

Ab-initio computational methods for the simulation of optical properties applied to cultural heritage

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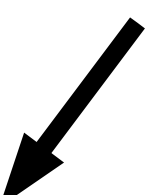
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Applications:

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Improvements of the
experimental model based on
Kubelka-Munk approach (M.
Missori)

Improvement of theoretical
model

Temperature effects (C.
Violante)

Oxidized groups dynamics (C.
Violante)



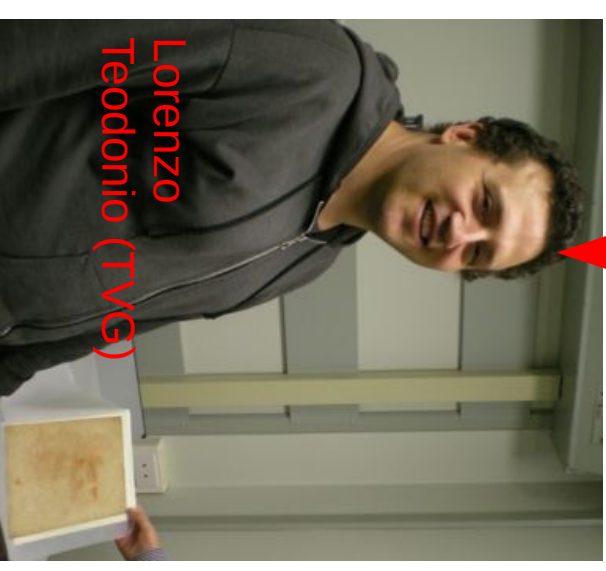
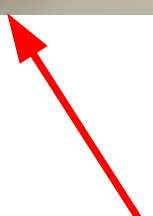
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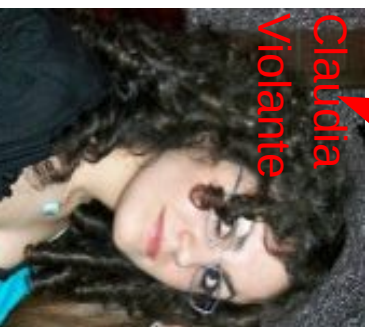
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Measurements



Lorenzo
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Theoretical analysis ab-initio calculations



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Leo (Amboise)



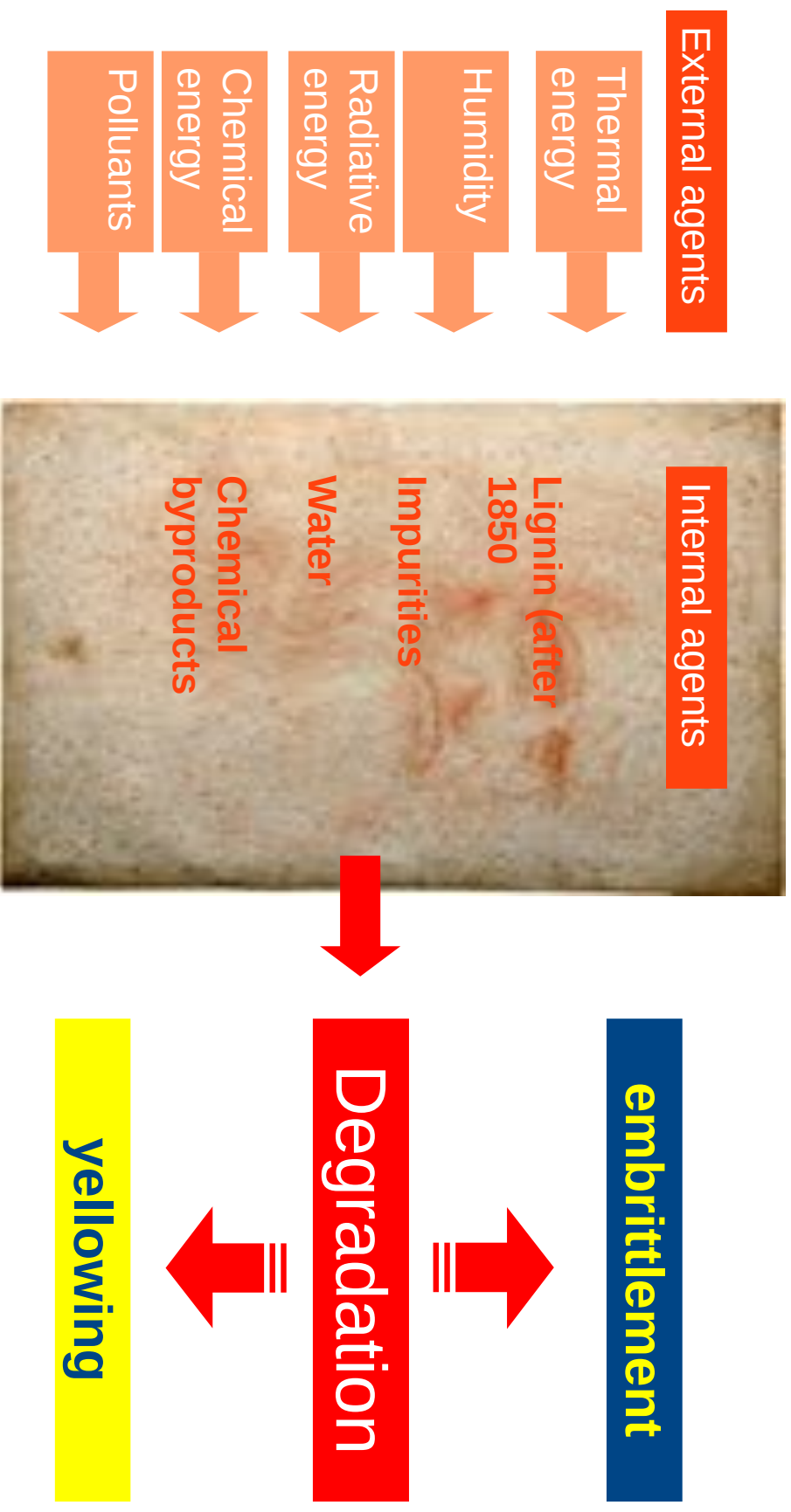
Sample supplier and drawing expert

Conservation



Maria Cristina Misiti (ICPAL)

