

Biomedical Sensors Foresight Workshop

with the theme
“How do we get there?”

- Technology premises and boundaries
- Technology driven scenario development:
non invasive monitoring, home tests, early diagnosis,
“semicontinuous” health checks, internet based evaluations
and more

Some of the issues: Sensors and instrumentation for primary health care and home based medical tests and diagnosis.
De-centralized tests but centralized evaluation.

One interesting question: Dedicated solutions for each parameter of interest or the use of a general platform for all parameters





Suggestion:

Computer screen photo-assisted techniques controlled and evaluated via internet is a promising alternative to a generally available instrumental platform for color based medical tests to be performed at primary health care units, pharmacies, service houses for elderly and in individual homes



Computer screen photo-assisted techniques (CSPT):

Measuring platform: the use of RGB colors

Light absorption and emission in CSPT

Review of biosensing possibilities with CSPT:

Light transmission through melanophores

ELISA

Cell viability

Colorimetry

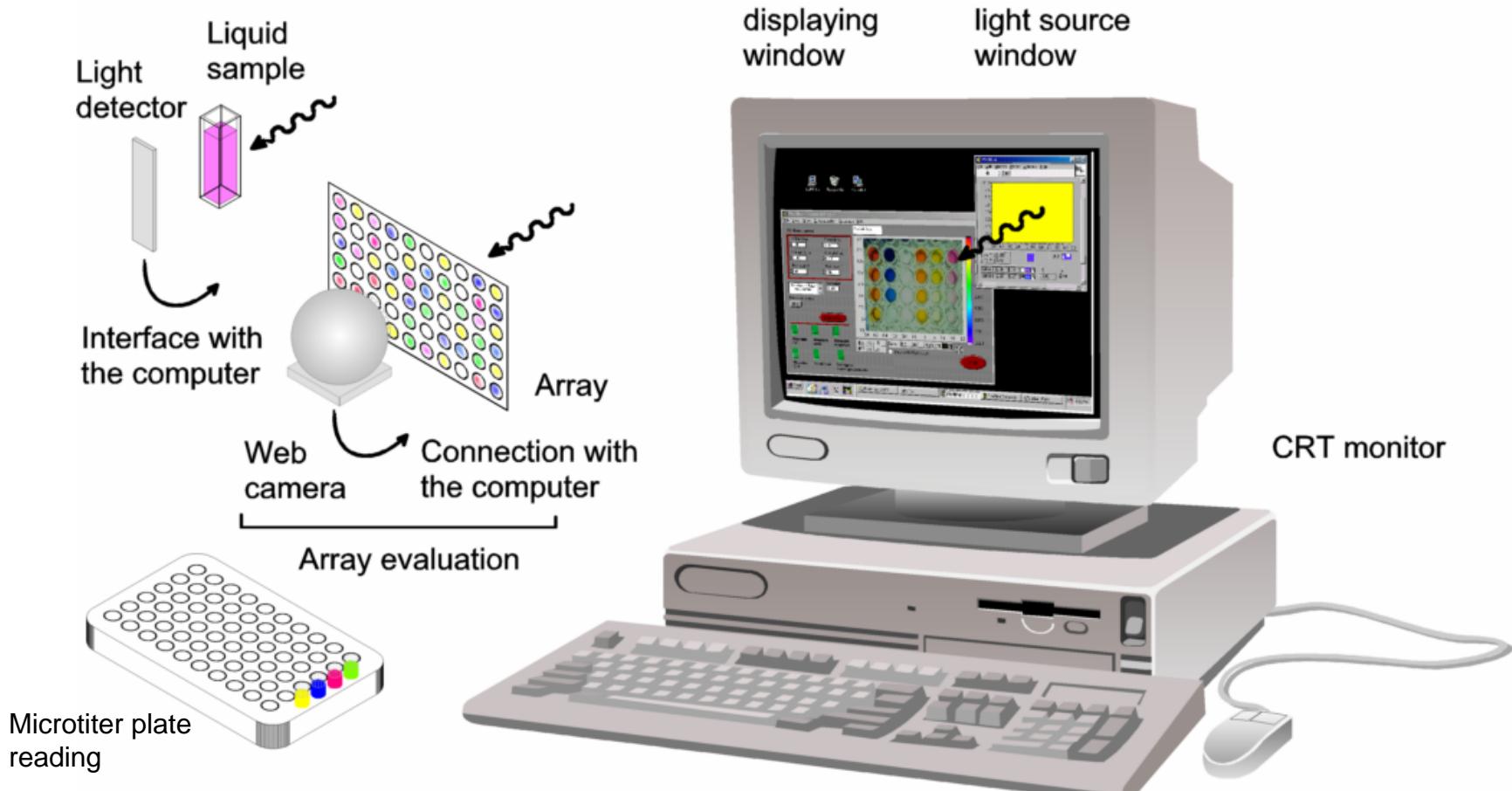
Difference optical fingerprinting ("CSPT difference spectroscopy")

CSPT and Google Earth

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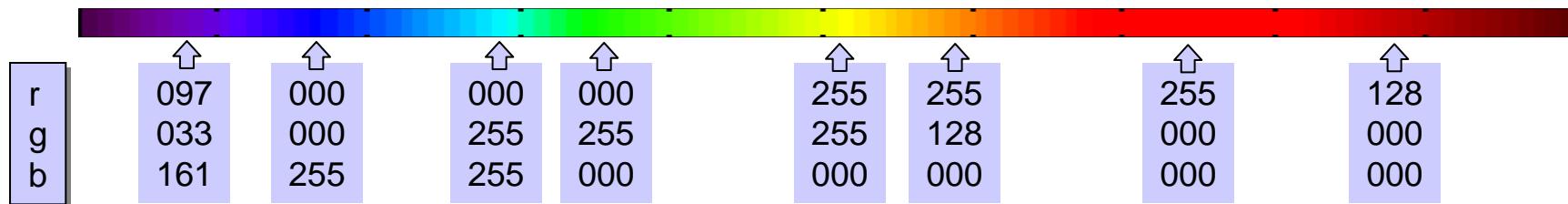
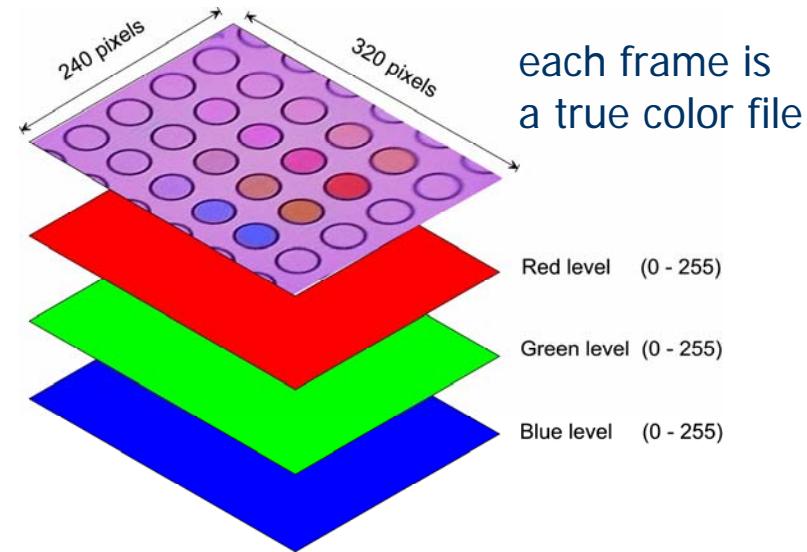
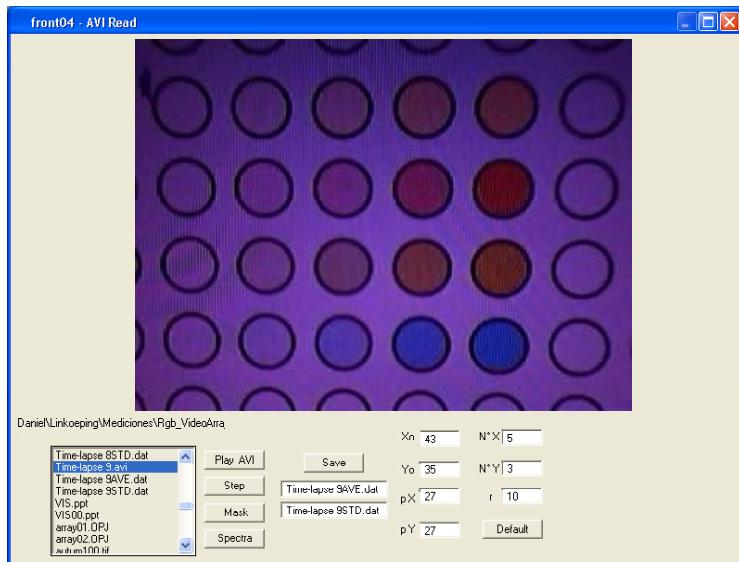


Measuring platform



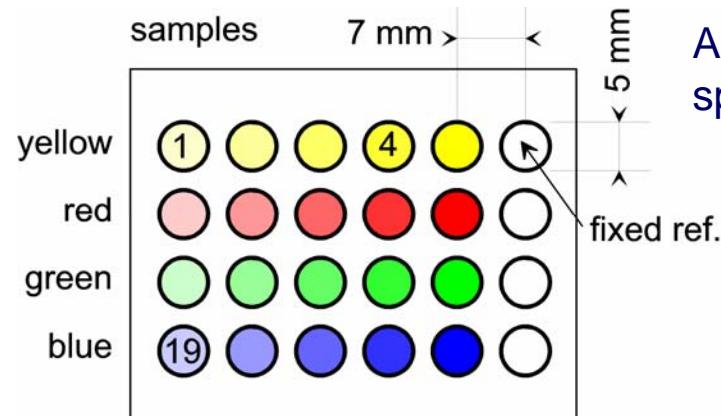
Computer Screen Photo-assisted Technique - CSPT

