

What You Can Do With a Gas or Liquid Chromatograph in a Brewing Lab?

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The Black Box





Chromatography 1st Questions

- What do I want to look for?
- Gas Phase or Liquid Phase?
- Qualitative or Quantitative? Presence/Absence or Quality Control?



Functionality or Style?







ASBC Methods of Analysis

- The Good
 - Tested by multiple laboratories
 - Precision/Accuracy established
- The not so Good
 - Technology changes
 - New compounds of interest



ASBC HPLC Methods

ASBC Method	Test	Detector
Sugars and Syrups 17-B	Fermentable Saccharides	RI
Sugars and Syrups 18	Fermentable Carbohydrates	RI
Hops 9-C/D	Iso alpha-acids	UV
Hops 14	alpha- acids and beta- Acids in Hops and Hop Extracts	UV
Hops 15	Iso alpha-acids in Isomerized Hop Pellets	UV
Hops 16	Iso-alpha, alpha - and beta-Acids in Hop Extracts and Isomerized Hop Extracts	UV
Wort 14-B	Fermentable Saccharides	RI
Wort 19	Fermentable Carbohydrates	RI
Wort 22	Wort and Beer Fermentable and Total Carbohydrates	RI
Wort 23-C	Iso alpha-Acids in Wort	UV
Beer 23 –C	Iso alpha-Acids	UV
Beer 41	Total Carbohydrate	RI



ASBC GC Methods

ASBC Method	Test	Detector
Barley 11/ Malt 13	Deoxynivalenol	Electron Capture
Malt 14	Dimethyl Sulfide Precursor	Flame Photometric/Sulfur Chemiluminescence
Sugars and Syrups 17-A	Fermentable Saccharides	Flame Ionization
Hops 17	Hop Essential Oils	Flame Ionization
Wort 14-A	Fermentable Saccharides	Flame Ionization
Beer 4-D	Alcohol	Flame Ionization
Beer 25-F	Diacetyl	Electron capture
Beer 29	Lower Boiling Volatiles	Flame Ionization
Beer 40	N-Nitrosoamines	Thermal Energy/Hall
Beer 44	Dimethyl Sulfide	Sulfur Chemiluminescence
Beer 48	Beer Volatiles	Flame Ionization



Fermentable Saccharides by ASBC Wort Method 14B-HPLC

Method

Calibration standard: Dissolve 1.0000 g glucose (re- agent d), 0.1000 g fructose (reagent f), and 3.0000 g *anhydrous* maltose (reagent e) in water and dilute to 50 mL. (Actual amount of maltose used must be calculated from moisture content and purity of the particular lot.)

Worts: Dilute worts to approximately 12°P, if necessary.

To 10.0 mL wort or calibration standard, add 200 ± 5 mg AG 501-X8 (reagent c) and shake 15 min on a wrist- action shaker. Prepare Sep-Pak Classic C₁₈ cartridge (app. d) by pumping 2 mL water through the cartridge with a syringe. Fit syringe with the Swinnex containing the 0.45- μ m filter pad and follow with the Sep-Pak. Filter the wort or calibration standard through this combination. Discard the first few mL and retain the remainder for analysis.

Operating conditions for HPLC:

Column temperature:	85°C (Insulate connectors and fittings to help maintain a uniform temperature into
	and out of the column. Connection to the refractometer detector should be as short as possible.)
Column eluent:	Distilled, deionized, Millipore- filtered, degassed water. (Best results are obtained by heating the water to near boiling for de- gassing and maintaining 85°C or higher in the reservoir.)
Refractometer	
temperature:	Ambient
Flow rate:	0.2 mL/min
Sample size:	10 µL for calibration standard and each wort sample
Refractometer	
attenuation:	Set by the analyst

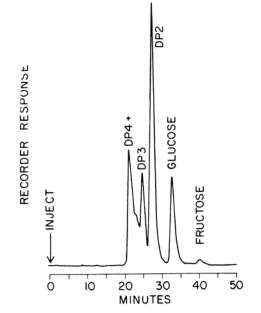


Fig. 2. Sample chromatogram for liquid chromatography (HPLC) of wort fructose, glucose, and di- and trisaccharides, with degree of polymerization indicated by "DP2" (primarily maltose) and "DP3" (primarily maltotriose).