Causes of physico-chemical degradation of paper

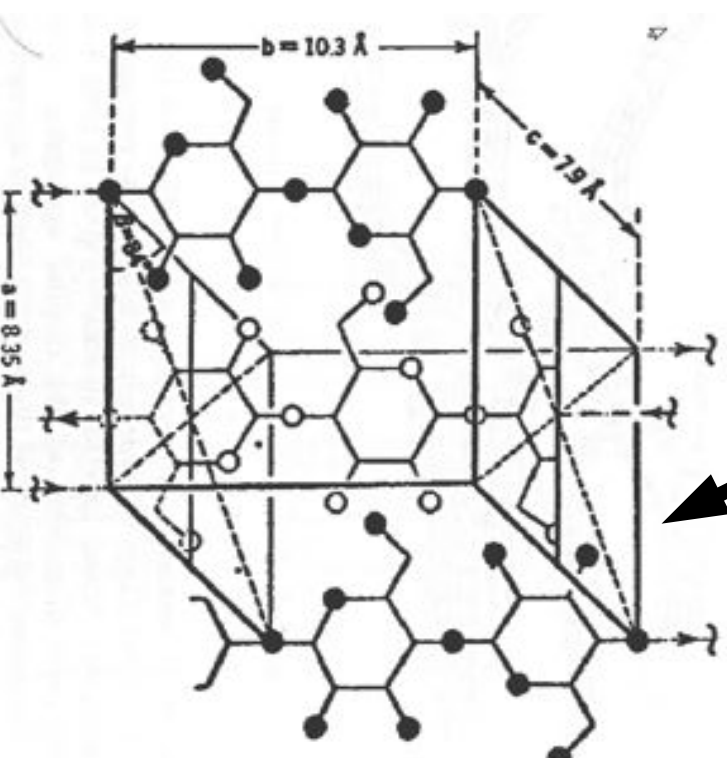
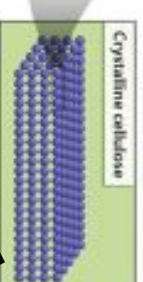
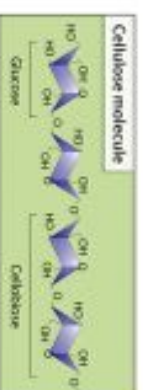
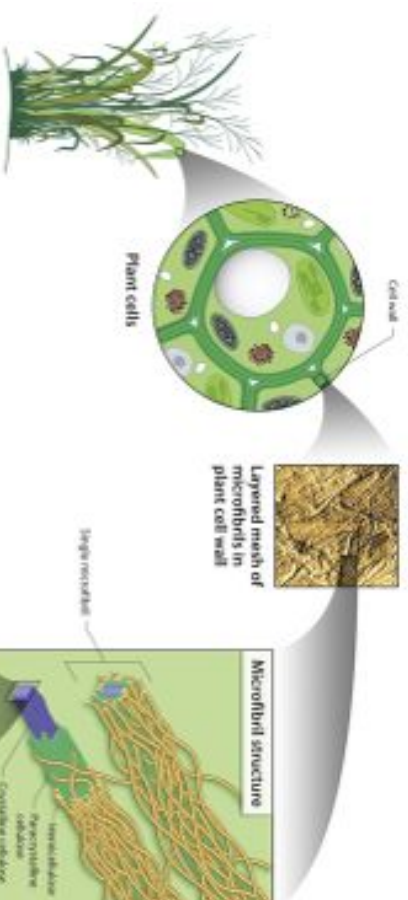
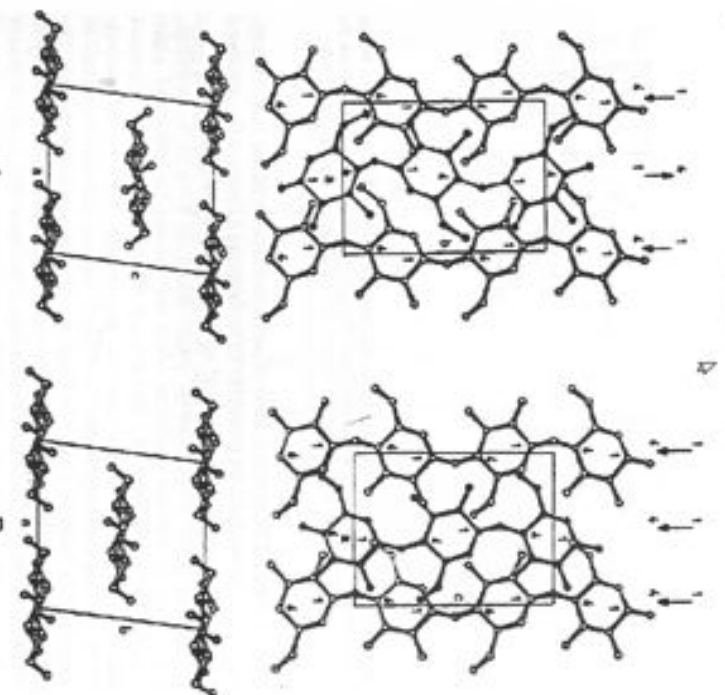


Cellulose: 40% of the annual production of biomass on Earth!

CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

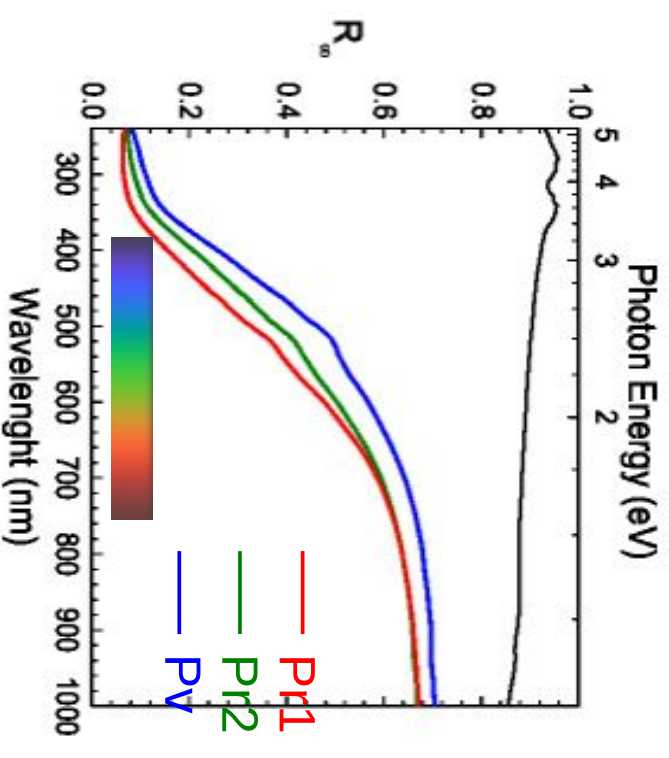
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EXPERIMENTAL CRYSTAL PARAMETERS

EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVATIONS



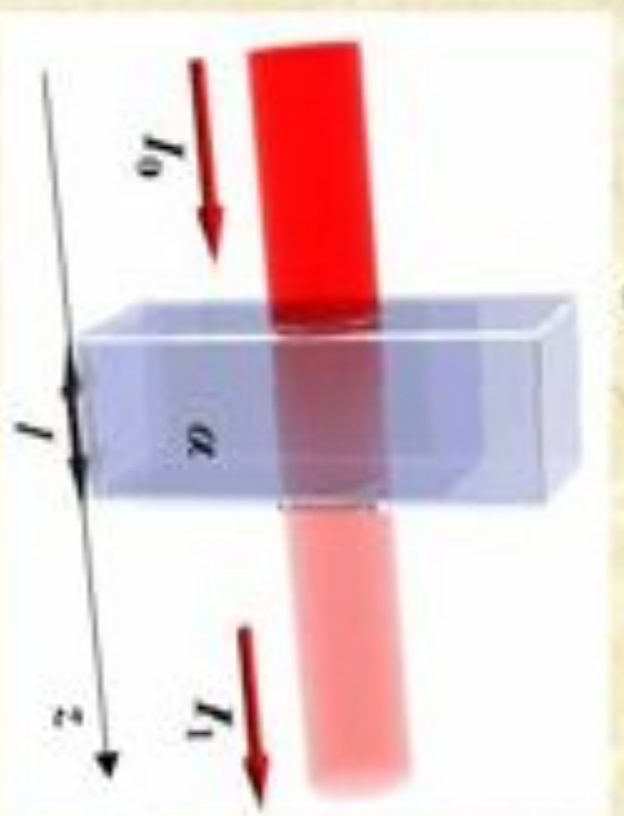
Observations:

Yellowing and foxing: reflectance main contributions are in the yellow-red range

Unaged paper is white while cellulose is transparent: **diffusion**

Optical spectroscopy

Homogeneous medium



$$dI(z) = -\alpha I(z) dz$$

$$I = \frac{I_1}{I_0} = e^{-\alpha l}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{l} \ln \frac{I_0}{I_1}$$

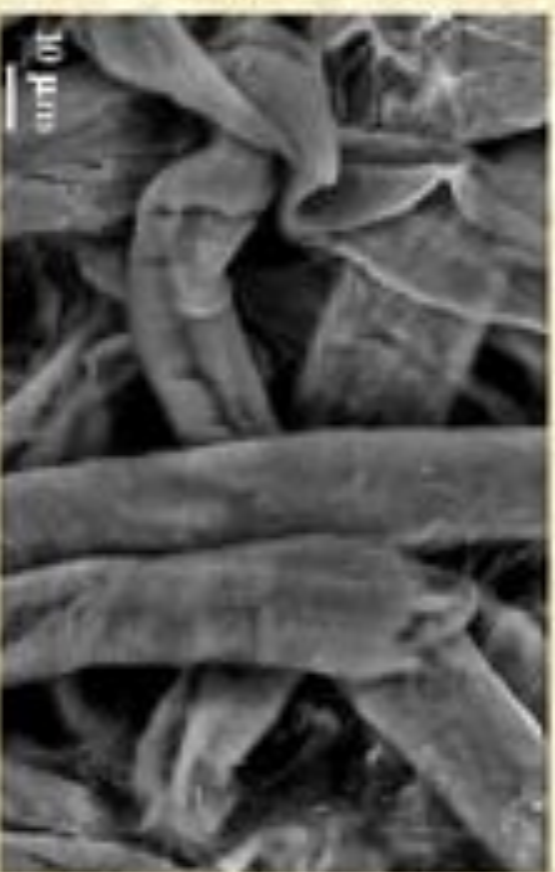
$$\alpha = \frac{4\pi k}{\lambda}$$

$$\vec{n} = n + ik$$

$$\vec{\epsilon} = \epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2 = (n + ik)^2$$

Each molecule has a specific α that depends on λ

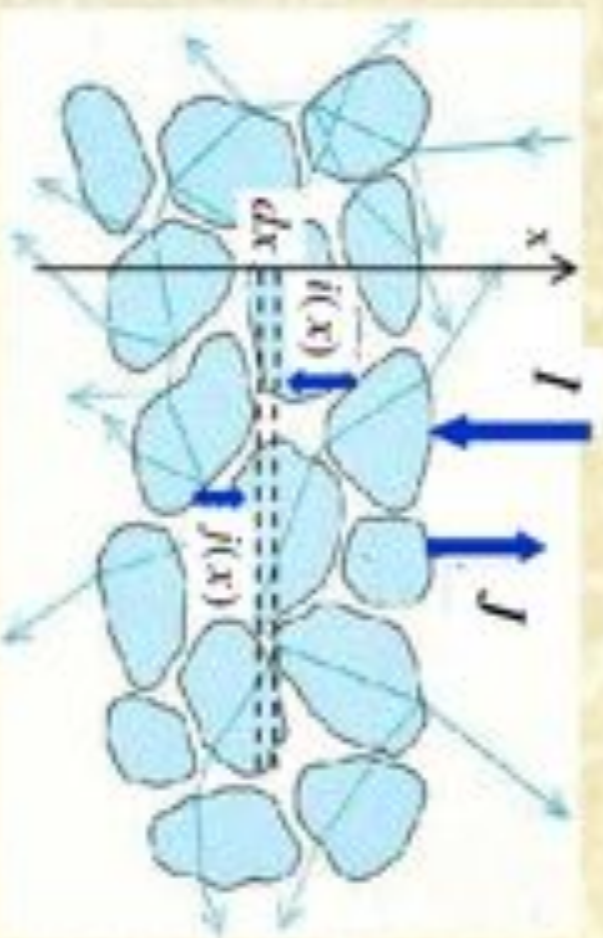
Paper is a complex system, chiefly composed of a web of cellulose fibers



Inomogeneous: empty spaces larger than λ

Two flux model (Kubelka-Munk)

Paper is made of fibres and voids \Rightarrow inhomogeneous material

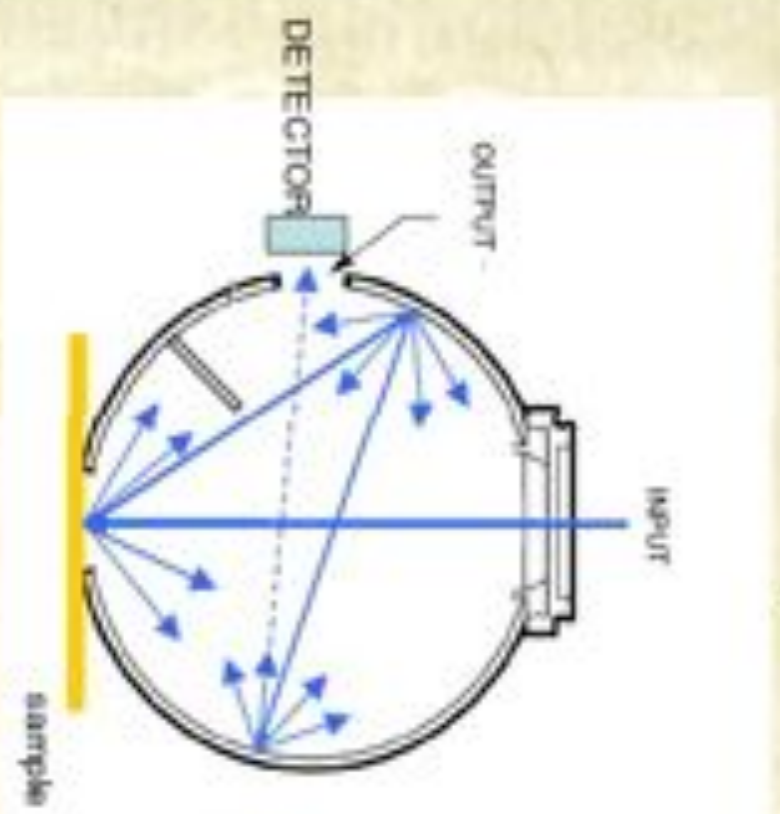


$$\frac{di}{dx} = -(k + s)i + sj$$
$$\frac{dj}{dx} = (k + s)j - si$$

k = absorption coefficient
 s = scattering coefficient

$$R = -\frac{j}{i}$$

Experimental set-up



An “integrating sphere” is necessary to collect light scattered by paper over all angles (diffuse reflectance).

