

# *Molecular Cocrystals and Salts: 'Full' Structural Characterisation from PXRD data*



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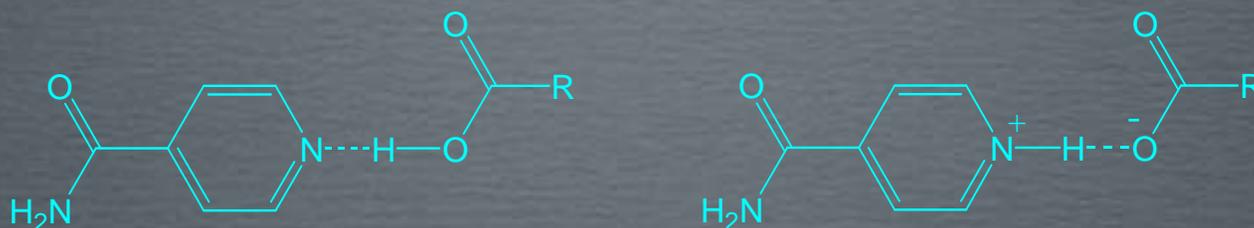


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# Molecular Cocrystals & Salts

- Crystalline solids containing 2 or more building blocks (solids at rt) in stoichiometric amounts



- Materials that retain the chemical properties of components but display new physical properties

*melting point*

*stability*

*solubility*

*dissolution*

*bioavailability*

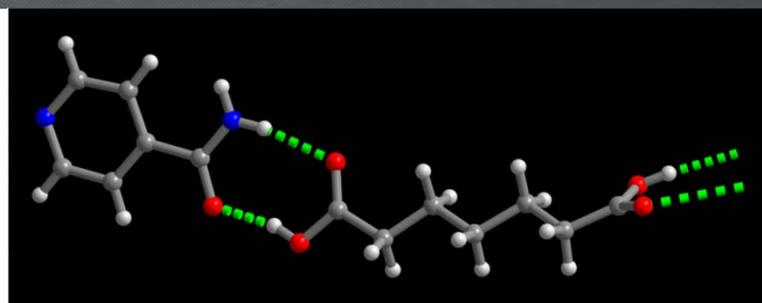
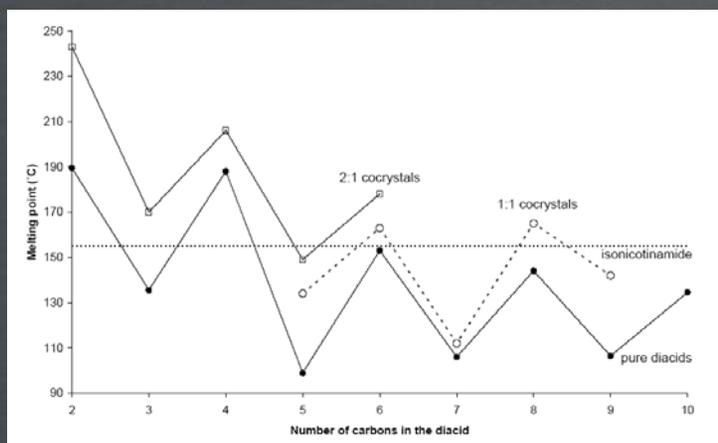
*morphology*

Schultheiss & Newman., *Cryst. Growth & Des.* (2009), 9, 2950

Almarsson & Zaworotko., *Chem. Comm.* (2004), 1889

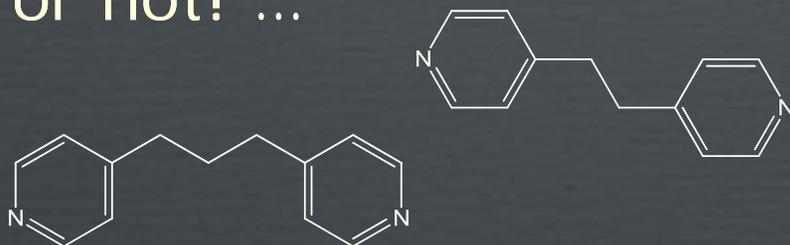
# ... melting point ...

- Used to mimic physical property trends such as alternation of melting point

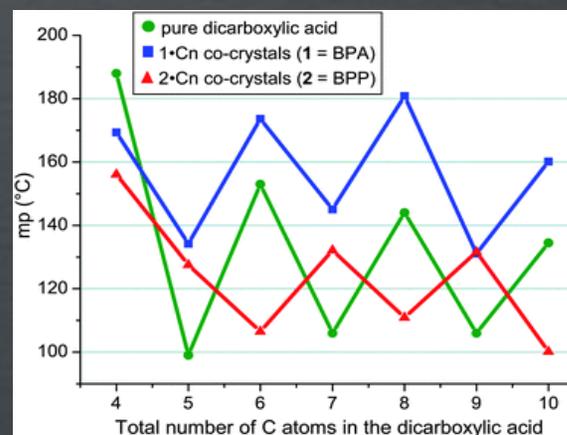


Thompson, Voguri, Male & Tremayne, *CrystEngComm*, (2011), 13, 4188

... or not! ...

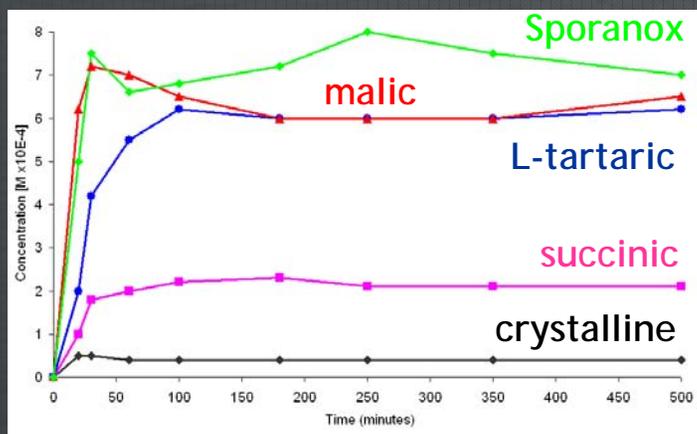
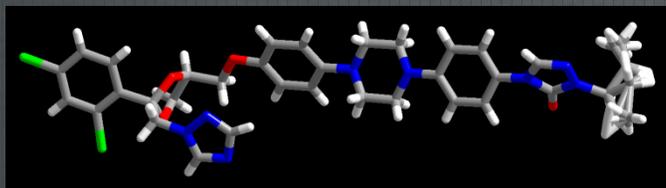


Braga et al., *CrystEngComm*. (2010), 12, 3534



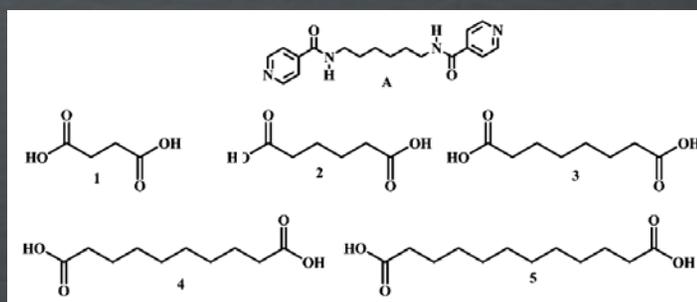
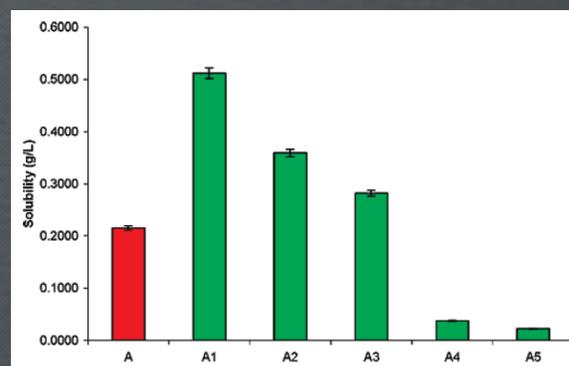
# ... solubility ...

Crystalline solubility tuned to level of commercial material



Remenar et al., *JACS*. (2003), 125, 8456

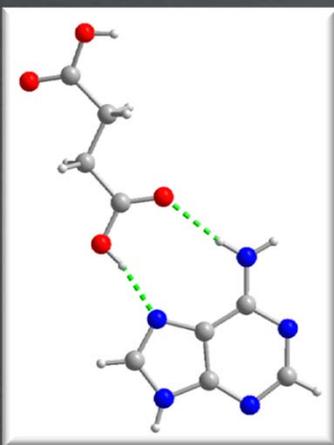
Property rationalised by diacid solubility



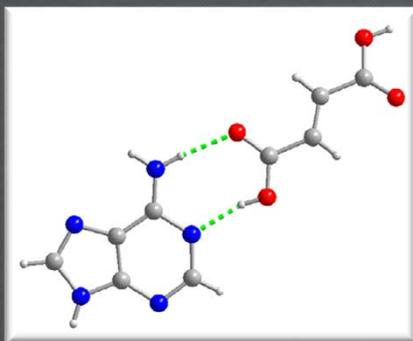
Aakeroy, Forbes & Desper, *JACS*. (2009), 131, 17048

# Adenine: cocrystals/salts/solvates/tautomers

- Adenine has an extensive hydrogen bonded network, but forms a variety of forms with diacids with reduced melting point

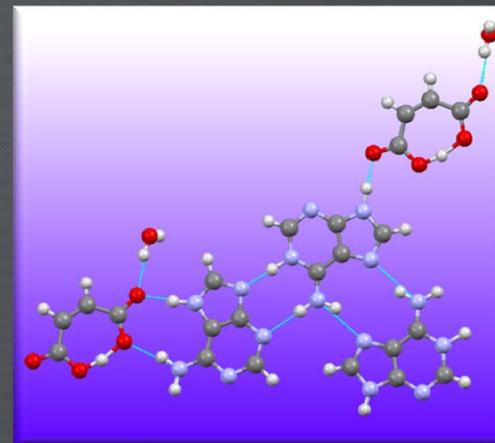


9H cocrystals



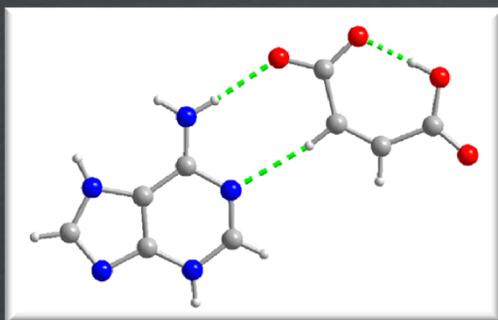
1H, 9H  
salt  
& 7H  
neutral

McHugh & Erxleben,  
*Cryst. Growth & Des.*  
(2011), 11, 5096

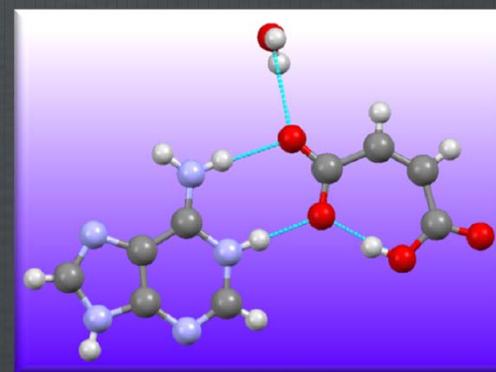
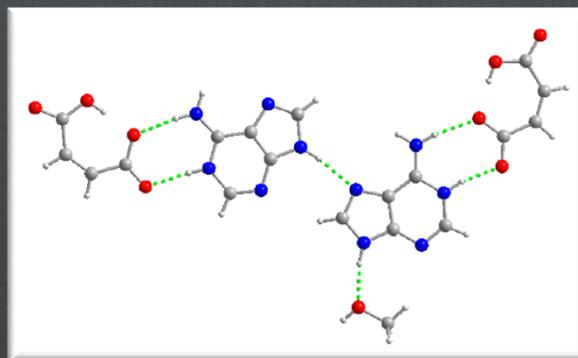


Thompson, Elias, Male & Tremayne, *submitted*

3H, 7H salt



1H, 9H salts



Sridhar & Ravikumar, *Acta  
Cryst.* (2007), C63, o415

# Why Powder Diffraction?

Products showing poor crystal growth resulting from:

*solvent-mediated crystallisation or sonic slurry*

Products from solid state synthesis:

*liquid assisted or dry grinding*



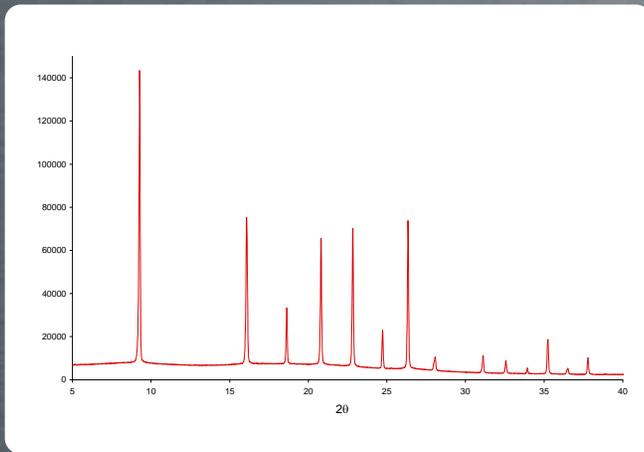
*alternative stoichiometry  
incompatible solubilities  
solvent-free form  
or atypical structural behaviour*



Shan et al., *Chem. Comm.* (2002), 2372

Fricic et al., *Faraday. Dis.* (2007), 136, 167

# Direct Space Methods for SDPD



Intensities

*Structure solution*

Predict trial structure

Compare simulated & exp data,  $R_{wp}$

Global optimisation locates best structure

Optimum structure solution

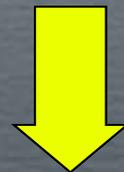
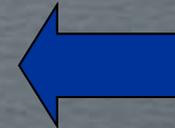
*Rietveld refinement*

Final crystal structure

Positions

*Indexing*

Unit cell



# Global Optimisation

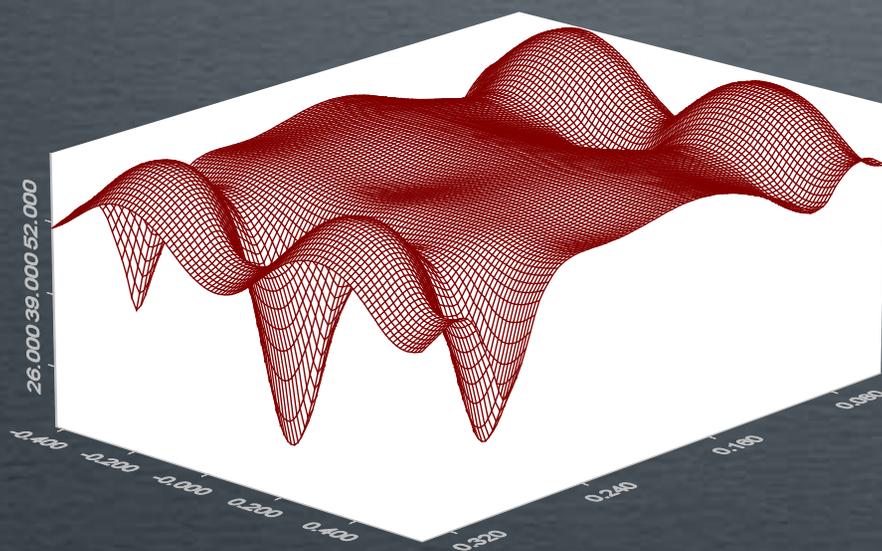
- Multi-dimensional search problem:

