



ATTO Densitograph Software Library

CS Analyzer 3 for WindowsXP



CS Overview

CS Analyzer is an image analysis software developed and sold by ATTO (HQ:Bunkyo-ku Tokyo) which enables fixed quantity analysis for bands and spots dot blot patterns, as well as one-dimensional electrophoretic patterns of proteins, nucleic acids etc.

CS Analyzer is equipped in the ATTO's "Light-Capture" series of cooled CCD camera systems Windows XP. It not only analyzes the images but also captures images by controlling LightCapture.

This software can be purchased as a standalone product, so it can be used in image capture/analysis systems when combined with the gel photographing apparatus "Print Graph".

Main Functions

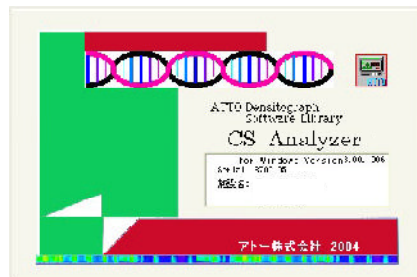
*Image analysis: Molecular-size calibration, density fixed quantity, etc.

*Image input: LightCapture, Print graph (video input and network connection), scanner input.

*Image conversion:Image composition, resolution change (enlarged twice or reduced 1/2), inversion, rotation, and grayscale (No. of bits) change, etc.

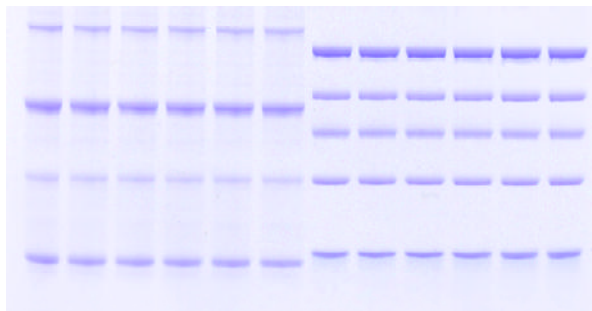
*Display image adjustment: Contrast adjustment and pseudo-color display.

*Compatible image formats: JPEG, BMP, TIFF (8 bits to 16 bits), CCD (Light capture), IS (Hight-Resolution: Print graph).



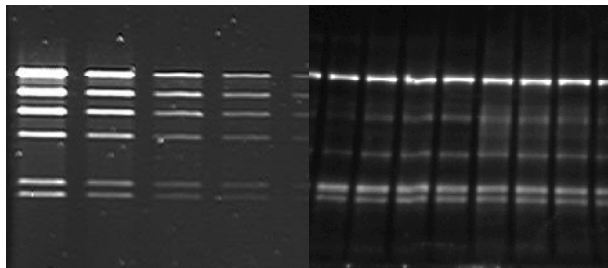
What kind of samples can it analyze?

The CS Analyzer measures, the electrophoretic pattern of proteins and nucleic acids, and estimates molecular weight(size) of each band and measures the density (= amount). At that time, the molecular weight marker and a marker for fixed quantity of standard substance are required. Additionally, it has image conversion and contrast adjustment functions to suit the detection method. An example of a target pattern for analysis is shown below.



SDS-PAGE

This is a typical electrophoretic method for proteins. Images captured using a gel photographing apparatus (monochrome), image scanner or digital camera can be measured. For measuring density, we recommend capturing an image with a gel imaging device. When the shading compensation function of the CS Analyzer is used, irregularities in the penetration light source can be reduced. The image is analyzed after the absorbance conversion is performed. The density can be measured when there are correlations in the dye method and the density of the protein. (Note: there is may be differences depending on smpale).

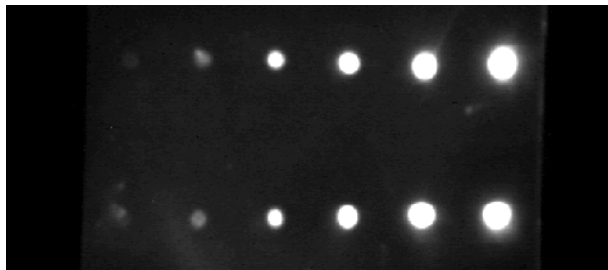


Fluorescent stained gel chemical luminance detection pattern

Fluorescence and the luminescence-patterns captured using an imaging device such as LightCapture, Print Graph, etc. can be analyzed. By adjusting the contrast on the PC monitor (contrast only on display is changed without changing data), faint bands become easier to check. A wider dynamic range can be obtained in fluorescence and luminescence patterns compared with pigment staining.

Dot Blot Pattern

Dot blot patterns of protein and DNA can be quantified. When using chemical luminance device such as LightCapture luminescence detection provides excellent fixed quantity data. It is possible to measure by enclosing the dot with spot measurement in the measurement area.



Software Specifications

ATTO CS Analyzer 3- Supported OS, Windows XP/ 2000, Excel etc. Microsoft Corporation.

Function

Image Input

LightCapture control

-Imaging control function of ATTO LightCapture

-Auto exposure function/ No limitation of images savable under continuous image taking(setting is necessary)

-Video input: Gray image/color image can be captured using a PC equipped with video a interface, Unevenness of white light transilluminator can be reduced by correction of shading.

-Scanner input: Scanner supporting a TWAIN driver can be used as plug-in(supporting 16/48 bit input)

-NetWork input: Images in AE-6905CF Image Saver of Print Graph can be transferred.

