

# Dioxins and Furans

## Analysis

### What are Dioxins ?

Dioxins and PCBs belong to the group of compounds known as Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). They are known to bio accumulate due to their lipophilic nature and, therefore, have health implications. As a result their emission into the environment and food chain is strictly controlled. Samples that are analysed, amongst others, are foodstuffs like fish, fish feed, and stack emissions from waste incineration sites. Limits are published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and local authorities. As a consequence, low levels of contamination have to be detected, providing a challenge to sample preparation and detection systems.

The term 'Dioxin' covers a wide range of halogenated aromatic compounds, including polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDDs and PCDFs). These compounds are formed as a result of incomplete combustion of hydrocarbons in the presence of chlorine e.g. metal processing, domestic waste incineration, etc. They have high melting points and are stable to acids and bases; these characteristics make them very persistent in the environment. PCDD/Fs can be found in many environmental matrices such as soils, sediments, air, and water.

In this work we present the use of our new GC-MS column, the CC-5 MS Xil, with a 0.15mm ID, 30m configuration, that will provide enhanced separation of almost all highly toxic 2,3,7,8-PCDD/Fs from other isomers, while also significantly speeding up the GC-HRMS analysis of Dioxins and Furans, with exceptional peak shape thank to our unsurpassed inertness of our surface treatment.

#### Abbreviations:

PCDDs	Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-dioxins
PCDFs	Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans
TCDD	Tetrachloro Dibenzo-p-dioxin
HRMS	High Resolution Mass Spectrometry

#### Accredited Methods:



EPA Method 1613b  
EPA Method 1668  
EPA Method 8280, 8290



EN 1948-1  
EN 1948-2  
EN 1948-3



JSA JIS K 0311:2005  
JSA JIS K 0312

CC-5 MS Xil GC column meets the USP G27 and G36 requirements

# PCDDs & PCDFs

isomers



Click on each part of the chromatogram to zoom in.

Column: CC MS Xil - 30m, 0.15mm, 0.10µm with retention gap integrated  
P/N: CC-5MS-XIL-30-015-010/2.5mt

Conditions:

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Carrier Gas: Helium pressure programmed from 400kPa to 526kPa @ 3kPa/min.

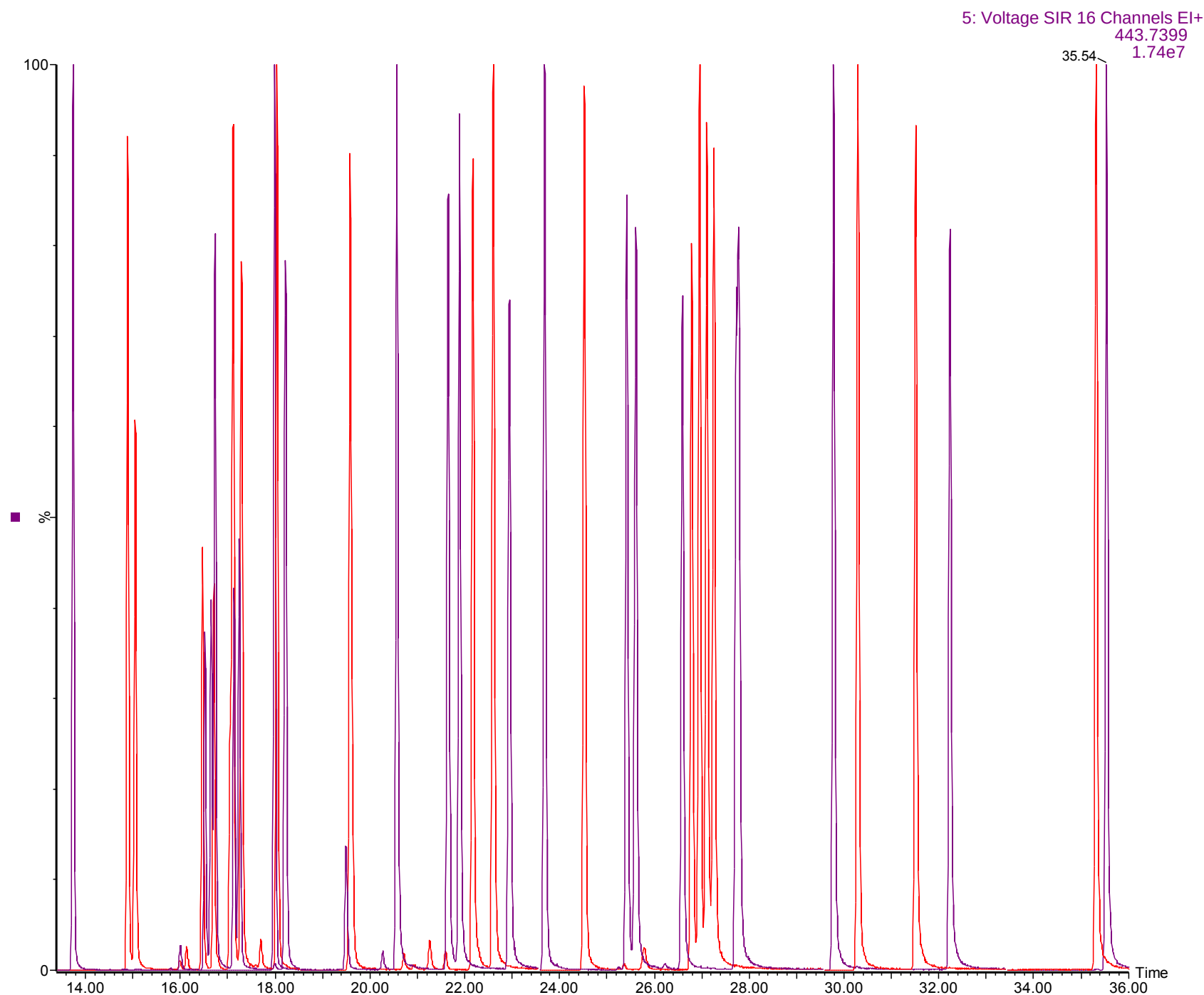
Injector: direct deactivated glass liner, heated @ 260°C.

Legend

— Furans isomers (PCDFs)  
— Dioxins isomers (PCDDs)

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This chromatogram represents an overlay of the SIM Groups projections of the previous slide.

