



Rahr Technical Center

# Technical Capabilities and Case Studies on Beer QA Challenges

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# Agenda:

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  - ▶ Malt
  - ▶ Barley
  - ▶ Hops
  - ▶ Other brewing ingredients
- ▶ Beer Analytical Lab
- ▶ Pilot and Micro-malting Lab
- ▶ Materials R &D Analytical Lab
- ▶ Sensory Tasting Booths
- ▶ Research Brewery





# Malt Quality Lab



# Barley Quality Lab

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## Micro-Maltings Joe-White and Phoenix machines

(up to 80 samples/batch)

## Pilot-Maltings (under manufacturing)

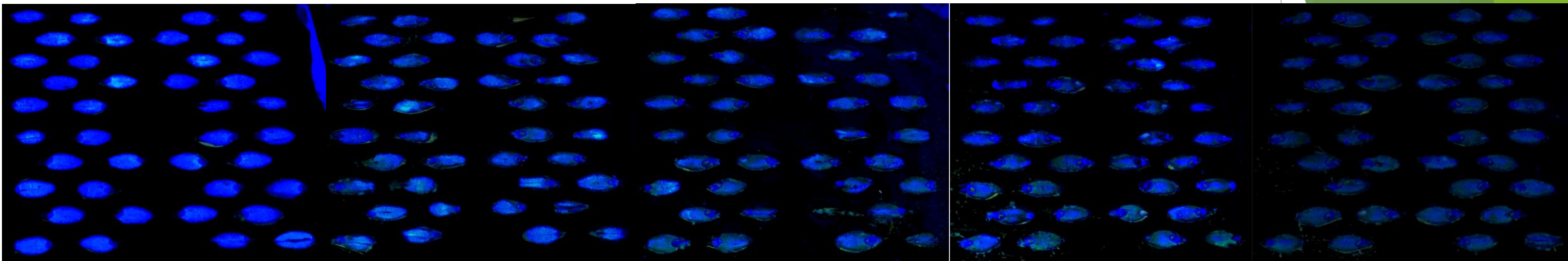
(up to 2 batches/week @ 140kg malt/batch)





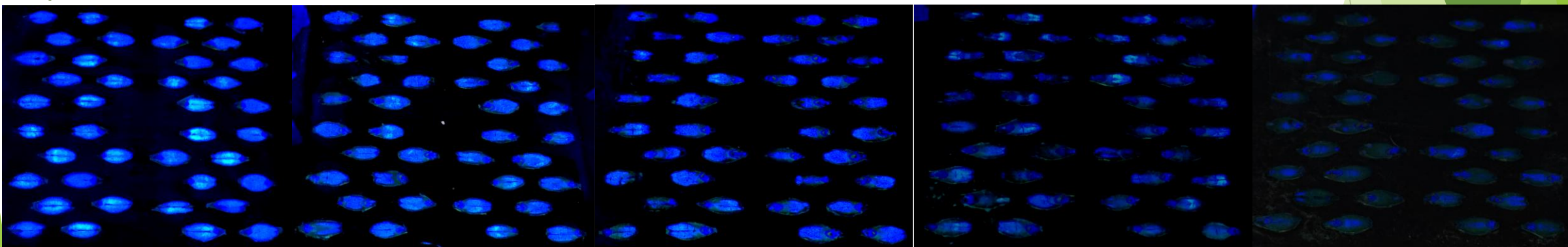
# Malt Modification by Microfluor Malt Analyser

## Pinnacle



Pinnacle	Barley	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Modification	76.7	80.7	94.9	98.0	99.7
Homogeneity	59.8	66.4	82.1	90.5	96.9

## Copeland

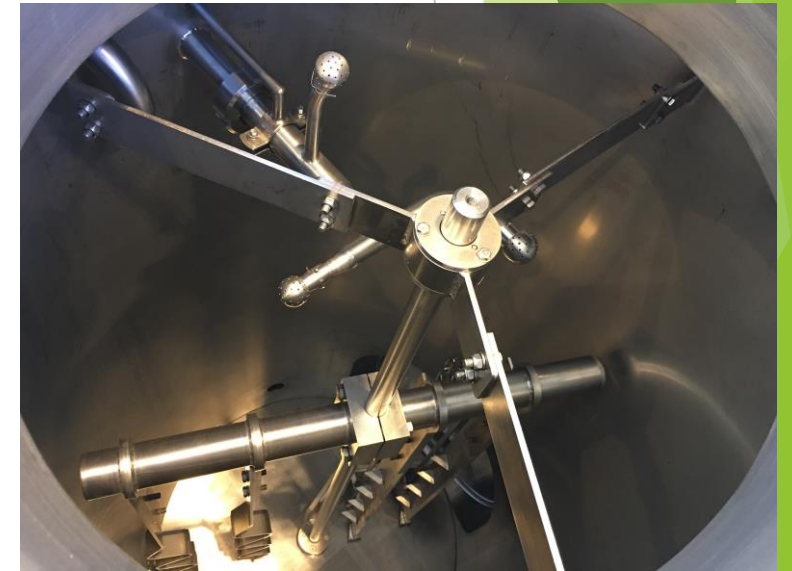


Pinnacle	Barley	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Modification	9.2	56.4	76.1	88.7	97.2
Homogeneity	62.3	63.6	65.4	72.8	86.7



# Research Brewery

- Esau Huber 3 HL Brew house
- 48 HL fermentation capacity(+28.5 HL in Aug'18) :
  - 7 x 3 HL (expanding by 6x3HL in Aug 2018)
  - 3 x 6 HL
  - 6 x 1.5HL (expanding by 7x1.5 HL in Aug 2018)



# Beer Analytical Lab

- ▶ Anton Paar Alcoalyzer Beer ME
  - Determines alcohol, density, original extract, real extract, degree of fermentation, calories
- ▶ Pentair Nibem Foam Analyzer
- ▶ Pentair C-TPO packaged oxygen analyzer
- ▶ Pentair Vos Rota Turbidity meter
- ▶ Spectroquant: polyphenols, BU's, iron and other basic beer parameters



➔ Data management: Sample Manager in conjunction with QC results





# R&D Analytical Lab

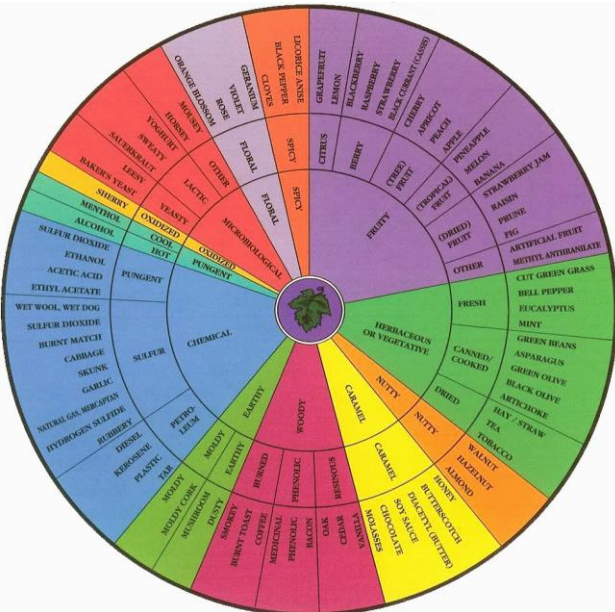
- ▶ GC-MS-TOF for Flavor Analysis
  - ▶ SPME
  - ▶ TWISTER/TDU
  - ▶ NDMA
- ▶ GC-FPD: DMS/DMSP
- ▶ GC-ECD: DON and VDK
- ▶ HPLC
  - ▶ DAD - Hop Compounds and other non polar/polar
  - ▶ RID - Carbohydrates and Size Exclusion
  - ▶ FLD - Amino Acids and others
- ▶ PYF - Laminar Flow hood
- ▶ Yeast Cellometer - yeast count, viability, vitality
- ▶ Bench (10 L) and bottle scale fermentation
- ▶ Hop Oil Distillation (QC lab) and hop oil analysis
- ▶ RVA: (Starch) Pasting temperature and peak viscosity
- ▶ Future - Distilling and Wine Making Capabilities





# Sensory Program

- ▶ 8 sensory booths, Red or incandescent lights
- ▶ Difference Testing, Descriptive Round Table, Free Choice Profiling, Overall liking, True to type
- ▶ Core trained panel (12 people) in basic beer faults (FlavorActiv)



List of possible GMP reference flavor standards for training:

#	GMP Flavor Standard	#	GMP Flavor Standard
1	Acetaldehyde	20	Grainy
2	Acetic	21	H <sub>2</sub> S
3	Alkaline	22	Isoamyl Acetate
4	Astringent	23	Isovaleric
5	Bitter	24	Kettle hop
6	Bromophenol	25	Leathery
7	Burnt	26	Lightstruck
8	Butyric	27	Malty
9	Caramel	28	Mercaptan
10	Catty	29	Metallic
11	Chlorophenol	30	Musty
12	Diacetyl	31	Papery
13	DMS	32	Phenolic
14	Dry hay	33	Smoky
15	Earthy	34	Sour
16	Ethyl Acetate	35	Sulphitic
17	Ethyl Butyrate	36	Sweet
18	Ethyl Hexanoate	37	Worty
19	Geraniol	38	Yeasty

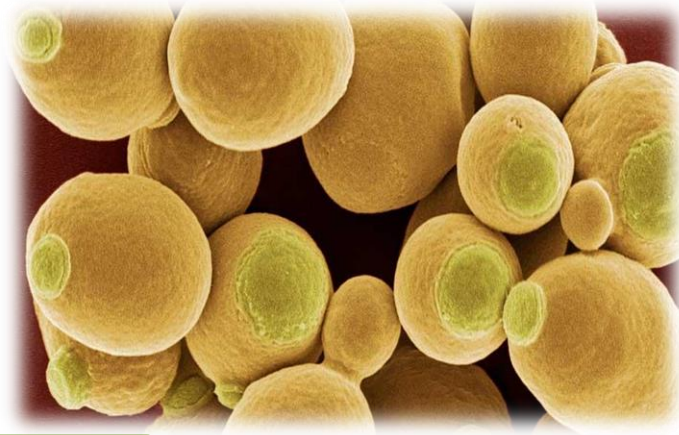


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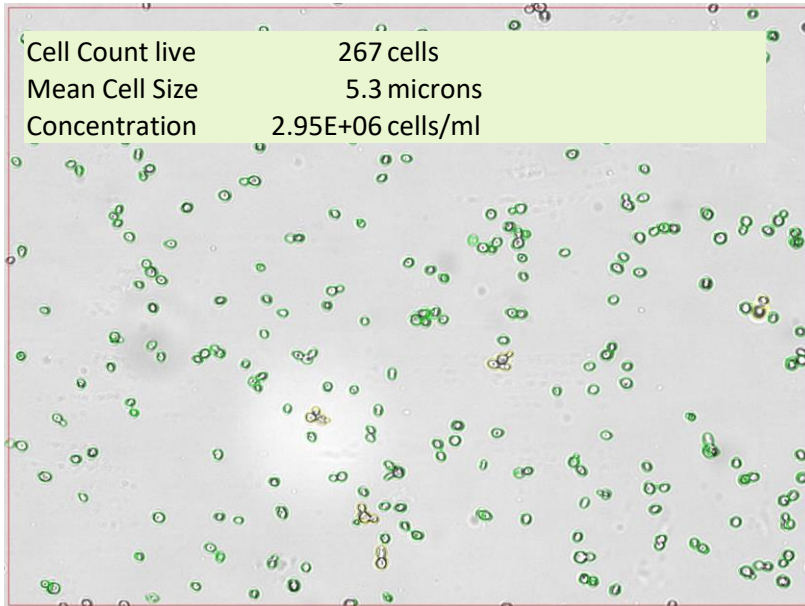
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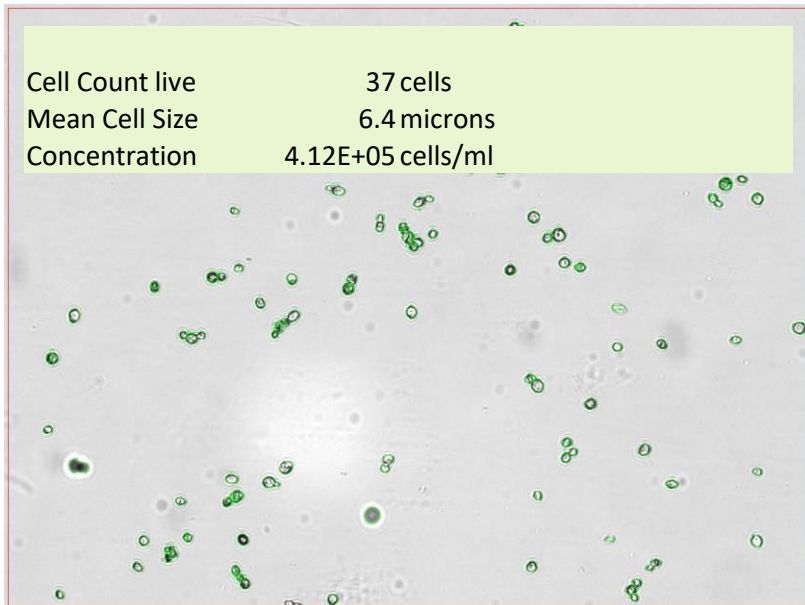
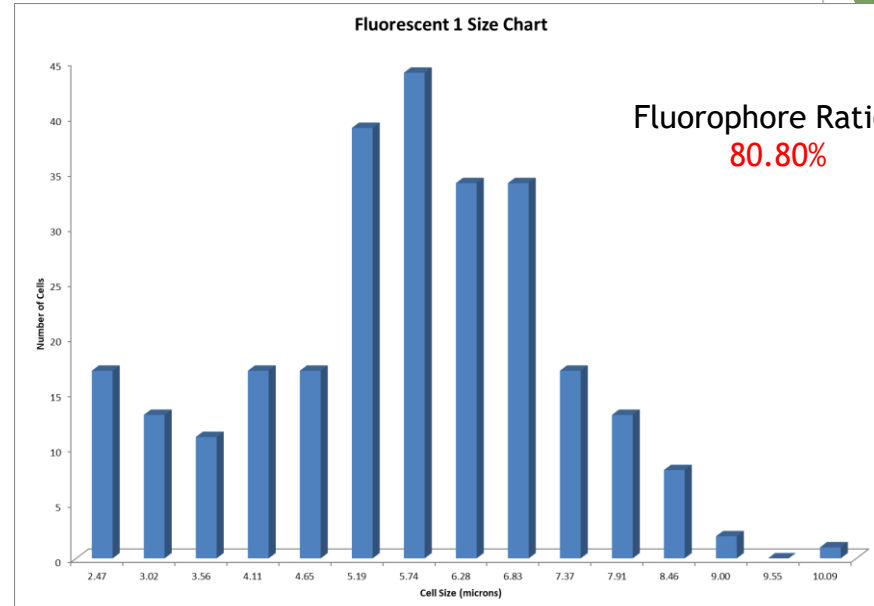




