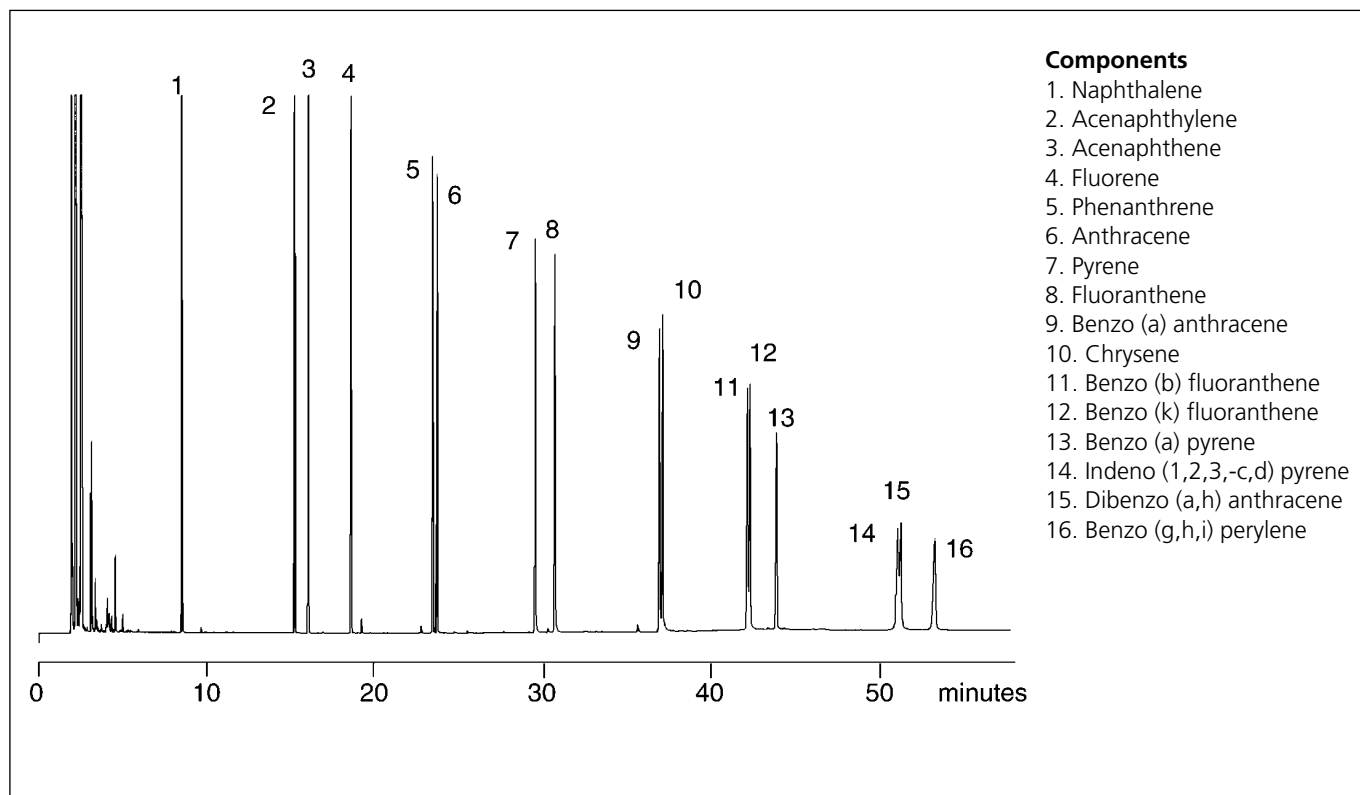


# ANALYSIS OF POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAH) ON BPX5

**Column Part No.: 054142**

Phase: BPX5, 0.25 µm film  
Column: 30 m x 0.22 mm ID  
Initial Temp: 100 °C, 1 min  
Rate: 5 °C/min  
Final Temp: 380 °C, 20 min  
Carrier Gas: He, 20 psi  
Detector: FID, 370 °C

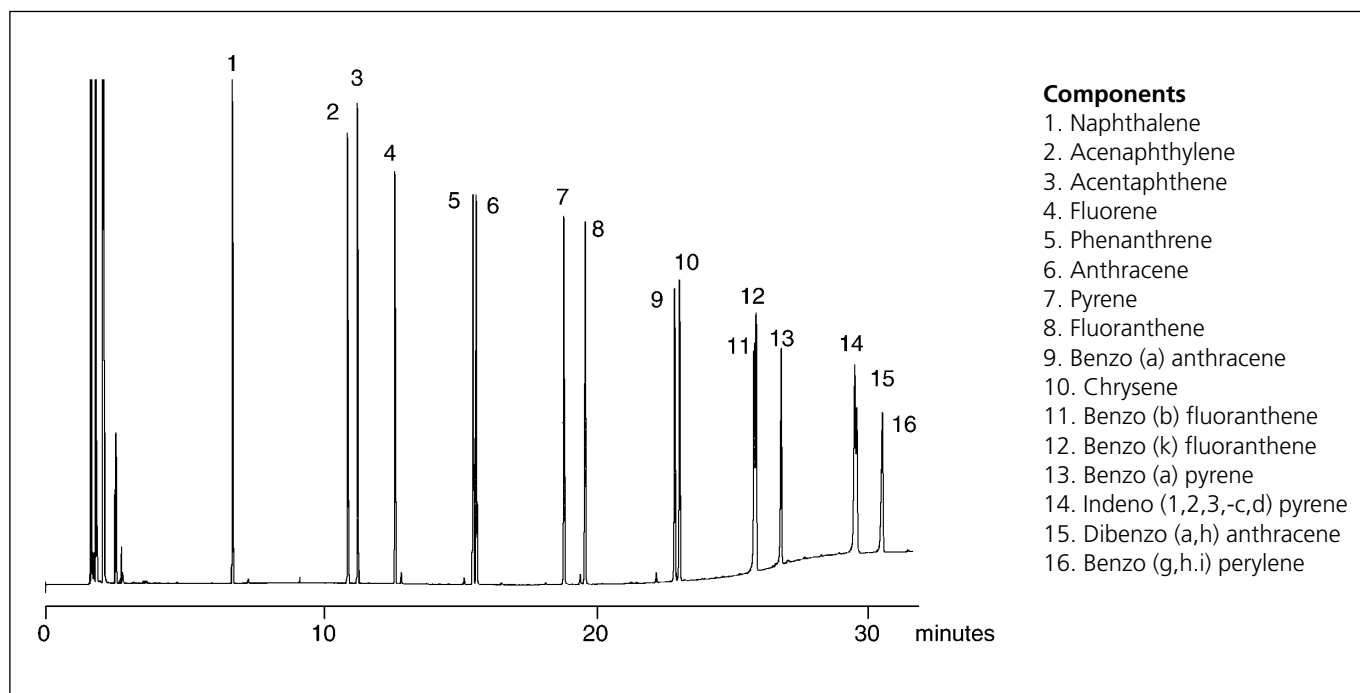


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# ANALYSIS OF POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS ON BPX35

**Column Part No.: 054714**

Phase: BPX35, 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  film  
Column: 30 m x 0.22 mm ID  
Initial Temp: 100  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 1 min  
Rate: 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$   
Final Temp: 360  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 10 min  
Carrier Gas: He, 25 psi  
Detector: FID, 380  $^{\circ}\text{C}$



