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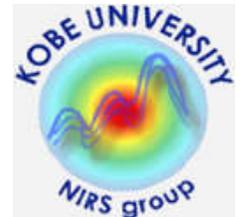
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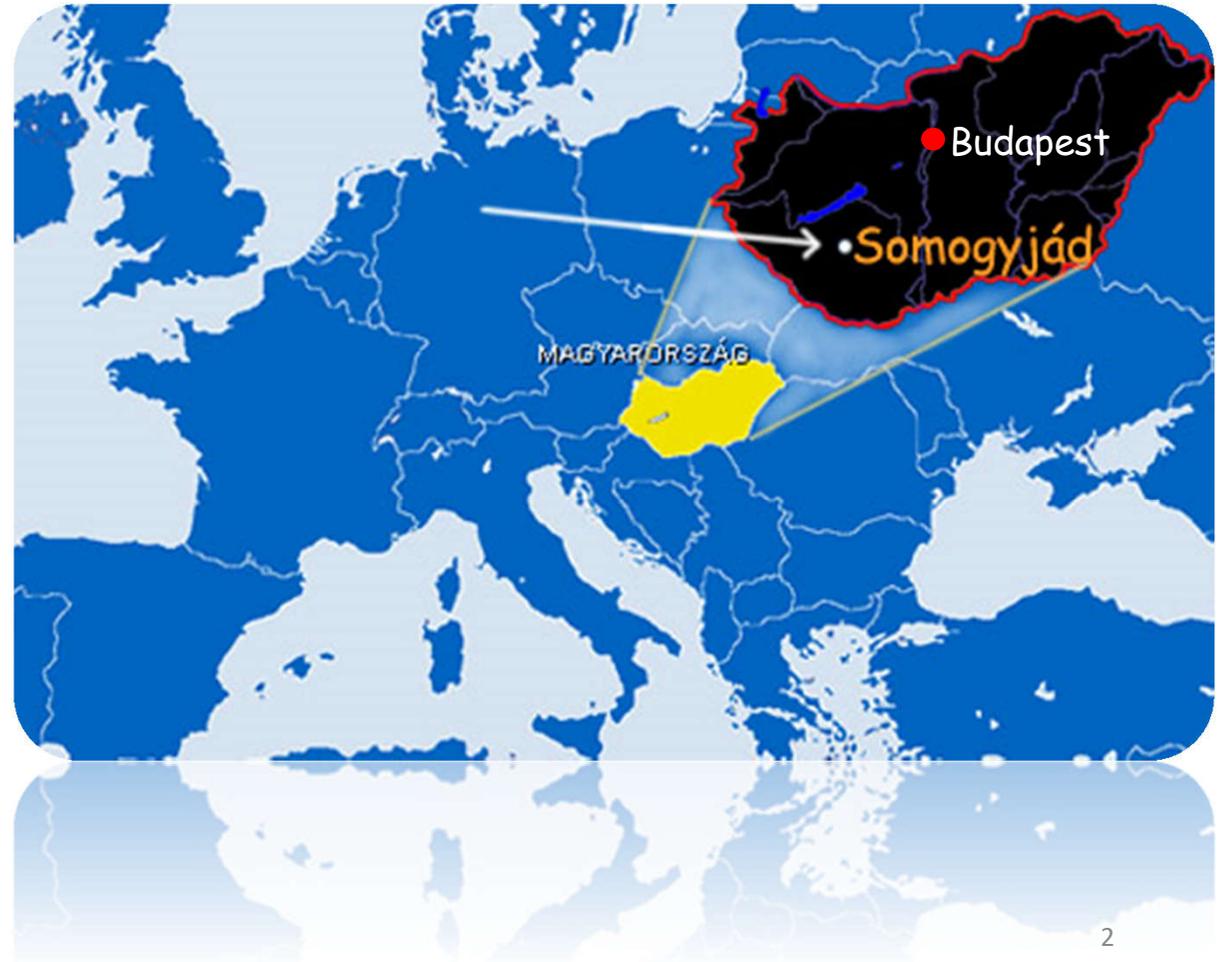
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Self introduction

- 2000-2002 technical college:
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 - 2012 PhD
Food Science
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Aquaphotomics
- chemometrics



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- Bacteria growing and Yogurt
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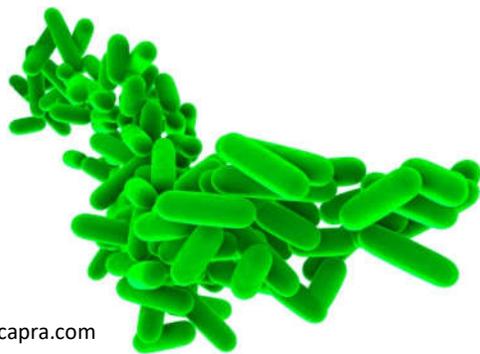
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Monitoring of Water Spectral Pattern Reveals Differences in Probiotics Growth When Used for Rapid Bacteria Selection

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Abstract

Development of efficient screening method coupled with cell functionality evaluation is highly needed in contemporary microbiology. The presented novel concept and fast non-destructive method brings in to play the water spectral pattern of the solution as a molecular fingerprint of the cell culture system. To elucidate the concept, NIR spectroscopy with Aquaphotomics were applied to monitor the growth of sixteen *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* one *Lactobacillus pentosus* and one *Lactobacillus gasseri* bacteria strains. Their growth rate, maximal optical density, low pH and bile tolerances were measured and further used as a reference data for analysis of the simultaneously acquired spectral data. The acquired spectral data in the region of 1100–1850nm was subjected to various multivariate data analyses – PCA, OPLS-DA, PLSR. The results showed high accuracy of bacteria strains classification according to their probiotic strength. Most informative spectral fingerprints covered the first overtone of water, emphasizing the relation of water molecular system to cell functionality.

objectives

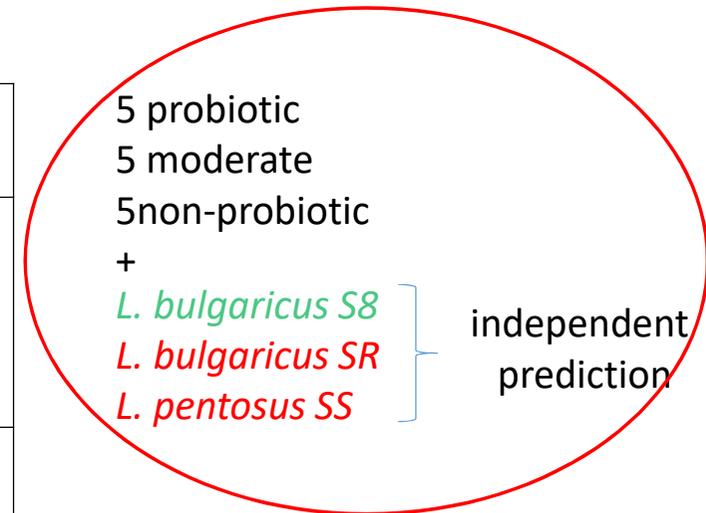
- to evaluate the application possibilities of **Aquaphotomics** in **rapid selection** and evaluation of bacterial strains possessing different **probiotic** properties
- to develop method for replacing the phenotypic and genetic approach for probiotic bacteria selection with Aquaphotomics
- to **learn more about living microorganisms and their functionality through their water spectral pattern**



Materials and methods I. – samples –

- Strains were cultivated in MRS broth for 24h at 37°C

Strain	OD max	MIC*, mg/ml	OD at 0.5 MIC	Corrected MIC (based on OD at 0.5MIC)	Yield of biomass after low pH stress	General PCA Score (probioticity)	Class
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S4	0.84	0.16	0.30	0.10	0.07	-2.43	Non probiotic
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S3	1.34	0.31	0.31	0.20	0.05	-2.23	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S2	1.52	0.16	0.30	0.10	0.06	-2.04	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S29	1.44	0.63	0.39	0.43	0.05	-1.94	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S30	1.36	0.63	0.44	0.45	0.06	-1.79	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S28	2.770	0.313	0.370	0.214	0.025	-1.420	Moderate
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S9	2.880	0.156	0.300	0.101	0.029	-1.414	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S1	1.690	0.625	0.725	0.539	0.038	-1.385	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> Y12	2.020	0.625	0.303	0.408	0.041	-1.349	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S7	1.919	0.625	0.790	0.559	0.049	-1.274	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S6	2.960	1.250	0.307	0.817	0.080	0.647	Probiotic
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S22	2.677	2.500	1.230	2.788	0.117	1.923	
<i>Lactobacillus gasseri</i> S20	3.030	2.500	0.542	1.928	0.114	2.145	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S11	2.954	2.500	1.600	3.250	0.100	2.363	
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> S10	2.950	2.500	1.550	3.188	0.126	2.569	



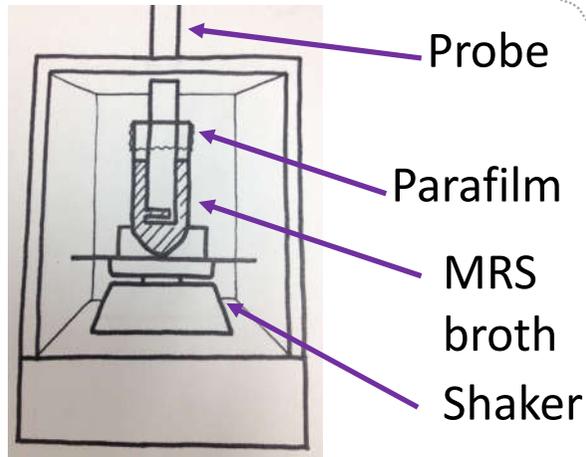
L. bulgaricus SR and *L. bulgaricus* Y12, *L. pentosus* SS were isolated, rest were provided by "Selur Pharma" Ltd. (Bulgaria).

Strains and their phenotypic characteristics

Materials and methods II.

– *instruments and conditions* –

- Spectra were acquired by XDS optiprobe module, immersion probe (transflectance mode) pathlength 1 mm
- The cultivation in MRS broth for 24h at 37°C was monitored



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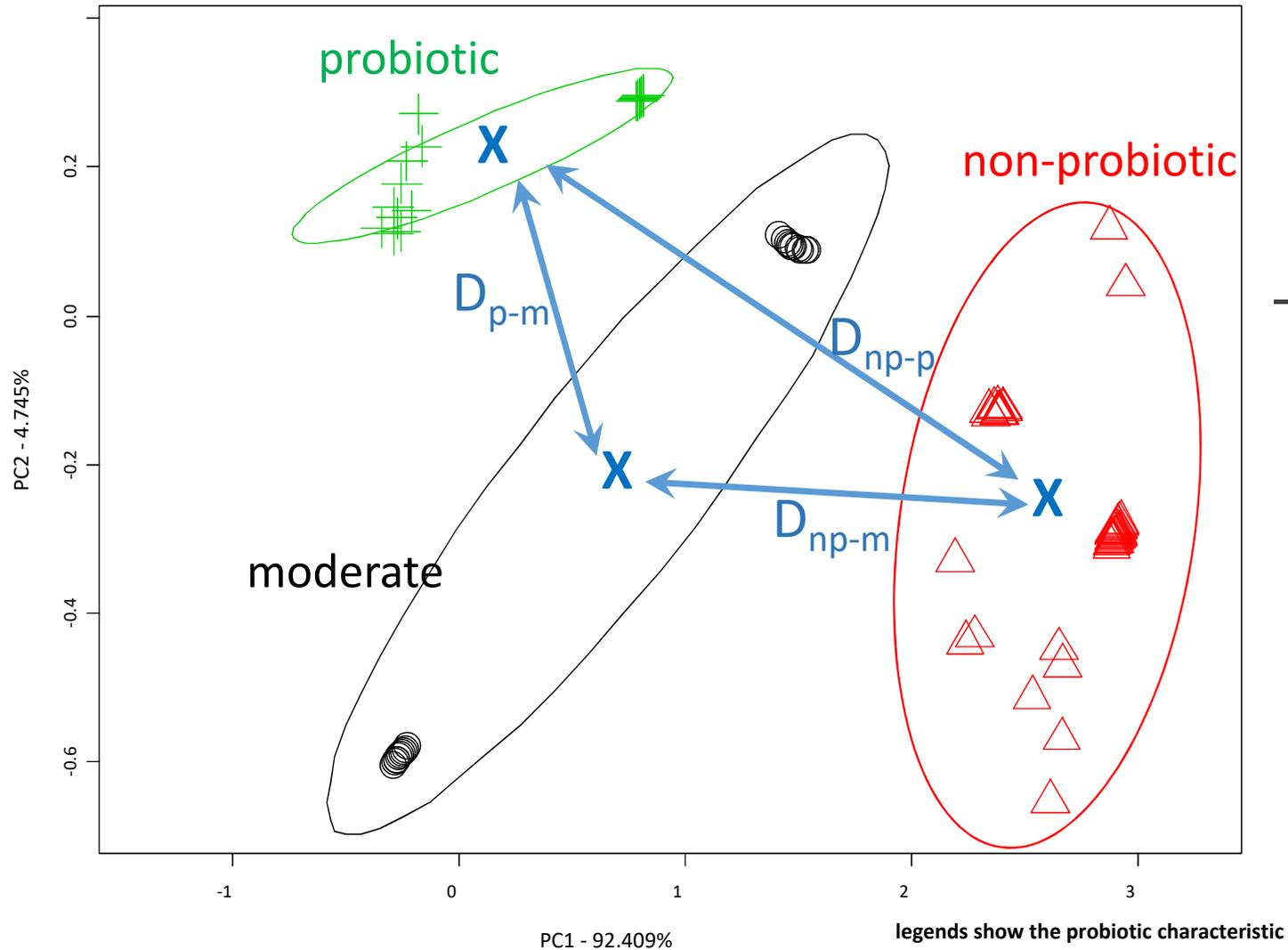
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Results of moving window PCA

Materials and methods III. – chemometrics –

PCA score plot (PC1-PC2) - from point x to point x+10

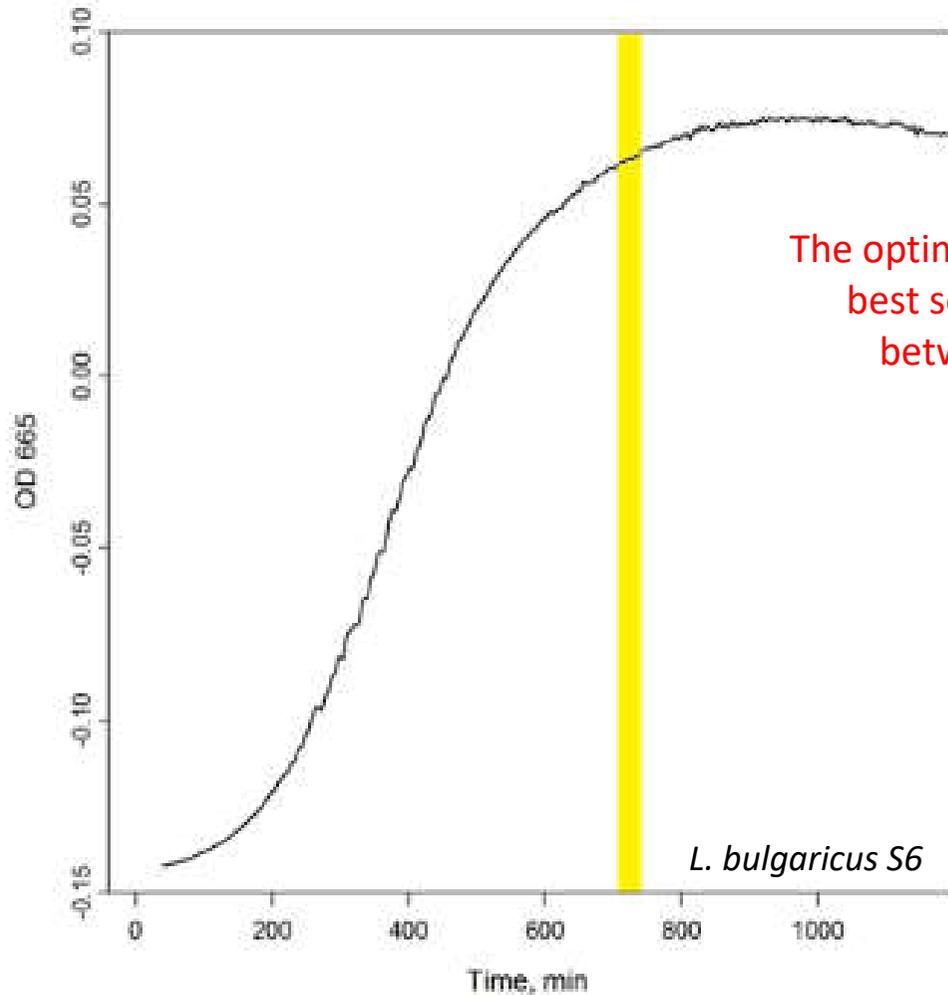


demonstration for moving window PCA (MW-PCA)

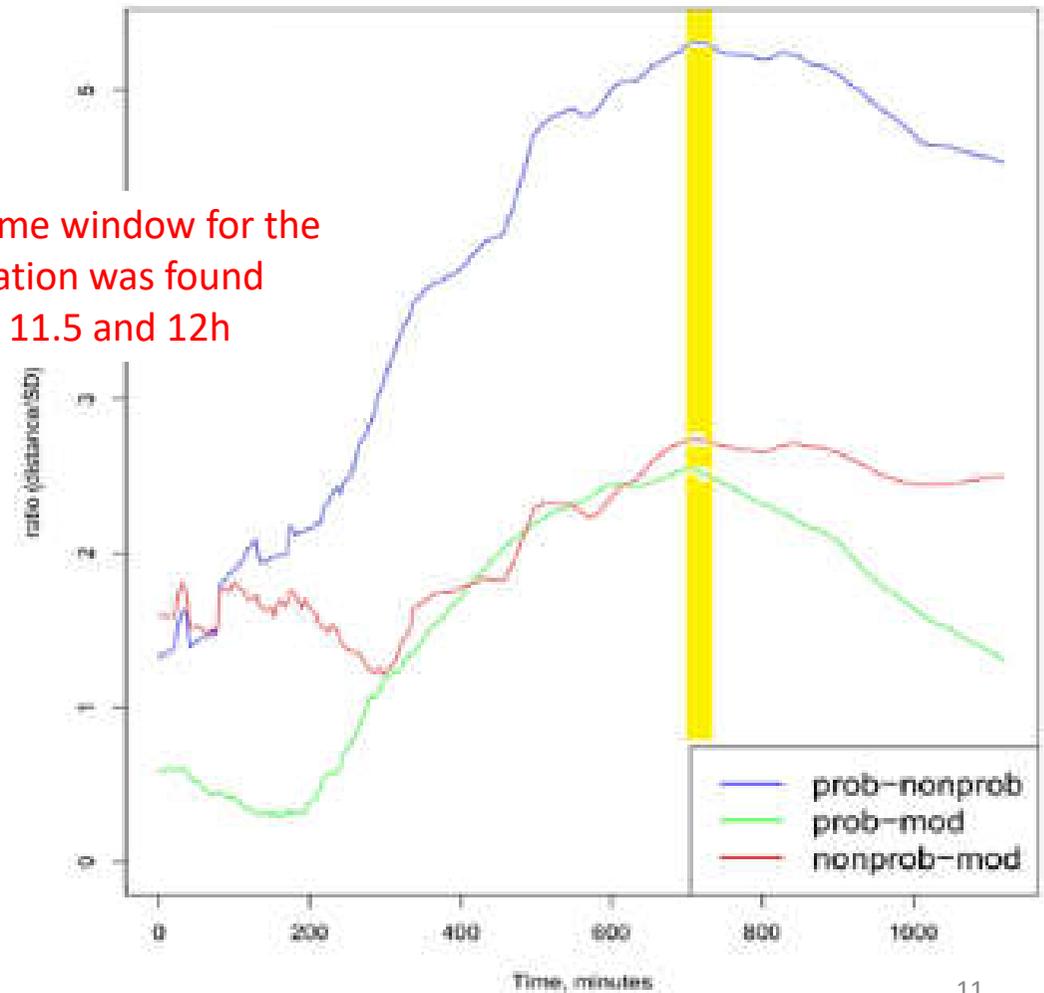
distance between groups
average standard deviation

to find the optimal time window for the best separation of probiotic, non-probiotic and moderate groups

Growing curve and results of MW-PCA



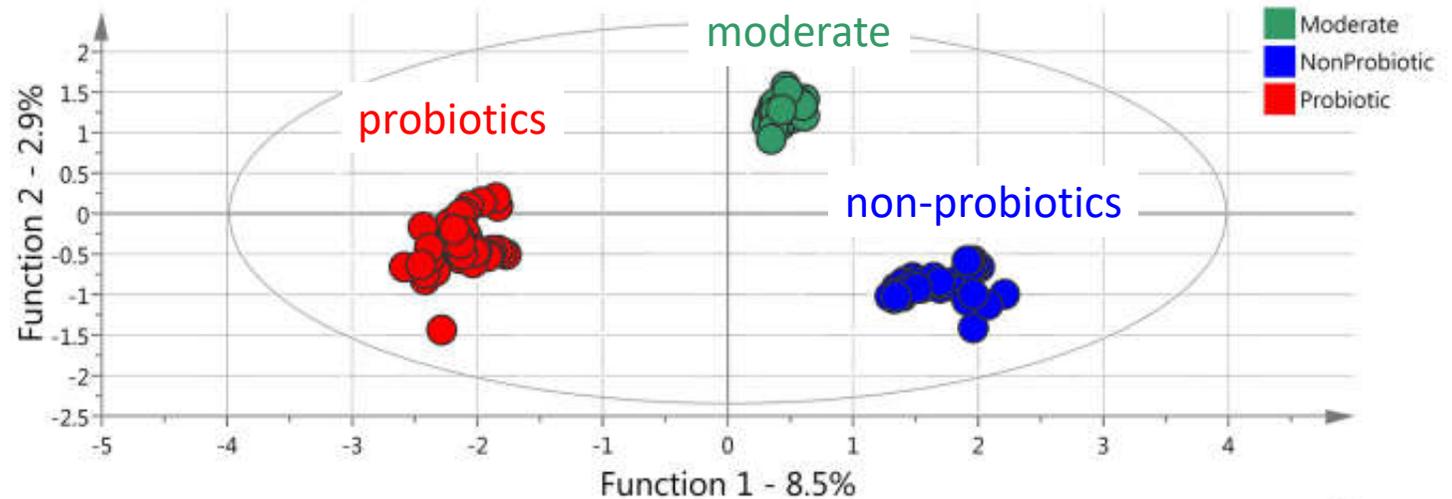
The optimal time window for the best separation was found between 11.5 and 12h



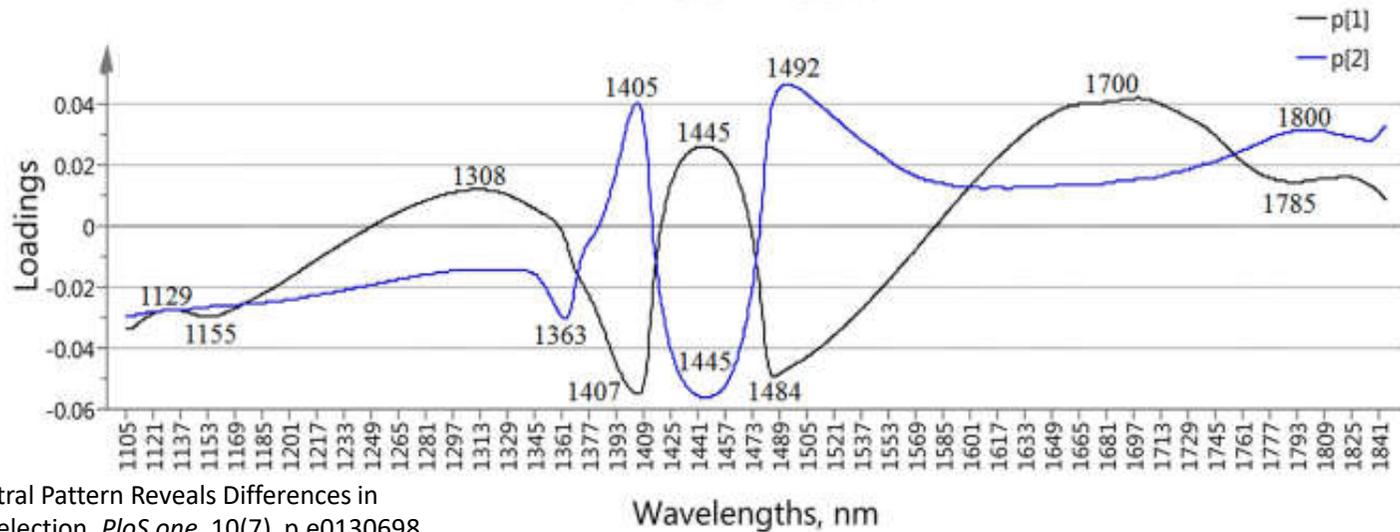
OPLS-DA of spectral data to discriminate groups

11.5 and 12h

100% correct classification of the three groups



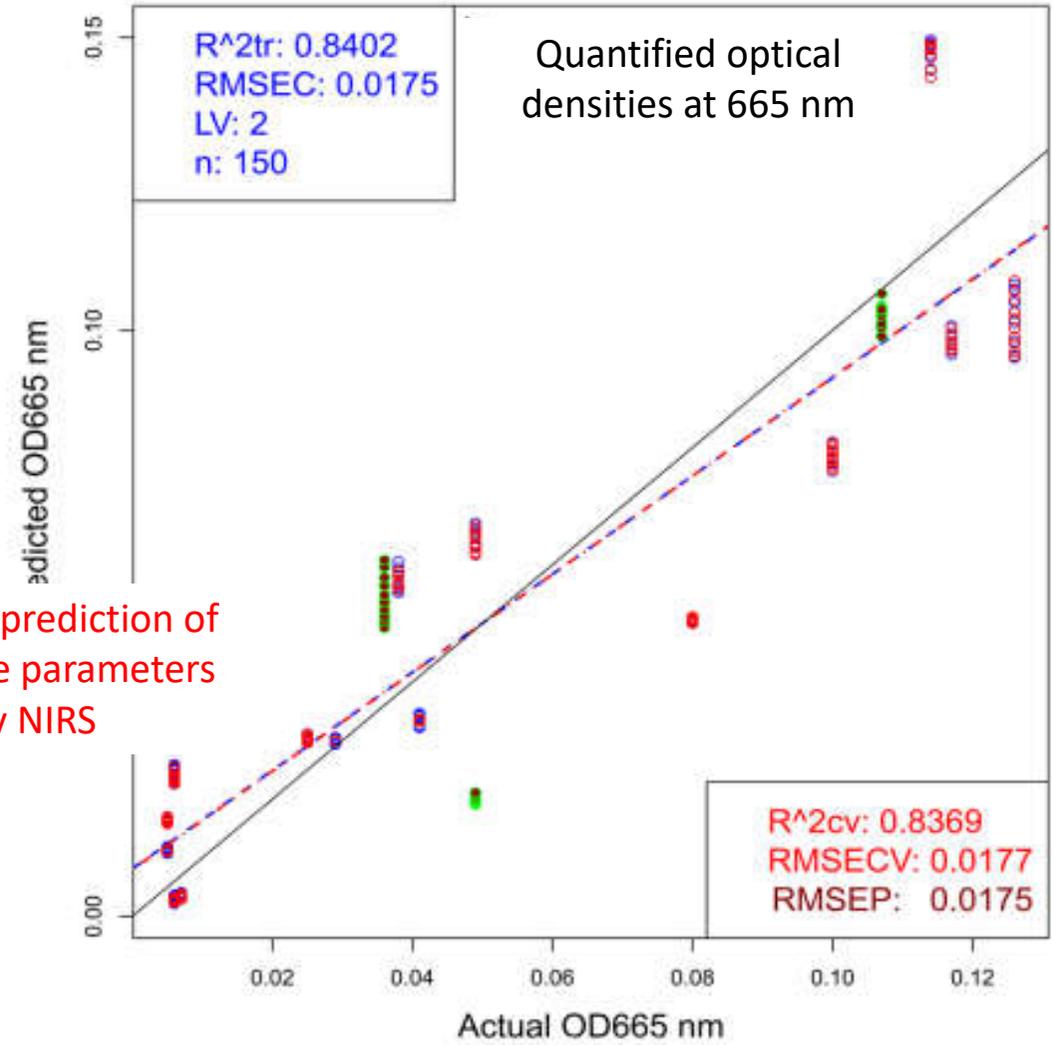
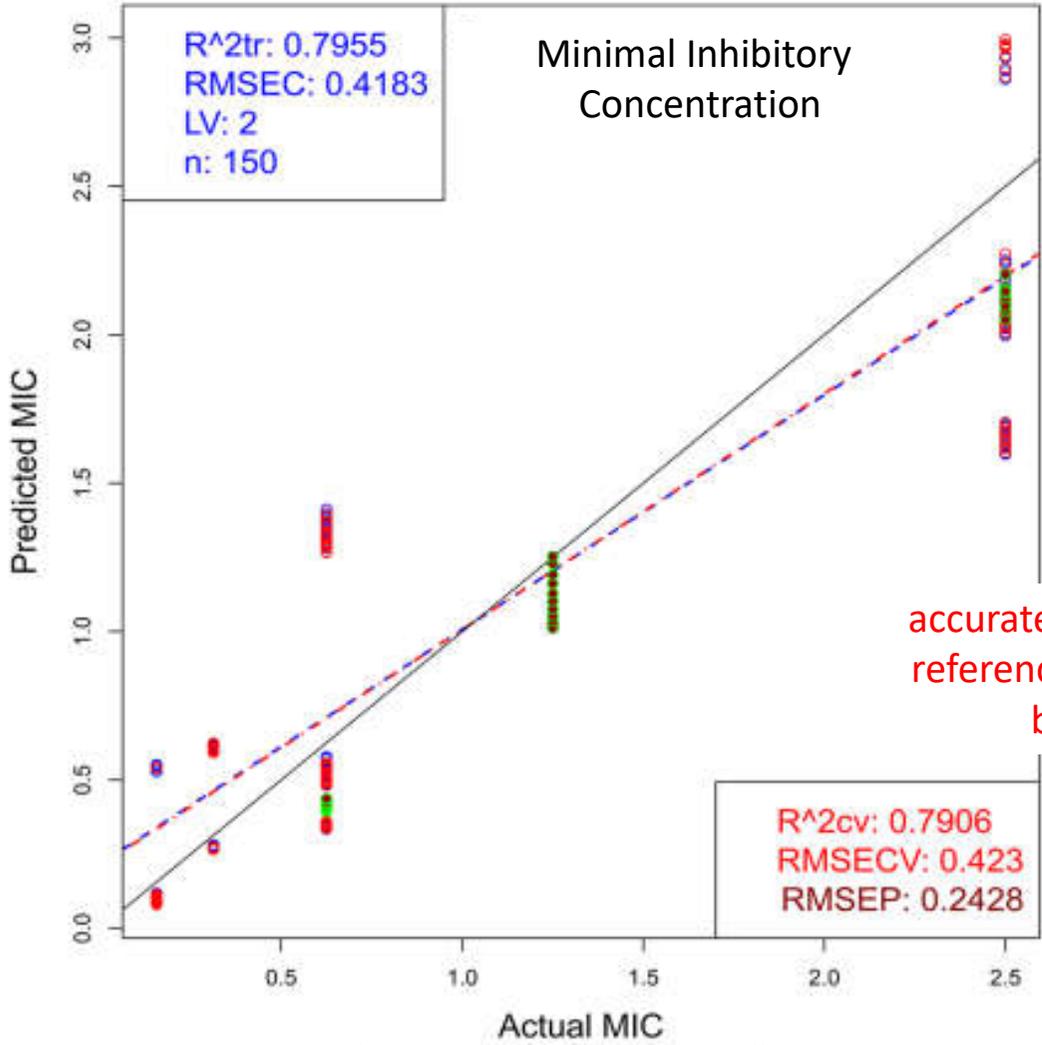
water bands important for separation



