

**Quantifying non-pigment plant
components from imaging spectrometer
data: using biochemical absorption
features to study ecosystem processes.**

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This course is designed as a follow-on to GEOLOGY/GEOGRAPHY 4093/5093 and, as such, will assume a familiarity with remote sensing concepts. Refer to the 4093/5093 text, *Remote Sensing Principles and Interpretation* by F.F. Sabins, Jr., or "*Introduction to the Physics and Techniques of Remote Sensing*" by Charles Elachi for background.

The text is: *Remote Sensing Digital Image Analysis* by John A. Richards with supplemental reading to be assigned. The purpose of this course is to make the student familiar with information extraction from digital images taken from aircraft and spacecraft platforms. The technique is digital image processing, but beyond the technique, the student should develop an understanding of what kind of information can be extracted and, most importantly, what the limitations are.

The lectures will stress fundamentals, the basis for the image analysis software, and the labs are centered on hands-on use of the computers in the Center of the Study of Earth from Space (CSES). This year we are moving the class computing from canned software packages to a more flexible system based on IDL, a high-level image processing language. This will allow the more adventurous students to write their own routines without having to be C Language buffs. There is no requirement in this course to write software. We also have several commercial software packages available for those interested.

The labs have been rewritten and may contain bugs. Bear with us as we work them out. IBM 6000 workstations will be available on campus in CIRES room 236 and

Excellent job, well written
With more time and some field
checking this could be a publishable
paper. Not much has been done with DCA because it
is not well known. 100 90

Determination of Soil Types and Delineation of Soil Boundaries
in Areas with Significant Vegetation Cover
Using Landsat TM Multispectral Remote Sensing Data and
Directed Principal Component Analysis

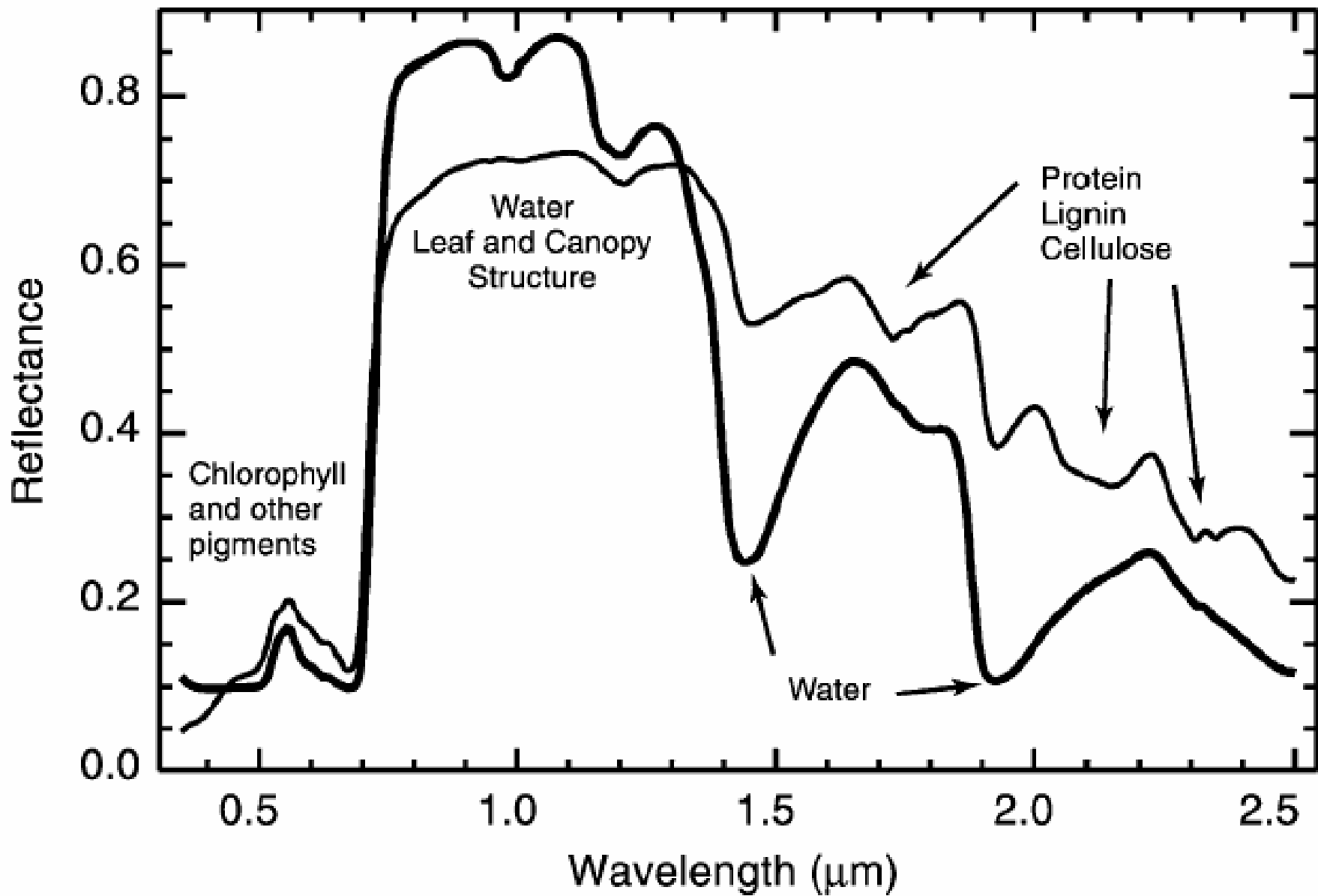
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Trends in Quantifying non-pigment leaf biochemistry

- Greater understanding of lab, field and remote sensing level spectra in relation to biochemical composition
- Increased use of full spectrum or specific biochemical absorption features to characterize vegetation
- Greater application of imaging spectroscopy to understand ecosystem processes

Understanding vegetation spectra in relation to biochemical composition

- Water
- Nitrogen (in chlorophylls and proteins)
- Lignin and Cellulose
- Non-Photosynthetic Vegetation

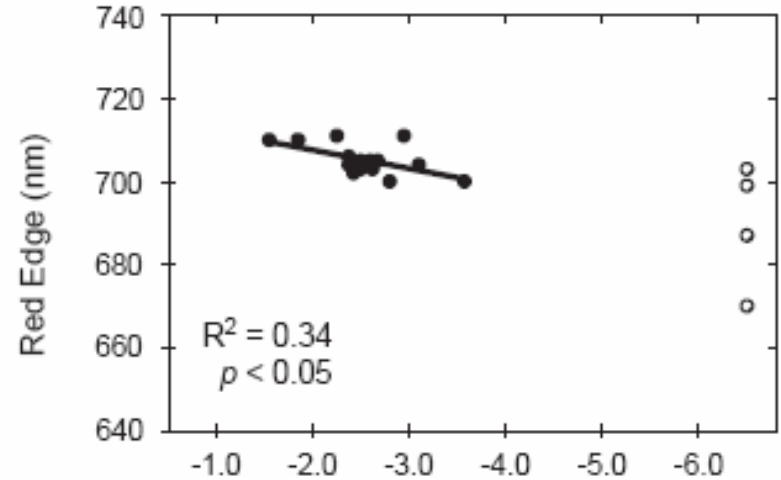
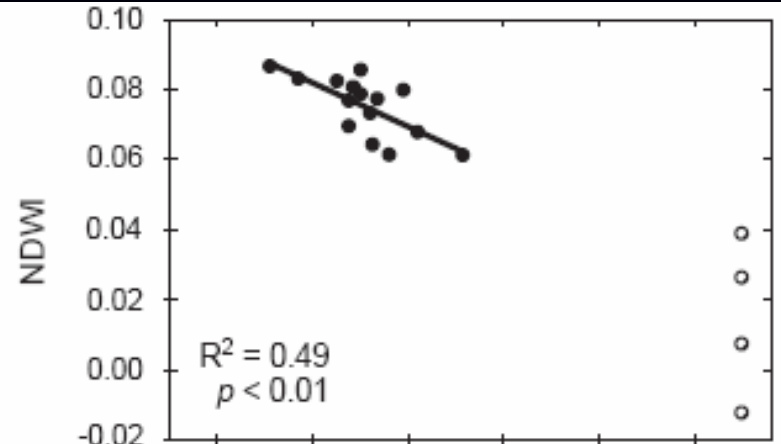
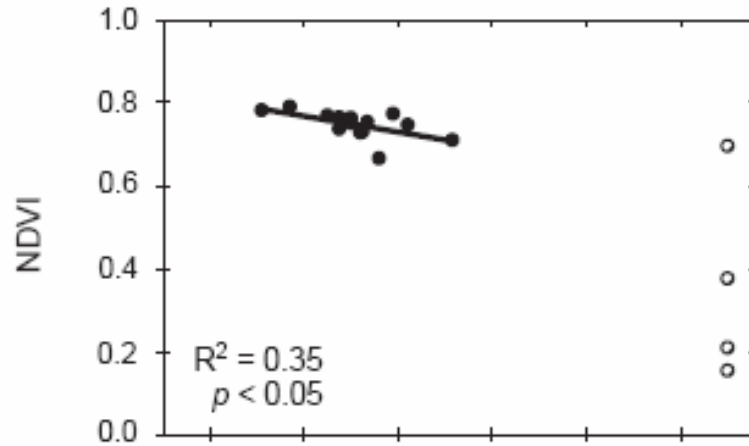
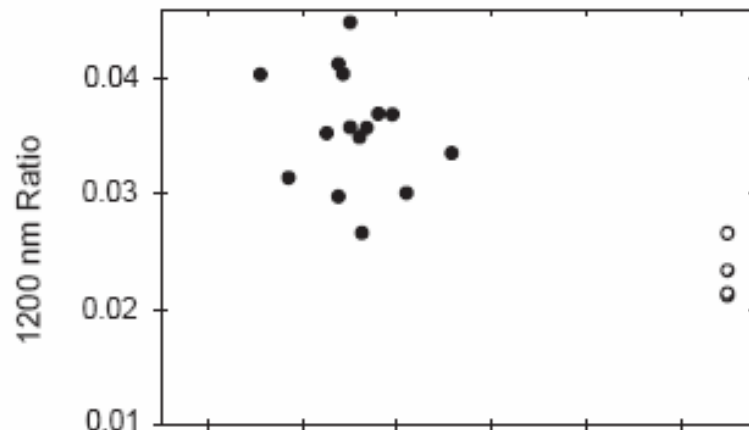
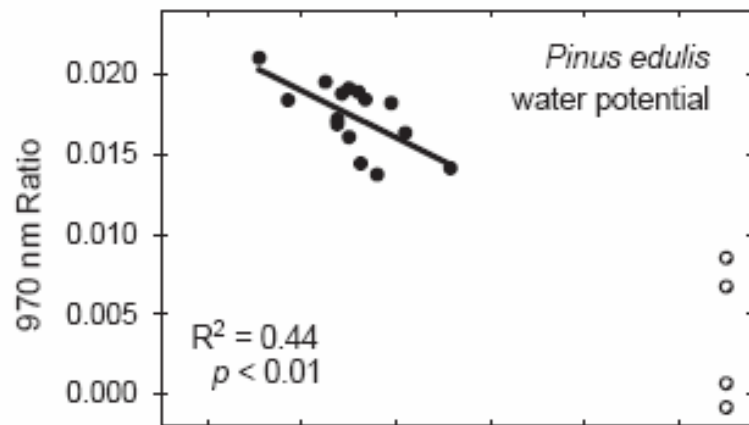


