

TEMPRIS® PAT TOOL

**Precise Measurement of Product Temperature
in Lyophilization**

**Lyo-Cycle Development – Scale-up – Process
Optimization and Control**



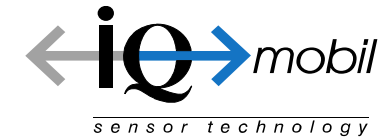
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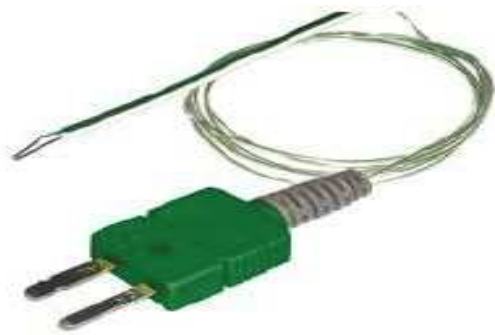
Product Temperature T_p in Freeze Drying



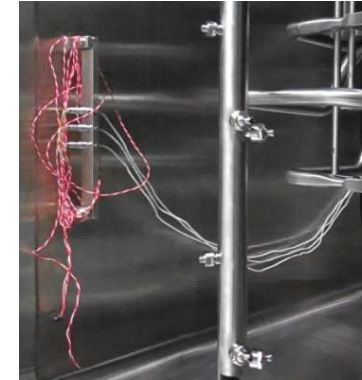
- T_p **is a critical product parameter** which determines important quality attributes such as physical appearance, residual moisture, storage stability, reconstitution time, etc.
- T_p **cannot be controlled directly**, but is influenced by shelf temperature, chamber pressure, product resistance and various other factors such as supercooling, environment, etc.
- T_p **must not exceed the critical formulation** collapse temperature T_C or eutectic temperature T_E during primary drying to avoid collapse and meltback
- T_p is the **most relevant parameter for design space, robustness testing and qualification** of freeze drying cycles
- T_p is a key parameter for cycle scale-up and transfer

Introduction

Typical Temperature Sensors in Lyo Processes



TC
(thin-wire thermocouples)



RDT - PT100
(positive temperature coefficient)



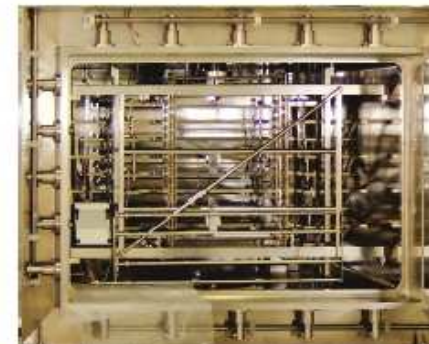
1 Laboratory FD



2 Pilot FD

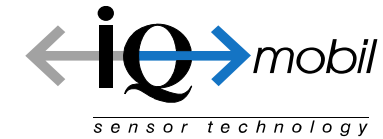


3 Production FD



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Objectives for T_p Measurement



- Reliable, continuous and accurate T_p monitoring in real time to allow feedback by the user
- Representative product temperature for majority of vials
- Use of the identical technology in laboratory, pilot and manufacturing freeze dryers for representative data comparison
- Passive operation to avoid heat input into the product through the thermal probe
- As little manual handling as possible in production to mitigate sterility risks for the product
- Minimize invasive monitoring effects which may influence freezing behavior

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TEMPRIS – the wireless, battery-free and real-time temperature measurement system



