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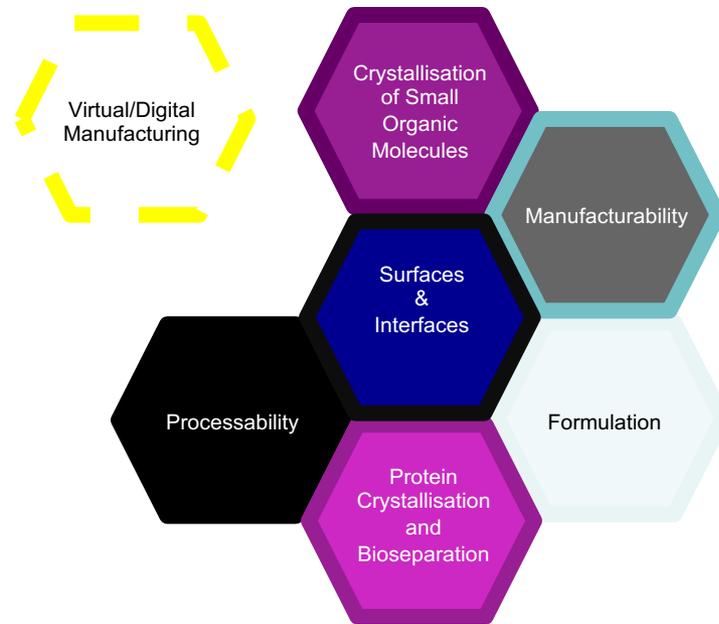
## Surface Modification

### Milling Induced Surface Property Changes in Crystalline Pharmaceutical Solids

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# Outline

- Anisotropic Surface Energy
- **Milling** Induced Surface Property Change
  - Milling (Paracetamol + APIs)
  - FD-IGC – recent developments, formulation, mixing & structuring...
  - Case studies: Mannitol (milling), Mefanamic Acid (cohesion), Salbutamol sulphate (electrostatics)
  - Deconvolution
- Conclusion

# What is Surface Energy?

- Surface energy is defined thermodynamically as:

$$\gamma_{ij} = \left[ \frac{\partial G}{\partial A} \right]_{T,P,N_i}$$

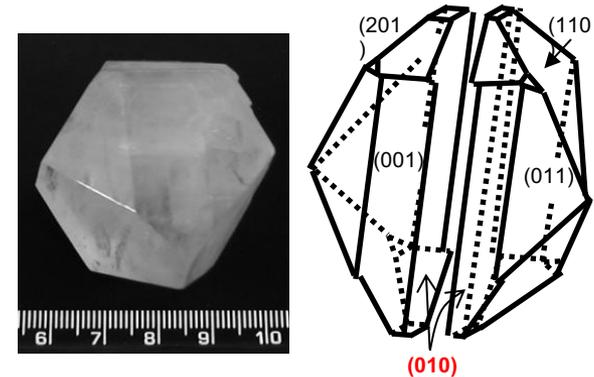
- We can determine  $\gamma_{ij}$  by measuring its contact angle, as described by Thomas Young:

$$\gamma_{SV} = \gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LV} \cdot \cos \theta$$

- Surface energy is a critical parameter to describe S-S, S-L, S-V interactions.

# Wettability of Crystalline Solids

- Current assumption – particles are spherical and are isotropic.
- Particles are shaped/ faceted
- Water contact angle variation from  $15.9^\circ - 67.7^\circ$

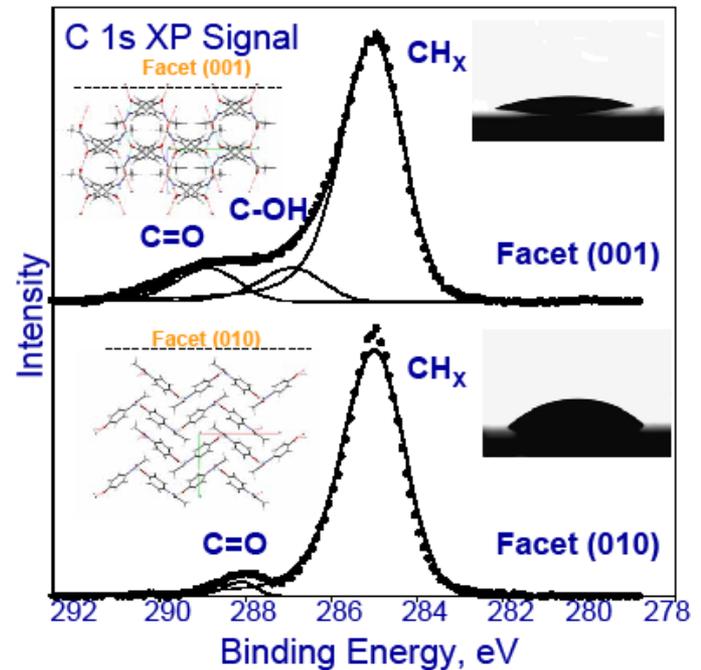


Facet	$\theta_a$ on Form I Paracetamol Crystals	
	Diiodomethane	Water
(201)	$48.8 \pm 2.2$	$38.1 \pm 4.6$
(001)	$49.8 \pm 3.2$	$15.9 \pm 3.1$
(011)	$50.7 \pm 2.9$	$29.8 \pm 5.7$
(110)	$50.2 \pm 2.4$	$50.8 \pm 4.9$
(010)	$27.8 \pm 2.5$	$67.7 \pm 2.5$



# Anisotropic Surface Chemistry

- Variation in surface properties is due to surface chemistry
- Crystalline solids are ANISOTROPIC



Heng et al., *Langmuir* (2006), 22, p2760; Heng et al.,  
*J. Pharm. Sci.* (2007), 96, p2134-2144

Particle engineering, handling, processing... can result in solids with different surface property.

# How to determine $\gamma$ and $W_{Adh}$ ?

Experimental determination

## Solid-Liquid interaction

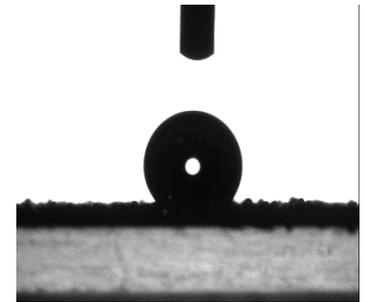
Contact angle



Adhesive bonds  
with liquid  
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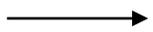


Reflected as  
change in  
contact angle



## Solid-Vapour interaction

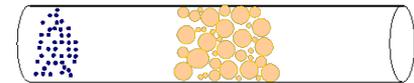
IGC



Adhesive bonds  
with vapour  
molecules



Reflected as  
change in  
retention time



## Solid-Solid interaction

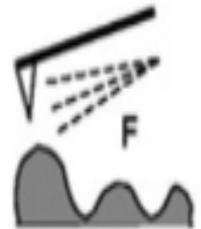
Atomic force  
microscopy  
(AFM)



Adhesive bonds  
with solid  
molecules

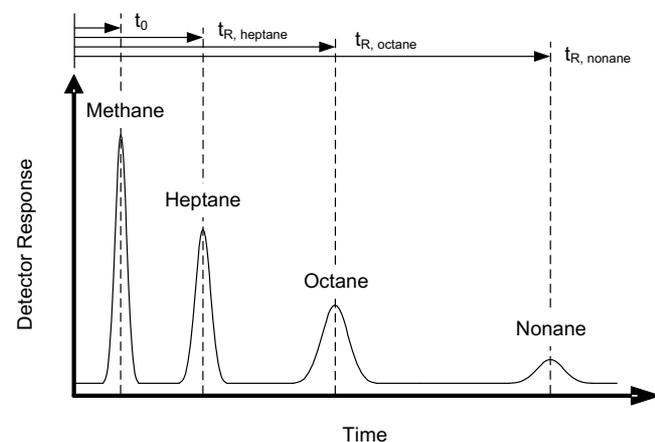
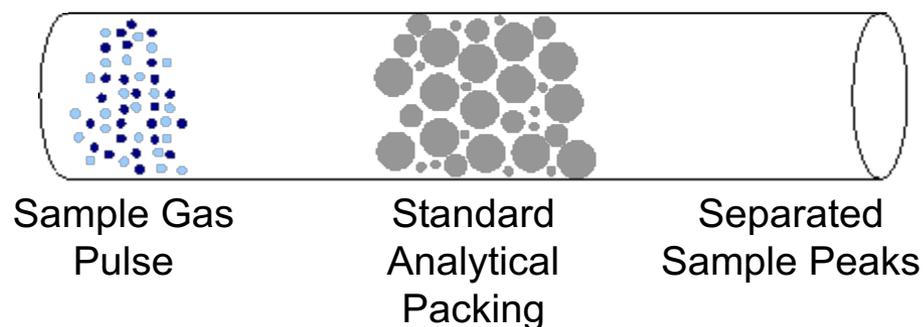