Fermentable Saccharides by ASBC Wort Method 14A-GC

Preparation of worts: Pipet 0.5 mL wort into 10-mL serum bottle, add one drop ammonium hydroxide (reagent j), and freeze-dry. To the freeze-dried sample, add 40 mg Drierite (reagent i), 3.0 mL internal standard solution, 0.9 mL hexamethyldisilazane (reagent b), and 0.1 mL trifluoroacetic acid (reagent c). Shake for 1 h on wrist-action shaker. Allow Drierite to settle and transfer supernatant to another vial.

Chromatograph the calibration standard three times and the wort samples once using the following conditions:

Injection port	
temperature:	325°C
Detector temperature:	350°C
Column temperature:	150-325°C at 10°C/min,
	hold 10 min
Carrier gas: helium or	
nitrogen at	40 mL/min
Sample size:	10 µL

Measure peak areas for α -fructose and β -glucose, internal standard sucrose, and α - and β -maltose for the standard chromatograms. For worts, measure the previous and also α - and β -isomaltose and α - and β -maltotriose. Approximate retention times are shown in Fig. 1. Sum the areas of α - and β -maltose, α - and β -maltotriose, and α - and β -maltose.

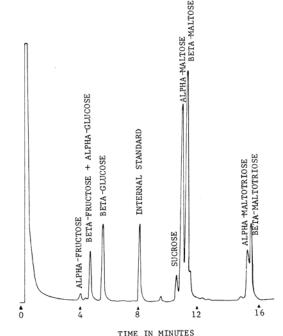
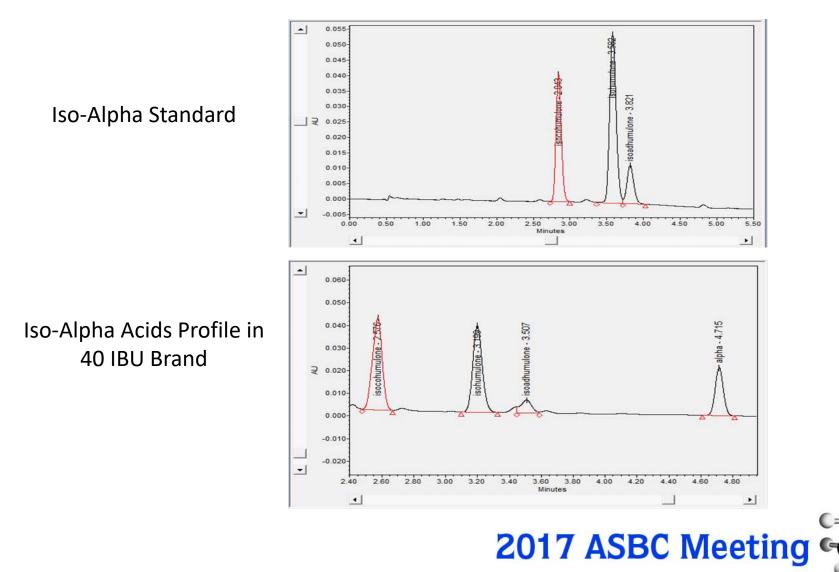


Fig. 1. Sample chromatogram from gas chromatography (GC) of trimethylsilyl derivatives of fermentable mono-, di-, and trisaccharides of wort, showing approximate retention times.

