

Solid State:

***why the increasing interest
for solid state of API ?***

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Guideline on Active Substance Master File Procedure

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4.3. Characterisation

Physico-chemical Characteristics

Information set out under the relevant headings below should cover aspects of physicochemical characteristics which have been investigated, whether or not they are included in the specification for the active substance.

Polymorphism

Polymorphism is the property of a solid state chemical substance to exist in the solid state in different crystalline forms. Some active substances exist in different polymorphs possessing different physico-chemical properties. These forms may affect processability, stability, dissolution and bioavailability of the drug product.

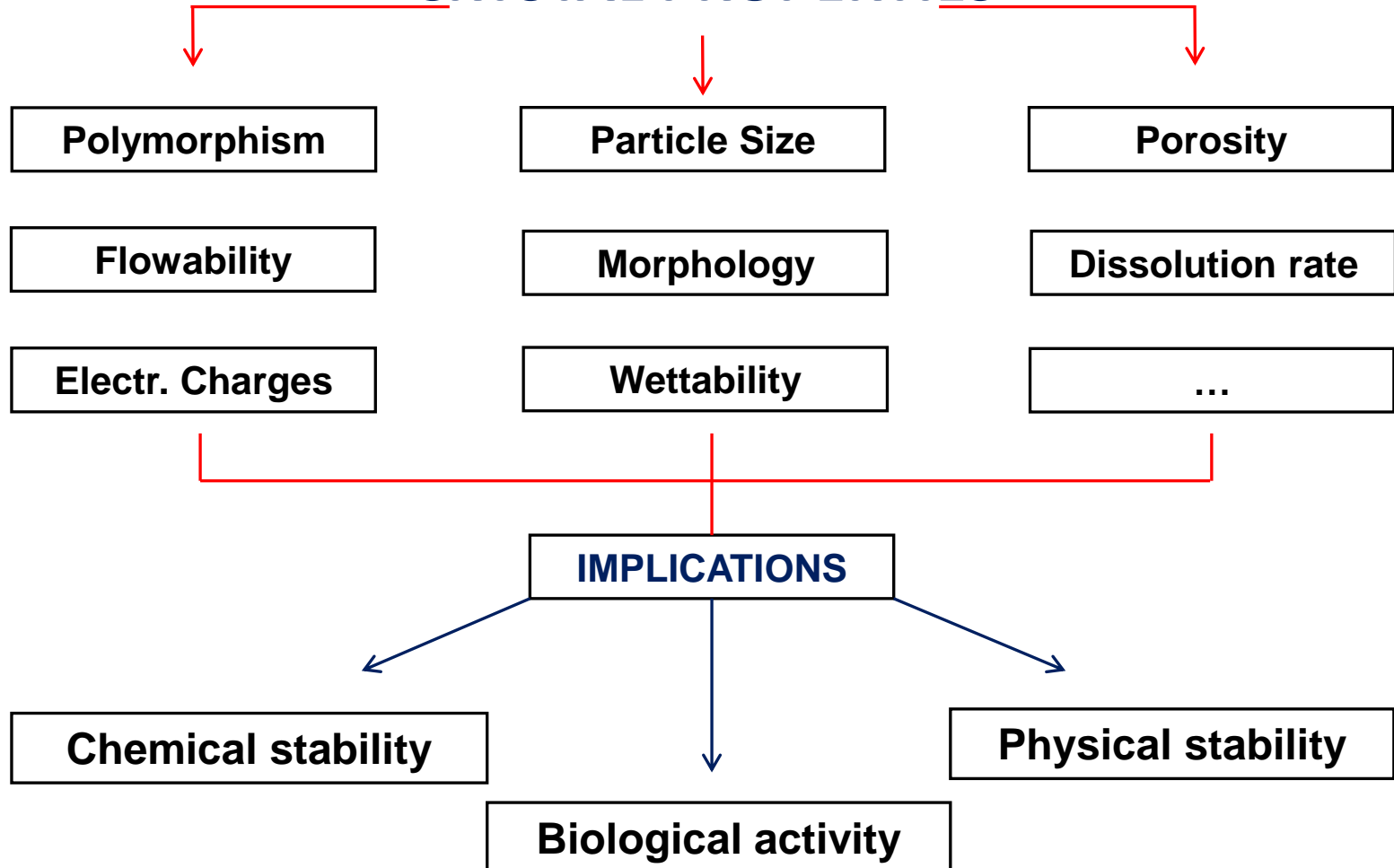
Physical characteristics

Physical properties should be stated here and, if significant, information on particle size (distribution), solvation, melting point, hygroscopicity and boiling point should be added.

INTRODUCTION:

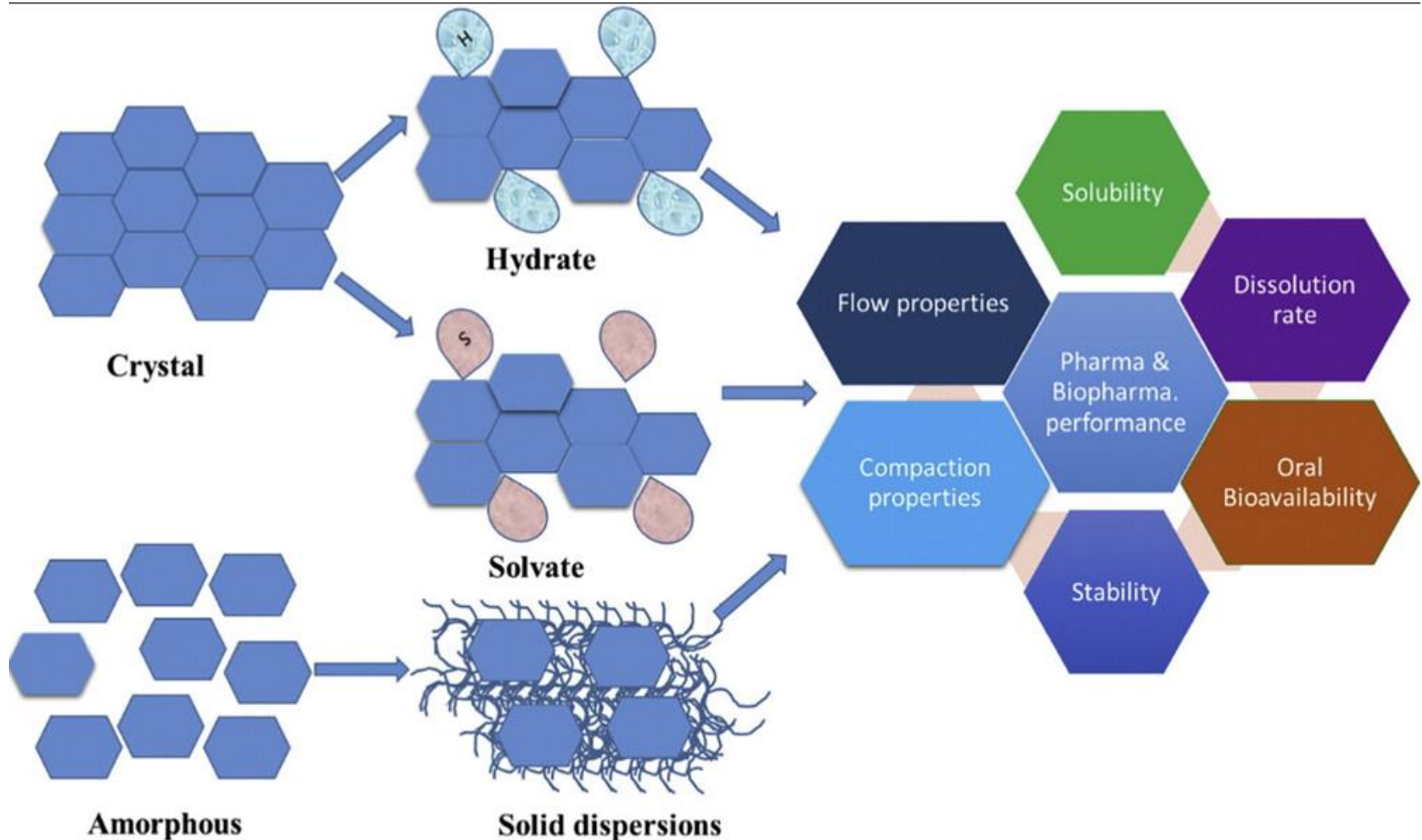
Solid state

CRYSTAL PROPERTIES

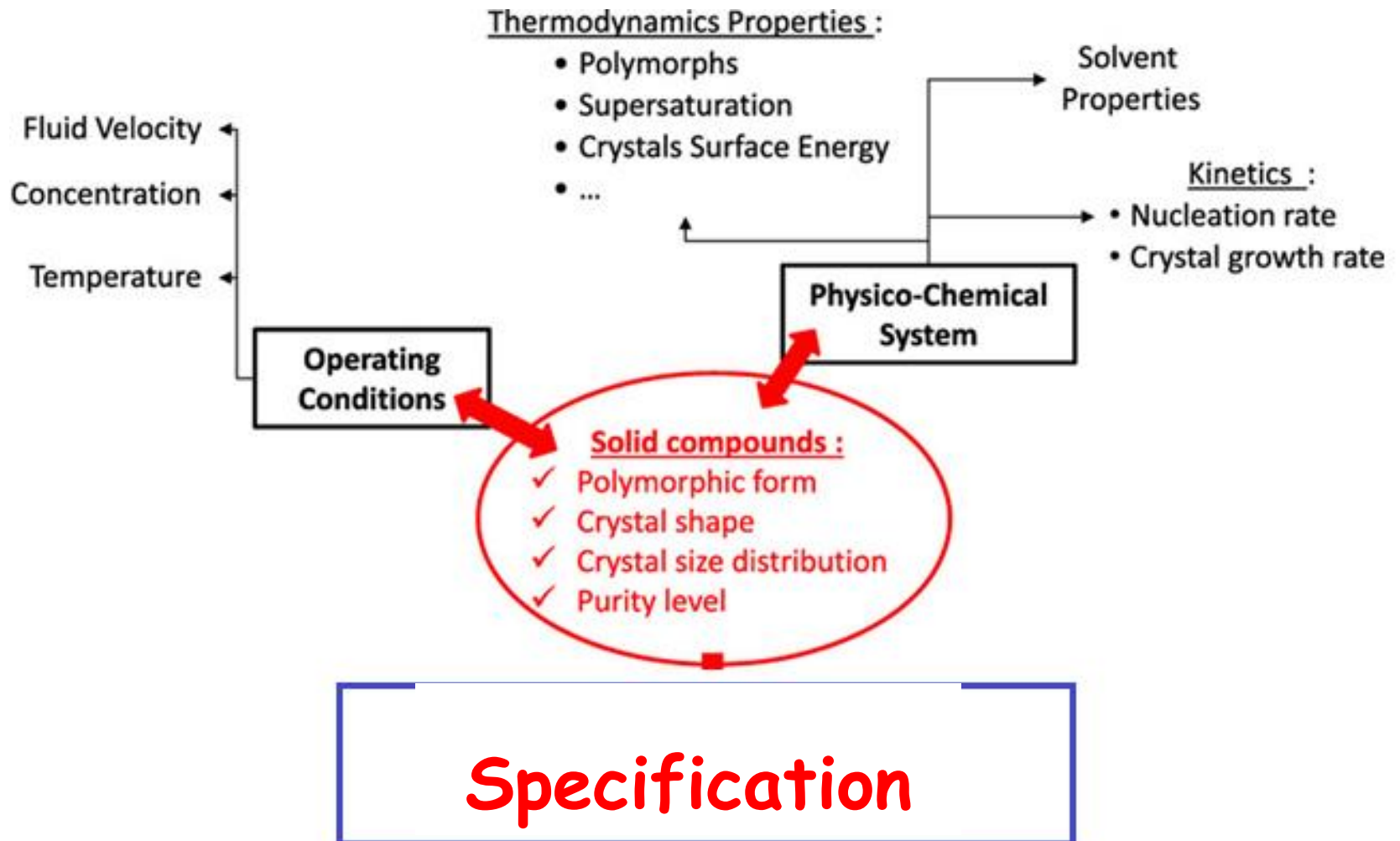


The starting point for the knowledge of the solid state

CRYSTALLIZATION



Physical parameters of solid in relation to the crystallization process



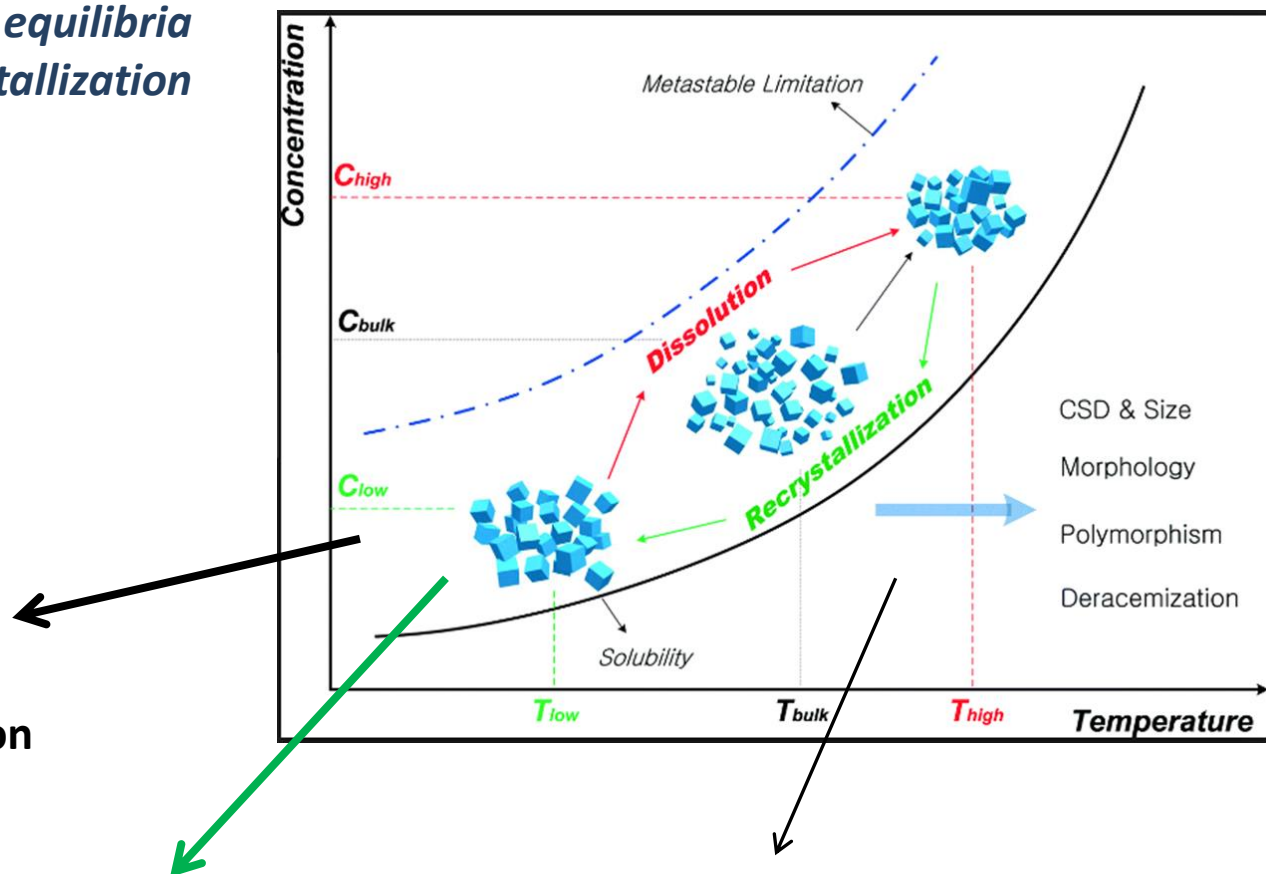
CRUCIAL POINTS TO BE DETERMINED FOR A ROBUST CRYSTALLIZATION:

Definition of:

- ❖ **MSZW: Solubility/Concentration vs Temperature**
- ❖ **Kinetics Parameters**
- ❖ **Process Parameters: Temperature profiles, Time, Cycling experimental profiles**

MSZW: META-STABLE ZONE WIDTH

Understanding phase equilibria is crucial in crystallization operation

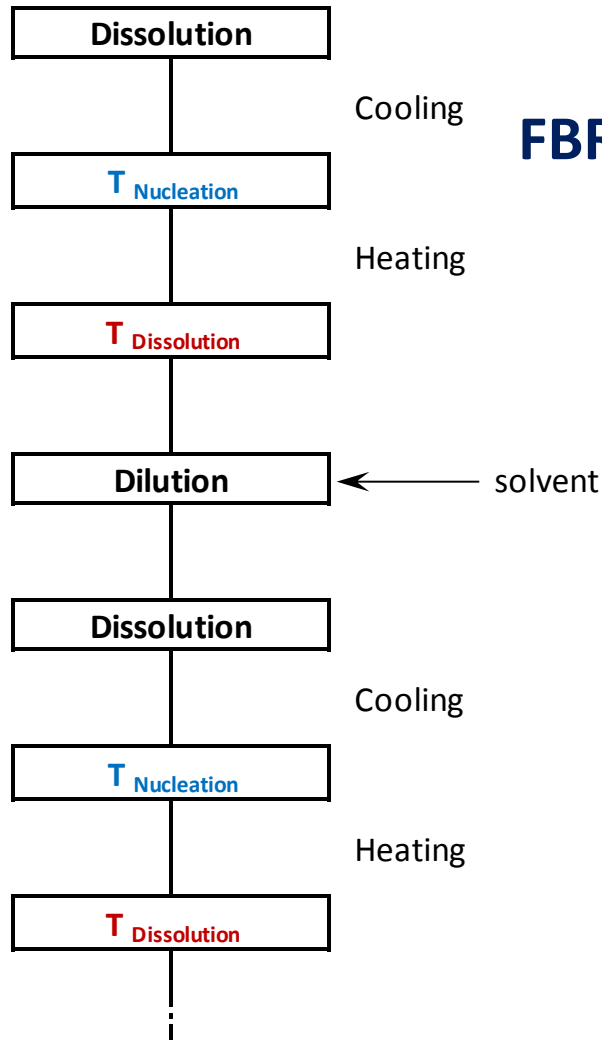


LABILE:
Spontaneous Crystallization

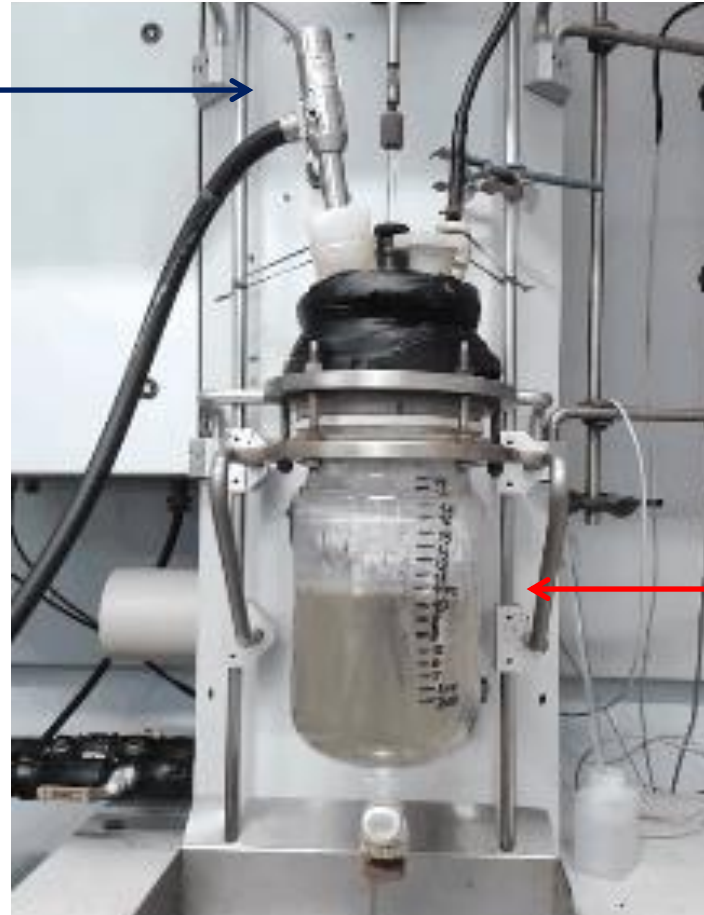
SUPERSATURATED (METASTABLE):
Crystal Growth

UNDERSATURATED: Crystal Dissolution

Test procedure by RC1 and FBRM technique

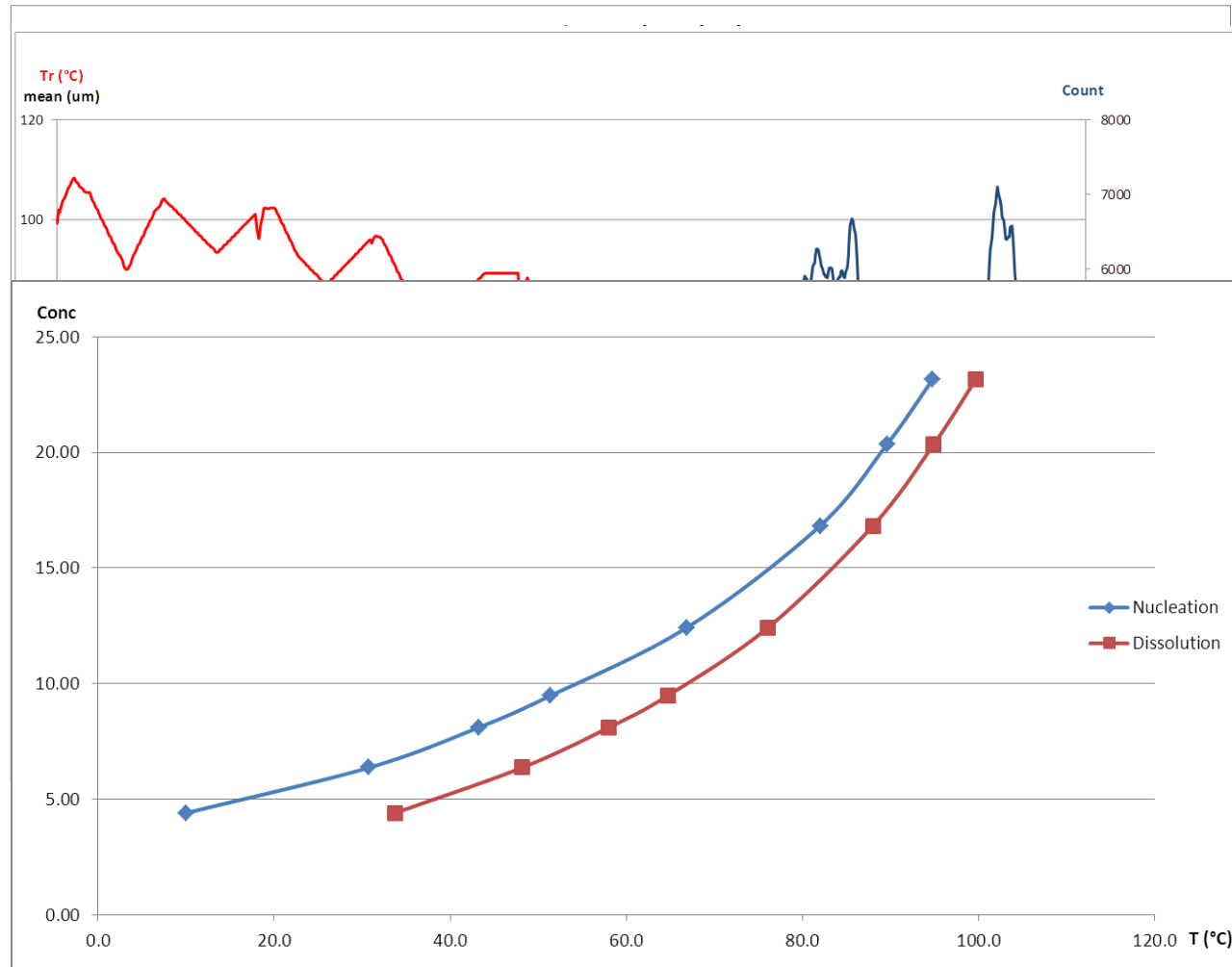
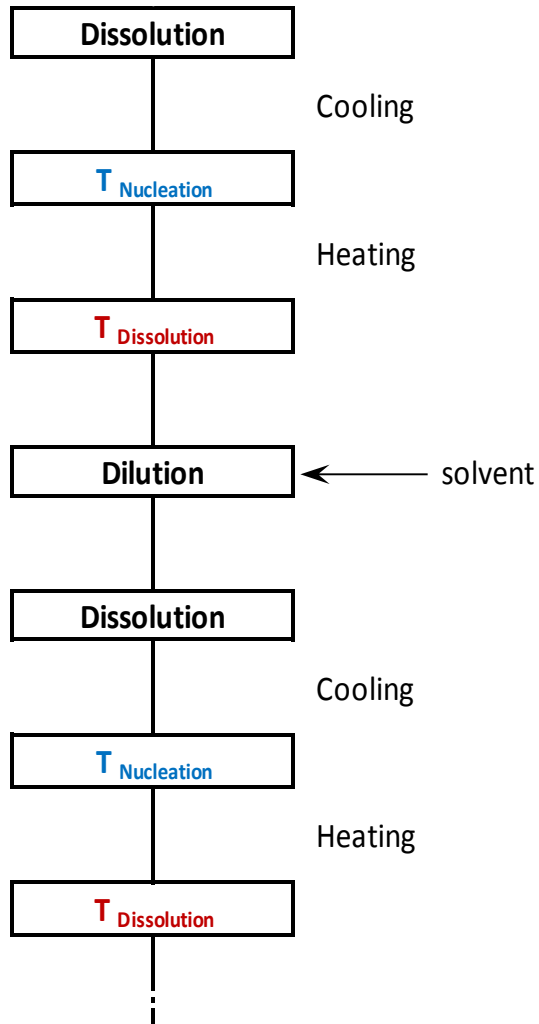


