

# $\mu$ - PLC

to detect  
**falsified fruit preservation.**

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$\mu$ -PLC has been developed  
to detect product falsifications.

Its technique, tools and first applications  
have been e-published as a free book :

[www.planar-chromatography-by-kaiser.com](http://www.planar-chromatography-by-kaiser.com)

## What is the difference $\mu$ -PLC to HPTLC ?

The following is NOT available in HPTLC.

- Sample size: below 1 nl to over 1 ml.
- 2 to 6 samples partially overlapped on 10x10 cm plates circular positioned.
- Strictly focussed in the plate centre as  $\mu$ -circle.
- Completely dried (air / N<sub>2</sub> , 2 L/min, 20 degr C).
- Constant flow mobile phase .
- Gas phase reactions, if needed.
- Digital photo multi integration, if needed.

## Specialities in $\mu$ -PLC versus HPTLC :

- Taking, giving, positioning and enriching liquid or solved samples in  $\mu$ -PLC **exclusively by micro brushes.**
- **No mobile phase tank.** Replaced by a static gas phase layer of 1 mm thickness in precise horizontal position.
- **No beta phases** in  $\mu$ -PLC.
- Mobile phase in constant flow from a closed 1 ml micro flasc through a wick into the HPTLC plate centre under **glass cover.**

## Precision and accuracy conditions in $\mu$ -PLC :

- Phase inlet position  $\pm 0.2$  mm central.
- Plate positioning strictly vertical.
- Phase flow, drying and gas phase treatment at constant temperature and strictly symmetrical .

## No errors exist in compare $\mu$ -PLC besides wrong sample or sampling

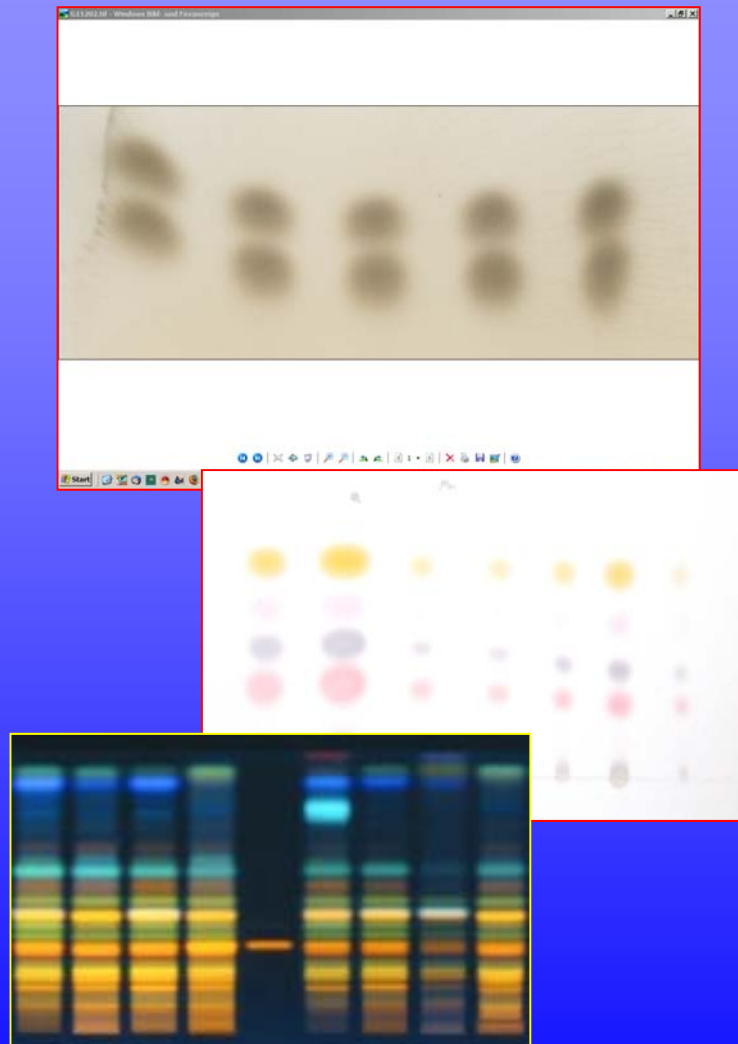
- No any quantitation needed if compared samples differ in their overlapped region, then quantity errors simply NOT possible.
- In THIS case we have 100 % save results with the statement: „the substances differ qualitatively for sure“
- This is the first time an analytical result „it differs“ is error free. But overlapping is mandatory which means: it is an analytical „sample-**within**-sample“ technique.

## Possible quantitation quality in $\mu$ -PLC:

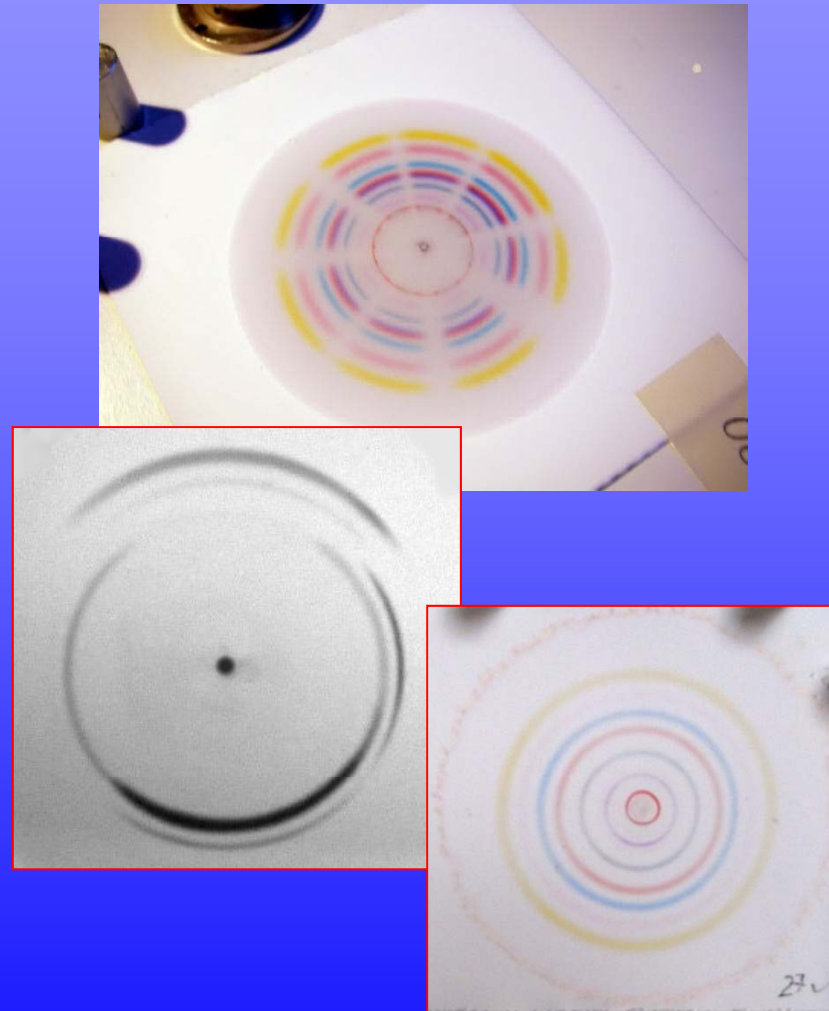
In case quantitative differences are detectable there ARE errors  
– of course, but:

Quant. comparability data normally reach **+/- 0.5 %** and could be improved to **+/- 0.05 %** rel. standard deviation **by multi integration**, which runs at  $N \geq 4$ , never at  $N < 4$ , like in most of the regulated analyses.

# Classical PLC and HPTLC



# $\mu$ -PLC is always circular





## comparing samples:

Classical PLC/HPTLC analyses run samples

**> parallel to each other.**

All GC, HPLC a.s.o. analyse samples

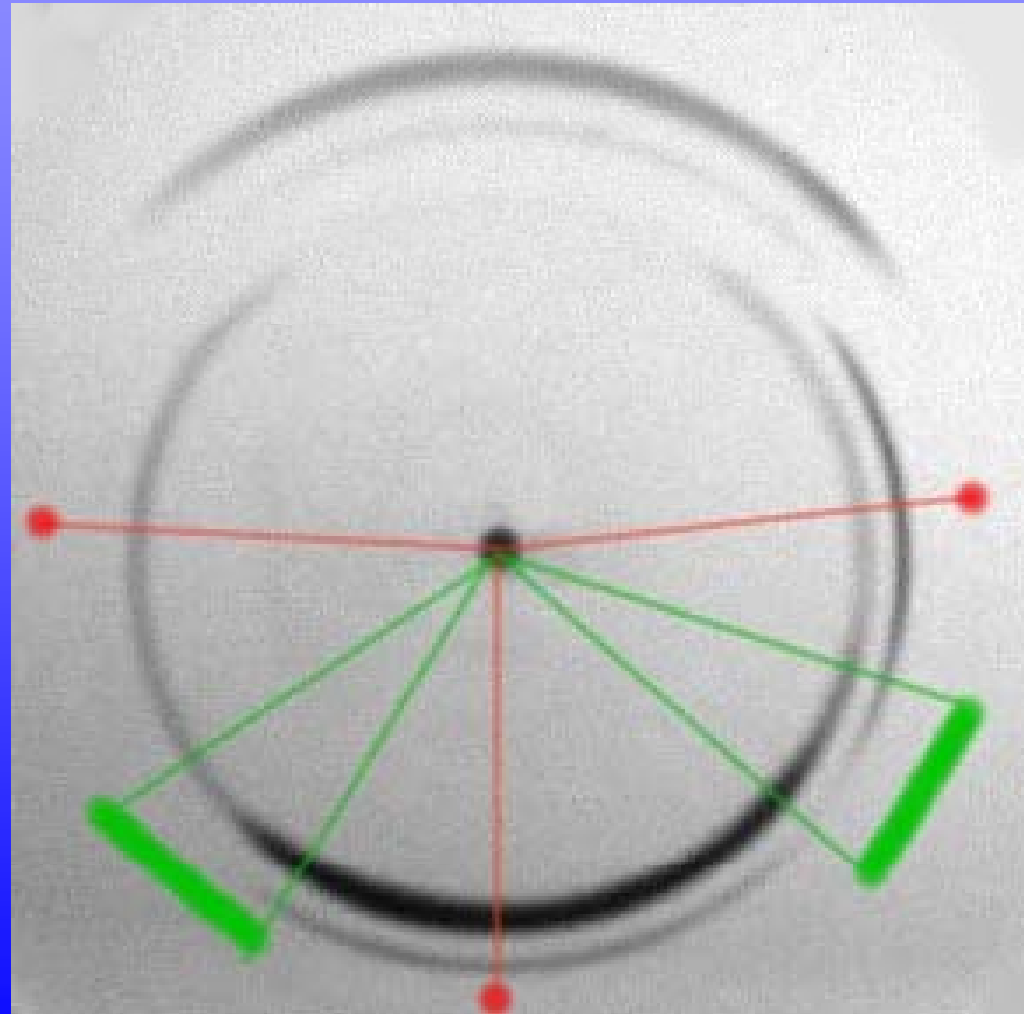
**> next to each other.**

This differs fundamentally from  $\mu$ -PLC.