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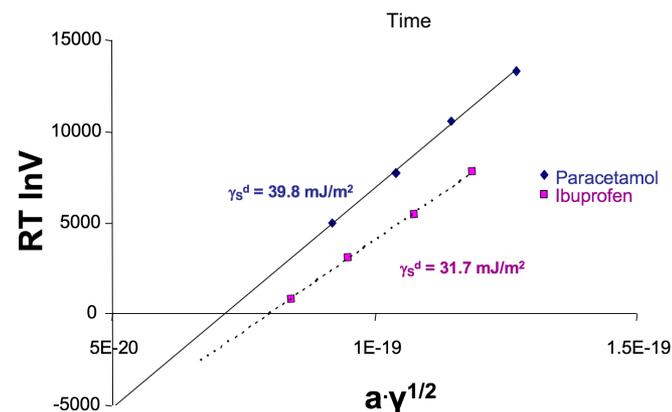
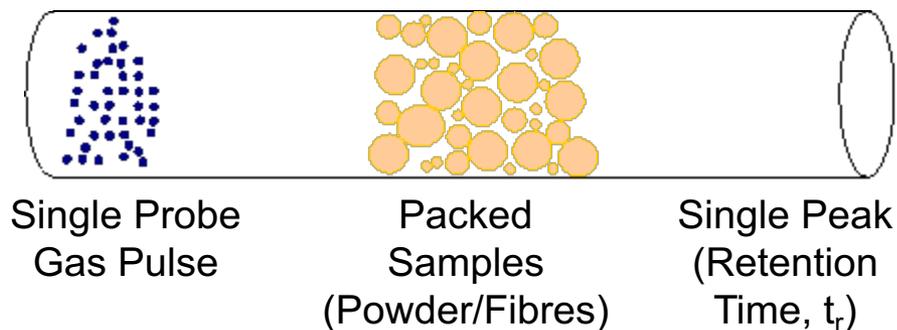


# IGC – The Basics

## Analytical Gas Chromatography



## INVERSE Gas Chromatography



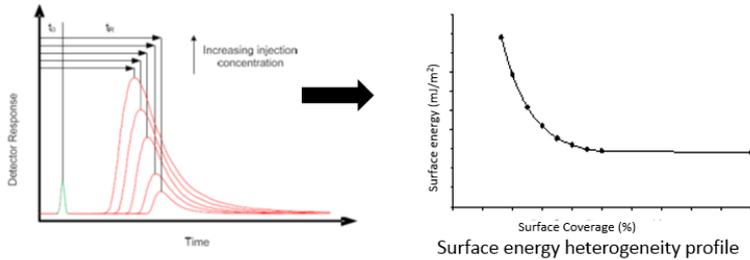
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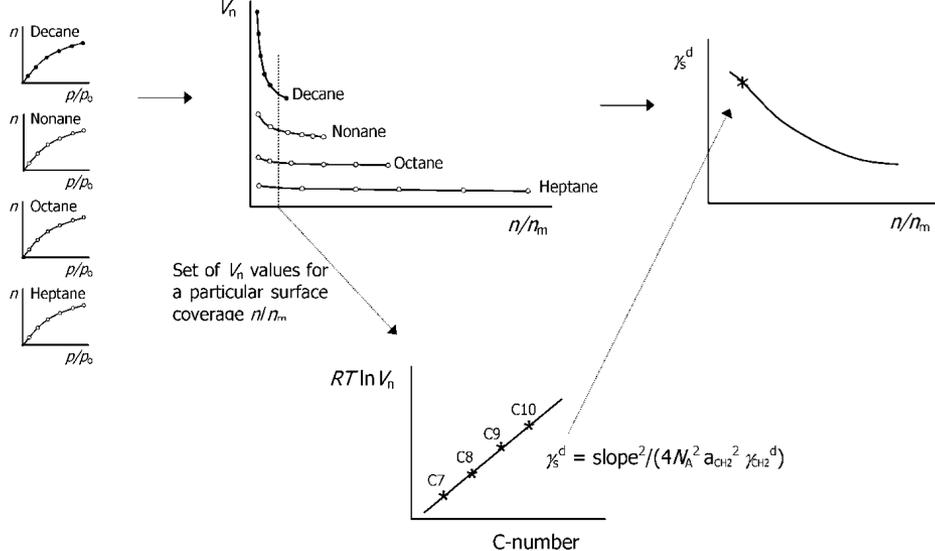
Ho, Heng. *KONA Powder and Particle Journal* (2013), 30, p164-180 --- (FD-IGC)\*

# FD-IGC – Recent Advances

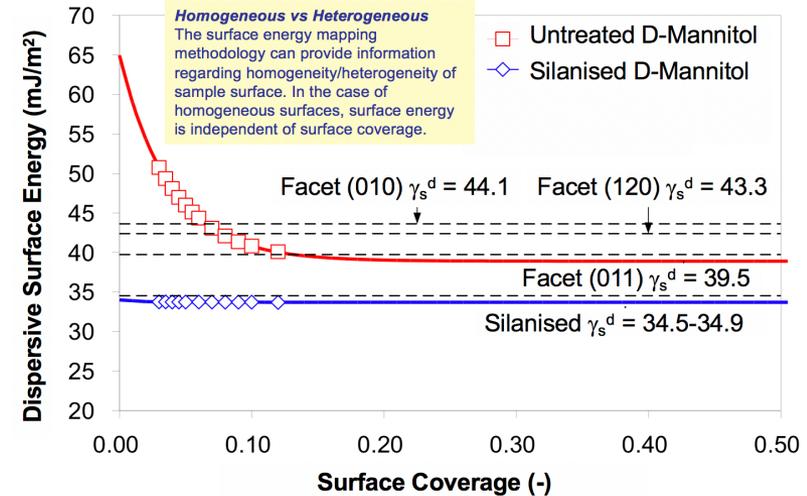
Surface energy heterogeneity using Finite Dilution IGC (FD-IGC)



Alkane isotherm

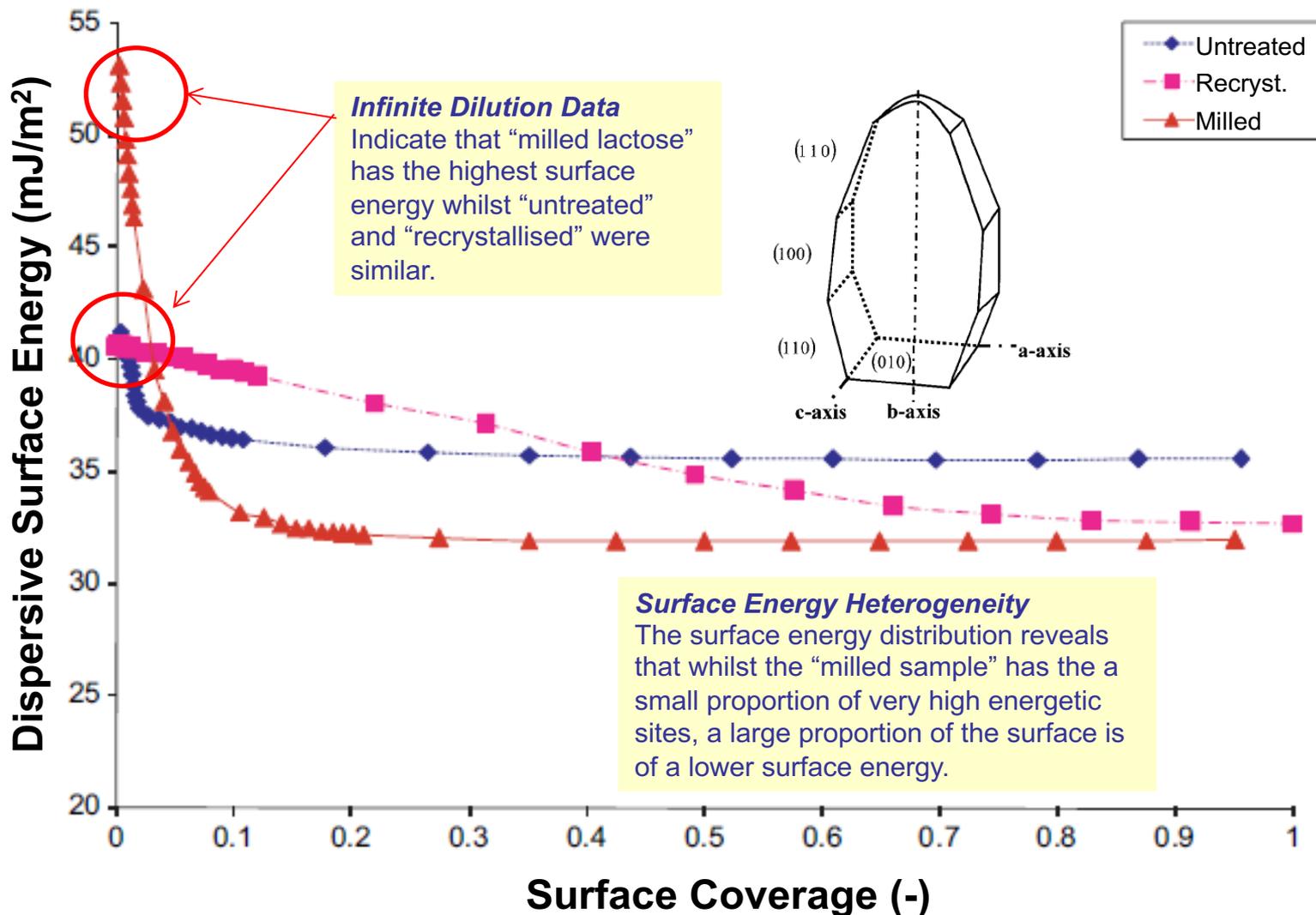


Allows determination of surface energy of materials at different probe surface coverage