$$A_{KM}(\lambda) = \frac{(1 - R_{\infty}(\lambda))^2}{2R_{\infty}(\lambda)} \propto \alpha$$



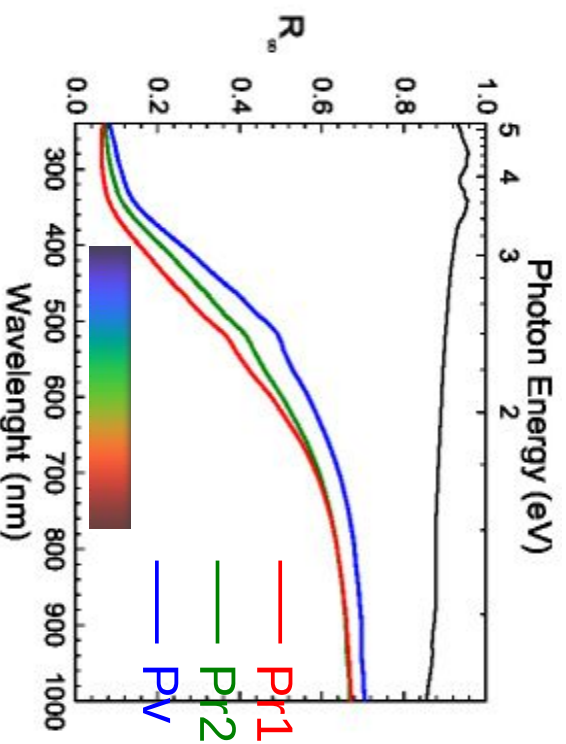
$$\alpha = 2\omega \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2} - \epsilon_1}{2}}$$

TDDFT

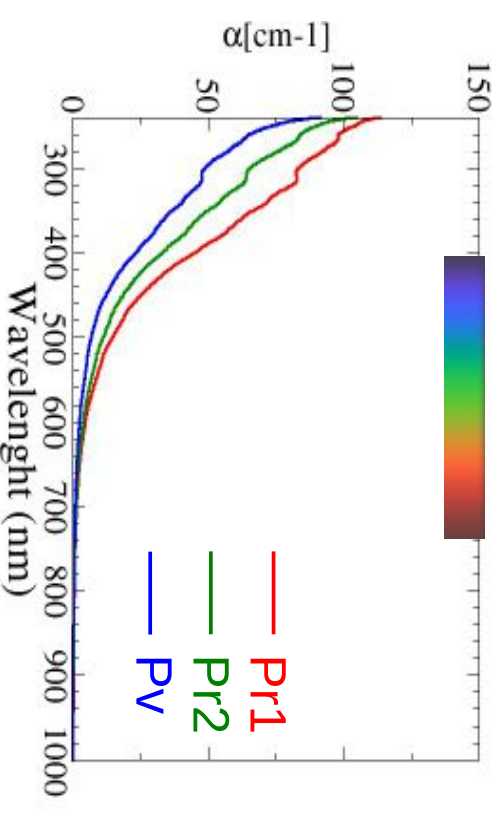
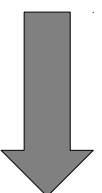


Absorption in the violet-blue region correspond to reflectance in the red-yellow region.

Oxidation induces absorption in the violet-UV region.



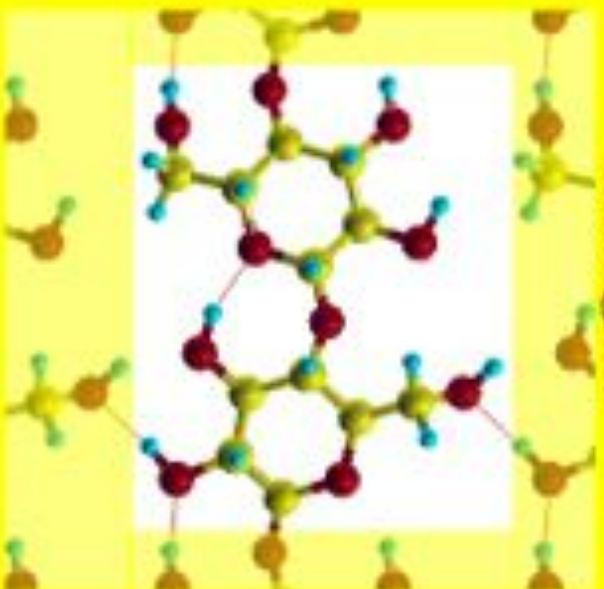
Kubelka -
Munk



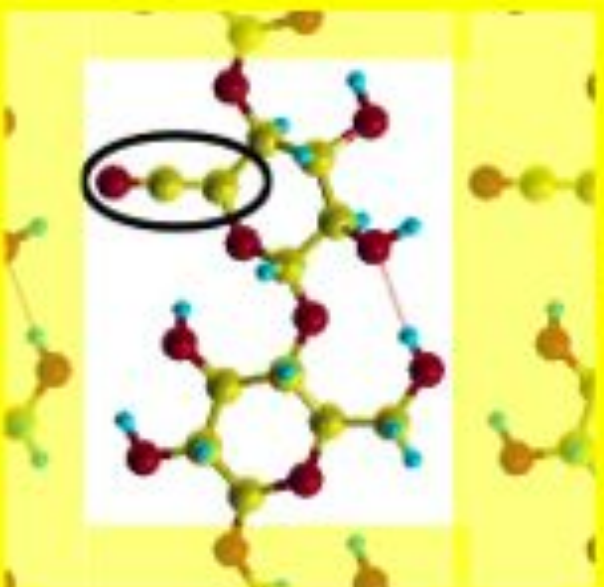
Vibrational spectroscopies, such as Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR), and Raman are non-invasive but do not answer the fundamental question:

Which oxidized groups are responsible of yellowing?

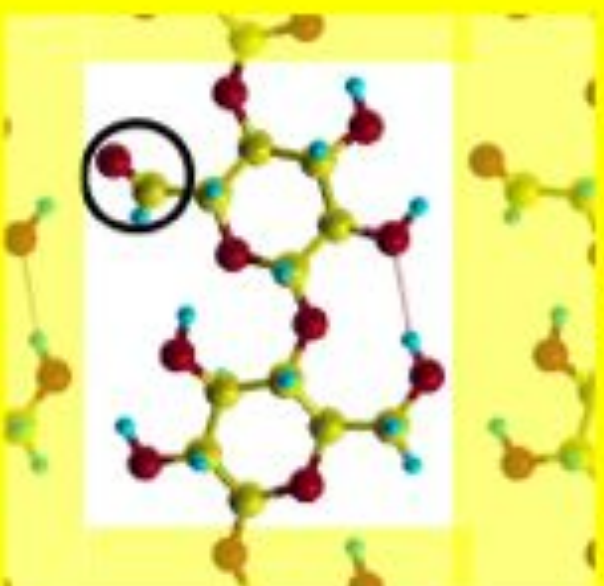
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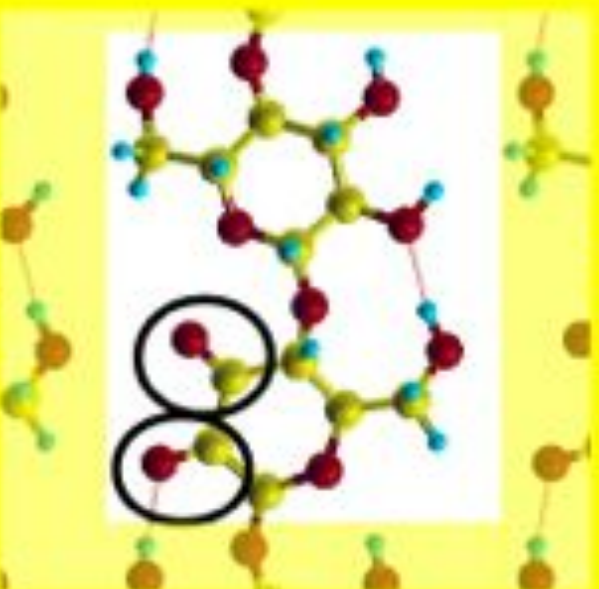
CCO