It analyses circular by partial overlapping

**> within each other.**

Only this new technique offers  
100% „safety of results“, see the  
simple facts in the green triangles :

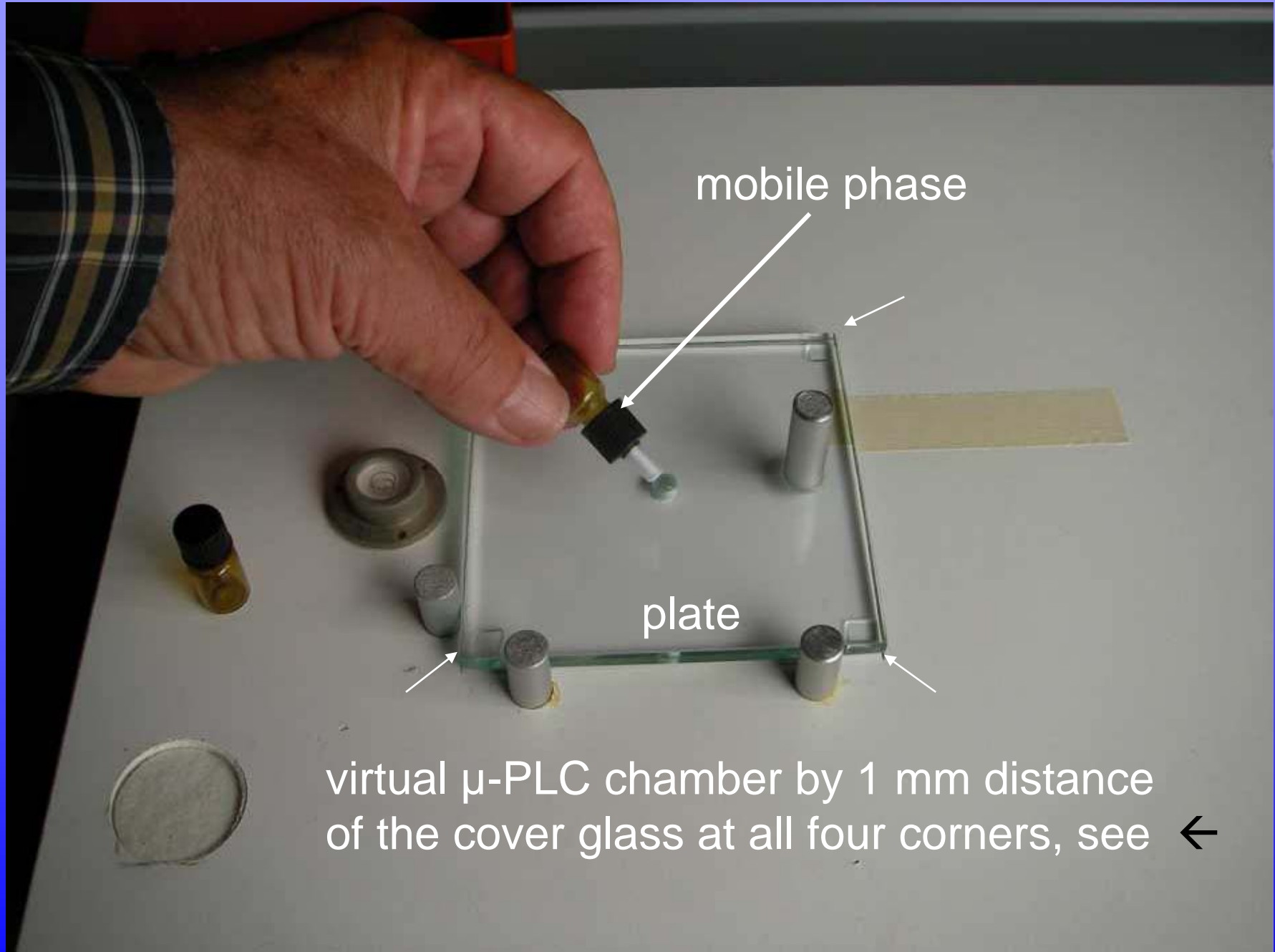


# **μ-PLC instrument is a complicated and / or expensive tool ??**

- **Not at all.**
- **Read the free e-book**

**[www.planar-chromatography-by-kaiser.com](http://www.planar-chromatography-by-kaiser.com)**

About 200 pages, 200 figures, click-connected.



mobile phase

plate

virtual  $\mu$ -PLC chamber by 1 mm distance of the cover glass at all four corners, see ←



# Taking extract samples from a fruit surface by a wet $\mu$ -brush

- 1 cm<sup>2</sup> extr. by micro brush no.3 to 5 with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>



# Why does this work ?

- The capillary forces in a slightly wet brush tip are STRONGER than in a  $< 0.5$  mm i.d. micro glass tube. Equal type liquids are very fast soaked from the tube into the slightly wet brush.
- But the capillary forces at the porous PLC layer surface are stronger than in a wet micro brush tip.
- Therefore: there is a perfect material transportation from a fruit surface into the brush tip and from here into the thin layer – nearly quantitative and fast.
- This is physics. Now the chemistry:

The fruit surface is covered by natural products solvable in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . They chemisorb on silicagel. Impregnated fruit surfaces add further material, which may be visible by planar chromatography, see the „BIO“-orange material below:

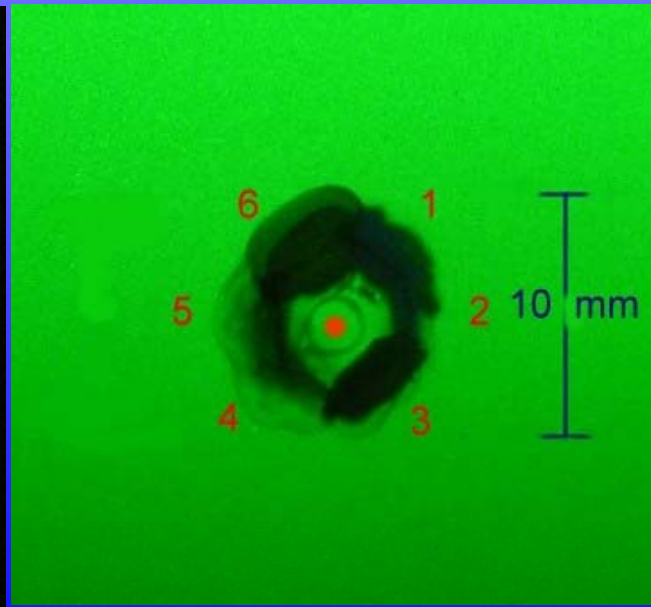
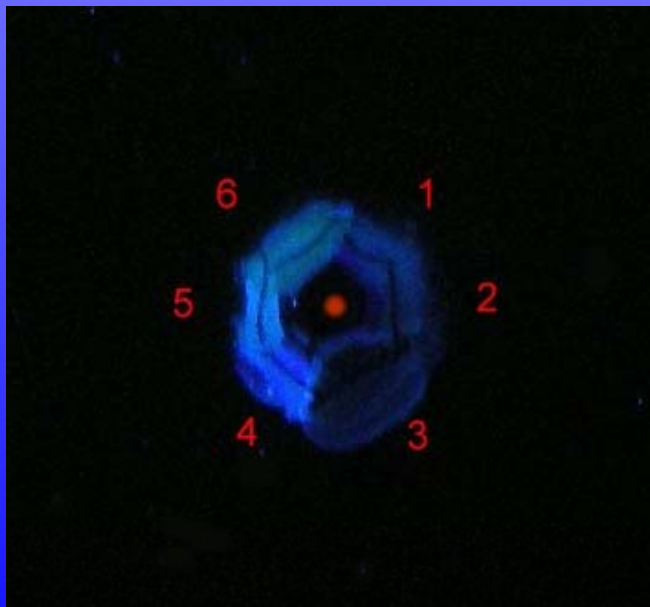




# Sampling spot limitations on 10 mm hexagon, 6 samples.

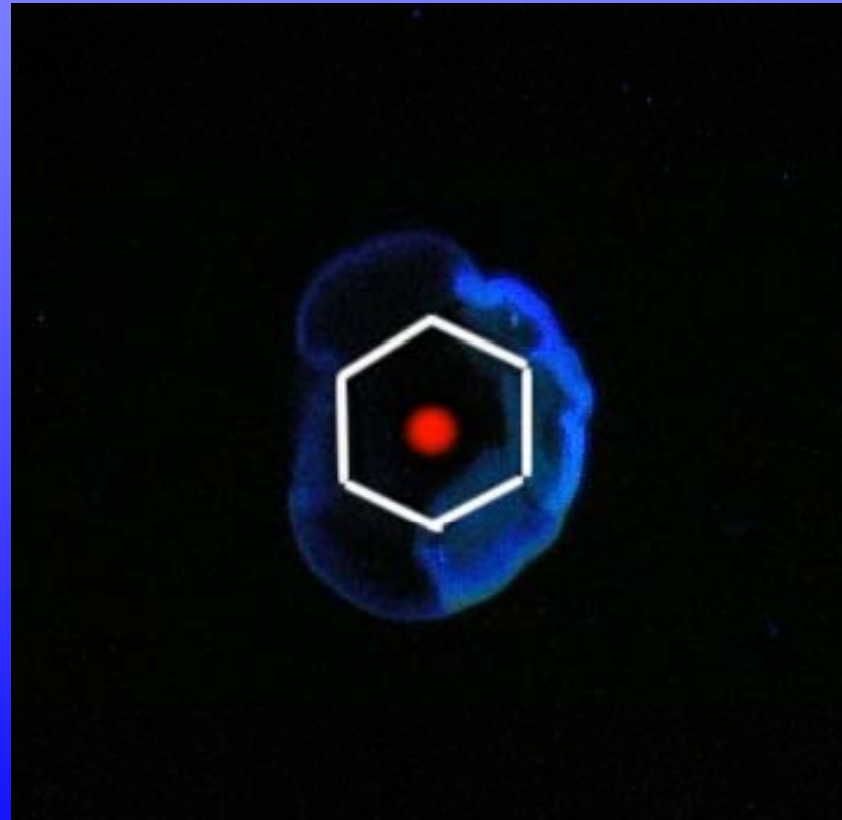
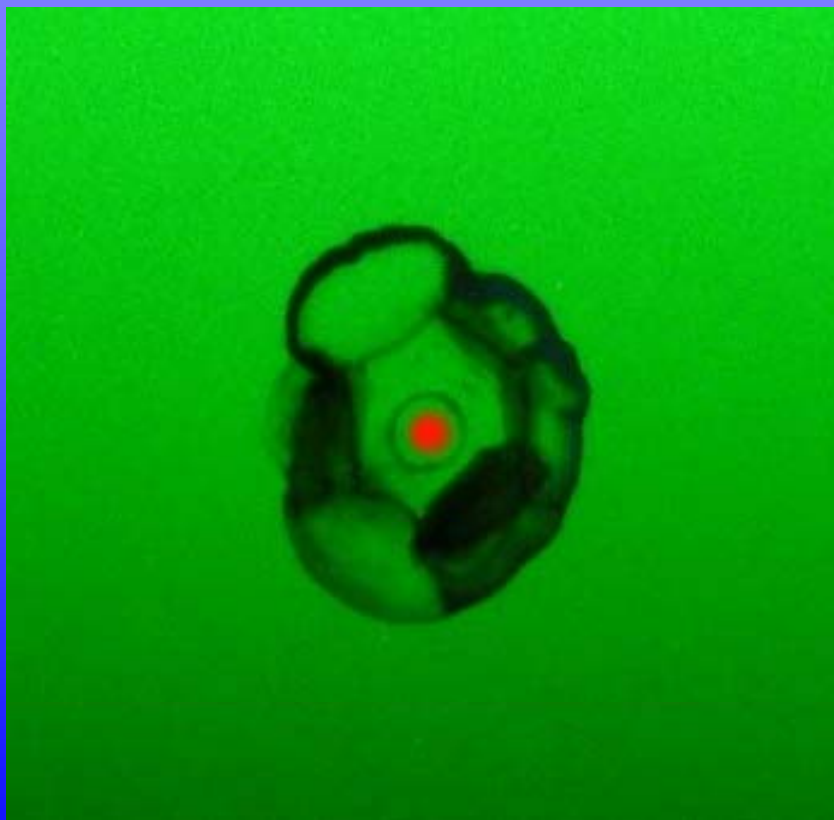
TH = Thiabendazol, IM = Imazalil, OP = ortho Phenylphenol  
about 20  $\mu$ l, 0.1 % solutions each.

Chemisorbing natural skin materials show PLC problems.



