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Executive Summary

The following report outlines the activities from the entire project that began May 1st 2022 and ended May 1st, 2024. During this project we completed work that addressed aspects of all three of our goals;

1. How toxic are U/VLS fuel oils compared to conventional fuel oils?
2. How does photomodification change toxicity?
3. Can we effectively predict the toxicity photomodified and non-photomodified U/VLS fuel oils?

In this study we conducted 31 distinct toxicity bioassays (Figure 1) with American lobster (*Homarus americanus*), Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*), and green sea urchin (*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*) using a conventional heavy crude oil (CONV), an offshore Newfoundland crude oil (ESRF), an ultra-low sulfur fuel oil (ULSFO), and 14 very low sulfur fuel oils (VLSFO) provided by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). The bioassays were conducted with exposure media generated from paired water accommodated fractions (WAFs) of the oil and seawater, with one WAF prepared in the dark (e.g., standard preparation) and one prepared under a UV light (e.g., irradiated) to induce photomodification.

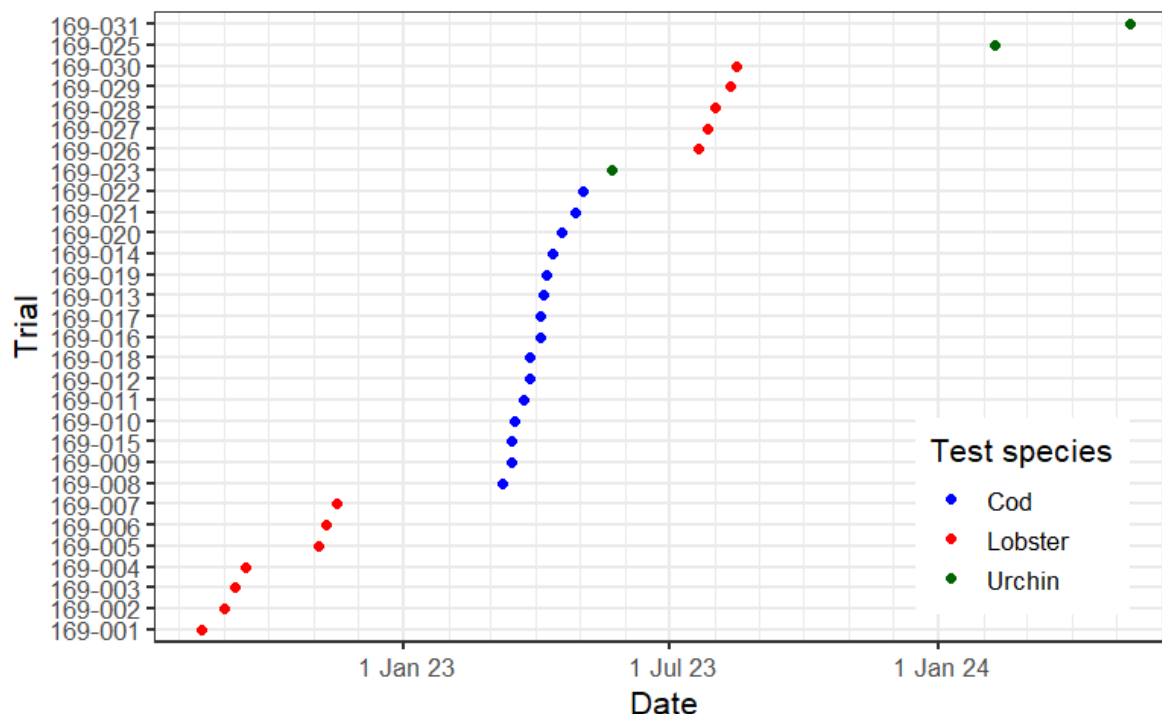


Figure 1: Timeline of the bioassays conducted over the course of this study.

Following irradiation, the exposure metrics (e.g., fluorometry units (RFU), total organic carbon (TOC), biomimetic extraction solid phase microextraction (BE-SPME), and polycyclic aromatic compounds (PACs)) for many of the products tested significantly increased, suggesting that there were photoproducts being formed. The amount of photoproducts formed varied between oil samples, with some of the tested VLSFOs not showing any detectable changes following irradiation. In nearly all cases the observed toxicity in the UV treated WAF was equal or greater than the WAF prepared in the dark. Larval lobster immobilization was the most sensitive endpoint across the tested species, and it showed a full range of responses with the tested products varying from 10 - 100% immobilization (Figure 2).

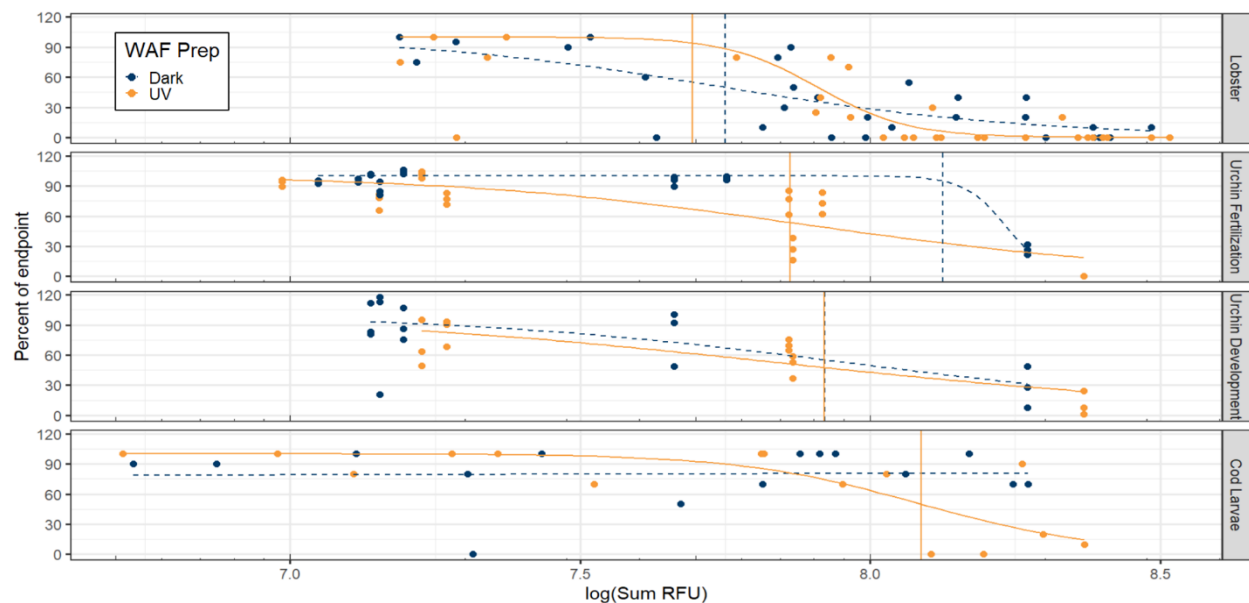


Figure 2: Normalized responses showing lobster immobilization (top), urchin fertilization and development (middle) and cod mortality (bottom) following exposure to irradiated (solid orange circles) and non-irradiated (solid blue circles) WAFs. The species are ordered by sensitivity top to bottom, with the vertical lines showing the EC50 on the basis of fluorometry units

The immobilization response largely followed a concentration gradient with TOC, BE-SPME, and PAC based toxic units. However, using only waterborne PAC concentrations to calculate toxic units, the predicted toxicity was consistently lower than what was observed for many of the VLSFOs products, both with and without UV irradiation. These results suggest that there are other aspects that aren't measured by traditional GC-MS (e.g., oxidized products) which are contributing to the toxicity of the VLSFOs.

The results highlight a wide range of responses across fuel types, with significant differences in sensitivity across species. The impact of UV light on the observed toxicity underscores the importance of addressing and incorporating modifying factors when

determining the toxicity of complex mixtures. The SARA fraction (Saturates, Aromatics, Resins, and Asphaltenes), specifically the aromatics and asphaltenes, have significant correlations with the formation of photoproducts and their associated toxicity.

The data generated within this study will be used to develop and validate models, to predict and assess the toxicity of these new generation fuel oils.

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Photomodification Of Low-sulfur-fuel-oils Investigations of Toxic Effects (POLITE)

1. Study Overview

The changes in International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulations regarding the lower limits of sulfur content in marine fuel oils (IMO 2020) have initiated the transition to a new generation of low sulfur fuel oils (LSFO) that meet the requirements for lower atmospheric sulfur emissions. These new generation fuels are diverse, and their physical, chemical and toxicological properties are less well understood compared to their traditional counterparts. Only limited data are available about the range of properties and chemical composition LSFOs can exhibit. These properties are subject to change following a spill as environmental processes and weathering begin to take place. The significance of these processes, especially the effect of photooxidation by ultraviolet or visible light is a significant data gap.

Through chemical characterization, toxicity assays, and modeling, we addressed the following THREE GOALS and advanced our understanding of the environmental effects of LSFOs after oil spills:

- **GOAL 1: COMPARE THE TOXICITY AND CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF VLSFOs RELATIVE TO CONVENTIONAL FUEL OILS:** Low-energy water-accommodated fractions (WAFs) were prepared with a set of U/VLSFO products (at least 4 distinct products). These WAFs are used in toxicity assays with Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) larvae, American lobster (*Homarus americanus*) larvae, and green-sea urchin (*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*) embryos, along with appropriate positive and negative controls.
- **GOAL 2: INVESTIGATE HOW PHOTOOXIDATION CHANGES THE TOXICITY AND CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF VLSFOs:** The selected VLSFOs were subjected to photooxidation by irradiating the oil in a full-spectrum solar simulator for 18h during WAF preparation. The resultant WAFs were used in bioassays and were chemically evaluated.
- **GOAL 3: EVALUATE AND COMPARE METHODS TO PREDICT TOXICITY OF PHOTOOXIDIZED AND NON-PHOTOOXIDIZED LSFOs:** The relationship between chemical composition toxic effects was evaluated based on a set of available models.

The toxicological effects of photooxidized and non-photooxidized oils were determined on early-life stages of marine organisms, while state-of-the-art analytical capabilities were used to investigate the formation of photoproducts. Collectively these data may be used to validate models which predict toxicity based on the chemical composition of the product and species-specific sensitivity.

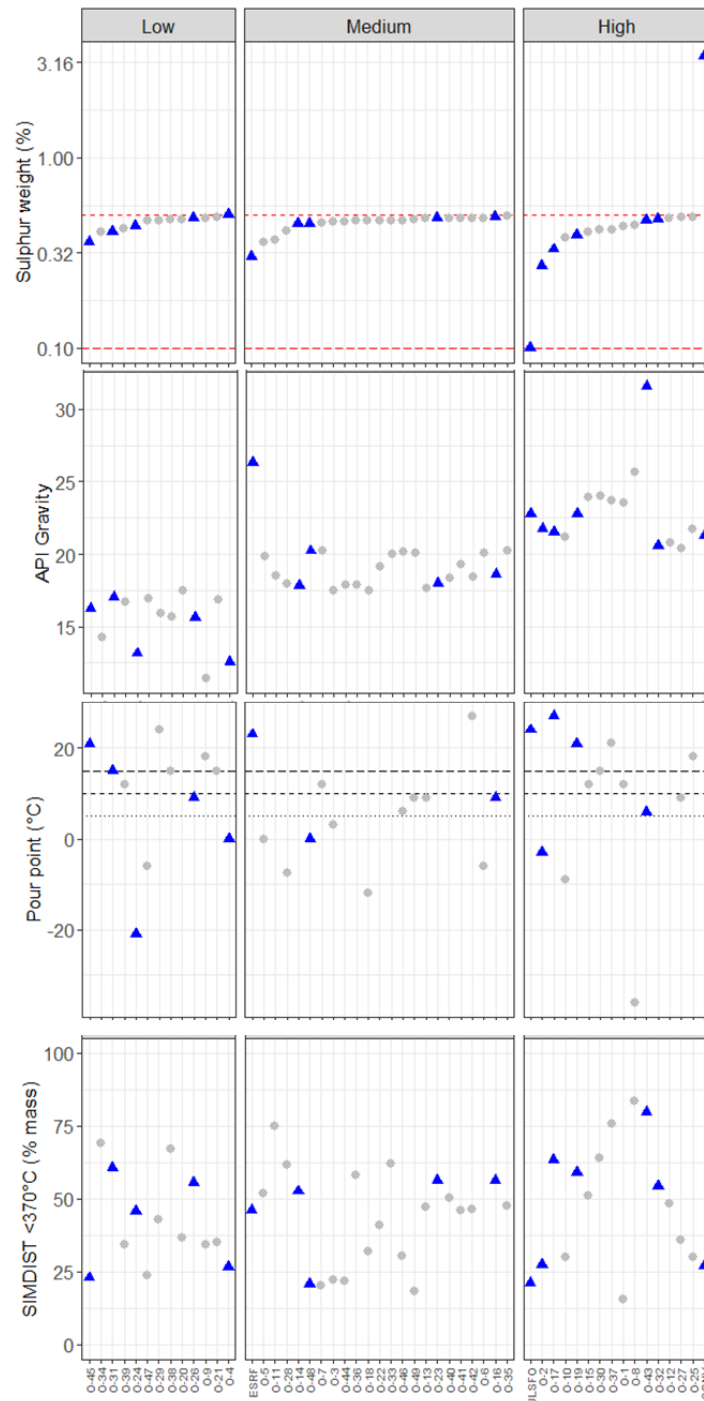
2. Methods

2.1. Test Materials

Materials included an ultra-low sulfur fuel oil (ULSFO Shell 2019, supplied through the 2019 ITOPF R&D Award Winner¹ in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Multi-Partner Oil Spill Research Initiative [MPRI] program), a conventional heavy crude (CONV, sulfur content ~3.4%, also provided through MPRI), and an artificially weathered (artificially weathered by nitrogen stripping until 10% loss by mass) crude oil sourced from offshore Newfoundland and Labrador (ESRF, sulfur content ~3%). These oils were used to optimize exposure methods and serve as a basis for comparison.

We received an additional 49 VLSFO products from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). The VLSFO products from AMSA were grouped according to their viscosity as low (<48.5 Cst 50 °C), medium (48.5 – 125 Cst 50 °C) and high (>125 Cst 50 °C). Within each grouping, the percent by weight of sulfur was compared and a total of 14 oils were selected for additional toxicological screening based on the distribution of percent sulfur, API gravity, pour point (if water temperatures are below the pour point of the product it is unlikely to flow and will become solid), and the percent of mass that is below 370°C in a boil point distribution (Figure 3).

¹ Sørheim, K.R., Daling, P.S., Cooper, D., Buist, I., Faksness, L., Altin, D., Pettersen, T.A., Bakken, O.M. 2020. Characterization of Low Sulfur Fuel Oils (LSFO) – A new generation of marine fuel oils. https://www.itopf.org/fileadmin/uploads/itopf/data/Documents/RDaward/Final_report_LSFO_Multipartner_3.1_.pdf



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297 *Figure 3: Sulphur content, API gravity, pour point (showing the test temperatures employed in this study,*
298 *6, 10, and 15°C) and %mass less than 370°C from simulated distillation (SIMDIST) of the 49 VLSFOs*
299 *provided by AMSA, the ULSFO, and two conventional crudes (ESRF and CONV) grouped by viscosity, with*
300 *the blue triangles indicating the products (n = 17) selected for toxicity screening.*

2.2. WAF Preparation

Low energy water accommodated fractions (WAFs) were prepared following the methods described in Singer et al., (2000). In brief, a known amount of oil was added to a 2L glass aspirator bottle containing 1.6 L of 0.22 μm filtered seawater. The vessel was then set to stir on a stir plate with a magnetic stir bar either under UV light or in the dark on the benchtop, in an environmentally controlled room at test temperature (e.g., 6, 10 or 15 °C). The WAF was stirred for 20 hours, left to settle for 4 hours and then sampled for chemical analyses and use in toxicity testing. All exposures were conducted with 100% concentration WAF solution.

Each WAF was imaged (Figure 4), and an incredible diversity of the products was observed in terms of the physical appearance and behaviour, with some oils spreading and forming a sheen, while others aggregate in waxy clumps.

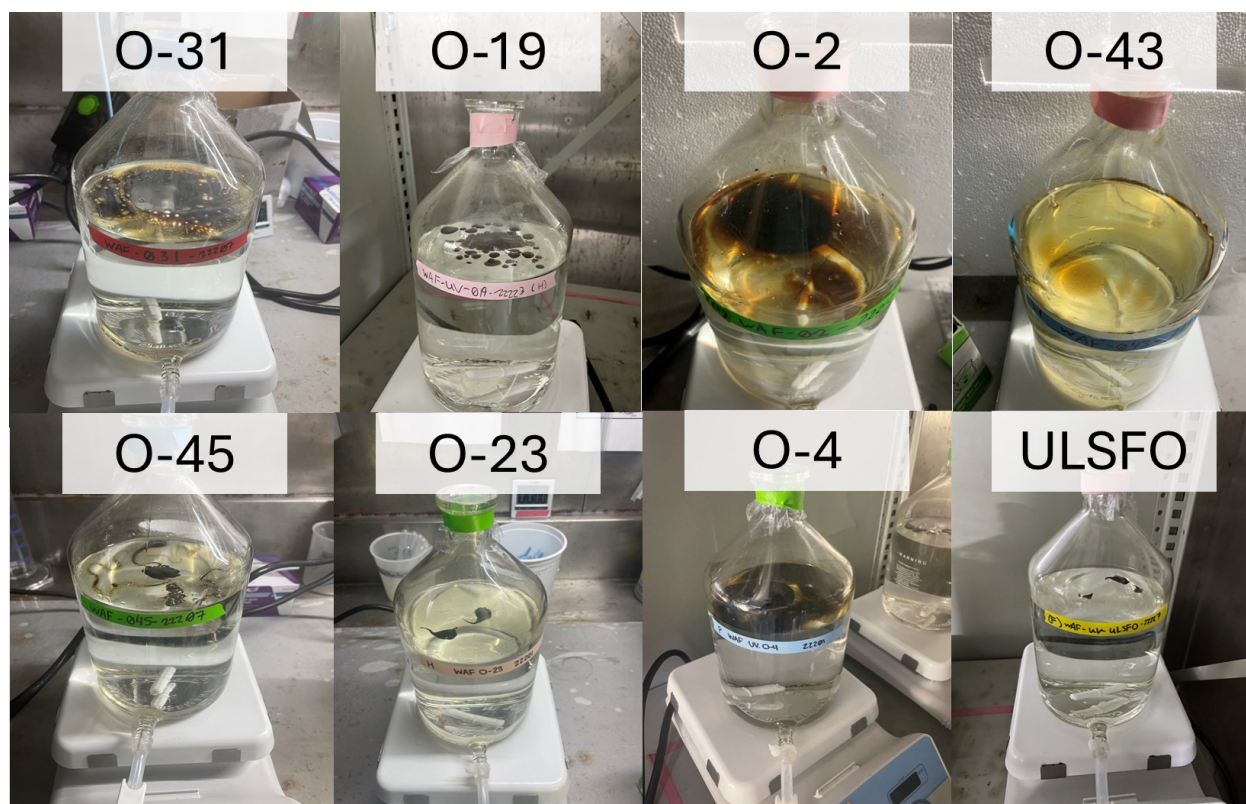


Figure 4: Representative WAFs displaying a range of physical appearance and behaviours upon contact with seawater.

2.3. *UV light exposure*

Full spectrum light exposures (composed of both UV and visible light) were generated using an Atlas Solar Constant MGH 1200 simulator (Atlas Material Testing Technology; Mount Prospect, IL). The spectrum ranges from 280nm to 3000nm and is designed to emulate natural sunlight. Irradiance was measured at the beginning of the UV exposure near the surface of the exposure media using a model UV203-3 Irradian portable radiometer (Irradian Limited, East Lothian, UK). UV doses were also be quantified using a surrogate unit containing a chemical actinometer. The UV light intensity used in the study was selected based on previously published literature of photo-enhanced toxicity at the values recorded on a sunny summer day in St. Andrews, NB using the Irradian radiometer. The radiometer measured the UV dose at the height of the oil being exposed. The average values measured \pm the standard deviation were as follows: UV A = 5.43 ± 1.11 W/m², UV B = 0.57 ± 0.13 W/m², and total visible light = 55.56 ± 5.53 W/m². Based on the intensity measured (UV-A + UV-B) the total UV dose for the 18 hours of exposure was 108.0 ± 21.8 W/m² x hour.

2.4. *Test organism*

2.4.1. American lobster

Adult commercial size (0.5 - 2.0 kg) ovigerous ("berried") female American lobsters (*Homarus americanus*) were captured by local fishers in the Bay of Fundy Lobster Fishing Area 36 under authority of a Fisheries and Oceans Canada license. Upon collection, females were transferred to the Huntsman Marine Science Centre (St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada) and held in communal tanks in ambient natural seawater (8-14 °C) on a 16:8 light: dark cycle. The berried females were assessed and staged for embryo development weekly to predict release of larvae. Berried females with mature egg clutches were transferred to an individual tank with seawater heated to 18 °C to encourage synchronous larval release. Released larvae were collected daily, with freshly released Stage I larvae (< 72 hours old) used for all bioassays.

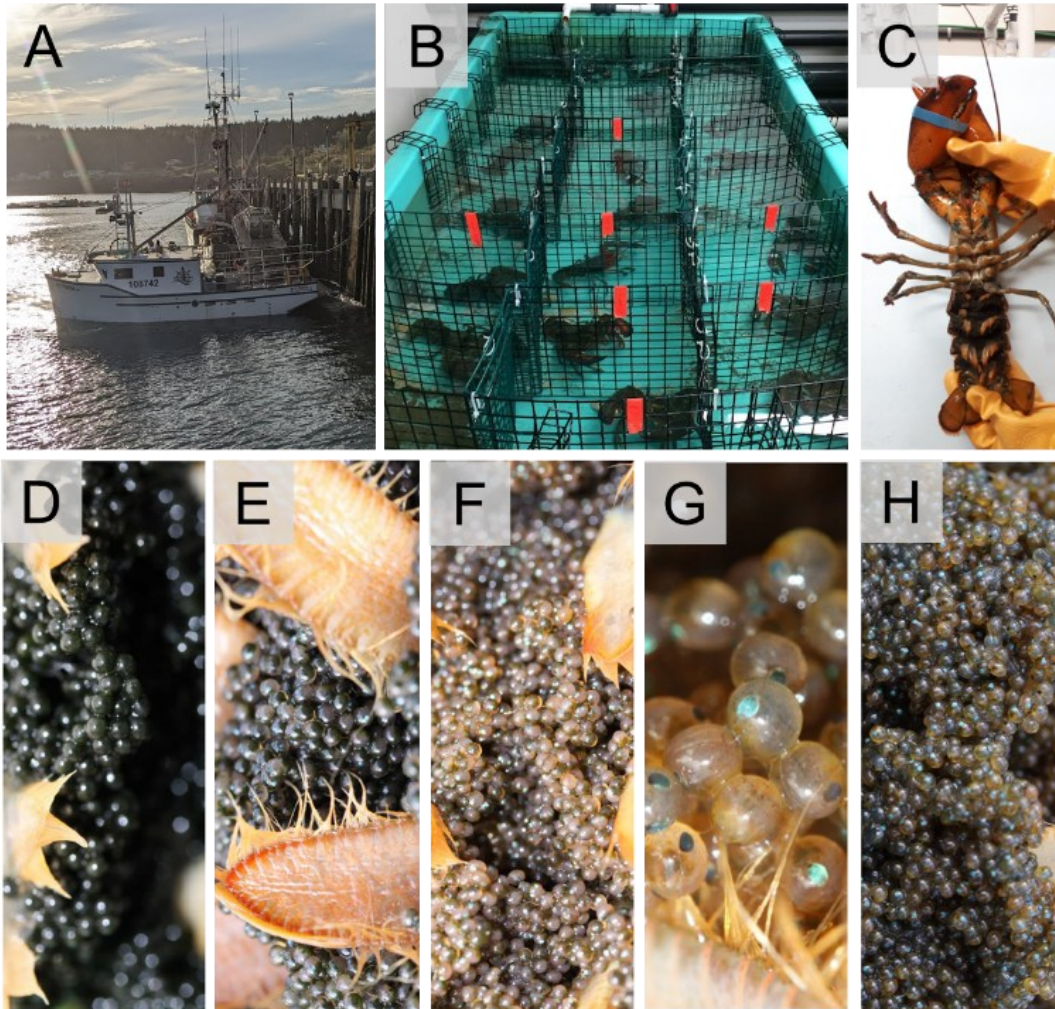


Figure 5: Overview of the process of working with berried lobsters. A) Collection of lobsters from local fishers after receiving required permission to do so, B) holding and feeding of berried female lobsters in individual holding cells, C) staging and measuring the clutch to assess fecundity and development stage in anticipation of larval release, D-H) developmental progression of the embryos.

2.4.2. Atlantic cod

Wild, sexually mature cod were captured August 2020 and were maintained year-round in communal tanks with flow-through natural seawater (4-14°C) and lighting to mimic ambient conditions. To obtain the embryos and larvae needed for toxicity both natural and artificial spawning methods are used. Prior to spawning, female and male fish are assessed to determine the gamete maturity. Once high-quality gametes were observed during the pre-spawning assessments, fish were handled weekly to ensure a regular supply of embryos and larvae throughout the cod spawning season (February – April). In addition to the targeted crosses made in lab, cod also spawned naturally in their holding tank and were captured using egg collectors which were monitored daily. Cod embryos are incubated without feed until hatch, after which they are fed enriched rotifers 3x daily

until they are used for testing. Freshly fertilized embryos (>48hrs post fertilization) and ~200 degree day larvae were used for all studies.

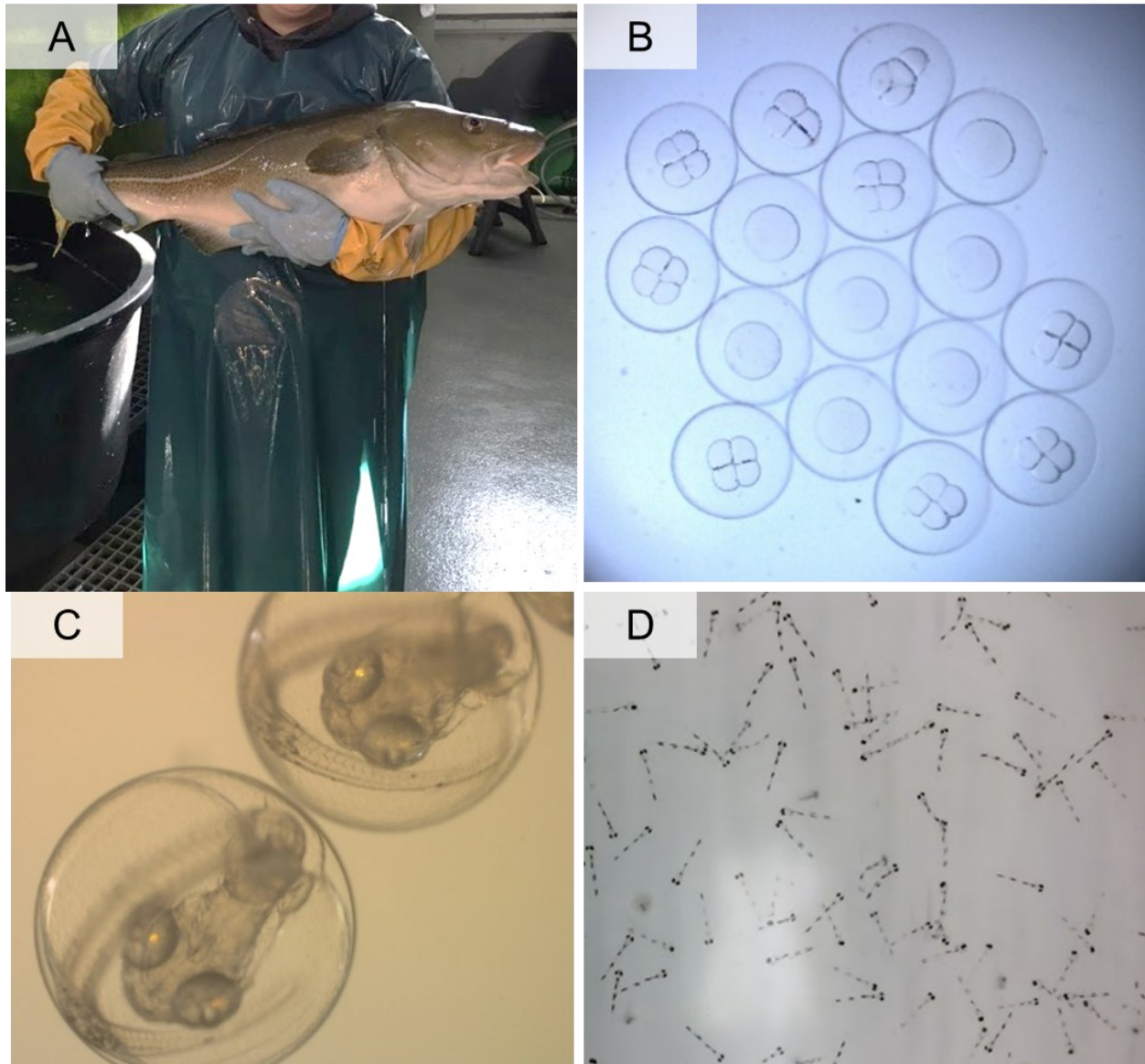


Figure 6: Overview of Atlantic cod embryo and larvae generation for toxicity testing. A) a technician holding a mature cod prior to gamete collection during artificial spawning procedures, B) reference image of cod embryos 24-48hrs post fertilization C) image of cod embryos prior to hatch, D-H) reference image of ~200 degree day cod larvae.

