

# RAPID PROPERTIES ANALYSIS OF *PONGAMIA PINNATA* SEED OIL BY NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY



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# Introduction

## Pongamia Pinnata



- ❑ It is a medium sized glabrous tree belonging to the family *Leguminacene*
- ❑ In the south of Thailand, found on Andaman coast such as Ranong, Krabi, Phuket provinces.
- ❑ Known as “*Hye Ta Lay*” or “*Hye Nam*”
- ❑ It is highly tolerant of salinity and can be propagated either by seeds or root suckers.

# Introduction

## Pongamia Pinnata



(a)



(b)

**Pongamia Pinnata (a): pods and (b): kernels**

# Introduction

## Pongamia Pinnata oil

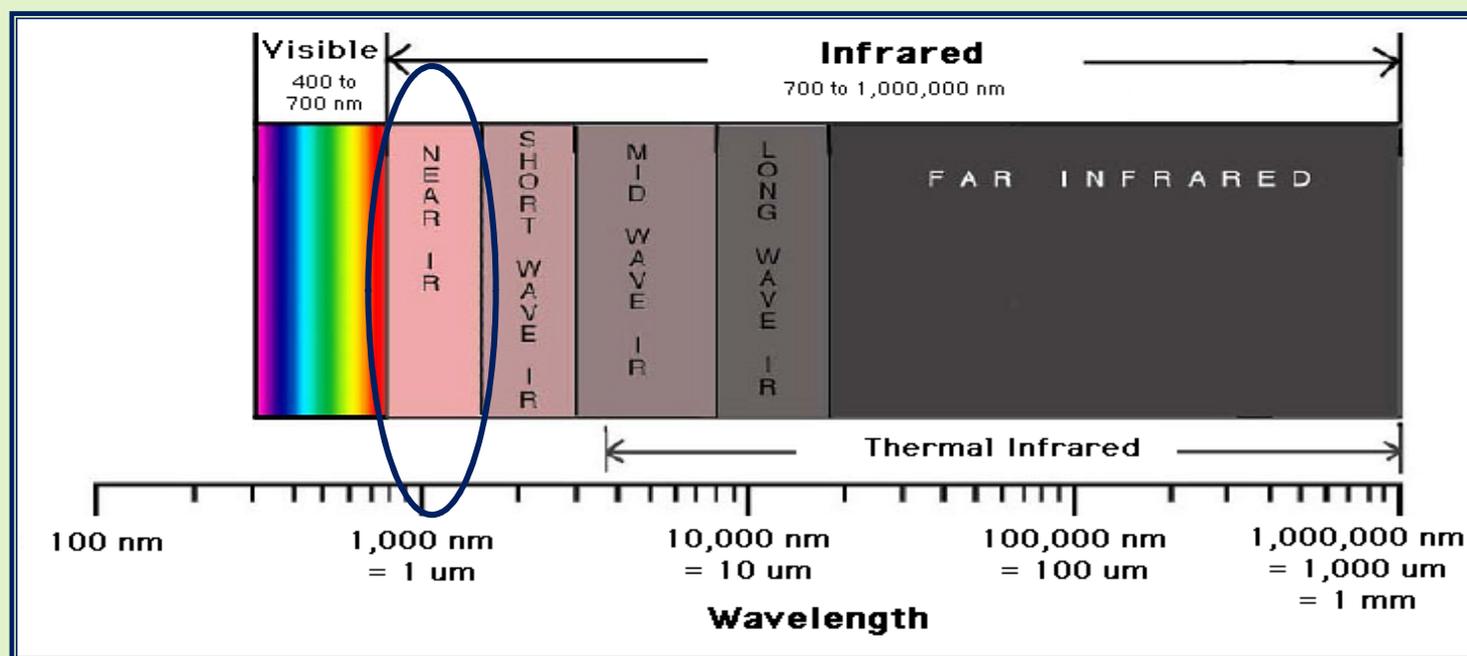


- ❑ The oil content about 17-28%
- ❑ The oil contain several toxic compounds, such as karanjin, pongapin and pongaglubin
- ❑ The oil is rich in C18:1 fatty acid (oleic acid)
- ❑ Has potential to be a raw material for biodiesel production.

# Introduction

## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR)

- ✦ Absorption of electromagnetic radiation.
- ✦ Region  $\longrightarrow$  800-2500 nm ( $12,820-4,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )



# Introduction

## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR)

- ☀ **NIR is typically used for quantitative measurement of organic functional groups, especially O-H, N-H, and C=O**
- ☀ **Absorption of radiation is used to develop calibration curves, which can be related to sample properties.**
- ☀ **Regression equations developed allows accurate analysis of many other samples by prediction of data based on the spectra.**
- ☀ **Applications include pharmaceutical, agricultural, polymer, and clinical analysis.**

# Introduction

## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR)