Water



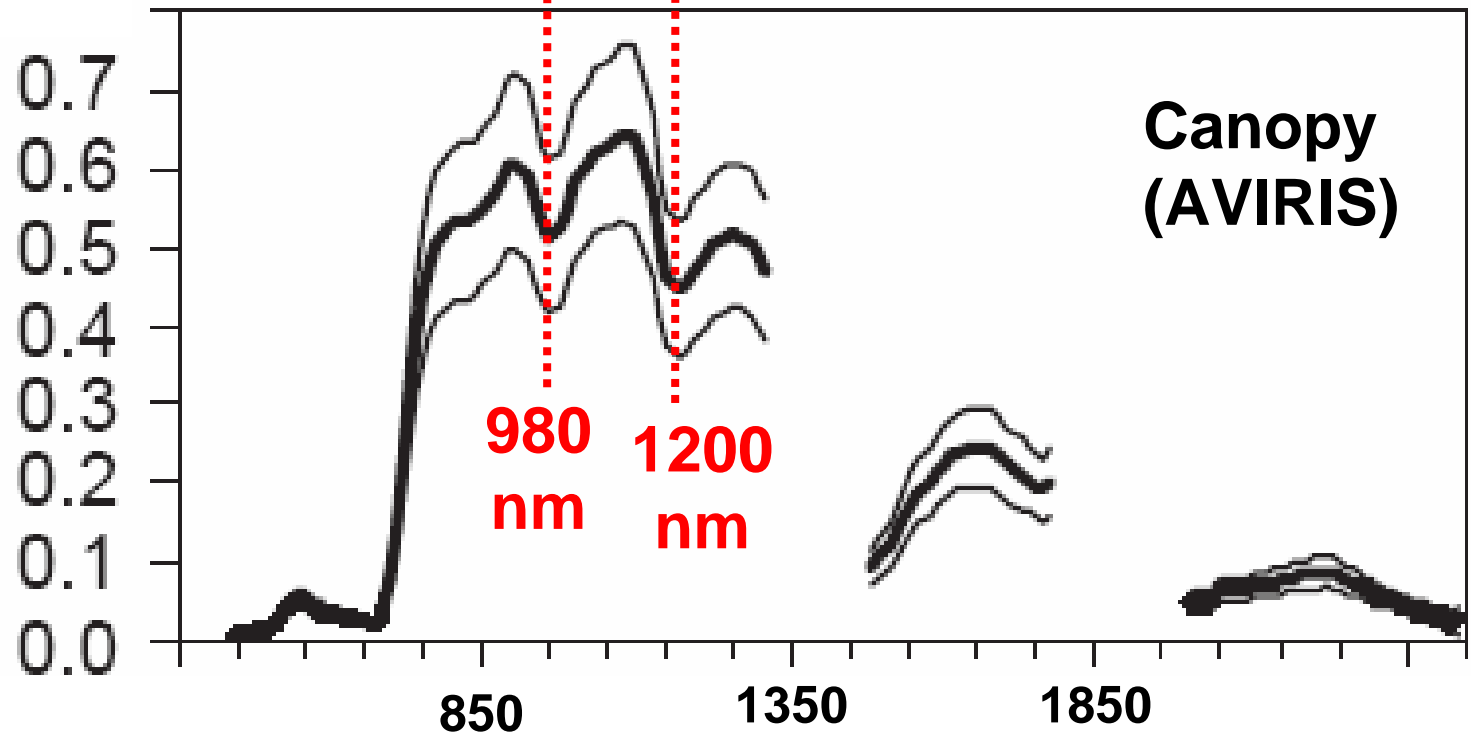
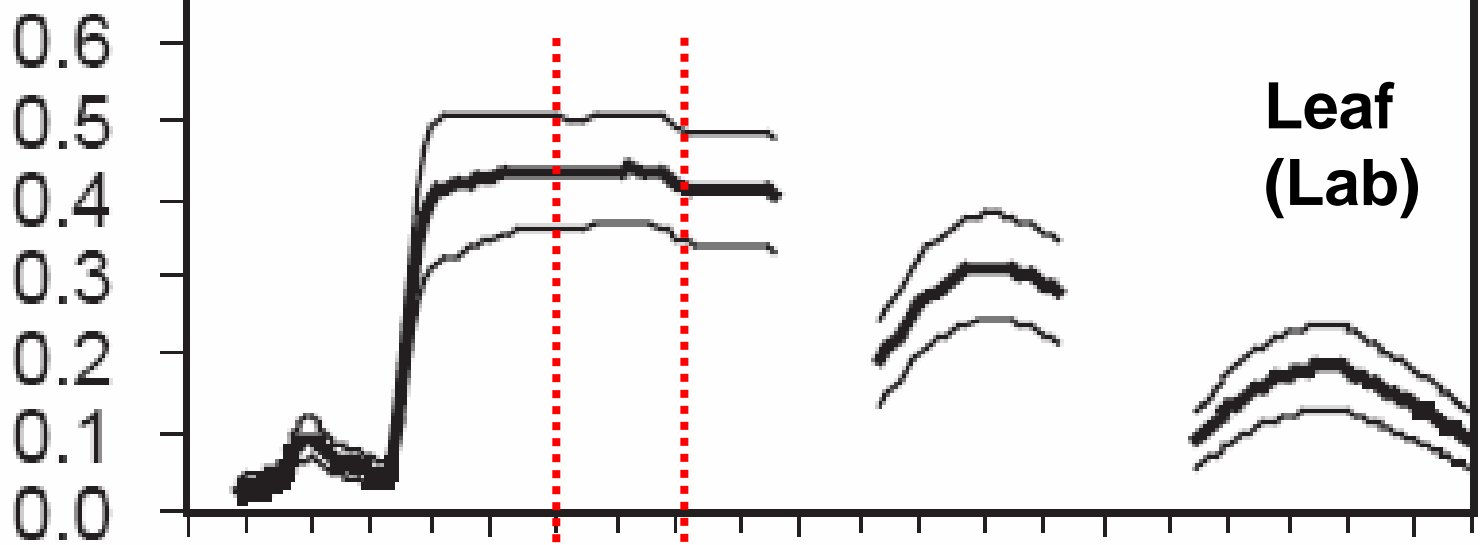
Spectroscopic Estimates of Leaf/Canopy Water

- Leaf/Canopy Liquid Water Thickness
 - Gao & Goetz, 1994
- Canopy Equivalent Water Thickness
 - Green et al., 1991 & Roberts et al. 1997
- Canopy Relative Water Content
 - Serrano et al. 2000
- Foliar Water Potential
 - Stimson et al. 2005



Foliar Water Potential (MPa)

Stimson et al., Remote Sensing of Environment 96 (2005) 108–118

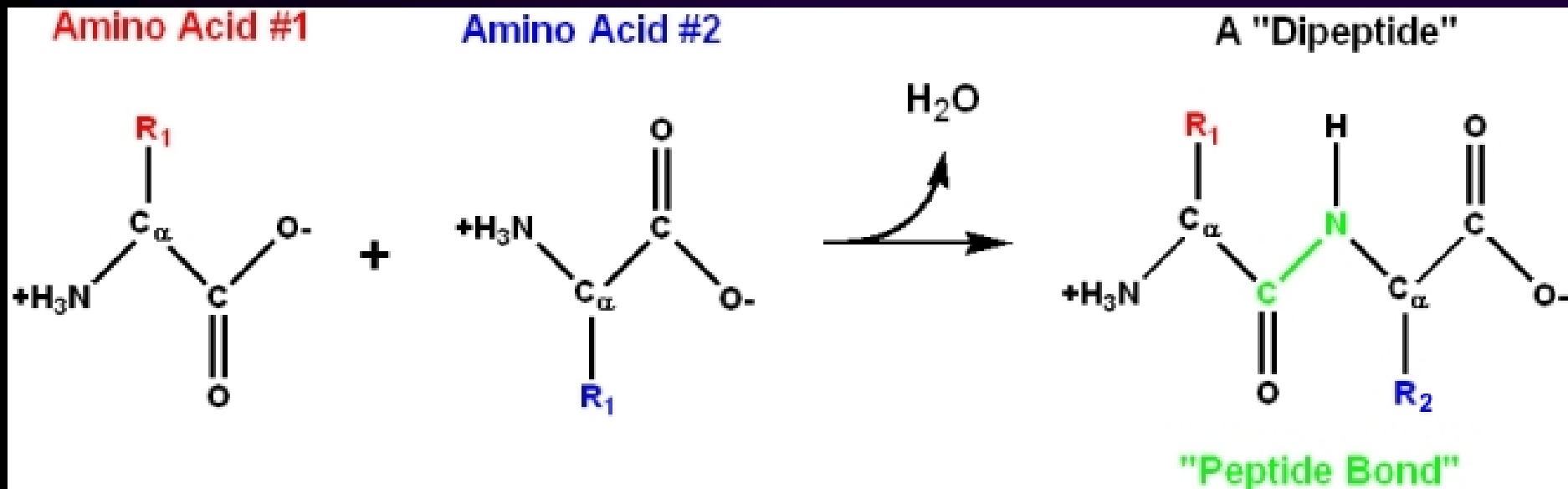


Nitrogen

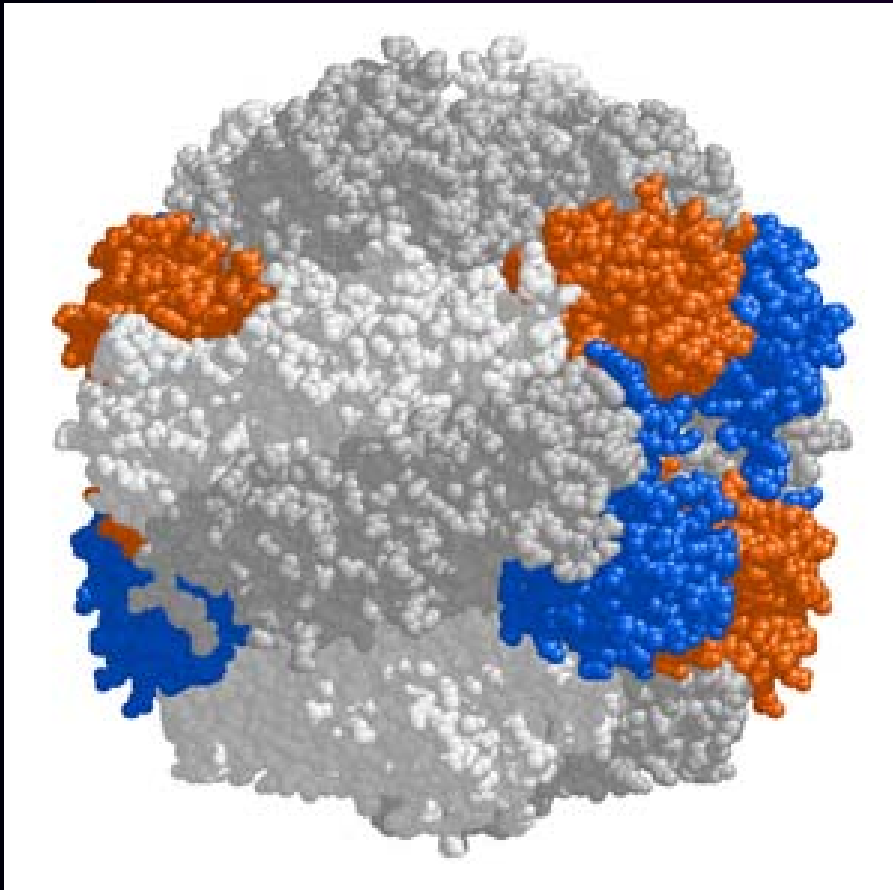
- By dry weight, very low abundance in leaves, only 0.5 to 4%
- Present in important biochemical constituents of plants
 - Chlorophyll
 - Protein
- Linked by field studies to rates of ecosystem functioning (carbon fixation) and widely used in ecosystem models

Nitrogen in Proteins

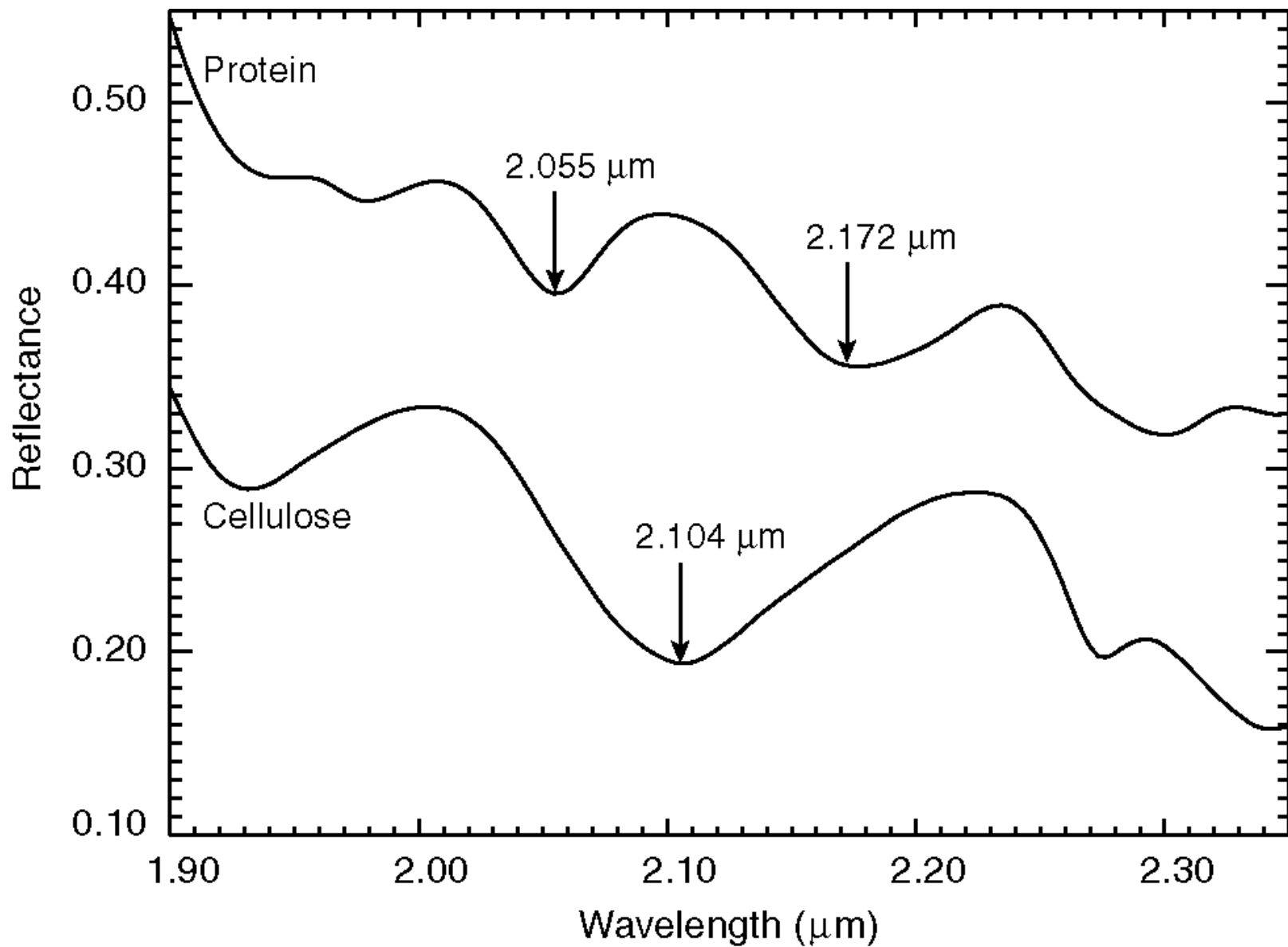
- Proteins composed of amino acids ranging from a 100 to 100,000 in number

