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smartINST® introduction

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SONEPAR INTERNATIONAL
(#1 WW Electric Material
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SAS company founded in Sept.2009
8 years of R&D
Spin off from CNRS and ENS Lyon
A Team of Engineers, Scientists,
technicians and business developers



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Scientific Advisor

*Director of the Institute of Physics
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**Sales & Business
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Industrial Manager
MS engineering



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*Engineer ENS + Co-inventor
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A well known industry issue:

monitoring a mixing process

- **Some examples of Industrial mixing:**



Chemistry



Food



Pharma/Bio-tech



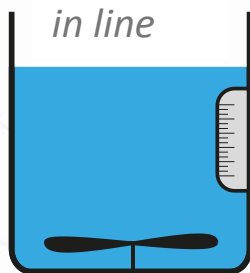
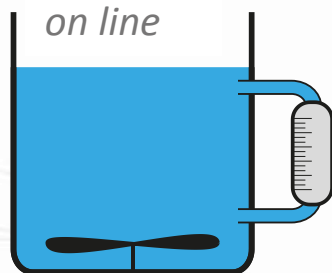
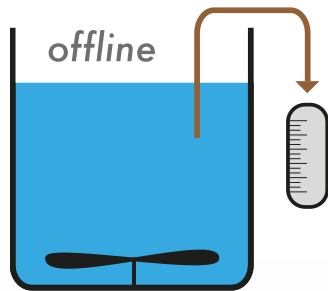
Water treatment

- **For all those industries, 4 constant objectives:**
 - **Product Quality**
 - **Productivity Gains**
 - **Traceability**
 - **Reliability**



Mixing product monitoring:

Common approaches



- ✅ Could be as complex as needed
- ❌ no real-time (*a posteriori* control)
- ❌ representativity issues
- ❌ highly process dependent position
- ❌ manual operation

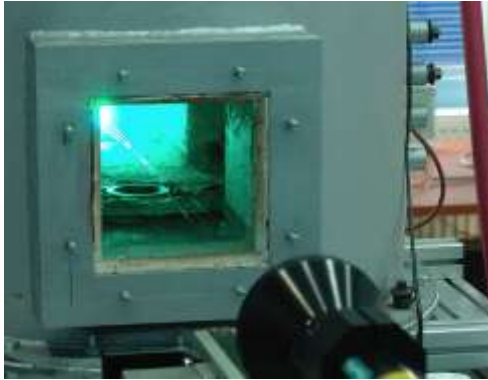
- ❌ no real-time (most of the time)
- ❌ representativity issues

- ✅ continuous
- ✅ real-time
- ❌ representativity issues
- ❌ scale up issues (position)

Mixer characterization:

Experimental techniques

Laser Doppler Velocimetry (LDV)



Measures:

- Velocity
- Acceleration
- Quantities derived thereof

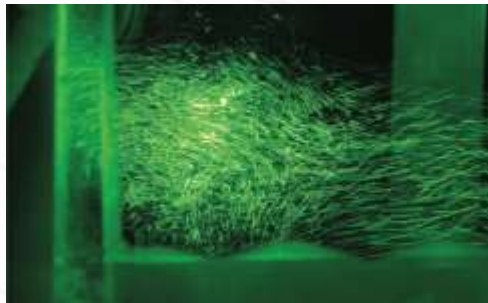
A NEED FOR:

- **Direct access**
- **Transparent fluid**
- **Strongly localized measurement**
- **No simultaneous measurement of chemical properties**
- **Addition of tracer particles**

Additional constraints:

- Light, Material, Cooling, Power Req.