Open

*8bit(256 grayscale):BMP/ JPEG/ TIFF/ IS (Print Graph:HighResolution)

*10bit(1024 grayscale):TIFF (Print Graph: 10bit)

*12bit(4096 grayscale):CS file(LightCapture: ccd)/ TIFF (Print Graph:12 bit) /Chain file(LightCapture: cha)

*14bit(16384 grayscale):Cs file(LightCapture: ccd)/Chain file(LightCapture: cha)

*16bit(65536 grayscale):TIFF/ CS file(LightCapture: ccd)/Chain file(LightCapture: cha)

Reanalysis open: Data for reanalysis that is saved by CS analyzer (extension: can)

Measurement function

*Molecular size estimation: Calibration curve is created from the degree of movement of molecular-size maker band and molecular-size.

*Densitometry: Digitalization from intensity of band, detection of peak position (at zone densitometry), (electrophonetic) mobility, etc.

*Fixed quantity function: Molecular-sizequantitation using molecular-size estimation, Relative density quantitation from measurement value of digitalized band.

*Measurement method: Zone-densitometry, specified area densitometry, spot measurement (Lane distortion correction, background correction, peak range correction).

*Scale setting: Scale can be set in an image using a line (used as a scale for full size printing).

Saving function

*Image save: 8bit image save (format: BMP, JPEG, TIFF) converted image, measured image, profile image etc., 12 to 16 bit image save (format: CCD) format dedicated to CS file, 16bit image save (format:TIFF) 16bit TIFF image save, 12 to 16bit Chain file (format:cha) saving the image captured by LightCapture.

*Text save

*Measurement result and profile data can be saved as test.

*Data save for reanalysis: Image conversion, measurement area setting and measurement result are saved together at termination of measurement, By opening Reanalysis, data can be displayed again under the condition at termination of measurement.

Image convert

*Pseudo coloring: Brightness distribution of monochrome image can be displayed in dummy color.

*Contrast display adjust: Contrast on monitor display can be changed freely without changing brightness data.

*Absorbance convert value: Conversion function for measurement of an image such as CBB stained gel, in which absorbance becomes an index for density.

*Change the image resolution: Printing resolution is improved by doubling the number of pixels of the image(both horizontal/vertical direction). It is acceptable to change the same image multiple times(file size becomes 4 times larger each time).

*Image composition: Composition of luminance pattern and pre-stained marker image(image calculation/subtraction function), RGB composition function, Shading correction(reduction of unevenness of white transilluminator). etc.

*Full scale printing: Printing magnification is adjusted automatically so that the set scale becomes full scale.

PC environment

CPU: Pentium III or above

Memory: 256MB or over

HD capacity: More than 1GB is recommended.

*CS analyzer 3 software is dedicated for use under WindowsXP.

*It does not support Macintosh PC OS.

*CS analyzer software is equipped on [LightCapture] as standard.

*Analysis including band measurement and molecular-size assumption is used to measure bands, etc. that have higher intensity than background.

For pigment stained patterns, analysis is performed after absorbance conversion.

NEW Image analysis system

Quantitive analysis systems for fluorescence stained gels and pigment stained gels

AE-6943V-FX Densitograph

- Sample that can be imaged
- Fluorescent stained gel (UV excited)
 - Pigment stained gel (CBB, silver stain, etc.)
 - X-Ray film
 - Other visible samples
- Analytical functions
- Density fixed quantity of fluorescent pattern and pigment stained pattern
 - Molecular size estimation (A molecular size marker is necessary.)



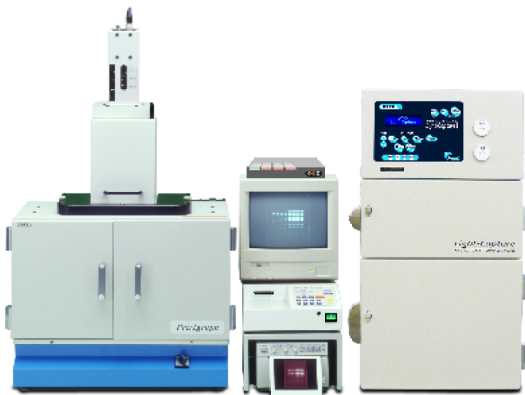
Product configuration	Option
-AE-6933FXCF-U Print Graph (1 wavelength UV)	Epi-UV option kit for FXII
-PC system (Windows)	Two wavelength UV Transilluminator (please consult us)
-Analysis software / CS Analyzer Windows version	AE-6935 Visirays (light source for LED fluorescence excitation)
-Accessories and instruction manual	*Please consult us for details.

NEW New affordably priced set of luminescence & fluorescence & visible light imaging devices

Chemiluminescence imaging & Fluorescence imaging & Visible light imaging & Analysis Software - All integrated into ATTO COMBO



AE-6981GXCP ATTO COMBO II



AE-6981FXCP ATTO COMBO II

The ATTO COMBO series is an integrated system that consist of a chemiluminescence imaging device [LightCapture], a gel image-capturing device [Print graph], a monitor, a printer, and a image analysis software. The whole system is available at a reasonable price.

ATTO COMBO offers a systematic tool for capture, storage, and analysis of images generated by chemiluminescence, fluorescence, and visible light (CBB or silver stained gel , etc.) in research and development.

Imageinputfunction

- Light Capture series

When the LightCapture and personal computer are connected, control (image taking/ image capturing) is facilitated with CS Analyzer 3.

NEW ! AutoExposure (auto exposure imaging)

Appropriate exposure time is calculated automatically and image is taken.