Sensor in Vials



Antenna

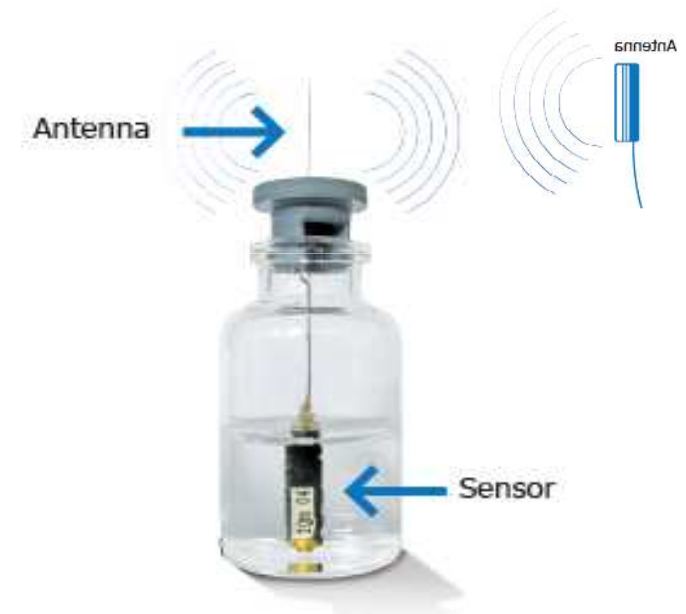


Interrogation Unit (IRU) with
Computer

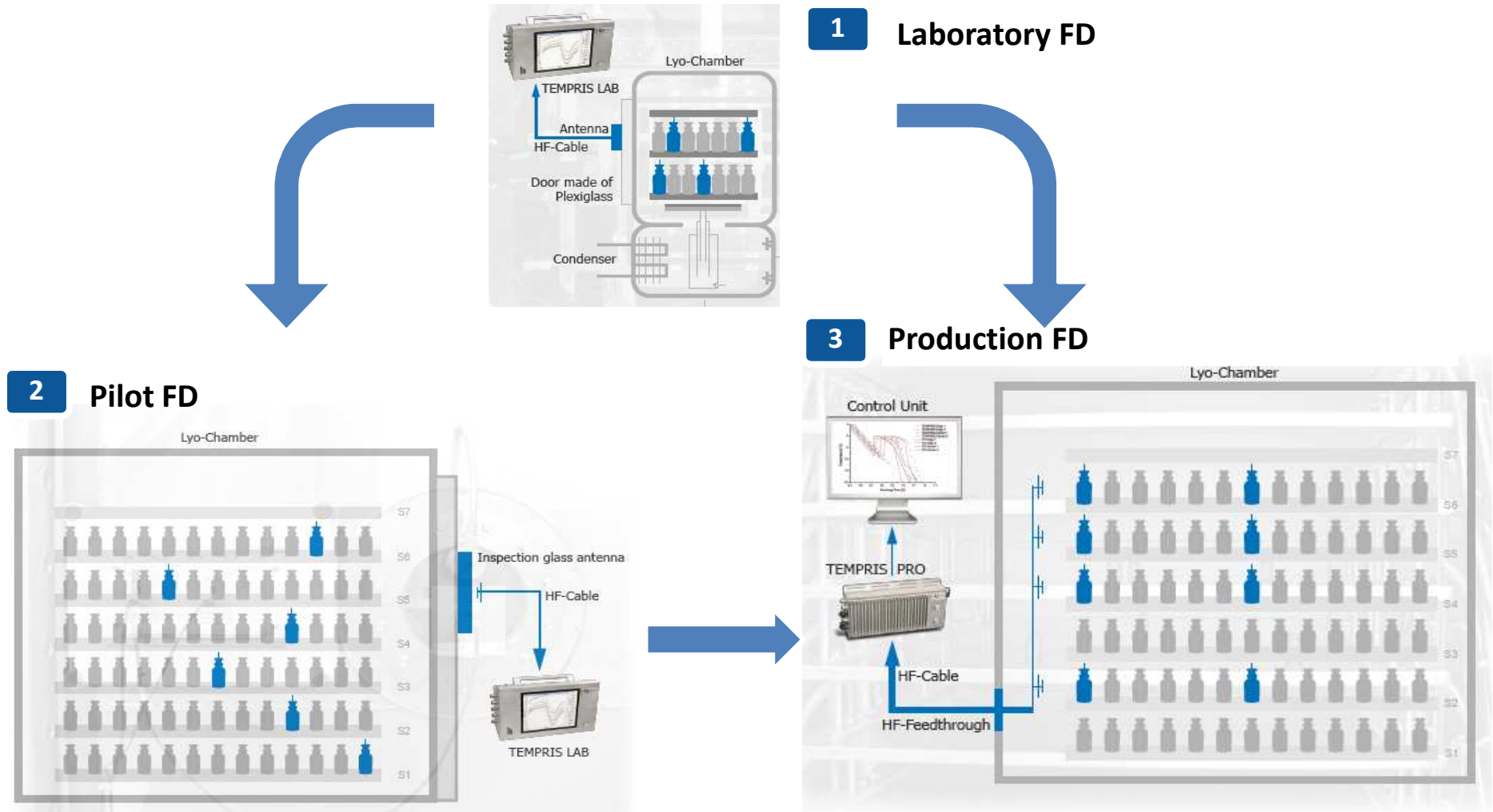
TEMPRIS®

Operation Principle

1. Up to 16 battery-free temperature sensors are excited by an amplitude-modulated microwave signal (2.4 GHz ISM=„Industrial Science Medical“)
2. Quartz-based resonance circuit in the sensor is stimulated, stores energy and continues to oscillate at a characteristic temperature-dependent frequency
3. Carrier signal modulation is activated and deactivated at defined time intervals
4. The oscillation of the sensors is mixed with the carrier signal and re-transmitted to the interrogation unit which registers the frequency shift
5. The TEMPRIS system continuously calculates and records the temperature of each sensor