FBRM



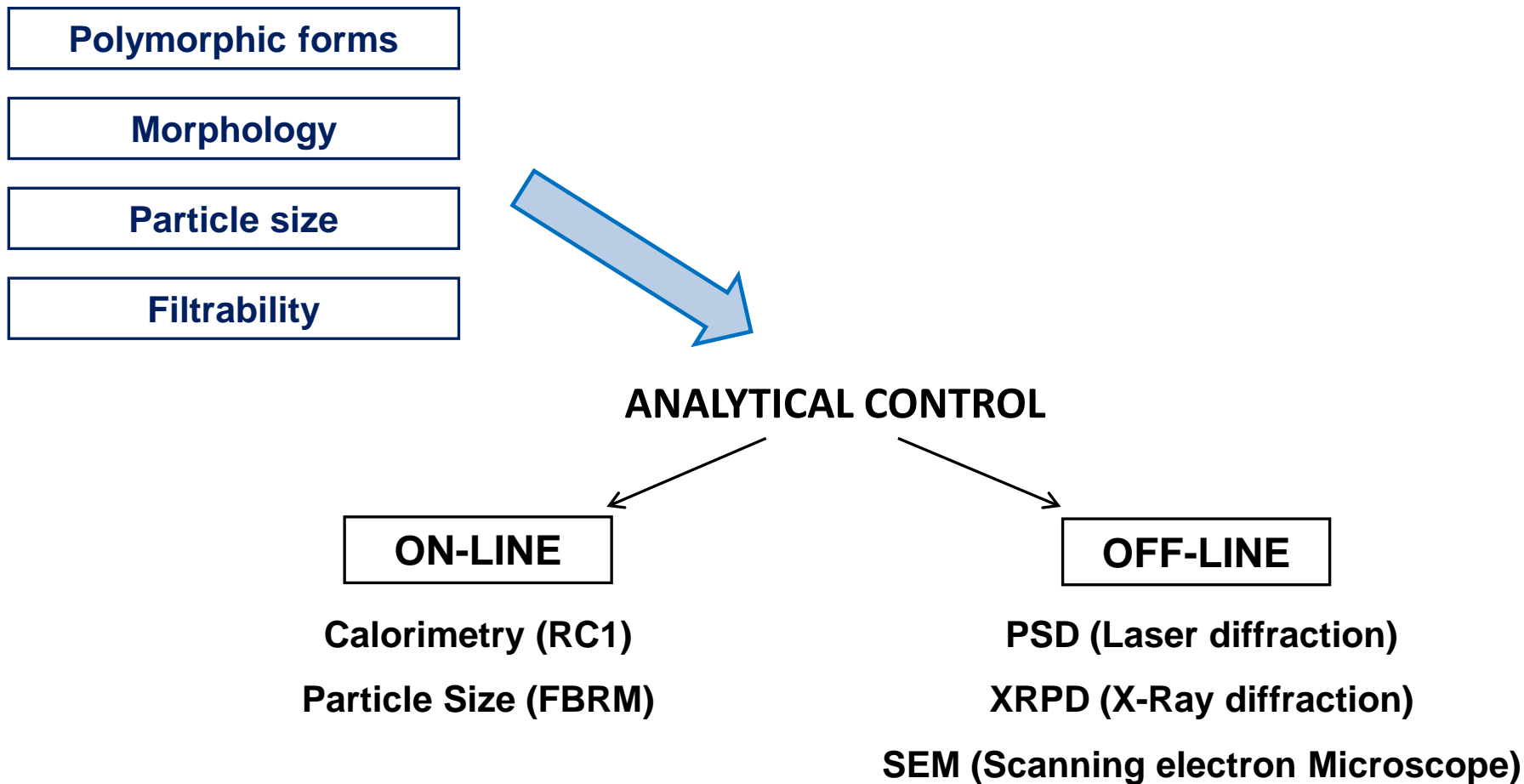
RC 1

MSZW determination procedure



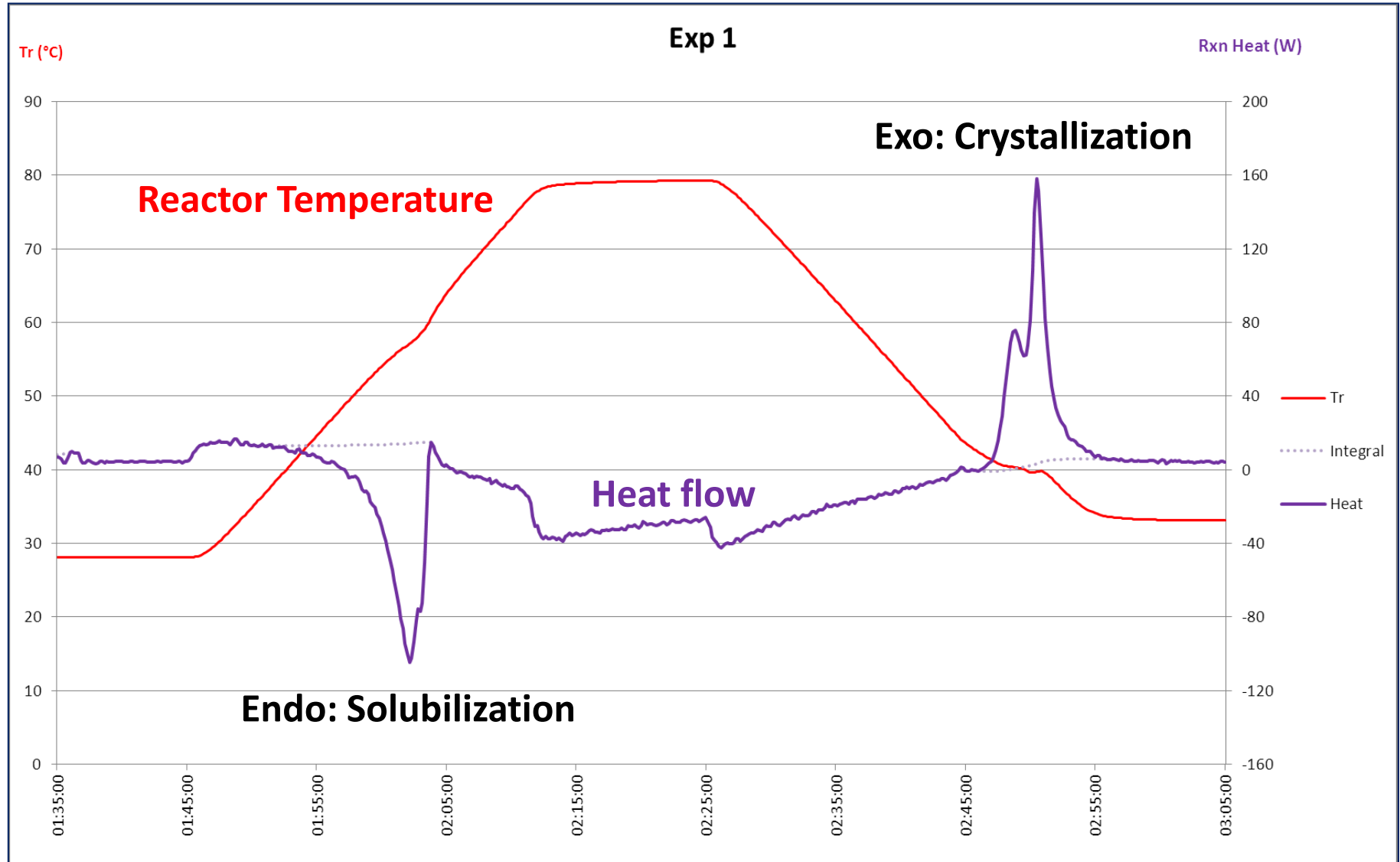
*Example of an **API** Crystallization investigation for ASMF*

Problems encountered during an industrial crystallization process:

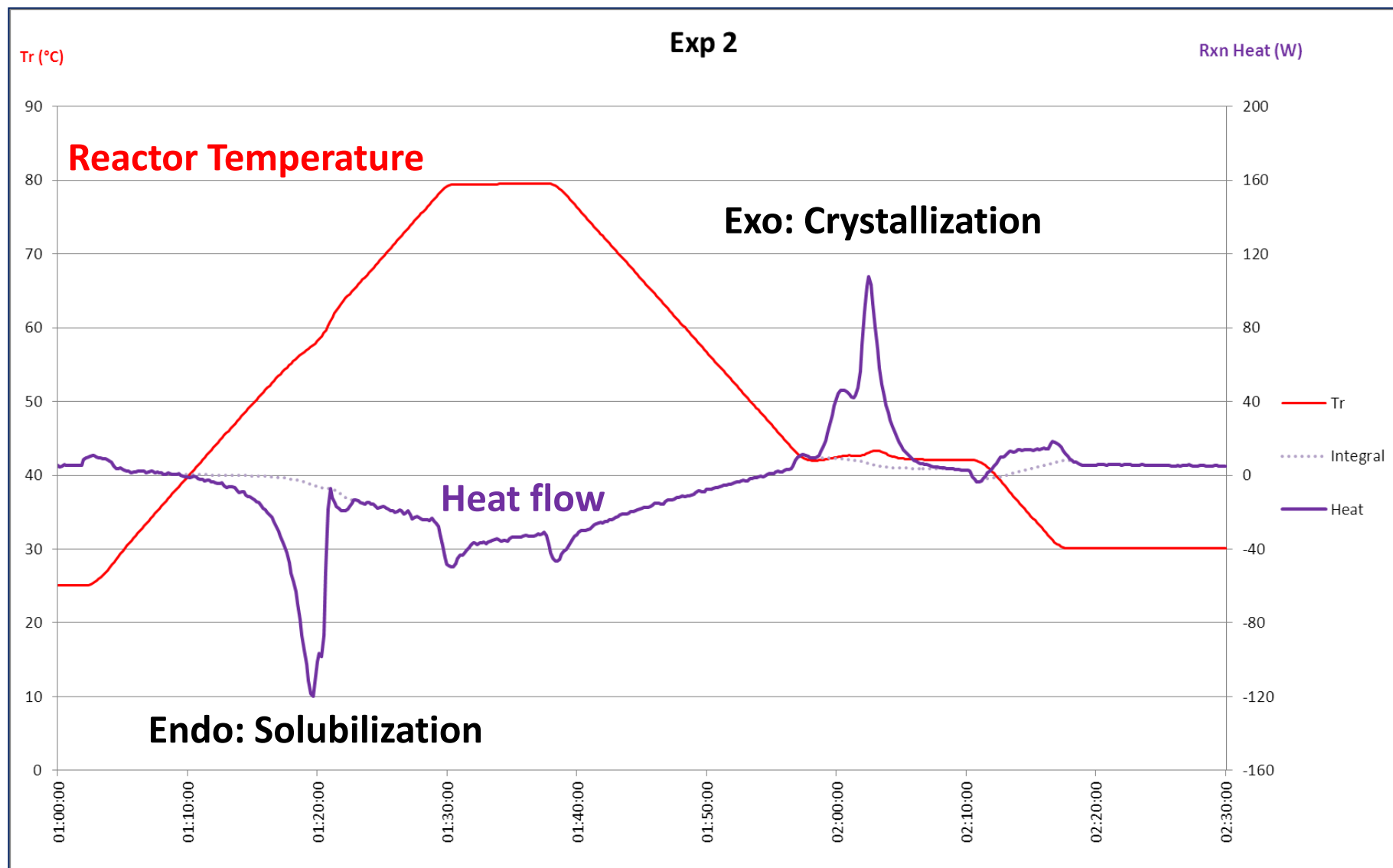


On-Line control by calorimetry (RC1)

