

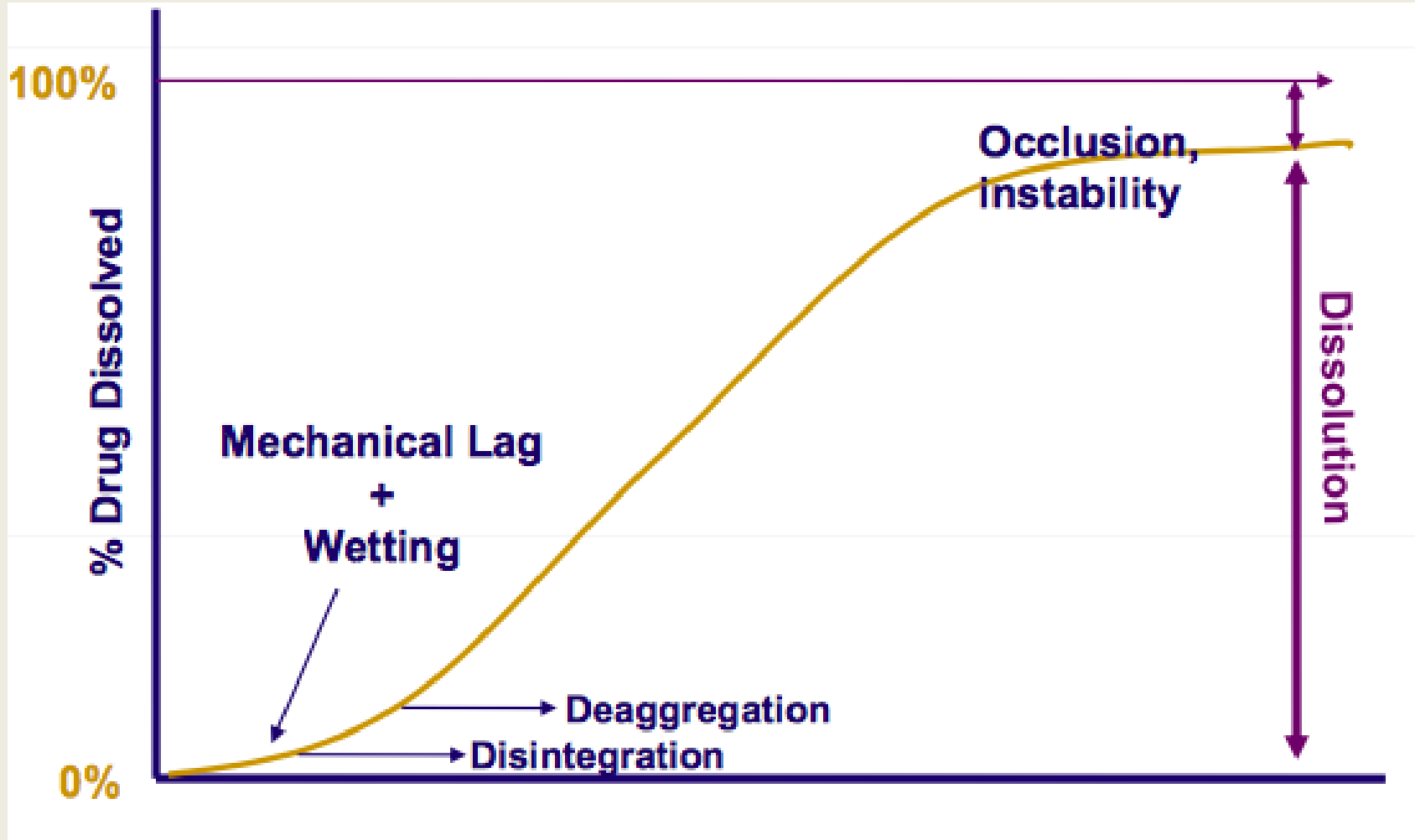
# Theoretical background of drug release

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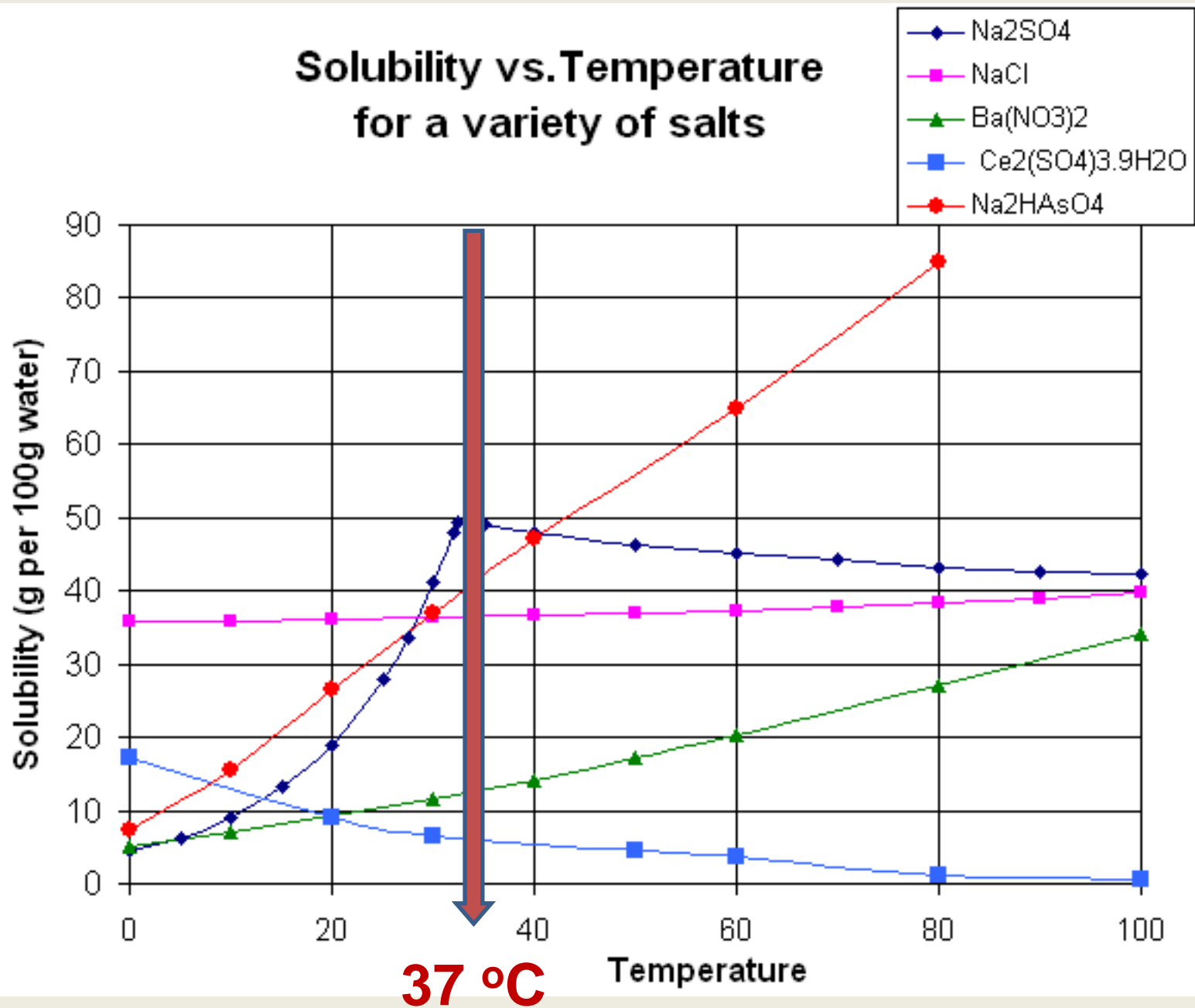
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# Liberation basics



