# Aquaphotomics & NIR hyperspectral imaging

tools for understanding the role of water in foods

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#### **Key Questions**

• What does water look like in the NIR?

• What can hyperspectral imaging show us?

 How can we use this to understand the role of water in foods?

## H<sub>2</sub>O molecule



## $H_2O$ molecule

- Nonlinear molecule: 3N-6 vibrational modes
- 3 vibrational degrees of freedom



Band locations from Chs 1 & 9 in Siesler, Ozaki, Kawata and Heise, 2002, Near-Infrared Spectroscopy: Principles, Instruments and Applications, Wiley GIFs from http://chemwiki.ucdavis.edu/Physical Chemistry/Spectroscopy/Vibrational Spectroscopy

#### NIR spectrum of Water



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#### NIR spectra of Water: temperature



"Blue Shift": as T  $\uparrow$   $\lambda \downarrow$ 

## Hydrogen Bonding

 Normal modes are perturbed when the vibrating O-H bond 'senses' another water molecule oriented so that its lone e's face H of the vibrating bond.



 Frequency of v<sub>s</sub> decreases from 3707 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the isolated molecule to 3628 cm<sup>-1</sup> in liquid water and to 3277 cm<sup>-1</sup> in ice.

#### Suggested Assignments of Water Bands

Assignment	2v <sub>s</sub>	2v <sub>as</sub>
Free OH in free water molecule	1342-1383	1373-1415
Free ("Dangling") OH	1351-1392	1381-1423
H bond in dimer	1410-1453	1455-1499
H bond in trimer	1424-1467	-
H bond in tetramer	1475-1519	1533-1580

	H <sub>4</sub> O						CH <sub>2</sub> OH		
abe-del	$r_1$	Δr	$\Delta \nu / \Delta r_{\rm max}$	$\nu_{\pm}$	dr	$\Delta \nu / \Delta \nu_{\rm max}$	ν	Δv	$\Delta \nu / \Delta \nu_{\rm max}$
Free OH in the free molecule	3725	-	-	3640	-	-	3660	-	_
Free OH in the molecule with hydrogen bonds in the other OH group	3700	25	0.06	3620	20	0.05	-	-	
Hydrogen bond in the dimer	3545	180	0.46	3435	205	0.49	3490	170	0.42
Hydrogen bond in the trimer	3510	215	0.55	-	-	—	3445	215	0.52
Hydrogen bond in the tetramer	3390	335	0.86	3260	380	0.9	3290	370	0.9
Hydrogen bond in the polymer	3335	390	1	3220	420	1	3250	410	1

Indicates blue shift of bands when less H bonding between H<sub>2</sub>O molecules

\*Observed in solid N2 matrix. Adapted from Luck, W.A.P. Infrared studies of Hydrogen Bonding in Pure Liquids and Solutions, in Franks, 1973, Water: A comprehensive treatise (Ch 4 p. 276-9) 9

#### Water bands in NIR

			ļ	Assignment		Min	Max				
			2	2 <sub>vs</sub>		1331	1371				
			2	2V <sub>as</sub> Free OH		1343	1383				
			N	/ <sub>as</sub> +V <sub>s</sub>		1349					
			2	2v <sub>as</sub> Dangling O	Н	1352	1392				
Assignment	Min	Max	2	2v <sub>as</sub>		1367	1408	Assignment		Min	Max
3v <sub>s</sub>	887	1021		2v Free OH		1374	1415	2v <sub>as</sub> H bond in tetr	amer 2	1475	1519
$v_{as}+2v_{s}$	895	913	2	2v Dangling OF	ł	1381	1423	2v <sub>as</sub> H bond in poly	ymer 2	1500	1544
2v <sub>as</sub> +v <sub>s</sub>	903	921	2	2v_ H bond in (	dimer	1411	1453	2 v <sub>s</sub> H bond in tetra	amer 2	1534	1580
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		1098-1	150 r	ım		144	0-1525	5 nm		1	>
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		/					/				
	As	ssignment	Min	Max	Assign	nment		Min Max			
	V <sub>d</sub>	<sub>s</sub> +2ν <sub>s</sub>	1098	1125	2v <sub>ds</sub> +v	S		1440 1502			
	Vas	s+V <sub>ds</sub> +V <sub>s</sub>	1110		2 v <sub>s</sub> H	bond	in dime	r 1456 1499			
	2v	∕ <sub>as</sub> +V <sub>ds</sub>	1122	1150	v <sub>as</sub> +2v	ds		1460 1525			

## Aquaphotomics



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Aims to extract **water absorbance patterns** to describe biological systems e.g. animals, plants...