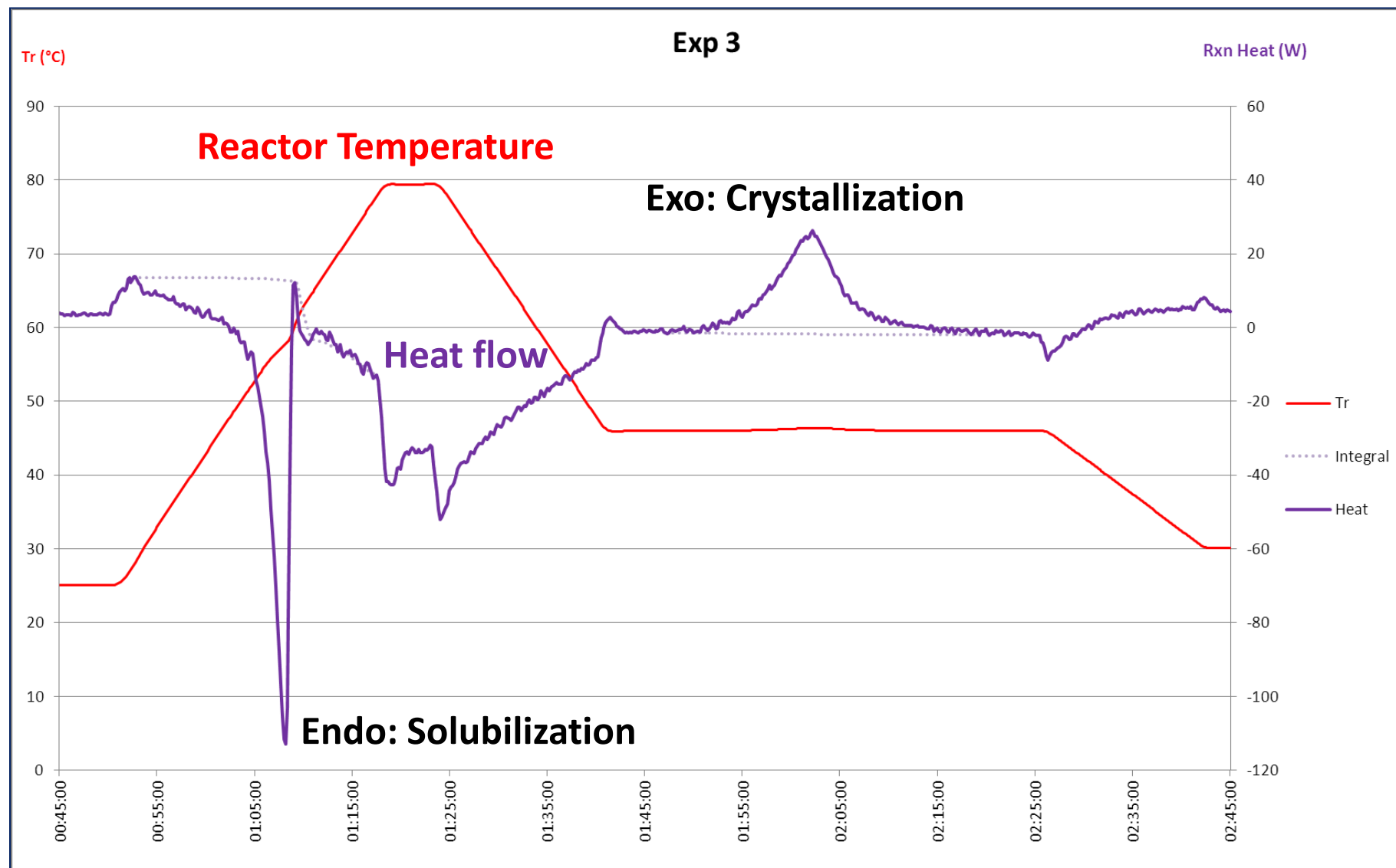
First Trial



Second Trial

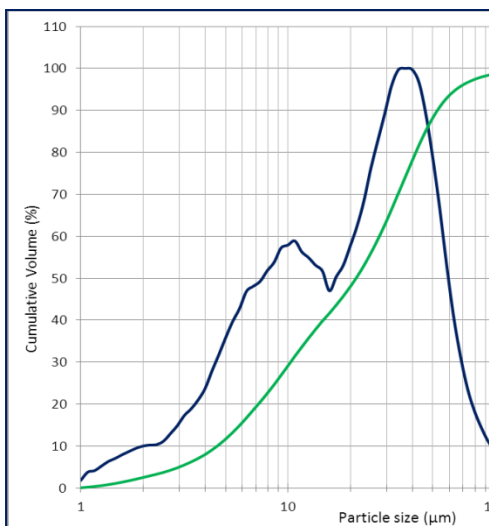


Third Trial

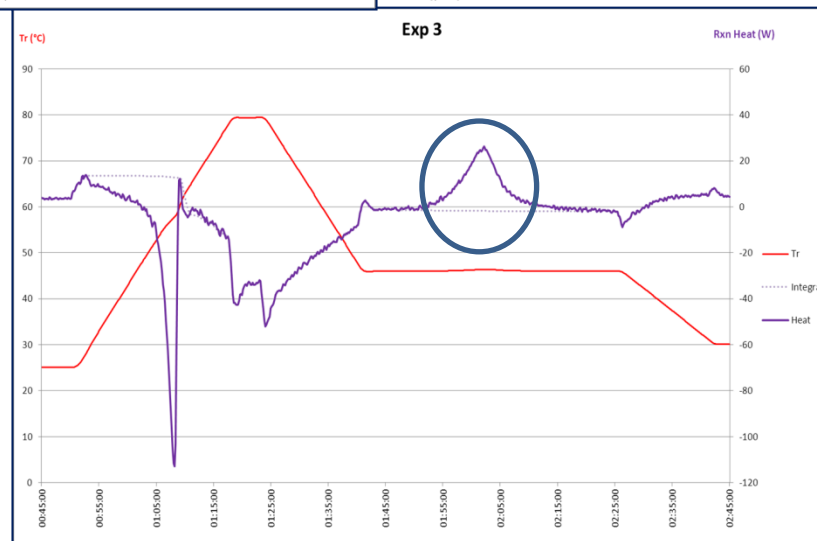
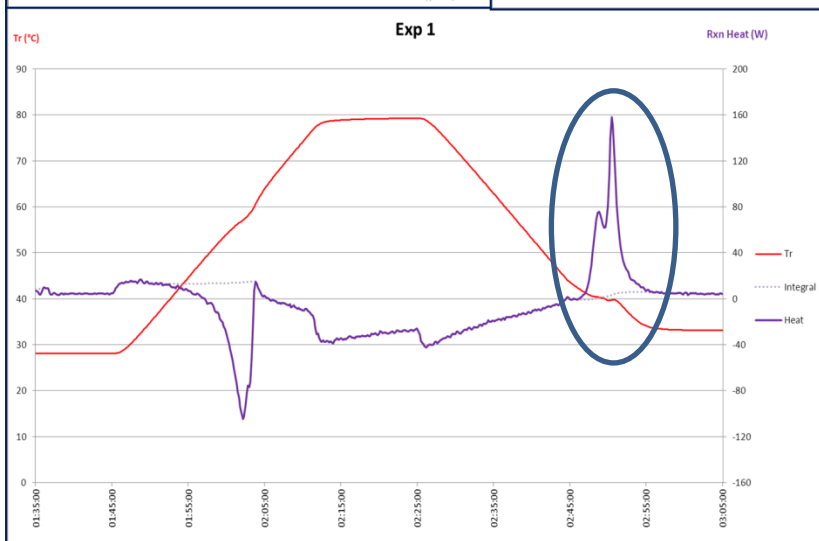
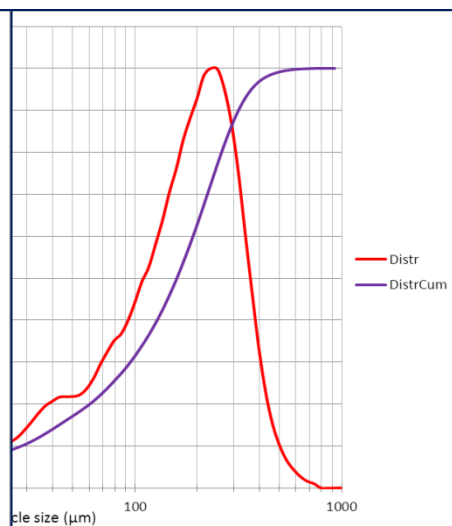
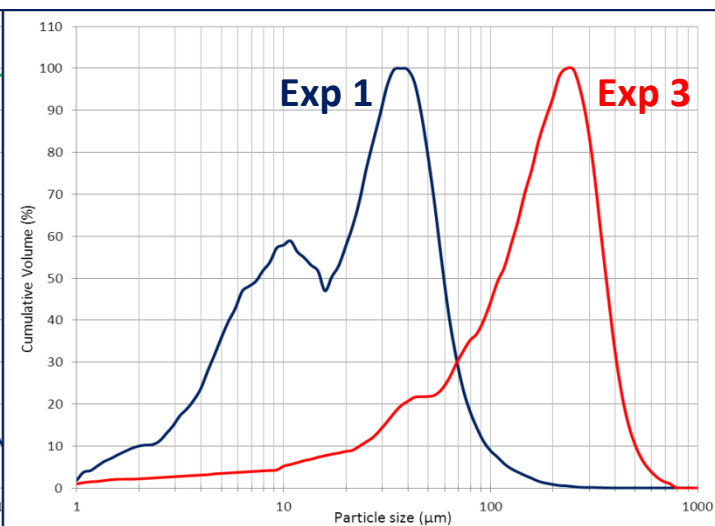


Comparison of Calorimetry and PSD data of the trials

Exp 1

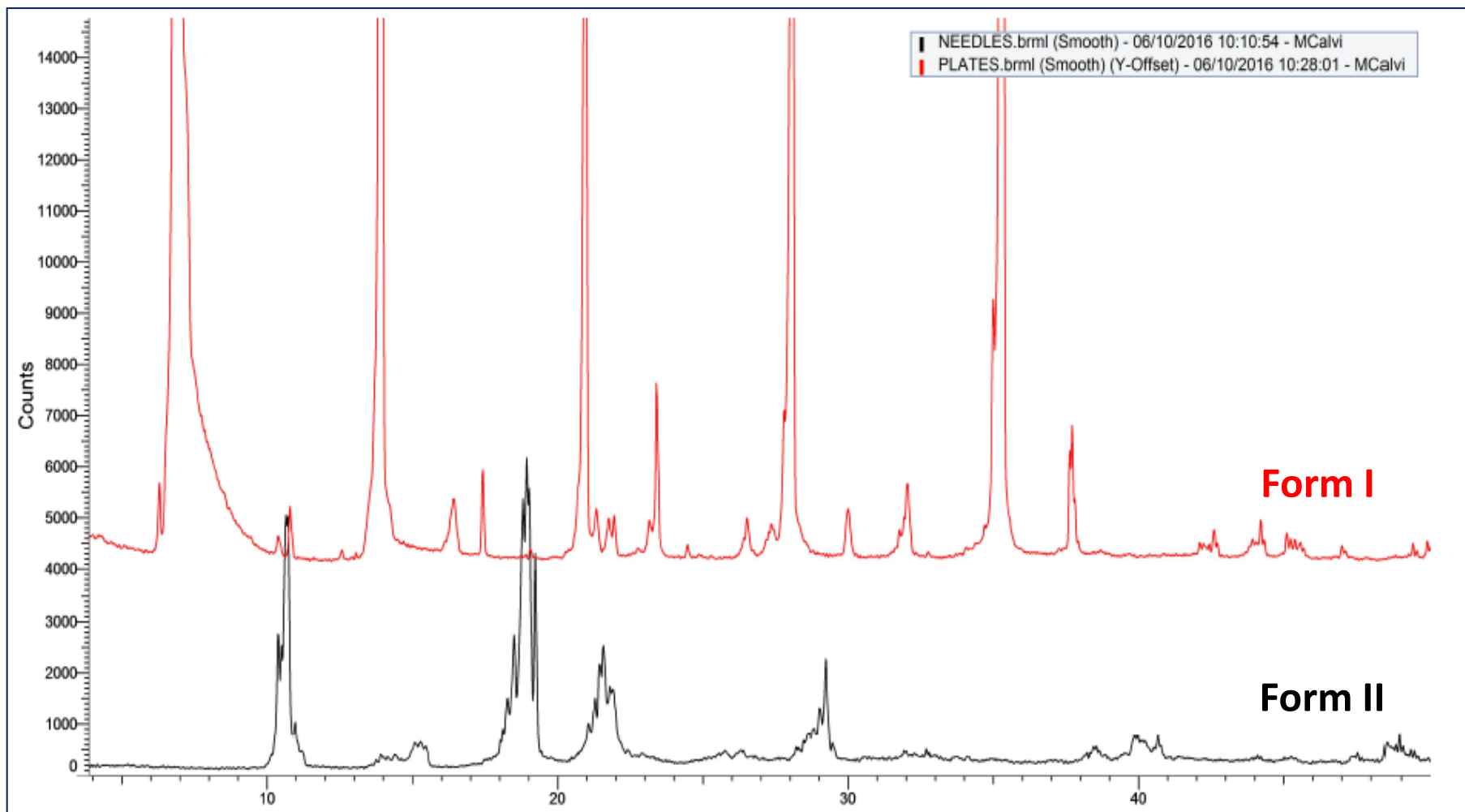


Exp 3



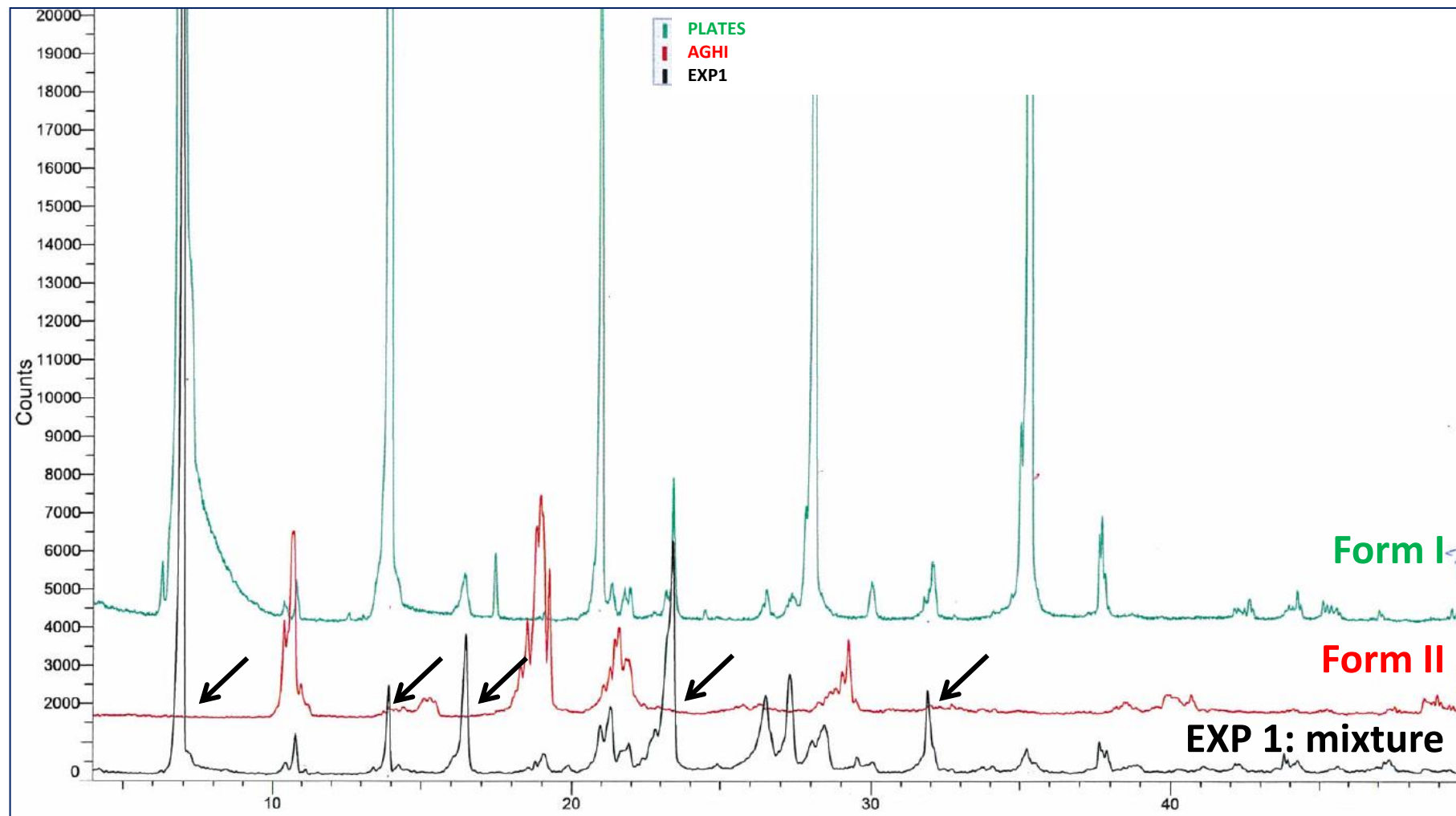
Off-Line Analyses - Polymorphism

XRPD – X-RAY POWDER DIFFRACTION



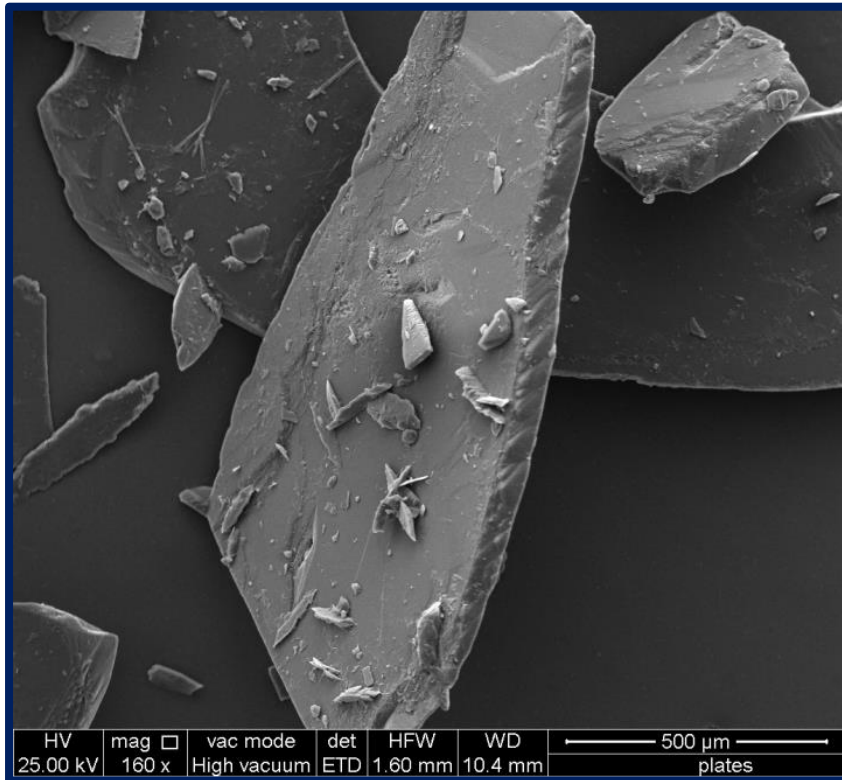
Polymorphic Mixture of solid froms Test 1

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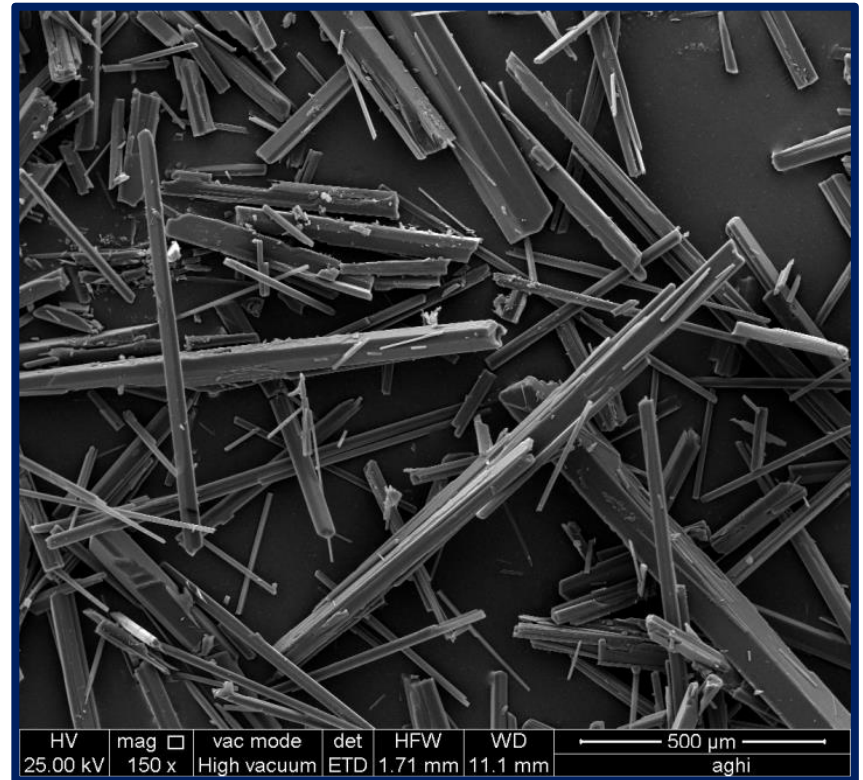