TEMPRIS® Designed as a Modular System



TEMPRIS® System Advantages

1. Battery-free and wireless sensors

- no heat input by the sensors,
- no time limitation for use,
- no disturbance of measurements caused by wires,
- robust over a wide temperature range

2. Real-time T_p with an accuracy of +/- 0.5 K

3. Up to **16 sensors** for monitoring hot and cold spots also in large freeze dryers

4. Sensors

- are sterilizable,
- can be used for laboratory, pilot and production FDs,
- are GMP compliant (TEMPRIS System according to GAMP-5),
- shows optimal comparability of temperature profiles

5. Free sensor positioning on shelves

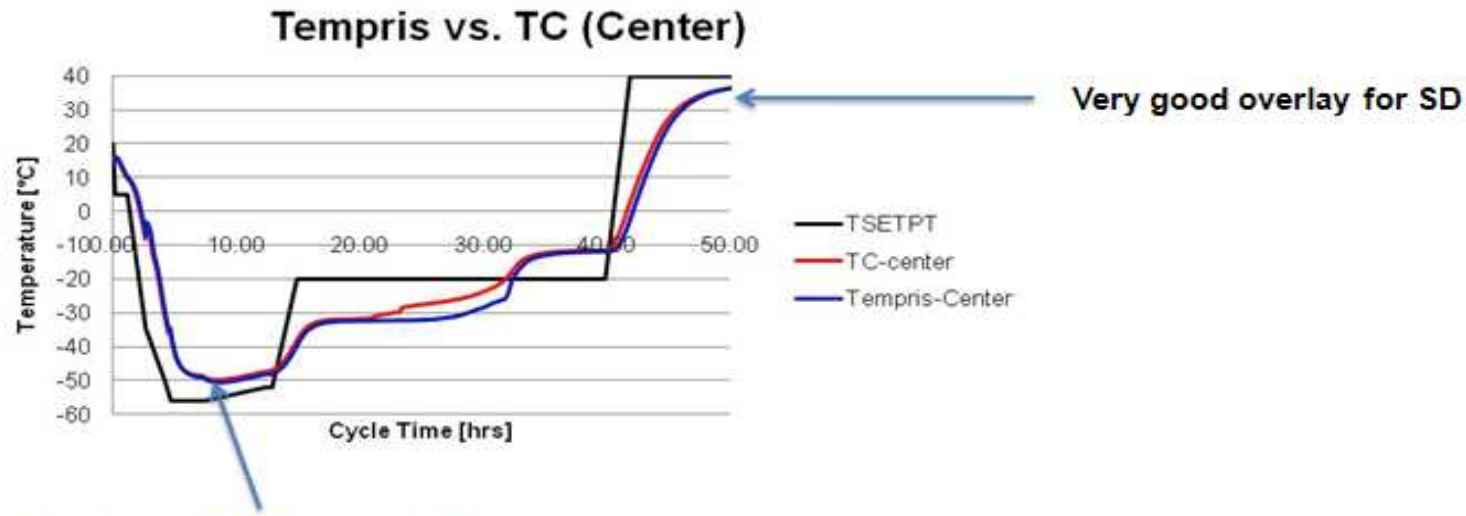
6. Designed for **automatic loading systems**



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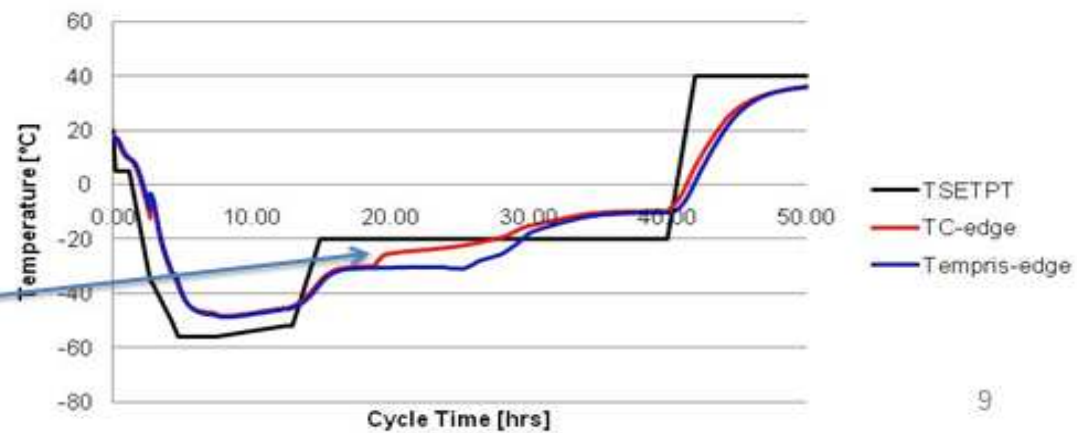
TEMPRIS® vs. TC Pfizer Confirms TEMPRIS Accuracy



