

Application of Human Mastication Measurements on Food Texture Analysis

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Texture

- All the **mechanical, geometrical and surface attributes** of a product perceptible by means of **mechanical, tactile** and, where appropriate, visual and auditory **receptors**. ISO 11036

Texture = perceived physical properties

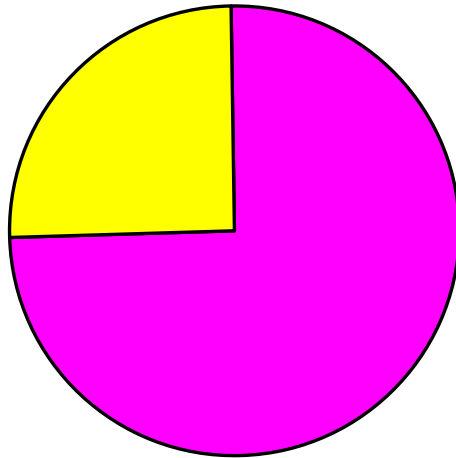
Greatest number (445) of texture terms in Japanese

Onomatopoeic expression

F. Hayakawa, *et al.*: Jpn. J. Food Sci. Technol. (in Japanese), **52**, 337-346 (2005), **53**, 327-336 (2006), **54**, 488-502 (2007)

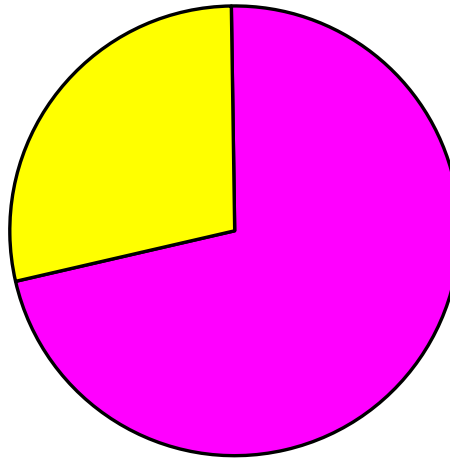
Contribution of Texture to Food Palatability

Cooked rice



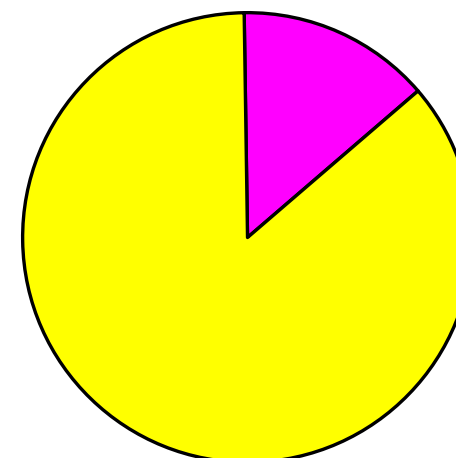
Dango

Rice cake with NG-R



Sake

Rice wine



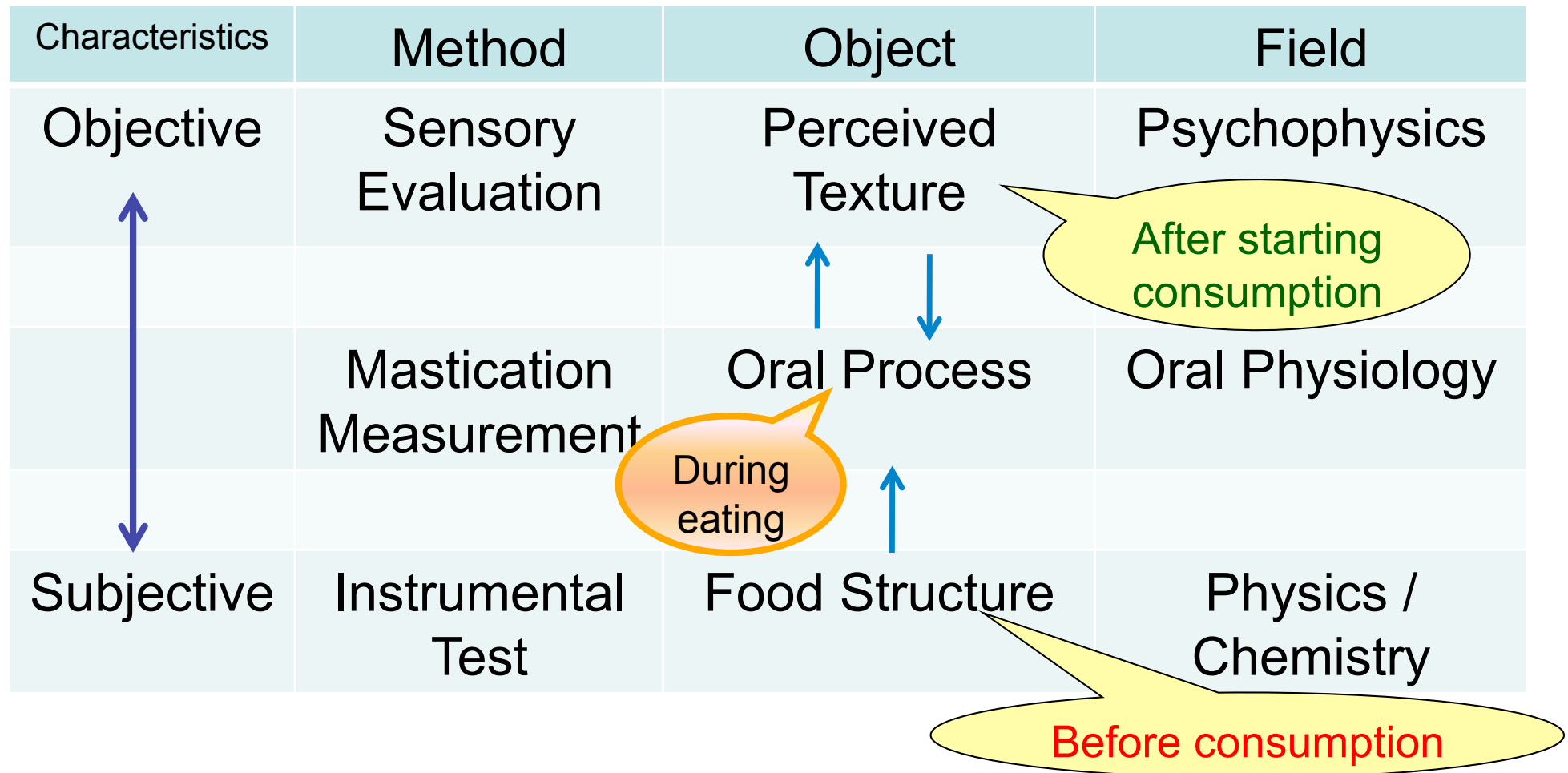
Physical factors: texture, temperature, appearance, crushing sound

Chemical factors: taste, odor = flavor

In many solid food and gels, physical > chemical

N. Matsumoto & F. Matsumoto: *Chori Kagaku* (in Japanese), **10**, 97-101 (1977)

Methods in Food Texture Measurements



C. Wilkinson *et al.*: Trends Food Sci. Technol., **11**, 442-450 (2000)

K. Kohyama: Chemistry and Biology (in Japanese), **47**, 133-137 (2009)

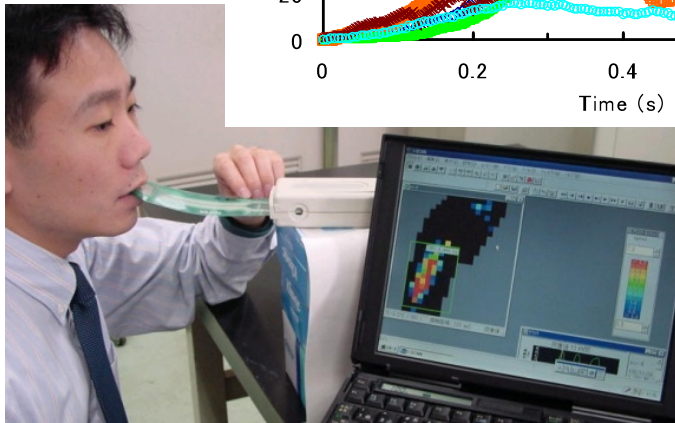
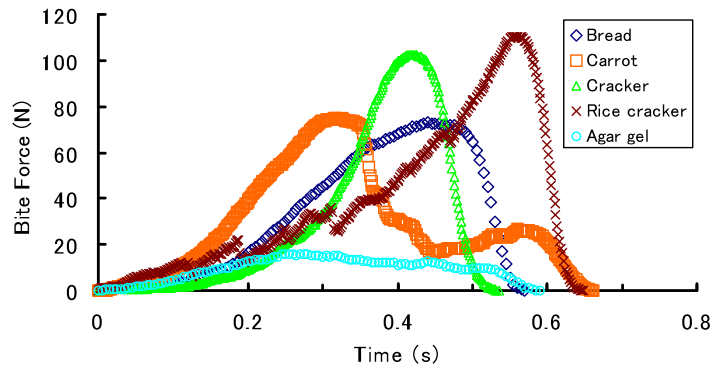
New approach

Direct measurements of oral process of food

- Texture changes during mastication
(food fracture, temperature, moisture, mixing with saliva, grinding...)
- Ease / difficulty in mastication or swallowing
- Effects of mouthful / serving size
- Link of the subjective (sensory) attributes with objective (instrumental) parameters
- Individual differences

Oral Measurement of Texture

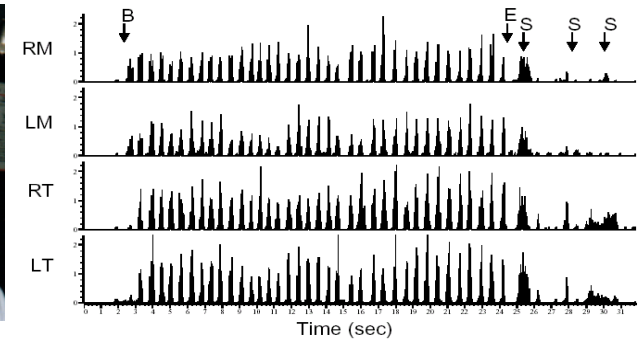
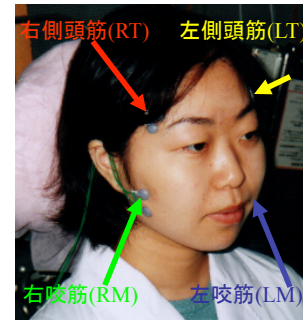
Bite curves of various foods



① Bite Force

Multiple-point sheet sensor

EMG of jaw closing muscles (5g beef)

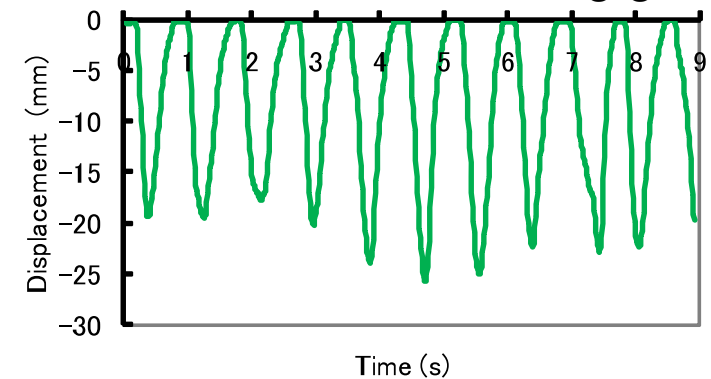


② Electromyography (EMG)



