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# Analysis method of surface roughness

## Focal-variation microscopy approach

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- Creation : 09/2016



## AFU LAB

- Expert in surface analysis
- Non-destructive method
- Knowledge of professional sport

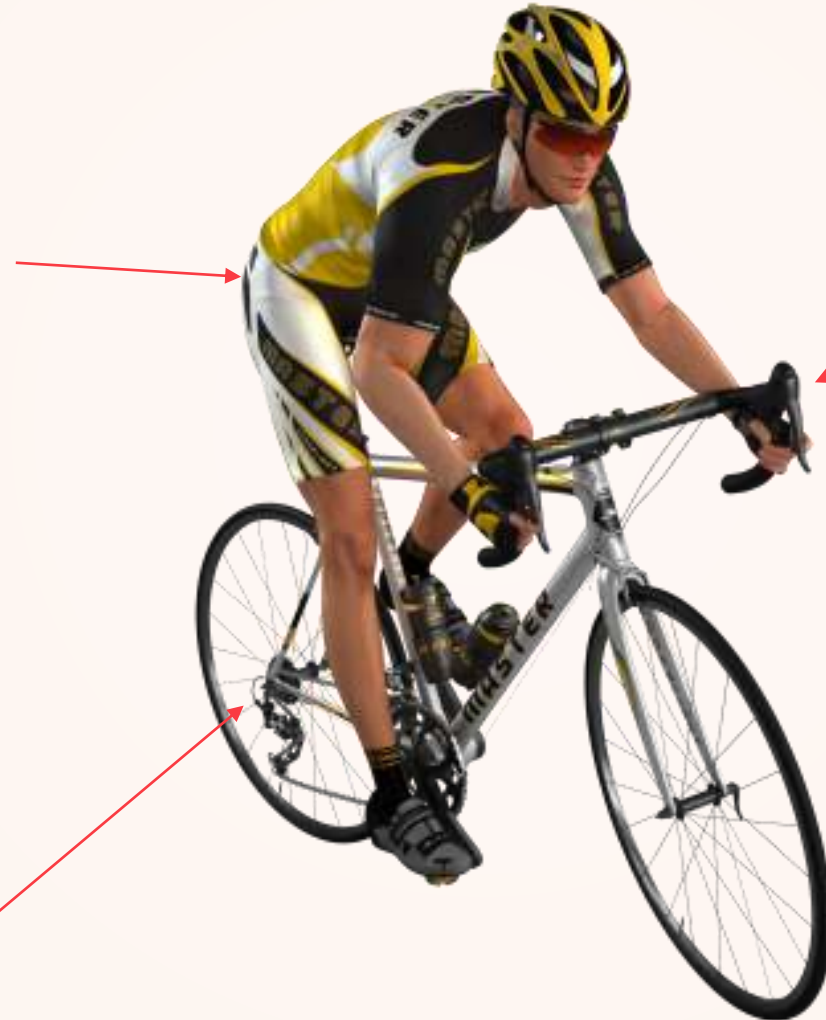
## AFU DEV

- Research & Development Lab
- Partnership with teams
- Boost sport technology