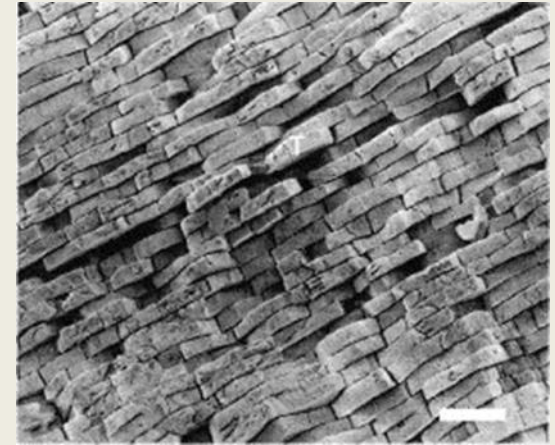
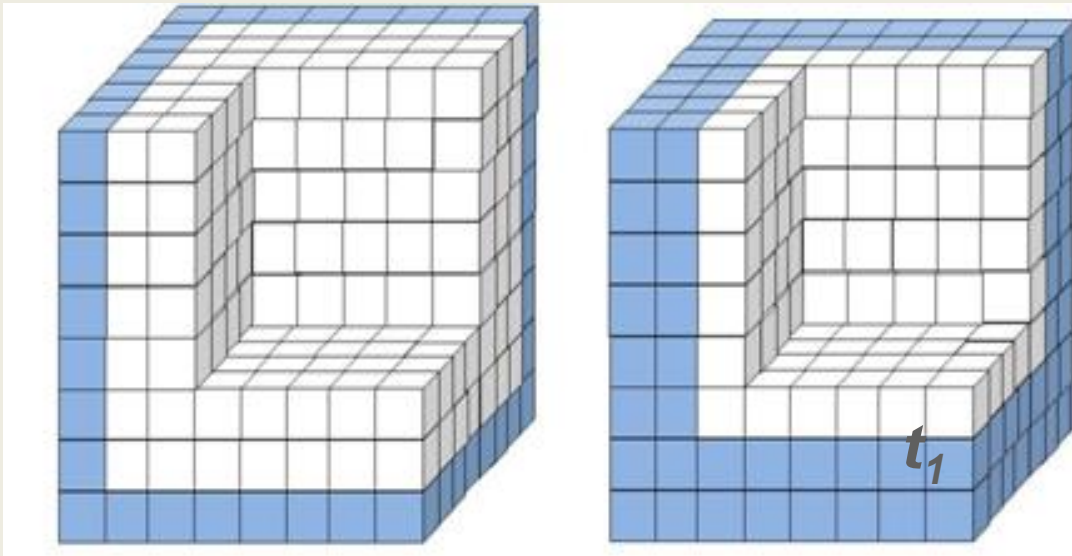
# Temperature

## Solubility vs. Temperature for a variety of salts



# Porosity

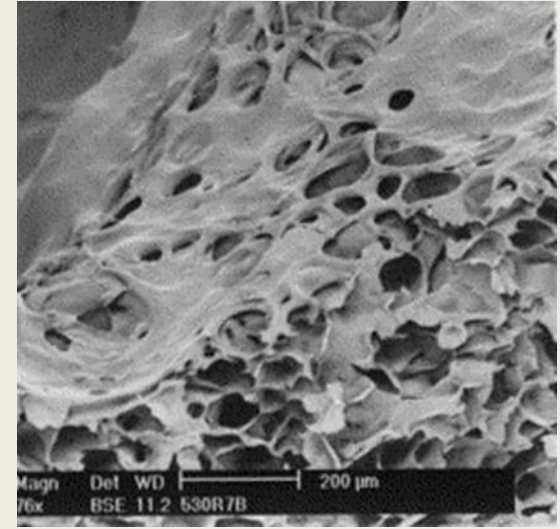
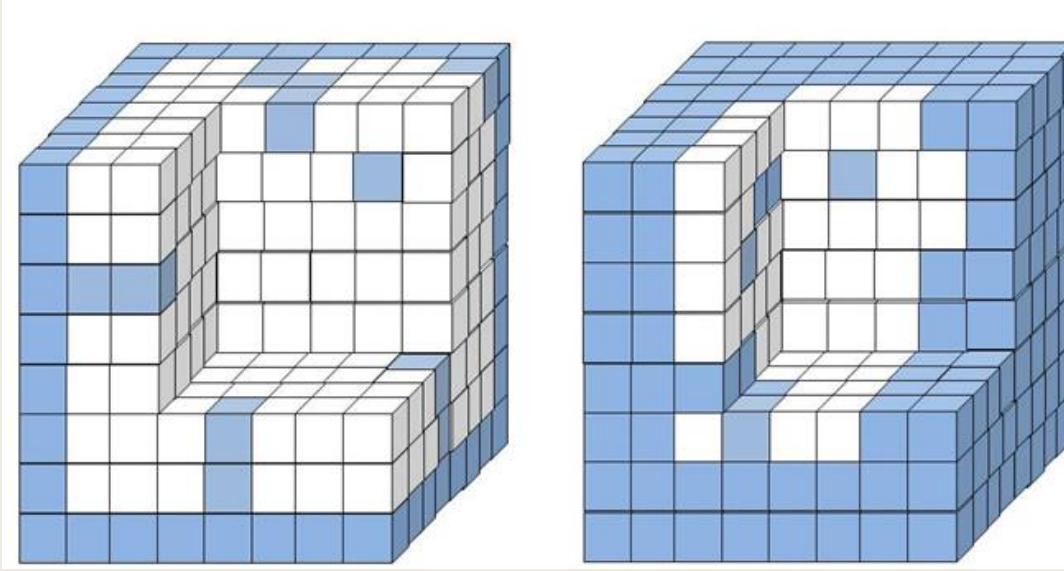
# Homogeneous systems



The system's matrix has regular structure.

Penetration of the medium occurs evenly through the layers.

# Heterogeneous systems

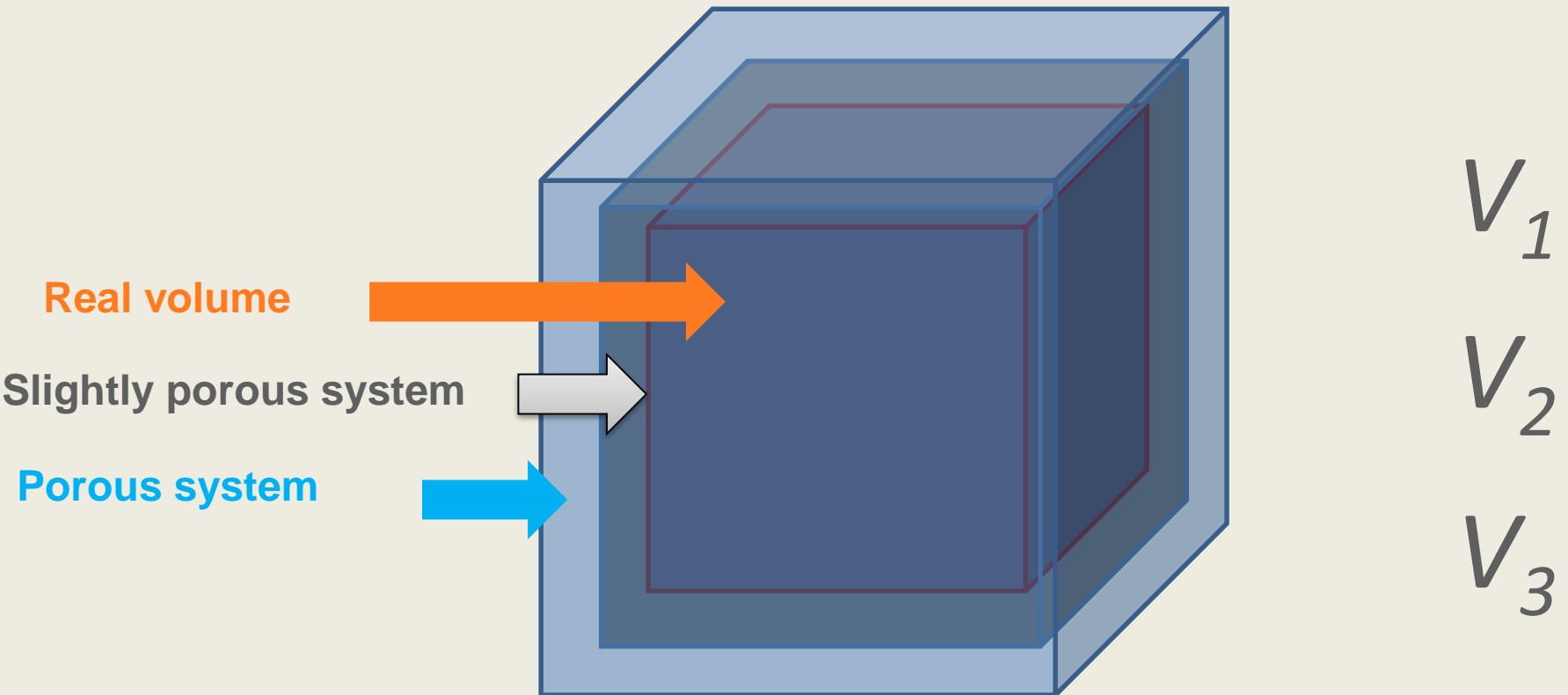


Heterogeneity in the homogen matrix causes different dissolution profile compared to the homogeneous system.

The penetration through the deeper layers slows down.

