

TWO-DIMENSIONAL X-RAY DIFFRACTOMETRY IN PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT AND PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

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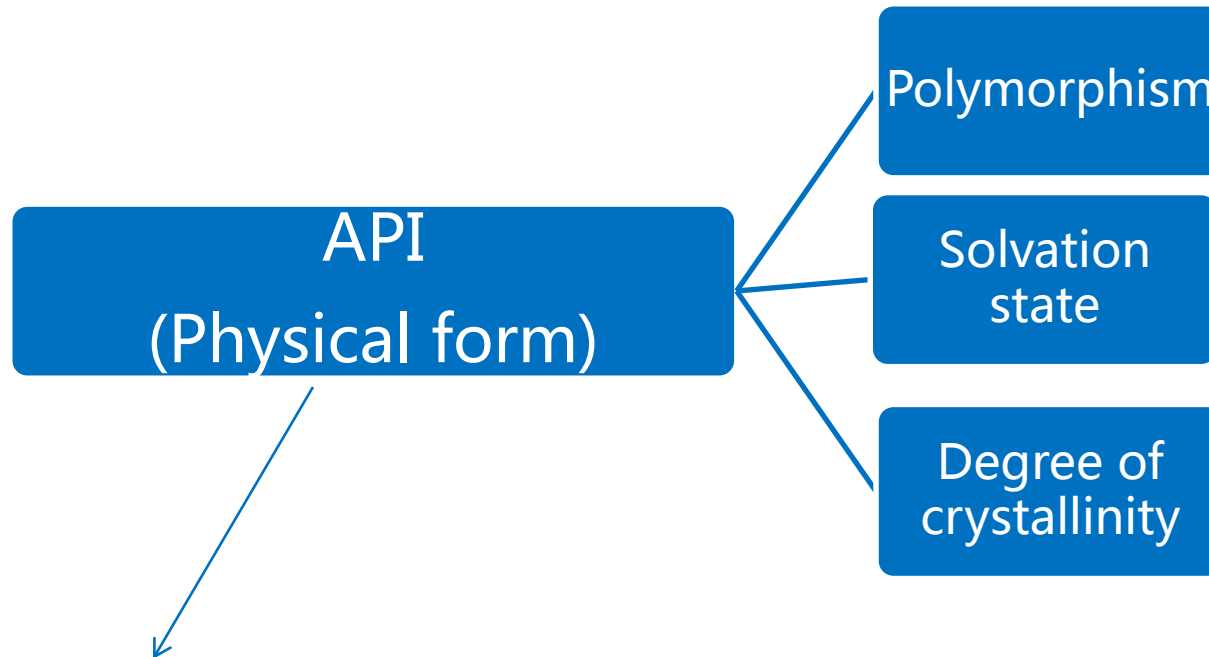
In situ Phase Transformation



Market Recall

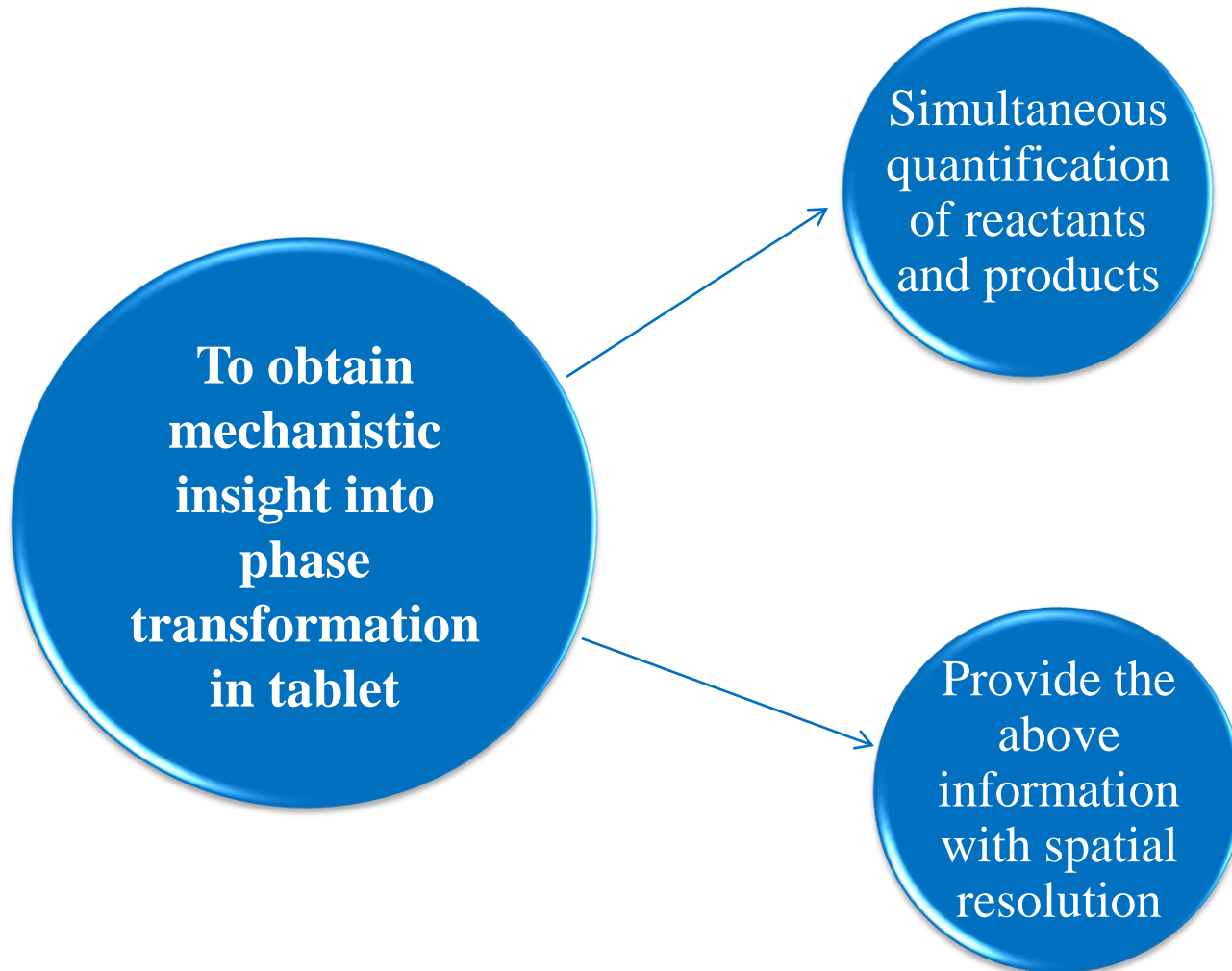
- 2012: Market recall of nimodipine due to crystallization of nimodipine in soft gel capsules, that could adversely affect the product's bioavailability *
- April 2013, Apotex Corp. recall of 15 lots of Piperacillin and Tazobactam for injection (USP): showing crystallization/precipitation in I.V. bags*
- Dr. Reddy lab (June 2014) and Wockhardt (Sept 2014): Metoprolol succinate *prolonged release tablet*, dissolution failure after **18 and 9 months of storage, respectively*** * USFDA

Physical Stability



**Final product performance
in solid dosage forms**

Mitigation Strategy



Quantification, Mechanism, and Mitigation of Active Ingredient Phase Transformation in Tablets

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Compression induced phase transformation in amorphous API: A case study

Compression of amorphous API Plan

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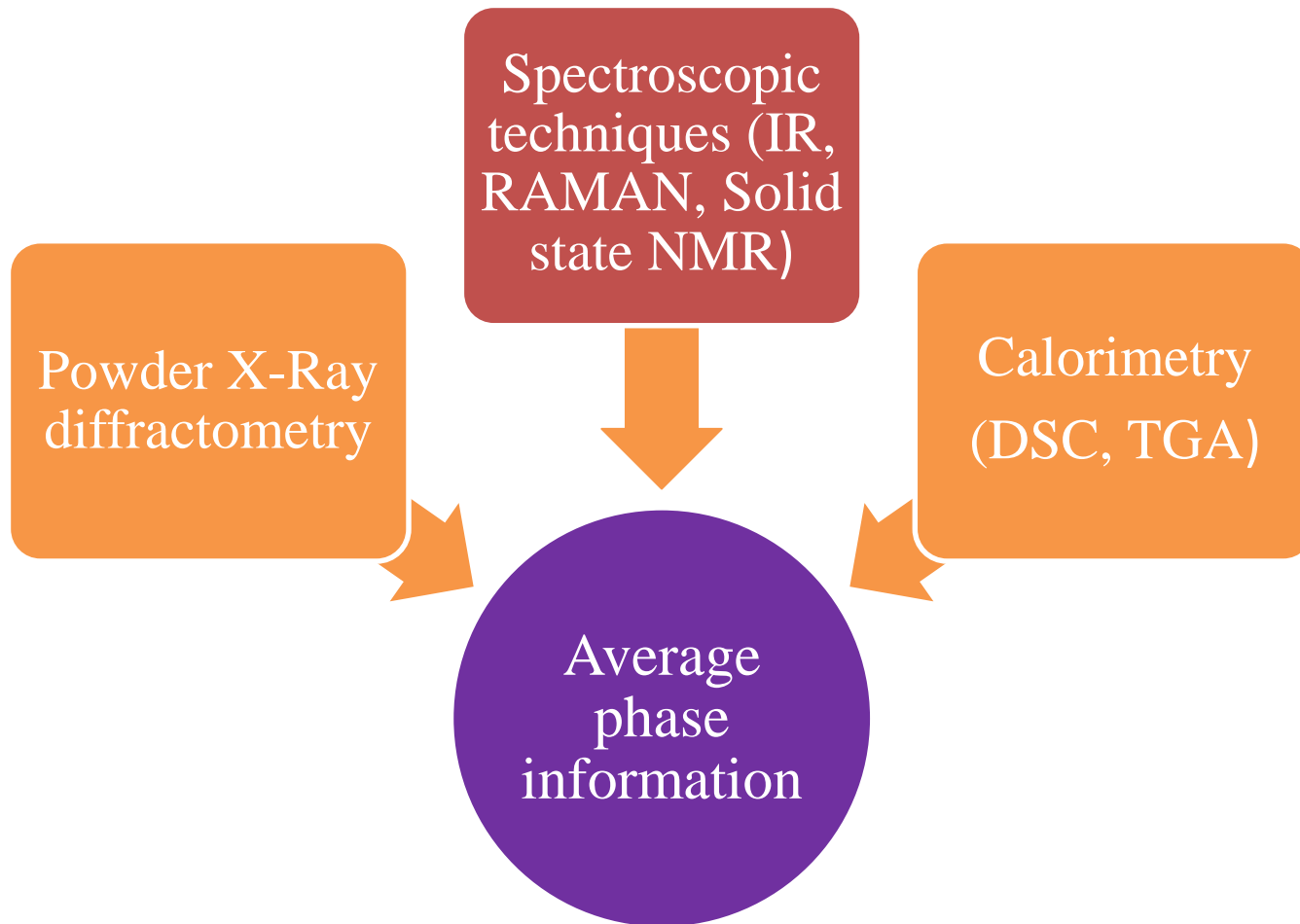
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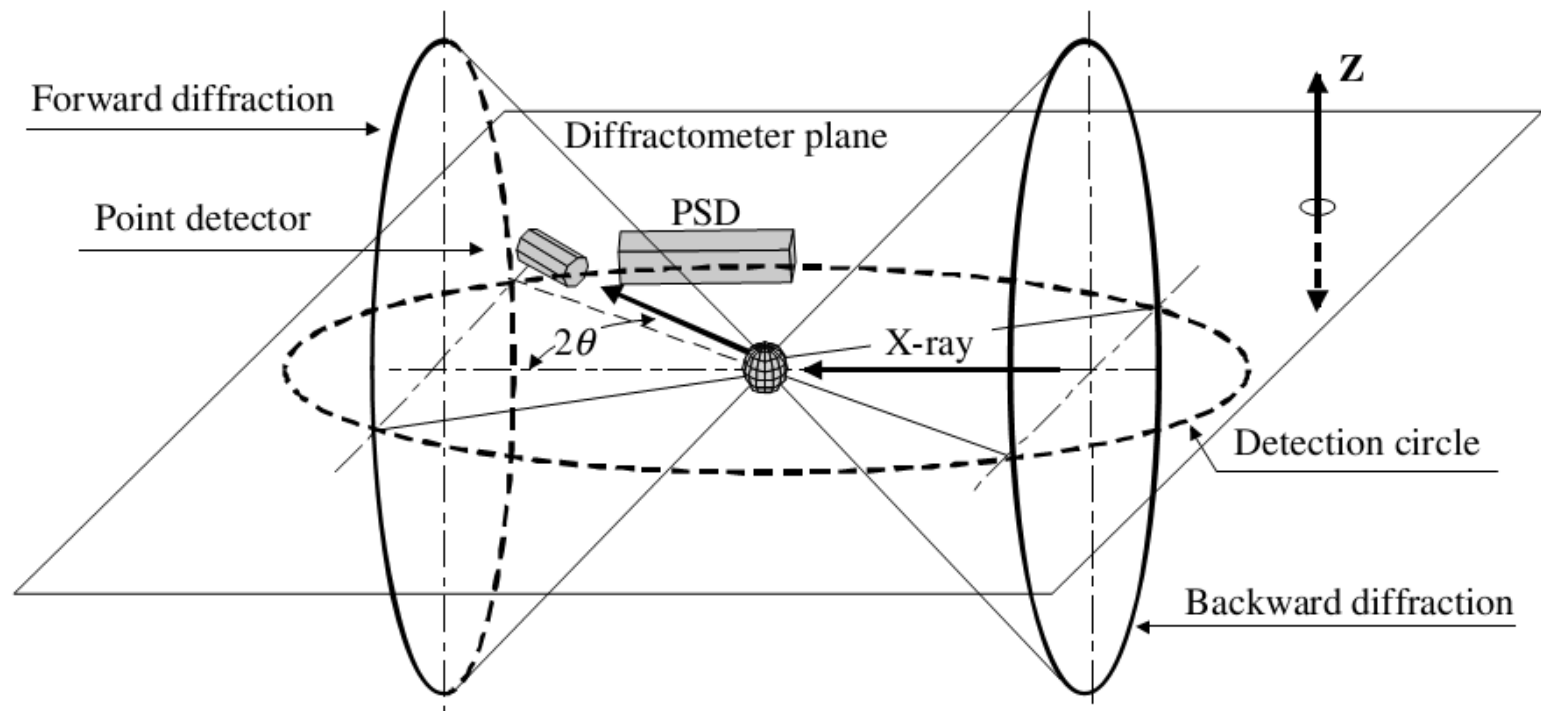
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Analytical Methods