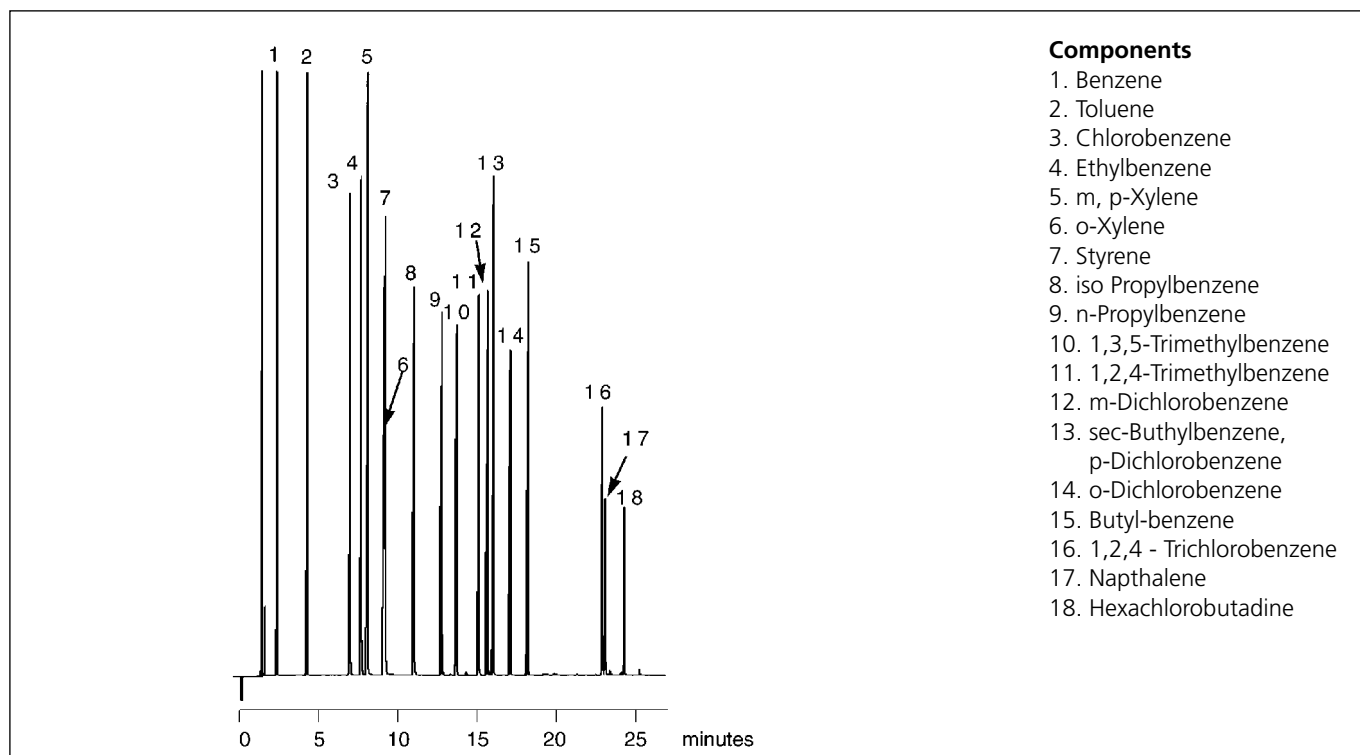
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# ANALYSIS OF SUBSTITUTED AROMATICS ON BP5

## SUBSTITUTED AROMATICS

### Column Part No.: 054168

Phase: BP5, 0.25 µm film  
 Column: 25 m x 0.22 mm ID  
 Initial Temp: 40 °C, 4 min  
 Rate 1: 2 °C/min  
 Temp 2: 60 °C  
 Rate 2: 5 °C/min  
 Final Temp: 80 °C, 2 min  
 Detecotr: FID  
 Sensitivity: 64 x 10<sup>-12</sup> AFS  
 Injection Mode: Split



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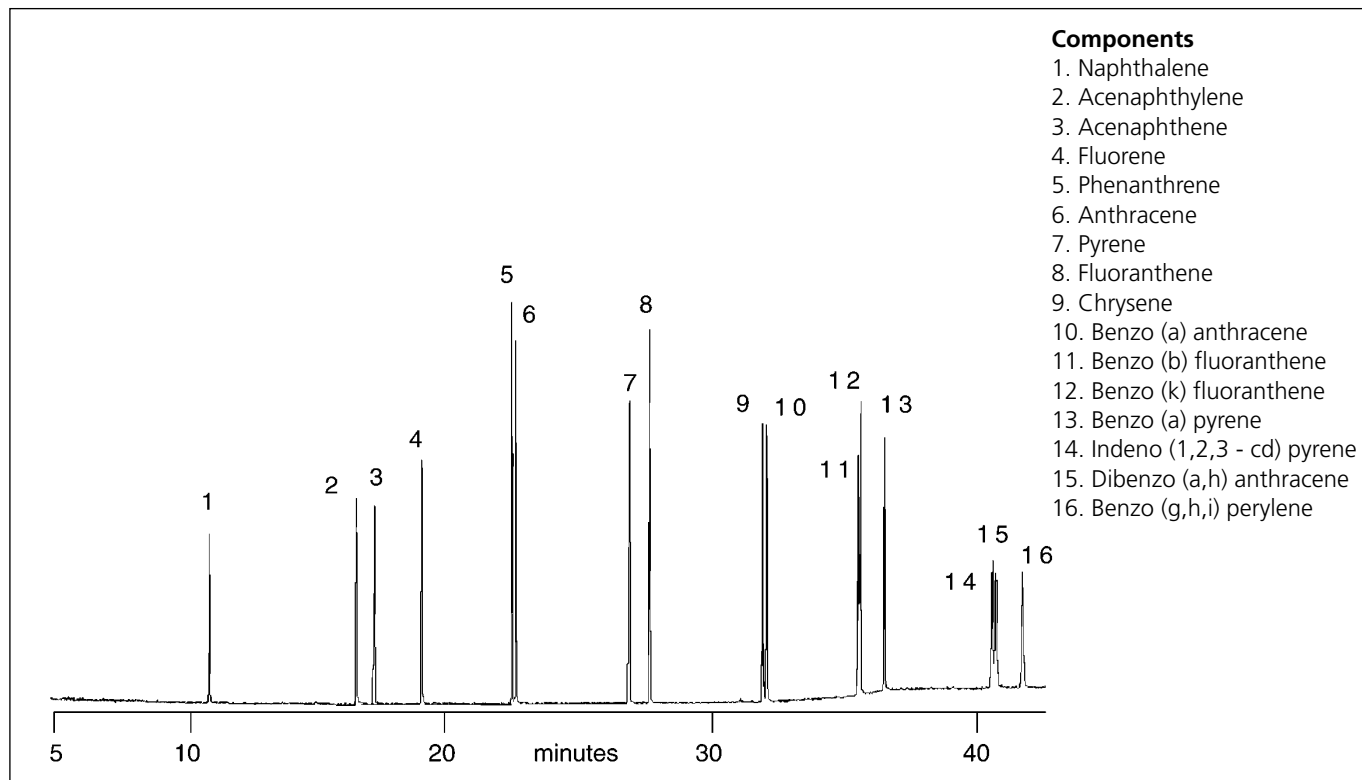
# ANALYSIS OF POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS ON BPX5

## Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (EPA 625 PAHs)

### Column Part No.: 054113

Phase: BPX5, 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  film  
 Column: 25 m x 0.22 mm ID  
 Initial Temp: 50  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 2 min  
 Rate: 8  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$   
 Final Temp: 290  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 10 min  
 Detector: HP5971 MSD  
 Injection Mode: Split 40:1  
 Carrier Gas: He, 15 psi

*Notes: BPX5 is a low bleed, chemically inert column ideal for this and other GC-MS applications.*



