

# Consolidate multiparameter wet chemical testing to speed up your laboratory research with discrete analysis technology

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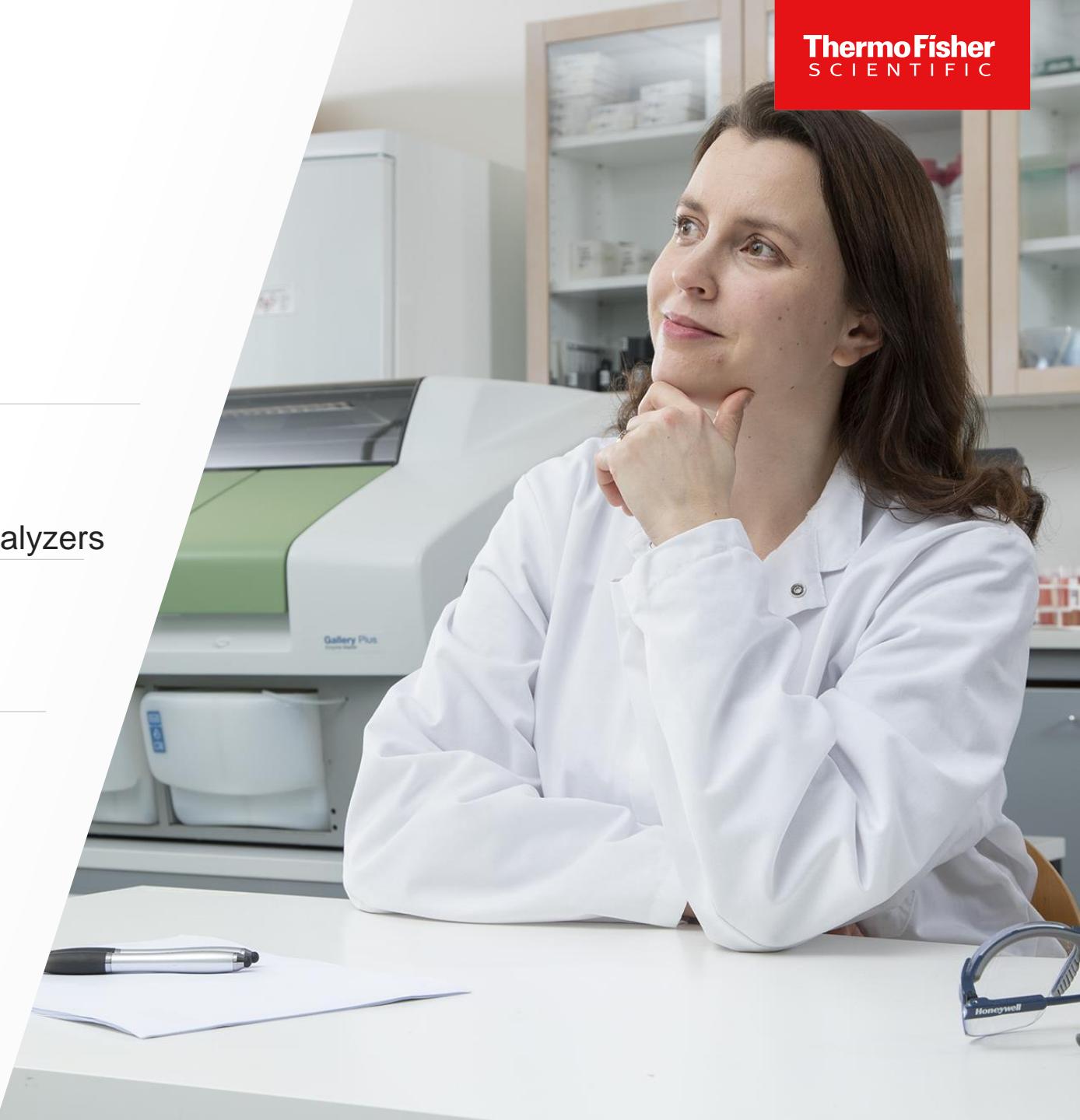
# Agenda

1 Broad application range with discrete analyzers

2 Consolidate multiparameter testing with discrete analyzers

3 Testing technique comparisons

4 Real world use experiences



# Over 20 years of experience with discrete analyzers

2000's



*Konelab*

*Aquakem*

2010's



*Gallery, Gallery Plus, Beermaster*

2021



*Enzyme Master*

2023



*Aqua Master*

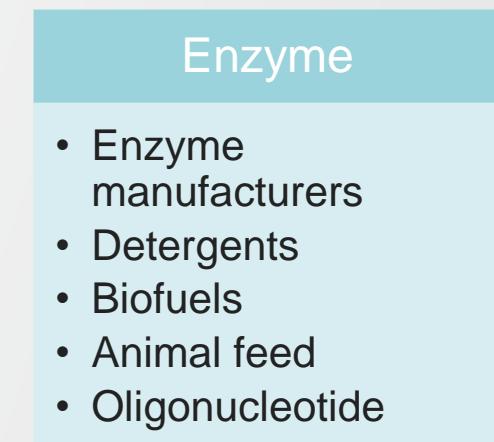
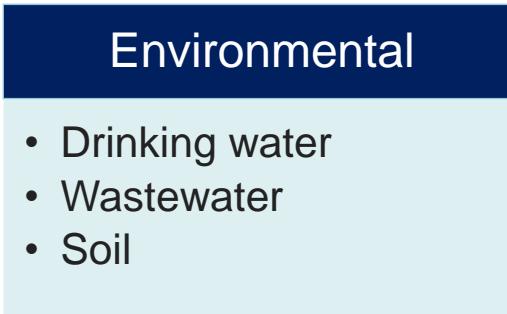
New model for water  
testing applications



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# Broad range of applications for Thermo Scientific™ Gallery™ discrete analyzers



# Parameters applicable to Gallery systems

## Food and beverage applications

Organic acids	Feed water and waste water	Process critical parameters
Acetic acid	Free and total cyanide*	Acetaldehyde
Ascorbic acid	Iron	Alcohol by volume (low)
Aspartic acid	Nitrate	Alpha-Amino Nitrogen (NOPA)
β-Hydroxybutyric acid	Nitrite	Alpha amylase
Citric acid	Phosphate	Beta glucan
Color	pH and conductivity	Bitterness*
D-Gluconic acid	Total Kjedahl Nitrogen (TKN)*	Cholesterol
D-Isocitric acid	Total Oxidizable Nitrogen (TON)	Ethanol
D-Lactic acid	Total phenol*	Glutamate
D-Malic acid	Total phosphate*	Glycerol
Formic acid*	Alkalinity*	Hesperidin
Gluconic acid	Total Hardness	Hydroxymethylfurfural
Glycolic acid	Chloride	Hydroxyproline
L-Ascorbic acid	Sulfate	L-Asparagine
L-Lactic acid		Total polyphenol*
L-Glutamic acid		Total protein
L-Malic acid		Urea
Oxalic acid		
pH		
Succinic acid		
Tartaric acid		

## Drinking water, industrial water, and waste water applications

Anions	Corrosion inhibitors	Cations and metals	Basic water analysis
Bromide Chloride Fluoride Nitrite Nitrate Sulfide*	Ammonia Molybdenum Nitrite Phosphate Zinc	Aluminum* Ammonia Boron* Copper* Hexavalent chromium Manganese* Molybdenum Total iron Zinc	Alkalinity* COD Total hardness
Environmental	Scaling	Nutrients	Measurements
Aluminum* Boron* Free and total cyanide* Manganese* Total Kjeldal Nitrogen (TKN)* Total phosphorus Total phenol* Total Oxidizable Nitrogen (TON) Sulfide Urea	Calcium Magnesium Silica	Ammonia Nitrite Nitrate TKN TON Total phosphorous	pH and conductivity

\*Third party reagents.