### How to use NIRS ?

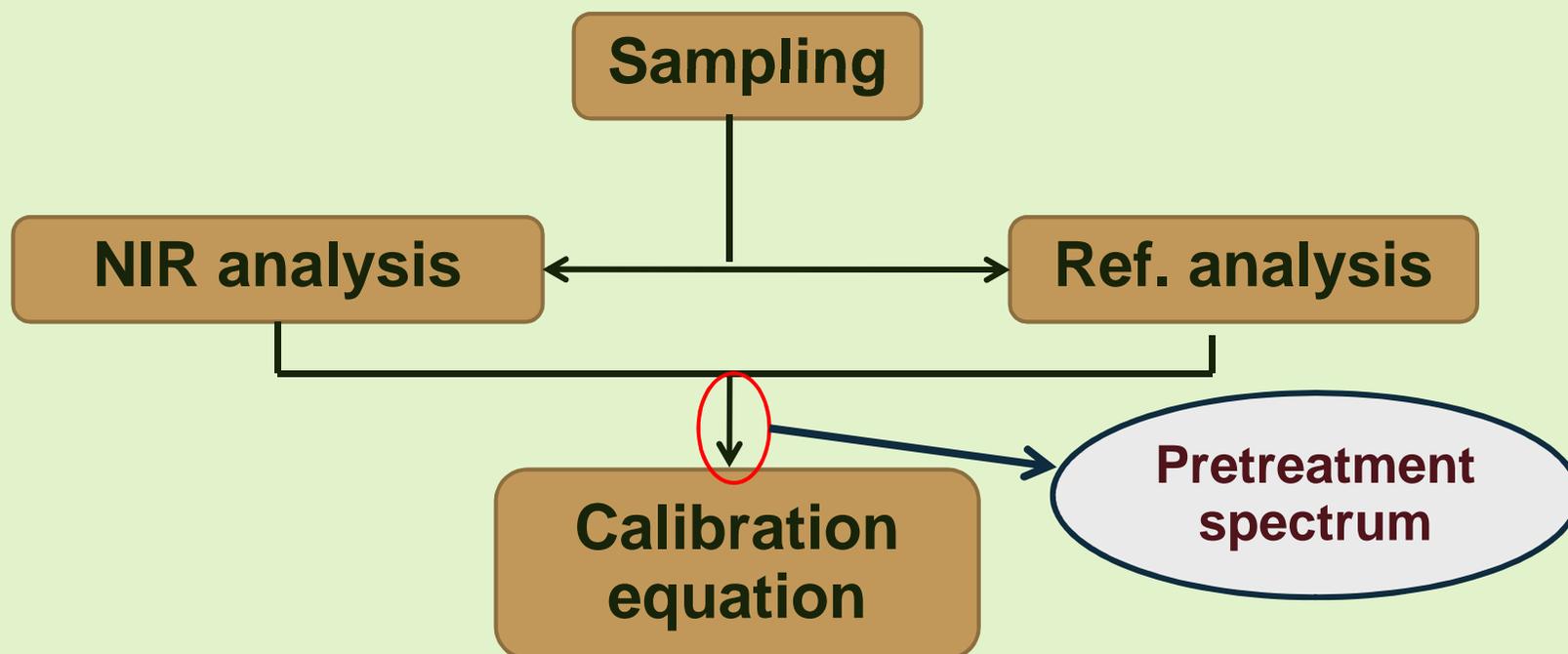
#### 3 Steps of NIRS analysis

- Calibration equation
- Validation test
- Predicted unknown samples

# Introduction

## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR) : Steps

### ☀ Calibration model / equation

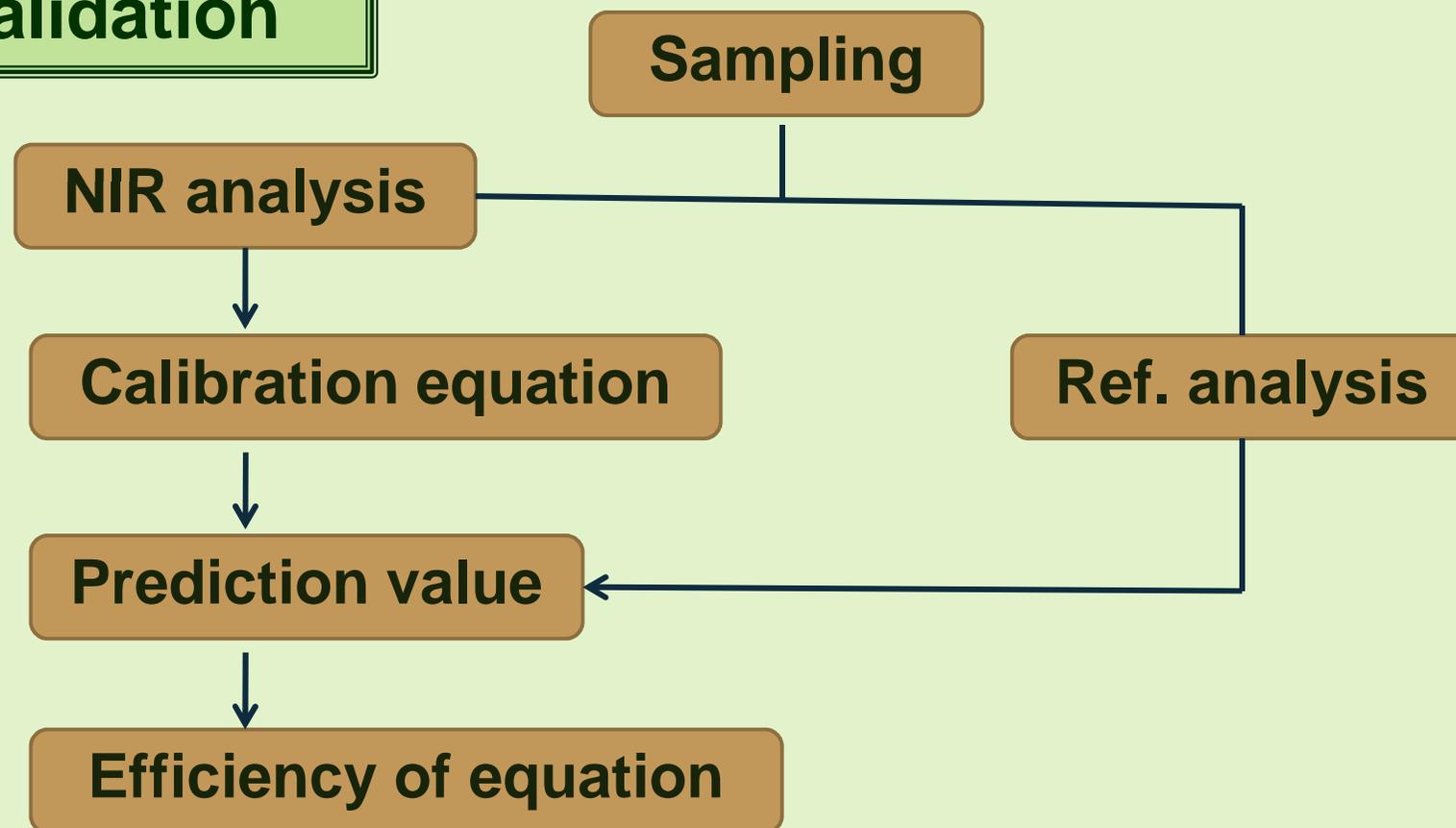


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## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR) : Steps



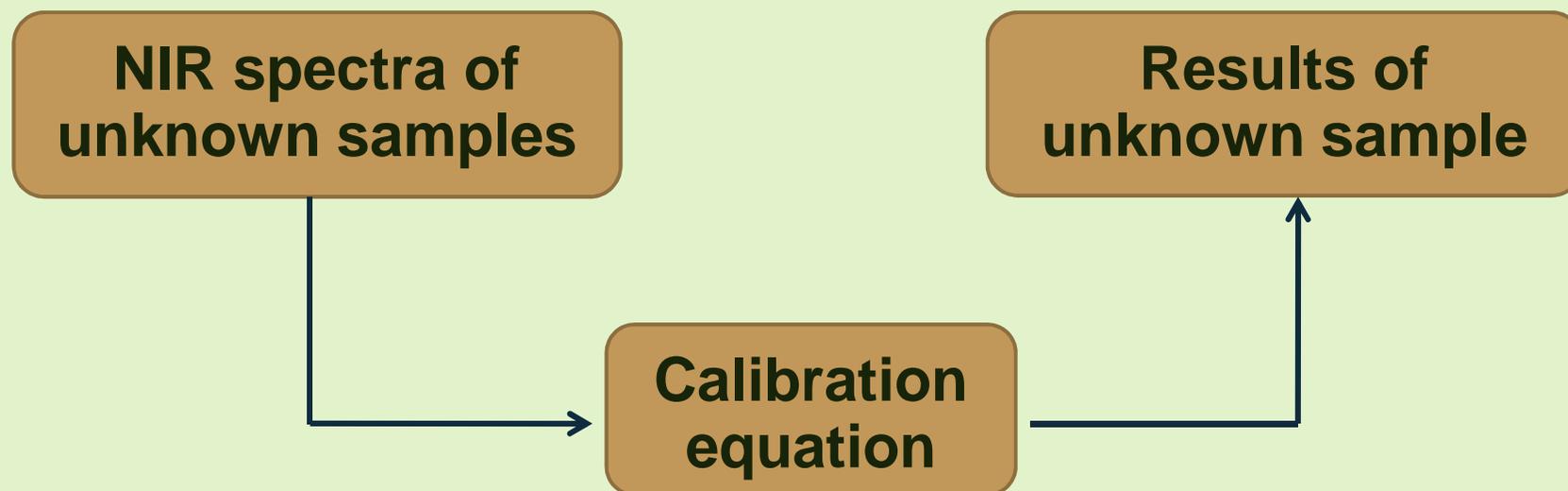
### Validation



# Introduction

## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR) : Steps

### Prediction of unknown sample



# Introduction

## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR)

### Advantages

- Cheaper and faster alternative
- Non-destructive sample
- Requires minimal sample preparation
- Non-chemical, good for environment
- Response in real time

# Objective

**To investigate the feasibility of predicting**

- Fatty acid composition**
- Free fatty acid content (FFA)**

**in Pongamia Pinnata oil by using  
Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS)**

# Materials and Methods

## Samples preparation

- 60 sample seeds were collected from the southern part of Thailand
- All seeds were dried under room conditions
- The hull's pods were manually removed
- Kernels were ground by grinder and sizing with sieve (40-60 mesh)



**P. Pinnata powder**

# Materials and Methods

## Oil extraction



**Powders**



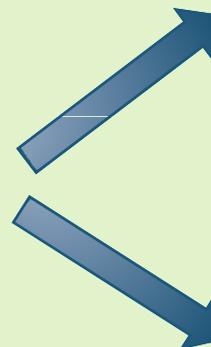
**Soxhlet Extraction**

70 °C, 4 hr.



