

# Paper machine monitoring and optimization by online porosity and roll hardness analyzers

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**30** years we have been in the business

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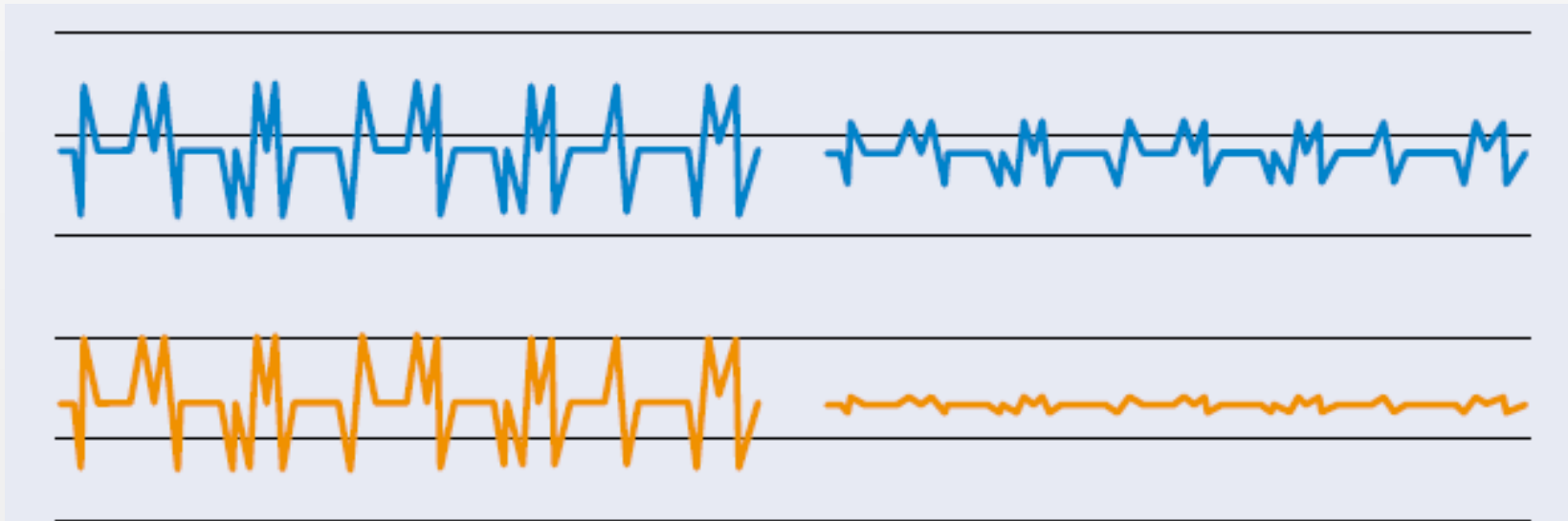


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# Stable process?

- What are the tools to stabilizing paper making process?



# Tools for the papermaker

- Basis weight, Moisture, ash and caliper MD & CD controls
- Sheet break camera system
- Freeness control system
- Sheet inspection system
- Retention control system
- Gas (free and dissolved) content control system
- The list goes on ....

**Any early warning system for the papermaker?**

“Porosity is the best indicator for the balance of pulp quality and machine settings”

# On-line porosity measurement?



# Key benefits of Permi

- Continuous one calibration and fast online operation.
- Great correlation to laboratory results, 0.95 or higher.



