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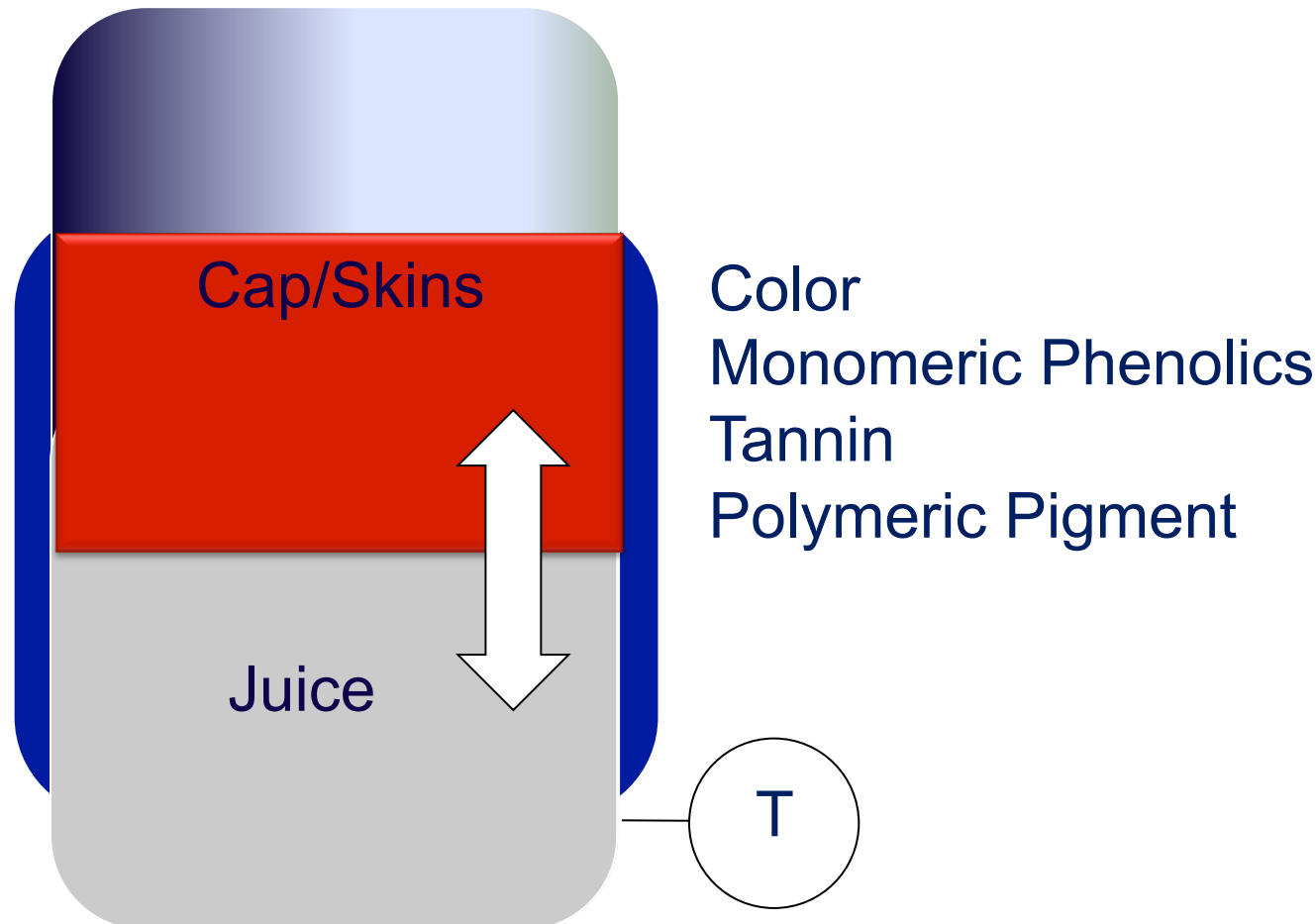
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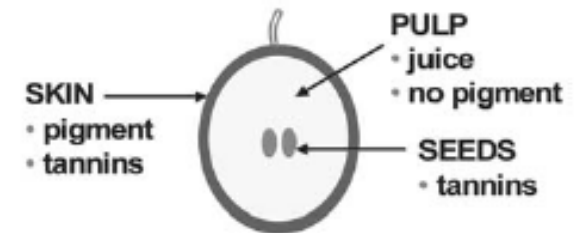
- **Motivation and key molecules**
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- **Effects of pumpover volume and frequency**
- **Effects of cap and must temperature on phenolic extraction**

Cap Extraction in Red Wine Fermentors



Closer look at the molecules extracted

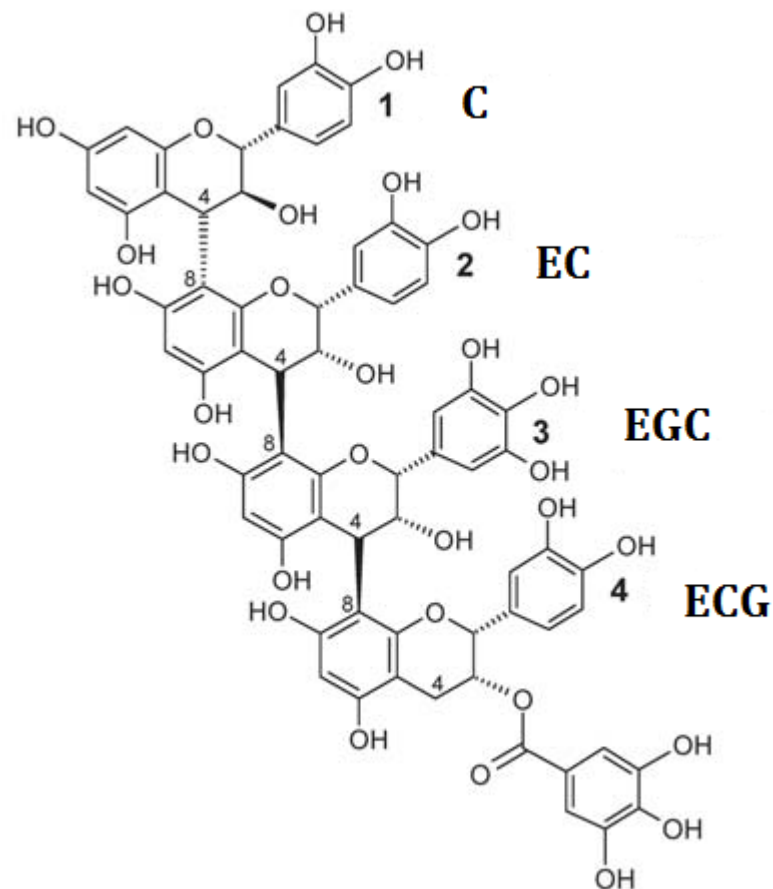
- **Polymeric flavan-3-ols (tannins)**
 - The most abundant class of phenolics in grapes
 - Present in skins and seeds
- **Anthocyanins**
 - Malvidin-3-glucoside is the predominant anthocyanin
 - Found in the skin
- **Hydroxycinnamates**
 - Ex: caftaric acid, caffeic acid, coumaric acid
 - Found in the skin and pulp



(Adams 2006)

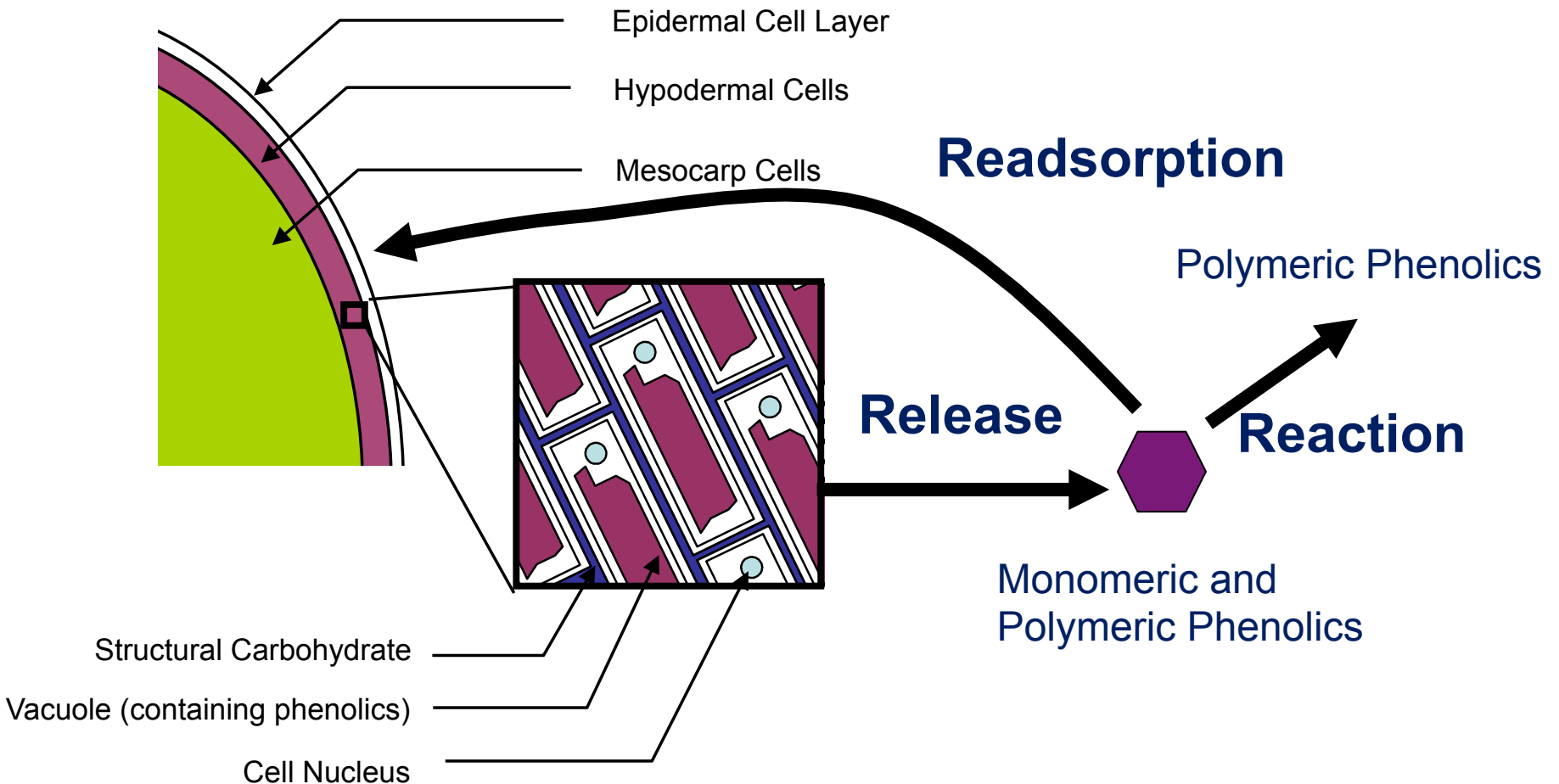
Closer look at the molecules extracted

- **Grape tannins-oligomers**
 - catechin (C), epicatechin (EC), epigallocatechin (EGC), and epicatechin gallate (ECG)
- **Differences between skin and seed tannins**
 - Mean degree of polymerization (mDP) for skin tannin are ~ 30 ; seed tannins are ~ 10 (Souquet et al. 1996)
 - Proportion of ECG units is different in seeds ($\sim 30\%$) and skins ($\sim 5\%$) (Cheynier et al. 2006)



Hypothetical tannin tetramer
(Adams 2006)

A molecular mechanism for cap extraction



All steps are likely a function of temperature and EtOH



Chemical gradients in red wine fermentations

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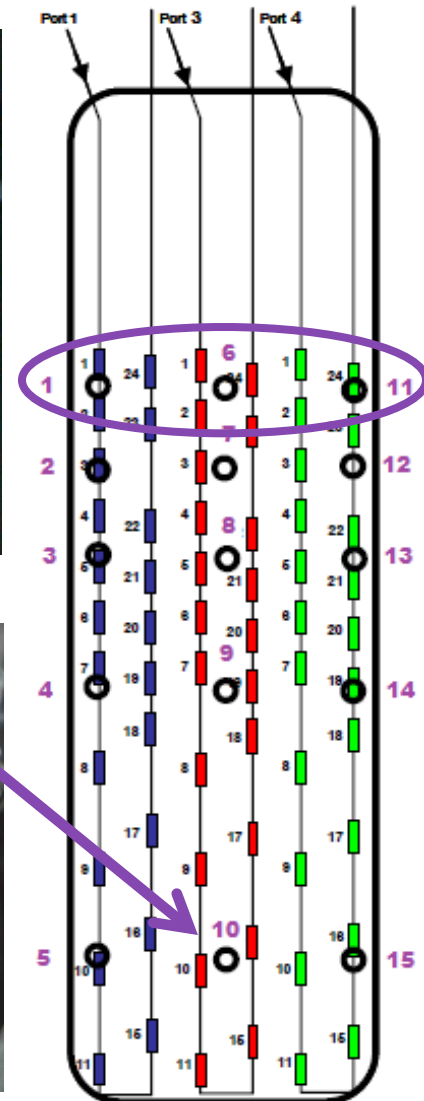
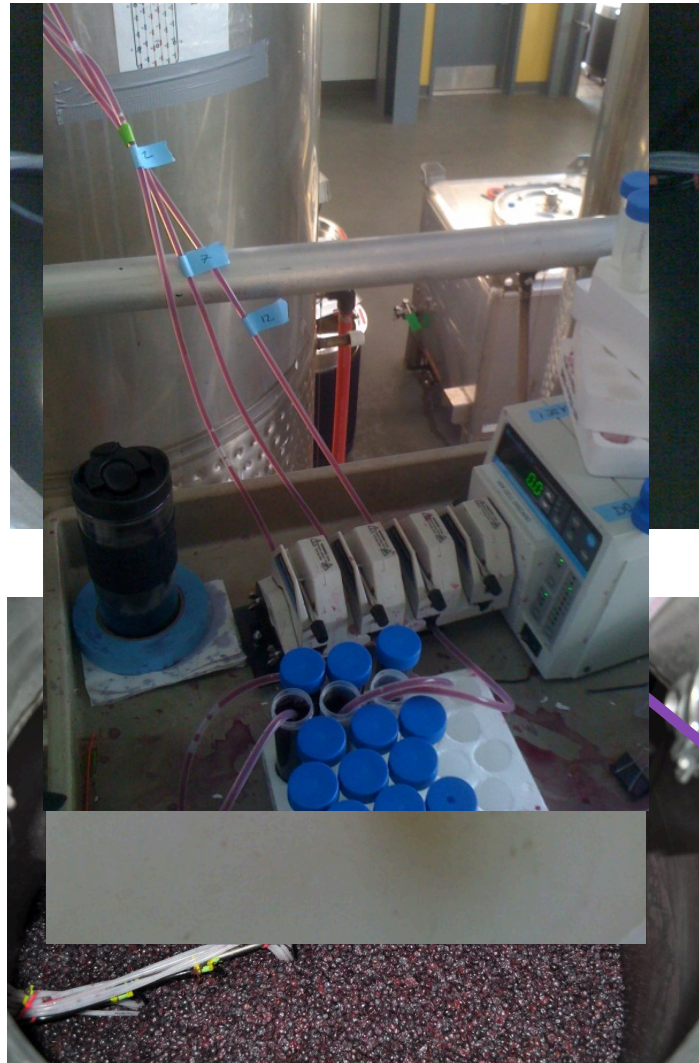
Experimental Design: UC Davis/E&J Gallo

- **Grapes: 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon from Lodi, CA**
 - 23.3° Brix, pH of 3.41, T.A. of 0.47 g/L
 - Hand-picked, destemmed and crushed
 - Inoculated with *S. cerevisiae* strain Lalvin D254®
 - YAN adjusted to 300 ppm, addition of 50ppm SO₂
- **Pressed at dryness**



Are there chemical gradients in red wine fermentations?