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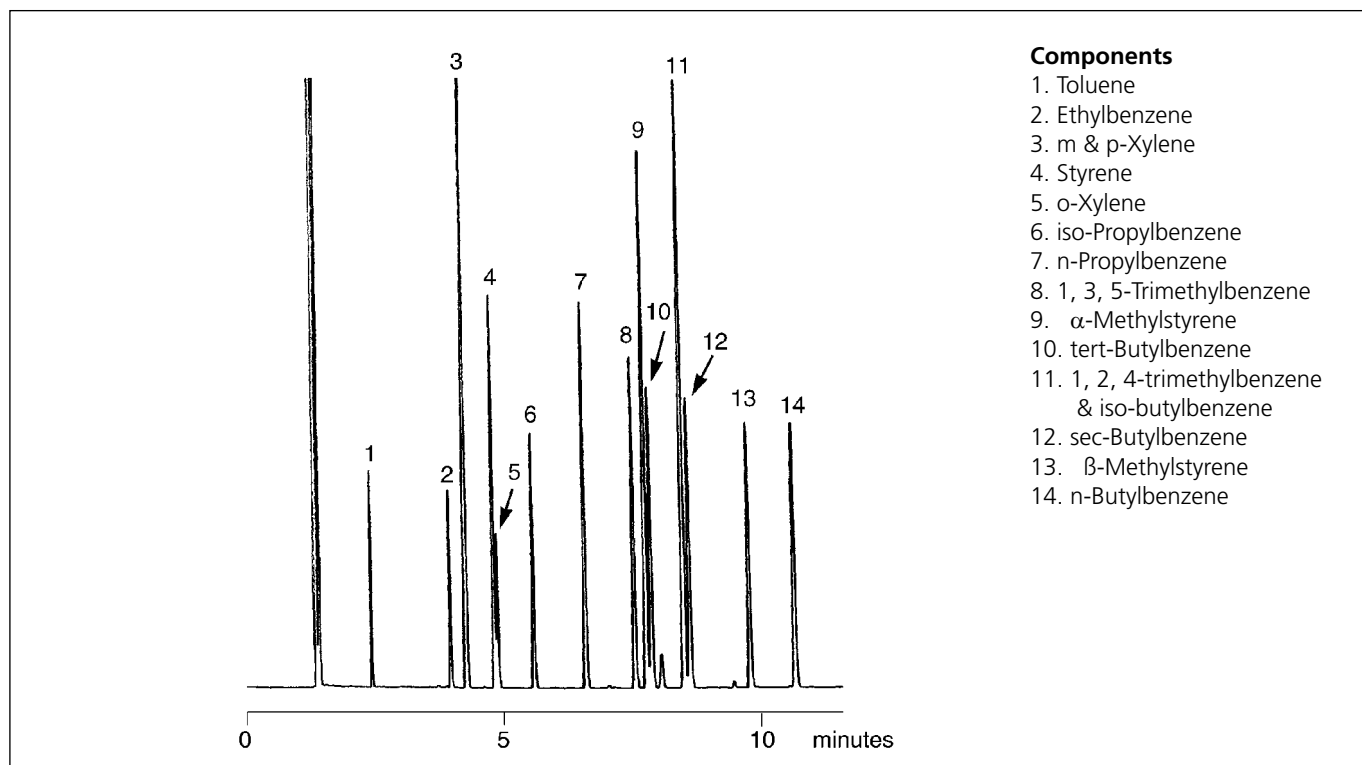
# ANALYSIS OF SUBSTITUTED BENZENES ON HT5

## SUBSTITUTED BENZENES

### Column Part No.: 054642

Phase: HT5, 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  film  
 Column: 25 m x 0.32 mm ID  
 (Polyimide Clad)  
 Initial Temp: 40  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 2 min  
 Program Rate: 4  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$   
 Final Temp: 70  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 4 min  
 Carrier Gas:  $\text{H}_2$ , 6 psi  
 Detector: FID  
 Sensitivity:  $32 \times 10^{-12}$  AFS  
 Injection Mode: Split

Notes: BP21 provides excellent peak shape for all fatty acids including Acetic acid



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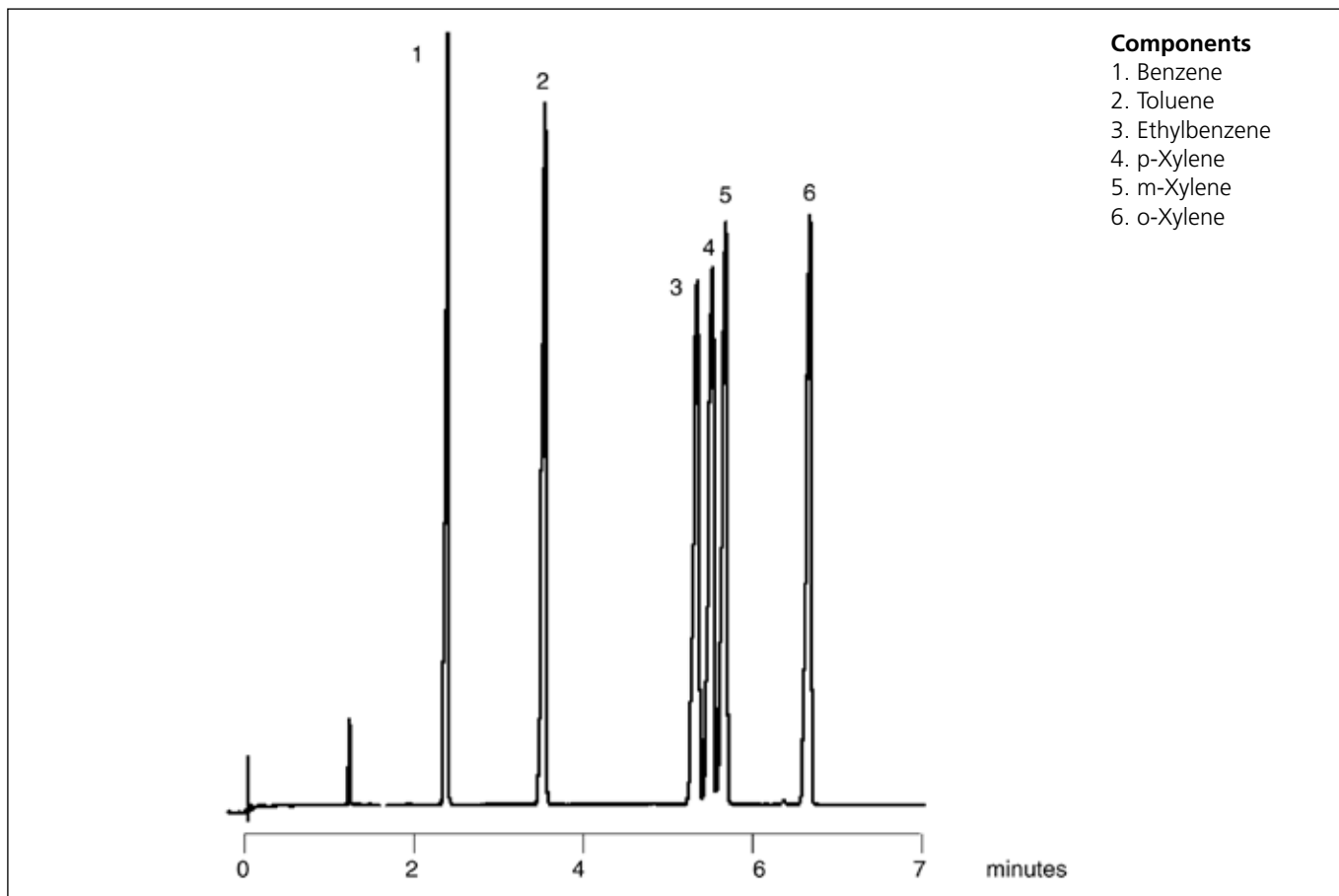
# ANALYSIS OF AROMATIC POLLUTANTS IN WATER ON BP20

## AROMATIC POLLUTANTS WATER

### Column Part No.: 054448

Phase: BP20, 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  film  
Column: 25 m x 0.53 mm ID  
Initial Temp: Isothermal at 60  $^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Detector: FID  
Sensitivity:  $32 \times 10^{-12}$  AFS  
Injection Mode: Split

