FTIR for Food & Flavors
More than 60 years of identifying and confirming both target and unknown molecules

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2014: Next-generation, 4300 Handheld FTIR introduced
Agilent has the widest range of FTIR instruments – from Mobile to Routine to Research to Microscopy.
RELIABLE: From the Lab to the Loading Dock

- Laboratory
- Analyzers
- Portable
- Handheld

ANALYZE
MATERIALS AT-SITE
NON-DESTRUCTIVE FTIR TESTING
WHEN AND WHERE YOU NEED IT

Agilent Technologies
The Electromagnetic Spectrum

Penetrates Earth's Atmosphere? Yes, Yes, No, Yes, No

Radiation Type
- Radio: $10^2$
- Microwave: $10^{-2}$
- Infrared: $10^{-5}$
- Visible: $0.5 \times 10^{-8}$
- Ultraviolet: $10^{-8}$
- X-ray: $10^{-10}$
- Gamma ray: $10^{-12}$

Approximate Scale of Wavelength
- Buildings
- Humans
- Butterflies
- Needle Point
- Protozoans
- Molecules
- Atoms
- Atomic Nuclei

Frequency (Hz)
- $10^4$
- $10^8$
- $10^{12}$
- $10^{15}$
- $10^{16}$
- $10^{18}$
- $10^{20}$

Temperature of objects at which this radiation is the most intense wavelength emitted
- 1 K ($-272 ^\circ C$)
- 100 K ($-173 ^\circ C$)
- 10,000 K (9,727 ^\circ C)
- 10,000,000 K ($\sim 10,000,000 ^\circ C$)
What does the F stand for in FTIR

Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier  
(21 March 1768 – 16 May 1830)

Was a French mathematician and physicist born in Auxerre and best known for initiating the investigation of Fourier series and their applications to problems of heat transfer and vibrations. The Fourier transform and Fourier's Law are also named in his honor. Fourier is also generally credited with the discovery of the greenhouse effect.
Albert Abraham Michelson,
(December 19, 1852 – May 9, 1931)

Michelson was an American physicist known for his work on the measurement of the speed of light and especially for the Michelson–Morley experiment. In 1907 he received the Nobel Prize in Physics. He became the first American to receive the Nobel Prize in sciences. From 1920 and into 1921 Michelson and Francis G. Pease became the first individuals to measure the diameter of a star other than the Sun. They used an astronomical interferometer at the Mount Wilson Observatory to measure the diameter of the super-giant star Betelgeuse.
Einstein – Special relativity

Special relativity was originally proposed in 1905 by Albert Einstein in the paper "On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies". Galileo Galilei had already postulated that there is no absolute and well-defined state of rest (no privileged reference frames), a principle now called Galileo's principle of relativity. Einstein extended this principle so that it accounted for the constant speed of light,[5] a phenomenon that had been recently observed in the Michelson–Morley experiment.
Agilent is the premier measurement company for the food industry

We have many applications for food safety and quality across all product lines

- Mycotoxins (LC-QQQ-MS)
- Pesticide screening (GC-MS)
- Fish ID (BioAnalyzer)
- Metals in Food (ICP-MS)
- Pathogen Detection (LC-MS, GC-MS)
- PCB (GC-QQQ)
- PAH (LC, GC, MS)
- Antibiotics in Food (LC, GC, MS)
- Adulteration (LC, GC, FTIR)
- Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Flour, Dairy testing (FTIR)
- Many, many more published, plus many on the way!!

Opportunity

The demand for applications is growing significantly faster in the food testing industry than in any other segment.
Verification of Food Oils composition

• Certain food oils sell at a high price but are easily diluted with less expensive but similar oils that affect the taste or flavor.

• Verification of oil type important both economically and for customer satisfaction.

• Although similar in basic chemistry, ratios of specific functional groups differ between types of oil.
  – Hydroxyl, carbonyl, saturated and unsaturated aliphatic groups.