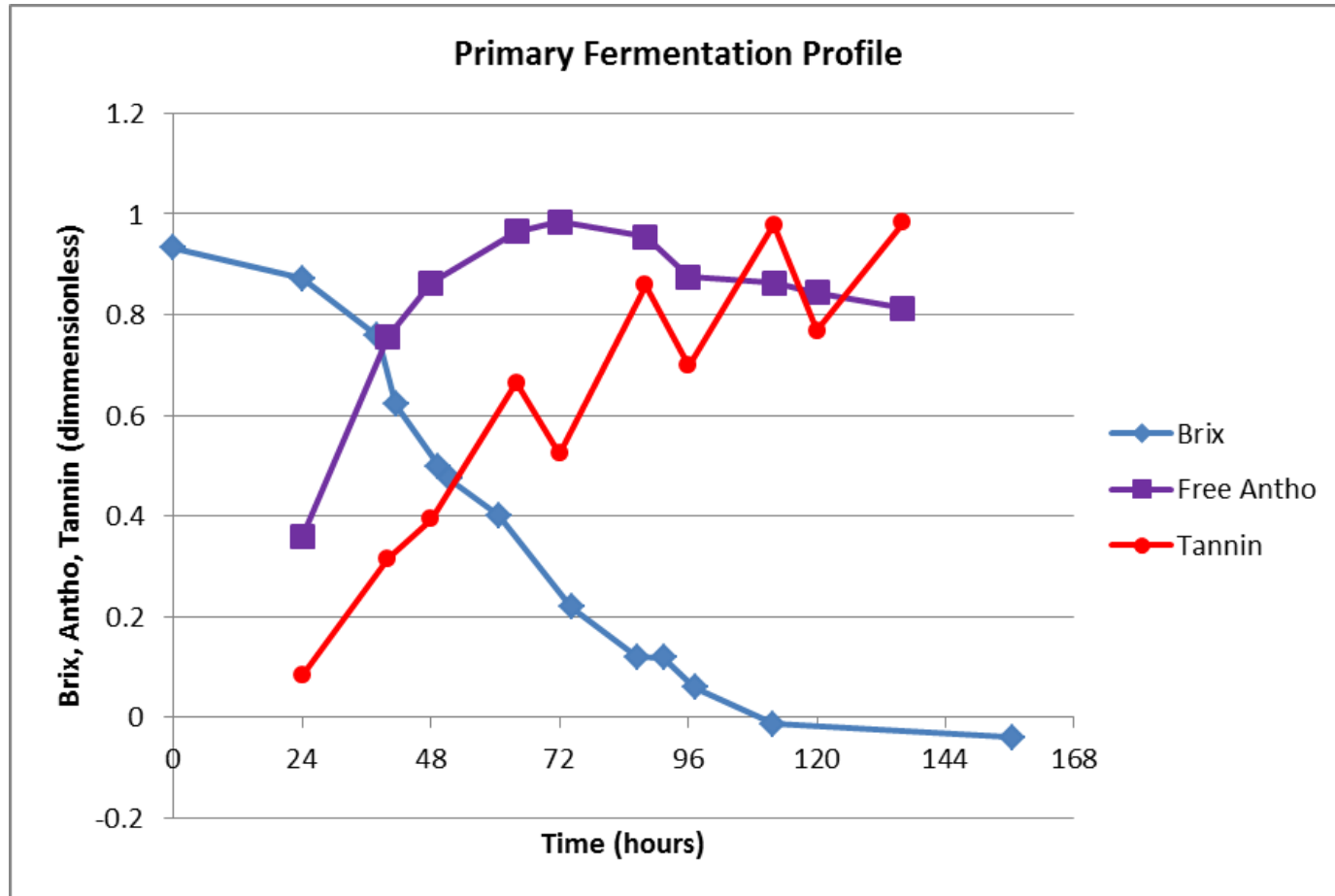
- Installed a “curtain” of 66 temperature sensors throughout the cross-section of a 2000 L tank
- 15 sample extraction points
- Fermented 2 Tons of Cabernet Sauvignon
- Pumped-over 1 tank volume 2x per day
- Peristaltic pump on catwalk for sample extraction



Analyses Performed

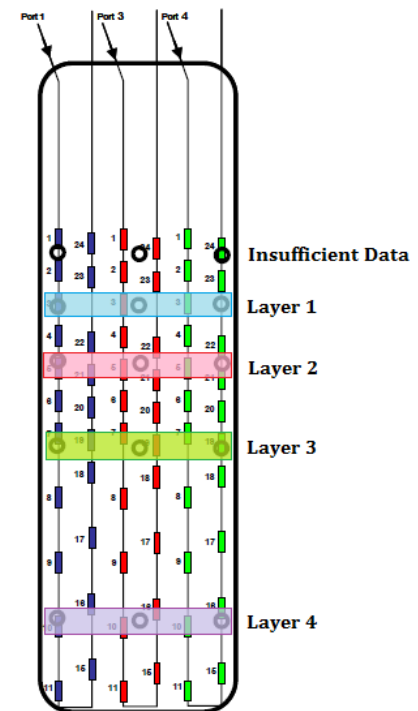
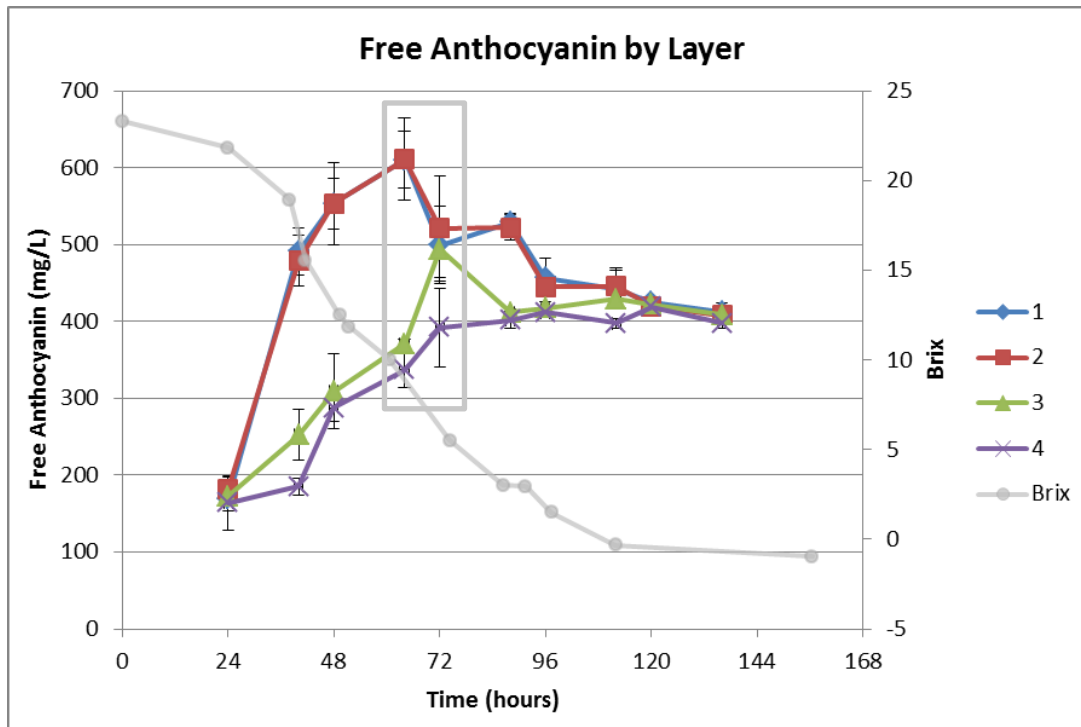
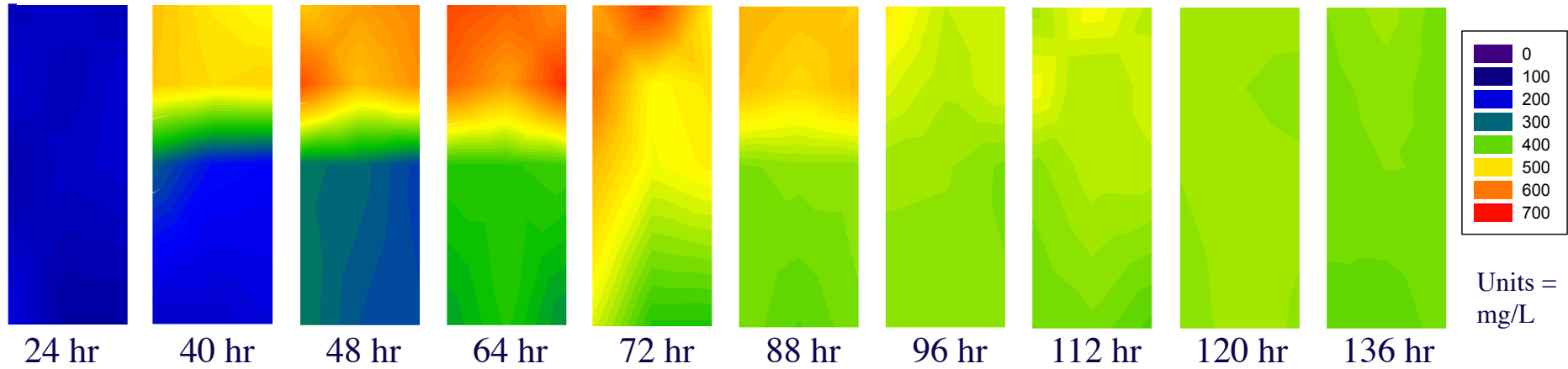
- 1. Phloroglucinolysis of Isolated Tannins**
 - Tannin concentration, mDP, skin/seed contributions
- 2. RP-HPLC Phenolic Assay**
 - Monomeric phenolic concentrations

Fermentation Profile

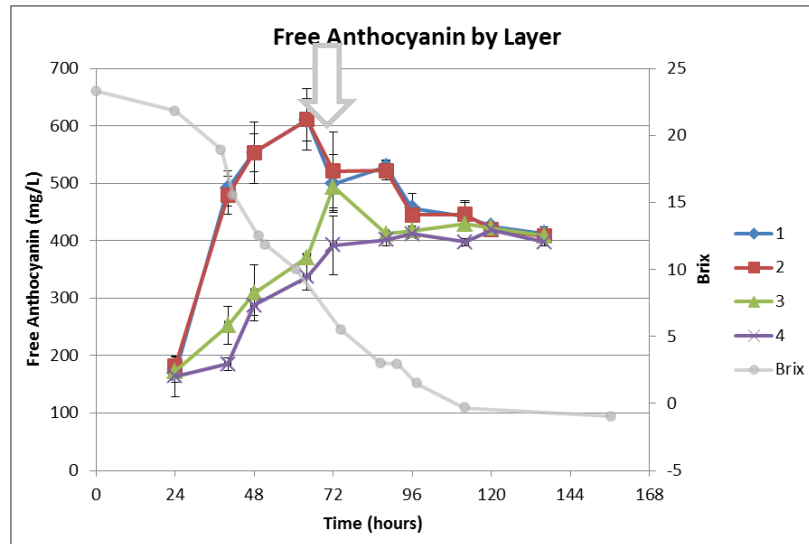
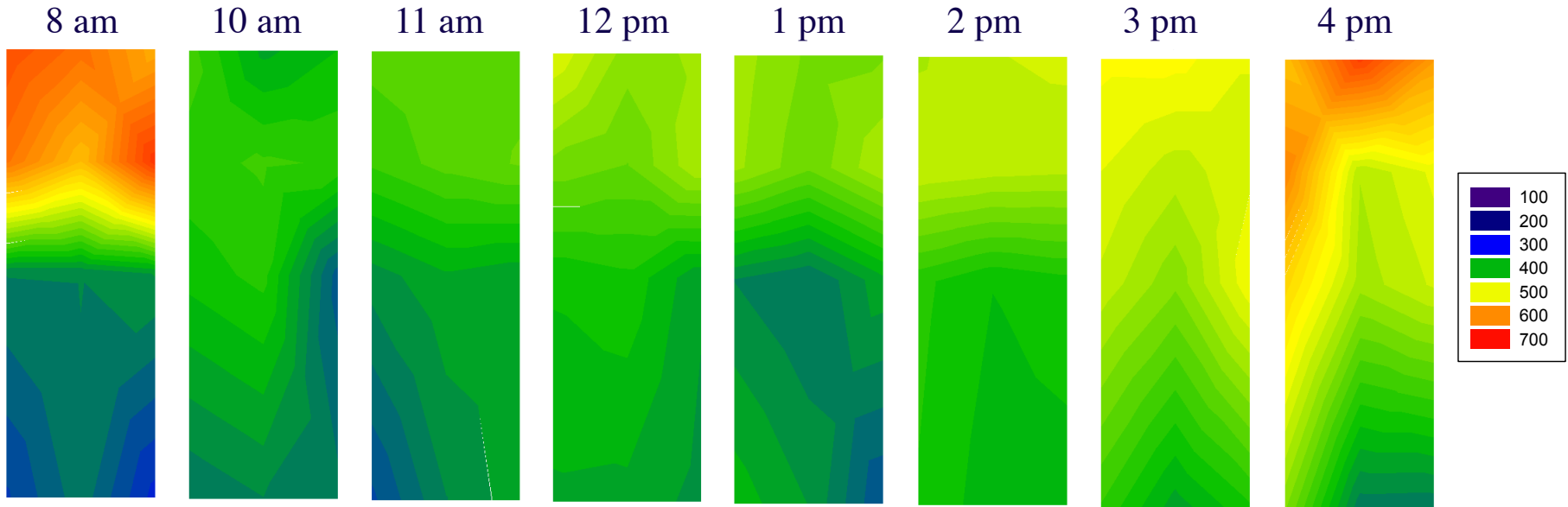


Normalized y-axis : Brix (1.0 = 25 Brix),
Free Anthocyanin (1.0 = 500 mg/L), Tannin (1.0 = 300 mg/L)

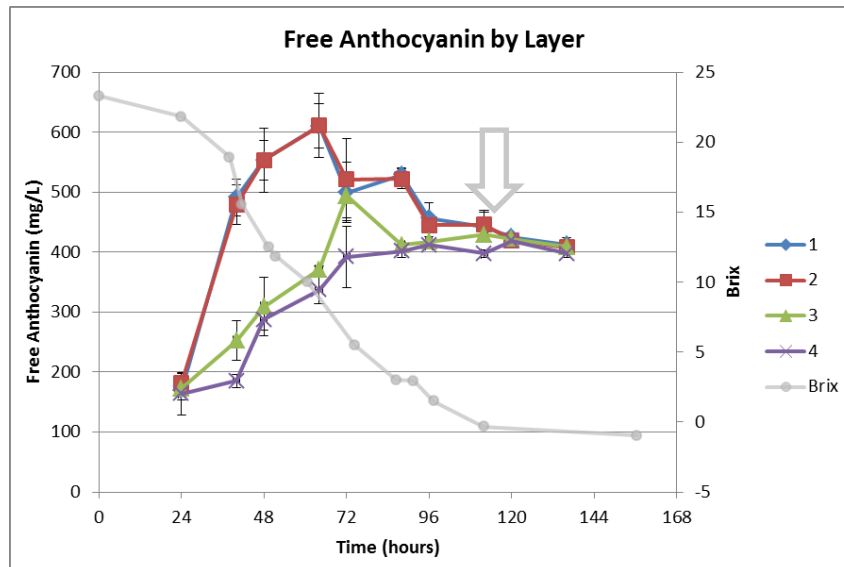
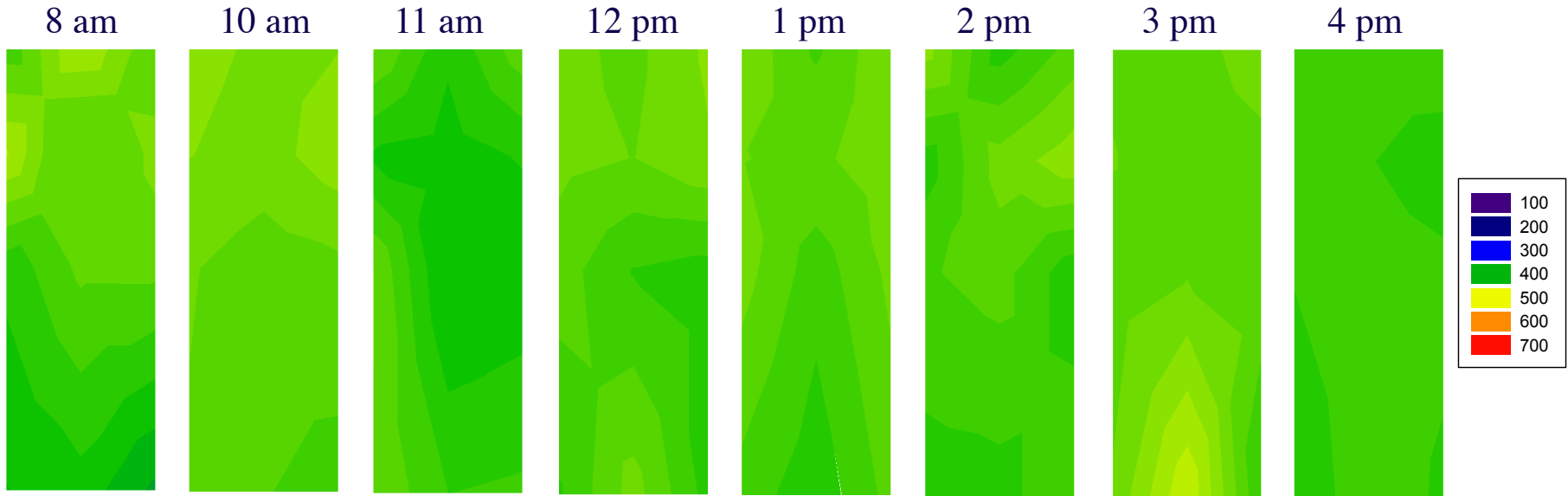
Results – Free Anthocyanin



