

# Dry-hopping Beer and Achieving Consistent Flavor

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# WHIRLPOOL VS. DRY- HOPPING: SENSORY ANALYSIS



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## Hop Aroma: Late vs. Dry Hopping

- Background
- Basics of Experimental Design and Setup
- Results



# Background and literature review

*J. Inst. Brew.*, March–April, 1983, Vol. 89, pp. 87–91

## **DIFFERENCES IN UTILISATION OF THE ESSENTIAL OIL OF HOPS DURING THE PRODUCTION OF DRY-HOPPED AND LATE-HOPPED BEERS**

BY J. HALEY\* AND T. L. PEPPARD

*(Brewing Research Foundation, Lyttel Hall, Nutfield, Surrey)*

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## **Hop Aroma Component Profile and the Aroma Unit**

**Gail B. Nickerson**, *Department of Agricultural Chemistry, Oregon State University, Corvallis 97331-6502*, and **Earl L. Van Engel**, *Blitz-Weinhard Brewing Company, Portland, OR 92709*

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## **Effect of Hopping on the Headspace Volatile Composition of Beer<sup>1</sup>**

**Aki A. Murakami, Sydney Rader, Etzer Chicoye, and Henry Goldstein, *Miller Brewing Company, Technical Center, 3939 West Highland Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53201***

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JOURNAL OF  
**AGRICULTURAL AND  
FOOD CHEMISTRY**

*J. Agric. Food Chem.* **2006**, 54, 8855–8861

## **Comparison of the Odor-Active Compounds in Unhopped Beer and Beers Hopped with Different Hop Varieties**

TORU KISHIMOTO,\* AKIRA WANIKAWA, KATSUNORI KONO, AND  
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Sharp, D. C., Qian, Y., Clawson, J. and Shellhammer, T. H.

## **An exploratory study toward describing hop aroma in beer made with American and European Hop Cultivars**



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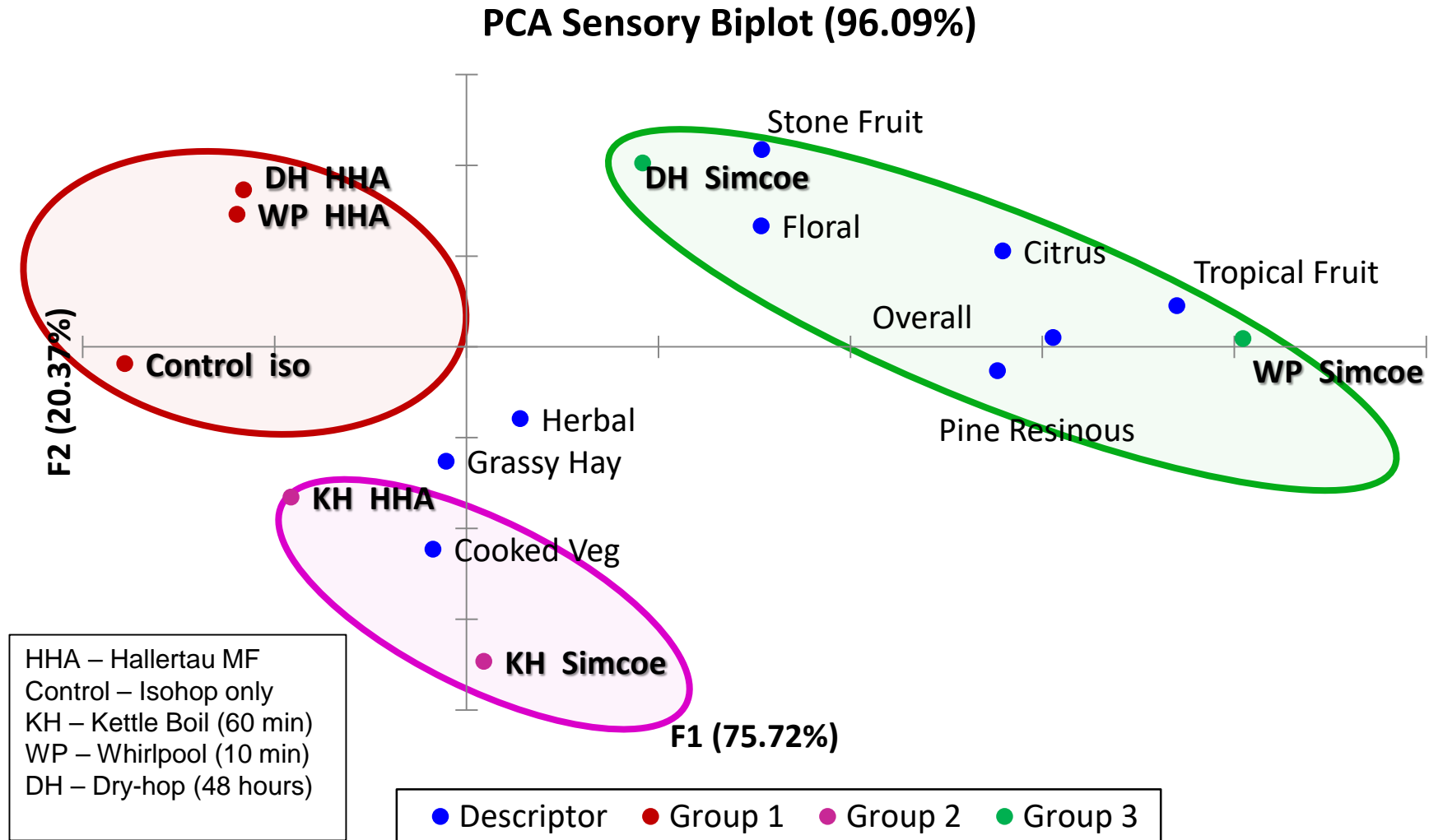
## **Comparison of the Contributions of Hop Pellets, Supercritical Fluid Hop Extracts, and Extracted Hop Material to the Hop Aroma and Terpenoid Content of Kettle-Hopped Lager Beers**

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# Contributions of select hopping regimes to the terpenoid and aroma profile of ale and lager beers.



# EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN



# Experimental Design

## Objectives:

- Minimize confounding variation
- Factors: Cultivar (12) and Addition (2)
  - Subfactors: KO order, Kettle boil, Fermentation variation

## Challenges:

- Only 2 factors but total treatments = 24
- Complete design = 50 units \* 3 Kettle boil (\* 6 sensory reps = 300 samples.
- Brew length



# Experimental Design

## Experimental Controls

- Common wort stream
- Psuedo Replication
- Split Kettle Boils
  - Blocked treatments
  - Small Treatment vessels





# Experimental Setup

## 12 Cultivars

Amarillo

Cascade

Chinook

Citra

Halletauer Mittlefrüh

Huell Melon

Galaxy

Mosaic

Nelson Sauvin

Nugget

Simcoe

Saaz

Unhopped

## Base

- 12° P wort
- 100% pale ale malt
- California ale (18° C)
- 25 ppm IAA

## Hopping – 4 g/L (~1 lb BBL)

- Whirlpool: 25 min @ 87-95° C
- Dry-hopping: 72 hours @ 18° C on yeast at cap.

## Analysis

- Triangle tests on Reps
- Descriptive sensory analysis on all treatments

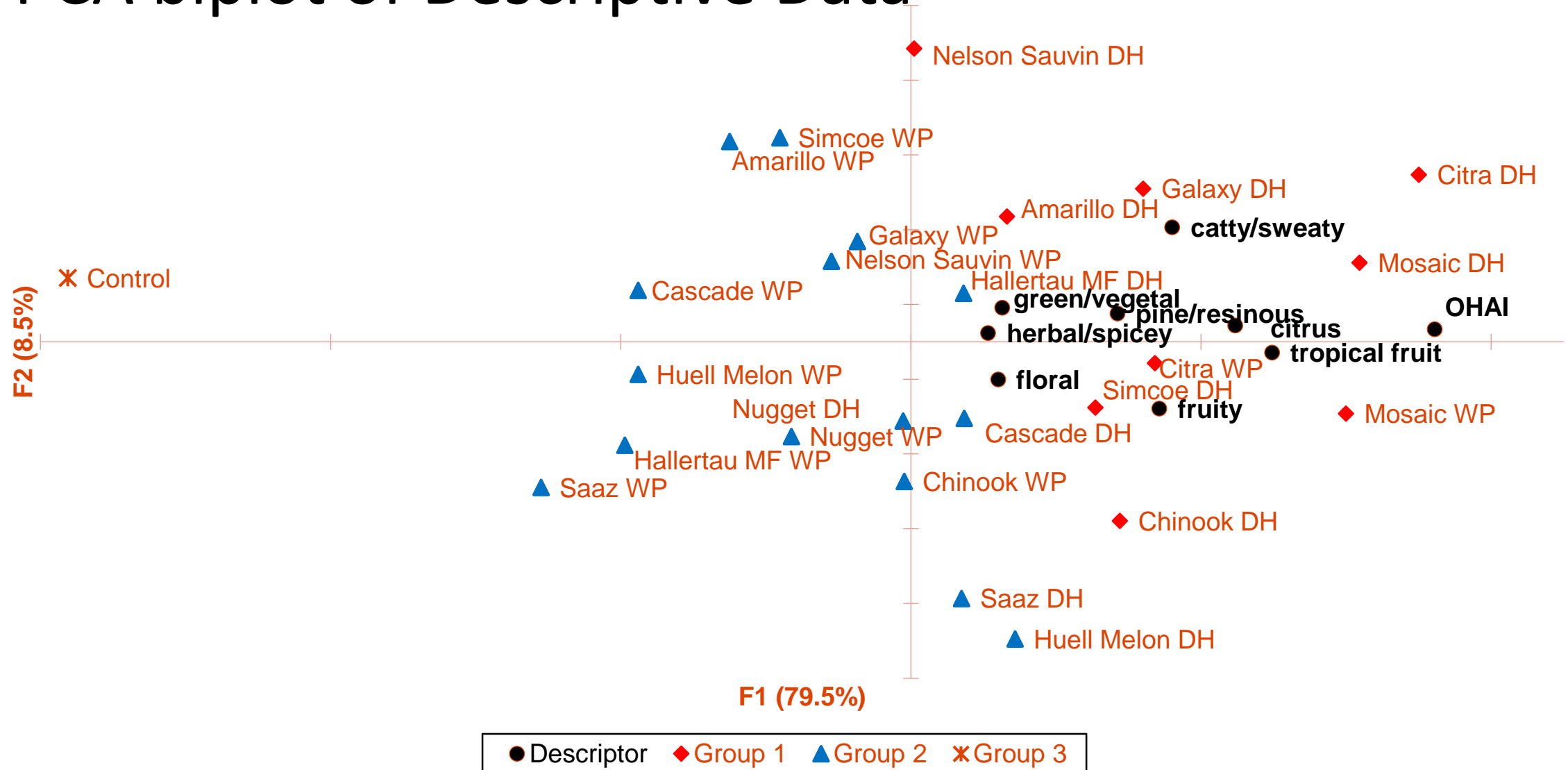


# SENSORY RESULTS



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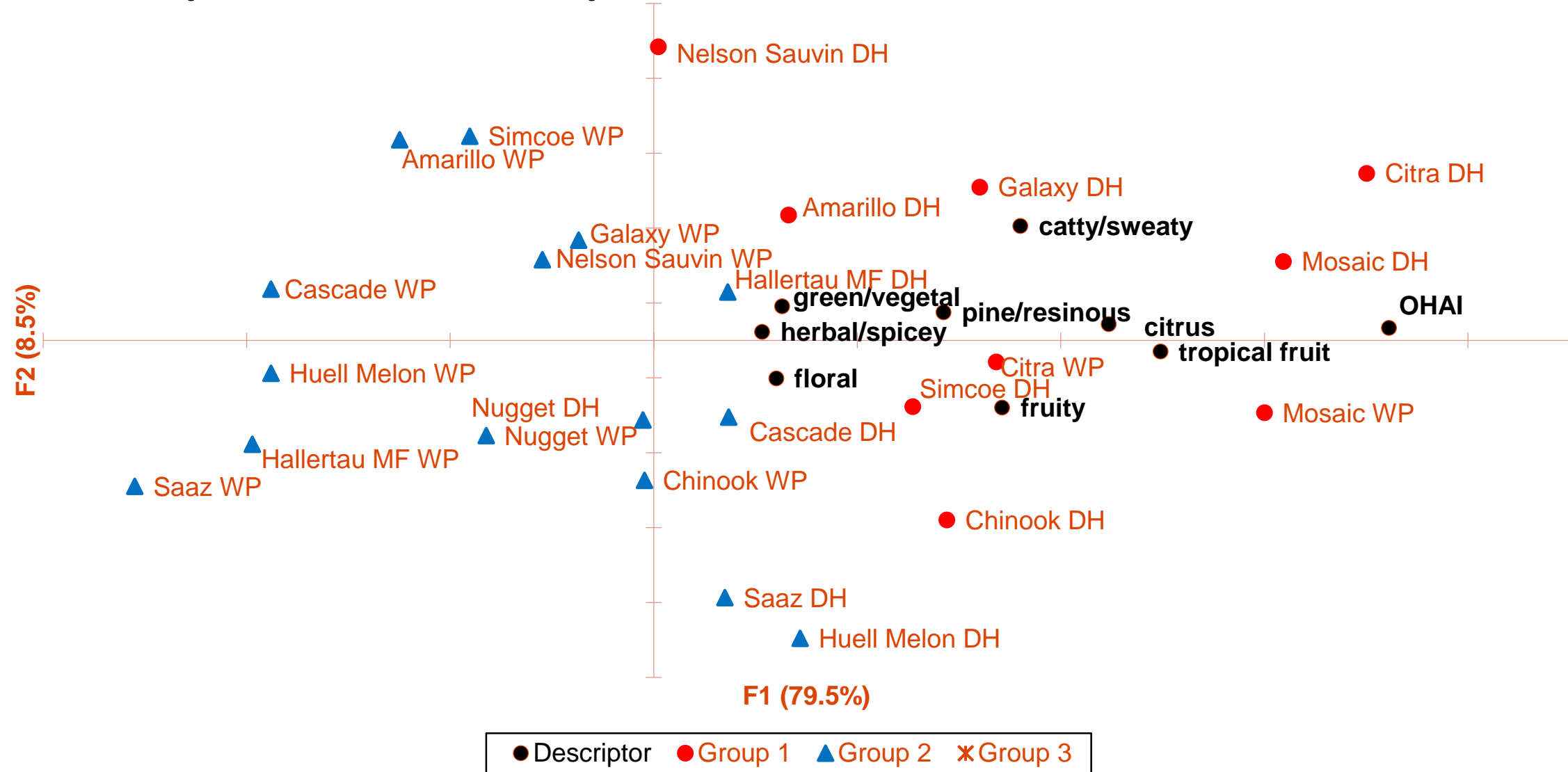
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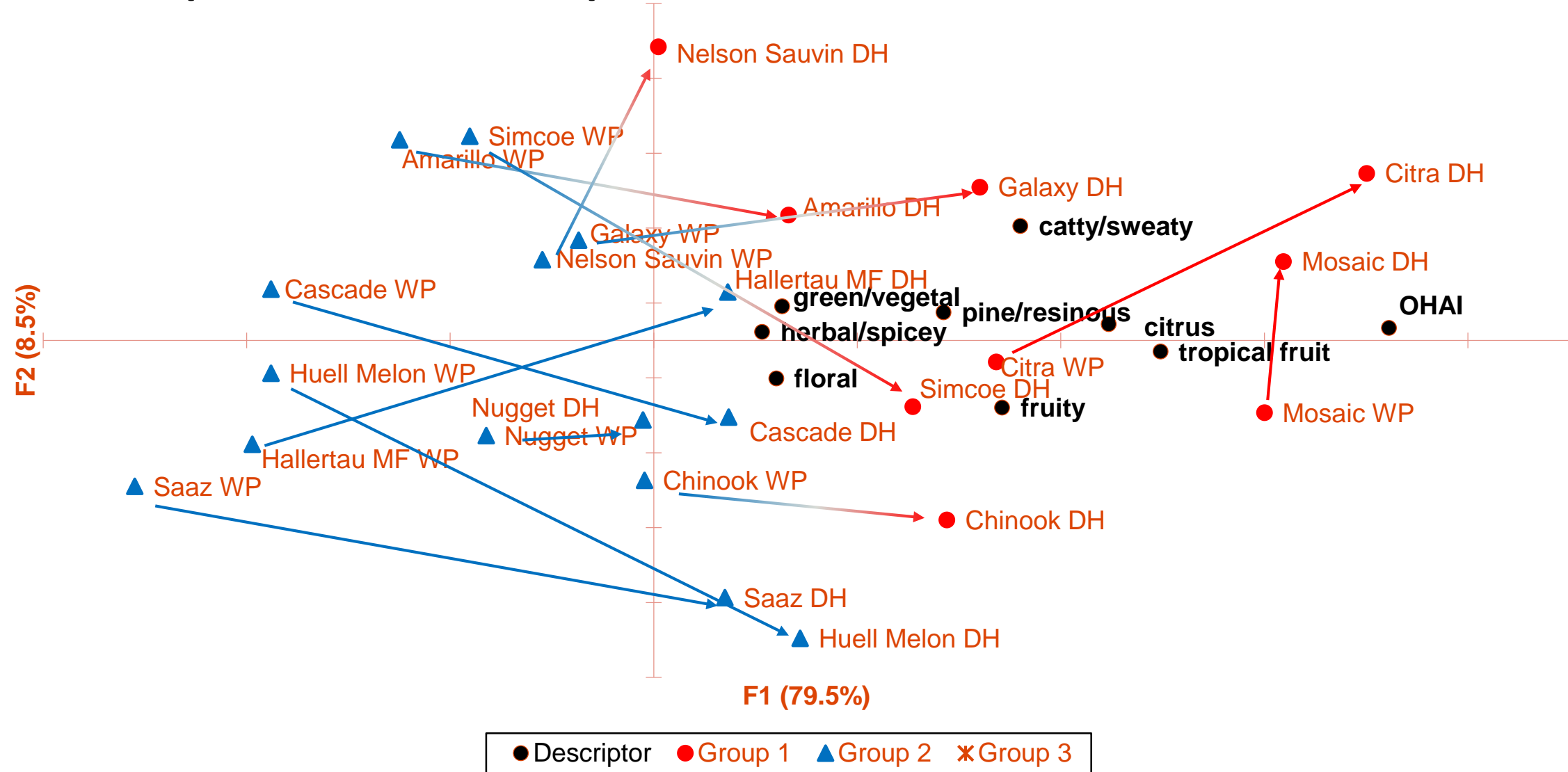
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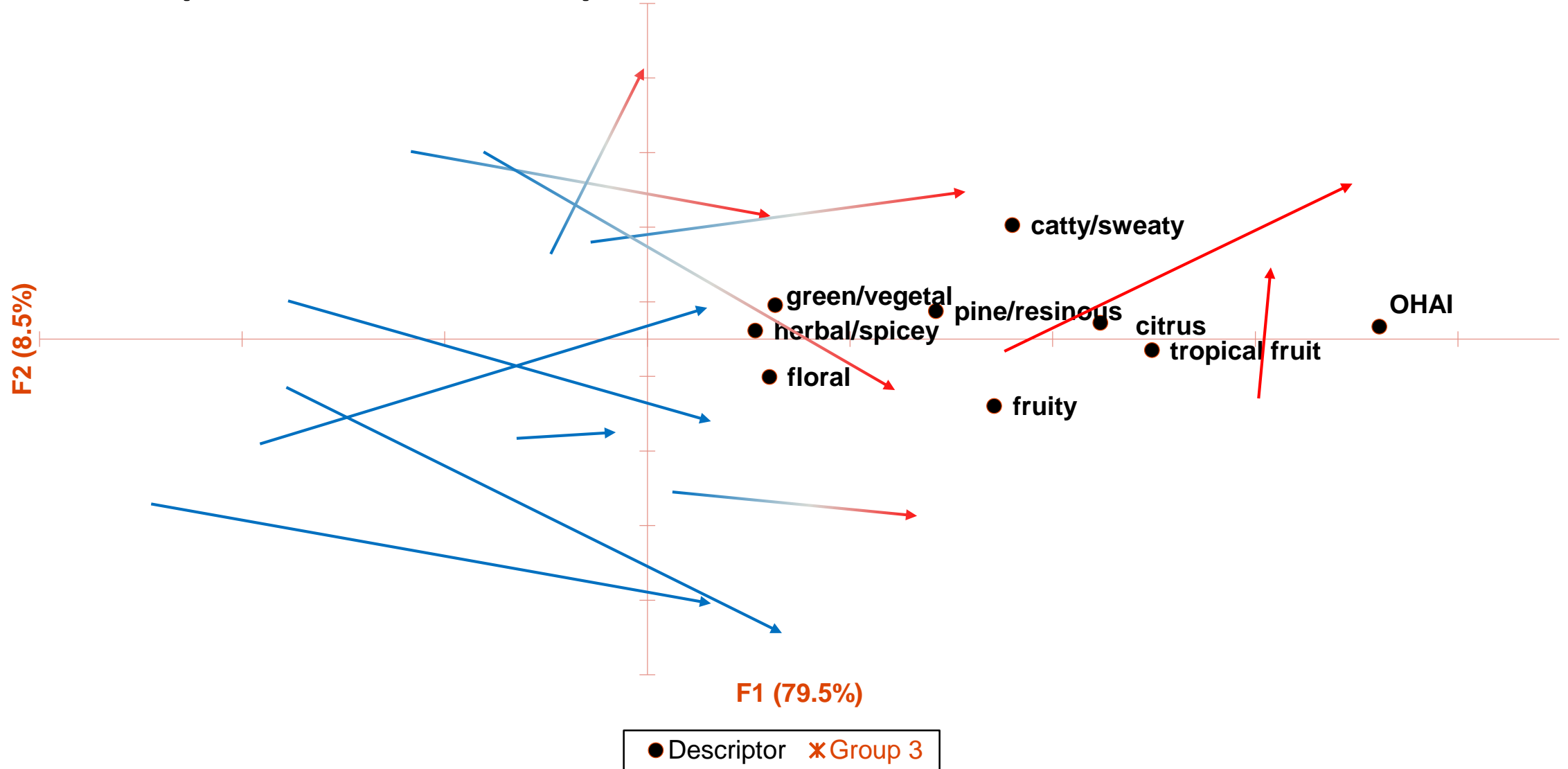
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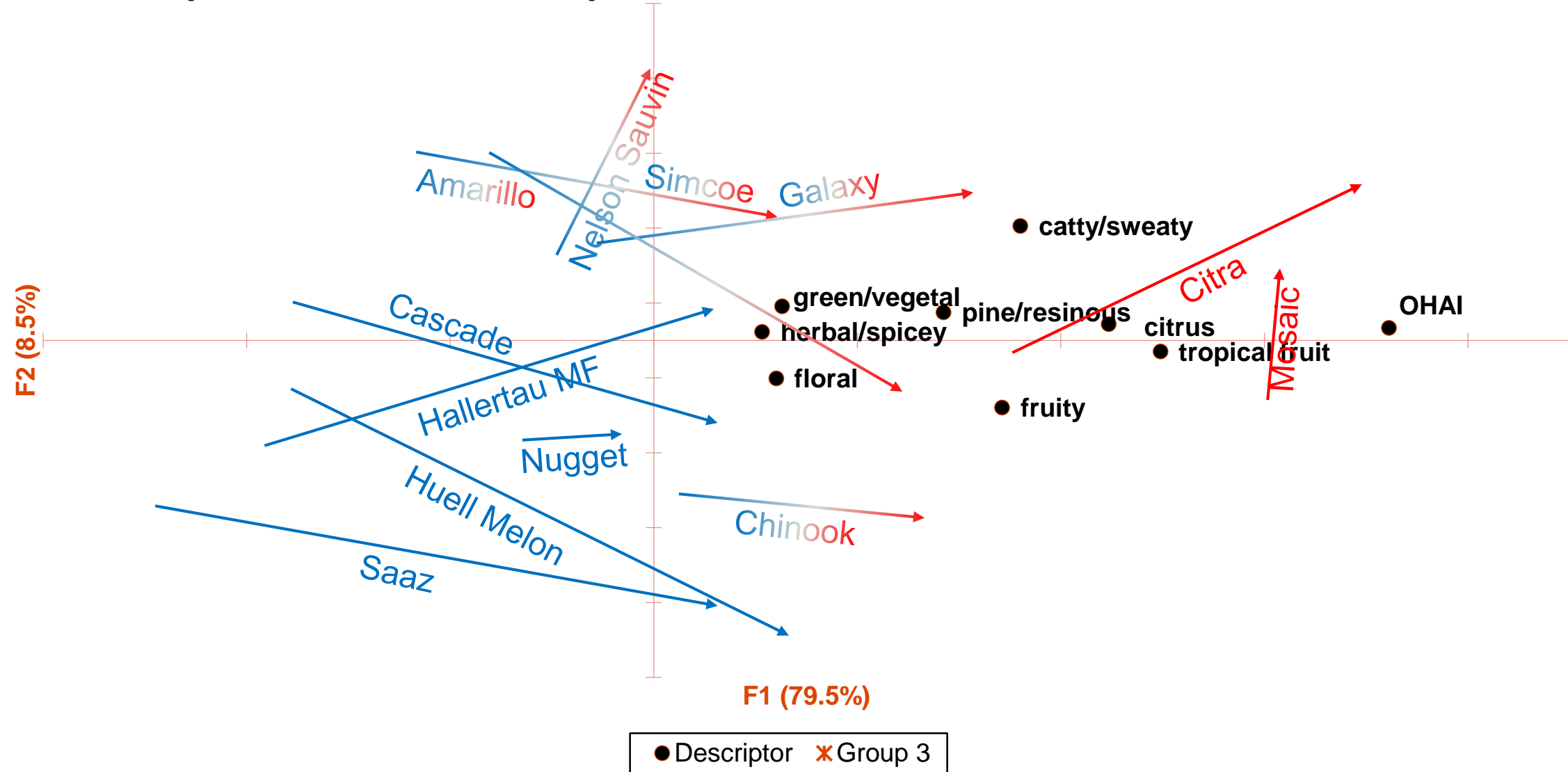
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# Take-aways