Particle *Imaging* Velocimetry (PIV) Particle *Tracking* Velocimetry (PTV)



Pressure tubes
Hot-film-anemometry

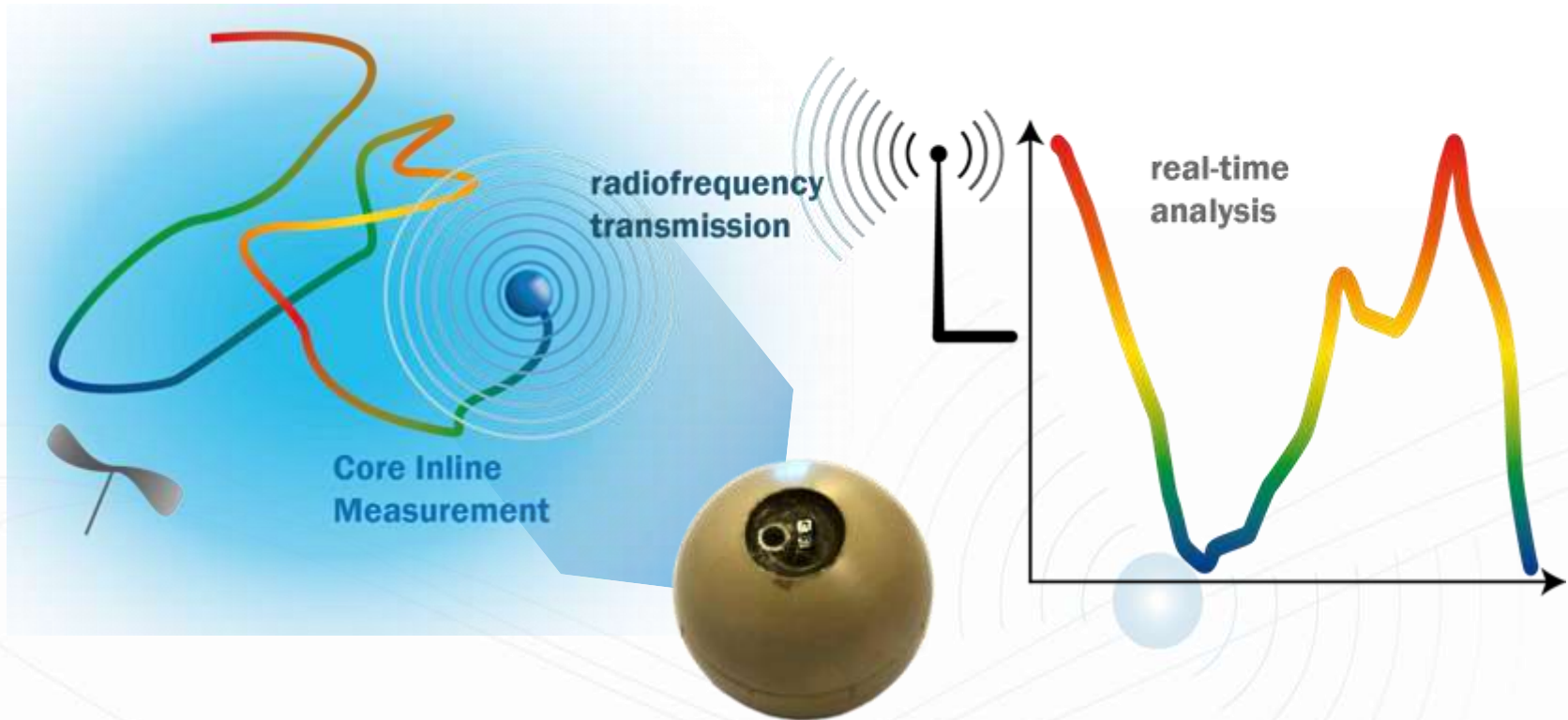


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smartINST® novel approach:

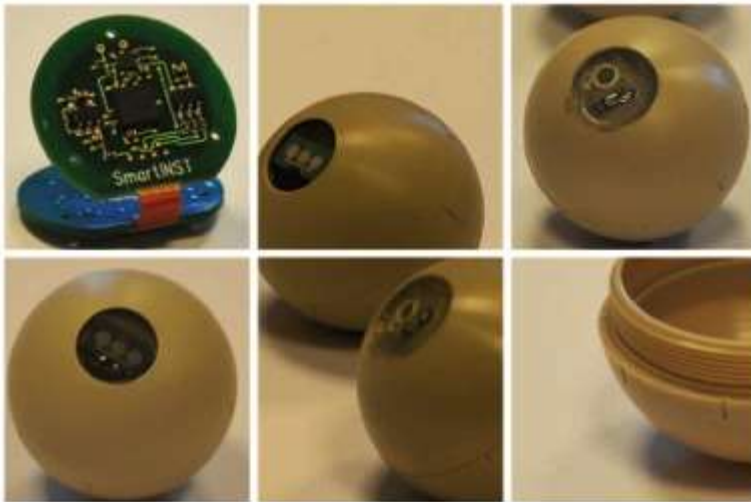
Core Inline Measurement

A new instrument to increase process intelligence



**The 1st wireless technology to
measure, understand, monitor, optimize & control industrial mixing**

smartPART®



Instrumented Particles :