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# TCDDs & TCDFs

isomers

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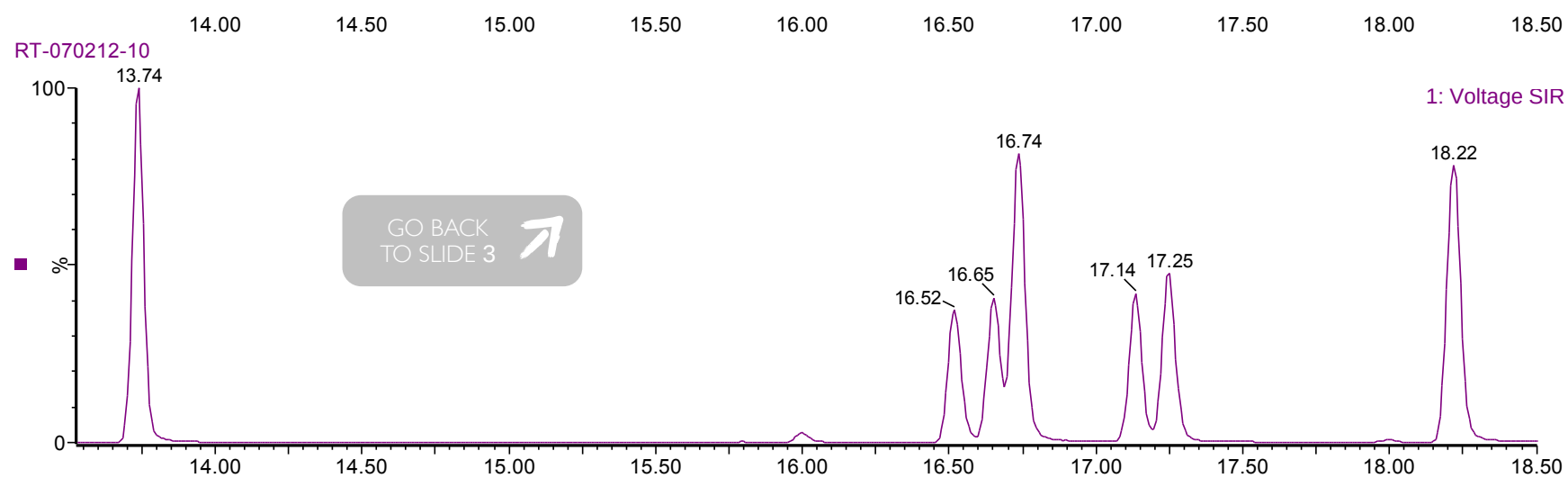
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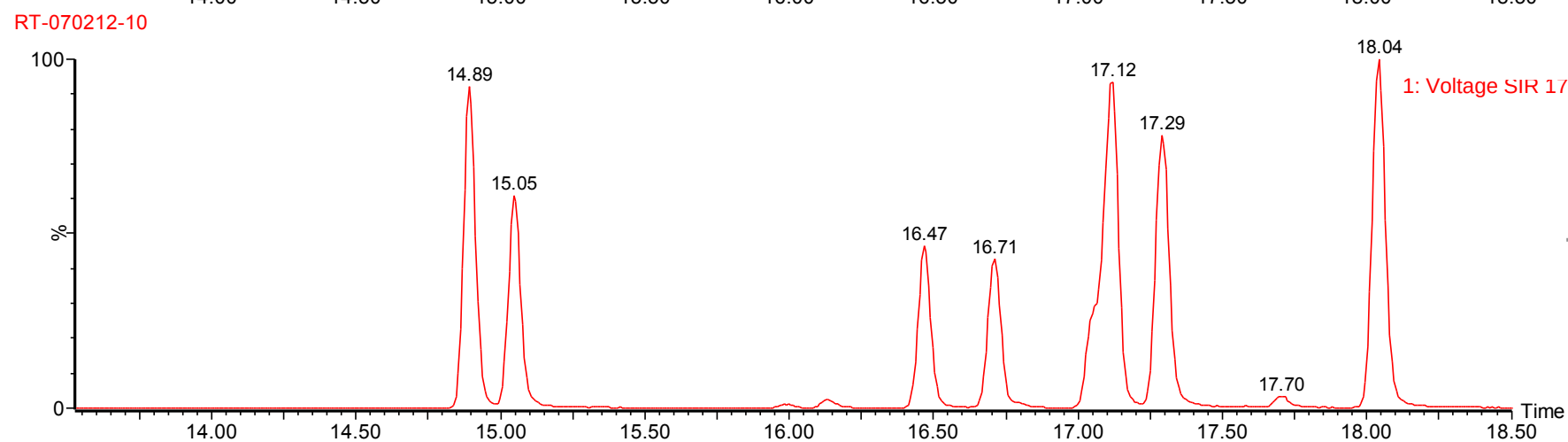
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Legend

-  Tetra-Furans isomers (TCDFs)
-  Tetra-Dioxins isomers (TCDDs)



- 13.74 - 1,3,6,8 - TCDF
- 16.52 - 2,3,4,7 - TCDF
- 16.65 - 2,3,4,8 - TCDF
- 16.74 - 2,3,7,8 - TCDF
- 17.14 - 1,2,6,9 - TCDF
- 17.25 - 1,2,3,9 - TCDF
- 18.22 - 1,2,8,9 - TCDF



- 14.89 - 1,3,6,8 - TCDD
- 15.05 - 1,3,7,9 - TCDD
- 16.47 - 1,4,7,8 - TCDD
- 16.71 - 1,2,3,4 - TCDD
- 17.12 - 1,2,3,7 + 1,2,3,8 + 1,2,3,9 - TCDDs
- 17.29 - 2,3,7,8 - TCDD
- 18.04 - 1,2,8,9 - TCDD

