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SIMULTANEOUS MEASUREMENT OF DEXTROSE AND SUCROSE IN MOLASSES

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INTRODUCTION

Dextrose (D-glucose) and sucrose concentrations in complex matrices such as molasses can be measured directly and quickly using the YSI 2900 Series Biochemistry Analyzer. YSI's unique enzyme technology provides for rapid dextrose and sucrose measurements. Measurements are virtually unaffected by color, turbidity, density, pH, or the presence of reducing substances.

When a 2900 Series Biochemistry Analyzer is equipped with a dextrose and a sucrose membrane, simultaneous measurement of both analytes is possible. Because dextrose interferes with sucrose analysis, it is necessary to follow this protocol when analyzing for sucrose in the presence of dextrose.

When a sample is injected into the sample chamber, the sucrose diffuses to the sucrose membrane, which contains invertase, mutarotase, and glucose oxidase. The sucrose is hydrolyzed to α -D-glucose and fructose. The mutarotase allows for the quick equilibrium of glucose between the α and β forms. In the presence of glucose oxidase, the β -D-glucose is oxidized to hydrogen peroxide and D-glucono- δ -lactone. The hydrogen peroxide is detected amperometrically at the platinum electrode surface. The dextrose in the sample diffuses to both the dextrose and sucrose membranes, which contain glucose oxidase, and is oxidized as well. Subtracting the response of the dextrose membrane from the response of the sucrose membrane yields the response due to sucrose alone. The dextrose response is taken directly from the dextrose membrane. The algorithm in the instrument software calculates the net concentrations. For more information on this system, refer to the Operations Manual.

I. MATERIALS & SETUP

- YSI 2900 Series Biochemistry Analyzer - equipped with a 2703 Sucrose Membrane, a 2365 Dextrose Membrane and 2357 Buffer.
- Dextrose (2.50 g/L, 9.00 g/L) and Sucrose (5.00 g/L, 25.0 g/L) standard solutions.

- Buffer Diluent (40 g/L NaH_2PO_4 , 10g/L Na_2HPO_4 in reagent water).
- Connect the 2900 Series instrument to a suitable power source.
- Perform the instrument and membrane daily checks described in the Operations Manual.
- Volumetric glassware (Class A recommended).
- The injection volume should be set to 25 μ L.
- The following instrument setup is recommended.

Probe A Parameters

Chemistry	Glucose
Unit	g/L
Calibrator	2.50
End Point	30 Sec

Probe B Parameters

Chemistry	Sucrose
Unit	g/L
Calibrator	5.00 g/L
End Point	30 Sec

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Temperature	1°C
Time	30 Min
Sample	5 Sam
Cal Shift	2%

II. METHOD

- Weigh up to 5.000 g of molasses to be analyzed.
- Transfer the sample 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 twenty minutes before analysis.
- Calibrate the 2900 Series instrument with 2.50 g/L dextrose and 5.00 g/L sucrose standard solutions.
- Check the linearity of the membrane at least once a day by injection of dextrose (9.00 g/L) and sucrose

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linearity check solutions (25.0 g/L). Refer to the Operations Manual for specifications.

- E. Assay the sample prepared in B by aspiration into the 2900 Series instrument.*
- F. Calibrate frequently as described in the Operations Manual.

Limitations:

The combined concentration of dextrose + sucrose cannot exceed 25 g/L. If the sum of the values reported exceeds this, further dilution of the sample is required.

If the dextrose concentration exceeds the sucrose concentration, accuracy and precision may be compromised due to the software algorithm that subtracts dextrose from sucrose. To avoid compromising accuracy, refer to Application Note 204LS.

III. CALCULATIONS

To calculate % dextrose and sucrose, multiply the values reported by the appropriate dilution factor.

Example: 4.569 g of molasses was diluted to 100 mL in a Class A volumetric flask. When assayed, the values reported were 6.75 g/L dextrose and 12.94 g/L sucrose.

$\frac{\% \text{ Dextrose: } 6.75 \text{ g/L} \times 0.100\text{L}}{4.569 \text{ g}}$	$= 0.1477 \text{ g dextrose/g molasses}$ $= 14.8\% \text{ (w/w)}$
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$\frac{\% \text{ Sucrose: } 12.94 \text{ g/L} \times 0.100\text{L}}{4.569 \text{ g}}$	$= 0.2832 \text{ g sucrose/g molasses}$ $= 28.3\% \text{ (w/w)}$
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ORDERING INFORMATION

YSI Part Numbers:

- 2900 Biochemistry Analyzer
- 2365 Dextrose Membrane Kit
- 2776 Dextrose Standard Solution (2.50 g/L)
- 1531 Dextrose Standard Solution (9.00 g/L)
- 2703 Sucrose Membrane Kit
- 2780 Sucrose Standard Solution (5.00 g/L)
- 2778 Sucrose Standard Solution (25.0 g/L)
- 2357 Buffer Kit
- 2363 Potassium Ferrocyanide Test Solution
- 2392 NaCl Solution (for membrane installation)

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