

# HEMP Analysis for THC

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# Hemp Analysis: THC

- **Analytical Chemistry:**
  - Extraction
  - Separation (Chromatography)
  - Identification (uV Absorption)
  
- Cannabinoids in Hemp are analyzed by HPLC-PDA (High Performance Liquid Chromatograph-Photo Diode Array).

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- **Extraction**

- The Cannabinoids Are soluble in Organic solvents (Along with many other Molecules).

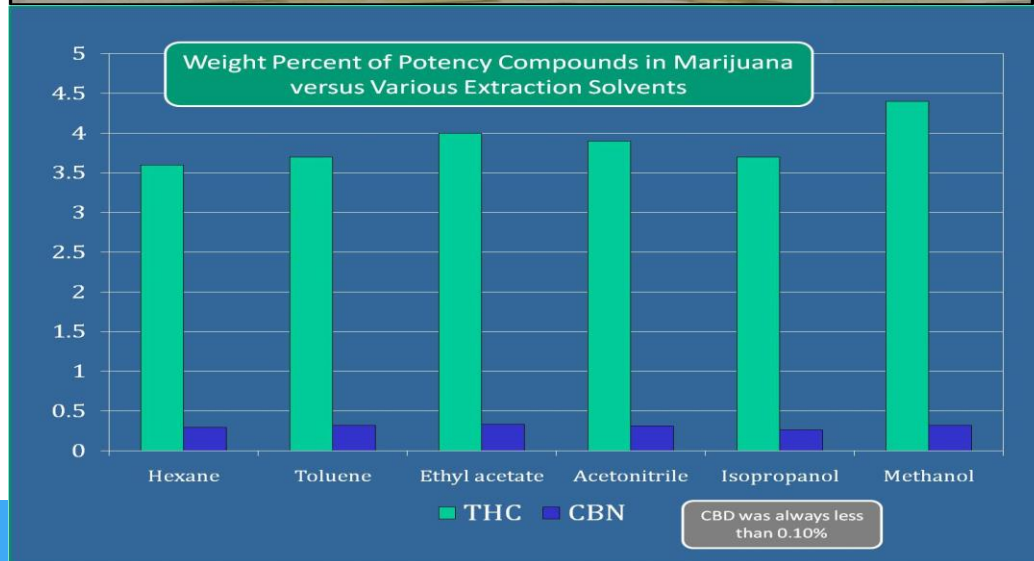
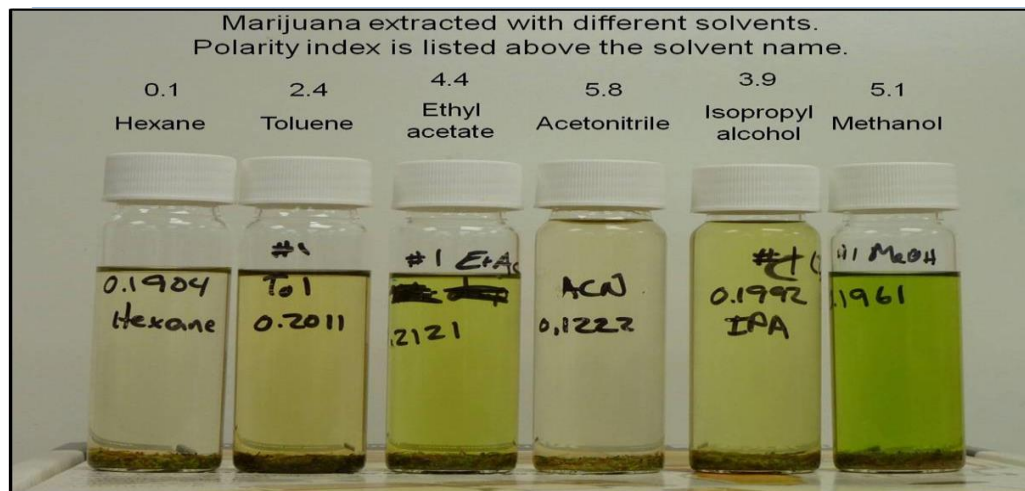
- Dry sample

- Grind sample.