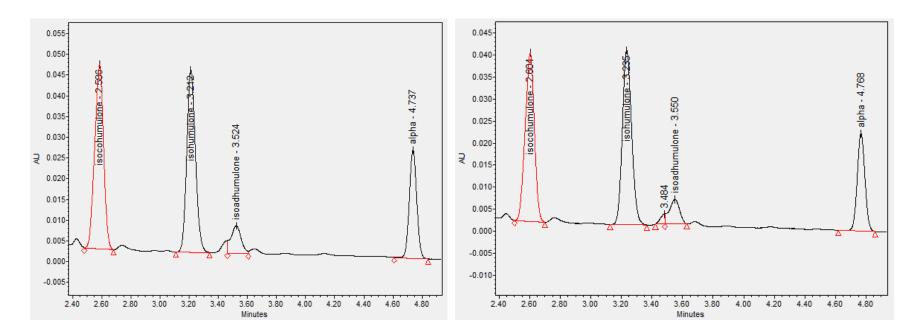


Beer 23C, Iso-Alpha Acids- uHPLC





Beer 23C, Iso-Alpha Acid Aging

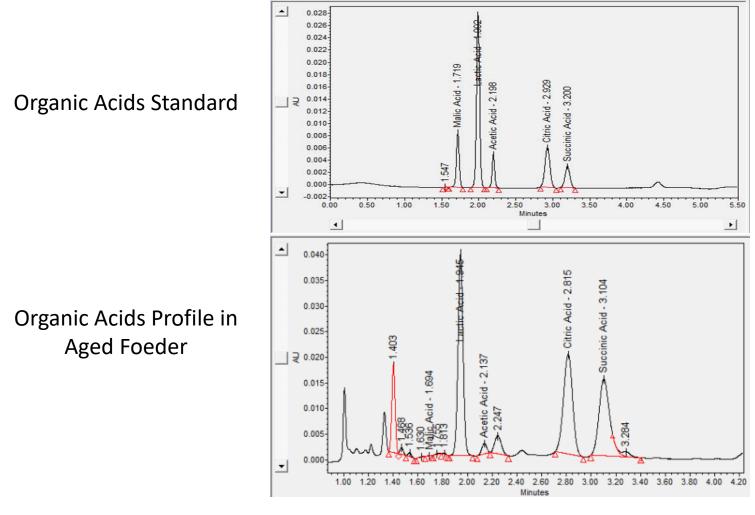


Fresh 40 IBU/25 IAA sample

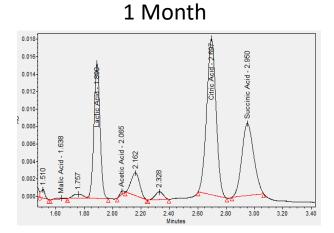
Same sample, Warm 30 days/Cold 30 days



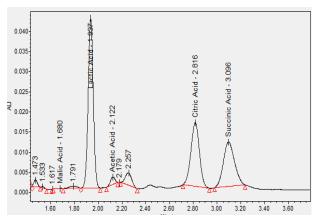
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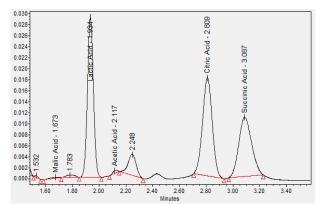
Organic Acids Aging



