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5 an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

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7 1. Scope

8 1.1 This standard covers the classification of ignitable liquids encountered in forensic fire debris
9 analysis and includes classification of petroleum and non-petroleum based ignitable liquids.

10 1.2 This standard is intended for use in conjunction with approved extraction practices and
11 instrumental test methods used to isolate and classify ignitable liquids (E1386, E1388, E1412,
12 E1413, E2154, E2881, E3189, EXXX Interpretation).

13 1.3 This standard does not address classification complications arising from matrix contributions,
14 microbial degradation, or weathering effects.

15 1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its
16 use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and
17 environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

18 1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized
19 principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of
20 International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization
21 Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

22 2. Referenced Documents

23 2.1 ASTM Standard:¹

24 **E620** Standard Practice for Reporting Opinions of Scientific or Technical Experts

25 **E1386** Practice for Separation of Ignitable Liquid Residues from Fire Debris Samples by Solvent
26 Extraction

27 **E1388** Practice for Sampling of Headspace Vapors from Fire Debris Samples

28 **E1412** Practice for Separation of Ignitable Liquid Residues from Fire Debris Samples by Passive
29 Headspace Concentration with Activated Charcoal

30 **E1413** Practice for Separation of Ignitable Liquid Residues from Fire Debris Samples by
31 Dynamic Headspace Concentration onto an adsorbent tube

32 **E2154** Practice for Separation and Concentration of Ignitable Liquid Residues from Fire Debris
33 Samples by Passive Headspace Concentration with Solid Phase Microextraction (SPME)

34 **E2451** Practice for Preserving Ignitable Liquids and Ignitable Liquid Residue Extracts from Fire
35 Debris Samples

36 **E2881** Standard Test Method for Extraction and Derivatization of Vegetable Oils and Fats from
37 Fire Debris and Liquid Samples with Analysis by Gas Chromatography-Mass

¹ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

38		Spectrometry
39	E2917	Standard Practice for Forensic Science Practitioner Training, Continuing Education, and Professional Development Programs
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41	E2997	Standard Test Method for Analysis of Biodiesel Products by Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry
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43	E3189	Standard Practice for Separation of Ignitable Liquid Residues from Fire Debris Samples by Static Headspace Concentration onto an Adsorbent Tube
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45	E3197	Terminology Relating to Examination of Fire Debris
46	E3245	Guide for Systematic Approach to the Extraction, Analysis, and Classification of Ignitable liquids and Ignitable Liquid Residues in Fire Debris Samples
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48	WK73482	Standard Practice for Reporting Results and Opinions of Ignitable Liquids Analysis
49	WKxxxx	Standard Test Method for Interpretation of Gas Chromatography-Electron Ionization Mass Spectrometry Data for the Identification of Ignitable Liquid Classes in Forensic Fire Debris Analysis
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52	EXXXX	Standard Practice for Gas Chromatography Electron Ionization Mass Spectrometry Analysis of Ignitable Liquids
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54 3. Terminology

55 3.1 Definition of Terms Specific to This Standard:

- 56 3.1.1 *carbon range, n.*—*n*-alkane range, defined by the boiling points of a homologous series of
57 *n*-alkanes (within *n*-C₄-*n*-C₂₀₊), at which other compounds boil.
- 58 3.1.2 *component, n.*—a compound found in an ignitable liquid.
- 59 3.1.3 *major component(s), n.*—component(s) present at the highest concentration(s).
- 60 3.1.4 *minor component, n.*—a compound present with a relative concentration of less than 5%
61 of the major component(s).
- 62 3.1.5 *not present, adj.*—does not necessarily signify total absence of the compound or class of
63 chemical compounds in a petroleum product. The petroleum processes used to remove or
64 enhance specific compound classes are not always efficient and trace indications of “not
65 present” compounds are not uncommon.
- 66 3.1.6 *Oil and fat, n.*—any oil or fat derived from plants or animals.

67 3.2 Abbreviations Specific to This Standard

- 68 3.2.1 Abbreviations for specific chemicals are located in Appendix A.
- 69 3.2.2 *C#* – number of carbons associated with the normal alkane or alkyl fragment for example,
70 “C₈” would refer to *n*-octane or octyl fragment.
- 71 3.2.3 *EIP* – extracted ion profile
- 72 3.2.4 *FAME* – fatty acid methyl ester

- 73 3.2.5 *HAP* – heavy aromatic product
- 74 3.2.6 *HIP* – heavy isoparaffinic product
- 75 3.2.7 *HPD* – heavy petroleum distillate
- 76 3.2.8 *KDF* – key diagnostic features
- 77 3.2.9 *LAP* – light aromatic product
- 78 3.2.10 *LIP* – light isoparaffinic product
- 79 3.2.11 *LPD* – light petroleum distillate
- 80 3.2.12 *MAP* – medium aromatic product
- 81 3.2.13 *MIP* – medium isoparaffinic product
- 82 3.2.14 *MPD* – medium petroleum distillate
- 83 3.2.15 *PNA* – polynuclear aromatic
- 84 3.2.16 *TIC* – total ion chromatogram

85 **4. Summary of Classification Method**

86 4.1 The classification scheme contains petroleum and non-petroleum-based products resulting in nine
87 classes. Additional guidance is provided for products which do not fall into a single class. For the
88 purposes of this standard, discussion of classification includes assignment to one of these classes.

89 4.1.1 Petroleum based ignitable liquids are classified based upon their composition resulting
90 from common refinery processes.

91 4.1.2 Non-petroleum based ignitable liquids are classified based upon their chemical
92 composition.

93 4.2 Examples of commercial products are provided in Table 1; however, the list is not exhaustive.
94 Distinguishing between examples within any class could sometimes be possible, but such further
95 characterization is not within the scope of this standard.

96 **5. Significance and Use**

97 5.1 The classification of ignitable liquids is based upon the chemical composition and the carbon
98 ranges of known ignitable liquids which may be encountered in forensic fire debris analysis.

99 5.2 The ignitable liquids described herein are common to the classifications, however each ignitable
100 liquid class contains a range of compositions. It is impractical to provide criteria for every
101 manufactured ignitable liquid.

102 5.3 Data analysis is based upon the analytical processes used. This standard is intended to be used in
103 conjunction with applicable standards for the analysis (GCMS), interpretation (Interpretation),
104 and reporting of ignitable liquids (E2881, E2997, WK73482).

105 5.4 Mixtures of ignitable liquids can be marketed as a single commercial product. This standard

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cannot differentiate between ignitable liquids that are mixed by a manufacturer for sale or ignitable liquids mixed at the point of use.

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TABLE 1 Ignitable Liquid Classification Scheme with Examples of Known Products ^{1, A, B, C}

Class	Light (C ₄ -C ₉)	Medium (C ₈ -C ₁₃)	Heavy (C ₉ -C ₂₀₊)
Gasoline, including E85	Fresh gasoline is typically in the range C ₄ -C ₁₂		
Petroleum Distillates	Petroleum ether Cigarette lighter fluids Camping fuels	Charcoal starters ^B Paint thinners Dry cleaning solvents Mineral spirits Automotive parts cleaners Spray lubricants Lamp oils Deck sealers Varnishes Kerosene Insecticides	Kerosene Diesel fuels Charcoal starters Aviation fuels Insecticides Fuel additives Lamp oils Automotive parts cleaners
Isoparaffinic Products	Aviation gasoline Lighter fluids Charcoal starters	Charcoal starters Paint thinners Copier toners Mineral spirits Solvent cleaners Kerosene Lamp oils Gun oils	Spot cleaners Penetrating oils Insecticides
Naphthenic- Paraffinic Products		Charcoal starters Insecticide vehicles Lamp oils Automotive part cleaners Mineral spirits	Insecticides Lamp oils
Aromatic Products	Paint and Varnish removers Automotive parts cleaners Degreasing solvents Adhesives and adhesive removers	Automotive parts cleaners Degreasing solvents Specialty Cleaning solvents Insecticide vehicles Brush cleaners	Insecticides Adhesives
Normal-Alkane Products		Lamp oils Copier toners Wax cleaners	Lamp oils Carbonless paper forms Copier toners
Oxygenated Products	Solvents (for example, Alcohols, Ketones) Denatured alcohols or spirits		
Petroleum Products	Adhesive removers Lacquer thinners Enamel reducers	Paint thinners Mineral spirits Automotive parts cleaners Surface preparation materials	Automotive parts cleaners Fuel additives Specialty solvents Insecticides Paint thinners
Oil and Fat-based Products		Flooring Treatments Charcoal starter fluids Torch fuels	Olive oil, bacon grease, linseed oil, sunflower oil, canola oil, massage oils B100 Biodiesel
Single Compounds	Acetone, Ethanol, Hexane	Limonene, 2-butoxyethanol	
Mixtures	Enamel reducer Paint vehicles Lacquer thinners	Adhesive removers Roof sealants Mineral spirits	Lamp oils Insecticides

Aviation gasoline
Racing gasoline

Fuel additives
Spray lubricants
Brush cleaners
Paint thinners
“Citrus” cleaners
Charcoal starter fluids

“Citrus” cleaners
Automotive parts cleaners
Fuel additives
Danish oil
B20 Biodiesel

Other Products

Turpentine

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A The products listed in the various classes of Table 1 are examples of known commercial uses of these ignitable liquids. These examples are not intended to be all-inclusive. Reference literature materials can be used to provide more specific examples of each classification.

B Many of the examples can be prefaced by the word “some,” as in “some charcoal starters.” It is not unusual for similarly labeled products to have examples in more than one class, as product labeling can be based upon chemical performance or property, and not necessarily on chemical composition.

C The active ingredient(s) in consumer products categorized here as “insecticides” are typically not inherently flammable, but the solvents and propellants used in some consumer products can be categorized as ignitable liquids.

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6. Data Analysis

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6.1. The purpose of data analysis is to locate compounds that can be indicative of an ignitable liquid class, matrix contribution or both. Evaluate the TIC and extracted ion profiles for each sample. It is important to consider the general chemical composition (e.g. by mass spectral data evaluation or through a library search report).

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6.2. Evaluation of the Total Ion Chromatogram:

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6.2.1. Evaluate the TIC for peaks to ensure appropriate instrument operation has occurred and data have been collected (refer to GCMS document).

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6.2.2. Evaluate the TIC to determine the general types of compounds present and the potential identity of the major peaks using mass spectral interpretation or a commercial or validated mass spectral library.

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6.2.3. Evaluate the TIC for the presence or absence of KDF associated with ignitable liquids. **(Warning** – the presence of these compounds is not solely indicative of an ignitable liquid. The relative ratios of the compounds within the groups are also evaluated.)

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6.2.3.1. KDF include, but are not limited to (2):

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(1) A Gaussian-like distribution of peaks.

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(2) Patterns within a distinct boiling point range.

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(3) A homologous series of *n*-alkanes or other hydrocarbons.

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(4) A series of diagnostic aromatic patterns.

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(5) Abundant isolated compounds.

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6.2.4. Record this evaluation in the case record.

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6.3. Evaluation of Extracted Ion Profiles:

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6.3.1. EIP is valuable for the classification of ignitable liquids because it can enhance the signal-to-noise ratio and highlight features of interest.

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6.3.1.1. Summed ion chromatograms for two or more characteristic ions of the same chemical class can enhance the signal-to-noise ratio and decrease interference by extraneous compounds that contain only one of the ions. Additionally, summed profiles characteristic of specific classes of hydrocarbons can be created (3).

- 144 6.3.1.2. Single ion extracted ion profiling can highlight a chromatographic feature of interest.
 145 Note 1: Evaluating only a single ion of a compound type will not clearly present an
 146 overview of the selected chemical class distribution throughout the entire
 147 chromatogram.
- 148 6.3.2. There are five major hydrocarbon types associated with petroleum EIP: alkane (normal or
 149 branched), cycloalkane, alkylbenzene (also known as mononuclear aromatic), indane, and
 150 polynuclear aromatic (PNA, also known as alkylnaphthalene and condensed ring
 151 aromatic) (4, 5, 6). Other classes of compounds may be present.
- 152 6.3.2.1. Compounds of each type of hydrocarbon produce characteristic major ion fragments.
 153 These ions are listed in [Table 2](#).
- 154 6.3.2.2. EIPs may be produced for other chemical classes such as ketones, alcohols and
 155 FAMES. These compounds require full mass spectral comparison and retention time
 156 comparison to an appropriate standard for identification.
- 157 6.3.2.3. EIPs display all peaks which contain the ions of interest. As a result, extracted ions
 158 for chemical classes can be present in a variety of EIPs. For example, the
 159 cycloalkane EIP will contain contributions from cycloalkanes, normal alkanes and
 160 isoalkanes.
- 161 6.3.3. Generate EIPs for each hydrocarbon type listed in 6.3.2.
- 162 6.3.4. Other ions and ion combinations, besides those listed in table 2, can be beneficial for
 163 evaluating matrix contributions.

164 **TABLE 2 Major Ions of Interest for Ignitable Liquids (4, 5, 6, 9)**

Compound Type	m/z
Normal/Branched Alkane	43, 57, 71, 85, 99
Cycloalkane ^A	55, 69, 83, 97
Alkylbenzene	91, 105, 119, 92, 106, 120, 133
Indane	117, 118, 131, 132
PNA	128, 142, 156, 170
<i>Ketone</i>	43, 58, 72, 86
<i>Alcohol</i>	31, 45
<i>Fatty Acid Methyl Esters^B</i>	67, 74, 79
<i>Trans-deaclin</i>	138

165 ^A Alkenes share these ions, are not common in ignitable liquids, but are common in matrices

166 ^B FAMES should be screened for in products containing HPDs and other potential mixtures

167 **7. Basis for the Classification of Ignitable Liquids (KDF) (2, 7, 10)**

- 168 7.1. Ignitable liquids are separated into classes based upon chemical composition. These classes are
 169 gasoline, petroleum distillates, isoparaffinic products, naphthenic-paraffinic products, aromatic
 170 products, normal alkane products, oxygenated products, petroleum products, and oil and fat-
 171 based products. Single components, mixtures, and non-classifiable products are described and
 172 classified according to their chemical composition.
- 173 7.2. Guidance is provided for those ignitable liquids that do not fall into one of the definable ignitable
 174 liquid classes or which fall into multiple classes. Refer to Sections 15, 17, and 18 for further
 175 information.