**Oils**

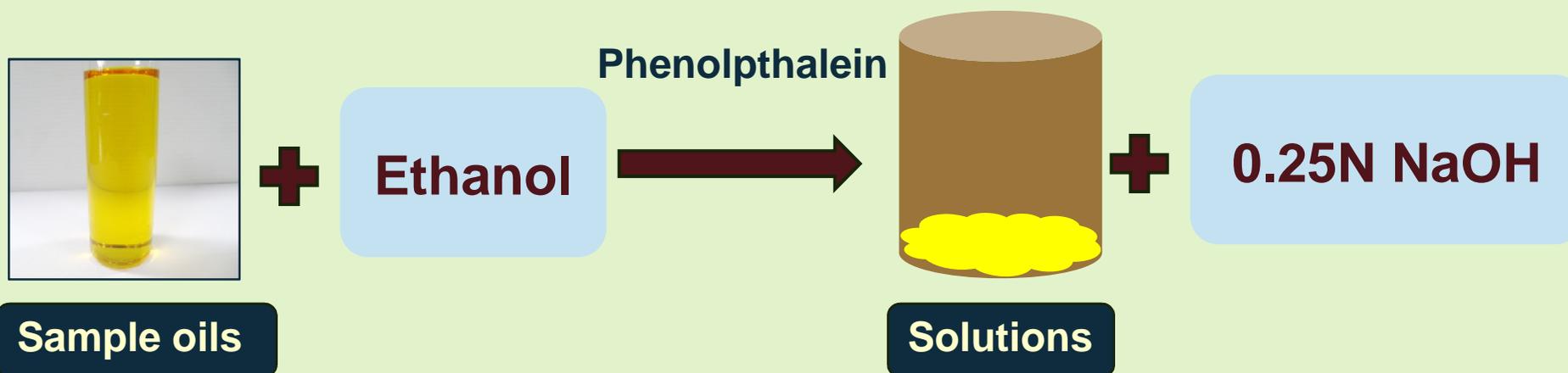
**Free fatty acid  
content (FFA)**  
by AOCS Ca 5a-40 method



**Fatty acid  
compositions**  
by AOAC 969.9 method  
and analyze by GC

# Materials and Methods

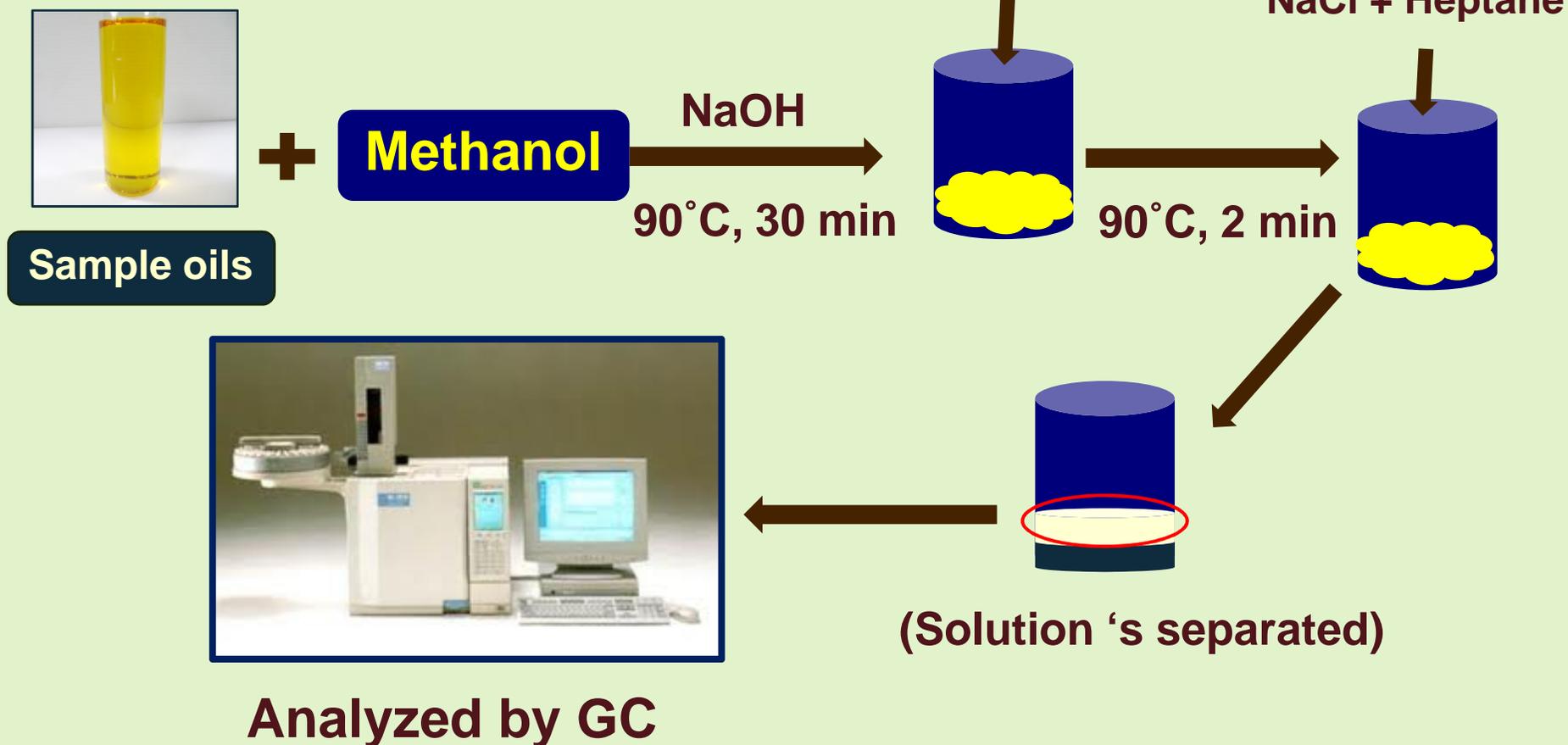
## Free fatty acid content



$$\%FFA = \frac{\text{ml of NaOH} \times \text{conc. NaOH(N)} \times 28.2}{\text{weight of samples}}$$

# Materials and Methods

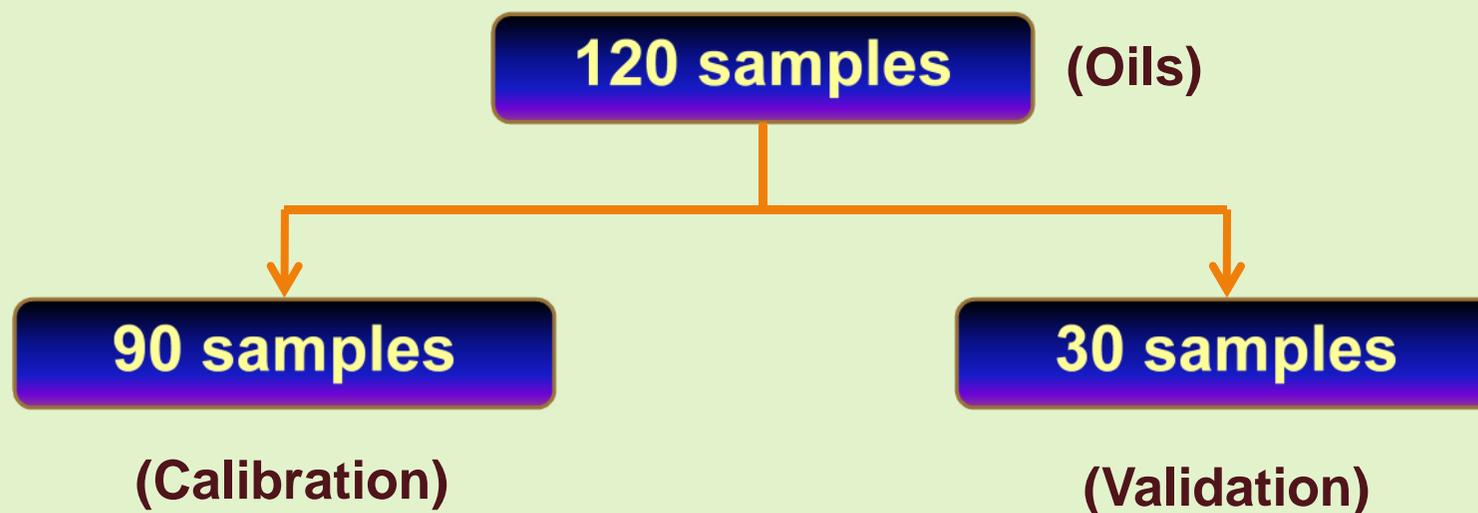
## Fatty acid composition



# Materials and Methods

## NIRS analysis

To estimate free fatty acid content and fatty acid composition



# Materials and Methods

## NIRS analysis



Sample oils

room temp.