CSPT reading

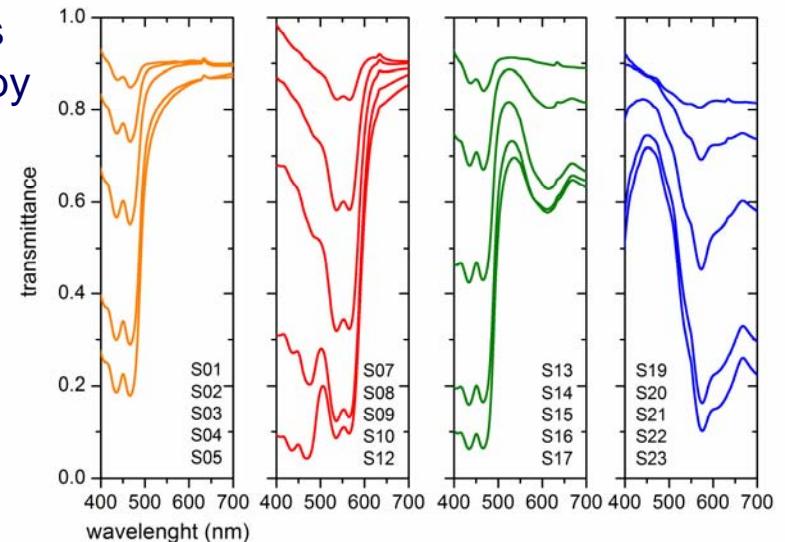


Screen colors through magnitude of intensities of three primaries in 256 levels. Electronically determined through the choice of the three levels (color indices, rgb)