# Example: malt & beer analysis

## Point of entry water testing

Water Analysis

- pH
- Alkalinity
- Chloride
- Total iron
- Conductivity
- Hardness
- Sulfate

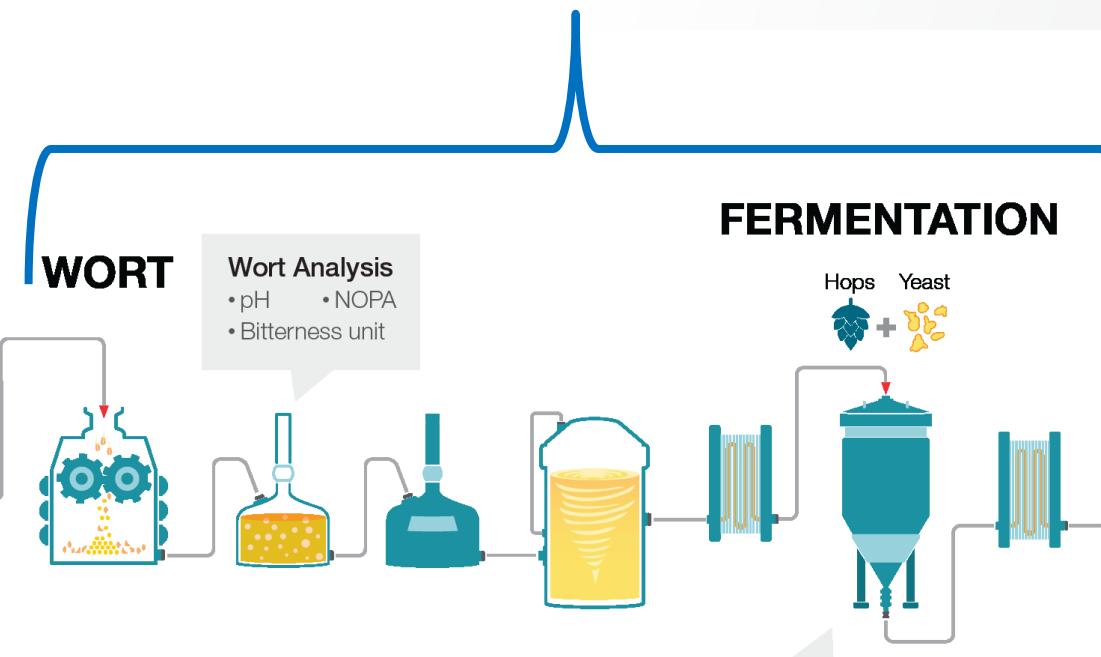
Water + Barley  
**MALT**

Malt Analysis

- Beta-glucan
- Reducing sugar
- Alpha amylose
- NOPA
- SO<sub>2</sub>
- Diastatic power

## Raw material testing

## Process sample testing at each stage



## Final product testing

Beer Analysis

- Color
- Total SO<sub>2</sub>
- Total polyphenol
- Alpha amylose
- Protein
- Bitterness
- Glucose, fructose, sucrose
- Alcohol
- Iron

