

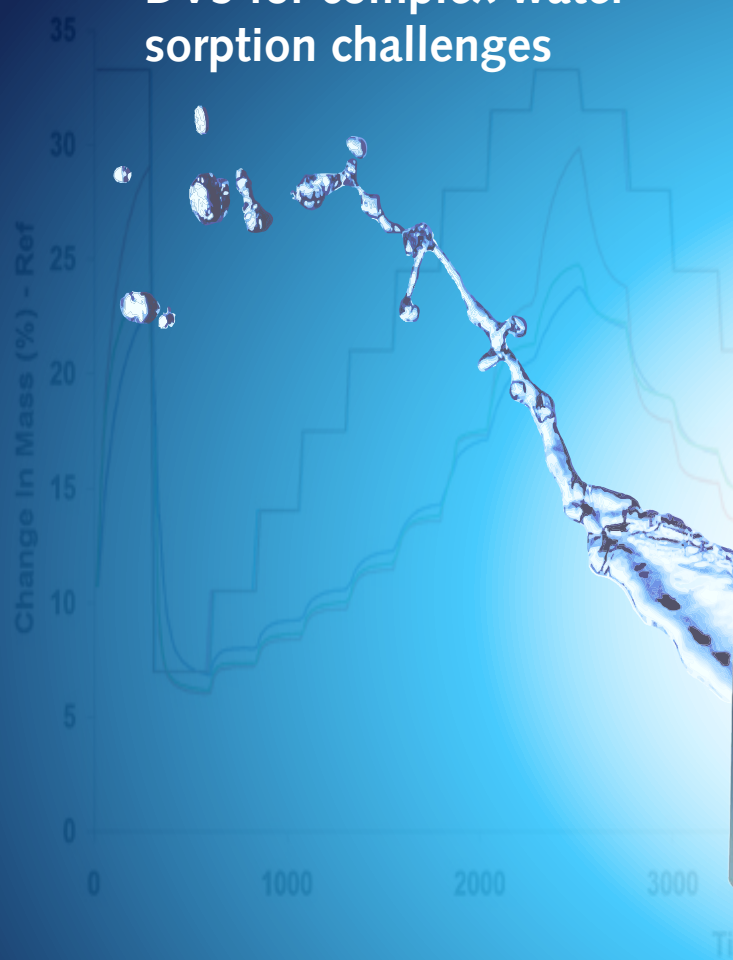
# DVS

## Intrinsic PLUS



## Dynamic Gravimetric Vapor Sorption Analyzer

The smallest automated  
DVS for complex water  
sorption challenges



# DVS Intrinsic Plus

The easy-to-use solution to complex water sorption challenges from Surface Measurement Systems:

- High quality water isotherms and efficient water activity measurements
- Step-by-step software wizards guide users through routine procedures
- Smallest, compact design that makes optimal use of limited bench space - only 26cm wide
- Advanced electronics and simplified user interface
- Accommodates wide variety of sample geometries and up to 5 gram capacity
- SMS UltraBalance™ provides unrivalled sensitivity and baseline stability
- Built-in Network Connectivity for easy data sharing and remote analysis
- Supports 21 CFR part 11



Ultrabalance™

## Applications

- Studying hygroscopicity of powders, fibers and solids
- Kinetics of water sorption and desorption
- Water induced morphology changes
- Food shelf-life prediction studies
- TEWL/ Transepidermal Water Loss
- MVTR/ Moisture Vapor Transmission Rate determination
- Calculation of Diffusion Coefficients
- Sorption Modeling
- Moisture Compatibility
- Water Activity Measurements

## Materials Studied

- Pharmaceuticals: powders, tablets, API's and excipient materials
- Food: powders, processed food, biscuits
- Natural materials: grains/seed, wood, biomass
- Building materials: aggregates, cement, ceramics
- Personal care products: cosmetics, hair care, contact lenses
- Packaging materials: paper, plastics



# The advantages of DVS water sorption analysis

The water sorption properties of solid materials are recognized as critical factors in determining their storage, stability, processing and application performance. These properties are routinely determined for many natural and man-made materials and have traditionally been evaluated by storing samples in sealed jars containing saturated salt solutions of established relative humidity and then regularly weighing these samples until equilibrium is reached. The DVS Intrinsic Plus provides a number of advantages over these methods:

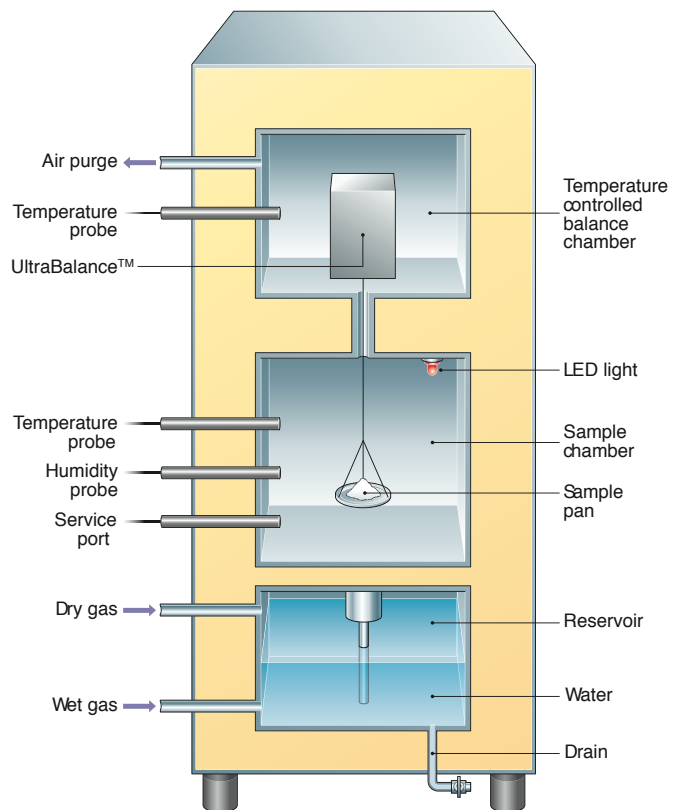
(i) The DVS Intrinsic Plus technique, due to optimized vapor flow, reduces the time required to reach equilibrium, measured in minutes rather than days. Simultaneously the dynamic flow of moisture reduces the need for large sample sizes, requiring only a few milligrams of sample.

(ii) Due to the dynamic flow of vapor, the sample never needs to be removed from the instrument, eliminating errors and contamination associated with removing samples from storage containers in previous methods.

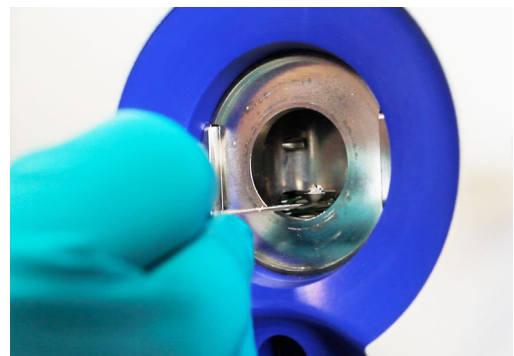
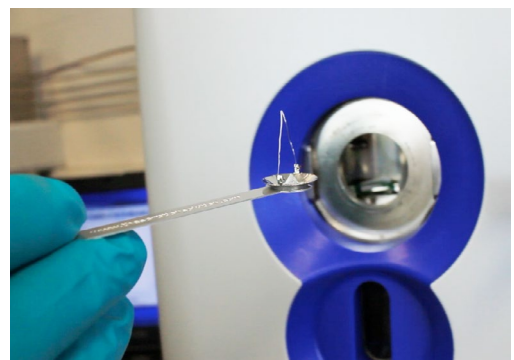
(iii) The DVS Intrinsic Plus allows for kinetic water sorption/desorption data to be collected in real time, which is impossible in static methods.

(iv) The DVS Intrinsic Plus technique reduces labor and operational costs by allowing skilled scientists and technicians to be more productive.