- 176 7.3. The KDFs listed in the following sections are based on neat liquids and are meant to highlight
177 indicative features for the ignitable liquid classes. They are not meant to be an exclusive list.
178 7.4. Products within classes can contain petroleum based and non-petroleum based components. The
179 products within each ignitable liquid class have relatively consistent compositions based on
180 refining, manufacturing, or both processes.
181 7.5. With the exception of gasoline, each ignitable liquid class is further subdivided into three
182 subclasses based on carbon ranges.
183 7.5.1. *Light Product Range*— $n\text{-C}_4\text{-}n\text{-C}_9$; major peaks have boiling points in the range $n\text{-C}_4\text{-}n\text{-C}_9$;
184 no peaks associated with a boiling point above $n\text{-C}_{11}$.
185 7.5.2. *Medium Product Range*— $n\text{-C}_8\text{-}n\text{-C}_{13}$; narrow range products; majority of the peaks have
186 boiling points in the range of $n\text{-C}_8\text{-}n\text{-C}_{13}$; no major peaks associated with the ignitable
187 liquid exist with a boiling point below $n\text{-C}_7$ or above $n\text{-C}_{14}$.
188 7.5.3. *Heavy Product Range*— $n\text{-C}_9\text{-}n\text{-C}_{20+}$; broad range or higher carbon range products;
189 majority of the peaks have boiling points in the range $n\text{-C}_9\text{-}n\text{-C}_{23}$. When there are fewer
190 than five n-alkanes in a product, the most volatile compounds have boiling points greater
191 than or equal to $n\text{-C}_{11}$.
192 7.5.4. A product can be characterized as “light to medium” or “medium to heavy” when the
193 carbon number range does not fit into a subclass.
194 7.6. The individual EIPs will be consistent among all ignitable liquids in comparable boiling point
195 ranges within a classification. The inter-profile and intra-profile ratios may change depending on
196 the product of origin; however, generally the peaks displayed in each of the profiles are
197 consistent.
198 7.7. The appendix contains images of various classifications labeled with their corresponding KDFs;
199 tables which contain the legend for the image labels are also included.

200 8. Key Diagnostic Features of Gasoline

- 201 8.1. This classification covers all brands and grades of gasoline, including E85. It is a blend of
202 refinery stream products that results in distinctive chemical characteristics that allow for
203 classification as a specified commercial product. The carbon range is dependent upon several
204 factors including legal restrictions and environmental market. In general, the predominant
205 features of the petroleum base of unevaporated gasoline spans within the carbon range of $n\text{-C}_4\text{-}$
206 $n\text{-C}_{12}$ and is characterized by alkylbenzene compounds extending from toluene to C5-
207 alkylbenzenes. More volatile additives, including oxygenated compounds, may be present.
208 Gasoline can also contain aliphatic compounds that can dominate the pattern in the lightest
209 boiling point range. When present, aliphatic compounds will have a lesser relative abundance
210 compared to the alkylbenzene compounds following toluene.
211 8.1.1. Octane enhancers—Depending upon evaporation, octane enhancers should be present as
212 oxygenated compounds (for example, ethanol), alkylates, or combinations of both.
213 8.1.1.1. Alkylates are narrow carbon range refinery products which are comprised mostly of
214 isoalkanes (11).
215 8.2. *TIC*—The chromatographic patterns for gasoline, including E85, are characterized by abundant
216 alkylbenzenes in consistent diagnostic peaks and peak patterns (refer to appendix X1.1).
217 Gasoline contains compounds that extend from the light range through the heavy range for
218 ignitable liquids.
219 8.2.1. Highly evaporated gasoline (over approximately 90 % evaporated) may not contain some
220 of the early eluting KDF.

- 221 8.2.2. Some gasolines may not contain the later eluting compounds.
- 222 8.2.3. Except for E85, the TIC of gasoline is dominated by aromatic compounds.
- 223 8.2.3.1. E85 gasoline is dominated by abundant ethanol; however other KDF are consistent
224 with non-E85 gasoline
- 225 Note 2: while it is classified as gasoline, E85 gasoline is reported as a mixture of ethanol and
226 gasoline (refer to reporting WK73482).
- 227 8.2.4. Oxygenated compounds are commonly added to gasoline. Methanol, ethanol, MTBE, or
228 other oxygenated octane enhancers may not be present or observed in samples that are
229 more than approximately 50 % evaporated. Oxygenated compounds are not added to or
230 present in all formulations.
- 231 8.2.5. *Key Peaks and Groupings:*
- 232 8.2.5.1. Isooctane.
- 233 8.2.5.2. Trimethylpentane (2,3,4-trimethylpentane)(11, 18) and Toluene.
- 234 8.2.5.3. Three peak group comprised of the C2-alkylbenzenes.
- 235 8.2.5.4. Six peak group comprised of five C3-alkylbenzenes with a C₁₀-isoalkane isomer
236 preceding 1,2,4-TMB.
- 237 8.2.5.5. 1,2,4-TMB.
- 238 8.2.5.6. 1,2,3-TMB.
- 239 8.2.5.7. Indane (dihydroindene).
- 240 8.2.5.8. Four peak (double doublet) group comprised of C4-alkylbenzenes with comparative
241 peak heights between each doublet (group 1).
- 242 8.2.5.9. Three peak group comprised of C4-alkylbenzenes, two of which are typically
243 unresolved, preceding the approximate retention time of *n*-C₁₁ with escalating peak
244 heights within the group (group 2).
- 245 8.2.5.10. Two peak group comprised of C4-alkylbenzene following the approximate retention
246 time of *n*-C₁₁ with escalating peak heights within the group (group 3).
- 247 8.2.5.11. Two peak group (doublet) comprised of C1-indane isomers following the C4-
248 alkylbenzenes with escalating peak heights within the group.
- 249 8.2.5.12. Naphthalene; may not be present in all formulations.
- 250 8.2.5.13. Two peak group (doublet) comprised of the C1-PNAs 2-methylnaphthalene
251 followed by 1-methylnaphthalene with deescalating peak heights within the group.
- 252 NOTE 3 – These compounds may not be present in all formulations.
- 253 8.3. *EIP*—With the exception of highly evaporated (>90 %) gasoline, in the medium range, the
254 alkylbenzene profile is more abundant than the alkane, cycloalkane, indane and polynuclear
255 aromatic profiles (refer to appendix X1.1). For highly evaporated gasolines the abundance of the
256 alkylbenzene and alkane profiles may be comparable.
- 257 8.3.1. *Alkanes*—The alkane pattern is dependent on the refinery and distribution processes.
258 Patterns observed are typically comparable to a petroleum distillate (refer to Section 9), an

- 259 isoparaffinic product (refer to Section 10) or, most commonly, a mixture of the two.
260 Additionally, the following diagnostic alkanes should be present depending on
261 evaporation:
- 262 8.3.1.1. Isooctane.
263 8.3.1.2. Trimethylpentane (11, 18).
264 8.3.1.3. C₁₀-isoalkane isomer in C₃-alkylbenzene region.
265 8.3.1.4. Decane.
- 266 8.3.2. *Cycloalkanes*—Can be present; however, this is not a diagnostic profile for the class.
267 8.3.3. *Alkylbenzenes*—When these features are present (depending upon evaporation), they are
268 in an overall pattern that encompasses the following diagnostic peaks and peak patterns:
269 8.3.3.1. Toluene.
270 NOTE 4—Toluene can be present from matrix contribution.
271 8.3.3.2. Three peak group comprised of the C₂-alkylbenzenes.
272 NOTE 5—C₂-Alkylbenzenes can be present from matrix contribution.
273 8.3.3.3. Six peak group comprised of five C₃-alkylbenzenes preceding 1, 2, 4-TMB with
274 comparative peak heights within the group.
275 8.3.3.4. 1, 2, 4-TMB—At a higher abundance than the preceding member of the C₃-
276 alkylbenzene group.
277 8.3.3.5. 1, 2, 3-TMB.
278 8.3.3.6. Four peak (double doublet) group comprised of C₄-alkylbenzenes with comparative
279 peak heights between each doublet (group 1).
280 8.3.3.7. Three peak group comprised of C₄-alkylbenzenes, two of which are typically
281 unresolved, preceding the approximate retention time of C₁₁ with escalating peak
282 heights within the group (group 2).
283 8.3.3.8. Two peak group comprised of C₄-alkylbenzene following the approximate retention
284 time of C₁₁ with escalating peak heights within the group (group 3).
285 8.3.3.9. An C₅-alkylbenzene pattern straddling the approximate retention time of
286 naphthalene with comparative peak heights within the group.
- 287 8.3.4. *Indanes*—The following peaks and peak groupings will be present in gasoline:
288 8.3.4.1. Indane.
289 8.3.4.2. Two peak group (doublet) comprised of C₁-indane isomers following the C₄-
290 alkylbenzenes with escalating peak heights within the group.
291 8.3.4.3. A four peak group comprised of C₂-indane isomers where the second and fourth
292 peaks are escalating the first and third peaks.
293 8.3.5. *PNAs*—Some or all PNAs may not be present in various gasoline formulations, however,
294 when present the KDFs are as follows:
295 8.3.5.1. Naphthalene.

296 NOTE 6—Naphthalene can be present from matrix contribution.

297 8.3.5.2. Two peak group (doublet) comprised of the C₁-PNAs 2-methylnaphthalene followed
298 by 1-methylnaphthalene with deescalating peak heights within the group.

299 8.3.5.3. Six peak group comprised of C₂-PNA isomers in an approximately Gaussian
300 distribution of peak heights within the group. Visualization may be limited in less
301 evaporated samples.

302 9. Key Diagnostic Features of Petroleum Distillates (6)

303 9.1. Petroleum distillates are created by the distillation of crude oil within the distinct boiling point
304 ranges. Some products undergo a refinery process to remove aromatic compounds. Distillates
305 with a carbon range that start above *n*-C₇ tend to have a Gaussian-like distribution of compounds.
306 The homologous series of *n*-alkanes are the most dominant. Lighter distillates (carbon range
307 starting before *n*-C₇) are in the molecular size range in which fewer aliphatic isomers are
308 possible or present. As such, isoalkane and cycloalkane peaks are comparable to normal alkane
309 peaks. Distillates contain minor contributions to the overall pattern of aromatic compounds
310 (alkylbenzenes, indane and polynuclear) and their presence varies based on the refining process
311 used.

312 9.2. *Alkanes*—The major peaks present are alkanes (both *n*-alkanes and isoalkanes). Individual *n*-
313 alkanes are more dominant than other compounds in medium and heavy distillates. In distillates
314 which have had aromatics removed, the ratio between *n*-alkanes and isoalkanes (and
315 cycloalkanes) may be smaller. In medium or heavy products, if the major *n*-alkane peak is
316 present at less than 1.5 times the major isoalkane or cycloalkane peak(s) height, the product is
317 classified as a naphthenic-paraffinic product rather than a distillate (12).

318 9.3. *Cycloalkanes*—Present throughout the carbon range. They are less dominant than *n*-alkanes and
319 comparable to isoalkanes in medium to heavy products. In light distillates, there are single or few
320 cycloalkane peaks, which are generally comparable to *n*-alkane(s).

321 9.4. *Alkylbenzenes*—Aromatic compounds are present in many distillates; however, some products
322 have had these compounds removed during the refining process.

323 9.5. *Indanes*—Indane, methyl indanes, and C₂ indanes are present in many distillates if the carbon
324 range of the distillate encompasses that of the compounds, however, some products have had
325 these compounds removed during the refining process.

326 9.6. *PNAs*—Present in many distillates if the carbon range of the distillate encompasses that of these
327 compounds, however, some products have had these compounds removed during the refining
328 process.

329 Key Diagnostic Features (KDF) of Light Petroleum Distillates (LPD)

330 9.7. LPDs contain fewer compounds than heavier distillates and the pattern may not be clearly
331 Gaussian. The pattern contains at least one normal alkane in the range of *n*-C₄-*n*-C₉, in which the
332 normal alkane is more, or similar in abundance, to the isoalkanes and cycloalkane isomers. The
333 pattern has fewer eluting peaks on the lighter end of the range due to the limited number of
334 isoalkanes and cycloalkane isomers of the smaller molecular weight hydrocarbons.

335 9.7.1. *TIC*—The pattern contains a Gaussian distribution of peaks with a homologous series of
336 spiking normal alkanes or a non-Gaussian pattern containing only one or two *n*-alkanes.
337 Lighter distillates (carbon range starting before *n*-C₇) are in the molecular size range in

- 338 which fewer aliphatic isomers are possible or present. As such, isoalkane and cycloalkane
339 peaks are comparable in abundance to normal alkane peaks.
- 340 9.7.1.1. A series of isoalkanes and cycloalkane isomers are between the consecutive *n*-
341 alkanes. The chromatographic pattern of these isoalkane and cycloalkane peaks is
342 consistent among all distillates.
- 343 (1) Methylcyclohexane is present when *n*-C₇ and *n*-C₈ are present (12).
- 344 9.7.1.2. Alkylbenzenes can be present but may not be of sufficient abundance to be
345 visualized on the TIC. The abundances vary among formulations, based on the
346 refining process
- 347 9.7.2. *EIP*—The alkane and cycloalkane profiles are more abundant than the alkylbenzene
348 profile (refer to appendix X1.2). Due to the carbon range, indane, and polynuclear
349 compounds are not present.
- 350 9.7.2.1. *Alkanes*—The pattern contains a Gaussian distribution of peaks with a
351 homologous series of spiking normal alkanes or a non-Gaussian pattern containing
352 only one or two *n*-alkanes. Between the consecutive normal alkanes are a series of
353 primarily isoalkane isomers which are present in consistent patterns.
- 354 9.7.2.2. *Cycloalkanes*—Between the consecutive normal alkanes are a series of
355 cycloalkane isomers which are present in consistent patterns based on carbon range and
356 may be comparable in abundance to the alkane *EIP*.
- 357 (1) Methylcyclohexane is present when *n*-C₇ and *n*-C₈ are present (12)
- 358 9.7.2.3. *Alkylbenzenes*—When present, they are in the diagnostic pattern associated with
359 their carbon range:
- 360 (1) Toluene, if range encompasses *n*-C₇-*n*-C₈.
- 361 (2) Three peak C₂- alkylbenzenes, if the range encompasses *n*-C₈-*n*-C₉.
- 362 **Key Diagnostic Features (KDF) of Medium Petroleum Distillates (MPD)**
- 363 9.8. The bulk of the chromatographic pattern occurs in the range of *n*-C₈ to *n*-C₁₃ and encompasses
364 two to four normal alkanes.
- 365 9.9. *TIC*—With the exception of minor aromatic contributions, the chromatographic patterns for all
366 MPDs that elute in a given carbon range are consistent.
- 367 9.9.1. The pattern is dominated by a Gaussian distribution of peaks with a homologous series of
368 spiking normal alkanes.
- 369 9.9.2. A series of isoalkanes and cycloalkane isomers are between the consecutive *n*-alkanes.
370 The chromatographic pattern of these less abundant alkane and cycloalkane peaks is
371 consistent among all distillates (refer to appendix X1.3). Due to the number of isoalkanes
372 and cycloalkane isomers present, these compounds can appear unresolved.
- 373 9.9.3. Aromatic compounds (alkylbenzenes, indanes, polynuclear aromatics) can be present but
374 may not be of sufficient abundance to be visualized on the TIC. The abundance varies
375 between formulations.
- 376 9.10. *EIP*—The alkane profile is more abundant than alkylbenzene, cycloalkane, indane, and
377 polynuclear aromatic profiles.