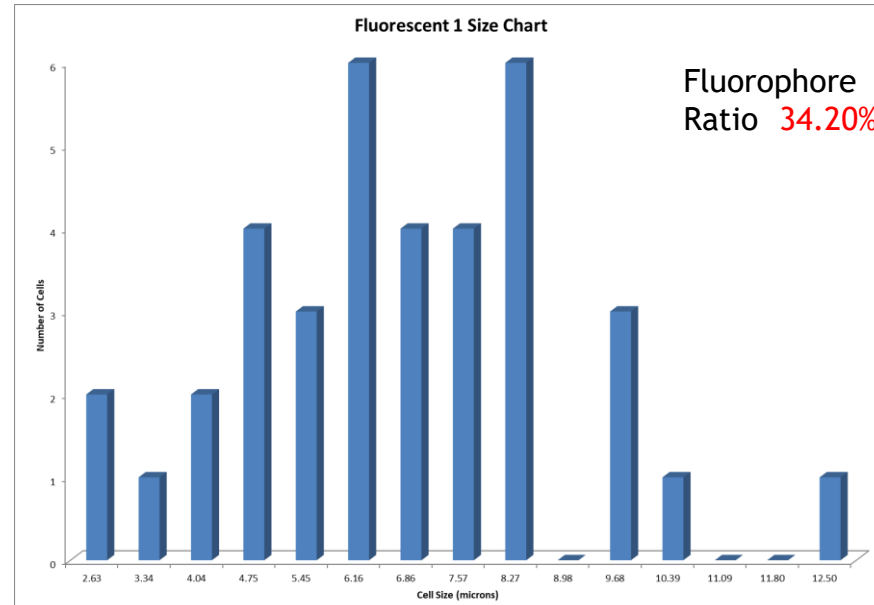
# Yeast Vitality Change with Cycle Numbers



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Yeast



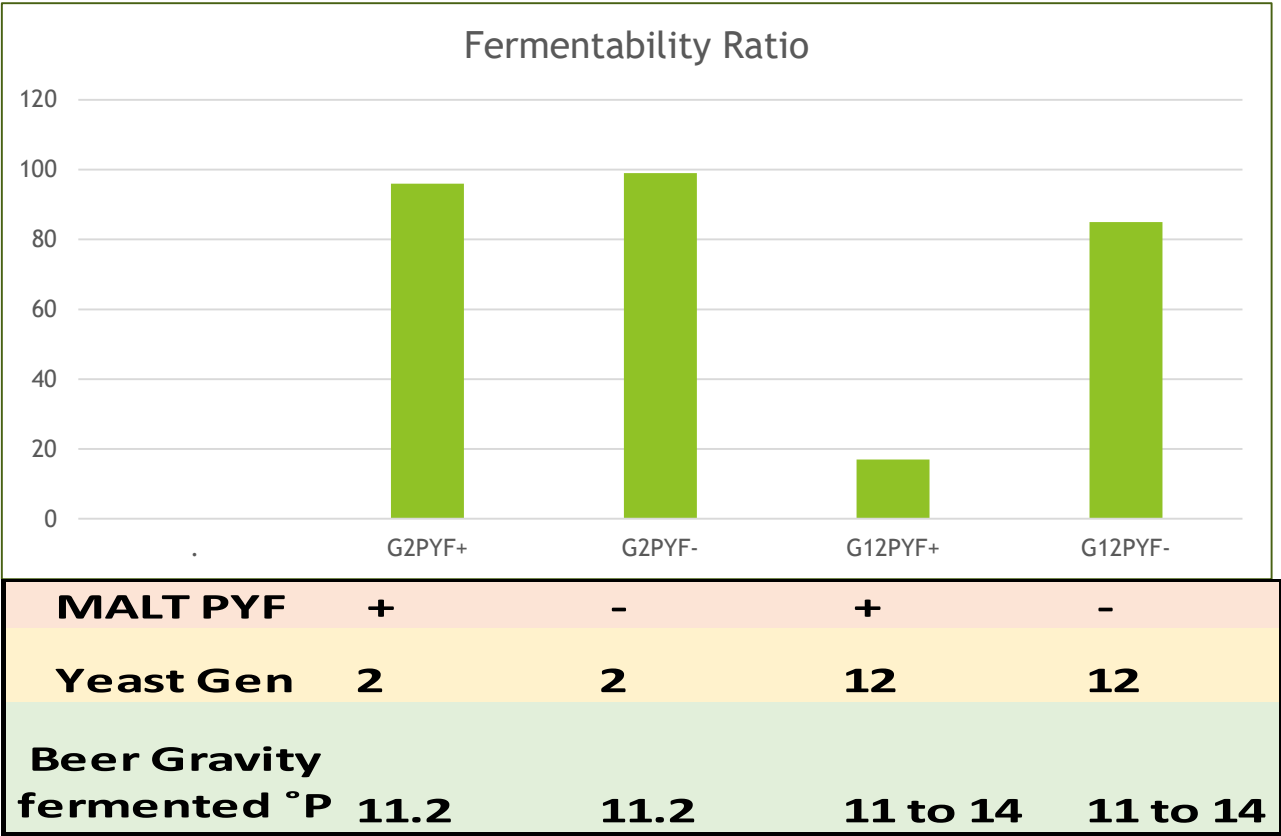
Gen 12  
yeast



As yeast generations go up, vitality goes down



# Case study - Rahr Tech Center PYF (premature yeast flocculation)



- ▶ Same strain of ale yeast but at different Gen./Cycle # responds to PYF malt very differently
- ▶ Higher generations demonstrated sensitivity towards PYF factors
- ▶ Ale strain can become PYF-sensitive



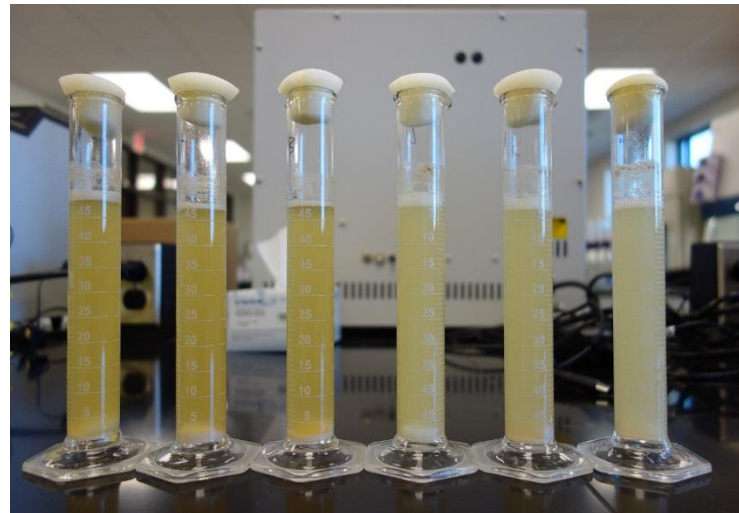
# PYF Method Optimization at Rahr

-Brown, Aron, Yin & Kramer, 2017

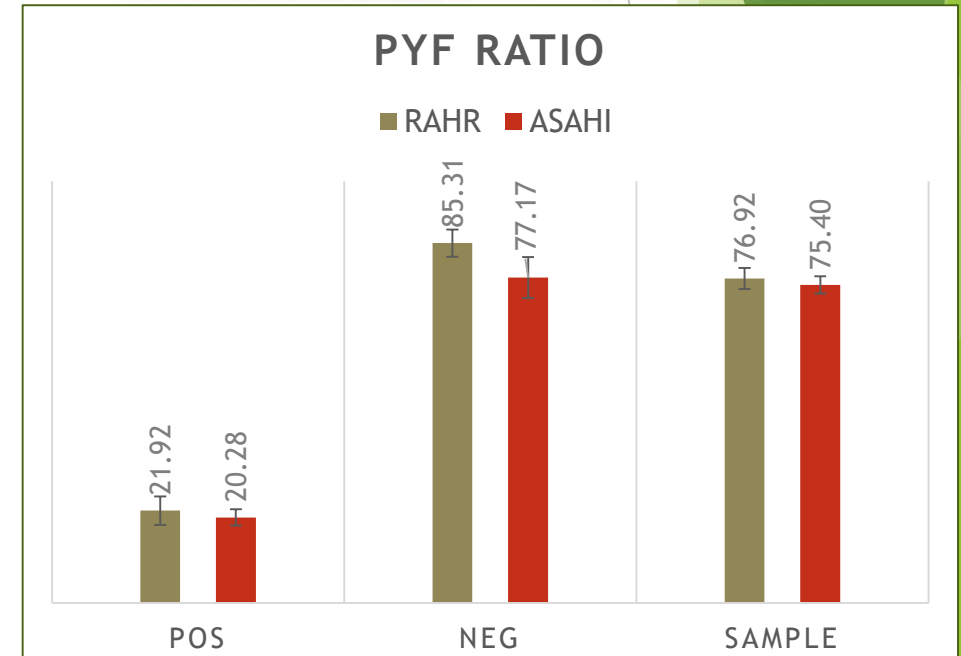


-8 day Method (Rahr)  
-EBC tubes (600 ml)

**Practical Values**  
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shorter time, smaller sample, and less risks in results



-Jibiki (Asahi, 2006) Method ~3 days  
-50 mL graduated cylinder

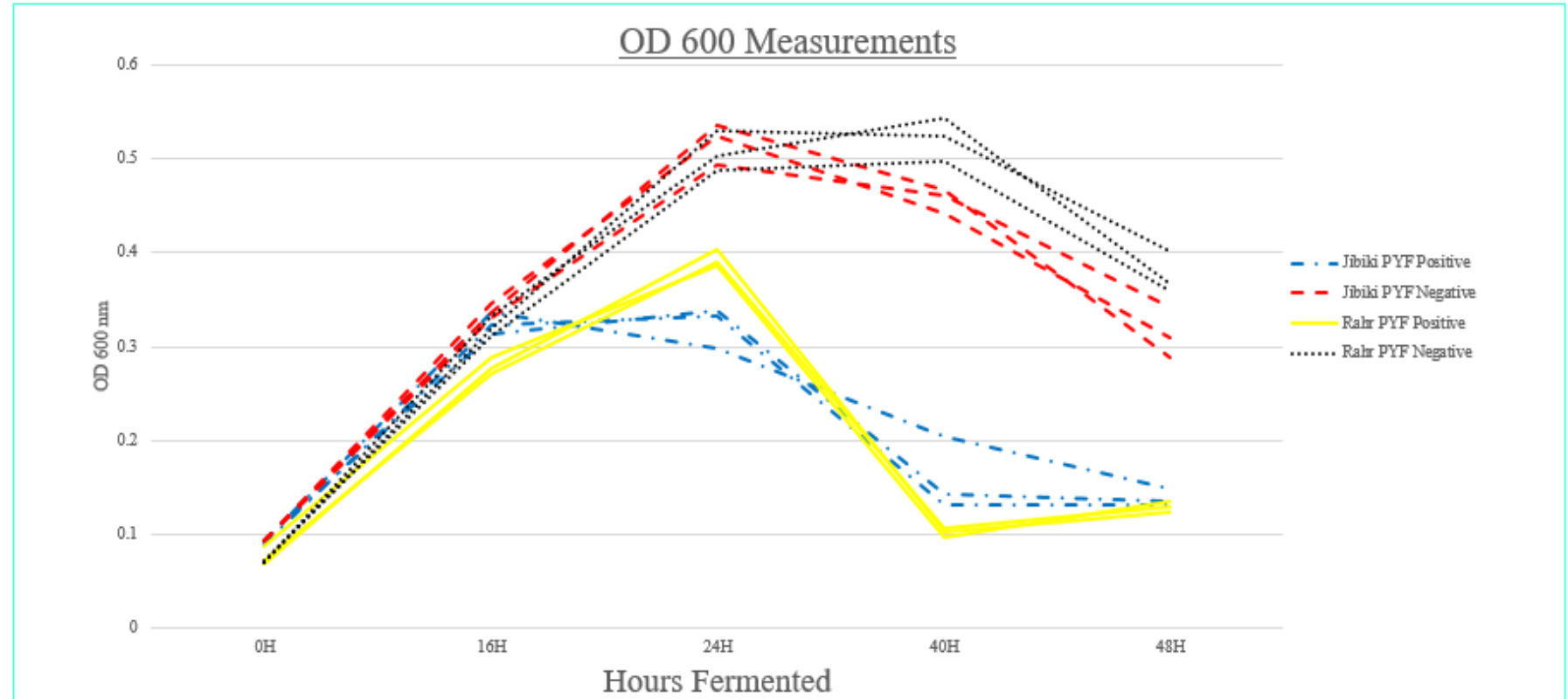




# Fermentation - Method Comparison

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The graph below shows OD600 readings for PYF positive and negative samples pitched using yeast from the Jibiki et al. (2006) and the same samples pitched using yeast from the Rahr method.



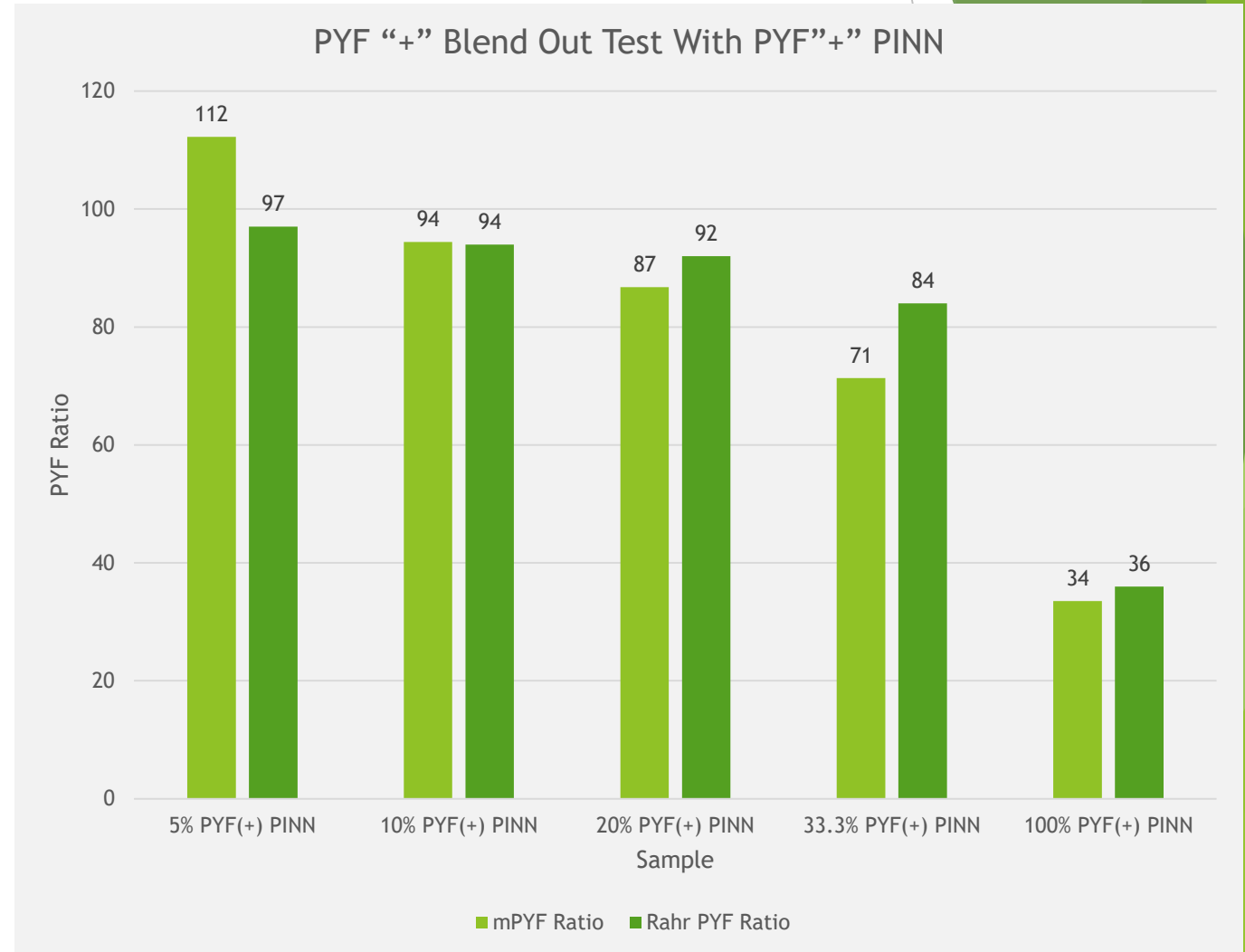
$$PYF\ Ratio = \frac{40\ H\ Cell\ Count}{24\ H\ Cell\ Count} \times 100$$

The PYF positive threshold is 40% and the PYF negative threshold is 80%.



