

Crystal Solubility: Importance, Measurement and More

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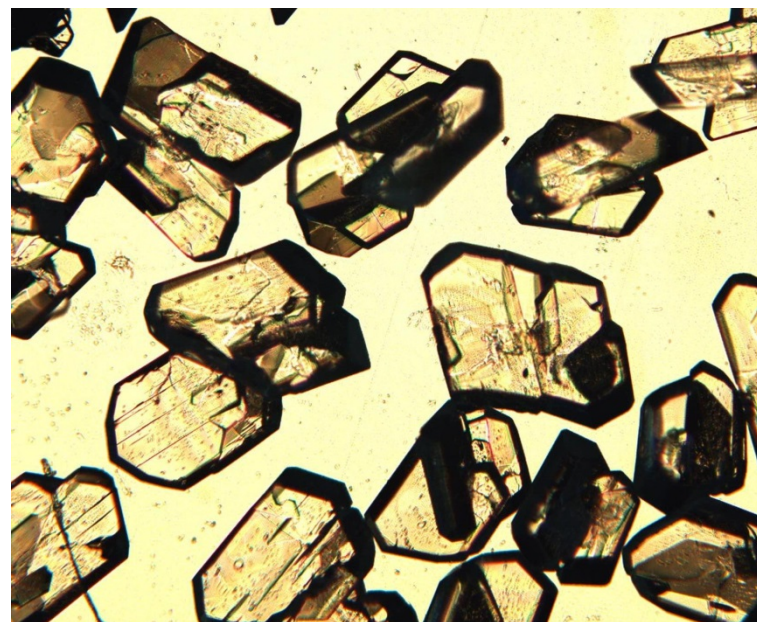
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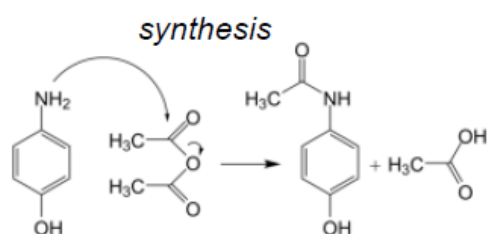
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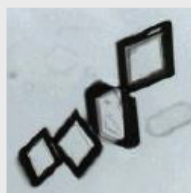


Industry Demand Led Research

Accelerate the adoption of continuous processing in pharmaceutical manufacturing



crystallisation



isolation/drying



secondary manufacture



- Improve particulate based product supply via continuous processes
- Develop understanding of complex interactions between process, materials and quality
- Implement flexible continuous process technologies that deliver benefits:

Robustness

Consistency

Manufacturability

Performance



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**Crystal
Nucleation**

Crystallization

**Chiral
resolution**

Phenomena

- New level of understanding for prediction and control

**Pharmaceutical & Protein
Crystallisation**

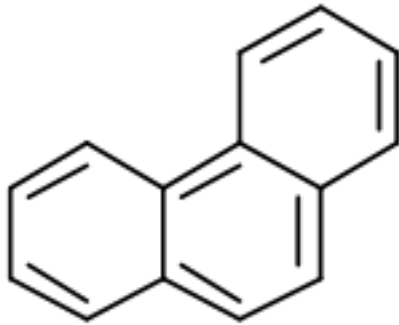
Process

- Flexible and sustainable production facilities



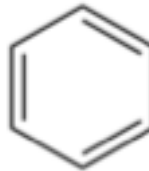
Crystal Solubility

Binary Systems



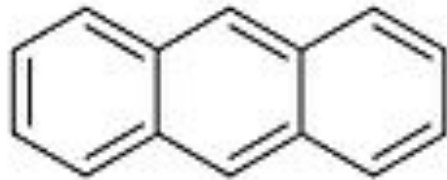
Phenanthrene

in



Benzene

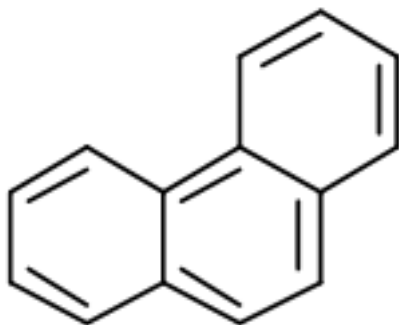
Intermolecular interactions
between solute and benzene are
essentially **identical**



Anthracene

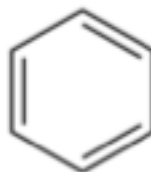
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$$x^* = 20.7 \text{ mol\%}$$

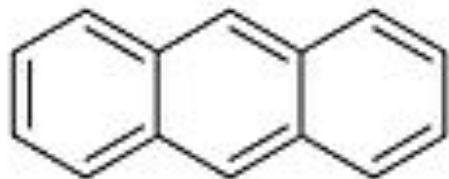
$$T_m = 100^\circ\text{C}$$

Intermolecular interactions in **Anthracene** crystal are much larger than in **Phenanthrene** crystal:

Anthracene prefers the solid phase

$$x^* = 0.81 \text{ mol\%}$$

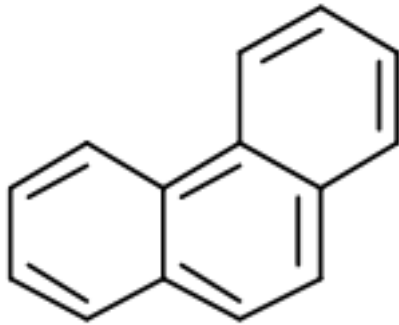
$$T_m = 217^\circ\text{C}$$



Anthracene

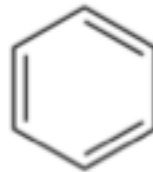
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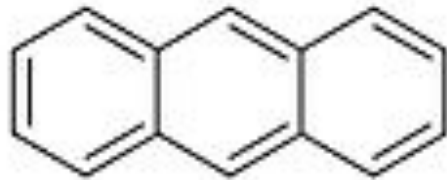
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Solubility is determined
by intermolecular
interactions in both
solution and **solid**

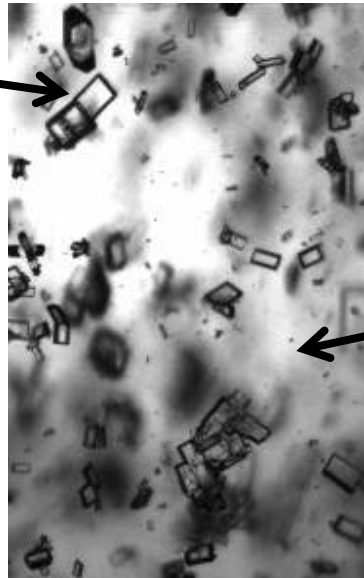


Anthracene

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100% pure
Crystalline phase



Solution with
Concentration C^*
At temperature T ,
Pressure P

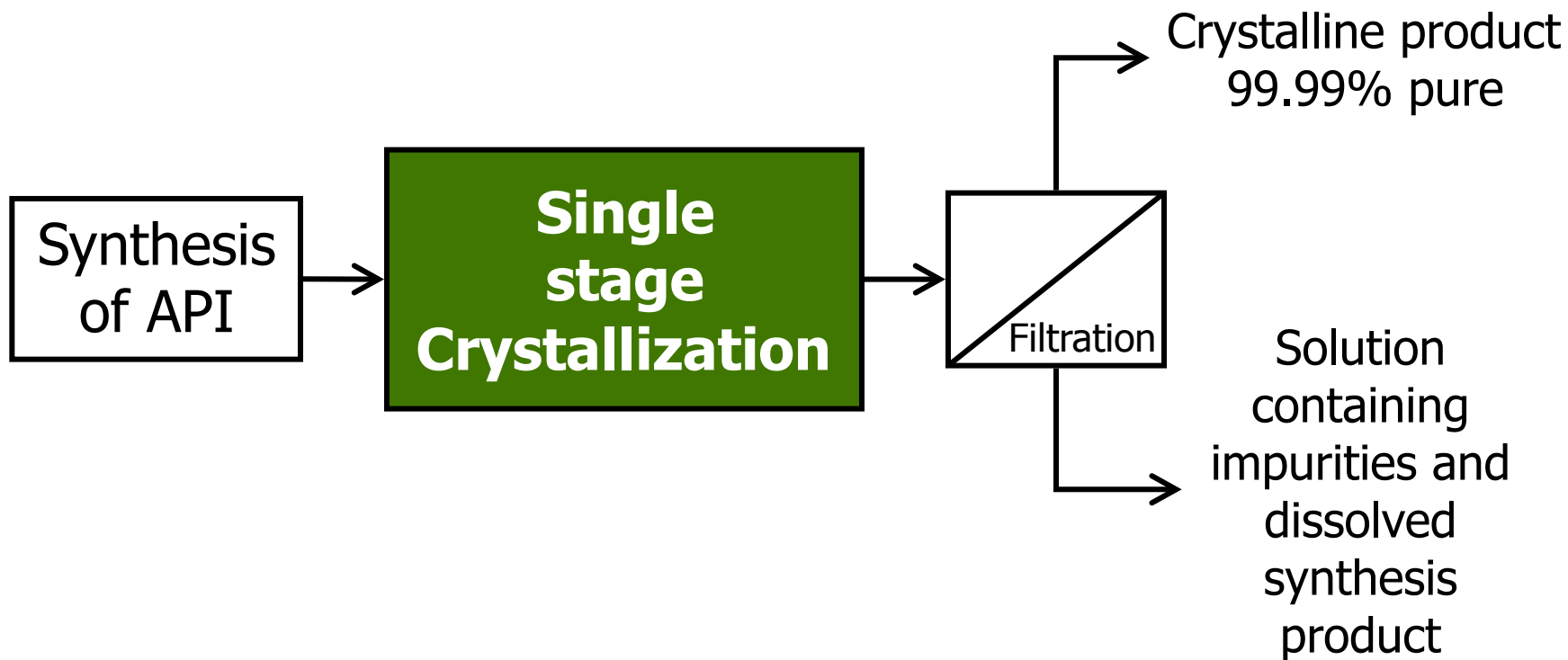
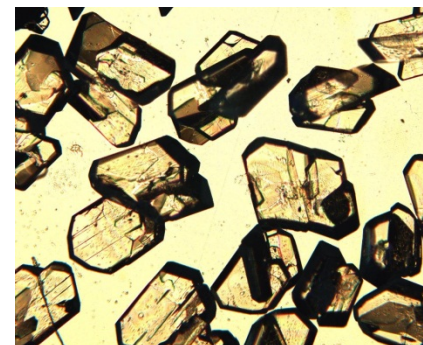
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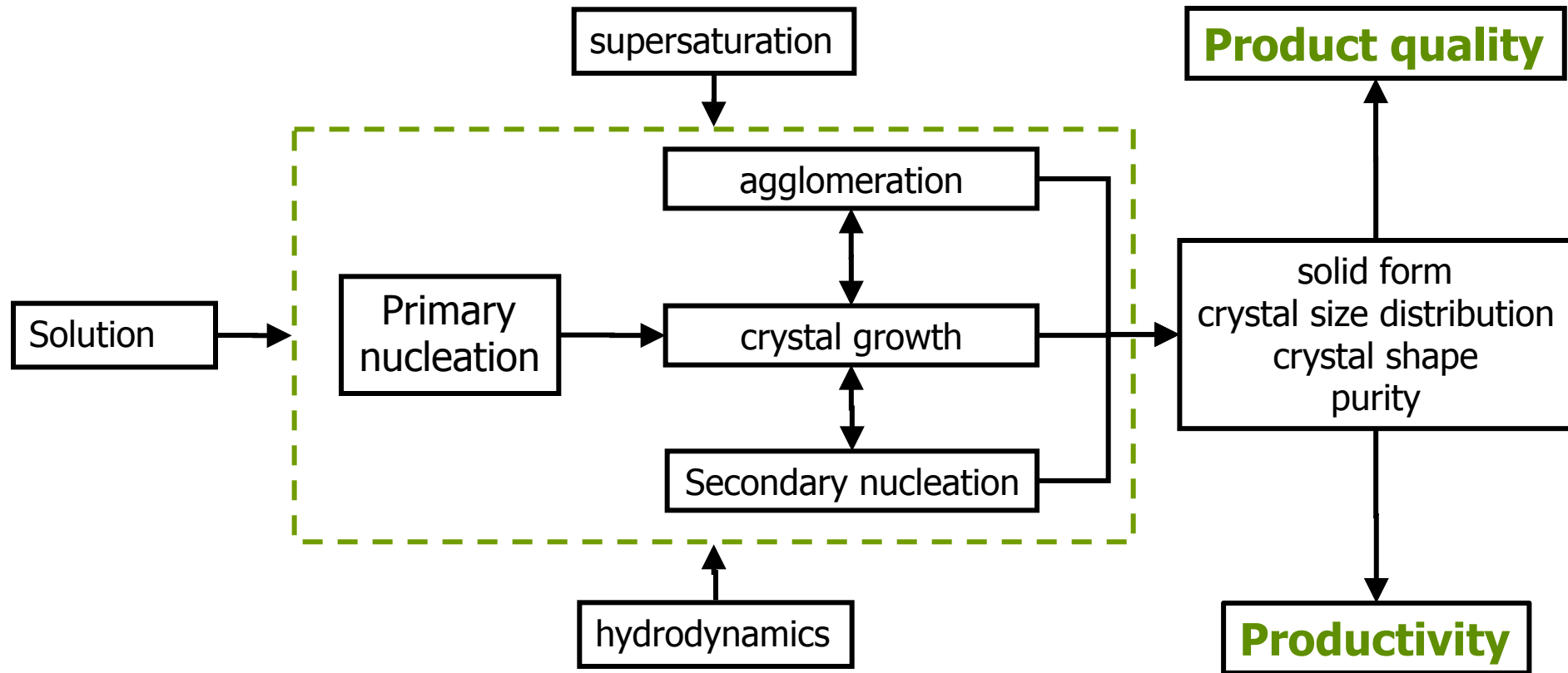
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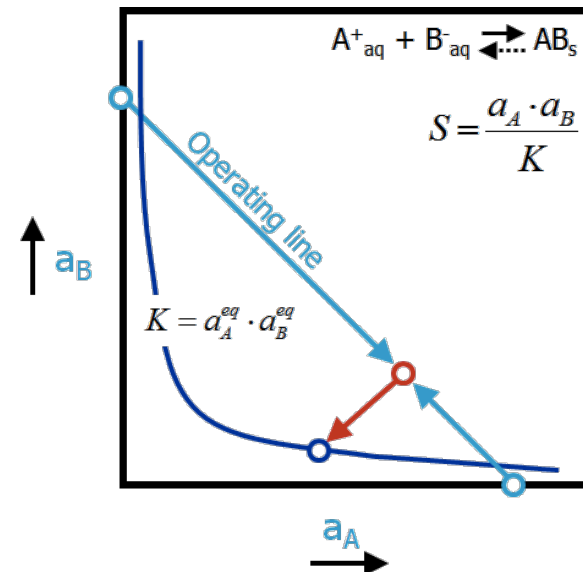
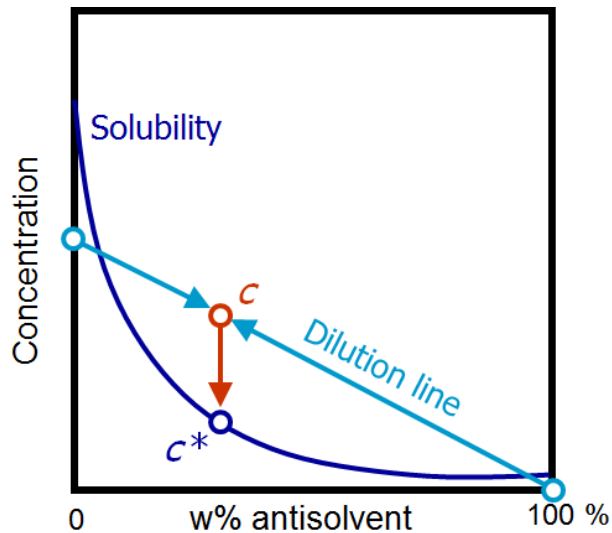
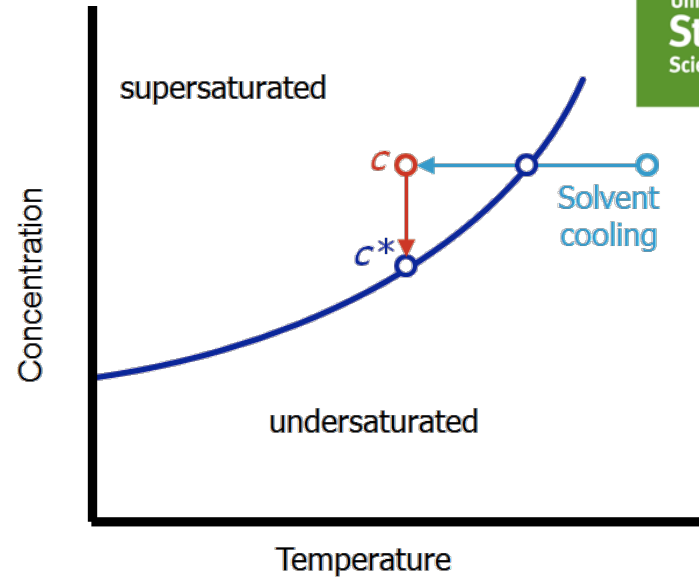
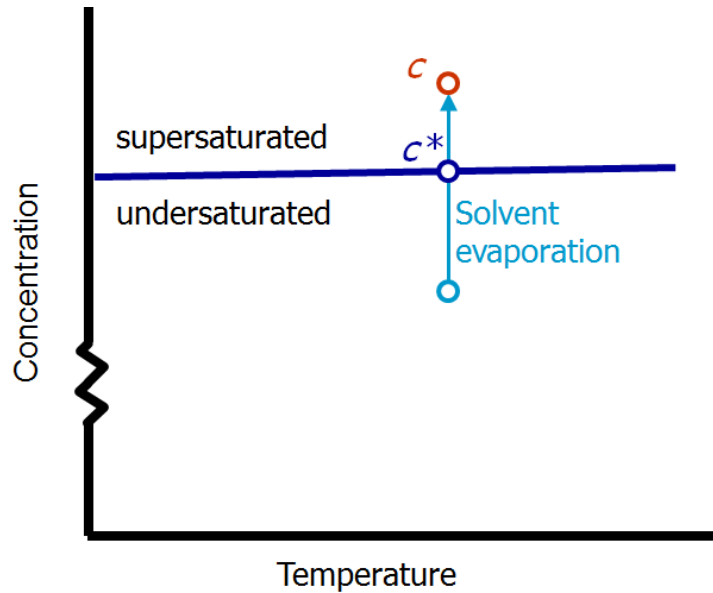
Crystallization from Solution