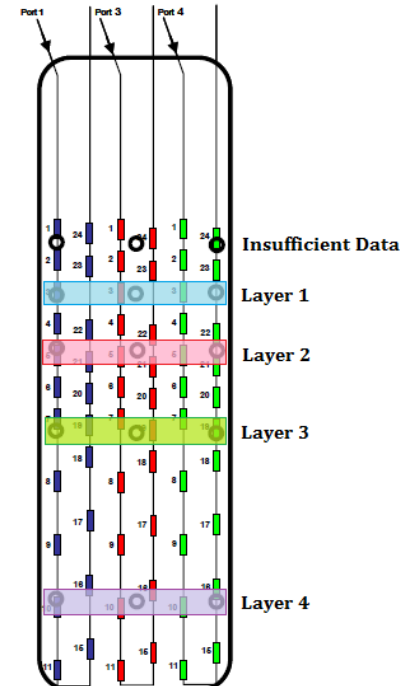
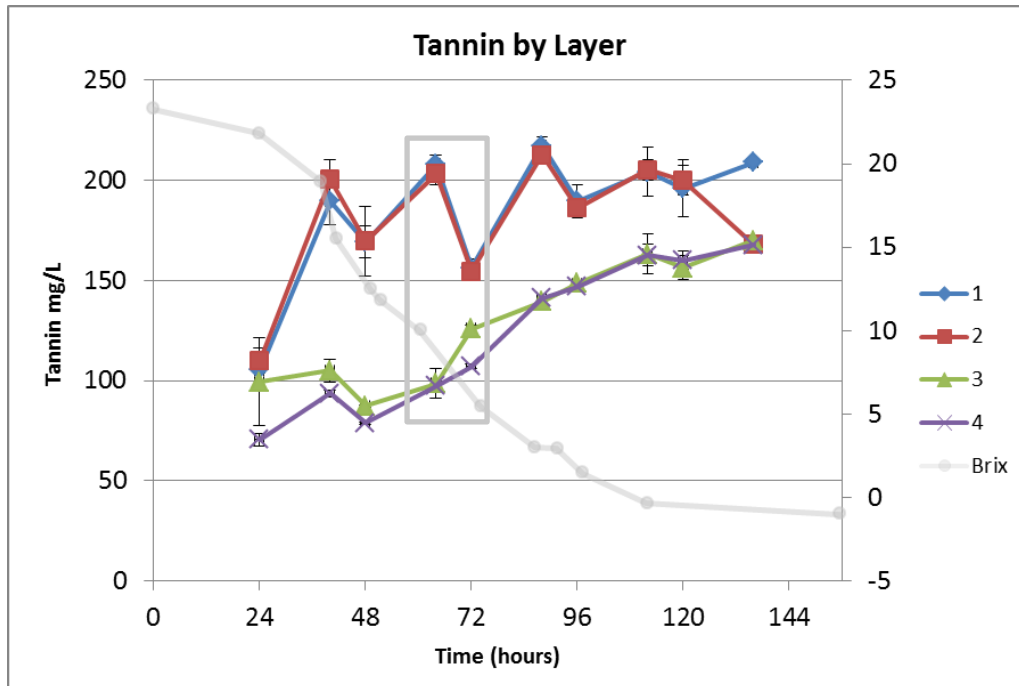
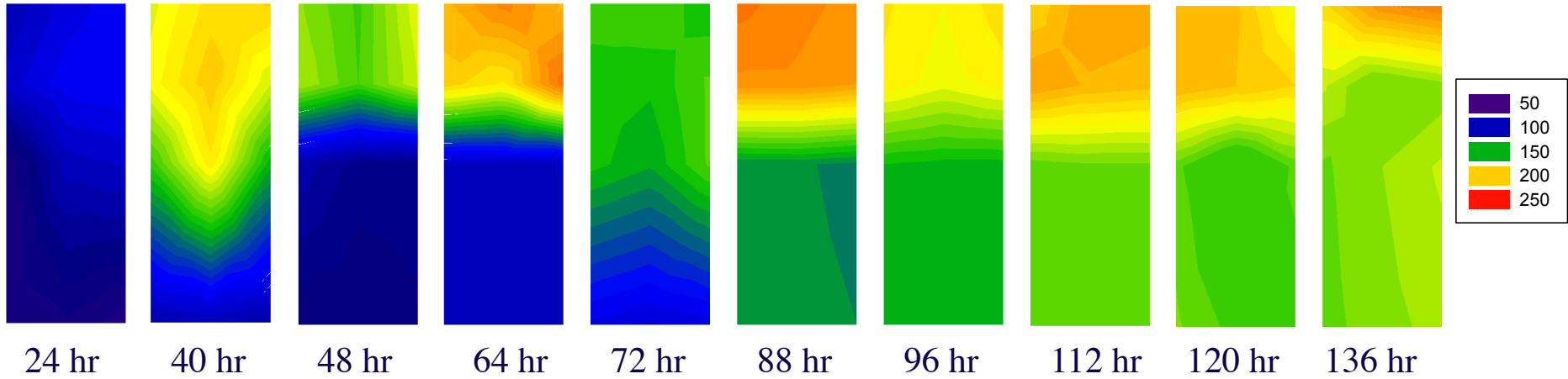
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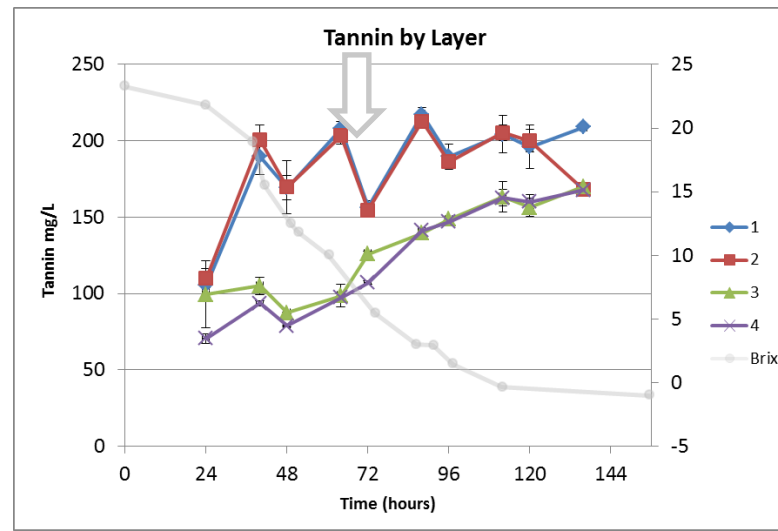
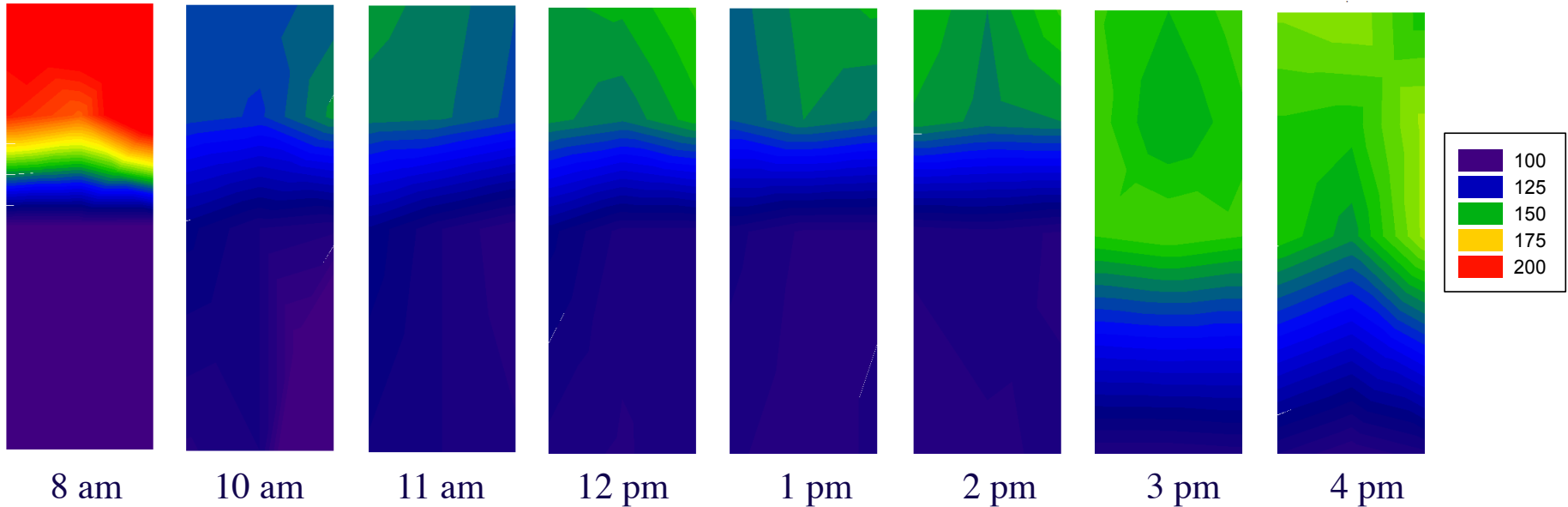
Free Anthocyanin Before and After A Pump-Over (Day 5)



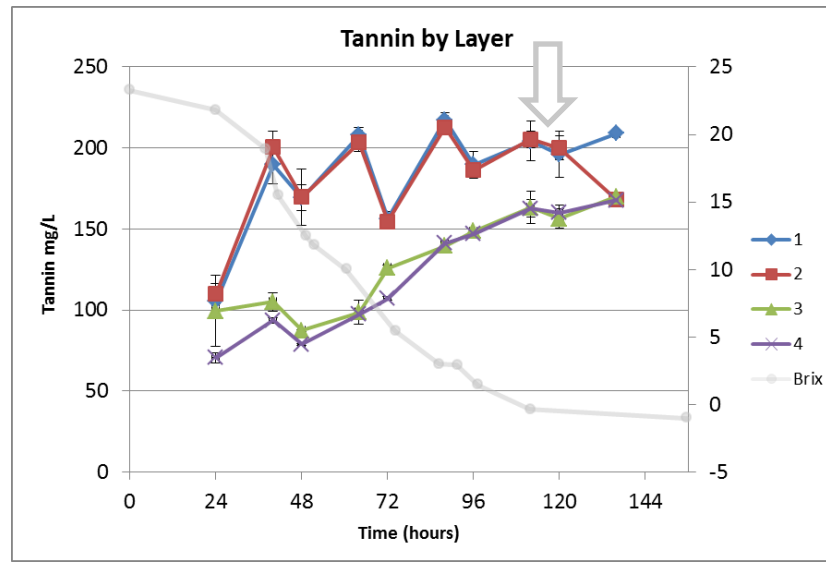
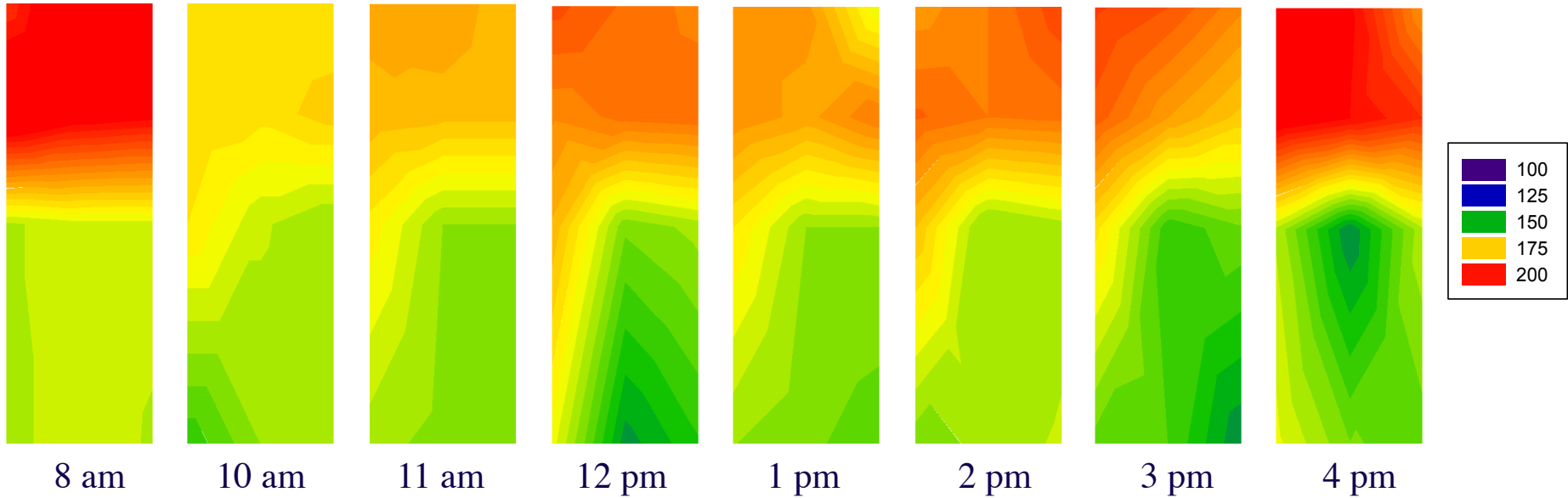
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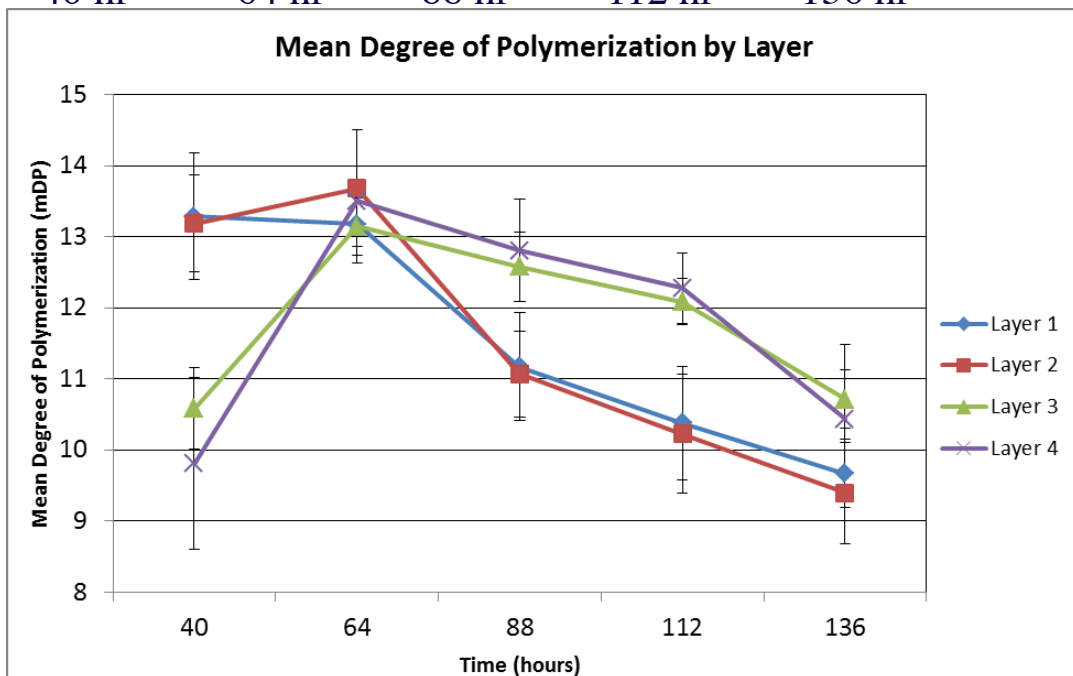
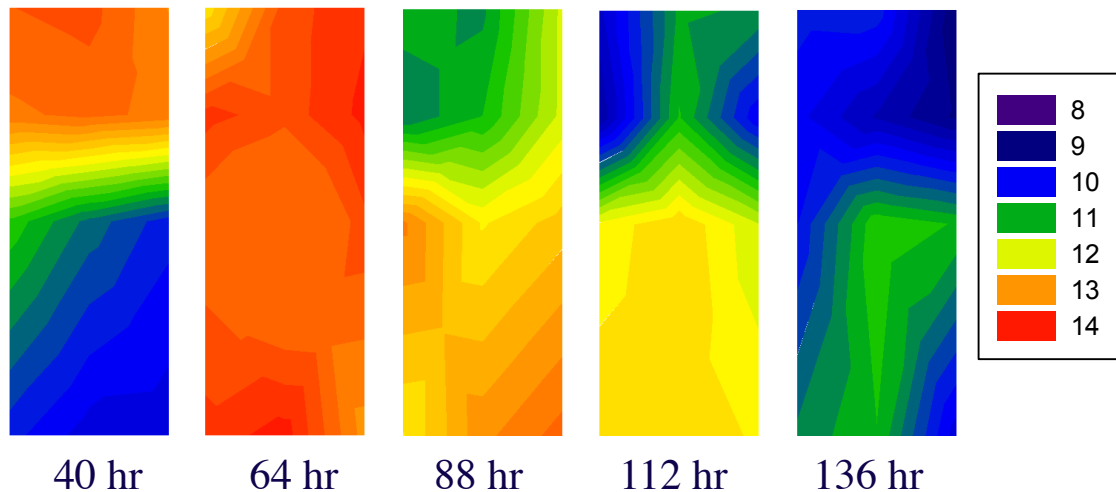
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Mean Degree of Polymerization (mDP)



