system on cross validation correctly predicted the E1618 class within the top three picks with better than 95% accuracy for samples taken from the ignitable liquid collection maintained by NCFS. However, the substrate challenge was less successful especially for gasoline samples which are the most common ILR found in arson cases. Therefore, refinements to the expert system are needed before “beta testing” in fire debris analysis labs. Additional samples not included in the training set and spiked substrate samples are necessary.

Error Rate Study of Fire Debris Analysts

No false positives were reported for the small sample size tested during this project. Additional larger studies would be necessary before an error rate can be determined.

Ignitable Liquid Pour Patterns

Overall, the variety of experiments performed thus far have shown that sampling closer to the center of a pour pattern should allow for the best obtained chromatographic results at the lab. Significantly higher amounts of ILRs were found at the center of the patterns compared to the outer edges. Also, the IL residues that are present toward the edges of the pattern are much more weathered with more of the lighter end compounds and distinguishable peaks lost. Sampling

closer to the center appears to give chromatograms more closely related to those seen in unweathered IL samples.

Implications for policy and practice

The substrate effects confirm previous studies showing that competitive adsorption of ignitable liquid residues by charred substrates can affect the pattern and relative abundance of individual components in the residues. This could lead to misclassification of ILR according to E1618. Fire debris analysts should be aware of this possibility especially in residential structures where yellow pine is a common building material.

The related pour pattern study contradicts the “conventional wisdom” of sampling near the edge of a pour pattern. Fire investigators are encouraged to sample closer to the apparent center of the pattern and even across the pattern to increase the likelihood of sufficient ILR for identification and classification.

The expert system needs additional development before it can be recommended for incorporation into routine case work. One benefit of the approach undertaken here is that the software developed is open-source and independent of the vendor GCMS in use at a particular lab.

With additional studies to determine the accuracy of experienced fire debris analysts in identifying and classifying ILR especially at low levels, a reasonably average error rate for false positives and misclassification can be achieved. This will be of substantial benefit where such error rates are expected by the court.

Implications for further research

Further studies with larger participation of experienced fire debris analysts are needed to better determine the error rates and misclassification at low error rates. Based on this study there is an expectation that false positive rates will be very low as it appears that protocols from many agencies are conservative in the determination of the presence of an ignitable liquid residue. Misclassification may also be rare as well especially at lower levels as most laboratories seem to have protocols in place to prevent “over interpretation” in those cases. A more extensive set of “case files” should be developed with duplicate sets with and without additional “information” (i.e. “canine hit”) to determine if these lead to a bias in favor of making a determination for low level samples.

The expert system developed here is in need of further refinement and testing before dissemination to agencies for incorporation in fire debris analysis. Inclusion of more samples from the ILRC as well as the NCFS substrate database and testing with more challenge samples not in the training set will be needed to validate the resulting system.

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APPENDIX 1: R-scripts used for analysis and GUI construction.

process.raw.data.sheets.R: Functions to read in and reformat the data output from the Agilent GS-MS instrument.

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#-----
#Process a spread sheet
#New for Kate Timmons new data sheets
#Also modified to reflect the shift wrt internal standard peak RT
#-----
process.raw<-function(fpath) {

  #Turn on warning immediately go we can see which file triggers them:
  options(warn=1)

  #Grab the whole spreadsheet
  raw.dat<-read.csv(fpath,header=F)
  #print(class(raw.dat))

  #Parse spread sheet into the separate plot data
  plot1.row.idx<-which(raw.dat[,1]=="Plot 1")
  plot2.row.idx<-which(raw.dat[,1]=="Plot 2")
  plot3.row.idx<-which(raw.dat[,1]=="Plot 3")
  plot4.row.idx<-which(raw.dat[,1]=="Plot 4")
  plot5.row.idx<-which(raw.dat[,1]=="Plot 5")
  plot6.row.idx<-which(raw.dat[,1]=="Plot 6")

  plot1.dat<-raw.dat[(plot1.row.idx+3):(plot2.row.idx-1),]
  plot2.dat<-raw.dat[(plot2.row.idx+3):(plot3.row.idx-1),]
  plot3.dat<-raw.dat[(plot3.row.idx+3):(plot4.row.idx-1),]
  plot4.dat<-raw.dat[(plot4.row.idx+3):(plot5.row.idx-1),]
  plot5.dat<-raw.dat[(plot5.row.idx+3):(plot6.row.idx-1),]
  plot6.dat<-raw.dat[(plot6.row.idx+3):(nrow(raw.dat)),]

  colnames(plot1.dat)<-c("Peak#", "Ret Time (min.)", "Area", "%Tot", "Sig/Noise", "Scan Descrip")
  colnames(plot2.dat)<-c("Peak#", "Ret Time (min.)", "Area", "%Tot", "Sig/Noise", "Scan Descrip")
  colnames(plot3.dat)<-c("Peak#", "Ret Time (min.)", "Area", "%Tot", "Sig/Noise", "Scan Descrip")
  colnames(plot4.dat)<-c("Peak#", "Ret Time (min.)", "Area", "%Tot", "Sig/Noise", "Scan Descrip")
  colnames(plot5.dat)<-c("Peak#", "Ret Time (min.)", "Area", "%Tot", "Sig/Noise", "Scan Descrip")
  colnames(plot6.dat)<-c("Peak#", "Ret Time (min.)", "Area", "%Tot", "Sig/Noise", "Scan Descrip")

  #Internal standard info now listed on top of each file. The I.S. counts are element 3 in
  raw.dat:
  #The I.S. retention time is element 2 in raw.dat:
  #Normalize all peaks to internal standard counts:
  intern.std.counts<-as.numeric(as.character(raw.dat[1,3]))
  if(abs(intern.std.counts)==Inf) {
    print(paste("*****Warning: NO REFERENCE PEAK FOUND***** ", fpath))
    print("-----")
  }
  intern.std.RT<-as.numeric(as.character(raw.dat[1,2]))

  #For each plot, just grab the retention times, corresponding peak areas and peak % in the plot
  #**After the peak areas I am inserting R.T.s shifted wrt the I.S. peak
  shifted.rt.plot1 <- as.numeric(as.character(plot1.dat[,2])) - intern.std.RT
  shifted.rt.plot2 <- as.numeric(as.character(plot2.dat[,2])) - intern.std.RT
  shifted.rt.plot3 <- as.numeric(as.character(plot3.dat[,2])) - intern.std.RT
  shifted.rt.plot4 <- as.numeric(as.character(plot4.dat[,2])) - intern.std.RT
  shifted.rt.plot5 <- as.numeric(as.character(plot5.dat[,2])) - intern.std.RT
  shifted.rt.plot6 <- as.numeric(as.character(plot6.dat[,2])) - intern.std.RT
  #Format:      R.T.s,                               Peak Area,                               R.T.s
  shifted wrt I.S., %Total
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gc1<-cbind(as.numeric(as.character(plot1.dat[,2])), as.numeric(as.character(plot1.dat[,3])),
shifted.rt.plot1 ,as.numeric(as.character(plot1.dat[,4])))
gc2<-cbind(as.numeric(as.character(plot2.dat[,2])), as.numeric(as.character(plot2.dat[,3])),
shifted.rt.plot2 ,as.numeric(as.character(plot2.dat[,4])))
gc3<-cbind(as.numeric(as.character(plot3.dat[,2])), as.numeric(as.character(plot3.dat[,3])),
shifted.rt.plot3 ,as.numeric(as.character(plot3.dat[,4])))
gc4<-cbind(as.numeric(as.character(plot4.dat[,2])), as.numeric(as.character(plot4.dat[,3])),
shifted.rt.plot4 ,as.numeric(as.character(plot4.dat[,4])))
gc5<-cbind(as.numeric(as.character(plot5.dat[,2])), as.numeric(as.character(plot5.dat[,3])),
shifted.rt.plot5 ,as.numeric(as.character(plot5.dat[,4])))
gc6<-cbind(as.numeric(as.character(plot6.dat[,2])), as.numeric(as.character(plot6.dat[,3])),
shifted.rt.plot6 ,as.numeric(as.character(plot6.dat[,4])))

gc1[,2]<-gc1[,2]/intern.std.counts
gc2[,2]<-gc2[,2]/intern.std.counts
gc3[,2]<-gc3[,2]/intern.std.counts
gc4[,2]<-gc4[,2]/intern.std.counts
gc5[,2]<-gc5[,2]/intern.std.counts
gc6[,2]<-gc6[,2]/intern.std.counts

min.rt<-min(c(gc1[,1],gc2[,1],gc3[,1],gc4[,1],gc5[,1],gc6[,1]),na.rm = TRUE)
max.rt<-max(c(gc1[,1],gc2[,1],gc3[,1],gc4[,1],gc5[,1],gc6[,1]),na.rm = TRUE)

min.shifted.rt<-min(c(gc1[,3],gc2[,3],gc3[,3],gc4[,3],gc5[,3],gc6[,3]),na.rm = TRUE)
max.shifted.rt<-max(c(gc1[,3],gc2[,3],gc3[,3],gc4[,3],gc5[,3],gc6[,3]),na.rm = TRUE)

info<-list(gc1,gc2,gc3,gc4,gc5,gc6, c(min.rt,max.rt), c(min.shifted.rt,max.shifted.rt),
intern.std.RT)
names(info)<-c("T.I.C.",
               "Alkanes: Exctacted ions-57-71-85-99",
               "Cycloalkanes: Exctacted ions-55-69-82-83",
               "Aromatics: Exctacted ions-91-92-105-106-119-120",
               "Alkylnaphthalenes: Exctacted ions-128-142-156-170",
               "Indanes: Exctacted ions-117-118-131-132",
               "R.T.-min/max",
               "Shifted R.T.-min/max",
               "Internal Standard R.T.")

#Put the warnings back to default
options(warn=0)

return(info)
}

#-----
#Plot chromatograms comprising a spread sheet
#-----
plot.gc.info<-function(gc.info,gc.nme,gc.cls) {

gc1<-gc.info[[1]]
gc2<-gc.info[[2]]
gc3<-gc.info[[3]]
gc4<-gc.info[[4]]
gc5<-gc.info[[5]]
gc6<-gc.info[[6]]

par(mfrow=c(3,2))
plot(gc1[,1],gc1[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[1],"", El1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep=""))

if (NA %in% gc2[,1]) {
  print(paste("NO PLOT 2: ", gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[2],sep=""))
} else {
  #print(names(gc.info)[2])
  plot(gc2[,1],gc2[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[2],sep=""))
}
}

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if (NA %in% gc3[1,]) {
  print(paste("NO PLOT 3: ", gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[3],sep=""))
} else {
  plot(gc3[,1],gc3[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[3],sep=""))
}

if (NA %in% gc4[1,]) {
  print(paste("NO PLOT 4: ", gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[4],sep=""))
} else {
  plot(gc4[,1],gc4[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[4],sep=""))
}

if (NA %in% gc5[1,]) {
  print(paste("NO PLOT 5: ", gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[5],sep=""))
} else {
  plot(gc5[,1],gc5[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[5],sep=""))
}

if (NA %in% gc6[1,]) {
  print(paste("NO PLOT 6: ", gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[6],sep=""))
} else {
  plot(gc6[,1],gc6[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[6],sep=""))
}

}

#-----
#Plot chromatograms comprising a spread sheet
#-----
plot.gc.info2<-function(gc.info,gc.nme,gc.cls,axis.typ="shifted") {

  gc1<-gc.info[[1]]
  gc2<-gc.info[[2]]
  gc3<-gc.info[[3]]
  gc4<-gc.info[[4]]
  gc5<-gc.info[[5]]
  gc6<-gc.info[[6]]

  par(mfrow=c(3,2))
  if (axis.typ=="shifted"){
    plot(gc1[,3],gc1[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="Shifted RT wrt I.S. (min)",
    main=paste(gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[1],", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep=""))
  } else {
    plot(gc1[,1],gc1[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[1],", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep=""))
  }

  if (NA %in% gc2[1,]) {
    print(paste("NO PLOT 2: ", gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[2],sep=""))
  } else {
    #print(names(gc.info)[2])
    if (axis.typ=="shifted"){
      plot(gc2[,3],gc2[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="Shifted RT wrt I.S. (min)",
      main=paste(gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[2],", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep=""))
    } else {
      plot(gc2[,1],gc2[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme,":
",names(gc.info)[2],", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep=""))
    }
  }

  if (NA %in% gc3[1,]) {
    print(paste("NO PLOT 3: ", gc.nme,": ",names(gc.info)[3],sep=""))
  } else {

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        if(axis.typ=="shifted"){
            plot(gc3[,3],gc3[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="Shifted RT wrt I.S. (min)",
main=paste(gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[3],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        } else {
            plot(gc3[,1],gc3[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme," ",
names(gc.info)[3],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        }
    }

    if(NA %in% gc4[1,]) {
        print(paste("NO PLOT 4: ", gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[4],sep=""))
    } else {
        if(axis.typ=="shifted"){
            plot(gc4[,3],gc4[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="Shifted RT wrt I.S. (min)",
main=paste(gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[4],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        } else {
            plot(gc4[,1],gc4[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme," ",
names(gc.info)[4],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        }
    }

    if(NA %in% gc5[1,]) {
        print(paste("NO PLOT 5: ", gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[5],sep=""))
    } else {
        if(axis.typ=="shifted"){
            plot(gc5[,3],gc5[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="Shifted RT wrt I.S. (min)",
main=paste(gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[5],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        } else {
            plot(gc5[,1],gc5[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme," ",
names(gc.info)[5],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        }
    }

    if(NA %in% gc6[1,]) {
        print(paste("NO PLOT 6: ", gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[6],sep=""))
    } else {
        if(axis.typ=="shifted"){
            plot(gc6[,3],gc6[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="Shifted RT wrt I.S. (min)",
main=paste(gc.nme," ",names(gc.info)[6],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        } else {
            plot(gc6[,1],gc6[,2],typ="h", ylab="Intes.",xlab="RT (min)", main=paste(gc.nme," ",
names(gc.info)[6],"", E1618 class: ",gc.cls,sep="))
        }
    }
}

#-----
#Construct file paths to spread sheets
#-----
build.file.paths<-function(root.dir,sub.dir,samp.names,samp.reps) {

    #Sys.info()
    if(.Platform$OS.type=="unix") {
        file.sep<="/"
    } else {
        file.sep<="\"
    }

    file.paths<-NULL
    for(i in 1:length(samp.names)) {
        samp.name<-samp.names[i]
        for(j in 1:samp.reps[i]) {

            file.path<-paste(root.dir,sub.dir,file.sep,samp.name,"-",j,".csv",sep="")
            file.paths<-rbind(file.paths,file.path)
        }
    }
}

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    return(file.paths)
}

#-----
#Process a batch of spread sheets
#-----
process.batch<-function(file.paths) {
  container<-rep(list(NULL), length(file.paths))
  for(i in 1:length(file.paths)) {
    print(file.paths[[i]])
    container[[i]] <- process.raw(file.paths[[i]])
  }

  return(container)
}

#-----
#All the same ion plots for all the replicates of a species
#-----
plot.ion.group<-function(grp.num,plot.num,samp.names,samp.num.reps,samp.container,printQ=FALSE) {

  lbls.vec<-generate.label.vec(samp.names, samp.num.reps)
  grp.start.idx<-which(lbls.vec==grp.num)[1]
  grp.end.idx<-grp.start.idx+length(which(lbls.vec==grp.num))-1

  grp.idx<-which(samp.names==grp.num)

  #Collect the sub ion-info across the replicates in a group together:
  gcpl<-rep(list(NULL),samp.num.reps[grp.idx])
  count<-1
  col1.cont<-NULL
  col2.cont<-NULL
  for(i in grp.start.idx:grp.end.idx) {
    gci<-samp.container[[i]]
    gcp<-gci[[plot.num]]
    gcpl[[count]]<-gcp
    count<-count+1
  }
  sub.plot.ions<-names(gci)[plot.num] #Just take from last container examined. All should be the
  same.

  #Sub-plots R.T. min/max
  options(warn=-1) #Shut off annoying warning for Inf substitutions in empty vectors. These NA
  vects won't get printed anyway.
  plot.rt.min<-min(unlist(sapply(1:length(gcpl),function(x){gcpl[[x]][,1]})),na.rm=TRUE)
  plot.rt.max<-max(unlist(sapply(1:length(gcpl),function(x){gcpl[[x]][,1]})),na.rm=TRUE)
  #Sub-plots intensitiy min/max
  plot.inten.min<-min(unlist(sapply(1:length(gcpl),function(x){gcpl[[x]][,2]})),na.rm=TRUE)
  plot.inten.max<-max(unlist(sapply(1:length(gcpl),function(x){gcpl[[x]][,2]})),na.rm=TRUE)
  options(warn=0)
  #print(c(plot.rt.min,plot.rt.max,plot.inten.min,plot.inten.max))

  print(paste(length(gcpl), "replicates for", grp.num, sub.plot.ions))
  plot.count<-0
  par(mfrow=c(3,2))
  for(i in 1:length(gcpl)) {
    gcp<-gcpl[[i]]
    #print(gcp)

    if(NA %in% gcp[1,]) {
      print(paste("NO PLOT FOR: ",grp.num,"-",i," : ",sub.plot.ions,sep=""))
    } else {
      if(sum(gcp[,2]==0) == length(gcp[,2])) {

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        plot(gcp[,1],gcp[,2],typ="h", main=paste(grp.num,"-",i," ",sub.plot.ions," WARNING ALL
Intes. 0!",sep=""), ylab="Intes.", xlab="RT (min)", xlim=c(plot.rt.min,plot.rt.max),
ylim=c(plot.inten.min,plot.inten.max))
    } else {
        plot(gcp[,1],gcp[,2],typ="h", main=paste(grp.num,"-",i," ",sub.plot.ions,sep=""),
ylab="Intes.", xlab="RT (min)", xlim=c(plot.rt.min,plot.rt.max),
ylim=c(plot.inten.min,plot.inten.max))
    }

    #print(gcp)
    plot.count<-plot.count+1
}
}

if(printQ==TRUE) {
    print(gcpl)
}

}

#-----
#Plot all the chromatograms in series for error checking.
#-----
plot.all.gc<-function(info.container,names.mat, starting.idx=1) {

    if(names(dev.cur())=="null device") {
        #print("IM HERE!")
        dev.new()
    }

    for(i in starting.idx:length(info.container)) {
        inp<-readline(prompt="Hit enter for next plot set, q to quit... ")
        if(inp=="q") {
            print("Quitting Loop")
            break()
        }
        dev.off()
        gc.name<-as.character(names.mat[i,2])
        gc.name.orig<-as.character(names.mat[i,1])
        gc.class<-as.character(names.mat[i,4])
        gc.info<-info.container[[i]]
        print(paste(i,":",gc.name.orig,"      Re-named:",gc.name," El618 Class:",gc.class))
        plot.gc.info(gc.info, gc.name, gc.class)
    }
}

#-----
#Plot all the EIC plots in a Chromatogram.
#-----
plot.all.ion.plots<-function(grp.idx, name.vec, reps.vec, info.container, printQ=FALSE) {

    for(plot.num in 1:6) {
        inp<-readline(prompt="Hit enter for next ion set, q to quit... ")
        if(inp=="q") {
            print("Quitting Loop")
            break()
        }
    }

    if(!(names(dev.cur())=="null device")) {
        dev.off()
    }

    print(paste("Plot #:",plot.num))
    #These should all look similar. Do they??
    plot.ion.group(grp.idx, plot.num, samp.names=name.vec, samp.num.reps=reps.vec,
samp.container=info.container,printQ)
}

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}

#-----
#Counts the number of replicates for each group.
#Should be independent of group naming convention
#-----
count.group.replicates<-function(arb.lbls) {
  char.lbls<-as.character(arb.lbls)
  lbl.names<-unique(char.lbls)
  num.samps.vec<-sapply(1:length(lbl.names),function(x){sum(char.lbls==lbl.names[x])})
  #num.samps.vec<-sapply(as.numeric(levels(factor(arb.lbls))), function(x){sum(arb.lbls==x)})
  return(num.samps.vec)
}

#-----
#Pick out groups of observations and form a new X matrix
#-----
pick.out.groups<-function(X.mat, all.arb.lbls, grp.picks)
{

  pick.out.rows<-NULL
  new.grp.lbls<-NULL
  char.lbls<-as.character(all.arb.lbls)
  char.grp.picks<-as.character(grp.picks)

  for(i in 1:length(grp.picks))
  {
    grp.idx<-which(char.lbls==char.grp.picks[i])
    pick.out.rows<-c(pick.out.rows,grp.idx)
    print(grp.idx)
    new.grp.lbl<-rep(i,length(grp.idx))
    new.grp.lbls<-c(new.grp.lbls,new.grp.lbl)
  }

  new.grp.lbls<-factor(new.grp.lbls)
  new.X.mat<-X.mat[pick.out.rows,]

  return(list(new.X.mat,new.grp.lbls))
}

#-----
#Parse out useful info from the loaded name.csv file
#-----
parse.name.file<-function(original.names.mat) {

  item.names<-
t(sapply(1:nrow(original.names.mat),function(x){strsplit(as.character(original.names.mat[x,2]),
split="-")[[1]]}))[,1]
  species.names<-unique(item.names)
  species.reps<-count.group.replicates(item.names)

  names.info<-list(item.names, species.names, species.reps)

  names(names.info)<-c("Obs. Names", "Species Names", "Num. Reps.")

  return(names.info)
}

#-----
#Make up a label vector according to number of samples
#-----
generate.label.vec<-function(samp.names.vec, num.samps.vec)

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{
  lbl.vec<-NULL
  for(i in 1:length(num.samps.vec) )
  {
    grpids<-rep(samp.names.vec[i],num.samps.vec[i])
    lbl.vec<-c(lbl.vec,grpids)
  }

  return(lbl.vec)
}

#-----
#Bin the time axes. Too slow! Not used currently.
#-----
bin.time.axes<-function(name.vec, reps.vec, info.container, delt.frac=0.1, printQ=FALSE) {

  plot.info.vecs<-rep(list(NULL),6) #times listed for plot
  dts<-rep(1000000000000000,6)
  for(i in 1:length(info.container)) {
    sub.info<-info.container[[i]]
    for(j in 1:6) {
      plot.times<-sub.info[[j]][,1] #Grab the time values
      #dts[j]<- min(dts[j], min(diff(plot.times)))
      #print(min(diff(plot.times)))
      options(warn=-1)
      dts[j] <- min(dts[j], min(diff(plot.times),na.rm=T))
      options(warn=0)
      plot.info.vecs[[j]]<-c(plot.info.vecs[[j]],plot.times)
    }
  }
  #print(dts)

  #print(plot.info.vecs)
  options(warn=-1)
  t.maxs<-sapply(1:6,function(x){max(plot.info.vecs[[x]], na.rm=TRUE)})
  t.mins<-sapply(1:6,function(x){min(plot.info.vecs[[x]], na.rm=TRUE)})
  options(warn=0)
  time.params<-cbind(1:6,t.mins,t.maxs,dts)
  colnames(time.params)<-c("plot#","Time min","Time max", "delta-time")
  #print(time.params)
  if(Inf %in% abs(t.maxs)) {
    empty.idxs<-which(abs(t.maxs)==Inf)
    print("Dropping plots#:")
    print(empty.idxs)
    print("No data!")
    time.params <- time.params[-empty.idxs,]
    #dts <- dts[-empty.idxs]
  }
  print("Time axis parameters:")
  print(time.params)

  time.bins<-rep(list(NULL),nrow(time.params))
  names(time.bins)<-c(paste("Plot#:", time.params[,1], "time axis"))
  for(i in 1:nrow(time.params)) {
    ax<-seq(from=floor(time.params[i,2]), to=ceiling(time.params[i,3]), by=(time.params[i,4]-
delt.frac*time.params[i,2]) )
    time.bins[[i]]<-ax
  }
  #print(time.bins)
  names(time.bins)<-c(time.params[,1]) #These are INDEXES of the time axes, not the plot numbers.
  #print(names(time.bins))

  all.fvs<-NULL
  plot1.fvs<-NULL
  for(i in 1:length(info.container)) {

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specn.info<-info.container[[i]]

total.fv<-NULL
#loop over all the plots with atleast one rt in the info.container:
for(j in time.params[,1]) {
  plot.info<-specn.info[[j]]

  obs.rts<-plot.info[,1] #Retention times of plot

  obs.normed.ints<-plot.info[,2] #Intensities corresponding to retention times of plot

  time.ax.idx<-which(names(time.bins)==j) #Get a generic time axis for the particular plot
  t.axis<-time.bins[[time.ax.idx]]
  #print(t.axis)

  #Make fv for plot
  if(NA %in% obs.rts) { #make an empty fv if NAs in plot (all elements should be NAs)
    fv<-numeric(length(t.axis))
    total.fv<-c(total.fv,fv)
  } else { #else make an fv with intensities in the corresponding time bins and zeros ew
    fv<-numeric(length(t.axis))
    for(k in 1:length(obs.rts)) {
      it.idx<-(which((obs.rts[k]<=t.axis)==TRUE)[1])

      #Some problems encountered can be be indicated here:
      if(is.na(it.idx)) {
        print("NA bin indices encountered!!!!:")
        print(paste("Container",i,"Plot",j))
        print(obs.rts[k])
        print(max(t.axis))
      }
      #put this in an else??
      fv[it.idx]<-obs.normed.ints[k]
    }
    if(j!=1) {
      total.fv<-c(total.fv,fv) #stack selective ion chromatograms
    } else {
      if(j==1) {
        plot1.fv<-fv #total ion chromatogram
      }
    }
  }
  #print(length(total.fv))
  all.fvs<-rbind(all.fvs,total.fv)
  plot1.fvs<-rbind(plot1.fvs, plot1.fv)
}

fv.info<-list(all.fvs,plot1.fvs,time.bins)
names(fv.info)<-c("Stacked Selective Ion FVs","TIC FVs", "Time Axes")
return(fv.info)
}

#-----
#Older Plot FVs
#NOTE: arb.lbls MUST take any reduction in dmat into account!
#-----
plot.group.fvs<-function(dmat,arb.lbls,group.pick,rt.axes) {

  dmatg<-pick.out.groups(dmat,arb.lbls,c(group.pick))[[1]]
  obs.idx<-which(arb.lbls==group.pick)

  if(!(names(dev.cur())=="null device")) {
    dev.off()
  }

  #Find breaks in plotted axes

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```

breks<-NULL
st<-1
for(i in 1:length(rt.axes)) {
  if(names(rt.axes)[i]!="1") {
    sp<-length(rt.axes[[i]])+st-1
    breks<-rbind(breks, as.numeric(c(names(rt.axes)[i],st,sp)))
    st<-sp+1
  }
}
#print(breks)

par(mfrow=c(3,2)) #Caution: Assumes at most 6 replicates
for(i in 1:nrow(dmatg)) {
  titl<-paste("Spec#:",group.pick,"Curr Rep#:",i,"Curr Obs#:",obs.idxs[i])
  plot(dmatg[i,],typ="h",main=titl)
  for(j in 1:nrow(breks)){
    abline(v = breks[j,3], col = "blue",lty=2)
  }
}

#-----
#Plot FVs
#NOTE: arb.lbls MUST take any reduction in dmat into account!
#-----
plot.group.fvs2<-function(dmat,arb.lbls,class.lbls,group.pick,rt.axes) {

  dmatg<-pick.out.groups(dmat,arb.lbls,c(group.pick))[[1]]
  obs.idxs<-which(arb.lbls==group.pick)

  class.lbl<-class.lbls[obs.idxs][1]

  if(!(names(dev.cur())=="null device")) {
    dev.off()
  }

  #Find breaks in plotted axes
  breks<-NULL
  st<-1
  for(i in 1:length(rt.axes)) {
    if(names(rt.axes)[i]!="1") {
      sp<-length(rt.axes[[i]])+st-1
      breks<-rbind(breks, as.numeric(c(names(rt.axes)[i],st,sp)))
      st<-sp+1
    }
  }
  #print(breks)
  plot.names<-c("all ions","ions-57-71-85-99","ions-55-69-82-83","ions-91-92-105-106-119-120",
"ions-128-142-156-170","ions-117-118-131-132")
  breks.info<-NULL
  for(i in 1:nrow(breks)){
    breks.info<-c(breks.info,plot.names[breks[i,1]])
  }
  breks.info<-data.frame(breks[,1],breks.info,breks[,2:3])
  colnames(breks.info)<-c("Selective Ion Plot#","Ions","Idx Start","Idx Stop")
  print(breks.info)

  par(mfrow=c(3,2)) #Caution: Assumes at most 6 replicates
  for(i in 1:nrow(dmatg)) {
    titl<-paste("Spec#:",group.pick,"Curr Rep#:",i,"Curr Obs#:",obs.idxs[i])
    plot(dmatg[i,],typ="h",main=titl,xlab=paste("Class:",class.lbl))
    for(j in 1:nrow(breks)){
      abline(v = breks[j,3], col = "blue",lty=2)
    }
  }
}

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#-----
#Normalize a chromatogram
#-----
norm.profile<-function(profile)
{

  numNAs<-length(profile)-length(na.omit(profile))

  nprofl<-na.omit(profile)
  minp<-min(nprofl)
  maxp<-max(nprofl)

  nprofl<-apply(as.array(nprofl),1,function(x){(x-minp)/(maxp-minp)})

  nprofl<-c(nprofl,rep(NA,numNAs))
  return(nprofl)

}
```

process.raw.data.sheets2.R: Functions to read in and reformat the data output from the Agilent GS-MS instrument.

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#-----
#Smoothed out file path construction routine
#NOTE: requires a file with the paths in it,
#with the file seperators being commas. See
#file-names-and-control.csv file for an example
#
#file.info.mat is the file info from file-names-and-control.csv
#-----
build.paths.to.chromatogram.files<-function(file.info.mat, root.dir){

  #Get the correct file separator format, depending on your OS:
  if(.Platform$OS.type=="unix"){
    file.sep<-"/"
  } else {
    file.sep<-"\"
  }

  file.paths<-rep("X",nrow(file.info.mat))
  for(i in 1:nrow(file.info.mat)){
    file.path<-paste(root.dir, file.info.mat[i,1], file.sep, file.info.mat[i,2], " ",
file.info.mat[i,3], ".csv",sep="")
    file.paths[i]<-file.path
  }

  return(file.paths)

}

#-----
#Wrapper function to remove unwanted chromatograms, which typically
#will have some kind of flaw. Chromatograms with an x in column
#4 of file.info.mat will be tossed (removed)
#-----
remove.unwanted.chromatograms<-function(file.info.mat, current.file.paths){
  #Find which chromatograms to remove:
  toss.idx<-which(file.info.mat[,4]=="x")
  #print(toss.idx)

  if(length(toss.idx)==0){
    #Remove nothing if there were no x-es:
    pruned.file.paths<-current.file.paths
  }
  if((length(toss.idx)>0)){
    #Remove the unwanted chromatograms from the vector of file paths:
    pruned.file.paths<-current.file.paths[-toss.idx]
  }
}
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    }

    return(pruned.file.paths)
}

#-----
#Wrapper function to do the required labeling of each input
#chromatogram with their designated ILRC class, e.g. MPD, Aromatic, etc
#-----
make.chromatogram.ILRC.labels<-function(ilrc.classification.info, file.info.mat){

  #Just in case it got read in as a factor:
  unique.sample.numbers<-as.numeric(as.character(ilrc.classification.info[,1]))

  #Don't want to assume 5 replicates per sample. Let's count the reps per sample number:
  #Also, just in case something got read in as a factor:
  sample.number.vec<-as.numeric(as.character(file.info.mat[,2]))
  toss.idxs<-which(file.info.mat[,4]=="x")
  #print(toss.idxs)
  if(length(toss.idxs)==0){
    sample.number.vec<-sample.number.vec
  }
  if(length(toss.idxs)>0){
    sample.number.vec<-sample.number.vec[-toss.idxs]
  }

  #Count the replicates in each sample group:
  num.reps.vec<-NULL
  for(i in 1:length(unique.sample.numbers)){
    count<-0
    count<-length(which(sample.number.vec==unique.sample.numbers[i]))
    #print(which(sample.number.vec==unique.sample.numbers[i]))
    #print(paste("Number of",unique.sample.numbers[i],"=",count))
    #print("")
    num.reps.vec<-c(num.reps.vec, count)
  }

  #Proper ILRC class names corresponding to each number:
  sample.classes<-ilrc.classification.info[,4]

  #Make a label for each chromatogram. CAUTION keeping these FACTORS!
  chromatogram.lbl<-NULL
  sample.num.for.lbl<-NULL
  for(i in 1:length(sample.classes)){
    chromatogram.lbl<-c(chromatogram.lbl, rep(as.character(sample.classes[i]), num.reps.vec[i]))
    sample.num.for.lbl<-c(sample.num.for.lbl, rep(unique.sample.numbers[i], num.reps.vec[i]))
  }
  chromatogram.lbl<-as.factor(chromatogram.lbl)
  #rep.vec<-rep(1:5,length(sample.numbers))
  label.info.mat<-data.frame(sample.num.for.lbl,chromatogram.lbl)
  colnames(label.info.mat)<-c("Sample#:", "Actual ILRC Class")

  num.reps.vec<-t(as.matrix(num.reps.vec))
  colnames(num.reps.vec)<-unique.sample.numbers

  label.info<-list(num.reps.vec,label.info.mat)
  names(label.info)<-c("Number Of Replicates For Each Sample Number", "ILRC Class Key Table")

  return(label.info)
}

#-----
#Wrapper function to pick out the E1618 class info and product
#descriptions from the ILRC Reference List.csv file. Obviates the
#need to create a new ILRC Class Info.csv file which only contains
#the sample numbers to be analysed. This way all the user needs
#to do is "x-out" sample numbers in the file-names-and-control.csv

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#file that they DON'T want to analyse for whatever reason.
#-----
get.e1618.class.info<-function(fpath.to.e1618.ref.list, file.info.mat){

  #Pick out the indices in file.info.mat for the sample numbers we want to keep:
  idxs.of.samp.num.to.examine<-which(file.info.mat[,4] != "x")
  #print(idxs.of.samp.num.to.examine)

  #Now get the unique sample number identifiers:
  samp.num.to.examine<-as.character(unique(file.info.mat[idxs.of.samp.num.to.examine,2]))
  #print(samp.num.to.examine)

  #print(fpath.to.e1618.ref.list)
  all.class.info<-read.csv(fpath.to.e1618.ref.list,header=T)
  #print(all.class.info)
  db.idxs<-
  unlist(sapply(1:length(samp.num.to.examine),function(x){which(all.class.info[,1]==samp.num.to.e
xamine[x]))}))
  #print(unlist(db.idxs))
  #print(all.class.info[,1])
  #all.sample.numbers<-all.class.info[,1]
  #db.idxs.of.samp.num.to.examine<-NULL
  #for(i in 1:length(samp.num.to.examine)){
  #  db.idxs.of.samp.num.to.examine<-
  c(db.idxs.of.samp.num.to.examine,which(all.sample.numbers==samp.num.to.examine[i]))
  #}

  return(all.class.info[db.idxs,c(1:4)])
}

