



# Maximising the value of your data – multivariate analysis

Consequences and opportunities of breakthrough in scientific understanding

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- Independent organization, serving both instrument suppliers and end-users

## Two Messages ...

The good news:

- *The advantages of “science-based” calibration (SBC)*
- Three insights (break-aways from traditional thinking) necessary for scientific understanding
  - Multivariate calibration as simple as intuitive as univariate



The other news:

- *The “ugly” side of the scientific understanding provided by SBC*
  - Exact definitions of SPECIFICITY (“Selectivity”) and SENSITIVITY now available in multivariate case
  - How the *existing* methods of calibration are affected
  - **Purpose:** Initiate discussion in the user community

## Spectrometry – Background

Measured spectrum [AU]

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{y}(t) \cdot \mathbf{g} + c_1(t) \cdot \mathbf{k}_1 + c_2(t) \cdot \mathbf{k}_2 + K$$

true concentration of analyte of interest [mol/L]

"response spectrum" of analyte of interest [AU/(mol/L)]

all interfering spectra

$K + \mathbf{i}_{baseline}(t) + K + \mathbf{i}_{noise}(t)$

all instrumental effects

## History & Status of “Chemometrics”

- "Classical" (or "physical" or "K-matrix") calibration
- Simple cases only
- "Statistical" (or "inverse" or "P-matrix") calibration
- Widely applied (**PLS, PCR ...**)

## SBC method (1/2) – First mental leap (“Signal or else”)

Measured spectrum [AU]:

$$\mathbf{X}^T = y \cdot \mathbf{g}^T + \mathbf{X}_n^T$$



"Spectral signal"

Mean:  $\bar{y} \cdot \mathbf{g}^T$  [AU]

"Spectral noise"

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_n^T \quad [\text{AU}]$$

Std:  $\sigma_y \cdot \mathbf{g}^T$  [AU]

$$\Sigma \quad [\text{AU}^2]$$

- Interfering spectra **and** electronic noise, sampling noise, ...
- $\Sigma$  easy to determine in practice

SBC (2/2) – Optimal solution (for measuring  $\mathbf{g}$  in  $\Sigma$ )

$$\mathbf{b}_{opt} = \frac{\Sigma^- \mathbf{g}}{\mathbf{g}^T \Sigma^- \mathbf{g}}$$

[(mol/L) / AU]      cmp. Ref. 1

Prediction:  $\hat{y}_{pred}(t) = [y(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}^T + \mathbf{x}_n^T(t)] \cdot \frac{\Sigma^- \mathbf{g}}{\mathbf{g}^T \Sigma^- \mathbf{g}} = y(t) + \frac{\mathbf{x}_n^T(t) \cdot \Sigma^- \mathbf{g}}{\mathbf{g}^T \Sigma^- \mathbf{g}}$

Best possible  
“prediction” error:

$$SEP_{opt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mathbf{g}^T \cdot \Sigma^- \cdot \mathbf{g}}}$$

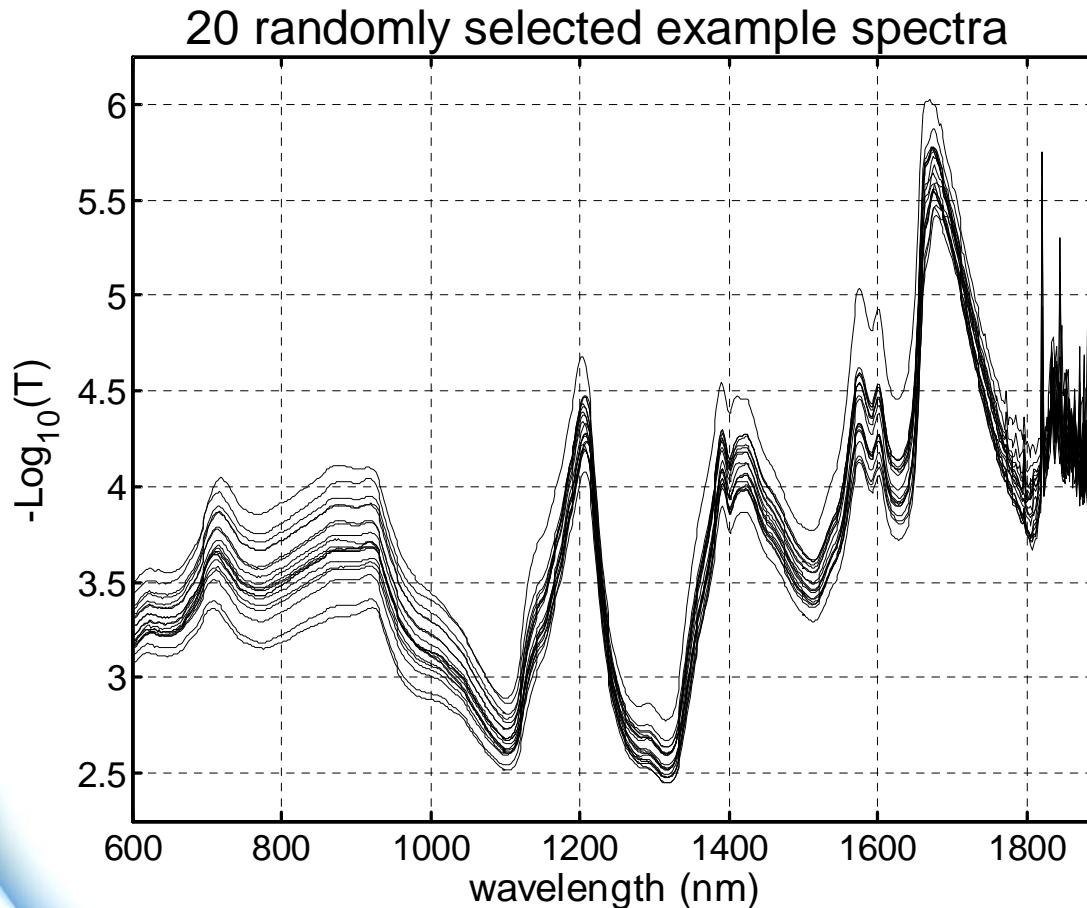
[mol/L] RMS

**Multivariate Limit of Sensitivity**

## SBC Advantages

- Spectrometry becomes "primary" method
  - Need for lab-reference values virtually eliminated (**\$\$**)
  - Need for "designer samples" eliminated, i.e. stable industrial processes with minimal amount of analyte variation can also be calibrated (**\$\$**)
  - Development of new, application-specific analyzers much faster, less risky because hardware spec's can be derived in advance (**\$\$**)
  - Specificity of response can be proven (!)
  - Improved possibilities for calibration transfer
  - Improved possibilities for dealing with non-linearities, instationarities
  - Calibration process transparent and communicate-able ("science-based")
  - ...

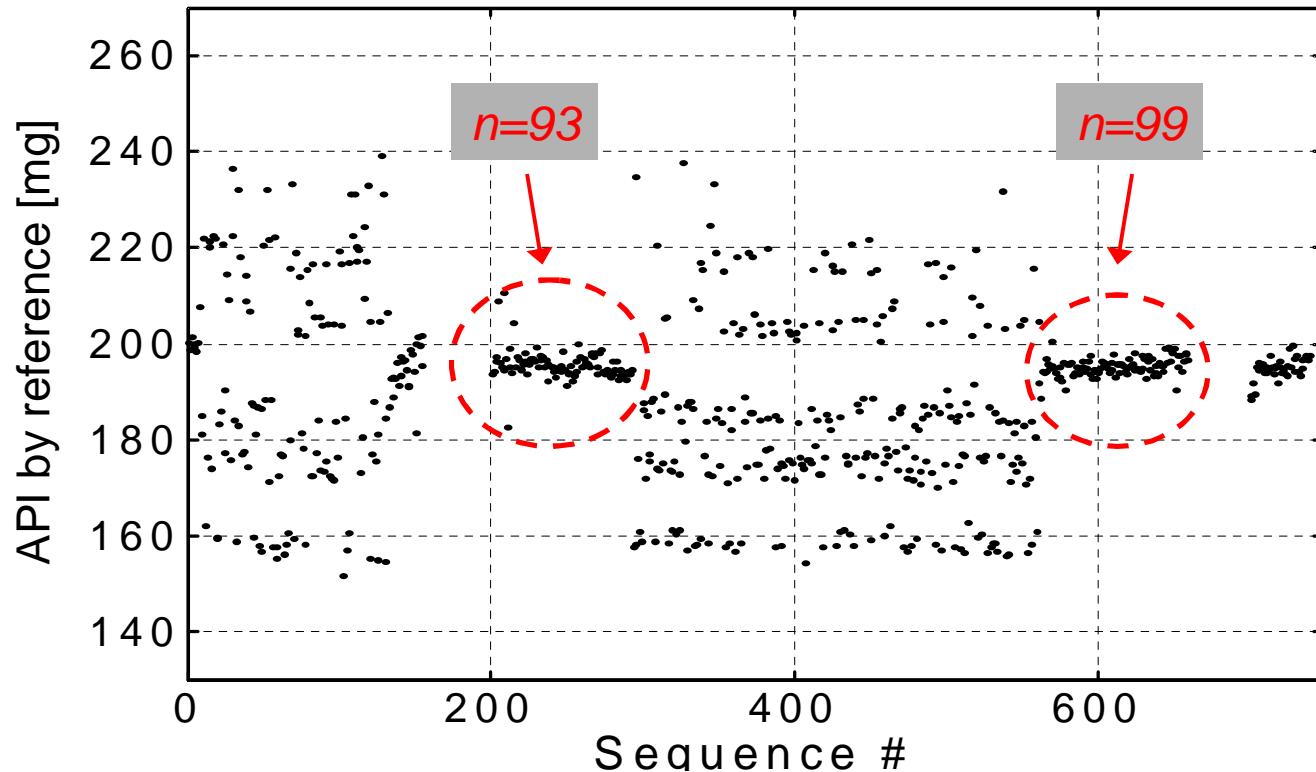
## Chambersburg Shoot-out 2002 Example – API in tablets



- 655 tablets (155 cal, 460 test, 40 val)
- NIR diffuse transmittance
- Foss NIRSystems Multitab Analyzer (2 units)
- data provided courtesy of Purdue Pharma L.P and Gary Ritchie
- data available at [www.idrc-chambersburg.org/shootout\\_2002.htm](http://www.idrc-chambersburg.org/shootout_2002.htm)
- G.E. Ritchie; R.W. Roller; E.W. Ciurczak; H. Mark; C. Tso; S.A. MacDonald, *Validation of a near-infrared transmission spectroscopic procedure - Part B: Application to alternate content uniformity and release assay methods for pharmaceutical solid dosage form*, J. Pharm. Biomed. Anal. 29, 159-171 (2002)

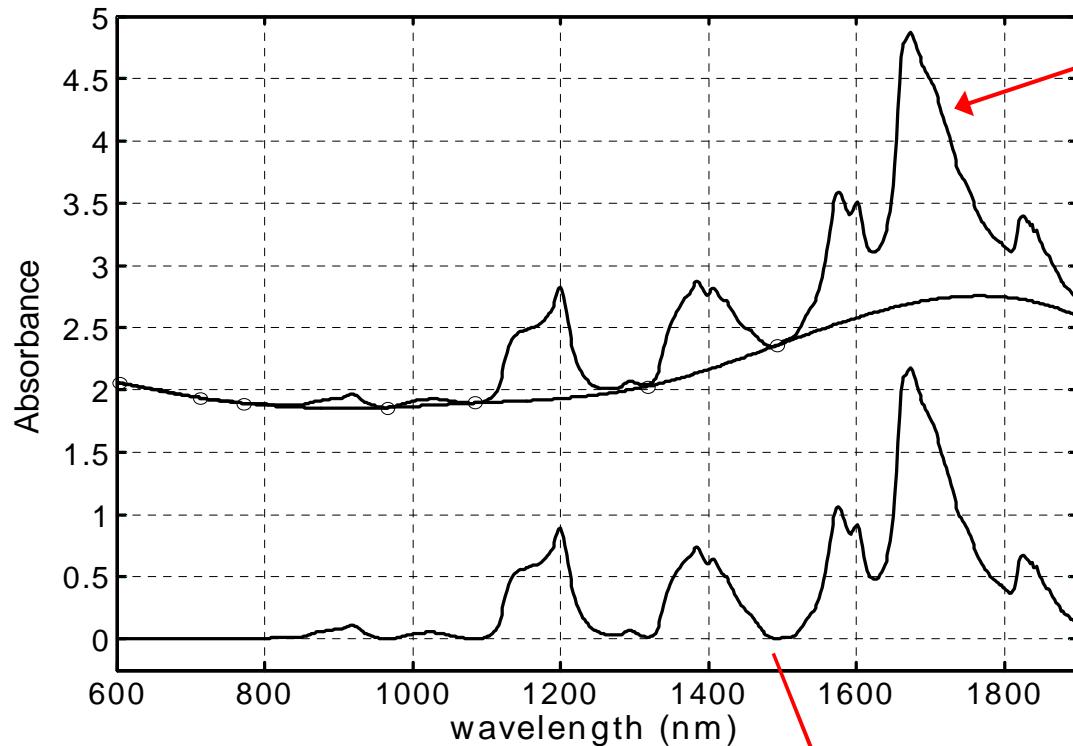
## Shoot-out 2002 Example – Lab-reference values