**FILTRATION**



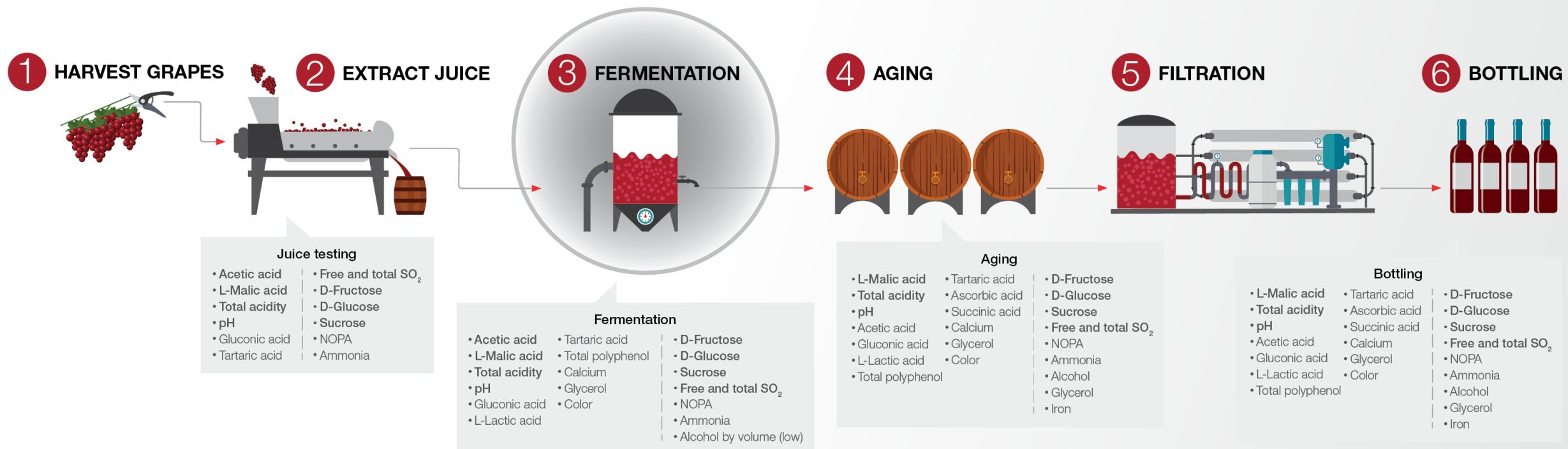
## Waste water testing

Filtered Sample Analysis

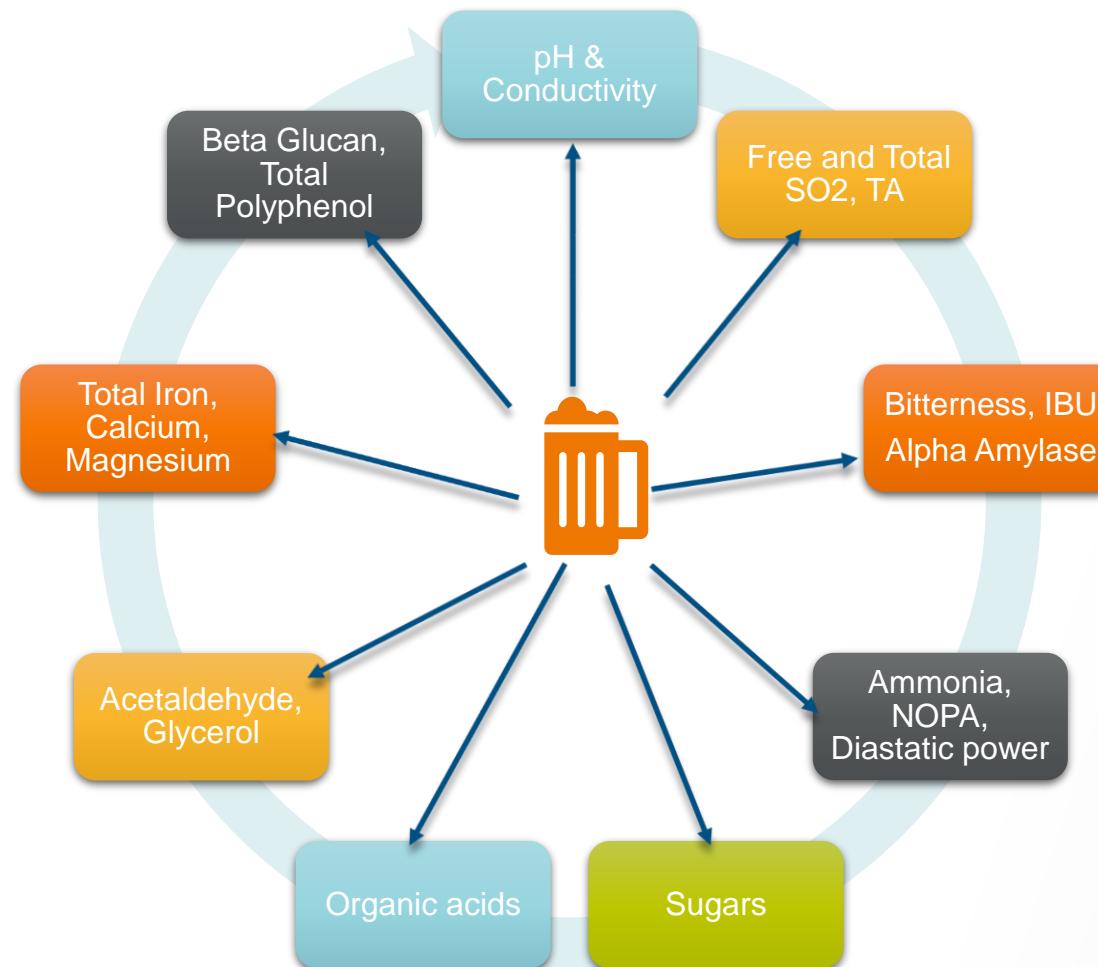
- pH of water suspension
- Bitterness

Waste water

# Example: wine analysis



# Traditional analysis – multiple parameters, multiple instruments



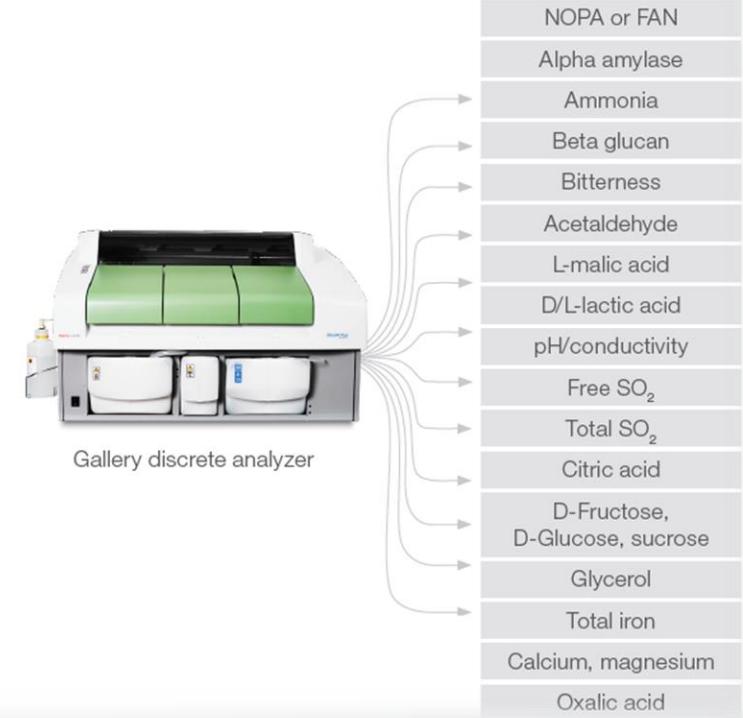
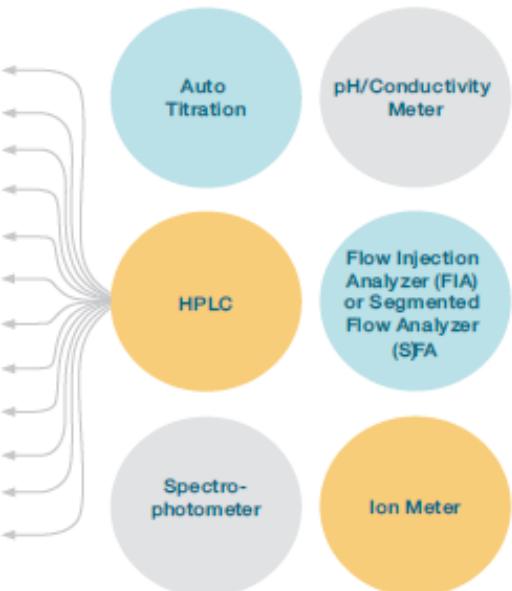
Multiple parameters



Multiple techniques & instruments

# Single instrument – single operator – multiparameter

NOPA
Alpha Amylase
Ammonia
Beta Glucan
Bitterness
Acetaldehyde
L-Malic Acid
D/L- Lactic Acid
pH/Conductivity
Free SO <sub>2</sub>
Total SO <sub>2</sub>
Citric Acid
D-Fructose, D-Glucose, Sucrose
Glycerol
Total Iron
Calcium, Magnesium
Oxalic Acid



Multiple parameters – Multiple instruments - Multiple operators

Single instrument – Single operator – Multiple parameters

# What is wet chemical colorimetric analysis?

For a basic assay, in this case sulphate

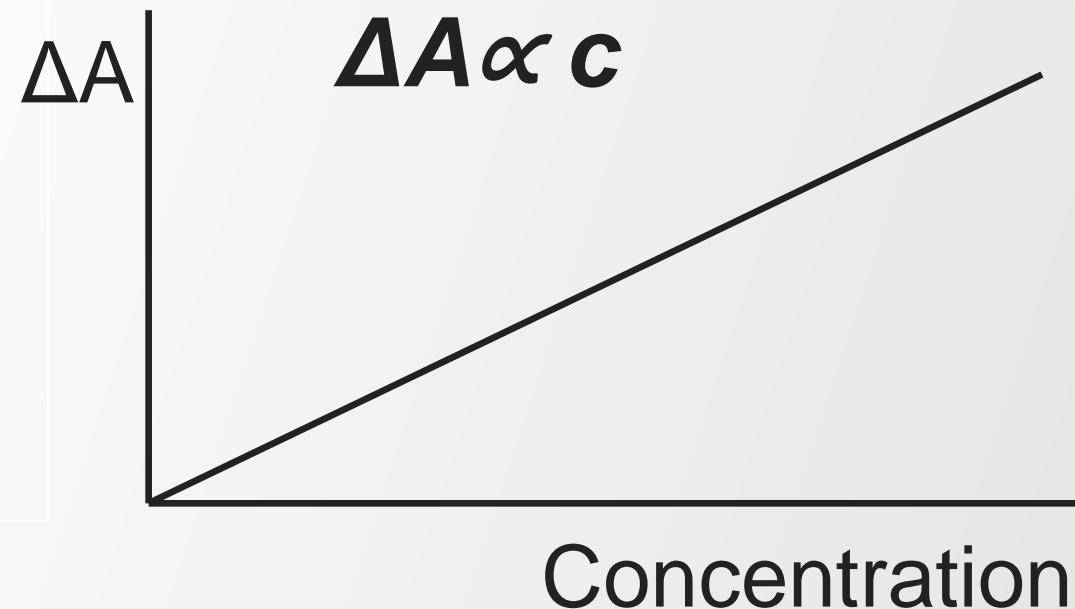
- Add an aliquot of sample (100 $\mu$ l)
- Shine light (420 nm) through the sample and measure the intensity in absorbance units (Au)
- Add an aliquot of barium chloride reagent (40  $\mu$ l)
- Wait for the reaction to occur (300 s)  
$$[\text{SO}_4^- + \text{BaCl} = \text{BaSO}_4 + \text{Cl}^-]$$
- Shine light (420 nm) through again and the difference in intensity is the change in absorbance  $\Delta A$



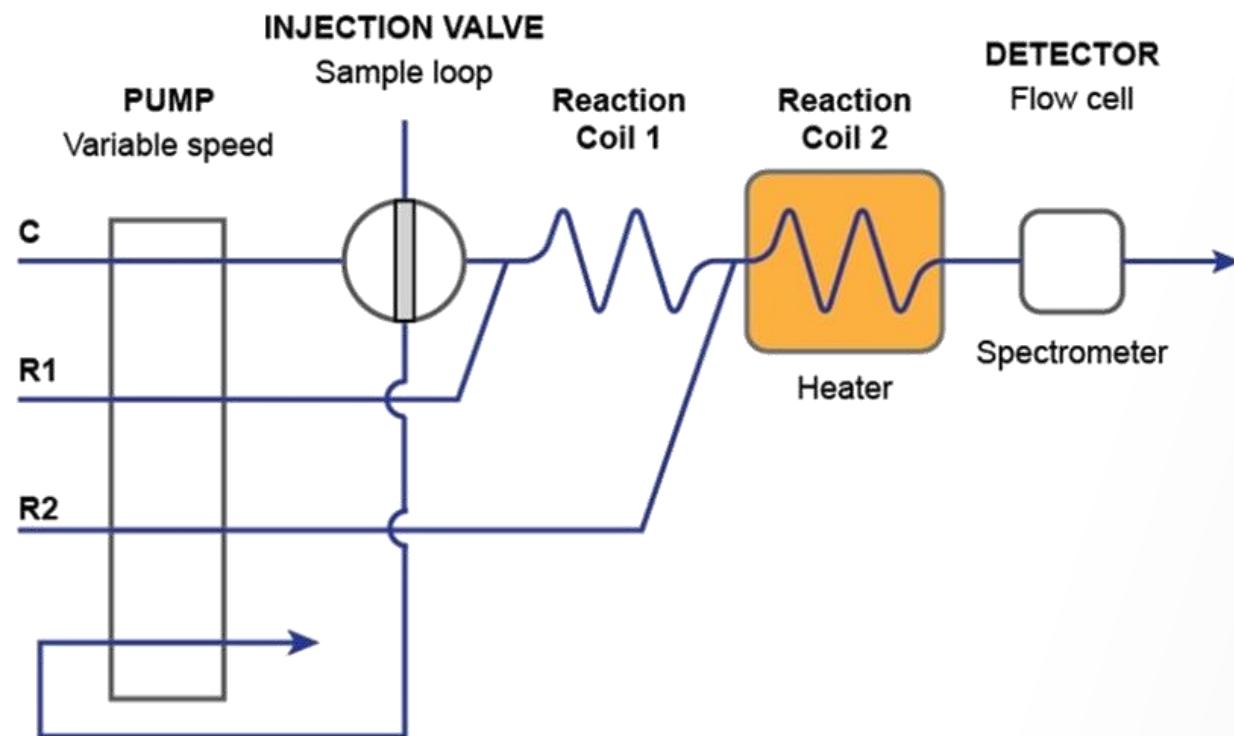
Beer–Lambert law

$$\Delta A = \varepsilon \times l \times c$$

$$\Delta A \propto c$$

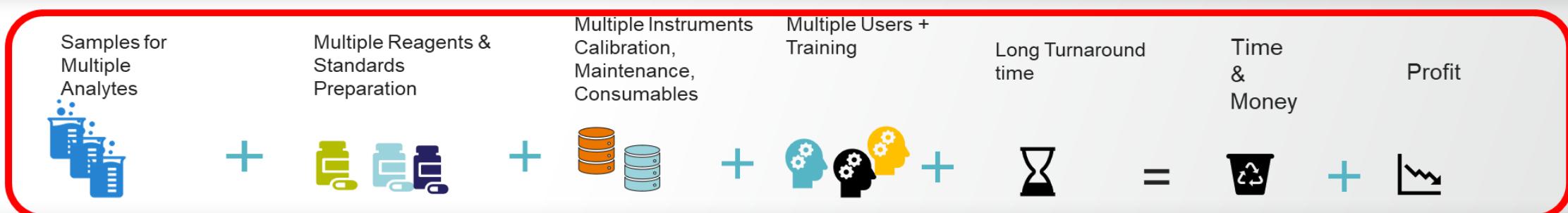


# Traditional colorimetry workflow (CFA)



## Continuous flow analyzers (CFA)

- Sequential instrument, one sample at a time
- Single analyte per system line
- Max 4 lines per system, multiple instruments
- 10-50 mL of sample required per test
- 10-50 mL of reagents required per test
- Liters of waste generation
- High cost per analysis



