

New and revised General Chapters in the European Pharmacopoeia Workshop New Technologies

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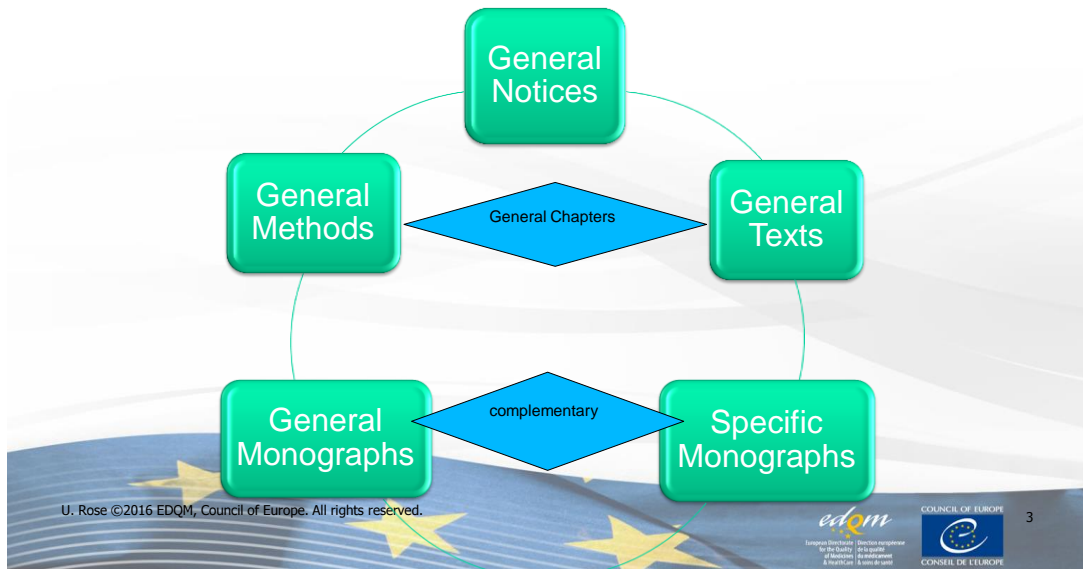
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- ☐ Modernisation program
- ☐ Template
- ☐ Examples

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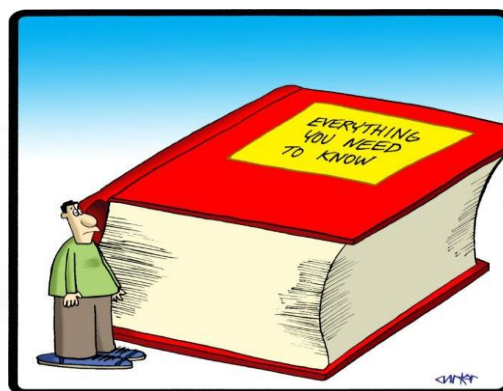


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Which type of texts you find in the European Pharmacopoeia



General Chapters



Quiz:

- ▶ Is the use of a general chapter (analytical procedure) mandatory?
- ▶ Are alternative methods allowed?
- ▶ Do general methods require validation by the user?



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General chapters: why and how to use

Analytical methods:

- Editorial convenience: avoid repeating standard methods in each monograph
- Provide standard methods that can also be used **where there is no monograph**
- Provide general requirements for equipment, equipment qualification or calibration
- Provide general requirements for system suitability tests

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General chapters: why and how to use

- Not mandatory “*per se*”
- When referred to in a monograph, they become part of the standard, i. e. **mandatory**:
- Example: *IR spectrophotometry 2.2.24*, Monograph Irbesartan supplement 8.8:

IDENTIFICATION

Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24).

Comparison: irbesartan CRS

If the spectra obtained in the solid state show differences, dissolve the substance to be examined and the reference substance separately in methanol R, evaporate to dryness at 60 °C and record new spectra using the residues

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General chapters: why and how to use

- Some general chapters are not referred to in any monograph (Raman spectrometry, revised in 2015) →

Useful guidance, can be referred to in applications

Other examples:

- ☐ *Chemometric methods applied to analytical data 5.21*, published in supplement 8.7
- ☐ *Reference Standards 5.12*

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Template

Principle of the analytical technique (high level)

- Short introduction including useful and summarised information, not necessary to include extensive theoretical information that can be found in standard texts on the subject. (A publication of additional information in Scientific Notes may be considered in parallel)
- Glossary, definitions

Equipment

- Description: components of the equipment

Equipment performance

- Minimum requirements for performance
- Elements of qualification (degree of detail on a case by case basis)
- System suitability (general requirement in the method unless otherwise prescribed in the monograph)
- Performance checks before use

Template

Procedure

- Operation of the equipment: including adjustment (calibration) if relevant
- Test method: preparation of samples/standards/reagents if relevant
- Calculation of test results and statistics if relevant

Validation requirements

This section would be added where validation requirements differ from those given in ICH Q2 or if more information than just Q2 is given or different extent (i.e. other validation characteristics than recommended in ICH Q2).

Where relevant, in particular for quantitative applications, acceptance criteria are given.

Additional information (technical state of the art)

In exceptional cases, e.g. environmental and safety factors, special operating conditions

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Technical improvement or new methods

Examples:

- Chemometrics and chemical imaging, 5.21 and 5.24
- IR absorption spectrophotometry 2.2.24: *under revision, will take account of increased importance of ATR technique*
- Raman spectrometry 2.2.48, Ph. Eur. 8.7: *more detailed description of qualitative and quantitative analysis, description of new devices, e. g. hand-held spectrometers, new reference standards for qualification*
- Melting point, 2.2.14, Ph. Eur. 9.1: *combines previous 2.2.14 and 2.2.60 (instrumental method), takes account of equipment used and equipment no longer available, new SST*

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Technical improvement or new methods

Examples:

- Potentiometric determination of pH, 2.2.3, Ph. Eur. 8.8: *use of commercially available certified reference buffers, take account of the use of recent pH-meters*
- High performance TLC, 2.8.25, Ph. Eur. 9.0: *qualitative use for herbal drugs and preparations, better selectivity, new system suitability tests*
- Absorption spectrophotometry, ultraviolet and visible, 2.2.25, Pharmeuropa: *inclusion of UV-detectors in chromatography, inclusion of different measurement modes, like diffuse reflection mode, recent equipment described, PAT application included*

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Replacement of toxic reagents and materials

Examples:

- Replacement of *potassium dichromate* in the control of absorbance in UV-VIS spectrophotometry, 2.2.25
- Replacement of *mercury containing thermometers* (2.2.11, 2.2.12 drop point, boiling point, 2.2.16 melting point-instantaneous method), *electrodes* (2.2.3, potentiometric determination of pH, 2.2.19 amperometric titration) and *reagents* (4.22 volumetric solutions) in several general chapters.

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Equipment performance and -qualification

- DQ, IQ, OQ and PQ represent an important aspect in the QMS (quality management systems) of modern laboratories: many general chapters refer to minimum requirements of qualification →

Details, like frequency of PQ, remain in the responsibility of the user!

Equipment performance, -qualification and calibration

Examples:

- 2.2.14 Melting point :

Qualification/calibration is performed using 2 certified reference materials which are selected to cover the temperature range used on the equipment

- 2.2.3 Potentiometric determination of pH:

Calibration is performed using commercially available certified reference buffers

- 2.2.25 UV-Vis spectrophotometry

Qualification is performed by controlling wavelength and absorbance accuracy, photometric linearity, stray light and control of resolution

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General system suitability tests

Note: System suitability tests in general chapters are complementary to specific monographs

Examples:

- **Melting point:** **System suitability test** is performed before the measurements by choosing a suitable reference material with a melting point close to that expected for the substance to be examined
- **UV-VIS:** **System suitability tests**, such as wavelength control, absorbance, stray light, are different depending on the use of the test, i. e. qualitative or quantitative

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General system suitability tests

- Chromatographic separation techniques: **SSTs** include symmetry factor (0.8 to 1.5), minimum S/N ratio of 10 at the quantification limit, repeatability requirement in chromatographic assays



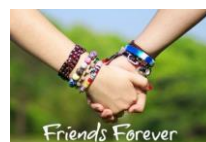
To be performed in addition to the specific tests in the monograph, such as resolution, peak-to-valley ratio etc

Under revision: SSTs and adjustments of chromatographic conditions will change!

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PDG programme



Some general methods are on the work program of the
Pharmacopoeial Discussion Group (PDG)

- Example Thermal analysis, 2.2.34: published in suppl. 8.6
- Example Metal impurities: strives to harmonise the testing for elemental impurities in context with Q3D, currently chapter 2.2.24 in Ph. Eur.
- Example Chromatography: strives to harmonise definitions, SST-requirements (resolution), permitted adjustments of chromatographic conditions:
e. g. **Switch from HPLC to UHPLC ?**

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Conclusion

- The structure of general chapters will be harmonised (template) as far as possible and appropriate
- Regular review and modernisation are necessary to remain scientifically state-of-the-art
- New measurement techniques and equipment have to be taken into account
- Follow the wish of users to give more advice (equipment qualification) whilst increasing the flexibility of the texts

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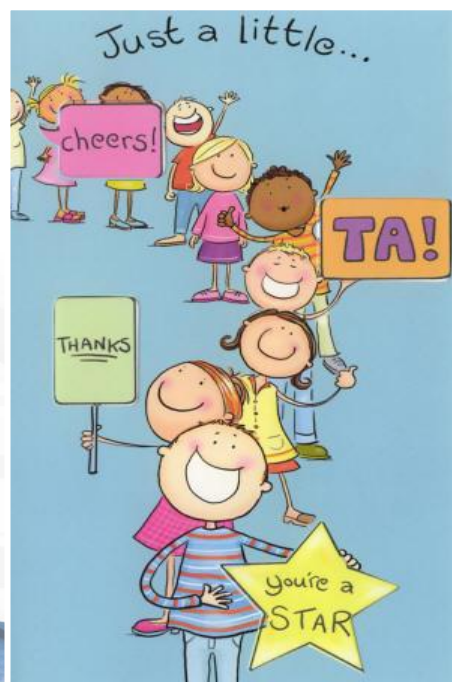
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Chemometrics and Chemical imaging

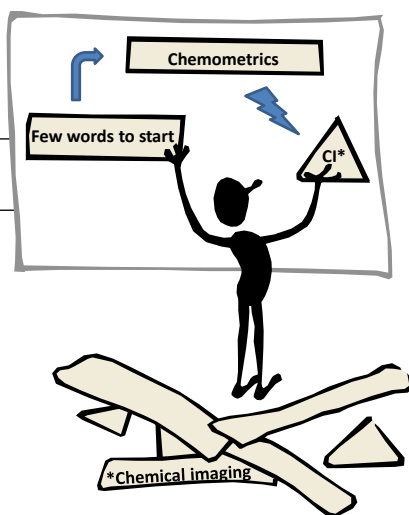
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Few words to start

Chemometrics

Chemical imaging



Spectroscopy	Description	On/in line	Chemical ID	Examples
Mid-infrared, near- infrared, and Raman spectroscopy	Vibrational spectroscopy	X	X	Reaction monitoring Polymorphism Content determination Process monitoring (drying, granulation, blending)
Hyperspectral imaging	Vibrational spectroscopy coupled with spatial analysis	X	X	Chemical compound distributions Counterfeit detection
UV-vis spectroscopy	Photoelectron spectroscopy	X	X	Color measurement Dissolution testing Cleaning validation (ppm-level detection)
Terahertz spectroscopy and imaging	Far infrared spectroscopy 3D imaging		X	Polymorphism Coating integrity and thickness API distribution
Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy	Plasma generated by a laser pulse and detection of the emitted light (destruction of sample)		X	Drug development Process troubleshooting
Laser diffraction	Interaction of a laser beam with particles and detection of the scattered light	X		Particle size determination
Acoustic methods	Active or passive usage of sound echoes	X		Solid, semi-solid and high viscous sample High shear granulation monitoring Crystallization monitoring

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Vibrational spectroscopy

	NIR	MIR	Raman
Spectral range (cm ⁻¹)	12 000-4000	4000-600	4000-50
Signal intensity	+	+++	+
Microscopic analysis	No	Yes	Yes
Fiber optic interfacing	Yes	Possible (limited length)	Yes
Sampling through glass	Yes	No	Yes
Qualitative application	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quantitative application	Yes	Difficult	Yes
Instrument robustness	++++	++	+++
Data interpretation	Chemometrics	Direct	Direct

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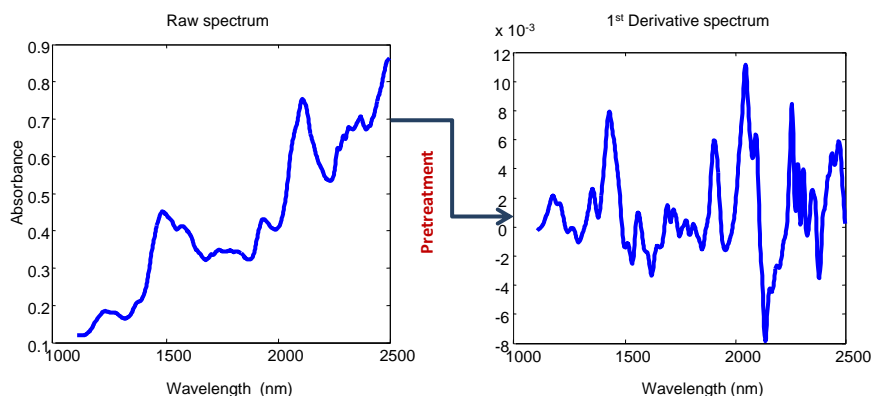
*From
the poor
NIR signal...*

Plus

- NIR radiation goes through glass
- Non-destructive
- Fast
- No or reduced sample preparation
- Spectrum includes chemical and physical information

Minus

- Spectra difficult to interpret
- Multivariate calibrations to extract latent information
- Calibration transfer between spectrometers



...to practical applications like these...

