

## Supplementary material

### Simultaneous detection of food dyes from different samples in a 96-well plate by spectrophotometry

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**Table S1**  $\epsilon$  data of six synthetic dyes obtained at the group I wavelengths

dye	$\epsilon_{425}$	$\epsilon_{480}$	$\epsilon_{496}$	$\epsilon_{508}$	$\epsilon_{520}$	$\epsilon_{626}$
TA	0.0361	0.0116	0.0027	0.0006	0.0001	0
SY	0.0149	0.0334	0.0312	0.0279	0.0176	0
AR	0.0101	0.0274	0.0313	0.0293	0.0259	0
PO	0.0061	0.0177	0.0212	0.0220	0.0207	0
AM	0.0054	0.0153	0.0199	0.0224	0.0236	0.0001
BB	0.0027	0.0003	0.0007	0.0011	0.0019	0.0640

**Table S2**  $\epsilon$  data of six synthetic dyes obtained at the group II wavelengths

dye	$\epsilon_{425}$	$\epsilon_{478}$	$\epsilon_{525}$	$\epsilon_{331}$	$\epsilon_{555}$	$\epsilon_{626}$
TA	0.0361	0.0133	0.0001	0.0044	0	0
SY	0.0149	0.0332	0.012	0.0072	0.0005	0
AR	0.0101	0.0263	0.0246	0.0078	0.0114	0
PO	0.0061	0.0171	0.0195	0.0113	0.0085	0
AM	0.0054	0.0146	0.0235	0.0096	0.0161	0.0001
BB	0.0027	0.0003	0.0024	0.0021	0.0077	0.064

**Table S3**  $\epsilon$  data of six synthetic dyes obtained at the group III wavelengths

dye	$\epsilon_{383}$	$\epsilon_{466}$	$\epsilon_{534}$	$\epsilon_{331}$	$\epsilon_{558}$	$\epsilon_{638}$
TA	0.0246	0.0213	0	0.0044	0	0
SY	0.0105	0.0297	0.005	0.0072	0.0003	0
AR	0.0065	0.0206	0.022	0.0078	0.0096	0
PO	0.0036	0.0134	0.017	0.0113	0.0072	0
AM	0.0045	0.0110	0.022	0.0096	0.0149	0
BB	0.0041	0.0002	0.003	0.0021	0.0088	0.0552

**Table S4** The contents of the mixture solutions, the unit of the concentrations in the table is  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ .

No.	$C_{TA}$	$C_{SY}$	$C_{AR}$	$C_{PO}$	$C_{AM}$	$C_{BB}$
1	4	4	4	4	4	4
2	5	5	5	5	5	5
3	7	7	7	7	7	7
4	8	8	8	8	8	8
5	10	10	10	10	10	10
6	12	12	12	12	12	12
7	13	13	13	13	13	13
8	14	14	14	14	14	14
9	15	15	15	15	15	15
10	16	16	16	16	16	16
11	20	20	20	20	20	20
12	5	10	15	20	25	30
13	10	5	25	30	20	15
14	15	20	5	25	30	10
15	20	15	30	5	10	25
16	25	30	10	15	5	20
17	30	25	20	10	15	5

**Table S5** Dye concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ ) in mixture samples No. 1–17 predicted by equation group (4)

