

Preliminary first global NIRS models to predict chemical properties of *Eucalyptus* woods

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Global near infrared models to predict wood properties of *Eucalyptus* were developed using one hundred samples. Samples were provided from different country and location (Congo, Senegal, Brazil), including different species and hybrids (*E. urophylla*, *E. grandis*, *E. camaldulensis*, *E. urophylla* x *E. grandis*, *E. urophylla* x *E. pellita*) from different age (from 5 to 30 years old). The global models tested by cross-validation, based on our own reference data, shown encouraged fits for extractives (correlation coefficient $R^2_{cv} = 0.98$ and error of cross-validation $SECV = 0.76$ and ratio of performance deviation $RPD = 7.2$), lignin ($R^2_{cv} = 0.91$, $SECV = 1.1$, $RPD = 3.3$), cellulose ($R^2_{cv} = 0.89$, $SECV = 1.2$, $RPD = 3.0$), hemicelluloses ($R^2_{cv} = 0.82$, $SECV = 1.6$, $RPD = 2.4$). The high variability of chemical properties due to the sampling (for example extractive contents varied from 3 to 21%), associated to the good repeatability of reference measurements, provided high values of model parameters. These results suggest that global calibration could be useful in tree breeding processes and for different experiment trials from the fields, to rank genotypes for extractives, lignin, cellulose, and hemicelluloses. In order to get near infrared local models, we are improving our sampling in term of number and origin of wood.

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