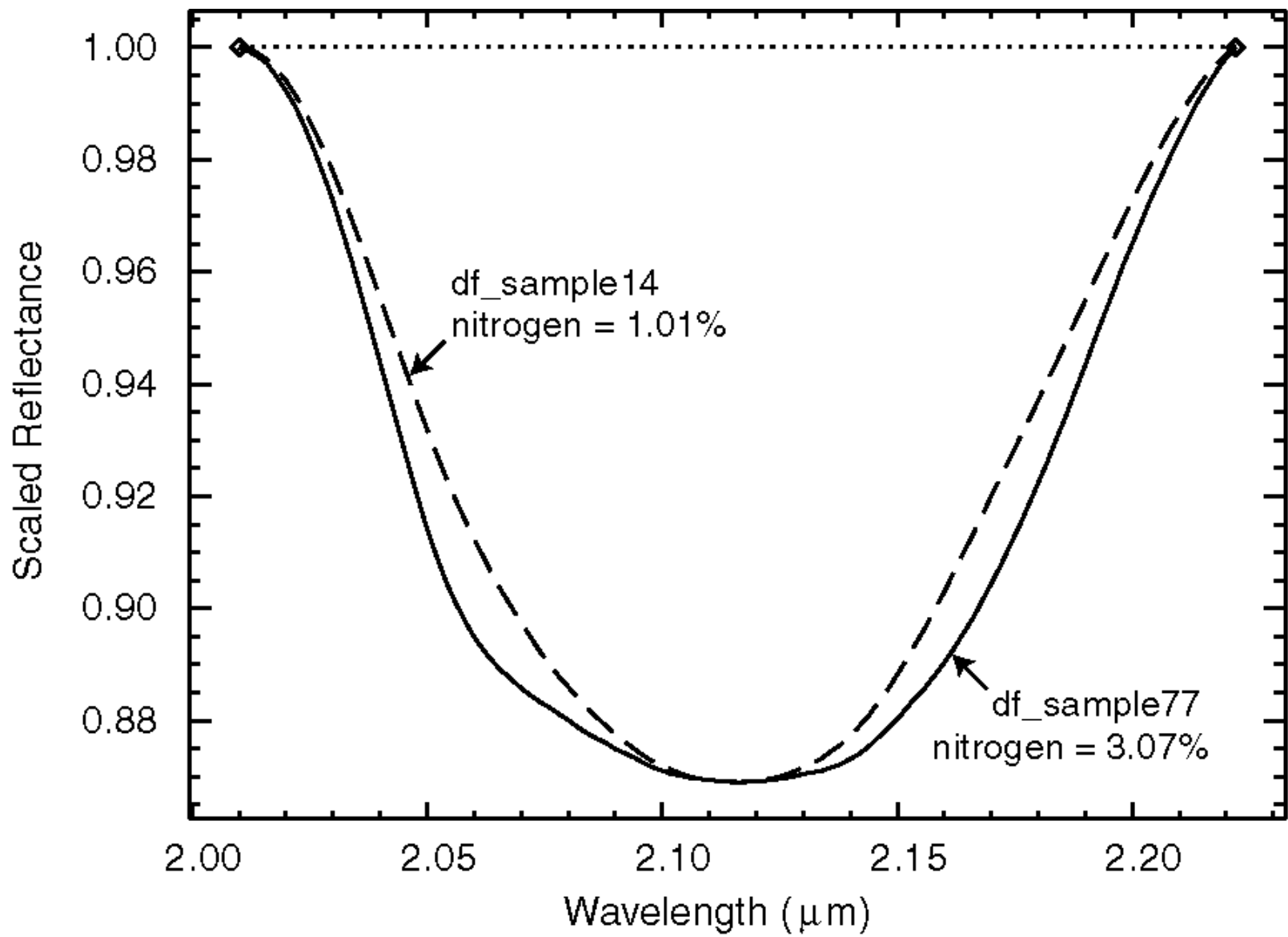


RuBisCO

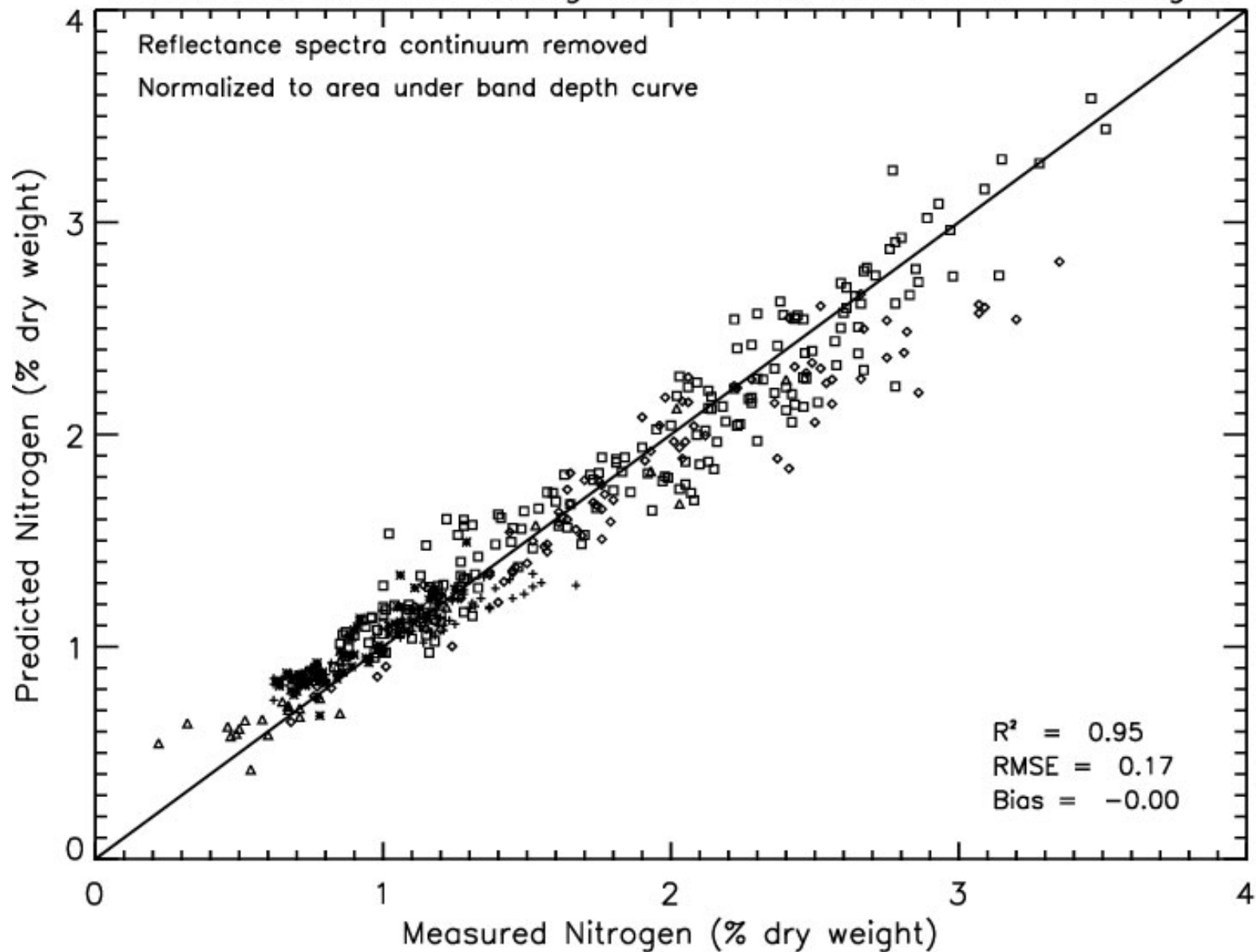


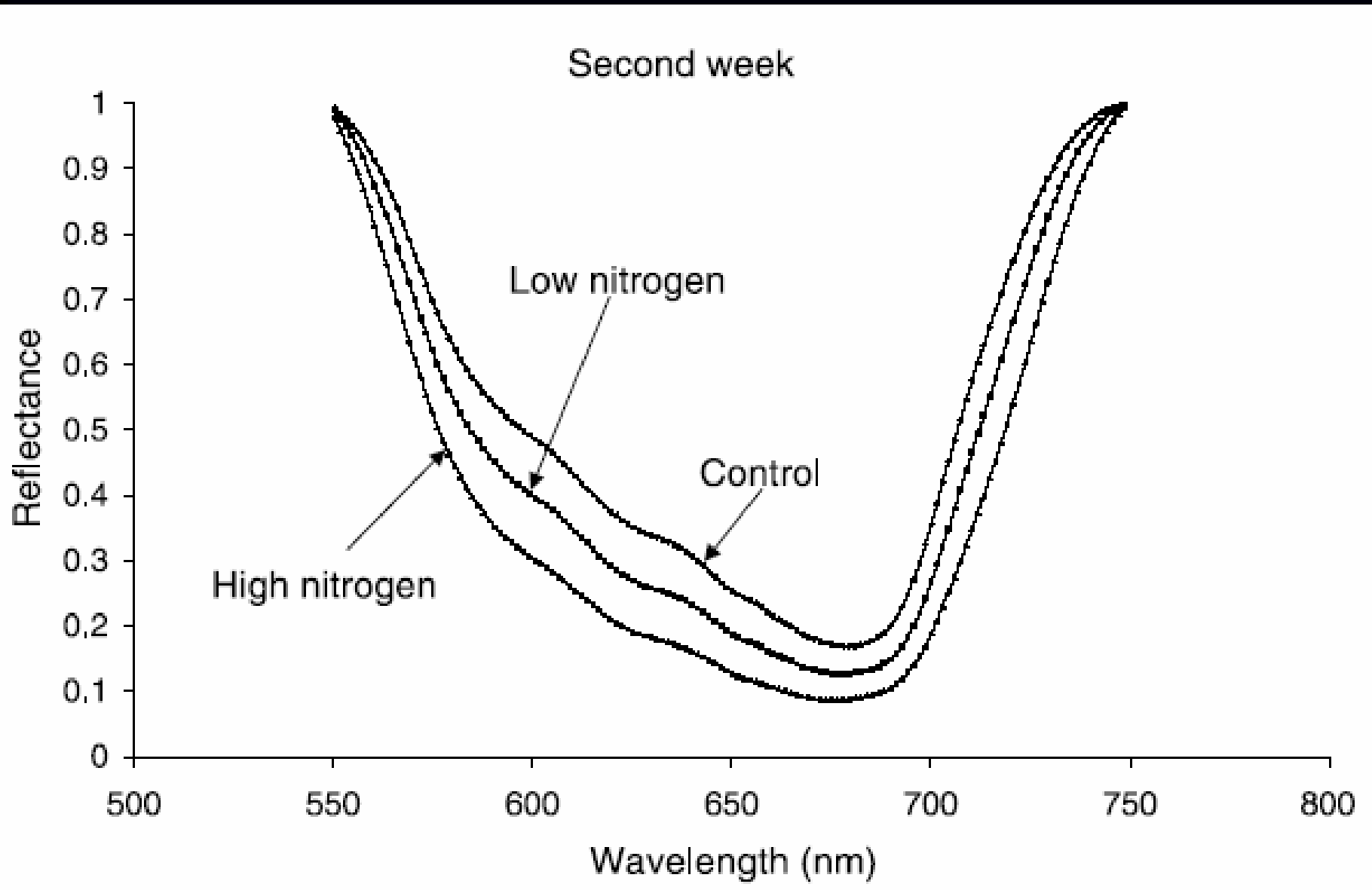
- **Ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase**, catalyzes the first major step of carbon fixation
- RuBisCO is the most abundant protein in leaves (maybe the most abundant on Earth).