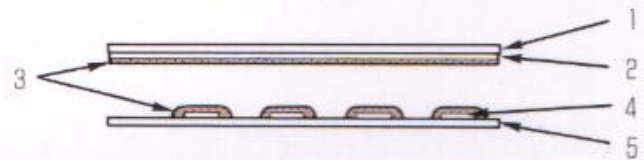
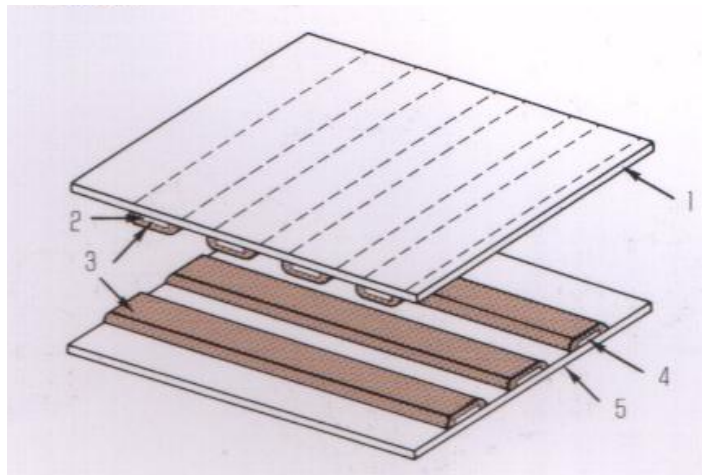
③ Mandibular Kinematics

Jaw movement for chewing gum

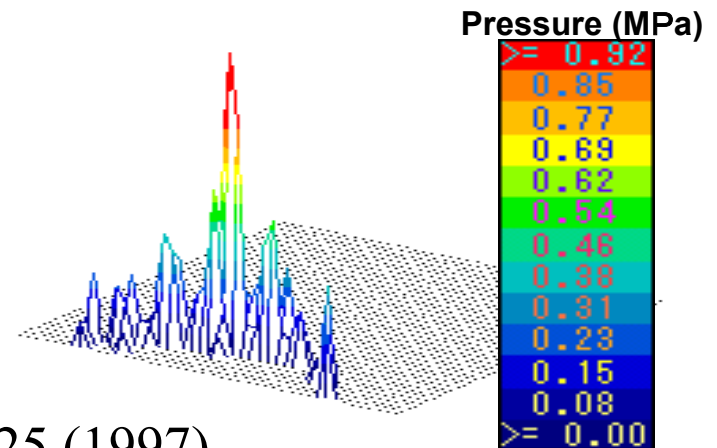


Bite Measurement by a Multiple-point Sheet Sensor

Pressure distribution on the sensor plane can be measured at real time ($\sim 0.01\text{s}$).



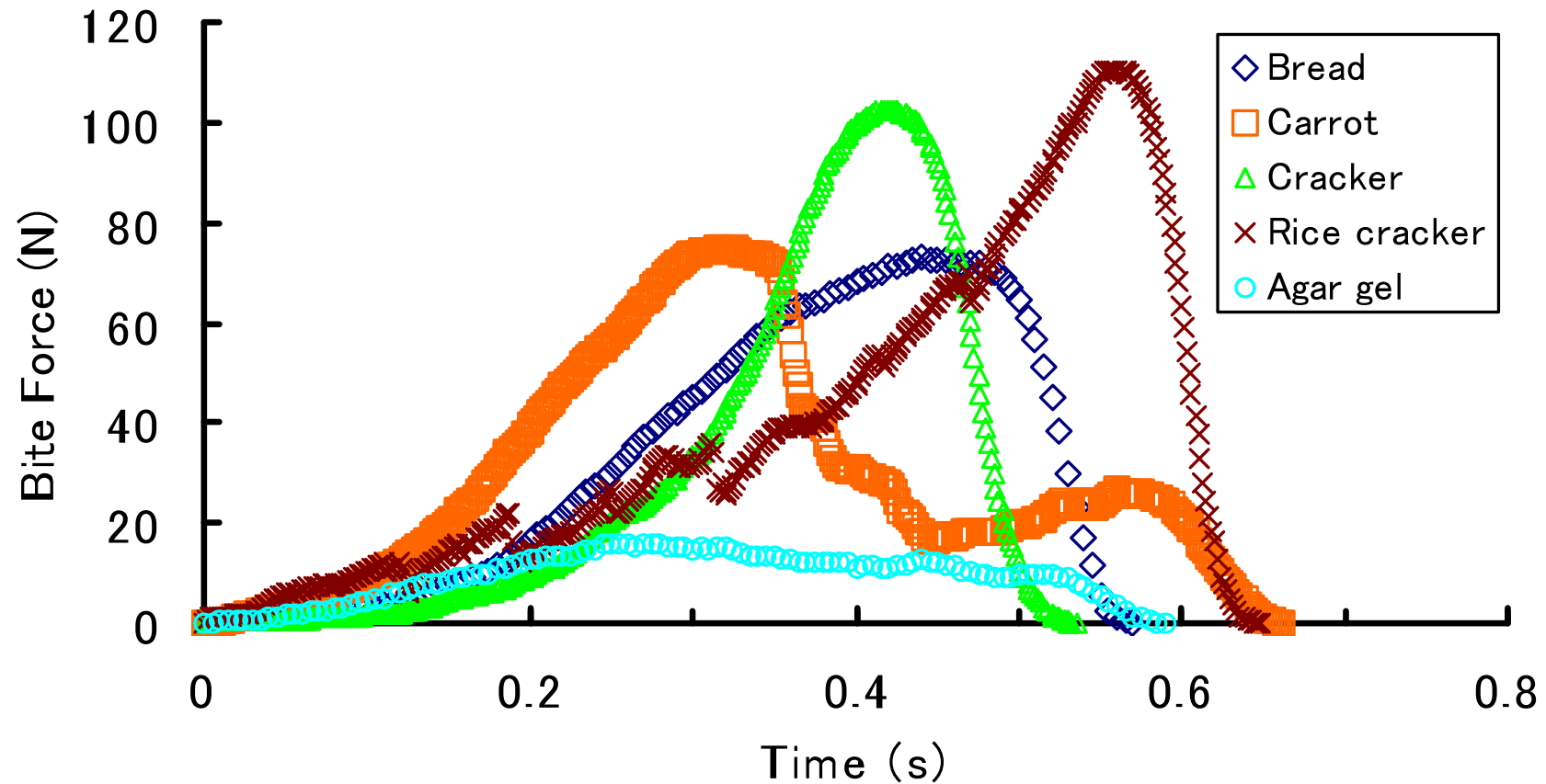
1, 5. PE-film
2. A row electrode
3. pressure-sensitive ink
4. A column electrode



1) K. Kohyama, *et al.*: J. Food Sci., **62**, 922-925 (1997)

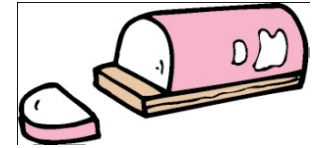
2) K. Kohyama & M. Nishi: J. Texture Studies, **28**, 605-617 (1997)

Bite Curves by Molars

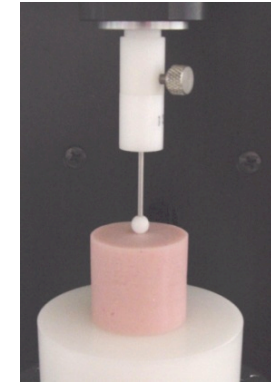
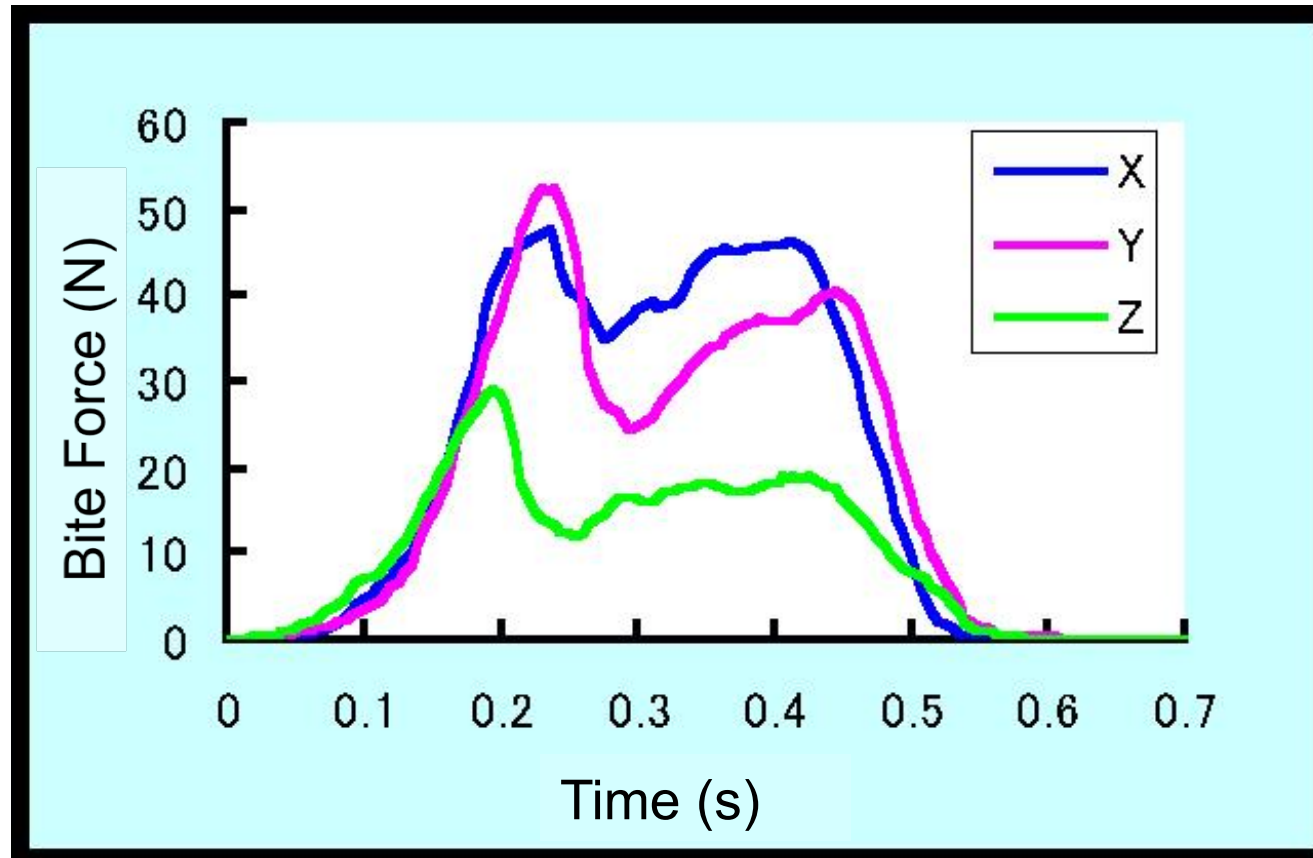


A young female bit solid food on the MSCAN2 sheet sensor

modulus → slope; breaking stress → first peak, not max. force



Bite Curves for *Surimi* gels



Gel Strength
(N·mm)

X 165

Y 187

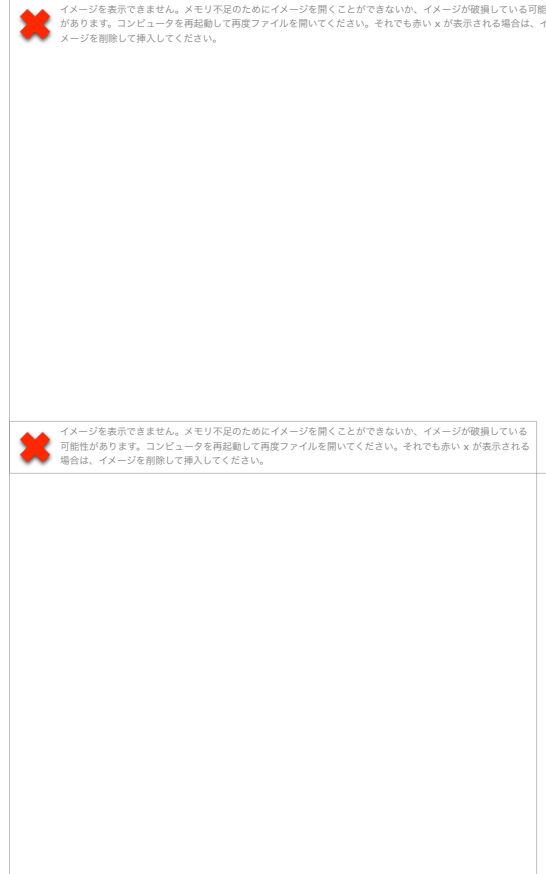
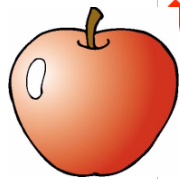
Z 59

