

# Optical Spectroscopy – Analysis of Complex Mixtures in Aquatic Milieu

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# Content

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- Possibilities of optical spectroscopy
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Examples of practise
- Perspectives

# Objective and methods

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- Rapid information concerning variance in water quality
- Characterisation of components causing variances
  
- Tools: Optical Spectroscopy
  - UV/VIS-Absorption
  - UV/VIS-Fluorescence
  - Infrared

# UV/VIS Absorption

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- Components
  - Anions (e.g. nitrate, nitrite, sulfate)
  - Humic compounds ( $UV_{254}$ )
  - Algogenic compounds
  - Oxidations-/Disinfection agents ( $HOCl/OCl^-$ ,  $ClO_2$ ,  $O_3$ )

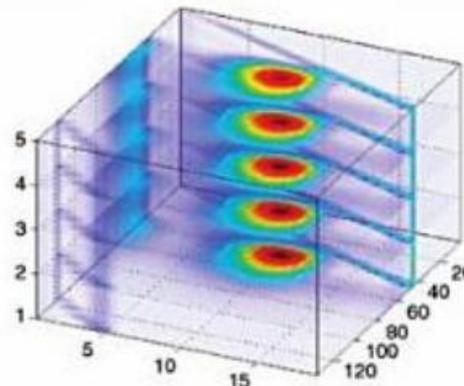
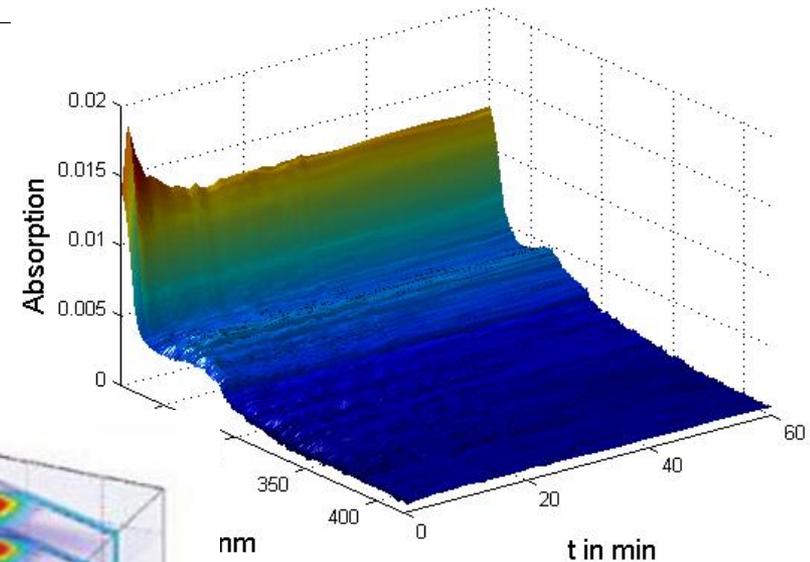
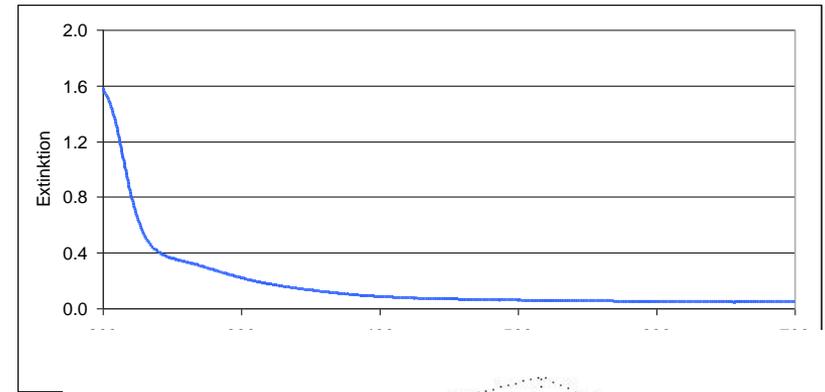
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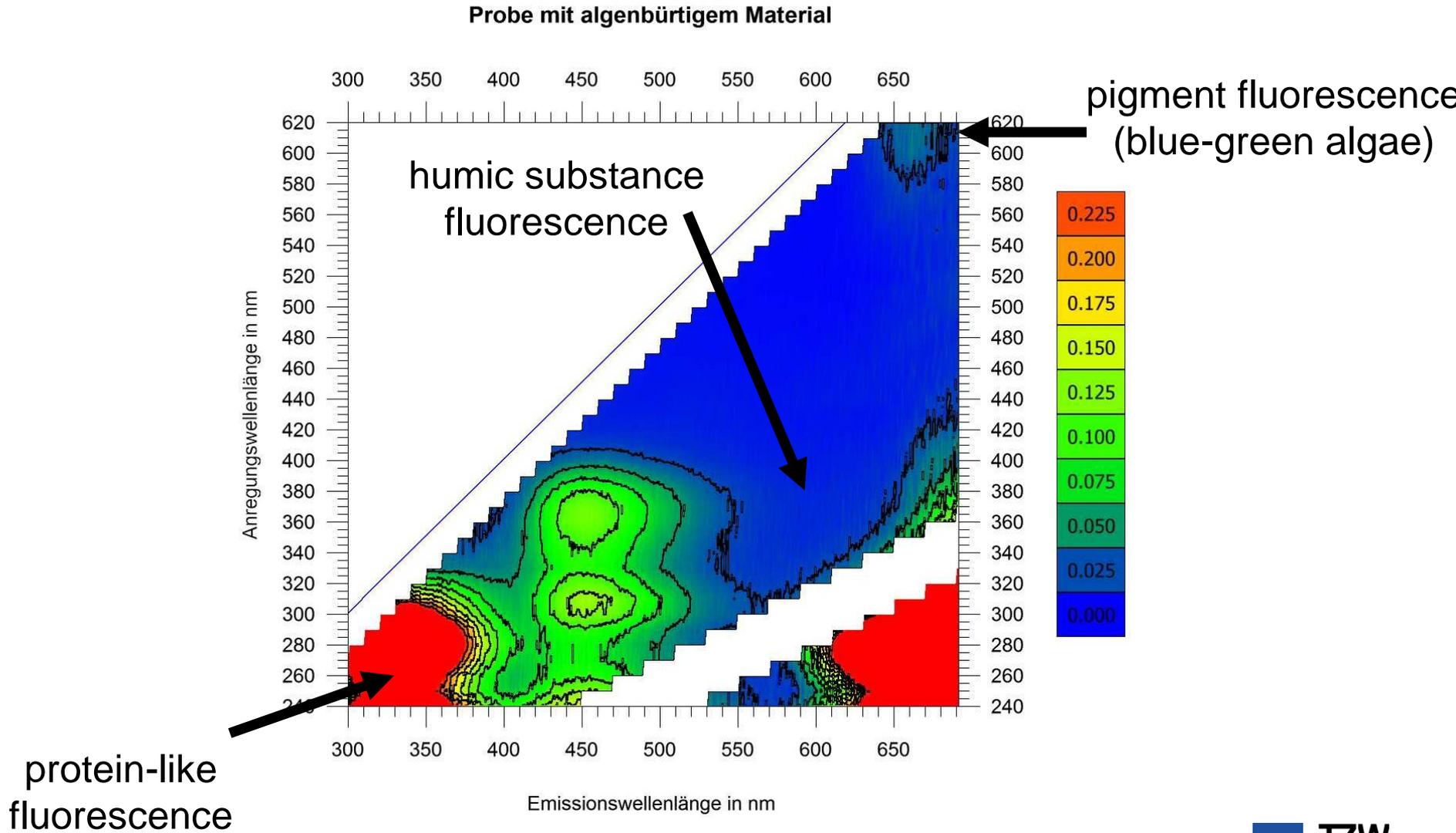
- Components
  - Humic and fulvic acids
  - Algogenic compounds (proteins, peptides, amino acids)
  - Microorganisms (EPS)