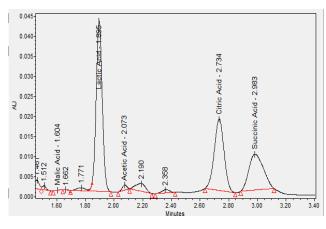
8 Months



4 Months

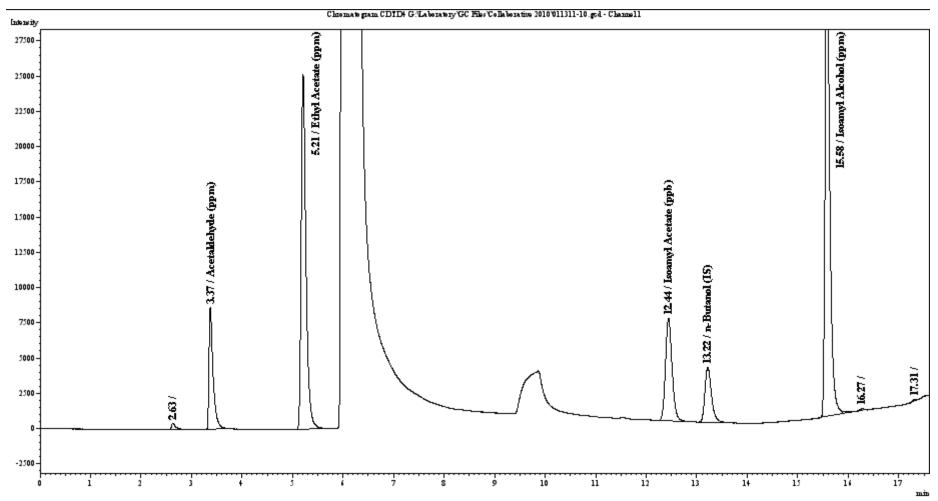


12 Months



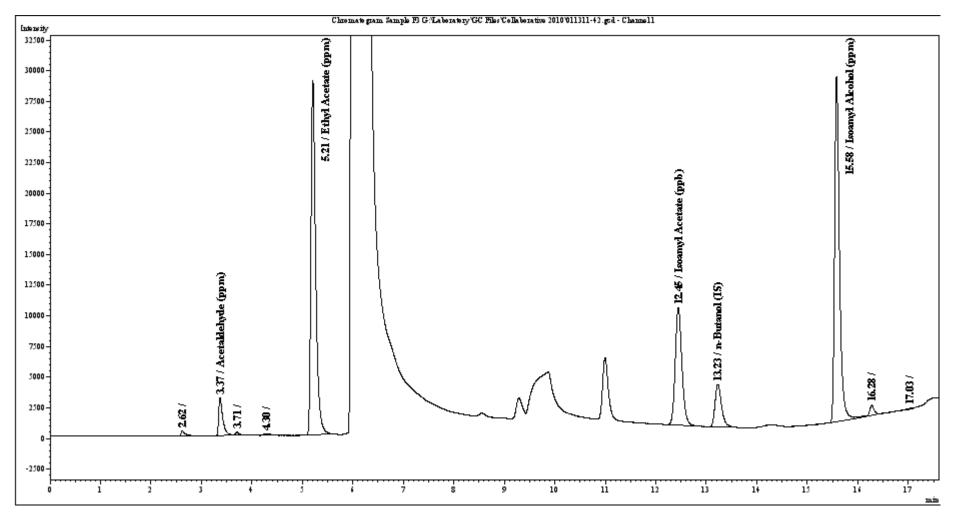


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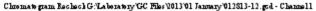