Excellent overlay for freezing

Tempris vs. TC (Edge)

Excellent overlay for PD until TC loses contact with ice



Slide courtesy of Brian Wilbur's presentation, Process Development of a Dual-Chambered Syringe, presented at CHI PepTalk 2012.

Observations/Conclusion (Tempris)

- 1. Excellent correlation of Tempris with TC for freezing and early primary drying**
 - Difference $\leq 0.5^\circ\text{C}$
 - Possibly due to the radial direction of heat flow in the dual-chamber syringe?
- 2. Tempris profiles maintained better contact with ice than TCs during primary drying**
- 3. Steel guide tubing did not interfere with signal reliability**
 - Steel tubing may have acted as antenna extension
- 4. Testing supports the Tempris compatibility with dual-chambered syringe configuration**



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Recommendations for Temperature Sensors

- 1. Determine which sensor most accurately and reliably measures your product temperature**
- 2. Determine as early as possible which sensors are available at the production site**
 - Do they accurately measure product temperature?
 - Can they be used for in-human production?
- 3. Consider implementing Tempris for commercial production**
 - Comparable with TCs for product temperature measurement
 - Wireless sensor allows for aseptic placement in most locations including the center of shelves
 - CIP/SIP compatible
 - Customizable sensors



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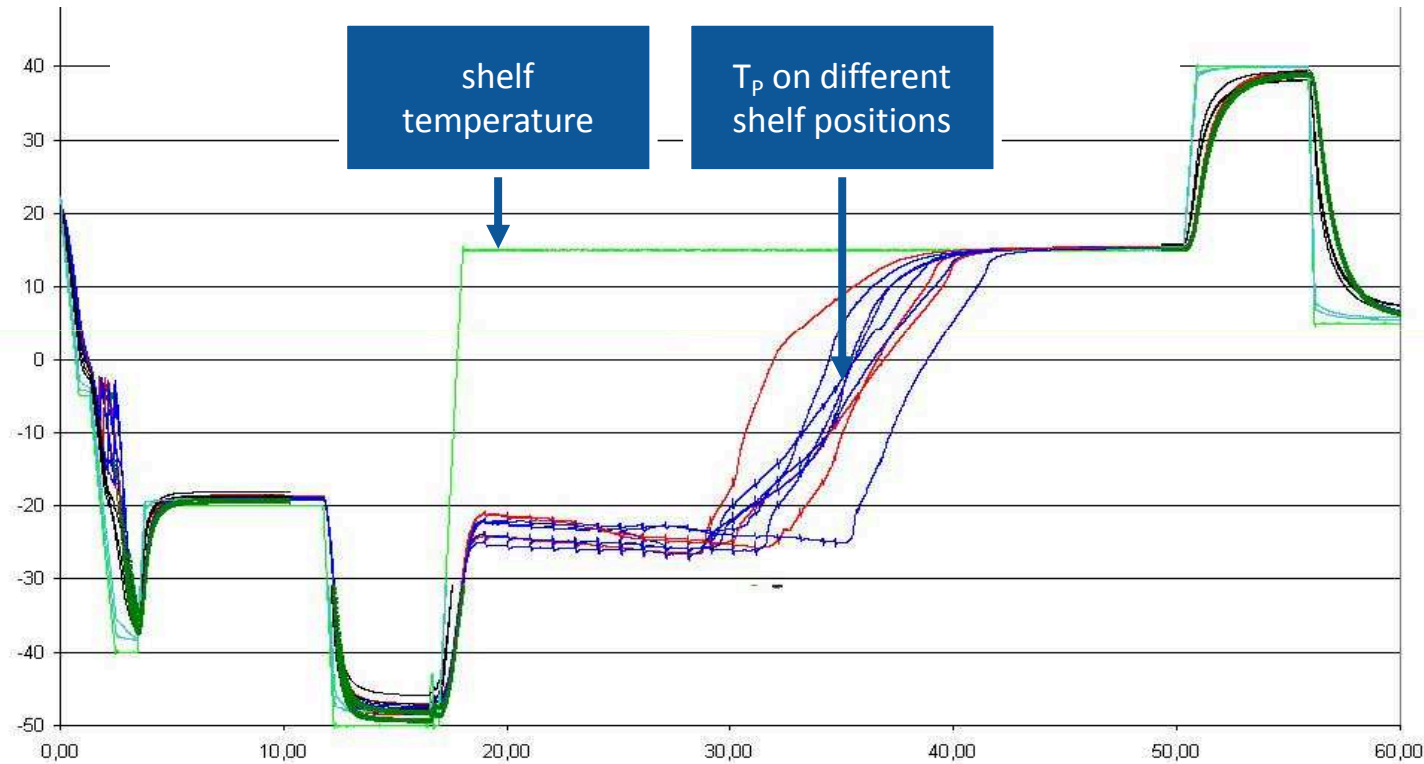
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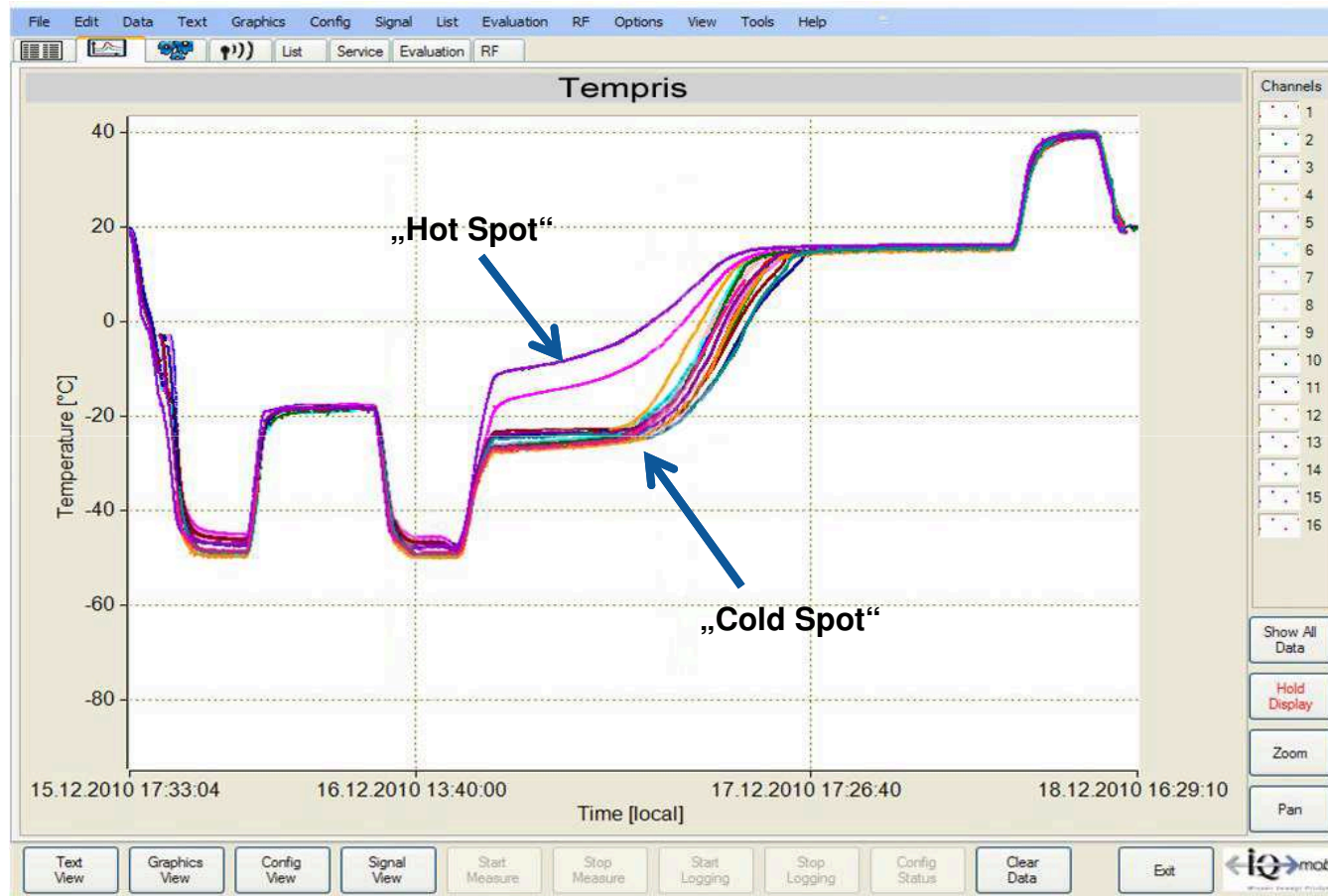
Transfer Example with TEMPRIS® on Lyostar 2