- Normal process variation = minimal effect
- Extraction efficiencies may be very low
- Dry-hopping increases aromatic intensity relative to late hopping
  - Aroma character may be significantly difference between the two

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# DOSING RATES AND EXTRACTION EFFICIENCIES



# Background

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13 Unique oil  
values

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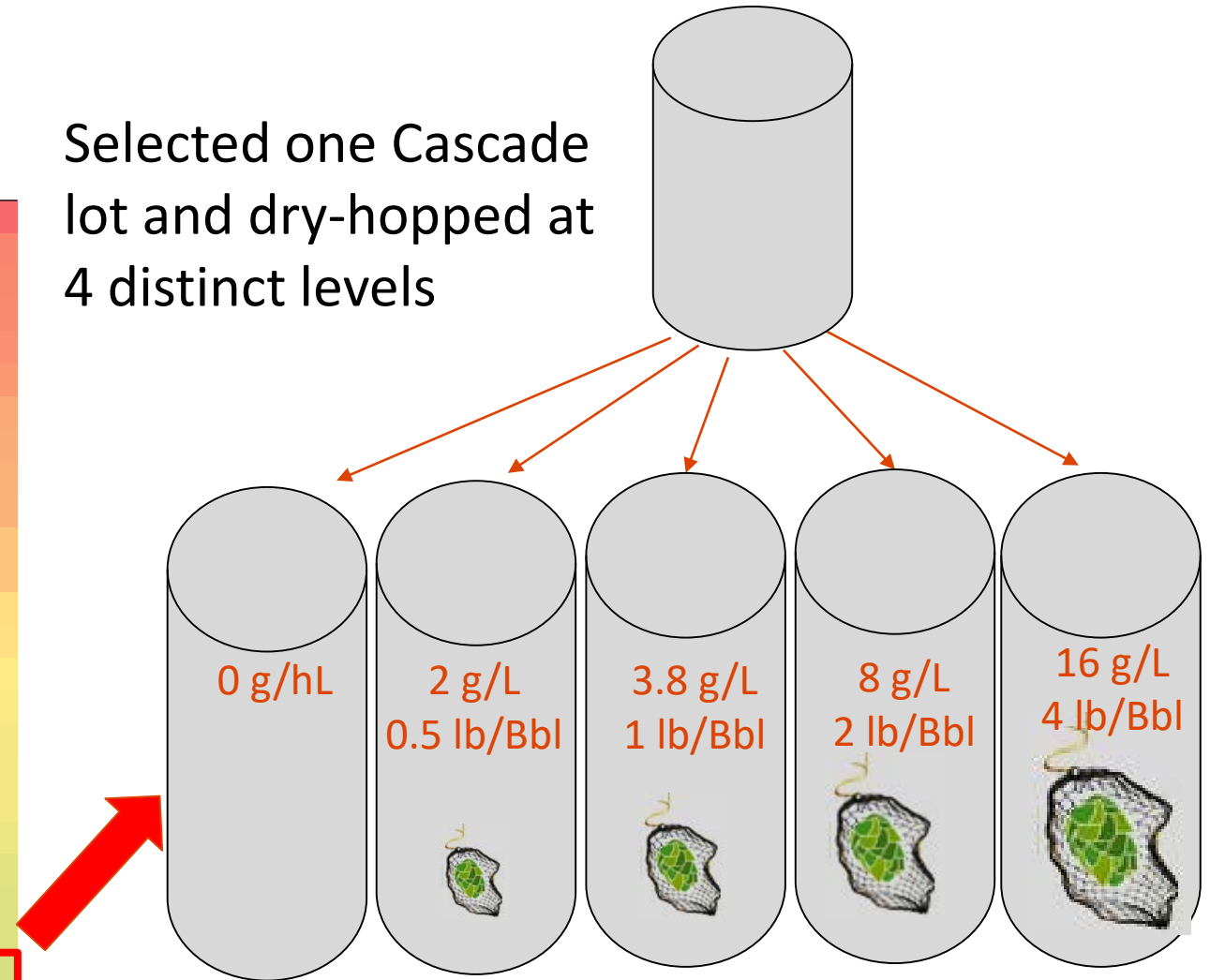
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Selected one Cascade  
lot and dry-hopped at  
4 distinct levels





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Does more hop material = more aroma?

# Things to consider when dry-hopping on small scale..

- Sample inhomogeneity
- Dissolved oxygen uptake
- Package scalping

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## **Dry Hopping on a Small Scale: Considerations for Achieving Reproducibility**

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# Hop Preparation and Dry-Hopping Parameters

- Blend brewer's cuts of whole cone hops by grinding



# Brewing “unhopped” beer

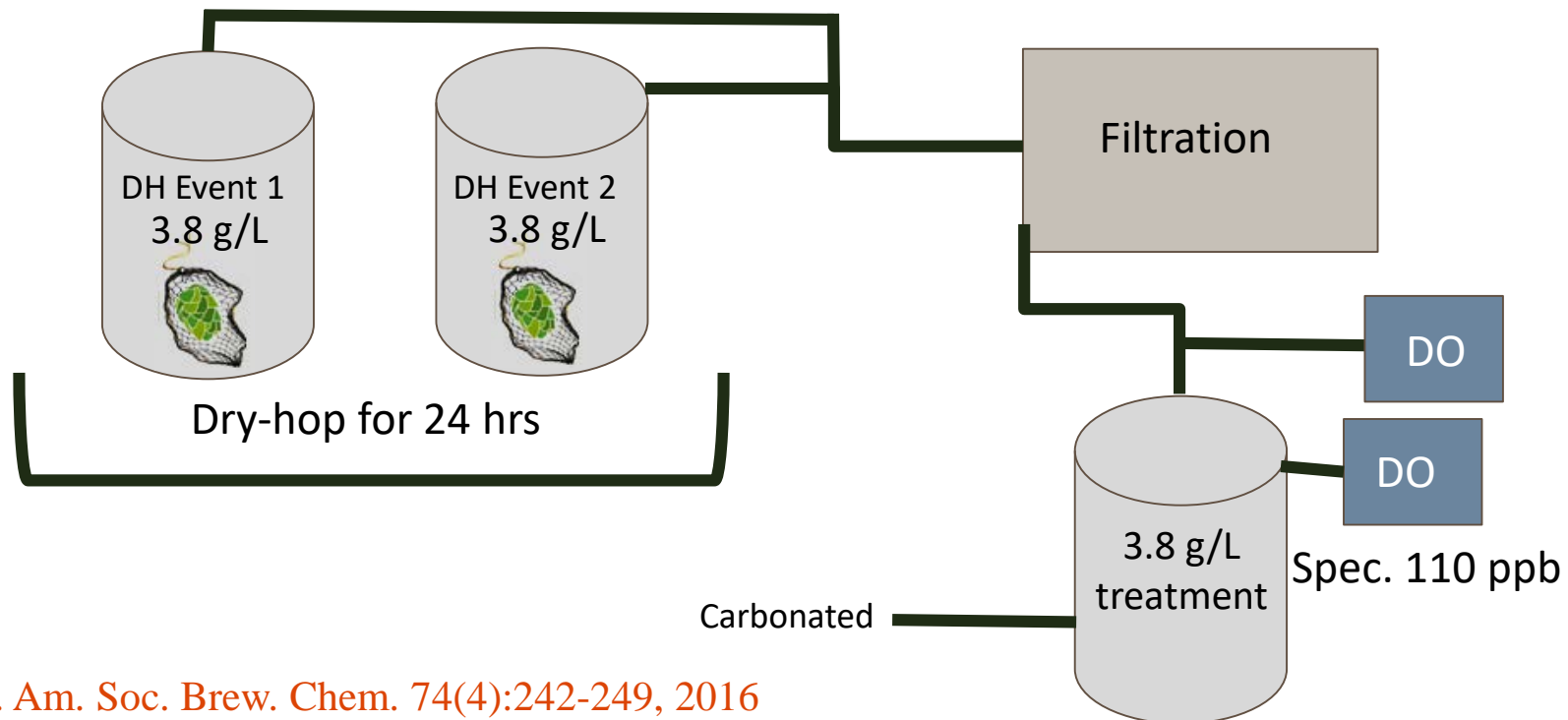
## Beer Specifications:

- Grist:
  - 85% Pale 2-row
  - 13.5% Carmel 10L
  - 0.5% Carmel 120L
- **Original Gravity:** 10.6 P
- **Real Extract:** 3.16 P
- **BU** = 20 mg/L (iso-extract)
- **ABV** = 4.8 % ABV



# OSU's current small-scale dry-hopping process

- All dry-hop events occur in duplicate (40 L beer each)
- During filtration 2 kegs are blended during filtration into 1 keg
  - Oxygen monitoring





# Evaluations using draft beer

- Minimized total package oxygen
- Great for sensory testing implementation





# Sensory evaluation - descriptive analysis





# Sensory evaluation – descriptive analysis external controls

<i>Attributes</i>		Base (No dry hop) 3.8 g/L 16 g/L			Ballast Point Grapefruit Sculpin	Hop Valley Citrus Mistress
Assess Descriptors Based on Aroma Only	Overall Hop Aroma Intensity	0	8-9	14-15	14-15	7-8
	Citrus	0	7-8	5-6	13-14	6-7
	Herbal/Tea	0	5-6	12-13	1-2	6-7

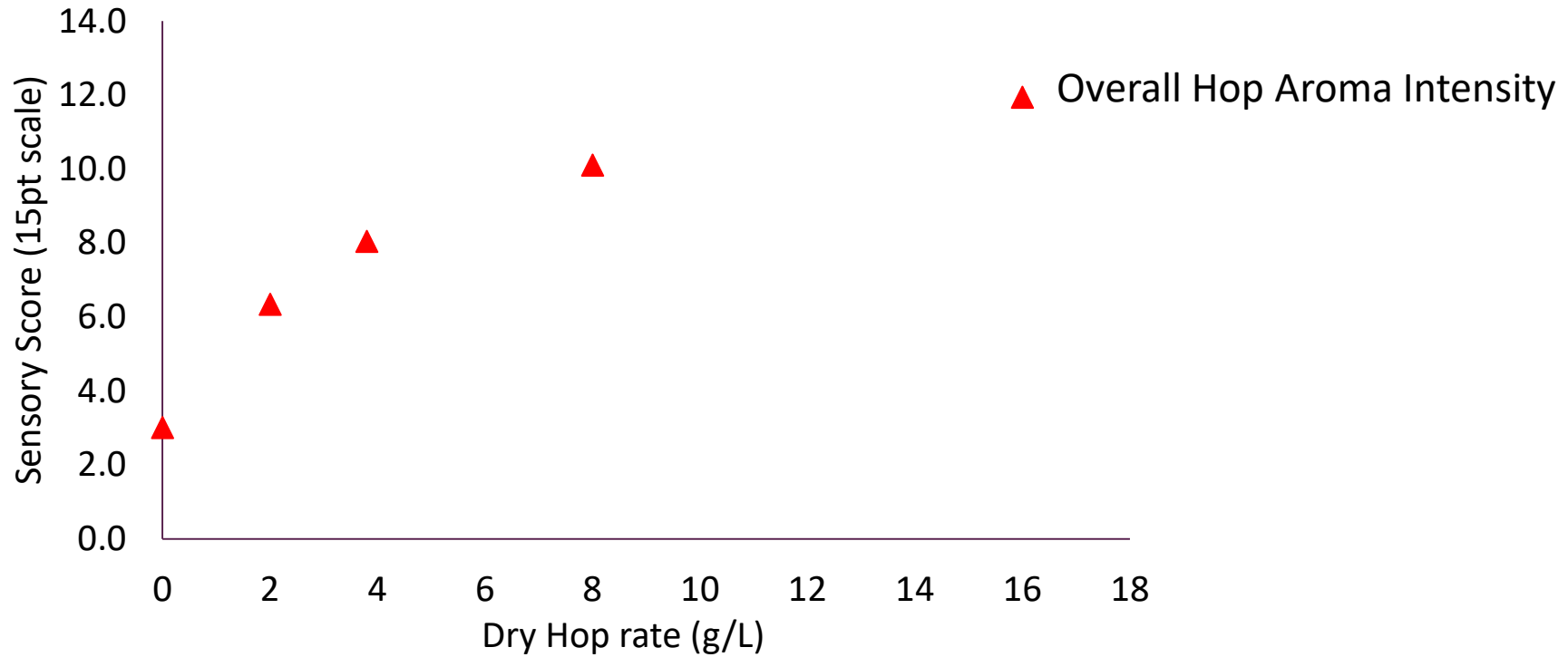
- Panelists came to consensus for attributes on commercial and internally made samples
- References were served to panelists at each DA session

