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# Instrument/Instrument and Supplier/Supplier On-Line and Laboratory Reproducibility Considerations

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A proprietary approach to reflection and transmission measurements using the Carl Zeiss ThinProcess UV/Vis/NIR platforms will be discussed. The following topics will be included: conventional design; Zeiss design; instrument to instrument reproducibility; supplier to supplier reproducibility; measuring on-line reflection and transmission with “lab-like” uncertainty.

INSTRUMENT/INSTRUMENT AND  
SUPPLIER/SUPPLIER ON-LINE AND  
LABORATORY REPRODUCIBILITY  
CONSIDERATIONS

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APEX MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS



- ▶ Your system's results do not match my laboratory system's results.

PROBLEM



- ▶ What is the true value?
- ▶ Trueness: The trueness compares the parameters determined with the test method, with the certified values of a certified reference material.

QUESTION



- ▶ Incorporated 2007
- ▶ Lower 48 States; Mexico; Latin America
- ▶ Offices: Michigan, Illinois, Texas, Florida

APEX MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS



- ▶ QC Laboratory to Process On-Line Analyzer
- ▶ Spectroscopy Base: XRF, UV/Vis, IR/NIR
- ▶ Integration
- ▶ Sample Preparation and Presentation
- ▶ Standards
  - ▶ Tailored Calibration Sets
  - ▶ CRMs, RMs
  - ▶ Custom Standards/”Proxy” Standards
  - ▶ Drift Monitors, Control/Check Samples

# APEX MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS

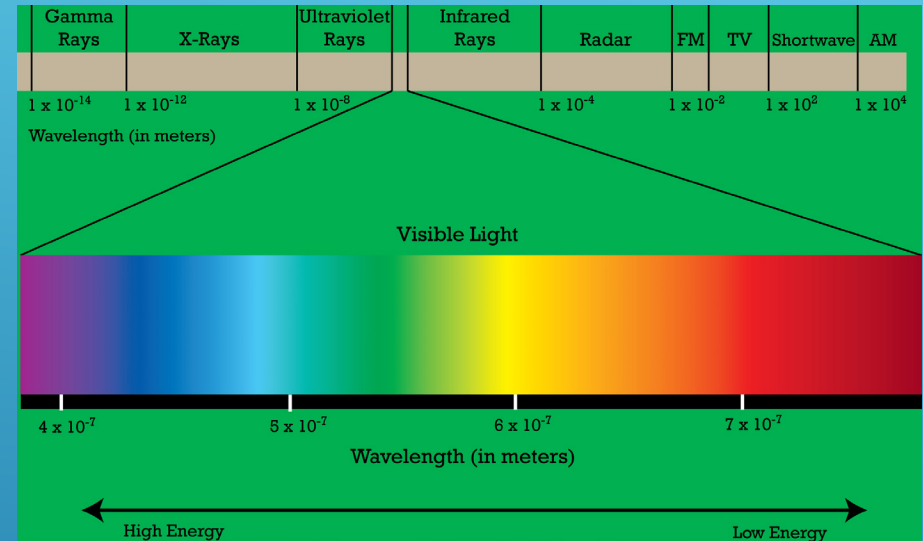


- ▶ Spectroscopy Systems

- ▶ UV/Vis
- ▶ Infrared
- ▶ XRF

- ▶ Applications

- ▶ Absorption/Transmission
- ▶ Reflection
- ▶ Florescence
- ▶ Chemometrics/Modeling
- ▶ Emissions/Remote Sensing