2.4.3. Green sea urchin

Green sea urchin (*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*) collected from the Bay of Fundy were maintained at the Huntsman Marine Science Centre in a flowthrough system at $6 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ to enhance gonad development and fed *ad libitum* with macroalgae (kelp or rockweed) (Figure 7).



Figure 7: Holding of adult urchins under “perpetual spring” conditions prior to spawning them.

2.5. Bioassay

2.5.1. American lobster methodology

Bioassays were conducted in temperature-controlled chambers at 15 °C (+/- 2°C). For each exposure, 20 reference individual organisms were imaged to confirm the developmental stage and ensure larval size did not contribute to the observed differences in toxicity. Mortality and immobilization were assessed after 24-hours of exposure following the methods described in Philibert et al. (2021) and de Jourdan et al. (2022). In all bioassays, water quality (pH, dissolved oxygen content, salinity and temperature) was measured at test start and in pooled samples after 24 hours of exposure. Exposure media was generated using low energy WAFs prepared at a loading of 1 g of oil per L of filtered natural seawater. WAFs were prepared either under UV light (Full spectrum light generated using an Atlas Solar Constant MGH 1200 simulator, Atlas Material Testing

Technology; Mount Prospect, IL) or in the dark on the benchtop. Test solutions were prepared using a gradient dilution design.

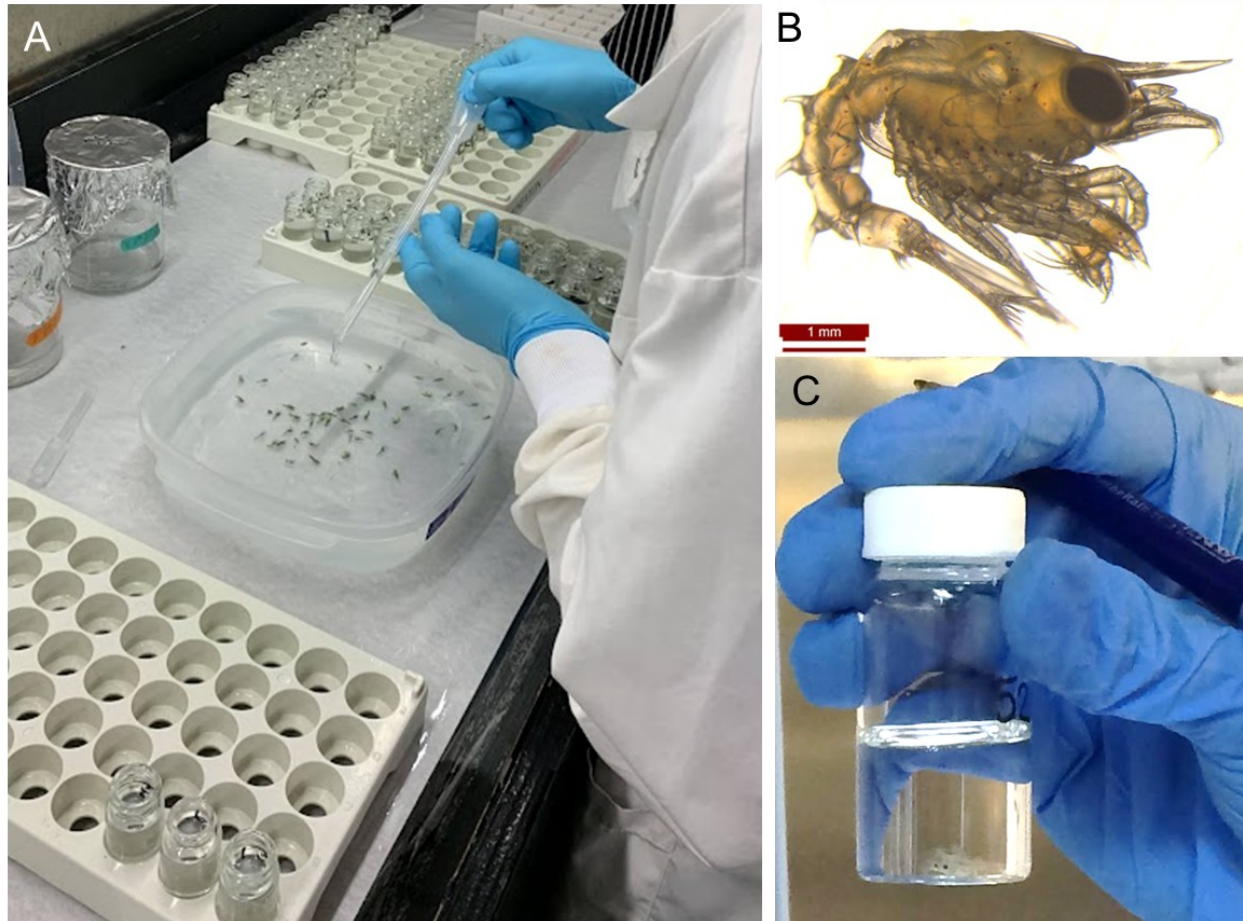


Figure 8: Lobster testing overview A) allocating the larval lobster into exposure vessels. B) Stage I larvae. C) Assessing a lobster larvae in the exposure vessel.

For all trials, exposure solution water quality (pH, dissolved oxygen content, salinity and temperature) was measured at test start and in pooled samples after 24 hours of exposure. The trial was considered valid if the control survival was greater than 80%, dissolved oxygen remained over 60% saturation, and solution temperature change remained within 1.5 °C for the duration of the trial. Trials were performed and data were collected consistent with OECD Principles of Good Laboratory Practice. All assessments were blinded to observational staff and data entry, followed by data quality control, were completed by separate staff independent of the assessments.

2.5.2. Atlantic cod methodology

Bioassays were conducted in temperature-controlled chambers at 6 °C (+/- 2°C). For each exposure, 20 reference individual organisms were imaged to confirm the developmental

stage and ensure embryo and larval size/quality did not contribute to the observed differences in toxicity. The age as degree days (summation of the temperature for each day post hatch) and the size distribution from each trial is shown in Figure 9.

For all trials, exposure solution pH, dissolved oxygen content, salinity and temperature were measured at test start and in pooled samples after 24 hours of exposure. The trial was considered valid if the control survival was met ($\geq 60\%$ for embryo and $\geq 80\%$ for larval exposures), dissolved oxygen remained over 60% saturation, and solution temperature change remained within 1.5°C for the duration of the trial. Trials were performed and data were collected consistent with Good Laboratory Practice standards. All assessments were blinded to observational staff and data entry, followed by data quality control, were completed by separate staff independent of the assessments.

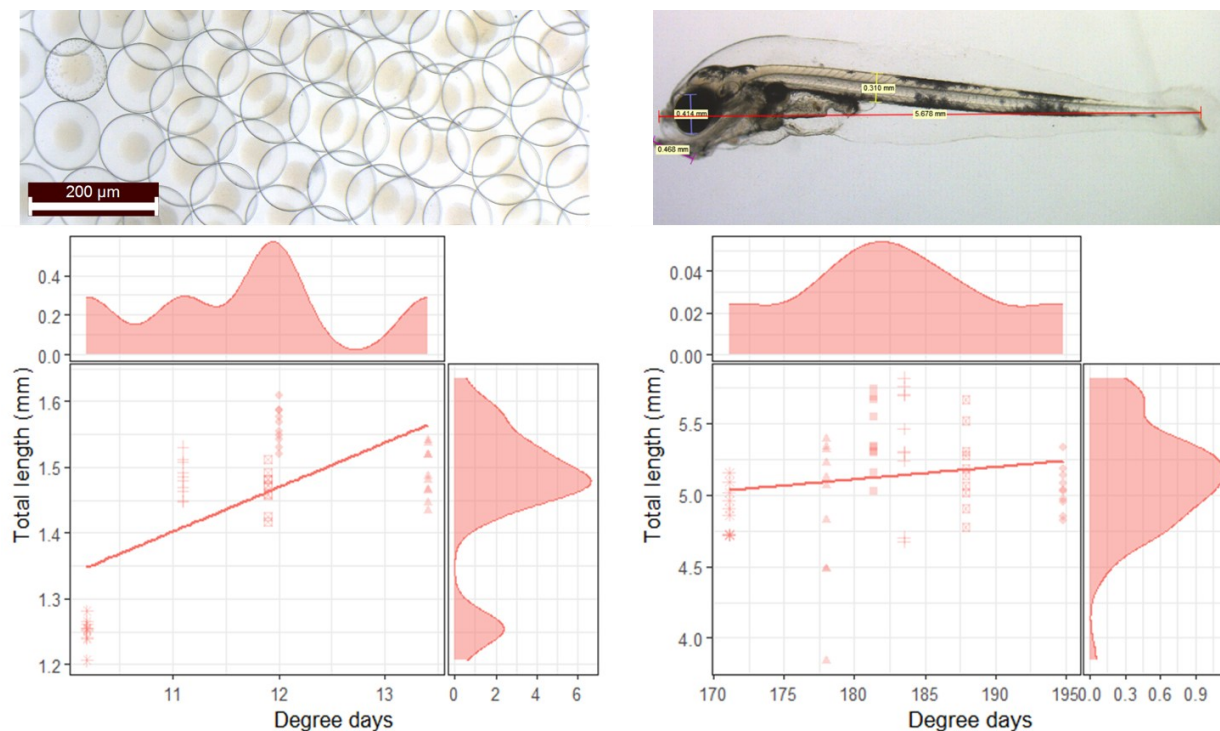


Figure 9: Distribution of the ages and sizes of the reference organisms at for each toxicity trial (different shapes) conducted with embryos (left) and larvae (right)

2.5.3. Green sea urchin methodology

To perform fertilization tests, the method described by Environment Canada (2011) was followed. Briefly, sea urchins were induced to release gametes with a 1 mL injection of 1.5 M KCl. Sperm and eggs were collected and kept separated until needed. Toxicity of the WAFs was tested by exposing gametes to the dilutions (e.g., 100, 10, 1% strength)

plus a negative control (1.0 μm filtered seawater) and a positive control of copper sulfate (0.038 mg/L). Each condition was replicated three times. Exposure was carried out in glass scintillation vials with a final volume of 10 mL, in an environmental chamber (temperature set at 10 ± 2 °C). Sperm was activated in each test solution (salinity 30 ± 2 PSU), after 10 minutes 2000 \pm 200 eggs per vial were added, and after an additional 10 minutes the fertilization assay was stopped by adding 1 mL of glutaraldehyde. Fertilization success was measured by counting the number of fertilized embryos (presence of a fertilization membrane, Figure 10) in 1 mL subsample on a Sedgewick rafter slide under a compound microscope (Olympus model BH2).

The urchin development bioassay was conducted with the same test solutions as the fertilization. Upon confirmation of fertilization, embryos less than 2-hours post fertilization were transferred into the test solution at a loading of 20 embryos/mL (equivalent to 400 embryos per exposure vessel; non fertilized eggs are transferred as well and their presence is accounted for in the final assessment). An additional set of control units were assessed daily to confirm developmental stage, and the trial was terminated when >80% pluteus was observed in the developmental check units. Upon termination of the trial, the contents of the exposure vials were assessed and scored according to developmental stage as either normal pluteus, slightly abnormal pluteus, abnormal pluteus, or affected (e.g., did not develop to pluteus).

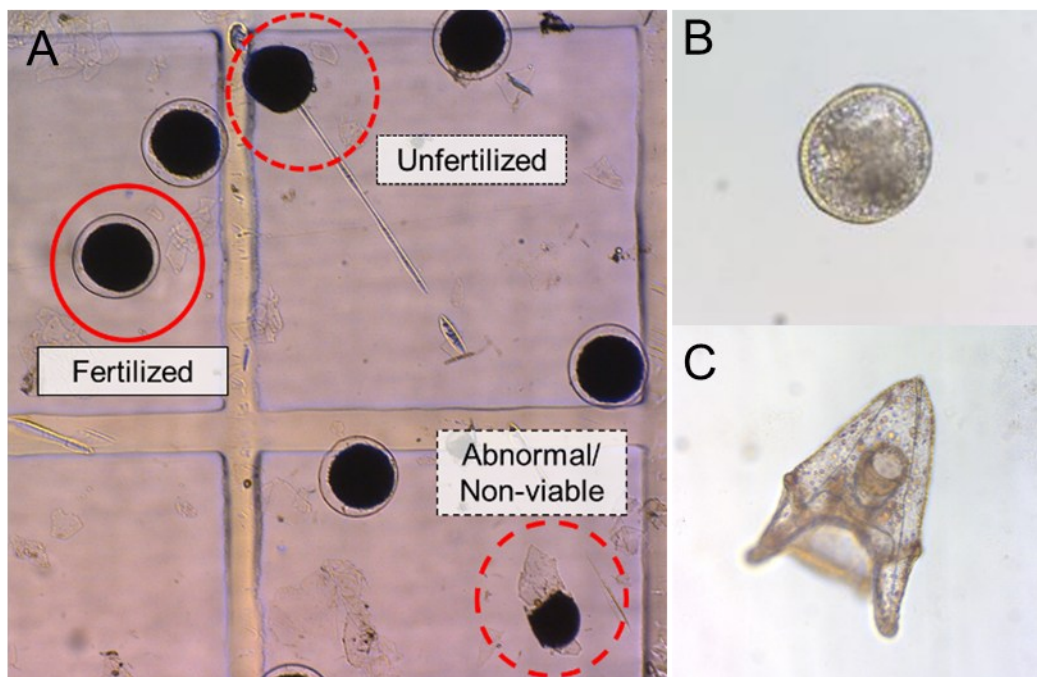


Figure 10: A) Representative eggs (unfertilized) and embryos (fertilized) following a fertilization bioassay. B) 40 hrs post fertilization, C) ~200 hrs post fertilization showing normal development

All trials were performed and data were collected consistent with Good Laboratory Practice standards. All assessments were blinded to observational staff and data entry, followed by data quality control, were completed by separate staff independent of the assessments.

2.6. Chemical characterization

2.6.1. Total Organic Carbon

Total organic carbon (TOC), was measured in each WAF by an external laboratory (RPC, Fredericton, NB). TOC was measured using the combustion method following the APHA 5310 B method. The measurement of TOC can track the presence of carbon in the water even as the concentrations of measured analytes have seemingly decreased to minimal levels, supporting research into new types of toxic compounds including photoproducts (Lara-Jacobo et al., 2021; Heshka et al., 2022).

2.6.2. Fluorometry

Fluorometry data (3D excitation and emission matrix) was collected for each of the test solutions both at the start and at the end of the exposure period. Fluorometry, paired with PAH and alkyl-PAH measurements, provide semi-quantitative analysis of the PAC content in each of the different test solutions. For this study, measurements were collected with a Horiba Aqualog under the following conditions: excitation wavelengths ranging from 200-800nm, an integration of 0.5s, accumulations of 1, increments of 3, CCD gain was set to high, and samples were run concurrently with a 0.22 µm filtered seawater blank.

2.6.3. Biomimetic Extraction using Solid Phase Microextraction

A solid phase microextraction coupled to a gas chromatography-flame ionization detection (SPME-GC-FID) instrument was used for biomimetic extraction (BE) measurements following established protocols as described in Katz et al. 2022. Briefly, portions of 20 mL sample were transferred into 20-mL headspace vials, and extracted using a solid phase microextraction (SPME) fiber (30 µm PDMS fiber; Supelco; 0.132 µL PDMS; 23Ga, yellow hub part # 57289-U), installed in an autosampler with automated and temperature-controlled stirring was used (CTC CombiPAL). The extraction time was 100 min at 30°C, using orbital shaking (250 rpm). A GC-FID system (Agilent 7890B) equipped with an Rtx-1 column (Restek; 15m x 0.53mm i.d., 1.5µm film) was used. An inlet liner with a narrow diameter was used (1.8 mm, Restek Topaz; 280 °C inlet temperature). The GC oven temperature was 40 °C for 3 min and then ramped to 300 °C at a 45 °C/min rate. The carrier gas (He) flow was 17 mL/min. The FID trace was recorded using a software (ChromaTOF, Leco). External calibration was performed using certified reference material containing toluene, o-xylene, 2-methylnaphthalene, 2,3-dimethylnaphthalene, and 9-methylantracene (Sigma-Aldrich Certified Reference

Material 42127). Serial dilutions of the calibration solution were automatically injected (1 µL injection volume, using a CombiPAL autosampler). The FID signals were exported as machine-readable files (CSV) using the ChromaTOF software and integrated using an R script. The FID signals were baseline-corrected (to subtract the column bleeding) by fitting the column bleed signal from a no-inject temperature ramp run to the BE FID signal. BE calibration was performed using an external calibration using liquid injection of a certified reference material containing DMA (Sigma-Aldrich 42127-2ML, Oil Sand-Affected Water Calibration Standard Kit; 2,3-dimethylnaphthalene concentration 2,000 µg/mL). Using the slope from these calibration curves along with the PDMS volume of the used SPME fiber (0.132 µL), the fiber concentration of each BE sample was calculated as “µmol DMA equivalent per mL PDMS”. All BE samples were measured in analytical duplicates.

2.6.4. Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry

Water samples from the WAFs were sent to an external laboratory (RPC, Fredericton, NB) for analytical characterization of polycyclic aromatic compound (PACs) and alkyl PAHs by solvent extraction and gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS; using the method previously described in the United States Environmental Protection Agency 3510C/8270C document). Using the results of the water characterization, a toxic unit (TU) approach was employed, where the concentration of the analytes was used to predict the toxicity of the mixture. The toxicity of dissolved oil components was evaluated using an additive TU model:

$$TU_{oil,dis} = \sum_i^N \frac{C_i}{L(E)C_{50,i}} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where:

$TU_{oil,dis}$ = dissolved phase toxic units

i = individual PAC

N = number of PACs measured in the oil

C_i = dissolved concentration of individual PAC, i

$L(E)C_{50,i}$ = dissolved LC_{50} (lethal concentration) or EC_{50} (effect concentration) causing 50% response for each individual PAC i

To estimate the EC_{50} for each measured PAC, the target lipid model (TLM) was applied. The TLM posits that effect endpoints can be explained when the molar concentration at a hypothetical target lipid site within the test organism exceeds a critical threshold value (Parkerton et al., 2023). Based on the TLM, toxicity is described by:

$$\log L(E)C_{50} = -0.94 \log K_{ow} + \log \Delta c_i + \log CTLBB \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

where:

$L(E)C_{50}$ = lethal or sublethal molar concentration in water causing a 50% effect, (mmol/L_{water})

K_{ow} = octanol-water partition coefficient of hydrocarbon ($L_{water}/L_{octanol}$)

CTLBB = critical target lipid body burden causing a 50% effect (mmol/L_{octanol} = $\mu\text{mol/g}_{octanol}$). A CTLBB for lobster of 87.7 $\mu\text{mol/g}$ octanol was applied based on the 24-hour exposure data (Philibert et al. 2021).

Δc_i = class-specific correction. The Δc_i is required for monoaromatics ($\Delta c = -0.025$), polyaromatics ($\Delta c = -0.364$) and heterocycles such as thiophenes ($\Delta c = -0.412$) to account for differences in partitioning between octanol and target lipid (McGrath et al. 2018; McGrath et al. 2021).

The Toxic Units for each compound were calculated by dividing the dissolved concentration of each hydrocarbon by the corresponding predicted effect concentration, and then summing to derive $TU_{TPAH32,dis}$ (the subscript denotes the individual compounds considered in the TU calculation, here the 32 analytes measured by RPC). The $TU_{TPAH32,dis}$ is then multiplied by 50 in order to estimate the percent effect (e.g., a TU of 1 would have 50% mortality).

2.6.5. VLSFO Characterization

The products from AMSA were provided with various physical and chemical characterization (3.1.1). Additional analysis included determining the UV-vis spectrum of each product, and a more comprehensive analysis of the chemical components of the products. GC-MS was also employed at Bigelow to examine the PAC concentration (46 analytes) in the source oil, and following the preparation of the WAF, both in the dark and under UV. And lastly, the VLSFO samples were analyzed using comprehensive two-dimensional gas chromatography coupled to a flame ionization detector (GC×GC-FID) according to Aeppli et al. (2014). Briefly, 1 μL of each sample in dichloromethane (DCM) was injected in a GC×GC-FID system with a dual stage cryogenic modulator (Leco, Saint Joseph, MI), equipped with a Restek Rtx-1 first- dimension column (60 m, 0.25 mm ID, 0.25 μm film thickness) and a SGE BPX-50 second-dimension column (1.5 m, 0.10 mm ID, 0.10 μm film thickness). The inlet temperature was held at 300 °C. The injection mode was splitless, and the carrier gas was H_2 at a constant flow rate of 1.00 mL min^{-1} . The first oven was programmed isothermal at 40 °C for 10 min, 40 to 340 °C at 1.25 °C min^{-1} (held for 5 min). The second oven was programmed as follows: isothermal at 45 °C for 10 min, 45 to 355 °C at 1.29 °C min^{-1} (held for 5 min). The modulation period was 15 s. The constituents of the source oils were identified based on their position on GC×GC chromatograms, and FID signals were integrated on the ChromaTOF software (Leco).

3. Results

3.1. Test Material Characterization

3.1.1. Physical and chemical data

Physical and chemical data was made available from AMSA regarding the physical and chemical properties of these products, specifically the high temperature simulated distillation (HTSD) curves and the SARA values (SARA = Saturates, Aromatics, Resins, Asphaltenes). This data is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Additional physical and chemical characterization of the source oils including simulated distillation (Sim. Dist.) and SARA (Saturates, Aromatics, Resins, Asphaltenes) analysis. The products tested in this program are shaded blue.

| Sample ID | Country Bunkered | Sulphur (% wt) | Sim. Dist. (% mass) | | SARA (Saturates, Aromatics, Resins, Asphaltenes; % mass) | | | |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|--|------|------|------|
| | | | <370°C | >370°C | S | A | R | A |
| O-1 | South Korea | 0.4339 | 15.7 | 84.3 | | | | |
| O-2 | Japan | 0.27 | 27.5 | 72.5 | | | | |
| O-3 | China | 0.46 | 22.2 | 77.8 | | | | |
| O-4 | Germany | 0.5 | 26.5 | 73.5 | 38.4 | 24.5 | 27.6 | 9.4 |
| O-5 | China | 0.36 | 51.8 | 48.2 | | | | |
| O-6 | New Zealand | 0.482 | * | | | | | |
| O-7 | Singapore | 0.452 | 20.2 | 79.8 | | | | |
| O-8 | Canada | 0.44 | 83.4 | 16.6 | | | | |
| O-9 | China | 0.48 | 34.4 | 35.6 | | | | |
| O-10 | Japan | 0.38 | 30 | 70 | | | | |
| O-11 | China | 0.37 | 75 | 25 | | | | |
| O-12 | Singapore | 0.477 | 48.4 | 51.6 | | | | |
| O-13 | Singapore | 0.48 | 47.1 | 52.9 | | | | |
| O-14 | Turkey | 0.45 | 52.6 | 47.4 | 46.1 | 24.1 | 22 | 7.8 |
| O-15 | Taiwan | 0.406 | 51.2 | 48.8 | 62.5 | 22.5 | 10.2 | 4.8 |
| O-16 | Singapore | 0.49 | 56.4 | 43.6 | 51.9 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 7.6 |
| O-17 | Australia | 0.33 | 63.2 | 36.8 | 61.8 | 28.2 | 7.6 | 2.5 |
| O-18 | USA | 0.47 | 32.1 | 67.9 | 49.1 | 31.6 | 17.5 | 1.9 |
| O-19 | Australia | 0.39 | 59.1 | 40.9 | 60 | 32.8 | 5.7 | 1.5 |
| O-20 | Singapore | 0.476 | 36.6 | 63.4 | 51 | 14.3 | 27.1 | 7.6 |
| O-21 | Netherlands | 0.49 | 35 | 65 | 51.4 | 17.2 | 22.3 | 9 |
| O-22 | Singapore | 0.47 | 41 | 59 | 59.5 | 19.7 | 17 | 3.8 |
| O-23 | Singapore | 0.48 | 56.5 | 43.5 | 49.9 | 19.3 | 18.2 | 12.5 |
| O-24 | USA | 0.44 | 45.8 | 54.2 | 49 | 27.6 | 15.9 | 7.5 |
| O-25 | Turkey | 0.49 | 29.8 | 70.2 | 61 | 20 | 15.5 | 3.5 |
| O-26 | China | 0.48 | 55.6 | 44.4 | 49.2 | 25.9 | 18.5 | 6.4 |
| O-27 | Singapore | 0.487 | 35.8 | 64.2 | | | | |
| O-28 | Japan | 0.41 | 61.6 | 38.4 | | | | |
| O-29 | China | 0.468 | 42.9 | 57.1 | 48.4 | 25.9 | 19.7 | 6 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| O-30 | Taiwan | 0.42 | 64 | 36 | | | | |
| O-31 | USA | 0.41 | 60.5 | 39.5 | | | | |
| O-32 | South Korea | 0.473 | 54.2 | 45.8 | 58.9 | 23.5 | 13.6 | 4 |
| O-33 | Sweden | 0.47 | 62.2 | 37.8 | | | | |
| O-34 | Vietnam | 0.407 | 69 | 31 | | | | |
| O-35 | Singapore | 0.491 | 47.4 | 52.6 | 53.4 | 20 | 20.2 | 6.4 |
| O-36 | China | 0.465 | 58.1 | 41.9 | | | | |
| O-37 | Taiwan | 0.421 | 75.8 | 24.2 | 61 | 24.9 | 9.6 | 4.6 |
| O-38 | China | 0.475 | 67.2 | 32.8 | | | | |
| O-39 | China | 0.423 | 34.4 | 65.6 | | | | |
| O-40 | Singapore | 0.48 | 50.2 | 49.8 | | | | |
| O-41 | Singapore | 0.48 | 46.2 | 53.8 | 54.6 | 24.9 | 14.5 | 6 |
| O-42 | Singapore | 0.482 | 46.4 | 53.6 | 49.8 | 22.5 | 20.7 | 7 |
| O-43 | Russia | 0.47 | 79.7 | 20.3 | 77.4 | 15.6 | 6.8 | 0.2 |
| O-44 | China | 0.462 | 21.6 | 78.4 | | | | |
| O-45 | China | 0.36 | 22.9 | 77.1 | | | | |
| O-46 | Korea | 0.47 | 30.3 | 59.7 | | | | |
| O-47 | China | 0.465 | 23.9 | 76.1 | | | | |
| O-48 | Singapore | 0.45 | 20.6 | 79.4 | | | | |
| O-49 | Singapore | 0.475 | 18.3 | 81.7 | | | | |

*According to the AMSA report, sample O-6 was omitted due to the appearance of light gas oil components presumed to be from sample contamination when sampling on the vessel.

This data became available after the first year of toxicity testing was underway so it was not able to inform the initial selection of products for testing, however it was used to identify certain products that had characteristics that had not been covered in our first year of testing and allowed us to include two additional oils. We selected O-19 (high aromatic content) and O-32 (mid-range aromatic and saturates content) to ensure our dataset covered a wide range of physical and chemical characteristics. The HTSD curves (Figure 11) and the report from AMSA also indicated that O-43 is likely a misidentified oil, with AMSA suspecting that it is RMD80 and not appropriate for an RMD380 specification based on its kinematic viscosity of 6.22 cSt (in the bottom panel of Figure 11 the curve for O-43 shows 75% of the cumulative mass has been lost by 343°C). We did include O-43 in our testing initially as it was notably less viscous than our other oil samples. The information from the HTSD curves is used to highlight any trends in the tested products with respect to their likelihood of undergoing photomodification and their general toxicity, following the guidance described in Dettman et al. 2023.