*Individual set of parameters*

*( $x, y, z; \theta, \phi, \gamma; \tau_1 \dots \tau_n$ ) per molecule or unit*

- Objective – best fit to experimental data:

e.g: *global minimum in  $R_{wp}$  or  $\chi^2$*



*Monte Carlo*

*Grid Search*

*Simulated Annealing*

*Parallel Tempering*

# Evolutionary Algorithms

- Evolutionary algorithms:
  - population of trial structures
  - mating, mutation & natural selection until global minimum is found
- Each member of the population defined by genetic code  $(x,y,z)[0-1](\theta,\phi,\gamma,\tau_1,\dots,\tau_n)[0-360]$ 
  - genetic algorithms
  - differential evolution

# Differential Evolution (DE)

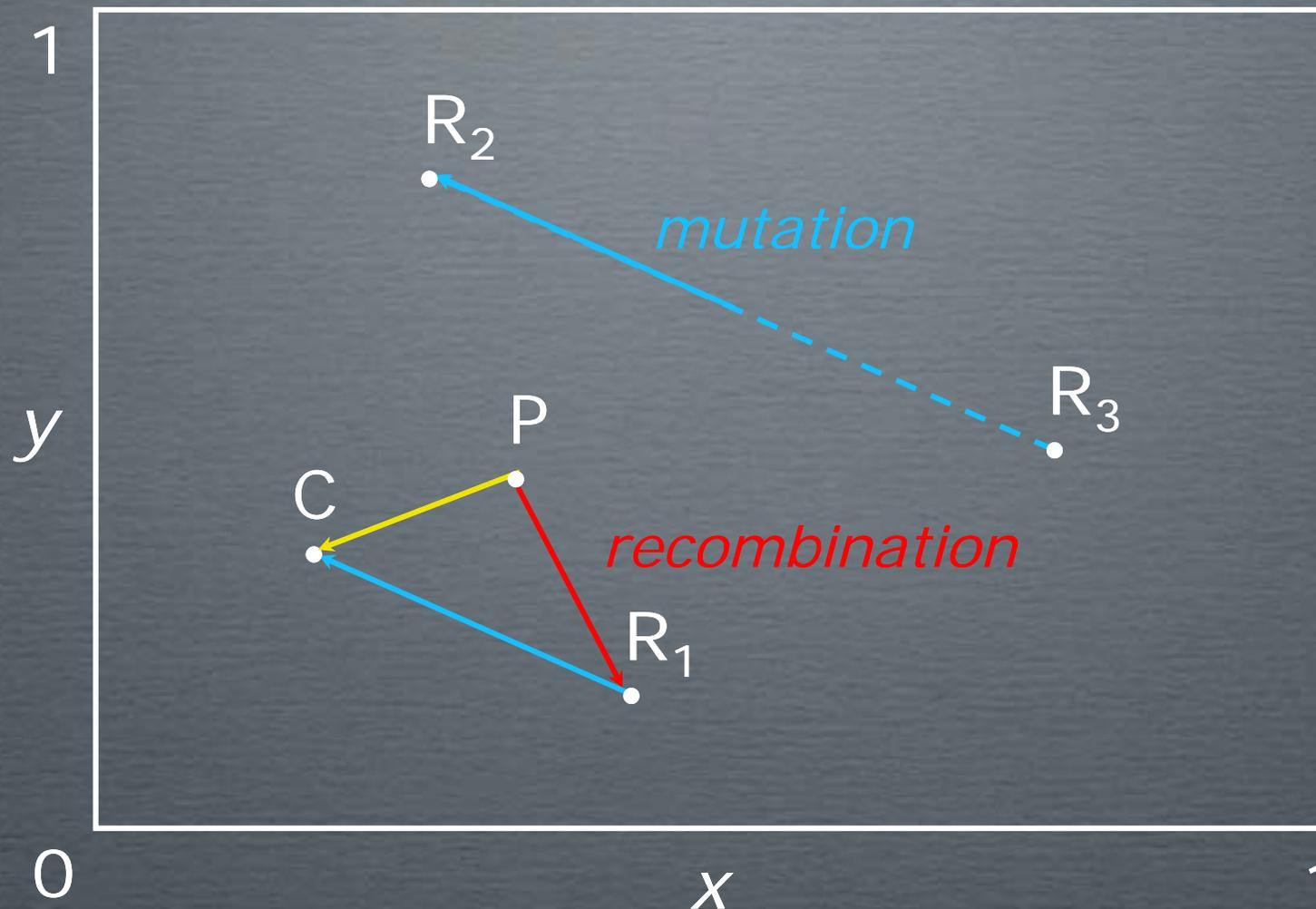
- Mating and mutation in one step:

$$\text{Trial} = \text{Parent} + K(\text{Random}_1 - \text{Parent}) \\ + F(\text{Random}_2 - \text{Random}_3)$$

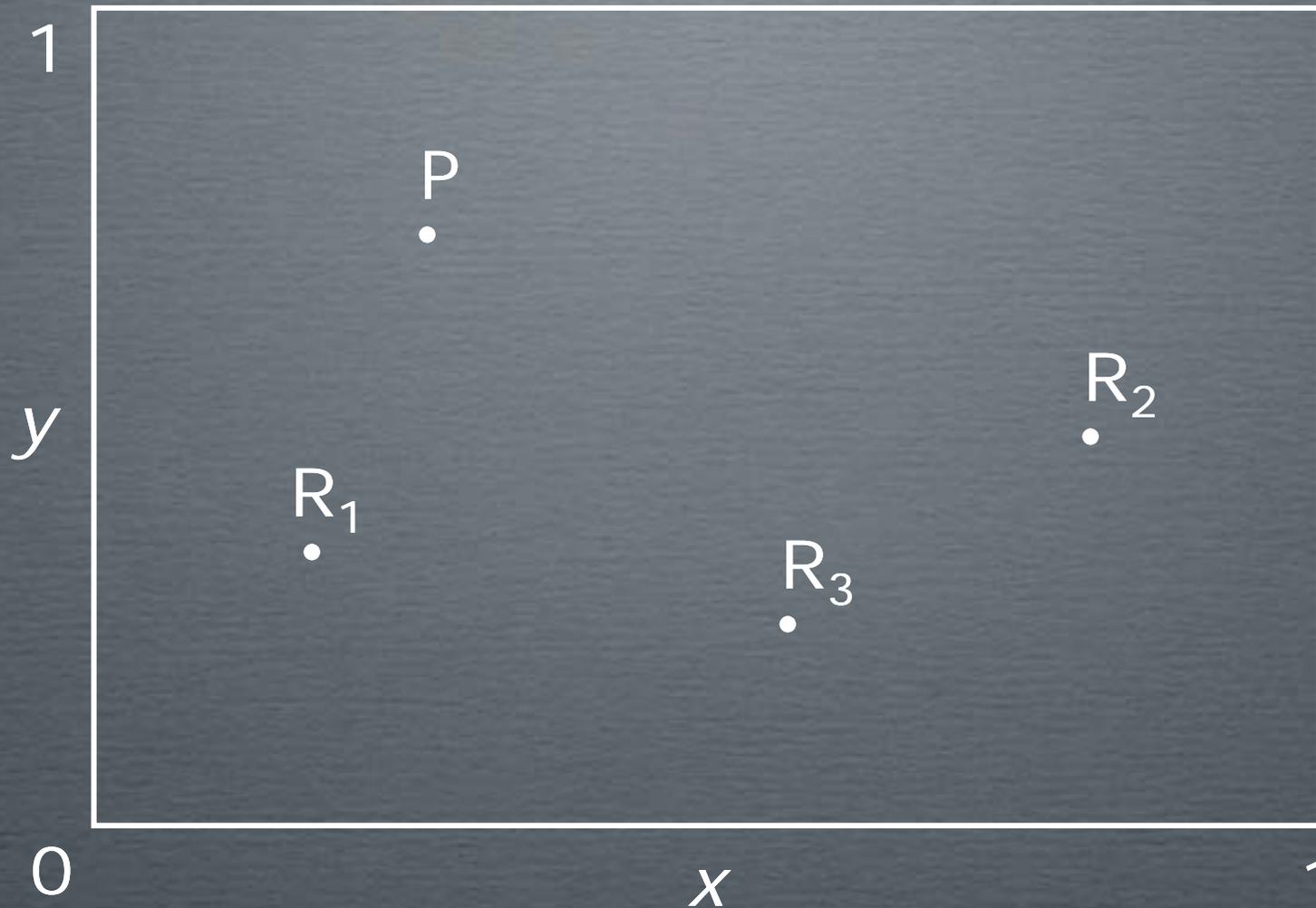
- *3 control parameters:  $N_p$ ,  $K$  &  $F$*
- No mutants needed
- Best of child/parent added to population; deterministic selection – fast convergence
- New members used within the generation

*Price, New Ideas in Optimization, McGraw-Hill, London, UK, 77, (1999)*

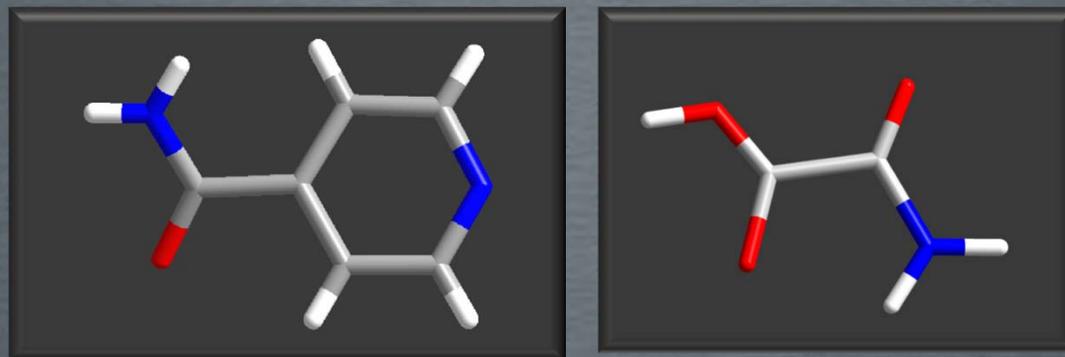
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# Isonicotinamide : Oxamic Acid



Crystallisation from MeOH, 1:1 ratio

Solid state IR – salt

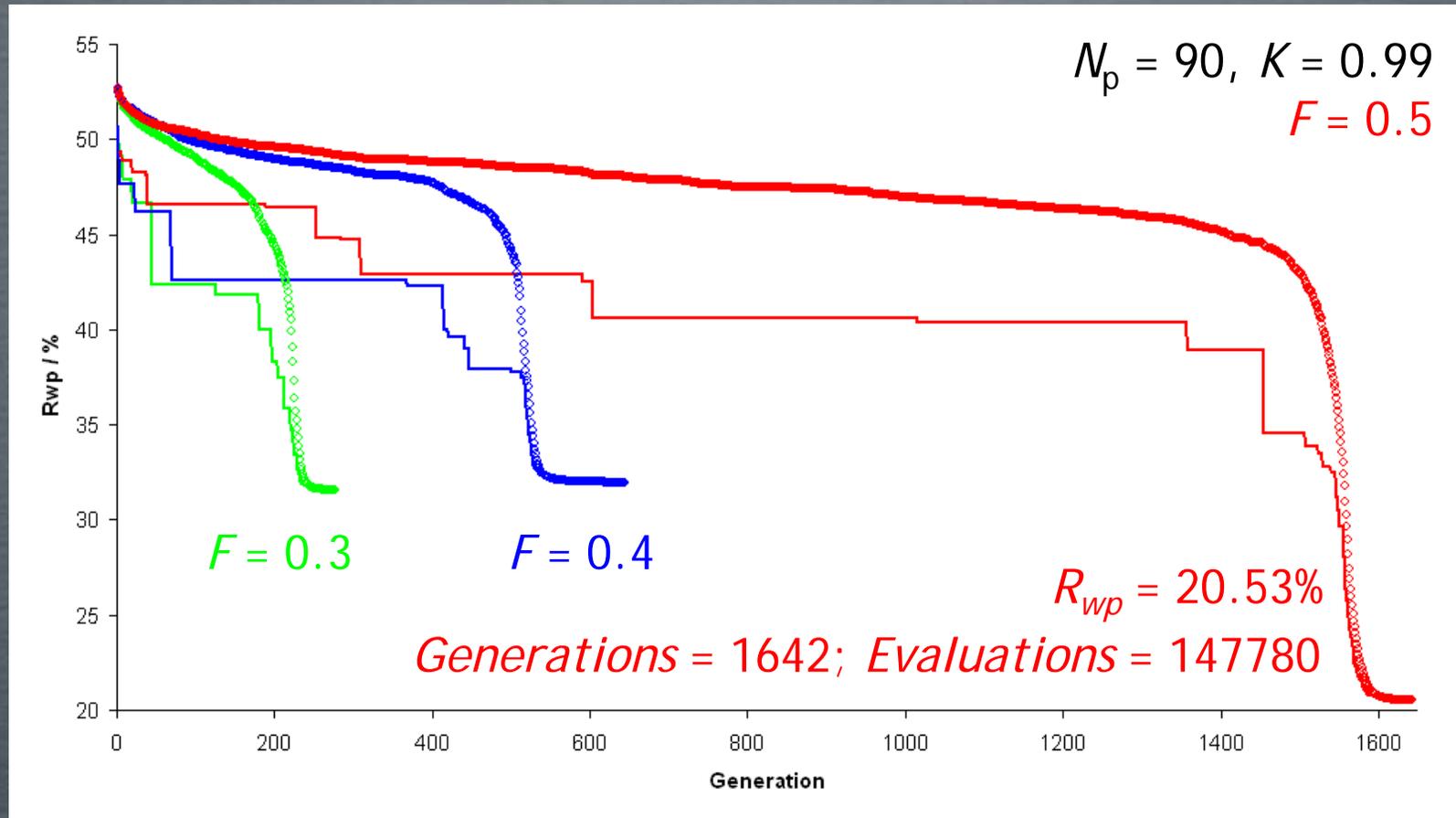
GC & EA & NMR – 1:1 stoichiometry



Structure determination from lab PXRD (DE)

