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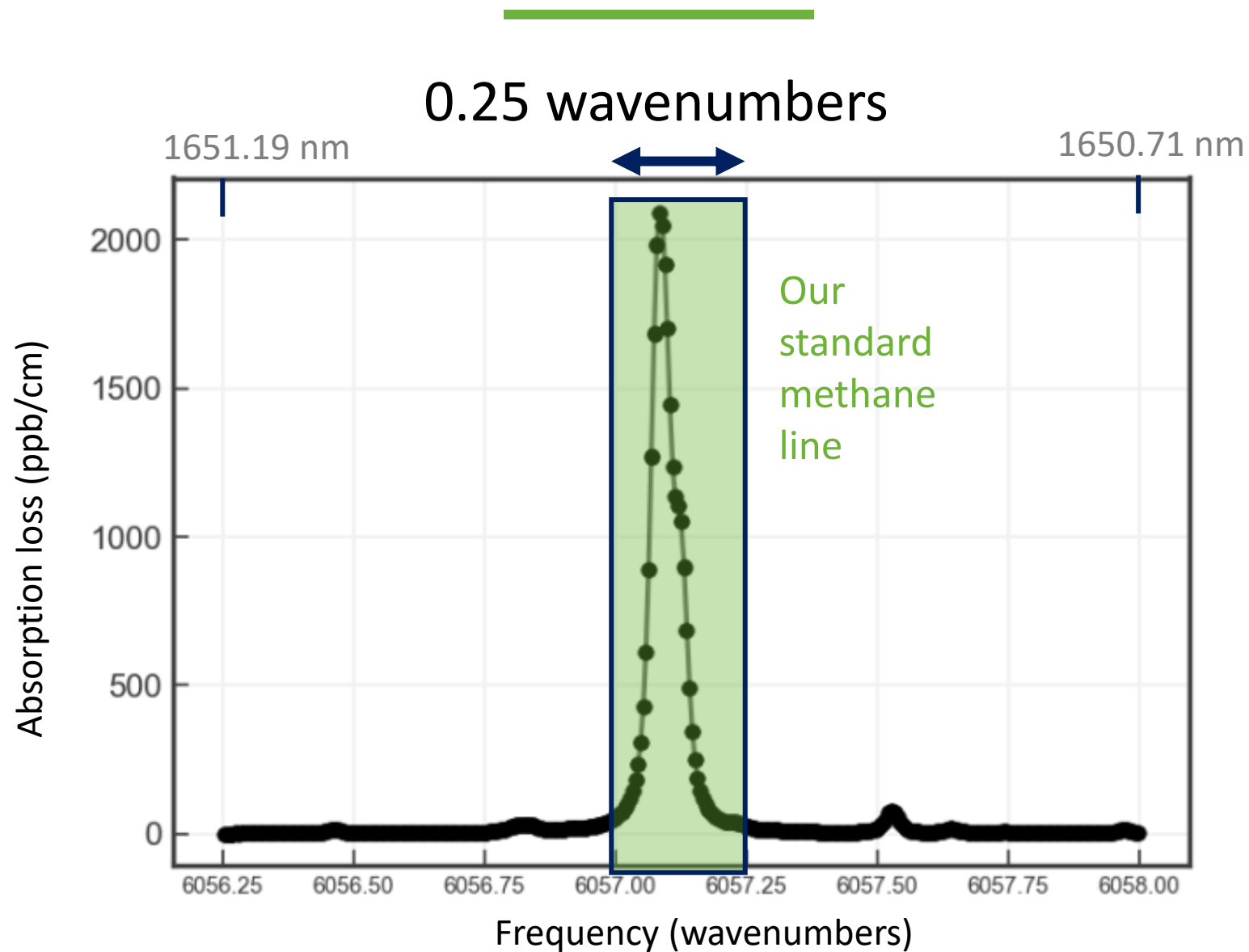
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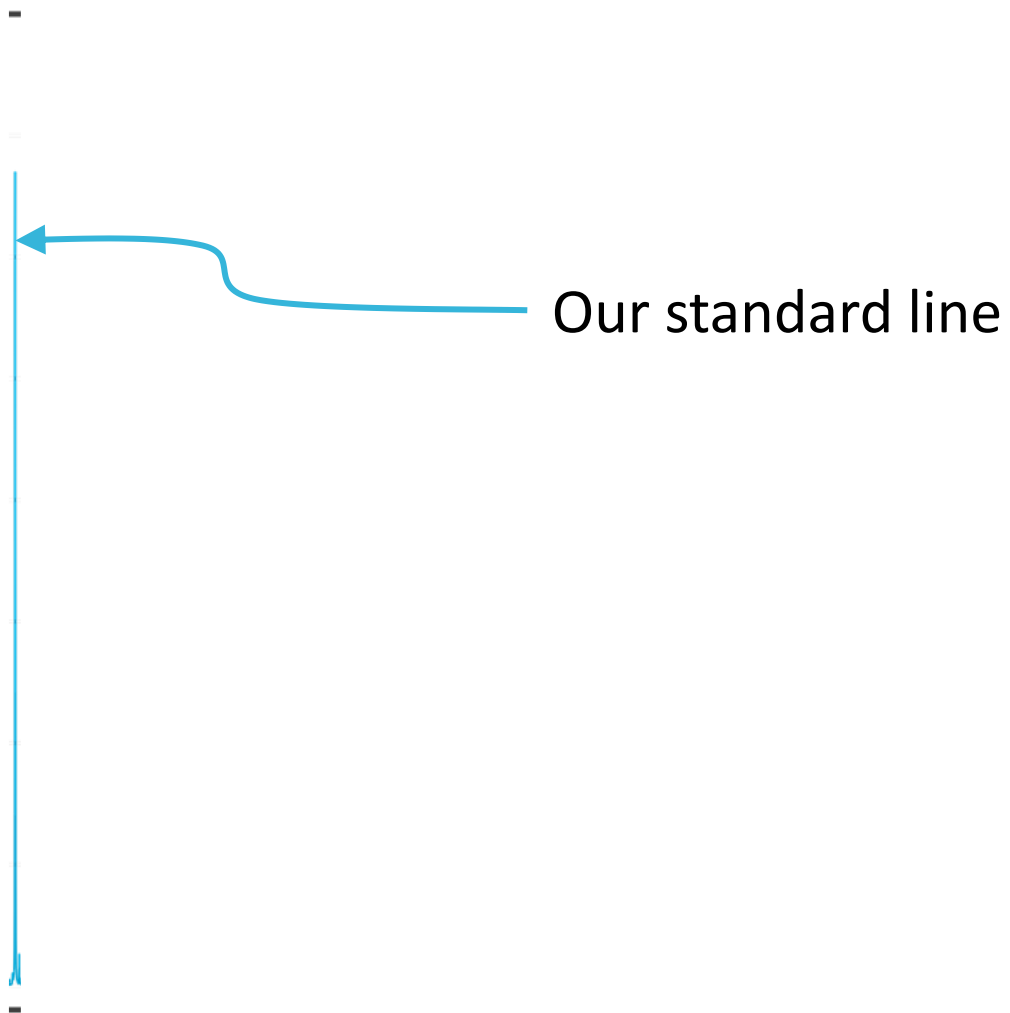
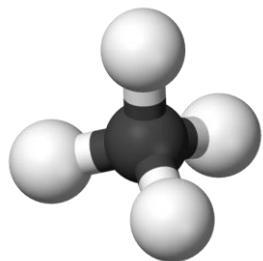
CRDS for VOCs