> How to extract water absorbance pattern (WAP) from NIR Spectrum?



Spectra of water over 1 hour at "constant" temperature of 28 °C

#### PC1 of water over 1 hour at "constant" temperature of 28 °C



## Expt. 1: Salts in Water



Gowen et al, Talanta, 2014

## **Experimental Design**



**S. De Luca** (Rome) Nicolet 6700 FT-NIR Y. Tsuchisaka (Kobe) NIR Systems 6500

#### Water spectra



#### PC 1 Water only



#### PC 1 Salts



#### PC 2 Salts



#### Question

How to remove effect of temperature in spectra?

• Extended Multiplicative Signal Correction!

#### **EMSC Model**



$$\text{Corrected spectrum} \longrightarrow \hat{X} = \frac{X - b_0}{b_1} - \frac{b_2 I_1}{b_1} - \frac{b_3 I_2}{b_1}$$

#### PC 1 EMSC Salts



LOD ~ 0.1 % (mass/mass)

#### How watery is food?



% water



#### Hyperspectral Imaging



#### **Hyperspectral Imaging Equipment**



Wavelength range (nm)	950–1650			
Spectral resolution (nm)	7			
Detector	InGaAs			

#### Expt. 2: Mushrooms





- 5 vibration times
- => induce surface damage
- x 24 mushrooms
- x 3 reps

#### Mushroom Curvature



#### **EMSC on Mushrooms**



#### **EMSC on Mushrooms**



#### **EMSC Mushrooms: difference spectra**



#### PC1 EMSC Mushrooms



#### Abs Peaks Mushroom



#### Free v's Bound water

- Free water: can be extracted easily from foods by squeezing or cutting or pressing
- Bound water: cannot be extracted easily
- Bound water molecules can't escape as vapor

=> Even upon dehydration food contains bound water.

#### Water activity

 W J Scott (1952) established that it was not water content that correlated with bacterial growth in foods, but

• Water activity: ratio of the water vapor pressure of the food to the water vapor pressure of pure water under the same conditions

#### **Moisture Content Vs Water Activity**



http://vssweb1.landfood.ubc.ca/courses/fnh/301/water/wprin.htm

#### Expt 3. Aqueous solutions

- Transflectance Cell
- 300 µL
- Aqueous solutions:

Salt	Aw
LiCl	0.25
LiCl	0.5
NaCl	0.76
NaCl	0.92
KCI	0.98
W	1





#### Mean Sample Spectrum

No pretreatment

EMSC



#### Difference Spectrum (EMSC (Water -))



#### Difference Spectrum EMSC Aw > 0.5



0.0

0.5

Aw

1.0

Wavelength (nm)

#### Difference Spectrum EMSC Aw<=0.5



#### Expt. 4: Water temperature

Heating wire

Glass slide

- 1ml water pipetted on ceramic tile
- heating wire placed through centre of drop
- Glass slide placed on top =>thin layer of water
- Heating wire switched on
- Images obtained every minute for a total of 15 mins.



#### Expt. 2: Water temperature



#### PC 1 EMSC



#### Absorbance at PC1 peaks



#### **PC1 Score images**



### Expt. 5: Hydration of Dry foods



#### AW/MC Wafer



#### AW/MC Coffee



#### Soybean



#### Correlation between Aw, MC: wafer



#### Correlation between Aw, MC: coffee



#### Correlation between Aw, MC: soybean



#### PC 1 EMSC Spectra



#### Difference EMSC (subtracting T0) Wafer



#### Wafer: PC1 EMSC loading



#### PC1 EMSC Wafer



#### **Abs Peaks Wafer**



#### Difference EMSC (subtracting T0) Coffee



#### Coffee – PC1 EMSC loading



#### PC1: EMSC Coffee



#### **Abs Peaks Coffee**



#### Difference EMSC (subtracting T0) Soybeans



#### Soybean: PC1 EMSC loading



#### PC1 EMSC Soybean



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