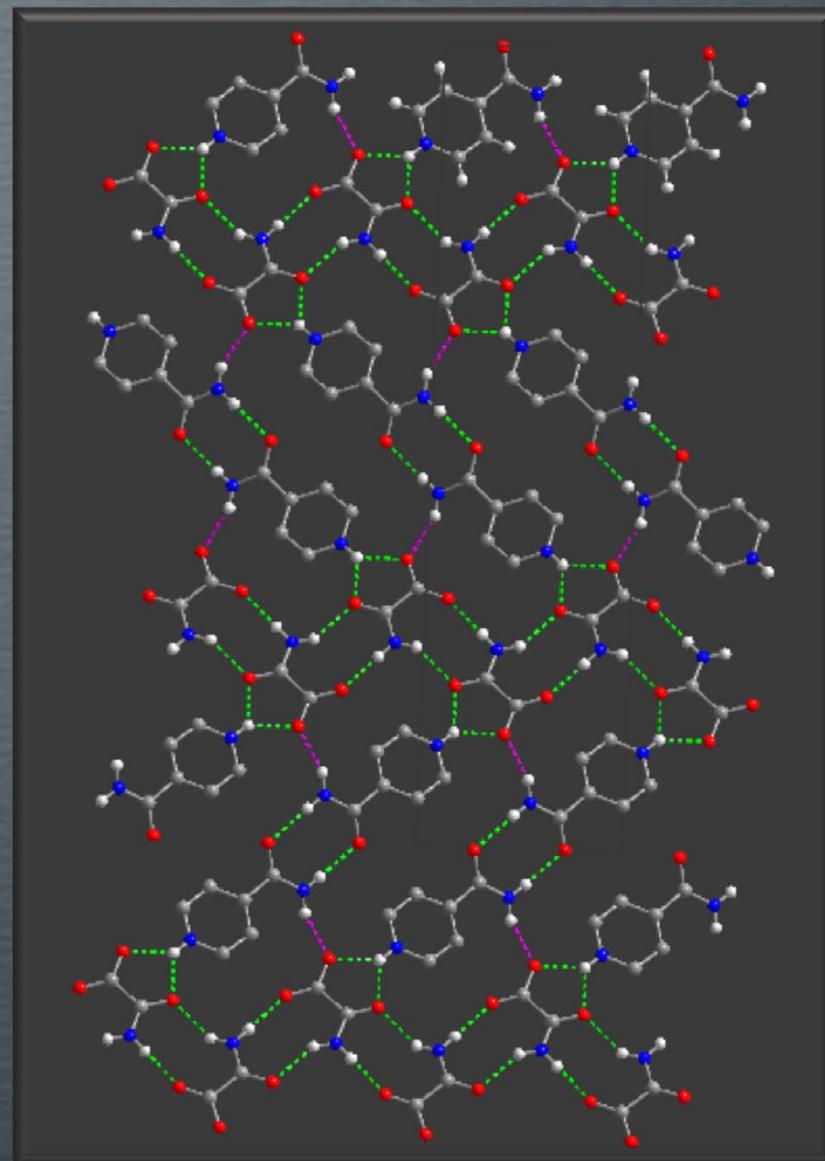
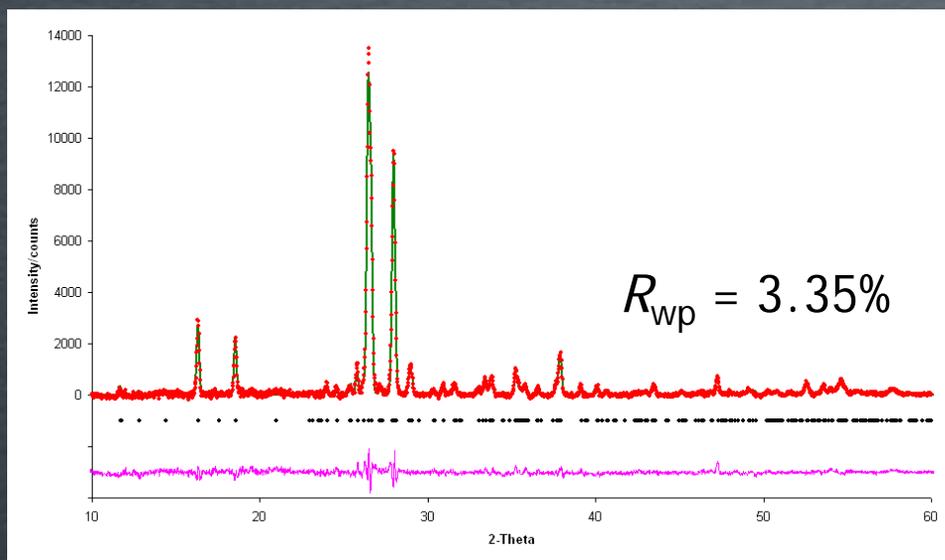
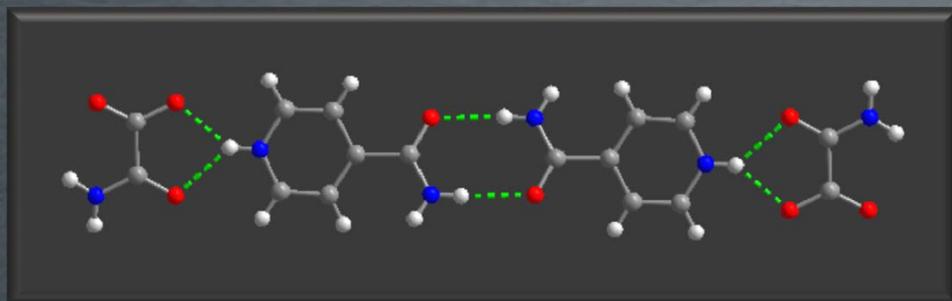
*2 independent molecules, 14 parameters*

# Effect of Mutation Rate $F$



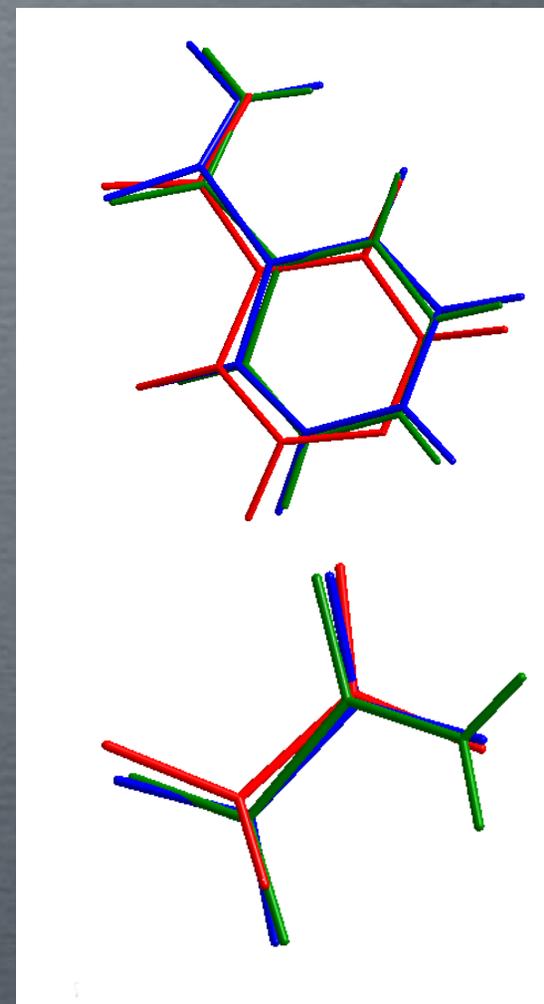
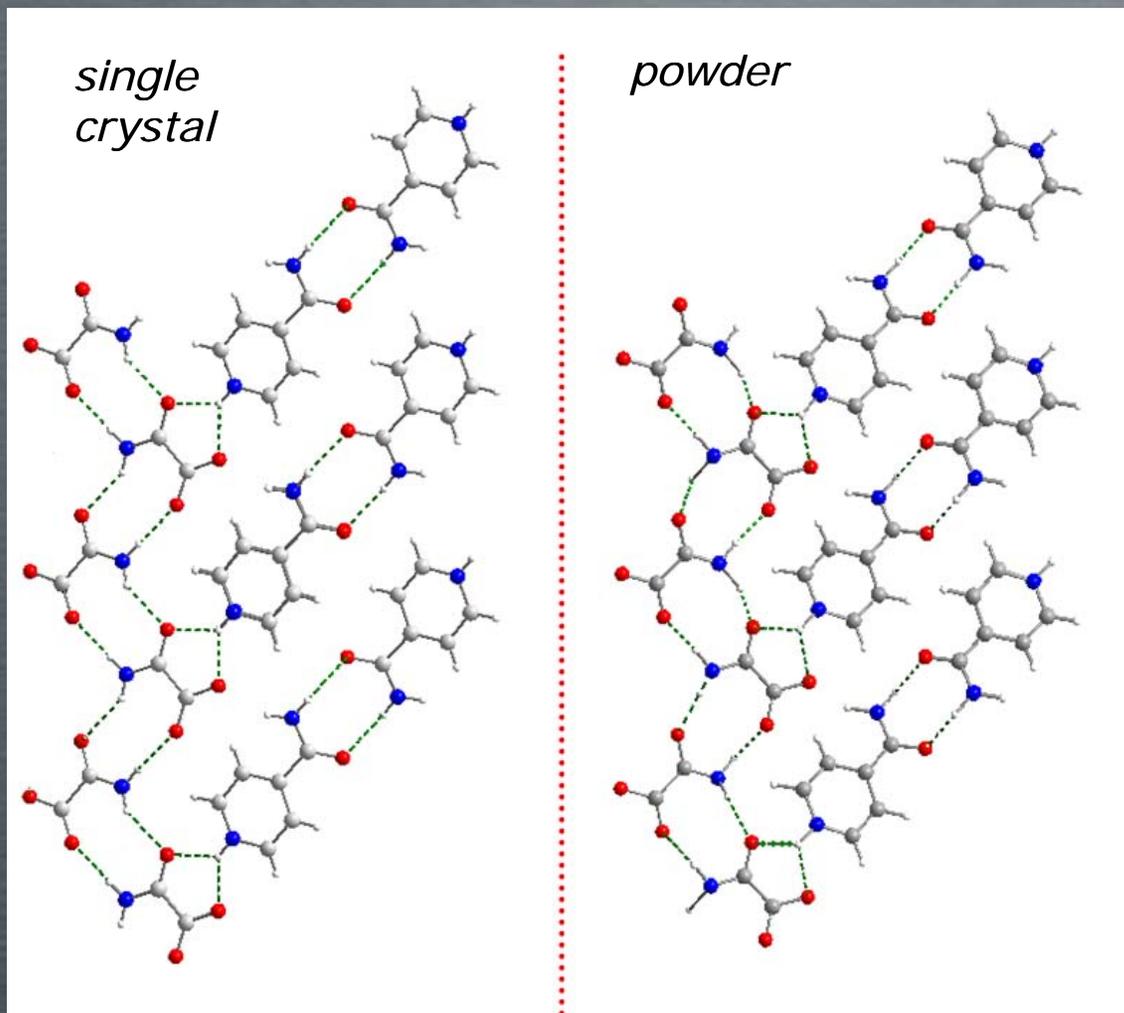
# Isonicotinamide : Oxamate

- (1/1 salt); Bifurcated link
- Amide dimer
- Oxamate acid-amide motif

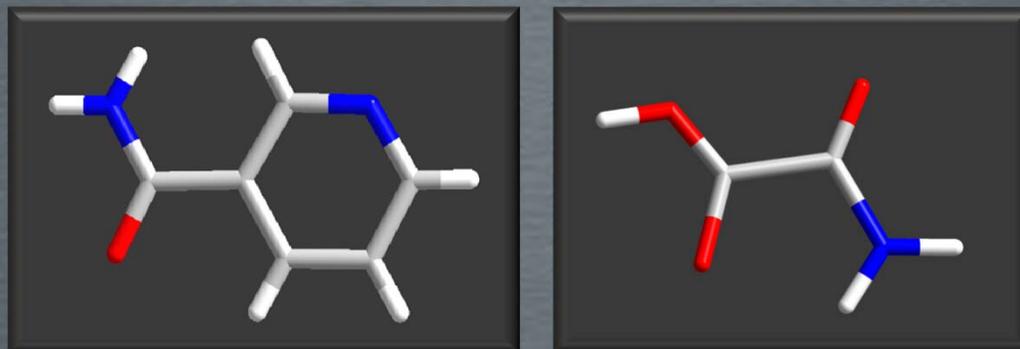


# Isonicotinamide : Oxamate

*Structure & conformation confirmed by single crystal*



# Nicotinamide : Oxamic Acid



Crystallisation from MeOH, 1:1 ratio

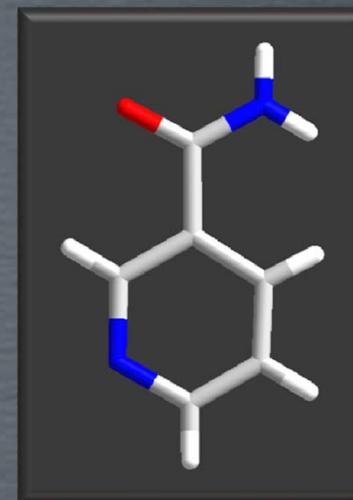
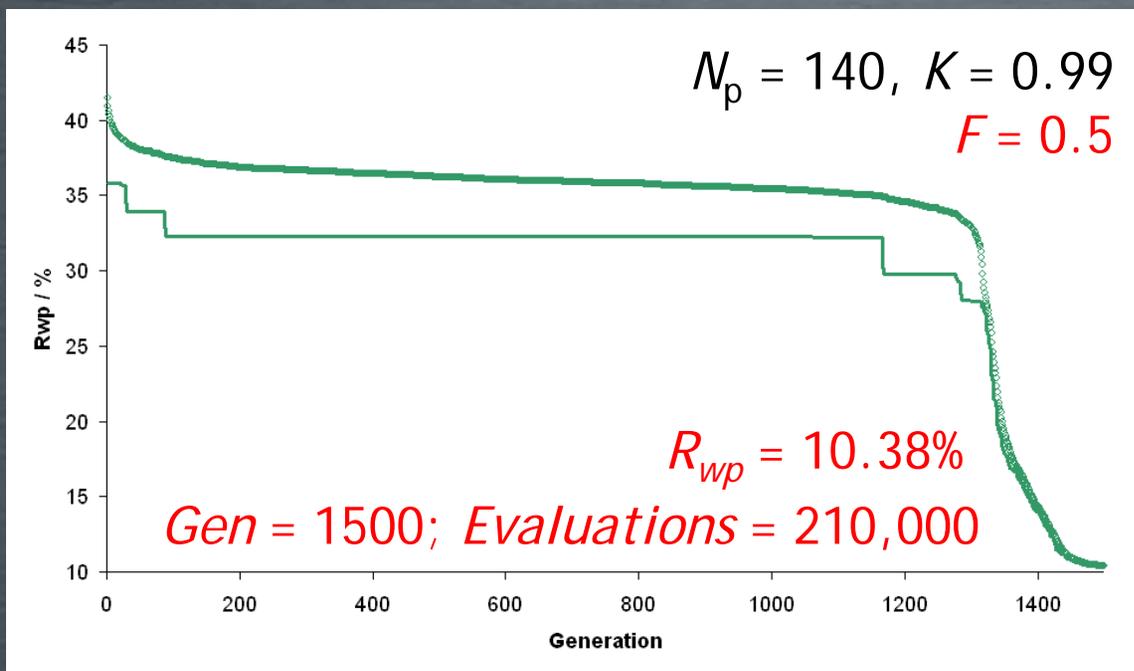
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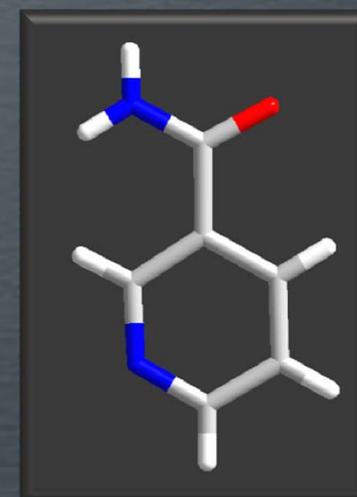