Weigh 0.15g sample

Add 15ml of Methanol

Sonicate 20 minutes.

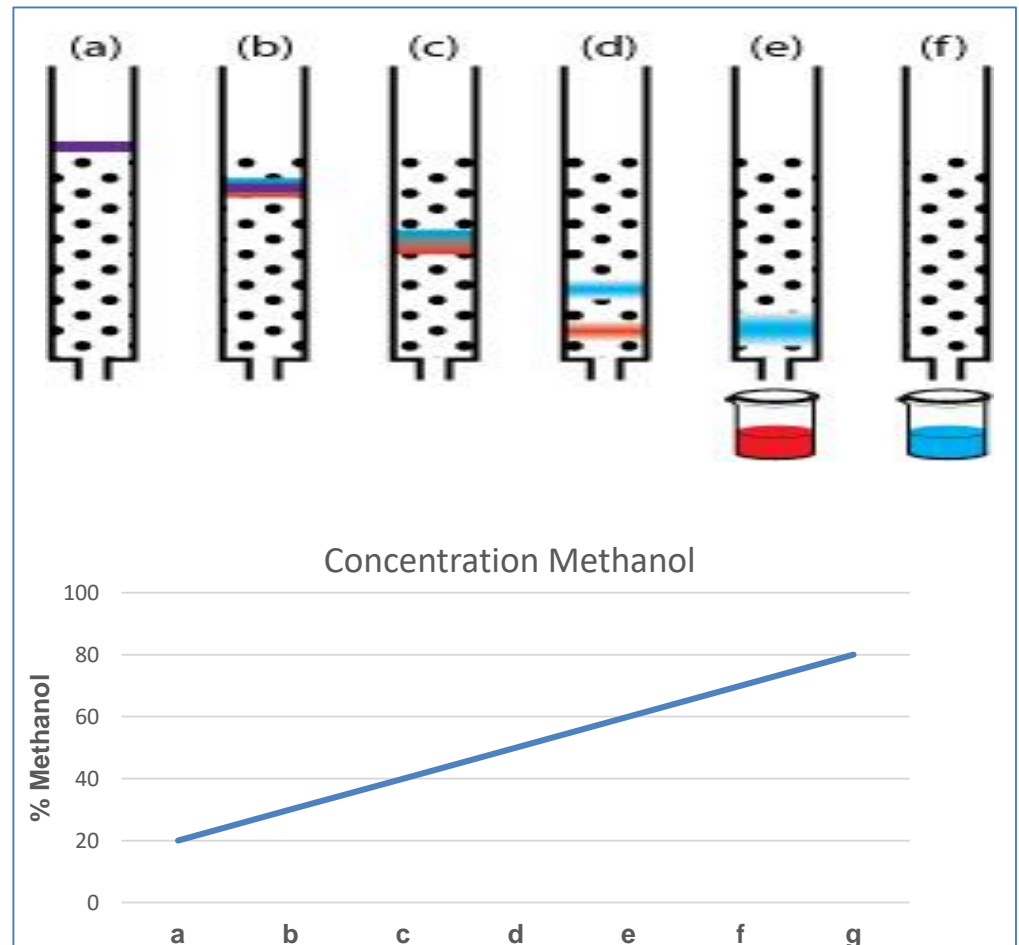


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- **Separation**

- Run a gradient of H<sub>2</sub>O : Methanol through a column.

Compounds, including Cannabinoids, separate based on polarity.