Crystal Morphology of different polymorphs

SEM – SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE



FORM 1 - PLATES

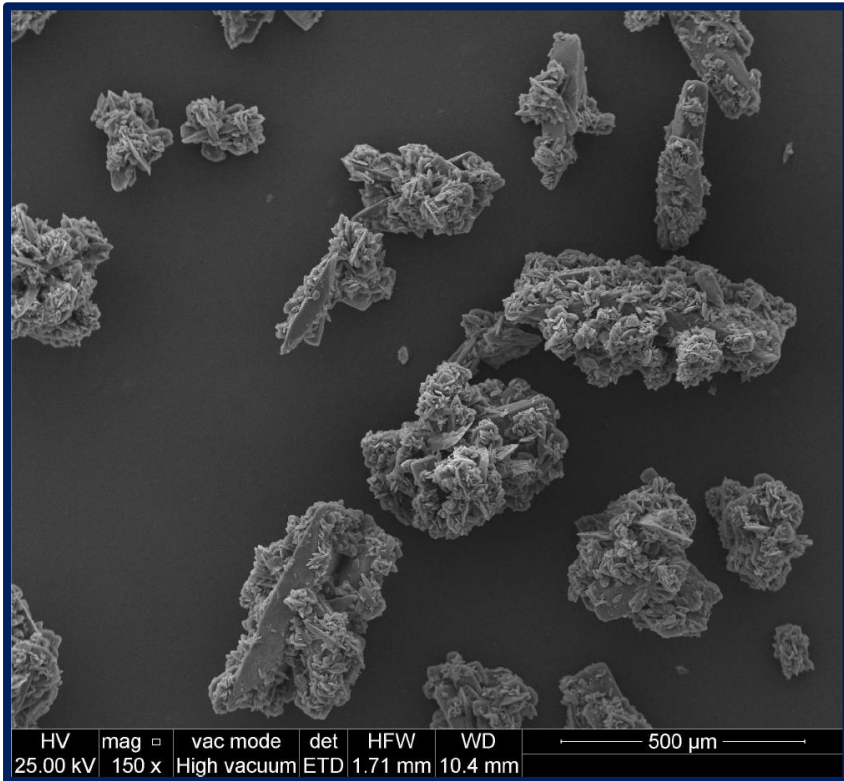


FORM 2 - NEEDLES

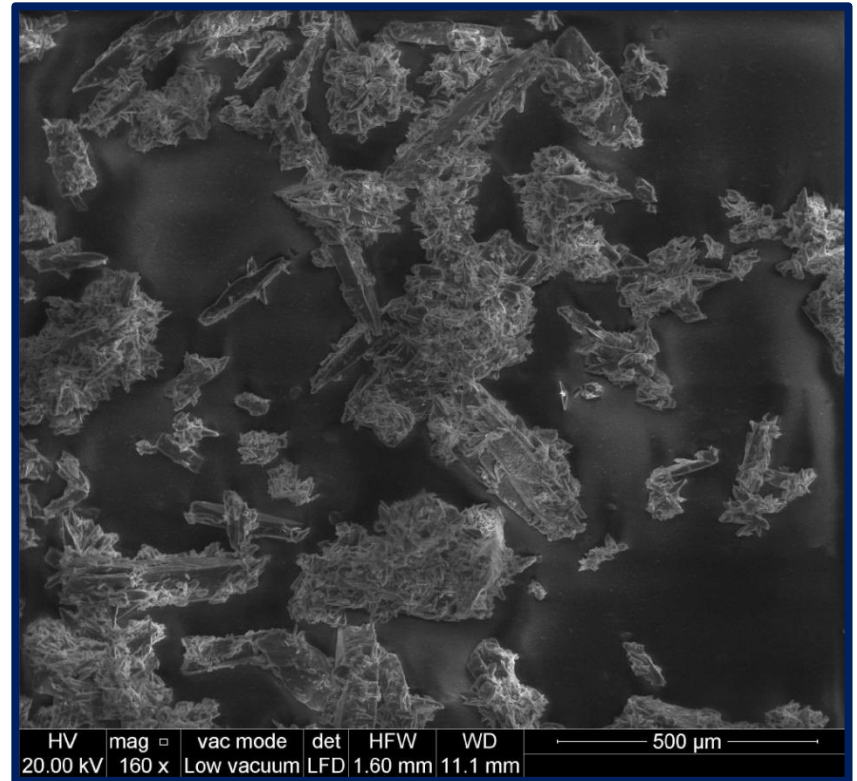
STANDARD FORMS

Crystal morphology of the polymorphic mixtures

SEM – SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE



EXP 1

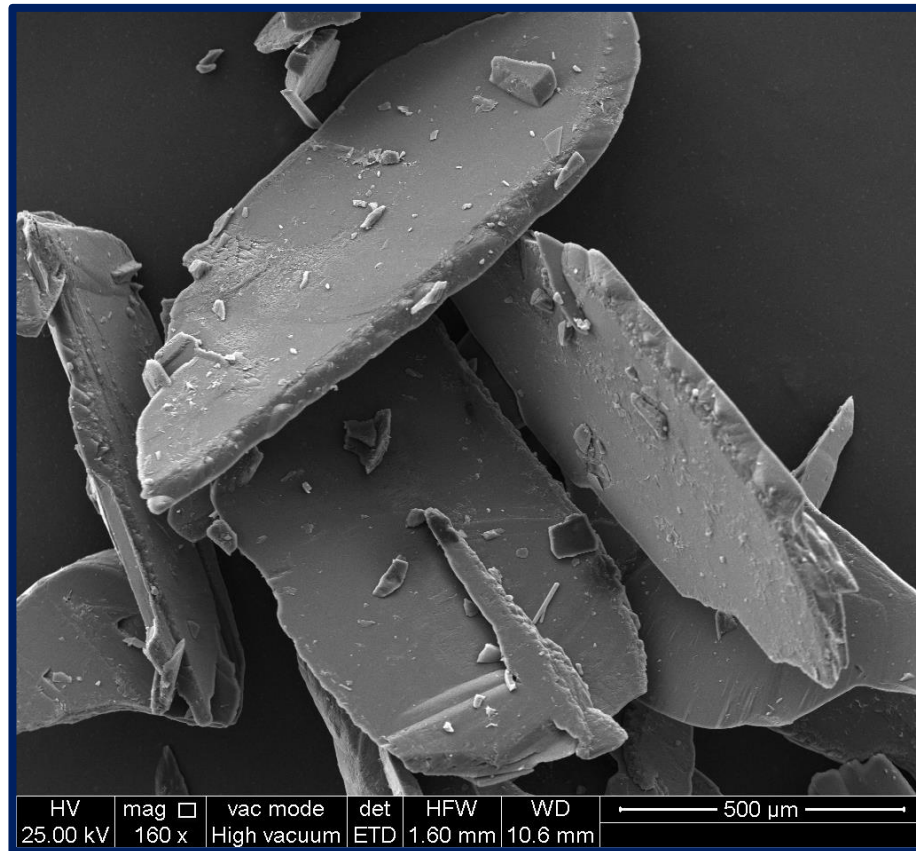


EXP 2

Mixture of POLYMORPHIC FORMS and amorphous

Crystal Morphology of Trial 3

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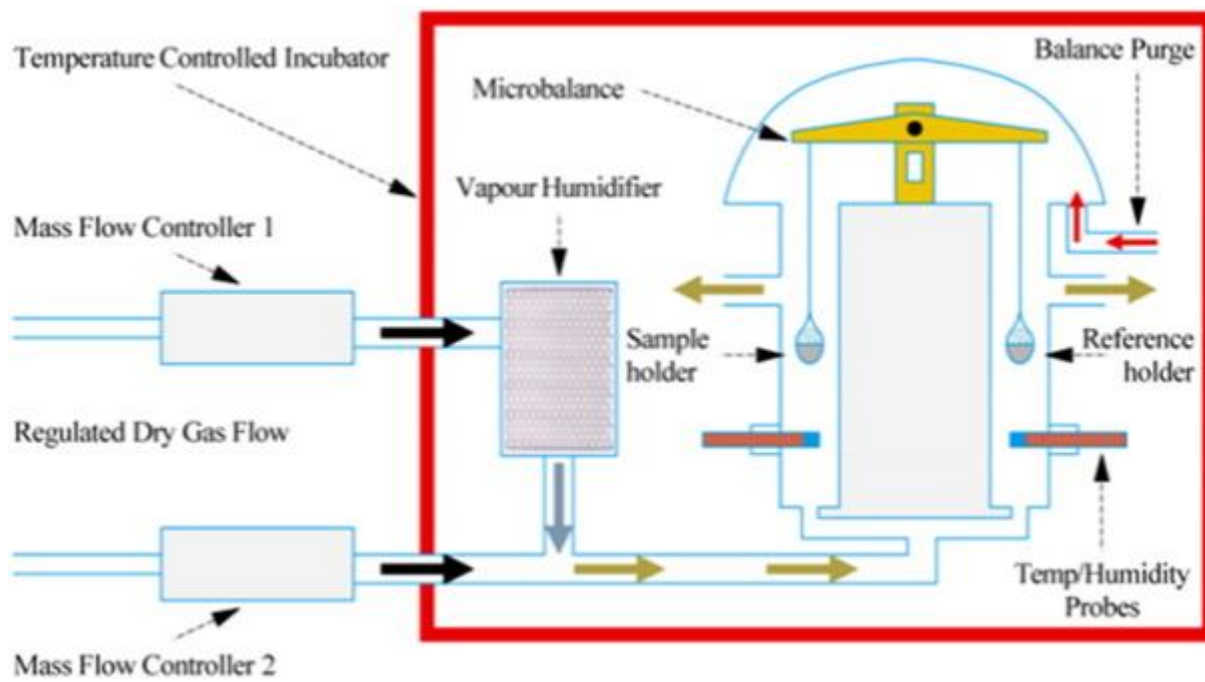
EXP 3

TARGET: FORM I

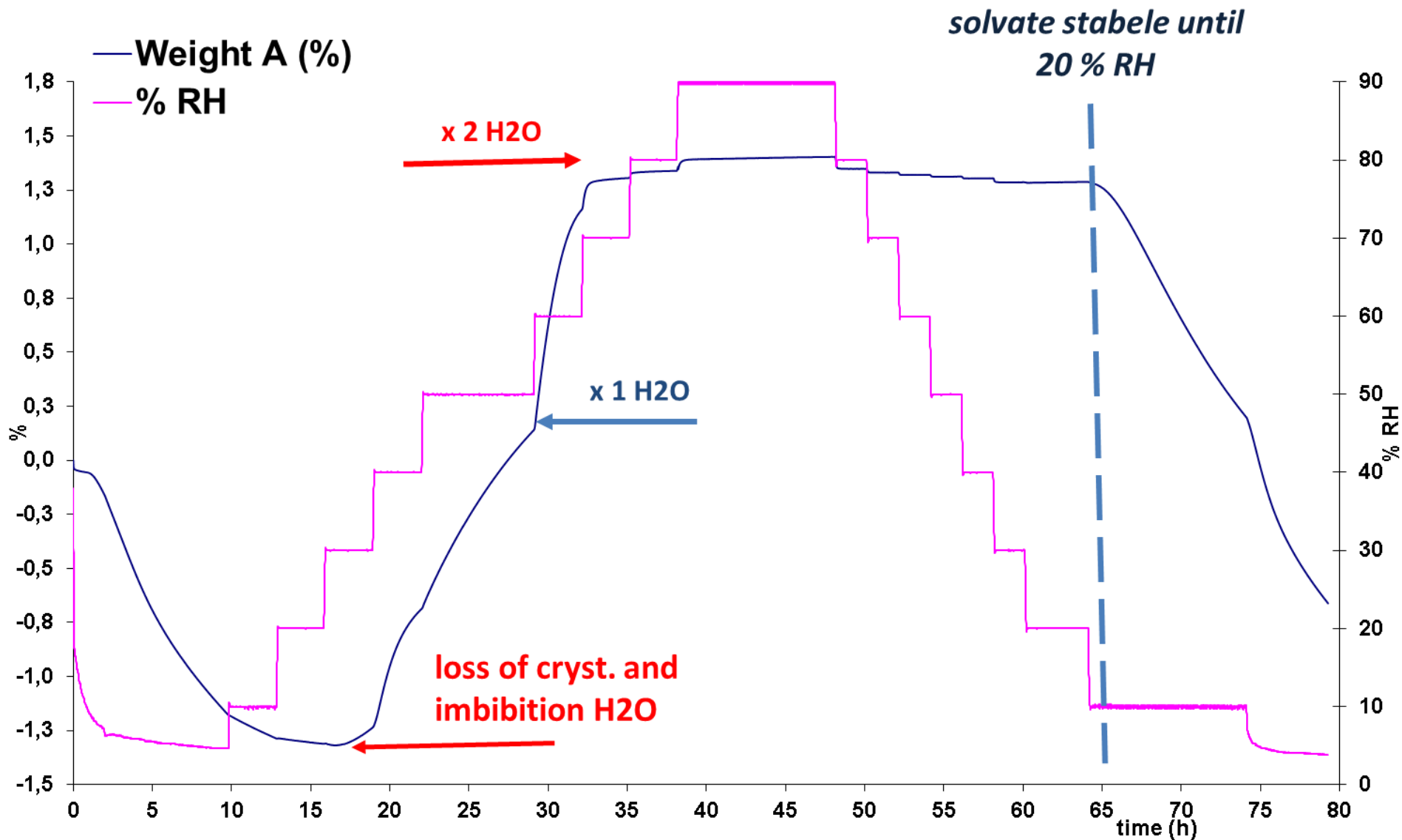
Crystal Solvate formation predict and characterized by Dynamic Vapor Sorption

Dynamic vapor sorption (DVS) is a [gravimetric](#) technique that measures how quickly and how much of a solvent is absorbed by a sample: such as a dry powder absorbing water.