Structure determination from **lab PXRD (DE)**

*2 independent molecules, 14 parameters*



*anti*  $R_{wp} = 10.38\%$



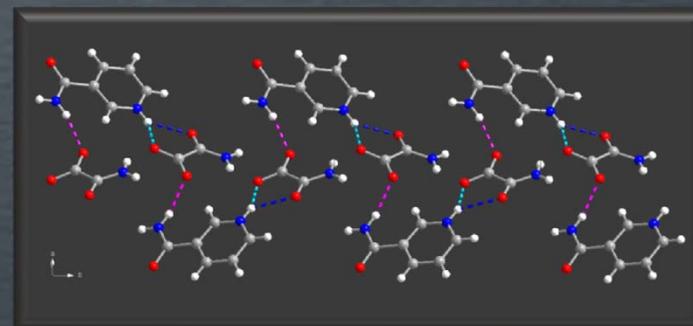
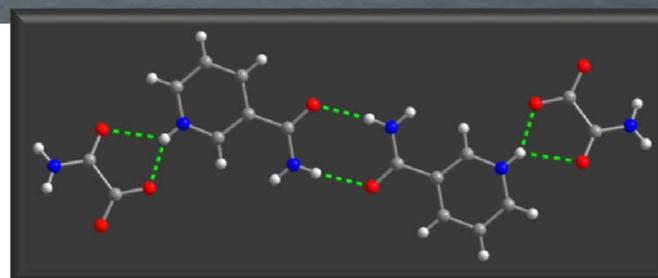
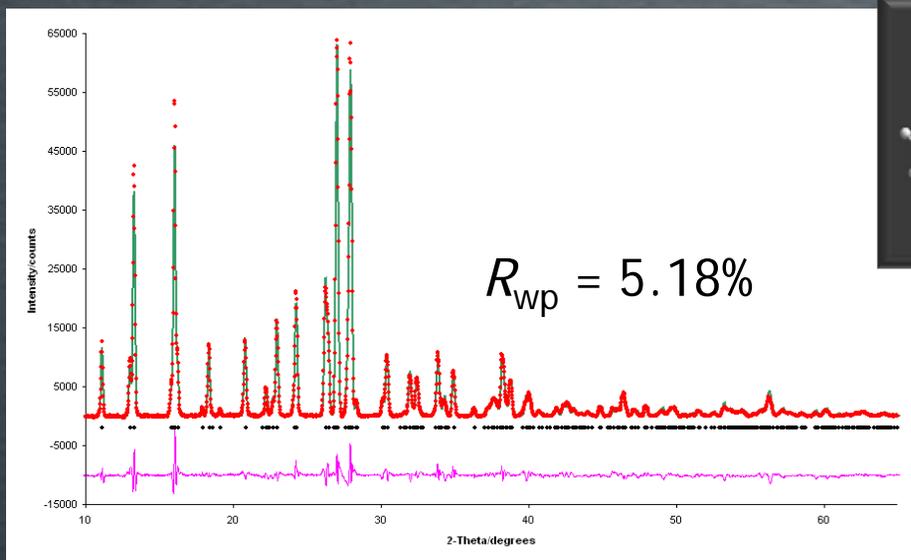
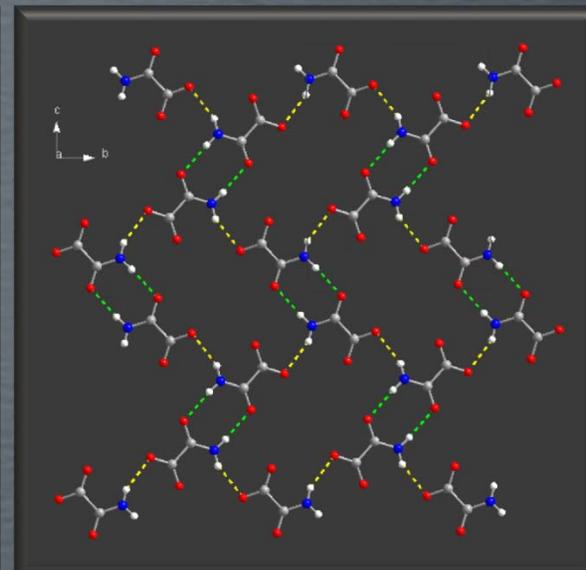
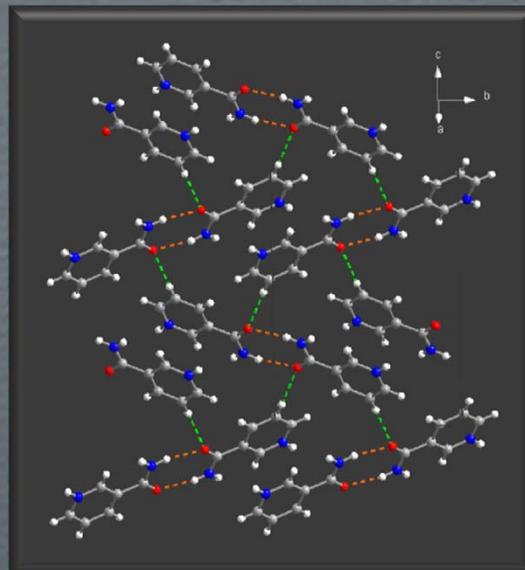
*syn*  $R_{wp} = 11.21\%$

Amide 'flip' indicated by  
*restrained Rietveld refinement*

Amide group *not* correct from  
 DE – but  $R_{wp}$  minimum  
*correctly* located

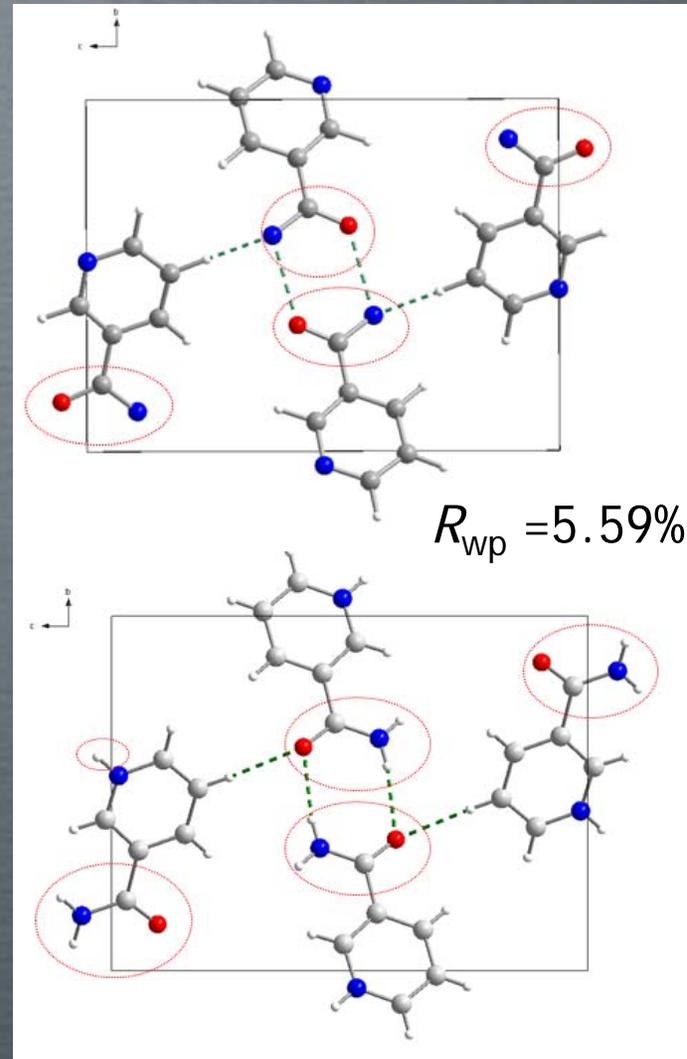
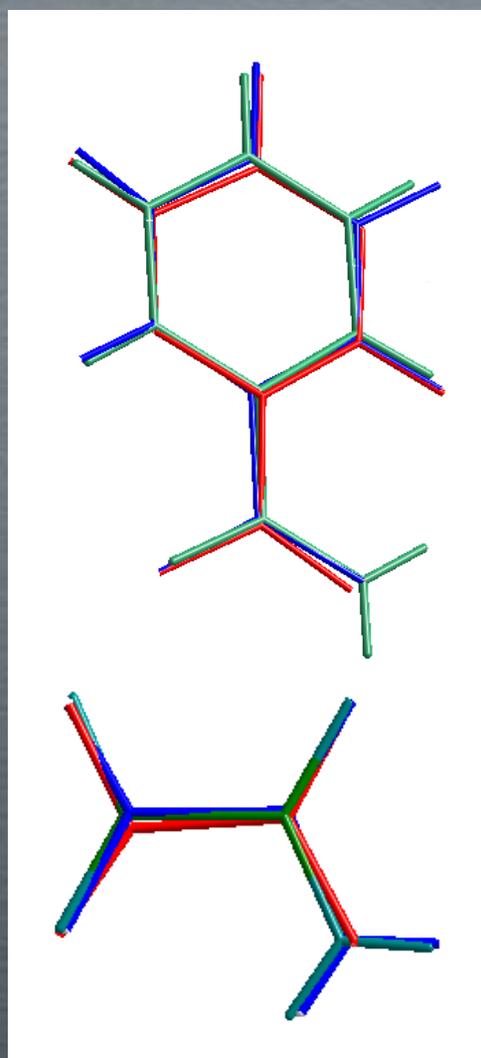
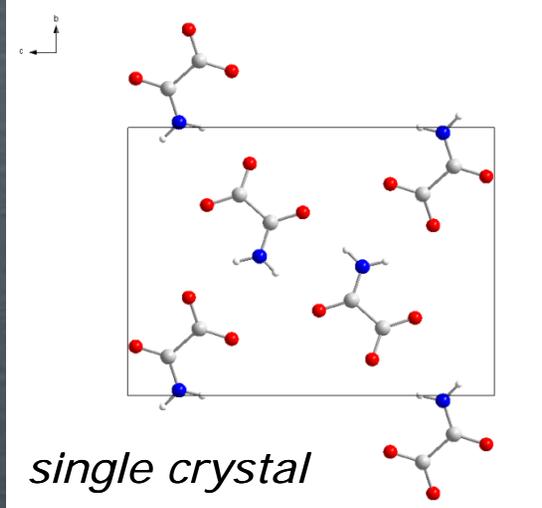
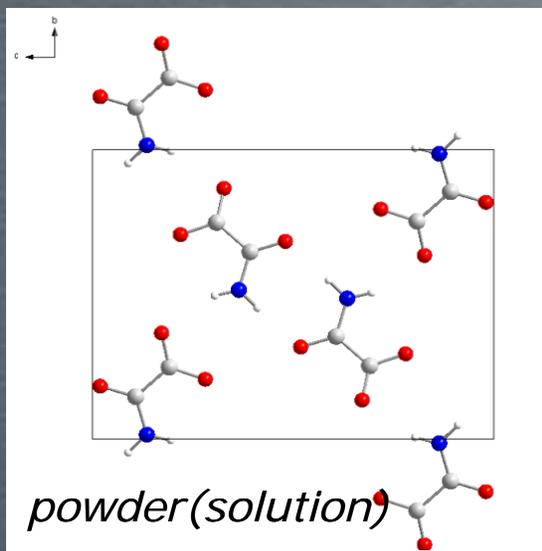
# Nicotinamide : Oxamate

- Distinct layers of components
- (1/1 salt);  
Bifurcated link
- Amide dimer
- Oxamate amide-amide motif



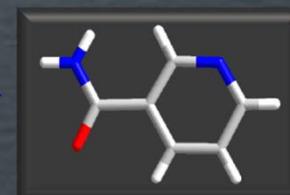
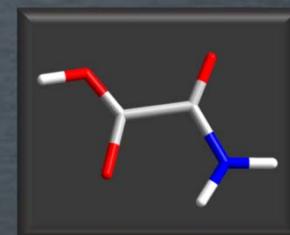
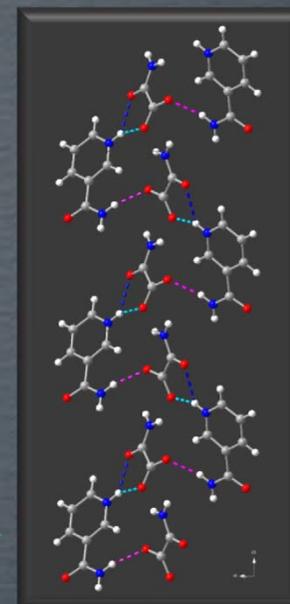
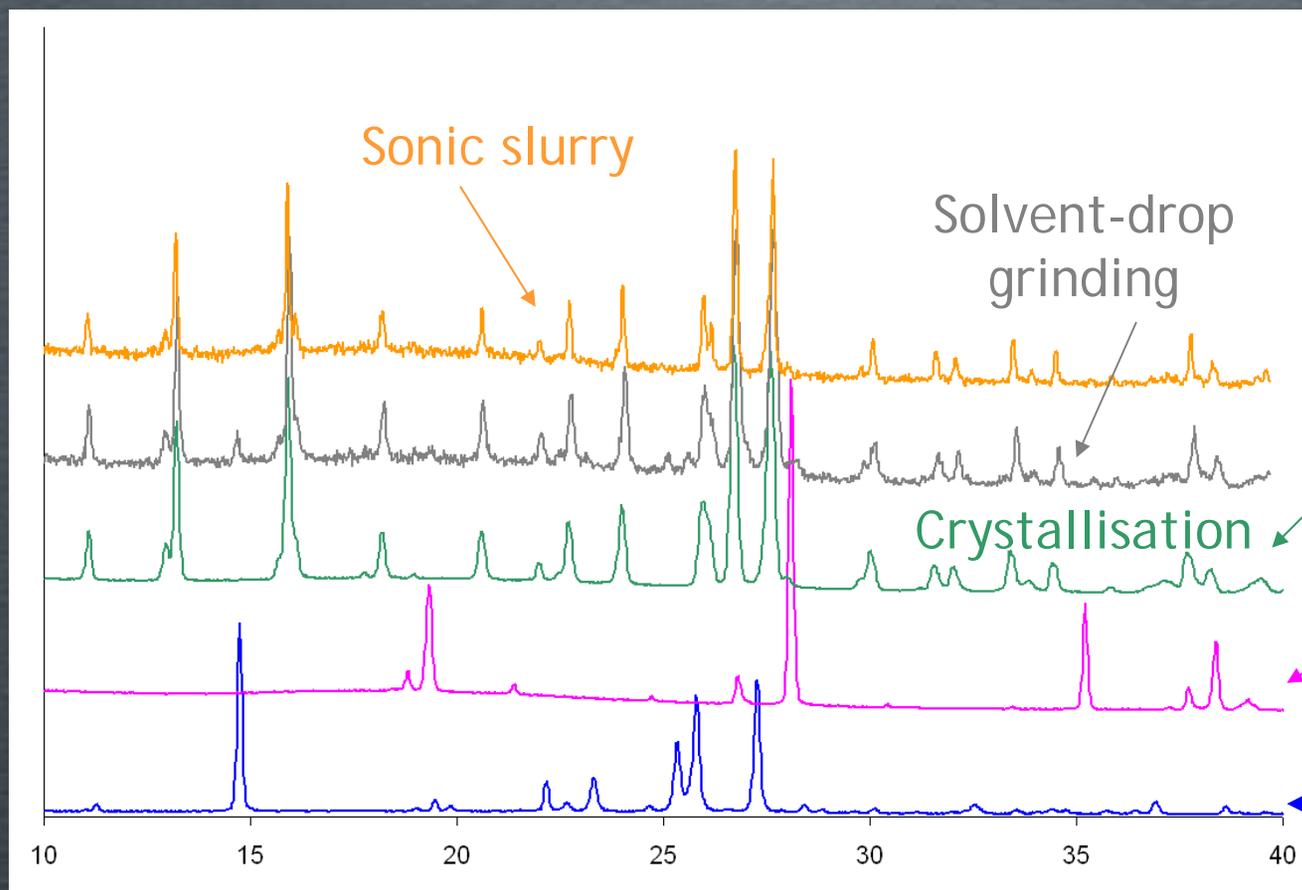
# Nicotinamide : Oxamate