NEW! SemiAuto Exposure (arbitrary time imaging)

Three arbitrary exposure times are selected and images are taken continuously.

- * Single (Single imaging)
- * Repeat (Repeated imaging)
- * Sum (Integration imaging)
- * AutoSum (Integration imaging with saturation detection function)
- * Read VRAM (video memory image copying function)
- *Shading compensation * function(for the white light source when taking an image)

This function corrects irregularities of the white light source when taking images of CBB stained gels and such.



LightCapture and PC system

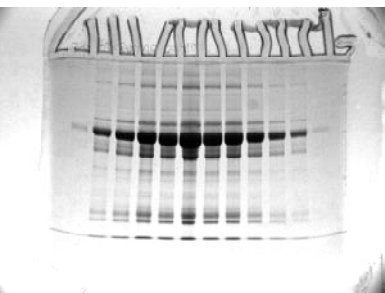
-Print Graph series

By connecting a personal computer with an interface board for video composite input PrintGraph, images can be input using CS Analyzer 3 (video input function). When the AE-6905CF Image Saver and a PC are connected as a network, images saved in the Image Saver internal memory can be captured network connection function).

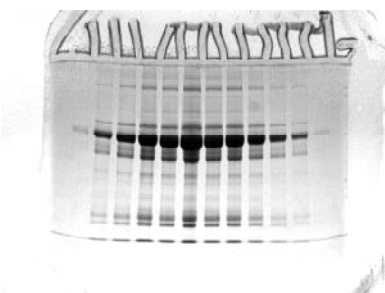
- *AE-6905CF is implemented for the AE-6931FXCF/ 6932GXCF Print Graph as standard.
- * Network connection(AE-6905CF and the personal computer connected as a network.)
- * Shading compensation * function(for the white light source taking an image)
→This function corrects irregularities of the white light source when taking images of CBB gels and such.



Print Graph



Before shading compensation



After shading compensation

* : Shading compensation is performed using 2 images; the gel image photographed under defined conditions and the image of the light source only having removed the gel after photographing.

- Image scanner

Images can be captured by controlling a scanner supporting Twain drivers as a plug-in.

- * Scanner driver is used for capture (supporting 48bit color/ 16bit gray)



Image scanner

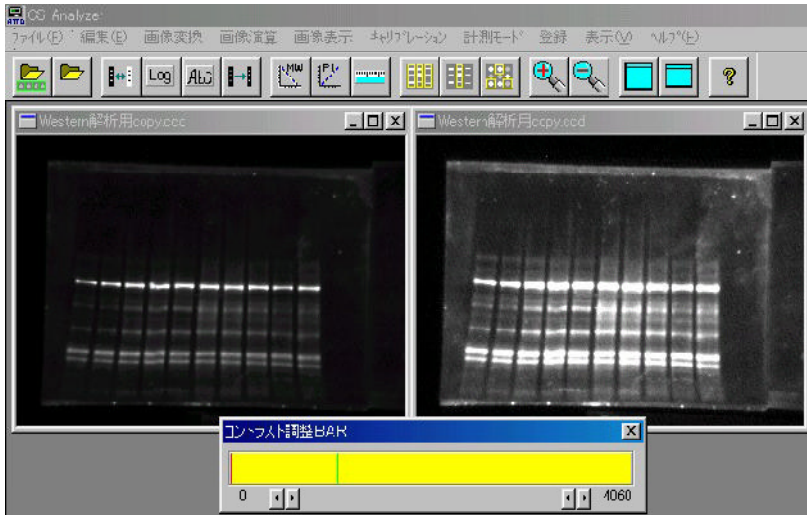
CS Analyzer image conversion function

Contrast adjustment function for displayrd Image

The CS Analyzer can handle 10 to 16bit images grayscale than normal 8bit files(BMP, TIFF, JPEG etc.).

In the case of 10 to 16bit images, it is often not easy to see bands easier to see. Since the contrast adjustment doesn't change the intensity of the image, the same measurement result is obtained regardless of the application of adjustment.

It is also possible to convert the image with adjusted contrast into a TIFF, BMP, or JPEG 8bit file and save it.



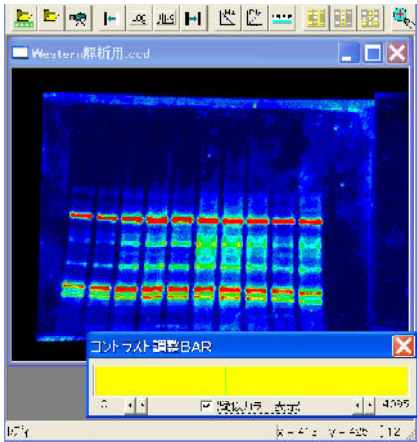
Contrast of appearance is changed. Intensity data of the image does not change, therefore, appropriate measurement results can be obtained when the image is analyzed after adjustment.

Pseudo color display

When contrast of displayed image is adjusted with the CS Analyzer, background and bands might be indiscernible if it is a monochrome image. In this case, when the image is pseudo colorized, bands become easier to see compared with the monochrome image. Pseudo colorization is also a change on the display only and no change is made in the intensity for measurement, therefore the same measurement results will be obtained regardless of the application of pseudo colorizing. It is also possible to convert and save the pseuo-colored images an 8bit TIFF, BMP, or JPEG file.

Changing image grayscale(number of bits)

The CS Analyzer is compatible with 8 to 16bit images. These images can be changed to lower bit and higher bit irreversible image mode conversion function. The image file can also be saved after conversion. We recommend saving a separate copy of the original unaltered image.



