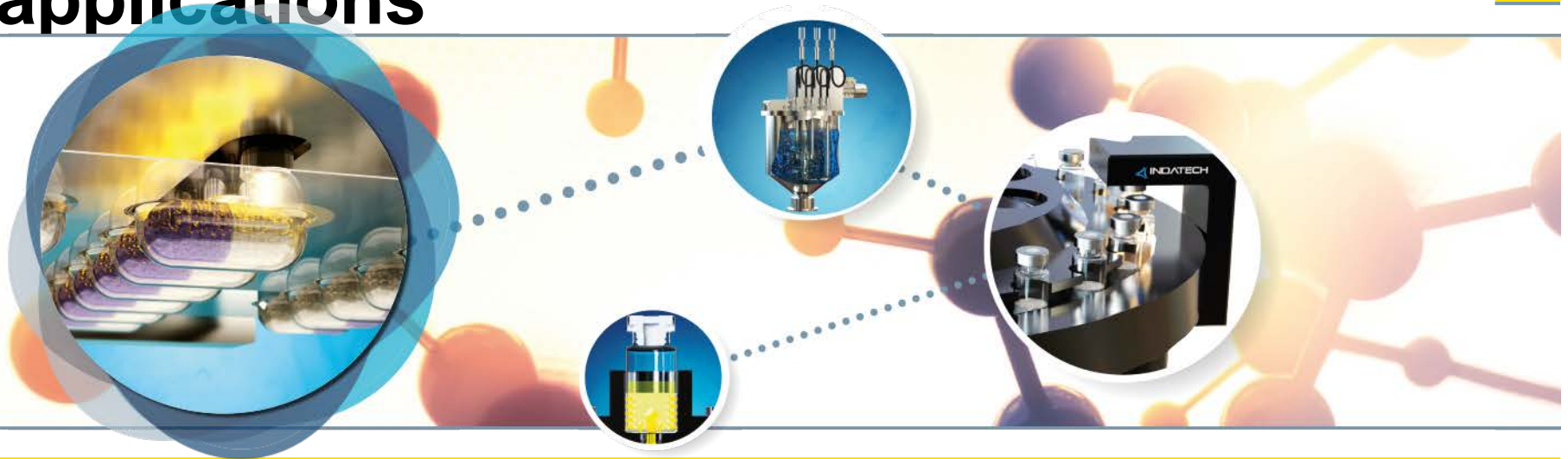


# Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy & Multipoint NIR spectroscopy for in-line real-time industrial applications



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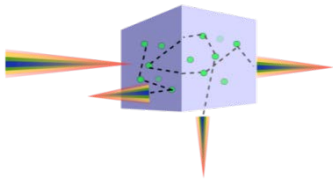
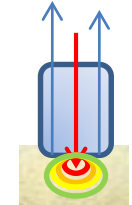
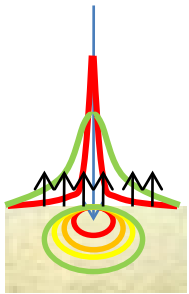
## Different ideas from different fields :

- Medicine
  - Early stage detection of carcinoma relies on physical change detection of the cell (Patterson 89).
    - Approach : perform measurements at different distances from the light source
- Study of powders (Kubelka Munk)
  - To study scattering of powder: perform measurements at different thicknesses
  - Double integrating sphere approach
- Study of liquids
  - Turbidity : measurement at different angles
- Spectral Imaging :
  - Moving a fiber along the sample to scan it

# → What is SRS?

## What is Sam-Spec® concept?

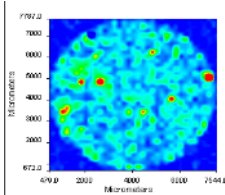
- **Getting more information by the combination of simultaneous fiber imaging measurements combining:**



- Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy (SRS) = performing spectroscopic measurements at different distances from the light source
- Different locations in reflection mode
- Different positions at same distance (homogeneity)
  - Single probe and multiprobe approach
- Different angles for liquid (collimated transmission, uncollimated transmission, reflection, 90°)

# The patented SAM-Spec<sup>®</sup> solution

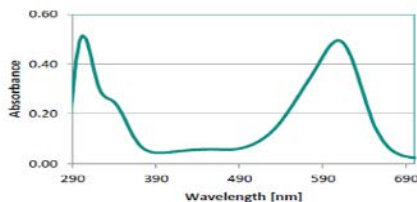
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= too high resolution



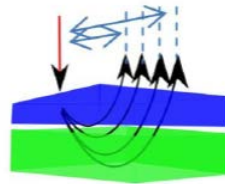
**SAM-Spec<sup>®</sup> SRS**  
**Spatial Advanced**  
**Measurement by**  
**SPECTroscopy**



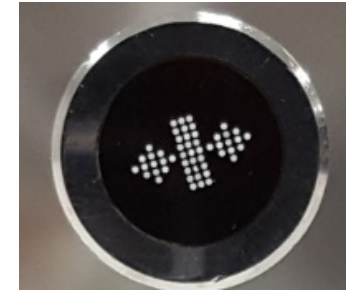
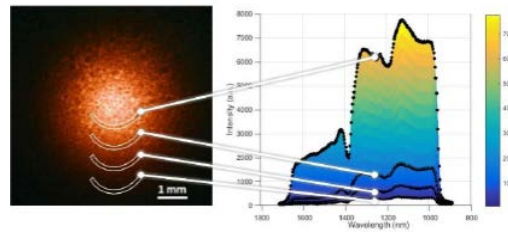
Single spectrum acquisition  
= not enough information



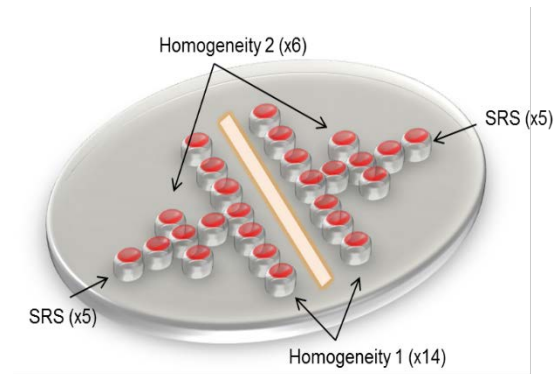
1 illumination  
Several back  
scattered signals



<http://www.indatech.eu/en/products/probes/sam-spec.html>



Examples of probe head

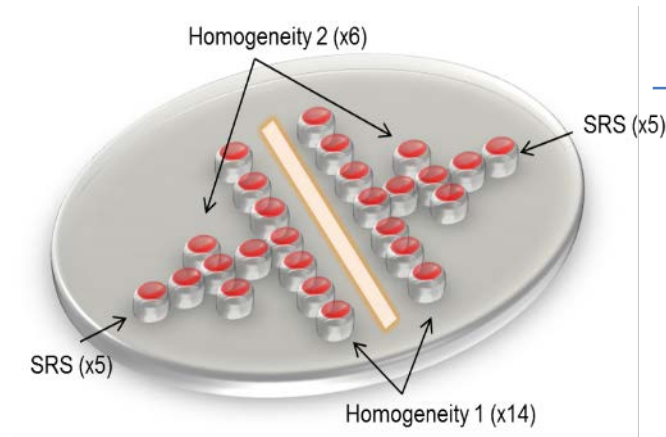


*Measure up*



# The patented SAM-Spec<sup>®</sup> solution

## ➔ More than just chemical concentration prediction

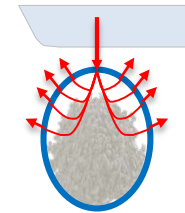


### Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy (SRS) fibers (scattering information)

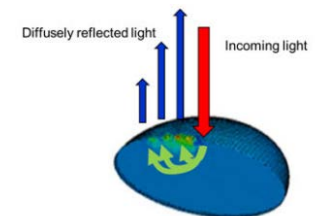
- Density, mean particle size, hardness



- Weight of a capsule



- Signal optimization  
Select the best path of light to obtain the best prediction

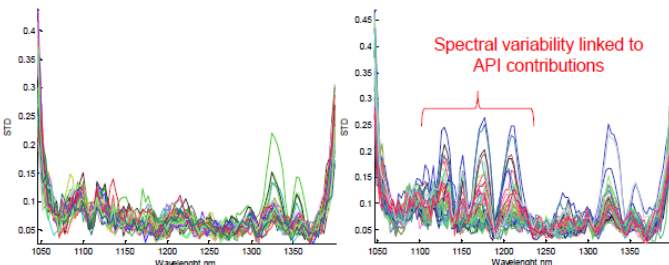


### Homogeneity fibers

Standard deviation of spectra for  
direct information on homogeneity

STD spectra:  
50 P1 tablets

STD spectra:  
50 P2 tablets



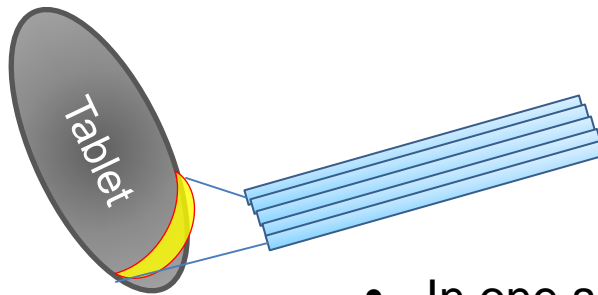
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# Example of SAM-Spec<sup>®</sup> for in-line tablet measurement

How to increase the surface information ?