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PLS regression to predict reference parameters

1100–1850nm



accurate prediction of reference parameters by NIRS

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Experiments with probiotic Yogurts



objectives

- to determine if there is any effect of the type of spring water on yogurt preparation
- to describe the interaction between different bacteria strains and spring waters



Materials and methods I. – *samples*

Preparation of the yogurt samples:

- soy milk & spring **Water*** mix with **probiotics bacteria****
- cultivate it and move to fridge

*Water:

- 2 types of water were used in different ratio:
 - Spring Water 1 (TSW) : Spring Water 2 (GoW) =
 - 100:0 or 70:30 or 50:50 or 30:70 or 0:100

**probiotics bacteria:

- 2 types of starter culture: probiotics with or without Yw



Resulting all together:
 $5 \times 2 = 10$
different samples



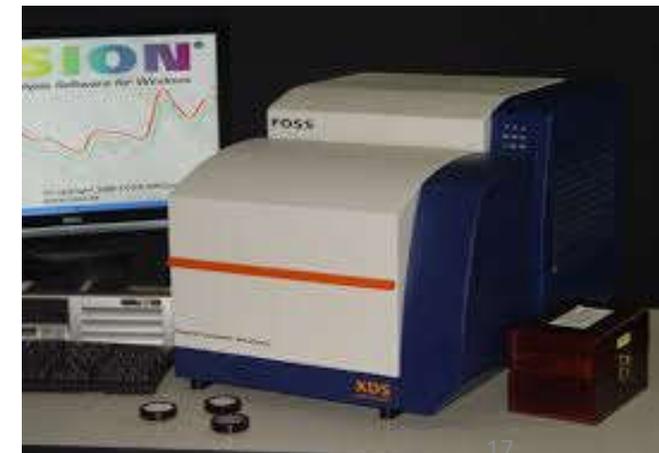
Materials and methods 1./2 – *samples summary*

XDS spectrometer

five different
combination
of waters

With Yw	Without Yw
1) Yw100G	6) noYw100G
2) Yw70G30TS	7) noYw70G30TS
3) Yw50G50TS	8) noYw50G50TS
4) Yw30G70TS	9) noYw30G70TS
5) Yw100TS	10) noYw100TS

two types of starter culture



Materials and methods II. – *instruments and conditions*

- XDS spectrometer with rapid content analyzer:

- range: 400-2500nm

- step 0.5nm

- range used for data evaluation: 1300-1600nm

- The yogurt samples were:

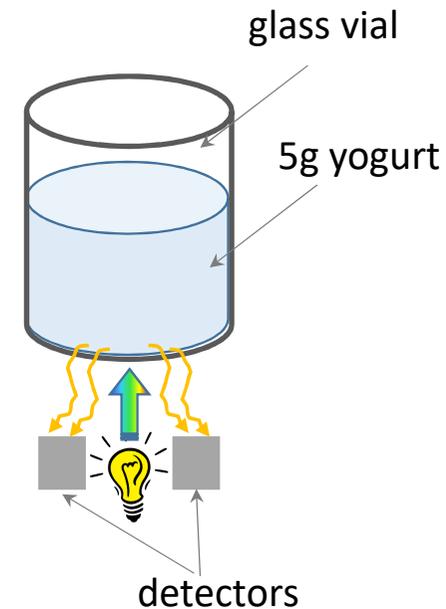
measured with glass vials using reflectance mode from the bottom

3 different repeats and MQ after every 5th sample

using 5 consecutive scans

5g yogurt sample was filled to the vial

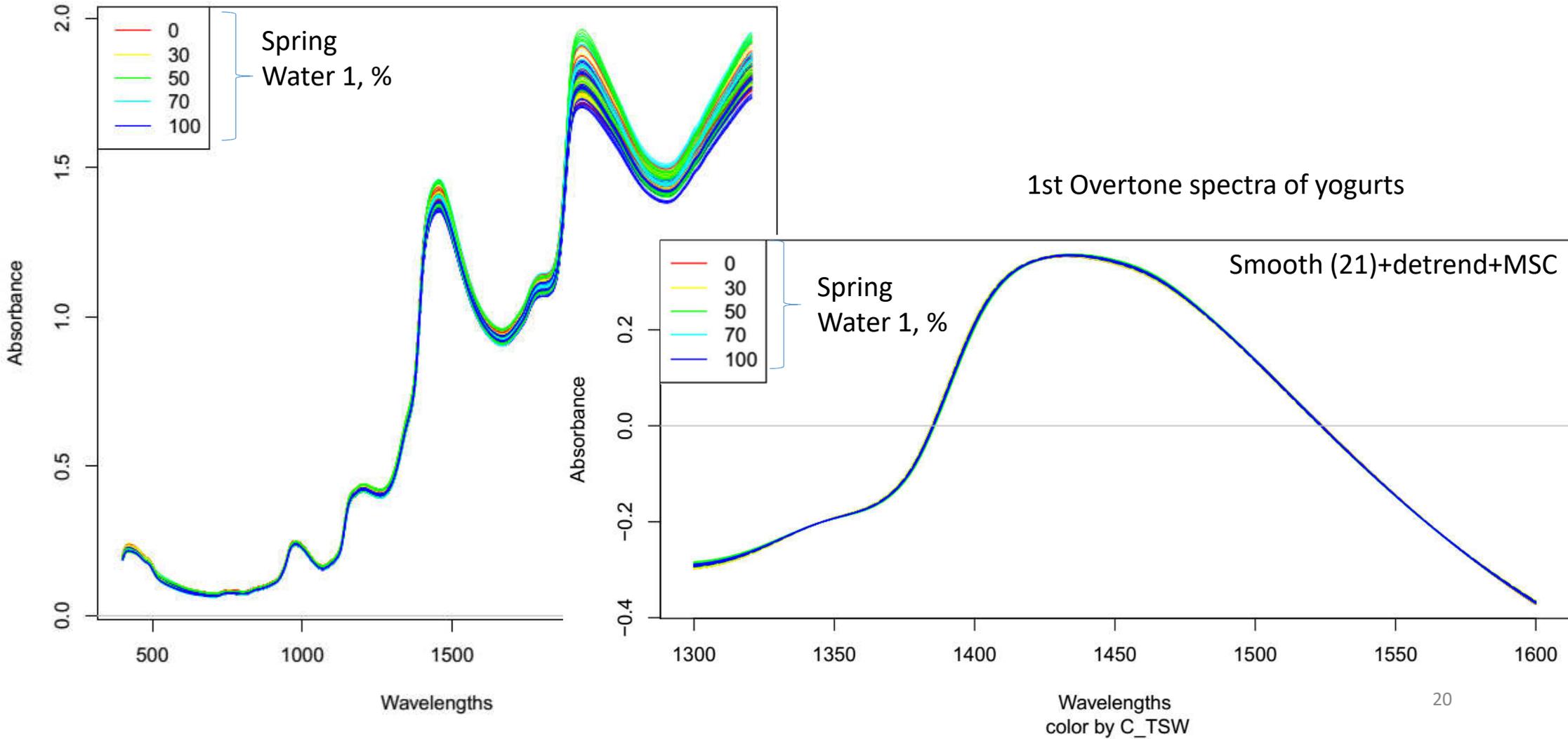
n = 185 (yogurt: 10x3x5 + MQ 7x5)



Results



Raw absorbance spectra of the samples



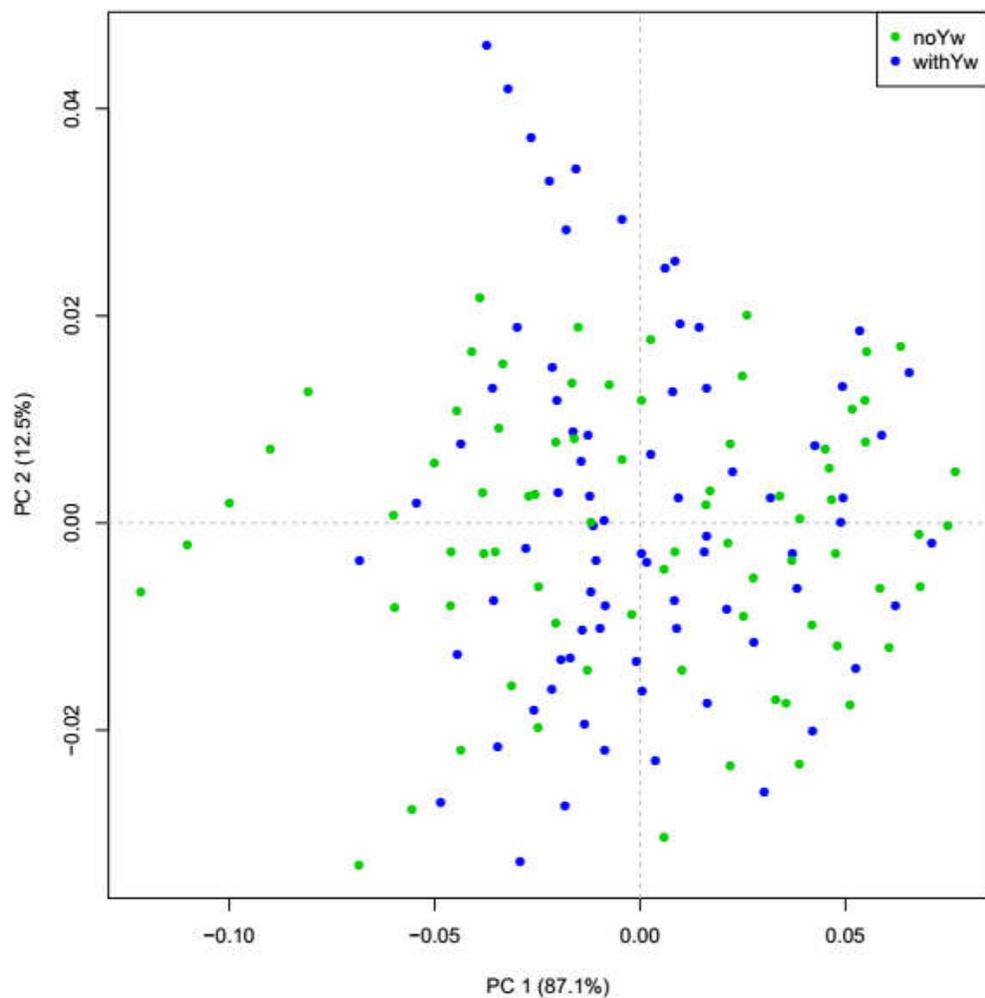
PCA plots of yogurts

(1300-1600nm, smooth 21)

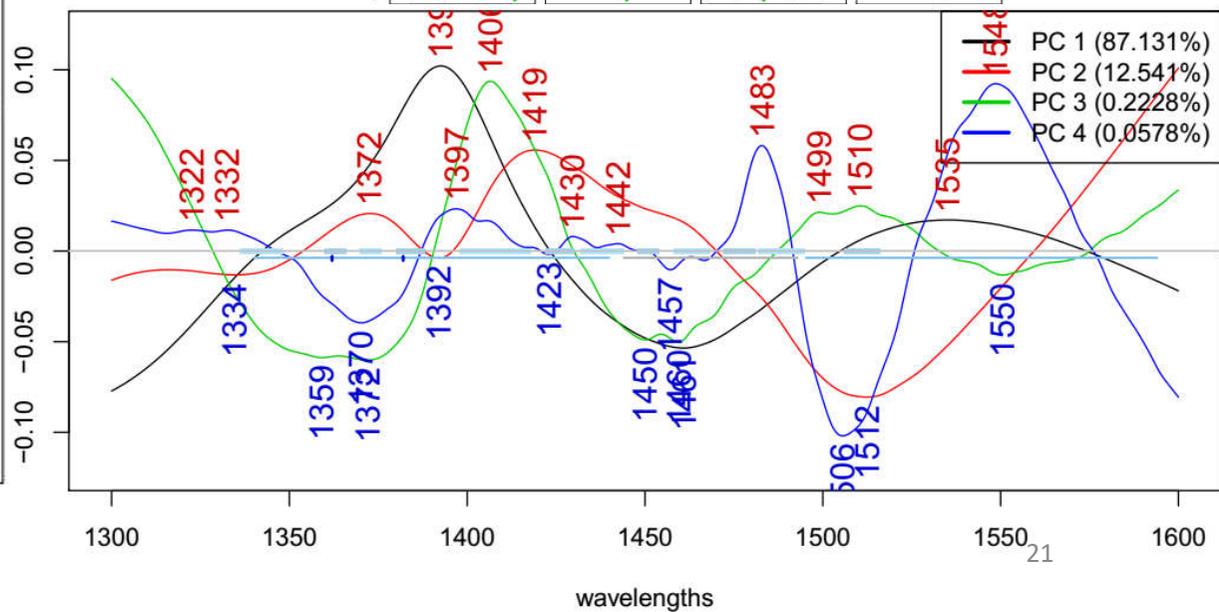
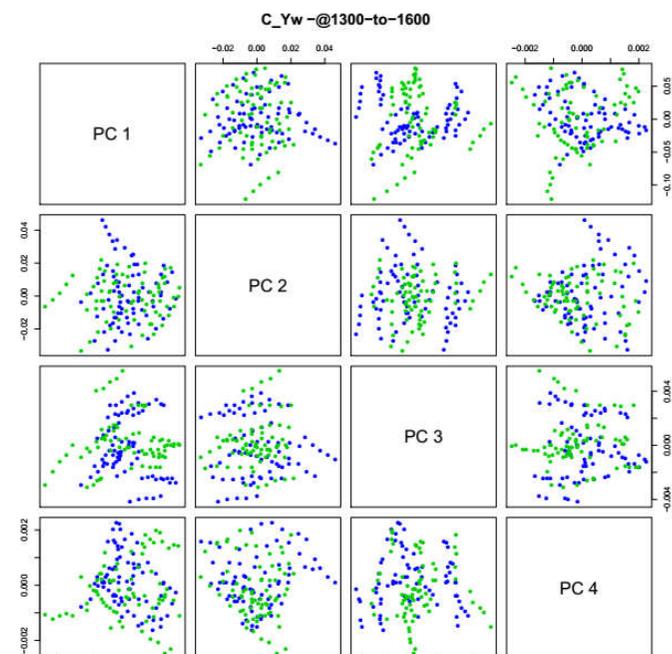
Mean-center

Colored by Yw

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No obvious
Separation based
on the two types
of starter culture



PCA plots of yogurts

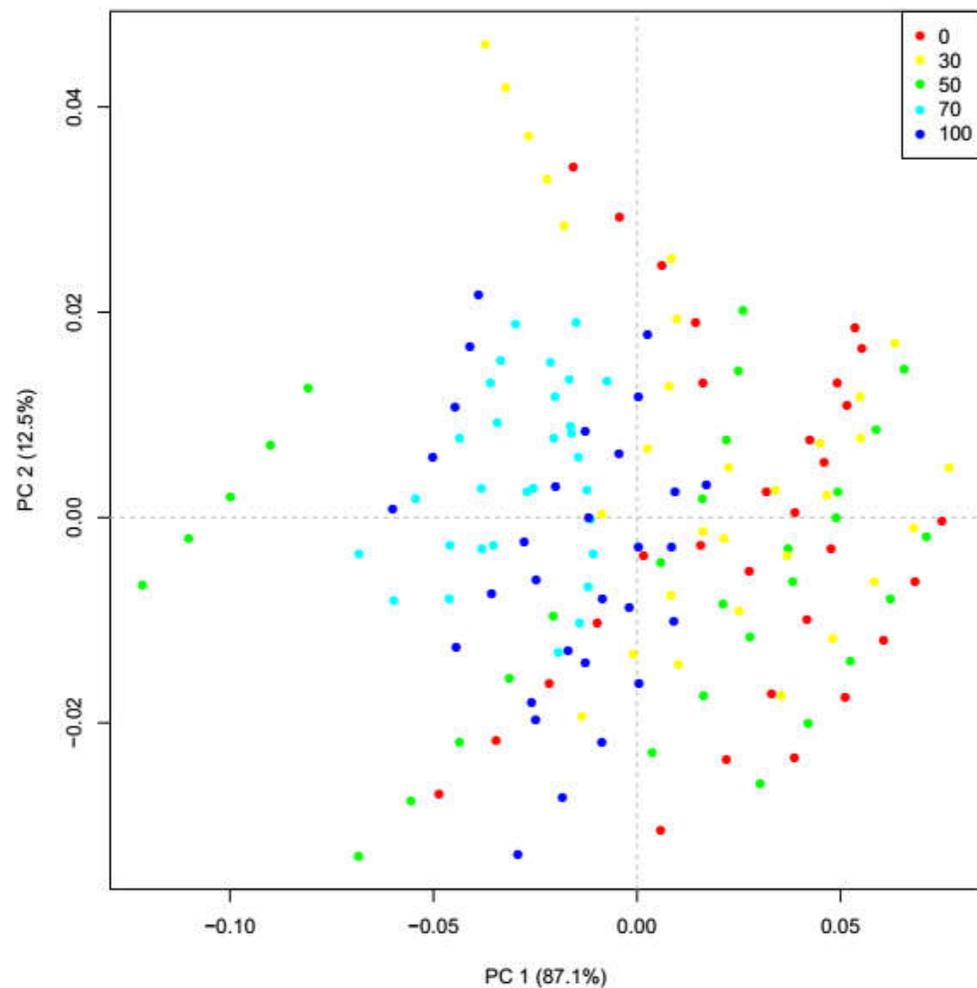
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Mean-center

Colored by Water content

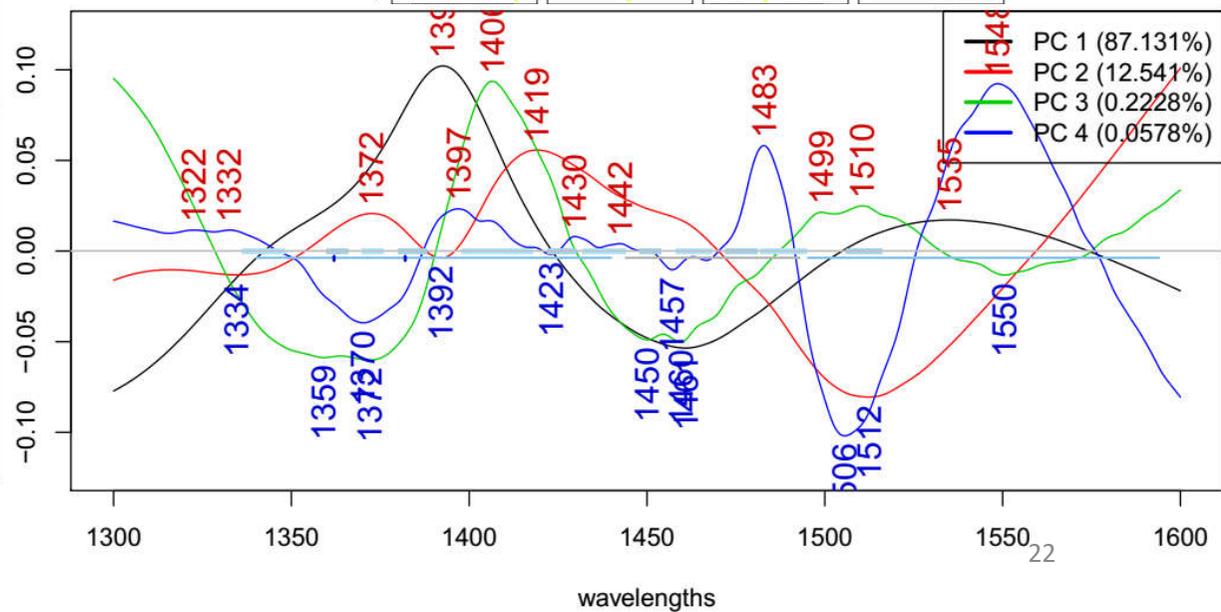
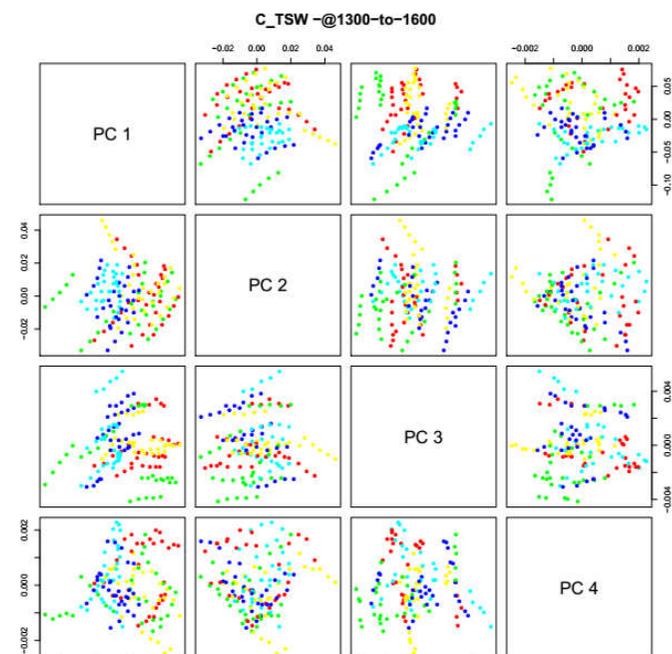
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MSC



Some tendency
on PC1

Effect of water
stronger



PCA plots of yogurts – **only with Yw**

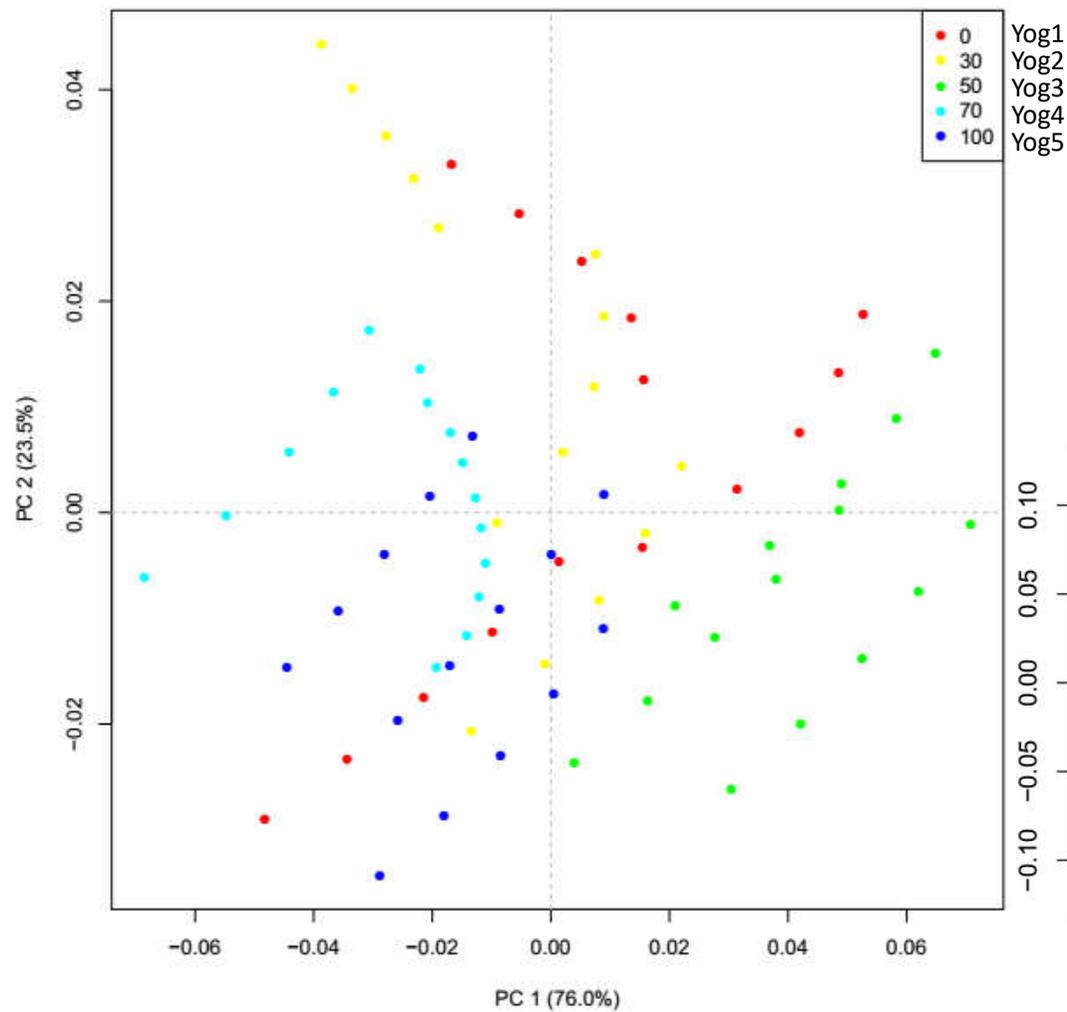
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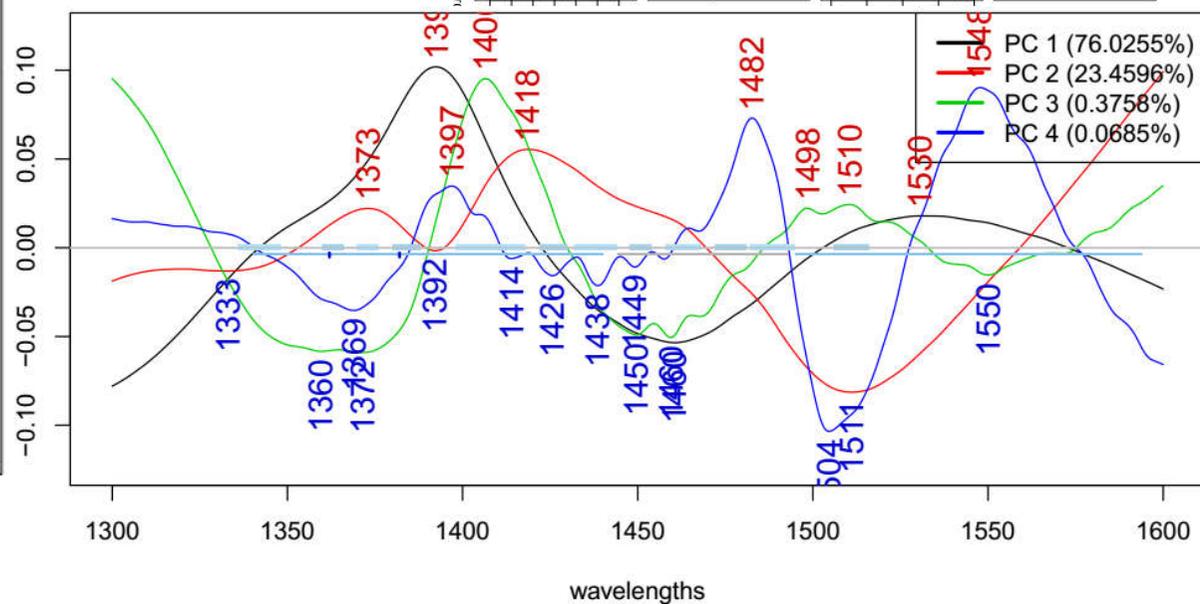
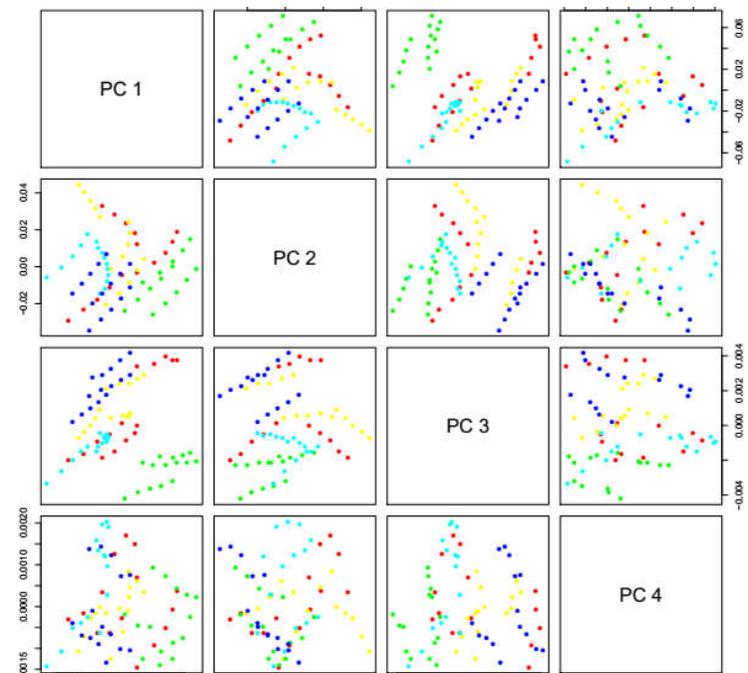
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Effect of water
stronger



Conclusion

- Water spectral pattern can be used as biomarker leading to highly accurate and fast classification and prediction of the different phenotypic properties of potential probiotic candidates of genus *Lactobacillus*
- Aquaphotomics could be used as rapid holistic approach in the screening and evaluation of probiotic microorganisms
- The type of water used for yogurt preparation has a significant effect on the spectral pattern of the final product



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Experiments with plant cells

MONITORING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOMATIC AND CALLUS RICE CELLS USING AQUAPHOTOMICS



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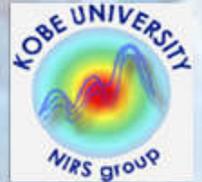
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INTRODUCTION

Water is one of the most important component of the biological systems¹. It is essential to discover the relationship between the different water molecular structures in living systems and its functionality. Non-invasive dynamic analysis method has to be used to monitor the biological and aqueous systems².

