

# Polyionic Ionic Liquid GC Stationary Phase Evaluations

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# Overview of Presentation

- **Overview of Ionic Liquids**
- **SLB-IL111**
- **SLB-II60**
- **New GC Applications**
- **Conclusions**

# Ionic Liquids

Ionic liquids - a class of ionic solvents with low melting points

Unique combination of cations and anions that can provide different selectivities when used as stationary phases in GC

Numerous combinations of cations and anions are possible allowing for “tailored” selectivity, application or function

## Desirable IL Properties for GC Use

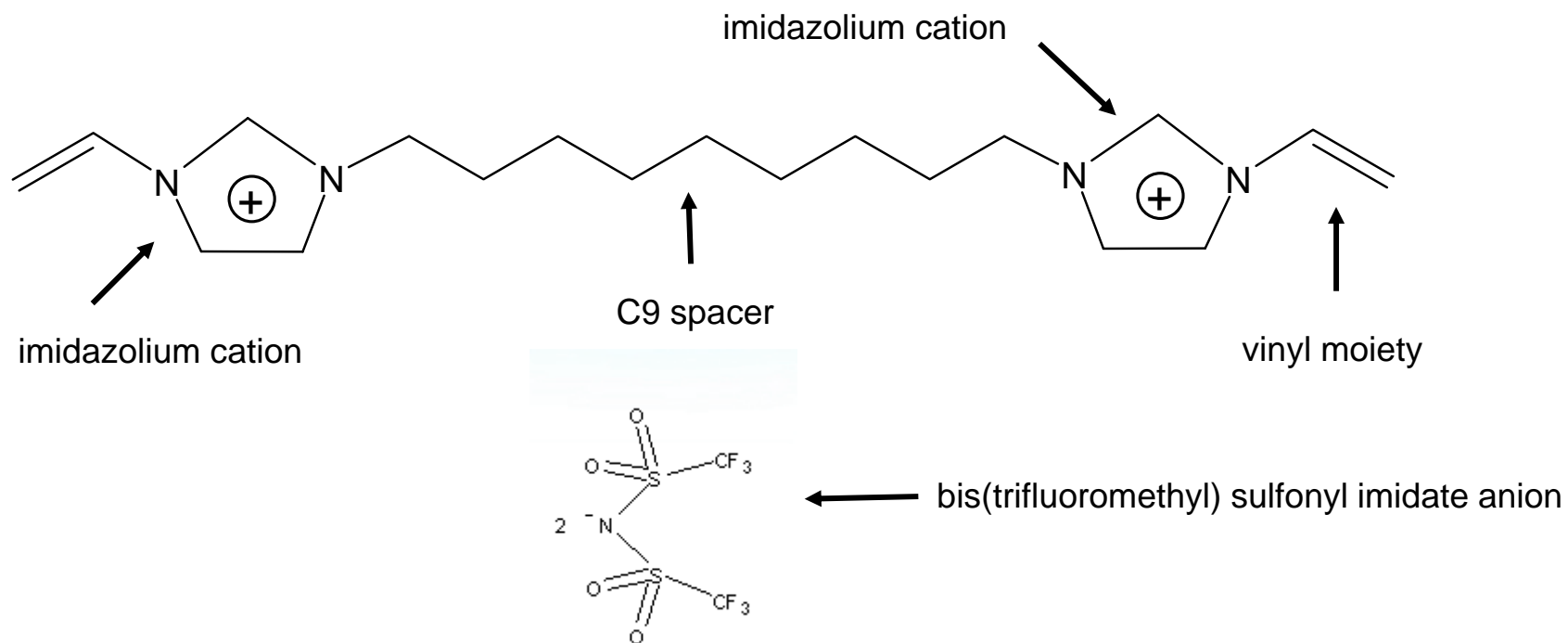
Several properties make ILs desirable as GC stationary phases

- remain liquid over a wide temperature range (Room Temperature → 350 °C)
- very low volatility
- highly polar nature
- broadest range of solvation interactions of any known solvent
- good thermal stability
- high viscosity
- easily tailored to provide different polarities/selectivities

# Geminal Dicationic Ionic Liquid Stationary Phase

## SLB-IL100

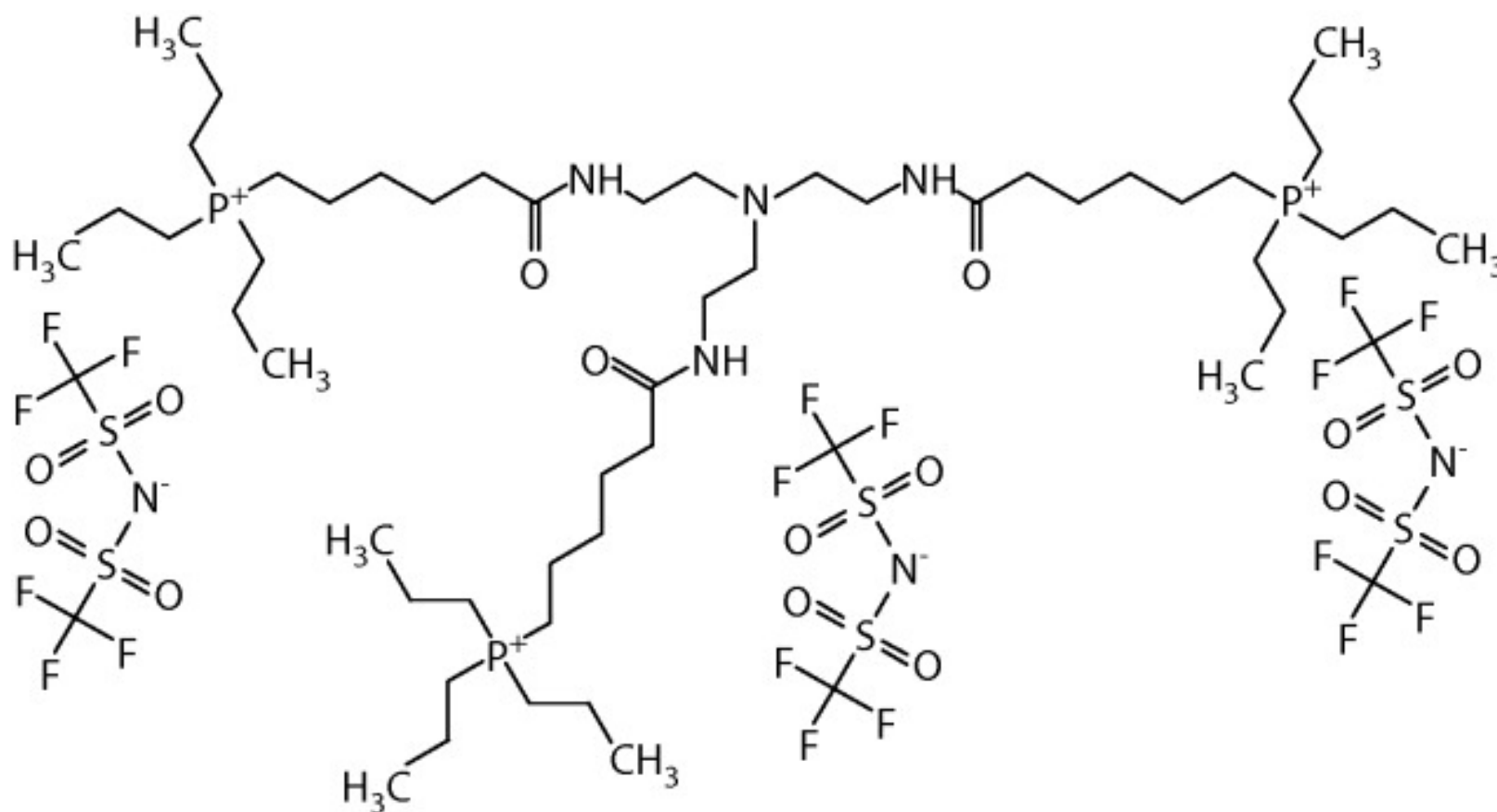
1,9-di(3-vinyl-imidazolium) nonane bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfonyl imidate



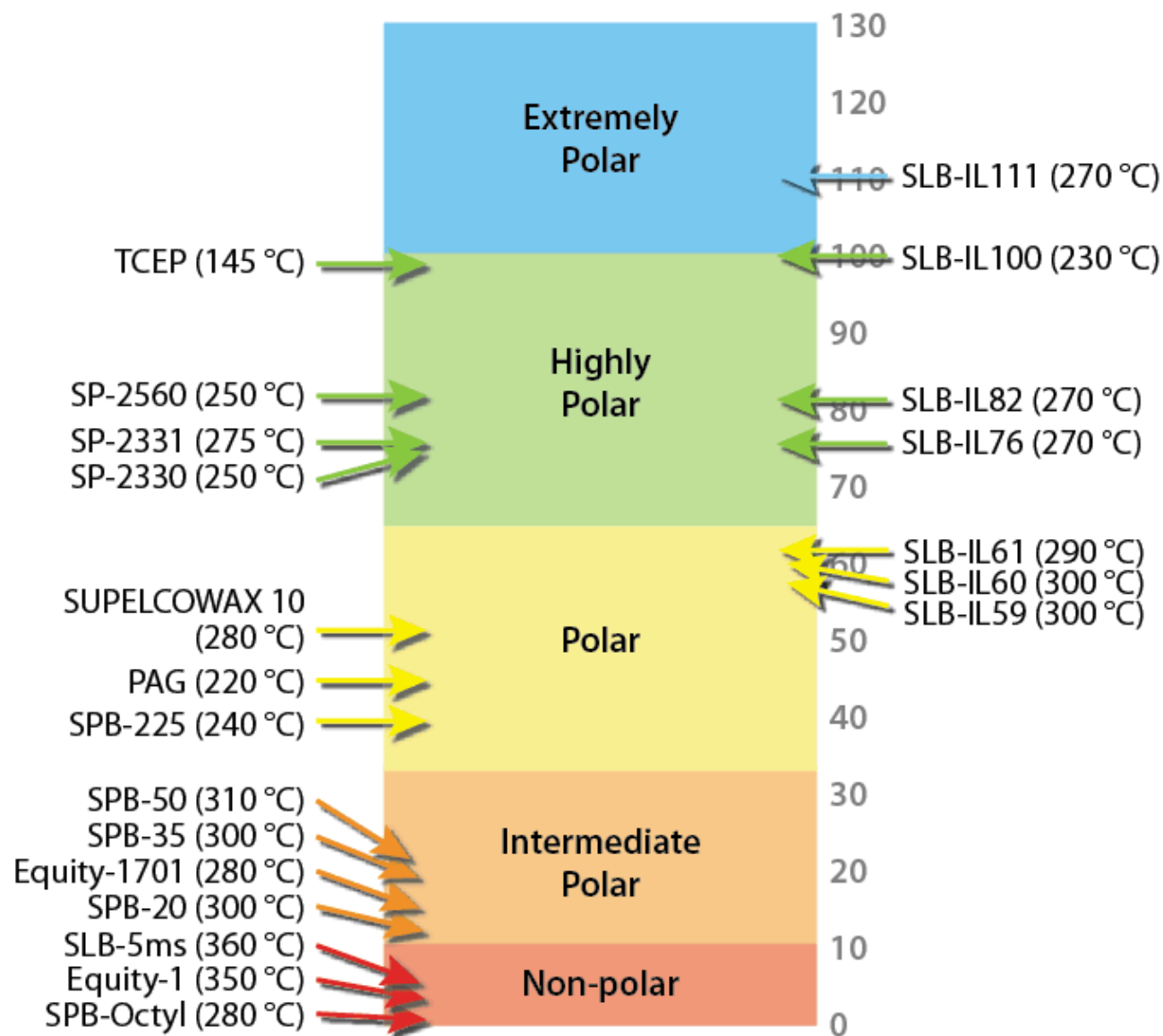
# SLB-IL76

## Phase Structure

Tri(tripropylphosphoniumhexanamido)triethylamine bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide



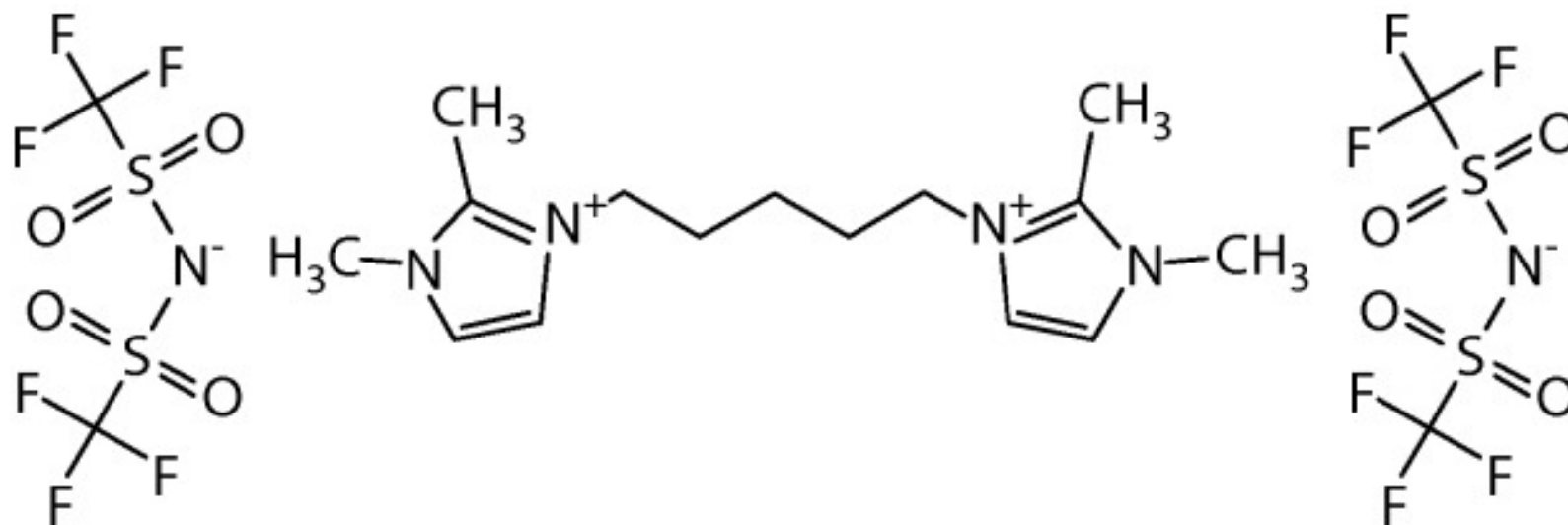
# Visual Representation



# SLB-IL111

## Phase Structure

1,5-Di(2,3-dimethylimidazolium)pentane bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide





# Cis/Trans FAME separations

C18:1 cis/trans isomers of specific interest

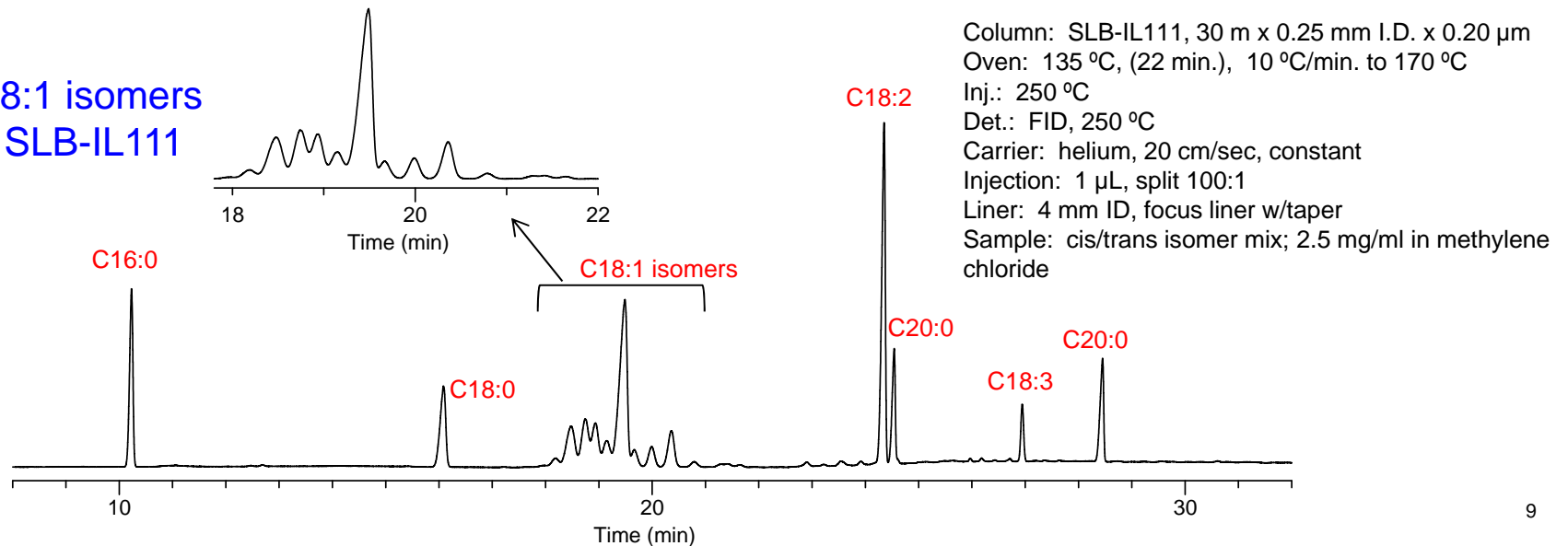
Need high polarity phases to separate cis and trans geometric positional isomers

Normally use cyanopropylsilicone phases

100 m SP-2560 is a mainstay column for this application

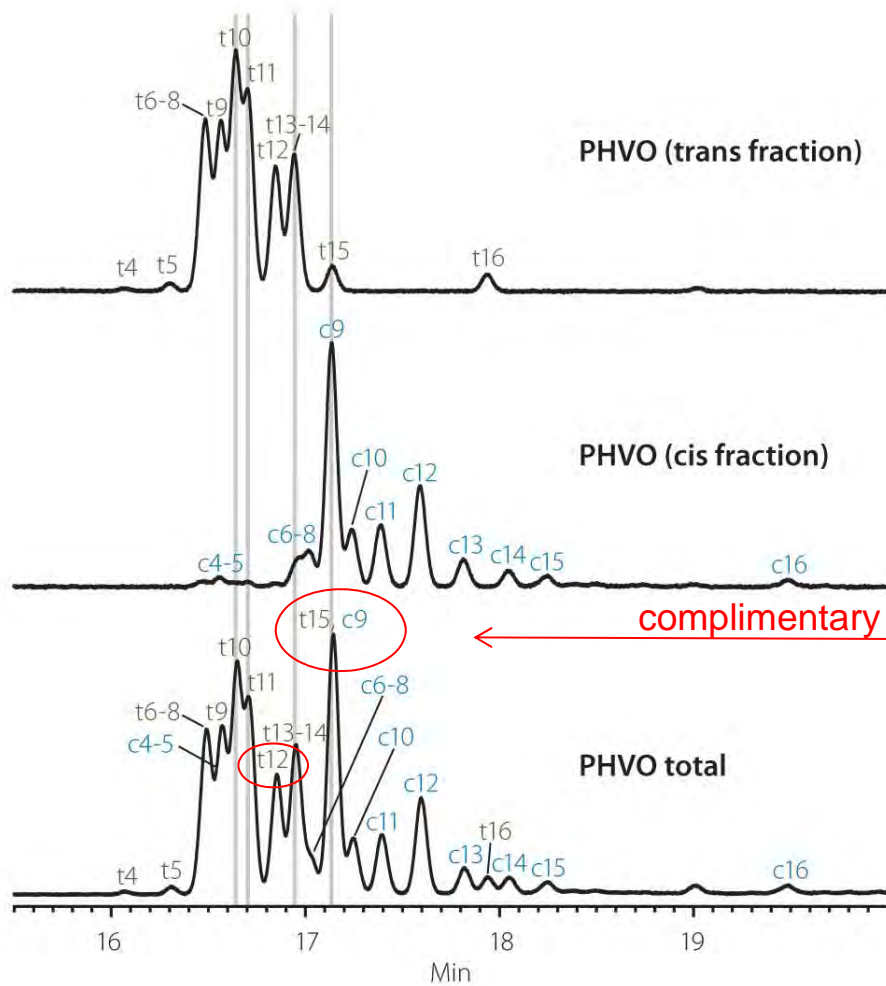
Ionic liquid columns SLB-IL100 and SLB-IL111 provide resolution of cis/trans isomers and complimentary selectivity to cyanopropylsilicone phases

C18:1 isomers  
on SLB-IL111

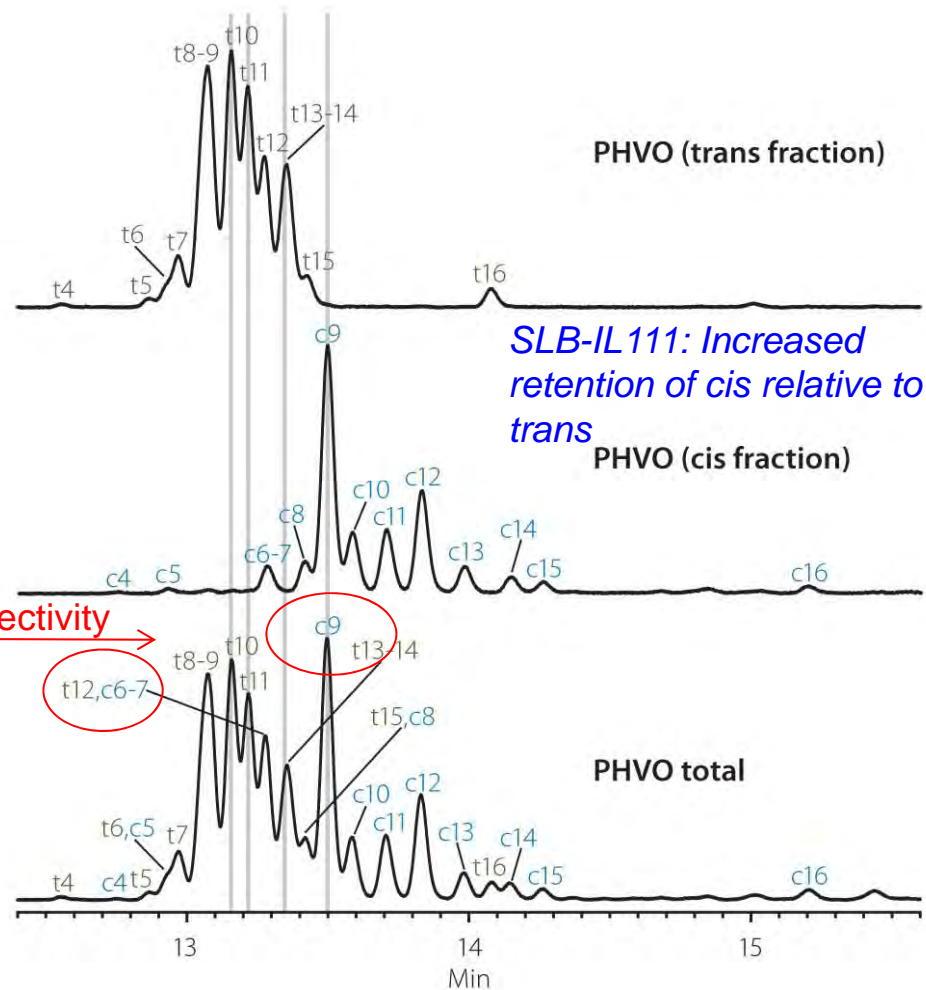


# C18:1 cis/trans FAME Isomers in Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (PHVO) SLB-IL111 vs. SP-2560: 100 m columns

column: SP-2560, 100 m x 0.25 mm I.D., 0.20  $\mu$ m (24056)  
 oven: 180 °C isothermal  
 inj.: 250 °C  
 det.: FID, 250 °C  
 carrier gas: hydrogen, 1 mL/min.  
 injection: 1  $\mu$ L, 100:1 split  
 liner: 4 mm I.D., split liner with cup (2051001)



column: SLB-IL111, 100 m x 0.25 mm I.D., 0.20  $\mu$ m (29647-U)  
 oven: 168 °C isothermal  
 inj.: 250 °C  
 det.: FID, 250 °C  
 carrier gas: hydrogen, 1 mL/min.  
 injection: 1  $\mu$ L, 100:1 split  
 liner: 4 mm I.D., split liner with cup (2051001)

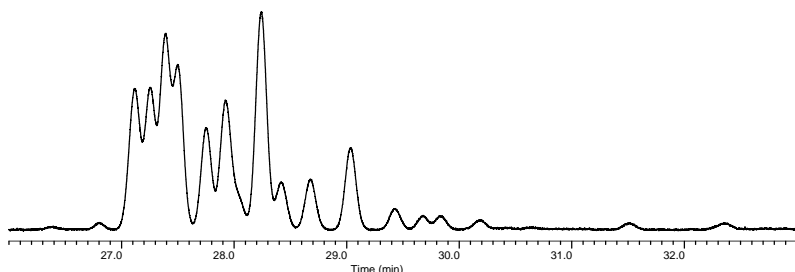


# Positional cis/trans FAME Isomers

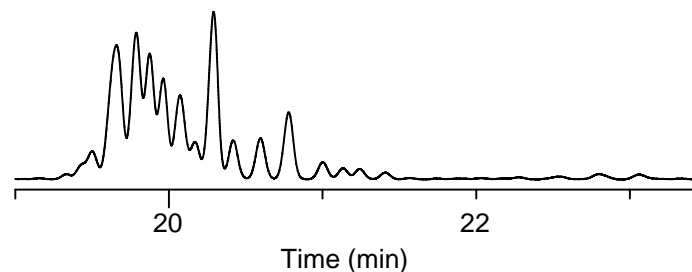
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carrier gas: hydrogen, 1 mL/min.  
injection: 1  $\mu\text{L}$ , 100:1 split  
liner: 4 mm I.D., split liner with cup (2051001)

column: SLB-IL111, 200 m x 0.25 mm I.D.,  
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oven: 168 ° C isothermal  
inj.: 250 ° C  
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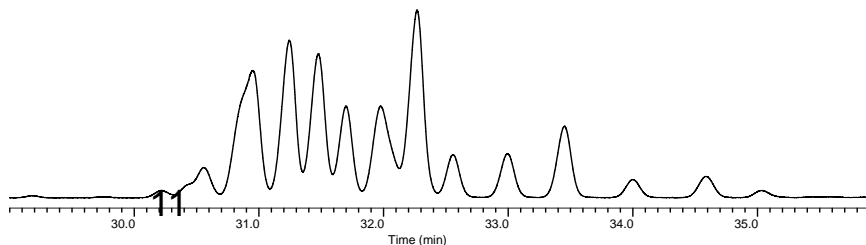
## PHVO total FAMES



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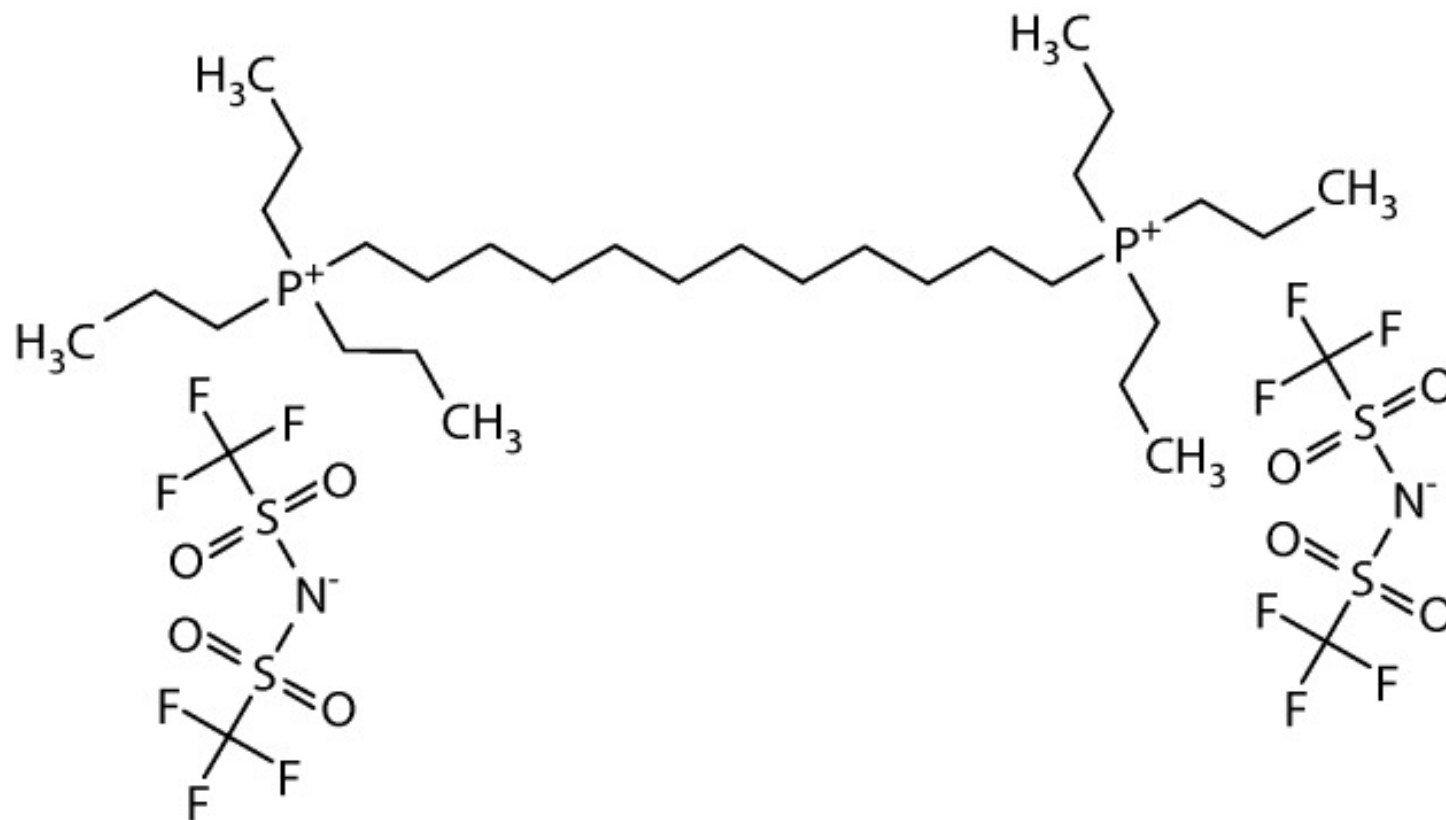
## PHVO total FAMES on SLB-IL111 @ 150 ° C isothermal