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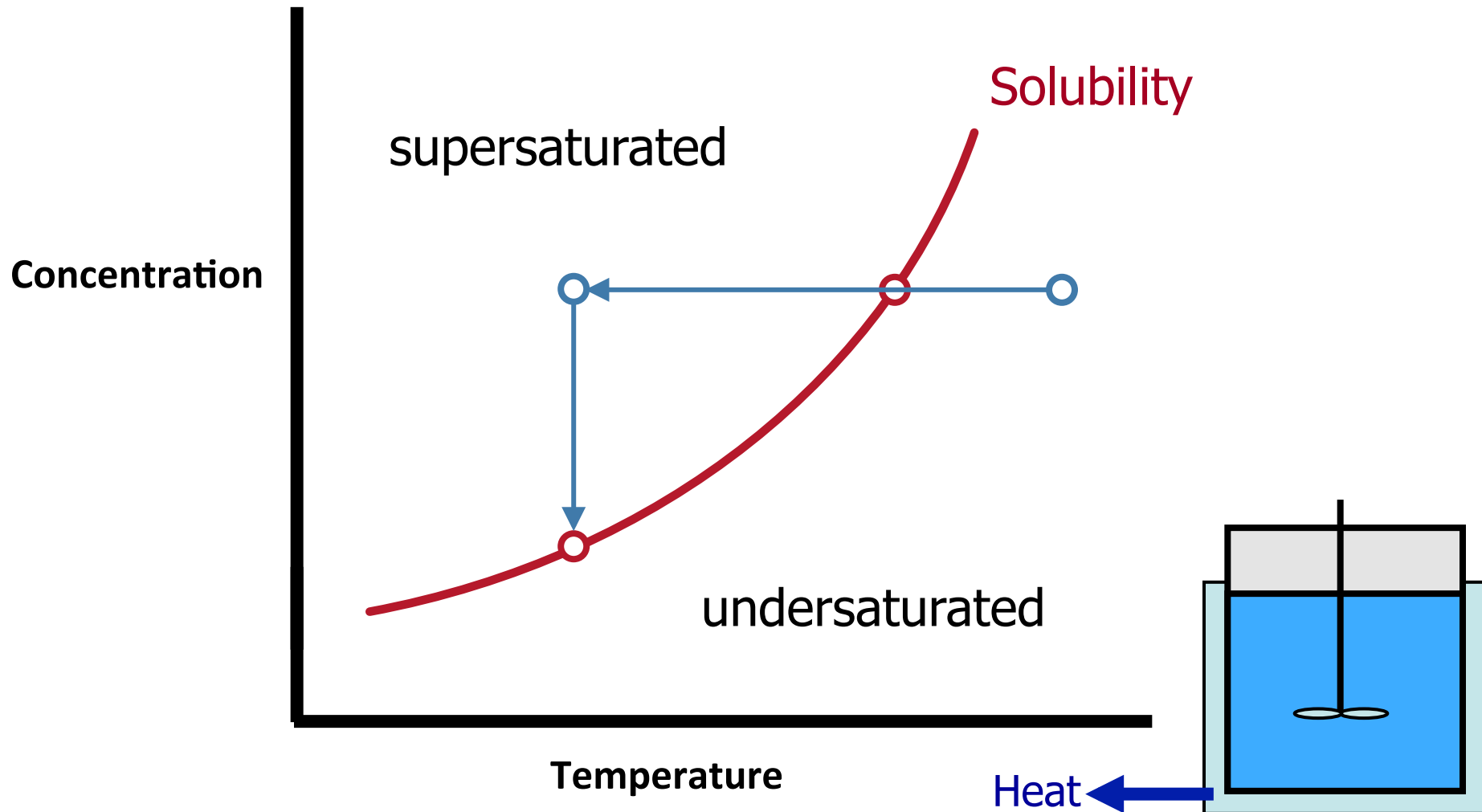


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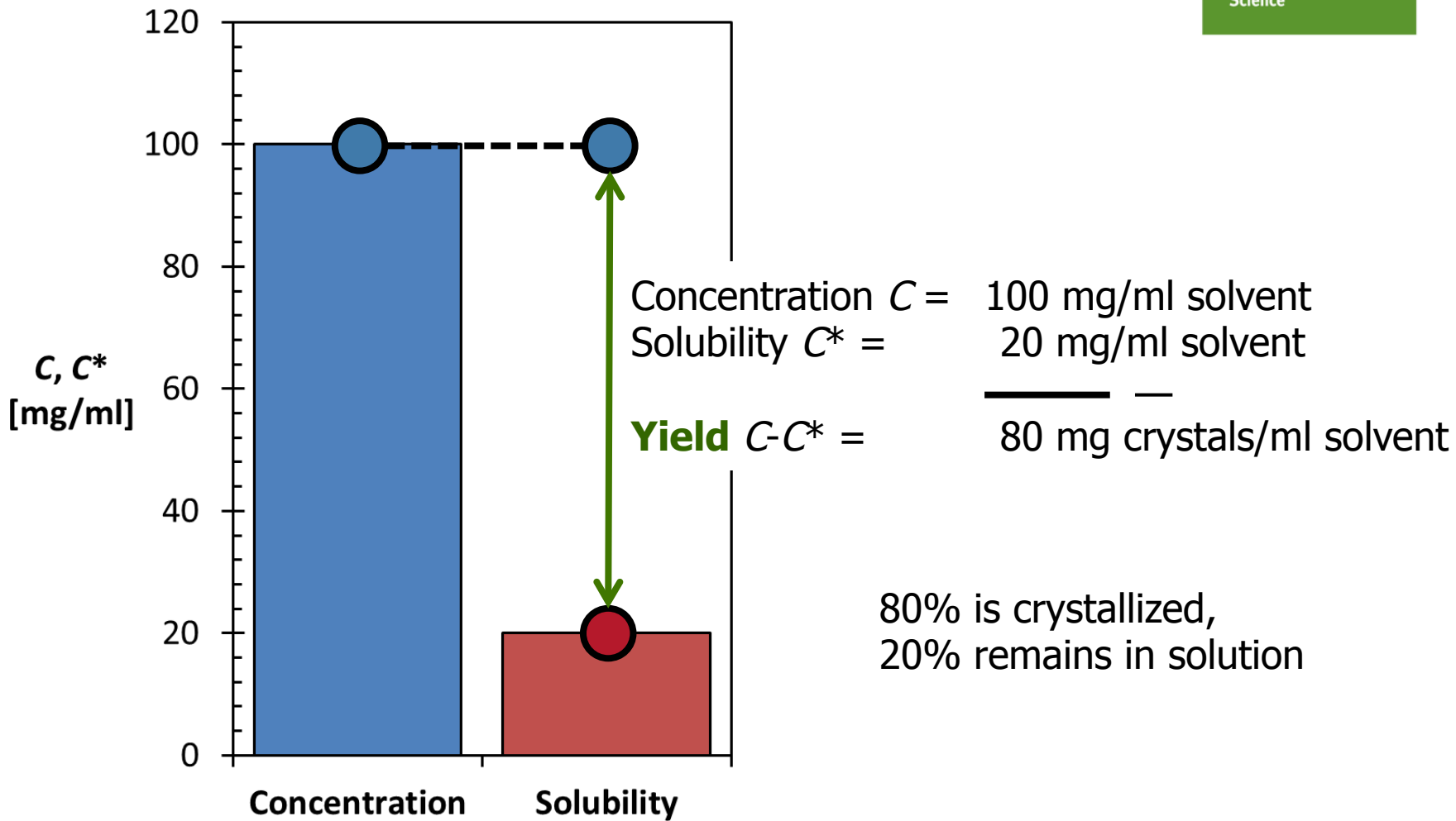
Crystallization from Solution

Binary Systems



Crystallization from Solution

Binary System at constant P,T



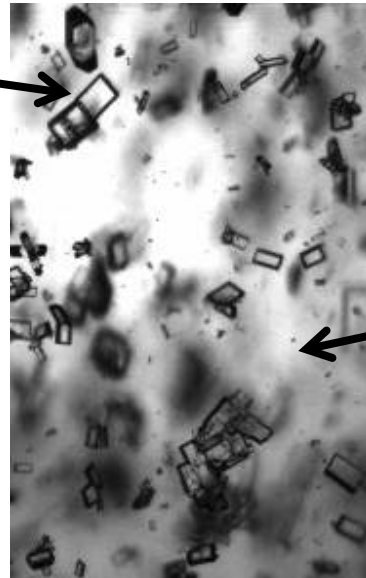
The solubility curve is the first step towards a crystallization process design

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Crystal Solubility Measurement

100% pure
Crystalline phase



Solution with
Concentration C^*
At temperature T ,
Pressure T

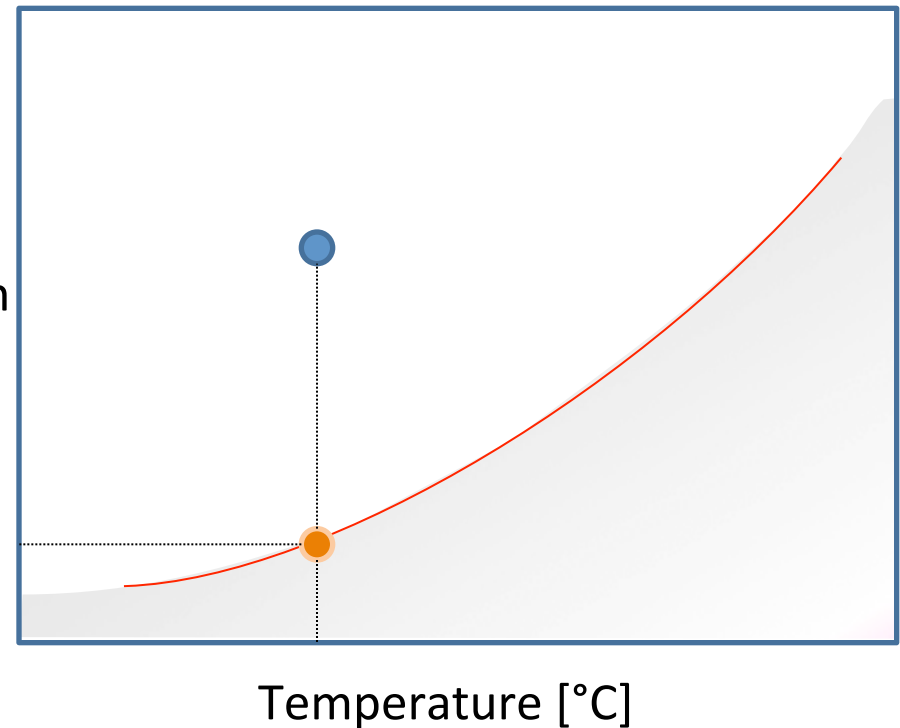
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Equilibrium Method