```

process.chromatograms.R: Functions to turn the processed chromatogram data into several types of feature vectors explored in this work.

```

library(dtw)
#These are the shifts are empirical and with respect to the internal standard.
e1618.ref.vec<-matrix(c(-10.78, -9.37, -6.54, -3.47, -0.72, 1.71, 3.89, 5.87),nrow=1 )
colnames(e1618.ref.vec)<-c("C6","C8","C10","C12","C14","C16","C18","C20")
#Expand to include odd numbered C categories. +/- 100 is used only to include extreme RTs:
C.bins<-c(-100,sort(c(e1618.ref.vec,e1618.ref.vec[1:7]+(e1618.ref.vec[2:8]-
e1618.ref.vec[1:7])/2)), 100)
C.intervals<-c("(-100,-10.8)","(-10.8,-10.1)","(-10.1,-9.37)","(-9.37,-7.96)","(-7.96,-6.54)","(-
6.54,-5)","(-5,-3.47)","(-3.47,-2.1)","(-2.1,-0.72)","(-
0.72,0.495)","(0.495,1.71)","(1.71,2.8)","(2.8,3.89)","(3.89,4.88)","(4.88,5.87)","(5.87,100)")
C.levels<-
c("C6","C7","C8","C9","C10","C11","C12","C13","C14","C15","C16","C17","C18","C19","C20","C20+")

#-----
#Look through all the ion plots in the group.
#As a reference for each plot, choose the group
#member with the most peaks in that plot. For ties
#choose the first plot found as the reference
#-----
find.references<-function(dmat,rt.axs,print.lvl=0) {

  #SPLT of FV into SEPARATE ION DATA BEFORE ALIGNMENT
  #Find breaks in plotted axes
  breks<-NULL
  st<-1
  for(i in 1:length(rt.axs)) {
    if(names(rt.axs)[i]!="1") { #Don't worry about the first plot. It's the TIC
      sp<-length(rt.axs[[i]])+st-1
      plot.grp<-dmat[,st:sp]

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peak.count.vec<-apply(plot.grp,1,peak.count)
plot.ref.idx<-which(peak.count.vec==max(peak.count.vec))[1]
breks<-rbind(breks, as.numeric(c(names(rt.aks)[i],st,sp,plot.ref.idx,max(peak.count.vec))))

if(print.lvl>1) {
  print("Peak counts for Plots:",names(rt.aks[i]))
  print(peak.count.vec)
  print(paste("Reference obs for plot",names(rt.aks[i]),"is:"))
  print(plot.ref.idx)
  print("xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx")
}

st<-sp+1

}
}
colnames(breks)<-c("Plot#","Start","Stop","Ref Obs#","#Peaks in Ref")
if(print.lvl>0) {
  print(breks)
}

return(breks)
}

#-----
#Loop over groups
#for a group, pull out ref ions plots
#tack reference ion plots together for each group
#-----
construct.references<-function(dmat, arb.lbls, rt.aks) {

  #print(arb.lbls)
  lbl.names<-unique(arb.lbls)

  ref.mat<-array(0,c(length(lbl.names), ncol(dmat)))
  for(i in 1:length(lbl.names)) {
    grp.pic<-lbl.names[i]
    grp.idxs<-which(arb.lbls==grp.pic)
    grp.mat<-t(apply(dmat[grp.idxs,],1,norm.profile))
    #grp.mat<-pick.out.groups(dmat,arb.lbls,c(grp.pic))[[1]]
    #print(dim(grp.mat))
    grp.ref.mat<-find.references(grp.mat,rt.aks,0)
    print(paste("Group:",grp.pic))
    #print(which(arb.lbls==grp.pic))
    print(grp.ref.mat)
    #print("=====")

    #Loop over plots for the group:
    grp.ref.fv<-NULL
    for(j in 1:nrow(grp.ref.mat)) {
      st<-grp.ref.mat[j,2]
      #print(st)
      sp<-grp.ref.mat[j,3]
      ref.idx<-grp.ref.mat[j,4]
      grp.ref.fv<-c(grp.ref.fv, grp.mat[ref.idx,st:sp])
      #print(paste("Group:",lbl.names[i],st,sp,ref.idx,"Num
peaks:",peak.count(grp.mat[ref.idx,st:sp]))
      #if((lbl.names[i]=="241") & (j==2)) {
      #  plot(grp.mat[ref.idx,st:sp],typ="h",main=paste("TEST:",lbl.names[i]))
      # }
    }
    #print("=====")
    ref.mat[i,]<-grp.ref.fv
  }

}

return(ref.mat)

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}

#-----
#
#-----
reduce<-function(query,ref,typ="ends") {

  #Get peak indices:
  query.peak.idx<-which(query>0)
  ref.peak.idx<-which(ref>0)

  #Chop off common zeros at ends option:
  if(typ=="ends") {

    #There are peaks in both the query and reference => bother to set them up to be compares
    if((length(query.peak.idx)>0) & (length(ref.peak.idx)>0) ) {

      left.idx<-min(c(query.peak.idx,ref.peak.idx))
      right.idx<-max(c(query.peak.idx,ref.peak.idx))

      reduced.query<-query[left.idx:right.idx]
      reduced.ref<-ref[left.idx:right.idx]

      return(rbind(reduced.query,reduced.ref))

    }
    #If one or both the signals do not have peaks, send the message not to bother to compare
    #Two cases:
    #1. One has no peak's while the other does. They can not be mapped to each other. return 1e8
    if(xor((length(query.peak.idx)==0),(length(ref.peak.idx)==0))) {
      return(1e8)
    }
    #2. Both have no peaks. They are the "same" but contain no info. return -1
    if((length(query.peak.idx)==0) & (length(ref.peak.idx)==0)) {
      return(-1)
    }
  }

  #Remove all common zeros option:
  if(typ=="zeros") {

    #There are peaks in both the query and reference => bother to set them up to be compares
    if((length(query.peak.idx)>0) & (length(ref.peak.idx)>0) ) {

      drop.idx<-which(colSums(rbind(query,ref))==0)
      reduced.query<-query[-drop.idx]
      reduced.ref<-ref[-drop.idx]

      return(rbind(reduced.query,reduced.ref))
    }
    #If one or both the signals do not have peaks, send the message not to bother to compare
    #Two cases:
    #1. One has no peak's while the other does. They can not be mapped to each other. return 1e8
    if(xor((length(query.peak.idx)==0),(length(ref.peak.idx)==0))) {
      return(1e8)
    }
    #2. Both have no peaks. They are the "same" but contain no info. return -1
    if((length(query.peak.idx)==0) & (length(ref.peak.idx)==0)) {
      return(-1)
    }
  }

  #Remove all common zeros option:
  #Don't do anything option:
  if(typ=="none") {
    #There are peaks in both the query and reference => bother to set them up to be compares
    if((length(query.peak.idx)>0) & (length(ref.peak.idx)>0) ) {

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    reduced.qury<-qury
    reduced.ref<-ref

    return(rbind(reduced.qury,reduced.ref))
  }
  #If one or both the signals do not have peaks, send the message not to bother to compare
  #Two cases:
  #1. One has no peak's while the other does. They can not be mapped to each other. return 1e8
  if(xor((length(qury.peak.idx)==0),(length(ref.peak.idx)==0))) {
    return(1e8)
  }
  #2. Both have no peaks. They are the "same" but contain no info. return -1
  if((length(qury.peak.idx)==0) & (length(ref.peak.idx)==0)) {
    return(-1)
  }
}
}

#-----
#Use dtw to warp/align test to reference
#-----
align.peaks<-function(tes,ref,normQ=F,plotQ=F,printQ=F, ...){

  #CAUTION: Assumes tes and ref are the same length!
  dmat<-rbind(ref,tes)
  drop.idx<-which(colSums(dmat)==0)
  ref.idx<-1:length(ref)

  dmat<-rbind(ref.idx,dmat)
  dmat<-dmat[,-drop.idx]
  #print(dmat)

  tes.sig<-dmat[3,]
  ref.sig<-dmat[2,]

  if(normQ==TRUE) {
    tes.sig<-norm.profile(tes.sig)
    ref.sig<-norm.profile(ref.sig)
  }

  #DTW
  algn<-dtw(tes.sig,ref.sig,...)
  #plot(algn)

  xx<-algn$index1
  yy<-algn$index2

  warped.tes.sig<-numeric(length(ref.sig))
  for(i in 1:length(xx)) {
    warped.tes.sig[yy[i]] <- tes.sig[xx[i]]
  }
  cs<-cor(ref.sig,warped.tes.sig)
  cstt<-cor(tes.sig,warped.tes.sig)

  full.leng.warped.sig<-numeric(length(ref))
  ref.idx<-dmat[1,]
  #print(ref.idx)
  for(i in 1:length(ref.idx)) {
    full.leng.warped.sig[ref.idx[i]] <- warped.tes.sig[i]
  }
  csr<-cor(ref,full.leng.warped.sig)
  cst<-cor(tes,full.leng.warped.sig)
  #par(mfrow=c(2,1))
  #plot(tes,typ="h")
  #plot(full.leng.warped.sig,typ="h",col="blue")
  #par(mfrow=c(1,1))

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if(plotQ==TRUE) {

  for(i in 1:2) {
    inp<-readline(prompt="Hit enter for next plot set, q to quit... ")
    if(inp=="q") {
      print("Quitting Loop")
      break()
    }
    if(i==1) {
      dtwPlotTwoWay(algn,tes.sig,ref.sig,ts.typ="h",main="Ref = red, Mov = black")
    }
    if(i==2) {
      par(mfrow=c(2,1))
      plot(ref.sig,typ="h",col="green",lwd=6,main="Before (Ref = green, Mov = blue)")
      lines(tes.sig,typ="h",col="blue",lwd=2)

      plot(ref.sig,typ="h",col="green",lwd=6,main="After (Ref = green, Mov = blue)")
      lines(warped.tes.sig,typ="h",col="blue",lwd=2)
      par(mfrow=c(1,1))
    }
  }
}

if(printQ==TRUE) {
  print(paste("#Peaks (short) ref:",peak.count(ref.sig)))
  print(paste("#Peaks (short) tes:",peak.count(tes.sig)))
  print(paste("#Peaks warp:          ",peak.count(warped.tes.sig)))
  print(paste("DTW dist:          ",algn$distance))
  print(paste("Aligned (short) corr score:      ",cs))
  print(paste("Test-warped (short) corr score:",cstt))
  print(paste("Full sigs Aligned corr score:   ",csr))
  print(paste("Full test-warped corr score:    ",cst))
}

return(full.leng.warped.sig)

}

#-----
#Because the reference (plot with most peaks) will
#probably be different for each plot in a species group
#this routine dtw's the group, picking the proper
#reference observation for each plot.
#-----
align.peaks.for.group<-function(dmat.ini, break.ref.mat, init.normQ=F,plotQ=F,printQ=F) {

  #If there is to be normalizing, do it now:
  print(dim(dmat.ini))
  if(init.normQ==T) {
    dmat<-t(apply(dmat.ini,1,norm.profile))
    print(dim(dmat))
  } else {
    dmat<-dmat.ini
  }

  print(break.ref.mat)
  warped.group.mat<-NULL
  #Loop over plots:
  for(i in 1:nrow(break.ref.mat)) {
    plot.num<-break.ref.mat[i,1]
    st.idx<-break.ref.mat[i,2]
    sp.idx<-break.ref.mat[i,3]
    plot.mat<-dmat[,st.idx:sp.idx]

    #Pick out the reference obs vec for the plot
    ref.obs.idx<-break.ref.mat[i,4]
    plot.ref.vec<-plot.mat[ref.obs.idx,]
  }
}

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tes.obs.idx<-(1:nrow(dmat))[-ref.obs.idx] #so we know where to insert the results

#Initialize a mat to hold the results for the plot and insert the reference (which doesn't
change)
warped.plot.mat<-array(0,dim(plot.mat))
warped.plot.mat[ref.obs.idx,<-plot.ref.vec

#Drop the ref vec from the plot mat and loop over the remaining columns
plot.mat<-plot.mat[-ref.obs.idx,]
for(j in 1:nrow(plot.mat)) {
  tes.obs.vec<-plot.mat[j,]
  print(paste("Ion plot#",plot.num," Obs#:", tes.obs.idx[j]))

  #Check to make sure tes.obs.vec has peaks. If not, make a zero vec
  if((peak.count(tes.obs.vec)==0)) {
    #No peaks to align => make a zero vec
    warped.tes.obs.vec<-numeric(length(plot.ref.vec))
  } else {
    #Do the dtw if peaks present
    warped.tes.obs.vec<-align.peaks(tes.obs.vec,plot.ref.vec, normQ=F,plotQ,printQ)
  }

  warped.plot.mat[tes.obs.idx[j],] <- warped.tes.obs.vec

  print("=====")
}

warped.group.mat<-cbind(warped.group.mat,warped.plot.mat)

}

return(warped.group.mat)
}

#-----
#Count number of peaks in a vector/signal etc....
#-----
peak.count<-function(profl) {
  num.peak<-length(which(profl!=0))
  return(num.peak)
}

#-----
#Bin the peaks into C-size-categories (boiling point ranges).
#
# **NOTE** Bins are wrt our empirically observed e1618 even
#C-size-categories (i.e. C6,C8,C10,etc.) AND shifted wrt
#OUR INTERNAL STANDADARD!
#
#-----
bin.bp.range<-function(reten.times.wrt.intern.std) {

  C.cat.counts<-hist(reten.times.wrt.intern.std,breaks=C.bins,plot=F)$counts
  names(C.cat.counts)<-C.levels

  return(C.cat.counts)
}

#-----
#Compute contribution of SIC to total area mass of all SICs
#-----
sic.area.mass.contrib<-function(chromatogram.container){
  all.sum.sic.areas<-rep(0,5)
  for(i in 2:6){ #Assumes 5 SICs/chromatogram!
    sic.areas<-as.numeric(chromatogram.container[[i]][,2])
    #print(sic.areas)
    #print(is.na(sic.areas))
    #print("")
  }
}

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        if(length(sic.areas)==1 & (NA %in% sic.areas)) {
            sum.sic.areas<-0
        } else {
            sum.sic.areas<-sum(sic.areas)
        }
        all.sum.sic.areas[i-1]<-sum.sic.areas
    }

    #Contributions are in percentages and sum to 100:
    all.sim.contrib.perc.vec<-(all.sum.sic.areas/sum(all.sum.sic.areas)*100)
    names(all.sim.contrib.perc.vec)<-
c("Alkanes(%)", "Cycloalkanes(%)", "Aromatics(%)", "Napthalenes(%)", "Indanes(%)")

    return(all.sim.contrib.perc.vec)
}

#-----
#Categorize a vector of numbers into custom named
#intervals.
#E.g. for breaks = (0,1,10,87,100) and caregories = N, L, M, H
#breaks vec up into categories (0,1] (1,10], (10,87], (87,100)
#labeled N, L, M, H
#-----
custom.cut<-function(vec, breaks, categories){

    if(length(breaks) == (length(categories) + 1) ) {
        tmp<-cbind(vec, findInterval(vec, breaks))
        categ.mat<-data.frame(tmp, categories[tmp[,2]])

        return(categ.mat)

    } else {
        print("NUMBER OF CATEGORIES MUST BE 1-NUMBER OF BREAKS!")
        stop()
    }
}

#-----
#Try to see if the is an N-alkane pattern in the Alkane SIC
#-----
NAlkane.patternQ<-function(sic.mat, rt.tol, pk.hgh.tol.percent, num.nalk.peaks.tol) {

    #Get the height of the tallest peak in the alkane SIC.
    #It should be an N-alkane peak and other N-alkane peaks should
    #be at least ~pk.hgh.tol.percent*tallest.peak.hgh as tall:
    tallest.peak.hgh<-max(sic.mat[,2])
    #print(paste("Peak must be at least this high:", pk.hgh.tol.percent*tallest.peak.hgh/100, "to
count!"))

    #Loop over the positions of the E1618 N-alkanes:
    found.peak.info.mat<-NULL
    for(i in 1:length(C.bins[-c(1,17)])) {

        Cn.ref.peak<-C.bins[-c(1,17)][i]
        Cn.ref.peak.name<-C.levels[-c(16)][i]
        intevl <- (Cn.ref.peak + c(-rt.tol, rt.tol))

        #Look to see if any of the SIC alkane peaks are in the interval around the refererence peak:
        ind.vec<-sapply(1:length(sic.mat[,3]), function(x) {sic.mat[x,3] >= intevl[1] & sic.mat[x,3] <=
intevl[2] })
        check.these.peak.idx<-which(ind.vec==T)

        if(length(check.these.peak.idx)>0) {

            tallest.peak.in.interv <- max(sic.mat[check.these.peak.idx,2])
            tallest.peak.in.interv.idx <-
which(sic.mat[check.these.peak.idx,2]==tallest.peak.in.interv)
            tallest.peak.in.interv.rt <- sic.mat[check.these.peak.idx,3][tallest.peak.in.interv.idx]

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    good.peakQ<-(tallest.peak.in.interv >= pk.hgh.tol.percent*tallest.peak.hgh/100)

    if(good.peakQ==TRUE) {
      found.peak.info.mat<-rbind(found.peak.info.mat, data.frame(tallest.peak.in.interv,
tallest.peak.in.interv.rt, Cn.ref.peak.name,Cn.ref.peak))
    }

  }

}

#Process any possible peaks of an N-alkane pattern a little more:
enough.peaksQ<-FALSE      #Initialize these to FALSE in case no peak were found
hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ<-FALSE #and we don't make it into the if statement below
if(!is.null(found.peak.info.mat)){

  colnames(found.peak.info.mat)<-c("Peak Height","(Shifted) R.T.", "C-N", "Ref R.T.")
  rownames(found.peak.info.mat)<-NULL

  #See if we found more than one lucky peak:
  if(nrow(found.peak.info.mat)>=num.nalk.peaks.tol){
    enough.peaksQ <- TRUE
  } else {
    enough.peaksQ <- FALSE
  }
  #Check to see that the tallest peak in the alkane SIC is in the set of peaks we found.
  if(tallest.peak.hgh %in% found.peak.info.mat[,1]) {
    hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ<-TRUE
  } else {
    hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ<-FALSE
  }

}

#print(found.peak.info.mat)

#T is yes, there is a detected N-alkane pattern, F is otherwise:
passQ <- (enough.peaksQ & hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ)

return(passQ)
}

#-----
#See if there is hash and trash in the Alkanes SIC
#This should work for any SIC however since it just counts peaks
#-----
hash.and.trashQ<-function(alk.mat,num.peaks.tol) {

  #Should we remove peaks we think are Cn-s first??

  num.peaks<-nrow(alk.mat)
  if(num.peaks>num.peaks.tol){
    hnt<-TRUE
  } else {
    hnt<-FALSE
  }

  return(hnt)

}

#-----
#
#-----
make.fv<-function(chromatogram, percent.breaks, break.categories){

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    fv1<-as.character(custom.cut(sic.area.mass.contrib(chromatogram), percent.breaks,
break.categories)[,3])

    #Examine the Alkanes for patterns:
    if((fv1[1]=="High") | (fv1[1]=="Med") | (fv1[1]=="Low") ) { #Look first to see if there is an
Alkane SIC

        alkanes.sic <- chromatogram[[2]]

        #Check for an N-alkane pattern:
        nalk.patternQ <- NAlkane.patternQ(alkanes.sic, rt.tol=0.18, pk.hgh.tol.percent=1,
num.nalk.peaks.tol=3)
        #If an N-alkane pattern is detected check for hash and trash:
        if(nalk.patternQ == TRUE) {
            hash.trashQ <- hash.and.trashQ(alkanes.sic,num.peaks.tol=6)
        } else { #If there are Alkanes but no N-alkane pattern, don't call peaks hash and trash
            hash.trashQ <- FALSE
        }

    } else { #If no Alkane SIC in chromatogram => set nalk.patternQ to FALSE
        nalk.patternQ <- FALSE
        hash.trashQ <- FALSE
    }

    #dat<-data.frame(NalkQ.vec,htQ.vec, dat)
    fv2 <- data.frame(nalk.patternQ, hash.trashQ, fv1[1], fv1[2], fv1[3], fv1[4], fv1[5])
    colnames(fv2)<-c("Nalk","Hash","Alk","Cyclo","Aro","Nap","Ind")

    return(fv2)
}

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process.chromatograms.utils.R: Utility/helper functions for the routines above.

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#-----
#Plot our E1618 codification over a chromatogram.
#plot.mat may be a TIC or any SIC
#-----
overlay.e1618.reference<-function(plot.mat) {

  if(names(dev.cur())=="null device") {
    #print("IM HERE!")
    dev.new()
  }
  dev.off() #Shut off the screen if it was being used and had been parsed.

  rt.lims<-c(min(c(C.bins[c(-1,-17)],plot.mat[,3])), max(c(C.bins[c(-1,-17)],plot.mat[,3])))
  #Set to 10% higher than highest peak in the chromatogram:
  ab.lims<-c(0,max(plot.mat[,2])+(0.1*max(plot.mat[,2])))

  plot(C.bins[c(-1,-17)], rep(ab.lims[2],15), xlim=rt.lims, ylim=ab.lims, col="green", lwd=3,
  typ="h",ylab="",xlab="")
  text(C.bins[c(-1,-17)], rep(ab.lims[2],15), labels=C.levels[-16])
  par(new=T)
  plot(plot.mat[,3], plot.mat[,2],typ="h",xlim=rt.lims, ylim=ab.lims)

}

#-----
#Plot our E1618 codification over a chromatogram.
#plot.mat may be a TIC or any SIC
#-----
overlay.e1618.reference2<-function(plot.mat, overlayQ=TRUE) {

  if(names(dev.cur())=="null device") {
    #print("IM HERE!")
    dev.new()
  }
  dev.off() #Shut off the screen if it was being used and had been parsed.

  rt.lims<-c(min(c(C.bins[c(-1,-17)],plot.mat[,3])), max(c(C.bins[c(-1,-17)],plot.mat[,3])))
  #Set to 10% higher than highest peak in the chromatogram:
  ab.lims<-c(0,max(plot.mat[,2])+(0.1*max(plot.mat[,2])))

  plot(plot.mat[,3], plot.mat[,2],typ="h",xlim=rt.lims, ylim=ab.lims, ylab="Normalized Area",
  xlab="Shifted R.T. (min)")
  if(overlayQ==TRUE){
    par(new=T)
    plot(C.bins[c(-1,-17)], rep(ab.lims[2],15), xlim=rt.lims, ylim=ab.lims, col="green", lwd=3,
  typ="h",ylab="",xlab="")
    text(C.bins[c(-1,-17)], rep(ab.lims[2],15), labels=C.levels[-16])
  }

}

#-----
#Compute contribution of SIC to total area mass of all SICs
#-----
Cn.area.mass.contrib<-function(chromatogram.container){
  #all.sum.sic.areas<-rep(0,5)
  #Loop over SICs calculating each Cn's mass contribution as a percentage
  #within the SIC and over the totality of the SICs:
  sic.Cn.mass.contribs<-array(NA,c(5,length(C.levels))) #Assumes 5 SICs/chromatogram!
  for(i in 2:6){ #Assumes 5 SICs/chromatogram!

    sic.shifted.rt<-chromatogram.container[[i]][,3] #Shifted retention times for a SIC
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    sic.peak.hgths<-chromatogram.container[[i]][,2] #Peak heights for a SIC
    sic.Cn.counts<-bin.bp.range(sic.shifted.rt)

    sic.Cn.info.mat<-data.frame(sic.shifted.rt, sic.peak.hgths, cut(sic.shifted.rt,C.bins),
C.levels[as.numeric(cut(sic.shifted.rt,C.bins))])
    sic.Cn.mass.contribs[i-1,]<-
sapply(1:length(C.levels),function(x){sum(sic.Cn.info.mat[which(sic.Cn.info.mat[,4]==C.levels[x])
,2])})
    #print(sic.Cn.info.mat)
    #print(tmp)
    #print("")
  }
  colnames(sic.Cn.mass.contribs)<-C.levels
  rownames(sic.Cn.mass.contribs)<-c("Alkanes","Cycloalkanes","Aromatics","Naphthalenes","Indanes")
  #print(sic.Cn.mass.contribs)
  #print(rowSums(sic.Cn.mass.contribs))
  #print(sic.Cn.mass.contribs/rowSums(sic.Cn.mass.contribs) * 100)
  within.sic.percent.contribs<-(sic.Cn.mass.contribs/rowSums(sic.Cn.mass.contribs) * 100)
  #print(is.nan(within.sic.percent.contribs))
  within.sic.percent.contribs[which(is.nan(within.sic.percent.contribs)==TRUE,arr.ind=TRUE)]<-0
  #print(within.sic.percent.contribs)

  totalCn.percent.contribs<-(colSums(sic.Cn.mass.contribs)/sum(sic.Cn.mass.contribs) *100)
  #print(totalCn.percent.contribs)

  Cn.mass.percent.contrib.info.list<-list(within.sic.percent.contribs,totalCn.percent.contribs)
  names(Cn.mass.percent.contrib.info.list)<-c("Cn mass %-contrib by SIC", "Cn mass %-contrib
across SICs")

  #Now determine Cn mass %-contribs for whole chromatogrms
  shifted.rt<-chromatogram.container[[1]][,3] #Shifted retention times for chromatogram
  peak.hgths<-chromatogram.container[[1]][,2] #Peak heights for chromatogram
  Cn.counts<-bin.bp.range(shifted.rt)

  Cn.info.mat<-data.frame(shifted.rt, peak.hgths, cut(shifted.rt,C.bins),
C.levels[as.numeric(cut(shifted.rt,C.bins))])
  total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom<-
sapply(1:length(C.levels),function(x){sum(Cn.info.mat[which(Cn.info.mat[,4]==C.levels[x]),2])})
  names(total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom)<-C.levels
  #print(Cn.info.mat)
  #print(total.Cn.mass.contribs)
  total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom.perc<-
(total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom/sum(total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom) *100)
  #print(total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom.perc)
  #print(sum(total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom.perc))

  Cn.mass.percent.contrib.info.list<-list(within.sic.percent.contribs,totalCn.percent.contribs,
total.Cn.mass.contribs.whole.chrom.perc)
  names(Cn.mass.percent.contrib.info.list)<-c("Cn mass %-contrib by SIC", "Cn mass %-contrib
across SICs", "Total Cn mass %-contrib in chromatogram")

  return(Cn.mass.percent.contrib.info.list)
}

#-----
#Classify Chromatogram as Light, Medium or Heavy
#light, most mass between C4-C9
#medium, most mass between C8-C13
#heavy, most mass between C9-C20+
#-----
classify.mass<-function(mass.percent.contrib.vec, printQ=FALSE){

  c4c9<-sum(mass.percent.contrib.vec[1:4])
  c8c13<-sum(mass.percent.contrib.vec[3:8])
  c9c20p<-sum(mass.percent.contrib.vec[4:16])

  c14c20p<-sum(mass.percent.contrib.vec[9:16]) #Clarify if really is heavy, or is there just a
little bit of mass past C13

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c15c20p<-sum(mass.percent.contrib.vec[10:16]) #Helps to see if it's a weathered

mass.class<-"NULL"
weathered.indic<-"No"

if(printQ==TRUE){
  print(paste("C4-C9 %-mass:",c4c9))
  print(paste("C8-C13 %-mass:",c8c13))
  print(paste("C9-C20+ %-mass:",c9c20p))
}

idx.most<-which(c(c4c9,c8c13,c9c20p)==max(c(c4c9,c8c13,c9c20p)))[1] #Pick the first if there
are ties
if(idx.most==1){
  mass.class<-"Light"
}
if(idx.most==2){
  mass.class<-"Medium"
}
# if(idx.most==3){
#   mass.class<-"Heavy"
# }
if(idx.most==3 & c14c20p>=5){
  mass.class<-"Heavy"
}
if(idx.most==3 & c14c20p<5){ #Define a "little bit of mass past C13 as <12%
  mass.class<-"Medium"
}

if(c4c9==0 & c8c13==0 & c15c20p>0){
  weathered.indic<-"May be weathered"
}

mass.info.vec <- c(mass.class,weathered.indic)
names(mass.info.vec)<-c("Mass Class","Weathered?")

return(mass.info.vec)
}

#-----
#Test for an N-alkane pattern in a set of peaks
#-----
NAlkane.patternQ<-function(sic.mat, rt.tol, pk.hgh.tol.percent, num.nalk.peaks.tol) {

  #Get the height of the tallest peak in the alkane SIC.
  #It should be an N-alkane peak and other N-alkane peaks should
  #be at least ~pk.hgh.tol.percent*tallest.peak.hgh as tall:
  tallest.peak.hgh<-max(sic.mat[,2])
  #print(paste("Peak must be at least this high:", pk.hgh.tol.percent*tallest.peak.hgh/100, "to
count!"))

  #Loop over the positions of the E1618 N-alkanes:
  found.peak.info.mat<-NULL
  for(i in 1:length(C.bins[-c(1,17)])) {

    Cn.ref.peak<-C.bins[-c(1,17)][i]
    Cn.ref.peak.name<-C.levels[-c(16)][i]
    intevl <- (Cn.ref.peak + c(-rt.tol, rt.tol))

    #Look to see if any of the SIC alkane peaks are in the interval around the refererence peak:
    ind.vec<-sapply(1:length(sic.mat[,3]),function(x){sic.mat[x,3] >= intevl[1] & sic.mat[x,3] <=
intevl[2] })
    check.these.peak.idx<-which(ind.vec==T)

    if(length(check.these.peak.idx)>0) {

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    tallest.peak.in.interv <- max(sic.mat[check.these.peak.idxs,2])
    tallest.peak.in.interv.idx <-
which(sic.mat[check.these.peak.idxs,2]==tallest.peak.in.interv)
    tallest.peak.in.interv.rt <- sic.mat[check.these.peak.idxs,3][tallest.peak.in.interv.idx]

    good.peakQ<-(tallest.peak.in.interv >= pk.hgh.tol.percent*tallest.peak.hgh/100)

    if(good.peakQ==TRUE) {
      found.peak.info.mat<-rbind(found.peak.info.mat, data.frame(tallest.peak.in.interv,
tallest.peak.in.interv.rt, Cn.ref.peak.name,Cn.ref.peak))
    }

  }

}

#Process any possible peaks of an N-alkane pattern a little more:
enough.peaksQ<-FALSE #Initialize these to FALSE in case no peak were found
hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ<-FALSE #and we don't make it into the if statement below
if(!is.null(found.peak.info.mat)){

  colnames(found.peak.info.mat)<-c("Peak Height","(Shifted) R.T.", "C-N", "Ref R.T.")
  rownames(found.peak.info.mat)<-NULL

  #See if we found more than one lucky peak:
  if(nrow(found.peak.info.mat)>=num.nalk.peaks.tol){
    enough.peaksQ <- TRUE
  } else {
    enough.peaksQ <- FALSE
  }
  #Check to see that the tallest peak in the alkane SIC is in the set of peaks we found.
  if(tallest.peak.hgh %in% found.peak.info.mat[,1]) {
    hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ<-TRUE
  } else {
    hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ<-FALSE
  }

}

#print(found.peak.info.mat)

#T is yes, there is a detected N-alkane pattern, F is otherwise:
passQ <- (enough.peaksQ & hgh.peak.in.found.peaksQ)

return(passQ)
}

