

# Food & Beverage Series

## SIMULTANEOUS MEASUREMENT OF GLUCOSE AND SUCROSE UTILIZING EXTERNAL HYDROLYSIS



### Introduction

Dextrose (D-glucose) and sucrose concentrations in complex matrices can be measured directly and quickly using either a [YSI 2500 Glucose/Lactate Analyzer](#) or a [YSI 2900 Series Biochemistry Analyzer](#). YSI's unique enzyme technology provides for rapid glucose and sucrose measurement. Measurements are virtually unaffected by color, turbidity, density, pH, or the presence of reducing substances.

When a YSI Biochemistry Analyzer is equipped with a glucose membrane, both sucrose and glucose concentrations can be measured. This is accomplished by first determining the glucose concentration. The sucrose is then converted to glucose, and the total glucose concentration is measured. The difference in the responses corresponds to the sucrose concentration.

After a sample is injected into the sample chamber, the glucose diffuses to the glucose membrane, which contains glucose oxidase, and is oxidized to hydrogen peroxide and D-glucono- $\delta$ -lactone. The hydrogen peroxide is detected amperometrically at the platinum electrode surface. The current produced is directly proportional to the hydrogen peroxide and glucose concentrations.

For more information on this system, refer to Section 8 in the Operations Manual.



## I. Materials & Setup

- A. YSI Biochemistry Analyzer - equipped with a 2365 Glucose Membrane and 2357 Buffer.
- B. Glucose (1.80 g/L) standard solution.
- C. Buffer Diluent (40 g/L  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , 10 g/L  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  power source).
- D. Invertase - Sigma Chemical Company I-4504 recommended.
- E. Connect the YSI Biochemistry Analyzer to a suitable power source.
- F. Perform the instrument and membrane check described in the Operations Manual (Section 5).

- G. Volumetric glassware (Class A recommended).
- H. The following instrument setup is recommended:  
Sample Size 25  $\mu\text{L}$

### Probe A Parameters

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Chemistry  | Glucose  |
| Unit       | g/L      |
| Calibrator | 1.80 g/L |
| End Point  | 30 Sec   |

### Autocal Parameters

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Temperature | 1°C       |
| Time        | 30 Min    |
| Sample      | 5 Samples |
| Cal Shift   | 2%        |

## II. Method

In this section two different case studies will be described. These examples can be followed when doing analysis on products that may contain similar concentrations of glucose and sucrose.

### Case #1

Example: The product is a powdered seasoning mix that is believed to contain 14% glucose and 2% sucrose. The following sample preparation was used:

- A. Weigh out about 10 grams of the powder (record exact weight).
- B. Transfer the powder to a 100 mL volumetric flask using buffer diluent to rinse and dilute. Fill the flask to the mark with buffer and mix. Allow the solution to equilibrate for about 20 minutes.
- C. Remove about 3 mL of the solution in B and add ~2 mg of invertase enzyme. Stir gently until dissolved. Cover the sample and allow to incubate at room temperature for 20 minutes.
- D. Calibrate the YSI Biochemistry Analyzer with 1.80 g/L glucose standard solution.
- E. Check the linearity of the membrane at least once a day by injection of an appropriate linearity standard. Refer to the Operations Manual (Section 5) for specifications.

- F. Assay the sample prepared in B by aspiration into the YSI Biochemistry Analyzer. This is the free glucose concentration ( $D_{\text{free}}$ ).
- G. Assay the sample prepared in C (with invertase). The value reported is the sum of the free glucose and that produced from sucrose hydrolysis ( $D_{\text{total}}$ ).
- H. Calibrate frequently as described in the Operations Manual (Section 7).