*Structure & syn-conformation confirmed by single crystal*



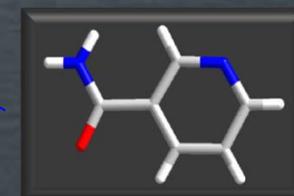
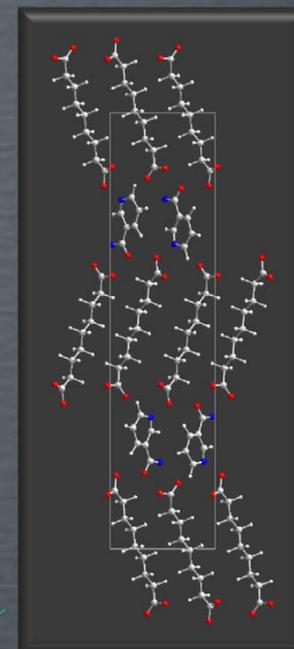
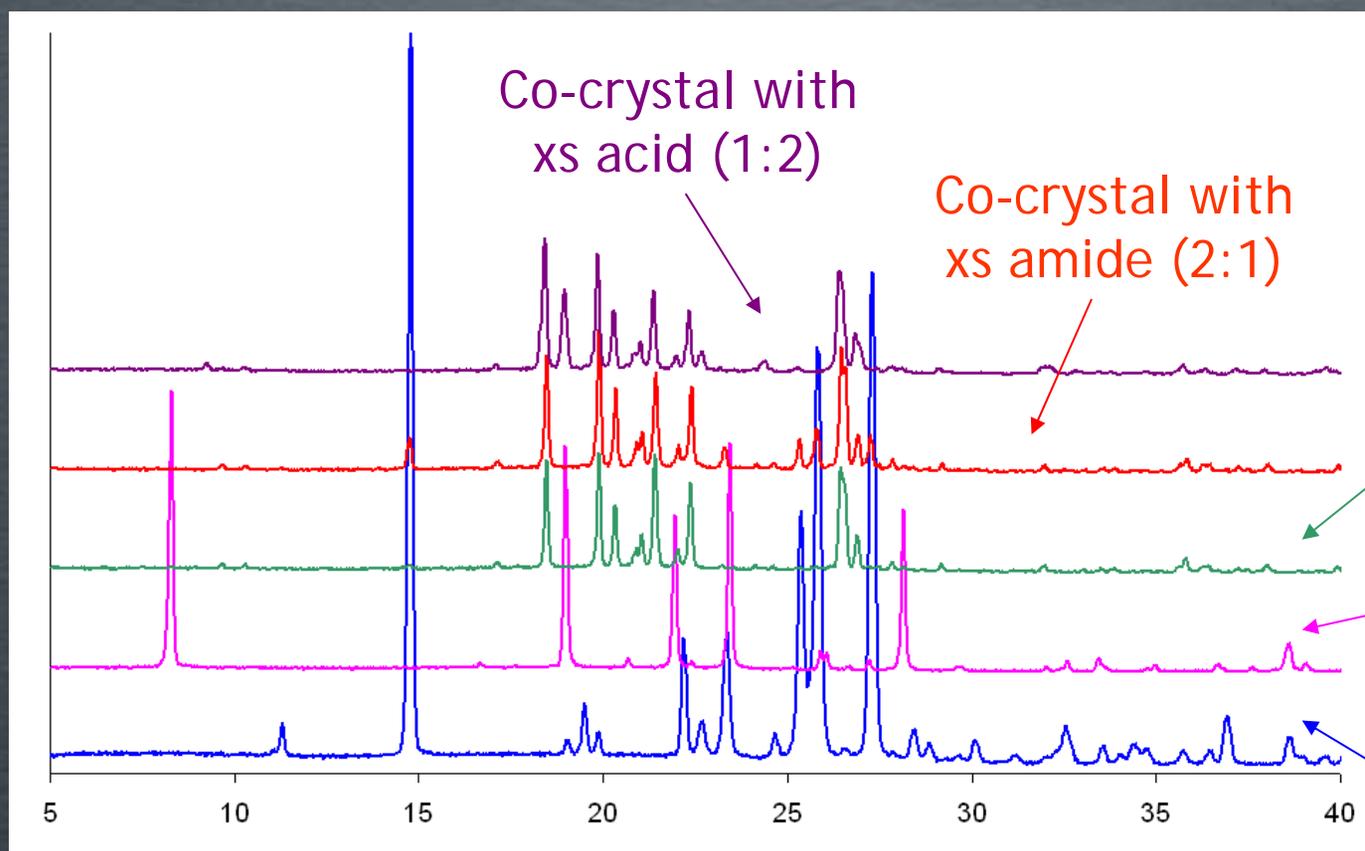
# Synthesis - but multi-phase ...

- Crystallisation/SD grinding/sonic slurry

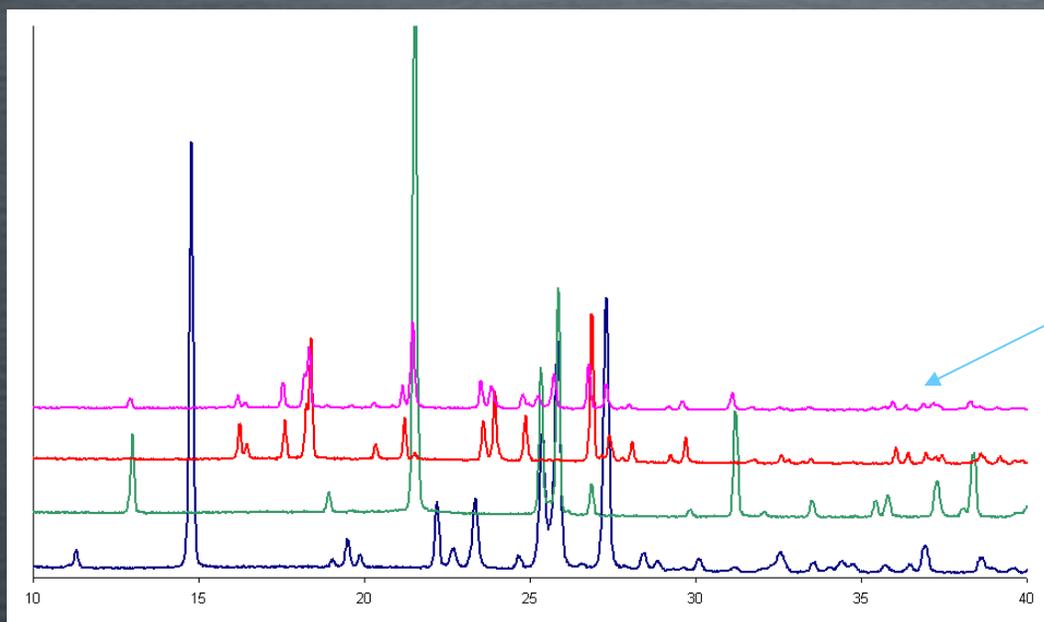
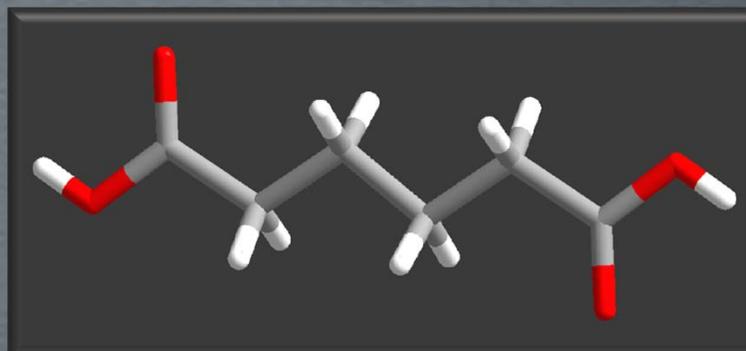
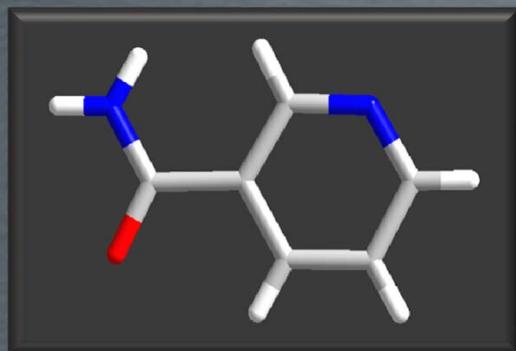


# Synthesis - but multi-phase ...

- Crystallisation from xs starting ratios



# Nicotinamide : Adipic Acid



Crystallisation  
from 1:2 ratio

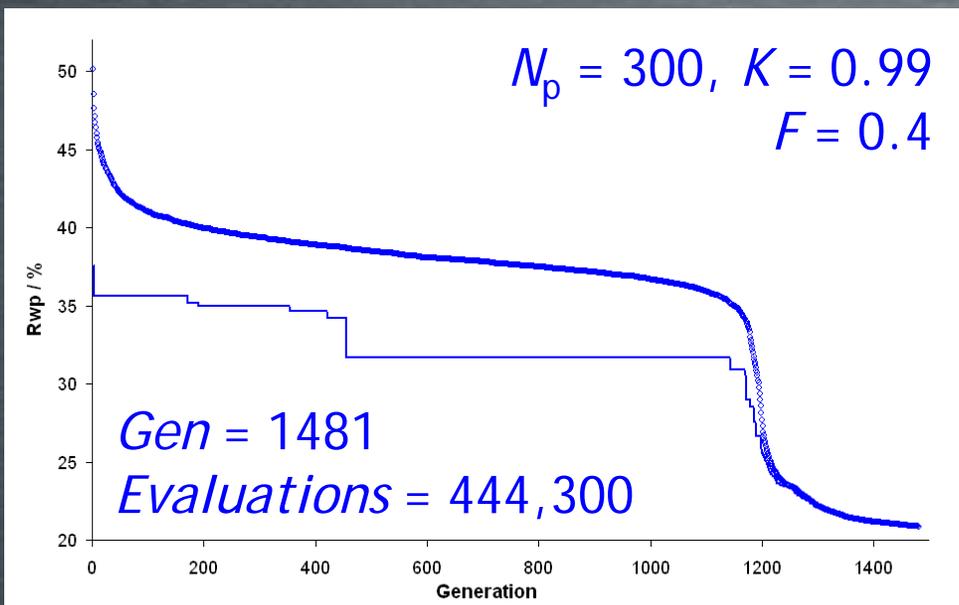
1:1 cocrystal with  
xs adipic acid



Structure from multi-phase lab PXRD (using DE)

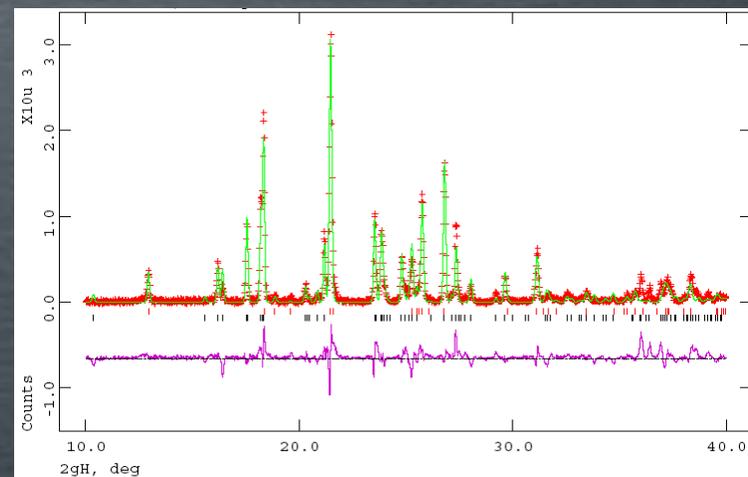
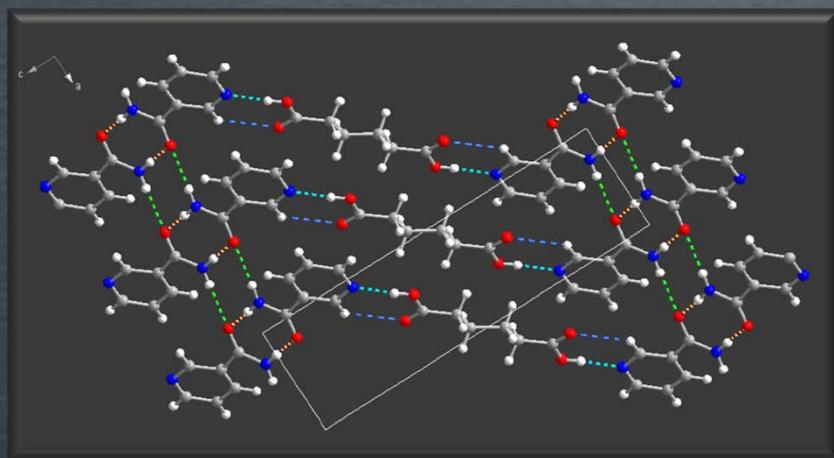
# DE solution phase 1: nicotinamide:adipic acid