2 possible explanations:

1. Skin vs. seed tannin contribution

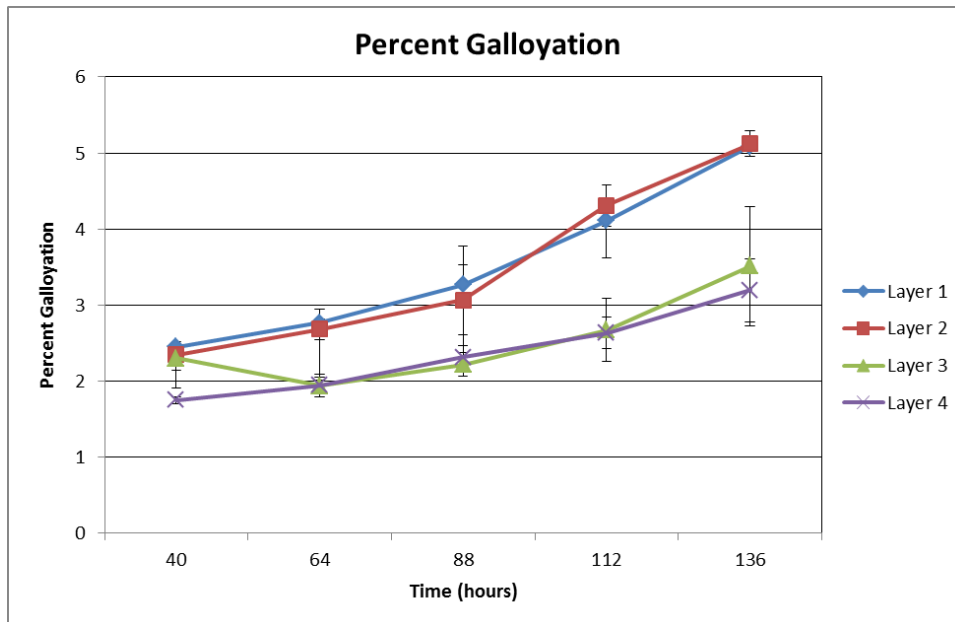
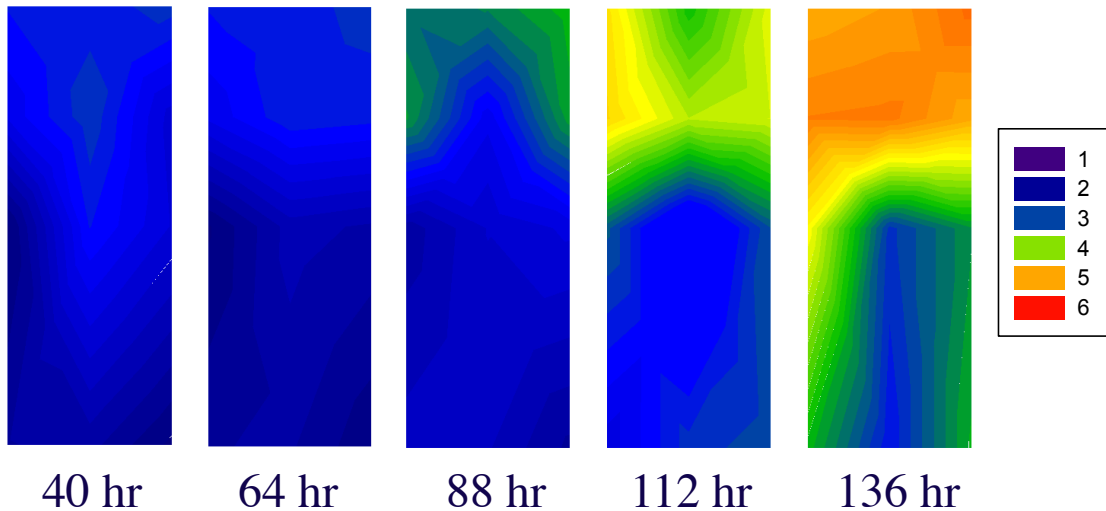
- Initially, the larger skin tannins are extracted in the cap

- Later in the fermentation, the smaller seed tannins are extracted, bringing the mDP down

2. Readsorption of larger tannins to the skin cell wall material

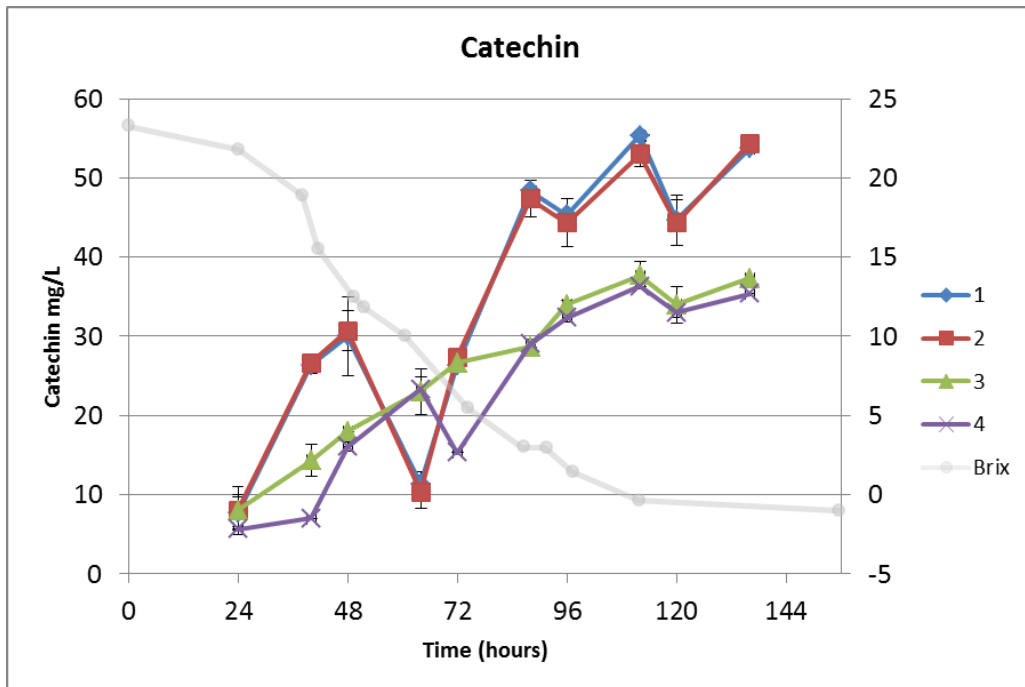
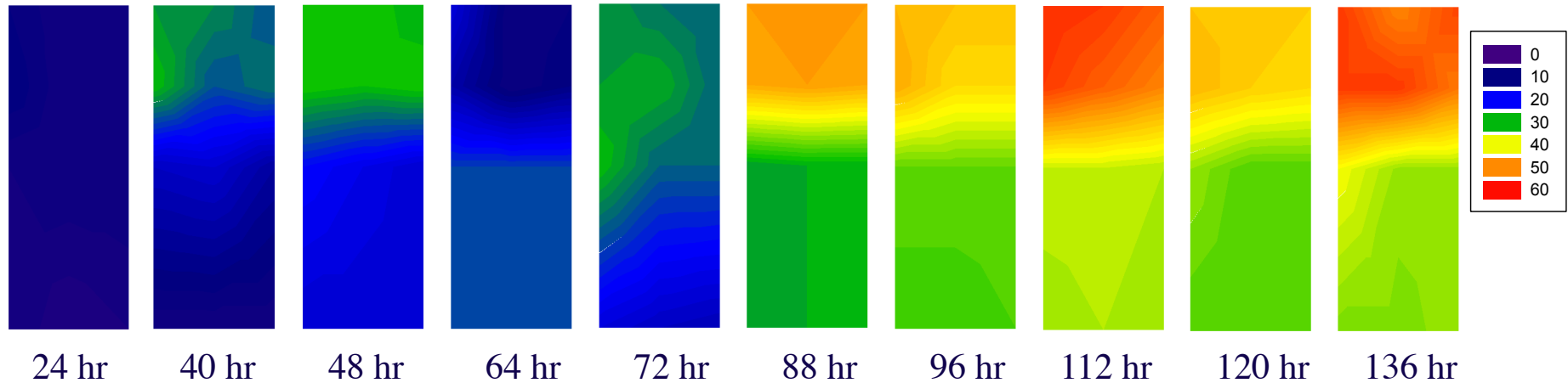
- Larger tannin molecules have more reaction sites for hydrogen bonding

Percent Galloylation



- **Percent galloylation is the percentage of ECG subunits of tannins (determined with phloroglucinolysis)**
- **% galloylation is greater in the seeds than the skins**
- **Increasing percent galloylation in the cap suggests increased extraction of tannins from the seeds**

Phenolic Results - Catechin



- **Increases from ~8 mg/L to ~55 mg/L of catechin in the cap**
- **Relatively late to extract, could be a marker for seed extraction**

Learnings from gradient studies

- **Gradients in phenolics do exist**
- **Skin extraction is early, seed extraction is late**
- **Early cap samples may indicate final tannin level—needs more work.**
- **Examining gradients in more detail may allow us to understand extraction at a more fundamental level**



Effects of Pumpover Volume and Frequency

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Fermentation treatments (2012)

Set	Treatment	Liquid Temp	Cap Temp	Cap Management Regime
A	Control (0.5)	25°C	n/a	PO 0.5 volume, 2/day
	Control (1)	25°C	n/a	PO 1 volume, 2/day
	Control (2)	25°C	n/a	PO 2 volumes, 2/day
B	1	20	20	As needed to maintain temp
	2	25	25	
	3	30	30	
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Wine production

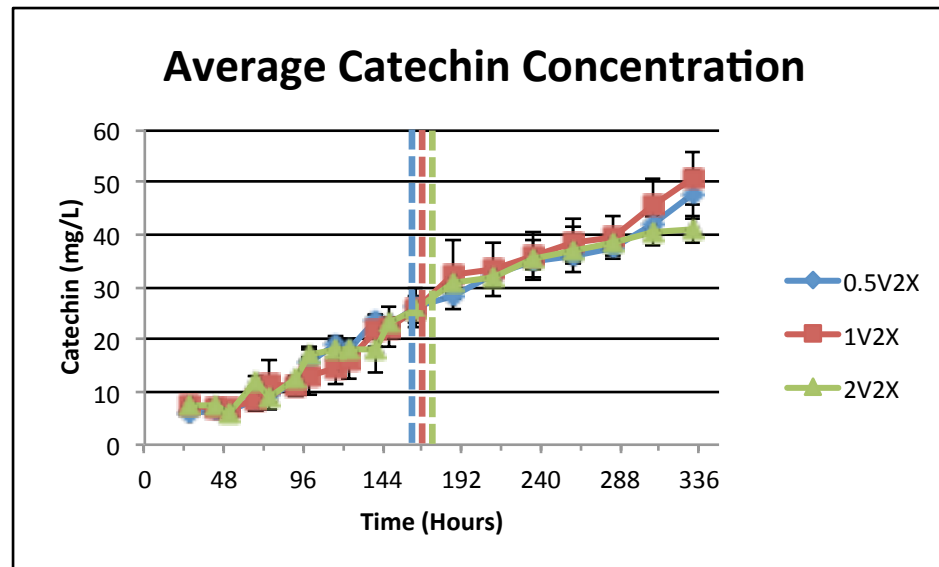
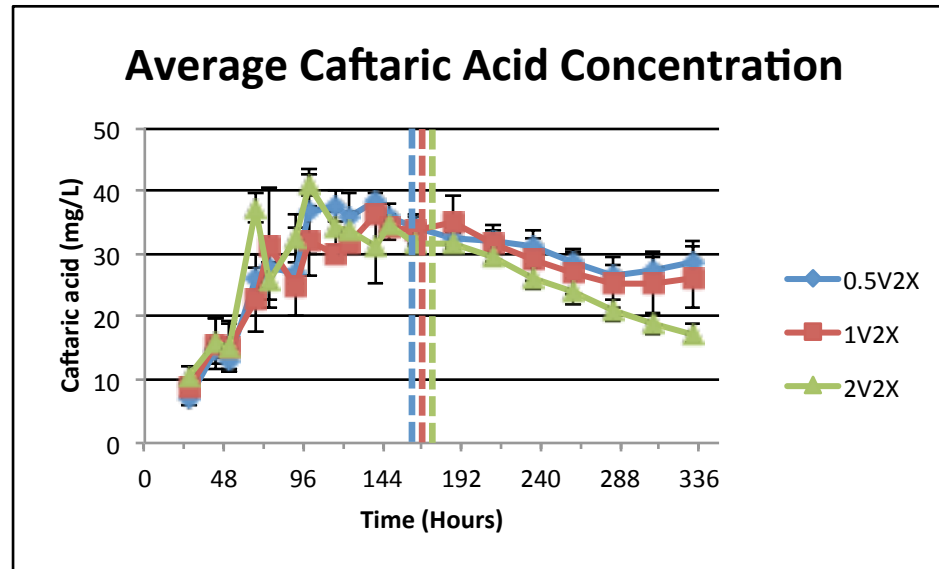
- Grapes: 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon from Lodi, CA
 - 24.3°Brix
 - pH = 3.85
 - T.A. = 3.8 g/L (adjusted to 5.97 g/L)
- YAN adjusted to 300 ppm, addition of 50 ppm SO₂
- Inoculated with *S. cerevisiae* strain Lalvin D254
- Pressed after 14 days – 7-9 days extended maceration
- Sampling: AM & PM till dry, then AM only
- Fermentations performed in triplicate using Cypress/UC Davis Research Fermentors (TJs)