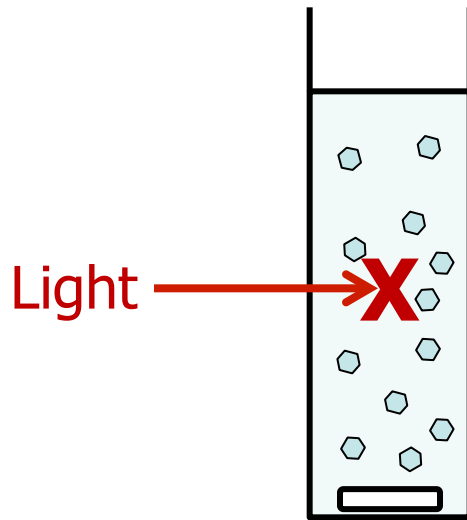
- Equilibrate suspension at constant temperature, pressure
- Sample solution & analyze concentration
 - HPLC
 - Gravimetric
 - Etc.
- **Accurate**
- **Time consuming**

Concentration
[mg/mL]

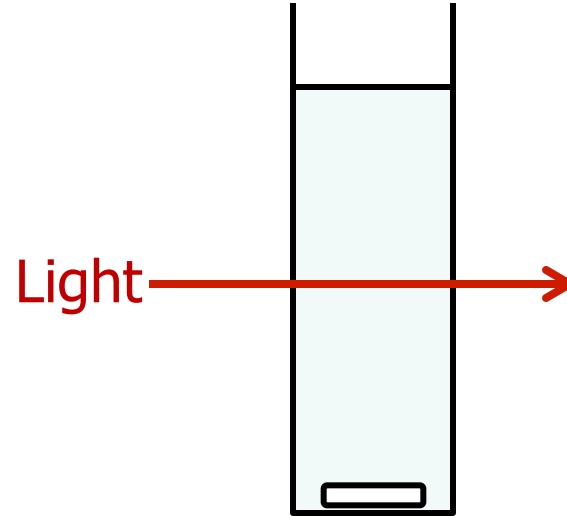


Temperature Variation Method

Clear point temperature



Suspension
(Low T)



Clear solution
(high T)

Clear point temperature:

The temperature at which a suspension becomes a clear solution during heating with a certain rate

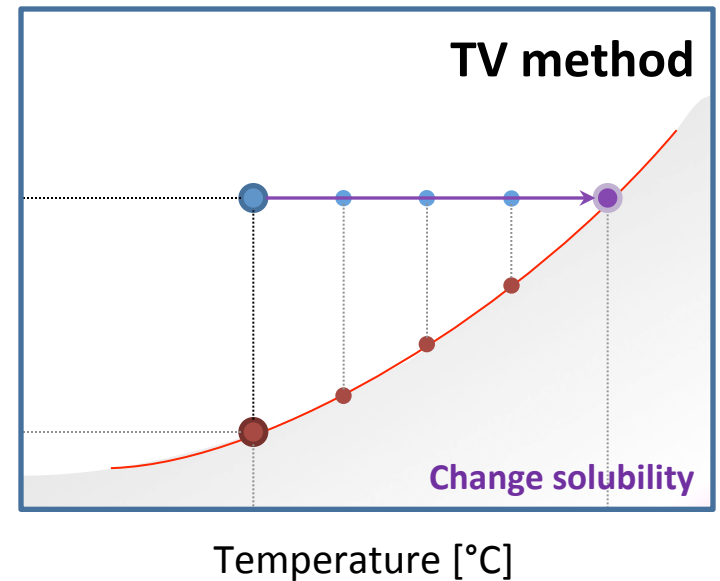
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Clear point temperature

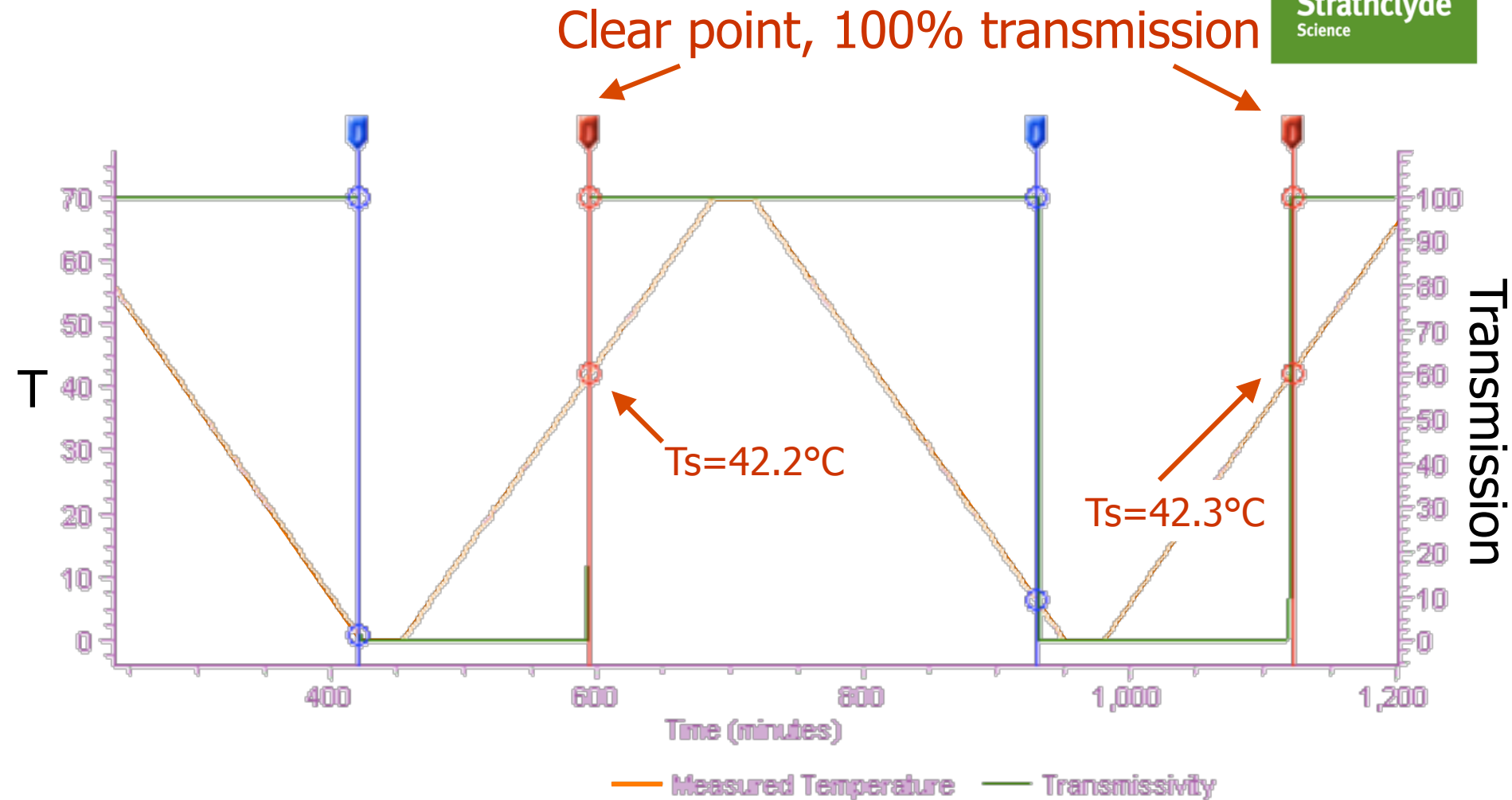
- Increase solubility until suspension turns into a clear solution
- Reproducing results fairly quick
- Also metastable zone width



Concentration
[mg/mL]



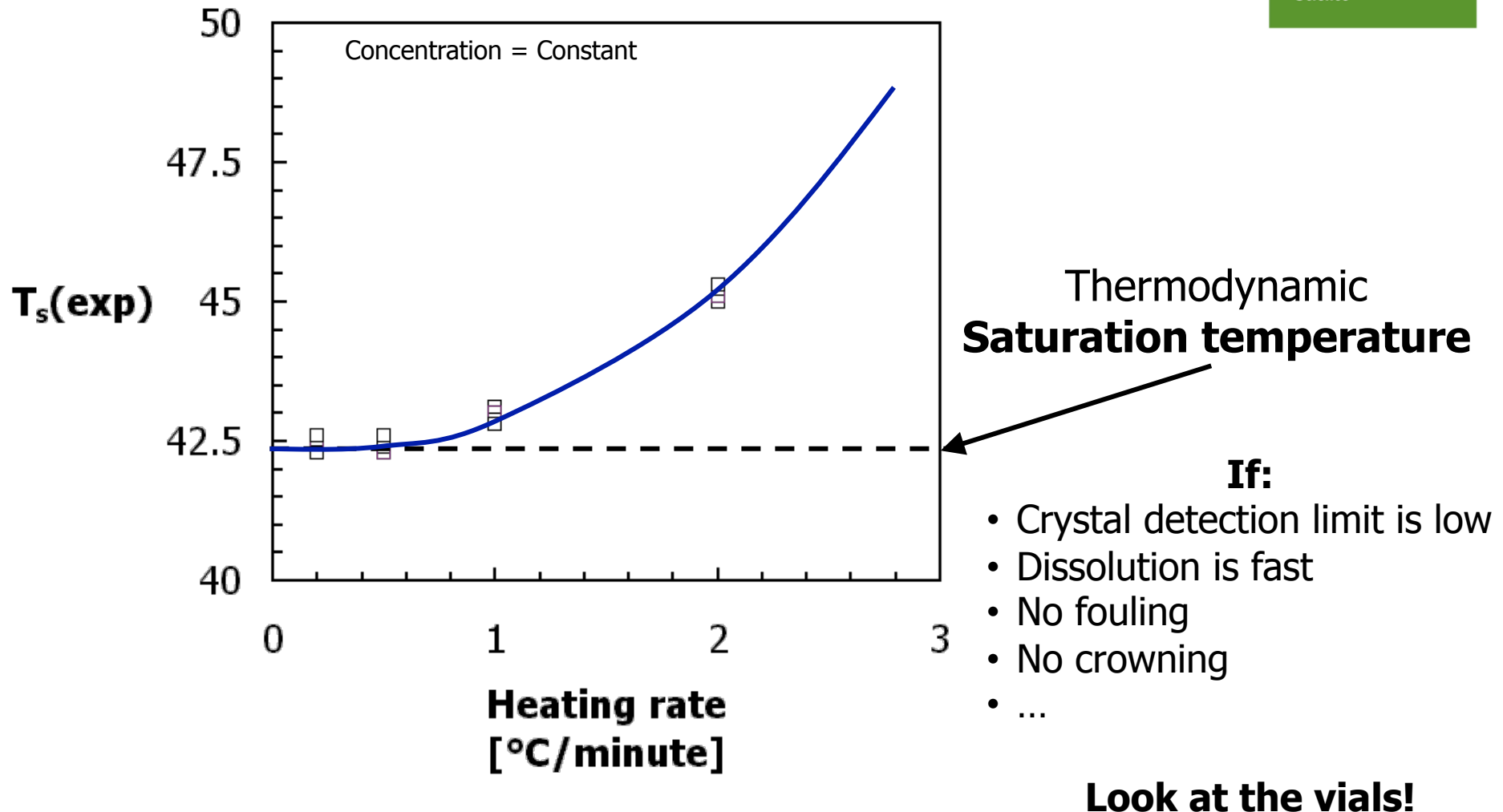
Clear & Cloud Point Measurements



Heating rate = $0.3^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$

1440 min = 1 day

Clear Point & Solubility



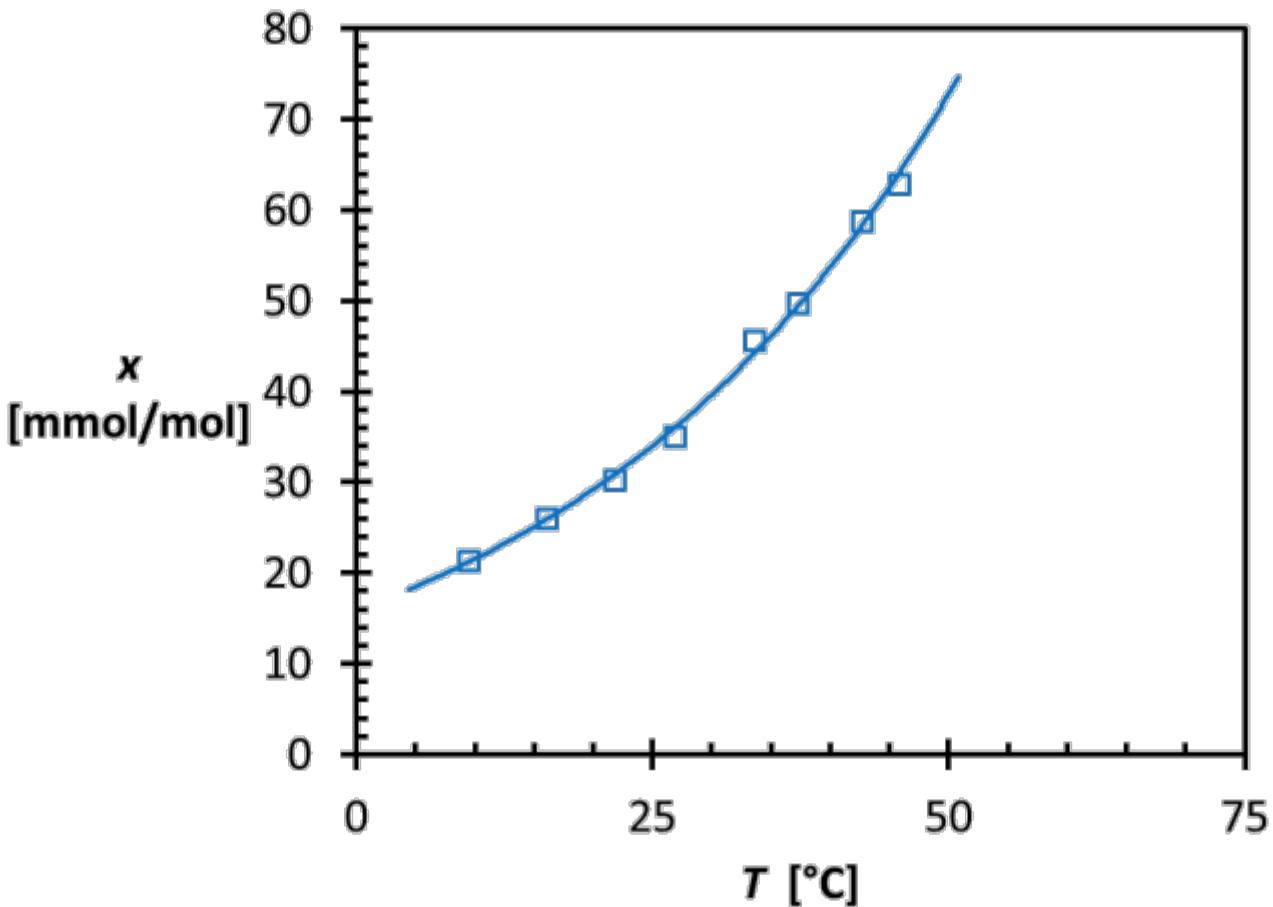
Often, a heating rate of $0.3^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ gives sufficiently accurate data

