134

Accession number:20121614944269

Title:A study on the resolution of a terahertz spectrometer for the assessment of the porosity of pharmaceutical tablets

Authors:Ervasti, Tuomas (1); Silfsten, Pertti (2); Ketolainen, Jarkko (1); Peiponen, Kai-Erik (2) Author affiliation:(1) School of Pharmacy, Promis Centre, University of Eastern Finland, P. O. Box 1627, FI-70211 Kuopio, Finland; (2) Department of Physics and Mathematics, University of Eastern Finland, P. O. Box 111, FI-80101 Joensuu, Finland

Corresponding author: Ervasti, T.(tuomas.ervasti@uef.fi)

Source title: Applied Spectroscopy

Abbreviated source title: Appl Spectrosc

Volume:66

Issue:3

Issue date:March 2012

Publication year:2012

Pages:319-323

Language:English

ISSN:00037028

CODEN:APSPA4

Document type:Journal article (JA)

Publisher:Society for Applied Spectroscopy, 201B Broadway Street, Frederick, MD 21702-6501, United States

Abstract:In this study, the resolution of a time-domain terahertz spectrometer for tablet porosity measurements was estimated using two sets of pharmaceutical tablets. One set consisted of tablets with constant thickness and with porosity as a variable. The other set consisted of tablets with variable thickness and only a relatively small change in porosity. The set with constant thickness was used for the calibration of the terahertz (THz) spectrometer for the porosity measurements, and the resolution of the terahertz spectrometer was estimated using the set with different thicknesses and slightly different porosities. It was shown that a timedomain THz spectrometer is a sensitive device that allows monitoring of minute changes in the porosity of pharmaceutical tablets by detecting the time delay of the THz pulse, which is attributable to different refractive indices within the tablet. © 2012 Society for Applied Spectroscopy.

Number of references:18

Main heading:Porosity

Controlled terms:Refractive index - Spectrometers - Spectrometry

Uncontrolled terms:Constant thickness - Pharmaceutical tablets - Porosity measurement -Sensitive devices - Tablet - Tera Hertz - Terahertz spectrometer - THz pulse - Time domain -Variable thickness

Classification code:741.1 Light/Optics - 801 Chemistry - 931.2 Physical Properties of Gases, Liquids and Solids

DOI:10.1366/11-06315

Database:Compendex

Compilation and indexing terms, Copyright 2012 Elsevier Inc.