# What is discrete industrial analysis?

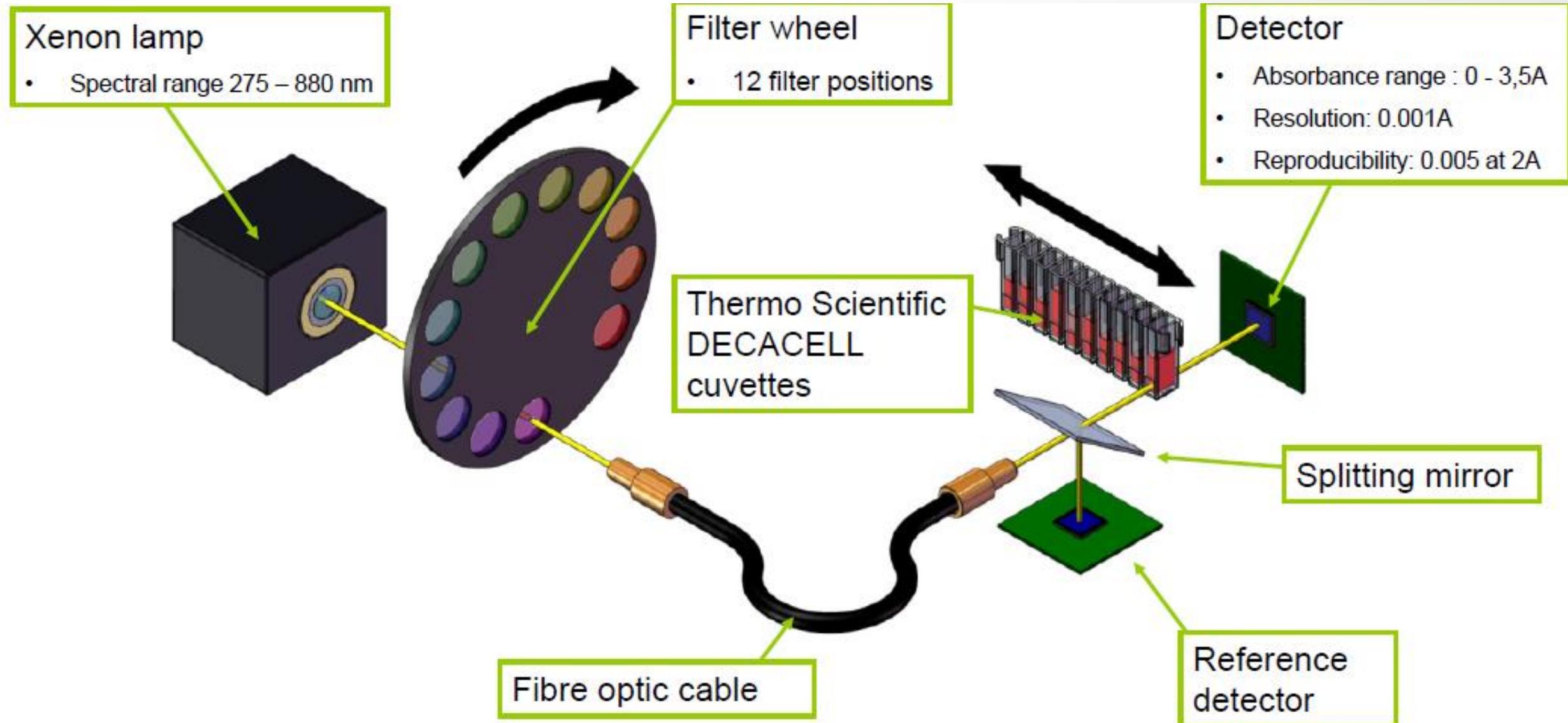
Improved results reliability



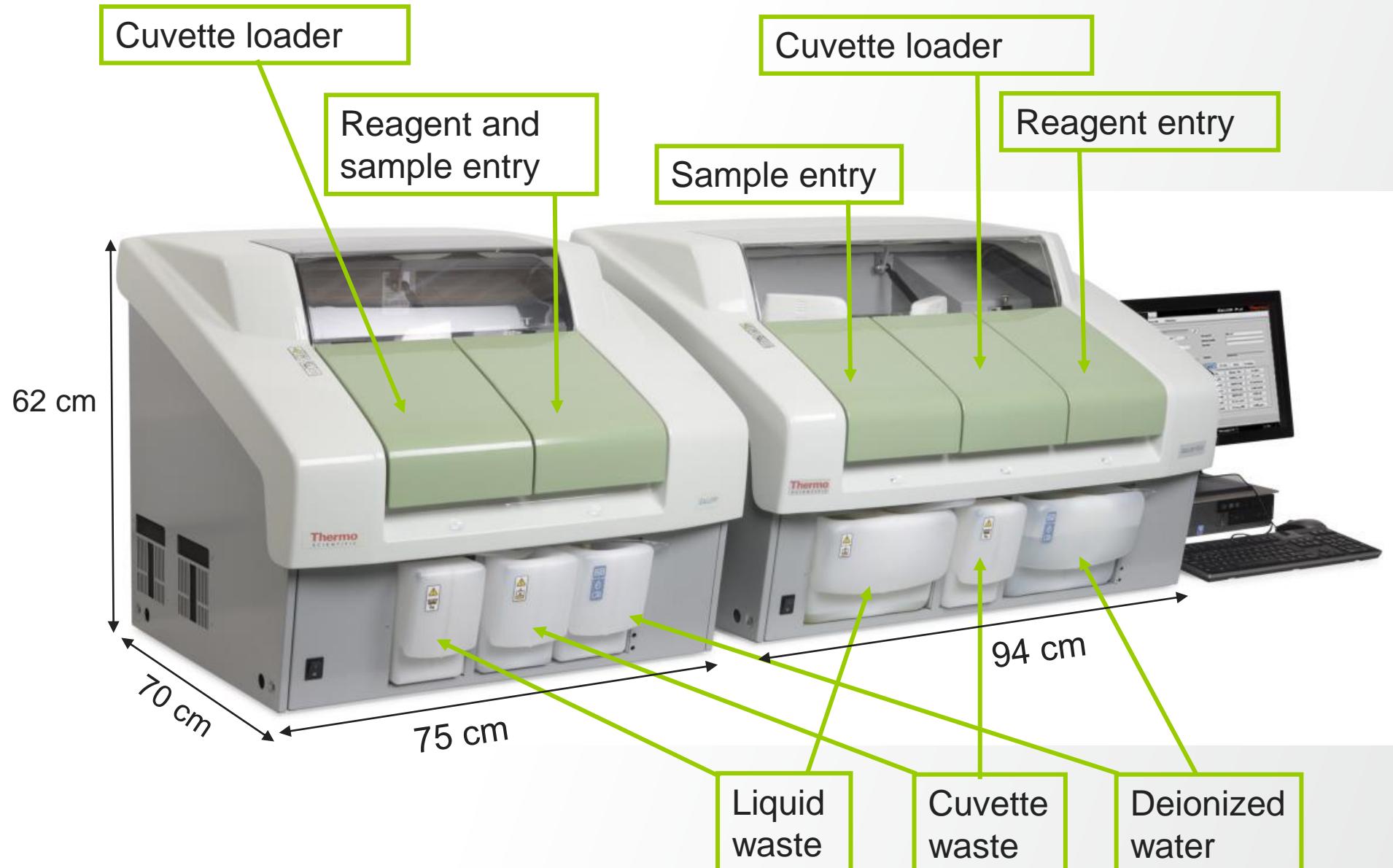
- ✓ Disposable discrete cells: peace of mind
  - Precision and accuracy
  - Improves throughput: no need for cleaning
  - No carry over
  - Wide range of chemical parameters
- ✓ Reliable results across wide concentration range
- ✓ Out of limits - flagged results
- ✓ QC check
- ✓ Low volume cuvette
  - Reduced sample and reagent consumption: 2-240  $\mu$ L
  - Lowest waste generation and disposal cost
  - Reduced cost per analysis