```

categorize_chromatograms.R: Functions and wrappers for the fitting/application of Bayes nets and Markov random fields to the category feature vectors derived from the chromatogram data.

```

#-----
#Categorize a chromatogram with a supplied Bayes Net
#-----
categorize.chromatogram<-function(supplied.bn, explanitory.observations, plotQ=FALSE){

  bn.with.ev <- setFinding(supplied.bn, nodes=names(explanitory.observations),
states=explanitory.observations)
  pred.probs<-querygrain(bn.with.ev,nodes=c("Class"), type="conditional")

  if(plotQ==TRUE){
    #plot(1:length(names(pred.probs)),pred.probs*100,
    typ="h",xaxt="n",xlab="",ylab="Pr(%)",main="E1618 Class Probabilities",lwd=6)

    plot(1:length(names(pred.probs)),pred.probs*100,typ="h",xaxt="n",xlab="",ylab="Pr(%)",main="E1618
    Class Probabilities",lwd=6)
    #axis(1, at=1:length(names(pred.probs)),labels=names(pred.probs), col.axis="red", las=2)
    axis(1, at=1:length(names(pred.probs)),labels=FALSE, las=2)
  }
}

```



```

    text(1:length(names(pred.probs)),rep(-6,length(names(pred.probs))), labels =
names(pred.probs), srt = 20, xpd = T, cex=1.2 ,col="red")
  }

  return(pred.probs)
}

#-----
#Classify an input chromatogram according the E1618
#scheme
#-----
E1618.class.chromatogram<-function(supplied.bn, formatted.chromatogram, mass.class.type="all",
percent.breaks, break.categories, plotQ=FALSE, printQ=FALSE){

  #Make the chromatogram into a feature vector:
  feature.vector<-make.fv(formatted.chromatogram, percent.breaks, break.categories)

  #Use the supplied bayes net of MRF to find E1618 class probs for the chromatogram:
  e1618.categ.prob.vec <- categorize.chromatogram(supplied.bn, feature.vector, plotQ)*100

  #Classify the mass distribution:
  if(mass.class.type=="all"){ #Use whole chromatogram to classify the mass distribution
    mass.vec<-Cn.area.mass.contrib(formatted.chromatogram)[[3]]
  }
  if(mass.class.type=="EIC"){ #Only use the extracted ion chromatograms to classify the mass
    mass.vec<-Cn.area.mass.contrib(formatted.chromatogram)[[2]]
  }

  mass.info<-classify.mass(mass.vec,printQ)

  return(list(mass.info,e1618.categ.prob.vec))
}

```

bn.performance.utils.R: Function to asses the performance of a Bayes net or Markov random field on a set of categorized chromatogram feature vectors. The core of the algorithm is hold-one-out cross-validation.

```

#-----
#Run performance metrics on category feature
#vector matrix, on a fit Bayes net or Markov
#random field
#-----
e1618.bn.performance.iter <- function(dmat, bn.fit) {

  e1618.classes<-levels(dmat[,ncol(dmat)])

  performance.mat<-as.data.frame(array(NA,c(length(e1618.classes), 5 )))

  colnames(performance.mat)<-c("Class","First.Choice(%)","Top2(%)","Top3(%)","Not.In.Top3(%)")

  for(class.idx in 1:length(e1618.classes)) {
    cls<-e1618.classes[class.idx]

    class.idx<-which(dmat[,ncol(dmat)]==cls) #These should be obs indices in a class!!!!!!
    print(class.idx)

    score.mat<-array(0,c(length(class.idx),9))
    colnames(score.mat)<-c("idx","Aromatic","Gasoline","Isoparaffinic","Misc","N-Alkane","Nap-
Par","Oxygenated","PD")
    top3.class.names.mat<-array("x",c(length(class.idx),3))
    #print(head(top3.class.names.mat))
    top3.class.probs.mat<-array(0,c(length(class.idx),3))

    for(i in 1:length(class.idx)){

```

```

    idx<-class.idxs[i]
    #chro.idx<-as.numeric(rownames(dat2[idx,])) #Correct the index for ilrc DB accounting for
dropped (bad) chromatograms
    #print(paste("Chromatogram#:",chro.idx,"Class:",dat2[idx,ncol(dat2)], ". And
again:",chro.info[chro.idx,4]))

    expl.vars<-dmat[idx,-ncol(dmat)] #Drop the labels
    #plot.gc.info2(ilrc.container[[chro.idx]], chro.info[chro.idx,2], chro.info[chro.idx,4],
axis.typ="shifted")
    #score.vec<-c(idx,round(categorize.chromatogram(bn.fit, expl.vars, plotQ=FALSE)*100,3))
    #print(score.vec)
    #score.mat<-rbind(score.mat,score.vec)
    score.mat[i,<-c(idx,round(categorize.chromatogram(bn.fit, expl.vars, plotQ=FALSE)*100,3))
    #print("")

    sv<-score.mat[i,-1]
    top3.vec<-sv[order(sv,decreasing=T)][1:3]
    #print(top3.vec)
    nmes<-names(top3.vec)
    probs<-as.numeric(top3.vec)

    #top3.class.names.mat<-rbind(top3.class.names.mat,nmes)
    #print(nmes)
    top3.class.names.mat[i,<-nmes
    #top3.class.probs.mat<-rbind(top3.class.probs.mat,probs)
    top3.class.probs.mat[i,<-probs
  }
  #score.mat
  #top3.class.names.mat
  #top3.class.probs.mat

  num1<-sum(top3.class.names.mat[,1]==cls)
  num2<-sum(top3.class.names.mat[,2]==cls)
  num3<-sum(top3.class.names.mat[,3]==cls)
  #
  first.choice.perc<-round(num1/nrow(top3.class.names.mat)*100,3)          %%
First choice
  top.two.perc<-round((num1+num2)/nrow(top3.class.names.mat)*100,3)        %% Top
2
  top.three.perc<-round((num1+num2+num3)/nrow(top3.class.names.mat)*100,3)  %% Top
3
  not.in.top.three.perc<-round(100-((num1+num2+num3)/nrow(top3.class.names.mat)*100),3) %% Not
in top 3
  performance.vec<-data.frame(as.character(cls), first.choice.perc, top.two.perc,
top.three.perc, not.in.top.three.perc)
  #print(performance.vec)
  performance.mat[class.idxxxx,<-performance.vec
}

  return(list(performance.mat,top3.class.names.mat,top3.class.probs.mat))
}

```

gui_utils.R: Functions to implement a graphical user interface (GUI) for displaying the chromatogram data and using a fit Bayes net or Markov random field to estimate E1618 class membership beliefs.

```

require(gWidgets)
options(guiToolkit="RGtk2")
#require(gWidgets2)
require(gWidgetsRGtk2) #For some reason ggraphics() is throwing an error from
gWidget2RGtk2..... Be aware. Probably will be fixes in an updated version of the package
#Substituting gWidgetsRGtk2

```

```

#require(gWidgets2RGtk2)

#NOTE: This version only works with RGtk2 so will be a problem for R>3.0.0!!!!

#-----
#Try to use Verzani's design pattern under gWidgets. Seems more modular
#and modifyable than his manipulate
#Reference: gWidgets Vignette: Examples for gWidgets John Verzani
#http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/gWidgets/vignettes/gWidgets.pdf
#-----
viewer.gui<-function(chromatogram.container){

  #First define the spans of chromatograms/plots we want to look through
  ## set up
  chromatogram.num<- 1:length(chromatogram.container)
  plot.num<- 1:6

  #Handler to update the graphical output
  updatePlot <- function(h,...) {
    plot.mat<-chromatogram.container[[svalue(obs.num)]] [[svalue(plot.num)]]
    plot.nme<-names(chromatogram.container[[svalue(obs.num)]])[svalue(plot.num)]

    if(!is.na(plot.mat)[1]){ #Plot the TIC or EIC (Extracted Ion Chromatogram) if something is
there
      #Span of shifted R.T.s:
      rt.lims<-c(min(c(C.bins[c(-1,-17)],plot.mat[,3])), max(c(C.bins[c(-1,-17)],plot.mat[,3])))
      #Bar (Area) height range with room made for Cn-series lettering:
      ab.lims<-c(0,max(plot.mat[,2])+(0.1*max(plot.mat[,2])))

      #If checkbox is checked for superimposing the Cn-series:
      if(svalue(cb)){
        plot(C.bins[c(-1,-17)], rep(ab.lims[2],15), xlim=rt.lims, ylim=ab.lims, col="green",
lwd=3, typ="h",ylab="",xlab="")
        text(C.bins[c(-1,-17)], rep(ab.lims[2],15), labels=C.levels[-16])
        par(new=T) #A necessary jerry-rig to get the green bars to plot under the chromatogram
AND the chromatogram to plot w/o the green lines too
      }
      #Plot the selected chromatogram:
      plot(plot.mat[,3], plot.mat[,2],typ="h",xlim=rt.lims, ylim=ab.lims, xlab="Shifted R.T.",
ylab="Normalized Area", main=paste("Plot#:",svalue(plot.num)," ",plot.nme))

    } else {
      #If nothing is in the plot (i.e. no ions, or a (mistaken) absence of a TIC plot this:
      plot(c(0,1),c(1,1),typ="l",axes=F,xlab="",ylab="",main=paste("No
plot#:",svalue(plot.num),plot.nme))
    }
  }

  #Handler for generating class probs:
  #Perhaps later add these in as combo-boxes:
  percent.breaks <- c(0,1,10,30,101)
  break.categories <- c("None","Low","Med","High")

  genPred<-function(h, ...){

    feat.vec<-make.fv(chromatogram.container[[svalue(obs.num)]] , percent.breaks=percent.breaks,
break.categories = break.categories)
    print(feat.vec)

    #tmph<-gggraphics(cont=BigGroup2,dpi=20)
    #visible(tmph)<-T
    pred.categ.probs<-round(categorize.chromatogram(bn.aic, feat.vec, plotQ=T)*100,3)
    print(pred.categ.probs)

    #ggl<-gggraphics(cont=notebook, expand = TRUE, label="XXXX")
    #chartSeries(get(symbol),subset="last 2 months", name="Trends")
    #junk2<-round(categorize.chromatogram(bn.aic, fv2, plotQ=TRUE)*100,3)
    #visible(ggl) <- T

```

```

    } #end genPred handler

#Define the widgets:
#For Tab 1:
obs.num <- gcombobox(chromatogram.num, handler=updatePlot)
plot.num <- gcombobox(plot.num, handler=updatePlot)
cb <- gcheckbox(text="Overlay Cn",checked=FALSE,handler=updatePlot)
refr <- gbutton(text="Refresh", handler=updatePlot)
#For Tab 2:
pred.net <- gbutton(text="Pred Probs", handler=genPred)

#The layout:
window <- gwindow("E1618 Classifier GUI", visible=F)
#notebook <- gnotebook(cont = window)

#Tab 1: The chromatogram plots
BigGroup <- ggroup(cont=window, label="Chromatograms")
#BigGroup <- ggroup(cont=notebook, label="Chromatograms")
group <- ggroup(horizontal=FALSE, container=BigGroup)
tmp <- gframe("Chro Num:", container=group)
add(tmp, obs.num)

tmp <- gframe("Plot num:", container=group)
add(tmp,plot.num)
tmp <- gframe("Overlay Cn?", container=group)
add(tmp,cb)
tmp <- gframe("Refresh Plot?", container=group)
add(tmp,refr)

tmp <- gframe("Predict", container=group)
add(tmp, pred.net)

tmp<-ggraphics(cont=BigGroup)
visible(tmp)<-T
#add(BigGroup, tmp)

#Tab 2: The predictions
#BigGroup2 <- ggroup(cont=notebook, label="Predictions")
#group2 <- ggroup(horizontal=FALSE, container=BigGroup2)
#tmp <- gframe("Predict", container=group2)
#add(tmp, pred.net)

#??glayout, glabel
#group3 <- ggroup(horizontal=FALSE, container=BigGroup2)
#addSpring(group3)
#tmp <- glabel("HERE", container=group3)

#tmp2<-ggraphics(cont=BigGroup2)
#visible(tmp2)<-T
#add(BigGroup2, ggraphics())

#svalue(notebook)<-2
visible(window)<-T
}

```

Appendix 2: Expert system results for unknown samples

Table A-1: Challenge Samples Results

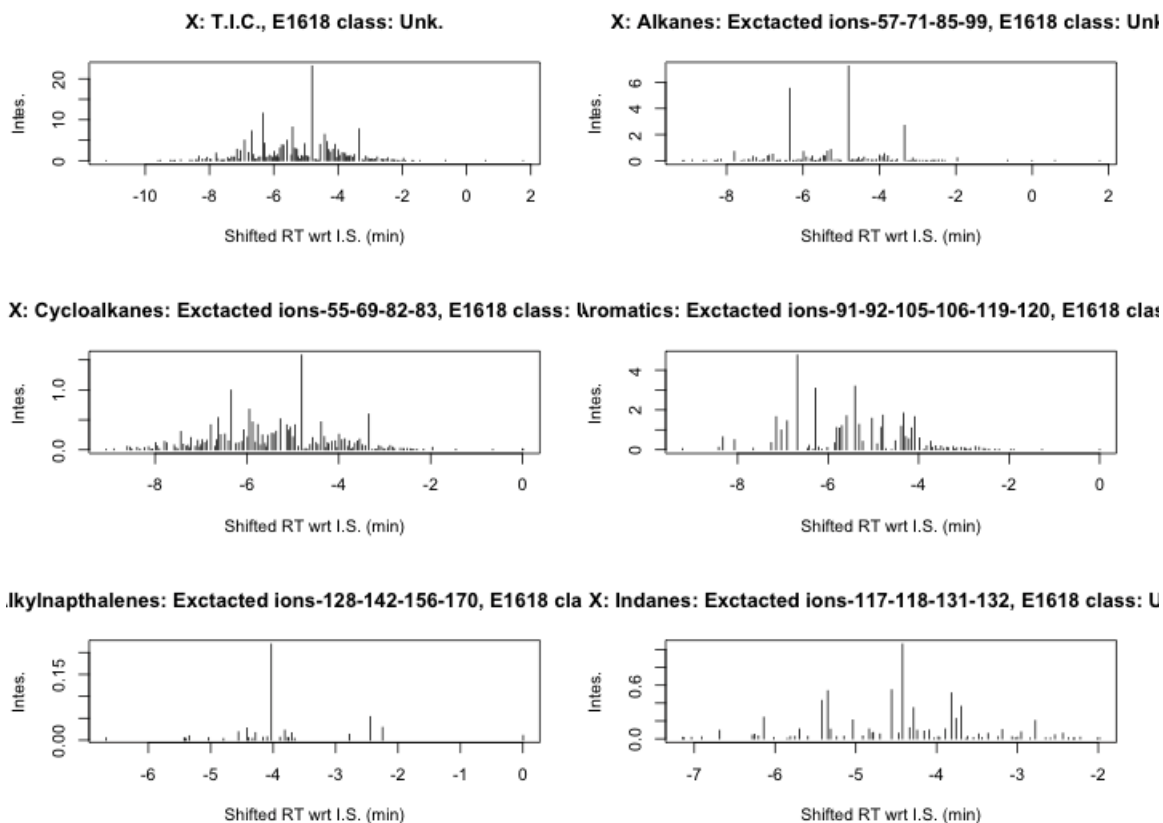
Substrate burned to 50% mass, then spiked with Ignitable Liquid				
File Name	Ignitable Liquid	Class	Substrate	Expert System ID (top 3)
Blc 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	blue carpet	MOxy, MPD
Blc 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	MOxy	blue carpet	Cannot ID
Blc 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	blue carpet	MOxy, MPD
Blc Blk	unburned blank		blue carpet	Cannot ID
Blc E85	E85	Gasoline	blue carpet	MOxy, MD
Blc Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	blue carpet	MMisc
Blc Ker	Kerosene	HPD	blue carpet	HPD, HMisc, HOxy
Blc MtdB	burned blank		blue carpet	HMisc, HOxy
Brc 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	brown carpet	MPD, MOxy
Brc 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	MOxy	brown carpet	HOxy, No ID
Brc 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	brown carpet	MOxy, MPD
Brc Blk	unburned blank		brown carpet	Cannot ID
Brc E85	E85	Gasoline	brown carpet	MMisc
Brc Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	brown carpet	MMisc, MPD
Brc Ker	Kerosene	HPD	brown carpet	HPD, HMisc, HOxy
Brc MtdB	burned blank		brown carpet	Cannot ID
	Crown Paint Thinner			MNap-Par, MPD, MOxy

CP 54		MPD	carpet pad	
CP 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxy	carpet pad	Cannot ID
CP 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	carpet pad	MOxy, MPD
CP Blk	unburned blank		carpet pad	Cannot ID
CP E85	E85	Gasoline	carpet pad	MOxy
CP Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	carpet pad	MMisc
CP Ker	Kerosene	HPD	carpet pad	HPD, HMisc, HOxy
CP MtdB	burned blank		carpet pad	Cannot ID
OO 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	old oak	MNap-Par, MOxy, MPD
OO 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate	old oak	HOxy
OO 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	old oak	MPD
OO Blk	unburned blank		old oak	Cannot ID
OO E85	E85	Gasoline	old oak	MMisc
OO Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	old oak	MMisc, MOxy, MPD
OO Ker	Kerosene	HPD	old oak	HPD, HMisc, HOxy
OO MtdB	burned blank		old oak	HPD
PW 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Plywood	MPD, MOxy, MMisc
PW 59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	Oxygenate	Plywood	HOxy
PW 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	Plywood	MMisc
PW Blk	unburned blank		Plywood	Cannot ID

PW E85	E85	Gasoline	Plywood	HOxy
PW Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	Plywood	MMisc
PW Ker	Kerosene	HPD	Plywood	HPD, HMisc, HOxy
PW MtdB	burned blank		Plywood	HOxy
YP 54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Yellow Pine	MMisc, MPD
YP 59	C	Oxygenate	Yellow Pine	Cannot ID
YP 66	Kingsford lighter fluid	MPD	Yellow Pine	MMisc, MOxy
YP Blk	unburned blank		Yellow Pine	MMisc, Gasoline
YP E85	E85	Gasoline	Yellow Pine	MMisc, MOxy
YP Gas	Gasoline	Gasoline	Yellow Pine	MMisc
YP Ker	Kerosene	HPD	Yellow Pine	HPD
YP MtdB	burned blank		Yellow Pine	Cannot ID
	Substrate spiked with IL then ignited			
GasYP	Gasoline	Gasoline	Yellow Pine	MMisc
KerYP	Kerosene	HPD	Yellow Pine	Cannot ID
	IL spiked on unburned substrate			
UBSBL54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Unburned blue carpet	MNap-Par/MOxy, MPD
UBSBL59	Crown Lacquer Thinner	MOxy	Unburned blue carpet	Cannot ID
UBSYP54	Crown Paint Thinner	MPD	Unburned Yellow	MOxy, MPD, MMisc

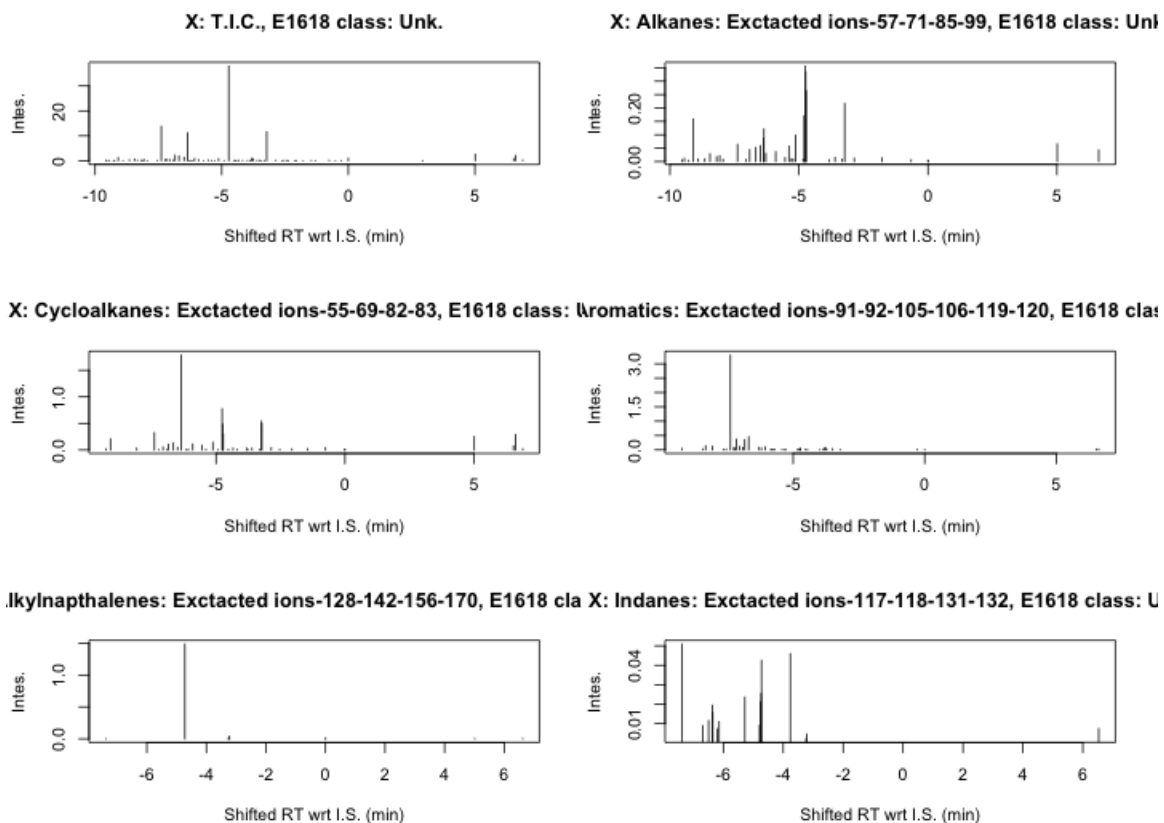
			Pine	
--	--	--	------	--

Unknown #1: 54YP, Crown Paint Thinner on Yellow Pine; MPD class



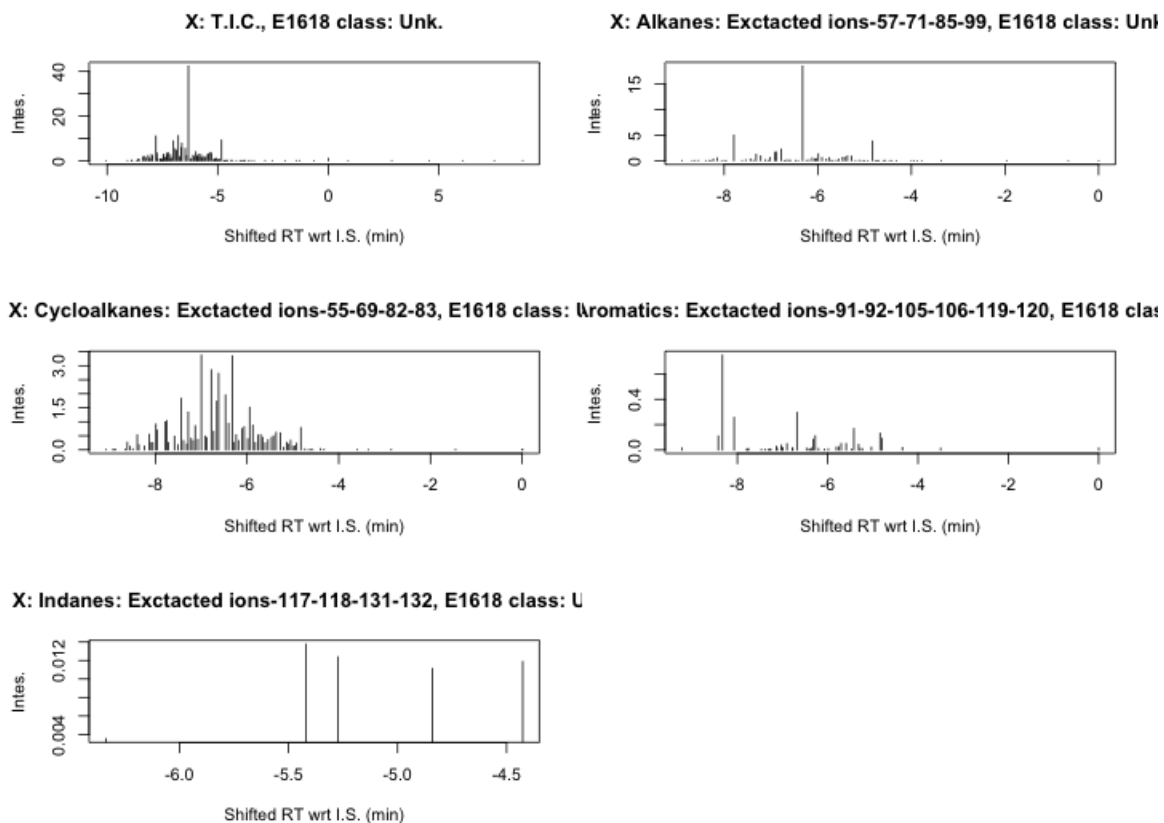
Unknown #	Pred Classes
1	Med Misc
	Med Misc MPD

Unknown 2: 59 YP, Crown Lacquer Thinner on Yellow Pine; Medium MISC



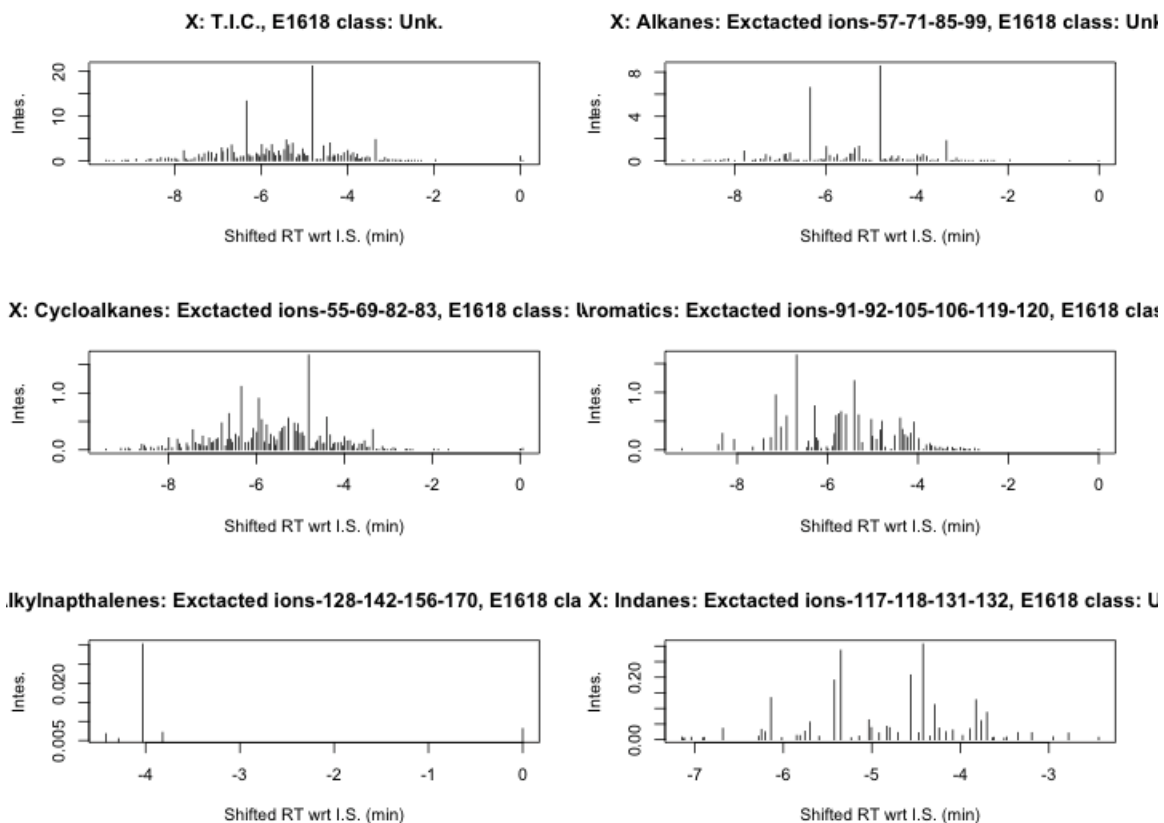
Unknown #	Pred Classes
2	CAN NOT ID

Unknown 3: 66yp, Kingsford Charcoal Lighter on Yellow Pine, MDP



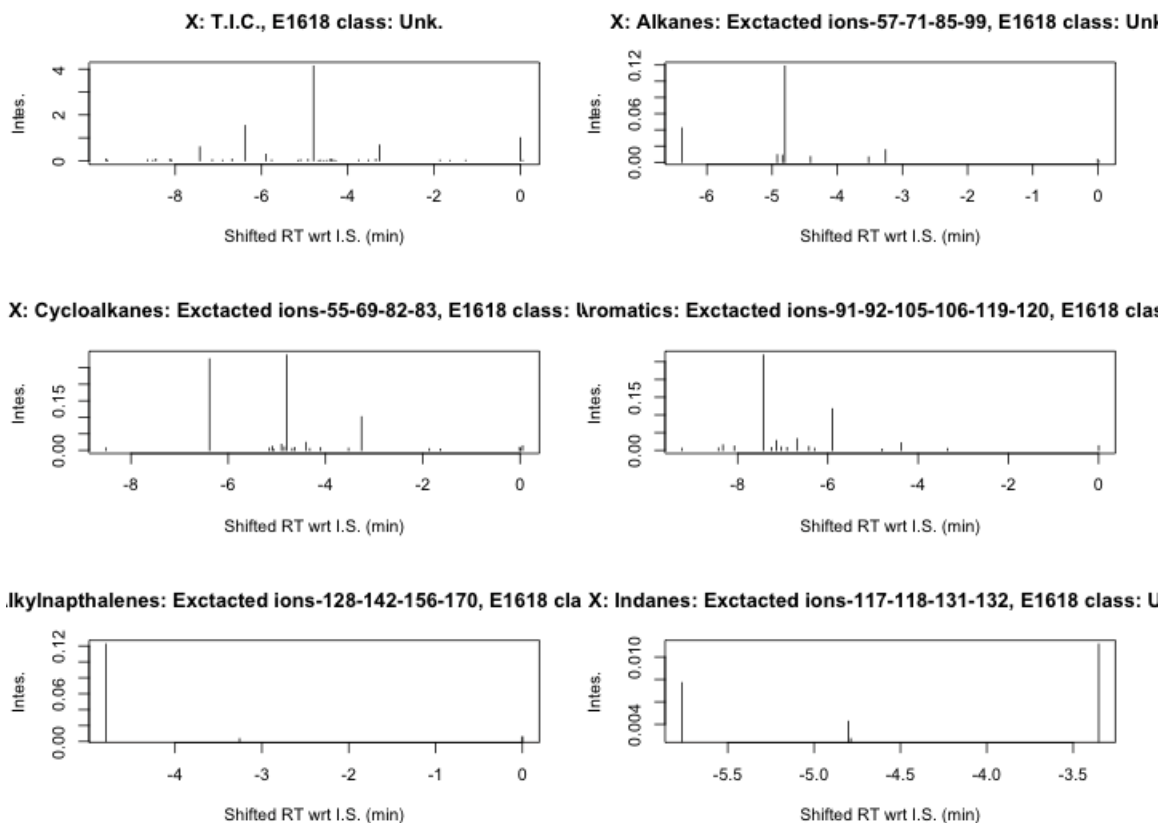
Unknown #	Pred Classes	
3	M Oxy	MPD

Unknown 4: blc54; Crown Paint Thinner on Blue Carpet; MPD



Unknown #	Pred Classes
4	M Oxy MPD

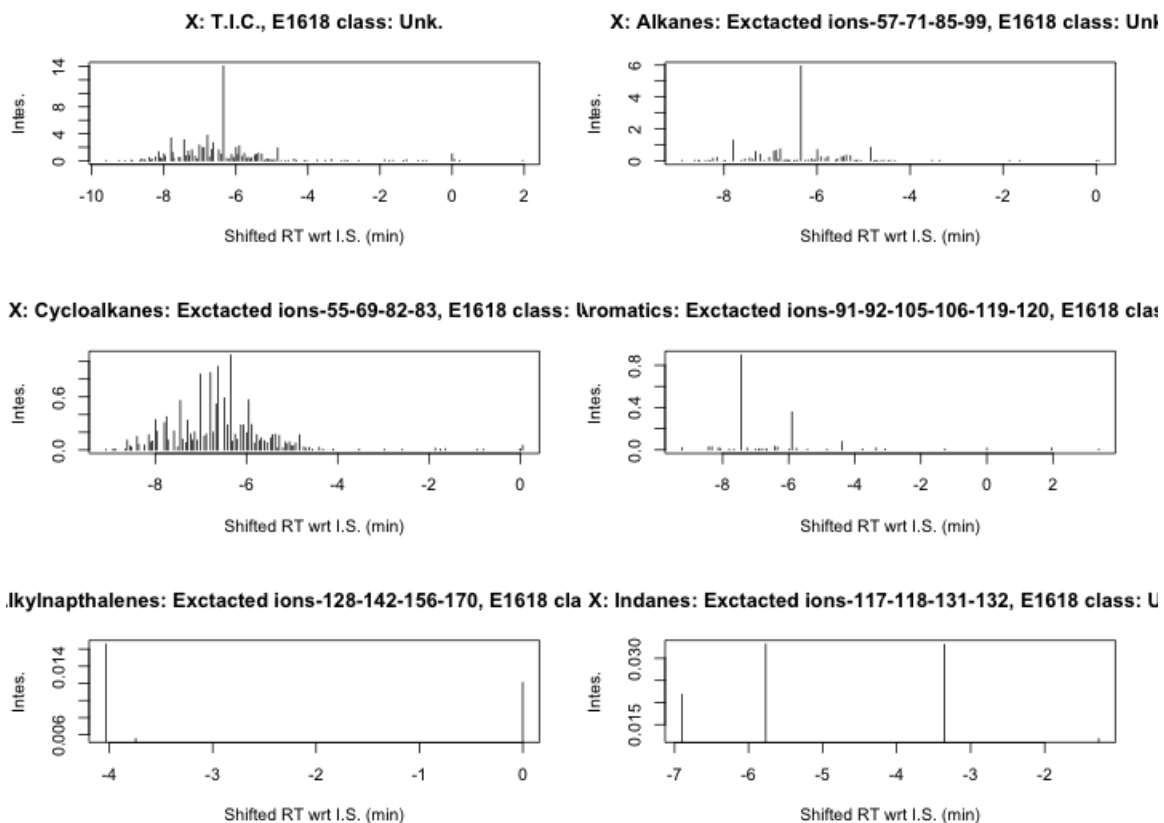
Unknown 5: blc59; Crown Lacquer Thinner on Blue Carpet; Med Misc