- 378 9.10.1. *Alkanes*—The pattern is dominated by a Gaussian distribution of peaks with a
379 homologous series of spiking normal alkanes.
- 380 9.10.1.1. Between the consecutive normal alkanes are a Gaussian distribution of isoalkane
381 isomers which are present in consistent patterns.
- 382 9.10.2. *Cycloalkanes*—A Gaussian distribution of cycloalkane isomers in a generally unresolved
383 pattern.
- 384 9.10.2.1. Trans-decalin.
- 385 9.10.3. *Alkylbenzenes*—When these compounds are present, they are in the diagnostic pattern
386 associated with their carbon range:
- 387 9.10.3.1. Toluene, if range encompasses $n\text{-C}_7\text{-}n\text{-C}_8$.
- 388 9.10.3.2. Three peak C_2 - alkylbenzenes, if the range encompasses $n\text{-C}_8\text{-}n\text{-C}_9$.
- 389 9.10.3.3. Five peak C_3 - alkylbenzene group, if the range encompasses $n\text{-C}_9\text{-}n\text{-C}_{10}$.
- 390 9.10.3.4. 1,2,4-TMB and 1,2,3-TMB, if the range encompasses $n\text{-C}_9\text{-}n\text{-C}_{10}$.
- 391 9.10.3.5. C_4 - alkylbenzene groups, if the range encompasses $n\text{-C}_{10}\text{-}n\text{-C}_{11}$.
- 392 9.10.4. *Indanes*—When these compounds are present, indane, the C_1 -indane group, and the C_2 -
393 indane group are present in the range of $n\text{-C}_{10}\text{-}n\text{-C}_{12}$.
- 394 9.10.5. *PNA*s—When these compounds are present, naphthalene and the C_1 -PNA group are
395 present in the range of $n\text{-C}_{11}\text{-}n\text{-C}_{13}$.
- 396 **Key Diagnostic Features (KDF) of Heavy Petroleum Distillates (HPD)**
- 397 9.11. *TIC*—With the exception of minor aromatic contributions, the chromatographic patterns
398 for all HPDs that elute in a given boiling point (n-alkane) range are consistent.
- 399 9.11.1. The pattern is dominated by a Gaussian distribution of peaks with a homologous series of
400 spiking normal alkanes. These products generally contain a minimum of five consecutive
401 normal alkanes; however, it also includes a subclass of narrow ranged distillates starting
402 above $n\text{-C}_{11}$ which encompass fewer than five n-alkanes.
- 403 9.11.2. A series of isoalkanes and cycloalkane isomers are between the consecutive n-alkanes.
404 The chromatographic pattern of these less abundant alkane and cycloalkane peaks is
405 generally consistent among all distillates (refer to appendix X1.4). Due to the number of
406 isoalkanes and cycloalkane isomers present, these compounds can appear unresolved.
- 407 9.11.3. Aromatic compounds (alkylbenzenes, indanes, polynuclear aromatics) can be present but
408 may not be of sufficient abundance to be visualized on the TIC. The abundance varies
409 between formulations.
- 410 9.12. *EIP*—The alkane profile is more abundant than alkylbenzene, cycloalkane, indane, and
411 polynuclear aromatic profiles.
- 412 9.12.1. *Alkanes*—The pattern is dominated by a Gaussian distribution of peaks with a
413 homologous series of spiking normal alkanes. Between the consecutive normal alkanes is a
414 Gaussian distribution of isoalkane isomers which are present in consistent patterns.
- 415 9.12.1.1. Pristane is present following $n\text{-C}_{17}$, and phytane is present following $n\text{-C}_{18}$ if the
416 boiling point range includes $n\text{-C}_{17}$ or $n\text{-C}_{18}$, respectively.

- 417 9.12.2. *Cycloalkanes*—A Gaussian distribution of cycloalkanes in a generally unresolved pattern.
418 9.12.2.1. Trans-decalin, if the range encompasses n -C₁₀.
419 9.12.3. *Alkylbenzenes*—When present, they are in the diagnostic pattern associated with their
420 carbon range:
421 9.12.3.1. Five peak C₃-alkylbenzene group, in the range of n -C₉- n -C₁₀.
422 9.12.3.2. 1,2,4-TMB and 1,2,3-TMB, if the range encompasses n -C₉- n -C₁₀.
423 9.12.3.3. C₄-alkylbenzene groups, in the range of n -C₁₀- n -C₁₁.
424 9.12.4. *Indanes*—Indane, the C₁-indane group, and the C₂-indane group are present in the range
425 of n -C₁₀- n -C₁₂.
426 9.12.5. *PNA*s—Naphthalene, C₁- PNA, and C₂- PNA groups are present in the range of n -C₁₁- n -
427 C₁₅.

428 10. Key Diagnostic Features of Isoparaffinic Products

- 429 10.1. Isoparaffinic products are comprised almost exclusively of branched chain aliphatic
430 compounds (isoalkanes). Isoparaffinic products are the result of refinery processes, including
431 alkylation and isomerization, to isolate or create isoalkanes in targeted carbon ranges. The
432 carbon range is dependent upon the specific formulation. Aromatics (alkylbenzenes, indane,
433 and polynuclear), n -alkanes, and cycloalkanes have been removed or transformed to
434 isoalkanes from the crude oil distillate fraction from which the product was derived. As a
435 result, n -alkanes, cycloalkanes or aromatic compounds are not present.
- 436 10.2. *TIC*—Isoparaffinic products are composed of branched alkanes. The number of isomers
437 increases as the molecular size increases. Generally, this results in patterns composed of fewer
438 compounds in the lower carbon ranges and more complex patterns at higher carbon ranges.
439 Consistent compounds are present throughout the light, medium and heavy ranges of
440 isoparaffinic products (as applicable), but in ratios that are representative of the subclass.
- 441 10.2.1. *LIP*s are not as commercially prevalent as *MIP*s. The *LIP*s are generally composed of
442 three to five predominant branched alkanes and additional lower abundant isomers.
- 443 10.2.2. In *MIP*s the *TIC*s are generally composed of more than five predominant branched
444 alkanes with minor abundance branched alkanes. The *MIP*s are generally encompassing a
445 carbon range of no more than 4 n -alkanes.
- 446 10.2.3. *HIP*s are not as commercially prevalent as the *MIP*s. They are composed of numerous
447 isoparaffinic isomers in a high carbon range which results in patterns of low resolution
448 with few distinct chromatographic features consisting of unidentifiable branched alkanes.
- 449 10.3. *EIP*:
- 450 10.3.1. *Alkanes*—Most abundant profile; pattern resembles the *TIC* (refer to appendix X1.5).
451 10.3.1.1. *LIP*s—The alkane profile may be composed of a few highly volatile compounds or
452 some highly volatile compounds with some less volatile compounds nearing the
453 medium range. The highly volatile compounds may be encountered in liquid
454 samples but are unlikely to be encountered in debris samples exposed to fire or
455 other environmental conditions.
456 10.3.1.2. *MIP*s—The alkane profile shows distinct patterns of interest. C₁₀, C₁₁, and C₁₂

- 457 isomers are prevalent. The relative ratios of these to each other change vary
458 depending on the formulation as related to the carbon range of the product.
- 459 10.3.1.3. *HIPs*—The alkane profile generally shows a pattern of low resolution with few
460 distinct chromatographic features. The alkane profile is the most abundant profile.
- 461 10.3.2. *Cycloalkanes*—The mass spectra for isoalkanes contain ions which comprise the
462 cycloalkane profile. As a result, cycloalkane profile will generally resemble the alkanes
463 profile in a lower abundance.
- 464 10.3.3. *Alkylbenzene*—Not present.
- 465 10.3.4. *Indanes*—Not present.
- 466 10.3.5. *PNA*s—Not present.

467 11. Key Diagnostic Features of Naphthenic-Paraffinic Products

- 468 11.1. Naphthenic-paraffinic products are derived from distillates in which the aromatic compounds,
469 and to an extent *n*-alkane compounds, are removed. As a result, the aromatic compounds
470 including alkylbenzenes, indane, PNAs, or a combination thereof, are not present and the *n*-
471 alkane compounds have been removed or reduced. The carbon range and pattern are
472 dependent on the specific formulation. Light naphthenic-paraffinic products are uncommon.
- 473 11.2. *TIC*—Pattern comprised mostly of cycloalkanes (naphthenic) and isoalkanes (isoparaffinic).
474 *n*-alkanes, when present, are in reduced amounts compared to that in a distillate.
- 475 11.3. *EIP*—Alkane and Cycloalkane profiles are the most abundant (refer to appendix X1.6).
476 Alkylbenzene, Indane, and PNA profiles are not present.
- 477 11.3.1. *Alkanes*—Pattern consists almost exclusively of branched alkanes. Isoalkane peaks are
478 present and their abundance is comparable to cycloalkane peaks. In medium or heavy
479 products, if the major *n*-alkane peak is present at greater than 1.5 times the major
480 isoalkane or cycloalkane peak(s) with comparable carbon range, then the product is
481 classified as a distillate rather than a naphthenic-paraffinic product (12).
- 482 11.3.2. *Cycloalkanes*—Pattern consists of groups of cycloalkane or isoalkane compounds in
483 between the spiking *n*-alkanes. Cycloalkanes are comparable in abundance to isoalkanes.
484 Spiking *n*-cycloalkanes are more obvious in summed EIP of heavy naphthenic-paraffinic
485 products and in single ion (83) EIP. Pattern comparable to known naphthenic-paraffinic
486 products.
- 487 11.3.3. *Alkylbenzenes*—Not present.
- 488 11.3.4. *Indanes*—Not present.
- 489 11.3.5. *PNA*s—Not present.

490 12. Key Diagnostic Features of Aromatic Products

- 491 12.1. Aromatic products are comprised almost exclusively of alkylbenzene compounds, indanes,
492 polynuclear aromatic compounds, or a combination thereof; alkanes and cycloalkanes are not
493 present. The boiling point range and pattern are dependent on the specific formulation.
494 Aromatic products are the result of refinery processes, including reforming, to isolate or
495 create aromatic compounds in targeted carbon ranges. Unlike gasoline, aromatic products
496 generally are narrow range products, but a few may contain a larger range.

- 497 12.2. *TIC*:
- 498 12.2.1. LAPs typically consist of toluene, C₂-alkylbenzenes, or both.
- 499 12.2.2. MAPs usually consist of C₃-, C₄-alkylbenzenes, C₁-, C₂-indanes but the composition
500 depends on the formulation. The TIC will resemble that of gasoline within the product
501 range.
- 502 12.2.3. HAPs consist mostly of polynuclear aromatics.
- 503 12.3. *EIP*—Aromatic ion profiles (either alkylbenzene or polynuclear aromatic) are the most
504 abundant profiles and resembles the TIC (refer to appendix X1.7 through X1.9).
- 505 12.3.1. *Alkanes*—Not present.
- 506 12.3.2. *Cycloalkanes*—Not present.
- 507 12.3.3. *Alkylbenzenes*—Most abundant profile in LAPs and MAPs. Pattern depends on
508 formulation; however, it will resemble the TIC.
- 509 12.3.4. *Indanes*—C₁-, C₂-indanes are present in aromatic products that encompass n-C₁₁-n-C₁₂.
- 510 12.3.5. *PNA*s—Most abundant profile in HAPs. Naphthalene as well as C₁- and C₂-PNAs may be
511 present in HAPs if the pattern encompasses n-C₁₁-n-C₁₅. PNA pattern depends on
512 formulation.
- 513 **13. Key Diagnostic Features of Normal Alkane Products**
- 514 13.1. Normal alkane products are produced by physical separation (molecular sieve) from
515 petroleum feedstocks. They typically have very narrow boiling point ranges and consist of
516 three to seven *n*-alkanes. Isoalkanes, cycloalkanes, or aromatics (alkylbenzenes, indanes,
517 polynuclear) are not present in these products.
- 518 13.2. *TIC*—Comprised almost exclusively of *n*-alkanes in a homologous series (refer to appendix
519 X1.10).
- 520 13.2.1. The carbon range and pattern are dependent on the specific formulation.
- 521 13.3. *EIP*—The only diagnostic profile is the alkane profile. Cycloalkane, alkylbenzene, indane and
522 PNAs compounds are not present.
- 523 13.3.1. *Alkanes*—A narrow carbon range of homologous *n*-alkanes are present. Isoalkanes are
524 not present.
- 525 **14. Key Diagnostic Features of Oxygenated Solvents**
- 526 14.1. Oxygenated ignitable liquids are most commonly comprised of very low boiling compounds.
527 The most common examples are alcohols (ethanol, isopropyl alcohol), esters, and ketones
528 (methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone).
- 529 14.2. *TIC*—Products comprised exclusively of oxygenated peaks (refer to appendix X1.11).
- 530 14.2.1. The mere presence of oxygenated compounds, such as alcohols or acetone, does not
531 indicate that a foreign ignitable liquid is present in the sample. A large excess of the
532 compound (at least one order of magnitude above the matrix peaks in the
533 chromatogram) should be present before classifying an oxygenated compound.
- 534 14.2.2. This class does not include oil and fat-based products.

535 14.3. *EIP*—Alkanes, cycloalkanes, alkylbenzenes, indanes, and PNAs are not present.

536 **15. Key Diagnostic Features of Petroleum Products**

537 15.1. This class describes products that have a singular distinct carbon range and are primarily
538 consistent with one of the previously mentioned classifications; however, they do not meet the
539 criteria for a single classification or a mixture (refer to appendix X1.12), such as:

540 15.1.1. Enhanced aromatics in a distillate.

541 15.1.2. Distillate present in a primarily aromatic pattern.

542 15.1.3. HPD which includes *n*-C₁₇ and *n*-C₁₈ but does not contain pristane or phytane.