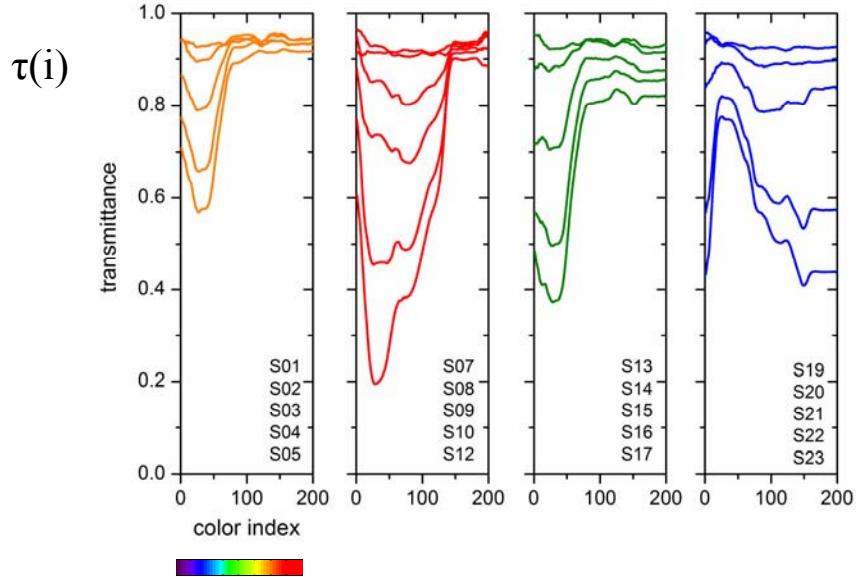
CSPT spectral features



Absorptions
spectroscopy



$$\tau(i) = \frac{I_R(i) + I_G(i) + I_B(i)}{I_{R0}(i) + I_{G0}(i) + I_{B0}(i)}$$



Some examples

1. Microtiter plate with rows of dyes at different concentrations:

Aniline

Fluorescein

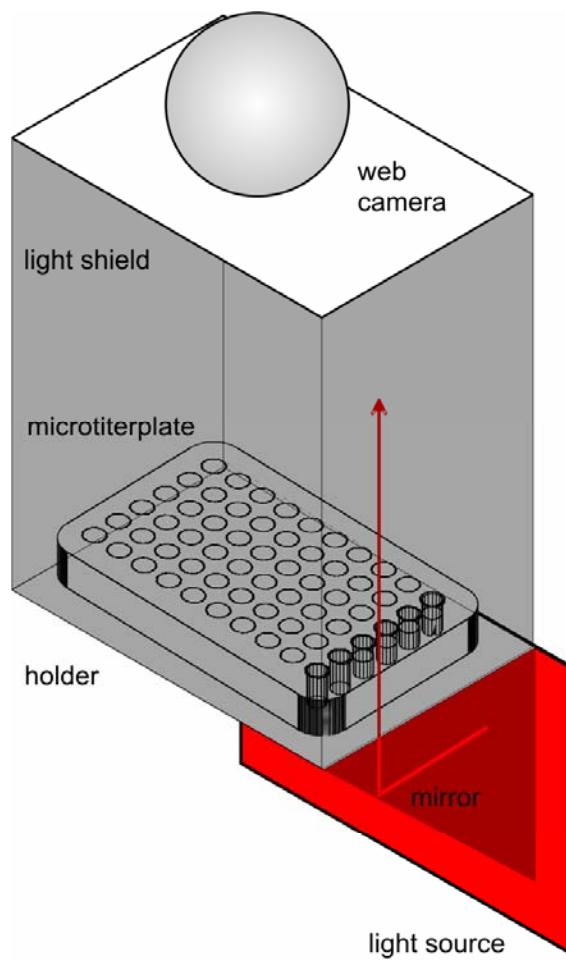
Acridine orange

Cy 3

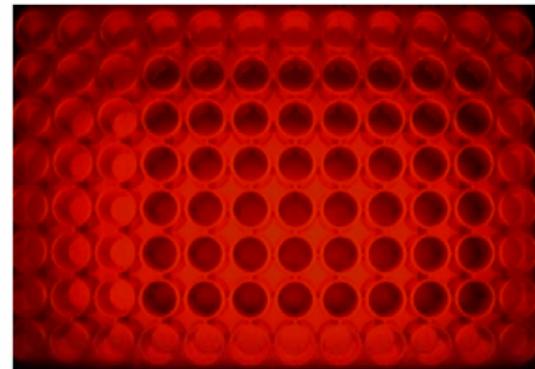
Rhodamine

Cy 5

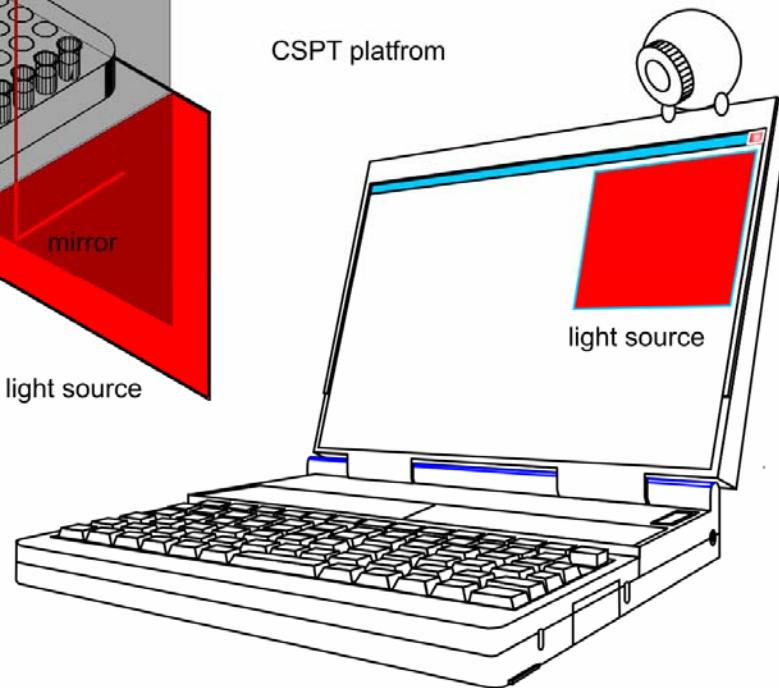
CSPT setup



assay image



CSPT platform





Computer light window

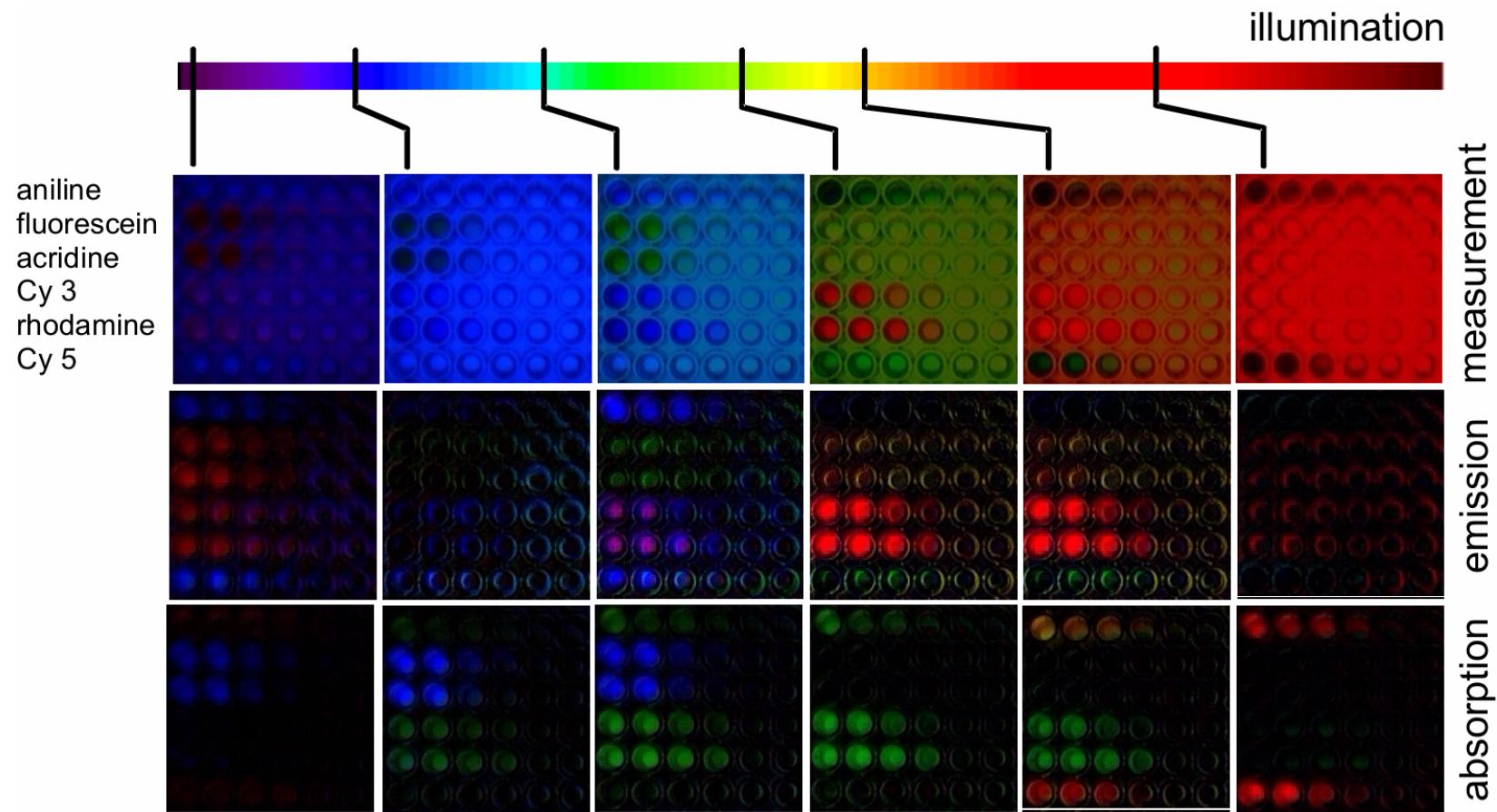


Web camera image

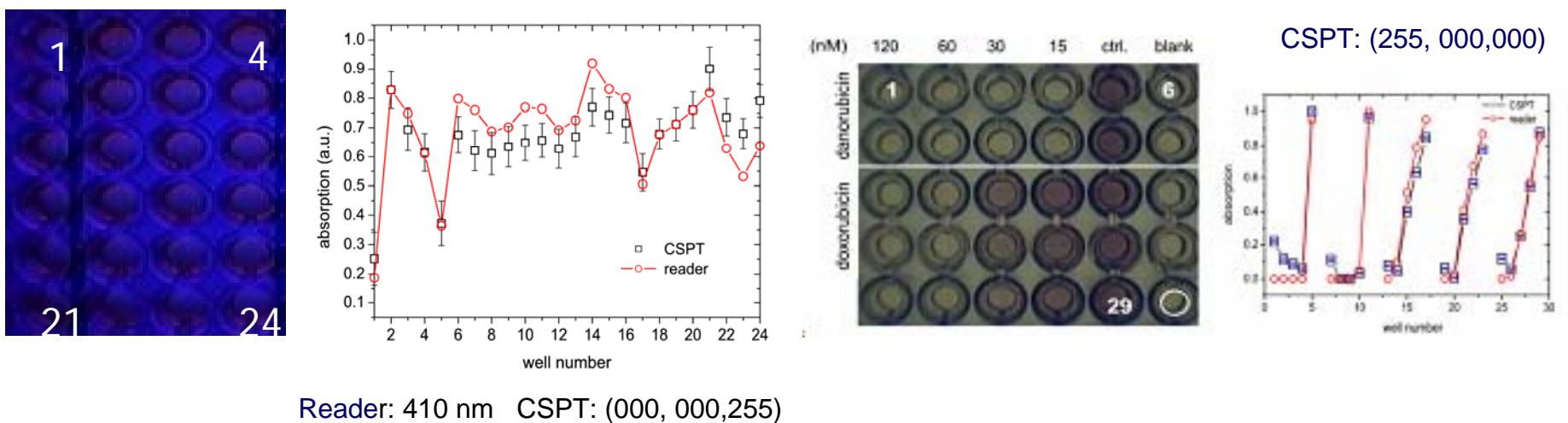
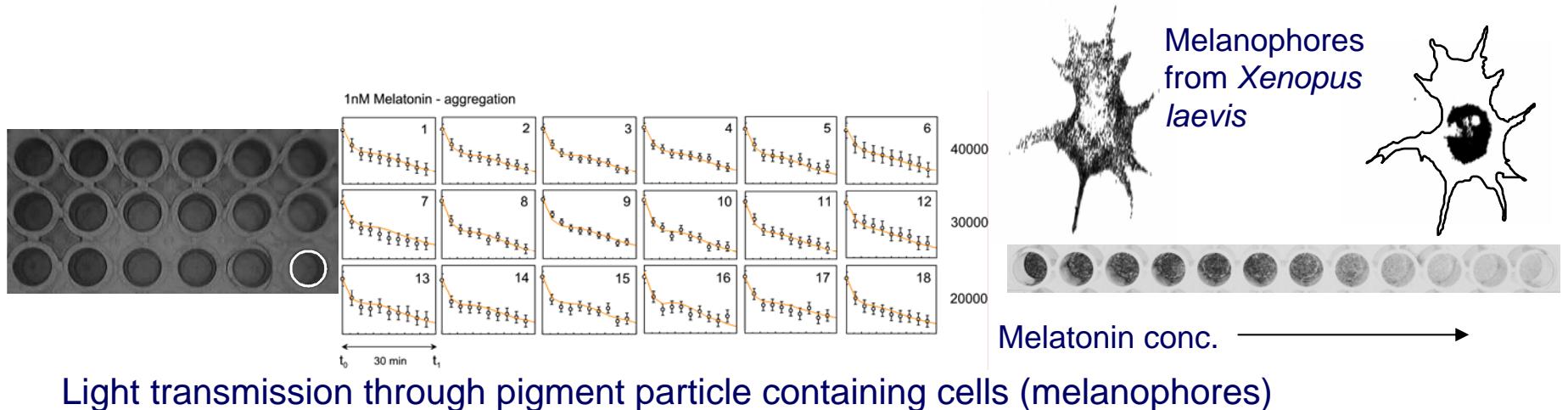
Aniline
Fluorescein
Acridine
Cy 3
Rhodamine
Cy 5

