Measurement of Chemical Penetration and Distribution in Skin using Raman imaging and Multivariate Curve Resolution - Alternating Least Square Anukrati Goel<sup>a</sup>, Natalie Belsey<sup>a, b</sup>, Tao Chen<sup>a</sup> a Department of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Surrey, Guildford, UK b Surface Technology Group, National Physical Laboratory, Middlesex, UK

#### Aim

- Analyse penetration of chemical in skin
- Depth of penetration
- Penetration pathways
- Separate signal contribution of target species from skin

## Methodology

- SRS imaging non invasive technique with submicron spatial resolution
- Spectral unmixing by combining hyperspectral imaging with multivariate

# Results: MCR-ALS analysis of cyanophenol dosed skin



analysis

• MCR-ALS: Decomposes data matrix into components' contribution

Adapted from Zhang et al, Analytica Chimica Acta, 2013





Similarity between predicted and experimental distribution is 68%

progress



SRS imaging in silent region 2235cm<sup>-1</sup>

Experimental CP distribution

Similarity Analysis

## Results : SRS imaging of skin





- SRS imaging analysed penetration pathways of retinol and cyanophenol in the skin
- Developed MCR-ALS methodology to unmix signals in hyperspectral dataset
- Similarity b/w experimental and predicted distribution is 68% improvement in



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