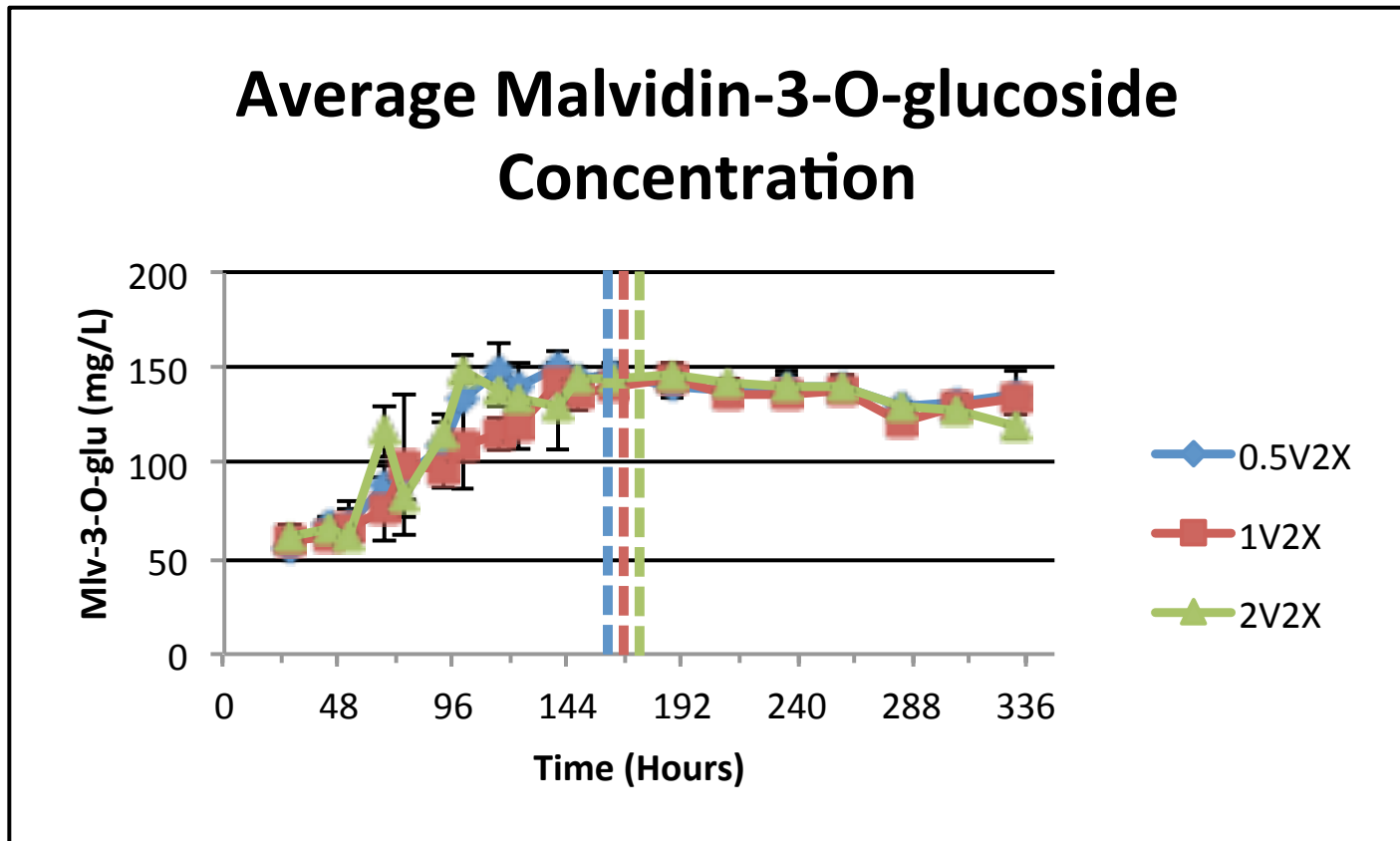
Using the TJ Fermentors



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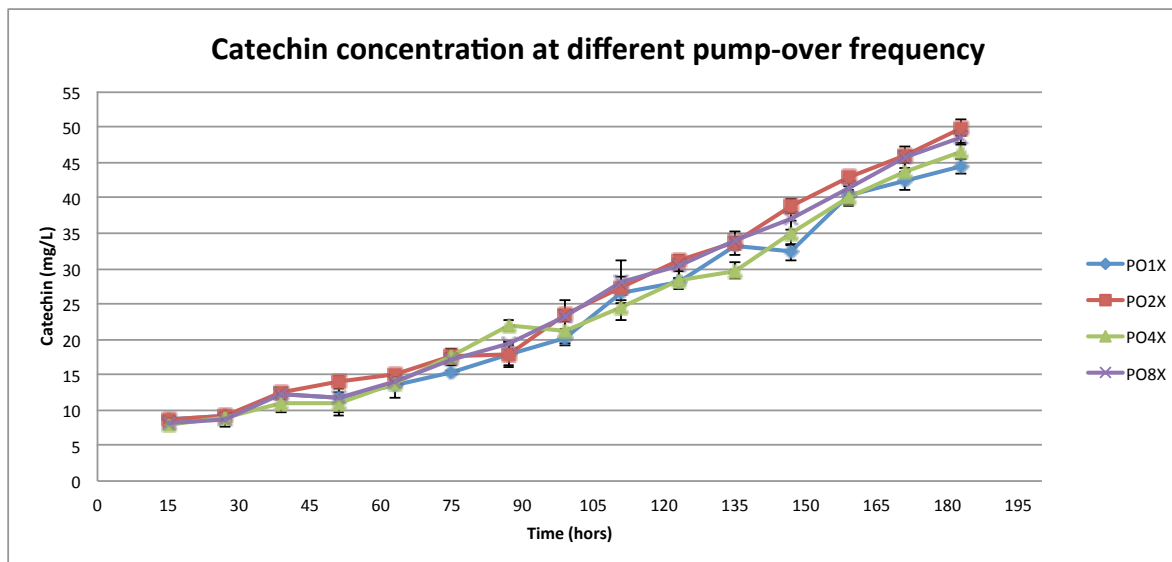
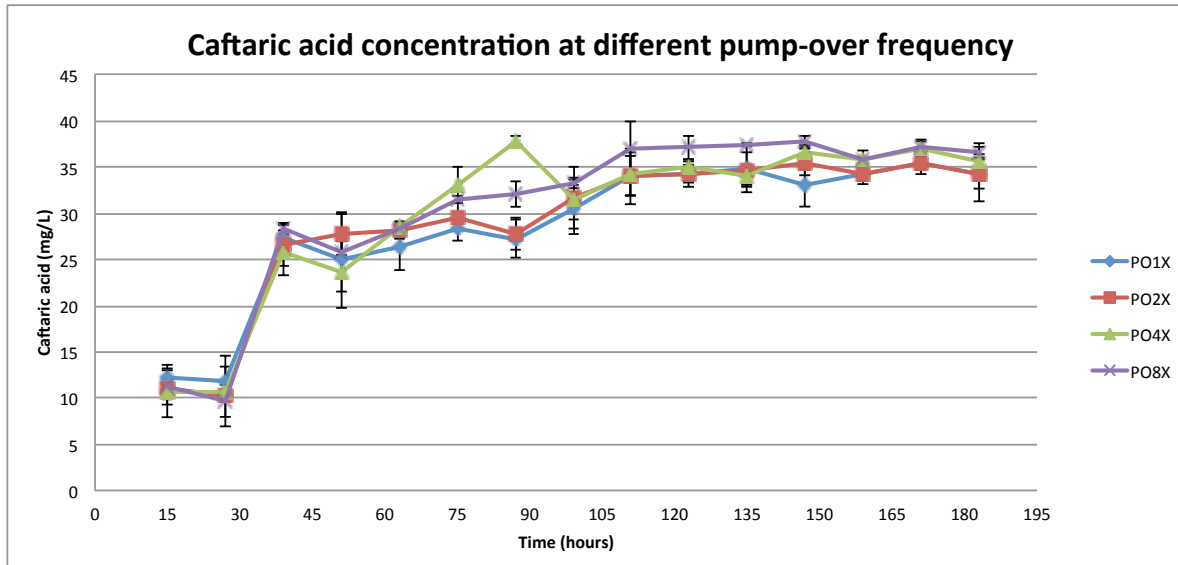


Examining pumpover frequency

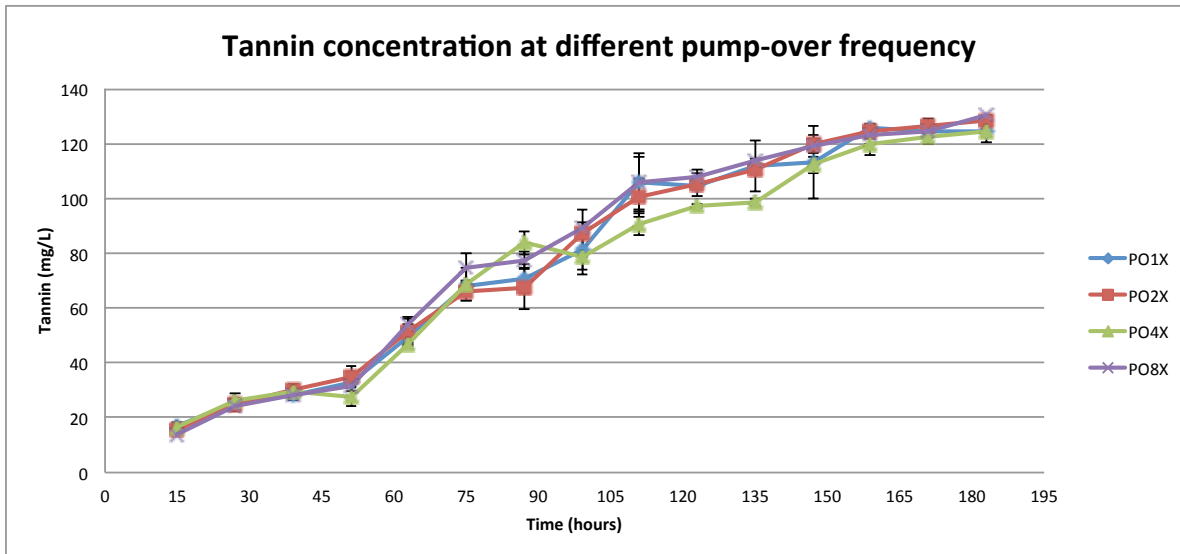
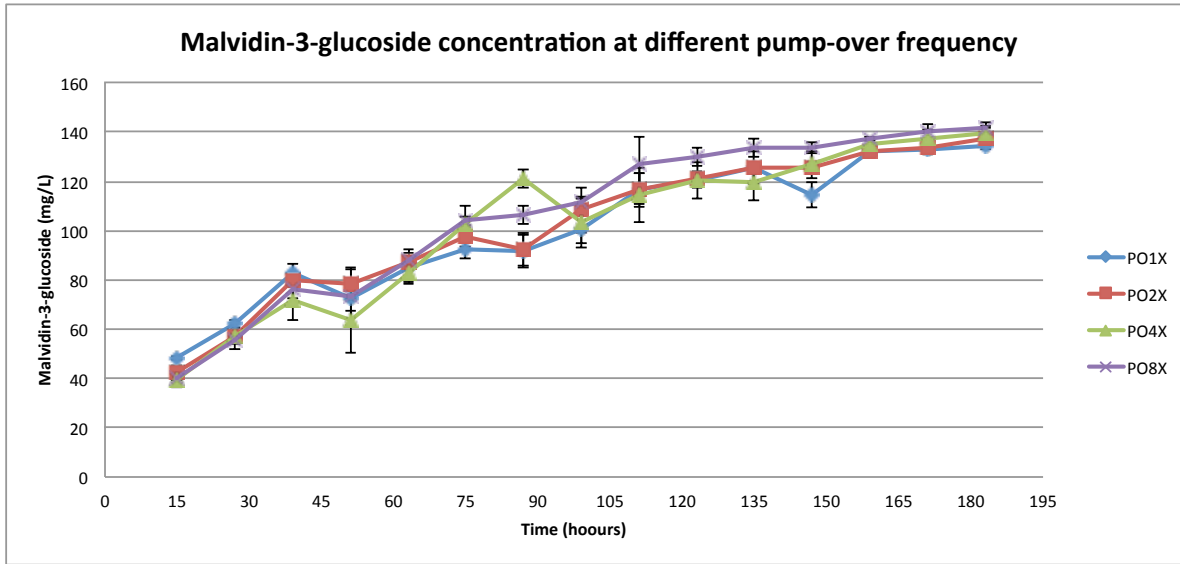
Set	Treatment	Liquid Temp	Cap Temp	Cap Management Regime
A	1	25	NC	1/2 vol 8x per day
	2	25	NC	1 vol 4x per day
	3	25	NC	2 vol 2x per day
	4	25	NC	4 vol 1x per day
B	1	1 day Cold Soak, 25	NC	2 vol 2x per day
	2	4 day Cold Soak, 25	NC	2 vol 2x per day
	3	7 day Cold Soak, 25	NC	2 vol 2x per day
	4	10 day Cold Soak, 25	NC	2 vol 2x per day

For 2013, pressed all batches at 8 days.

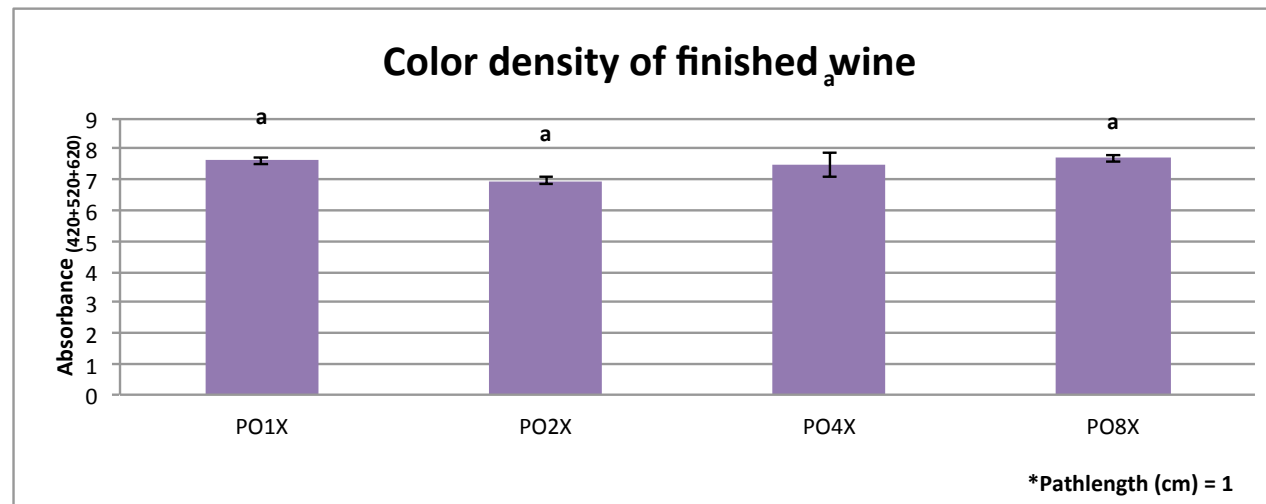
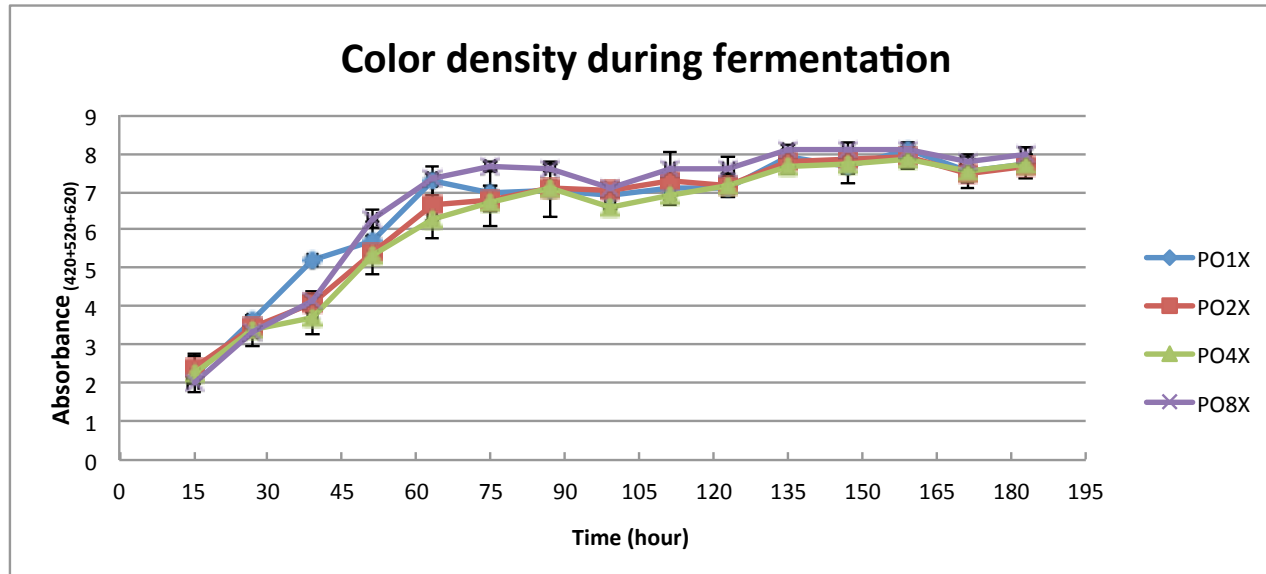
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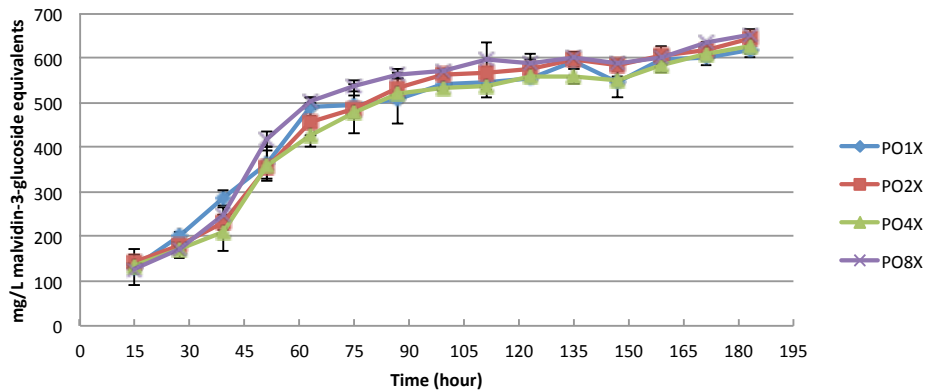


