

# A three dimensional semi-quantitative method to monitor the evolution of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from vacuum gas oil feedstocks to lighter products

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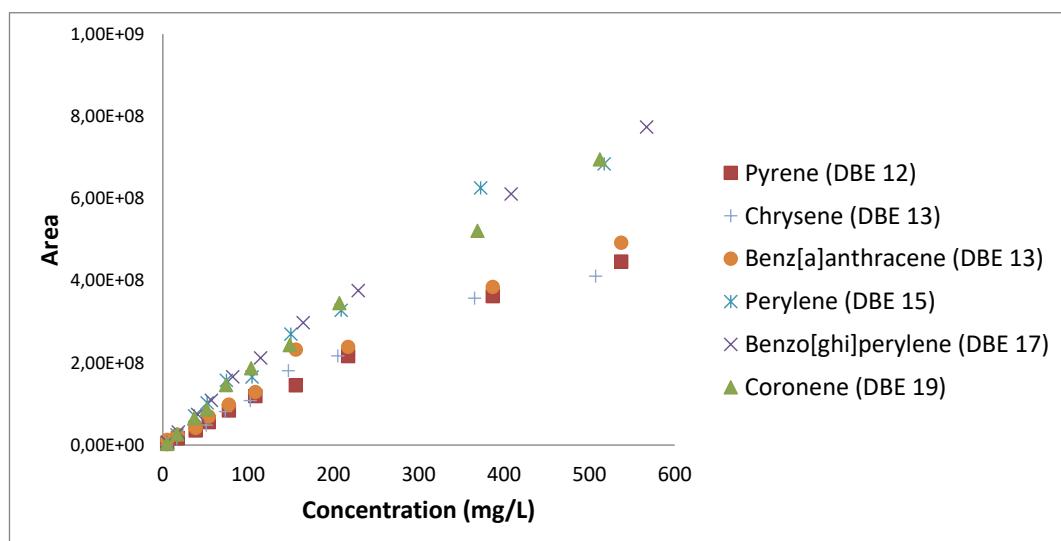
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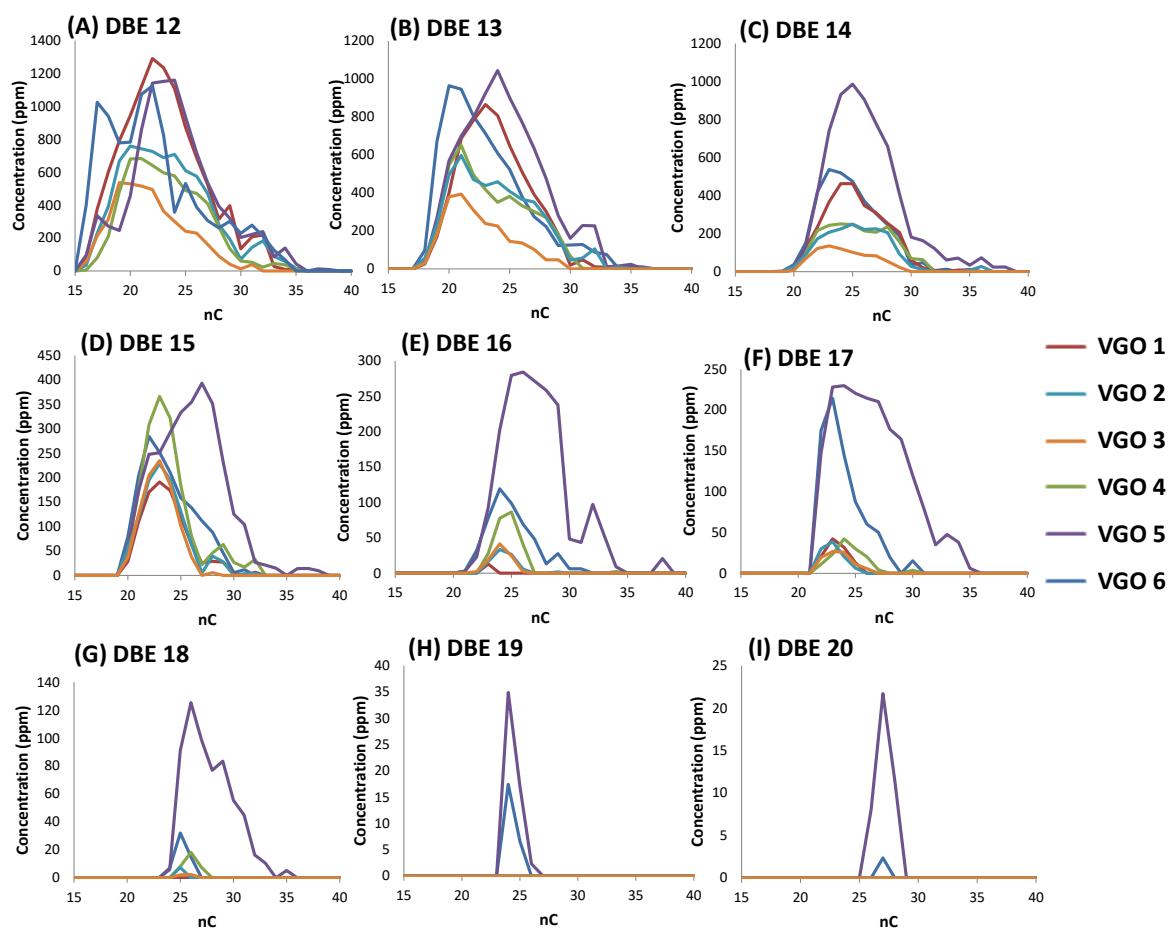
**Table S1:** Comparisons of the response factors of alkylated and non-alkylated pyrene, and coronene and 1-methylcoronene. Response factors (a) were estimated using linear calibration curves ( $[\text{Concentration}] = a \times \text{Aire}$ ) for concentrations comprised between 0 and 200 mg/L.

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Response factor (a)</b>	<b>Difference with the non-alkylated PAH (%)</b>
<b>Pyrene</b>	7.78E-07	[Reference]
1-methylpyrene	7.19E-07	6
4-methylpyrene	7.16E-07	7
4,5-dimethylpyrene	7.73E-07	-1
2,7-dimethylpyrene	5.75E-07	25
1-ethylpyrene	7.04E-07	8
1-propylpyrene	7.30E-07	5
1-butylpyrene	7.54E-07	2
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<b>Coronene</b>	8.03E-07	[Reference]
1-methylcoronene	7.75E-07	-2

**Figure S1:** Calibration curves of PAHs standards demonstrating the similar response of PAHs with a same DBF



**Figure S2:** PAH concentration as a function of the number of carbon atoms for DBE 12 to DBE 20 in the six studied VGOs.



**Figure S3:** Mass spectra of main compounds belonging to pyrene family (DBE 12) in VGO 1 with one, two and three carbons in the alkyl chain