*Notes: BP20 columns are compatible with aqueous injections.*

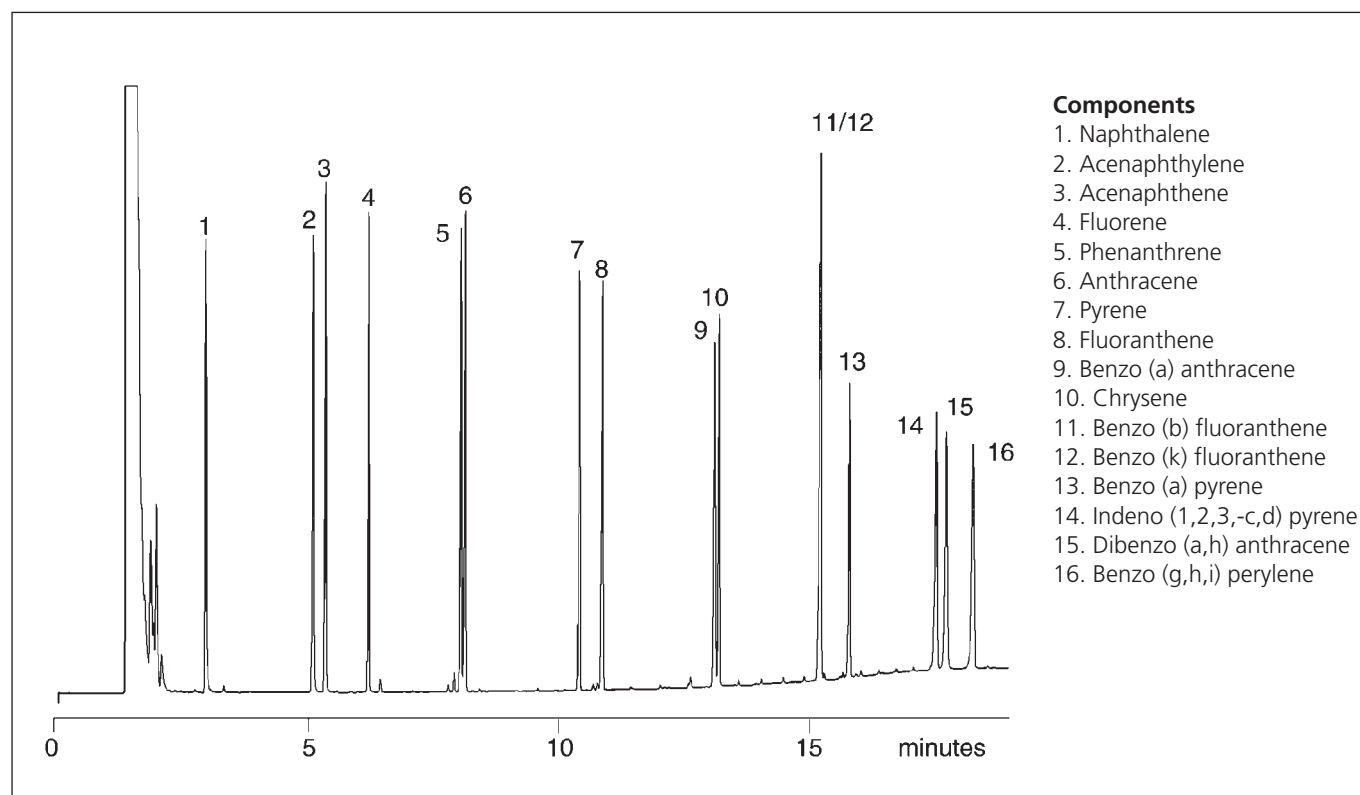


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# Analysis of Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons on HT8

**Column Part No.: 054675**

Phase: HT8, 0.25 µm film  
 Column: 25 m x 0.22 mm ID  
 Initial Temp: 150 °C, 1 min  
 Rate: 4 °C/min  
 Final Temp: 380 °C, 5 min  
 Carrier Gas: He, 20 psi  
 Detector: FID



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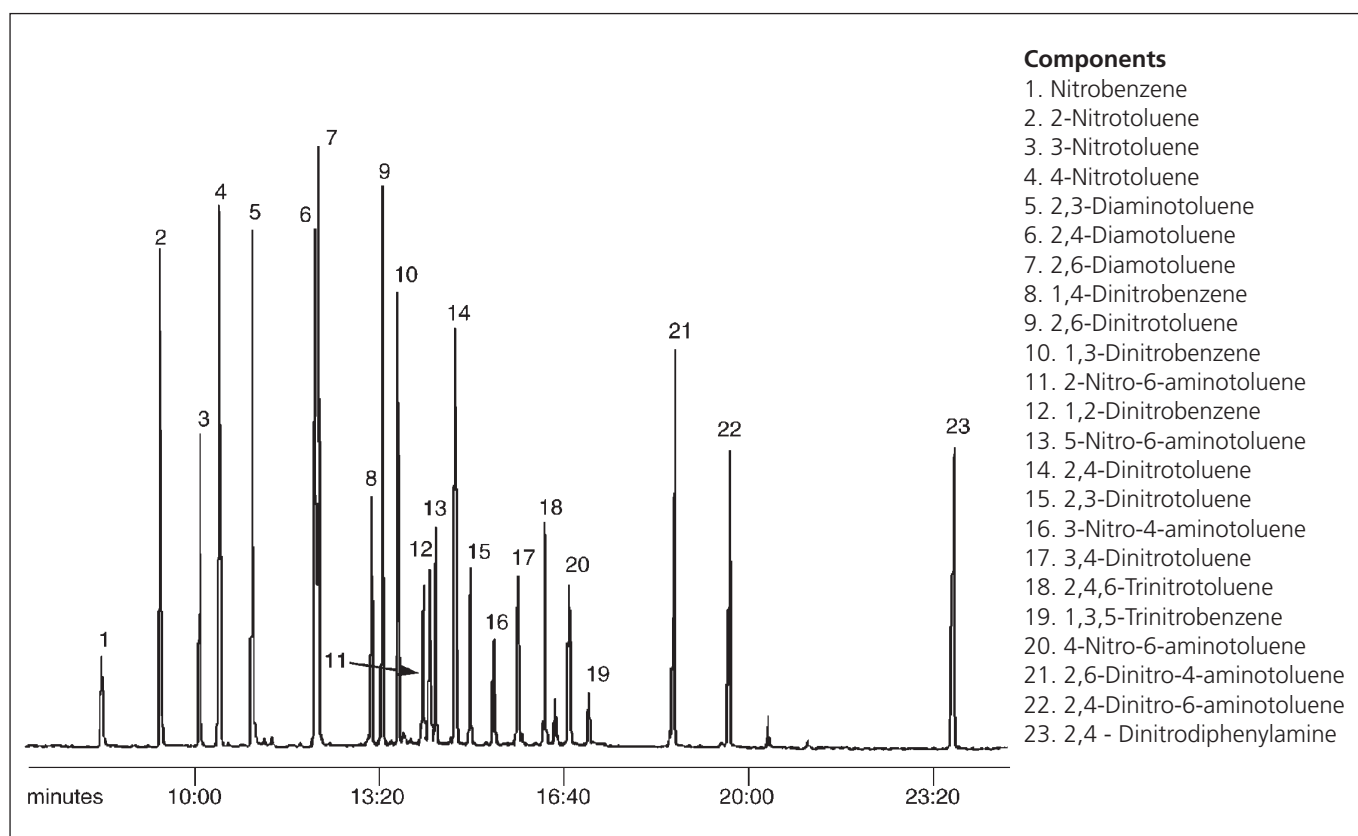
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# Analysis of Nitroaromatics on HT8

## NITROAROMATICS

**Column Part No.:** 054675  
**Phase:** HT8, 0.25 µm film  
**Column:** 25 m x 0.22 mm ID  
**Initial Temp:** 60 °C, 2 min  
**Rate:** 12 °C/min  
**Final Temp:** 360 °C, 10 min  
**Detector:** Ion-Trap MS  
**Injection Mode:** PTV  
**Carrier Gas:** He, 15 psi

*Notes: HT8 provides excellent separation of these components with short analysis times. HT8 is also a low bleed column providing compatibility with GC-MS applications.*