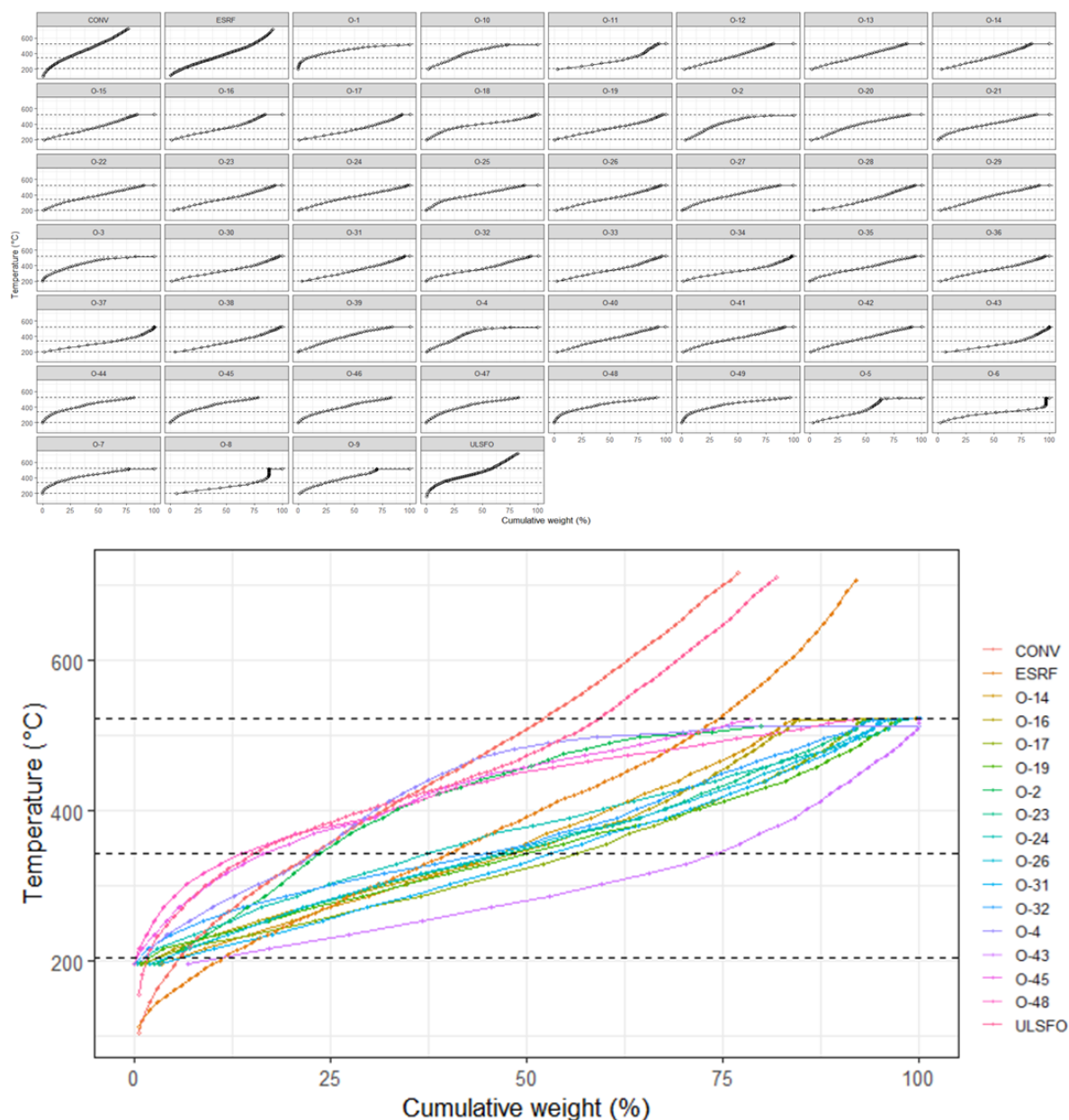


Figure 11: (Top) High temperature simulated distillation curves for the 49 AMSA products and the Huntsman reference oils. The dashed horizontal lines represent the boiling point cutoffs associated with the C11 (204°C), C25 (343°C), and C40 (524°C) alkanes. (Bottom) Overlay of the HTSD curves for the products screened for toxicity with larval lobsters. O-43 (light purple) shows a distinctly different pattern with 75% of the cumulative mass having been lost by 343°C. Note the HTSD data for ULSFO, CONV, and ESRF were generated separately from the other 49 AMSA products.

3.1.1. Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry

Select products were evaluated for alkanes (n-C10 to n-C39 normal aliphatics), and branched alkanes (pristine, phytane), and polycyclic aromatic compounds (PACs) using GC-MS. These analyses were completed on the raw product (“Source”), the product after making a WAF in the dark (“Extract”) and the product collected after making the UV WAF (“UV”).

For illustrative purposes, alkanes were grouped as C10-C14, C15-C20, C21-C25, C26-C30, and C31-C37 (Figure 12).

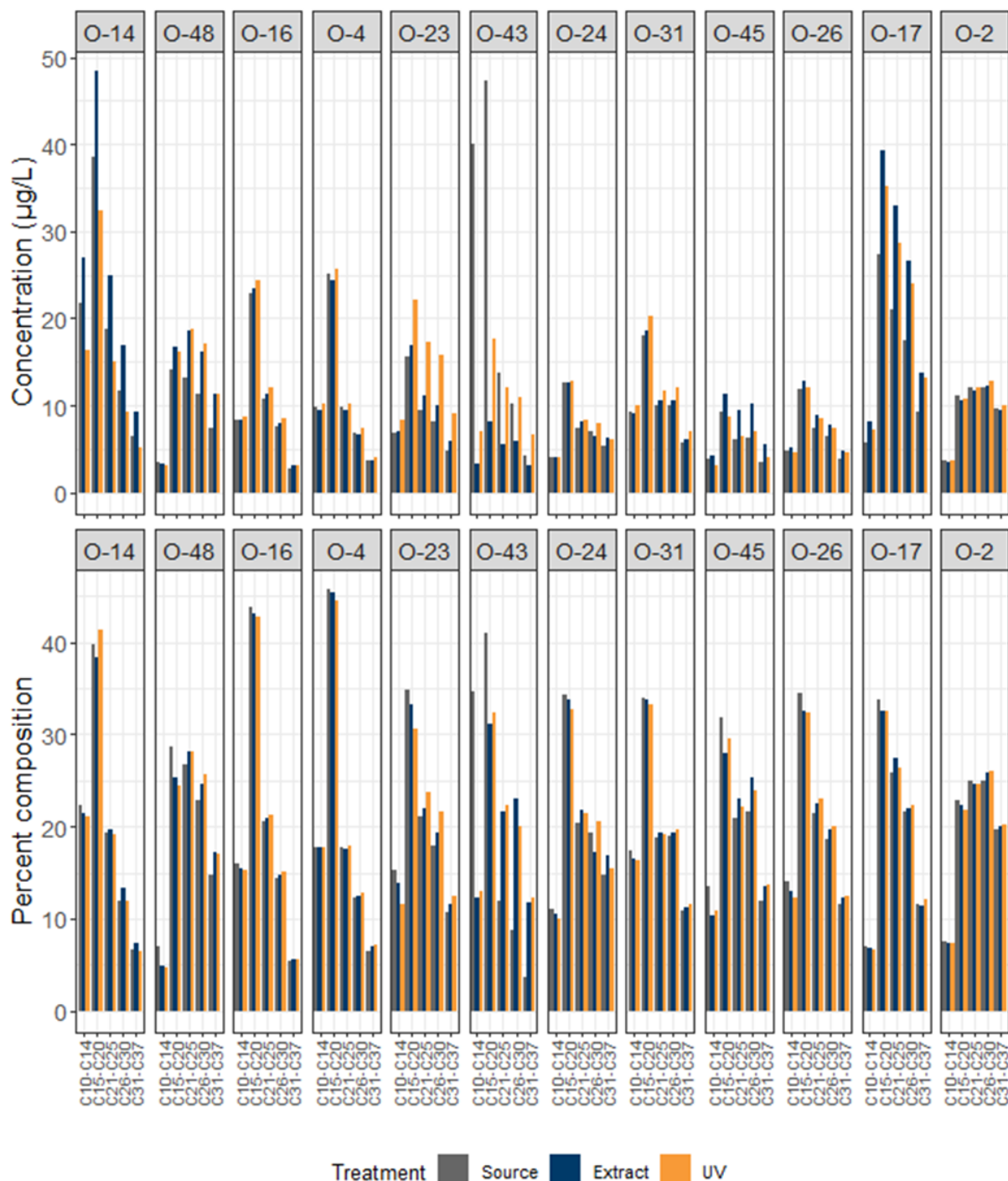


Figure 12: Grouped alkane concentrations for the products, top: concentration, bottom: percent composition.

In most cases the concentration of the alkanes was similar across treatments, with C15-C20 being the most abundant grouping, with some notable exceptions. O-4 and O-17

have slightly greater concentration in the oil that was collected from the dark WAF (“Extract”) than the Source or UV treated oil. O-23 shows an increase in concentrations of the higher carbon alkanes (e.g., >C15) following UV treatment. O-43 shows a unique pattern where the Source oil has the highest concentration of the low weight alkanes (<C20), which are considerably reduced in both the light and dark WAF collected oil.

It is generally true that most oils exhibit decreasing concentrations of n-alkanes with increasing carbon number. This trend occurs because higher molecular weight alkanes are less volatile and less soluble in the lighter fractions of crude oil. Additionally, the formation of these long-chain alkanes requires specific geological conditions and longer periods, making them less abundant compared to shorter-chain alkanes. This general trend does not hold for many of the VLSFOs analyzed in this project, where the low molecular weight alkanes (<C15) are largely depleted in the samples and there is an appreciable amount of long-chain alkanes (e.g., >C30). This pattern is likely due to the blending and catalytic process used to produce these products and achieve the low sulfur requirement while meeting the RMD380 specification.

The products were analyzed for PACs (n = 46), and for visualization purposes the sum PACs are presented in Figure 13.

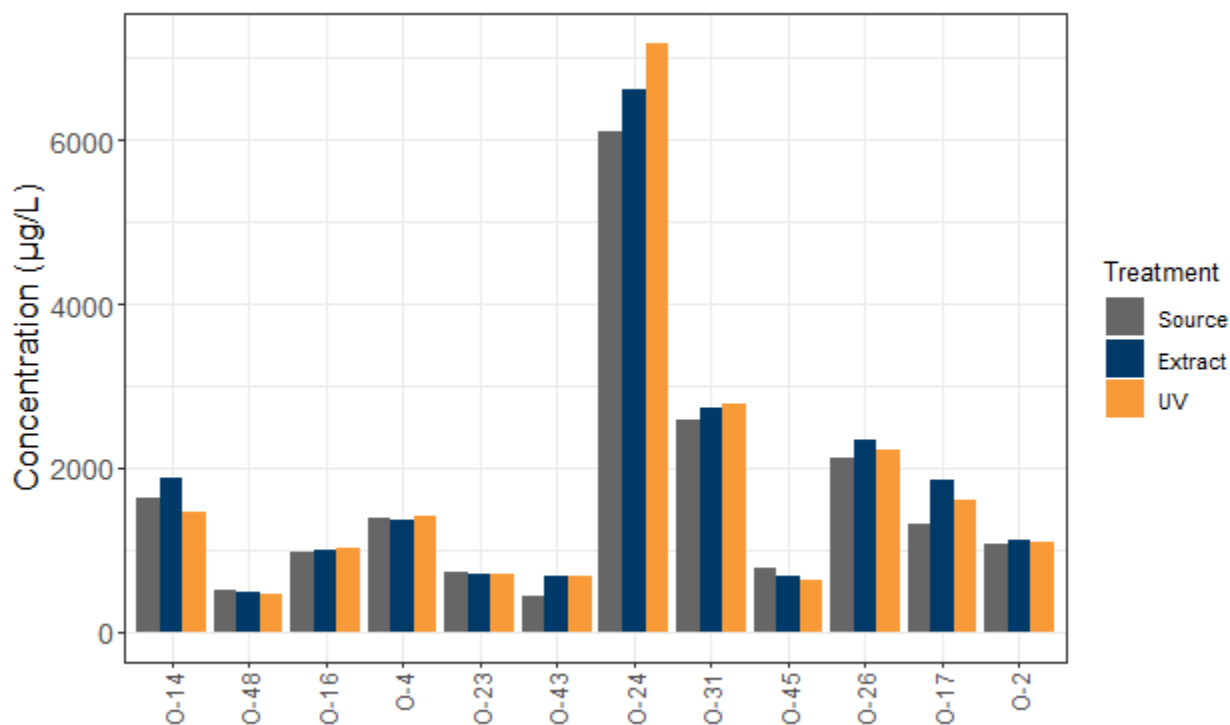


Figure 13: Sum PACs for each of the examined products as the source, extract, and UV treated.

The products in Figure 13 are ordered from left to right as least to most toxic to lobster larvae (see section 3.3.1). The fact the O-14 (least toxic) has a greater sum PAC concentration than O-2 (most toxic) highlights that sum PAC is not a reliable metric as it does not consider the differences in compositional profiles and the varying toxicity of the components (Figure 14).

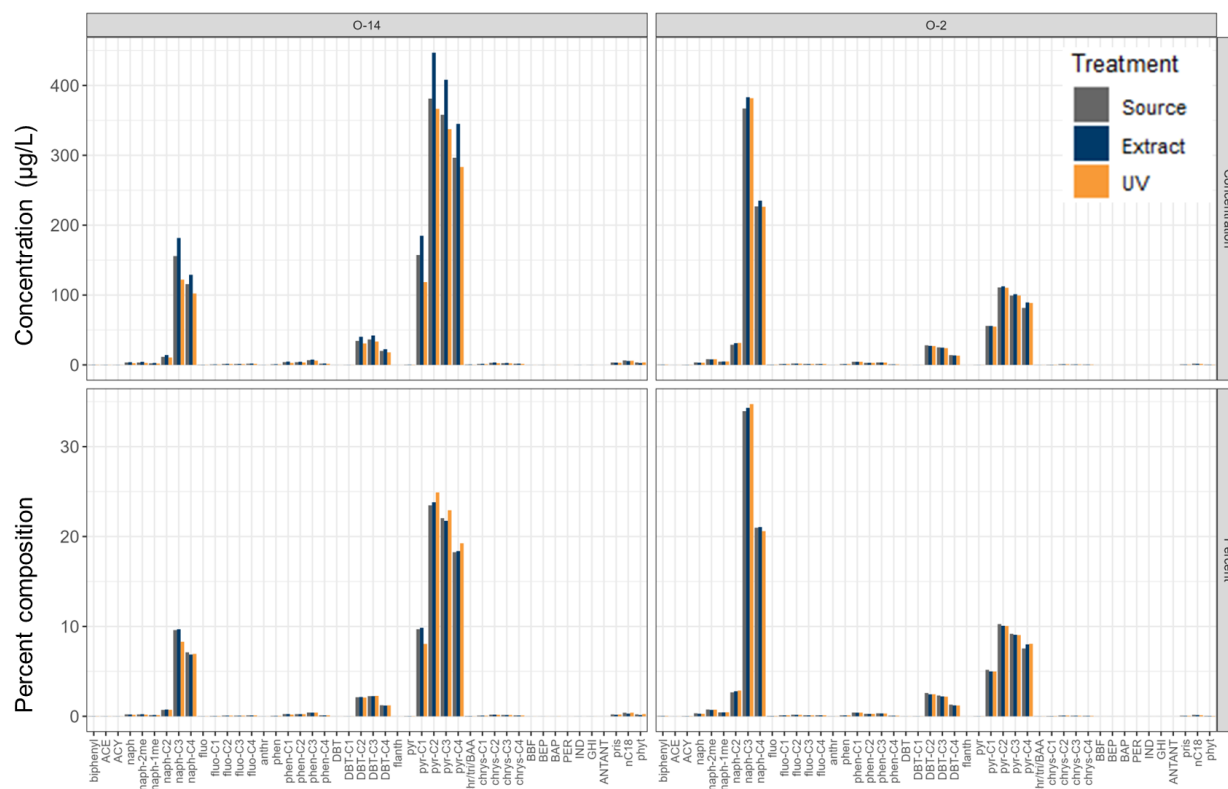


Figure 14: Concentration (top row) and percent composition (bottom row) of the measured PACs for two products, O-14 (least toxic to lobsters) and O-2 (most toxic to lobsters).

The main difference between the two profiles shown in Figure 14, is the relative abundance of naphthalenes (C3 and C4-naphthalenes) in O-2 compared to O-14. Naphthalene is more acutely toxic than pyrene (the most abundant grouping in O-14), thus the greater contribution of naphthalenes in O-2 is responsible for the greater toxicity observed, despite the lower overall sum PAC concentration than O-14.

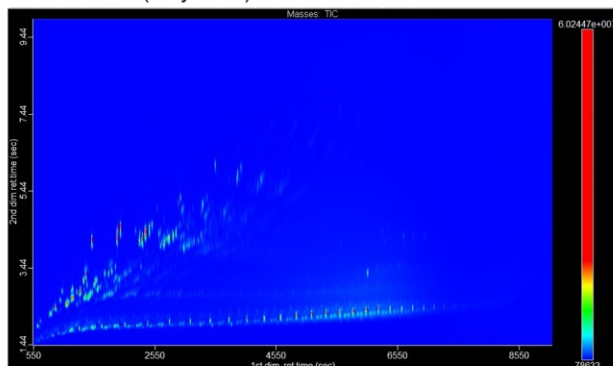
The full suite of analytical characterization of the VLSFOs is provided in Appendix.

3.1.1. GC × GC

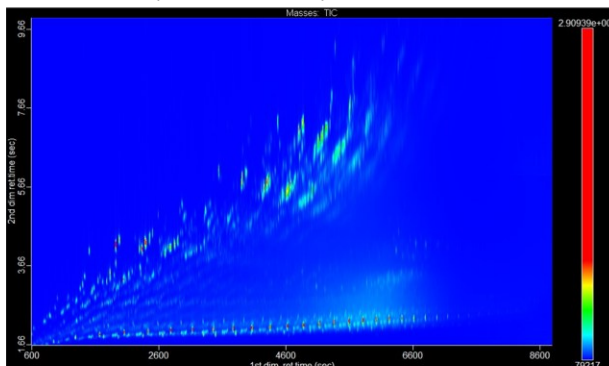
The samples were analysed by GC × GC – MS, and their profiles revealed differences in abundance and composition of the individual components within the product.

Representative profiles are provided in Figure 15 for products that had varying toxicity towards American lobster larvae.

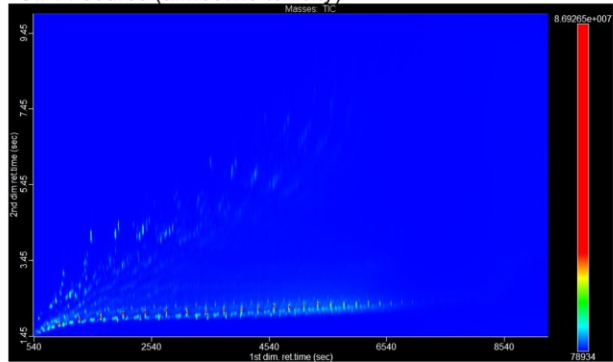
Oil 2 source (very toxic)



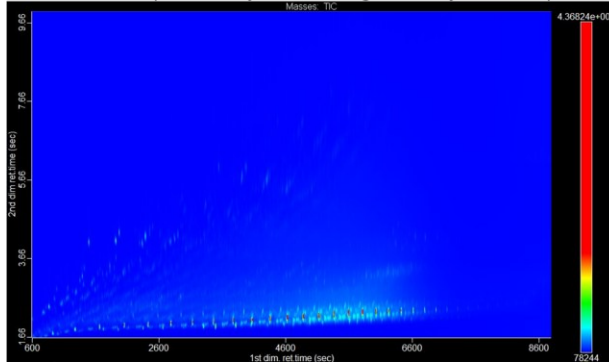
Oil 24 source (less toxic than 2)



Oil 14 source (almost no toxicity)



Oil 48 source (no toxicity in dark; high toxicity after UV)



Oil 43 source (this is the mis-identified VLSFO)

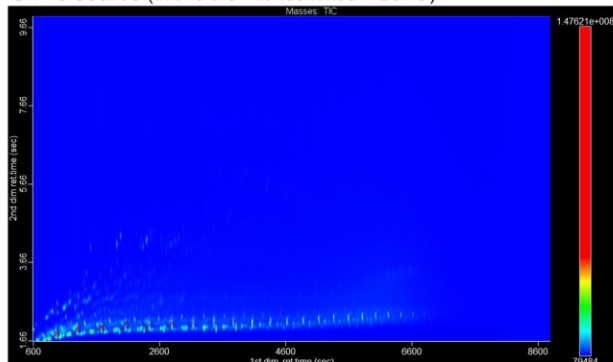


Figure 15: Representative GC x GC plots from select products demonstrating a range of toxicity responses.

Annotation of the GC x GC profiles (Figure 16) will provide inputs for environmental fate and toxicity models which require hydrocarbon blocks or pseudo-components as their input.

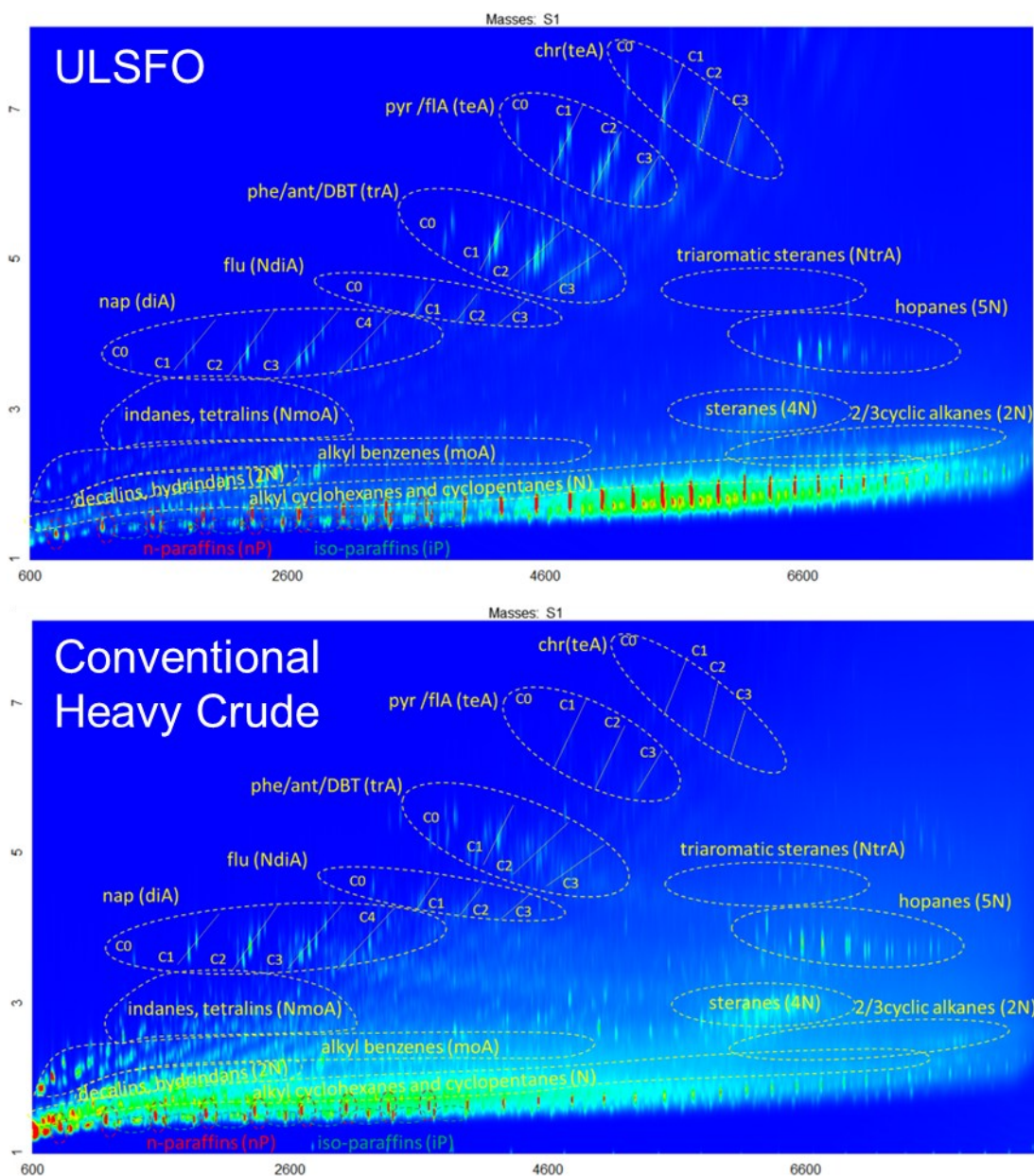


Figure 16: Annotated GC × GC profiles for the ULSFO and CONV products.

3.1.2. UV-Vis

Select VLSFOs had their UV-Vis spectra examine, for both a dark and UV irradiated sample. Each solution was analyzed on a spectrophotometer in the range of 200–800 nm. Evolution of the different absorbance signals (A) in the spectra were plotted with respect to wavelength (λ) to examine changes in the shape and amplitude following UV irradiation (Figure 17).

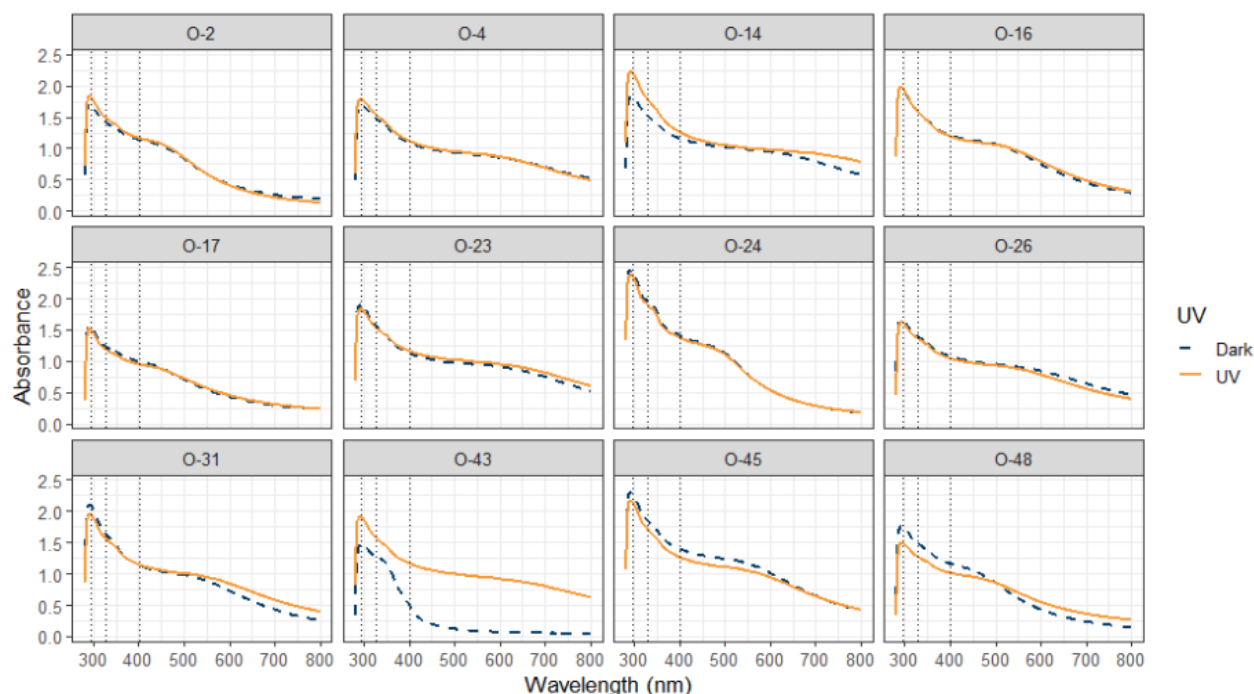


Figure 17: UV spectra profiles for 12 oils. The vertical lines 295 nm for pure phenanthrene, 328 nm for aromatic chromophores with three or four aromatic rings, and 401 nm for the Soret electronic absorption band of vanadyl porphyrins

Most of the products examined showed similar profiles following irradiation, with O-14, O-31 and O-48 showing slight increases in amplitude following irradiation, while O-43 had both a different shape and amplitude following irradiation. These changes in absorbance may be an indicator of the likelihood of whether a product is likely to undergo photomodification.

