# **Data Preprocessing**

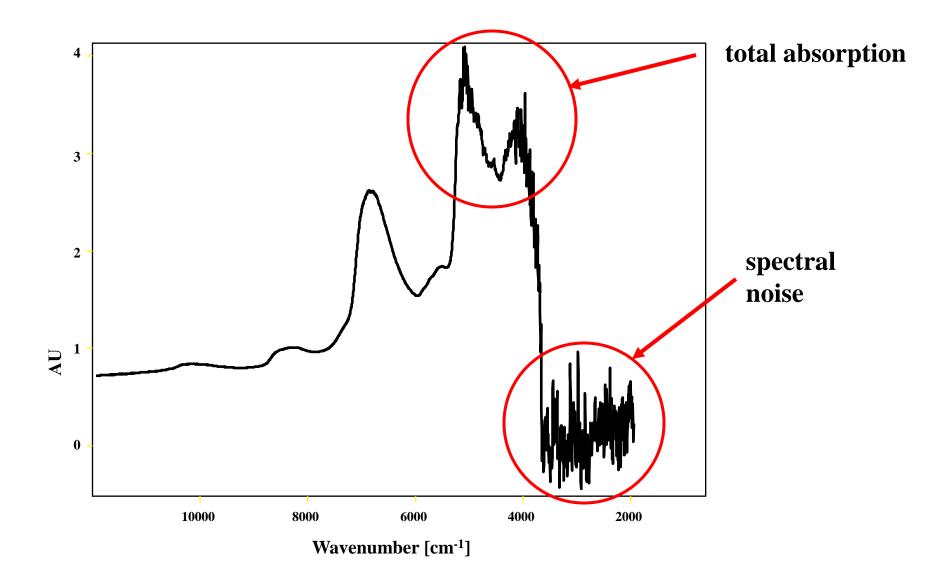
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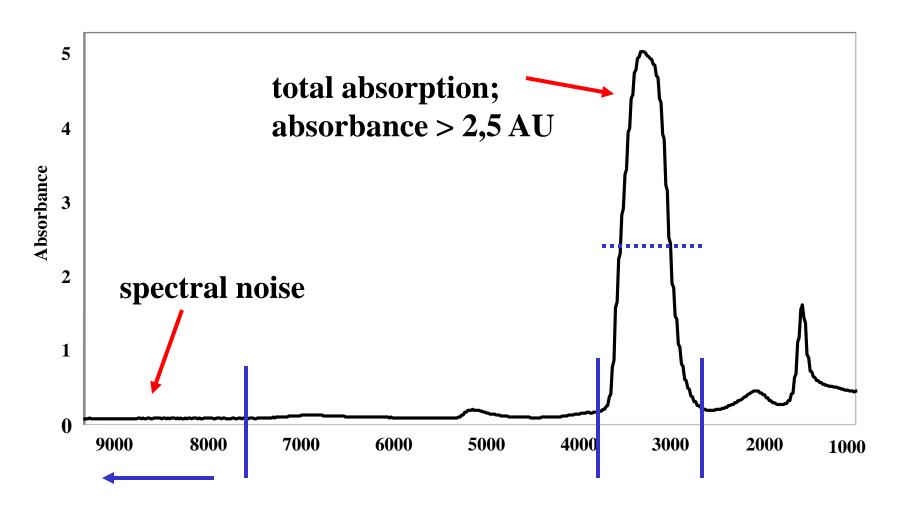
# Outline

- Zone selection
- Examining raw data
- The importance of pre-treatment of data
- Common pre-treatment methods

### **Selection of proper frequency ranges**



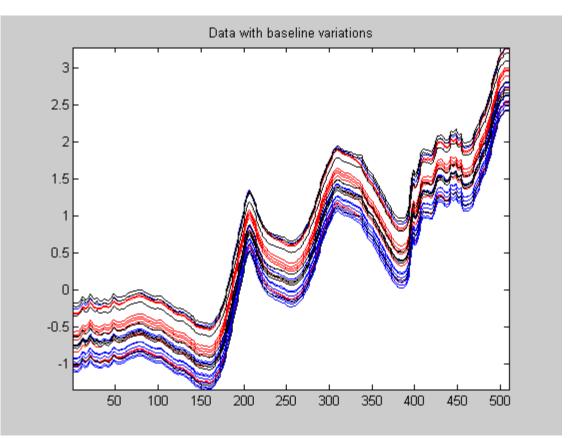
### **Selection of proper frequency ranges**