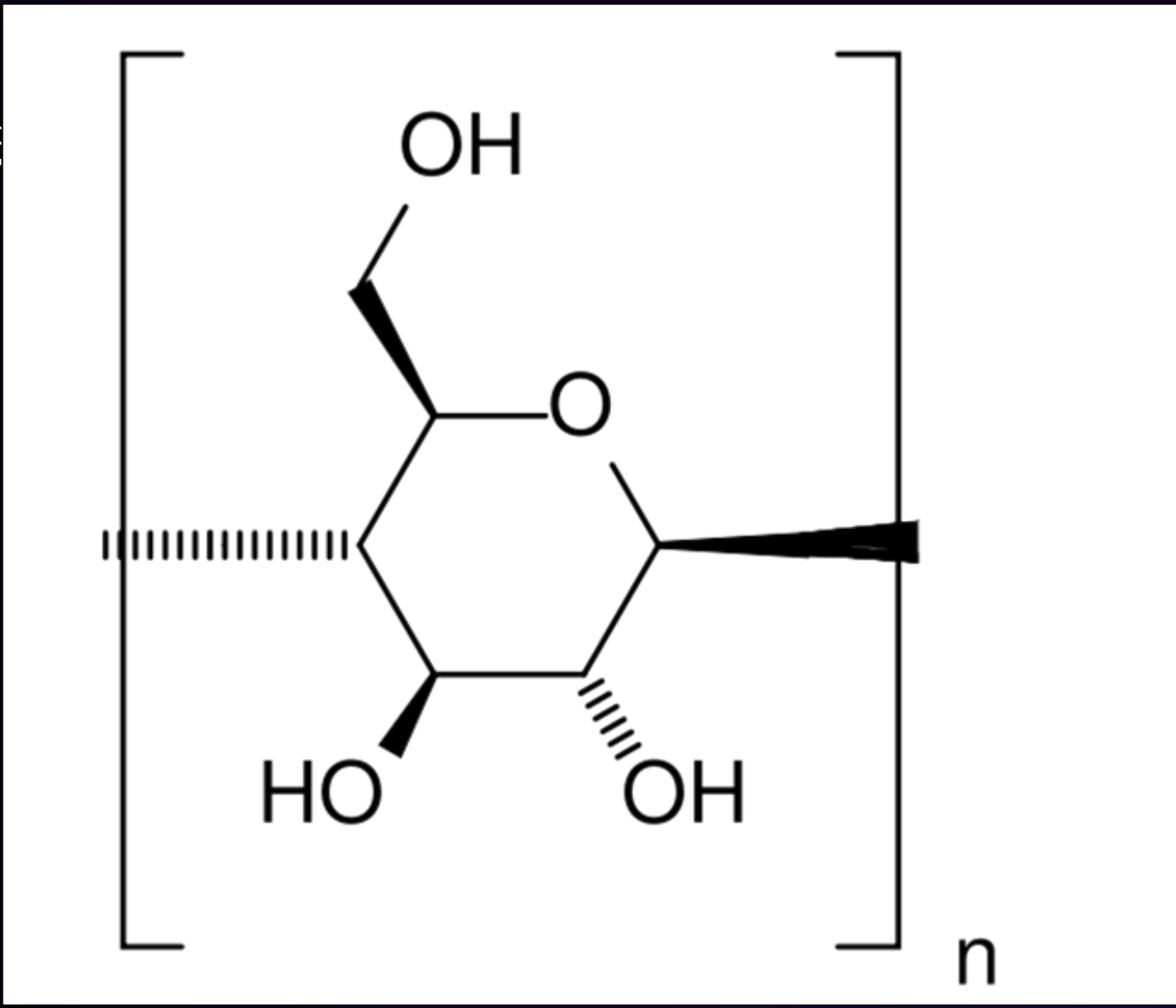
Prediction Results Using Calibration Data Set – Nitrogen