543 15.2. *TIC*—The chromatographic patterns for petroleum products will vary and will meet
544 requirements from more than one class.

545 15.2.1. Petroleum products will have characteristics of more than one class but will not have
546 sufficient characteristics to identify two or more separate classes within the same carbon
547 range.

548 NOTE 7—If the TIC and EIPs contain the requirements to classify more than one pattern,
549 then classify each pattern separately. Refer to Section 17 for additional guidance.

550 15.2.2. The carbon range and pattern are dependent on the specific formulation.

551 15.3. *EIP*—The profiles will be dependent on the observed pattern(s).

552 15.3.1. *Alkanes*—Pattern dependent.

553 15.3.2. *Cycloalkanes*—Pattern dependent.

554 15.3.3. *Alkylbenzenes*—Pattern dependent.

555 15.3.4. *Indanes*—Pattern dependent.

556 15.3.5. *PNAs*—Pattern dependent.

557 **16. Key Diagnostic Features of Oil and Fat-Based Products (13, 14, 15, 16)**

558 16.1. Oil and fat-based products cover those composed of fatty acids, FAMES (fatty acid methyl
559 esters), and biofuels. They are refined from plant or animal sources and include pure oils
560 which have the potential for spontaneous ignition and products made from the
561 transesterification of fatty acids.

562 16.1.1. Fatty acids and FAMES are identified based on their carbon length and the position of
563 the double bond location. It is not necessary to identify the specific isomer(s) present.

564 16.1.2. Pure oil and fat products are typically derivatized FAMES for analysis (refer to E2881).
565 Products containing FAMES do not need to be derivatized prior to GC-MS analysis.

566 16.1.2.1. In pure oil and fat products, hydrocarbons, including alkanes, isoalkanes,
567 cycloalkanes, and aromatics (alkylbenzenes, indanes, and PNAs), are absent.

568 16.1.3. Some wood finishes, treatments, sealants, environmentally friendly lighter fluids, and
569 firelog fuels are mixtures of fatty acids with other ignitable liquid classifications. These
570 are usually found in proprietary formulations (for example, wood finishes) and can
571 include the following ignitable liquid classifications:

572 16.1.3.1. Petroleum distillates.

- 573 16.1.3.2. Naphthenic-paraffinic products.
574 16.1.3.3. Aromatic products.
575 16.1.3.4. Transesterified oil and fat-based products (FAMES).
576 16.1.4. Consider evaluating samples containing other ignitable liquid classifications as well as
577 negative samples for the presence of fatty acids, FAMES, or a combination of both.
578 16.1.4.1. Caution—The presence of fatty acids does not necessarily indicate that a foreign
579 oil or fat-based product is present in the sample. Take caution when identifying
580 fatty acids when only saturated fatty acids are present.

Key Diagnostic Features of Oil and Fat-based

- 582 16.2. *General*—This class includes underivatized fatty acids from animal and vegetable
583 sources, some which have the potential for spontaneous ignition. They typically contain high
584 levels of polyunsaturated fatty acids and include corn, cottonseed, fish, linseed, perilla, rapeseed,
585 soybean and tung oils (10). These are typically transesterified during analysis and analyzed as
586 FAMES.
587 16.3. *TIC*—The TIC will be comprised of saturated and unsaturated transesterified fatty acids
588 (refer to appendix X1.13).
589 16.4. *EIP*—Alkanes, cycloalkanes, alkylbenzenes, indanes and PNAs are not present.
590 16.4.1. Additional extracted ions can be used to assess the sample’s unsaturation level.
591 16.4.1.1. *n*-C16:0 – ion 270.
592 16.4.1.2. *n*-C16:1 – ion 268.
593 16.4.1.3. *n*-C18:0 – ion 298.
594 16.4.1.4. *n*-C18:1 – ion 296.
595 16.4.1.5. *n*-C18:2 – ion 294.
596 16.4.1.6. *n*-C18:3 – ion 292.

Key Diagnostic Features of FAME-Based Products

- 598 16.5. *General*—FAME-based products are transesterified prior to commercial distribution and
599 are comprised of FAMES. While not always marketed as such, they can be present in
600 combination with underivatized oils and fats, petroleum products or light oxygenated solvents.
601 When present in combination with underivatized oils and fats or other ignitable liquid
602 classifications, refer to Section 17 for additional guidance.
603 16.6. *TIC*—The sample will be comprised exclusively of FAMES derived from vegetable and
604 animal sources or present as a mixture of FAMES and different classes.
605 16.7. *EIP*—FAMES present vary based on formulation.
606 16.7.1. Ion 74 can be used to screen for the presence of FAMES.

Key Diagnostic Features of Biofuels

- 608 16.8. *General*—“Biodiesel” refers to engine fuels which are comprised of FAMES or mixtures
609 of HPDs and FAMES (Refer to E2997 and appendix X1.14).

610 16.9. TIC and EIP—The sample will be comprised exclusively of FAMES (for example, B100),
611 or a mixture of FAMES and distillates (for example, B20).

612 16.9.1. Ions 74 and 294 can be used to screen for the presence of biofuels.

613 16.9.1.1. Mixtures of HPDs and FAMES may be further sub-classified as “biodiesel.”

614 16.9.1.2. Refer to Section 17 for further guidance on mixtures.

615 **17. Key Diagnostic Features of Single Components**

616 17.1. Single components are characterized by their retention time and mass spectrum. Refer to
617 EXXX (Interpretation) for the requirements for identification of single components.

618 **18. Key Diagnostic Features of Mixtures**

619 18.1. More than one ignitable liquid class or subclass may be present in a single sample (refer to
620 appendix X1.15).

621 18.1.1. When two or more classes or subclasses are present, the requirements for each class are
622 met.

623 NOTE 8—Mixtures of ignitable liquid classifications can be the result of a single
624 commercial product or a mixture of products. This standard cannot differentiate
625 between ignitable liquids that are mixed by a manufacturer for sale or ignitable liquids
626 mixed at the point of use.

627 **19. Other Ignitable Liquid Products**

628 19.1. No classification system is likely to describe all possible ignitable liquids. Numerous
629 commercial and industrial products are ignitable and do not fall into any of the above
630 classifications. Many of these are synthetic mixtures consisting of only a few compounds, rather
631 than distillation fractions, such as terpenes. For such products, describe the composition instead
632 of classifying it as a “miscellaneous” or other product.

633 **20. Keywords**

634 20.1. FAME, fire debris; forensic sciences; ignitable liquid

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636 **Appendix**

637 **(Nonmandatory Information)**

638 **X1 Classification Examples, Labeled with KDFs**

639 X1.1 Table X1.1 displays the key for groupings labeled in images located in the appendix along with
640 the sections within the standard which reference the groups.

641 X1.2 Table X1.2 displays the key for chemicals labeled in images located in the appendix along with the
642 sections within the standard which reference the chemicals

643 **TABLE X1.1 Table of Groupings**

Designation	Group Name	Cited Sections
A	C2-alkylbenzenes	8.2.5.3, 8.3.3.2, 9.7.2.3, 9.10.3.2, 12.2.1

B	C3-alkylbenzenes	8.2.5.4, 8.3.3.3, 9.10.3.3, 12.2.2
C	C4-alkylbenzenes, group 1	8.2.5.8, 8.3.3.6, 9.10.3.5, 9.12.3.3, 12.2.2
D	C4-alkylbenzenes, group 2	8.2.5.9, 8.3.3.7, 9.10.3.5, 9.12.3.3, 12.2.2
E	C4-alkylbenzenes, group 3	8.2.5.10, 8.3.3.8, 9.10.3.5, 9.12.3.3, 12.2.2
F	C1-indanes	8.2.5.11, 8.3.4.2, 9.5, 9.10.4, 9.12.4, 12.2.2, 12.3.4
G	C2-indanes	8.3.4.3, 9.5, 9.10.4, 9.12.4, 12.2.2, 12.3.4
H	C1-PNAs	8.2.5.13, 8.3.5.2, 9.10.5, 9.12.5, 12.3.5
I	C2-PNAs	8.3.5.3, 9.12.5, 12.3.5
J	Area of medium isoparaffinic contribution, if present	8.3.1
K	C5-alkylbenzenes	8.1, 8.3.3.9
L	Isoalkane and cycloalkane isomers	9.1, 9.2, 9.7, 9.7.1, 9.7.1.1, 9.7.2.1, 9.9.2, 9.10.1.1, 9.10.2, 9.11.2, 9.12.1, 11.3.1, 11.3.2

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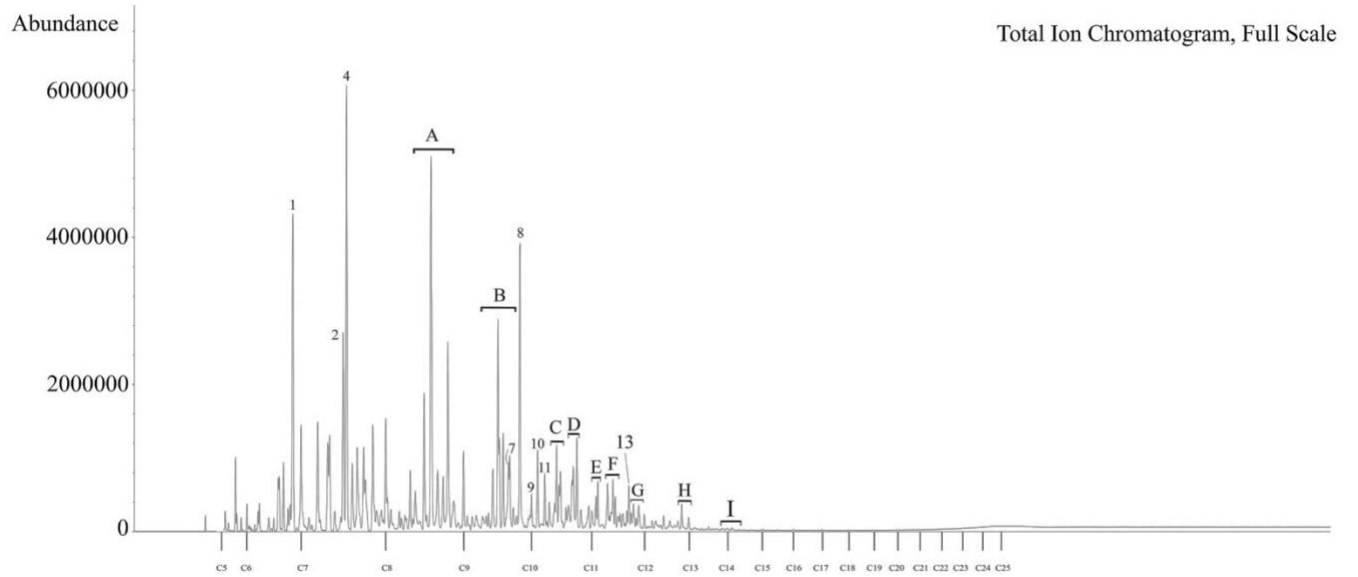
TABLE X1.2 Table of Chemicals

Designation	Common Name	IUPAC Name	Cited Sections
1	Isooctane	2,2,4-trimethylpentane	8.2.5.1, 8.3.1.1
2	Trimethylpentane	2,3,4-trimethylpentane	8.2.5.2, 8.3.1.2
3	Methylcyclohexane	methylcyclohexane	9.7.1.1, 9.7.2.1.(1)
4	Toluene	methylbenzene	8.1, 8.2.5.2, 8.3.3.1, 9.7.2.3, 9.10.3.1, 12.2.1
5	Ethylbenzene	ethylbenzene	
6	n-propylbenzene	propylbenzene	
7	C ₁₀ alkane isomer		8.2.5.4, 8.3.1.3
8	1,2,4-TMB	1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	8.2.5.4, 8.2.5.5, 8.3.3.3, 8.3.3.4, 9.10.3.4, 9.12.3.2
9	Decane	Decane	8.3.1.4
10	1,2,3-TMB	1,2,3-trimethylbenzene	8.2.5.6, 8.3.3.5, 9.10.3.4, 9.12.3.2
11	Indane	2,3-dihydro-1H-indene	8.2.5.7, 8.3.4.1, 9.5, 9.10.4, 9.12.4
12	trans-decalin	trans-Decahydronaphthalene	9.10.2.1, 9.12.2.1
13	Naphthalene	bicyclo[4,4,0]deca-1,3,5,7,9-pentane	8.2.5.12, 8.3.3.9, 8.3.5.1, 9.10.5, 9.12.5, 12.3.5
14	Pristane	2,6,10,14-tetramethylpentadecane	9.12.1.1, 15.1.3
15	Phytane	2,6,10,14-tetramethylhexadecane	9.12.1.1, 15.1.3
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17	MTBE	2-methoxy-2-methylpropane	8.2.4