# SLB-IL60

## Phase Structure

1,12-Di(tripropylphosphonium)dodecane bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide

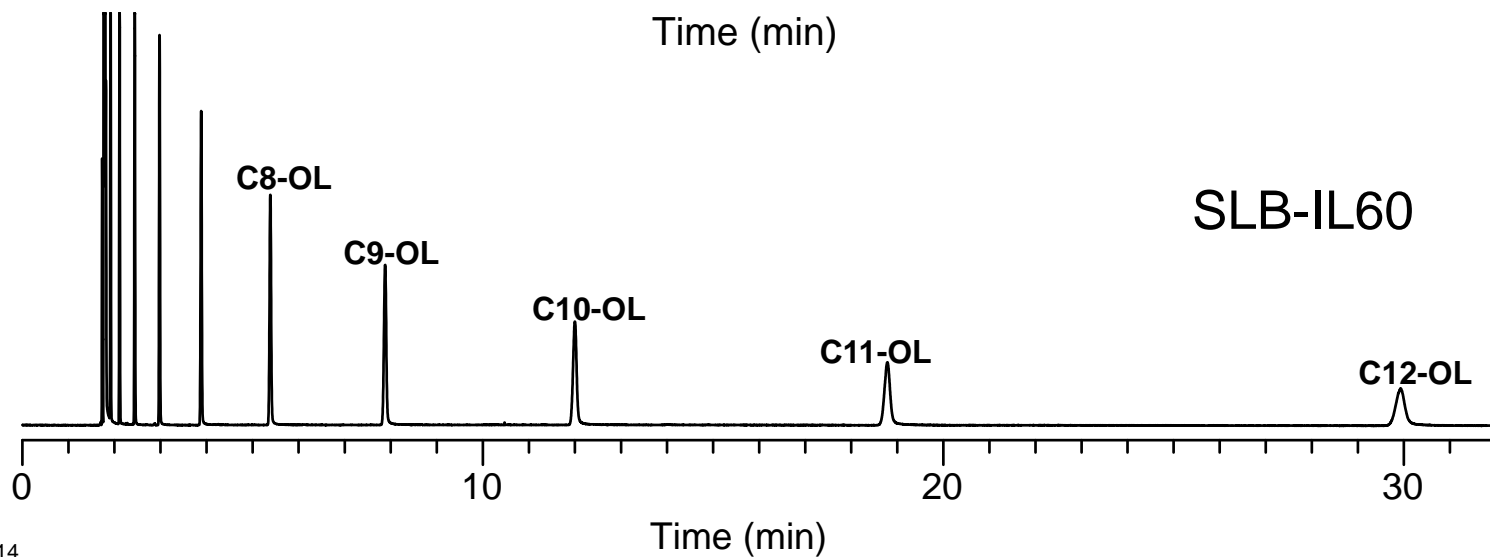
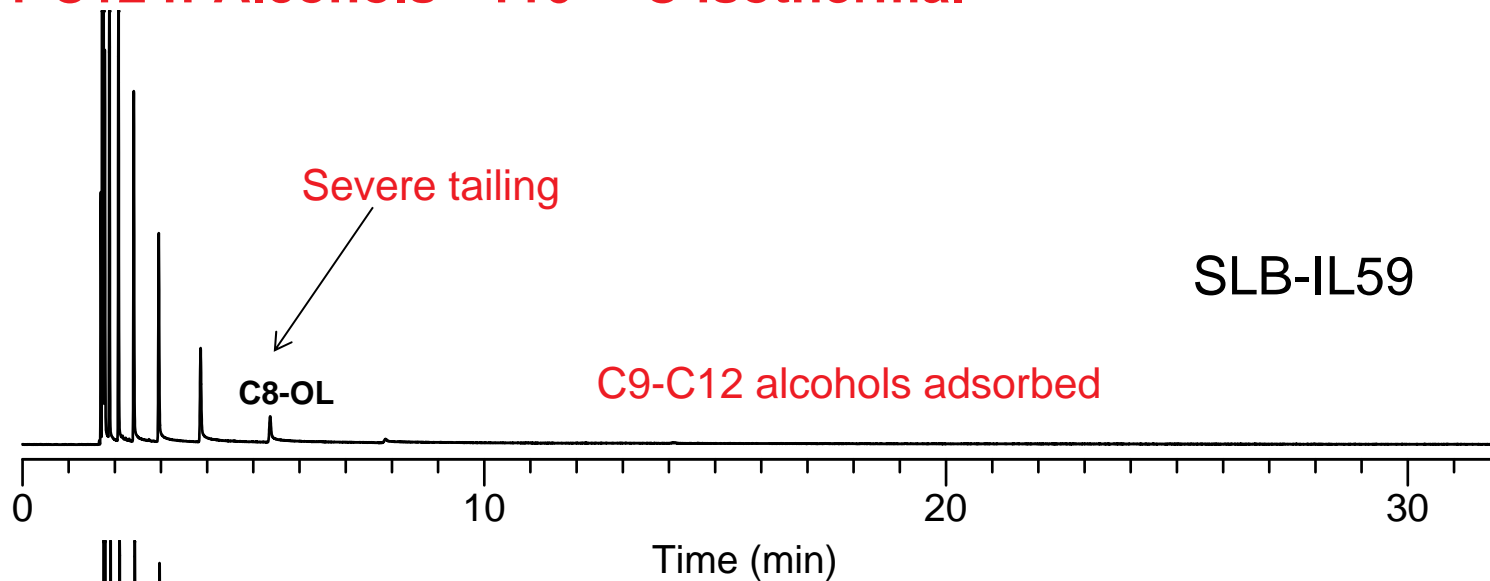


## Why SLB-IL60?

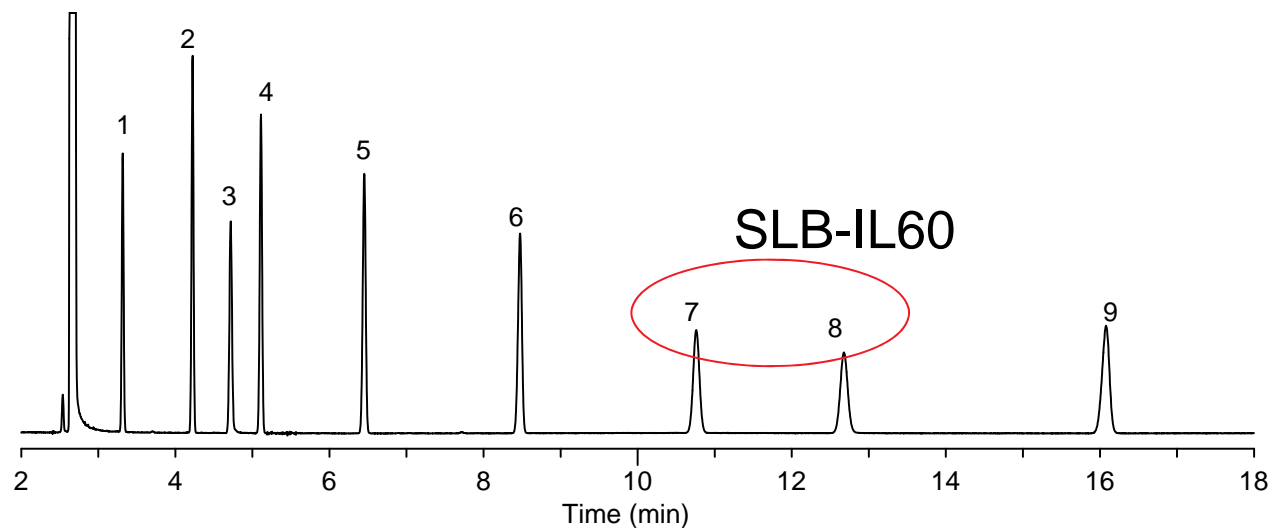
- Improved inertness over SLB-IL59
- Complimentary selectivity to PEG phases
- Higher maximum temperature than PEG phases
- Lower bleed than PEG phases

# Improved Inertness

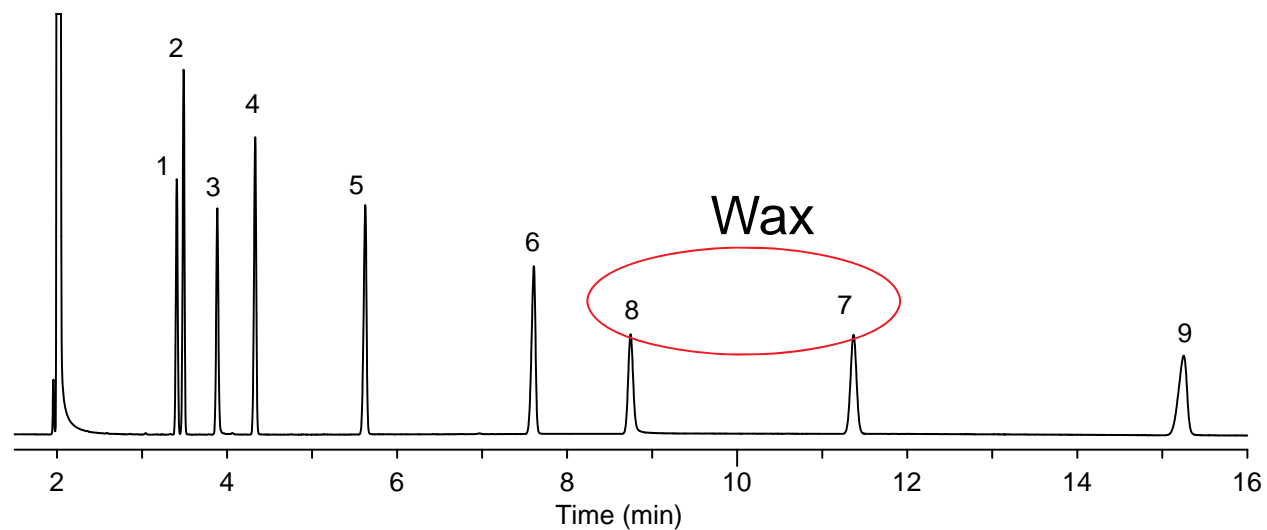
## C1-C12 n-Alcohols - 110 ° C isothermal



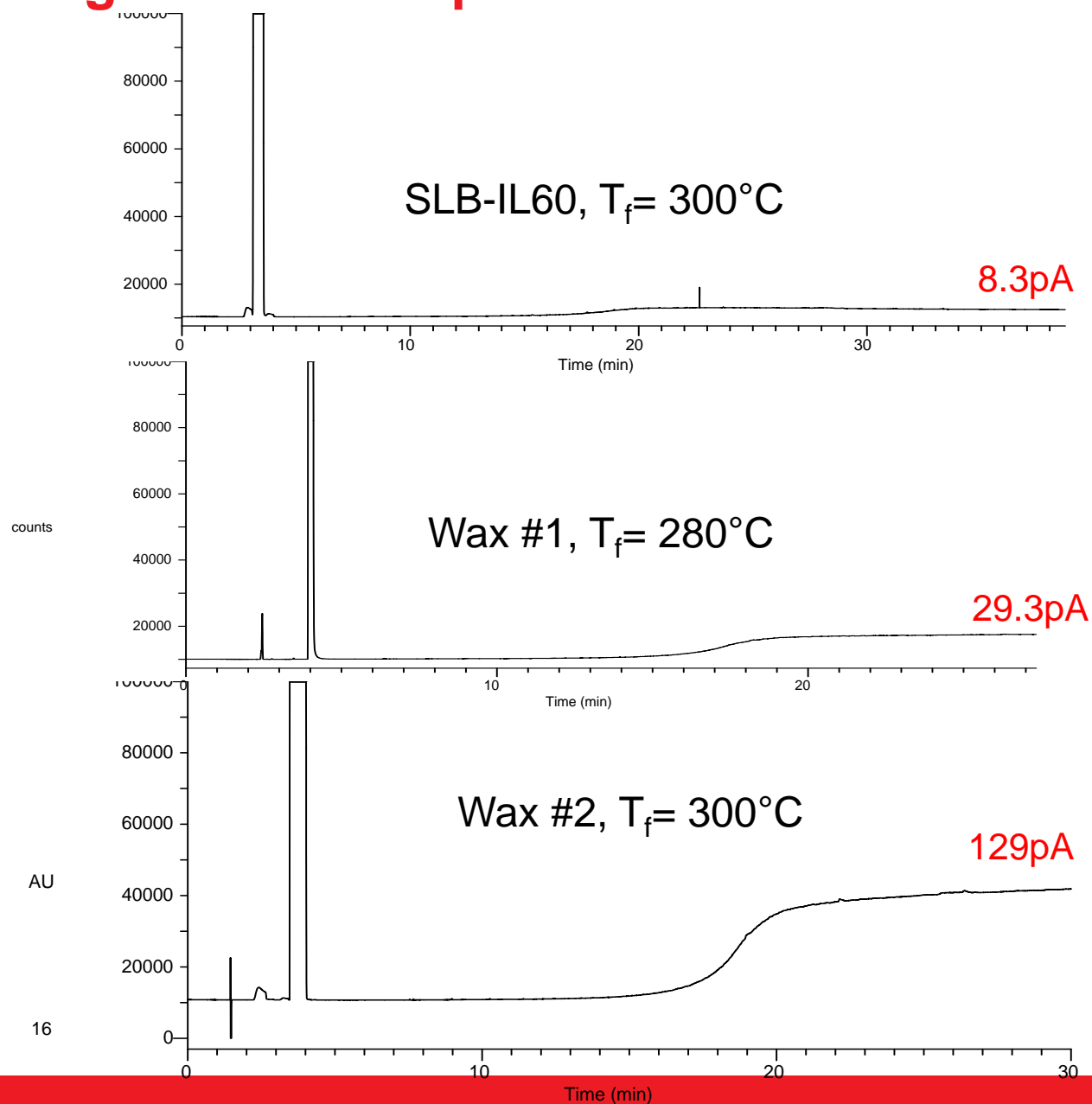
# Complimentary Selectivity to Wax



1. 2-Octanone
2. n-C15
3. n-Octanol
4. n-C16
5. n-C17
6. n-C18
7. 2,6-Dimethylphenol
8. 2,6-Dimethylaniline
9. n-C20



