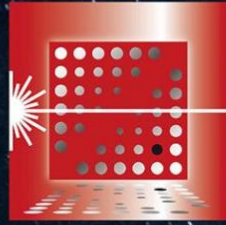


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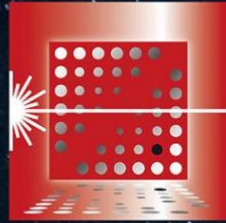


Taggant Technology

A brief introduction
into the basics of
taggant technology
(TAGTEC)



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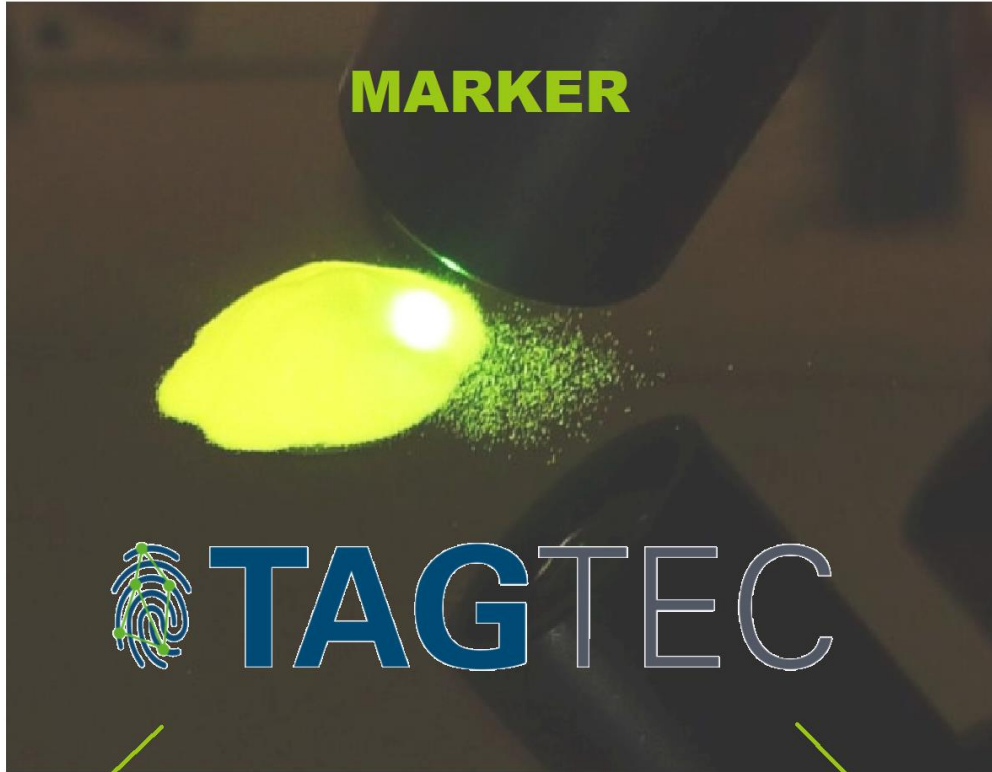


It all begins with taggants,
chemical markers with
luminescent properties ...



with TAGTEC markers ...





MARKER

 **TAGTEC**

TAGTEC
TAU-MARKER

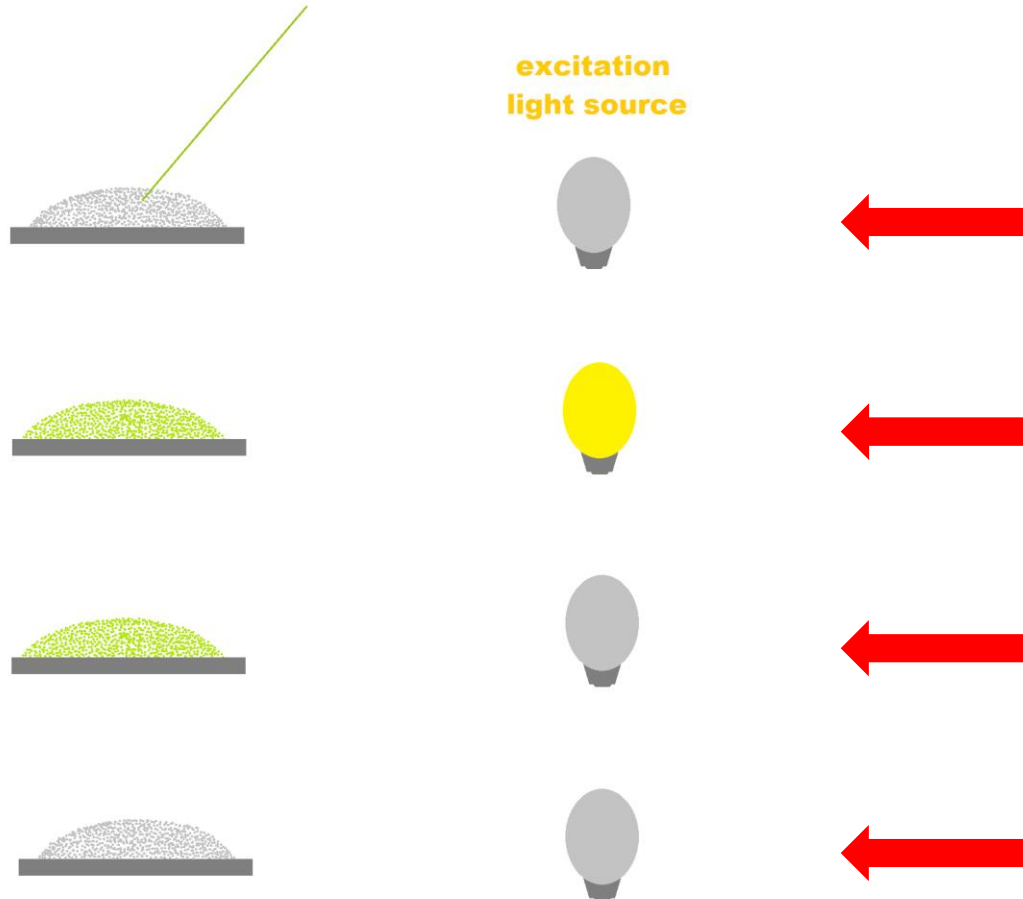
TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER

with phosphorescent
or fluorescent
characteristics.

 **TAGTEC**



TAGTEC
TAU-MARKER
phosphorescent



Phosphorescent **TAGTEC** markers (TAU-MARKERS) are characterized by the afterglow effect, which means that the TAU-MARKER is still shining, even if the primary lightning source (excitation light source) is not present anymore.

Nevertheless, the emission of the excited **TAGTEC** TAU-MARKER approaches zero after a certain length of time (a few hundred microseconds).

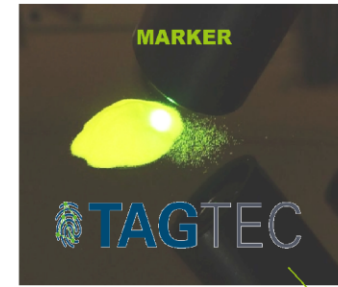
TAU-MARKER does not light,
excitation light source is off

TAU-MARKER is shining,
excitation light source is switched on

TAU-MARKER is still shining,
excitation light source is switched off

The shining of the TAU-MARKER extinguishes,
excitation light source is still off

Fluorescent **TAGTEC** markers (STAR-MARKERS) are shining as long as the excitation light source is on and the glow of the STAR-MARKERS disappear immediately after the excitation light is switched off.



TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER
fluorescent

excitation
light source

STAR-MARKER does not light,
excitation light source is off



STAR-MARKER is shining,
excitation light source is on



STAR-MARKER does not light,
excitation light source is switched off



STAR-MARKER does not light,
excitation light source is off

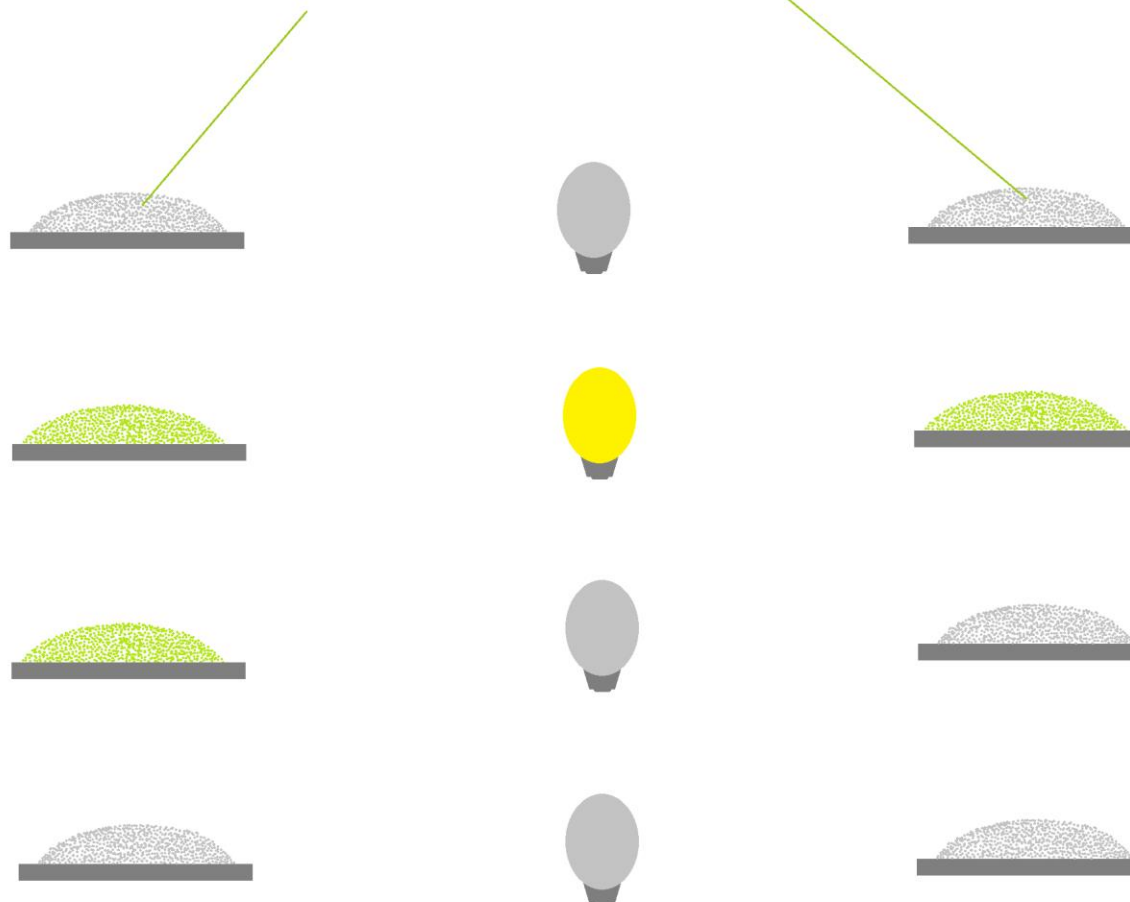


Comparison of the two marker types:
TAGTEC TAU-MARKER / **TAGTEC STAR-MARKER**



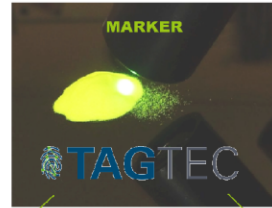
TAGTEC
TAU-MARKER
phosphorescent

TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER
fluorescent



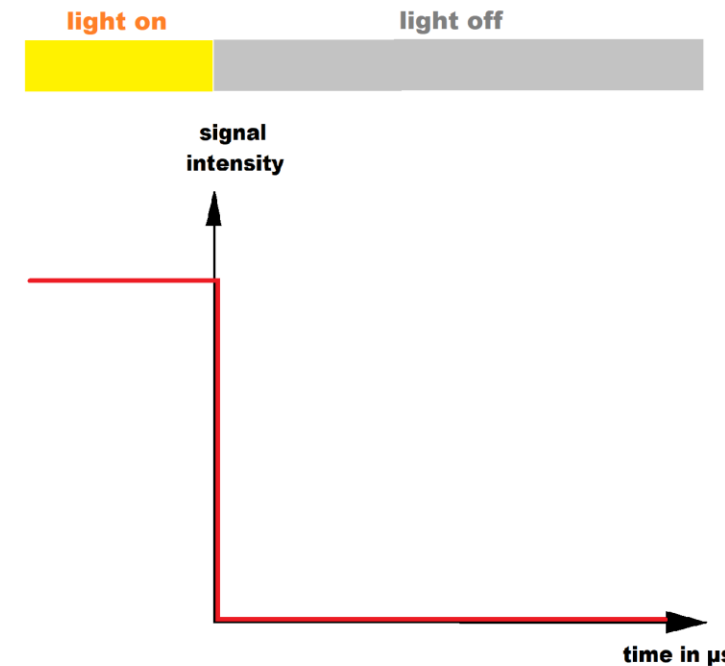
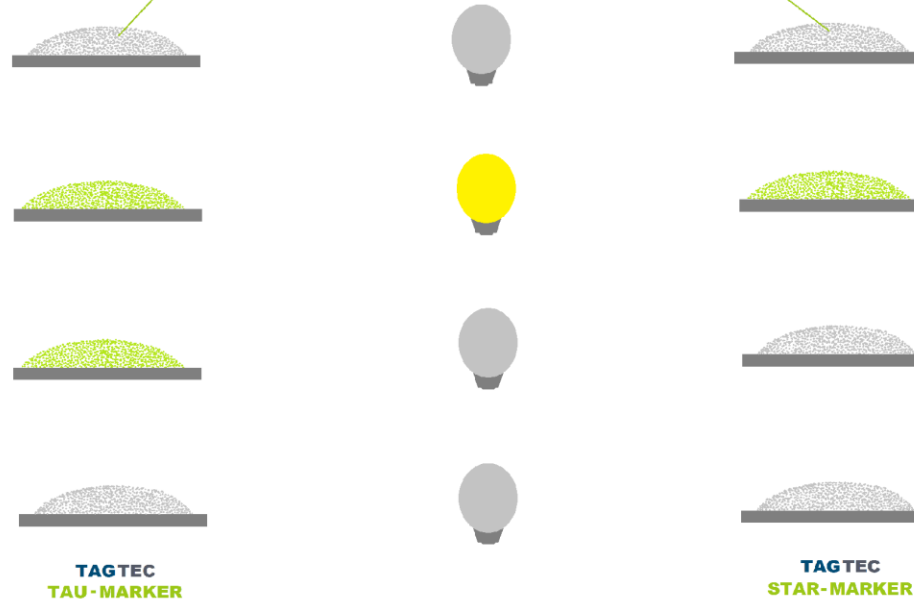
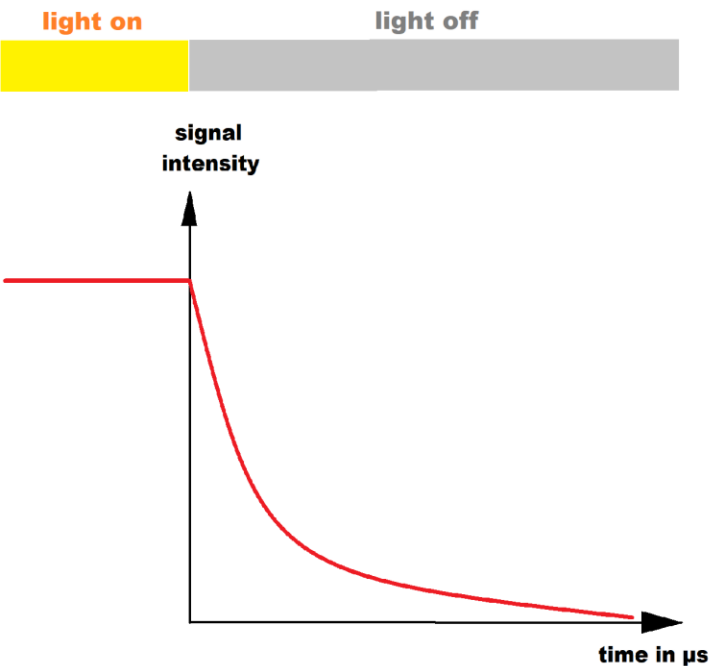
The decay behaviour of the **TAGTEC TAU-MARKER** after switching off the excitation light source is an exponentially decay. After a few hundred microseconds (depending on the respective **TAGTEC TAU-MARKER**) the signal response approaches zero.

The optical signal response of the **TAGTEC STAR-MARKER** has digital behaviour. Synchronously to the excitation light source, the signal response is on as long as the excitation light source is on and disappears immediately after the excitation light is switched off.



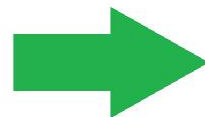
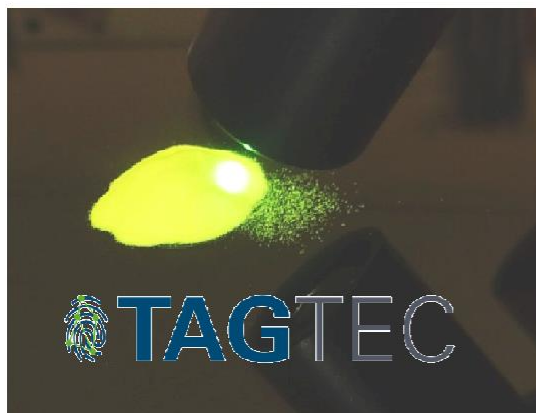
TAGTEC TAU-MARKER
phosphorescent

TAGTEC STAR-MARKER
fluorescent



Now it is time to add the **TAGTEC MARKER** into the **TAGTEC MASTERBATCH**:

TAGTEC - MARKER

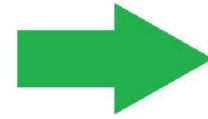
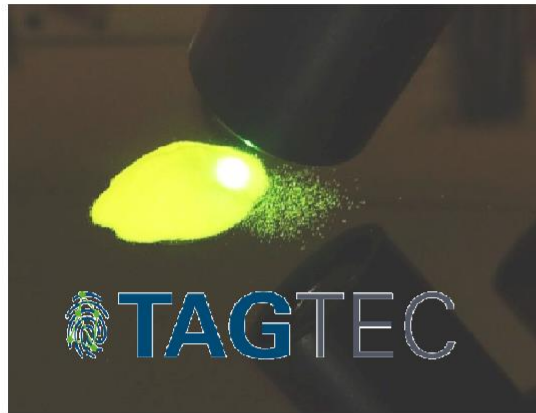


TAGTEC - MASTERBATCH

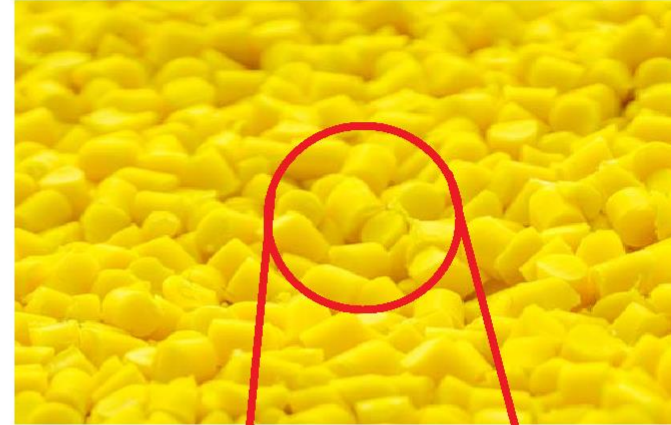


Let's have a look onto the **TAGTEC MASTERBATCH** with an excitation light source and a suitable camera:

TAGTEC - MARKER



TAGTEC - MASTERBATCH



Das Granulat leuchtet in einem definierten Wellenlängenbereich:



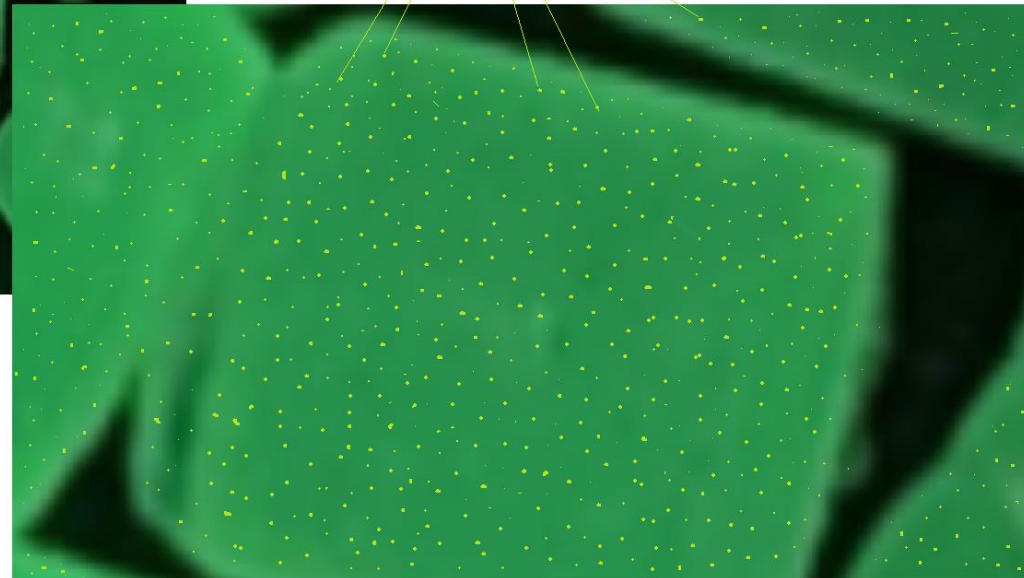
Let's have a look onto the pellets inside the **TAGTEC MASTERBATCH**:

Zooming into the **TAGTEC MASTERBATCH** until one pellet is captured from the special camera, even the particles can be seen, although the grain size of the TAGTEC MARKER lies in the range of $1\mu\text{m}$ to $10\mu\text{m}$, approximately.



