

# Determination of Volatile Fuel Oxygenates in Water by Gas Chromatography–Triple Quadrupole Mass Spectrometry: Effect of Automated Sample Preparation Techniques

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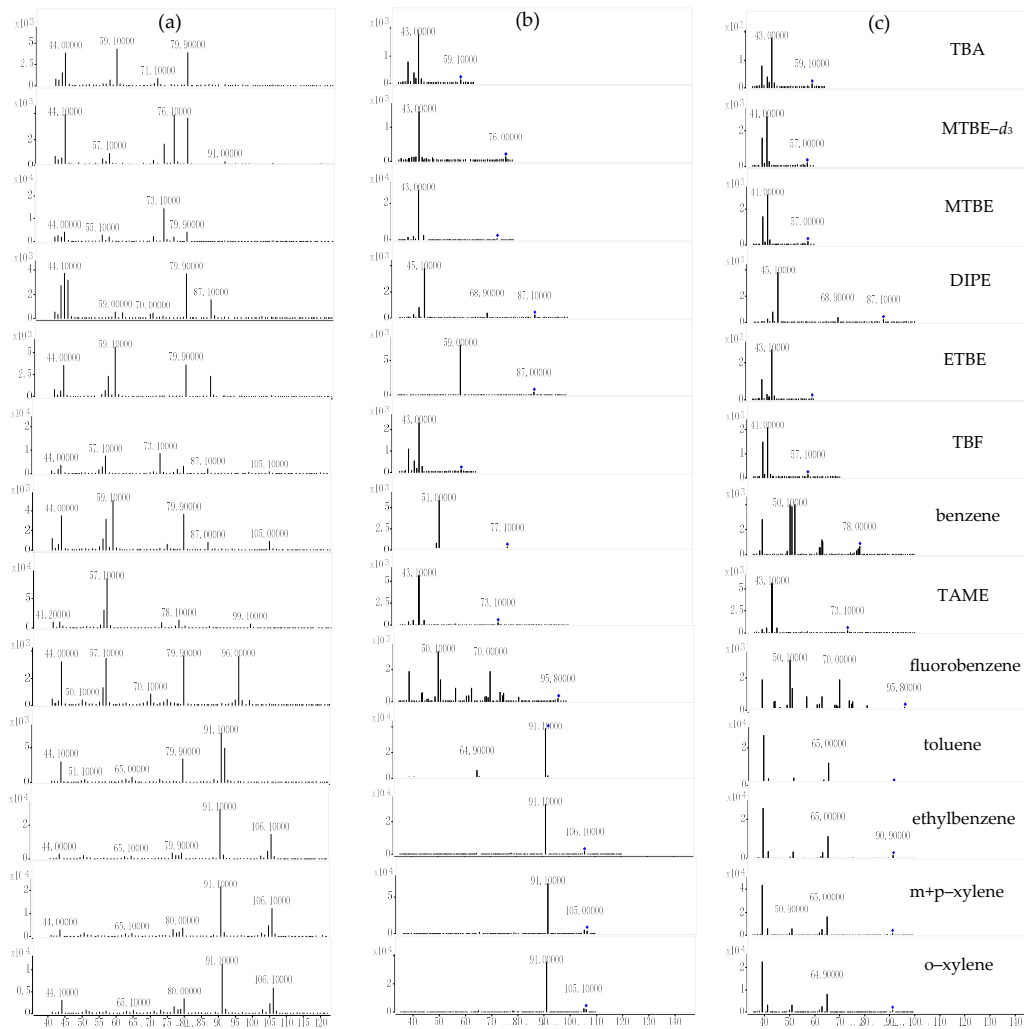