Sample	$C_{TA}$	$C_{SY}$	$C_{AR}$	$C_{PO}$	$C_{AM}$	$C_{BB}$
1	4.42(4)	2.13(4)	-0.62(4)	20.68(4)	-2.86(4)	4.19(4)
2	5.45(5)	2.66(5)	-0.9(5)	25.88(5)	-3.75(5)	5.19(5)
3	7.52(7)	4.33(7)	-0.05(7)	31.06(7)	-2.71(7)	7.27(7)
4	8.61(8)	4.88(8)	0.4(8)	34.95(8)	-3.11(8)	8.29(8)
5	10.7(10)	6.81(10)	1.81(10)	38.03(10)	-1.01(10)	10.39(10)
6	12.85(12)	8.15(12)	2.43(12)	45.57(12)	-1.66(12)	12.42(12)
7	13.85(13)	8.79(13)	3.35(13)	47.74(13)	-1.51(13)	13.4(13)
8	14.86(14)	10.17(14)	4.97(14)	45.22(14)	1.9(14)	14.48(14)
9	15.9(15)	10.85(15)	5.98(15)	47.51(15)	1.98(15)	15.49(15)
10	16.81(16)	12.45(16)	6.45(16)	46.48(16)	4.79(16)	16.52(16)
11	20.86(20)	17.07(20)	11.64(20)	44.33(20)	12.49(20)	20.57(20)
12	5.04(5)	7.82(10)	8.09(15)	38.80(20)	19.00(25)	30.13(30)
13	10.41(10)	0.56(5)	14.53(25)	66.07(30)	5.26(20)	15.49(15)
14	14.76(15)	19.35(20)	1.88(5)	35.41(25)	25.82(30)	10.23(10)
15	19.29(20)	17.26(15)	28.57(30)	-11.81(5)	29.32(10)	25.48(25)
16	24.29(25)	33.45(30)	10.55(10)	-4.68(15)	22.35(5)	20.48(20)
17	29.34(30)	29.97(25)	21.38(20)	-22.06(10)	42.31(15)	5.26(5)

**Table S6** Dye concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ ) in mixture samples No. 1–17 predicted by equations group (5).

Sample	$C_{TA}$	$C_{SY}$	$C_{AR}$	$C_{PO}$	$C_{AM}$	$C_{BB}$
1	4.37(4)	0.25(4)	10.1(4)	6.35(4)	-1.18(4)	4.19(4)
2	5.36(5)	0.74(5)	11.7(5)	7.71(5)	-0.85(5)	5.19(5)
3	7.45(7)	1.47(7)	15.87(7)	10.26(7)	-0.61(7)	7.27(7)
4	8.52(8)	1.86(8)	17.81(8)	11.86(8)	-0.59(8)	8.28(8)
5	10.65(10)	3(10)	21.24(10)	14.32(10)	0.29(10)	10.39(10)
6	12.73(12)	4.43(12)	24.01(12)	16.74(12)	1.63(12)	12.41(12)
7	13.72(13)	5.07(13)	25.36(13)	17.87(13)	2.16(13)	13.4(13)
8	14.83(14)	5.55(14)	27.5(14)	18.98(14)	2.39(14)	14.48(14)
9	15.83(15)	6.61(15)	28.24(15)	20.11(15)	3.52(15)	15.49(15)
10	16.81(16)	7.46(16)	29.39(16)	21.13(16)	4.28(16)	16.52(16)
11	20.98(20)	11.27(20)	33.64(20)	25.14(20)	8.21(20)	20.58(20)
12	4.46(5)	12.72(10)	9.93(15)	18.64(20)	28.32(25)	29.61(30)
13	9.84(10)	2.87(5)	26.99(25)	31.73(30)	17.74(20)	14.97(15)
14	13.74(15)	32.77(20)	-14.08(5)	18.90(25)	45.33(30)	9.71(10)
15	19.74(20)	12.56(15)	32.68(30)	6.28(5)	7.91(10)	24.95(25)
16	24.12(25)	37.93(30)	-1.50(10)	11.19(15)	14.23(5)	19.95(20)
17	29.79(30)	28.07(25)	14.71(20)	8.71(10)	19.24(15)	4.74(5)

**Table S7** Dye concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ ) in mixture samples No. 1–17 predicted by equations group (6).

