

Analyse de produits pétroliers par spectroscopie Proche Infra Rouge

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NIR technology

Mature technology widely used in many industries

- Available at Total for several years
- As any technology, pros and cons

Strength:	Limitations
 Rapid (near real-time) Little or no sample preparation (liquids, solids) Non-destructive High precision Multi-components/properties capability Can be on-line and remote (optic fibers) Stable and robust equipment with low maintenance available for process analysis 	 Indirect (2^{ndary} method) Variations in temperature, Moisture, particle size and sample homogeneity can interfere Investment (time, money) Steep learning curve Not a trace level technology



NIR technology on petroleum products

- Hydrocarbons: NIR activity of C-H bonds
- NIR spectrum of hydrocarbon product : rich information on nature, number of chemical groups and atomic environment of vibrator
- Building a specific knowledge to understand the link between NIR spectrum, the chemical structure and the physical/chemical properties to measure
- Necessity to link :
 - Products chemistry
 - Process knowledge
 - Chemometrics modelling



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- All petroleum products are complex mixtures of these basic chemical structures
- Each product in a refinery has a specific fingerprint
 - Crude feedstock
 - Unit feed
 - Intermediate products
 - Finished products





Application development





Data cycle - some effort is required !



Example of NIR application



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PC 1 --- 49.9501% var. expl.

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Some hurdles

- Volatility of products
- High absorbance
- Complex sample matrix, not known and not constant
- Lack of variability
- Evolving process
- Temperature

Water !



Best practices

- Homogeneity of hardware
- Controlled hardware
- Acquisition methods homogeneity across the branch
- Chemometrics (central support for models)
- In-house software
- In-house training (acquisition and modelling)
- Continuous evaluation of new hardware/accessories







- Better models with multi-sources data ?! (data fusion, data merging, data cleaning) NIR + PI data ?
- Machine learning different models ? Globalize models accross sites
- Data transferred automatically
- More censors, micro (nano ?) equipment





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