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Effect of Temperature and Moisture Content on Water Diffusion Coefficients in Rice Starch/Water Mixtures

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For simulating the process of cooking rice grains or rice starch-related products, knowledge of the water diffusion coefficient as a function of temperature and moisture content is essential. Unfortunately, however, little reliable published data is available. In this paper, the water diffusion coefficient (WDC) in rice starch/water mixtures at selected moisture content was measured by PFG-NMR over a range of temperatures. The WDC in a heated sample (0.42-0.89 g H₂O/g sample), which was heated at 90°C for 60 min and cooling in advance, was measured over the temperature range of 10-90°C.

C, and that in a non-heated sample (0.465-0.55 g H₂O/g sample)
C. The correlations between WDC and temperature as well as bet
moisture content were examined, and some empirical equations we
the estimation of the WDC at an arbitrary combination of temperat
was enabled.

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