Comprehensive and rapid interpretation of geochemical rock and fluid properties, as well as integration within the larger reservoir or field context, requires advanced, intelligent software. To meet demands across the petroleum industry, Schlumberger developed Malcom™ interactive fluid characterization software, which efficiently stores, evaluates, and processes geochemical data streams to facilitate the interpretation process. The software enables faster and more dynamic integration into the entire upstream E&P workflow.

Malcom software is supported by the Schlumberger Montpellier Technology Center and Schlumberger Reservoir Laboratories, which employ proprietary QA/QC processes to assure the integrity of compositional PVT and geochemical data. Strict adherence to these standardized processes enables ease and confidence in investigating the analytical quality and accuracy of customer data.

Malcom software consists of four modules—Malcom Core, Malcom PARC, Malcom GeDI, and Malcom Workflow Builder.

**Malcom Core**
The software’s Malcom Core module includes project management to organize and store geochemical datasets as well as chromatographic peak identification and quantification, extracted ion analysis, and indexation (alignment). The module also features high-quality chromatogram exporting tools that provide easy exploration and quality control of valuable geochemistry datasets. Embedded chemometric and graphic components allow immediate data investigation and plotting within the same software suite.

Malcom software allows comparing chromatograms for fingerprinting studies (top) as well as differentiating oil samples for quick display by using data-reduction tools (bottom center). Characterization of chemical compositional differences between oil samples (bottom right) can be performed in a matter of seconds.
Malcom PARC
Combining production allocation and reservoir connectivity (PARC) workflows, the Malcom PARC module helps discern reservoir fluid differences based on indexation and calculation of interparaffinic peak ratios. When coupled with laboratory analysis, this module provides greater certainty in evaluating the differences between similar fluids of every origin. Applications include assessing changes in commingled production streams for back allocation, quantifying inputs from end-member reservoir fluids, and providing complementary information for complex reservoir continuity and gradients studies.

Malcom GeDI
The geochemistry data interpretation (GeDI) module includes a library of compounds and graphics specific to petroleum geochemistry interpretation. Custom workflows allow for interpretation of the whole-oil GC, saturate and aromatic biomarkers, gas isotopes, and source rock data. As a result, source, maturity, oil-oil and oil-source rock correlations, and in-reservoir processes can be rapidly assessed within one application.

Malcom Workflow Builder
Custom workflows can be encoded using Malcom Workflow Builder to rapidly and repeatably convert raw data into petroleum geochemistry interpretation results. The module can be used to implement other custom applications such as laboratory quality assurance. Python scripting gives advanced users additional freedom to customize functionalities.

FEATURES
- Connects with Schlumberger software suites including the Petrel® E&P software platform and the Techlog® wellbore software platform
- Malcom Core
  - Raw chromatogram processing and storage
  - Indexation (chromatogram alignment)
  - Data extraction and comparison
  - Data investigation (graphing, chemometrics, and data reduction)
  - Python™ scripting
- Malcom PARC
  - Proprietary reservoir connectivity module based on interparaffinic peak ratios
  - Proprietary production allocation algorithms
- Malcom GeDI
  - Automated chromatogram processing and data generation
  - Efficient processing and interpretation of geochemical parameters
  - Library database for storage of compounds and ratios
  - Automated graph generation for interpretation
  - Ability to add custom compounds, ratios, and graphs
- Malcom Workflow Builder
  - Customizable processes for improved efficiency
  - Graphical interface for easy workflow building
  - Expert support available to create your process
    - Laboratory data quality system
    - Chromatogram processing
    - Report generation

Reservoir experts at Schlumberger Reservoir Laboratories around the world use Malcom software to process chromatography data, perform statistical calculation, and deliver fast data interpretation.