# Analysis: The more data– The better !

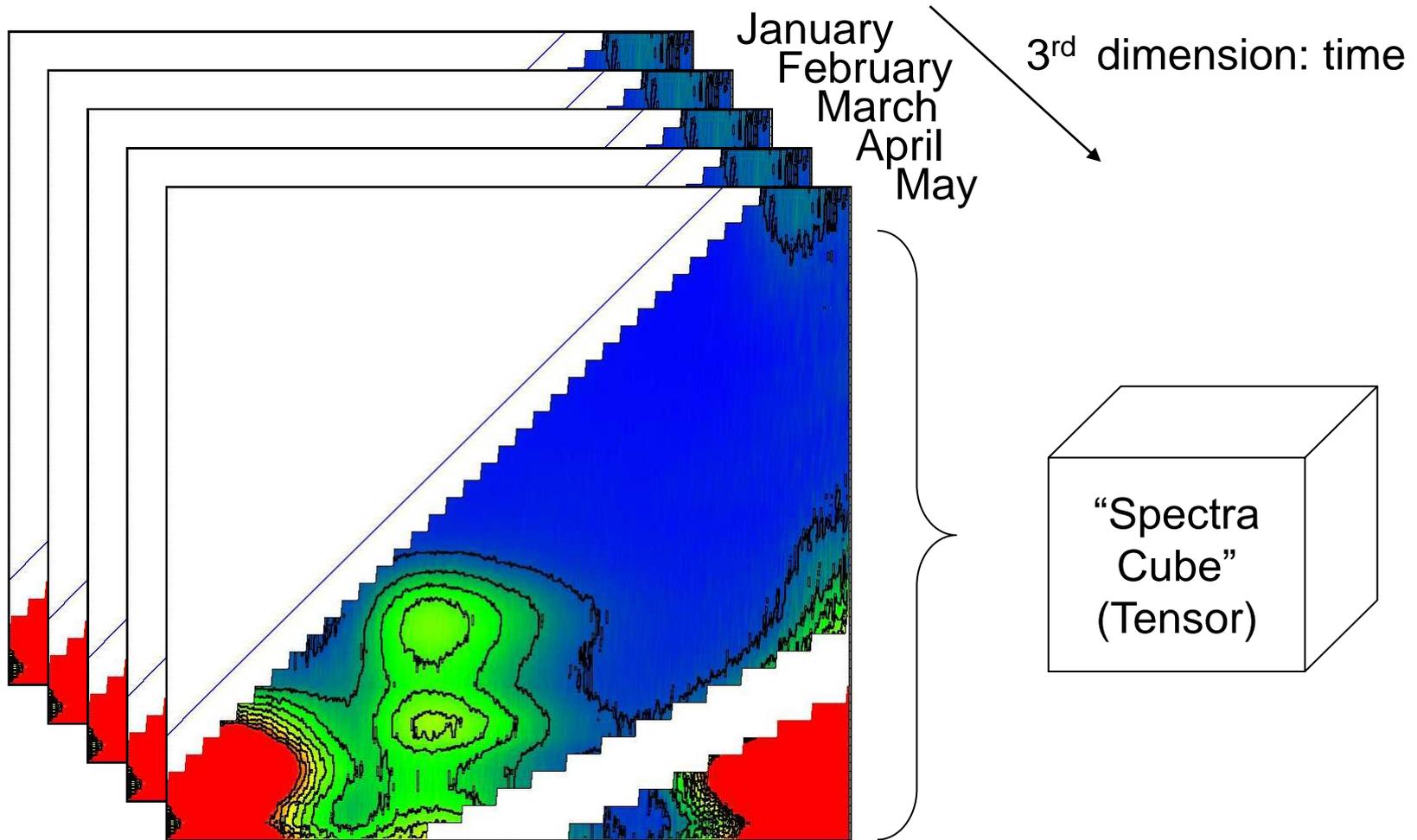
- 1 D-Spectra:  $E = f(\lambda)$
- 2 D-Spectra:  $E = f(\lambda, t)$ 
  - UV-Online
  - UV-Chromatography
- 3 D-Spectra:  $E = f(\lambda, t, \text{place})$ 
  - UV-online at different treatment steps
  - Monitoring: reservoir
- n D-Spectra:  $E = f(\lambda_{\text{ex}}, \lambda_{\text{em}}, t, \text{place})$ 
  - “Complex” monitoring



# Fluorescence: 2D-Spectra ( $F = f(\lambda_{ex}, \lambda_{em})$ )



# Fluorescence: 3D-Spectrum, $F = f(\lambda_{ex}, \lambda_{em}, t)$



# Qualitative und Quantitative Spectra Analysis

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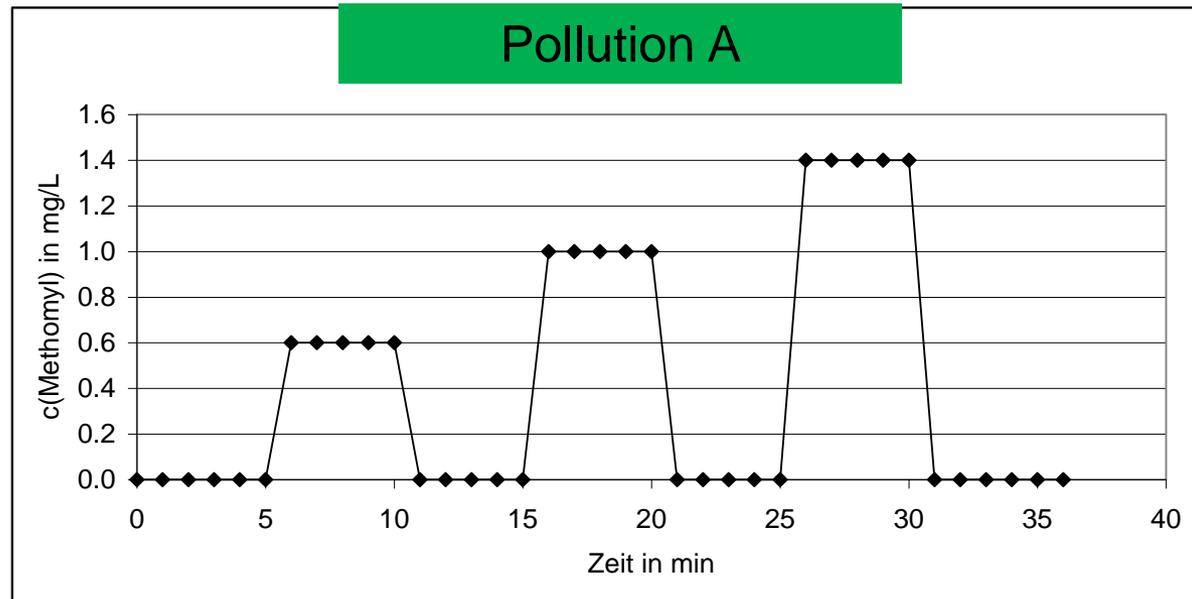
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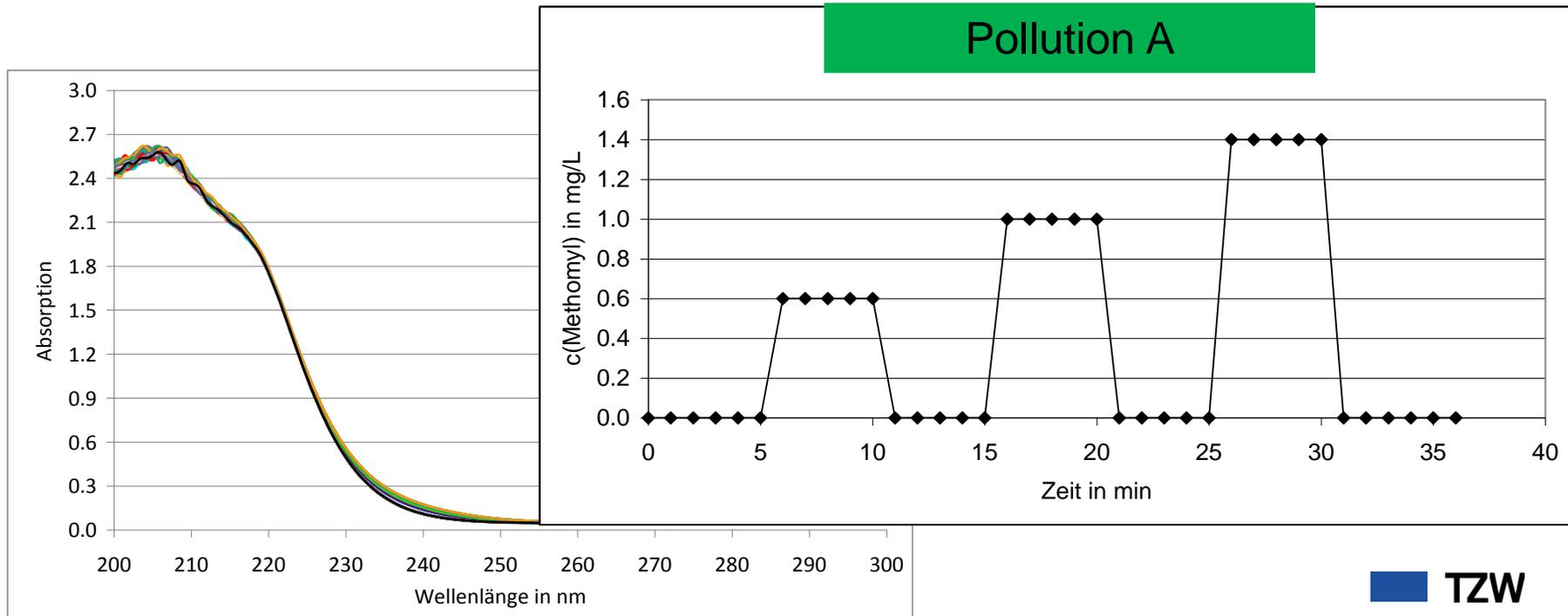
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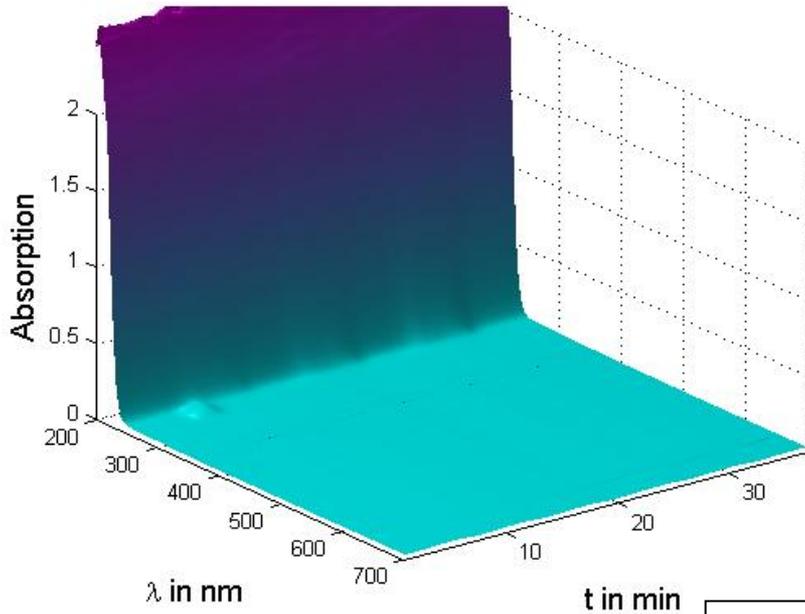
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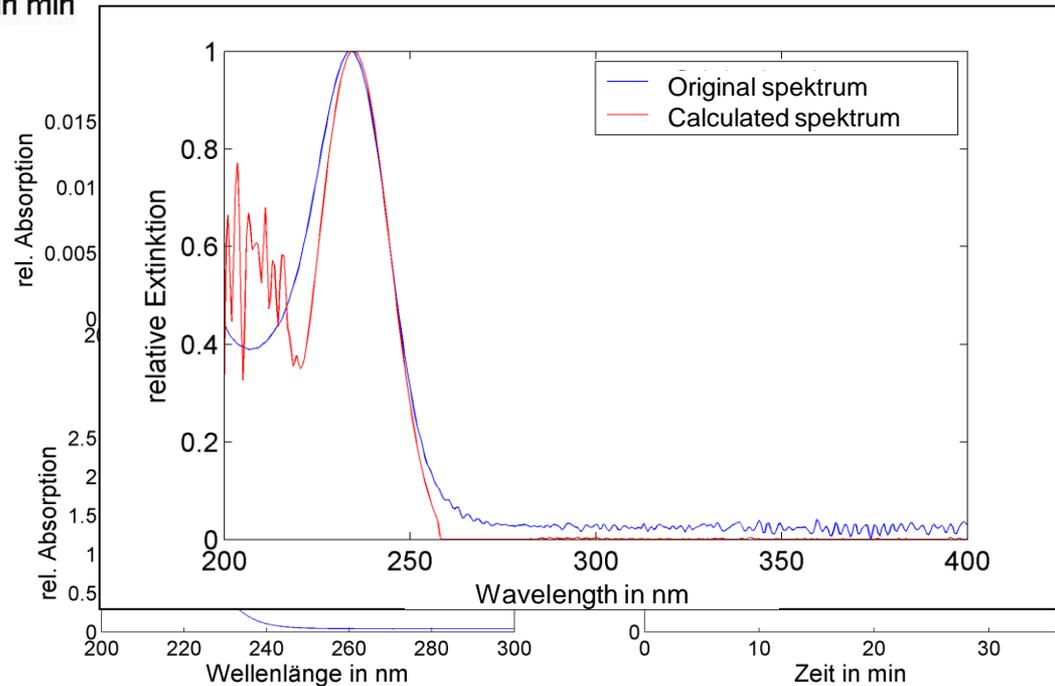
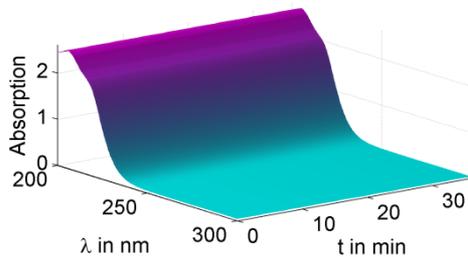
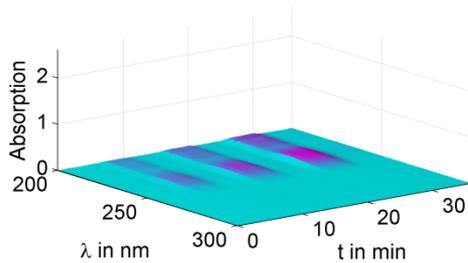
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Simulation of drinking water monitoring  
 → substance in real water probe  
 → decomposition with mathematical method  
 (NMF = non-negative matrix factorization)