## AFU CHEM

### CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

- Enhance the performance
- Reduce friction and wear
- Stabilize the effort



# SUMMARY



Context of the study



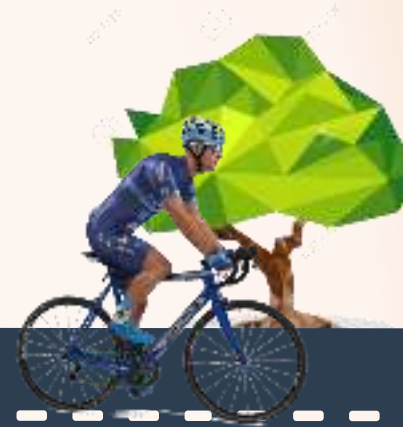
Presentation of the analysis method



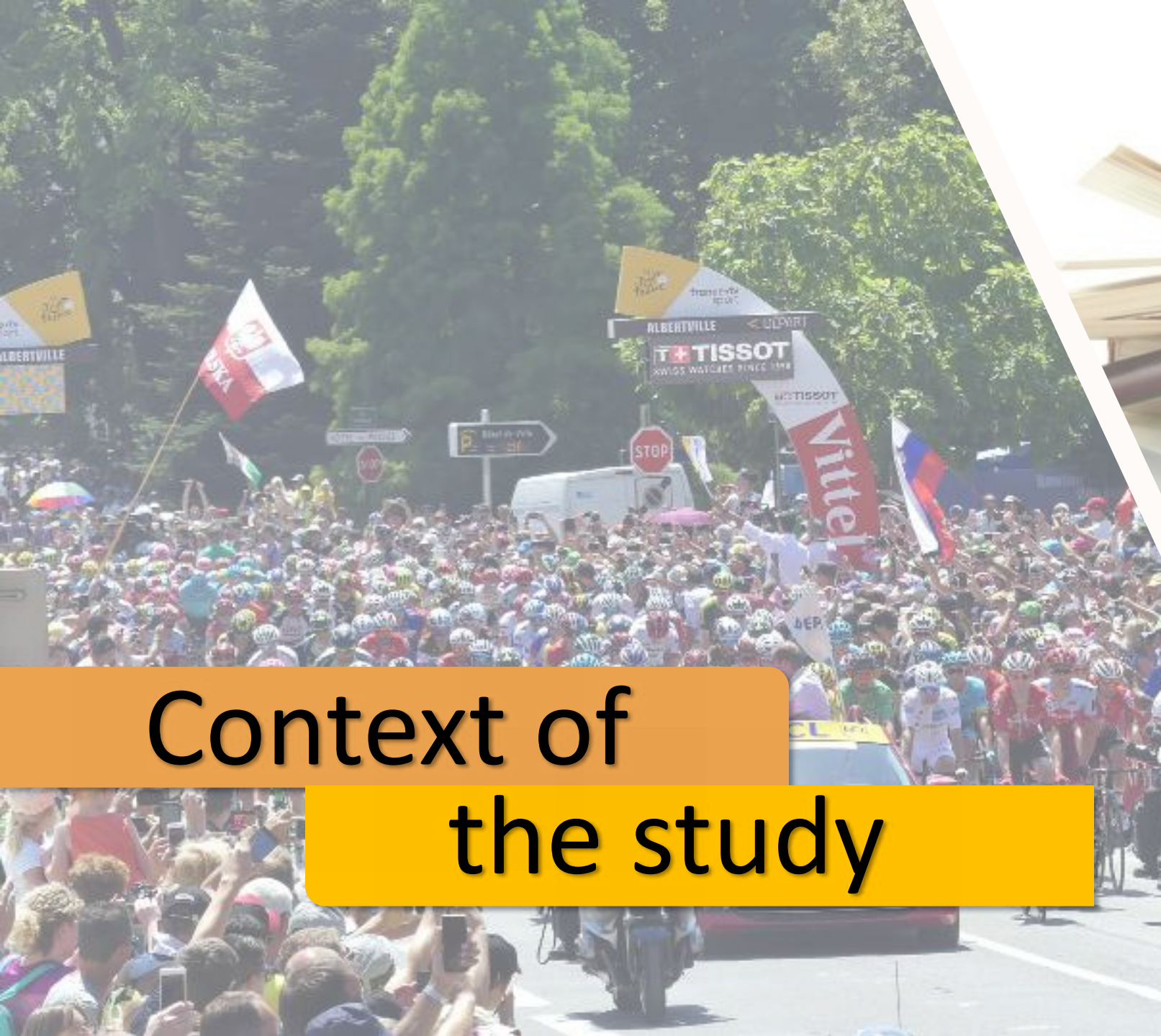
Introduction to FV  
Microscopy



Results & discussion







# Context of the study

# THE ACTORS



- Enacts rules for cycling disciplines
- Fight against doping ( chemical & mechanical )