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**TAGTEC
PARTICLES**



Time to create a product, more precise a plastic product with **TAGTEC** technology incorporated:

TAGTEC - MARKER



TAGTEC - MASTERBATCH



PRODUCT + TAGTEC

 **TAGTEC**

It can be one **TAGTEC** TAU-MARKER, or for example three different **TAGTEC** TAU-MARKERS:

TAGTEC
TAU-MARKER



TAU 1



TAU 2



TAU 3

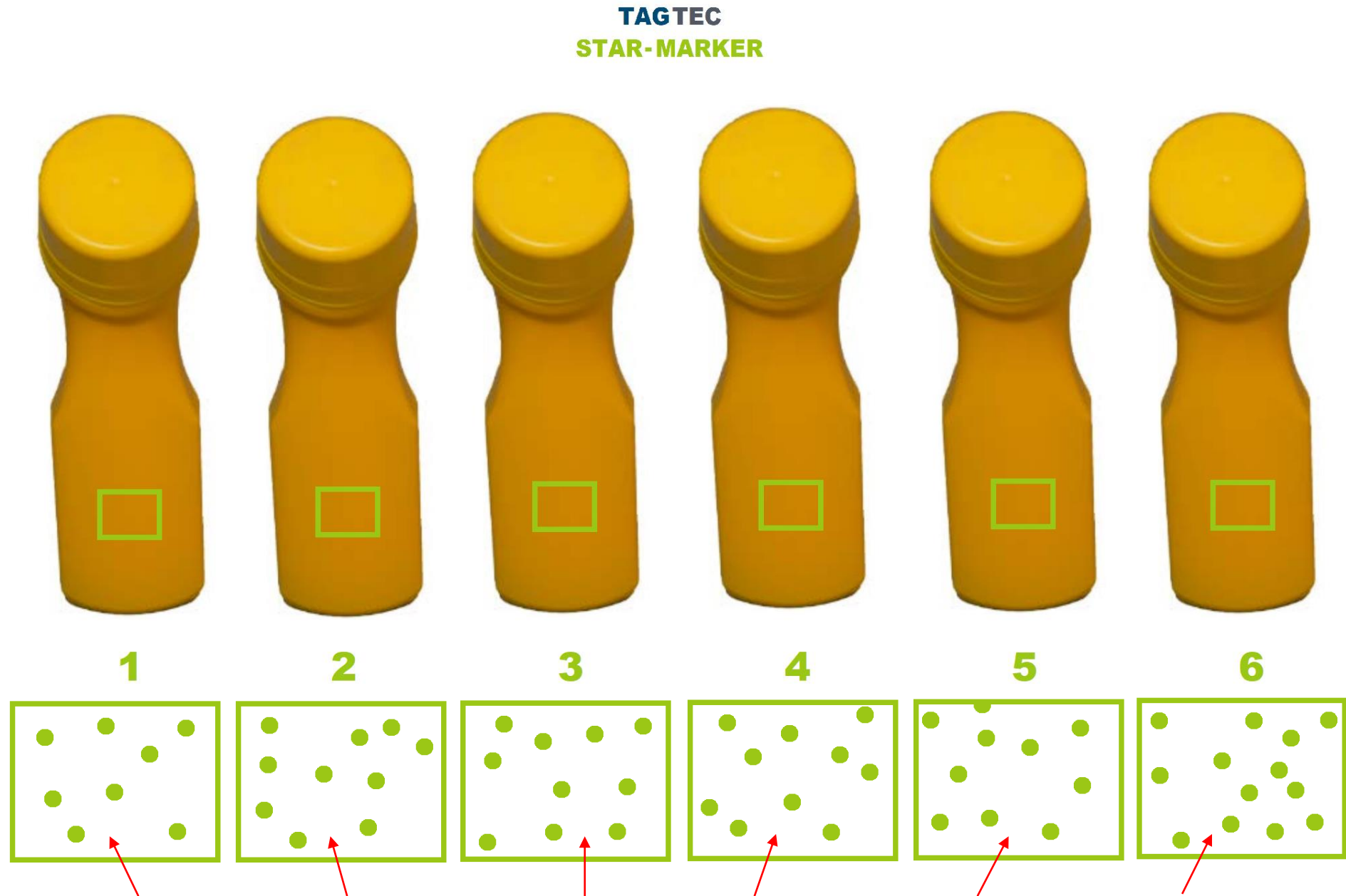
Or one of the available **TAGTEC STAR-MARKERS** is used:

TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER



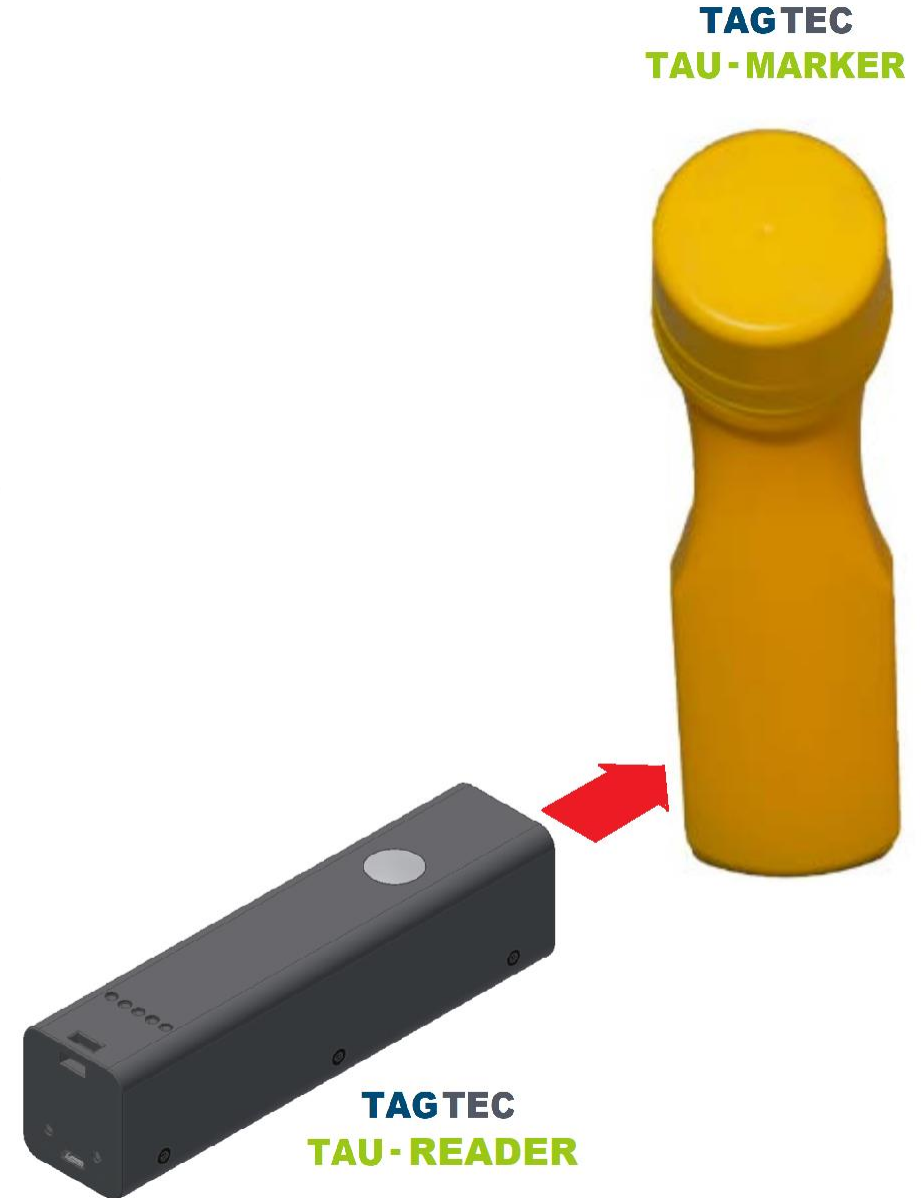
In case of using a **TAGTEC STAR-MARKER**, an individual encoding and decoding is given, because of the randomly distributed fluorescent marker particles inside the plastic matrix.

It must be ensured to use the same area (e.g. green frame) for coding as well as for encoding:



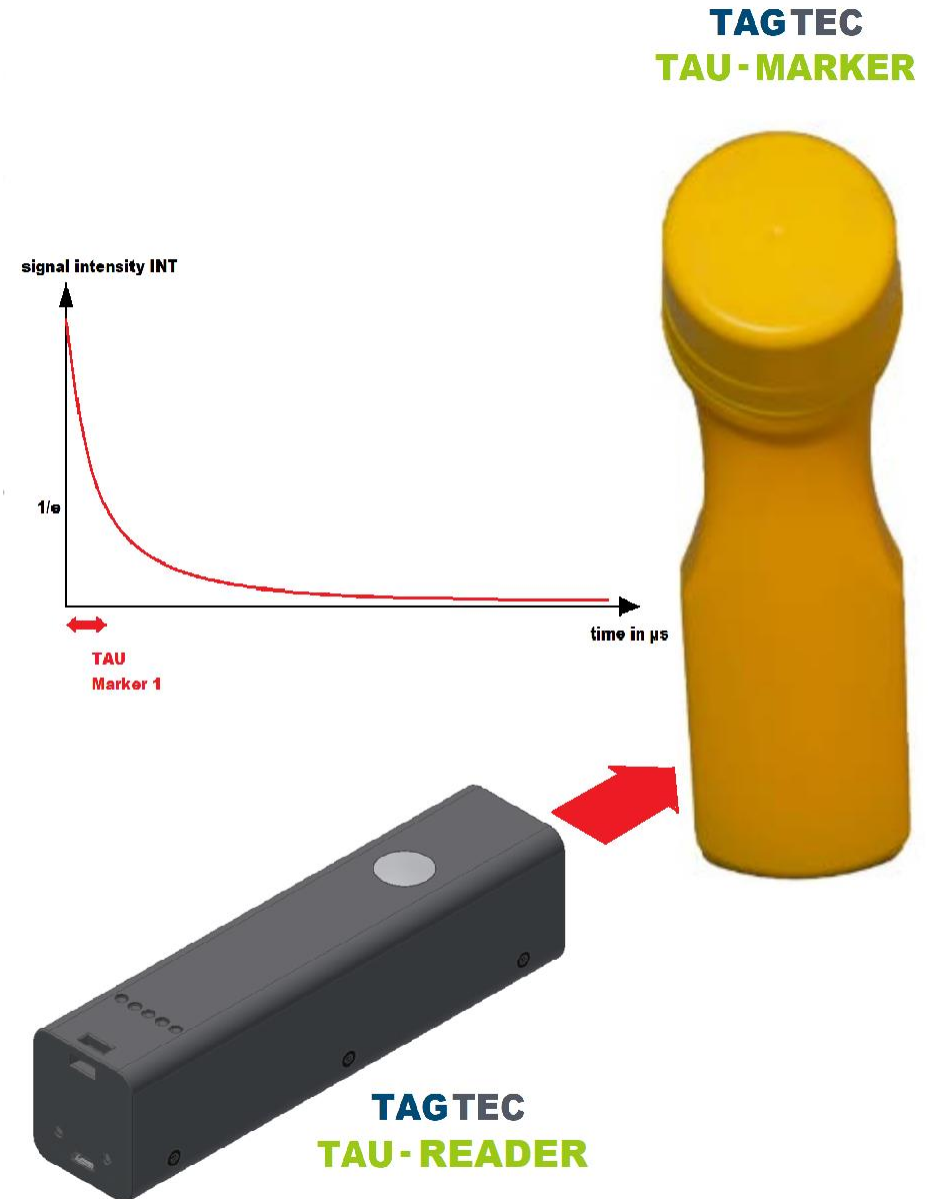
The **TAGTEC** particles are randomly distributed in the respective green frame, this fact allows the creation of an individual code, the so-called STAR-Code.

In addition to the **TAGTEC** MARKERS, there are several **TAGTEC** READERS available, for the **TAGTEC** TAU-MARKERS of course the **TAGTEC** TAU-READER:



The **TAGTEC** TAU-READER informs about the time constant and intensity of the signal response. Once, the product is taught from a master unit, a slave unit shows the presence of the correct **TAGTEC** TAU-MARKER on its LEDs.