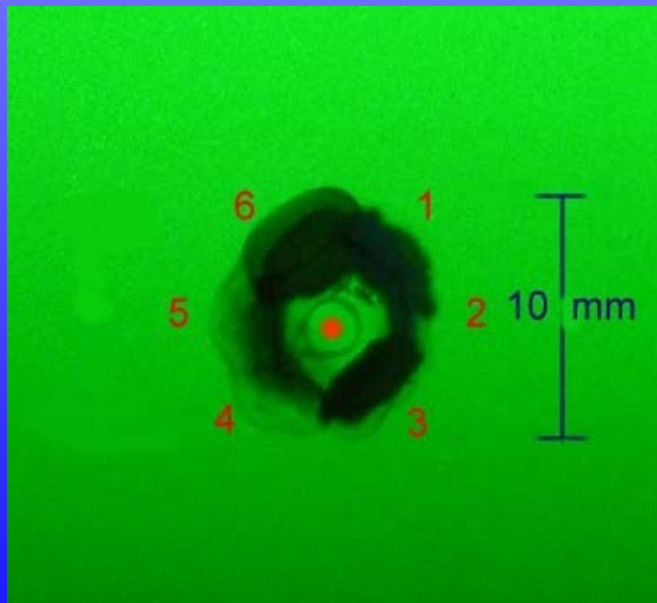
- 1 = Moro Orange
- 2 = Mandarin + IM
- 3 = Bio Lemon
- 4 = Banana
- 5 = Apple
- 6 = TH + IM + OP

**Also fokussing is at its limits**  
**after the first 20  $\mu\text{l}$   $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$**   
because of the chemisorbing natural skin substances

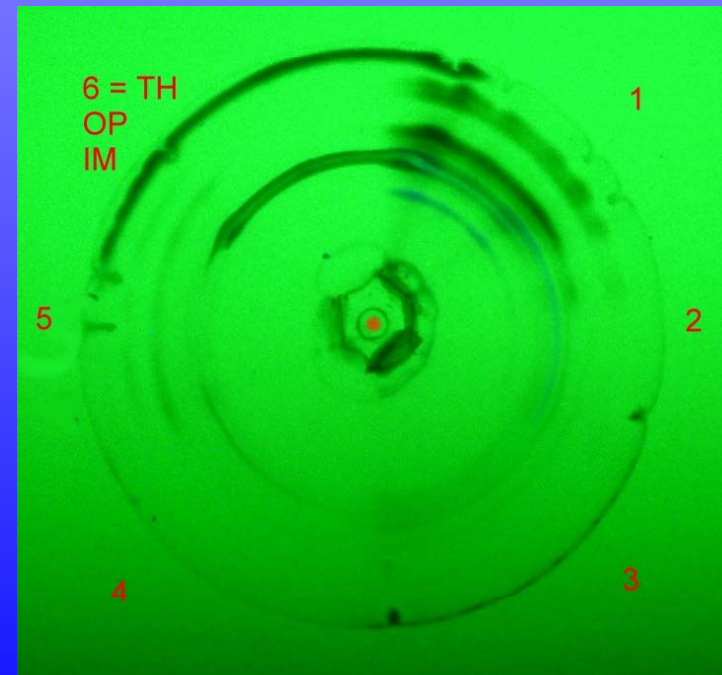


# Despite of poor sampling spots and focussing at limits :

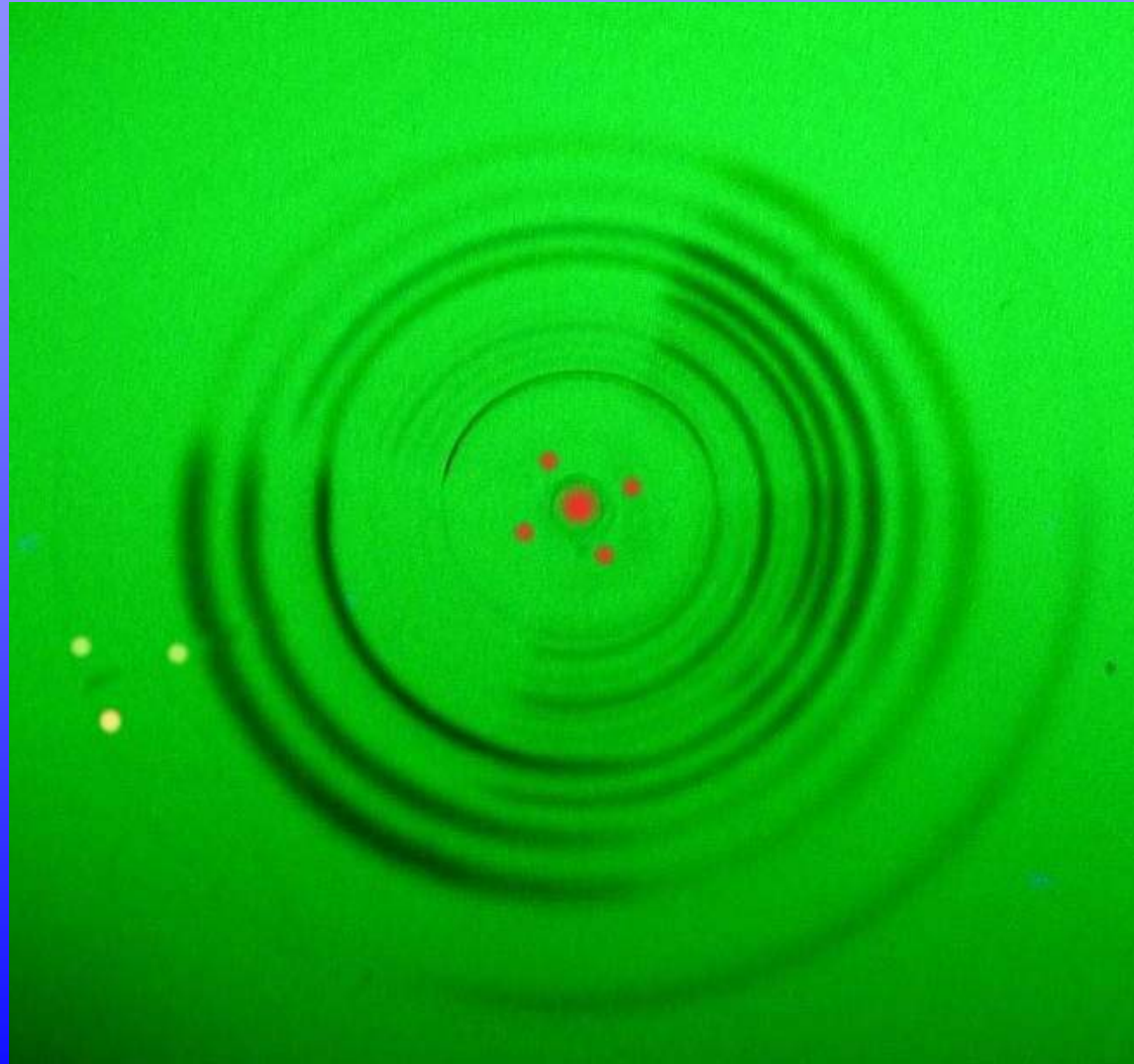
it is clearly seen : fruit ,1' is illegally coated.  
Fruits 2, 3 and 5 look like not truly ,BIO'



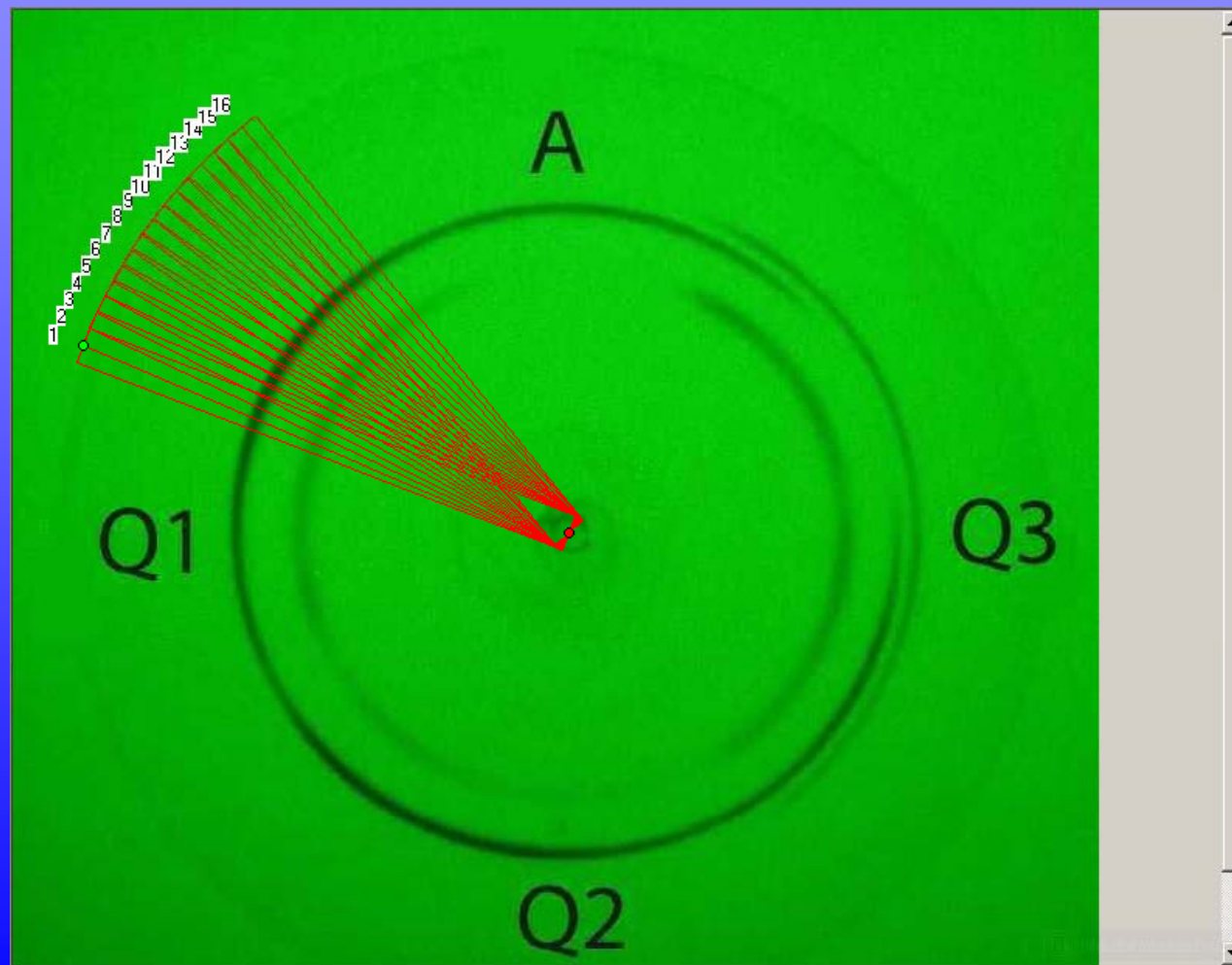
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Under normal conditions in overlapped sampling  
focussing and separation works fine under  $\mu$ -PLC



This way it is easy to identify falsified medical products – example VIAGRA : only A is authentic. Q1, Q2, Q3 are faiked. Quantitation if necessary with N up to 16 repetitions



- Three of the clearly falsified VIAGRA's have been ordered through the Internet.
- I got these samples from my ,Apotheker' who asked me for a critical compare analysis because of problems his customers had.