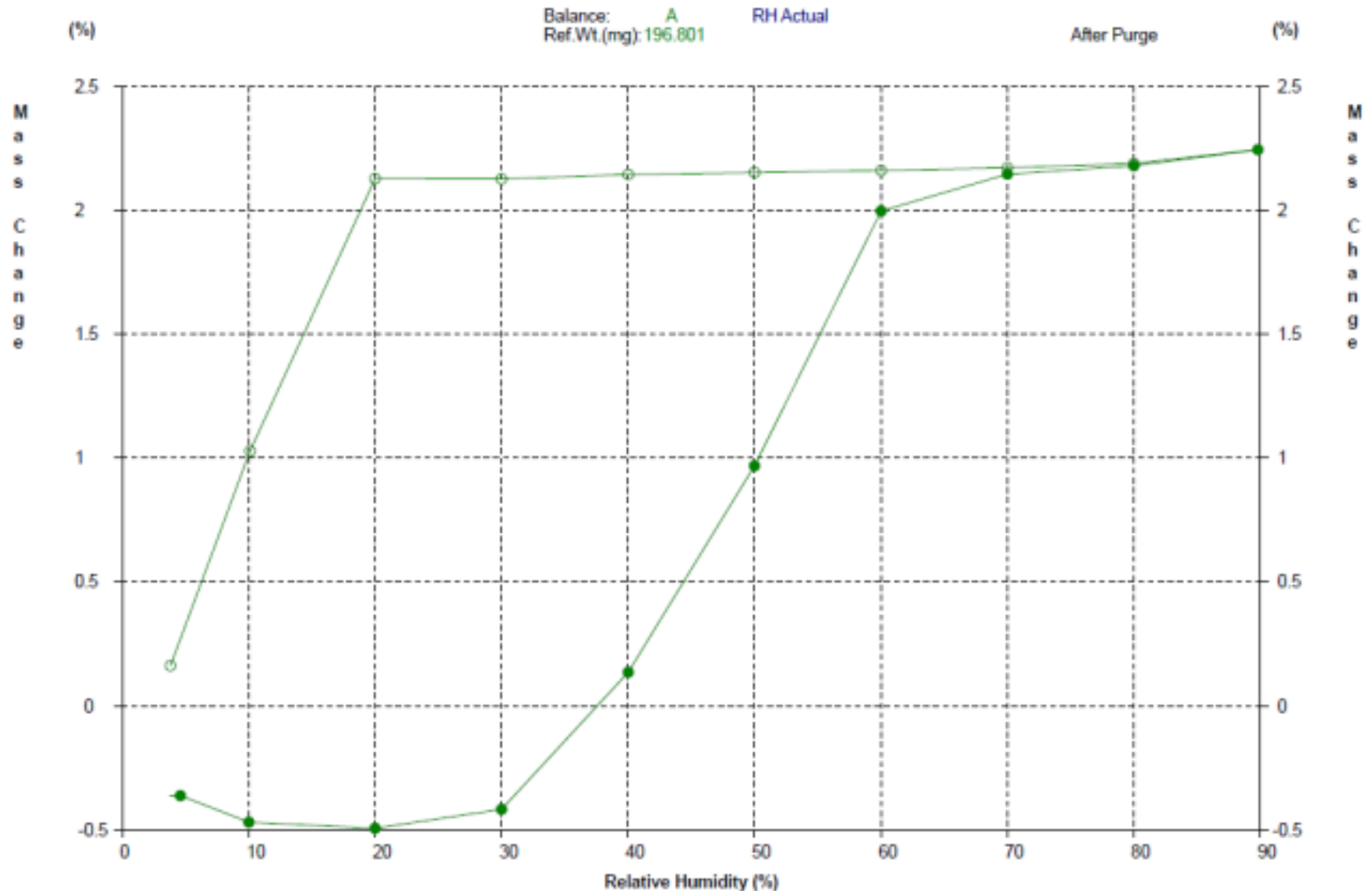
It does this by varying the vapor concentration surrounding the sample and measuring the change in mass which this produces



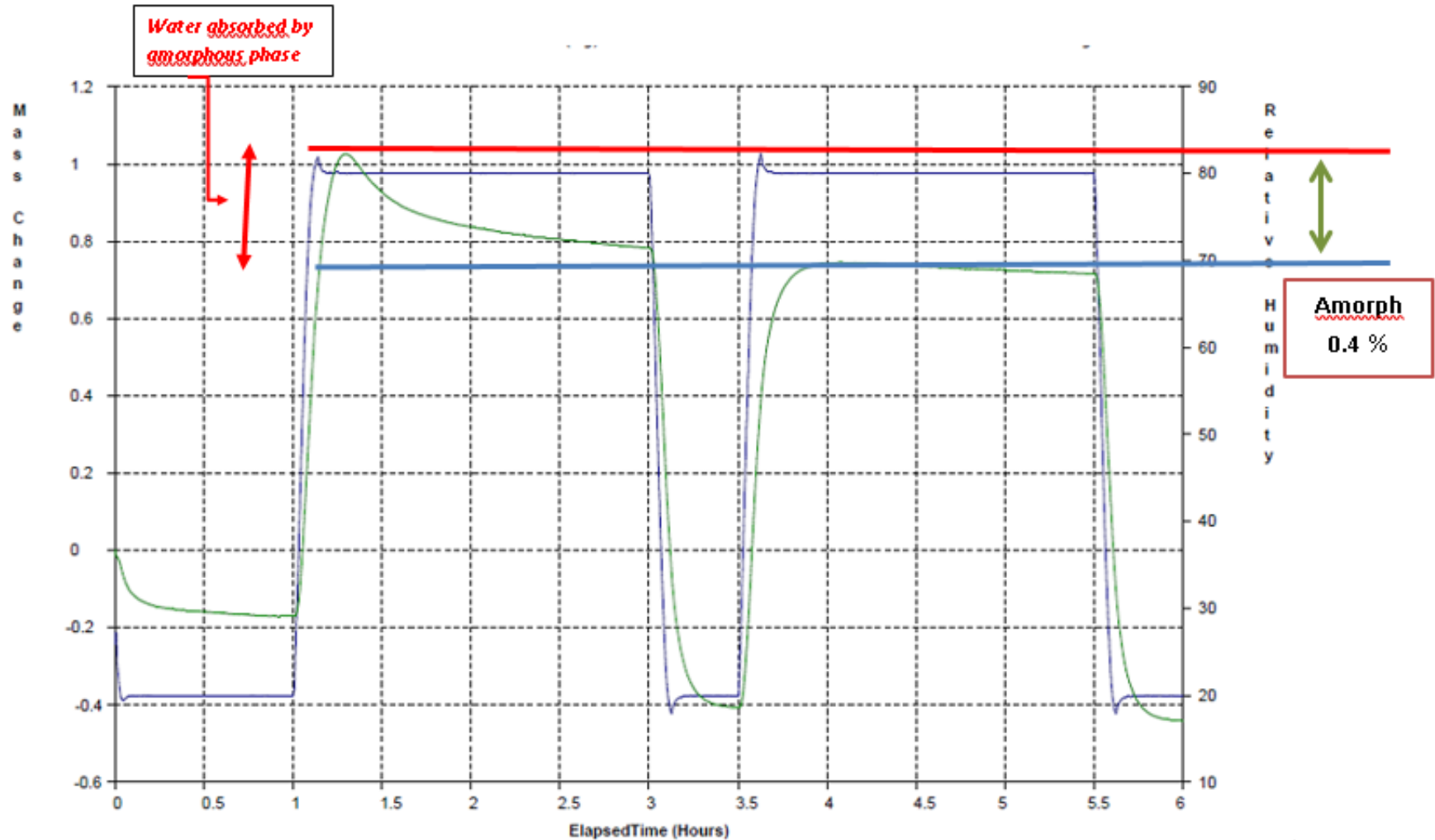
Hygroscopicity of API



De-hydration and Hydration profile of the API



Quantisation of Amorphous phase in crystalline compound by DVS



Particle Coalescence phenomenum due to Surface Energy

Root cause

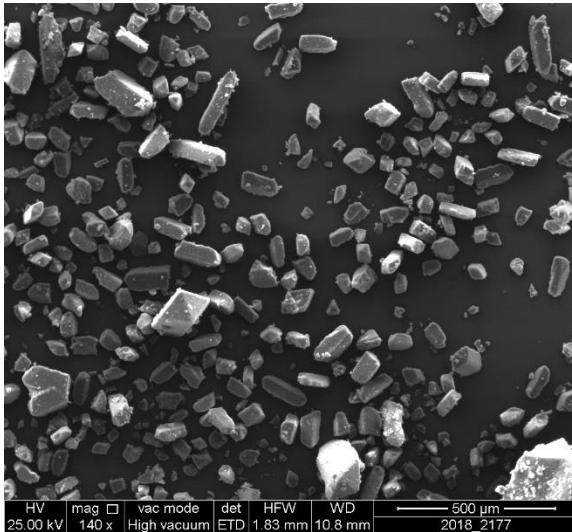
- *Environmental Humidity*
- *Storage of API (temperature, time, etc.)*
- *Energy aquired during the milling*
- *Drying process*
- *After micronization*

Pharmaceutical Implication

- *Particle Size Distribution*
- *Dissolution Rate*
- *Electrostatic Charges*
- *Crystal phase modification (amorphous into crystalline phases)*

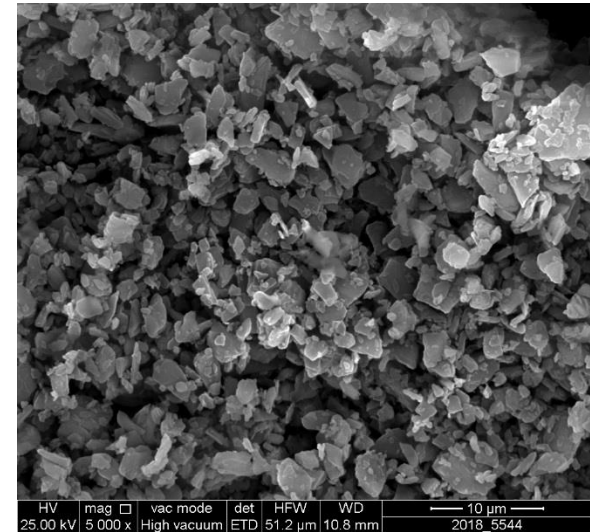
Morphology modification

(after micronization)



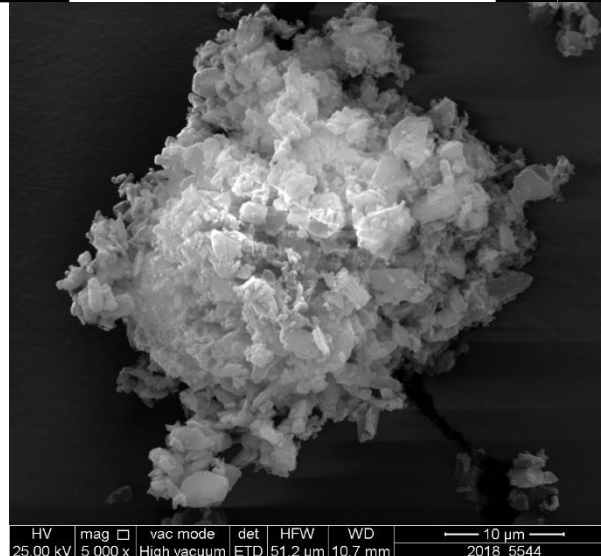
500 um

Micronization



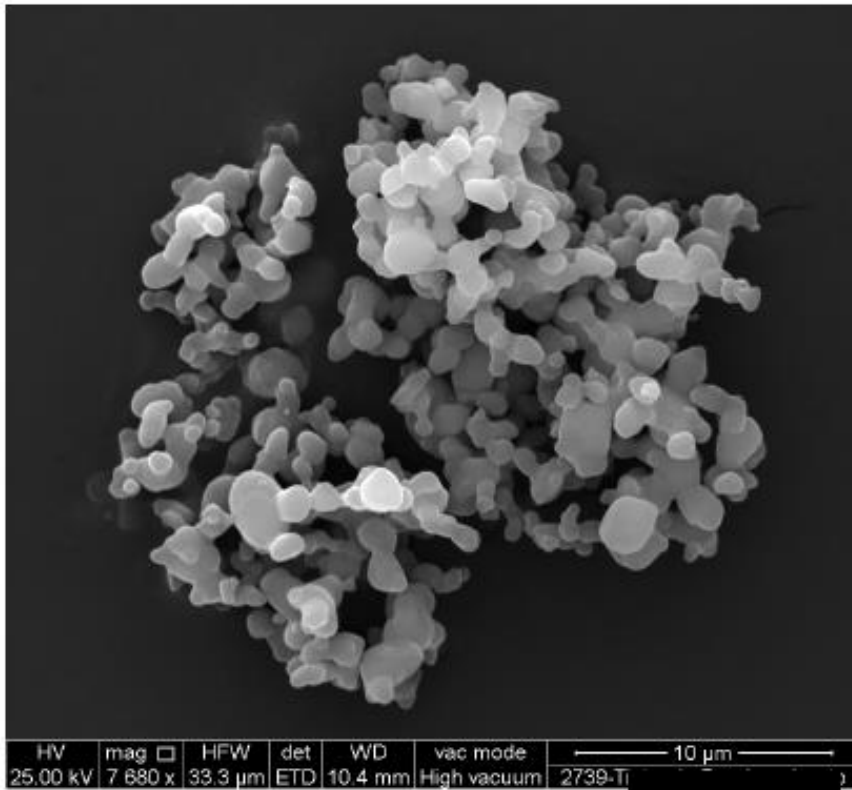
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Bulk storage

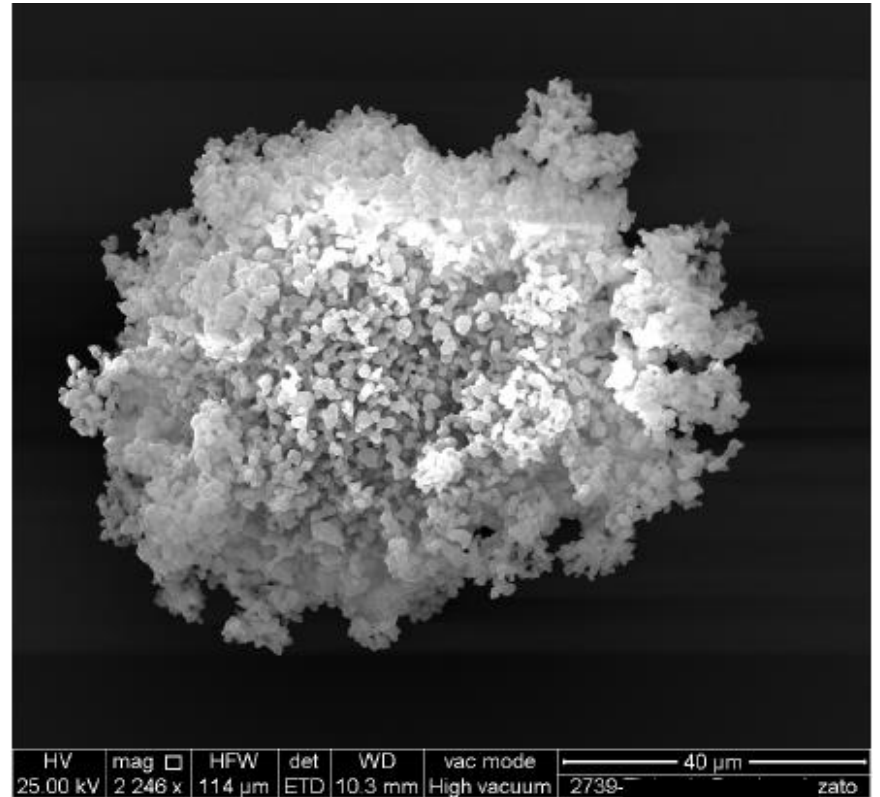


10 um

Coalescence of micronized powder

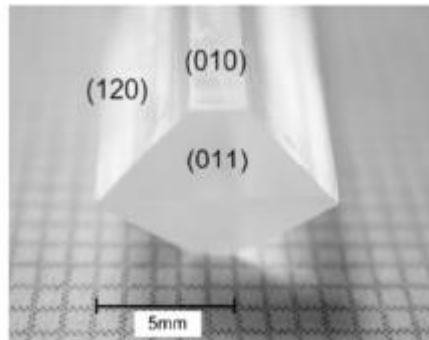


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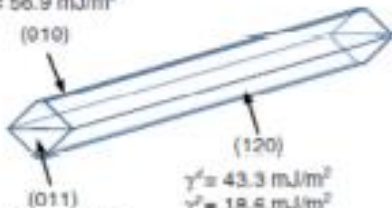