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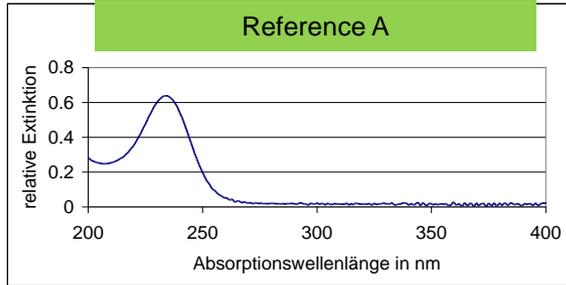
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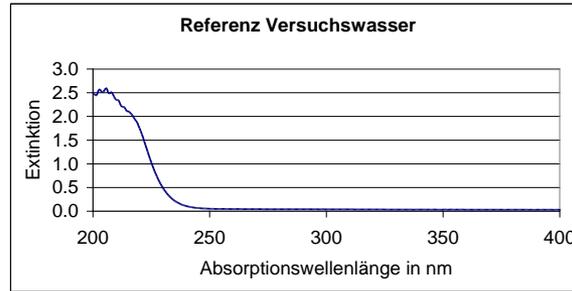
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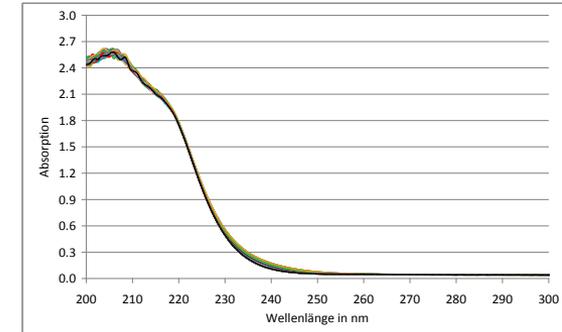
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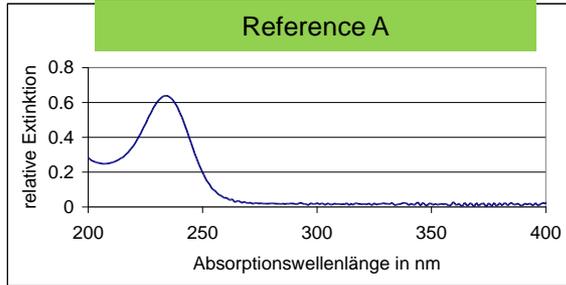
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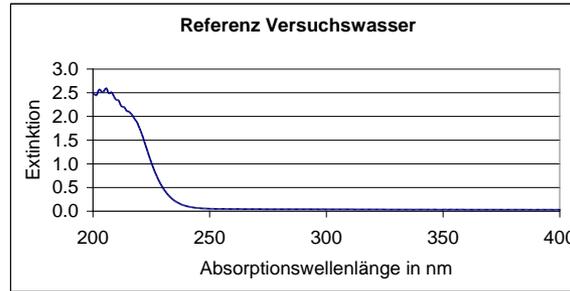
spiked and calculated concentration