# Porosity

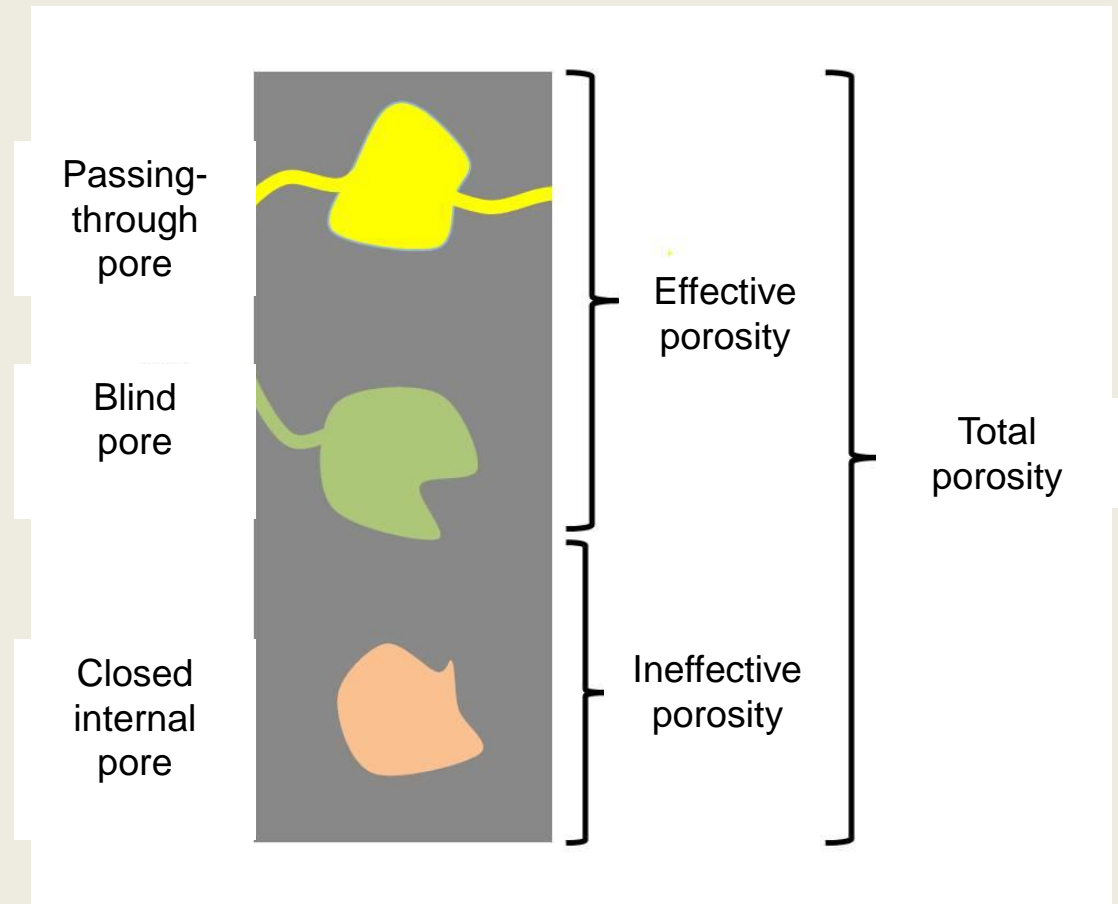
## Real volume, porosity





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$$\Phi = \frac{V}{V_t}$$

$V$  total volume of gaps and holes,  
 $V_t$  total volume of the preparation

# Porosity

## Real volume, porosity

Total porosity ( $\Phi_p^t$ ) contains the effective ( $\Phi_p^e$ ) and the ineffective ( $\Phi_p^{ie}$ ) porosity.

$$\Phi_p^t = \Phi_p^e + \Phi_p^{ie}$$

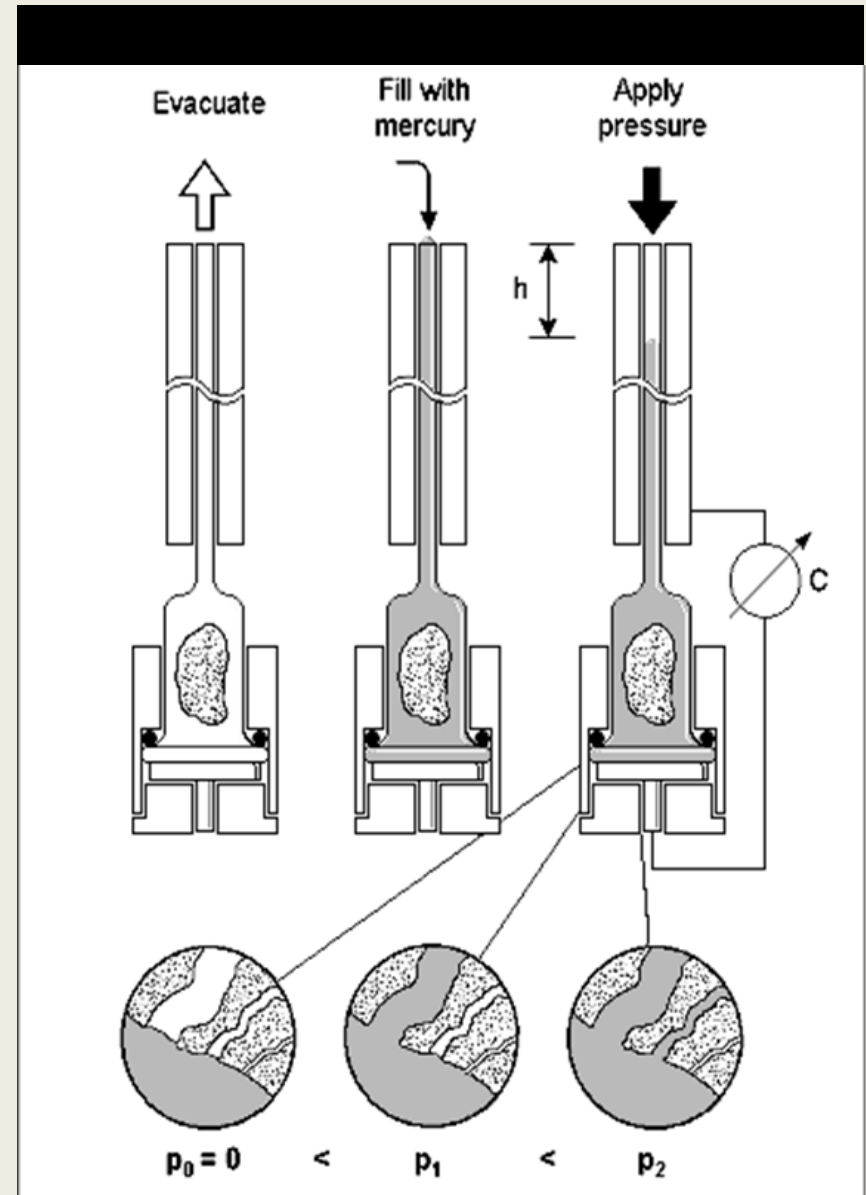
# Porosity

Mercury intrusion porosimetry

Washburn – equation

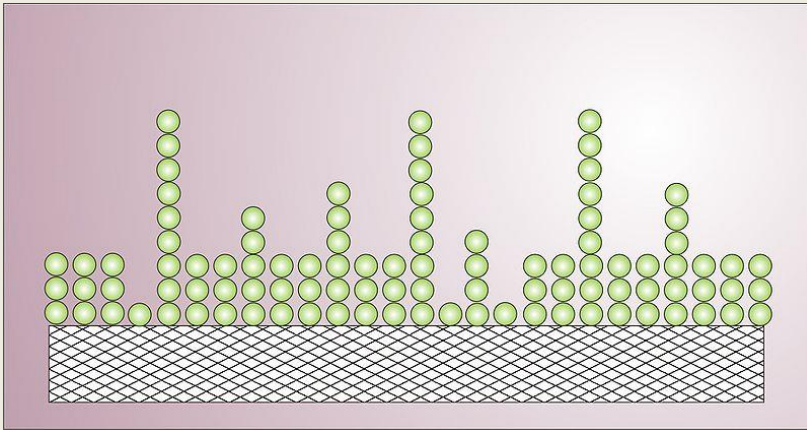
$$L_p^2 = \frac{\gamma \cos \Theta r t}{2\eta}$$

$L_p$  penetration of the liquid  
 $\gamma$  surface tension  
 $\theta$  contact angle  
 $r$  pore radius  
 $\eta$  viscosity  
 $t$  time