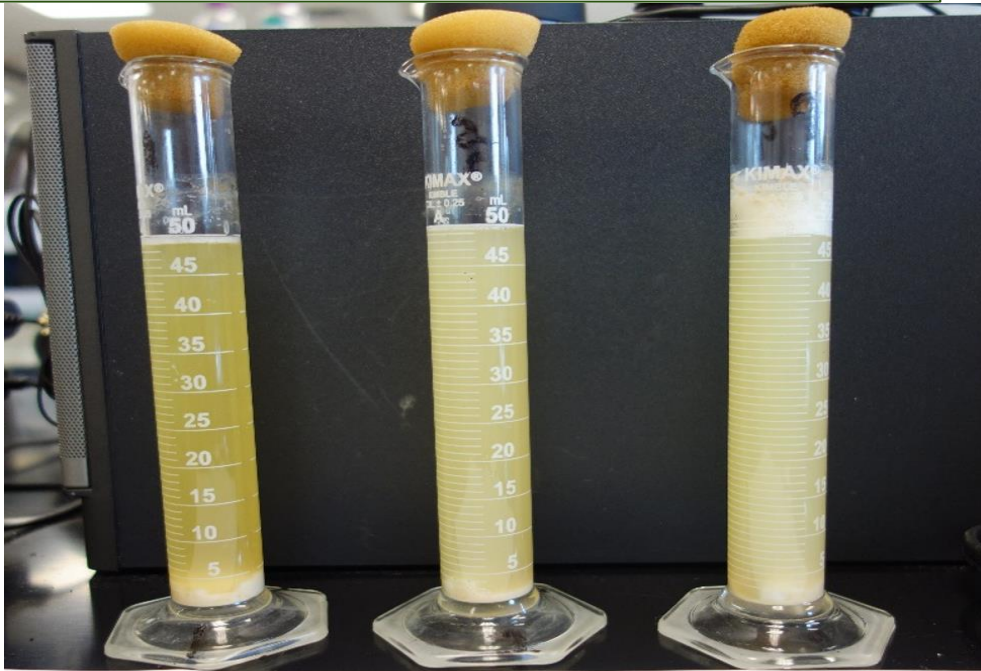
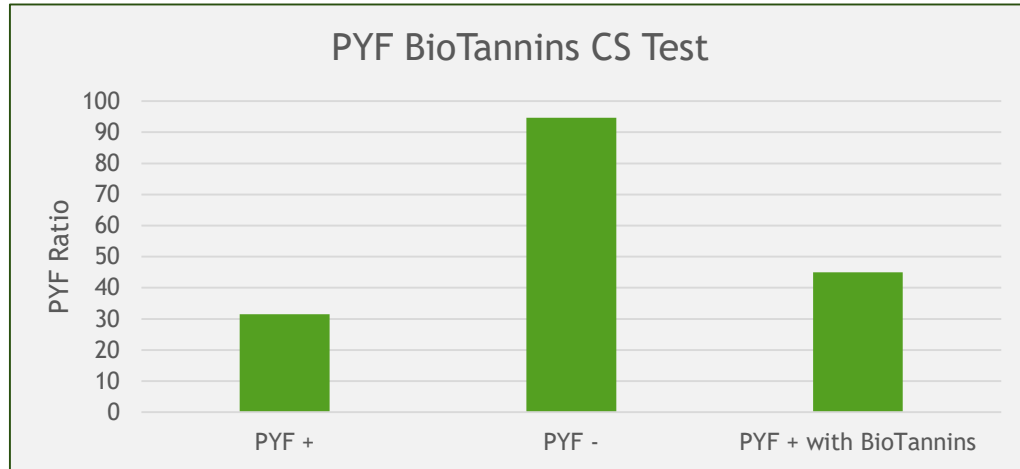
## PYF Blend Test using a PYF-positive Pinnacle

- A PYF positive Pinnacle malt was blended with a PYF (-) control to determine at what point the malt will cross the PYF positive threshold, at the rate of 5, 10, 20, and 33.3%.
- The samples were shown to be PYF positive when blended with more than 1/3 PYF positive malt.
- This test was performed using two different PYF methods, of which the Micro PYF (mPYF) method is more sensitive.





# BioTannin CS Treatment for PYF

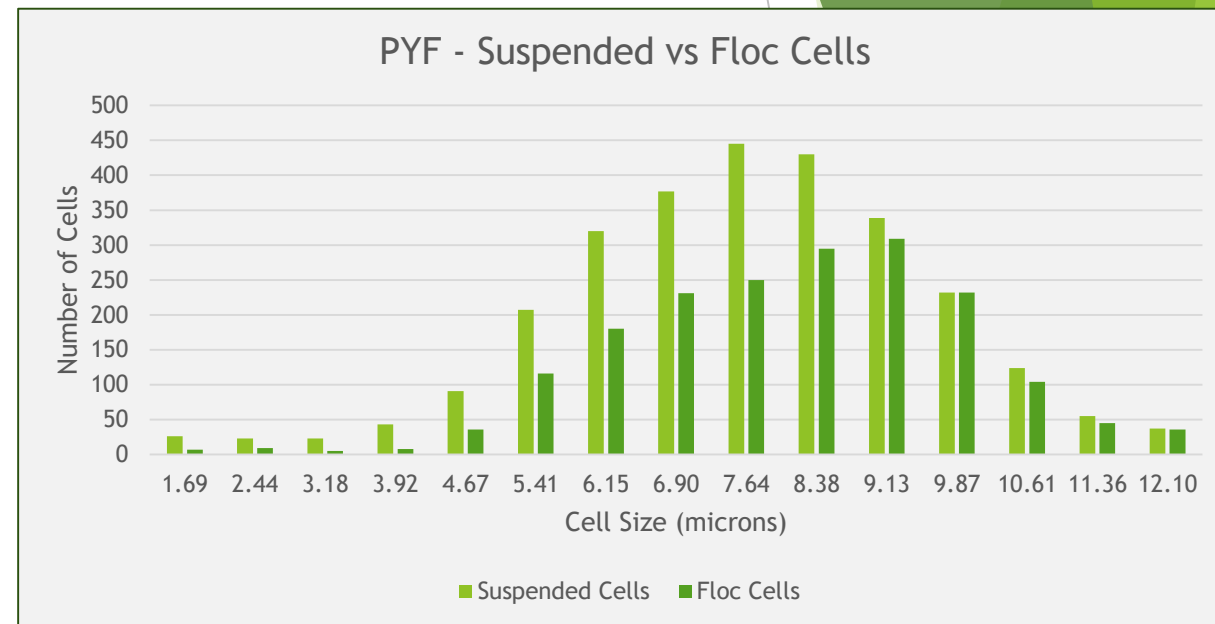
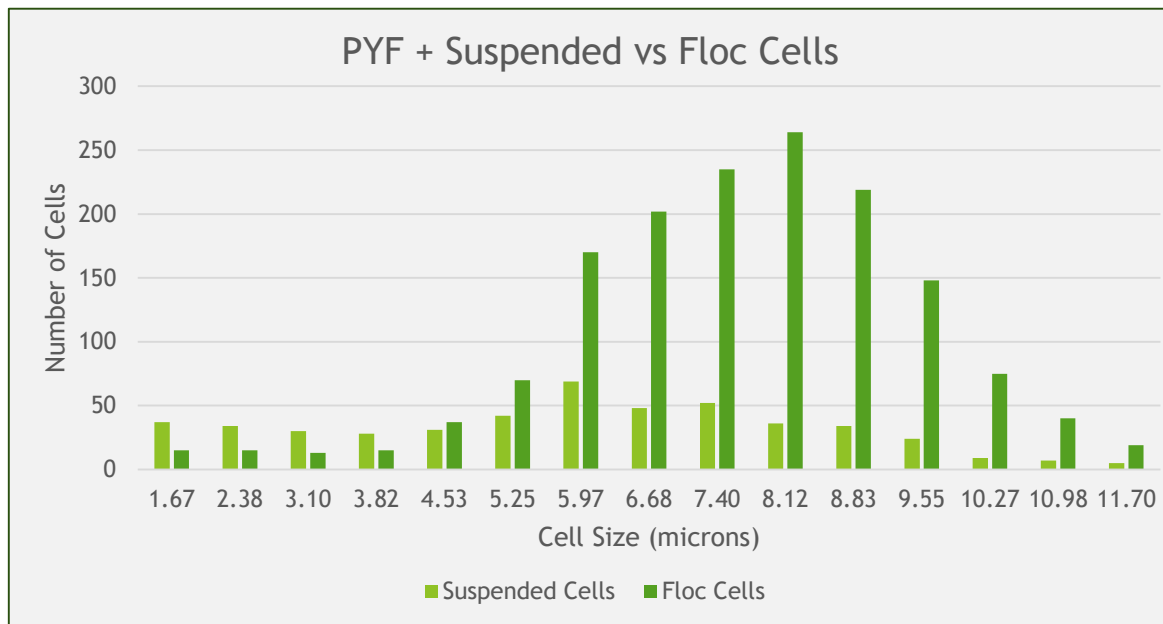


- Treatment for PYF was attempted by adding BioTannins to PYF + wort.
- Tripling the reported dosage to 6g/kg yielded minimal, but observable results.
- BioTannins not recommend to change the PYF factors at this time due to the following side-effects:
  - Significantly increased filtration times
  - Increased foaming (post filtration)
  - Possibly unwanted removal of proteins if added before filtration - Decreased foam stability of beer
  - SMA yeast was shown to flocculate both on the bottom and top.



# Yeast Cell Size Distribution for Suspended and Flocculated Cells

➔ Significant difference was observed in average suspended yeast cell sizes of a PYF + control and PYF - samples at the end of our Micro PYF test.



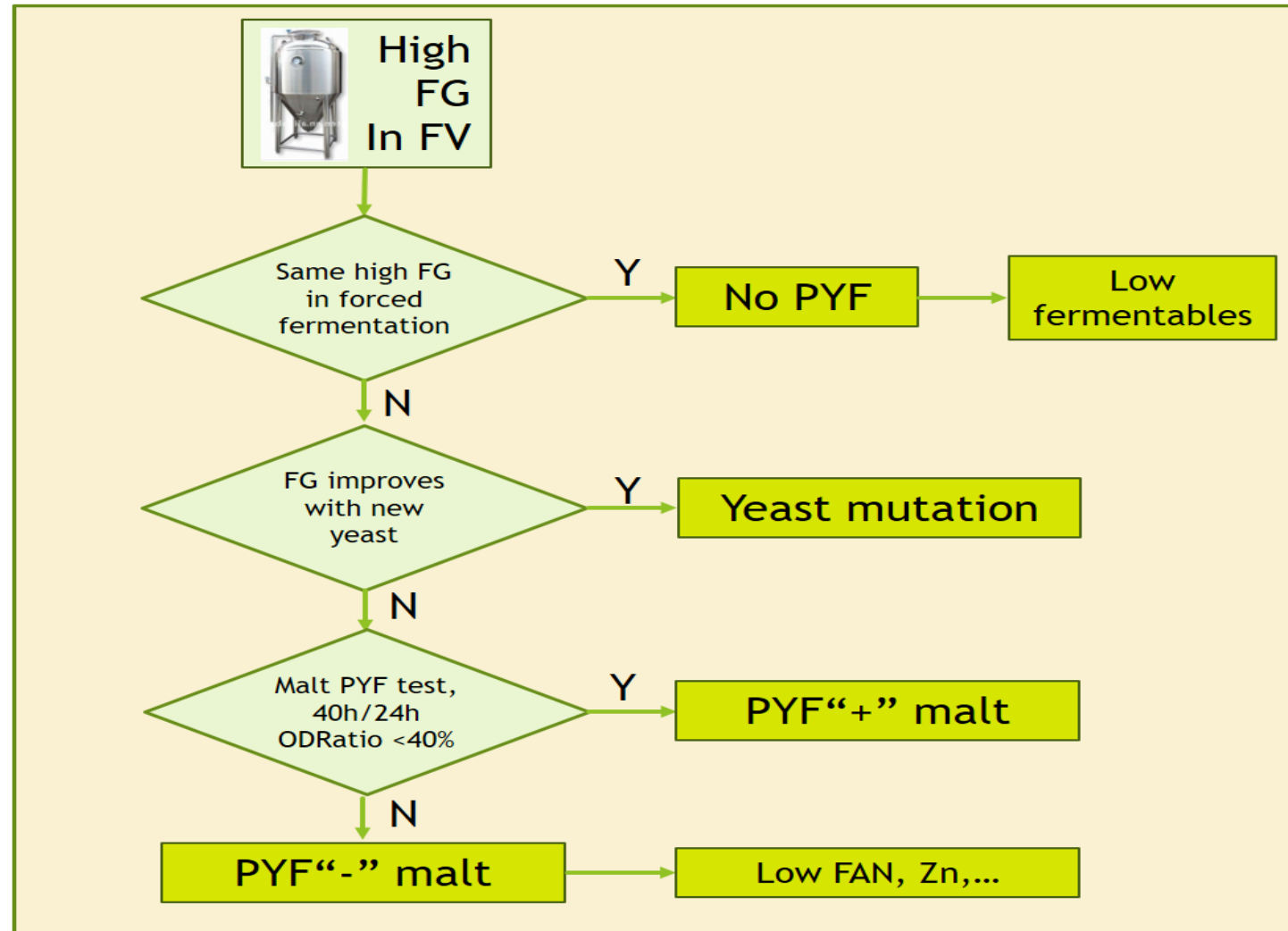
- Less yeast cells overall (in suspension and that have flocculated)
- Slightly bimodal distribution of cells in suspension
- Higher amount of young (small) cells in suspension