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Solubility Diagram

Of isonicotinamide (**INA**) in Ethanol



Solubility

Solubility ideal system:

Enthalpy of fusion of pure A

$$x^* = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_m}\right)\right) = \exp\left(\frac{A}{T} + B\right)$$

solubility

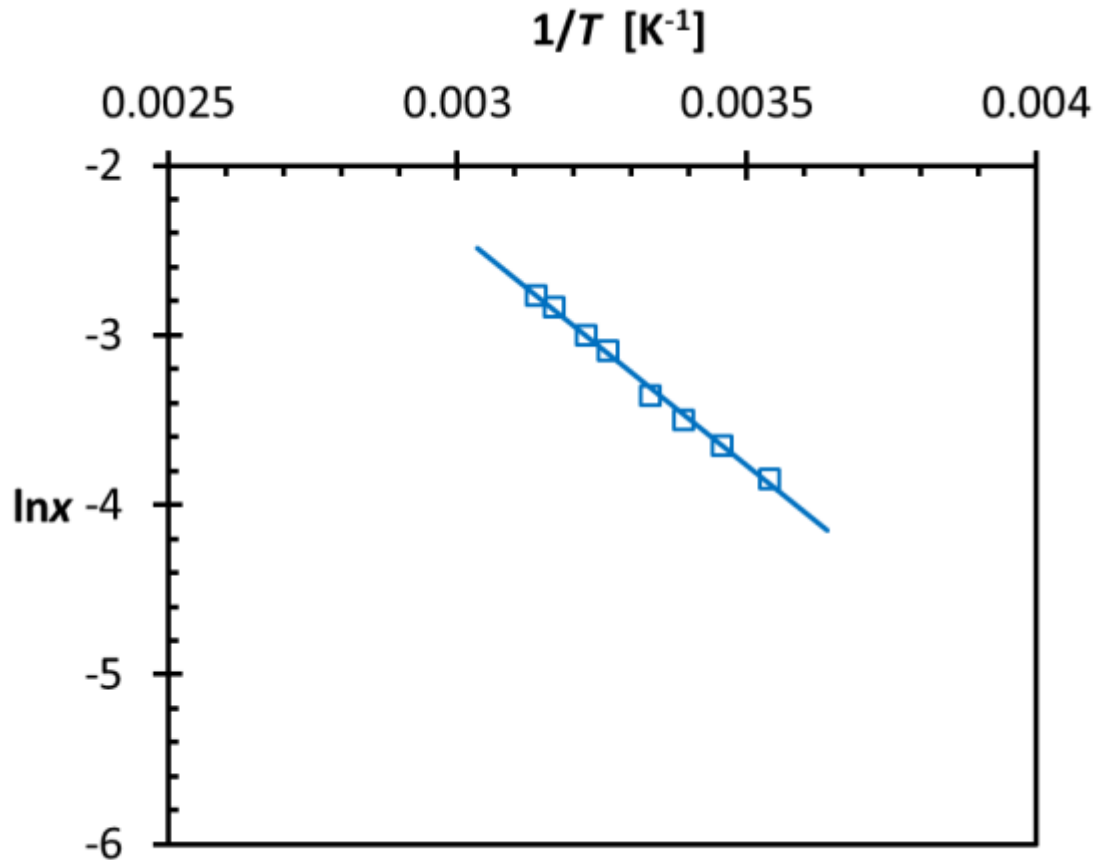
Melting temperature of pure A

Fitting the solubility data of a real system:

$$\ln x^* = \frac{A}{T} + B$$

Van 't Hoff-plot

Of isonicotinamide (**INA**) in Ethanol



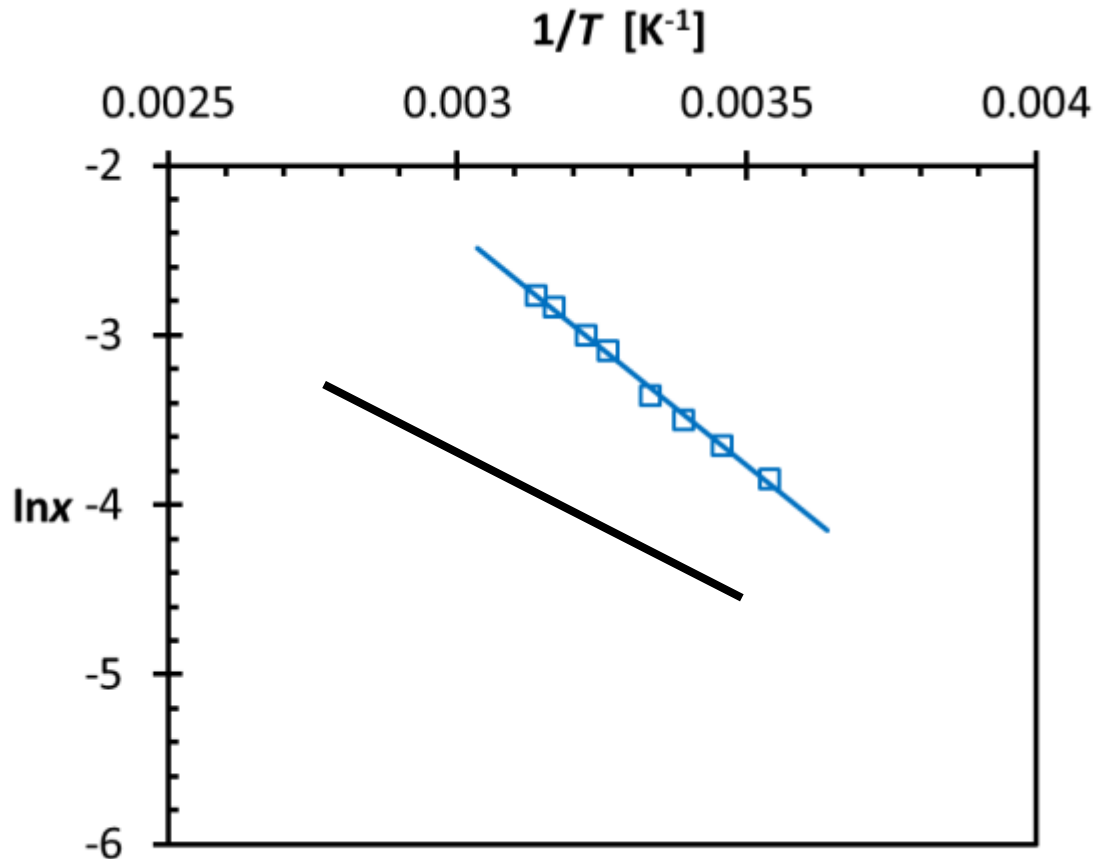
Fitting equation:

$$\ln x^* = \frac{A}{T} + B$$

Convenient and
accurate to extrapolate

Van 't Hoff-plot

Of isonicotinamide (**INA**) in Ethanol



Fitting equation:

$$\ln x^* = \frac{A}{T} + B$$

Ideal solubility:

$$\ln x^* = -\frac{\Delta H}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_m} \right)$$

Why is there a difference between ideal and real solubility?

Chemical Potential

Ideal system

$$\mu_L^{eq} = \mu_L^{eq} * + kT \ln x_{eq}$$

Real system

$$\mu_L^{eq} = \mu_L^{eq} * + kT \ln a_{eq}$$

The **activity coefficient γ** describes non-ideality

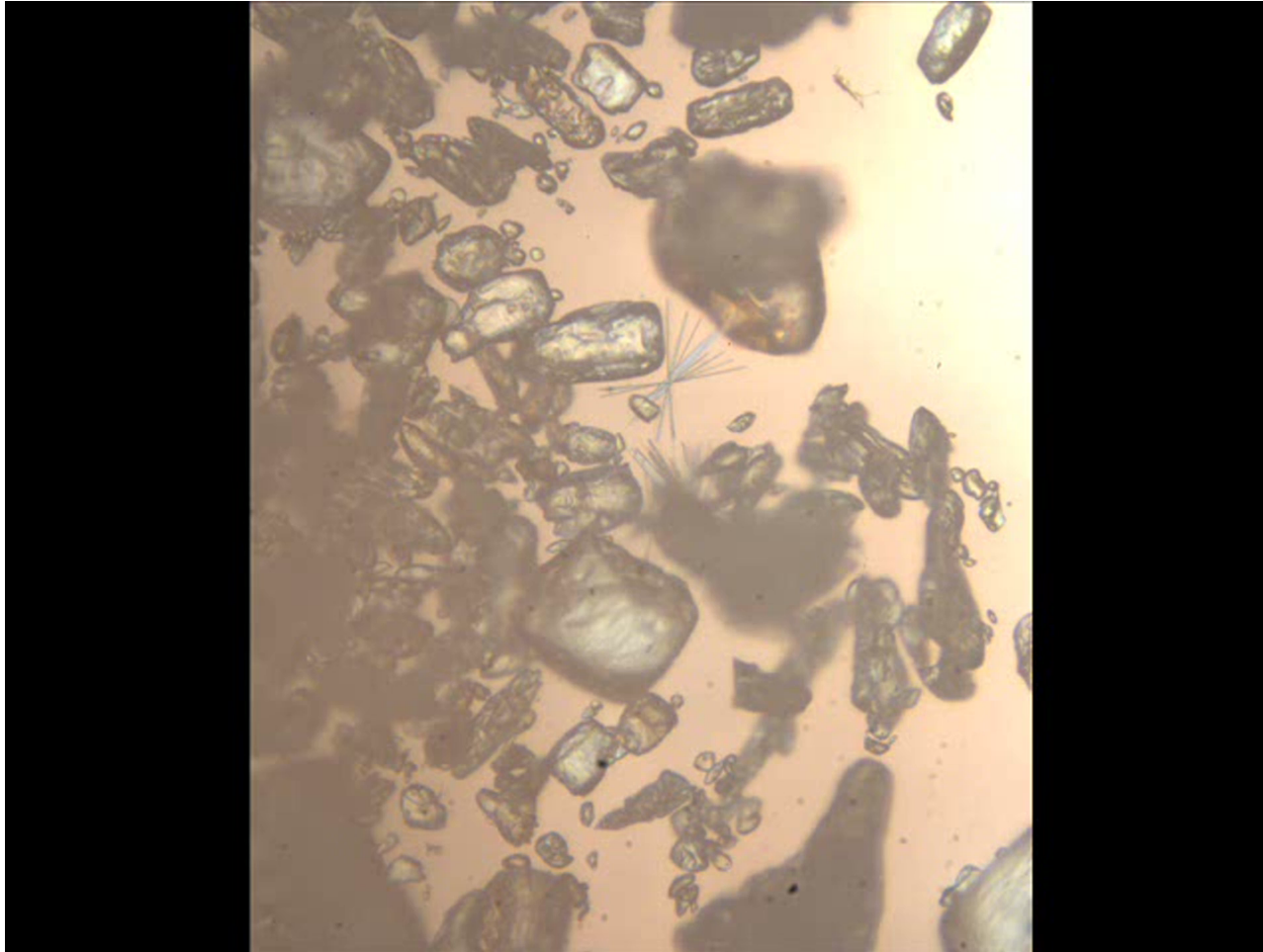
$$a = \gamma x$$

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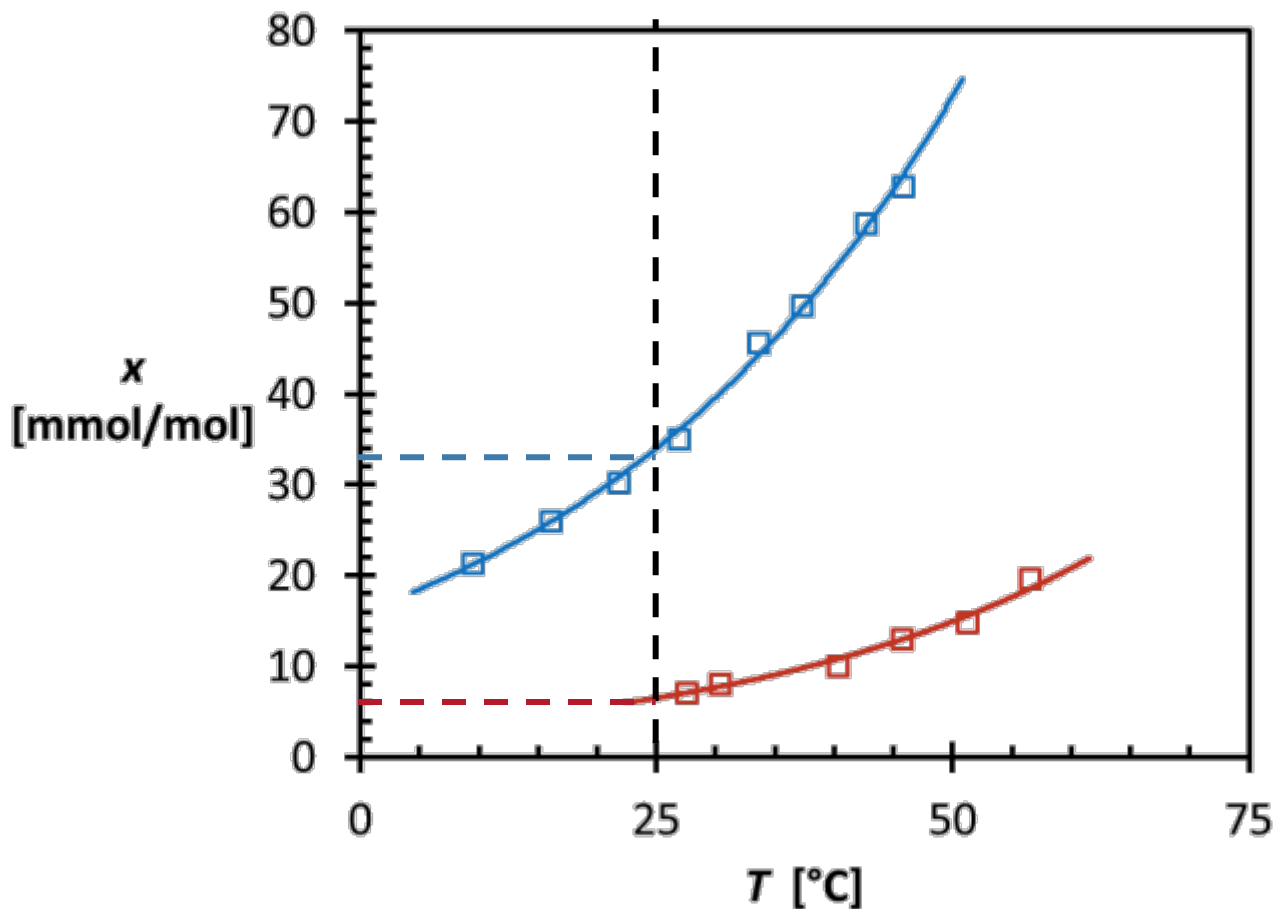
Co-crystallization