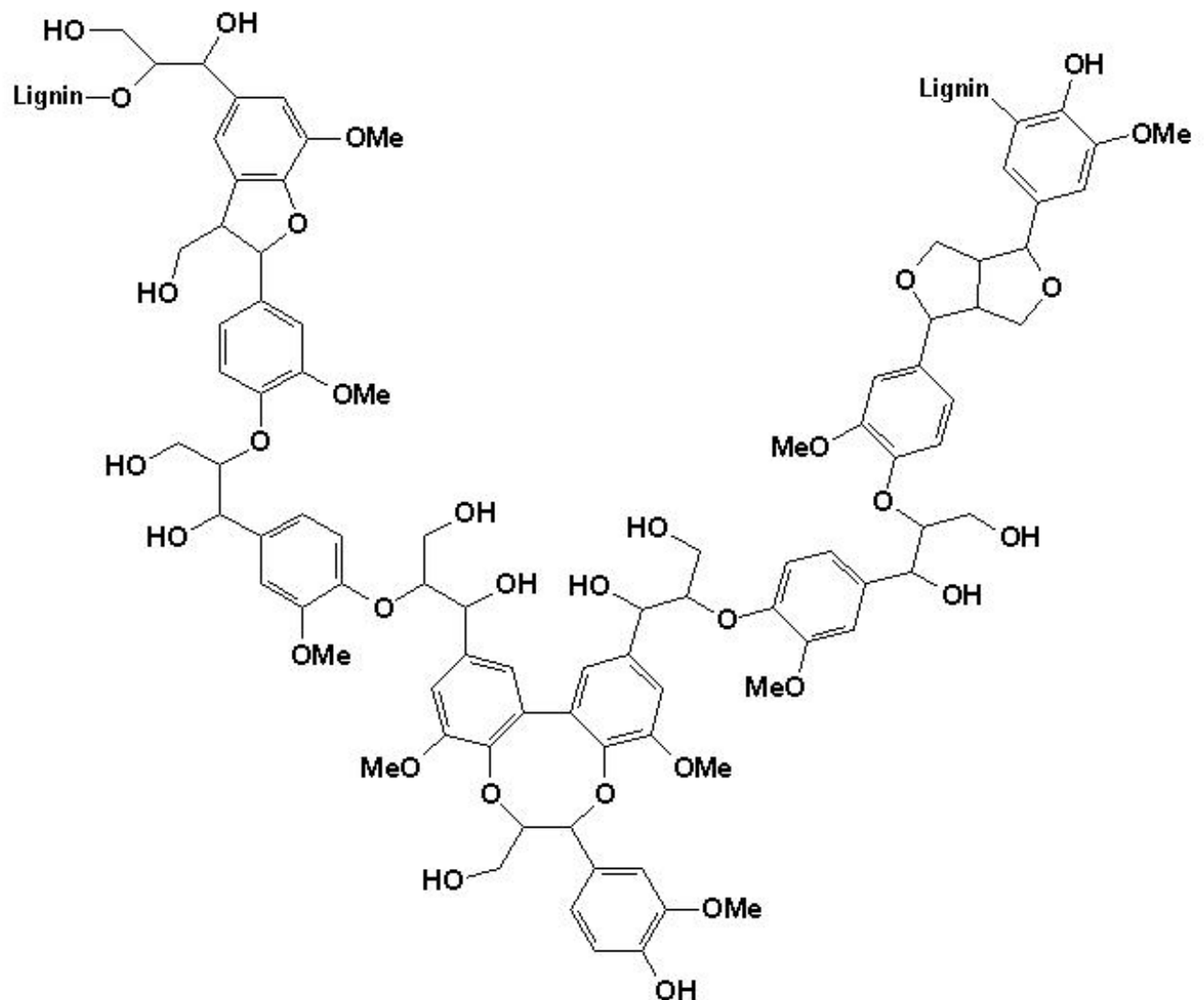
Biochemical Components of Plants

- Cellulose

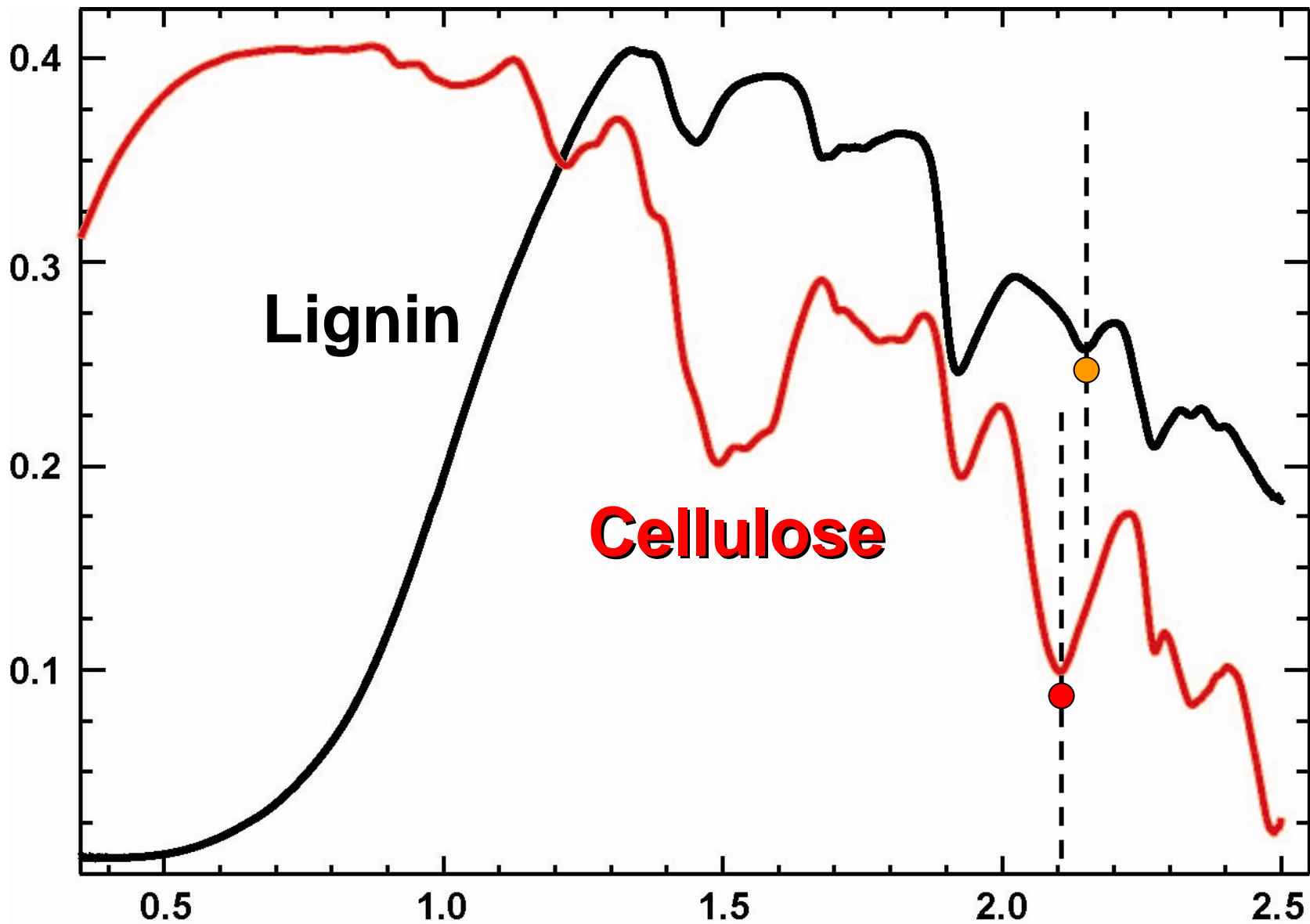


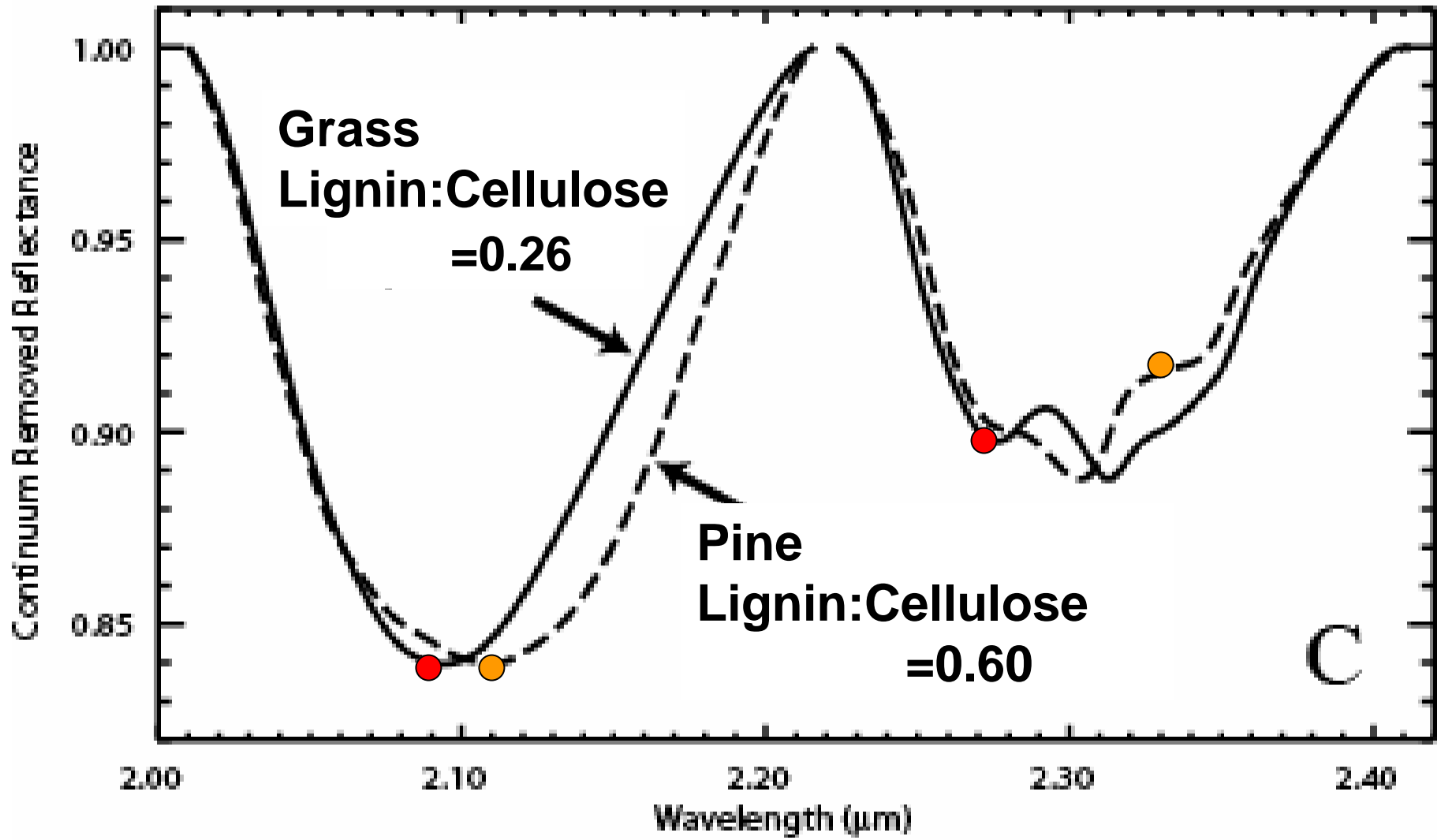
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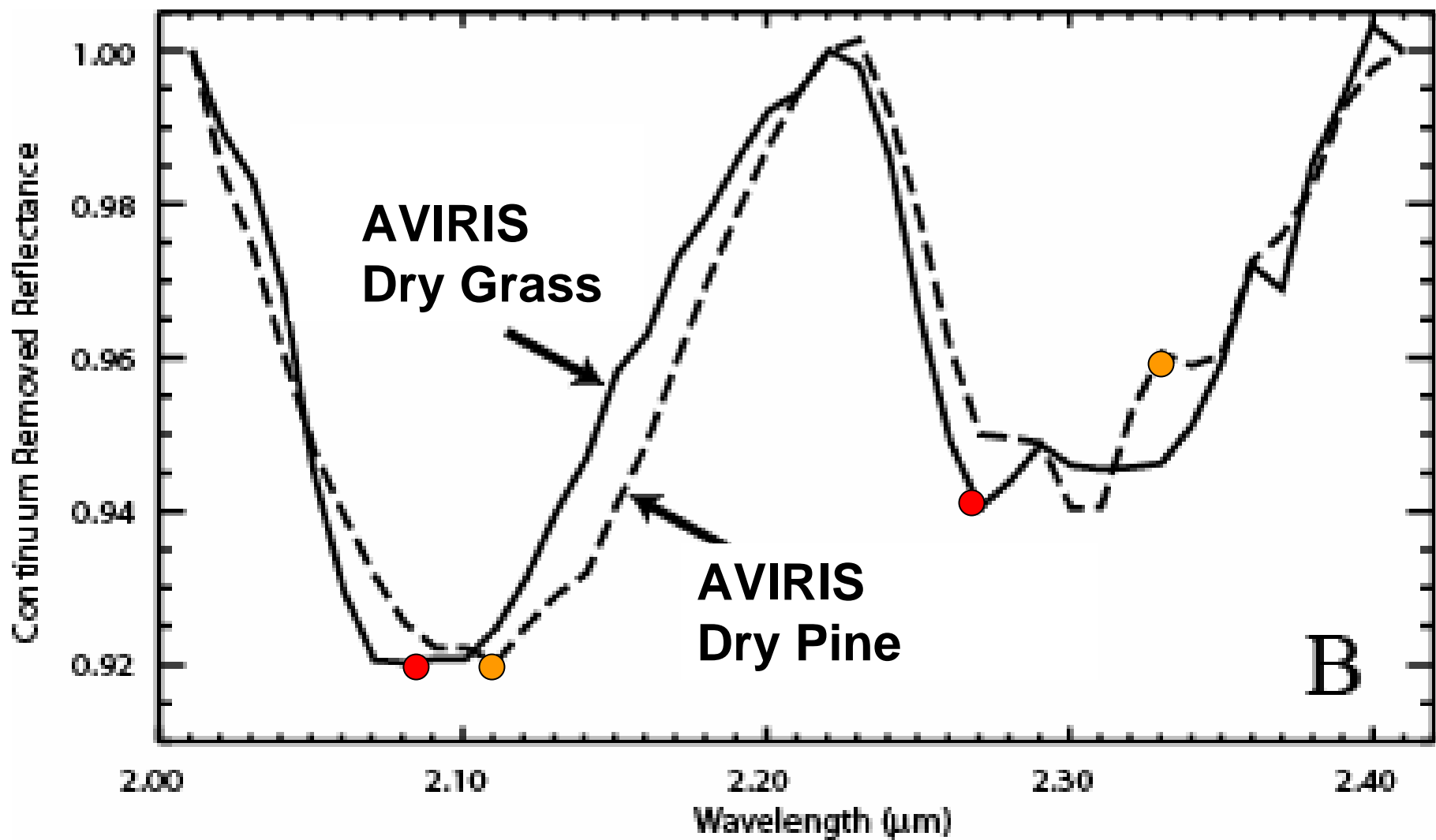
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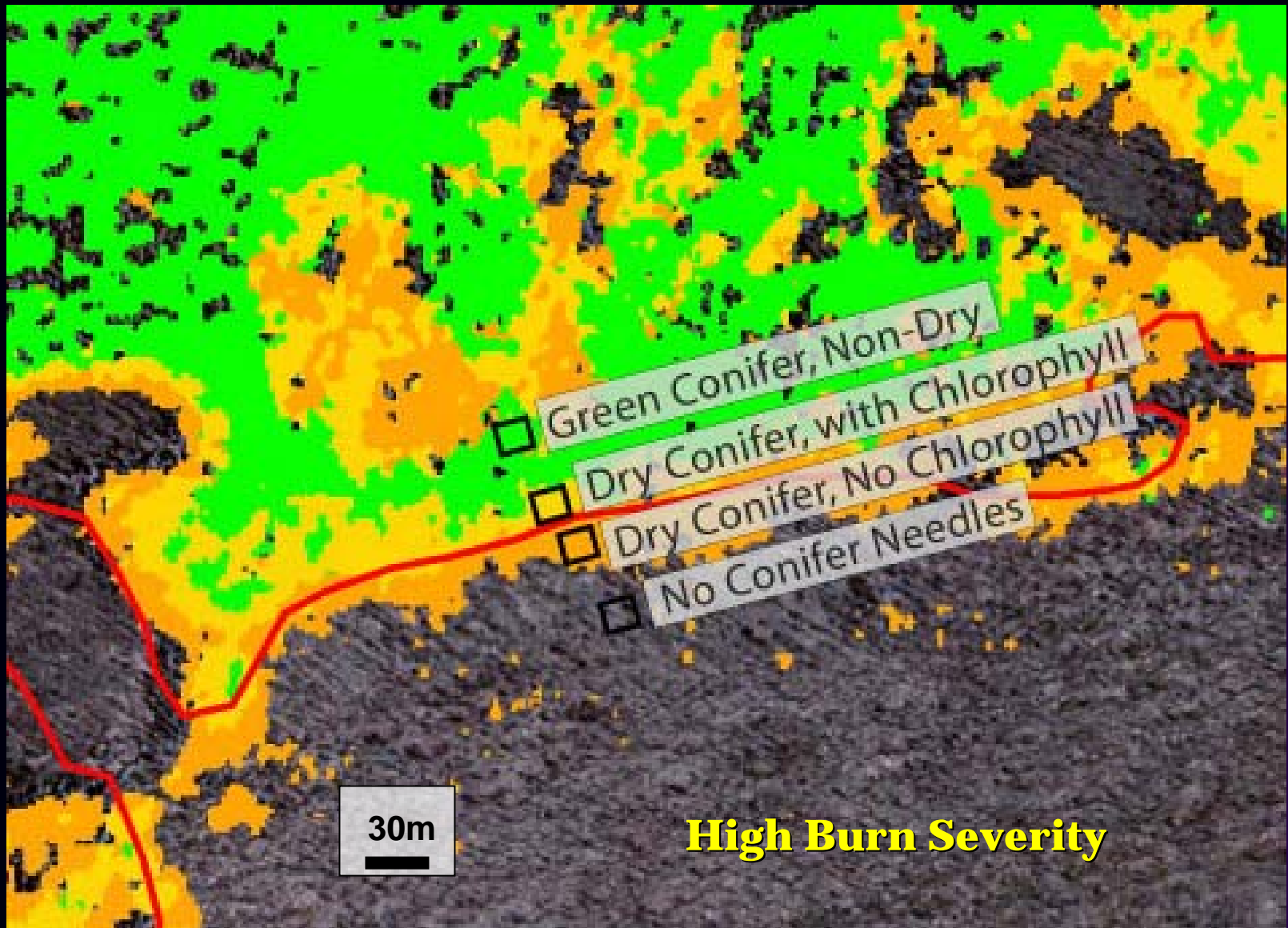
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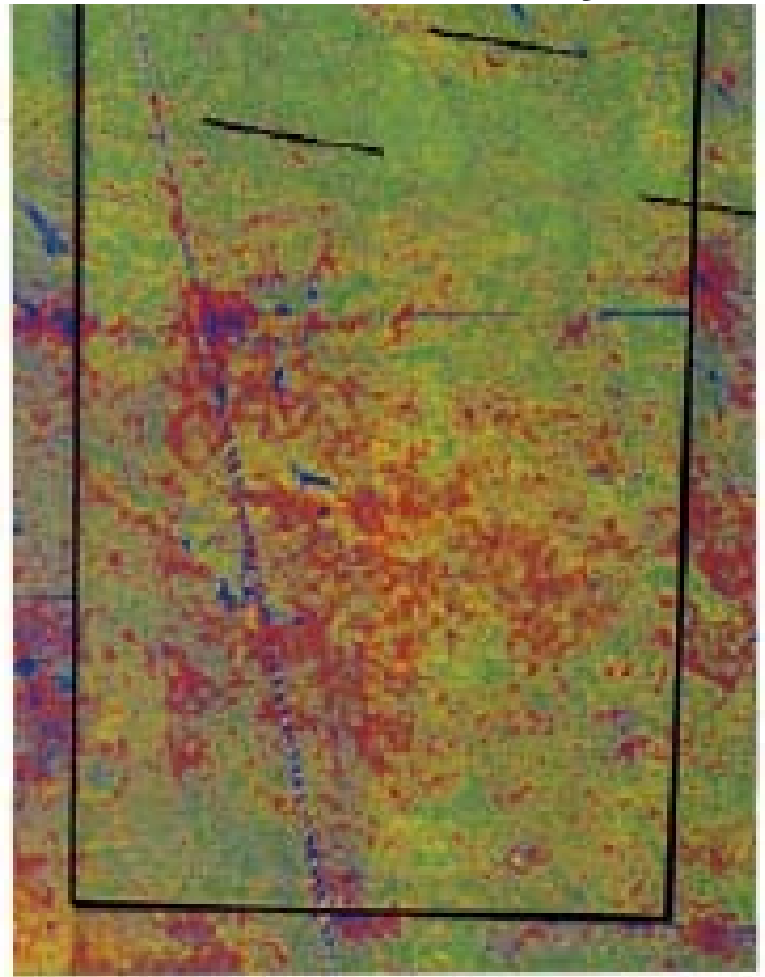
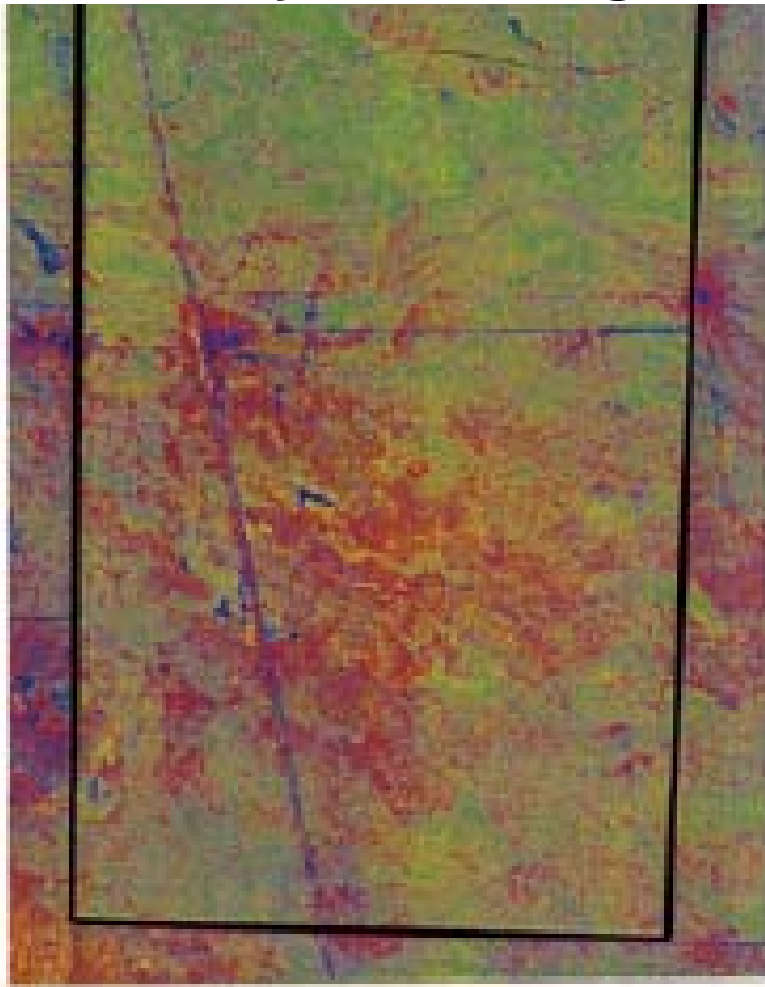
Analysis of spectral shape (full spectrum and/or absorption features) for vegetation characterization