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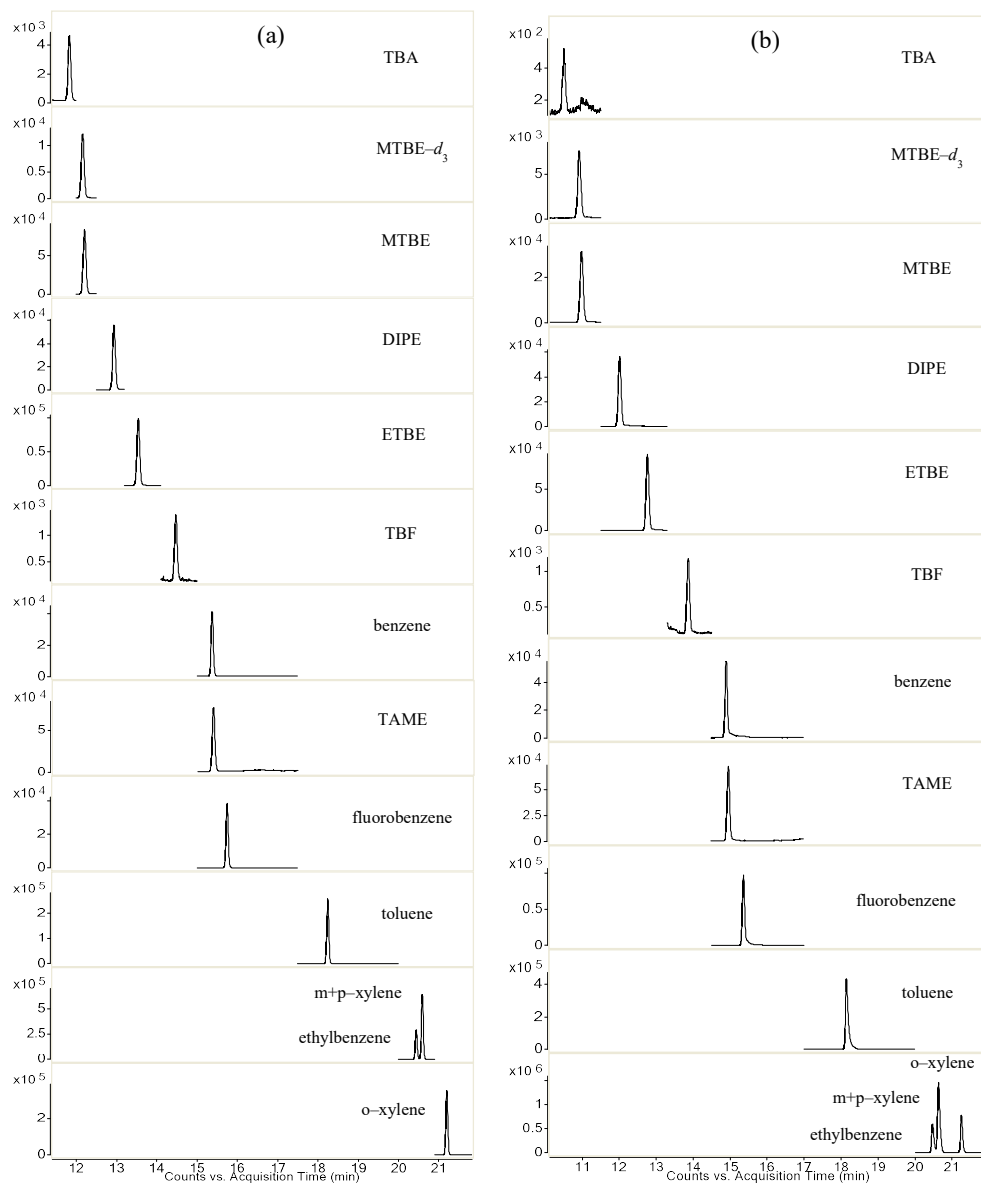
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**Figure S2.** Chromatograms of quantitative identification ions of the twelve analytes (5 µg/L) in MRM: (a) PT-GC-MS/MS chromatograms; (b) HS-SPME-GC-MS/MS chromatograms.