Of isonicotinamide (**INA**) and Carbamazepine (**CBZ**) in Ethanol



Pure Component Solubility

Of isonicotinamide (**INA**) and Carbamazepine (**CBZ**) in Ethanol



T = 25°C

INA

$x^* = 33.3$ mmol/mol

($c^* = 72$ mg/ml)

CBZ

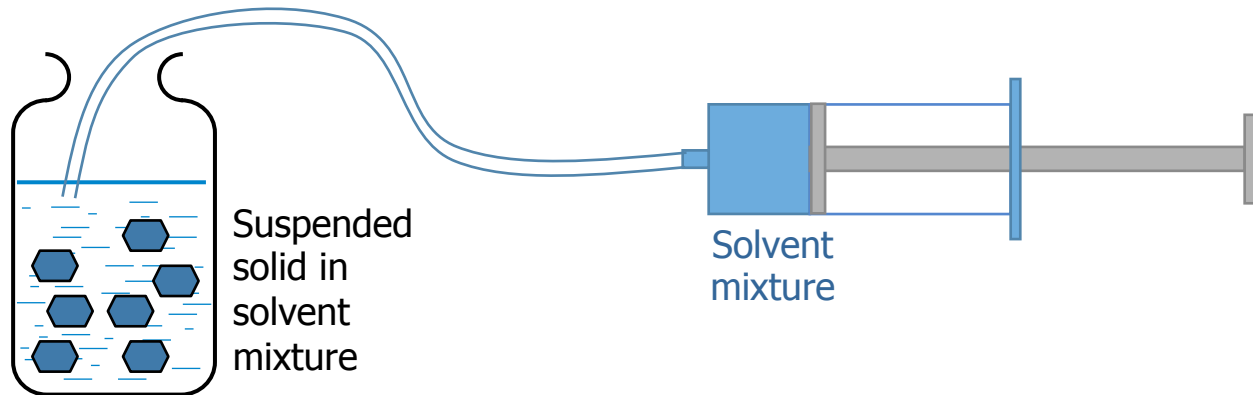
$x^* = 5.7$ mmol/mol

($c^* = 24$ mg/ml)

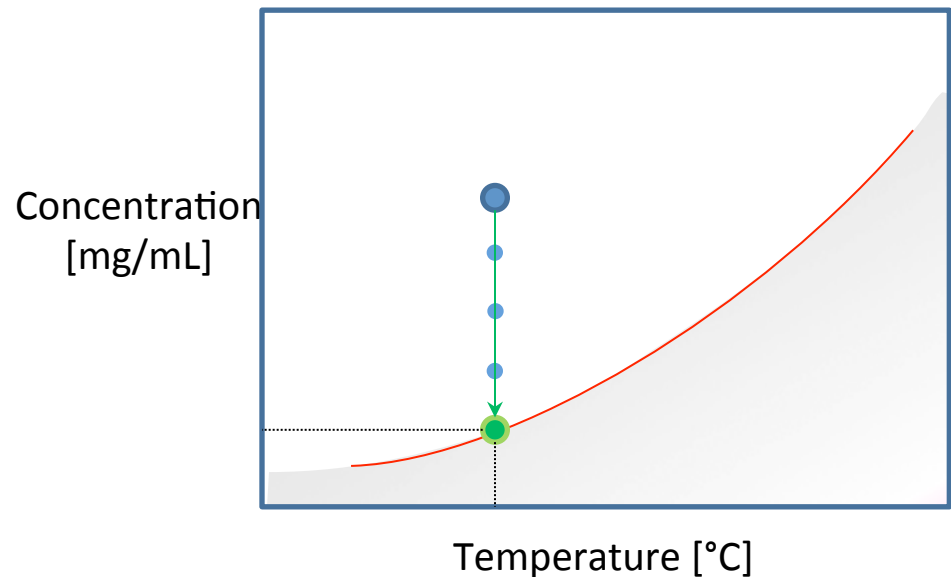
Solubility of **INA** is 6 times higher than that of **CBZ**

Solvent Addition Method

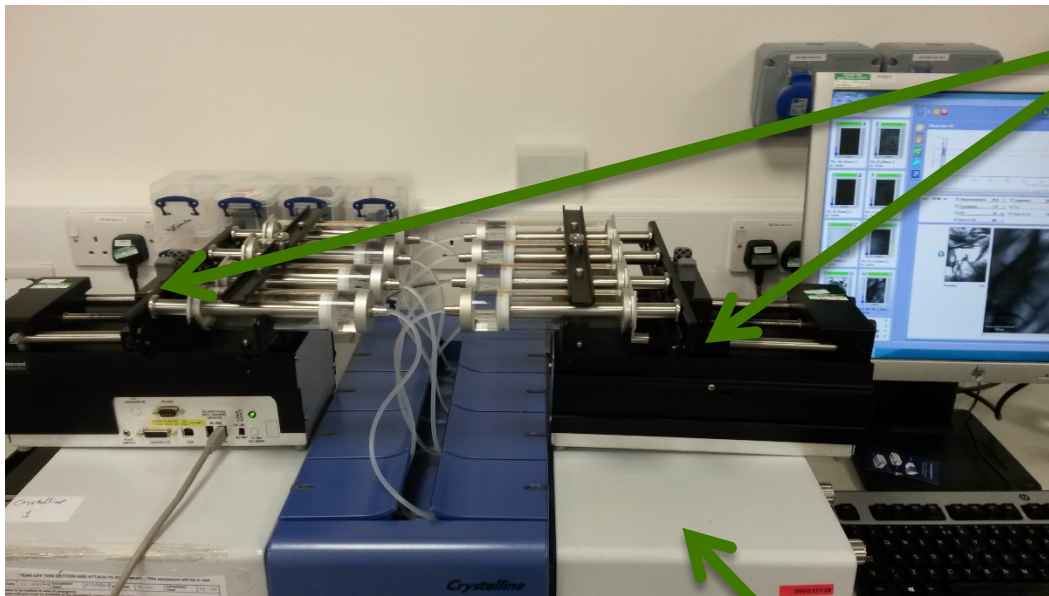
Clear point concentration



- Change the composition until clear point concentration **at constant temperature**
- Faster than Equilibrium Method
- Suitable for multicomponent systems
- No limitation # components in sample and added solution



Solvent Addition Method



2x4 Syringe Pumps:

Each syringe can hold a different solvent composition.
Two different flow rates can be tested in one go.

Crystalline:

8 Reactors with independent temperature control and PVM

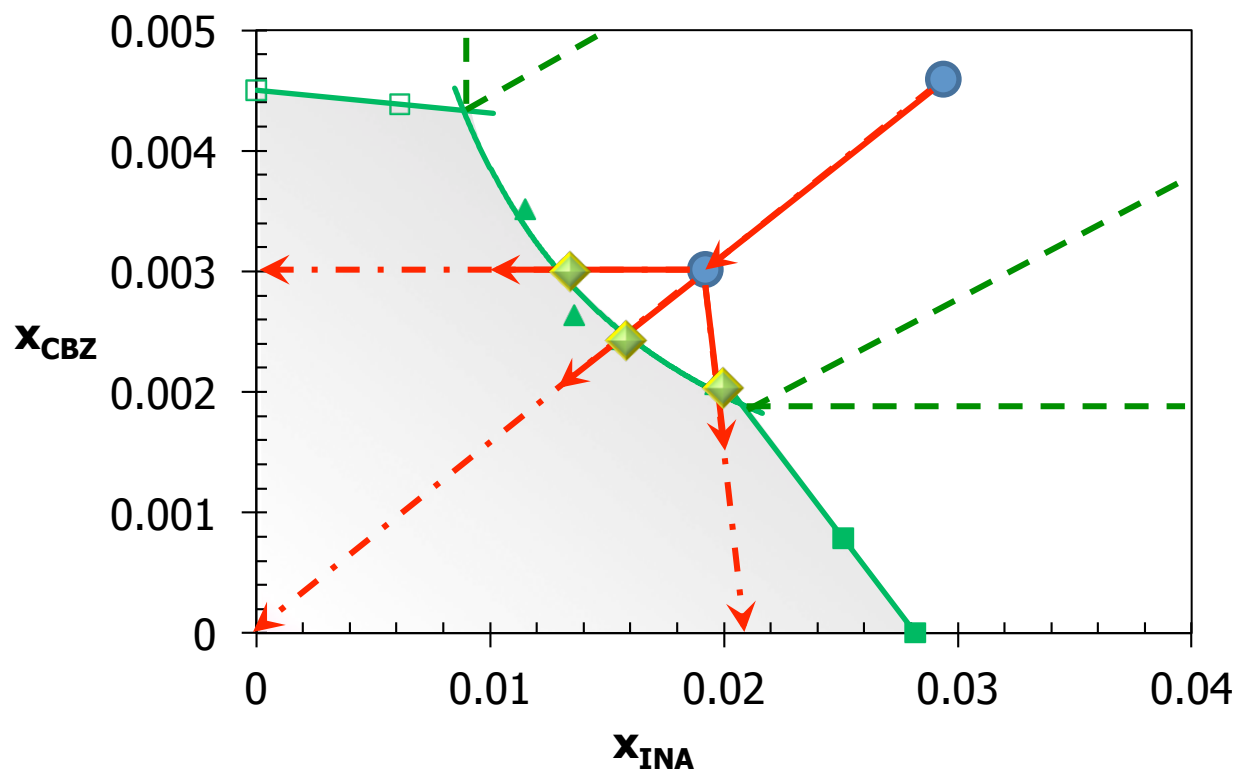
Co-crystal Phase diagram

Carbamazepine (CBZ)

Isonicotinamide (INA)

Ethanol

$T = 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

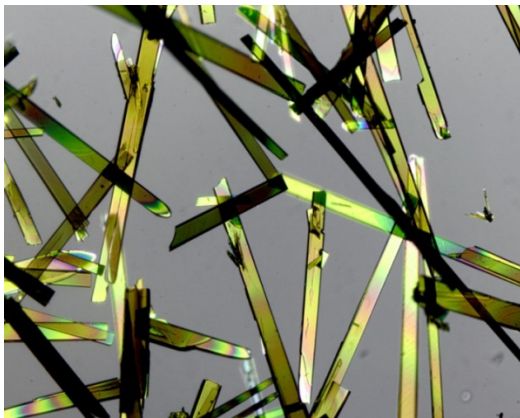
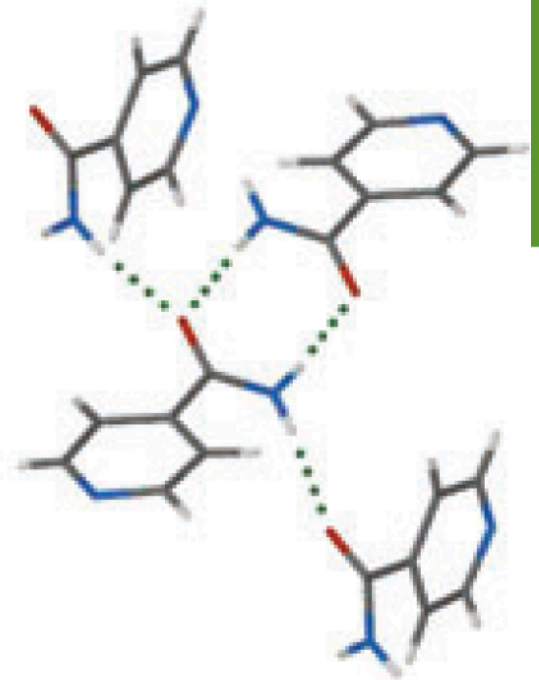
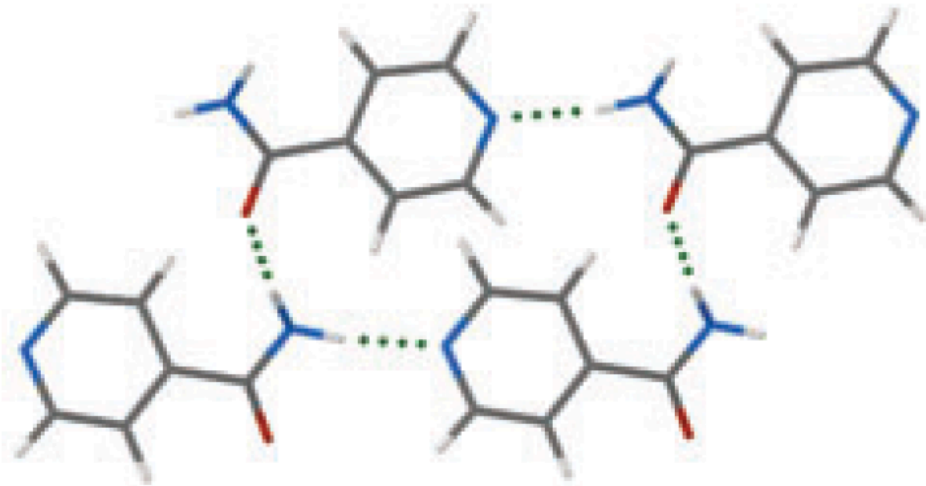