# TCDDs

## isomers

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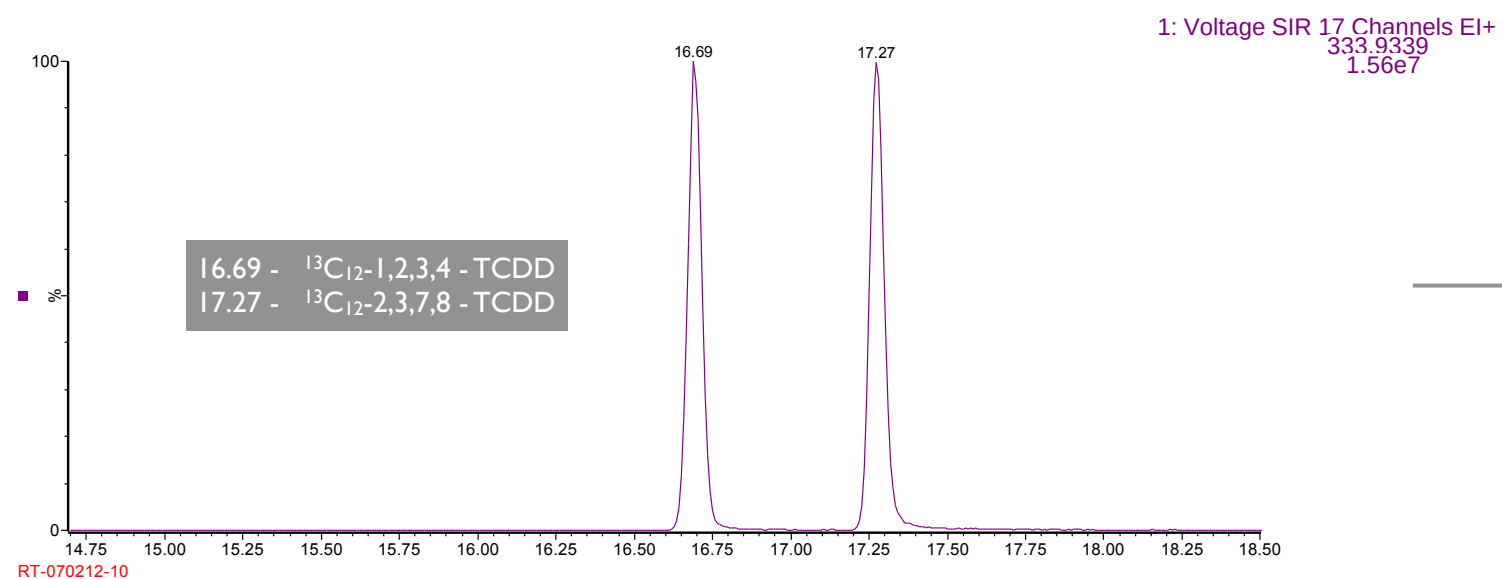
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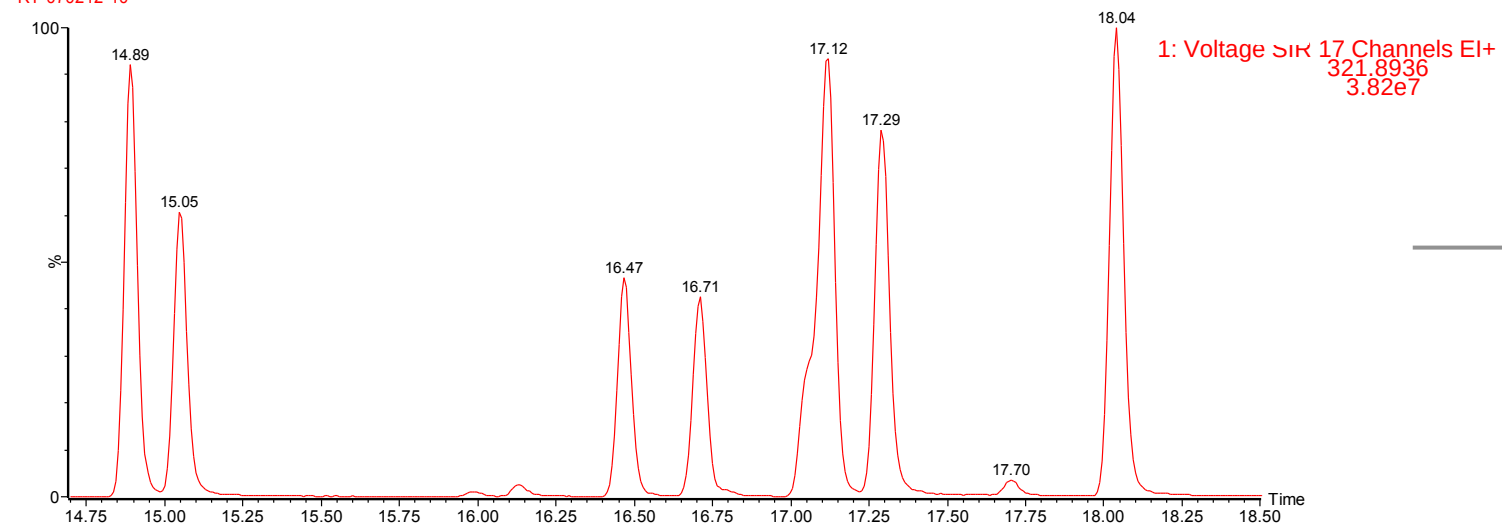
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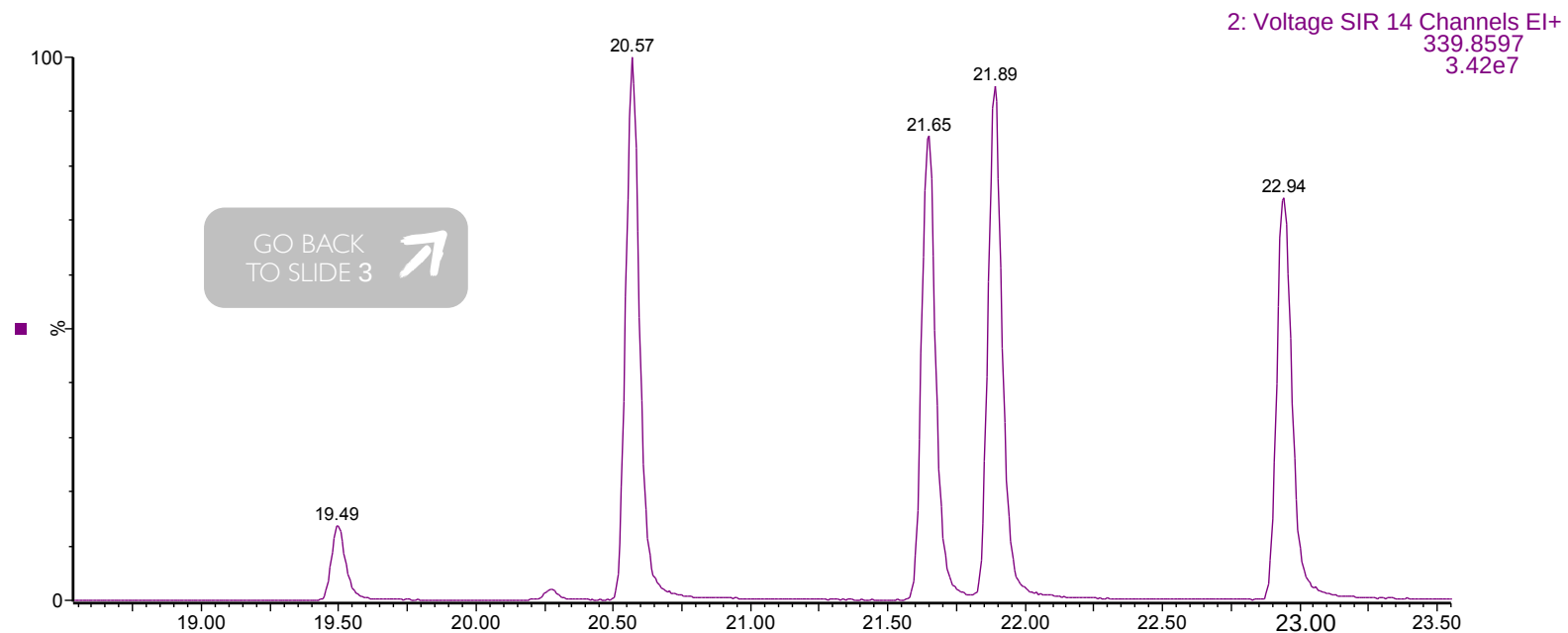
meets and far exceeds the  
EPA method 8280 resolution criteria



14.89 - 1,3,6,8 - TCDD  
15.05 - 1,3,7,9 - TCDD  
16.47 - 1,4,7,8 - TCDD  
16.71 - 1,2,3,4 - TCDD  
17.12 - 1,2,3,7 + 1,2,3,8 + 1,2,3,9 - TCDDs  
17.29 - 2,3,7,8 - TCDD  
18.04 - 1,2,8,9 - TCDD