“The DVS Intrinsic Plus is a highly sensitive, accurate and fast analyzer for automated determination of moisture sorption properties of solids”



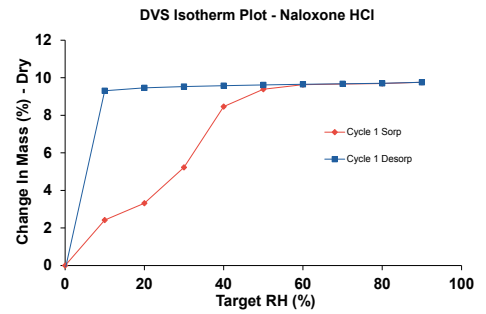
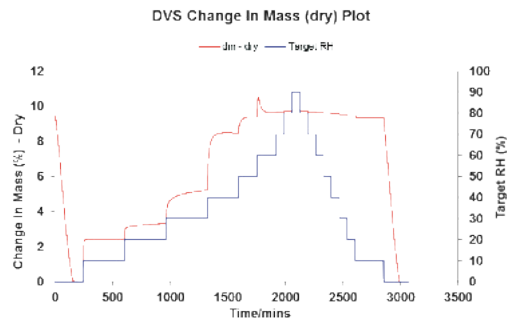
Schematic of the main components of DVS Intrinsic PLUS



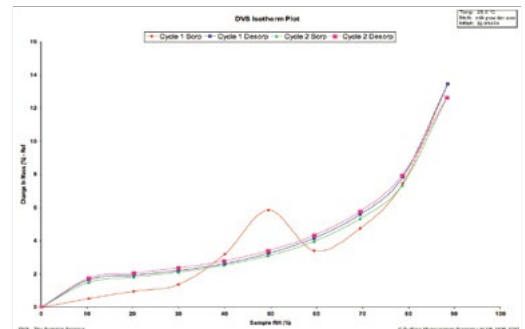
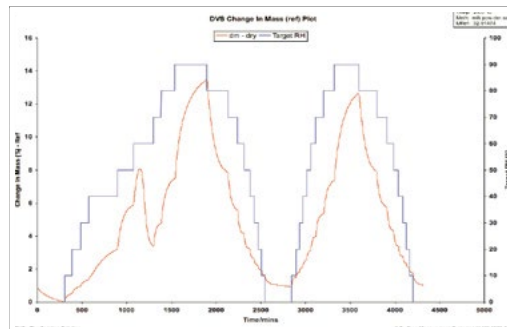
Sample Pans

# Applications

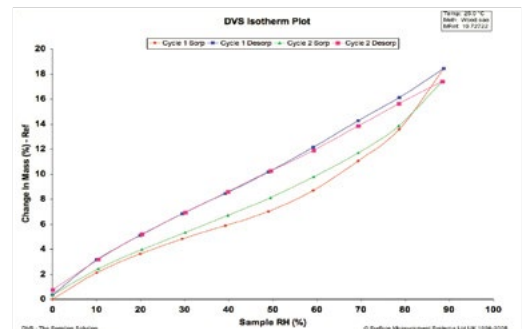
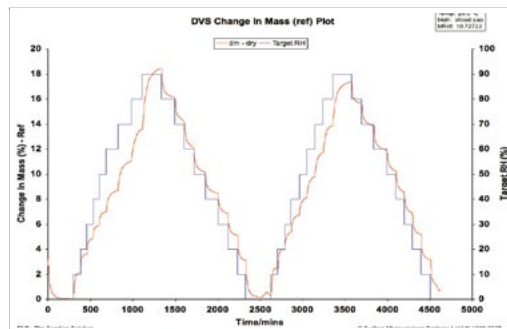
API hydrate formation and loss



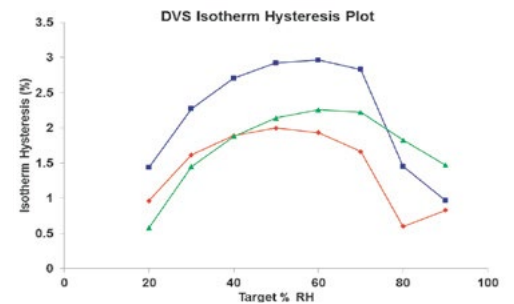
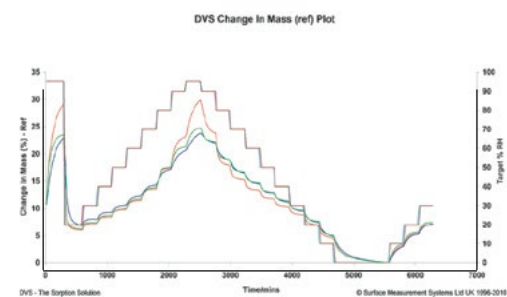
Amorphous lactose recrystallization