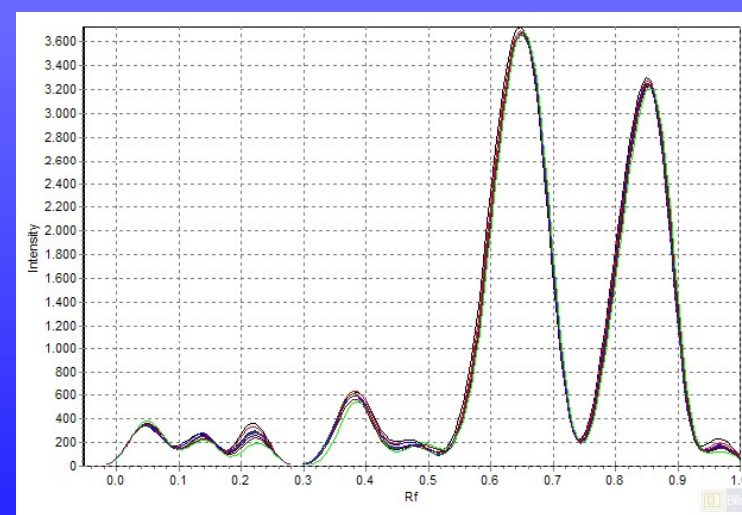
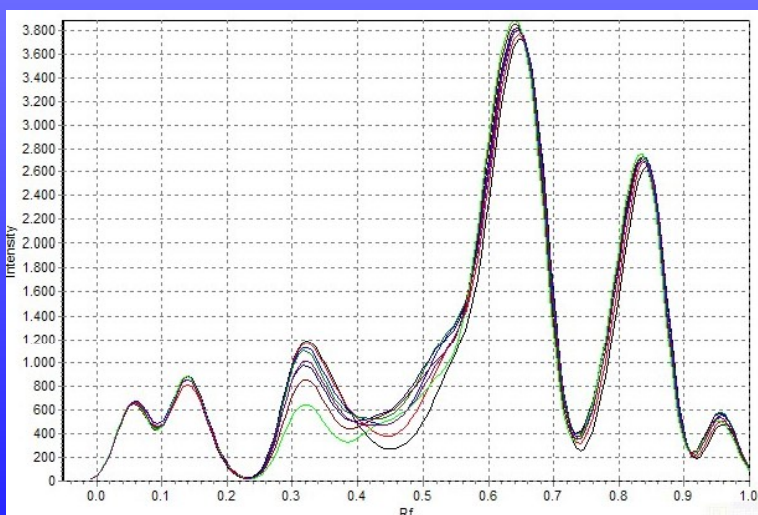
So only ONE pill, the authentic one, was OK

- A few days ago we got from a pharma company one original drug and its ,remake' – as important anti cancer medicine. **Remake and Original DIFFER strongly!**

Remake

7 integr.chrom. each

Original



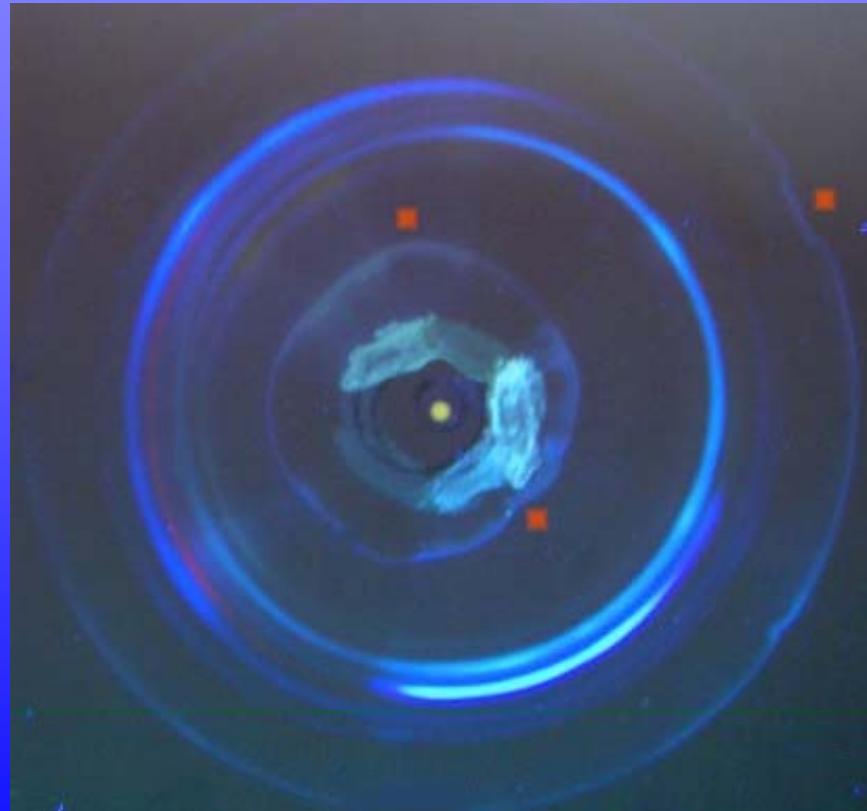
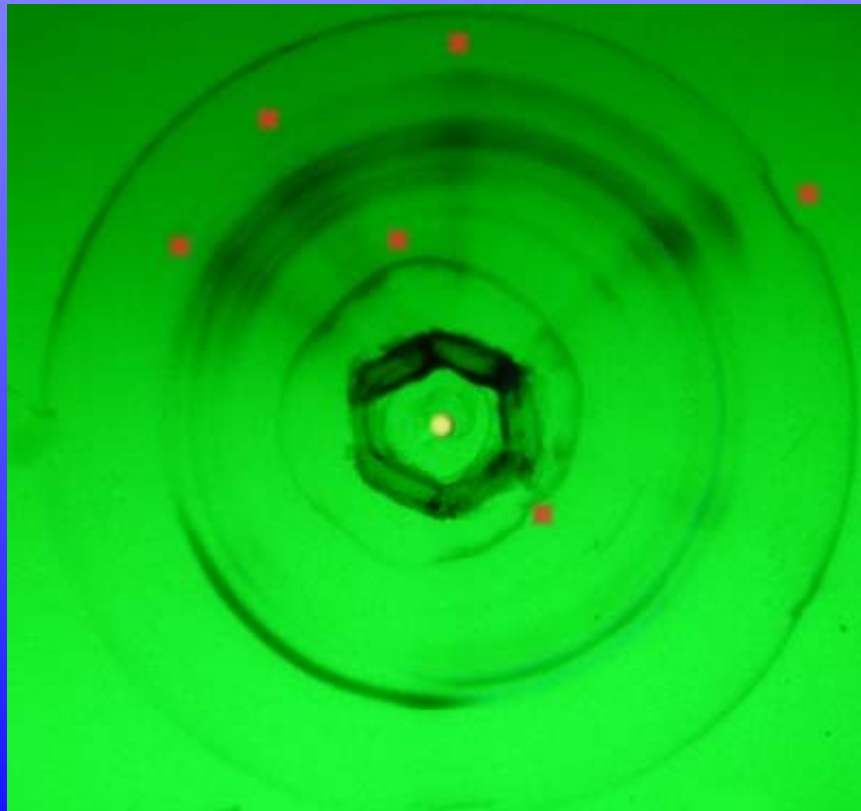
Back to chemisorbing plant material,

it complicates separation.

It reduces the phase flow locally irregular –  
see the red pointed positions.