# Higher Max Temp and Lower Bleed than Wax

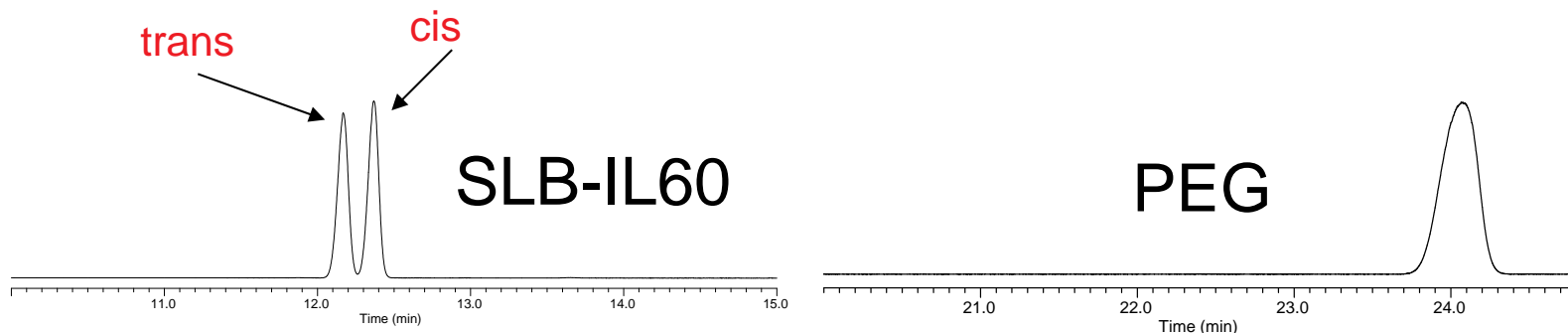


FID bleed at published temp. program max

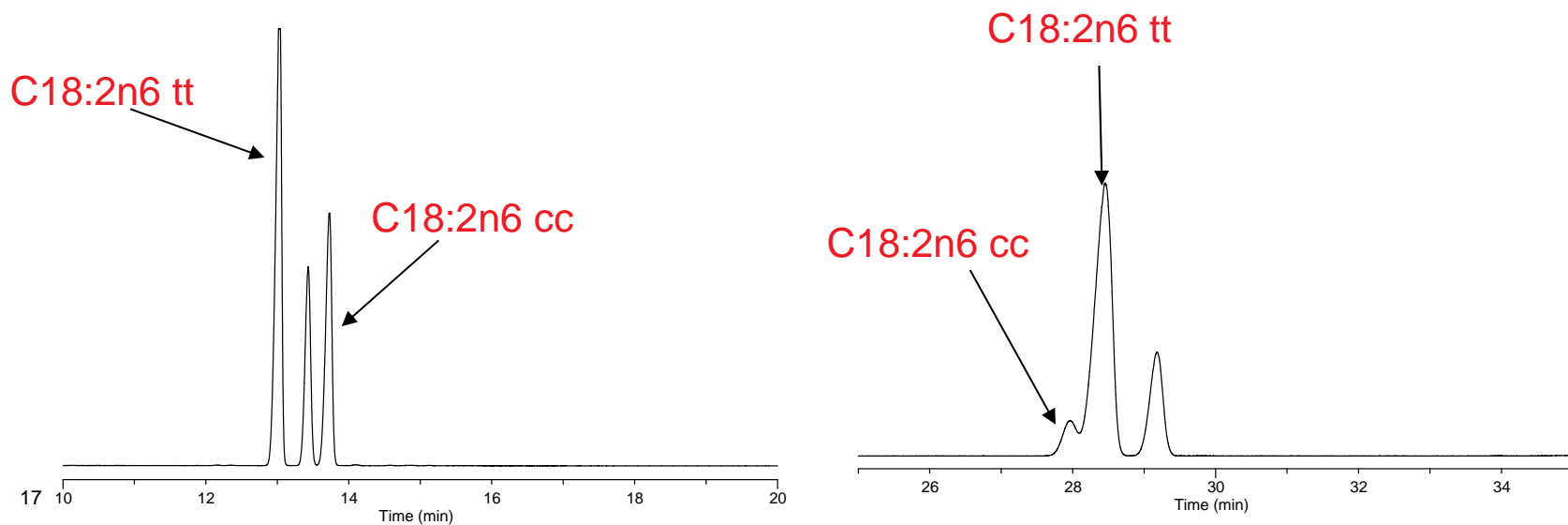


## Cis/ trans FAMES on SLB-IL60 vs. PEG Type Phase

C18:1n9 cis / trans FAMES @ 180°C

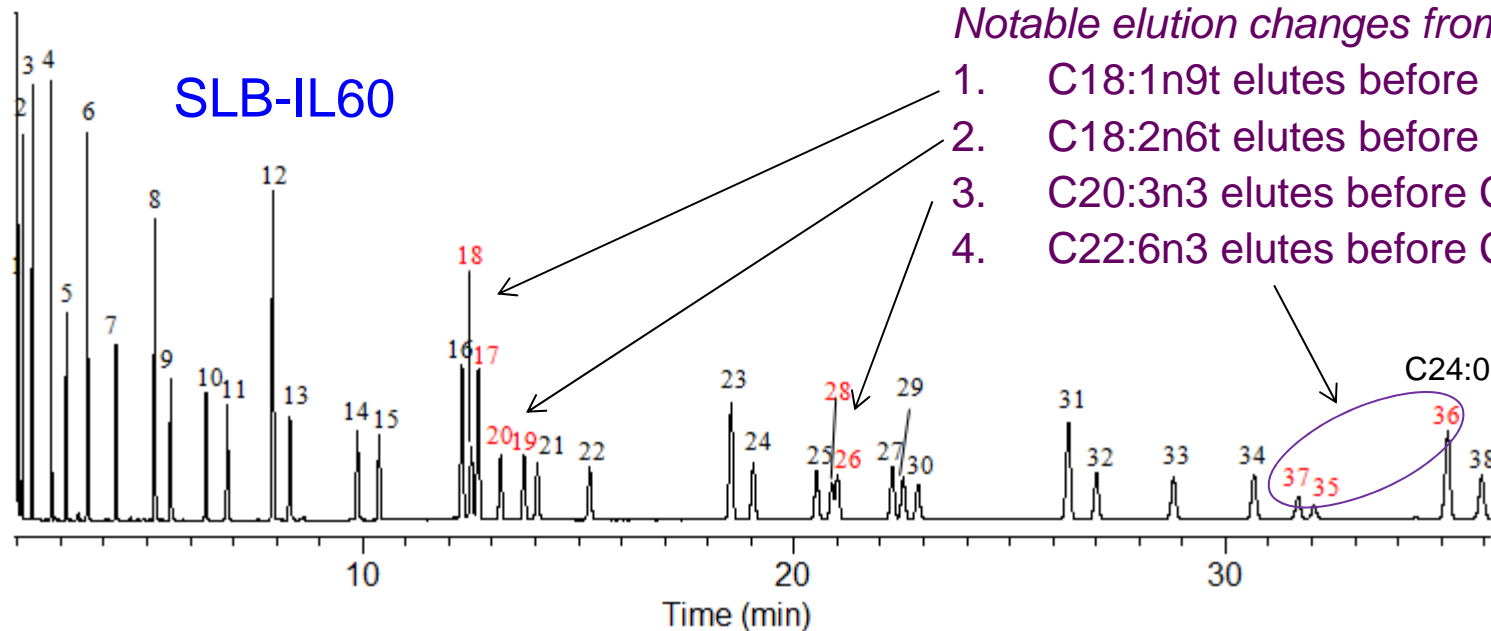
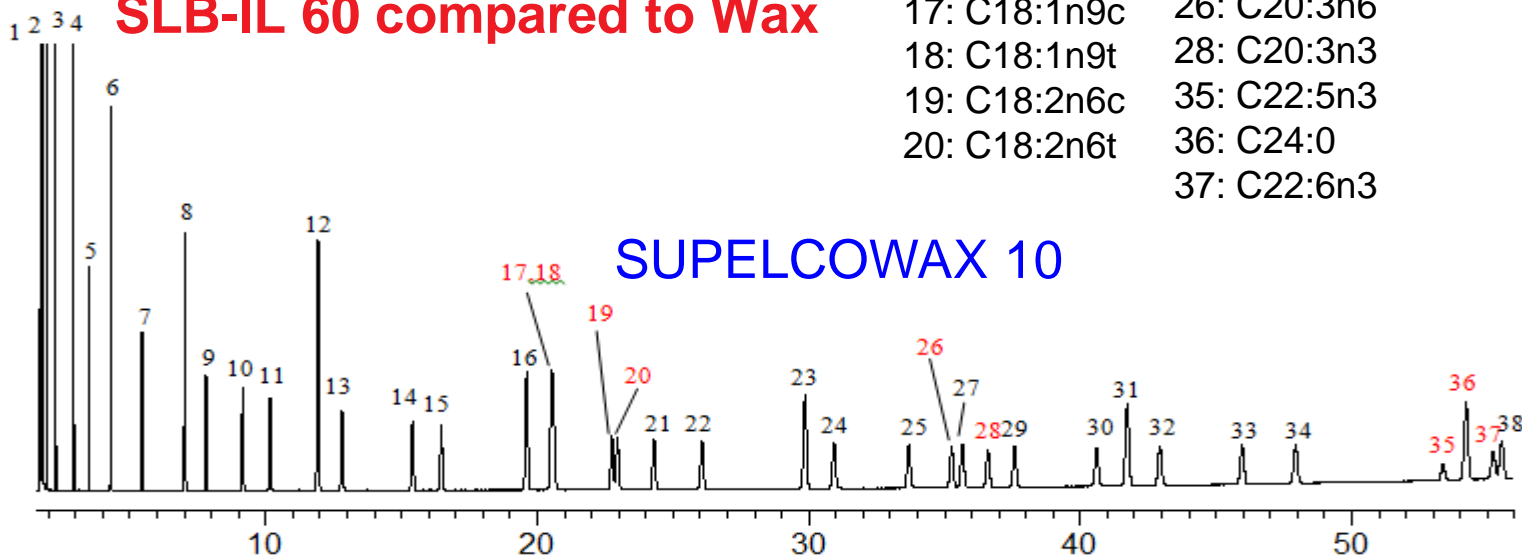


C18:2n6 cis & trans FAME Isomers- 180°C



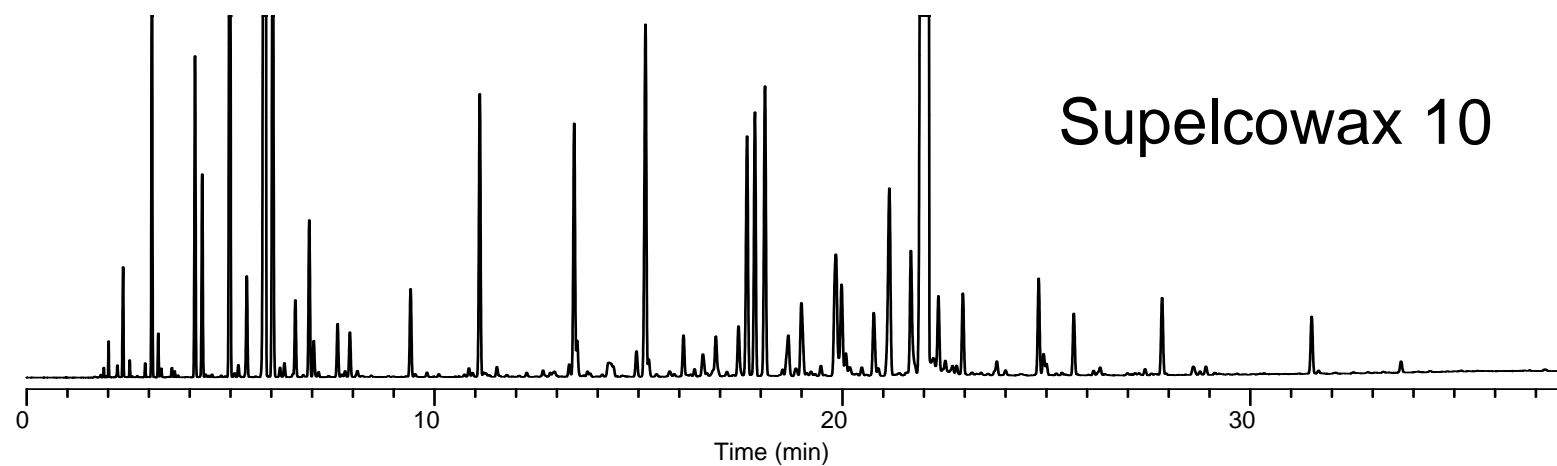
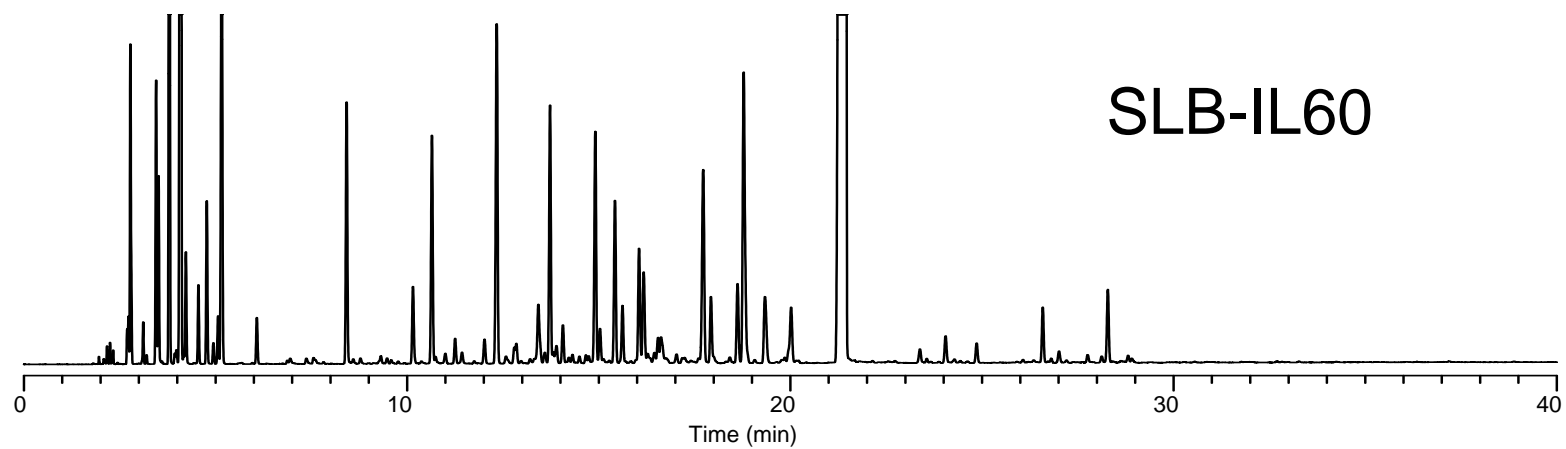
# Fame Elution order- SLB-IL 60 compared to Wax