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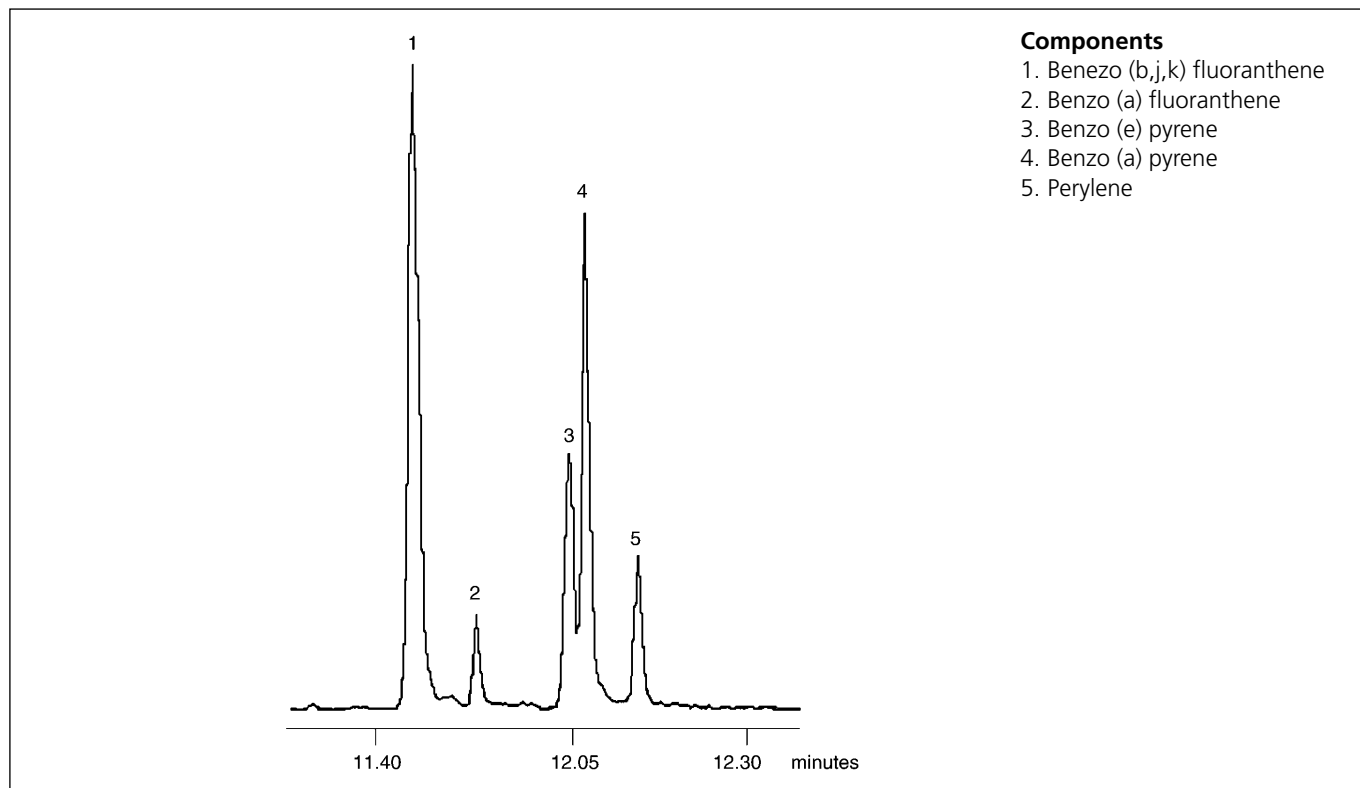


# ANALYSIS OF POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS ON HT8

**Column Part No.: 054675**

Phase: HT8, 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  film  
Column: 25 m x 0.22 mm ID  
Initial Temp: 80  $^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Rate: 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$   
Final Temp: 380  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 1 min  
Detector: Ion Trap MS  
Injection Mode: PTV  
Carrier Gas: He, 15 psi

*Notes: HT8 provides good separation of Benzo (e) pyrene and Benzo (a) pyrene.*

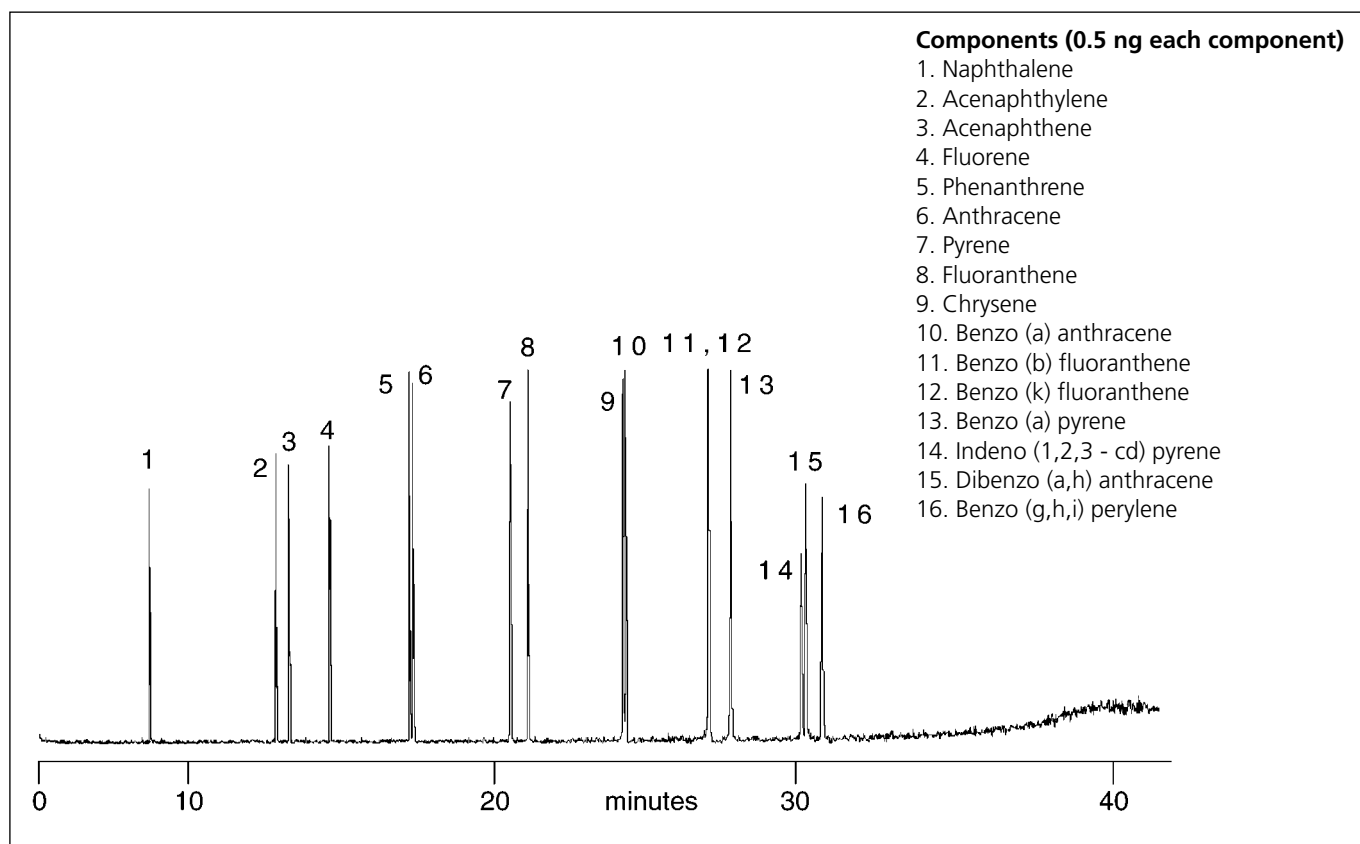


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# ANALYSIS OF POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS ON HT5

**Column Part No.: 054636**

Phase: HT5, 0.10 µm film  
Column: 25 m x 0.22 mm ID  
Initial Temp: 50 °C, 2 MIN  
Rate: 10 °C/min  
Final Temp: 420 °C, 5 min  
Detector: HP5971 MSD  
Injection Mode: Split 50:1  
Carrier Gas: He, 15 psi