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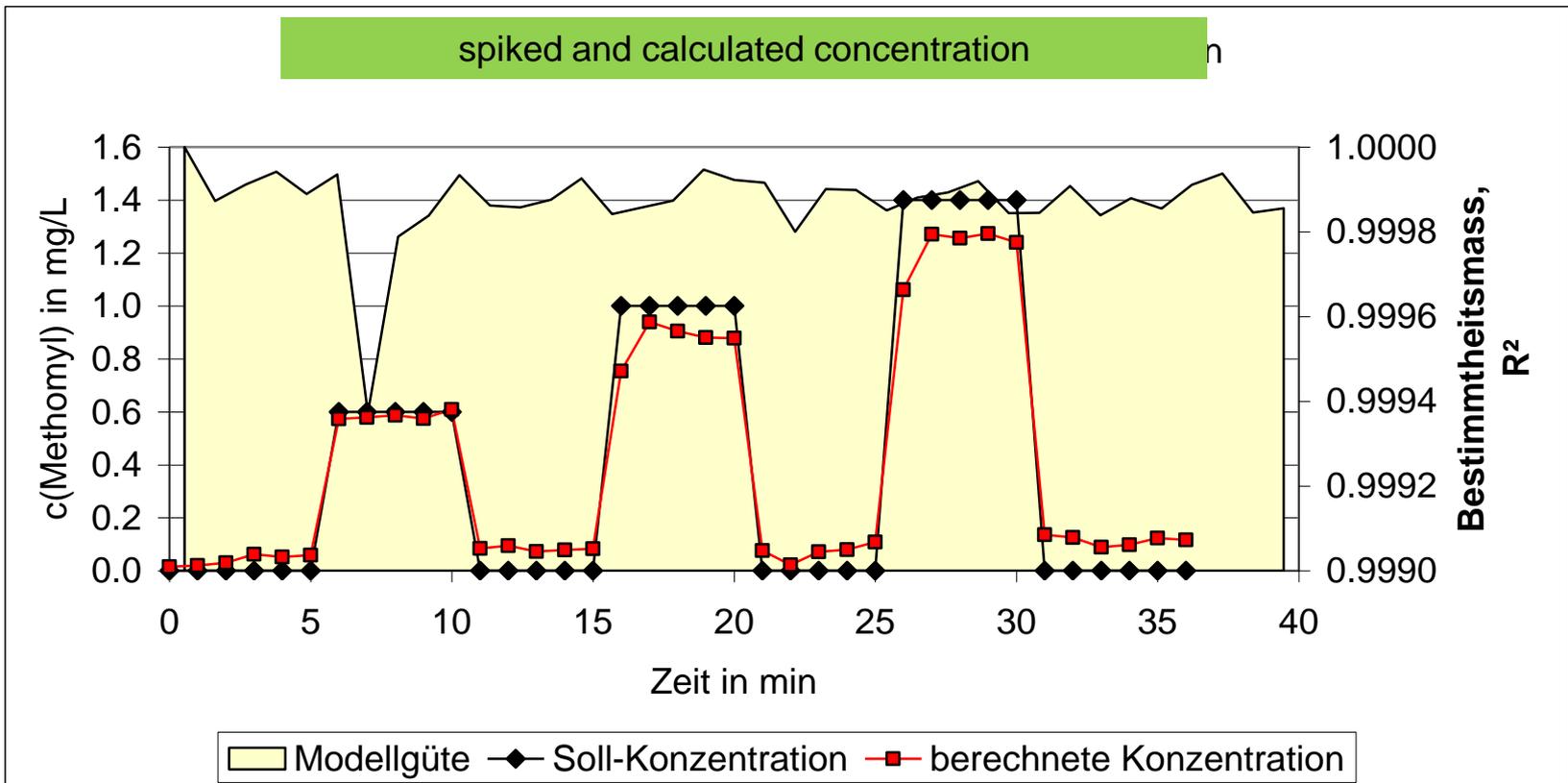
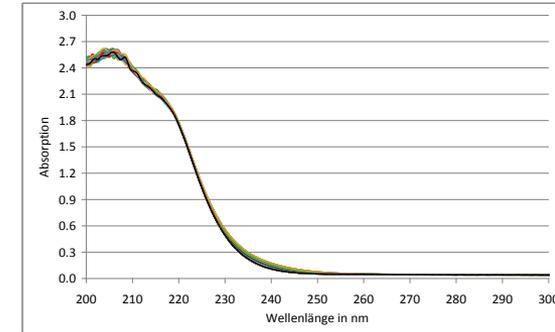
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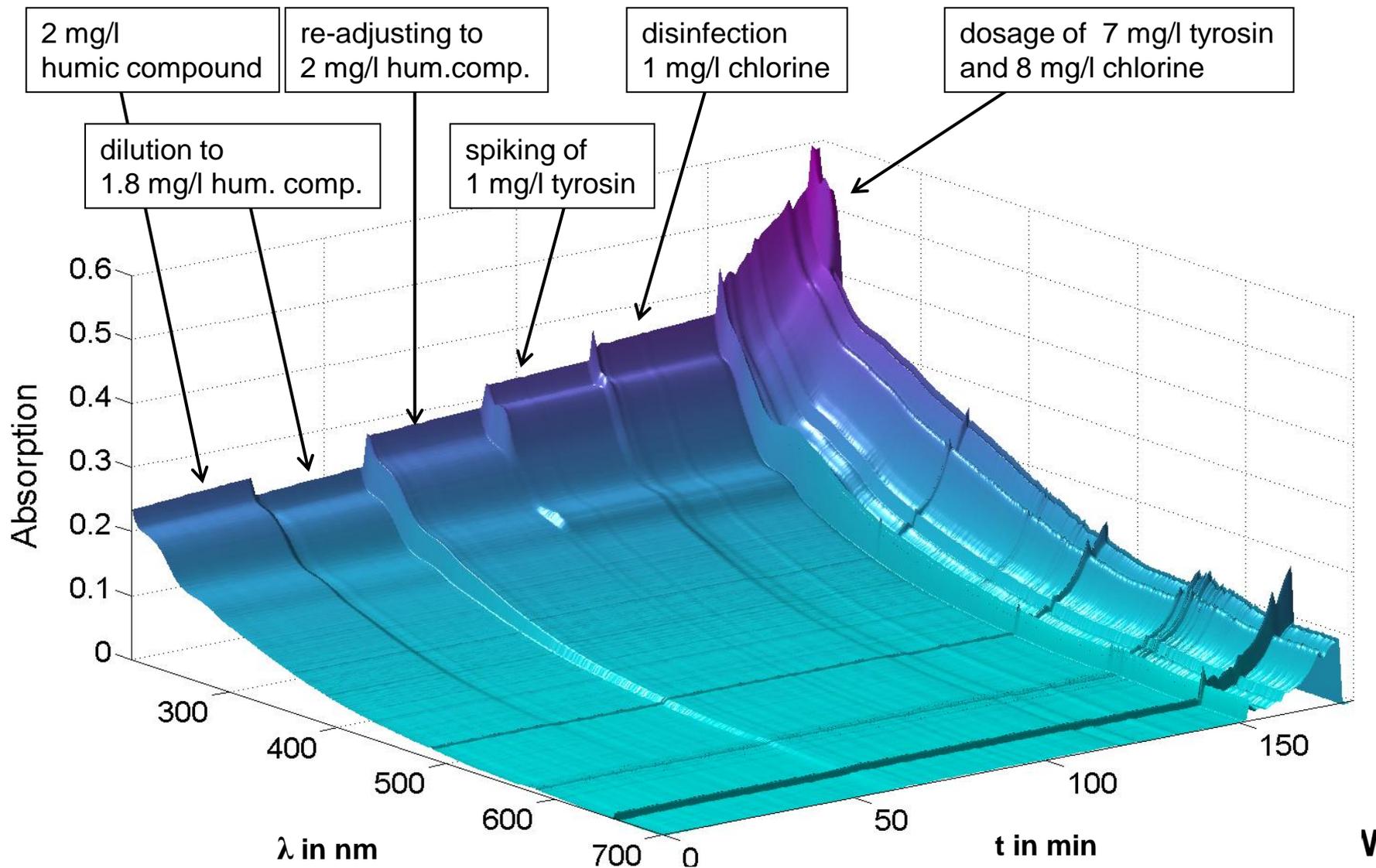


# Simulation:

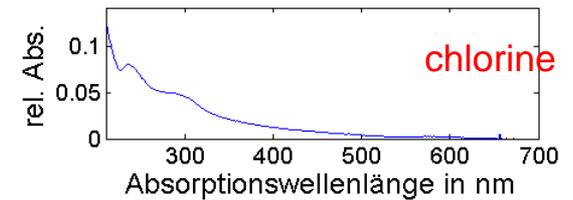
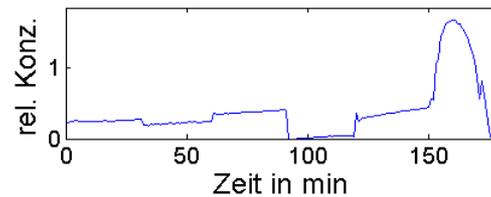
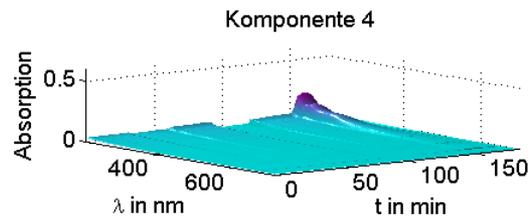
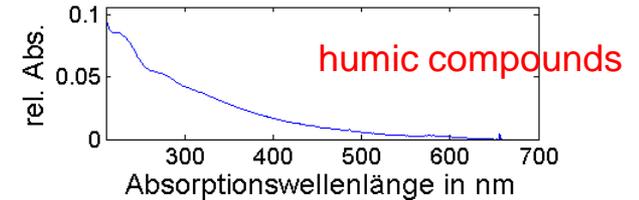
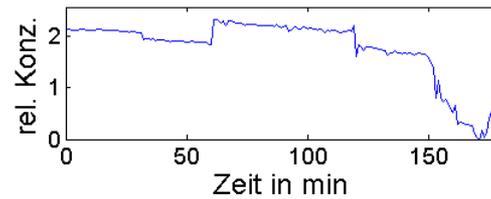
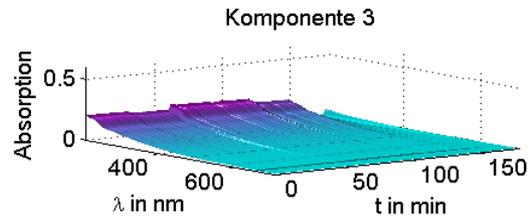
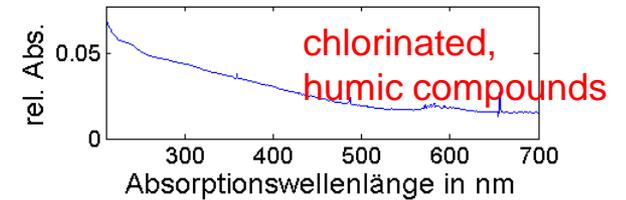
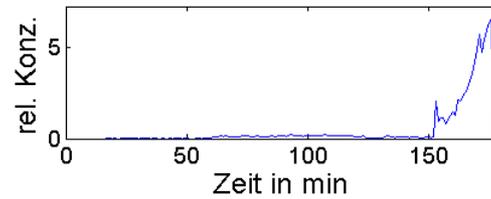
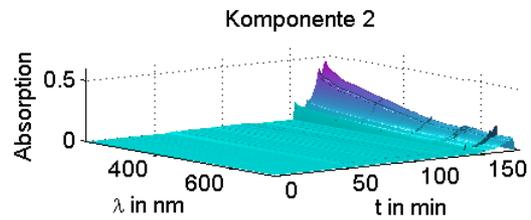
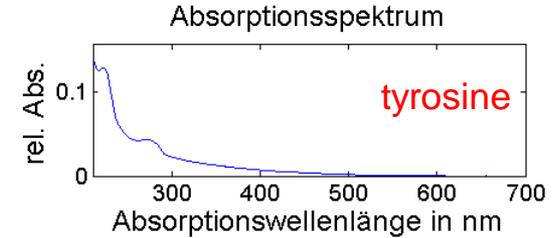
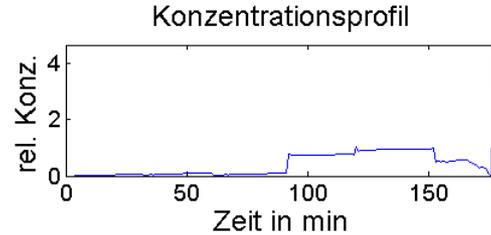
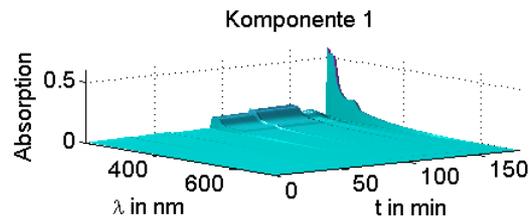
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- **Bacterial pollution**
- **Disinfection**
- **Waste water pollution and disinfection**