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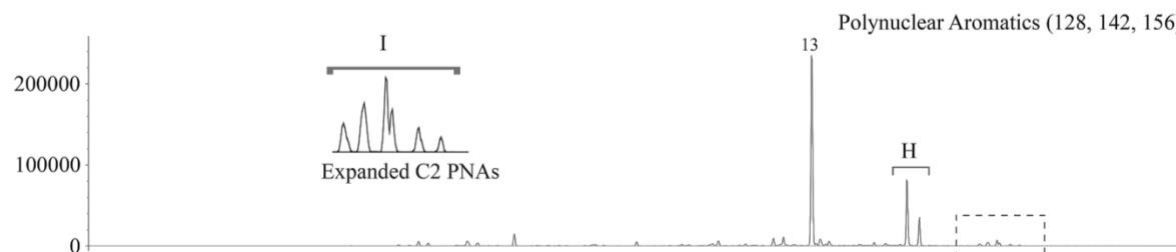
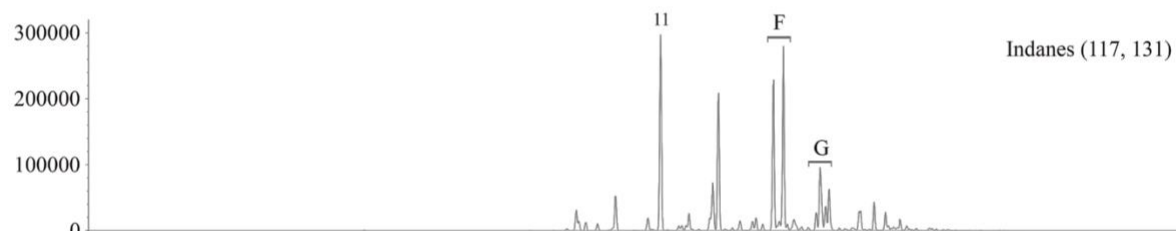
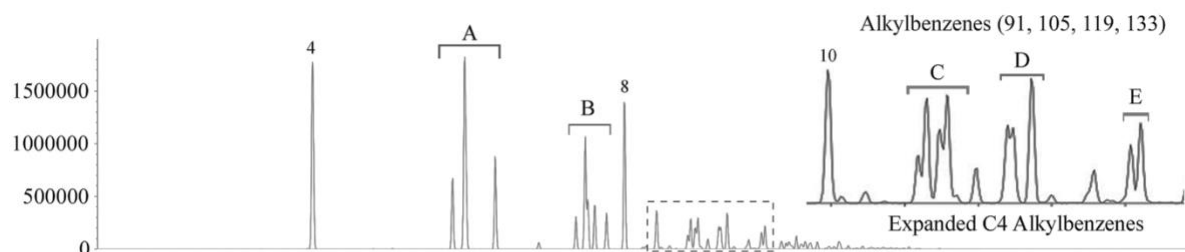
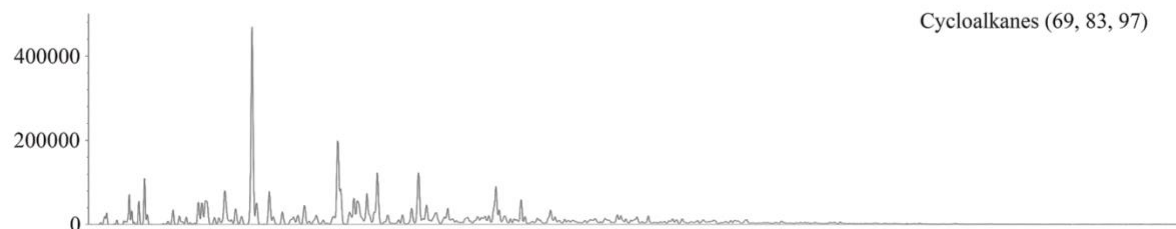
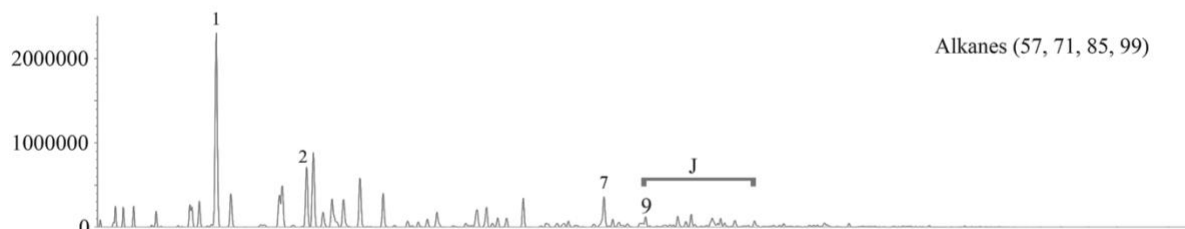
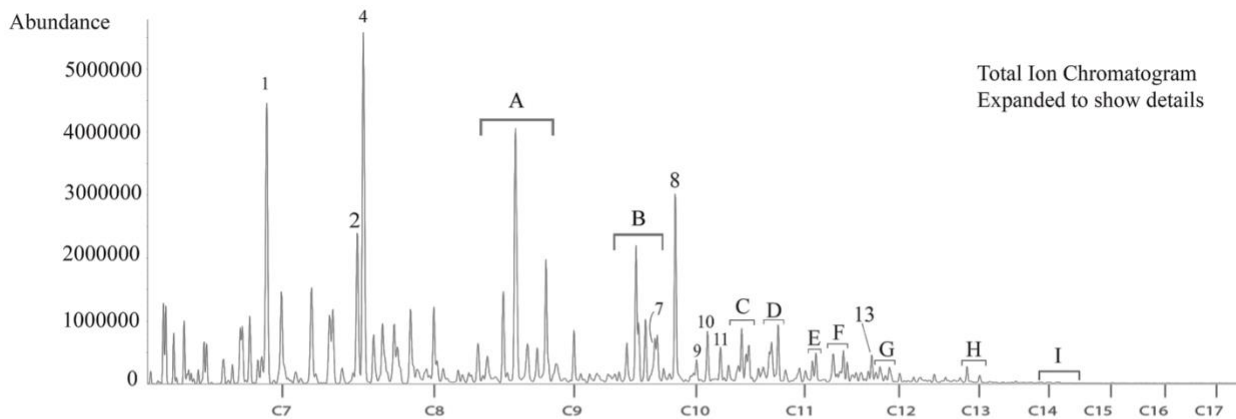
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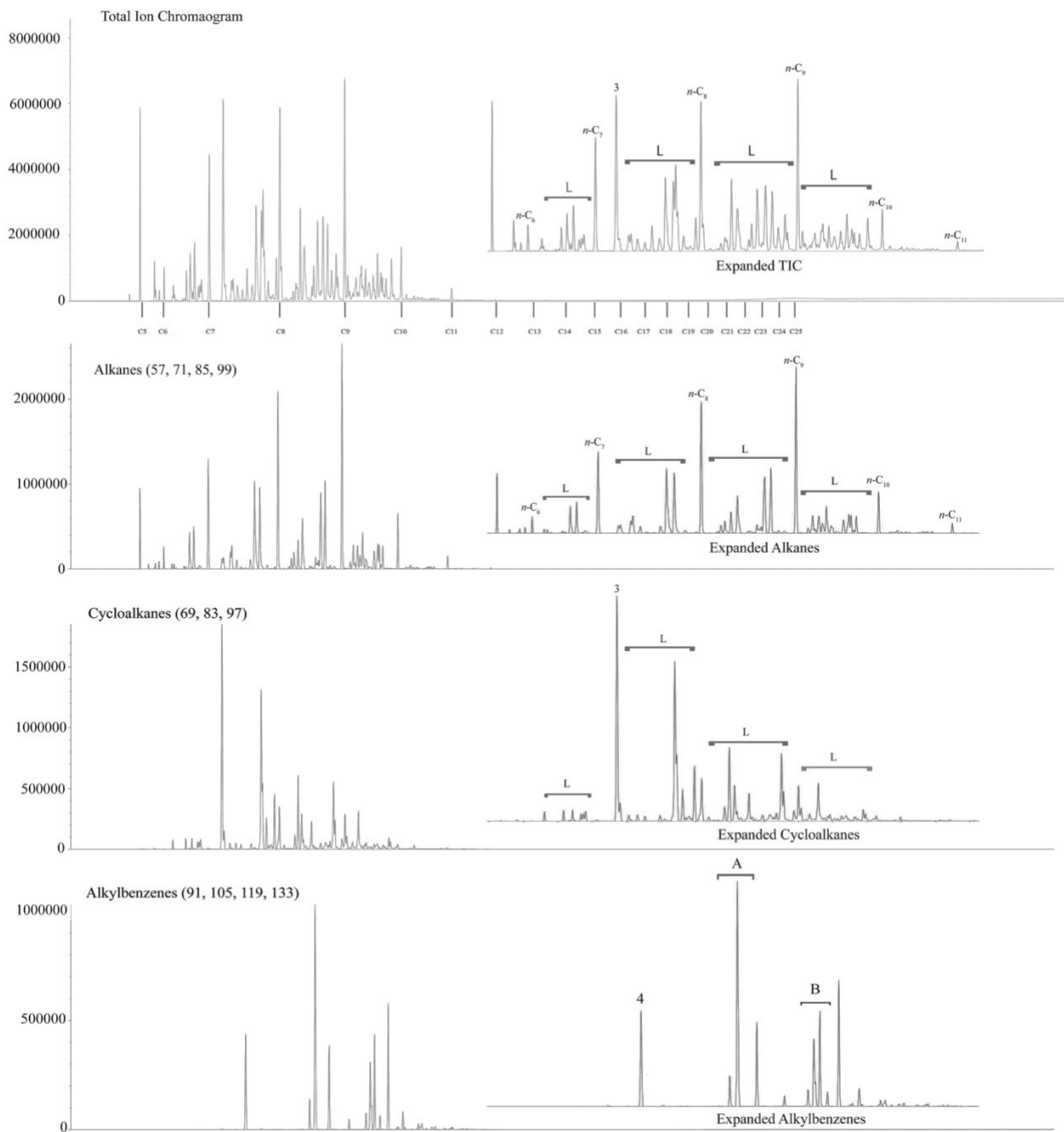
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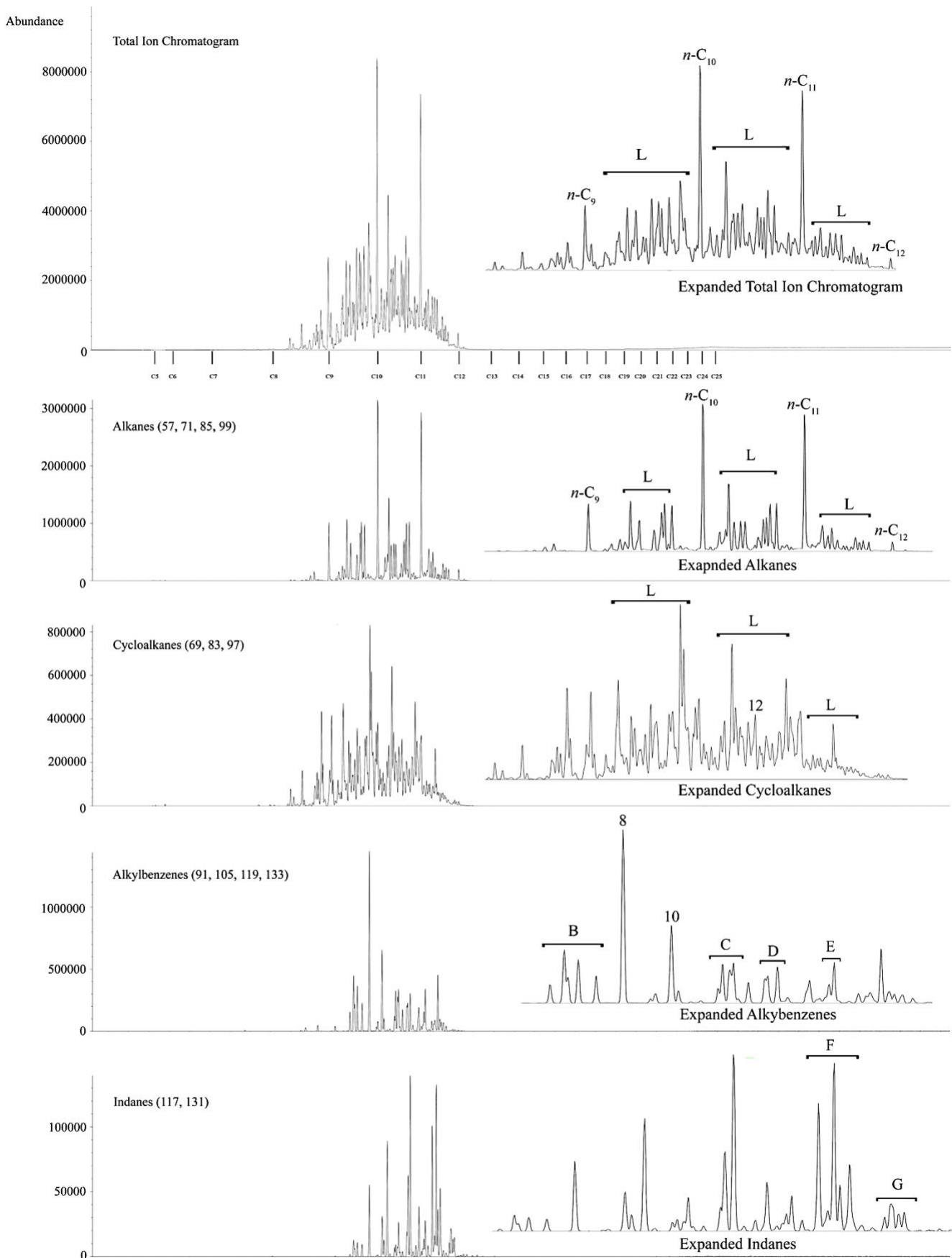