# CORE CAPABILITIES



- ▶ Carl Zeiss Spectroscopy
- ▶ Fluxana GmbH
- ▶ Festo

# APEX PRINCIPALS



## Gratings



## Spectrometer Modules



## Spectrometer Systems



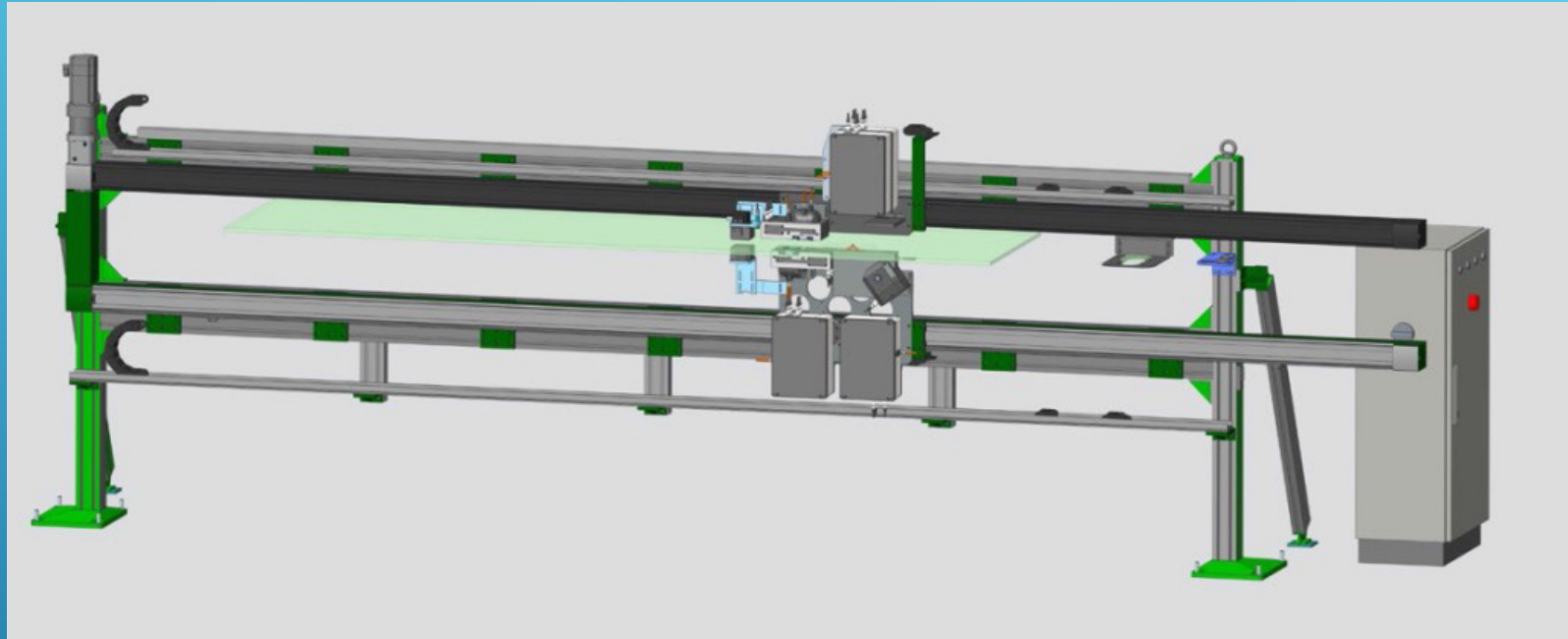
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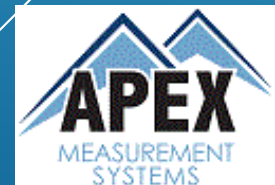
Component Level Manufacturing  
Spectrometer Modules  
Spectrometer Systems  
Integrated Turnkey Solutions

# ZEISS PRODUCTS





# ZEISS THINPROCESS Q





# FLUXANA PRODUCTS



- ▶ No Fee
- ▶ Over 15,500 Active Standards
- ▶ Over 9500 out of circulation catalogued
- ▶ Metal; Solid and Chips
- ▶ Mining/Minerals (Raw Materials)
- ▶ Glass/Ceramic
- ▶ Plastics
- ▶ Liquids

SEARCH BY COMPOSITION:

SEARCH BY REFERENCE MATERIAL:

NEWLY ADDED MATERIALS:

Element:  Min:  Max:  Unit:  Remove:

+ ADD FILTER

SOLID

CHIPS

ALUMINIUM

INDUSTRIAL

LIQUID AQUEOUS

LIQUID PETRO

CALIBRATION SET

Category:  Content:

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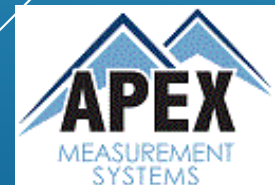
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# FLUXSEARCH DATABASE



- ▶ Commercially Available Standard Does not Exist
- ▶ Nature of Process: Difficult to Make a Standard
- ▶ Stability/Robustness
- ▶ Common in Coated Products

CUSTOM STANDARDS/"PROXY"  
STANDARDS



- ▶ Your system's results do not match my laboratory system's results.
- ▶ What is the true value?
- ▶ **A 3<sup>rd</sup> Party CRM**

ANSWER



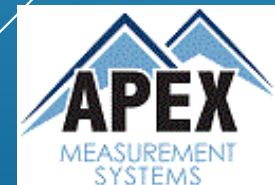
- ▶ Practical Goals
  - ▶ Reasonable Cost
  - ▶ Batch/Lot Size
  - ▶ Robust

3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY CRM



- ▶ Define the Parameter(s)
  - ▶ Color, TBD
- ▶ Determine Homogeneity
  - ▶ In progress, 1<sup>st</sup> batch of standards prepared
- ▶ Certification
  - ▶ Round Robin or other traceable means
- ▶ Stability
  - ▶ Long Term Studies

3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY CRM



- **Repeatability:** Repeatability is understood to be the standard deviation of a measured parameter that is determined with the same test method on an identical sample, by the same “user” with the same instrument in a specified amount of time.
- **Reproducibility:** Reproducibility is understood to be the standard deviation of a parameter that is determined with the same analytical principal, but under modified conditions, e.g. different plants, different laboratories, different users, different instruments, etc.
- **Uncertainty:** an estimation of the analytical error for an analysis assuming a certain probability of error based on random errors and systematic errors
- **Trueness:** The trueness compares the parameters determined with test method, with the certified values of a certified reference material.
- **RM:** A reference material sufficiently homogenous and stable for one or more parameters, and is considered to be suitable for use in a measuring process.
- **CRM:** an RM that has been analyzed with a traceable analytical method, for one or more parameters. Always provided with a certificate detailing uncertainty and metrological traceability
- **Secondary RM:** a sample for which the parameters were assigned using a comparison with a primary measurement standard (e.g. a CRM)

## TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS



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