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Introduction to Deib and why as a company we use his services and OSINet Methods

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Need For Forensic Fingerprinting – Proponents Angle



- Too often we have uncertainty over ownership and responsibility of liabilities for sites where multiple companies have historical facilities
- We need a defensible and accepted methodology differentiation / forensic fingerprinting to ascertain this ownership
- We use Deib consistently in circumstances like this due to his 40+ year expertise in analytical chemistry & forensics and because he is a leading proponent of the Oil Spill Identification Network of experts (OSINet) methods which were developed in the aftermath of the Tricolor spill in the English Channel in 2002 under the Bonn agreement have international recognized fingerprinting protocols
- We believe that this now recognized international methodology to differentiate sources will hold up in courts and eventually cascade from marine acceptance to land locked prairie regulatory acceptance
- We thank Deib for his expertise and for spearheading these methods into the western
 Canadian oil patch



Discerning recent and historical spill material using European Standard EN 15522-2:2020

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Forensic services in toxicology, chemistry biology sampling & statistics

Background

- Leak from branch of pipe connected to 3-Phase separator but no longer in use (not flowing)
- Investigation into extent of spill
- Sample taken from operational 3-Phase separator



- Soil samples collected from a number of sites where soil staining was observed
- All samples analyzed for petroleum hydrocarbons following CCME guidelines (i.e. BTEX AND PHC F1-F4 hydrocarbons)
- Review of PHC data resulted in the identification of sites of interest for further forensic testing using method EN 2020



Why Forensics

- Differentiation between historical releases and any current releases required.
- Eras of ownership can mean eras of differential liability.
- Forensics key for understanding of liability associated with areas of any future operational expansion
- EN2020 method ideally suited for this task.







PHC Data and Chromatograms for sites K, P and Q

OSINET Forensic Methods

- Bonn Agreement formulated in 2005 and network of expert chemists established specializing in oil spill identification techniques, now known as OSINET (oil spill identification, network).
- Bonn-OSINet was initiated with the objective to improve the quality of the laboratories and to stimulate cooperation and mutual assistance

History of OSINET Analytical Methods:

- Since 1991, the Nordtest method for oil spill identification (Nordtest, 1991) has formed an important forensic "platform" in relation to oil spill identification, not only in the Scandinavian countries, but also in other European countries following its recommendation in and adoption by the Bonn Agreement *Counter Pollution Manual*.
 - CEN Technical Report, 2006
 - CEN Technical Report, 15522-2, 2012
 - EN 2020, Dec 2020.

Operating Principals of OSINET

- Forensic research on the selection of appropriate chemicals and ratios to identify and measure in relation to spills of differing petroleum products. Dates back to 2002.
- Perform international round robin studies annually applying suggested measurements since 2002. Now every two years because there are many labs to evaluate <u>44 laboratories</u> <u>associated with 26 countries</u> (2017 report).
- Perform statistical analyses and determine diagnostic power of chemical ratios.
- Those chemical ratios with high diagnostic power are deemed normative.
- Those with good, but lower diagnostic power, deemed informative.
- Continuing research and interlaboratory studies. Method EN2020 light petroleum products are being dealt with (e.g. condensates).
- Website dedicated to OSINET members sharing observations, publications, and findings.
- Forensic data is shared on a global basis using COSIWEB in order to identify spill material globally.
- Currently 6 Canadian Labs are OSINET members, 4 Federal (Environment Canada) and 2 private.
- Currently 3 US Labs are OSINET members, all private.

Daubert Standard

- Daubert standard is a <u>rule of evidence</u> regarding the admissibility of <u>expert</u> <u>witness testimony</u>. Pursuant to Rule 104(a), in *Daubert* the U.S. Supreme Court suggested that the following factors be considered:^[28]
 - Has the technique been tested in actual field conditions (and not just in a laboratory)?
 - Has the technique been subject to peer review and publication?
 - What is the known or potential rate of error?
 - Do standards exist for the control of the technique's operation?
 - Has the technique been generally accepted within the relevant scientific community?
 - Canadian Supreme Court "did list a number of factors that could be helpful in evaluating the soundness of novel science."
 - It is too early to say *Daubert*-like rules are likely to be applied in Canada in the near future. But Canadian class certification courts are starting to exercise an important evidentiary gatekeeping role (*Barry Glaspell* (bglaspell@blg.com) is a senior class action counsel at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP,).