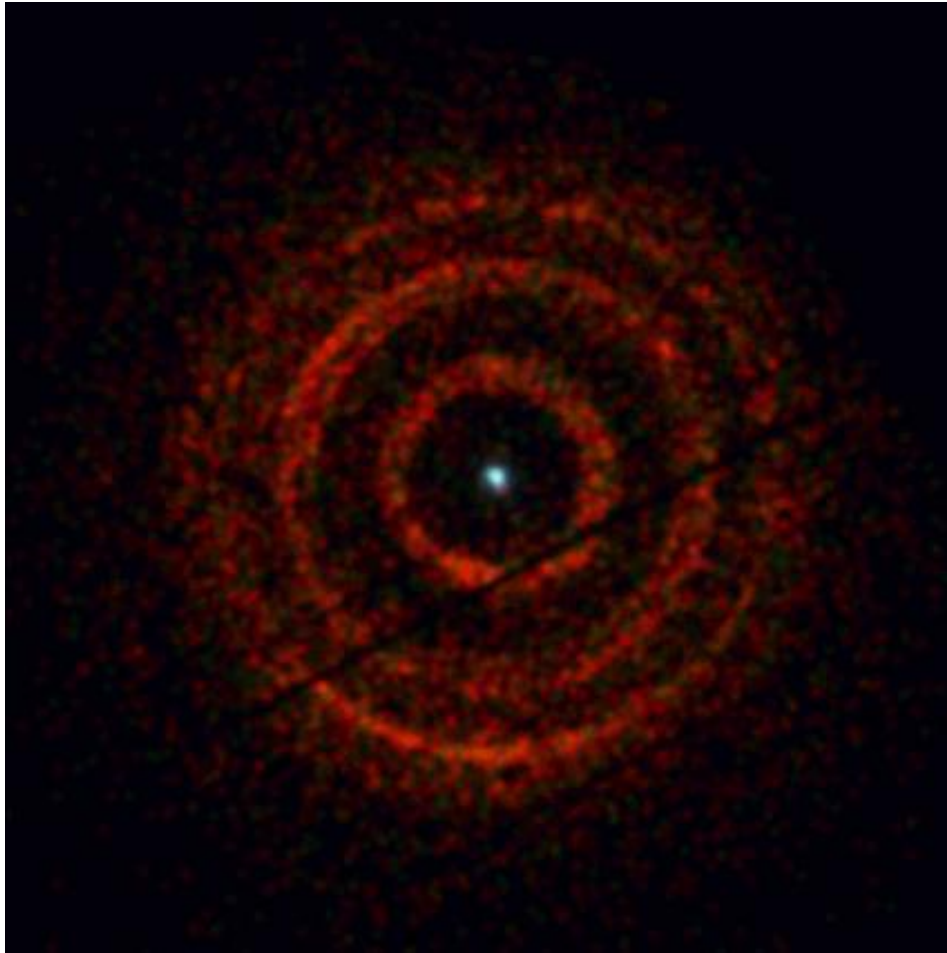


X-ray Diffraction

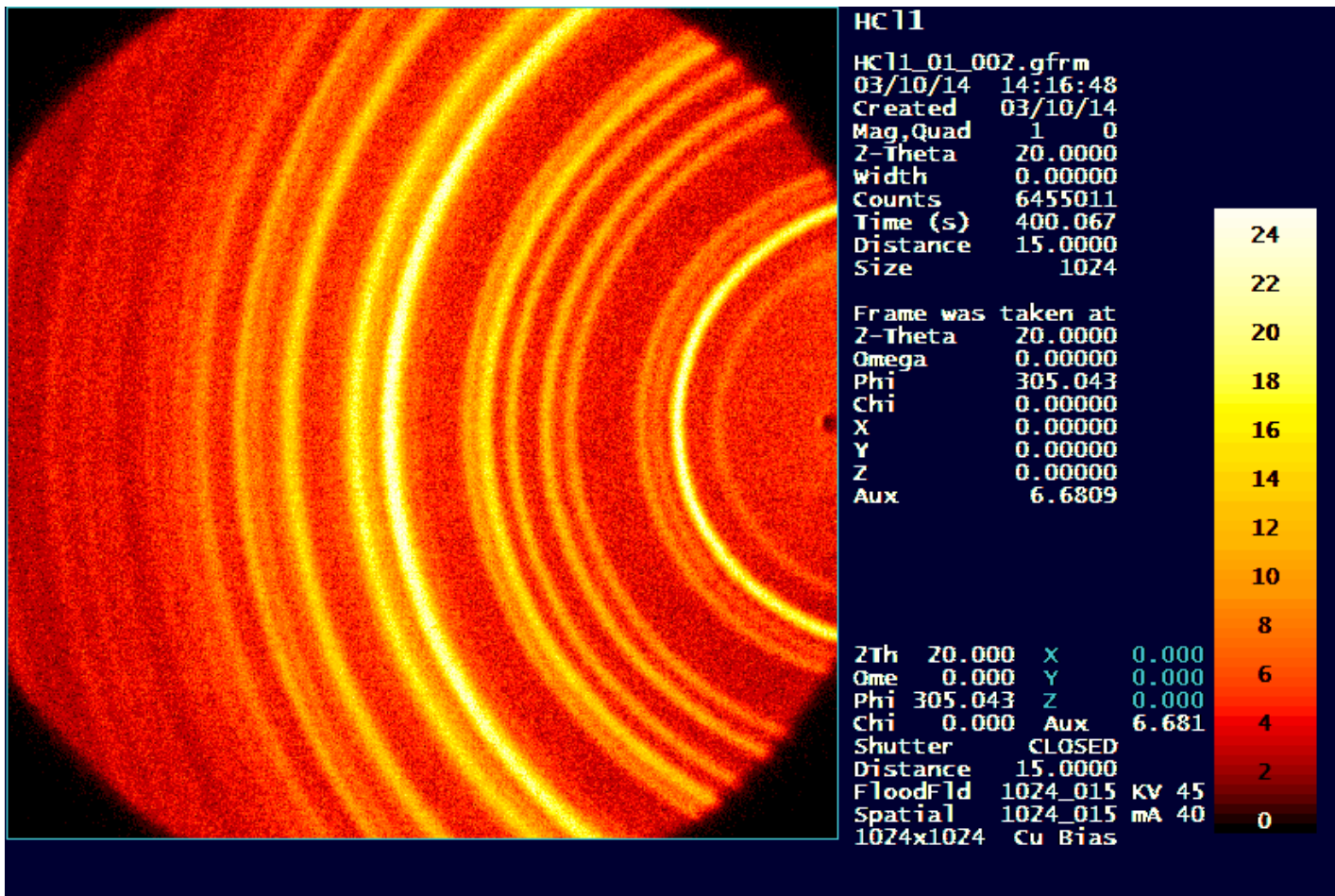


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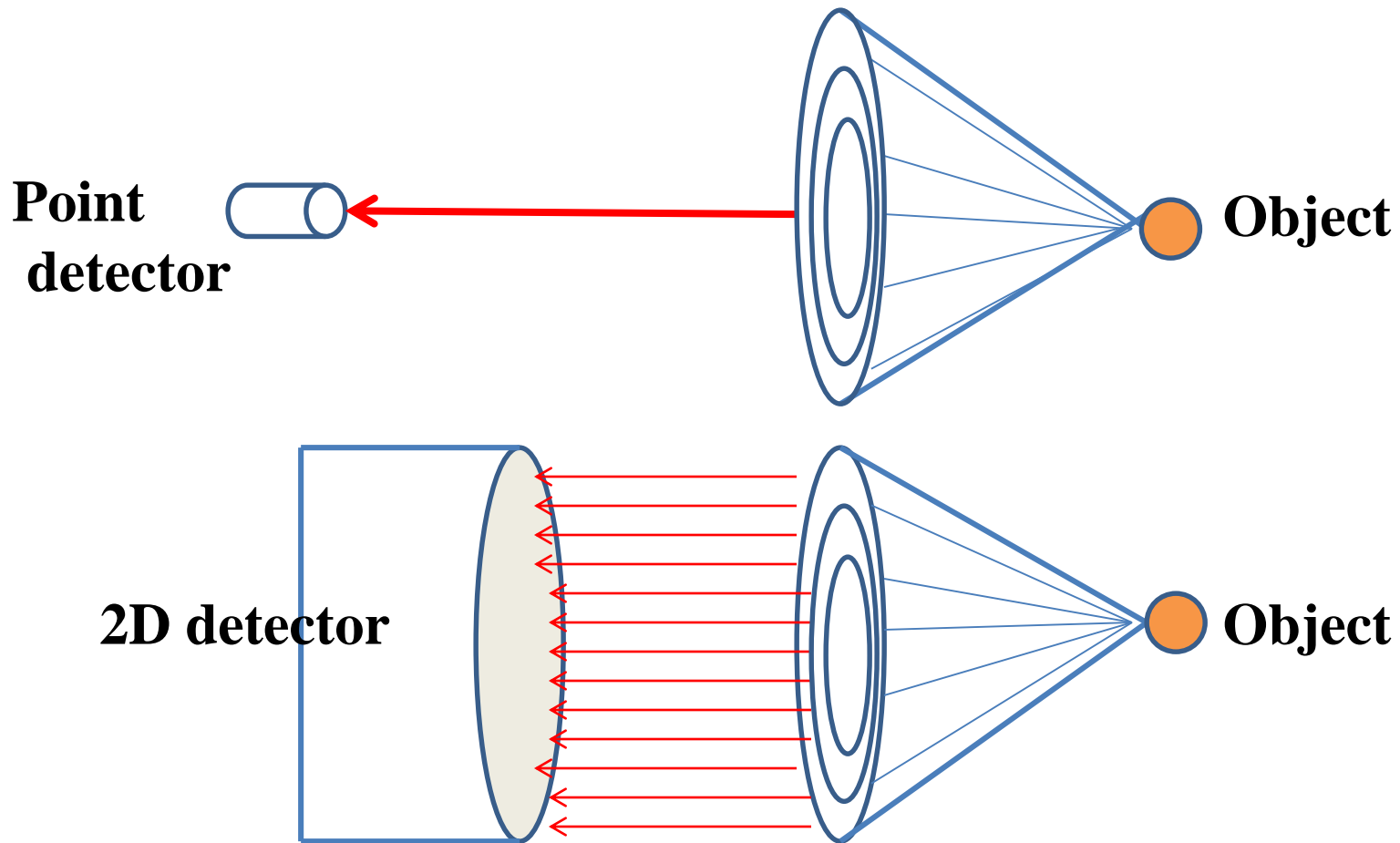
XRD in Space (NASA)



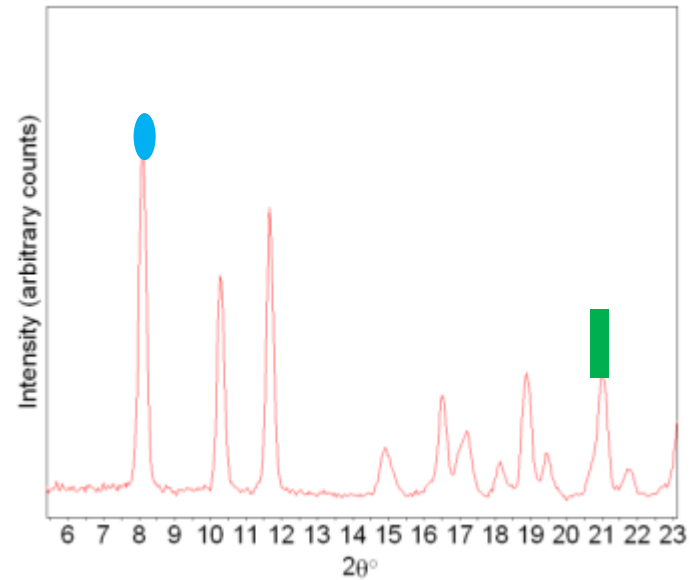
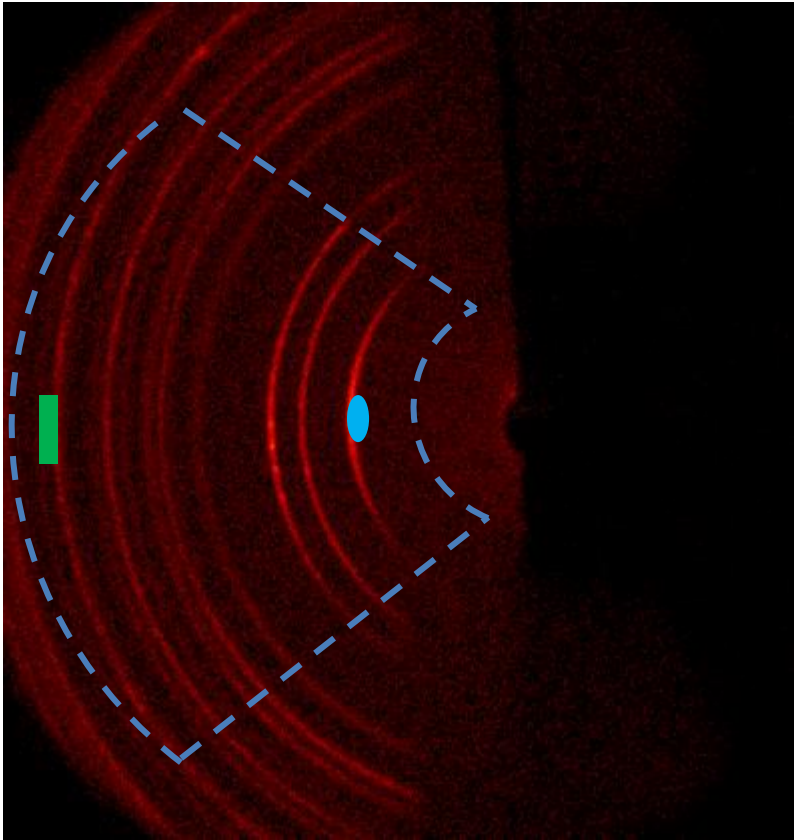
XRD in Lab.