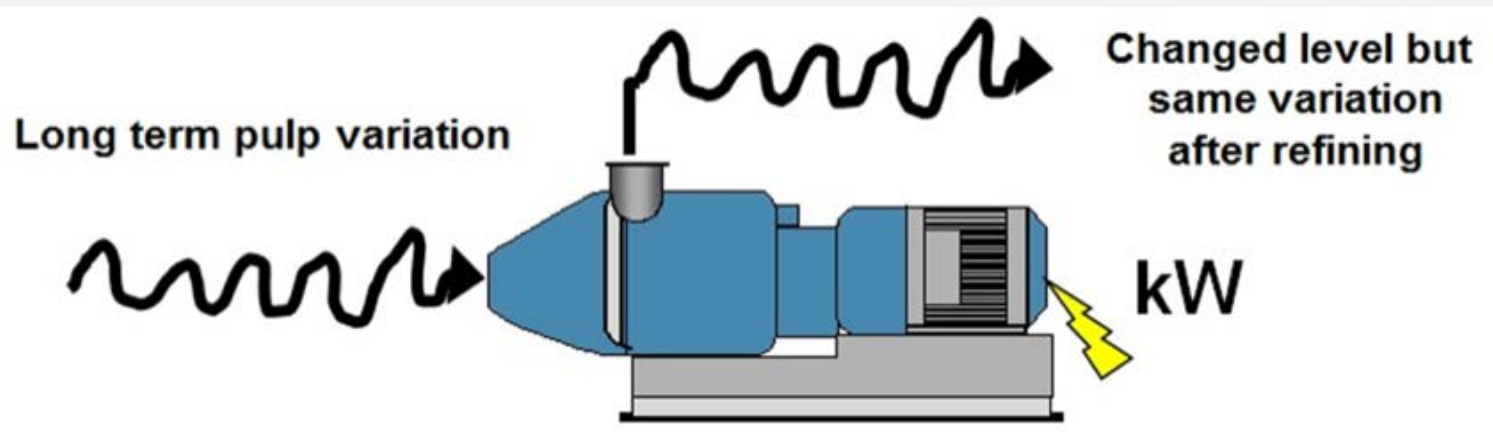
## Makes process optimization easy!

Stable MD porosity means stable web structure, which leads to unbelievable good runnability of paper machine.



# Refining by stable loads

- Conventional Control of Refining
  - SRE control of refiners cannot decrease pulp quality variations
- With on-line porosity measurement this can be corrected!

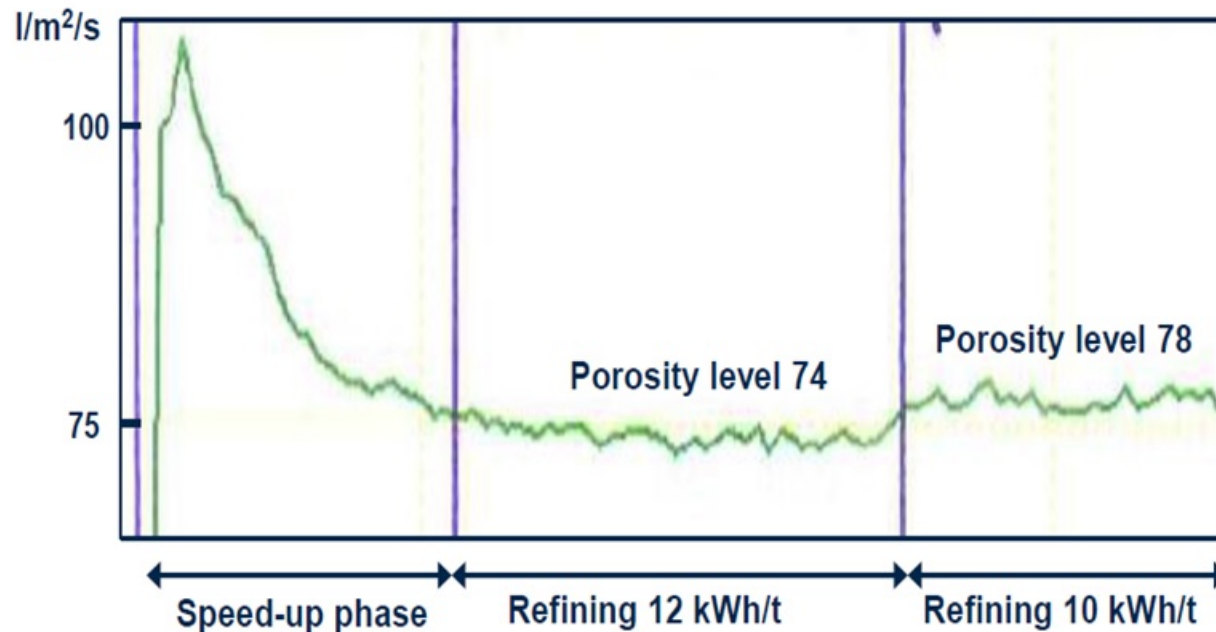


$$\text{SRE (kWh/t)} = \frac{P_e \text{ (kW)} = P_t \text{ (kW)} - P_o \text{ (kW)}}{m \text{ (t/h)}}$$

SRE = Specific Refining Energy  
 $P_e$  = Effective Power,  $P_t$  = Total Power,  $P_o$  = Idle Power  
 $m$  = Fibre flow (Bone Dry)