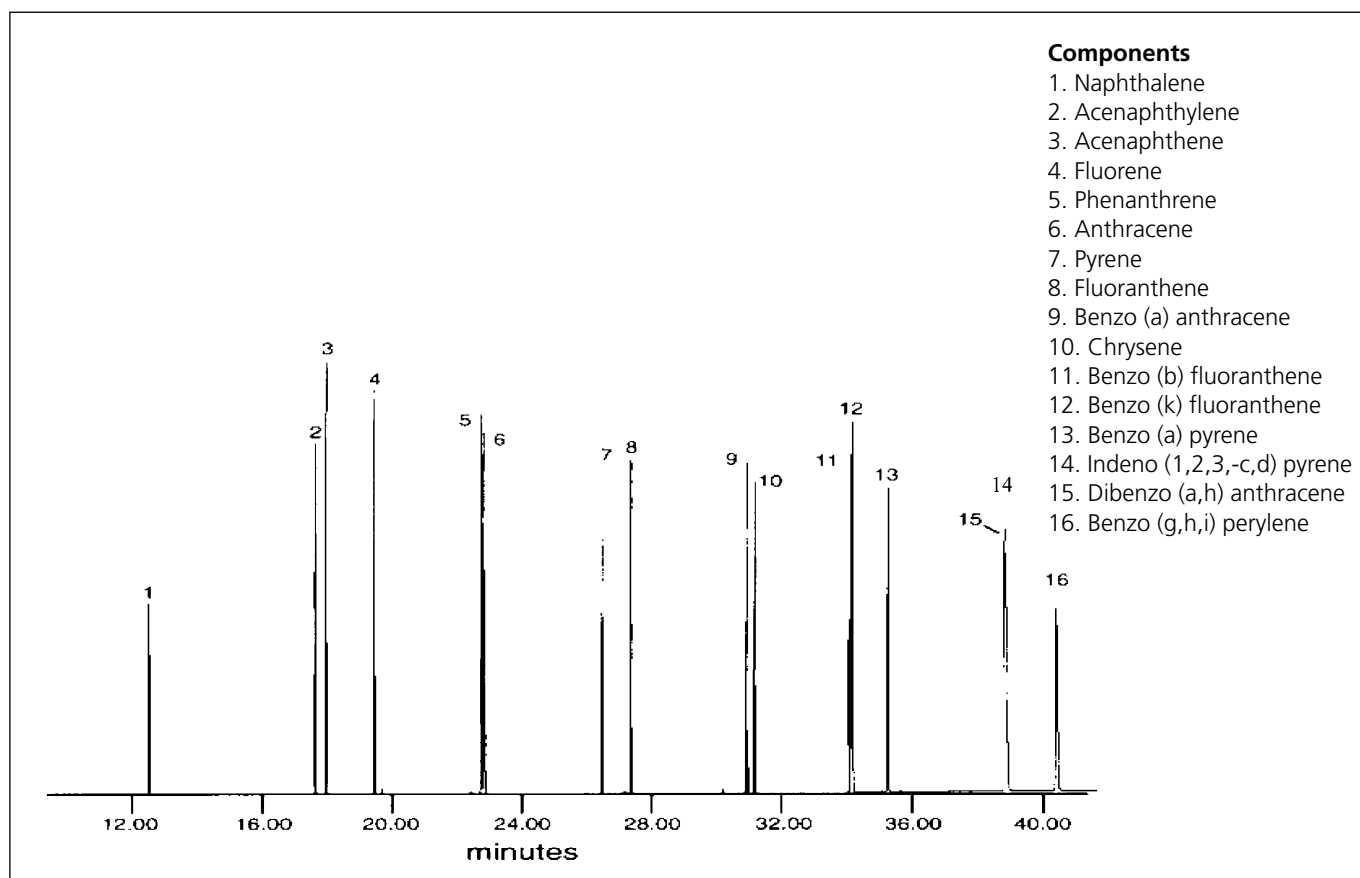


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# ANALYSIS OF POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAH) ON BPX50

**Column Part No.: 054751**

Phase: BPX50, 0.25 µm film  
Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm ID  
Initial Temp: 50 °C, 1 min  
Rate 1: 8 °C/min  
Final Temp: 300 °C, 10 min  
Detector: HP 5973 MSD  
Injector Mode: Split, 40:1, 300 °C  
Carrier Gas: helium, 20 psi



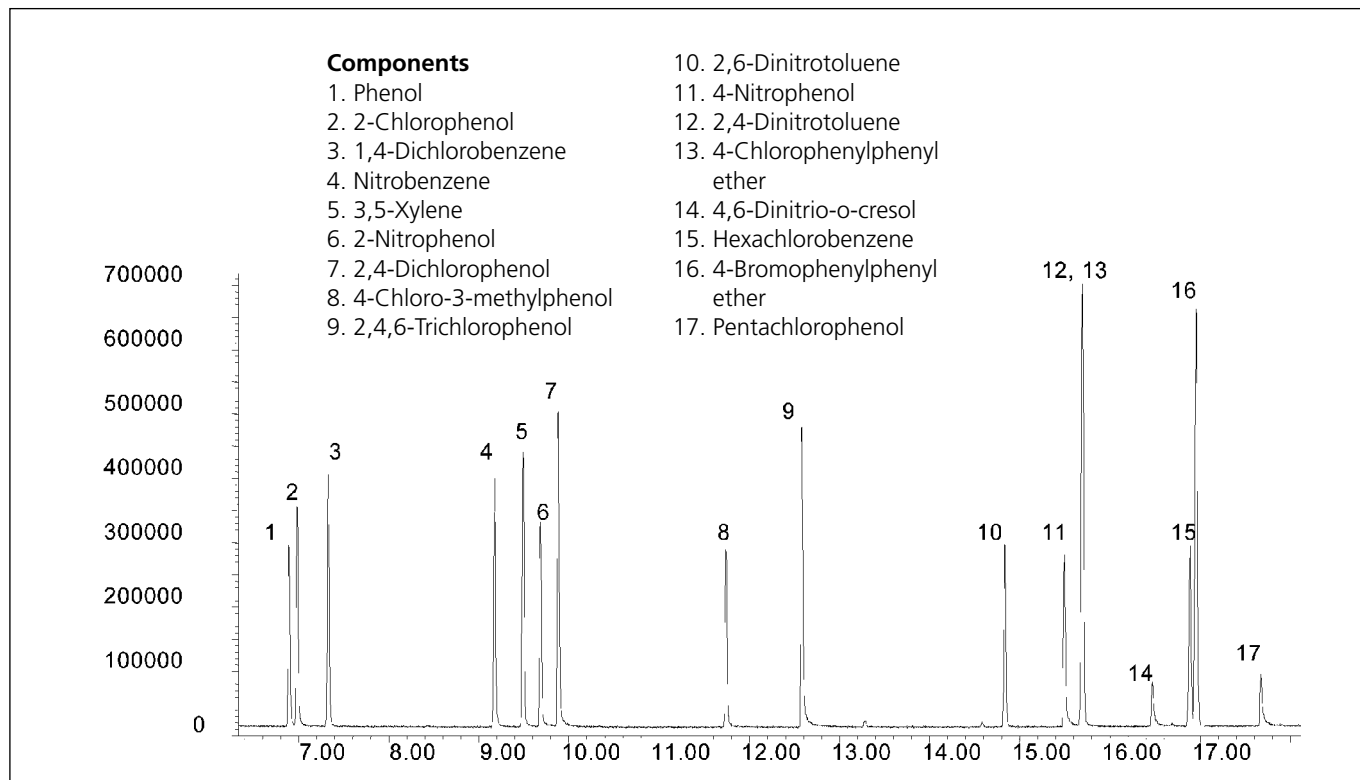
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# ANALYSIS OF CHLORINATED AND NITROAROMATIC COMPOUNDS ON BPX35

## Column Part No.: 054701

Sample: 10 ppm in methanol  
 Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm ID  
 Initial Temp: 40 °C, 1 min.  
 Rate 1: 30 °C/min to 200 °C,  
 Rate 2: 4 °C/min to 300 °C  
 Final Temp: 300 °C, 5 min.  
 Detector Type: Mass Spectrometer  
 Carrier Gas: He, 25.7 psi  
 Carrier Gas Flow: 1.8 mL/min.

Constant Flow: On  
 Average Linear Velocity: 35 cm/sec, 40°C  
 Injection Mode: Split  
 Split Ratio: 100:1  
 Injection Volume: 1 µL  
 Injection Temp: 250 °C  
 Liner Type: 4 mm ID Single Taper Liner  
 Liner Part No.: 092017  
 Full Scan/SIM: Full scan 45 - 450