Unknown # Pred Classes

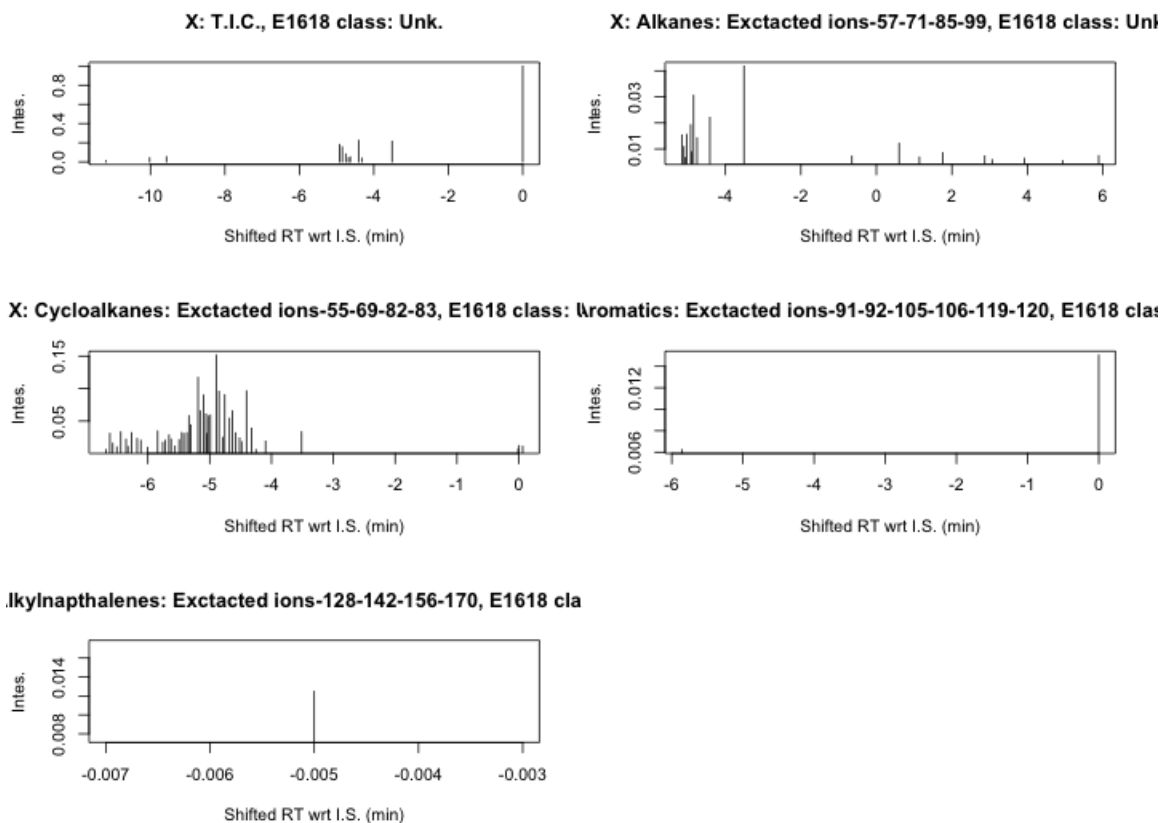
5 CAN NOT ID

Unknown 6: blc66; Kingsford Charcoal Lighter on Blue Carpet, MDP



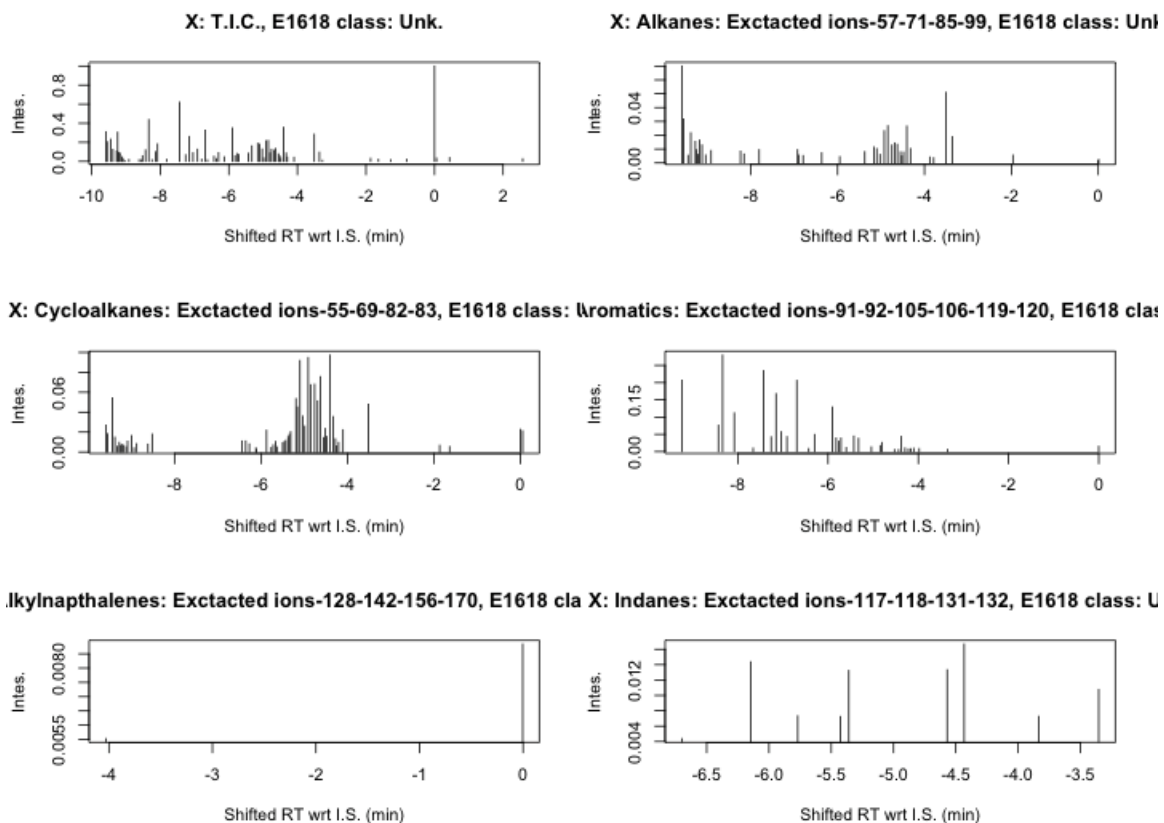
Unknown #	Pred Classes	Human Expert	Notes
6	Med Oxy	MPD	Not picking up possible N-alk pattern at set tol (rt=0.18), but does at rt=0.2.

Unknown 7: blcblk; Blank Sample, Unburned Blue Carpet



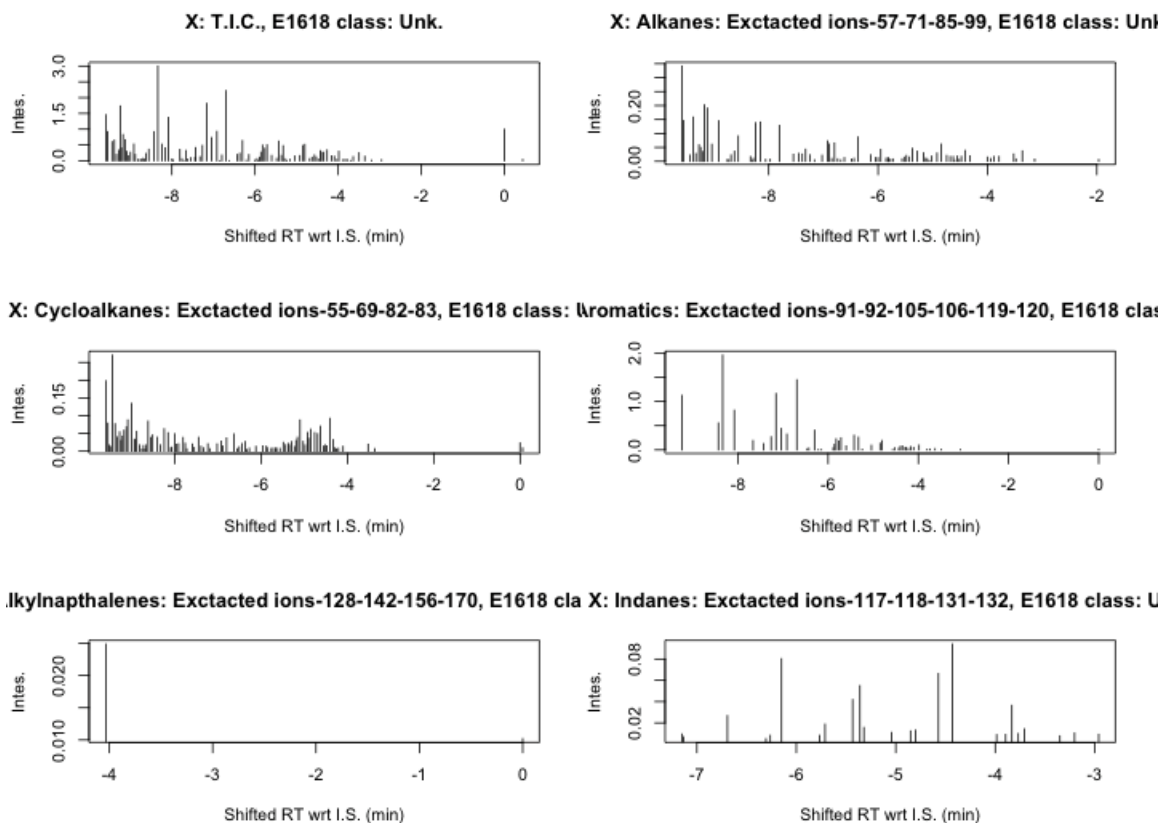
Unknown #	Pred Classes
7	CAN NOT ID

Unknown 8: blce85; E85 Gasoline on Blue Carpet



Unknown #	Pred Classes
8	M Oxy M Misc

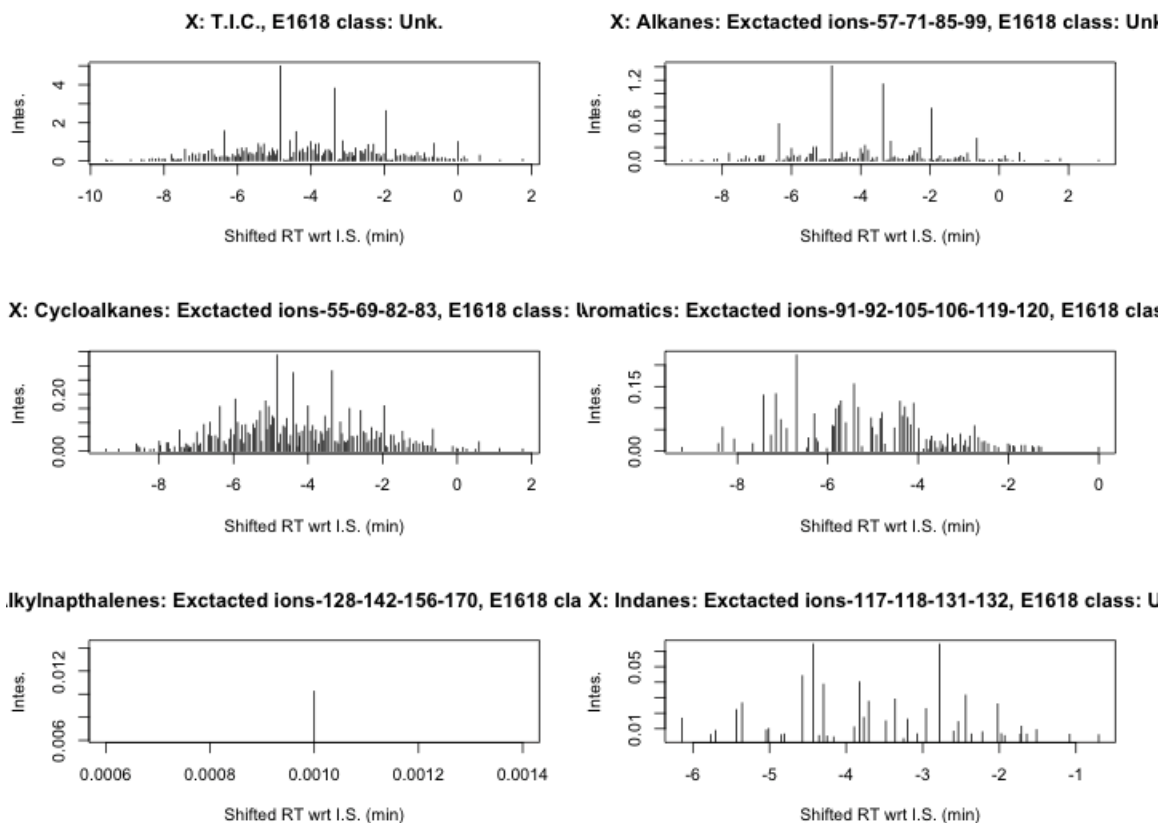
Unknown 9: blcgas; 87 Octane Gasoline on Blue Carpet



Unknown # Pred Classes

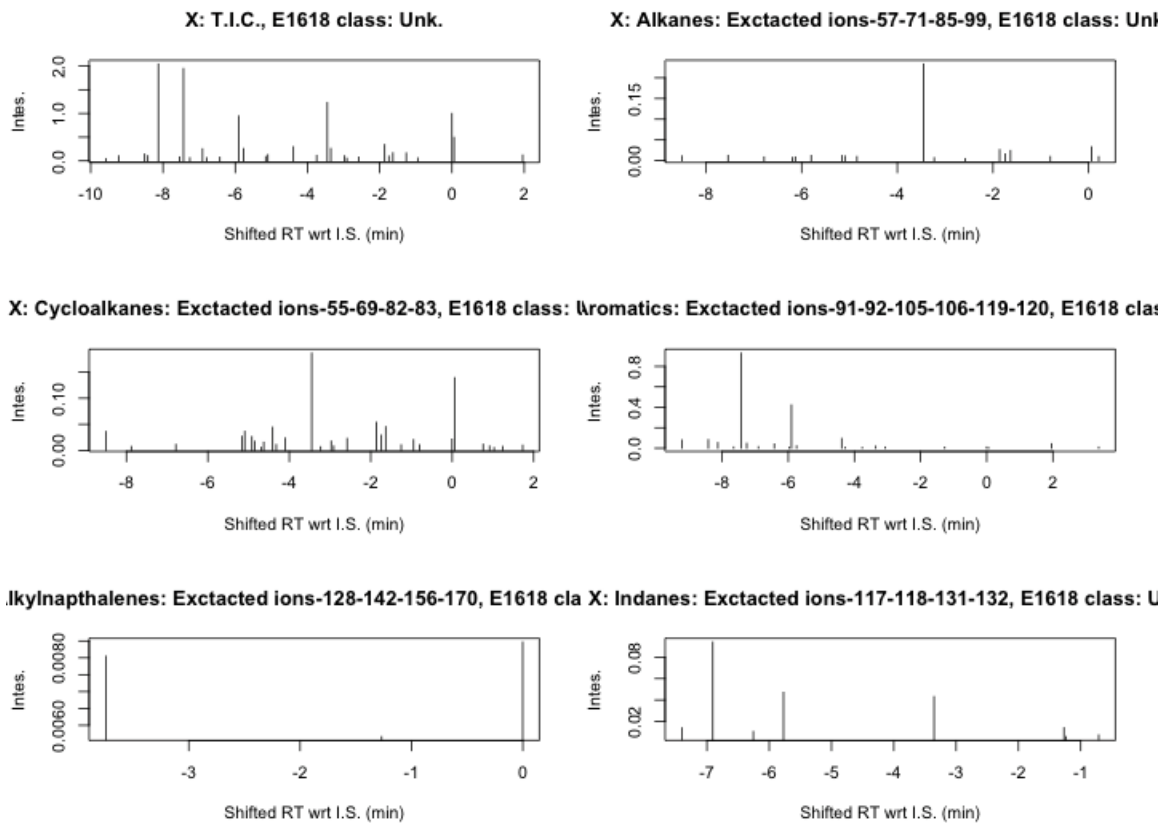
9 M Misc

Unknown 10: blcker; Kerosene on Blue Carpet



Unknown #	Pred Classes		
10	HPD	H Misc	H Oxy

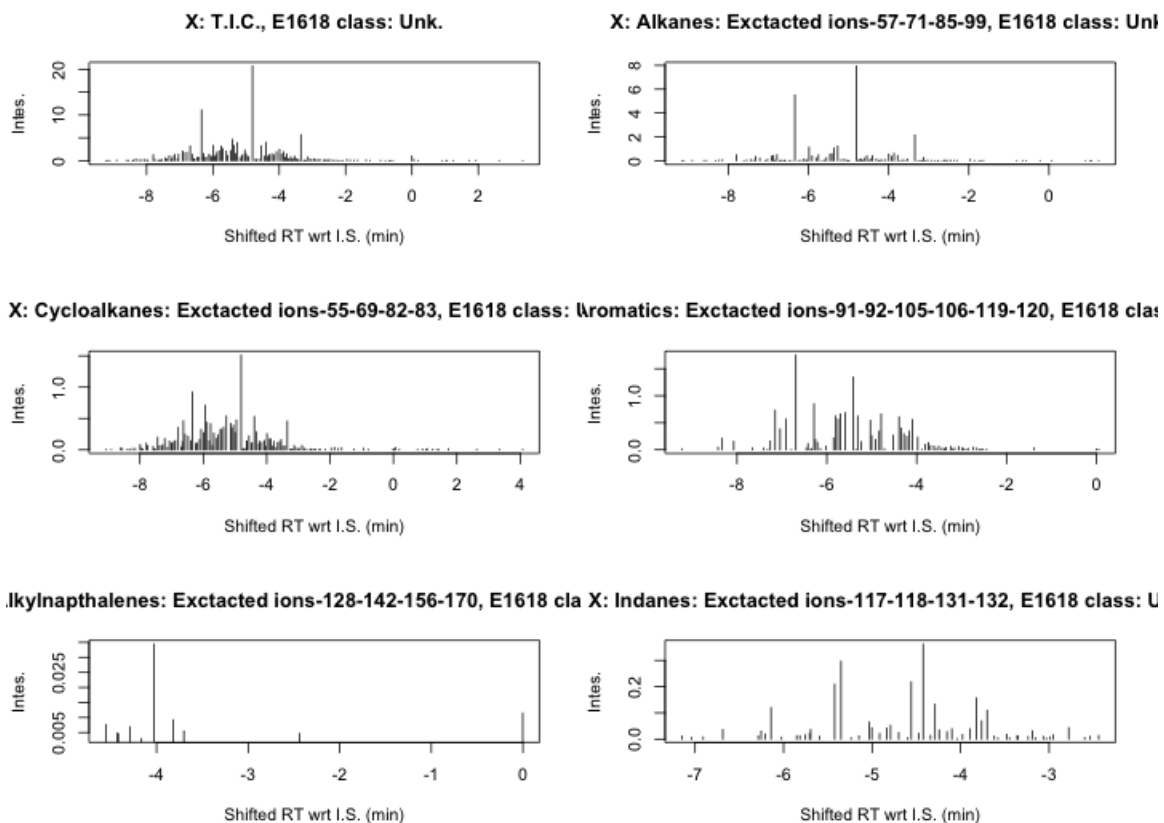
Unknown 11: blcmtdb; Burned Blank Blue Carpet