Cycle development on Lyostar 2

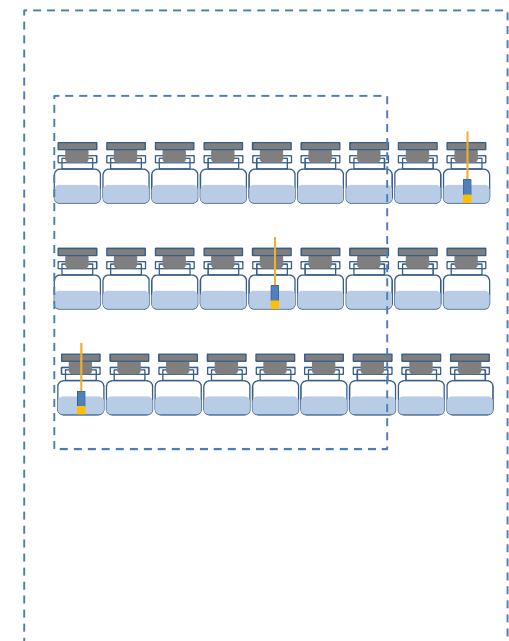


Picture: Property of Freeze-drying Research Group Erlangen; explicat and iQ-mobil

Transfer: „Hot and Cold Spot“ Detection



- T_p variability (see arrows)
- Sensors located at different positions throughout the lyo („Hot and Cold-Spots“)