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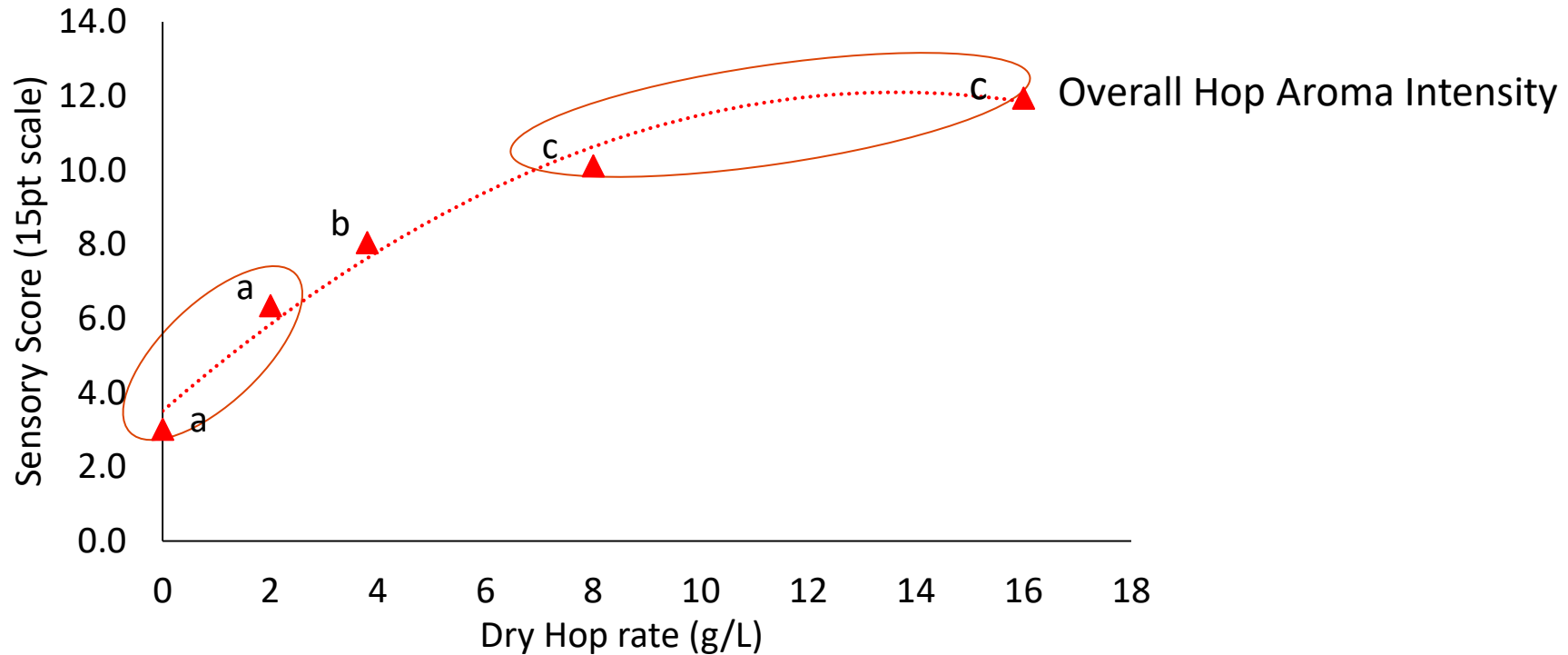


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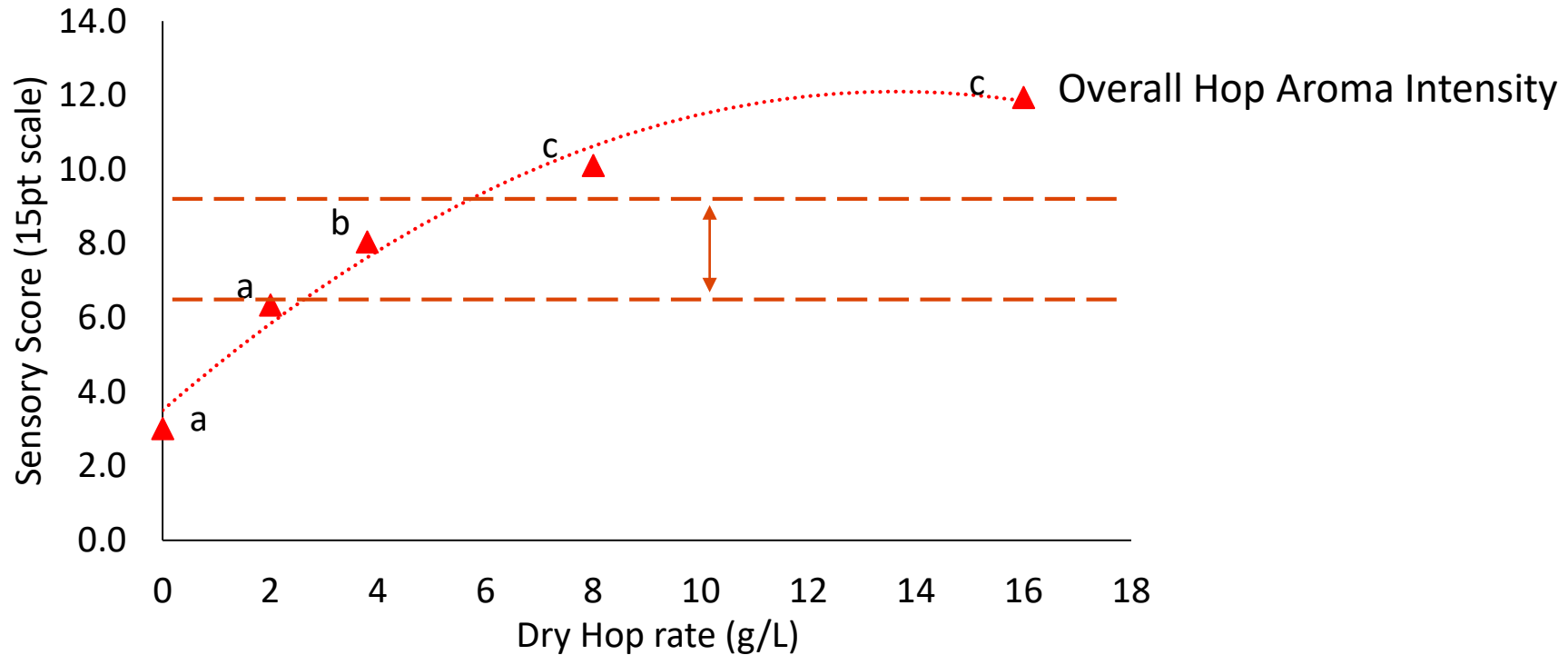
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- **Panelists could discriminate the different dry hop rate samples (ie 0, 2, 3.8, 8, & 16)**

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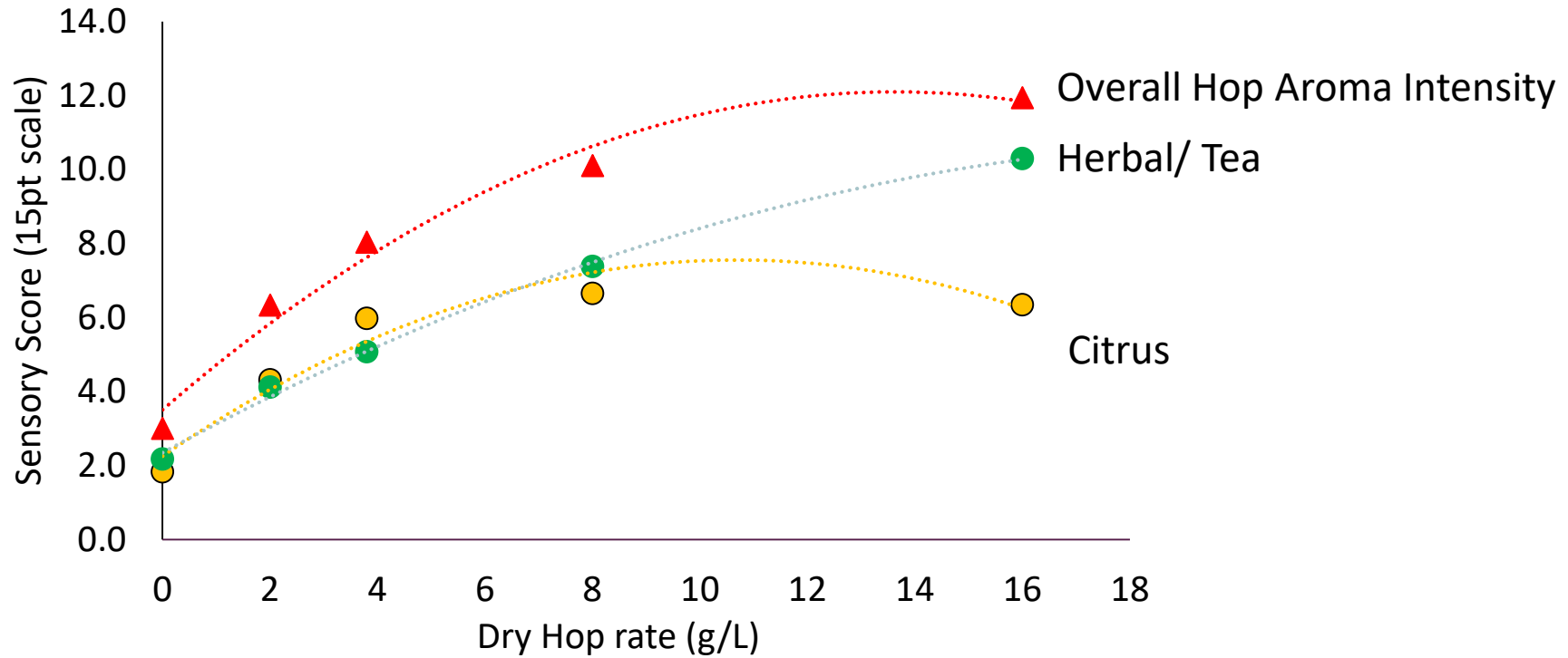
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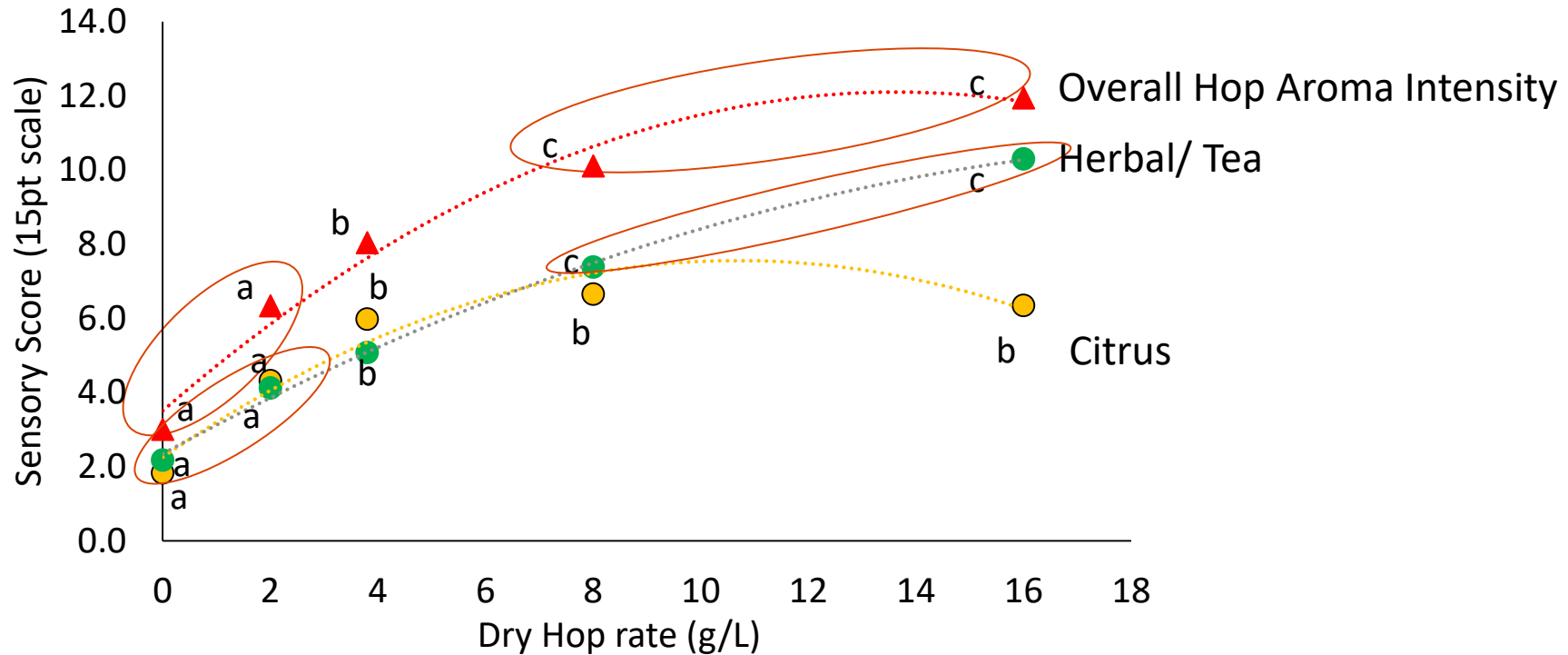
- Panelists scaled the samples randomly against 28 other samples in the DA panel
- Range of DA OHAI ratings (i.e. ~6- 9.5) for 2015 DA Panels –Same DH rate 3.8/g/L

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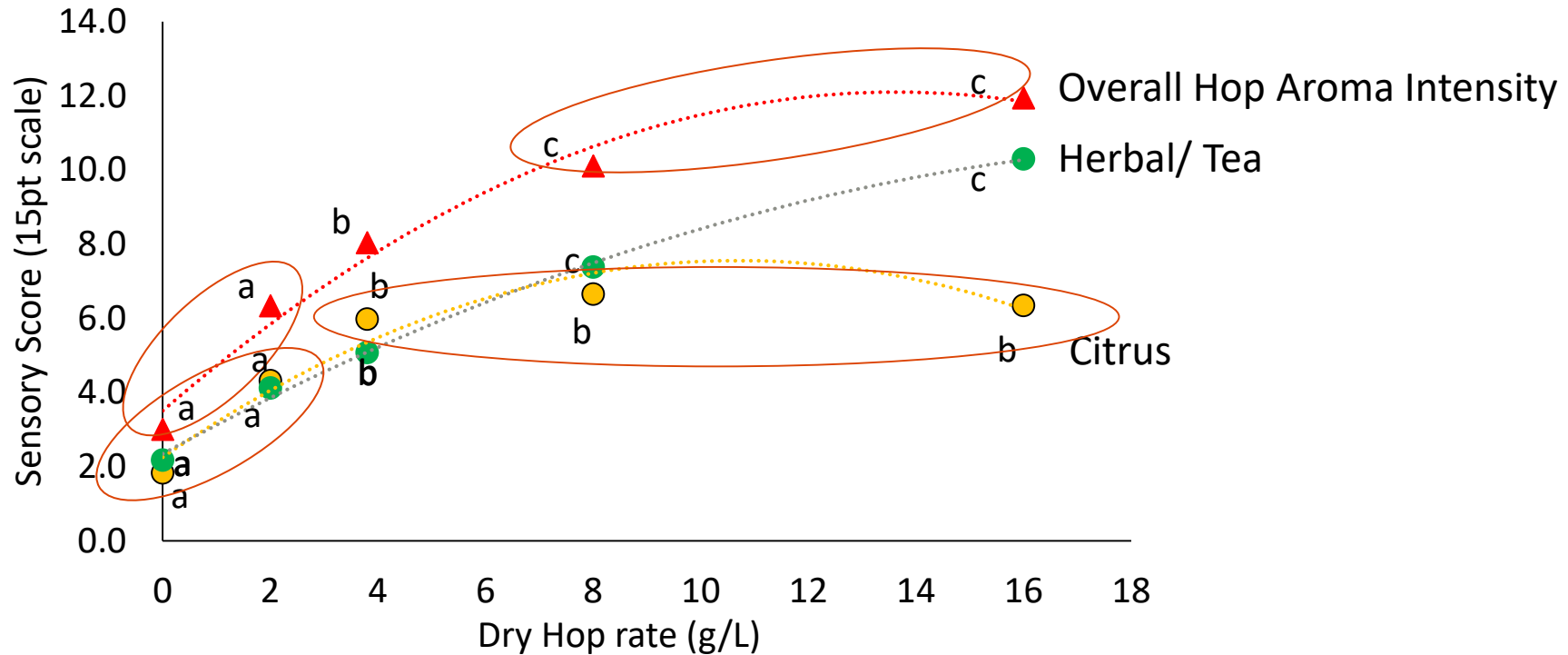
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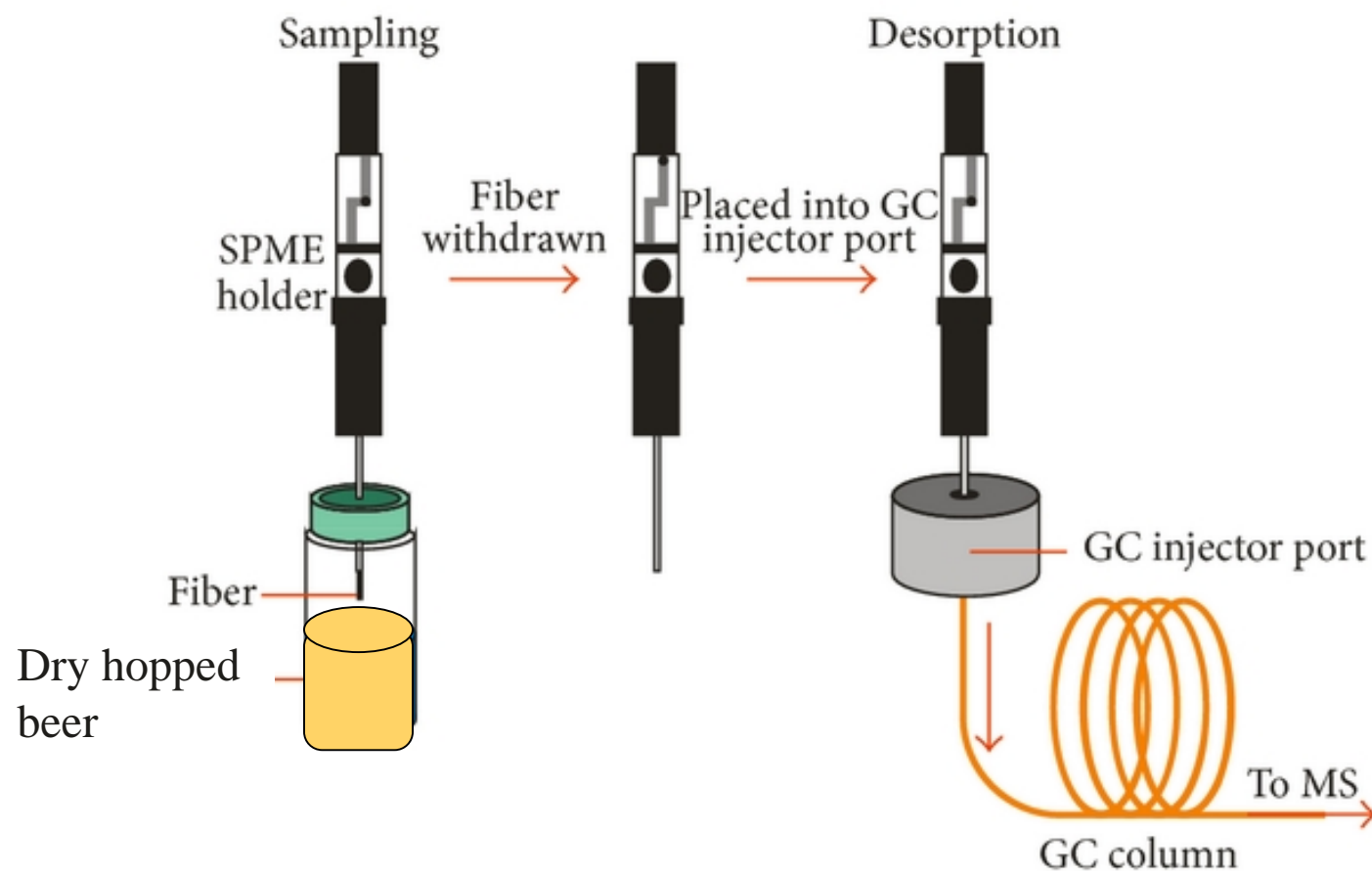
- **Citrus response seemed to be suppressed compared to OHAI and Herbal/Tea**