Scan of a tablet

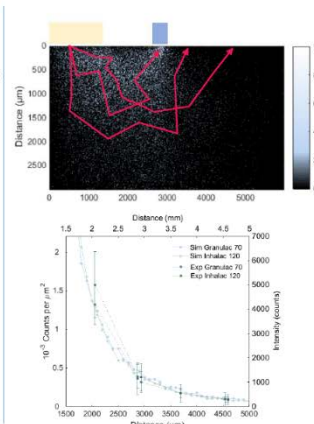
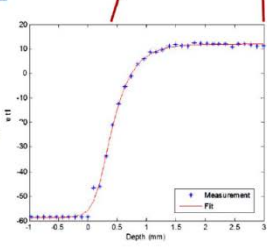
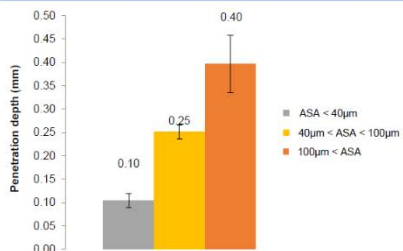


NIR : 900-1700nm

SRS probe: up to 27 simultaneous channels

- In one shot (~2 ms) on a tablet: 10 to 25 spectra
- Total: 90 to 675 spectra per tablet
- Surface and subsurface measurements

- Penetration depth is dependent on the sample and the sampling geometry.
- There is no single „depth“, in reflection the signal is coming with exponential contribution from the layers.



Scheibelhofer Otto (2016). Challenges of process analysis in continuous manufacturing, *PAT conference*, Lyon, France 2016.

Scheibelhofer O., Wahl P., Larchevêque B., Chauchard F., G. Khinast, J. (2018). Spatially Resolved Spectral Powder Analysis: Experiments and Modeling. *Applied Spectroscopy*. 72.



# Example of SAM-Spec<sup>®</sup> for process monitoring

**How to increase the process understanding and the process performance ?**

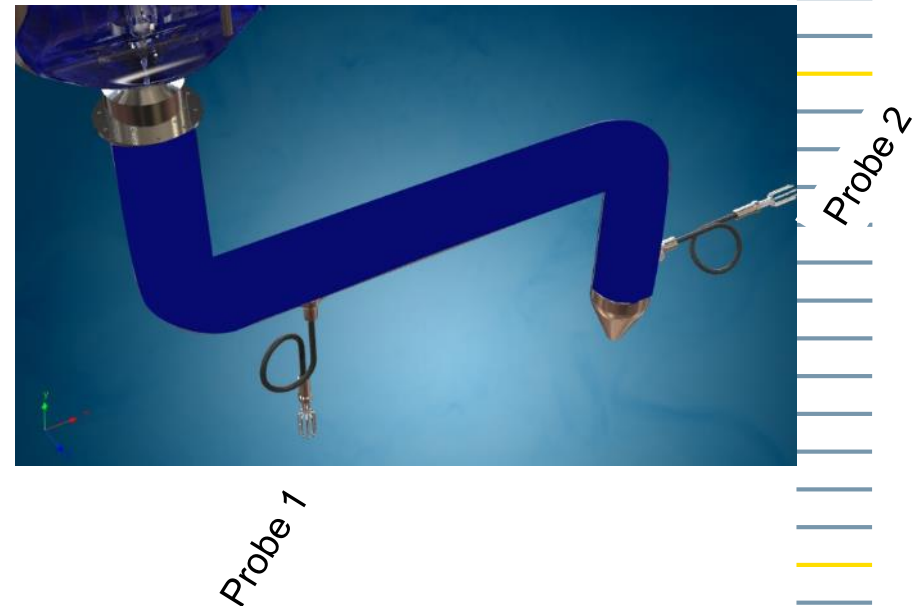
➔ Scan of different critical process steps or lanes

## Reactor case



Local homogeneity  
(SRS)  
+ Homogeneity at  
different depths  
(multi probes)

## Continuous process



Real-time mapping of a  
continuous process at different locations



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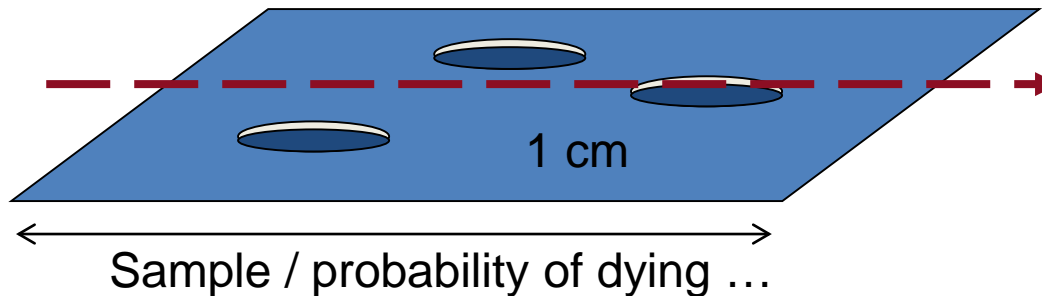
# Absorption coefficient

- The absorption coefficient is defined as the concentration of a chemical product (c) x pure spectrum (k)

$$\mu_a(\lambda) = c.k(\lambda) \text{ in } \text{cm}^{-1}$$

- The absorption coefficient gives the probability for a photon of being absorbed per unit length

Photon Man



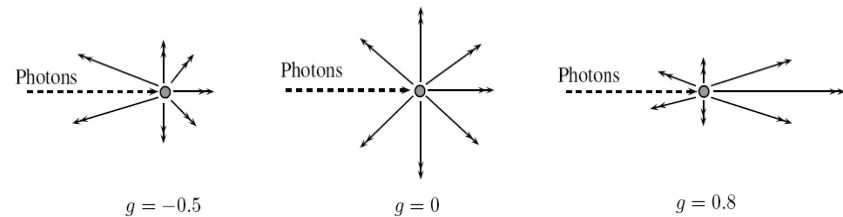
Will he survive?



# Scattering coefficient

- Scattering coefficient = probability for a photon of being scattered  $\mu_s$

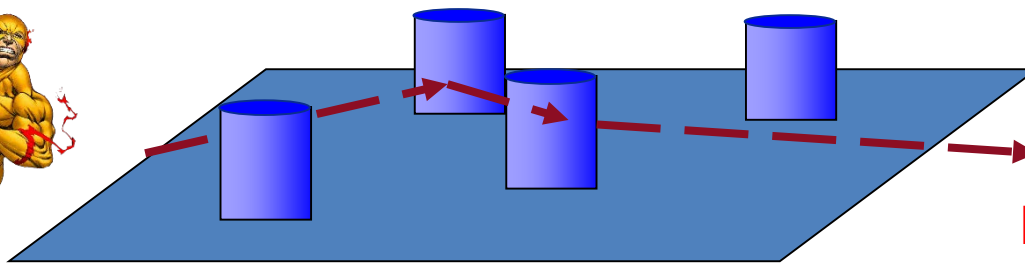
- Anisotropy coefficient  $g$  (possible values:  $[-1 \ 1]$ )



- Reduced scattering coefficient

$$\mu'_s = (1 - g)\mu_s$$

Photon Man

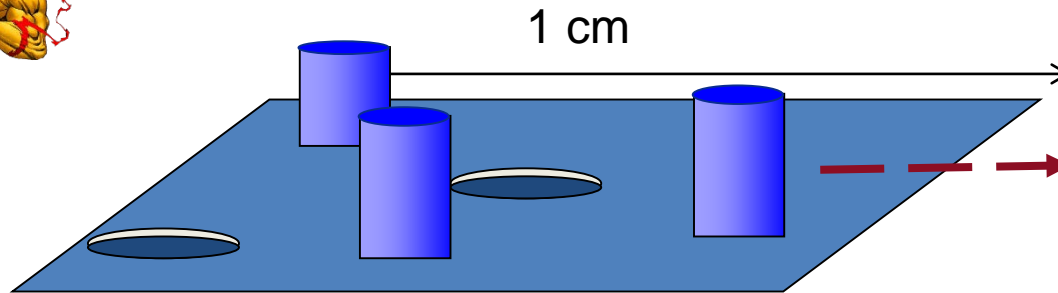
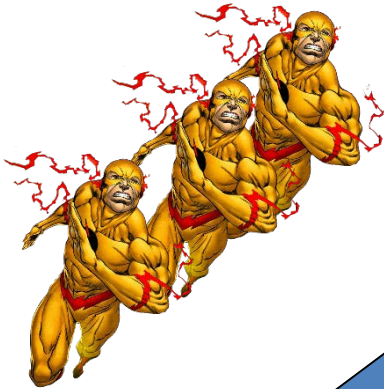


Sample / probability of meeting point ...

he will survive,  
But will he come  
here and when ?