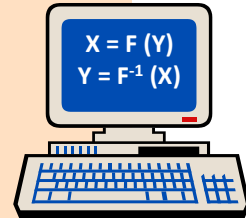
Intact and rapid sample measurements for:

- **Confirmation** of identity
- e.g. container wise identification of excipients and APIs
- Confirmation of identity of formulated preparations for clinical trials
- **Quantitative determinations**, typical example being water content determination
- Process understanding
- **In-line, on-line, at-line analytics** in chemical and galenical facilities
- PAT

...we need chemometrics!

With NIR there is an information problem:

- Information is *scrambled*
- Direct interpretation is barely possible
- Technique requires large data sets
- Sensing physics **and** chemistry



Calibration i.e. modelling step is required !

Chemometrics for the design and analysis
of data collections

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Few words to start

Chemometrics

Chemical imaging

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Chemometrics

A discipline which appeared in the early 70's

Chemometrics is a discipline that relies on mathematical, statistical, and other formal numerical methods together with computer science :

- a)** To extract maximum information by analyzing chemical data
- b)** To design or select optimal experimental procedures
- c)** To obtain knowledge about systems

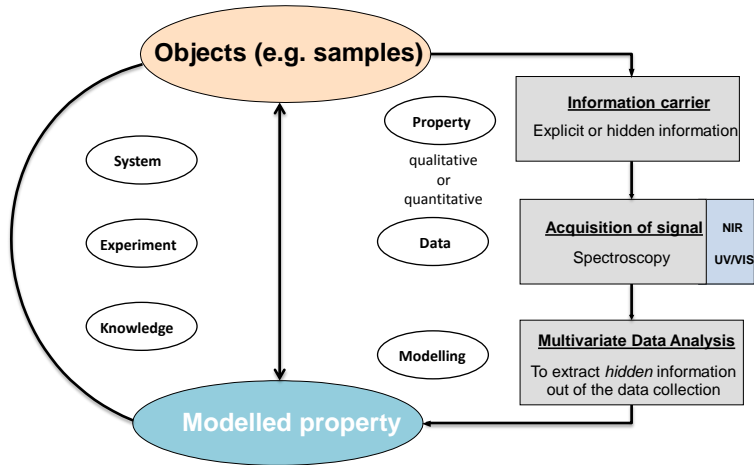
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- Even if chemometrics relies on exact and formal mathematical techniques, in practice
 - **numerical computation** (i.e. algorithmics) and
 - **empirical modelling** remain central to the discipline
- From a historical perspective, chemometric methods were developed to explore and evaluate spectroscopic data to extract information from collections of near-IR spectra
- Meanwhile applicability of chemometrics has proven to be valuable for a wider panel of analytical techniques

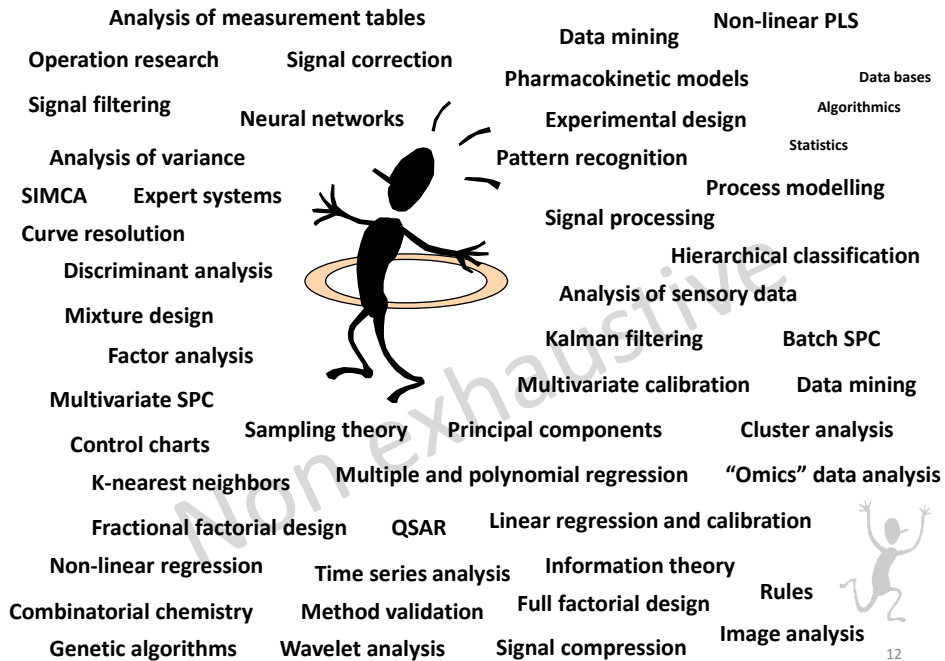
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Illustration

Empirical modelling is central to chemometrics.



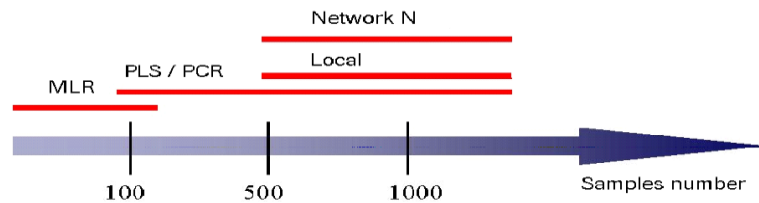
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Selection of modelling techniques is not limited

However, there are some constraining parameters



- Complexity of algorithms
- Availability of samples that cover the expected variations of quality or value range
- Specificity and selectivity
- Robustness

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PCA and PLS are mainstream methods

Data analysis by projection

- Deal with the dimensionality problem
- Handle all types of multivariate data tables
- Compatible with collinearity, missing data, etc.
- Robust to noise in variables and responses
- Extract information from all data simultaneously
- Model relation between X and Y (PLS)
- Iterative algorithms

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Typically, at the beginning of a multivariate data analysis there is a data table with large dimensions and a hidden structure : many variables, many observations, all mixed up.

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & X_{13} & \dots & X_{1k} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} & \dots & X_{2k} \\ \text{spectrum} & & & & \\ \dots & & & & \\ \dots & X_{ij} & \dots & & \\ X_{n1} & X_{n2} & X_{n3} & \dots & X_{nk} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\xleftarrow{\text{k wavelengths}} \quad \quad \quad \xrightarrow{\text{n samples}}$

x_{ij} absorbance

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Principal Component Analysis

PCA is matrix algebra applied to a data table

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\mathbf{X}} = \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{t} \\ \text{scores} \end{array}} \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{P} \\ \text{loadings} \end{array}} + \boxed{\mathbf{E}} \end{array}$$

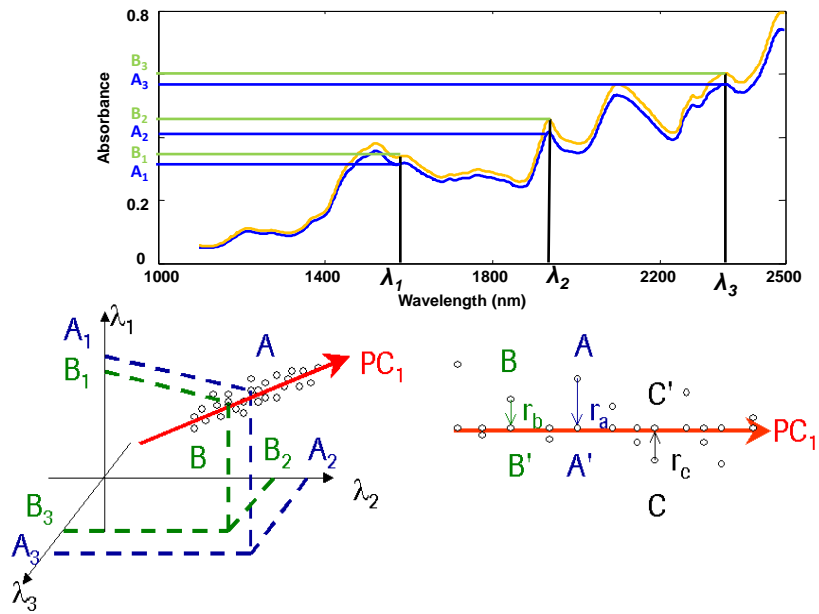
$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{STRUCTURED PART}} \quad + \quad \underbrace{\hspace{5em}}_{\text{ERROR}}$

DATA = STRUCTURED PART + ERROR



$$\mathbf{X} = t_1 \mathbf{p}'_1 + t_2 \mathbf{p}'_2 + \dots + t_k \mathbf{p}'_k + \mathbf{E}$$

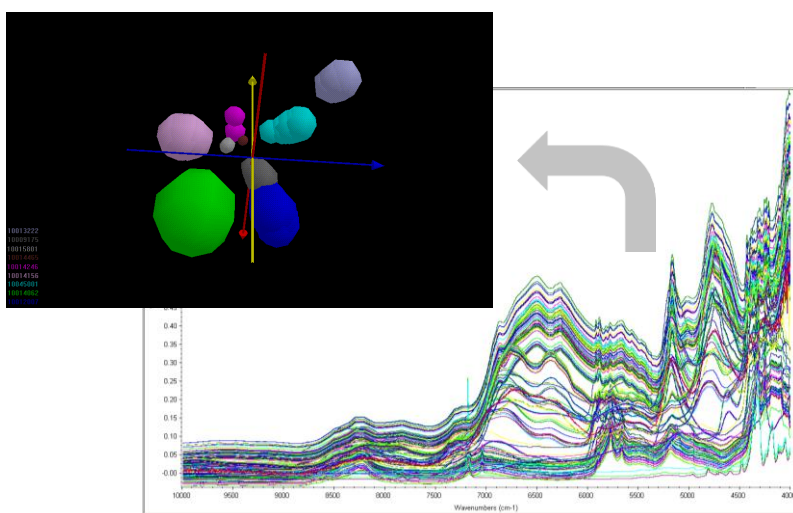
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Principal Component Analysis

PCA to discriminate compounds



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Chemometric methods applied to analytical data (5.21)

- Has been published in Supplement 8.7 and entered into force on 1st April 2016
- The European Pharmacopoeia is first in including a chapter on chemometrics
- General chapter, for information only
- Provides a general introduction to the use of chemometric methods

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- The chapter supports data analysis in
 - Laboratory analytics
 - In-, on-line analytics
 - PAT
 - QbD
 - Process data mining
 - Big data
- Methods apply to *any* kind of data collection although a spectroscopic background could be detected

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- Features well established i.e. most used techniques
- Proposes PCA, SIMCA, MCR, MLR, PCR, PLS, SVM, and ANNs
- Brief description of principles
- Selection of methods is given without corresponding numerical algorithms
- Introduction of notations and formulas for information

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- There are recommendations for good practice
 - Implementation steps
 - Considerations on data
 - Considerations on applicability and scope
 - Typical characteristics
 - Limitations
- Glossary to rationalize wording

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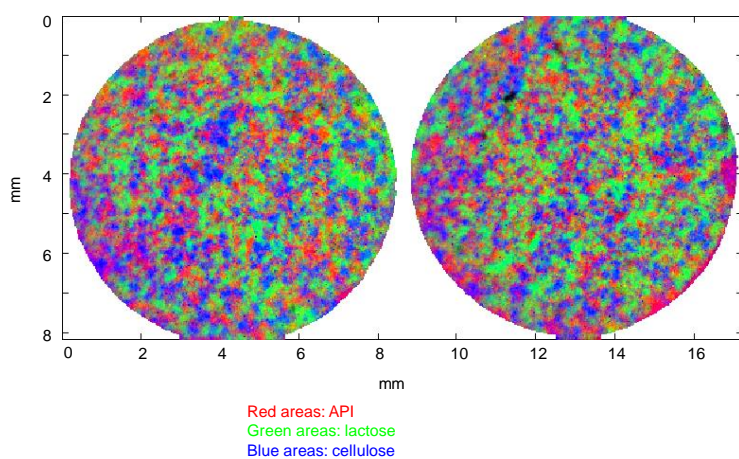
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Chemical imaging

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2D chemical images



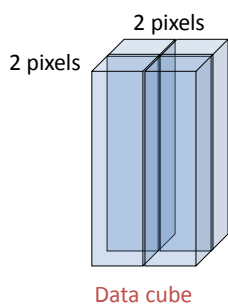
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For which purpose chemical imaging?

