

# Application of Handheld Spectrometers for Chemical Content Measurements



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## Solutions and Applications from ZEISS Spectroscopy



# Industries

## ZEISS Spectroscopy for Inline Process Control and Quality Control



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### Spectrometer Systems for **Agriculture**



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### Spectrometer Systems for **Food Industry**



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### Spectrometer Systems for **Colour and Coating Analysis**

# Industries

## Spectrometer Solutions for Agriculture



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### Grain mills

Quality control of delivered grain  
(protein, moisture)



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### Seed breeders

Quality evaluation  
(protein)



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### Feed production

Process optimization  
(protein, dry matter, crude fiber, oil)



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### Animal farms

Optimization of TMR (total mixed ration)  
(protein, moisture, crude fiber, starch)

# Industries

## Spectrometer Solutions for Foodstuff Industry



### **Malting plants**

Grain categorization, process and quality control  
(protein, moisture, soluble nitrogen, viscosity, et al)



### **Snacks and potato products**

Process und quality control  
(moisture, bulk density, color)



### **Fish, meat and bone meal products**

Process control  
(moisture, fat, protein)



### **Cheese production**

Process control  
(fat, dry matter)



# Spectrometer Systems

## Corona extreme



## The Spectrometer System for Agriculture For Working Under Extreme Conditions

Spectral range 950 – 1,650 nm

- High shock resistance and unaffected by temperature fluctuations
- For ATEX Zone 22
- In moist and dusty conditions
- Automatic internal referencing does not require frequent external calibration
- Sensor protection due to integrated measuring head and sapphire flange
- Suitable for lab applications and vehicle's on-board installation





# Spectrometer Systems

## Corona process



## The Spectrometer System For any Technological Process

Spectral range 380 – 1,650 nm

- Protected against shock and vibrations
- For ATEX Zone 22
- Unaffected by temperature fluctuations
- Accurate measurement even at a distance of 80 to 600 mm from the sample
- Automatic internal referencing and compensation of sample distance influence
- Long service life and long-term stability; does not require frequent external calibration



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# Summer 2015 – the starting point of market testing



## Goal

To **gain insights** in the **agricultural handheld market**, especially

- the general **acceptance** of handheld devices and potential sales numbers per year,
- **handling** workflows and
- **essential requirements**

→ 5 Handheld Demonstrators were built initially

→ Creating calibrations for forage and feed were started



# Results are looking promising



- ✓ Similarity of optical engine to inline systems makes transfer of calibration easy and fast
- ✓ There is a small but growing market for handheld devices in agriculture we might be able to address.
- ✓ We recognized an increasing interest in handheld devices in China.
  - Asia-Pacific is expected to fuel the growth of handheld and portable spectroscopy equipments specially in countries such as China and India is expected to accept the portable technologies at a higher rate as compared to other developed economies
- ✓ Additional demonstrators have been built for partners
- ✓ Handling workflows and essential requirements were defined and validated with our partners

Source: Data Bridge Market Research: Global Molecular Spectroscopy Market - Trends and Forecast to 2022

# Now we go one step further: Development of Serial Product



## Goal

To provide handheld series products for the agricultural market,

- Incorporating the validated essential requirements
- and handling workflows

## Focus is on

- Setting up a small series production
- Ensuring easy calibration transfer from Corona extreme and Handheld demonstrators
- Reducing COGS to achieve an attractive market price

The result is the **AURA® handheld NIR by ZEISS**

Preliminary release date / first delivery date for series products: 1.7.17

## The **AURA®** handheld NIR

- ✓ Is a **portable** NIR sensor with a **broad range of calibrations** developed by GraiNit s.r.l.
- ✓ Can be transported easily in a **carrying case**.
- ✓ It is powered by a **smart battery pack**, hot swappable with a spare battery or powered by **external power supply**.
- ✓ Is robust due to protection class **IP 54** and comes with a **wrist strap**
- ✓ Is easy to use due to the **touch display** and the well known **InProcess software**.
- ✓ Compliant to environmental standards: RoHS, China RoHS, WEEE, REAC  
Compliant to device security standards: EMC, low voltage directive, battery directive



## Items delivered:

- ✓ AURA® handheld NIR
- ✓ 2 smart battery packs
- ✓ Battery charging unit
- ✓ Wrist strap (drop protection)
- ✓ User Manual (DE, EN)
- ✓ Carrying case

## Accessories:

- Spare battery pack
- Battery charging unit
- Bluetooth mouse
- Bluetooth keyboard