# Equation of diffusion



Number of  
photons  
reaching the  
detector

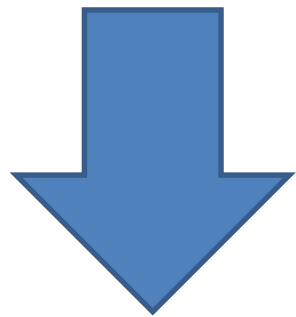
Number of photons for  
irradiation  $I_0$

- Equation of Diffusion (Patterson 1989)

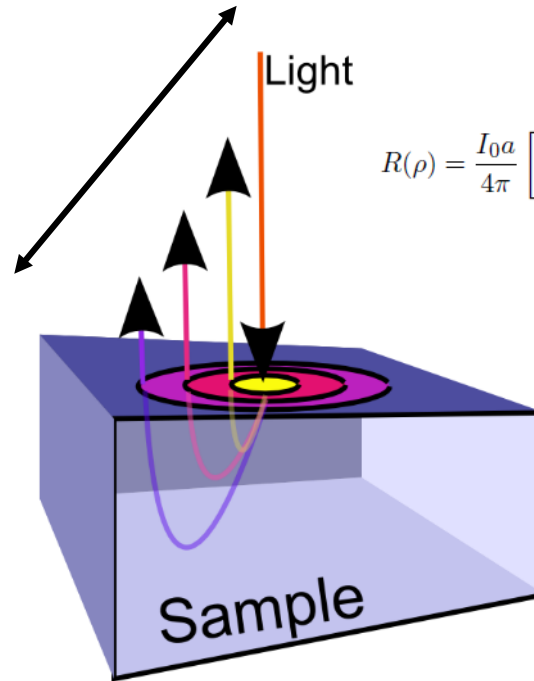
$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} - D \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \mu_a \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{v} Q_0(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

> Different measurement positions can be used to separate physical attribute ( $\mu_s$ ) from chemical attribute ( $\mu_a$ )

Signal attenuation



*Mean particle size*  
*Density*  
*Porosity*  
*Particle shape*  
*Coating*



- Farnell's equation (1992)

$$R(\rho) = \frac{I_0 a}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu_{tr}} \left( \mu_{eff} + \frac{1}{r_1} \right) \frac{\exp(-\mu_{eff} r_1)}{r_1^2} + \left( \frac{1}{\mu_{tr}} + 2z_b \right) \left( \mu_{eff} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) \frac{\exp(-\mu_{eff} r_2)}{r_2^2} \right]$$

$$\mu_{eff} = [3\mu_a(\mu_a + \mu'_s)]^{-1}$$

$$a = \mu'_s / \mu_{tr}$$

$$r_1 = [z_0^2 + \rho^2]^{1/2}$$

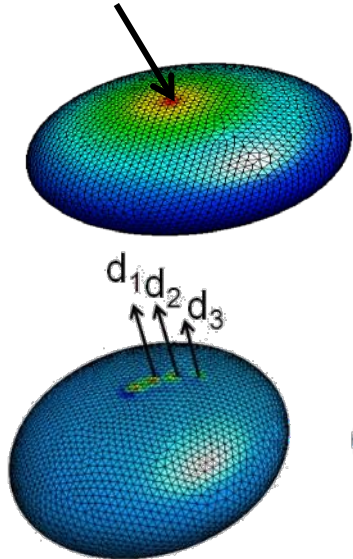
$$r_2 = [(z_0 + 2z_b)^2 + \rho^2]^{1/2}$$

$$z_0 = 1/\mu'_s$$

$$z_b = 2AD$$

# Simulation example

## Irradiation



Various simulation tools exist:

- Monte Carlo simulation
- Finite Element Method (NIRFAST)

**NIRFAST**

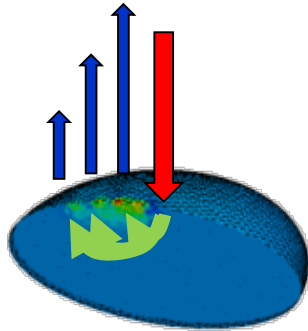
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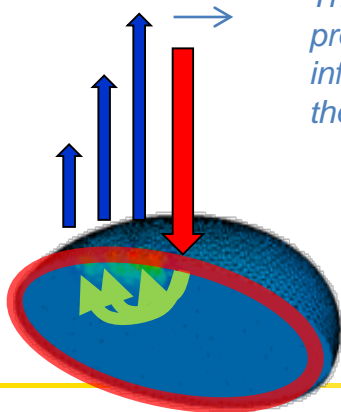
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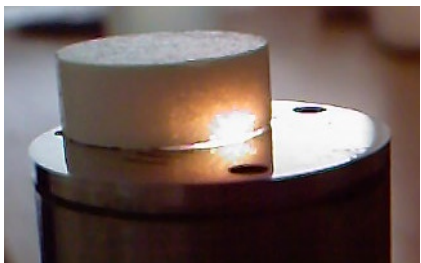


*The first position  
provides more  
information from  
the coating*



Drawbacks of simulations:

- $\mu_a$  and  $\mu_s$  independence hypothesis
- Boundary conditions usually unknown
- Optical properties of all compounds
- Even more complex with heterogeneous samples
- Computation time



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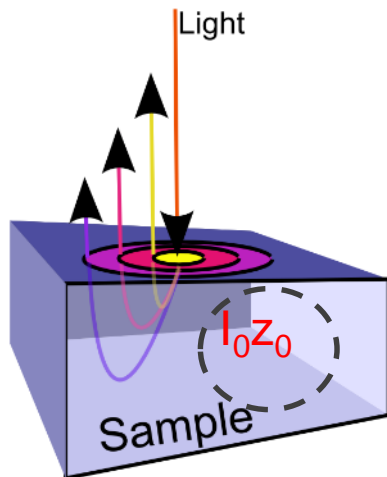


# Chemometrics tools for SAM-Spec<sup>®</sup> signal analysis

1. Robustness / Reference
2. Measurement distance optimization
3. Prediction validity
4. Homogeneity / Dosage uniformity
5. Mean particle size / Density / Hardness

# 1. Robustness / Reference

- Light reference measurement into the sample (or into the process)
  - With a classical probe, it is necessary to perform a reference / spectralon measurement

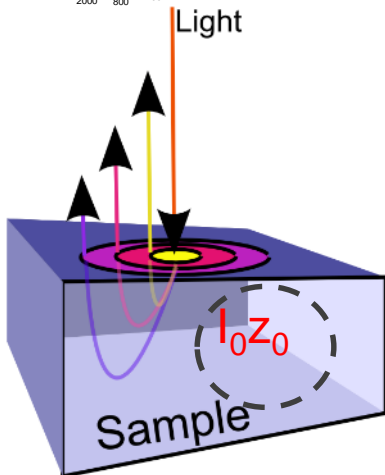
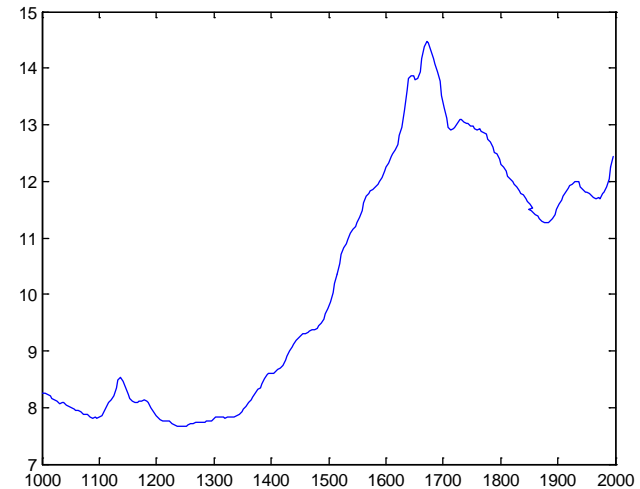
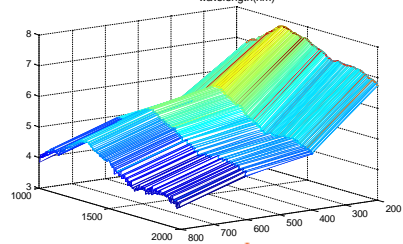
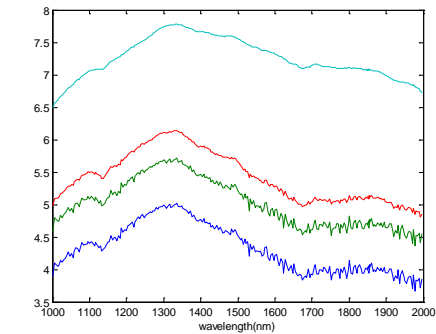


- With SRS : 
$$R(\rho) = I_0 z_0 \frac{\exp(-\mu_{eff} \rho)}{2\pi \rho^2} \left( \mu_{eff} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right)$$

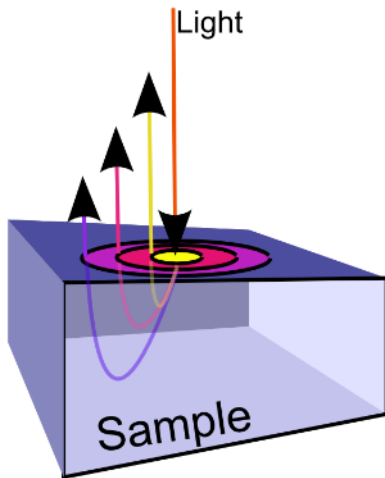
$$z_0 = 1/\mu'_s$$
$$\mu_{eff} = [3\mu_a(\mu_a + \mu'_s)]^{-1}$$