3.2. Impact of WAF Preparation Method

3.2.1. Timing of irradiation

The oil was exposed to light in multiple different steps to compare the effect of photomodification methods on water chemistry and biological effects. We conducted two trials (one trial using ULSFO, the second trial using CONV) with the following 7 treatments (Figure 18):

- Treatment 1 – Oil was spread to a 1 mm thick layer in a petri dish and exposed to UV light for 18 hours prior to WAF preparation,
- Treatment 2 – Oil was left in a petri dish with no UV light exposure,

- WAF was prepared on a lab bench, collected after 24 hours, and then divided into 2 beakers, one beaker was placed under the UV light for irradiation (Treatment 3) and the other left without UV light exposure (Treatment 4),
- Treatment 5 – WAF was exposed to UV light for 18 hours while mixing,
- Treatment 6 – WAF was prepared normally on a bench without UV exposure, and
- Treatment 7 – was a seawater only control.

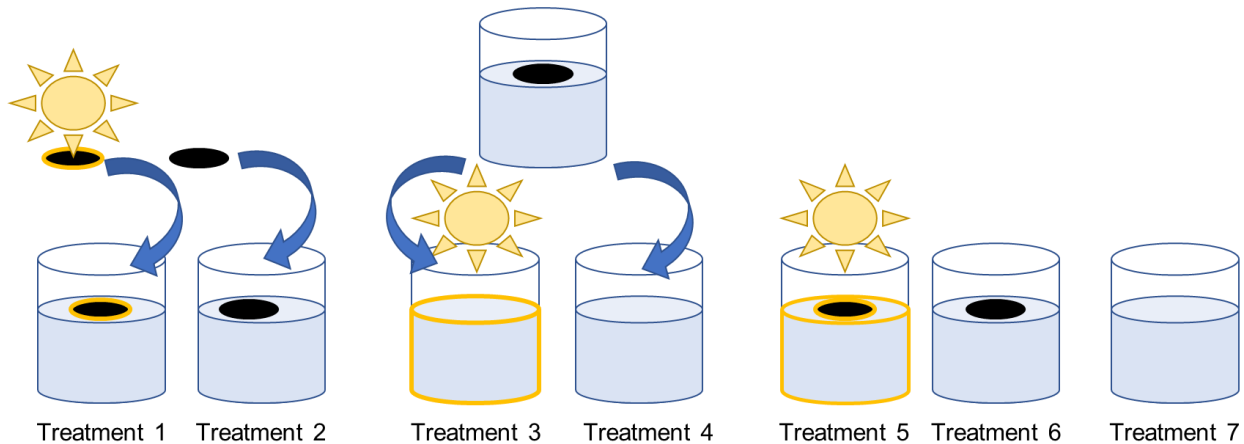


Figure 18: Schematic of the various ways the 18 hour UV dose was applied to the treatments, either directly on the oil (Treatment 1), on the dissolved phase test solution (Treatment 3), or while mixing (Treatment 5). The non-UV treatments (2, 4, and 6) were treated in the same manner as their UV counterparts only in a dark location within the same room.

The media generated from these trials was characterized with fluorometry and had analytical measurements of total organic carbon (TOC), PAH and alkyl-PAH (PAC; with the exception of Treatments 3 and 4 where there was not sufficient volume to complete the analysis), and biomimetic extraction solid-phase microextraction (BE-SPME). The test media was used to expose Stage I larval lobsters for 24 hours to assess their immobilization and mortality response. There was no observed toxicity in these trials and as such the focus is on the changes in concentration in the WAFs following the different UV treatments. There were changes in the measured concentrations depending on the Treatment method, the product, and the measurement method (Figure 19).

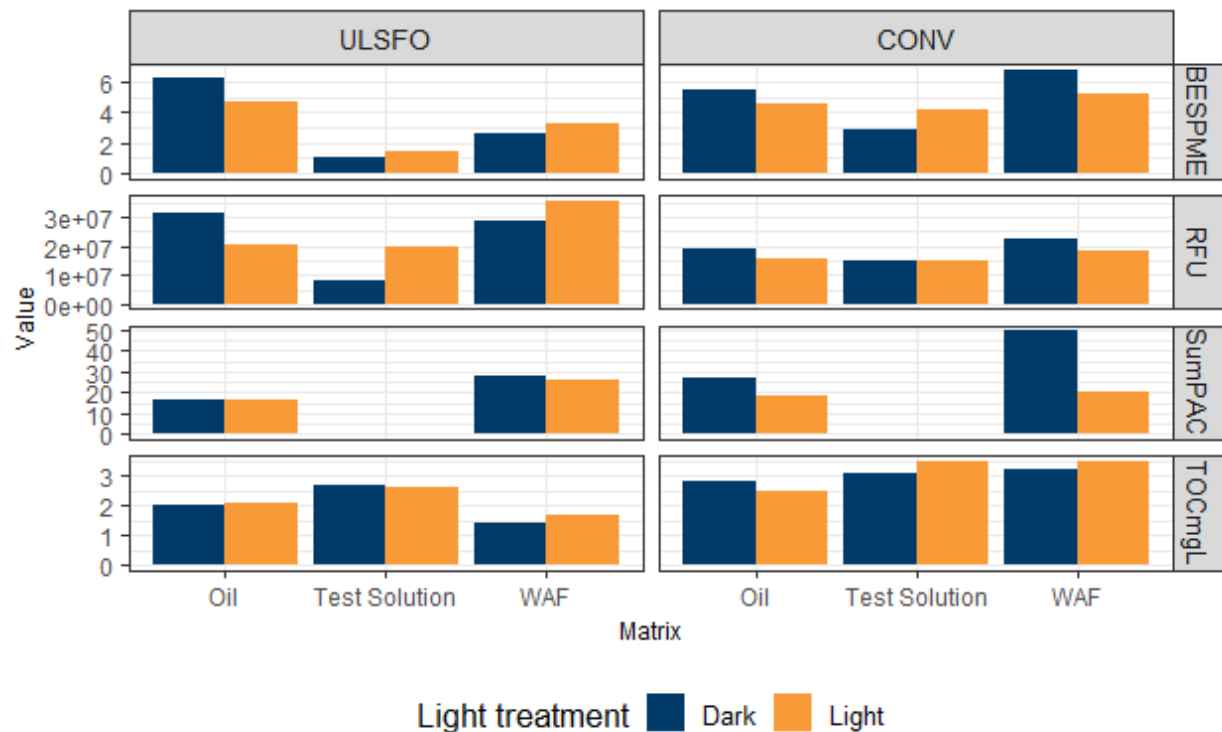


Figure 19: Summary of the measurements of BE (top row), fluorometry (second row), PACs (third row) and TOC (bottom row) following the different Treatment methods and UV irradiation.

For consistency, volume, and relevance purposes, the method of irradiating the WAF was selected for the remainder of the testing program.

3.2.2. Variable loading

To examine the role of slick thickness and photomodification, trials were conducted with variable oil loadings of ULSFO and CONV. Duplicate WAFs were prepared with loading rates of 0.01, 0.1, 1, and 10 g/L oil, and one of each loading rate were either exposed to UV light for 18hrs while mixing or left on the lab bench without any UV light exposure.

There was a concentration dependent increase in BE values with increased loading, and irradiation lead to a slight (ULSFO) and larger (CONV) increase in BE values (Figure 20).

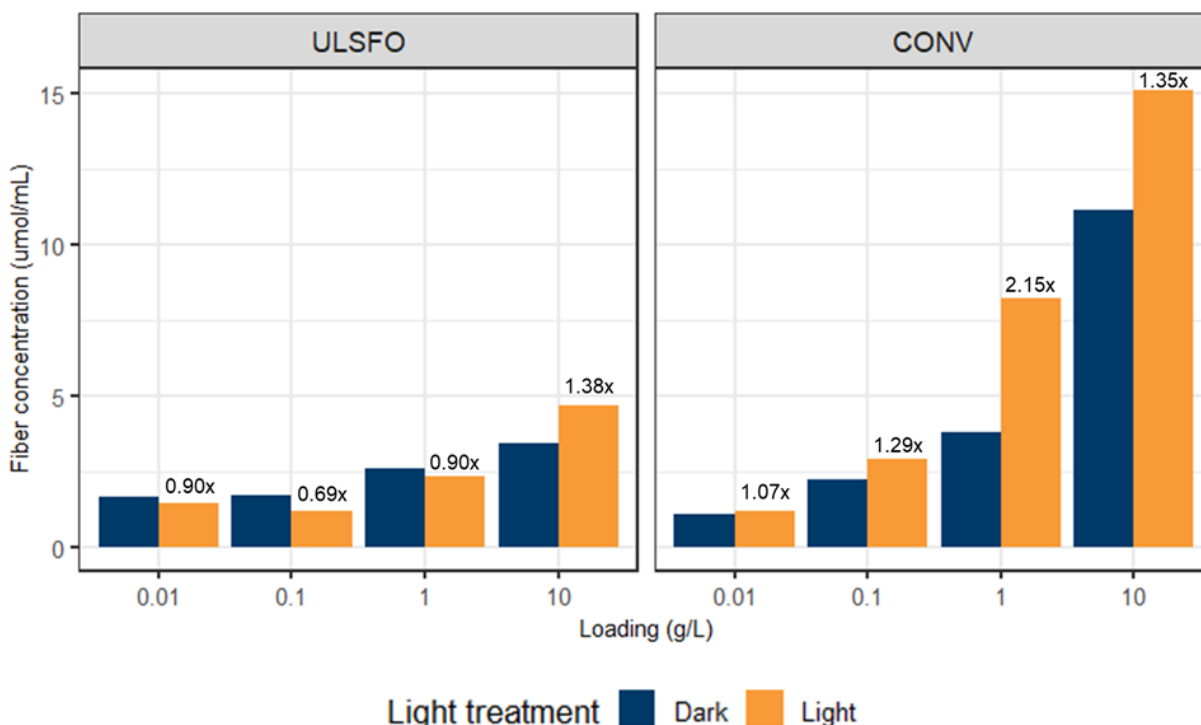


Figure 20: BE values (fiber concentration) for the different loadings of ULSFO (left) and CONV (right) prepared under UV light (orange) and in the dark (blue). The numbers indicate the fold difference between the irradiated and dark samples.

The ULSFO generally had lower BE values than the CONV, suggesting that at equal loadings there is less bioavailable material in the ULSFO preparation than in the CONV. The higher the loading, the higher the BE, and the greater the increase in BE from the irradiated sample, highlighting the importance of slick thickness for the formation of photoproducts.

The increase in BE values mirrored the observed toxicity in a lobster bioassay, where at the 10 g/L loading of CONV there was notable (e.g., >20%) immobilization and mortality, with the irradiated sample having greater effect (Figure 21).

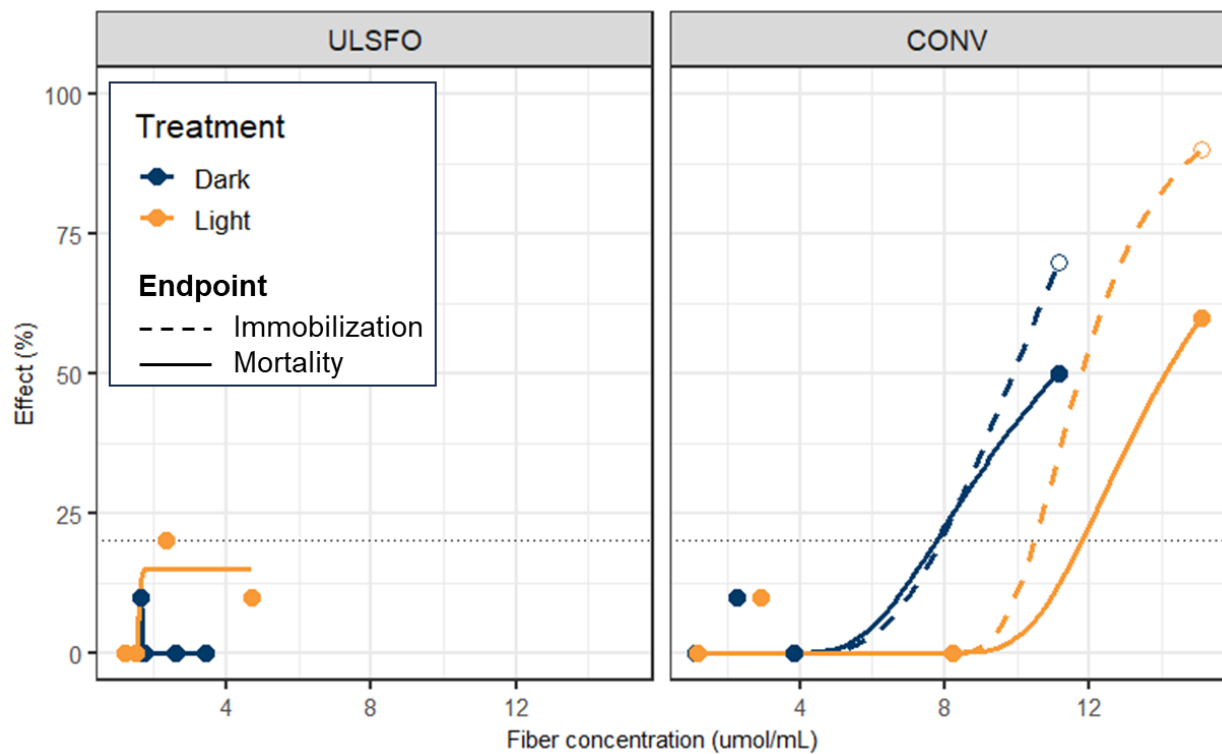


Figure 21: Concentration response relationship for lobsters exposed to variable loadings of ULSFO (left) and CONV (right) that were irradiated (orange) or prepared in the dark (blue). The immobilization response is shown with open circles and dashed line, while mortality is shown with solid circles and lines, both were fit with a 3-parameter Type 1 Weibull model.

Given the small volume of VLSFOs available, the decision was made to proceed with a single loading to maximize the amount of trials that could be conducted with an individual product. All subsequent WAFs for the toxicity testing were made with a 1 g/L loading. WAFs were made with 1.6 L of seawater, and as such the target loading was 1.6 g (+/- 20%) (Figure 22). From the 150 WAFs made a total amount of 278 g of VLSFO product was utilized in this project.

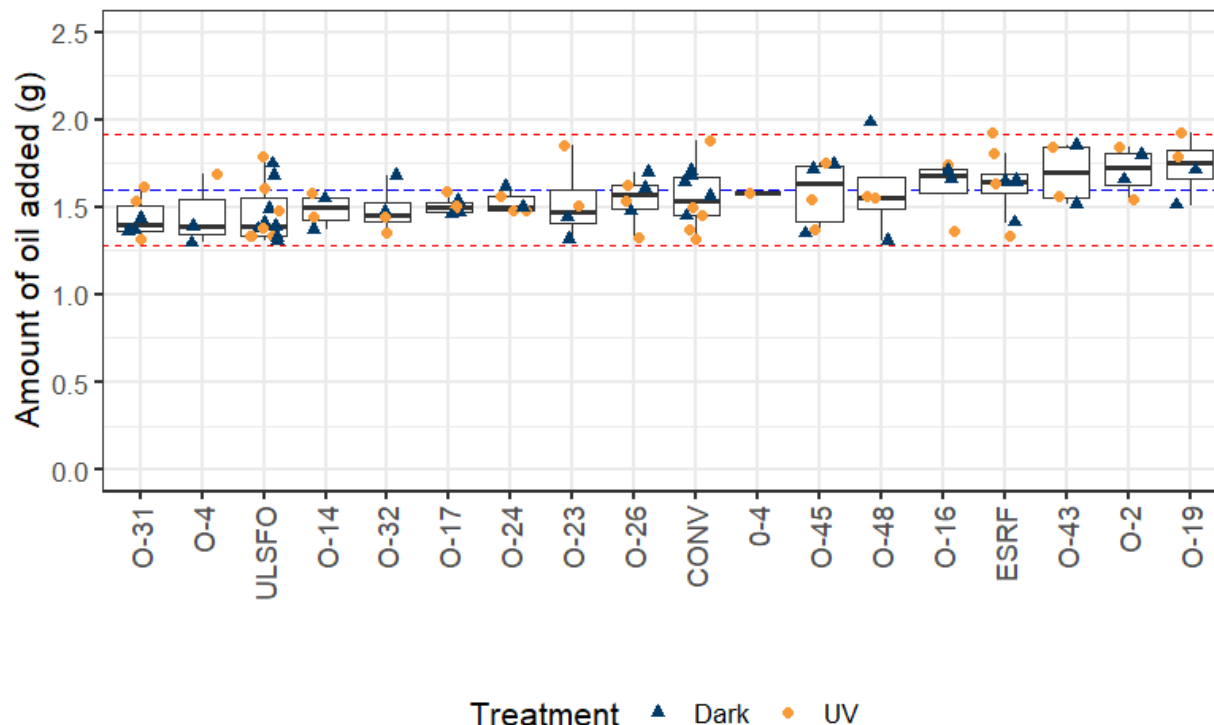


Figure 22: Amount of each product used in making the WAFs. The dashed blue line is the target loading, while the dashed red lines are the acceptable ranges.

3.3. Toxicity Testing

3.3.1. American lobster results

WAFs were prepared at a single loading (1 g/L) under UV light and in the dark and were tested using only 100% strength solution of the WAF. The objective of this screening was to determine the relative toxicity of the different products, and to identify any products which showed a significant effect of photomodification (e.g., a change in toxicity relative to the dark preparation) (Table 2).

738 Table 2: Summary of lobster immobilization (Imm.) results for 2022 and the various exposure metrics. Fold change refers to the Light to Dark.

| Product | UV | Imm. (%) | Fold Change | TOC (mg/L) | Fold Change | Sum RFU | Fold Change | BE SPME | Fold Change | Sum PAC (µg/L) | Fold Change | Predicted Toxic Units | Predicted Imm. | Observed - Predicted Imm. |
|---------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| O-43 | Dark | 100 | | 2.8 | | 4E+07 | | 12.1 | | 168 | | 0.10 | 5 | 95 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.00 | 8.2 | 2.93 | 1E+08 | 3.09 | 14.7 | 1.22 | 240 | 1.43 | 0.35 | 18 | 82 |
| O-17 | Dark | 90 | | 2.6 | | 3E+08 | | 24.5 | | 1053 | | 0.80 | 40 | 50 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.11 | 3.3 | 1.27 | 3E+08 | 0.83 | 18.9 | 0.77 | 1264 | 1.20 | 0.86 | 43 | 57 |
| O-2 | Dark | 100 | | 2.5 | | 2E+08 | | 30.7 | | 900 | | 0.78 | 39 | 61 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.00 | 4.7 | 1.88 | 3E+08 | 1.23 | 30.4 | 0.99 | 1045 | 1.16 | 0.93 | 46 | 54 |
| O-24 | Dark | 60 | | 2.6 | | 2E+08 | | 16.0 | | 454 | | 2.97 | 100 | -40 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.67 | 5.4 | 2.08 | 2E+08 | 1.23 | 28.4 | 1.77 | 702 | 1.55 | 6.16 | 100 | 0 |
| O-16 | Dark | 60 | | 2.4 | | 1E+08 | | 10.9 | | 222 | | 0.25 | 12 | 48 |
| | Light | 70 | 1.17 | 3 | 1.25 | 1E+08 | 0.90 | 10.1 | 0.93 | 219 | 0.98 | 0.23 | 11 | 59 |
| O-48 | Dark | 10 | | 2 | | 3E+07 | | 3.3 | | 65 | | 0.05 | 3 | 7 |
| | Light | 80 | 8.00 | 3.8 | 1.90 | 9E+07 | 3.07 | 5.9 | 1.77 | 133 | 2.04 | 0.35 | 17 | 63 |
| O-26 | Dark | 100 | | 5.2 | | 3E+08 | | 19.9 | | 1125 | | 2.25 | 100 | 0 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.00 | 8 | 1.54 | 3E+08 | 1.27 | 25.8 | 1.29 | 1571 | 1.40 | 4.33 | 100 | 0 |
| O-31 | Dark | 80 | | 3 | | 1E+08 | | 18.8 | | 454 | | 1.72 | 86 | -6 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.25 | 4.7 | 1.57 | 2E+08 | 1.12 | 16.9 | 0.90 | 428 | 0.94 | 1.26 | 63 | 37 |
| O-45 | Dark | 80 | | 2.2 | | 1E+08 | | 9.9 | | 243 | | 0.22 | 11 | 69 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.25 | 4.7 | 2.14 | 2E+08 | 1.87 | | 0.00 | 420 | 1.73 | 0.79 | 40 | 60 |
| O-23 | Dark | 90 | | 1.9 | | 7E+07 | | 4.0 | | 273 | | 0.18 | 9 | 81 |
| | Light | 20 | 0.22 | 1.9 | 1.00 | 6E+07 | 0.90 | 6.7 | 1.68 | 278 | 1.02 | 0.18 | 9 | 11 |
| O-14 | Dark | 10 | | 2 | | 7E+07 | | | | 326 | | 0.18 | 9 | 1 |
| | Light | 20 | 2.00 | 2.5 | 1.25 | 9E+07 | 1.17 | 9.5 | | 315 | 0.97 | 0.19 | 9 | 11 |
| O-4 | Dark | 60 | | 2.6 | | 8E+07 | | 8.6 | | 153 | | 0.11 | 6 | 54 |
| | Light | 100 | 1.67 | 2.9 | 1.12 | 1E+08 | 1.46 | 9.6 | 1.12 | 229 | 1.50 | 0.19 | 10 | 90 |
| ULSFO | Dark | 0 | | 2 | | 2E+07 | | 2.6 | | 17 | | 0.05 | 2 | -2 |
| | Light | 0 | - | 4.6 | 2.30 | 2E+07 | 1.53 | 2.3 | 0.90 | 33 | 1.89 | 0.04 | 2 | -2 |
| CONV | Dark | 0 | | 2.1 | | 3E+07 | | 3.8 | | 22 | | 0.03 | 1 | -1 |
| | Light | 20 | - | 2.3 | 1.10 | 2E+07 | 0.66 | 8.2 | 2.15 | 16 | 0.74 | 0.13 | 6 | 14 |

In nearly all cases there was an increase in toxicity following UV irradiation (Figure 23), which was mirrored by increases in the various exposure metrics (TOC, RFU, BE-SPME and PAC). Using the PAC data the Toxic Units (TU) were calculated, and the predicted toxicity (as immobilization) was compared to the observed response. The TU approach was able to predict the toxicity within +/- 20% for 12 of the 28 products, however it generally was underpredicting the toxicity of the VLSFOs both with and without UV.

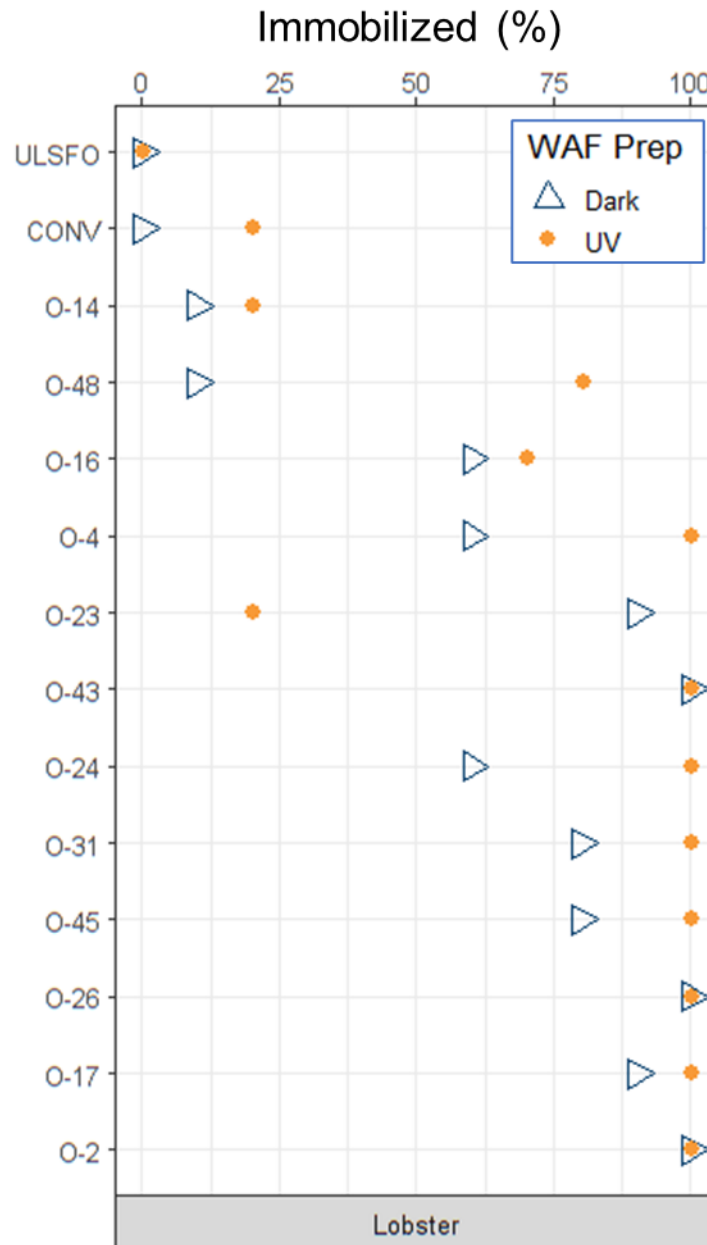


Figure 23: Visual summary of the lobster immobilization response for the 2022 exposures to irradiated (solid orange circles) and non-irradiated (open blue triangles) WAFs.

In 2023, two additional products, O-19 and O-32, were selected for testing based on their physical properties, specifically SARA. The other products that were selected for re-testing included fuels that saw 100% immobilization in the UV treated WAFs including O-2, O-4, O-17, O-24, O-26, O-43 and O-45, and the product O-23 which saw greater toxicity in the dark WAF (90% immobilization) than in the one prepared under UV (20% immobilization). As the products which had 100% immobilization were unable to discern how much toxicity was being “added” due to photo-modification, a dilution series was prepared from each WAF such that the 100, 10 and 1% strength were tested. In nearly each case, the dilution range proved too wide, as at the 10% strength there was minimal toxicity for most products. The notable exception was O-43 which saw sustained toxicity in the UV treated WAF even at 1% strength (90% immobilization, Table 3).

Table 3: Summary of the O-43 testing with larval lobster in 2023

| Percent | UV | Immobilized (%) | RFU |
|---------|------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Dark | 0 | 3,206,626 |
| | UV | 90 | 4,336,892 |
| 10 | Dark | 0 | 8,040,701 |
| | UV | 90 | 24,622,922 |
| 100 | Dark | 40 | 40,920,218 |
| | UV | 100 | 220,328,001 |

The fluorometric signal for the UV treated O-43 WAF was ~5.4 times greater than its dark counterpart. The 10 and 1% strength UV solution had a lower fluorometric signal than the 100% strength Dark WAF yet produced a significantly greater immobilization response. This suggests that the photo-products formed in the during the irradiation of O-43 are not detectable by fluorometer (e.g., addition of an oxygen atom will often decrease fluorescence of aromatic compounds). The 100% strength sample of UV treated O-43 WAF also showed the greatest increase in TOC (4.8 x) and BE-SPME (2.29 x) across all products tested, suggesting that this product is highly photo-reactive, and based on the results of the lobster (and cod, see section 3.3.2.2) bioassay the products formed are very toxic.

The lobster data from 2022 and 2023 were combined to model the relationship between the exposure metrics, TOC (Figure 24), RFU (Figure 25), BE-SPME (Figure 26), PACs (Figure 27), and TUs (Figure 28), and immobilization.