ANALYTICAL METHODS – Petroleum Products

• An aliquot (500 ± 5 mg) of each product (Gasoline Leak and 3-Phase Separator gas) was weighed into a 12 mL vial and diluted to 5 mL with pentane. The mixture was placed in a freezer for 1 h to facilitate asphaltene precipitation. No precipitate was observed and therefore 200 μ L of each pentane solution was diluted to 1 mL with dichloromethane solvent and analyzed.

SOIL SAMPLES

- An aliquot (based upon soil PHC data) of soil was weighed into a new 1 quart new galvanized paint can as follows:
- (E2) 44.5 g
- (H1) 14.5 g
- (N2) 12.1 g
- An aliquot of each liquid product (100 μL) was added to a Kimwipe and placed inside a new 1 quart galvanized paint can. Following the addition of 638 micrograms (μg) of surrogate (naphthalene-d8), along with a carbon strip (attached via a paper clip held to the lid of the paint can with a rare earth magnet) the cans were sealed and placed in an oven maintained at 70°C for 24h.
- Following heat treatment, the cans were removed from the oven, allowed to equilibrate to room temperature and opened. The carbon strip was removed and placed into a 1 mL gas chromatographic vial. Carbon disulphide, 600 μ L, was added to the vial containing the carbon strip. This solvent contained an internal standard, namely undecane-d24, at a concentration of 0.404 mg/mL.

Chemical Analyses

- Chemical analyses were performed using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) using EN2020. The main difference from the previous method CEN/TR 15522-2:2012, is that the method is extended to light diesel and condensate samples by including a range of low boiling compounds. Compounds measured = 144. Diagnostic ratios = 44-normative; 34 informative
- Analyses were performed in a single batch and contained 3 2016 composite LNAPL samples taken from another site as a reference oil. The 2016 LNAPL was used as a template to correctly identify petroleum biomarkers. All samples were analyzed in duplicate.
- All headspace samples were analyzed split 20:1. Liquid product samples were analyzed splitless.
- It is important to point out that oil samples can be stored indefinitely if stored at temperatures from above freezing to 30°C (NOAA, 2011). Paracel Laboratories stored 2016 LNAPL as well as the samples listed in Table 1 in a refrigerator maintained at 5°C.



GC/MS TOTAL ION CHROMATOGRAMS

Chemometrics

- GC/MS TIC data subjected to Atichison transformation
- Principal components analysis (PCA) using XLSTAT
- Score plots subjected to Agglomerative hierarchical clustering
- Dissimilarity: Euclidean distance (Ward's method)
- Dissimilarity: Mahalanobis distance (unweighted pair group average)

Principal Component Analysis



Class	1	2	3
Objects	2	6	2
Sum of weights	2	6	2
Within-class variance	0.002	1.106	0.349
Minimum distance to centroid	0.031	0.491	0.417
Average distance to centroid	0.031	0.883	0.417
Maximum distance to centroid	0.031	1.533	0.417
	GasLa	3PSepa	LN1
	GasLb	3Psepb	LN2
		E2a	
		E2b	
		N2a	
		N2b	

CUMULATIVE VARIABILITY % F1/F2 = 98% FACTOR LOADINGS F1 = 0.85 – 1.0





Preliminary Conclusions using Conventional Chemistry Alone

- Field observations, PHC data, chromatograms and chemometrics suggest that sites E2 and N2 are contaminated with material coming from a source similar to the 3-Phase Separator.
- In other words, current operations could be perceived as being responsible for the contamination observed.
- THIS SUGGESTS LIABILITY BUT IS THIS THE CORRECT CONCLUSION?



BICYCLIC SESQUITERPANE RATIOS

Ratio	Gasoline Leak	E2 SOIL	H1 SOIL	N2 Soil
BS4/BS5	0.32	0.32	0.22	0.26
BS5/BS6	2.11	1.78	3.27	2.57
BS3/BS10	0.33	0.27	0.50	0.30
BS4/BS10	0.29	0.22	0.26	0.23
BS5/BS10	0.90	0.68	1.20	0.88
BS6/BS10	0.43	0.38	0.37	0.34

DATA IN GREEN A MATCH USING CRITICAL DIFFERENCE ANALYSIS



DIMETHYL ADAMANTANES



TRIMETHYL ADAMANTANES

DI- AND TRIMETHYL -ADAMANTANES

Ratio	Gasoline Leak	E2 SOIL	H1 SOIL	N2 SOIL
C-134-TM-ADAM/Tr-134-TM-ADAM	0.95	0.82	0.72	0.78
135-TM-ADAM/134(C+TR)-TM-ADAM	0.69	0.40	0.43	0.36
136-TM-ADAM/134(C+TR)-TM-ADAM	0.61	0.55	0.55	0.50
135-TM-ADAM-136-TM-ADAM	1.13	0.67	0.78	0.73
C-14-DM-ADAM/TR-14-DM-ADAM	1.44	1.48	1.17	1.50
14(TR+C)-DM-ADAM/12-DM-ADAM	1.89	1.34	1.30	1.61