1 mM → 1 μ M

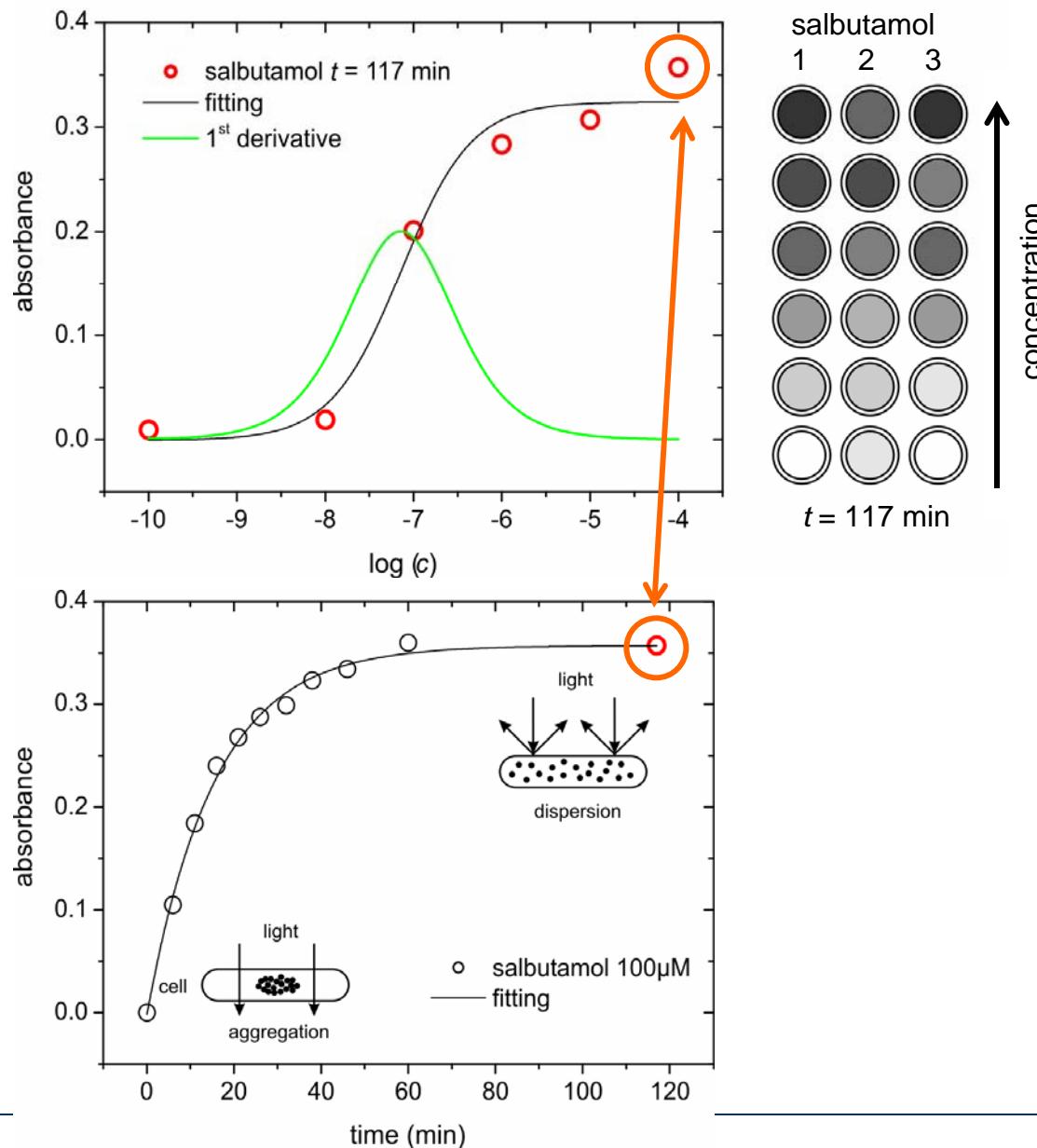
Reconstructed assay image



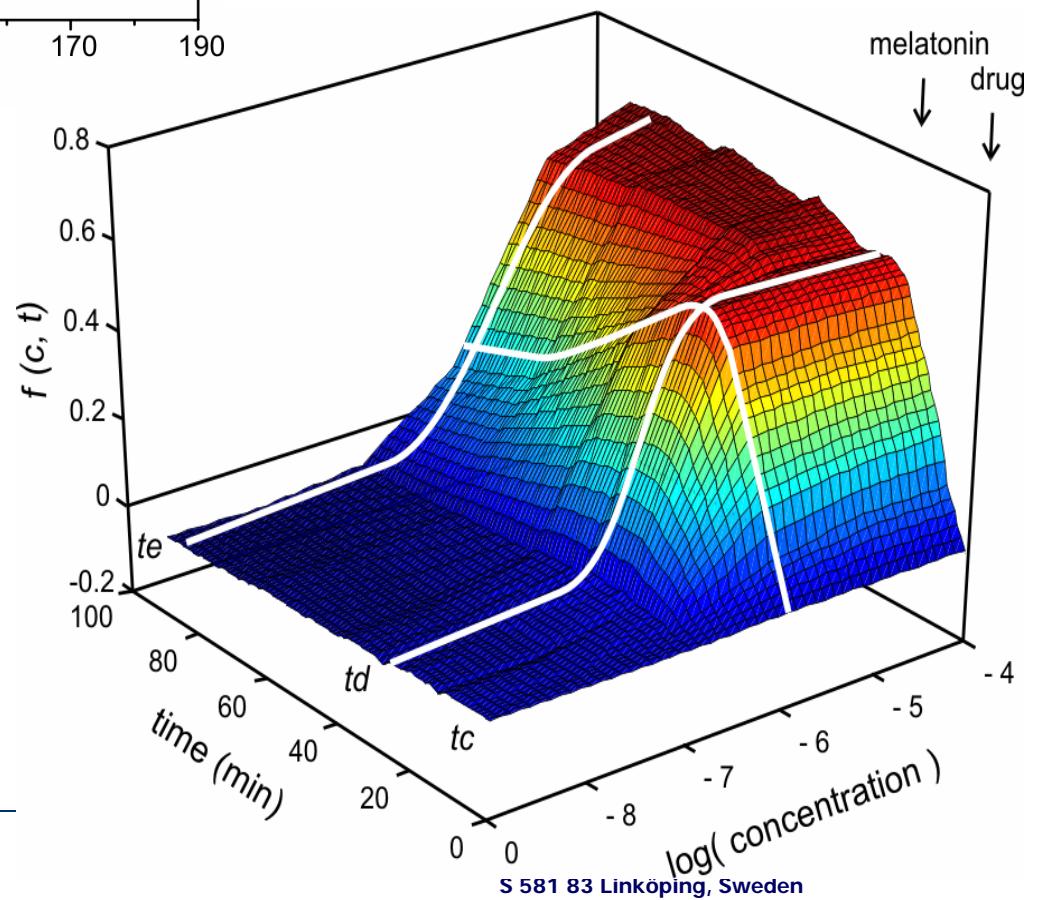
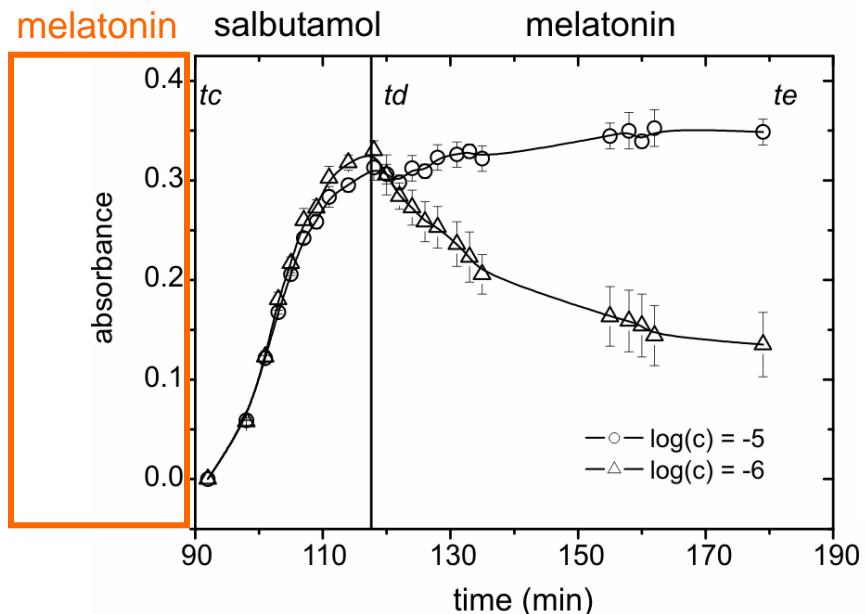
2. COLLAGE OF SINGLE COLOR MICROTITER PLATE RESULTS