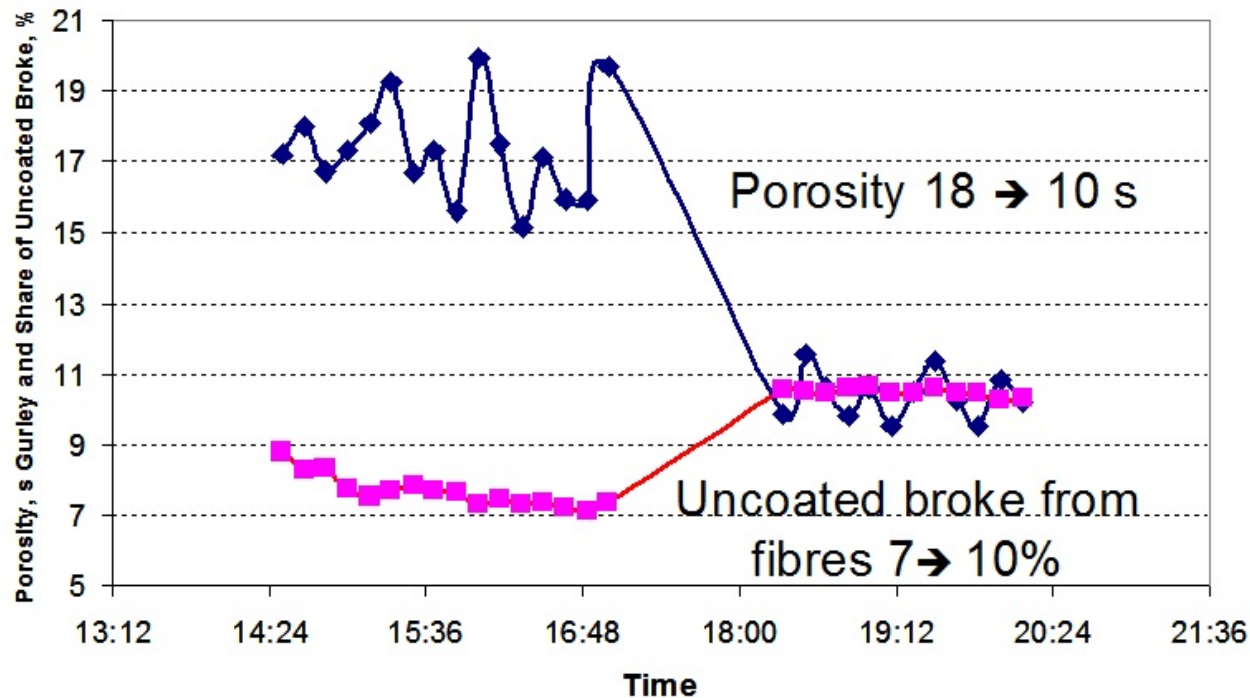
# Refining control by porosity

- Example of filter paper machine



A very small change in refining control can be clearly seen in the porosity measurement. The units of porosity numbers are  $\text{l/m}^2/\text{s}$ .

- Increased porosity (decrease in Gurley seconds) due to a small addition of uncoated broke