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CRDS Today: Narrowband Spectroscopy



CRDS Tomorrow: Broadband Spectroscopy



Can You Identify the City Skyline?

New York ?

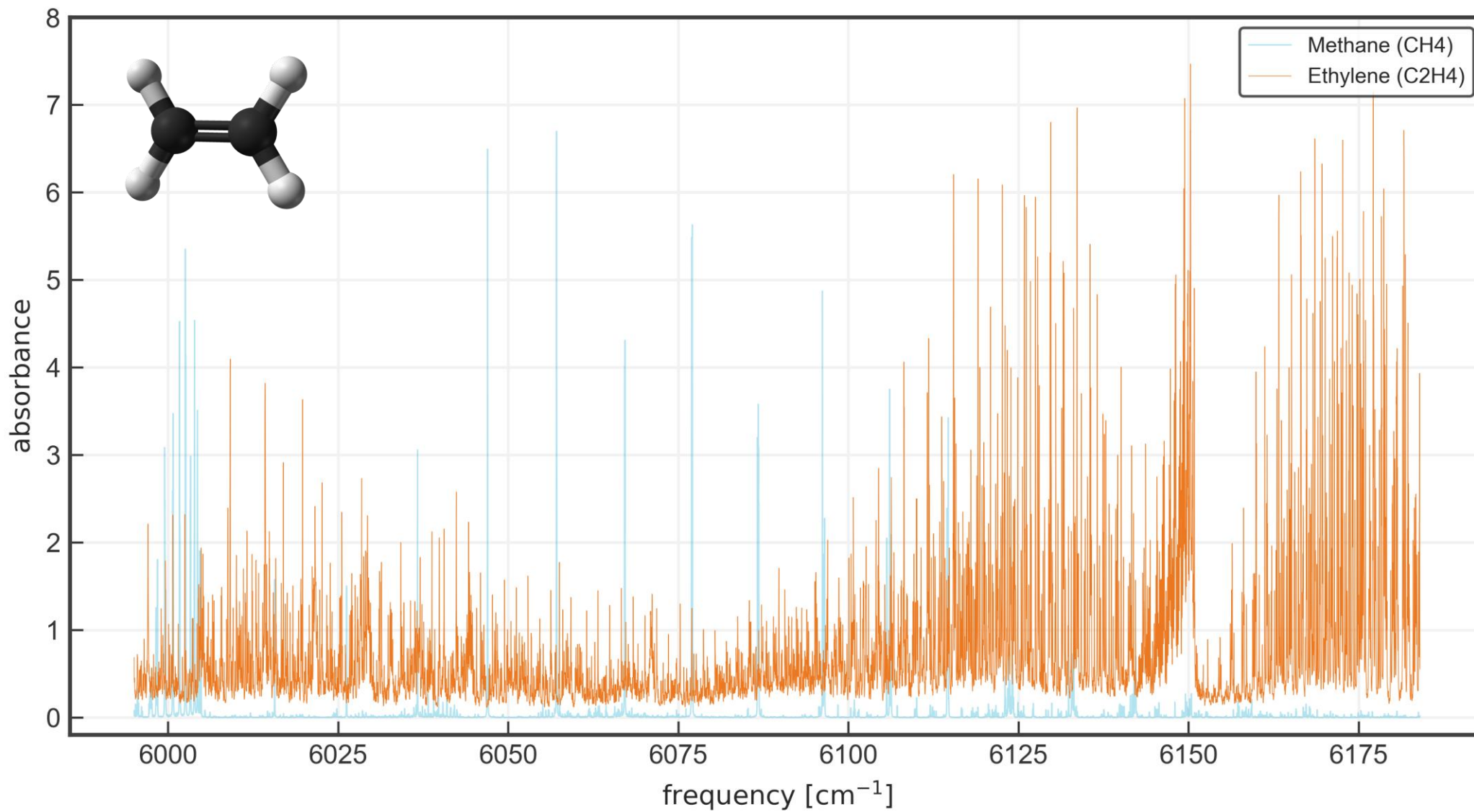
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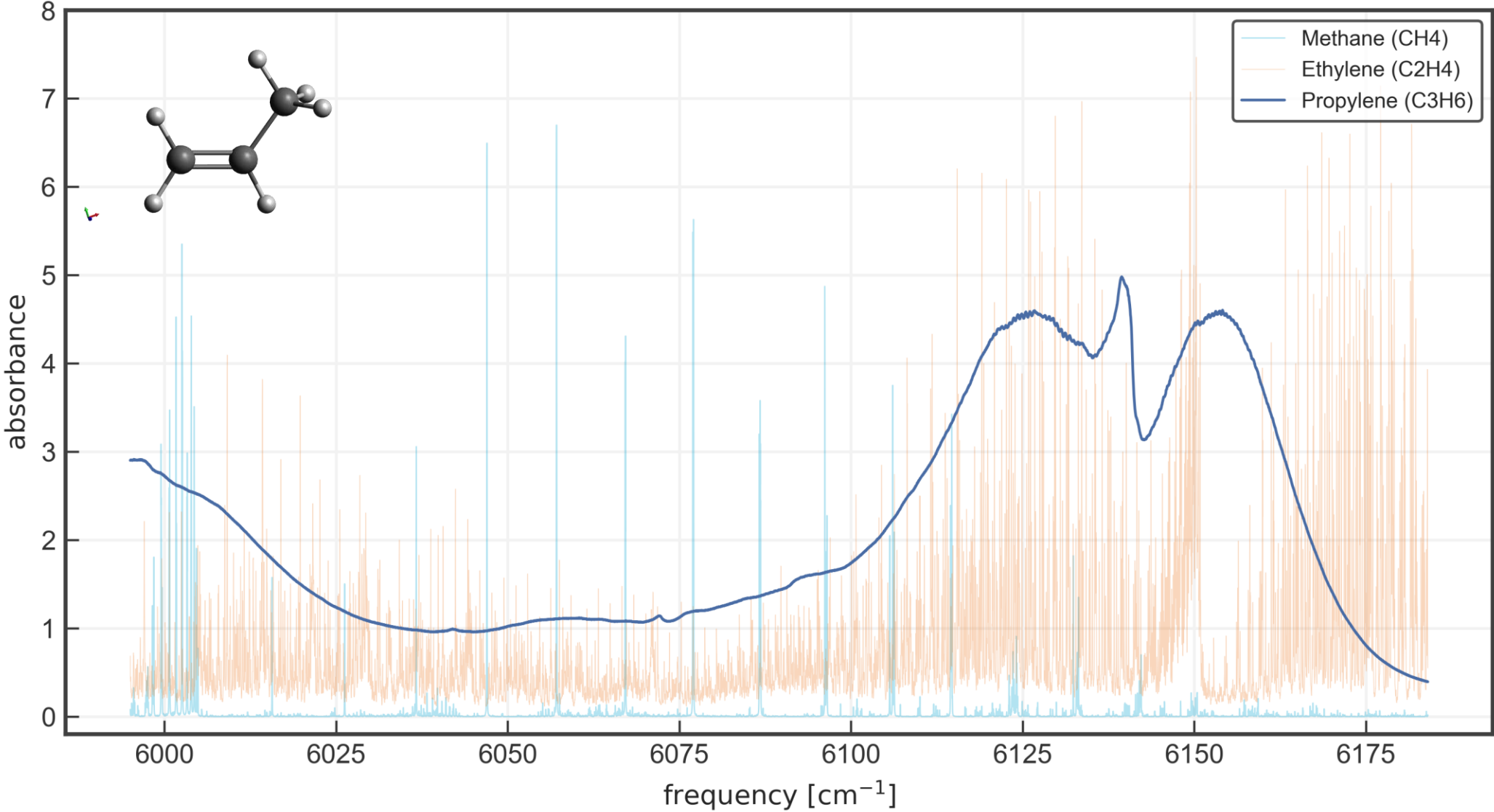
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Broadband spectroscopy is THE KEY to VOC detection