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| 17: C18:1n9c | 26: C20:3n6 |
| 18: C18:1n9t | 28: C20:3n3 |
| 19: C18:2n6c | 35: C22:5n3 |
| 20: C18:2n6t | 36: C24:0   |
|              | 37: C22:6n3 |

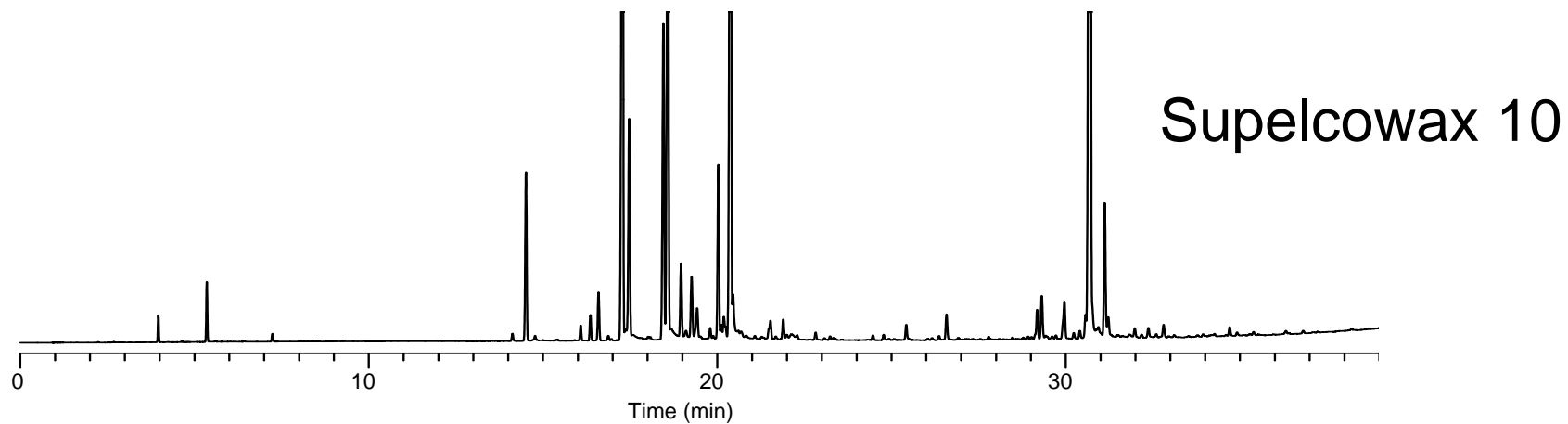
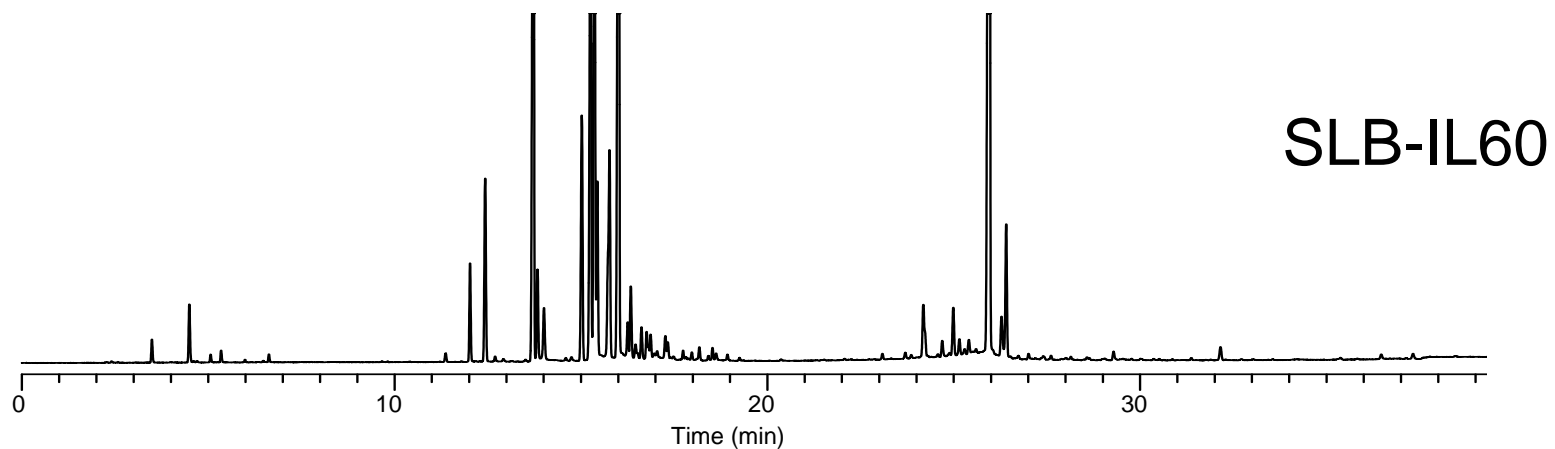


- Notable elution changes from wax column:*
1. C18:1n9t elutes before C18:1n9c
  2. C18:2n6t elutes before C18:2n6c
  3. C20:3n3 elutes before C20:3n6
  4. C22:6n3 elutes before C22:5n3 and C24:0

# Native Spearmint Oil Analysis



# Patchouli Oil Analysis



## PAHs on SLB-IL 59 20m x 0.18mm x 0.04 $\mu$ m<sub>d</sub>f

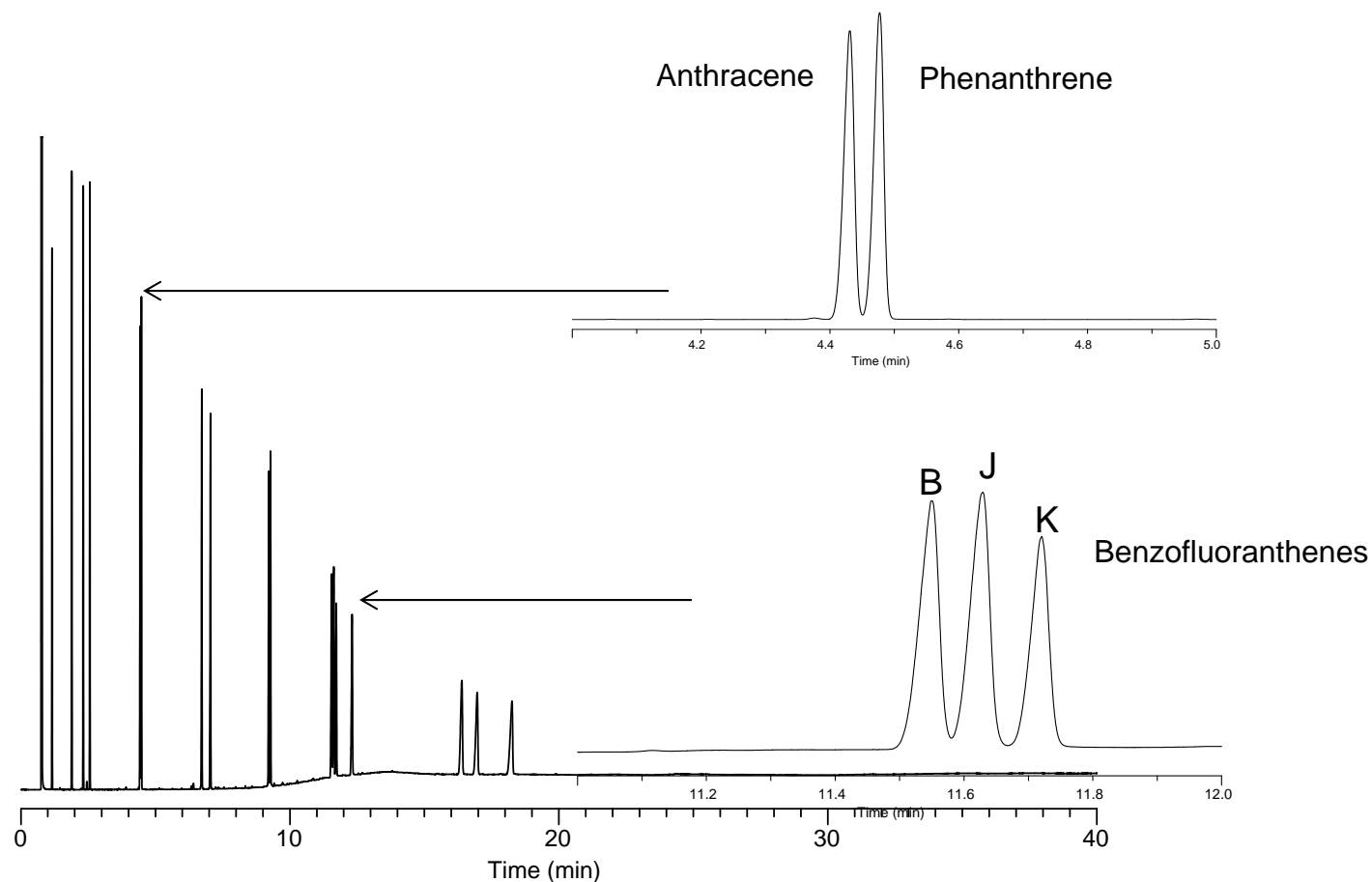


Figure 6. TCL PAHs on SLB-IL 59, 20m x 0.18mm x 0.04 $\mu$ m<sub>d</sub>f, H<sub>2</sub> carrier gas; Expanded views show anthracene/phenanthrene and benzofluoranthene isomers

# Ionic Liquid Water Separations

Column: SLB-IL 94, SLB-IL 107, IL 200 30m x 0.25mm x 0.20 $\mu$ m<sub>f</sub>

Oven: 35°C, 4°C/min to 125°C, 125°(2min)

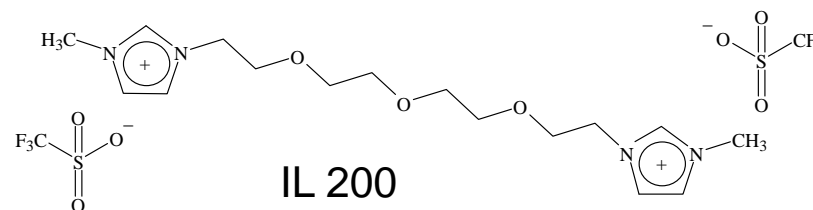
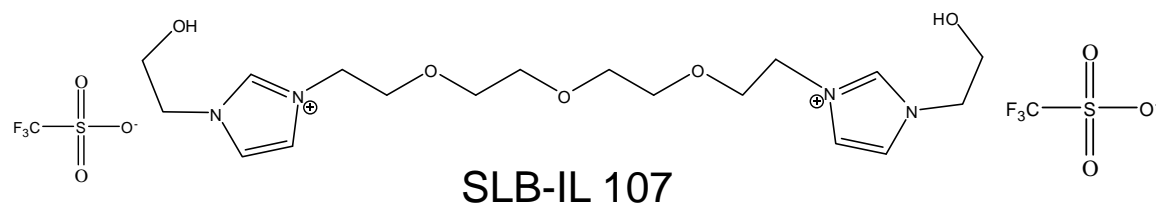
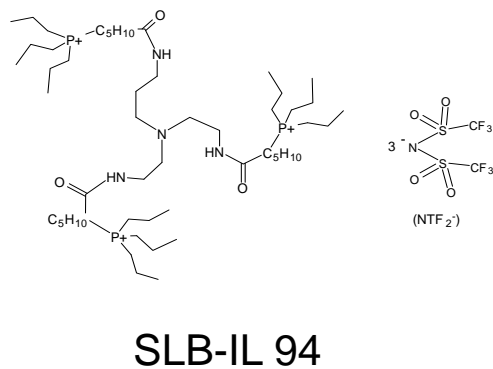
Det: TCD, 300°C

Flow Rate: 25cm/sec constant pressure He

Inj: 250°C, 1 $\mu$ L, split, 100:1

Liner: 4mm ID cup design split liner

Samples: IL Solvent Test Mix: MeOH, EtOH, Acetone, IPA, n-propanol, 1-butanol, 1,4-Dioxin  
in water



