

Analysis of Paraffins, Olefins, Naphthenes and Aromatics (PONA) in Naphta using Reformulyzer[®] M4

- **Fast Analysis in 30 minutes**
- **In compliance with key methods EN ISO 22854 and ASTM D6839**

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INTRODUCTION

With the introduction of the 4th generation AC Analytical Controls (AC) Reformulyzer M4, group type analysis of gasolines and its precursors & blend streams has become easier and much faster than before.

The Reformulyzer M4 benefits from the use of capillary/Micropacked columns and traps, resulting in unprecedented speed of analysis, the widest analytical range and excellent precision. It complies with key methods EN ISO 22854 and ASTM D6839 and derived methods.

Depending on the sample stream or product, a range of analytical modes can be used, ensuring shortest possible runtimes, and data as required for that specific product. See Table 1.

This application note describes the quantitative determination of hydrocarbon types in Light / Medium / Heavy FCC or Visbreaker streams using the AC Reformulyzer M4.

Typical Modes Used	PNA	OPNA	PIPNA	PONA	PIONA	PIANO	OPIONA	GASOLINE	FAST GROUP TYPE	E85
Light Straight Run Naphtha	X		X			X				
Heavy Straight Run Naphtha	X		X			X				
Depentanized Bottom Reformate	X		X			X				
FCC Light/Med/Heavy				X	X					
Visbreaker				X	X					
Alkylate / Isomerate			X							
Gasoline Blend							X	X	X	
Gasoline w. Oxygenates		X					X	X		
E85, E20, E10										X
Analysis Time	25	30	30	30	55	40	60	39	15	39

Table 1: Reformulyzer M4 Analysis Modes vs Product Streams

INSTRUMENTAL

The determination of hydrocarbon types in refinery streams containing Olefins is achieved by separation and elution on a series of designed traps and columns. The flow diagram for Reformulyzer M4 is shown below in Figure 1, and the analysis schedule used for this specific method is in Table 2. The Polar Column separates the Paraffins and Naphthenes from the Aromatics while Heavy Aromatics are retained on the Pre-Column. Paraffins and Naphthenes pass the Olefin trap where Olefinic components are trapped. Further separation of Saturates is on the 13X Column resulting in a carbon number distribution.

By using multiple valves and columns the Aromatics and PolyNaphthenes are analyzed on a Boiling Point Column in two different Aromatic fractions. Between two aromatic fractions the Olefin trap is desorbed in backflush and Olefins are separated on 13X column. The Micropacked traps and columns are located in the left side and have separate heater elements for individual temperature programming. This allows heating and/or cooling of traps simultaneous, resulting in total analysis runtime of 30 minutes.

From (min)	To (min)	Components	Column route
0	13	C4 to C12 N+P	1 st Polar column fraction on 13X Column
13	14.5	C6 to C8 A and pN	2 nd Polar Column fraction via E/A-trap to Boiling Point Column
14.5	16	Saturates > 200°C	Backflush Boiling Point Column of 2 nd Polar Column fraction
16	26	C4 to C12 CO+O	Backflush desorption of Olefin trap on 13X Column
26	28	C8 to C10 A	3 rd Polar Column fraction via E/A-trap to Boiling Point Column
28	30	Aromatics > 200°C	Backflush Boiling Point Column of 3 rd Polar Column fraction