# PeCDDs & PeCDFs

isomers



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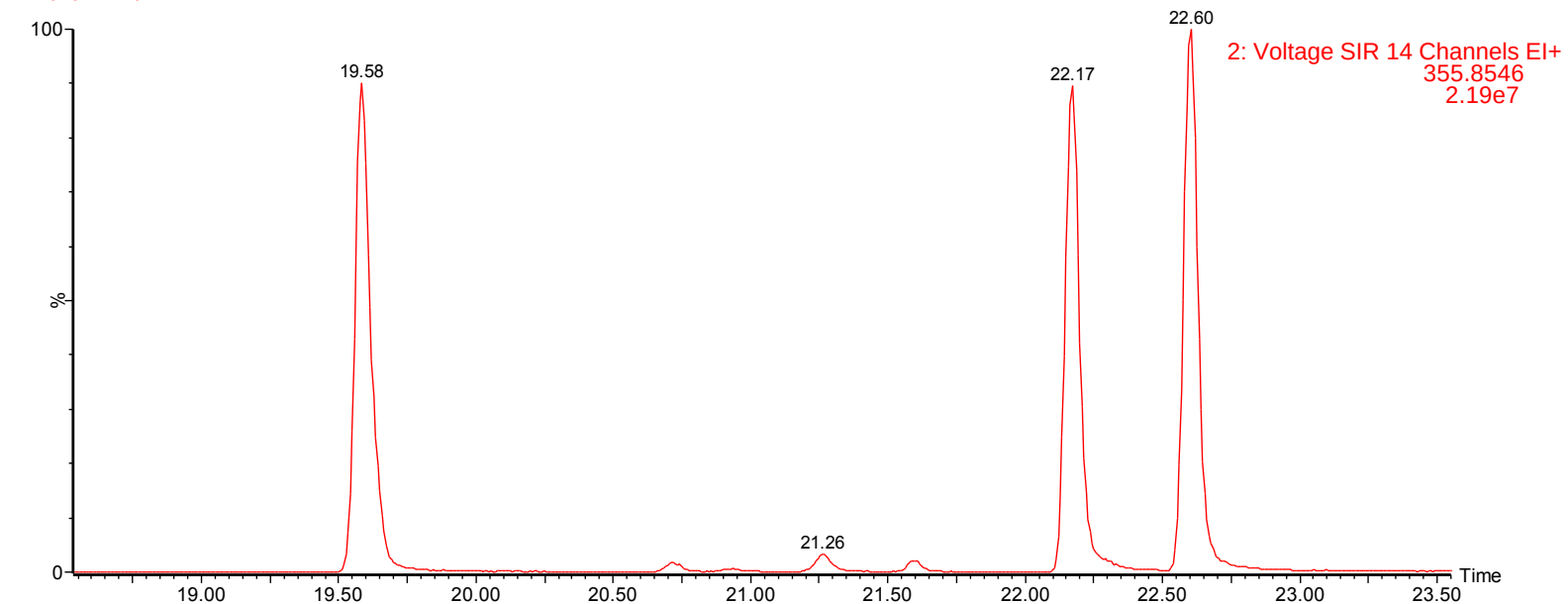
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- 19.49 - 1,2,3,6,8 - PeCDF
- 19.58 - 1,2,4,7,9 - PeCDD
- 20.57 - 1,2,3,7,8 - PeCDF
- 21.65 - 2,3,4,6,7 - PeCDF
- 21.89 - 2,3,4,7,8 - PeCDF
- 22.17 - 1,2,3,7,8 - PeCDD
- 22.60 - 1,2,3,8,9 - PeCDD
- 22.94 - 1,2,3,8,9 - PeCDF

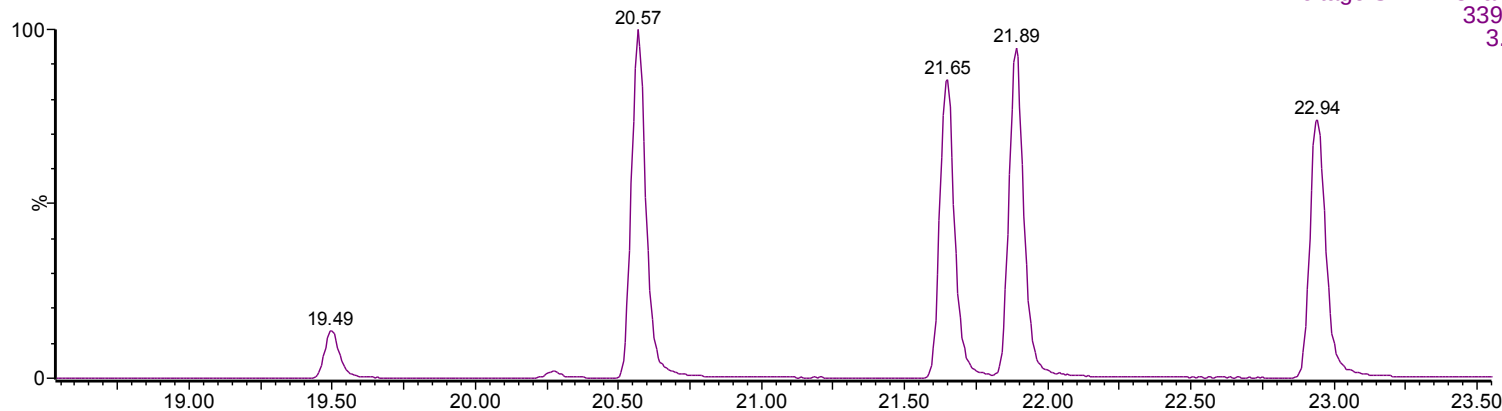
Legend

-  Penta-Furans isomers (PeCDFs)
-  Penta-Dioxins isomers (PeCDDs)