- Wireless autonomous sensors
- Signal and information transmission
- Power Management

**In situ real-time analysis
(critical parameter)**

• **simple to use**

- no need to modify existing equipment
- easy to implement
- re-extractable instrumented particles
- explores the whole fluid
- no need for optical windows
- for dynamic and real time measurement

• **100% safe in use**

- robust & shock resistant (Peek)
- sterilizable

• **long autonomy**

- from 60 to 400 hours continuous

combined measures

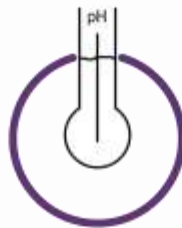
a wide combinable sensor range...

to characterize products:

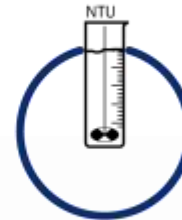
temperature



pH



turbidity



conductivity



to monitor processes:

hydrodynamics



thermodynamics
(p,T)



... freely advected within the process

large market opportunities

- Our current customers are:



Chemicals



Pharmacy/Bio-tech



Cosmetics



Food industry

- We are members of :

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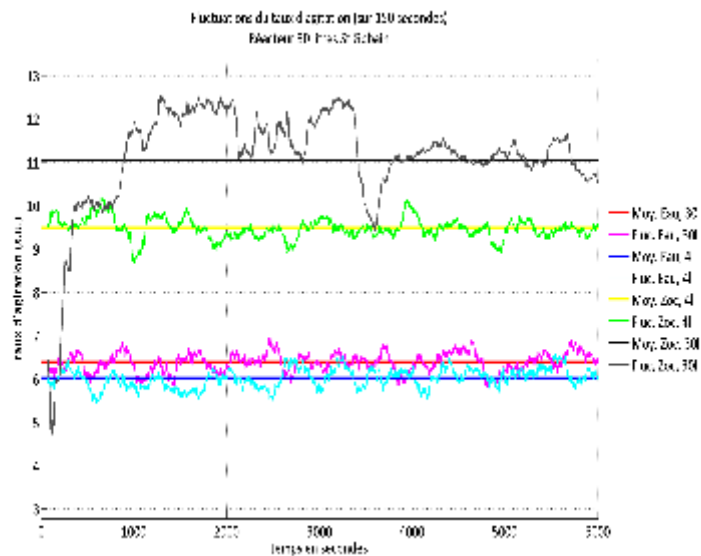
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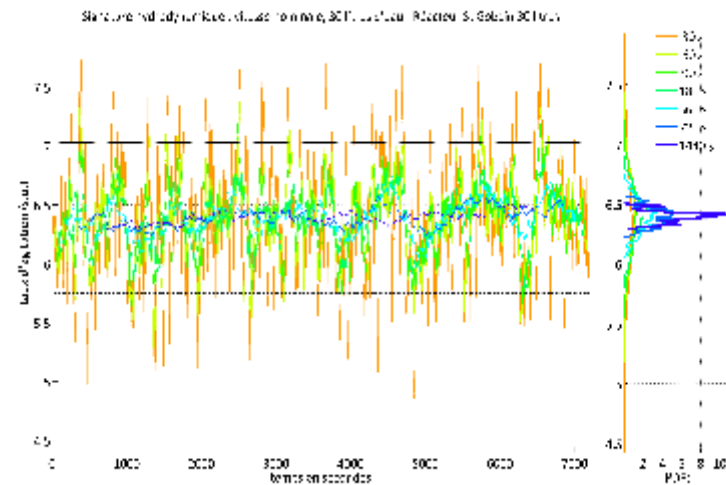
smartINST® The outputs