- More total cells than PYF + sample
- More normal distribution, slightly right-skewed
- Higher amount (proportionally) of larger (older) cells in suspension and of those that flocculated

# Practical Approach to PYF Diagnosis

## Potential root causes for high final gravity:

- Yeast mutation leading to PYF-sensitive heterogeneous culture
- Malt with PYF factor
- Deficiency in yeast nutrients like FAN, Zn...
- Low fermentable sugars in wort



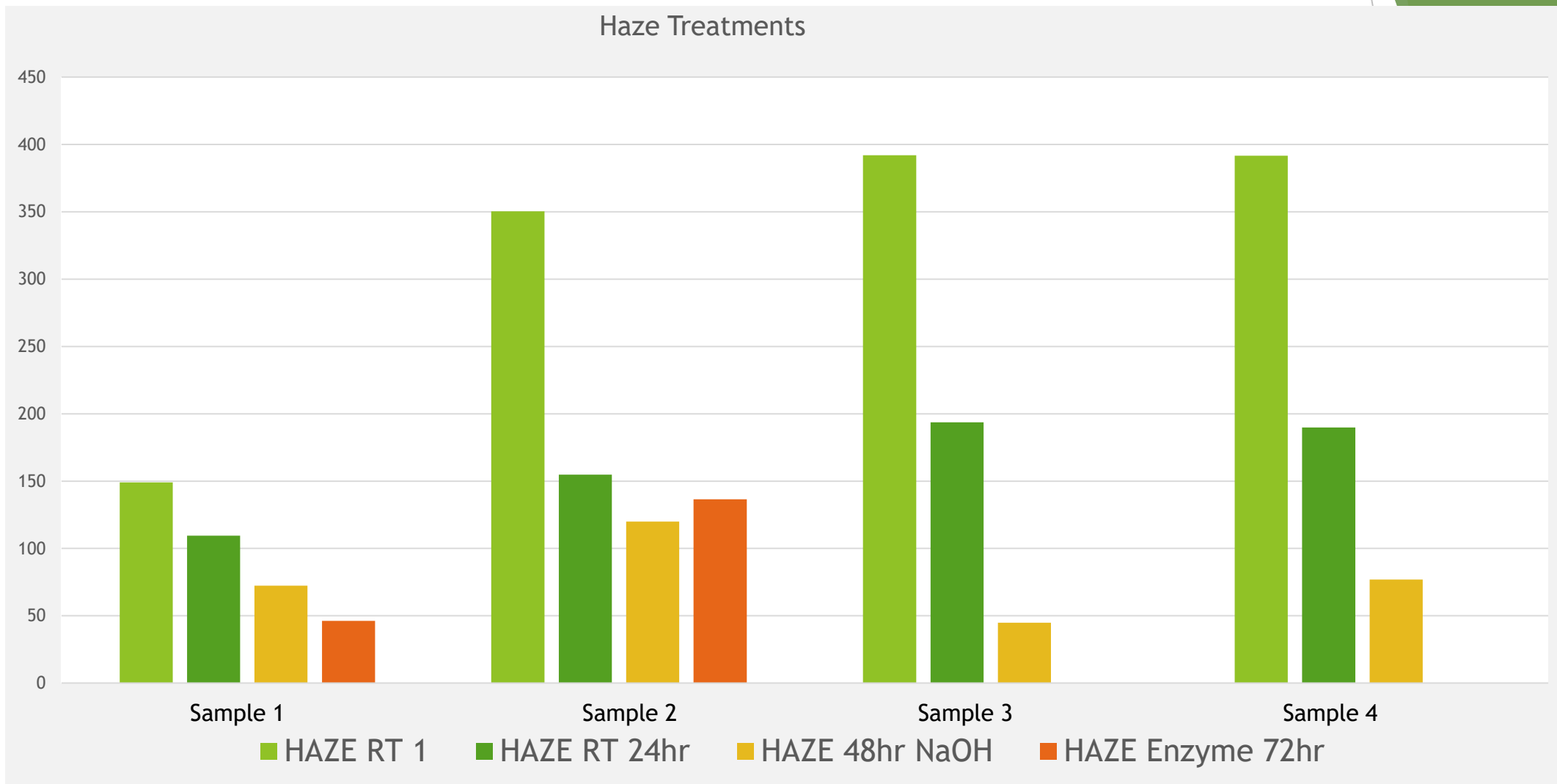
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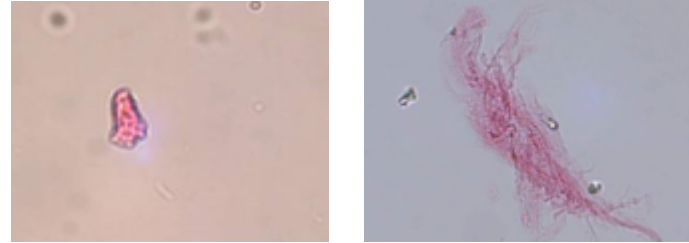


# Case Study - IPA Haze Characterization



# Haze Identification by Staining Techniques

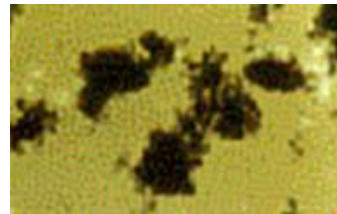
- Proteins (Eosin Yellow)



- Beta-glucans (Congo Red)



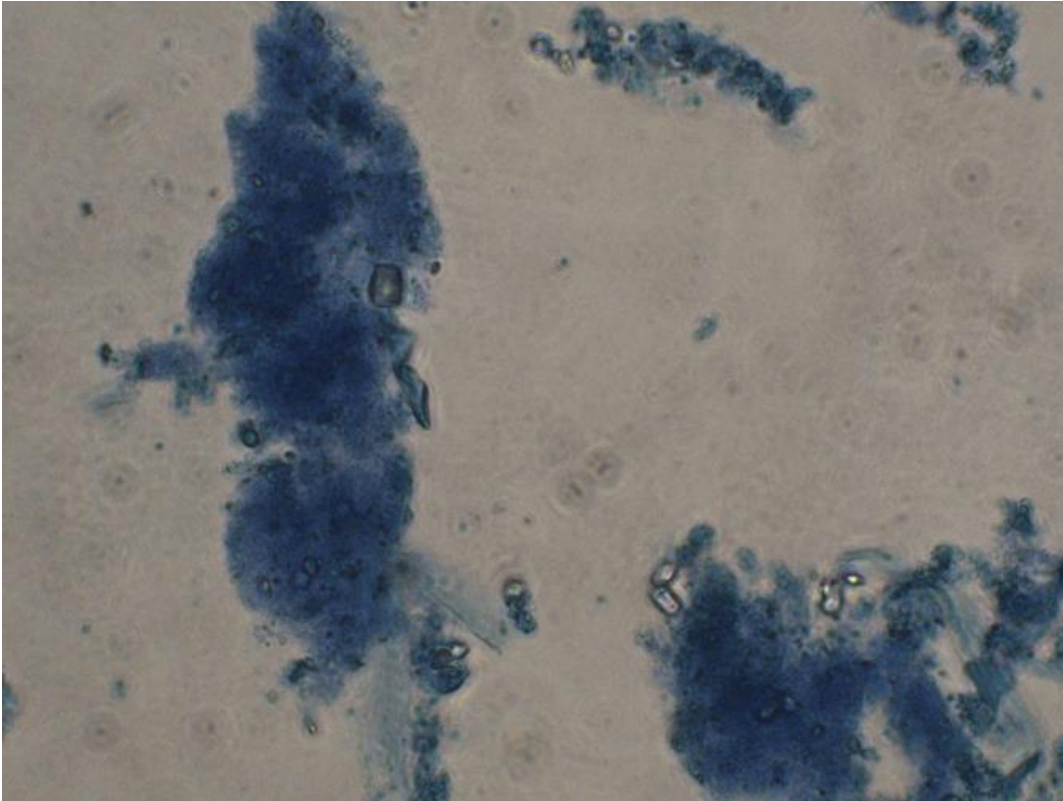
- Starch (Iodine/KI)



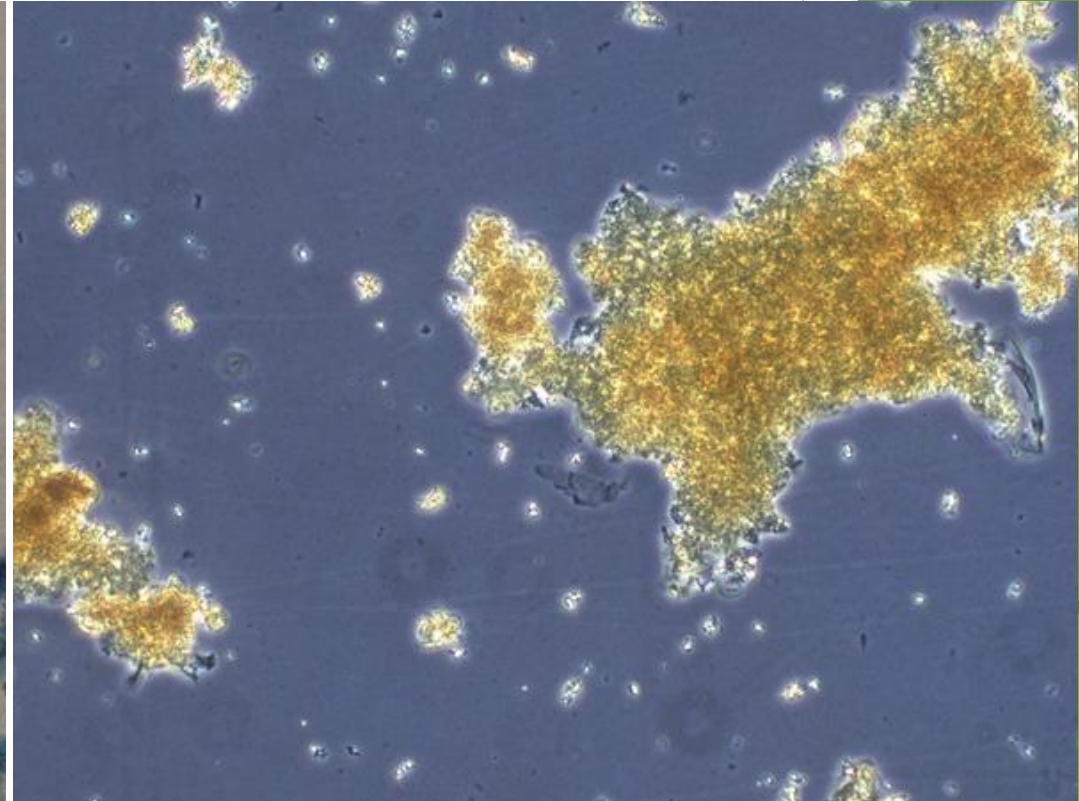
- Pentosans (Thionine)



# Beer Haze investigation - Example



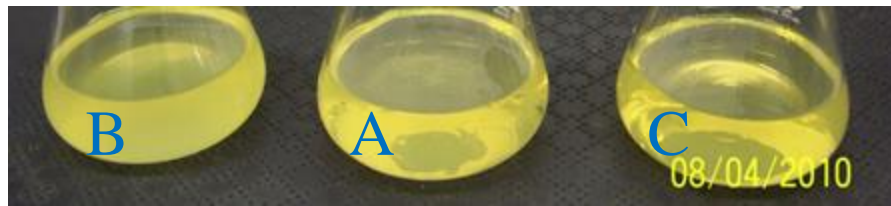
Calcium Oxalate in precipitate in IPA



Dextrins in IPA sample



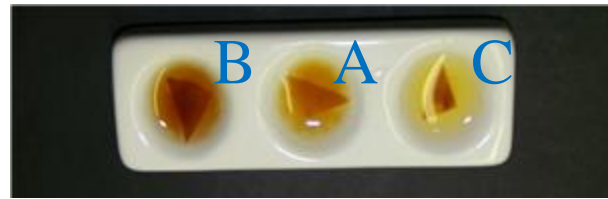
# $\alpha$ -Glucan Characterization through iodide staining - an example of invisible haze