• Agilent DialPath technology can be used to verify oils quickly.
  – Quantitative method.
  – Band Ratios used for identification.
Three green spectra are olive oil, peanut oil, and moringa oil. The other two are vegetable oils, fresh (red) and used (blue).
Verification of Food Oils: Fatty Triglyceride Oils

Triglyceride Oil Differentiation by FTIR Absorbance Comparisons: Using the Trans Unsaturation (967cm\(^{-1}\)), Conjugated Trans (988cm\(^{-1}\)), and Vinyl CH wag (915cm\(^{-1}\))
Verification of Food Oils: Fatty Triglyceride Oils

Triglyceride Oil Differentiation by FTIR Absorbance Comparisons: Using the Cis Unsaturation (709cm⁻¹) and Double Bond CH Stretch (3010cm⁻¹)
Adulteration

Unethical food producers cut cost by diluting products with cheap alternatives

– Economically motivated
– Consumer satisfaction affected
– Adulterants typically % level

FTIR ideal for analysis

– Sensitive to small changes in chemistry
– Fast measurement
– Non-destructive
Food Oils - Vegetable Oil Qualification

The FTIR subtraction spectrum (Green, bottom) of used (filtered) vegetable oil (Purple) minus the spectrum of fresh vegetable oil (Blue). Positive IR bands = created from oxidation or impurities --- Negative bands = consumed

Green Spectrum = Fresh – Used Spectra
New Vegetable Oil Adulteration with Used Veg Oil

Trans Unsaturation (967cm⁻¹), Conjugated Trans (988cm⁻¹), and Vinyl CH wag (915cm⁻¹) absorbance bands. Fresh vegetable oil is diluted with increasing amounts of filtered used vegetable oil. The green column (0% used) is unheated and unused oil that has been stored (aged) for 6 months sealed at room temperature.
Globalization of the food chain presents difficult quality issues

Do you know the quality of your raw materials?

With coffee, tea, sugar, flour, and powdered dairy coming in from around the globe, how do you know what you are getting?
Coffee

QA/QC of coffee using the Agilent Cary 630 ATR-FTIR analyzer

Authors: Zubair Farooq and Ashraf A. Ismail

Publication number: 5991-0783EN
Publication date: November 2012
Commercial ground-coffee brands were purchased and infrared spectra of the ground coffee samples were automatically stored in a spectral database created with the Agilent MicroLab FTIR software.

**Results for Coffee**

Columbian Instant Coffee-run-2
Greek Coffee-run-1
Coffee-Dark Roast-run-1
Columbian Instant Coffee-run-1
Turkish Coffee-run-1
East Mediterranean Coffee-run-2
Coffee-Dark Roast-run-2
East Mediterranean Coffee-run-2
Coffee-Colombian-Med-run-2
Coffee-Colombian-Med-run-1
Coffee-Kenya-run-1
Greek Coffee-run-2
Turkish Coffee-run-2
Coffee-French Vanilla-run-1
Coffee-French Vanilla-run-2
Decaf-Colombian Instant Coffee-run-1
Decaf-Colombian Instant Coffee-run-2

*Infrared spectra of coffee measured by single reflection diamond ATR*
Each ground-coffee brand exhibited characteristic infrared bands between 1800 and 800 cm\(^{-1}\).

- The 1800 to 800 cm\(^{-1}\) region contains absorbance bands attributed to the stretching vibrations of C=O groups. These bands can be ascribed to organoleptic vinyl esters, lactones, esters, aldehydes, ketones, and acids present in the brewed coffee.
- C-H (methylene) bending (scissoring) absorptions occur between 1470 and 1430 cm\(^{-1}\) and can be assigned to lipids.
- Bands appearing below 1400 cm\(^{-1}\) are generally referred to as the fingerprint region, as they are difficult to assign to specific functional groups. However, in this case, the strong absorptions between 1200 and 900 cm\(^{-1}\) can be assigned to C-O-H and C-O-C groups stemming from carbohydrate absorptions.
The entire spectral absorption region is used to differentiate coffee samples with varying chemical compositions.

ATR-FTIR spectra of different sample lots were acquired and their spectra compared to those already stored in the spectral library database.

In each case, the MicroLab software Search function correctly identified each coffee brand.