Hydrodynamics

Mixing analysis



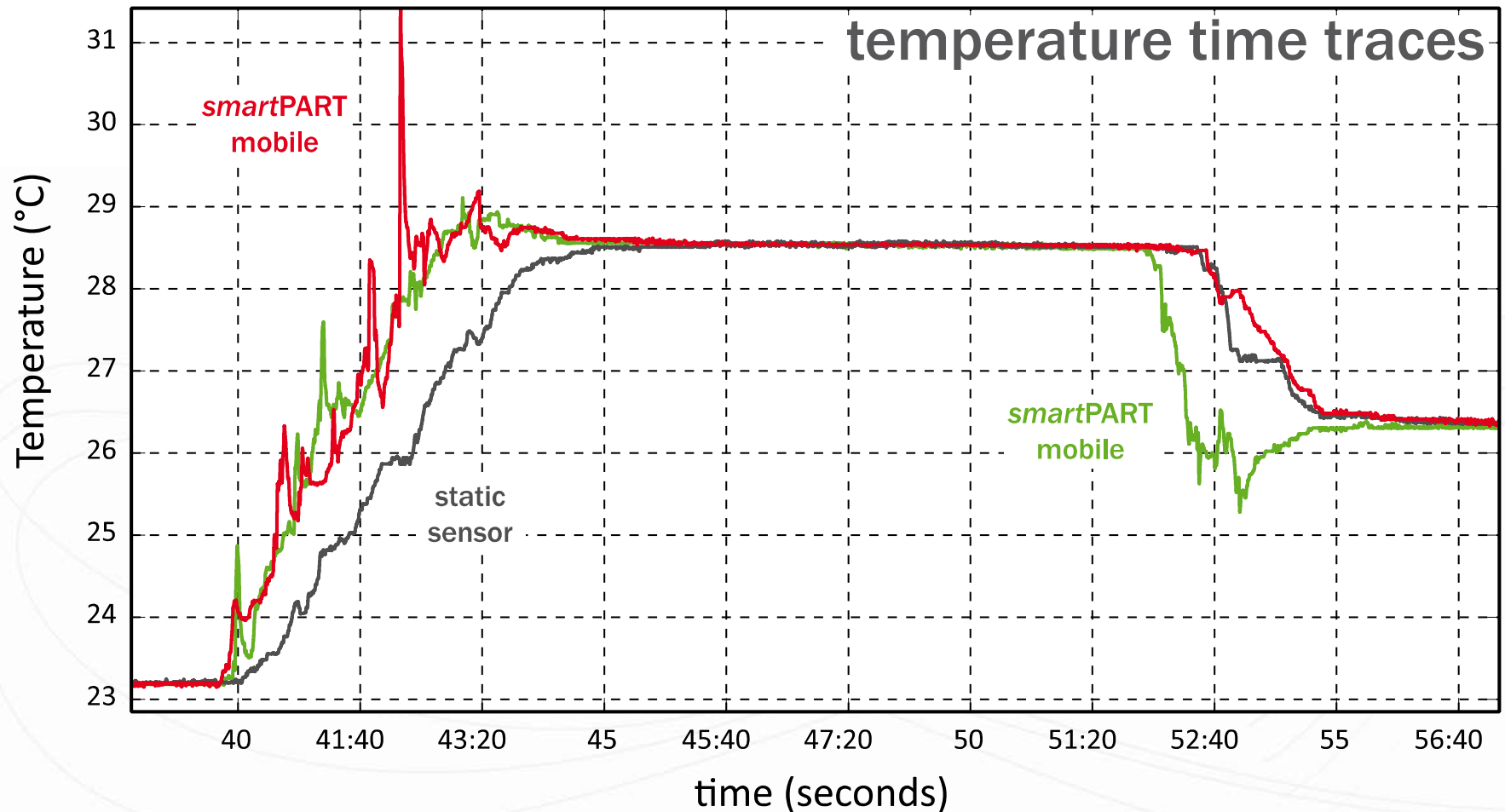
mixing rate per configuration



dead area
overshared area