Changing the image resolution

CS Analyzer can change the resolution of the image to double or half irreversibly changing in the resolution is an effective way to print a smooth image.

Images with doubled resolution require four times as much space when saved.

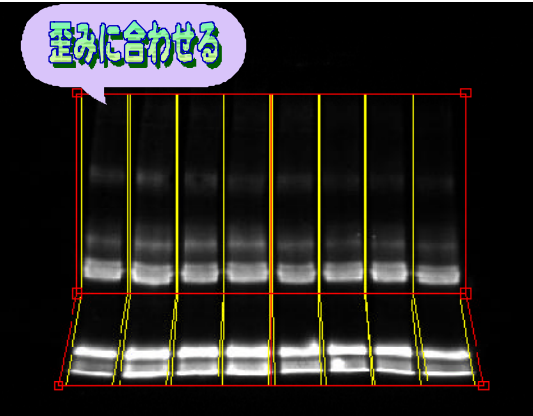


Handling a distorted pattern

Distortion correction function

Even if the pattern is widened towards the bottom like PAGE, when the distortion correction function is used, the pattern exactly fits the bending of the lane as shown in the figure.

Matching with the distortion

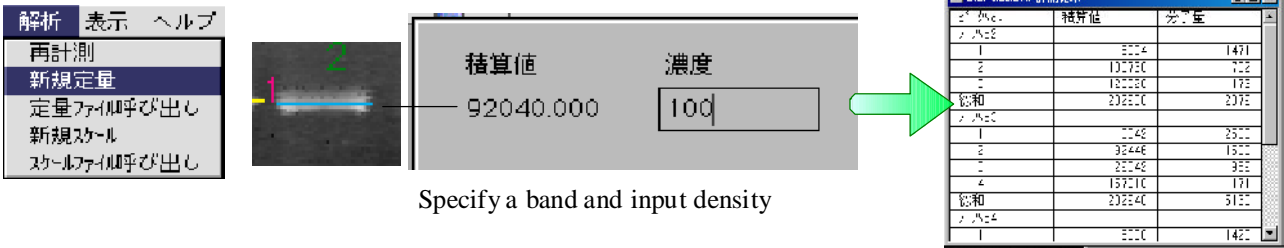


PAGE pattern toward the bottom.

Fixed quantity measurement result

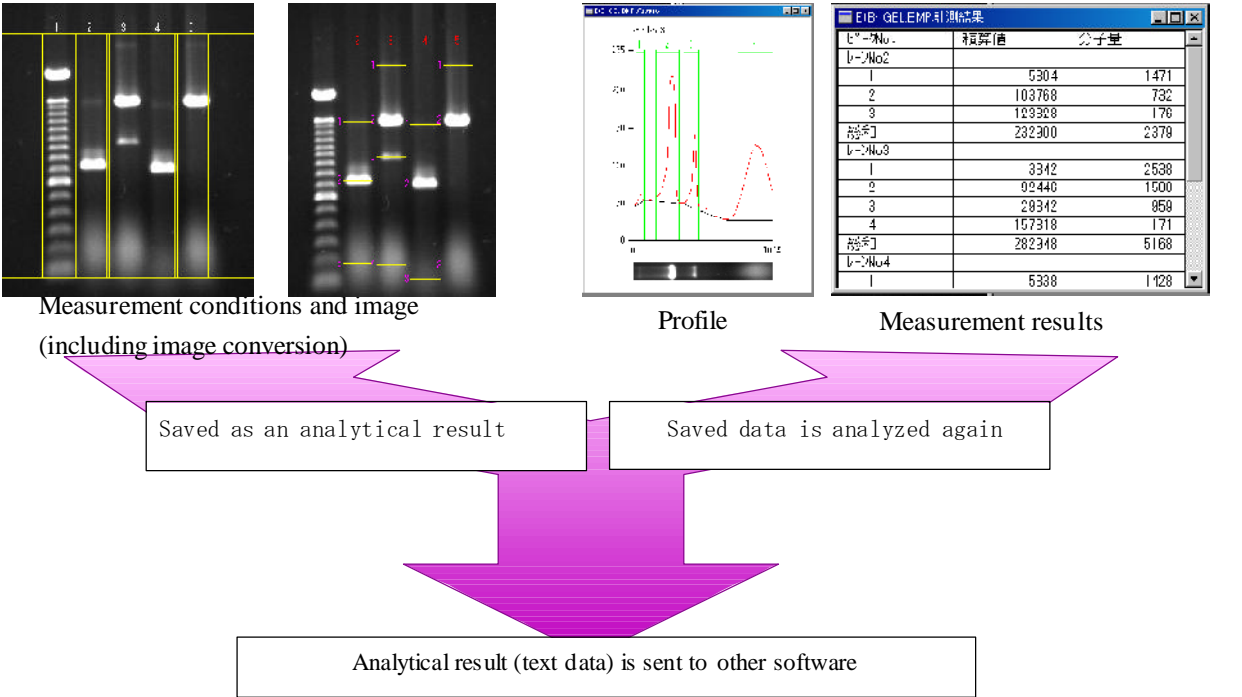
New fixed quantity function

Comparative quantitation is available using known density or standard band. When a certain band is set as "100", the raito of other band is added to the measurement result.