Liquid cell



Cover samples  
with gold piston



NIR (Unity, Spectrastar)

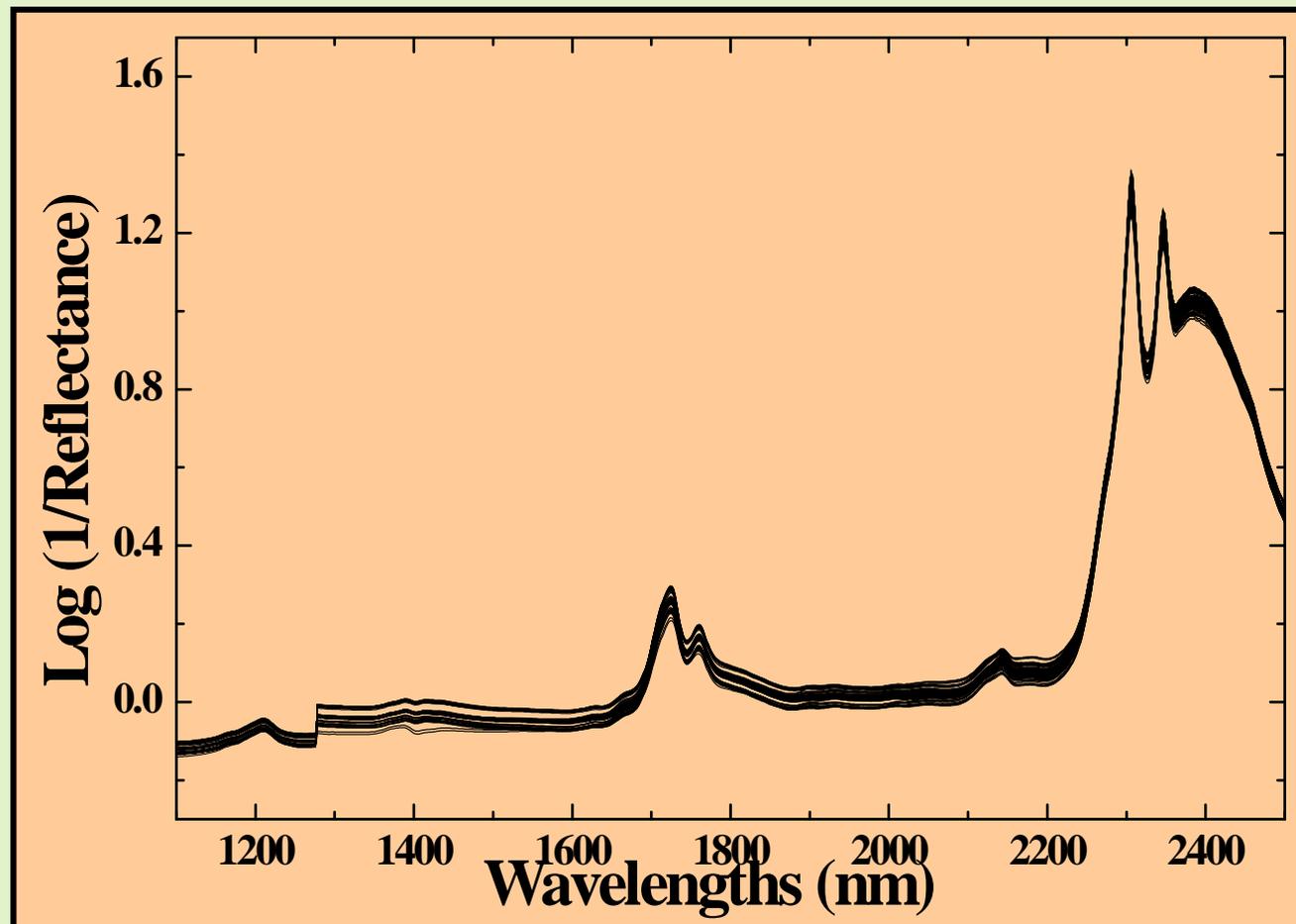
Drop the sample oils  
into liquid cell (1-2 ml)

Range: 1100-2500 nm

# Materials and Methods

## NIRS analysis

Range: 1100-2500 nm



Spectrums  
data

# Materials and Methods

## Spectral pre-treatment and calibration

### Chemometrics

Savitzky-Golay first derivative (1De) was combined with other techniques as:

- Smoothing (SM)
- Normalize (NM)

### Calibration equations

By Partial least squares (PLS) regression

Statistical analyses were performed with the Unscrambler 9.8 software (Camo).

# Materials and Methods

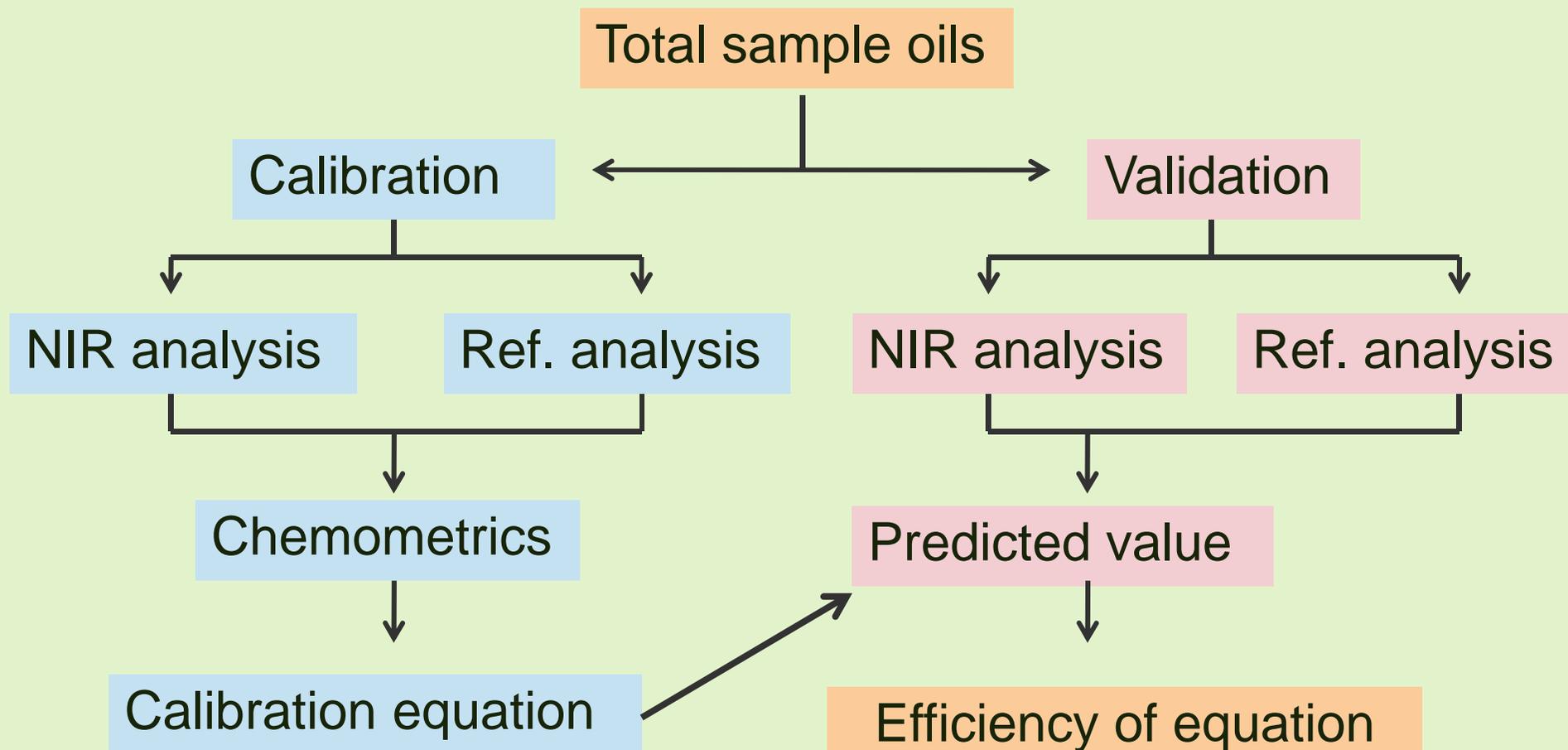
## Spectral pre-treatment and calibration

### The indicators of prediction quality

- The correlation coefficient of determination (R)   > 0.7
- The standard errors of calibration (SECV) 
- The standard errors of prediction (SEP) 
- Bias 
- Relative predictive determination (RPD)   > 1.5