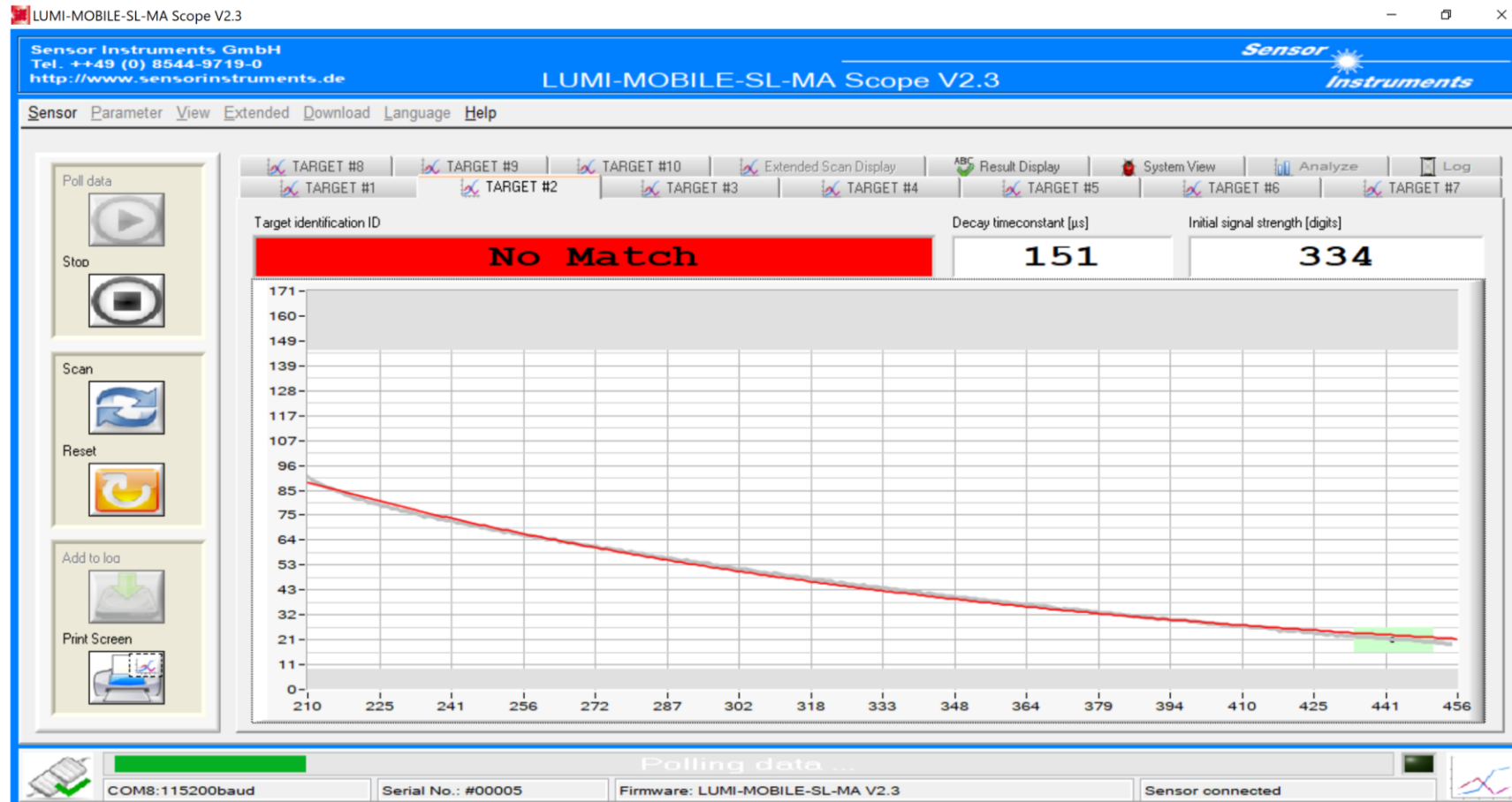
Furthermore, via a USB cable, the complete data can be read out in using the LUMI Scope Windows® software.



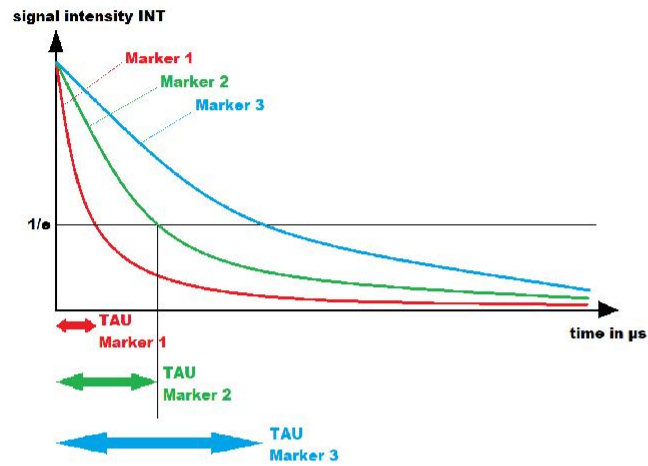
Detection of a valid TAU-MARKER:



Detection of an invalid TAU-MARKER:



The **TAGTEC** TAU-MARKERS taught by the **TAGTEC** TAU-READER (master) are displayed by the respective LED at the **TAGTEC** TAU-READERS (slaves):



TAGTEC
TAU-MARKER



TAU 1



TAU 2



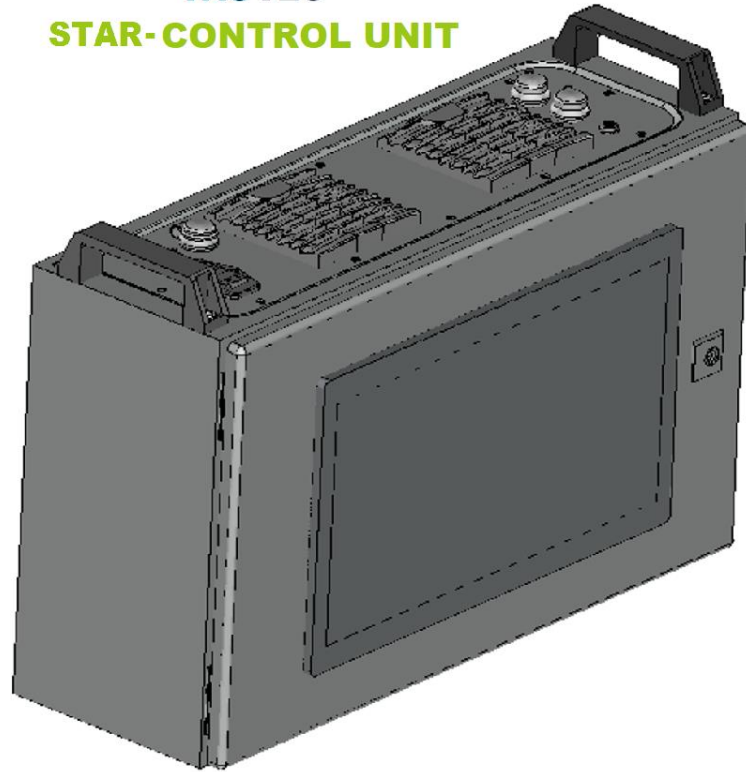
TAU 3



TAGTEC
TAU-READER

For the encoding process of TAGTEC STAR marked plastic products, the inline unit of the TAGTEC STAR-READER is used:

**TAGTEC
STAR-CONTROL UNIT**



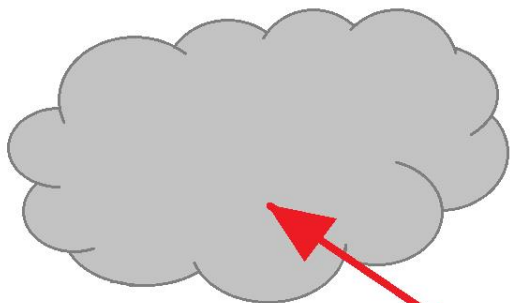
**TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER**



**TAGTEC
STAR-READER**

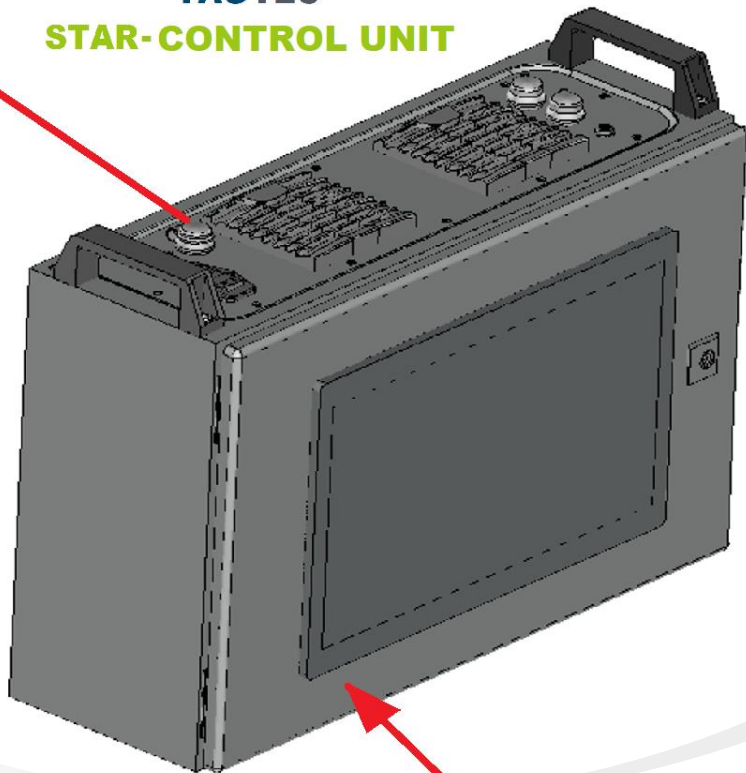


At this, the **TAGTEC STAR** particle distribution will be read out at a certain position with the **TAGTEC STAR-READER** frontend, which contains a vision system and a suitable excitation light source:



Finally, the code will be transferred into the **TAGTEC CLOUD**.

**TAGTEC
STAR-CONTROL UNIT**



**TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER**

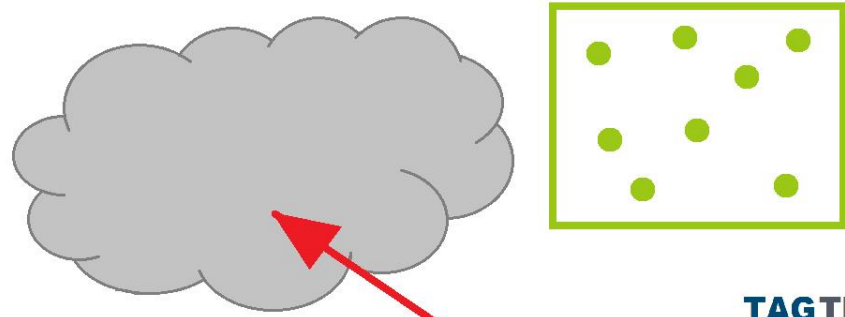


**TAGTEC
STAR-READER**

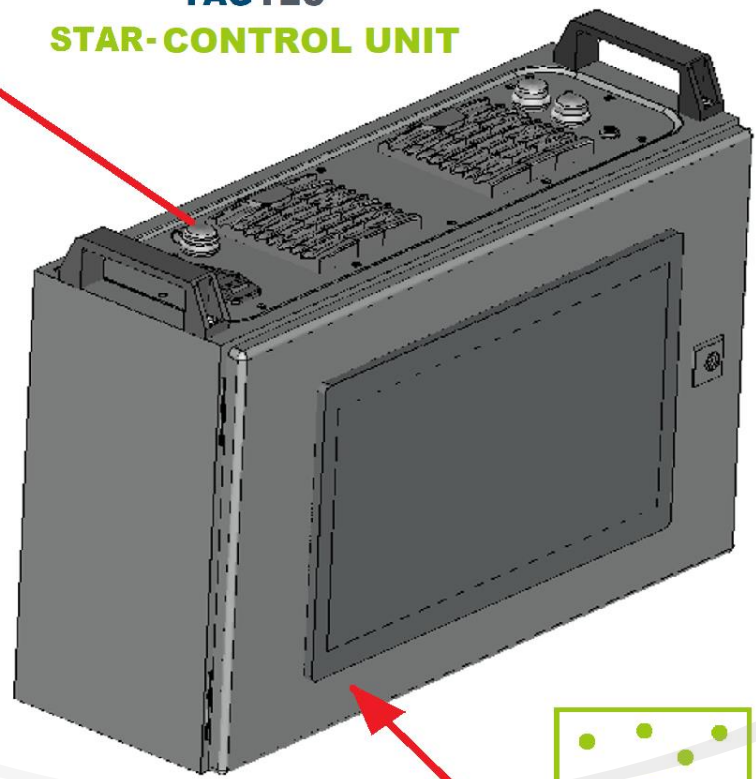


In the next step, the data will be sent to the evaluation unit (**TAGTEC STAR-CONTROL UNIT**), followed by an encoding of the data.