# PeCDFs

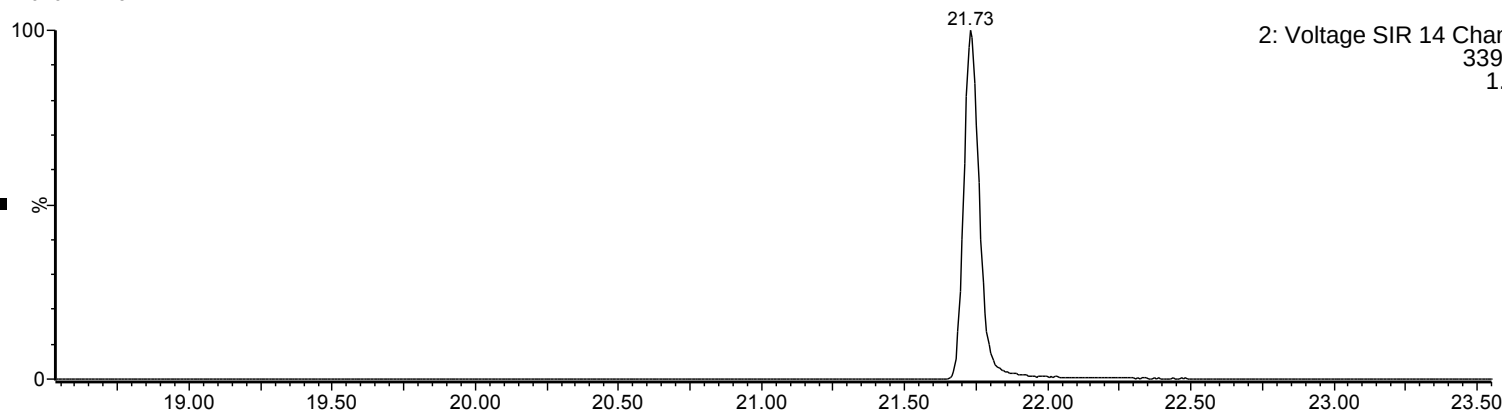
isomers

1,2,3,6,9-PeCDF 25 pg/uL  
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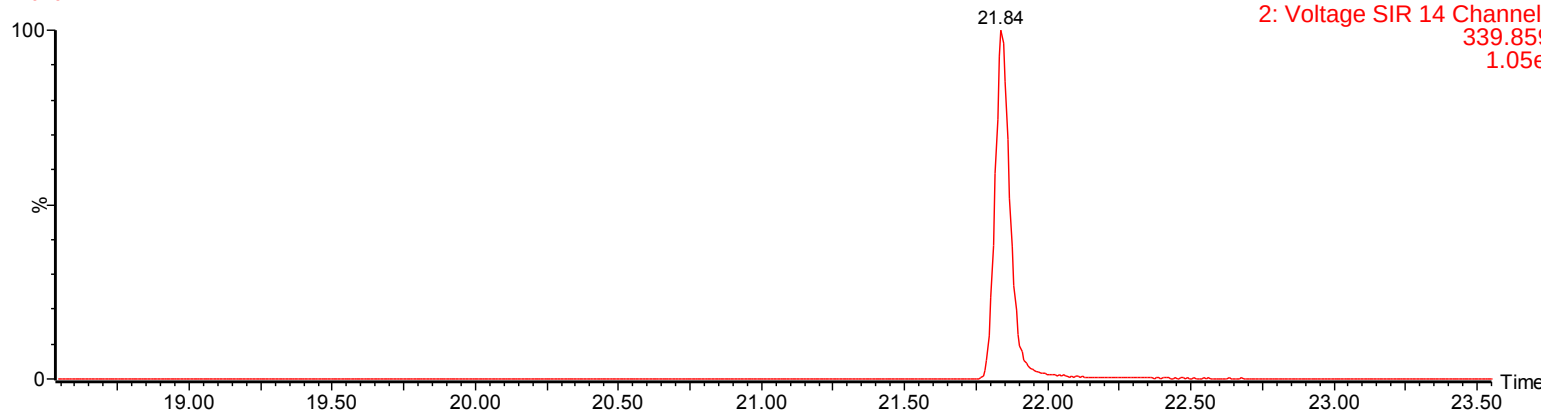
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3.42e7

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339.8597  
1.03e7

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1.05e7

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- 19.49 - 1,2,3,6,8 - PeCDF
- 20.57 - 1,2,3,7,8 - PeCDF
- 21.65 - 2,3,4,6,7 - PeCDF
- 21.73 - 1,2,3,6,9 - PeCDF
- 21.84 - 1,2,4,8,9 - PeCDF
- 21.89 - 2,3,4,7,8 - PeCDF
- 22.94 - 1,2,3,8,9 - PeCDF

Sample

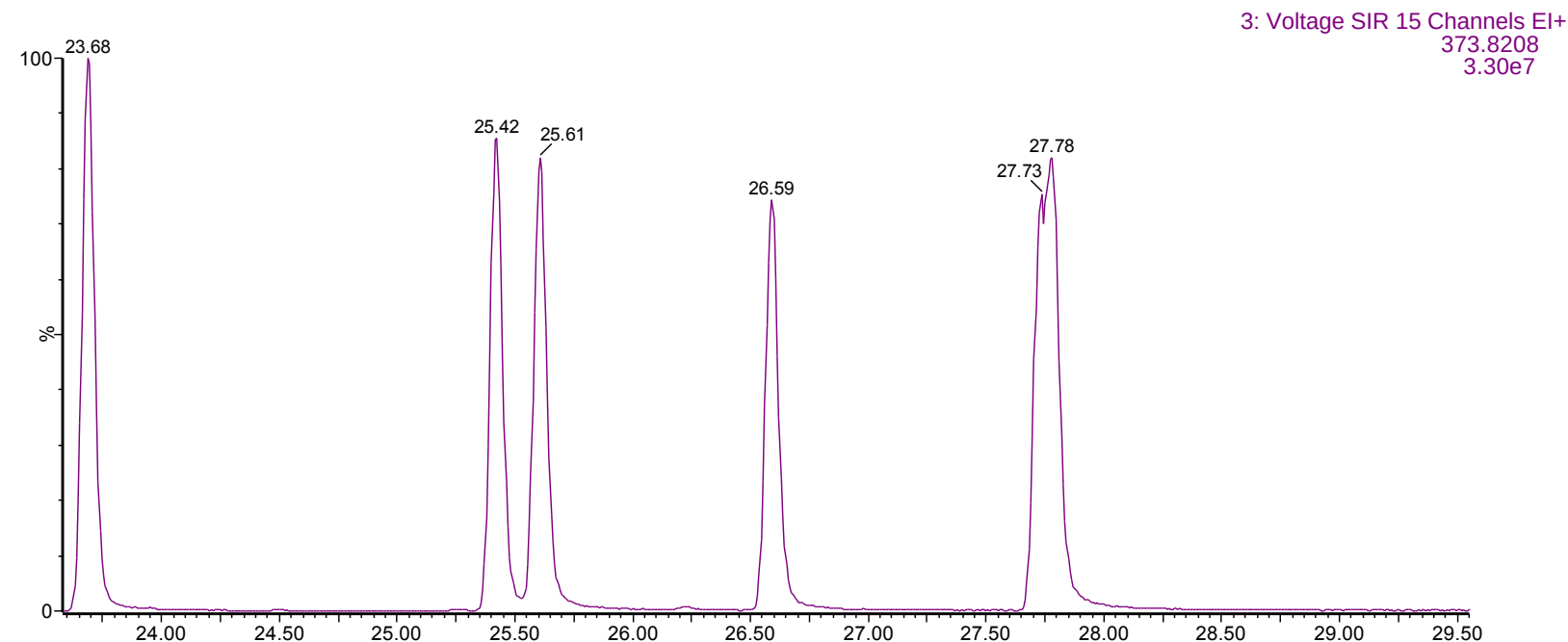
All TCDFs presents in Wellington Laboratories capillary  
column performance test mixture (Wellington Labs. catalog  
code: TDTFWD), except:

- 1,2,3,6,9 - PeCDF (@ 25 pg/uL in nonane)
- 1,2,4,8,9 - PeCDF (@ 25 pg/uL in nonane)

from Cambridge Isotope Labs.