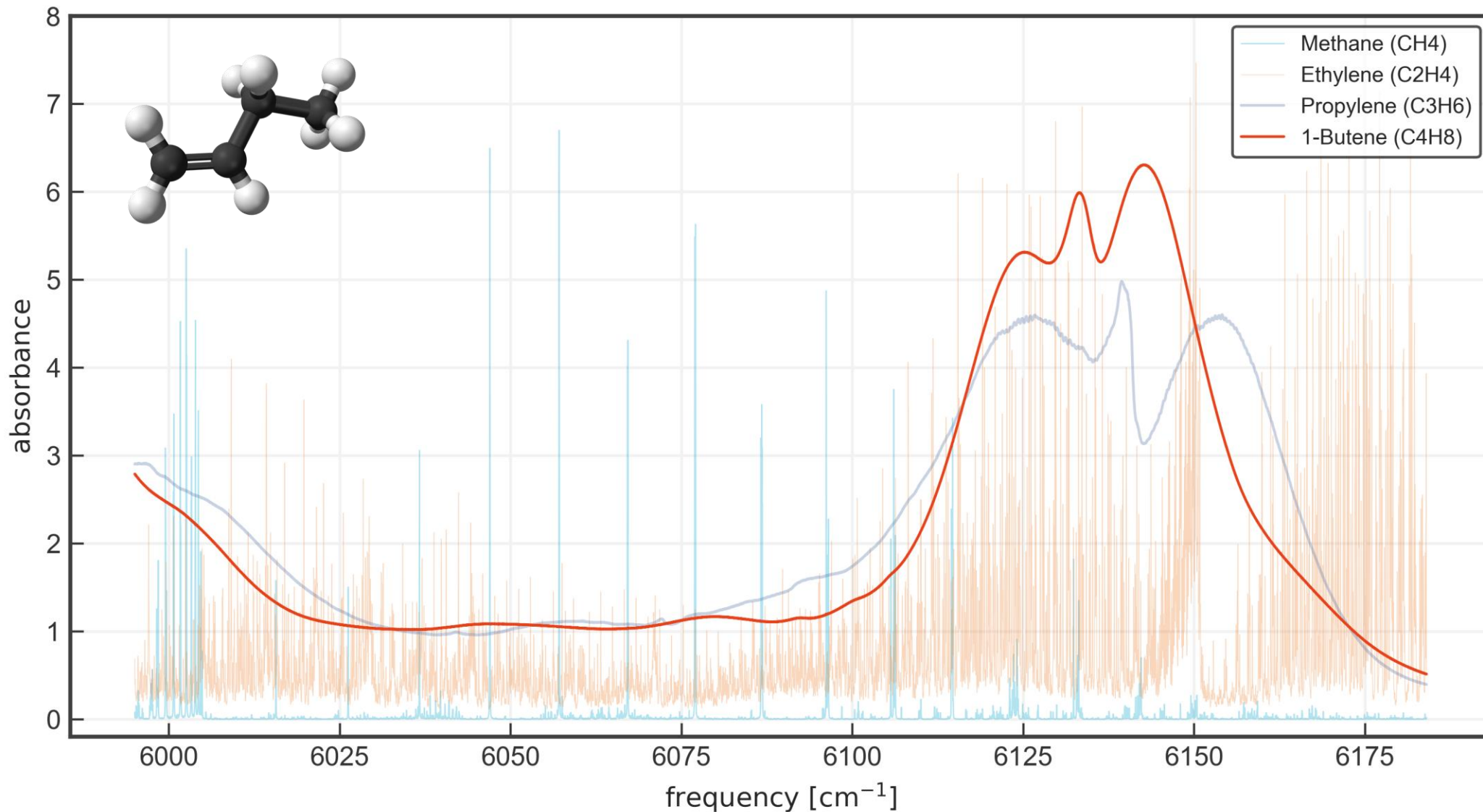
Ethylene: 6 atoms



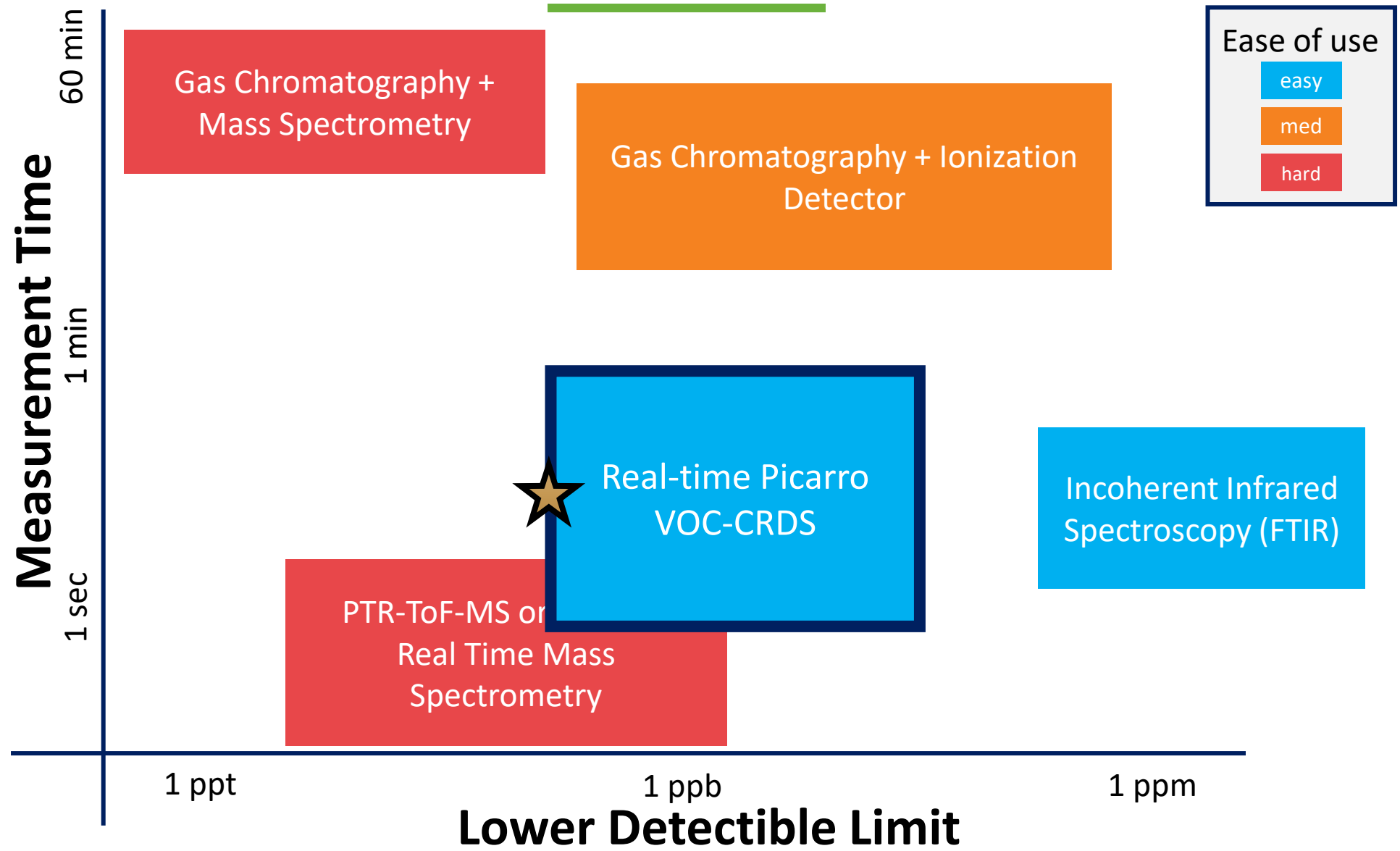