→ A ratio of 2 spectra at 2 different locations removes the effect of the light source fluctuation and the major part of the scattering effect

# Ex : No reference needed



## 2. Optimal measurement distance



*Different  
distances and  
depths into the  
sample*

- The measurements at different locations provide different light pathlengths and depths into the sample

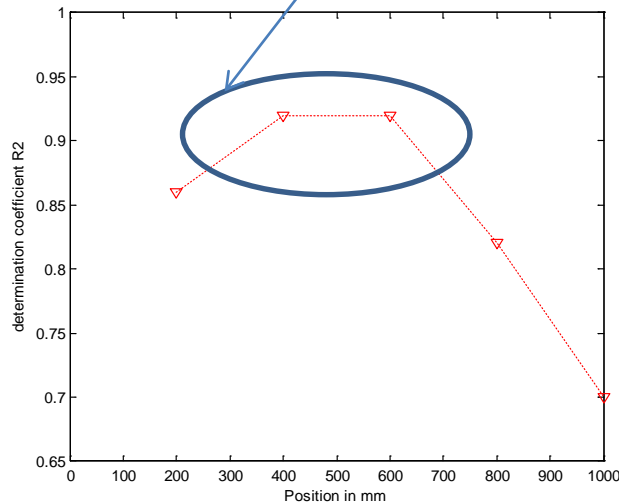
➔ Select the best distance from the illumination point to get the best back-scattered information

1. Perform a measurement with all channels
2. Derive calibration models based on each channel
3. Evaluate each calibration performance depending on the distance
4. Select the ideal probe configuration

## 2. Optimal measurement distance

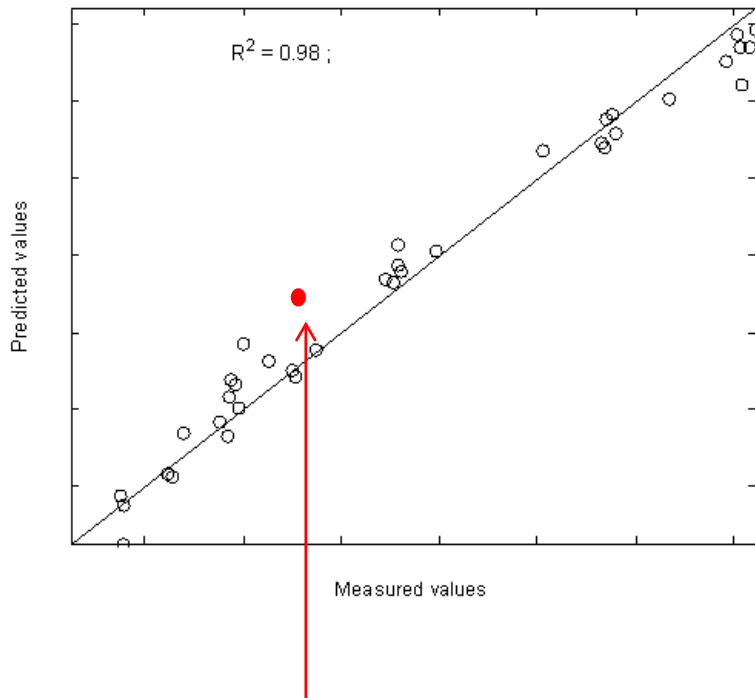
- Ex: measurement optimization for flour protein prediction

Optimal distance



This optimization is highly interesting for low concentration predictions or low density products such as fluid bed drying

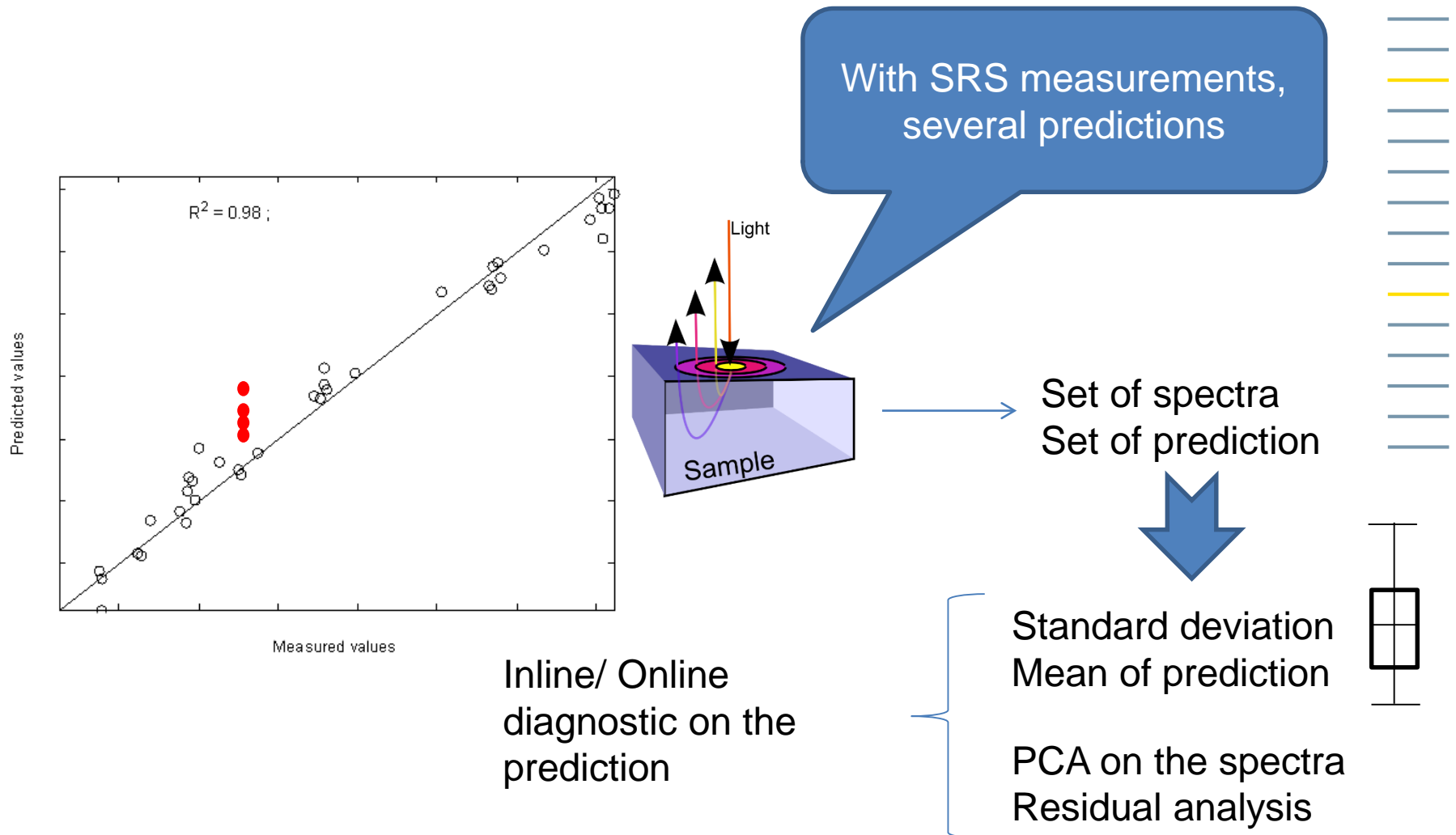
# 3. Validity of prediction



- Since several measurements and models can be used, several predictions can be performed for one sample
  - ➔ Several predictions (different locations and models)
  - ➔ Data fusion
  - ➔ Confidence interval and statistical tools to assess the validity of prediction

**What is the prediction uncertainty ?**  
**In-line, there is no other information than the PLS predicted value**

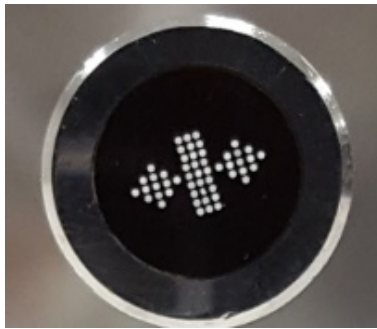
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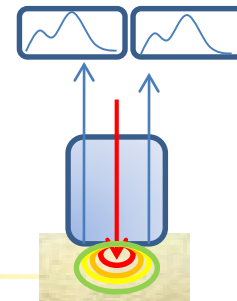
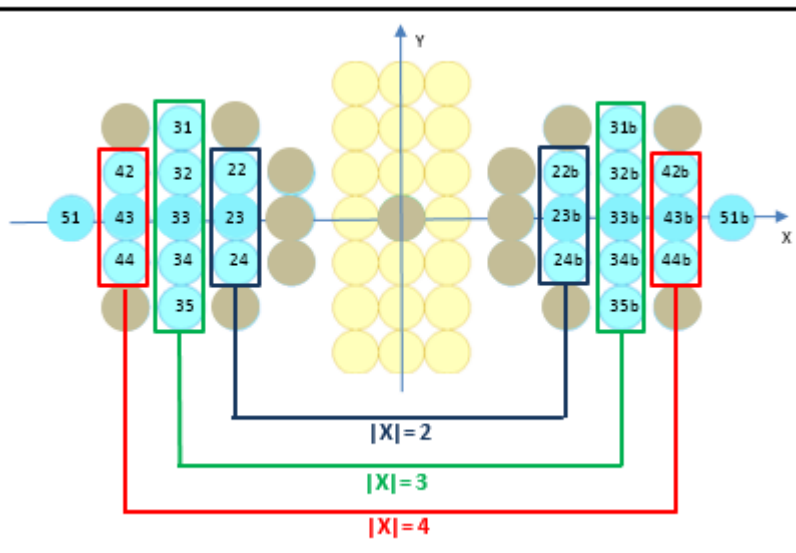
# 4. Homogeneity & Uniformity