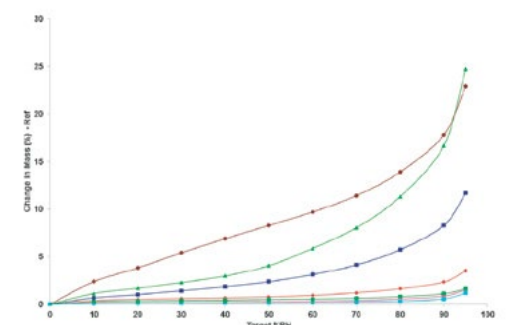
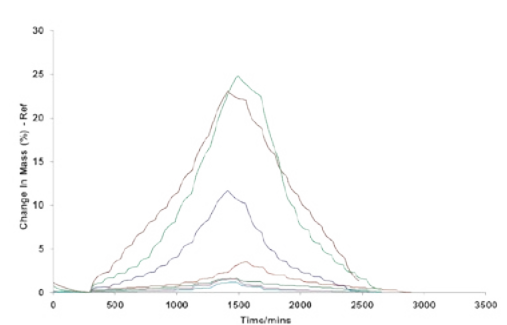
Wood fiber, two sorption cycles



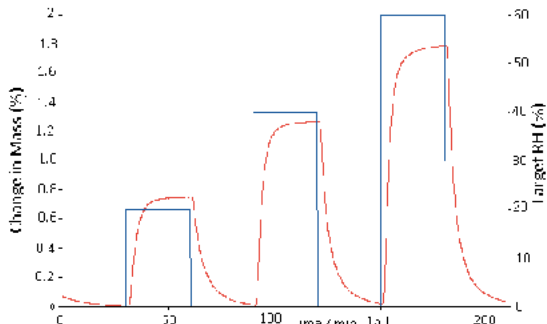
Hair with treatment comparison



Building materials sorption compatibility



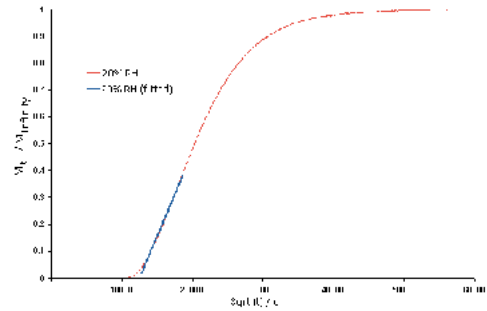
# Moisture Diffusion/Permeation



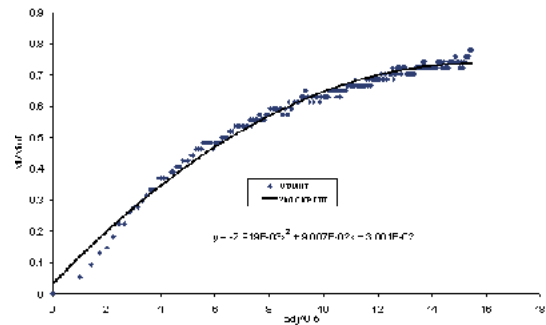
Sorption and desorption kinetics for a 7.5µm polyimide film.

Previous RH (%)	Target RH (%)	Diffusion Coeff. (cm <sup>2</sup> /s)	R-squared (%)
0.0	20.0	7.63E-10	99.55
20.0	0.0	4.38E-10	99.58
0.0	40.0	9.04E-10	99.52
40.0	0.0	6.05E-10	99.59
0.0	60.0	9.30E-10	99.54
60.0	0.0	6.55E-10	99.57