Propylene: 9 Atoms



Butene: 12 Atoms

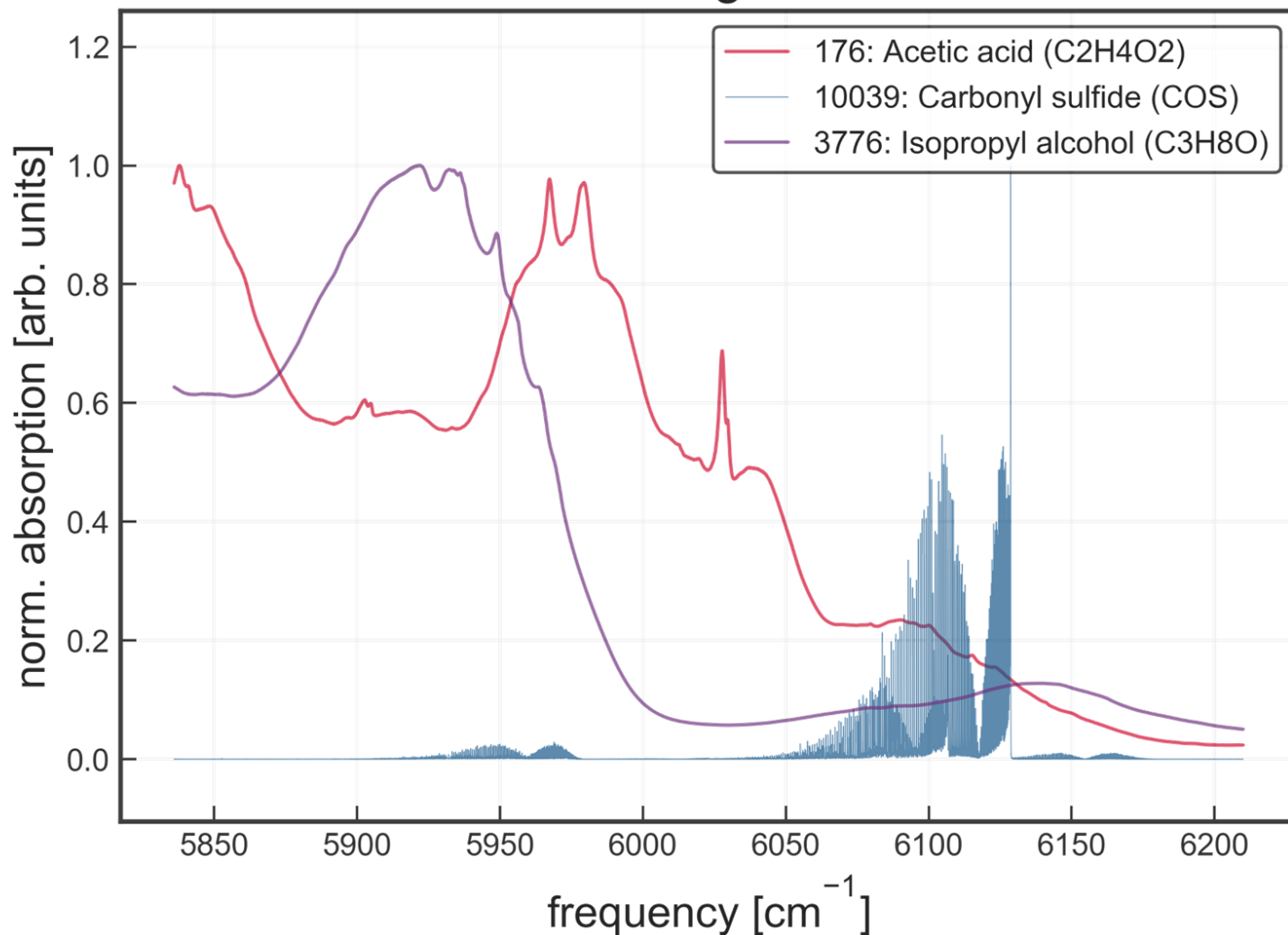


The Landscape for VOC Detection