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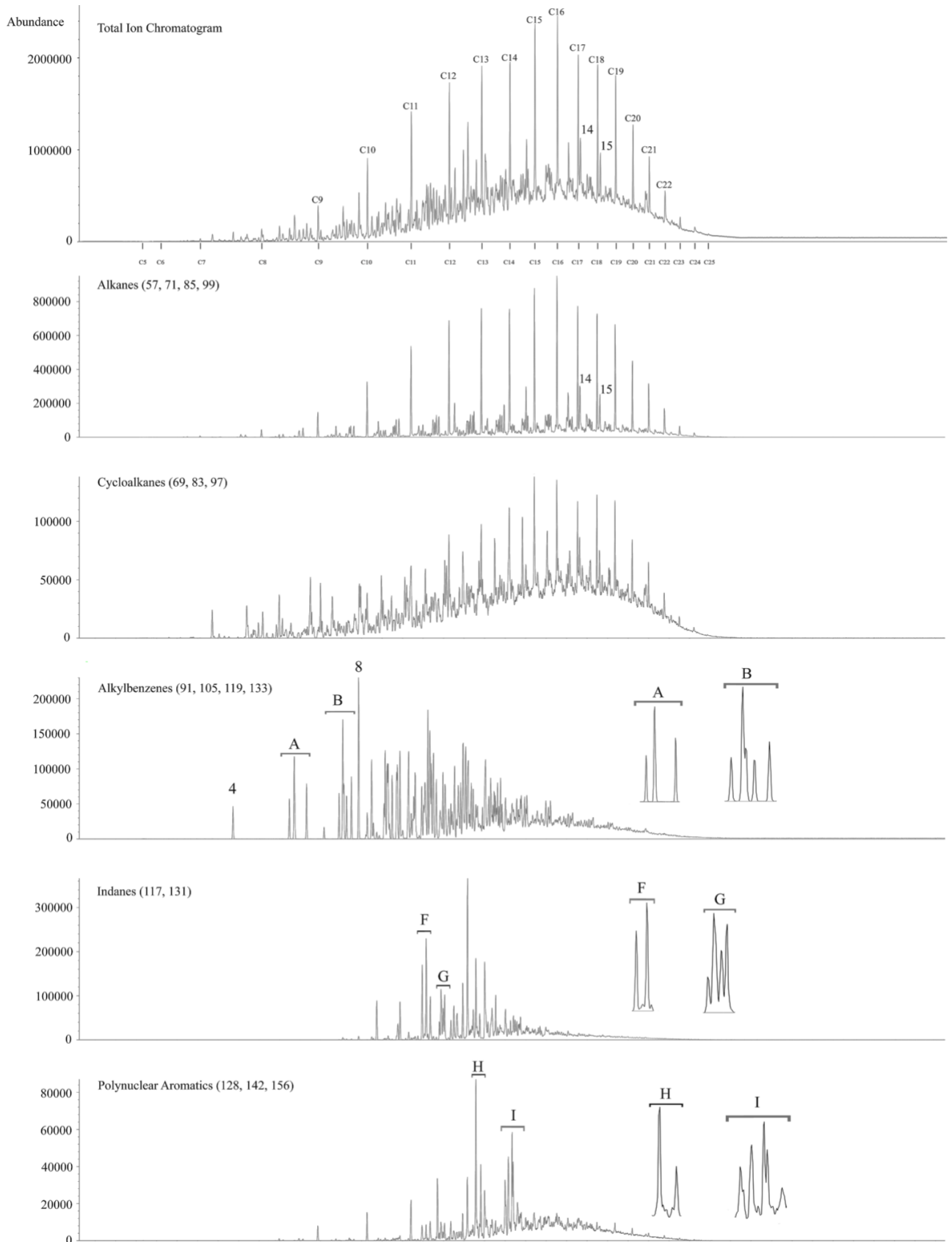
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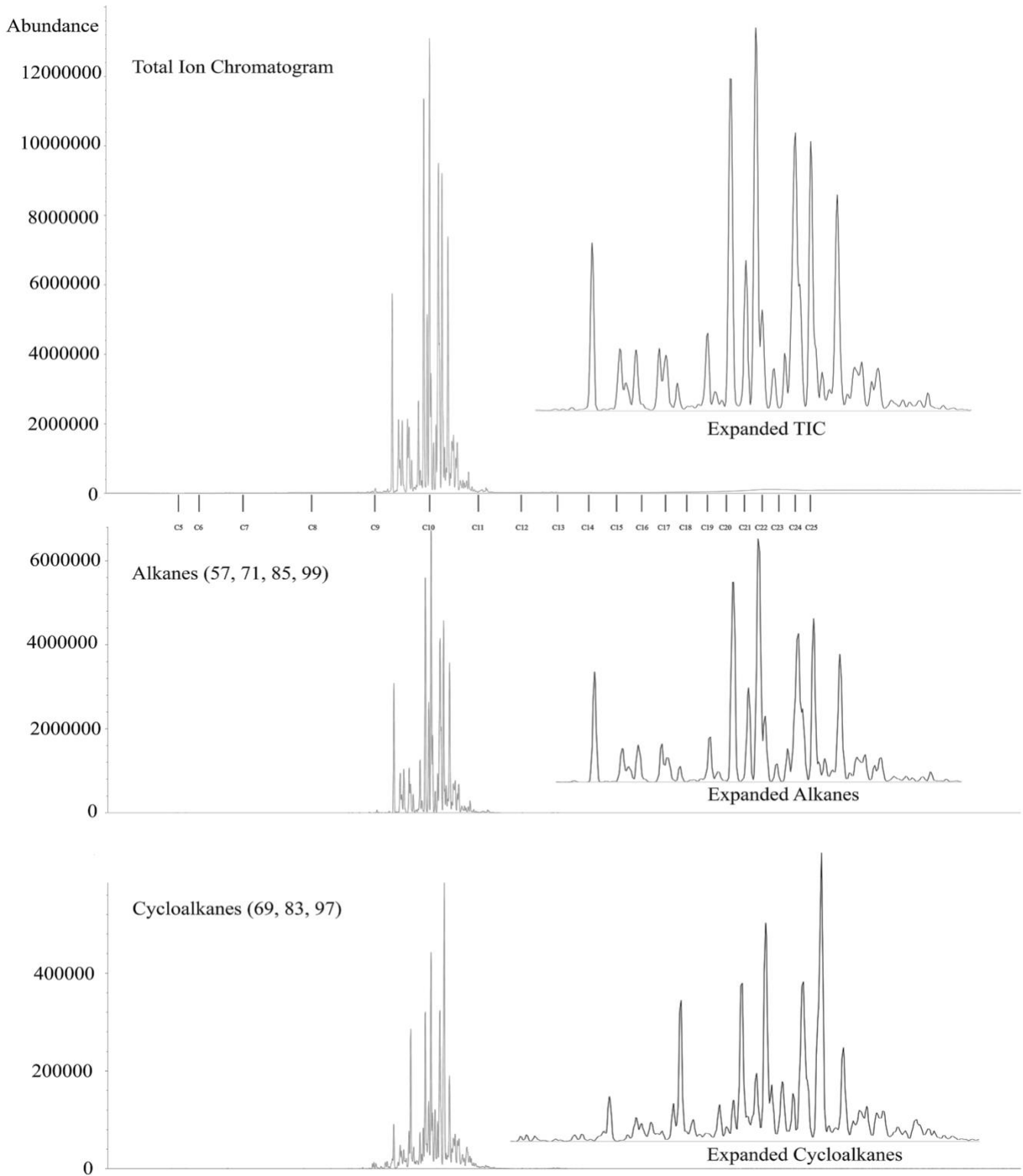
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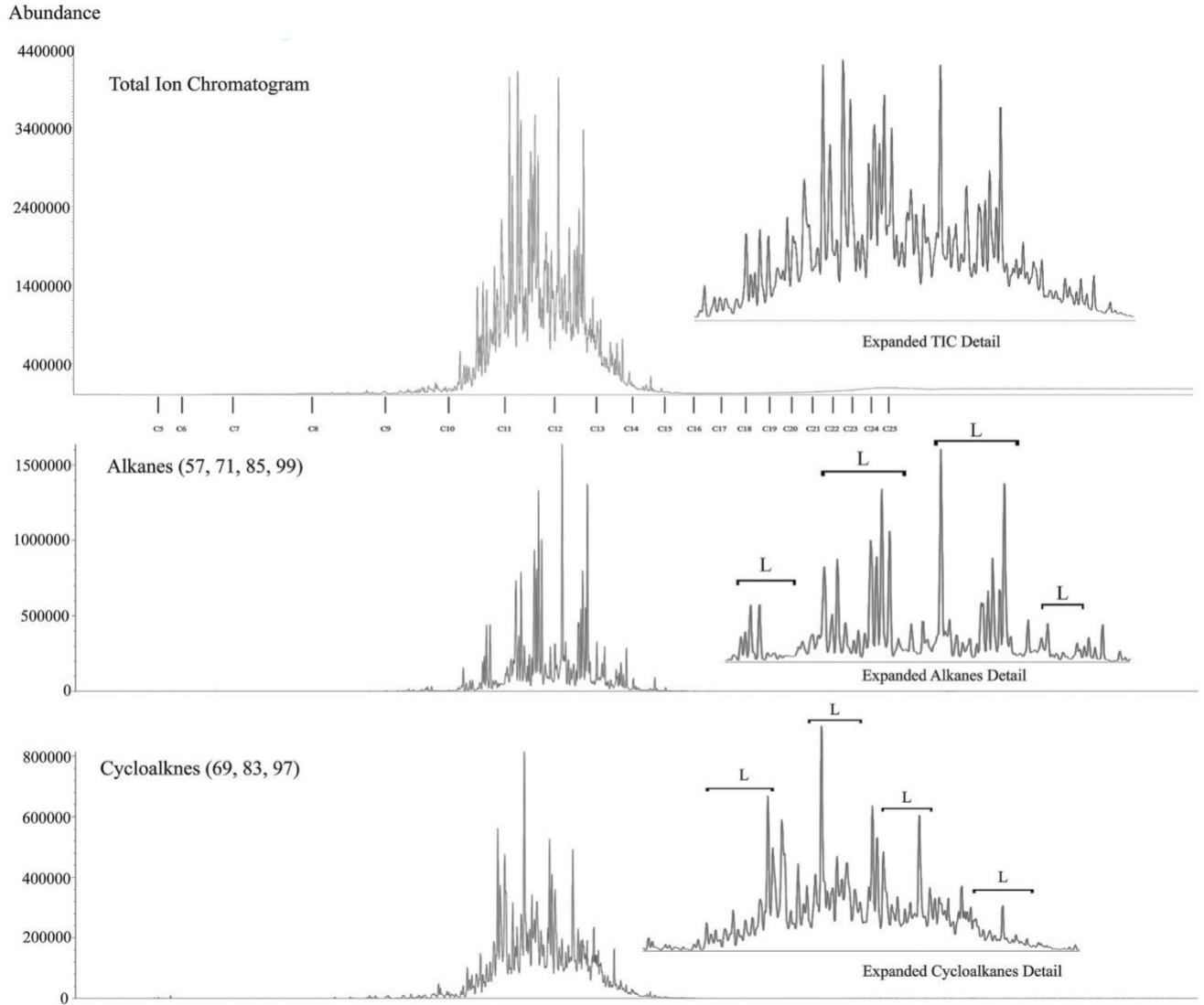
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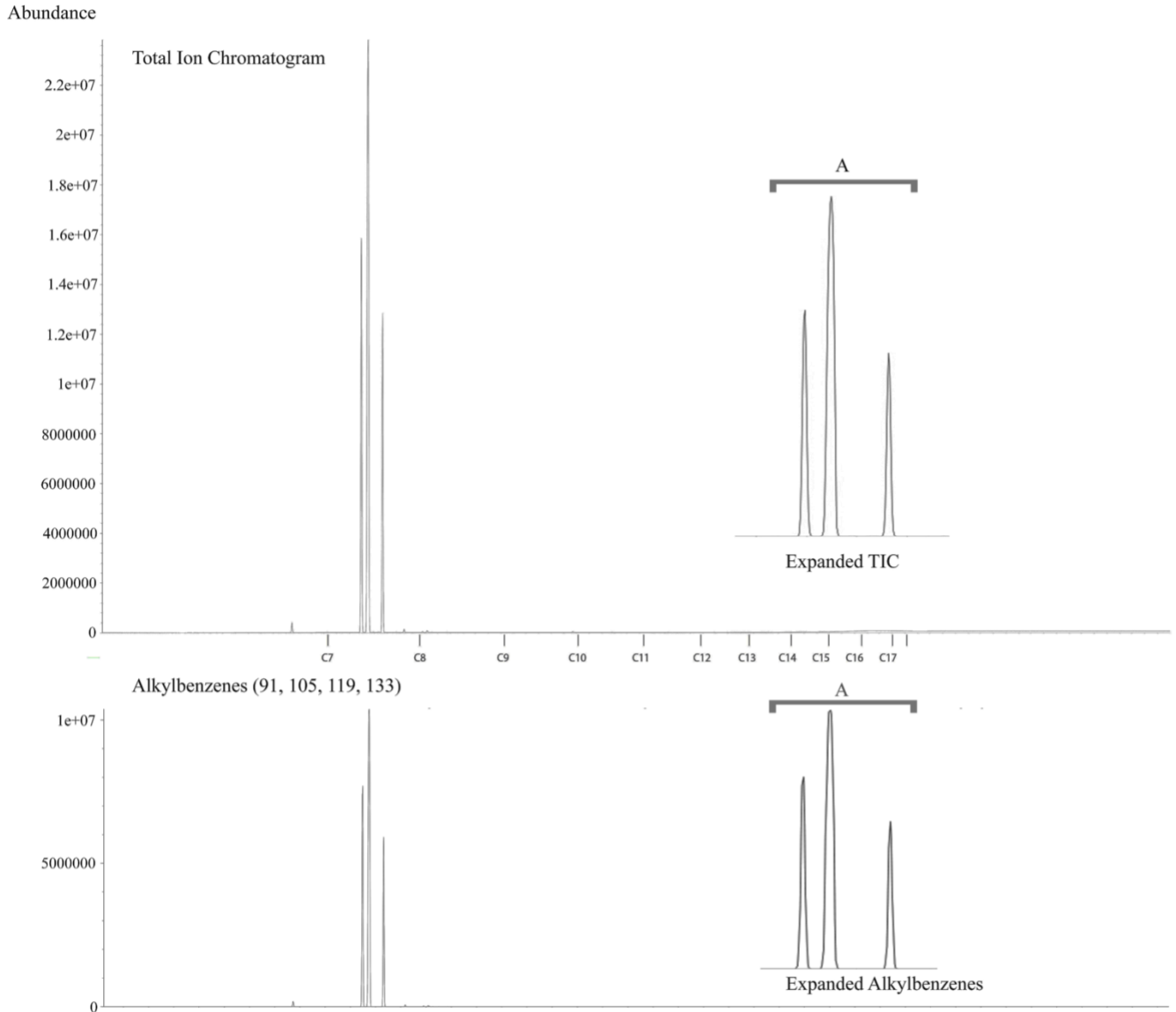
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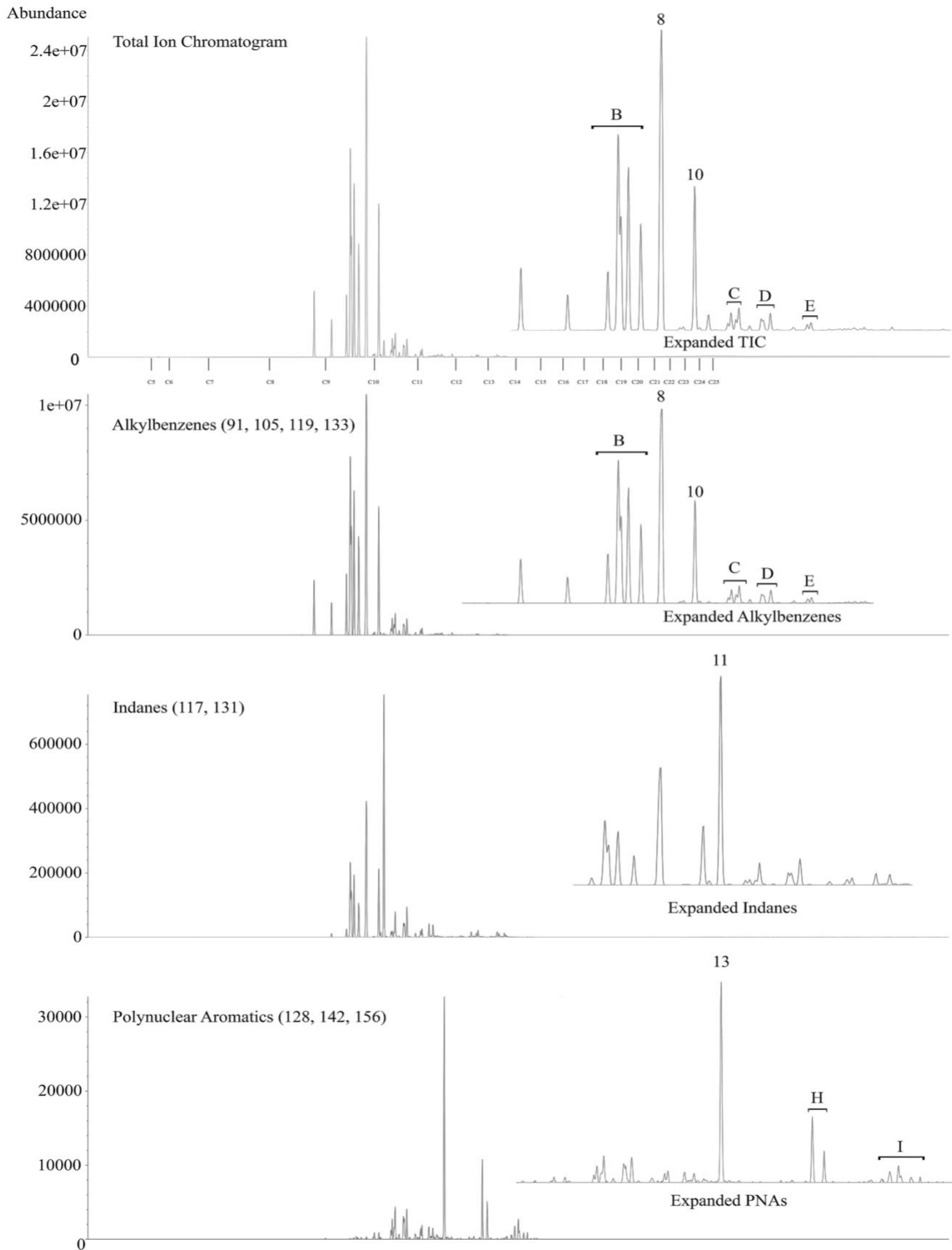
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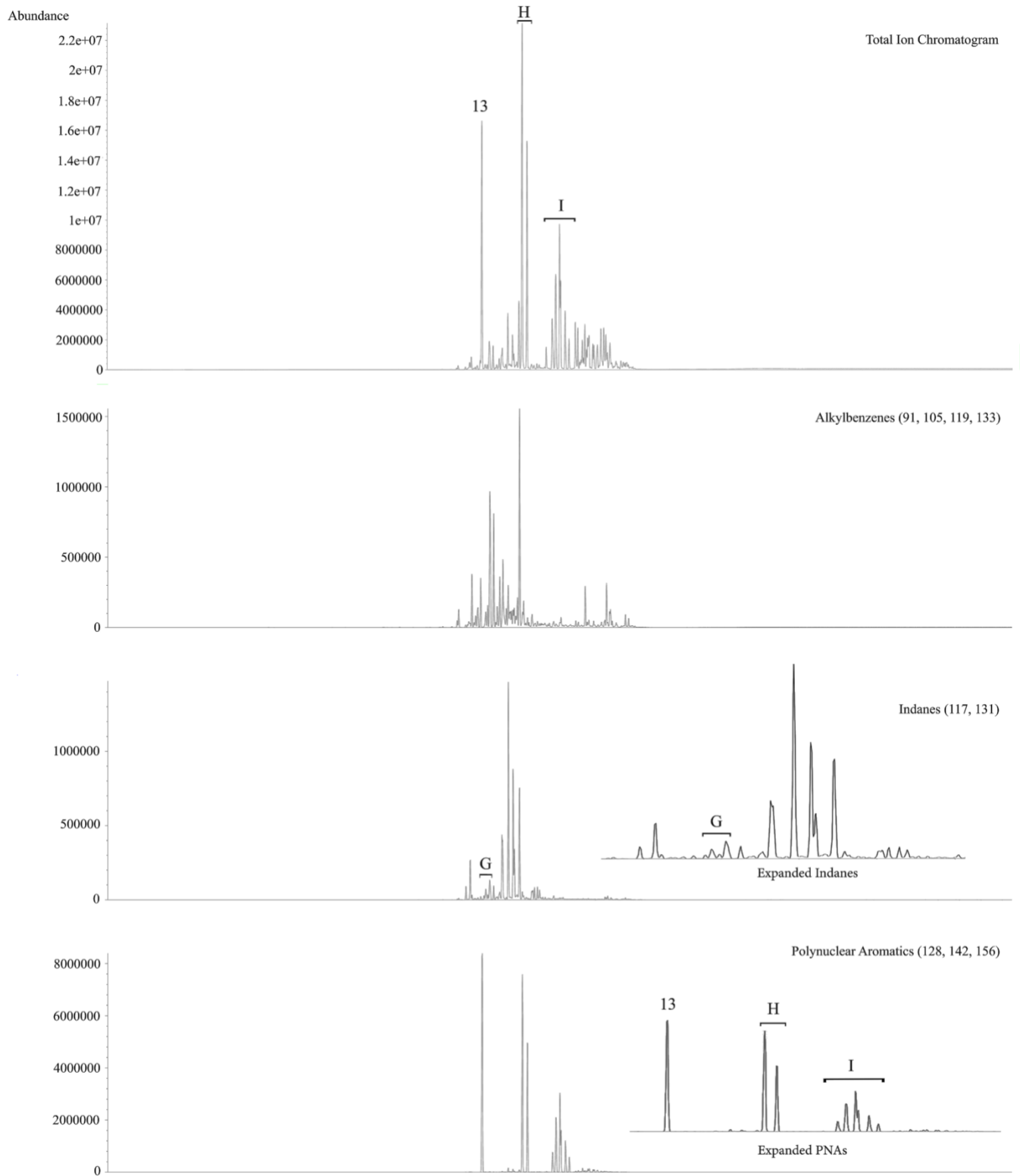
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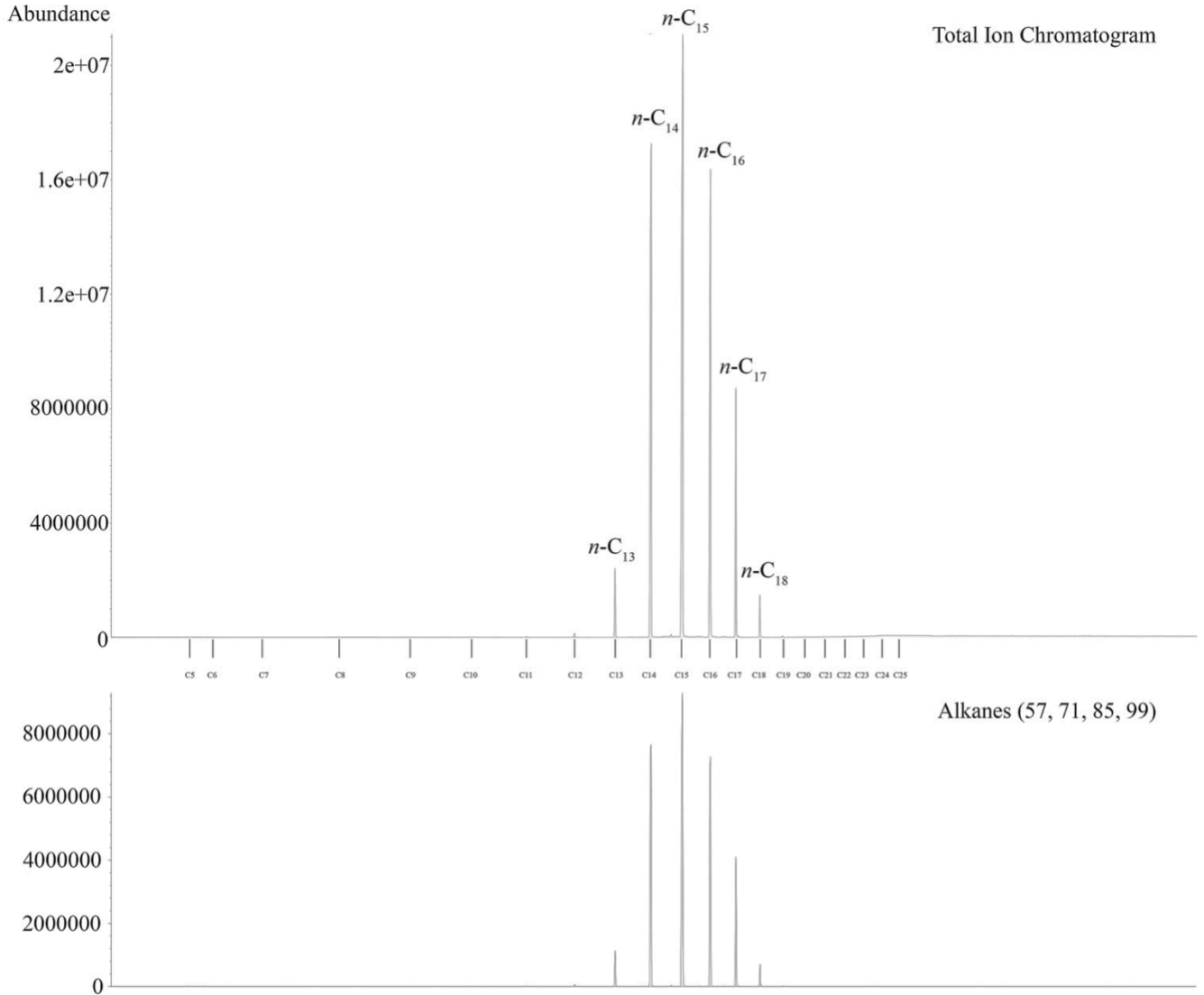
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Fig. X1.10 Normal Alkanes Product