- 1<sup>st</sup> French engineering Lab
- Specialized in tribology
- Specialist in mechanical performance



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- Knowledge of the textile
- Profesional cycling team
- Specialist in performance

- R&D Lab specialized in surface treatment
- Chemical products & performance

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# CONTEXT OF THE STUDY

- **Methodology** : from regulation to control & expertise

UCI Cycling Regulations

**PART 1 CHAPTER 3  
EQUIPMENT**  
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Max. profile 1<sup>mm</sup>



## RIDER'S CLOTHING

- Morphology : threading, weaving or assembling
- Original texture
- No self-supporting element or rigid parts



## MEASUREMENT

The measure of surface roughness modification shall be made without pressure or traction on the clothing.



## METHOD

- Optical
- Non-Destructive
- Fast
- Replicable



## ANALYSIS

- Certification
- Control
- Expertise



Regulation

Constraint

Specification

Understanding

Control

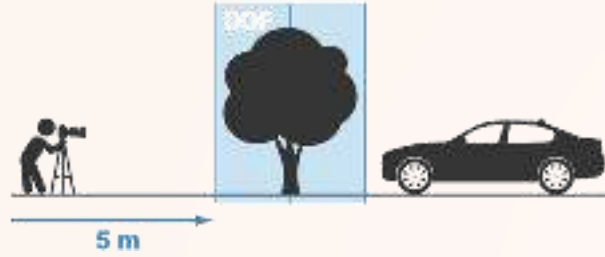




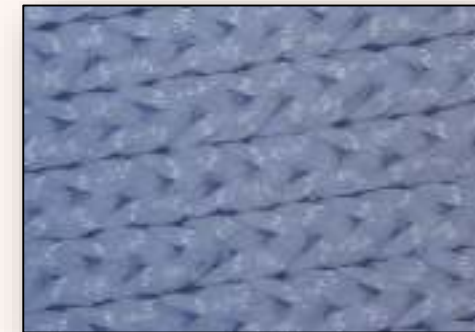
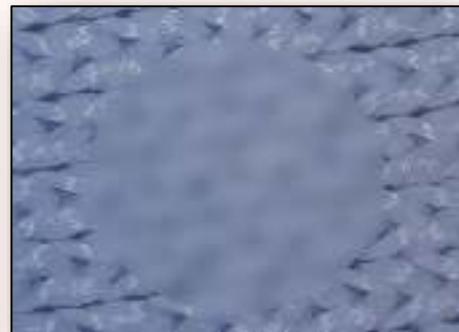
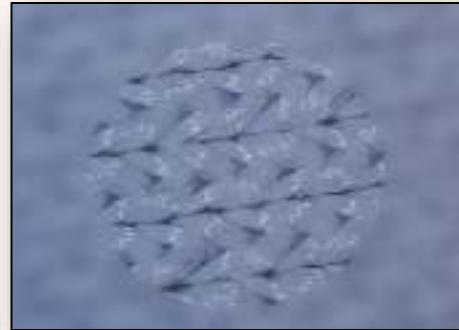
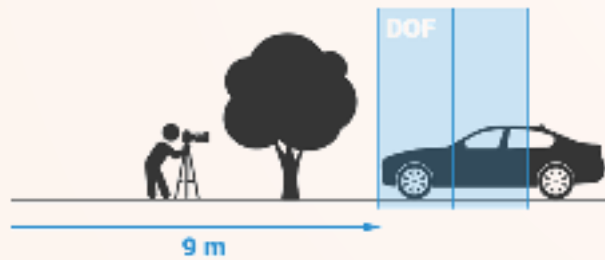
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Focal sweep