**Unique low volume Thermo Scientific™ DECACELL™ Cuvettes - practical advantages**

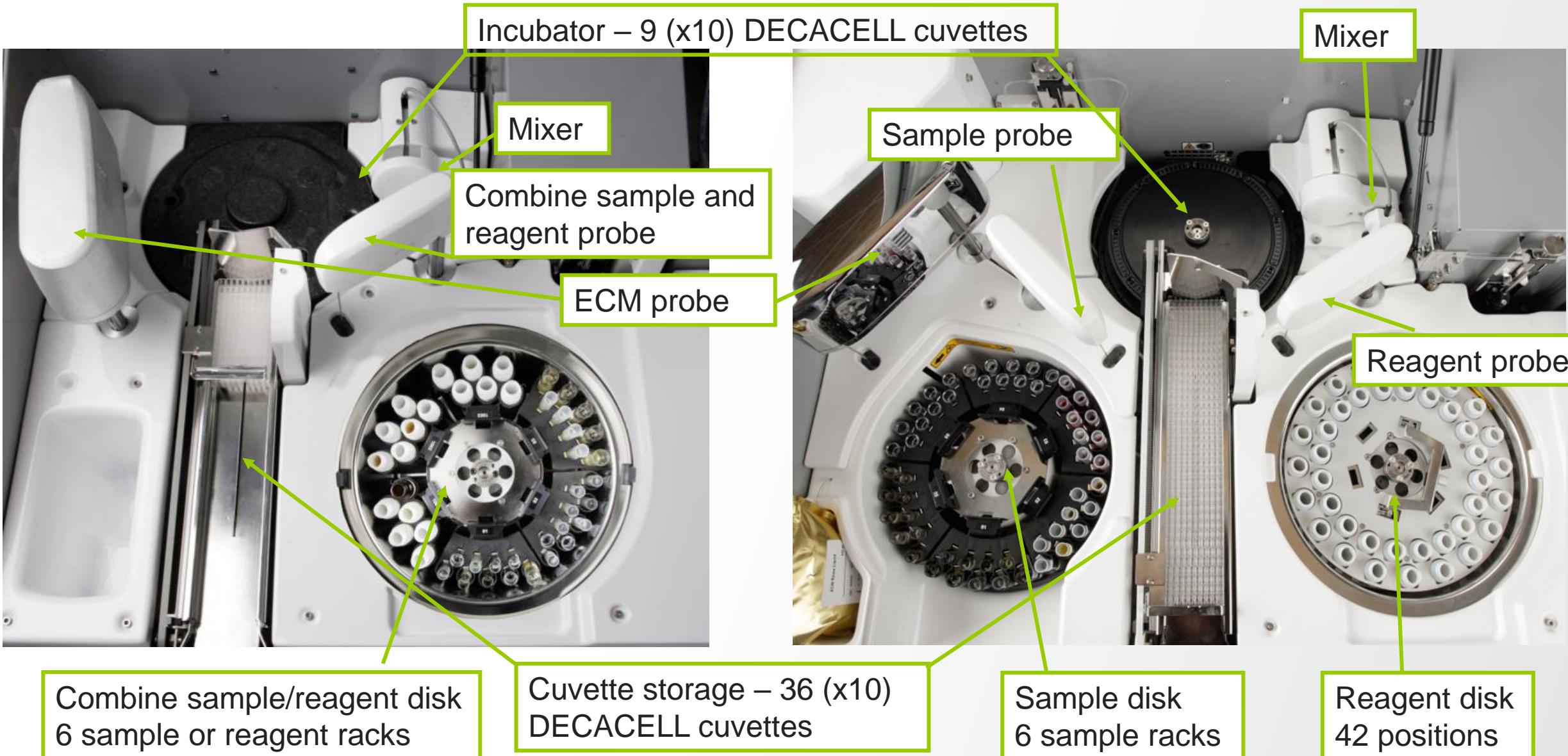
# How does a discrete analyzer work?



# Thermo Scientific Gallery™ and Gallery Plus™ discrete analyzers



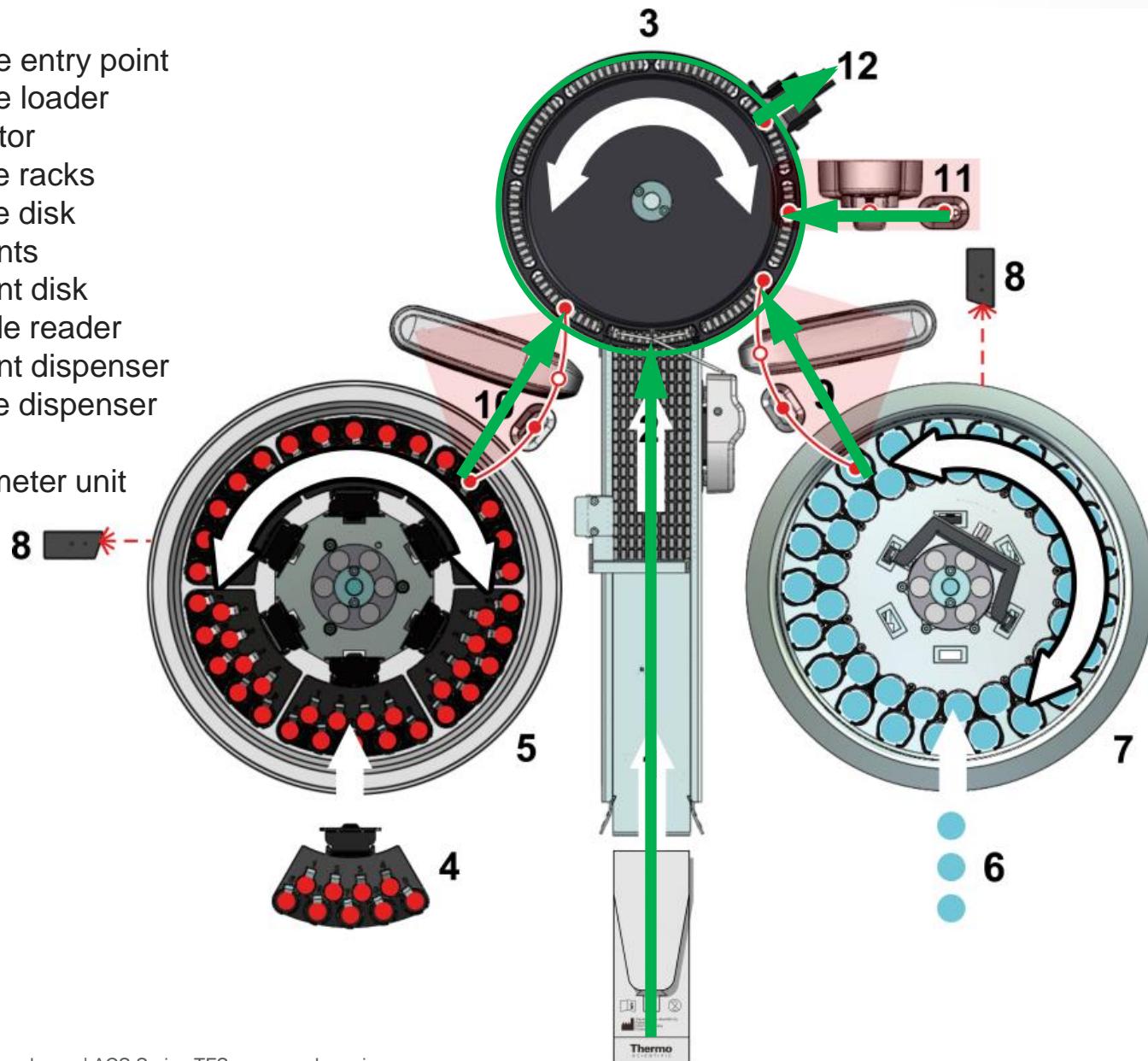
# Inside the Gallery and Gallery Plus



# How does the Gallery discrete analyzer system do it?

**Key:**

1. Cuvette entry point
2. Cuvette loader
3. Incubator
4. Sample racks
5. Sample disk
6. Reagents
7. Reagent disk
8. Barcode reader
9. Reagent dispenser
10. Sample dispenser
11. Mixer
12. Photometer unit