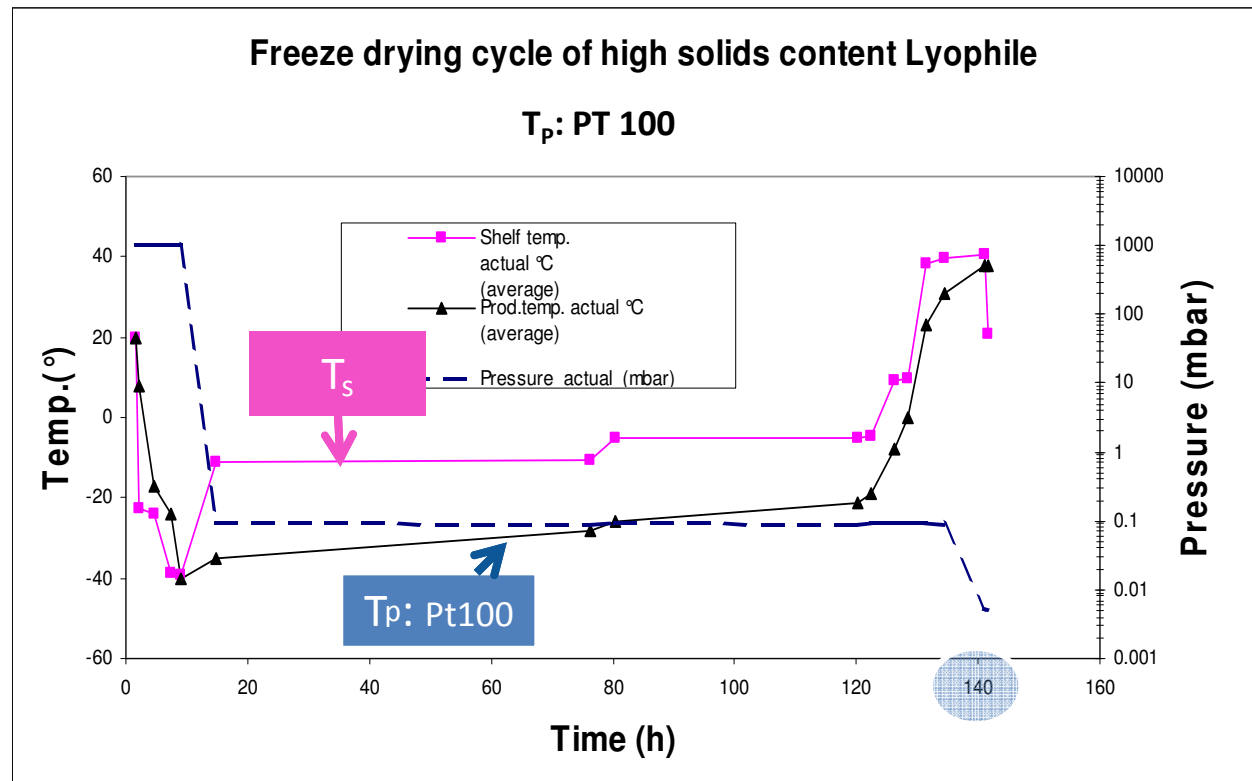


Lyo-cycle production scale 30 sqm Lyo, 18 shelves,

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Lyo-cycle Optimization with TEMPRIS® (1/2)



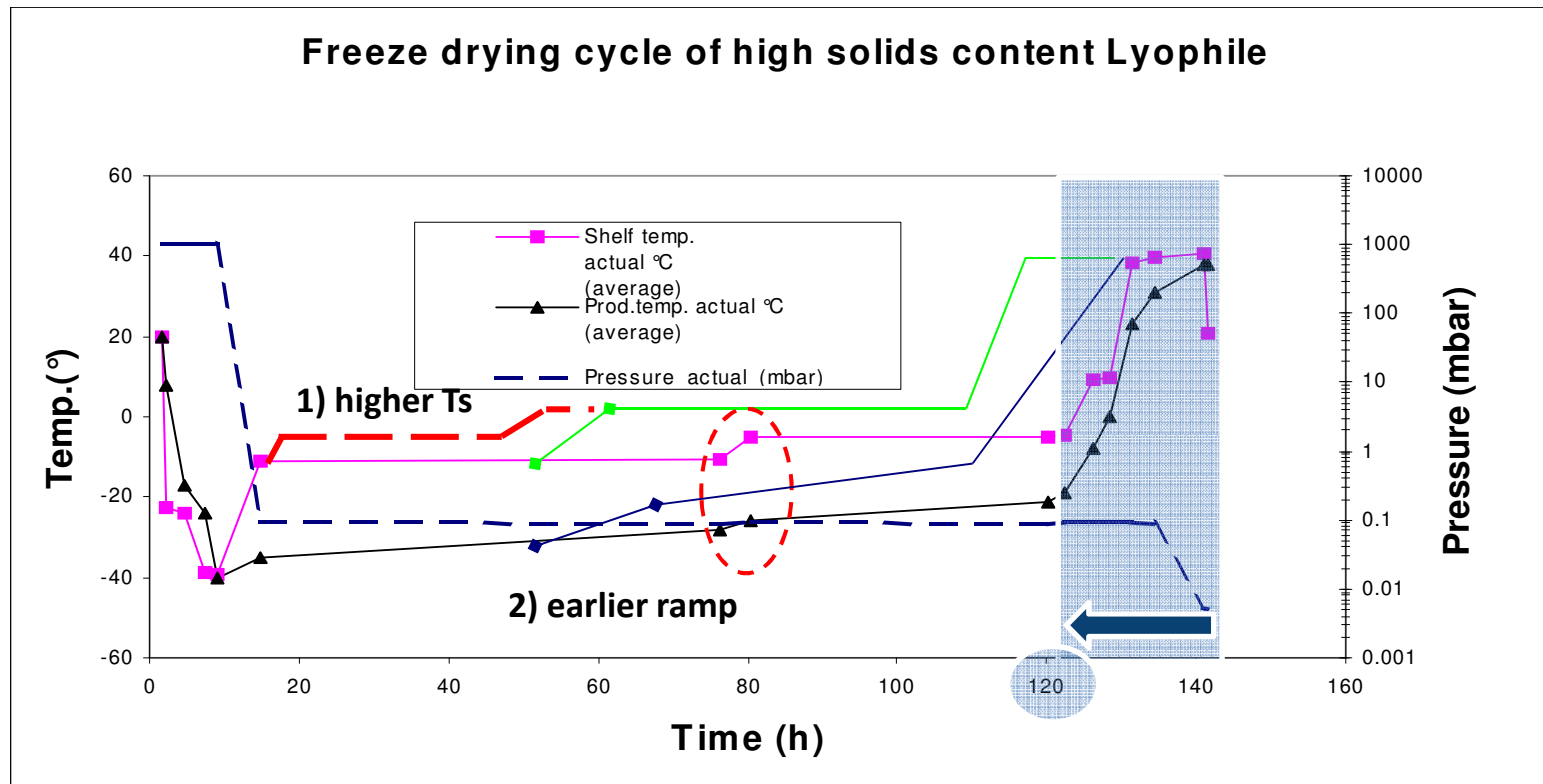
Product: Sulfbutylether-beta-cyclodextrin (16% weight per formulation) - Amorphous formulation