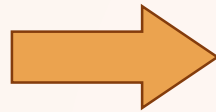
Reconstituted 3D Picture

# Technical Specifications

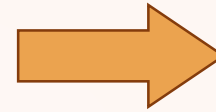
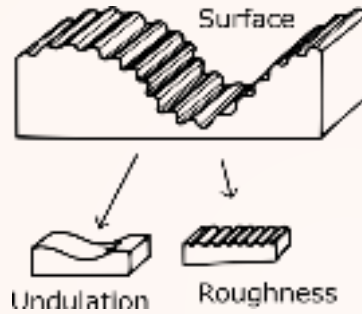
Measurement principle : *non-contact, optical, three-dimensional, based on Focus-Variation*



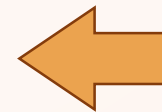
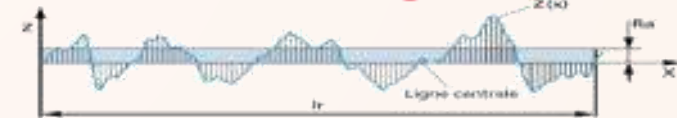
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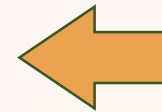
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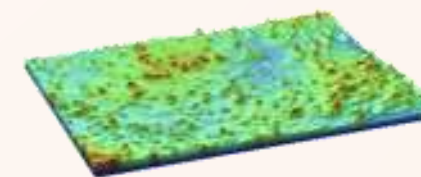
**Ra : Profile roughness**



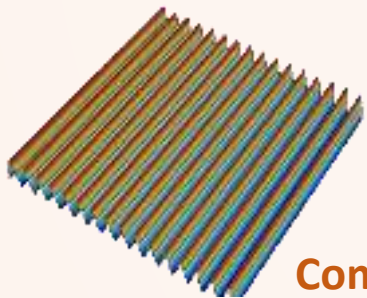
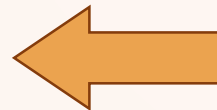
**1,2 µm**



**0,6 µm**



**Sa : Area roughness**



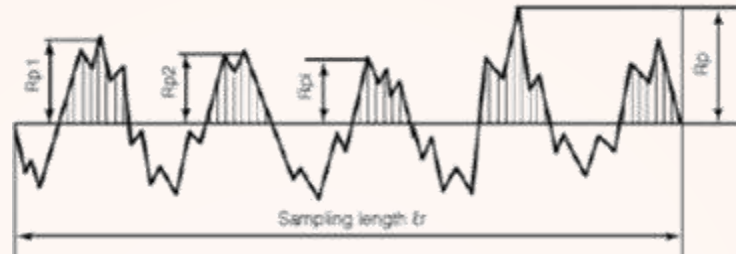
**Complexity**

# Technical Specifications



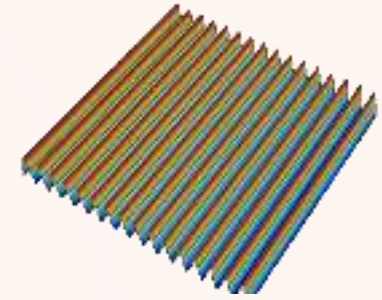
**Sa : Average Height / Roughness**

✓ Precision 1000 times higher than UCI's recommendation



**S10Z : Maximum height of 10 peaks**

✓ Evaluation of singularities  
Spatial repartition

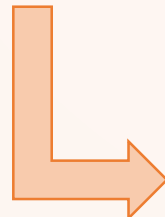


**Sdr : Complexity**  
Developed Interfacial area Ratio

✓ Evolution of the threading  
Modification of original texture



The precision of the measurement is adapted to the constraints of the UCI



How to adapt this technology to UCI's specifications ?





# Method of Analysis

# STEPS OF VALIDATION

1

## AIM OF THE STUDY

Develop a method to control the morphology of items of clothing. Measure the surface roughness.

2

## DATA & CONFIGURATION

- Jerseys and full suits
- No traction or pressure
- New jersey – after race ?