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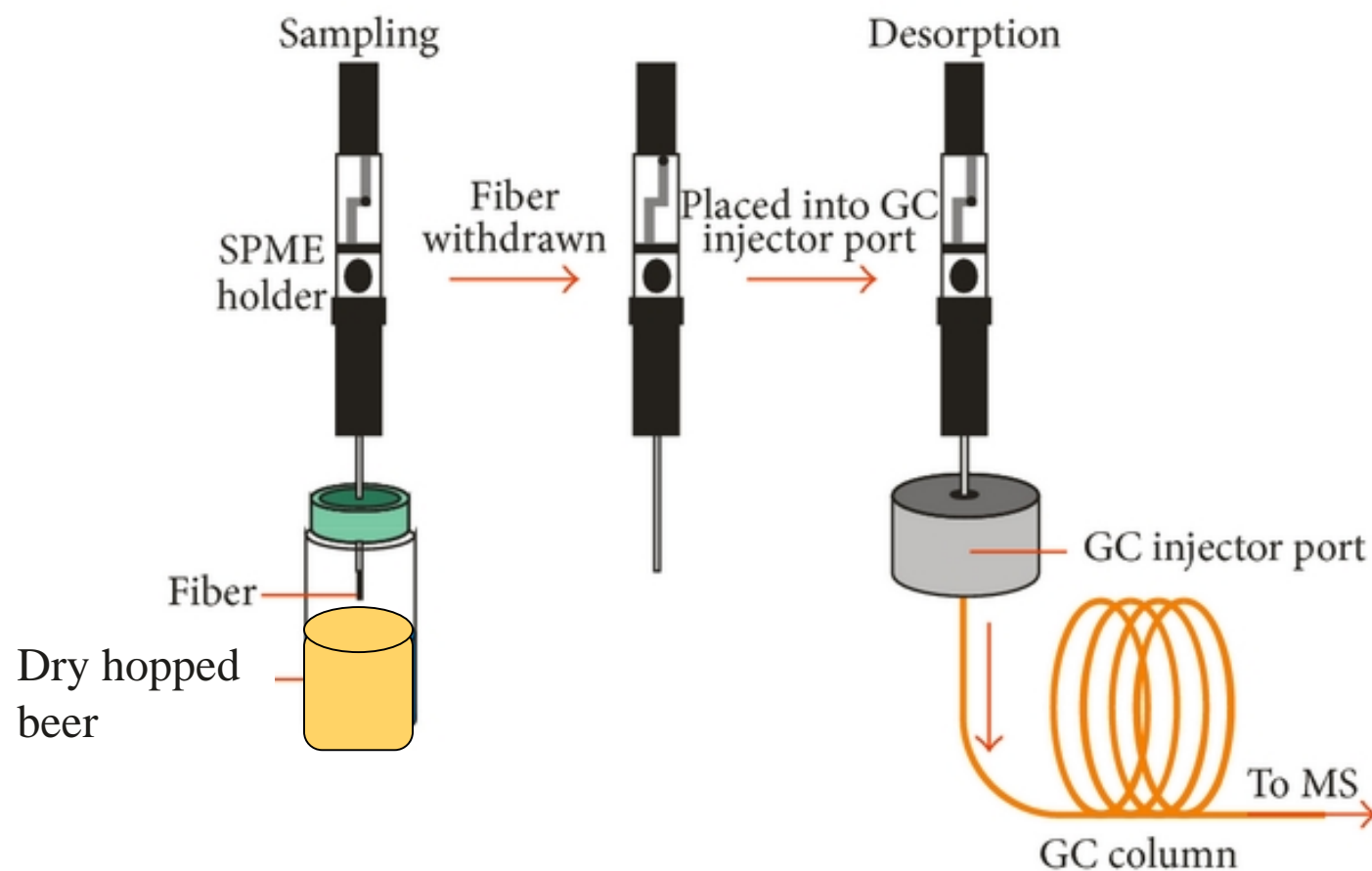
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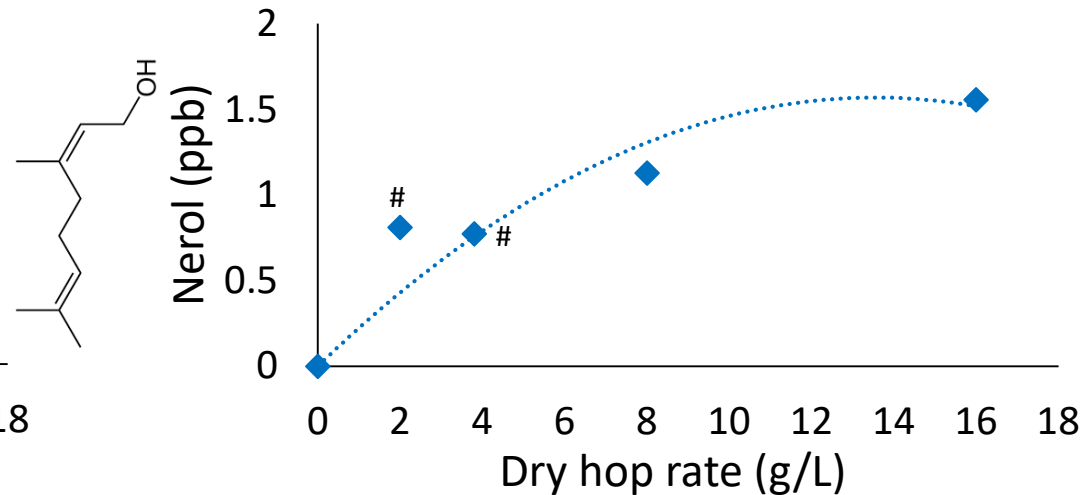
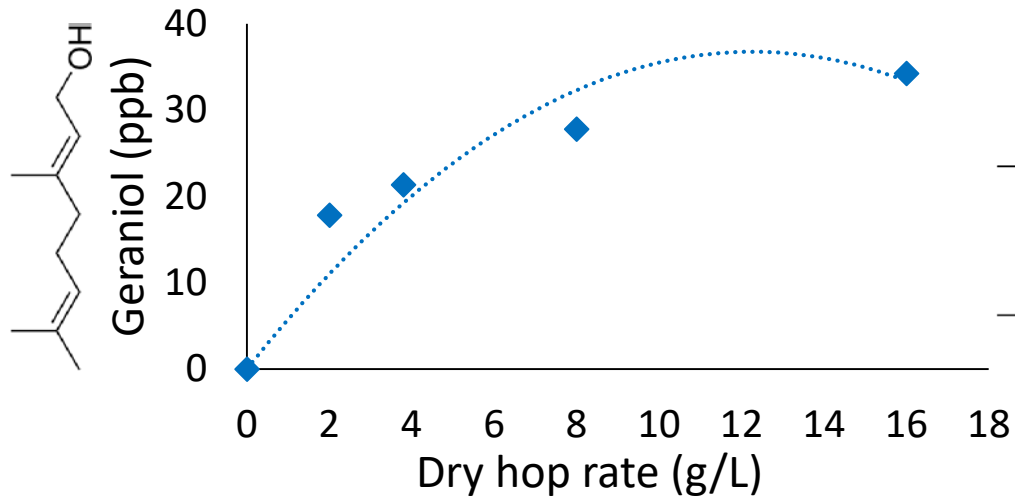
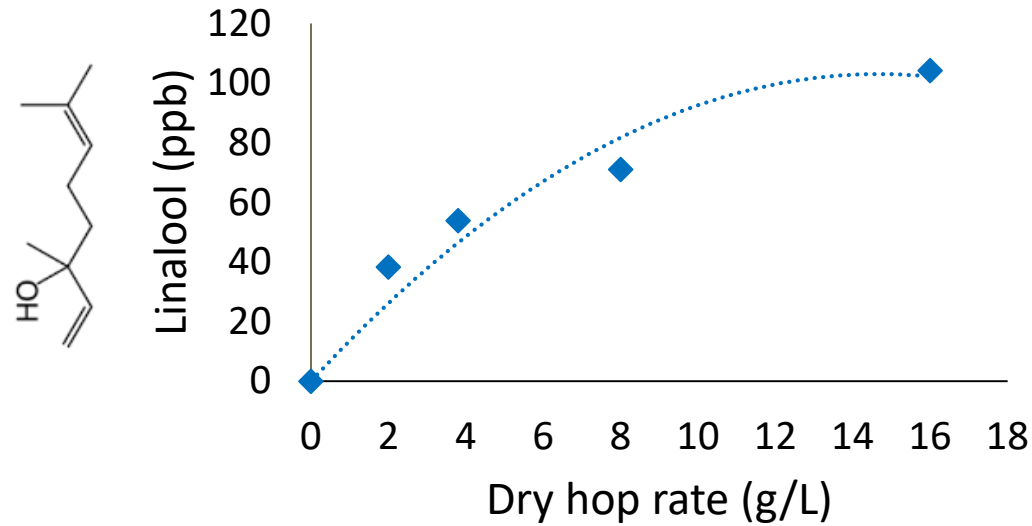
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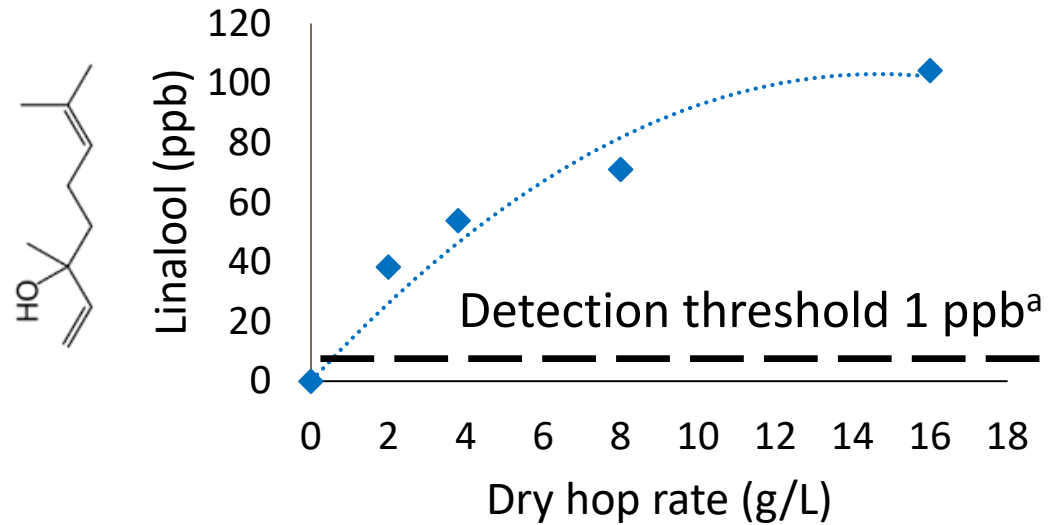
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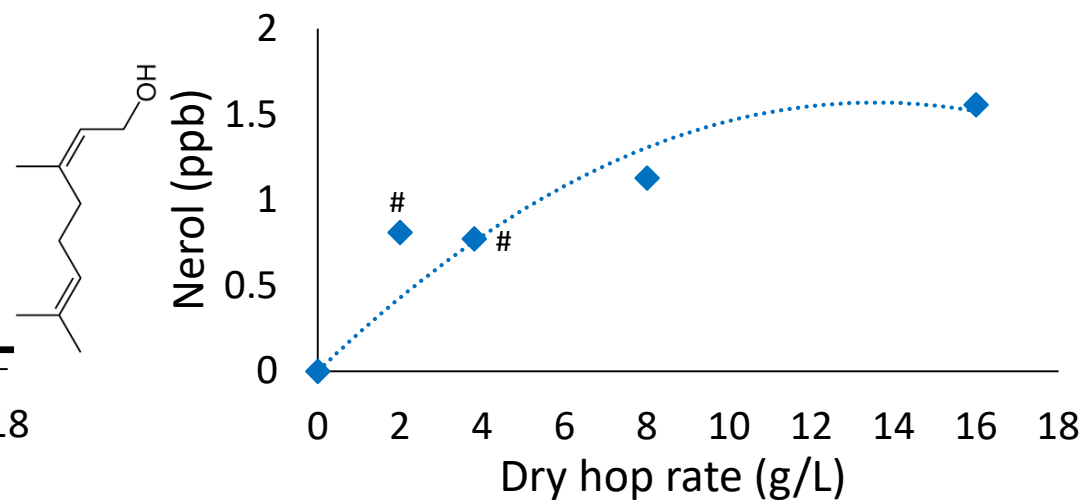
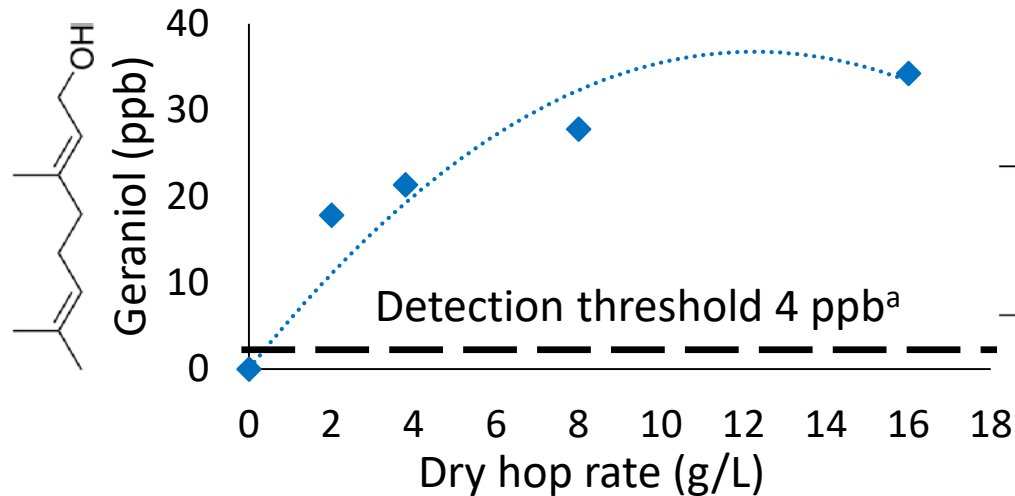
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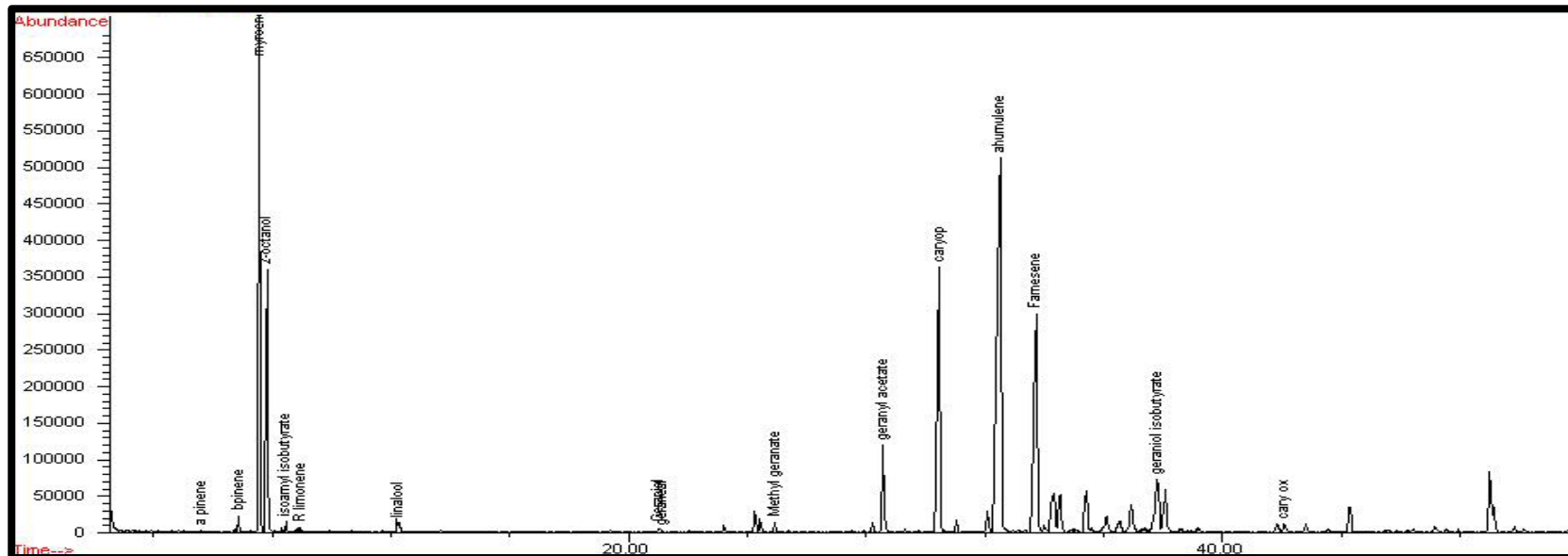
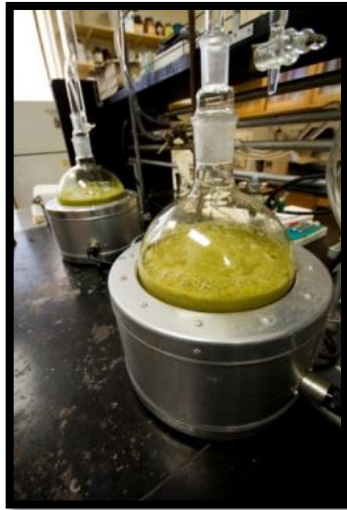
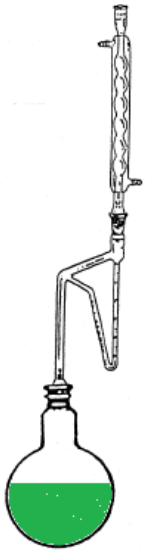
<sup>a</sup>Kishimoto J. Agric. Food Chem Vol 54, no 23. 2006