# HxCDDs & HxCDFs

isomers



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with retention gap integrated  
P/N: CC-5MS-XIL-30-015-010/2.5mt

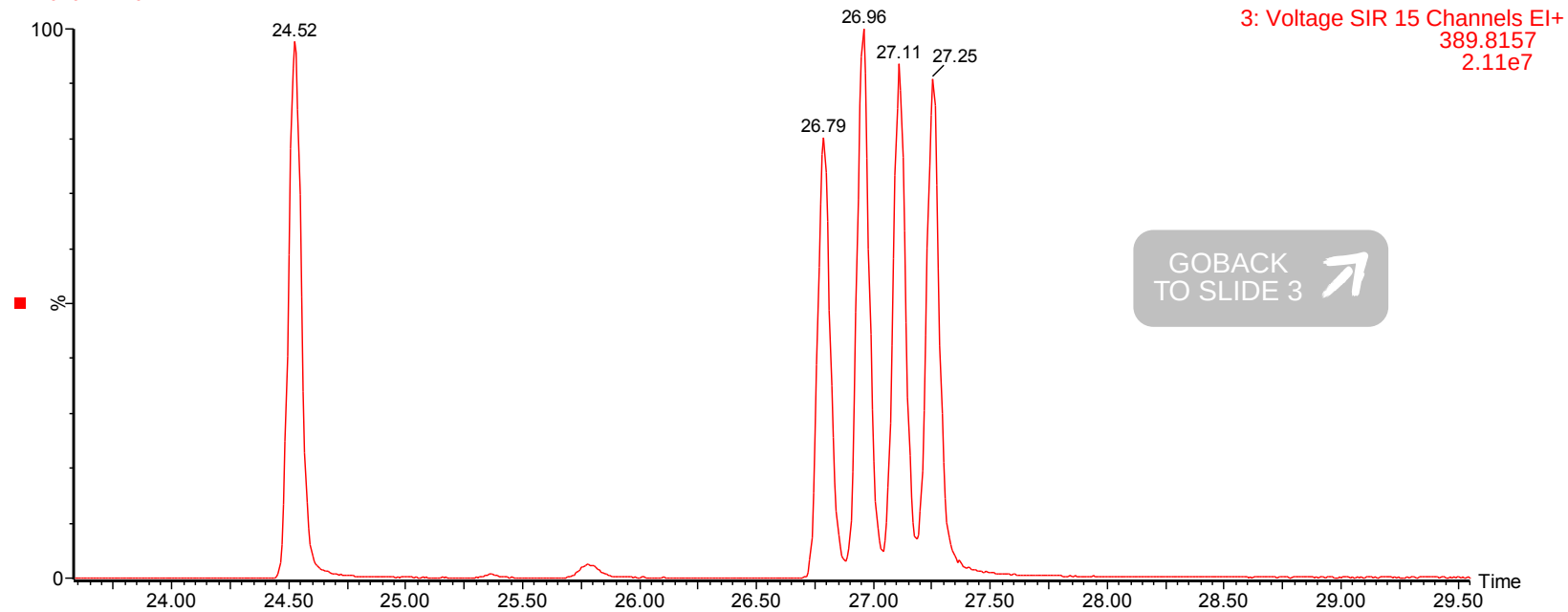
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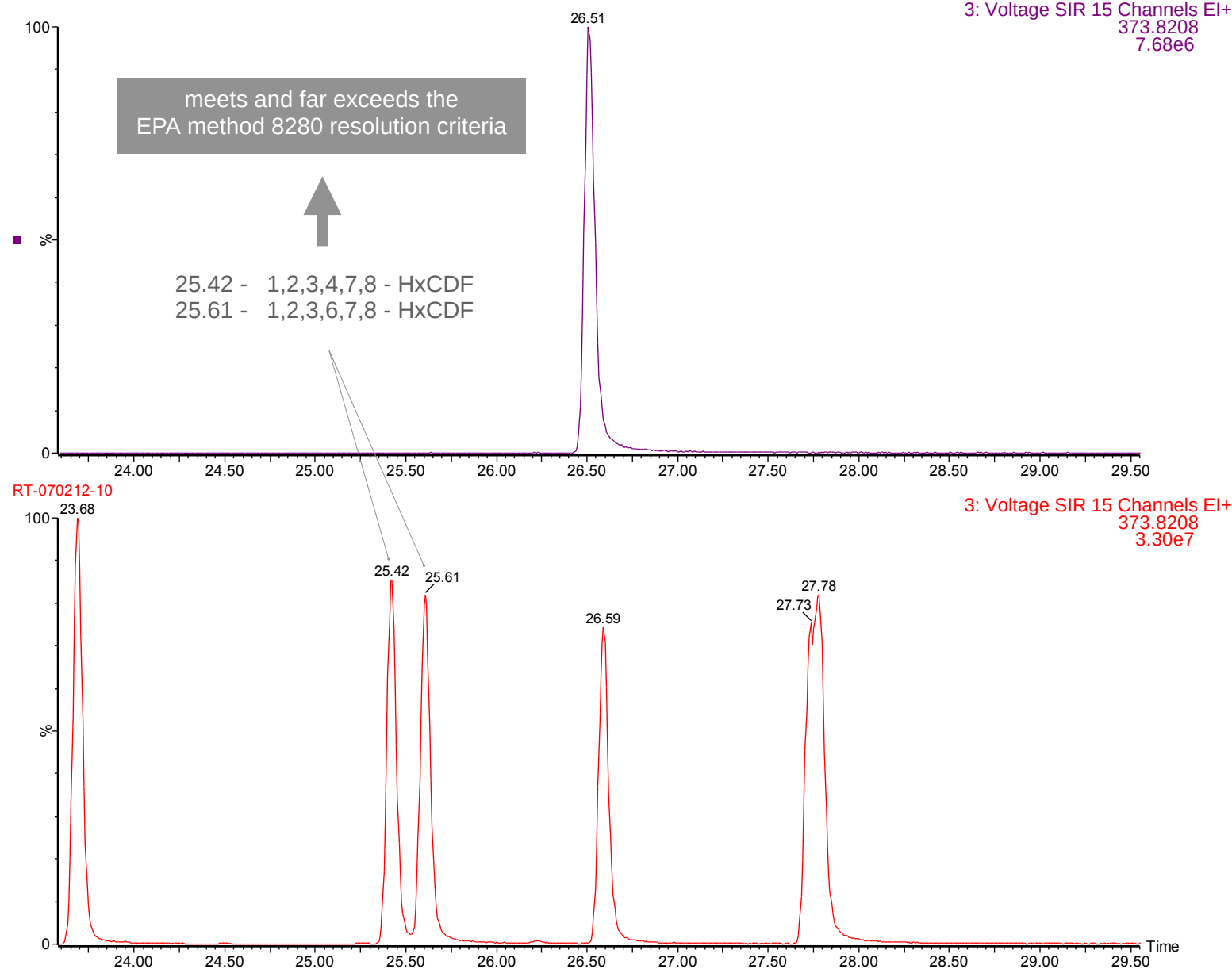
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24.52	-	1,2,4,6,7,9	-	HxCDD
25.42	-	1,2,3,4,7,8	-	HxCDF
25.61	-	1,2,3,6,7,8	-	HxCDF
26.59	-	2,3,4,6,7,8	-	HxCDF
26.79	-	1,2,3,4,7,8	-	HxCDD
26.96	-	1,2,3,6,7,8	-	HxCDD
27.11	-	1,2,3,4,6,7	-	HxCDD
27.25	-	1,2,3,7,8,9	-	HxCDD
27.73	-	1,2,3,7,8,9	-	HxCDF
27.78	-	1,2,3,4,8,9	-	HxCDF