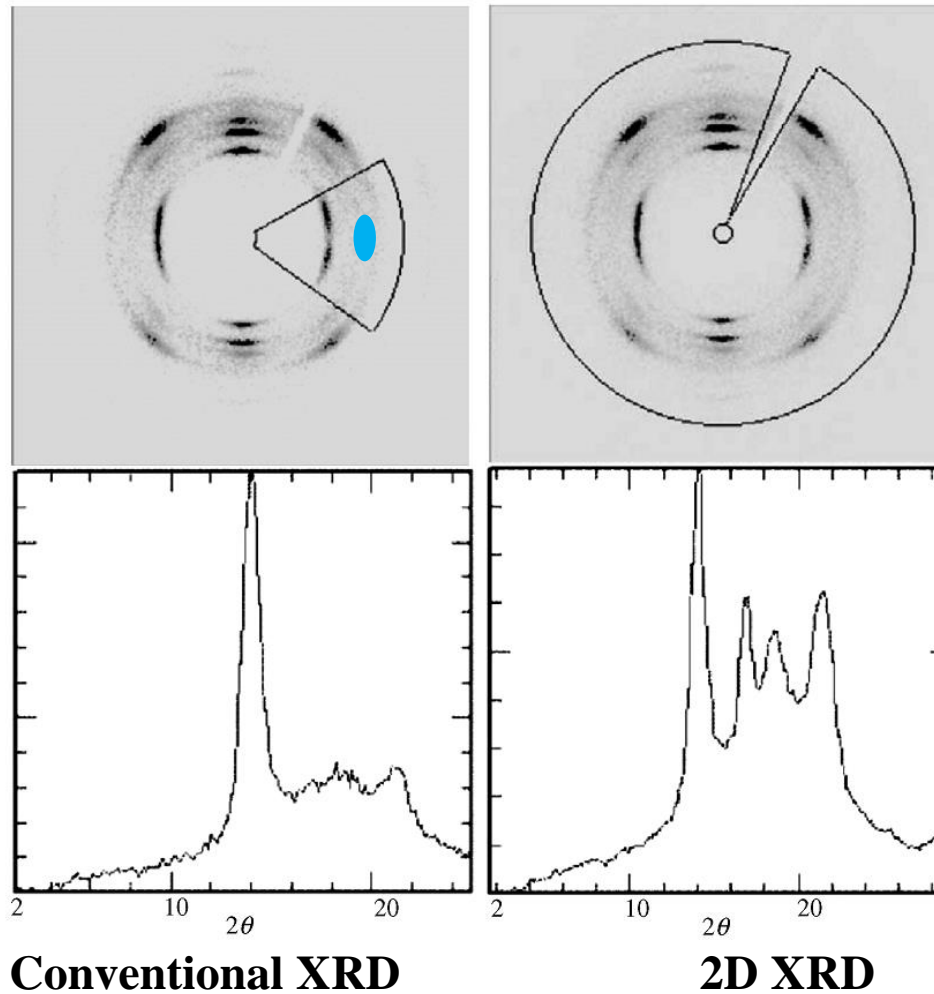
Conventional Vs 2-Dimensional XRD



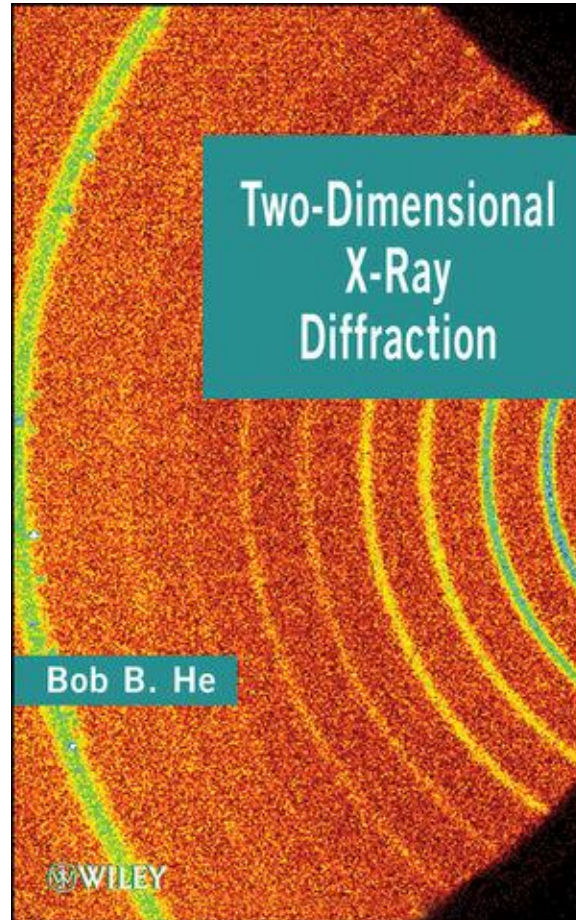
Averaging Integration Algorithm



2-D and Texture (Preferred-Orientation)



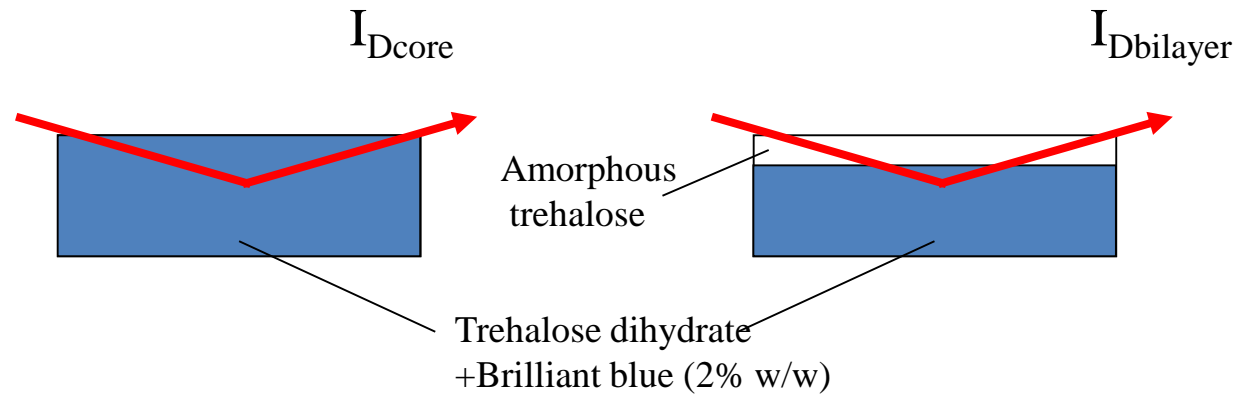
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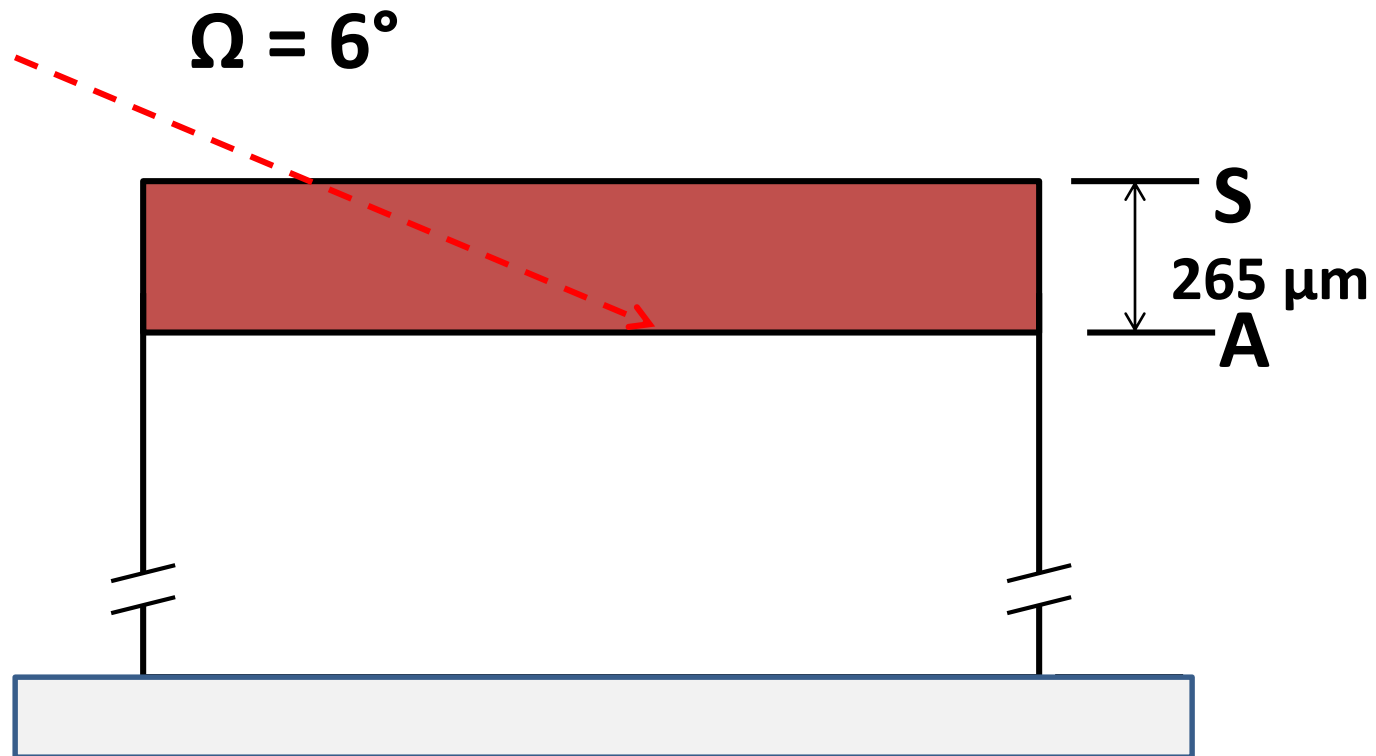
Glancing angle XRD vs 2D-XRD

Glancing angle XRD – Depth of penetration: Amorphous trehalose

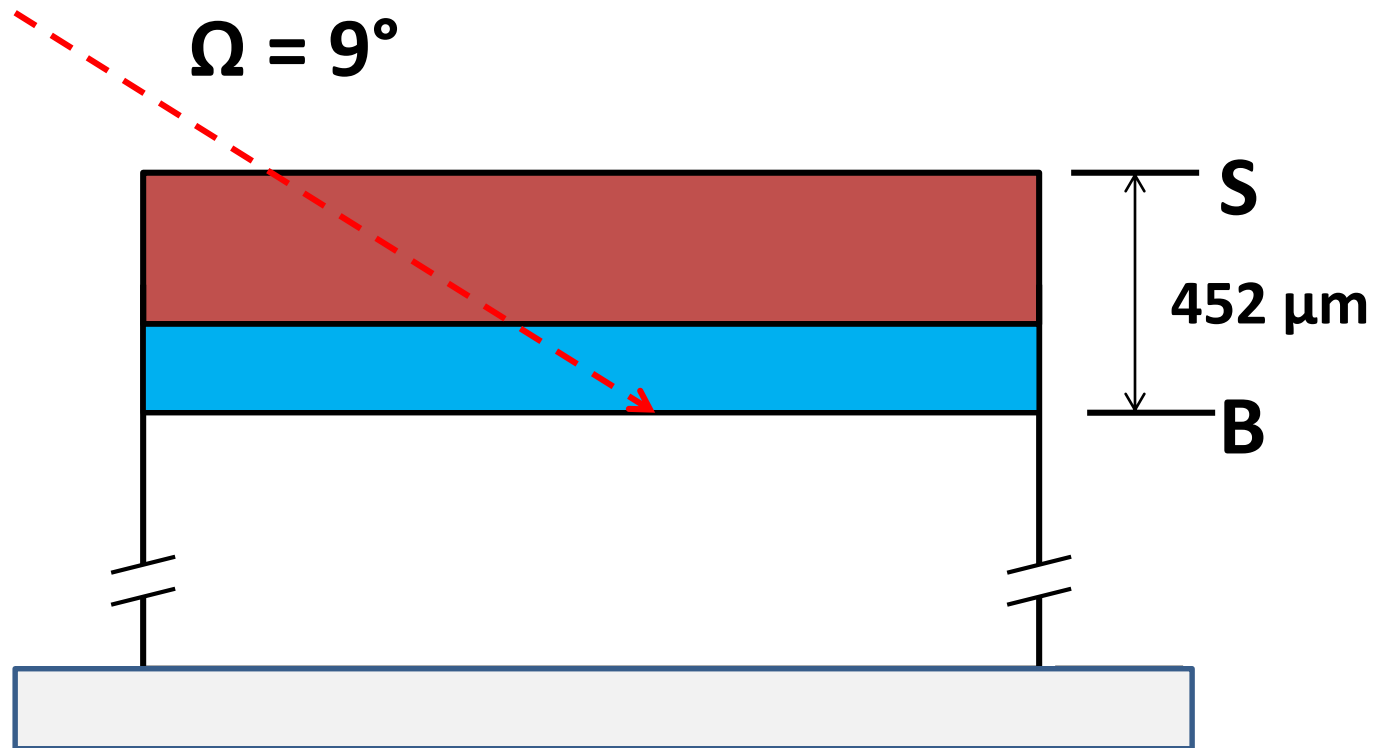


$$d = \ln \left[\frac{e^{-\mu_{upper} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \Omega} + \frac{1}{\sin(2\theta - \Omega)} \right)} \frac{I_{Dbilayer}}{I_{Dcore}}}{e^{-\mu_{upper} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \Omega} + \frac{1}{\sin(2\theta - \Omega)} \right)} \left(1 - \frac{I_{Dbilayer}}{I_{Dcore}} \right)} \right] \left/ \left[-\mu_{lower} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \Omega} + \frac{1}{\sin(2\theta - \Omega)} \right) \right] \right.$$