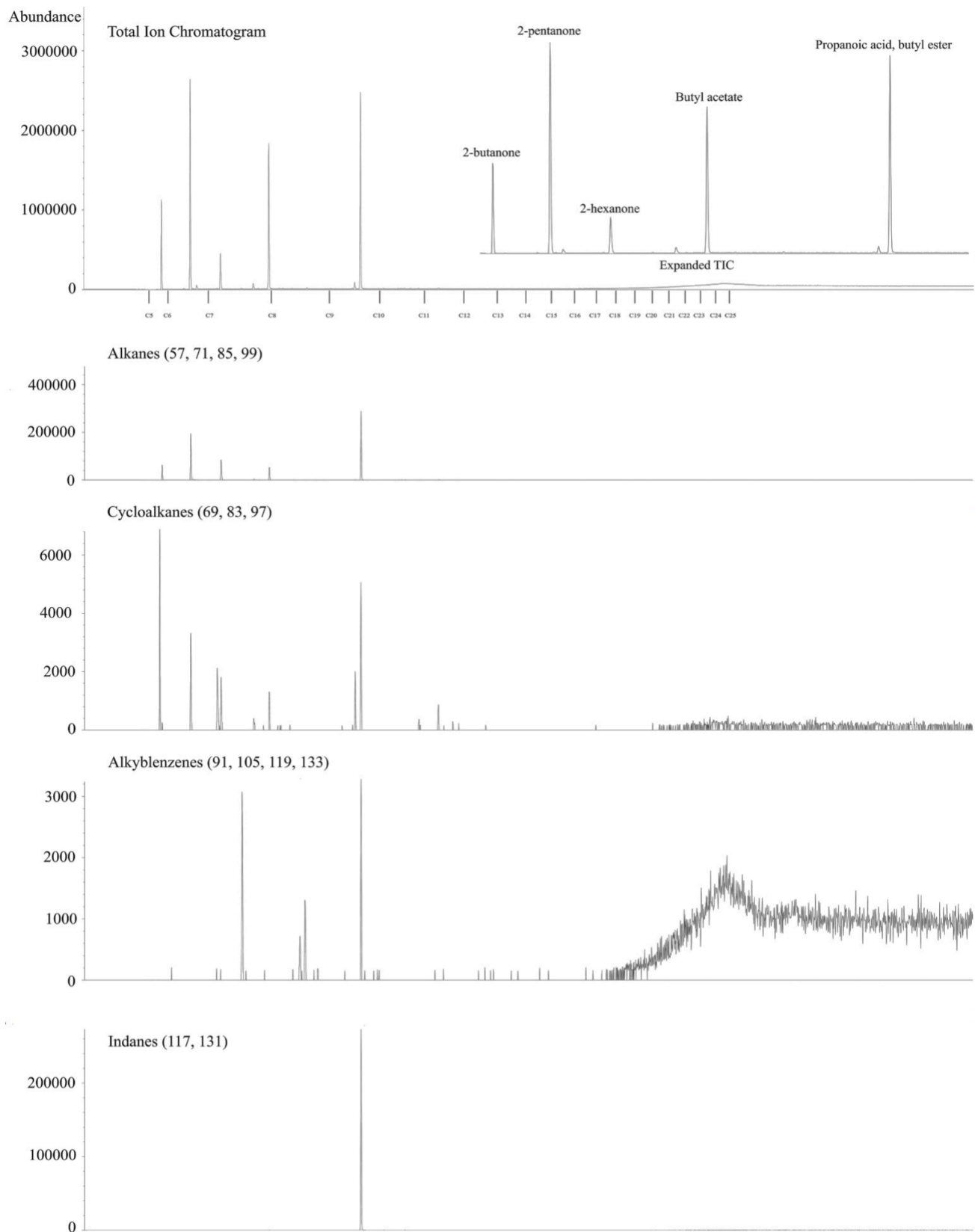


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Fig. X1.11 Oxygenated Product