Sample	$C_{TA}$	$C_{SY}$	$C_{AR}$	$C_{PO}$	$C_{AM}$	$C_{BB}$
1	4.45(4)	1.79(4)	7.73(4)	4.81(4)	1.37(4)	4.17(4)
2	5.46(5)	2.37(5)	9.12(5)	6.1(5)	1.88(5)	5.15(5)
3	7.56(7)	3.64(7)	12.45(7)	8.08(7)	3.07(7)	7.21(7)
4	8.64(8)	4.31(8)	13.89(8)	9.33(8)	3.68(8)	8.21(8)
5	10.7(10)	5.83(10)	16.73(10)	11.55(10)	5.07(10)	10.33(10)
6	12.81(12)	7.35(12)	19.36(12)	13.9(12)	6.55(12)	12.31(12)
7	13.77(13)	8.04(13)	20.63(13)	15(13)	7.15(13)	13.3(13)
8	14.81(14)	9.05(14)	22(14)	15.6(14)	8.25(14)	14.37(14)
9	15.79(15)	9.99(15)	22.88(15)	16.9(15)	9.15(15)	15.37(15)
10	16.69(16)	10.96(16)	23.94(16)	17.79(16)	10.1(16)	16.39(16)
11	20.79(20)	14.65(20)	28.18(20)	22.03(20)	13.9(20)	20.44(20)
12	4.34(5)	11.46(10)	11.95(15)	19.48(20)	26.50(25)	29.65(30)
13	9.96(10)	3.86(5)	25.81(25)	30.99(30)	18.90(20)	15.03(15)
14	12.91(15)	27.02(20)	-5.72(5)	22.96(25)	37.59(30)	9.77(10)
15	19.68(20)	13.97(15)	31.01(30)	5.38(5)	9.45(10)	24.99(25)
16	23.61(25)	34.62(30)	3.22(10)	13.51(15)	9.87(5)	20.02(20)
17	29.31(30)	27.07(25)	16.34(20)	9.45(10)	17.81(15)	4.80(5)

Note: The data in brackets are the spiked concentrations of the dyes in the mixtures. The highlight indicated that the predicted result is within 80%-120% of the spiked value.

**Table S8-1**  $\epsilon$  data of TA, SY and PO corresponding to the selected wavelengths for equation (7) and (8)

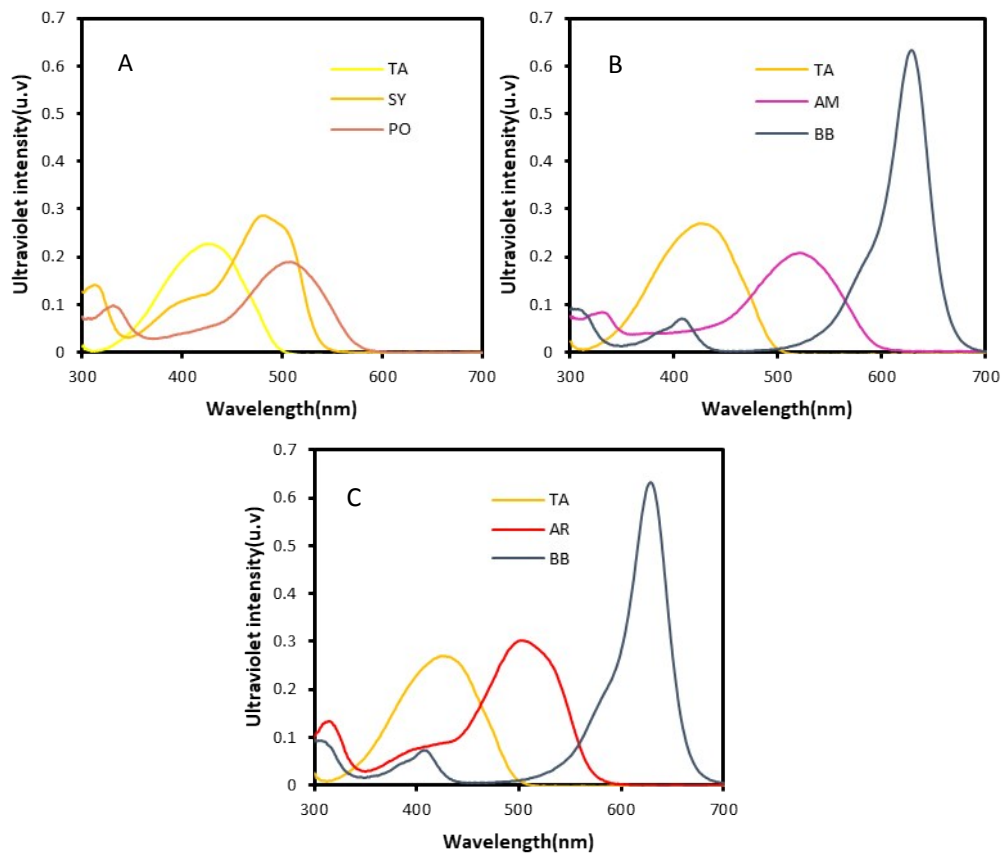
dye	$\epsilon$ matrix for equation (7)			$\epsilon$ matrix for equation (8)		
	$\epsilon_{425}$	$\epsilon_{480}$	$\epsilon_{508}$	$\epsilon_{401}$	$\epsilon_{476}$	$\epsilon_{551}$
TA	0.0233	0.0072	0.0004	0.0202	0.0092	0
SY	0.0125	0.0285	0.0237	0.011	0.0282	0.001
PO	0.0054	0.0157	0.0195	0.004	0.0146	0.009