Calibration first ( $n=155$ ), then Test ( $n=460$ ), then Validation ( $n=40$ )



- (two instruments:)  $2 \times (93+99) = 384$  "noise" spectra;  $\Sigma \cong \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{384}^T \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{384}}{384-1}$
- Inversion using first 20 "PCR factors"

## Shoot-out 2002 Example – API response spectrum



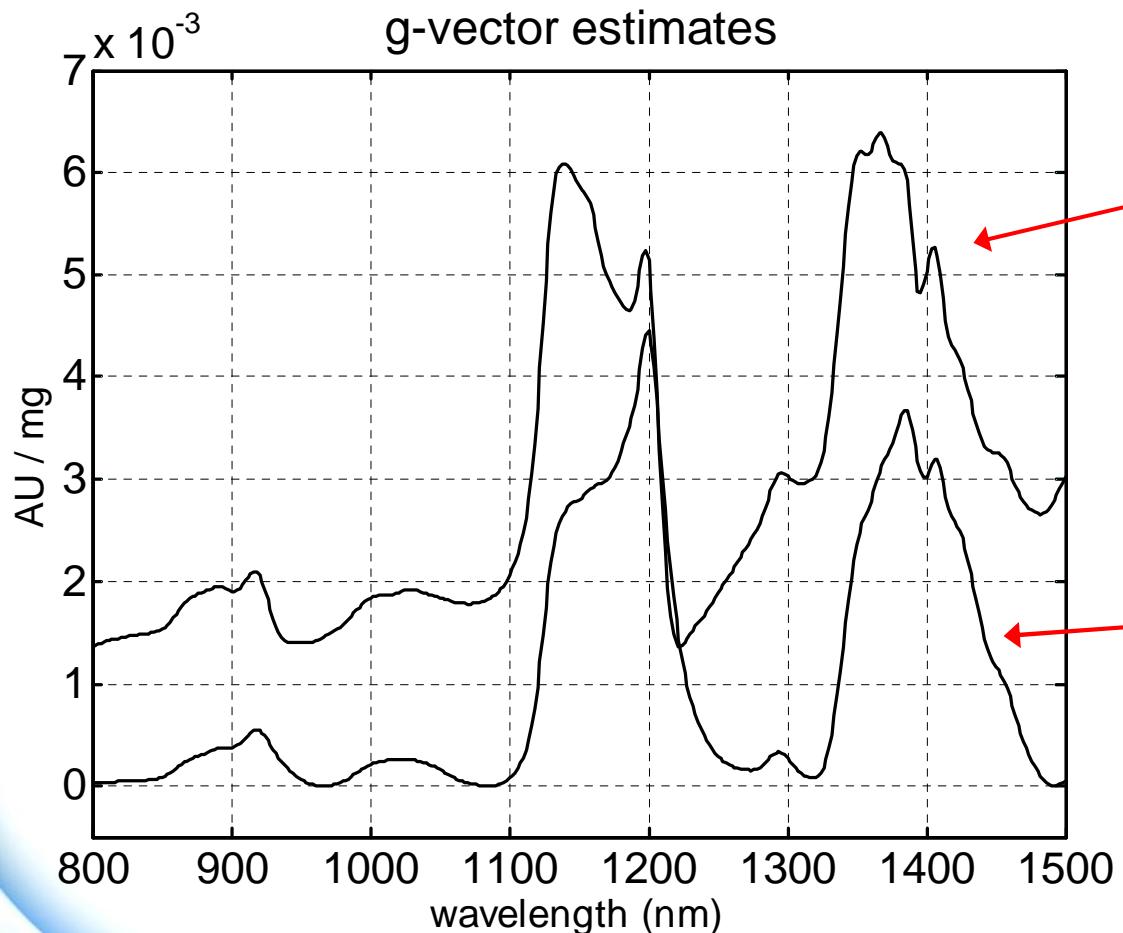
"Pure active" from: D.W. Hopkins,  
*Shoot-out 2002: transfer of calibration for  
content of active in a pharmaceutical  
tablet*, NIR News 14 (5), 10 - 13 (2003)

baseline fit valid from  
about **800 - 1500 nm**

after baseline-subtraction

$$g = \frac{\text{this spectrum [AU]}}{200 \text{ mg}}$$

## Shoot-out 2002 Example – API response spectrum (cont'd)

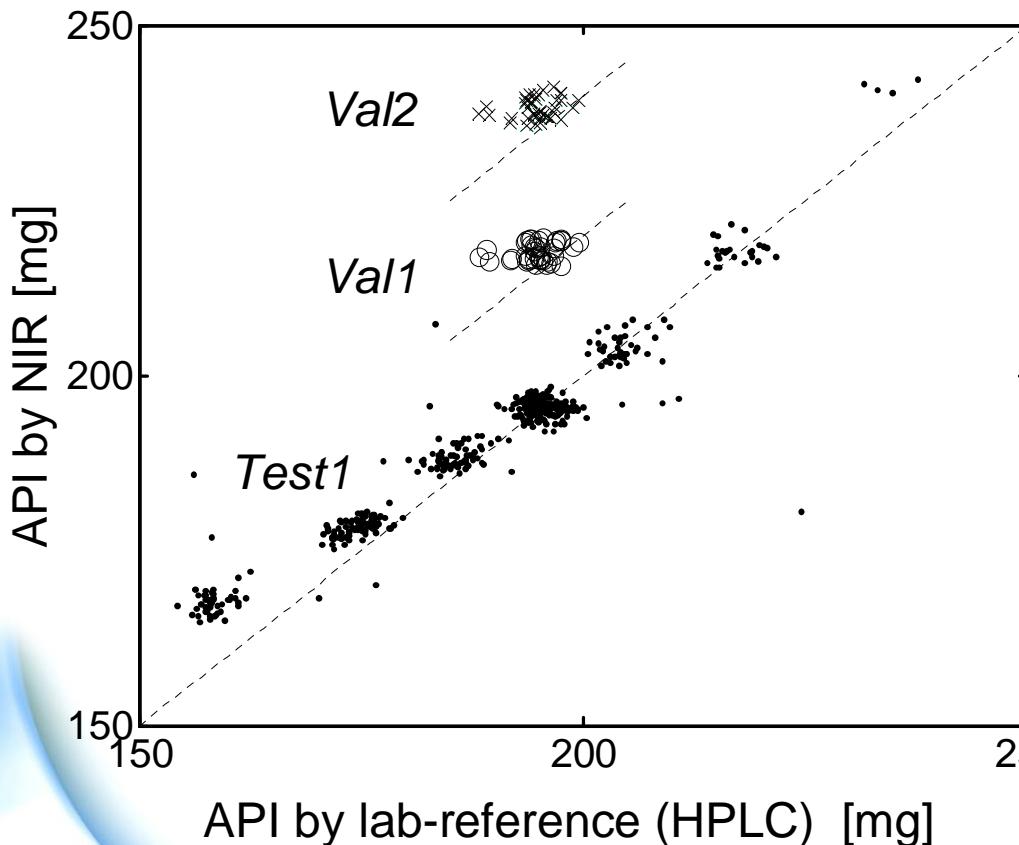


For comparison: PLS, PCR  
on *Calibration1*  
(155 lab-ref's; "designer  
tablets;" **no offset added**)

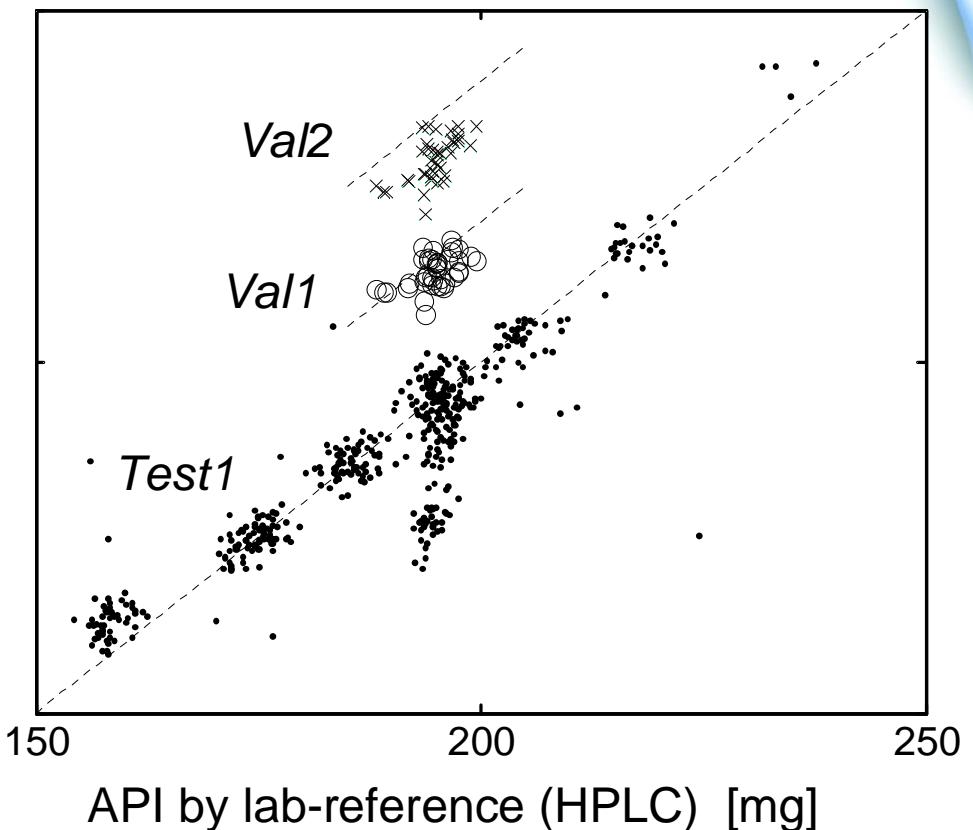
from literature "pure active"  
(1 lab-ref. needed)

## Shoot-out 2002 Example – Prediction results

"Science-based" method



PLS on Calibration1, 3 factors



Second mental leap – **All** calibrations can be written in this form

$$\mathbf{b}_c = \frac{\Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}$$



- “Über formula” – multivariate or univariate, classical or inverse
- SBC brings common language to **all** methods
- **Something** is always used as signal
- **Something** is always used as noise

## Example 1 – “Classical” calibration

Model (“K-matrix”):  $\mathbf{x}_{pred} = [\mathbf{g} \quad \mathbf{K}] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \mathbf{c} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{r}$  [AU]

Equivalent b-vector:

$$y_{pred} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}^T \\ \mathbf{K}^T \end{bmatrix} \cdot [\mathbf{g} \quad \mathbf{K}] \right\}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}^T \\ \mathbf{K}^T \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{pred} = \mathbf{b}_{eq}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}_{pred}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{eq} = \frac{(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{K}^T) \cdot \mathbf{g}}{\mathbf{g}^T \cdot (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{K}^T) \cdot \mathbf{g}}$$

[(mol/L) / AU]     “Net analyte signal”

- Good estimate of the spectral signal,  $\mathbf{g}$
- Bad estimate of the spectral noise,  $\Sigma$