- Homogeneity : standard deviation between signals from fibers at the same distance / illumination



- 3 std spectra are computed
- Each one is the standard deviation of spectra at different distances from y
  - $X=2$  : std on 6 spectra
  - $X=3$  : std on 10 spectra
  - $X=4$  std on 6 spectra

When  $X$  increases, the analyzed volume and measurement depth increase



Measure up



# 4. Homogeneity index Definition

- Homogeneity spectrum:  $S_k$  is calculated with  $n$  spectra at distance  $x = K \rightarrow X_k$

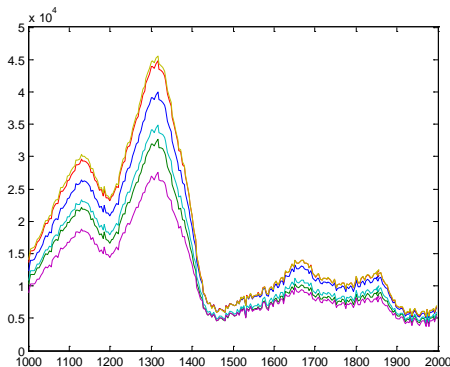
$$S_k = \sqrt{\frac{(X_k - \bar{X}_k)^2}{n - 1}}$$

→ For more details: M. Boiret, F. Chauchard, 2017. Use of near infrared spectroscopy and multipoint measurements for quality control of pharmaceutical drug products, *Analytical & Bioanalytical Chemistry*, 409(3):683-691.

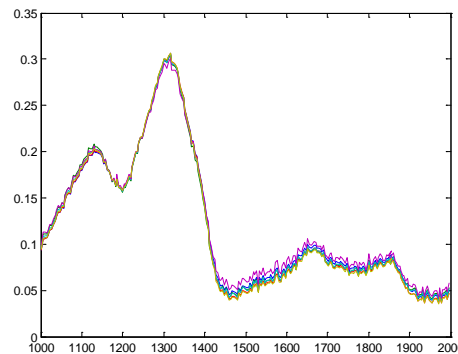
- The homogeneity index is calculated based on the following steps:
  - Spectroscopic preprocessing
  - Standard deviation calculation
- The homogeneity index can be then used with SIMCA, PLS, MSPC (continuous process), BSPC (batch modelling)...

# 4. Homogeneity example

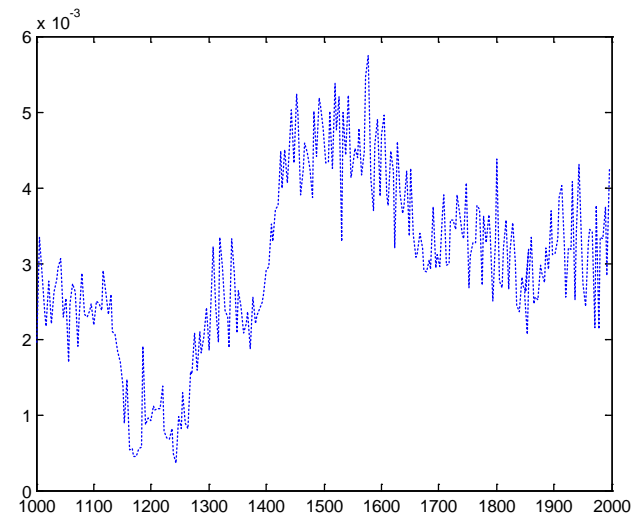
- Flour measurement
- 6 channels are measured at the same distance



Raw spectra



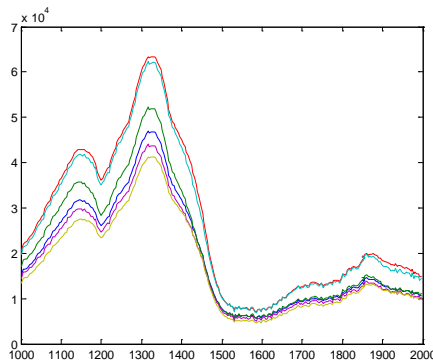
Normalized  
spectra



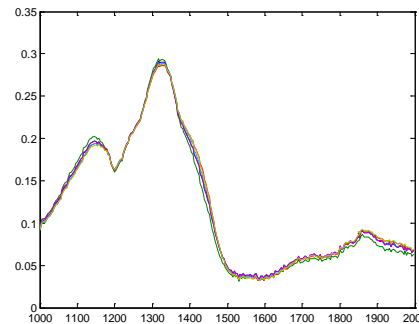
Std(normalize(x))

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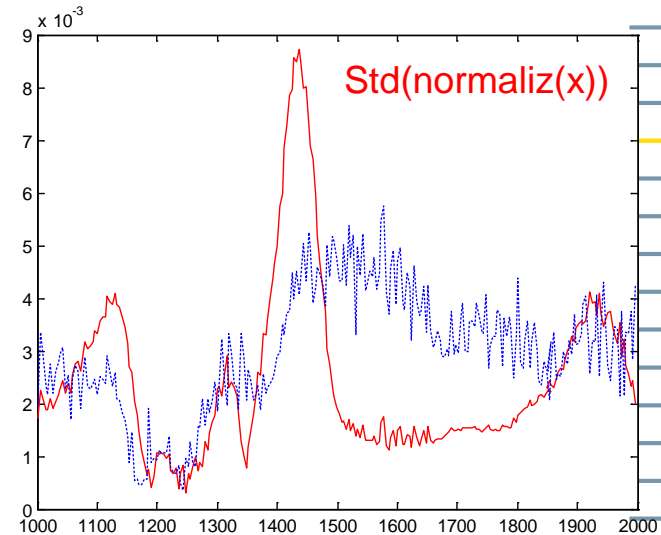
- Flour measurement + GLUCOSE
- 6 channels are measured at the same distance



Raw spectra



Normalised spectra

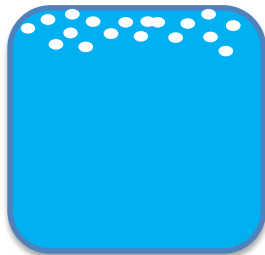


The standard deviation of the positions provides a direct diagnostic of homogeneity

# Multiprobe for complex mixing

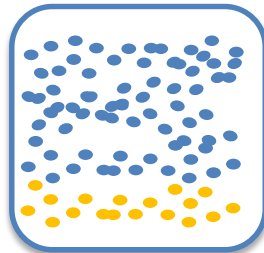
## Common problem in mixing

Liquid



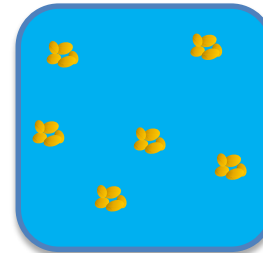
*creaming*

Solid



*Unmixing /  
sedimentation*

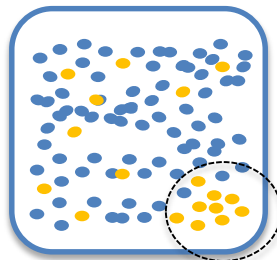
Liquid+solid



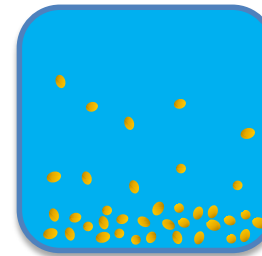
*flocculation*



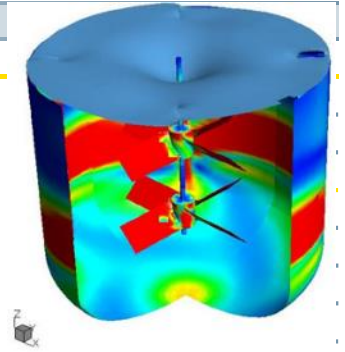
*Unmixing /  
coalescence*



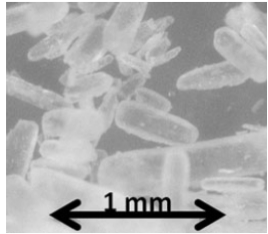
*Clog /agglomerates*



*sedimentation*



# 4. Powder homogeneity



- Blending of Pharmaceutical powders using Multipoint NIR
  - Acetyl Salicylic Acid (rod shape crystals)
  - Lactose mono hydrate Tabletose (spherical particles)