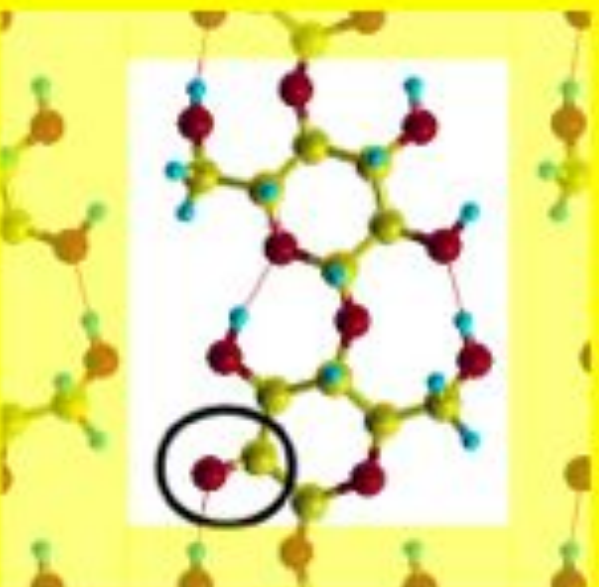
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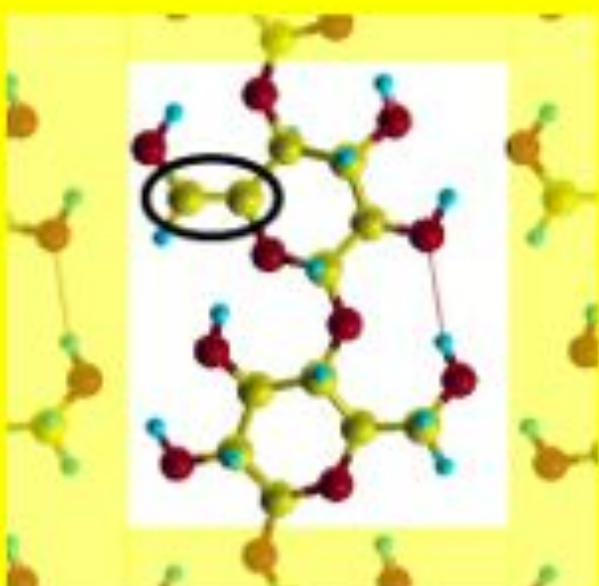
M4H



M2H



CC



THEORETICAL CALCULATIONS

Ab-initio (free-parameter) theoretical method

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Density Functional Theory (DFT):

Walter Kohn (Nobel in chemistry in 1998)

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- Forces acting on atoms
- Total energies
- Geometry optimization

Independent-particle approximation

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Time-Dependent DFT (TDDFT):

- Time evolution of physical properties
- optical properties

Time-Dependent DFT (TDDFT)

Runge-Gross (1984) $\rightarrow \langle \psi[\rho](t) | \hat{O} | \psi[\rho](t) \rangle = O[\rho](t)$

Consequence: $A = \langle \psi[\rho] | (i\hbar(d/dt) - \hat{H}) | \psi[\rho] \rangle = A[\rho]$

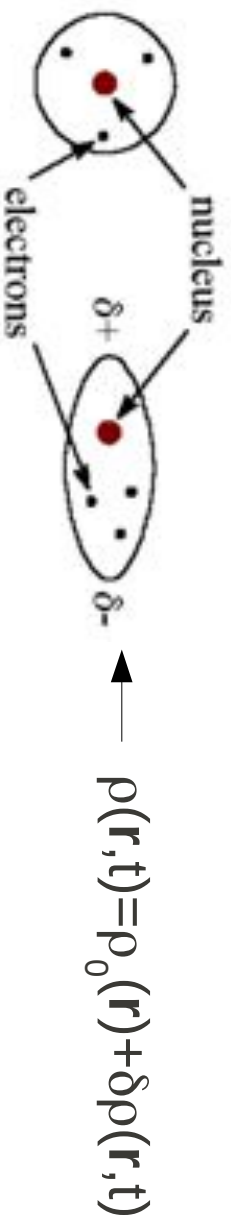
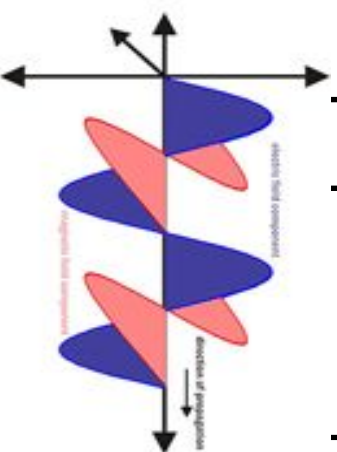
TD Kohn-Sham scheme (single particle eq.) \rightarrow

$$(T + V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{NI}}[\rho_{\text{GS}}^I](t))\psi(t) = i\hbar(d/dt)\psi(t)$$

$$\text{where } V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{ext}} + V_{\text{H}} + V_{\text{xc}}$$

RESPONSE FUNCTION
(gives dielectric funct.,
absorbance ...)