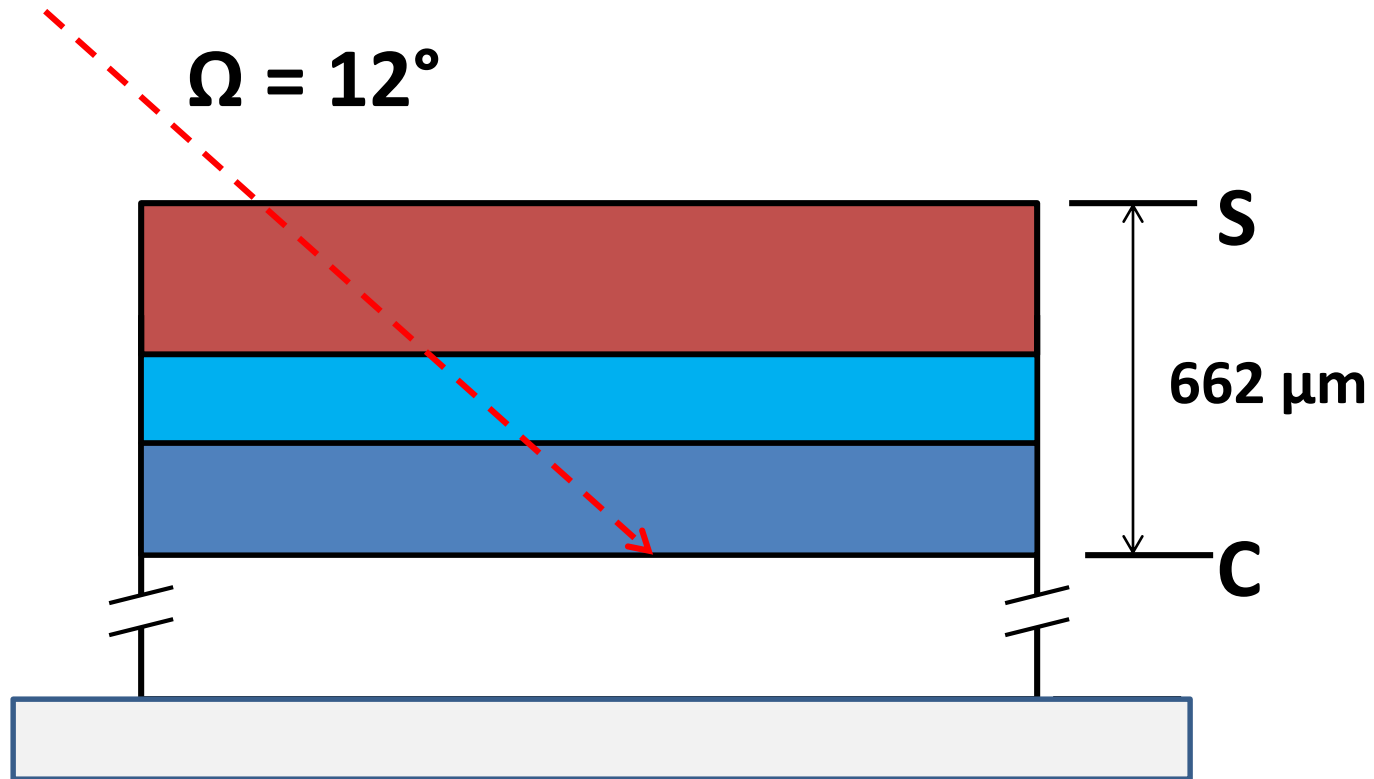
Depth of penetration as a function of incident angle



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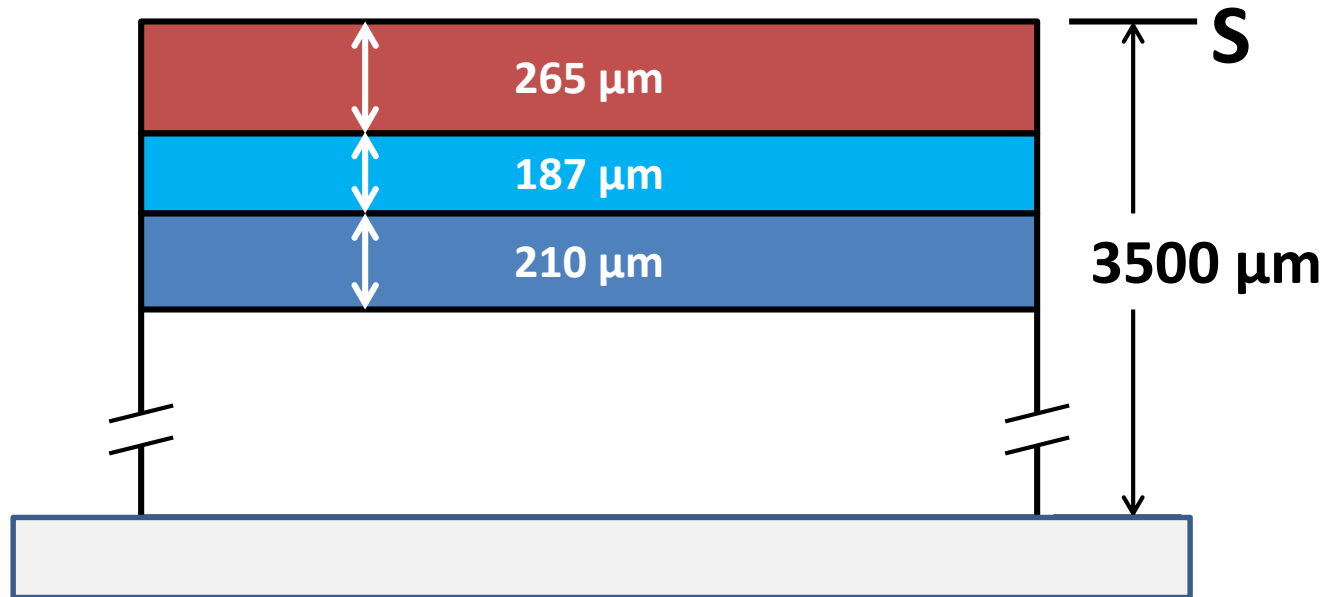
Integration of different layers

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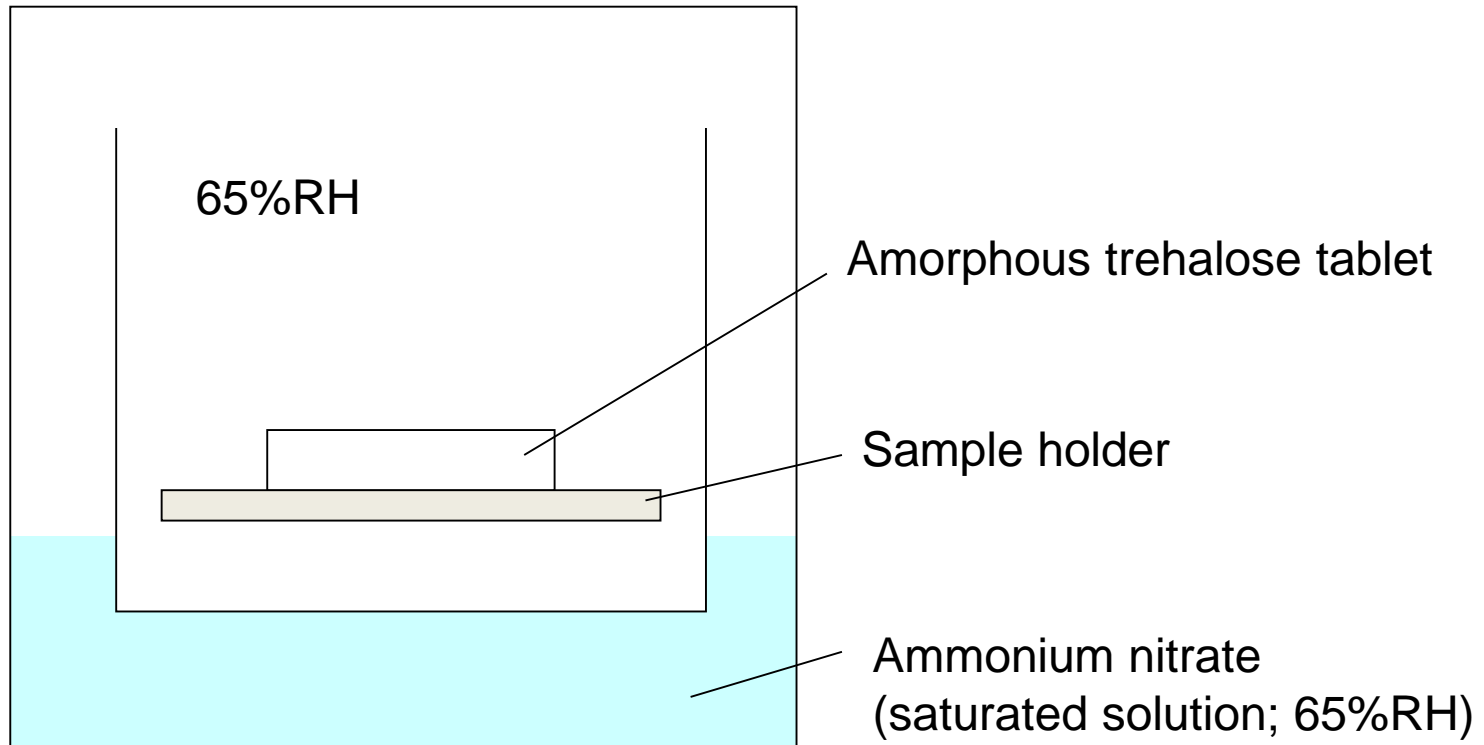
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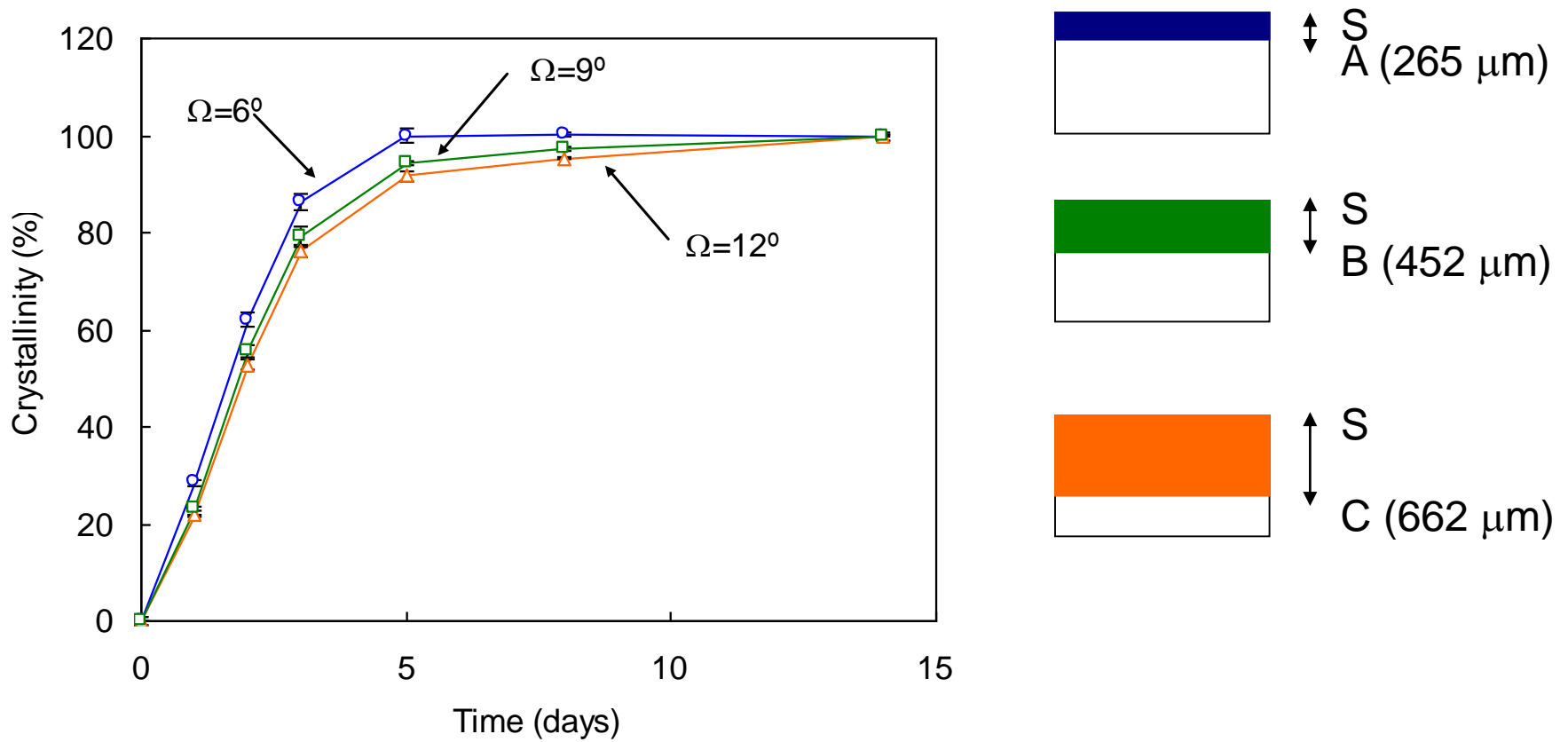
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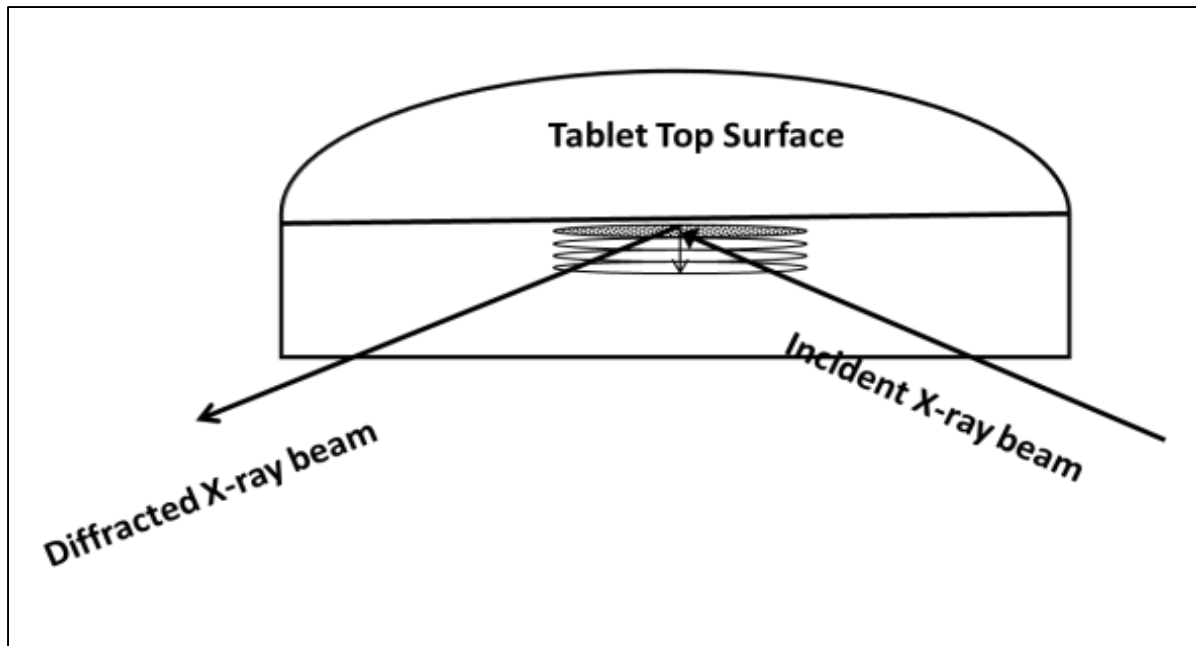
Crystallization– Amorphous trehalose tablets