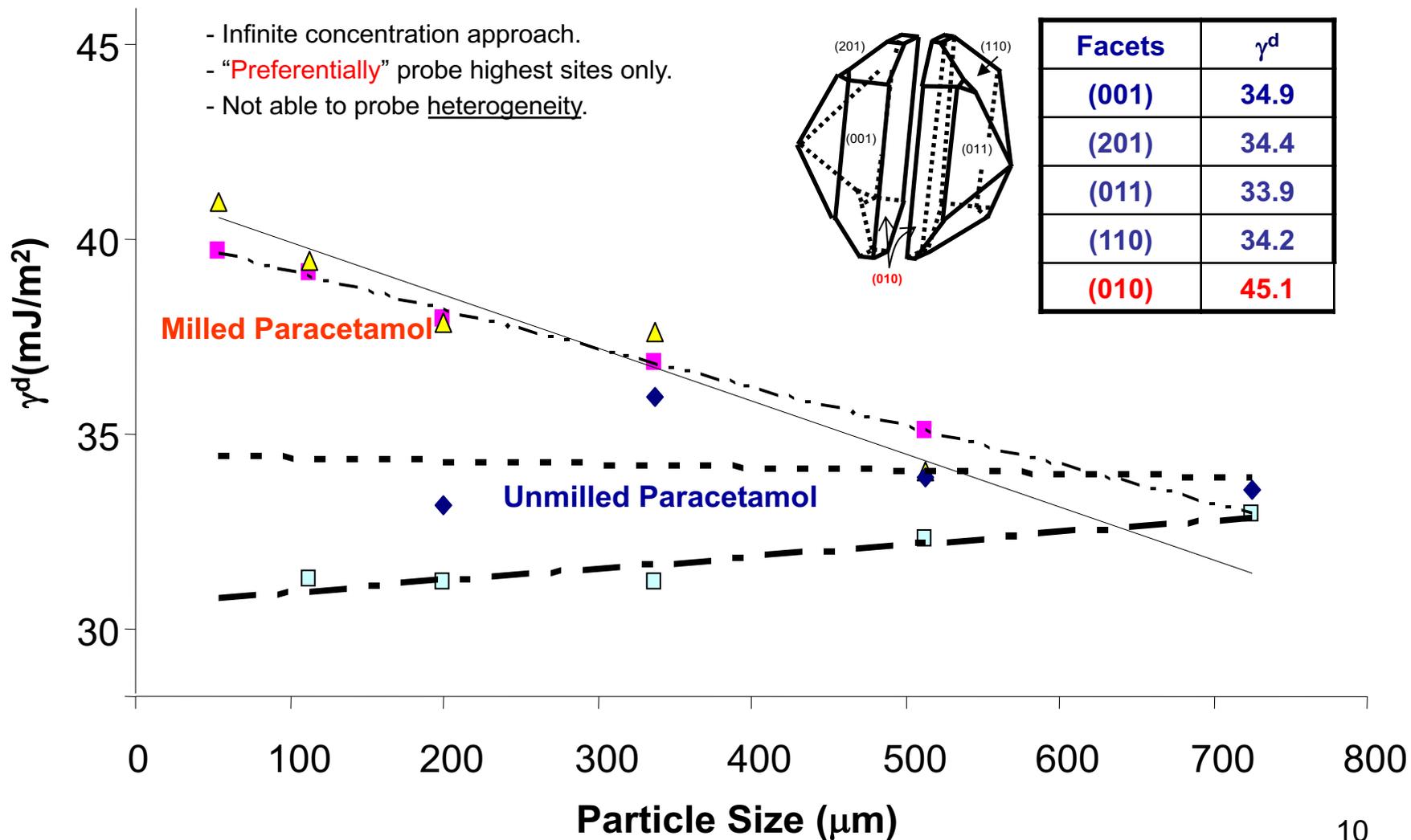


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# Heterogeneity: Case Studies



# Milling

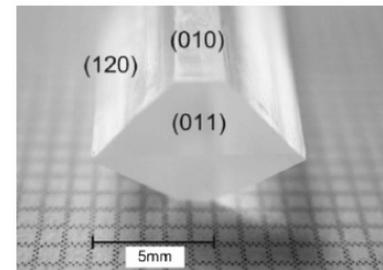


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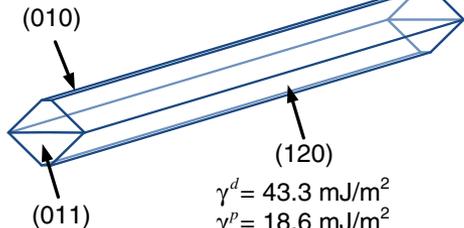
Facet	Advancing Contact Angle, $\theta_a$ (Deg)				
	Paracetamol Form I	Paracetamol Form II	Aspirin	Racemic Ibuprofen	S-(+)-Ibuprofen
(201)	38.1 ± 4.6	-	-	-	-
(001)	15.9 ± 3.1	<b>64.5 ± 3.5</b>	60.7 ± 3.5	68.5 ± 4.8	64.5 ± 3.9
(011)	29.8 ± 5.7	-	42.9 ± 4.8	46.9 ± 5.5	-
(110)	50.8 ± 4.9	16.6 ± 1.4	-	-	48.4 ± 4.0
(010)	<b>67.7 ± 2.5</b>	17.9 ± 2.5	-	-	-
(100)	-	-	<b>52.9 ± 2.5</b>	<b>77.2 ± 4.0</b>	<b>70.7 ± 3.1</b>

Milling exposes the weakest attachment energy plane which is found to be the most hydrophobic facet.

# Milling of Mannitol

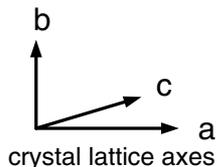


$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^d &= 44.1 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^p &= 12.8 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^T &= 56.9 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

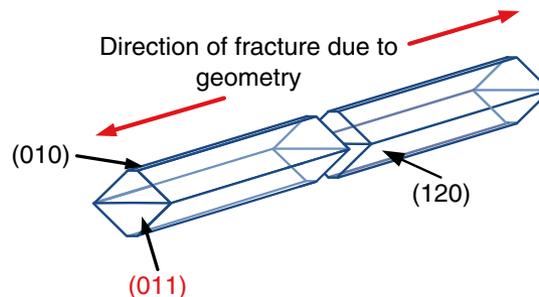


$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^d &= 43.3 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^p &= 18.6 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^T &= 61.9 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

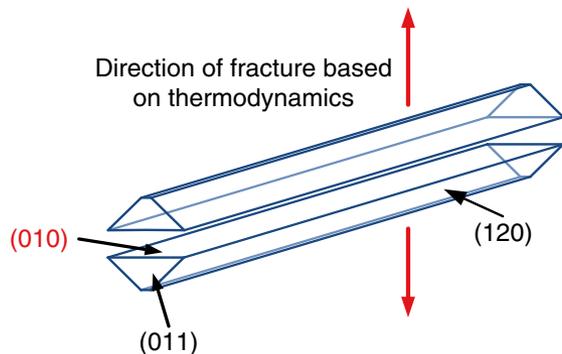
$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^d &= 39.5 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^p &= 35.4 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \\ \gamma^T &= 75.9 \text{ mJ/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$



a)



b)



Crystal Shape:

- Increase in particle aspect ratio

Crystal Surface Chemistry:

- Decrease in  $\gamma^d$
- Increase in  $\gamma^p$
- Increase in  $\gamma^T$

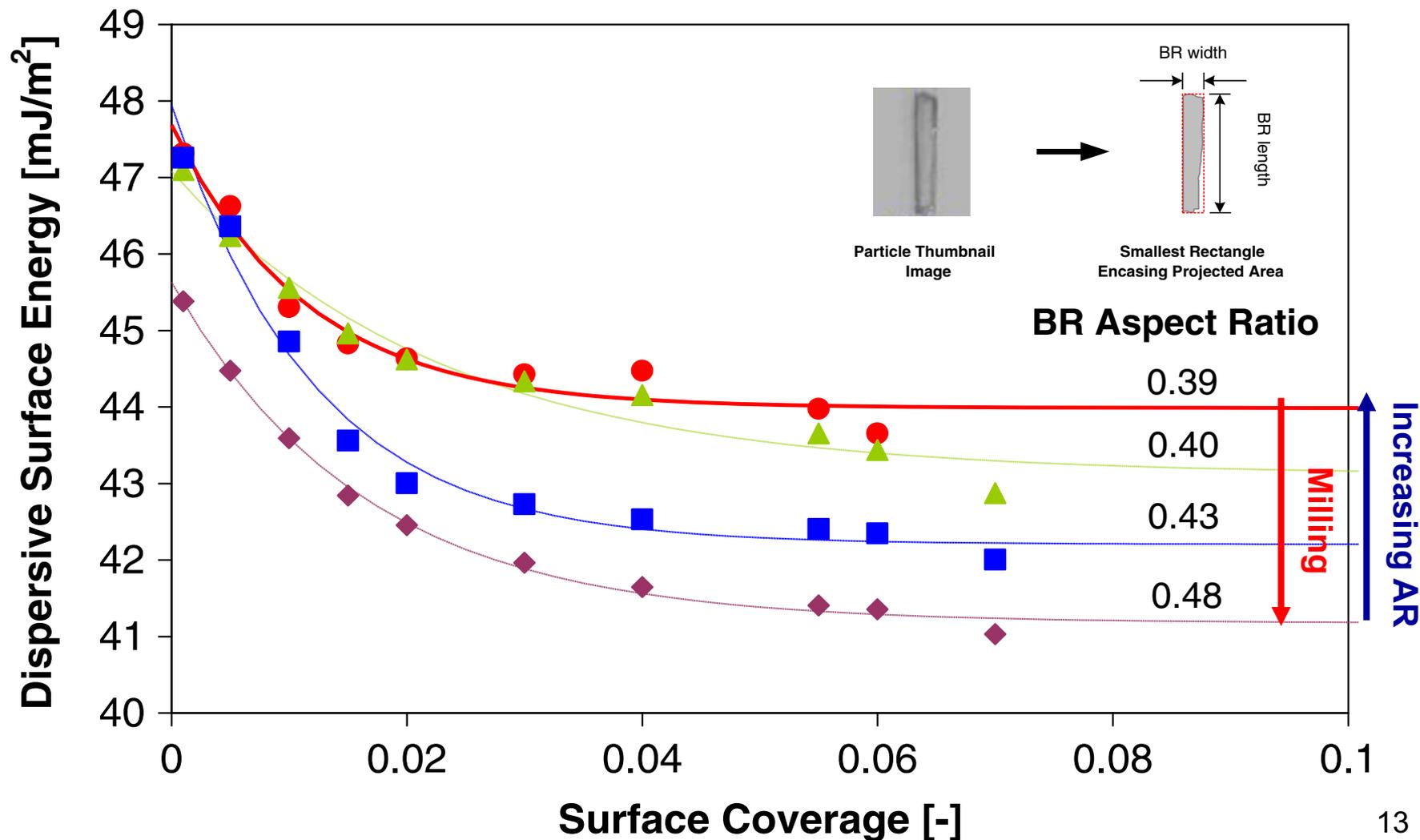
Crystal Shape:

- No change or small decrease in particle aspect ratio

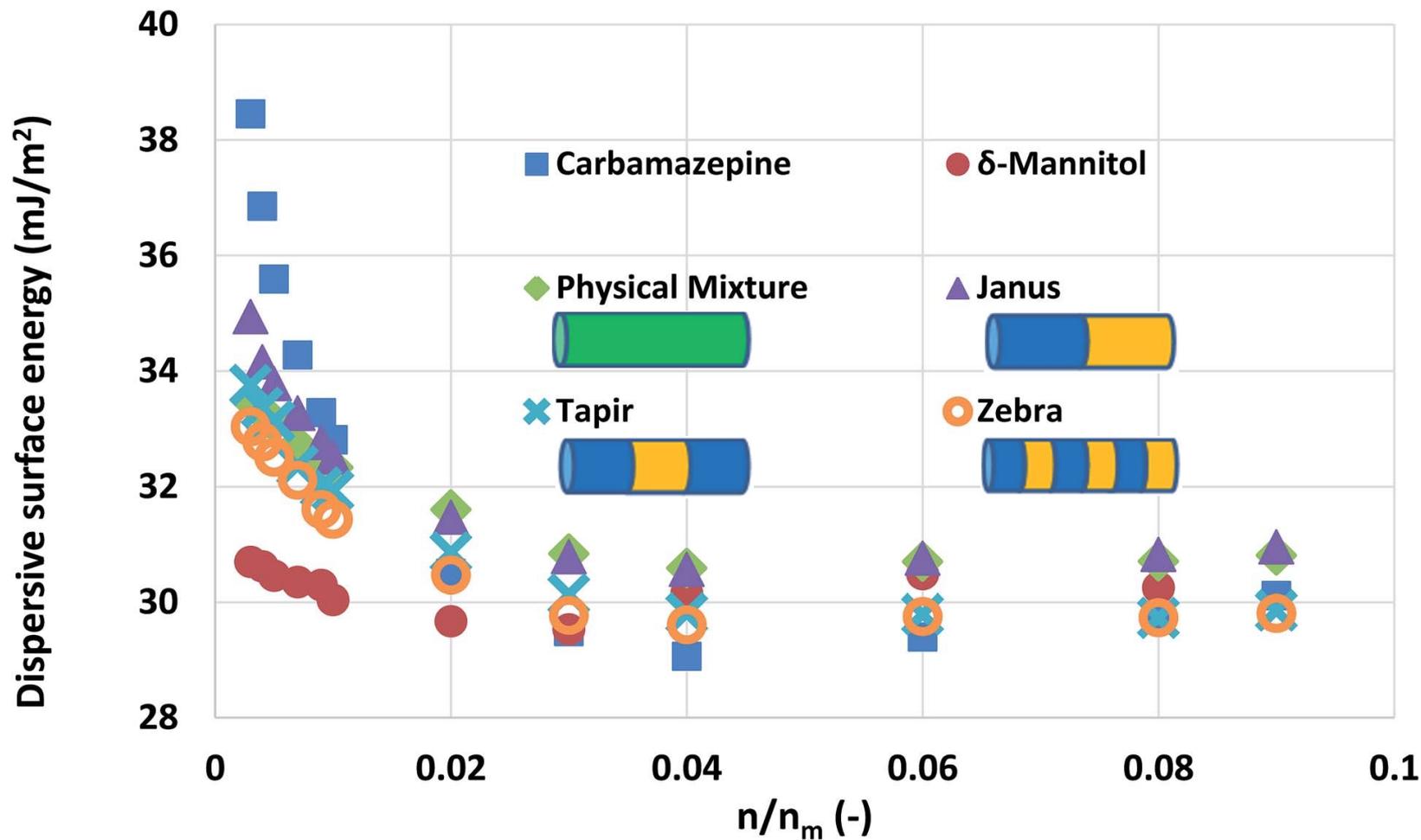
Crystal Surface Chemistry:

- Increase in  $\gamma^d$
- Decrease in  $\gamma^p$
- Decrease in  $\gamma^T$

# Milling of Mannitol



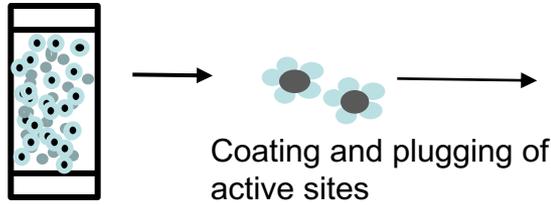
# Mixing



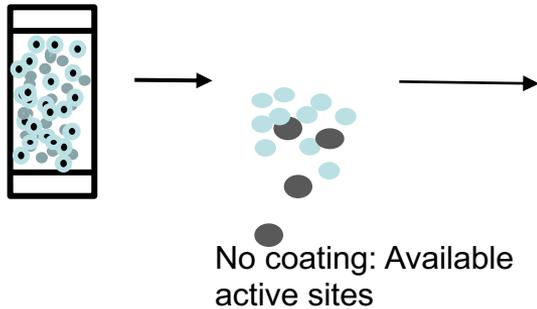
# Mixing & Structuring

Scenarios for interparticle interactions in binary powder systems

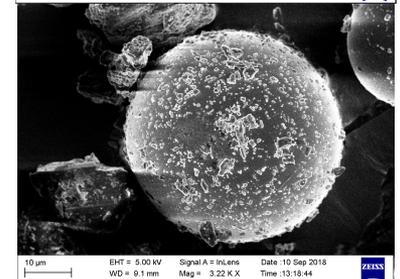
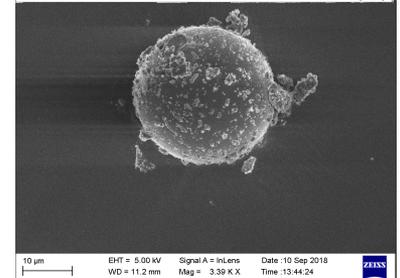
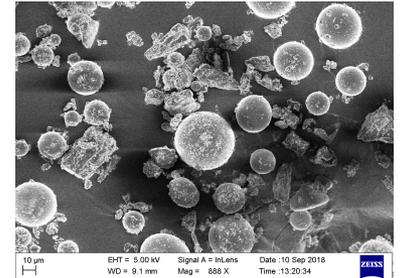
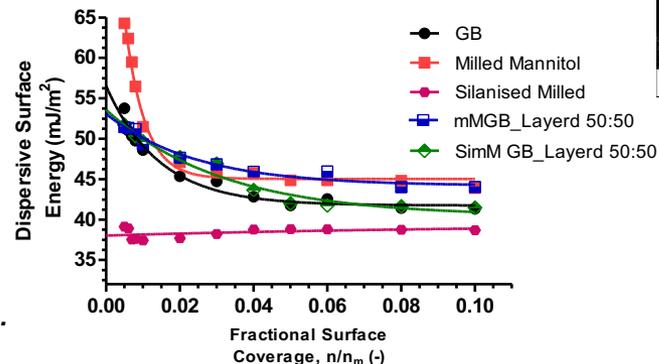
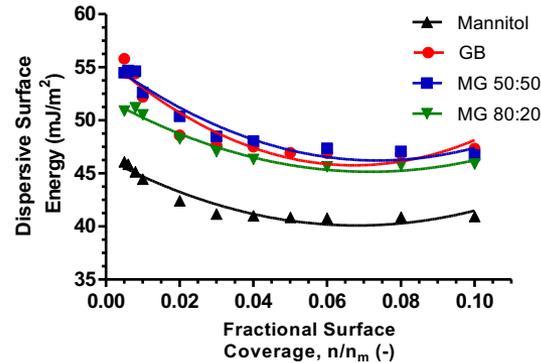
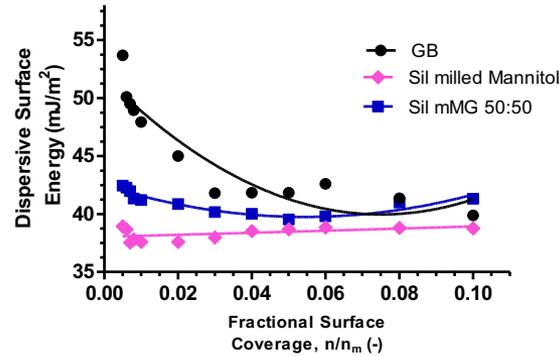
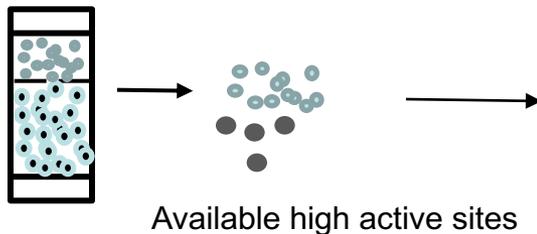
## Ordered Mixing



## Random Mixing



## Layered



**Interparticle structuring is important!**

# What affects “ $\gamma_{ij}$ ”?

**Size:** May not change the  $\gamma$ , if density of atoms/molecules per unit area remains same.

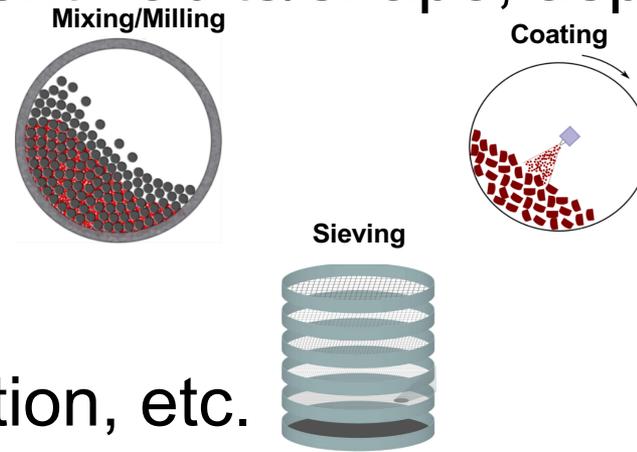
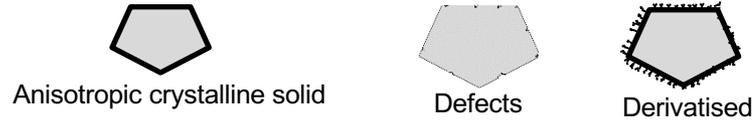
**Shape:** Changes orientation or arrangement of atoms/molecules on the surface. Anisotropy of material.

**Surface roughness:** Topographical heterogeneity, edges, surface flaws may cause variation in density of molecules, broken molecular bonds etc.

**Surface Chemistry:** surface functional groups and adsorbed impurities

# Variation in Surface Properties

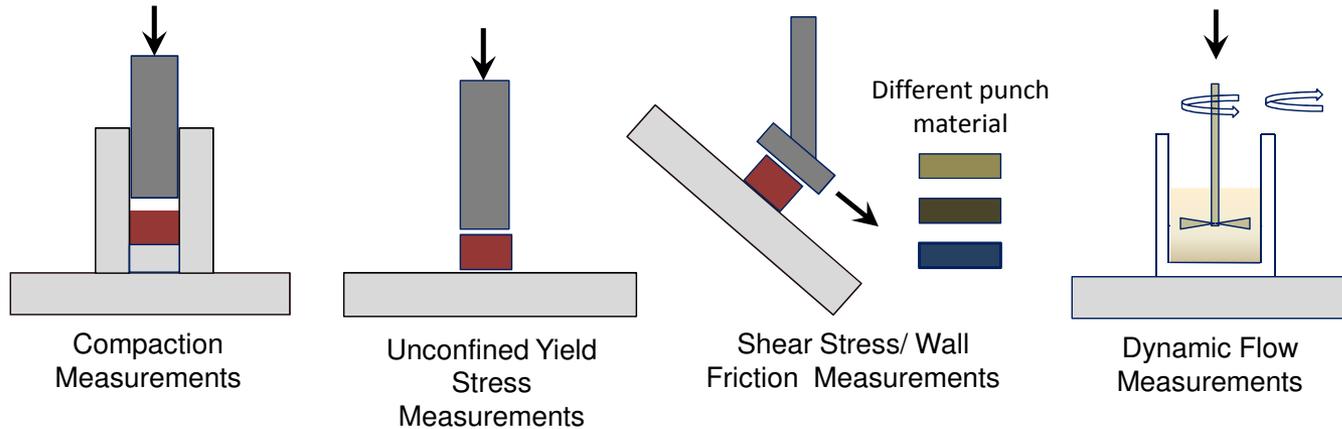
- Preparation
  - Crystallisation – different habits/shape, aspect ratio
- Size Reduction
  - **Milling**/micronisation
- Powder Handling
  - Segregation, aggregation, etc.