Saving function for analyzed data

The measurement value can be saved together with the image, profile and so on, so it is possible to reanalyze the measurement result under the same condition as before (image conversion, area setting, measurement condition, etc.). Additionally, the profile and measurement results can be individually saved as text data. The text data can be read with spreadsheet software such as Microsoft Excel.



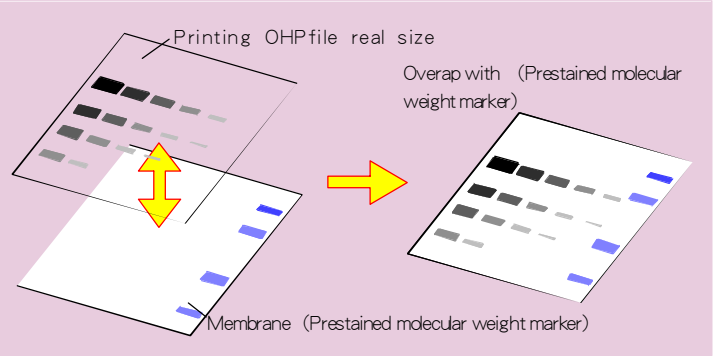
CS Analyzer analytical functions

Molecular size measurement of luminescence pattern

How can we check the position of the bands on a luminescence detected sample that has been subjected to antibody reaction?

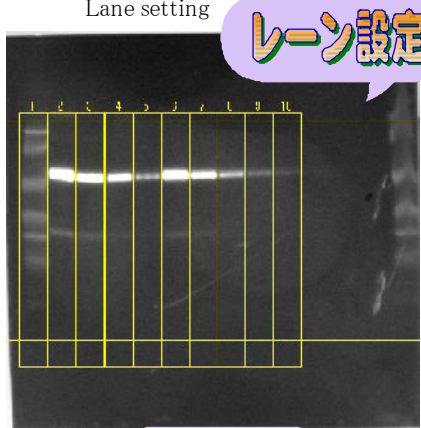
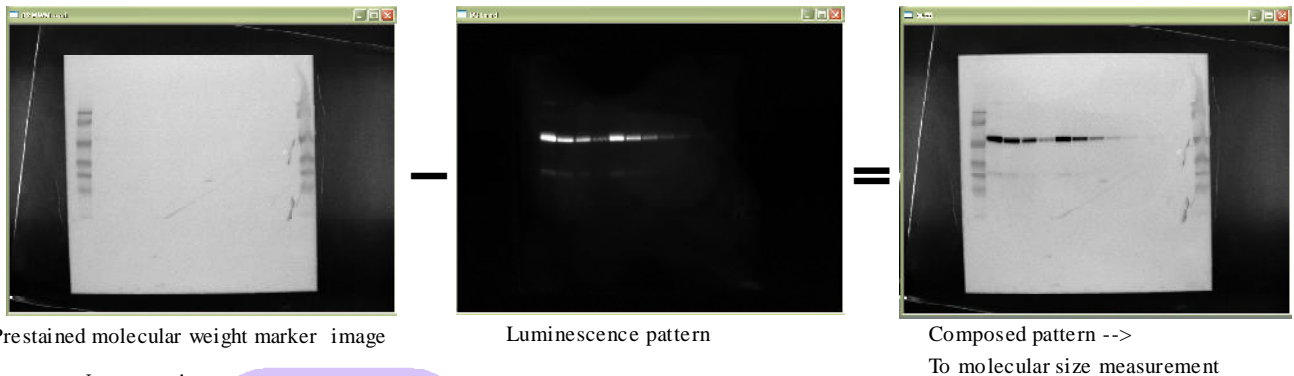
■ Method 1: Use full scale printing

Calibrate the scale of the captured image and print it full size. When it is printed on OHP film, etc., it becomes possible to overlap with membrane and check with a prestained molecular weight marker in the same way as for X-ray film.



■ Method 2: Measure the molecular size by using image composition.

By composing (subtracting) the image of prestained molecular weight marker and luminance pattern, it is possible to measure molecular-size using analysis software.



レーン設定

● Analyse function

CS Analyzer, the density, molecular-size, etc. of the band can be measured from the electrophoresis pattern.

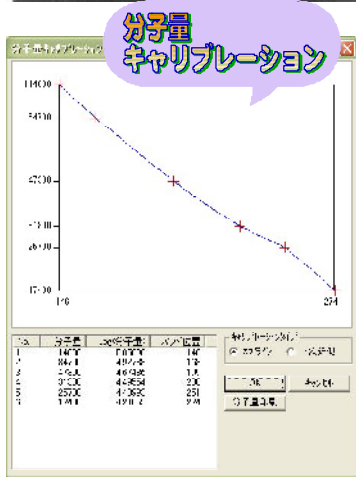
Procedure for molecular-size measurement

-Invert the image

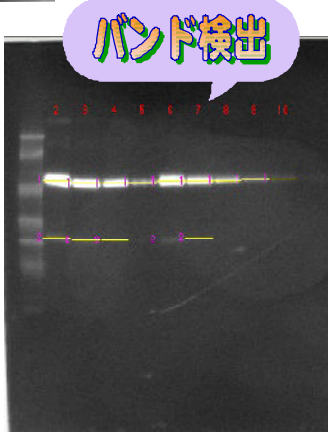
-Set the lane --> Calibration molecular-size.

-Detect bandmeasurement result

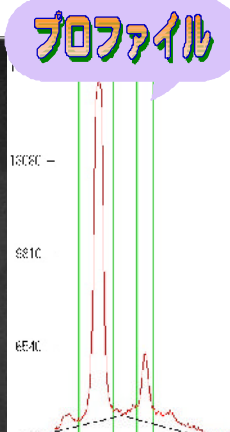
CS Analyzer estimates the molecular-size of the band for the measurement based on the mobility of the molecular-size marker and the molecular-size of each band.