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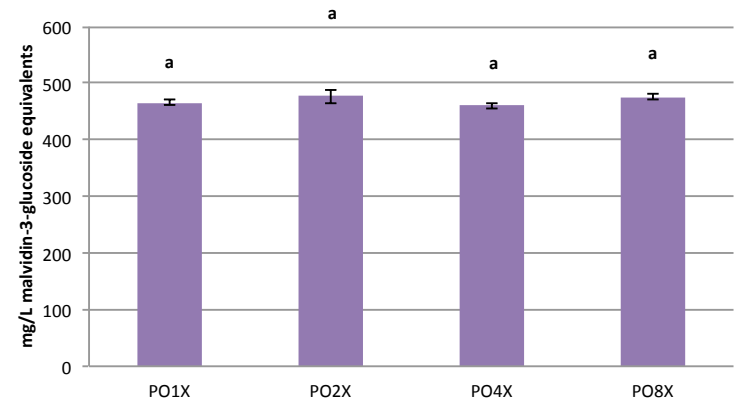


No effect on anthocyanin or tannin extraction

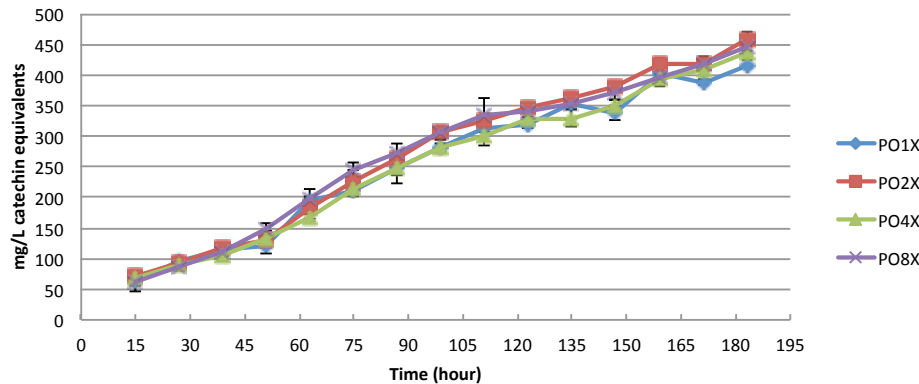
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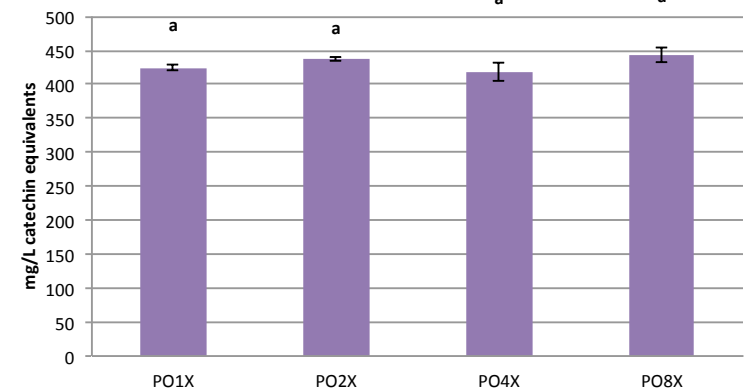
Anthocyanins of finished wine



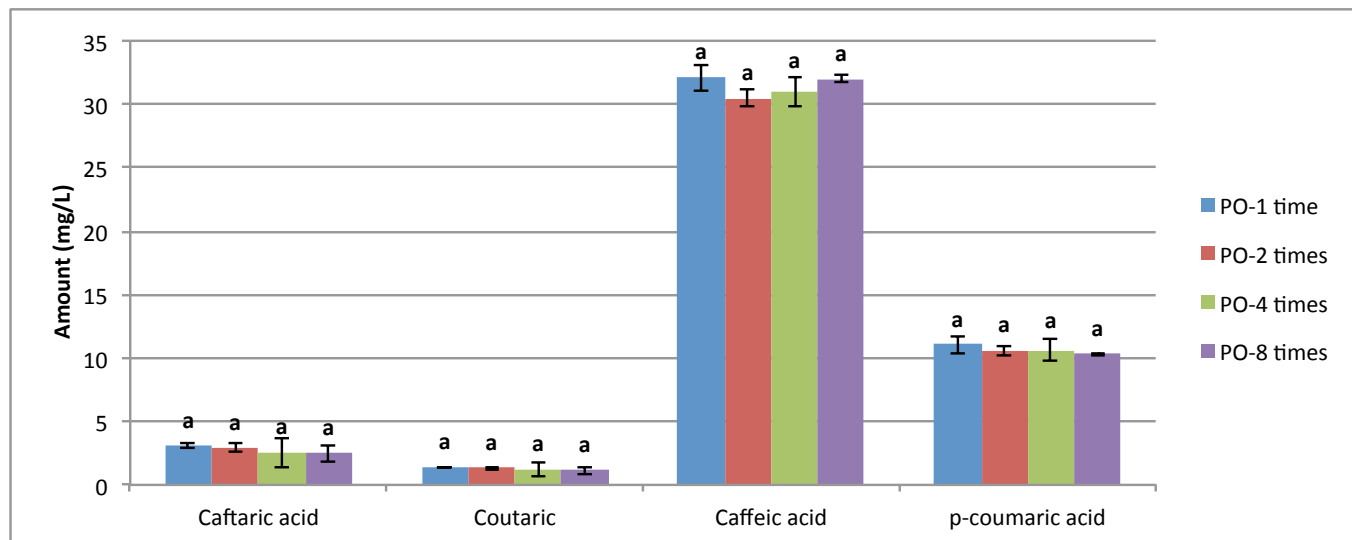
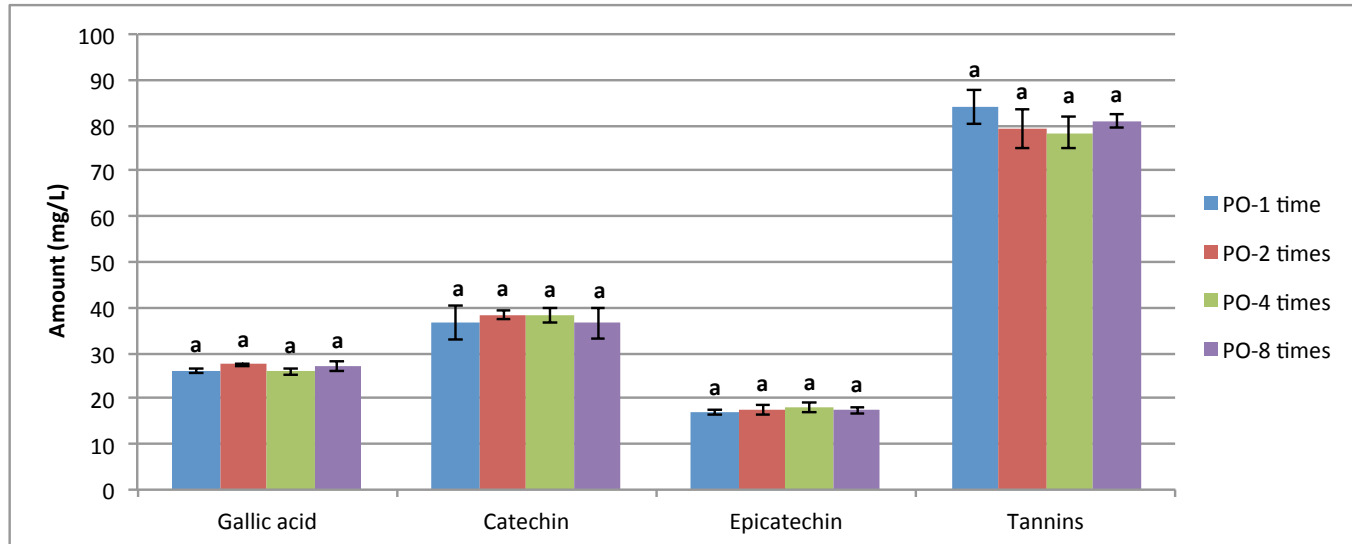
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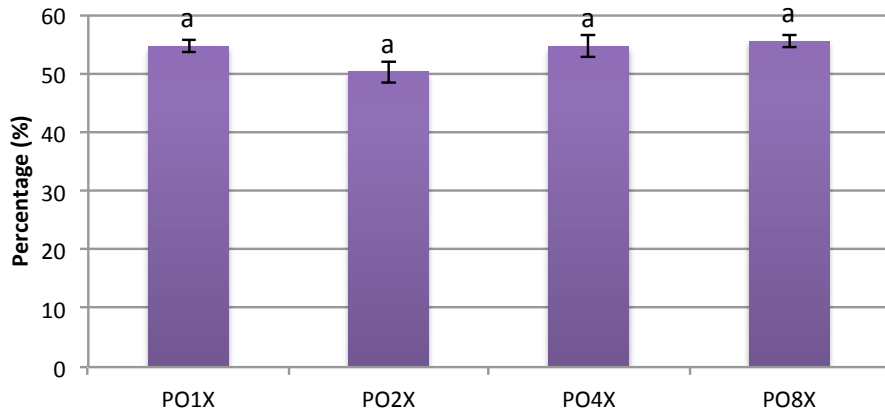


No effect on phenolic profile of finished wine

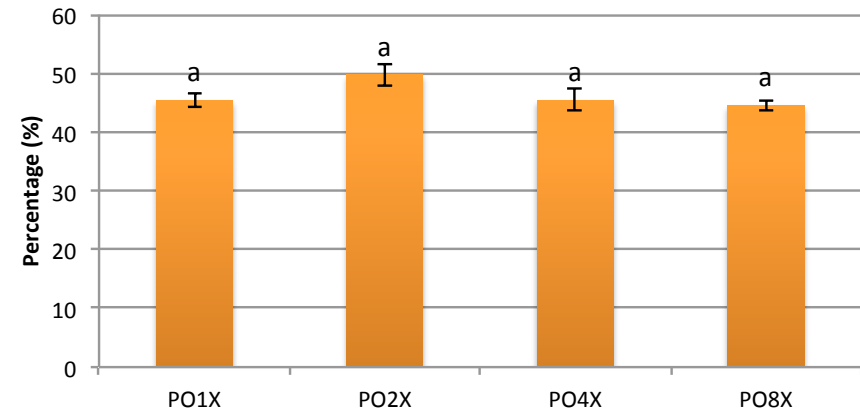


No effect on origin of tannins

% Extracted from skins



% Extracted from seeds



Learnings from pumpover studies

- **Pumpover volume does not make a difference in phenolic extraction (for volumes tested)**
- **Pumpover frequency does not make a difference in phenolic extraction**

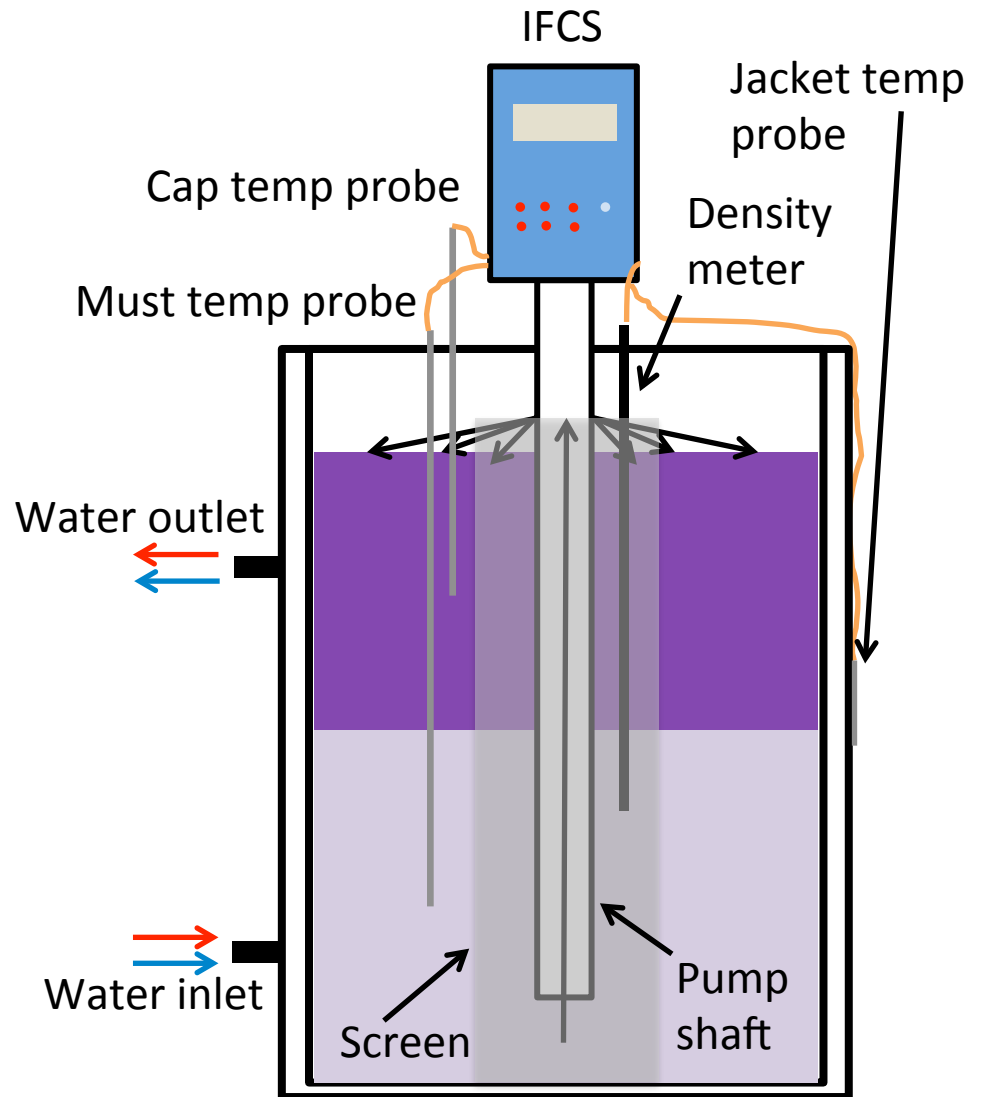
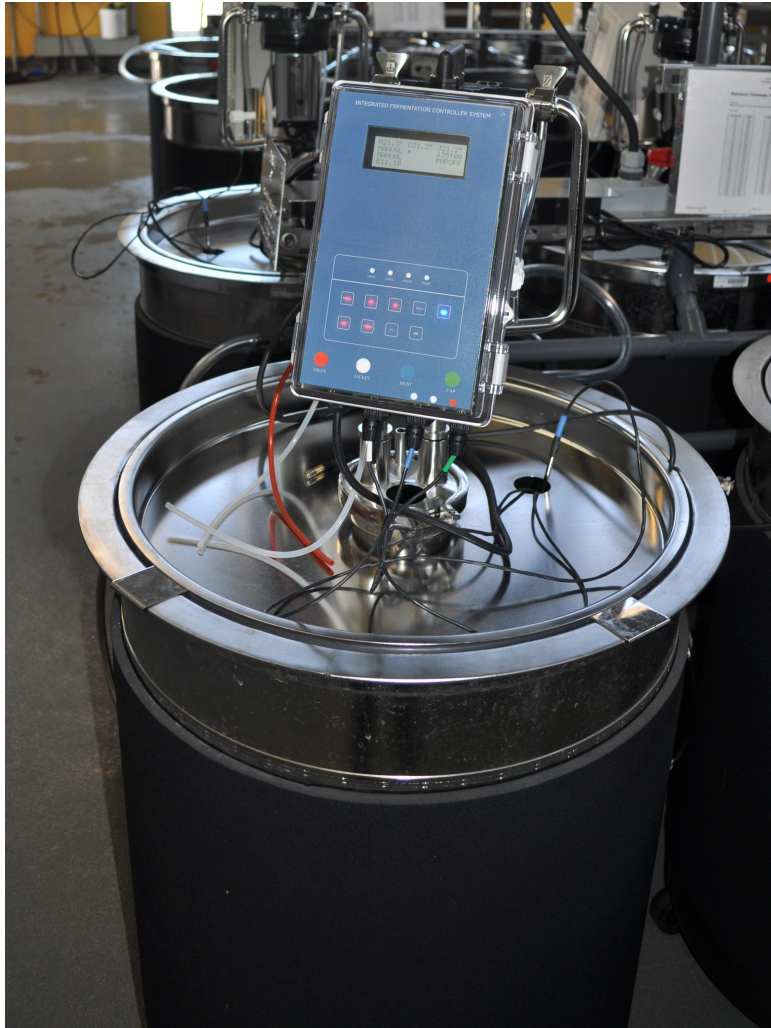