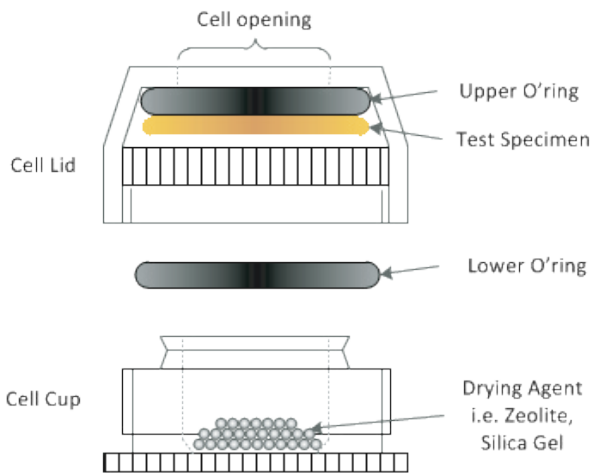
Diffusion coefficients from initial slopes.



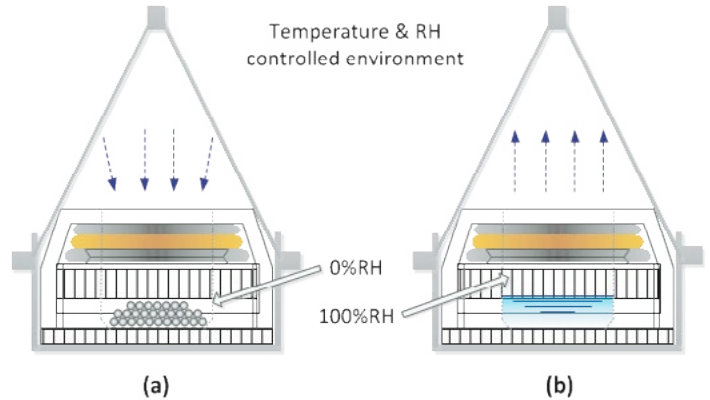
Diffusion plot for 0% RH to 20% RH step in humidity for a 7.5µm polyimide film.



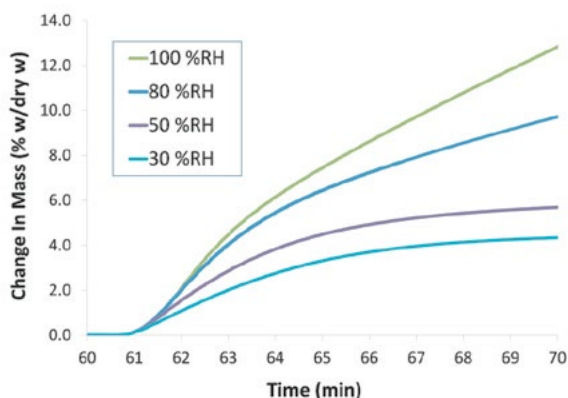
Polynomial fit for particle diffusion calculation. Moisture diffusion coefficient for an amorphous pharmaceutical powder at 25C and 40%RH with  $\sigma = 0.11 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ .



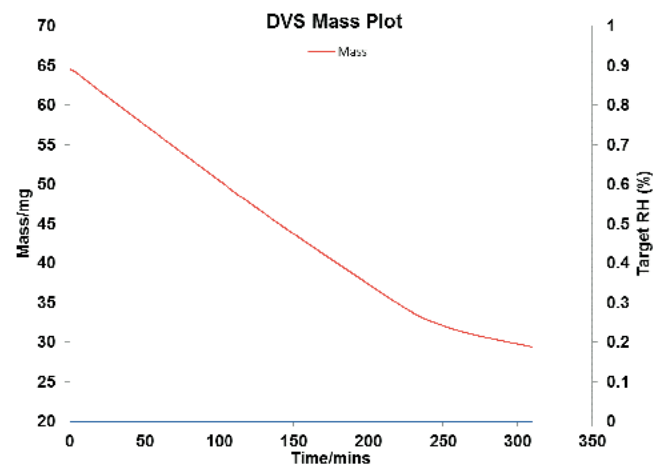
Experimental set-up for moisture vapour transmission rate measurement.



Payne type diffusion cell with DVS metal sample pan (C-WM-017) for (a) dry cup method and (b) wet cup method.