T_g': -26°C per DSC measurement - **Safety rule:** stay 10K below T_g' (or T_c) due to inhomogenities

Important: T_p must be kept below T_g' respectively T_c during primary drying

The Objective: Develop more „aggressive“ cycles

Lyo-cycle Optimization with TEMPRIS® (2/2)



Improvements:

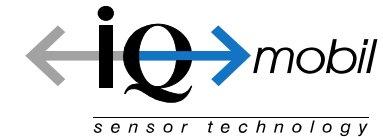
1. Primary drying at higher T_s
2. Ramp earlier in process

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ROI Calculation

Cost Savings as a Consequence of a Optimized Lyo-cycle



I. Return on Investment	Calculation (I)	Calculation (II)
Costs per 24 hrs.	25.000 €	25.000 €
Lyocycle in hrs. (days)	140 (5.8)	120 (5)
Reduction in hours		20
Reduction in %		14,3 %
Batches per year	25	25
Costs per batch	145.000 €	125.000 €
Costs per year	3.625.000 €	3.125.000 €
Savings per year (I-II)		500.000 €
Saving in 10 years		5.000.000 €
Investment: TEMPRIS incl. Customer Qualification		-200.000 €
Total Savings (w/o maintenance)		4.800.000 €

ROI achieved within 1 year, despite regulatory and additional development costs

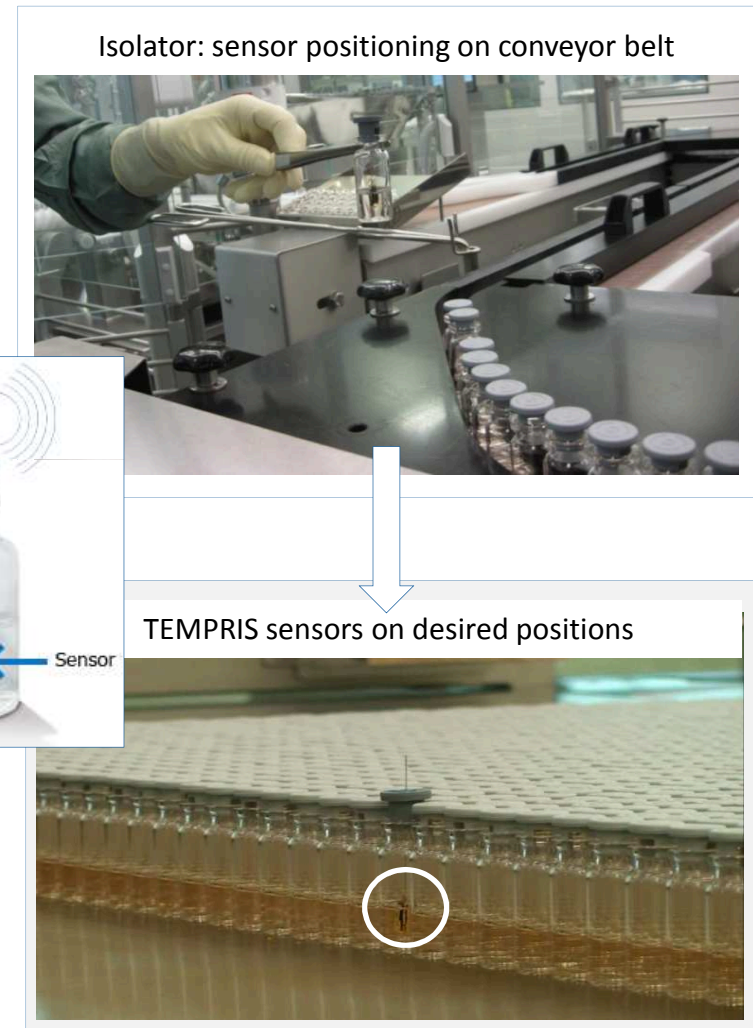
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TEMPRIS Features:

- Wireless, battery-free sensors
- Highly accurate
- Sterilizable and cleanable
- Positioning anywhere in the FD
- Designed for ALUS
- PLC / SCADA interfaces
- GMP, GAMP-5 compliant



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Thank You & Questions

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