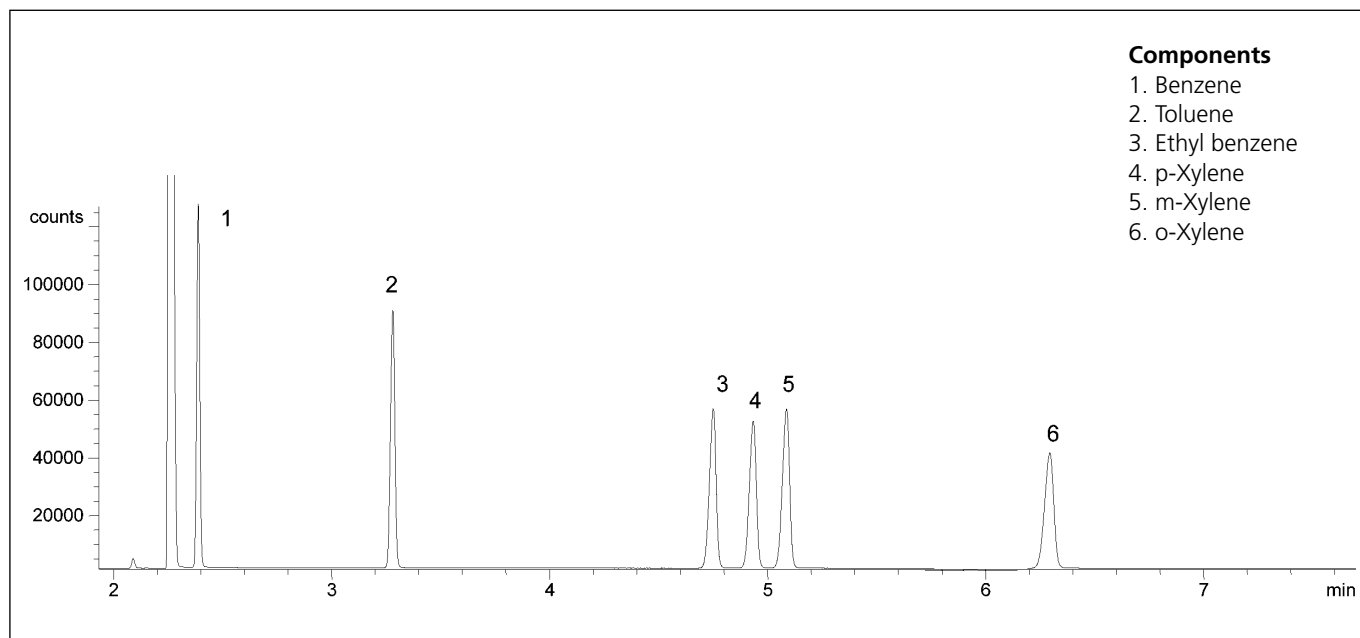
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## ANALYSIS OF BTEX ON SOLGEL-WAX™

**Column Part No.: 054796**

Phase: Solgel Wax 0.25 µm film  
BTEX: 300 ppm in methanol  
Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm ID  
Initial Temp: 60 °C, 10 min  
Detector Type: FID  
Carrier Gas: He, 17.3 psi  
Carrier Gas Flow: 1.5 mL/min  
Constant Flow: On

Average Linear Velocity: 35 cm/sec, 60 °C  
Injection Mode: Split  
Split Ratio: 100:1  
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Double Taper Line  
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**Components**

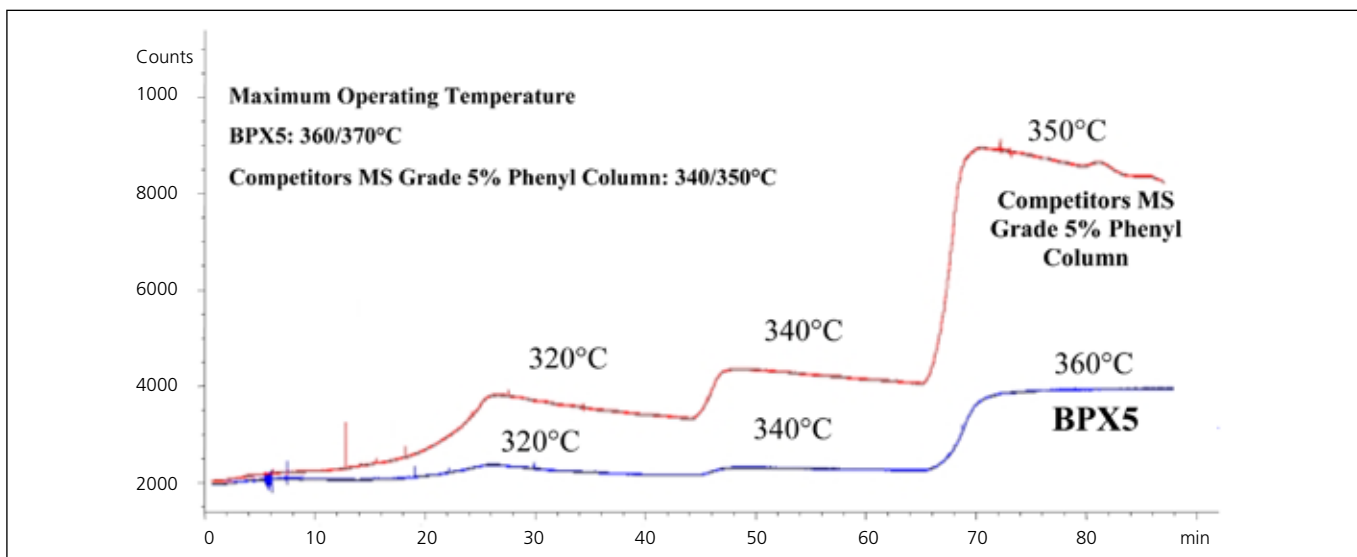
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3. Ethyl benzene
4. p-Xylene
5. m-Xylene
6. o-Xylene

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# BLEED PROFILE COMPARISON OF BPX5 WITH COMPETITORS MS GRADE 5% PHENYL COLUMN

**Column Part No.:** 054101  
 Phase: BPX5, 0.25 µm film  
 Sample: NA  
 Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm ID  
 Initial Temp: 40 °C, 0 min.  
 Rate 1: 10 °C/min to 320 °C, 20 min  
 Rate 2: 10 °C/min to 340 °C, 20 min  
 Rate 3: 10 °C/min to 360 °C,  
 Final Temp.: 360 °C, 20 min  
 Detector Type: Mass Spectrometer  
 Carrier Gas: He, 25.7 psi  
 Carrier Gas Flow: 1.8 mL/min.  
 Constant Flow: On  
 Average Linear Velocity: 35 cm/sec at 40 °C  
 Liner Type: 4 mm ID Single Taper Liner  
 Liner Part Number: 092017  
 Full Scan / SIM: Full scan 45-450

**Column Part No.:** NA  
 Phase: Competitors MS grade 5% Phenyl Column, 0.25 µm film  
 Sample: NA  
 Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm ID  
 Initial Temp: 40 °C, 0 min.  
 Rate 1: 10 °C/min to 320 °C, 20 min  
 Rate 2: 10 °C/min to 340 °C, 20 min  
 Rate 3: 10 °C/min to 350 °C,  
 Final Temp.: 350 °C, 20 min  
 Detector Type: Mass Spectrometer  
 Carrier Gas: He, 25.7 psi  
 Carrier Gas Flow: 1.8 mL/min.  
 Constant Flow: On  
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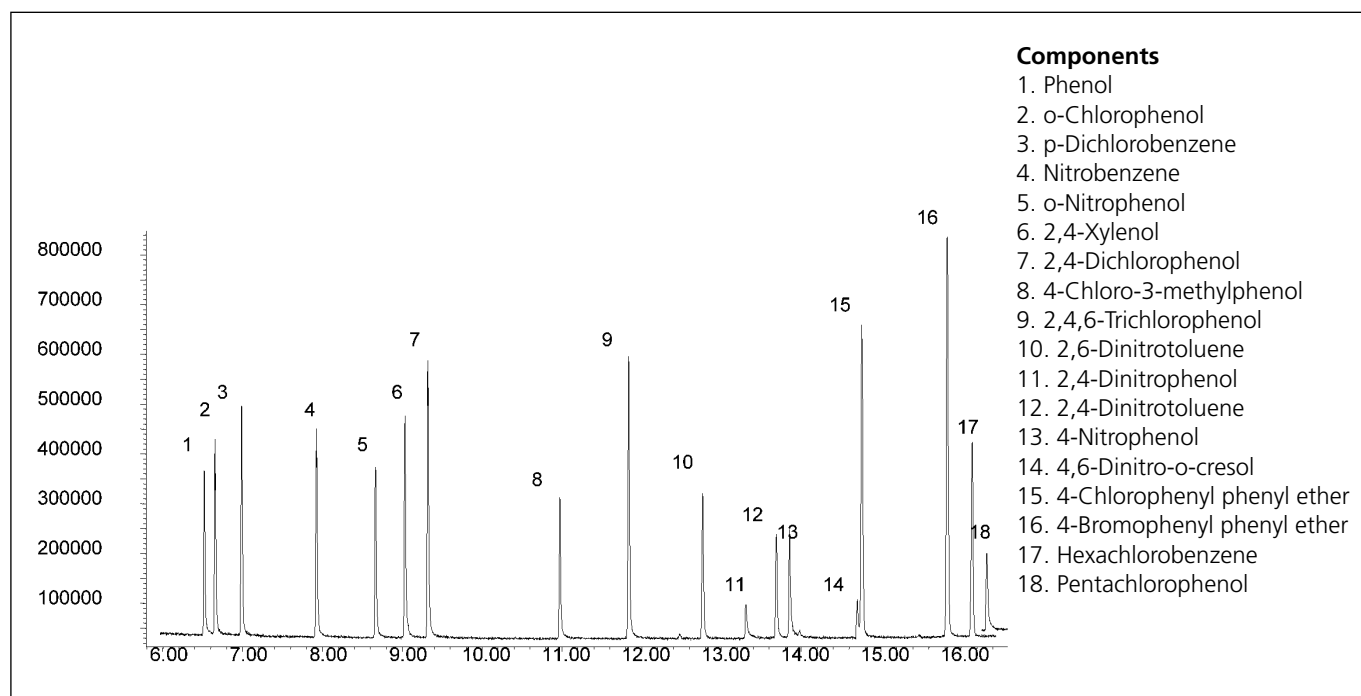
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# ANALYSIS OF CHLORINATED AND NITROAROMATIC COMPOUNDS ON SOLGEL-1MS™