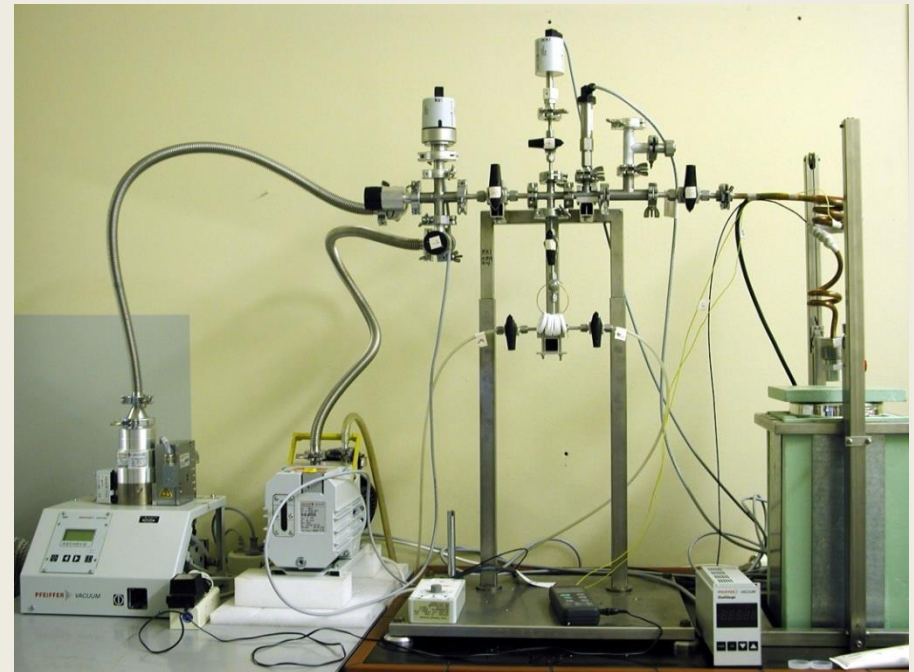


# Porosity

BET gas adsorption



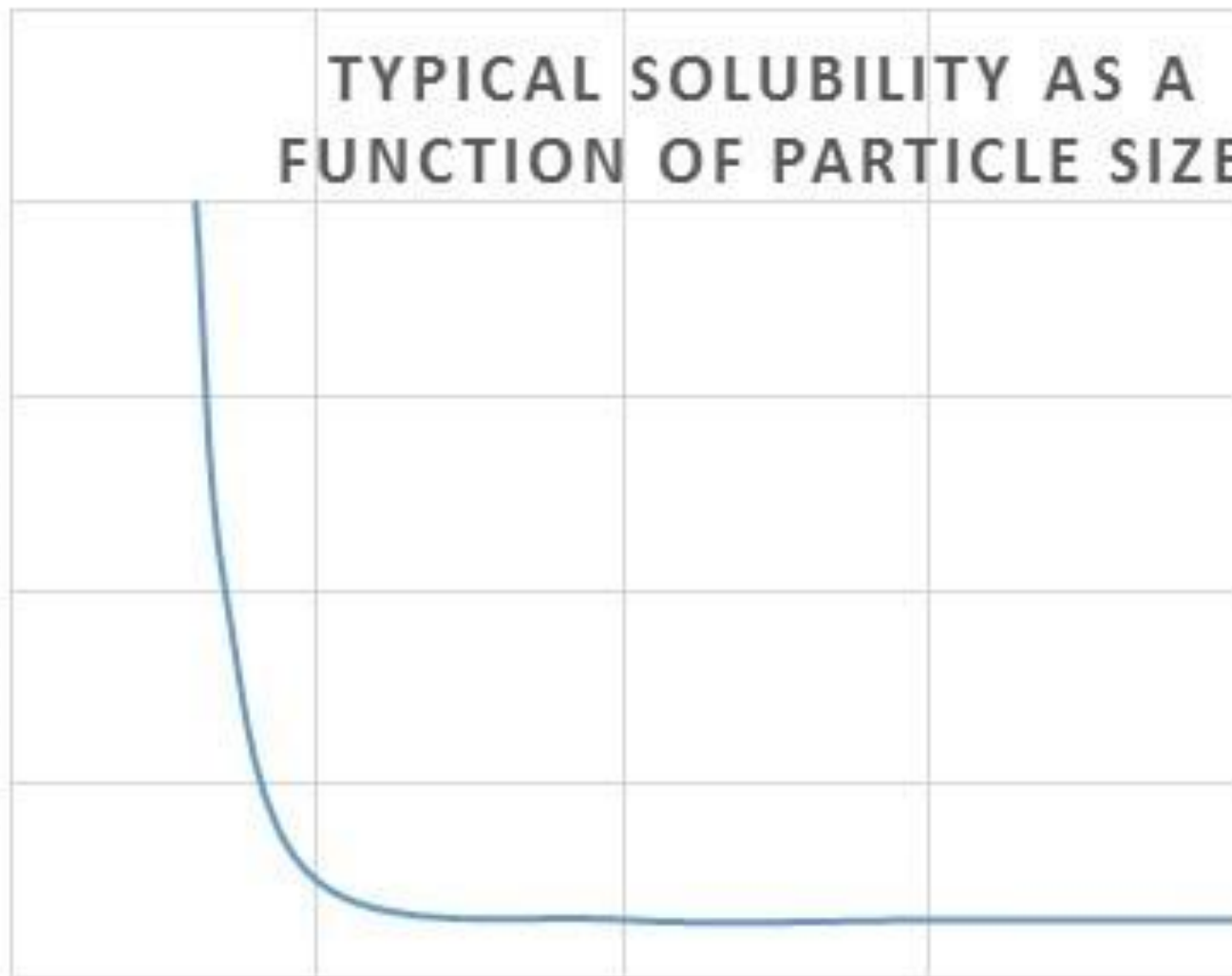
Multi-layer adsorption



# Particle size

# TYPICAL SOLUBILITY AS A FUNCTION OF PARTICLE SIZE

SOLUBILITY/ARBITRARY UNITS



0.001

0.01

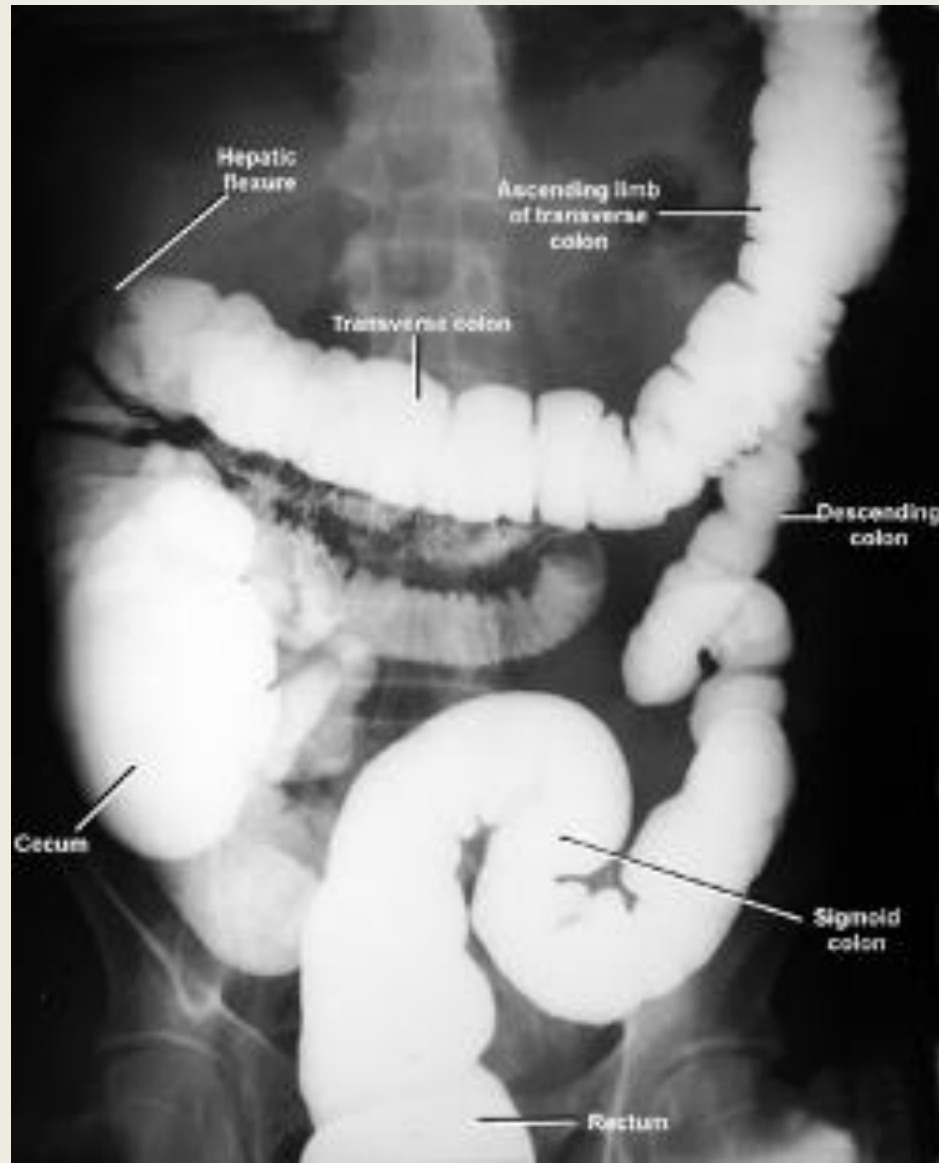
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PARTICLE SIZE/MICRONS