- Trouble shooting
- Particle determination in solids
- Qualitative comparison of materials
- Estimation of galenical properties
- Homogeneity
- End-point assessment
- Counterfeits

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Usual method for producing 2D-images

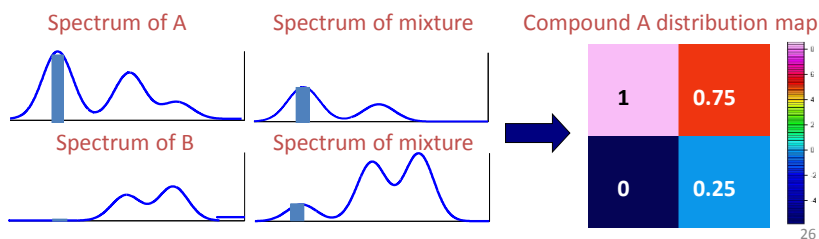


Example

- Sample analysis on 4 pixels
- 2 compounds (*A and B*)

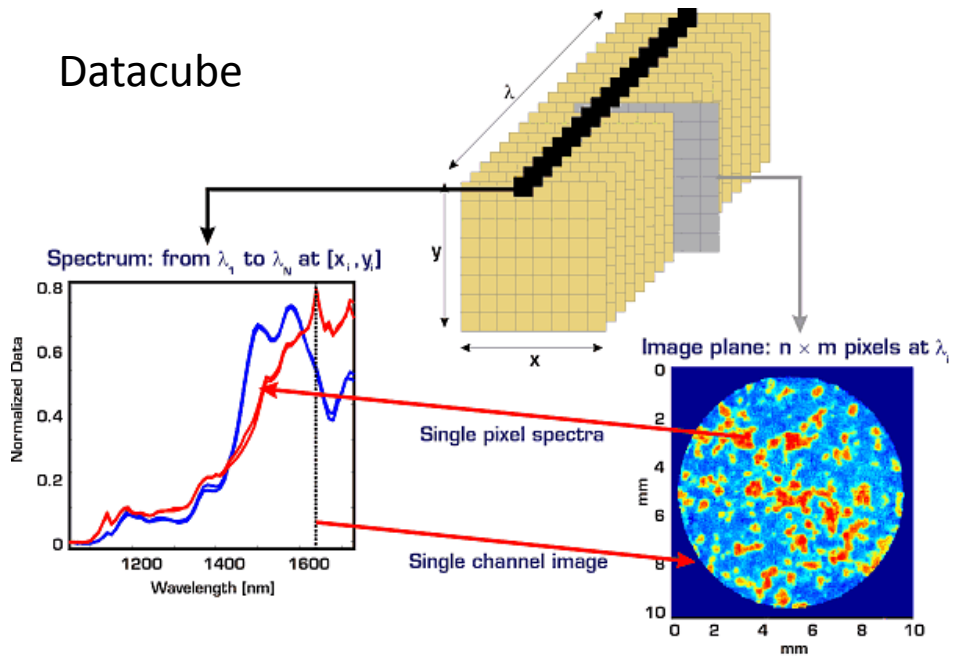
Extraction of compound A distribution map

- 1- From reference spectra : selection of a specific spectral range for A.
- 2- From mixture spectra : integration on the selected spectral range (area considered as a concentration estimation).
- 3- Map extraction : color coding from concentration estimations.

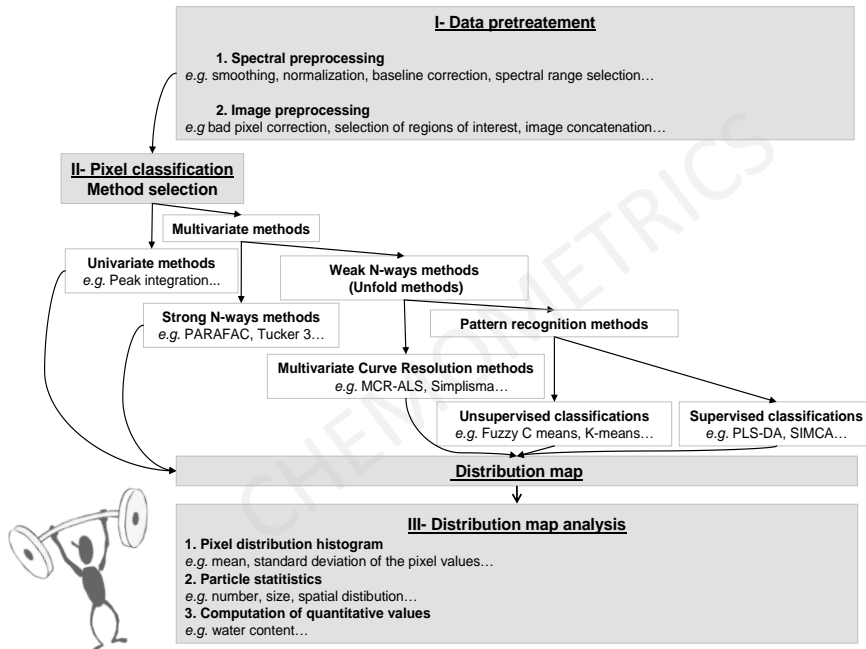


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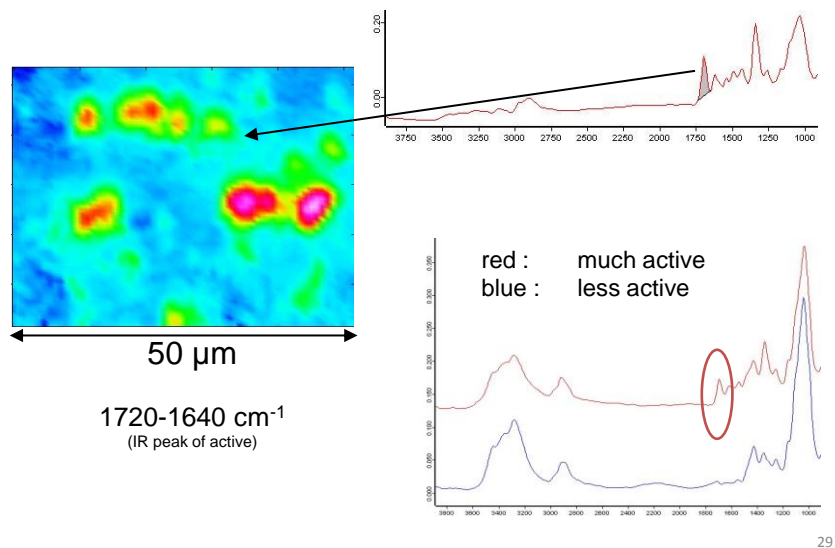


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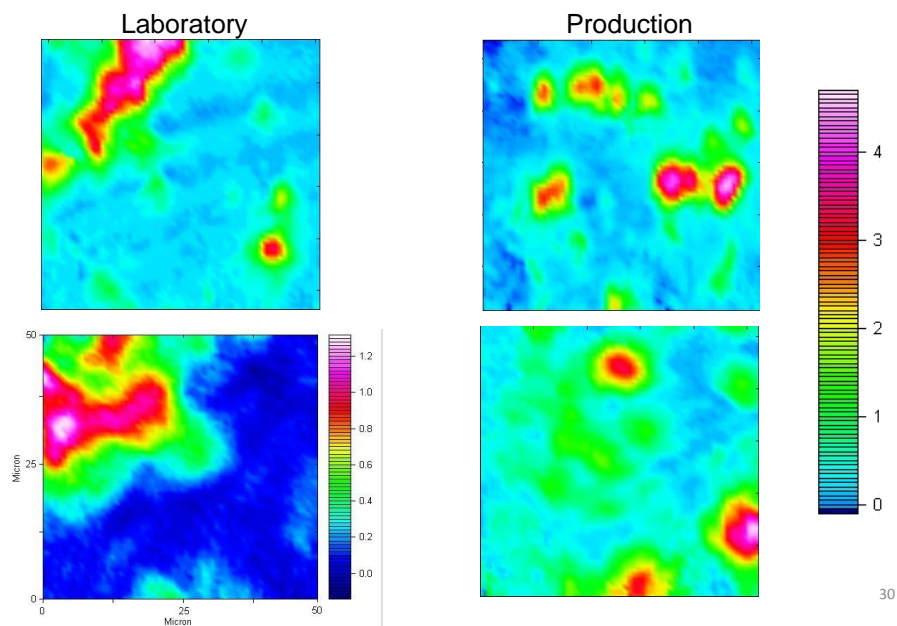


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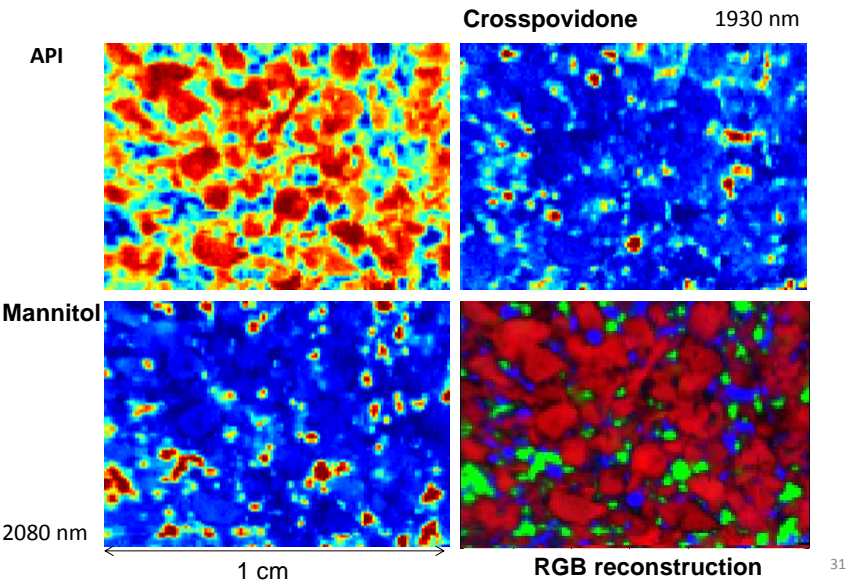
Surface image of a tablet



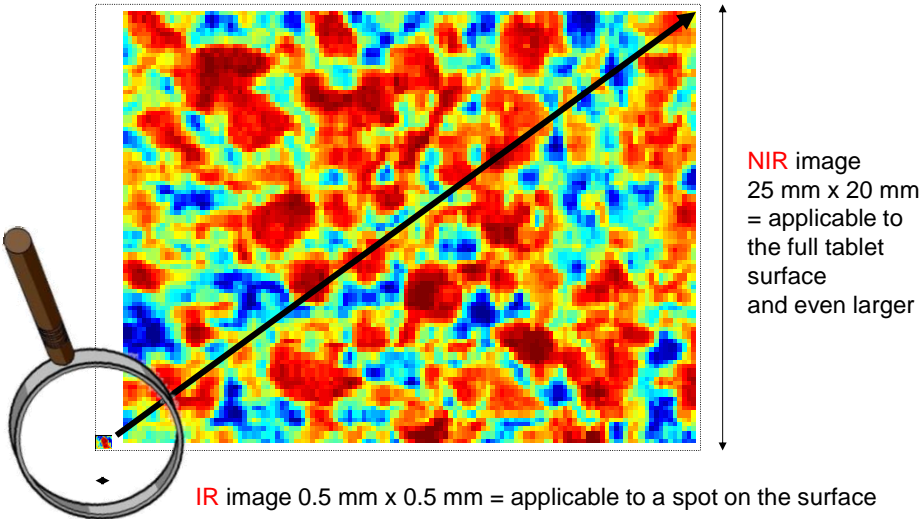
Laboratory vs. production active ingredient, 1720-1640 cm^{-1}