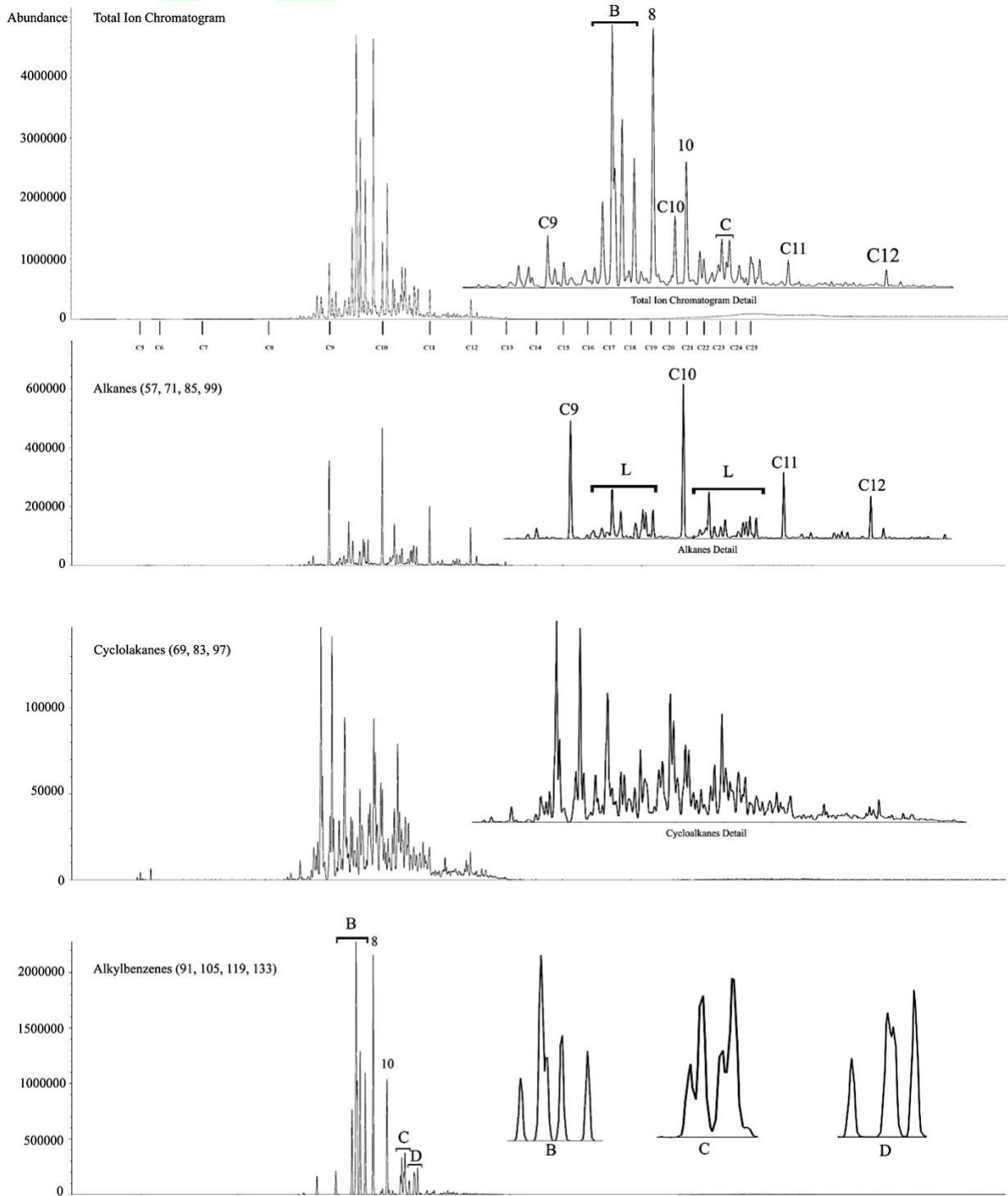


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Fig. X1.12 Petroleum Product

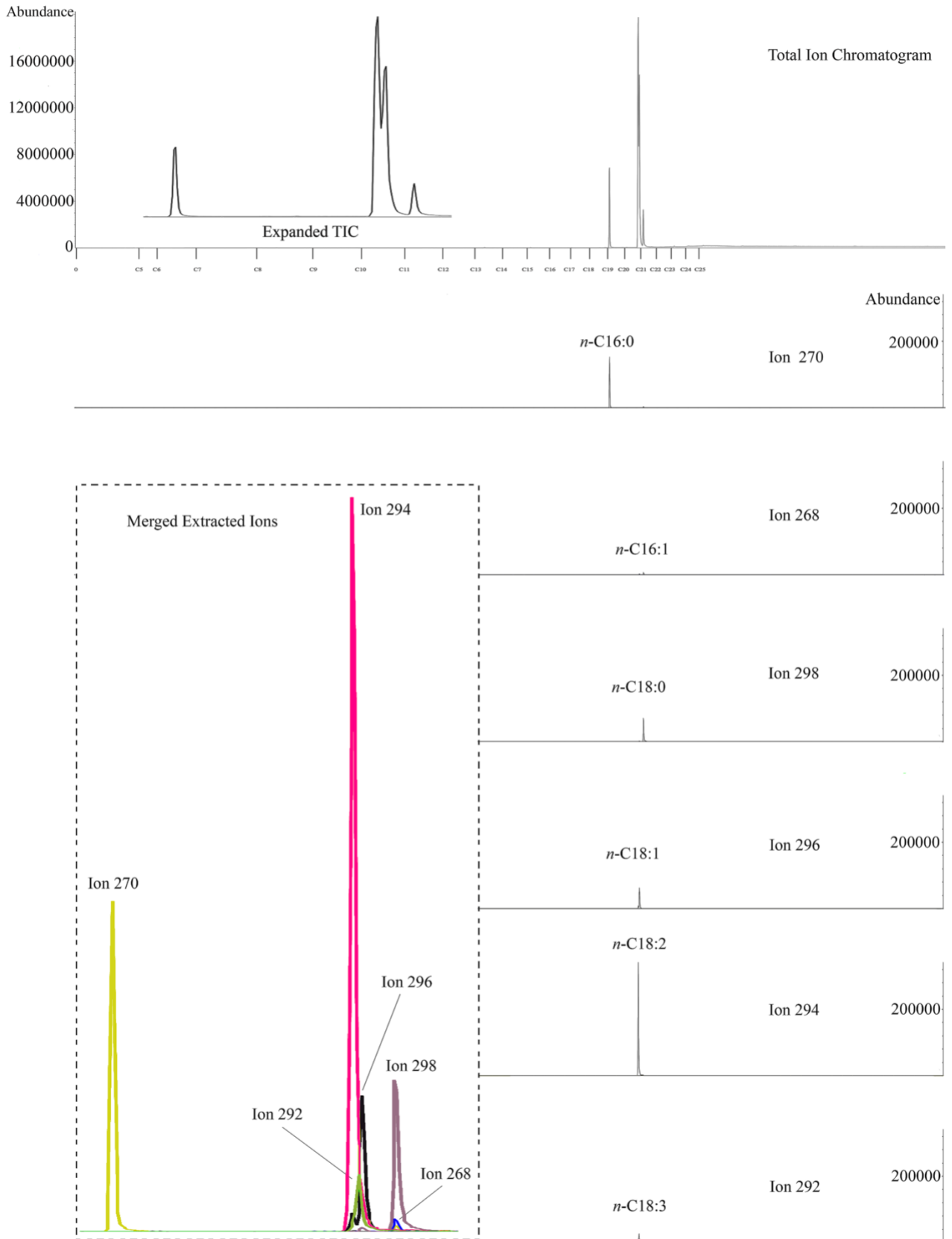
This product shows elevated aromatics in an overlapping pattern with an MPD and is classified as a medium petroleum product.



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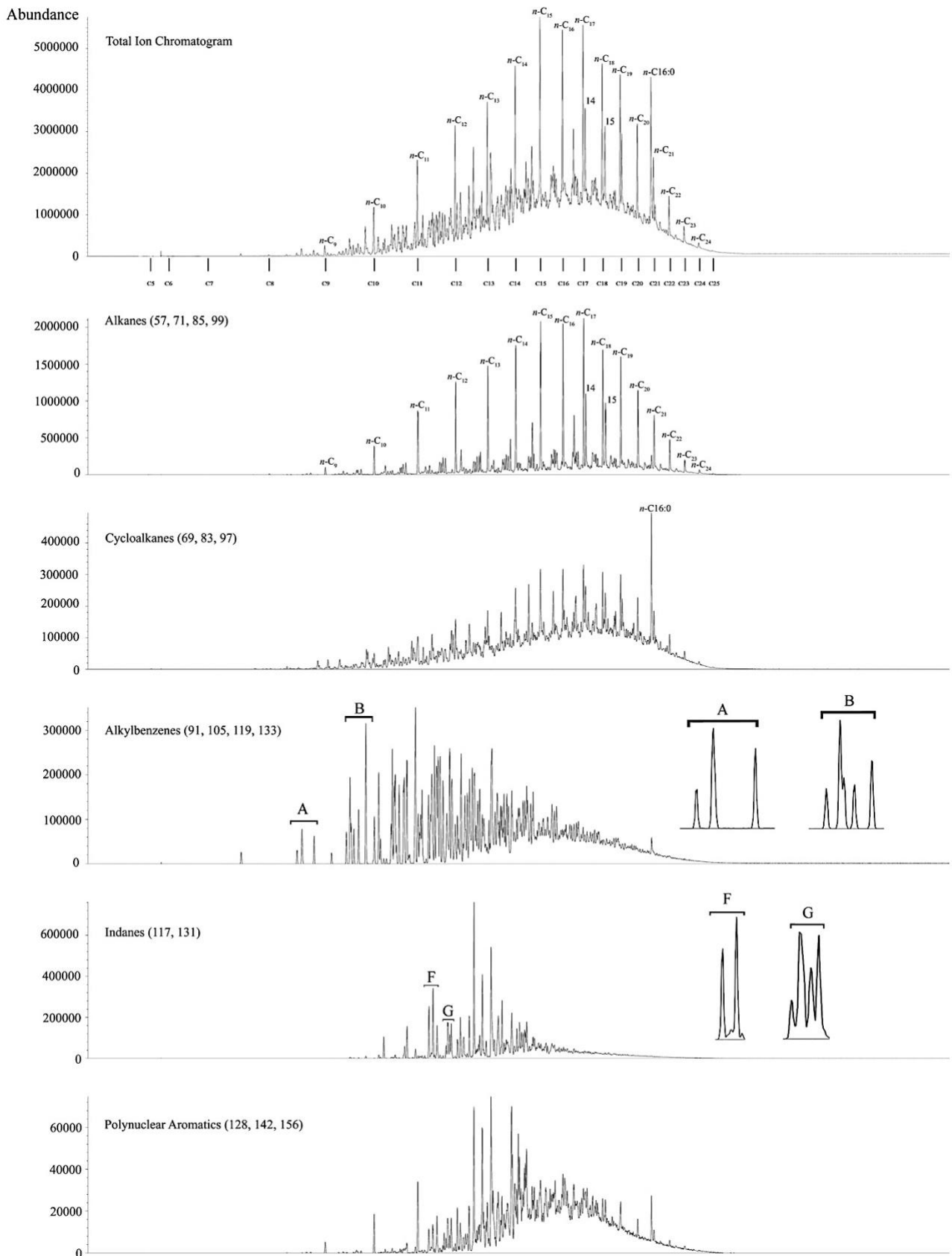
Fig. X1.13 Oil and Fat-based Product



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Fig. X1.14 Biodiesel

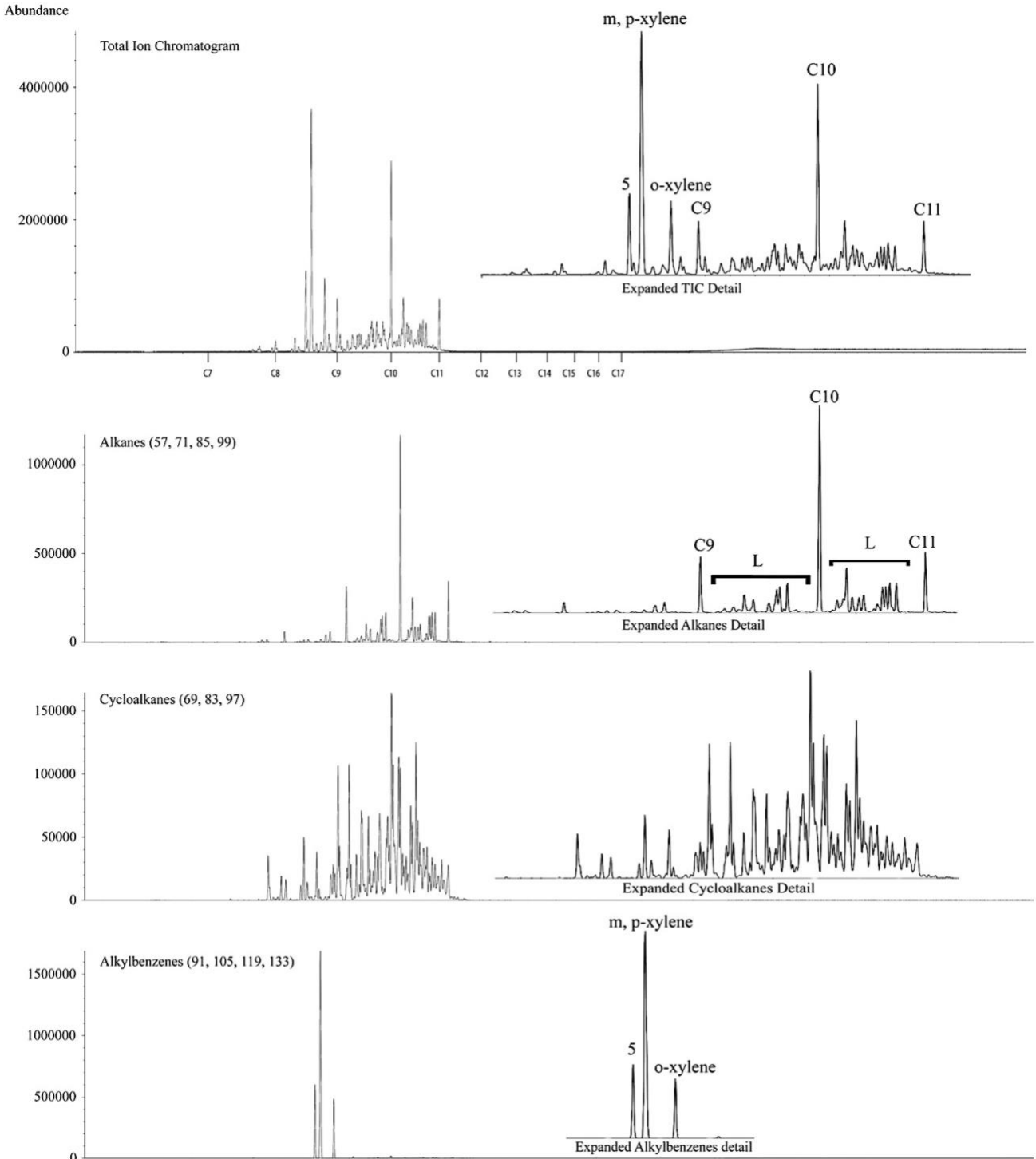


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691 **Fig. XI.15 Mixture of an MPD and Aromatic Product**

692 This data shows an aromatic product whose pattern is separated from the majority of the chemicals in the
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