OBJECTIVE

The objective was to monitor the development of somatic and callus rice cells by Aquaphotomics approach in order to identify different developmental stages.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

Somatic rice and callus rice cells were monitored. Rice seeds (*Oryza sativa*) were grown in petri dishes. Plant growth regulator hormone was supplemented to initiate callus cells. From the 4th to the 26th day of preparation 28 somatic and 28 callus rice seeds were monitored.

Instrumentation

SAIKA Instrument (SAIKA Technological Institute Foundation) with fiber optic cable was used. Transmittance spectra of the individual seeds were taken in the range of 660-960nm. Every seeds were measured at four different position using 5 consecutive scans (n=13440).

Data evaluation

Data evaluation was performed on absorbance ($\log T^{-1}$) values in the range of 720-965nm. Various spectral preprocessing (e.g. smoothing, SNV, averaging and 2nd derivation) and chemometrics methods (e.g. PCA, PCR, HCA, LDA) were applied.

Somatic rice cells

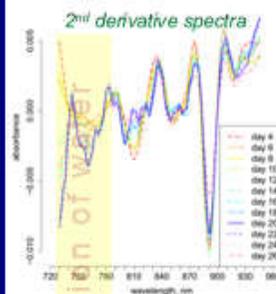


Fig.1. 2nd derivative spectra (gap 5, segment 3) of daily averages of somatic rice cells

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

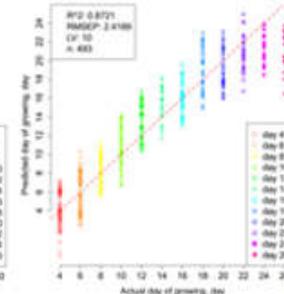


Fig.2. Prediction of the growing days of somatic rice cells by PCR

Callus rice cells

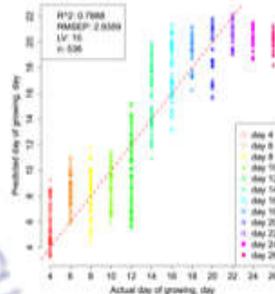


Fig.4. Prediction of the growing days of callus rice cells by PCR

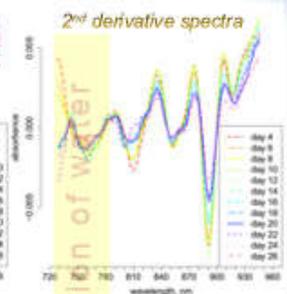


Fig.3. 2nd derivative spectra (gap 5, segment 3) of daily averages of callus rice cells

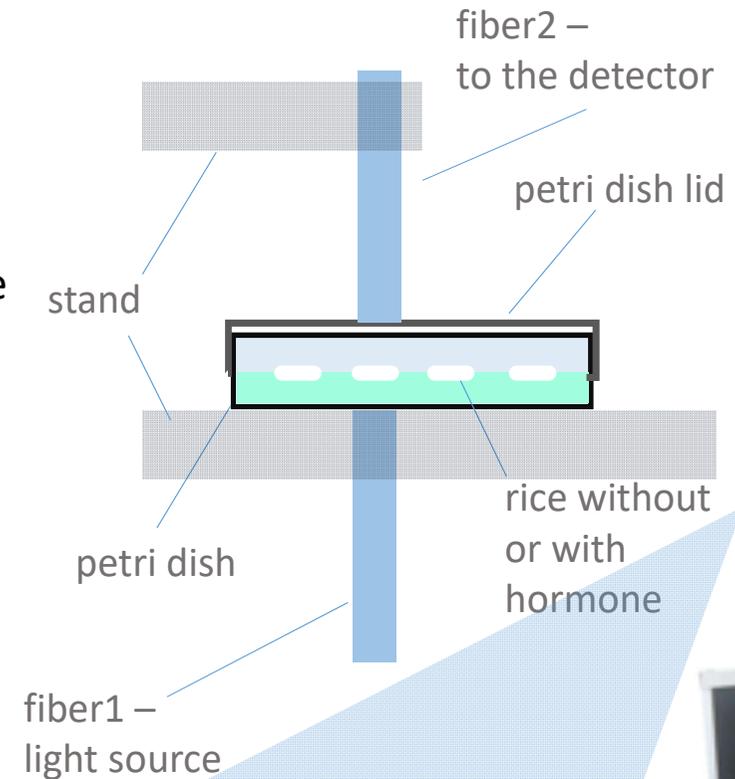
objectives

- to monitor the development of cells in somatic and callus rice cells
- to determine the water structural changes during the cell development
- to describe the wavelengths activated during the cell development



Materials and methods

- the experiment was performed with SAIKA instrument
- the instrument was connected with fiber in transmittance arrangement
- the fiber probe was fixed by a stand
- the samples were measured in the petri dish (without opening it)
- the seeds were measured using 5 consecutive scans and the petri dish was turned with 90° (4 positions) resulting 20 spectra from each seed
- 28 somatic and 28 callus rice seeds were monitored for 24 days (12 time points)
- total number of spectra 13 440 scans

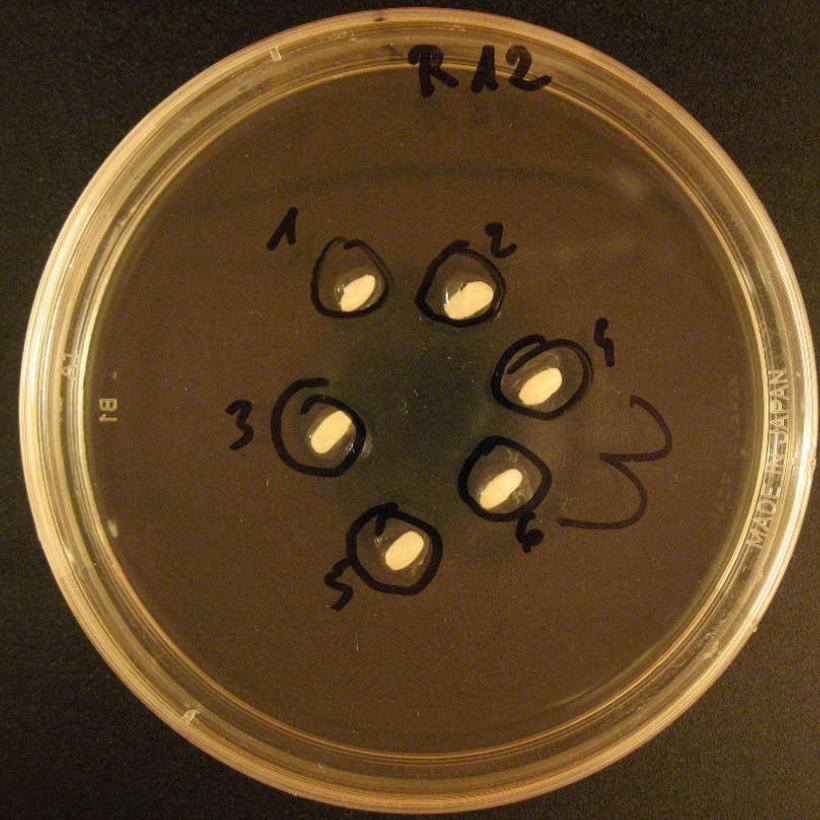
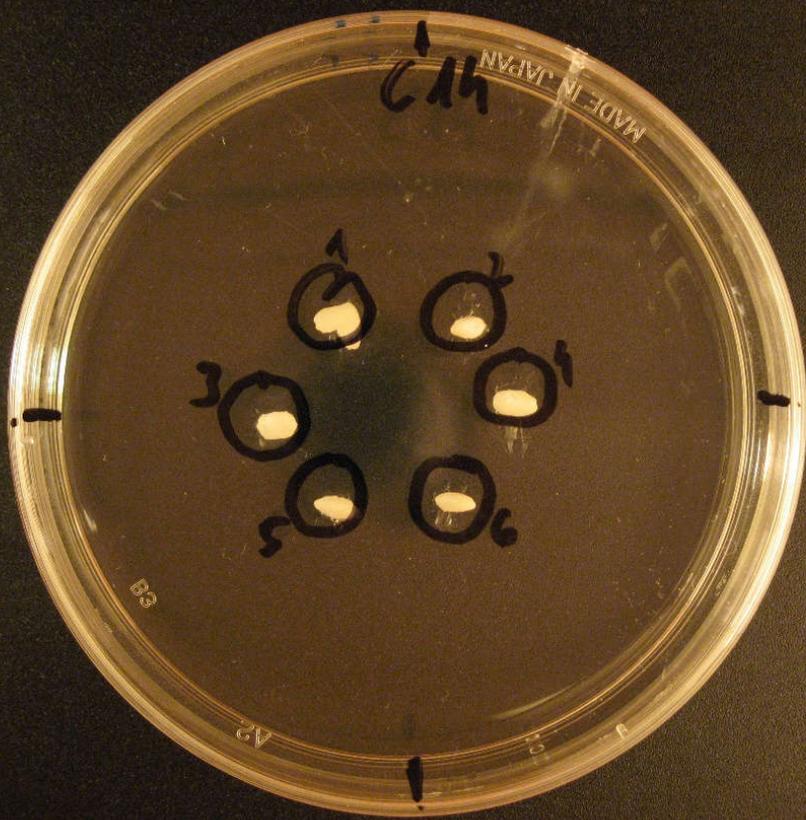


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somatic cells

day 2

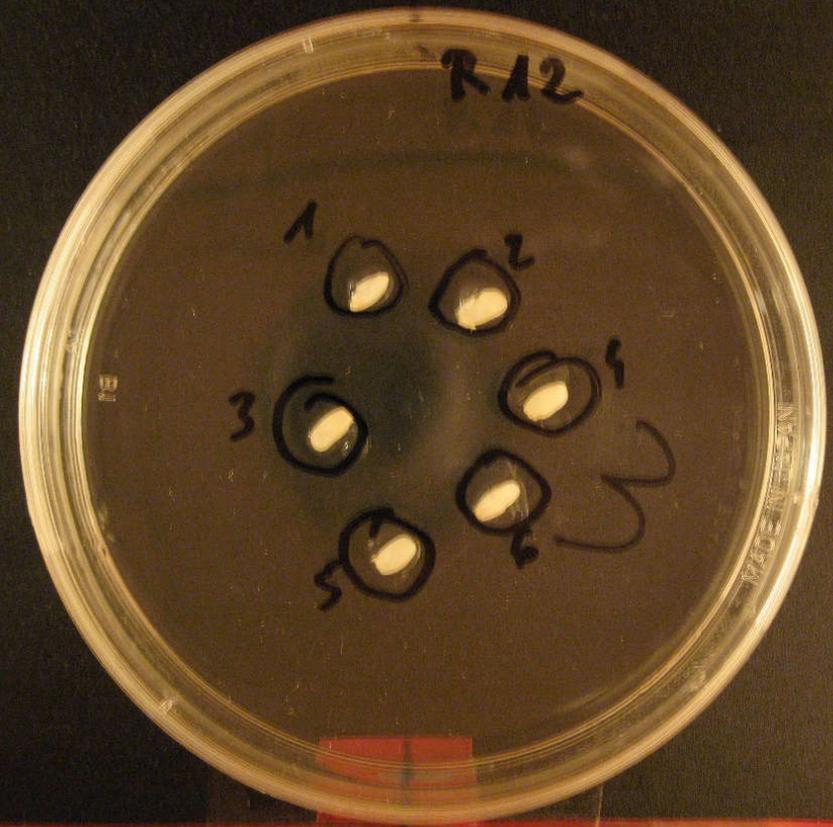
callus cells



somatic cells

day 4

callus cells



somatic cells

day 5

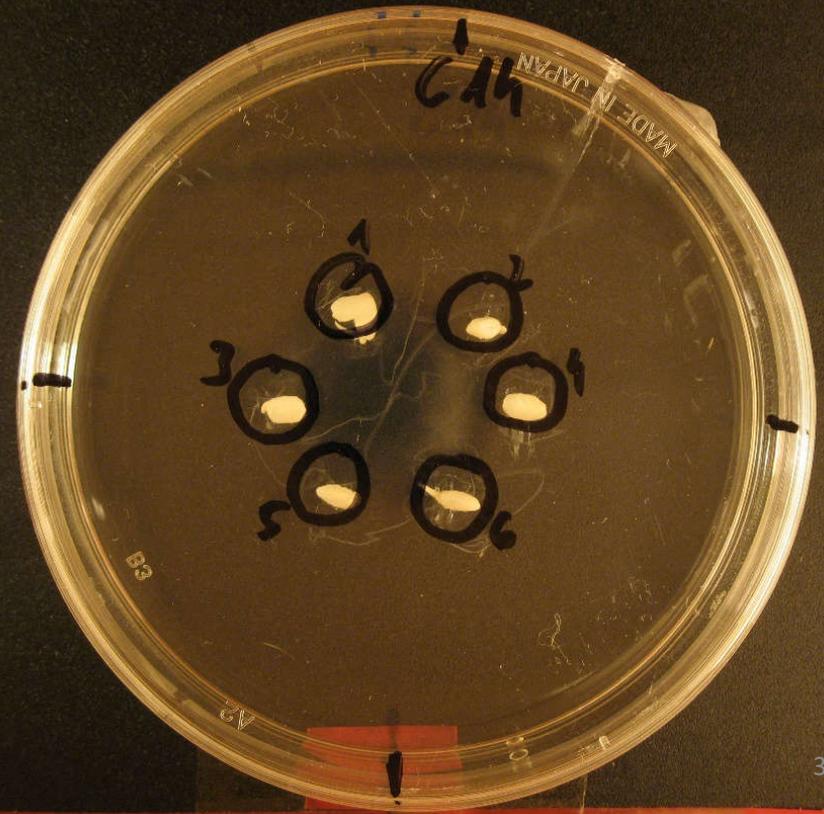
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somatic cells

day 6

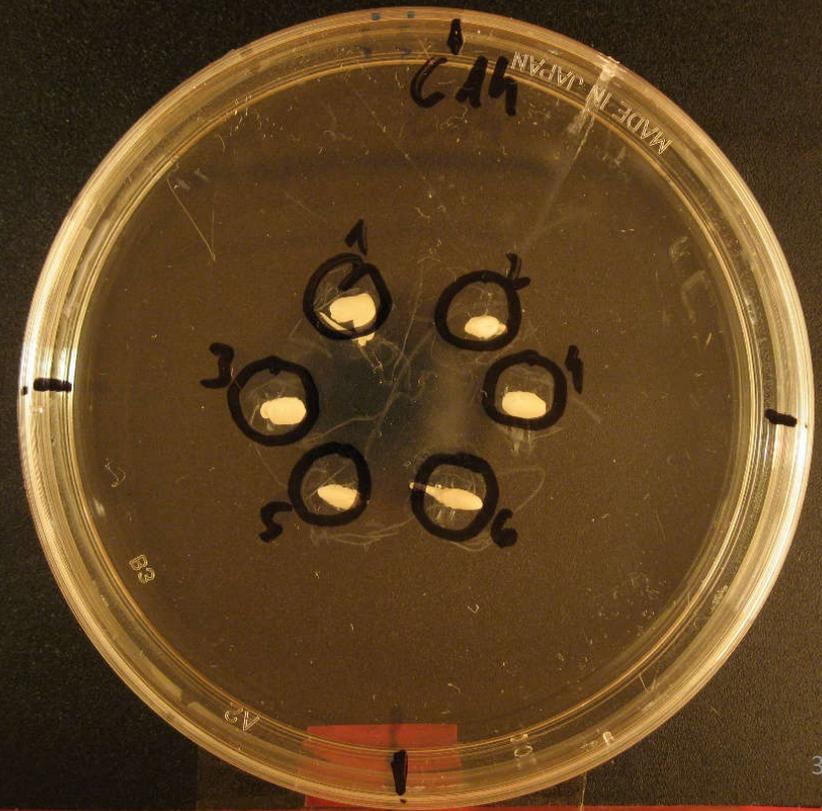
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somatic cells

day 7

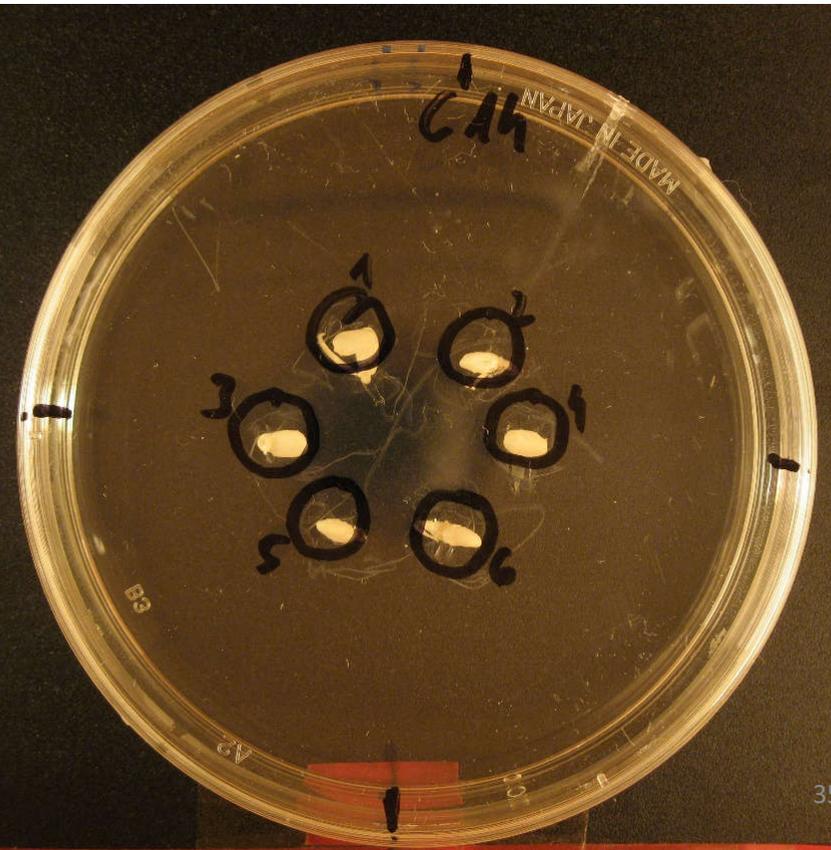
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somatic cells

day 8

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day 10

callus cells



somatic cells

day 12

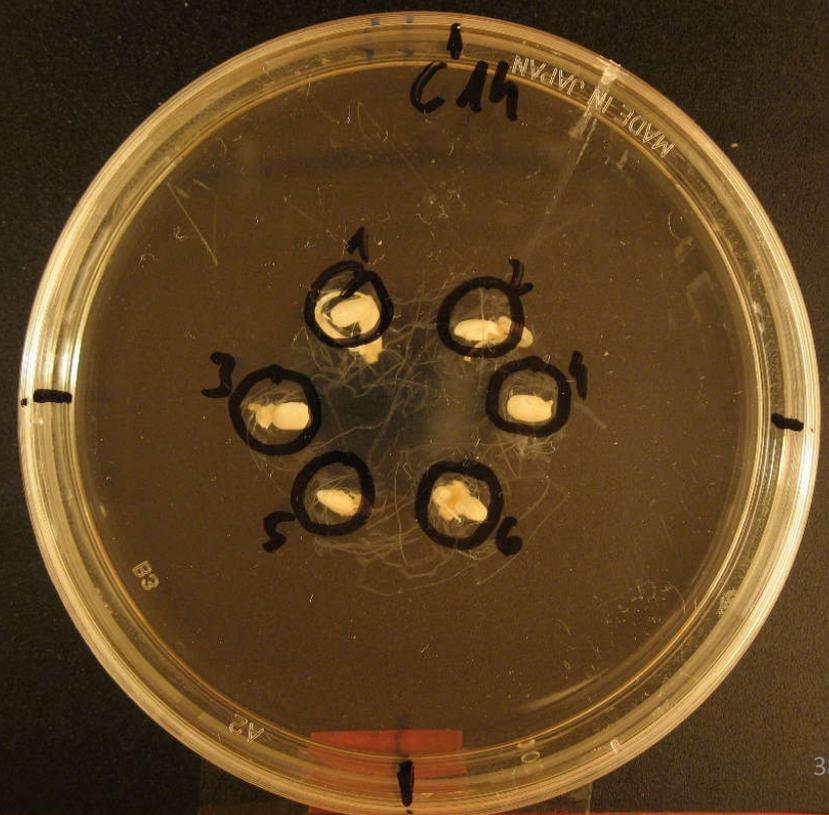
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somatic cells

day 14

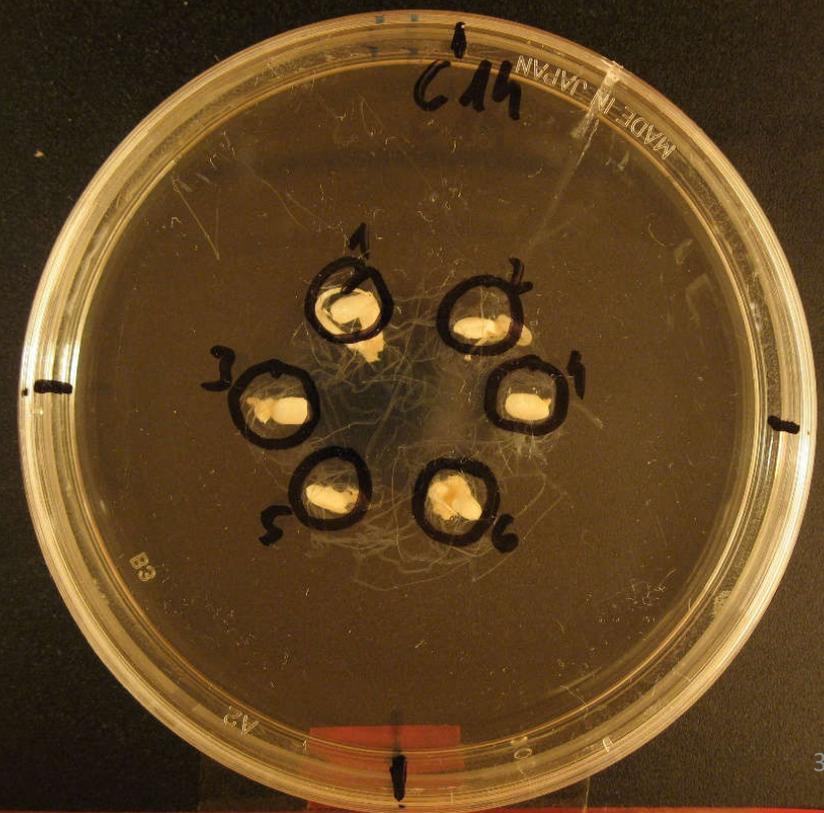
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somatic cells

day 16

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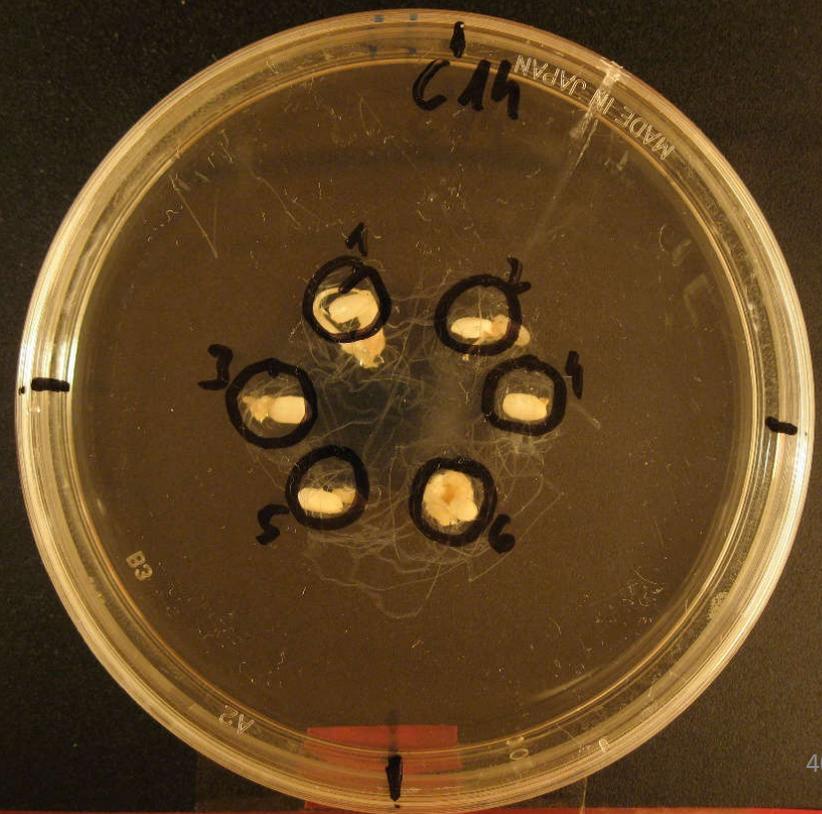
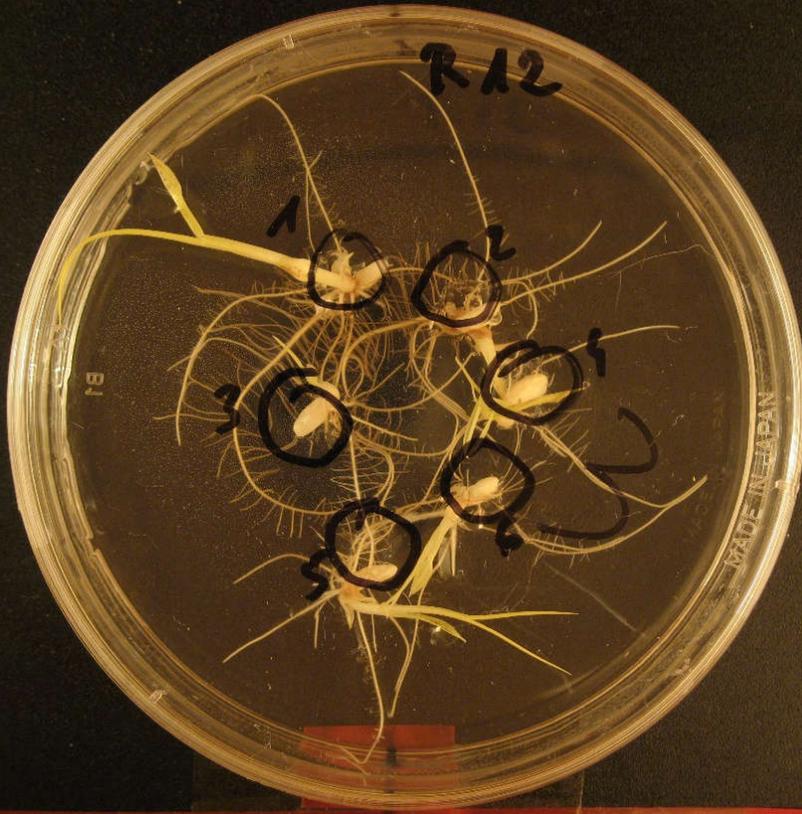