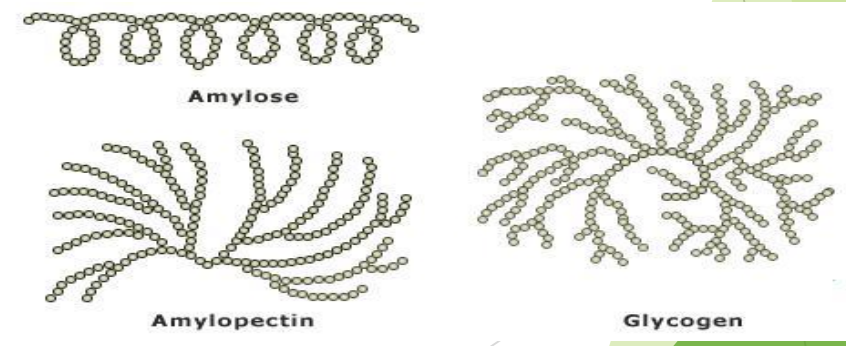
+ 2 vols EtOH, 48 hrs @4C



Caught and stained on 0.45 $\mu$  filter paper



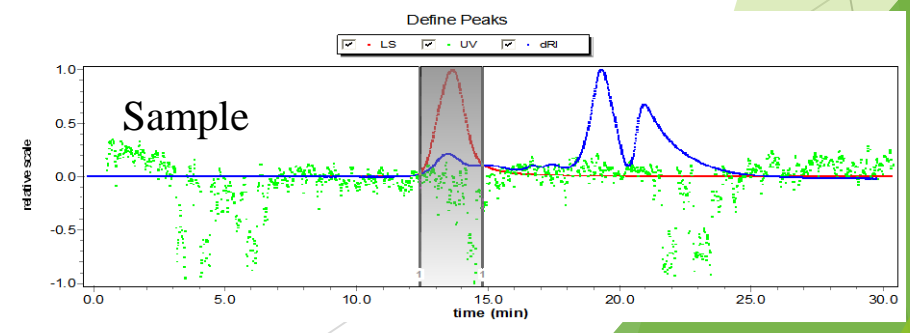
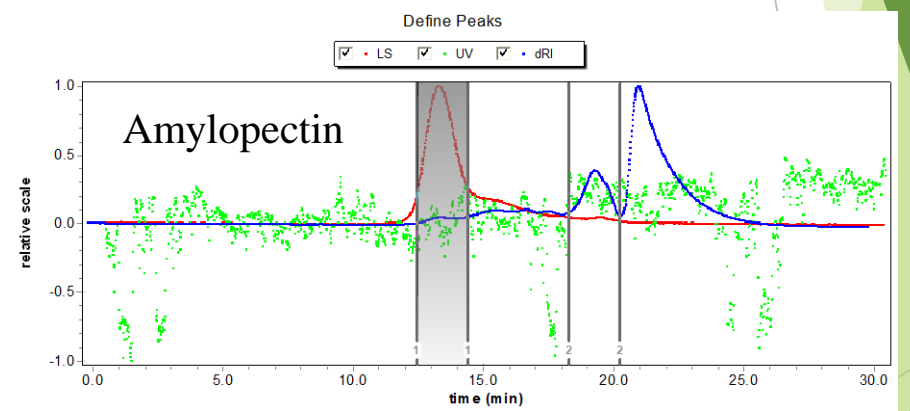
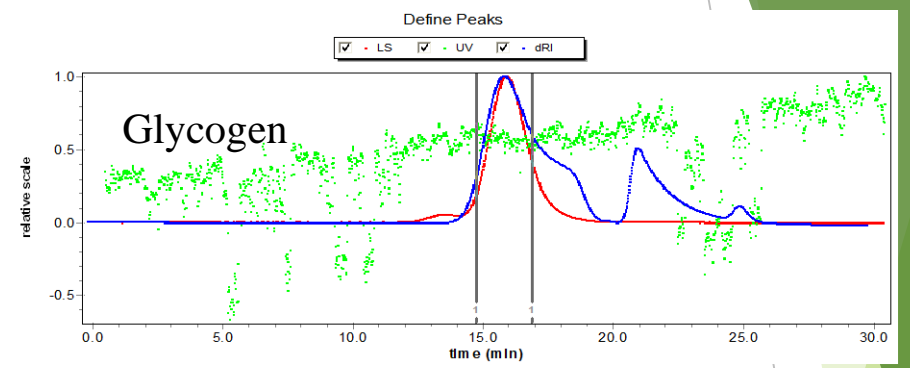
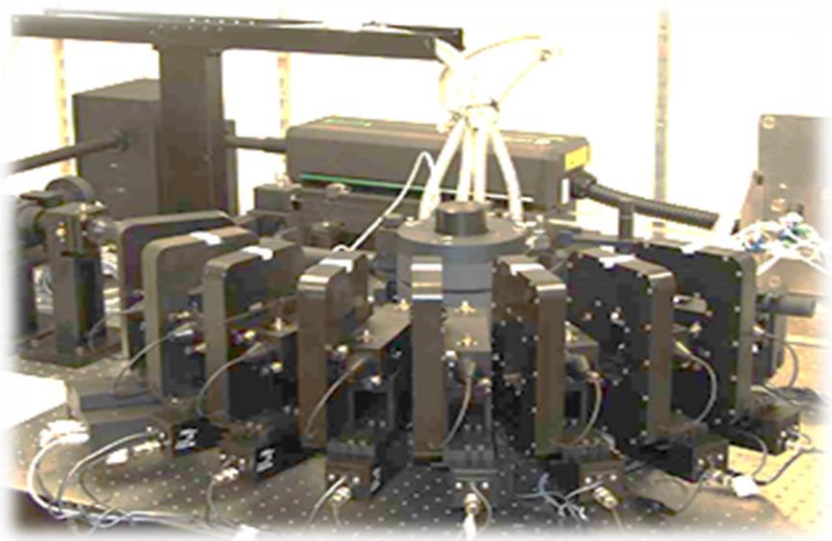
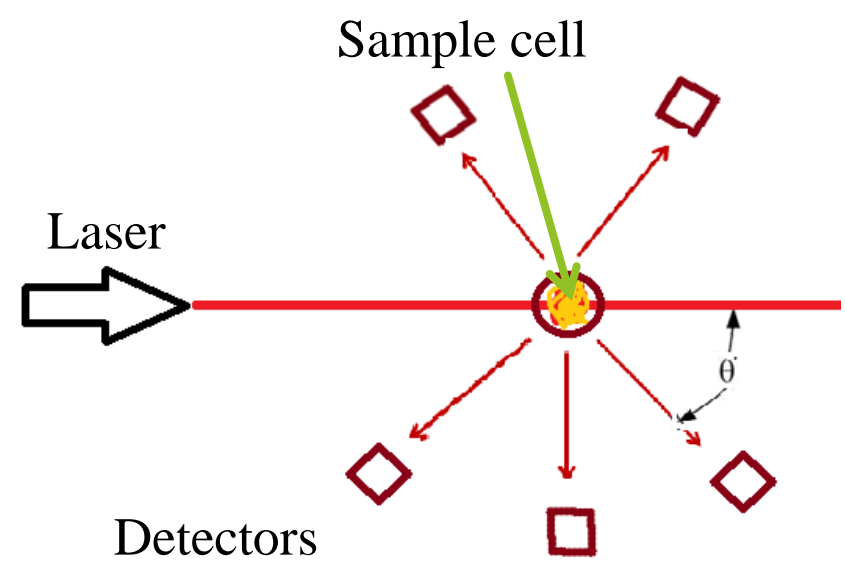
Beer B has more iodide staining power:  
amylopectin/glycogen





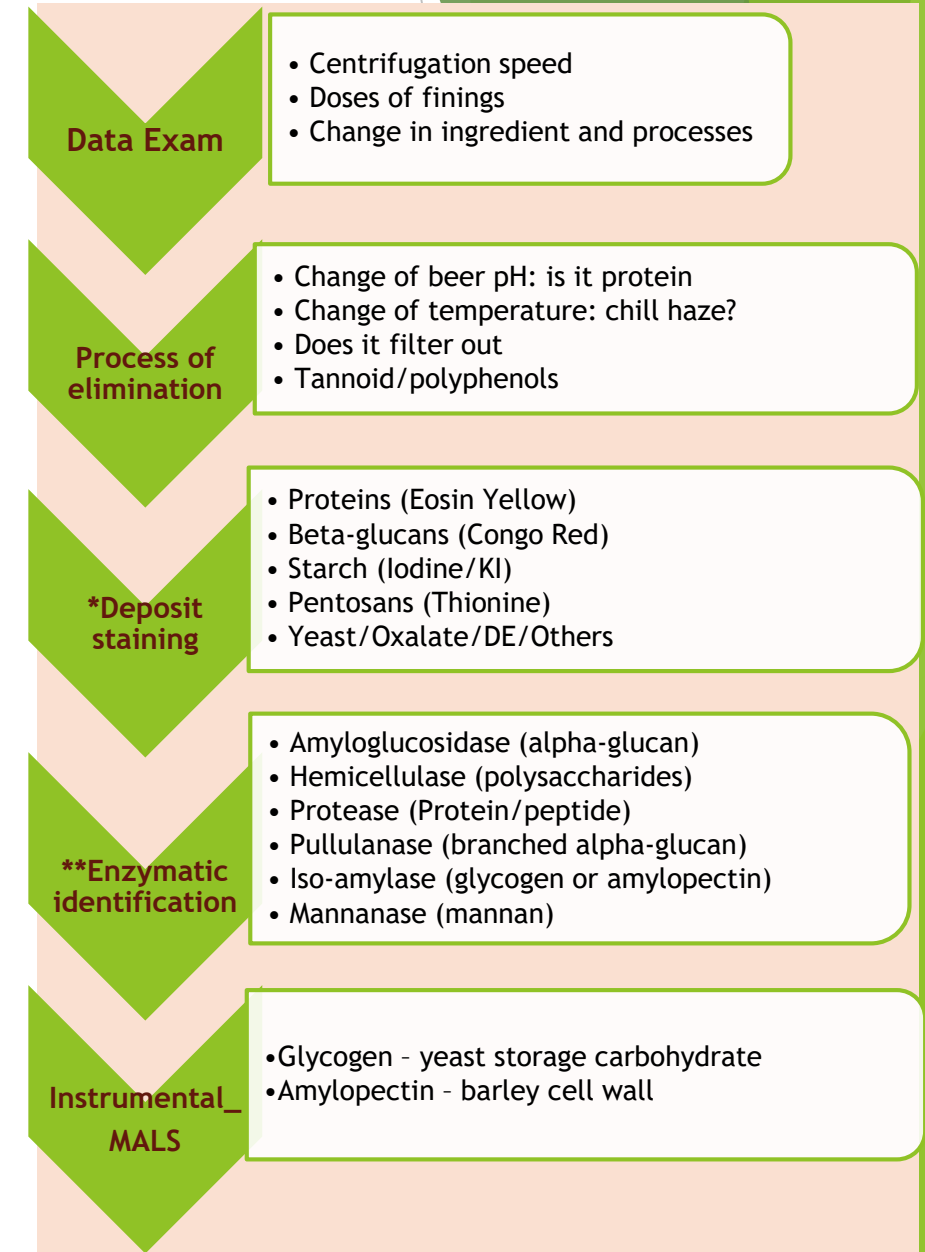
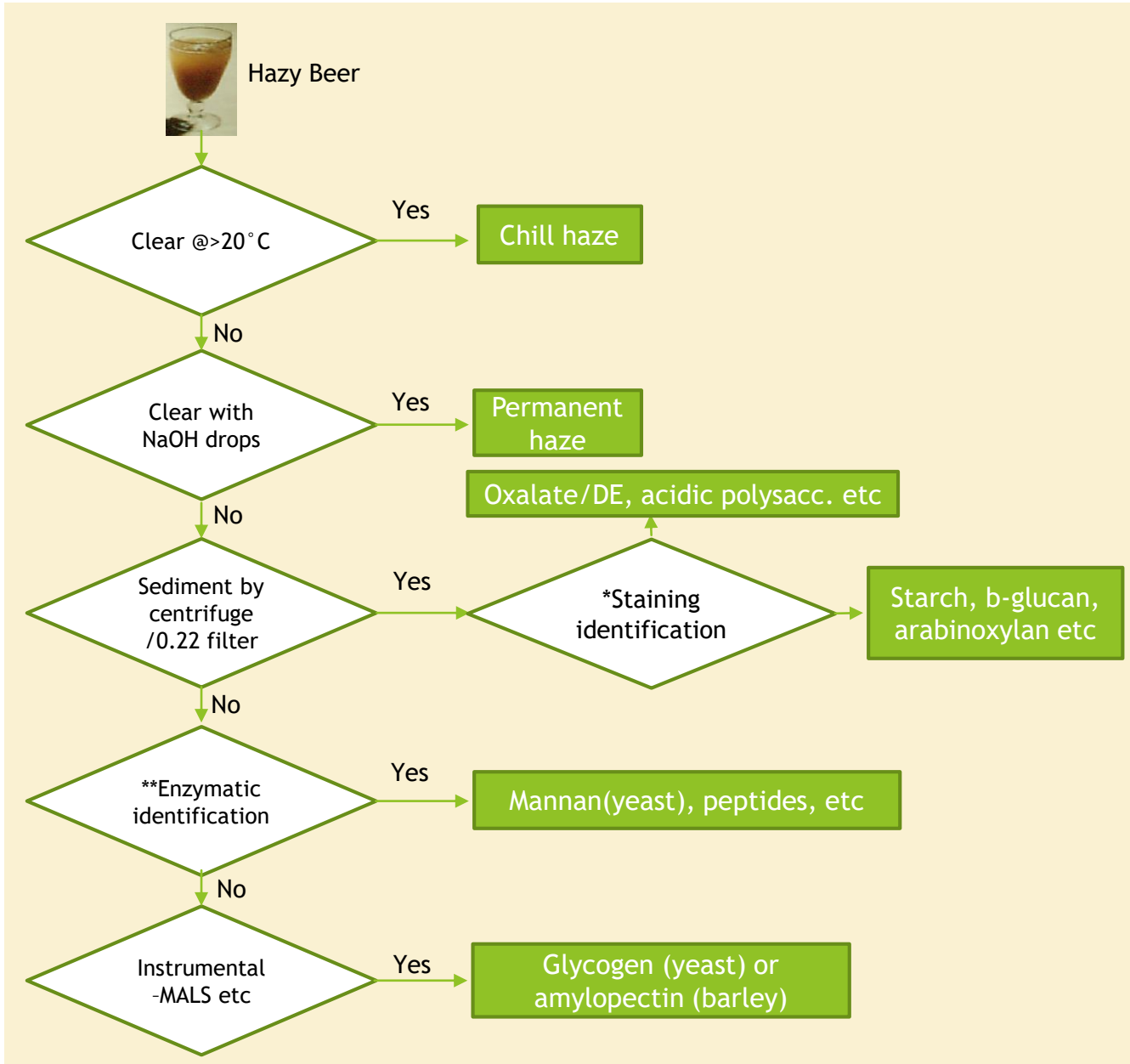