**Key message:**

**Need to fully understand characteristics of particles (size, chemistry, stability).**

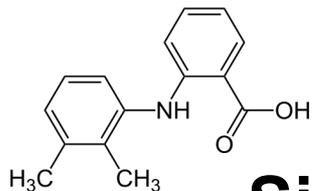
# Unconfined Yield Strength



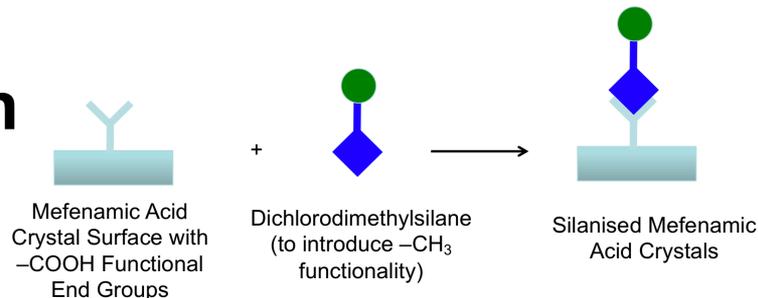
Bulk Property Measurements

Shear Properties Measurements

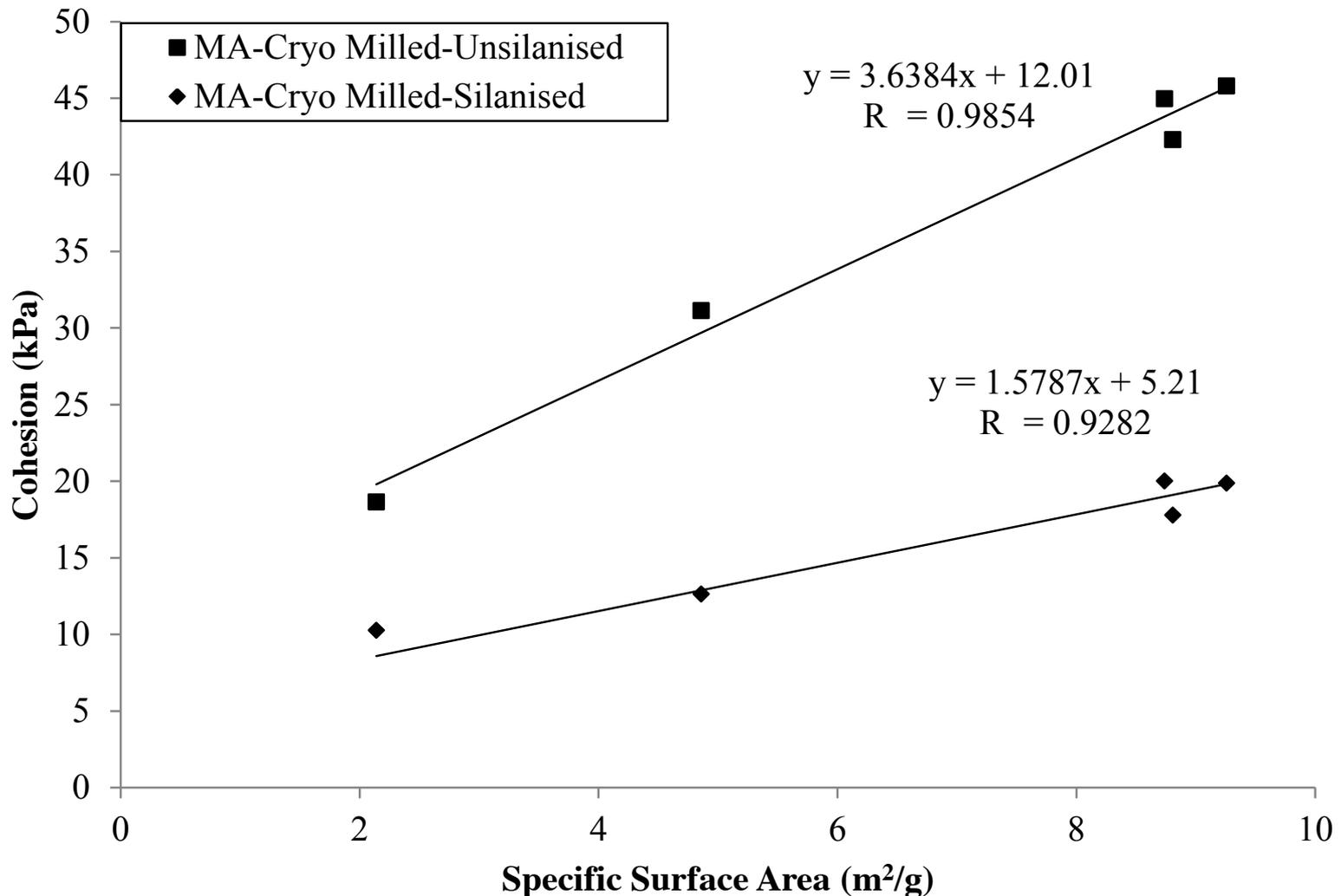
Dynamic Flow Properties Measurements