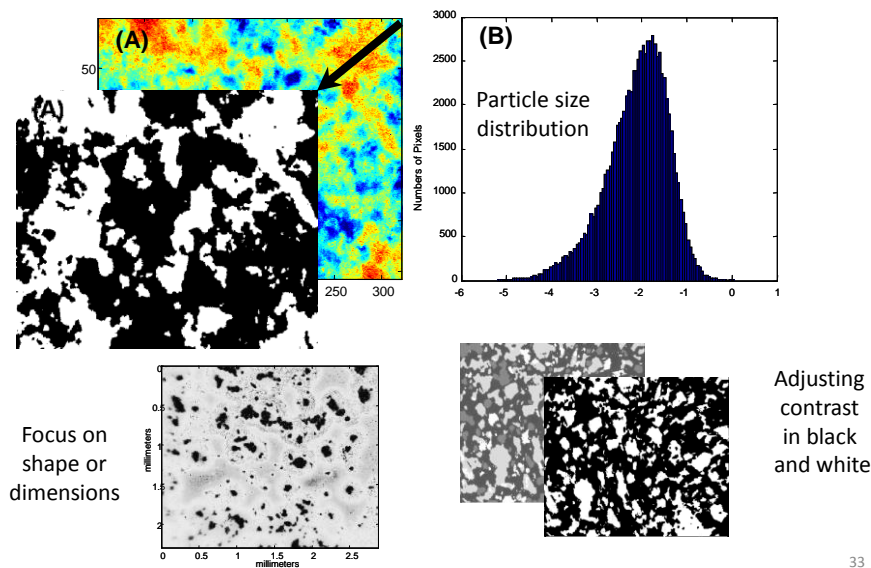
Distribution map of three components



Scaling up regions of interest



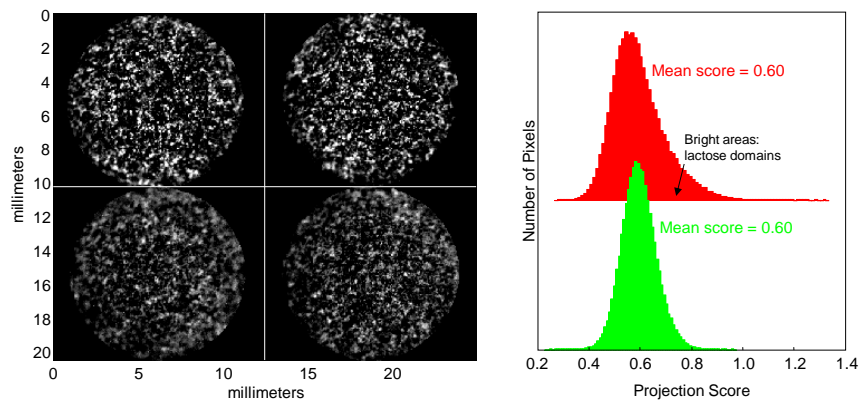
Analysing pixels



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Example: estimation of lactose abundance

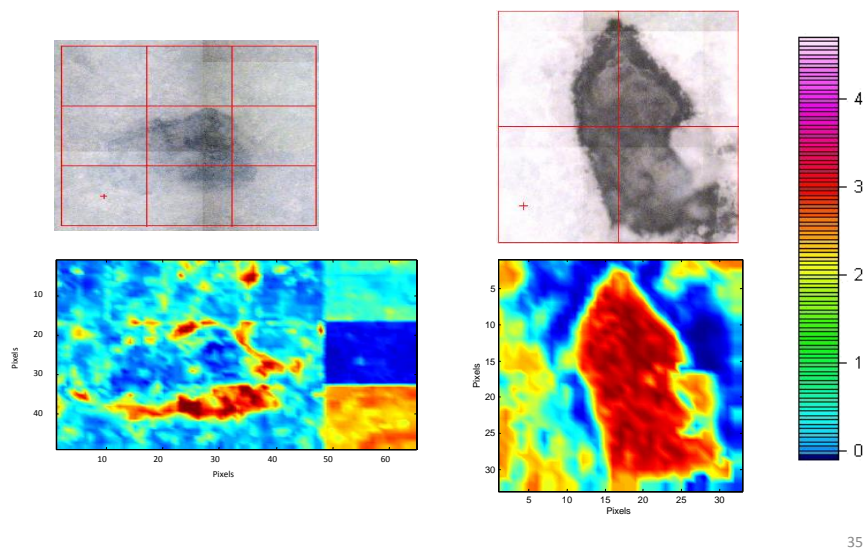
Production site A vs B



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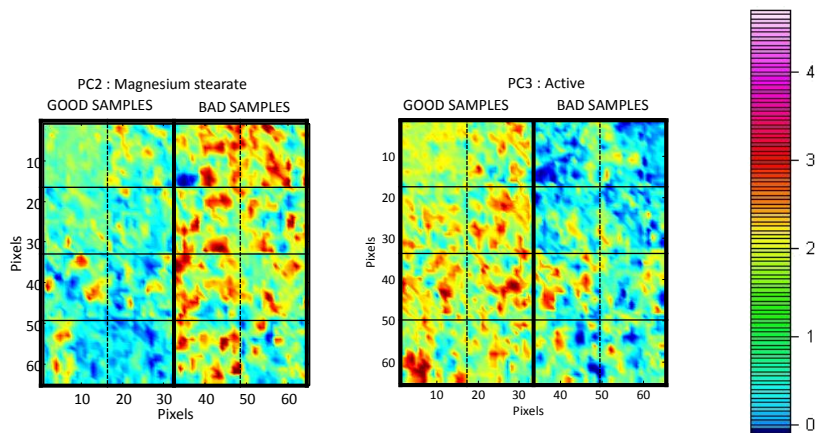
Analysis of a dark spot

By imaging and PCA



Solving dissolution issue

Too much Mg stearate at the surface



Identification of counterfeits

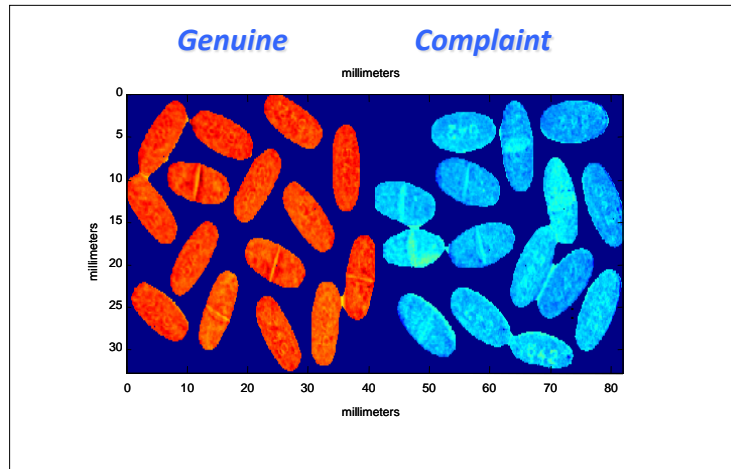


Image taken at a characteristic API wavelength
Size : 2 x (32.7 x 41 mm)

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Chemical Imaging (5.24)

- Chapter provides concepts on hyperspectral imaging
- No stringent requirements
- Vibrational spectroscopy only was addressed
- Chemical imaging systems (CIS) are also platforms for (single point) spectroscopy
- Therefore, cross-linked to respective monographs
- And if CIS is used for single point spectroscopy, the respective monograph applies

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- Imaging technology is mature
- Meanwhile various instruments and set-ups are available
- Imaging comes on top of single spot spectroscopy with a high dosis of data collection, computation and smart algorithms
- Specific *chemometrics* and image analysis algorithms are required
- These are not addressed in this chapter

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Expected progress in...

- On-going improvements in handling, software, algorithms
- Miniaturization
- On-line sensing
- Three-dimensional *in-situ* imaging on track, however not covered by the chapter
- Combination of imaging sources i.e. multispectral approach

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Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy

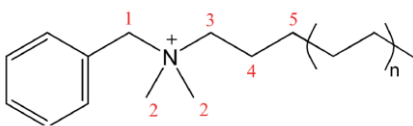


Possibilities with NMR

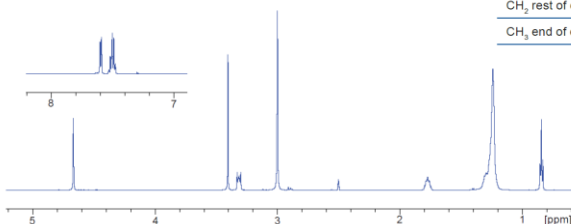
NMR spectra gives information about the chemical structure and the signals are quantitative

- **Identification**
- **Assay**
- **Water determination**
- **Residual solvent**
- **Related substances**
- **Replace HPLC amino acid analysis of peptides**
- **Viscosity and osmolality measurements**
- **Metal analysis using complexes**

Benzalkonium chloride, identification



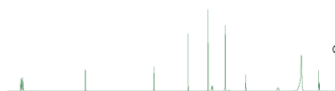
	Chemical shift (ppm)	Number of protons
Benzyl	7.6, 7.5	5
1-CH ₂	4.67	2
2-CH ₃	3.00	6
3-CH ₂	3.27	2
4-CH ₂	1.78	2
5-CH ₂	1.29	2
CH ₂ rest of chain	1.24	mainly 16 or 20
CH ₃ end of chain	1.84	3



Ref. I. McEwen, T. Arvidsson, Pharmeuropa Bio&SN October 2010 pp 87-102



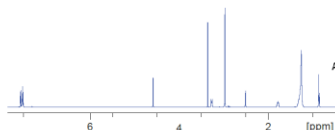
Benzalkonium Chloride; Assay



Test sample and internal standard



Internal standard 3-sulfolene in DMSO



Benzalkonium chloride

$$Q(\%) = \frac{P(\text{std}) \cdot MW(\text{subs}) \cdot nH(\text{std}) \cdot m(\text{std}) \cdot A(\text{subs})}{MW(\text{std}) \cdot nH(\text{subs}) \cdot A(\text{std}) \cdot m(\text{subs})}$$

Equation 1

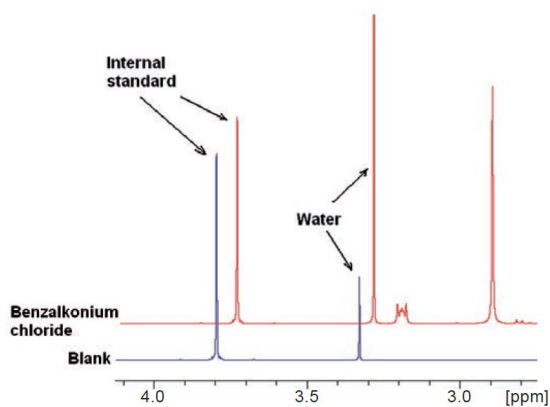
Quantification:

Where P = purity; MW = molecular weight; nH = number of protons; A = integral area; std = standard; subs = substance.



	Impurity	Found	Specified limit in monograph
C	Benzyl alcohol	0.14 % (RSD=7 %, n=3)	0.15 %
A	Benzaldehyde	0.01 % (RSD=30 %, n=3)	0.5 %
B	Benzyl chloride	Not present or less than 0.001 % (LOD)	0.05 %

Benzalkonium chloride, Water content



- 5.8 % water was found
- Manufacturer reported 6.0%

- **Several different tests can be performed on one sample**
- **Quick** - Answer in half a day
- **General** - No need for "specific" internal standard
- **Reliable** - Comparable to GC, HPLC, titration
- **Selective**



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- **2.2.64 Peptide identification by nuclear magnetic resonance**

- **5.16 Crystallinity**

- Haemophilus type b and meningococcal group C conjugate vaccine (2622) and Haemophilus type b conjugate vaccine (1219)

- **Meningococcal group C conjugate vaccine (2112) and Pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine (adsorbed) (2150)**

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NMR in Ph.Eur

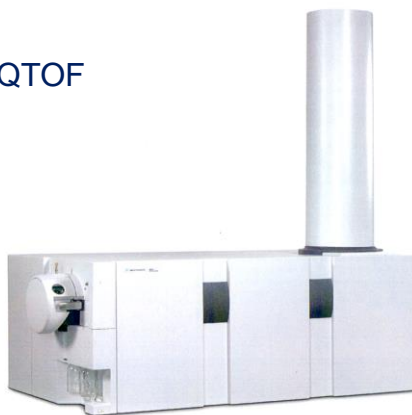
- **Medronic acid for radiopharmaceutical preparations (2350)**
Test of impurities
- **Tetra-O-acetyl-mannose triflate for radiochemical preparations (2294)**
Test of impurity
- **Heparin calcium (0332), Heparin Sodium (0333), Heparin low-molecular-mass (0828)**
Identification
- **Cod-liver oil (2398) and Salmon oil farmed (1910)**
Identification and test of Positional distribution ($\beta(2)$ -acyl) of fatty acids
- **Hydroxypropylbetadex (1804)**
Assay

NMR in Ph.Eur

- **Lauromacrogol 400 (2046)**
Average chain length of the fatty alcohol and average number of moles of ethylene oxide
- **Pemetrexed disodium heptahydrate (2637)**
Identification, alternative method
- **Poloxamers (1463)**
Oxypropylene:oxyethylene ratio
- **Starch hydroxypropyl (2165) and Starch hydroxypropyl pregelatinised (2645)**
Assay
- **Tobramycin (0645)**
Assay

Liquid Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS)

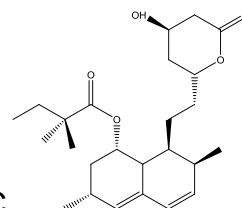
LC-MS-QTOF



Is it possible to trace the API manufacturer using chemical analysis?