## IL Solvent Mix on SLB-IL 94 30m x 0.25mm x 0.20 $\mu$ m<sub>f</sub>

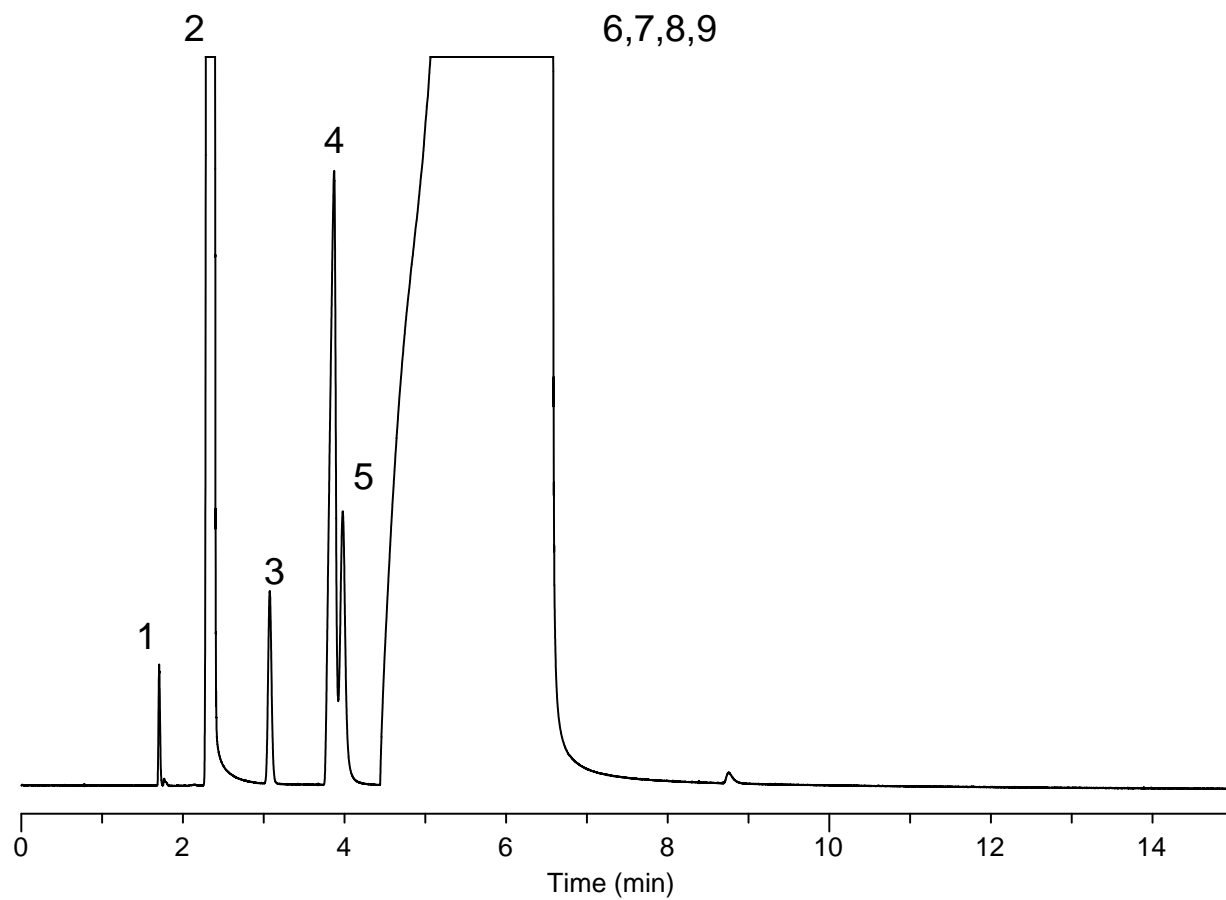


Figure 9. Solvent test standard programmed separation on SLB-IL 94; 1) MeOH, 2) MeCl<sub>2</sub>, 3) acetone, 4) ethanol, 5) IPA, 6) n-Propanol, 7) 1,4dioxane, 8) butanol, 9) water

## IL Solvent Mix on SLB-IL 107 30m x 0.25mm x 0.20 $\mu$ m<sub>f</sub>

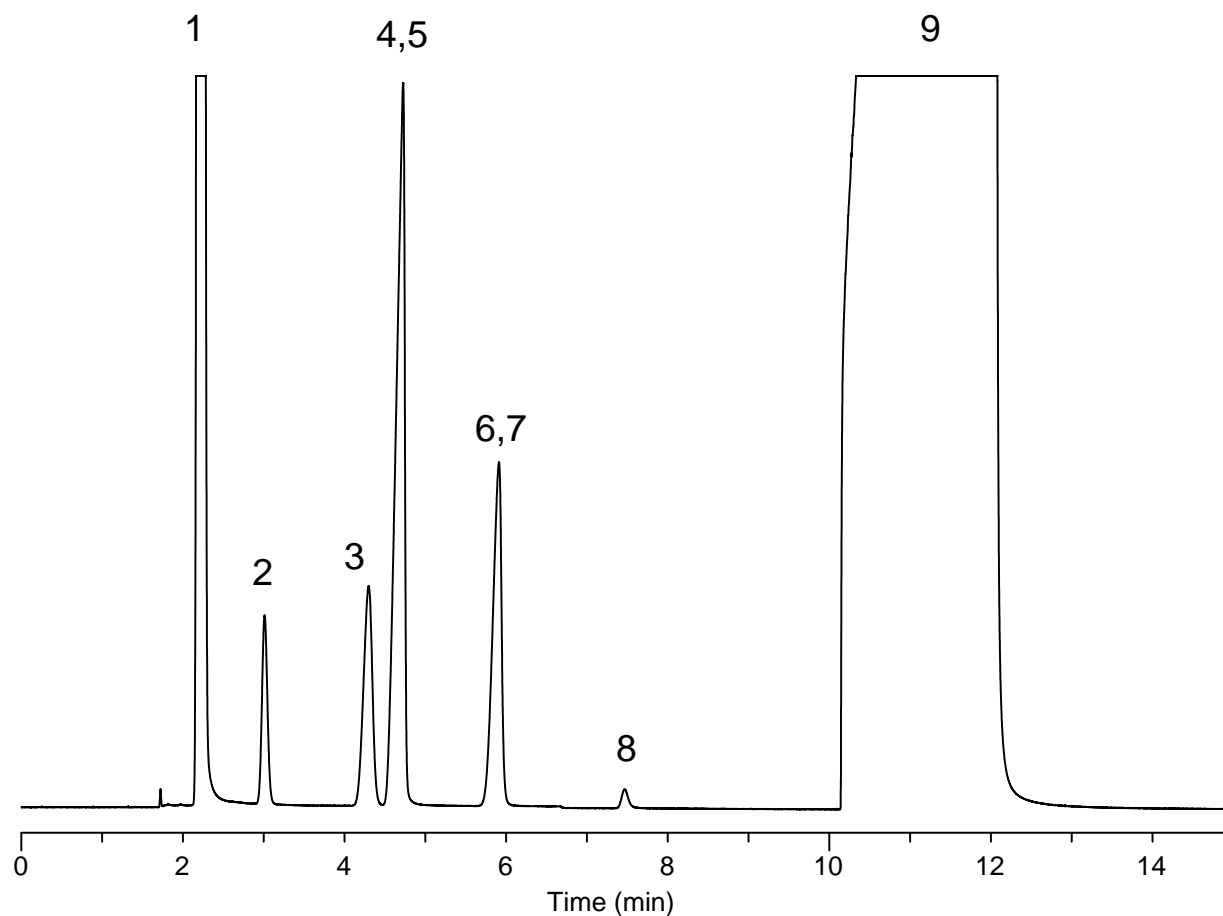
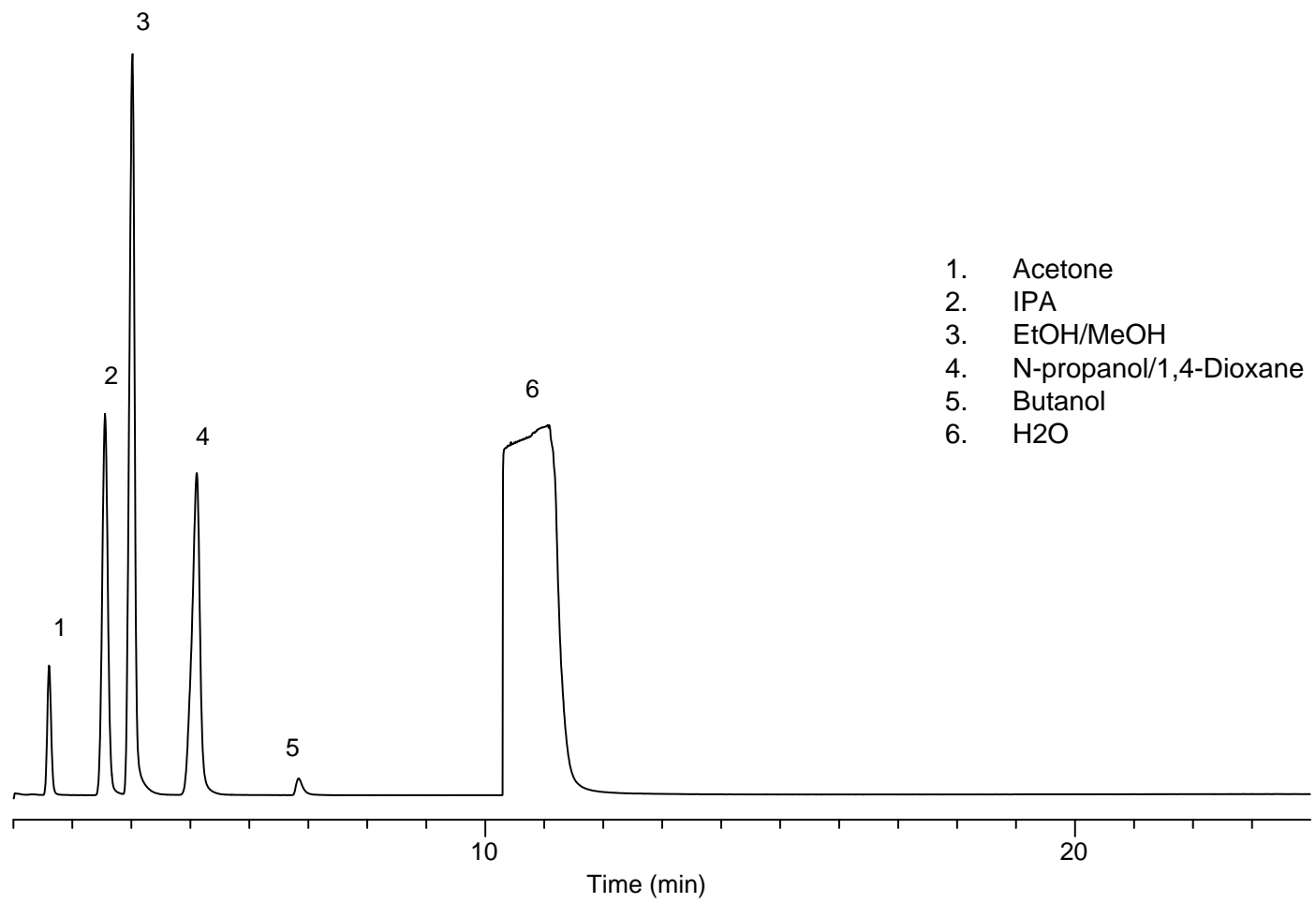


Figure 8. Solvent test standard programmed separation on SLB-IL 107; 1) MeOH/MeCl<sub>2</sub>, 2) acetone, 3) IPA, 4) ethanol, 5) methanol, 6) n-Propanol, 7) 1,4dioxane 8) butanol, 9) water