1. A cuvette is loaded from the cuvette loader (2) into the heated incubator (3)
2. The sample dispenser (10) an aliquot of sample from the sample rack (5) into a single cell of the cuvette
3. An initial measurement is made by the photometer (12)
4. An aliquot of reagent is dispensed from the reagent disk (7) via the reagent dispenser (9)
5. The mixer is used to mix the samples and reagents in each cell
6. The reaction is left to occur in the heated incubator (3)
7. A final measurement is made by the photometer (12) and the change in absorbance is calculated

# Simplified workflow solution

## Photometric detection

- Colorimetric
- Enzymatic
- Electrochemistry



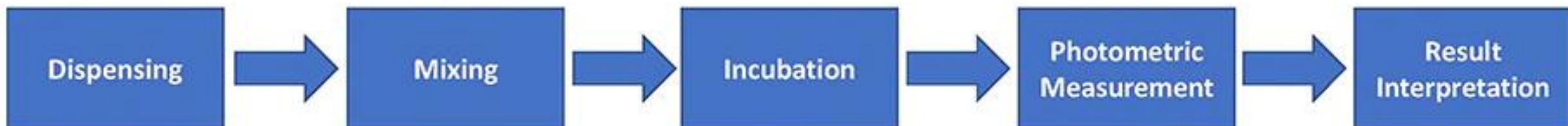
## Liquid handling

- Sample aspiration
- Reagent addition
- Mixing and washing
- Calibration, QC, spiking, and dilution
- Incubation



## Automation

- Random access
- Parallel analysis
- Auto-dilutions on overrange samples
- High throughput



High throughput photometric analyzer

# Automation enables a simplified workflow

## Gallery discrete analyzer workflow



Load cuvettes



Insert samples

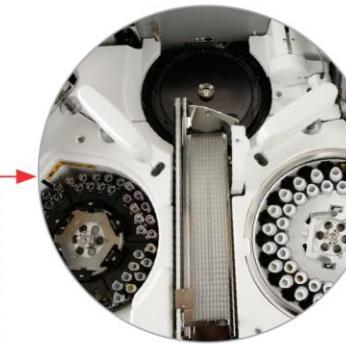


Insert reagents



Run analytes

Import sample table  
from LIMS  
Create run table  
Start analysis



Parallel pH/conductivity

Dispensing  
Mixing  
Incubation  
Photometric measurement



Consolidated report

PDF  
LIMS export  
Spreadsheet



Walk away from Gallery  
discrete analyzer

# Gallery Discrete Analyzer platform

## **Ease of Use, Low Training Requirement**

new users can be trained in 2 days

## **Cost Effective (20x lower cost per test)**

Lowest reagent, sample consumption, waste generation

## **Simultaneous Multiparameter Analysis**

Up to 20 parameters per sample

## **Flexible & Open Systems**

Open to 3<sup>rd</sup> party reagent, easy to adopt photometric test methods

## **High Throughput & Automation**

Up to 350 Tests/Hr; parallel pH & conductivity, up to 3 hrs  
unattended operations



Why  
Gallery?

Automated wet chemical analyzer to speed up your scientific research

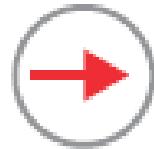
# General comparison

	Automated discrete analysis	Segmented flow analysis
<b>Cost of entry</b>	low	high
<b>Flexibility of system</b>	high	Low
<b>Hands on maintenance</b>	lower	higher
<b>Reagent volumes</b>	small	large
<b>Sample volumes</b>	small	large
<b>Training Requirement</b>	Lower	higher

# General comparison

## Traditional Wet Chemistry

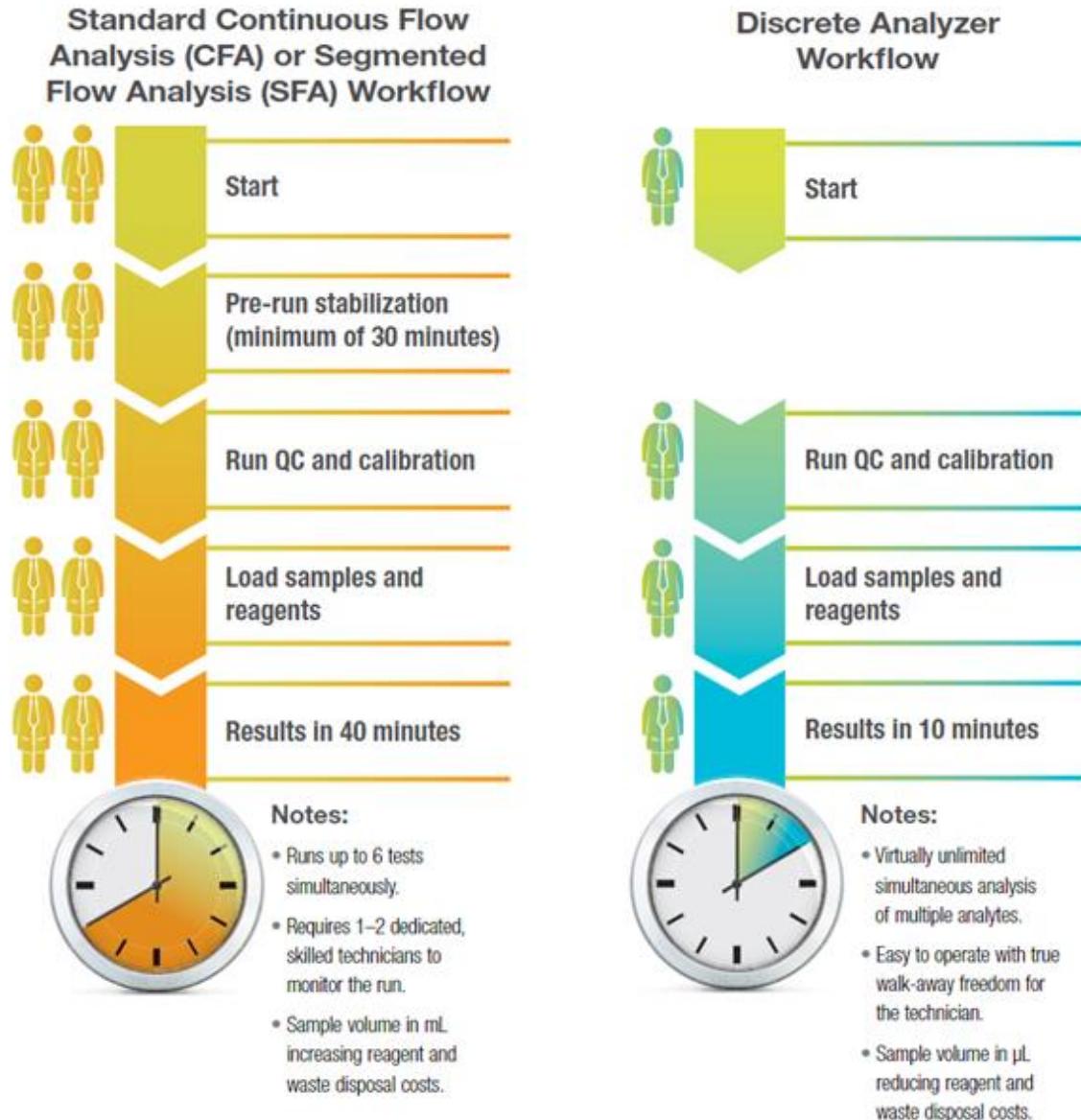
- mL reagents
- 50–100 mL samples per test
- Liters of waste generation
- Multiple instruments
- Labor intensive
- Sequential or batch
- Typically single or max 4 parameters per sample
- Higher cost per analysis
- Low throughput: 20–80 tests/hr



## Gallery Discrete Analyzer Platform

- 2–240 µL reagents
- Max 300 µL per test
- Few mL of waste
- Single platform
- Easy to operate
- Fully automated
- Parallel and batch
- Up to 20 parameters per sample
- Reduced cost per analysis
- High throughput 200–350 tests/hr
- Integrated barcode reader for samples and reagents