## Example 2 – “Statistical” calibration (PLS, PCR)

Inverse model:  $\mathbf{y}_R = \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{e}$  [mg]

*Everything that correlates  
is used as signal*

b-vector:  $\mathbf{b} = (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{X}})^{-PLS / PCR} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R$

$$= \frac{\left\{ \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \left( \mathbf{I} - \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T}{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R} \right) \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \right\}^{-PLS / PCR} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R \\ \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R}{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R}{1 + \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R \cdot \left( \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R}{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R} \right)^T \left\{ \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \left( \mathbf{I} - \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T}{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R} \right) \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \right\}^{-PLS / PCR} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R \\ \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R}{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_R} \end{pmatrix}}$$

- Unreliable and expensive estimate of  $\mathbf{g}$ ; often haunted by spurious & unspecific correlations
- Good estimate of  $\Sigma$ , but expensive

Details see Ref. 2

## Example 3 – Simple two-wavelength calibration

“Analytical” absorbance band:

$$\text{Signal: } \mathbf{g}_c = \begin{pmatrix} g \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad [\text{AU} / (\text{mol/L})]$$

$$\text{Noise: } \Sigma_c = \sigma_x^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad [\text{AU}^2]$$

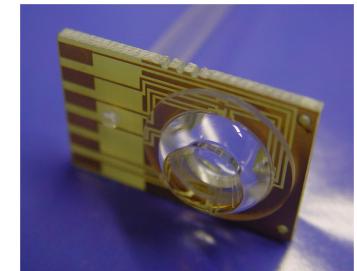


$$\mathbf{b}_c = \frac{\Sigma_c^{-} \mathbf{g}_c}{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^{-} \mathbf{g}_c} = \frac{1}{g} \begin{pmatrix} +1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad [(\text{mol/L}) / \text{AU}]$$

## Example 4 – Univariate Case

**Signal:**  $\mathbf{g}_c = g$  [AU / (mol/L)]

**Noise:**  $\Sigma_c = \sigma_x^2$  [AU<sup>2</sup>]

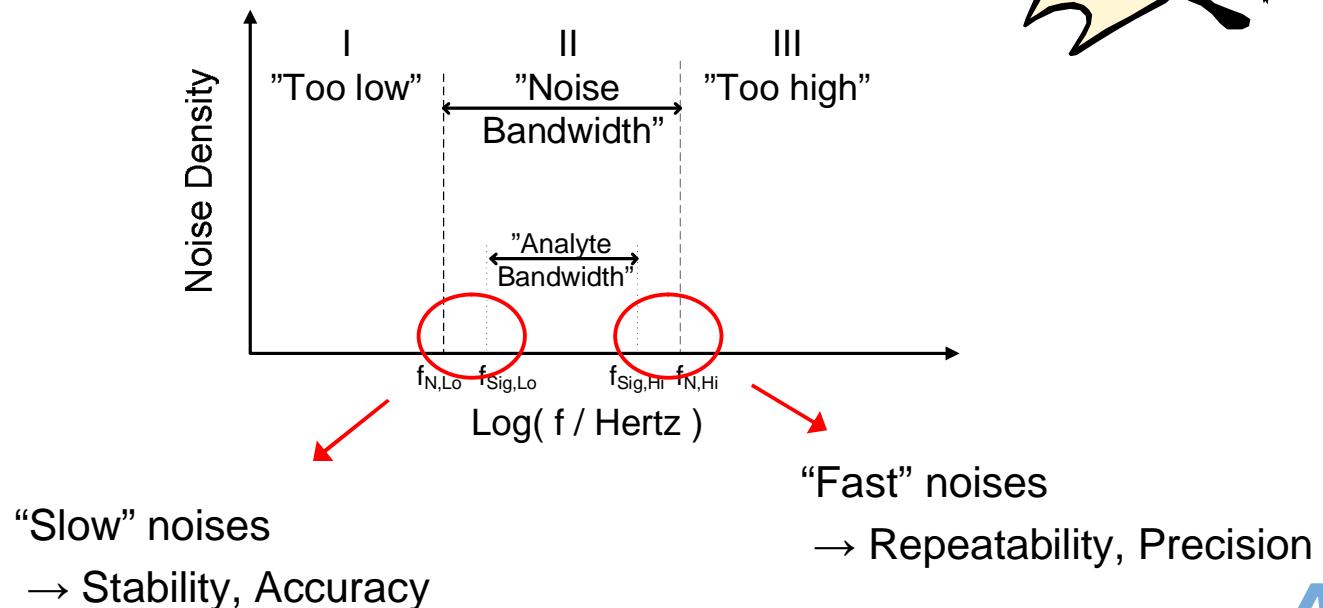


$$\mathbf{b}_c = \frac{\Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c} = \frac{1}{g} \quad [(\text{mol/L}) / \text{AU}]$$

## Third mental leap – Time (a.k.a. frequency) axis is **important**

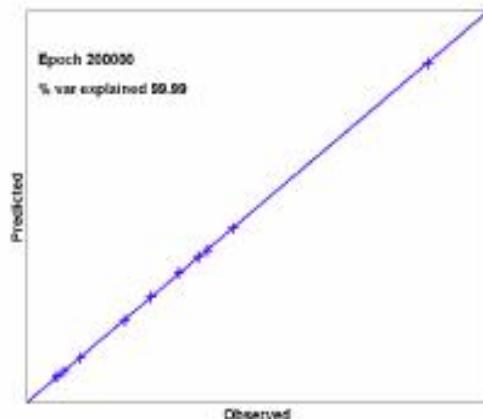
Measured spectrum:  $\mathbf{X}^T(t) = y(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}^T + \mathbf{x}_n^T(t)$

**“Unspecific correlations” vs. “noise”**



## “Spurious” vs. “unspecific” correlations

- **Spurious correlations** appear only in “statistical” calibration (PLS, PCR)
  - Caused by random fluctuations in calibration data set. Disappear with increasing number of calibration standards. Can be bad ...



T. Fearn, *Valid validation*, in: Proc. 12th Int'l Conf. on Near Infrared Spectroscopy, Auckland, New Zealand, 9 – 15 April 2005, G.R. Burling-Claridge, S.E. Holroyd and R.M.W. Sumner (eds.), 283 - 284

- ... but are only the tip of the iceberg.

The REAL problem are **unspecific correlations -- chemically unspecific but statistically reproducible**. All methods of calibration can be affected (“statistical”, “classical”, and SBC).

## Unspecific correlation – Example

- Measurement of **cholesterol in human blood** (e.g., IR spectrometry)
- Cholesterol (analyte) and triglycerides (interferent),  $r \approx 0.5$

$$y_{trig}(t) = S \cdot r \cdot y_{chol}(t) + (y_{trig}(t) - S \cdot r \cdot y_{chol}(t)) \quad \text{where} \quad S = \sigma_{trig} / \sigma_{chol}$$

- Measured spectrum:

$$\mathbf{x}^T(t) = y_{chol}(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{chol}^T + y_{trig}(t) \cdot \mathbf{k}_{trig}^T + \mathbf{x}_{n, \text{all but } trig}^T(t)$$

$$= y_{chol}(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{chol}^T + \{S \cdot r \cdot y_{chol}(t) + (y_{trig}(t) - S \cdot r \cdot y_{chol}(t))\} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{trig}^T + \mathbf{x}_{n, \text{all but } trig}^T(t)$$

$$= y_{chol}(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{chol}^T + \underbrace{S \cdot r \cdot y_{chol}(t) \cdot \mathbf{k}_{trig}^T}_{UC} + \mathbf{x}_n^T(t)$$

UC

## Unspecific correlation – Example cont'd

- Prediction:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{y}_{chol}(t) &= \mathbf{x}^T(t) \cdot \mathbf{b}_c \\
 &= \left( y_{chol}(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{chol}^T + S \cdot r \cdot y_{chol}(t) \cdot \mathbf{k}_{trig}^T + \mathbf{x}_n^T(t) \right) \cdot \frac{\Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_{chol}}{\mathbf{g}_{chol}^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_{chol}} \\
 &= y_{chol}(t) \left( 1 + S \cdot r \cdot \frac{\mathbf{k}_{trig}^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_{chol}}{\mathbf{g}_{chol}^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_{chol}} \right) + \frac{\mathbf{x}_n^T(t) \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_{chol}}{\mathbf{g}_{chol}^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_{chol}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Specificity (slope)      Sensitivity (scatter)

## Unspecific correlation – General Case

- Several UC components:

$$\begin{aligned} & S_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot y(t) \cdot \mathbf{k}_1^T + S_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot y(t) \cdot \mathbf{k}_2^T + K \\ &= (S_1 \cdot r_1 + S_2 \cdot r_2 + K) \cdot y(t) \cdot \left( \frac{S_1 \cdot r_1}{S_1 \cdot r_1 + S_2 \cdot r_2 + K} \mathbf{k}_1^T + \frac{S_2 \cdot r_2}{S_1 \cdot r_1 + S_2 \cdot r_2 + K} \mathbf{k}_2^T + K \right) \\ &= (S \cdot r) \cdot y(t) \cdot \mathbf{u}^T \end{aligned}$$

- Measured spectrum:

$$\mathbf{x}^T(t) = y(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}^T + (S \cdot r) \cdot y(t) \cdot \mathbf{u}^T + \mathbf{x}_n^T(t)$$

UC from **all**  
components

## Figures of Merit – General Case

**Situation:**  $\mathbf{x}^T(t) = y(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}^T + S \cdot r \cdot y(t) \cdot \mathbf{u}^T + \mathbf{x}_n^T(t)$  where  $Cov[\mathbf{x}_n] = \Sigma$

**Calibration:**  $\mathbf{b}_c = \frac{\Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}$  where  $\mathbf{g}_c = \mathbf{g} + \Delta \mathbf{g}$

**Prediction:**  $\hat{y}(t) = \mathbf{x}^T(t) \cdot \mathbf{b}_c = (y(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}^T + S \cdot r \cdot y(t) \cdot \mathbf{u}^T + \mathbf{x}_n^T(t)) \cdot \mathbf{b}_c$

$$= y(t) \underbrace{\left\{ 1 + \frac{(S \cdot r \cdot \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{g})^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c} \right\}}_{\text{Specificity}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{x}_n^T(t) \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}}_{\text{Sensitivity}}$$

### Proof of specificity =

1.  $\mathbf{g}_c$  "looks right," **and**
2.  $\mathbf{g}_c$  "stands tall" in  $\Sigma_c^-$

Scatter,  $MSE = \frac{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^- \cdot \Sigma \cdot \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c}{(\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma_c^- \mathbf{g}_c)^2} \geq \frac{1}{\mathbf{g}_c^T \Sigma^- \mathbf{g}_c}$

## Proof of specificity – Praxis

**Proof of specificity =**

1.  $\mathbf{g}_c$  “looks right,” **and**
2.  $\mathbf{g}_c$  “stands tall” in  $\Sigma_c^-$

(1) Determine  $\mathbf{g}$  from spectroscopic expertise & application knowledge

(2) Determine  $\Sigma_c$  -- estimate  $\Sigma$  and then start adding “extra” noises

$$\Sigma_c = \hat{\Sigma} + \sigma_{c,trig}^2 \left( \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{trig} \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{trig}^T \right) + \sigma_{c,urea}^2 \left( \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{urea} \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{urea}^T \right) + K$$

- Specificity of response
- Long-term stability of calibration
- Transferability instr.-to-instr.
- ...

