Opportunities for Advanced Instrumentation in Malt Labs

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Mass spectrometry is a tool to help us measure the chemical variation in malt and beer



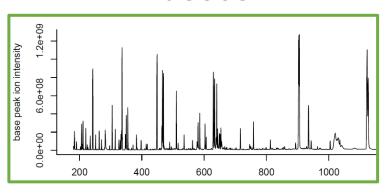
Plant extracts

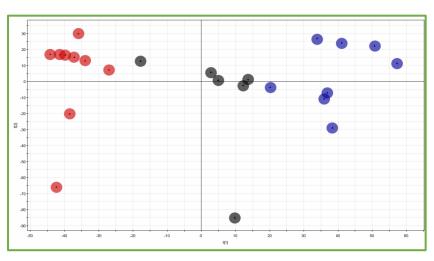


Mass spectrometer



Masses





Statistics and Information!

The chemical profile of malt is complex

MALT SACCHARIDES

monosaccharides, disaccharides, trisaccharides, sugar acids, sugar alcohols



MALT ORGANIC ACIDS acetic, malic, citric, ferulic Hooh oh Hooh Hooh Hooh

MALT NITROGEN

amino acids, amines, polyamines, alkaloids, purines, small peptides

MALT LIPIDS

phospholipids, sterols, carotenoids

MALT VOLATILES & PIGMENTS

fatty acid esters & alcohols, furans, ketones, aldehydes, alkanes, benzenoids

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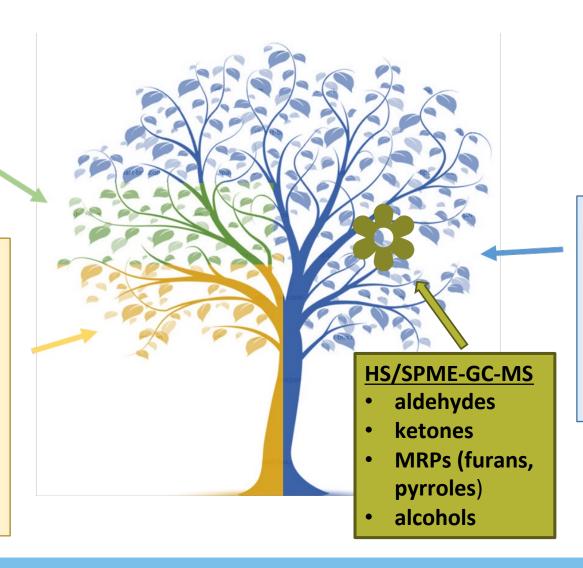
We can use two MS platforms to explore the chemistry of malt and beer

Overlap GC/LC

- a few organic acids a few amino acids
- a few sterols
- a few phenolics

GC-MS

- organic acids
- amino acids
- free fatty acids
- sterols
- saccharides
- phenolics
- polar alkaloids





LC-MS

- terpenes
- membrane lipids
- polyphenolics
- alkaloids
- peptides

Sweet! But why?

The ability to be able to quantify compounds in conjunction with sensory or malt quality can contribute to our overall consideration of how to use the malt, consistency of malt.

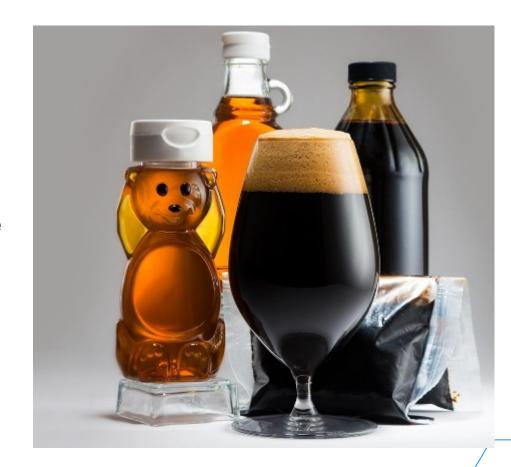
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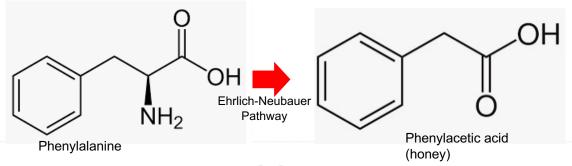
Anecdotally, concentrations of mono-saccharides, disaccharides for NA beer production can be helpful to brewers.

Carbohydrate composition profile for malts for brewing use.

Glucose, maltose, maltotriose, dextrin levels in malts to compare ratios for each malt and help inform brewers of attributes of each malt and how it would affect fermentability and body.

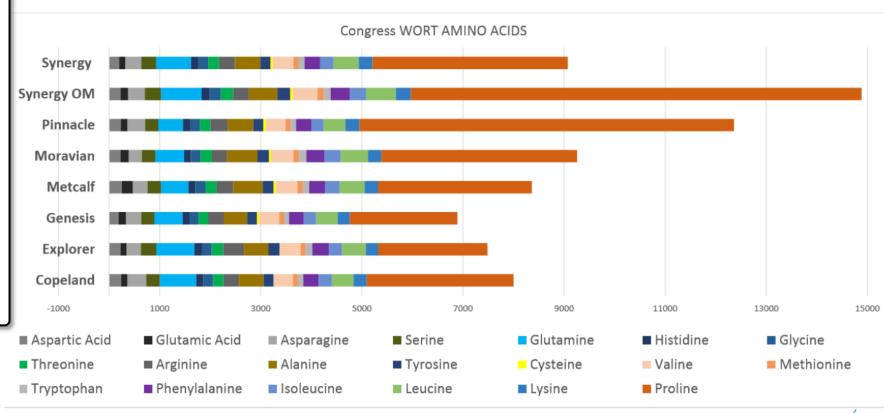


Free the Amino Nitrogens!



Congress Wort Amino Acid by Variety

MALT NITROGEN amino acids, amines, polyamines, alkaloids, purines, small peptides H₃C OH OH NH₂ OH NH₂ NH₃ NH₂ NH₂ NH₂ NH₂ NH₃ NH₂ NH₂ NH₃ NH₃ NH₂ NH₃ NH



Thank you!



Please reach out with any questions or to chat!

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