A young female bit a gel on the MSCAN2 sheet sensor

Gels shows two peaks First peak related to the gel strength

K. Kohyama *et al.*: Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem., **65**, 2597-2603 (2001)

Effects of sample thickness



Bite pressure

Apple

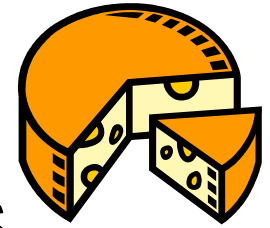
Raw carrot

Surimi gel

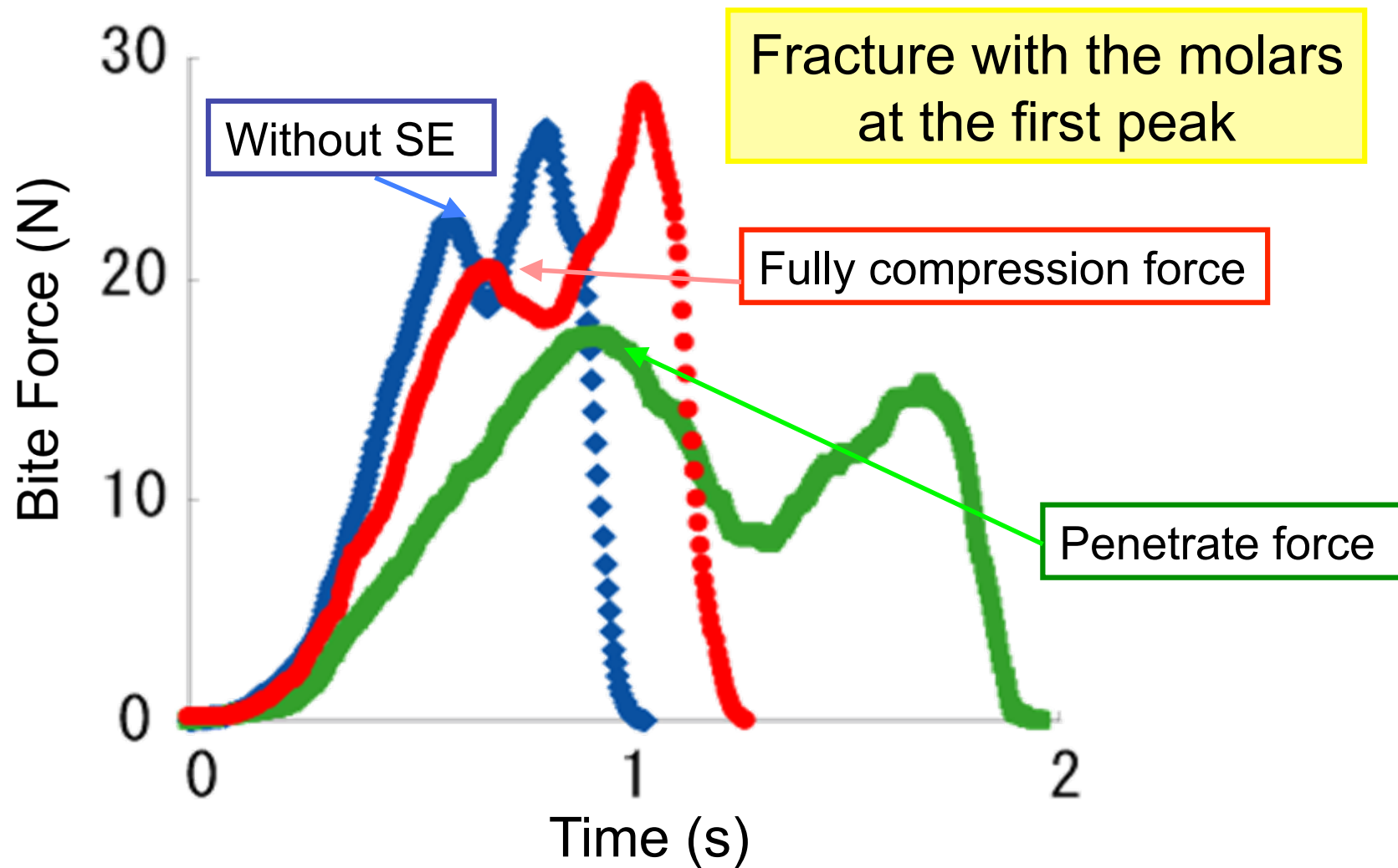
Cheese

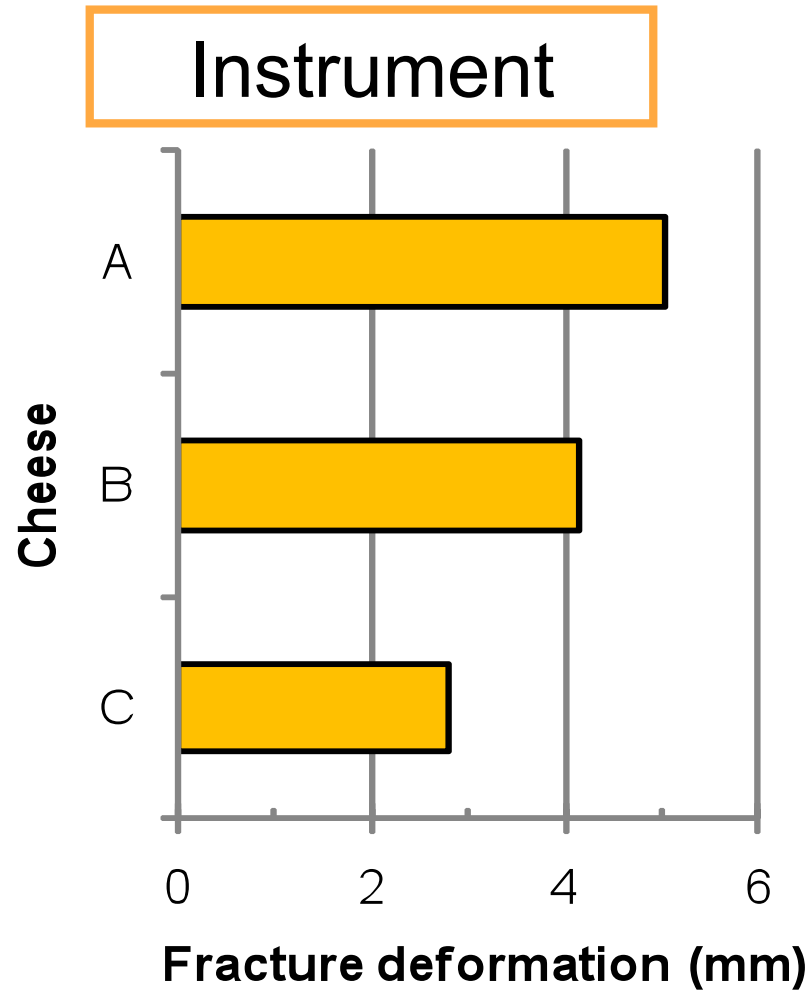
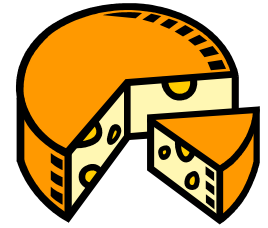
- Maximum bite force with the incisors increased with thickness of food
- Instrumental test showed a constant maximum load (>10 mm)
- Maximum bite pressure increased or constant with food thickness