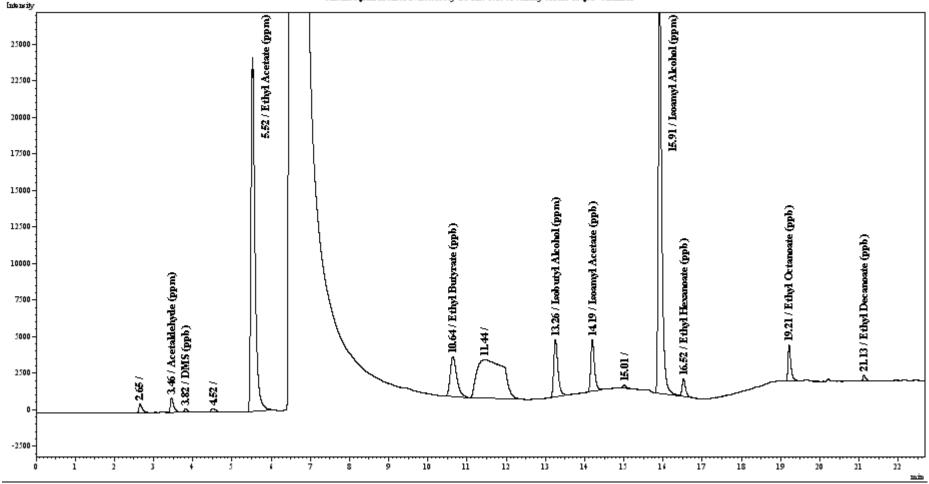


Beer 48, Beer Volatiles –Beer Sample



Beer Volatiles – FID Completing the View

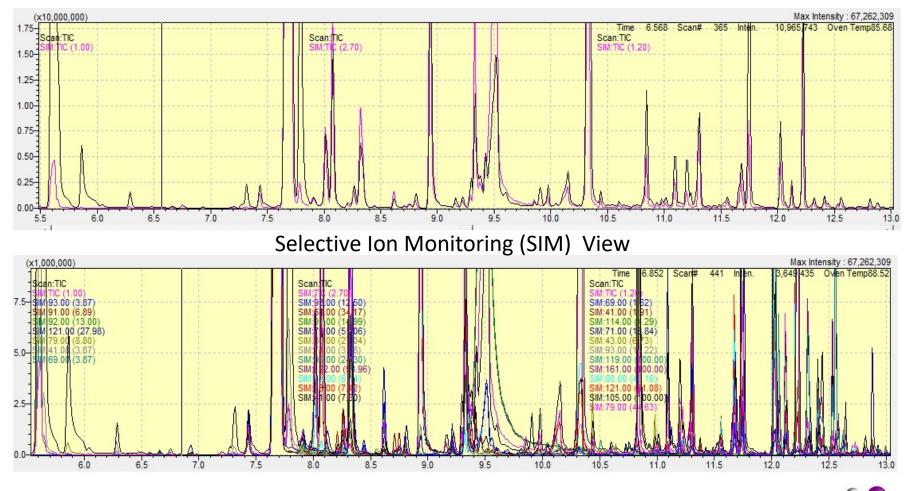




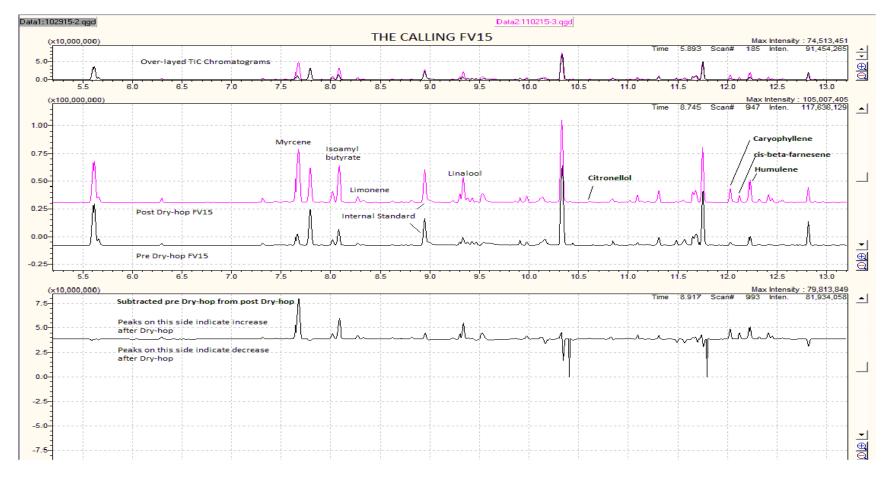


GC/MS - Scan vs. SIM

Scan View



GC/MS Hop Compounds





Chromatography Considerations

- TIME
- Analyst Training
 - Sample Type
 - Interferences
 - Introduction Techniques
 - Separation/Column(s)
 - Detectors
 - Data Collection



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