Unknown # Pred Classes

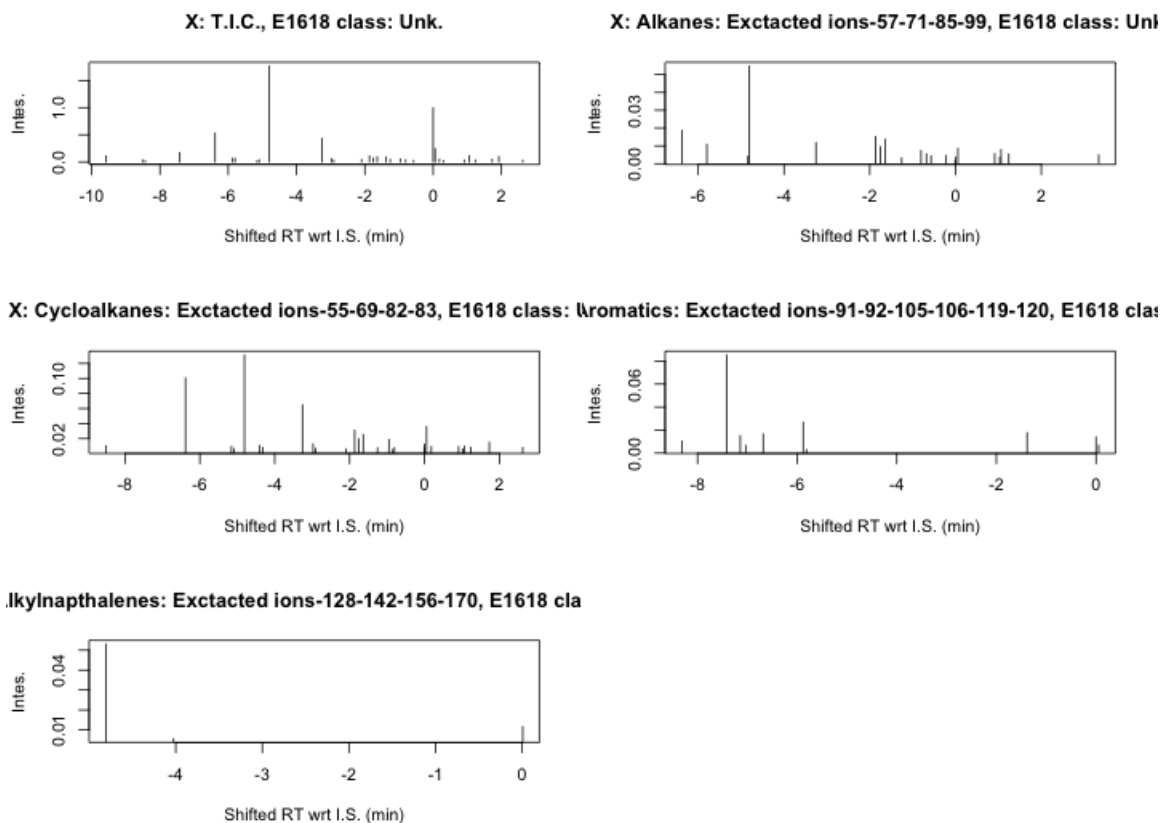
11 H Misc HPD

Unknown 12: brc54; Crownh Paint Thinner on Brown Carpet; MPD



Unknown #	Pred Classes
12	MPD M Oxy

Unknown 13: brc59; Crown Lacquer Thinner on Brown carpet; Med Misc

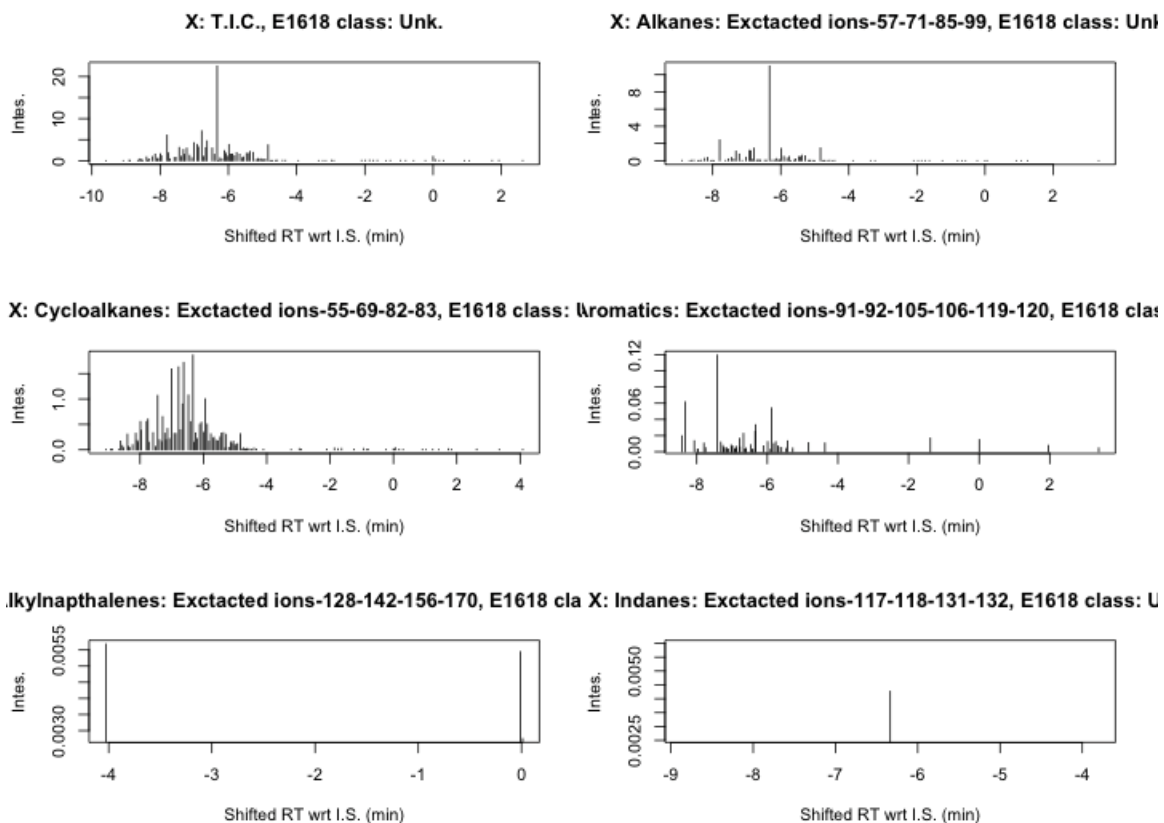


Unknown # Pred Classes

13 H Oxy

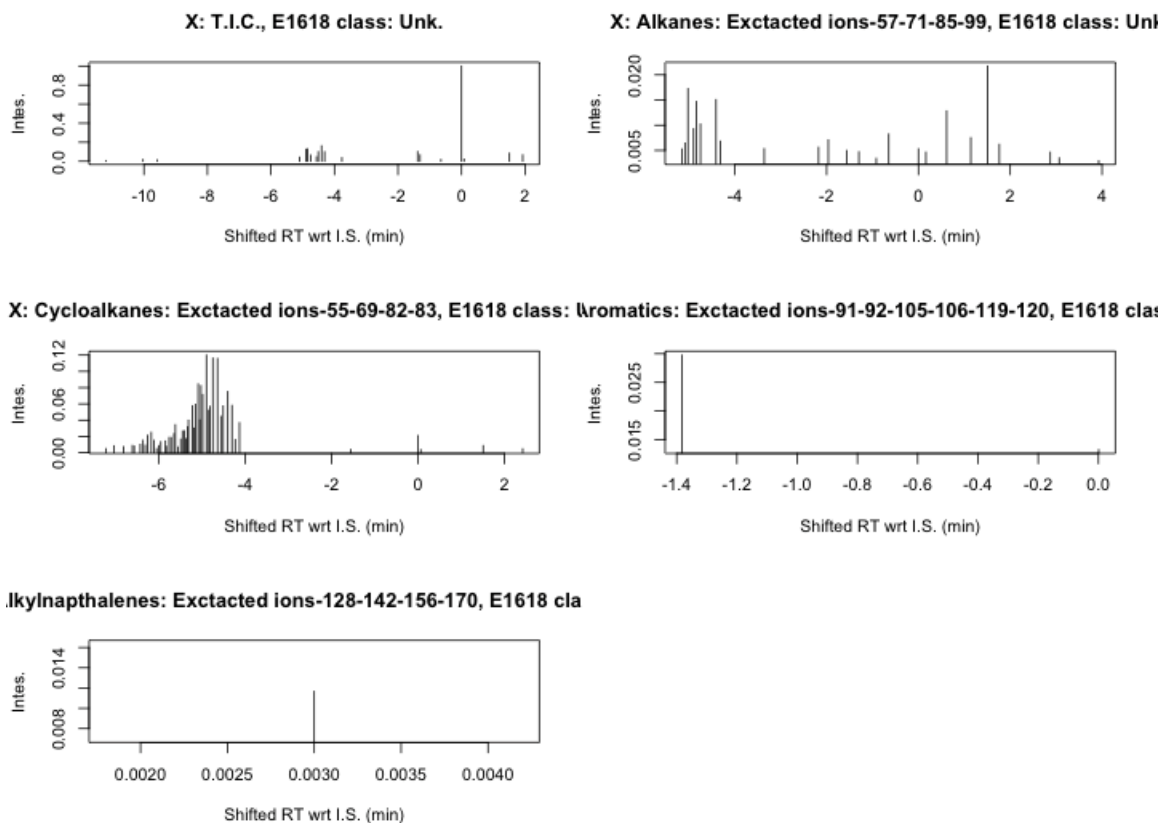
CAN NOT ID

Unknown 14: brc66; Kingsford Charcoal Lighter on Brown Carpet; MPD



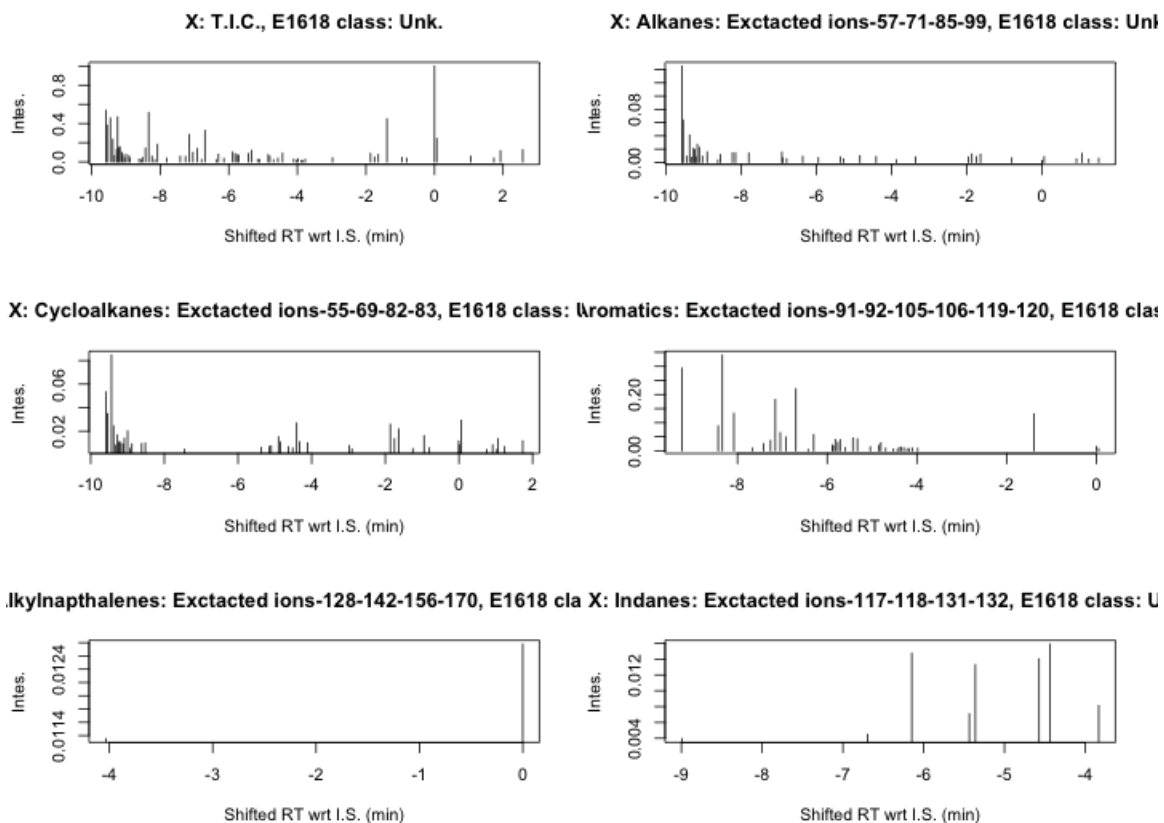
Unknown #	Pred Classes
14	M Oxy MPD

Unknown 15: brcbk; Blank, Unburned Brown Carpet



Unknown #	Pred Classes
15	CAN NOT ID

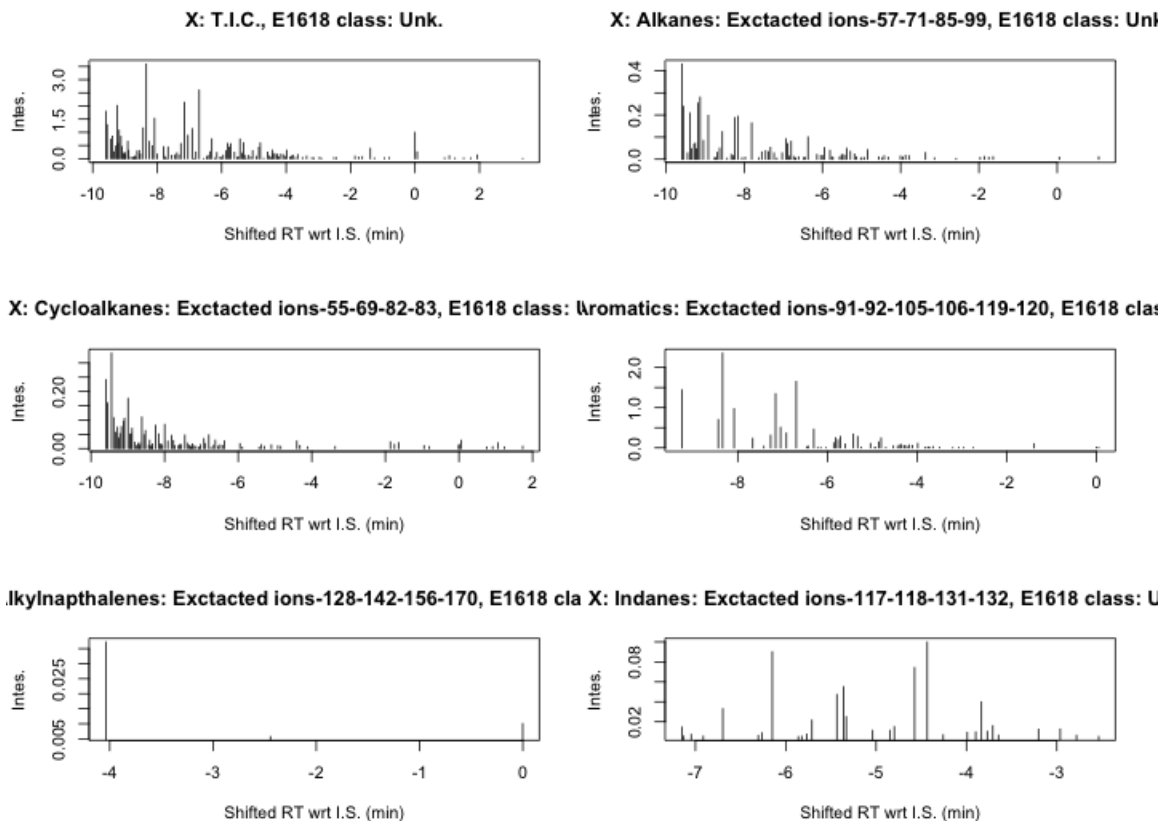
Unknown 16: brce85; E85 Gasoline on Brown Carpet



Unknown # Pred Classes

16 M Misc

Unknown 17: bregas; Gasoline on Brown Carpet' Gas

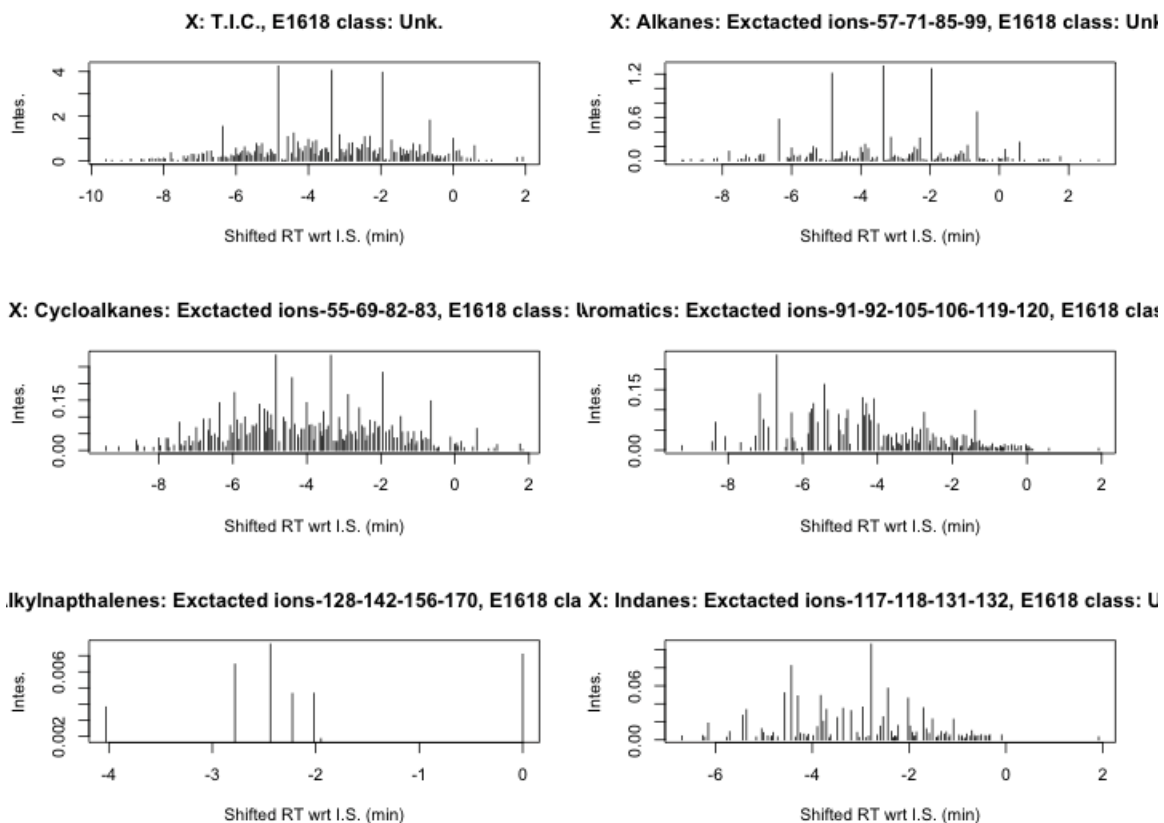


Unknown # Pred Classes

17 Med Misc

Med Misc MPD

Unknown 18: brcker; Kerosene on Brown Carpet



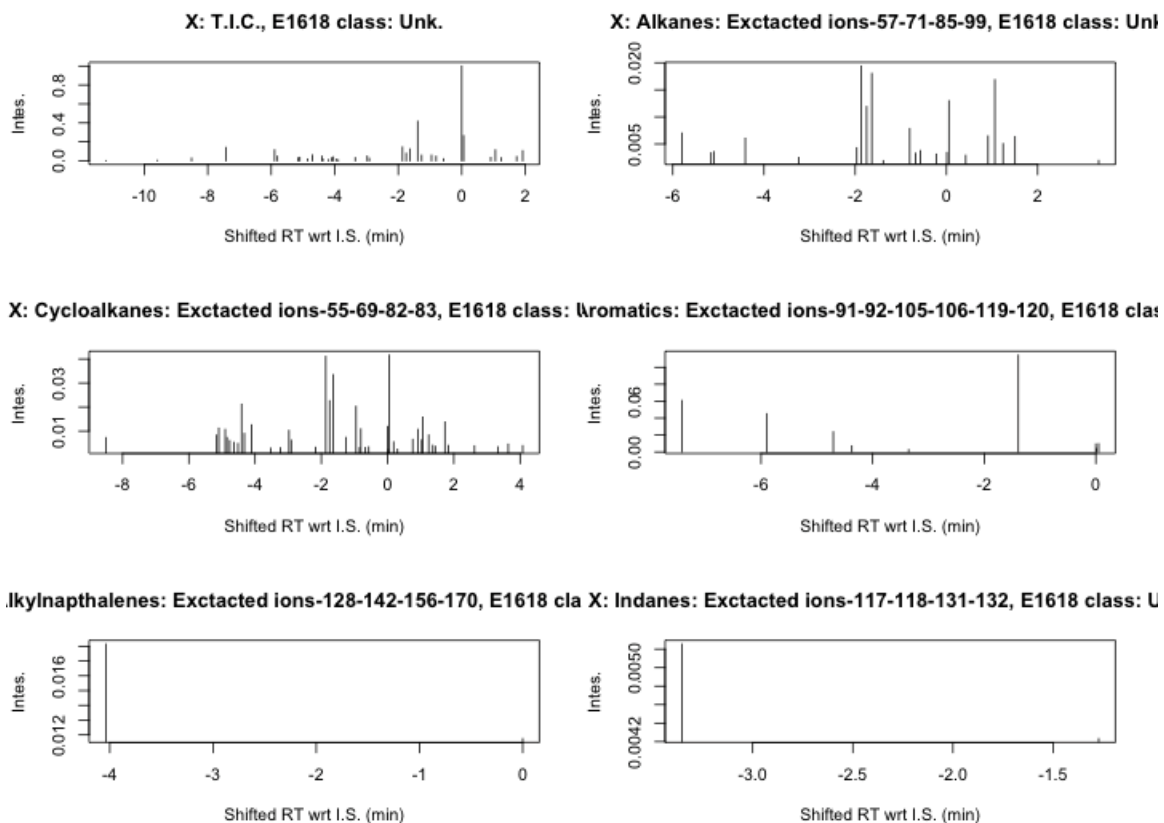
Unknown

#

Pred Classes

18 HPD H Misc H Oxy

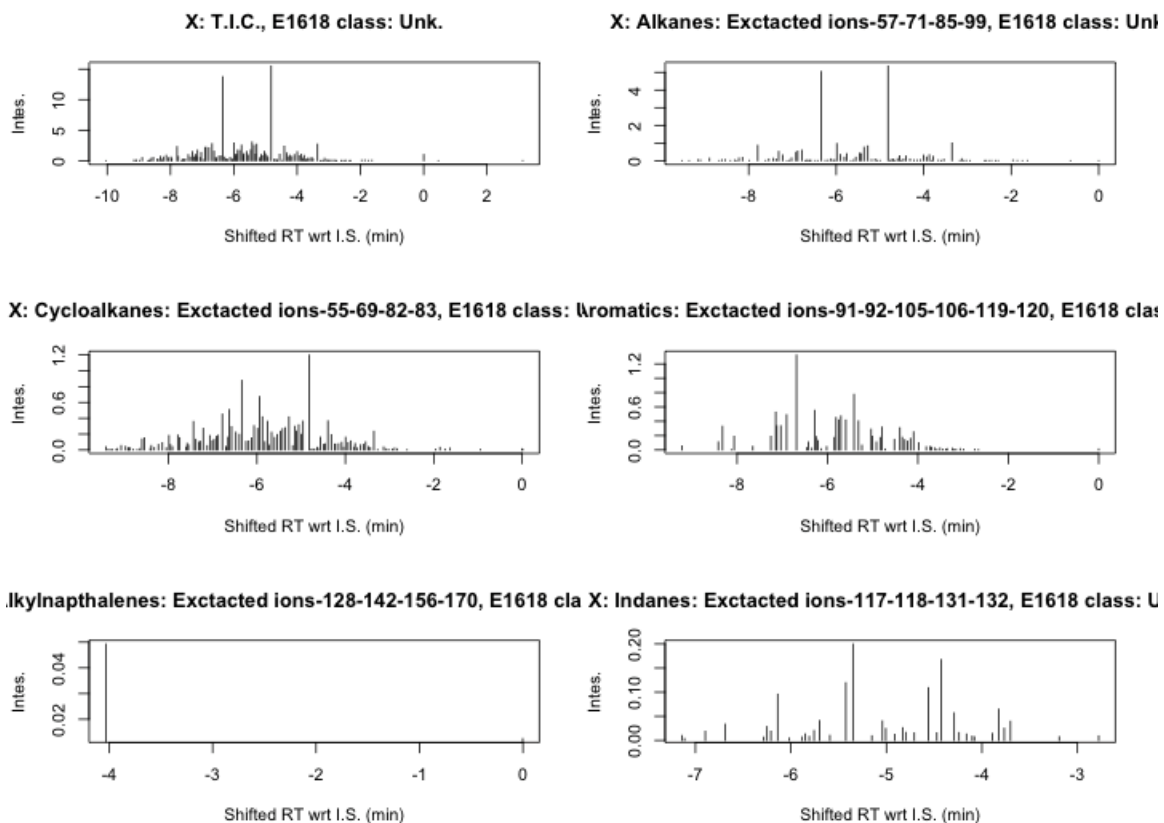
Unknown 19: brcmtdb; Blank Burned Brown Carpet



Unknown # Pred Classes

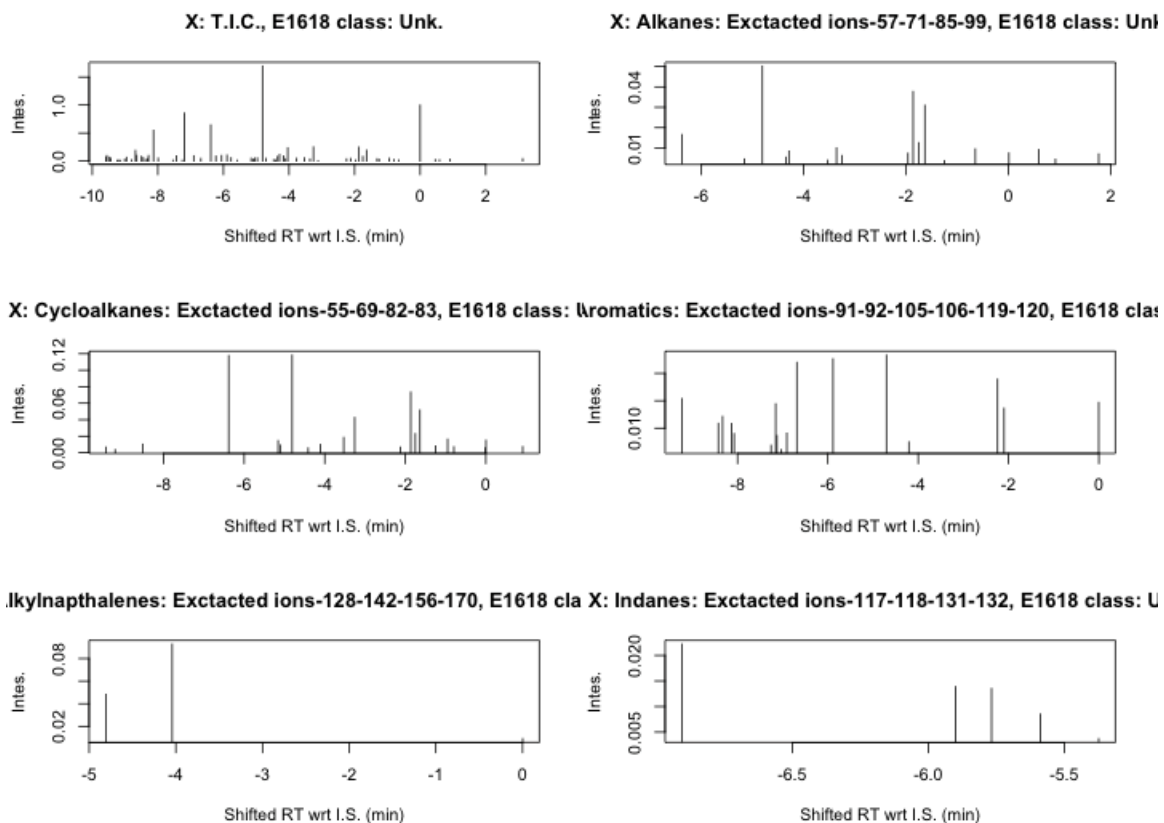
19 CAN NOT ID

Unknown 20: cp54; Crown Paint Thinner on Carpet Pad, MPD



Unknown #	Pred Classes		
20	M Nap-Par	M Oxy	
	MPD	M Oxy	M Misc

Unknown 21: cp59; Crown Lacquer Thinner on Carpet Pad; Med Misc

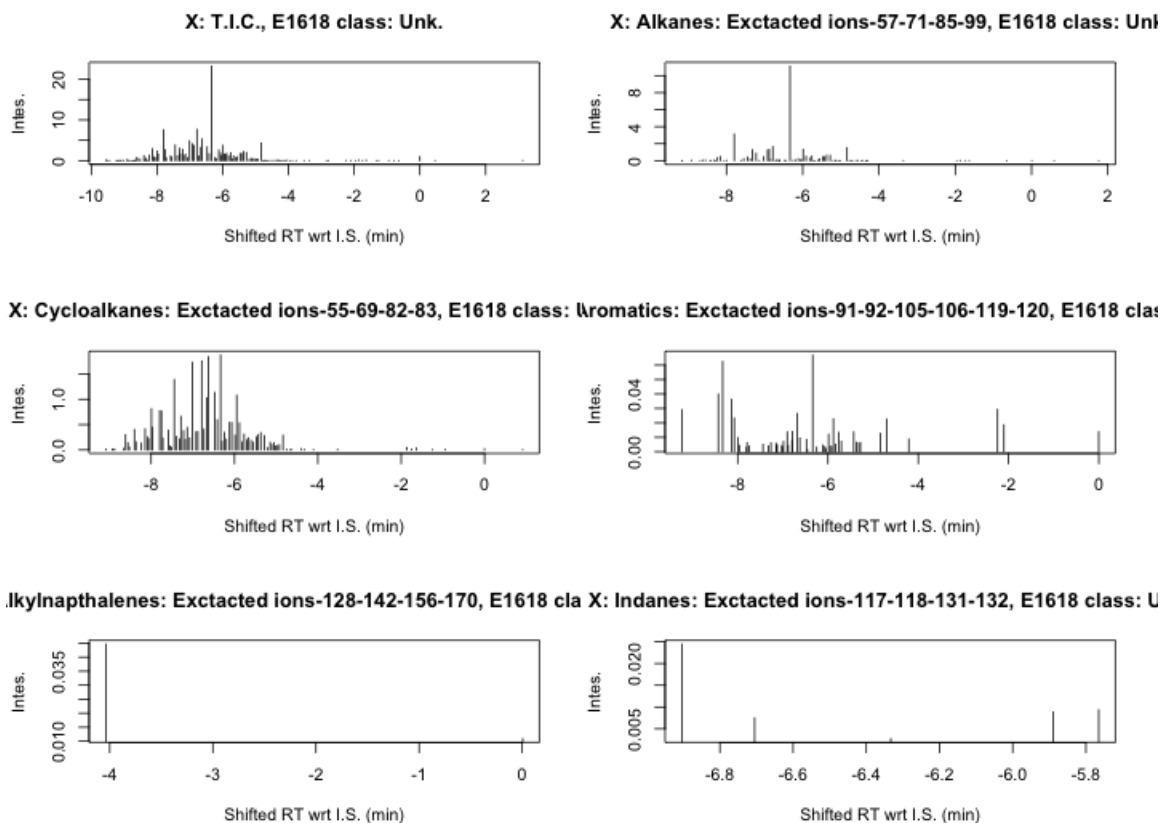


Unknown # Pred Classes

21 CAN NOT ID

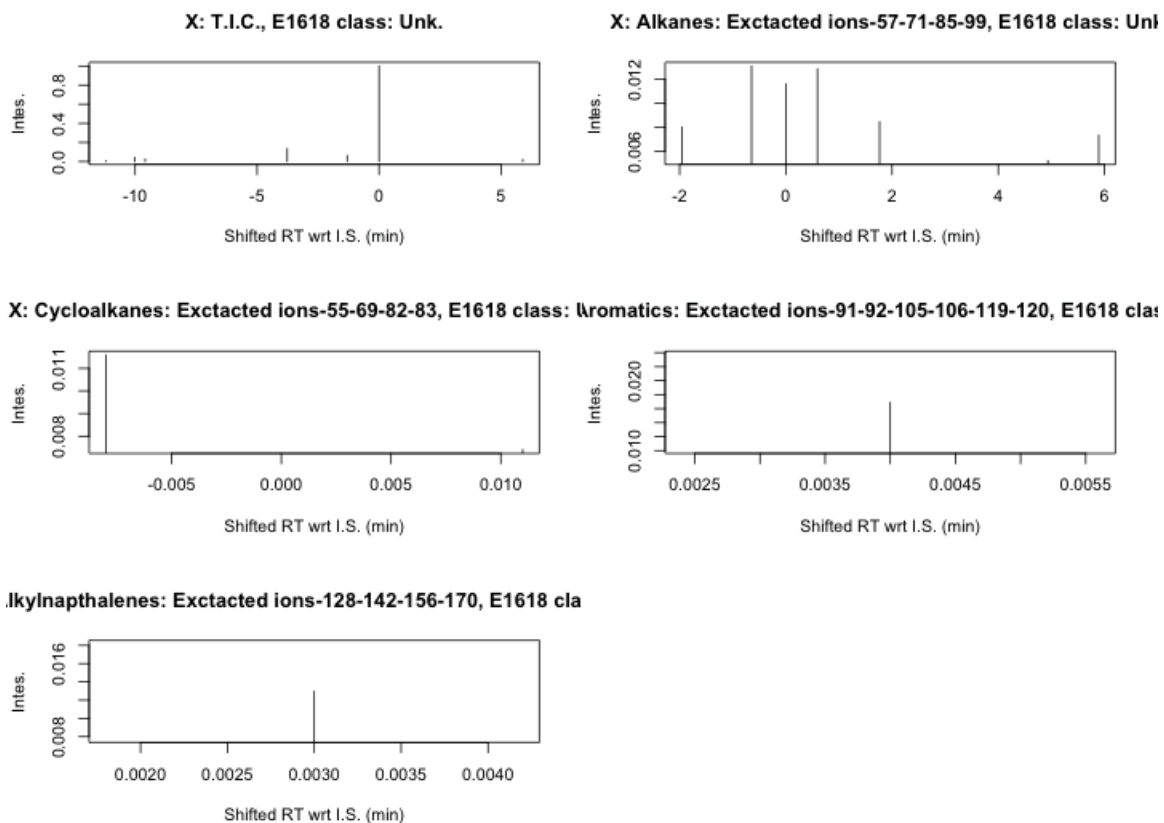
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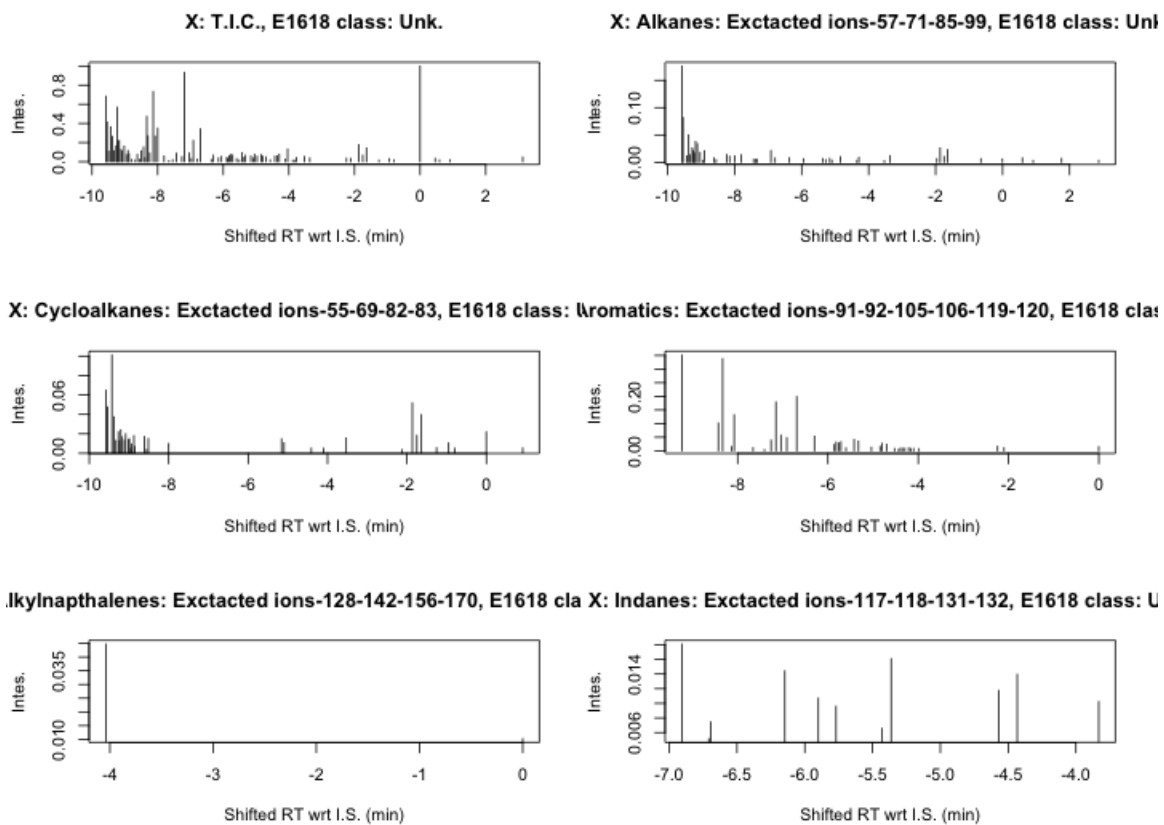
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	MPD	M Misc

Unknown 23: cpblk; Blank unburned carpet pad



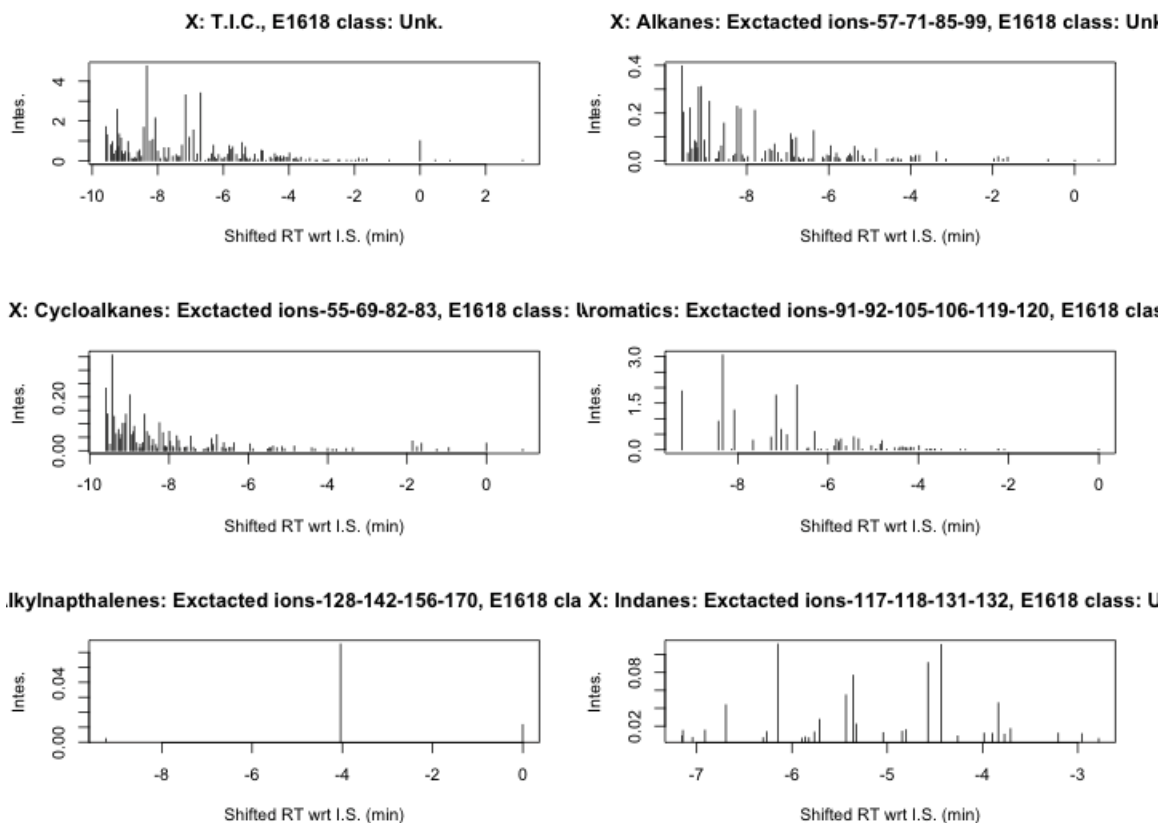
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23	CAN NOT ID

Unknown 24: cpe85; E85 gasoline on carpet pad



Unknown #	Pred Classes
24	Med Oxy

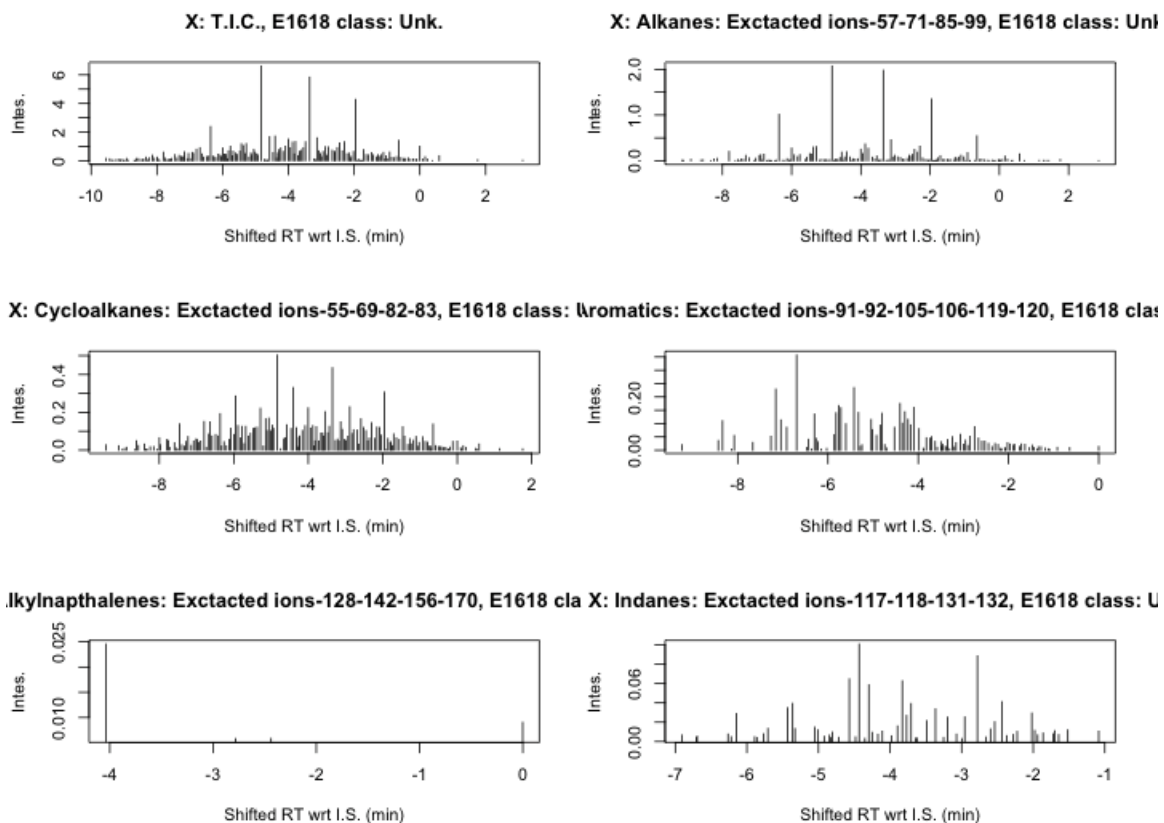
Unknown 25: cpgas; Gasoline on Carpet pad; GAS