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somatic cells

day 18

callus cells



somatic cells

day 20

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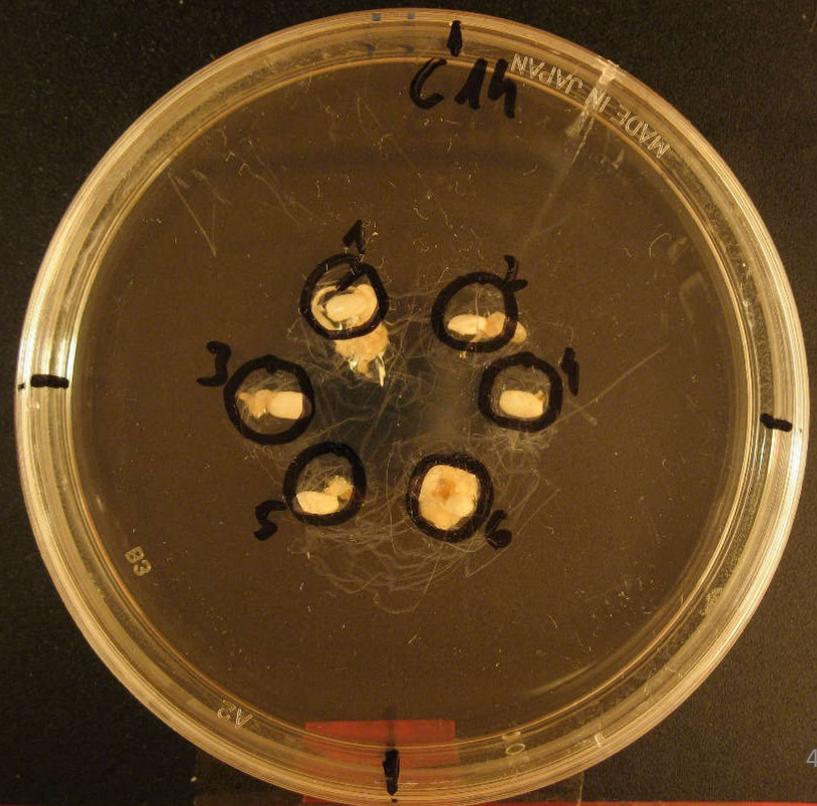


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somatic cells

day 22

callus cells

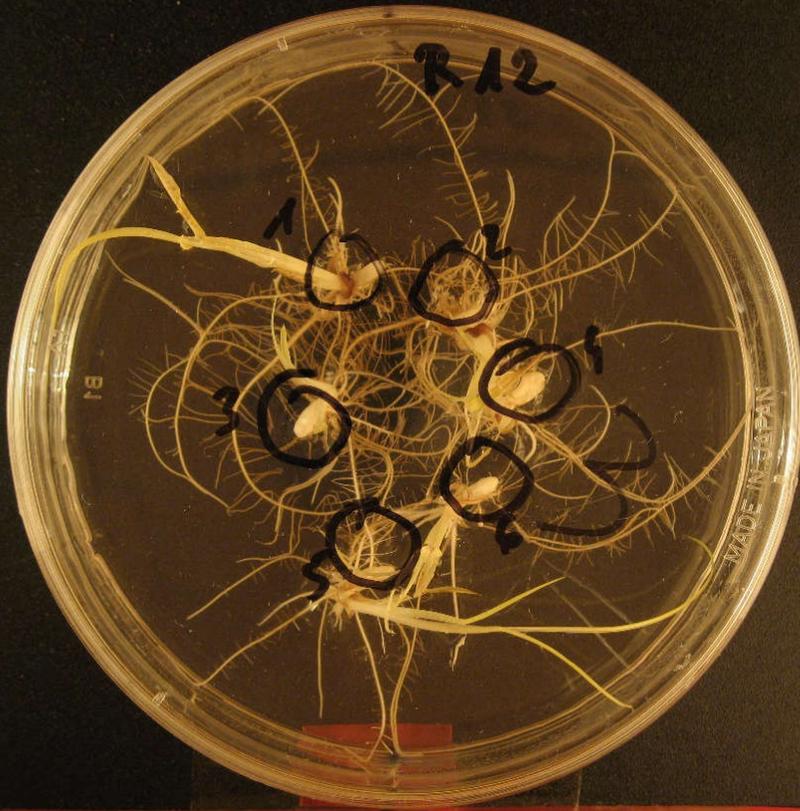


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somatic cells

day 24

callus cells

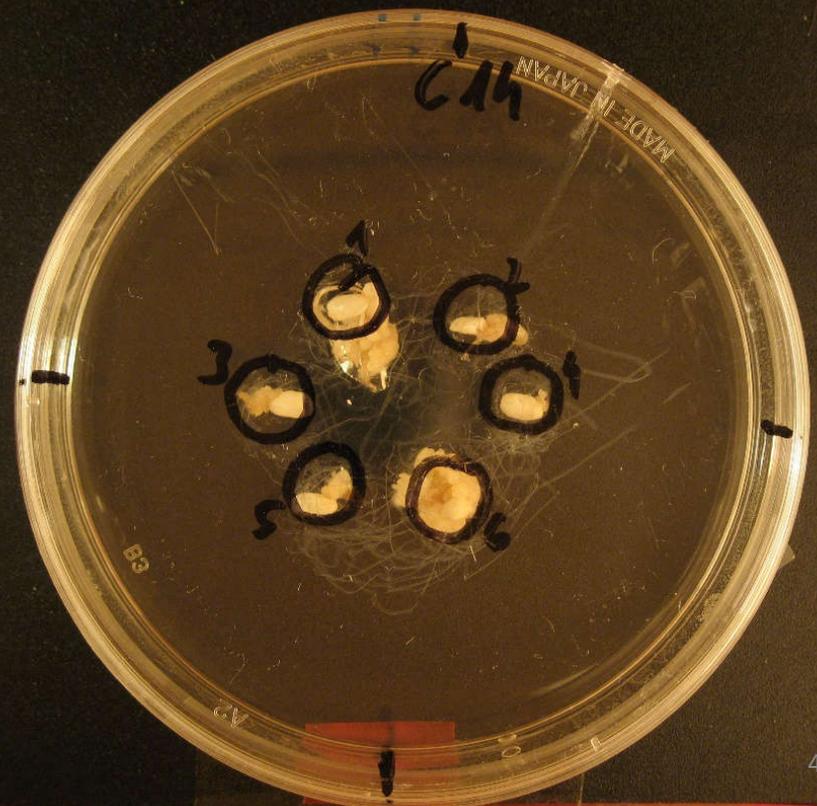


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somatic cells

day 26

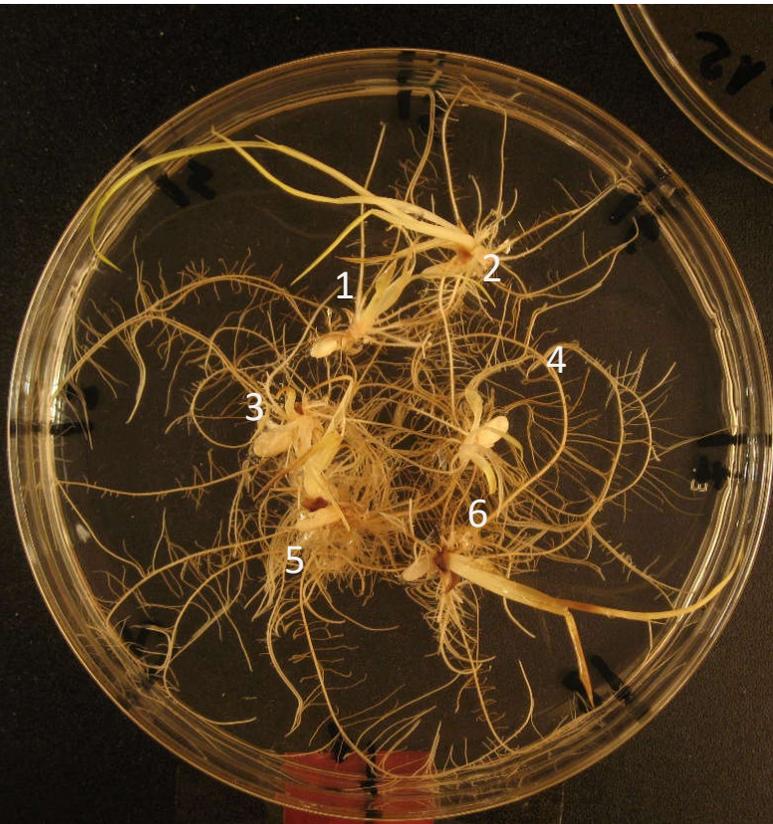
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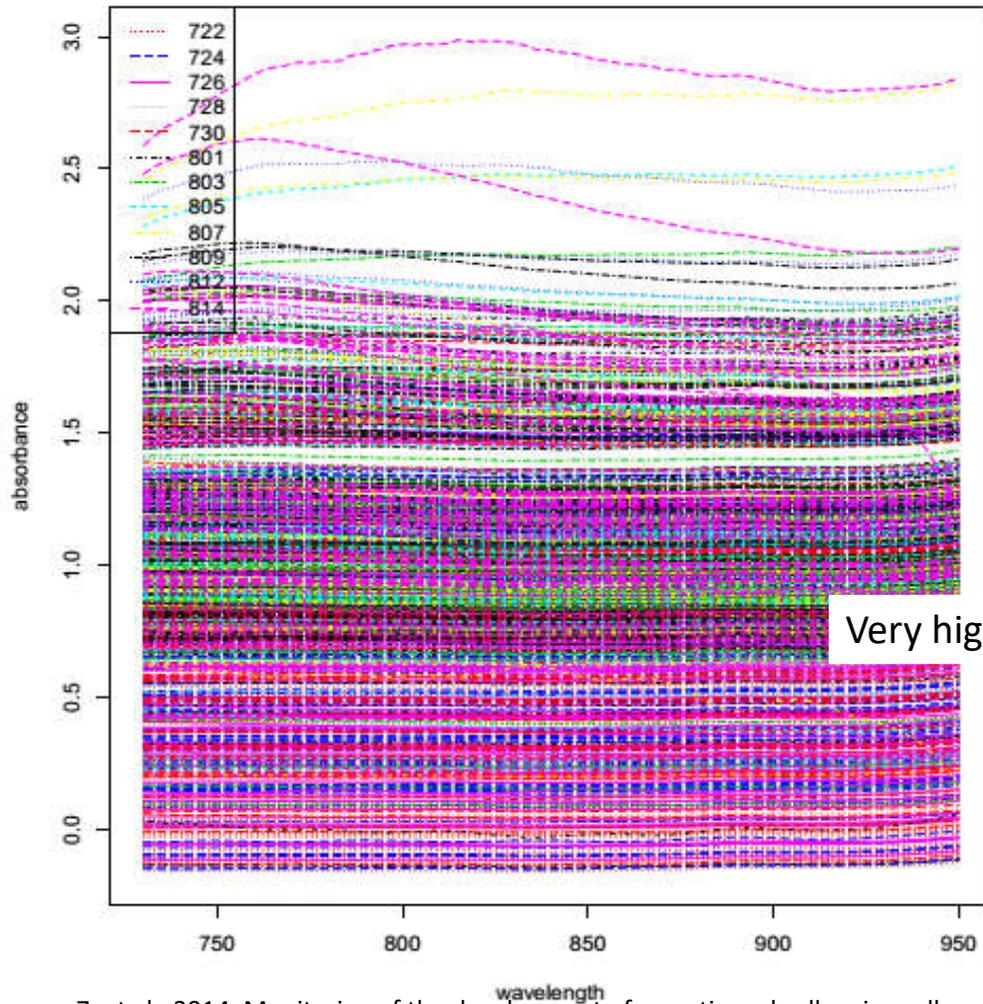
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callus cells

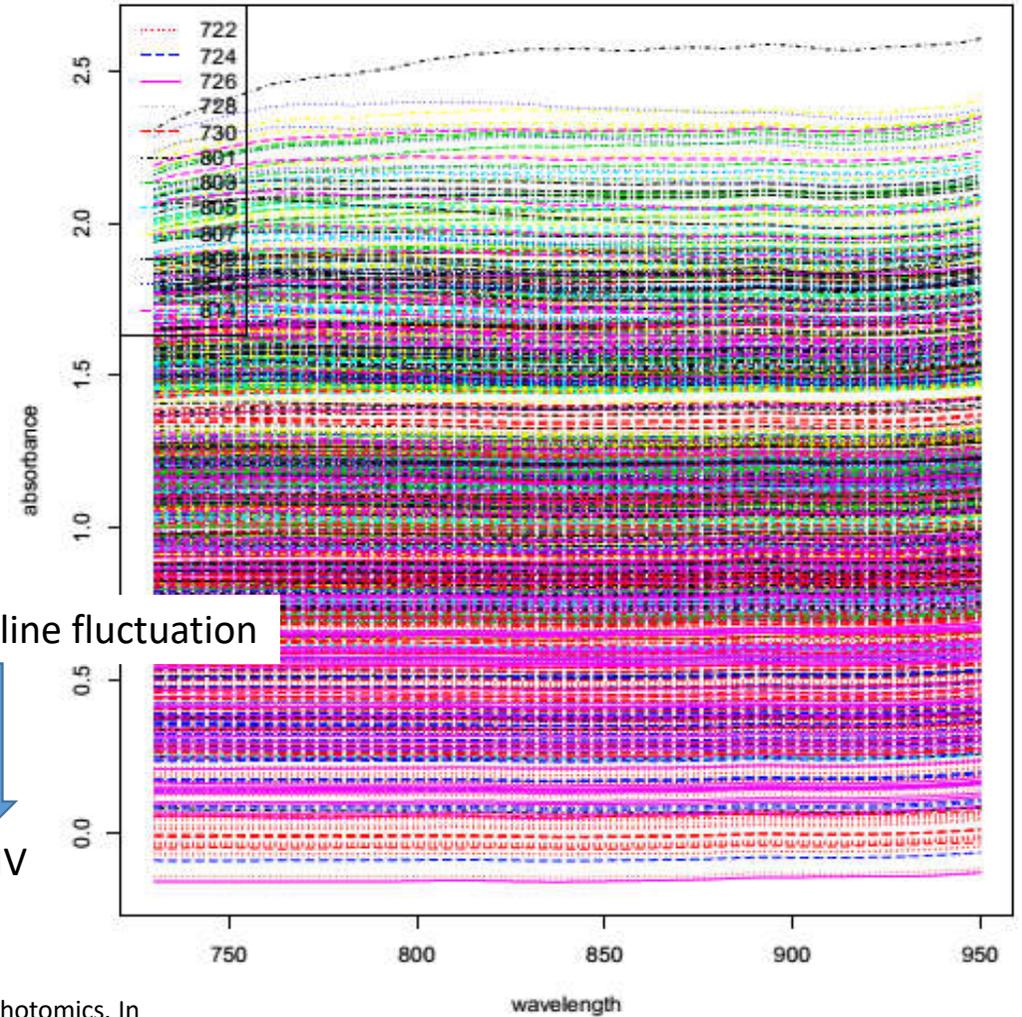


Calculated absorbance spectra

callus cells



somatic cells

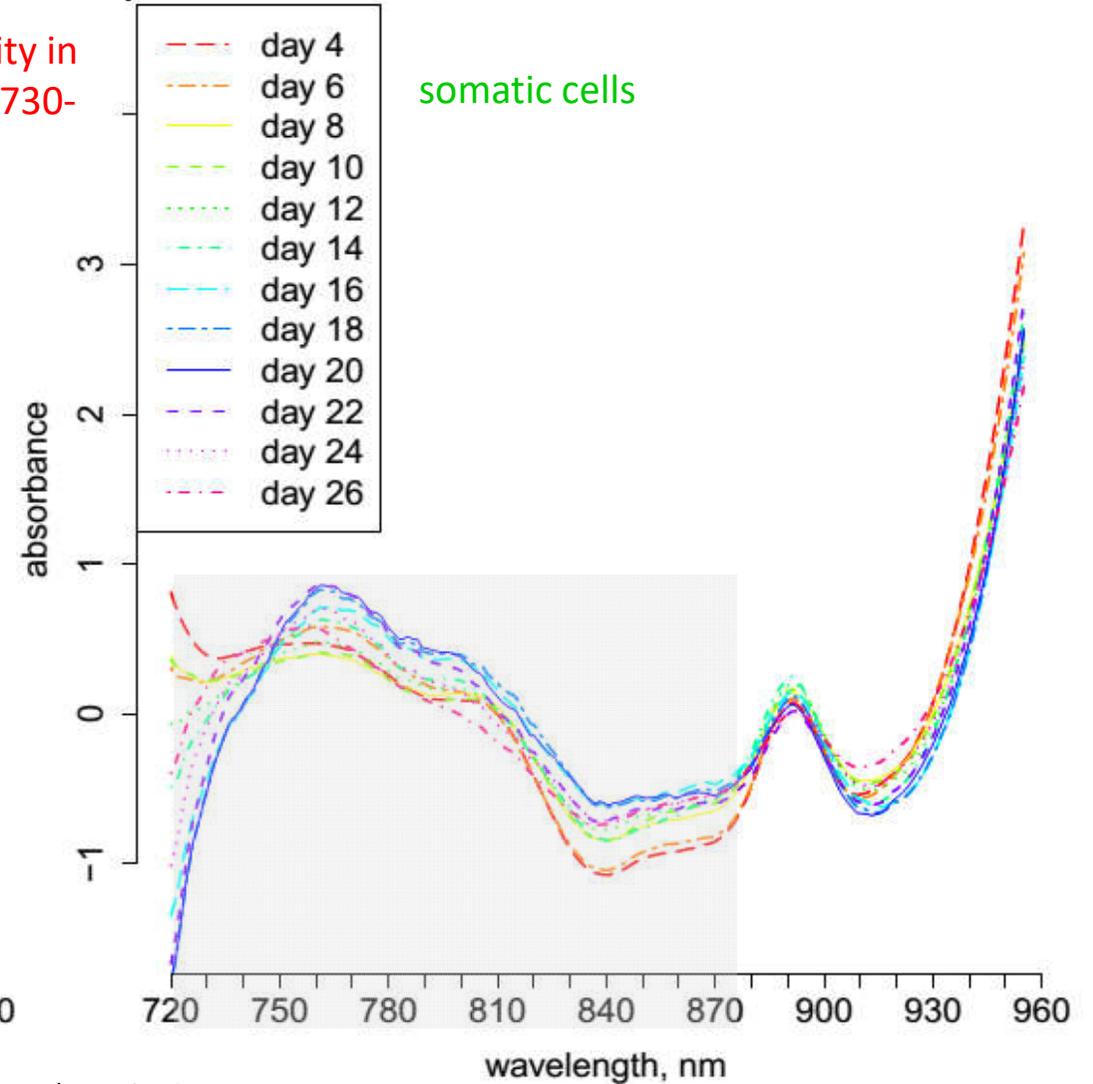
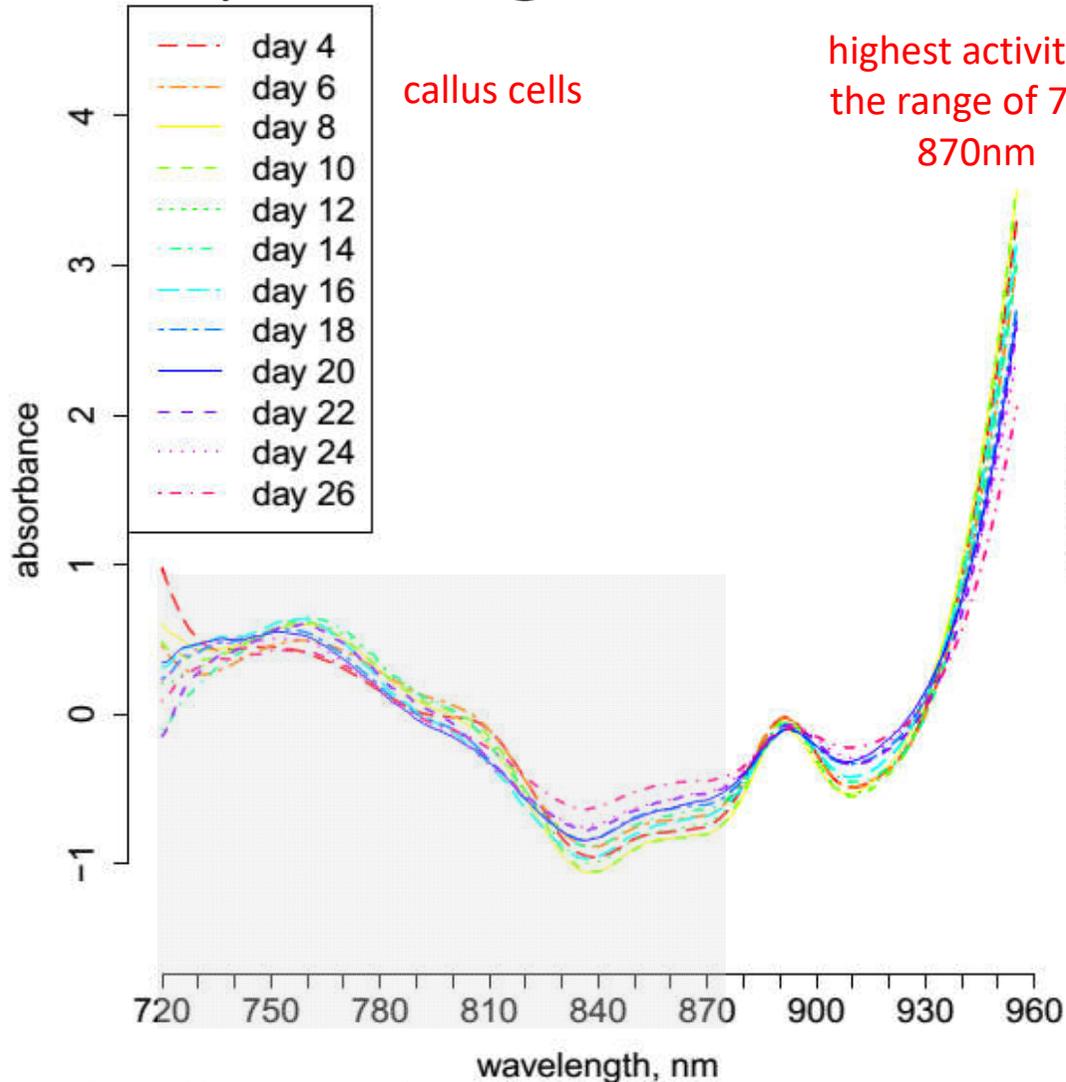


Very high baseline fluctuation



Daily average absorbance spectra

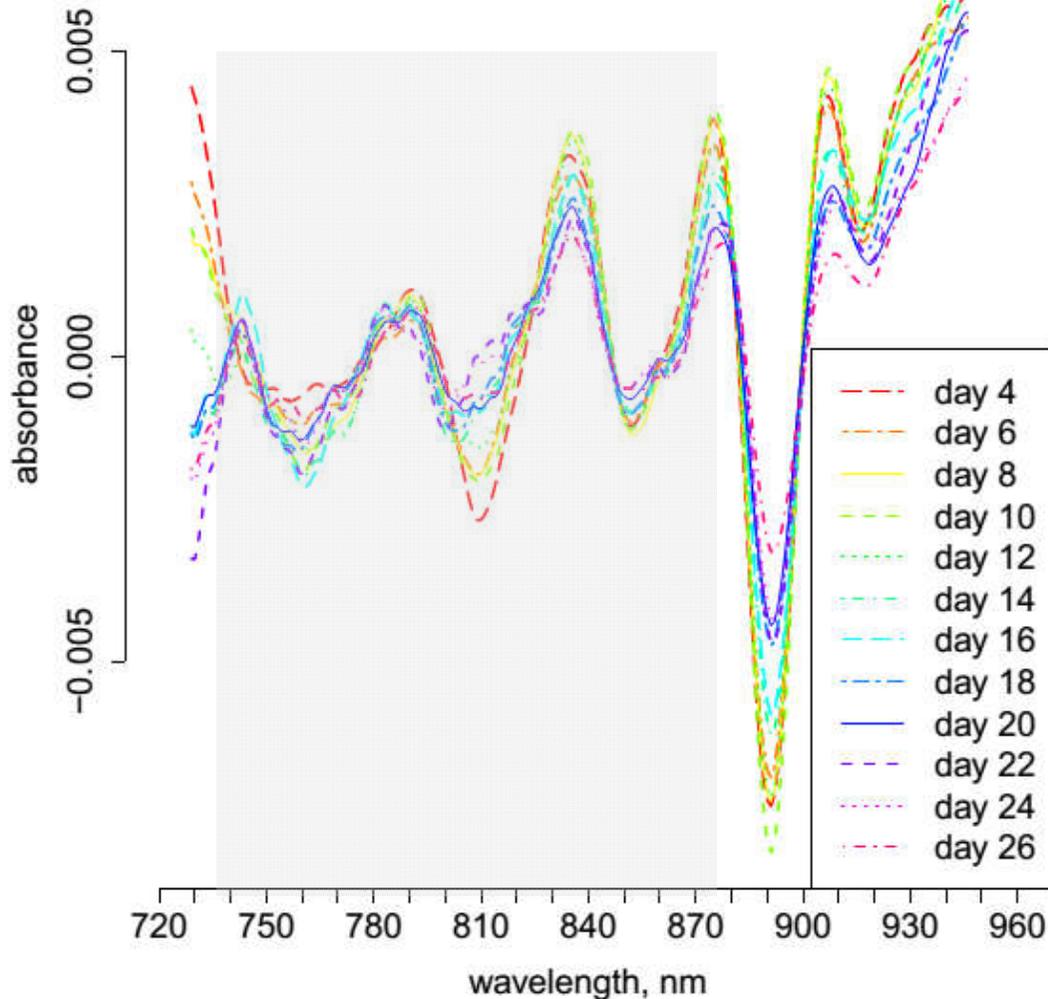
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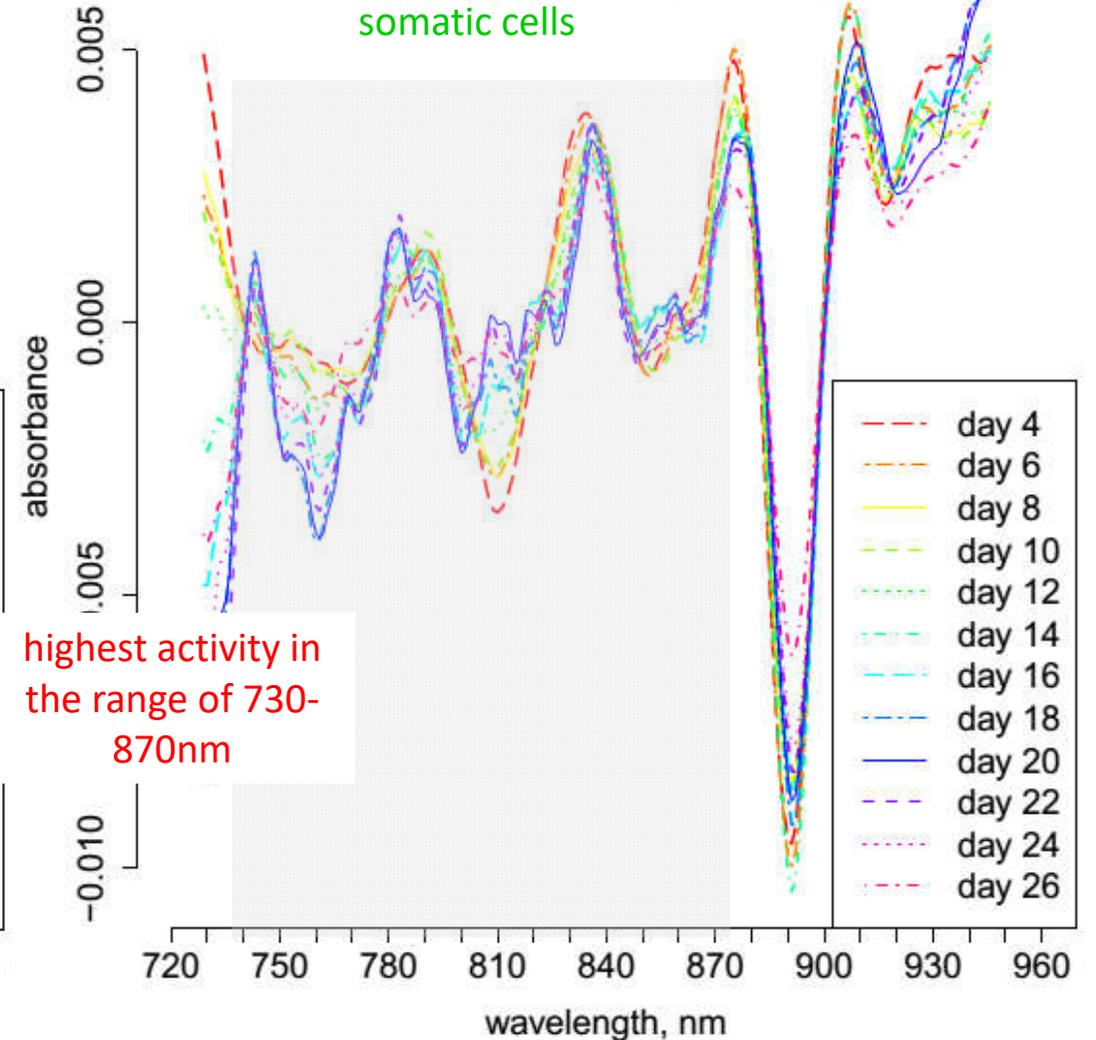
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gap 5, segment 3