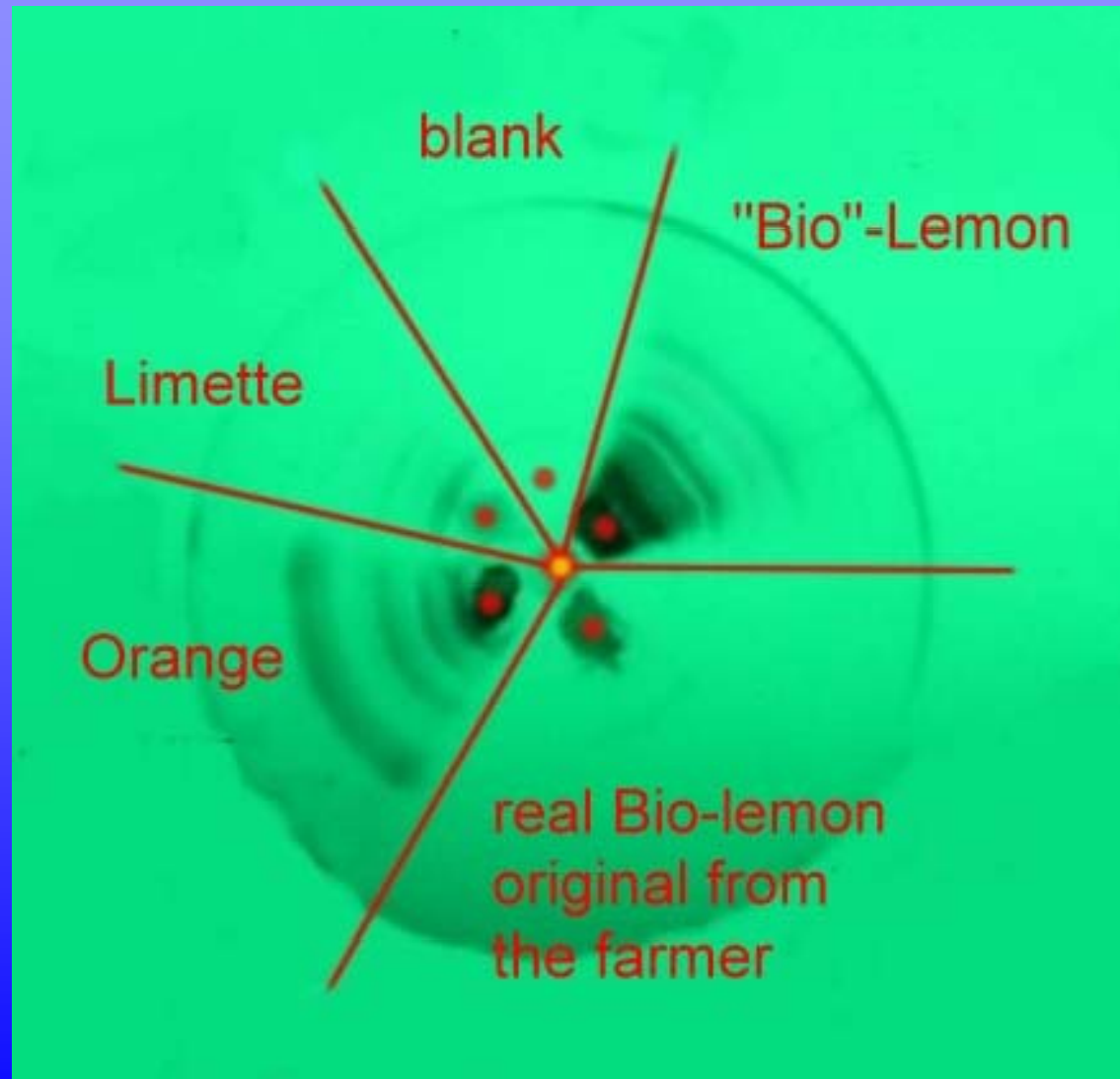
left: UV 254

right: FLU

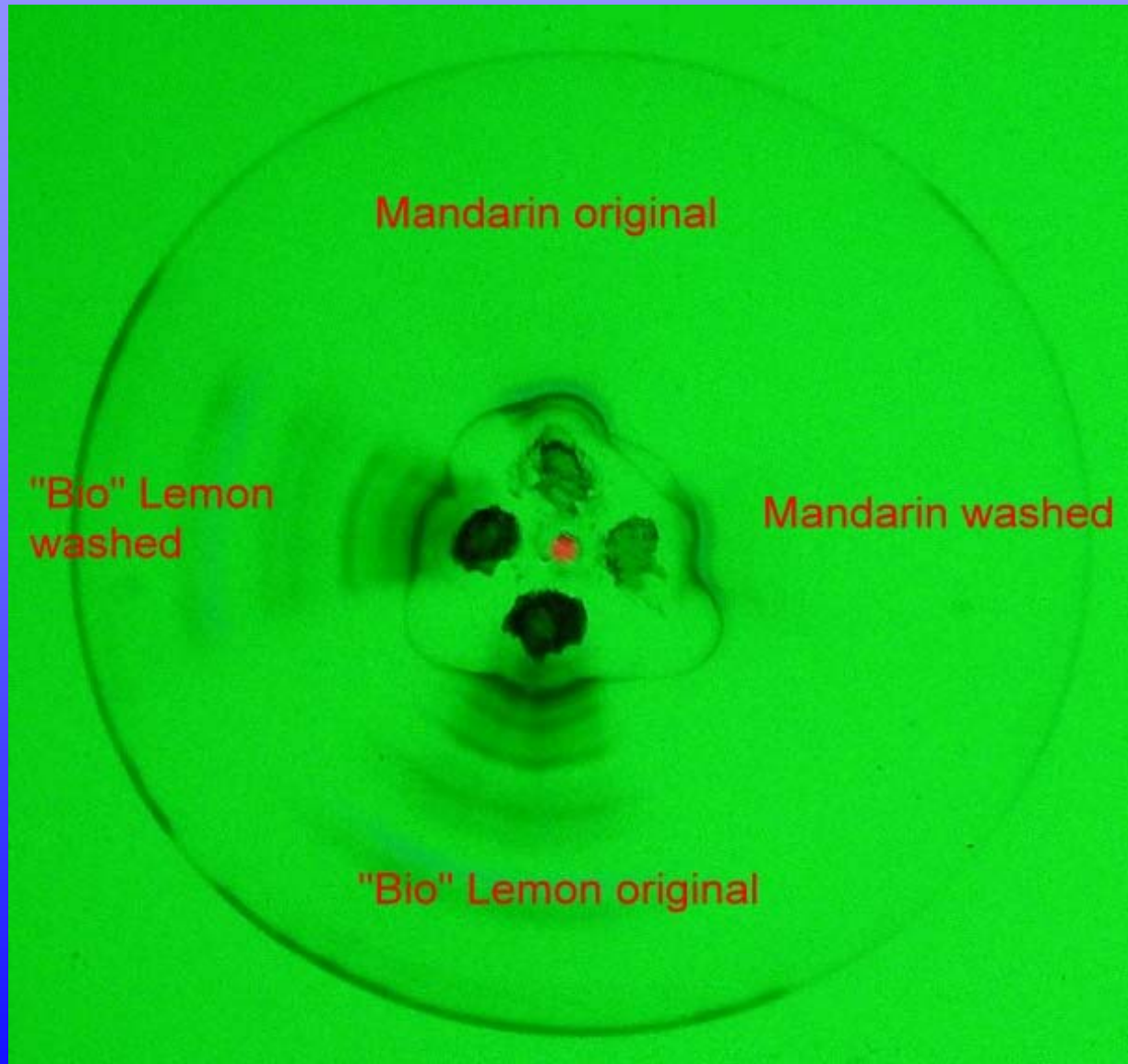




„Bio“-Lemon versus a real Bio-lemon :  
Clear answer: „BIO“ is illegally treated .

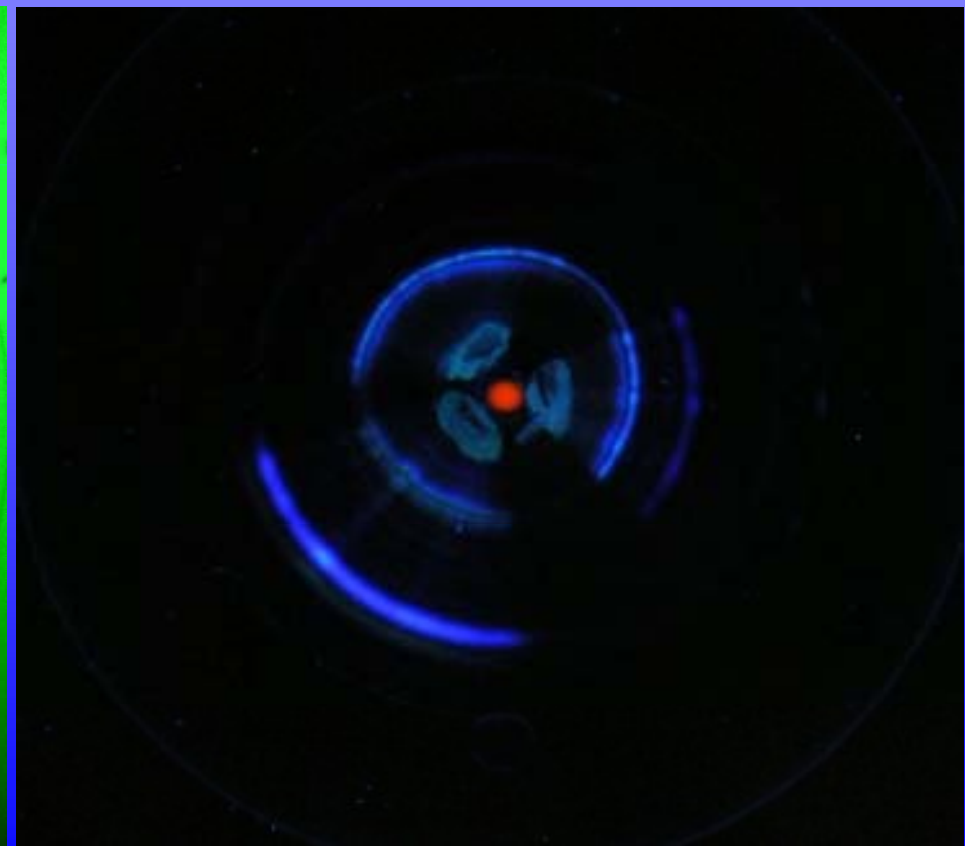


# Chemicals: not removable by washing

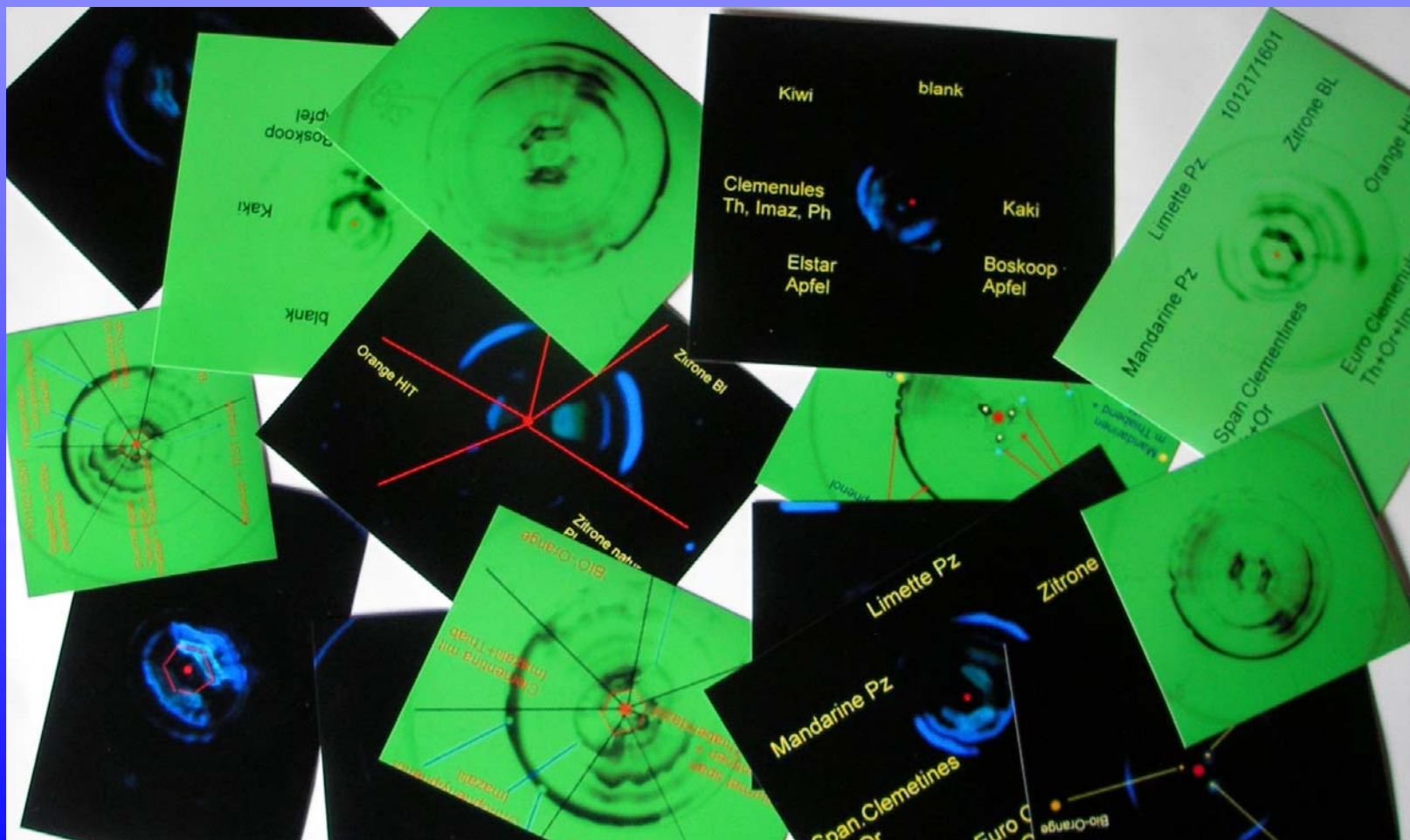


with hot water:  
No effect also by additions like ascorbic acid or using warm olive oil.

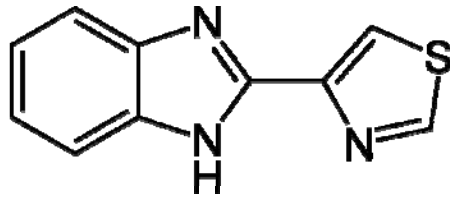
- 1 = IM-mandarin1 [ shop ,A' (minimum sampling) ] **OK**
- 2 = mandarin2 [ shop ,B' same town, same road,] **NOK**
- 3 = OP (ortho phenylphenol) test substance
- 4 = Bio-lemon [ shop ,B' (minimum sampling) ] **NOK**
- 5 = TH (Thiabendazol)
- 6 = Bio-orange [ shop ,B' (minimum sampling) ] **NOK**



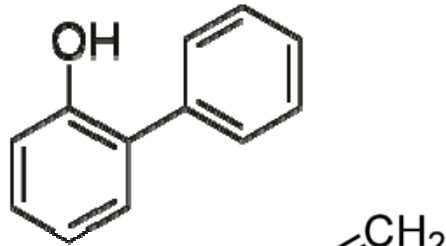
20 diff. plant surface analyses would to day show >10 not acceptable results:  
(as a mean)



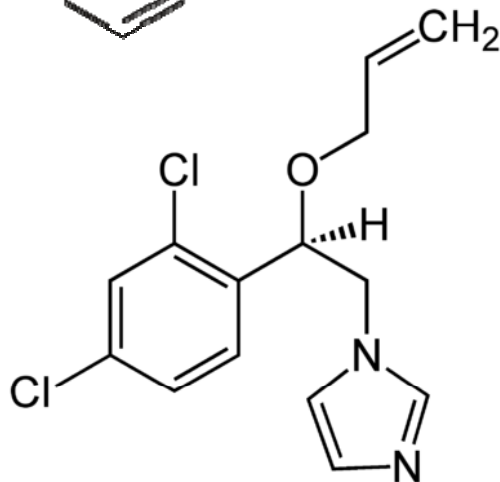
# Still in 2011 accepted protection substances :



- Thiabendazol
- (TH)



- o-Phenylphenol
- (PH)