Molecular-size calibration



Band detection



Profile

計測結果

バンドNo.	検出値	分子量
1	4077502	54713
2	711310	26607
総平均	7758820	81207
バンドNo.3	7049576	52127
2	711310	26607
総平均	4074794	70065
バンドNo.4	5300551	52123
2	379030	25942
総平均	565581	78065
バンドNo.5	1988724	52874
総平均	1988724	52874
バンドNo.6	748088	53883
2	561914	26187
総平均	5070883	80025
バンドNo.7	565875	53883
2	407160	26683
総平均	4045065	80521
バンドNo.8	2717240	54713
総平均	2717240	54713
バンドNo.9	924430	55803
総平均	924430	55803
バンドNo.10	924432	55813
総平均	924432	55813

Measurement result

Grayscale inversion

To convert CBB stained gel into a suitable image for measurement, the image is analyzed after the absorbance is converted. When absorbance conversion is performed, it is possible to convert it into a suitable image for while retaining quantitation. When the absorbance is converted, the image looks as if it is inverted. In addition, the band can be made easier to see by adjusting-contrast. If shading compensation is performed when capturing the image, the background becomes uniform.

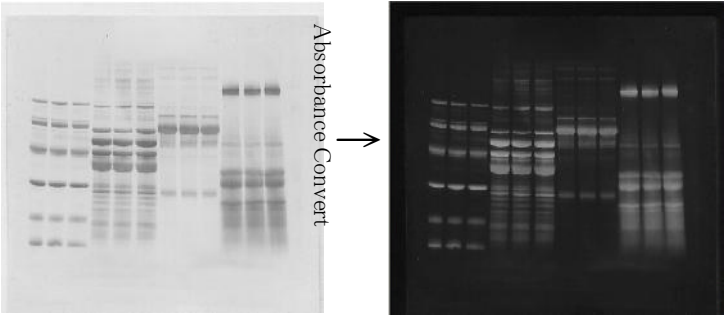


Image calculation functions

■ Example 1: Composition of luminescence pattern and colored marker image

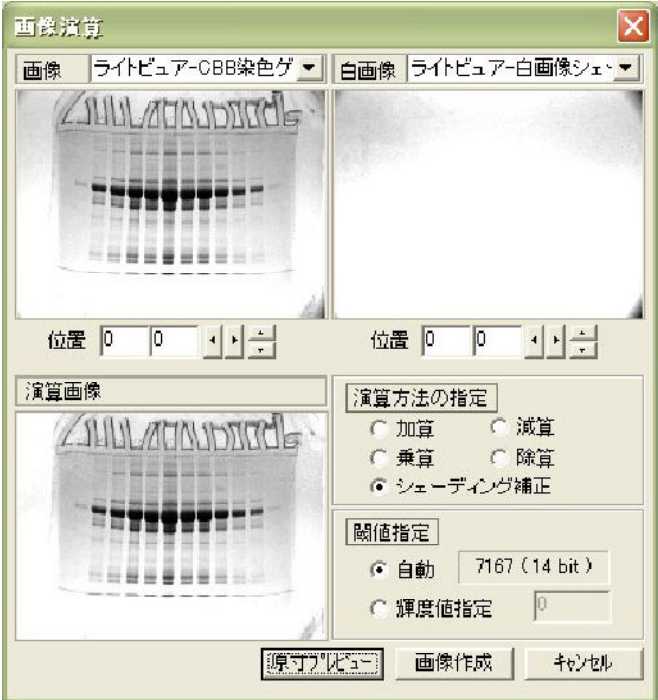
When taking an image of a chemical luminescence membrane, the luminescence pattern can be seen usually but molecular-size markers that don't emit light is are not detected.

However, CS Analyzer (When colored marker is used.) is able to compose (image subtraction) the image of a membrane photographed using a white light source and the image of the luminance pattern photographed subsequently. With this image, the molecular-size of chemical luminescence pattern can be measured.