signature for scaleup

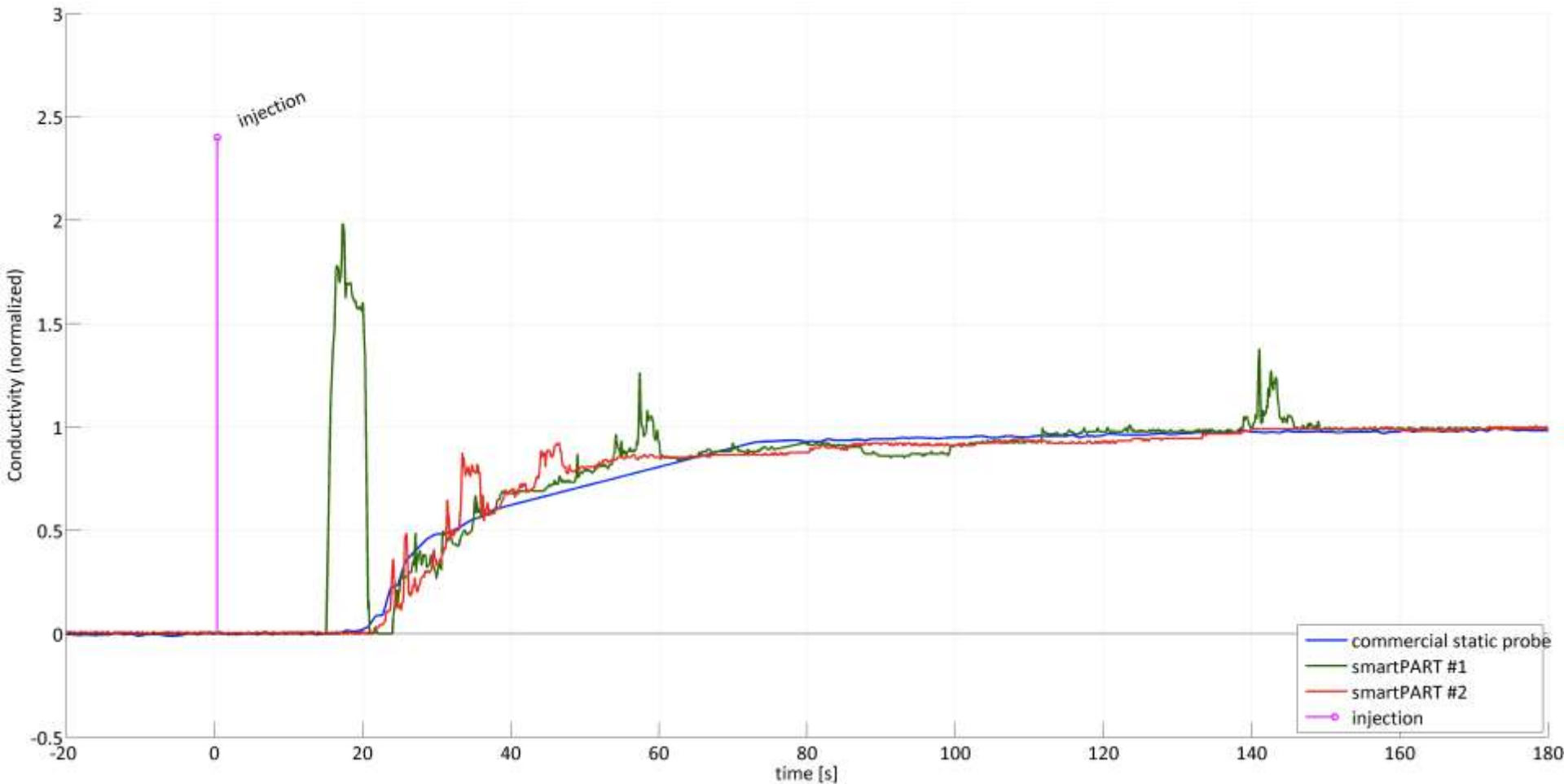
Hydrodynamics

Homogeneity (mixing Temperature example)