# Materials and Methods

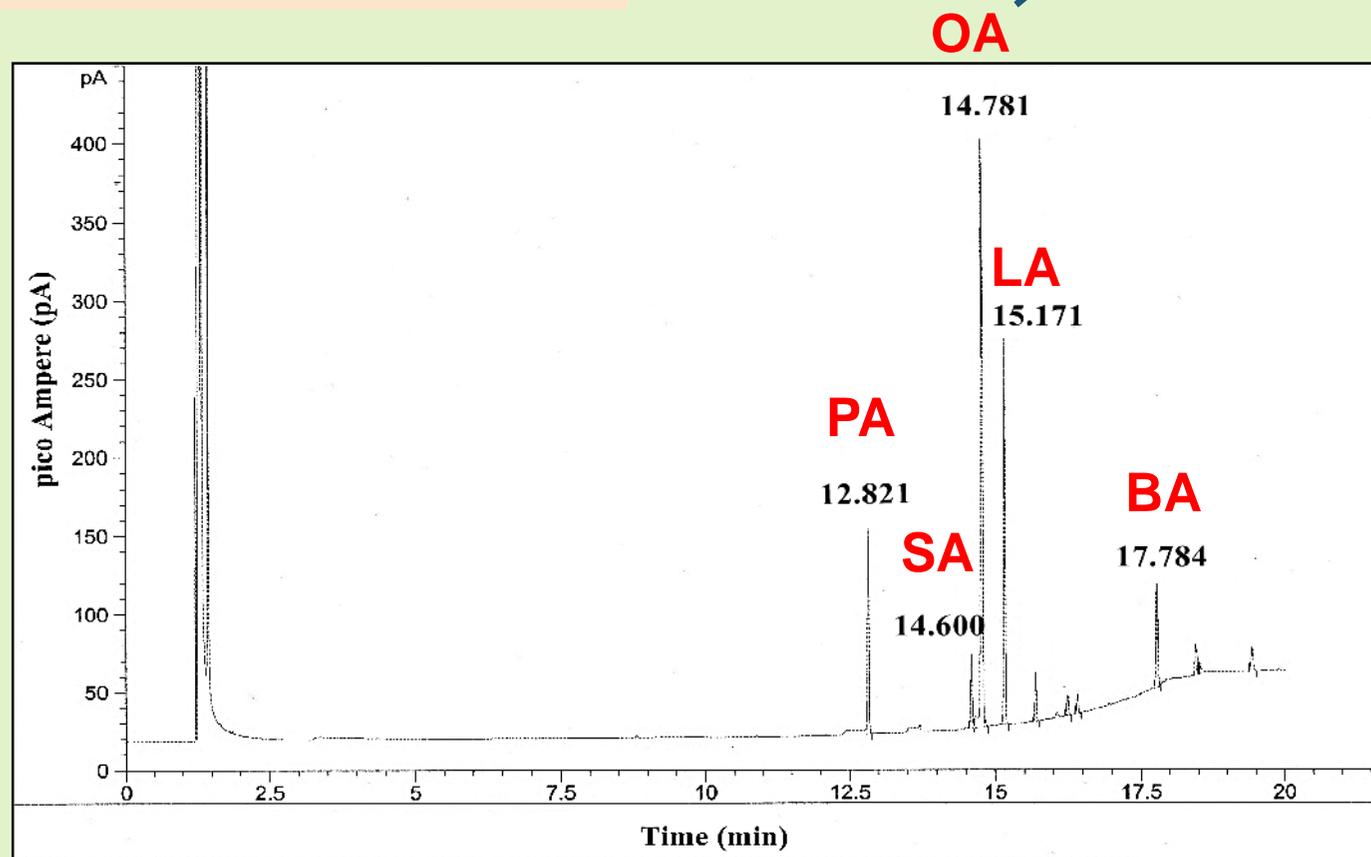
## Summary of all steps for NIR analysis



# Results and Discussion

## Fatty acid composition

35 - 50 %



Chromatogram

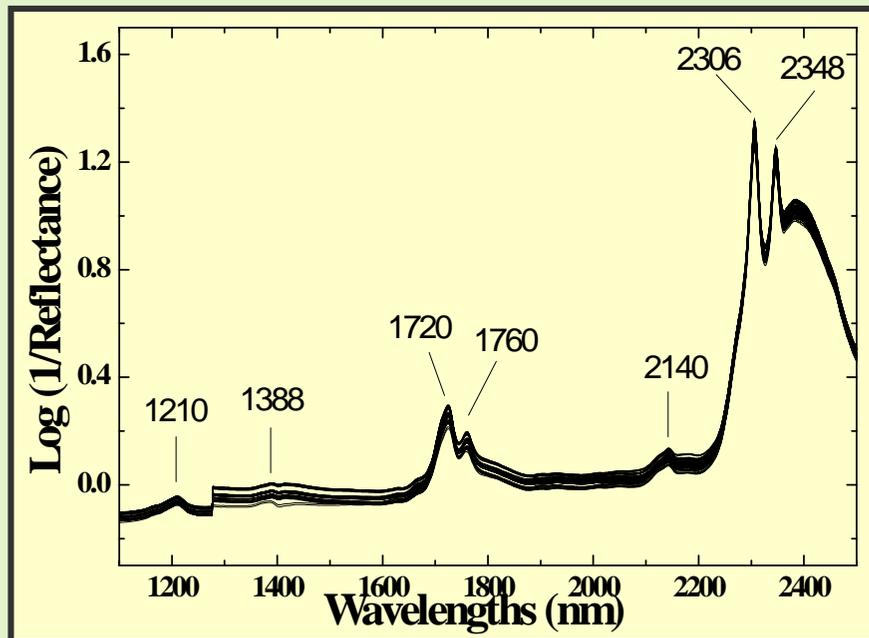
# Results and Discussion

## Fatty acid composition and free fatty acid content

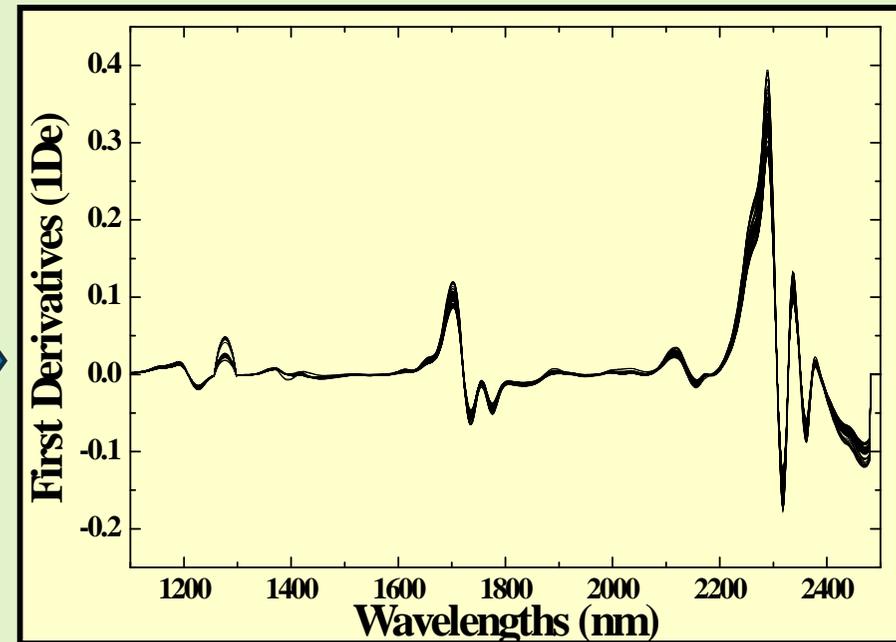
<b>Composition</b>	<b>Content (%)</b>
<b>Palmitic acid (C16:0)</b>	<b>10.36 – 15.69</b>
<b>Stearic acid (C18:0)</b>	<b>2.66 – 13.84</b>
<b>Oleic acid (C18:1)</b>	<b>35.01 – 50.65</b>
<b>Linoleic acid (C18:2)</b>	<b>10.03 – 26.87</b>
<b>Behenic acid (C22:0)</b>	<b>4.15 – 12.87</b>
<b>FFA</b>	<b>1.03 – 35.40</b>

