

the dryer is under load. Heat flows only where there is a pressure difference; therefore, when supporting a high load such as freezing or early primary drying there must necessarily be a significant difference between the shelf fluid inlet temperature and the shelf surface temperature just under the product.

- Track and analyze step times, product quality attributes, and process measurements for each product.
- Know the drying rate that each product will be generating when it is at its maximum—early in primary drying. These can be measured in small-scale freeze-dryers.
- Understand the “design space” for your process (2). This chapter defines it for significant parts of freeze-drying. For primary drying one will find that the design space gets smaller at higher drying rates.

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