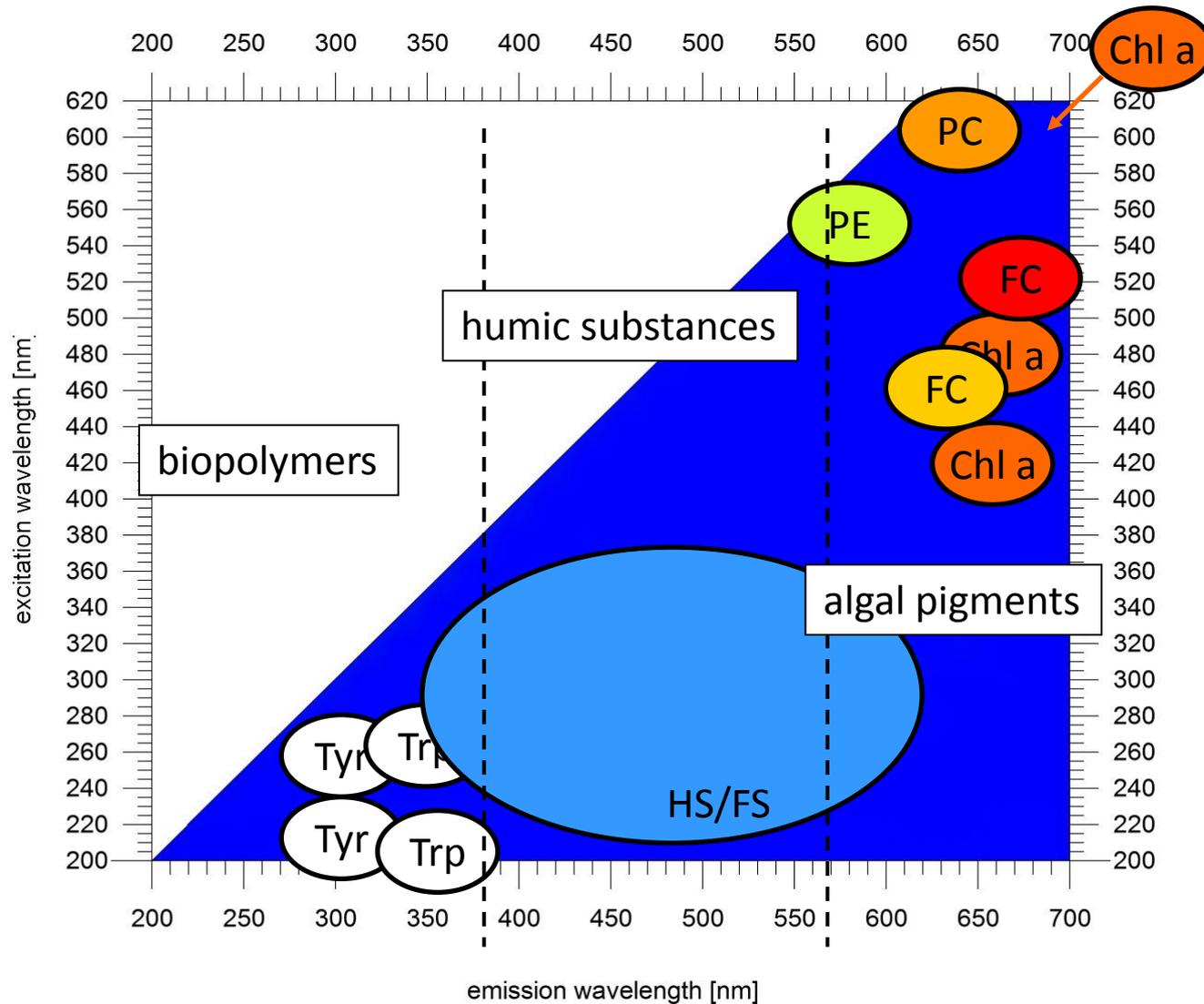
# Simulation of drinking water pollution: Application of NMF



# Results of NMF-calculation

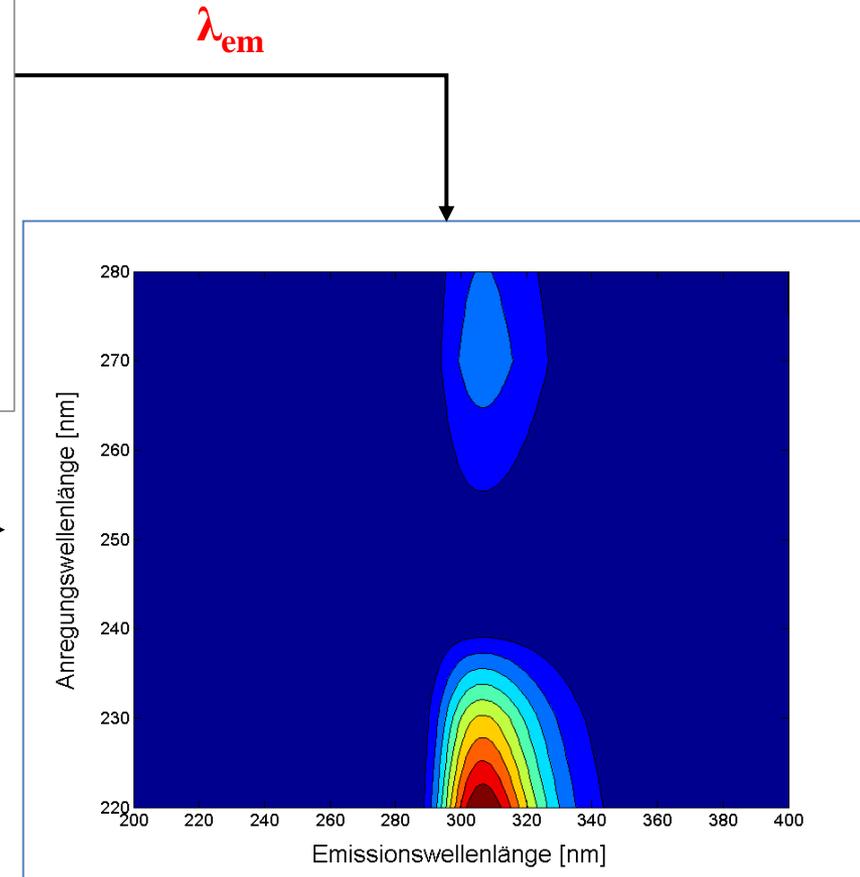
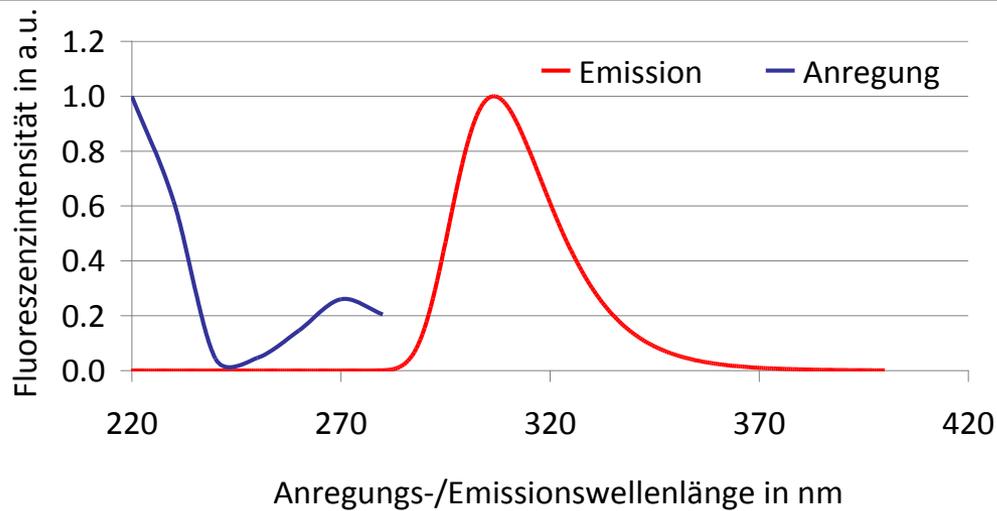