# Barium sulphate



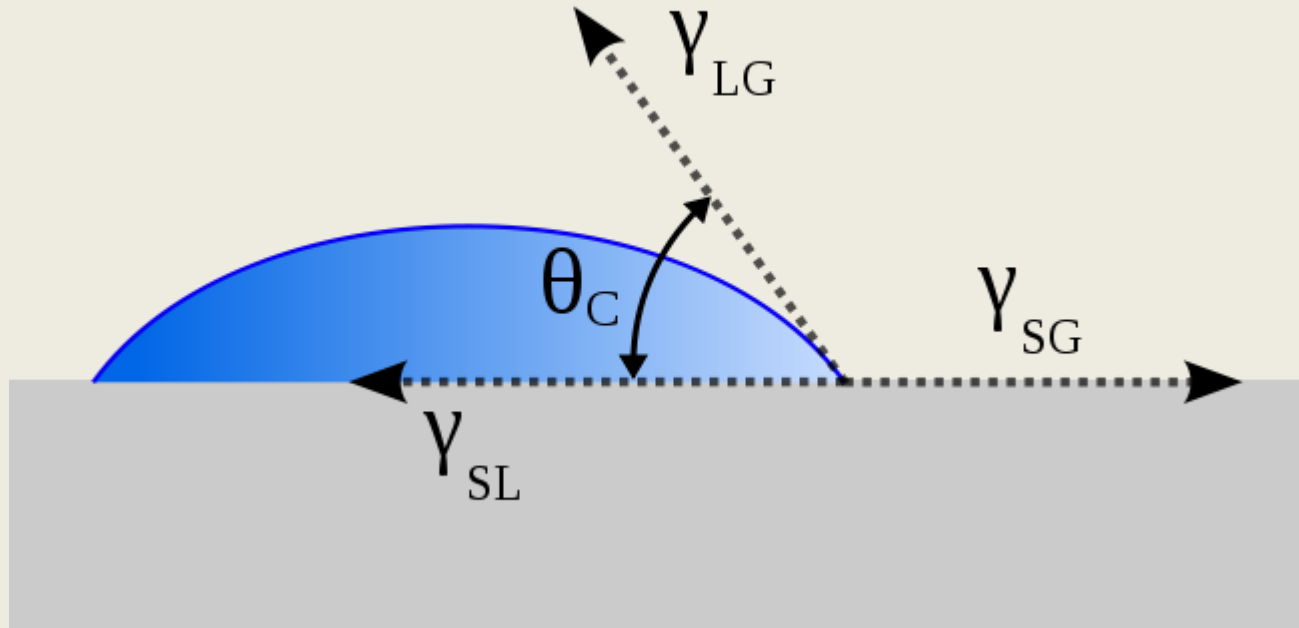


# Glibenclamid



**Wettability**

# Wettability



$\theta$	contact angle on the solid surface
$\gamma_{sg}$	solid/gas surface tension
$\gamma_{sl}$	solid/liquid surface tension
$\gamma_{lg}$	liquid/gas surface tension

# Wettability

Young – equation

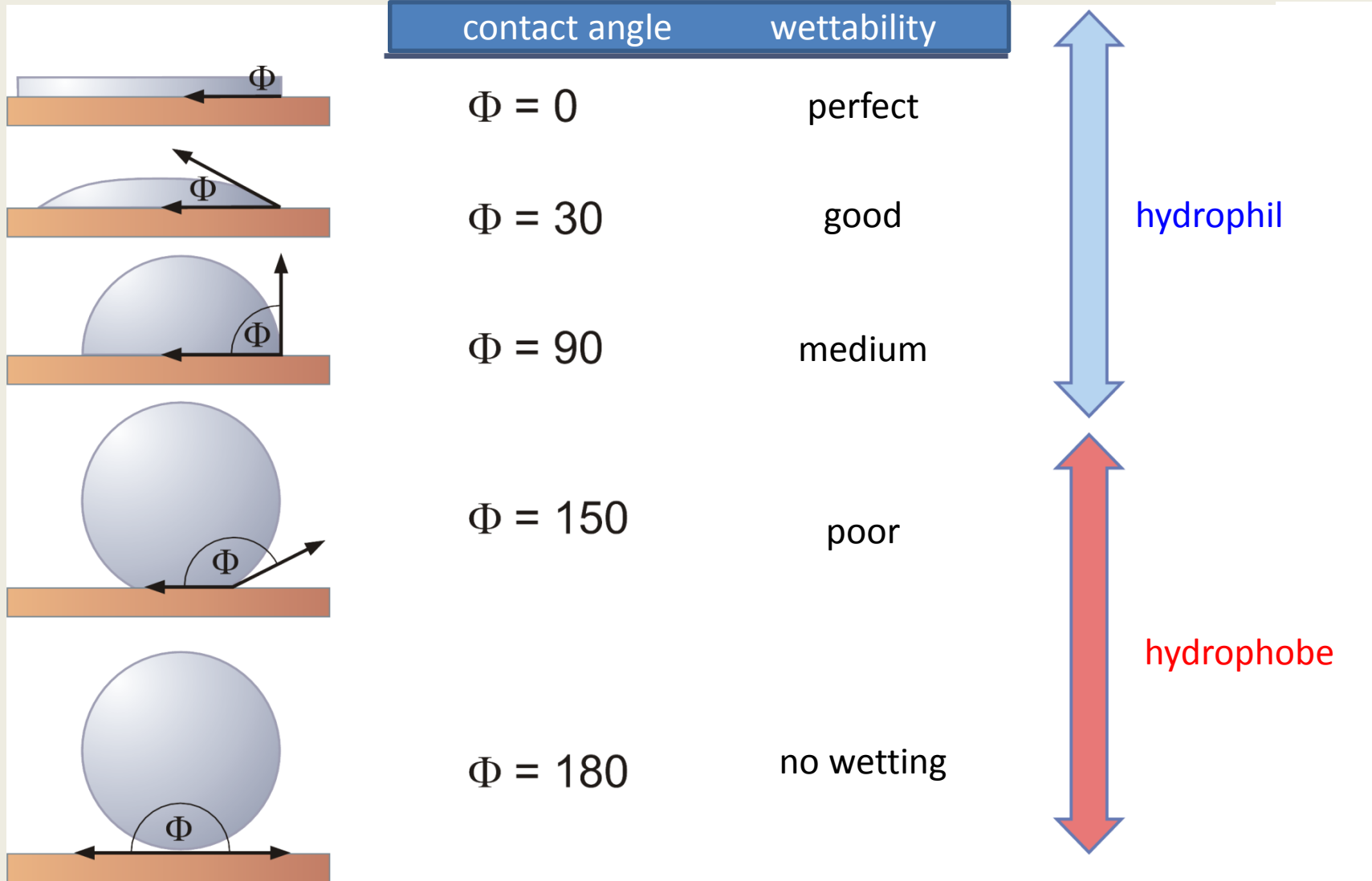
$$\gamma_{sg} = \gamma_{sl} + \gamma_{lg} \cos \theta$$

III. *An Essay on the Cohesion of Fluids.* By Thomas Young,  
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# Wettability



# Wettability

Darcy – equation

Porous systems

$$v = k_p \frac{\Delta p}{\eta}$$

- $v$  permeation speed
- $k_p$  permeability of the porous system
- $\Delta p$  difference in pressure
- $\eta$  liquid viscosity

# Wettability

Kozeny – equation

Porous systems

$$k_p = \frac{\kappa \varepsilon^2}{\psi A^2}$$

- $k_p$  permeability of the porous system
- $\kappa$  shape parameter
- $\varepsilon$  porosity
- $\psi$  tortuosity (labirinth factor, convolution factor)
- $A$  specific surface of the pores and canals

# Wettability

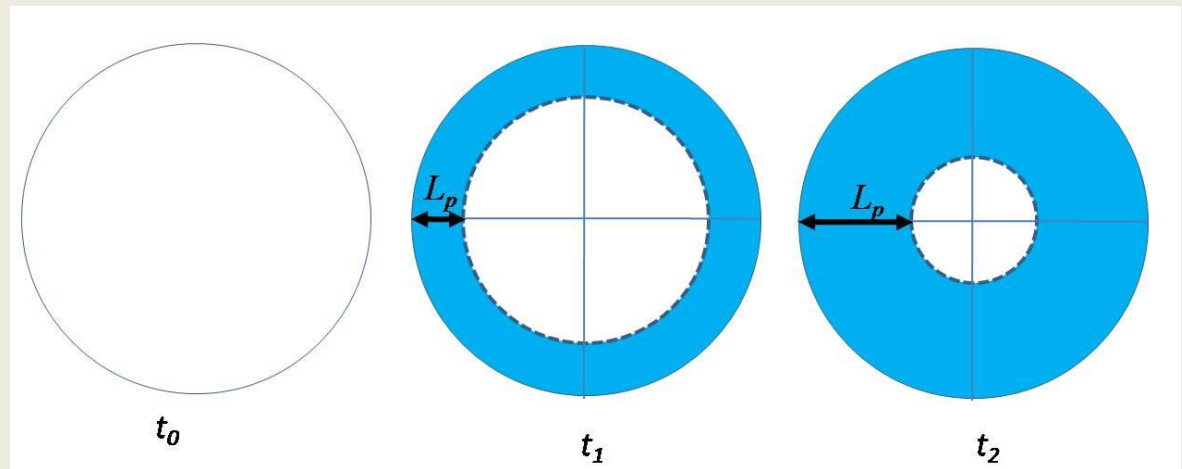
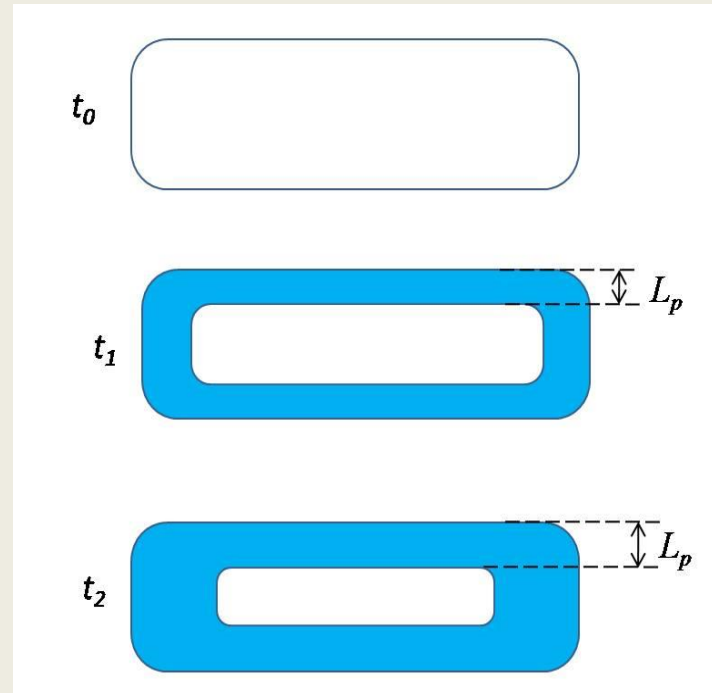