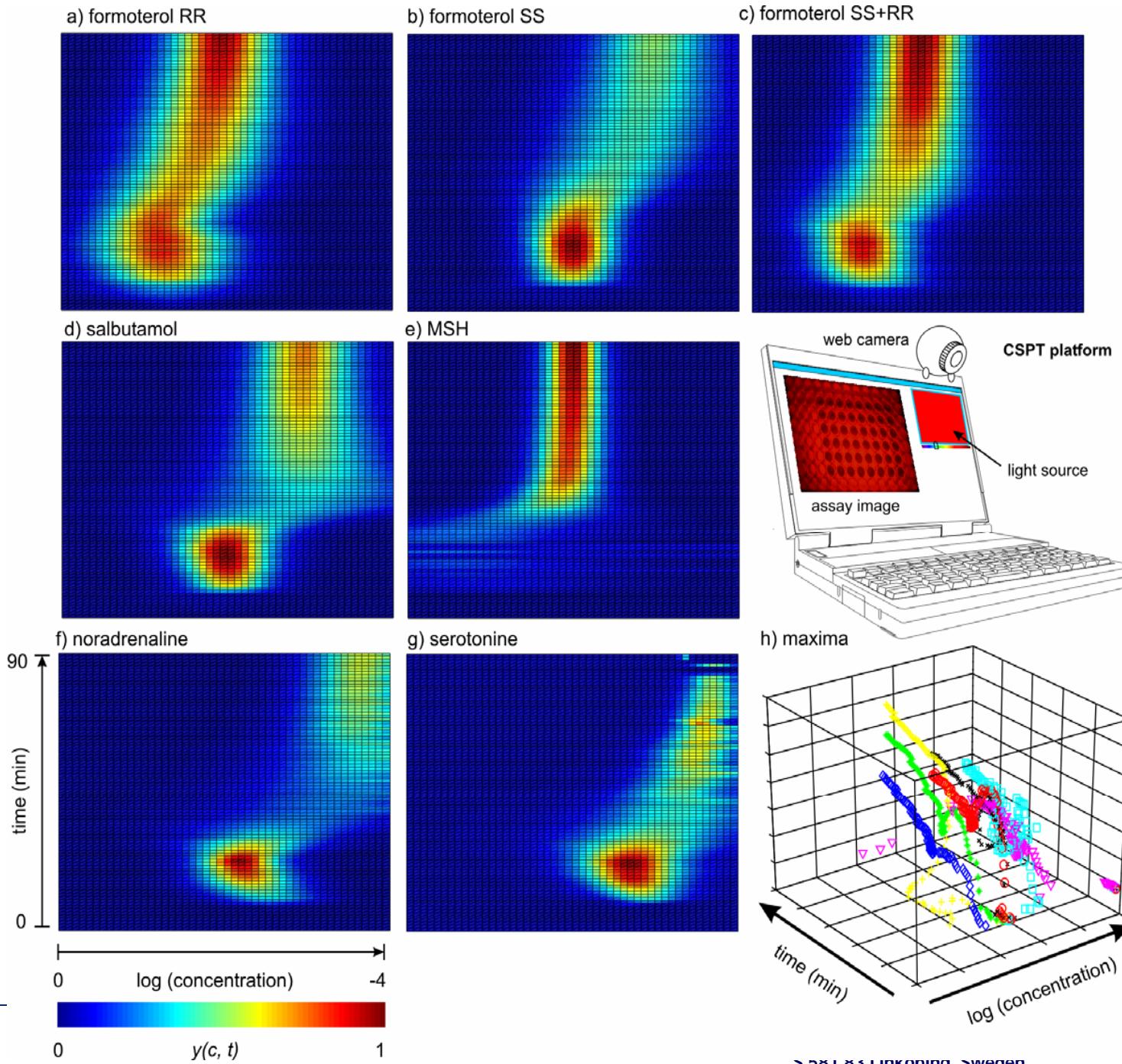
Typical evaluation



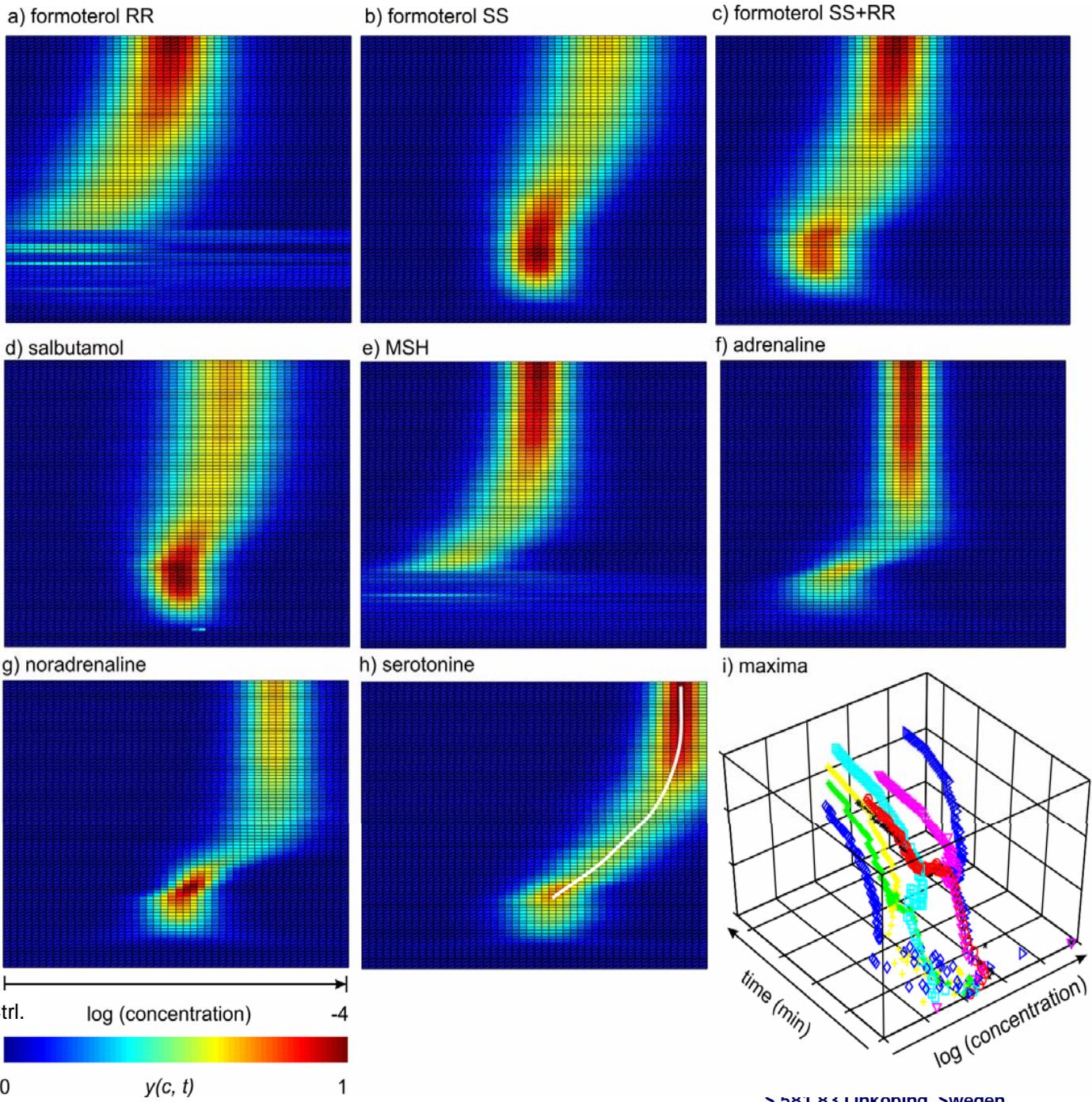
Kinetic assay protocol



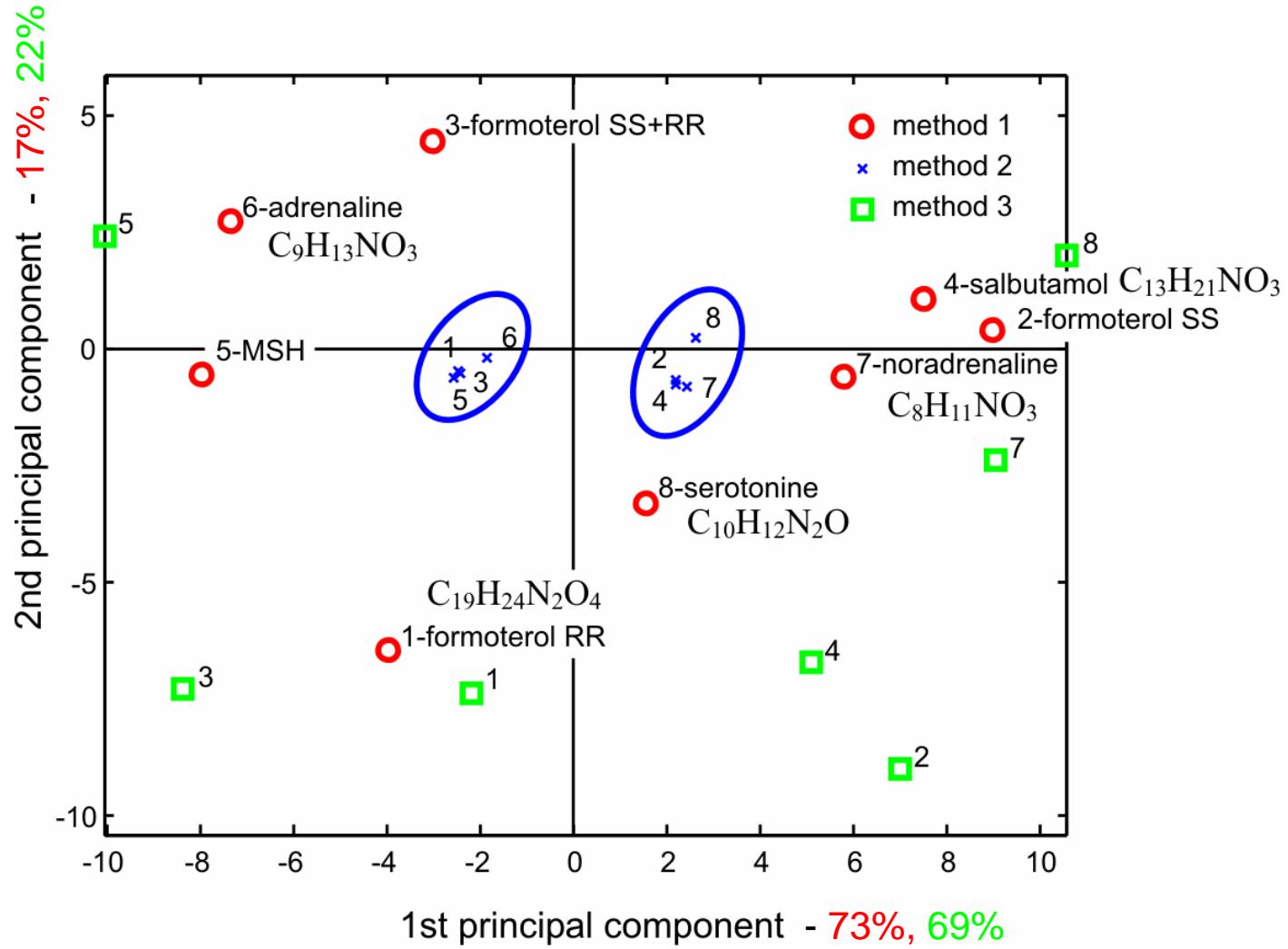
CSPT evaluation



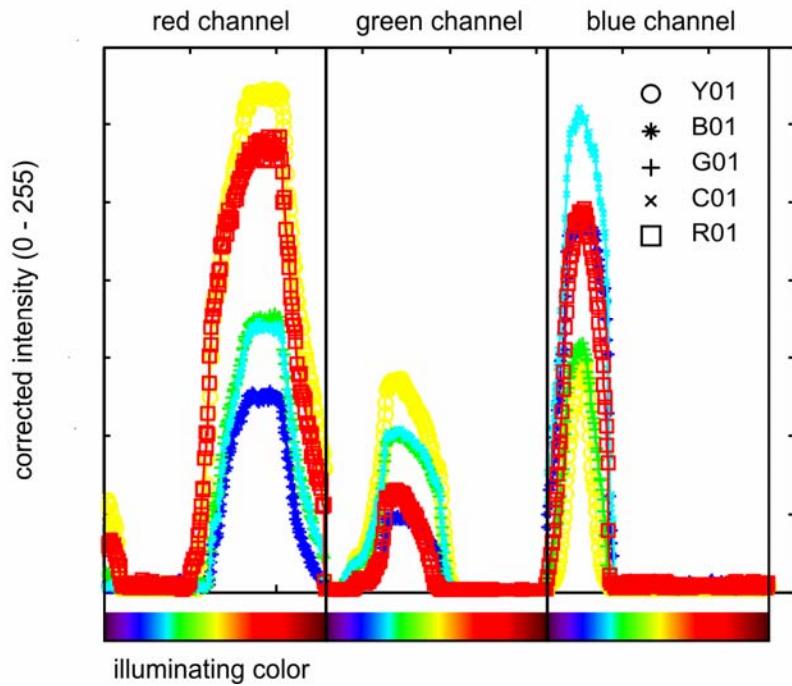
Distinctive biochemical images (using plate reader)