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# Hop total oil + compositional analysis



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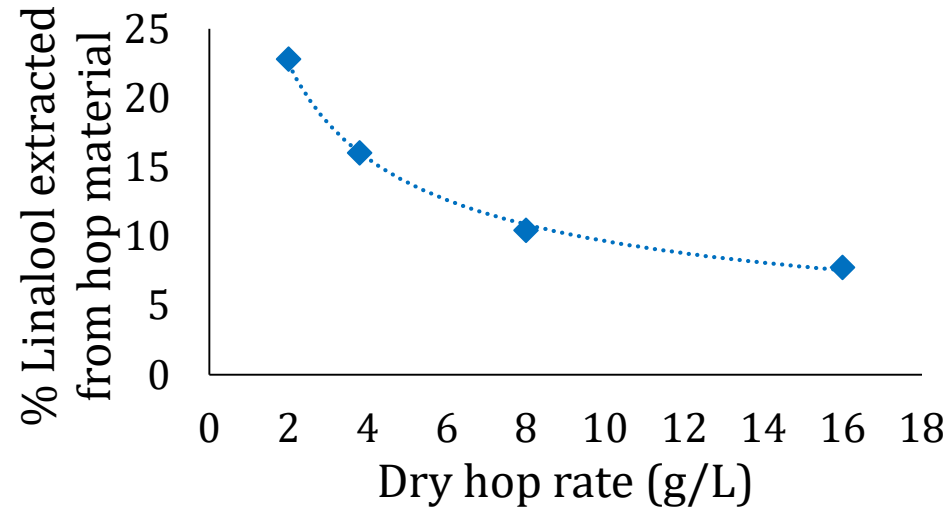
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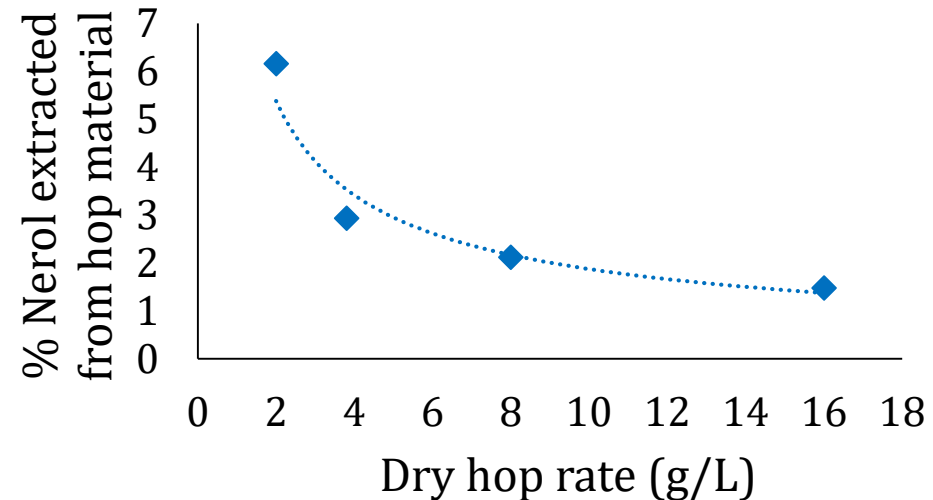
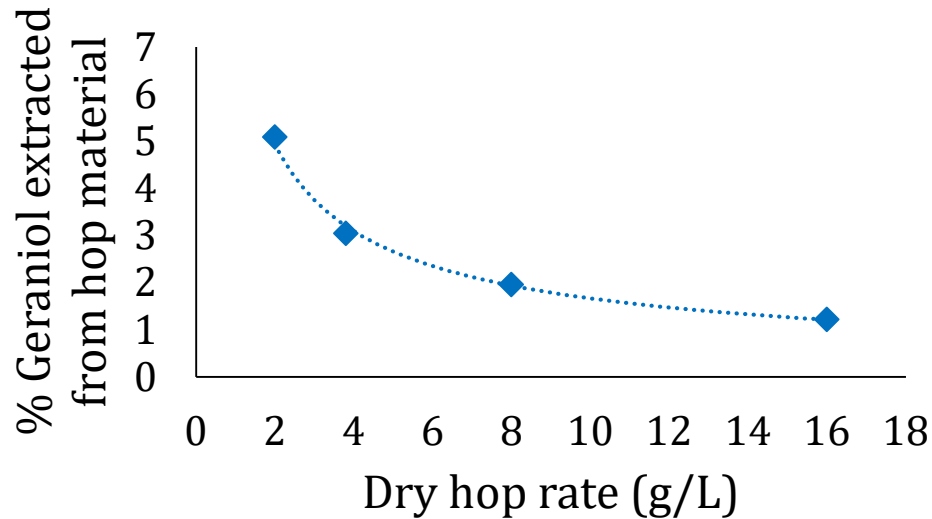
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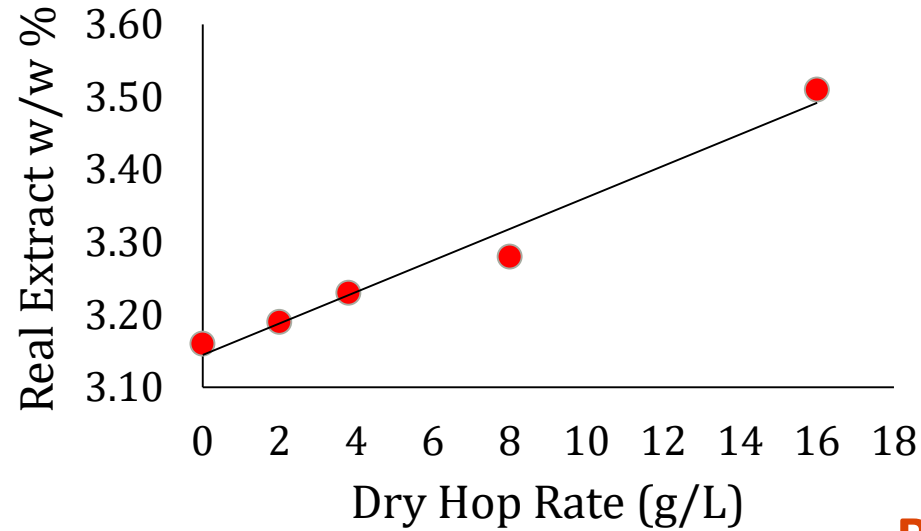
**Terpene alcohol  
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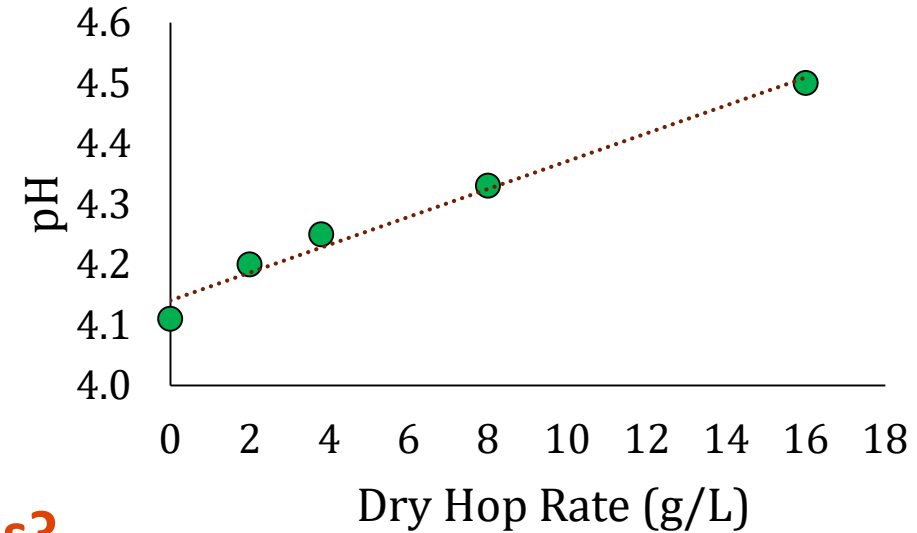
\*Assuming 100% extraction based on hop oil hydrodistillation

# Dry hopping having other impacts on beer.....

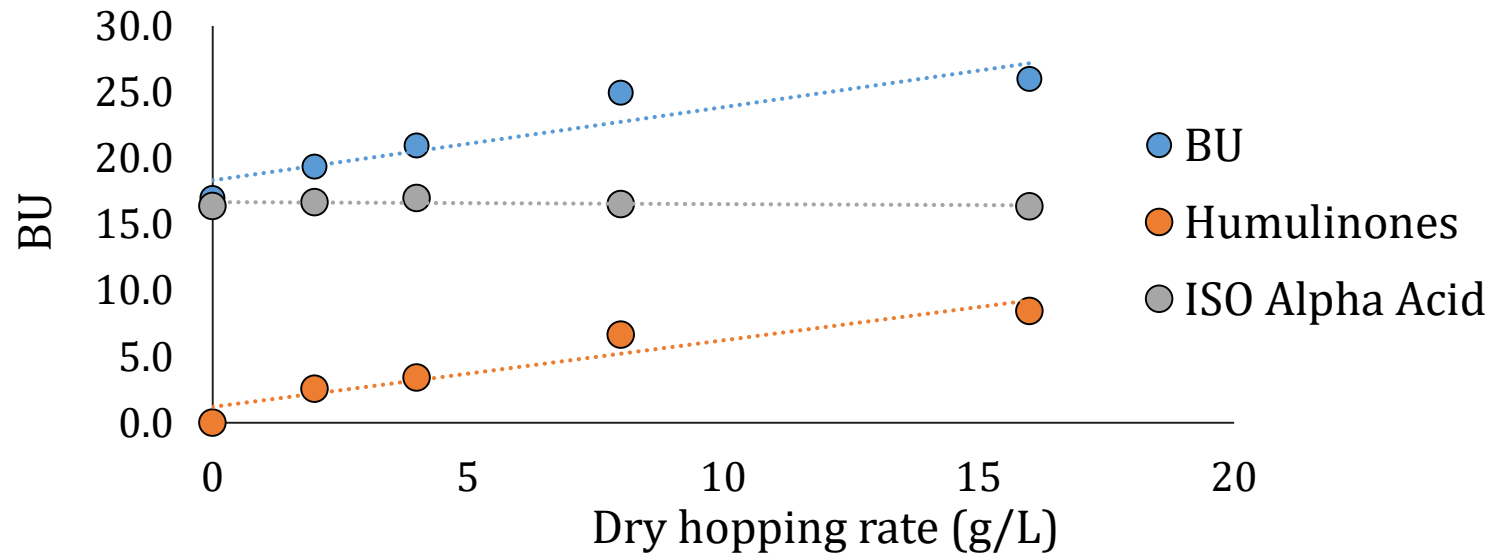
## RE-Bottle Carbonation?



## pH-Flavor Stability?



## Bitterness?



\*pH and RE measured using Anton Paar AlcoLyzer

\*BU measured using ASBC MOA Beer-23



# Conclusions

- More hops is not an efficient way of adding aroma to beer
  - Soon to be published.. Impact of static dry-hopping rate on the sensory and analytical profiles of beer



- *Can spent dry-hops be reused?*
  - ***Look for Dean Hauser's work at Brewing Summit- "The Extraction Efficiency of Hop Bitter Acids and Volatiles During Dry-Hopping"***



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# BITTERNESS OF DRY-HOPPED BEER