**Table S1.** Name, segments, retention time, dwell time, precursors and product ions of quantitative transition and confirmation transition, and collision energy for the twelve analytes.

Analyte	segment	RT <sup>1</sup> (min)	DT <sup>2</sup> (ms)	Quantitative transition (Q)			Confirmation transition (q)		
				Precursor ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	Product ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	CE <sup>3</sup>	Precursor ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	Product ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	CE <sup>3</sup>
TBA	1	12.2	240	59.1[CH <sub>3</sub> COHCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	43.0[CH <sub>3</sub> CHCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	22	59.1[CH <sub>3</sub> COHCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	39.1[CHCHCH] <sup>+</sup>	22
IS <sub>1</sub>	2	12.5	120	76.1[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> D <sub>3</sub> CO] <sup>+</sup>	43.0[CH <sub>3</sub> CO] <sup>+</sup>	22	57.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO] <sup>+</sup>	41.0[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> C] <sup>+</sup>	11
MTBE	2	12.6	120	73.1[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> CO] <sup>+</sup>	43.0[CH <sub>3</sub> CO] <sup>+</sup>	22	57.0[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO] <sup>+</sup>	41.0[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> C] <sup>+</sup>	11
DIPE	3	13.3	120	87.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> CHOHCHCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	45.1[CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup>	4	87.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> CHOHCHCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	43.1[CH <sub>3</sub> CO] <sup>+</sup>	4
ETBE	3	13.9	120	87.0[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	59.0[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	8	59.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	43.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O] <sup>+</sup>	24
TBF	4	14.8	240	59.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> CHO] <sup>+</sup>	43.0[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> CH] <sup>+</sup>	22	57.1[COCHO] <sup>+</sup>	41.0[COCH] <sup>+</sup>	13
Benzene	5	15.7	80	77.1[C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	51.0[C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	20	78.0[C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	52.1[C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	28
TAME	5	15.7	80	73.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	43.1[CH <sub>2</sub> OCH] <sup>+</sup>	22	73.1[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	45.1[CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	22
IS <sub>2</sub>	5	16.1	80	96.0[C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> F] <sup>+</sup>	70.0[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F] <sup>+</sup>	35	96.0[C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> F] <sup>+</sup>	50.1[C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	35
Toluene	6	18.6	240	92.1[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	64.9[C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	18	92.1[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	39.1[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	29
Ethylbenzene	7	20.8	80	106.1[C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	91.1[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	13	91.1[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	39.1[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	31
m+p-xylene	7	20.9	80	106.1[C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	91.1[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	13	91.1[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	39.1[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	31
o-xylene	7	21.5	80	106.1[C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	91.0[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	13	91.1[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	39.1[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	31

<sup>1</sup>RT: retention time; <sup>2</sup>DT: dwell time; <sup>3</sup>CE: collision energy; IS<sub>1</sub>: MTBE-*d*<sub>3</sub>; IS<sub>2</sub>: Fluorobenzene.

**Table S2.** Linearity of standard calibration curves, LODs, LOQs, method precision and validity for the twelve analytes using the P&T-GC-QqQ-MS/MS methodology.

Analyte	Linear range (µg/L)	$r^2$	LODs (ng/L)	LOQs (ng/L)	RSD%				Recovery (%)			
					Intra-day (n=5)		Inter-day (n=6)		Surface water		Groundwater	
					0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L	0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L	0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L	0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L
TBA	0.10~20	0.9998	32.00	96.00	8.19	6.95	5.43	9.33	109.3 ± 3.9	111.2 ± 1.7	120.1 ± 6.7	114.2 ± 6.7
MTBE	0.05~20	0.9997	0.70	2.10	2.39	5.50	2.28	3.09	103.8 ± 4.1	90.9 ± 3.0	91.1 ± 3.7	90.4 ± 5.4
DIPE	0.05~20	0.9992	0.67	2.01	3.11	4.40	2.89	7.94	96.3 ± 5.2	104.9 ± 5.0	85.5 ± 2.9	104.9 ± 2.0
ETBE	0.05~20	0.9998	0.62	1.86	3.05	5.95	1.99	6.81	114.2 ± 0.5	83.1 ± 2.6	81.6 ± 1.7	84.1 ± 3.1
TBF	0.20~20	0.9965	0.62	1.86	3.18	8.87	3.30	12.7	98.8 ± 4.8	80.2 ± 2.1	96.8 ± 1.8	84.3 ± 3.6
Benzene	0.05~20	0.9992	0.55	1.65	2.38	4.62	2.37	6.09	91.0 ± 0.4	82.6 ± 0.7	83.5 ± 5.9	81.1 ± 1.3
TAME	0.05~20	0.9996	12.70	38.10	6.14	6.50	1.18	4.27	102.7 ± 3.6	90.9 ± 2.3	97.0 ± 1.8	92.3 ± 1.4
Toluene	0.05~20	0.9994	0.55	1.65	3.37	8.16	3.03	5.31	88.9 ± 2.0	103.6 ± 3.8	89.1 ± 1.8	109.6 ± 2.0
Ethylbenzene	0.05~20	0.9992	0.53	1.59	2.38	6.43	1.28	7.93	108.1 ± 1.9	80.8 ± 2.4	109.3 ± 1.2	80.5 ± 1.3
m+p-xylene	0.05~20	0.9993	0.52	1.56	1.99	6.09	3.49	5.61	107.2 ± 1.8	83.5 ± 4.4	106.1 ± 8.3	80.7 ± 4.3
o-xylene	0.05~20	0.9993	0.59	1.77	2.16	2.83	5.18	7.98	111.4 ± 1.9	85.0 ± 3.7	105.9 ± 6.5	86.2 ± 3.1