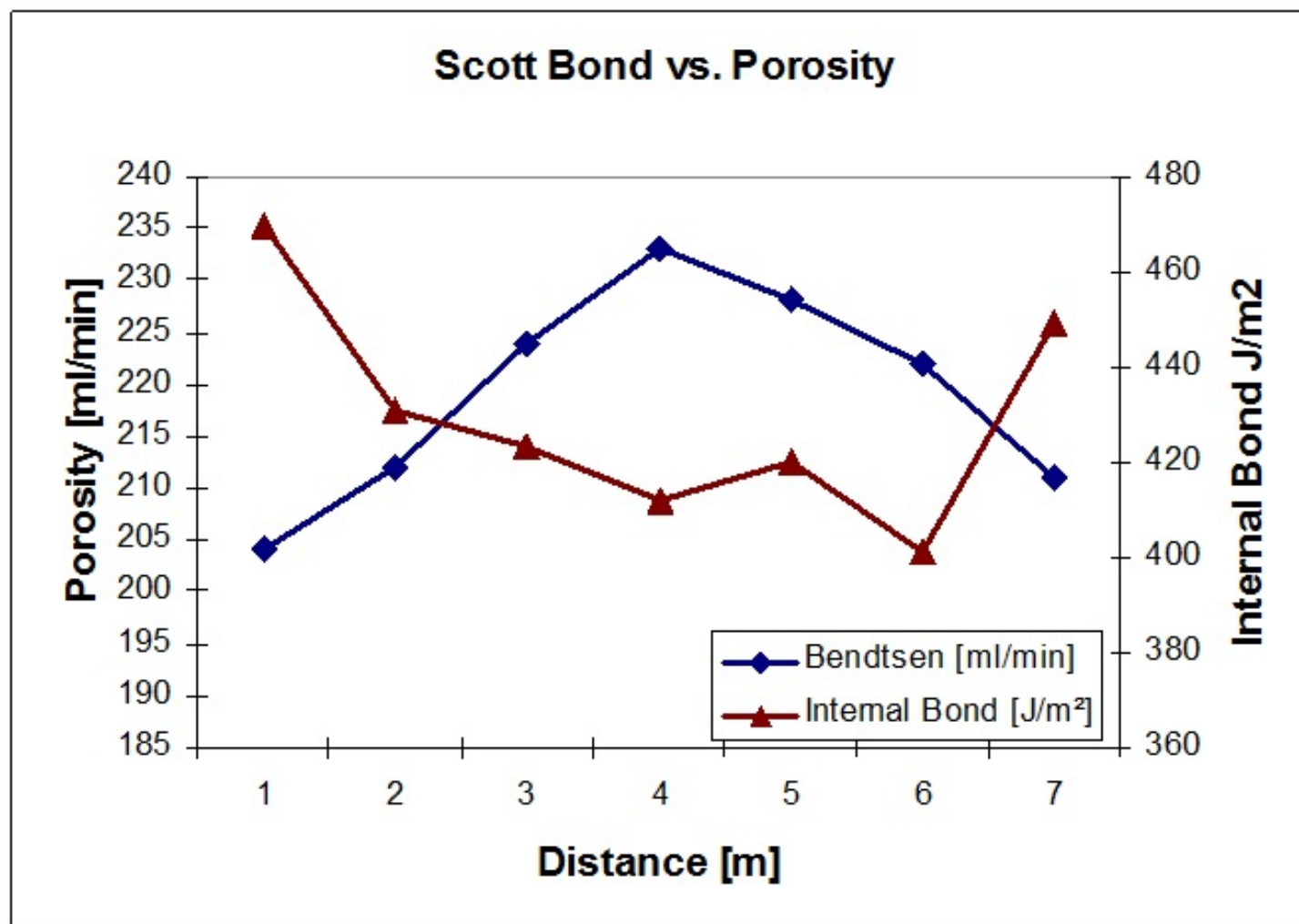
Very small changes in the broke levels can have a big effect on paper porosity (increasing or decreasing). In this case addition of uncoated broke has increased porosity.

If we would add coated broke the porosity would decrease ( higher Gurley values).