Identification of an unknown coffee sample by the MicroLab FTIR software
Tea

QA/QC of tea using the Agilent Cary 630 ATR-FTIR analyzer

Authors: Zubair Farooq and Ashraf A. Ismail

Publication number: 5991-0787EN
Publication date: November 2012
Results for Tea

Several different commercial tea brands were ground to produce uniformly-sized powders. The acquired spectra were stored in a spectral database using the MicroLab FTIR software.

Agilent Cary 630 ATR-FTIR spectra of selected teas
The spectral information between 3800 and 2600 cm\(^{-1}\) and 2000 and 600 cm\(^{-1}\) provides the means for differentiating between the different tea varieties. These spectral regions contain absorption bands for all the major and minor organic components found in teas and therefore, all the spectral information within these regions plays an important role in distinguishing amongst teas with varying chemical compositions.

Example of the Agilent Cary MicroLab FTIR software for the correct identification of a new black tea sample
Sugar

QA/QC of sugars using the Agilent Cary 630 ATR-FTIR analyzer

Authors: Zubair Farooq and Ashraf A. Ismail

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Publication
Most sugars are purchased as crystalline white powders. Examples are glucose, sucrose, lactose, fructose, maltose and xylitol. Protein-based sweeteners such as thaumatin, curculin and monellin are also used. Samples of various sugars were analyzed to build a reference database.

Results for Sugar

Offset infrared spectra of selected sugars
The strong infrared absorption band located between 1700 and 1600 cm\(^{-1}\) is attributed to the amide I band of protein sweeteners.
Results for Sugar

Due to the similarity in their color, odor, texture and general appearance, it is very difficult for processors to authenticate the sugar identity prior to its addition to a formulation.

When a new or unknown sweetener is received, its spectrum can be compared to those stored in the database of previously recorded sweeteners, and its identity can be correctly established by the MicroLab FTIR software.

Identification of an unknown sugar sample by the MicroLab FTIR software
Flour

QA/QC of flours using the Agilent Cary 630 ATR-FTIR analyzer

Authors: Zubair Farooq and Ashraf A. Ismail

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Publication date: November 2012
Results for Flour

• Samples of flours and flour products were obtained from different suppliers.
• Infrared spectra for selected flour samples show the infrared bands characteristic of major flour components such as proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and moisture.
A spectral database can be quickly created on-the-fly in MicroLab PC. A sample can then be identified immediately from its infrared spectrum.

The spectral similarity among the infrared spectra of incoming new materials and previously recorded samples is particularly valuable in tracking batch-to-batch variability from the same or different vendors.
Dairy Powder

QA/QC of dairy powders using the Agilent Cary 630 ATR-FTIR analyzer

Authors: Zubair Farooq and Ashraf A. Ismail

Publication number: 5991-0784EN
Publication date: November 2012
Results for Dairy Powder

- Milk protein powder samples including α-lactalbumin, β-lactoglobulin, glycomacropeptide, milk protein concentrate, WPI, WPC, caseins and caseinates were obtained from different suppliers.

- Spectra of different lots of dairy powders were then recorded and treated as ‘unknowns’.

[Graph showing infrared spectra of selected dairy powders]
The difference between whey protein concentrate (WPC) and the other three proteins can be clearly seen in the presence of additional bands between 1300 and 900 cm$^{-1}$ attributed to the presence of lactose in WPC.

The differences among the three other proteins are harder to distinguish by the naked eye. All four protein types can be immediately characterized and differentiated with the built-in spectral analysis MicroLab FTIR software.

Correct identification of an unknown dairy powder as α-lactalbumin by the Agilent MicroLab FTIR software
FTIR Applications

• The robust, light-weight and compact Agilent Cary 630 FTIR with ATR sampling interface is the ideal technology to verify the identity and chemical composition of food ingredients, eliminating the need for onerous sample preparation or extraction procedures.

• Analytical results are available in seconds with minimal operator training.

• The instrument is ideal for use at the receiving dock, in the production line, in the QA/QC laboratory, or for onsite verification at the ingredient supplier depot.

• *It is the extreme ease of use and robustness that truly puts the Cary 630 ahead of anything else on the market.*
To solve the toughest problems, we will partner with some of the world’s best minds

People & Expertise

Food safety leaders
Global food industry organizations
Major laboratories
Leading government agencies
Prestigious universities

Application pace-setters
Global leaders and emerging researchers in specific application areas

Technology Innovators
Government/academic labs that are leading the way in novel food safety technologies
Only Agilent has the chemical and biological technology/measurement capabilities to support a comprehensive food safety program.