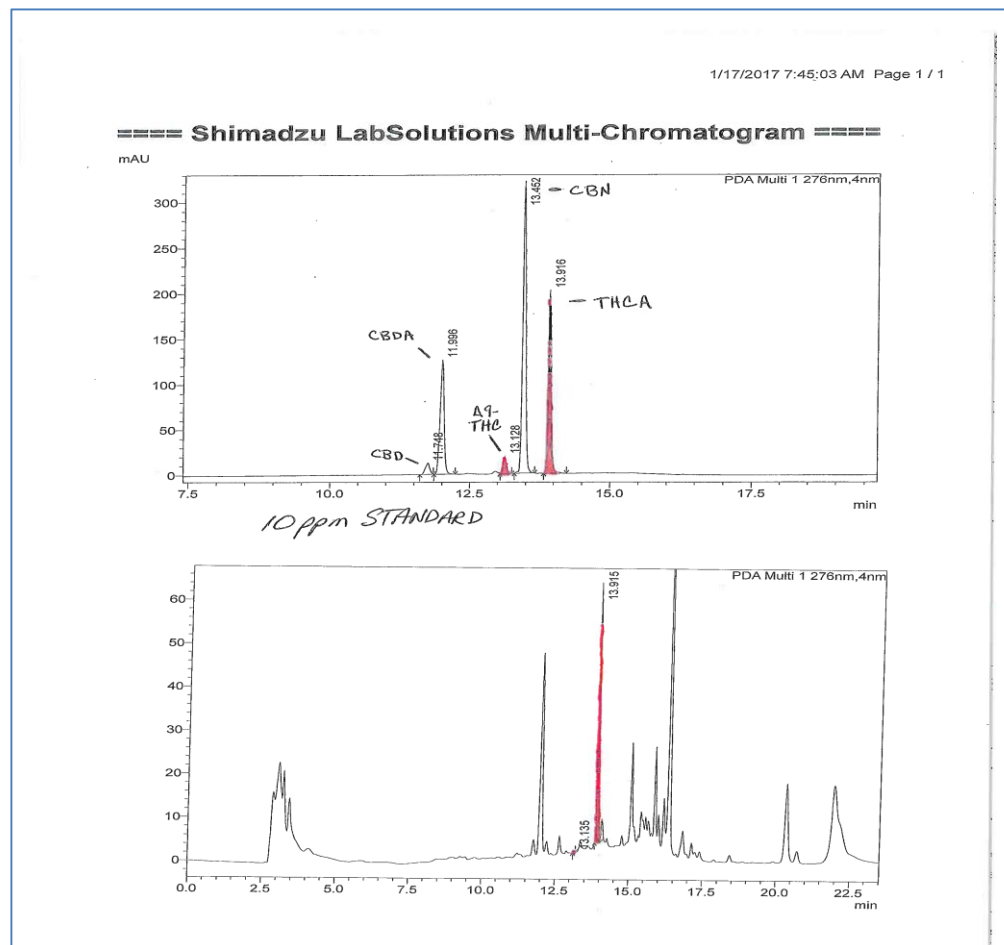


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- **Separation**

Top Chromatogram  
10ppm Standard of 5  
Cannabinoids. d9-THC  
and THC-Acid in red.

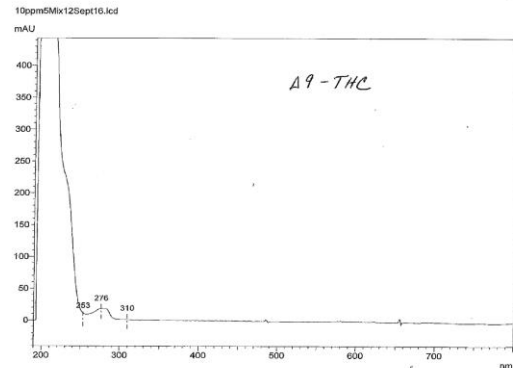
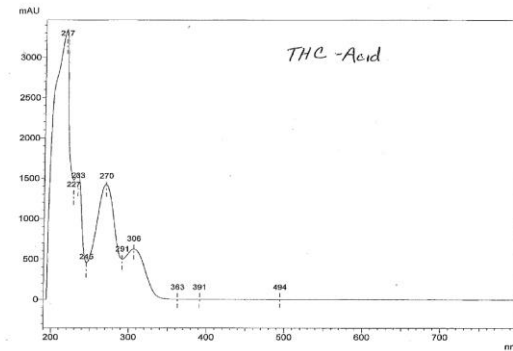
Bottom:  
Sample of "Canda"  
Hemp. THC-A in red.  
No Detectable d9-THC



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- **Identification**

Separated peaks flow through the Photo Diode Array detector, collecting wavelengths in the ultraviolet range. Compounds are Identified via absorbance spectra and Retention Time.