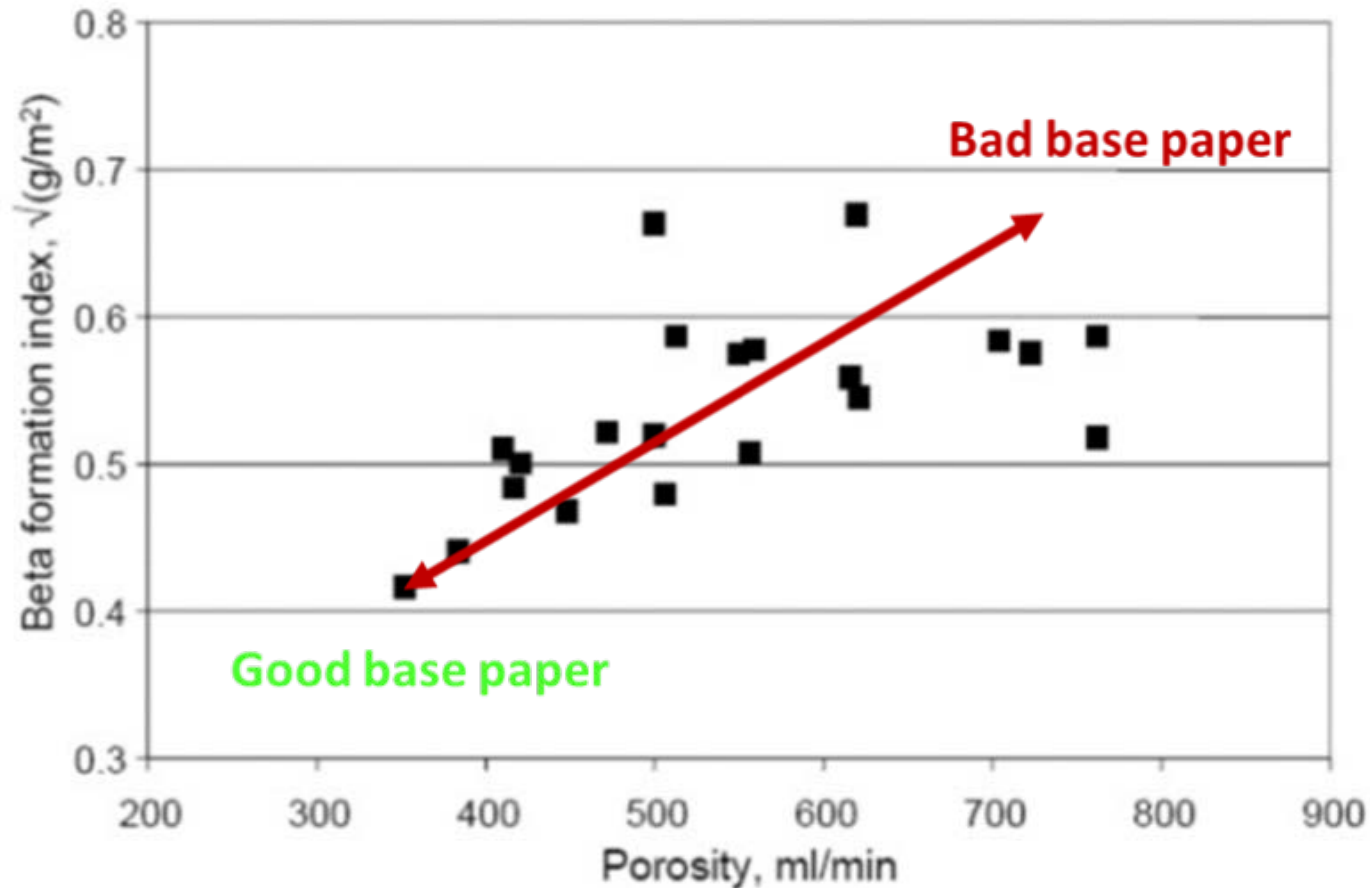
By online porosity measurement it's easy to optimize adding of broke.