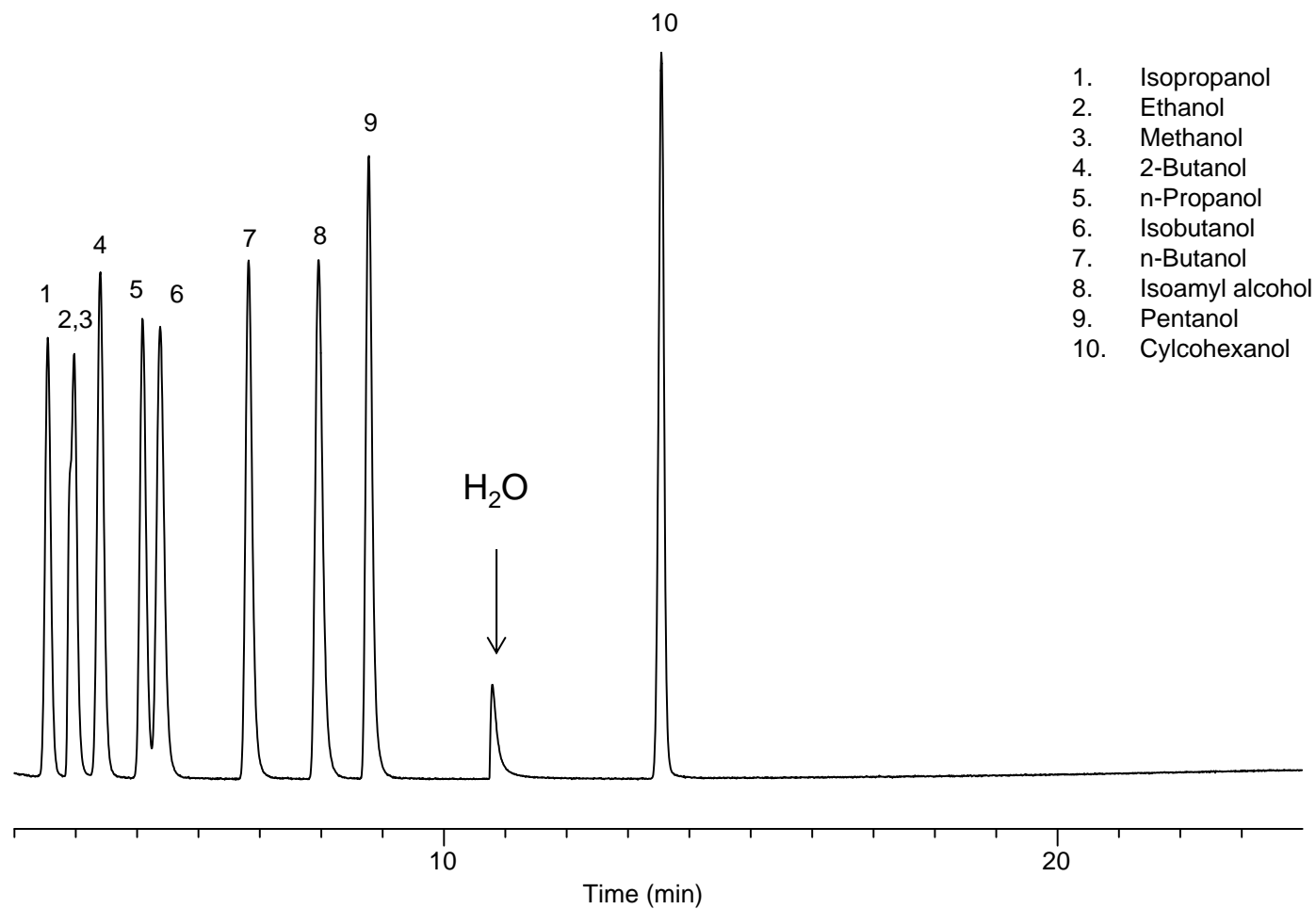


# SLB-IL 107 SPME Fiber Test STD



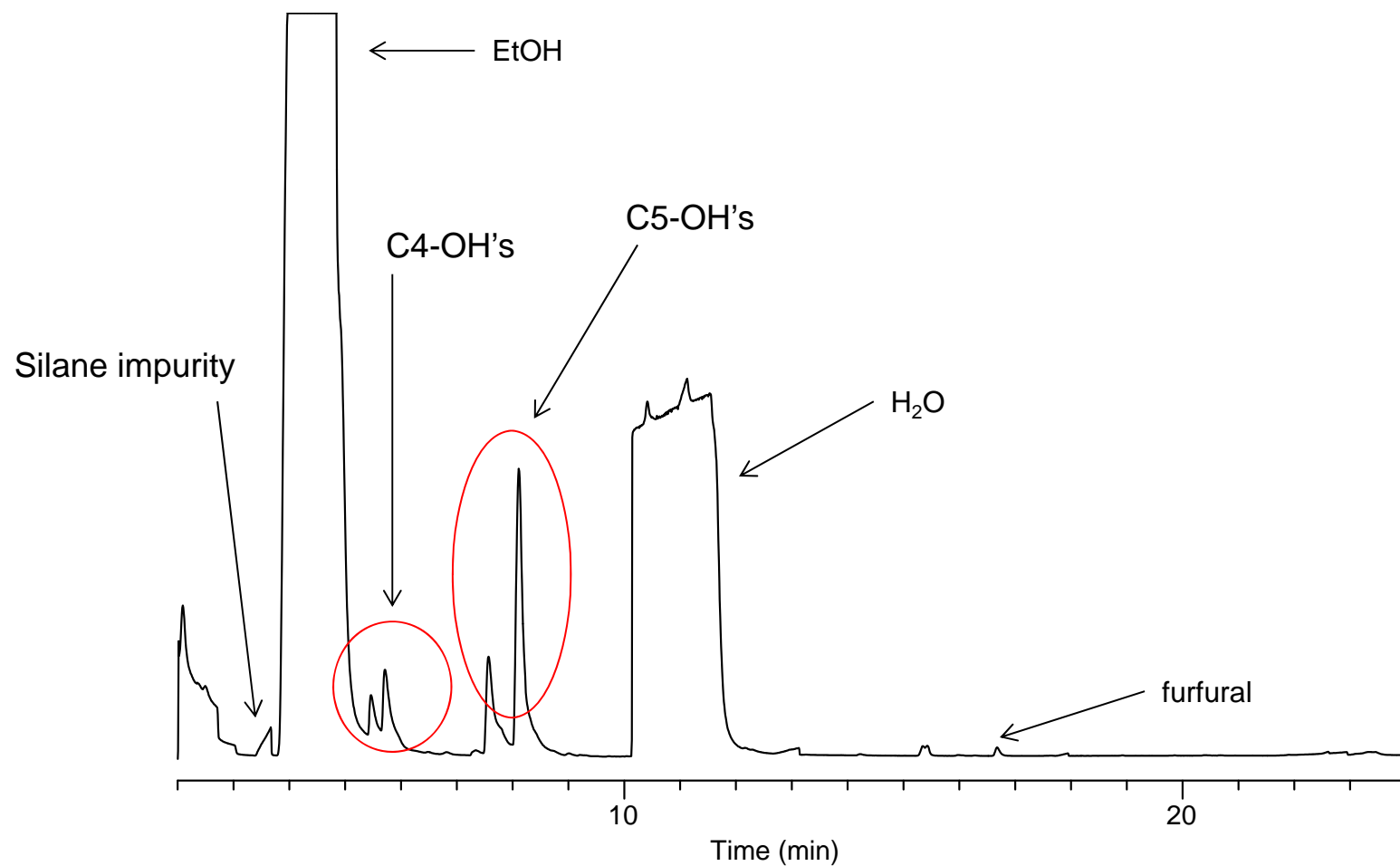
**Figure 1.** Temperature programmed run for SPME Fiber Test Standard on SLB-IL 107. 1uL injection of standard with varied concentrations (10-200ppm) at 100:1 split. Standard is prepared in water.

# C1-C6 Alcohol Mix



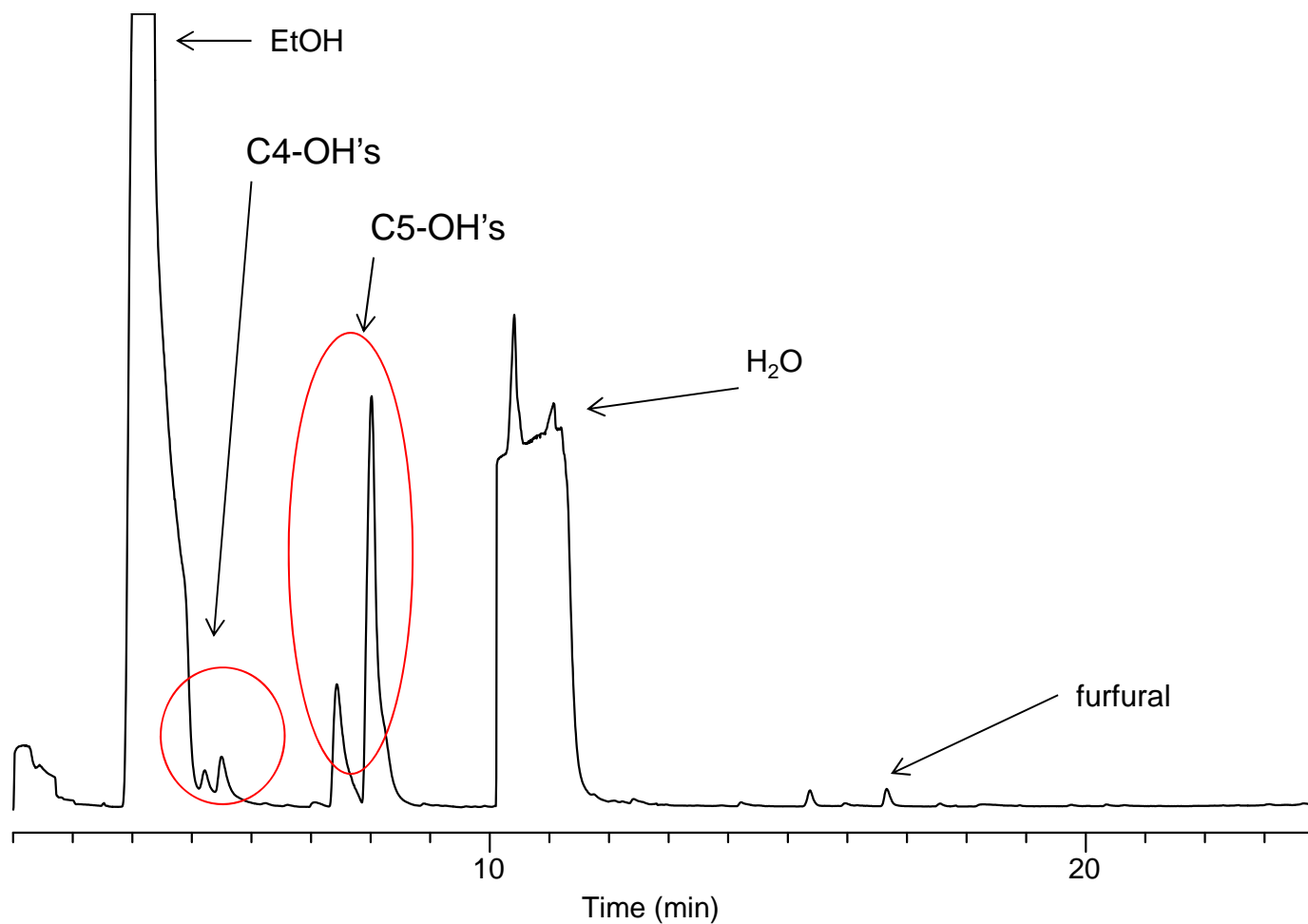
**Figure 2.** Temperature programmed run for light alcohol mix on SLB-IL 107. 1uL injection of a 500ug/mL sample at 100:1 split. Note the sample has adsorbed some water in storage.

# Grappa Bassano



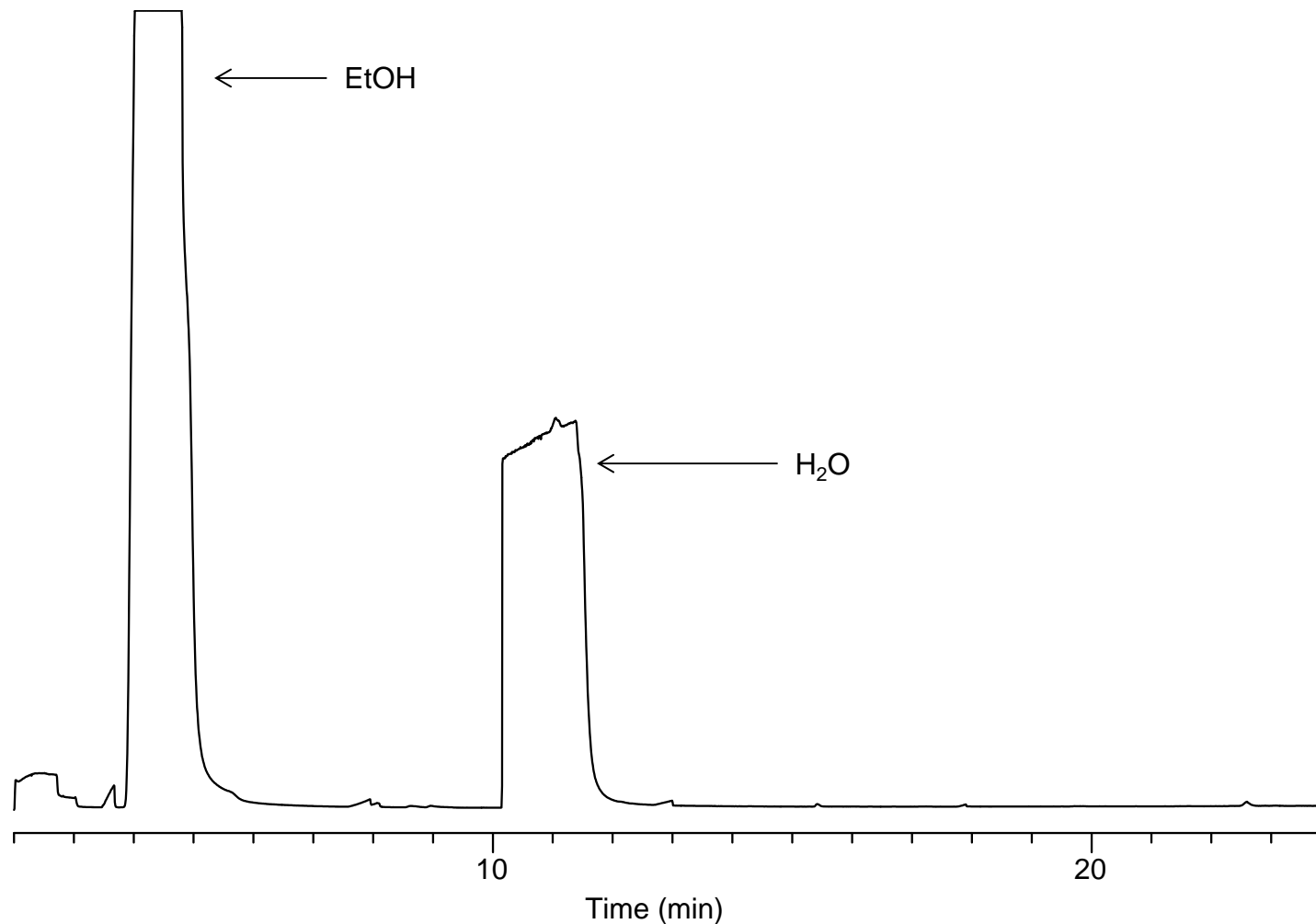
**Figure 4.** Temperature programmed run for Grappa Bassano on SLB-IL 107. . SPME Carboxen extraction. Selected peaks with high confidence of identification.

# Grappino



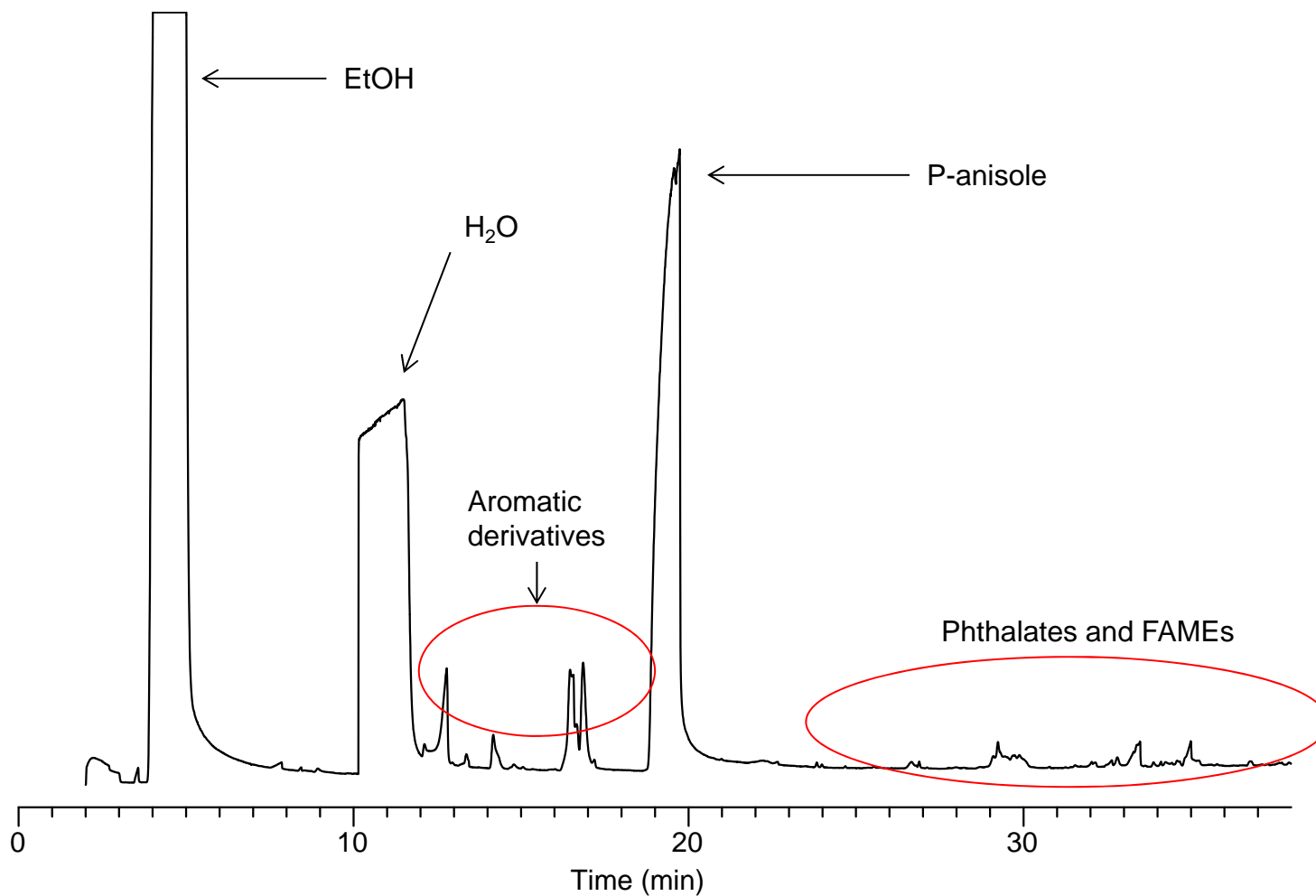
**Figure5.** Temperature programmed run for Grappino on SLB-IL 107. . SPME Carboxen extraction. Selected peaks with high confidence of identification.