- Multiple Endmember Spectral Mixture Models:
 - Roberts, et al. (1998) *Remote Sens. Environ.* 65:267–279
- Monte Carlo spectral unmixing model:
 - Asner and Heidebrecht (2002) *Int. J. Remote sensing* 23: 3939–3958
- Tetracorder:
 - Clark, et al. (2003) . *J. Geophys. Research* 108 (E12): 5-1 to 5-44

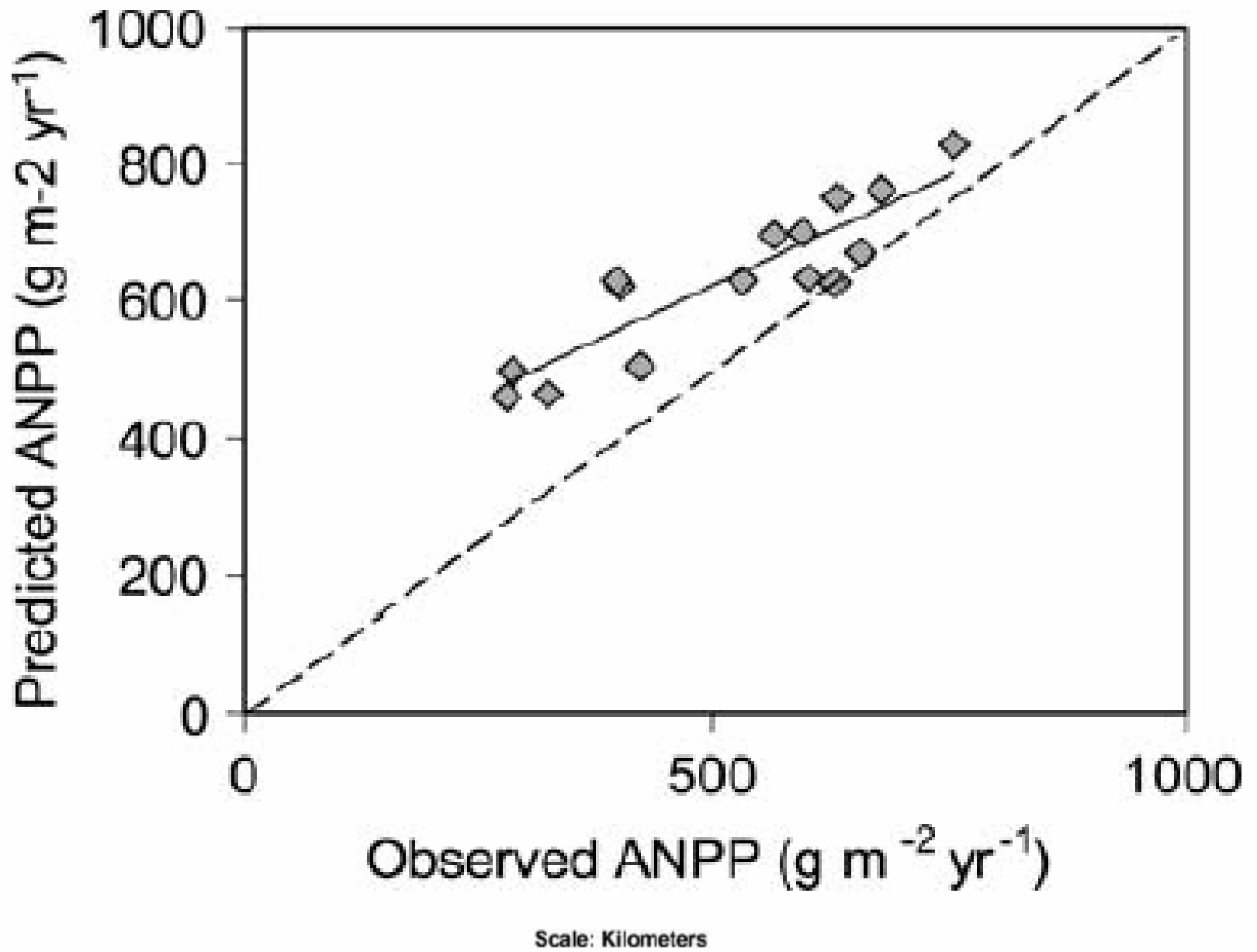
Understanding ecosystem processes by quantifying canopy biochemistry

- Wessman, et al. (1988) *Nature* 333:154–6.
- Asner and Heidebrecht, (2003) *IEEE Trans. on Geoscience & Remote Sensing* 41:1283-1296.
- Ollinger and Smith, (2005) *Ecosystems* 8: 760–778
- Asner et al. (2005), *Remote Sensing of Environment* 96: 497 – 508

Non-Photosynthetic Vegetation and Shrubland Ecosystems



Asner and Heidebrecht, IEEE Trans. on Geoscience & Remote Sensing (2003), 41:1283-1296.

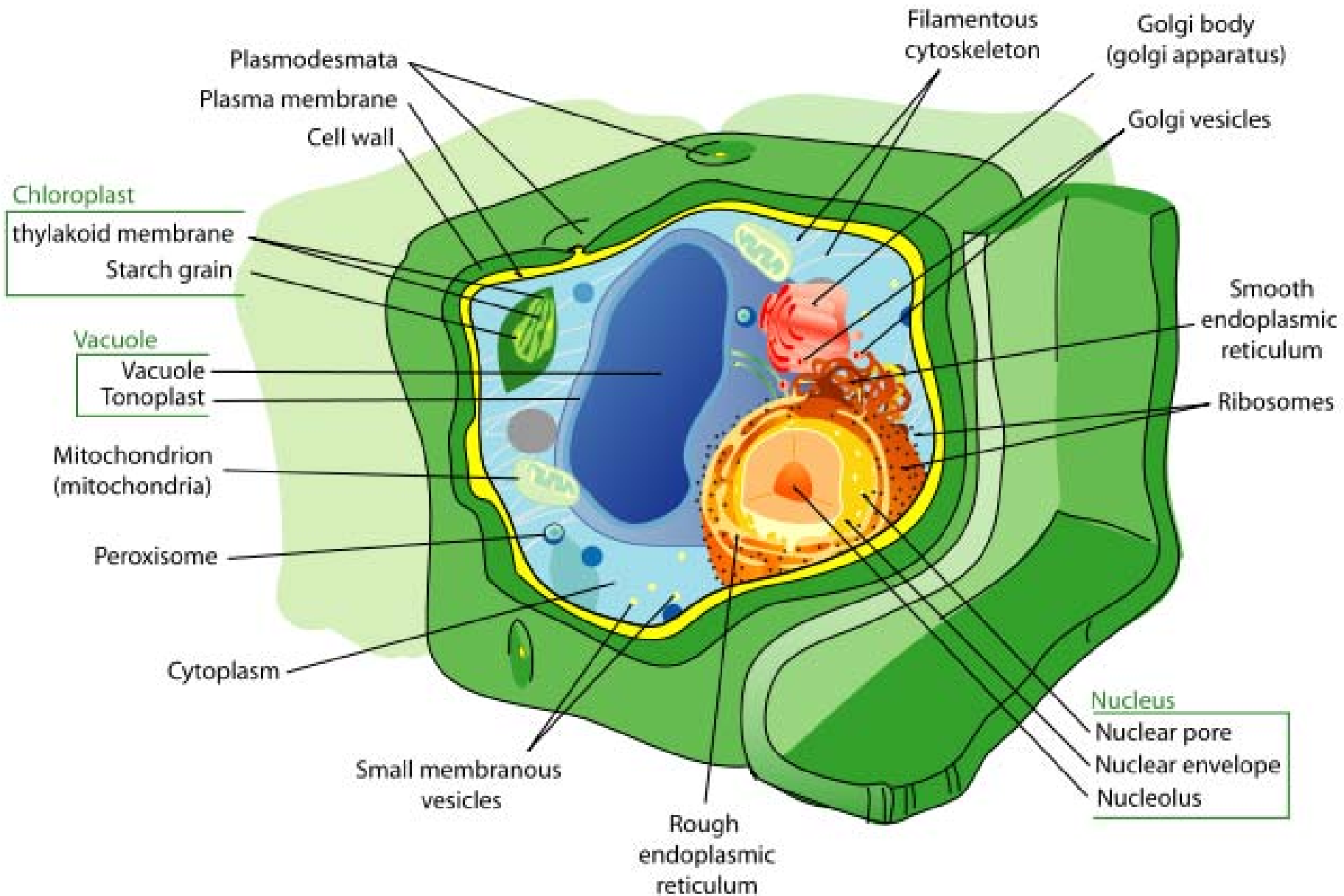


Remaining Challenges/ Future Directions

- Interaction of biochemicals
 - Leaf water masking effect
 - Nitrogen/lignin/cellulose all affect the 2.1 and 2.3 μm features
- Atmospheric correction
- Quantifying other biochemicals (phosphorous)
- Independent-site/Multi-site validation
- Multispectral statistical methods applied to spectroscopic data

Influence on multispectral approaches via ratios and indices based on absorption features

- NDWI
- CAI
- NDNI
- NLNI



- The first mention of the word *protein* was from a letter sent by Jöns Jakob Berzelius to Gerhardus Johannes Mulder on 10. July 1838, where he wrote:
 - «Le nom protéine que je vous propose pour l'oxyde organique de la fibrine et de l'albumine, je voulais le dériver de πρωτειος, parce qu'il paraît être la substance primitive ou principale de la nutrition animale.»
- Translated as:
 - "The name protein that I propose for the organic oxide of fibrin and albumin, I wanted to derive from [the Greek word] πρωτειος, because it appears to be the primitive or principal substance of animal nutrition."
- Investigation of proteins and their properties had been going on since about 1800 when scientists were finding the first signs of this, at the time, unknown class of organic compounds.