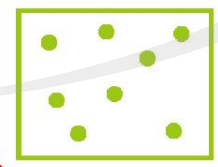
Scanning and encoding of the first product:



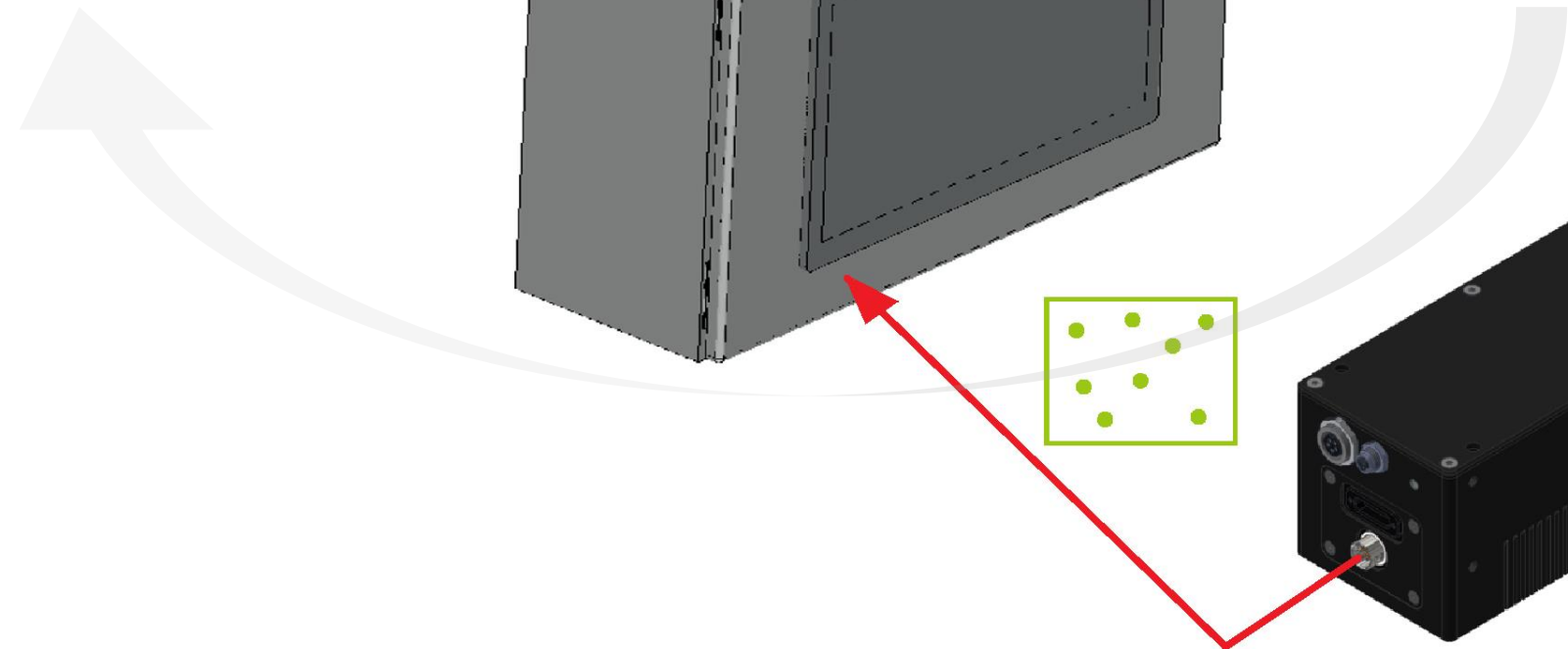
TAGTEC
STAR-CONTROL UNIT



TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER



TAGTEC
STAR-READER



GUI of the STAR-INLINE unit:

The screenshot displays the LUMI-STAR Inline software interface. The main window features a large network diagram with green nodes and connections on a dark background. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Help), a sidebar with various icons, and a bottom status bar with logos for Sensor Instruments and GABRIEL-CHEMIE.

Processing Mode:

- Continuous Item Matching
- Triggered Item Creation (Master)
- Triggered Item Matching (Slave)

Trigger Condition:

- Socket OR Hardware
- Socket AND Hardware
- Hardware only

Camera and Processing:

Parameter	Value
Zoom	1.000000
Gain	11.199219
Exposure	1/20
Frame Rate	1.000000
Brightness	0.000000
Contrast	0.546000
S-Amount	0.000000
S-Radius	0.000000
Threshold	0.480000
MinArea	2.000000
Circularity	0.300000
Hysteresis	0.000000

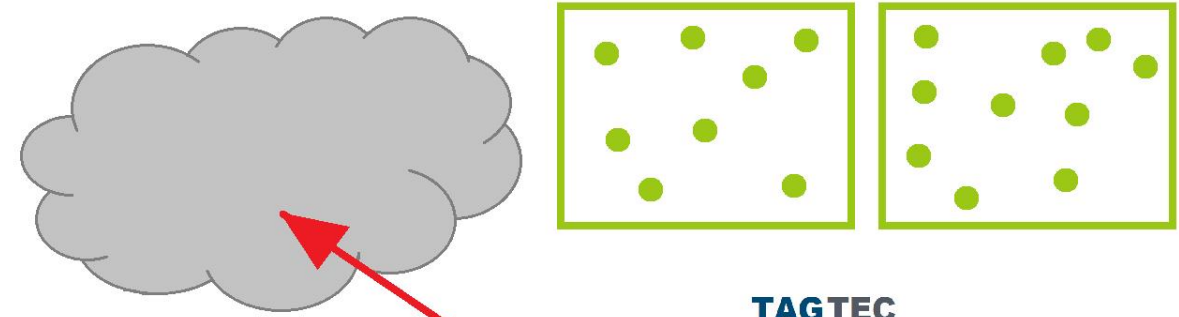
Status:

- Camera **connected, acquisition OK** (Re-)Connect Camera
- Server **authenticated**
- Socket trigger **active** Hardware trigger **active**
- 2003 items in 10 categories, 3 unsent items

Last Item: e92571a8-b795-4740-9c2a-d242299aabe5:59484

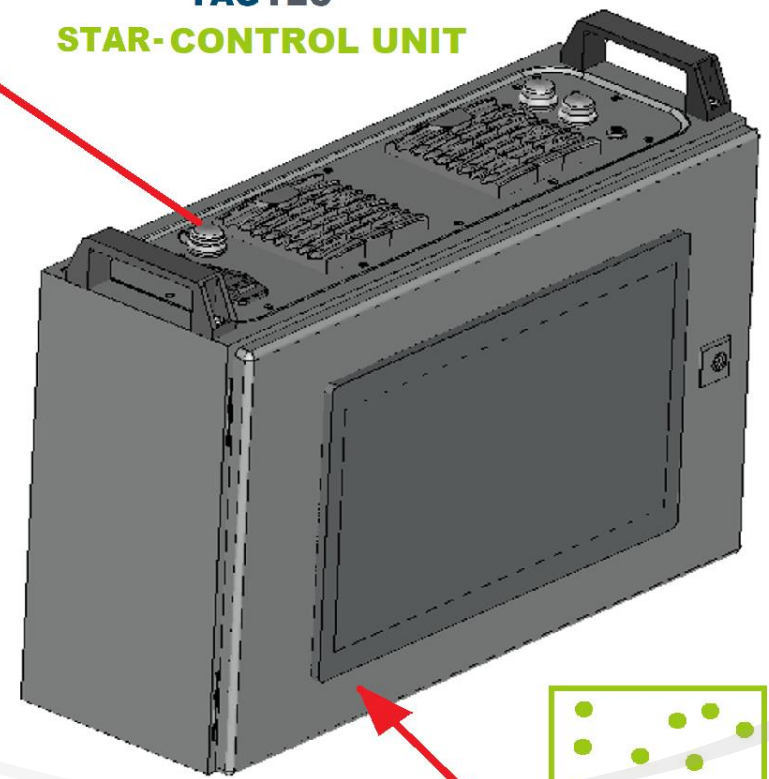
Current Category: Tag7 (311 items)

Scanning and encoding of the second product:



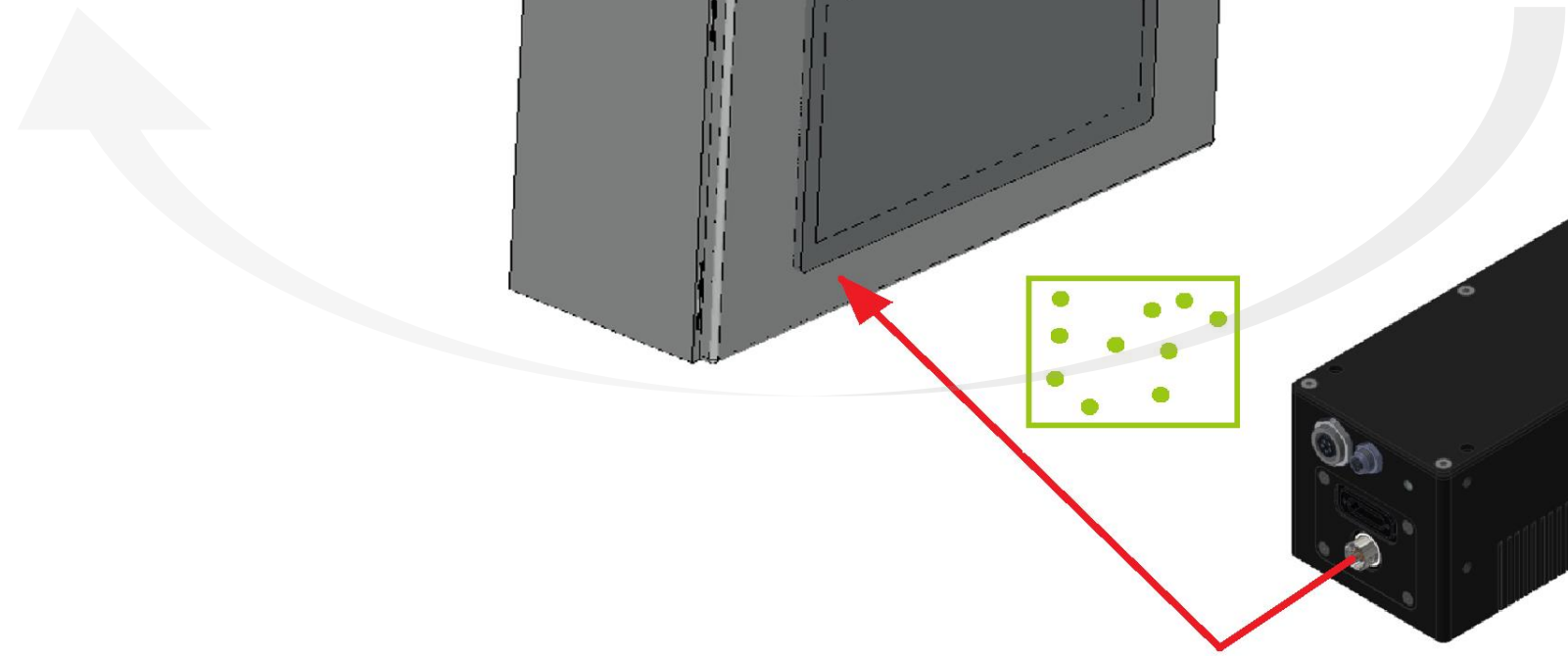
TAGTEC
STAR-CONTROL UNIT

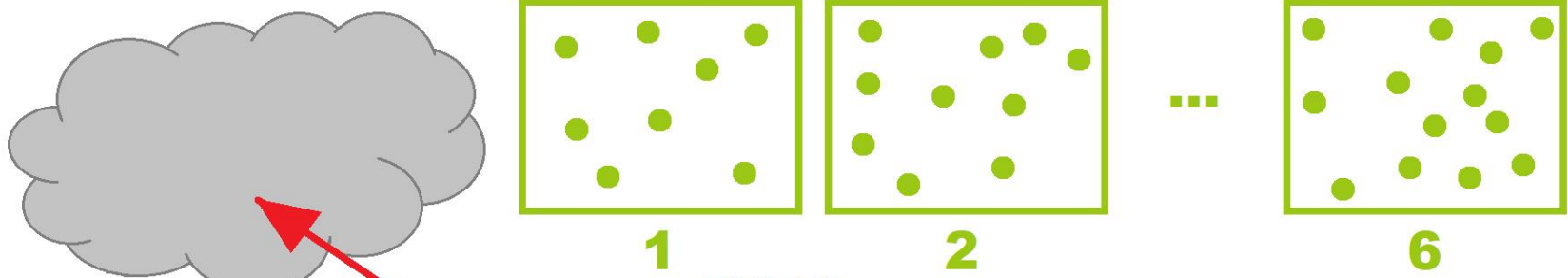
TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER



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TAGTEC
STAR-READER

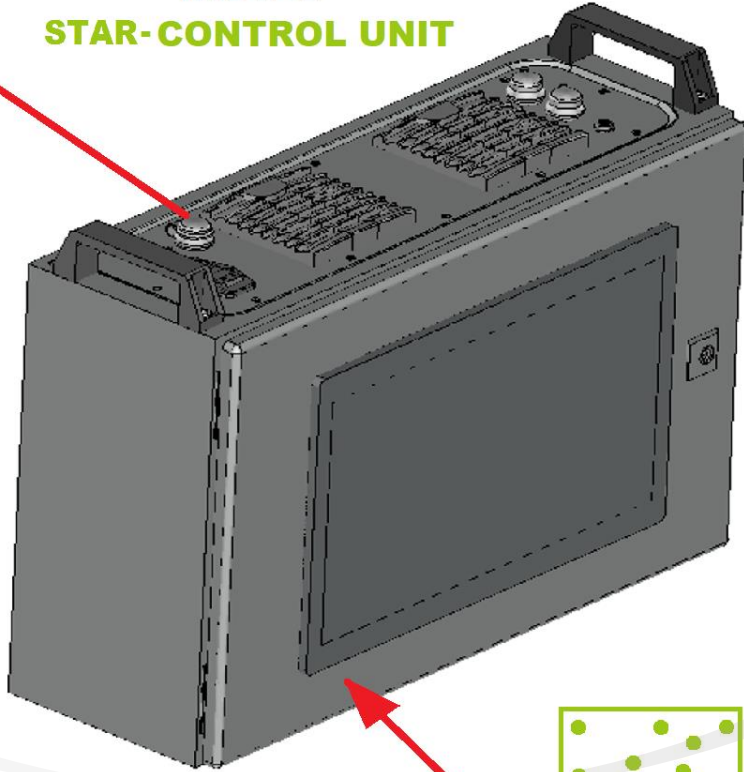




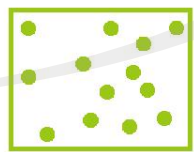
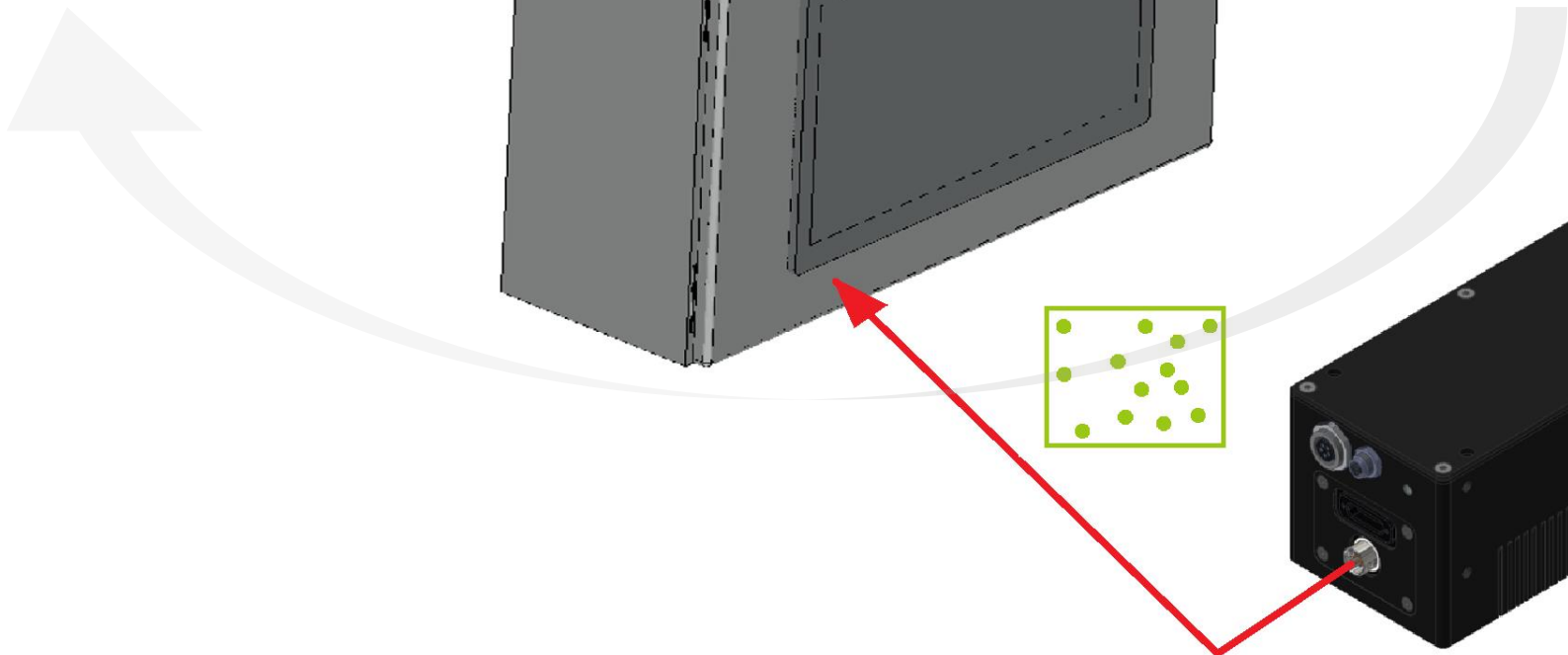
Scanning and encoding of the last product, finally:

TAGTEC
STAR-CONTROL UNIT

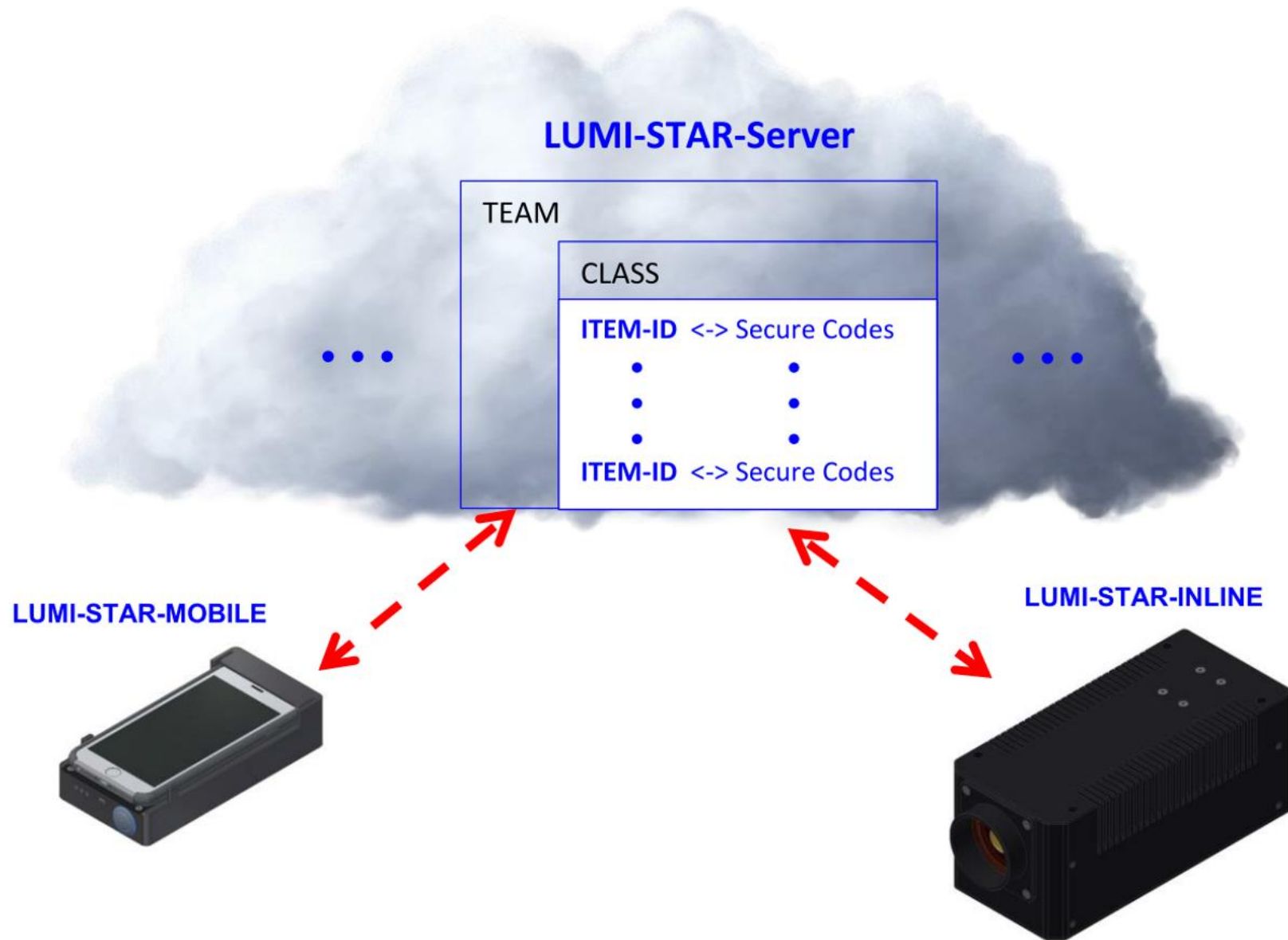
TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER



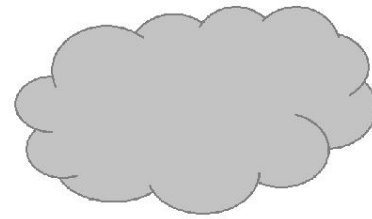
TAGTEC
STAR-READER



STAR-MOBILE unit / CLOUD / STAR-INLINE unit:



For the decoding process of the **TAGTEC STAR-MARKER** the mobile unit of the **TAGTEC STAR-READER** is used (**TAGTEC STAR-MOBILE-READER**):



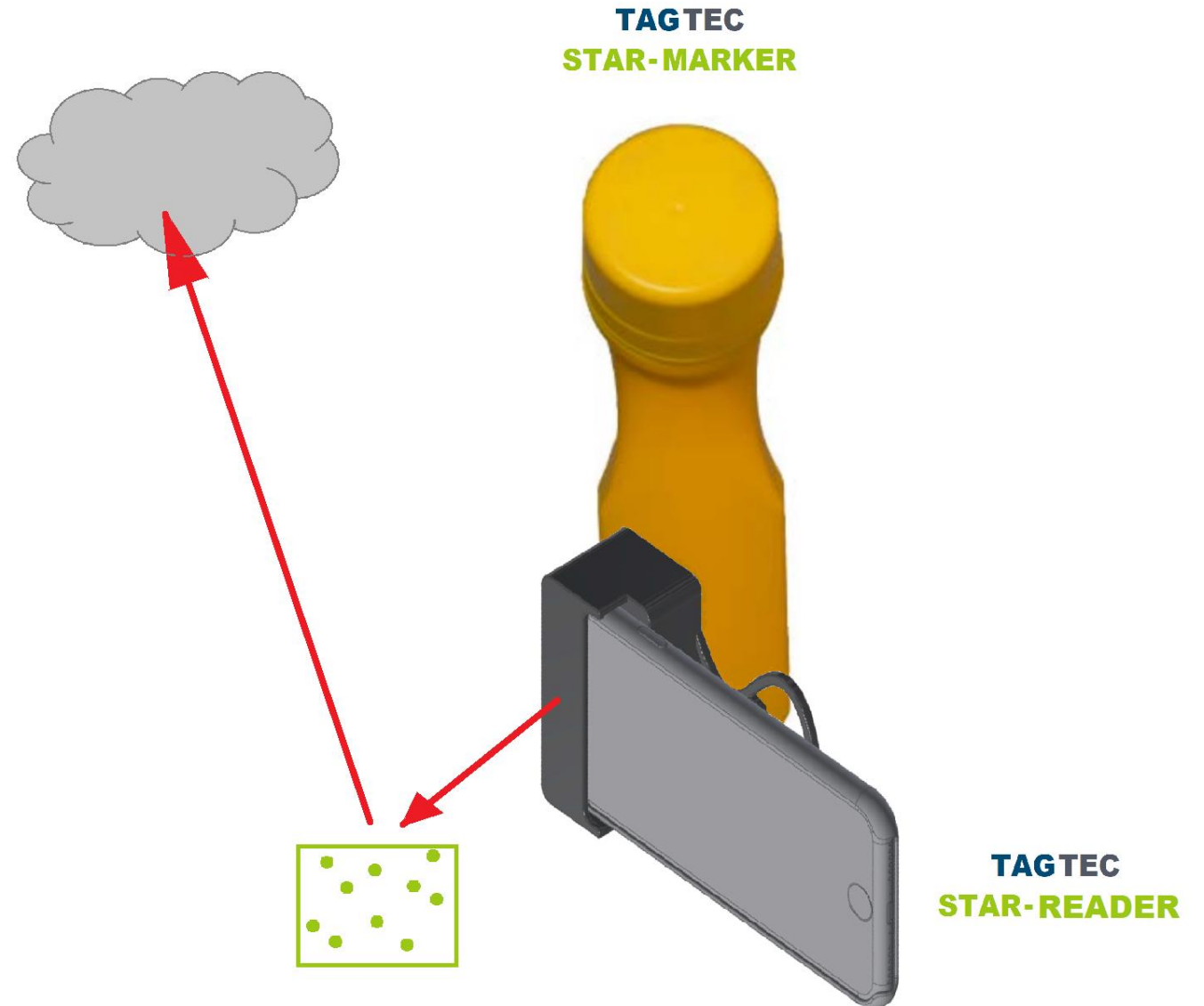
**TAGTEC
STAR-MARKER**



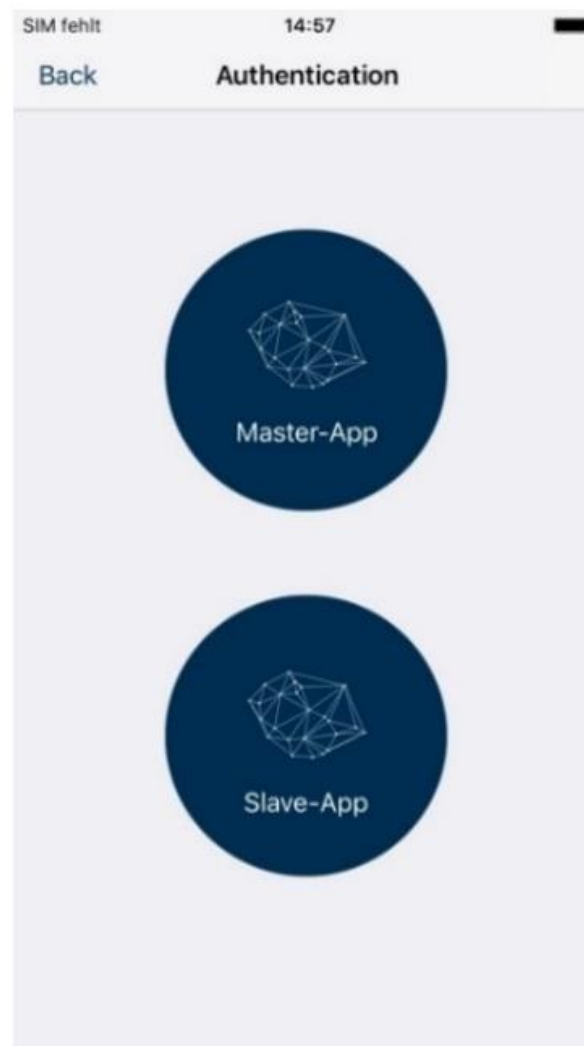
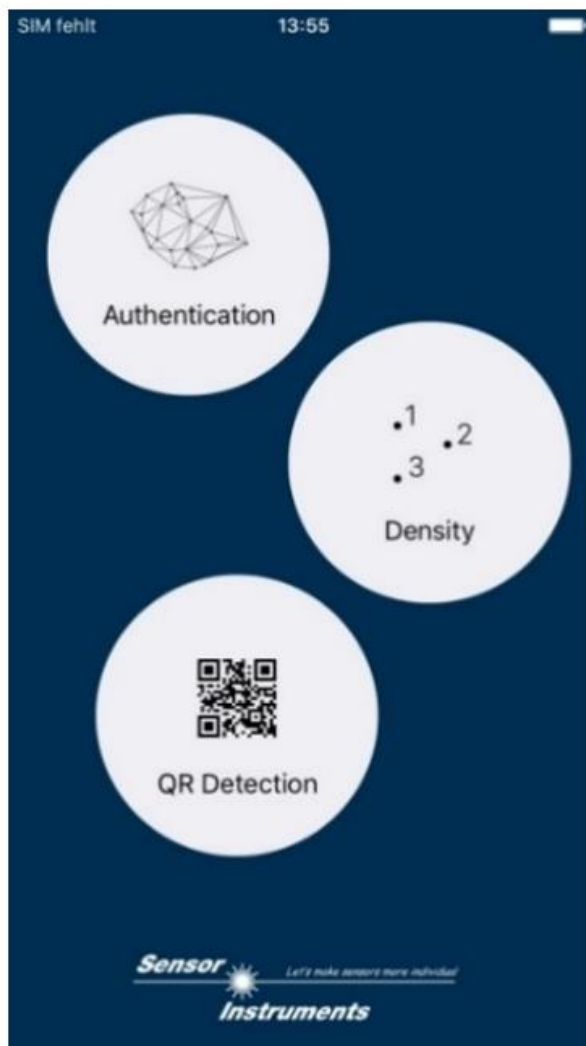
**TAGTEC
STAR-READER**

As the **TAGTEC STAR-MOBILE-READER** is equipped with an adequate excitation light source and suitable optical filters in front of the camera vision system from a smart phone, the **TAGTEC STAR** pattern can be captured from the smart phone with the **TAGTEC APP**:

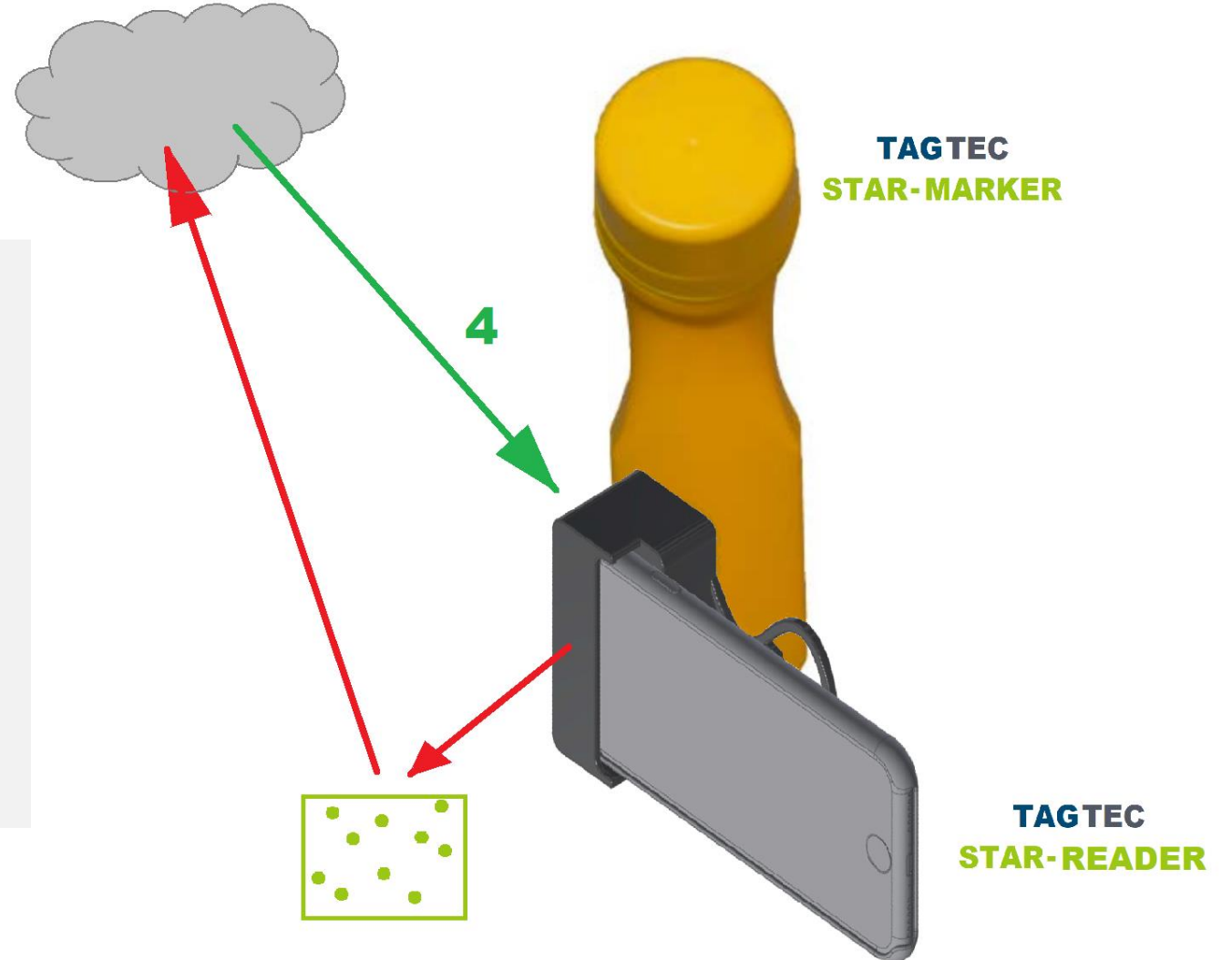
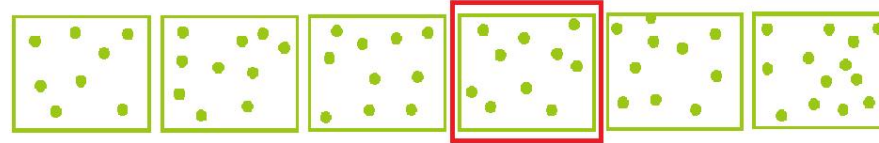
Furthermore, the **TAGTEC APP** is used for transferring the respective **TAGTEC STAR** particle distribution from a defined section of the plastic product via WLAN (or e.g. 4G) into the cloud. Subsequently decoding will be performed and finally the product data will be displayed on the **TAGTEC APP** of the smart phone.