callus cells



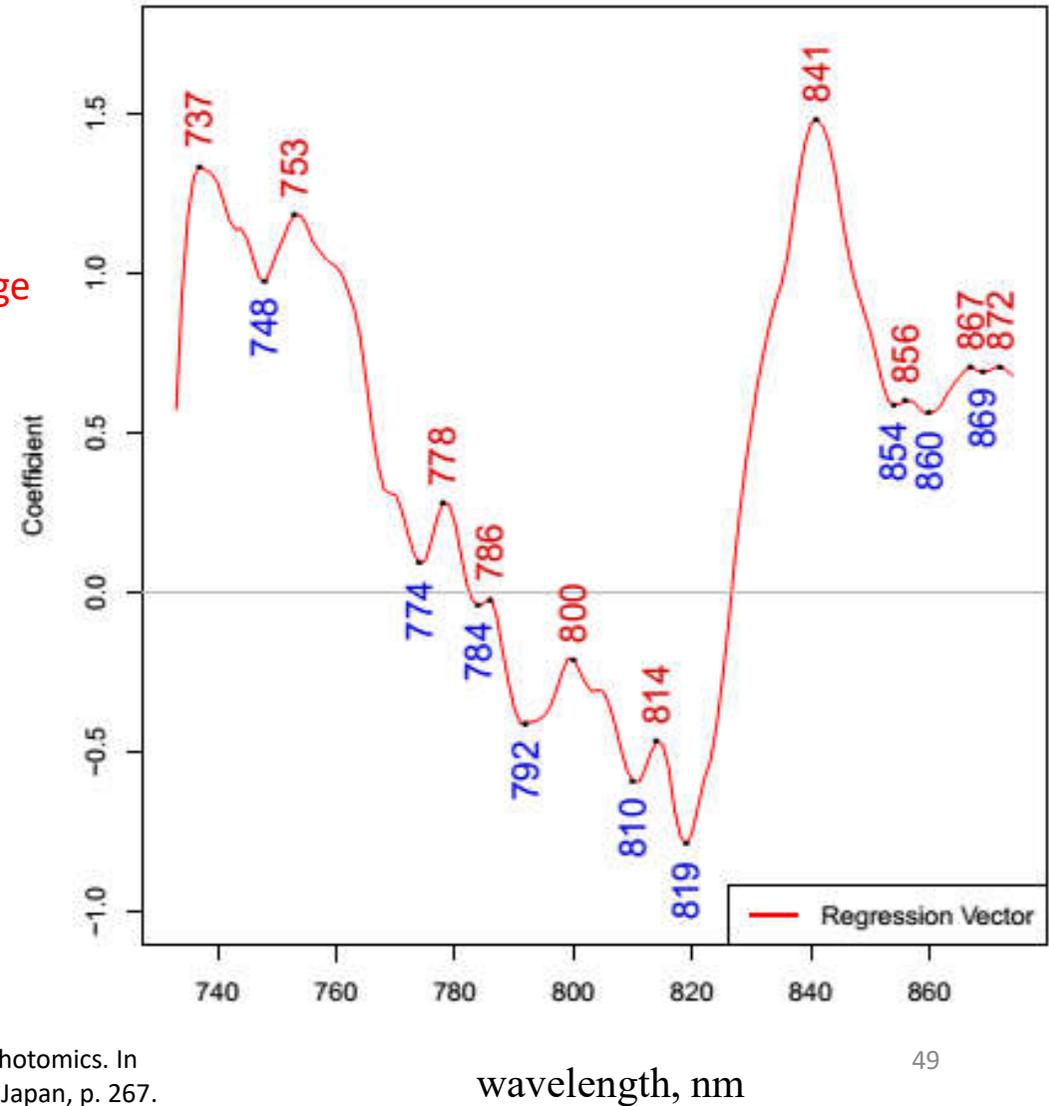
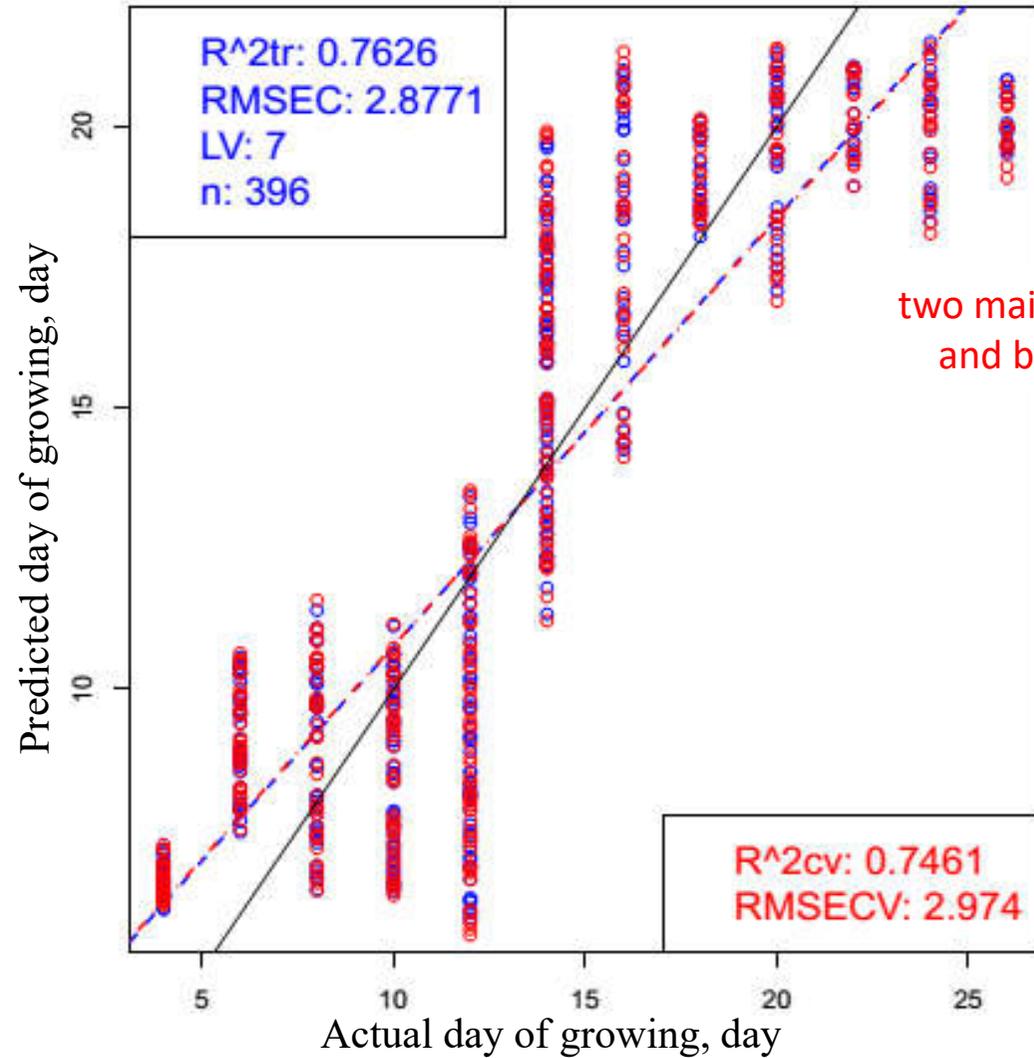
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PLS regression on the growing days

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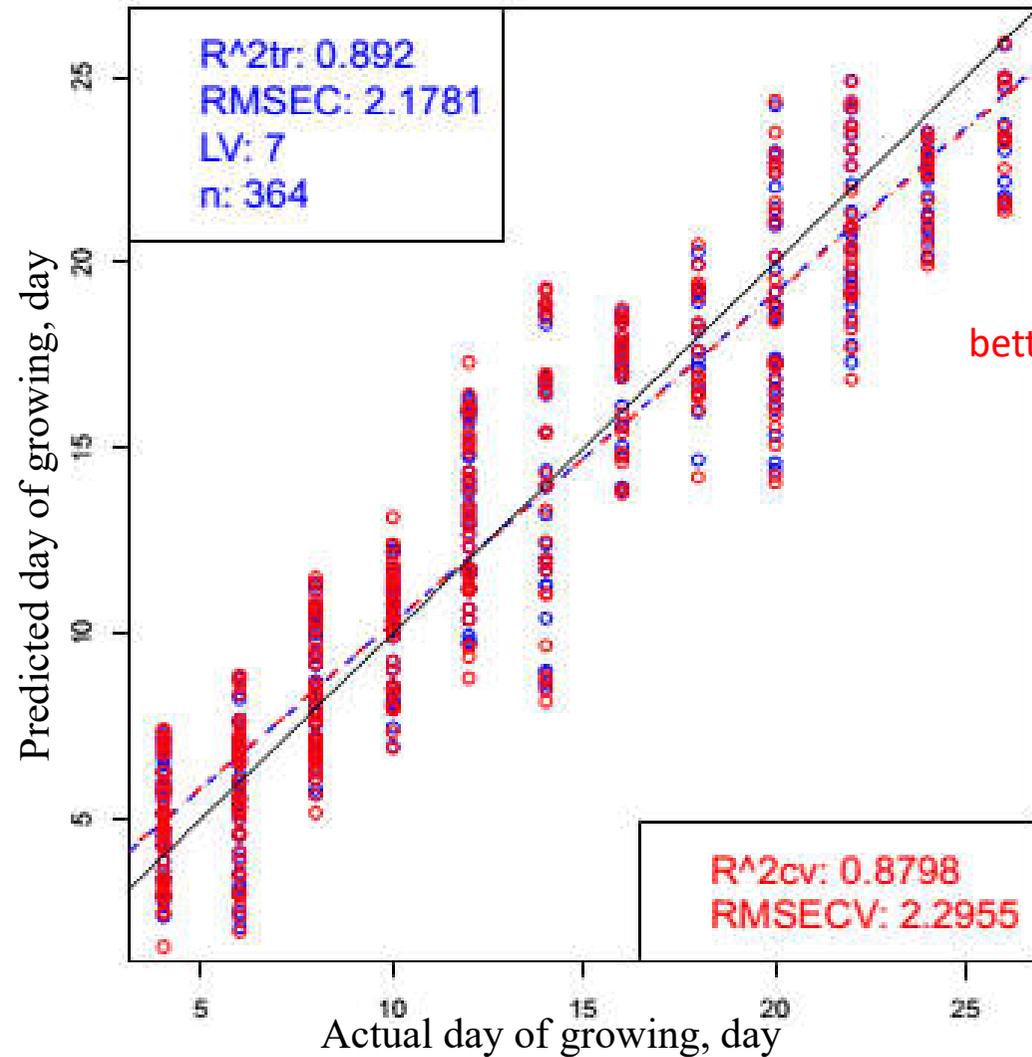


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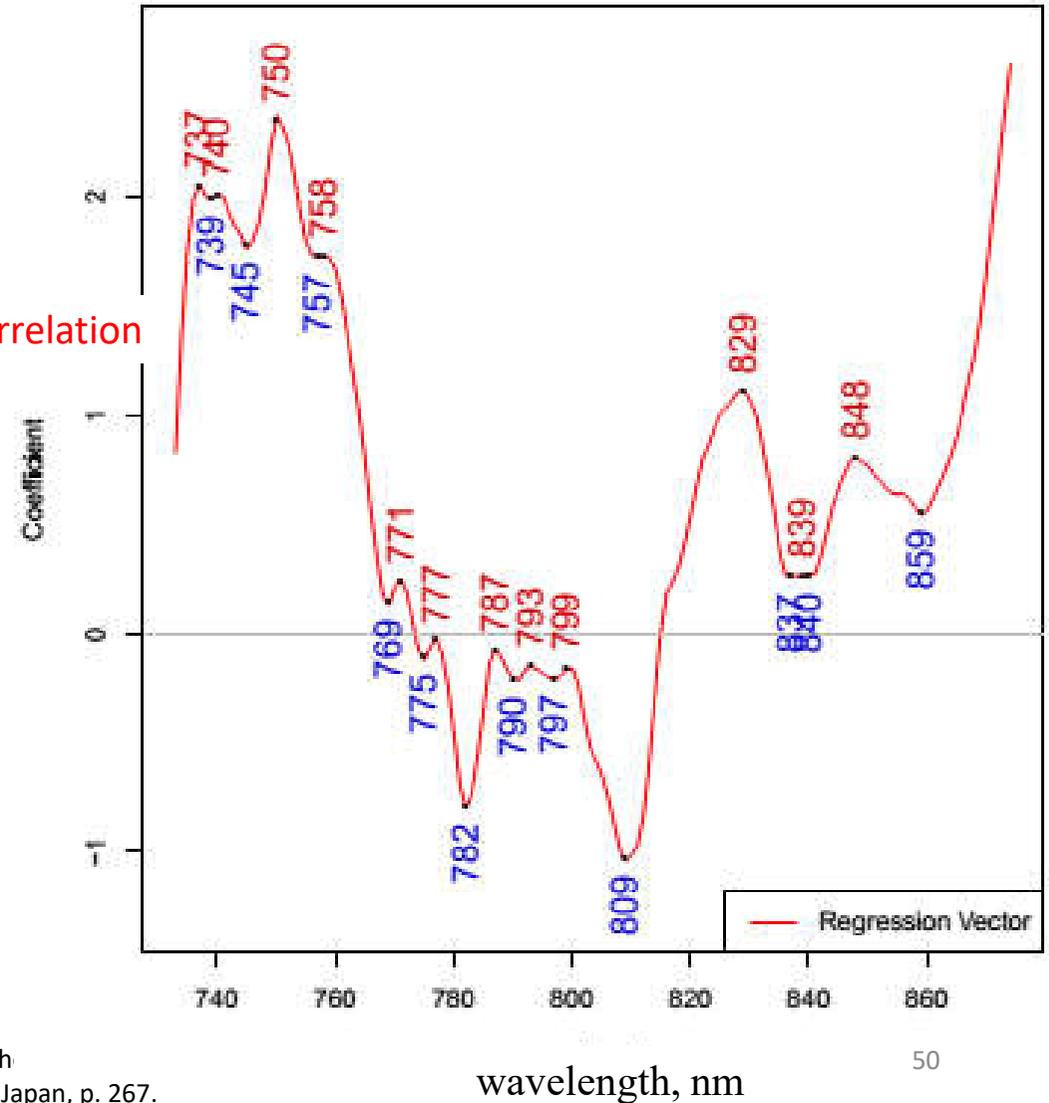
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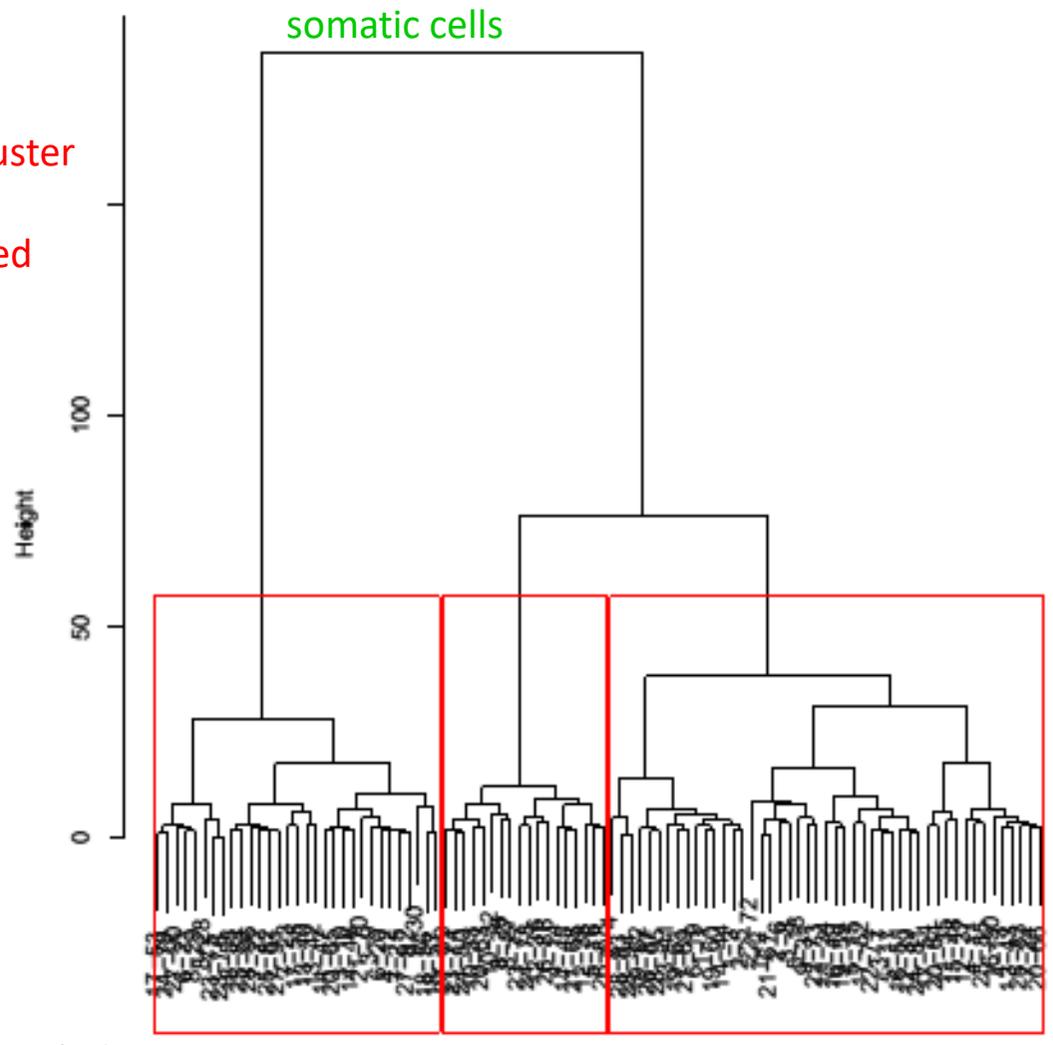
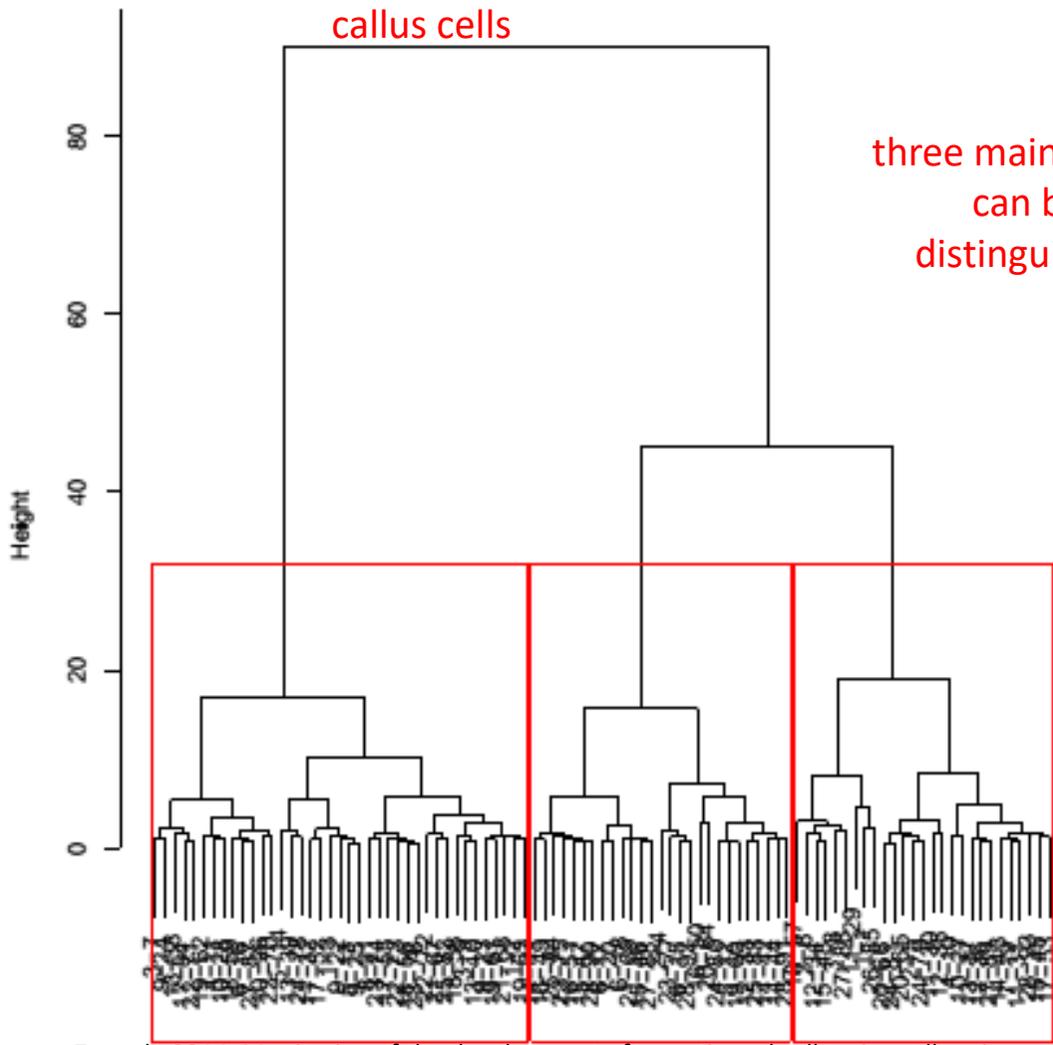
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better correlation



HCA to determine groups



sample name

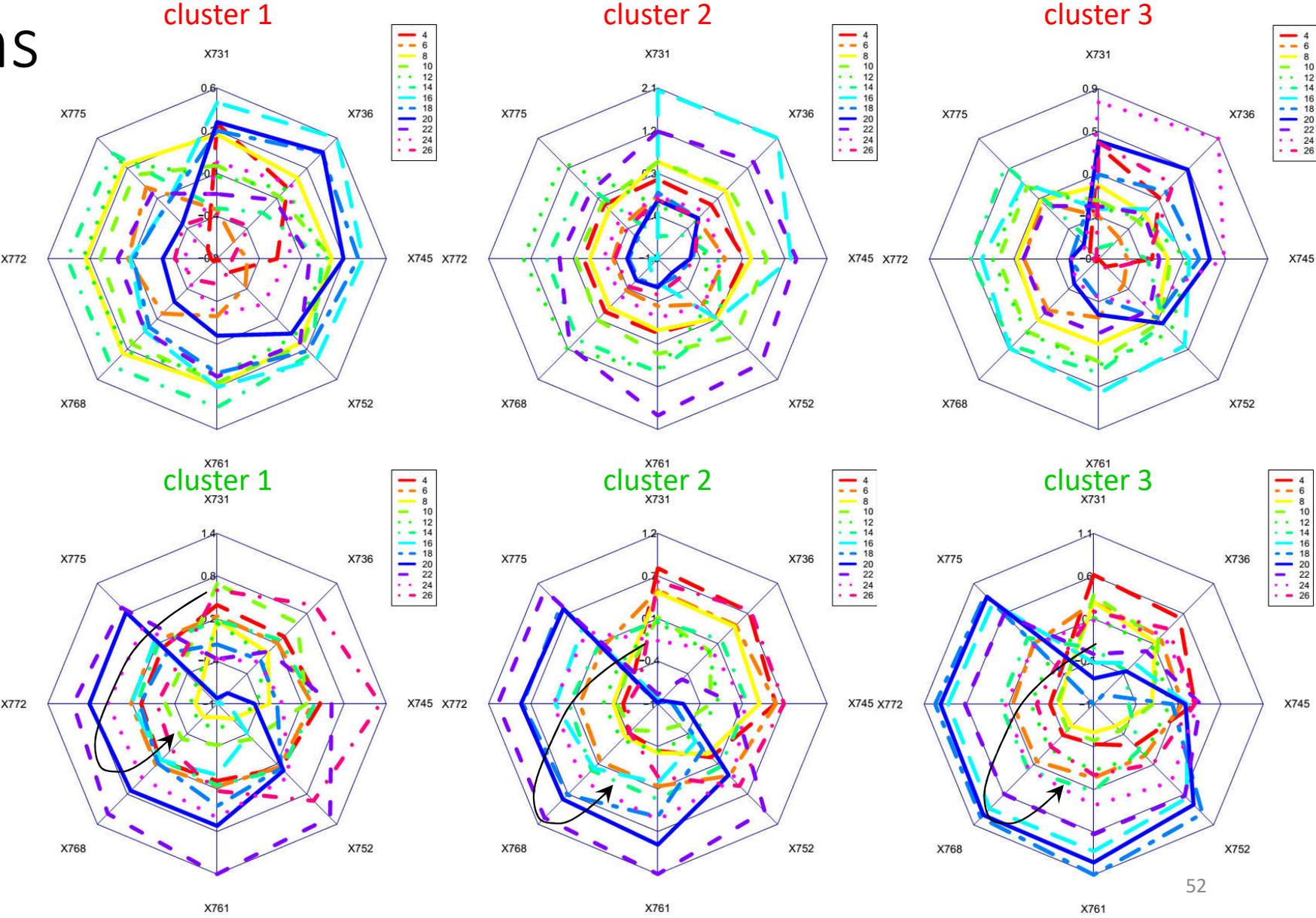
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Aquagrams

spectral patterns of the callus cells do not show as systematic tendency as spectral patterns of somatic cells

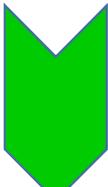
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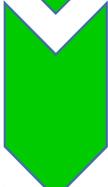


Agenda of the presentation

Application of Aquaphotomics to learn more about the rules of water



- Bacteria growing and Yogurt



- Plant cells growing



- **Mineral Waters**



- Calculation and presentation method of WASP



objectives

- to compare the water spectral pattern of different mineral water samples
- to determine the applicability of NIRS and Aquaphotomics in mineral water analyses
- to **introduce a new complimentary concept of water quality**
evaluation:
 - easy-to-use
 - time and cost effective
 - fast monitoring of water molecular system changes
 - provide information about the multitude of water structural changes
- **method can warn at any irregular changes of abnormal water quality**



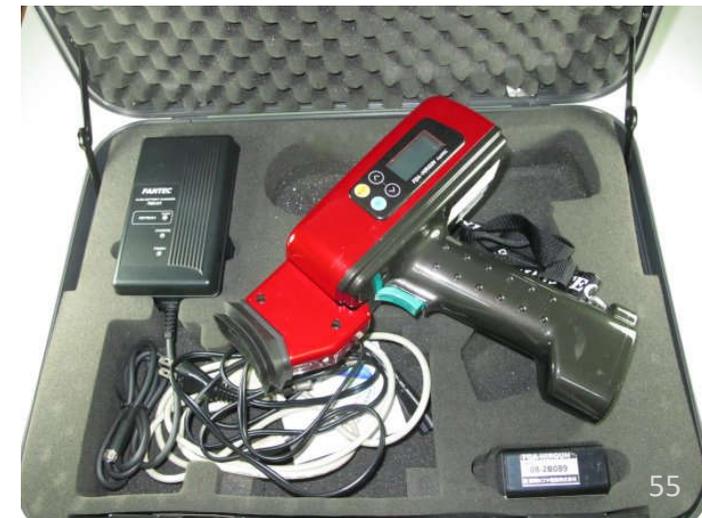
Materials and methods

– *instruments and conditions* –



- NIR Gun with 10mm pathlength cuvette cell in transfectance mode
- Ground Water samples has been Analyzed every day for more than three years
- 3 consecutive spectra were taken every day

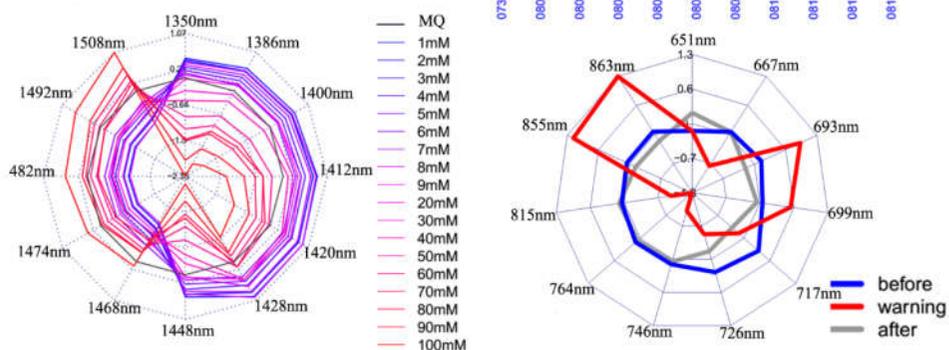
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Experiments with aqueous solutions and ground water