# TOC-Characterization by Fluorescence



# Fluorescence means one dimension more !

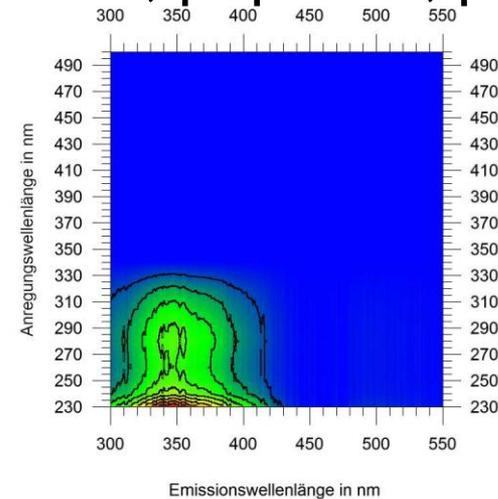
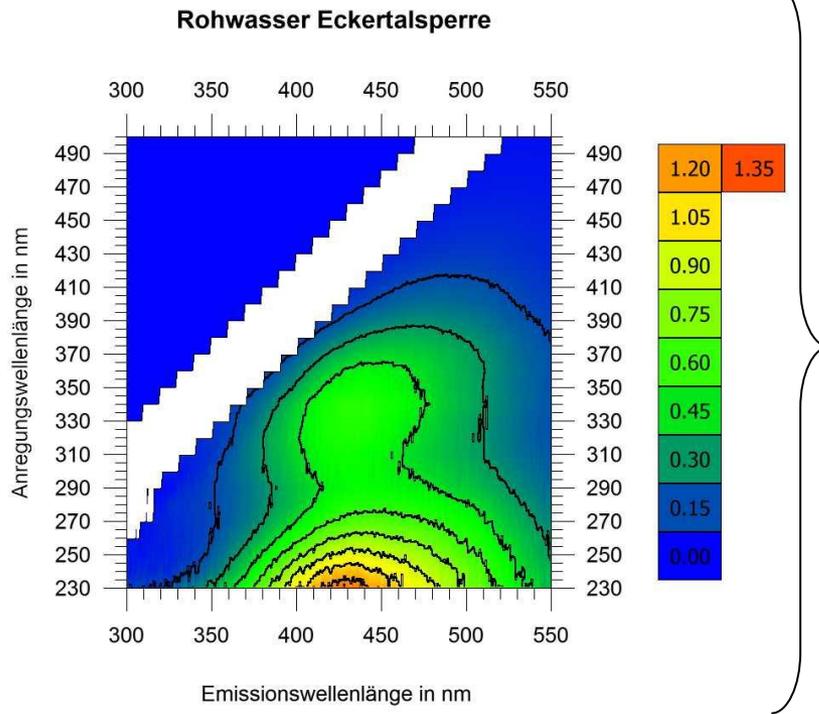
- Excitation and Emission



# Application of NTF (PARAFAC Method)

- Component analysis of drinking water:

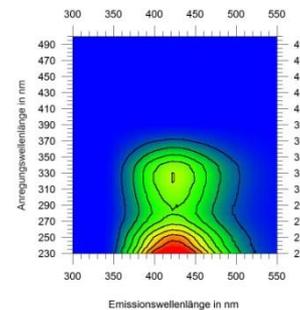
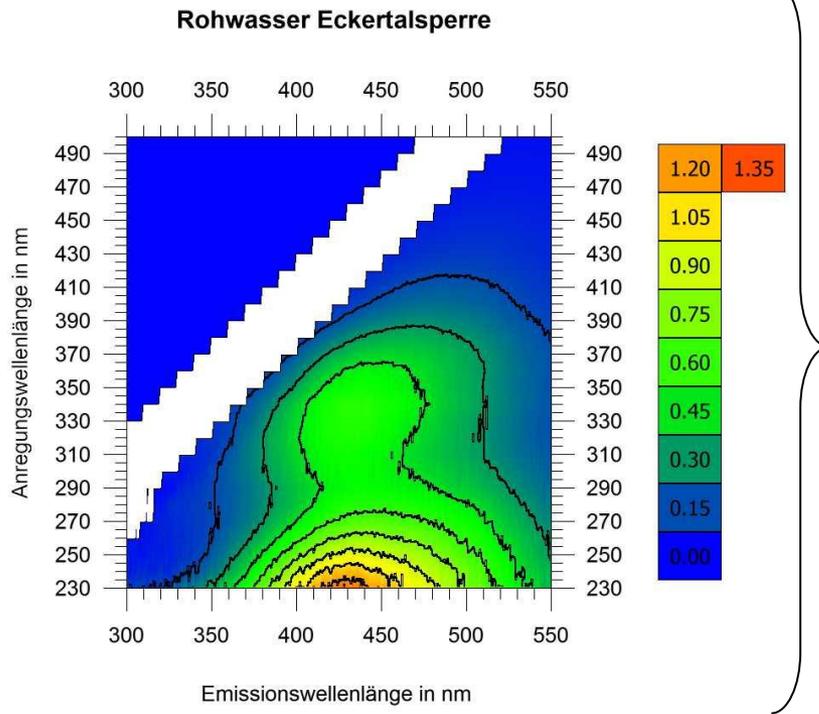
biopolymer-like fluorescence  
(amino acids, peptides, proteins)



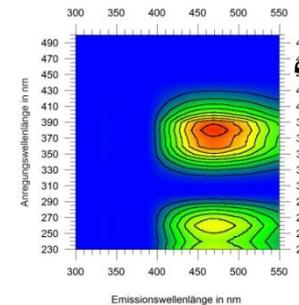
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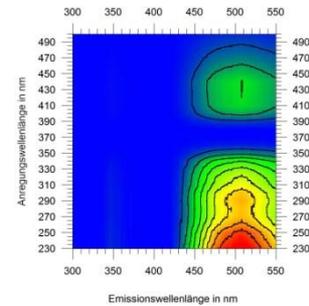
3 fractions of humic compounds



“low-molecular”

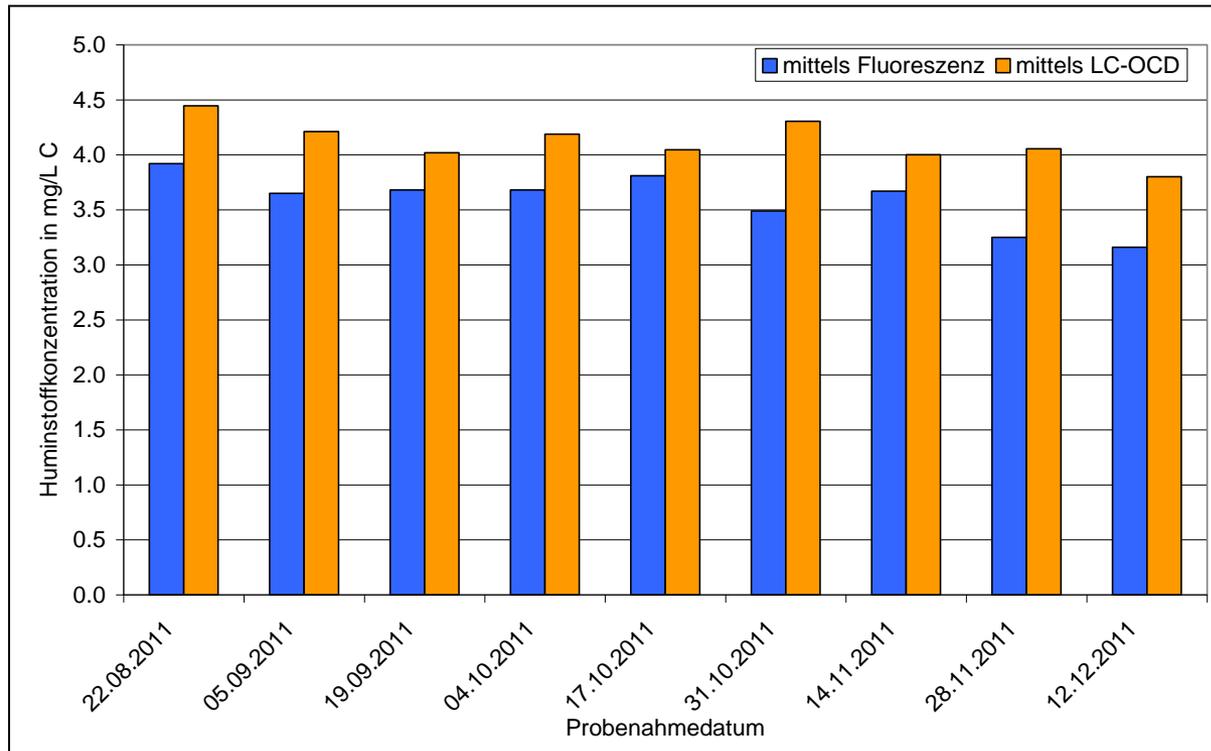


“medium-molecular”



“high-molecular”