Effective trade-off between specificity and sensitivity requires user-control over BOTH  $\mathbf{g}_c$  and  $\Sigma_c$  (SBC)

## Proof of specificity – Praxis (cont'd)

... **Two** ways to prove the **second** step

### Proof of specificity =

1.  $\mathbf{g}_c$  "looks right," **and**
2.  $\mathbf{g}_c$  "stands tall" in  $\sum_c^-$

(1) From spectroscopic expertise and application knowledge



(2) From spectroscopic first-principles;  
**OR**

Empirically: By checking slope vs.  
a reference method (\*)

(\*) Slope check is only valid AFTER step (1) is passed

## Current testing practice does not ensure Step (1) is passed !!

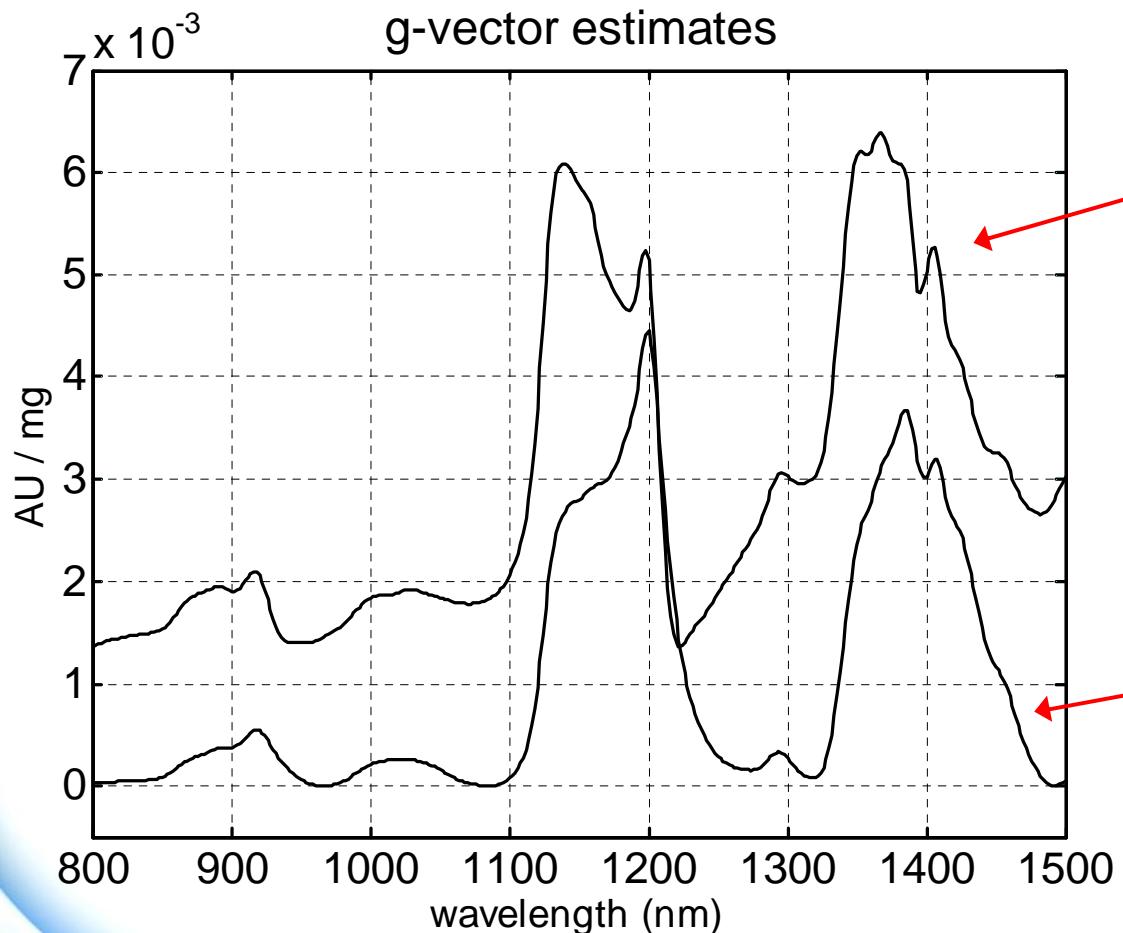
- If a “statistical” calibration (PLS, PCR) is affected by UC and then tested on so-called “independent” data that are affected by the same UC, seemingly good predictions (slope=1) can result even w/o any analyte signal
  - Current practice of predicting “independent” spectra guards only against *spurious* correlations, but not against *unspecific* correlations
- Current guidelines of checking for specificity (ICH Q2B; ASTM 1655; etc.) are incomplete/fail in the case of “statistical” calibration (PLS, PCR) and should be amended
  - Step (1) can only be passed by spectroscopic expertise & application knowledge, i.e., a ‘responsible scientist’ must *define and approve*

## Issue with “statistical” calibration (PLS, PCR)

- “**Statistical**” calibrations are special because they actively search for *any* correlations to use them as signal
  - Spurious correlations pose additional problem
  - The (implicitly used) estimate,  $\mathbf{g}_c$ , is virtually guaranteed to be affected whenever *unspecific* correlations are present

à Step (1) often often not passed

## Chambersburg Shoot-out 2002 Example – API in tablets



Response spectrum implicitly used by PLS, PCR (from data set *Calibration1*; 155 standards);  
**no offset added**

Response spectrum from literature

## Summary of older (non-SBC) calibration methods

### 1. “Classical” and “simple” (few wavelengths) calibrations:

- Sensitivity – likely sub-optimal
- Specificity – if slope OK, then likely OK

### 2. “Statistical” calibrations (PLS, PCR):

- Sensitivity – often “better” than optimal
- Specificity – often not measuring “the right thing” (fail Step 1)
  - If sensitivity and specificity are to be defined, then “a-posteriori sanctioning” of  $\mathbf{g}_c$  is necessary
    - With good application knowledge, “specificity in design space” may be argued
    - When testing prediction slope, “**really** independent prediction samples are vital
  - OR, user can try to retreat to statistical point of view

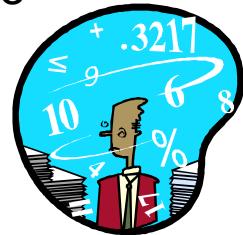
## “Measurement Science” vs. “Statistics”

Dividing line:

Knowledge of the “response spectrum”  $g_c$  [AU/mg] of the analyte of interest

### Multivariate Statistics

- Specificity & Sensitivity can *not* be defined
- Only *one* performance metric, viz. correlation (“PRESS<sup>1/2</sup>”, ...)
- Proper word: “Prediction”
- Historically, chemometrics has focused here



### Multivariate Measurement Science

- Specificity & Sensitivity can be defined (*two* performance metrics)
- Proper word: “Measurement”
- Historically done in “classical” and “simple” (few wavelengths) calibrations
- Now also possible in the general case where “noise matching” is needed



## Example: “BTX” in NIR

- Benzene, Toluene, o-Xylene, m-Xylene, and p-Xylene
- “How well can the three Xylenes be predicted?”
- **Typical PLS results:**
  - FT-NIR, 1 mm cuvette
  - $6300 - 4150 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (1587 – 2410 nm)

**Table 1.** Standard errors of predictions obtained for the quantification of xylene isomers with NIR

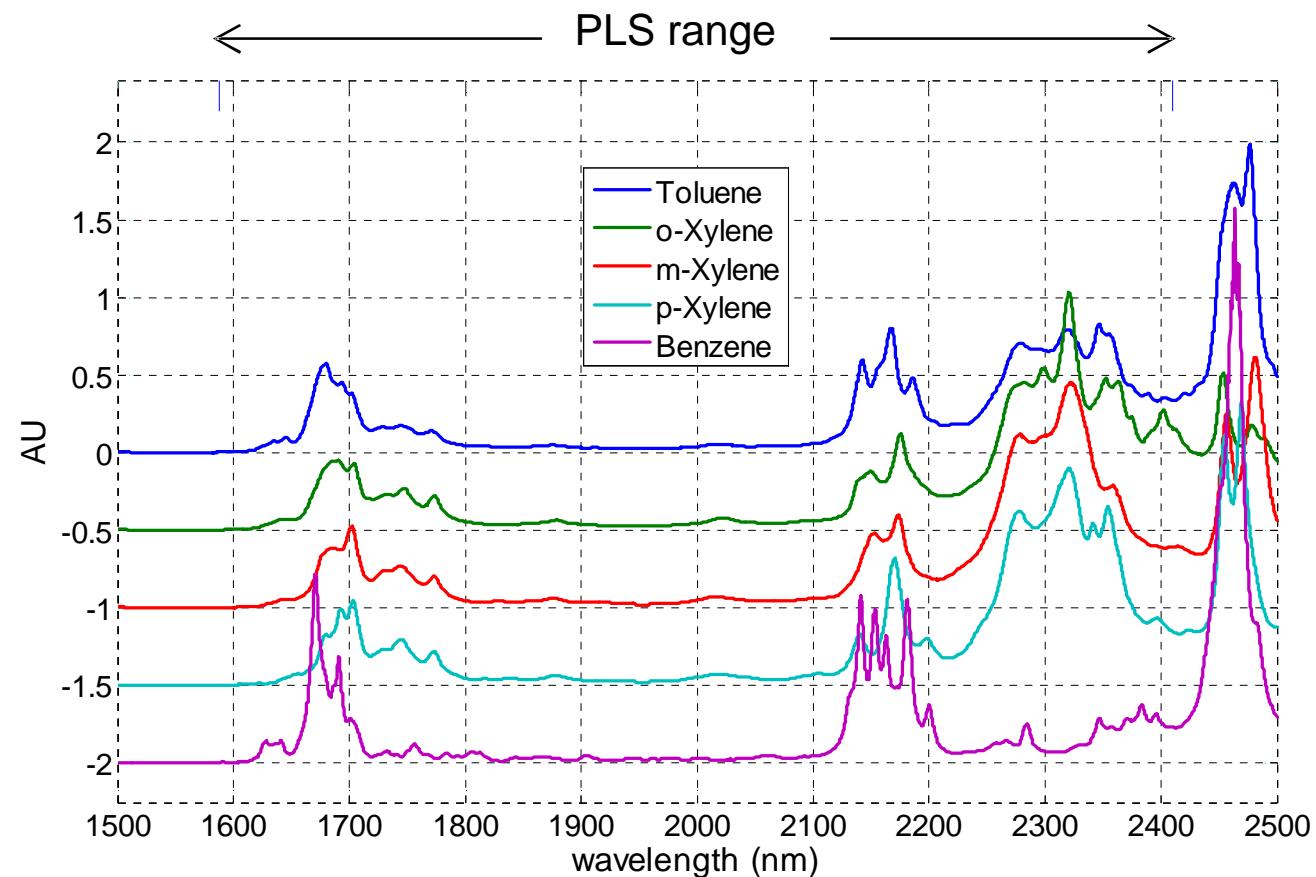
Resolution ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	SEP for o-xylene (%)	SEP for m-xylene (%)	SEP for p-xylene (%)
16	0.023	0.020	0.017
8	0.021	0.019	0.013
4	0.038	0.035	0.036
2	0.027	0.029	0.028

All concentrations  
in [%] v-v

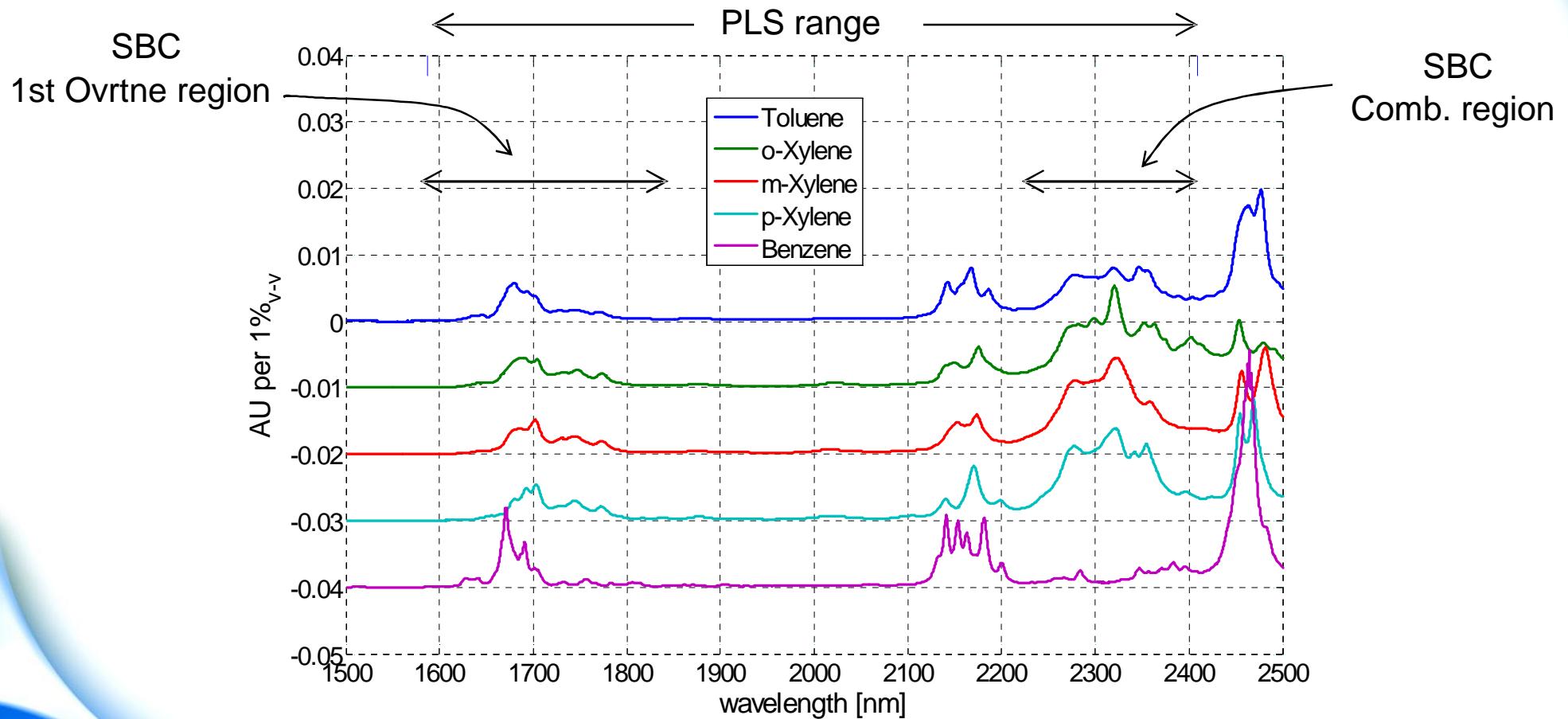
From: T. Meyer, J. Oelichmann, H. Kellerhals, *Resolution and suppression of mechanical noise in FT-NIR Spectroscopy*, Trends in Analytical Chemistry 25(1), 19-23, 2006