Study outline:

- Fingerprinting of API using LC-MS/MS impurity profiling
- Separation and detection of Simvastatin related impurities using modern UPLC technology
- Highly selective and sensitive MS-QTOF detection
- Chemometric models to interpret data



+ESI EIC(381.2479; 401.2686; 403.2479; 405.2636 ...) Scan Frag=176,0V 100805-225.d

Simvastatin

Imp.A

Imp.B

Imp.C

Imp.D

$m/z = 391.2479$

$m/z = 419.2792$

$m/z = 433.2949$

$m/z = 421.2949$

Counts vs. Acquisition Time (min)

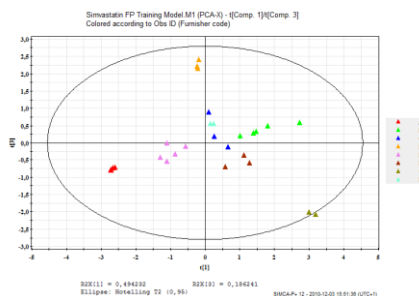
- **LOQ simvastatin 8 ppm**
- **About 40 times lower as compared to UV detection**
- **Intraday precision at typical impurity level was about 4-6%**
- **Several new impurities (<< 0.1%) were identified**

- 39 APIs originated from 9 different suppliers
- 21 Finished Products coming from 14 different manufacturers
- LC/MS impurity fingerprinting of 15 impurities related to Simvastatin.



Built on relative areas of 6 impurities:

m/z = 403.2479
Impurity E
Impurity F
Impurity G
Impurity B'
Impurity B

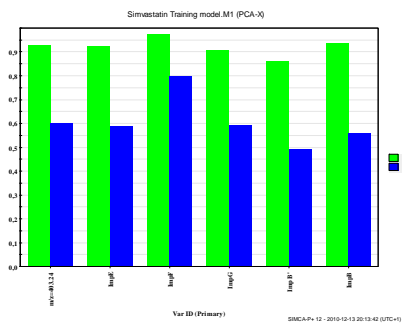


Explained cumulative Variation: 92.2%



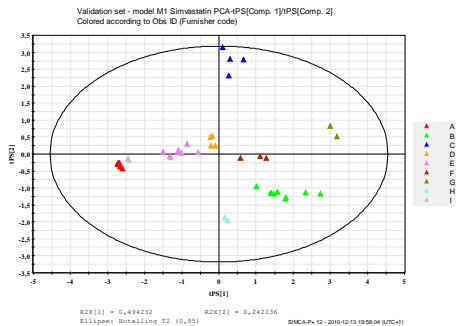
Validation

Cross validation



Very good explained variation $R^2 \geq 0.9$
Good predicted variation $Q^2 \geq R^2 - 0.3$

External Validation Test

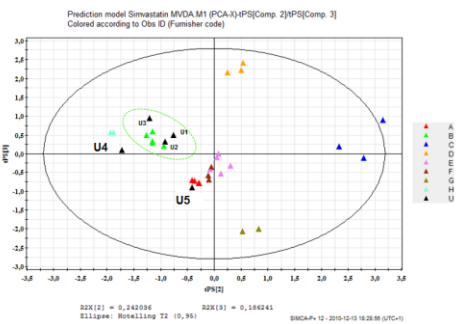
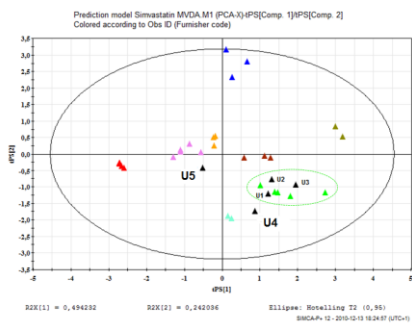


All validation samples (16) fit to their respective groups



Application of the PCA model

Application to 5 unknown test samples



Samples U1, U2 and U3: Supplier B
Samples U4 and U5: unknown Supplier



10. impurity C

11. impurity D

9. impurity J



LC-MS in Ph.Eur

- **2.2.59 Glycan analysis of glycoproteins**

General chapter; LC or CE coupled with MS is recommended for analysis of intact glycoprotein, glycopeptides and glycans

- **Interferon beta-1a concentrated solution (1639)**

Production session: Identification using MS or LC-MS

- **Meldonium dihydrate (2624)**

Test of related substances

- **Oseltamivir phosphate (2422)**

Test of Impurity B

- **Imatinib mesilate (2736)**

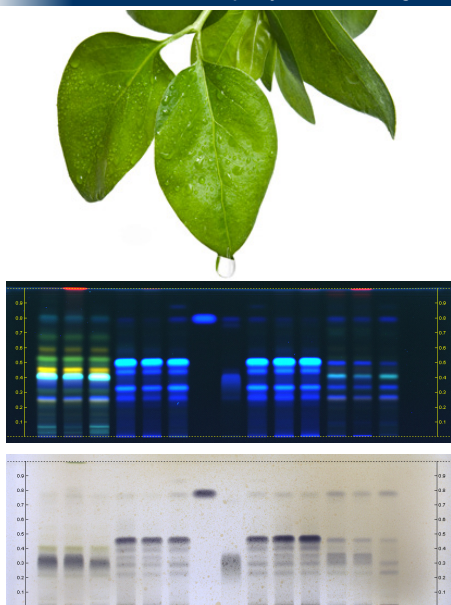
Test of Impurity F



Concluding remarks

- **Mass spectrometry coupled to GC or LC are rarely used in Ph. Eur.**
- **NMR is more used than MS and methods for identification or quantitative determination are included in 17 monographs**
- **Are new hyphenated technologies adequate for Ph. Eur?**
 - Yes! From a scientific point of view an increased involvement of these techniques in Ph. Eur. would be of great value





HPTLC for herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations

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3. TLC/HPTLC in quality control of herbal products
4. The issues
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6. Future developments

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Herbal medicinal products

Active substance



Dosage form

Herbal preparations

- ✓ Herbal drugs
- ✓ Extracts
- ✓ Essential oils
- ✓ Etc...

Complexity !

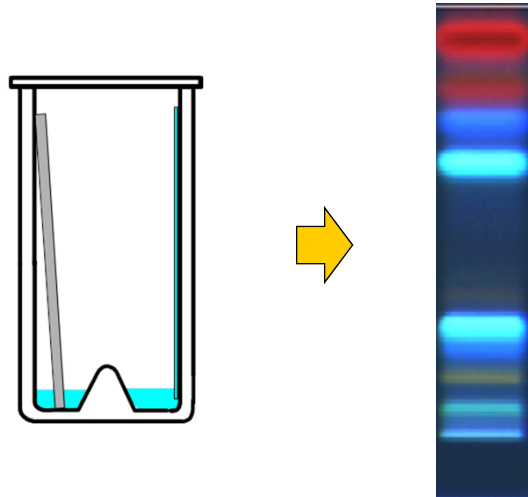
- ✓ Tablets, pills
- ✓ Capsules
- ✓ Drops, syrups
- ✓ Creams, ointments
- ✓ Suppositories
- ✓ Tee preparations
- ✓ Soluble tee preparations
- Etc.

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Thin layer chromatography (TLC)

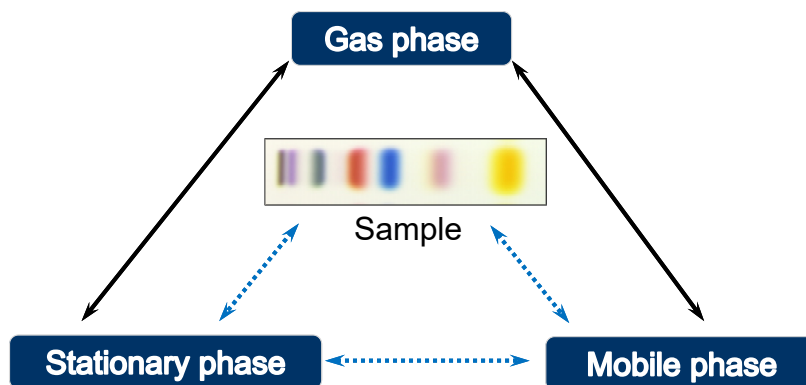


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The planar chromatographic system



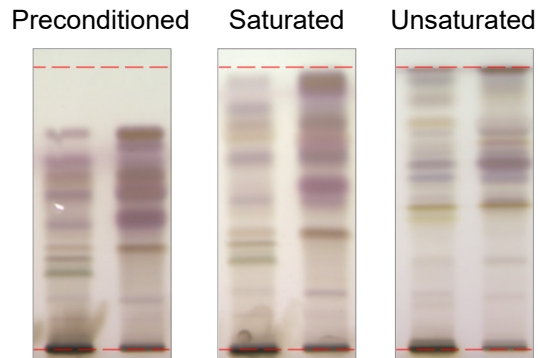
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The gas phase

Chamber conditioning



HPTLC silica gel 60 F₂₅₄, toluene: ethyl acetate: acetic acid (70: 33: 3)

Left: *S. chinensis*, right: *S. sphenanthera*

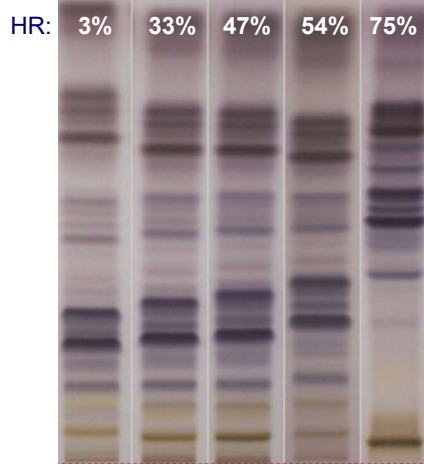
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Thin layer chromatography

Humidity / Activity



Affects:

- Values of R_F :
 \uparrow Activity \rightarrow \downarrow R_F
- Separation

➡ **Should be controlled!**

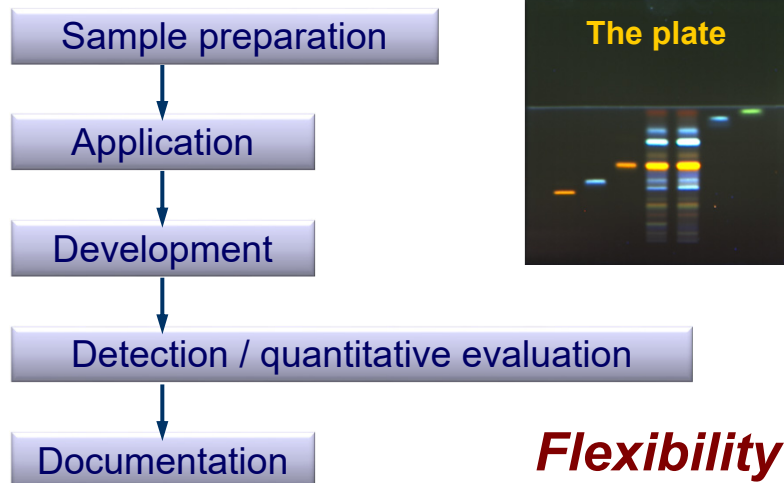
Chromatographic profile of *Hoodia gordonii* at different humidity (HR).