### **Raw data check**

The black, red and blue curves indicate different concentration levels

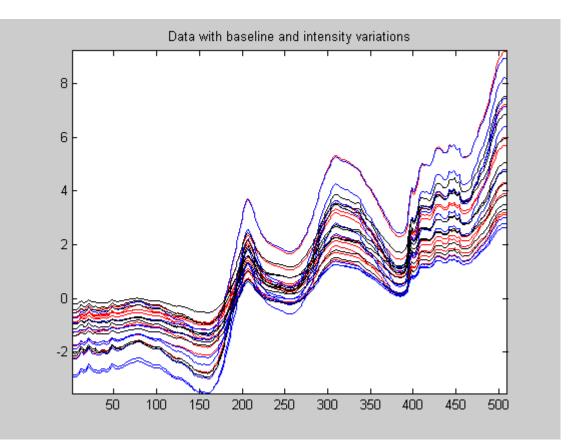
**Baseline offset** 



# **Raw data check**

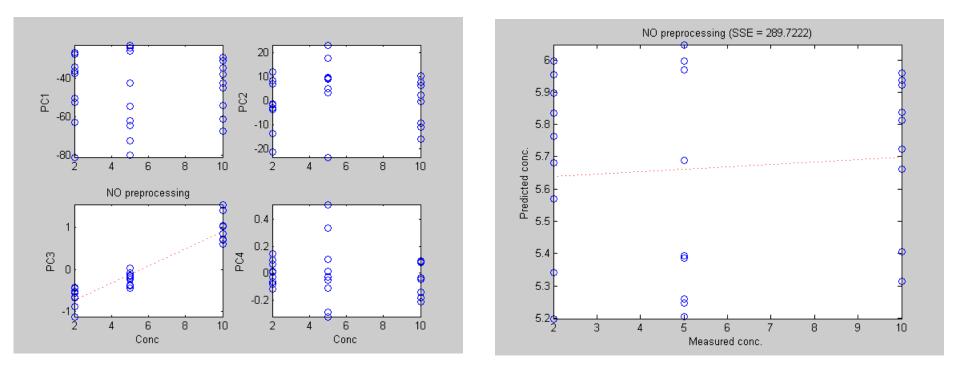
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Baseline offset and global intensity variations



### **PCA & PLS on Raw data**

- It is not easy to separate three concentration levels
- Need to correct the spectra



## **Preliminary conclusion**

- Pre-treatment of data is crucial
- But it is not always simple ...

# **Common pre-treatment methods**

- Baseline correction
  - Offset
  - Detrend
  - Spline
  - MSC and EMSC
- Scale correction
  - Standard Normal Variates (snv)
  - MinMax
  - Log

# **Common pre-treatment methods**

- Data enhancement
  - Centering
  - Standardising
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> order Derivatives
  - Smoothing
- Orthogonalisation
  - Direct Othogonalisation
  - O-PLS
  - OSC

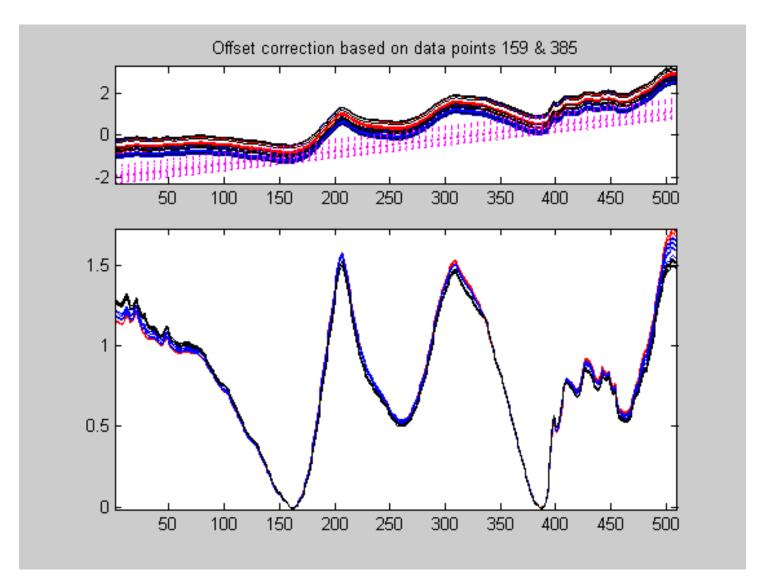
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– DOSC

# **Offset correction**

- Subtract linear baseline from each signal
  - Intensity of lowest point
  - Intensity of a user-chosen point
  - Intensities calculated between 2 points