## Response spectra for SBC

- Cary-5000 double-beam spectrometer, SBW=0.5 nm, point spacing 0.2 nm
- 1mm cuvette, “pure” component spectra (p.a.)



## Response spectra (cont'd)



## “BTX” example: Data set used in PLS analysis

- 50 mixtures (“designer samples”)
- 6 repeats each (300 spectra)

- Overview:

	Toluene	o-Xylene	m-Xylene	p-Xylene	Benzene
Mean	10.37	2.19	1.29	1.52	84.63
Std	5.61	1.58	1.23	1.42	5.61

From: T. Meyer, J. Oelichmann, H. Kellerhals, *Resolution and suppression of mechanical noise in FT-NIR Spectroscopy*, Trends in Analytical Chemistry 25(1), 19-23, 2006

## SBC Method, e.g., for Toluene

- Signal,  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_{Tol}$   $[AU/\%_{\nu-\nu}]$

- Noise,

$$\Sigma_{c,Tol} = (1.58 \%)^2 (\mathbf{g}_{oXy} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{oXy}^T) + (1.23 \%)^2 (\mathbf{g}_{mXy} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{mXy}^T) + (1.42 \%)^2 (\mathbf{g}_{pXy} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{pXy}^T) + (5.61 \%)^2 (\mathbf{g}_{Ben} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{Ben}^T) + K$$

$$K + \begin{pmatrix} n_{\lambda_1}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{O} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n_{\lambda_k}^2 \end{pmatrix} + (20mAU)^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ M \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (1 \perp 1) + (0.02nm)^2 \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial \lambda} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T}{\partial \lambda} \right) [AU^2]$$

Hardware noise floor

- 50  $\mu$ AU RMS at 1900 nm
- single-beam intensity scaled at other  $\lambda$ 's

Baseline offset noise

- 20 mAU RMS

Wavelength Shift Noise

- 0.02 nm RMS shift
- computed on average absorbance spectrum

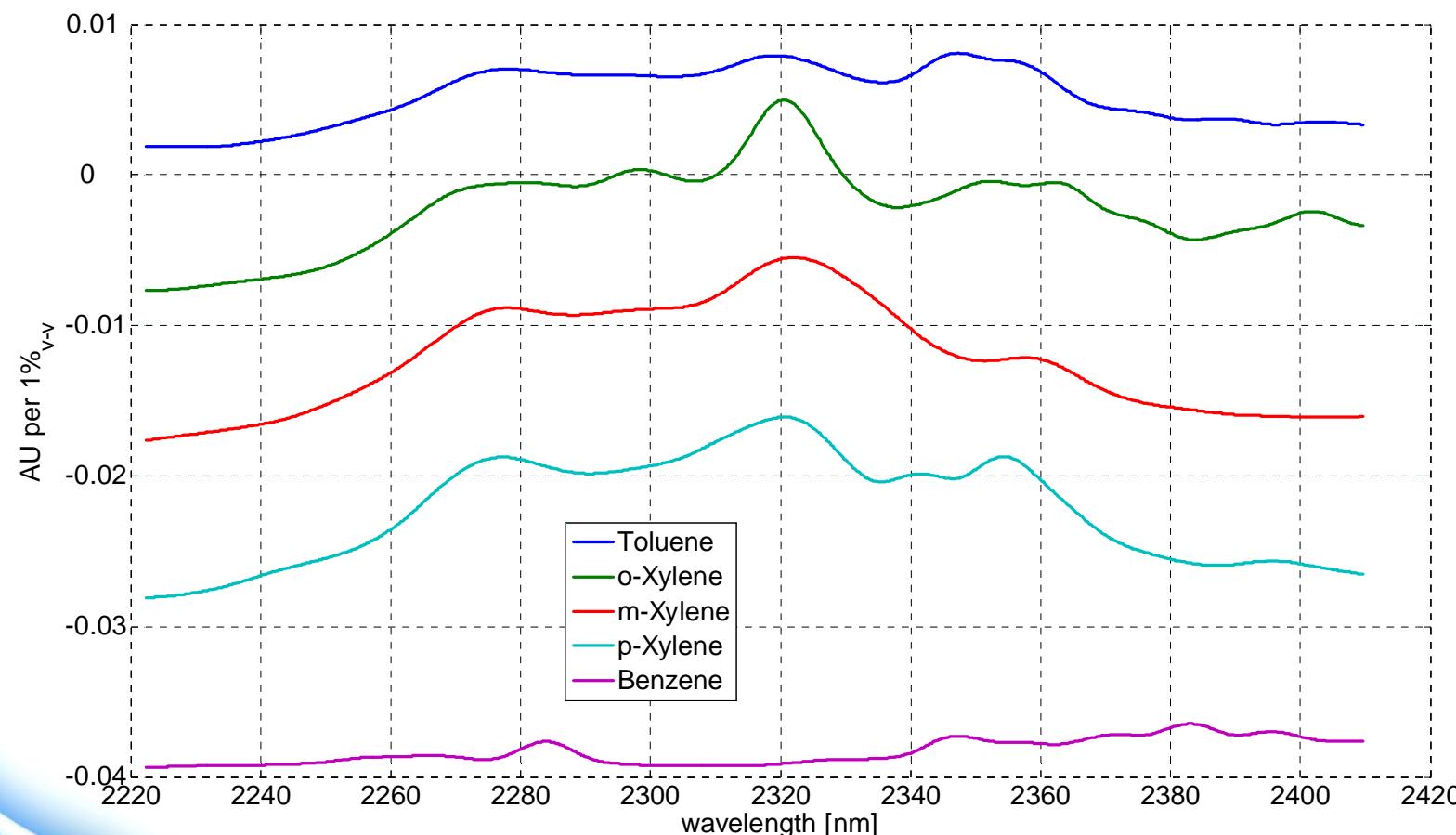
## SBC Results, Combination region, 4500 – 4150 cm<sup>-1</sup>

$$(\Delta\nu = 16 \text{ cm}^{-1}) \equiv (\Delta\lambda = 8 \text{ nm})$$

MATLAB Results created 09-Jun-2007 21:32:40								
2222.3999 - 2409.6001 nm, NoRanges=1, NoPixels=937								
Res = 7.9964 nm FWHM,								
Results in "absolute" units [% v-v]								
Analytes NominalCc Sensitivity Repeatability Sen/Rep Toluene o-Xylene m-Xylene p-Xylene Benzene								
[%v-v] [%v-v] rms [%v-v] rms Ratio-of-slopes ... [%v-v] / [+1%v-v from interferent]								
<b>Toluene</b>	10.37	<b>0.0095</b>	0.0095	1.0000107	1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<b>o-Xylene</b>	2.19	<b>0.0028</b>	0.0028	1.0000018	0.0000	1	0.0000	0.0000
<b>m-Xylene</b>	1.29	<b>0.0034</b>	0.0034	1.0000042	0.0000	0.0000	1	0.0000
<b>p-Xylene</b>	1.52	<b>0.0072</b>	0.0072	1.0000027	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1
<b>Benzene</b>	84.63	<b>0.0062</b>	0.0062	1.0000057	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1
Results in "relative" units [%] of nom. concentration								
Analytes NominalCc Sensitivity(*) Repeatability(*) Sen/Rep Toluene o-Xylene m-Xylene p-Xylene Benzene								
[%] [%] rms [%] rms Ratio-of-slopes(**) ... [%] / [+1% from interferent]								
<b>Toluene</b>	100	0.0917	0.0917	1.0000107	1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<b>o-Xylene</b>	100	0.1263	0.1263	1.0000018	0.0000	1	0.0000	0.0000
<b>m-Xylene</b>	100	0.2613	0.2613	1.0000042	0.0000	0.0000	1	0.0000
<b>p-Xylene</b>	100	0.4751	0.4751	1.0000027	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1
<b>Benzene</b>	100	0.0073	0.0073	1.0000057	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1
(*) Highlighted if > 1% RMS				(**) Highlighted if absolute value >0.05				

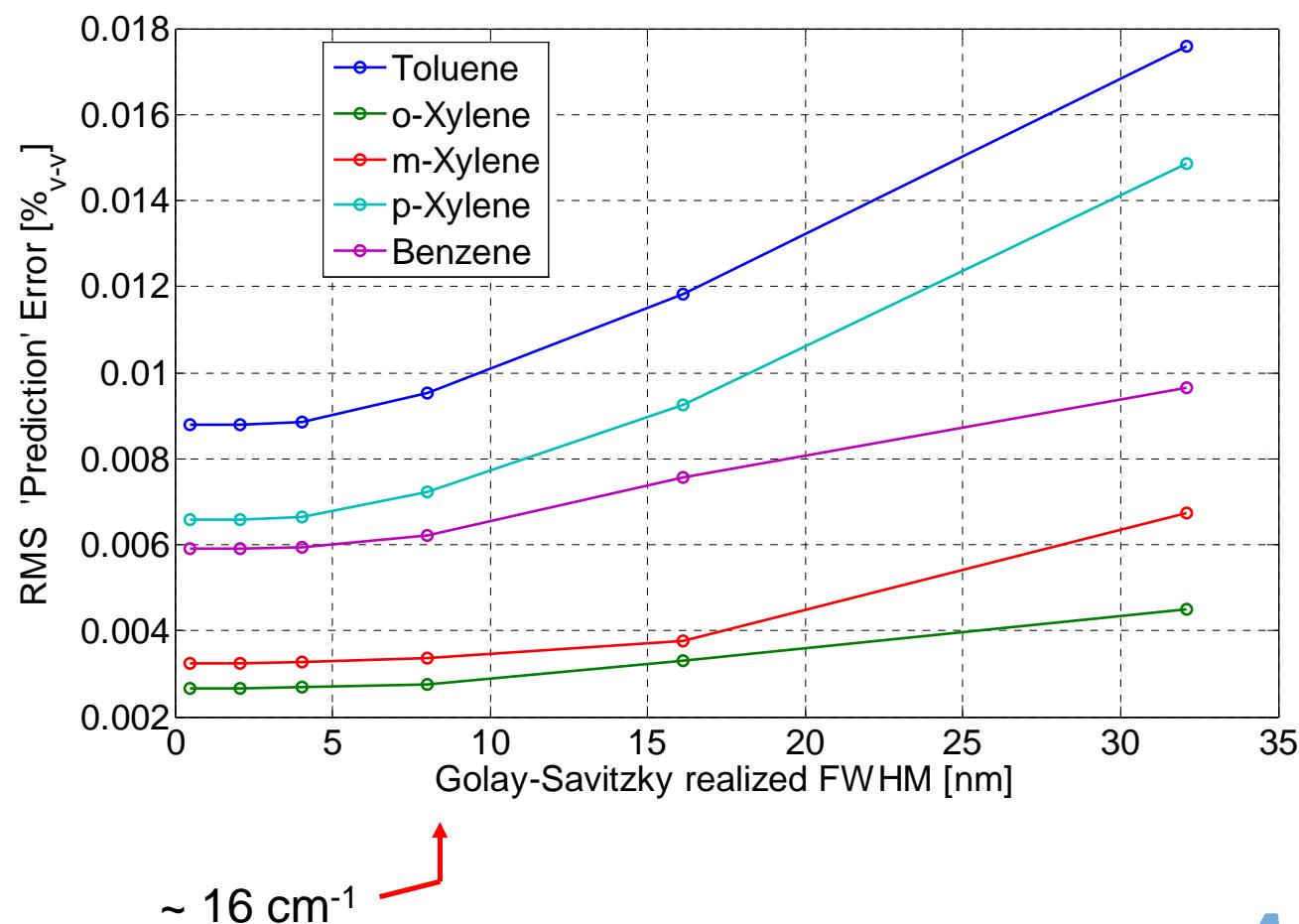
## Response Spectra at $\sim 16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in combination region