## Column Part No.: 054462

Phase: SolGel-1ms 0.25 µm film  
 Sample: 200 ppm in dichloromethane  
 Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm ID  
 Initial Temp: 40 °C, 1 min.  
 Rate 1: 10 °C/min to 300 °C  
 Final Temp: 300 °C, 2 min.  
 Detector Type: MSD  
 Carrier Gas: He, 25.7 psi  
 Carrier Gas Flow: 1.8 mL/min.

Constant Flow: On  
 Average  
 Linear Velocity: 35 cm/sec, 40 °C  
 Injection Mode: Split  
 Split Ratio: 100 : 1  
 Injection Volume: 0.5 µL  
 Injection Tem: 250 °C  
 Liner Type: 4 mm ID Single Taper Liner  
 Liner Part No.: 092017  
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# The Separation of Aromatics from Olefins in Petroleum Samples using *forte* BPX90

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## Introduction

Regardless of the method used for sample preparation, the separation of aromatic and aliphatic components during the analysis of petroleum and related products remains an important application for gas chromatography. SGE's BPX90 GC capillary column is a highly polar phase that offers unique selectivity and the opportunity to speciate petroleum based products on the basis of degree of unsaturation.

While the aromatic content of petroleum products is important to their function, the aromatic components are of particular concern because they pose a toxicological threat and so are legitimate targets in many gas chromatographic applications. Successful speciation of aromatic and saturate groups is made difficult because of the need to use columns with sufficient polarity that separation is not based only on boiling point (vapor pressure) but that also have sufficient thermal stability to allow the elution of higher boiling hydrocarbons.

## Experimental Conditions

A petroleum sample for analysis was obtained for analysis from a domestic automotive fuel supply. Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry analysis was performed using an Agilent 6890 GC - 5973 MSD (Palo Alto, CA, USA) fitted with a BPX90 capillary column (30 m x 0.25 mm ID, film thickness 250 micron, P/N 054580), a No-Vent II (SGE International) and an ETP 14616 electron multiplier (Sydney, Australia). The column temperature settings were 40°C for 5 min then the GC oven was heated at 30°C/min to 230°C with a final holding time of 5 minutes. Injector and detector temperatures were at 240°C and 230°C, respectively. Cold-needle injection of 0.3 $\mu$ l of sample was split at the rate of 60:1 with a nominal pressure pulse of 25.7 psi to give a helium flowrate of 1.8 ml/min in constant flowrate mode. Electron Impact (EI)-MS was conducted under standard conditions using an unskewed automatic tune over the range of 45 to 450 Da with a data acquisition rate of 2 s/scan.

## Results

Analysis of the petroleum sample on BPX90 allowed the elution of hydrocarbons up to C10 before benzene and other aromatics (see Figure 1). Mechanistically, the BPX90 has negligible

non-polar characteristics and so saturates are eluted on the basis of their vapor pressure only. The comparatively strong retention of the aromatics is evidence of a very strong  $\pi$ -bonding phase that is generally useful for the speciation of compounds containing isolated double and triple bonds. Unlike the PEG phases in which the n-bonding moieties are fixed to the phase backbone, the BPX90 has mobile isolated  $\pi$ -bonding functional groups that do not provide complete resolution of the meta- and para-xylenes. However, this characteristic of the phase separation on the basis of  $\pi$ -density in sterically hindered fused ring systems that are not well resolved on alternative phases.

## Conclusion

The BPX90 column is effective at separating aliphatic and aromatic components in petroleum based products. A maximum operating temperature of 280°C and the selectivity of the phase towards aromatic species is attributable to the very high  $\pi$ -bonding capacity of the phase that allows retention of suitable analytes in the absence of a significant non-polar capacity.

The very high selectivity towards higher aromatics (naphthalenes and higher) also provide a phase with exquisite resolution that is also completely orthogonal to non-polar phases for 2-dimensional GC applications.



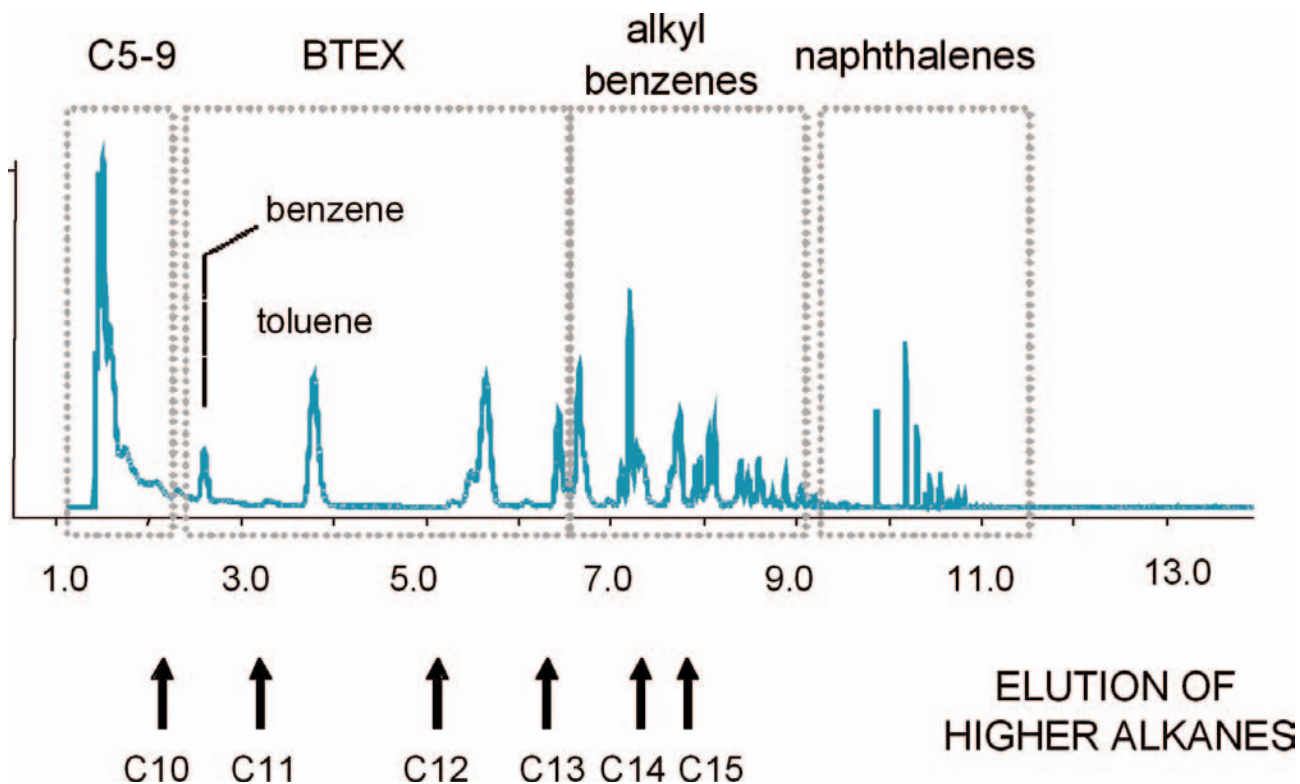


Figure 1: The separation of a petroleum sample using a BPX90 column (30m x 0.25mm, 250 micron film) showing the resolution of aromatic families and the separation from more abundant alkanes.

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