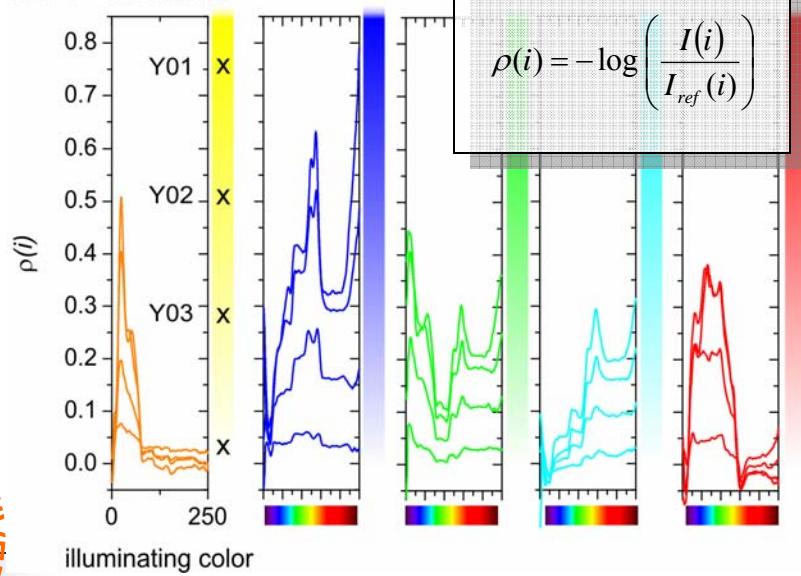
Classification



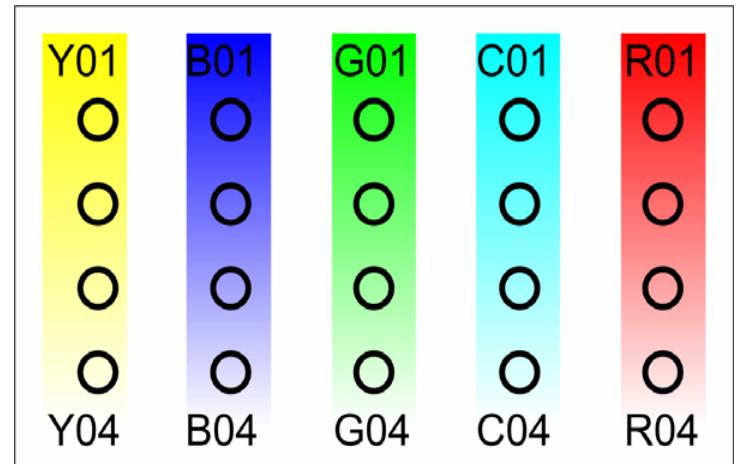
CSPT - method A



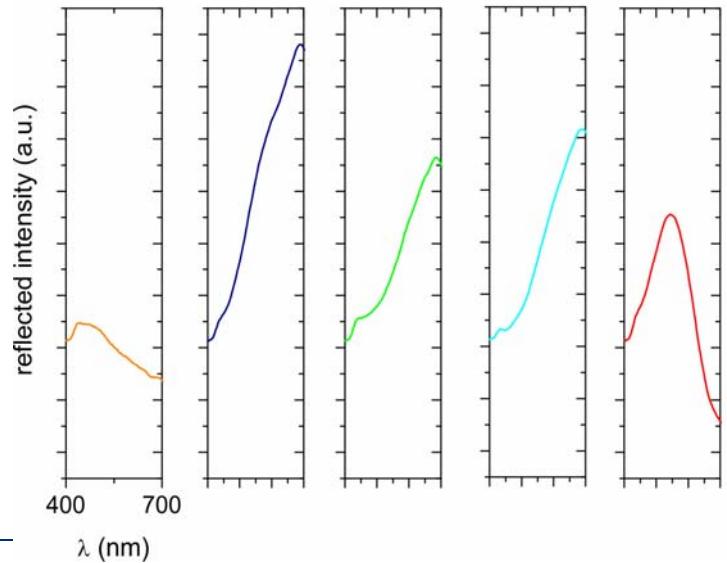
CSPT - method B



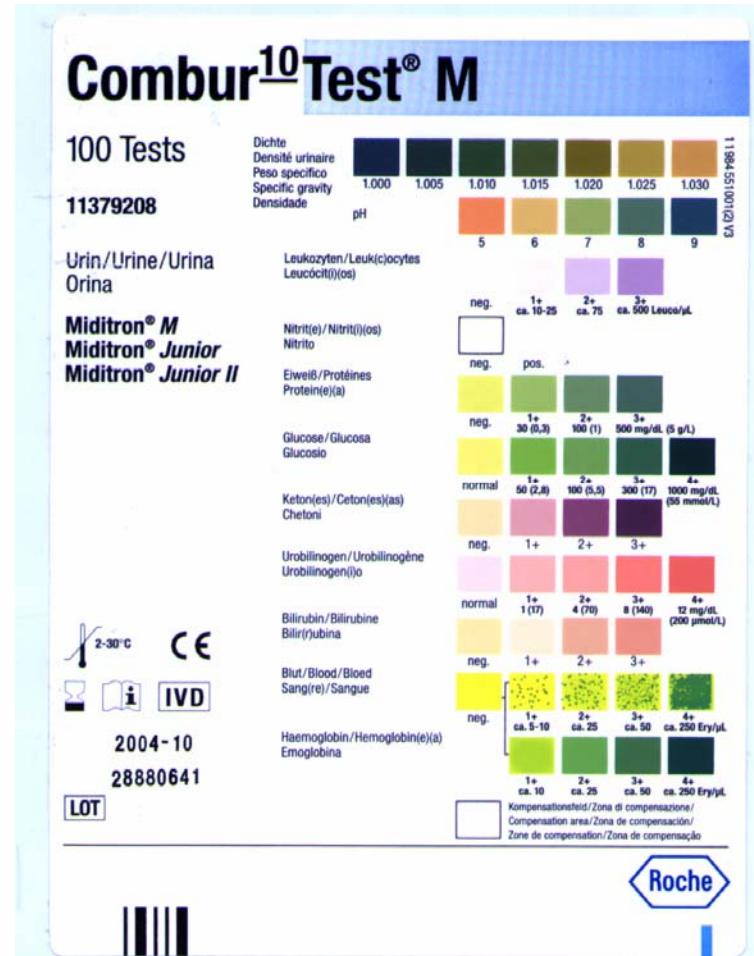
3. Reflectance fingerprints



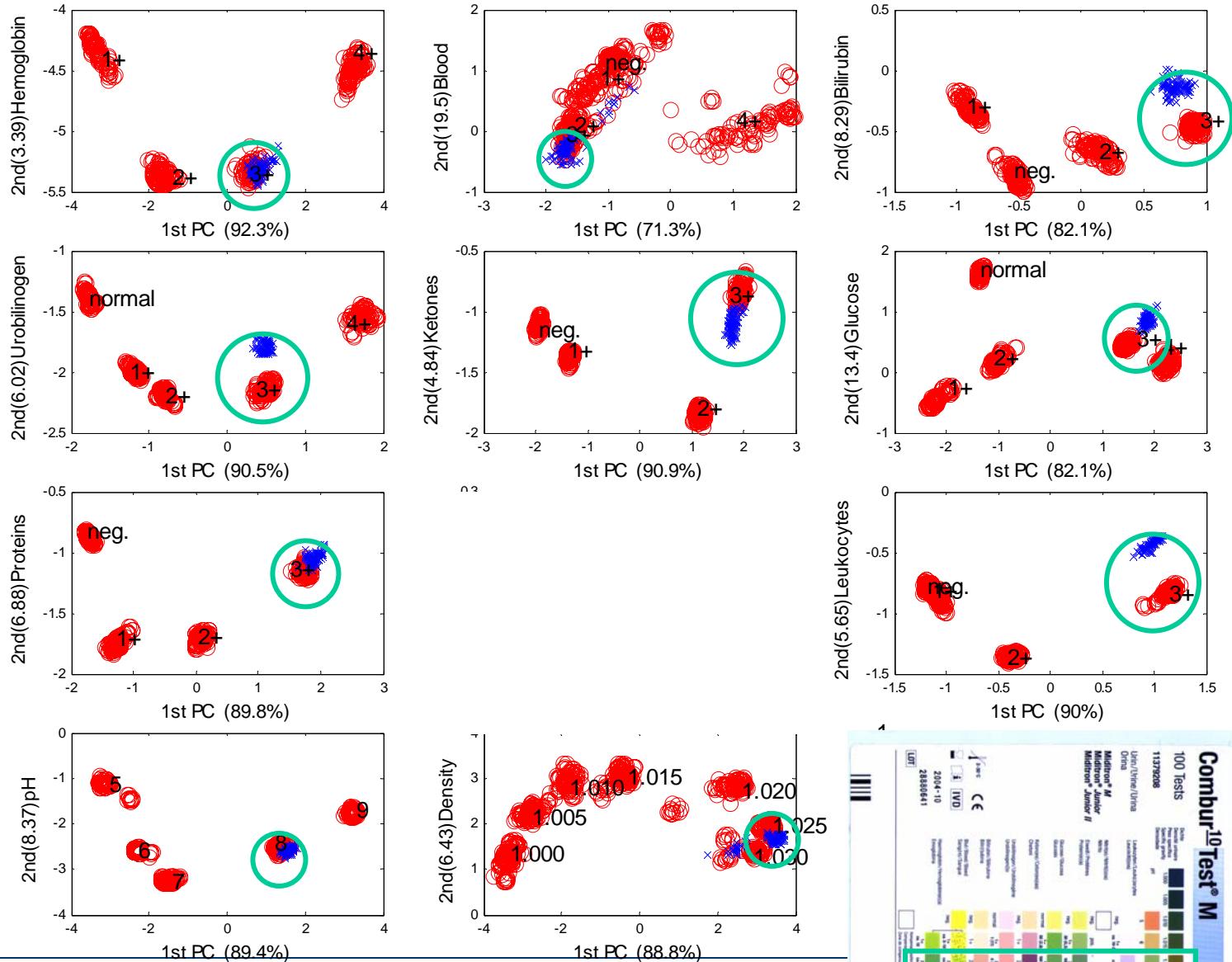
standard color recognition device - method C



Colorimetric - 10 parameters in urine



Combur Test classification (under development by RGB Technologies)