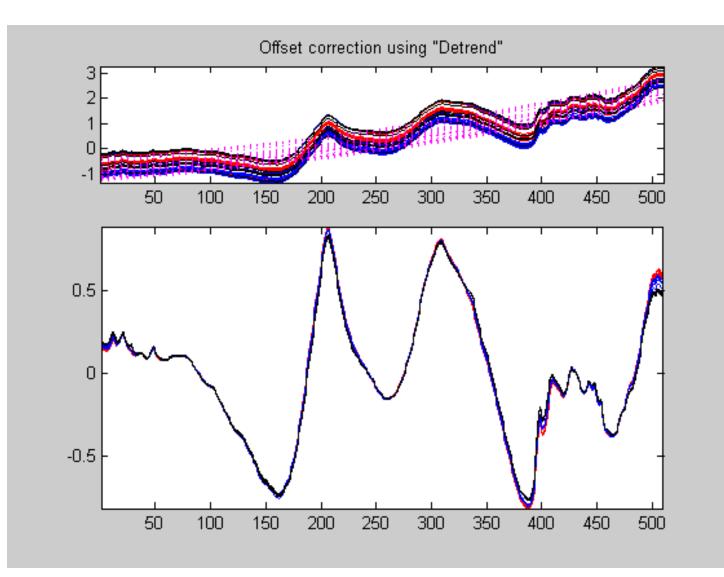
### **Offset correction**



# **Detrend correction**

- Subtract 2<sup>nd</sup> degree polynomial baseline from signals
  - Automatically calculated from data points

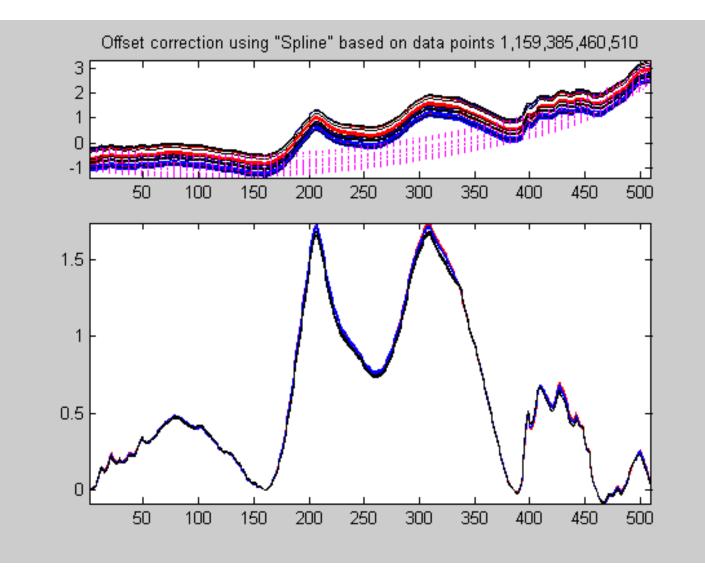
### **Detrend correction**



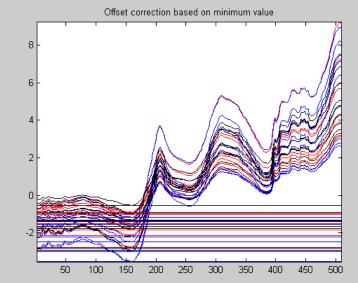
# **Spline correction**

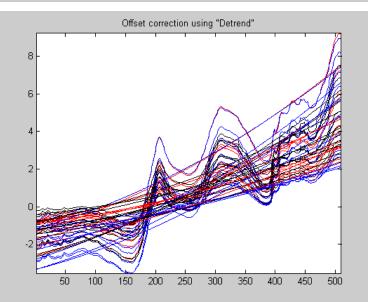
- Subtract a cubic piece-wise polynomial baseline from each signal
  - Requires input of a series of spline nodes
  - Delicate choice with important consequences !

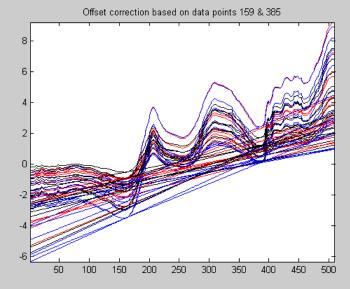
### **Spline correction**



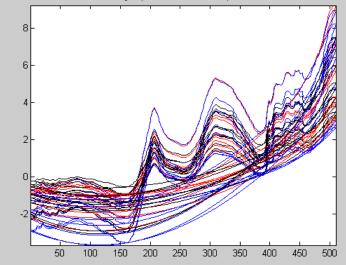
## **Baseline correction methods**





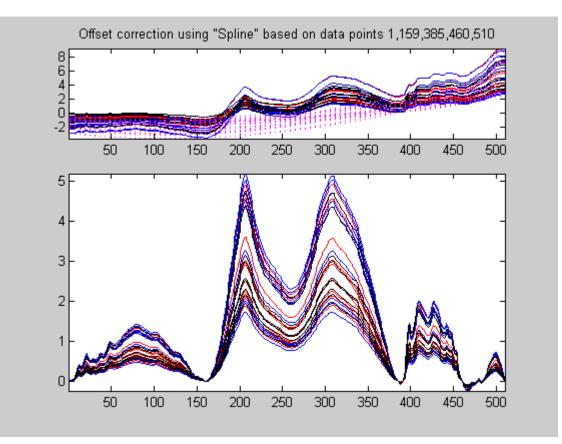


Offset correction using "Spline" based on data points 1,159,385,460,510



# **Baseline correction**

- Only corrects for linear & non-linear baseline shifts
  - Does not correct for global intensity variations