# MALS- Multi-Angle Laser Light Scattering





# Step-wise approaches for beer haze investigation



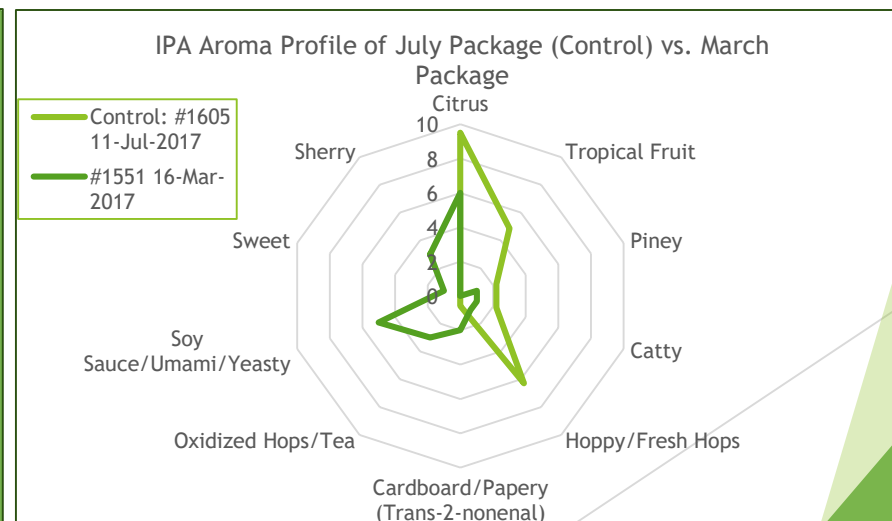
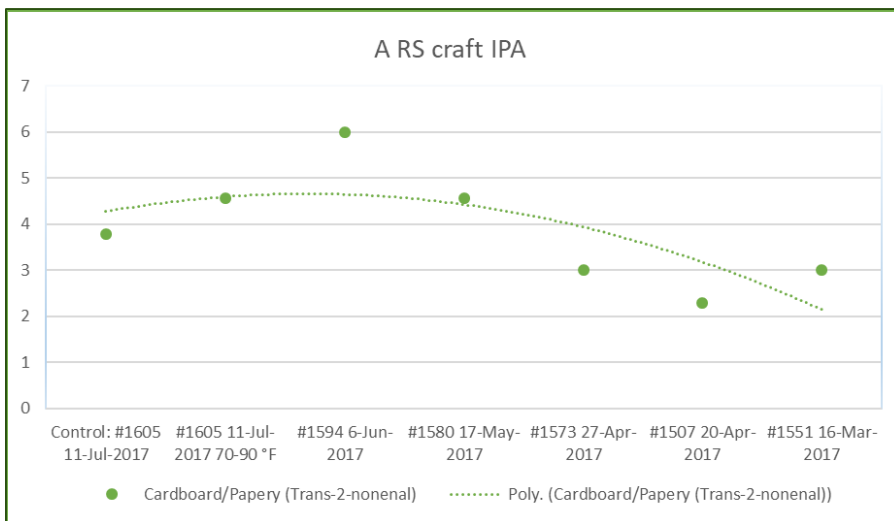
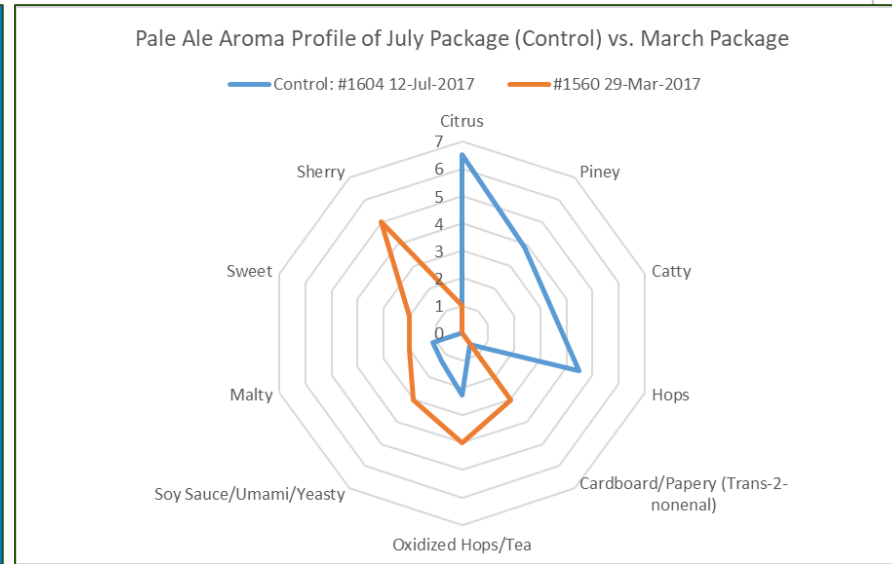
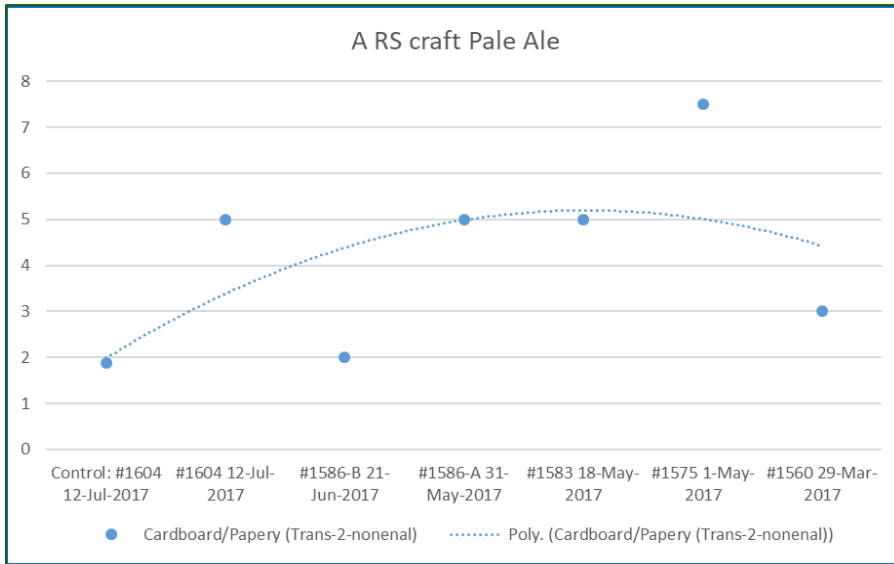
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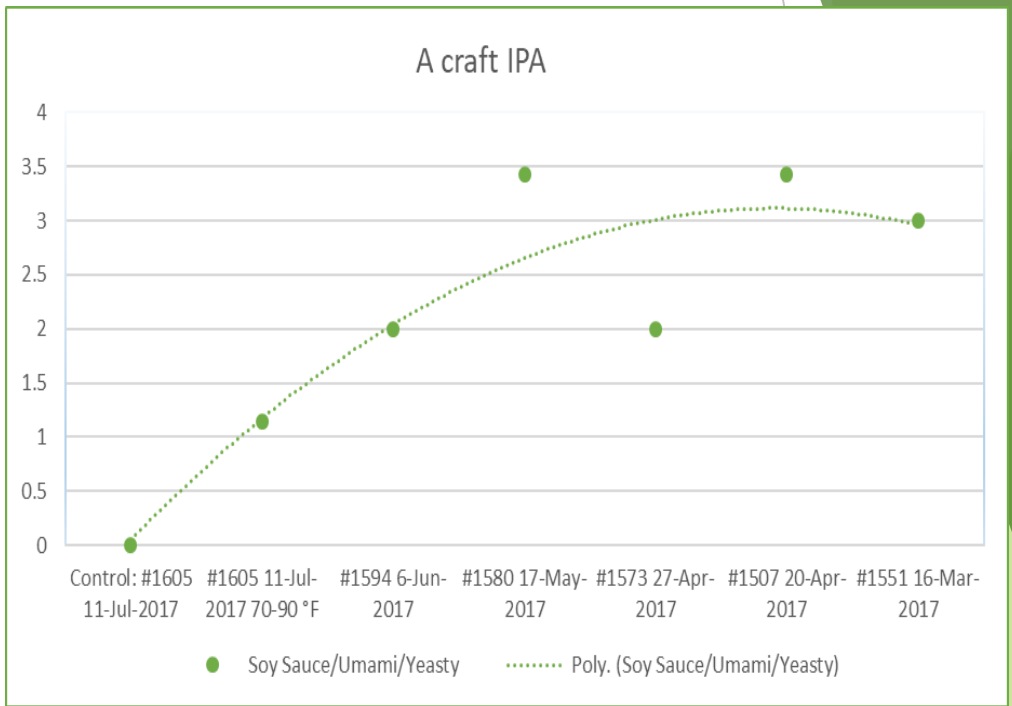
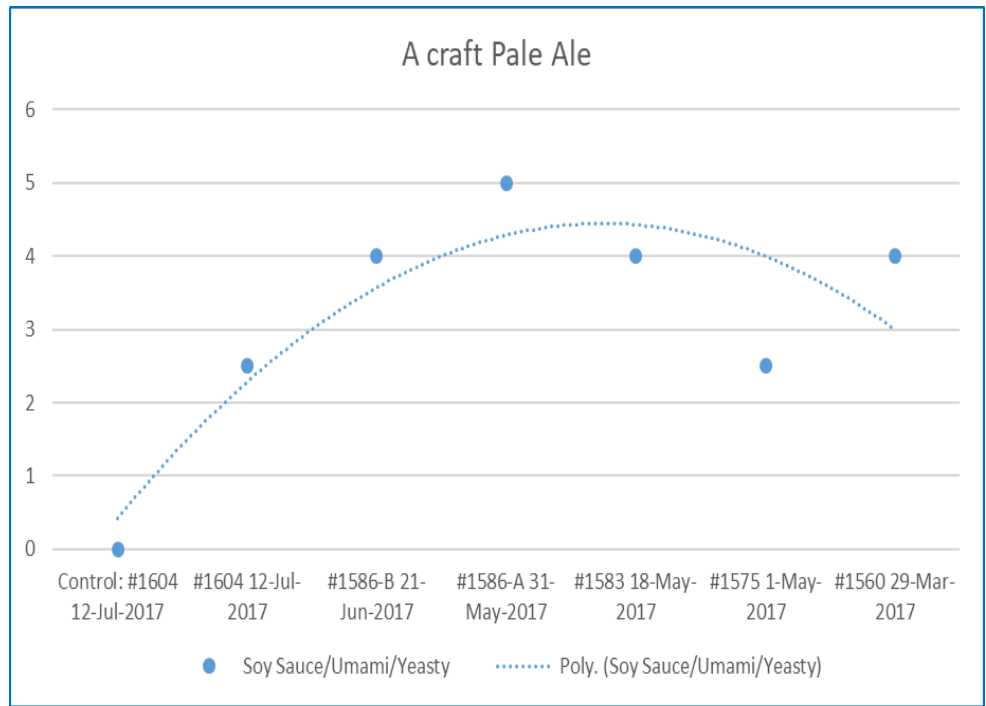


# A case study of beer staling





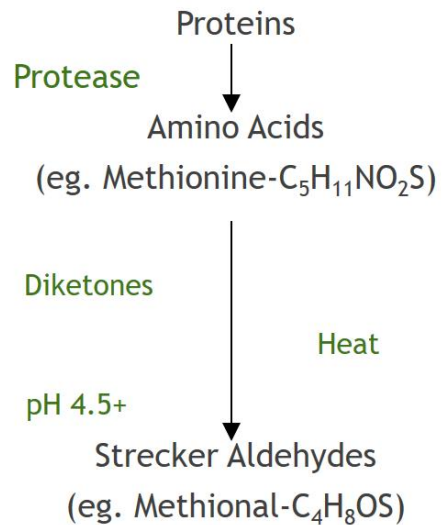
# Flavor stability and beer analysis



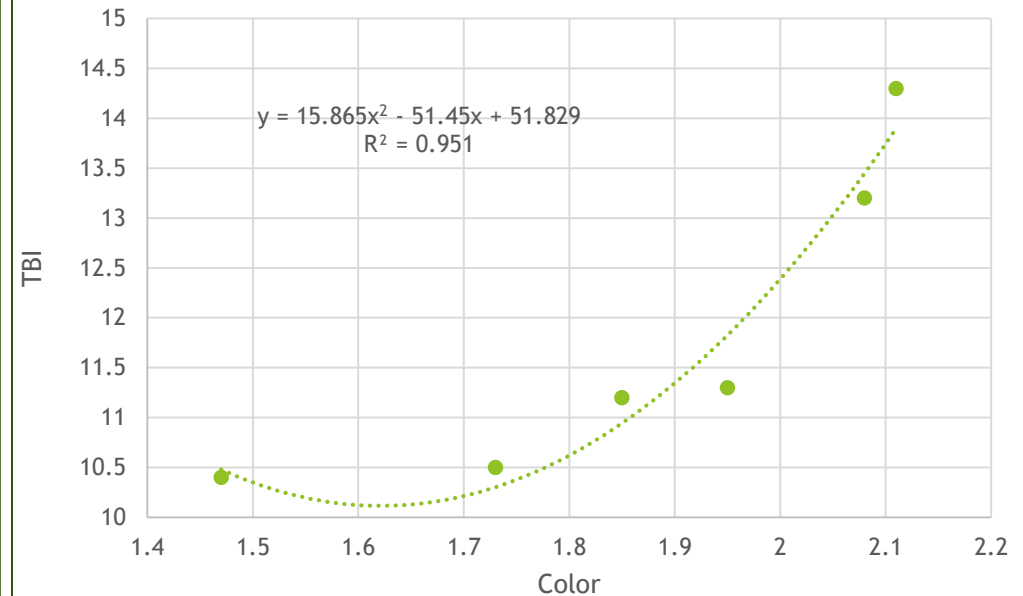
Sample	SG	° Plato	% ABV	pH	FAN (ppm)
Pale Ale (Control: #1604 12-Jul-2017)	1.010080	2.59	6.11	4.68	171
IPA (Control: #1605 11-Jul-2017)	1.010773	2.76	7.06	4.7	182

# Staling factors: Strecker Aldehyde and Thermal Load

## Strecker Degradation of Amino Acids



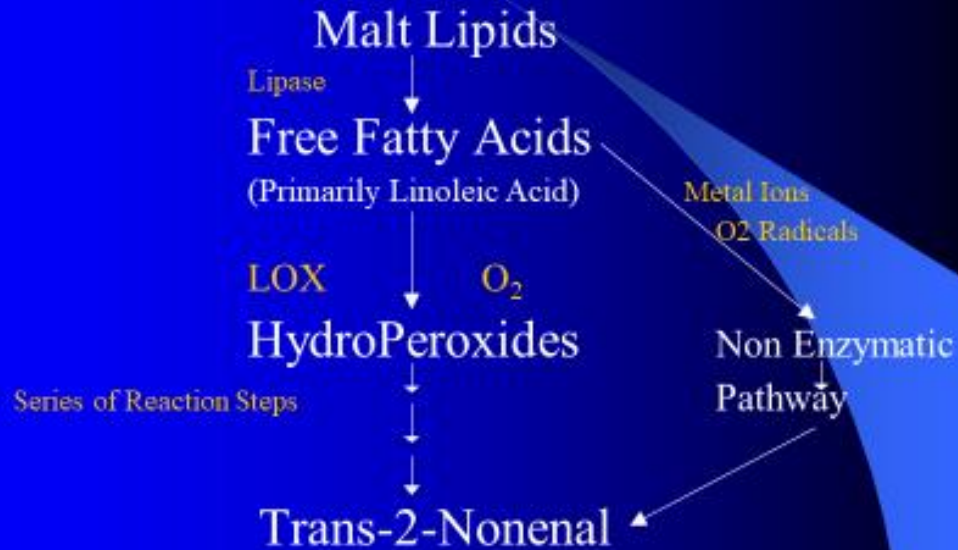
## Color-TBI relationship by varieties



- Beer flavor stability is closely affected by malt, under complex barley and process conditions
- See separate report by Dr. P Aron for amino acid effect