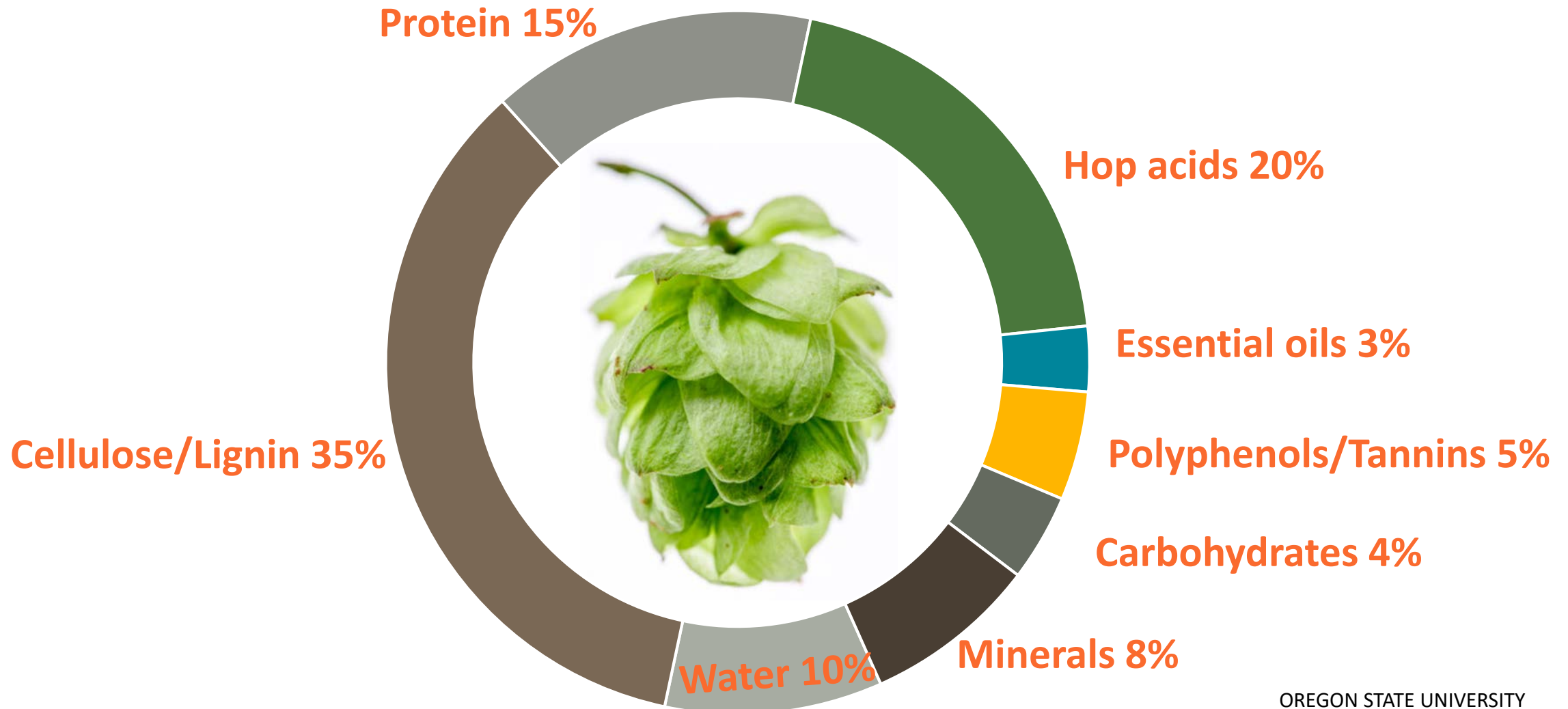


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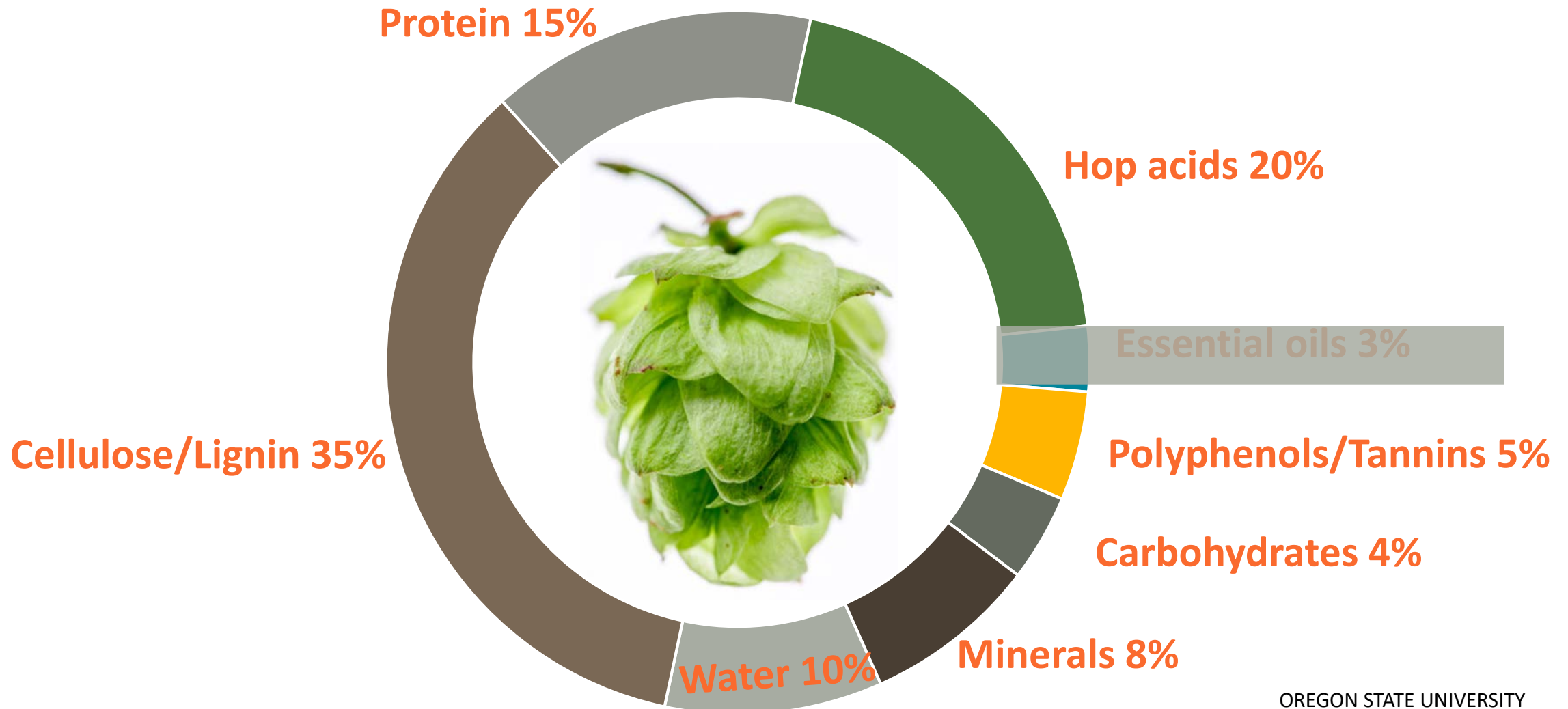
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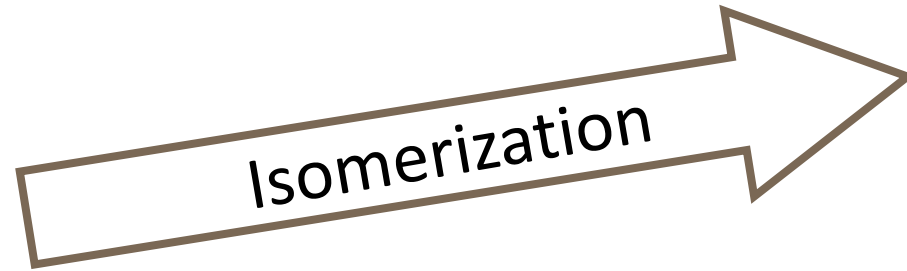
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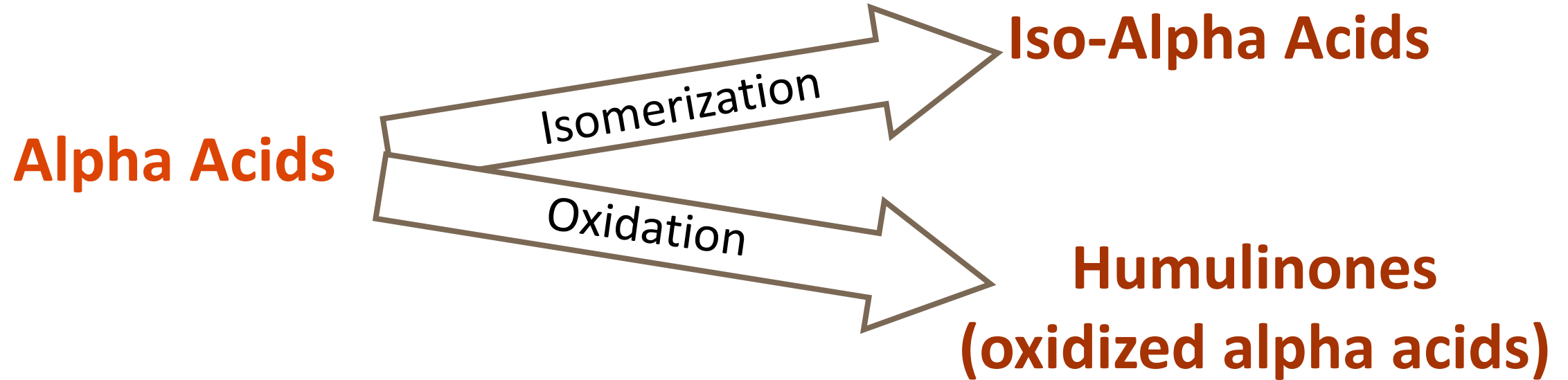
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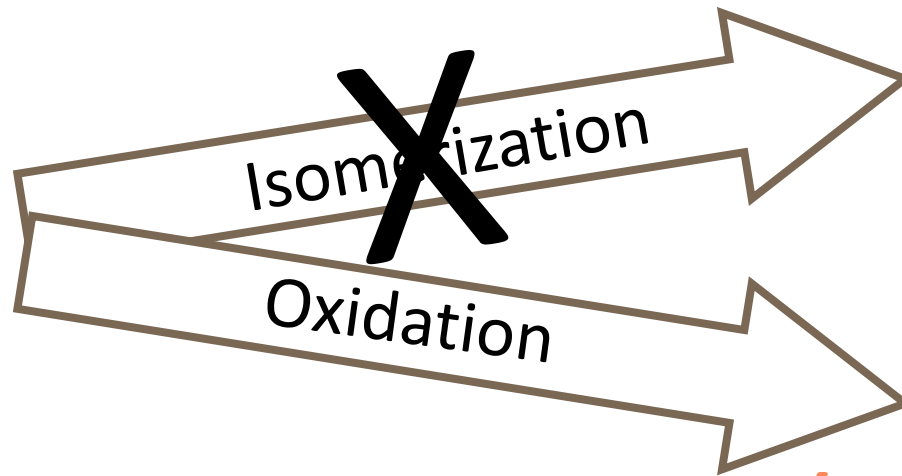
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# Regarding dry-hopped beers...

## Does BU work? What drives bitterness?

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- 30 brands multi rep study + 91 brands single rep study

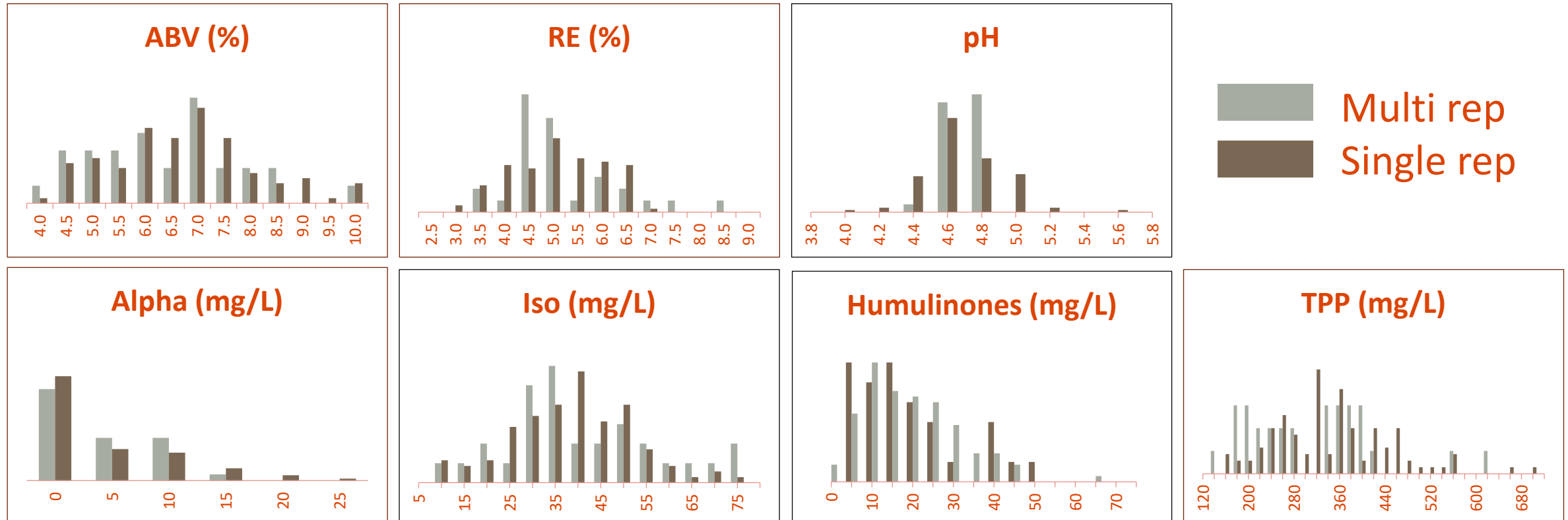
**Chemical analysis:** 7 factors

- Iso-alpha acids, oxidized hop acids, alpha acids, TPP,
- ABV, RE, pH
- BU

**Sensory analysis:**

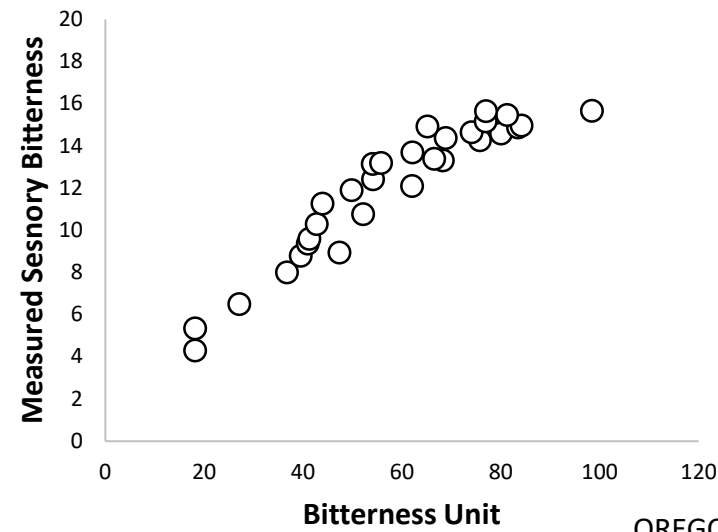
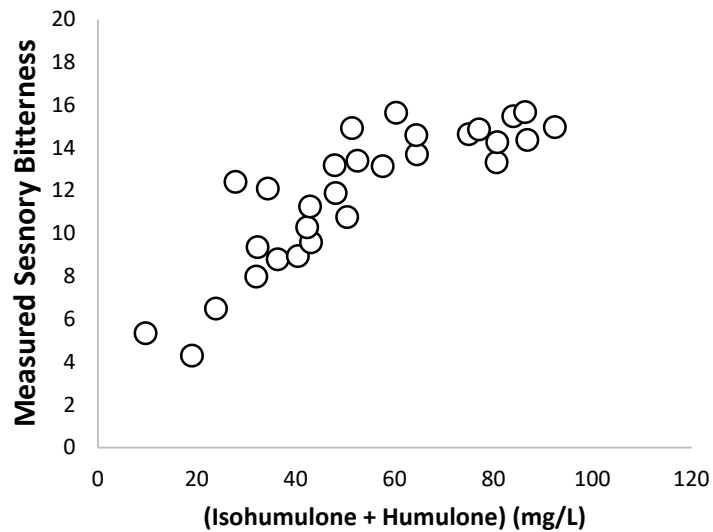
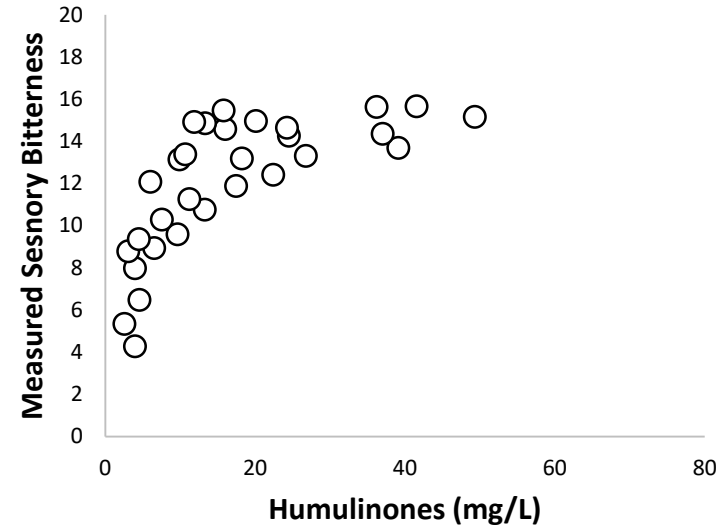
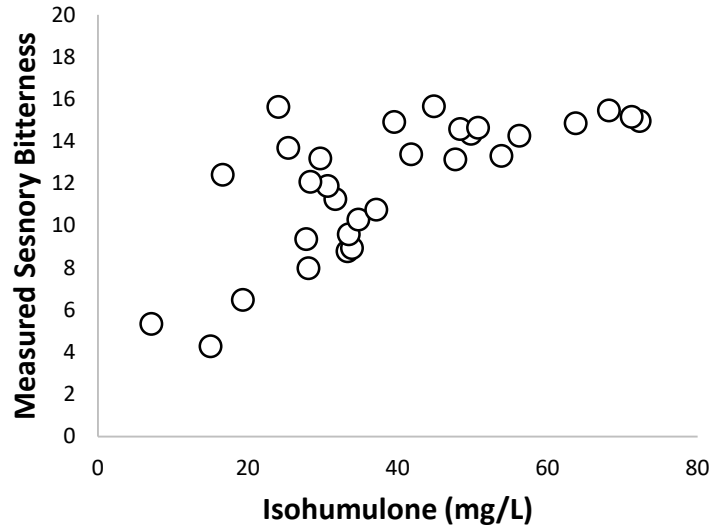
- Bitterness intensity
- Multiple Replication study: data for model building
- Partial Replication study: data for model testing

# Chemistry of beers in commercial survey



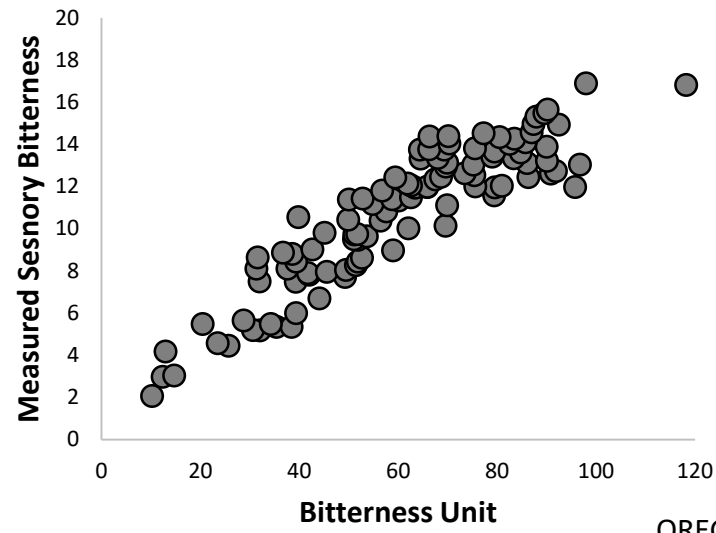
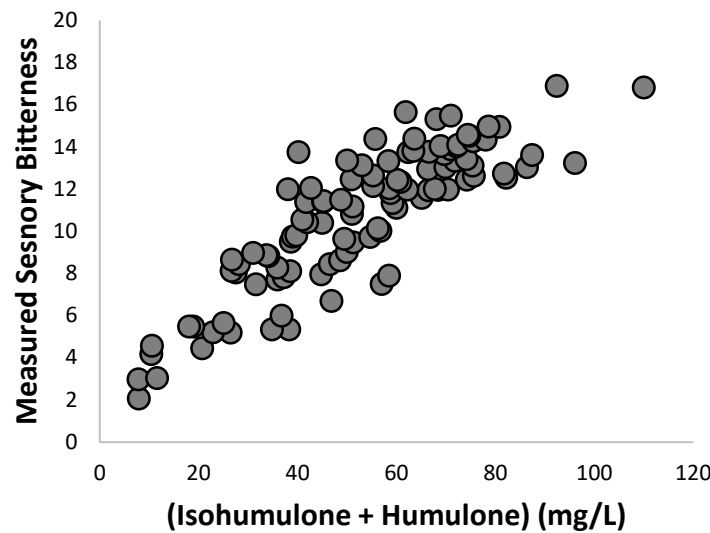
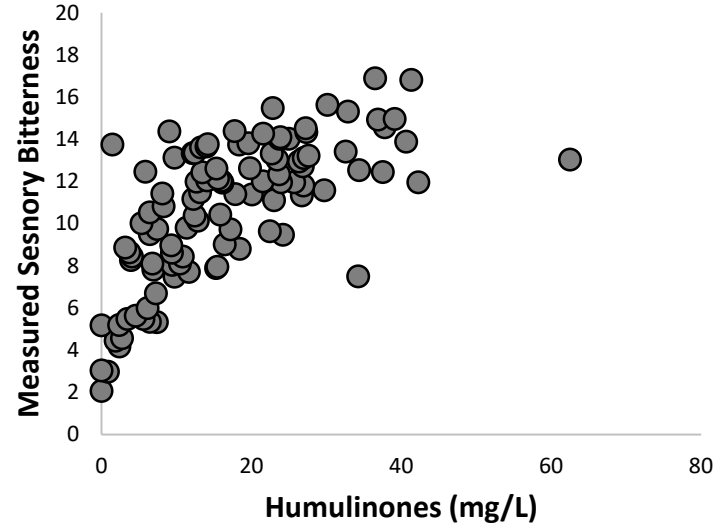
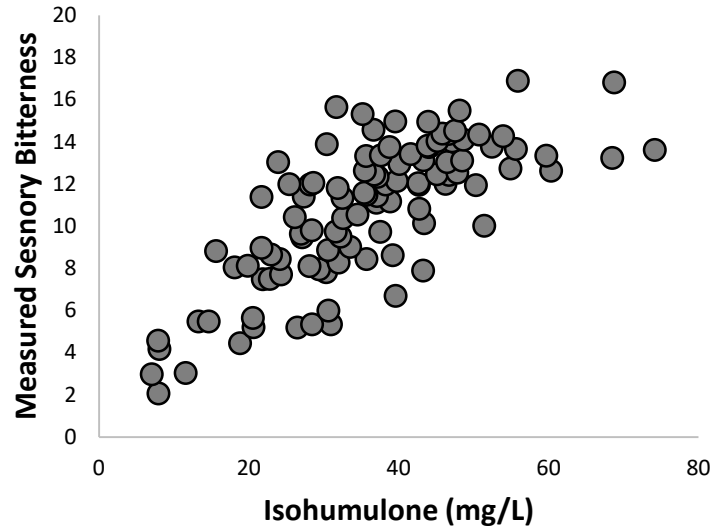
# Bitterness comes from Isos & Humulinones