Optical properties: $\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int d\mathbf{r}' dt' \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t-t') V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}', t')$



$$\chi = \chi^{\text{KS}} + \chi^{\text{KS}}(V_{\text{Coul}} + f_{\text{xc}})\chi, \quad \text{where } f_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = dV_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)/d\rho(\mathbf{r}', \omega)$$

Local Density Adiabatic Approximation: $V_{\text{xc}}[\rho_{\text{GS}}^I](\mathbf{r}, t) = V_{\text{xc}}(\rho_{\text{GS}}^I(\mathbf{r}, t))$

• Biological systems

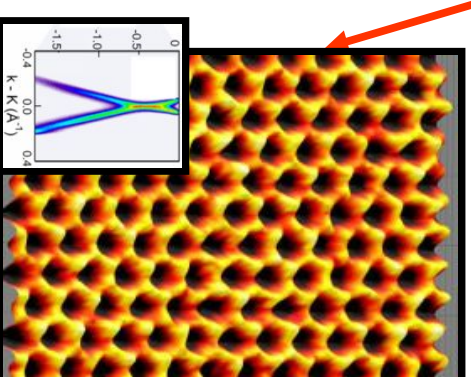
GFP

• 3-D
Diamond



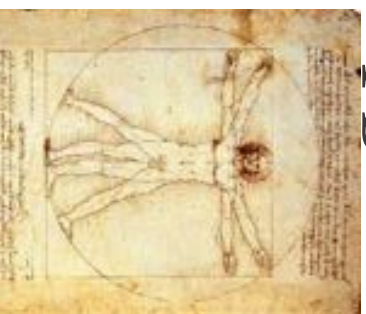
• Liquids

• 2-D



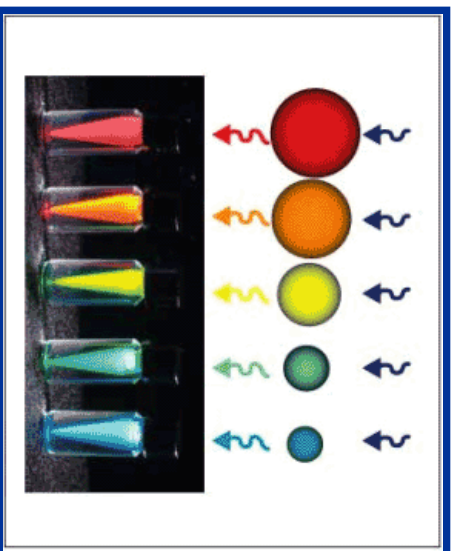
water
Graphene
and
Surfaces

• 1-D



Paper

• 0-D



• Nanoclusters

applications

Theoretical Method

DFT  ground state properties:
Geometry optimization

TDDFT  excited state properties:
Optical absorption spectrum

Details:

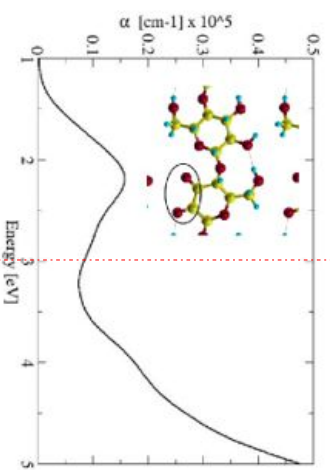
- ✓ Crystal parameters from experiments (X-ray diffraction).
- ✓ Exchange-correlation functional used: BLYP.
- ✓ TDDFT: Casida algorithm

VisAG

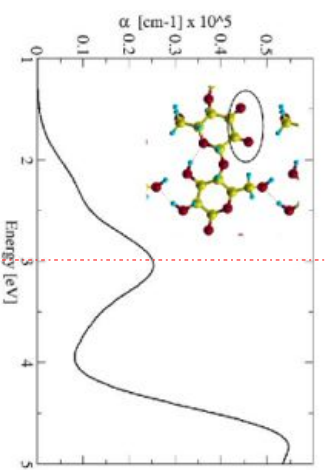
LUVAG

UVAG

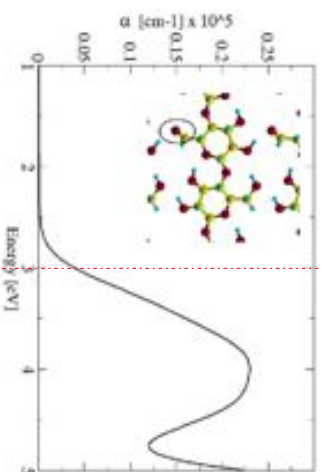
M4Hb



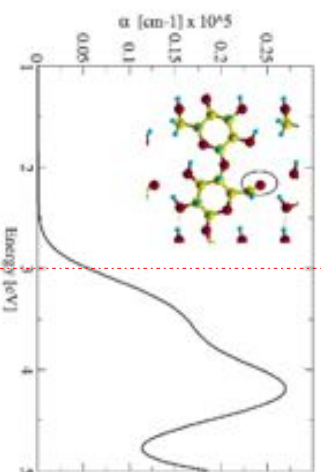
M4Hu



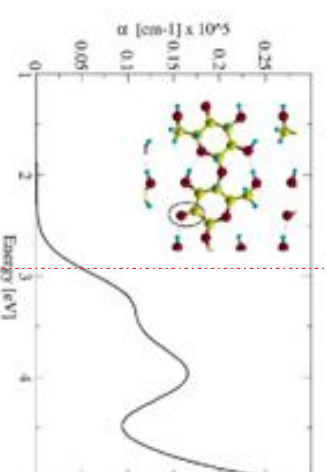
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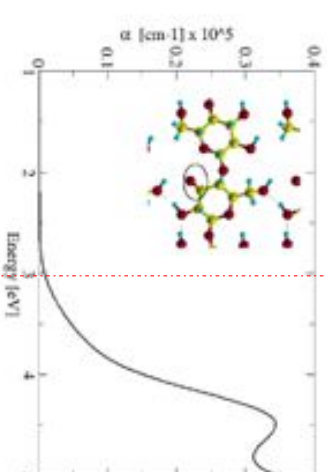
CHOc