# Results and Discussion

## NIRS analysis



The original NIRS spectra



After pretreat with  
1<sup>st</sup> derivatives (1De)

# Results and Discussion

## Calibration model

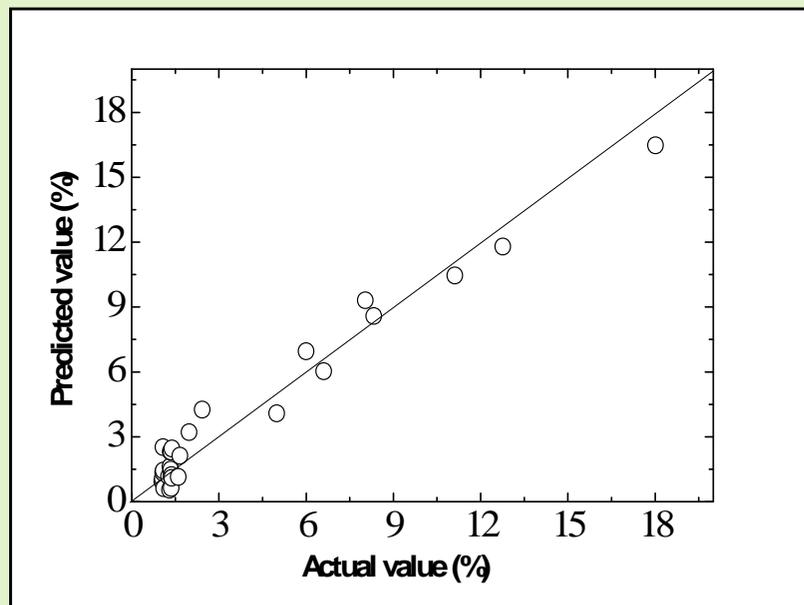
Summary pretreatment techniques in  
“calibration model”

Contents	Pretreatment	F	Calibration			
			R	SECV	Bias	
FFA	SM + 1De	4	0.977	0.873	-0.022	good
C18:1	SM	12	0.859	1.893	0.033	
C18:2	NM + 1De	12	0.792	2.461	-0.026	
C16:0	NM + 1De	10	0.693	0.928	-0.004	poor
C18:0	NM + 1De	13	0.841	1.019	0.000	
C22:0	SM + 1De	12	0.774	1.169	-0.023	