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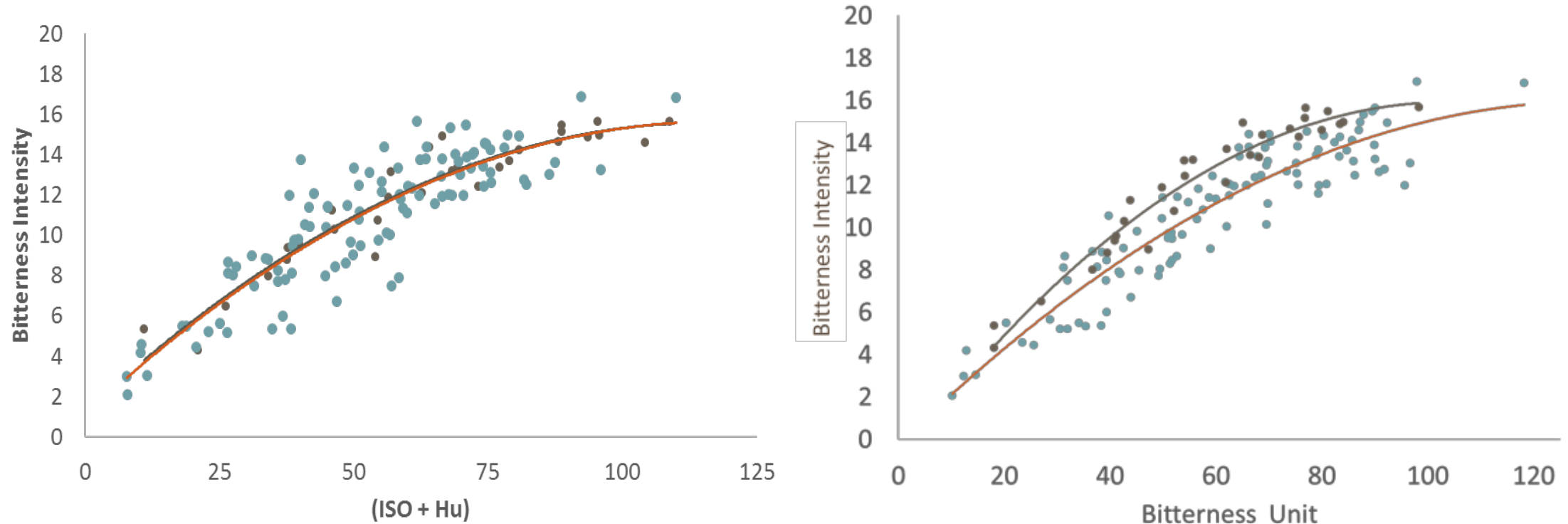
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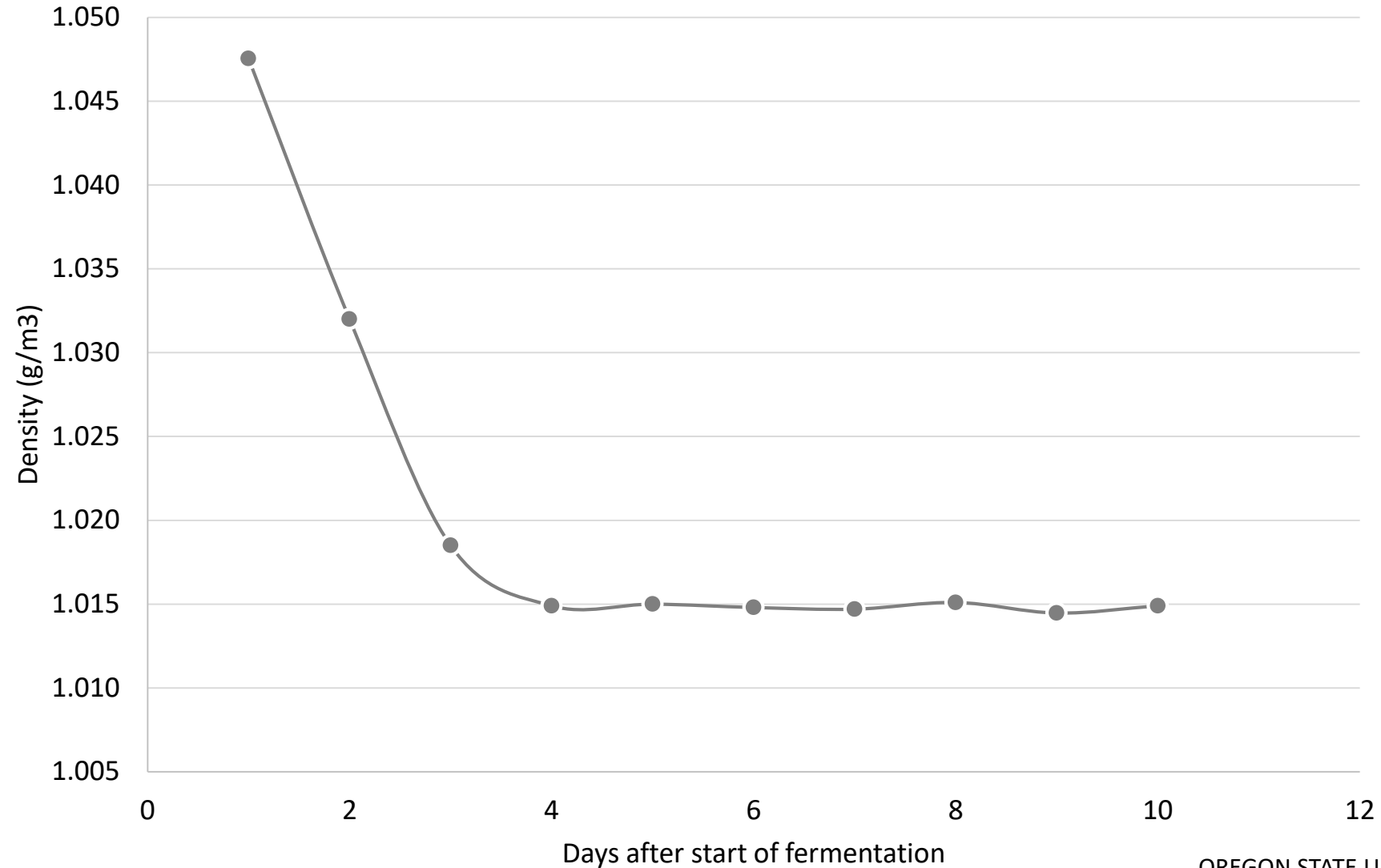


# HOP CREEP

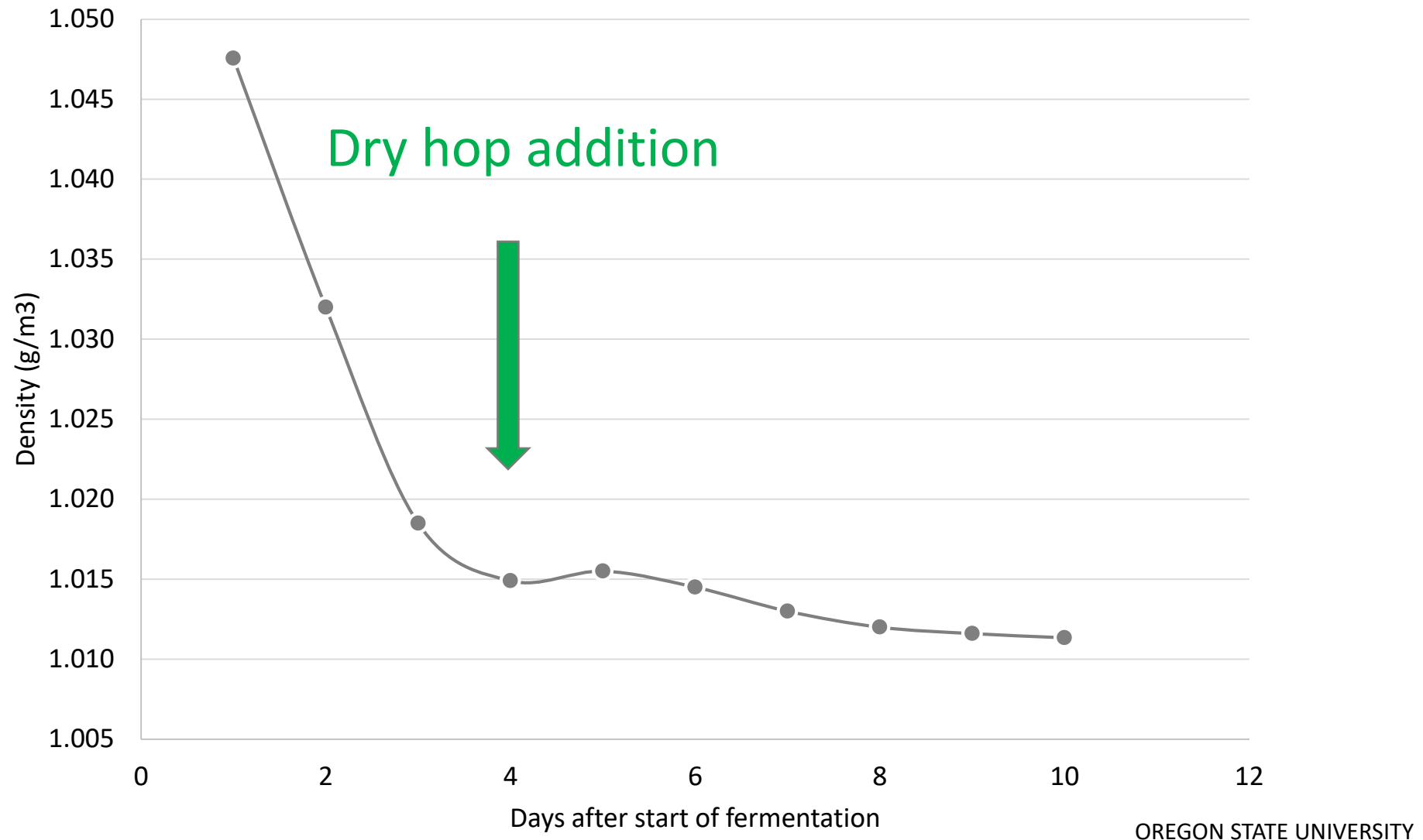


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# Typical fermentation, no dry-hopping



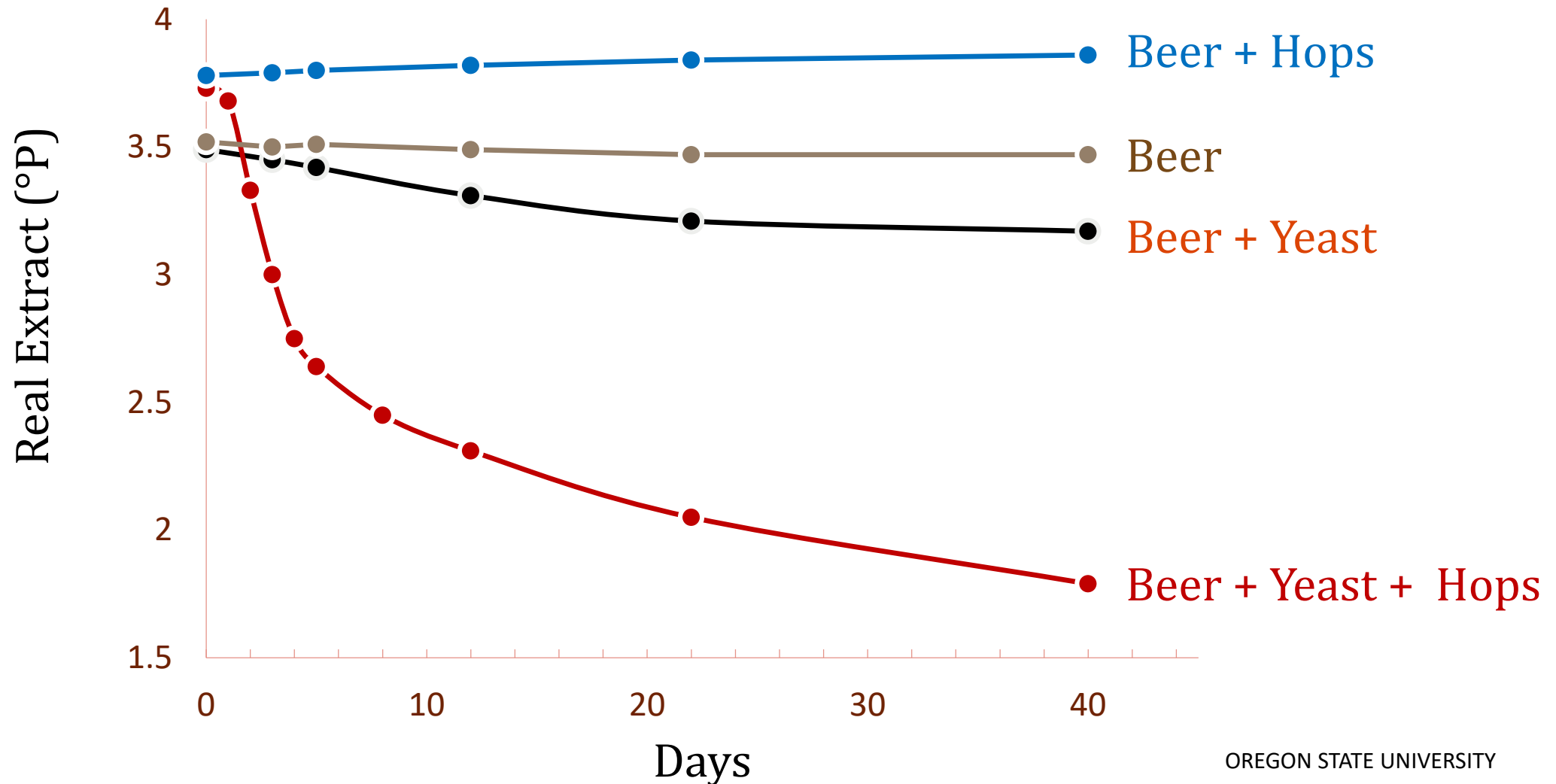
# Dry-hopping can create “Hop Creep”



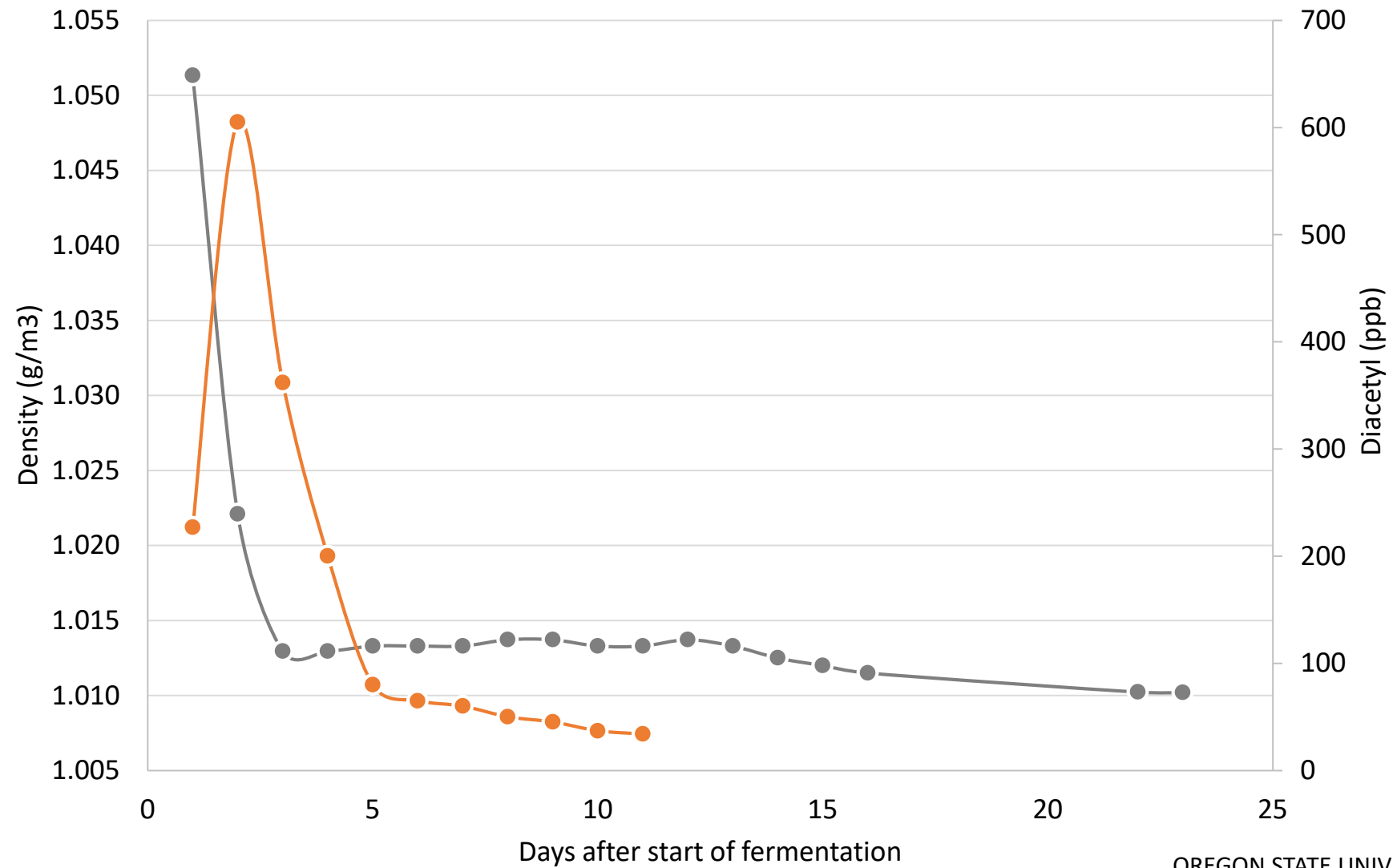
# Cascade hops have broad (low) enzyme activities

Enzyme	Hops	Malt (130 dp)
$\alpha$ -amylase	0.35	198
$\beta$ -amylase	0.41	13
Amyloglucosidase	0.02	NA
Limit dextrinase	<0.01	NA

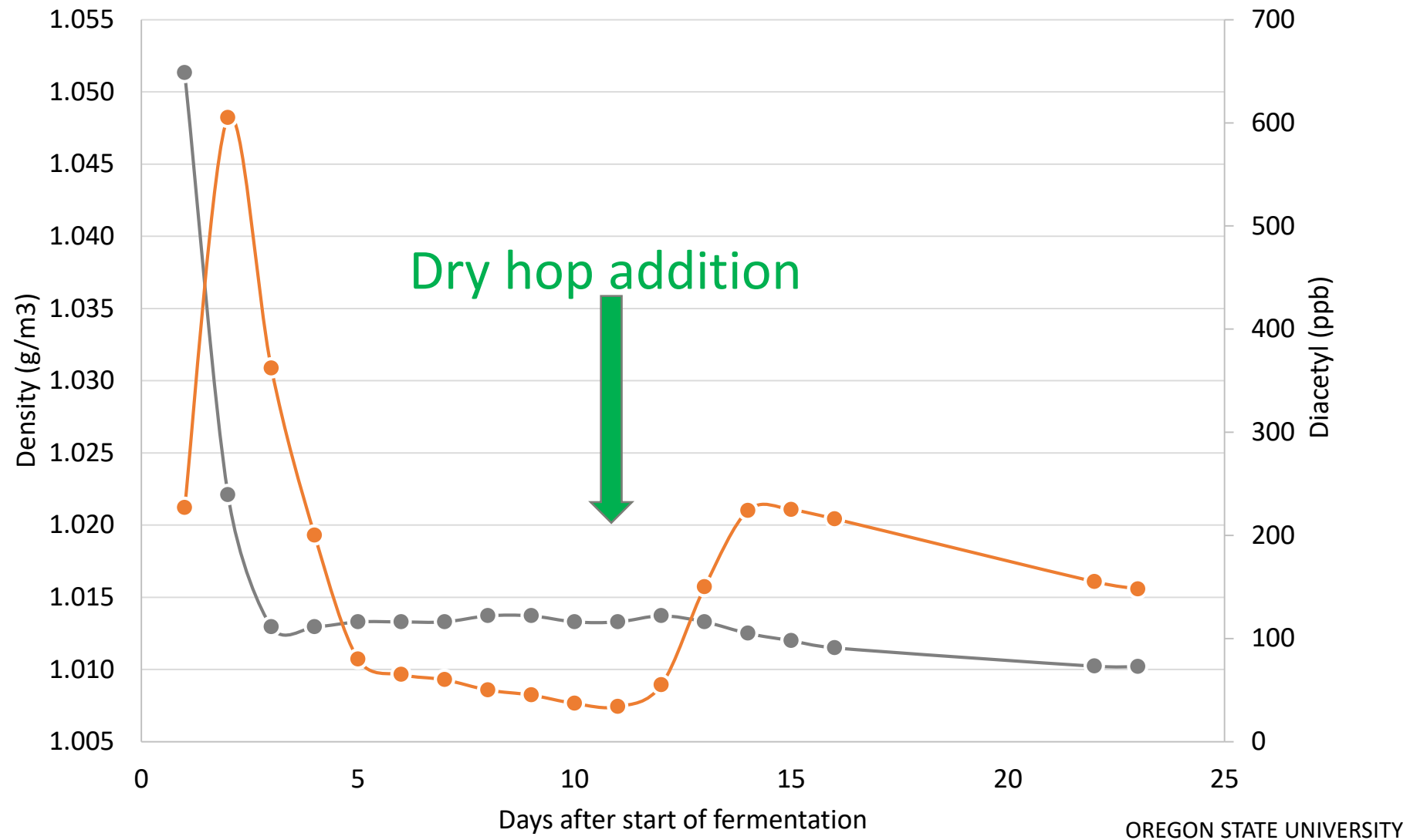
# Hop enzymes stimulate “after-fermentation” AKA – Hop Creep