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The TLC steps



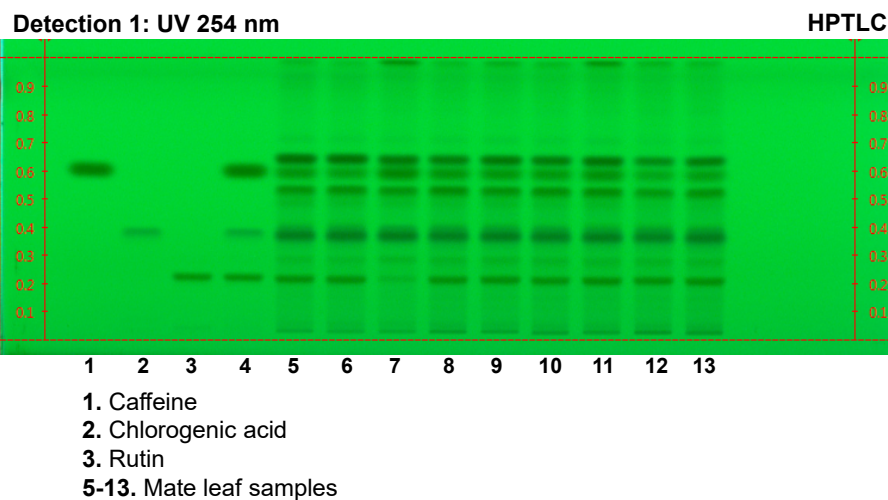
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Multiple detection

Mate leaf (*Ilex paraguariensis*)



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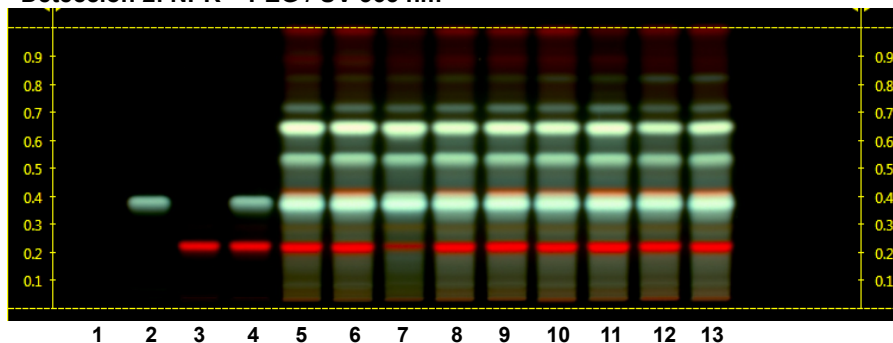
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Multiple detection

Mate leaf (*Ilex paraguariensis*)

Detecció 2: NPR + PEG / UV 365 nm

HPTLC



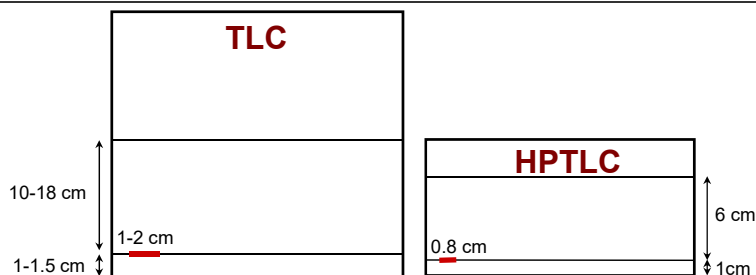
1. Caffeine
2. Chlorogenic acid
3. Rutin
- 5-13. Mate leaf samples

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TLC versus HPTLC



✓ Average particle size:	10 -15 µm	5 -7 µm
✓ Particle size distribution:	Wide	Narrow
✓ Layer thickness	250 µm	100-200 µm
✓ Application volume:	10-20 (-50) µL	1-5 µL
✓ N° samples/plate:	max. 12	> 12
✓ Development duration:	30-200 min	3-20 min
✓ Solvent consumption:	50 ml	5-10 ml
✓ Detection limit: Absorbance:	100-1000 ng	10-100 ng
Fluorescence:	1-100 ng	0.1 to 10 ng

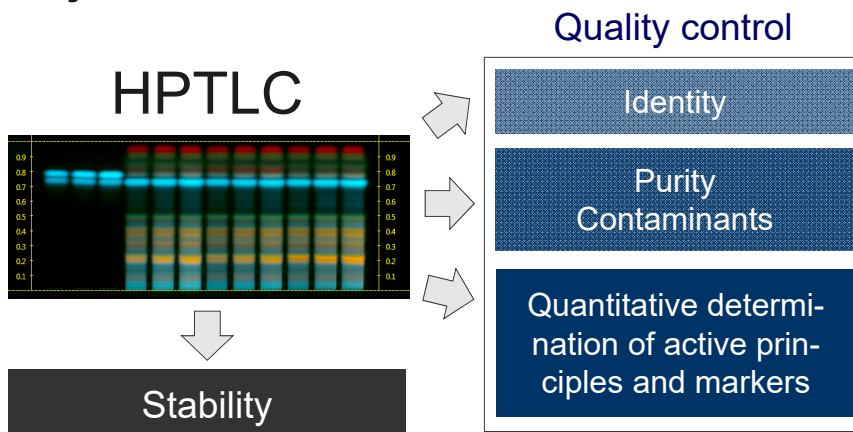
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Quality of herbal drugs and herbal preparations

Objectives



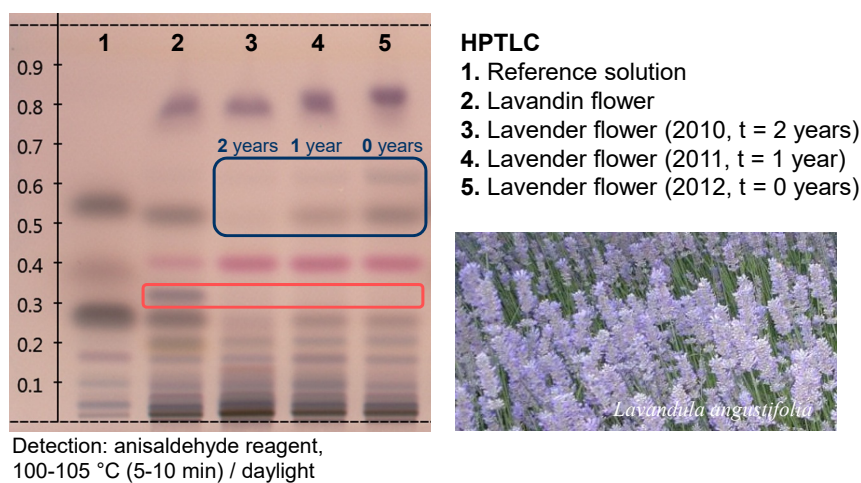
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Identification / purity / stability

Lavender flower (*Lavandula angustifolia*)



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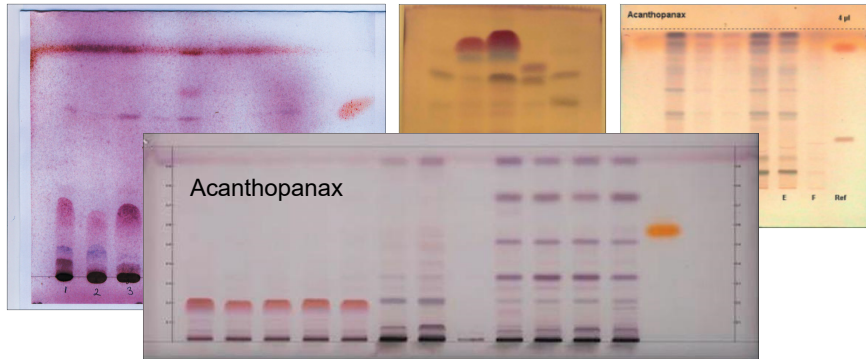
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Identification by TLC

Problems

- ✓ **Variability of the chromatograms**
 - Variability of herbal drugs (differences between batches)
 - Lack of reproducibility intra- and inter-laboratory



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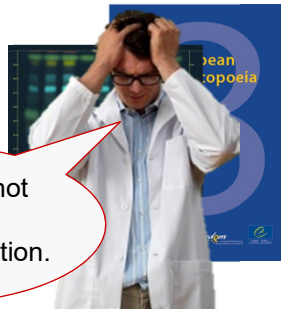
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Identification by TLC

Problems

- ✓ **Interpretation of the chromatograms**
 - Difficulties for describing the natural variability in a single description
 - Is the chromatogram well done?
 - Difficulties for describing and interpreting:
 - ▶ Which zones?
 - ▶ Position of the zones
 - ▶ Colour of the zones
 - ▶ Intensity of the zones



Compliant or not compliant?
That is the question.

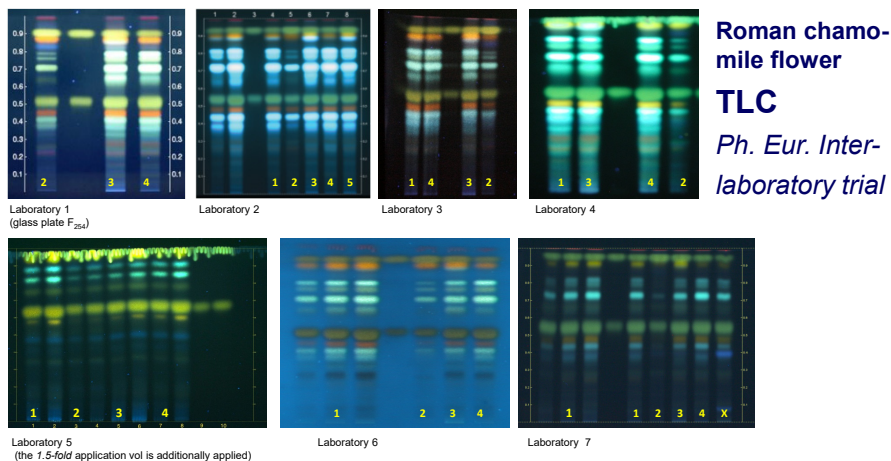
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HPTLC *versus* TLC

TLC reproducibility



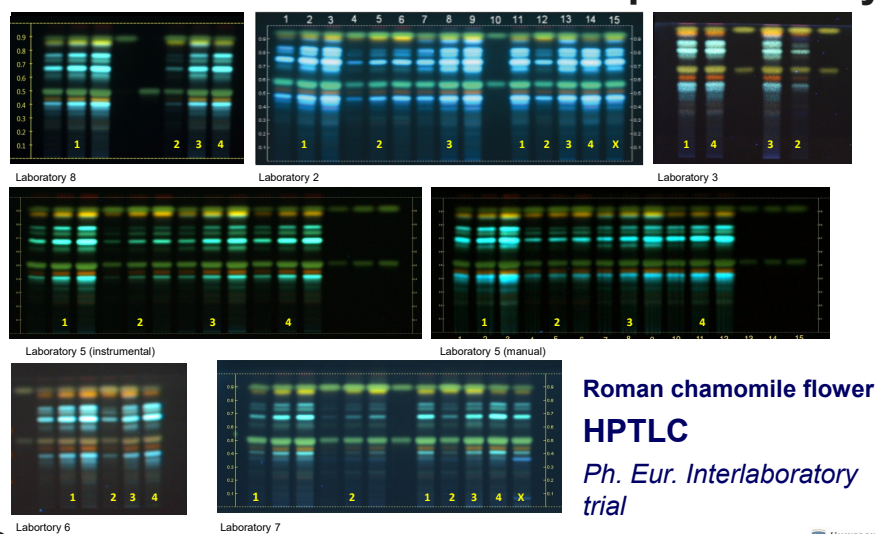
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HPTLC *versus* TLC

HPTLC reproducibility



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HPTLC for identification of herbals

Ph. Eur. Improvements (*chapter 2.8.25*)

1. Improvement of reproducibility

- ✓ Introduction of HPTLC
- Instrumentation may help

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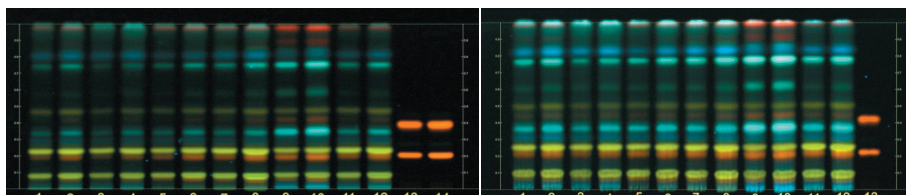


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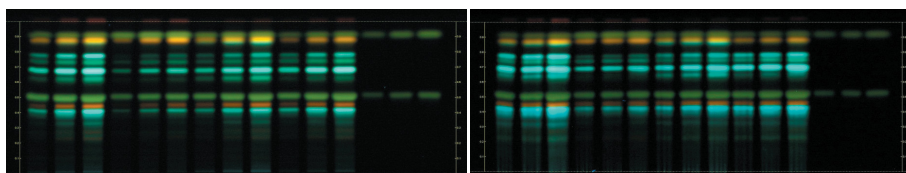
Instrumental *versus* manual HPTLC

Instrumental HPTLC

Manual HPTLC



Calendula



... Roman Chamomile; Crataegus; Hypericum, Birch ...