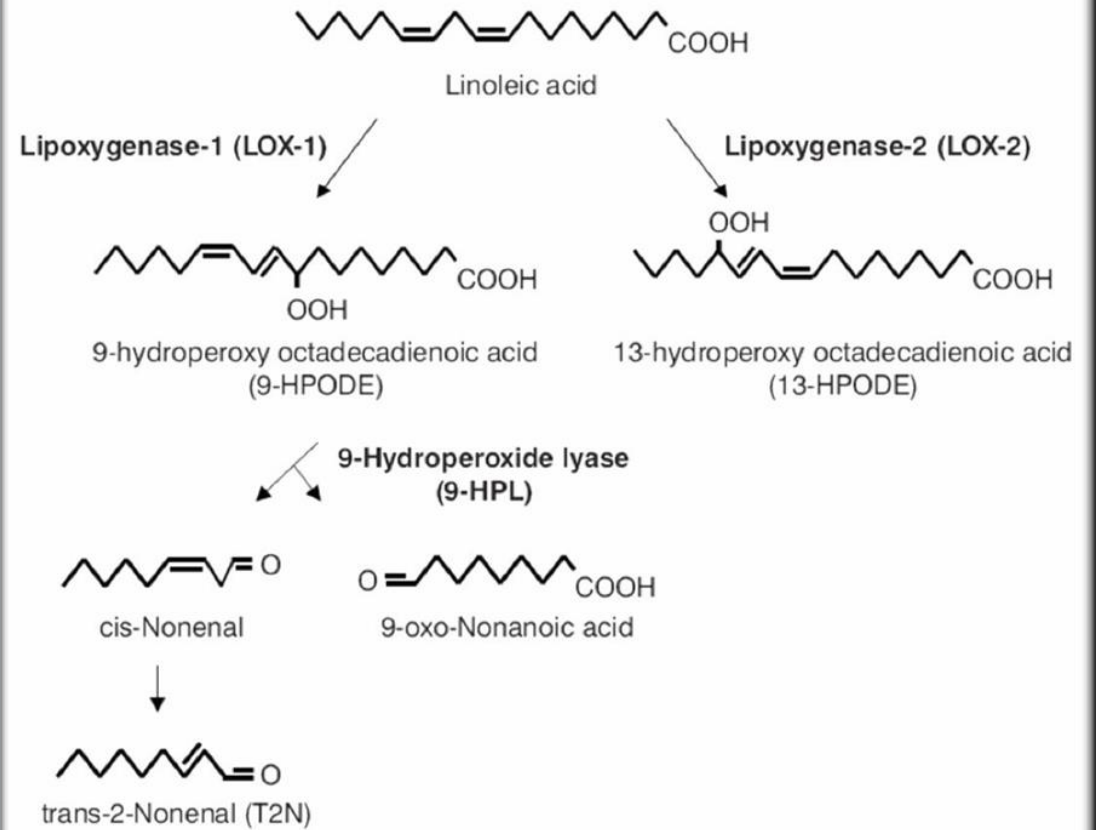
# LOX catalyzed cardboard/papery formation

## Trans-2-Nonenal Pathway



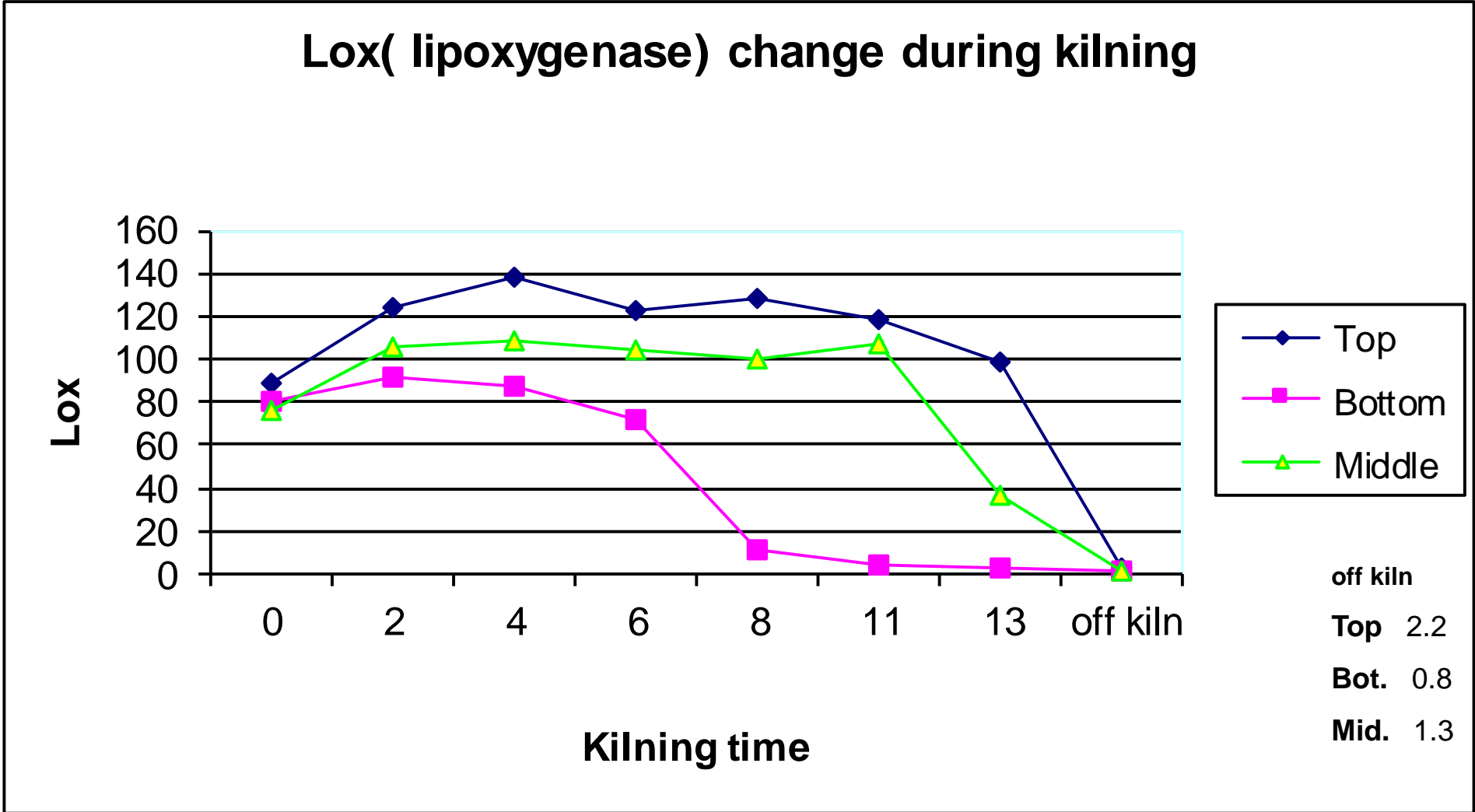
\*Note: trihydroxyoctadecenoic (THOD) is a byproduct of this reaction

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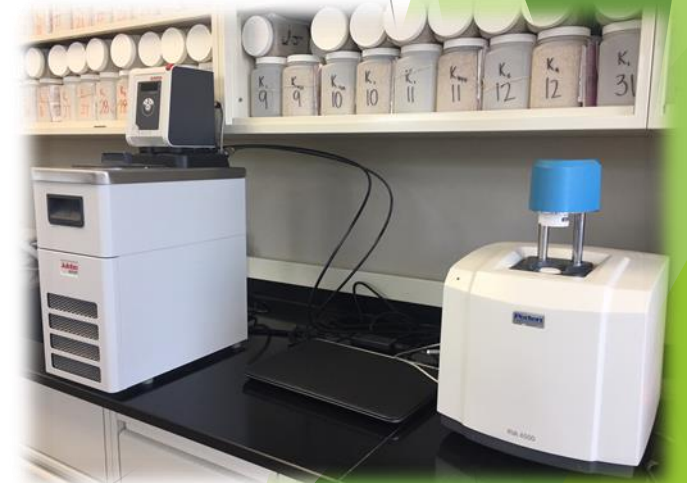
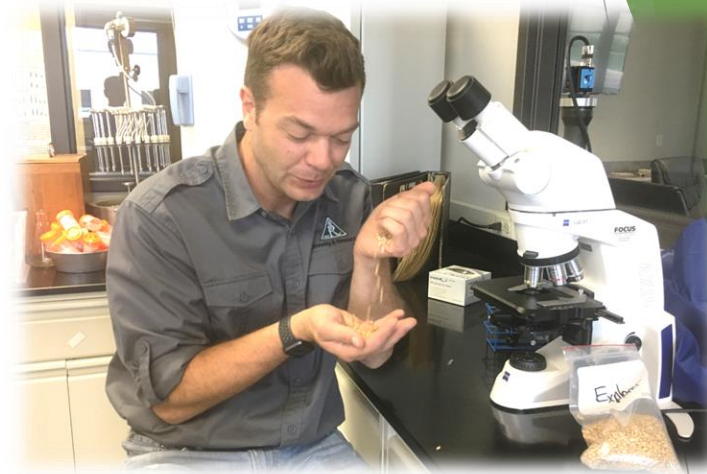
# Control of LOX activities in malt kilning





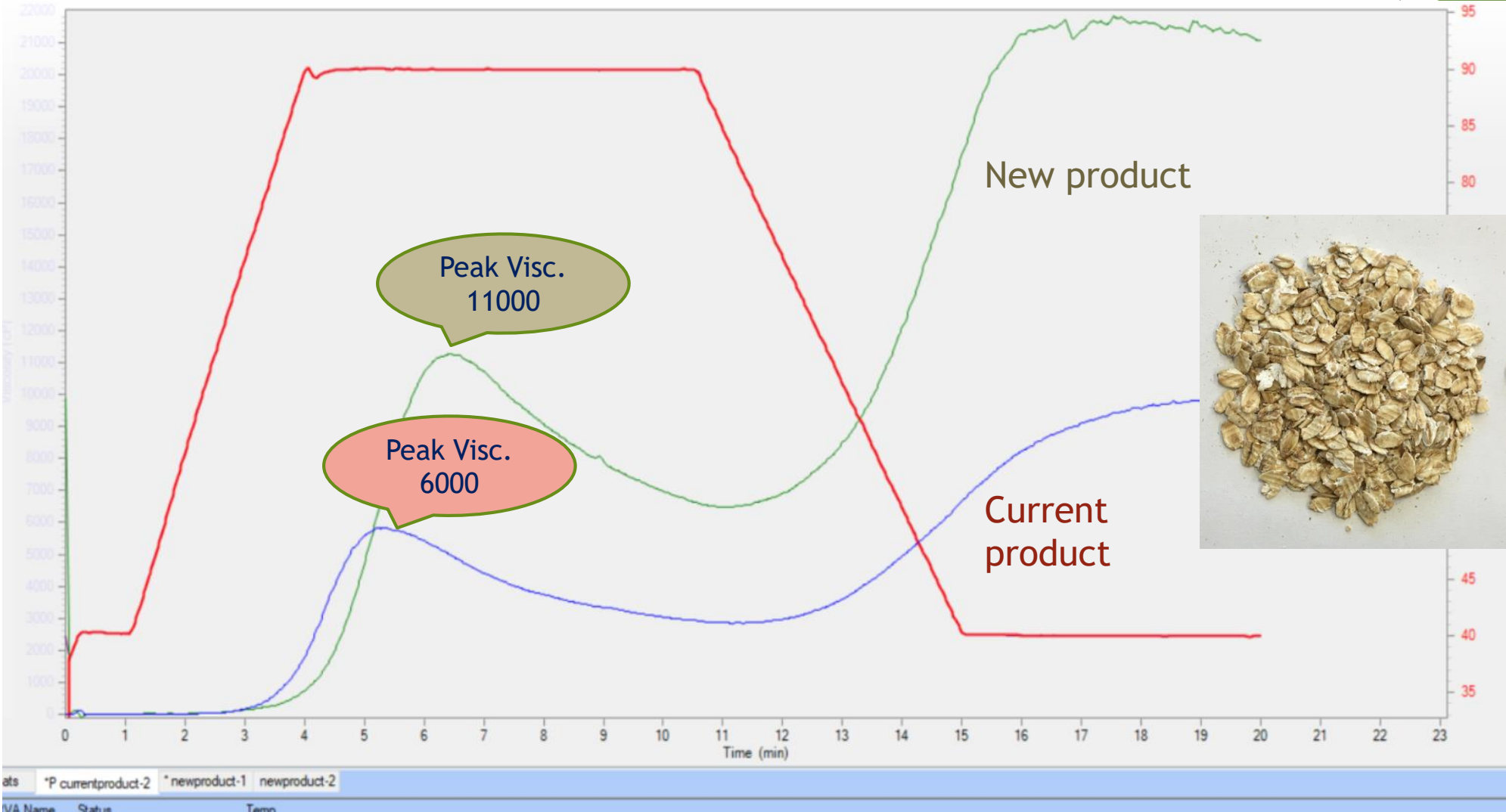
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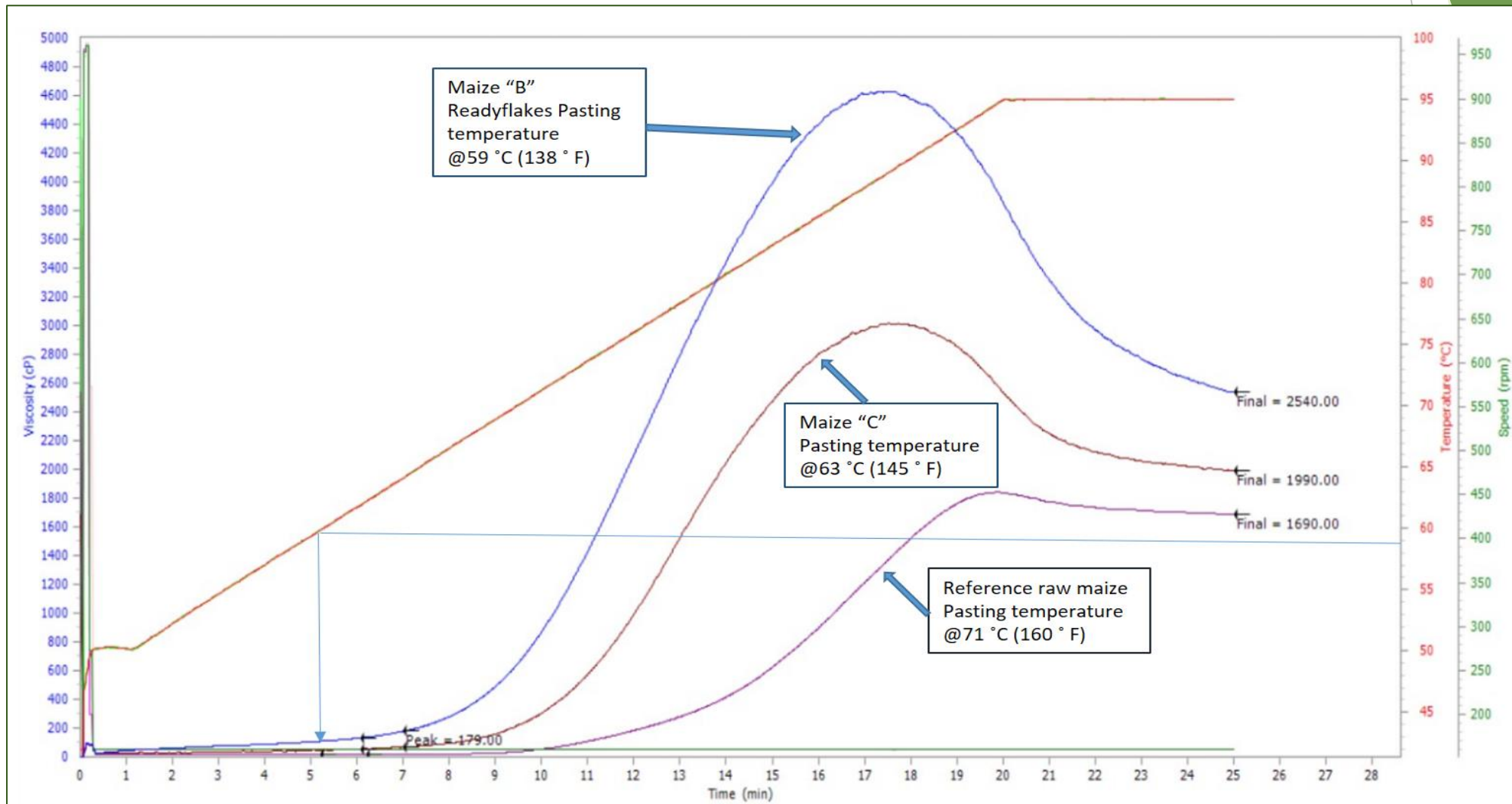
# Flaked Oat - RVA comparison