Monitoring of individual parameters is not always satisfactory

Examination of water at specific wavelengths provides more information



Water spectral pattern as holistic marker for water quality monitoring



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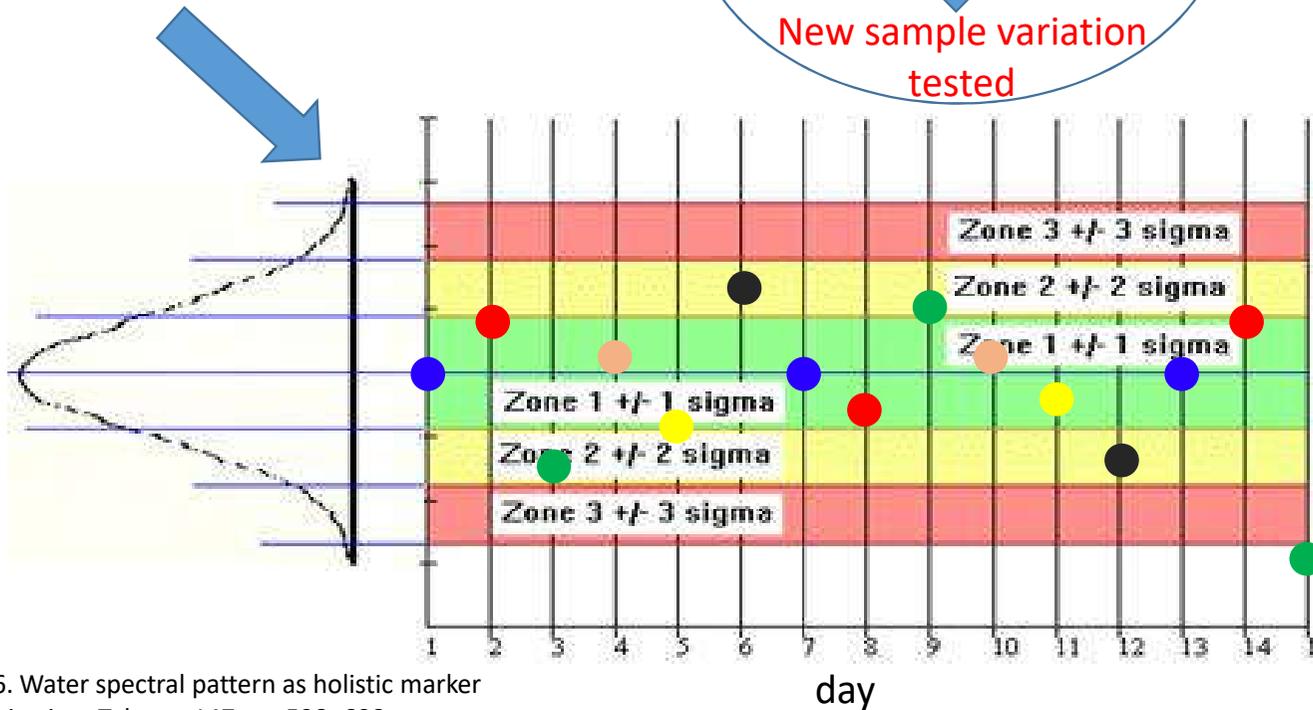
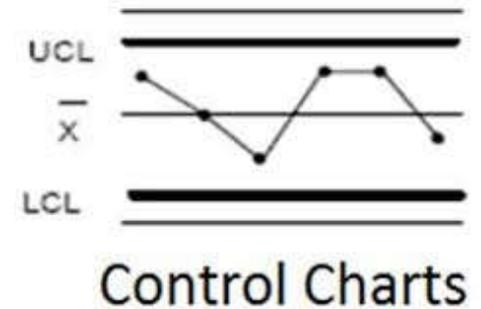
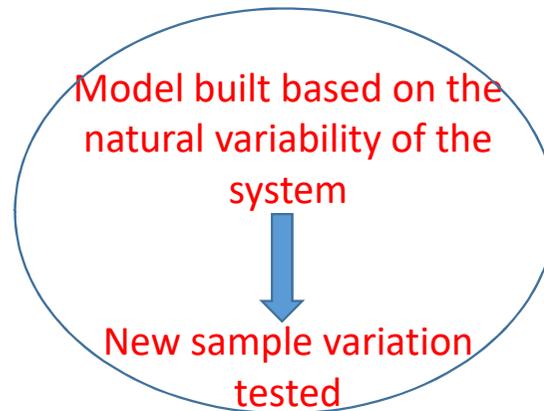
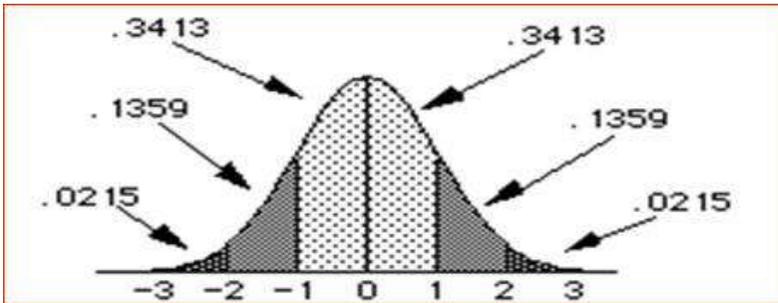
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ABSTRACT

Online water quality monitoring technologies have been improving continuously. At the moment, water quality is defined by the respective range of few chosen parameters. However, this strategy requires sampling and it cannot provide evaluation of the entire water molecular system including various solutes. As it is nearly impossible to monitor every single molecule dissolved in water, the objective of our research is to introduce a complimentary approach, a new concept for water screening by observing the water molecular system changes using aquaphotomics and Quality Control Chart method. This approach can continuously provide quick information about any qualitative change of water molecular arrangement without taking into account the reason of the alteration of quality. Different species and concentrations of solutes in aqueous systems structure the water solvent differently. Aquaphotomics investigates not the characteristic absorption bands of the solute in question, but the solution absorption at vibrational bands of water's covalent and hydrogen bonds that have been altered by the solute. The applicability of the proposed concept is evaluated by monitoring the water structural changes in different aqueous solutions such as acid, sugar, and salt solutions at millimolar concentration level and in ground water. The results show the potential of the proposed approach to use water spectral pattern monitoring as bio marker of water quality. Our successful results open a new venue in water quality monitoring by offering a quick and cost effective method for continuous screening of water molecular arrangement. Instead of the regular analysis of individual physical or chemical parameters, with our method – as a complementary tool – the structural changes of water molecular system used as a mirror reflecting even small disturbances in water can indicate the necessity of further detailed analysis by conventional methods.

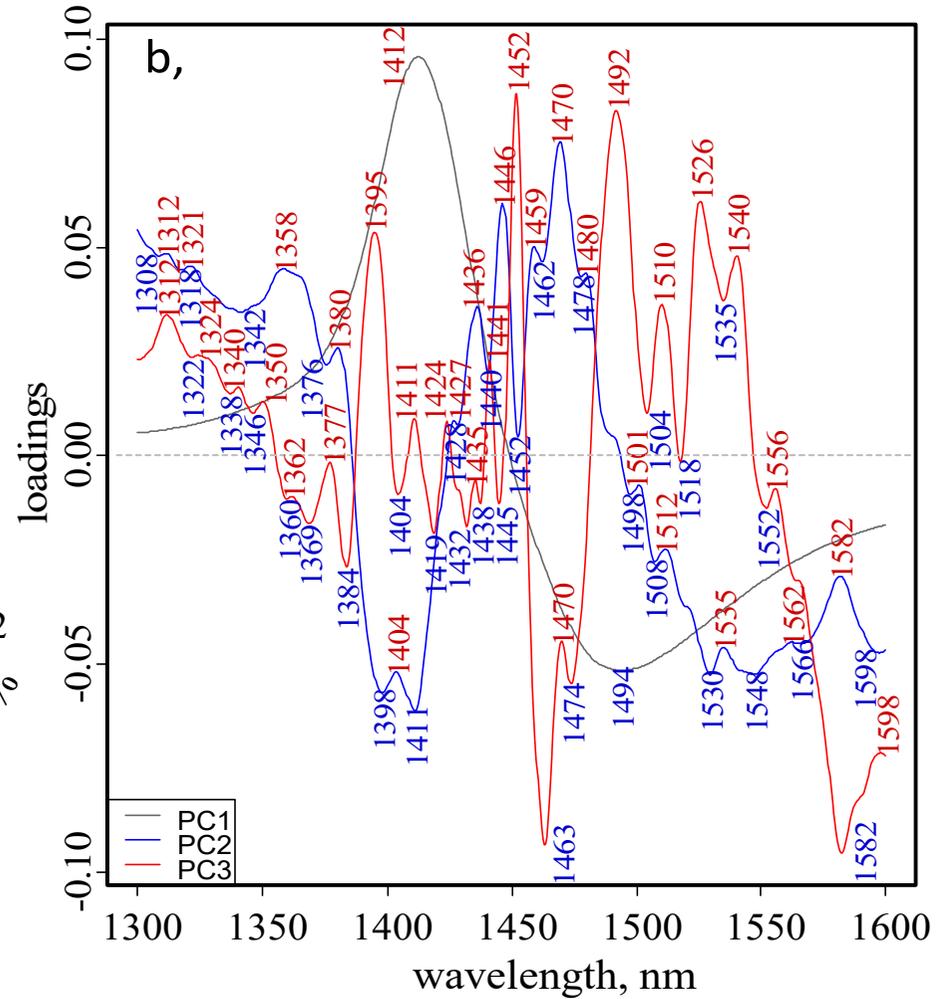
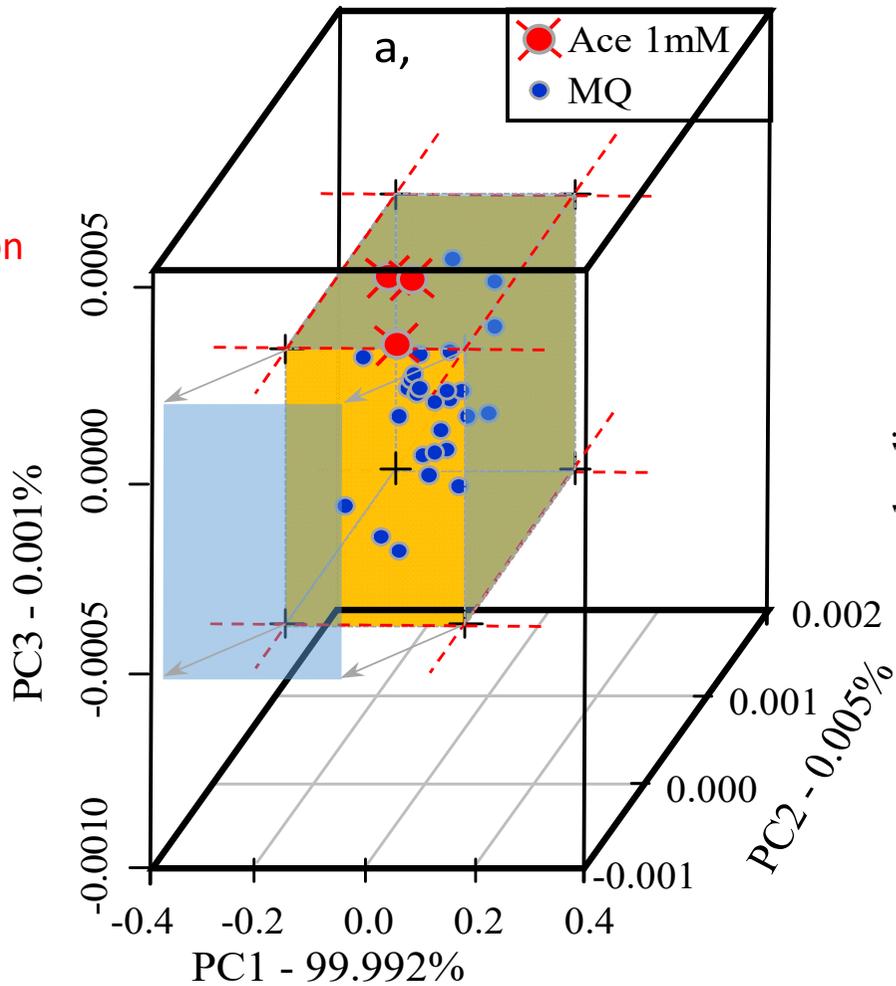
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PCA-QCC

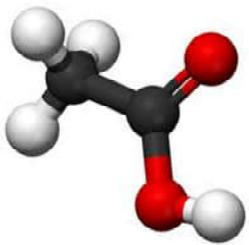
PCA score and loadings plots (1-3) of MQ and 1mM Aqueous solution of acetic acid



Difference between
1mM
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PC3 only



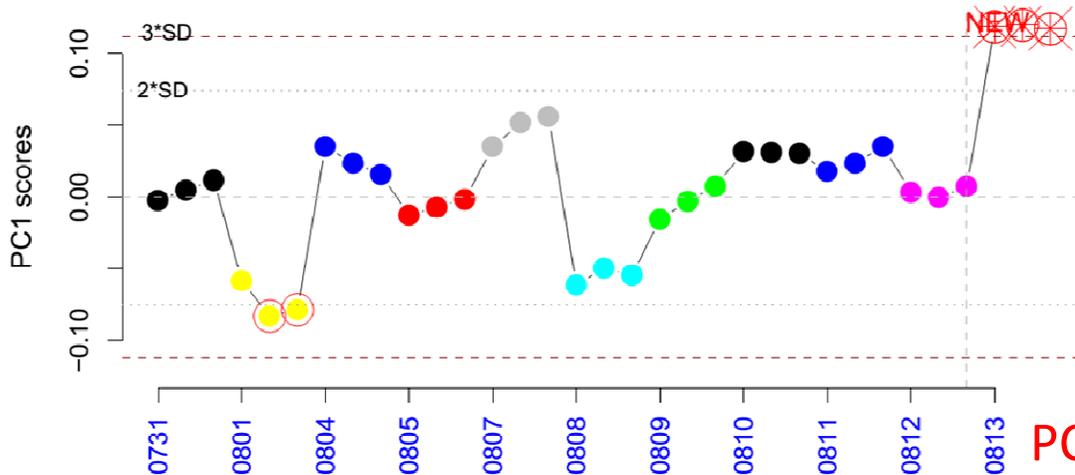
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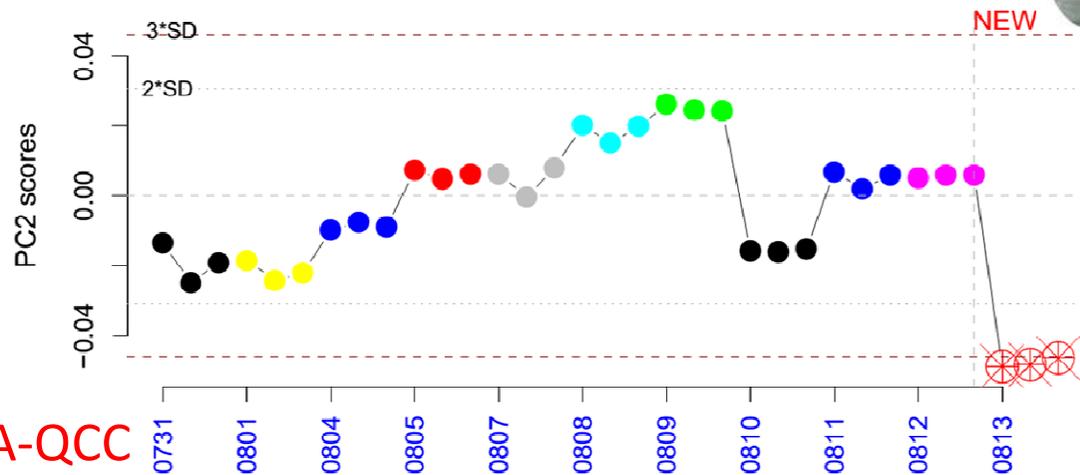
PCA-QCC of Ground Water monitoring (PC1-PC2)



PC1 scores with 95 and 99% confidence intervals



PC2 scores with 95 and 99% confidence intervals

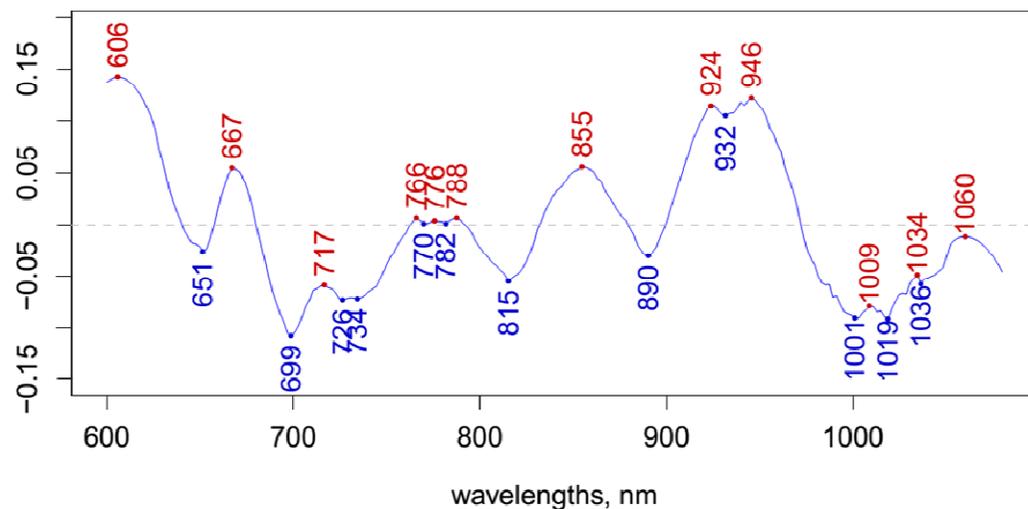
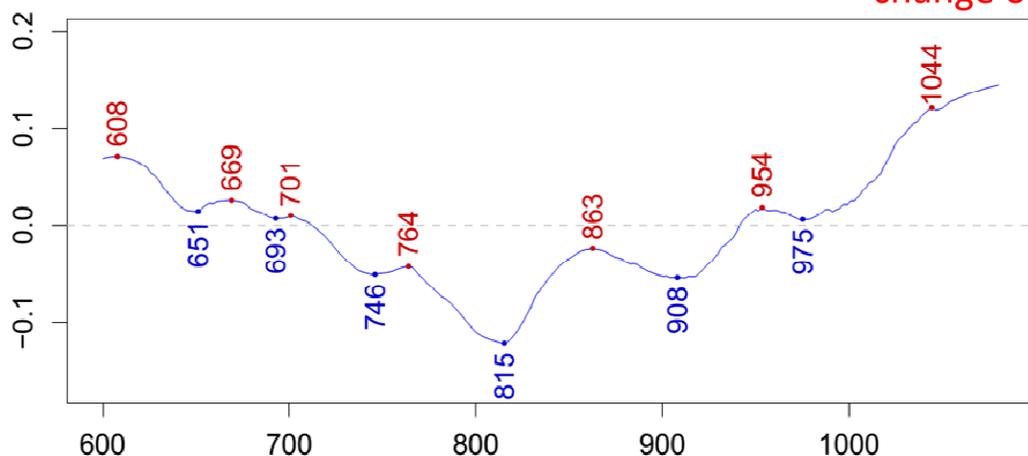


PCA-QCC

gave warning for quality change of ground water

PCA loading of PC1 - 71.581%

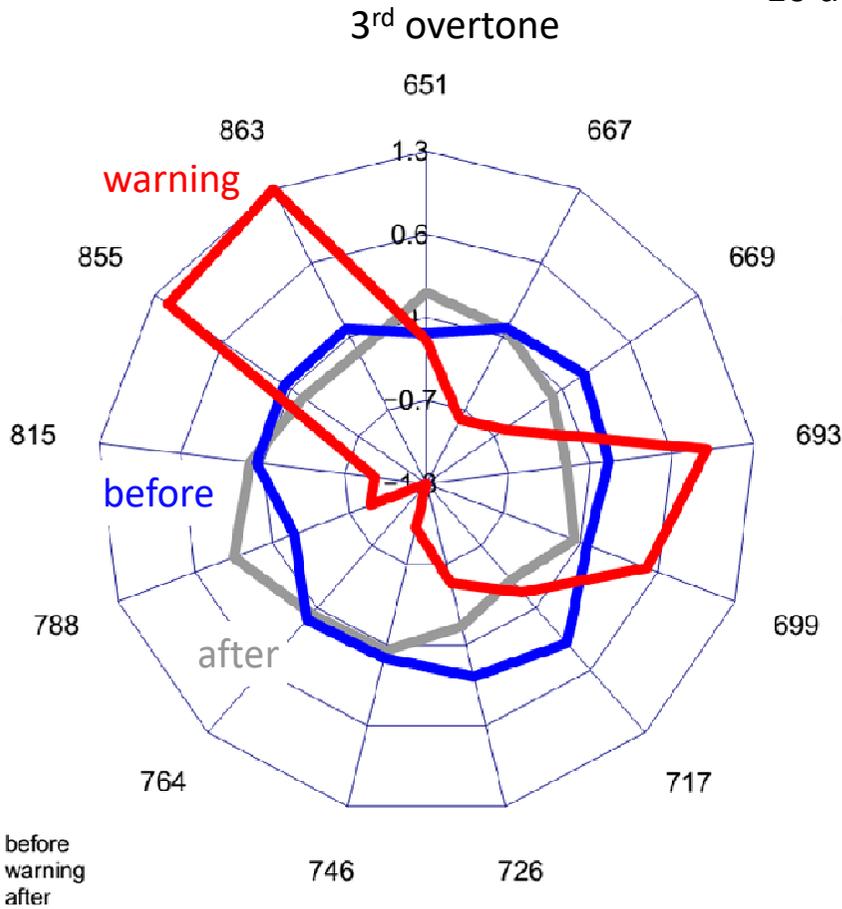
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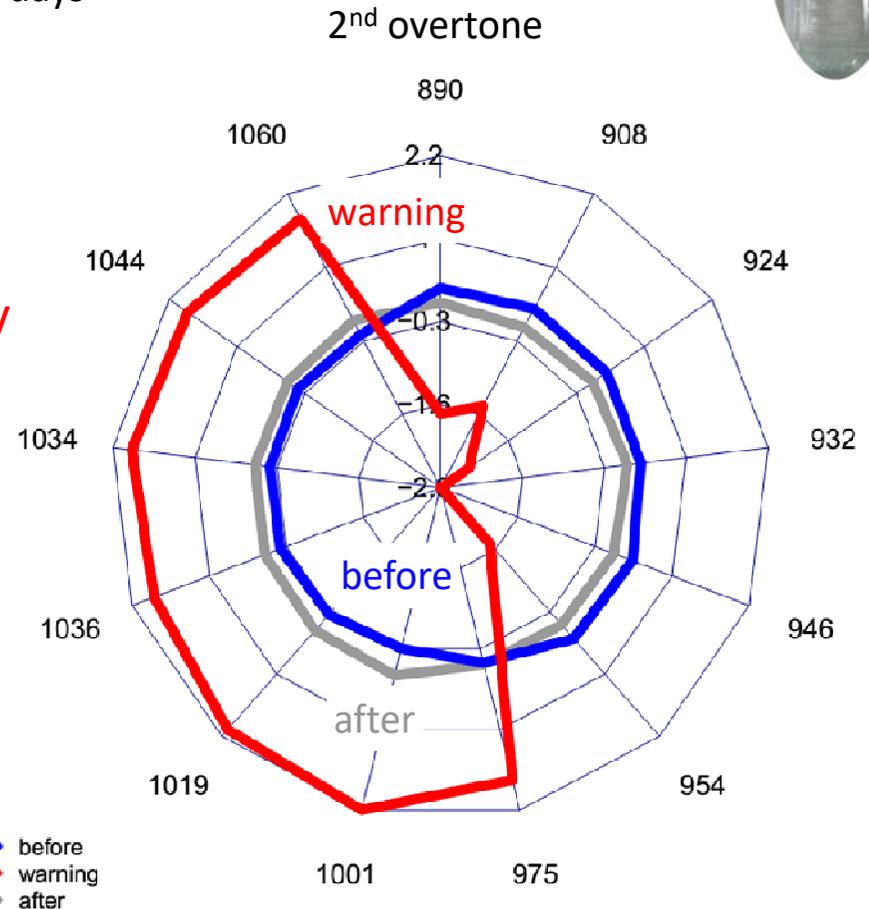
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Aquagrams of ground waters

spectra of warning day compared to previous 10 days and the following 10 days



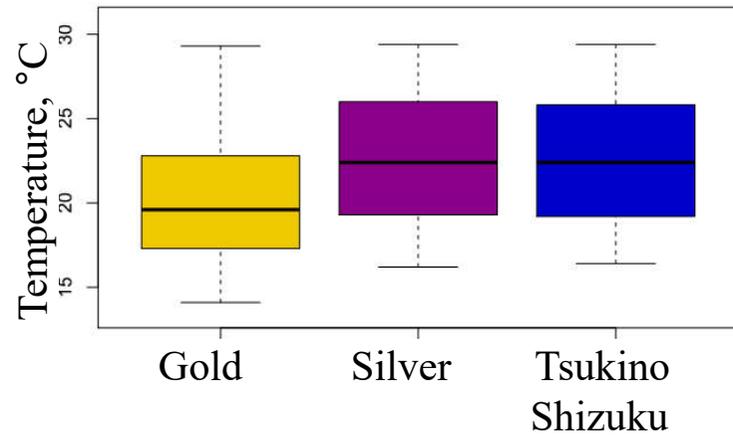
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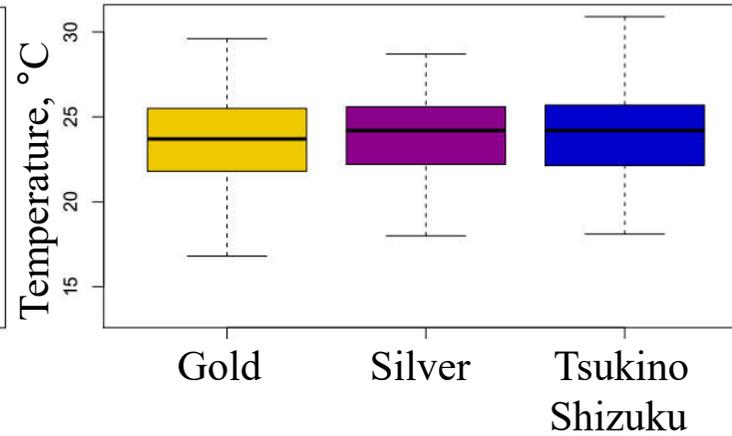
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Distribution of water temperature and relative humidity along the three years

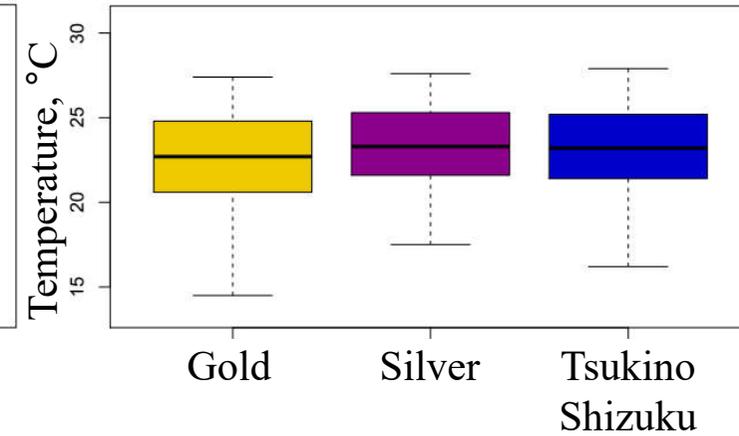
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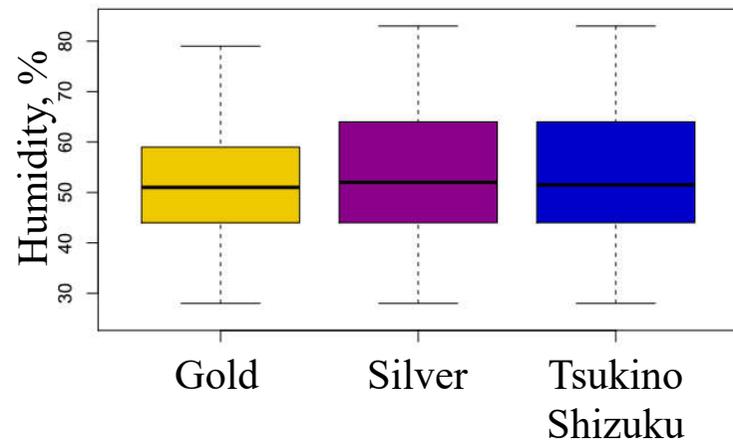
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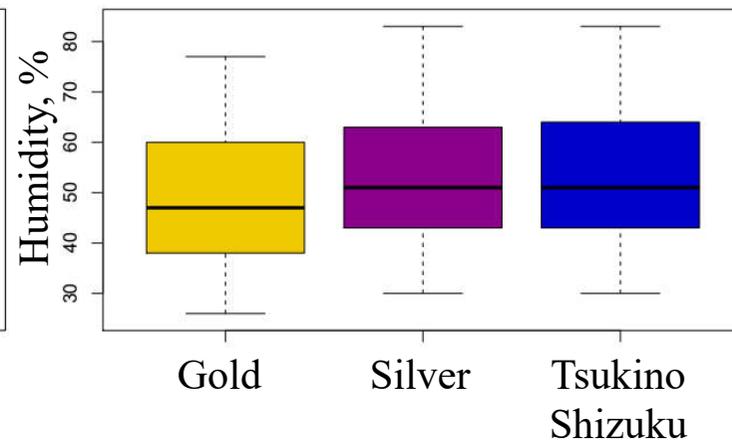
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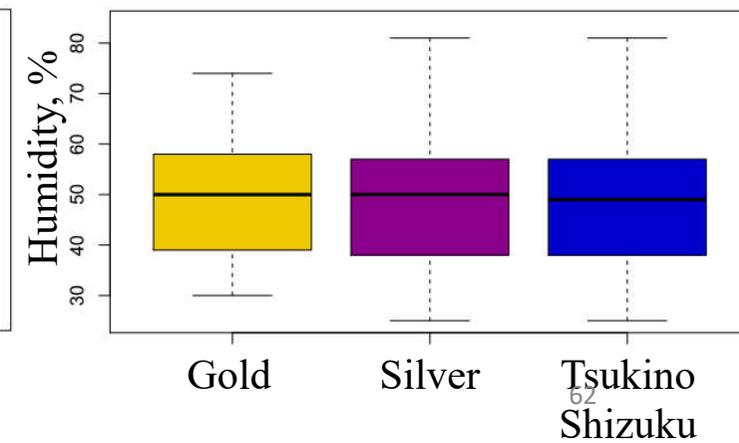
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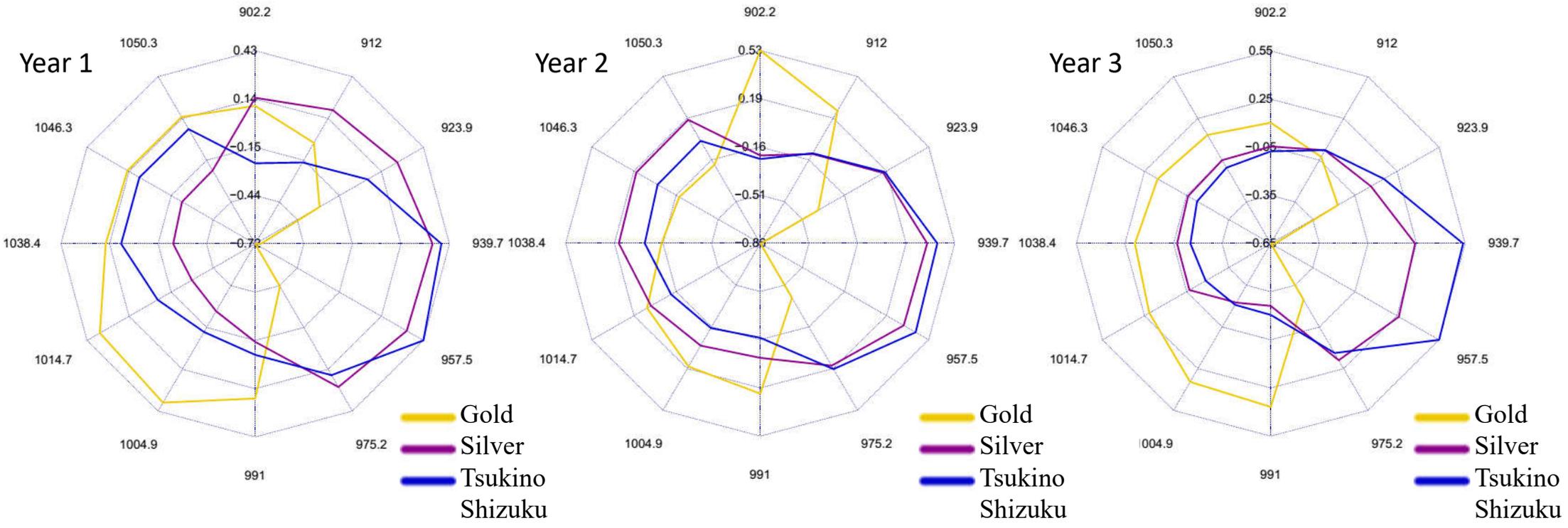
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Aquagrams of ground water samples in three different years