Unknown # Pred Classes

25 Med Misc

Unknown 26: cpker; Kerosene on Carpet Pad; HPD



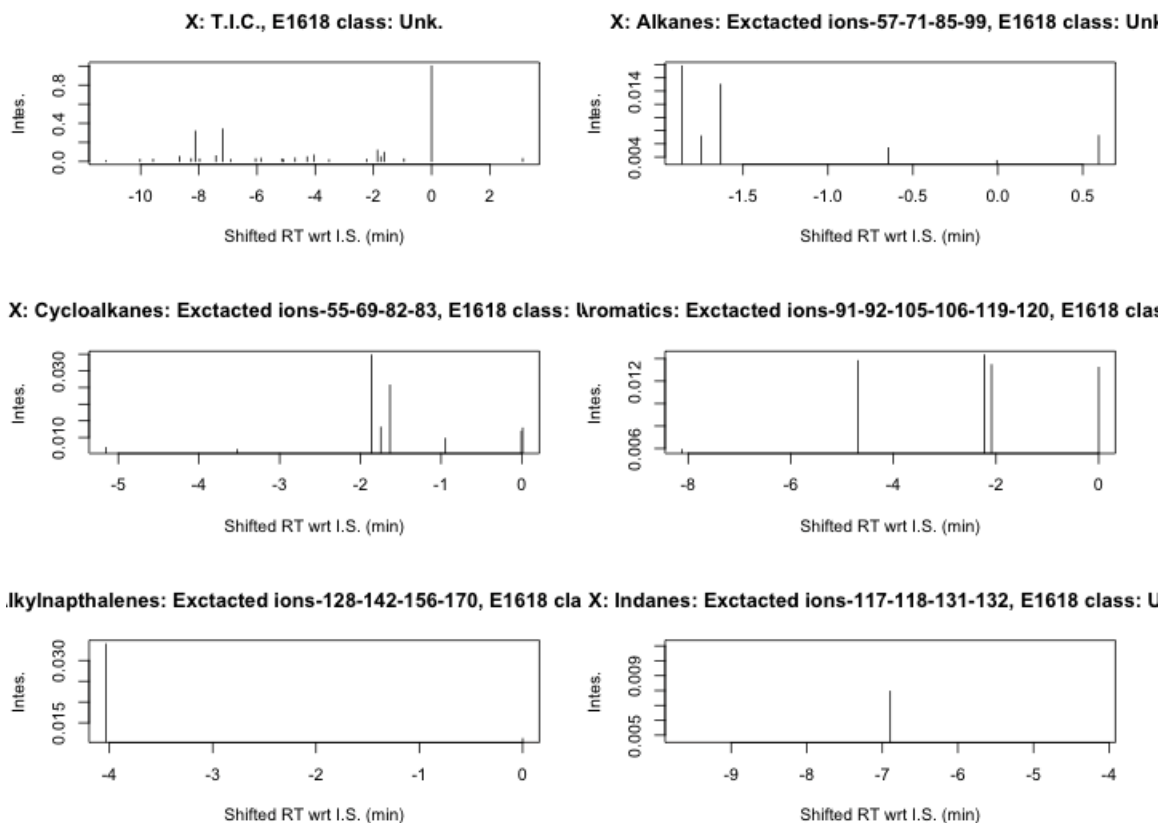
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Pred Classes

26 HPD H Misc H Oxy

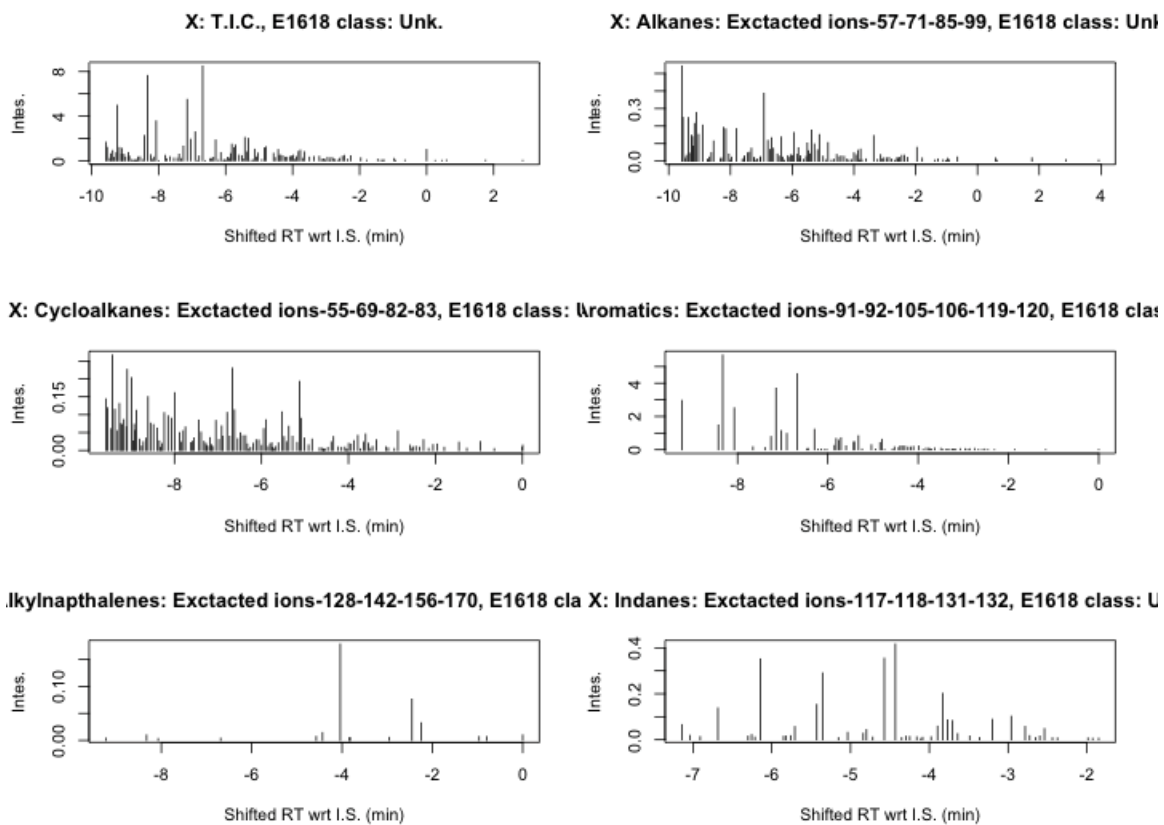
Unknown 27: cpmtdb; Blank burnt carpet pad



Unknown # Pred Classes

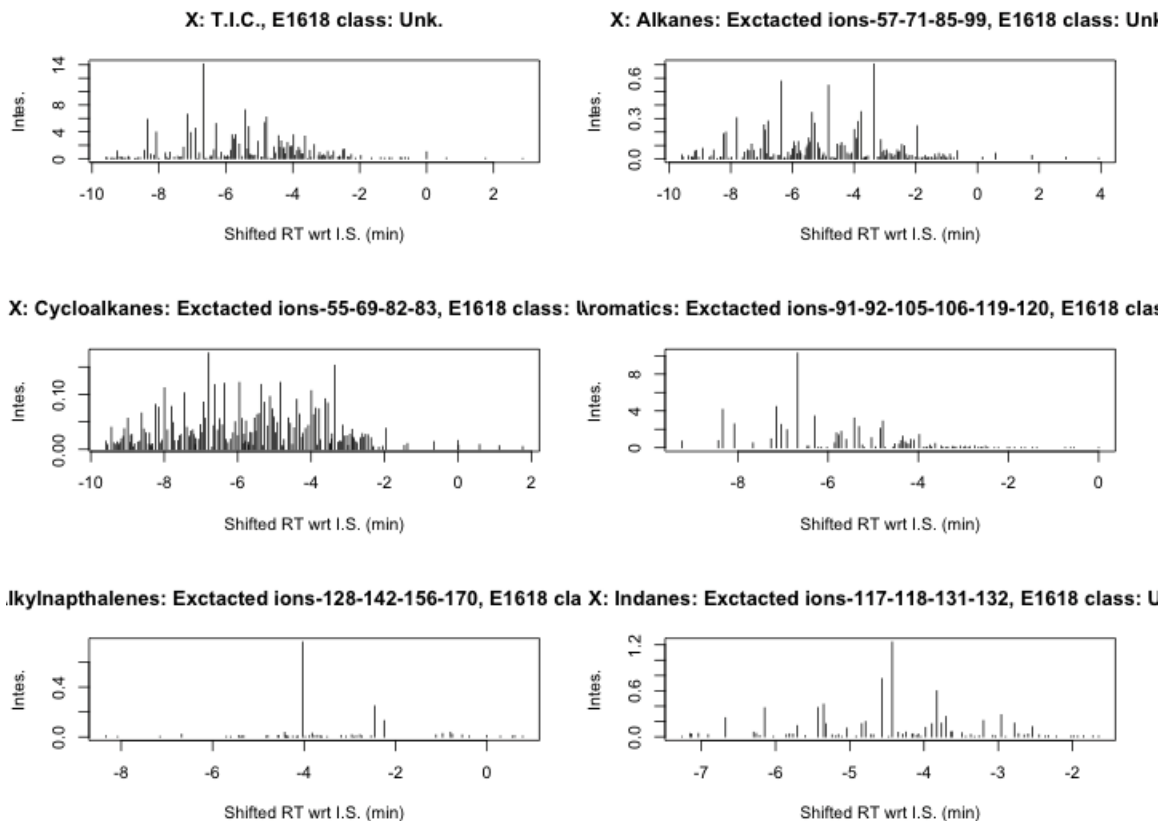
27 CAN NOT ID

Unknown 28: e85yp; E85 gasoline on Yellow Pine; GAS



Unknown #	Pred Classes
28	M Misc
	M Misc MPD

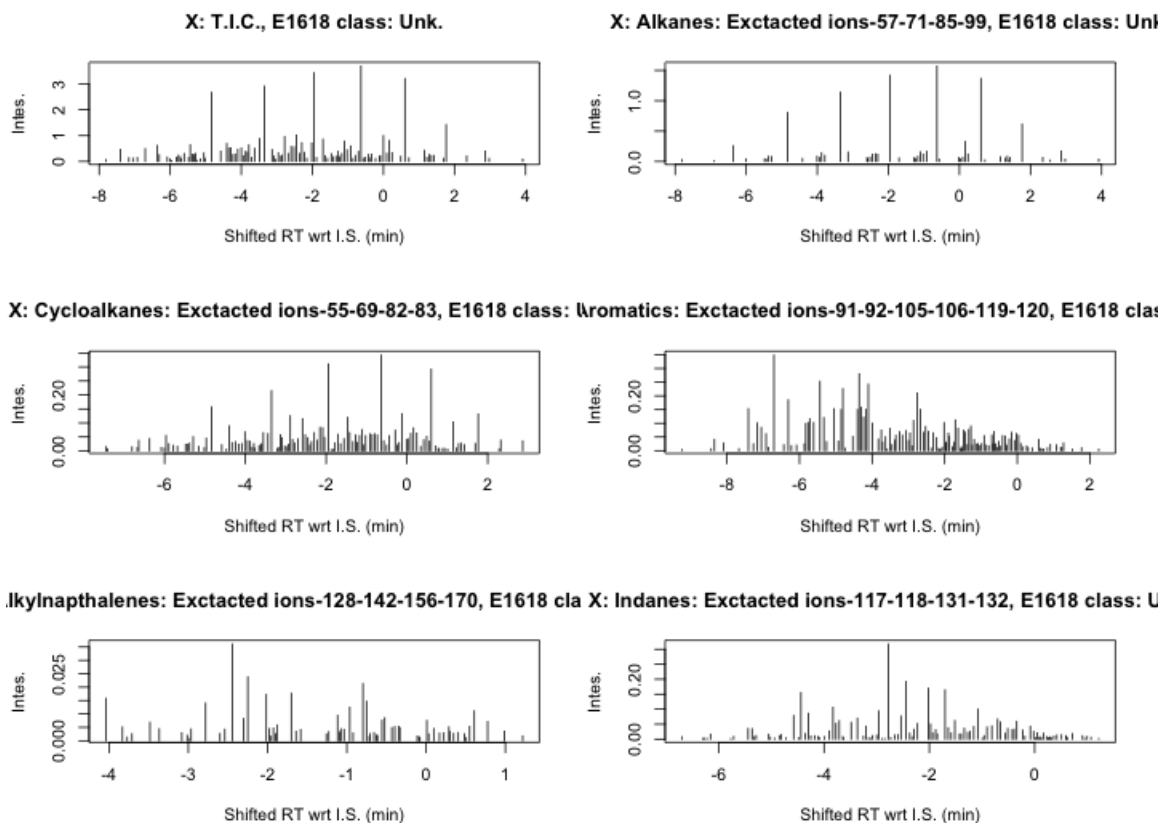
Unknown 29: gasyp; Gasoline on Yellow Pine; GAS



Unknown # Pred Classes

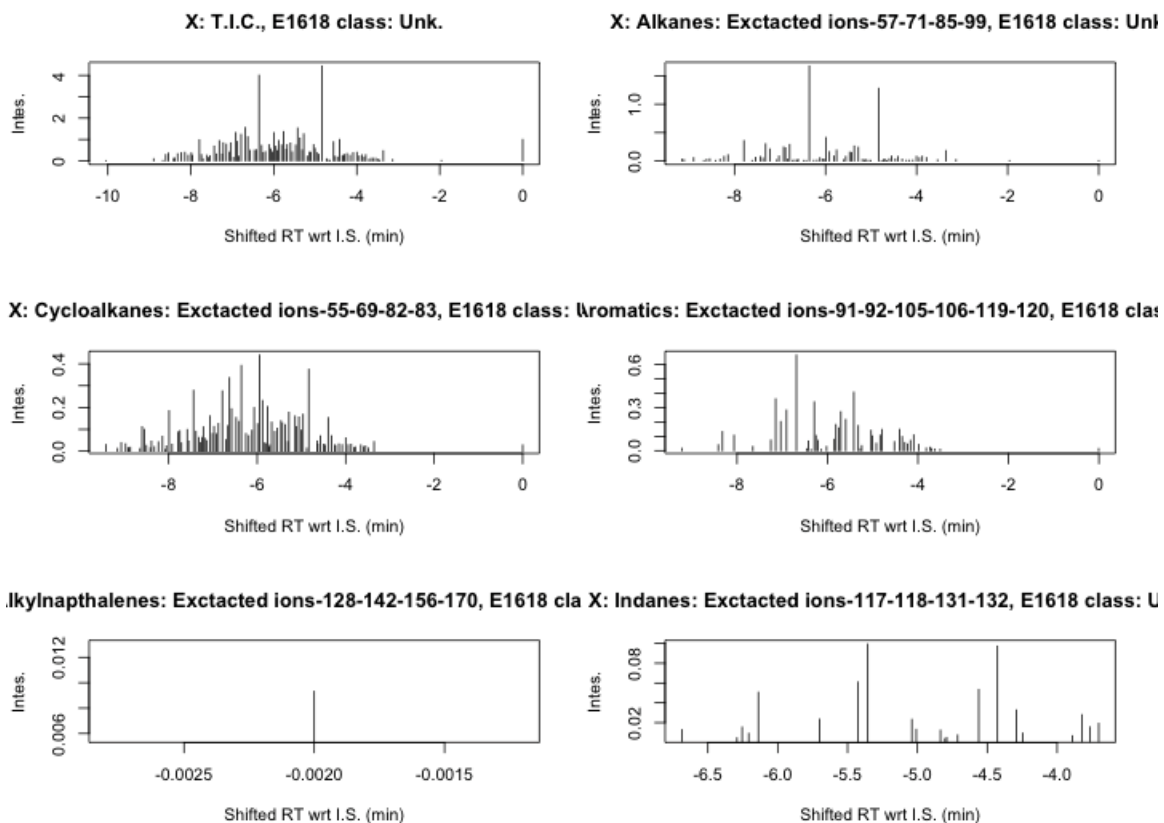
29 M Misc

Unknown 30: keryp; Kerosene on Yellow Pine



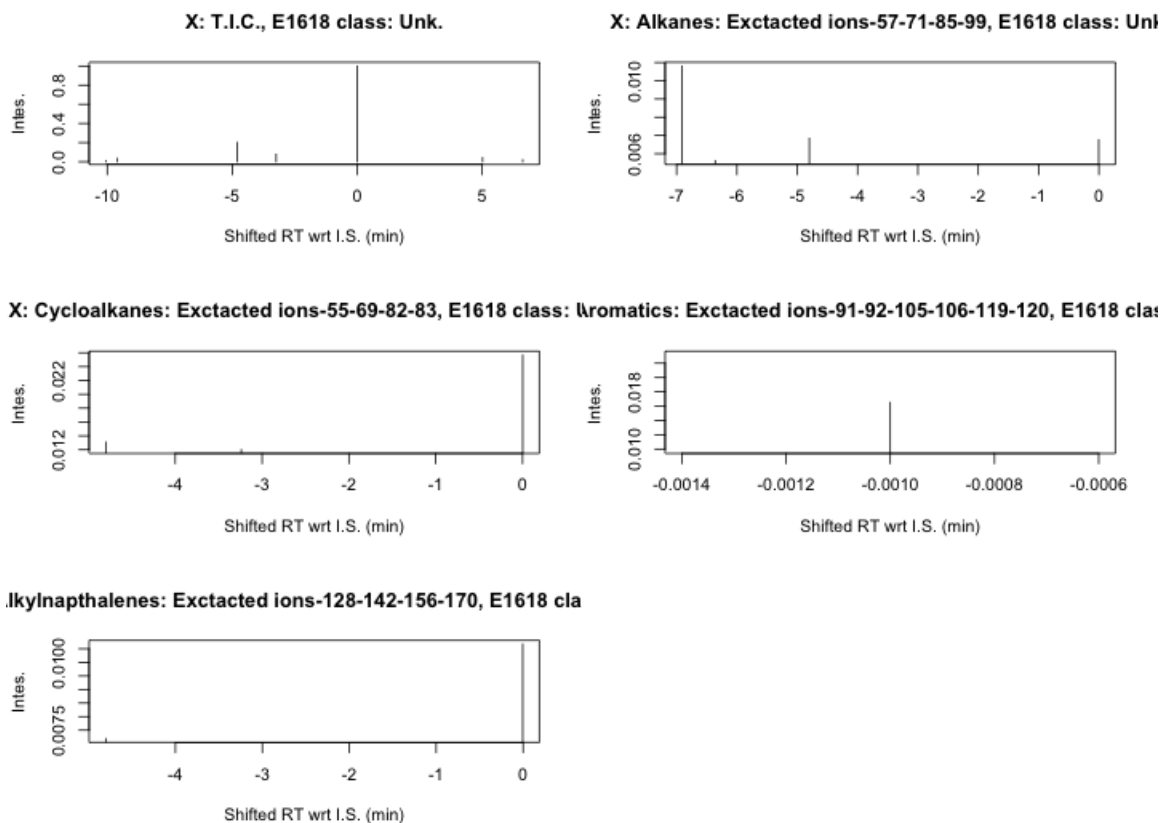
Unknown #	Pred Classes
30	CAN NOT ID

Unknown 31: oo54;



Unknown #	Pred Classes		
31	M Nap-par	M Oxy	
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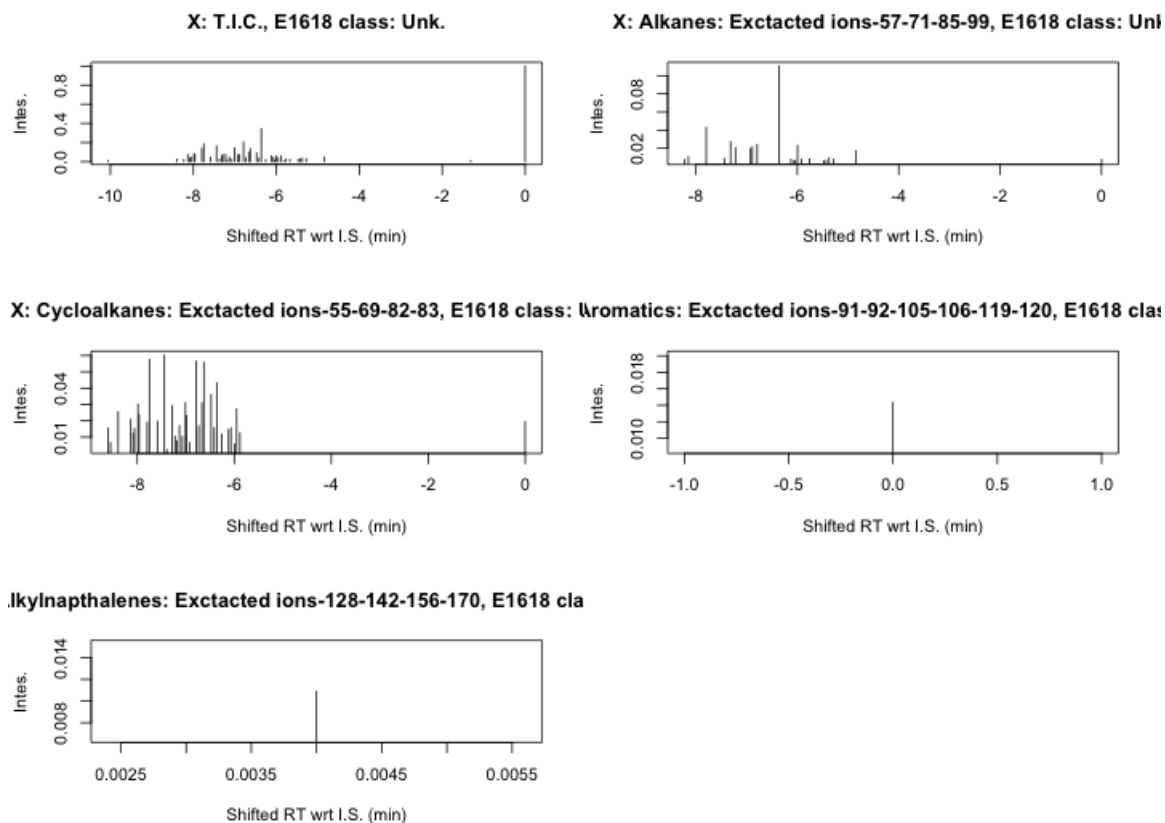
Unknown 32: oo59



Unknown # Pred Classes

32 H Oxy

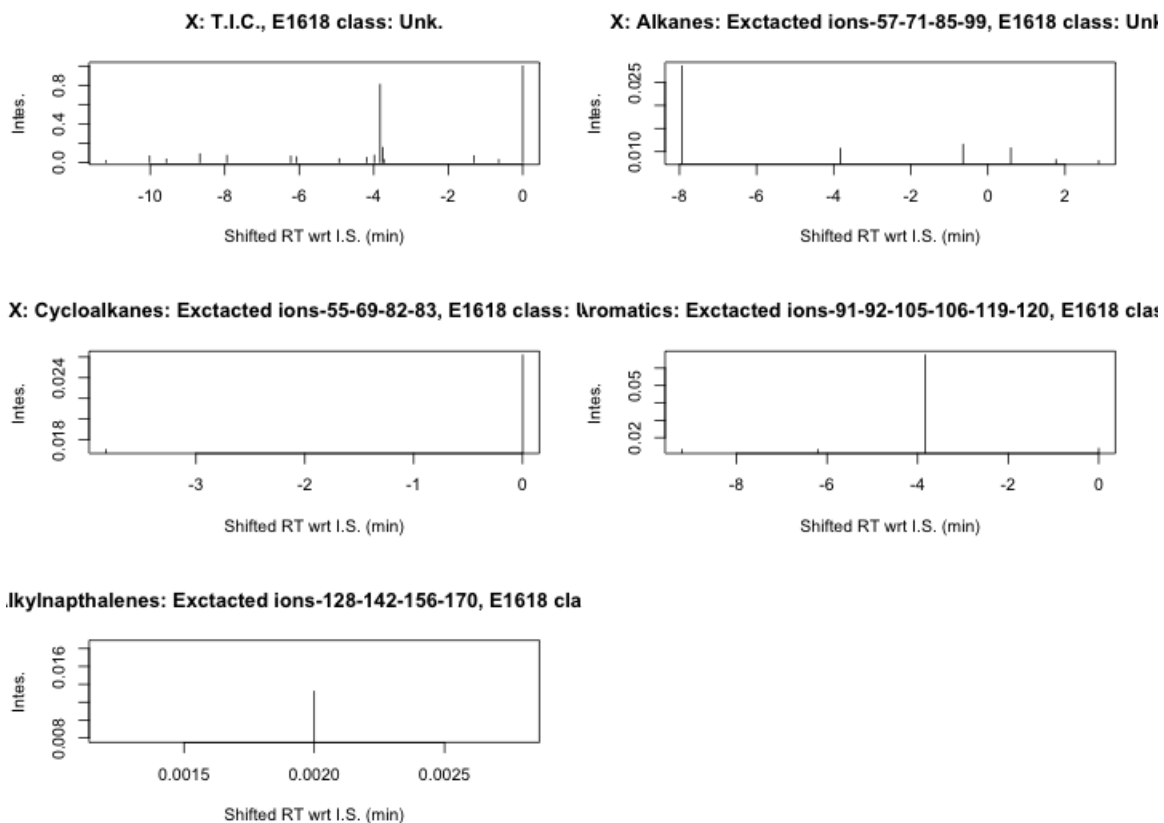
Unknown 33: 0066



Unknown #	Pred Classes
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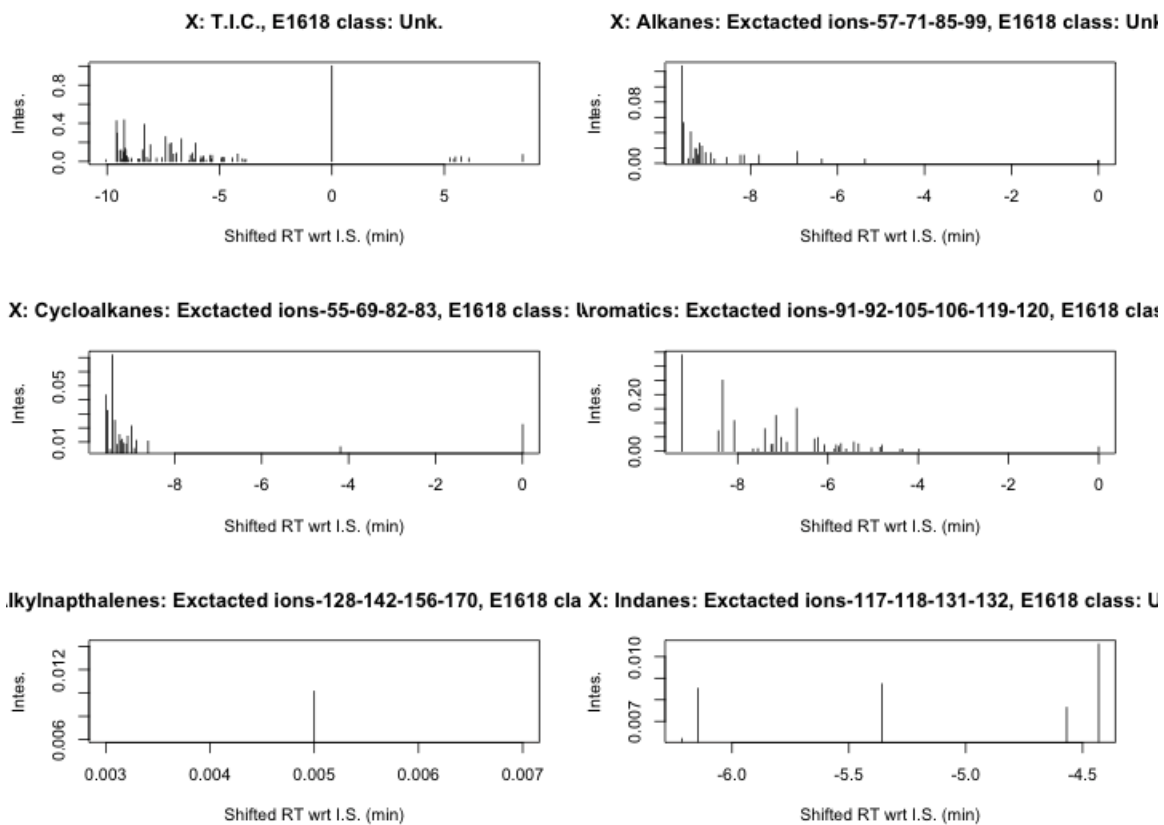
33	MPD
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Unknown 34: ooblk



Unknown #	Pred Classes
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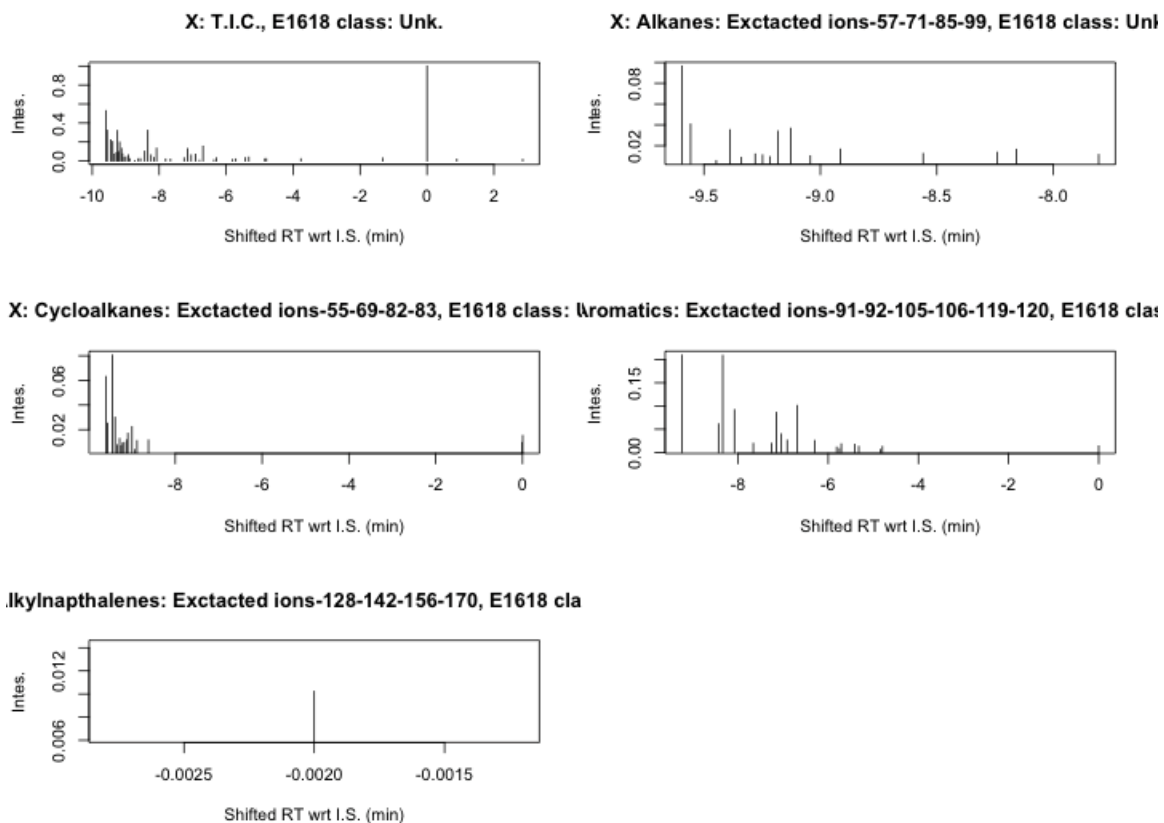
Unknown 35: ooe85