Only Agilent is prepared to put time, money, and talent toward finding and developing new food safety applications.

Only Agilent has created a collaborative process for meeting current and future food safety challenges.
TRANSMISSION SPECTROSCOPY OF LIQUIDS USING AGILENT'S DIALPATH TECHNOLOGY

ELIMINATING THE CLASSIC TRANSMISSION CELL
Current Analysis of Liquids by FTIR

For longer pathlength measurements (>30 microns - lower concentration solutes; IR transparent solutions)
- Fixed pathlength transmission cells
- Demountable, variable pathlength transmission cells

For shorter pathlength measurements (<30 microns – higher concentration solutes; IR opaque solutions)
- Internal reflection

No real change in the past 30 years on how liquids are measured via mid IR
Beers Law - Our Favorite

Beer’s Law (Absorbance Law): IR absorbance is directly proportional to concentration

\[ A = abc \]

A is Absorbance, b=thickness, c=concentration, a=absorptivity constant

FT-IR measures each peak separately

FT-IR can measures all compounds in a mixture at the same time (one spectrum can yield concentrations for dozens of components)
Anyone who has measured liquids with traditional cells will be **AMAZED** at how much faster and easier it is to measure liquids with the DialPath or TumbllR. This patented technology is a **HUGE** time saver in the lab and is available only from Agilent.
Revolutionary technology for Liquids Analysis “Dialpath”
Proprietary Transmission Technology

As quick and easy to carry out longer pathlength transmission measurements as ATR makes shorter pathlength analysis

- DialPath: Choice of three factory calibrated, fixed pathlengths can be selected in seconds
- TumblIR: One dedicated Pathlength
- Covers pathlengths that ATR cannot
- No spacers, windows, or syringes needed
- No fringing

Sample introduction and sample cleaning is simple – takes seconds

- Compatible with samples having a wide range of viscosities
- Eliminates the need to heat samples to reduce viscosity
Increased Sensitivity v ATR

75 um DialPath Cell
30 um DialPath Cell
ATR
Looking at content of drinks

Full spectrum overlay of 20 different wines, multibounce ATR Agilent 5500a

Ethanol
FTIR spectral overlay, fingerprint 1550-900cm⁻¹ region, of fermentation at different stages in the fermentation process. The spectra are collected on a Dialpath 5500t with a 75um pathlength. The ethanol and sugar bands are shown.
Background

Work on customer samples that wanted quick way to monitor the acid ingredients in their fermentation matrixes which along with high sugars decreased ethanol formation by. Goal was to see if a quick FTIR analysis could give them quick feedback to help control the fermentation process saving them a significant amount of time and money by augmenting the current analytical method (e.g. titration and chromatography).
Transmission (i.e. Dialpath) quant Validation plots of the two acid component in matrix SB1. Overlaid spectra with marked index bands (1500-900 cm⁻¹) with the marked index features; LA validation plot and AA validation plot.
It should be noted that the area integration of the indexing bands were used to create the validation plots. For LA index, the local peak position was near 1130 (not like 1150 in reference spectra), which could be associated with the different concentration level (e.g. different hydrogen-bonding) and the matrix interference.
Quant Validation Plot for AA 1

R² = 0.980
Transmission (i.e. Dialpath) quant Validation plots of the two acid component in matrix SB2. (A) Overlaid spectra with marked index bands (1500-900 cm⁻¹); (B) LA validation plot (all data used) and (C) AA validation plot (two samples #14 and 15 were excluded due to interference of high LA).
For SB2 matrix, linearity of 0.985 for LA and 0.979 for AA were achieved for the concentration range from blank to ~1.2%, which are quite similar to SB1 results shown in figure 2.
Absorbance

Wavenumbers (cm⁻¹)

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Wavenumbers (cm⁻¹)
Based on these results, it was demonstrated that using Dial path technology it is possible to quantitatively analyze acid components in these two matrixes and are certainly applicable to monitoring the fermentation process.