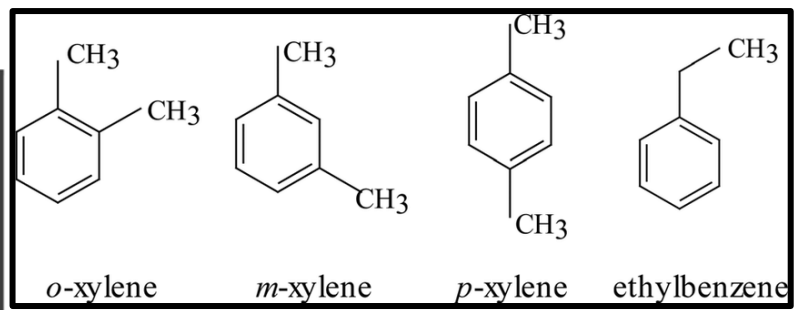
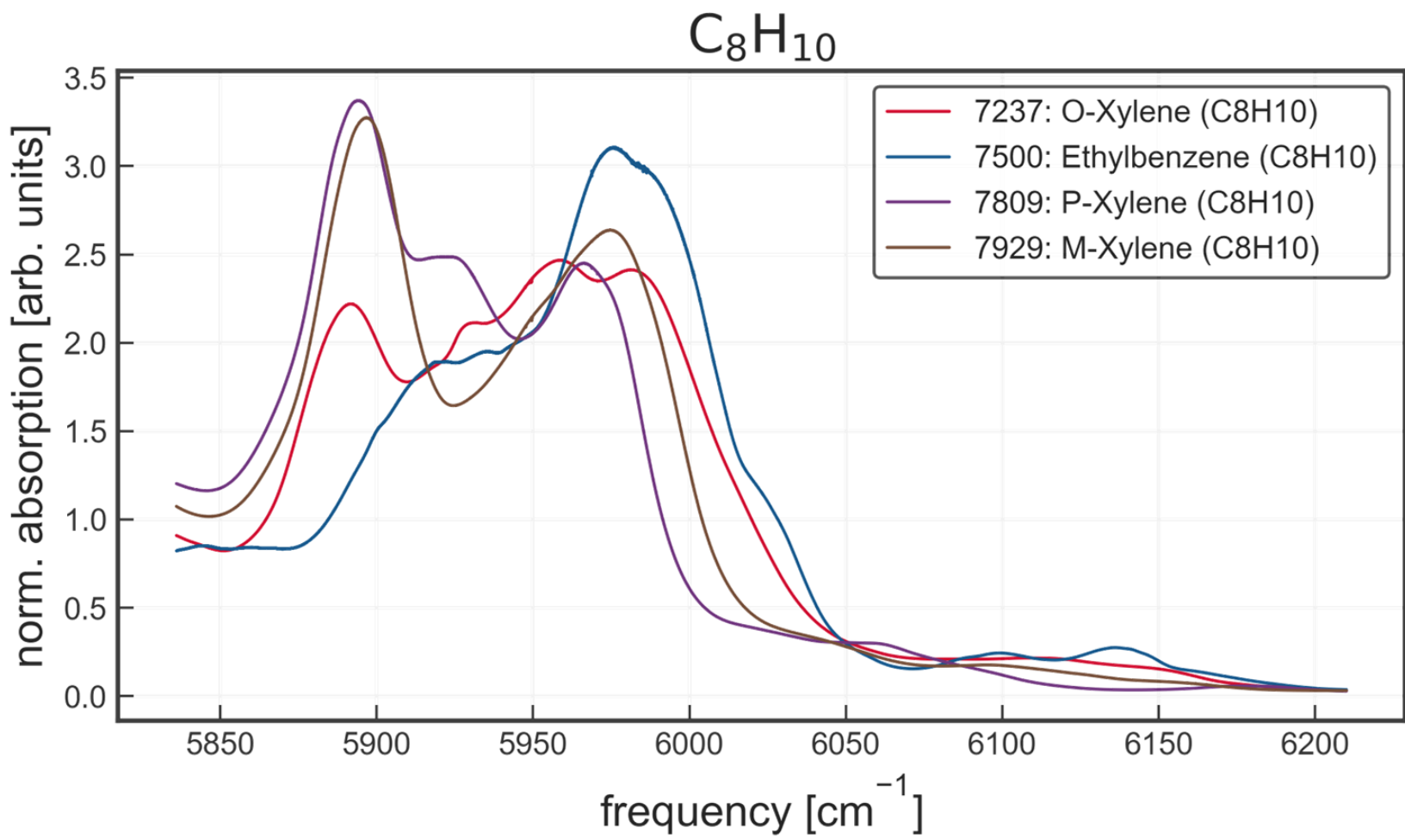
Compounds with the same mass