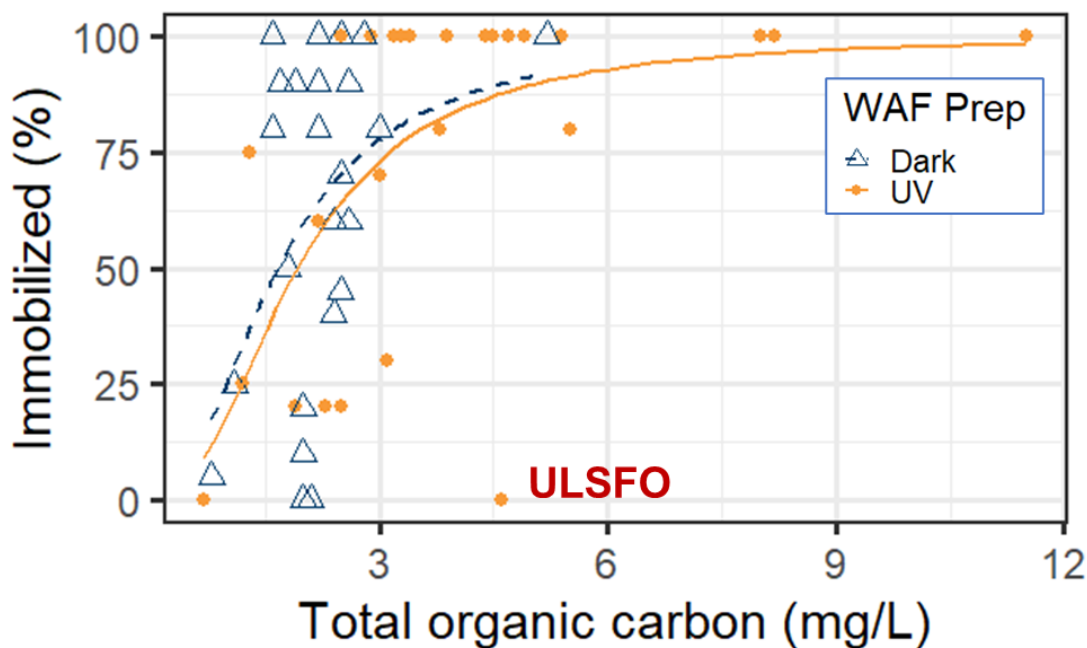


Figure 24: Concentrations of total organic carbon (TOC) and the lobster immobilization response.

TOC concentrations generally had a consistent relationship with immobilization, where increasing concentrations of TOC (especially above 3 mg/L) resulted in nearly complete immobilization. However, the lack of resolution in this measurement and its non-specificity may limit its widespread adoption for predicting toxicity outside of a laboratory setting. The irradiated ULSFO result is unexpected, showing a 2.3-fold increase in TOC relative to the dark preparation, but no change in toxicity (a similar result was observed in the Atlantic cod trials, Table 4). This highlights a challenge in the non-specificity of TOC as it cannot be assumed that all photoproducts that are formed are equally toxic, and in the case of ULSFO where there was a notable increase in TOC, these products did not contribute to toxicity.

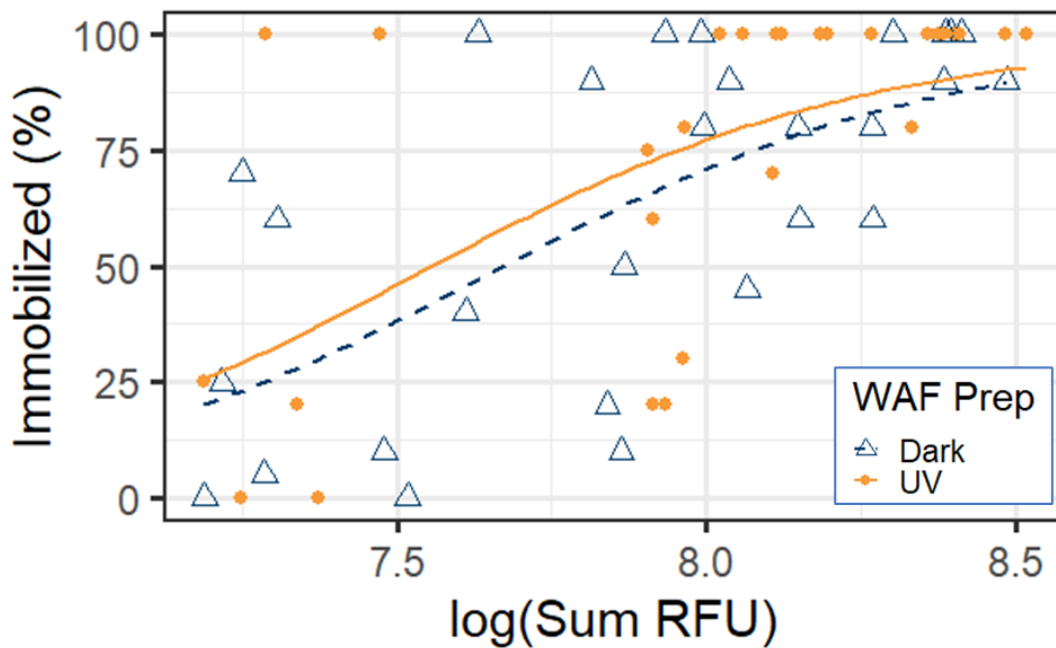


Figure 25: Relative fluorescence units (RFU) and the lobster immobilization response.

Fluorometry proved to be quite variable in being able to describe the observed toxicity and may not be a reliable predictor of observed toxicity in lobsters. This may be due to the presence of compounds in the VLSFOs (both the dark and irradiated) that are not detectable by fluorometry but contribute to the observed toxicity.

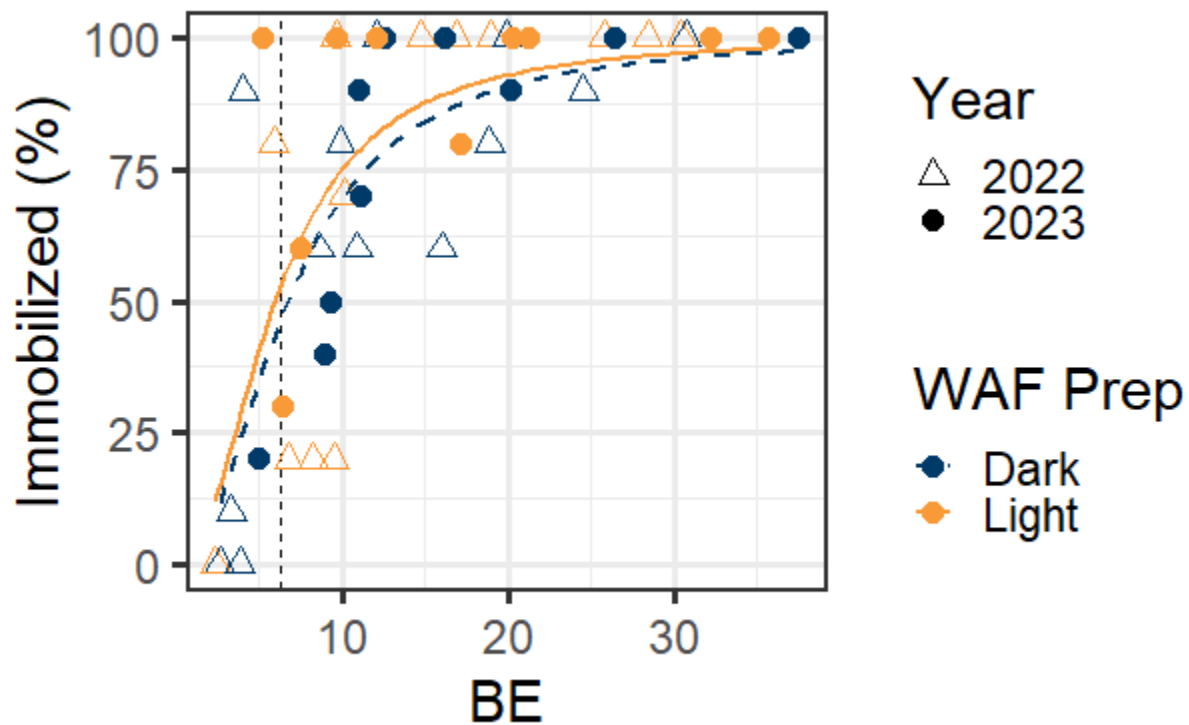


Figure 26: Summary of the larval lobster immobilization response data following 24-hour exposure to irradiated (orange) and non-irradiated (blue) WAFs in the 2022 (open triangles) and 2023 (filled circles) testing season. The dashed vertical line is the calculated BE-critical value of 6.3 μmol per mL PDMS.

When comparing the lobster results from 2022 (circles) to 2023 (triangles), there was very good agreement between BE values and toxicity, which supports the derivation of a BE-critical value (value that corresponds to 50% mortality, analogous to an LC50 value with the exposure metric expressed as a fiber concentration, rather than a water concentration), that can be used to reasonably approximate the toxicity of an unknown WAF, and potentially an environmental sample, to American lobster larvae. The lobster BE-critical value was calculated as a fiber concentration of 6.3 μmol per mL PDMS (0.7 standard error) and can be used to compare sensitivity across species.

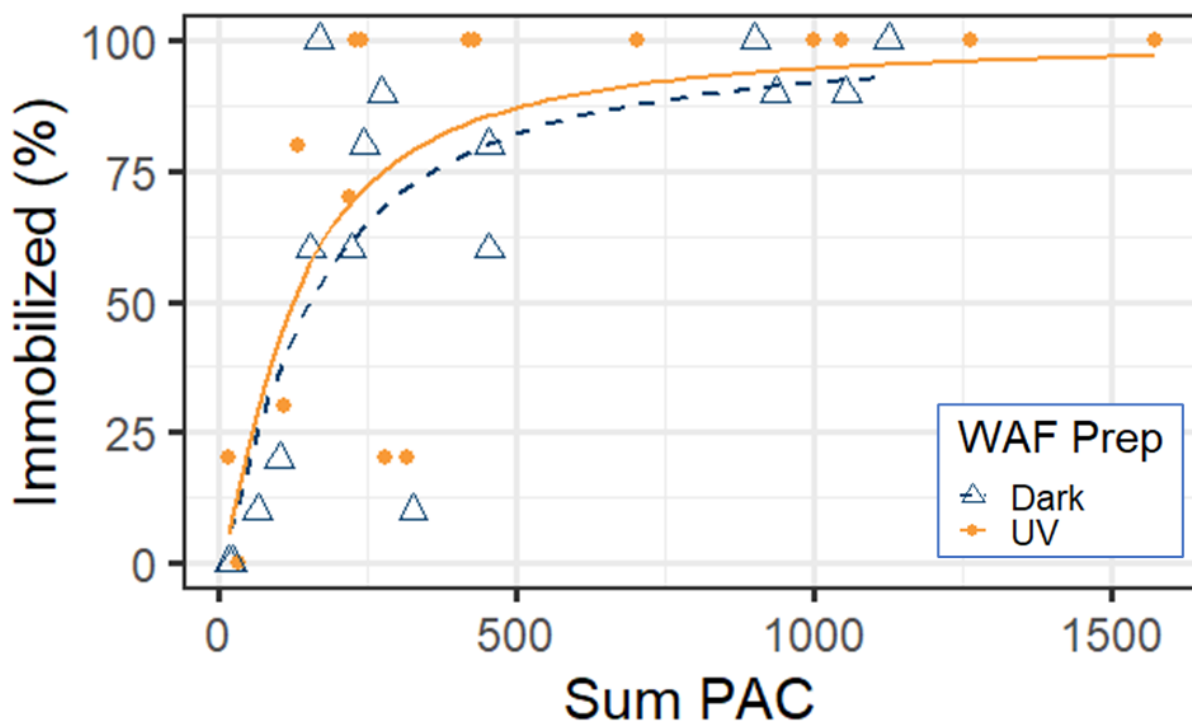


Figure 27: Sum of the polycyclic aromatic compounds (PAC) and the lobster immobilization response.

The immobilization response increases with increasing sum PAC concentrations, however there are a few instances where the immobilization response is less than would be expected for a sample with that sum PAC ($\mu\text{g/L}$) value. This is largely due to the varying toxicity of the different PACs within that summary metric of sum PAC (or total PAC), where the contribution of each PAC towards toxicity is considered equal. The toxic unit approach accounts for the composition and concentration of the PACs in the mixture and allows for the prediction of toxicity (Figure 28).

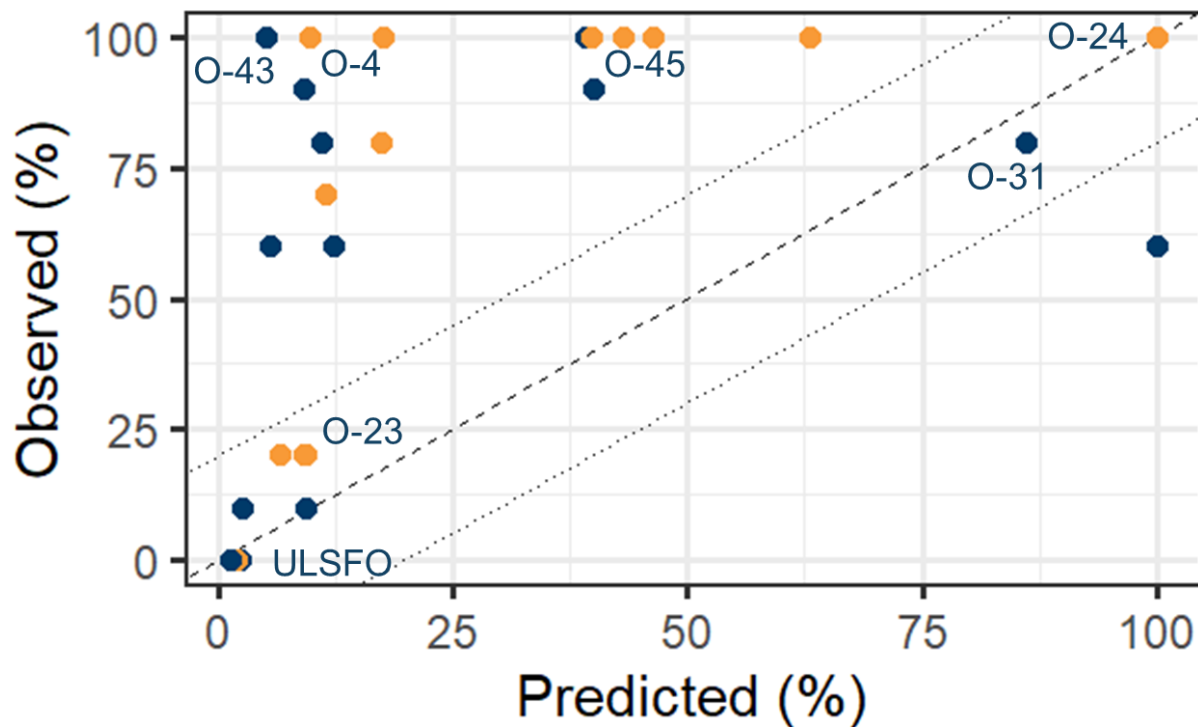


Figure 28: Predicted and observed toxicity. Dashed line is 1:1 with the dotted lines bounding 20%.

Using only waterborne PAC concentration, the toxic unit model consistently underestimates the toxicity of many of the VLSFOs products, both with and without UV. Other aspects that are not measured by traditional GC-MS (e.g., oxidized products) are likely contributing to the toxicity.

The results of two seasons of lobster testing are presented in **Error! Reference source not found.** Stage I lobster larvae were sensitive to both UV-treated and non-irradiated WAF, and in many cases showed increased toxicity following photomodification. The results between the years were consistent for most products, with the notable exception of O-23 and O-45. With O-23, this product was selected for a repeat exposure based on the observed result of reduced toxicity following photo-modification. In the 2023 exposure, we were not able to repeat that result and on the basis of the exposure metrics (e.g., TOC, fluorometry, and BE-SPME) believe the 2022 result to be anomalous. O-43 was selected for a repeat exposure in 2023 based on the 100% immobilization in both the UV-treated and non-irradiated WAF, and because the AMSA report had suggested that this product had been mislabelled (suspected to be RMD80 specification oil, and not RMD380). This may have also had an impact on the stability of the sample, which would explain the decrease in toxicity in 2023 compared to 2022 for the non-irradiated WAF,

834 however the UV-treated WAF in each year elicited a 100% immobilization response in the
835 larval lobsters.

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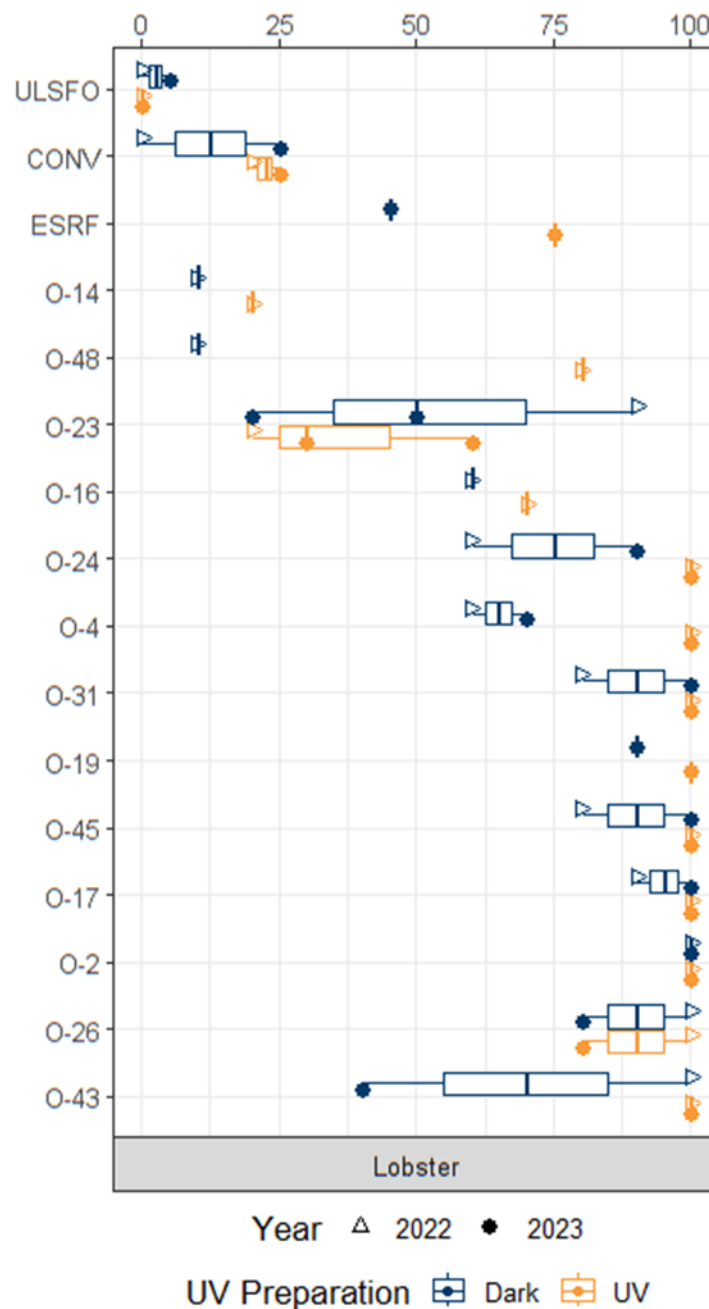


Figure 29: Summary of the lobster immobilization in response to 24-hr exposure to irradiated (orange) and non-irradiated (blue) WAFs in the 2022 (open triangles) and 2023 (filled circles) testing season. Where the product was tested in both years the boxplot illustrates the range and mean response.

3.3.1.1. Photo-modification and Photo-sensitization in lobster

American lobster larvae were exposed to dark-WAF or UV-WAF at 100% strength for 24-hrs. Afterwards the larvae were transferred into clean seawater, and a subset of replicates

from each treatment (dark or UV-WAF) were directed towards a photo-sensitization exposure involving a 3-hour exposure to a single UV dose, while the other units remained in the dark. Each unit was then followed for an additional 24-hours (under dark conditions) of monitoring to assess mortality. The results of which are shown in Figure 30.

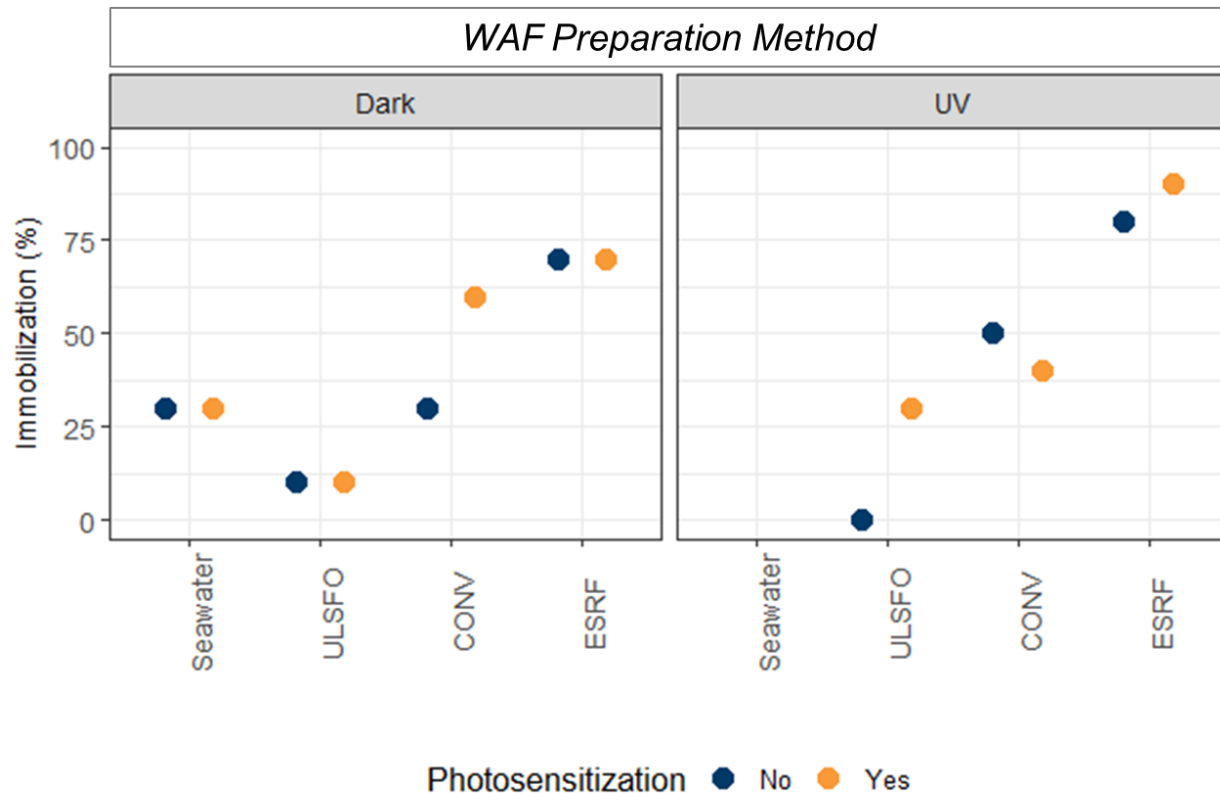


Figure 30: Summary of the photo-modification and photo-sensitization combined trial. The panel on the left represent WAF media that was prepared in the dark (no photo-modification), while the panel on the right is WAF media prepared under UV light (photo-modification). The colours of the points within each panel indicate whether following 24-hrs of exposure to media the replicate (individual point) was placed under UV light for 3-hours (photo-sensitization; orange circles), or left in the dark (blue circles).

Photosensitization (orange points) had minimal effect on larval lobsters exposed to these WAFs under either photomodification regime. While there was an increase in the toxicity observed in the photo-modified ULSFO WAF, the relatively high control responses prevents us from saying with confidence that this is a true effect.

3.3.2. Atlantic cod results

3.3.2.1. Embryo

Six products (5 VLSFOs, and 1 conventional crude) were screened for toxicity with cod embryo exposures. WAFs were prepared at a single loading (1 g/L) under UV light and in the dark and were tested using only 100% strength solution of the WAF, with a 24-hr

exposure, followed by transfer to clean seawater for monitoring for 96 hours. The objective of this screening was to determine the relative toxicity of the different products, and to identify any products which showed a significant effect of photomodification (e.g., a change in toxicity relative to the dark preparation).

The embryo trials showed either no toxicity response (Figure 31) or failed our validity criteria due to poor embryo performance (data not shown).

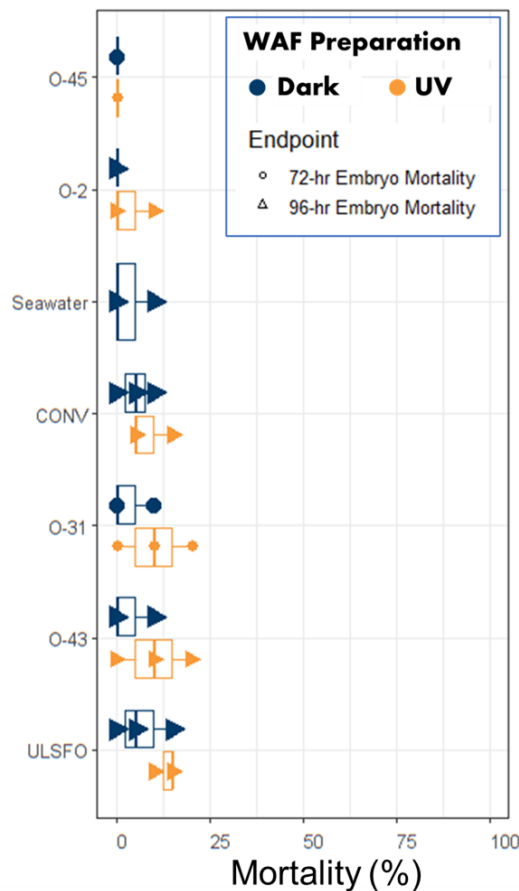


Figure 31: Summary of embryo responses following either 72 (circles) or 96 (triangles) exposure to UV-treated (orange) or dark (blue) WAF.

Due to the embryo quality issues, some of the trials were only valid for 72-hours (as shown by triangles in Figure 31) as compared to the others which ran for 96-hours. In each case there was little mortality response nor indication of significant differences between WAF preparation methods. Given the lack of sensitivity (potentially owing to reduced permeability of the embryo) and the embryo quality issues, the focus of the testing shifted to the larval life stage.

3.3.2.2. *Larval*

Larval cod were more sensitive to exposure than embryos, so product testing was expanded to include 14 products (12 VLSFOs, and 2 conventional crudes), with the results summarized in Table 4 and Figure 32.