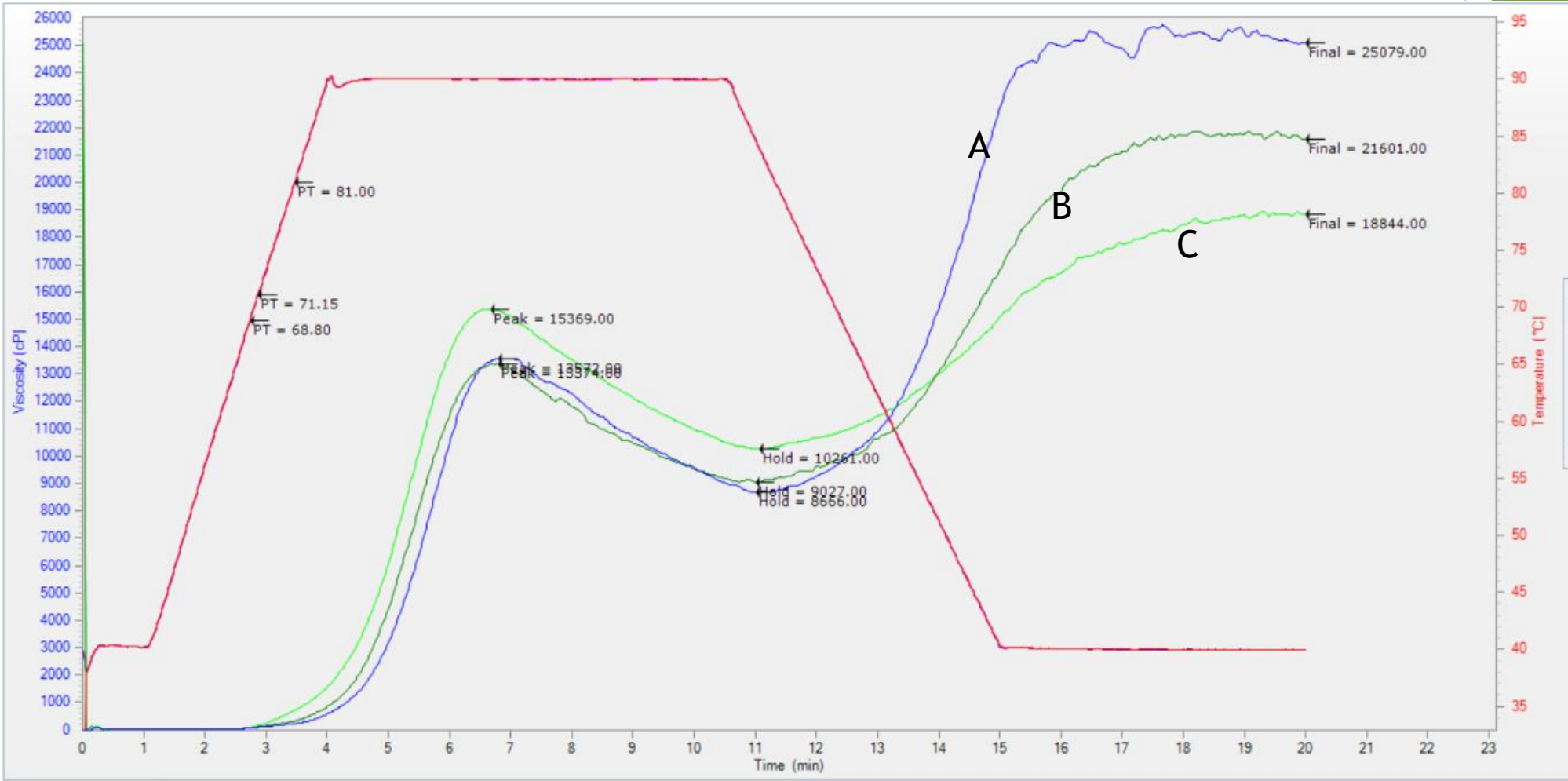
# Corn grist RVA

- Gelatinization temp. variations decide point of grist addition





# Oats flake RVA: for product optimization

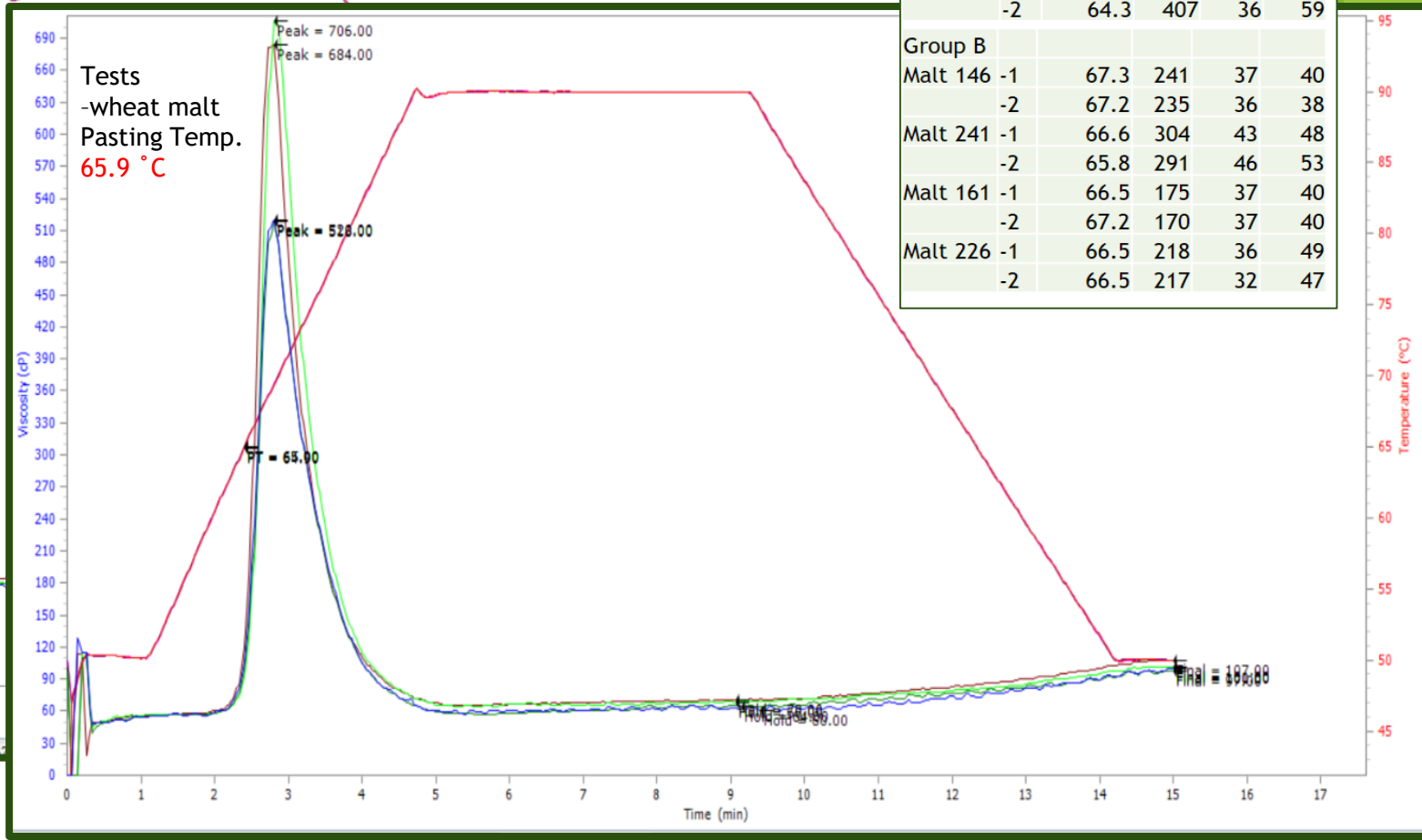
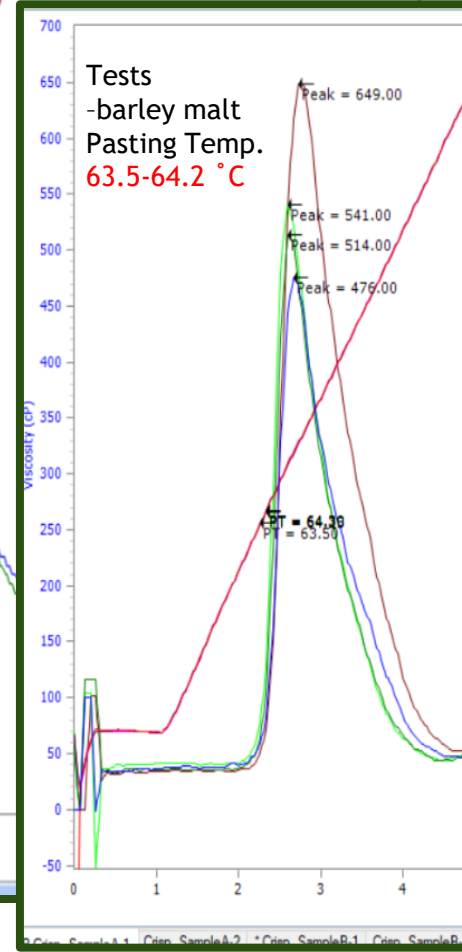
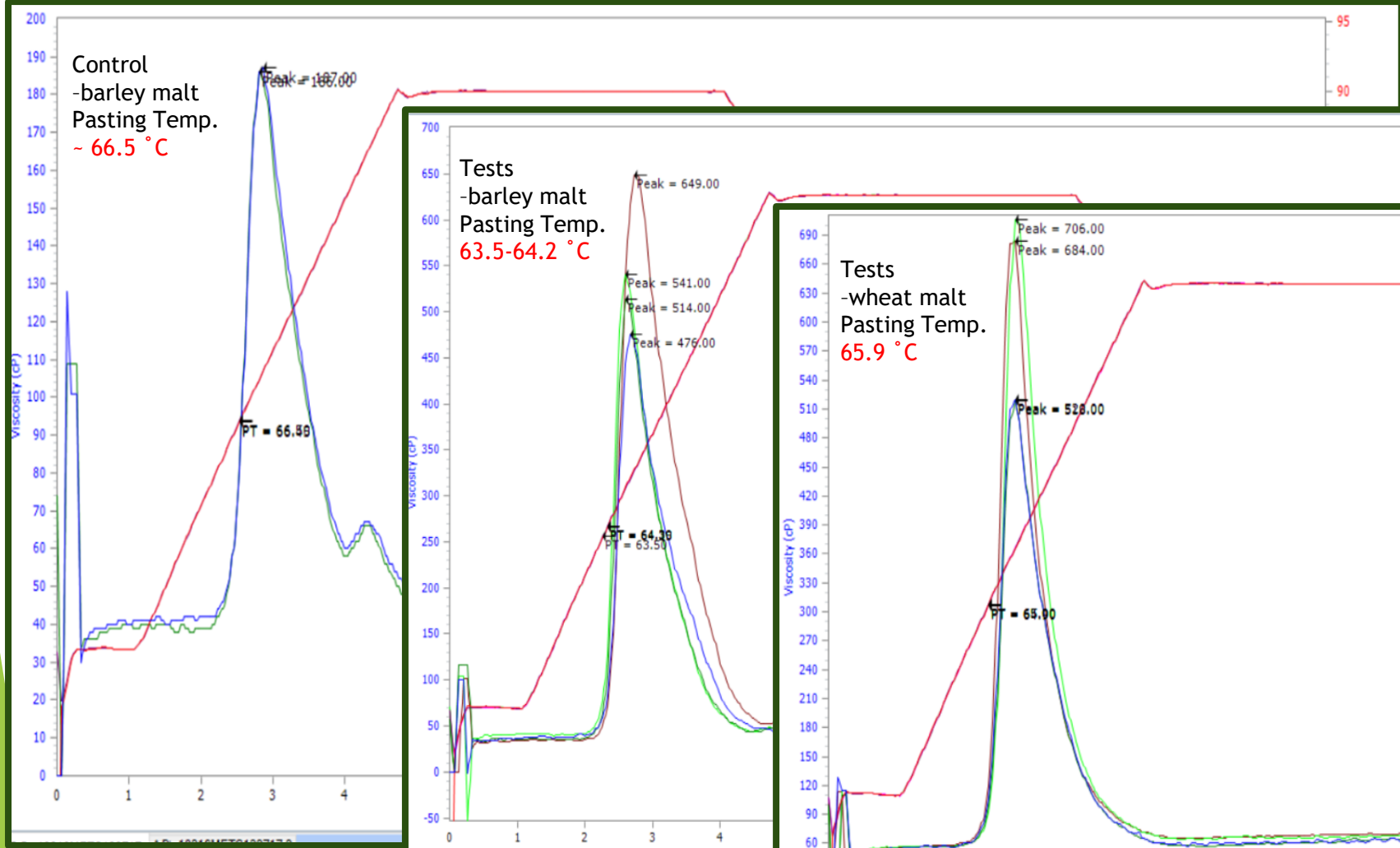


➔ Extend pre-treatment to product A to lower the pasting temp ➔ Product C (81°C => 69°C).



# Wheat and Barley malt RVA

- Gelatinization temperature variations → mashing temp. setting



Group	Malt	Pasting Temp	Peak Visc.	Hold	Final	
Group A	Malt 1	-1	64.2	408	62	68
		-2	64.3	418	58	66
	Malt 2	-1	64.3	570	42	53
		-2	63.6	575	43	52
	Malt 3	-1	64.4	411	35	60
		-2	64.3	407	36	59
Group B	Malt 146	-1	67.3	241	37	40
		-2	67.2	235	36	38
	Malt 241	-1	66.6	304	43	48
		-2	65.8	291	46	53
	Malt 161	-1	66.5	175	37	40
		-2	67.2	170	37	40
Malt 226	-1	66.5	218	36	49	
	-2	66.5	217	32	47	



# RAHR R&D standardized approach for technical solutions on raw materials, beer and brewing performance



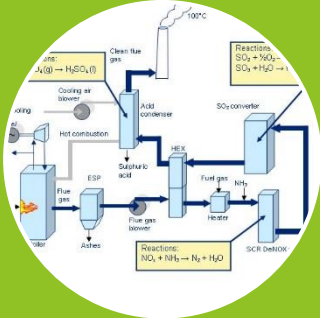
## Analysis

- Malt
- Hops
- Yeast
- Adjuncts
  
- Beer



## Sensory

- Hot steep - Malt
- Other ingredients
  
- Beer



## Processability

- Malting
- Brewing
- Fermentation
  
- Filtration

Scientific insight to brewing process and beer quality



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**THANK ALL OF YOU!**