# General comparison



# Real world use experience – malt analysis

Montana State University, USA –Barley, Malt & Brewing Quality Lab

Quality attributes of beverage testing by  
integrated wet chemical analyzer



Hannah Turner | Director Barley,  
Malt & Brewing Quality Lab

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# MSU's Gallery Setup

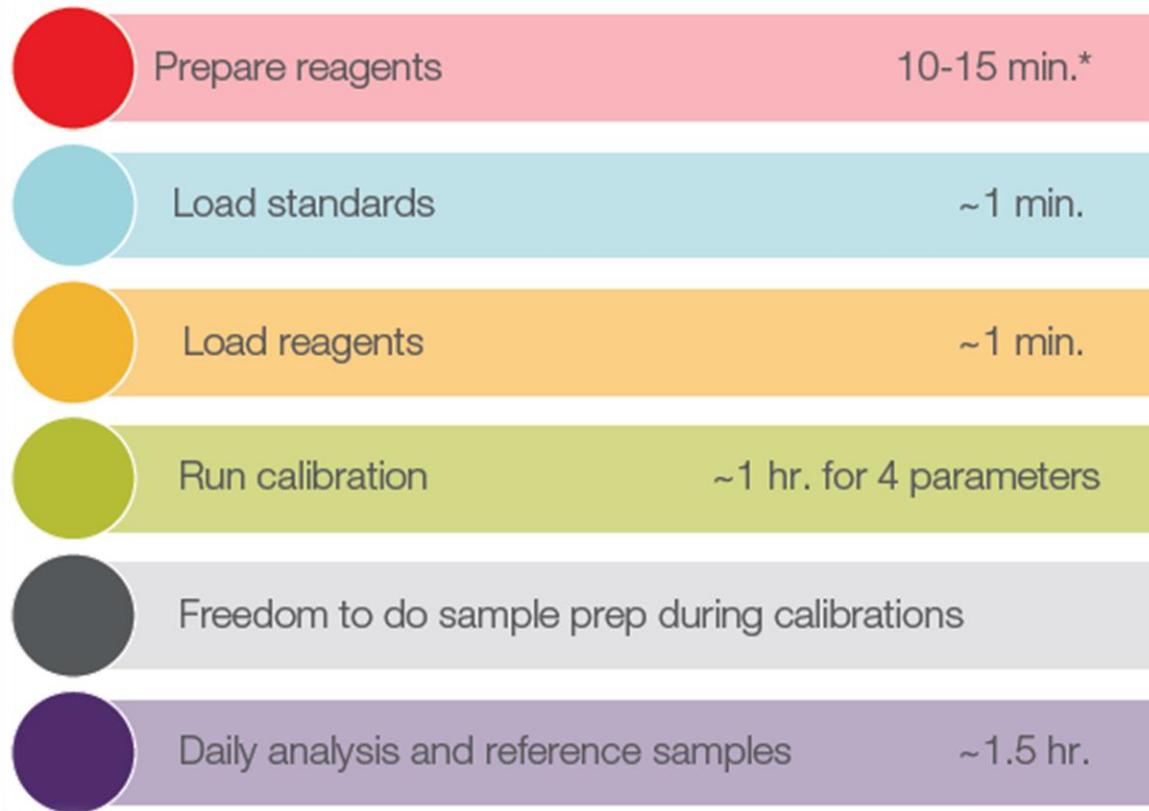
- Gallery Discrete Analyzer - Basic
  - Capacity for 6 racks – shared reagent and sample storage
    - Typically 1-2 reagent racks & 4-5 sample racks
    - Sample racks = 18 samples each
    - Reagent racks = 6 reagents each
  - Temperature: 37 °C
  - Wavelengths:
    - 275, 340, 405, 430, 510, 520, 540, 575, 600, 660, 700, 880
- Annual maintenance contract
- Typical daily run: 32 samples (31 unknown/1 control)



Information courtesy of Montana State University's Barley, Malt & Brewing Quality Lab, USA

# Typical Workflow at MSU

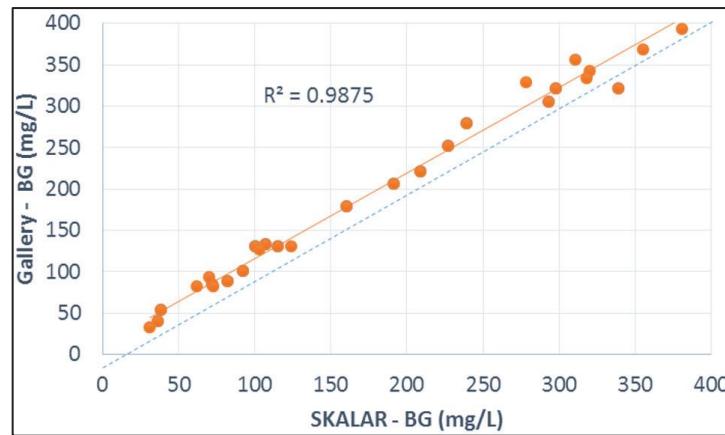
## Typical workflow at MSU



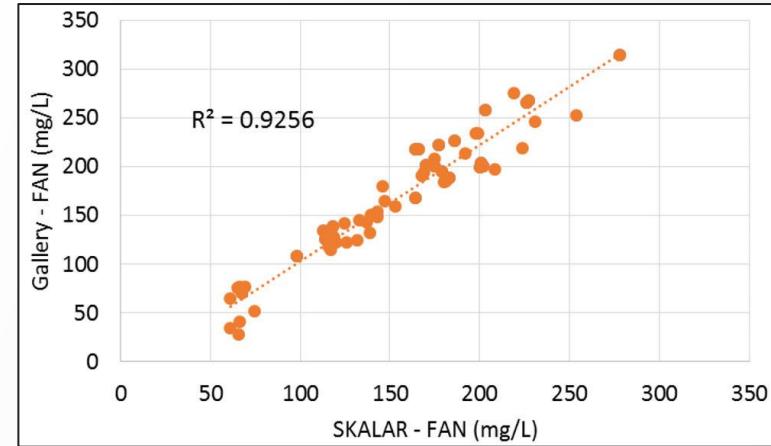
- High correlation with other industry standard analyzers
- Reduced set up time
- Reduced reagent volumes/cost
- Reduced sample size
- Robust analysis with high repeatability
- Open system for added flexibility

# High correlation to segmented flow analyzer

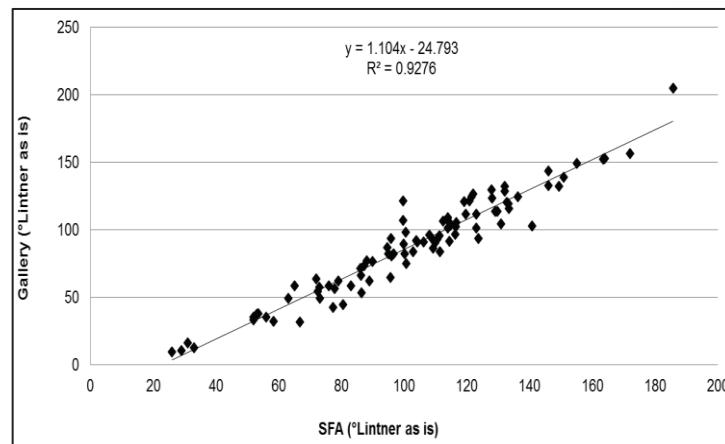
B-Glucan  
 $R = 0.99$



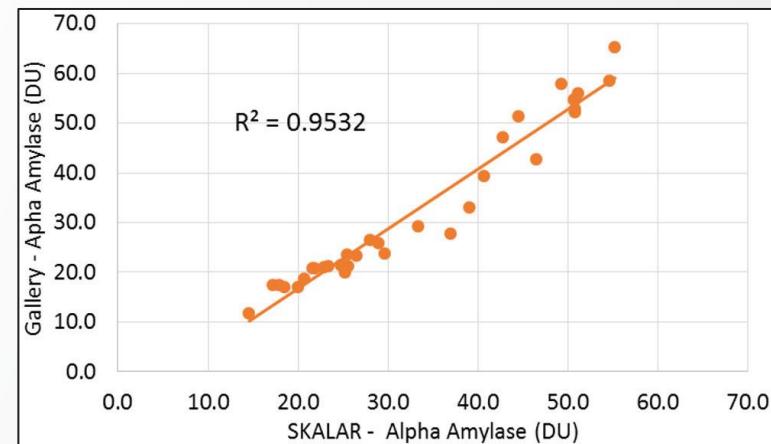
FAN (NOPA)  
 $R = 0.93$



Diastatic power  
 $R = 0.93$



A-amylase  
 $R = 0.95$



Data courtesy of Aaron Macleod & Montana State University's Barley, Malt & Brewing Quality Lab, USA

Automated malt analysis using discrete analyzers by Aaron MacLeod, Separation Science

Gallery discrete analyzers | ACS Spring TFS sponsored session

# ASBC ring test –published official methods

- Inclusion of labs across the US/Canada/Europe
- In 2020 the American Society of Brewing Chemists (ASBC) adopted the following **standard** malt analysis methods for discrete analyzer

Method Name	ASBC Official Method Number
Free Amino Nitrogen in Wort	Wort-12C
Wort Beta Glucan in Wort	Wort-18D
Alpha Amylase Activity in Malt	Malt-7E
Diastatic Power of Malt	Malt-6D



## Conclusions in the ASBC reports:

The Repeatability and reproducibility coefficients of variation for **Free Amino Nitrogen, β-glucan, alpha-amylase, and diastatic power**, in malt by automated discrete analysis were **judged acceptable** and **similar to** the results from a previous collaborative study using the segmented flow analysis method.