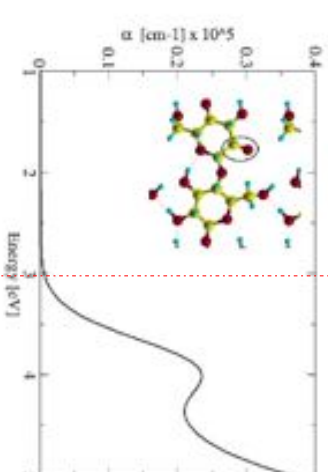
MEHb



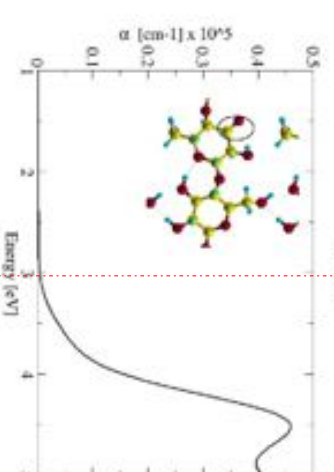
M2Hb



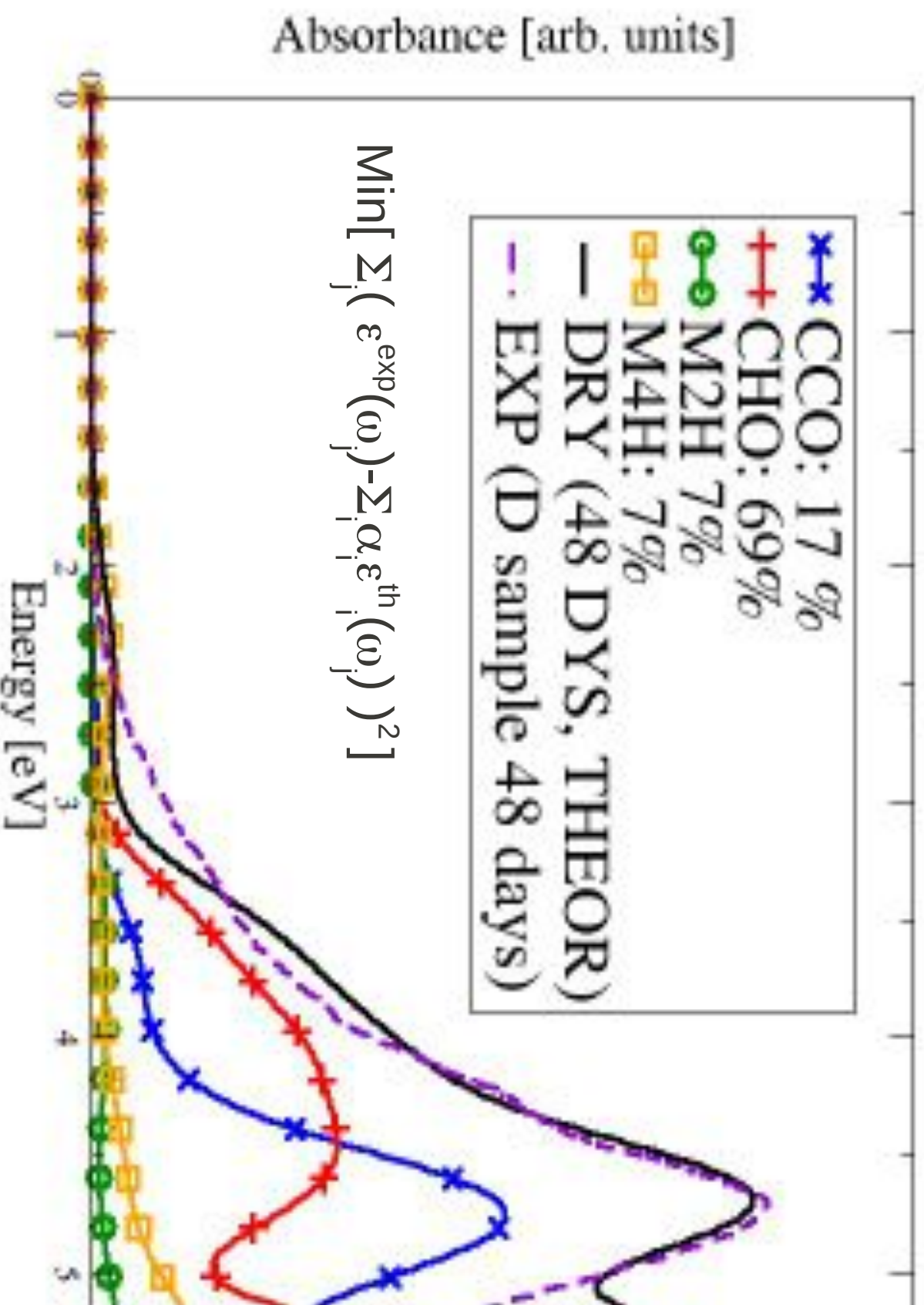
M2Hu



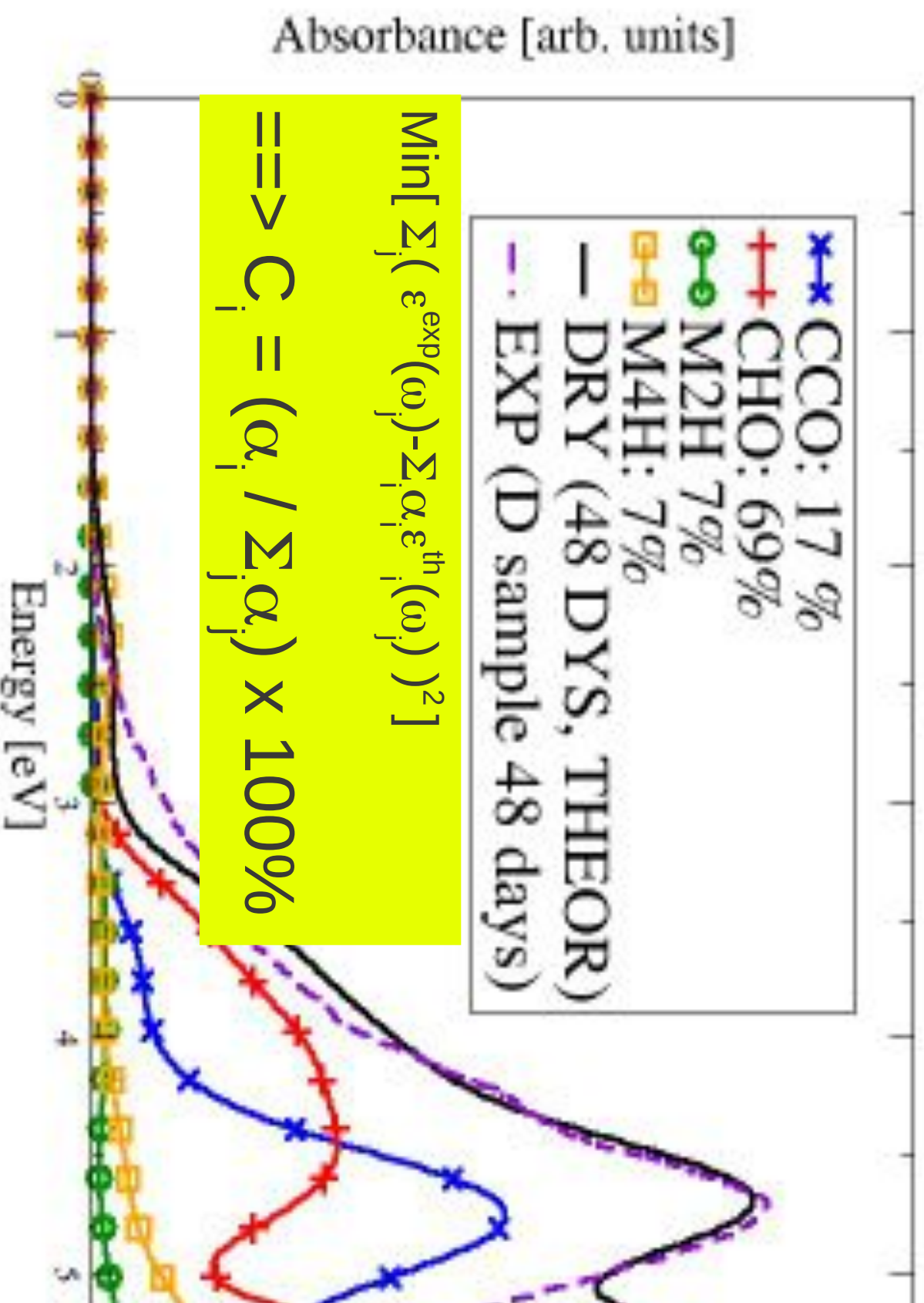
M2Hd



Theoretical Spectrum D modern sample - TDDFT



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CCO: 17 %
CHO: 69%

— DRY (48 DYS, THEOR)
- - EXP (D sample 48 days)

Absorbance [arb.]

$$\text{Min}[\sum_j (\epsilon^{\text{exp}}_j(\omega_j) - \sum_i \alpha_i \epsilon^{\text{th}}_i(\omega_j))^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow C_i = (\alpha_i / \sum_j \alpha_j) \times 100\%$$