# Z-strengths and porosity



# Formation and porosity

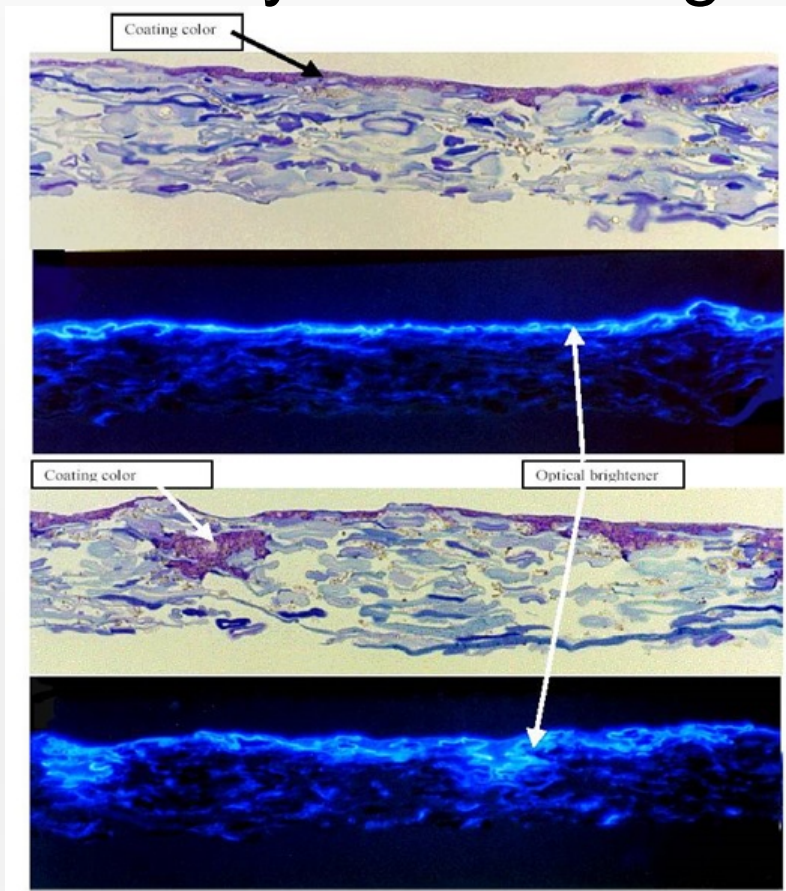


Generally the porosity is low when the formation is good.

Ari Puurtinen: MULTILAYERING  
OF FINE PAPER WITH 3-  
LAYER HEADBOX  
AND ROLL AND BLADE GAP  
FORMER, Espoo 2004

# Coating and paper porosity

## ■ Porosity and Coating Coverage

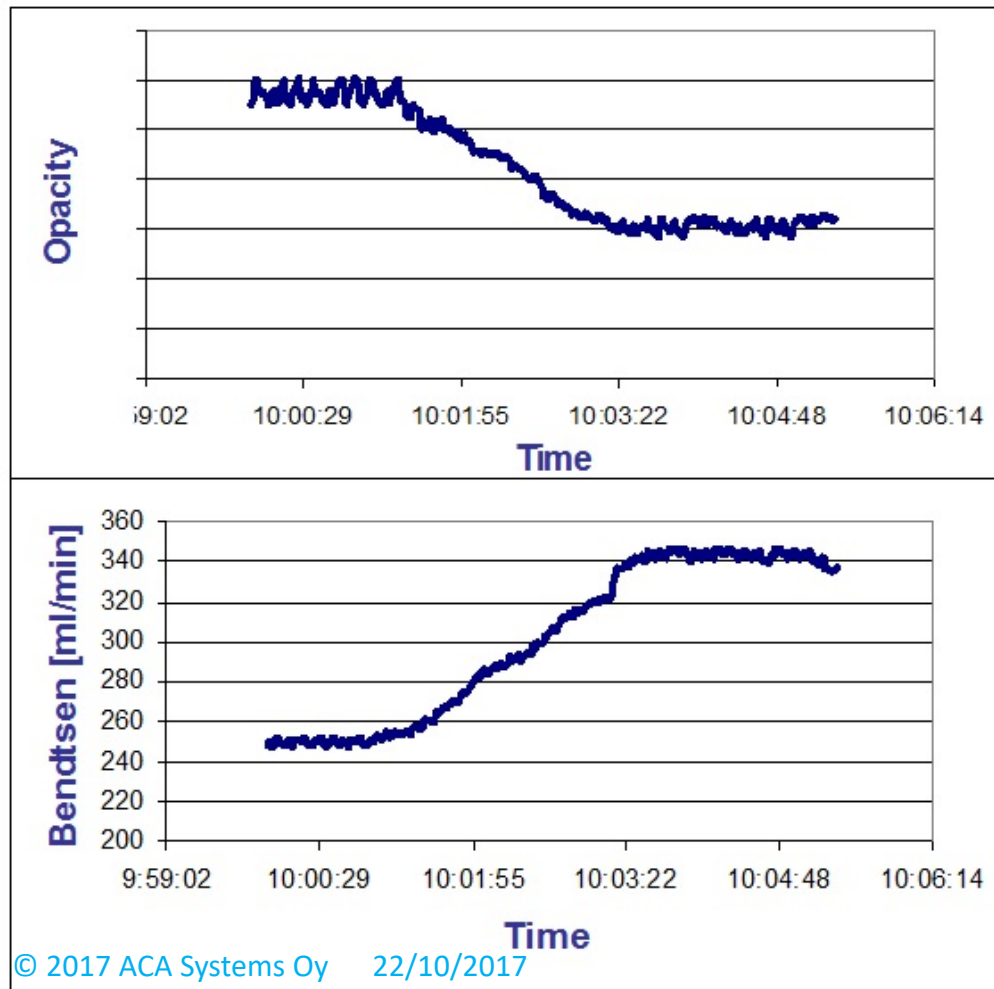


- Dense sheet – small penetration of coating color and good coating coverage and gloss.
- Porous sheet – deep penetration of coating color and poor coating coverage and gloss. Misting problems in film coating.