Molecular Weight = 60 AMU



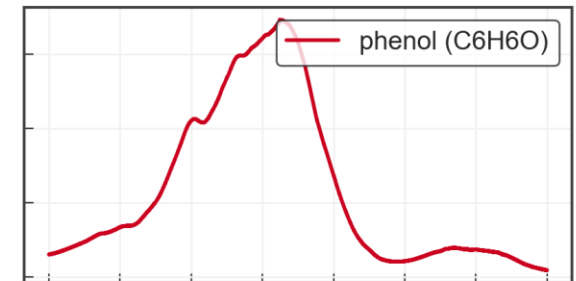
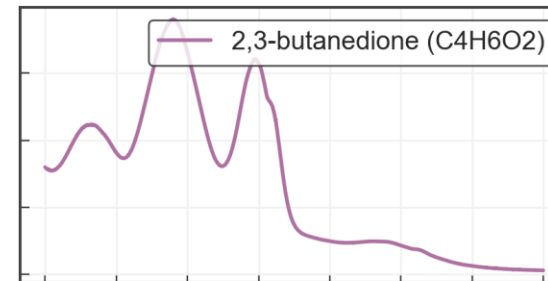
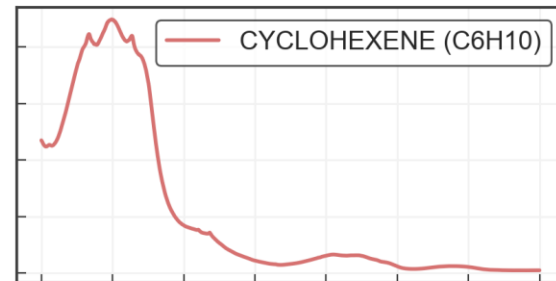
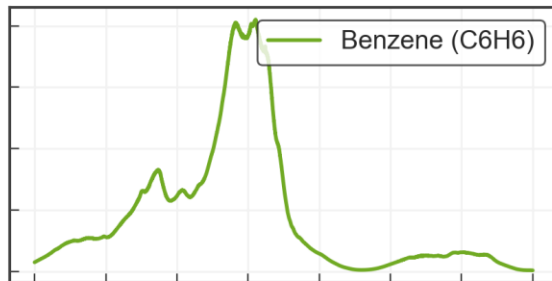
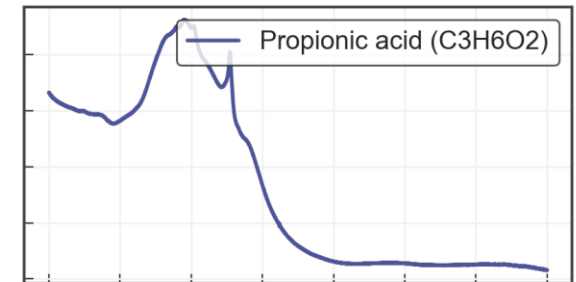
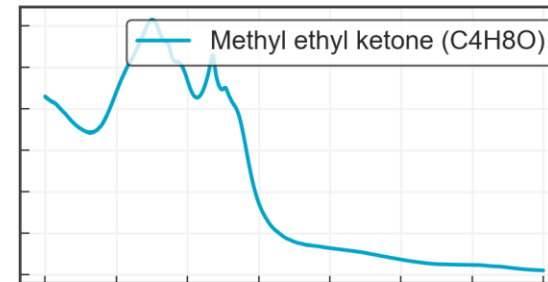
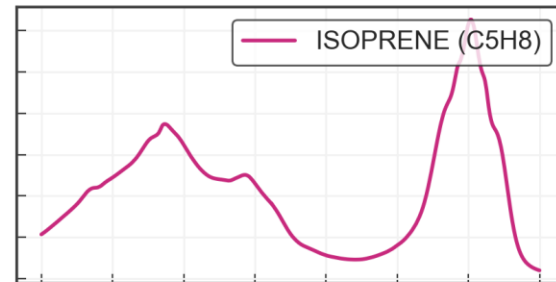
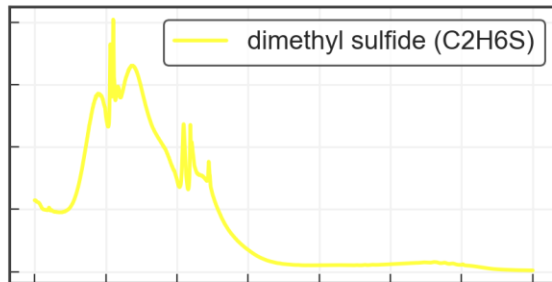
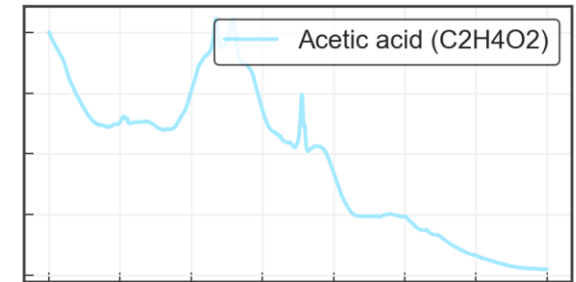
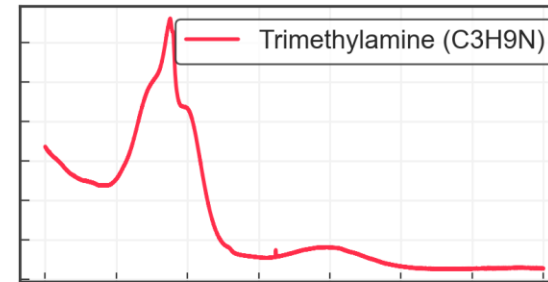