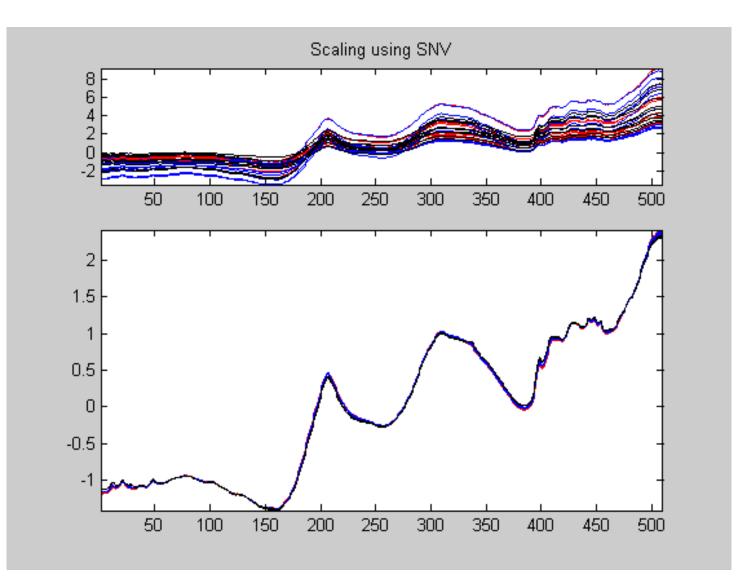
# **Standard Normal Variates (SNV)**

- Subtract the mean for each spectrum *i*
- Then divide by its standard deviation :

$$x_{ik}^{SNV} = (x_{ik} - m_i) / s_i$$

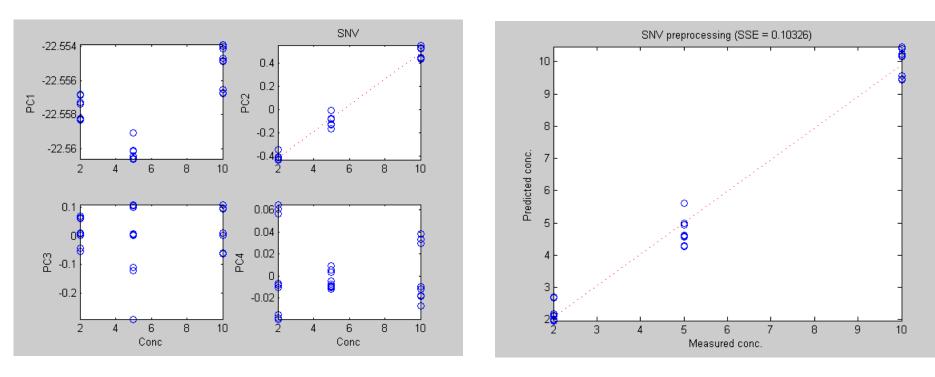
SNV is a *baseline* and a *quantity* correction method

### **SNV correction**



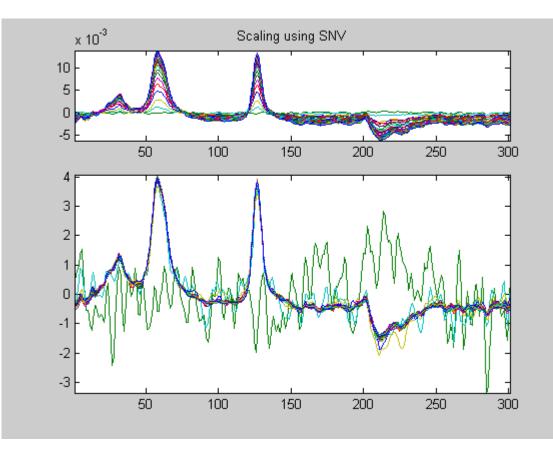
# **PCA & PLS on SNV-corrected data**

• It is easier to separate three concentration levels



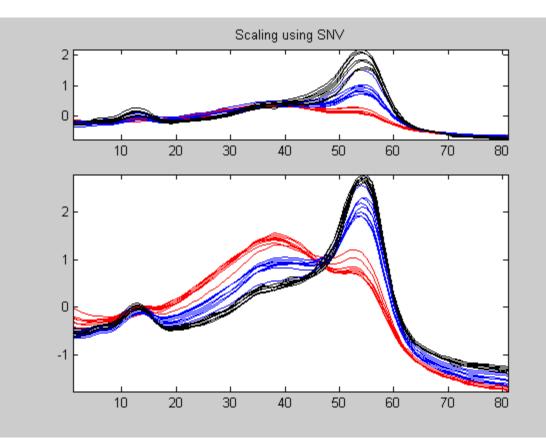
# **Problems with SNV**

- In some cases, global intensity variations *are* interesting !
- SNV enhances noisy signals