H.Dan, H.Watanabe, & K.Kohyama: J. Texture Stud., 34, 287-302 (2003) ¹⁰

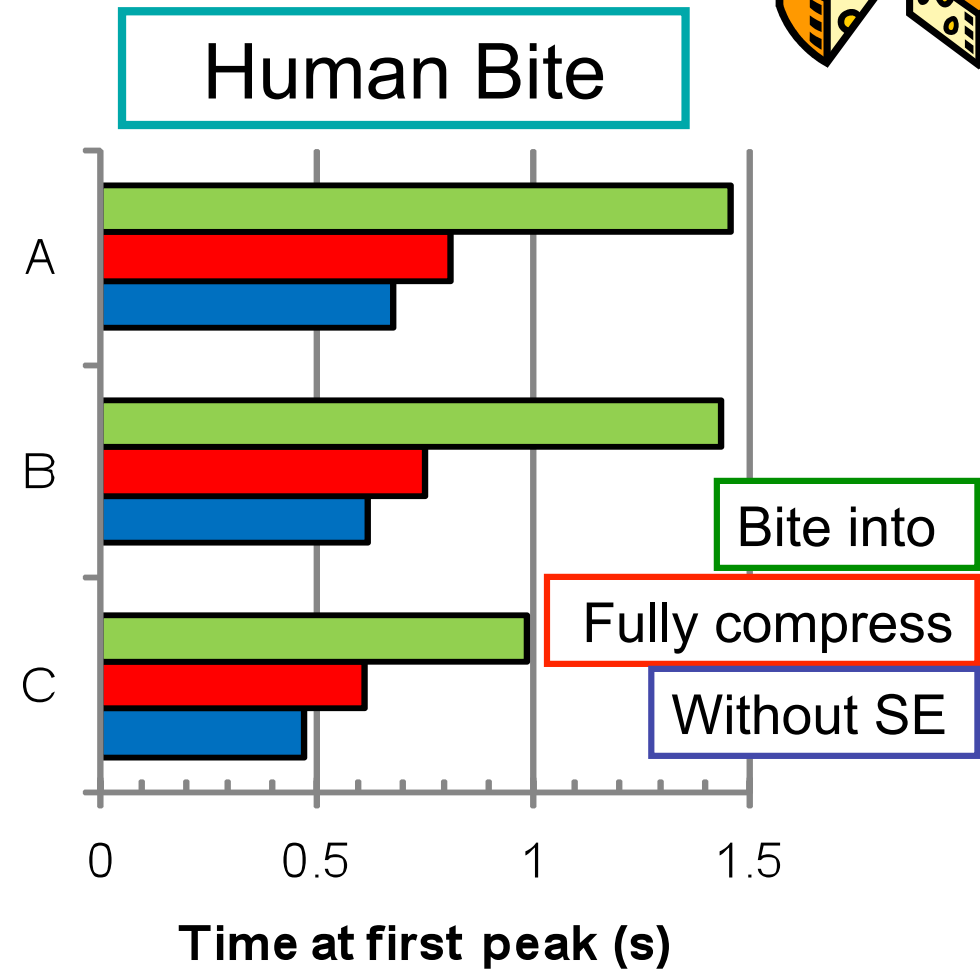


Cheese Bite with Different Ways

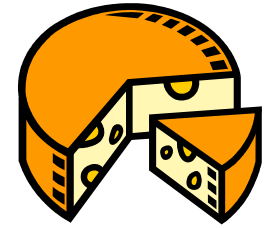




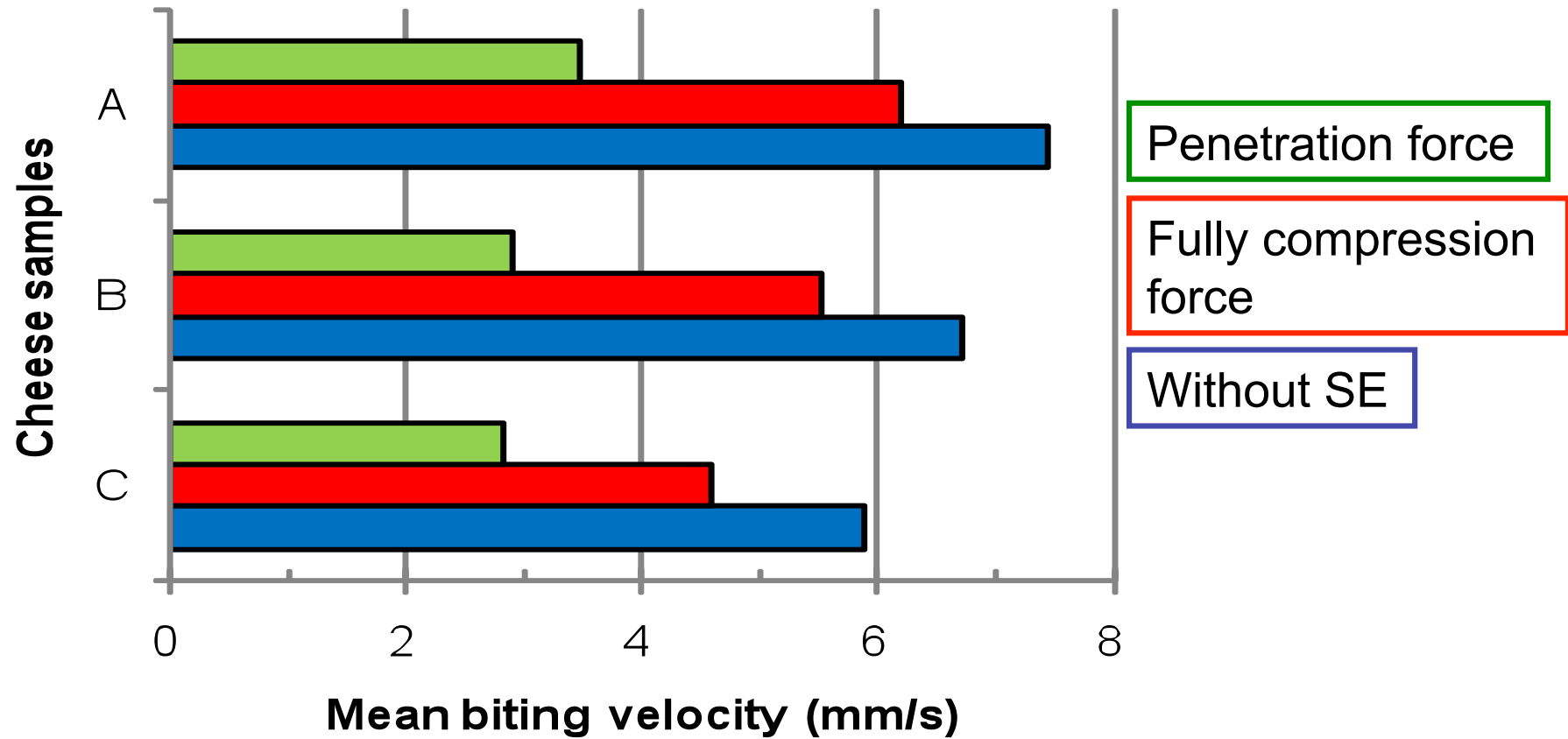
No rate dependency
at 1, 2, 4 and 8 mm/s



Not constant

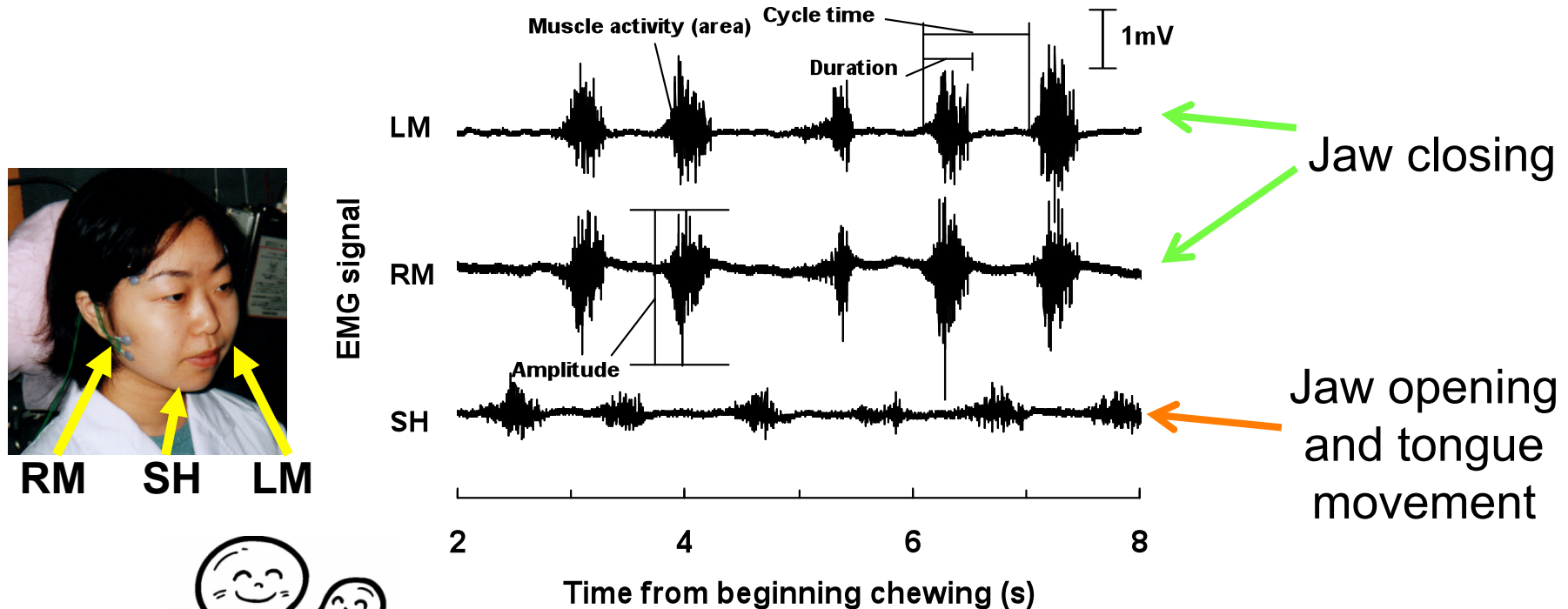


Estimation of Bite Speed



Fracture deformation / Peak time = Biting velocity
 Biting velocity depended on biting way and sample

Electromyography during mastication



Sample: 9g standard rice cake.

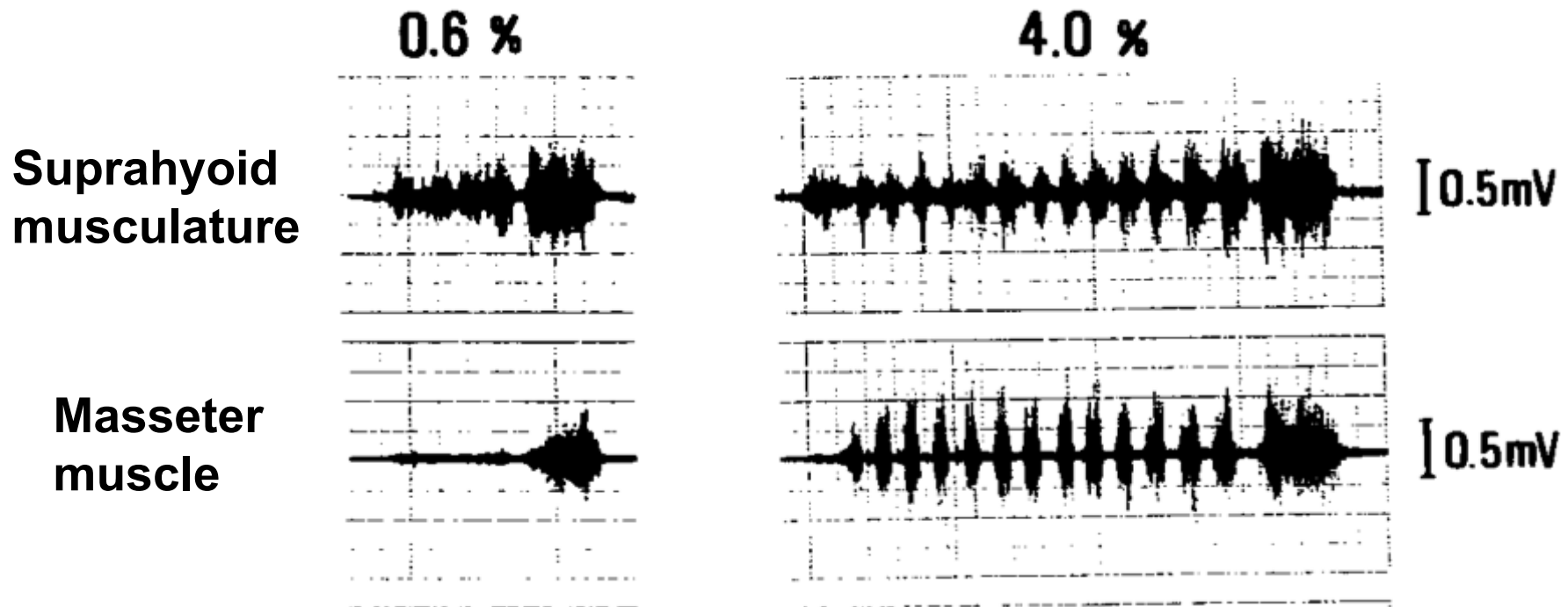
Five chewing strokes in the early stage of mastication.

A subject took a piece of sample and kept it in the mouth. The subject then started chewing the sample at time zero.

From Ms: No.chews, Mastication time, Cycle time
Both muscles: Amplitude, Duration, Muscle activity
SH/M: ratio of amplitude, ratio of muscle activity

K. Kohyama *et al.*: *Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem.*, **71**, 358-365 (2007)

EMG example in jelly eating

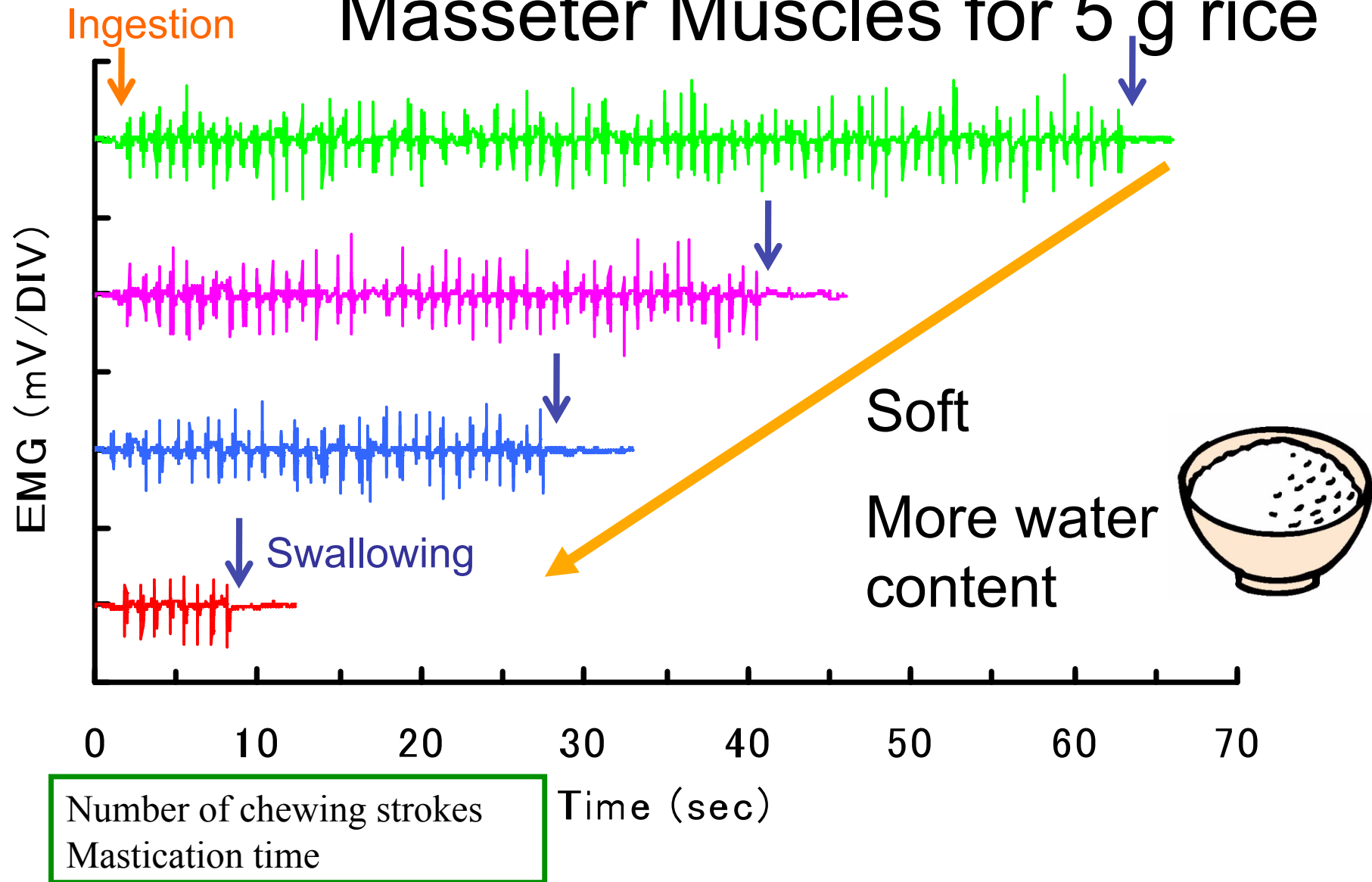


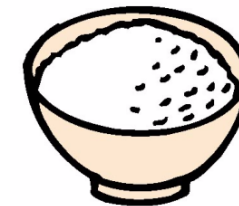
Soft gel (0.6% agar) was disintegrated by the tongue pressure against the hard palate while hard gel (4.0%) was chewed by the molar teeth.