Effects of Cap and Must Temperature on Phenolic Extraction

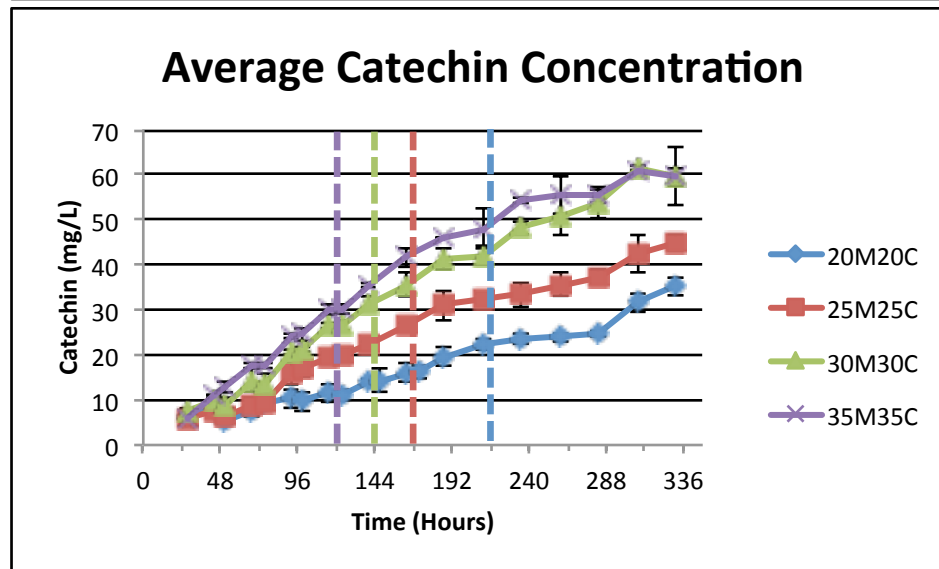
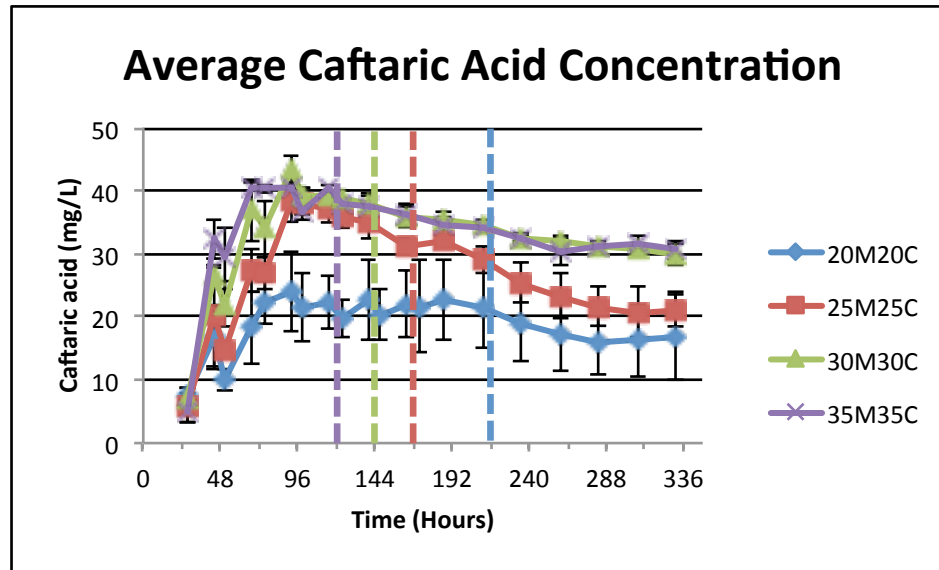
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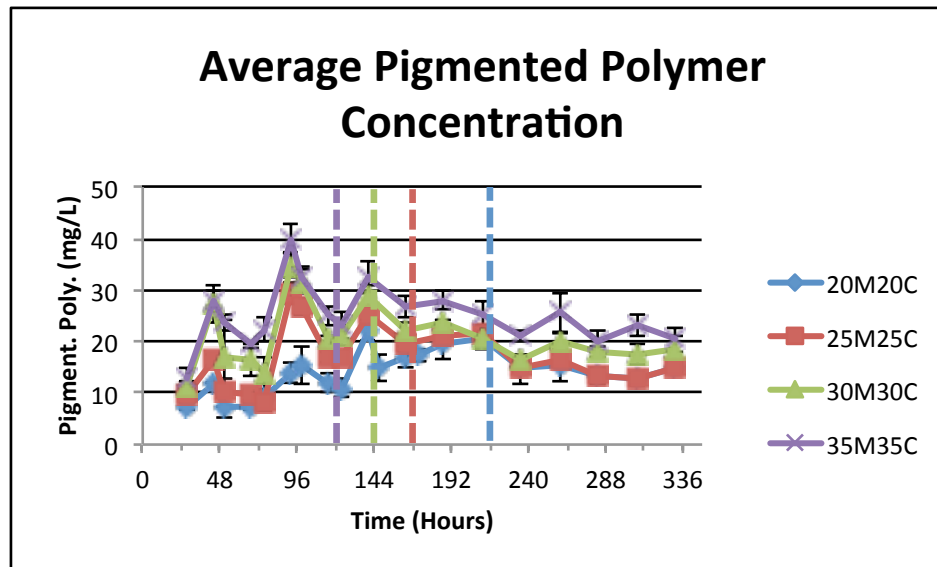
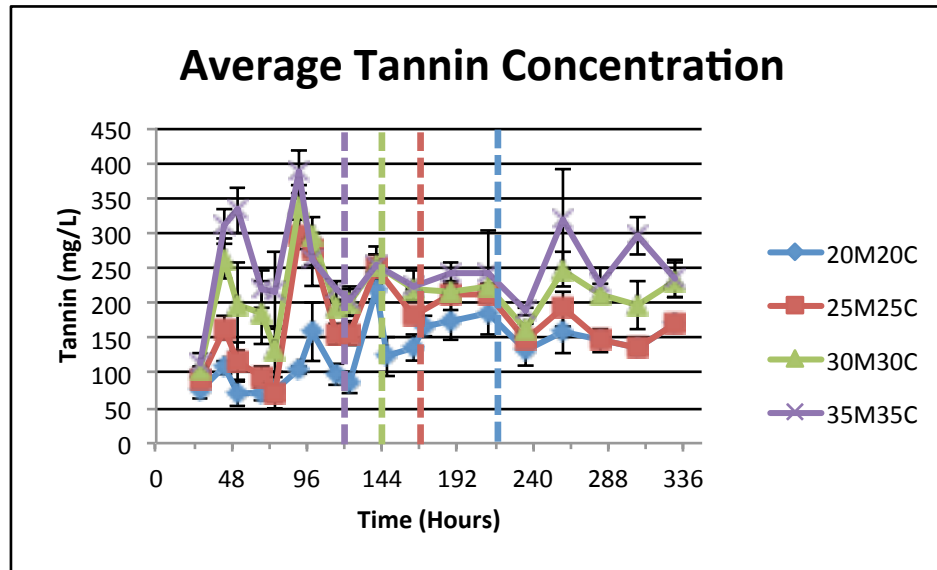
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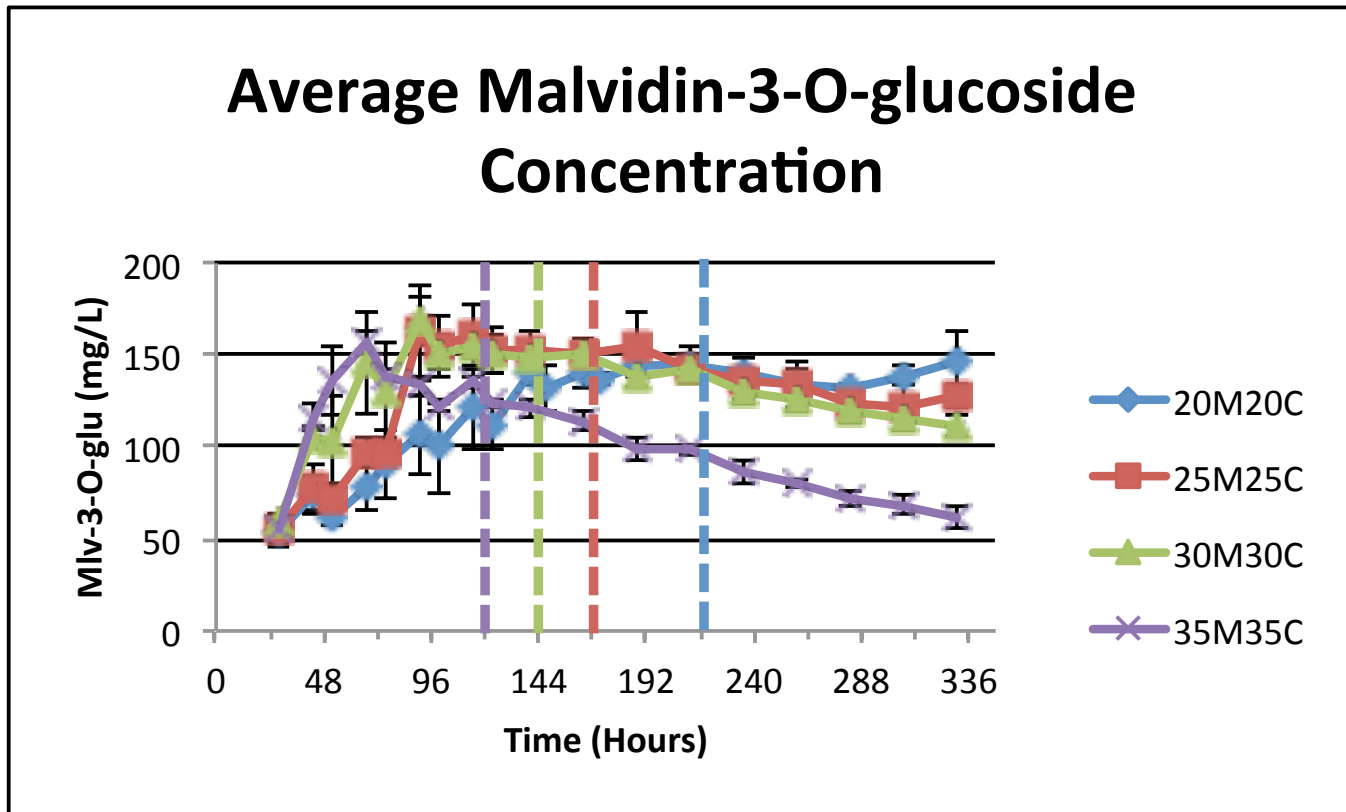
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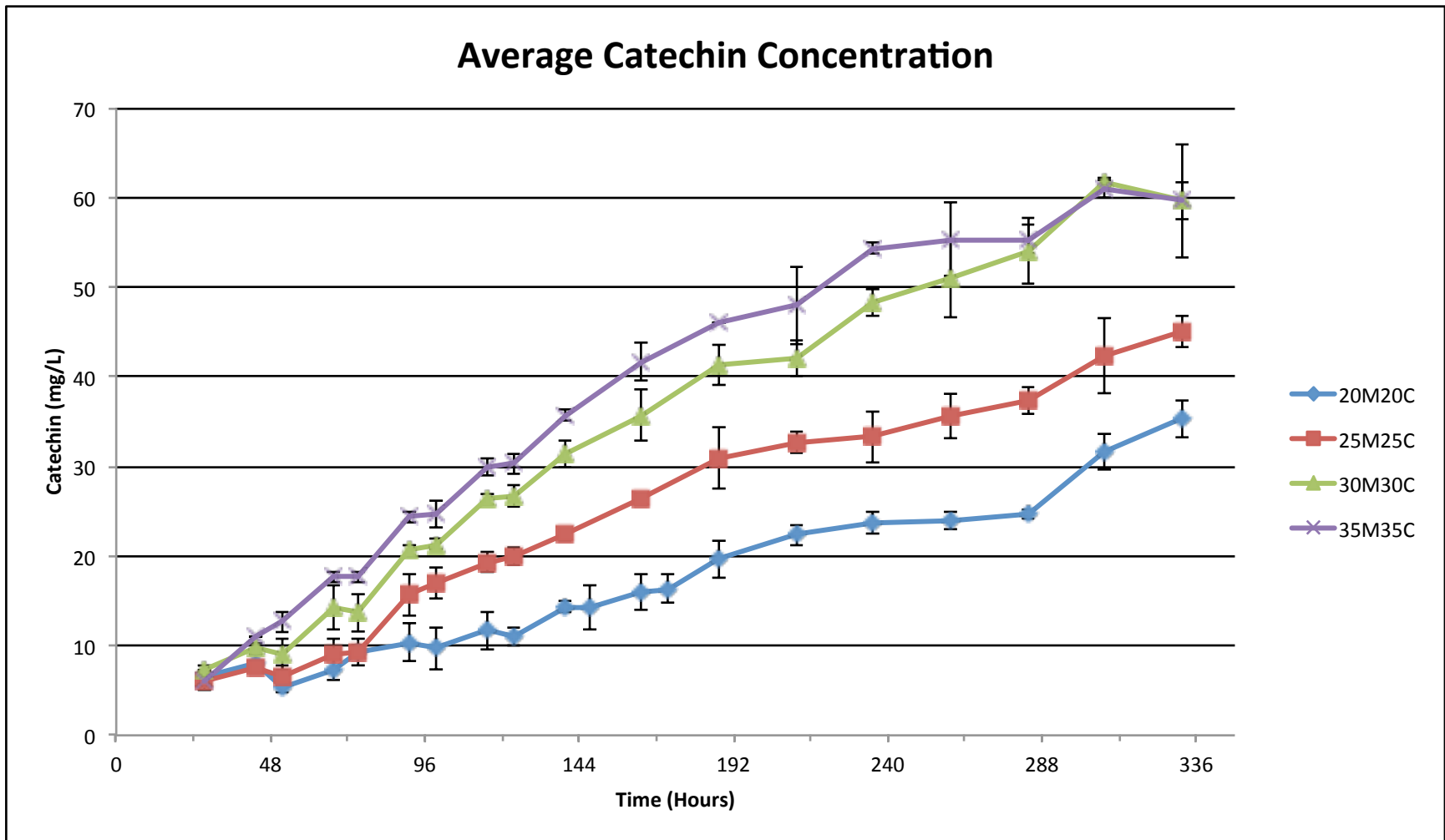
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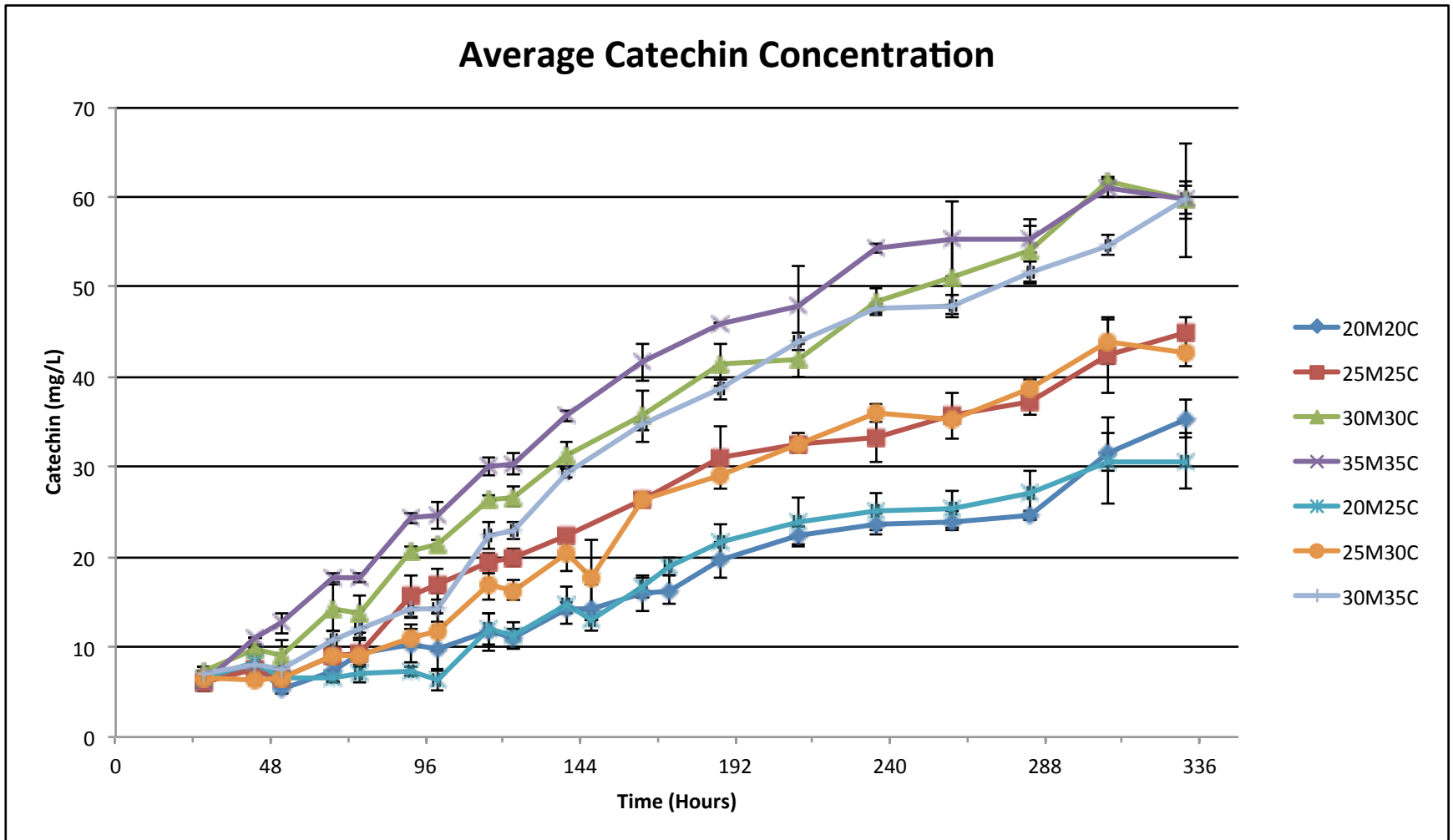
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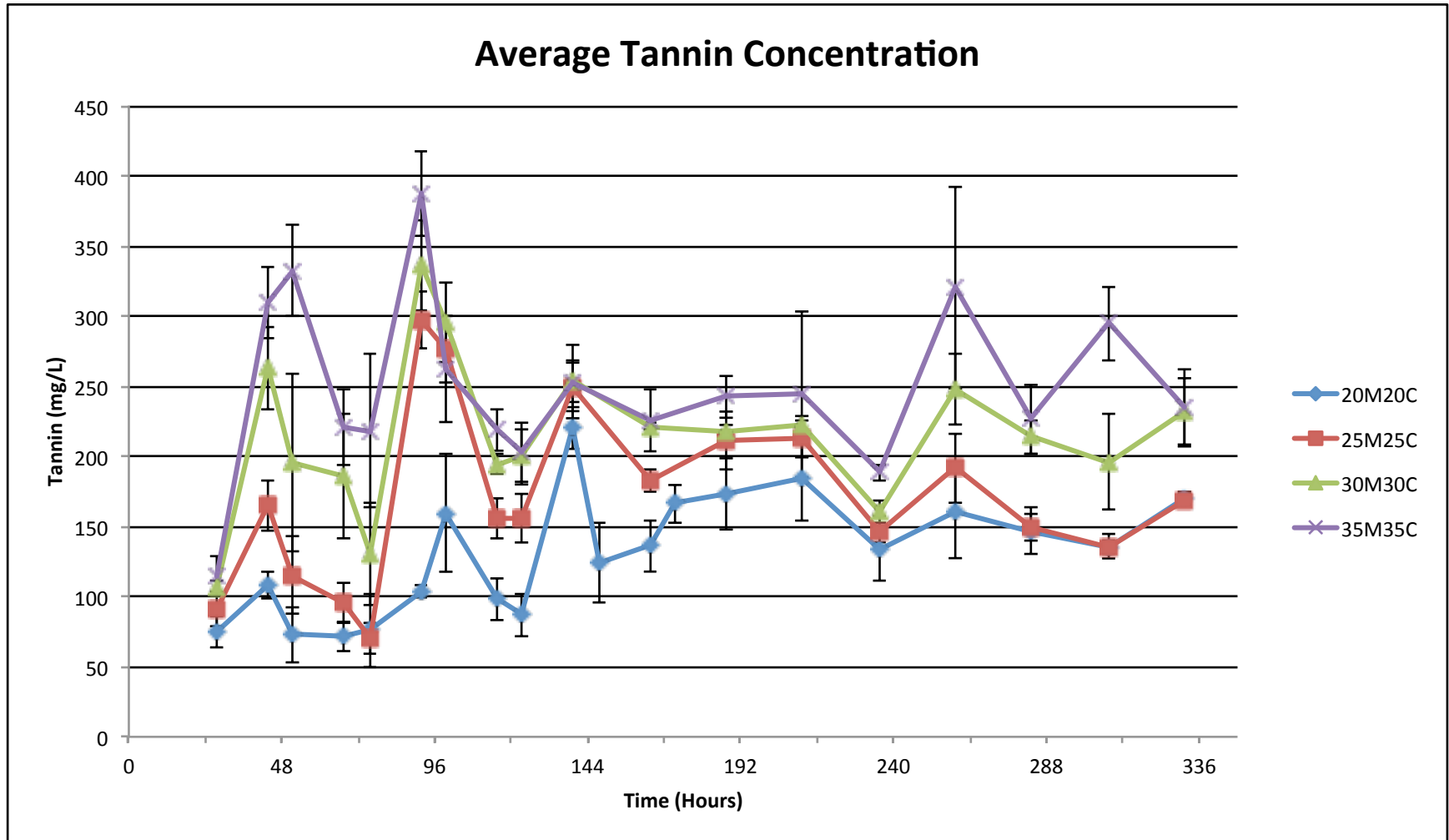
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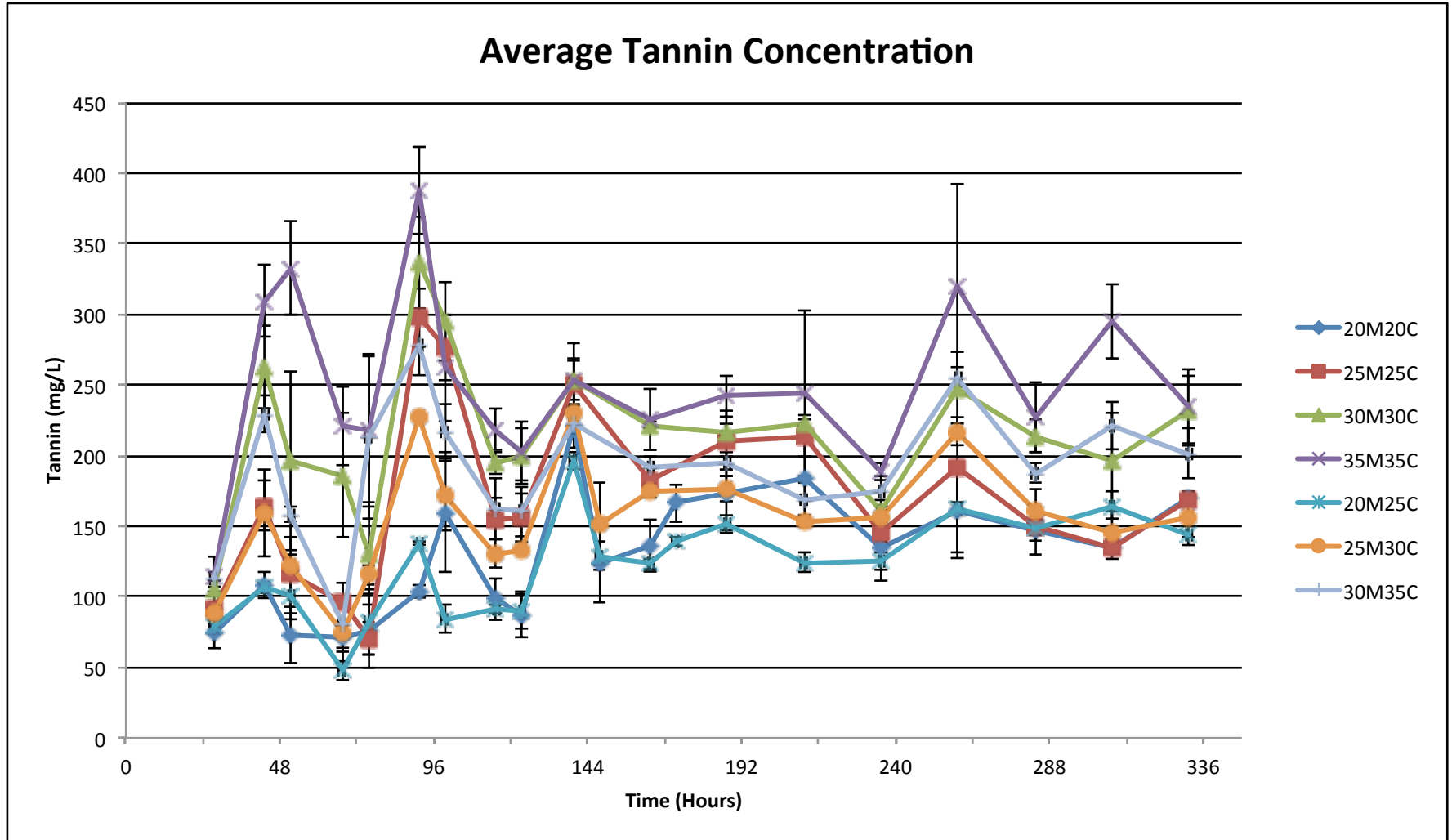
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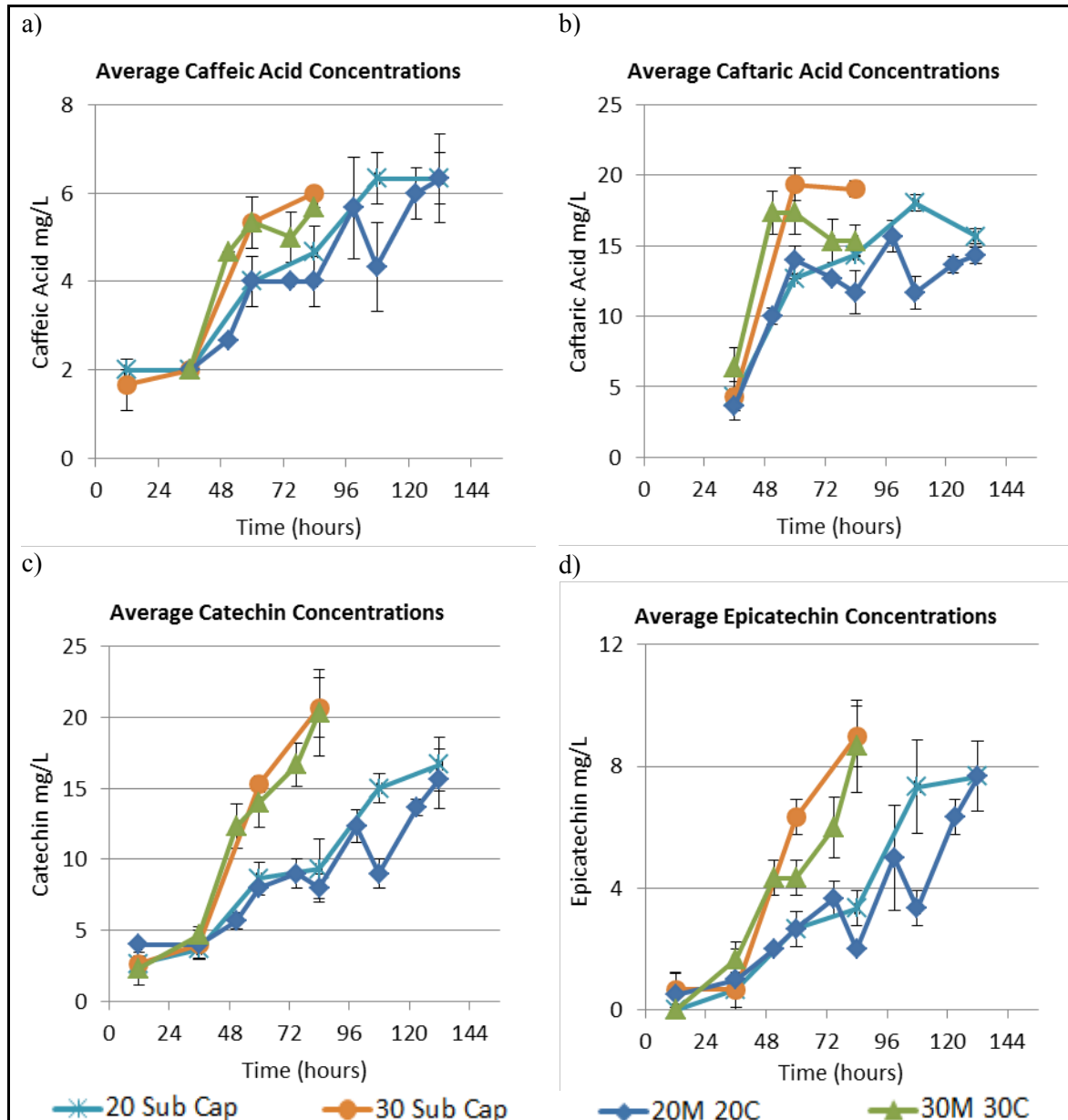