# Tito's Vodka



**Figure 6.** Temperature programmed run for Tito's Vodka on SLB-IL 107. . SPME Carboxen extraction. Selected peaks with high confidence of identification.

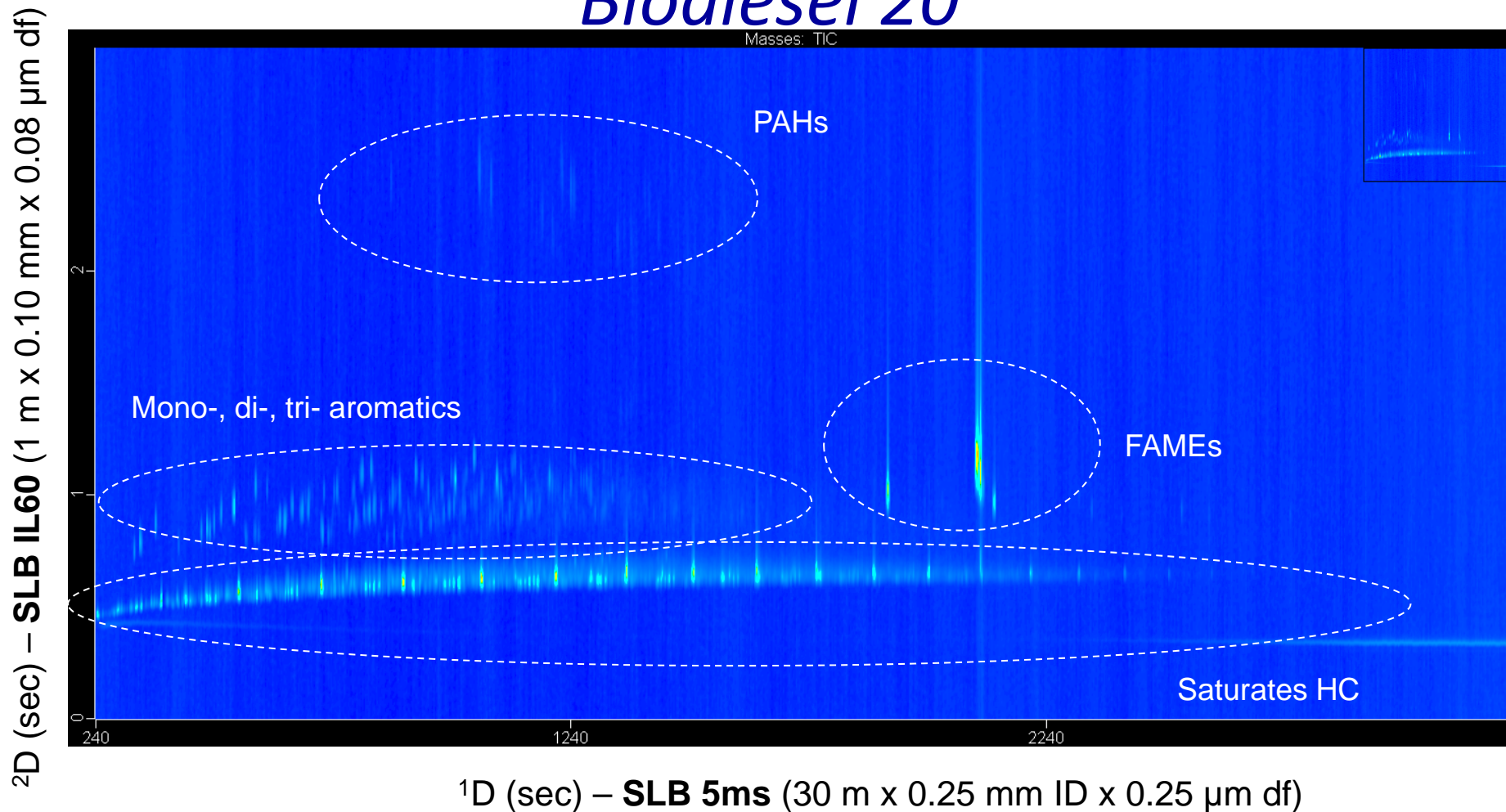
# Ouzo



**Figure9.** Temperature programmed run for Ouzo on SLB-IL 107. . SPME Carboxen extraction. Selected peaks with high confidence of identification.

# NON-POLAR – POLAR STRATEGY

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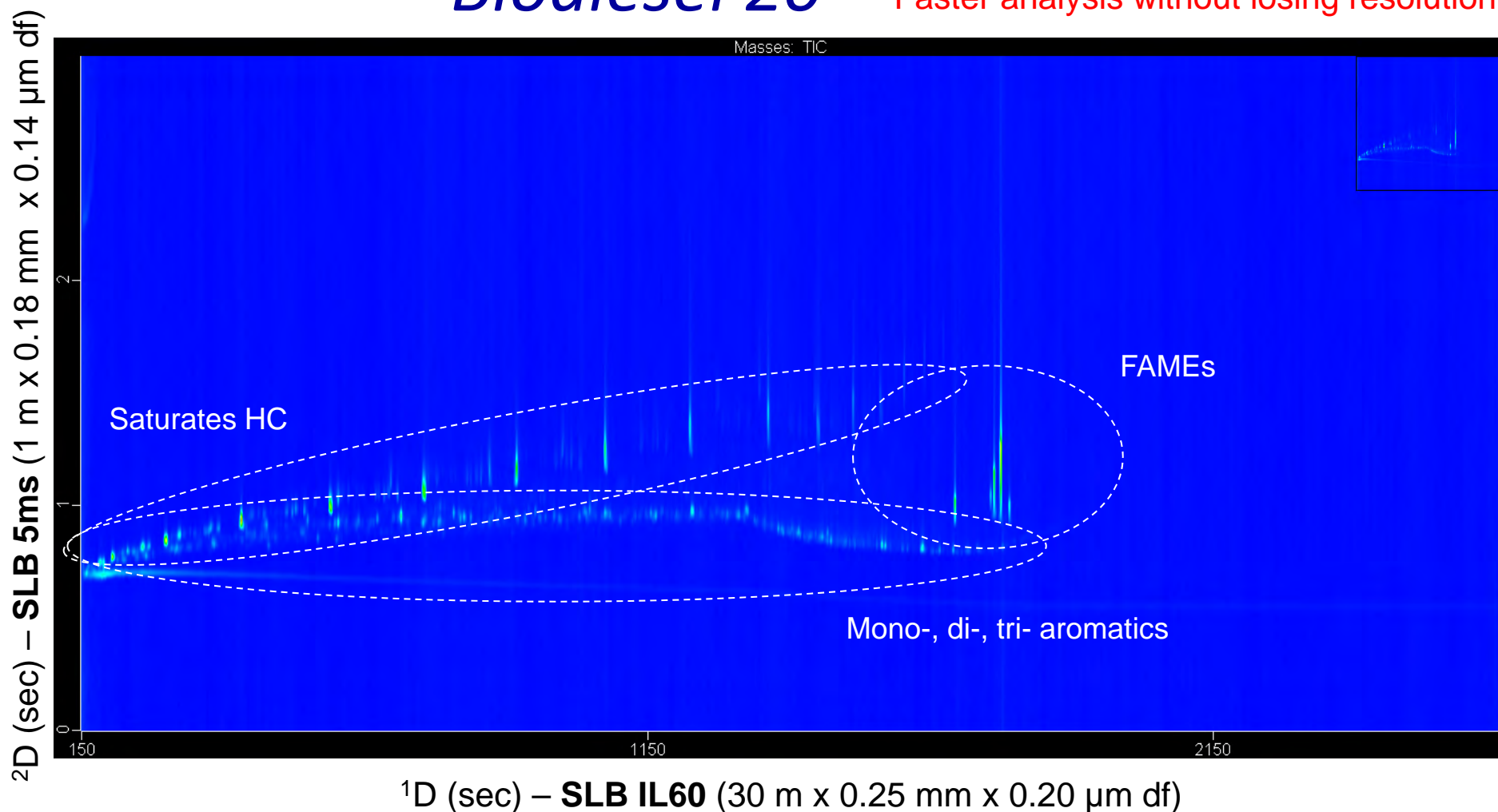


Equipment: LECO PEGASUS GC × GC/TOFMS. Carrier gas: Helium set @ 1.0 mL/min. Sample: 1 μL, split ratio 50:1, inlet temp. 250 °C. GCxGC method temp. program: Primary column: 40 °C (2 min), ramped @ 4 °C/min to 270 °C (20min). Secondary column: 55 °C (2 min), ramped @ 4 °C/min to 280 °C (20min). Modulator temp. offset: 30 °C. Modulation Period: 3 s. TOFMS method parameters: mass range 35–450 m/z., acquisition rate 200 spectra/s, ion source temp. 250 °C.

# POLAR – NON-POLAR STRATEGY

## *Biodiesel 20*

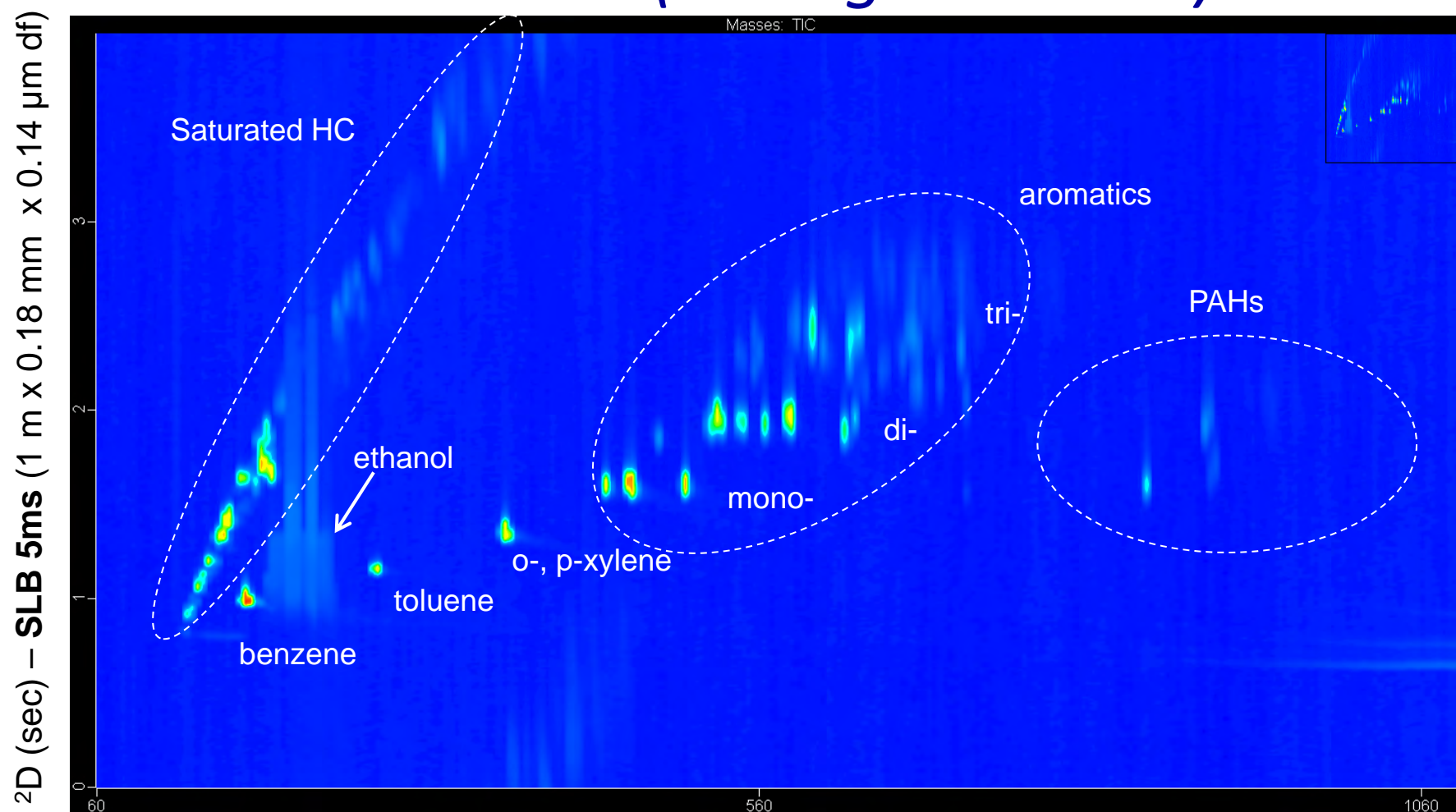
Faster analysis without losing resolution



Equipment: LECO PEGASUS GC  $\times$  GC/TOFMS. Carrier gas: Helium set @ 1.2 mL/min. Sample: 1  $\mu\text{L}$ , split ratio 50:1, inlet temp. 250  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . GCxGC method temp. program: Primary column: 60  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , ramped @ 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  to 225  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (5 min). Secondary column: 75  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , ramped @ 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  to 240  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (5 min). Modulator temp. offset: 30  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Modulation Period: 3 s. TOFMS method parameters: mass range 35–450 m/z., acquisition rate 200 spectra/s, ion source temp. 250  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



# POLAR – NON-POLAR STRATEGY *Gasoline (local gas station)*



**1D (sec) – SLB IL60 (30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.20 μm df)**

Equipment: LECO PEGASUS GC x GC/TOFMS. Carrier gas: Helium set @ 1.2 mL/min. Sample: 1 μL, split ratio 300:1, inlet temp. 250 °C. GCxGC method temp. program: Primary column: 60 °C, ramped @ 10 °C/min to 225 °C (5 min). Secondary column: 75 °C, ramped @ 10 °C/min to 240 °C (5 min). Modulator temp. offset: 30 °C. Modulation Period: 4 s. TOFMS method parameters: mass range 35–450 m/z., acquisition rate 200 spectra/s, ion source temp. 250 °C.

## Summary

A series of polar and highly polar Ionic Liquid stationary phases have been evaluated.

Changing the functionality of the cation or anion group will change the selectivity of the IL phase.

The GC column polarity scale demonstrates that the Ionic Liquid stationary phases are typically polar to highly polar. A new phase SLB-IL111 is the most polar phase commercially available.

The new polar SLB-IL60 offers unique cis/ trans FAME separations compared to PEG phases along with unique separation of other FAME isomers.

Highly Polar SLB-IL111 Ionic Liquid capillary columns provide a complimentary separation of positional geometric FAME isomers compared to the SP-2560 columns.

200 meter versions of the SP-2560 and SLB-IL111 provide the best resolution of the positional geometric FAME isomers while providing complimentary selectivity.

## Summary

Ionic liquid columns offer potential for the analysis of PAHs.

Highly polar ionic liquid phases can be used for analyzing water.

Initial work has demonstrated the ionic liquid column can be used for the analysis of the alcohols contained in various alcoholic beverages.

The ionic liquid phases offer orthogonal selectivity for use in GC x GC applications as either the primary or secondary column.

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