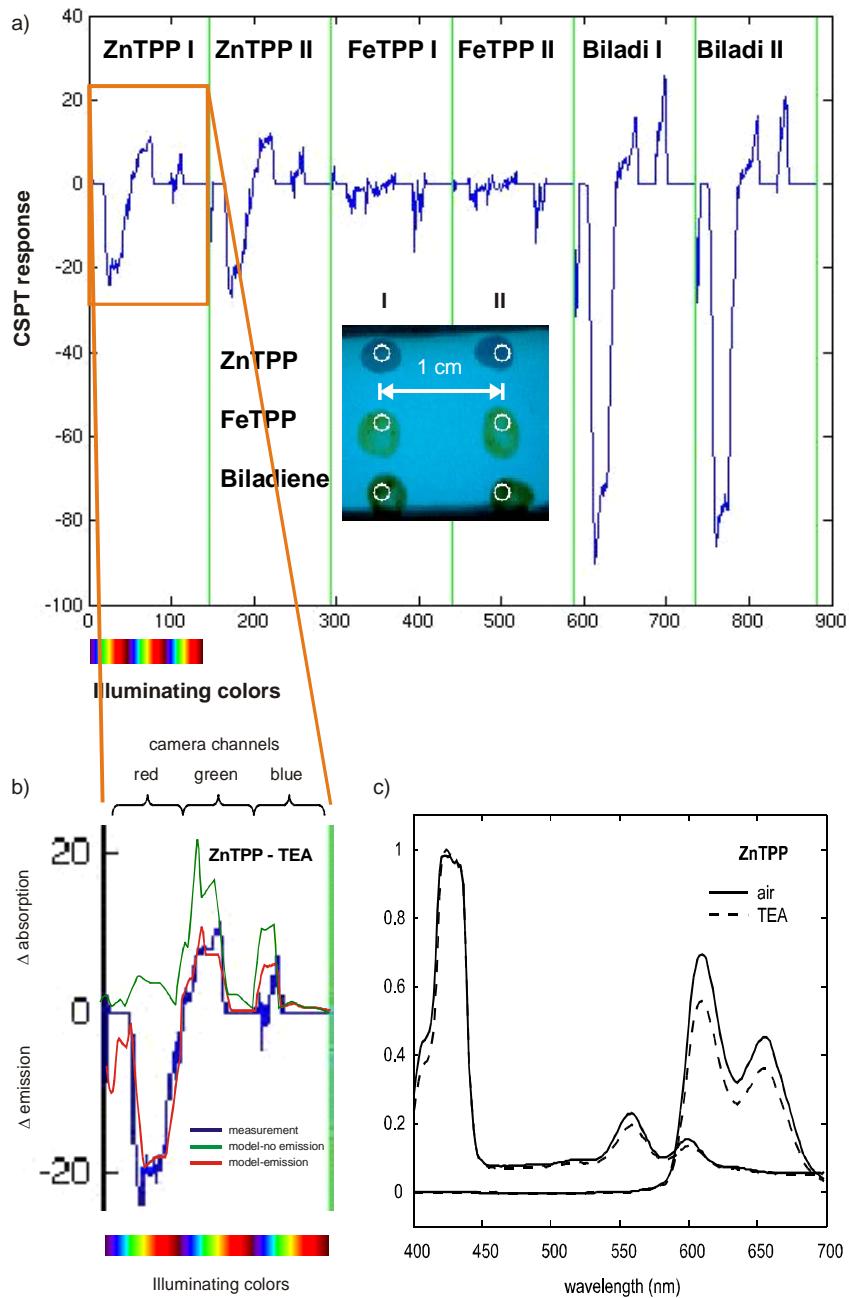


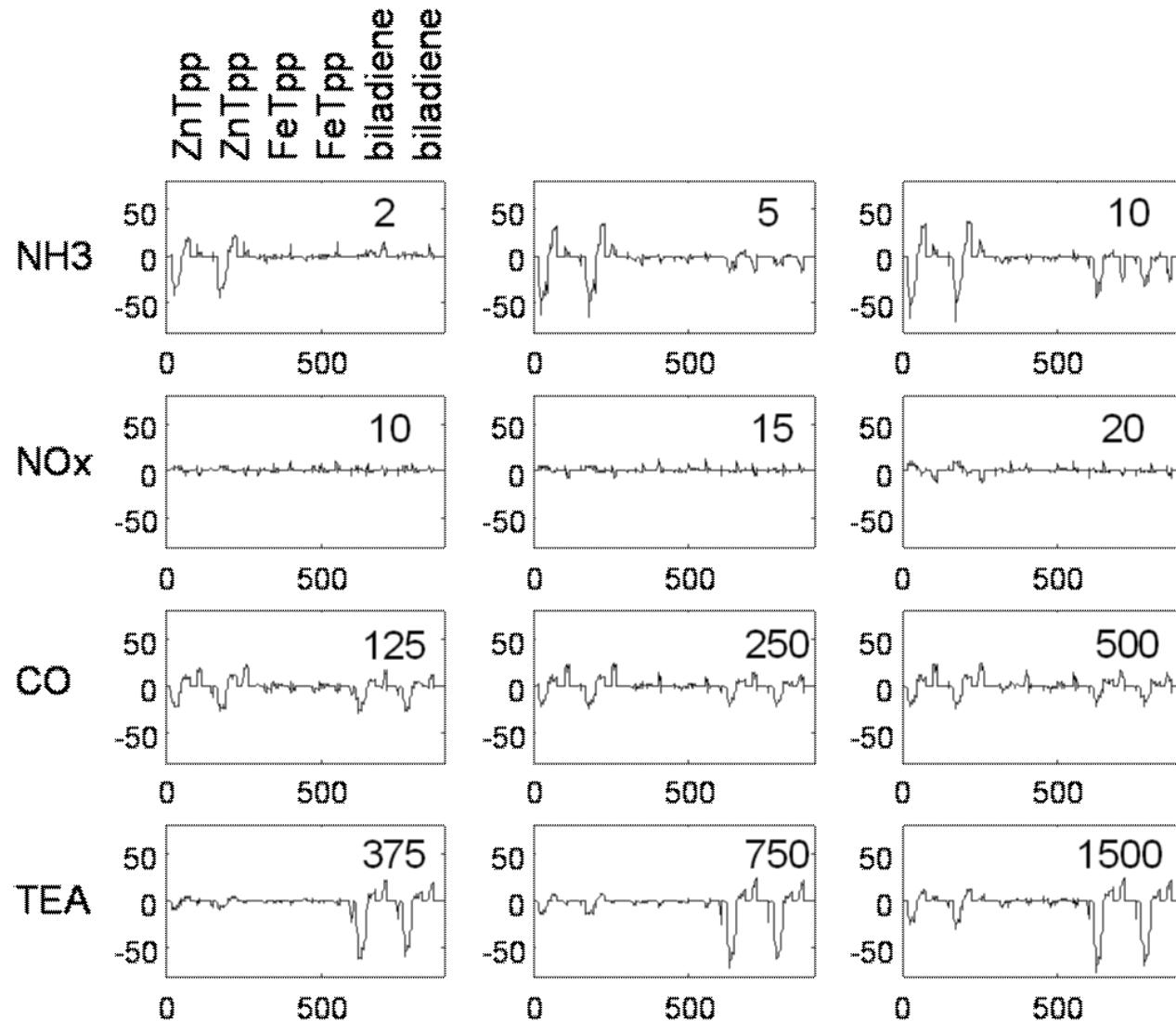
MOST "FUNDAMENTAL" APPLICATION SO FAR:

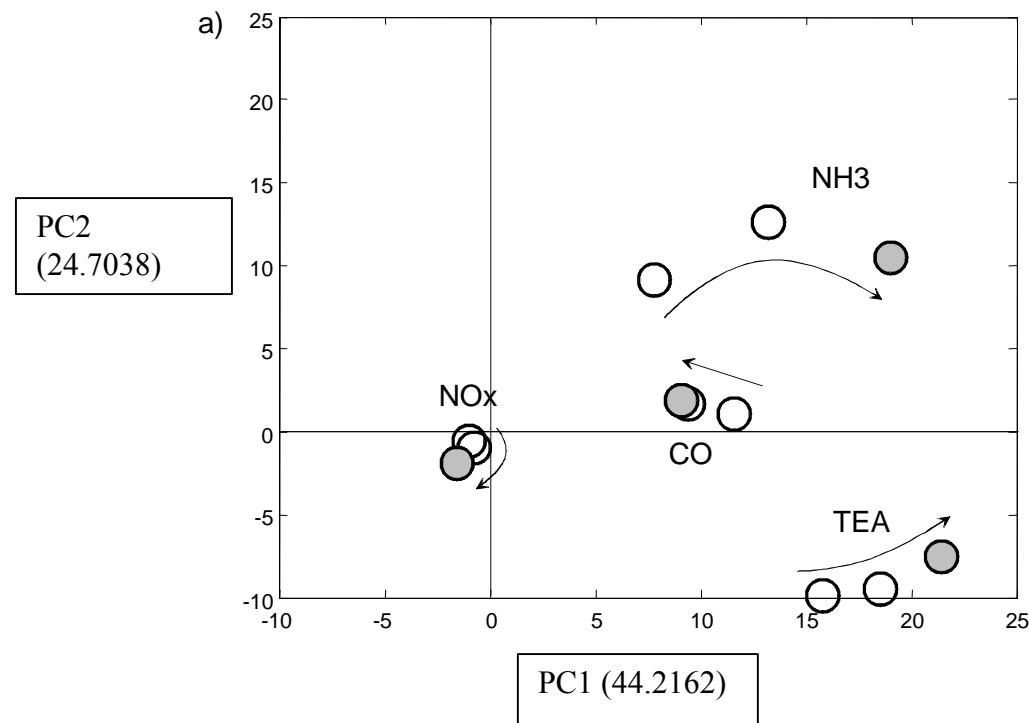
Classification of molecules in gas phase with color indicators (with potential applications for breath analysis, food freshness, bacterial classification,...)

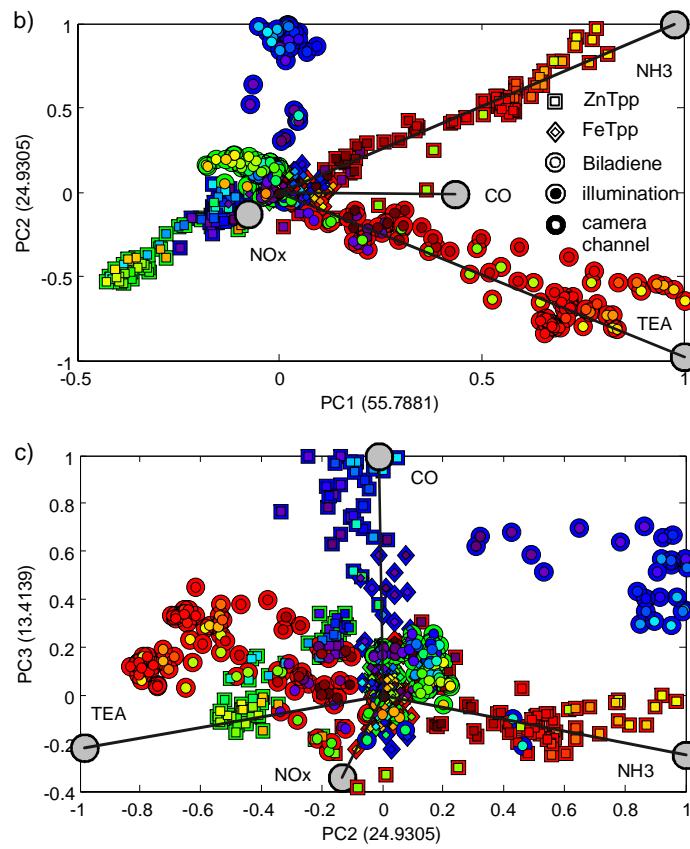
"Difference optical fingerprinting"