# Results and Discussion

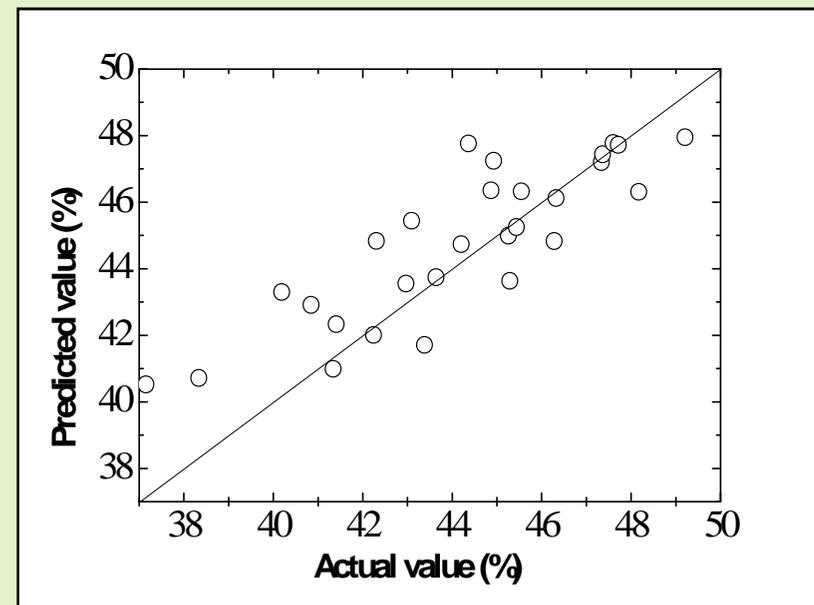
## External prediction

### Ratios of actual to NIR-predicted values



Free fatty acid ratio :  $R = 0.982$

RPD = 5.158



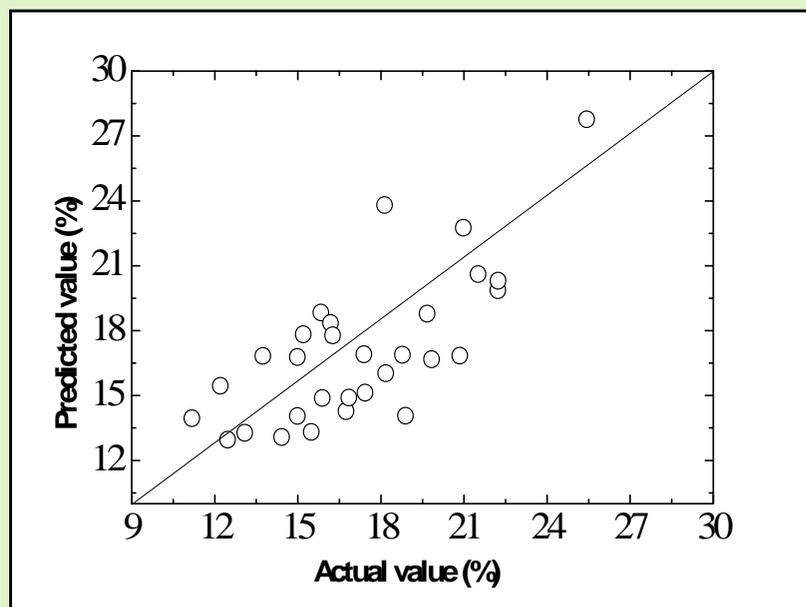
Oleic acid ratio :  $R = 0.857$

RPD = 1.883

# Results and Discussion

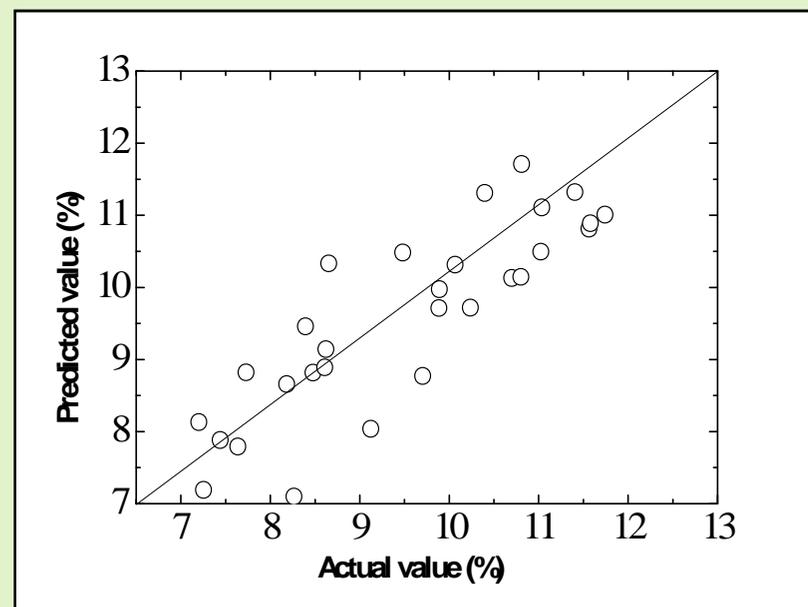
## External prediction

### Ratios of actual to NIR-predicted values



Linoleic acid ratio :  $R = 0.832$

RPD = 1.791



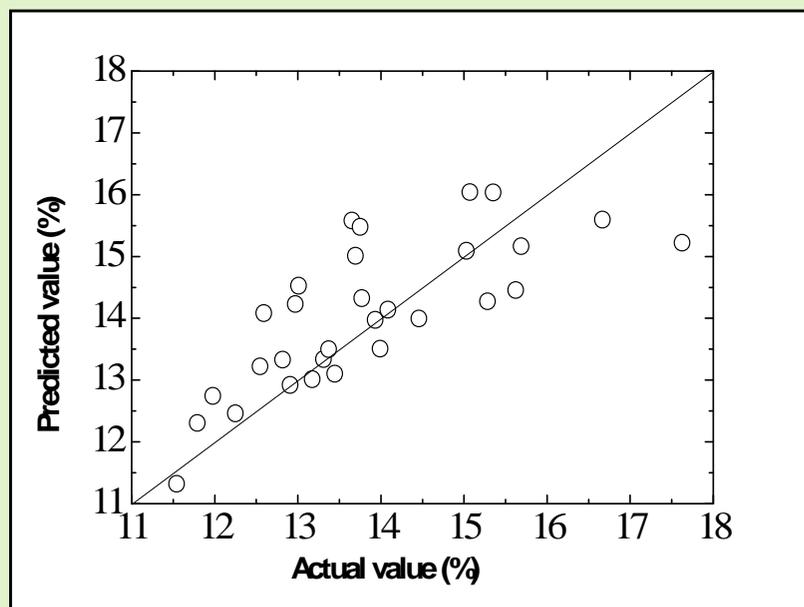
Behenic acid ratio :  $R = 0.839$

RPD = 1.664

# Results and Discussion

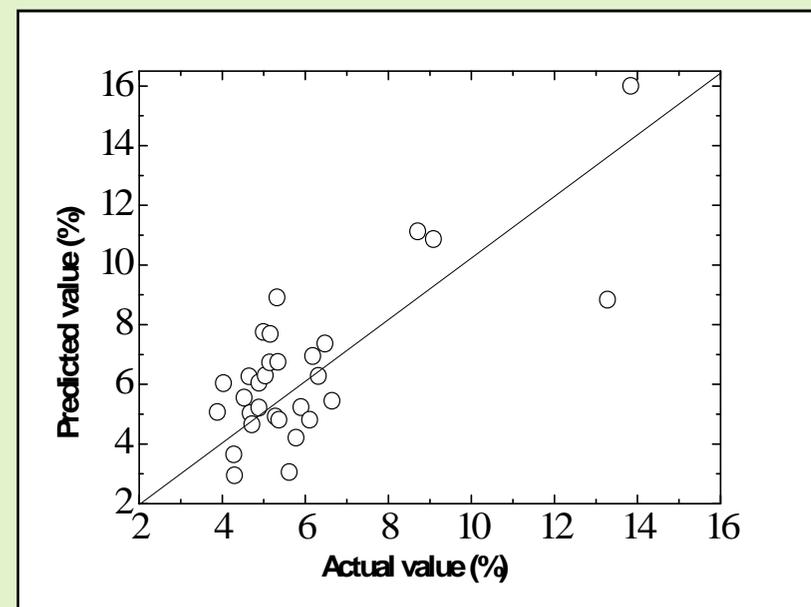
## External prediction

### Ratios of actual to NIR-predicted values



Palmitic acid ratio :  $R = 0.784$

RPD = 1.480



Stearic acid ratio :  $R = 0.699$

RPD = 1.251

# Results and Discussion

## External prediction

Summary pretreatment techniques in “external prediction”

Contents	Pretreatment	F	Prediction			
			SEP	SD	RPD <sub>p</sub>	
FFA	SM + 1De	4	0.830	4.281	5.158	good
C18:1	SM	12	2.007	3.780	1.883	
C18:2	NM + 1De	12	2.236	4.004	1.791	poor
C16:0	NM + 1De	10	0.899	1.331	1.480	
C18:0	NM + 1De	13	0.927	1.160	1.251	
C22:0	SM + 1De	12	1.073	1.785	1.664	

# Results and Discussion

## External prediction

The broad ranges of these compositions were the reasons that made all of these models had accurate prediction. Since palmitic acid and stearic acid had narrow range, so the prediction models were less accurate.

The less accuracy of palmitic acid and stearic acid could be sufficiently used by increasing the number and broader range of reference samples.

# Conclusion

**The results strikingly indicate that the reflectance NIRS has ability for estimating the fatty acid compositions and the free fatty acid content (FFA) in Pongamia Pinnata seed oil.**