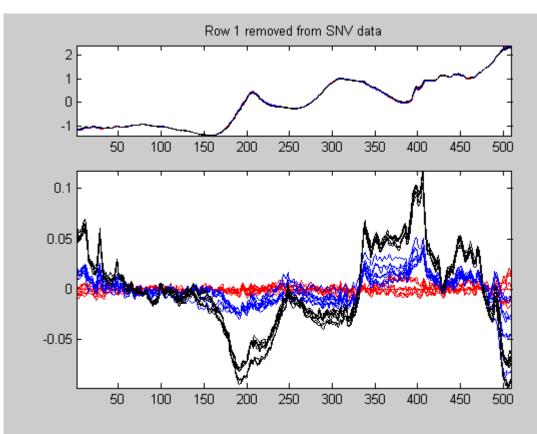
# **Problems with SNV**

- Can change relations between peaks
- If prior to SNV one peak varies, after SNV all peaks vary



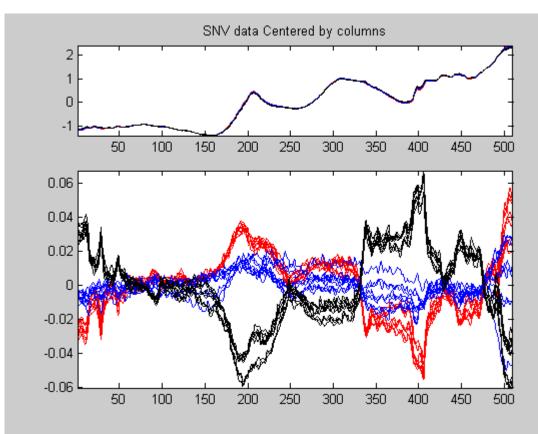
# Subtract first signal

- Highlights *evolution* of signals
- Not often used, but can be very interesting
- Increases apparent noise level



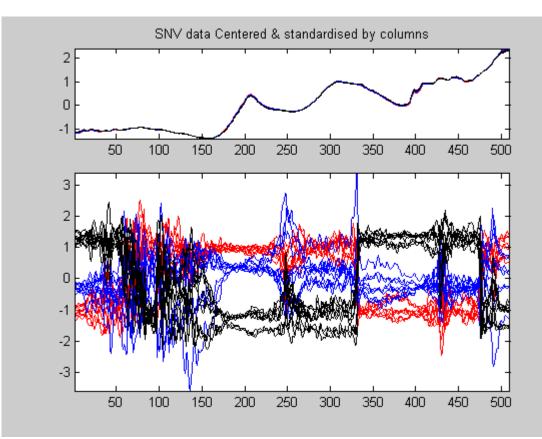
# **Column Centering**

- Often used
- Enhances differences among samples
- Increases apparent noise level



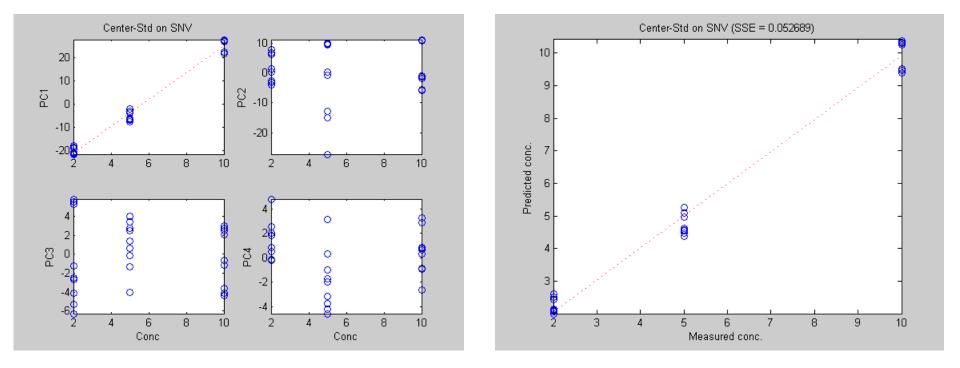
# **Column Centering and Scaling**

- Gives equal importance to all parts of signals
  - Both peaks and baseline
  - Makes results difficult to interpret spectrally

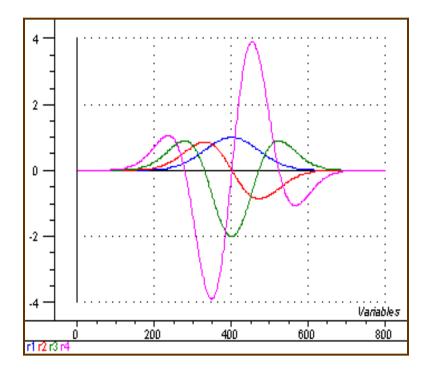


# PCA & PLS on centred and on scaled data

- Scaled data noisier
- More difficult to interpret
- But multivariate data analysis results are better