Both the muscles acted at the swallowing.

K. Shiozawa, K. Kohyama, and K. Yanagisawa: J. Jpn. Soc. Masticat. Sci. Health Prom. (in Japanese), 3, 51-56 (1993)

Example of Electromyograms from Masseter Muscles for 5 g rice





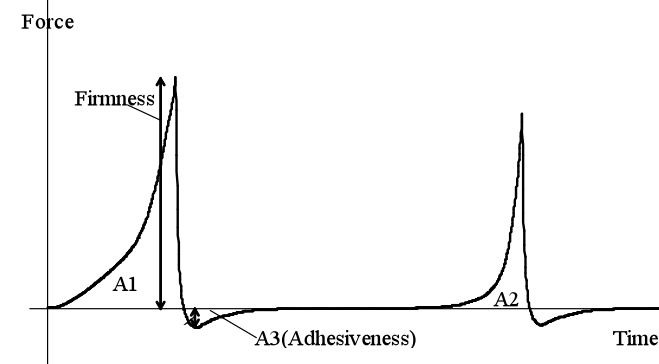
Water amount and Texture

Water ratio (w/w)	Water (%)	Firmness (kPa)	Adhesiveness (A3, kJ/m ³)	Cohesiveness (A2/A1)
1.5	60.4a	51.2d	0.80a	0.296a
2.0	64.2b	43.9c	1.01ab	0.303a
3.0	72.9c	28.6b	1.29b	0.325a
4.0	79.2d	18.0a	1.81c	0.374b

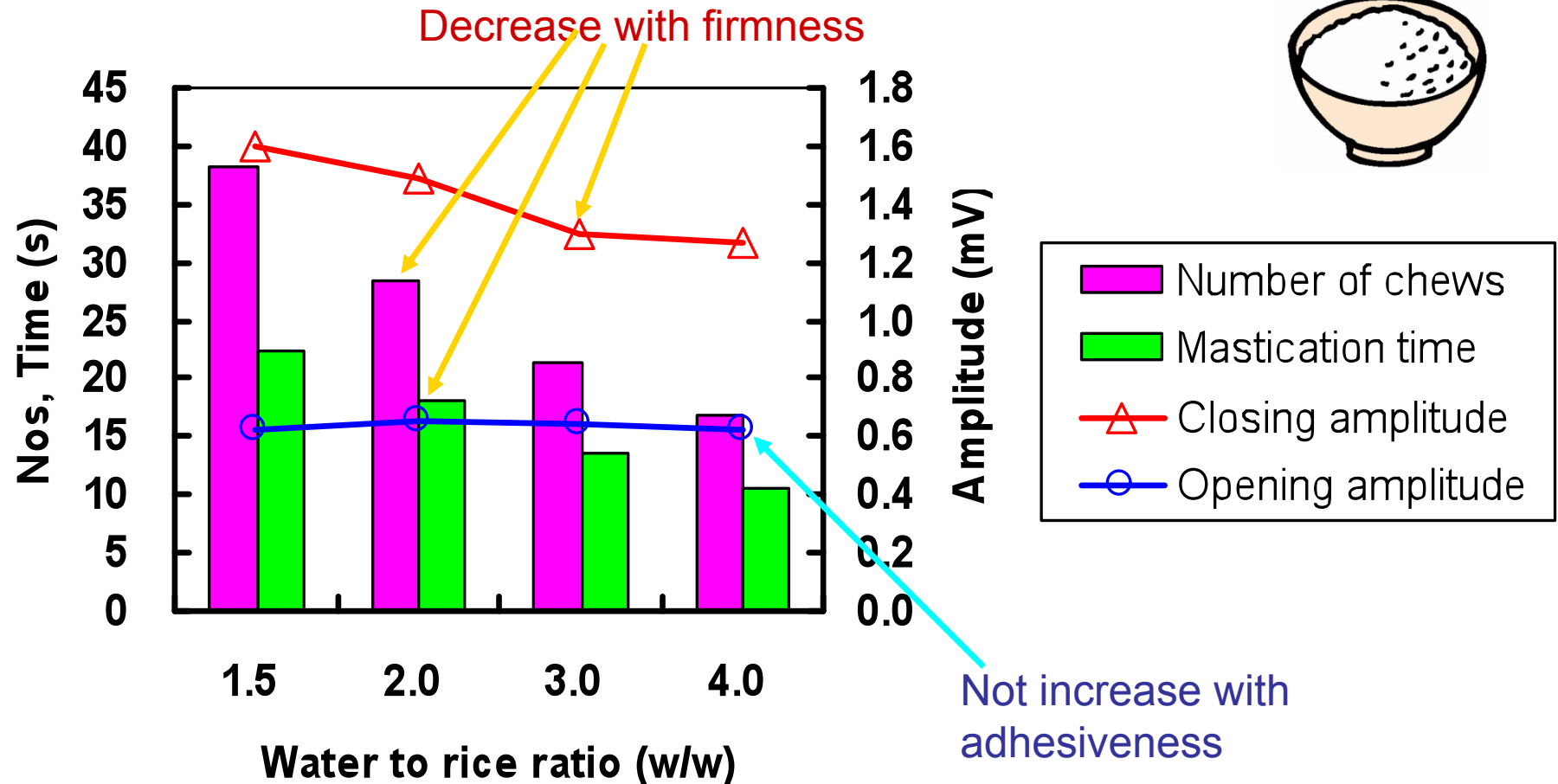
Values with different letters in a column differ significantly ($p < 0.05$).

Wash-free type normal rice (*Koshihikari*) cooked with different water amounts.

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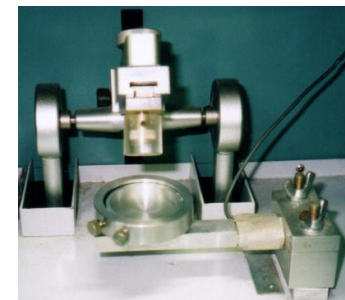


EMG results of rice cooked with various water



Soft rice cooked with more water (2-4 times to rice) is easy to consume.

Amylose Content and Texture of cooked rice

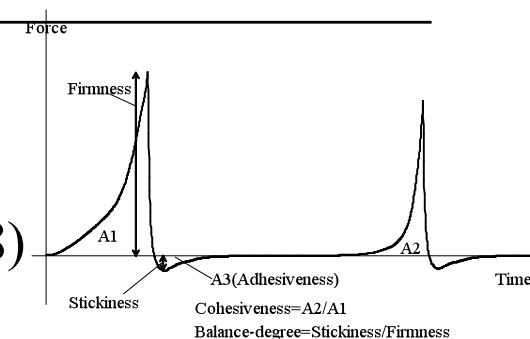


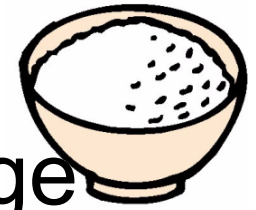
Variety	Amylose (%)	Firmness	Stickiness	Adhesiveness	Cohesiveness	Balance-degree
<i>Mochiminori</i>	1.80	1.88a	0.820b	0.217b	0.695c	0.436c
<i>Milky Queen</i>	9.26	2.24b	0.789b	0.173b	0.652a	0.352b
<i>Koshihikari</i>	16.27	2.49c	0.850b	0.208b	0.674b	0.341b
<i>Hoshiyutaka</i>	26.53	3.22d	0.065a	0.006a	0.679bc	0.020a
<i>Yumetoiro</i>	29.17	3.75e	0.000a	0.000a	0.695c	0.000a

TPA values are in T.U.

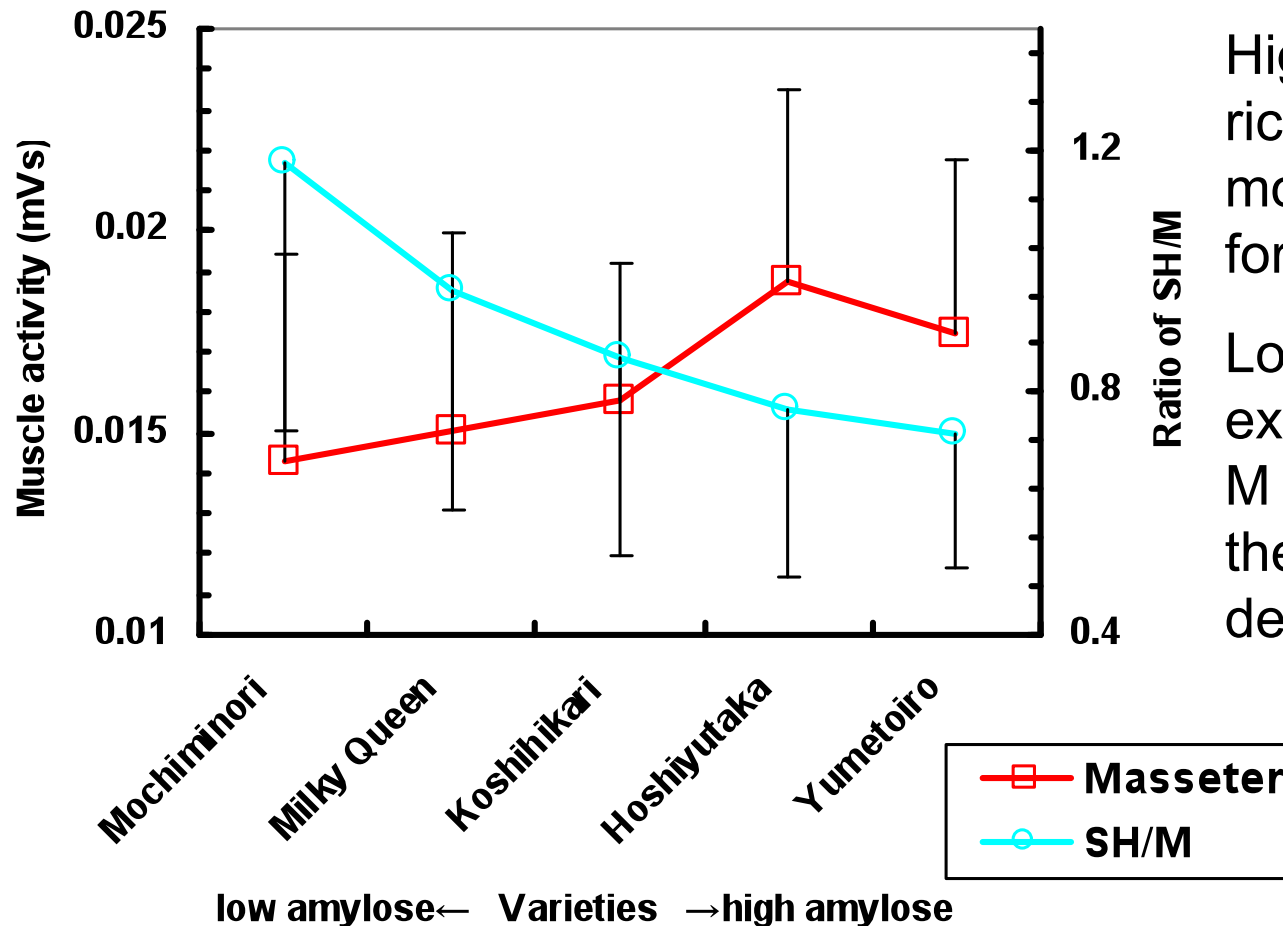
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Amylose content changes the early stage