*2 independent molecules, 18 parameters*



Fixed phase 2  
xs adipic acid

Refinement of  
phase fraction



# Nicotinamide with ... Succinic Acid

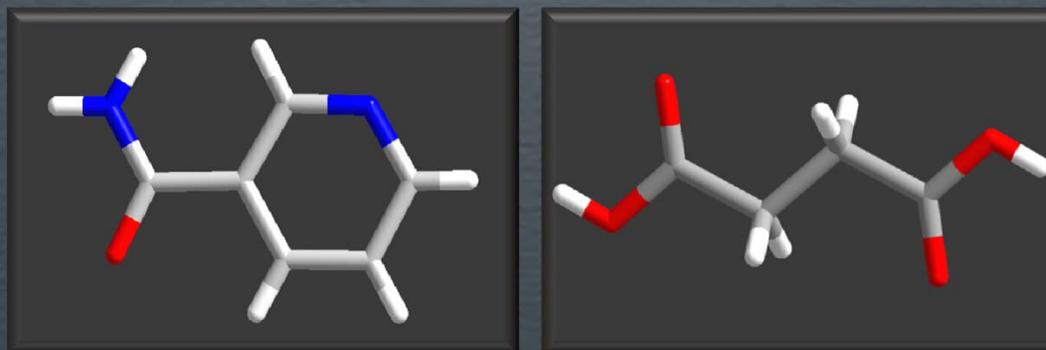
- Nicotinamide is a prolific coformer with dicarboxylic acids in stoichiometric variations

Karki et al., *CrystEngComm*, (2009), 11, 470

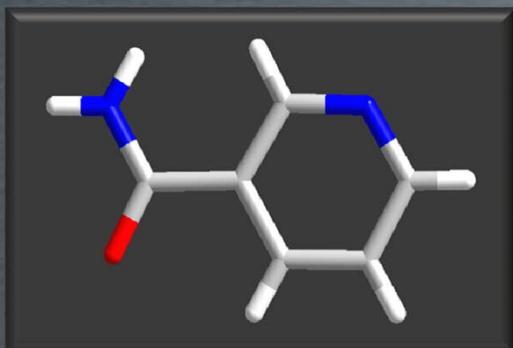
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1:1			1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	(1:1)	1:1
(2:1)	2:1	(2:1)		2:1	(2:1)	2:1		2:1	2:1

Amide:Acid Stoichiometry

Athimoolan et al., *Acta Cryst.*, (2007), 63, o263    Orola et al., *CrystEngComm*, (2009), 11, 415



# Nicotinamide : Succinic Acid 2:1

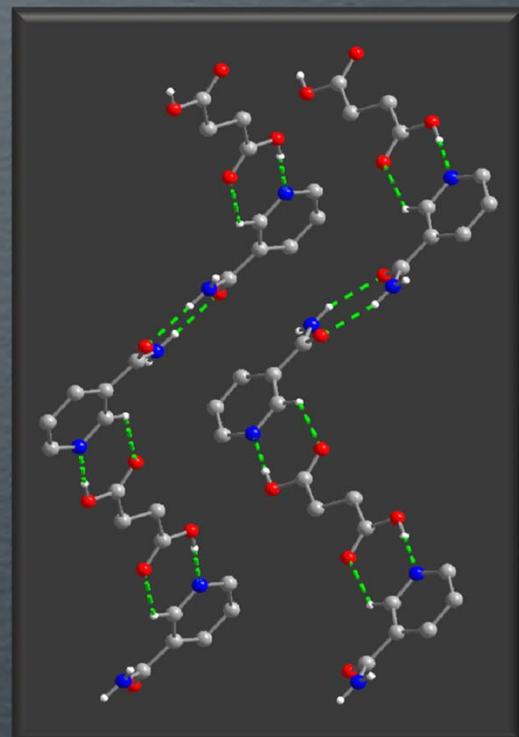
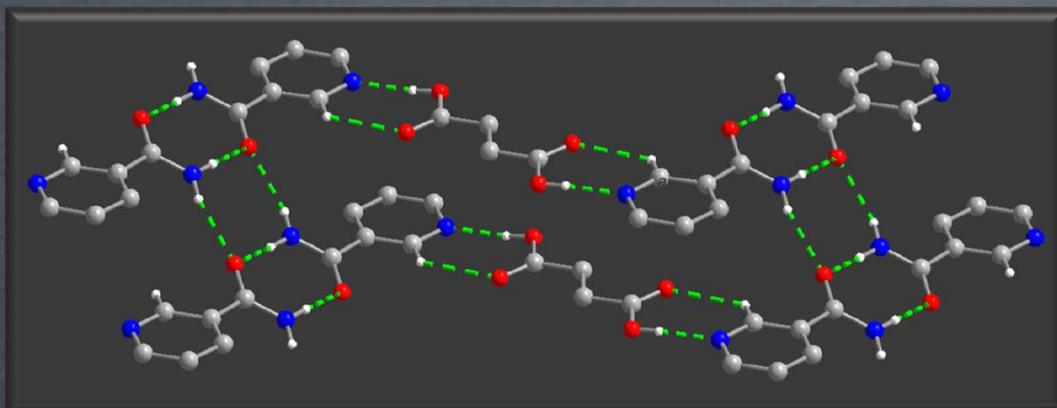
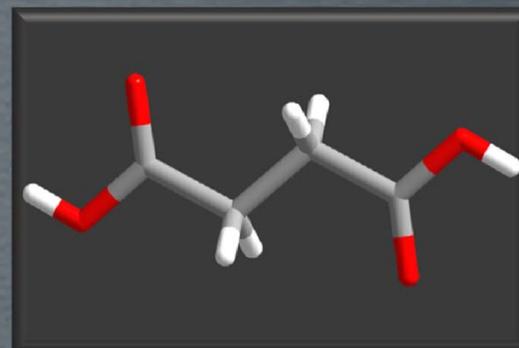


Crystallisation  
from MeOH  
1:1 ratio



2:1 cocrystal

Single crystal determination



- Acid-pyridine & amide-amide motifs
- *Anti* & *syn* nicotinamide conformations

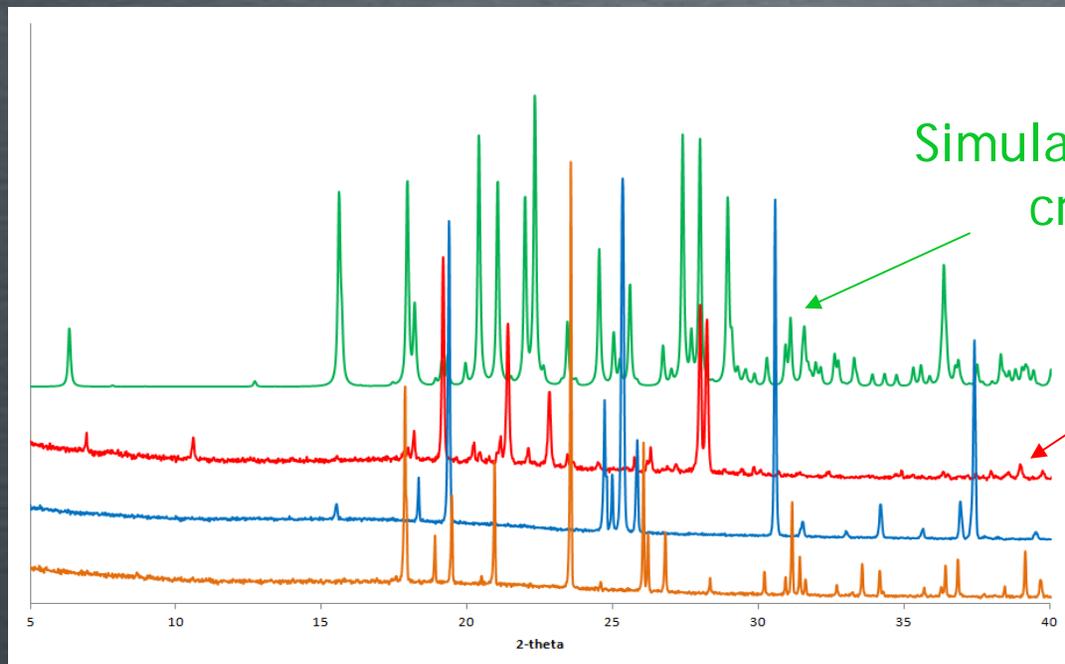
Thompson, Voguri, Cowell, Male & Tremayne, *Acta Cryst*, (2010), C66, o421

# Nicotinamide : Succinic Acid 1:1

Crystallisation from MeOH, 1:1, 'controlled conditions'

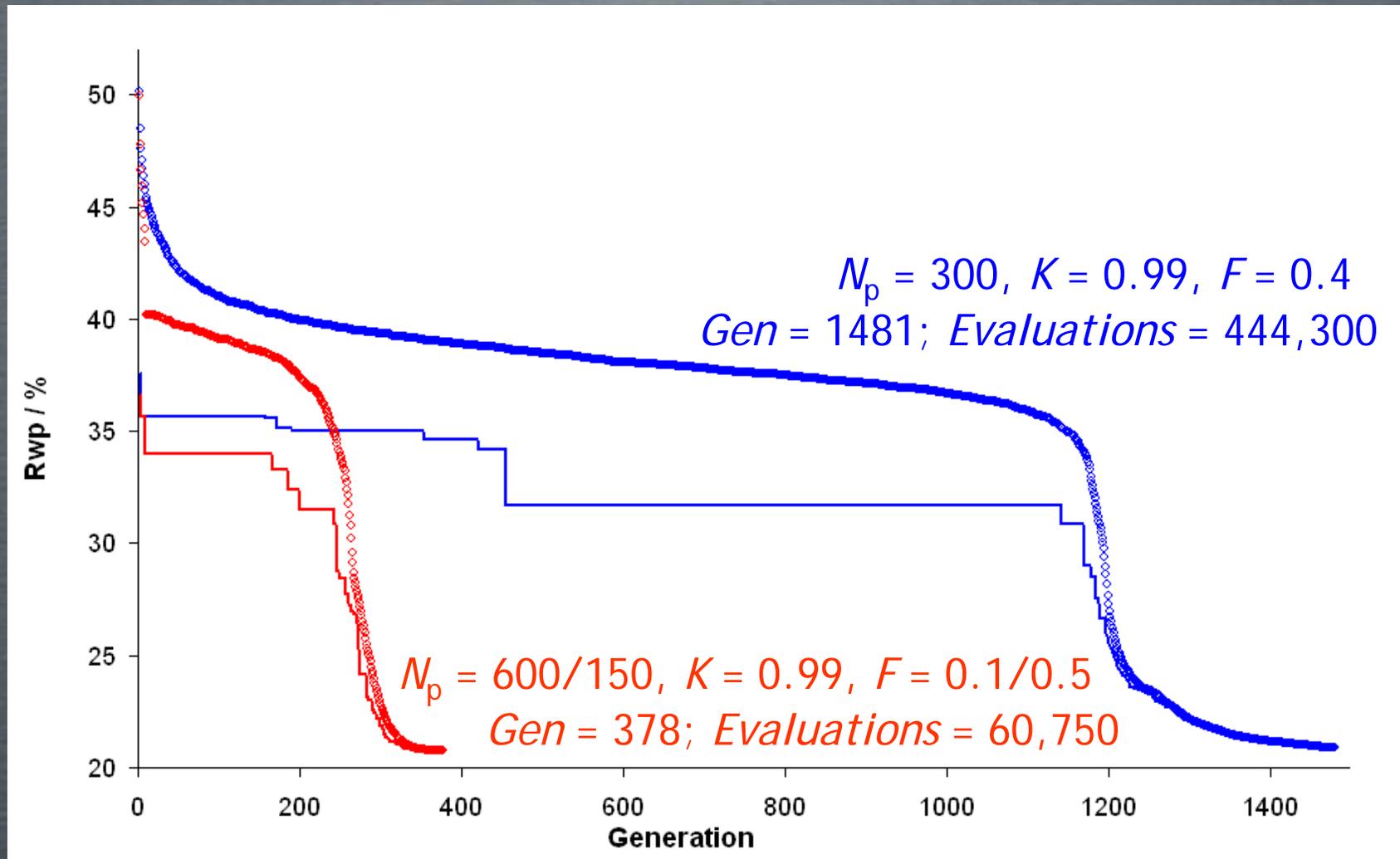
Solid state IR – inconclusive

GC & EA & NMR – 1:1 stoichiometry



Structure determination from *PXRD* (using *DE*)  
*2 independent molecules, 16 parameters*