For this task the STAR-MOBILE APP is used:

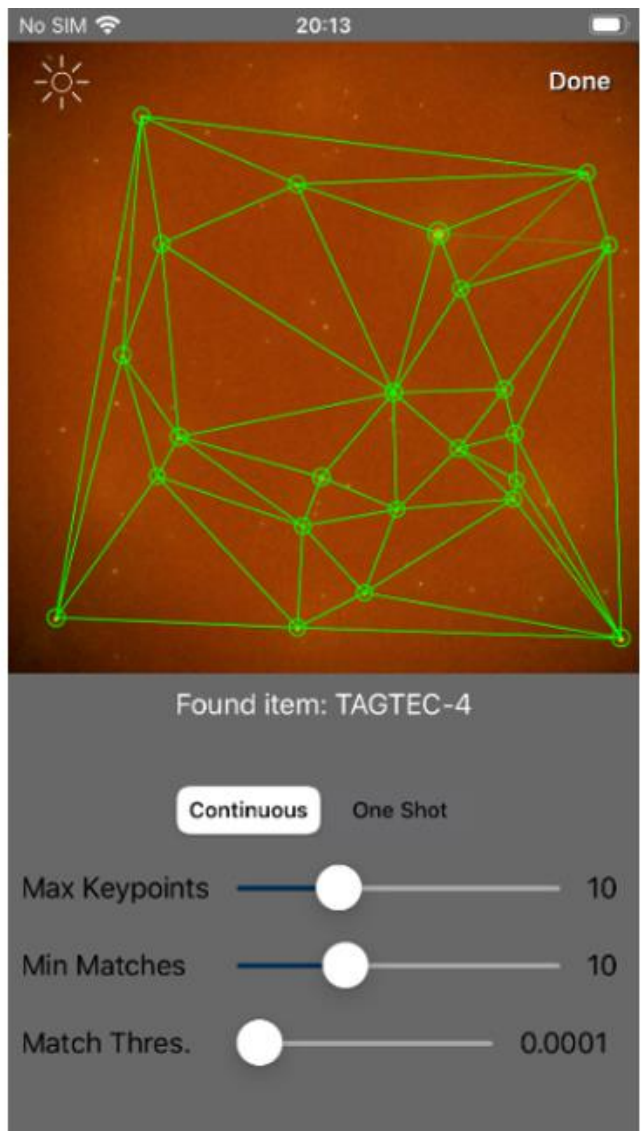


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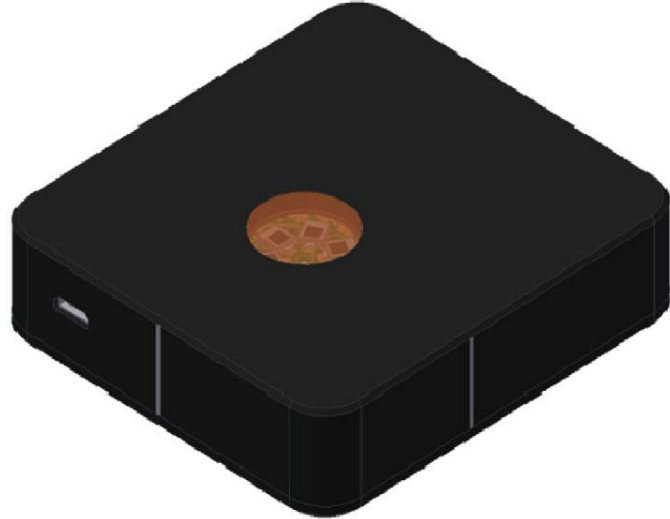


In the **TAGTEC CLOUD** all taught codes are stored.
Upon request of a **TAGTEC STAR-MOBILE-READER**, the currently existing STAR particle distribution is compared with the stored codes. The result of the comparison is then sent from the **TAGTEC CLOUD** via WLAN (or e.g. 4G) to the smartphone and displayed in the **TAGTEC APP**.

STAR Code 4 is detected!



TAGTEC TAU-READER MOBILE



LUMI-TAU-MOBILE-...-SL



LUMI-TAU-MOBILE-...-CL

TAGTEC TAU-READER INLINE

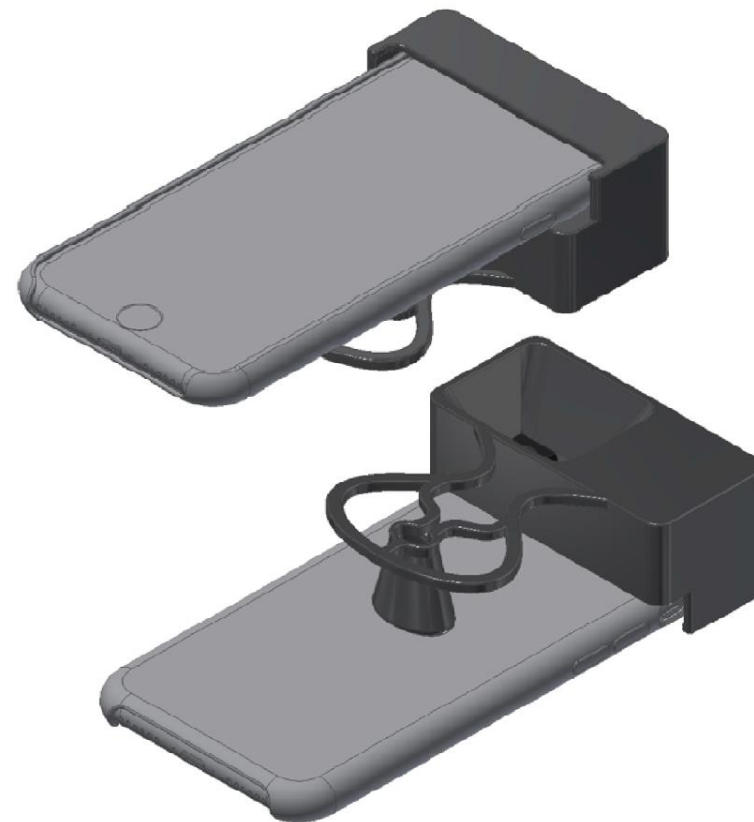


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TAGTEC STAR-READER MOBILE

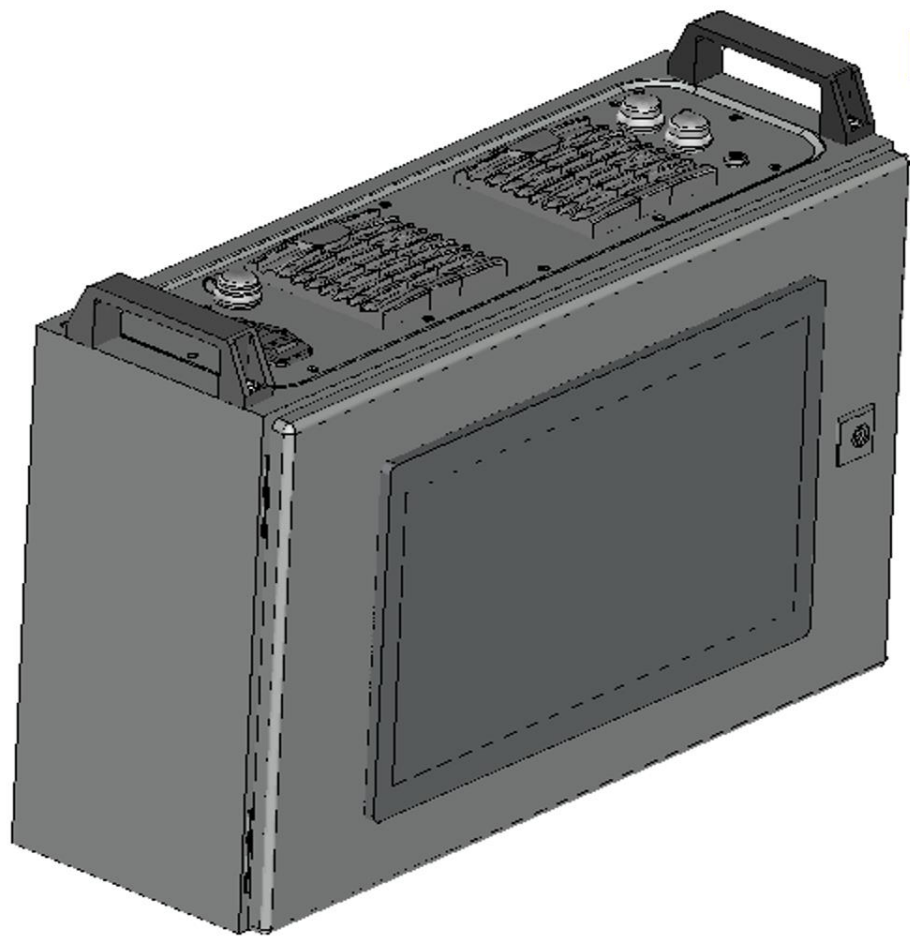


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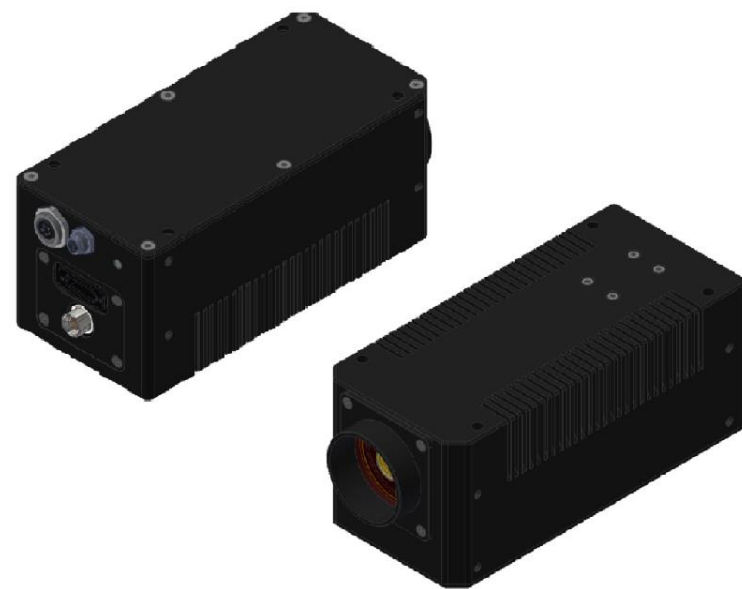


LUMI-STAR-MOBILE-CL-...-SE

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LUMI-STAR-INLINE-FE-...

TAGTEC TAUSTAR - READER MOBILE



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