Unknown # Pred Classes

35 M Misc

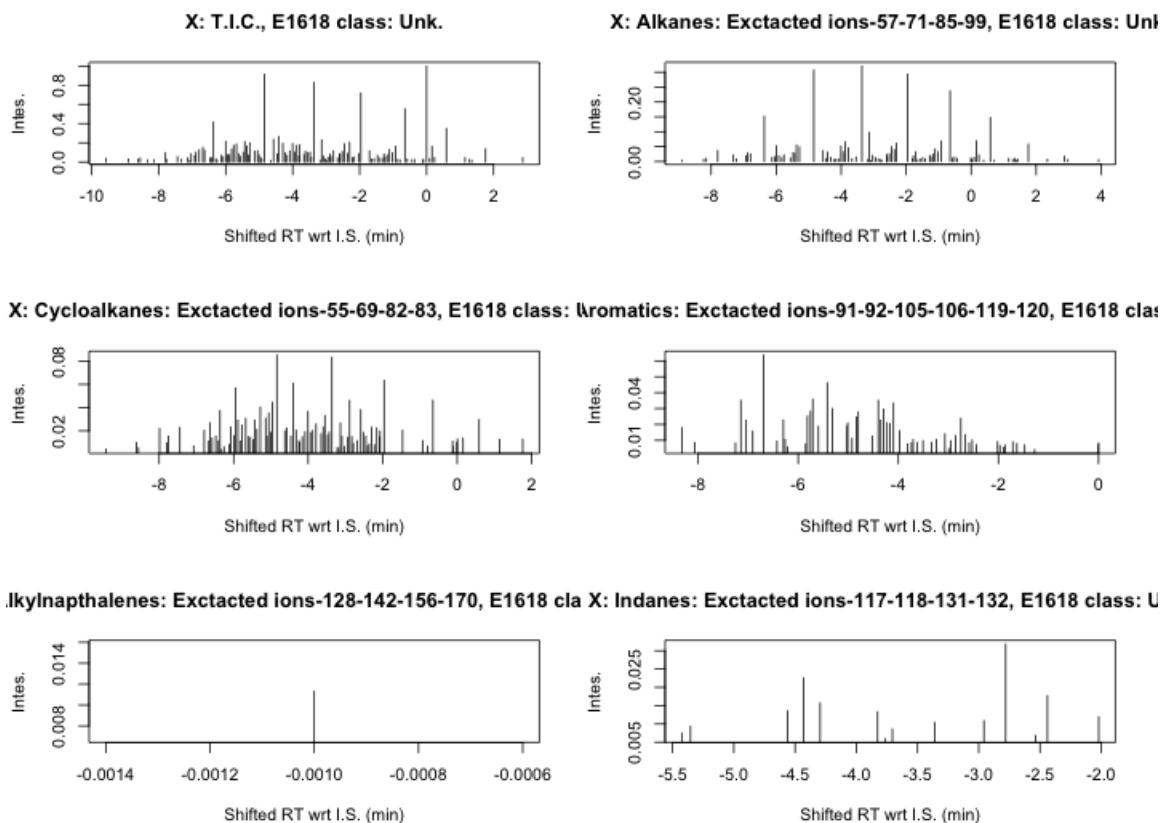
Unknown 36: oogas



Unknown # Pred Classes

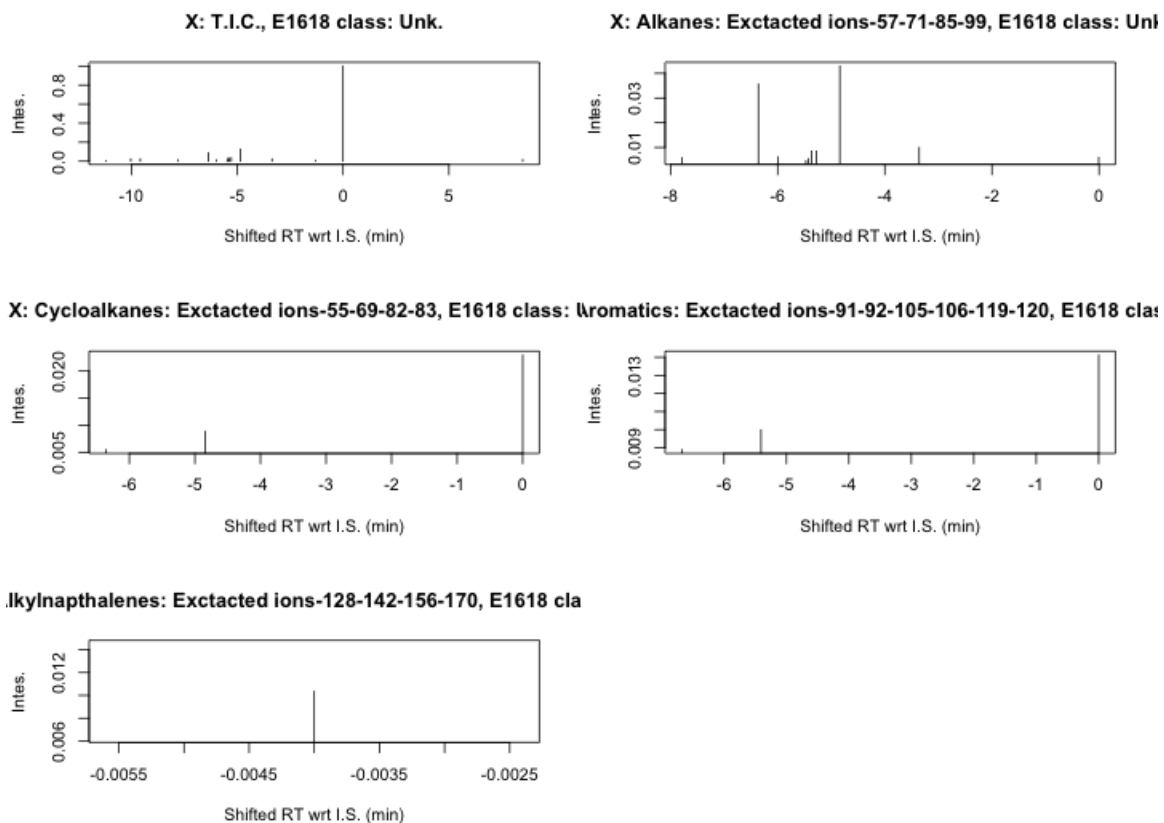
36 M Misc M Oxy MPD

Unknown 37: ooker



Unknown #	Pred Classes		
37	HPD	H Misc	H Oxy

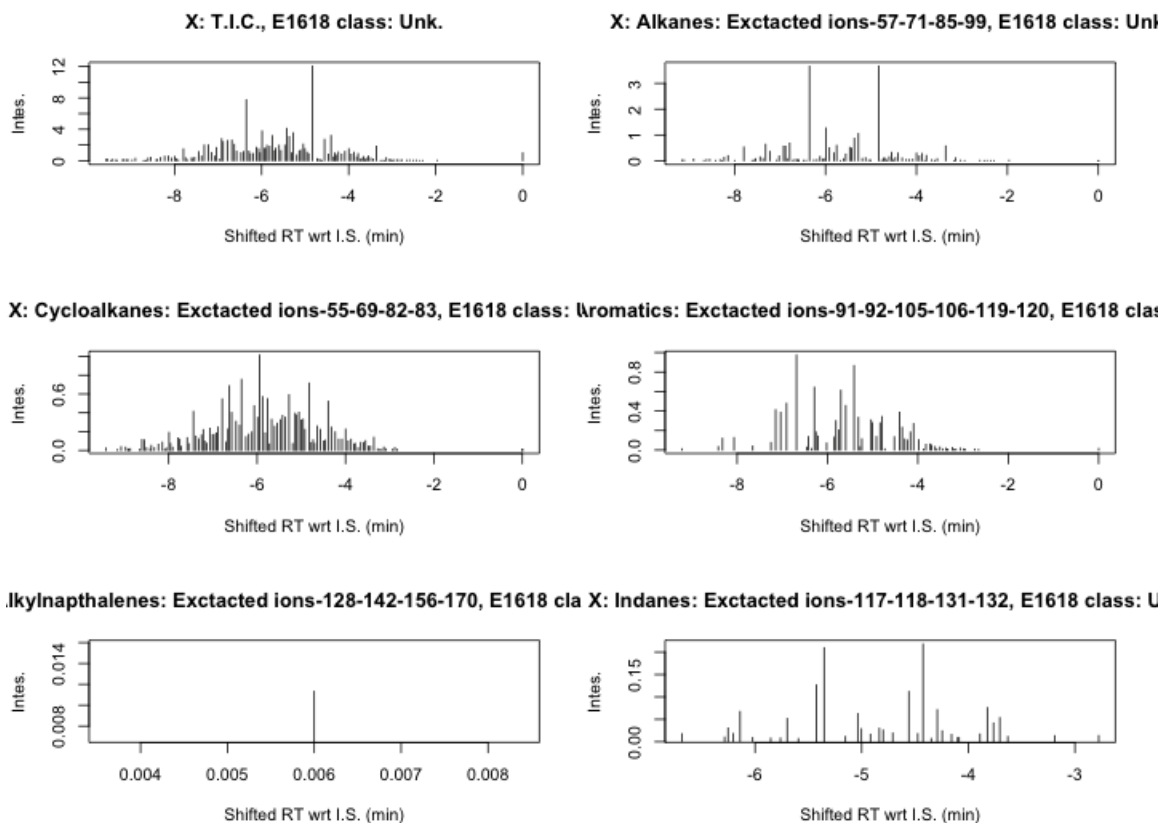
Unknown 38: oomtdb



Unknown # Pred Classes

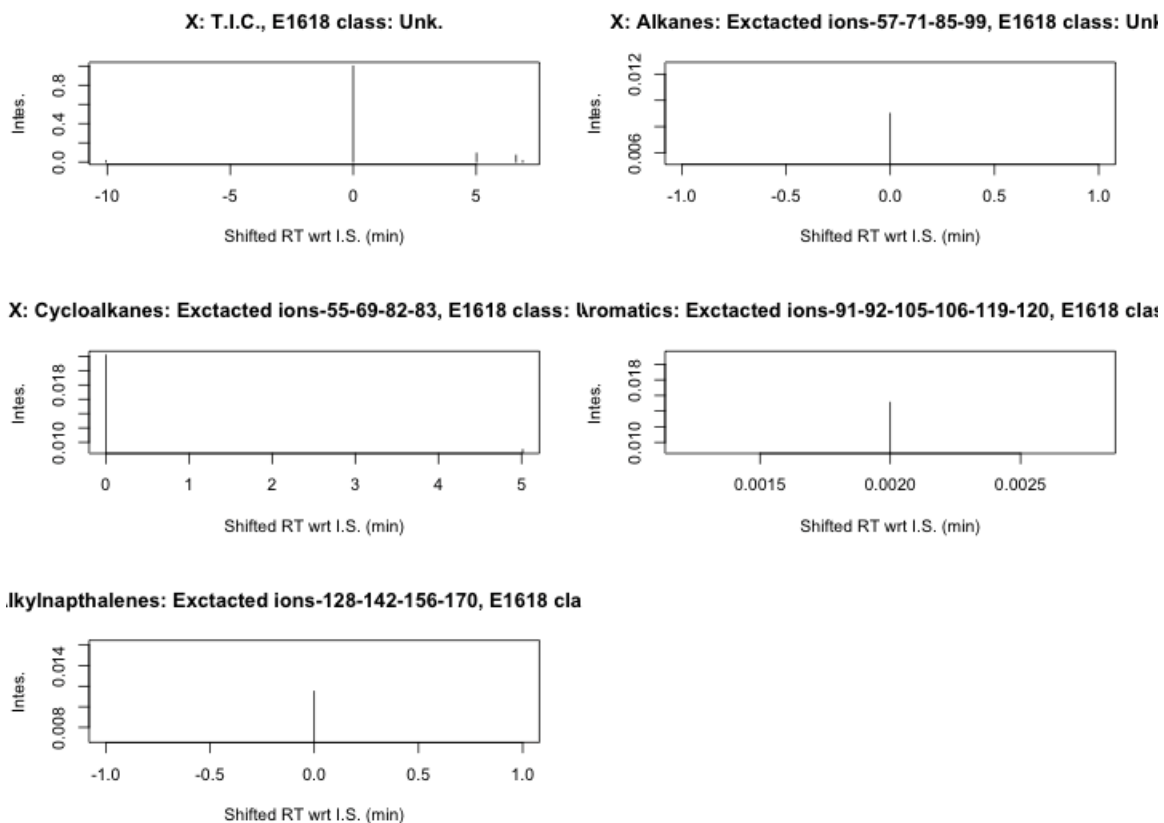
38 HPD

Unknown 39: pw54



Unknown #	Pred Classes			Human Expert	Notes
39	MPD	M Oxy	M Misc	MPD	

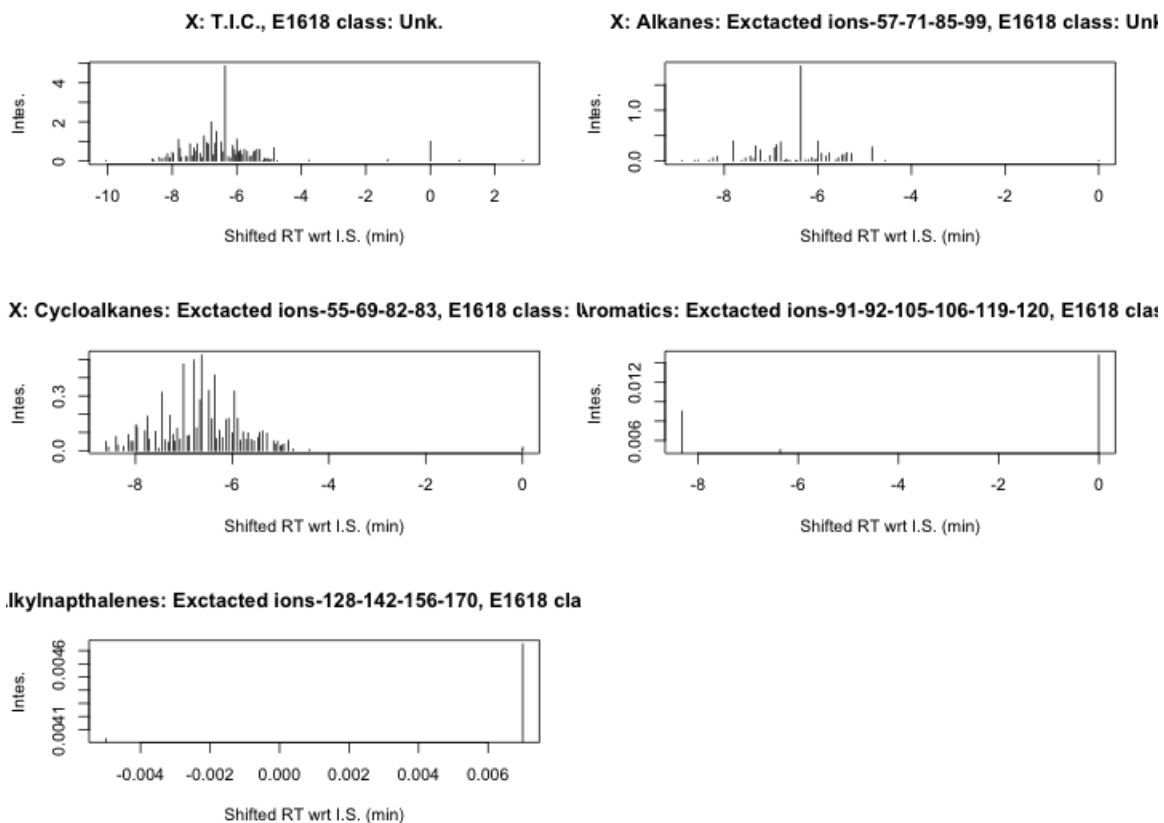
Unknown 40: pw59



Unknown # Pred Classes

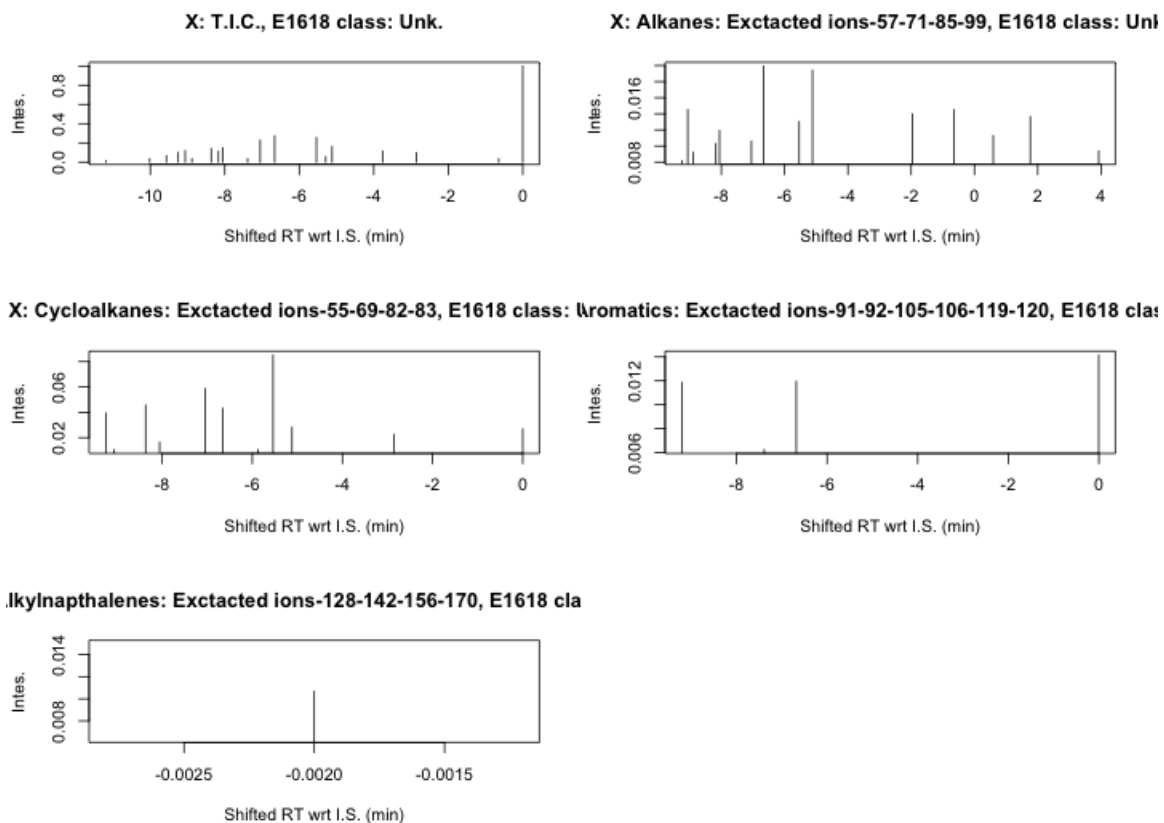
40 H Oxy

Unknown 41: pw66



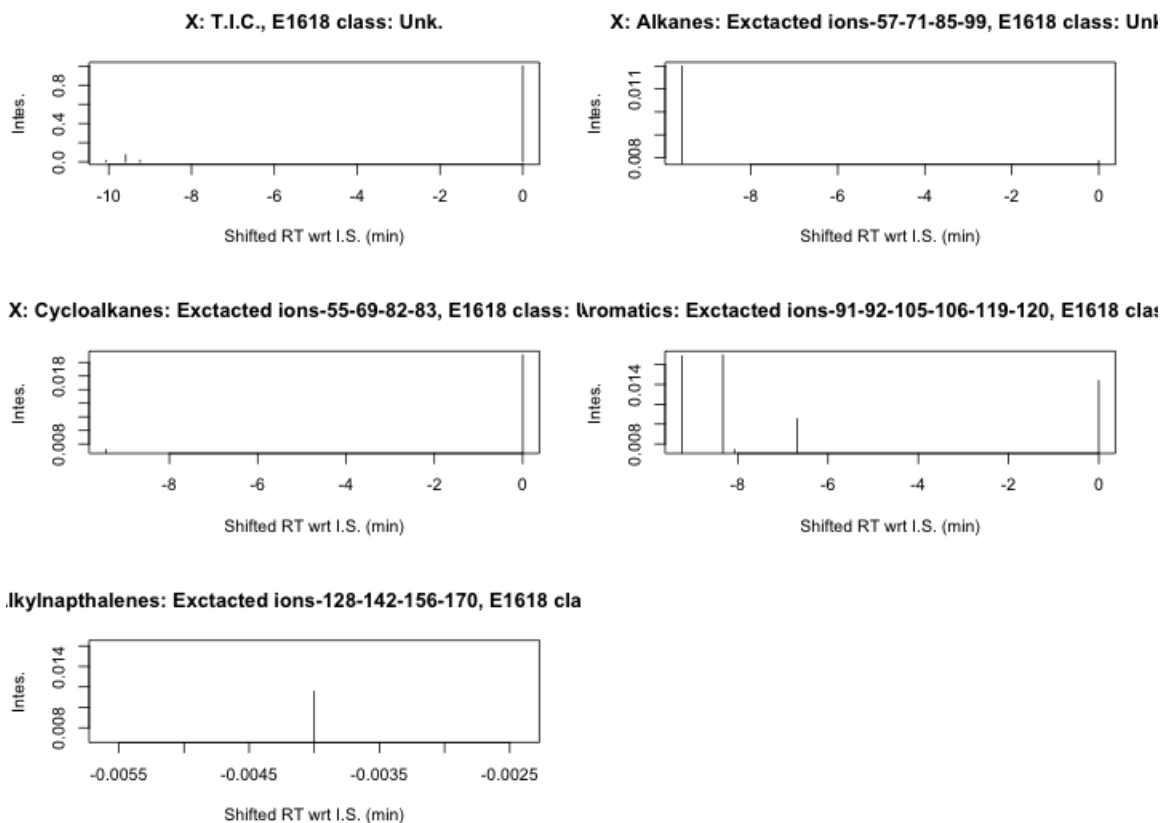
Unknown #	Pred Classes
41	MPD M Misc

Unknown 42: pwblk



Unknown #	Pred Classes
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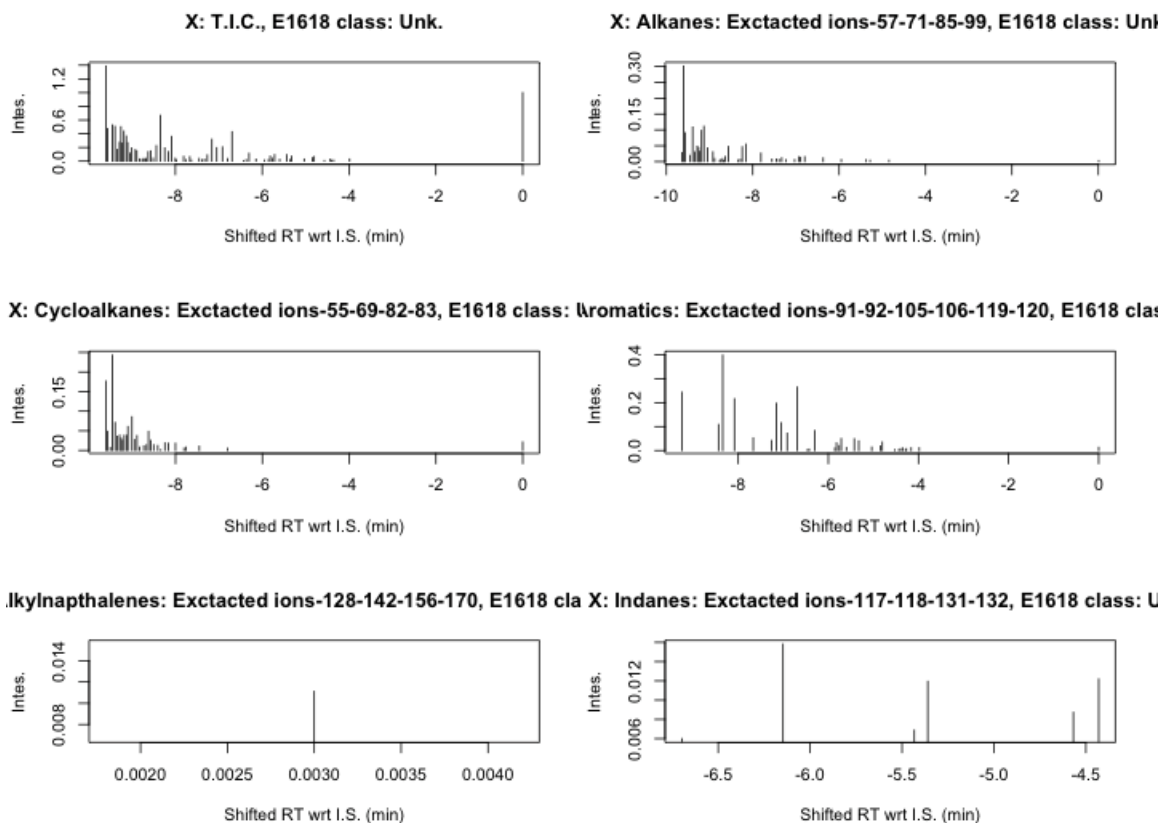
Unknown 43: pwe85



Unknown # Pred Classes

43 H Oxy

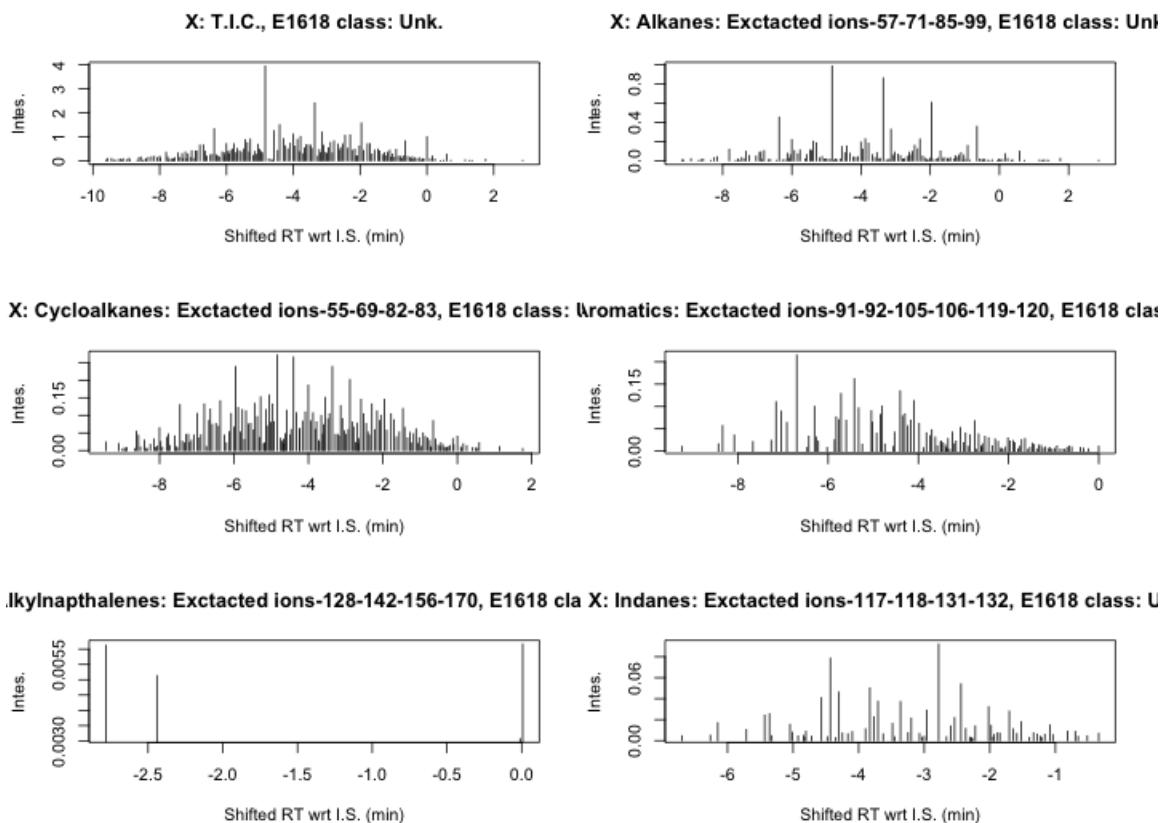
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Unknown # Pred Classes

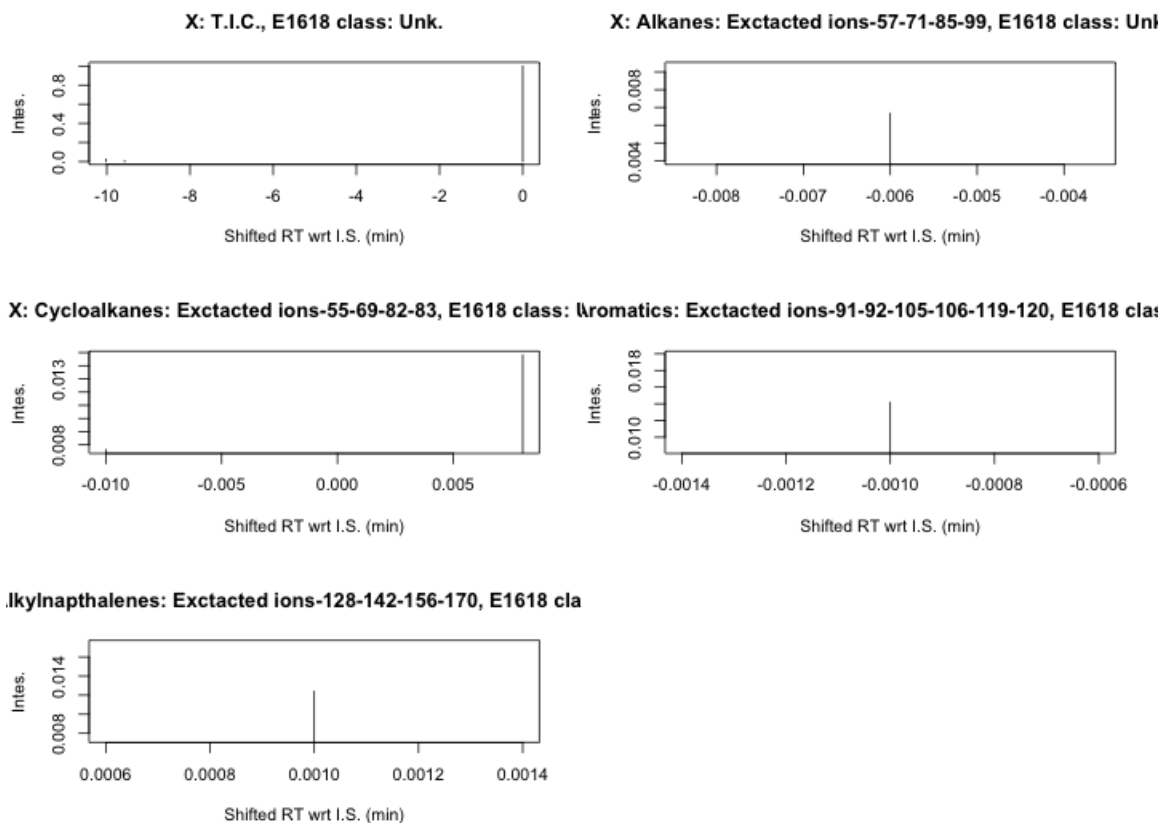
44 M Misc

Unknown 45: pwker



Unknown #	Pred Classes		
45	HPD	H Misc	H Oxy

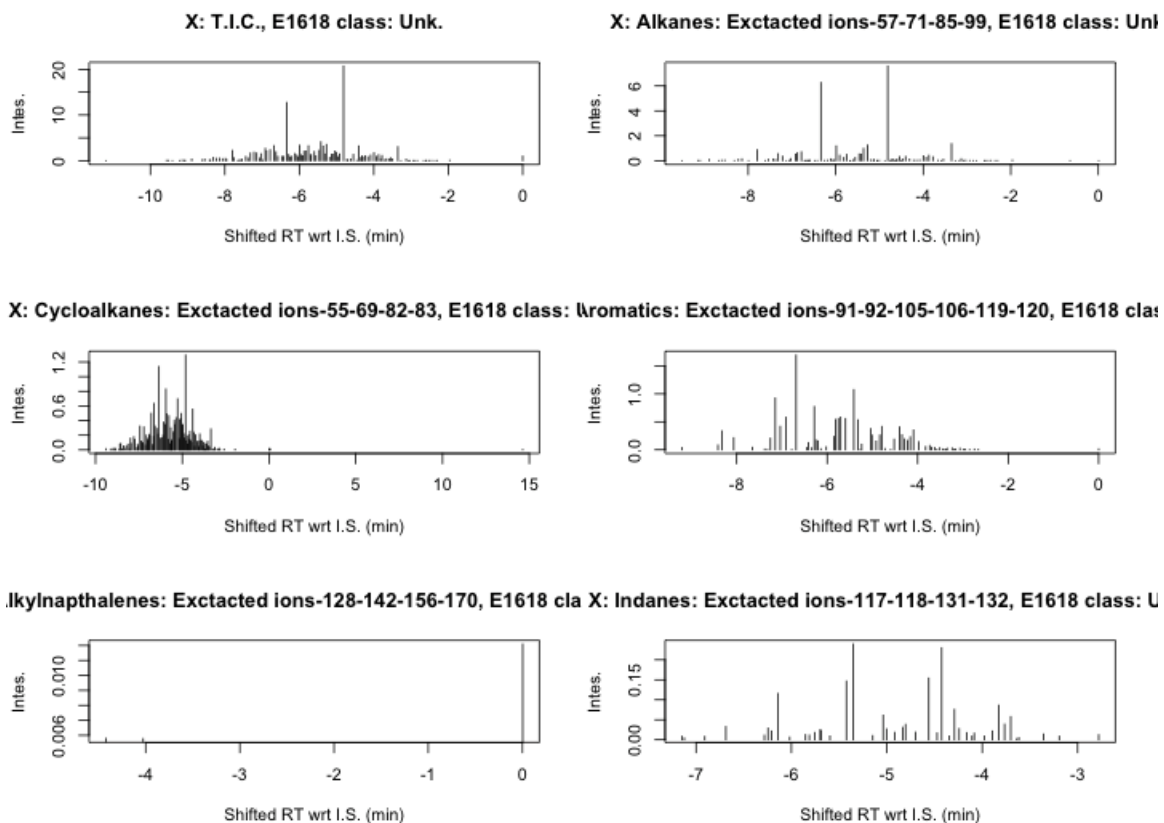
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Unknown # Pred Classes