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HPTLC for identification of herbals

Ph. Eur. improvements (chapter 2.8.25)

1. Improvement of reproducibility

- ✓ Introduction of HPTLC
- ✓ **Standardisation of methodology**

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Standard operating protocols (SOP)



- ✓ Sample preparation
- ✓ Plate setup and handling
- ✓ Sample application (as band)
- ✓ Chamber geometry and saturation
- ✓ Humidity control
- ✓ Developing distance
- ✓ Derivatisation procedure
- ✓ Documentation (electronic images)
- ✓ Evaluation

SOP

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HPTLC for identification of herbals

Ph. Eur. improvements (chapter 2.8.25)

1. Improvement of reproducibility

- ✓ Introduction of HPTLC
- ✓ Standardisation of methodology
- ✓ **Introduction of a system suitability test**
(qualification of the plate)

System suitability test (SST)

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SST

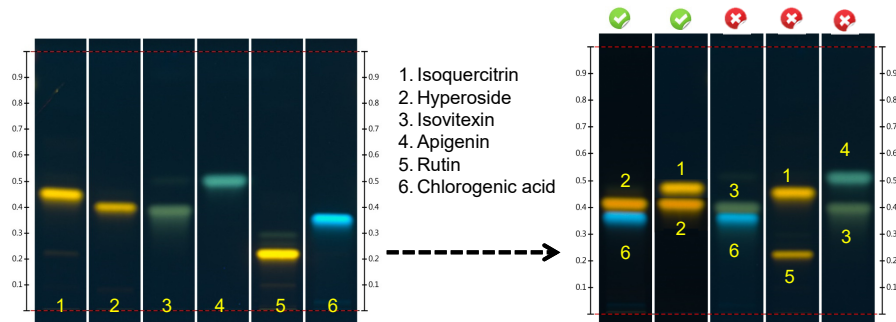
Test is based on the **separation of 2 substances** that have **similar retardation factors** (R_F values) **but** that are barely **separable** under the specified chromatographic conditions.

System-specific suitability test (SST)

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Flavonoids

Developing solvent: Ethyl acetate / formic acid / water
(80:10:10)



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Ph. Eur. improvements (chapter 2.8.25)

2. Improvement of the description and interpretation of the chromatograms

- ✓ **Sequence and characteristics of the zones**
 - ▶ Number
 - ▶ Position
 - ▶ Colour: encompassing description of zone colours
 - ▶ **Intensity: introduction of an intensity marker**

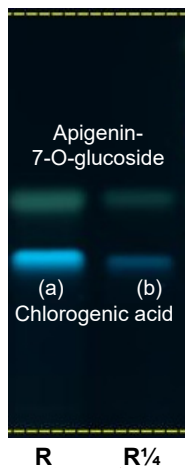
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Introduction of an intensity marker

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Example of intensity marker: chlorogenic acid (CA)

Visual intensity description

Intense zone:

More intense than CA zone intensity (a)

Zone with no descriptor for intensity:

Similar in intensity to CA zone intensity (a)

Faint zone:

Less intense than CA zone intensity (a) but equal to or more intense than CA zone intensity (b)

Very faint zone:

Less intense than CA zone intensity (b)

4-fold dilution

R and R_{1/4}: Reference solutions

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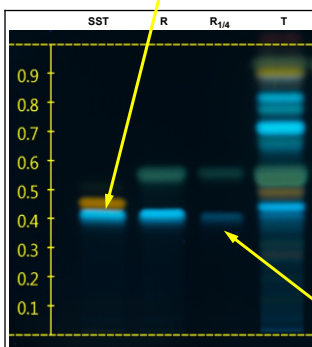
Roman chamomile flower

System-specific suitability test (SST)

Description table

Upper edge of plate	
	A greenish-blue ff zone (apigenin) A weak to equivalent brownish-yellow or orange ff zone
	Three light blue ff zones (upper two with a weak to equivalent intensity, the lowest usually intense)
Apigenin-7-glucoside: A greenish-blue ff zone	A equivalent to intense greenish-blue ff zone (apigenin-7-glucoside) A weak to equivalent brownish-yellow or orange ff zone
Chlorogenic acid: A light blue ff zone	A weak to equivalent light blue ff zone
Reference solution	Test solution

: Marks between upper, middle and lower third



Typical chromatogram

Intensity marker

SST: Reference solution (c)

R: Reference solution (a)

R_{1/4}: Reference solution (b). R diluted with factor 4

T: Test solution (T1)

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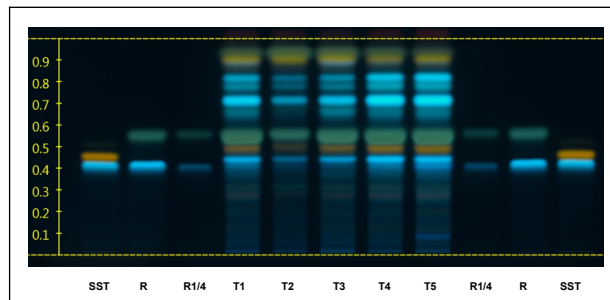
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Ph. Eur. improvements (chapter 2.8.25)

Example chromatograms of different batches

Roman chamomile flower



SST: Reference solution (c),

R: Reference solution (a),

R_{1/4}: Reference solution (b): R diluted with factor 4

T1-T5: Test solutions Chamomillae romanae flos

HPTLC-plate has been dipped for derivatization

HPTLC for identification of herbals

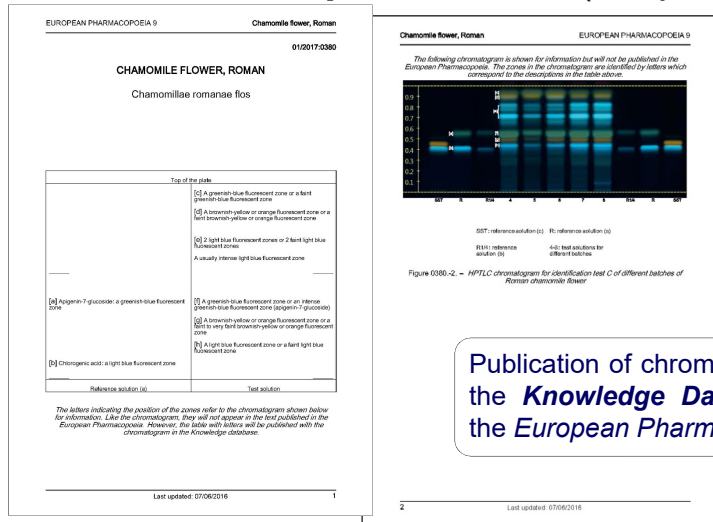
Ph. Eur. improvements (chapter 2.8.25)

2. Improvement of the description and interpretation of the chromatograms

- ✓ Sequence and characteristics of the zones
- ✓ **Publication of colour pictures of chromatograms**
 - ▶ Not in the Pharmacopeia itself but in the Knowledge database (available online for subscribers).
 - ▶ Not mandatory, given only as information.
 - ▶ Including several batches to show natural variability.

HPTLC for identification of herbals

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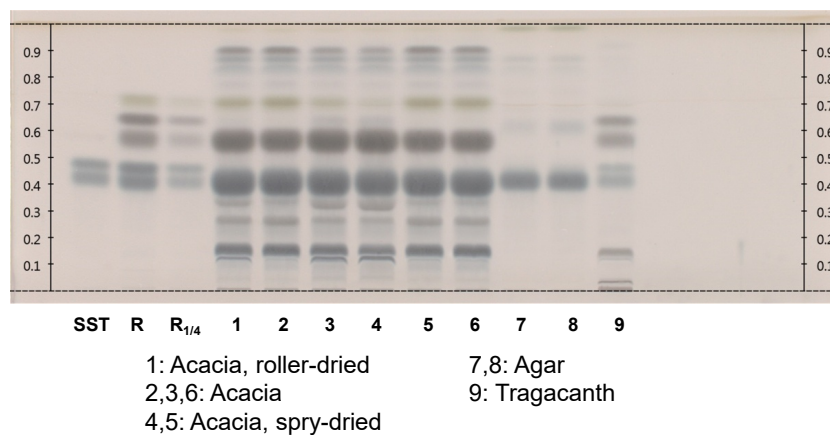


Publication of chromatograms in the **Knowledge Data Base** of the **European Pharmacopoeia**

HPTLC for identification of herbals

Polysaccharide containing drugs

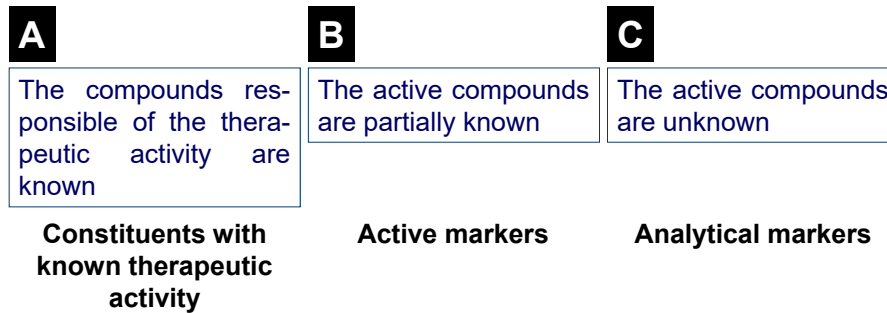
According to the new Ph. Eur. rules and style



Quality control of herbal products

Which compound(s) should be assayed?

Frequently, the active principles are totally or partially unknown



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Quality control of herbal products

Are analytical markers relevant?

Herbal medicinal products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Quantification can help in the control of the manufacturing process✓ In many cases, the content of analytical marker(s) is not indicative of the suitability of the herbal drug for the intended use✓ Does not guarantee the quality nor the stability of the herbal drug.
"... the herbal drug or herbal drug preparation in its entirety is regarded as the active substance..."	

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Quality control of herbal products

Is any better alternative to the assay of analytical markers?

- ✓ A **more holistic approach** would be suitable.
- ✓ The approach would be able to evaluate the **strength** of the herbal drug / preparation / product.



To be considered: more in deep exploitation of HPTLC profiling.

Under discussion!
Research and
concept definitions
are needed!

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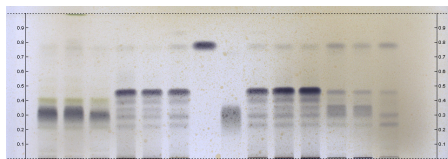
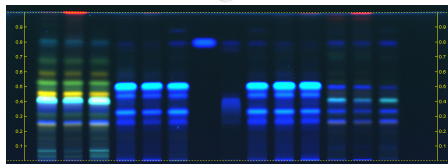
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CM could dramatically change the way we understand drug manufacturing.



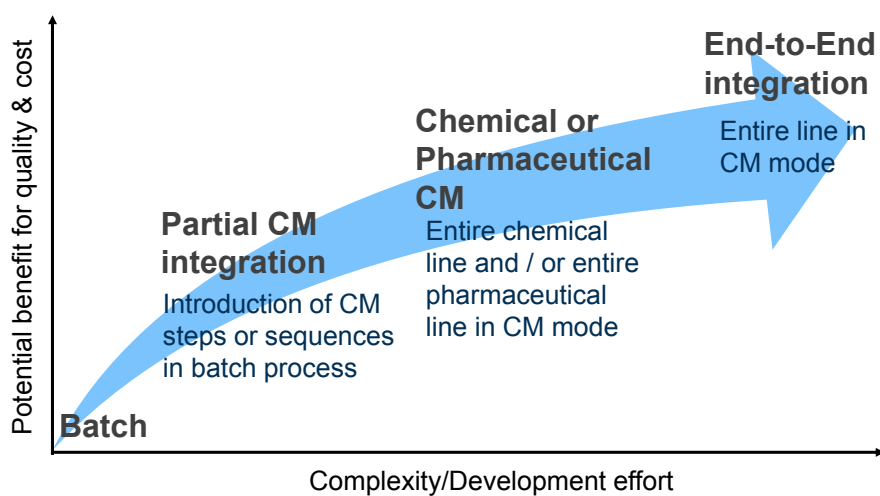
A unique opportunity to **redefine the industry paradigm** of how drugs are produced & pave the way to an even **faster, more precise & reliable** manufacturing approach.