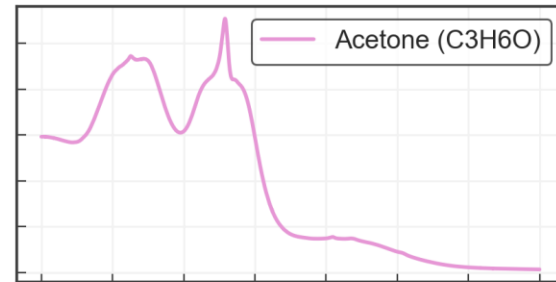
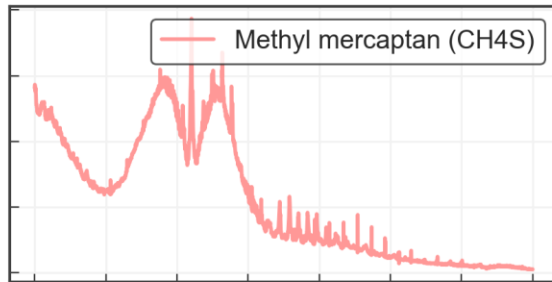
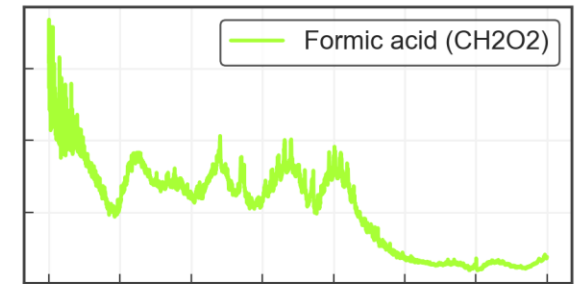
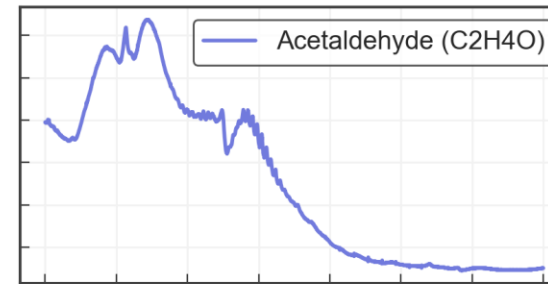
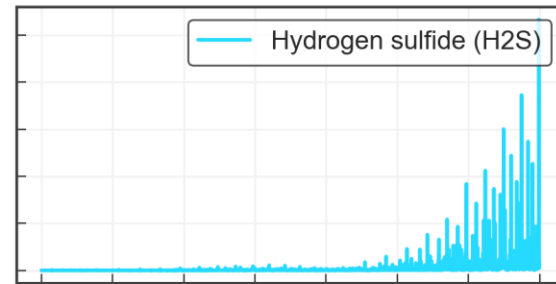
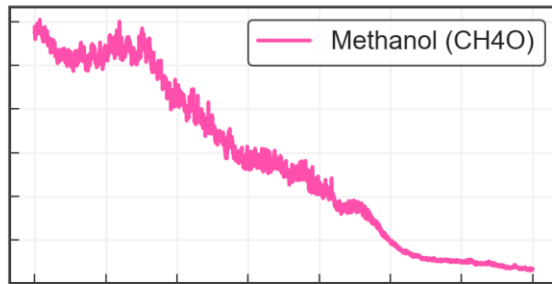
- distinguishing acetic acid and IPA requires more than mass alone
 - fragmentation spectrum
 - reagent ionization cross-section
 - boiling point (i.e., GC)
- With broadband CRDS, it's easy