Glancing angle XRD



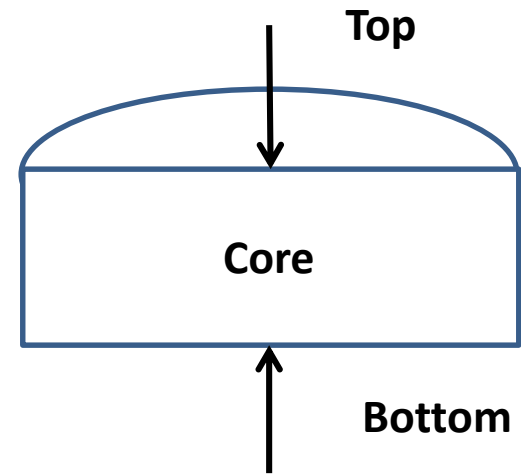
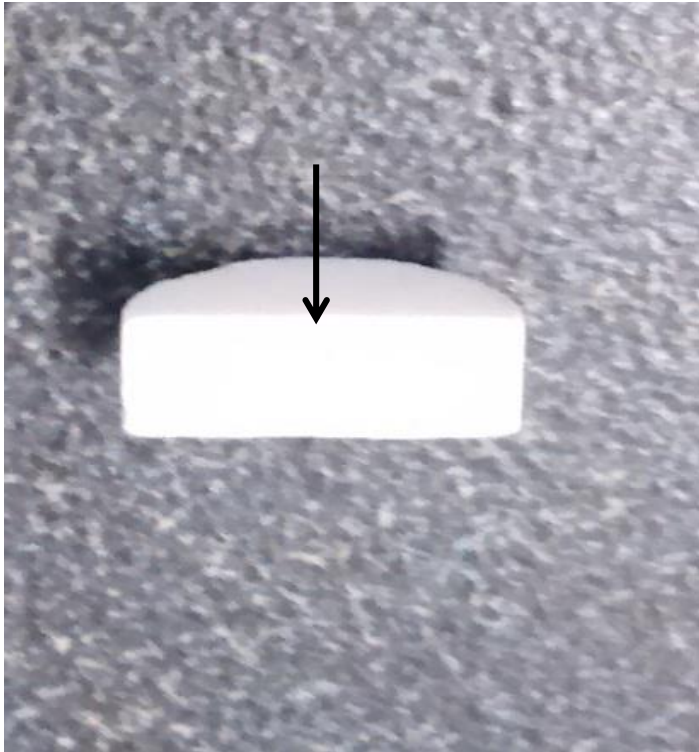
2DXRD of split tablets



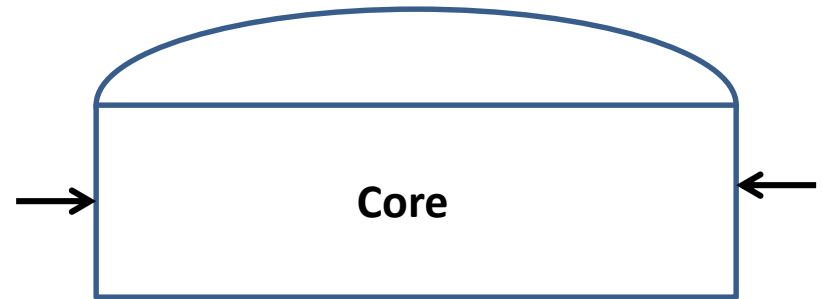
Specimen setup



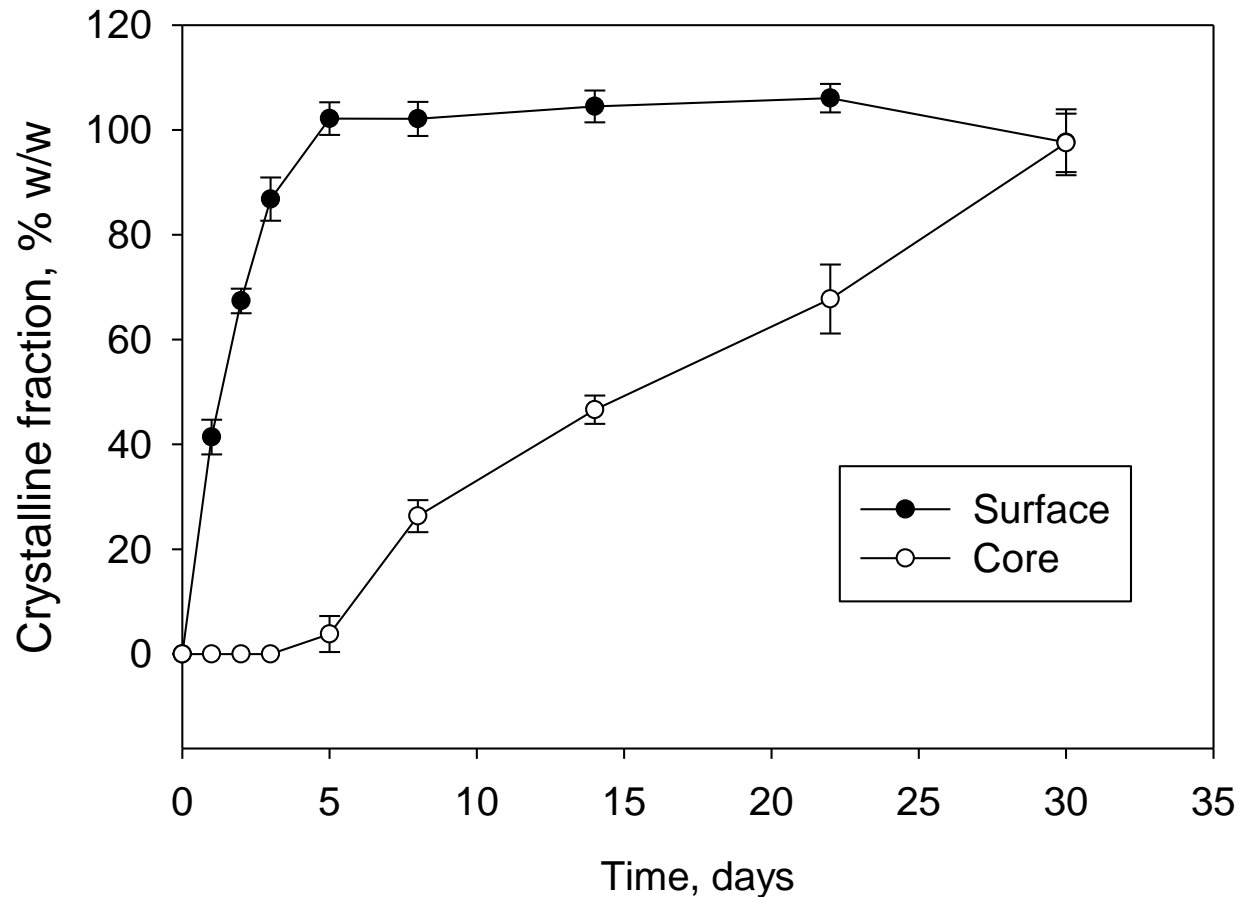
Mapping



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Surface vs Core: Split tablets



Conclusion

XRD-2D



**Critical Spatial Information
(Not possible by
conventional XRD
or Glancing angle XRD)**



Mechanistic insight of phase transformation

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Product and Process Outline

Indomethacin (amorphous): particle size 180 μm
(# 80).

- Tablets (8 mm diameter); 200mg
- Compressed on Universal Material Testing Machine (Zwick GmbH & Co.)
- Compression pressure: 10, 25, 50, 100 MPa
- Compressed tablets stored in sealed Mylar pouch at 35 °C.

Prior Knowledge

Thermodynamically → Pressure is “intensive variable”

Amorphous compounds → lower density than their crystalline counterparts.

Compression → densify amorphous materials → promote intermolecular interactions and increase the probability of nucleation.

“Amorphous material has an upper density limit, beyond which the external pressure induces strain and causes the materials to crystallize.”

Product CQA

Risk:

Amorphous → crystalline (stable; low energy state) → dissolution failure → affect bioavailability

CQA → “Stable” amorphous state throughout the shelf life of the product.

Experiment



Sealed



Mylar Pouch fitted with temperature and humidity sensor

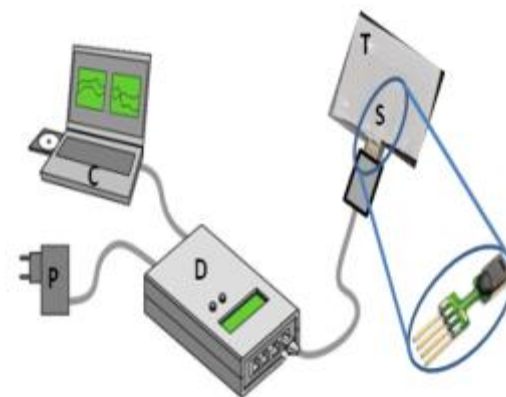
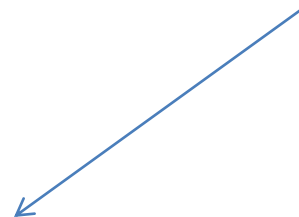


2D XRD

Different Time Intervals



Stored at ~35°C in Oven



Analytical techniques

- Synchrotron XRD
(First evidence of crystallization)

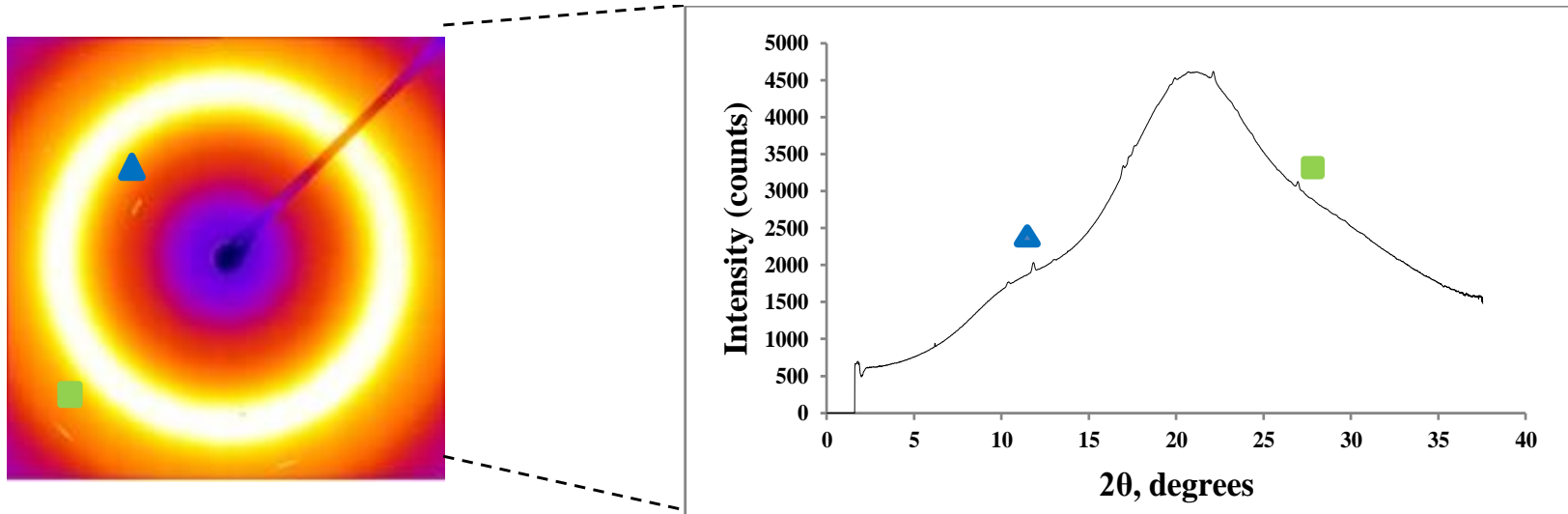
- 2D-XRD
(Depth profiling)

Synchrotron XRD (Argonne National Laboratory) Beam-line 17 BM-B

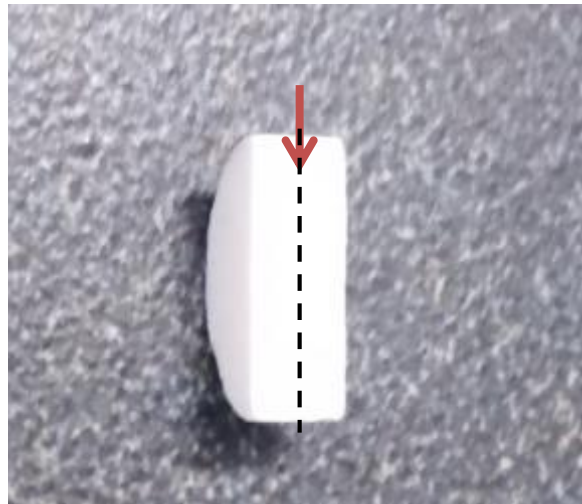
Source	Bending Magnet
Monochromator Type	Si(111)
Energy Range	15-18 keV
Resolution ($\Delta E/E$)	1.5×10^{-4}
Flux (photons/sec)	8×10^{11} @15 keV
Beam Size (HxV)	
Focused Wavelength	250 μ m x 160 μ m 0.72808 Å