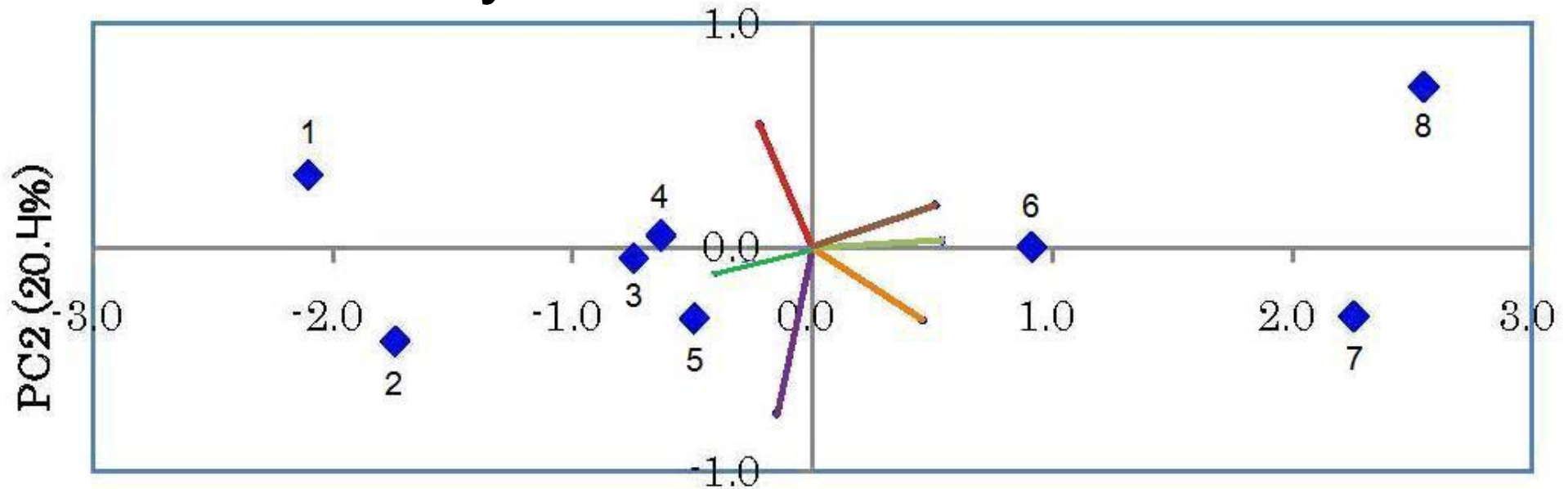
High amylose rice requires more chewing force as it is firm.

Low amylose rice exhibits high SH/M ratio same as the balance-degree.

The cultivar differences were significant in the early stage, but not significant in later stages of mastication.



PCA analysis with different rice cultivars



Selected EMG parameters from 19

PC1 (50.9%) →

Amylose content

cultivar 1(0.4%) to 8(33.3%)

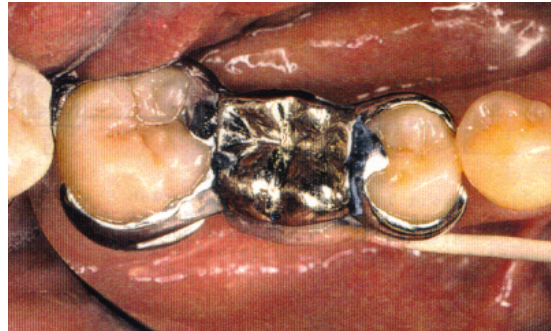
- Mastication time
- Duration per chew
- Muscle activity per chew
- Early stage interburst
- Middle stage cycle
- Late stage amplitude

PC2 = changed during mastication, cannot be measured by instrumental tests

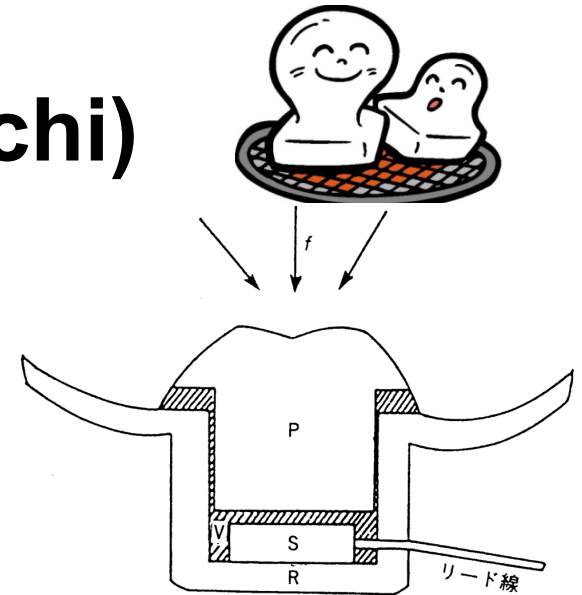
Cooked Rice Cake (Mochi)

Highest mastication force: 18.5kgf.

J. Takahashi & F. Nakazawa: Jpn. J. Home Econ. (in Japanese), **38**, 107-113 (1987)



Artificial tooth pressure sensing device



About 50% of elderly people →

Mochi has been difficult to consume than before.

Meal survey for 556 elderly people in Kasama City, Ibaraki

Numbers of elderly people are suffocated by Mochi.

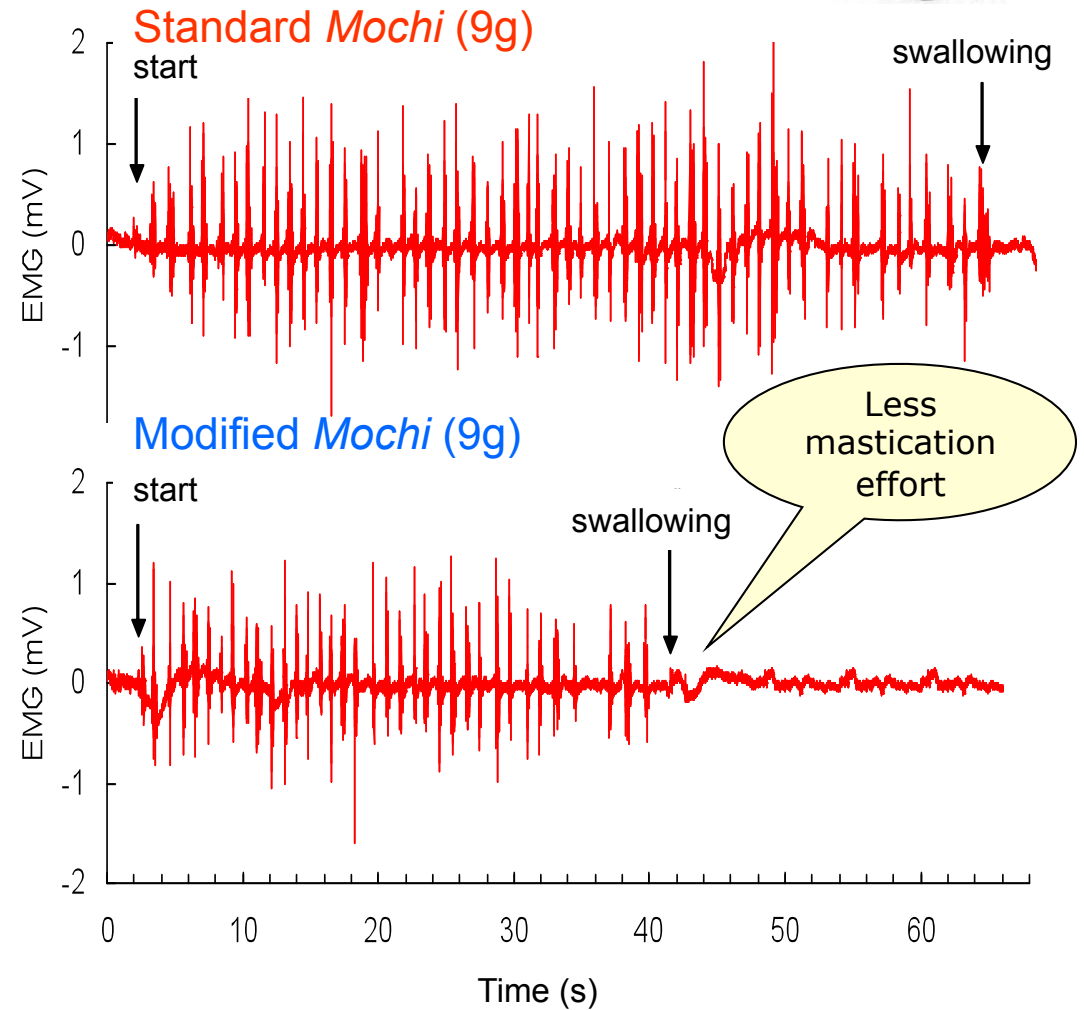
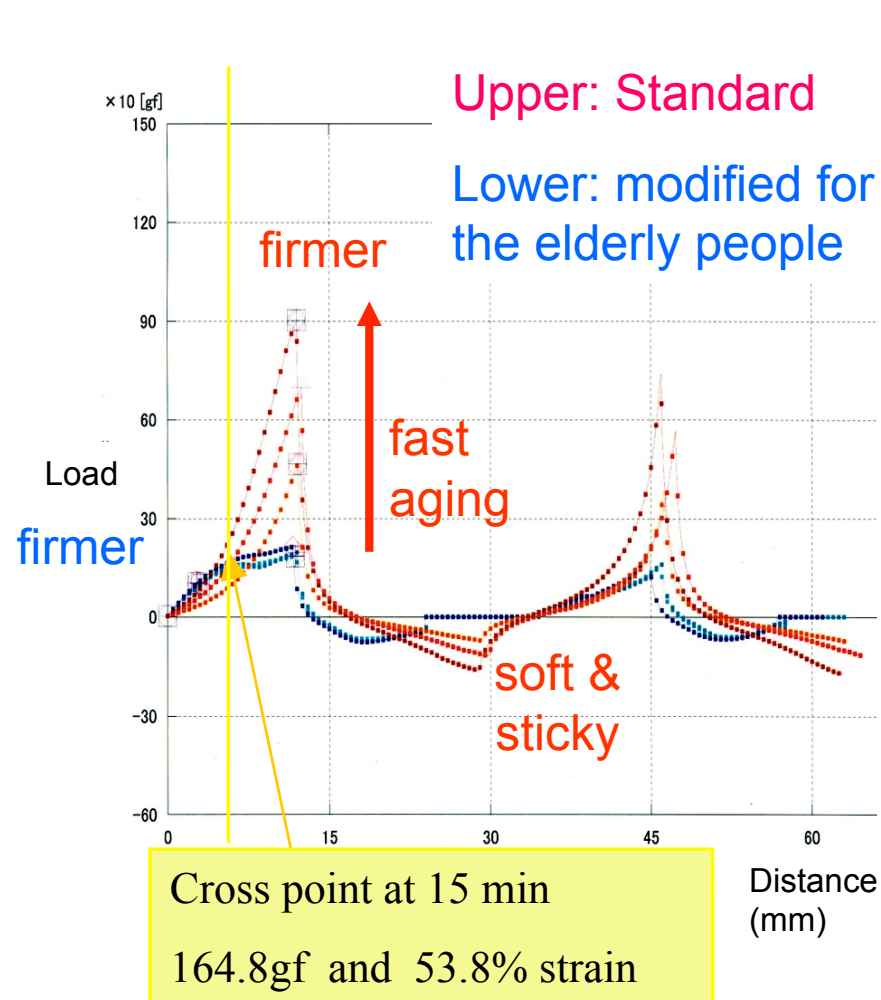
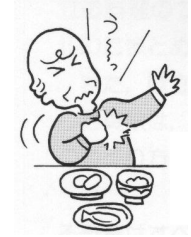
To prevent suffocation