Table 2: Reformulyzer M4 PONA method

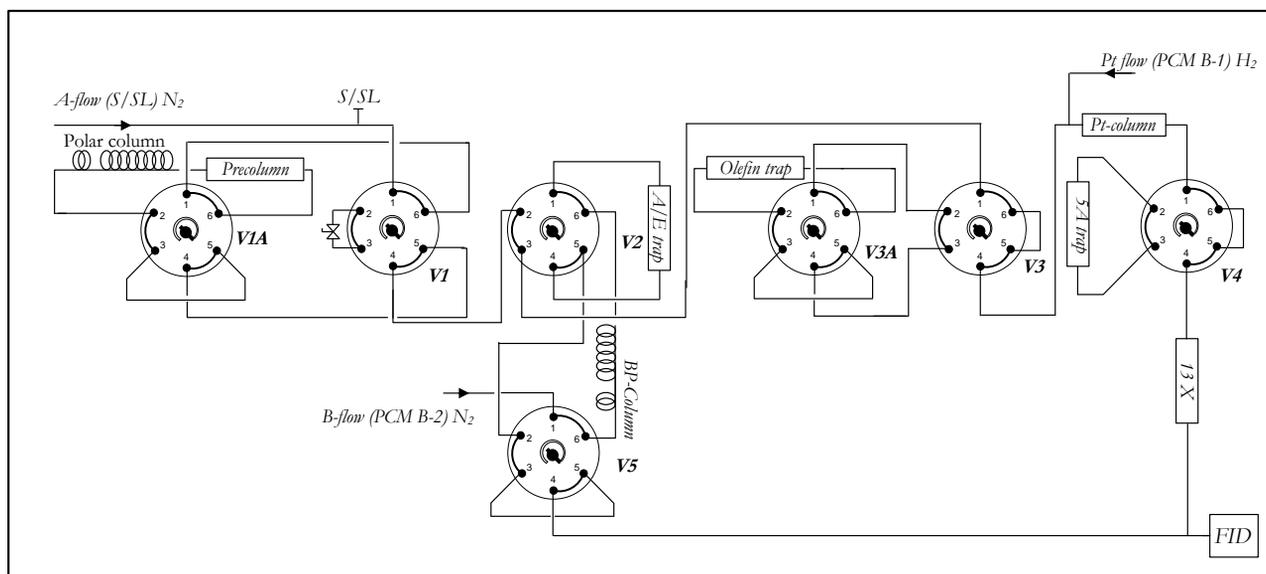


Figure 1: Reformulyzer M4 Flow Diagram

Gravimetric Blends and a FCC Naphtha Certified Reference Materials (CRM) were analyzed using the Reformulyzer M4 in PONA mode.

Representative chromatograms are shown below and typical report outputs from the analysis for the CRM are in Tables 3 and 4. Chromatograms show clear group separations for Paraffins, Naphthenes, Aromatics and Olefins, and %Weight and %Volume by carbon numbers are well within specifications for this particular CRM.

Reported are compositions in Weight% and Volume% and list component class by carbon number as well as the totals for the different groups and the totals per carbon number.