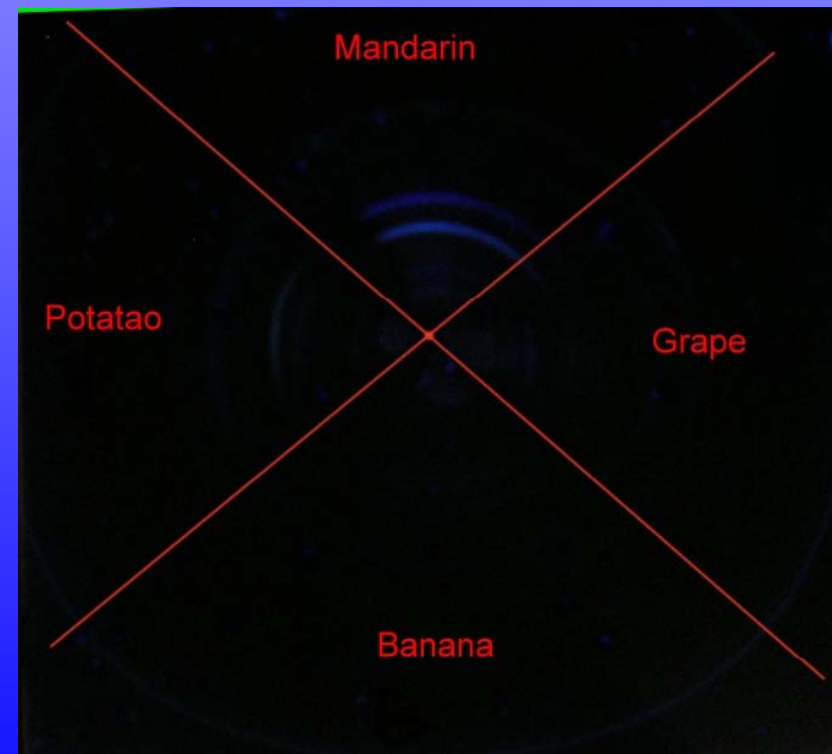
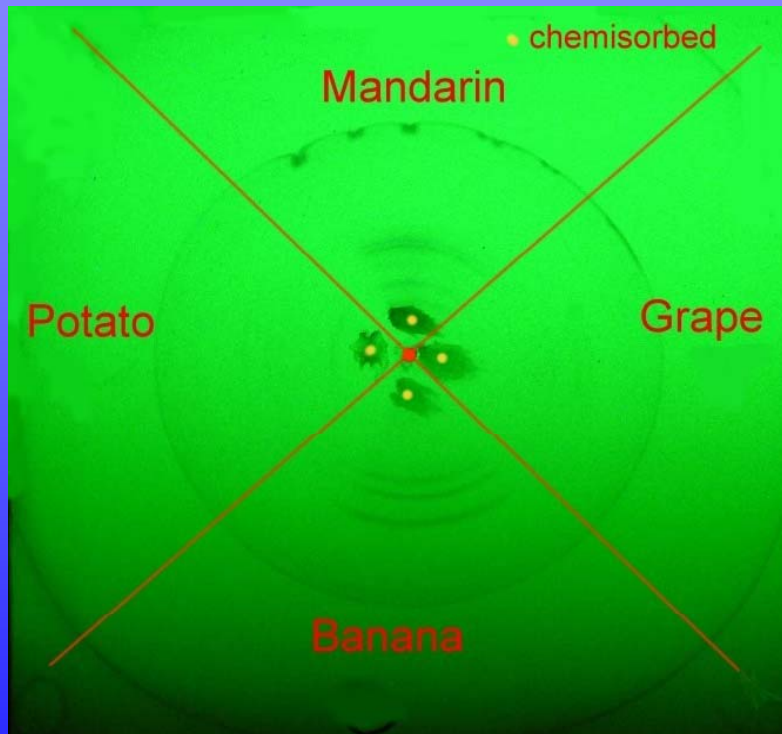
- Imazalil
- (IM)

**TH, IM** and **PH** also used on potatoes, bananas, grain. Information about treated goods is often regulated by law. Critical concentrations.

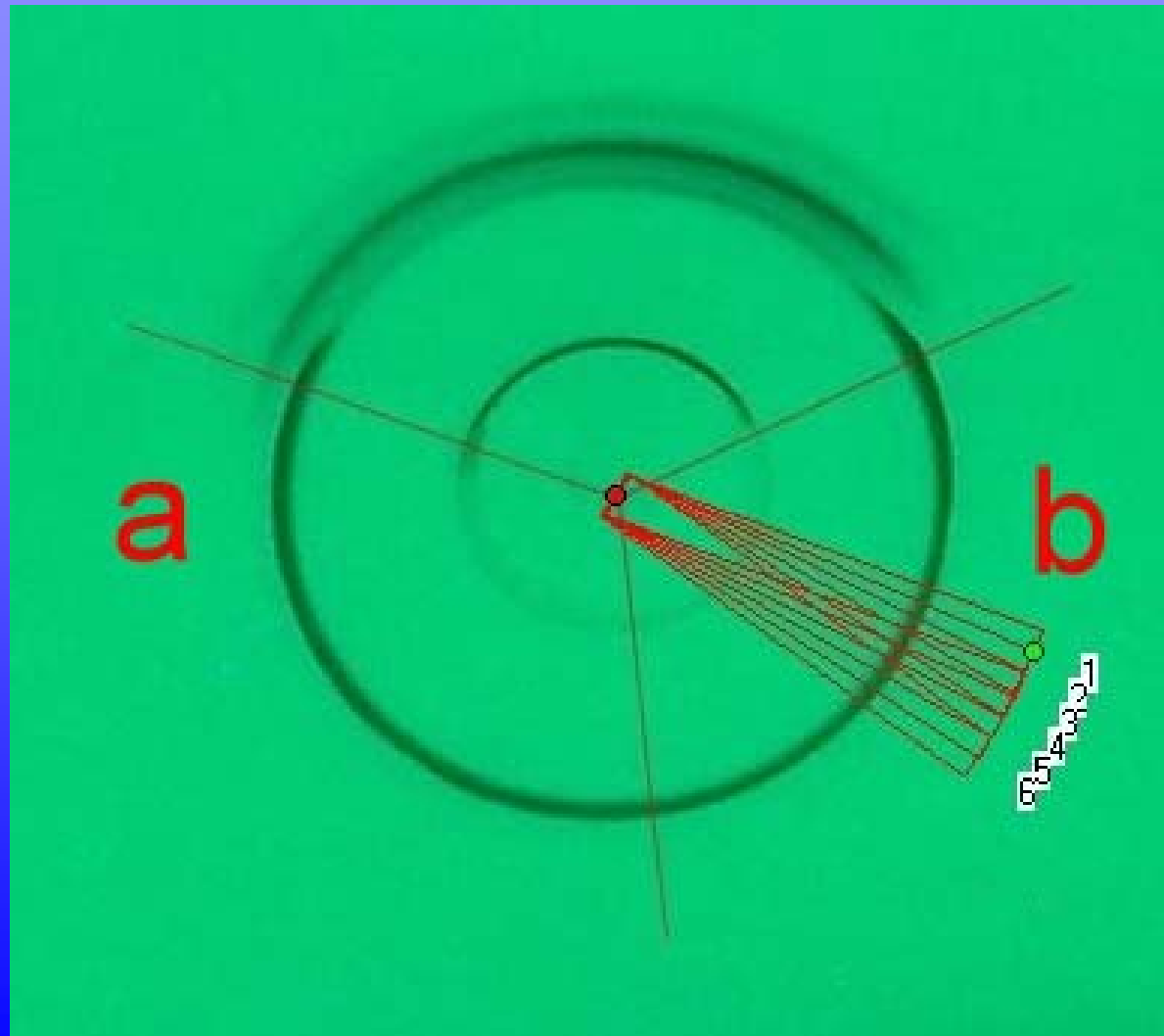
- Lots of health warnings / strict regulation / time of future usage is by part already limited.
- <http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imazalil>
- [http://www.sciencelab.com/xMSDS-2\\_Phenylphenol-9926513](http://www.sciencelab.com/xMSDS-2_Phenylphenol-9926513)
- <http://www.private-health-organisation.de/>
- About the chemistry and toxicity of falsified materials is by now NOTHING KNOWN.

# Natural skin surface protection

- Also on GRAPE, BANANA, POTATO :

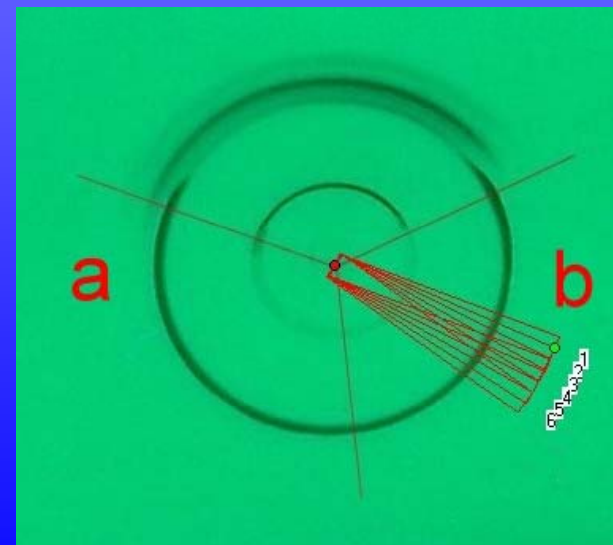
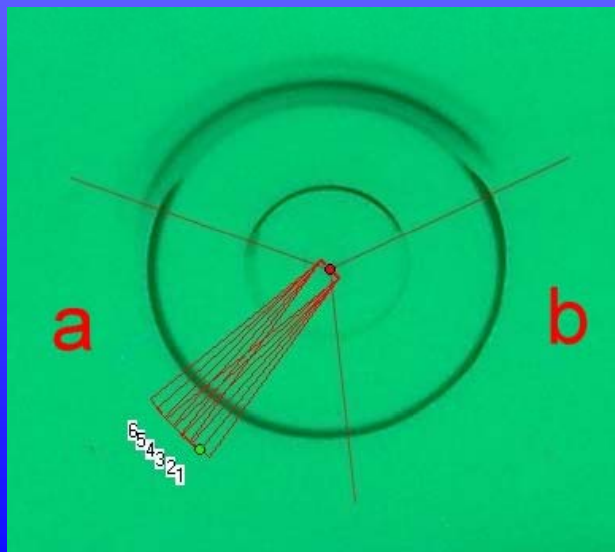
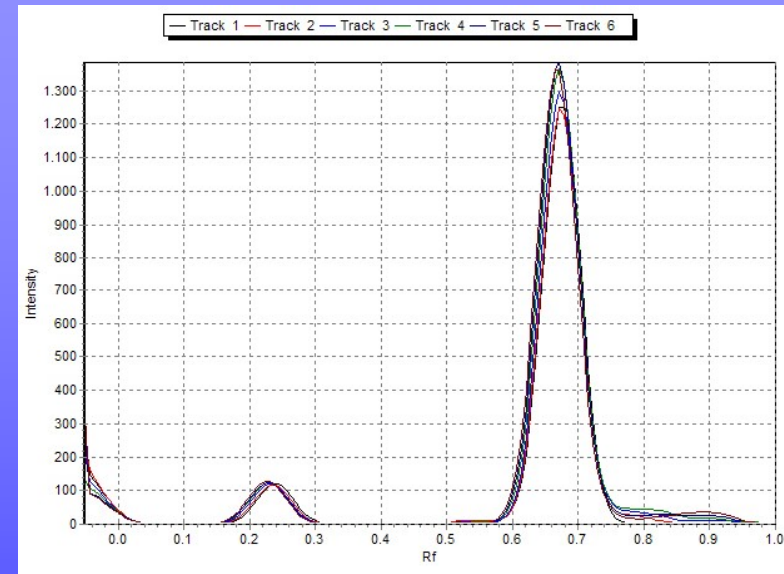
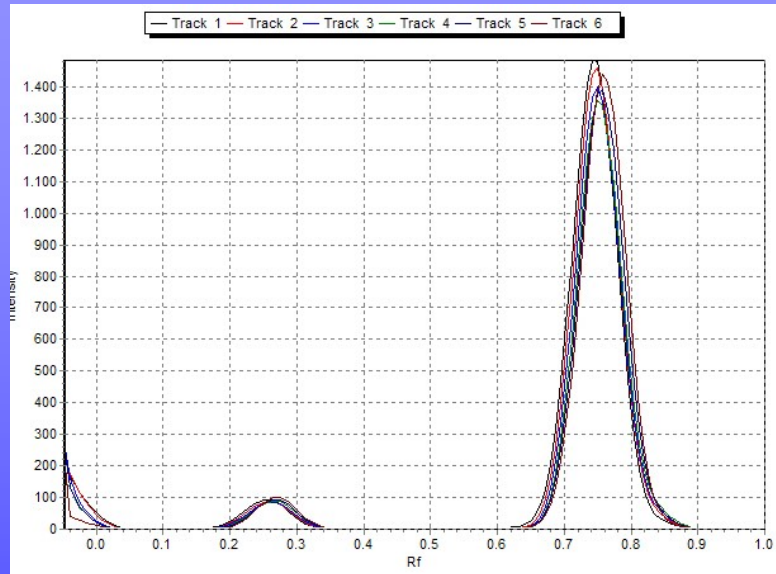