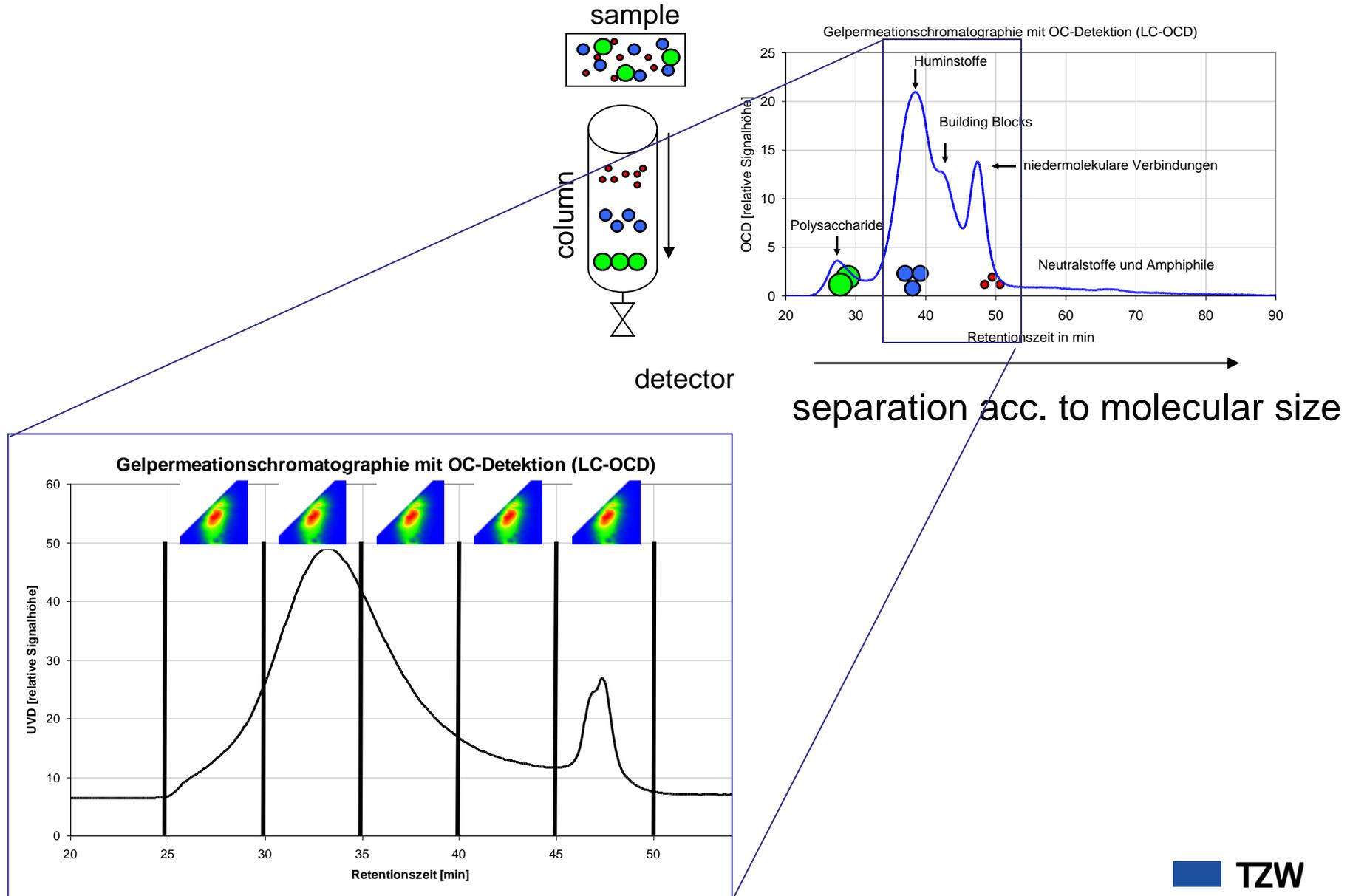
# Comparison between results of the DOC analyzer - and Fluorecence



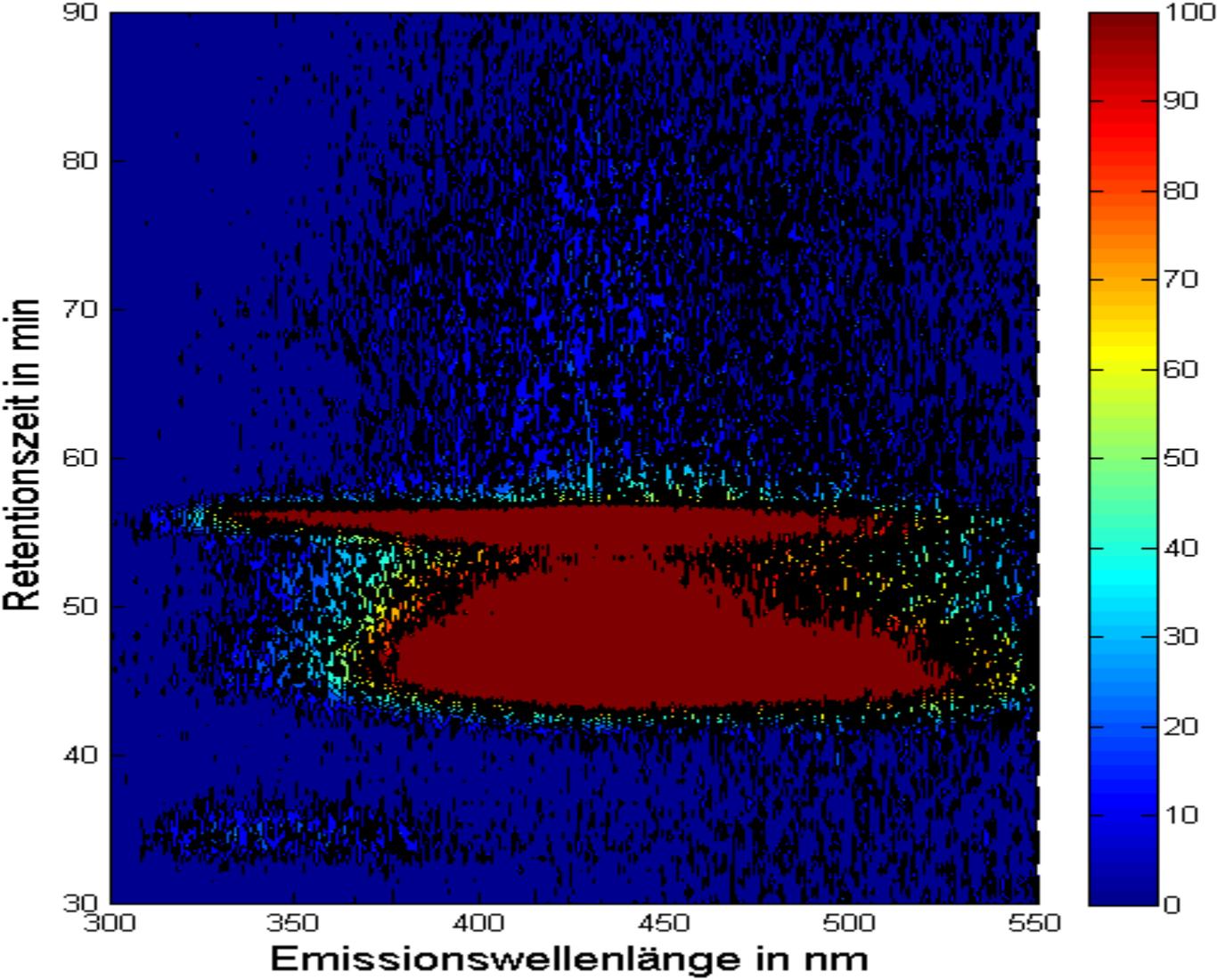
# Raising of Dimensions for Fluorescence (3D→ 3+D)

- **Online measurement at different places**
  - more equipment is needed
  - makes no sense if the differences in water quality at different places are interesting !
- **Chromatographic-like separation of OM fractions**