**NIRS technique is a simple, non-destructive and rapid technique that can use for replace the conventional method.**

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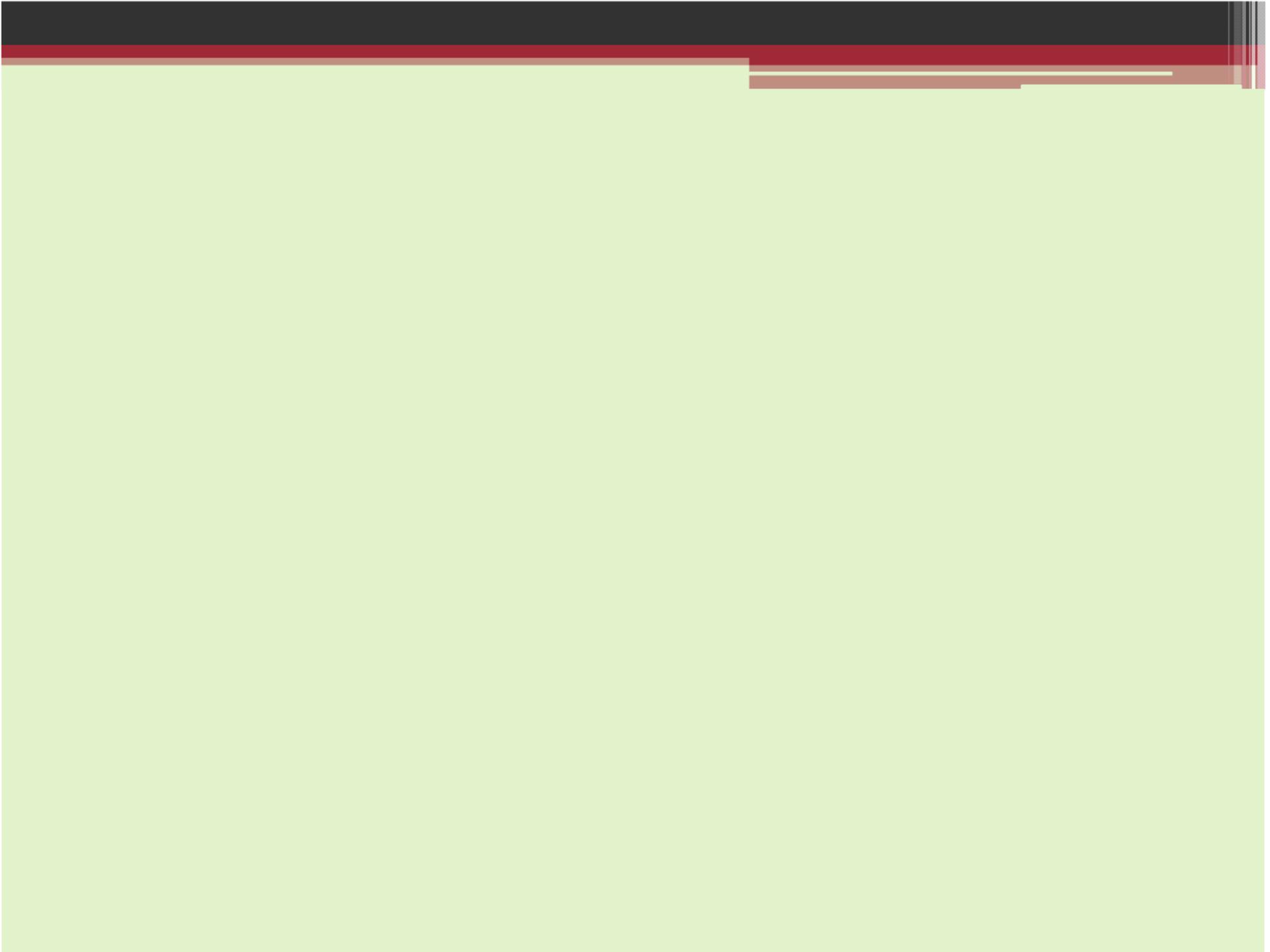
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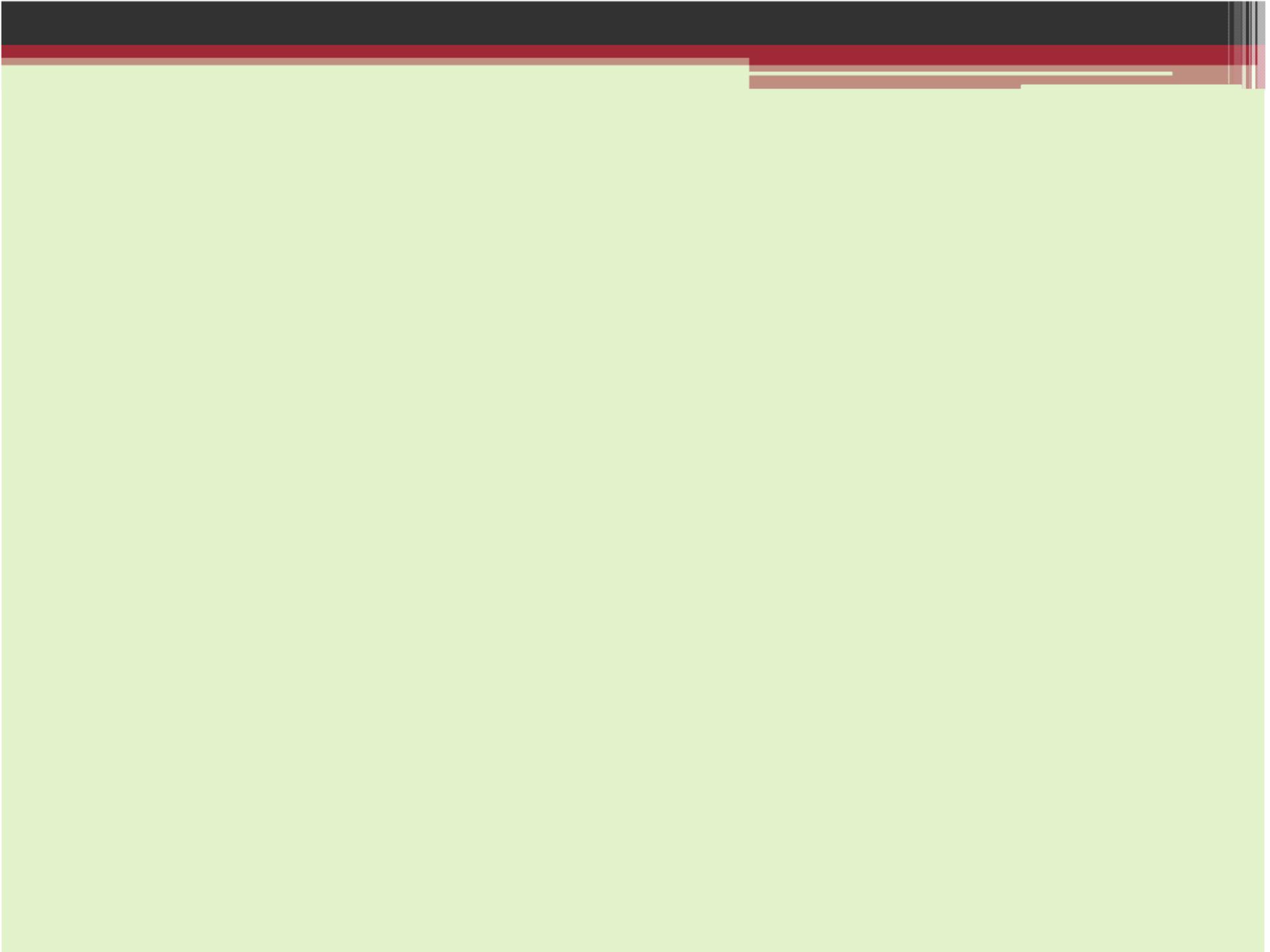
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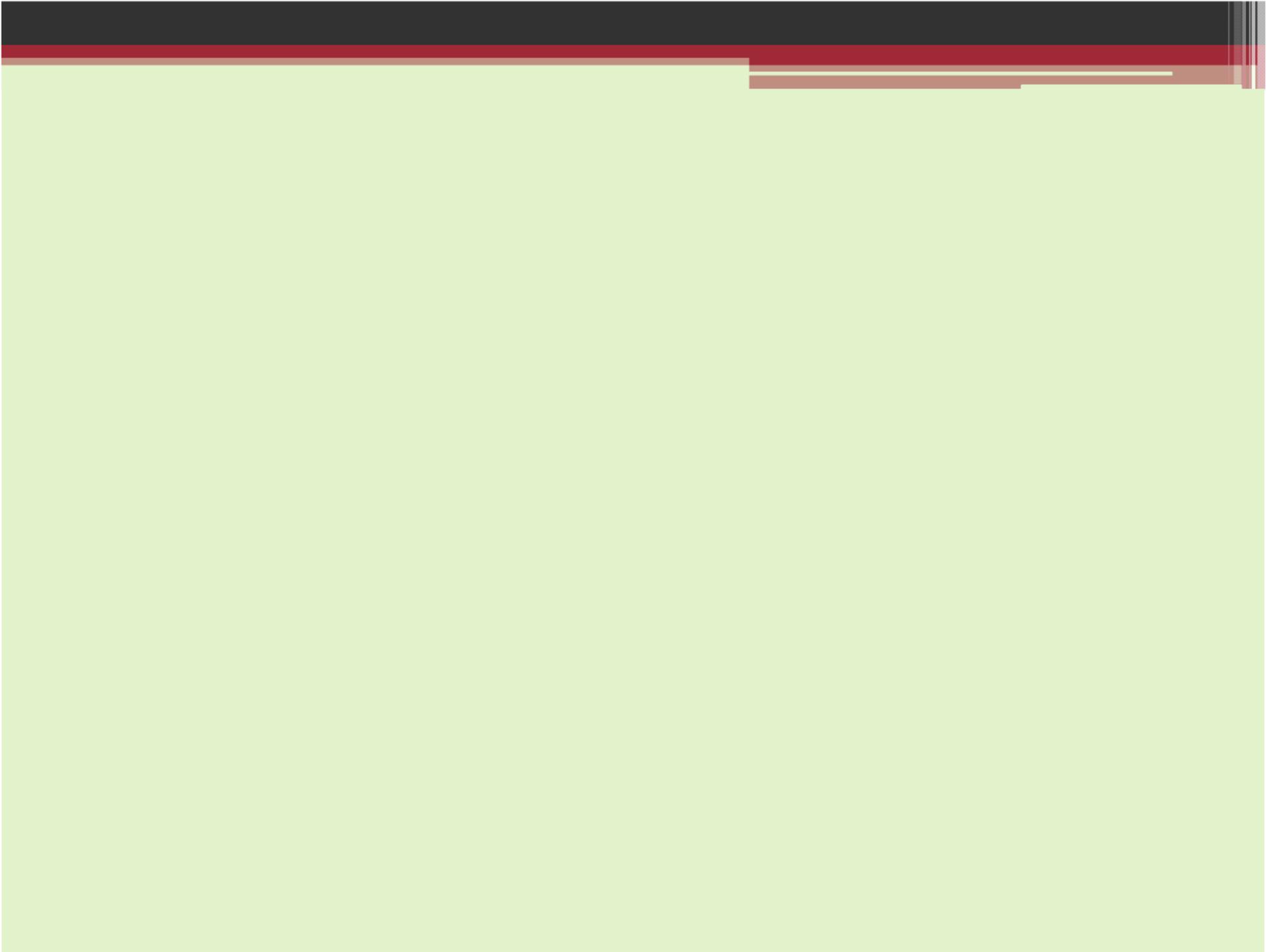
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## Example for the calibration equation

$$\% \text{ Arabinose} = b_0 + \sum_{i=1100}^{2500} b_i x_i$$

$b_0$  is y-intercept of regression model

$b$  is the regression coefficient at wavelength  $i$

$x_i$  is absorbance

$i$  is the wavelength

# Materials and Methods

## Spectral pre-treatment and calibration

### Chemometrics

**The chemical discipline that uses mathematical and statistical methods,**

**(a) to design or select optimal measurement procedures and experiments**

**(b) to provide maximum chemical information by analyzing chemical data.**

# Introduction

## Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR) (Example)

Wavelength (nm)	Type of spectrum	Molecules
910	3 <sup>rd</sup> Overtone of C-H	Protein
928	3 <sup>rd</sup> Overtone of C-H	Oil
1450	1 <sup>st</sup> Overtone of O-H	Water, starch
1685	1 <sup>st</sup> Overtone of C-H	Aromatic
2050	Combination of N-H	Protein
2336	Combination of C-H	Cellulose