### Legend

- Hexa-Furans isomers (HxCDFs)
- Hexa-Dioxins isomers (HxCDDs)

# HxCDFs

isomers



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25.42 - 1,2,3,4,7,8 - HxCDF  
25.61 - 1,2,3,6,7,8 - HxCDF  
26.51 - 1,2,3,6,8,9 - HxCDF  
26.59 - 2,3,4,6,7,8 - HxCDF  
27.73 - 1,2,3,7,8,9 - HxCDF  
27.78 - 1,2,3,4,8,9 - HxCDF

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# Hepta- & Octa-

PCDDs & PCDFs isomers

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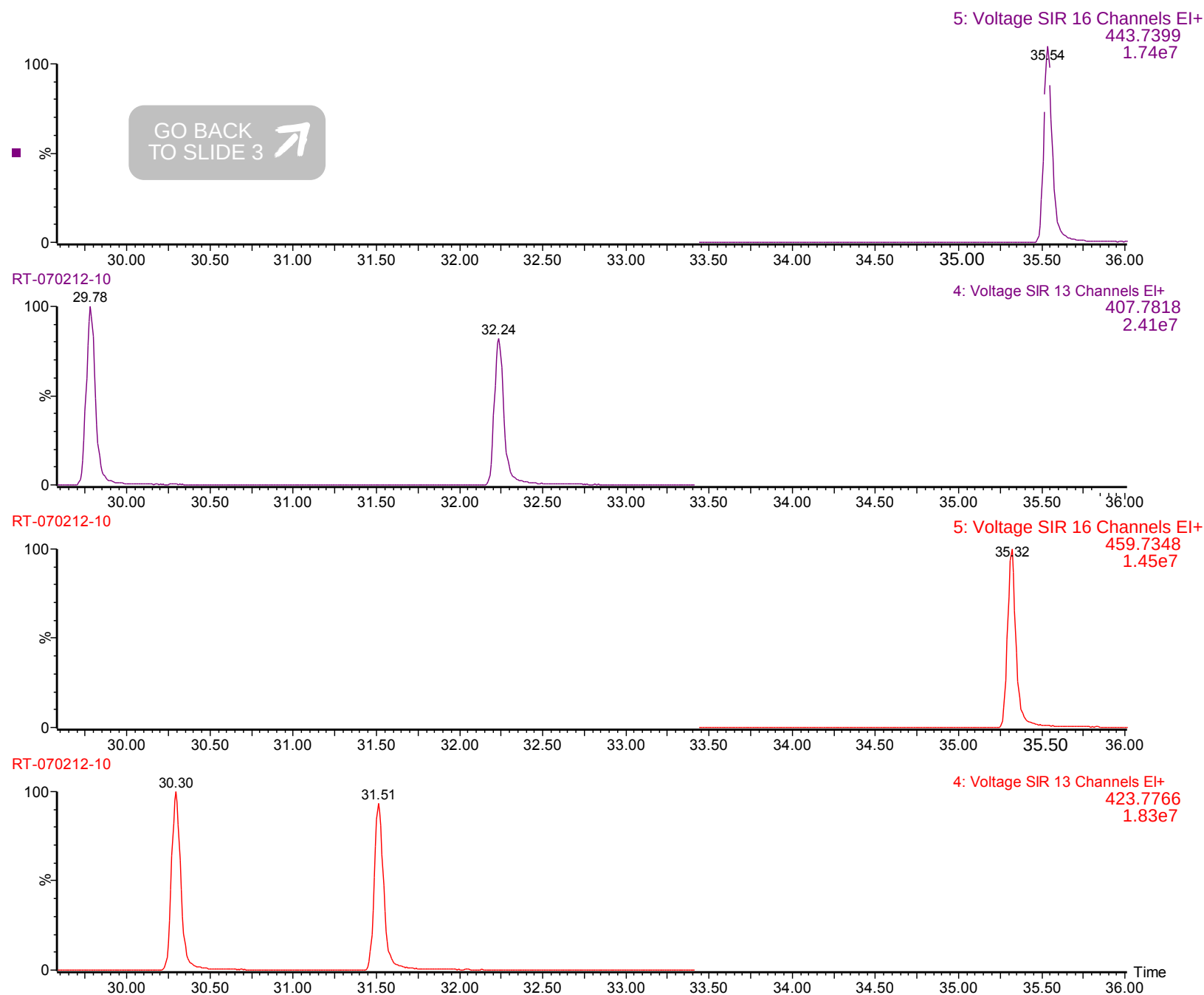
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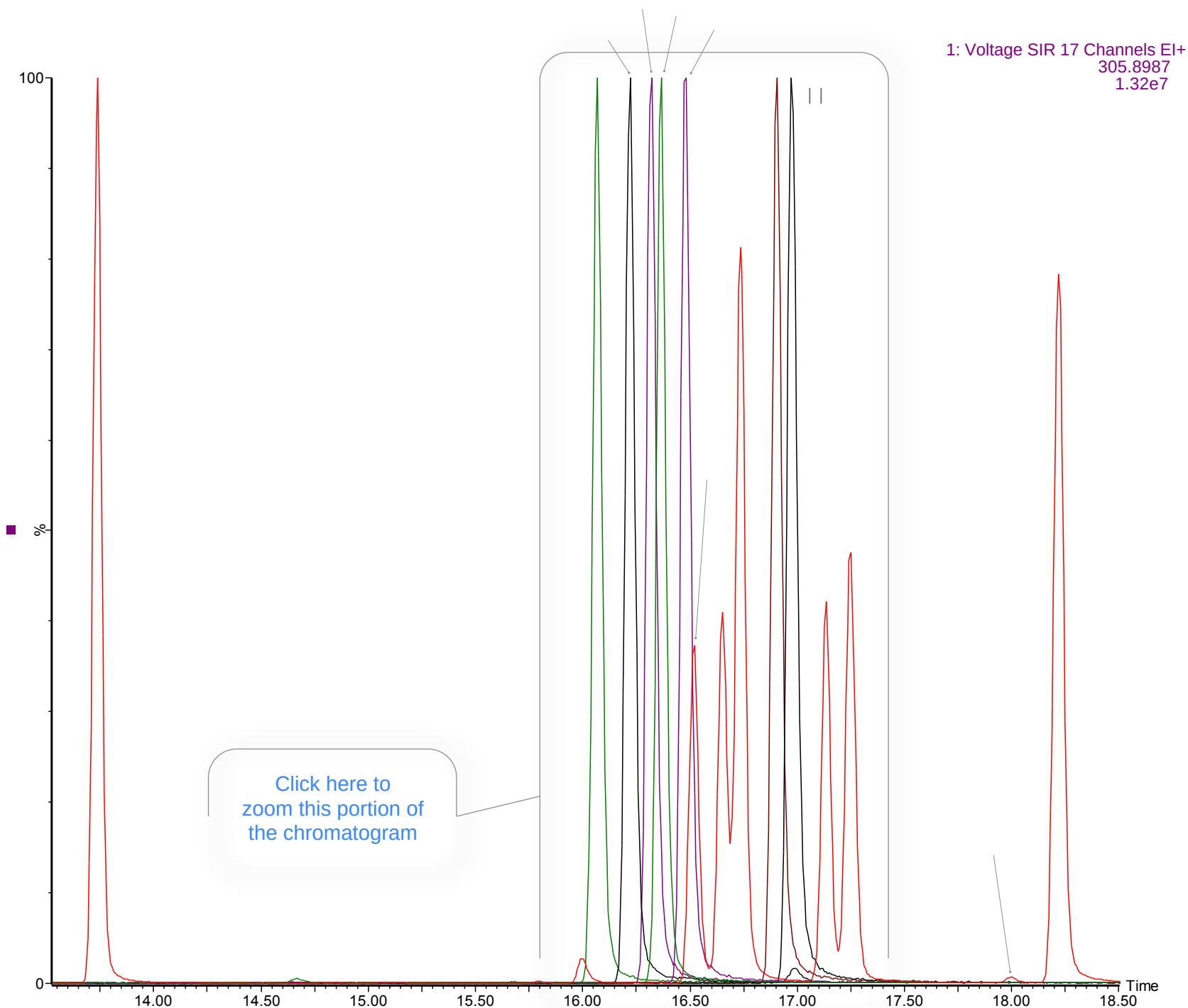
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29.78 - 1,2,3,4,6,7,8 - HpCDF  
30.30 - 1,2,3,4,6,7,9 - HpCDD  
31.51 - 1,2,3,4,6,7,8 - HpCDD  
32.24 - 1,2,3,4,7,8,9 - HpCDF  
35.32 - OCDD  
35.54 - OCDF