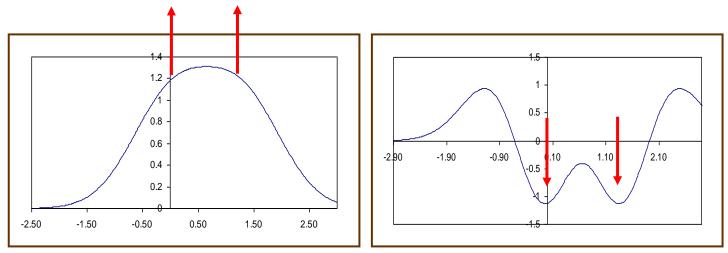
### **Derivatives**



- Computing derivatives of various orders is a classical technique widely used for spectroscopic applications
- Information in a spectrum may be more easily revealed when working on a 1st or 2nd order derivative

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Derivative is preferred**

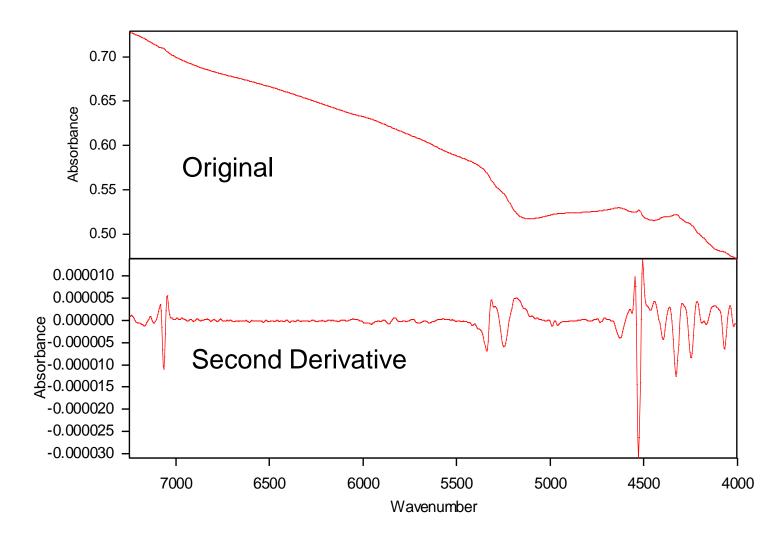
- 2<sup>nd</sup> derivatives is the most common preprocessing
- Removes background drift due to scattering
- Can help resolve nearby peaks
- Peak positions are at the same place as in the original spectra.
- Can improve spectral resolution:



Invisible Peaks at 0.0 and 1.3

2<sup>nd</sup> derivative

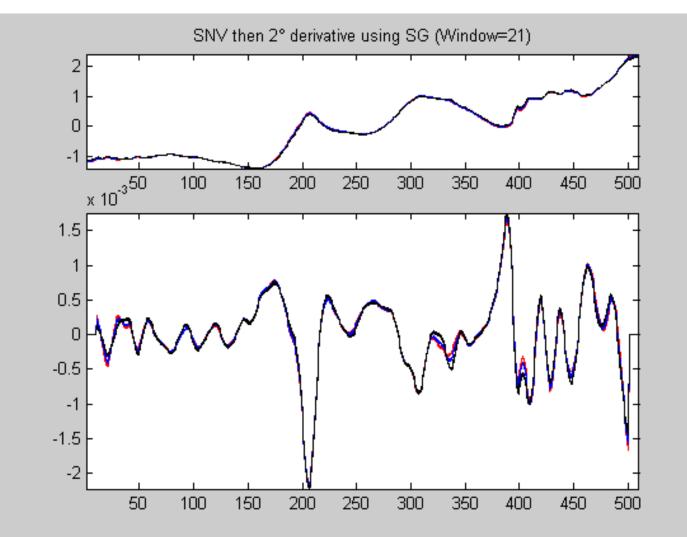
# **Example : NIR Spectrum of Coal**





# **Savitsky-Golay Derivatives**

Windows size : Noise decrease vs. loss of resolution

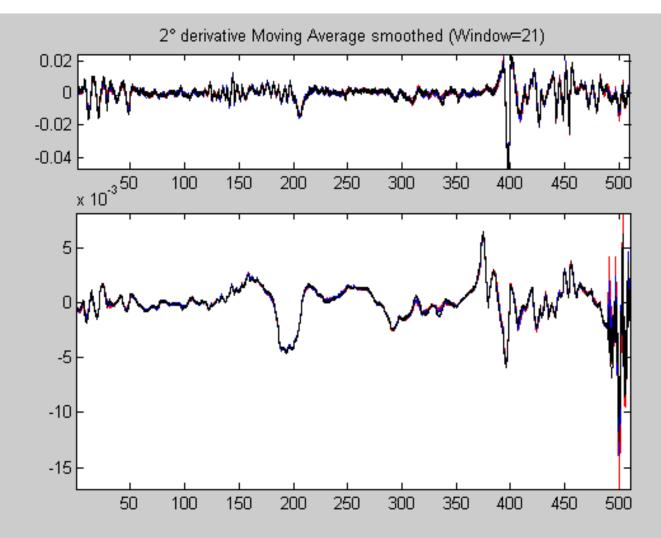


# **Signal Smoothing**

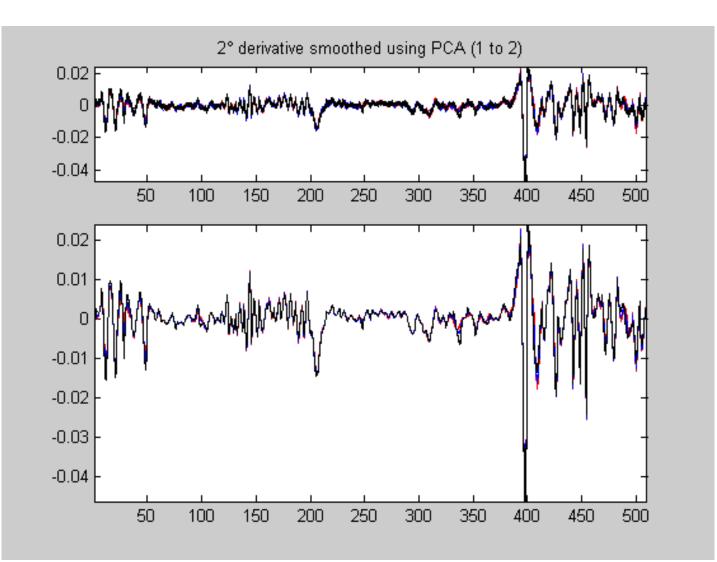
- Reduces effects of random noise
- Several algorithms :
  - Boxcar smoothing
  - Savitsky-Golay polynomial smoothing
  - PCA smoothing

# Savitsky-Golay smoothing

Windows size : Noise decrease vs. loss of resolution



# **PCA smoothing**



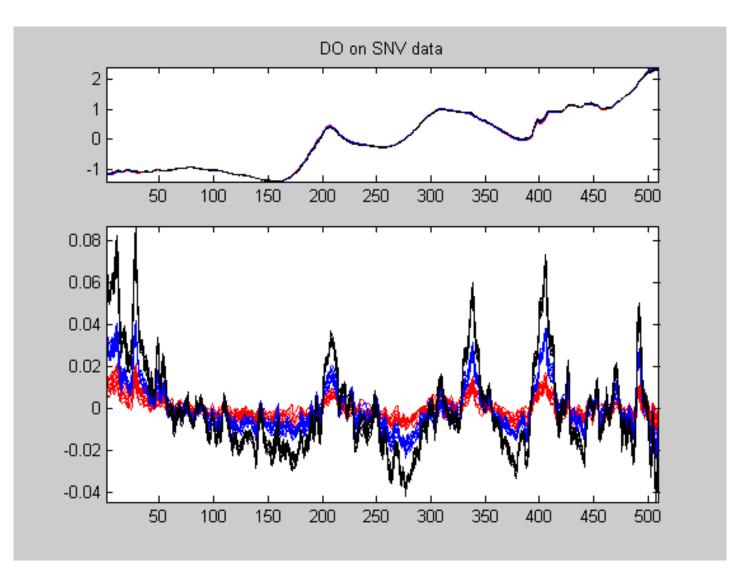
# **Othogonalisation**

- Eliminate variability in signals not related to studied factor
- Eliminate that part of X which is orthogonal to y
  - Direct Othogonalisation
  - O-PLS
  - OSC
  - DOSC
  - ...

# **Direct Othogonalisation**

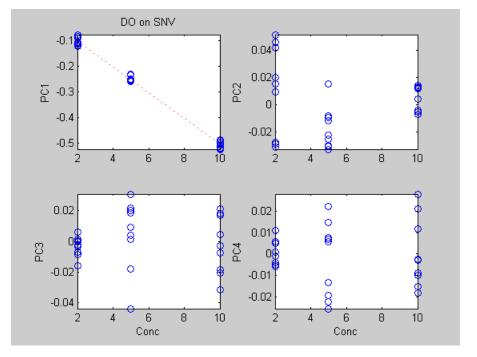
- Calculate space orthogonal to  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{0}}$
- Project **X** onto  $y_o = X_o$
- Do PCA on  $\mathbf{X}_{o} = \mathbf{T}_{o}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{o}$
- Use  $\mathbf{T}_{o}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{o}$  to calculate interesting part of  $\mathbf{X}_{o} = \mathbf{X}_{o}'$
- $\mathbf{X}_{DO} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}_{O}'$