Product characteristics

Conductivity example

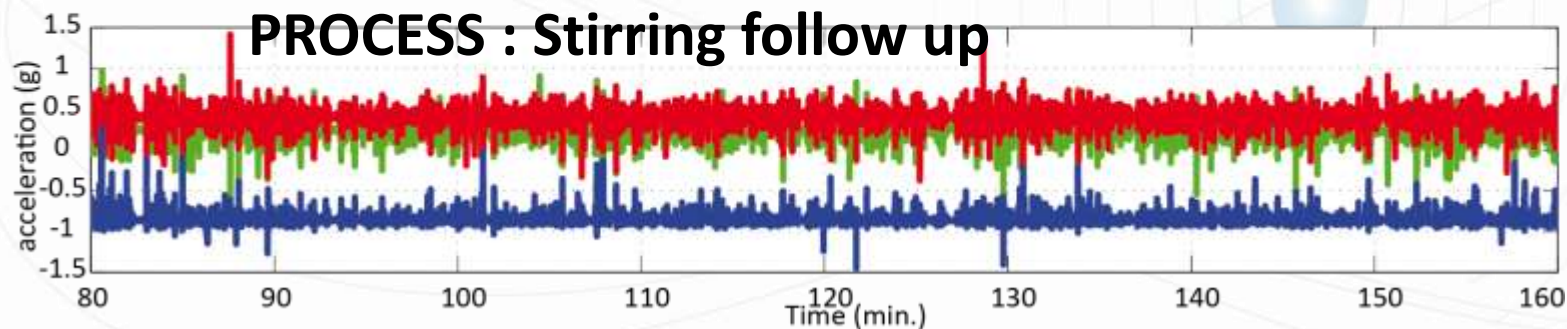
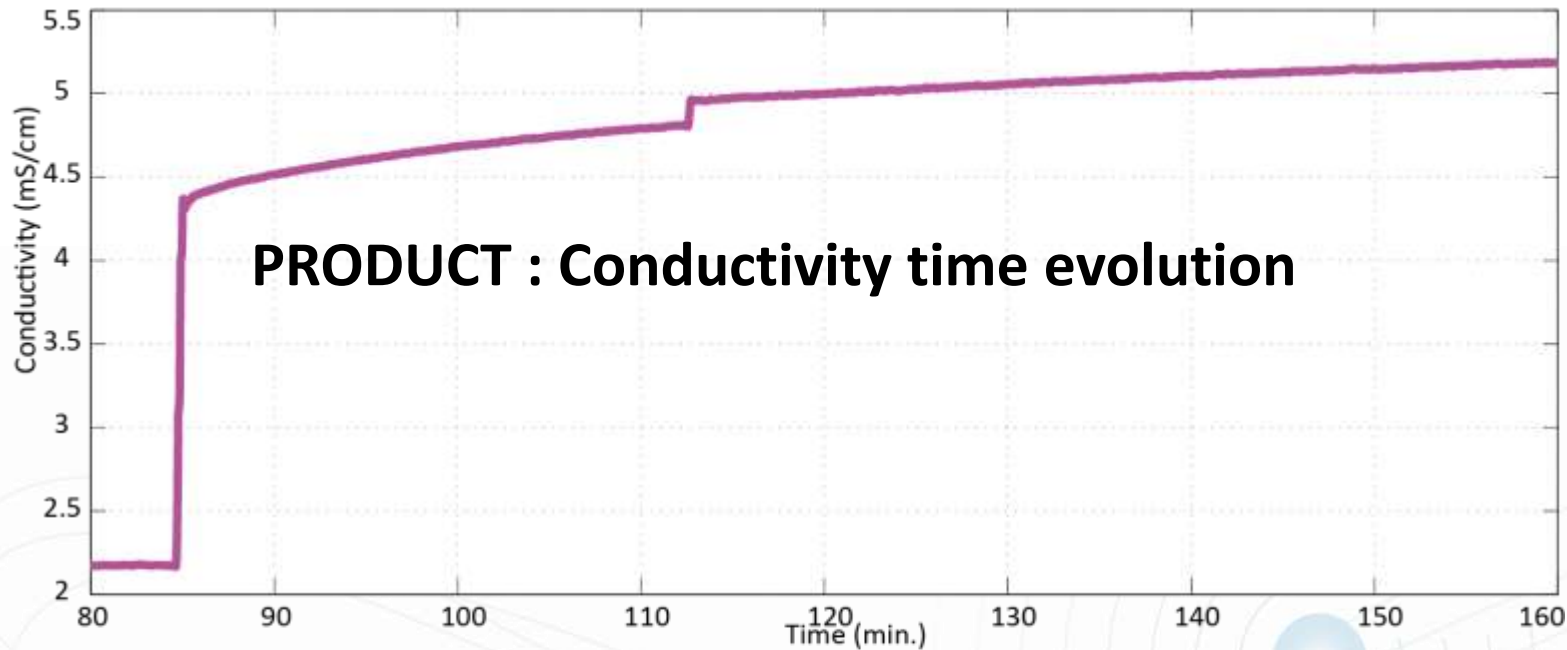