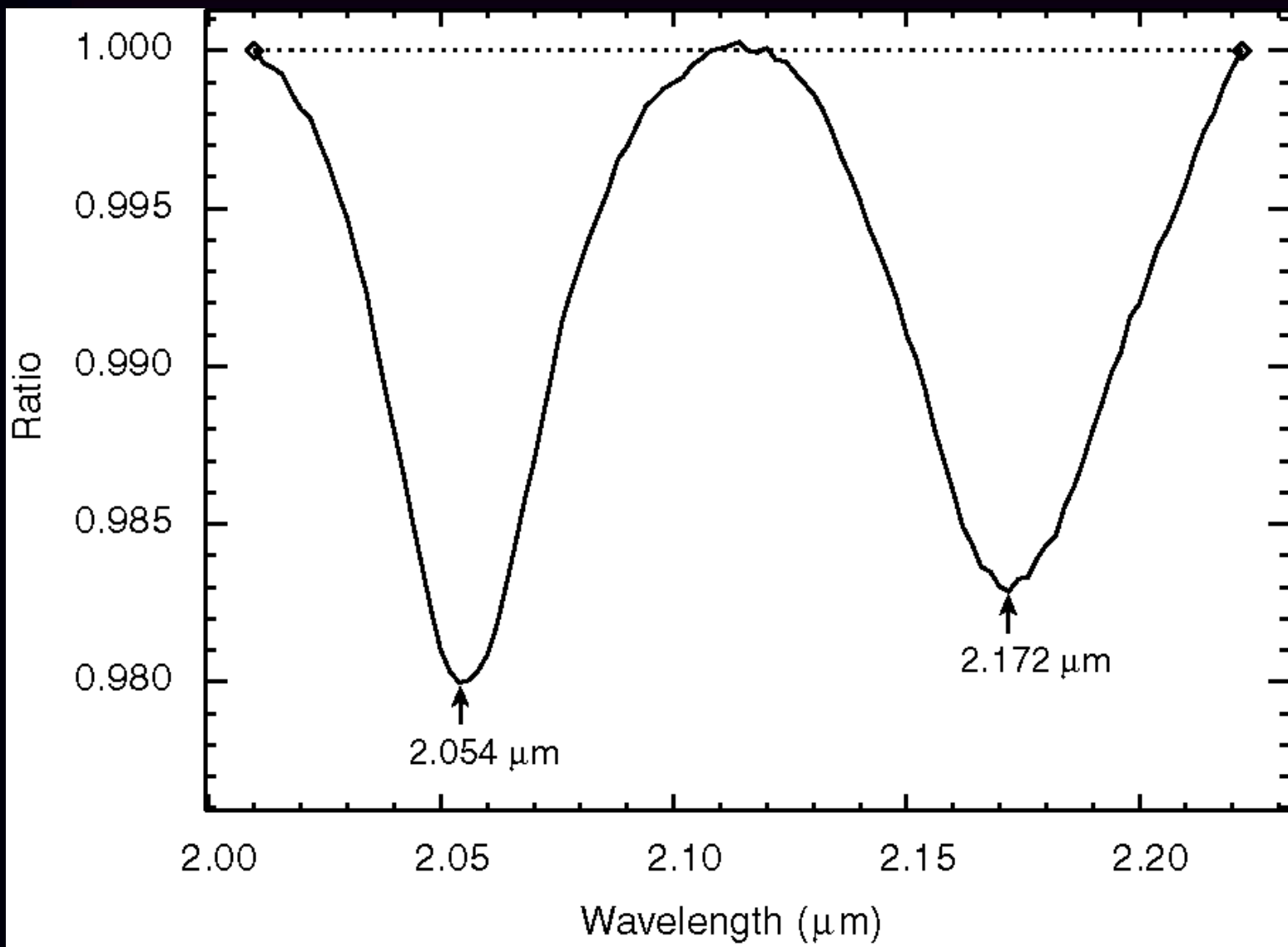


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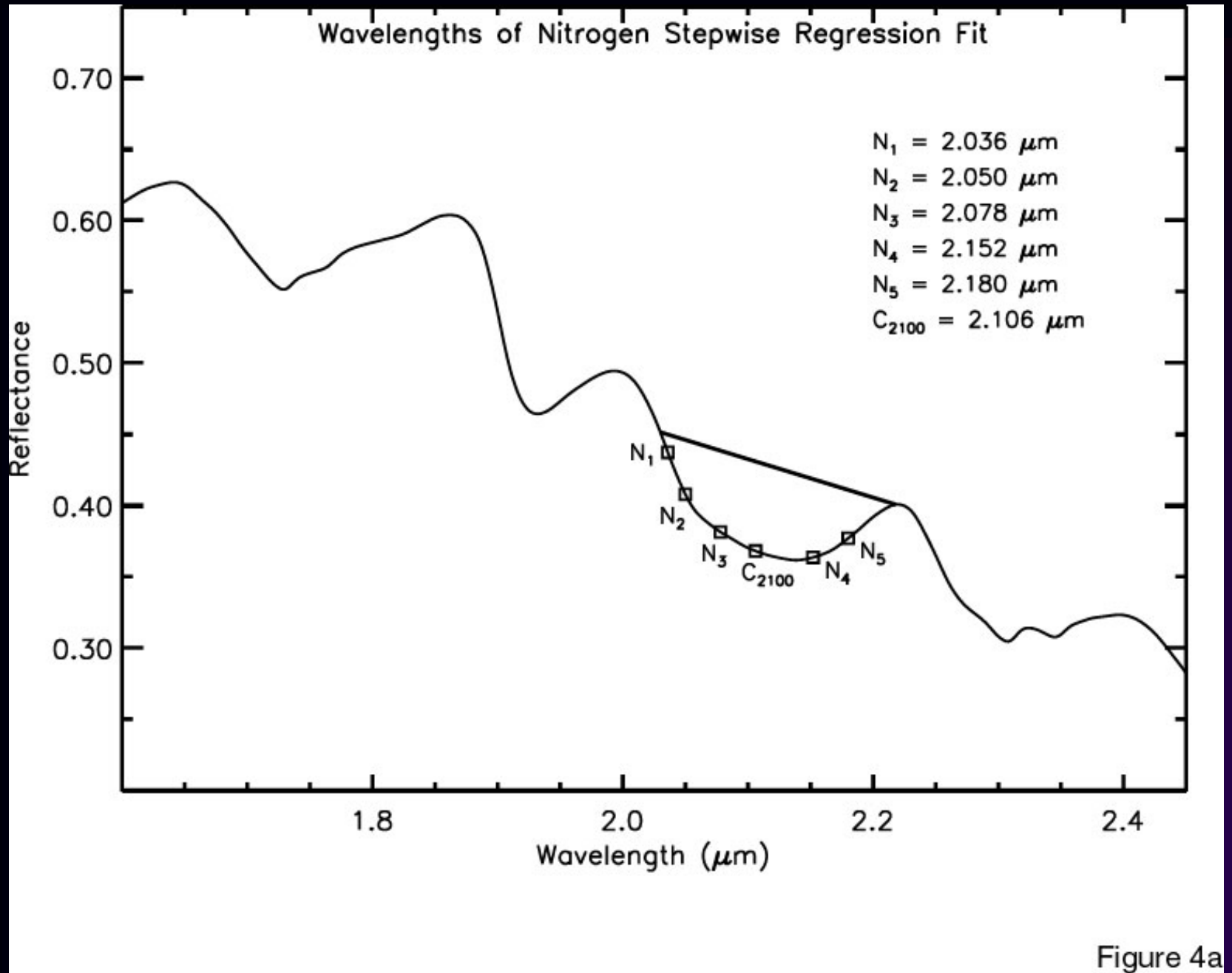
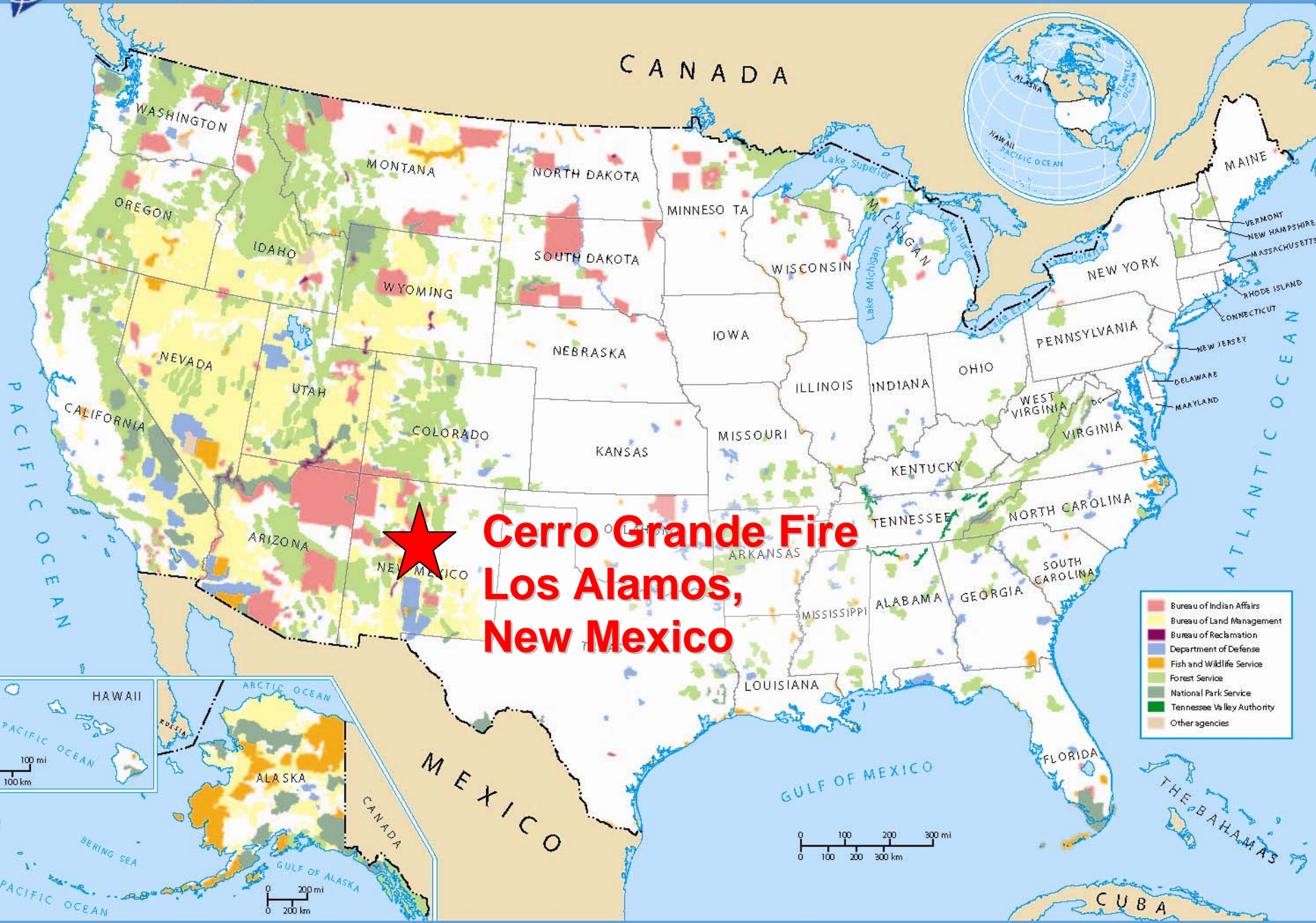


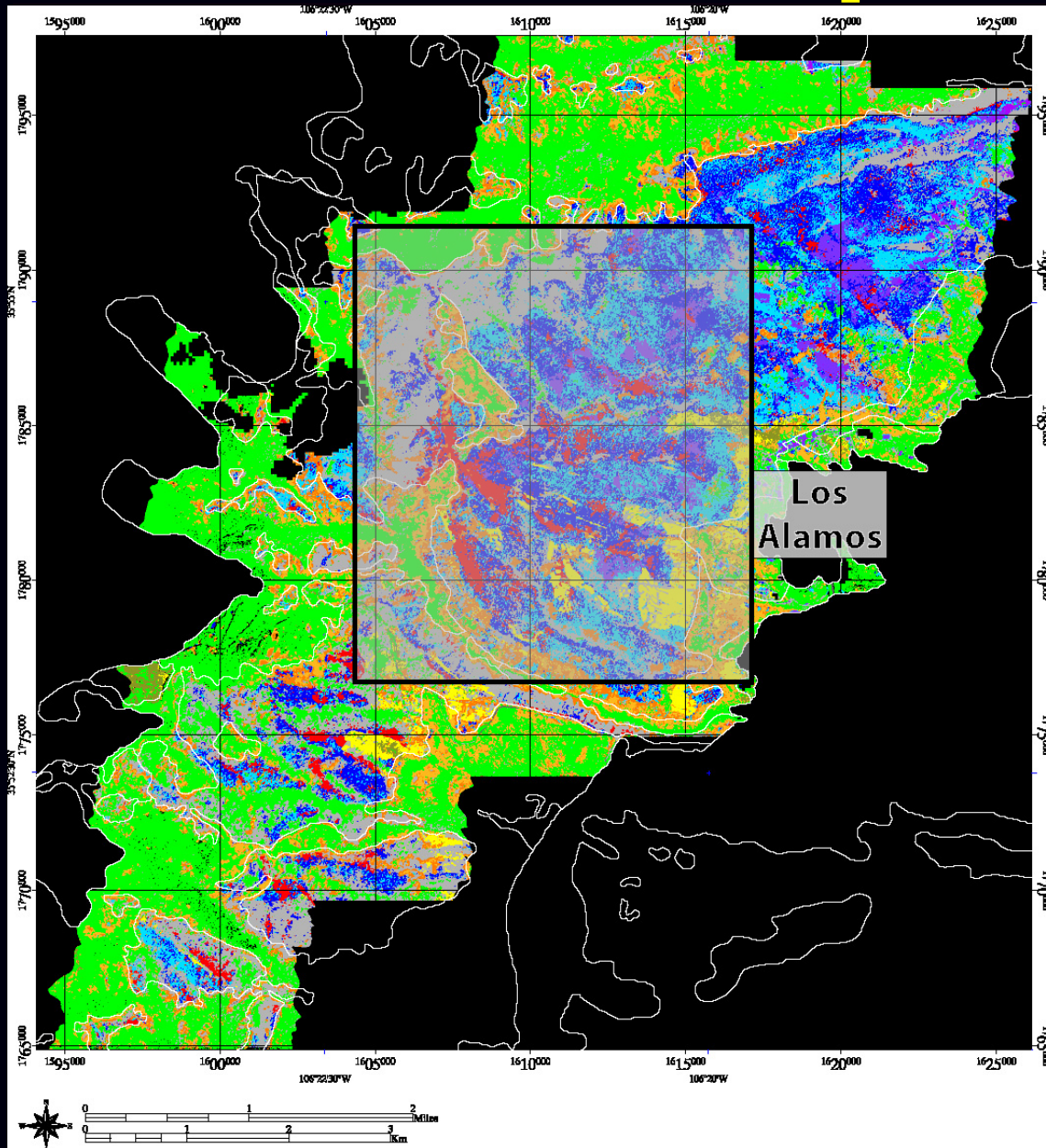
Figure 4a



An aerial photograph of a mountainous region, likely in the southwestern United States. The terrain is rugged and rocky, with a prominent yellow outline tracing a path or boundary across the landscape. The text "Los Alamos" is overlaid in red on the right side of the image.