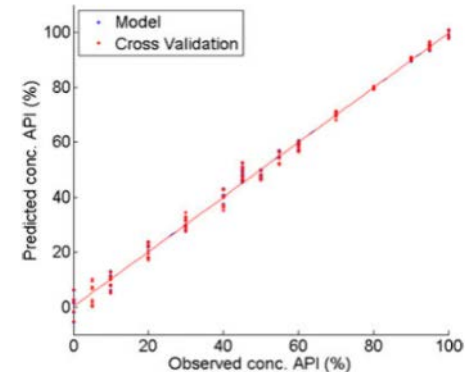
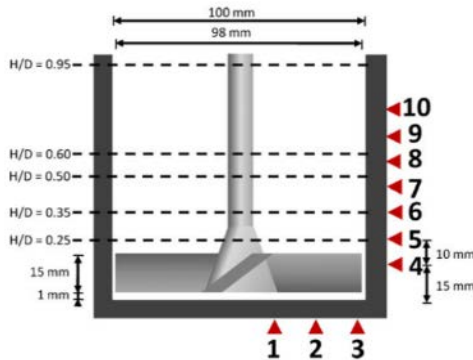
Objective: Process understanding of mixing

- 3 runs with the same composition (50/50) and fill order were performed (pure ASA at the bottom)

# 4. Powder homogeneity

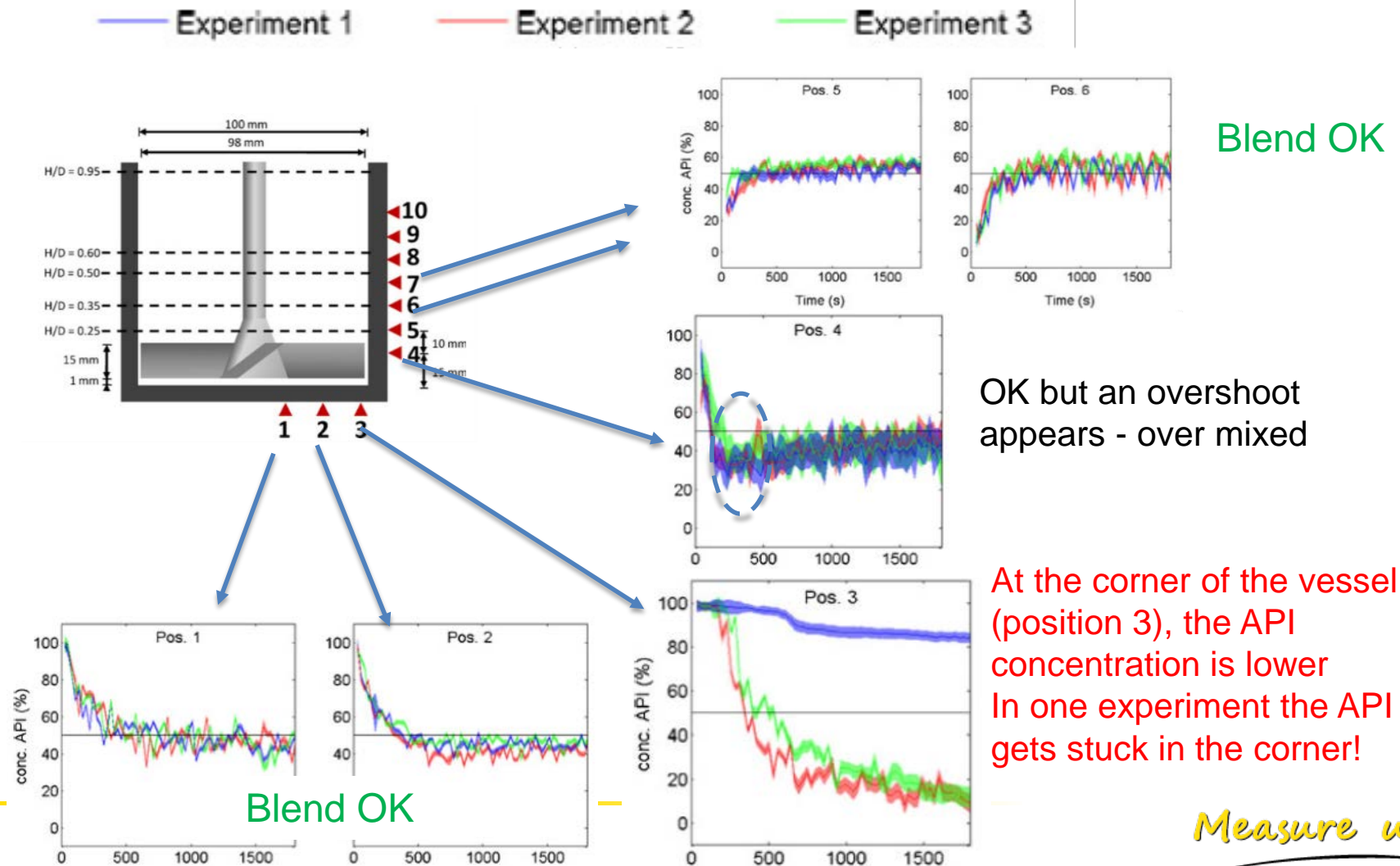


- Setup : 10 optical probes at different depths around the mixer
- Calibration mix :  
[0; 5 10 20 30 40 45 50 55 60 70 80 90 95 100]% API
- SNV preprocessing for API prediction
- Calibration with Unscrambler® X
  - $R^2=0.99$
  - RMSE=1.5%





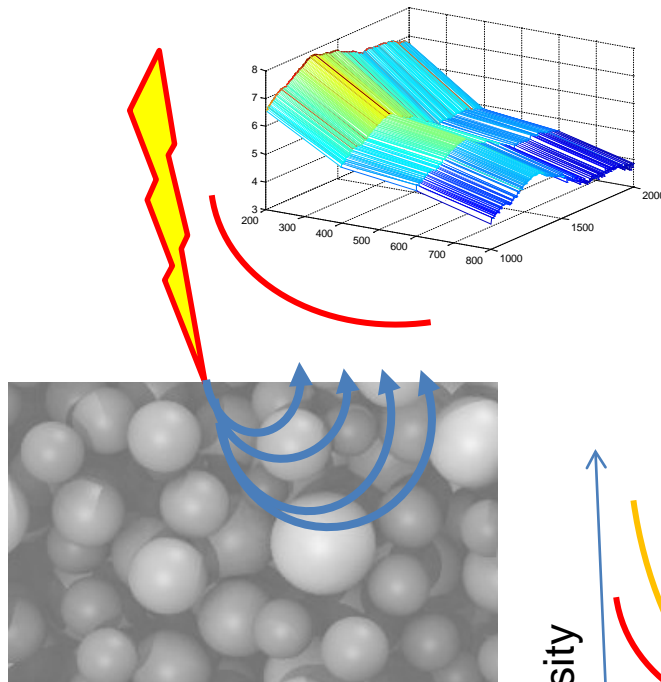
# Determining powder blending dynamics, mixing end-point and homogeneity



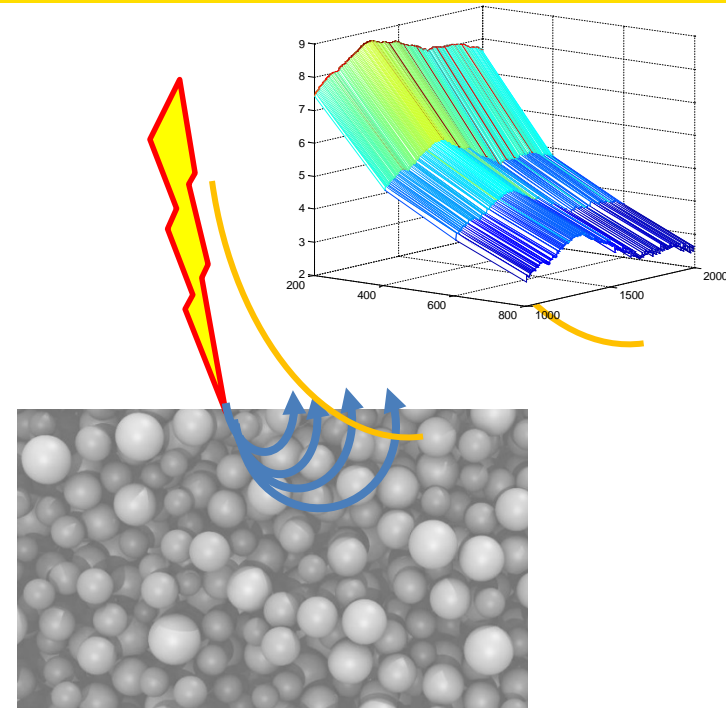
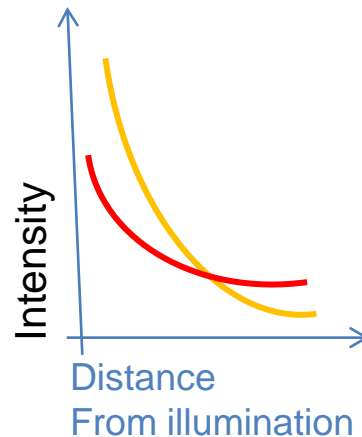
*Measure up*