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Implementation Scenarios from Batch to CM

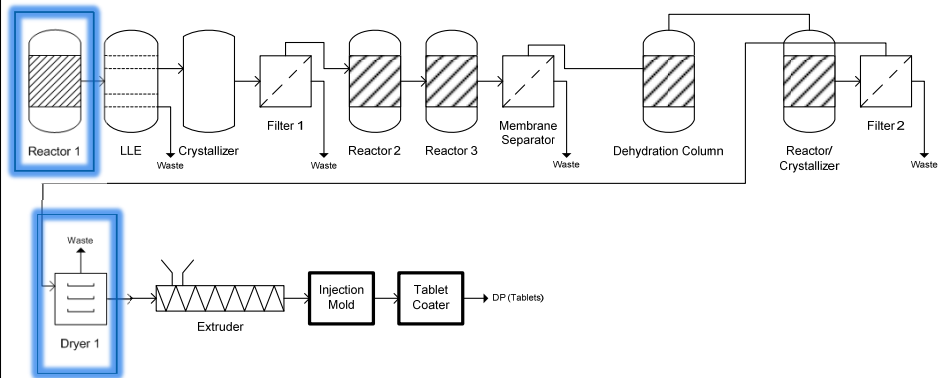


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End-to-End Approach



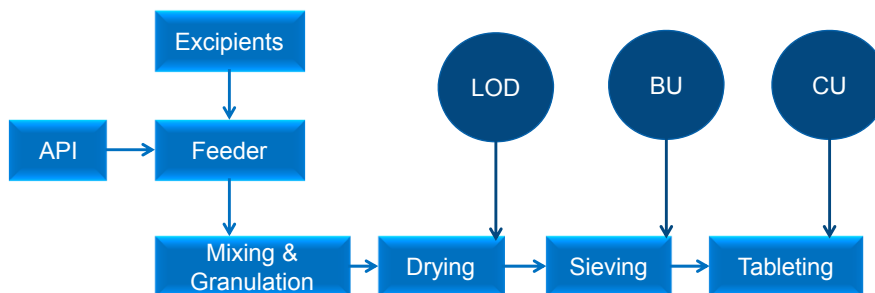
**Continuous manufacturing train:
the sum of multiple unit operations.**

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Control Strategy and Off-Line IPC



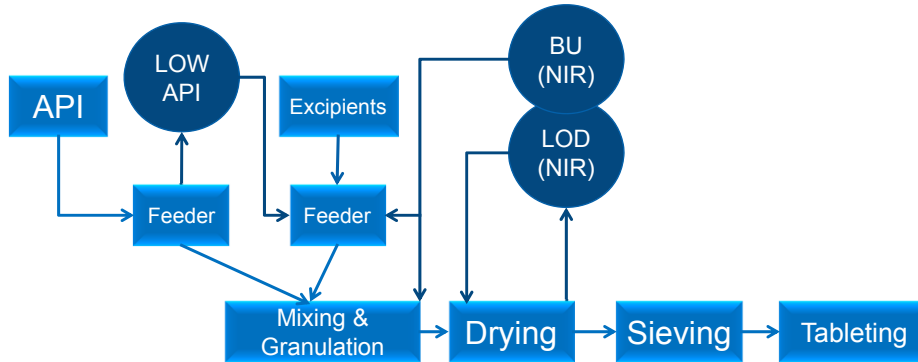
- Traditional IPC samples to monitor process
- Support of PAT development
- Confirmation and back up of PAT methods

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Control Strategy and PAT



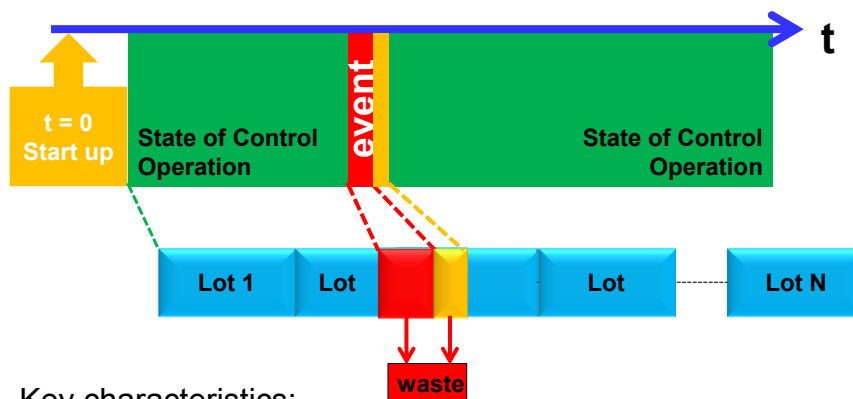
- Multiple physical principles assess state of process
- Primary objective: verification of robust operation, but: allow feedback and feedforward loops, if required

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State of Control Operation



Key characteristics:

- Material collection in state of control operation
- Events are basis for flagging and diversion decision
- Divert material at the appropriate point of the CM process

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Compendial standards & guidelines relevant to CM control strategy

- Pharmaceuticals produced by CM need to comply with current applicable Ph.Eur. monograph and GMP standards.
- Examples where Ph.Eur. likely is relevant and applicable:
 - Near-infrared spectroscopy (2.2.40);
 - Raman spectroscopy (2.2.48);
 - Demonstration of uniformity of dosage units using large sample sizes (2.9.47); etc.
- Other examples of areas covered by compendial monograph: physical and physicochemical methods e.g. monographs on spectroscopy, monographs on chromatography, etc.

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Other standards & guidelines relevant to CM

- **ICH guidelines** e.g. ICH Q8, Q9, Q10, Q11
- **EU guidelines** e.g. EU guideline for Good Manufacturing Practice, Annex 15: Qualification and Validation; Annex 17: Real Time Release Testing;
- **Standards and white papers** e.g.
 - ASTM International Standard Guide for Application of Continuous Processing in the Pharmaceutical Industry, E2968-14, 2015;
 - Regulatory and Quality Considerations for Continuous Manufacturing. May 20–21, 2014 Continuous Manufacturing Symposium, published by Allison et al, Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, 104: 803-812, 2015.

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Conclusion on regulatory situation in continuous manufacturing

- Current regulatory framework is adequate to apply continuous manufacturing.
- Current regulations and guidelines are supportive for the development and manufacture of pharmaceutical continuous manufacturing processes.

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Do Regulations Inhibit Implementation of CM?

Feedback from a survey of Efpia (European federation of pharmaceutical industries and associations)



- Current Regulatory Framework Does Not Prevent Implementation of Continuous Manufacturing
 - A number of EFPIA member companies have successfully registered continuous manufacturing processes.
 - Continuous manufacturing can be defined in a number of ways depending on process technology.
 - Continuous manufacturing implementation approaches can be diverse within and between companies.

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Feedback from a survey of Efpia



- However industry addresses possible areas for clarification (e.g. through Q&A?):
 - **Batch Definition**
 - Definitions for Harmonized Terminology
 - Adaptation of CTD Structure
 - **Electronic data handling** for large data volumes in CM environment
 - **Batch Release Requirements**
 - **Process Validation**
 - Etc.

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What is a batch, lot etc.? EU Definition.

Glossary of the EU GMP Guideline:

A **batch** is a defined quantity of starting material, packaging material or product processed in one process or series of processes so that it could be expected to be homogeneous.

Note: In the case of continuous manufacture, the batch must correspond to a defined fraction of the production, characterized by its intended homogeneity.

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The batch size can be defined either by a fixed quantity or by the amount produced in a fixed time interval.

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Batch Size

In traditional discrete manufacturing, the lot size is a technical consequence, e.g. limited by the amount of the same initial incoming mass.

In the continuous manufacturing mode batch and lot sizes are decoupled from such constraints.

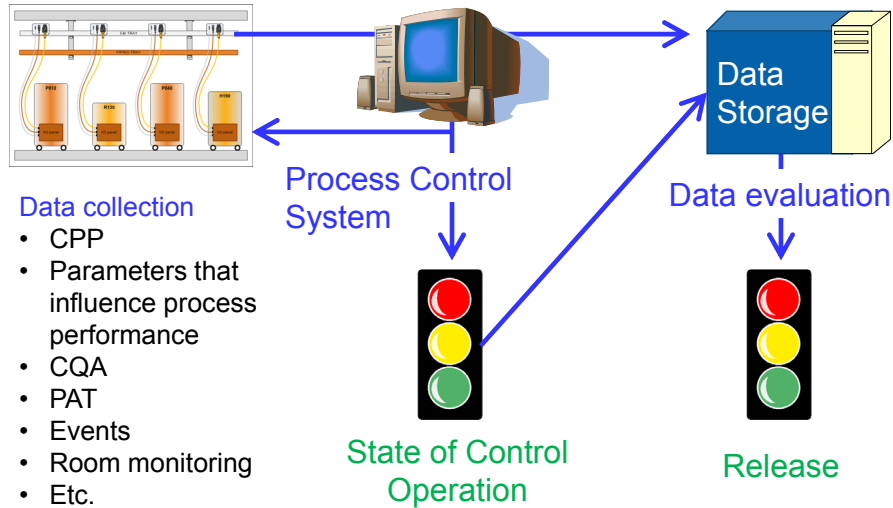
The batch size (and run times) can now be based on the size of each order, balancing acceptable business risk and effectiveness.

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Continuous Monitoring Automation and Big Data

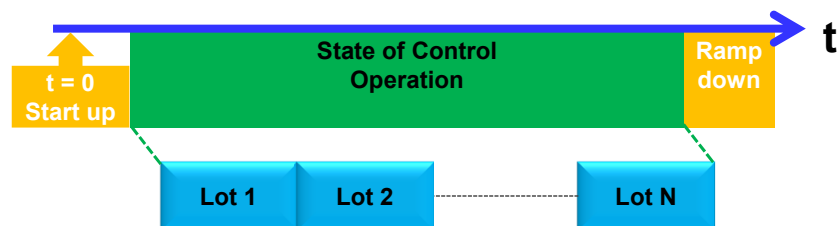


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Batch Release



- Material collection in state of control operation
- Material from events or deviations diverted / segregated
- Deviations investigated and closed
- Batch records reviewed
- Process data, IPC, PAT, room & media data meet requirements
- Missing final product attributes characterized or RTRT (real time release testing) done

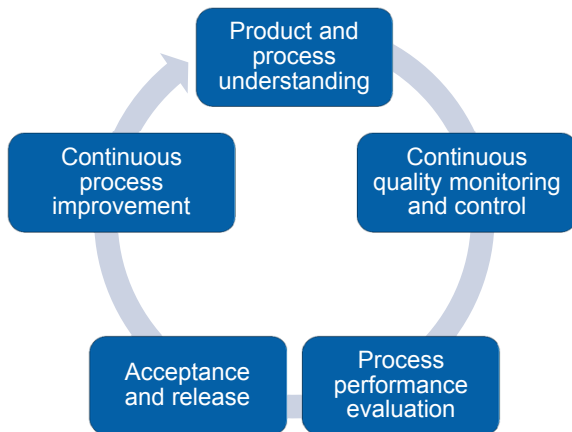
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Validation Approach: Continuous Verification

Continuous verification occurs over the lifecycle of a product:



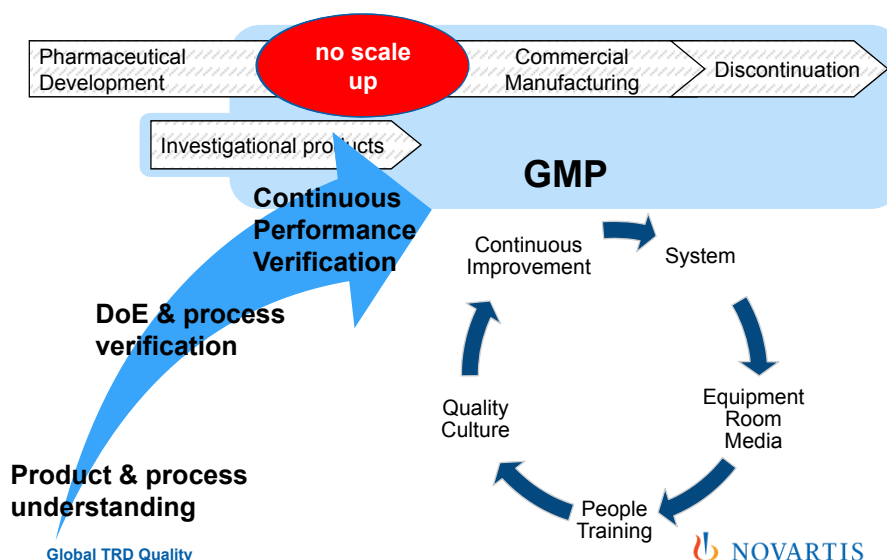
Based on the large amount of data generated until and including **process performance qualification (PPQ)**, no classical validation batches will be manufactured. The **continuous performance verification** shall be used as an alternative validation approach.

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Lifecycle Approach: DoE – CpV – Routine



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Conclusion

- The current regulatory framework is supportive for the development, manufacture and application of pharmaceutical continuous manufacturing.
 - Ph.Eur. is supportive for the development and manufacture of pharmaceutical continuous manufacturing processes.
- Certain aspects of CM may benefit from regulatory clarification to fully realise all benefits from continuous manufacturing technology e.g. continuous performance verification or TRT.
- CM is a topic of considerable interest and further discussion between industry, compendial authorities and regulatory agencies will be beneficial to ensure an appropriate regulatory framework that encourages innovation while protecting public health.

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