After storage of 6 months

Particles morphology on Surface Energy

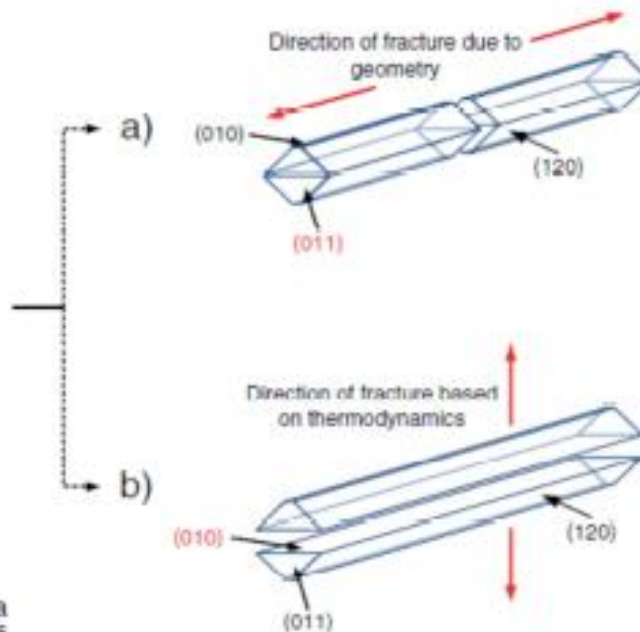
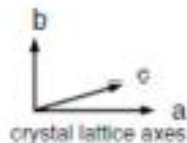


$$\begin{aligned}\gamma^d &= 44.1 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^f &= 12.8 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^r &= 58.9 \text{ mJ/m}^2\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\gamma^d &= 39.5 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^f &= 35.4 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^r &= 75.9 \text{ mJ/m}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma^d &= 43.3 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^f &= 18.4 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^r &= 61.9 \text{ mJ/m}^2\end{aligned}$$



Crystal Shape:

- Increase in particle aspect ratio

Crystal Surface Chemistry:

- Decrease in γ^d
- Increase in γ^f
- Increase in γ^r

Crystal Shape:

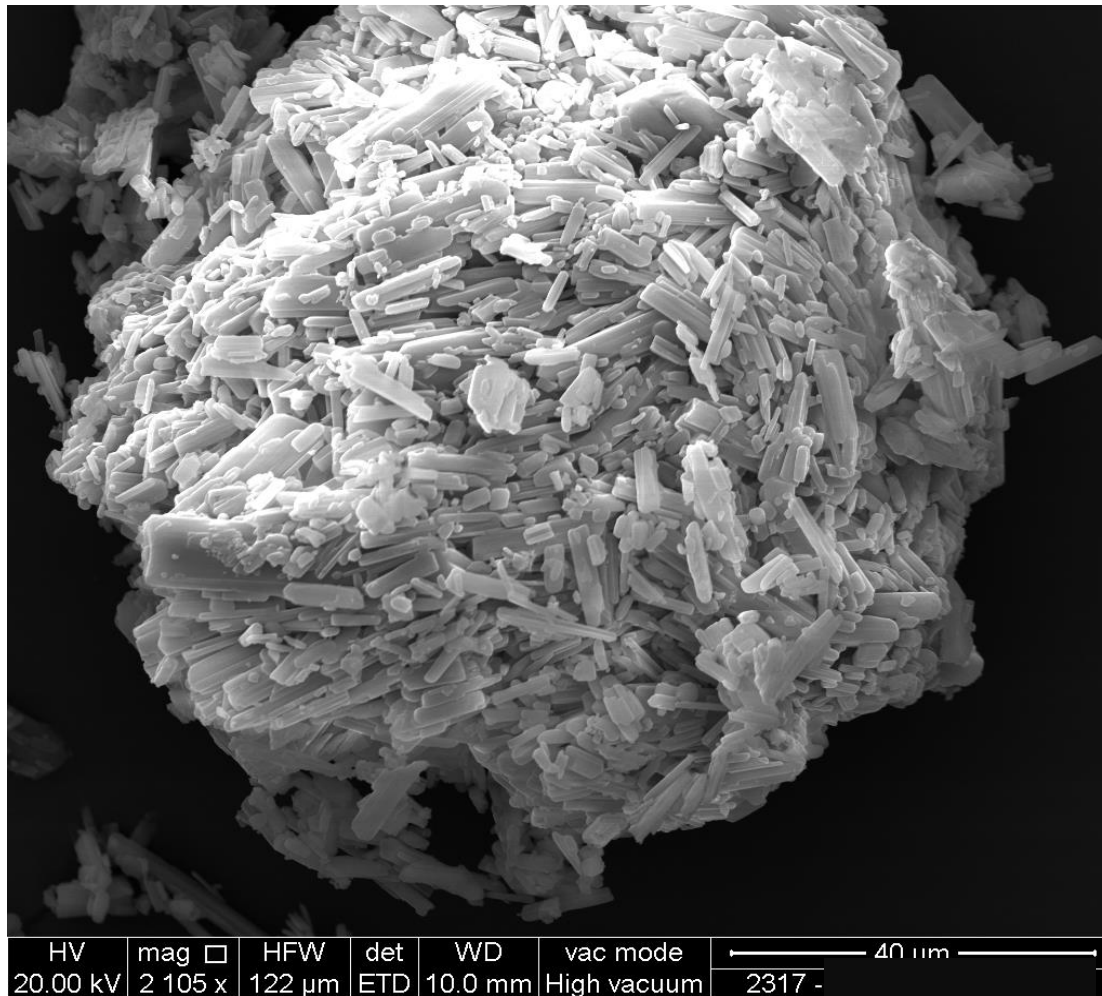
- No change or small decrease in particle aspect ratio

Crystal Surface Chemistry:

- Increase in γ^d
- Decrease in γ^f
- Decrease in γ^r

Crystal Morphology

(aggregates before coalescence)



Assessment of Surface Energy by Inverse Gas Chromatography (IGC)

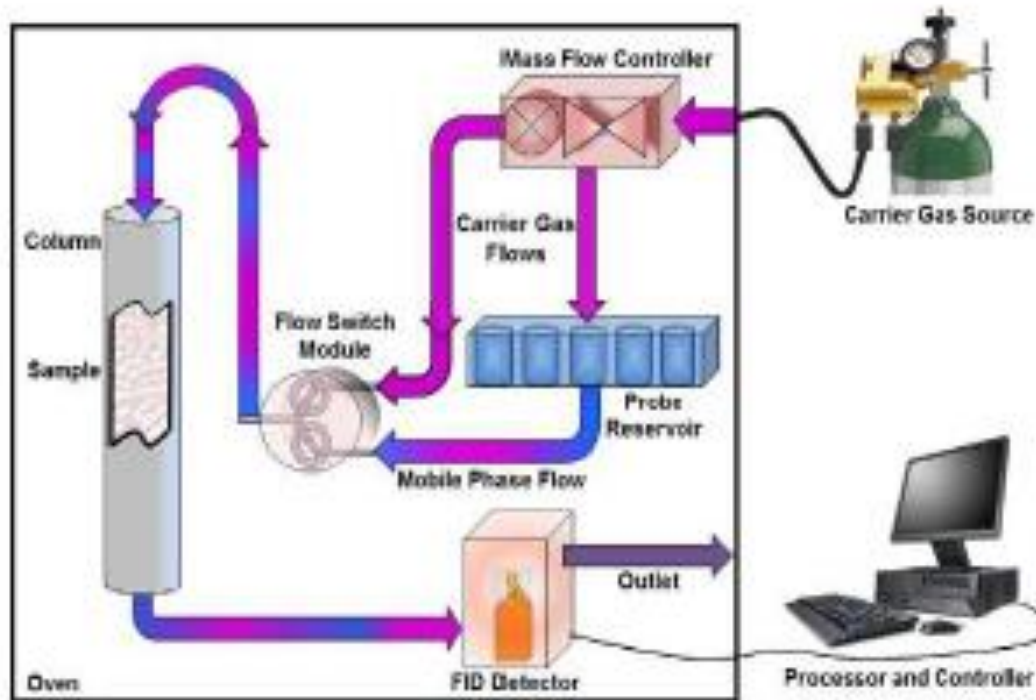
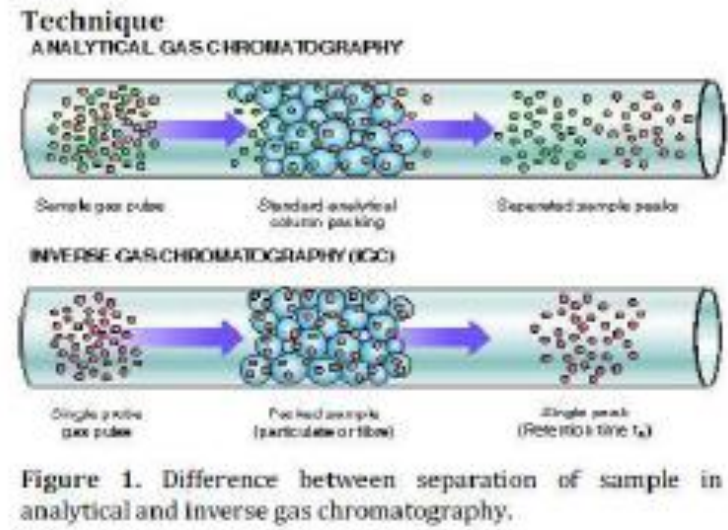


Fig. 1. Schematic illustration of a typical inverse gas chromatography (IGC) analyser.



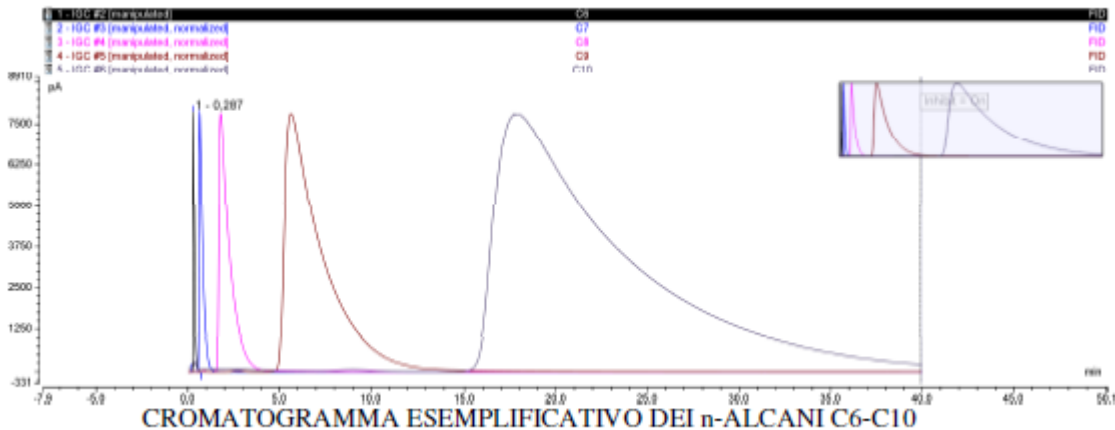
Thermodynamic Parameters defined by IGC

- *Cohesion power between particles*
- *Acid and base properties of particles surfaces*
- *Glass transition*
- *Crystalline and amorphous surface properties*

The thermodynamic parameters define by different solvents
“PROBE”.

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Apolar Probes | (normal alkenes da C6 to C10) |
| 2. Acid Probes | (dichloromethane chloroform,etc.) |
| 3. Basic Probes | (ethyl acetate, toluene, etc,) |
| 4. Anfoters Probes | (acetone, acetonitrile) |

Data evaluation by retention time and properties of the probes



$$-\Delta G = 2Na \left(\sqrt{\gamma_S^+ \gamma_L^-} + \sqrt{\gamma_S^- \gamma_L^+} \right) = RT \ln(V_N) - \Delta G^D$$

Descrizione di Van Oss

$$-\Delta G = 2Na \left(\sqrt{\gamma_S^+ \gamma_L^-} \right) \text{ probe basica}$$

Approccio di Owens and Wendt

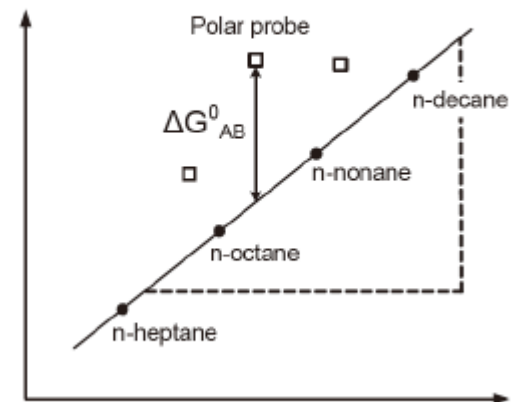
$$-\Delta G = 2Na \left(\sqrt{\gamma_S^- \gamma_L^+} \right) \text{ probe acida}$$