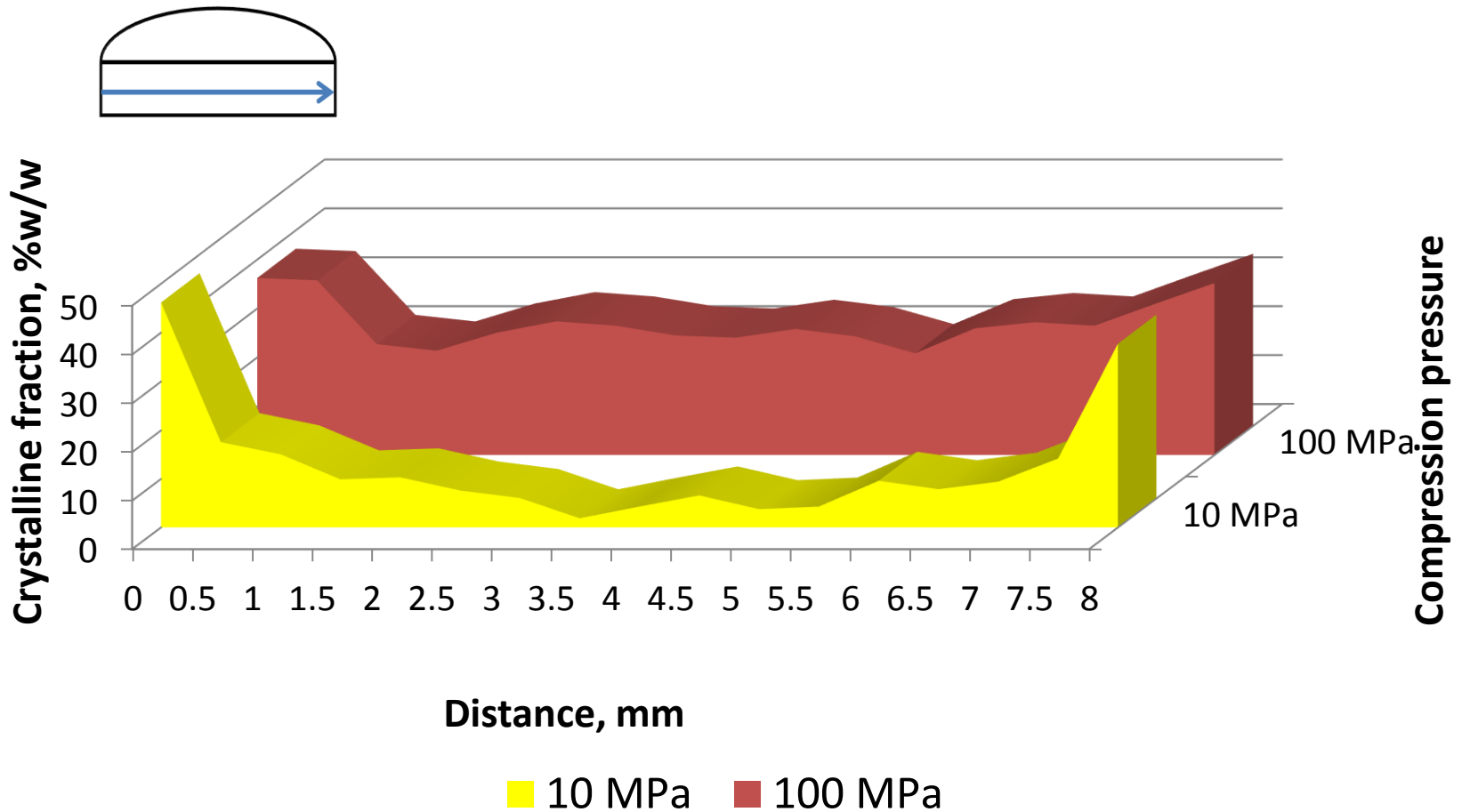
Compressed Tablets (100 MPa) Time '0' (SXRD)



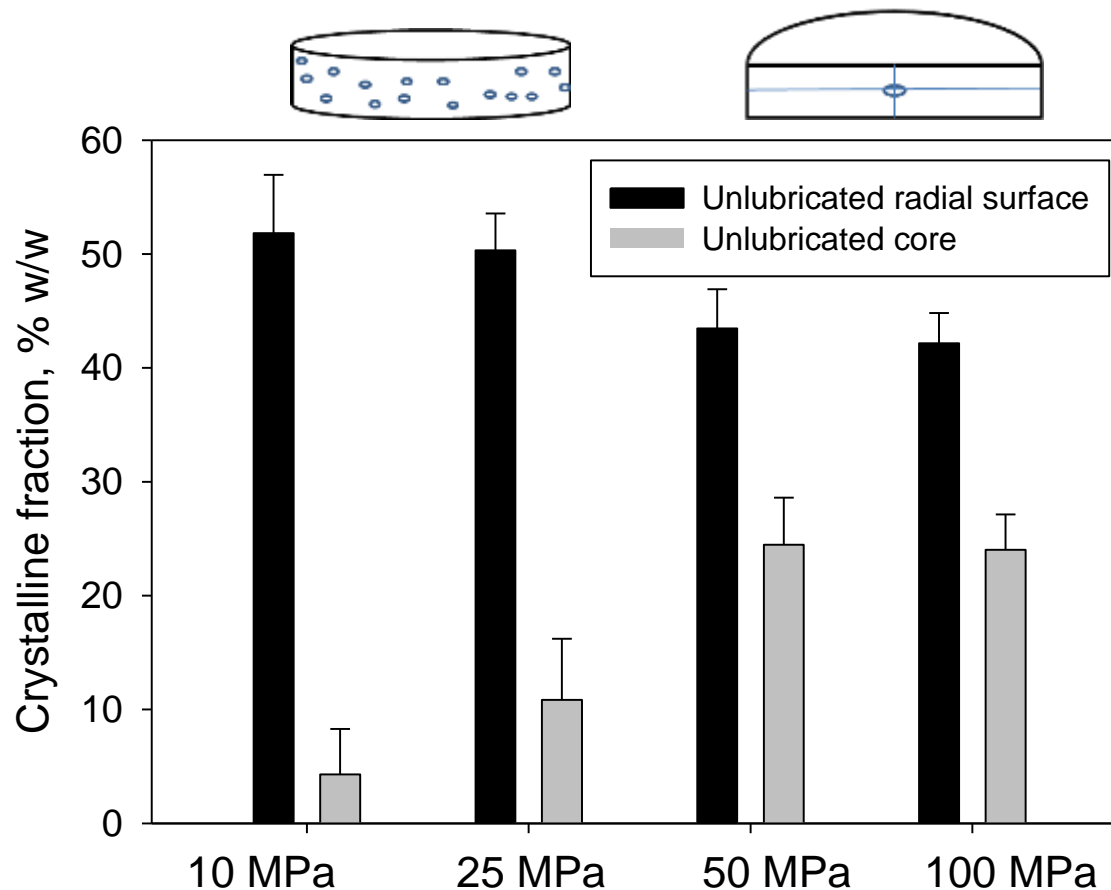
2D-XRD Depth Profiling Directions of Mapping



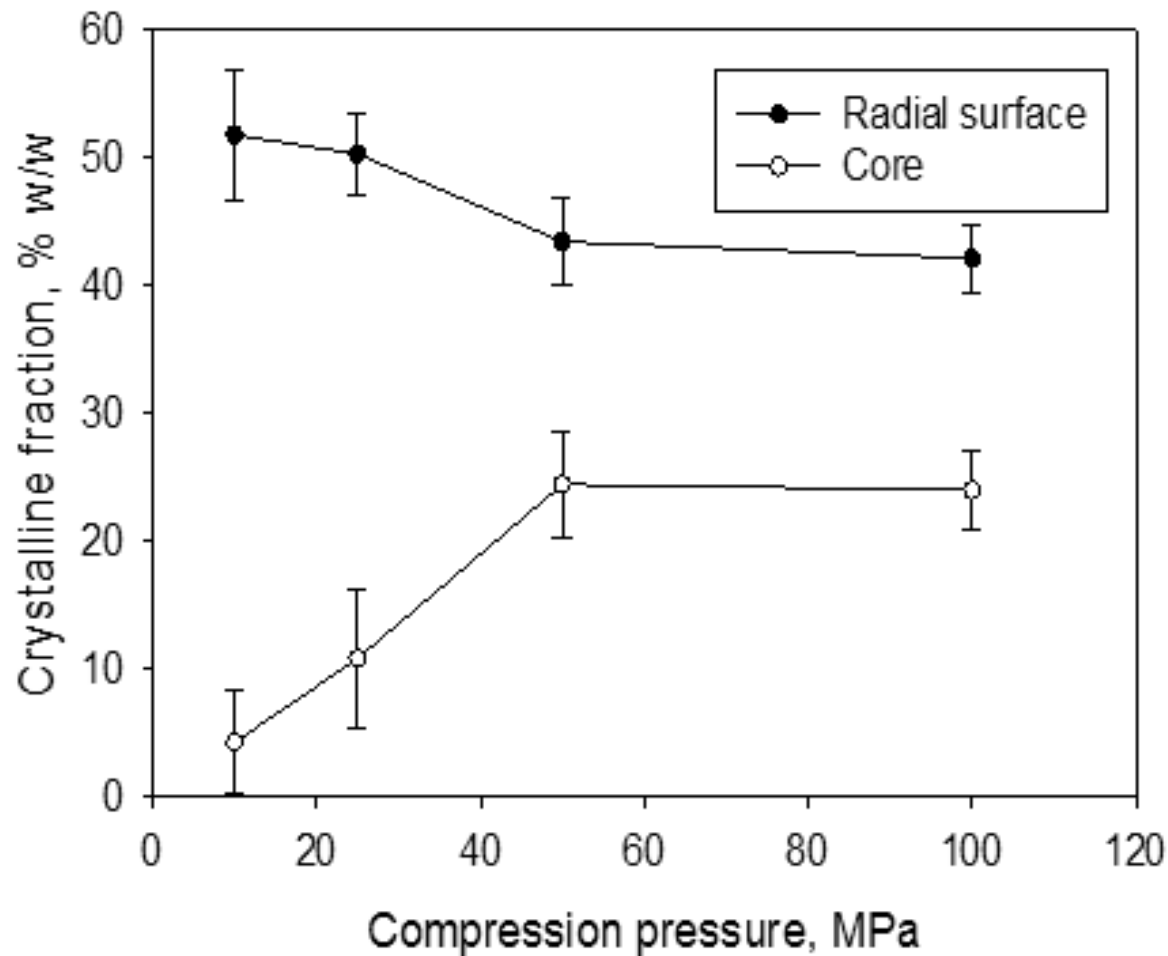
Depth Profiling (Radial) – 24 hours



Unlubricated radial surface vs Core



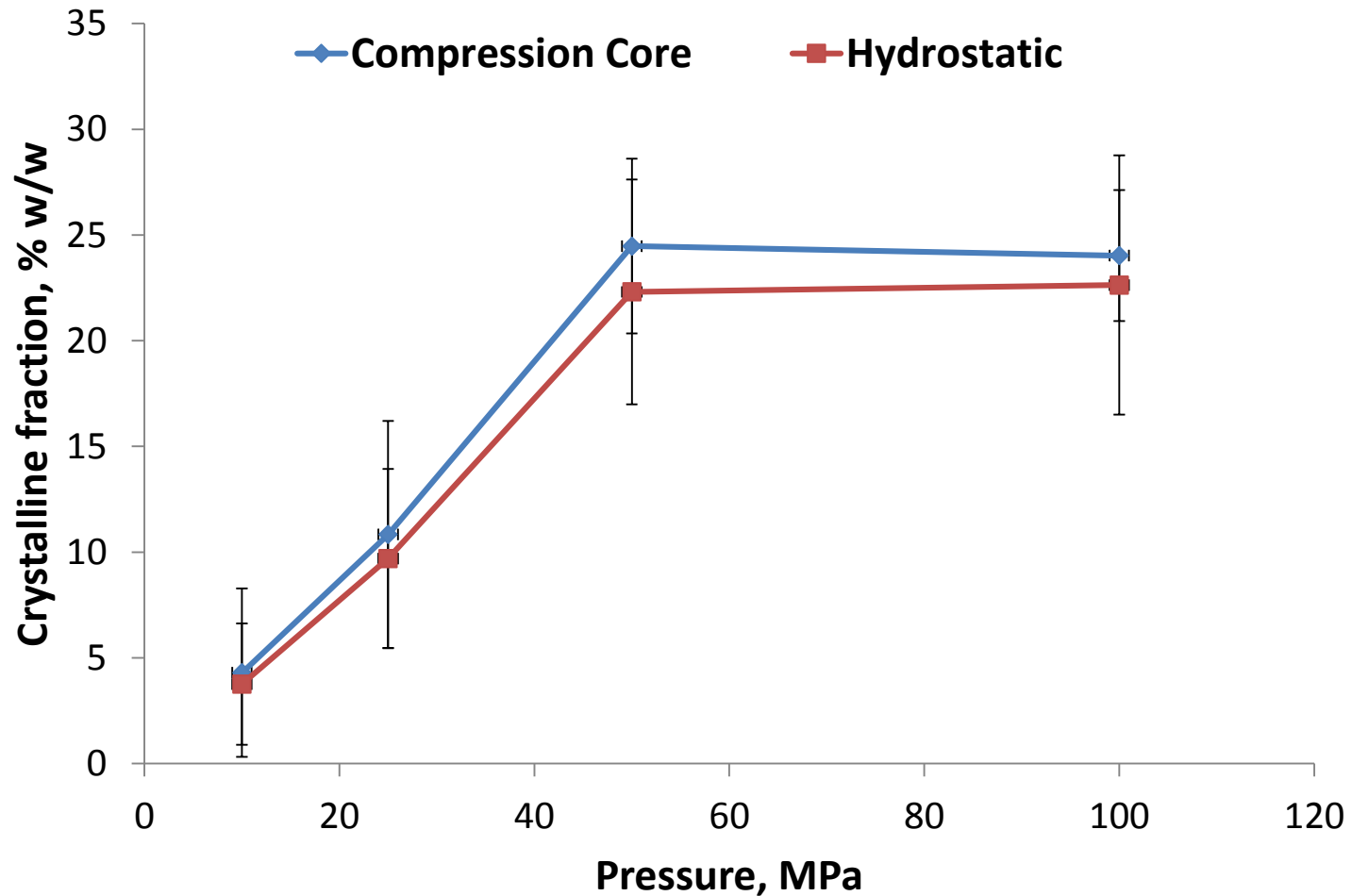
Unlubricated radial surface vs Core



Compression with no wall friction



Compression vs hydrostatic

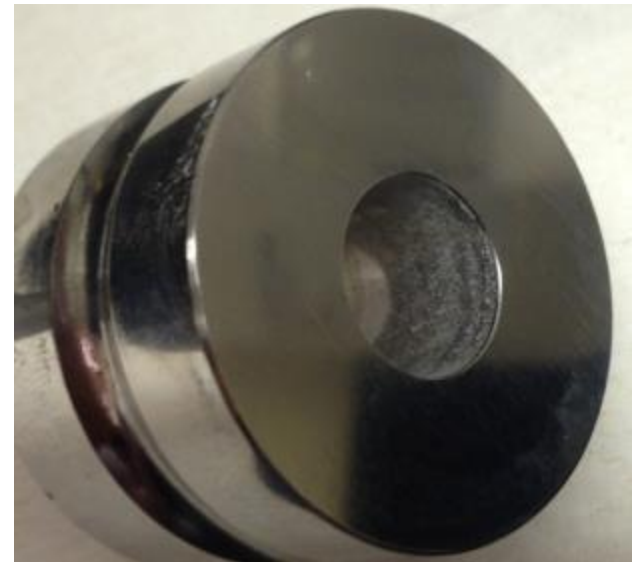


Lubrication (Magnesium stearate)