# 5. Mean Particle Size / Density



Large particles  
Lower density

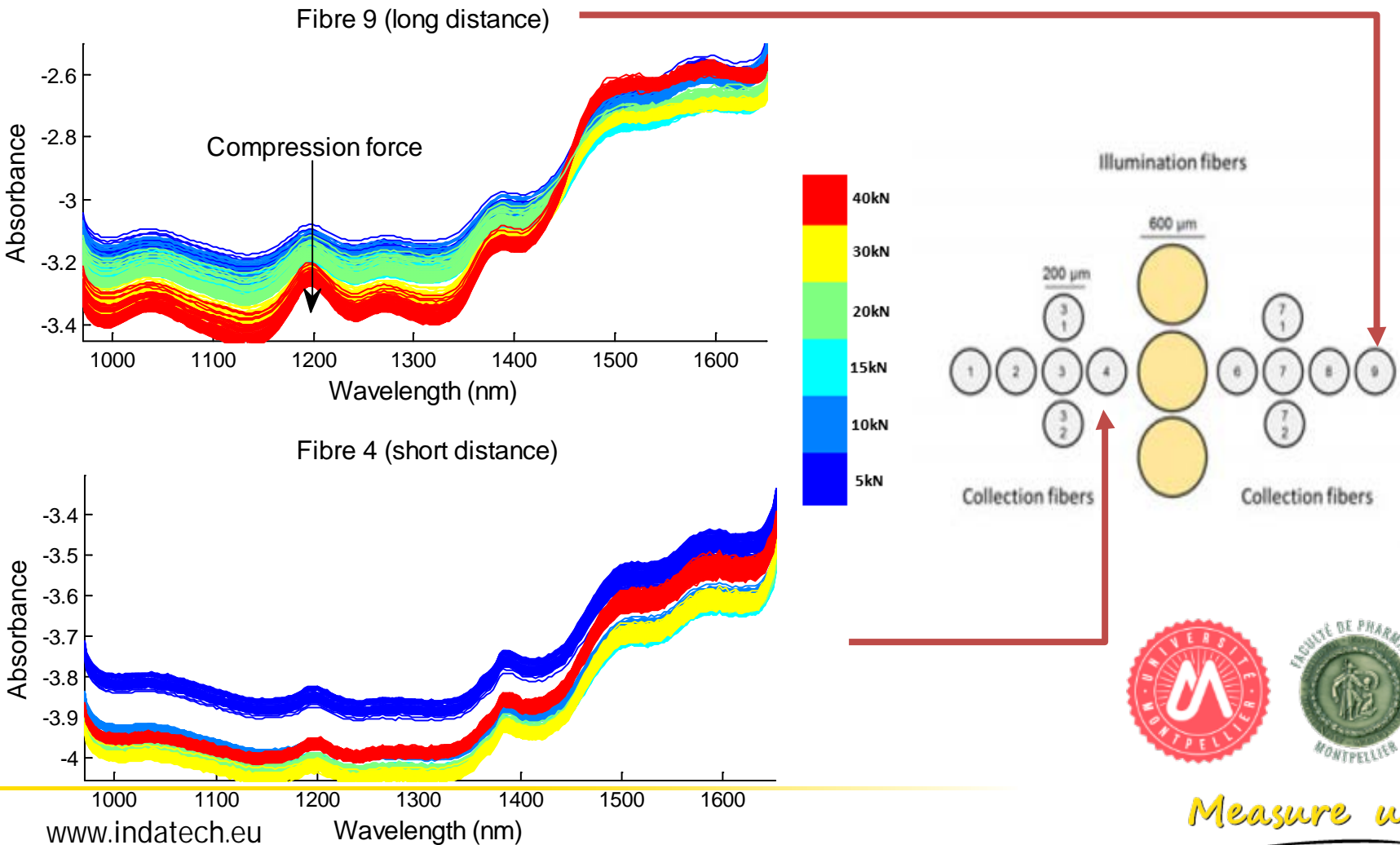


Small particles  
Higher density and compaction level  
→ Faster decrease of scattering  
signal with distance  
→ Steepest slope

- Ratio of 2 extreme positions for density assessment
- Standard deviation of several positions

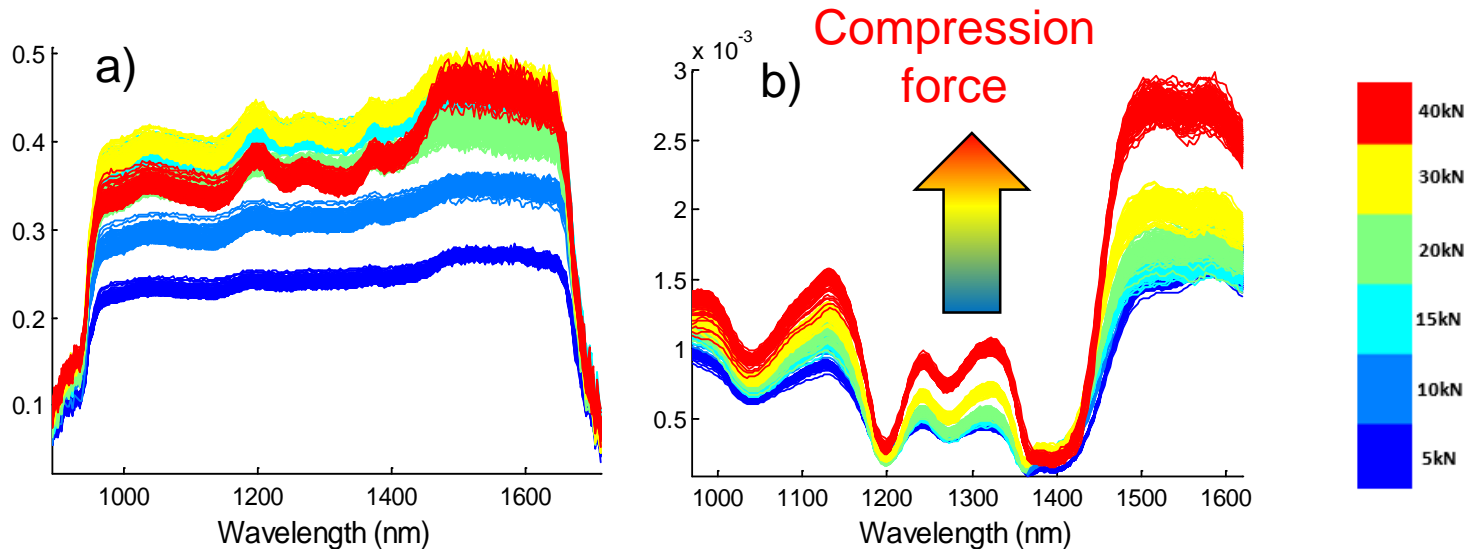
# 5. Tablet hardness

## Ex: 2 SRS NIR signals and 6 levels of compression force



# 5. Tablet hardness

- 8 SRS NIR positions and 6 levels of compression force
  - a) Standard deviation spectra of the 8 positions for each compression level
  - b) Standard deviation of the normalized spectra of the 8 positions

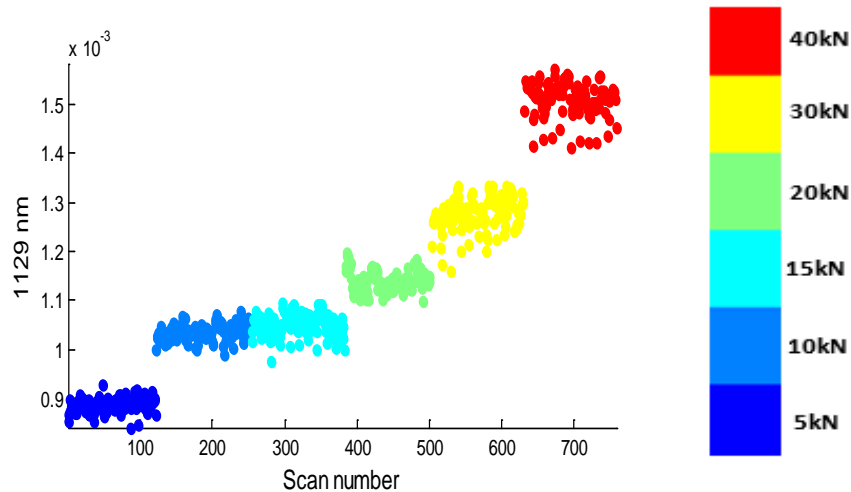


Standard deviation of the SRS spectra without (a) and with (b) normalization

# 5. Tablet hardness

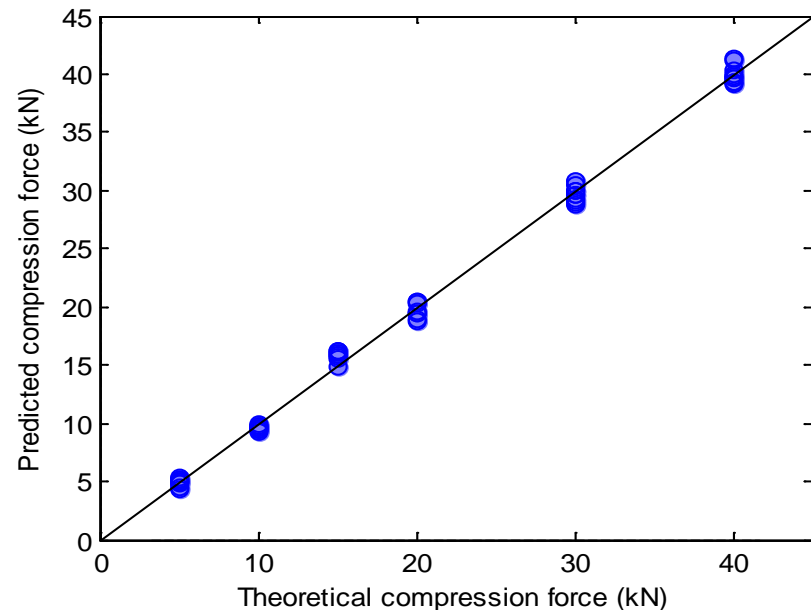


1) No chemometrics: correlation between the compaction force and the signal at one wavelength