# Coating and paper porosity

## ■ Porosity versus Opacity



■ Opacity of Coated Paper (on-line coater)

■ Porosity of Base Paper

# Users' experiences

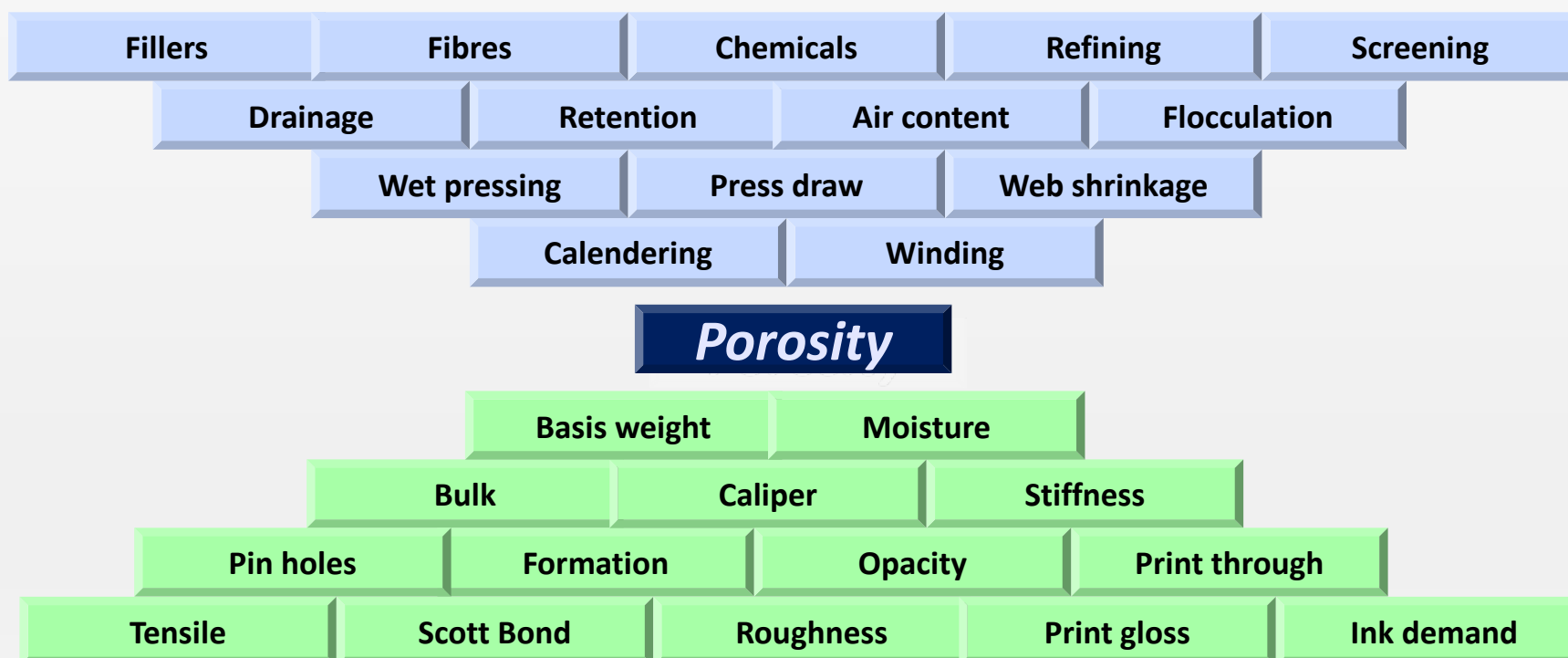
- We noticed, that we have sometimes very unstable porosity level. Things, which can swing the porosity, are **the amount of fines, the refining, the unstable pH-level, the levels of tanks** and very many others. But we can't solve this kind problems, if we haven't an equipment like the Permi.
- Grammage and moisture measurements are important ones, but with the fast porosity measurement one is able to make profit!

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# Total process control by porosity

## ■ Process Optimization and Paper Quality

- Fast porosity measurement is the best link between process performance and total paper quality.
- Stable porosity is a good guarantee of well working process and consistent paper quality.





# Calendering and CD control by roll hardness measurement



# Calendering control

- The required accuracy of online caliper measurement is very demanding.
- In cross direction profile less than 0.5 micrometer caliper variations can cause problems especially with thin and dense paper grades like SC and LWC.

