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FOREWORD

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particularly flavour compounds, represent an invaluable noninvasive metric to follow the multi-faceted journey of food, from the farm to the fork and beyond, such as relating to the human microbiome after consumption or in addressing reduction strategies for food waste. VOCs thereby serve as a direct and swift means of measurement and notably act as a main driver of the perceived quality of food.

Mass spectrometry (MS) is an established yet increasingly pivotal tool in food and beverage characterization with a broad range of applications. When coupled with gas chromatography (GC), it stands as the predominant analytical method for exploring many aspects of food, from safety to traceability and nutritional aspects, and equally facilitates control measures in quality and process monitoring.

Recent remarkable advancements in both technology and methodology have paved the way for highly sensitive, specific, rapid, robust, and validated MS-based techniques that have become indispensable in food science and technology research and application. A subgroup of these technologies has been devised over the past two decades in the form of analytical approaches that enable the analysis of VOCs through direct injection. These methods have gained attention for their rapid, highly sensitive and high-throughput analytical capabilities.

A leading technology in this area is proton transfer reaction-mass spectrometry (PTR-MS), which has driven many innovative applications for direct flavour/food analysis. Commencing 2003, the University of Innsbruck, Austria, has organized a biennial event dedicated specifically to PTR-MS and its applications, including a focused session on food science and technology.

The **1st International Symposium on Direct Injection Food Flavour Analytics (DIFFA23)** was conceived with the backdrop of the PTR-MS conference but with a different aim, namely to embrace a broader community beyond PTR-MS uses, encompassing similar direct injection mass spectrometry (DIMS) technologies, such as atmospheric pressure chemical ionization-mass spectrometry (APCI-MS) and selected ion flow tube-mass spectrometry (SIFT-MS), with a primary emphasis on flavor compounds. It was also not exclusive to MS-based analytical techniques, but welcomed the inclusion of complementary non-MS approaches, such as solid-state sensors, fast gas chromatographic direct approaches and ion mobility spectrometry (IMS), amongst others, to ensure a wider reach and broader engagement. The meeting was established to foster scientific discussions of common interest and facilitate scientific collaborations. This book of abstract highlights the details of the event and contains the contribution summaries of both the oral and poster presentations.

The conference featured one plenary and four keynote lectures delivered by distinguished guests, as well as numerous invited and contributed talks and 25 poster presentations, with 97 attendees from different EU states, the USA, the UK, Israel and New Zealand. The event provided valuable insights into direct injection food/flavour analytics, with reviews from pioneering scientists who played key roles in developing and advancing DIMS methods in its early days, such as Andy Taylor, Patrik Španěl and Jean-Luc Le-Quéré, showcasing both historical developments and recent advancements in analytical performance and novel applications. Topics discussed included nose-space analysis of composite foods, rapid and high-throughput phenotyping, fermentation monitoring, both as an

innovative technological tool and for investigating the human microbiota, advanced data analysis and data mining tools. These are just a few examples of the themes explored during the conference.

Numerous partners contributed to the success of the event: the sponsors, whose engaging presentations and financial support sustained the quality of the meeting and ensured that the conference fees were kept to a minimum, as well as various supporting institutions and patronages. Special thanks go to the Fondazione Edmund Mach (FEM) for its scientific contributions and for hosting the conference at the Research and Innovation Centre, as well as the Division of Mass Spectrometry of the Italian Chemistry Society (DSM-SCI) for their organizational support and creation and hosting of the conference website. The invaluable support from these companies and institutions are further acknowledged through inclusion of their logos on the back cover of this book.

The conference started a fruitful exchange of results, ideas and issues amongst scientists working with direct tools to monitor VOCs in food science and technology, with broad attendance from sensory and applications scientists from academia and industry.

We would like to thank all those who, through their participation and support, made this event possible, which exceeded our most ambitious expectations.

Thank you all, and we look forward to seeing you at the next edition.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee

Franco Biasioli, Jonathan Beauchamp, Pat Silcock

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

20th September 2023

12.30-14.00 Registration and welcome buffet

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Chairs: Pat Silcock & Nina Cleve

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Chairs: Graham Eyres & Iuliia Khomenko

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P.13 PTR-ToF-MS VOC's profiling and monitoring of Red Delicious and Granny Smith apples

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Summary: In the present study the potential of Proton Transfer Reaction - Time of Flight - Mass Spectrometry (PTR-ToF-MS) for rapid monitoring of Red Delicious and Granny Smith VOC's profiling along a ripening period after harvest was studied. The differences between cultivars and changes during ripening were observed.

Keywords: PTR-ToF-MS, apple volatiles, ripening

1 Introduction

Maturity is one of the critical factors influencing composition and abundance of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in fruit [1] [2]. In order to increase flavor and volatile content, fruit should be harvested at optimal eating quality. However, for maintaining optimal quality levels and minimizing physical damage and disorder, fruits are often harvested at unripe stage, just at the onset of the climacteric rise [3]. Immature apples produce less volatiles at harvest and lose their ability to produce volatiles more quickly during storage than ripe apples [4]. In the present study the potential of Proton Transfer Reaction – Time of Flight - Mass Spectrometry (PTR-ToF-MS) for rapid monitoring the same sample of Red Delicious and Granny Smith VOCs profiling non-destructively along a ripening period after harvest was studied.