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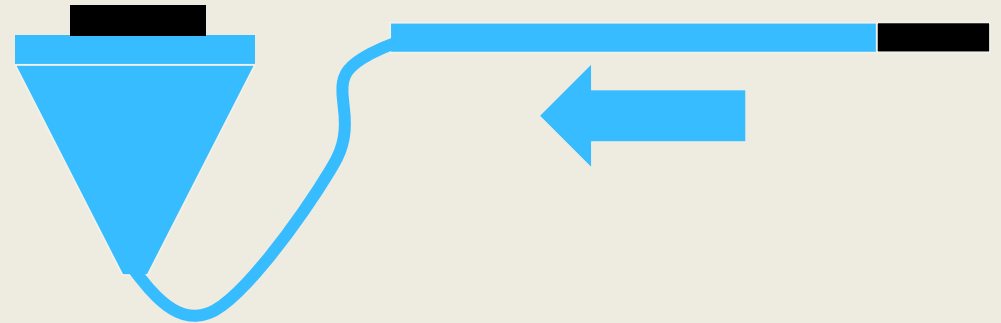
$$\frac{dL_p}{dt} = kt$$

$L_p$  wetting distance

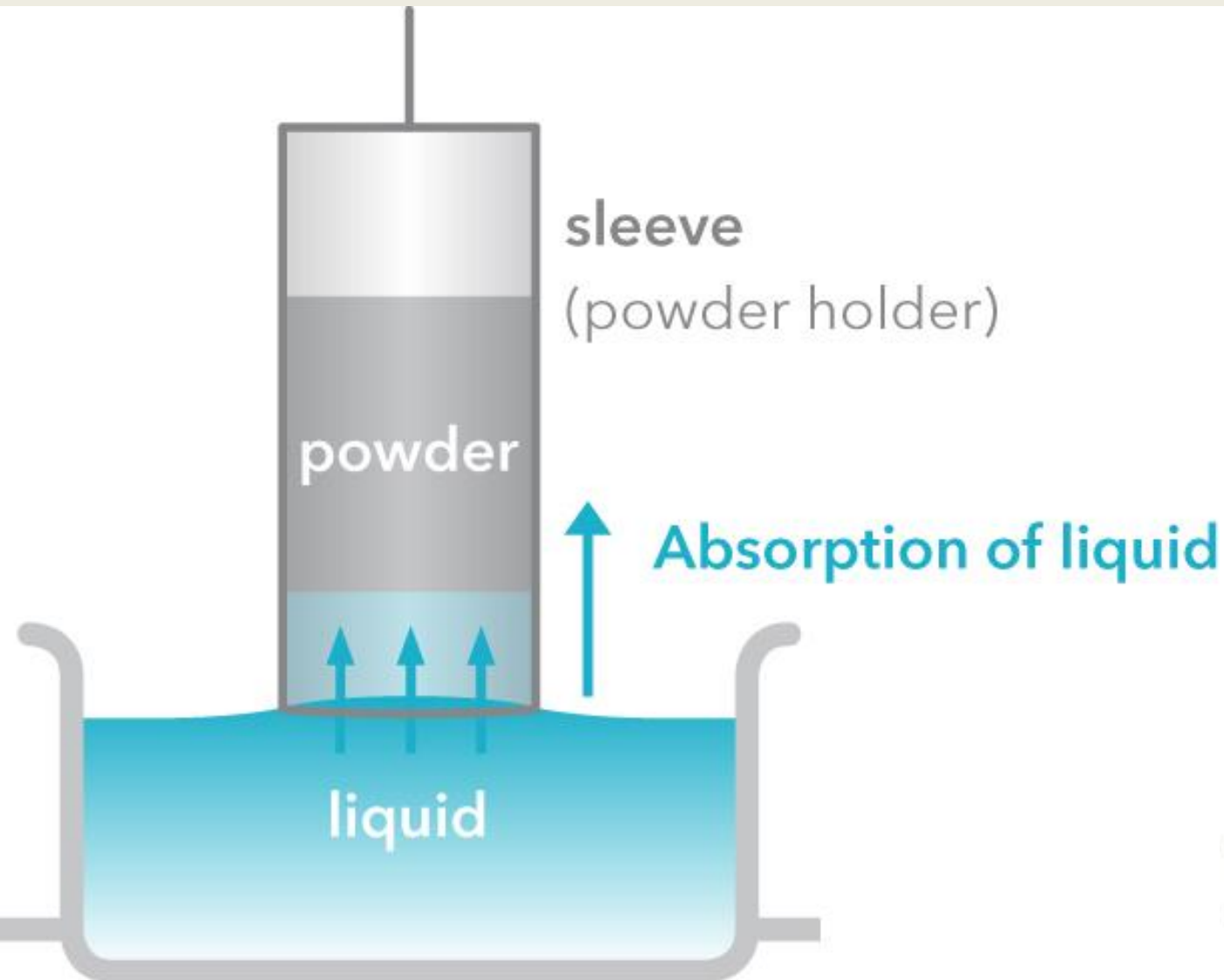


# Wettability

Enslin apparatus



# Wettability



# Disintegration

# Disintegration

- Disintegrating preparations



0. min



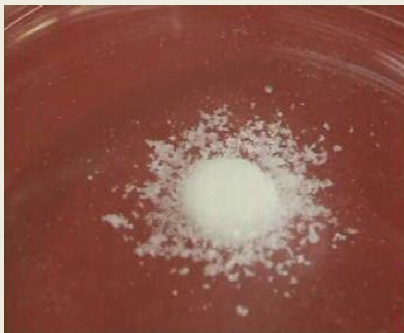
3. min



6. min



9. min



12. min



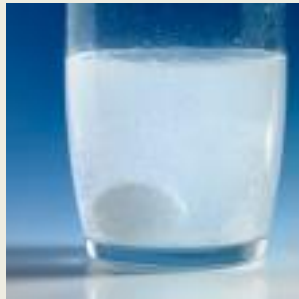
15. min

# Disintegration

- Disintegrating preparations



0. min



1. min



2. min



3. min



4. min



5. min

# Disintegration

- Disintegrating preparations



0. min



1. min



2. min



3. min



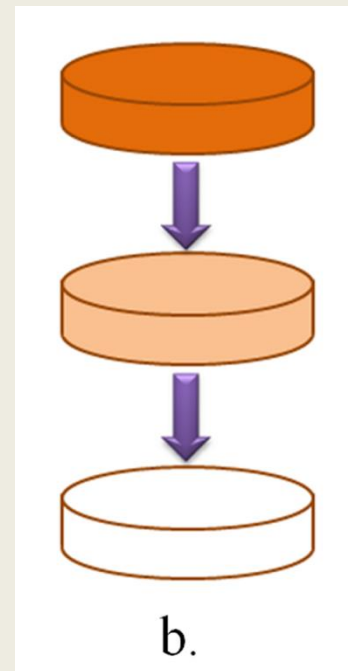
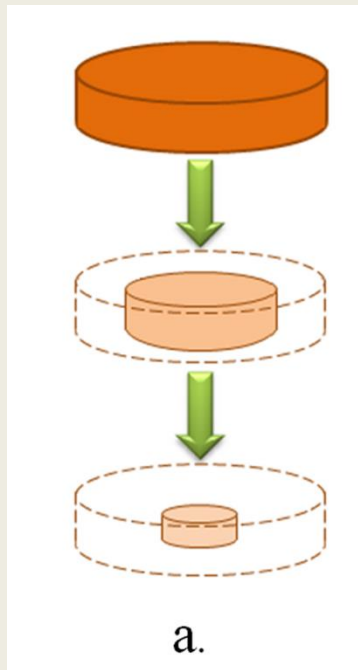
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5. min