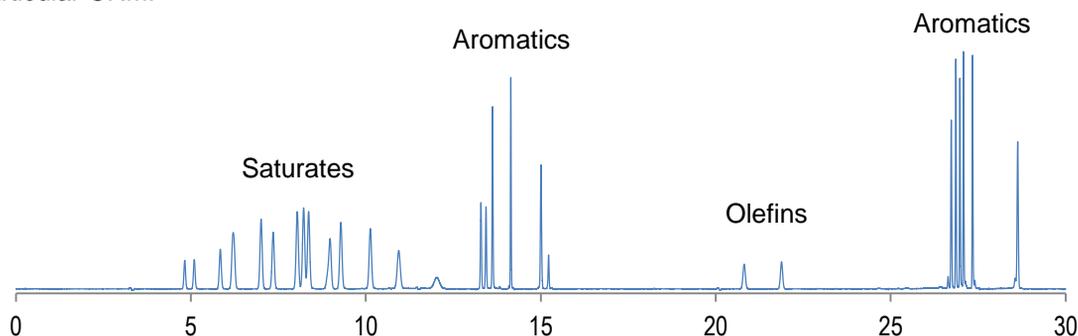


Figure 2: Reference Sample Gravimetric Blend (50.16.512) in PONA mode

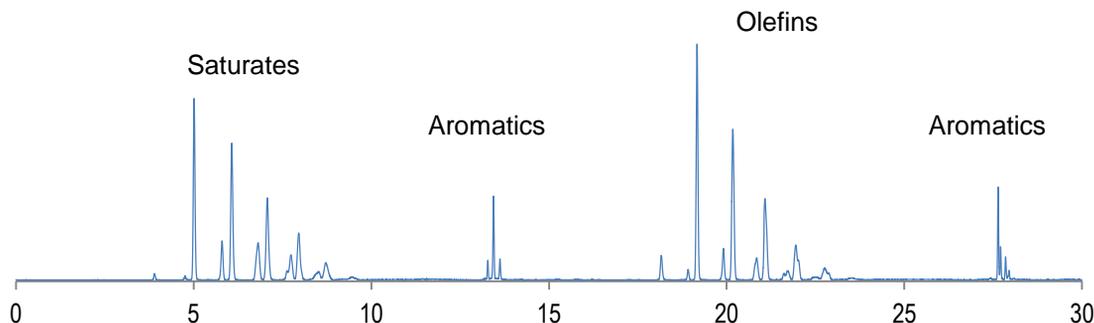


Figure 3: FCC Naphtha CRM (00.02.042) in PONA mode

Normalized weight percent results

Cnr	Naph.	Paraf.	Arom.	Cycl Ol.	Olef.	Total
4		0.31			1.61	1.92
5	0.18	10.10		0.52	13.22	24.02
6	2.41	9.10	0.55	2.01	10.86	24.93
7	3.80	6.57	3.02	2.40	7.31	23.10
8	2.85	4.27	4.57	1.48	4.24	17.41
9	1.25	2.19	1.26	0.62	1.87	7.19
10	0.15	0.47	0.08	0.12	0.37	1.19
11		0.05			0.05	0.10
12+		0.04	0.08			0.12
Poly	0.03					0.03
Total	10.67	33.10	9.56	7.15	39.53	100.00

Table 3: Reporting FCC Naphtha Weight%

Normalized volume percent results

Cnr	Naph.	Paraf.	Arom.	Cycl Ol.	Olef.	Total
4		0.38			1.85	2.23
5	0.17	11.38		0.48	14.24	26.27
6	2.24	9.71	0.44	1.81	11.19	25.39
7	3.53	6.75	2.45	2.15	7.34	22.22
8	2.58	4.26	3.71	1.30	4.17	16.02
9	1.11	2.13	1.02	0.54	1.79	6.59
10	0.13	0.45	0.07	0.10	0.35	1.10
11		0.04			0.04	0.08
12+		0.04	0.07			0.11
Poly	0.02					0.02
Total	9.78	35.14	7.76	6.38	40.97	100.00

Table 4: Reporting FCC Naphtha Volume%

CONCLUSION

The Reformulyzer M4 provides reports group type data in full accordance with key methods EN ISO 22854 and ASTM D6839.

Weight% and Volume% profile reports are generated grouping naphthenes, paraffins, olefins and aromatics by carbon number as well as the totals of the different groups and the totals by carbon number.

Through the use of Capillary and Micropacked columns and Traps The Reformulyzer M4 takes only 30 minutes to produce reliable results in PONA mode.

Specifications

Scope / Separation Range	Finished gasoline Reformer feed Reformate Straight naphtha FCC naphtha/Olefins Isomerates Alkylate E20+/E85	Paraffins C4-C11 Isoparaffins C4-C11 Olefins C4-C11 Naphthenes C5-C11 Aromatics C6-C11 Oxygenates C1-C6 (includes Methanol, Ethanol, n-Propanol, i-Propanol, t-Butanol, i-Butanol, 2-Butanol, tert-amylalcohol, MTBE, ETBE, DIPE, TAME)
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Method Compliance

According Methods	ASTM D6839, EN-ISO22854, ASTM D5443, IP566, SH/T 0741, GB/T 28768-2012
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Ordering Information

CCG3500A	Reformulyzer M4 120V
CCG3500B	Reformulyzer M4 200V
CCG3500C	Reformulyzer M4 230V

Table 5: Reformulyzer M4 Specifications & Ordering Information

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