2 Experimental

Four apples of each variety has been collected at three different maturity stages: optimal harvest date (OHD) – 2 weeks, OHD, OHD + 2 weeks and stored at room temperature (20°C) along a total shelf life period of 7 weeks. Every week each apple was non destructively measured by direct injecting the head space of whole apple for 1 minute in a PTR-ToF-MS instrument (Iconon Analytik GmbH, Innsbruck, Austria), Licor CO₂ analyzer (model LI-7500; LICOR, INC) and DA-Meter (Model FRM01, Sintelesia, Bologna, Italy).

3 Results

More than 300 mass peaks in the PTR-ToF-MS spectra of apple headspace were detected among which at least 180 were considered for further analysis. The scoreplot of PCA (Figure 1) performed on selected list of mass speaks shows a big difference between two different cultivars. Granny Smith aroma profile was not changed drastically. However the increase of VOC profile during ripening is evident in Red Delicious apples. This change is mainly due to development and release of different esters. For example the amount of tentatively identified C5 esters and acids (Figure 2) was more than 10 times higher in Red Delicious and two periods of harvesting OHD-2 and OHD gave similar results. However apples harvested late (OHD+2) had higher concentration of this mass peak and it grew rapidly during further 2 weeks of storage.

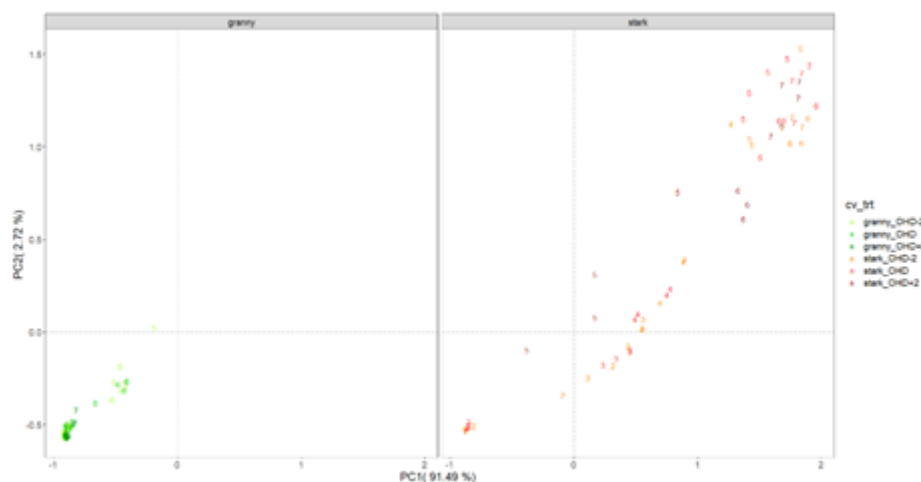


Figure 1. PCA score plots of apple VOCs measured by PTR-ToF-MS of the cultivars ‘Granny Smith’ (green) and ‘Red Delicious’ (red) increasing color gradient indicates the different harvest times (OHD – 2 weeks, OHD and OHD + 2 weeks).

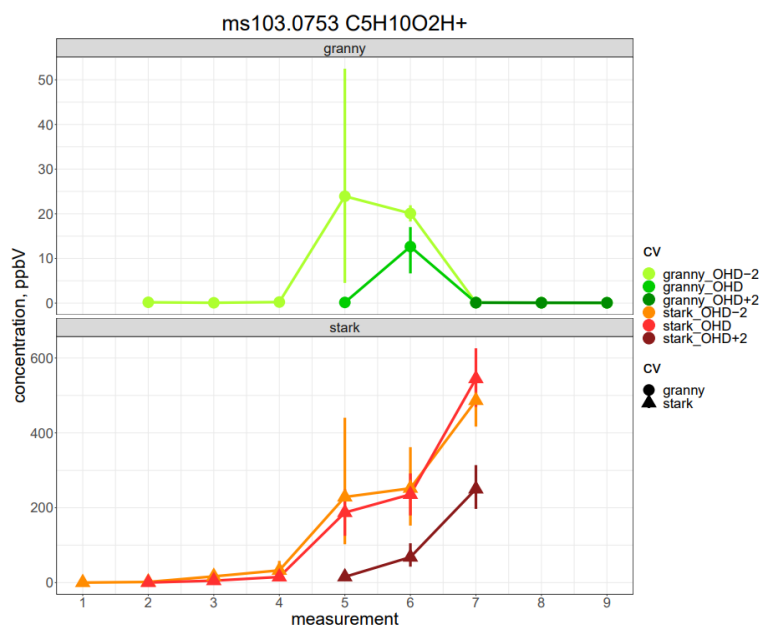


Figure 2. Content of tentatively identified C5 esters and acids of ‘Granny Smith’ (●) and ‘Red Delicious’ (▲) apple cultivars measured by PTR-ToF-MS along the ripening period stored at 20 °C.

4 Conclusions

In the present study the potential of Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometry (PTR-ToF-MS) for rapid monitoring of Red Delicious and Granny Smith apple VOCs profiling along a ripening period after harvest was investigated. More than 300 peaks in the PTR-ToF-MS spectra of apple headspace were detected among which at least 127 of them were considered as linked to relevant compounds. ‘Red Delicious’ and ‘Granny Smith’ VOC’s profile differed significantly in quality and quantity during the ripening period. In particular the VOC’s evolution pattern of both cultivars, strongly correlates with the ethylene production with ‘Granny Smith’ having the lowest emission rate along the entire ripening period with consequent lowest VOC’s emission. Also the amount of CO₂ emitted by ‘Granny Smith’ fruit respiration was lower than ‘Red Delicious’. In conclusion, the

fast, direct, and non-invasive analysis of VOCs in whole apple fruits proves to be an efficient and convenient method to support the breeding of new cultivars, with a focus on enhancing storability and perceived quality.

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