# Roll hardness measurement, example video

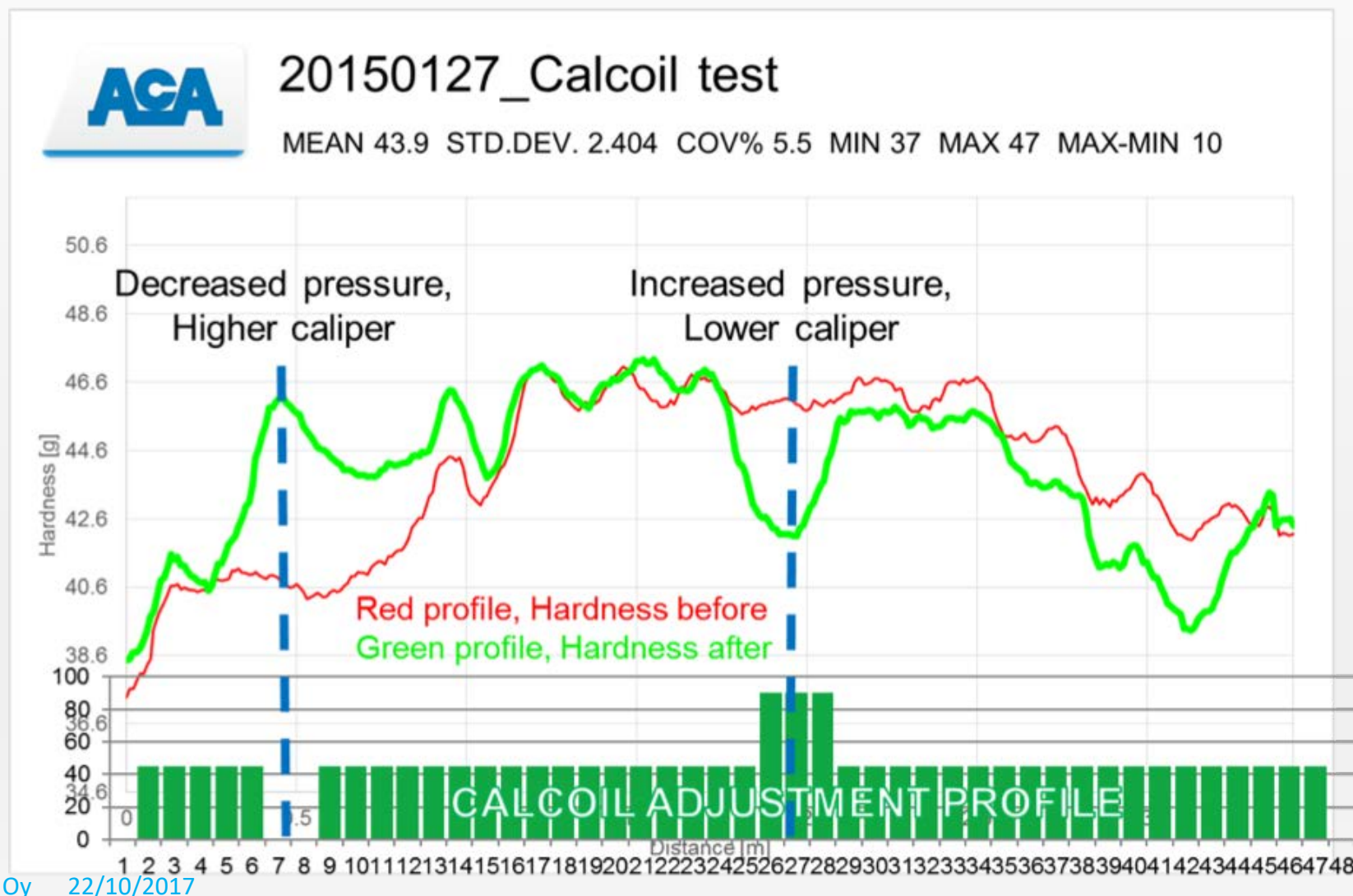
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# Bump test with calcoil profiling system



# Key benefits of calendaring control by ACA RoQ hardness measurement

- Less breaks and reeling problems on a winder.
- Better customer rolls quality and less customer complaints.
- Improved runnability.

- "Know structure of your paper in order to better run your machine!"



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