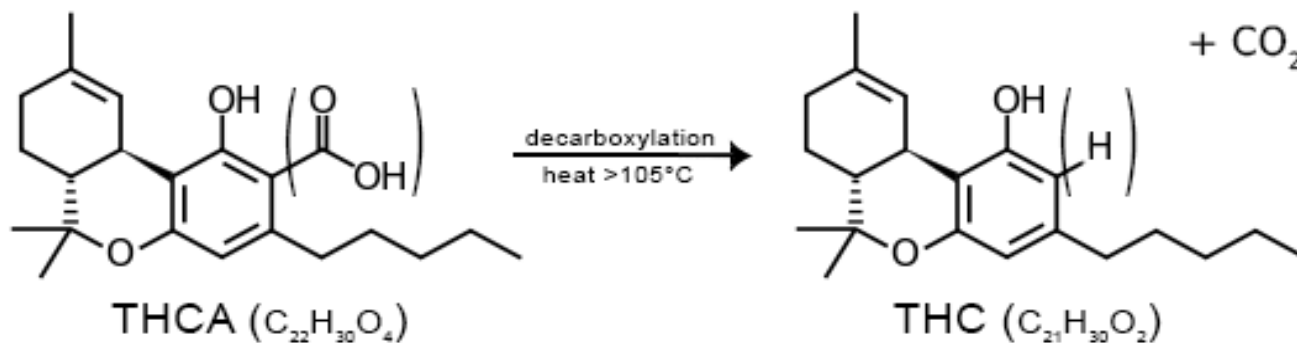


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- **Total THC = d9THC + THC-Acid(0.877)**

Where does 0.877 come from?

Decarboxylation reaction of  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol



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Where does 0.877 come from?

Molecular Wt d9THC = 314.22

Molecular Wt THC-Acid = 358.47

(Molec. Wt. CO<sub>2</sub> = 44)

$$314.22/358.47 = 0.877$$



# Hemp Analysis: Current Report Format



STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
SPARKS, NEVADA

## Hemp Analysis Data Report

Sample Date:            Sampled By: **Russel Wilhelm**    Date of Analysis:

Producer Name:

Following is the result of analysis for Hemp Samples received by the NDA Pesticide Laboratory for analysis of Cannabinoids. SAMPLE ID:

### I. Method of Analysis : HPLC-PDA

Analyte	%
THC-ACID	0.657
delta-9 THC	ND
CBD	0.484
CBD-ACID	5.000
Potential Total THC (calculated)	0.576

Comments: ND=None Detected Less than 0.01% D9-THC and CBD

Analyst:	ADDRESS OF OFFICE Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 S. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street Sparks, Nevada 89431
	Phone: (775) 353-3778
Date	



# Hemp Analysis: Varieties of 2017

Strain ID	d-9 THC	THC-Acid	CBD	CBD-Acid			
BH	0.00	0.18	0.00	2.05	Current Varieties in Nevada		
BH	0.00	0.09	0.00	2.14	X59		
CW	0.00	0.44	0.65	10.12	Cherry Wine		
CW	0.00	0.25	0.40	6.31	Ultra		
CW	0.00	0.38	0.50	8.68	Boring Hemp #2		
CW	0.00	0.34	0.53	7.84	Boring Hemp #3		
CW	0.00	0.40	0.45	8.30	Golden Valley		
CW	0.00	0.44	0.66	9.54	Thai Stick		
CW	0.00	0.31	0.48	7.50	Futura 75		
CW	0.00	0.66	0.48	13.30	Felina 32		
CW	0.00	0.38	0.00	8.22	Fedora 17		
CW	0.00	0.69	0.24	14.23			
Fedora	0.00	0.09	0.00	2.06			
Fedora	0.00	0.10	0.70	2.29			
Felina	0.00	0.05	0.00	1.24			
Futura	0.00	0.05	0.00	1.19			
Golden Valley	0.00	0.09	0.12	2.06			
Thai Stick	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.66			
Ultra	0.05	0.48	0.24	2.65			
Ultra	0.00	0.48	0.37	3.12			

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- **Thanks to Sharryn Cohen and Dr. Jian Zhang**
- **Any Questions?**
- **Thank you for your time!**