46 H Oxy

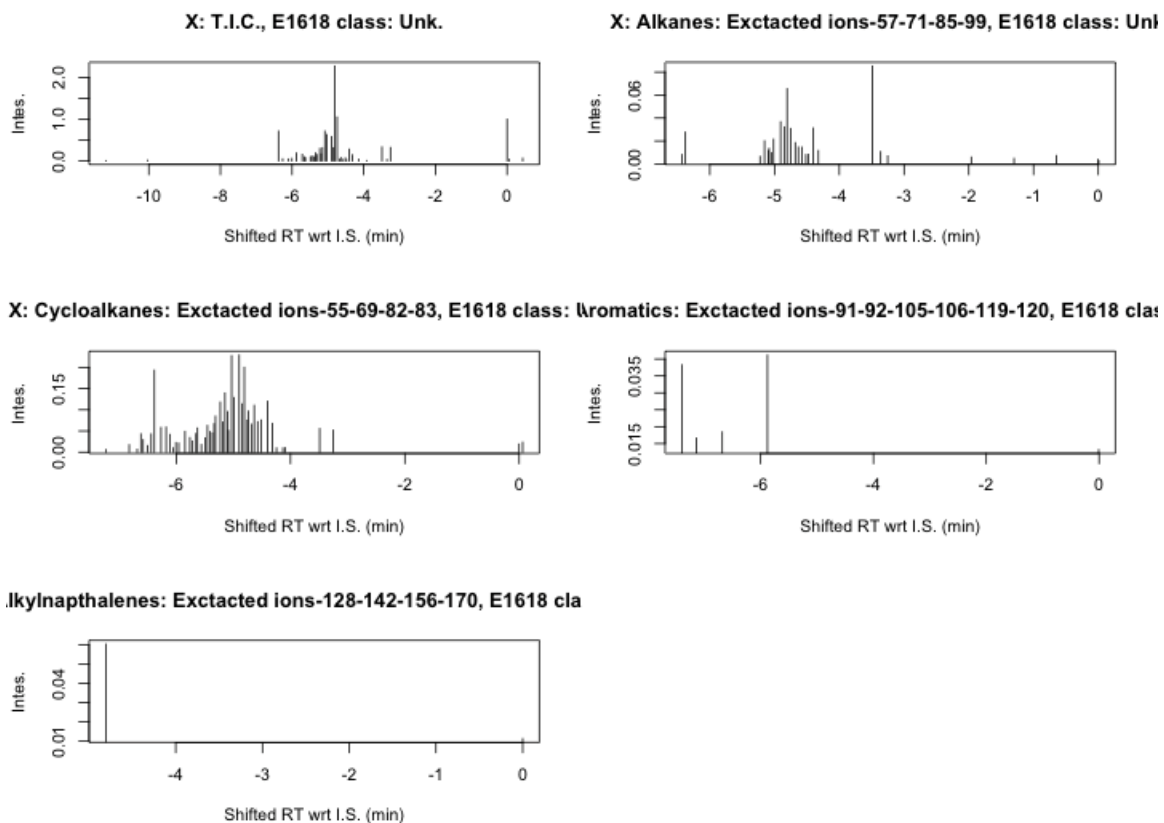
Unknown 47: usbb1c54



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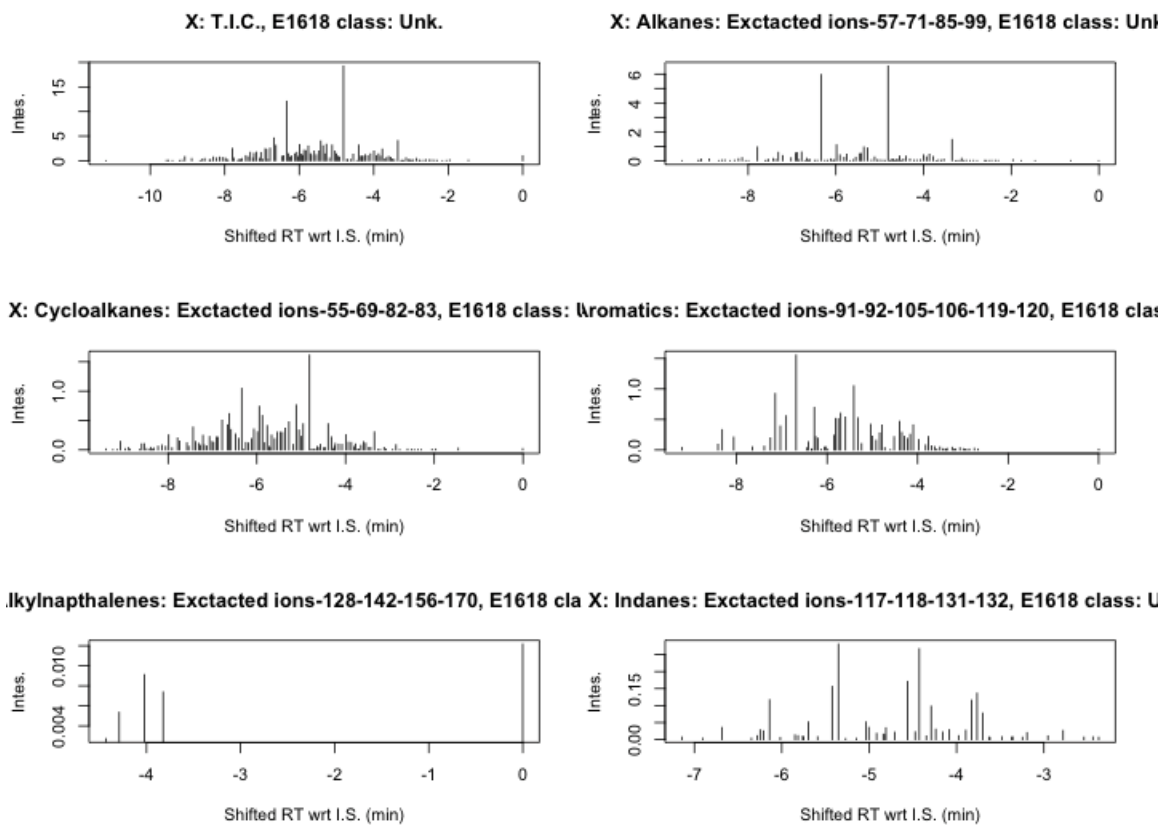
47	M Nap-par	M Oxy	
	MPD	M Misc	M Oxy

Unknown 48: usbb1c59



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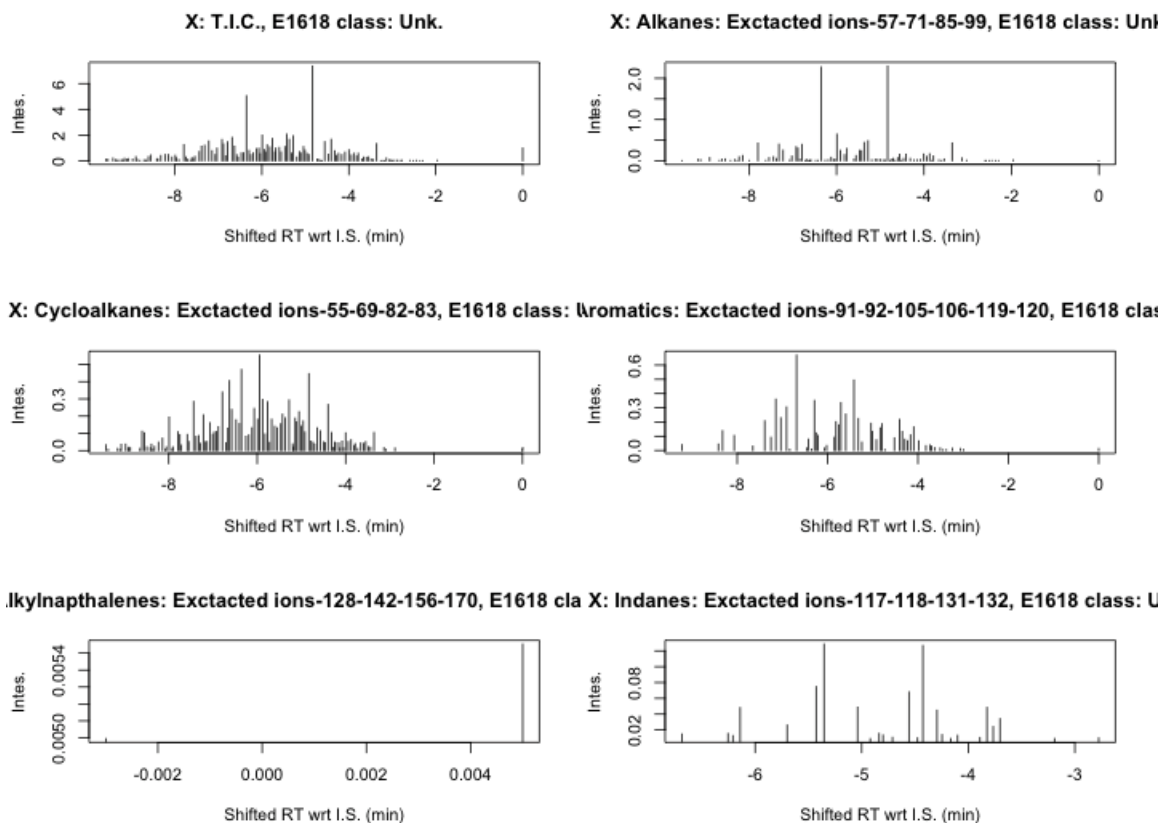
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Unknown # Pred Classes

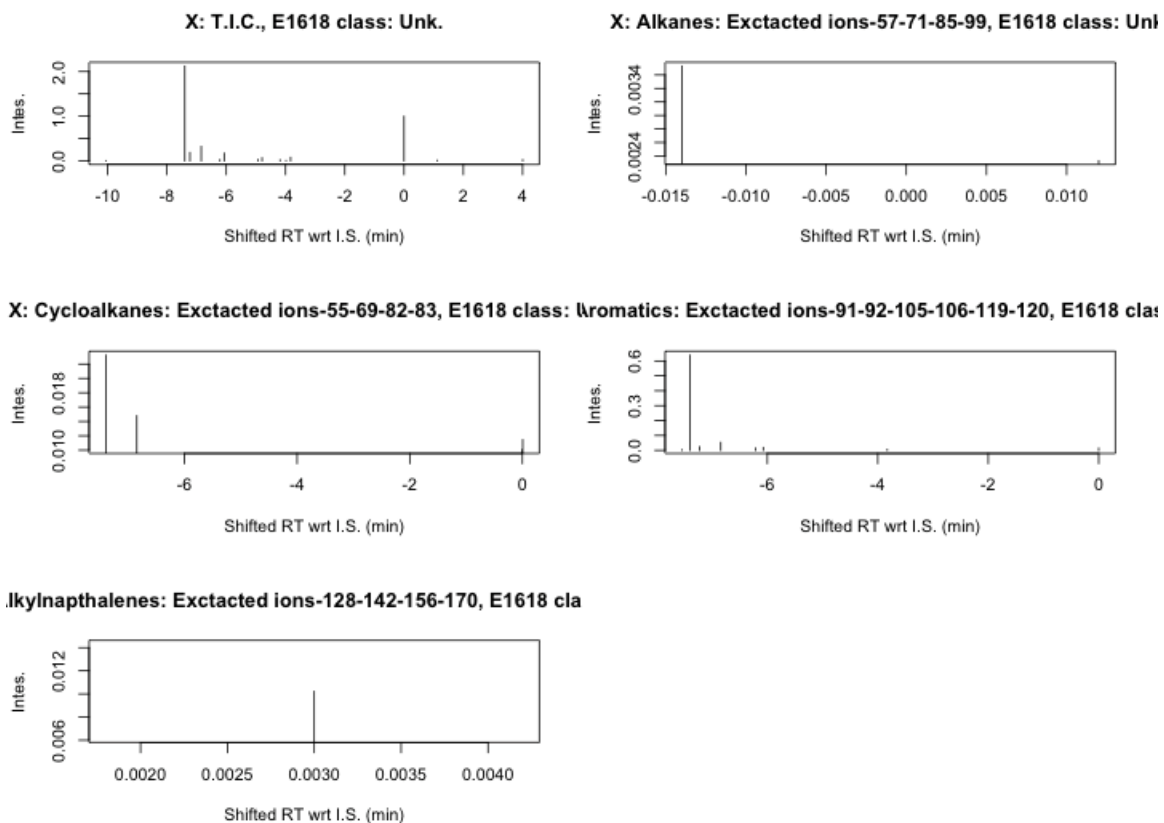
49	M Oxy	MPD		
	MPD	M Misc	M Oxy	

Unknown 50: yp54

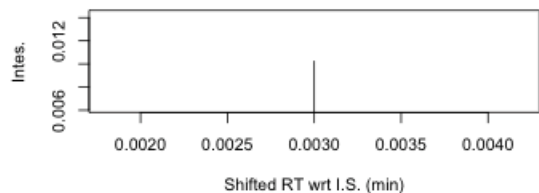


Unknown #	Pred Classes
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Unknown 51: yp59



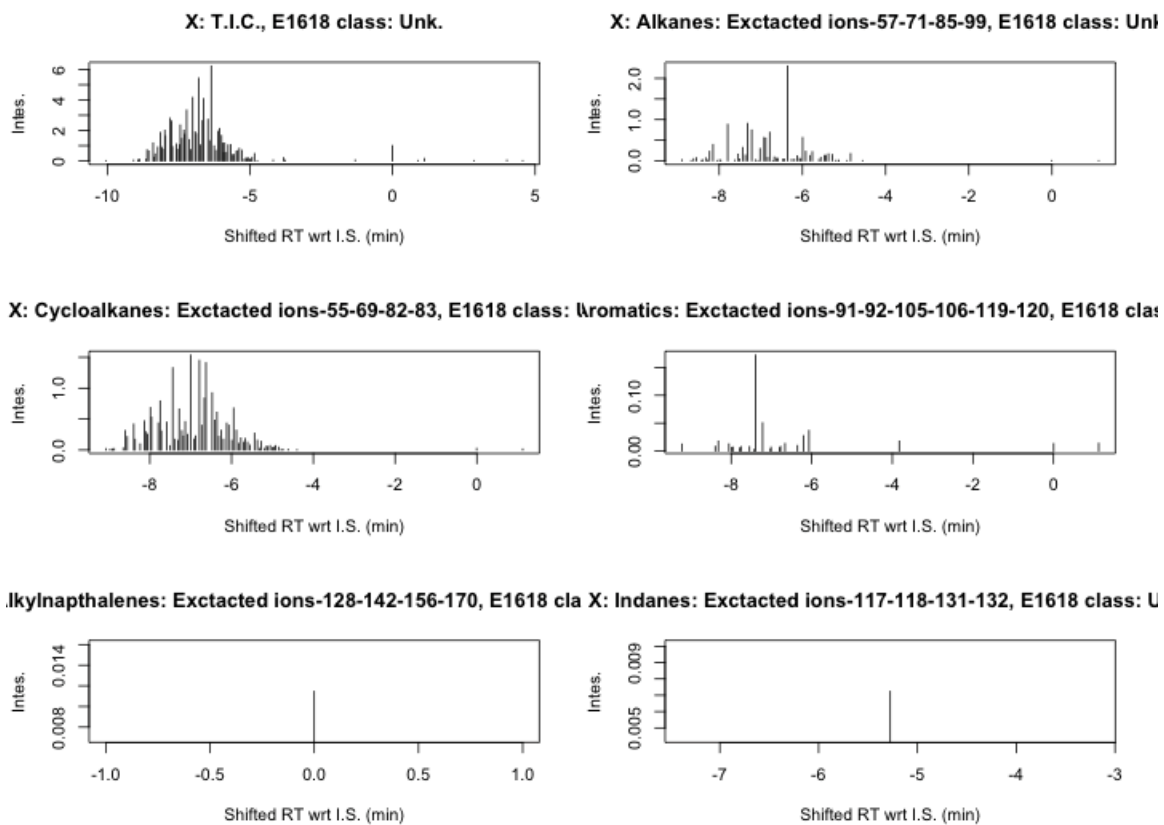
Alkyl naphthalenes: Extacted ions-128-142-156-170, E1618 class: Unk.



Unknown # Pred Classes

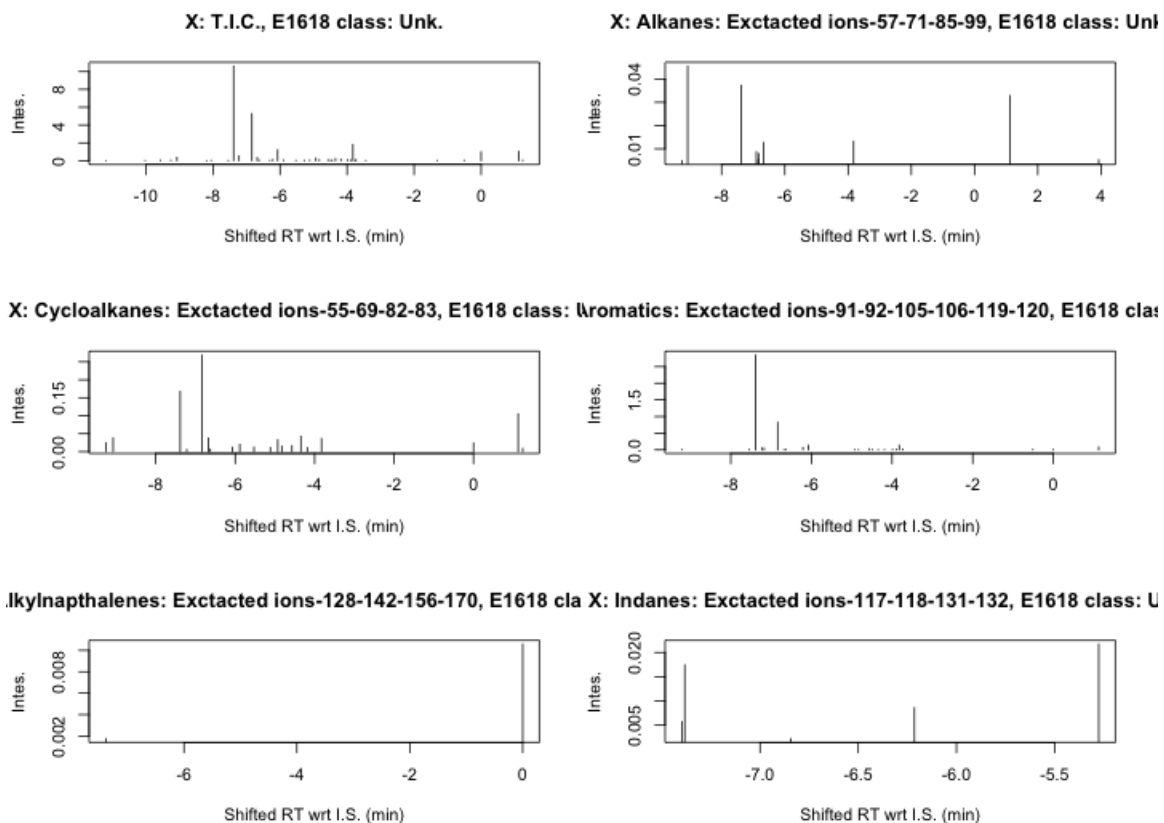
51 H Aro

Unknown 52: yp66



Unknown #	Pred Classes
52	Med Oxy MPD

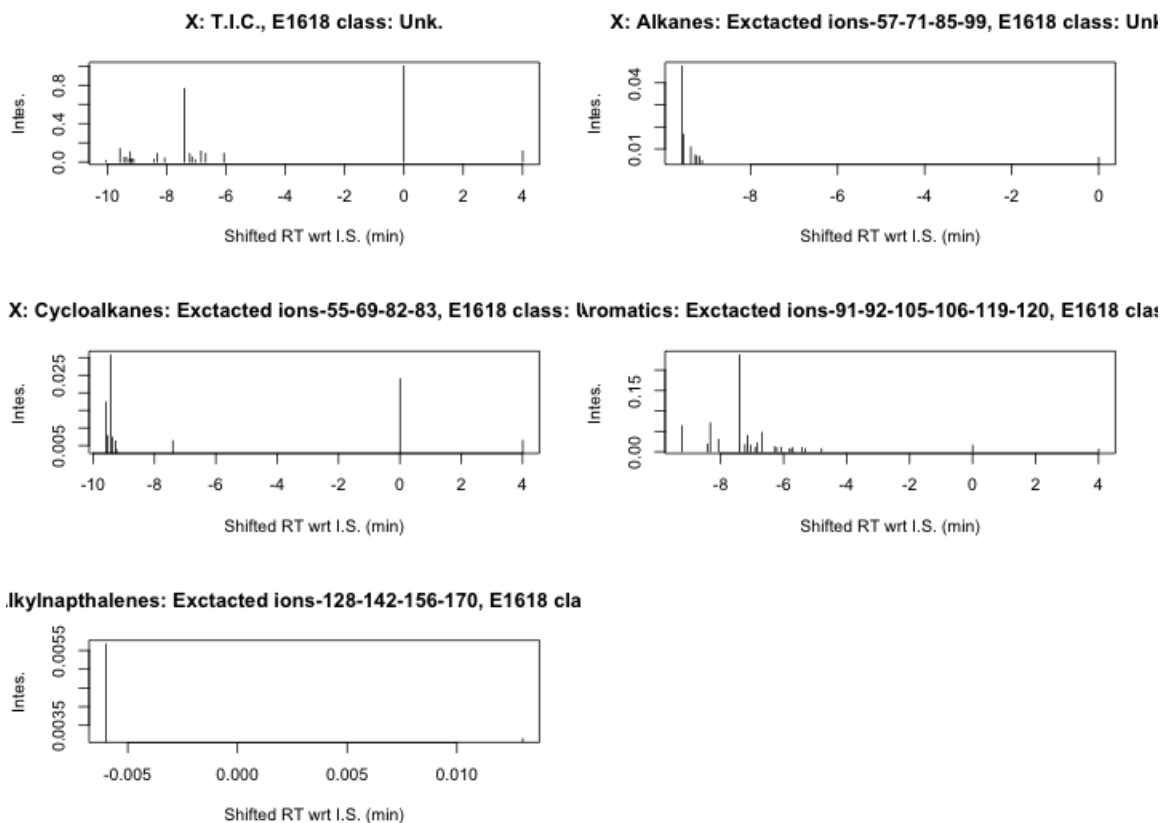
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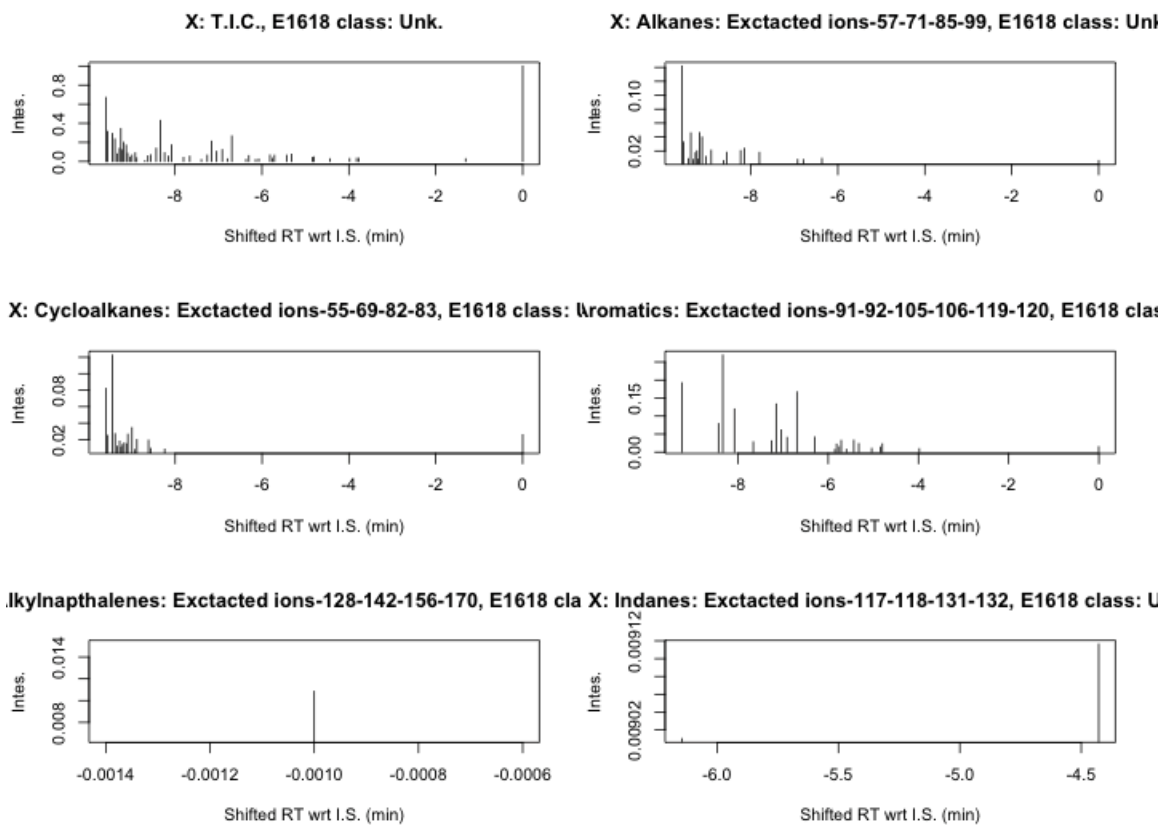
53 M Misc Gasoline

Unknown 54: ype85



Unknown #	Pred Classes	
54	M Misc	M Oxy

Unknown 55: ypgas



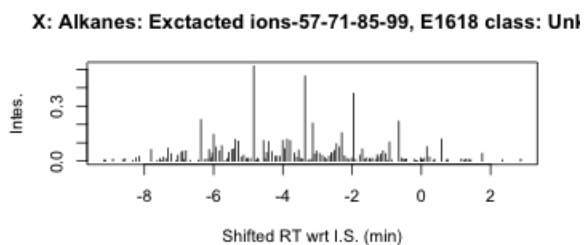
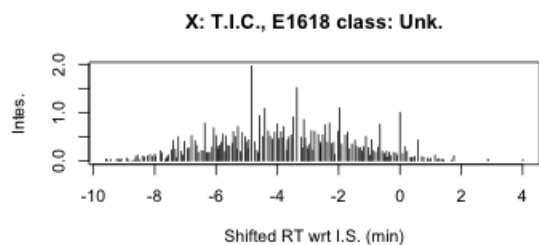
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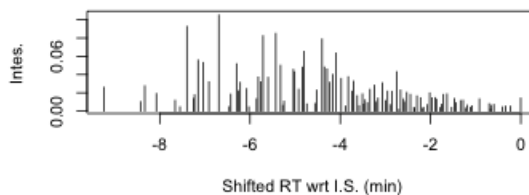
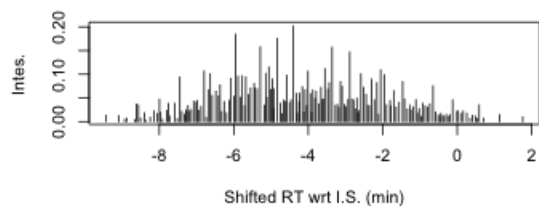
Pred Classes

55 M Misc M Oxy

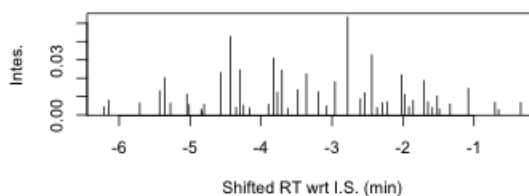
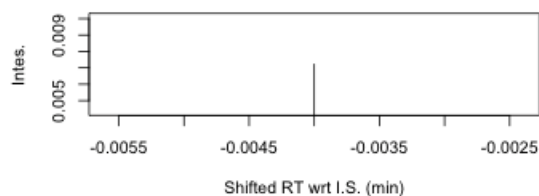
Unknown 56: ypkcr



X: Cycloalkanes: Extracted ions-55-69-82-83, E1618 class: Unk **X: Aromatics: Extracted ions-91-92-105-106-119-120, E1618 class: Unk**



X: Indanaphthalenes: Extracted ions-128-142-156-170, E1618 class: Unk **X: Indanes: Extracted ions-117-118-131-132, E1618 class: Unk**



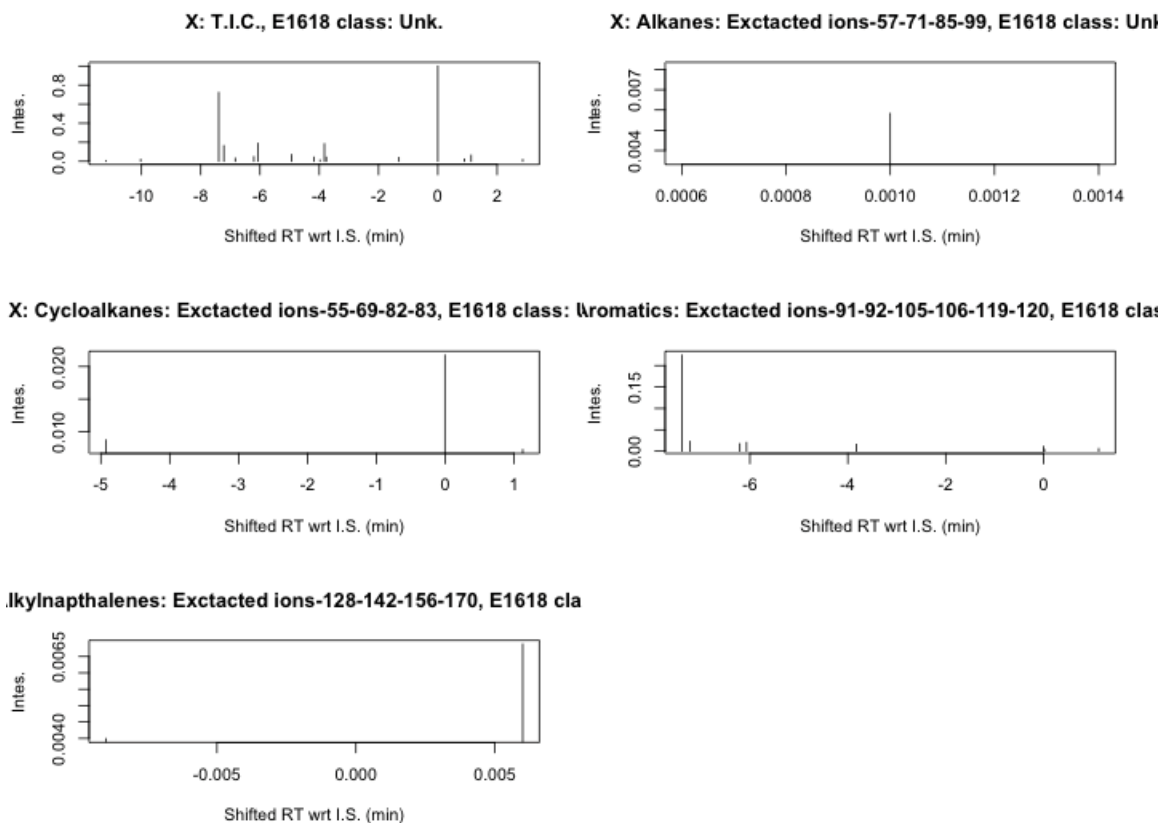
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Pred Classes

56 HPD H Misc H Oxy

Unknown 57: ypmtdb



Unknown #	Pred Classes
57	CAN NOT ID