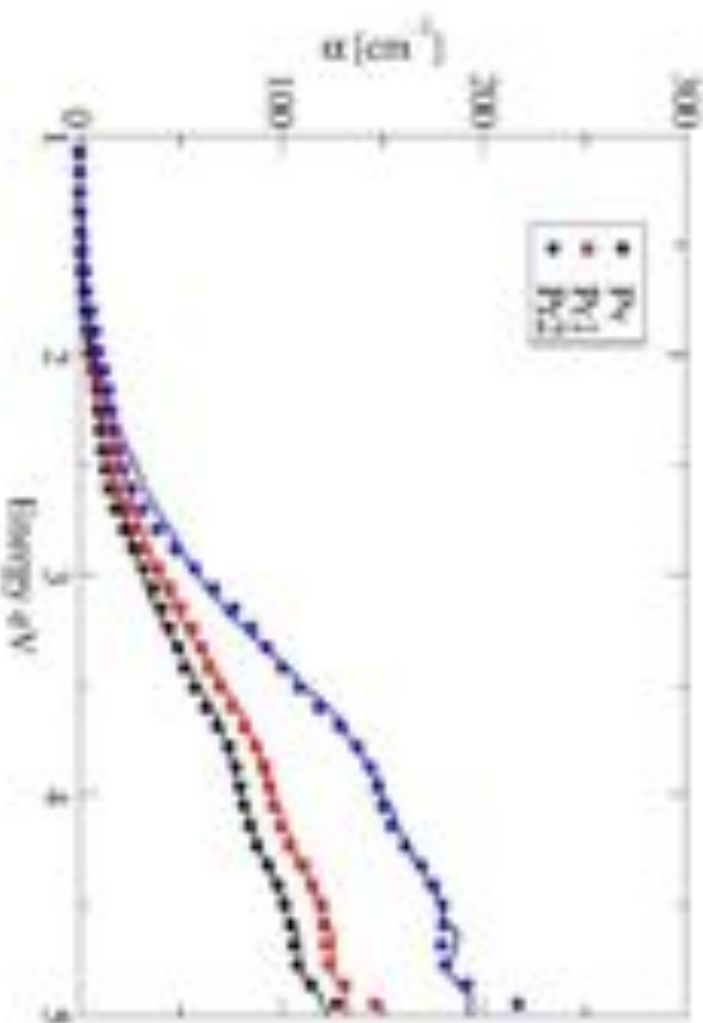
RELATIVE CONCENTRATIONS

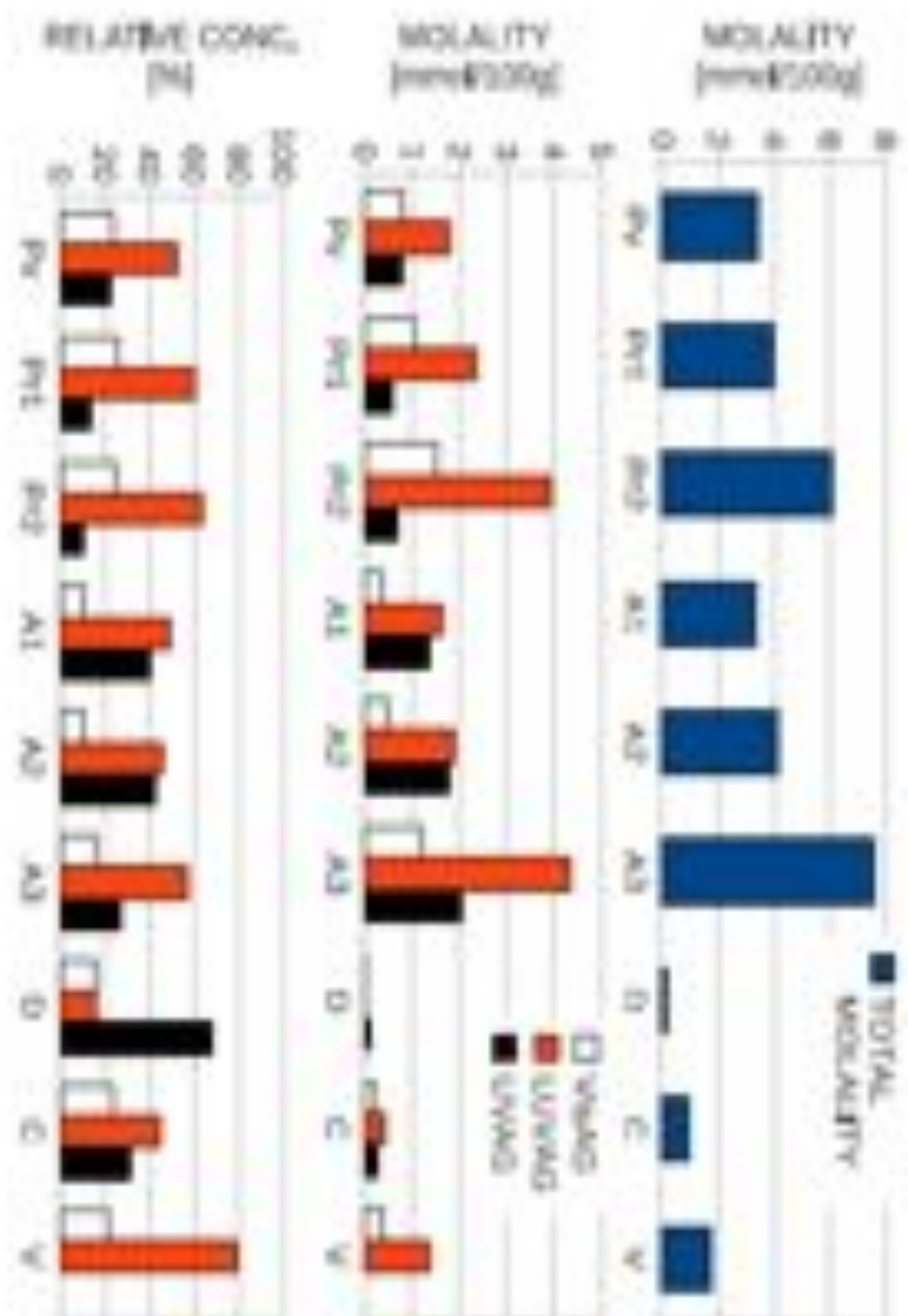
The theoretical spectrum is calculated with one oxidized group per cell.

Therefore the ratio between experimental and experimental absorbances is proportional to the ratio between moles of oxidized groups and moles of cellulose.

ABSOLUTE CONCENTRATIONS

$$\frac{n_{ox.gr.}}{g \text{ of cellulose}} = \frac{A_{exp}}{A_{theor} * 324 g}$$





CONCLUSIONS

- The state of oxidation has been quantified by our non-invasive and non-destructive method and could be applied again in the future to estimate the portrait oxidation rate.
- The portrait poor conditions could have been partially induced by conservation in closed and humid environment conditions.
- The analysis of modern samples showed that exposition to bad conditions could have effects also in the future.

PERSPECTIVES

- Improvement of the model to include the temperature effect and oxidized groups dynamics (Claudia Violante is working on it)

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