# Disintegration

- Non-disintegrating preparations





Swelling

# Swelling

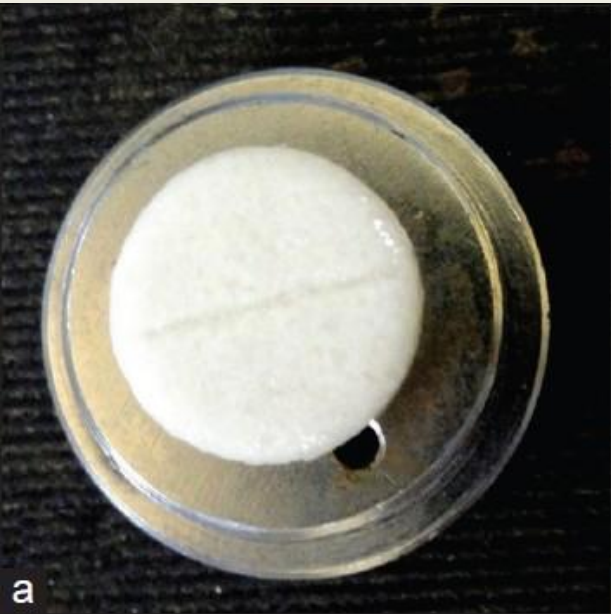
Swelling ( $\xi$ )

$$\xi = \frac{V_t}{V_0}$$

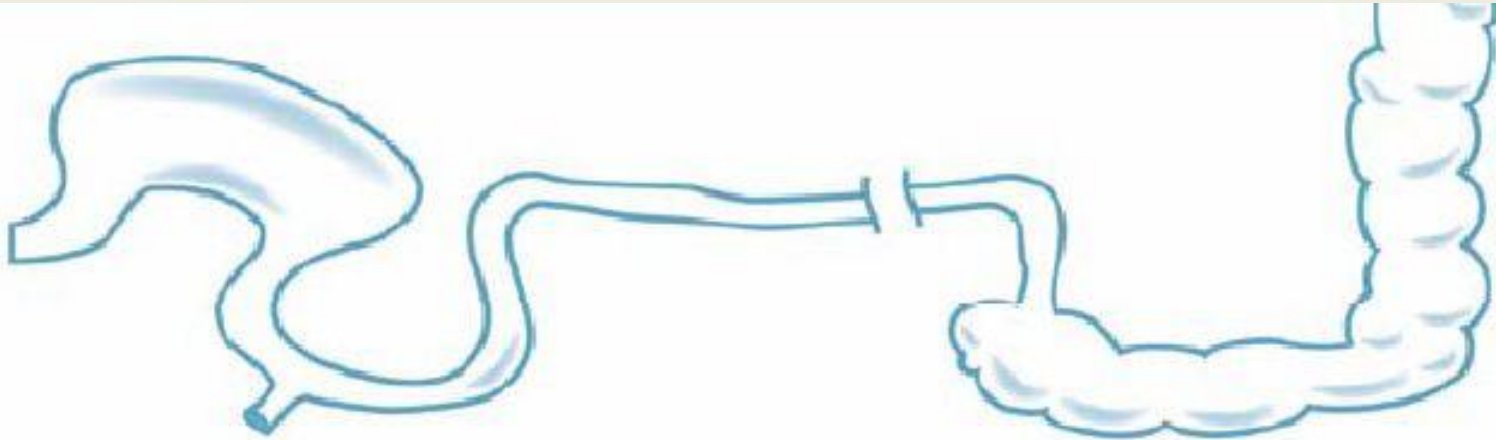
$V_t$  volume measured in 't' time

$V_0$  initial volume

# Hydrophil matrix tablets







**Stomach**

**Jejunum**

**Ileum**

**Colon**

***pH***

**1.4-2.1**

**4.4-6.6**

**6.8-8.6**

**5-8**

**fasting**

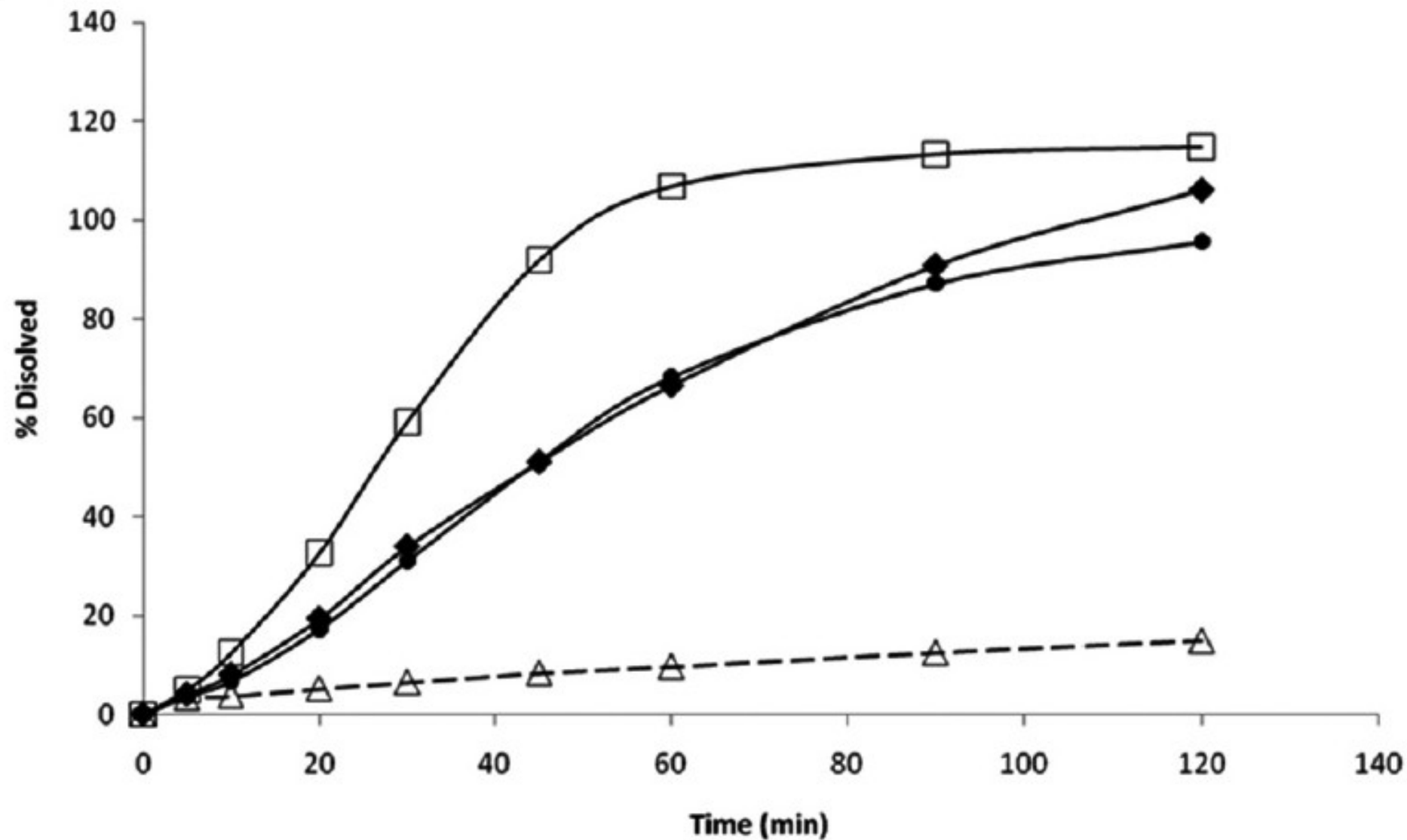
**3-7**

**5.2-6.2**

**6.8-8.0**

**5-8**

**fed**



**Fig. 2: Dissolution profiles of ibuprofen (IBP) suspension at 25 rpm. IBP release patterns at pH 7.2 (-□-), pH 6.8 (-◆-), pH 4.5 (-●-) and pH 1.2 (-△-)**