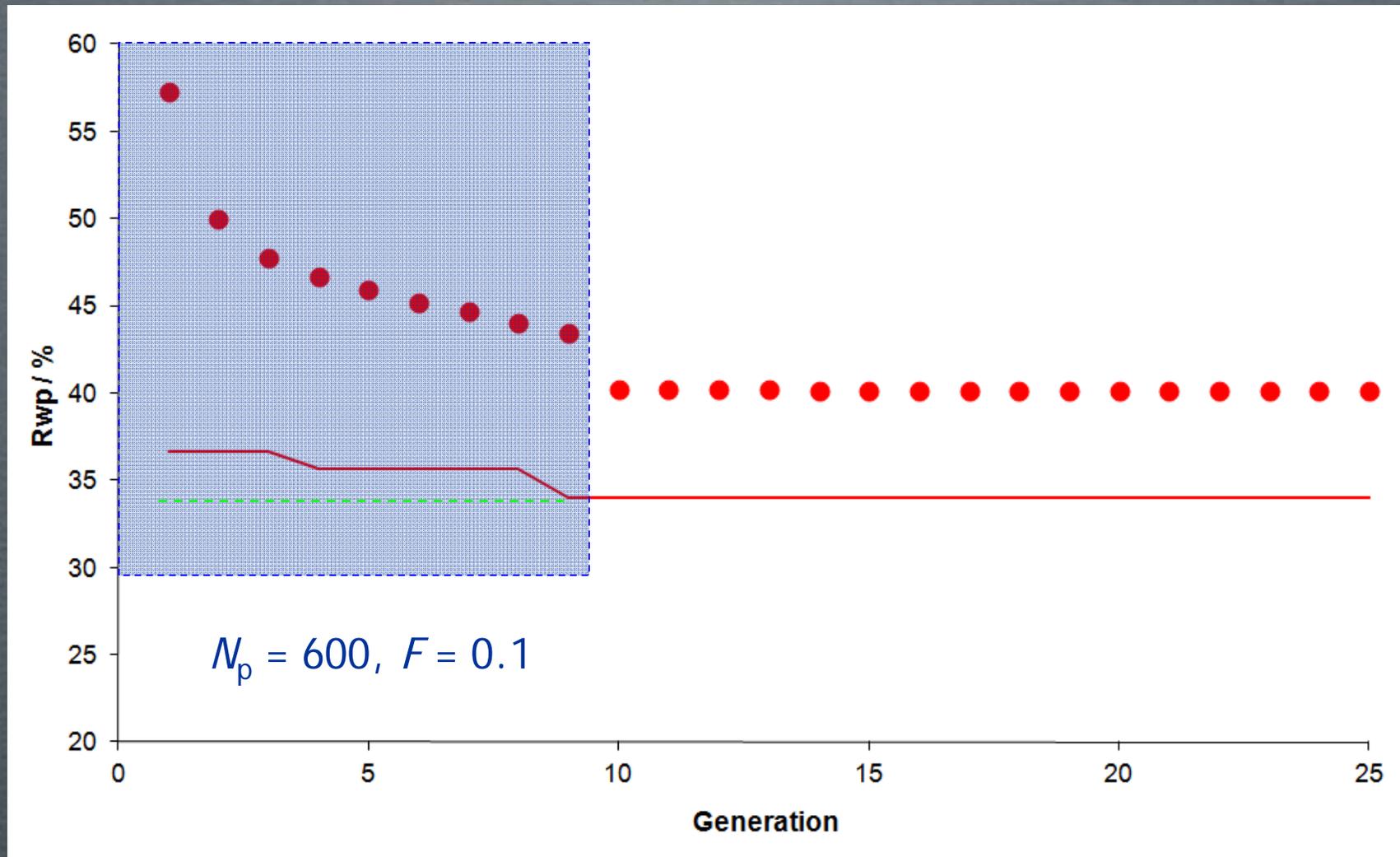
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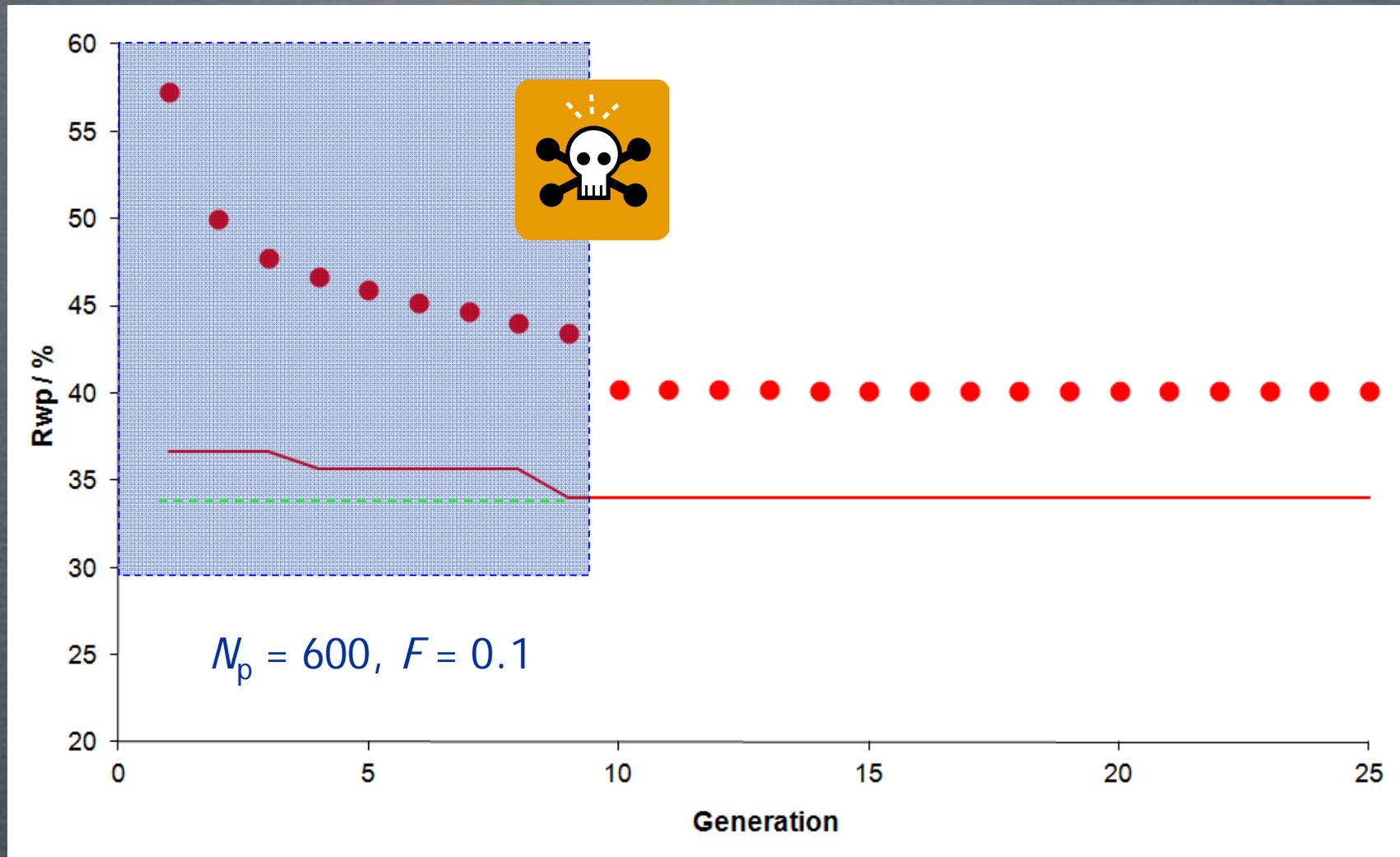
# Making the DE more efficient .....

1. Very large initial population – maximize diversity of the search
2. Exterminate  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the population after a few generations to improve genetic fitness of the population
3. Invoke process when  $\frac{1}{4}$  of population are better than the *initial best solution*
4. Increase  $F$  after cull to prevent premature convergence

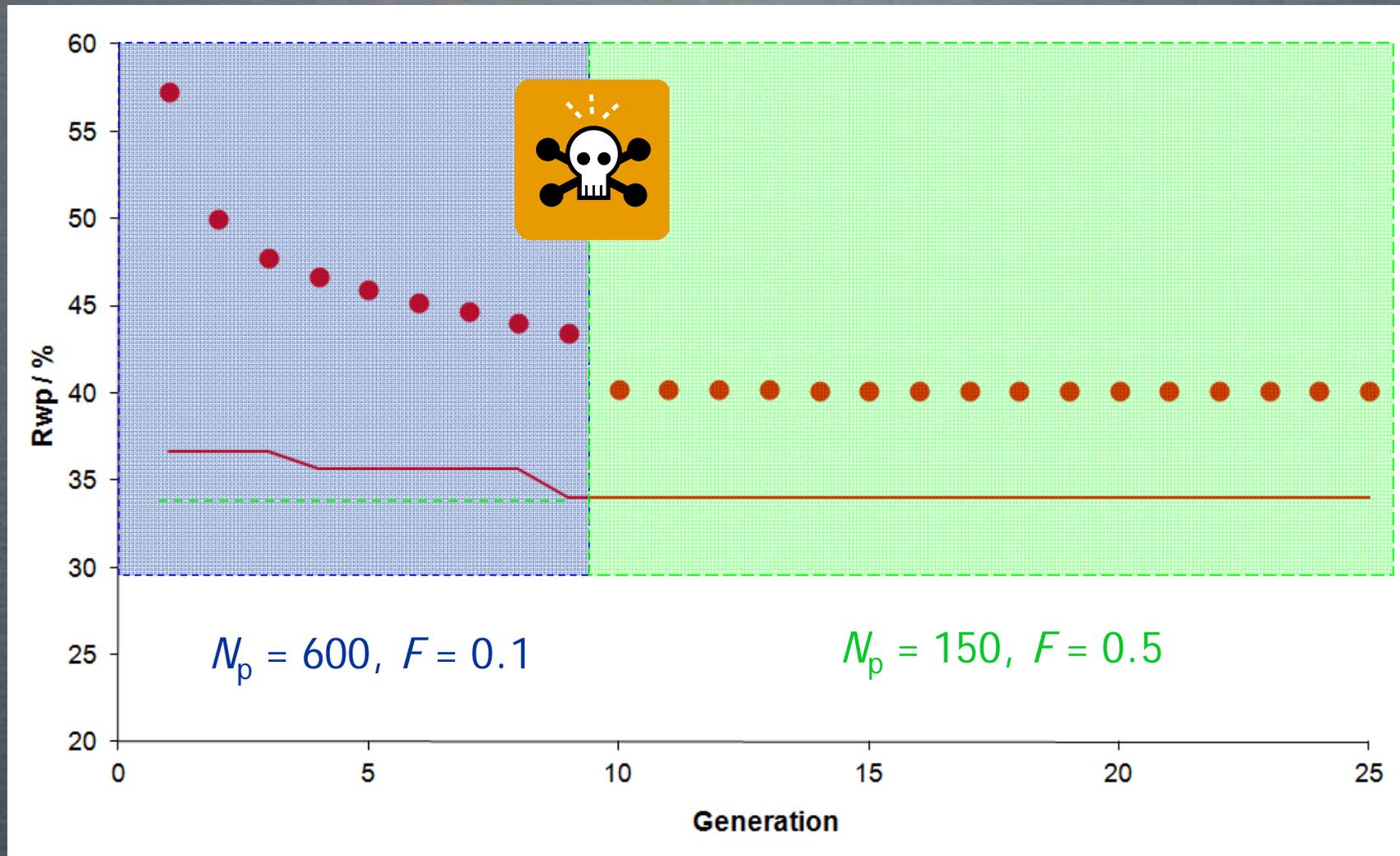
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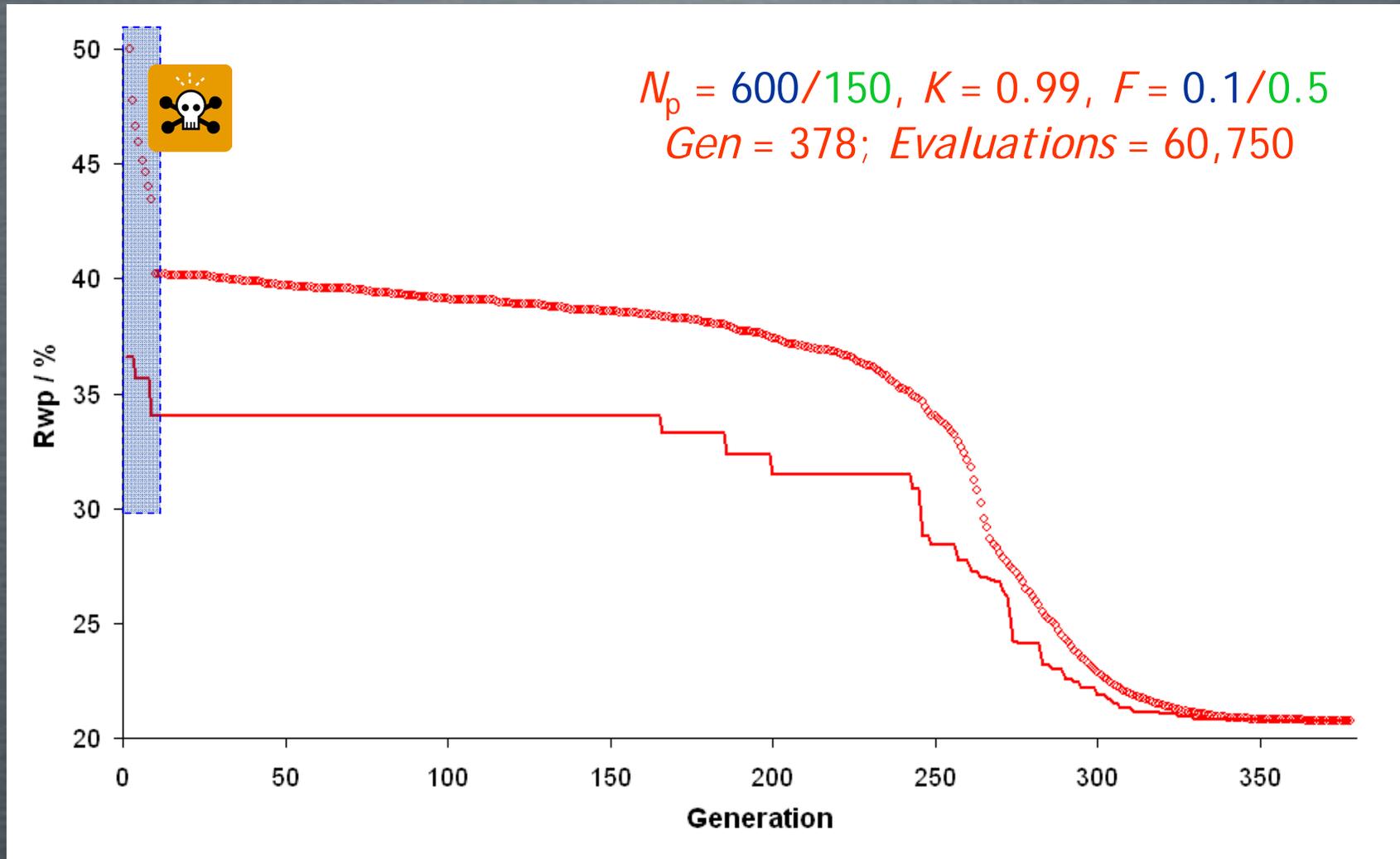
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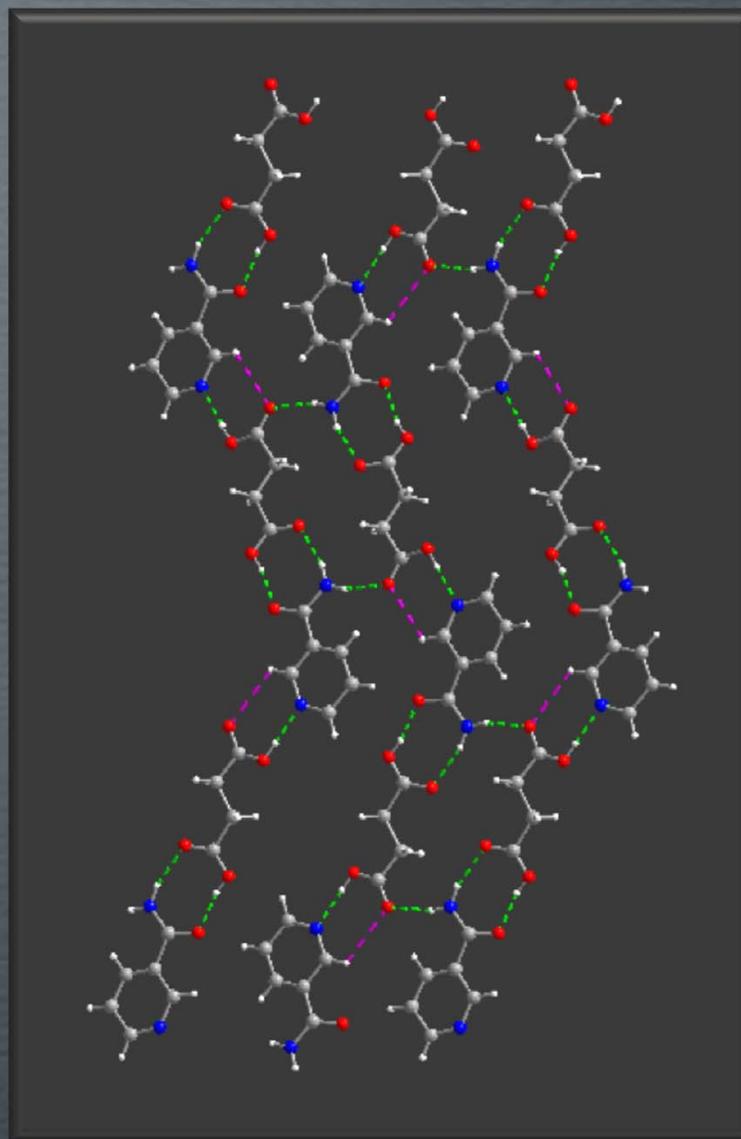
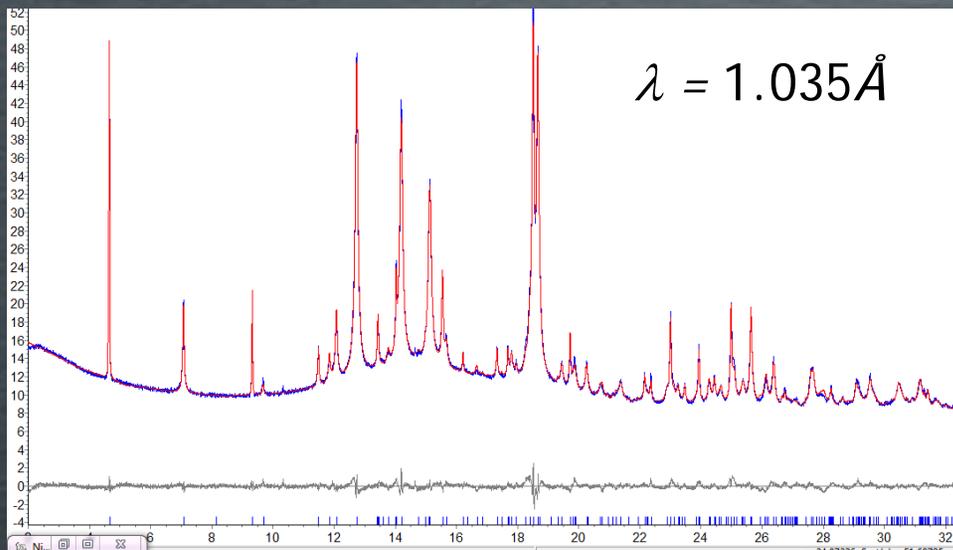