882 *Table 4: Results of larval cod toxicity screening prepared in the dark and under 18 hours of irradiation.*

| Oil | UV | Average Mortality (%) | TOC | Sum RFU | BE-SPME | Fold Increase (UV to Dark) | | | |
|-------|------|-----------------------|-----|-----------|---------|----------------------------|------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | | Mortality | TOC | Sum RFU | BE-SPME |
| CONV | Dark | 6.7 | 1.6 | 20243420 | 4.50 | 0.49 | 1.44 | 1.13 | 1.06 |
| | UV | 3.3 | 2.3 | 22789404 | 4.77 | | | | |
| ESRF | Dark | 20 | 1.5 | 65196965 | 11.25 | 1.34 | 1.00 | 1.37 | 1.18 |
| | UV | 26.7 | 1.5 | 89577332 | 13.29 | | | | |
| ULSFO | Dark | 6.7 | 0.8 | 13004722 | 1.30 | 1.00 | 3.75 | 0.99 | 0.75 |
| | UV | 6.7 | 3.0 | 12861002 | 0.98 | | | | |
| O-17 | Dark | 3.3 | 1.9 | 148216323 | 17.57 | 4.03 | 1.37 | 1.23 | 0.99 |
| | UV | 13.3 | 2.6 | 183013329 | 17.47 | | | | |
| O-26 | Dark | 23.3 | 3.3 | 176393893 | 17.34 | 4.00 | 1.58 | 1.13 | 0.92 |
| | UV | 93.3 | 5.2 | 198524518 | 15.91 | | | | |
| O-31 | Dark | 6.7 | 2.1 | 81886893 | 11.90 | 6.97 | 1.57 | 1.30 | 0.98 |
| | UV | 46.7 | 3.3 | 106750433 | 11.72 | | | | |
| O-45 | Dark | 6.7 | 1.6 | 87111250 | 7.36 | 0.49 | 1.25 | 0.74 | 0.93 |
| | UV | 3.3 | 2 | 64872312 | 6.88 | | | | |
| O-2 | Dark | 20 | 1.8 | 187227317 | 34.45 | 4.50 | 1.61 | 1.25 | 0.92 |
| | UV | 90 | 2.9 | 233979691 | 31.85 | | | | |
| O-43 | Dark | 23.3 | 2.3 | 47085476 | 11.83 | 4.29 | 3.78 | 3.33 | 1.26 |
| | UV | 100 | 8.7 | 156743506 | 14.87 | | | | |
| O-24 | Dark | 33.3 | 1.6 | 114884479 | 13.56 | 2.40 | 2.44 | 1.11 | 1.12 |
| | UV | 80 | 3.9 | 127287034 | 15.13 | | | | |
| O-4 | Dark | 16.7 | 1.9 | 75681677 | 10.44 | 0.00 | 1.16 | 0.87 | 0.66 |
| | UV | 0 | 2.2 | 65543284 | 6.93 | | | | |
| O-14 | Dark | 43.3 | 1.7 | 20628964 | 11.37 | 0.00 | 1.18 | 0.92 | 0.88 |
| | UV | 0 | 2.0 | 18994446 | 10.04 | | | | |
| O-16 | Dark | 3.3 | 1.9 | 27143889 | 11.41 | 7.06 | 0.95 | 1.23 | 1.05 |
| | UV | 23.3 | 1.8 | 33425179 | 12.01 | | | | |
| O-48 | Dark | 6.7 | 2.8 | 7476462 | 3.64 | 1.00 | 2.68 | 1.27 | 0.98 |
| | UV | 6.7 | 7.5 | 9518965 | 3.55 | | | | |

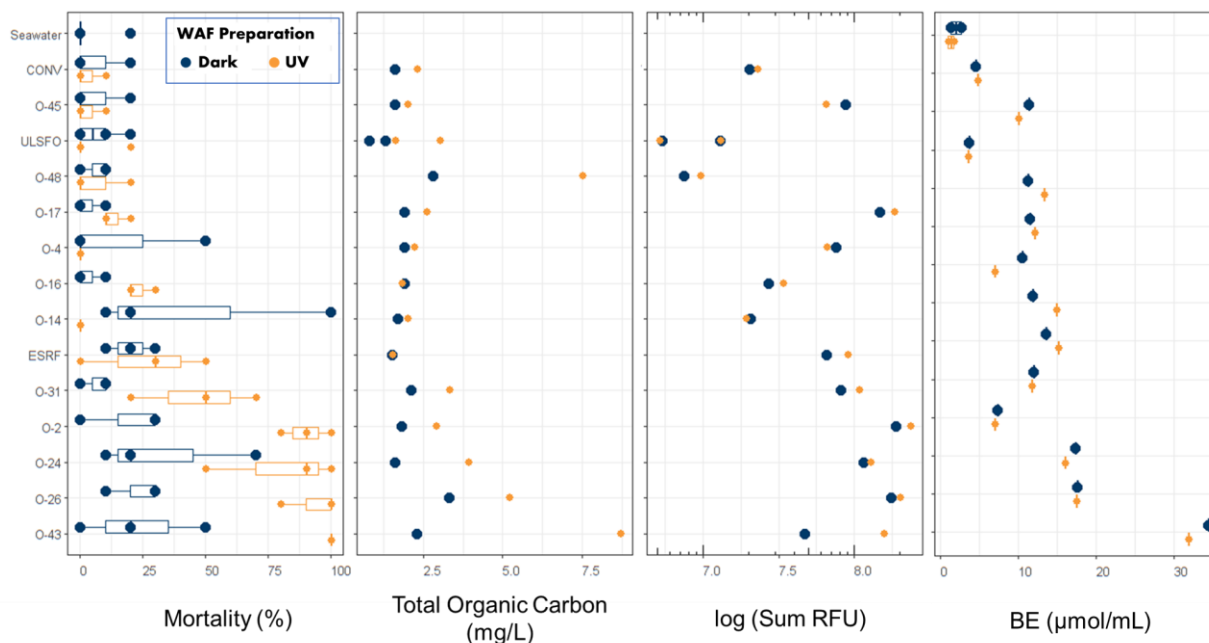


Figure 32: Summary of the larval mortality (left; each point represents a replicate, with the box bounding the interquartile range), total organic carbon measurements (middle-left), the relative fluorometry signal (middle-right), and the BE-SPME (right) for the UV-treated (orange) and dark (blue) WAFs. The products are listed on the y-axis in decreasing order of toxicity based on the UV-treated WAFs (e.g., products on the bottom are more toxic)

In nearly all cases the observed toxicity in the UV treated WAF (orange circles in Figure 32) was equal or greater than the WAF prepared in the dark (blue circles). For all products tested, there was an increase in TOC with UV treatment. While the fluorometer can only measure compounds that fluoresce, in all but one case (O-45) there was an increase in the relative fluorometric signal in the UV treated WAFs compared to their non-irradiated counterpart. It should be noted, however, other compounds may have been formed that are not detectable with this method. There was less difference in the BE values between the irradiated and dark counterparts, however the increase in BE concentration generally followed with increases in toxicity. The increased TOC and RFUs after irradiation suggest that there were additional photoproducts being formed and that the amount formed varied between oil samples. The VLSFO WAFs showed a full range of mortality response from 0 to 100% when irradiated, however there was seldom more than 50% mortality for any VLSFO WAF prepared in the dark.

The mortality data was modelled using the TOC, RFU, and BE-SPME as exposure metrics (Figure 33).

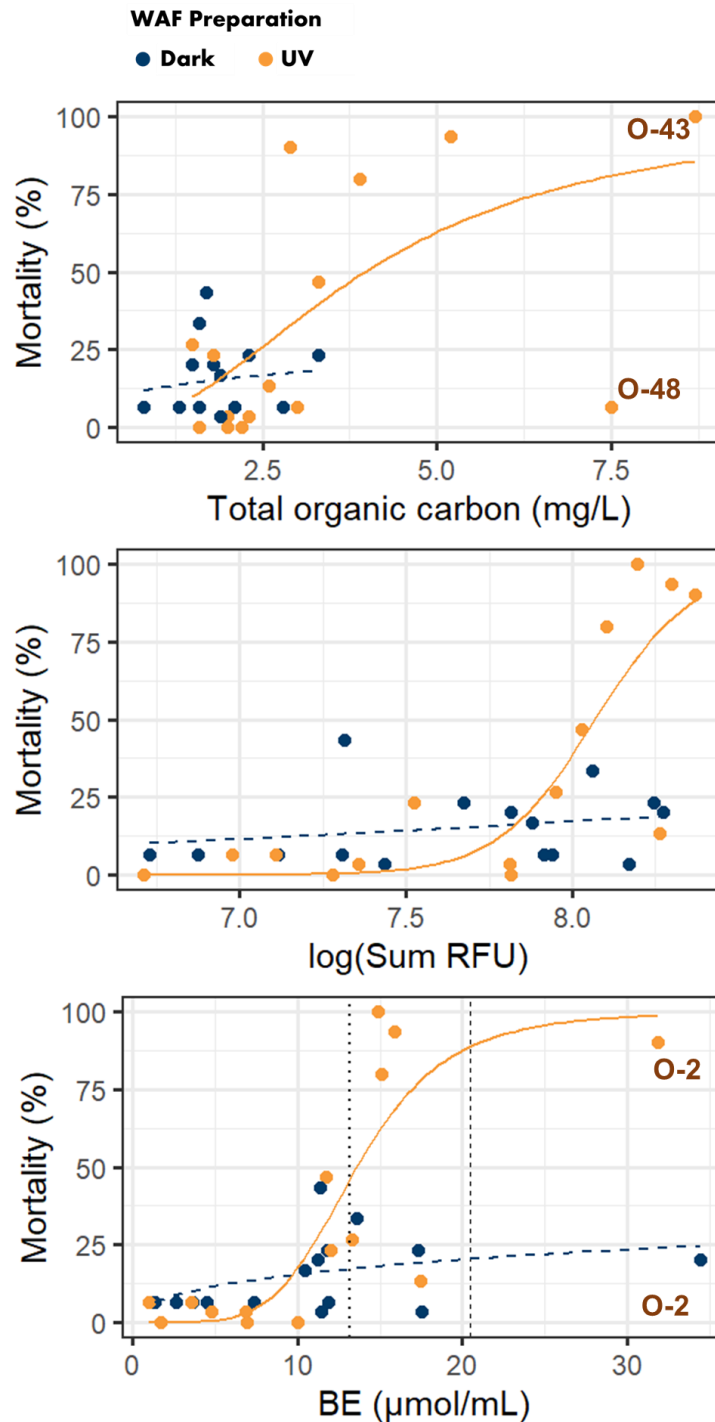


Figure 33: Fitting the larval cod mortality data to the exposure metrics of total organic carbon (top), relative fluorometry signal (middle), and BE (bottom) for the UV-treated (orange) and dark (blue) WAFs.

As TOC increased greater than 2.5 mg/L there was more pronounced mortality, with the notable exception of O-48, which had the second highest TOC concentration (7.5 mg/L),

but very little mortality (mean 6.7% mortality). The greatest TOC measurements were from WAFs that had been irradiated, highlighting the formation of photoproducts. There was a stronger relationship with the fluorometry signal strength (RFU) and the observed mortality when looking at the WAFs prepared under UV light. However, the dark WAFs did not have as strong of a relationship, partially owing to the limited mortality seen in the dark preparations. If the formed photoproducts are not detectable by fluorescence, this may explain why at similar RFUs there is increased mortality observed in the UV WAFs than those in the dark.

The BE exposure metric ($\mu\text{mol/L}$) generally increased with increasing mortality. There were three results from the same trial where the BE-values were high (e.g., 17.3 – 17.5 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) but showed less mortality than expected. These values came from O-17 (UV and dark) and O-26 (dark) and are consistent with the magnitude observed in the lobster studies for those products (18.9 – 24.5 $\mu\text{mol/L}$). For lobster, these two products were among the most toxic, however in cod they presented a much lower response. This could be due to an overall reduced sensitivity of cod as compared to lobster or may reflect that the exposure and monitoring time in the colder temperature cod, was not sufficient to observe the toxicological effects (e.g., may have required >24-hrs to observe the effects). The other result of interest for the BE relationship is O-2, which exhibited the greatest BE concentrations (31.9 and 34.5 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ for UV and dark preparation respectively; again in line with the measured values from the lobster studies), and also showed extreme differences in mortality, 20% for the dark preparation and 90% for the UV preparation. The lower than expected mortality in the dark preparation of O-2 may be due to the colder temperatures and requiring more time to observe mortality, or could be due to the higher degree of variability observed within Atlantic cod and their responses to petroleum products (Scovil et al. 2022); however as the fish were from the same batch, the latter explanation is less likely in this case. A concentration response model was applied to the BE and mortality results, both with all the data and excluding the 4 data points where the mortality was lower than expected, yielding a BE-critical value of 20.5 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (5.9 standard error) and 13.2 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (0.5 standard error) respectively (indicated as the dashed and dotted vertical lines in the bottom panel of Figure 33). The BE-critical value is greater than the value for lobster (6.3 $\mu\text{mol/L}$), confirming the greater acute sensitivity of lobster as compared to cod larvae.

3.3.2.3. *Photo-modification and Photo-sensitization in cod*

Larval cod were exposed to dark-WAF or UV-WAF at 100% strength for 24-hrs. Afterwards the cod were transferred into clean seawater, and a subset of replicates from each treatment (dark and UV-WAF) were directed towards a photo-sensitization exposure involving a 3-hour exposure to a single UV dose, while the other units remained in the

dark. Each unit was then followed for an additional 24-hours (under dark conditions) of monitoring to assess mortality. The results of which are shown in Figure 34.

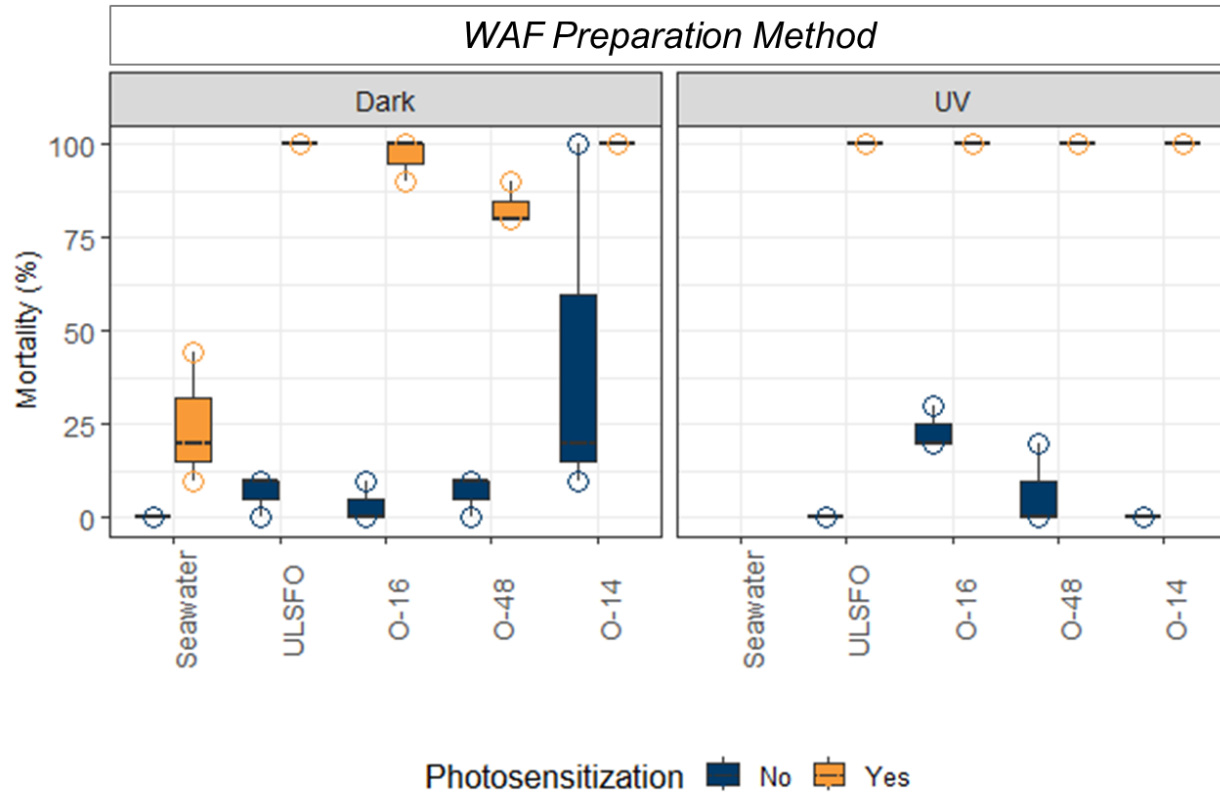


Figure 34: Summary of the photo-modification and photo-sensitization combined trial. The panel on the left represent WAF media that was prepared in the dark (no photo-modification), while the panel on the right is WAF media prepared under UV light (photo-modification). The colours of the boxes within each panel indicate whether following 24-hrs of exposure to media the replicate (individual point) was placed under UV light for 3-hours (photo-sensitization; orange boxes), or left in the dark (blue boxes).

Photo-sensitization (orange boxes) had a slightly greater effect on organisms pre-exposed to a photo-modified WAF (right panel) than the dark-WAF (left panel). This result could indicate that photo-products generated during irradiation were bioavailable to the organism, were at least mildly persistent within the organism, and were photo-reactive. However, because the responses in the photo-sensitization exposure units were so high (nearly showing 100% mortality) it is difficult to tease out the magnitude of the difference between the photo-sensitization potential of photo-modified products compared to their non-modified counterparts. It is also worth noting that in the seawater alone control treatment, a 3-hour UV exposure did result in mortality that was not observed in the no photo-sensitization group. This highlights that photo-sensitization exposures are fundamentally a co-exposure of two stressors (photo-reactive compounds and UV irradiation) and their potential synergistic effect (Alloy et al. 2023). The impact of photo-

sensitization was greater in cod larvae than what was observed in lobster. This difference may be attributable to the different biology of the organisms, where the larval lobster has a semi-transparent carapace made of chitin which may limit the transmission of UV light into the body, whereas the larval cod are more transparent and thus allow more UV light into the body where it may react with the accumulated PACs, which otherwise may have been at levels where toxicity would not be expected to occur.

3.3.3. Green sea urchin results

Five products (3 VLSFOs, and 2 conventional crudes) were screened for toxicity with green sea-urchin bioassays. WAFs were prepared at a single loading (1 g/L) under UV light and in the dark and were diluted to generate exposure solutions of 100, 10, and 1% strength. The urchin results are presented in Figure 35 for fertilization and development.

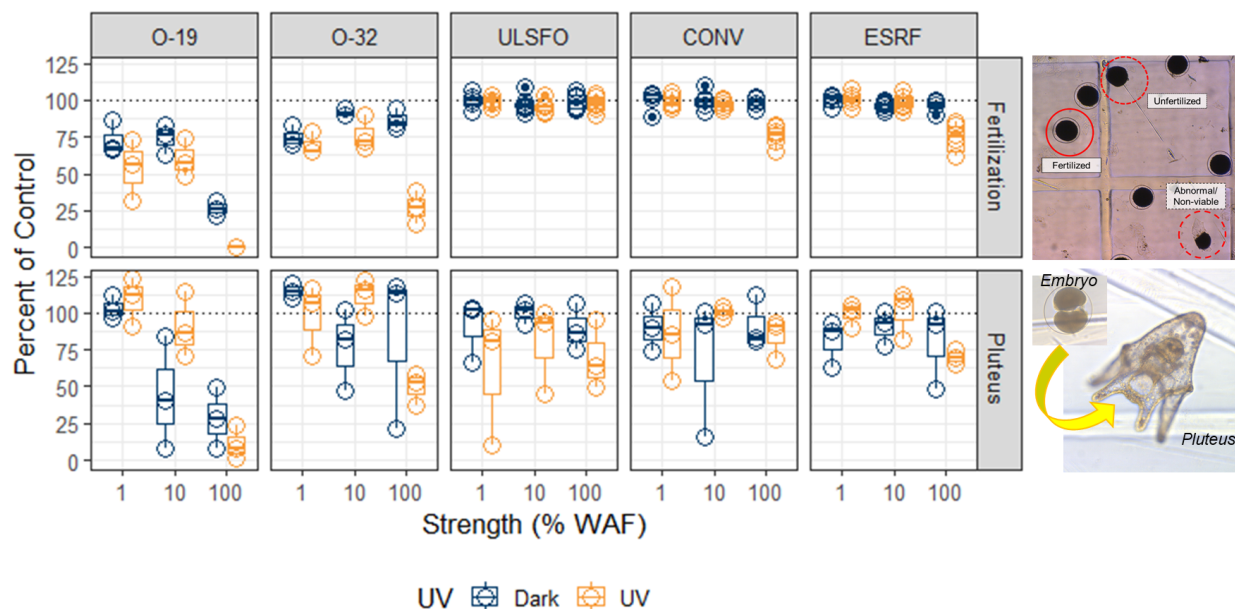


Figure 35: Urchin fertilization (top) and development (bottom) results for the UV-treated (orange) and dark (blue) WAFs.

Fertilization and development are sensitive toxicological endpoints, and at the highest tested concentrations, both VLSFO products, O-19 and O-32, exhibited a significant decrease relative to the control performance, while there was minimal impact on these endpoints for the ULSFO, Conventional Heavy Crude (CONV) or the offshore Newfoundland crude (ESRF). For the VLSFOs, O-19 and O-32, the UV treated WAFs did exhibit greater toxicity for both endpoints than did the WAFs prepared in the dark, and demonstrated an increase in fluorometric signal following irradiation (Figure 36).

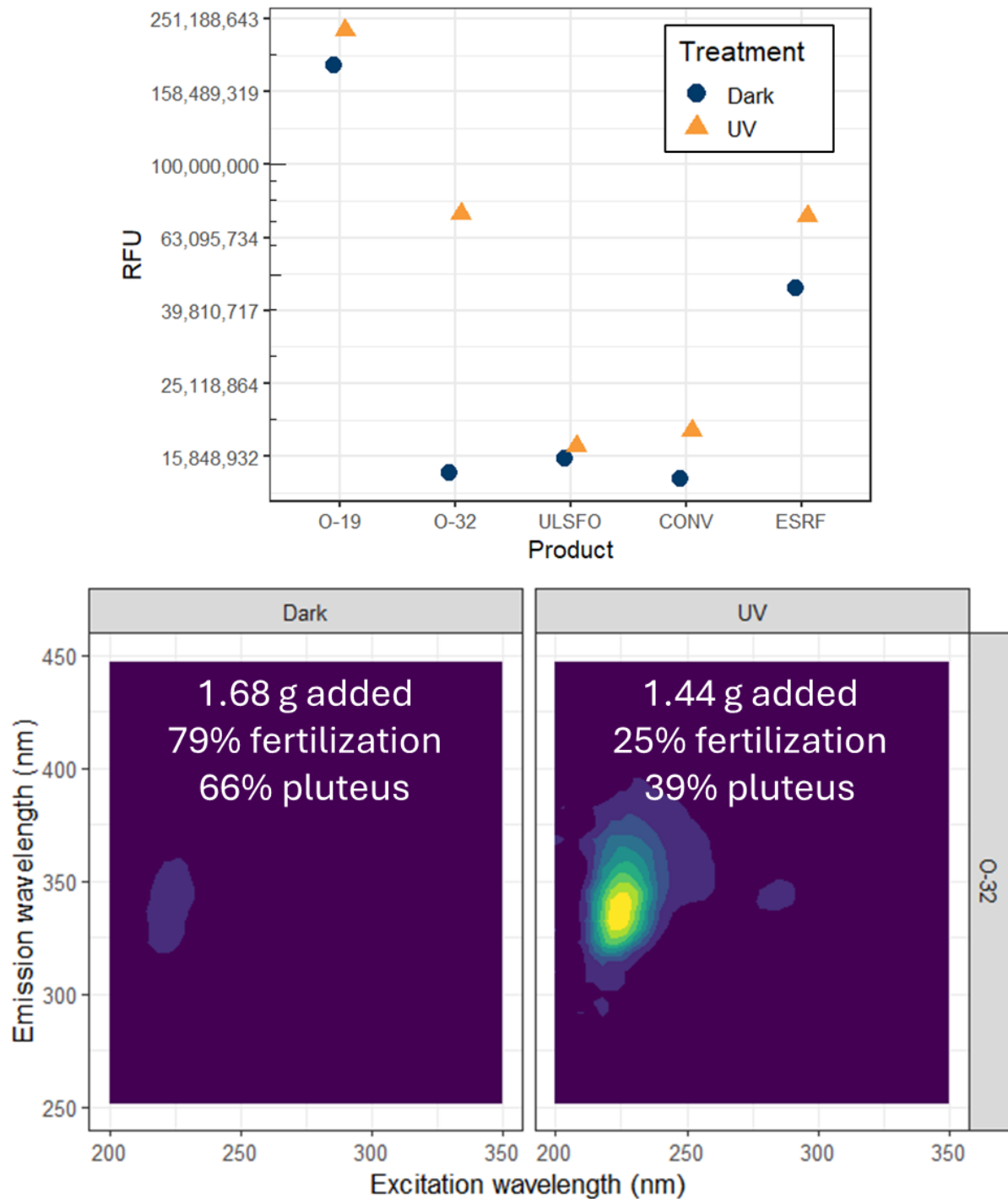


Figure 36: (top) The sum of the fluorometric signals from the urchin exposures for the WAFs prepared in the dark (blue circles) and under UV (orange triangles). (bottom) Summary of the fluorometry excitation and emission spectra (colour represents signal intensity with yellow being the most intense and purple the least) and toxicological responses for O-32.

At the time of reporting, only the fluorometry data was available for the urchin exposures, and it was used to fit the fertilization and development responses (Figure 37).

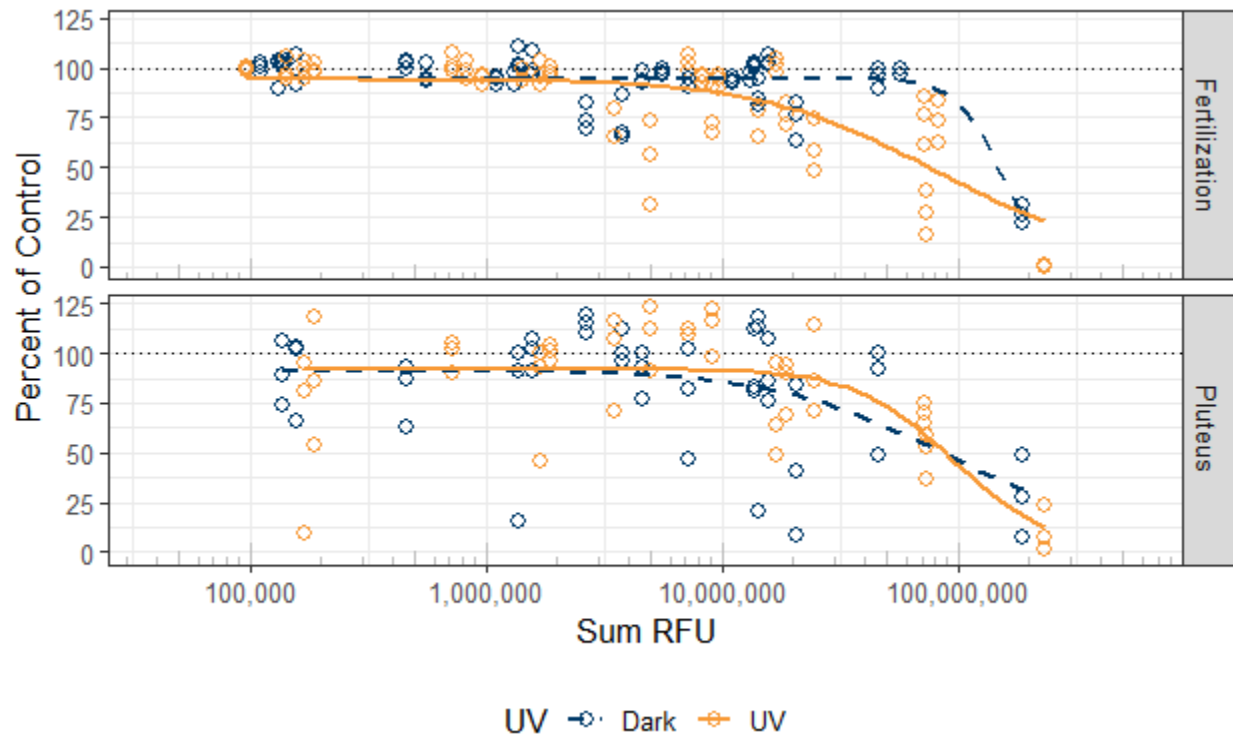


Figure 37: Concentration response relationship for the UV-treated (orange) and dark (blue) WAFs.

The response for both endpoints generally followed that with increasing fluorometric signal there was reduction in the percent fertilized and reduced development to the pluteus stage. When modelling the response data with both preparations combined, the EC50 for fertilization was 99,981,951 (sum RFUs) and the EC50 for development to pluteus was 82,994,263 (sum RFUs). This highlights that the development endpoint is slightly more sensitive than the fertilization. However, as the fertilization bioassay can be run in a single day (as compared to the 4-5 days for the development endpoint), it offers a better opportunity to rapidly screen for toxicity.

3.4. Modelling

Using the measured PAC and alkane concentrations in the products (3.1.1), collected after making WAF in both the dark and under UV, the expected concentrations in the WAF were estimated, and those were used to calculate toxic units to the lobster and predict the immobilization response. To estimate the concentrations, the mass of the analyte in the sample was multiplied by partitioning transfer rate (estimated based on log KOW), and the equilibrium partitioning between water and oil. The estimated values were

compared to the subcooled solubility to ensure the modelled estimates did not exceed solubility. From the estimated water concentrations, the toxic unit approach was applied to predict the toxicity. The predicted and observed toxicity to American lobster larvae for the products tested is presented in Figure 38.