**TEST compound quality is  
quantitatively checked:**  
Quantitation by multi integration,  $N = 6$  .





# Comparing two „equal ??“ TEST compounds a & b quantitatively. N = 6



# %-values impurity in TEST subst. a,b:

the purity difference ,a' versus ,b' is highly significant

TAU >t(99) because of a large enough N=6

- purity of test substance ,a' = 97.8 +- 0.09 %
- purity of test substance ,b' = 97.3 +- 0.11 %

| Rp Table = Rf as % position in integration tracks |        |         |            |            |          | Rp Table = Rf as % position in integration tracks |        |         |            |            |          |
|---|--------|---------|------------|------------|----------|---|--------|---------|------------|------------|----------|
| Rp-data   | Peak 1 | Peak 2  |            |            |          | Rp data   | Peak 1 | Peak 2  |            |            |          |
| Track 1   | 0,26   | 0,74    |            |            |          | Track 1   | 0,20   | 0,68    |            |            |          |
| Track 2   | 0,26   | 0,75    |            |            |          | Track 2   | 0,20   | 0,68    |            |            |          |
| Track 3   | 0,27   | 0,75    |            |            |          | Track 3   | 0,21   | 0,68    |            |            |          |
| Track 4   | 0,27   | 0,75    |            |            |          | Track 4   | 0,21   | 0,69    |            |            |          |
| Track 5   | 0,27   | 0,76    |            |            |          | Track 5   | 0,21   | 0,70    |            |            |          |
| Track 6   | 0,27   | 0,76    |            |            |          | Track 6   | 0,22   | 0,70    |            |            |          |
| area Table  |        |         |            |            |          | area Table  |        |         |            |            |          |
| raw area  | Peak 1 | Peak 2  | Rp x area1 | Rp x area2 | area 2 % | raw area data                                     | Peak 1 | Peak 2  | Rp x area1 | Rp x area2 | area 2 % |
| Track 1   | 979    | 15870   | 254,54     | 11743,80   | 97,879   | Track 1   | 1426   | 15848   | 285,20     | 10776,64   | 97,422   |
| Track 2   | 916    | 15554   | 238,16     | 11665,50   | 97,999   | Track 2   | 1411   | 15401   | 282,20     | 10472,68   | 97,376   |
| Track 3   | 893    | 14814   | 241,11     | 11110,50   | 97,876   | Track 3   | 1444   | 15841   | 303,24     | 10771,88   | 97,262   |
| Track 4   | 919    | 14444   | 248,13     | 10833,00   | 97,761   | Track 4   | 1497   | 16577   | 314,37     | 11438,13   | 97,325   |
| Track 5   | 942    | 14834   | 254,34     | 11273,84   | 97,794   | Track 5   | 1699   | 17396   | 356,79     | 12177,20   | 97,153   |
| Track 6   | 979    | 15226   | 264,33     | 11571,76   | 97,767   | mean  | 1495,4 | 16212,6 |            |            | 97,308   |
| mean  | 938,0  | 15123,7 |            |            | 97,846   | s   |        |         |            |            | 0,105    |
| s   |        |         |            |            | 0,091    | RSD %   |        |         |            |            | 0,11     |
| RSD %   |        |         |            |            | 0,09     |   |        |         |            |            |          |

## Quantitation by multi integration

For quantitation the  $\mu$ -PLC formula is simple:

$$\text{Total area}_Y \text{ – in \%} = \frac{R_{pY} \times \text{area}_Y \times 100}{\sum (R_{pY\dots n} \times \text{area}_{Y\dots n})}$$

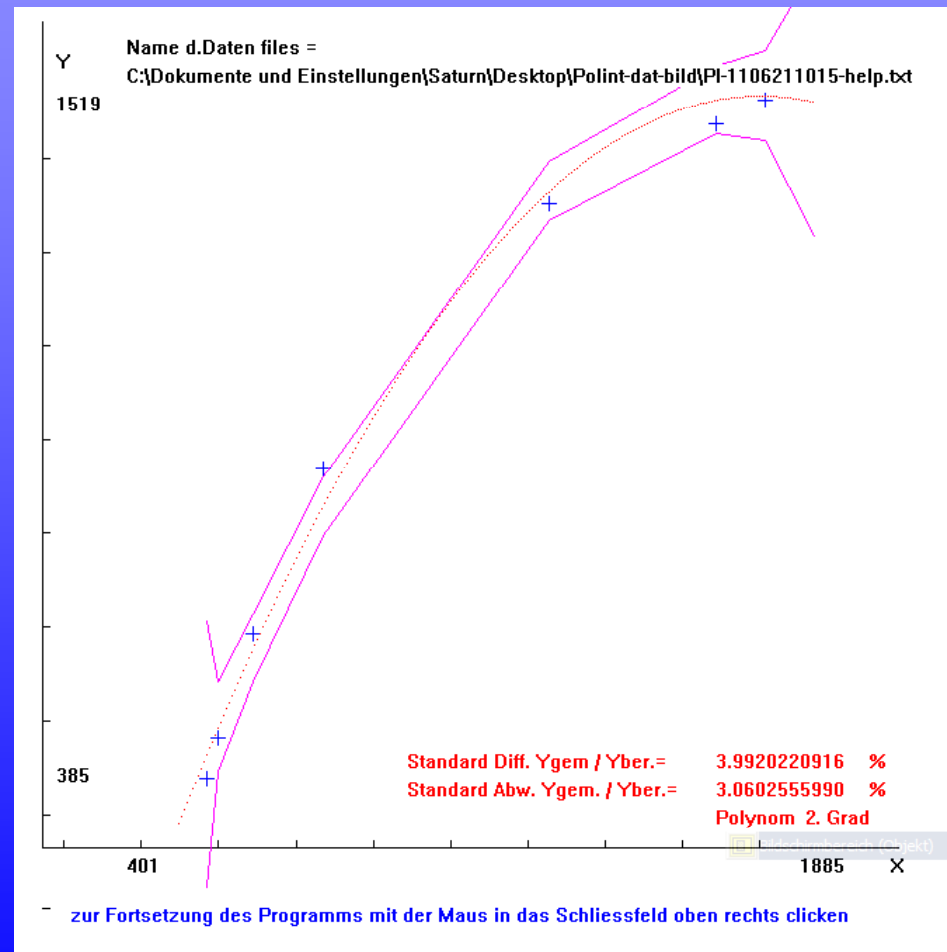
Reason:

circular PLC with multiple runs; N always > 4

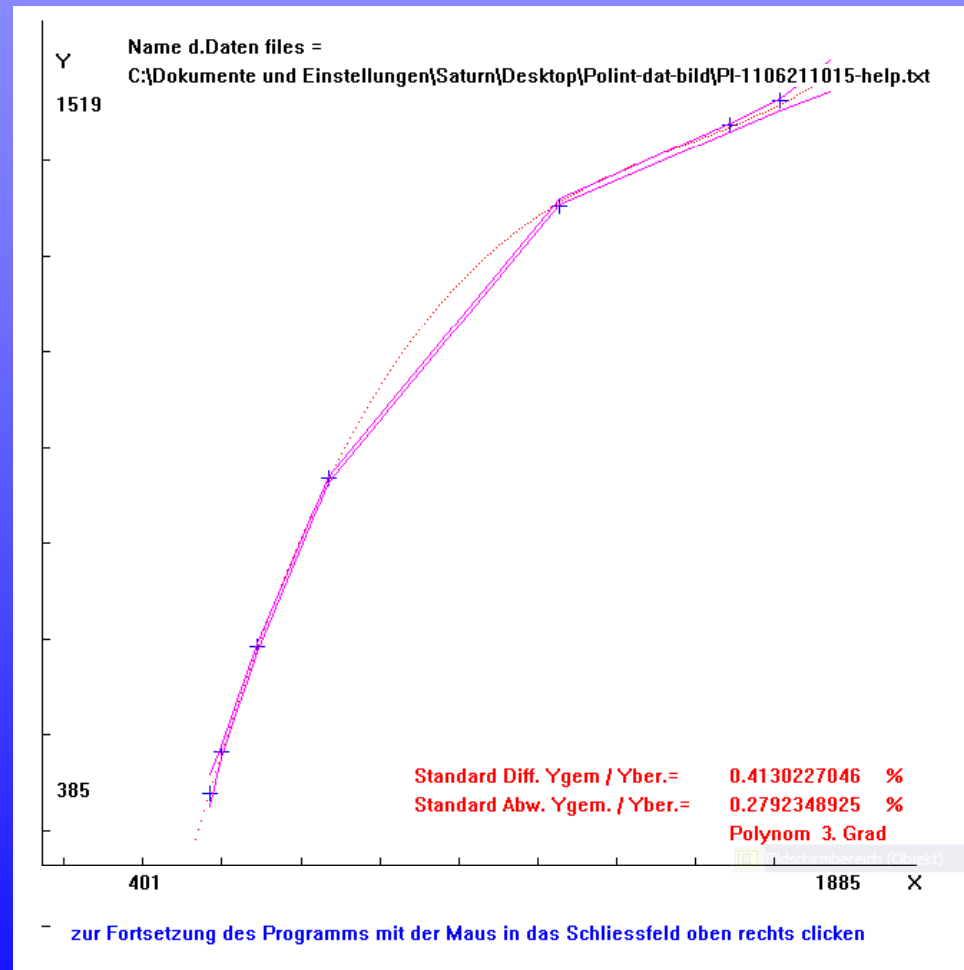
$R_p$  is the relative bow position from centre to integration border. Here no  $R_f$  value acceptable.

Quantitation in PLC: by non linear calibration lines only !

The fundamental law of NON linearity in PLC calibration lines needs graphical statistics at best using „**Polynomial Interpolation**“  
You have it ? (It exists as PI-rek-E11 program)



Sorry: this was a polynom 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.  
You better use a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Polynom:



# Thank You !

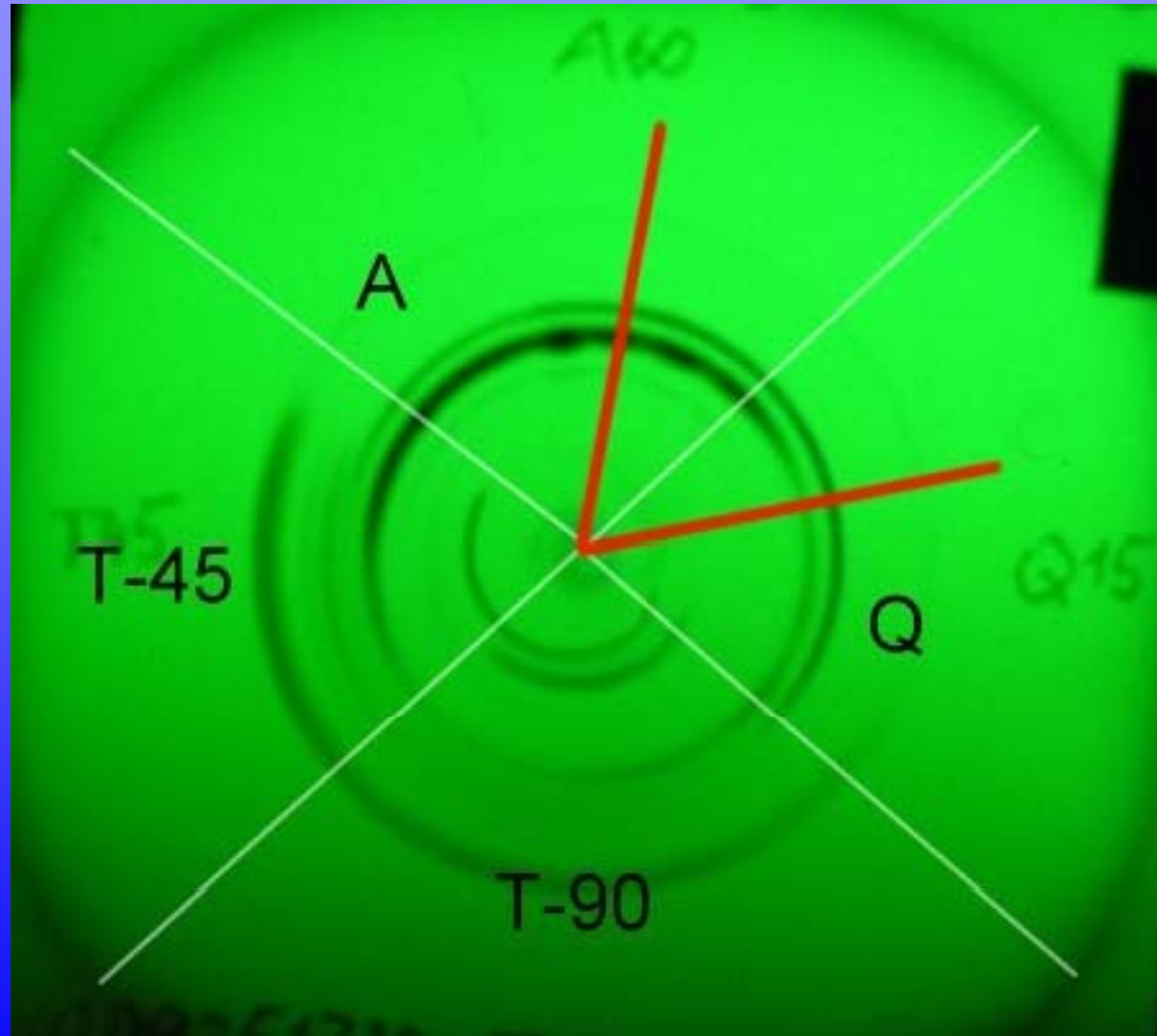


Baikal See in Ostsibirien

Foto by Dr. Olga Kaiser

During the  $\mu$ -PLC film production we found drug falsification :