- Response spectra measured on Cary-5000 (offset by -0.01 [AU/‰])
- Golay-Savitzki FWHM = 7.9964 nm



## Sensitivity as function of spectral resolution, Combination region

- 4500 – 4150 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- SBC calibration



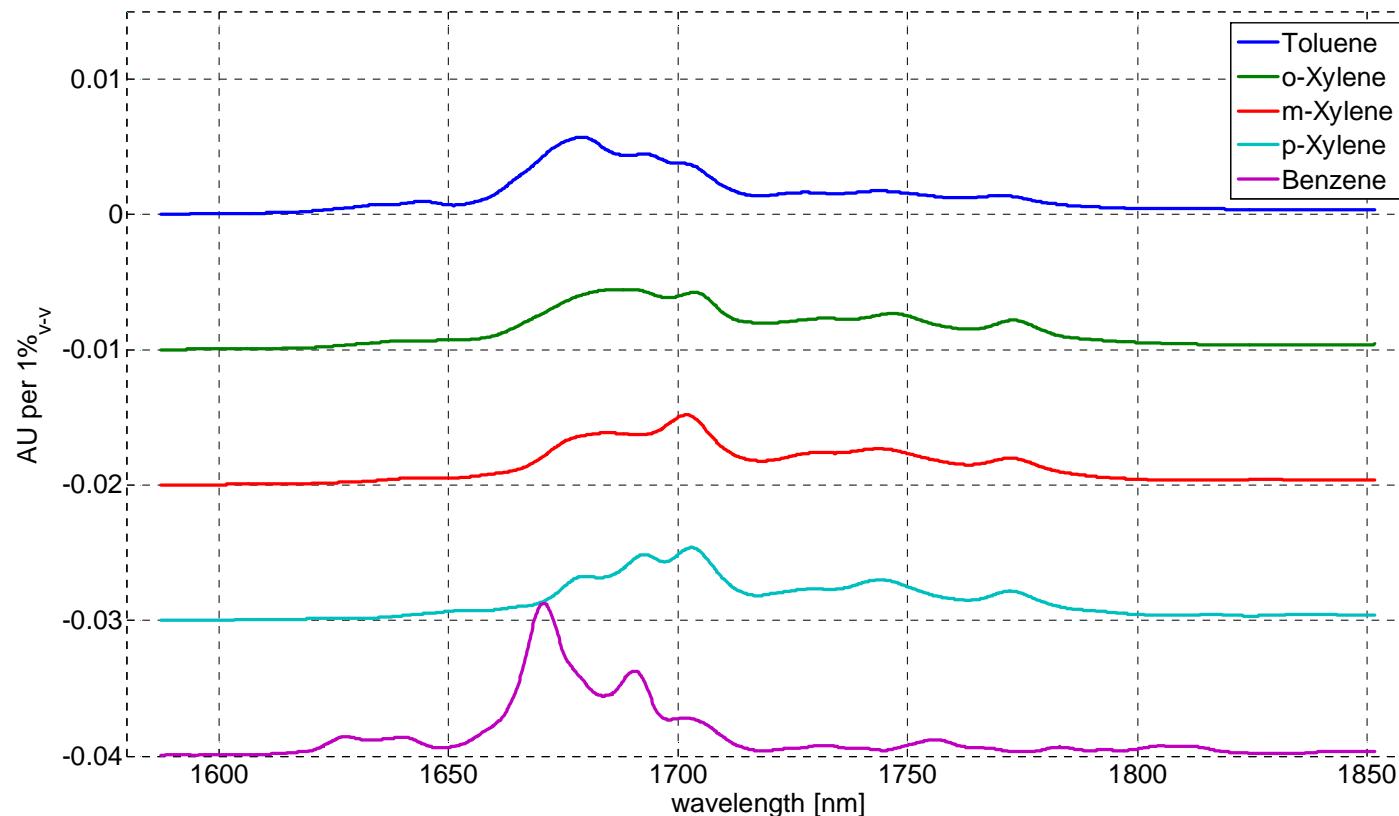
## SBC results, 1st Overtone region, 6300 – 5400 cm<sup>-1</sup>

$$(\Delta\nu = 16 \text{ cm}^{-1}) \equiv (\Delta\lambda = 5 \text{ nm})$$

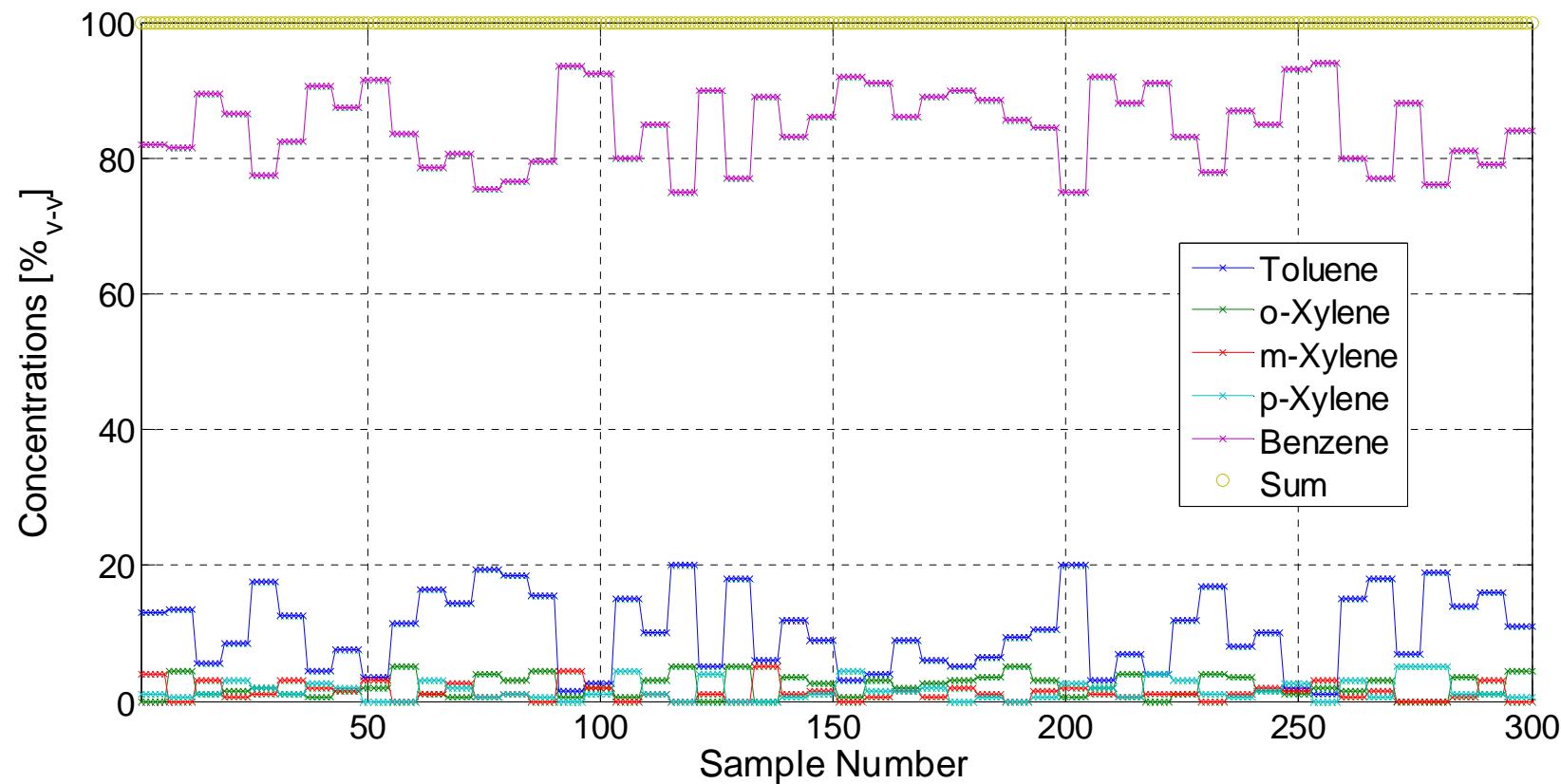
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Toluene	10.37	<b>0.0127</b>	0.0127	1.0000241	1	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000
<i>o</i> -Xylene	2.19	<b>0.0132</b>	0.0132	1.000014	0.0000	1	0.0000	0.0000
<i>m</i> -Xylene	1.29	<b>0.0190</b>	0.0190	1.0000379	0.0000	0.0000	1	0.0001
<i>p</i> -Xylene	1.52	<b>0.0149</b>	0.0149	1.0000767	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	1
Benzene	84.63	<b>0.0055</b>	0.0055	1.000012	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1
Results in "relative" units [%] of nom. concentration								
Analytes NominalC <sub>c</sub> Sensitivity(*) Repeatability(*) Sen/Rep Toluene o-Xylene m-Xylene p-Xylene Benzene								
[%] [%] rms [%] rms Sen/Rep Ratio-of-slopes(**) ... [%] / [+1% from interferent]								
Toluene	100	0.1228	0.1228	1.0000241	1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<i>o</i> -Xylene	100	0.6013	0.6013	1.000014	0.0000	1	0.0000	0.0000
<i>m</i> -Xylene	100	<b>1.4755</b>	<b>1.4755</b>	1.0000379	0.0000	0.0001	1	0.0001
<i>p</i> -Xylene	100	0.9818	0.9817	1.0000767	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	1
Benzene	100	0.0065	0.0065	1.000012	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1
(*) Highlighted if > 1% RMS					(**) Highlighted if absolute value >0.05			

## Response spectra at $\sim 16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in 1st Overtone region

- Response spectra from Cary-5000 (offset by -0.01 [AU/‰])
- Golay-Savitzki FWHM = 5.1484 nm