Table S3 Linearity of standard calibration curves, LODs, LOQs, method precision and validity for the twelve analytes using the HS-SPME-GC-MS/MS methodology.

Analyte	Linear range (µg/L)	$r^2$	LODs (ng/L)	LOQs (ng/L)	RSD%				Recovery (%)			
					Intra-day (n=5)		Inter-day (n=6)		Surface water		Groundwater	
					0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L	0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L	0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L	0.5 µg/L	5 µg/L
TBA	0.50–20	0.9961	151.00	453.00	2.03	7.09	6.70	7.88	107.7 ± 8.5	115.4 ± 3.9	83.0 ± 3.9	114.4 ± 1.1
MTBE	0.05–20	0.9976	1.43	4.29	6.19	9.65	5.46	7.46	96.7 ± 3.9	117.4 ± 5.5	87.5 ± 4.5	95.6 ± 0.5
DIPE	0.05–20	0.9992	1.40	4.20	2.71	1.44	6.32	8.46	95.9 ± 2.3	102.2 ± 7.3	82.6 ± 2.9	73.0 ± 1.4
ETBE	0.05–20	0.9993	0.92	2.76	1.81	5.57	1.59	1.09	97.0 ± 1.4	103.3 ± 10.7	84.0 ± 4.8	80.5 ± 5.7
TBF	0.20–20	0.9996	44.00	132.00	3.19	5.35	1.17	7.72	73.9 ± 8.3	109.3 ± 5.0	75.2 ± 1.8	91.8 ± 3.9
Benzene	0.05–20	0.9974	0.11	0.33	2.45	8.48	5.13	7.55	85.4 ± 7.1	104.9 ± 9.4	73.8 ± 3.7	73.7 ± 4.1
TAME	0.10–20	0.9999	28.70	86.10	1.49	9.36	4.12	4.12	116.2 ± 2.3	123.1 ± 7.6	106.4 ± 1.6	79.3 ± 7.4
Toluene	0.05–20	0.9975	0.34	1.02	1.64	7.73	2.38	7.71	99.8 ± 8.0	84.0 ± 2.0	105.0 ± 8.2	82.2 ± 7.6
Ethylbenzene	0.05–20	0.9964	0.33	0.99	2.18	6.47	4.09	5.11	123.8 ± 8.5	92.4 ± 6.9	117.4 ± 6.2	77.7 ± 5.8
m+p-xylene	0.05–20	0.9967	0.38	1.14	1.19	5.63	1.36	8.14	120.1 ± 9.6	94.7 ± 3.6	113.6 ± 6.3	75.3 ± 8.3
o-xylene	0.05–20	0.9978	0.27	0.81	2.05	7.35	3.02	9.78	111.4 ± 9.6	101.7 ± 4.1	103.1 ± 6.6	93.9 ± 7.2