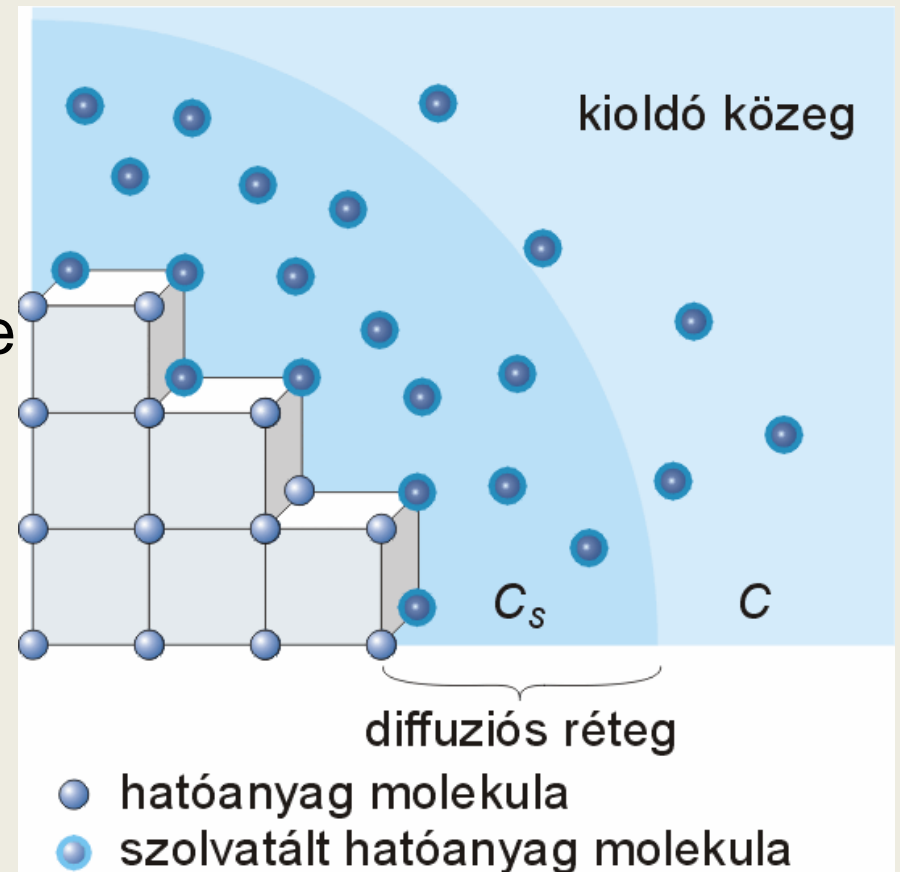
# Dissolution

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## *Crystal dissolution*

Dissolution occurs according to the concentration gradient from the outer part of the crystal to the deeper layers ( $\Delta C = C_s - C$ ).

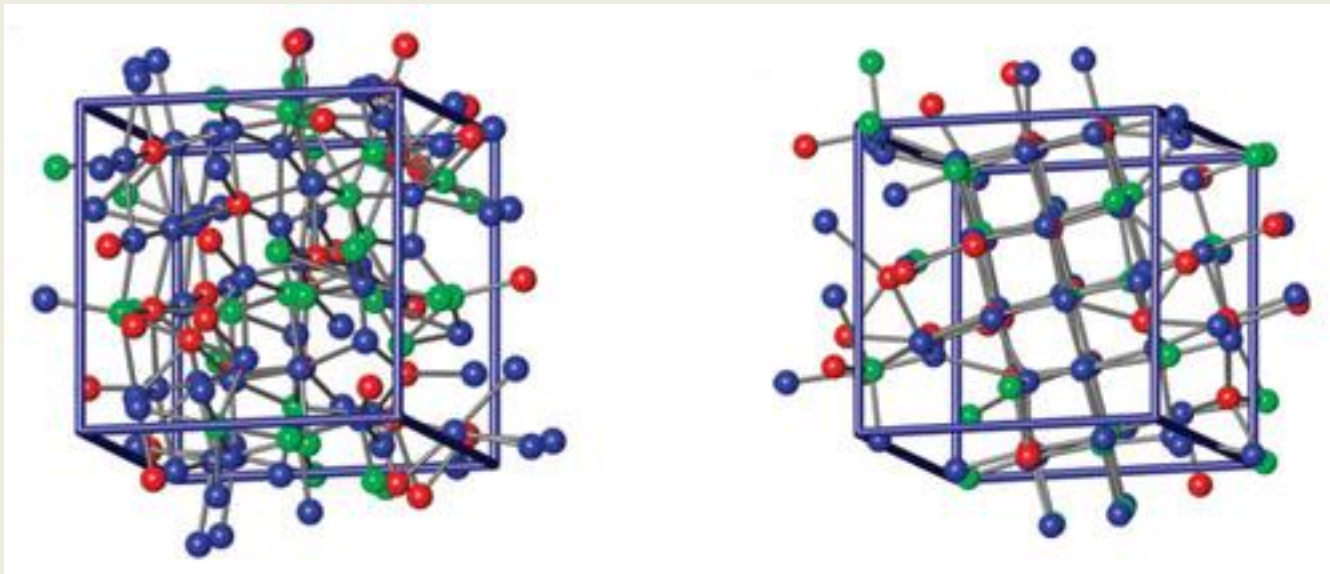
Finally dynamic balance develops.





# Dissolution

*Amorf szubsztancia oldódás*



# Dissolution

## *Solubility*

- **Two types:**
  - Real or. intrinsic solubility measured in ion-exchanged water, thus its value is independent from the pH and the ionic strength
  - In different solutions with different pH (buffers) the apparent solubility is determined, which depends on the pH and the ionic strength.

# Dissolution

## *Solubility*

- Solubility is determined by:
  - the API's
    - chemical character, functional groups
    - crystal structure
  - the medium's
    - pH,
    - ionic strength,
    - temperature,
    - buffer capacity

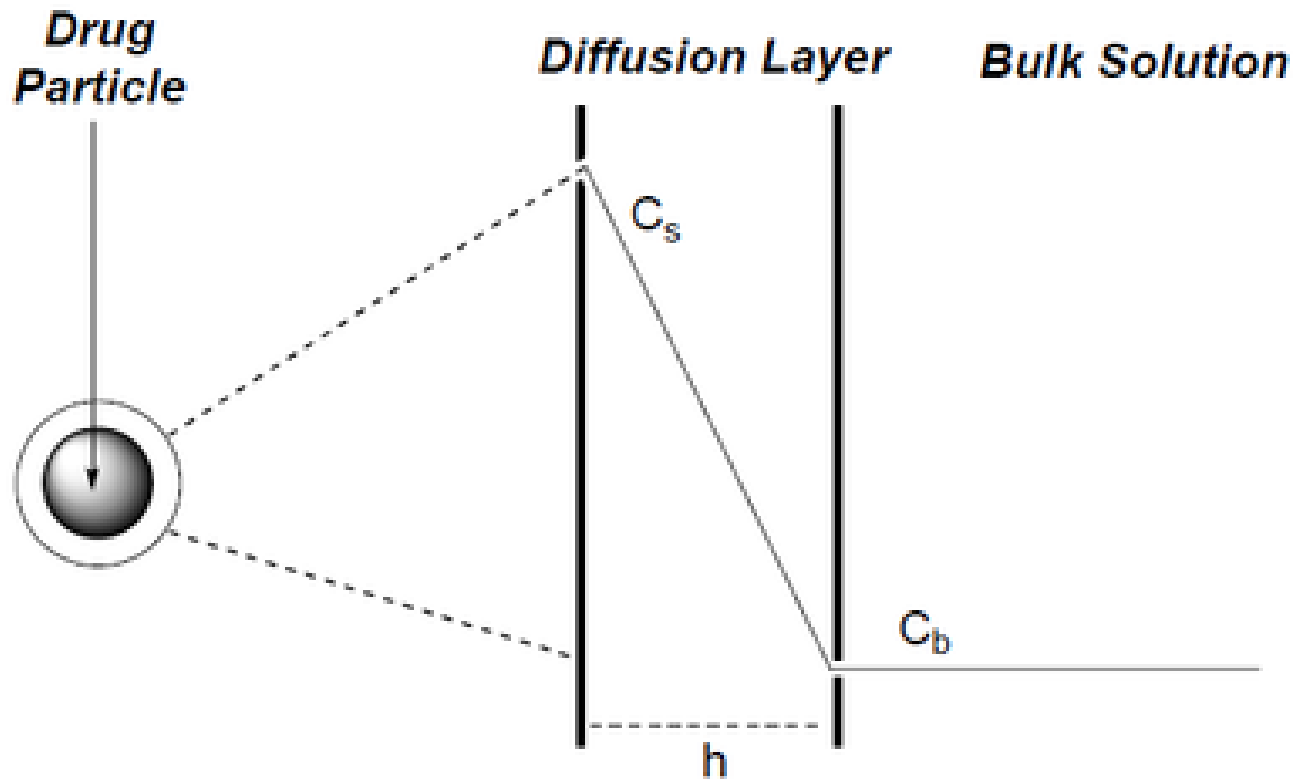
# Intrinsic Dissolution Rate (IDR)

- It is the rate of dissolution of a clean substance from a specific surface in ion exchanged water.



# Dissolution

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*Scheme 1. Dissolution of drug particles according to diffusion layer model.*

# Dissolution

## *Brunner and Tolloczko equation*

$$k = k_1 A$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = k_1 A (C_s - C)$$

$k_1$  dissolution rate constant  
 $A$  area

# Dissolution

## *Nernst and Brunner equation*

$$K = \frac{DA}{V\delta}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = k_2 K (c_s - c)$$

- $K$  dissolution rate constant  
 $A$  area  
 $D$  diffusion constant,  
 $\delta$  diffusion layer thickness,  
 $V$  volume of the dissolution medium  
 $k_2$  real dissolution rate constant for the API

**Thank you for your attention!**