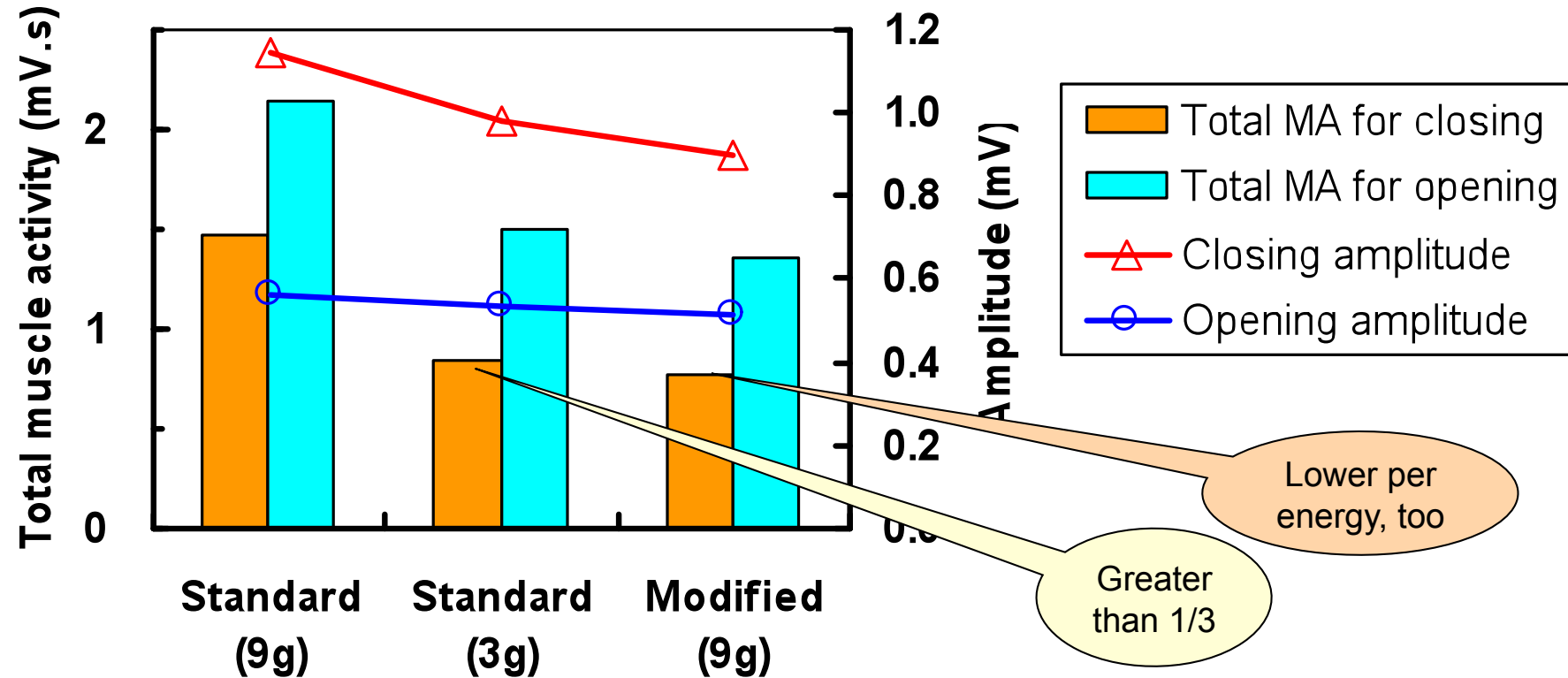
- 1) A small piece of rice cake
- 2) Texture modification of rice cake



Texture of *Mochi* (rice cake)



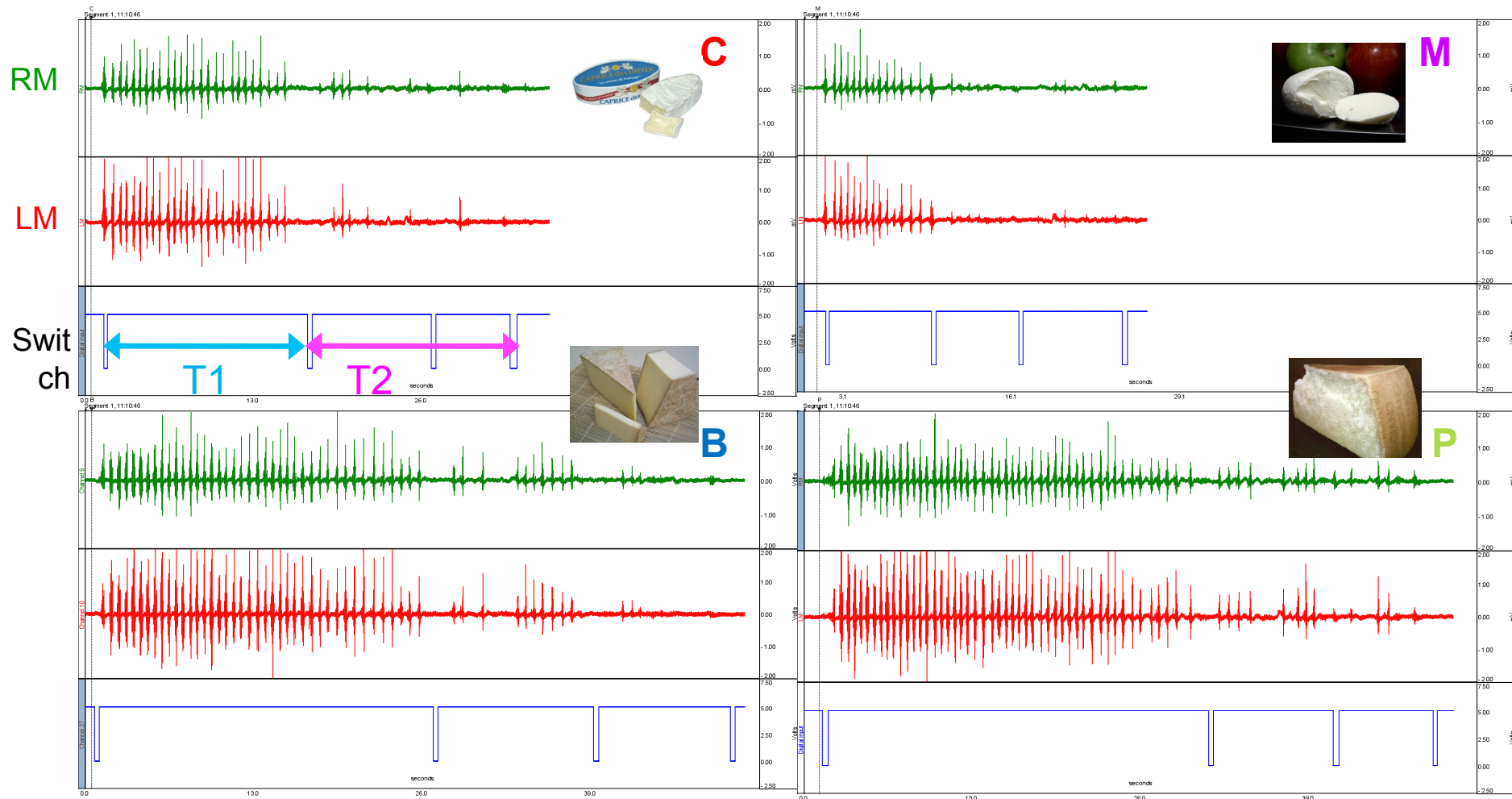
Results of Mastication Recordings



Small amount mouthful reduced mastication time, muscle activities of jaw closing muscles, but EMG duration and muscle activity of jaw opening muscles unchanged.

Yawaraka Fukumochi reduced mastication time, chewing cycle, EMG amplitude, duration, muscle activity for both muscles.

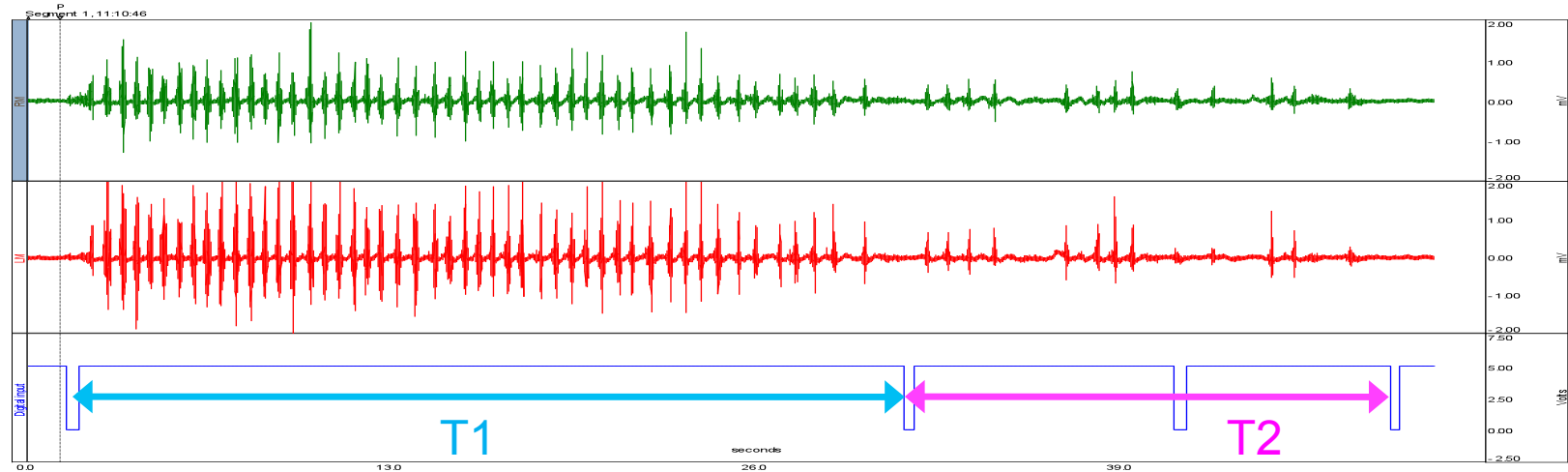
EMG results of natural cheeses



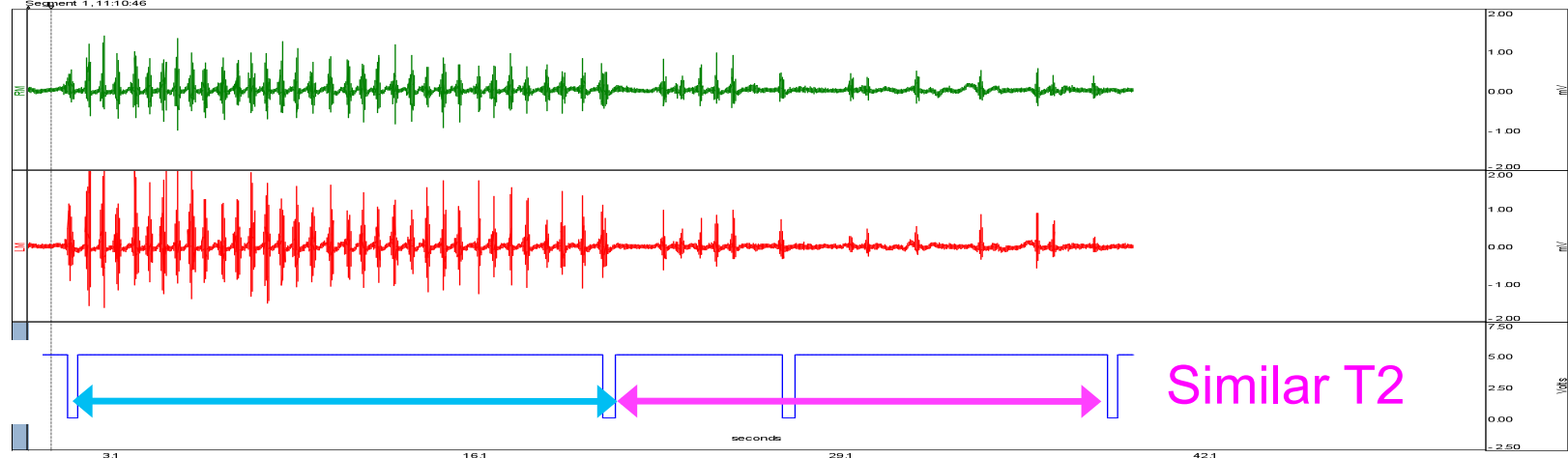
EMG examples of a subject during eating 5 g cheese samples.