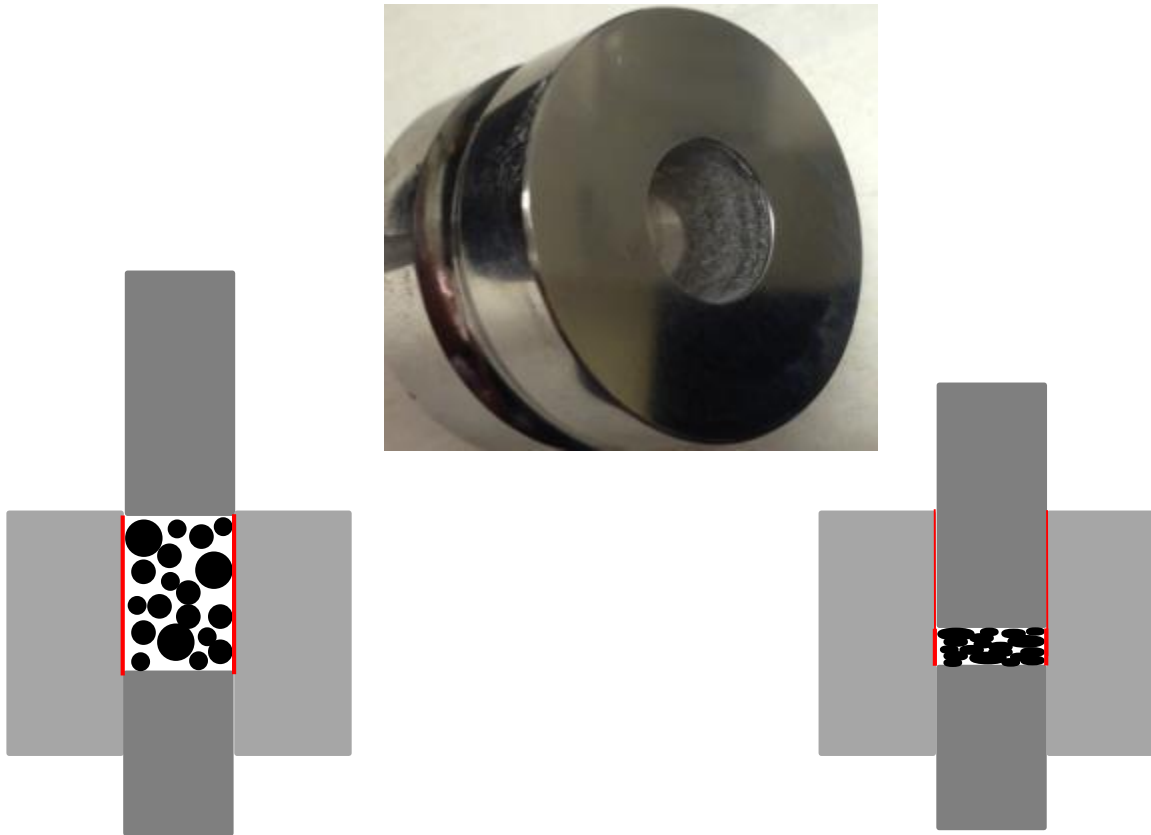
Internal lubrication

*Magnesium stearate (1% w/w)
was added
to amorphous indomethacin,
before compression*

External lubrication

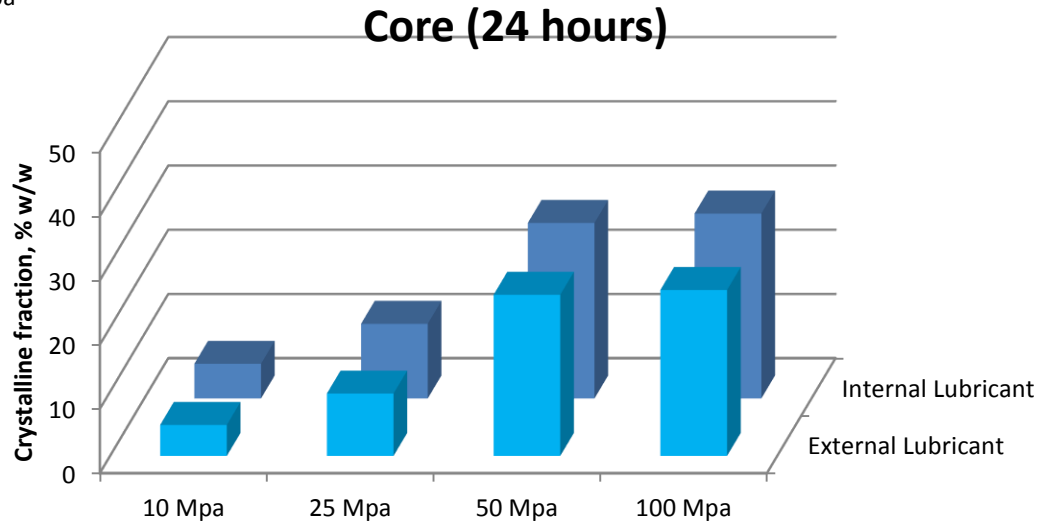
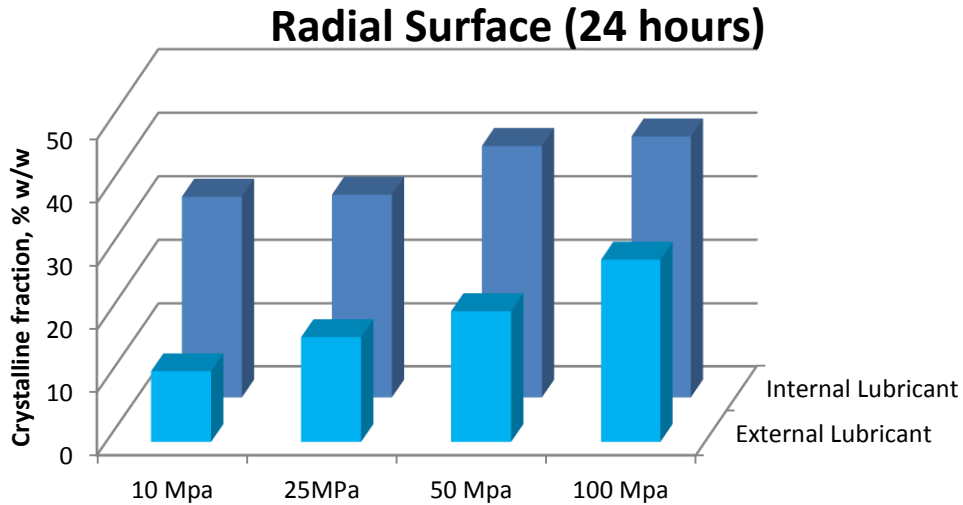


External lubrication

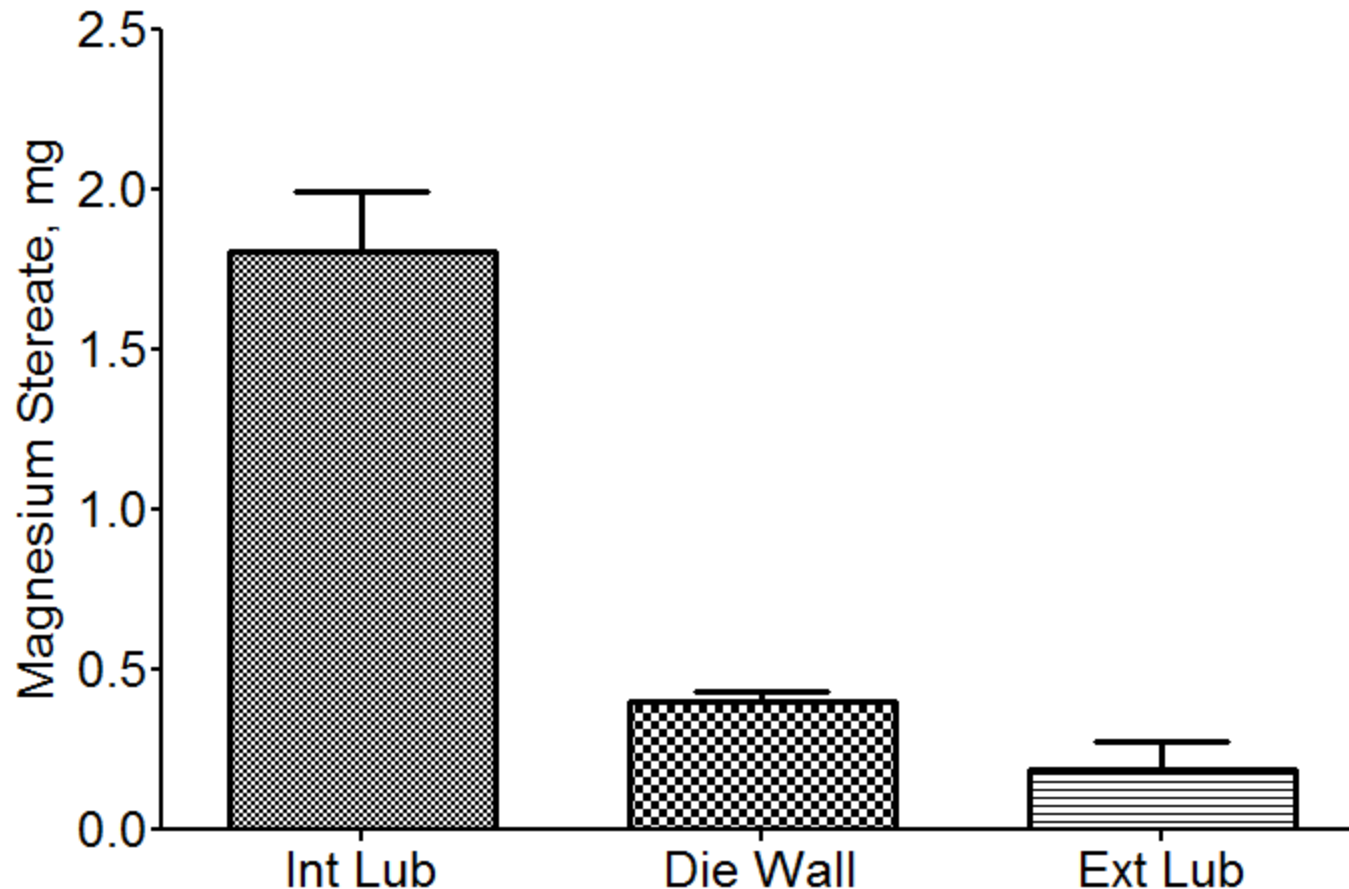


Magnesium stearate applied to die wall

Internal vs External lubrication



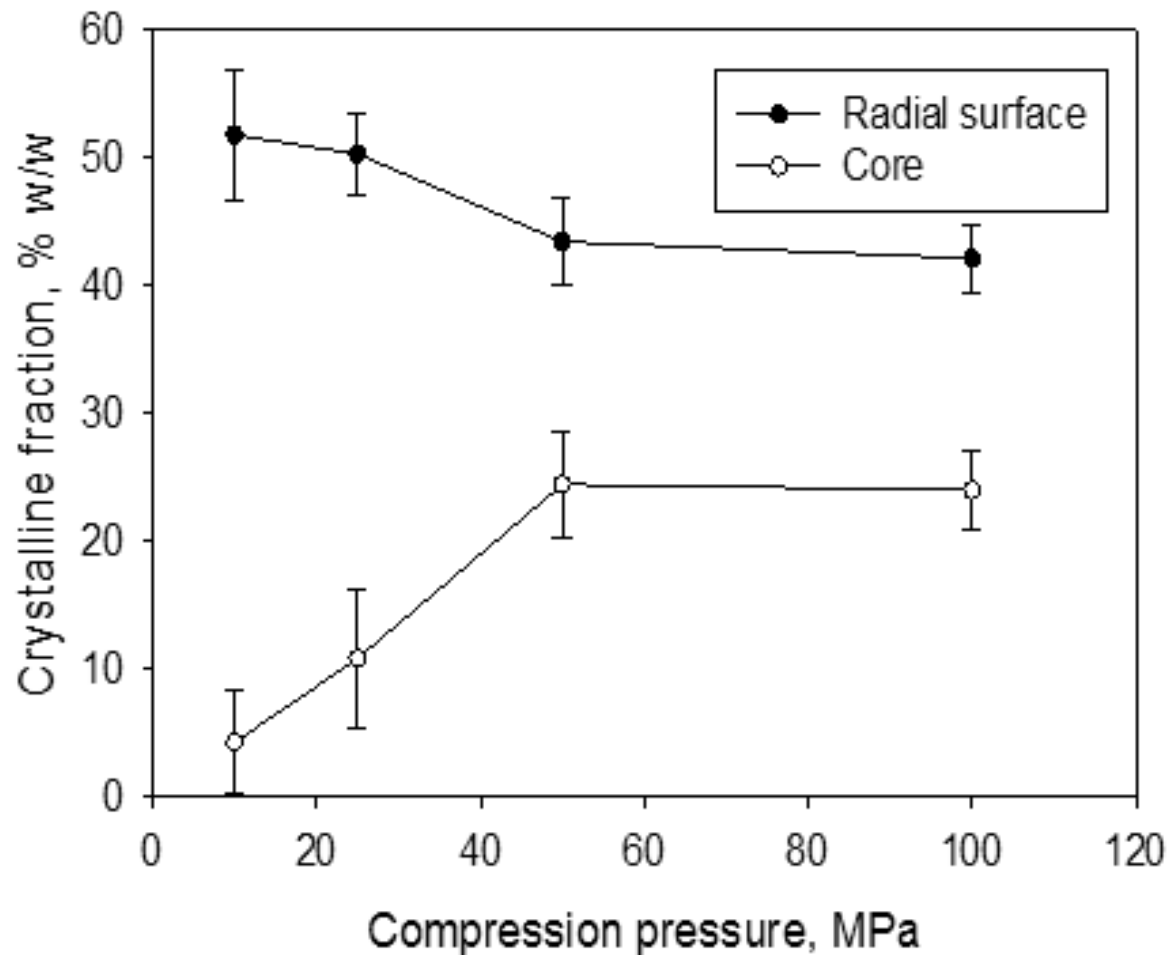
Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)