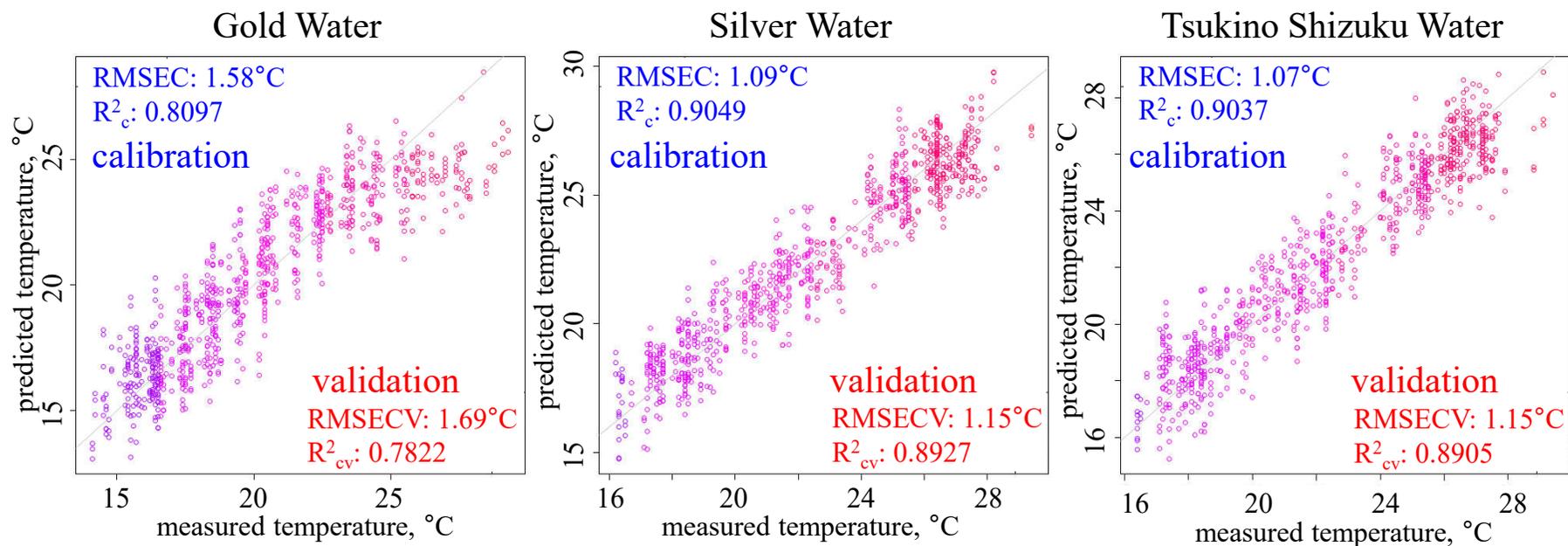
calculated at wavelengths found important in PCA, PLSR and subtracted spectra

PLSR models of ground water samples for water temperature

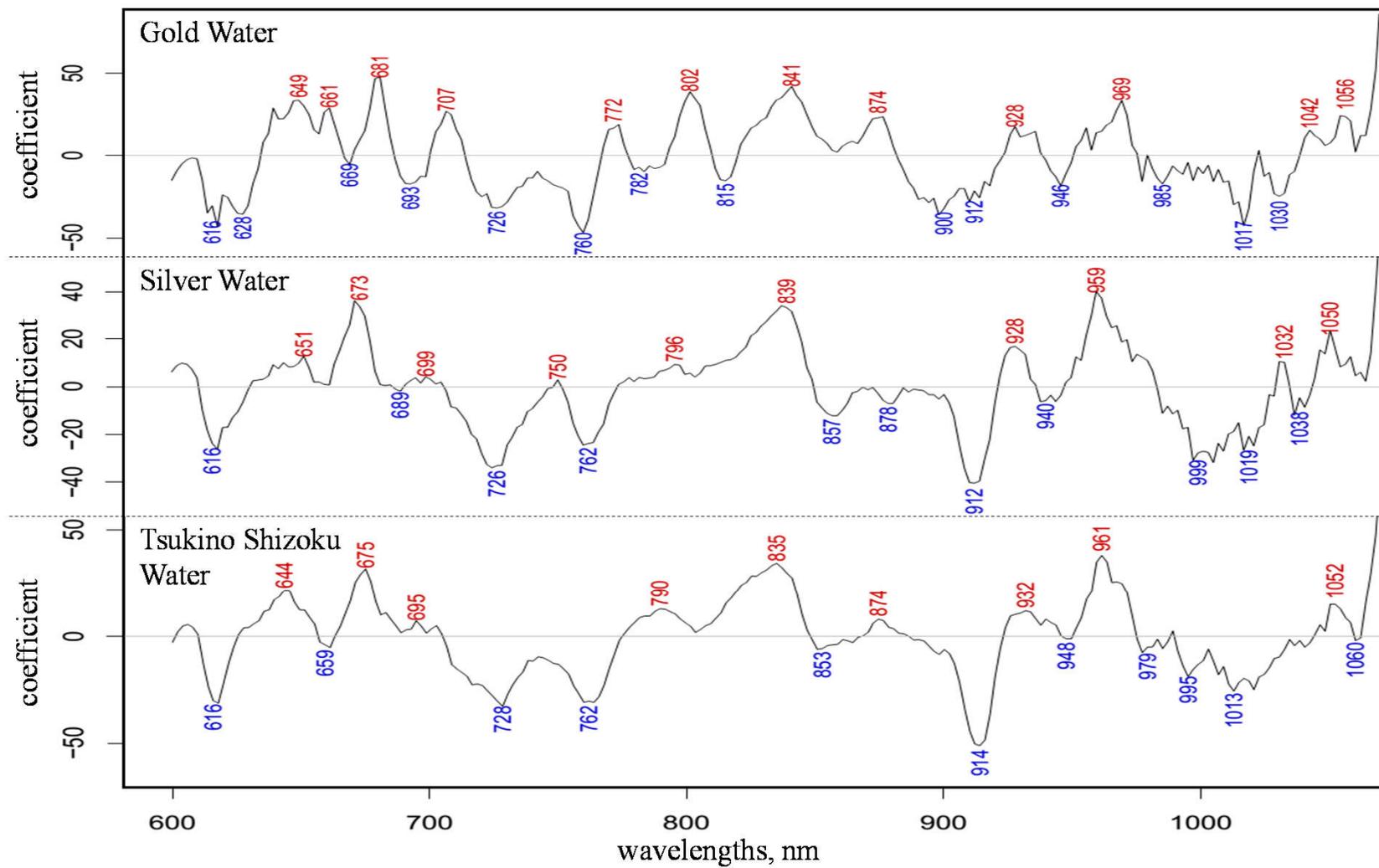
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latent variable: 10

Year 1

leave-one-temperature
level-out cross-
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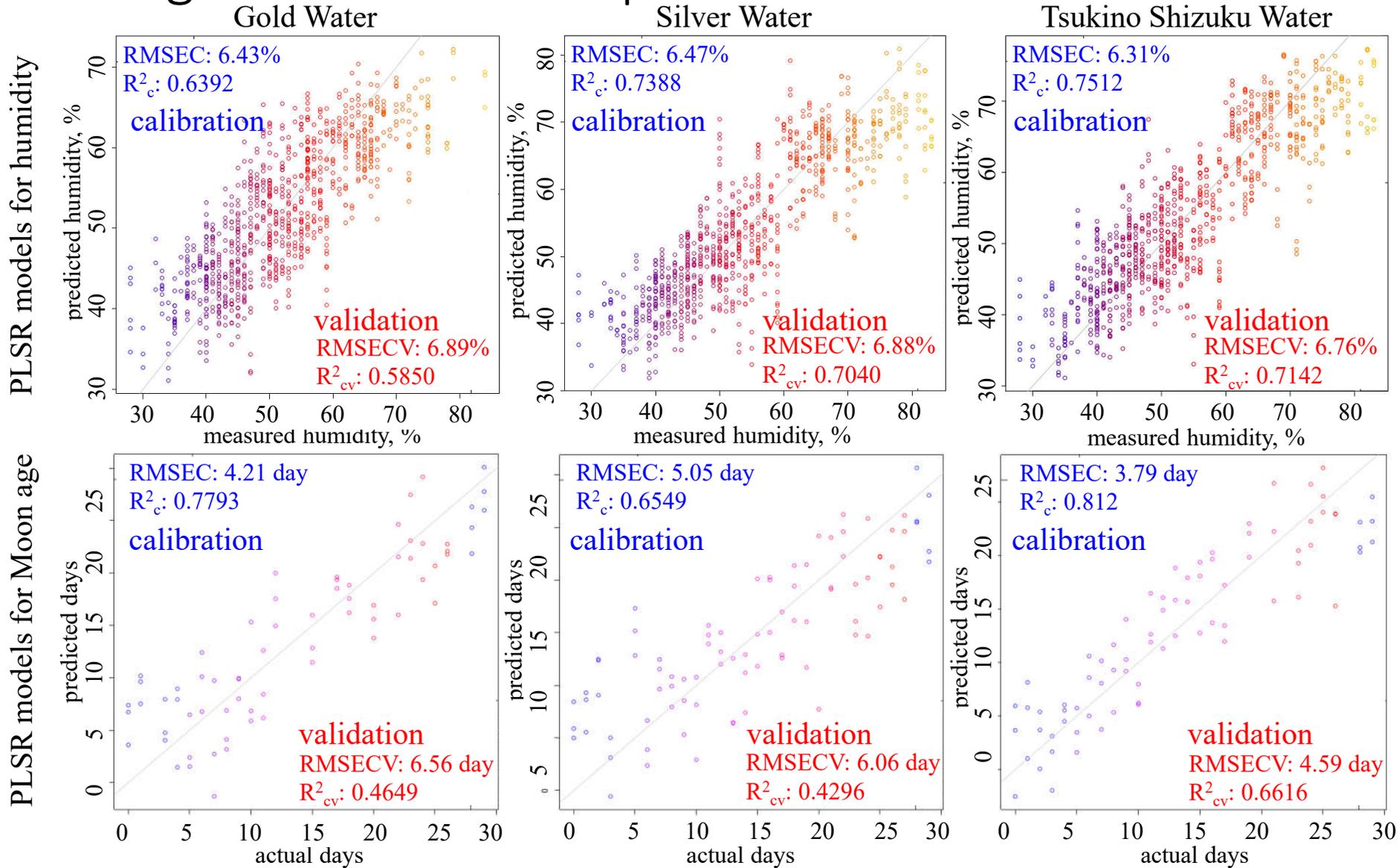
Regression vectors of PLSR models fitted on water temperature Year 1



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Conclusion

- The application of NIRS and Aquaphotomics in the evaluation of ground water samples showed:
 - spectral pattern of the water samples can be used for quality monitoring
 - spectral pattern of the water samples can be used to compare the different samples using different perturbations



Agenda of the presentation

Application of Aquaphotomics to learn more about the rules of water

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- Plant cells growing
- Mineral Waters
- Calculation and presentation method of WASP



objectives

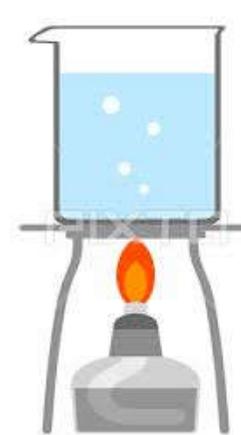
- to develop a calculation and presentation method
 - to be able to **provide information about the ratio of the water species**
 - to be able to compare samples **in an absolute scale**:
 - if we have only one sample
 - if we have samples with different composition
 - to have **expressive unit** on the **scale**



Materials and methods for temperature experiment

Samples and instrumentation:

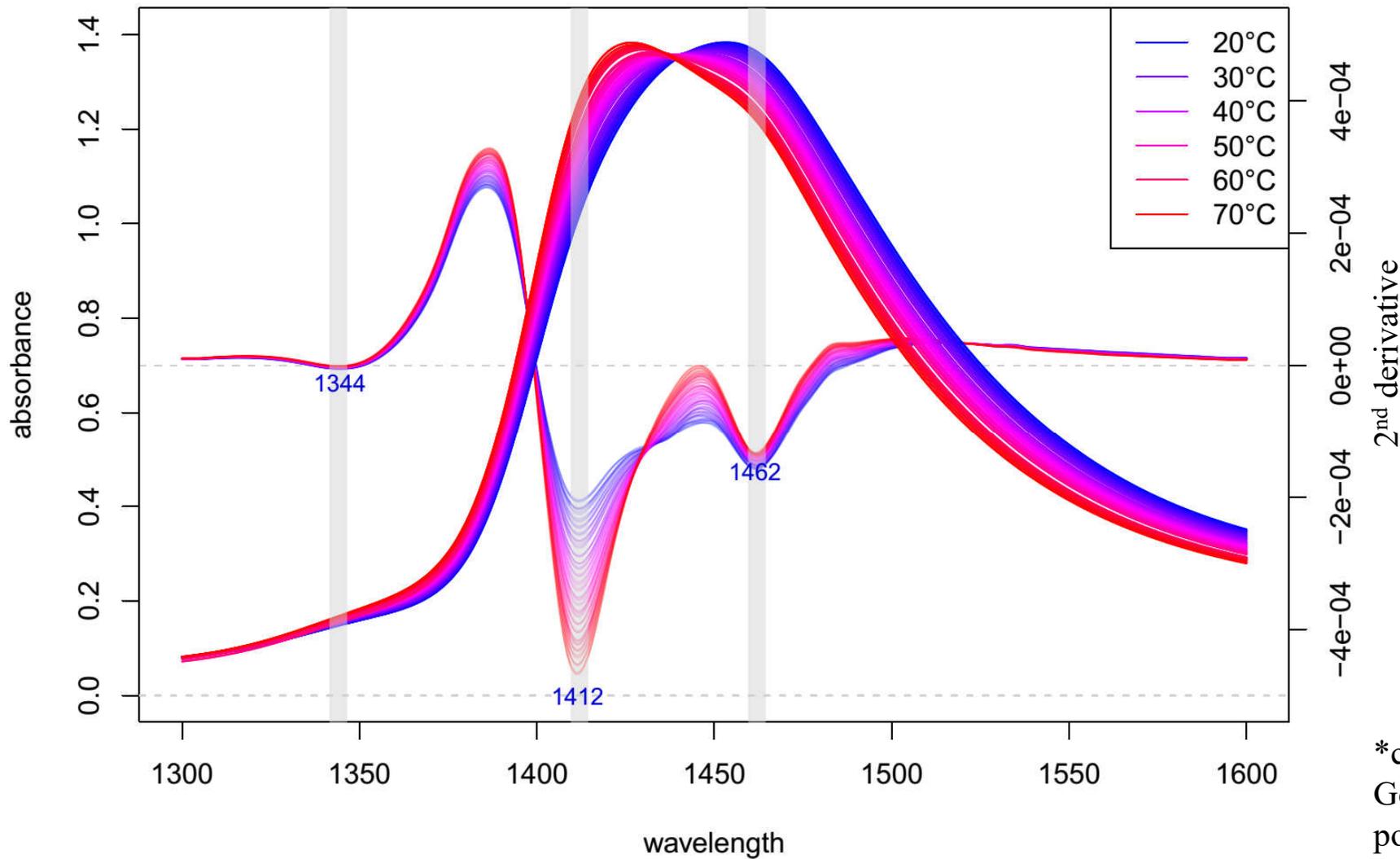
- spectra of
 - MQ,
 - distilled water (DW) and
 - tap water were taken
- in the temperature range
 - from 20
 - to 70°C
 - at every 2nd °C
- the experiment was performed by XDS



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Raw and 2nd derivative* absorbance spectra of Milli-Q water in the temperature range of 20-70°C

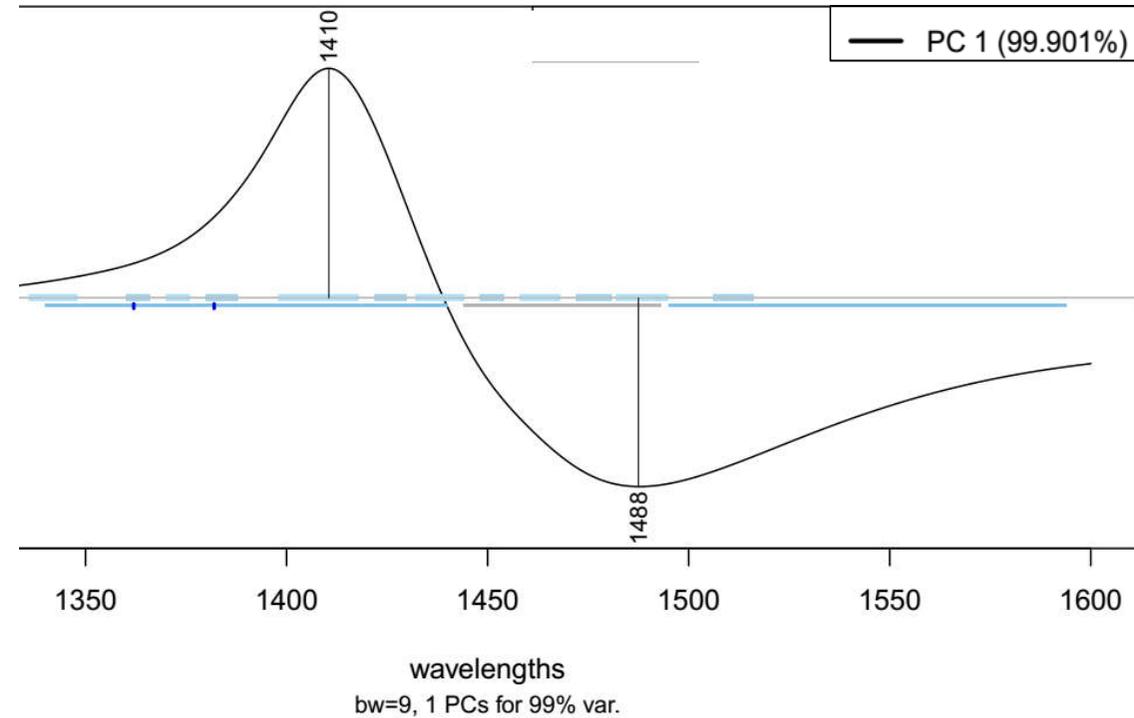
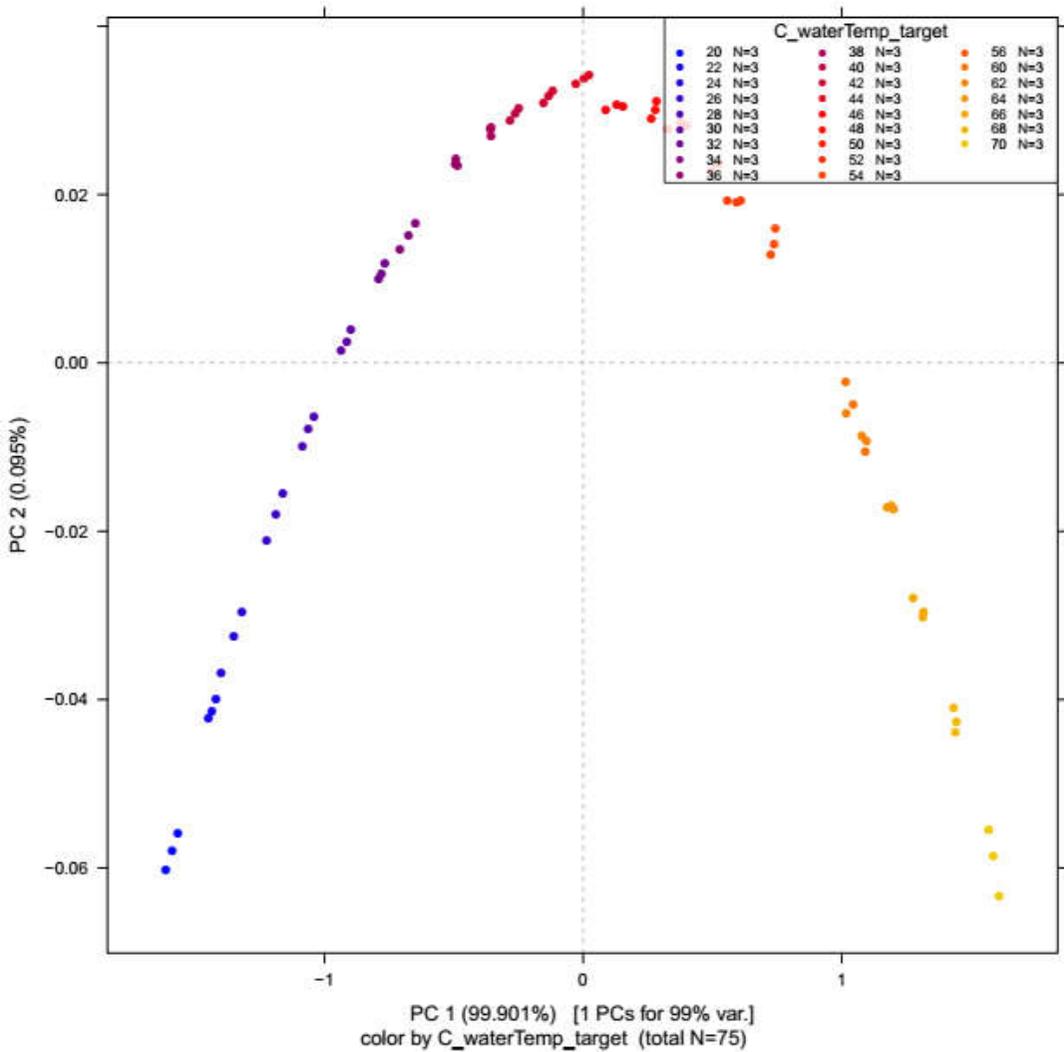
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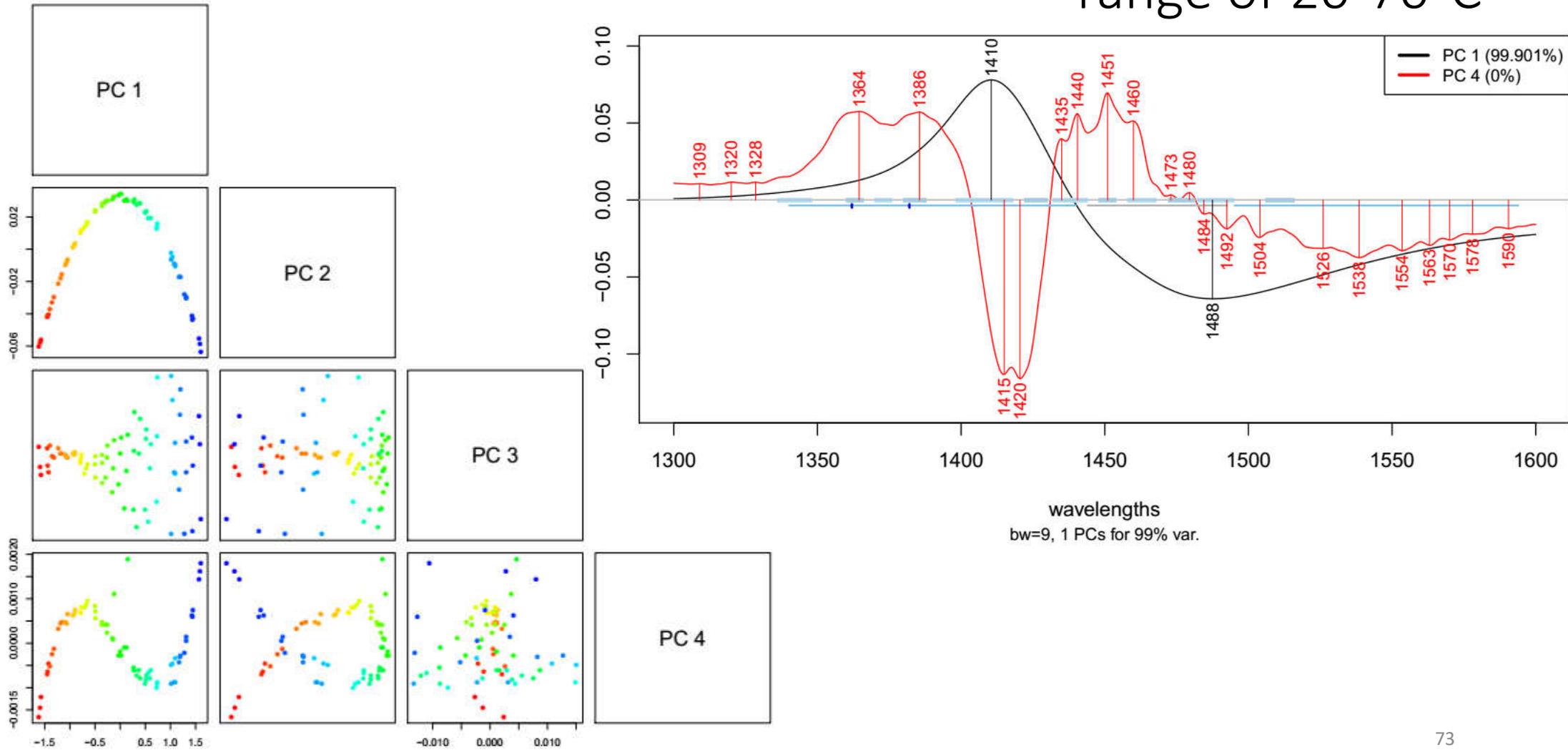
blue shift with increasing temperature