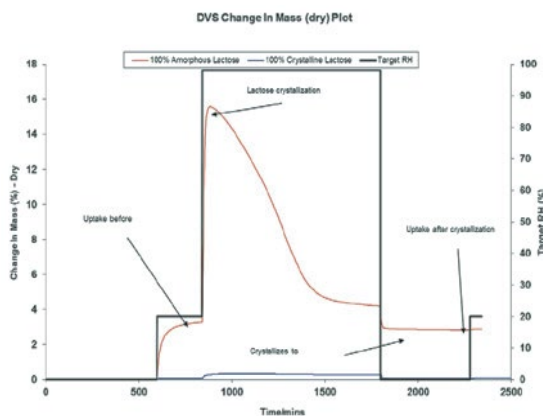


Change in mass of silica gel in response to varying external relative humidity for an electrospun PCL membrane.

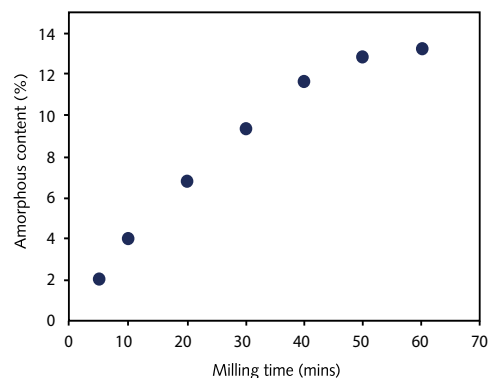


Trans-epidermal water loss at 0%RH using VitroSkin.

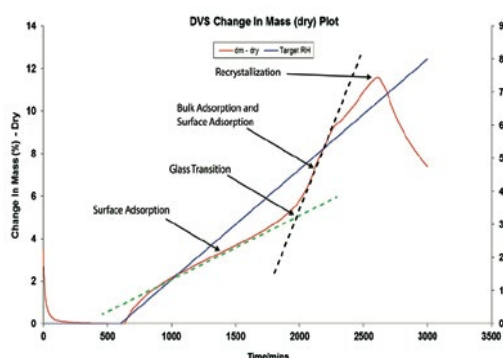
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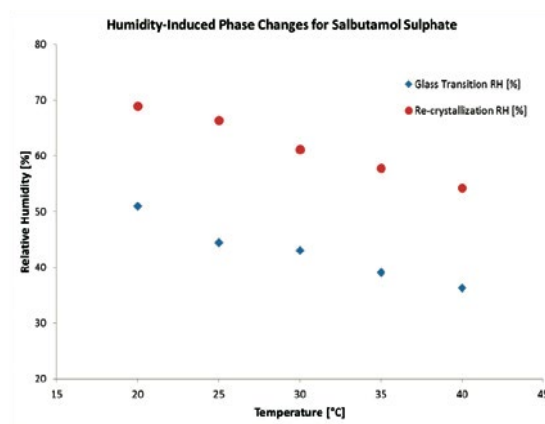
Amorphous content mass change and crystallization due to moisture.



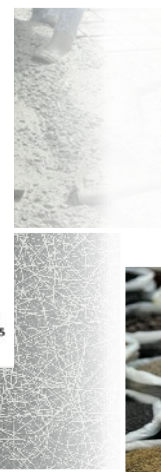
Influence of milling time on amorphous content of 100% crystalline lactose using DVS.



Moisture induced glass transition and crystallization of salbutamol sulphate.



Glass transition and crystallization RH (%) for salbutamol sulphate.



## Instrument Specifications & Options

Model	Intrinsic 1	Intrinsic 2
Temperature Range	20-40°C (standard)	
Maximum Sample Mass	1g	5g
Mass Change	± 150mg	± 1.0g
Stability (24 Hours @ 25°C and 0%RH)	<5µg	<50µg
Mass Resolution	± 0.1µg	± 1.0µg
Humidity Range	0-98% RH	
Temperature Stability	± 0.2 °C	
Gas Flow Rate	200sccm	
Sample Chamber	40mm W x 50mm D x 50mm H	
Reservoir Volume	100 mL capacity	
Heating System	Peltier + Cartridges	
Weight	22kg	
Size (approx)	26cm W x 39 cm D x 47cm H	
Inlet pressure	2 to 4 Bar	
Carrier Gas	Air or N <sub>2</sub>	
Computer Interface	TCP/IP and USB/RS232	

\*Performance may vary slightly, depending on laboratory conditions.

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