**A is NOT Q**



# Method rules:

- Cleanest CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> necessary (blank !!).
- Enrich extract samples only under UV to check blockage by chemisorbing substances early.
- Separation partially „in-each-other“ is MUST.
- ‚Hexagon sampling‘ is at its limits, only 3..4 samples are better ?
- > one run needed to correct signal symmetry.
- Place qualitative inner standards onto the focus border circle.
- Use always UV 254 at least together with 336 nm.



# Multi PLC runs repair symmetry

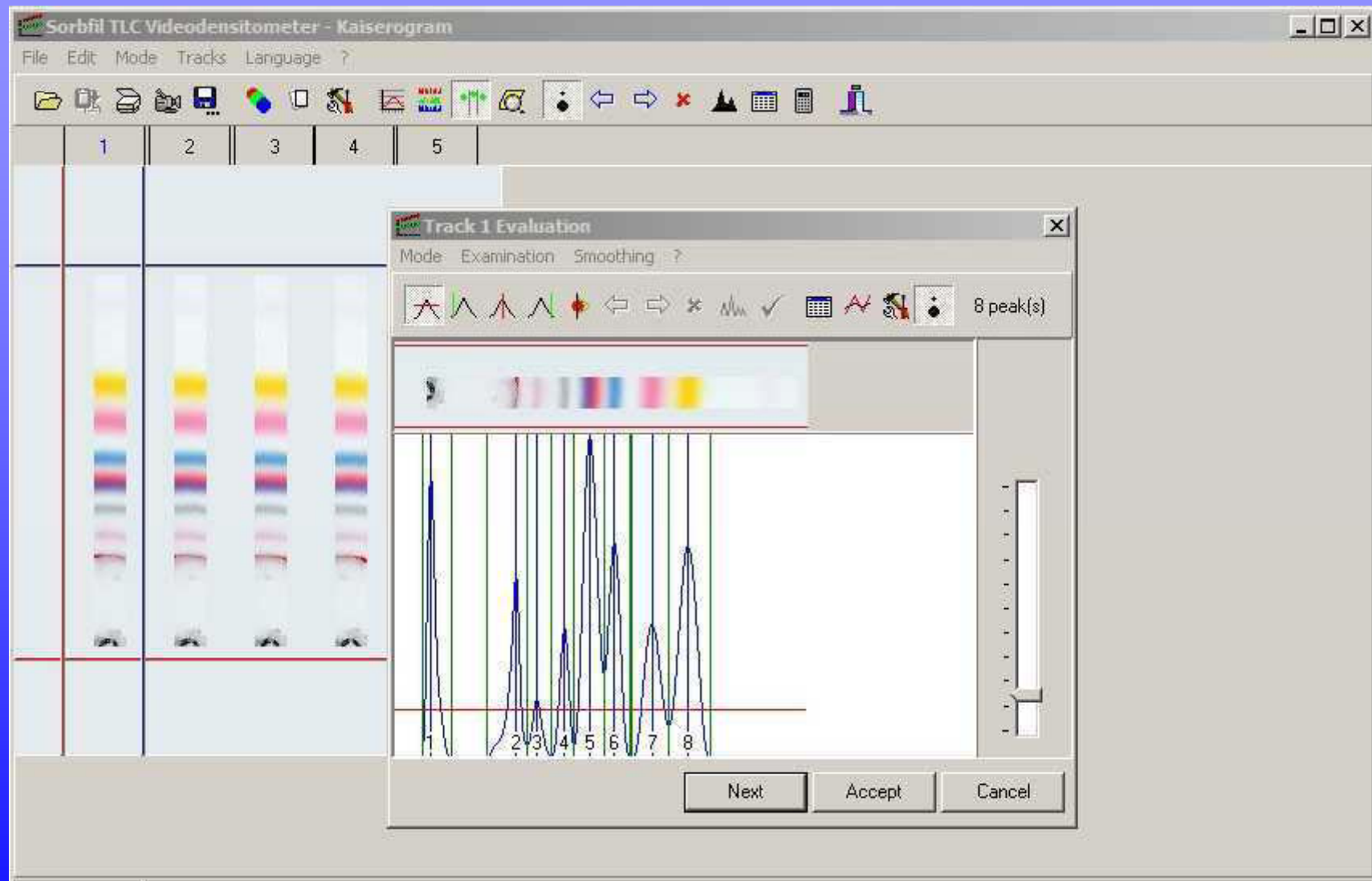
chemisorption remains fixed



**Multi integration: 4 tracks,  
each switched by 1 degree angle.**



Integration can be checked in single steps.  
This costs time but brings quality.



## Digital values, 7 substances, N = 5

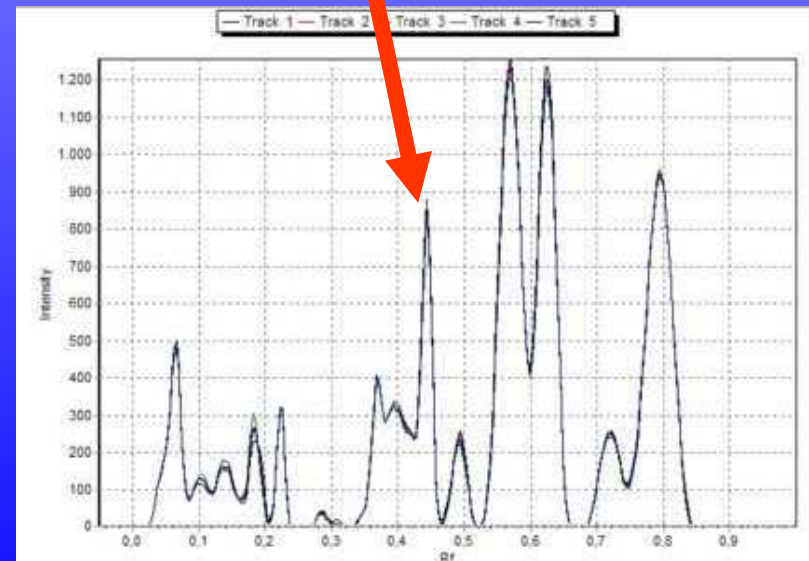
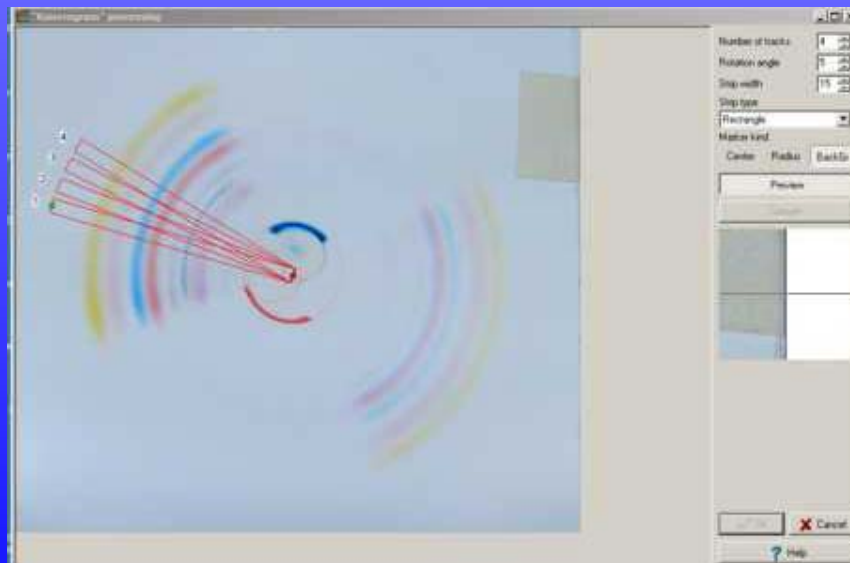
| No | area    | RSD%           | height | RSD%           |
|----|---------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| 1  | 11154.8 | 0.937          | 2571.2 | 0.718          |
| 2  | 11003.8 | 0.525          | 1807.0 | 0.639          |
| 3  | 38429.8 | 0.600          | 4596.8 | 0.272          |
| 4  | 46302.4 | 0.350          | 4000.0 | 0.163          |
| 5  | 39413.0 | 0.520          | 3502.0 | 0.093          |
| 6  | 7733.8  | 0.695          | 978.8  | 0.606          |
| 7  | 24617.0 | 0.143          | 2052.8 | 0.156          |
| S  | 178645  | <b>0.164 %</b> | 19509  | <b>0.091 %</b> |

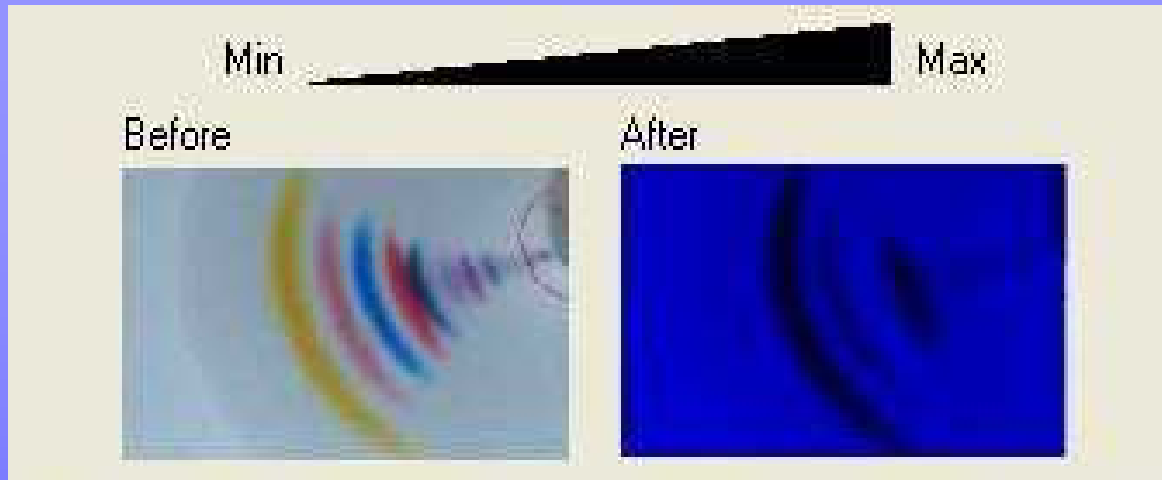
RSD = 100 x rel. standard deviation / mean

This is possible because of plate structure reduction. 44

Multiple scans show good comparability. This is necessary to reach  $\pm 0.1$  to  $\pm 0.05$  % comparability standard deviation.

NOTE: Comparability – not reproducibility. This is harder to find in standard analyses.





## VIS

Light optimization is possible by multi integration software.



# Four phases simultaneously