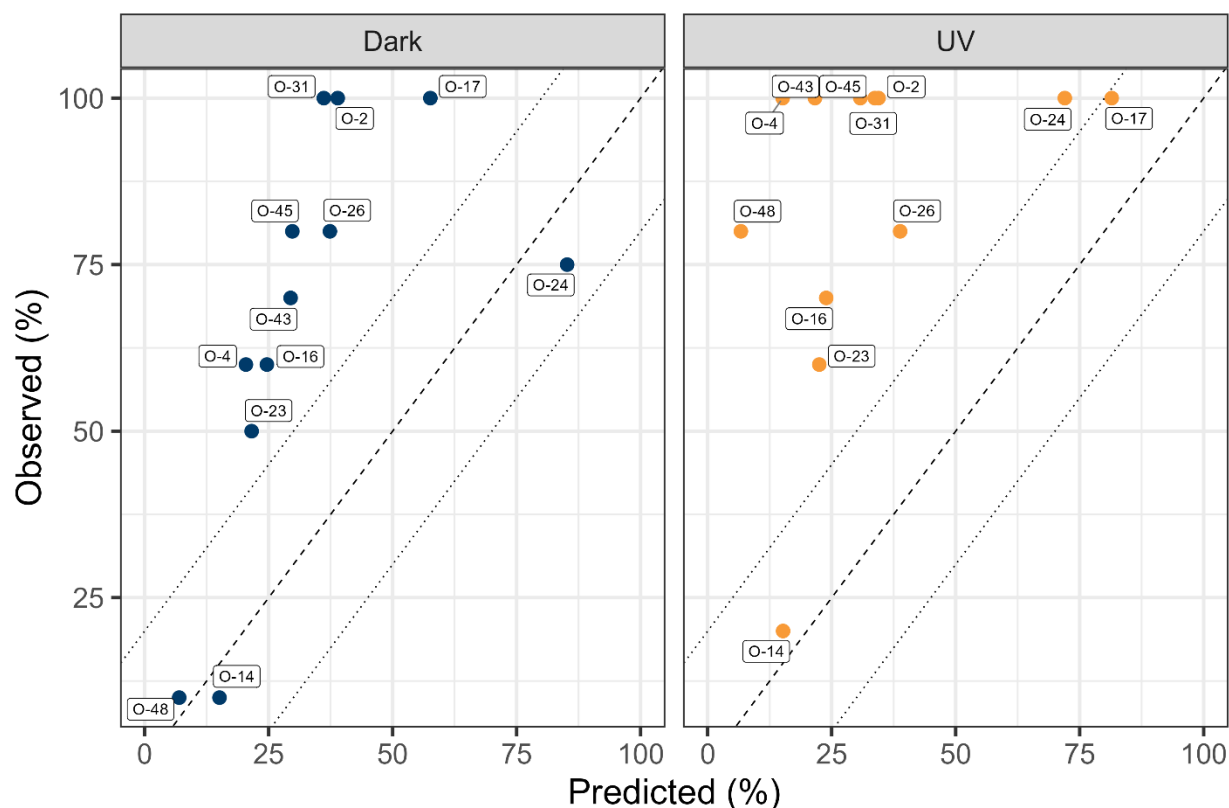


Figure 38: Predicted toxicity (as immobilization) to American lobster larvae based on the measured concentrations in the source oil following the preparation of a WAF in the dark (left) or under UV light (right). The dashed line is showing 1:1 and the dotted lines bound a +/- 20%.

In the case of the dark and irradiated VLSFO, the predicted toxicity was consistently less than the observed toxicity, with only 3 products (O-14, O-24, O-48) in the dark preparation and 2 products (O-14 and O-71) in the UV preparation having predictions within 20% of the observed response. The dark preparations have a slightly better predictive ability (e.g., more points closer to equality), than the UV preparations, again suggesting the formation of compounds that are not accounted for in traditional chemical analysis but are contributing to toxicity. These results highlight that to have more accurate predictions of toxicity more comprehensive and additional characterization of test media (e.g., fractionation and liquid chromatography high resolution mass spectrometry (LC-HRMS), gas chromatography-quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry (GC-QTOF)) is required.

3.4.1. Relationships in water chemistry

When comparing the WAF preparations for lobster and cod, there was generally consistent relationship between the measurements of the exposure metrics (Figure 39).

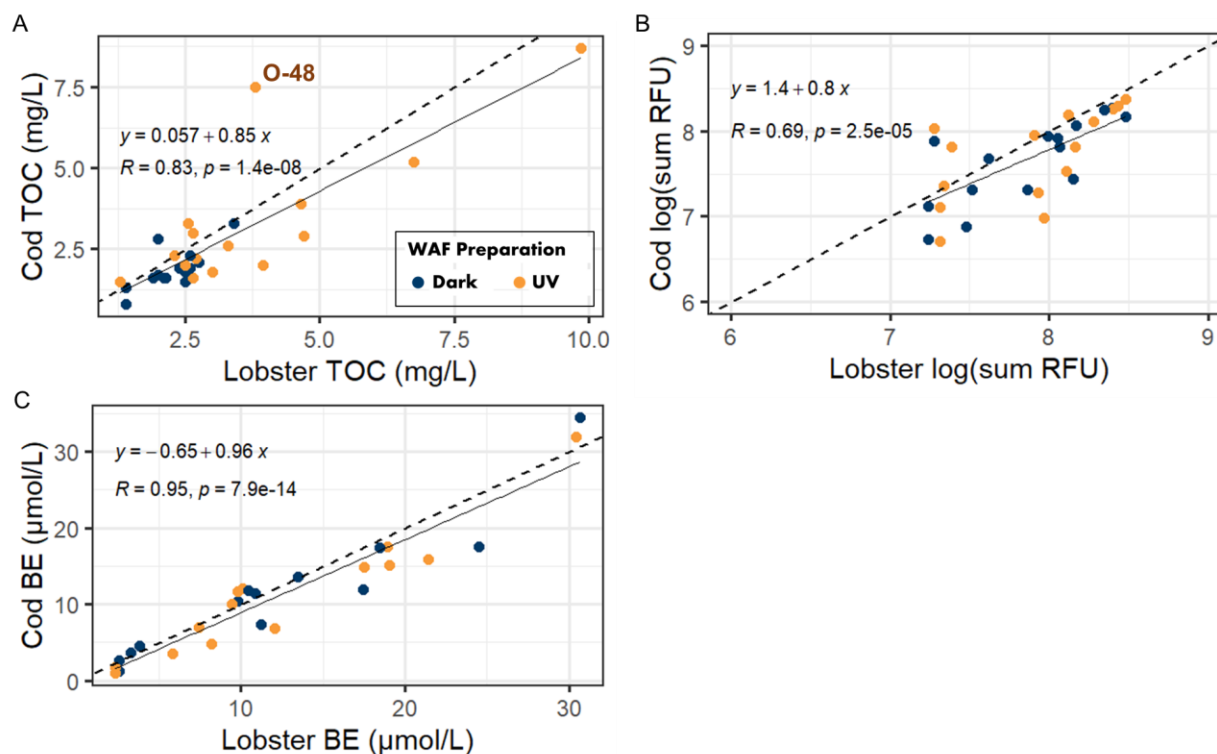


Figure 39: Comparison between the measured exposure metrics TOC (A), RFU (B), and BE-SPME (C) between lobster (x-axis) and cod (y-axis) for the same products ($n = 15$) prepared in the dark (blue circles) and under UV light (orange circles). The dashed diagonal line is 1:1 and the solid line is the linear regression relationship with the equation in the insert.

In nearly all cases, the measured values in the cod preparations are slightly lower than the same product prepared in the lobster testing (e.g., points tend to fall below the dashed diagonal line at 1:1 in Figure 39). This difference may be attributable to two things. The first being temperature, with the WAFs used in lobster testing having been prepared at 15°C, while the WAFs for cod testing were prepared at 6°C, the warmer temperature may have impacted the dissolution rates, resulting in greater concentration in the lobster preparation. The second option could reflect weathering state/stability of the products, as the lobster testing was performed first, followed by the cod testing approximately 4 months later. However, the closeness of the data, and the significant relationship between the preparations for each species highlights that a consistent WAF preparation and analytical characterization was performed for all trials.

In comparing between exposure metrics, there is a significant relationship the fluorometric signal and the BE values (Figure 40), while the other relationships are less strong or consistent.

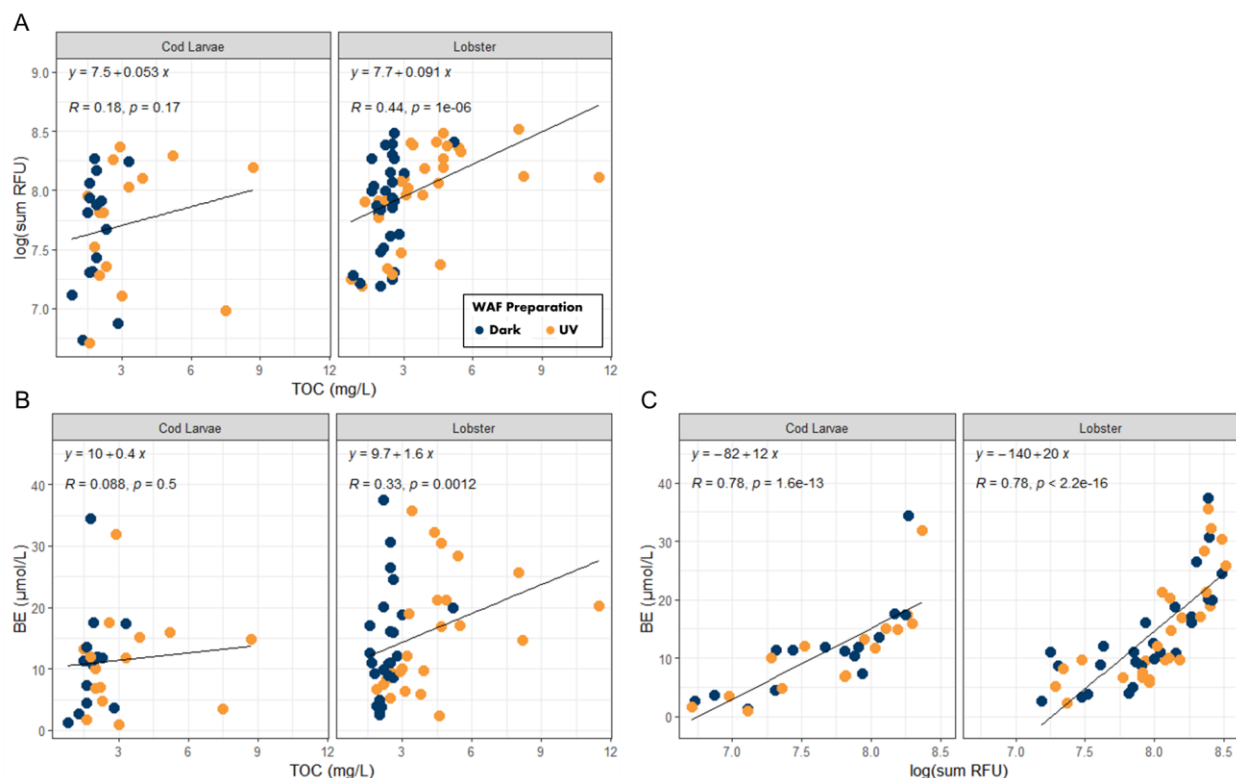


Figure 40: Relationship between the exposure metrics TOC and RFU (A), TOC and BE (B), and RFU and BE (C) prepared in the dark (blue circles) and under UV light (orange circles).

The relationship between the different exposure metrics highlights the importance of fully characterizing exposure solutions, as each measurement method can only detect certain compounds (e.g., fluorometry can only detect compounds which fluoresce) and each of those compounds may be contributing towards toxicity in a different manner. The BE metric, which measures the non-descript bioavailable fraction, has a good relationship with observed toxicity in both lobster and cod, and can account for compounds which may not be typically analyzed by other methods. This metric should be further explored as a rapid analytical tool that can provide information regarding the potential impact of a water sample.

3.4.2. Relationships between properties of the VLSFOs and bioassay results

The physical and chemical properties of the tested products (only considering the VLSFOs and ULSFOs; excluding O-43 and the conventional products) were examined against the measured changes in exposure metrics (e.g., TOC, PAC, RFU, and BE) and

the toxicological response (lobster immobilization in dark, with UV, and fold difference), to identify significant relationships (Figure 41).

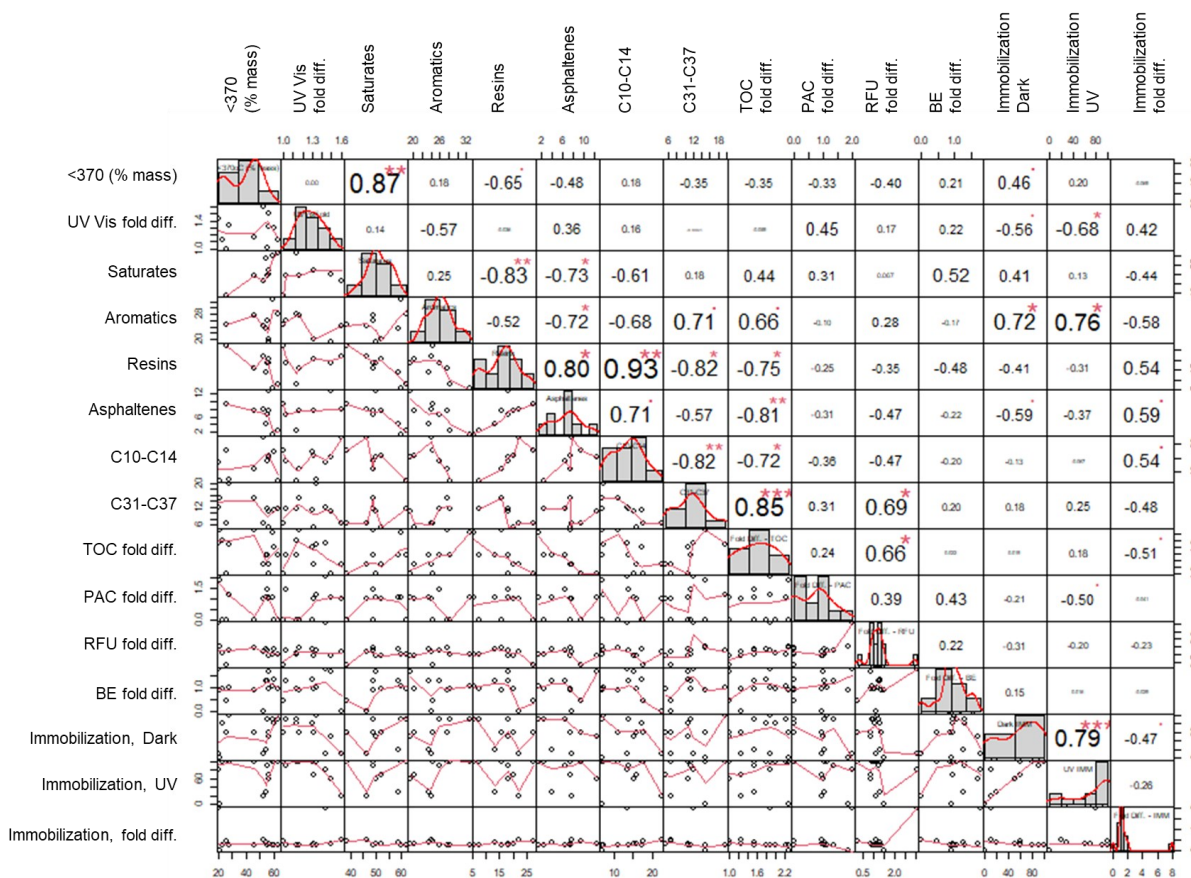


Figure 41: Correlation matrix with scatterplots (lower half), histograms (diagonal), and significance levels (upper half) for a suite of measures.

The diagonal shows histograms representing the distribution of each measure. The lower triangle displays scatterplots illustrating pairwise relationships between the measures, while the upper triangle contains the Spearman correlation coefficients (r) for each pair. Asterisks (*, **, ***) in the upper triangle indicate the significance of the correlations: * ($p \leq 0.05$), ** ($p \leq 0.01$), *** ($p \leq 0.001$). Cells without asterisks represent correlations that are not statistically significant ($p > 0.05$).

The physical-chemical properties of the VLSFOs are related to each other, as can be seen by the significant correlations between the SARA components. When looking at the changes in exposure metric concentration from UV to dark, there were few of these physical-chemical properties that had significant relationships. With fold increase in TOC concentrations, there was a positive and significant relationship with aromatics and the

C31-C37 fractions. This suggests that for a product with more aromatics and more in the C31-C37 fraction, there is likely to be more of an increase in TOC, as photoproducts, following UV irradiation. Similarly, there was a negative and significant relationship with resins, asphaltenes, and the C10-C14 fraction, suggesting that as those measures increase there is less of an increase in TOC following irradiation. There was also a positive and significant relationship between fold increase in RFUs and the C31-C37 fraction of the VLSFOs. There were no significant relationships for fold increase in PAC or BE with any of the physical-chemical measures.

The toxicological responses for lobster, immobilization in the dark WAF exposure, immobilization in the UV WAF exposure, and fold difference in immobilization following UV exposure, did have significant correlations with some of the physical-chemical measures. Notably the immobilization in the dark and UV were both positively and significantly correlated to the percent aromatic (e.g., greater the percent aromatic, the greater the immobilization); however the percent aromatic was not statistically correlated to the fold difference in immobilization response. The fold difference in immobilization was weakly correlated with the percent asphaltenes and the C10-C14 fraction (increasing amounts of each being correlated with a greater fold difference in immobilization), and the fold difference in TOC (increasing difference in TOC correlated to reduced difference in immobilization); however, the Spearman correlation coefficient for these relationships were all less than 0.6 and should be interpreted with caution.

The SARA components, specifically the aromatics and asphaltenes, proved to have significant relationships with whether photomodification is likely to occur, and whether there is likely to be toxicity. The percent aromatics were significantly correlated with an increase in TOC (suggesting more formation of photoproducts), as well as the observed toxicity in the dark and UV WAFs. The percent asphaltenes was significantly correlated with increases in TOC following UV irradiation, and whether there would be an increase in immobilization following UV irradiation (albeit a weaker relationship). These relationships may provide a first pass screening value to determine the likelihood of photomodification and the significance of the photoproducts towards increasing the toxicity of the product.

4. Conclusions

There was an incredible diversity in the physical appearance, behaviour, and toxicity of the WAFs made with the VLSFOs, both alone and in the presence of UV light.

The results highlight a wide range of responses across fuel types, with significant differences in sensitivity across species. Some of the VLSFOs and the ULSFO showed very little acute toxicity in these bioassays, while others resulted in significant changes

(e.g., immobilization, mortality, delayed development). Lobster immobilization was the most sensitive endpoint, however the Atlantic cod saw significant increases in toxicity following a photo-sensitization exposure. The differences between these sensitivity to photo-modification and photo-sensitization highlight the importance of testing multiple species with different life histories and biology to ensure that the potential impacts of a contaminant are fully understood.

The impact of UV light on the observed toxicity underscores the importance of addressing and incorporating modifying factors when determining the toxicity of complex mixtures in the laboratory. The likelihood of a product undergoing photomodification seems to be reasonably predicted by the SARA fraction, however this relationship should be further explored with more detailed characterization of the photoproducts. Photomodification can significantly increase the toxicity of some VLSFOs and it should be considered when assessing the potential damage these products can cause in a fuel spill scenario.

The toxicity of many of the tested VLSFOs did not follow that of traditional crude oils, where PACs alone may adequately describe toxicity. The SARA components, particularly the percent aromatic, provided a general estimate for observing toxicity in larval lobster. The percent asphaltenes had a weakly significant relationship with the increase in toxicity observed following irradiation, and may provide an indicator for the potential toxicity of the formed photoproducts. Additional work needs to be done to understand what components within these VLSFOs are contributing towards toxicity, and the data generated in this study will help to develop and validate models to predict and assess the toxicity of these new generation fuel oils.

5. Dissemination

During this project the results of this study were presented at numerous scientific conferences:

SETAC-Europe Dublin, IRE: April 30th – May 4th 2023

AMOP Technical Seminar, Edmonton, AB, CAN: June 6 – 8th 2023

Canadian Ecotoxicology Workshop Ottawa, ON, CAN: October 2 – 5th 2023

SETAC-North America Louisville, KY, USA: Nov 12 – 16th 2023

SETAC-North Atlantic Chapter, Woods Hole, MA, USA: April 11 – 12th, 2024

ACCESS/BoFEP Joint Conference, St. Andrews, NB: June 4 – 7th, 2024

Canadian Ecotoxicology Workshop Kitchener, ON, CAN: October 6 – 9th 2024

Additionally, aspects of the research were presented to 19 high school and University groups from New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario, Canada. The findings presented in this study are being prepared for publication in the peer reviewed literature.

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| biphenyl | 6.005 | 1.456 | 2.693 | 1.01 | 8.617 | 2.37 | 1.574 | 10.131 | 1.351 | 1.58 | 1.126 | 0.506 | 7.024 | 1.5 | 0.968 | 1.254 |
| ACE | 1.069 | 0.327 | 1.783 | 0.582 | 2.582 | 0.449 | 0.585 | 2.909 | 0.524 | 0.212 | 0.85 | 0.131 | 1.344 | 0.317 | 0.536 | 0.534 |
| ACY | 3.668 | 1.887 | 1.541 | 2.509 | 8.632 | 1.595 | 2.066 | 4.762 | 1.884 | 1.093 | 3.362 | 0.454 | 4.488 | 2.004 | 2.515 | 1.796 |
| naph | 40.307 | 11.824 | 24.832 | 9.199 | 63.142 | 24.247 | 7.689 | 68.104 | 12.897 | 8.746 | 14.429 | 5.421 | 43.79 | 10.851 | 7.995 | 10.407 |
| naph-2me | 91.404 | 20.462 | 24.369 | 27.123 | 186.215 | 35.975 | 32.652 | 46.57 | 35.525 | 17.16 | 35.932 | 7.644 | 107.247 | 22.217 | 28.237 | 34.332 |
| naph-1me | 52.338 | 13.539 | 15.971 | 17.746 | 111.833 | 20.994 | 19.277 | 32.64 | 20.991 | 14.484 | 23.106 | 4.874 | 65.98 | 14.737 | 18.212 | 20.15 |
| naph-C2 | 322.15 | 88.323 | 81.01 | 130.085 | 772.316 | 123.764 | 153.435 | 101.189 | 137.906 | 76.319 | 166.202 | 27.656 | 419.594 | 97.801 | 137.26 | 137.323 |
| naph-C3 | 4096.08 | 1261.541 | 1087.134 | 1815.572 | 8478.686 | 1509.028 | 2217.449 | 1044.202 | 1823.054 | 993.871 | 2361.32 | 395.61 | 5166.814 | 1349.282 | 1846.659 | 1789.674 |
| naph-C4 | 2531.944 | 1055.301 | 806.764 | 1419.602 | 6404.362 | 997.239 | 1583.269 | 702.678 | 1296.107 | 918.719 | 1733.6 | 353.451 | 3170.652 | 1126.643 | 1427.471 | 1264.136 |
| fluo | 4.938 | 2.014 | 2.158 | 2.255 | 11.001 | 2.53 | 2.449 | 5.795 | 1.964 | 1.68 | 2.664 | 0.69 | 5.947 | 2.1 | 2.179 | 1.86 |
| fluo-C1 | 14.081 | 5.208 | 4.709 | 8.272 | 33.482 | 6.955 | 9.59 | 7.345 | 7.455 | 3.256 | 9.641 | 2.204 | 16.932 | 5.477 | 8.296 | 7.089 |
| fluo-C2 | 21.626 | 11.055 | 9.423 | 19.226 | 62.802 | 13.938 | 22.861 | 12.289 | 16.985 | 6.904 | 21.401 | 6.337 | 25.187 | 11.339 | 19.03 | 15.867 |
| fluo-C3 | 14.71 | 9.79 | 8.61 | 18.865 | 46.613 | 13.137 | 25.667 | 15.408 | 16.835 | 6.357 | 21.332 | 7.485 | 16.977 | 9.846 | 18.642 | 15.302 |
| fluo-C4 | 14.668 | 14.233 | 12.061 | 24.597 | 35.827 | 16.087 | 37.588 | 25.739 | 22.137 | 10.595 | 25.354 | 14.841 | 17.138 | 13.93 | 24.824 | 21.942 |
| anthr | 1.681 | 0.966 | 1.322 | 1.363 | 3.306 | 1.041 | 2.175 | 13.383 | 1.01 | 0.25 | 1.883 | 0.422 | 2.078 | 0.932 | 0.918 | 1.764 |
| phen | 12.644 | 6.658 | 5.751 | 11.13 | 34.444 | 8.647 | 12.648 | 12.259 | 9.029 | 3.182 | 13.975 | 2.661 | 15.616 | 6.987 | 11.355 | 9.145 |
| phen-C1 | 50.611 | 25.35 | 28.147 | 51.895 | 143.977 | 45.349 | 81.081 | 46.002 | 54.842 | 9.948 | 69.786 | 15.334 | 60.801 | 25.321 | 52.193 | 55.238 |
| phen-C2 | 33.261 | 24.375 | 27.444 | 52.104 | 103.944 | 45.046 | 122.144 | 77.058 | 65.176 | 9.767 | 71.085 | 16.817 | 40.775 | 24.643 | 52.824 | 66.556 |
| phen-C3 | 39.813 | 44.05 | 47.55 | 85.681 | 103.623 | 70.663 | 289.961 | 174.216 | 122.641 | 17.806 | 113.378 | 30.711 | 47.981 | 43.822 | 85.165 | 123.569 |
| phen-C4 | 8.956 | 14.157 | 13.056 | 21.824 | 20.73 | 17.496 | 75.192 | 49.382 | 30.193 | 6.644 | 26.326 | 10.733 | 10.582 | 13.738 | 21.03 | 29.654 |
| DBT | 1.436 | 1.903 | 0.559 | 1.569 | 7.38 | 1.195 | 0.781 | 0.883 | 0.81 | 1.241 | 2.02 | 0.388 | 1.689 | 1.968 | 1.623 | 0.812 |
| DBT-C1 | 2.11 | 3.148 | 1.301 | 3.139 | 12.654 | 2.885 | 1.899 | 2.475 | 1.705 | 4.263 | 0.989 | 2.509 | 3.209 | 3.198 | 1.71 | |
| DBT-C2 | 313.395 | 471.454 | 240.15 | 448.496 | 1564.362 | 503.367 | 390.007 | 847.099 | 306.375 | 246.92 | 602.937 | 176.11 | 368.231 | 464.506 | 445.595 | 305.408 |
| DBT-C3 | 279.692 | 447.421 | 254.441 | 356.805 | 960.602 | 470.415 | 556.053 | 1381.483 | 366.691 | 221.239 | 527.149 | 204.871 | 333.238 | 440.652 | 371.418 | 363.037 |
| DBT-C4 | 156.769 | 242.765 | 139.9 | 182.951 | 354.262 | 226.325 | 336.718 | 844.377 | 202.185 | 133.739 | 250.036 | 136.999 | 183.202 | 236.103 | 182.951 | 202.579 |
| flanth | 0.312 | 0.98 | 0.424 | 0.498 | 1.165 | 0.627 | 1.634 | 1.853 | 0.743 | 0.092 | 0.787 | 0.113 | 0.361 | 0.85 | 0.47 | 0.671 |
| pyr | 2.274 | 3.375 | 2.94 | 4.694 | 5.007 | 4.076 | 18.563 | 9.809 | 7.91 | 0.382 | 2.777 | 1.433 | 3.565 | 4.83 | 8.166 | |
| pyr-C1 | 623.936 | 1149.858 | 1097.635 | 1463.576 | 1369.915 | 1643.803 | 7502.554 | 3840.208 | 2952.412 | 256.67 | 2203.027 | 509.555 | 752.507 | 1202.365 | 1471.429 | 2980.605 |
| pyr-C2 | 1238.127 | 2997.446 | 2660.076 | 3209.555 | 2037.275 | 3355.535 | 24673.888 | 8667.55 | 7711.637 | 381.835 | 4746.452 | 1136.708 | 1516.84 | 3215.043 | 7801.135 | |
| pyr-C3 | 1107.758 | 2731.693 | 2498.013 | 3448.25 | 1753.169 | 2983.917 | 20516.083 | 8204.636 | 6580.322 | 466.509 | 4760.833 | 1310.123 | 1366.036 | 2893.377 | 3399.622 | 6556.197 |
| pyr-C4 | 910.974 | 2548.439 | 2068.874 | 3399.622 | 1469.631 | 2290.918 | 15919.678 | 6329.518 | 5117.408 | 711.637 | 4488.269 | 1340.114 | 1205.393 | 2748.25 | 3456.481 | 5476.064 |
| chr/tri/BAA | 1.908 | 4.563 | 4.033 | 7.357 | 1.946 | 5.394 | 12.992 | 10.491 | 8.17 | 0.756 | 9.336 | 1.899 | 2.255 | 4.713 | 7.23 | 8.003 |
| chrys-C1 | 4.207 | 11.265 | 9.09 | 15.85 | 4.164 | 11.078 | 50.35 | 27.01 | 19.879 | 1.352 | 20.447 | 3.817 | 5.073 | 11.603 | 15.777 | 20.285 |
| chrys-C2 | 10.335 | 30.62 | 21.068 | 37.363 | 11.017 | 25.55 | 135.68 | 71.359 | 52.001 | 3.918 | 50.268 | 10.884 | 12.713 | 32.875 | 36.528 | 51.073 |
| chrys-C3 | 8.211 | 26.985 | 17.688 | 31.012 | 9.691 | 19.777 | 120.12 | 57.939 | 42.47 | 3.637 | 40.31 | 9.609 | 10.123 | 28.615 | 29.852 | 41.174 |
| chrys-C4 | 6.638 | 21.547 | 11.766 | 20.288 | 7.035 | 12.027 | 66.54 | 35.443 | 26.248 | 3.836 | 24.896 | 7.954 | 8.103 | 22.953 | 19.147 | 26.189 |
| BBF | 0.433 | 1.528 | 0.759 | 1.396 | 0.33 | 1.073 | 5.222 | 1.937 | 0.117 | 0.177 | 2.228 | 0.233 | 0.529 | 1.706 | 1.403 | 1.907 |
| BEP | 0.493 | 1.985 | 0.89 | 1.58 | 0.397 | 1.109 | 5.4 | 3.019 | 2.485 | 0.207 | 2.272 | 0.592 | 0.614 | 2.146 | 1.57 | 2.536 |
| BAP | 0.317 | 2.262 | 0.643 | 0.961 | 0.77 | 0.9 | 5.821 | 1.957 | 1.714 | 0.294 | 1.332 | 0.298 | 0.402 | 2.398 | 0.836 | 1.674 |
| PER | 0.126 | 0.899 | 0.255 | 0.382 | 0.306 | 0.358 | 2.313 | 0.778 | 0.681 | 0.117 | 0.529 | 0.118 | 0.16 | 0.953 | 0.332 | 0.665 |
| IND | 0.373 | 4.104 | 1.062 | 0.709 | 0.196 | 0.763 | 3.81 | 1.625 | 1.148 | 0.11 | 0.921 | 0.303 | 0.49 | 4.119 | 0.632 | 1.083 |
| GHI | 0.339 | 3.736 | 0.966 | 0.646 | 0.178 | 0.695 | 3.468 | 1.479 | 1.045 | 0.1 | 0.839 | 0.276 | 0.446 | 3.749 | 0.575 | 0.986 |
| ANTANT | 0.132 | 0.652 | 0.261 | 0.4 | 0.107 | 0.35 | 1.568 | 0.615 | 0.494 | 0.018 | 0.48 | 0.078 | 0.167 | 0.702 | 0.352 | 0.402 |
| nC10 | 2.935 | 7.083 | 27.68 | 17.771 | 7.298 | 20.774 | 3.826 | 9.396 | 14.491 | 74.997 | 17.326 | 4.786 | 3.578 | 7.962 | 16.661 | 11.967 |
| nC11 | 8.964 | 16.121 | 31.19 | 23.125 | 11.863 | 26.686 | 6.789 | 13.231 | 20.699 | 102.878 | 20.76 | 6.653 | 9.554 | 16.616 | 22.601 | 19.02 |
| nC12 | 8.875 | 20.94 | 30.023 | 26.366 | 22.604 | 28.186 | 10.682 | 15.242 | 20.059 | 89.535 | 22.705 | 7.384 | 10.385 | 21.753 | 26.113 | 19.295 |
| nC13 | 8.895 | 23.587 | 30.222 | 32.494 | 31.378 | 30.314 | 12.814 | 17.175 | 19.403 | 86.537 | 24.942 | 8.743 | 10.425 | 24.63 | 32.811 | 19.272 |
| nC14 | 10.695 | 26.884 | 32.381 | 40.196 | 40.331 | 33.954 | 15.773 | 19.231 | 22.088 | 81.808 | 28.959 | 11.284 | 12.657 | 28.131 | 40.313 | 22.074 |
| nC15 | 11.075 | 26.837 | 31.269 | 42.153 | 43.752 | 33.403 | 16.72 | 20.38 | 21.961 | 78.322 | 31.758 | 12.733 | 12.926 | 30.098 | 43.021 | 22.481 |
| nC16 | 13.667 | 31.143 | 32.151 | 44.666 | 54.592 | 37.997 | 19.052 | 21.758 | 23.67 | 70.679 | 32.858 | 16.1 | 15.815 | 31.14 | 45.393 | 24.588 |
| nC17 | 17.796 | 46.39 | 45.367 | 71.47 | 114.792 | 60.479 | 26.486 | 31.054 | 27.987 | 106.262 | 46.677 | 20.831 | 19.105 | 45.367 | 64.058 | 25.272 |
| pris | 8.469 | 16.901 | 24.583 | 46.691 | 57.057 | 24.69 | 10.152 | 14.314 | 18.929 | 56.563 | 18.22 | 10.436 | 8.884 | 17.363 | 43.493 | 16.678 |
| nC18 | 20.007 | 46.315 | 45.026 | 67.981 | 133.64 | 62.012 | 27.598 | 32.277 | 27.819 | 81.172 | 45.984 | 25.718 | 21.776 | 45.91 | 60.575 | 24.724 |
| phyt | 5.965 | 18.436 | 24.943 | 41.209 | 20.062 | 18.436 | 10.845 | 10.845 | 15.182 | 75.912 | 11.929 | 12.471 | 6.507 | 17.351 | 35.787 | 13.556 |
| nC19 | 19.767 | 28.723 | 33.889 | 43.751 | 78.964 | 41.904 | 18.401 | 24.421 | 22.571 | 34.956 | 24.364 | 22.908 | 30.249 | 47.258 | 22.625 | |
| nC20 | 19.19 | 21.094 | 29.499 | 38.347 | 72.637 | 36.893 | 17.492 | 22.33 | 19.371 | 36.353 | 32.219 | 25.061 | 22.678 | 22.489 | 39.526 | 20.514 |
| nC21 | 23.344 | 20.861 | 31.104 | 39.324 | 81.311 | 39.937 | 18.723 | 24.066 | 20.96 | 32.743 | 34.055 | 28.091 | 27.024 | 21.554 | 40.321 | 21.039 |
| nC22 | 26.553 | 19.626 | 29.223 | 39.707 | 84.796 | 39.989 | 18.967 | 23.052 | 21.365 | 30.29 | 35.926 | 29.081 | 29.988 | 20.43 | 41.266 | 22.311 |
| nC23 | 28.452 | 19.045 | 28.053 | 39.033 | 86.434 | 42.425 | 19.007 | 24.717 | 21.573 | 32.184 | 38.253 | 32.329 | 32.608 | 19.673 | 40.381 | 22.533 |
| nC24 | 28.338 | 17.82 | 23.41 | 32.973 | 82.042 | 35.053 | 18.023 | 21.786 | 20.906 | 28.04 | 34.208 | 30.264 | 34.097 | 18.712 | 34.247 | 20.952 |
| nC25 | 28.448 | 17.004 | 19.533 | 30.06 | 81.803 | 34.861 | 16.35 | 20.908 | 19.829 | 26.254 | 36.008 | 28.104 | 33.415 | 17.734 | 31.468 | 20.448 |
| nC26 | 29.681 | 16.985 | 18.178 | 29.43 | 75.958 | 33.113 | 17.454 | 20.934 | 21.062 | 24.493 | 36.844 | 27.106 | 34.673 | 17.564 | 30.113 | 21.41 |
| nC27 | 29.711 | 15.314 | 17.875 | 29.236 | 81.104 | 36.432 | 17.676 | 21.95 | 22.74 | 23.633 | 41.264 | 26.596 | 34.228 | 16.054 | 30.392 | 23.02 |