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## MEASURES & UNCERTAINTIES

- Non-destructive method
- Measurement accuracy
- Rapid and effective procedures

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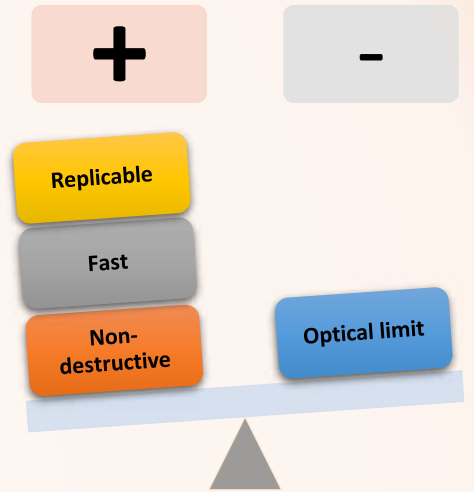
## REPLICABILITY

- 5 points of measurement
- Evaluate the deviation
- Analyze sample 'B'

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## VALIDATION

- Certification of jerseys







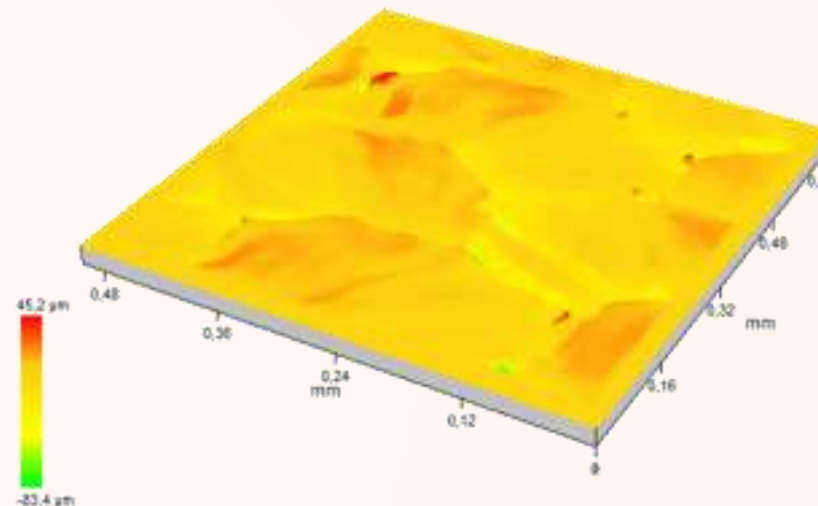
# Results & Discussion



# Experimental results



## Sample 1 – Low complexity



**Low complexity**  
**Sdr = 46,3 % ± 3,3 %**

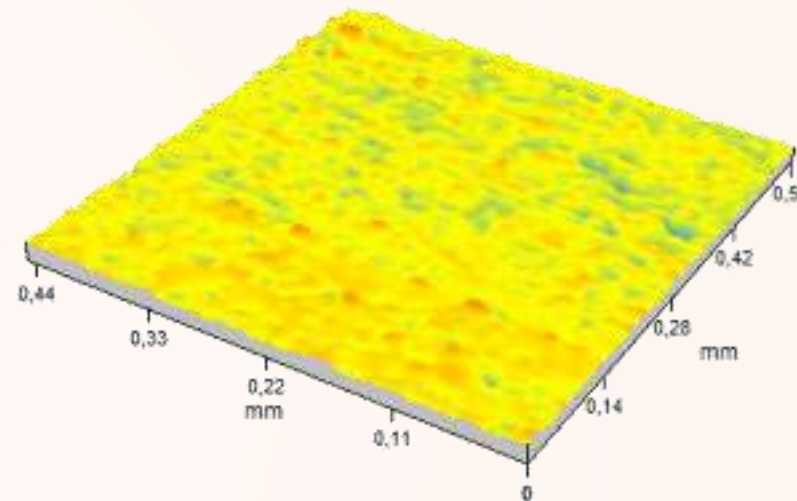
**Roughness**  
**Sa = 4,6 μm ± 2 %**

**Max peak height**  
**S10Z = 0,1 mm ± 3 %**

# Experimental results



## Sample 2 – Medium complexity



**Medium complexity**  
**Sdr = 118,3 % ± 5,5 %**

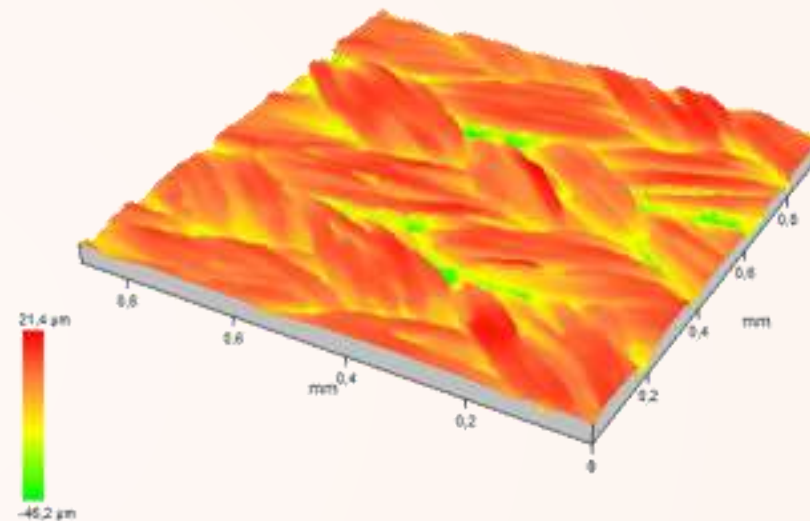
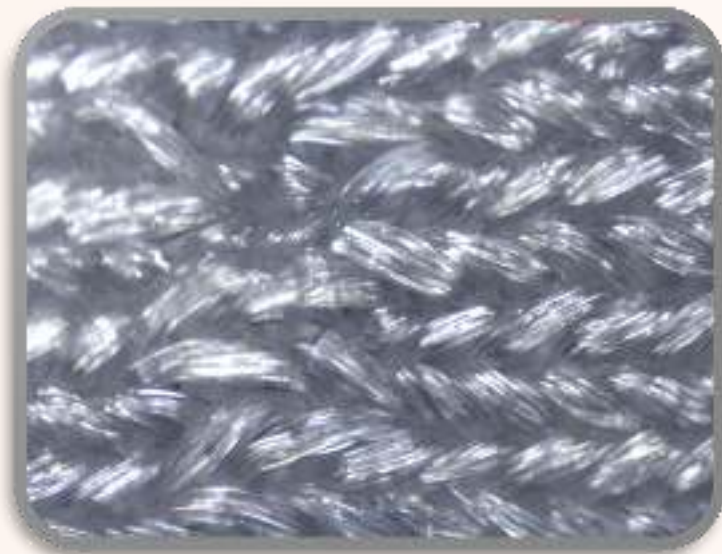
**Roughness**  
**Sa = 6,0 μm ± 2 %**

**Max peak height**  
**S10Z = 0,1 mm ± 4 %**

# Experimental results



## Sample 3 – High complexity



**High complexity**  
**Sdr = 386 % ± 3,7 %**

**Roughness**  
**Sa = 32,1 μm ± 1 %**

**Max peak height**  
**S10Z = 0,5 mm ± 3 %**



# Discussion

## New method of analysis

- Accurate whatever complexity
- Quantitative & Qualitative data  
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- Experimental plan for validation
- Sensibility & replicability of the measure
- Validation by the competent authorities

*“Modifications to the surface roughness of clothing are authorised but may only be the result of threading, weaving or assembling of the fabric.”*

- Which basis garment? Start of the season?
- Evolution of the database

1

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*“Surface roughness modifications shall be limited to a profile difference of 1mm at most.”*

- Roughness max: 1mm  
Uncertainty ? Replicability?
- Average height (Sa)? Max peak height (S10Z)?



*“Items of clothing [...] of which the purpose is not exclusively clothing or protection, is forbidden.”*

- Impact of roughness on performance ?
- Database of surface condition
- Specification of protection /clothing



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