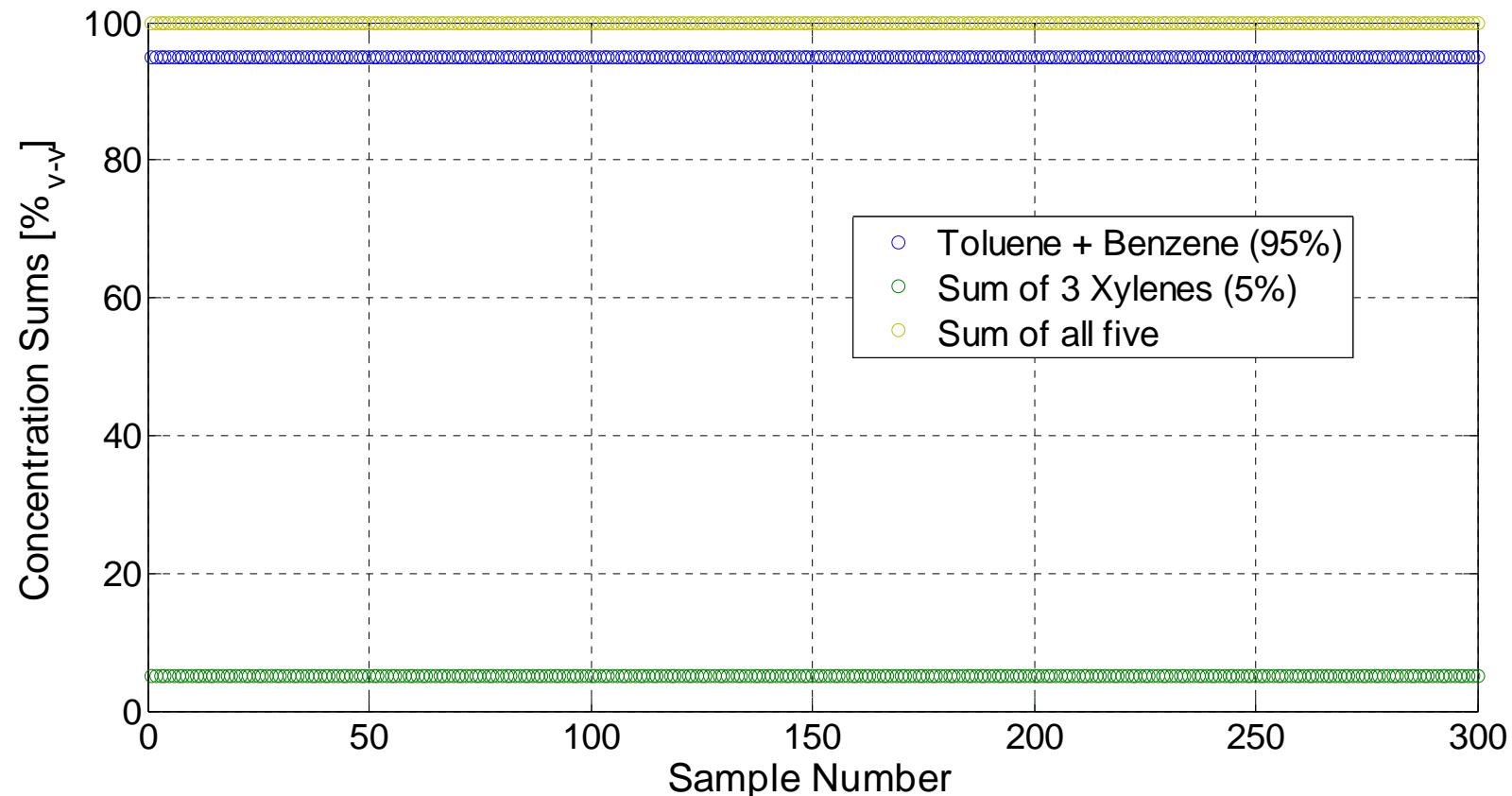


## PLS reference concentrations



- 50 standards (“designer samples”), 6 repeats each

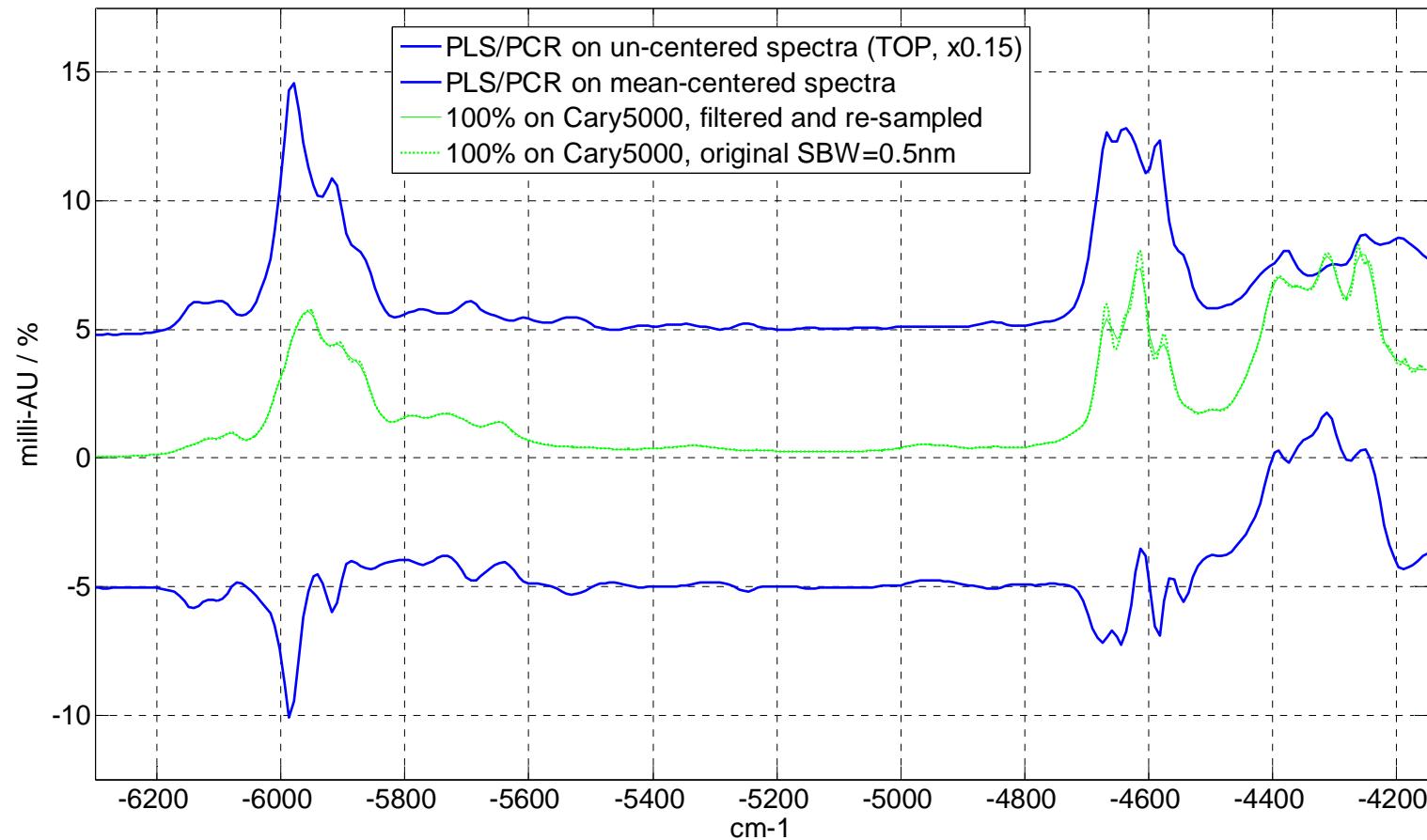
## Standards affected by closure (2x)



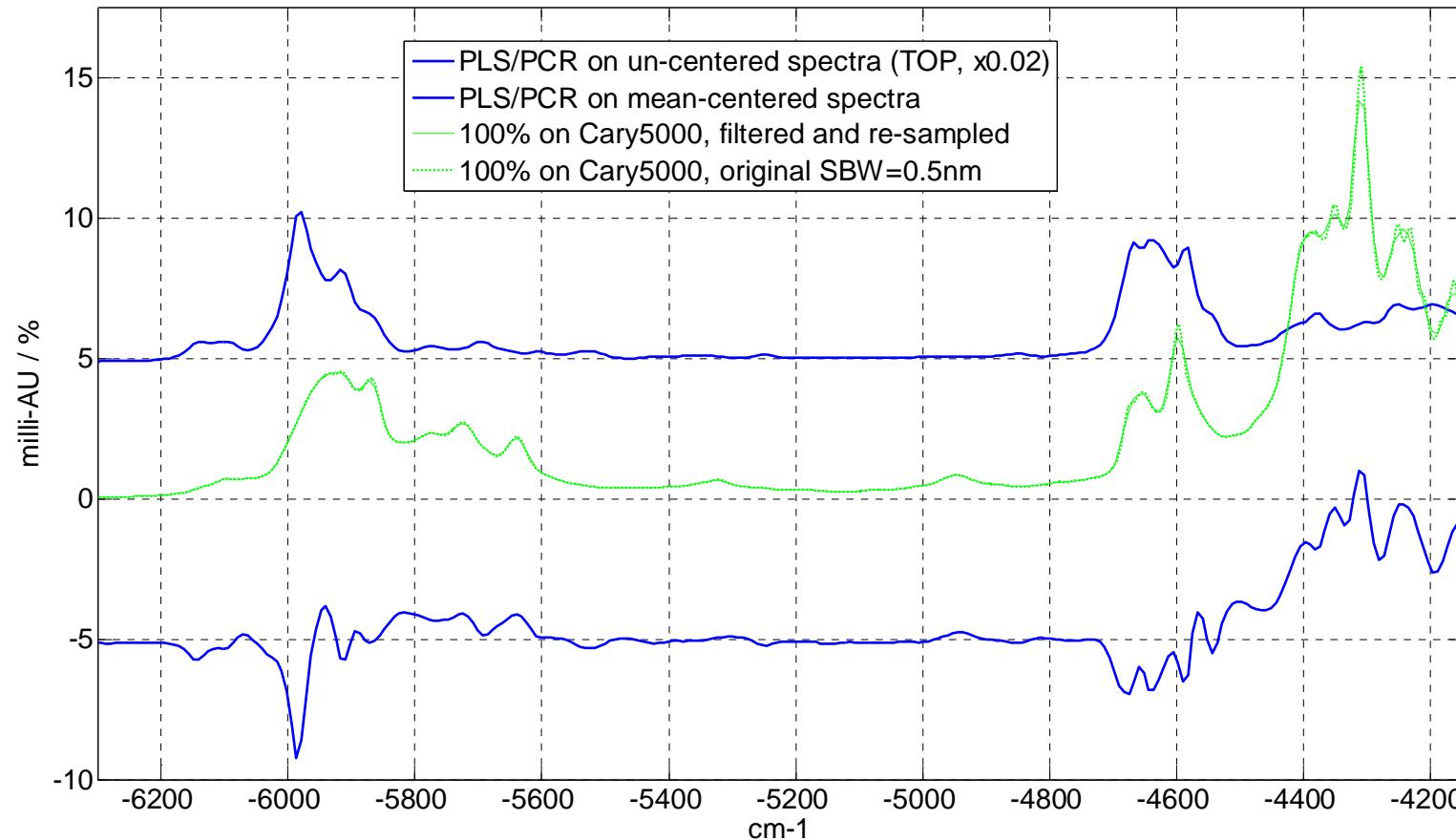
## Closure causes non-zero correlation coefficients

	Toluene	<i>o</i> -Xylene	<i>m</i> -Xylene	<i>p</i> -Xylene	Benzene	<i>oX+mX</i>	<i>oX+pX</i>	<i>mX+pX</i>
<b>Toluene</b>	1	0.2689	-0.3208	-0.0217	<b>-1.0000</b>	0.0217	0.3208	0.3208
<b><i>o</i>-Xylene</b>	0.2689	1	-0.5121	-0.6694	-0.2689	0.6694	0.5121	0.5121
<b><i>m</i>-Xylene</b>	-0.3208	-0.5121	1	-0.2953	0.3208	0.2953	<b>-1.0000</b>	<b>-1.0000</b>
<b><i>p</i>-Xylene</b>	-0.0217	-0.6694	-0.2953	1	0.0217	-1.0000	0.2953	0.2953
<b>Benzene</b>	<b>-1.0000</b>	-0.2689	0.3208	0.0217	1	-0.0217	-0.3208	-0.3208
<b><i>oX + mX</i></b>	0.0217	0.6694	0.2953	-1.0000	-0.0217	1	-0.2953	-0.2953
<b><i>oX + pX</i></b>	0.3208	0.5121	<b>-1.0000</b>	0.2953	-0.3208	-0.2953	1	<b>1.0000</b>
<b><i>mX + pX</i></b>	0.3208	0.5121	<b>-1.0000</b>	0.2953	-0.3208	-0.2953	<b>1.0000</b>	1