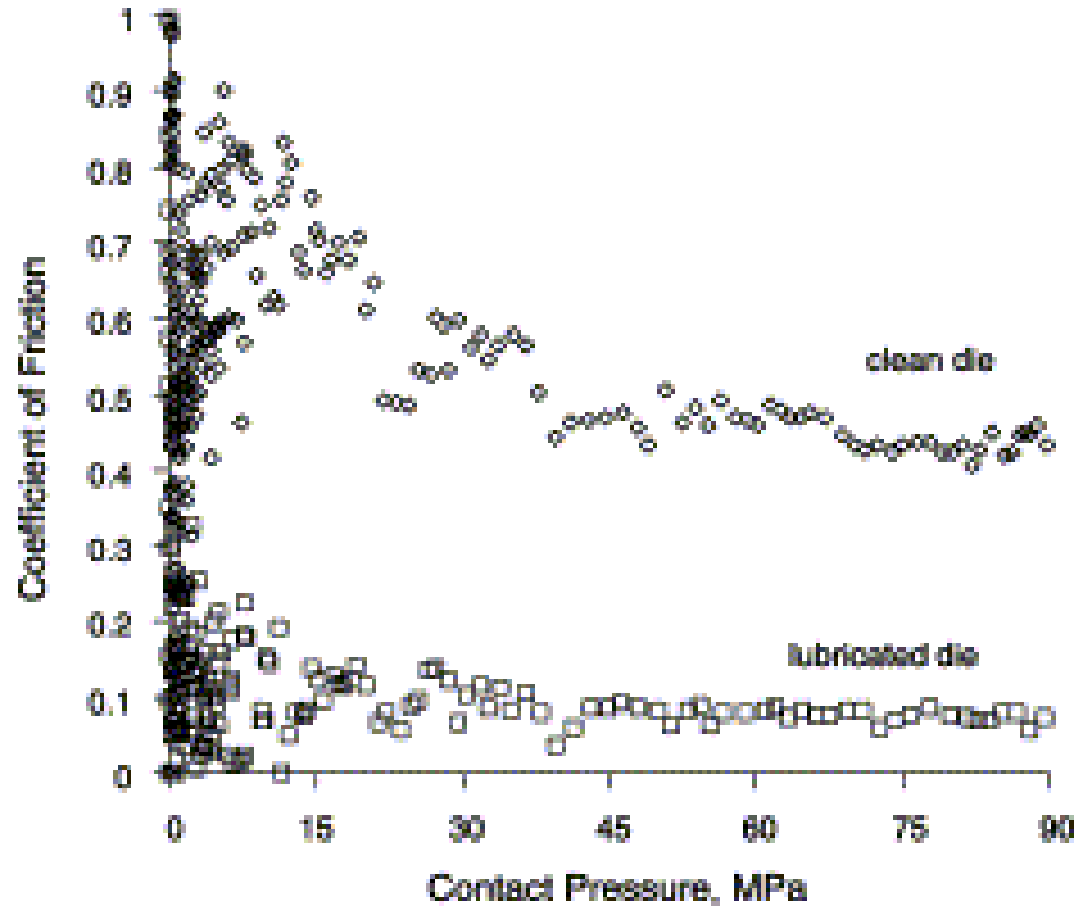
Conclusion

- Compression → induces crystallization.
- Shear stress due to die wall → additional crystallization.
- External lubrication → arrest additional crystallization.
- As pressure is inherent to compression, crystallization could not be stopped.

Unlubricated radial surface vs Core



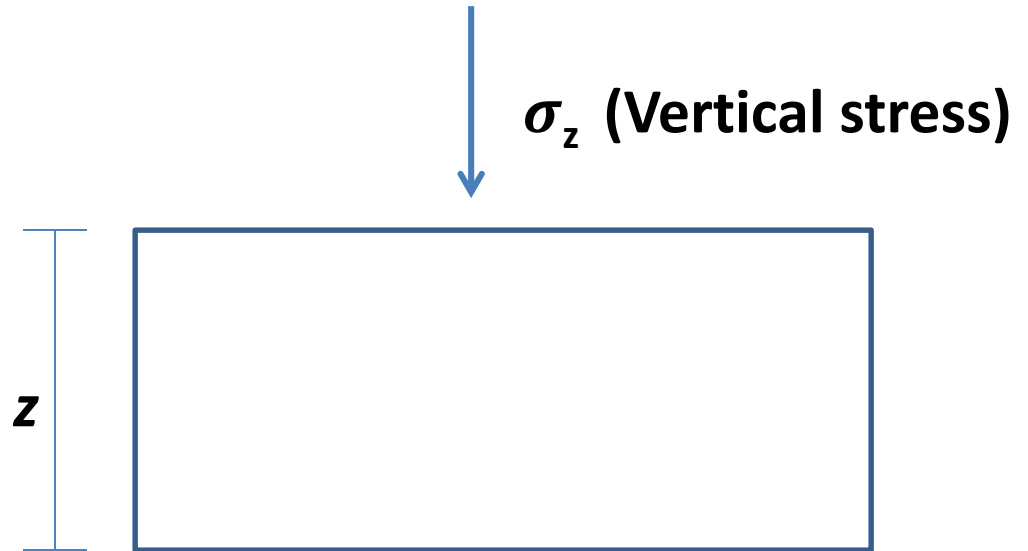
Wall friction





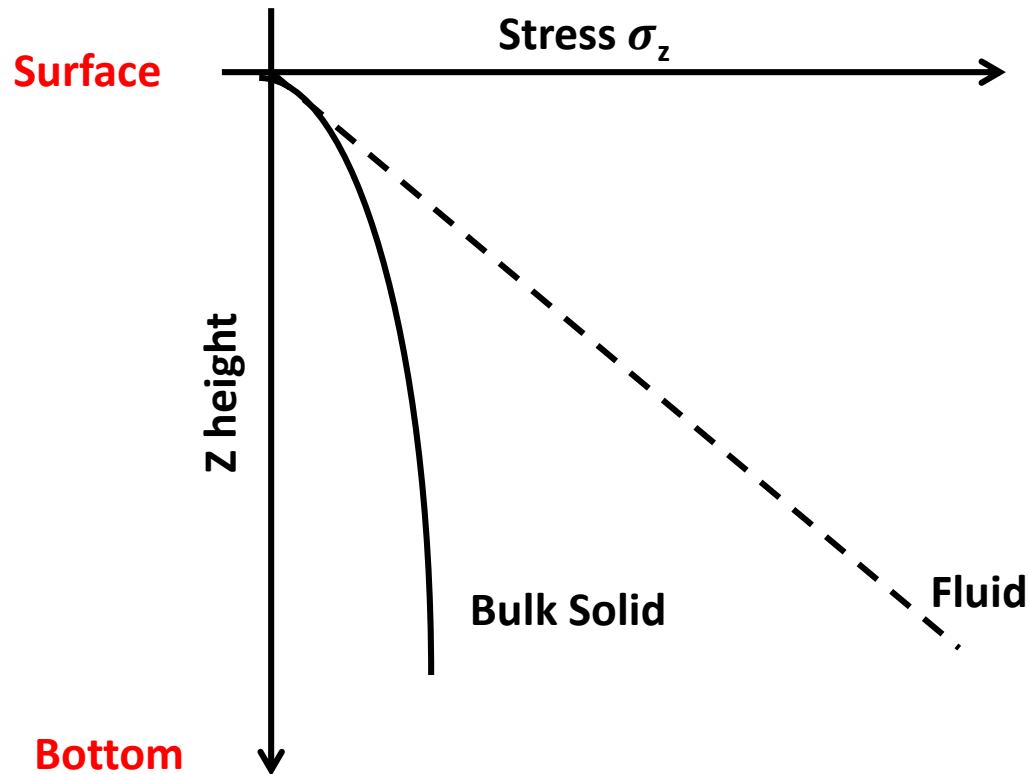
For liquids in a tank

$$\sigma_z = \rho g z$$



$z \rightarrow$ height from top surface

Fluid vs Bulk solids



For bulk solids

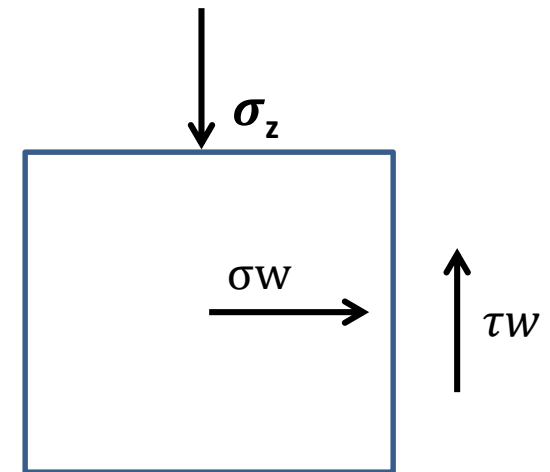
Janssen's analysis (stresses in a cylindrical silo)

$$\sigma_z = \frac{\rho g D}{4\mu K} \left[1 - e^{\left(4\mu \frac{K}{D}\right)z} \right]$$

D → Diameter

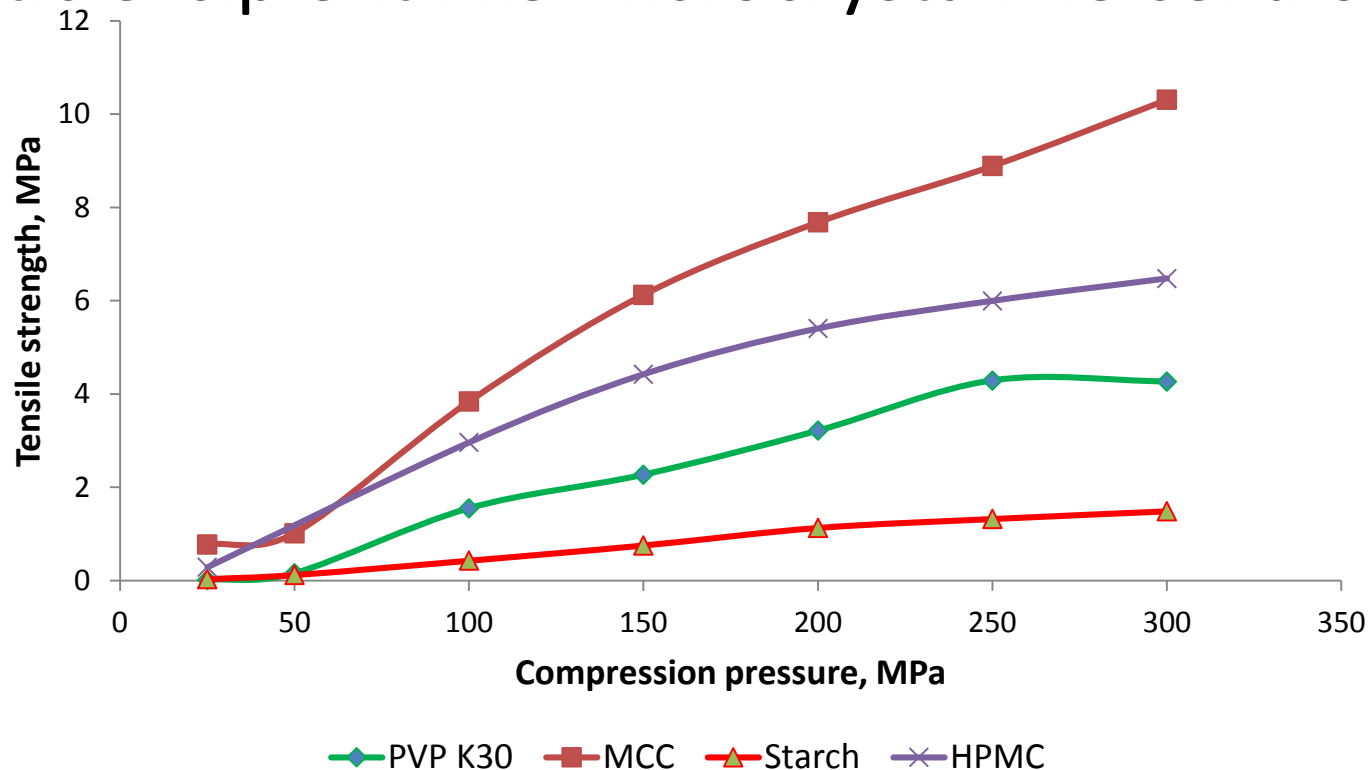
μ → wall friction ($\mu = \frac{\tau_w}{\sigma_w}$)

K → Stress ratio ($\frac{\sigma_w}{\sigma_z}$)



Ongoing research

Reducing the compression pressure without compromising the tensile strength, by using plastic excipient like microcrystalline cellulose.



THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?