Effects of shredding

A block



Shredded

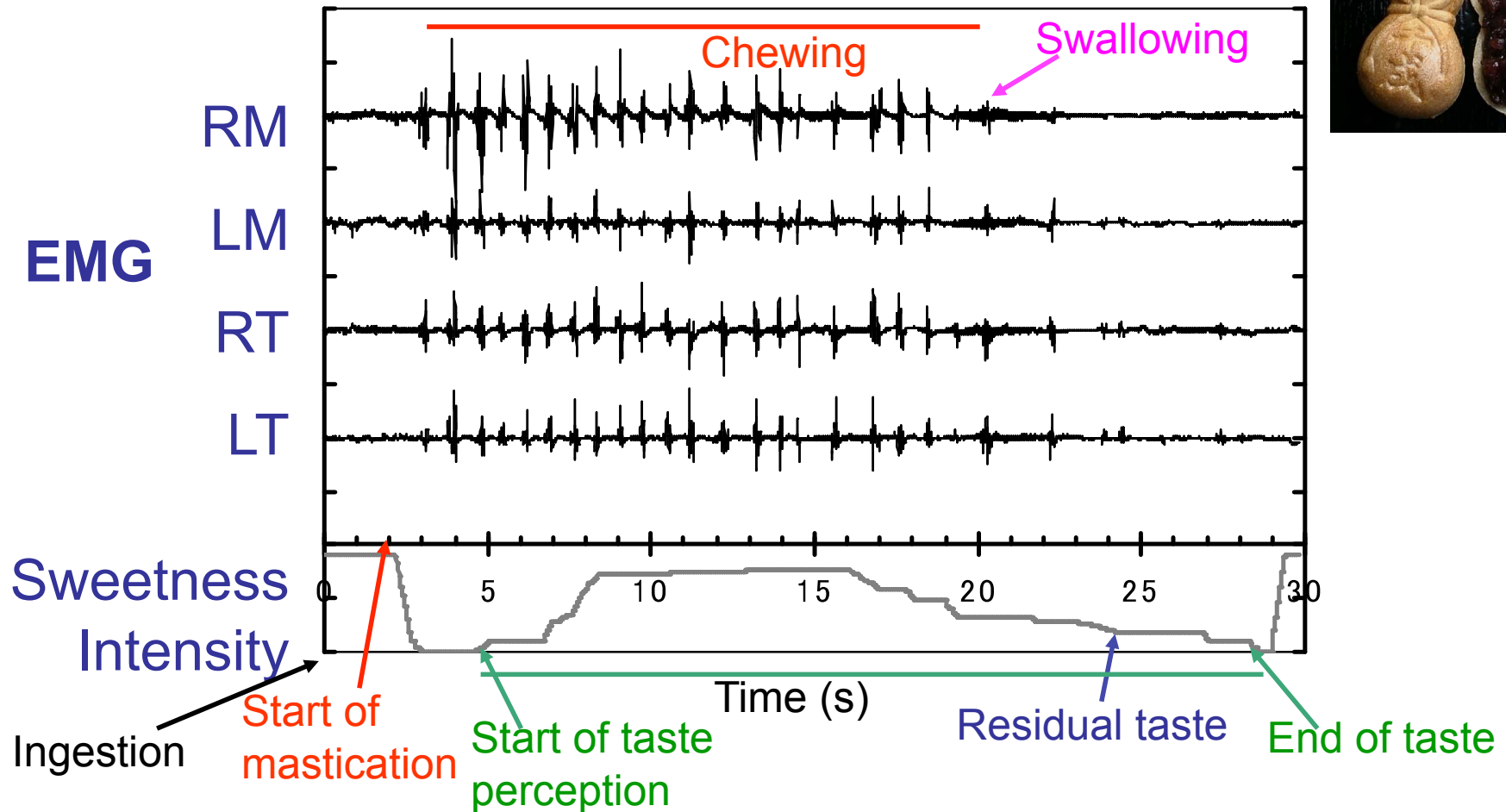


EMG examples for 5g of Parmigiano-Reggiano.

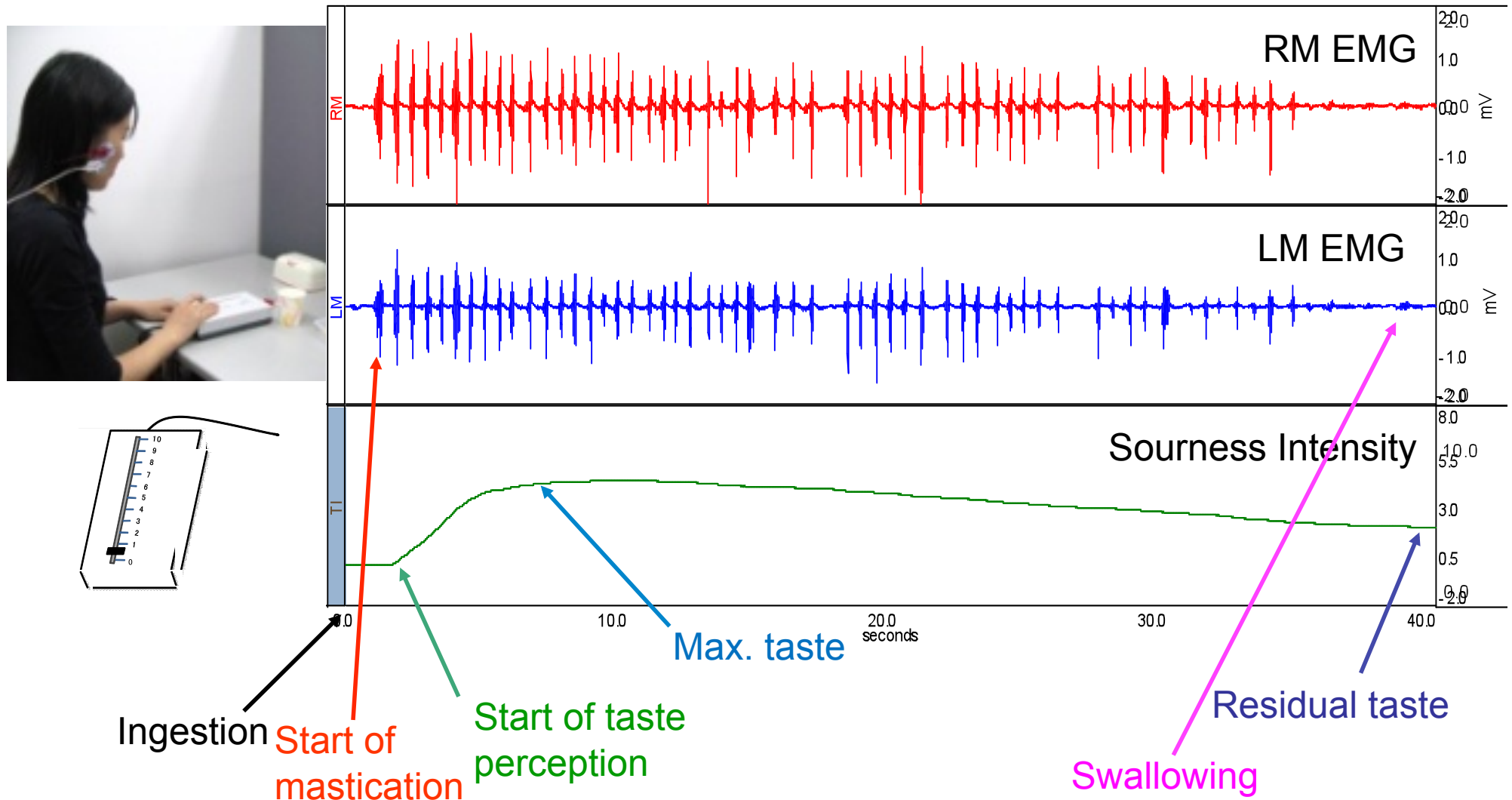


EMG and Time-Intensity chart

Sweetness release during mastication from a piece of *Monaka* (bean jam filled in a shell made of glutinous rice).

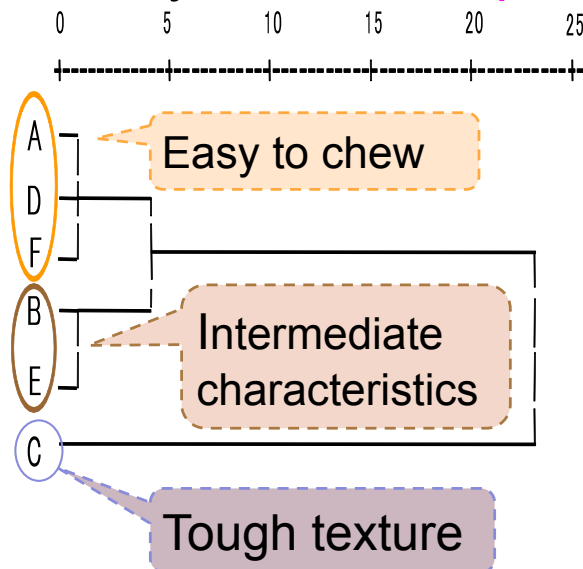


EMG and Time-Intensity chart for gummy jelly



Characteristics of gummy jellies

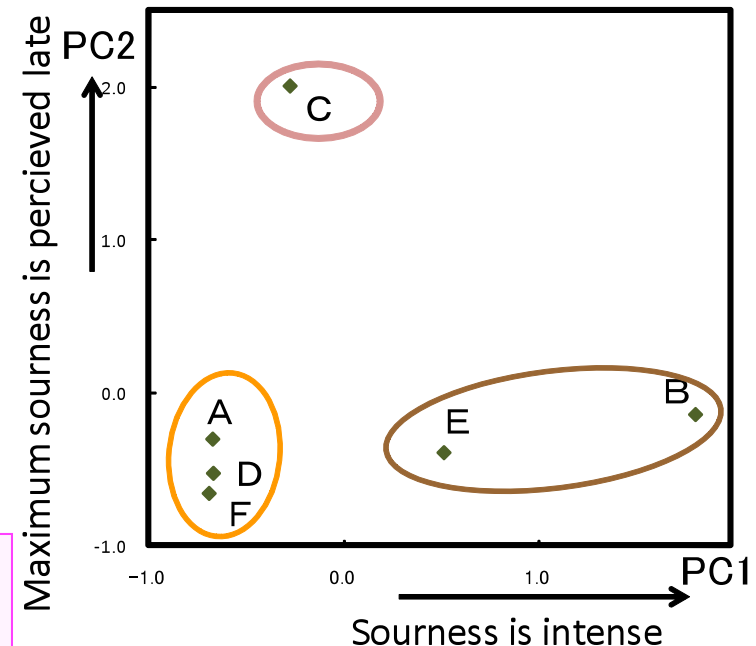
Cluster analysis on EMG parameters



EMG parameters were not significantly related to rupture stress and strain, and mechanical stress values at $\leq 60\%$.

Texture measured with EMG was related to mechanical stress under **very large compressive strain (90%)**, and it related to **flavor release** measured by the T-I sensory evaluation.

Principal component analysis on sensory time-intensity parameters



Summary

Application of the Human Mastication Measurement on Food Texture Analysis

- 1) **time course analysis** of texture change in the mouth during mastication
- 2) combined with T-I analysis for interaction between texture and flavor release
- 3) relation with **physical properties**
- 4) novel, objective **sensory evaluation** methods without language
- 5) effects of **serving / eating** methods
- 6) **individual differences** between subjects

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