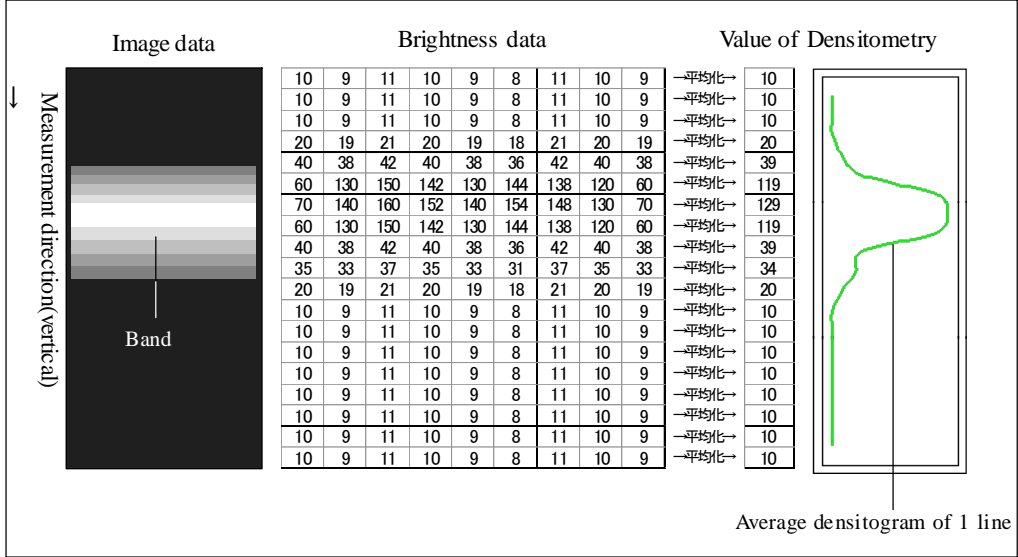
■ Example 2: Shading compensation

A white transilluminator is used to capture CBB stained gels, etc. This light source has unevenness, therefore if used as it is; the evenness on the background becomes a problem at analysis. The irregularity of the source of light is corrected when the shading compensation function is used, and the background can be evened out (profer correction might not be possible when the light source has extremely large irregularity).

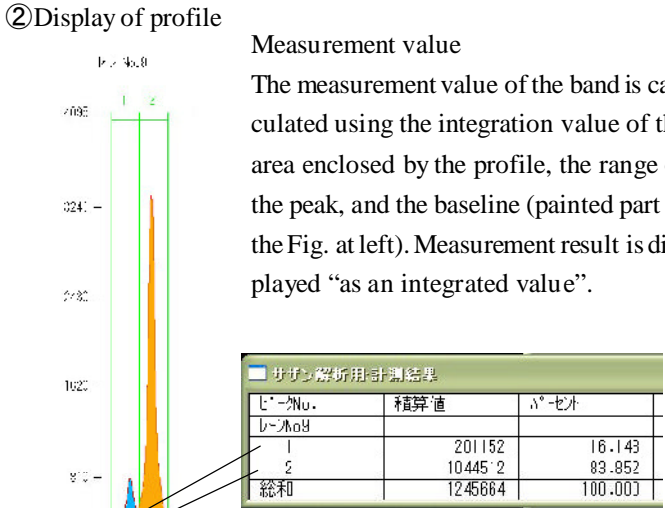
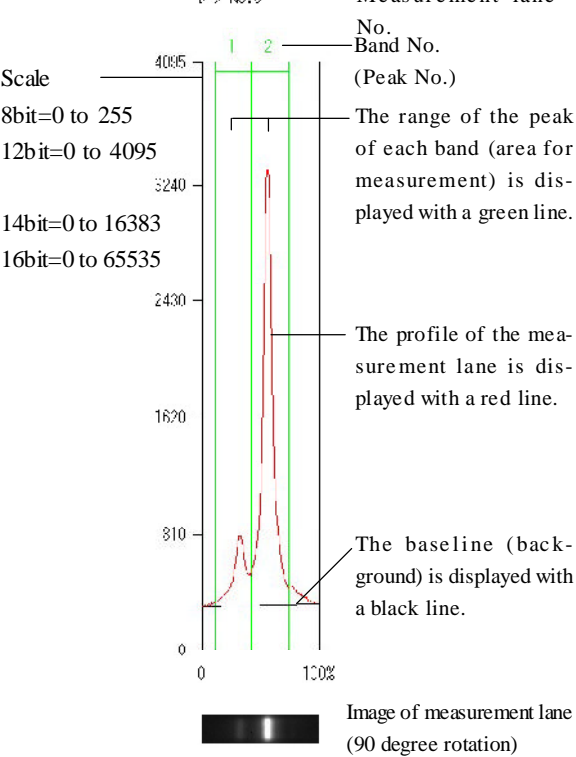
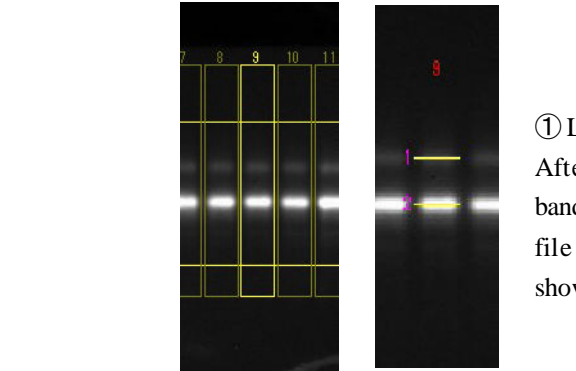


Principle of image analysis(ZoneDensitometry method)

At first, set the measurement area (rectangular or square) for the image. Select the measurement direction (vertical, horizontal) when setting the measurement area. Under the zone densitometry method, a densitogram (profile) is obtained using the average value of intensity of pixels for 1 line in the width direction against the measurement direction. The integration value of the measurement result is calculated from this densitogram.

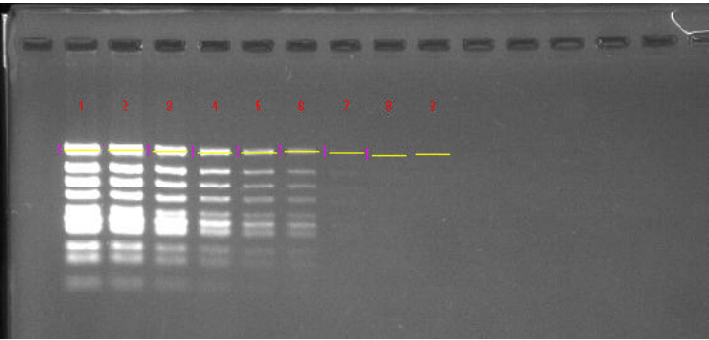


※Note:In an actual measurement, neither the brightness data nor the average value of 1 line can be saved under [Text Save] in the Save Menu.

