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Run n-alkanes Standard

• Check that the Retention time vs Boiling point curve is essentially a straight line from n-C9 to n-C44

Verify Column Resolution

- Using the peaks for n-C16 and n-C18
- Retention time for peak (R)
- Peak width (W) at 1/2 max height
- Resolution = $\frac{2(R_{C18} R_{C16})}{1.699(W_{C16} + W_{C16})}$

Typical value: 4-11

Check Peak Skewness 18.3 - Fig 4

- Area from the peak to the right until reaching 10% peak height (R)
- Area from the peak to the left until reaching 10% peak height (L)
- Skewness = $\frac{R}{L}$ Typical value: 0.8-1.30

Check n-alkanes Response Factors

- For each n-alkane in the standard calculate the response factor by comparing the Mass and Area of the n-alkane peak with the Mass and Area of n-C10.
- peak with the Mass and Area of n-C10. $\bullet Response \ Factor = \frac{{}^{Mass_{Cn}}/{}_{Area_{Cn}}}{{}^{Mass_{C10}}/{}_{Area_{C10}}}$
- Response Factors should deviate from 1.0 by less than 10%.

aseline Offsets

- Verify that no sample has eluted within the first second worth of data
- Verify that there are at least 5 samples within this first second (≥5Hz sampling rate)
- Calulate the mean and standard deviation of the first second worth of data
- Remove any data points from the first second that are further than one standard deviation from the mean.
- Calculate the mean of the remaining data points and subtract the result from all points in the chromatogram

Blank Offset 12.3

- Repeat the Baseline Offset correction on the no injection blank run.
- Subtract the Baseline Offset corrected blank chromatogram from the sample chromatogram

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Start and End Elution Times 12.4

- Integrate each second's worth of data in the baseline&blank corrected sample chromatogram
- •Find elution time (n), the first second where: $\frac{area(n)-area(n-1)}{totalArea} \times 100 > 0.00001\%$
- ullet Find elution time (n), the last second where: $rac{area(n)-area(n+1)}{totalArea} imes 100 > 0.00001\%$

Sample Total Area 12.6

- •Sample Total Area = Integral between the previously calculated elution start and end times
- •Normalize all chromatogram slices as a percentage of the Sample Total Area
- •Create another array holding cumulative percent recovery for each slice

Retention Times for Various % Recovery

- Calculate the retention time of the slice just before passing the desired cumulative percents:
- •Initial Boiling Point (0.5% recovery) 12.8.1
- •Final Boiling Point (99.5% recovery) 12.8.2
- •Intermediate Boiling Points (1-99%) 12.8.3

Exact Retention Times fo Various % Recovery

- Calculate the fraction of the next slice needed to achieve the exact % recovery desired
- •Use Equation 3 (Section 12.9.1.2) and Equation 5 (Section 12.9.1.4)
- •This will give the exact retention time for X% recovery.

Calculate Corresponding Boiling Points

- •Use the interpolation methods in 12.9.2 to interpolate the boiling point curve and find the boiling point corresponding to the exact retention times calculated in the previous step.
- •Round the calculated boiling points to the nearest 0.5 °C

Conversion to D86 Curve

- •If the sample is a Jet Fuel or Diesel Fuel and a D86 curve is required:
- Apply the scaling factors in Appendix X4 to simulate an D86 distillation curve.

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