Approccio di Owens and Wendt

$$\gamma^{TOT} = \gamma^D + 2 \cdot \sqrt{\gamma^+ \cdot \gamma^-}$$

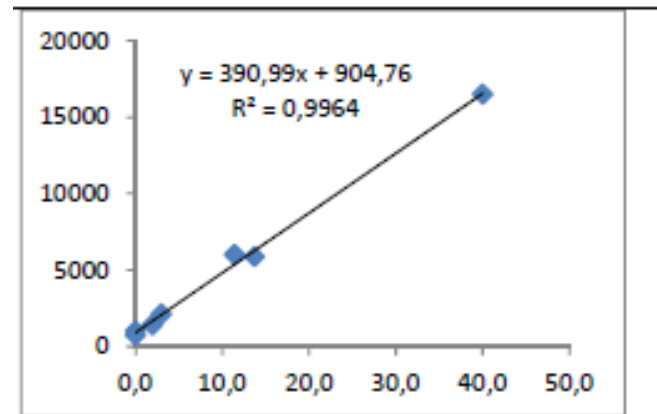
$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S \approx \Delta H \text{ quindi } -\Delta H_{AB}^0 = K_A DN + K_B AN^*$$

$$\gamma^{TOT} = \gamma^D + 2 \cdot \sqrt{\gamma^+ \cdot \gamma^-}$$



Definition of ratio between K_A and K_B

$$\frac{-\Delta H_{AB}^0}{AN^*} = K_A \frac{DN}{AN^*} + K_B$$



$K_A/ K_B < 0.9$

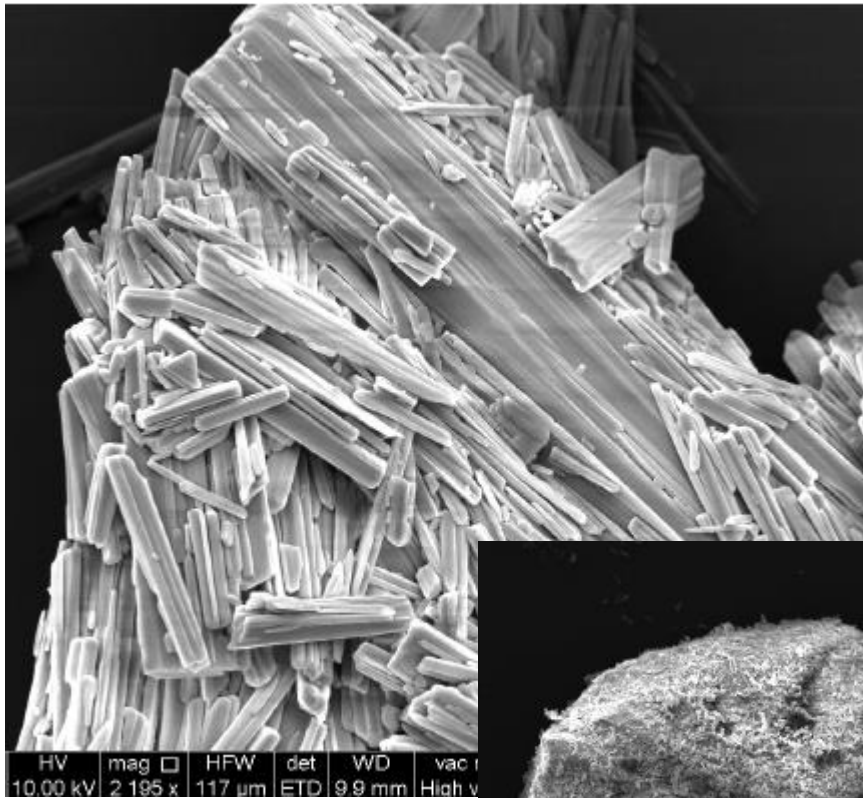
basic surface

$0.9 < K_A/ K_B < 1.1$ neutral surface or anfoter

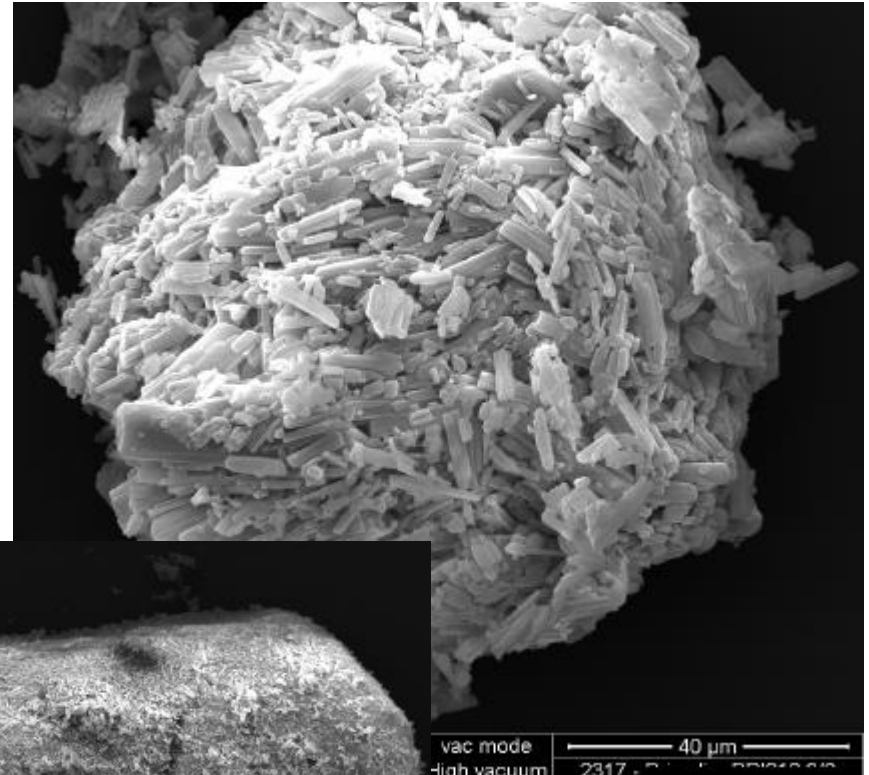
$K_A/ K_B > 1.1$

acid surface

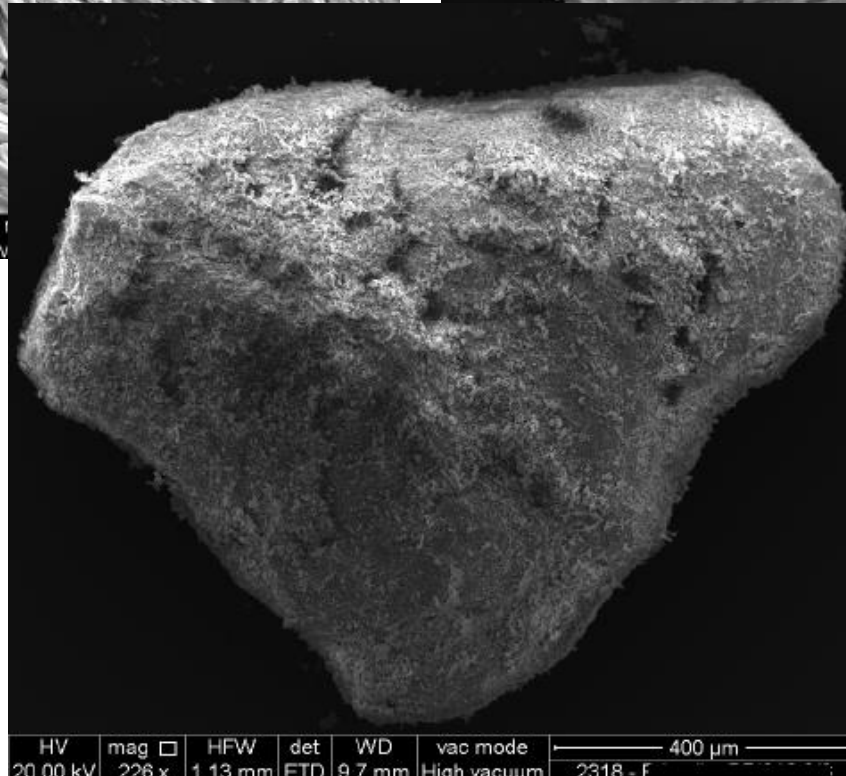
Bulk



grounded



40 micron



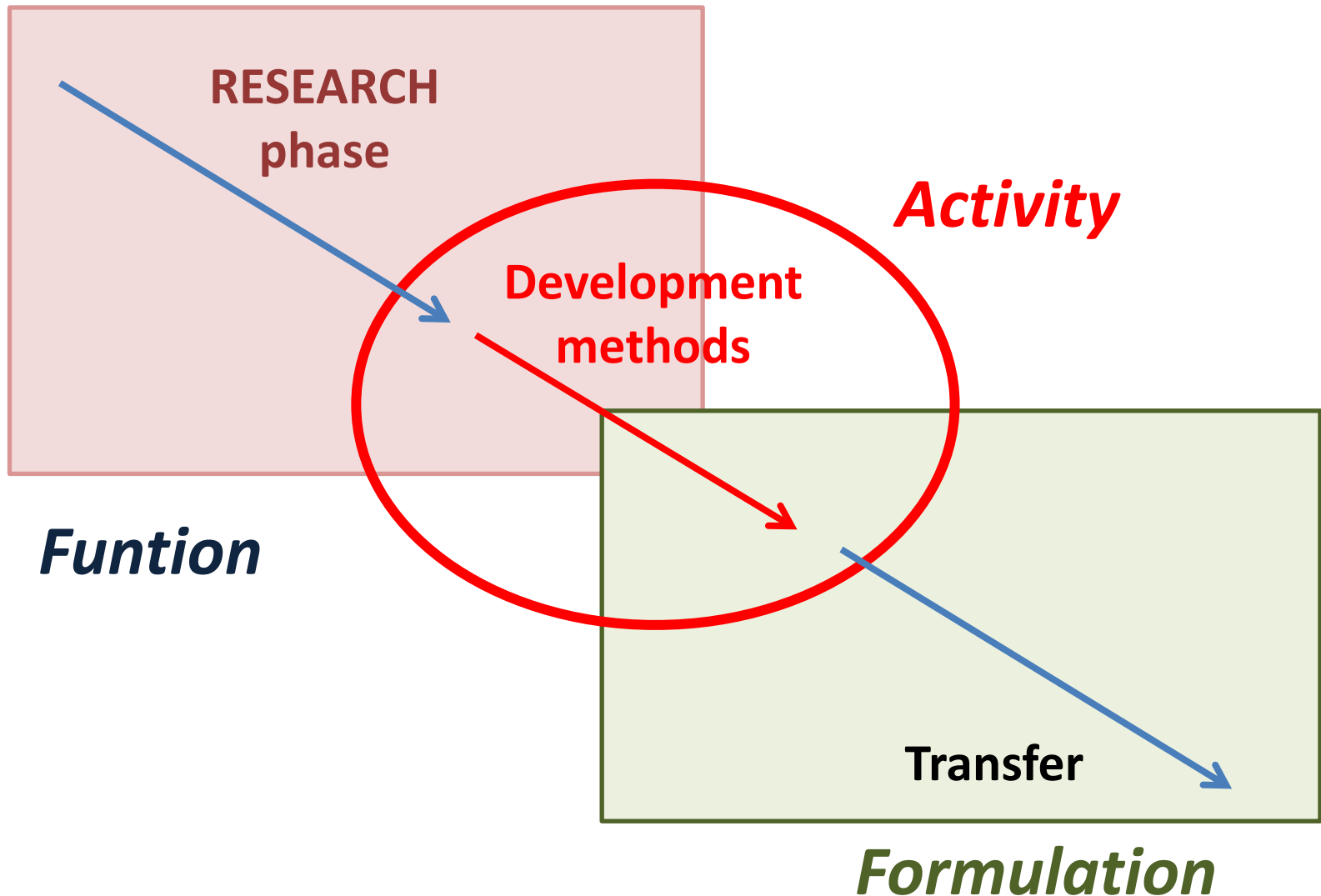
**Stored at t_a
for 2 months**

400 microns

Example of Surface Energy determination to predict the coalescence phenomenon

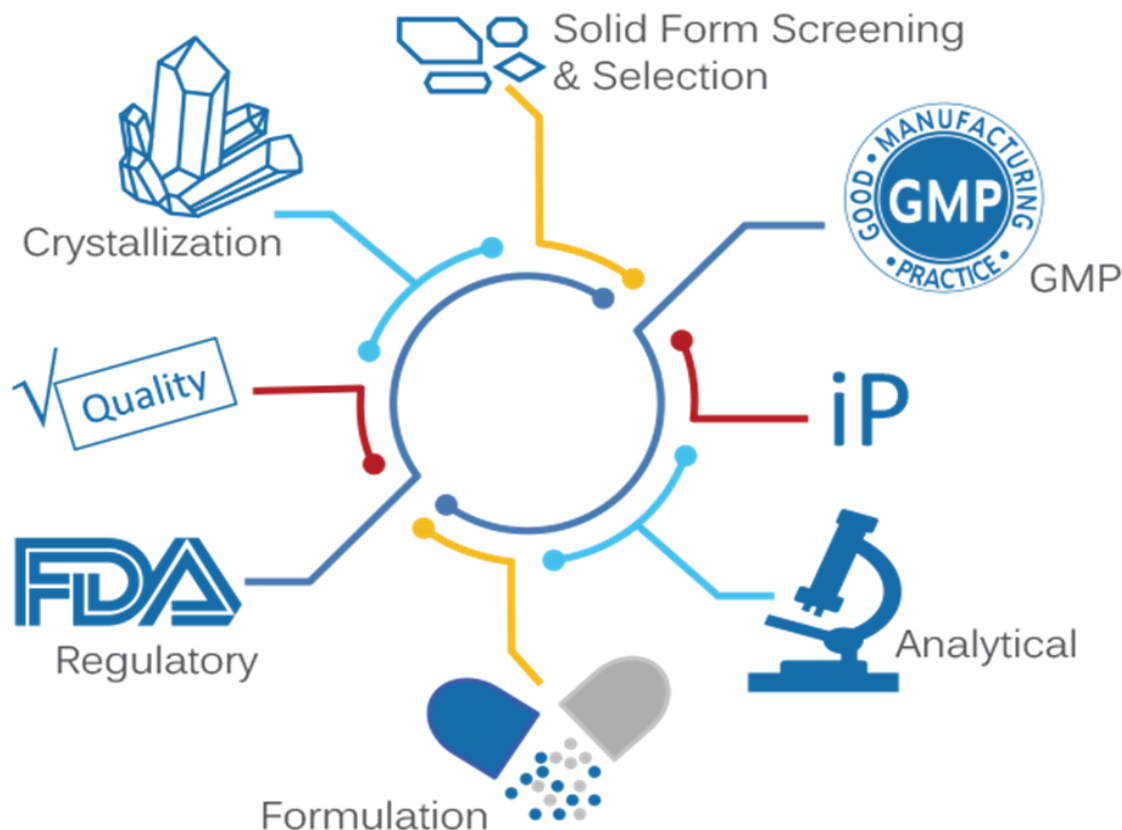
Batch	γ^D mJ/m ²	γ^{SP*} mJ/m ²	γ^{TOT} mJ/m ²	K_A/K_B
As such	37.5	26.1	63.6	0.9
Micronized	38.7	23.1	61.9	1.8
Conditioned at 40°C	38.1	30.8	68.9	1.2
Conditioned under 30% RH	39.6	31.3	70.9	1.2
Conditioned under 60% RH	40.9	30.2	71.1	1.0

Scale-up strategy - Development activities



CONCLUSION

Crystallization- and - Regulatory



*Thanks
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