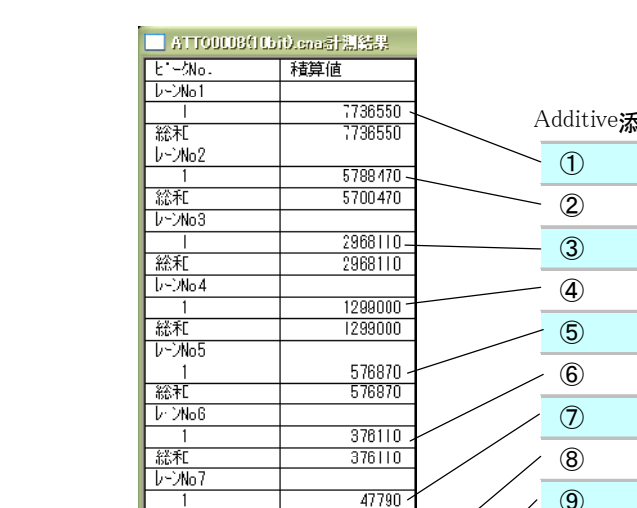
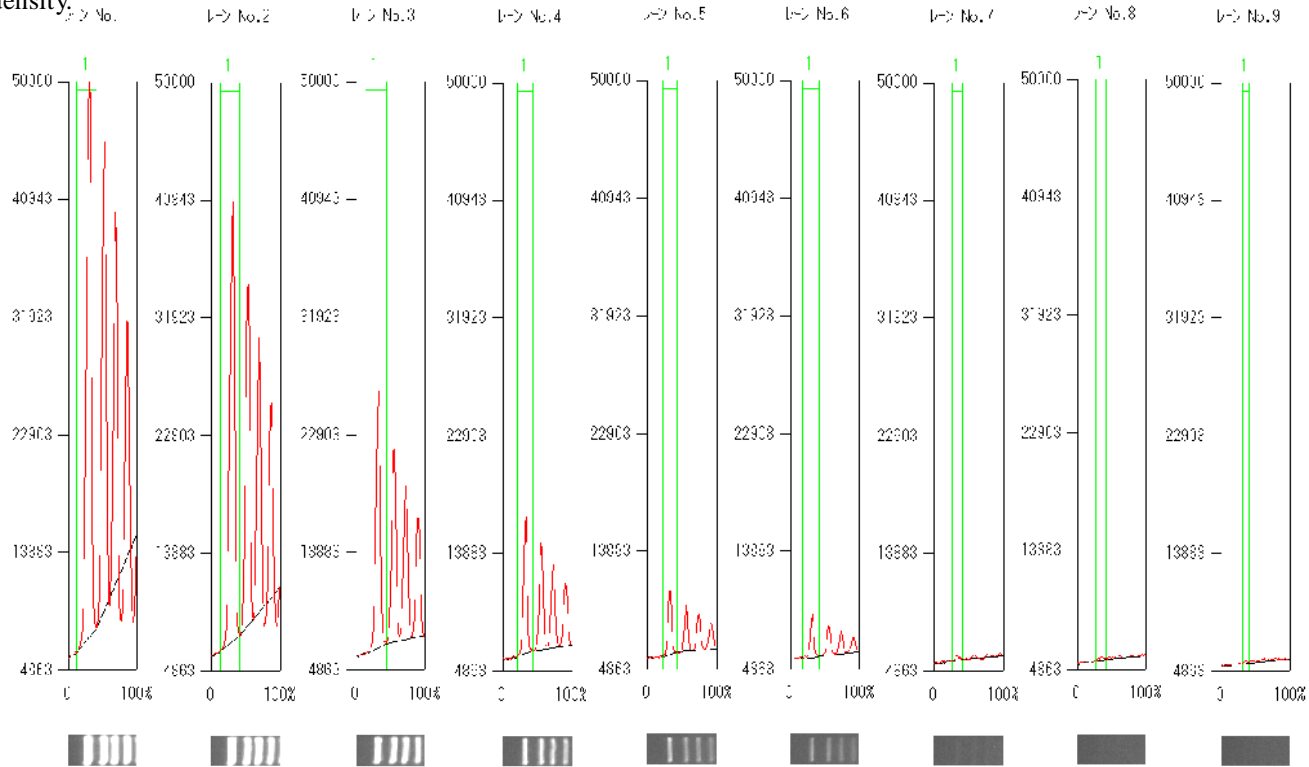


Example of analyzing a photographic image and dilution series of DNA

This is the image measured by CS Analyzer after electrophoresis of dilution series of DNA using PrintGraph, photographing ethidium bromide stained gel and saving as TIFF (10bit) file.



Measured profile of each lane is shown below. The density of the band is calculated from the profile as “an integrated value”. Additive amount is total DNA amount of each lane, and the weight of the band of 1057bp becomes approx 20% of the total. Comparing to lane No. 9, lane No.1 has approx 240 times the density.



ビームNo.	積分値	Target band	Detection	Magnification
①	1736550	1057bp	◎	240
②	5788470	1057bp	◎	160
③	2968110	1057bp	◎	80
④	1298000	1057bp	◎	40
⑤	576870	1057bp	◎	16
⑥	376110	1057bp	◎	8
⑦	47790	1057bp	◎	4
⑧	28830	1057bp	○	2
⑨	10530	1057bp	×	1
⑩	10530	1057bp	×	0.5
⑪	10530	1057bp	×	0.25