Compounds with the same Chemical Formula

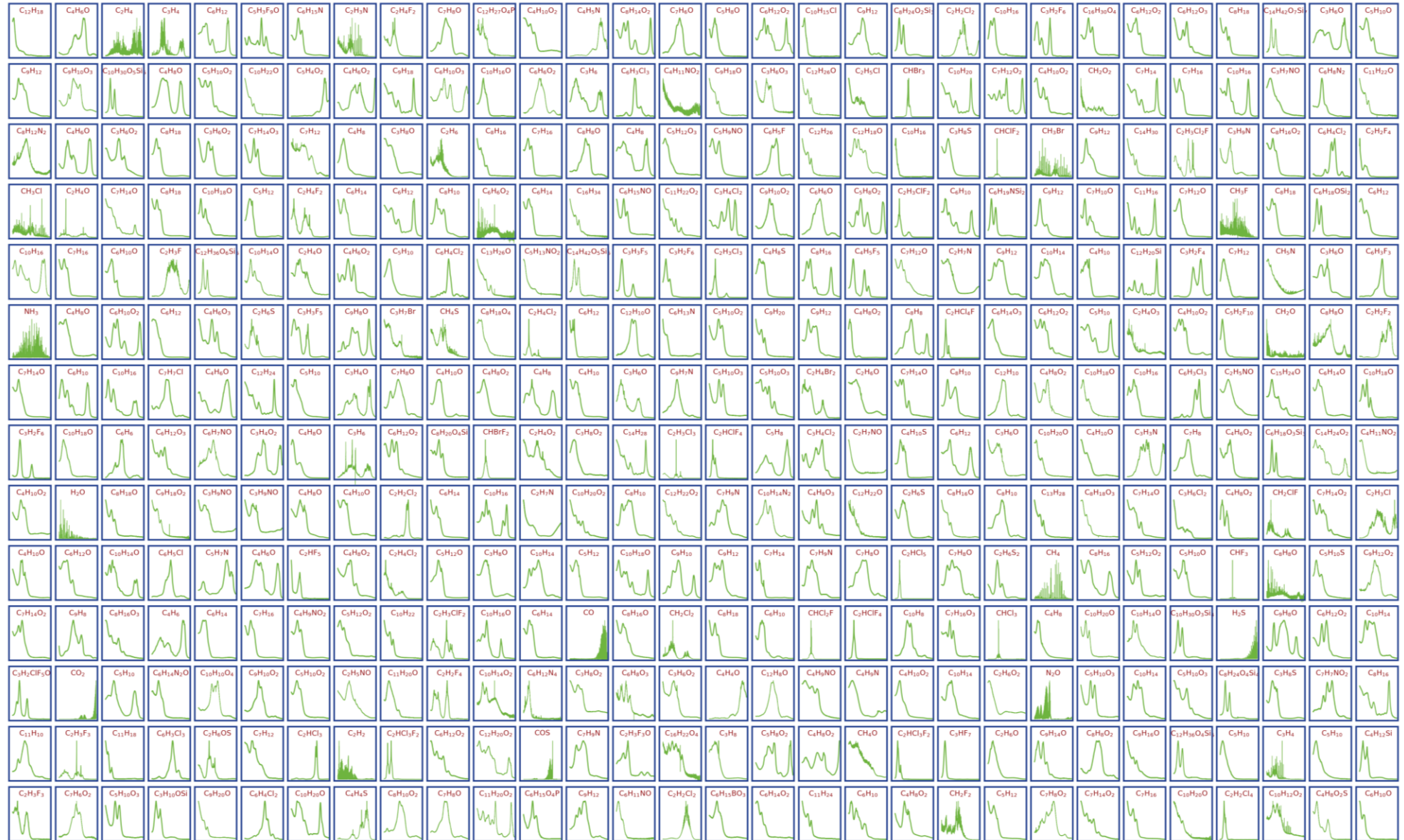


- Very difficult to separate these via MS (same mass)
- even GC struggles to separate them: *m*- and *p*-xylene have nearly the same boiling point
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A few relevant compounds



Spectral Library: 450 compounds and counting...



Key Features of BB-CRDS

- 10-20 compounds measured at ~ single digit ppb with a few minutes of averaging
- Measurement interval < 5 sec
- 50X more sensitive than FTIR, 50X faster than GC
- Looking for collaborators for method development in agricultural applications