

P^hAT Probe for Solids Analysis

The *P^hAT* approach to Raman sampling redefines solids sampling by eliminating sample irreproducibility and focusing, by measuring a large area of sample simultaneously, and by offering the benefits of non-destructive sampling using laser powers below the ANSI exposure limit for skin.

Traditional Raman approaches measure sample areas between 2 to 500 microns. The 6 mm large-area laser spot size allows a much greater portion of the sample to be interrogated in a single measurement than traditional Raman measurements. The $P^{h}AT$ approach avoids the need for multiple measurement points or moving samples, thus speeding up analysis time, and freeing up the analyst to work on problems rather than "baby-sitting" the sample.

The depth of field provided by the P^hAT probe design eliminates the sensitivity of the Raman response to focal changes in sample placement a) from one measurement to the next (static samples), b) from sample tilt when a solid form is presented to the probe, and c) for on-line samples where the sample bed varies in height.

The P^hAT probe head delivers significantly lower energy density than traditional Raman approaches. This reduces the potential for thermally induced changes or damage to the sample, which can be a concern for such applications as polymorph analysis and catalyst development.

 $P^{h}AT$ technology allows quantitative monitoring and control of solid formulations during unit operations. The use of P^hAT technology is opening up new areas to Raman analysis both *in situ* and at-line including solid-state chemistry applications, and with the pharmaceutical, catalyst, polymer, and specialty chemical industries.

Both insertion and non-contact sampling options are available for the P^hAT probe head to enhance sampling flexibility. For on-line applications where cleanability between batches is paramount, an optional stainless-steel bodied probe is available.

P^hAT Enabled!

- Point & Shoot No Focusing Required
- Fast Non-contact, Non-destructive Measurements of Multicomponent Systems
- Large Sampling Volume
- Univariate or Multivariate Comparative Analysis Methods

Applications

- Analyze Powders, Slurries, Flakes, Plaques, Gels, or Liquids
- PAT R&D, Primary, Secondary, or QA/QC
- **API Polymorphic Form and Stability**
- API Hydrate, Solvate, or Salt Formation
- **API Co-crystal Formation**
- Unit Operations; Blending, Granulation, Milling, and Drying
- Process Induced Transformations During Unit Operations
- Tablet Coating and Thickness
- Tablet API Form, Content, and Stability
- Low Doseage Tablets (Polymorph and Degradants)
- Lyophilization

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- Hot Melt-extrusion
- PAC Polymers and Catalysts



Reproducible, Representative, Non-destructive, Quantitative Raman Sampling for Solids Analysis



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Specifications:

Laser Wavelength: 785nm Spectral Coverage: 175-1875 cm⁻¹

Sample Interface:

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Temperature:	+10 to +40 °C
RH:	20 to 80%, Non-condensing
Nominal Focal Length:	3 mm Lens 120 mm 4.5 mm Lens 175 mm 6 mm Lens 250 mm
Nominal Beam Diameter at Focal Position:	6 mm (standard) 4.5 mm (optional) 3 mm (optional)

Probe Features:

- Representative mm-scale Measurement
- Reproducible Sampling
- "Focus Free" Alignment
- Non-contact Sampling (1-6 mm) Options
- Non-destructive Measurement
- Immersion Optic (IO) Option
- Purgeable Insertion Optic for Coating Applications



Physical Probe:

Probe Body	Aluminum with Elastomeric O-Rings (std), SS 316 with Buna-N or Kalrez O-Rings (options)
Weight	2 lbs (with 3 m cable)
Length	: 12"
Diameter	1.8"

Fiber Optic Cable:

Design:	PVC Jacketed, Proprietary Construction
Length:	3 m. (std) Standard, up to 15 m (options)
Temperature:	-40°C (Min) / 80°C (Max)
Laser Power at Sample:	> 150 mW



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