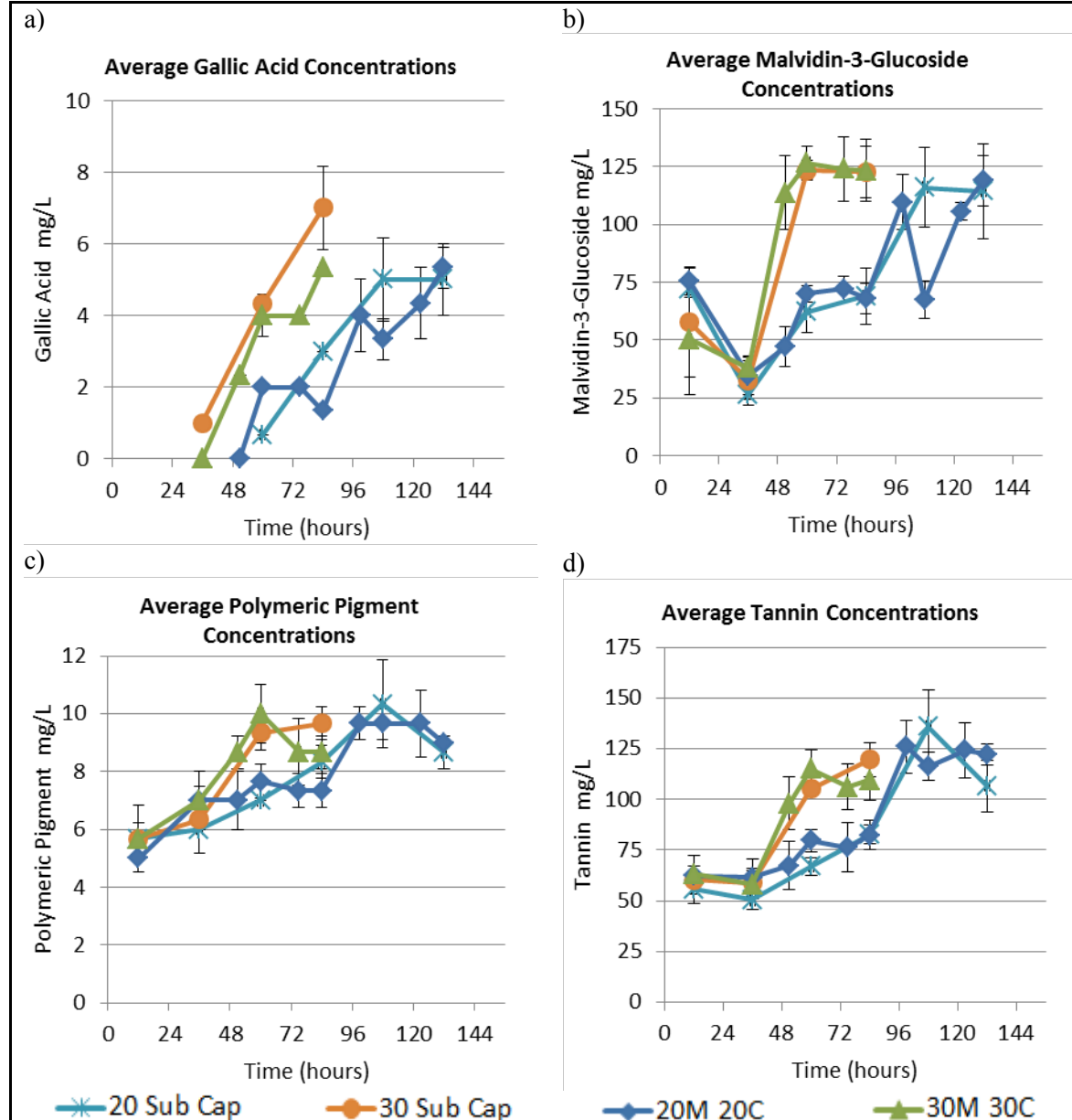
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Learnings from cap and liquid temperature studies

- **Temperature affects how rapidly skins are extracted (not necessarily how much is extracted)**
- **Temperature definitely affects seed extraction**
- **Liquid temperature seems to be more important than cap temperature for extraction**

Summary

- **Chemical gradients were observed for a number of important compounds**
- **Extraction of compounds located in the skin appears to occur early in fermentation**
 - **Could early cap tannin be a marker for final tannin levels?**
- **Extraction of compounds located in the seeds appears to occur later in the fermentation and is more temperature dependent**
- **Liquid temperature seems to have more effect than pumpover volume on extraction**

Understanding the mechanism of extraction will allow better manipulation of phenolic profiles

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