# Making the DE more efficient .....



# Nicotinamide : Succinic Acid 1:1

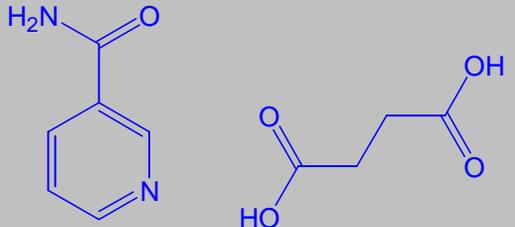
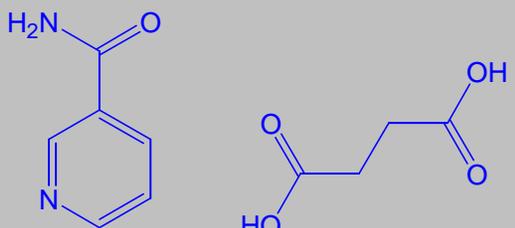
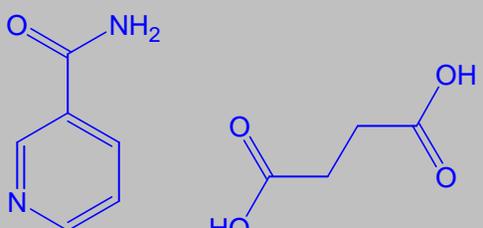
- Acid-pyridine & amide-acid motifs
- *Anti* nicotinamide conformation
- Distinctive supramolecular chain motif (1:1)



# Is the Conformation Correct?

Conformation

$R_{wp}$  (%)

	<b>3.97</b> (4.37)
	4.67 (4.61)
	4.58 (4.63)
	5.13 (5.24)

← Synchrotron

← (Lab data)

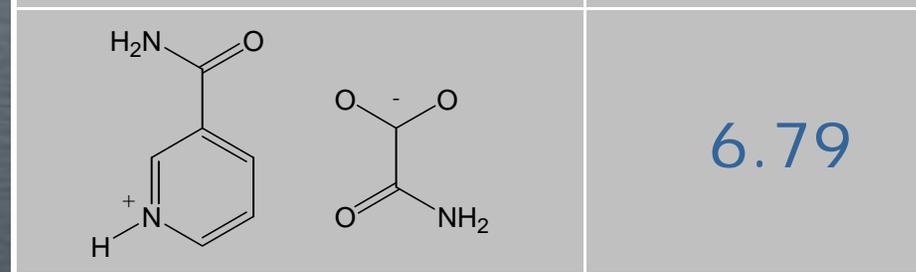
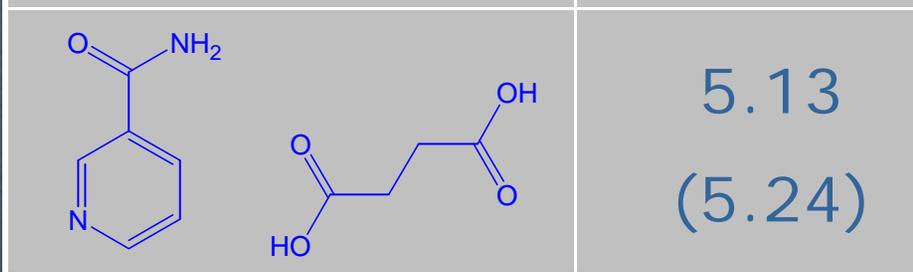
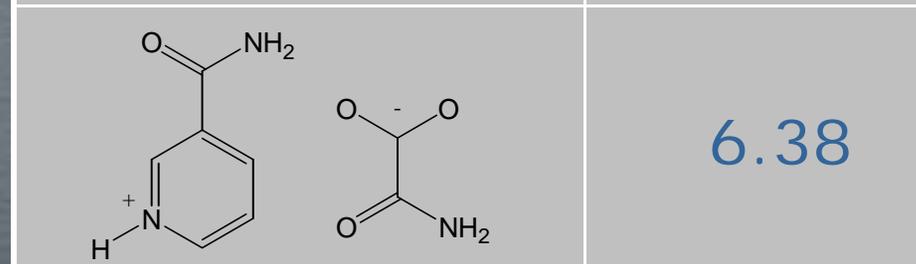
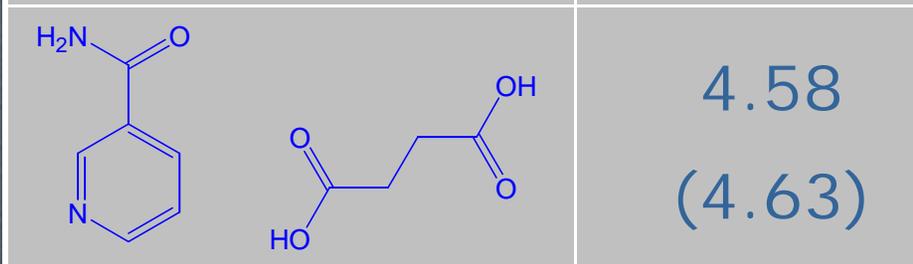
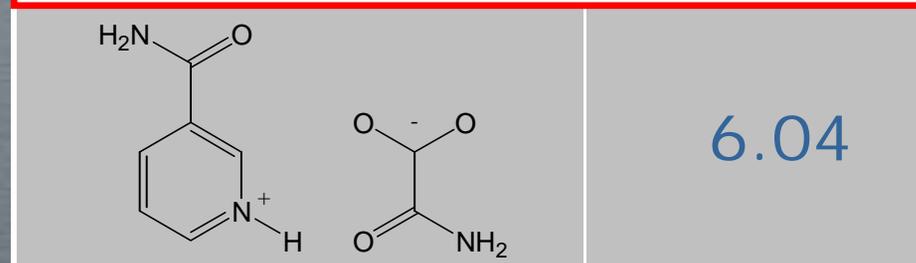
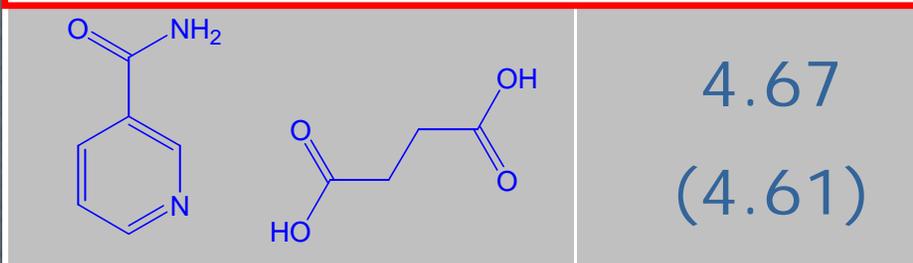
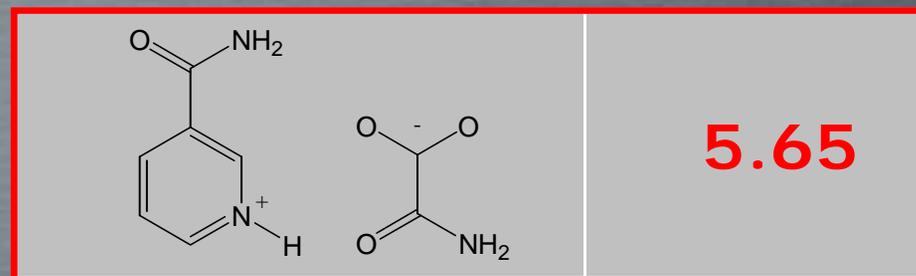
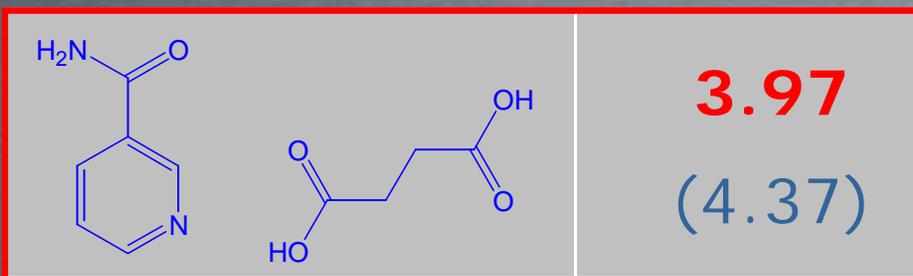
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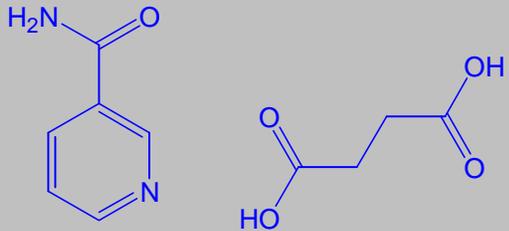
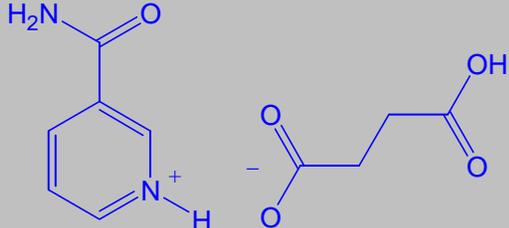
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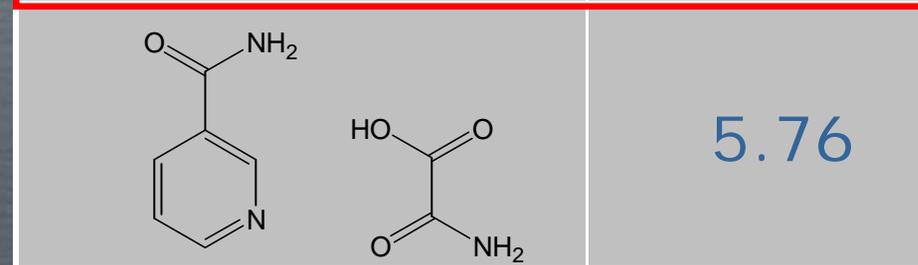
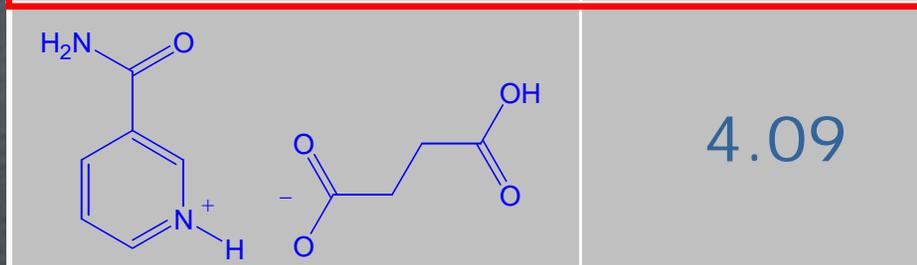
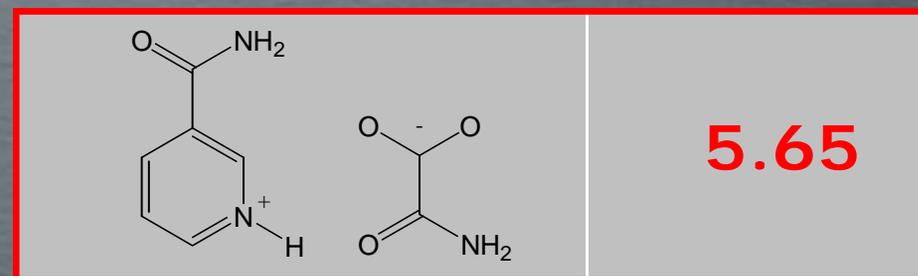
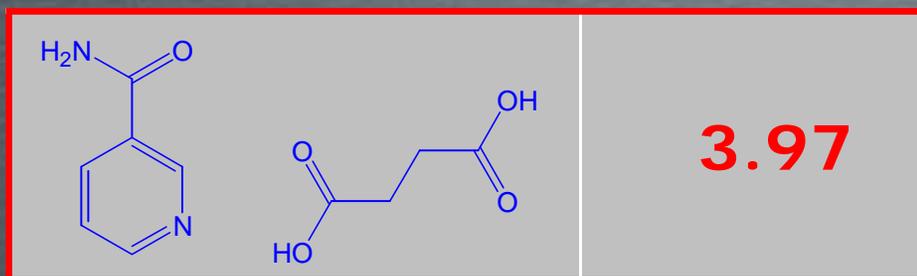
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# Conclusions

Structure determination of *multi-component molecular cocrystals* from lab PXRD



*variation of stoichiometries* from *various* synthetic routes



... *but* ... always be aware of possible alternative conformations



SDPD of cocrystals from *multi-phase data*

High quality PXRD data to confirm form?

Significant optimisation efficiency through a large population using *eugenics*!

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