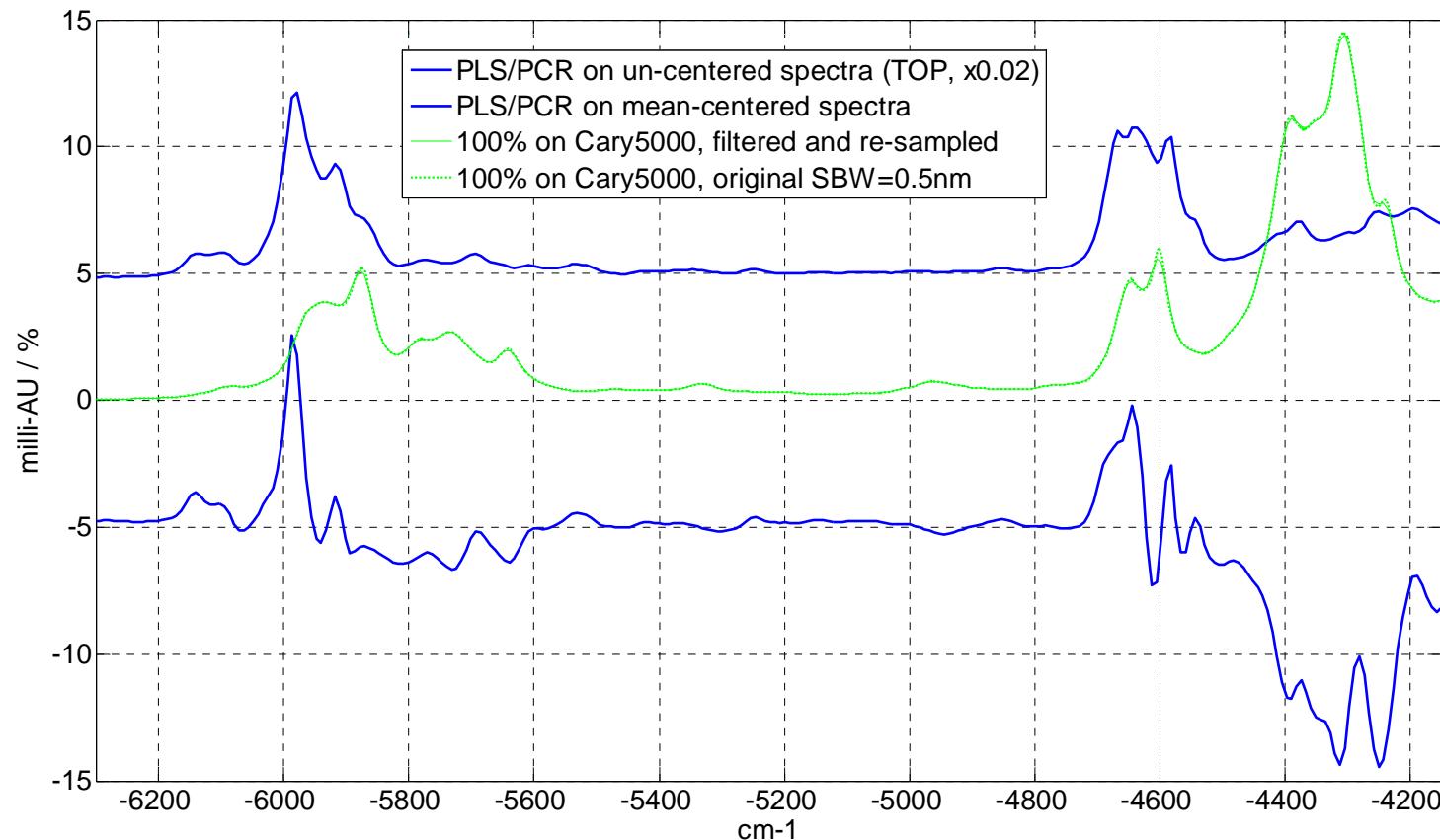
## PLS “response” spectrum used for Toluene



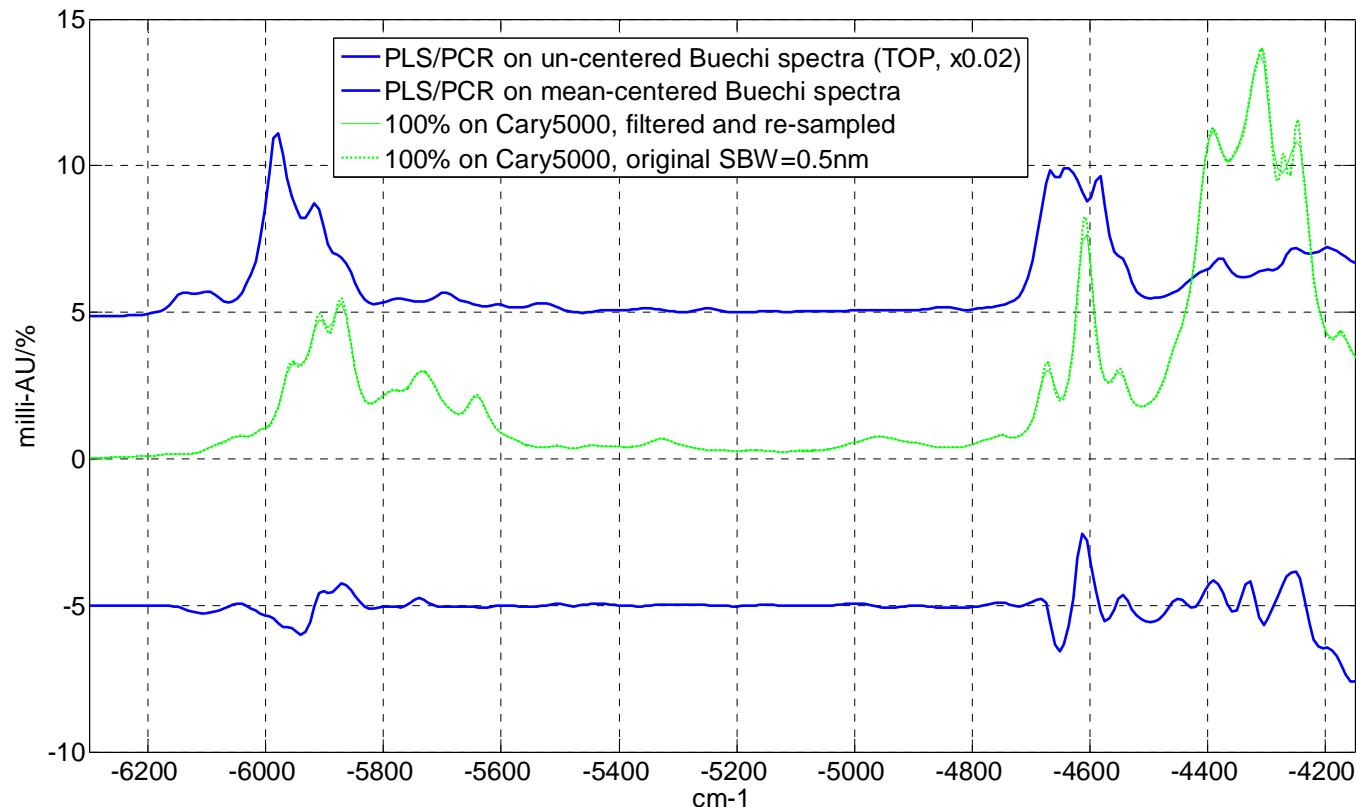
## PLS “response” spectrum used for o-Xylene



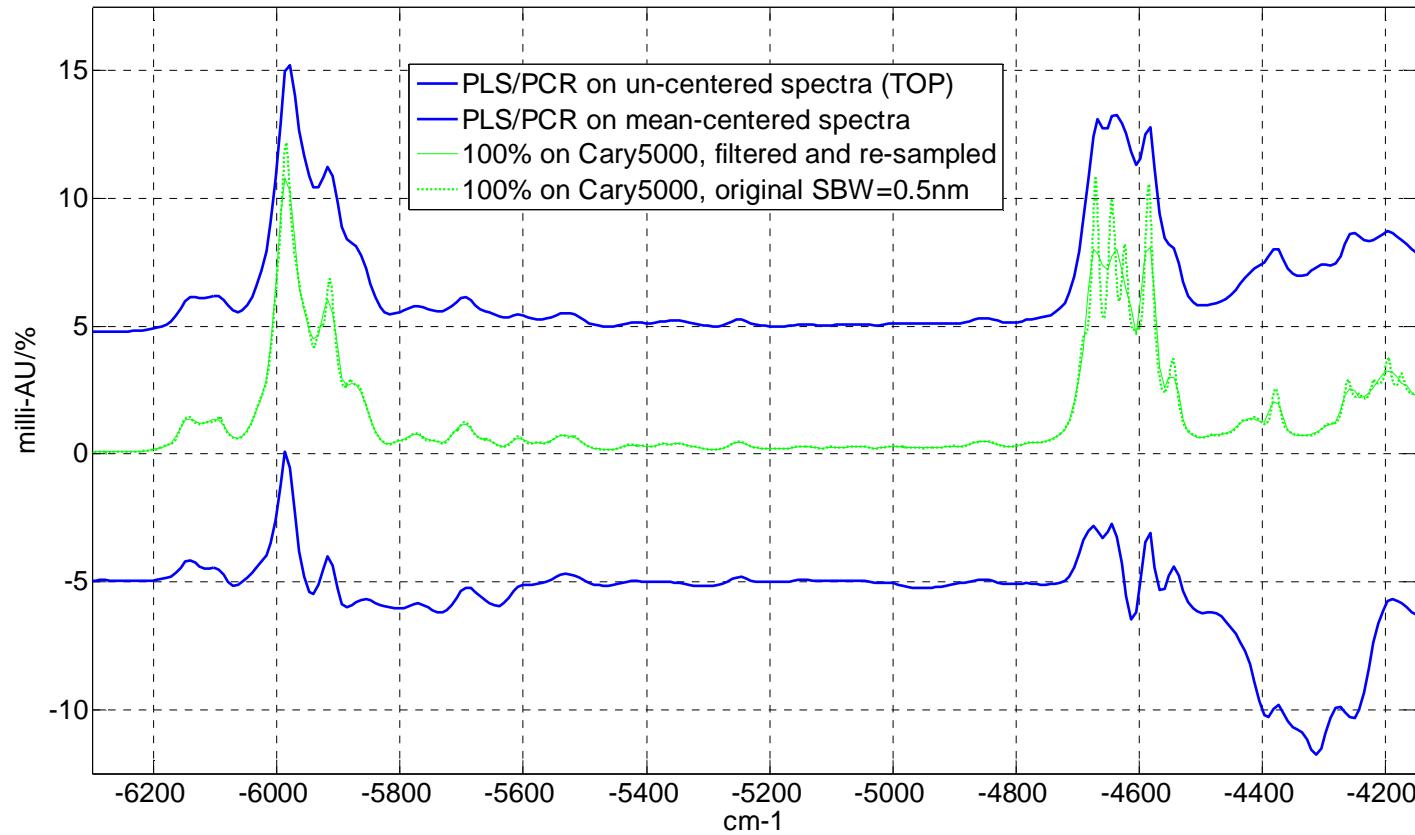
## PLS “response” spectrum used for m-Xylene



## PLS “response” spectrum used for p-Xylene



## Response spectra used for Benzene



## Conclusions

- Multivariate *measurement science* is different from multivariate *statistics*
- Multivariate calibration is NOT complicated
  - Three breaks from traditional thinking, and everything becomes clear
  - Multivariate calibration consists of only two parts,  $\mathbf{g}_c$  and  $\Sigma_c^-$
- Taking control over **both** inputs is the only way to (a) prove specificity from spectroscopic first-principles and (b) trade-off specificity vs. sensitivity in an effective and user-controlled way
  - “Enabling” technology; used in Finland since 2001
- SBC makes multivariate calibration as simple & intuitive as univariate
  - Only difference: Analyst can influence the trade-off between specificity/robustness vs. short-term noise/repeatability
- Existing statistical calibrations (PLS, PCR) should be re-evaluated in light of the scientific understanding generated by SBC
  - As much as several 10% of NIR applications may be affected by unspecific correlations

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## Conclusions (cont'd)

- Current methods for testing specificity (ASTM 1655; ICH Q2B; etc.) should be amended. **Spectrometric community should start discussion.**
- Role of chemometrists will **grow** in future. Focus will shift back to spectroscopy & chemistry à “responsible application scientist”
- Community & Scientific Journals should start to enforce a rule:  
***“Every manuscript must plot the (implicitly used) response spectrum”***
- The best days of spectrometry are still ahead !!!

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