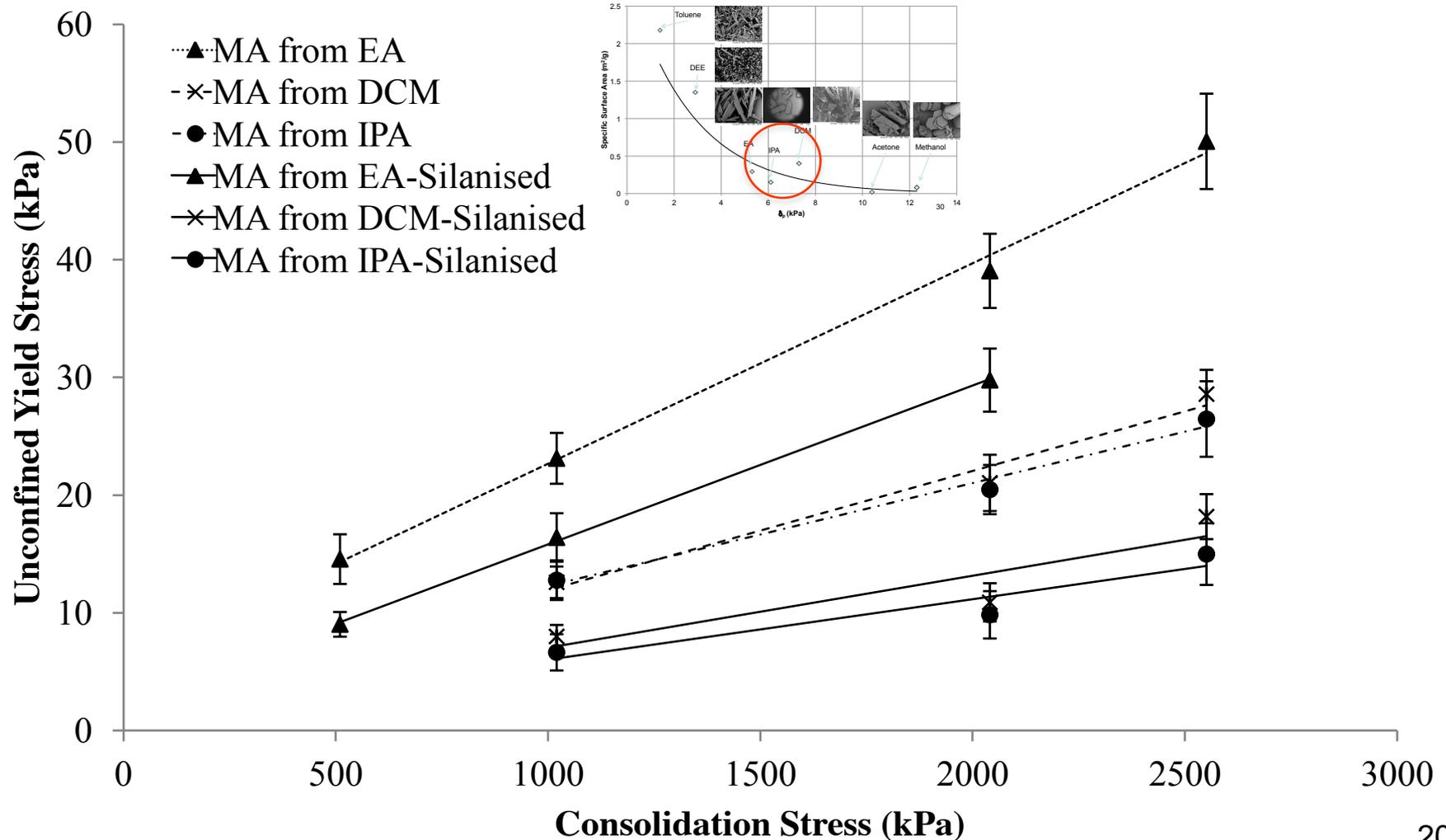
## Silanisation



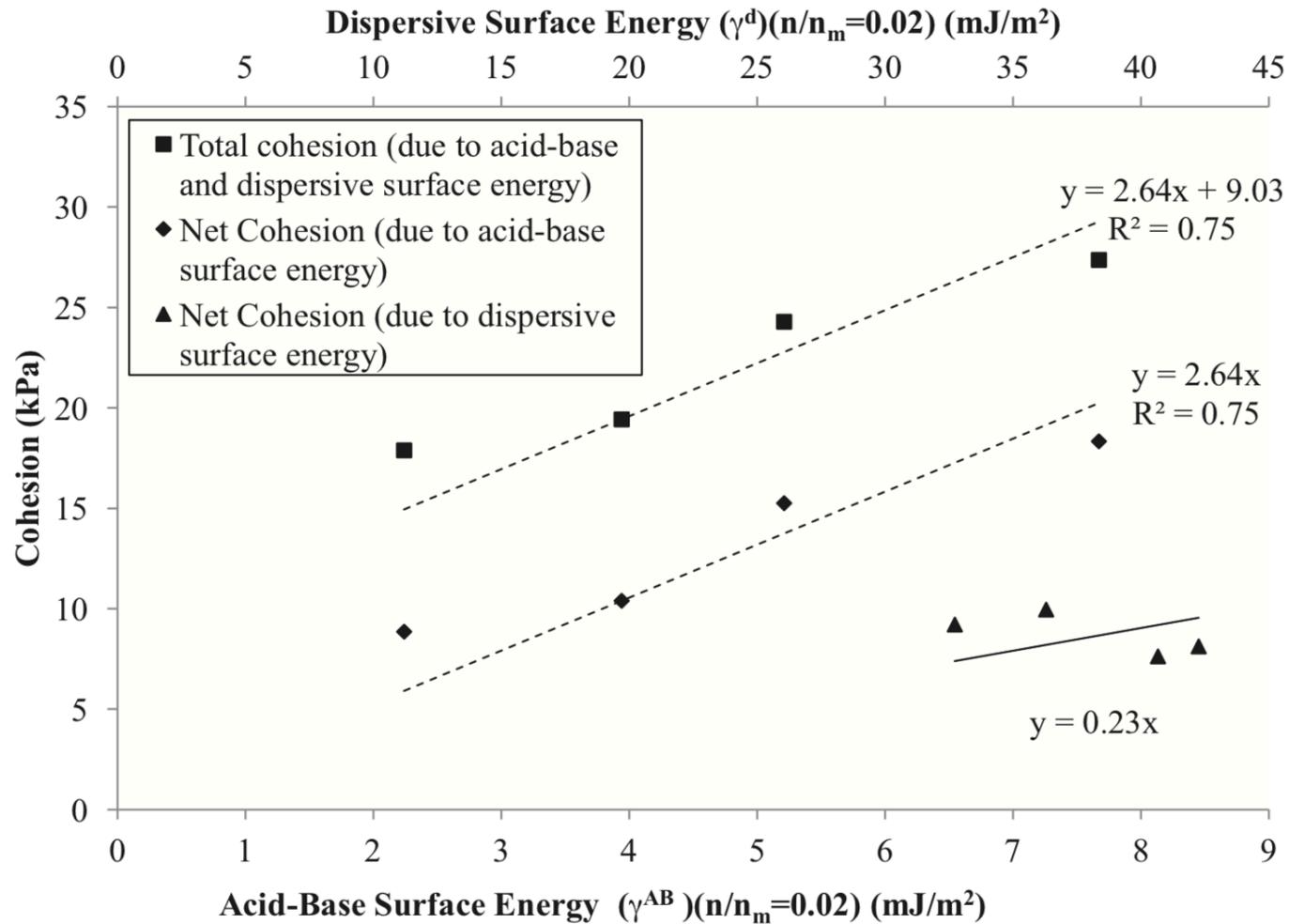
# Decouple $\gamma_s$ from $\sigma$



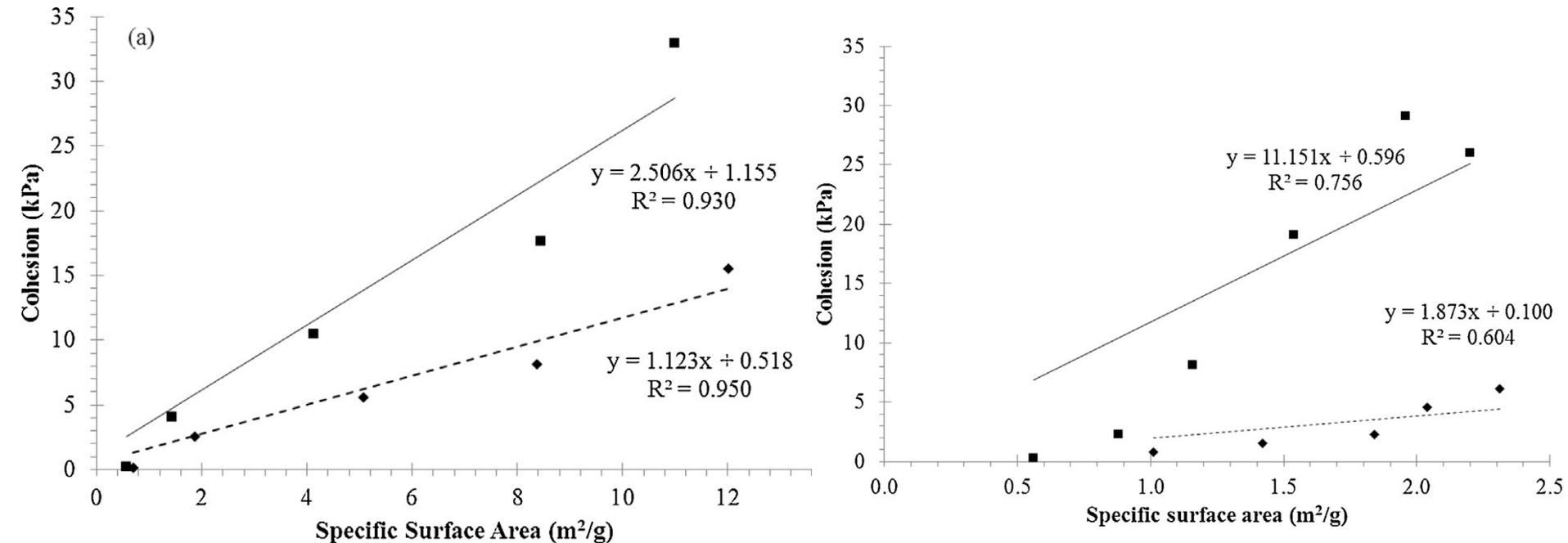
# Impact of Shape/Habits



# Contribution of $\gamma_s^d$ and $\gamma_s^{AB}$

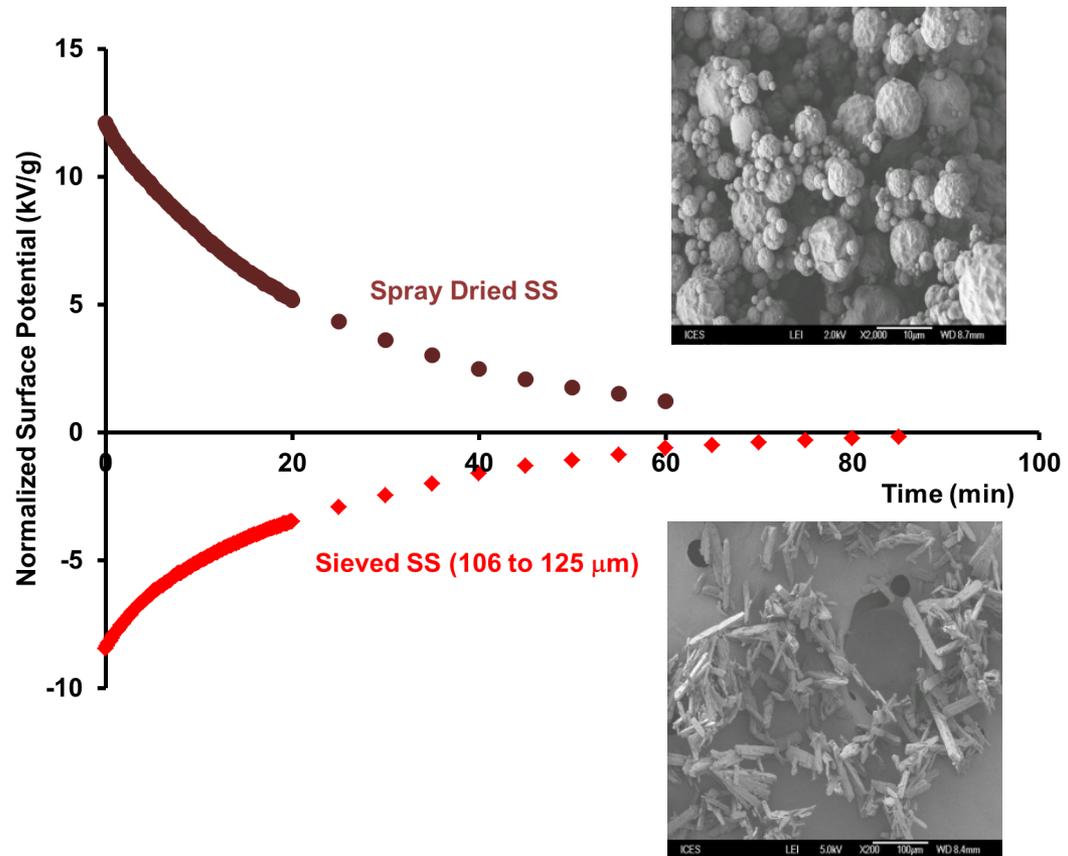
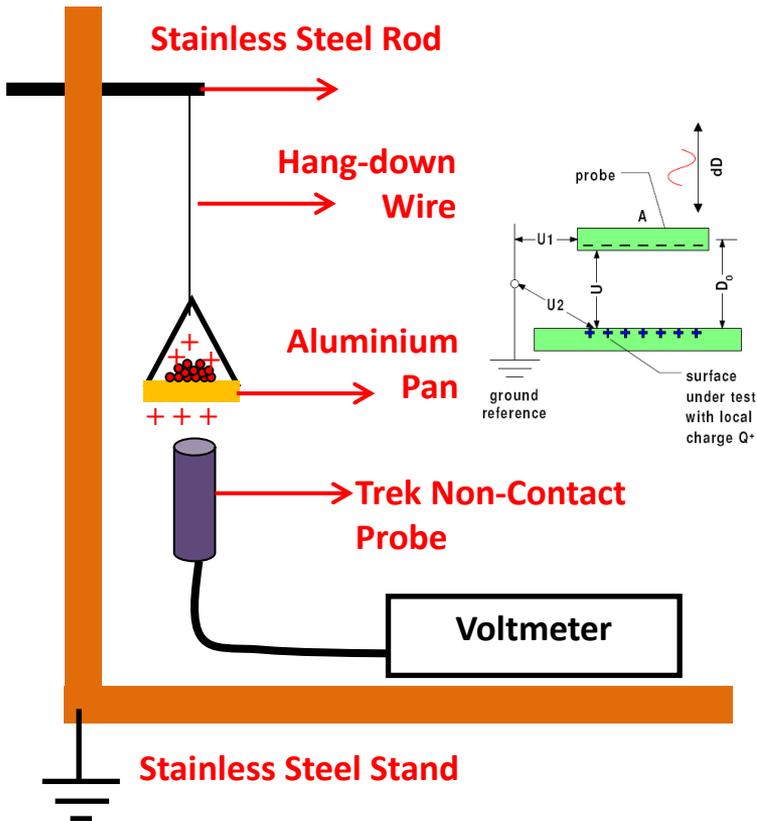