□ solubility CBZ ■ Solubility INA ▲ Solubility Cocrystal

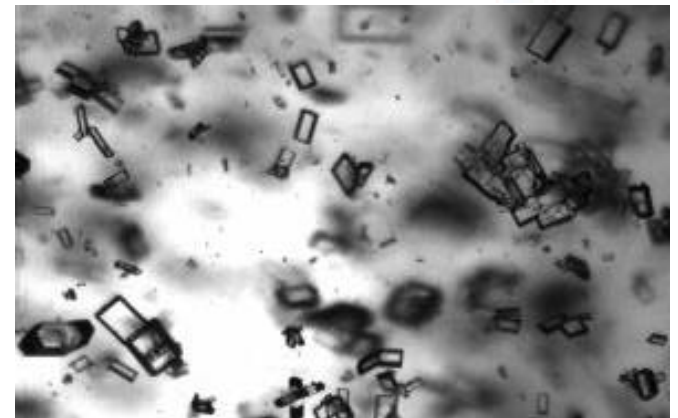
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Crystal Form



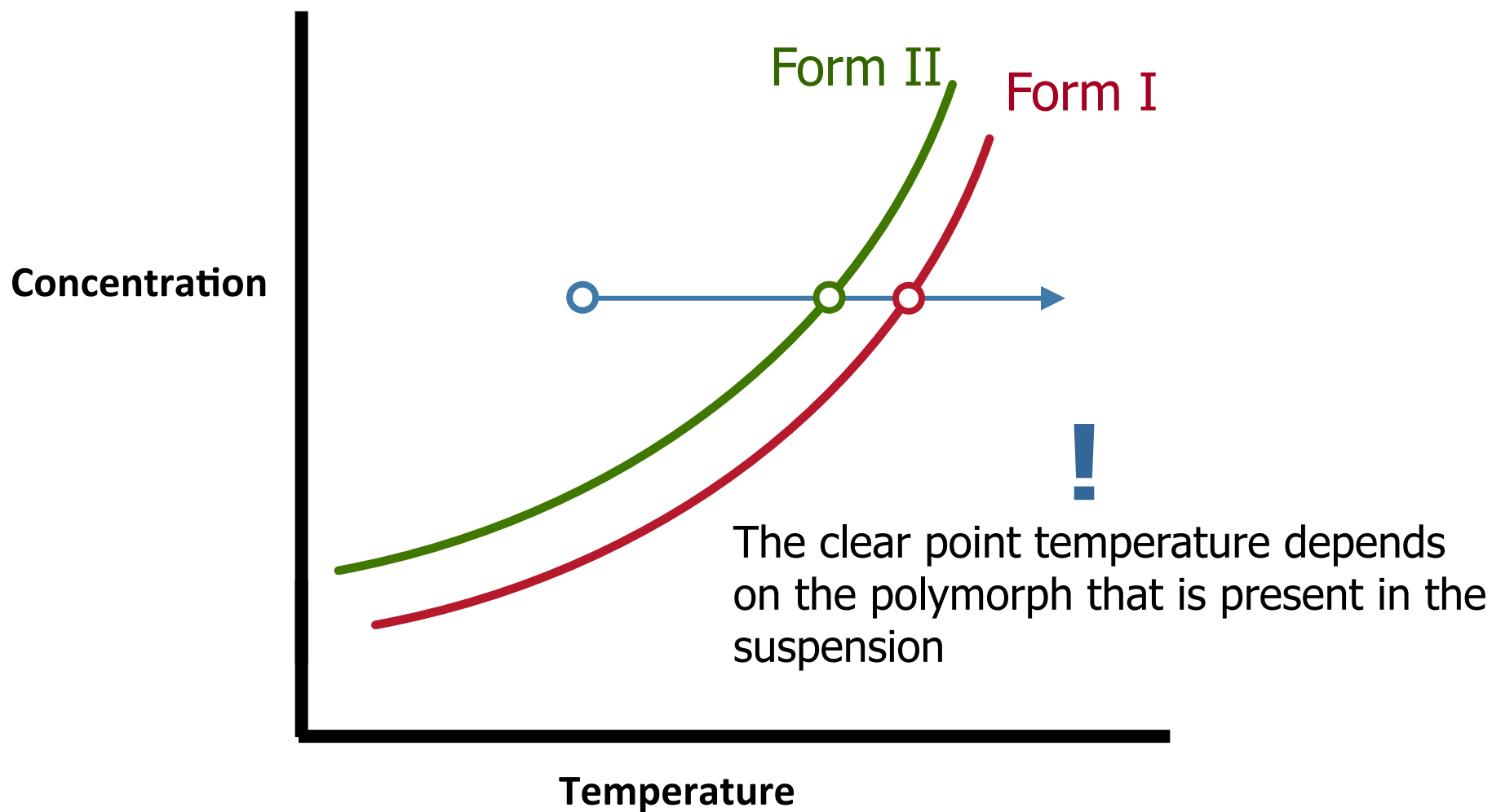
Form I



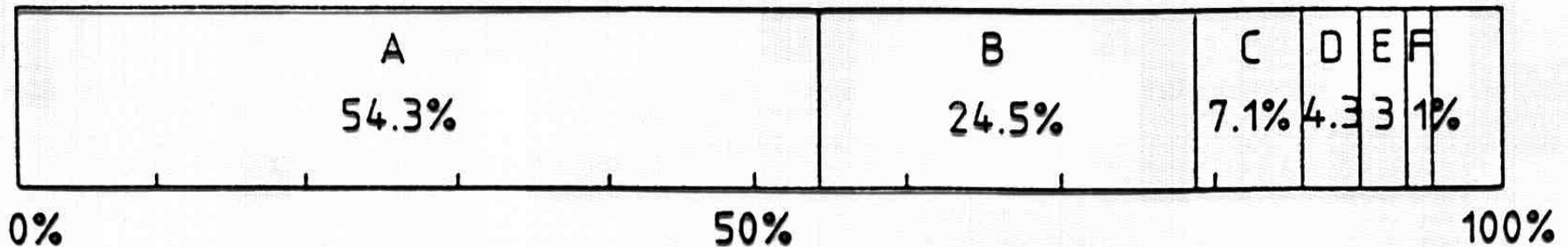
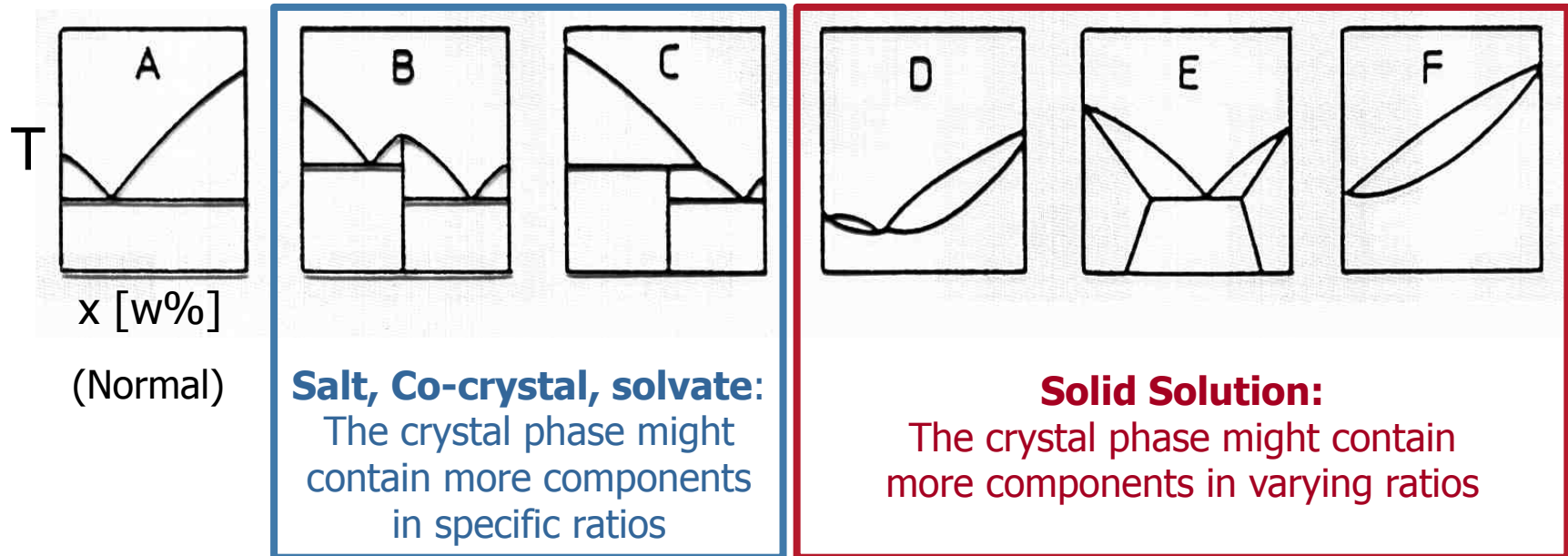
Form II

Polymorphism: The ability of a chemical compound to form 2 or more crystal structures

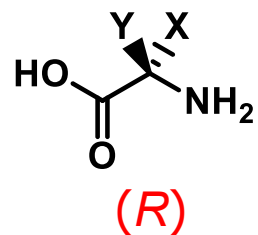
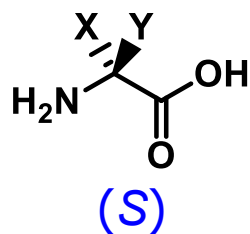
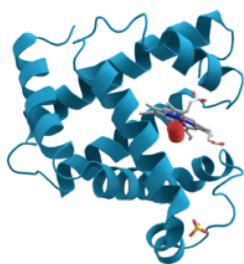
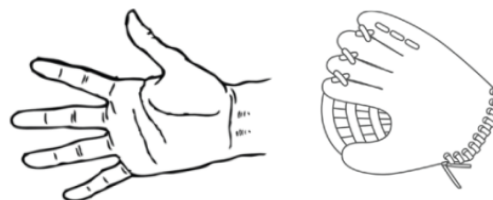
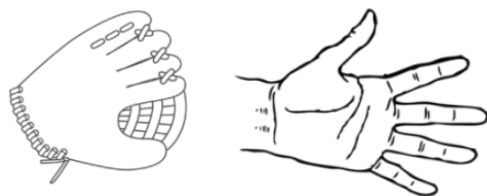
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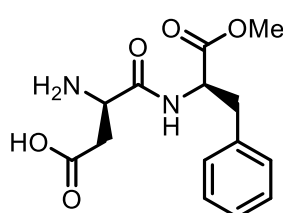
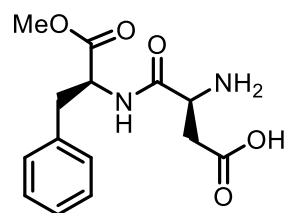
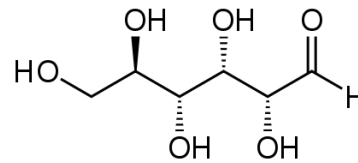
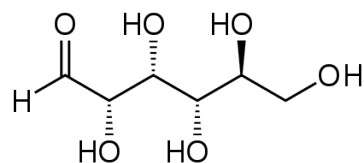
Complex Phase Behavior



Chirality



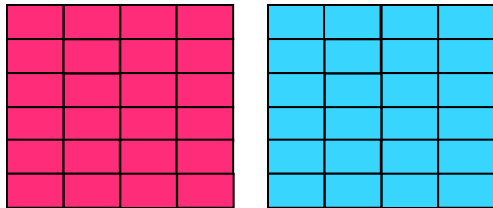
enantiomers



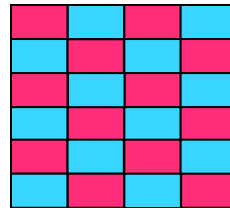
Chiral compounds

Binary phase diagram

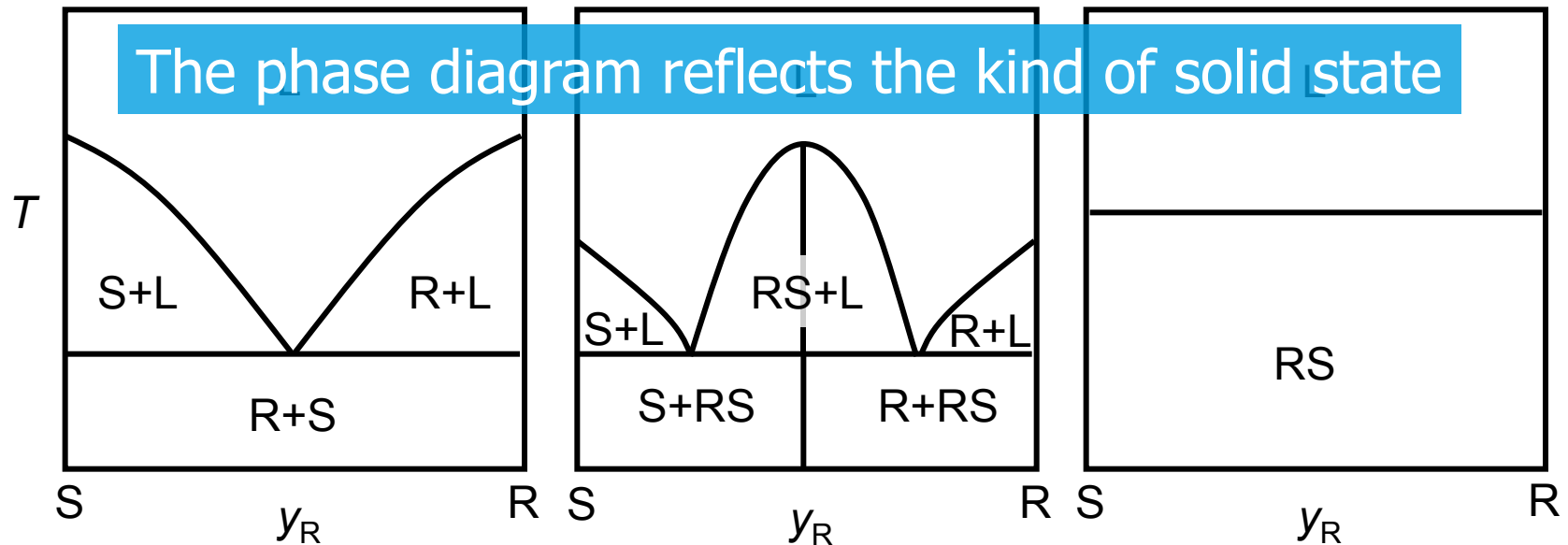
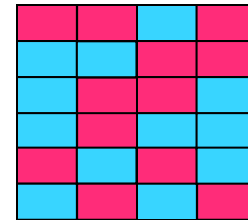
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Racemic compound