### Case #2

The product is a hard candy that is believed to contain 13% sucrose and 12% glucose. With this sample two separate dilutions are necessary. This is due to the glucose membrane reading both free glucose and the glucose produced from the hydrolysis of sucrose. The sum of these two concentrations exceeds the linear range. When analyzing the sample treated with invertase a more dilute sample will be needed. The following sample preparation was used:

*continued*

## Case #2 (continued)

- A. Grind the sample into a fine powder.
- B. Transfer 10 grams (record exact weight) of sample, from step A into a 100 mL volumetric flask using buffer diluent to rinse and dilute. Fill the flask to the mark with buffer and mix. Allow the solution to equilibrate for about 20 minutes.\*
- C. Transfer 5 grams (record exact weight) of sample, from step A into a 100 mL volumetric flask using buffer diluent to rinse and dilute. Fill the flask to the mark with buffer and mix.
- D. Remove about 3 mL of the solution from C and add ~2 mg of invertase enzyme. Stir gently until dissolved. Cover the sample and allow to incubate at room temperature for about 20 minutes.
- E. Calibrate the YSI Biochemistry Analyzer with a 1.80 g/L glucose standard solution.
- F. Check the linearity of the membrane at least once a day by injection of an appropriate linearity standard. Refer to the Operations Manual (Section 5) for specifications.
- G. Assay the sample prepared in B by aspiration into the YSI Biochemistry Analyzer. This is the free glucose concentration ( $D_{\text{free}}$ ).
- H. Assay the sample prepared in C (with invertase). The value reported is the sum of the free glucose and that produced from sucrose hydrolysis ( $D_{\text{total}}$ ).
- I. Calibrate frequently as described in the Operations Manual (Section 7).

## III. Calculations

### Case #1

To calculate % glucose, multiply the reported value ( $D_{\text{free}}$ ) by the appropriate dilution factor.

**Example:** A 10.10 g powdered seasoning mix sample was prepared as described in III. B and C. When assayed, the value reported ( $D_{\text{free}}$ ) was 14.6 g/L glucose.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\% Glucose:} &= 0.1446 \text{ gram glucose/gram} \\ 14.6 \text{ g/L} \times 0.100 & \text{ powdered mix} \\ \text{L}/10.10 \text{ mg} &= 14.5\% \text{ (w/w)} \end{aligned}$$

To calculate % sucrose, subtract  $D_{\text{free}}$  from  $D_{\text{total}}$  and multiply by the appropriate dilution and mass ratio factors.

When the sample containing invertase was assayed, the value reported was 15.8 g/L ( $D_{\text{total}}$ ) glucose.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\% Sucrose:} & \\ (15.8 \text{ g/L} - 14.6 \text{ g/L}) \times \frac{0.100 \text{ L}}{10.10 \text{ g}} \times \frac{342.30 \text{ g/L sucrose}}{180.16 \text{ g/L glucose}} & \\ = 0.0226 \text{ gram sucrose/gram powdered mix} & \\ = 2.26\% \text{ (w/w)} & \end{aligned}$$

### Case #2

To calculate % glucose, multiply the reported value ( $D_{\text{free}}$ ) by the appropriate dilution factor.

**Example:** A 10.10 g ground hard candy sample was prepared as described in III B. When assayed the value reported ( $D_{\text{free}}$ ) was 12.3 g/L glucose.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\% Glucose:} & \\ (12.3 \text{ g/L} \times 0.100 \text{ L}/10.10 \text{ g}) &= 0.1218 \text{ gram glucose/} \\ & \text{gram candy} \\ &= 12.2\% \text{ (w/w)} \end{aligned}$$

To calculate % sucrose, multiply the reported value ( $D_{\text{total}}$ ) by the appropriate dilution factor. Then subtract  $D_{\text{free}}$  from  $D_{\text{total}}$  and multiply by the mass ratio factor.

**Example:** A 5.05 g ground hard candy sample was prepared as described in III D. When assayed the value reported ( $D_{\text{total}}$ ) was 13.5 g/L.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\% Sucrose:} & \\ (13.5 \text{ g/L} \times 0.100 \text{ L}/5.05 \text{ g}) &= 0.2673 \text{ gram glucose/} \\ & \text{gram candy} \\ &= 26.7\% \\ 26.7\% - 12.2\% &= 14.5\% \\ 14.5\% \times \frac{342.30 \text{ g/mole sucrose}}{180.16 \text{ g/mole glucose}} & \\ = 27.5\% \text{ (w/w) sucrose} & \end{aligned}$$

## Ordering Information

YSI Part Numbers:

2500/2900/2950

2365

2747

1531

2357

2363

2392

Biochemistry Analyzer

Glucose Membrane Kit

Glucose Standard Solution (1.80 g/L)

Glucose Standard Solution (9.0 g/L)

Buffer Kit

Potassium Ferrocyanide Test Solution

NaCl Solution (for membrane installation)



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