Legend

 Furans isomers (HpCDFs & OCDF)  
 Dioxins isomers (HpCDDs & OCDD)





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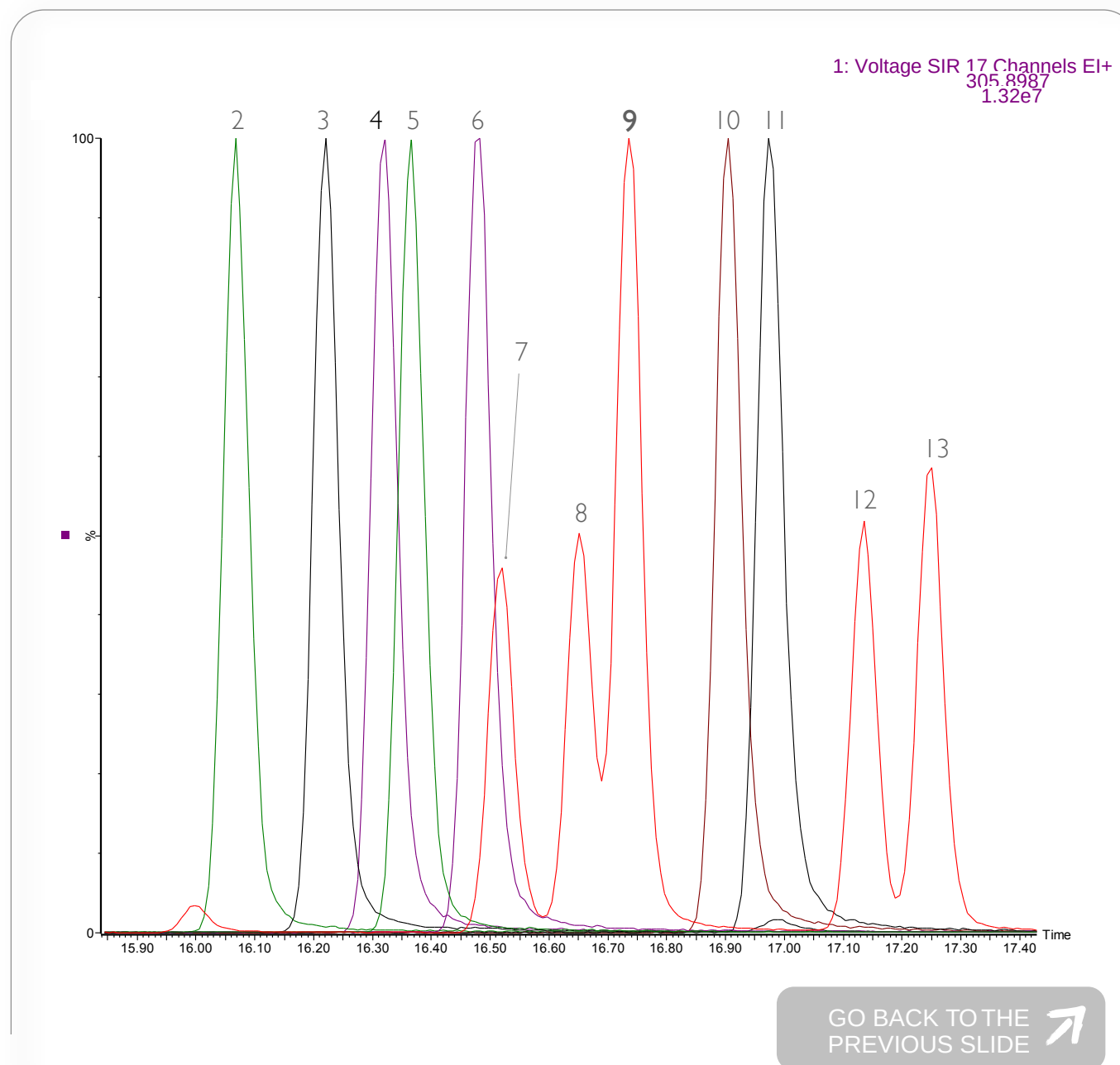
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- 4. 2,3,4,6 – TCDF (@ 25 pg/uL)
- 5. 1,2,4,9 – TCDF (@ 25 pg/uL)
- 6. 1,2,7,9 – TCDF (@ 25 pg/uL)
- 10. 3,4,6,7 – TCDF (@ 25 pg/uL)
- 2,3,6,7 – TCDF (@ 25 pg/uL)

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- 3. 1,2,6,7 - TCDF
- 4. 2,3,4,6 - TCDF
- 5. 1,2,4,9 - TCDF
- 6. 1,2,7,9 - TCDF
- 7. 2,3,4,7 - TCDF
- 8. 2,3,4,8 - TCDF
- 9. 2,3,7,8 - TCDF
- 10. 3,4,6,7 - TCDF
- 11. 2,3,6,7 - TCDF
- 12. 1,2,6,9 - TCDF
- 13. 1,2,3,9 - TCDF

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