# Hop Creep & Diacetyl issues



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# HOP ENZYMES PERSIST IN PACKAGED BEER



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# Enzyme action during production and post-packaging

## Dry hopping schedule:

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- **2** days after yeast harvest
- Dry hop warm
- **2-4 lb/bbl** hops
- **2** dry hop additions
- **7** days on hops



## Finishing:

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- Crash cool
- Centrifuge
- Up to 24 hours hold prior to packaging

# Sampling plan

Samples measured on Anton Paar Alcolyzer/Densitometer & HPLC

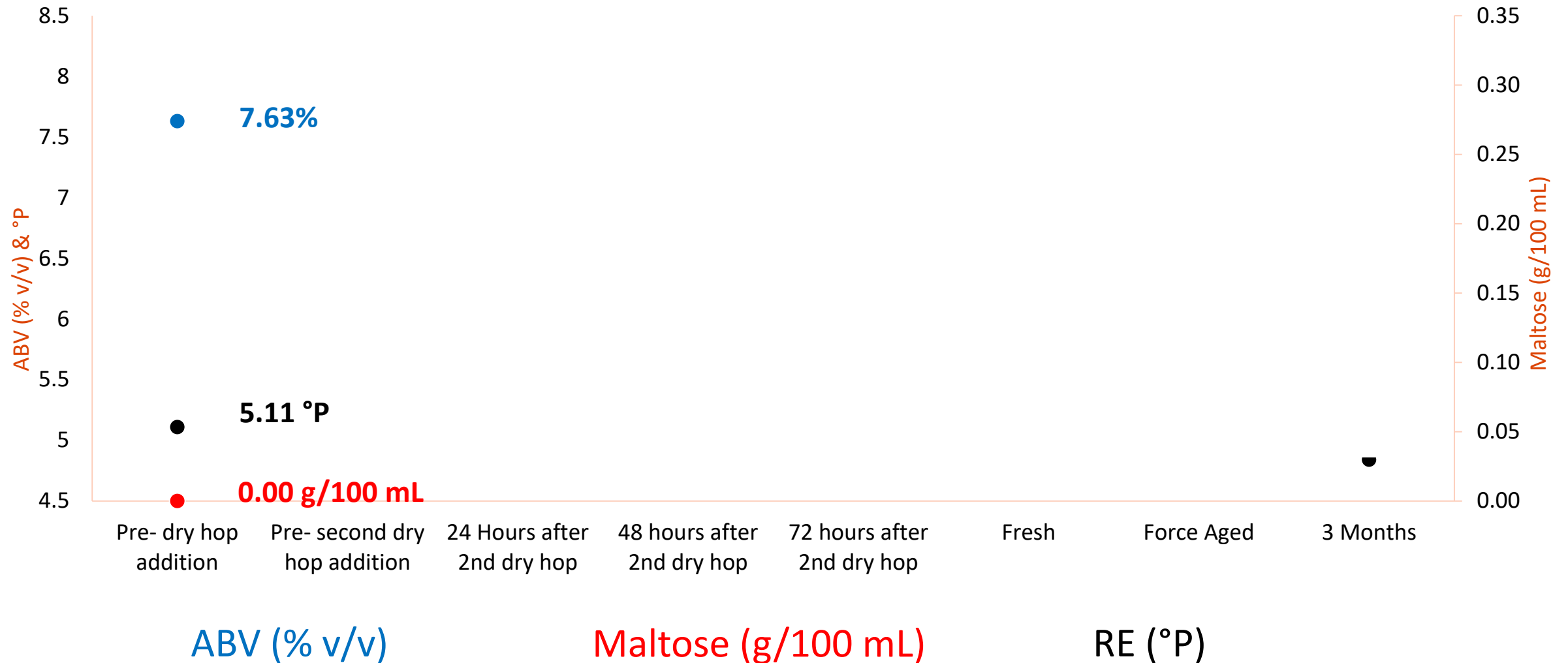
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|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-dry hop addition</li><li>• Pre-second dry hop addition</li><li>• 24 hours</li><li>• 48 hours</li><li>• 72 hours</li></ul> | In-process<br>samples |
| Finished beer<br>samples | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fresh</li><li>• Force aged (3 days @ 37° C)</li><li>• 3 months 25C (packaged 3 months earlier)</li></ul>                      |                       |

ABV (% v/v)

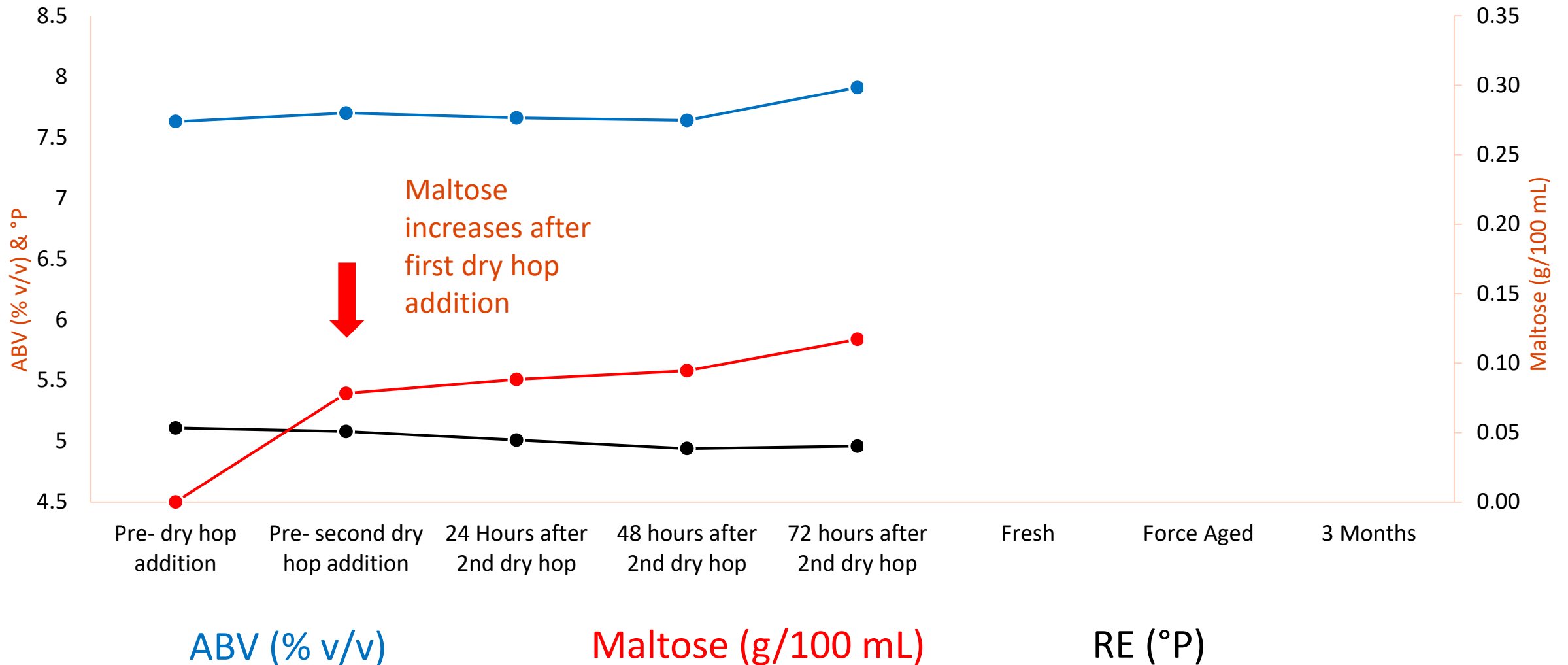
Maltose (g/100 mL)

RE (°P)

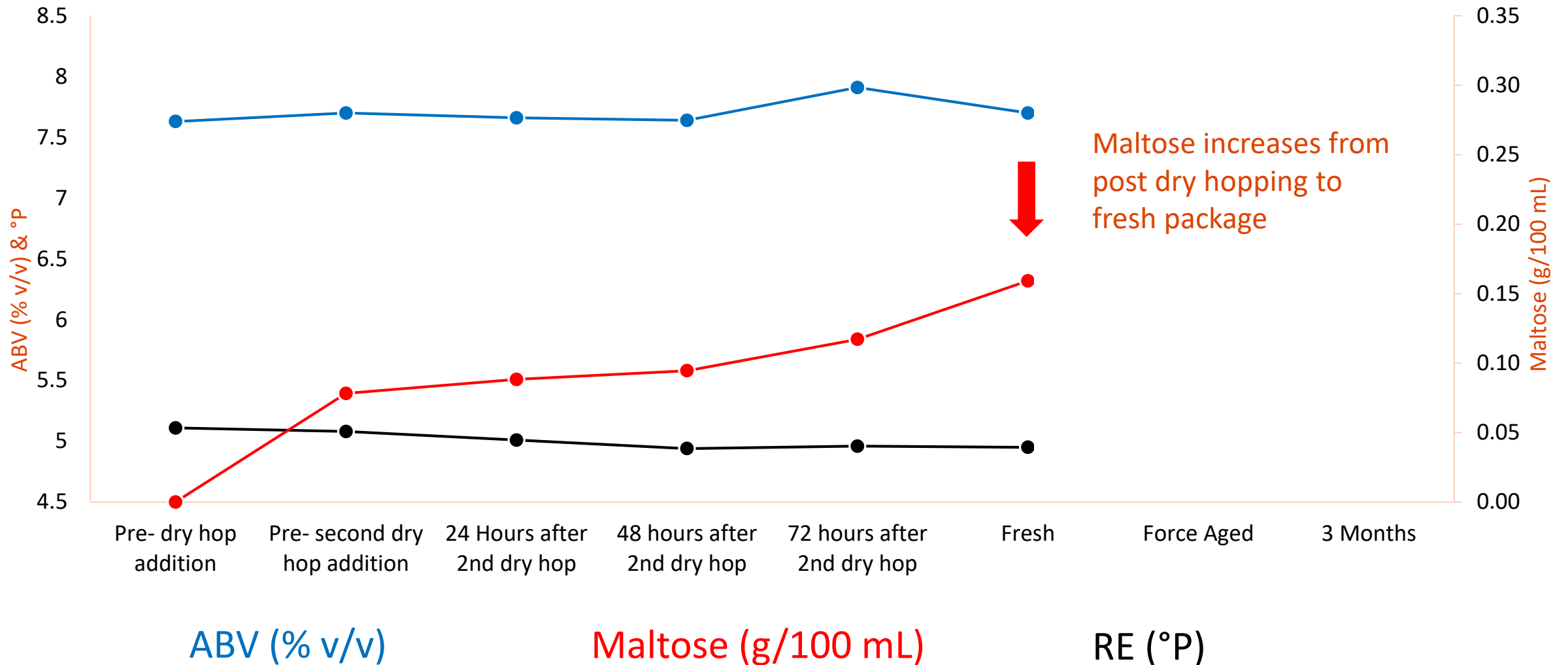
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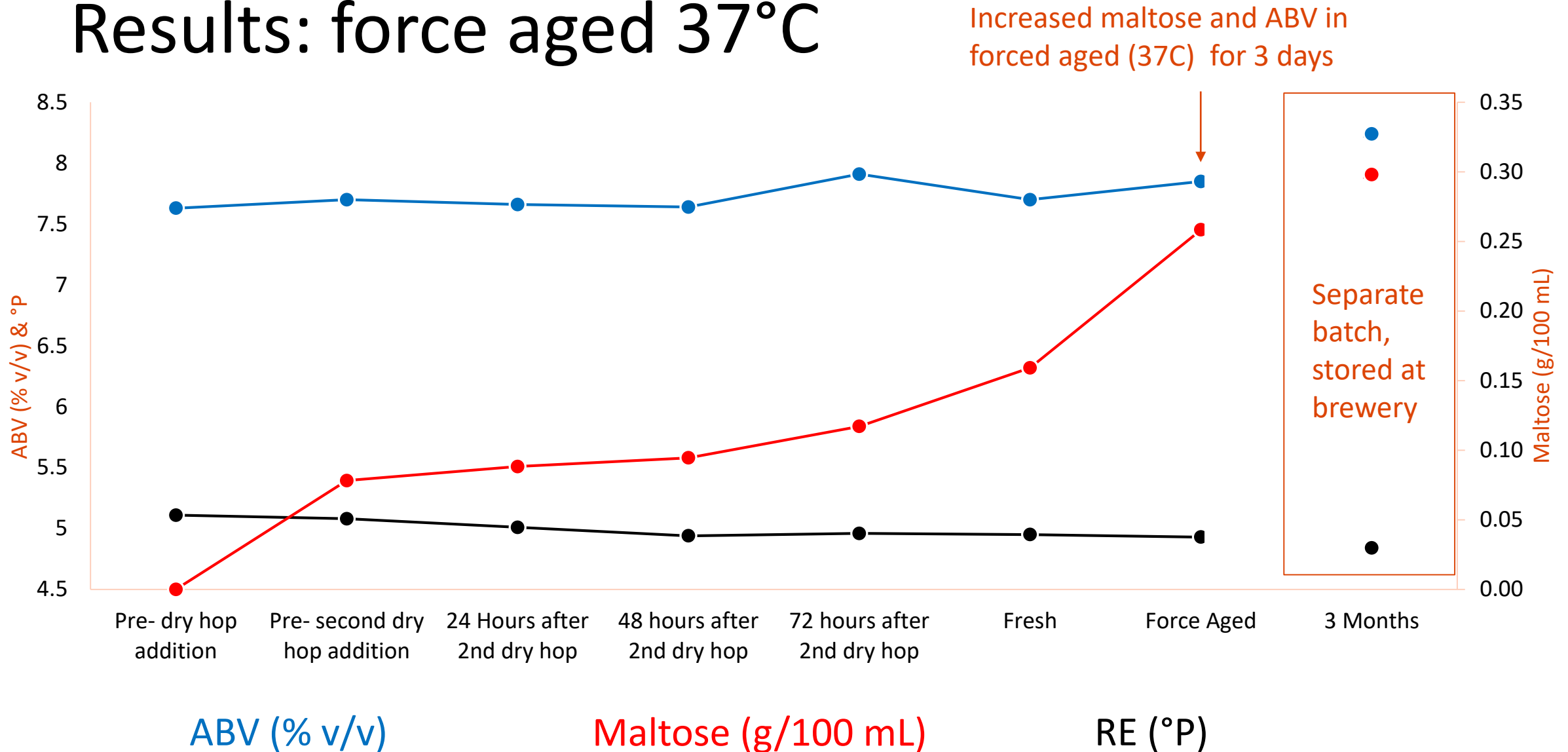
# Results: during dry-hopping



# Results: fresh



# Results: force aged 37°C



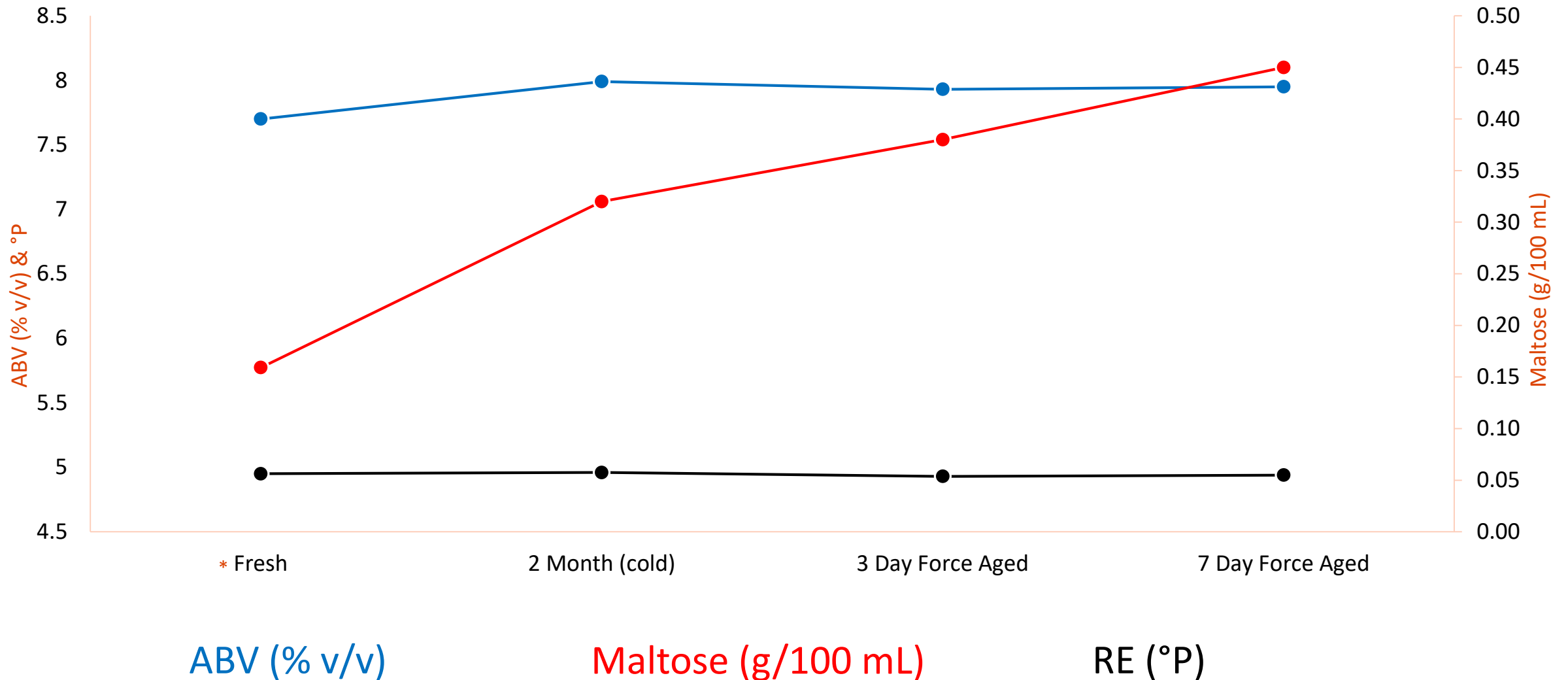
# Continued aging study – 2 months later

- Same packages tested 2 months later
- Force aging repeated (at 37°C) for 3 and 7 days

**Do enzymes transferred into beer after dry-hopping and continue to reduce beer limit dextrins?**



# Repeat force aging study – 2 months later



\*Compared to Fresh package (3/29/17)



# Conclusion

- Humulinones coming from hops (during processing and storage) can significantly impact dry-hopped beer bitterness
- Hop-derived enzymes can alter carbohydrate make up of Real Extract
  - Refermentation in the presence of yeast (for example – bottle conditioning)
  - Lead to diacetyl spikes
  - SOLUTION: dry hop timing, temperature, hop variety, pasteurization
- Hop enzymes persist in finished beer
  - Dry-hopped beers likely become sweeter with age

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