**Correlation between compaction force and intensity**

2) Chemometrics : PLS model



# Presentation outline

- What is Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy (SRS)?
- How to use it?
  - Absorption & Scattering
  - **Chemometrics tools for SAM-Spec® signal analysis**
- In-line SAM-Spec® applications
  - R&D in-line tablet sorting (Servier)
  - High-speed real-time in-line tablet inspection (Proditec)
  - In-line lyo cake inspection (GEA)

# R&D inline tablet sorting

- Set-up:
  - SAM-Spec® probe for tablet composition
  - RGB camera for visual/side inspection
- Predicted parameters:
  - Active Principle Ingredient (API) Content
  - Content Uniformity
  - Tablet Hardness

➔ [Servier Laboratory Video](#)



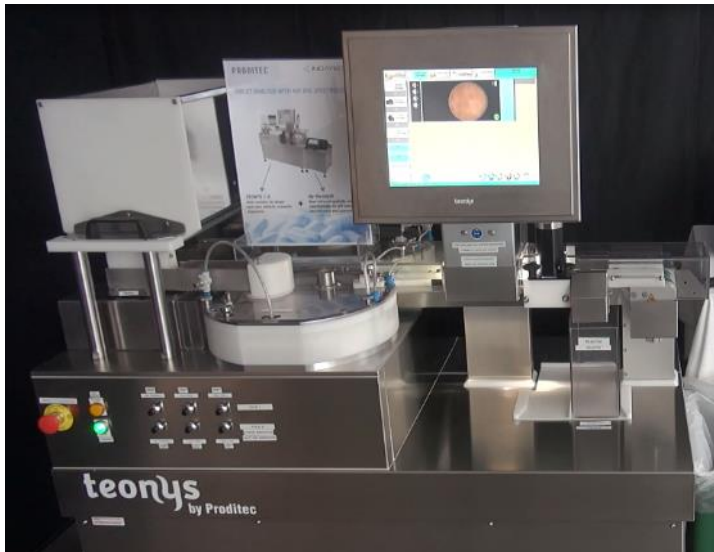
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# In-line tablet inspection

## Teonys inspection machine for tablets and capsules

**PRODITEC**  
AUTOMATIC INSPECTION MACHINES



*Visual inspection for defect detection*



*SAM-Spec® probe for chemical inspection*



➔ With double probe configuration : 200,000 tablets per hour

➔ [PRODITEC Teonys inspection machine Video](#)

# In-line Lyo cake inspection

Biotech products (vaccines, antibodies, etc.) are freeze-dried for storage:  
→ lyophilization cakes in vials



- Moisture Concentration and Cake Density  
**SRS : one illumination point and several measurements at different distances.**
  - Large distances between measurements provides an assessment of larger sample volumes
  - Measurements at different distances provide physical attributes



- Detection of contaminants such as glass, plastic, metal, melt  
**Multipoint imaging approach**
  - Use as many measurement points as possible in order to increase the probability of detection

# LYOSENSE™ by GEA

LYOSENSE™ online moisture control sensor unit :



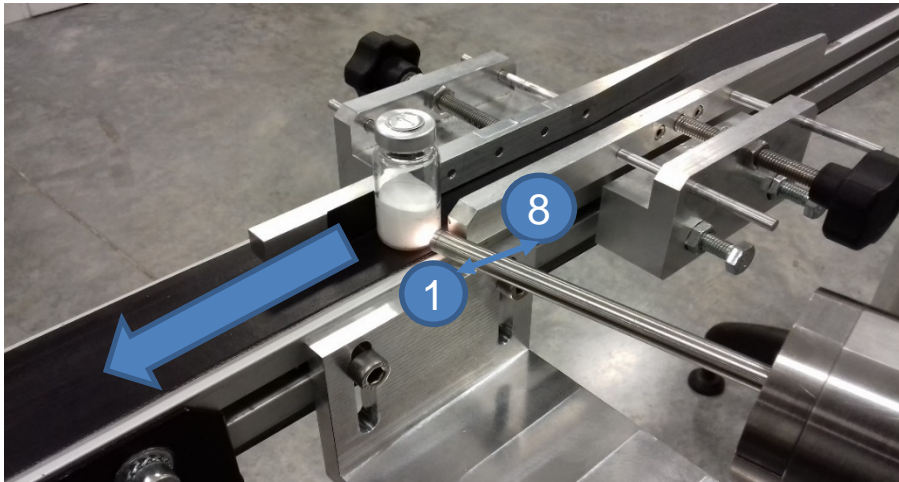
LYOSENSE™ principle



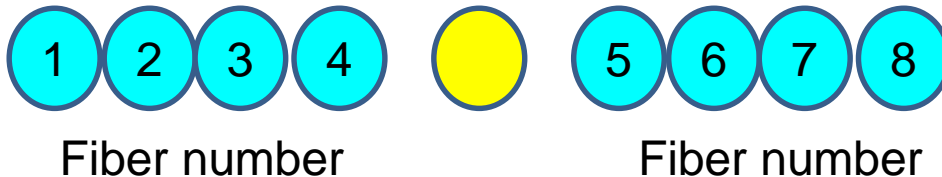
➔ Released atACHEMA, Frankfurt, Germany in June 2018

# In-line Lyo cake inspection

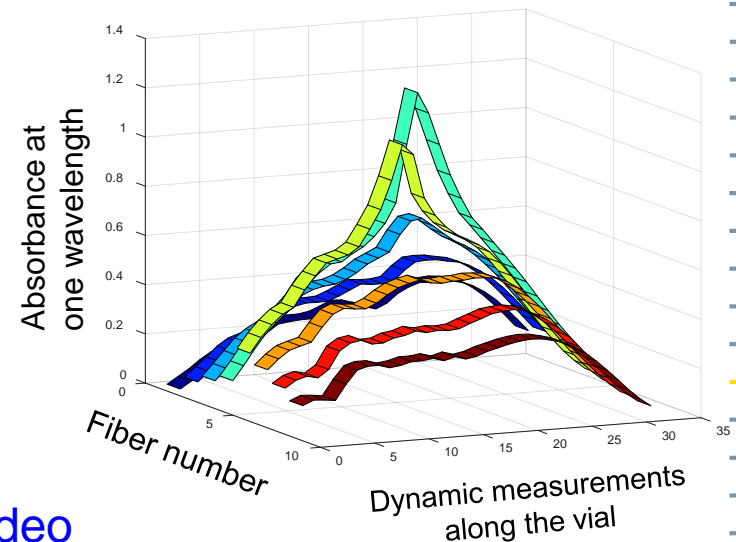
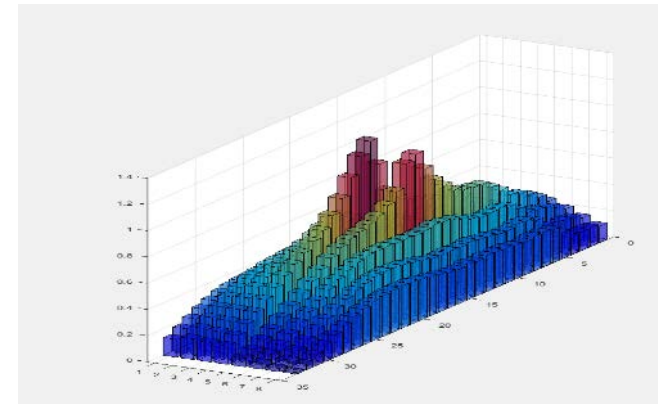
Setup for In-line tests (in dynamic)



Light source

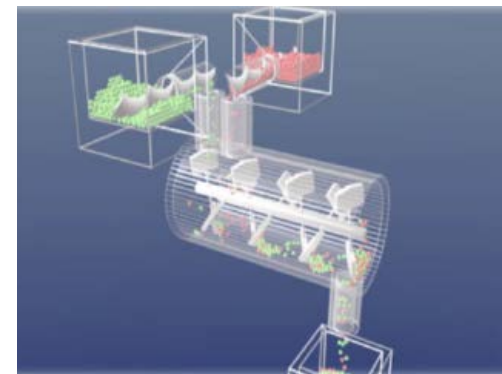


➔ [GEA LYOSENSE™ inspection machine Video](#)



# Conclusions

- Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy / Multipoint measurement provides key information for critical parameter assessment:
  - Chemical composition
  - Physical parameters
  - Homogeneity / Uniformity
- High-throughput real-time non-contact simultaneous measurements (~ms)
- Multi-probes for critical process attributes:
  - Multilane capabilities to increase inspection speed
  - Multiprobe design for reactor homogeneity
  - Multiprobe design for continuous process (multi-steps)





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