- Arrays of thin films of metallophorphyrins in a PVC matrix
- Optical properties determined by a sequence of (50) RGB-colors and images stored as individual intensities in the different camera channels
- Exposure to test molecules (NO, triethylamine, ammonia, CO,...)
- Difference in intensities in the three channels with and without test molecule in the ambient registered for each color index (r,g,b)
- Each sequence generates 50 data points in each channel of the camera (i.e. 150 points)
- Classification made by pattern recognition









Computers as analytical instruments

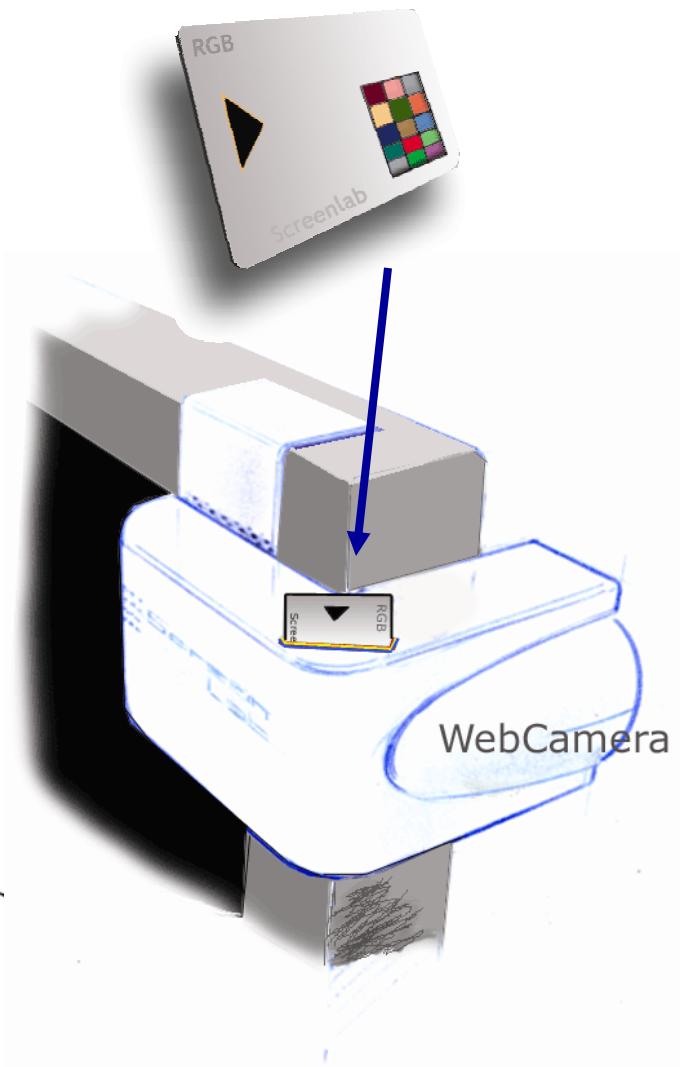
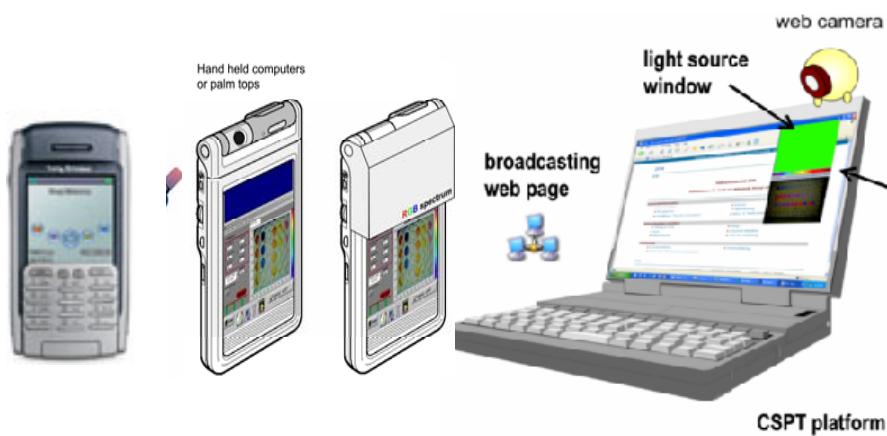
Possibilities:

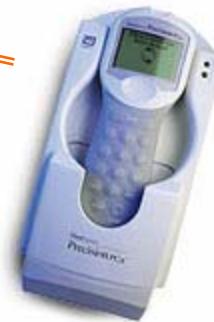
- Light source of any color, intensity and shape through choice of color index
- Programmed scanning of colors possible without extra devices
- Programmed movement of light spots without extra devices
- Chopped light source created by programming
- Data collection and evaluation integrated with the light source
- Experimental control and data evaluation over internet



Ongoing commercial development: "Screenlab"

- Target application
 - Evaluation of colorimetric assays
- Principle
 - Spectral fingerprinting with discrimination between absorption and emission signatures
- Setup
 - Standard computer set plus a web camera (mobile telephones)





- One reader for all colorometric tests
- Enables multiple test matrix
- No expensive equipment (PC and a webcam)
- Uses today accepted tests chemistry

Multiple tests=>One reader

A POSSIBILITY AND A PROBLEM AT THE SAME TIME:

DEVELOP SOFTWARE TO ALLOW AN ARBITRARY SCREEN – CAMERA PAIR TO BE USED, CONTROLLED AND EVALUATED VIA INTERNET



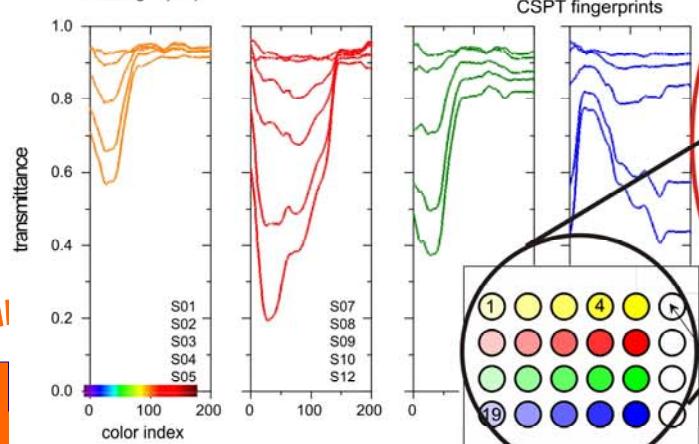
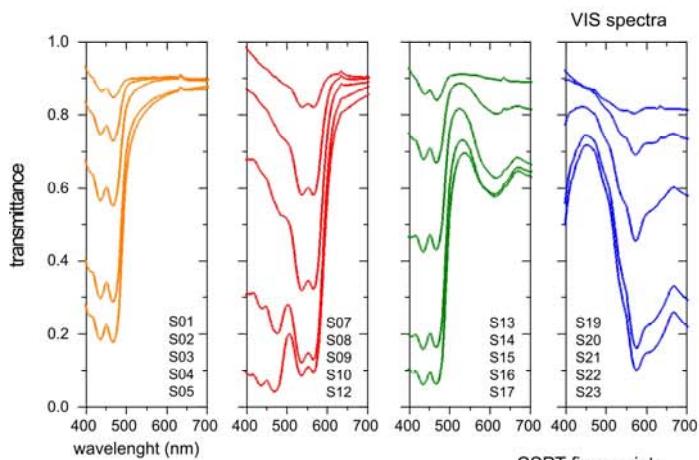
CSPT personal to global monitoring of environmental and sanitary parameters

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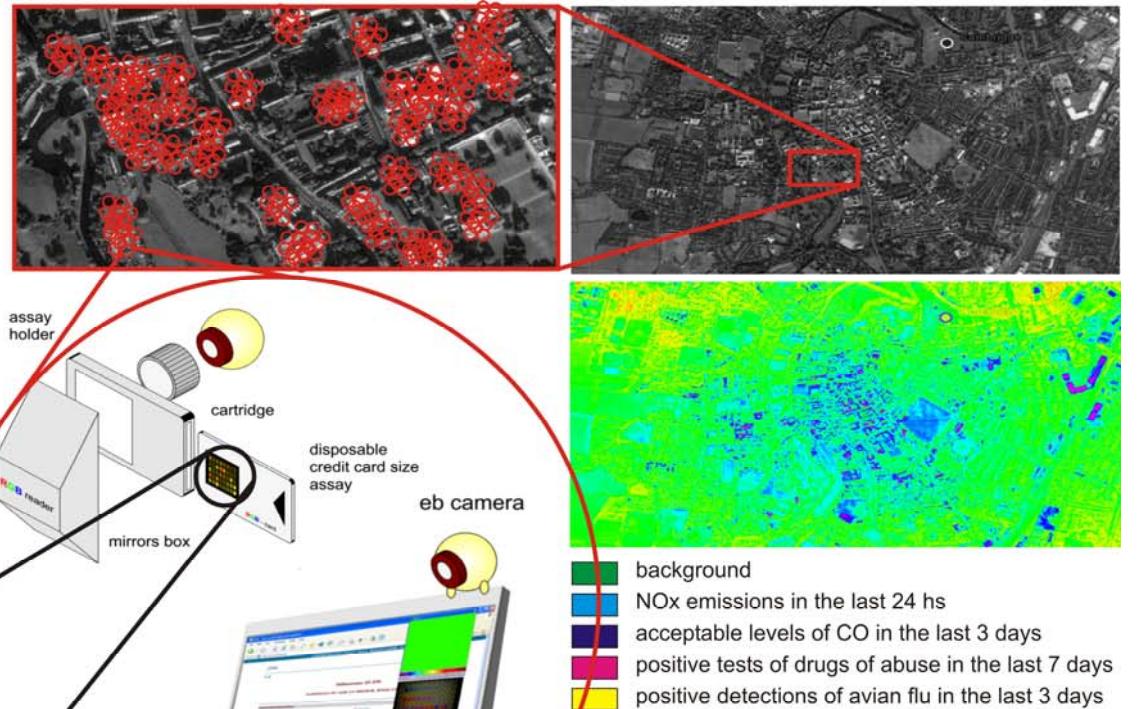
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CSPT spectral fingerprinting



Google Earth projected detections



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For more details see poster by Daniel Filippini



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