# Real world use experience – inorganic fertilizers

Evira, the Food Authority located in Helsinki, Finland

## Issues the Food authority was facing:

- The lab at Evira routinely measures potassium (K) and phosphate (PO<sub>4</sub>) for approximately 1000 inorganic fertilizer samples per year. The analysis used to consume two days with old titration and gravimetric methods.



## Tests of interest:

Potassium, phosphate, chromium VI

[Precise analysis for inorganic fertilizers at the Finnish Food Authority \(thermofisher.com\)](http://thermofisher.com)

# Precise analysis for inorganic fertilizers at Finnish Food Authority

Evira –Helsinki, Finland

## Benefits identified by Evira

- In two hours they are able to complete all the required analyses using the Thermo Scientific™ Gallery™ automated discrete analyzer. The same analysis used to consume two days with old titration and gravimetric methods
- “Phosphate samples are not an issue with the Gallery analyzer and there is no glassware to clean. I hate cleaning glassware”
- For the K test, the existing method was modified to accommodate a range of 40–1000 mg/L
- Has also measured chromium VI (CrVI) from living compounds using the Gallery discrete analyzer
- the Gallery discrete analyzer has ensured faster analysis while allowing them to maintain the precision they require for compliance with government regulations

“This is the best method for measuring  $\text{PO}_4$  in inorganic fertilizers. It is much more precise since there is no interference from other analytes.”

—Aija Pelkonen,  
Research Chemist, Evira

# Real world use experience – soil testing

Omnia Fertilizer, South Africa whose R&D department advises and provides tools so farmers can improve practices

## Issues the R&D department of Omnia was facing:

- In the past, the R&D lab used a Segmented Flow Analyzer (SFA) to measure soil phosphate and nitrate via bray 1 extract method in soil sample matrix.
- With 4000 samples to test each day during the May to October growing season, balancing the operation of multiple SFA instruments and lines was a tedious process over 4 shifts
- Using SFA equipment required several operators as well as the expertise of a specialist who could not only operate the instrument but troubleshoot the problems
- The equipment regularly experienced long downtime maintenance or service issues.
- A lot of chemical waste was produced each day, typical days would produce 15-25 L



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CASE STUDY

Easy soil testing at a South African fertilizer manufacturer

### Tests of interest:

Phosphate w/ soil bray 1 extract (good pH control)  
total nitrogen (vanadium), Mehlich III Phosphorus (P) in soil  
potassium (K), Ammonia, Chloride

# Easy soil testing at a South African fertilizer manufacturer

## Omnia Fertilizer, South Africa

To solve their problems, the managers of the lab purchased 8 Thermo Scientific™ Gallery™ discrete analyzers throughout the years.

### Benefits identified by Omnia

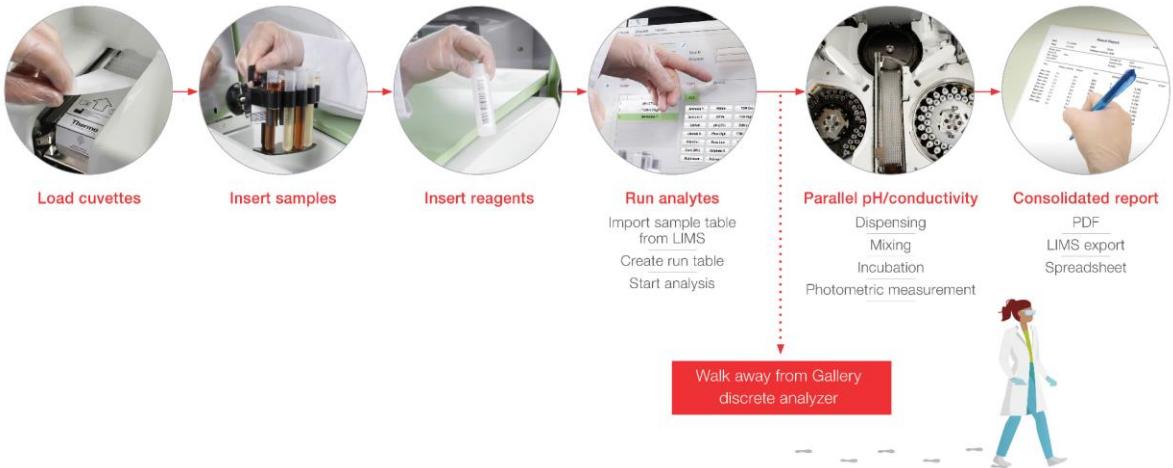
- Accuracy, precision and reproducibility with the discrete analyzers was directly comparable to the SFA results
- Operator friendly, each instrument is simple to use by a single technician. 4 shifts schedule reduced to 2 shifts with significant time saved.
- No need to separate out sample preparation to separate instruments, all tests for each sample could be analyzed on a single instrument
- Chemical waste production was typically 2-5 L per day, which included all dispensing and diluent water, allowing it to be disposed of as a lower tier waste

“ Maintenance is substantially less than with our older test methods.”

—Edna Laubscher,  
Chemtech Analytical Services Manager, Omnia Fertilizer

# Ease of use

## Walkaway efficiency



- ✓ Automated start up and shutdown
- ✓ Barcode readers for both samples and reagents
  - ✓ Eliminates manual errors
- ✓ Easy to build sample run table
  - ✓ Import from LIMS
  - ✓ Import from csv file
- ✓ Low training requirements for lab technicians and operators
- ✓ Easily expandable
- ✓ Resolves lab staffing issues and improves productivity
- ✓ Enables lab technicians with more time to focus on other important tasks

# Flexible & open systems

- ✓ Open to 3<sup>rd</sup> party reagent for more method development, and you can continue to use your own prepared reagents
- ✓ Versatile to modify existing methods
- ✓ Easy to transfer existing segmented flow test methods or spectrophotometric methods



# Ready-to-Use Reagent Kits

Peace of mind

- ✓ Ready-to-use liquid reagents eliminate reagent preparation
- ✓ Provide tracability and peace of mind with CoA (Certificate of analysis)
- ✓ Save operator time with ready-to-use liquid reagents
- ✓ Minimal reagent waste
- ✓ Bar-coded reagent vials provide easy and reliable identification
  - ✓ Lot, expiration date information
  - ✓ Real-time reagent monitoring



# Multiparameter & high throughput Analyzer

Increased productivity to speed up your research progress

- ✓ Capable of performing simultaneous photometric and parallel electrochemistry (pH and conductivity) measurements. Up to 20 parameters per sample
- ✓ Capable of performing 200 -350 tests/hr
- ✓ Improvement in precision vs. traditional wet chemical testing techniques



# Integrated multiparameter analyzer – Gallery Discrete Analyzer

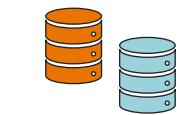
Samples for multiple analytes



Multiple reagents & standards preparation



Multiple instruments calibration, maintenance, consumables



Multiple skilled technicians



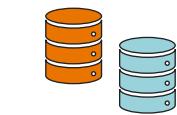
Long turnaround time



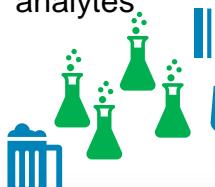
Time & money



Profit



Samples for multiple analytes



Ready-to-use reagents & standards



Single instrument



Single Operator



Fast multi parameter analysis



Productivity



Profitability



# Voice of the customers

## Gallery Users Testimonials

**“An excellent correlation to existing flow injection analysis and manual methods, a short training period, reduced hands on time when analyzing the samples and a short time to result with Gallery and Gallery Plus instruments are clear advantages.”**

Henrik Lindblom  
Laboratory Manager, VA SYD, Sweden

**“It would take an entire day in the past to complete seven tests on eight samples using traditional wet chemistry methods. Now 50 tests are completed in one hour.”**

Paul Taylor  
Laboratory Manager  
Murphy and Son Limited

**“The Gallery analyzer has reduced our stress level. We can put samples in the analyzer and walk away where we used to be tied to a measurement timing every ten minutes.”**

Jaana Pajulahti-Kiuru  
Laboratory Technician, Fazer Group

# Learn more about Gallery systems

Visit [www.thermofisher.com/discreteanalysis](http://www.thermofisher.com/discreteanalysis)

- 3D Product Tour
- Technology overview
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**Come and join our technical session on Wednesday to learn more about water and soil testing with the improved and new Gallery Aqua Master systems**

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**PAPER TITLE: Automated simultaneous multi-parameter wet chemistry testing using improved discrete analysis technology**

**DIVISION: Division of Analytical Chemistry**

**SESSION: Advances in Spectroscopy**

**DAY & TIME OF PRESENTATION: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 4:40 PM - 5:05 PM**

**ROOM & LOCATION: Kentucky - Indianapolis Marriott Downtown**

# Thank you