shorter answer time : visible over shoot and non homogenous area

Process Survey : PAT compliant

PATVAX- Fui Vaccine production example

Inline measurements for bio (vaccine) process: 2009-2013





smartINST® user benefits

User Benefits

Economic Impacts / Process Optimization

- Time savings
 - Minimizes development lead time
 - Optimizes mixing time
 - Provides a better understanding of process dynamics
 - Simplifies scale-up issues
- Productivity efficiency
 - Allows inline controls
 - Adjusts cycle time to tailored efficiency
 - Provides monitoring (limits / target values)
- Lower wastes
 - Scale-down process check



Improve production process & productivity

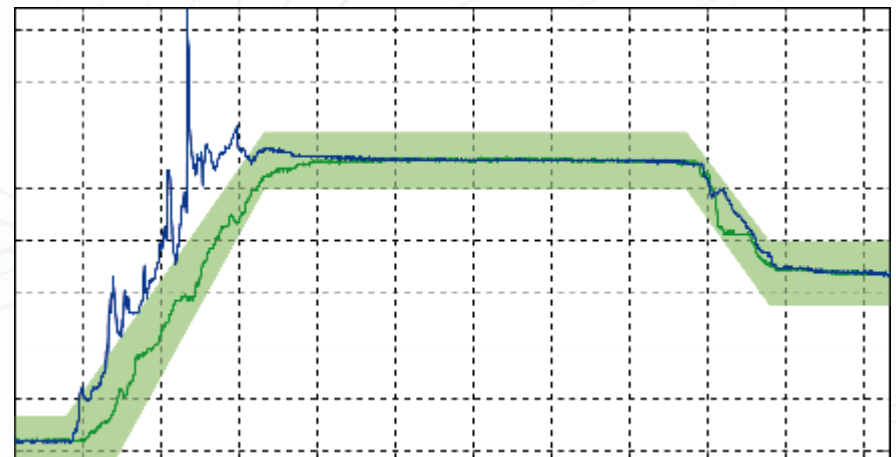


User Benefits

A Tool for Quality Insurance: PAT compliant

- Quality insurance :
 - Traceability of monitored characteristics changes
 - Optimization of process mixing timing depending on the target value required.
 - Definition of targeted optimal process signature
- Set up of control alerts for process monitoring
 - Impeller variation detection during the mixing process
 - Process procedures impact quantification on final product
 - Homogeneity control via continuous monitoring of smartPART

- **Example:** Conductivity/Reflectance evolution during vaccine production
- **Example:** grafting of different valences in a vaccine production, at various speed and mixing times





smartINST[®] Conclusion

- **A company based on a technical breakthrough**
 - Adapted to Pharmaceutical and Biotech industries (PAT compliant)
- **A strong capacity for innovation and awarded in 2013:**



- **A reliable technology with high benefits:**
 - Better representativeness, real time analysis, in the heart of the mixing process
 - Validate mixing homogeneity and its evolution overtime.
 - Understanding impact of process on product.
 - Optimization of industrial systems
 - Traceability and quality control management
- **Scientific expertise:**
 - Development of specific embedded measures
 - Analysis and Data interpretation
- **International recognition from leading scientific publications**



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