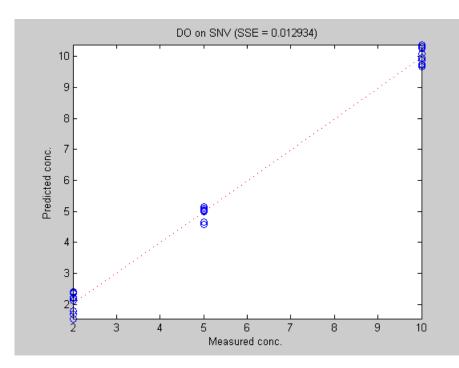
### **Direct Othogonalisation**



# **PCA & PLS on DO-corrected data**

- It is easier to separate the three concentration levels
- Need to determine optimal number of PCs for DO

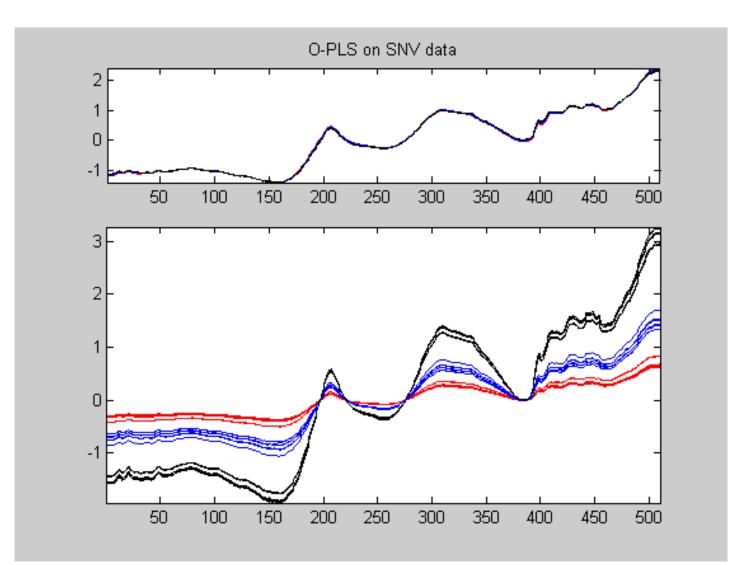




# **Orthogonal-PLS**

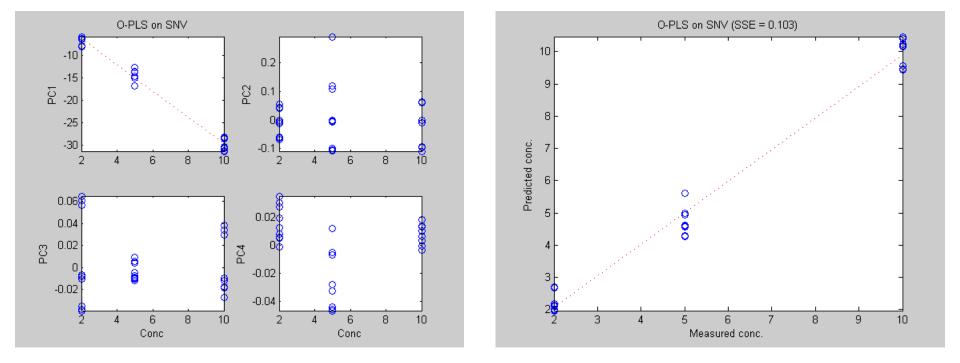
- Do PLS between X and y
- Calculate *w*, *t*, *p*
- Project  $\boldsymbol{w}$  orthogonal to  $\boldsymbol{p} = \boldsymbol{w}_{\boldsymbol{o}}$
- Use  $\mathbf{w}_o$  to calculate orthogonal part of  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{t}_o$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_o$
- Use  $t_o$  and  $p_o$  to calculate orthogonal part of  $X = X_o$
- $\mathbf{X}_{O-PLS} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}_{O}'$

### **O-PLS**



# PCA & PLS on O-PLS data

- It is easier to separate the three concentration levels
- Need to determine optimal number of LVs for O-PLS and for PLS !
- No real improvement in the model, just in its interpretability



# Can pretreatment of spectra improve regression models ?

Preprocessing	SSE
None	289.7
SNV	0.103
SNV-2 Deriv.	0.005
SNV-Centering	0.103
SNV-Center/Std	0.053
SNV-DO	0.013
SNV-OPLS	0.103

# Conclusions

- Pretreatments can eliminate interferences
- Pretreatments can facilitate extraction of information
- The optimal pretreatment depends on the data

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