**Table S8-2**  $\epsilon$  data of TA, AM and BB corresponding to the selected wavelengths for equation (9) and (10)

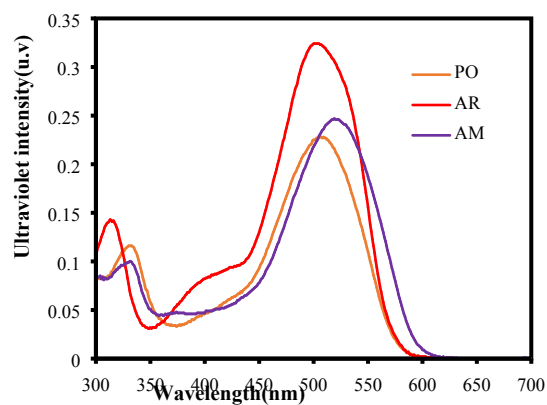
dye	$\epsilon$ matrix for equation (9)			$\epsilon$ matrix for equation (10)		
	$\epsilon_{425}$	$\epsilon_{520}$	$\epsilon_{626}$	$\epsilon_{390}$	$\epsilon_{520}$	$\epsilon_{626}$
TA	0.0269	0	0	0.0203	0	0
AM	0.0048	0.0212	0	0.004	0.0212	0
BB	0.0025	0.0018	0.0614	0.0047	0.0018	0.0614

**Table S8-3**  $\epsilon$  data of TA, AR and BB corresponding to the selected wavelengths for equation (11) and (12)

dye	$\epsilon$ matrix for equation (11)			$\epsilon$ matrix for equation (12)		
	$\epsilon_{425}$	$\epsilon_{496}$	$\epsilon_{626}$	$\epsilon_{390}$	$\epsilon_{501}$	$\epsilon_{626}$
TA	0.0269	0.0019	0	0.0203	0.001	0
AR	0.0089	0.0277	0	0.0065	0.0272	0
BB	0.0025	0.0006	0.0614	0.0047	0.0018	0.0614



**Figure S1.** Spectra of food dyes tartrazine (TA), sunset yellow (SY), allura red (AR), ponceau 4R (PO), amaranth (AM), and bright blue (BB) classed in three groups: A) yellow orange, B) red purple and C) blue green.



**Figure S2.** Spectra of three highly overlapped red dyes, ponceau 4R (PO), allura red (AR) and amaranth (AM)