DATA IN GREEN A MATCH USING CRITICAL DIFFERENCE ANALYSIS



Weathering Assessment: Evaporation

- Evaporation is the most significant weathering effect following release of light petroleum products such as gasoline and condensate
- Ratios assessing evaporation from gasoline include (Stout et al., 2006):
 - n-pentane/n-heptane (C5H12 / C7H16)
 - 2-methylpentane/2-methylheptane (C6H14/C8H18)
 - Isopentane/n-heptane (C5H12/C7H16)
 - n-heptane/n-decane (C5H12/C10H22)
- EN 2020 normalizes all biomarkers to bicyclic sesquiterpane 10 (BS 10), phytane or hopane we used BS10
- In this study bicyclic sesquiterpanes (BS-1, -2, 3, -4, -5, -6, -8, -9, and 10) were detected (C₁₄H₂₆, C₁₅H₂₈, C₁₆H₃₀)
- Also detected were dimethyl- and trimethyl-adamantanes ($C_{12}H_{20}$ and $C_{13}H_{22}$)
- Bicyclic sesquiterpanes and adamantanes are stable to biodegradation but can be affected by evaporation. Using BS10 is a much better option for assessing evaporation of samples than those parameters identified in the literature.
- Also, the samples are more like condensate and middle distillates so use of gasoline weathering indices is inappropriate

Percent Weathering (PW) CALCULATIONS

$%C_{\text{NSPILL}} = C_{\text{NSPILL}} / C_{\text{BS10SPILL}} / C_{\text{NSOURCE}} / C_{\text{BS10SOURCE}}$ EXAMPLE

 $%BS6_{SPILL} = C_{BS6SPILL}/C_{BS10SPILL}//C_{BS6SOURCE}/C_{BS10SOURCE}$



CONCLUSION BOTH ARE A POSITIVE MATCH

NR-30G/30ab

NR-31abS/30al



















QUALITY CONTROL













Sample Identification	Percent Naphthalene-D8 Recovery	
injection 1 GAS LEAK	51	
injection 2 GAS LEAK	51	
injection 1 PHASE 3/SEP	36	
injection 2 PHASE 3/SEP	34	
injection 1 E2	49	
injection 2 E2	48	
injection 1 H1	58	
injection 2 H1	58	
injection 1 N2	50	
injection 2 N2	50	

CONCLUSIONS

- N2 AND E2 ARE NOT DERIVED FROM PHASE 3 SEPARATOR AS PREDICTED BY PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS ANALYSIS (PCA)
- N2 AND E2 ARE NOT DERIVED FROM A COMMON SOURCE. DIFFERING WEATHERING PROFILES INDICATE DIFFERING TIMES OF RELEASE AND RATIOS INDICATE DIFFERING SOURCES.
- THE GASOLINE LEAK MAY BE CONTAMINATED WITH HISTORIC SPILL MATERIAL (A). IT MAY BE A DIFFERENT CRUDE OIL STOCK AS WELL. HOWEVER, THE PCA AND CHROMATOGRAMS INDICATE A DIFFERENT SOURCE THAN THE PHASE 3 SEPARATOR GAS SAMPLE.



CONCLUSIONS

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS ANALYSIS IS A USEFUL TOOL BUT NOT DEFINITIVE FOR DEFINING SPILL AND SOURCE RELATIONSHIPS, ESPECIALLY IF USED IN LITIGATION.
- DETERMINING HYDROCARBON RATIOS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BUT WHICH ONES DO YOU CHOOSE ? THOSE DEFINED BY THE LITERATURE? THOSE DEFINED BY EN2020?
- ALSO, RATIOS CAN BE AFFECTED BY WEATHERING HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THAT? THROUGH THE LITERATURE OR METHOD EN2020?
- IF INAPPROPRIATE RATIOS ARE EMPLOYED IN PCA THEN THE CONCLUSIONS MAY BE ERRONEOUS
- EN2020 PRESCRIBES CHEMICALS TO MEASURE AND RATIOS TO FOCUS ON, BASED UPON <u>DIAGNOSTIC</u> <u>POWER</u>.
- EN2020 PRESCRIBES WEATHERING PROCEDURES BY NORMALIZING DATA TO BS10, PHYTANE AND/OR HOPANE.



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