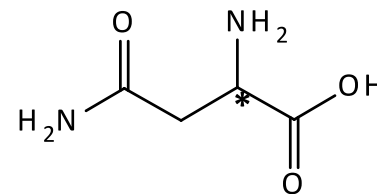
Solid solution



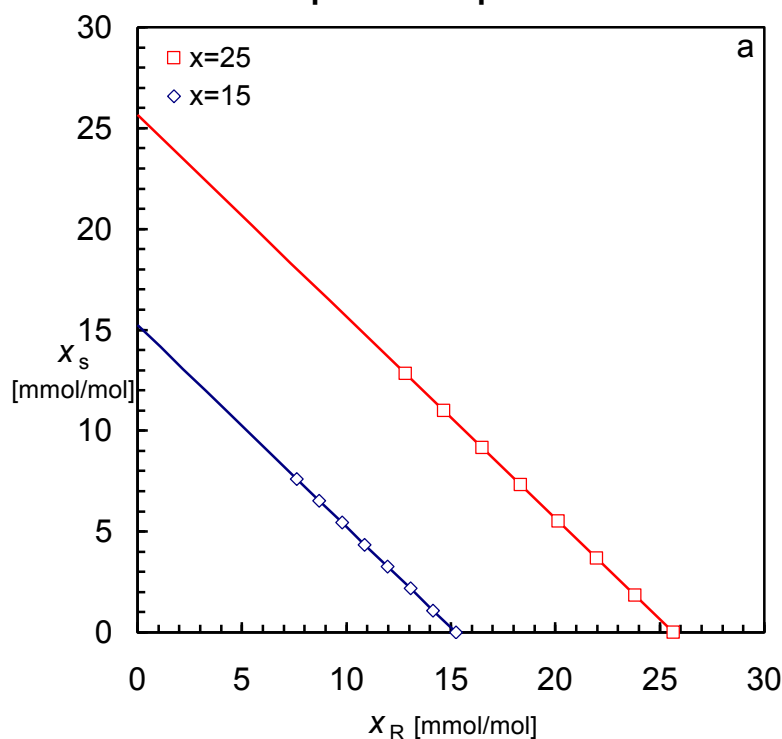
Chiral Compound Solubility

Asparagine in Water

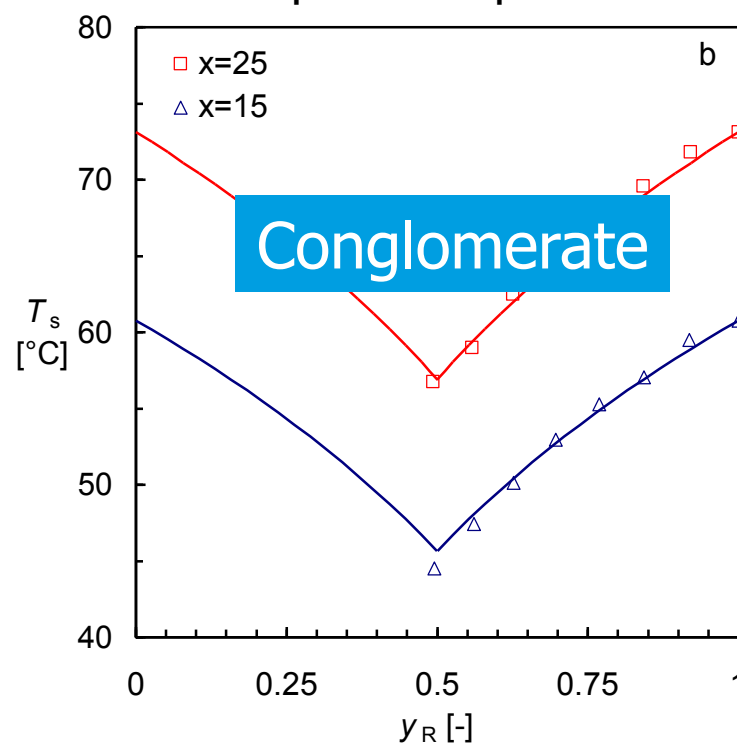
Ternary phase diagram screening



Sample composition



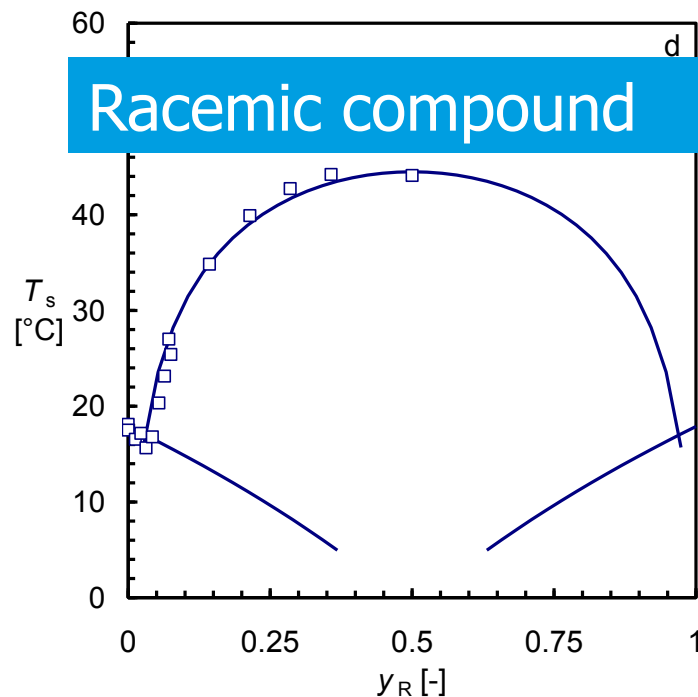
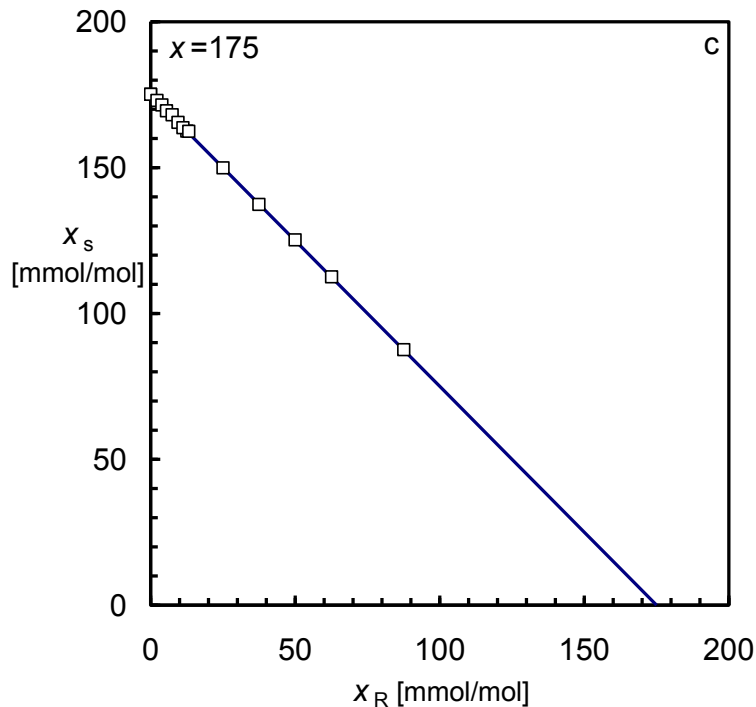
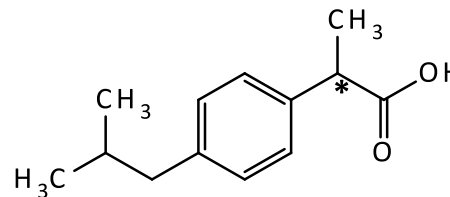
Clear point temperatures



$$y_R = x_R / (x_R + x_S)$$

Chiral Compound Solubility: Ibuprofen in Hexane

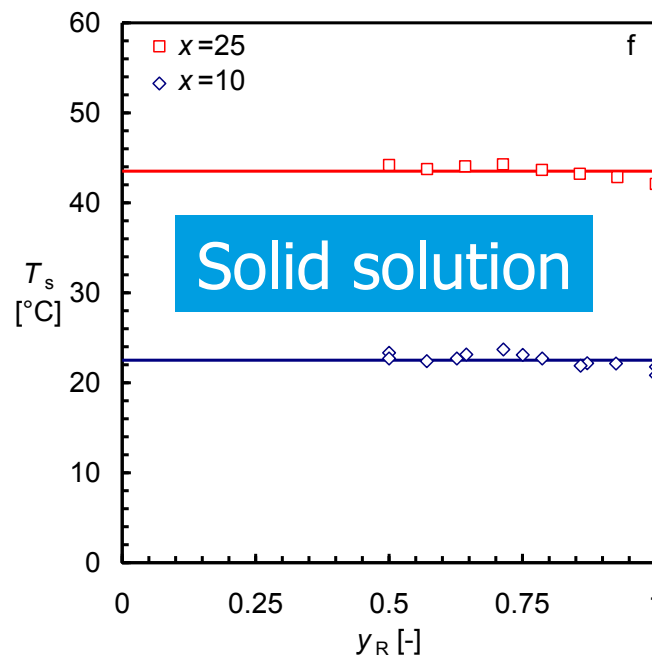
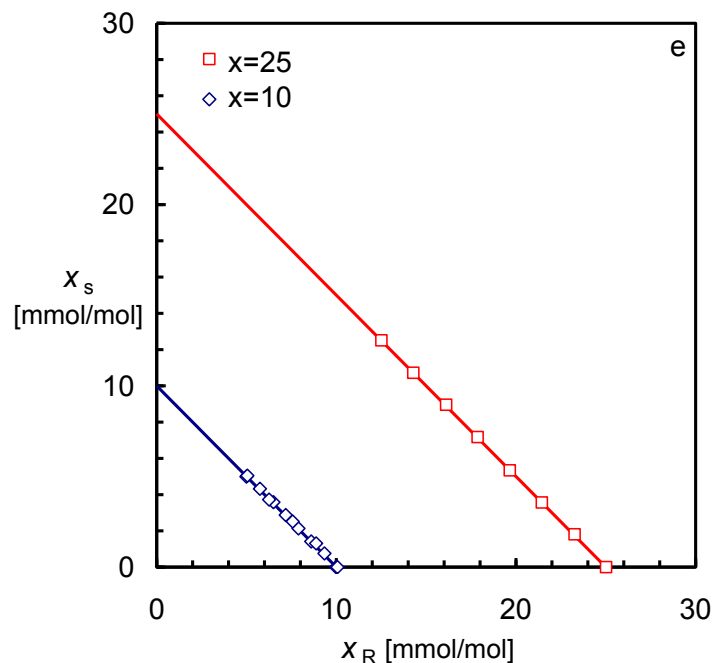
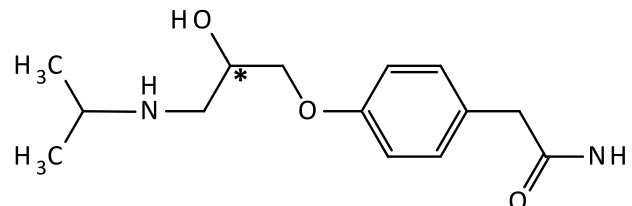
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Chiral Compound solubility: Atenolol in Ethanol

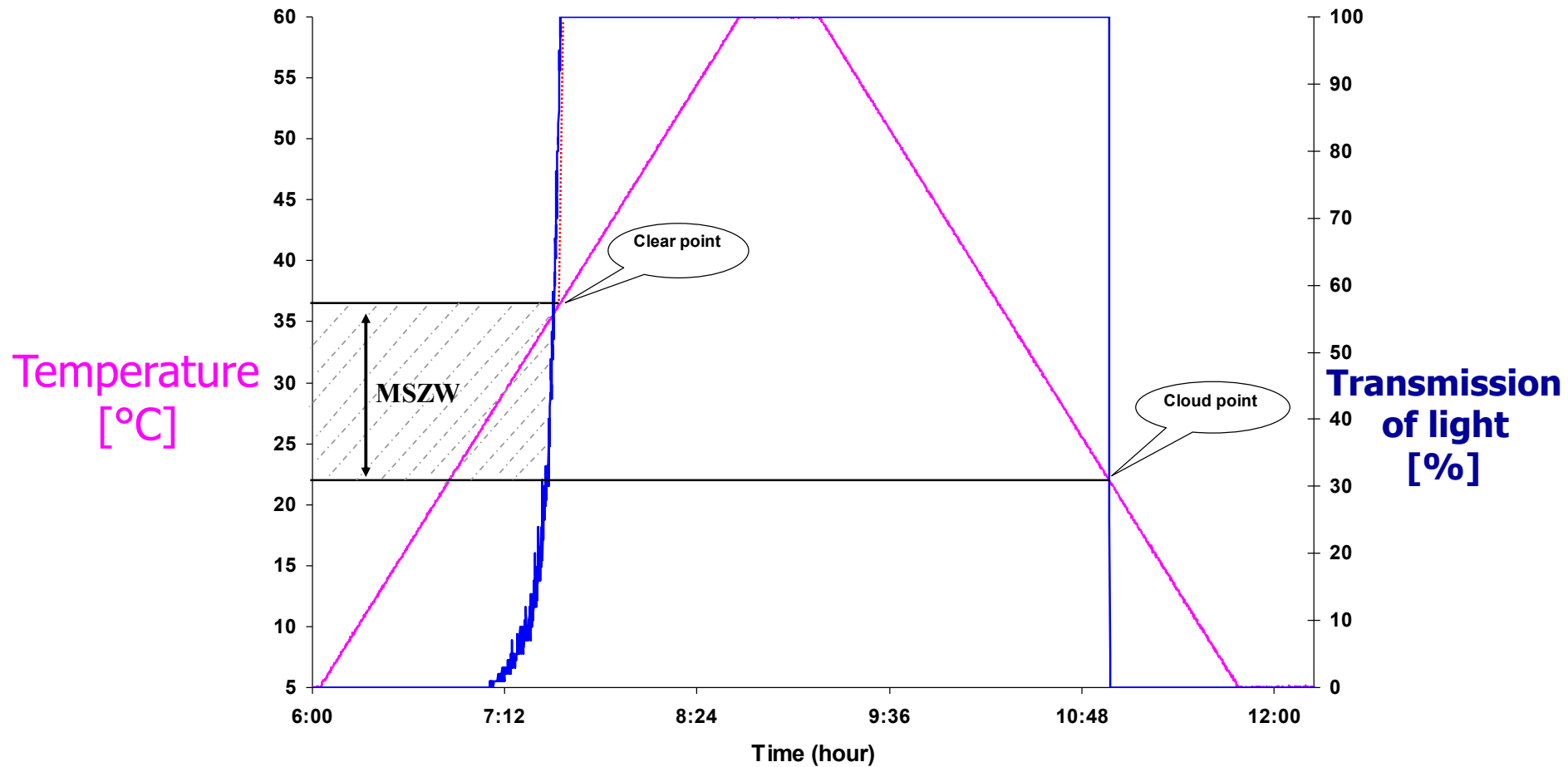
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Metastable Zone Width