**Los
Alamos**

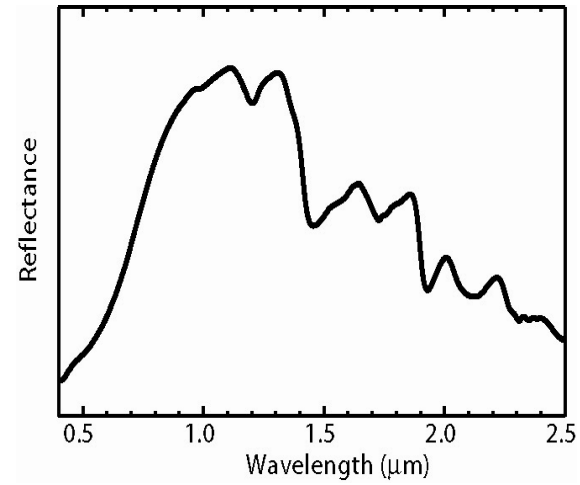
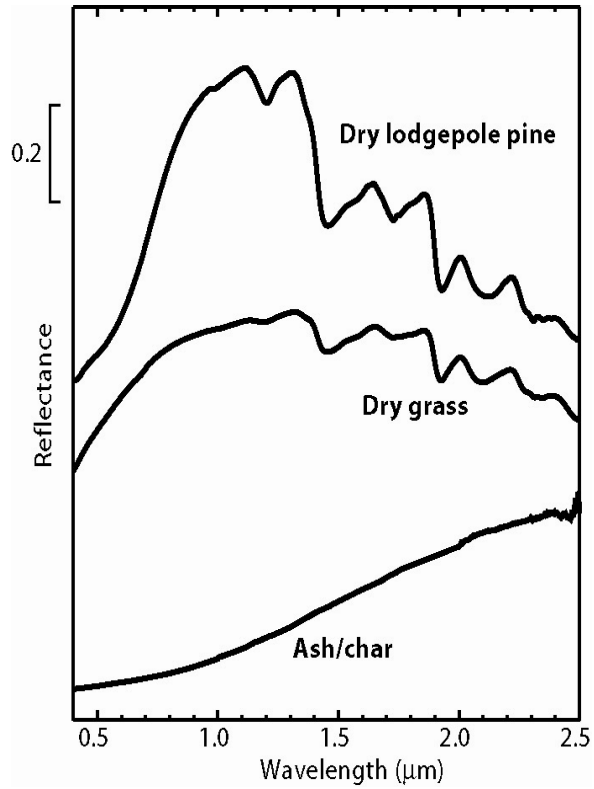
Results: AVIRIS Maps

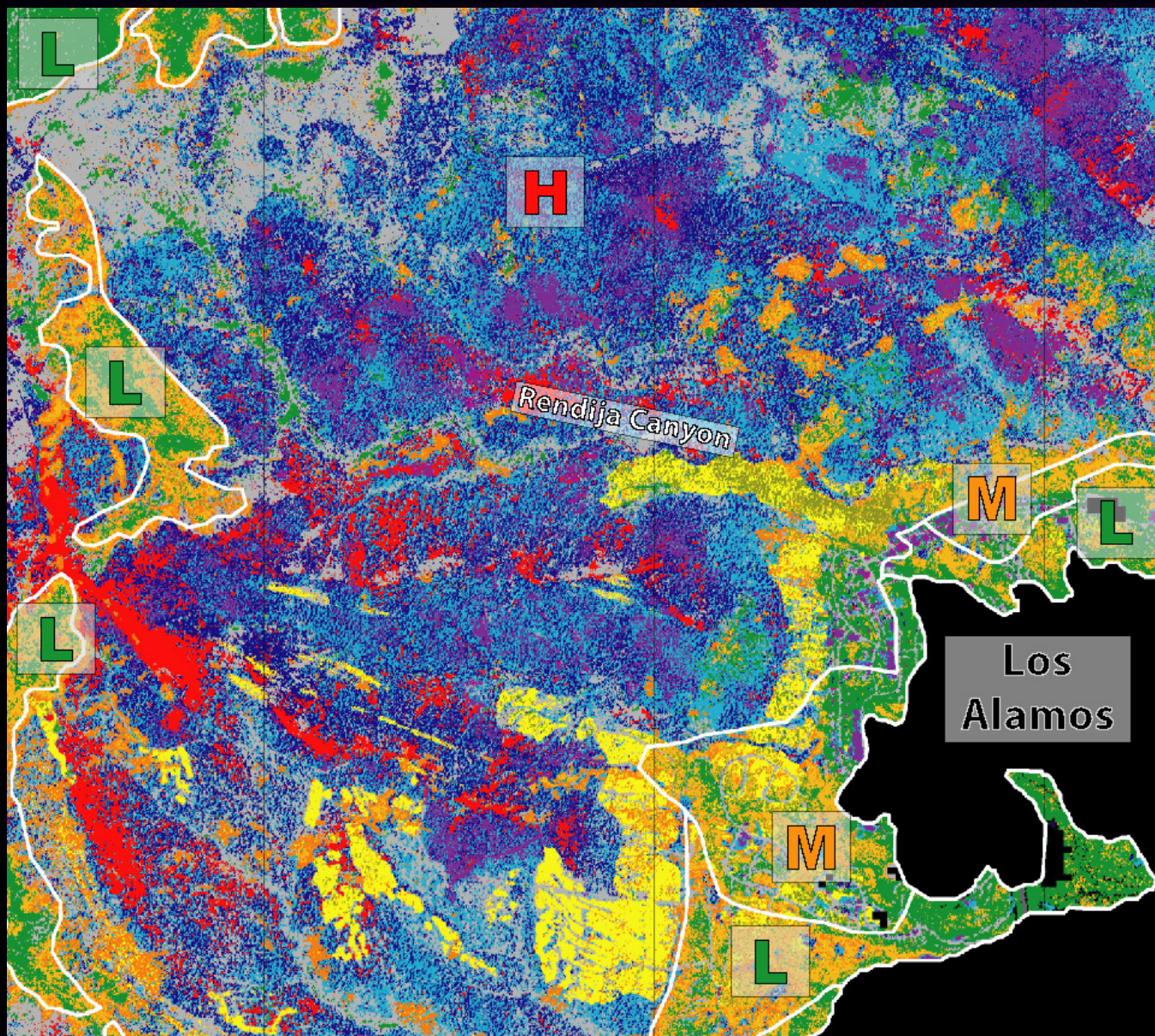


Tetracorder

Pixel Spectrum

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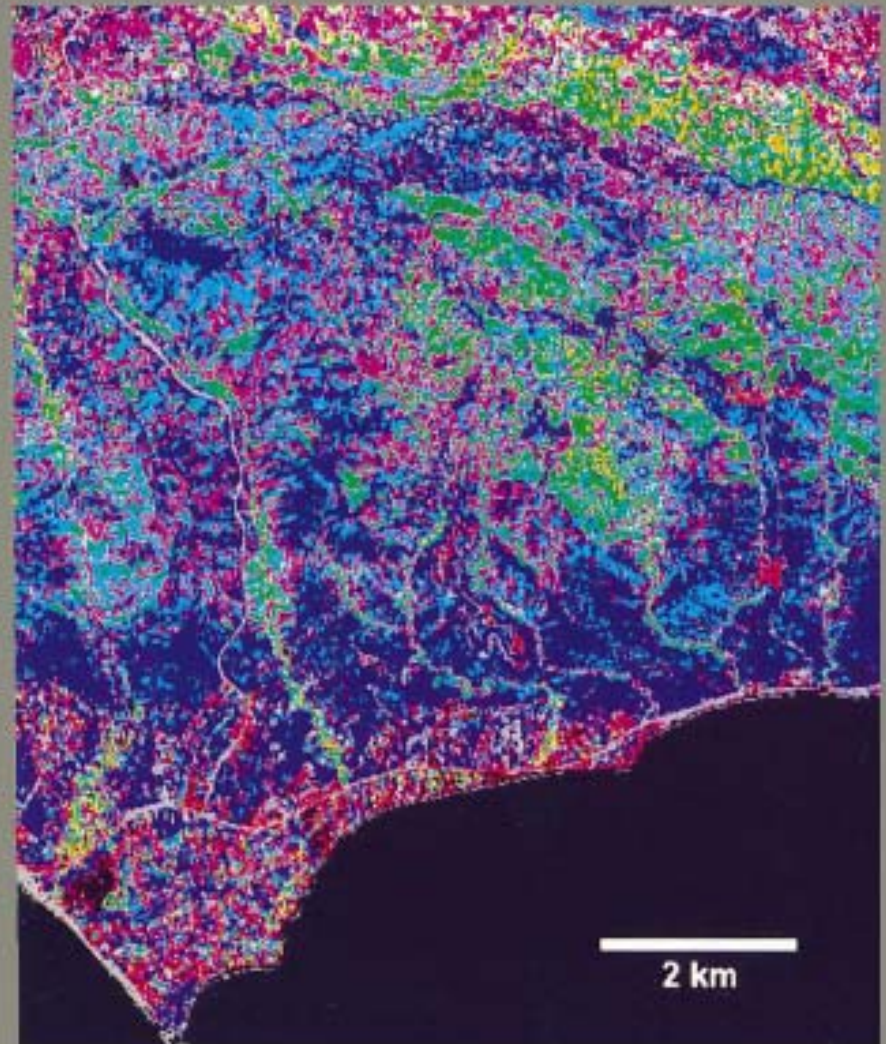




Green Vegetation

LEGEND

- (8) Sophora
- (9) Zibmala10b, (29) Wplph2-Zibmala10b
- (10) Grassme1
- (11) Qudo1stack
- Urban Vegetation (12, 28, 35)
- (13) Ogheather
- (14) Buro0
- (23) Purglan
- Roads/exposed rock & soil (15-21, 27, 33)
- Drought Deciduous and Senesced Vegetation



PV Fraction



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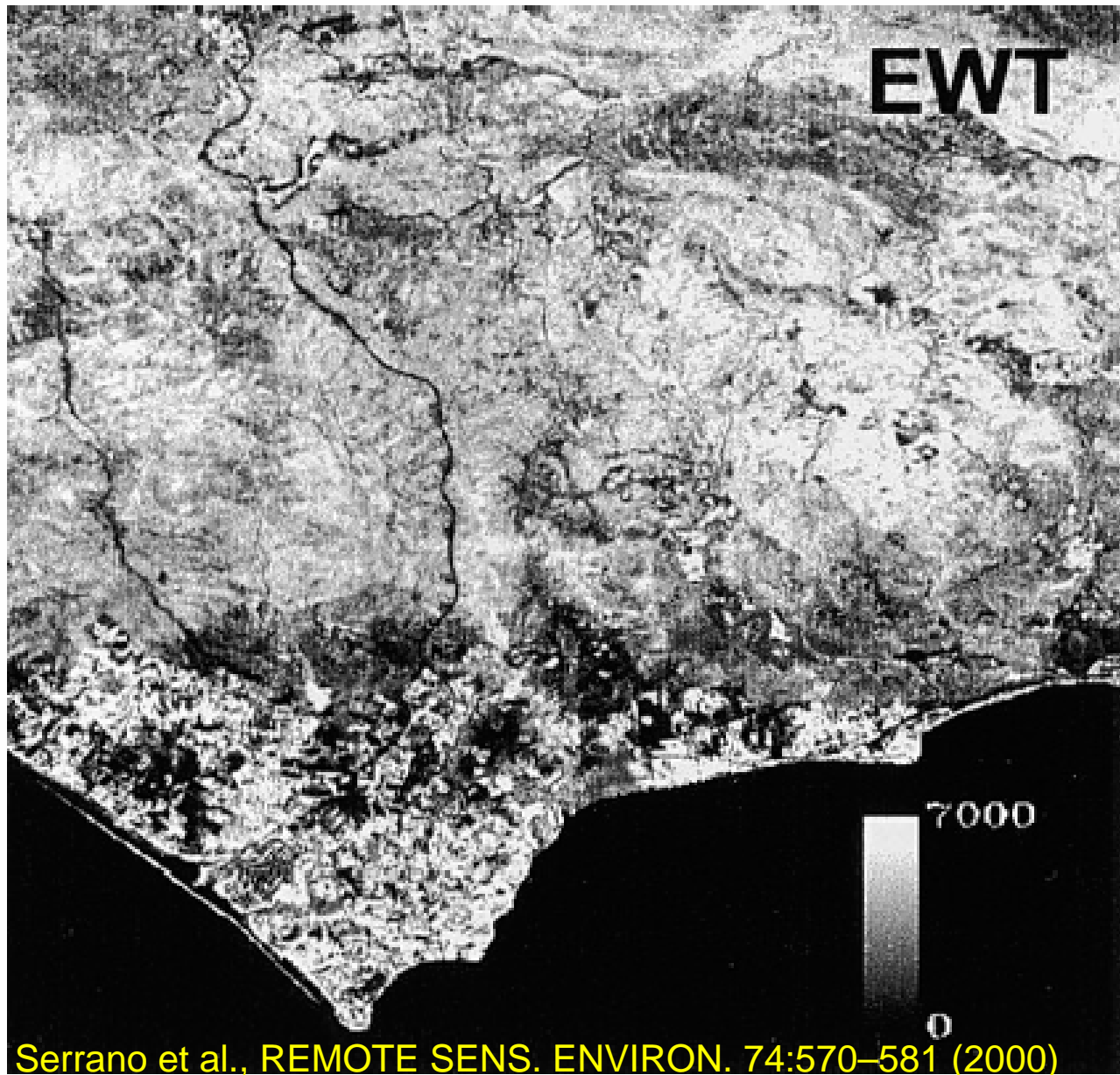
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Wavelength (μm)

NPV Fraction



0.0  0.4

2.00 2.10 2.20 2.30
Wavelength (μm)



Serrano et al., REMOTE SENS. ENVIRON. 74:570-581 (2000)