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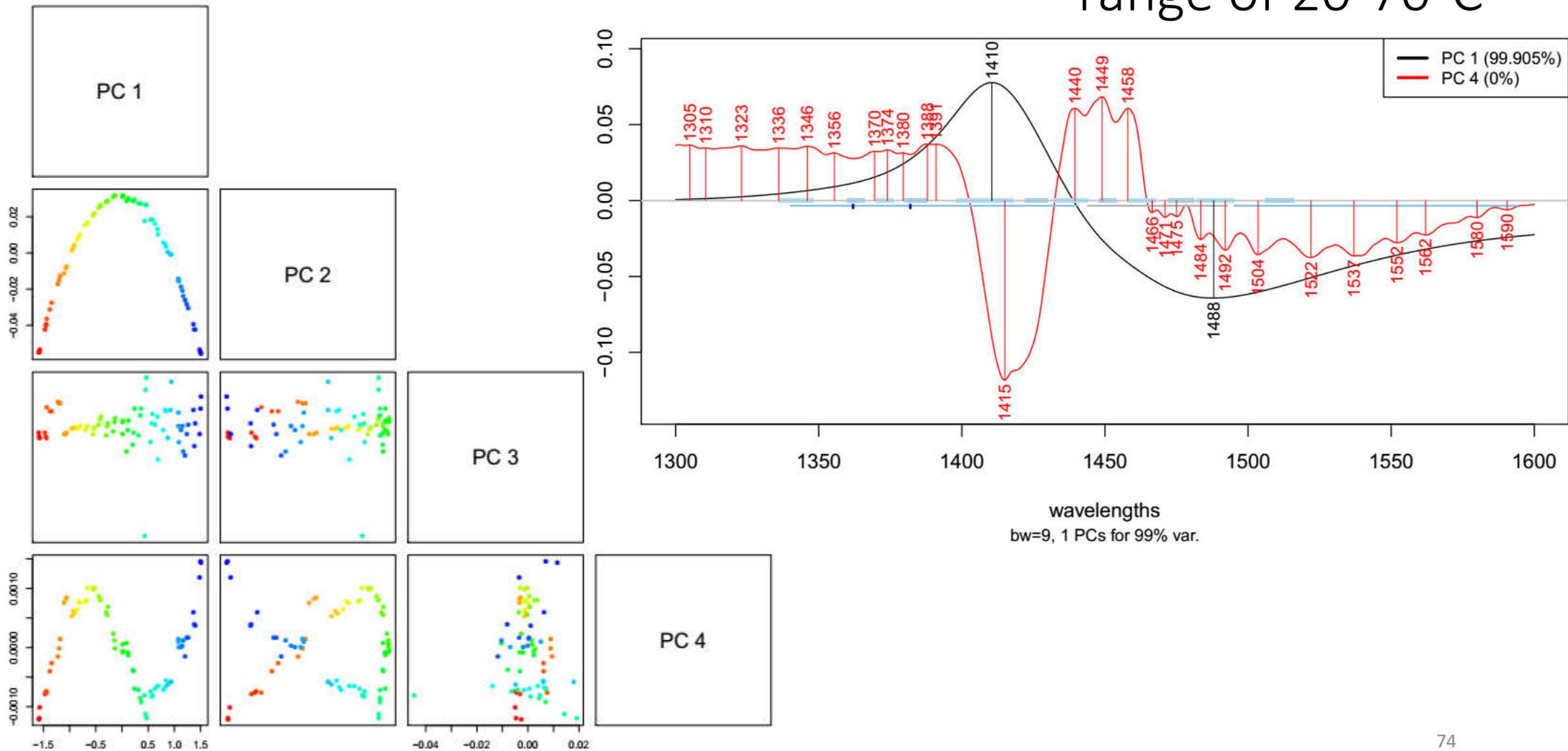
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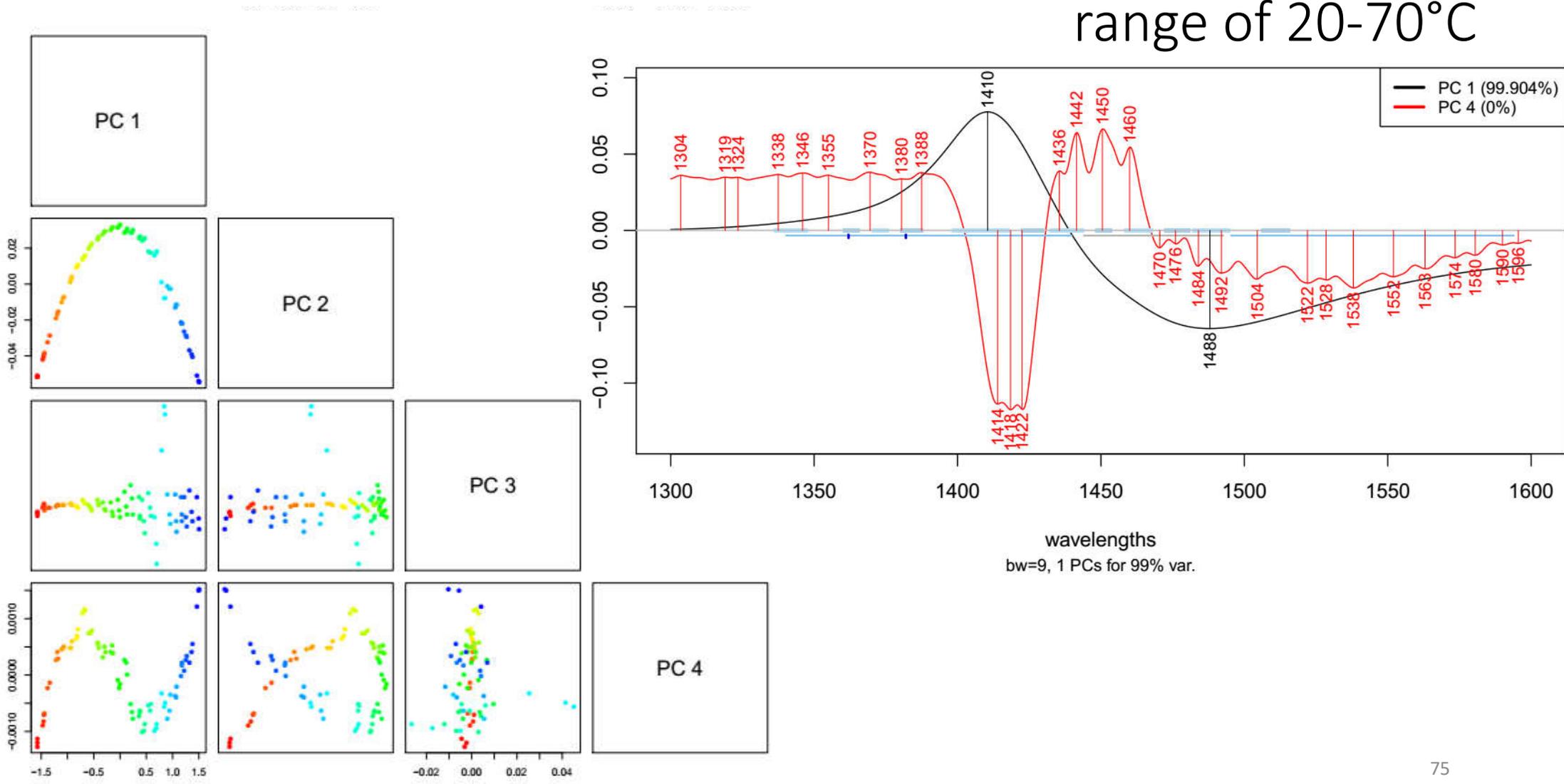
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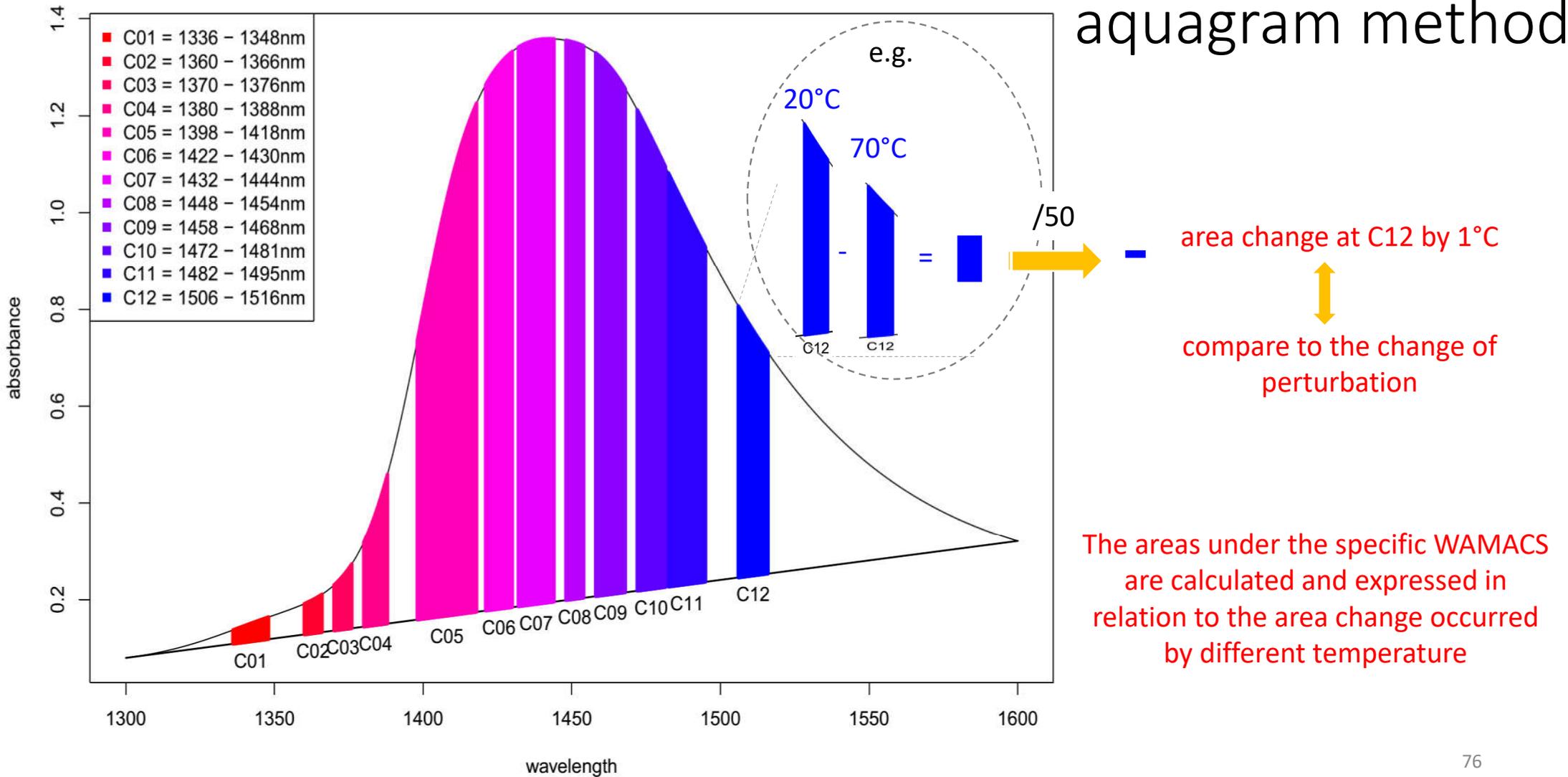
PCA score and loadings plots of DW in the temperature range of 20-70°C



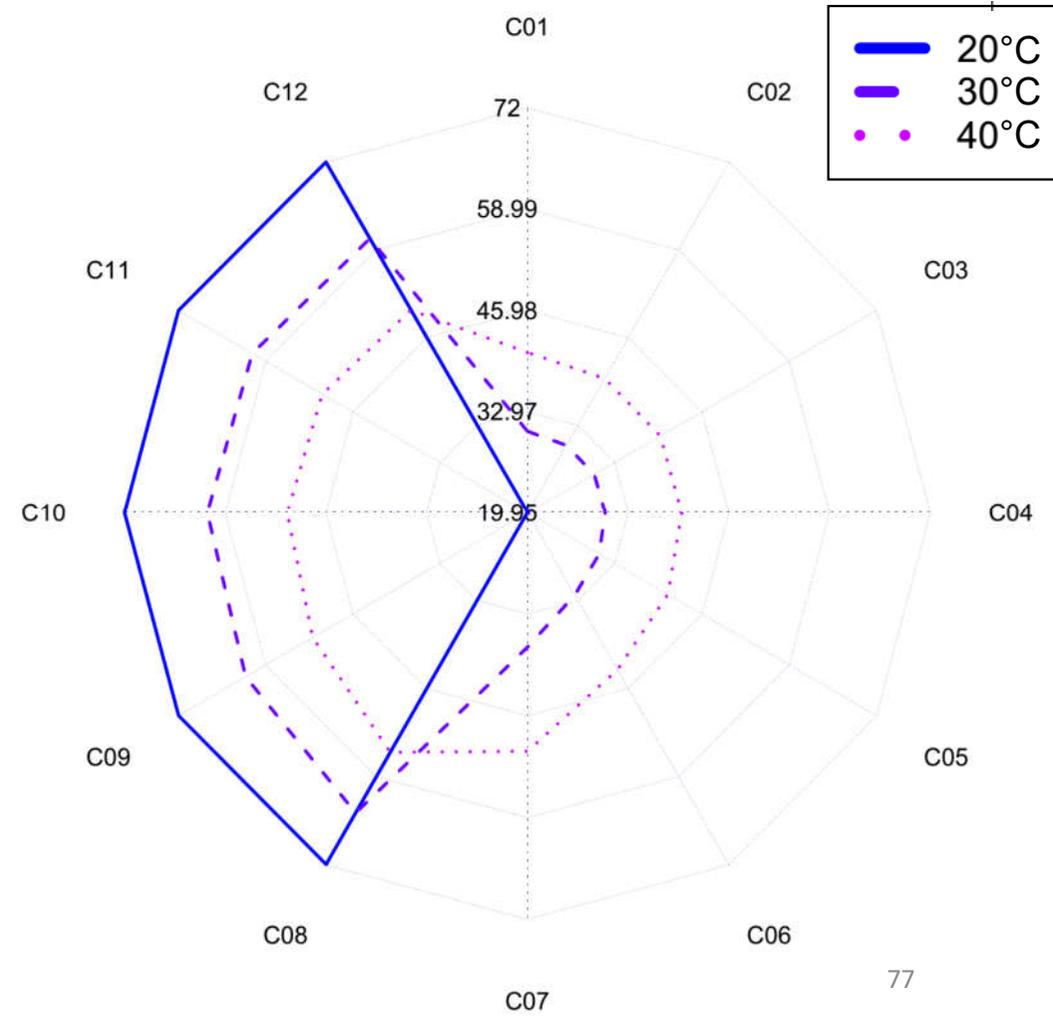
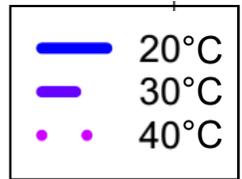
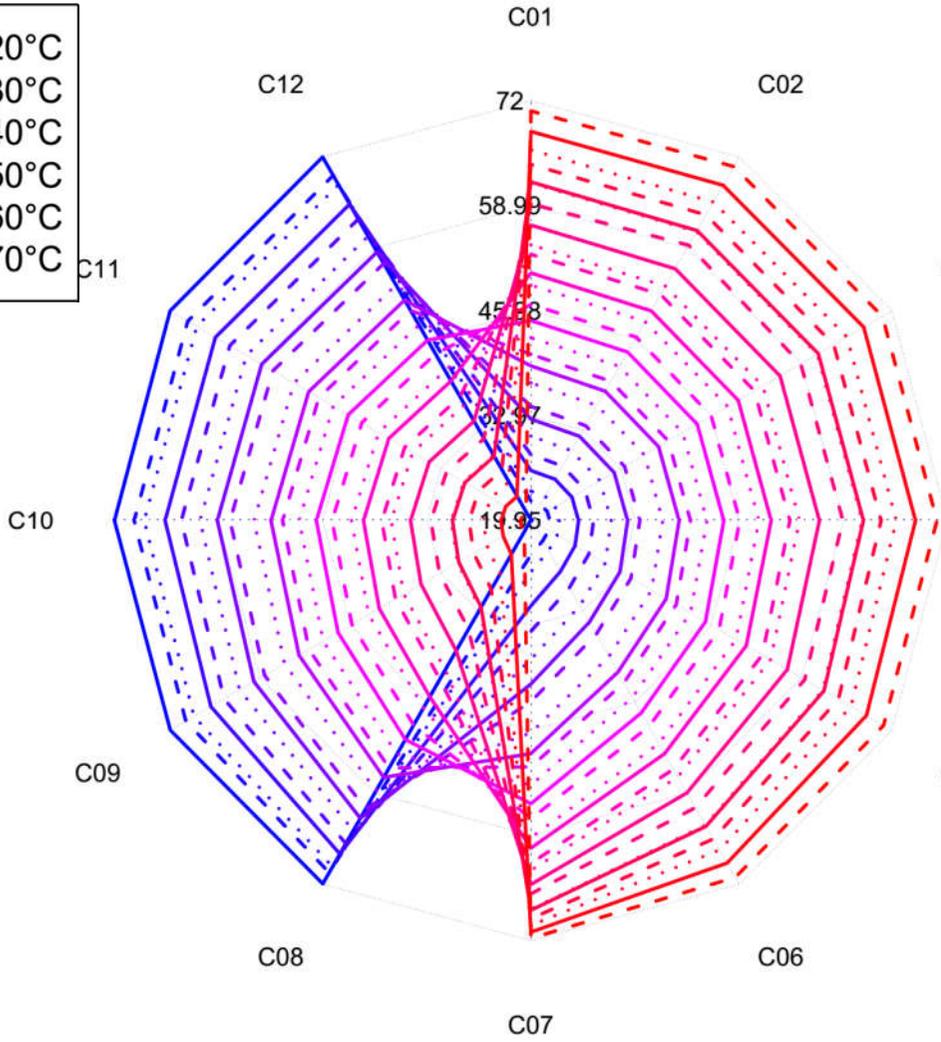
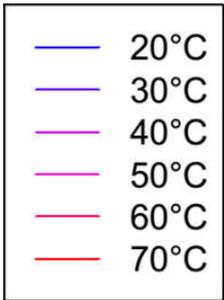
PCA score and loadings plots of tap water in the temperature range of 20-70°C



Scheme of the calculation for Area under the curve (AUC) aquagram method

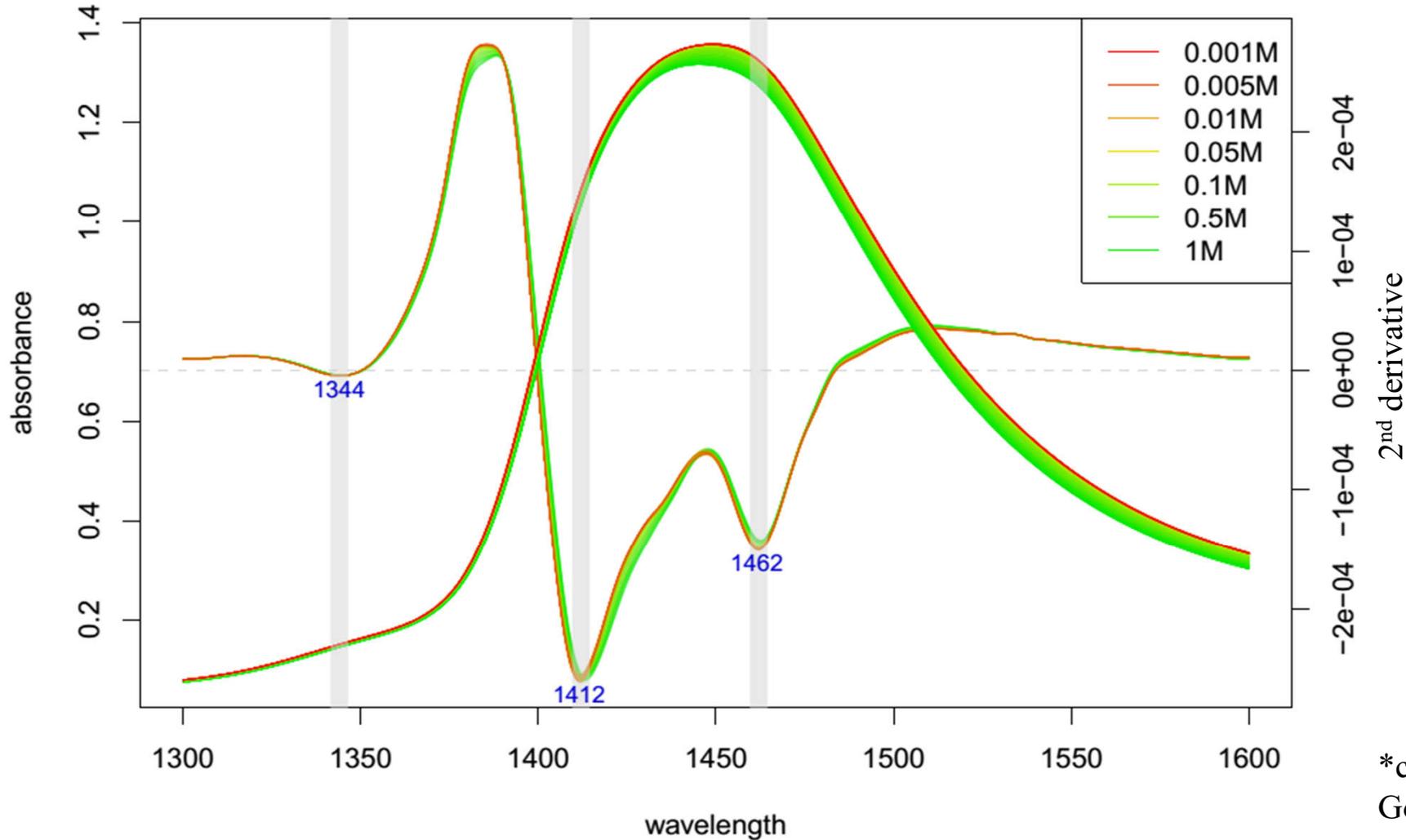


Aquagrams (AUC) of Milli-Q water in the temperature range of 20-70°C



Raw and 2nd derivative* absorbance spectra of 0.001-1M KCl solutions

n = 180



blue shift with increasing KCl concentration

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Aquagrams (AUC) of aqueous solution of KCl and MQ

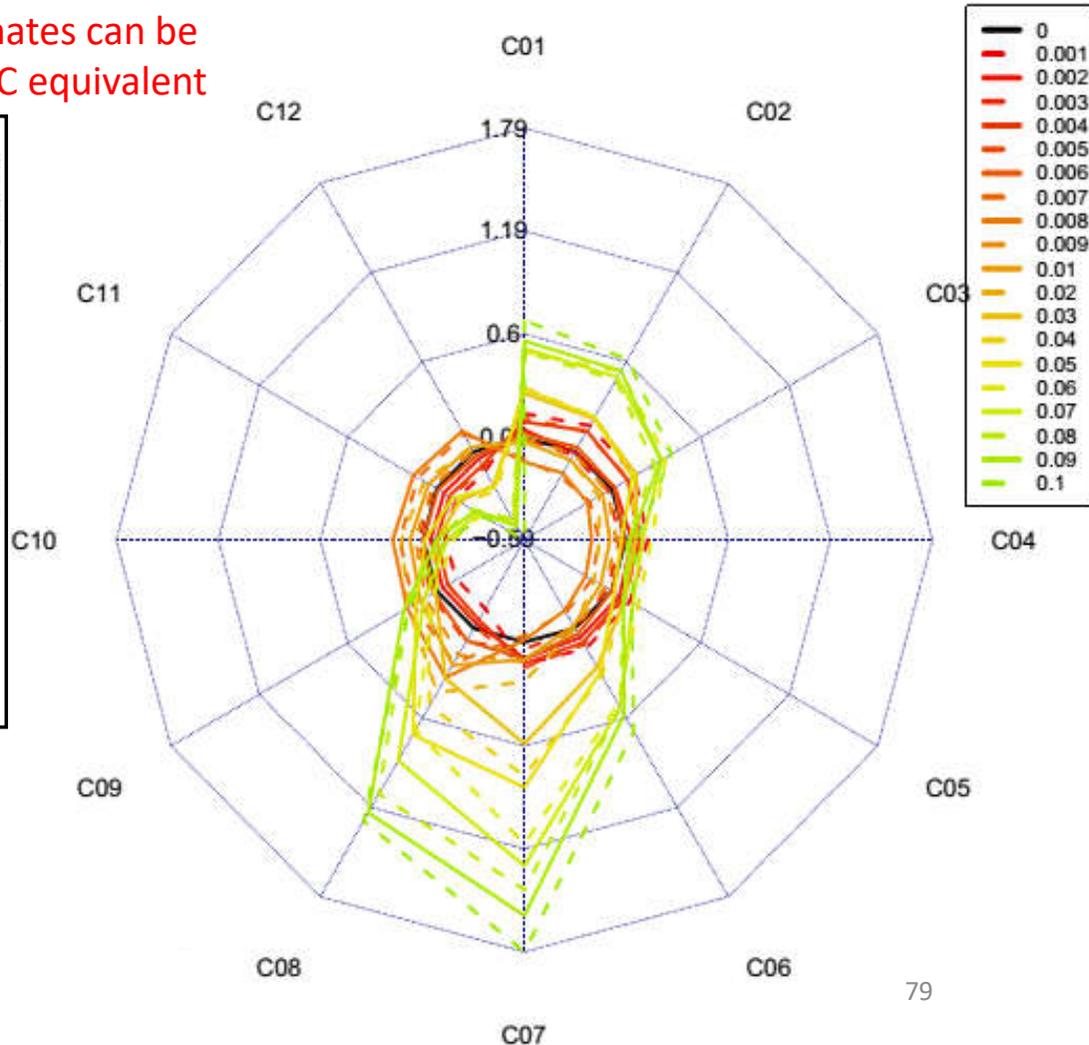
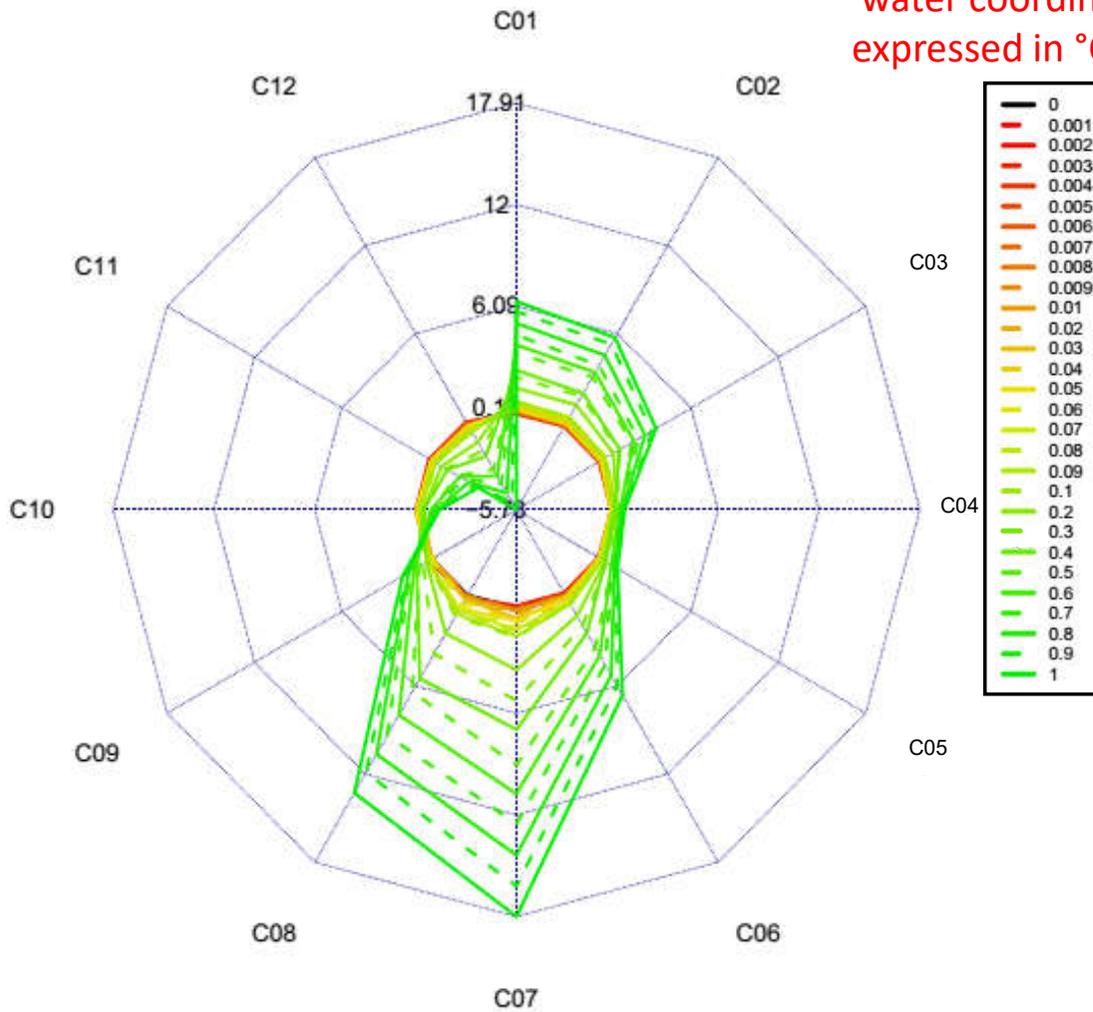
($n_{MQ} = 150$)

($n_{KCl} = 180$)

KCl concentration: 0.001-1M

Temperature: 25.0°C !!!

Effect of salt (KCl) on the different
water coordinates can be
expressed in °C equivalent



Conclusion

- The newly developed Aquagram provide information about the ratio of the water species:
 - in an absolute scale
 - with **expressive unit** on the **scale**
- The **results** acquired with the new applications, tools and measurement protocols **can further extend** the range of possible **applications of Aquaphotomics** and to understand more about the rules of water



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