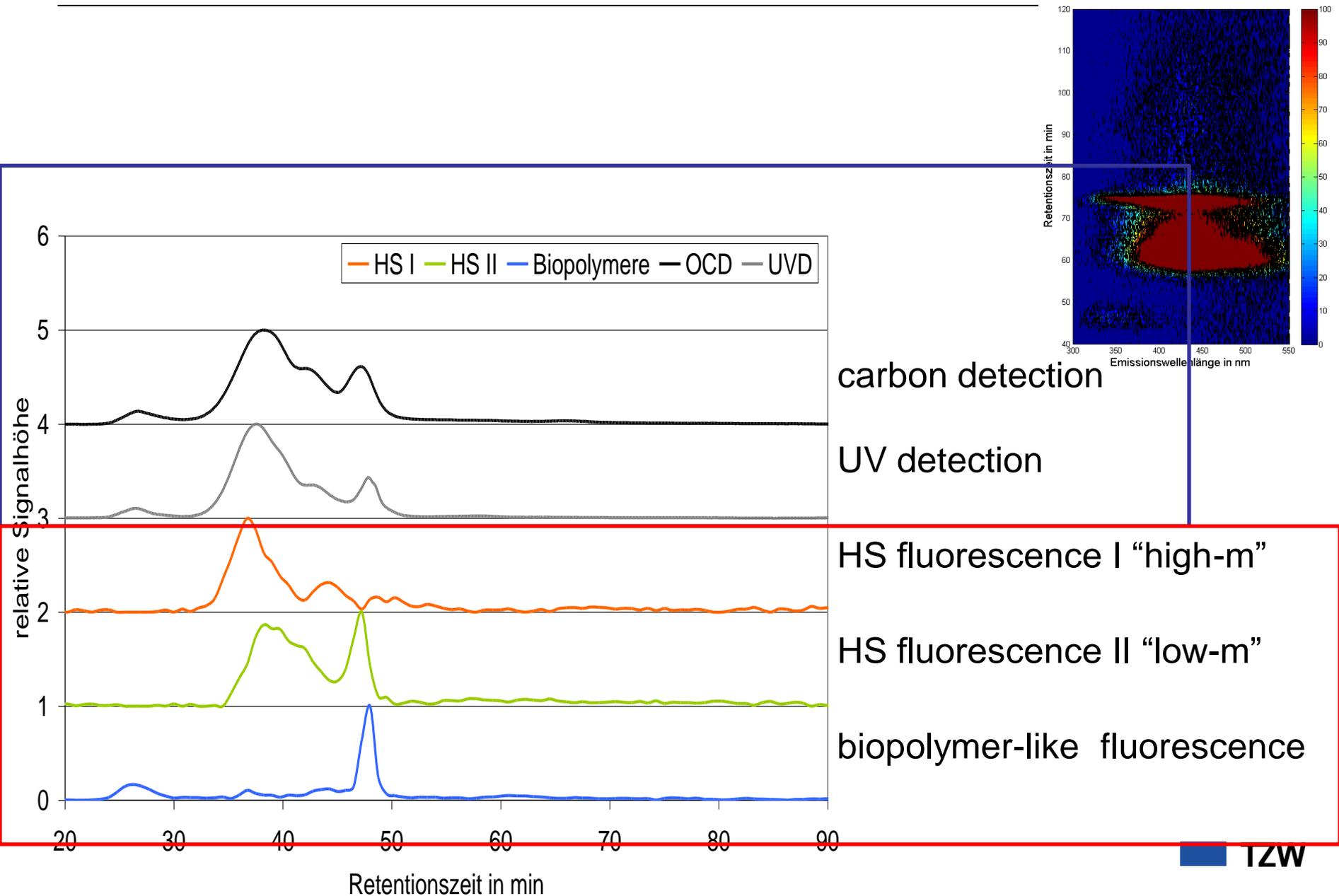
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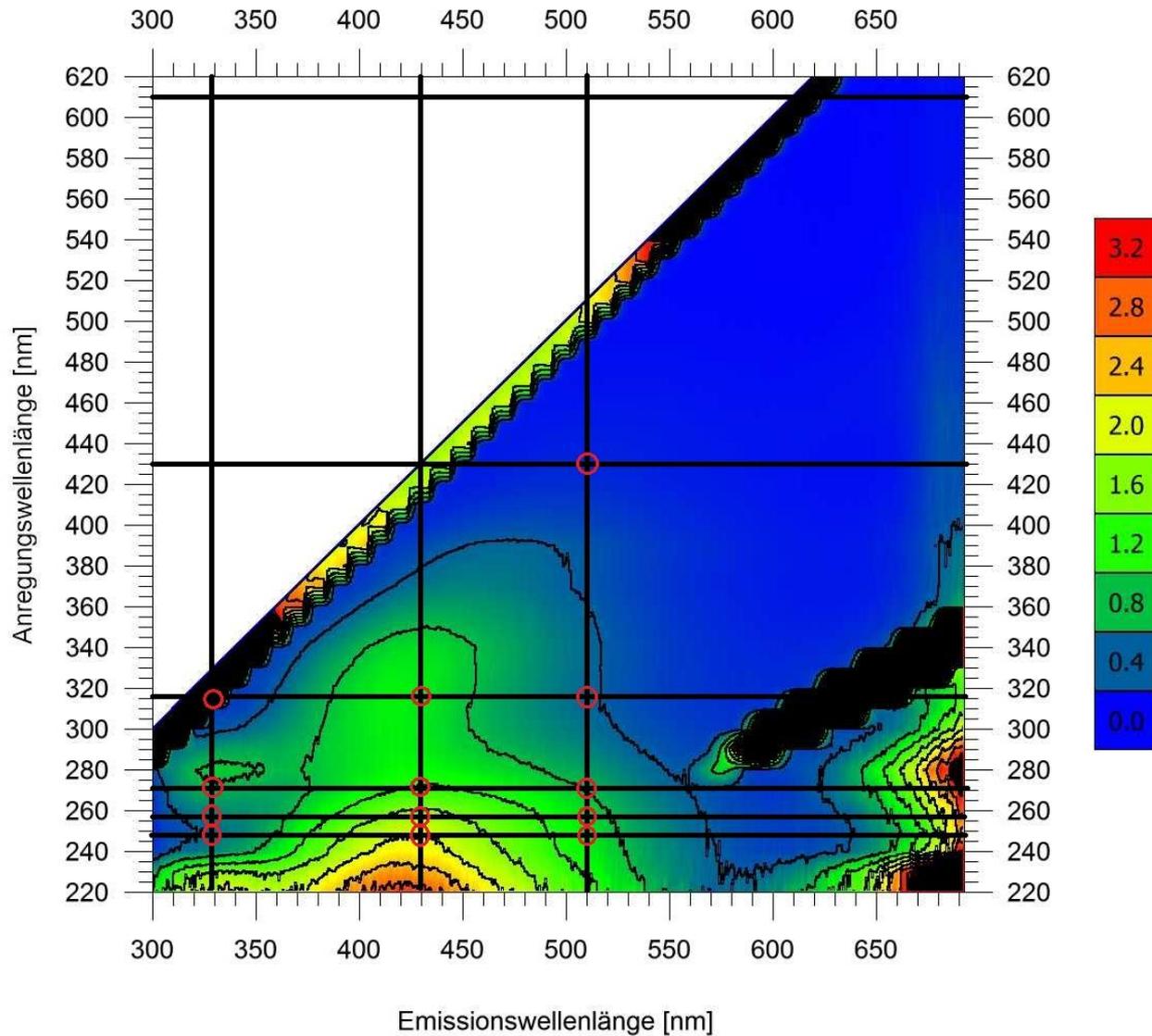
# River Elbe water; Excitation 280 nm; Emission 300-550



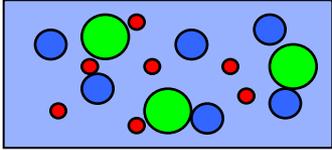
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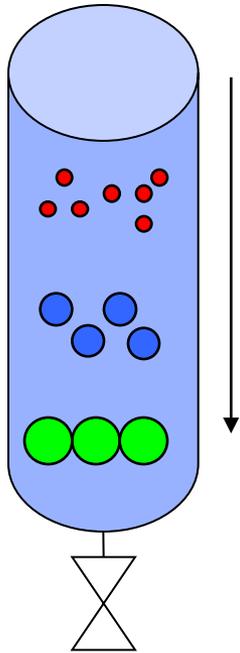
# Online Fluorescence: The Problem



sample

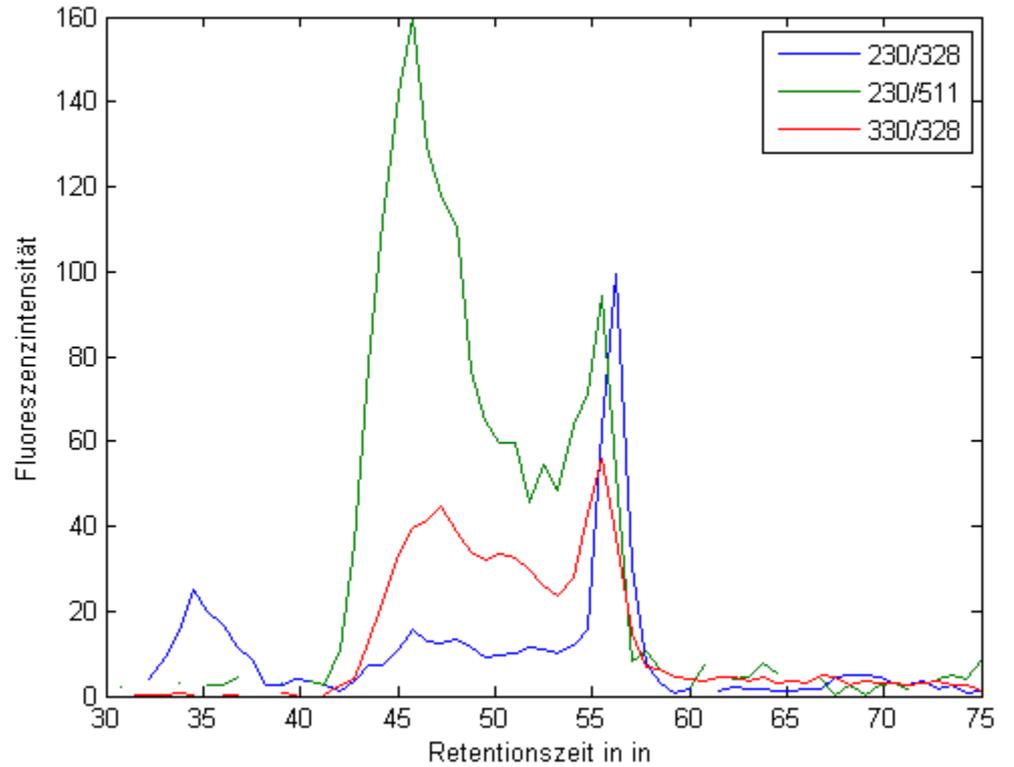
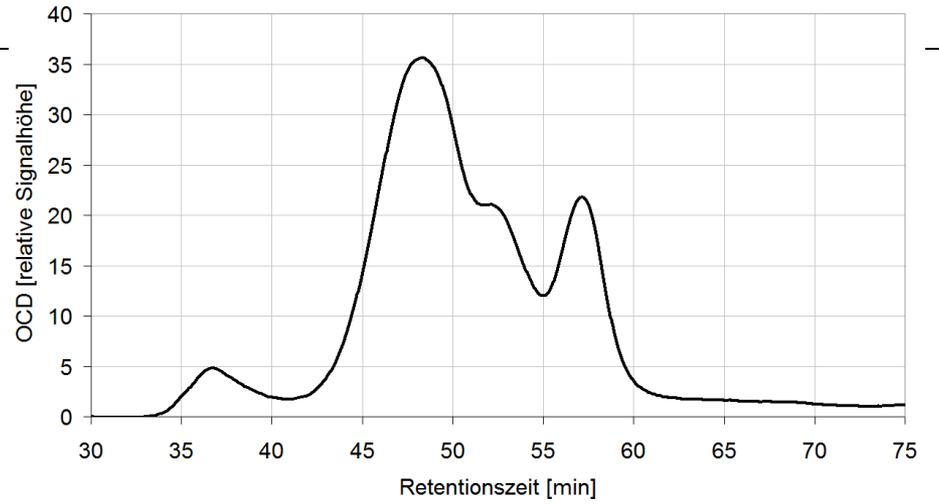


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sensor

Gelpermeationschromatographie mit OC-Detektion (LC-OCD)



# Conlusions

issue	chromatography	absorption	fluorescence	different combinations
online ?	✘	✓	✓	✓
costs	high	low	low	?
selectivity	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓✓
accuracy	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
sensitivity	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓✓

For online measurements: optimization is urgent

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# Weißlichtanregung

Probe mit algenbürtigem Material

Alle  
Wellenlängen  
gleichzeitig