| Instrument I(071124co_33.D | 071124co_34.D | 071124co_35.D | 071124co_36.D | 071124co_39.D | 071124co_40.D | 071124co_41.D | 071124co_42.D | 071124co_43.D | 071124co_44.D | 071124co_45.D | 071124co_46.D | 071124co_47.D | 071124co_48.D | 071124co_51.D | 071124co_52.D | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sample-> | Extract O-2 UV | Extract O-4 UV | Extract O-16 UV | Extract O-31 UV | Extract O-14 | Extract O-17 | Extract O-24 | Extract O-26 | Extract O-14 UV | Extract O-17 UV | Extract O-24 UV | Extract O-26 UV | Extract O- 23 | Extract O- 43 | Extract O-48 | Extract O-43 UV |
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| biphenyl | 6.106 | 1.128 | 0.902 | 1.122 | 2.356 | 6.109 | 1.454 | 9.543 | 2.524 | 8.542 | 1.191 | 10.023 | 2.054 | 0.978 | 0.466 | 2.114 |
| ACE | 1.194 | 0.227 | 0.519 | 0.477 | 1.656 | 2.141 | 0.582 | 2.84 | 1.68 | 2.936 | 0.483 | 2.973 | 0.433 | 0.704 | 0.127 | 0.446 |
| ACY | 3.93 | 1.498 | 2.436 | 1.639 | 1.415 | 6.782 | 1.982 | 4.484 | 1.452 | 9.514 | 1.636 | 4.711 | 1.455 | 3.034 | 0.428 | 1.503 |
| naph | 37.19 | 8.309 | 7.084 | 8.406 | 21.69 | 43.836 | 6.429 | 65.822 | 19.245 | 66.215 | 5.304 | 67.735 | 20.168 | 11.719 | 4.639 | 21.227 |
| naph-2me | 98.69 | 17.234 | 26.638 | 31.127 | 24.479 | 159.112 | 34.605 | 49.994 | 21.837 | 220.705 | 30.233 | 50.907 | 37.221 | 32.948 | 7.226 | 38.697 |
| naph-1me | 59.841 | 11.263 | 17.433 | 18.548 | 15.765 | 96.344 | 20.436 | 34.237 | 15.253 | 134.678 | 17.585 | 36.097 | 21.036 | 21.981 | 4.536 | 21.434 |
| naph-C2 | 381.713 | 74.382 | 132.928 | 128.319 | 78.258 | 671.091 | 160.131 | 99.231 | 81.111 | 940.198 | 135.748 | 104.822 | 125.02 | 161.86 | 26.224 | 126.904 |
| naph-C3 | 4622.916 | 1008.31 | 1784.014 | 1653.12 | 1005.025 | 7077.084 | 2193.153 | 971.425 | 930.895 | 9699.144 | 1811.679 | 991.773 | 1390.53 | 1996.659 | 371.977 | 1405.522 |
| naph-C4 | 2741.717 | 814.798 | 1363.998 | 1148.316 | 713.501 | 4995.141 | 1499.586 | 642.38 | 779.79 | 7223.716 | 1200.773 | 659.829 | 900.055 | 1601.298 | 332.109 | 910.022 |
| fluo | 5.436 | 1.631 | 2.152 | 1.722 | 2.02 | 9.207 | 2.423 | 5.62 | 2.129 | 13.383 | 2.022 | 5.89 | 2.337 | 2.489 | 0.647 | 2.393 |
| fluo-C1 | 14.942 | 4.143 | 8.098 | 6.543 | 4.315 | 27.364 | 9.515 | 6.989 | 4.181 | 29.801 | 7.868 | 7.269 | 6.483 | 8.082 | 2.181 | 6.525 |
| fluo-C2 | 21.763 | 8.107 | 18.336 | 14.427 | 8.4 | 49.308 | 22.029 | 11.526 | 9.186 | 72.622 | 17.868 | 11.766 | 12.798 | 19.768 | 5.954 | 12.725 |
| fluo-C3 | 14.539 | 6.962 | 17.761 | 14.138 | 7.706 | 34.93 | 25.038 | 14.305 | 8.458 | 51.495 | 20.207 | 14.87 | 12.375 | 19.61 | 6.837 | 12.4 |
| fluo-C4 | 15.023 | 10.014 | 23.643 | 20.459 | 10.512 | 26.689 | 37.81 | 25.351 | 11.377 | 39.43 | 30.602 | 26.251 | 14.585 | 23.654 | 13.581 | 14.45 |
| anthr | 1.698 | 0.93 | 1.357 | 1.153 | 1.225 | 2.593 | 1.752 | 1.712 | 0.968 | 3.768 | 1.253 | 1.847 | 1.019 | 1.852 | 0.429 | 1.01 |
| phen | 14.239 | 5.401 | 11.463 | 8.661 | 5.56 | 30.155 | 13.249 | 12.466 | 5.474 | 42.977 | 11.013 | 13.147 | 12.466 | 13.329 | 2.661 | 8.664 |
| phen-C1 | 54.421 | 19.154 | 51.48 | 51.94 | 26.388 | 123.457 | 85.897 | 44.975 | 21.94 | 153.714 | 68.725 | 46.374 | 43.609 | 56.255 | 14.905 | 43.243 |
| phen-C2 | 35.778 | 18.18 | 51.51 | 61.395 | 25.172 | 131.412 | 77.562 | 26.983 | 127.185 | 104.604 | 81.755 | 43.926 | 69.754 | 16.181 | 43.722 | 43.722 |
| phen-C3 | 41.258 | 31.774 | 82.066 | 112.373 | 42.264 | 77.809 | 313.013 | 175.454 | 46.39 | 116.934 | 247.222 | 185.764 | 65.994 | 109.54 | 29.086 | 65.491 |
| phen-C4 | 9.115 | 9.926 | 20.058 | 26.916 | 11.096 | 14.711 | 77.456 | 47.804 | 12.023 | 22.147 | 61.151 | 50.451 | 15.43 | 23.983 | 10.024 | 15.233 |
| DBT | 1.456 | 1.453 | 1.583 | 0.756 | 0.523 | 5.902 | 0.716 | 0.793 | 0.518 | 8.636 | 0.584 | 0.821 | 1.113 | 1.827 | 0.389 | 1.109 |
| DBT-C1 | 2.212 | 2.387 | 3.13 | 1.588 | 1.208 | 9.745 | 1.832 | 2.312 | 1.294 | 14.497 | 1.487 | 2.378 | 3.925 | 0.948 | 2.729 | 0.948 |
| DBT-C2 | 326.827 | 345.451 | 434.527 | 284.241 | 222.994 | 1186.605 | 378.403 | 803.725 | 234.599 | 1760.351 | 319.878 | 823.854 | 475.287 | 559.742 | 169.305 | 470.415 |
| DBT-C3 | 290.616 | 324.928 | 353.259 | 334.885 | 232.987 | 693.696 | 561.605 | 1337.213 | 255.337 | 1044.592 | 465.115 | 1390.079 | 440.437 | 490.723 | 190.079 | 438.216 |
| DBT-C4 | 160.888 | 175.466 | 177.722 | 186.927 | 124.499 | 249.391 | 350.251 | 816.297 | 137.034 | 297.457 | 372.6 | 297.457 | 852.042 | 205.05 | 131.375 | 204.799 |
| flanth | 0.332 | 0.691 | 0.461 | 0.76 | 0.397 | 0.937 | 1.464 | 1.704 | 0.546 | 0.488 | 1.272 | 1.853 | 0.58 | 0.665 | 0.138 | 0.574 |
| pyr | 2.357 | 2.691 | 4.73 | 7.817 | 2.655 | 4.06 | 20.243 | 10.557 | 2.778 | 5.819 | 17.232 | 11.013 | 4.188 | 6.273 | 1.458 | 4.133 |
| pyr-C1 | 664.144 | 898.959 | 1438.884 | 2829.801 | 1022.422 | 1071.523 | 7041.156 | 3892.337 | 904.163 | 1582.498 | 5838.221 | 3934.059 | 1587.701 | 1604.068 | 508.136 | 1577.578 |
| pyr-C2 | 1337.181 | 2347.588 | 3140.776 | 7279.47 | 2471.712 | 1577.105 | 27464.806 | 8986.187 | 2795.932 | 2378.997 | 23710.312 | 9633.302 | 4841.911 | 3304.73 | 1151.939 | 3309.555 |
| pyr-C3 | 1203.311 | 2121.665 | 3300.284 | 6034.532 | 2257.427 | 1346.452 | 22334.721 | 8378.24 | 2573.888 | 2068.212 | 19240.303 | 9013.623 | 2854.588 | 4752.318 | 1322.99 | 2880.322 |
| pyr-C4 | 1073.415 | 2008.325 | 3355.724 | 5115.799 | 1908.042 | 1177.2 | 17536.613 | 6707.001 | 2161.022 | 1798.959 | 14453.926 | 7107.096 | 2255.535 | 4535.099 | 1450.142 | 2249.669 |
| chr/tri/BAA | 2 | 3.558 | 7.128 | 7.532 | 3.867 | 1.525 | 11.572 | 8.946 | 2.079 | 1.872 | 299.874 | 7.764 | 4.793 | 4.302 | 1.885 | 4.836 |
| chrys-C1 | 4.534 | 8.72 | 15.203 | 18.713 | 8.571 | 3.215 | 49.039 | 25.445 | 7.735 | 4.408 | 1313.987 | 26.168 | 9.88 | 17.585 | 3.752 | 9.924 |
| chrys-C2 | 11.244 | 24.334 | 35.369 | 47.322 | 19.636 | 8.412 | 126.663 | 64.42 | 18.757 | 12.279 | 3280.528 | 64.675 | 22.891 | 40.073 | 10.751 | 23.141 |
| chrys-C3 | 8.815 | 21.04 | 28.922 | 37.339 | 15.572 | 7.71 | 113.384 | 52.614 | 16.939 | 11.422 | 2807.852 | 53.776 | 17.438 | 38.409 | 9.583 | 17.642 |
| chrys-C4 | 7.069 | 16.478 | 18.161 | 23.522 | 9.95 | 5.5 | 64.559 | 31.16 | 10.965 | 8.04 | 1584.049 | 31.021 | 10.737 | 24.82 | 7.604 | 10.847 |
| BBF | 0.463 | 1.256 | 1.226 | 1.745 | 0.637 | 0.276 | 6.573 | 1.783 | 0.953 | 0.397 | 116.33 | 1.662 | 0.948 | 1.441 | 0.326 | 0.939 |
| BEP | 0.548 | 1.644 | 1.534 | 2.372 | 0.848 | 0.323 | 0.581 | 2.868 | 0.784 | 0.465 | 141.534 | 2.89 | 1.052 | 1.896 | 0.596 | 1.056 |
| BAP | 0.356 | 1.768 | 0.881 | 1.521 | 0.617 | 1.715 | 13.345 | 1.405 | 1.605 | 0.509 | 109.218 | 1.244 | 0.727 | 0.984 | 0.271 | 0.725 |
| PER | 0.141 | 0.702 | 0.35 | 0.604 | 0.245 | 0.284 | 5.303 | 0.636 | 0.198 | 0.202 | 41.426 | 0.604 | 0.276 | 0.342 | 0.109 | 0.287 |
| IND | 0.375 | 3.043 | 0.613 | 0.963 | 0.94 | 0.135 | 0.537 | 1.321 | 0.071 | 0.178 | 11.709 | 1.288 | 0.547 | 0.131 | 0.265 | 0.543 |
| GHI | 0.341 | 2.77 | 0.558 | 0.877 | 0.855 | 0.123 | 0.488 | 1.202 | 0.668 | 0.162 | 57.203 | 1.172 | 0.498 | 0.511 | 0.241 | 0.495 |
| ANTANT | 0.133 | 0.465 | 0.323 | 0.351 | 0.213 | 0.072 | 0.411 | 0.184 | 0.097 | 0.097 | 27.404 | 0.411 | 0.245 | 0.071 | 0.061 | 0.237 |
| nC10 | 2.812 | 5.399 | 14.35 | 11.467 | 24.587 | 4.644 | 2.381 | 7.842 | 17.306 | 6.459 | 2.357 | 7.205 | 16.621 | 12.593 | 4.017 | 16.609 |
| nC11 | 9.306 | 12.718 | 21.764 | 30.589 | 8.645 | 5.945 | 12.46 | 25.247 | 12.514 | 5.119 | 11.996 | 25.323 | 17.31 | 6.157 | 24.8 | |
| nC12 | 9.572 | 16.816 | 25.607 | 19.528 | 29.931 | 17.645 | 10.162 | 15.053 | 26.342 | 25.46 | 8.718 | 15.094 | 28.938 | 20.232 | 7.068 | 28.452 |
| nC13 | 9.844 | 19.26 | 32.993 | 19.509 | 30.417 | 26.949 | 13.321 | 17.806 | 27.577 | 39.419 | 12.065 | 18.57 | 32.974 | 24.27 | 9.024 | 33.615 |
| nC14 | 11.776 | 21.931 | 41.41 | 22.089 | 33.562 | 33.901 | 16.417 | 20.193 | 28.905 | 49.048 | 14.563 | 20.895 | 37.408 | 27.393 | 12.293 | 38.932 |
| nC15 | 12.162 | 22.901 | 41.236 | 22.436 | 32.526 | 35.973 | 16.28 | 21.298 | 29.842 | 57.656 | 14.964 | 21.32 | 38.337 | 28.084 | 15.753 | 40.502 |
| nC16 | 14.809 | 25.695 | 45.997 | 23.878 | 34.465 | 47.23 | 19.849 | 22.036 | 28.98 | 69.105 | 17.742 | 23.666 | 42.749 | 33.548 | 19.183 | 45.148 |
| nC17 | 14.728 | 30.607 | 57.476 | 22.141 | 31.981 | 69.712 | 19.425 | 23.067 | 45.591 | 114.824 | 15.655 | 23.61 | 45.048 | 39.297 | 14.281 | 43.546 |
| pris | 7.229 | 13.149 | 36.972 | 15.792 | 18.439 | 36.664 | 8.427 | 10.287 | 23.264 | 58.157 | 7.169 | 10.543 | 18.952 | 15.554 | 8.786 | 18.3 |
| nC18 | 17.06 | 30.251 | 55.048 | 21.113 | 31.172 | 80.582 | 20.597 | 45.099 | 131.982 | 16.47 | 24.245 | 45.873 | 39.167 | 17.76 | 44.584 | |
| phyt | 4.88 | 10.845 | 30.365 | 10.302 | 15.182 | 11.929 | 7.049 | 7.591 | 27.654 | 22.774 | 5.422 | 7.049 | 12.471 | 10.845 | 8.133 | 11.929 |
| nC19 | 21.223 | 22.455 | 47.687 | 22.556 | 35.483 | 70.161 | 21.852 | 26.184 | 29.514 | 97.458 | 20.143 | 27.925 | 48.031 | 34.582 | 35.849 | 51.661 |
| nC20 | 20.806 | 17.417 | 41.417 | 20.244 | 30.691 | 63.876 | 18.593 | 23.694 | 25.652 | 93.298 | 17.171 | 25.538 | 42.663 | 31.149 | 36.161 | 46.196 |
| nC21 | 25.101 | 16.456 | 40.59 | 20.63 | 32.399 | 72.427 | 20.067 | 25.885 | 26.426 | 101.752 | 18.246 | 28.077 | 45.509 | 33.259 | 39.856 | 49.629 |
| nC22 | 27.958 | 15.579 | 41.955 | 22.458 | 29.969 | 76.058 | 20.234 | 26.071 | 25.808 | 108.958 | 18.687 | 27.272 | 46.481 | 35.679 | 45.058 | 50.645 |
| nC23 | 30.724 | 15.601 | 41.567 | 22.681 | 30.191 | 78.469 | 21.408 | 27.062 | 25.306 | 112.558 | 19.368 | 29.712 | 49.283 | 38.145 | 48.36 | 54.135 |
| nC24 | 32.133 | 14.556 | 33.99 | 21.444 | 23.509 | 73.134 | 20.132 | 24.032 | 18.986 | 105.147 | 18.251 | 26.587 | 40.635 | 35.692 | 46.598 | 45.004 |
| nC25 | 30.832 | 14.11 | 31.843 | 20.571 | 21.473 | 72.183 | 18.324 | 23.512 | 17.589 | 105.555 | 16.439 | 25.534 | 35.069 | 42.952 | 45.81 | |
| nC26 | 32.217 | 13.751 | 31.225 | 22.235 | 20.155 | 64.686 | 19.618 | 22.544 | 16.06 | 95.183 | 17.588 | 22.868 | 40.301 | 35.359 | 41.618 | 44.109 |
| nC27 | 31.824 | 12.679 | 30.986 | 23.98 | 19.592 | 69.779 | 0.257 | 24.562 | 16.105 | | | | | | | |

| Instrument (I 071124co_53.D | 071124co_54.D | 071124co_63.D | 071124co_64.D |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sample-> | Extract O-45 UV | Extract O-48 UV | Extract O-23 UV |
| | 7/14/2024 7:15 AM | 7/14/2024 8:17 AM | 7/15/2024 1:25 PM |
| | 7/15/2024 2:27 PM | | |
| biphenyl | 0.952 | 0.45 | 2.066 |
| ACE | 0.776 | 0.132 | 0.468 |
| ACY | 2.962 | 0.402 | 1.549 |
| naph | 9.969 | 4.325 | 23.711 |
| naph-2me | 33.825 | 6.96 | 41.783 |
| naph-1me | 21.316 | 4.35 | 22 |
| naph-C2 | 160.126 | 25.112 | 130.55 |
| naph-C3 | 2069.023 | 346.853 | 1523.247 |
| naph-C4 | 1540.447 | 301.242 | 975.207 |
| fluo | 2.577 | 0.667 | 2.394 |
| fluo-C1 | 8.805 | 2.135 | 6.737 |
| fluo-C2 | 19.106 | 5.874 | 13.1 |
| fluo-C3 | 18.865 | 6.777 | 12.701 |
| fluo-C4 | 23.293 | 13.476 | 14.995 |
| anthr | 1.682 | 0.372 | 1.027 |
| phen | 13.835 | 2.634 | 8.853 |
| phen-C1 | 64.469 | 14.145 | 46.14 |
| phen-C2 | 68.526 | 15.635 | 44.094 |
| phen-C3 | 105.098 | 27.937 | 66.14 |
| phen-C4 | 23.367 | 9.579 | 15.682 |
| DBT | 1.775 | 0.365 | 1.134 |
| DBT-C1 | 3.863 | 0.913 | 2.752 |
| DBT-C2 | 548.854 | 185.688 | 479.513 |
| DBT-C3 | 488.789 | 189.685 | 437.643 |
| DBT-C4 | 226.397 | 130.91 | 208.56 |
| flanth | 0.672 | 0.132 | 0.596 |
| pyr | 6.618 | 1.371 | 4.3 |
| pyr-C1 | 2071.334 | 503.784 | 1634.059 |
| pyr-C2 | 4655.345 | 1129.328 | 3272.564 |
| pyr-C3 | 4643.898 | 1313.245 | 2782.308 |
| pyr-C4 | 4519.678 | 1437.465 | 2094.229 |
| chr/tri/BAA | 5.734 | 1.81 | 5.391 |
| chrys-C1 | 18.091 | 3.565 | 10.915 |
| chrys-C2 | 42.293 | 10.216 | 24.213 |
| chrys-C3 | 37.72 | 8.968 | 17.918 |
| chrys-C4 | 21.838 | 7.107 | 10.692 |
| BBF | 1.381 | 0.311 | 0.981 |
| BEP | 1.96 | 0.588 | 1.122 |
| BAP | 0.753 | 0.225 | 0.88 |
| PER | 0.381 | 0.095 | 0.35 |
| IND | 0.739 | 0.249 | 0.544 |
| GHI | 0.672 | 0.227 | 0.495 |
| ANTANT | 0.227 | 0.054 | 0.223 |
| nC10 | 11.854 | 3.826 | 19.185 |
| nC11 | 17.072 | 6.034 | 29.418 |
| nC12 | 21.049 | 7.147 | 33.386 |
| nC13 | 26.36 | 9.107 | 39.008 |
| nC14 | 31.484 | 12.381 | 45.307 |
| nC15 | 34.498 | 14.04 | 47.381 |
| nC16 | 37.842 | 18.991 | 54.953 |
| nC17 | 36.677 | 14.345 | 42.748 |
| pris | 15.326 | 8.12 | 19.936 |
| nC18 | 36.514 | 17.797 | 41.82 |
| phyt | 9.76 | 7.591 | 11.387 |
| nC19 | 41.965 | 34.975 | 68.683 |
| nC20 | 37.094 | 36.794 | 61.948 |
| nC21 | 41.571 | 41.786 | 69.484 |
| nC22 | 43.688 | 44.559 | 70.573 |
| nC23 | 46.676 | 50.865 | 75.13 |
| nC24 | 43.98 | 47.254 | 63.709 |
| nC25 | 44.799 | 44.306 | 64.636 |
| nC26 | 46.502 | 42.673 | 61.902 |
| nC27 | 52.516 | 43.654 | 69.025 |
| nC28 | 50.236 | 42.736 | 64.869 |
| nC29 | 47.392 | 42.05 | 62.06 |
| nC30 | 42.359 | 36.591 | 55.186 |
| nC31 | 36.076 | 34.156 | 49.801 |
| nC32 | 25.785 | 24.804 | 35.633 |
| nC33 | 25.338 | 21.836 | 28.898 |
| nC34 | 15.555 | 17.533 | 21.975 |
| nC35 | 13.897 | 15.73 | 17.618 |
| nC36 | 11.278 | 13.563 | 14.391 |
| nC37 | 9.314 | 11.177 | 12.271 |
| nC17pris | 55 | 36.13 | 84.321 |
| nC18phyt | 52.421 | 42.264 | 81.873 |
| oTP | 0 | 0.011 | 0.01 |
| C30hop | 34.098 | 12.188 | 19.914 |
| | | | 29.499 |