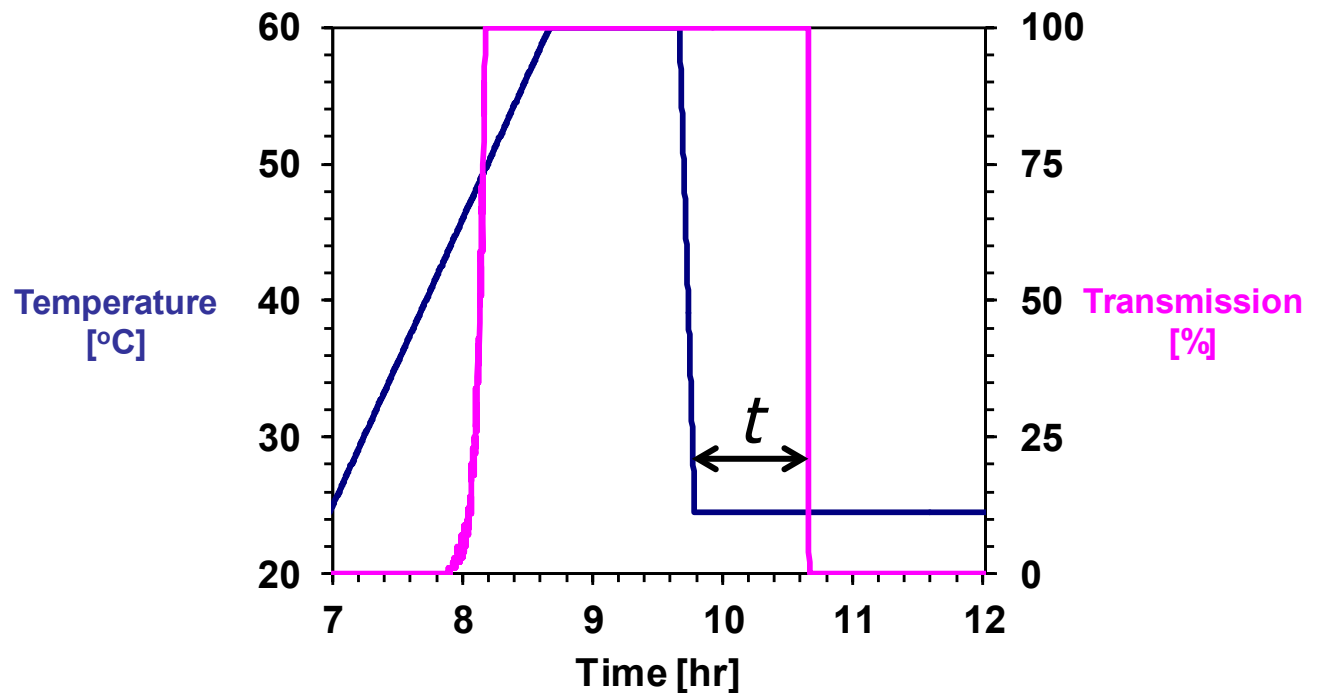
Measuring Induction Times

The time until detection of crystals at a constant supersaturation

- Accurate temperature control

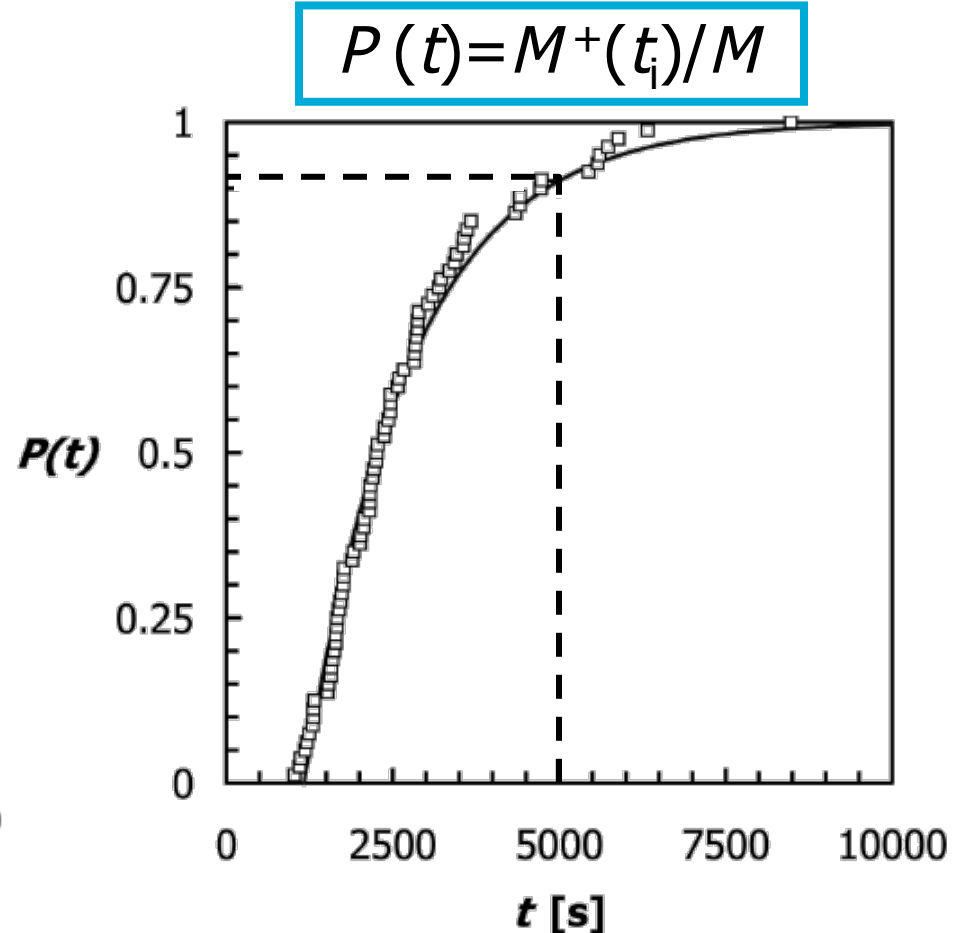
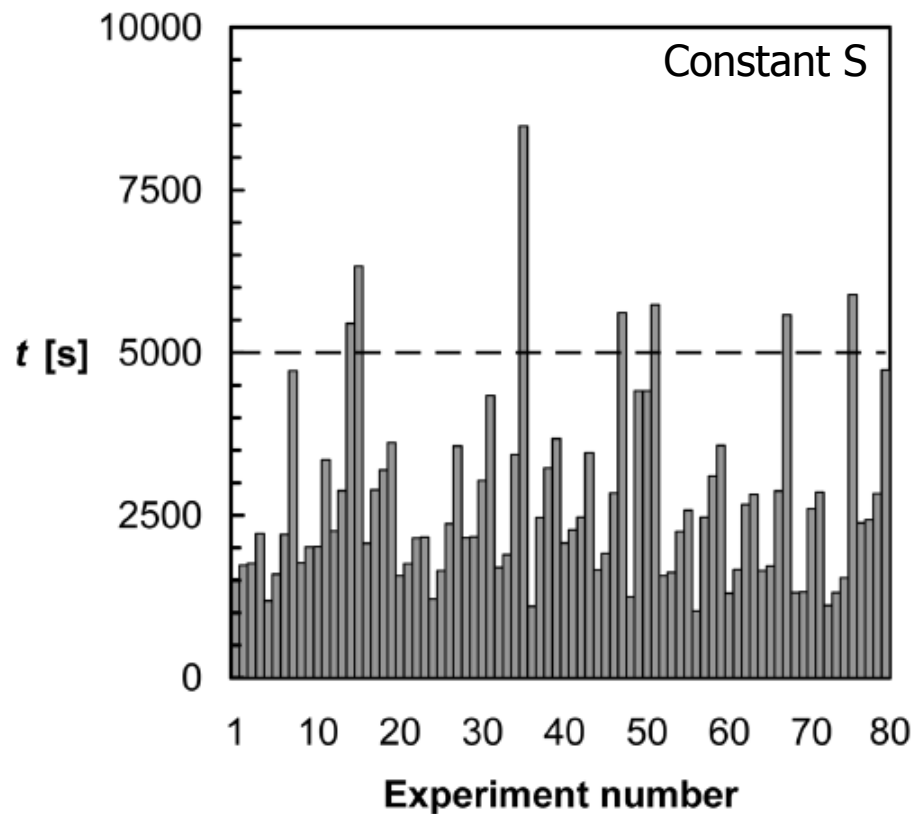


1 ml



Measuring Induction Times

- Create constant supersaturation
- Measure induction time
- Do this a large number of times, say M times

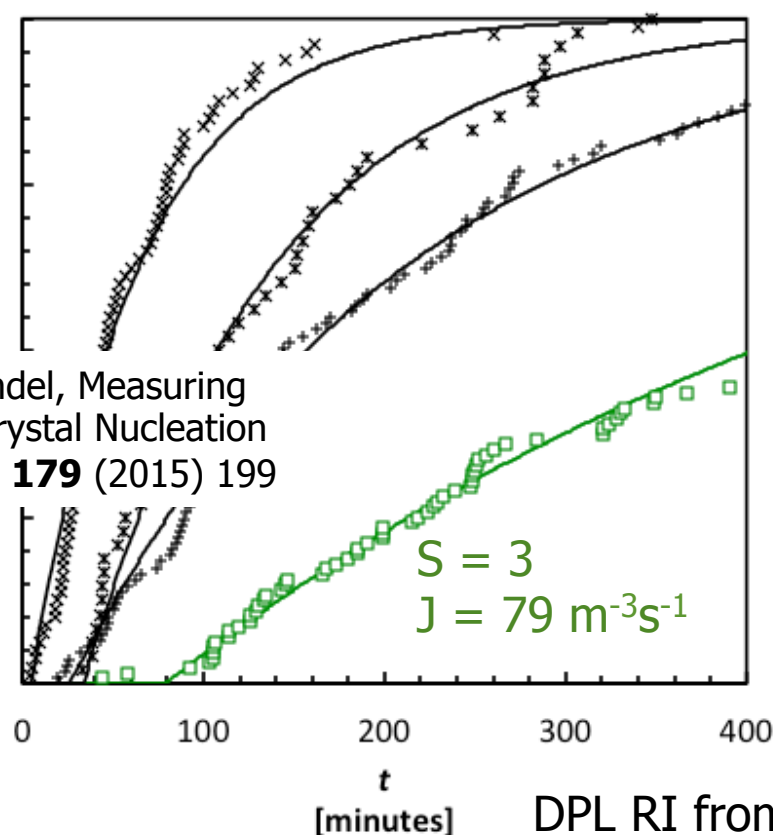
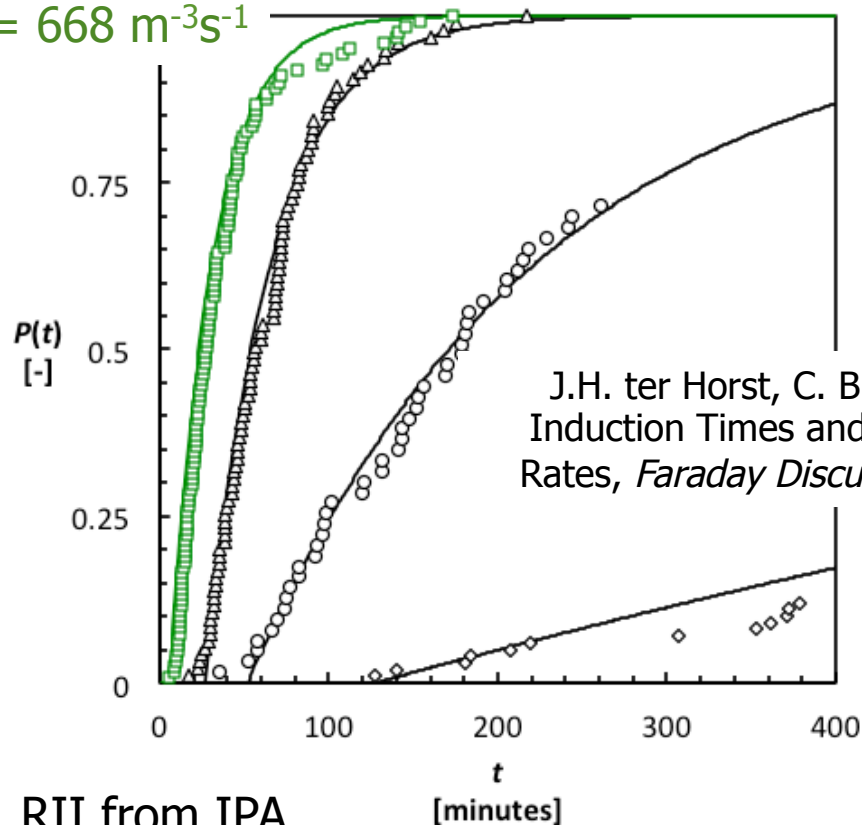


Induction Time Distributions

S [-]	DPL RII from IPA		DPL RI from DMF	
	J [$\text{m}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$]	t_g [min]	J [$\text{m}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$]	t_g [min]
1.5	11.6	128		
1.7	97.0	52		
2.0	429	27		
3.0	668	5.9	35.7	79
3.5			88.7	26
4.0			157	34
4.2			275	4.7

$S = 3$

$J = 668 \text{ m}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$



$S = 3$
 $J = 79 \text{ m}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$

Crystal Solubility

- Crystallization
- Solubility Measurements
- Solubility Analysis
- Solubility Measurements in Complex Multicomponent Systems
- Solubility in Complex Multicomponent Systems
- Crystallization Kinetics

Crystal Solubility

- All crystalline compounds behave differently
- The temperature dependent solubility of a compound in a solvent is the first step towards a crystallization process design
- Temperature measurement methods
 - Gravimetric, temperature variation, solvent addition
- Metastable zone width, induction times and crystal nucleation rates

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