# Influence of Milling



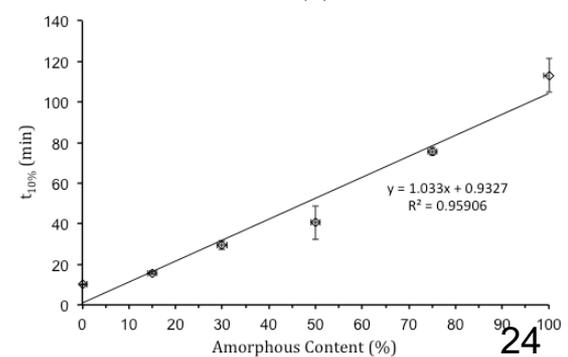
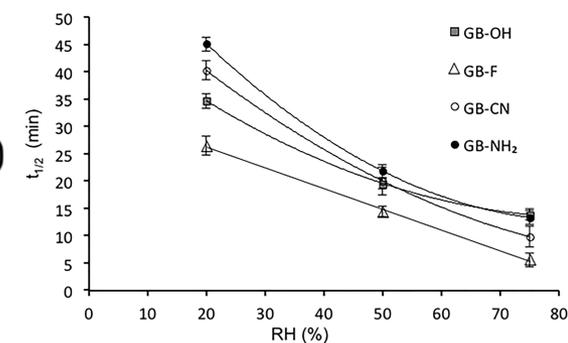
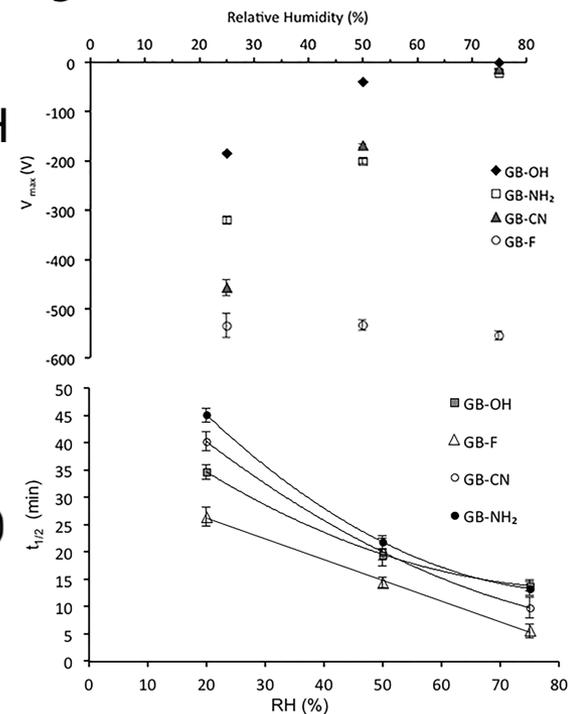
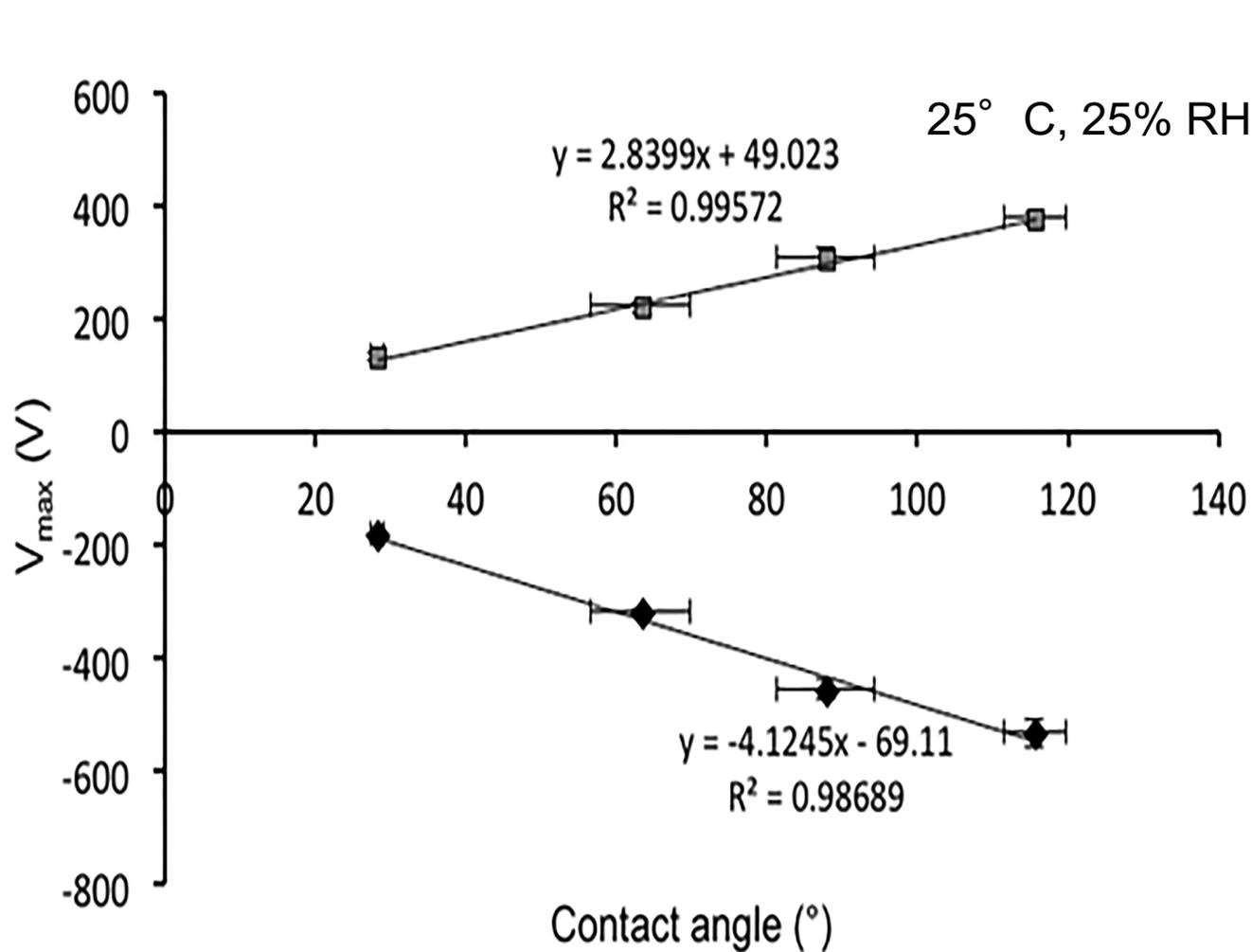
Contributions from surface area and surface energy on cohesion for brivanib milled at (a) cryogenic temperature and (b) room temperature (squares for un-silanised and diamonds for silanised powders)

# Surface Potential Measurement\*

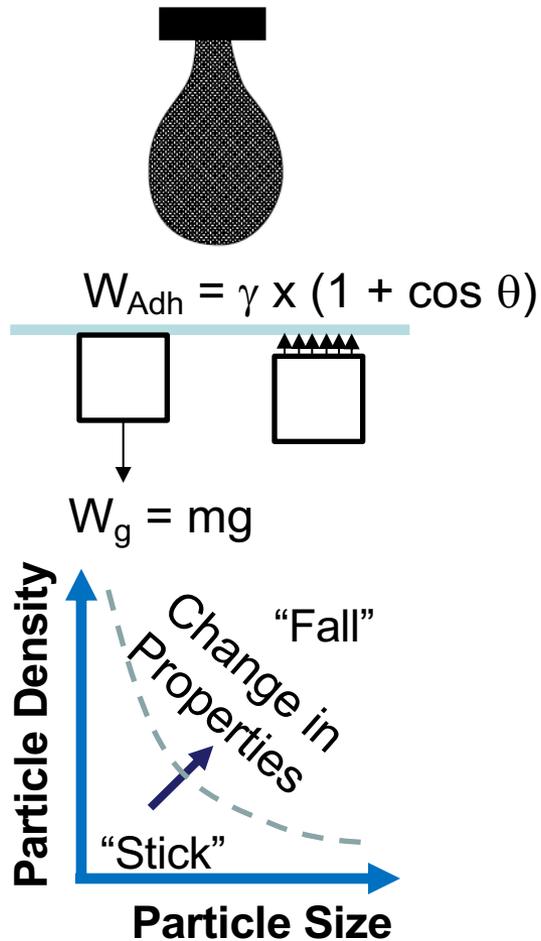


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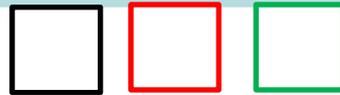
# Surface Chemistry



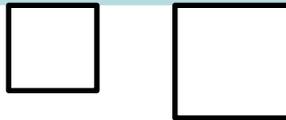
# Sticking/Cohesion



Effect of surface energy



Effect of particle size



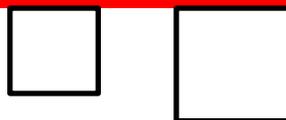
Effect of particle shape



Effect of particle density



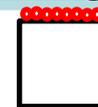
Effect of substrate properties



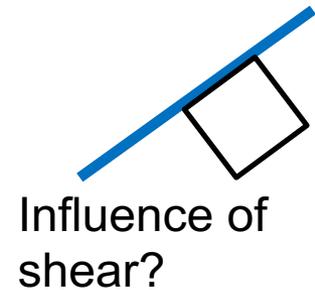
Effect of roughness



Effect of "glidants"



Effect of "lubricants"



# Spreading

Consider a liquid  $i$  spreading over a solid surface  $j$ , a new interface  $ij$  is created during the wetting process.

$$\partial G = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial A_i} \right)_{T,P} dA_i + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial A_j} \right)_{T,P} dA_j + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial A_{ij}} \right)_{T,P} dA_{ij}$$

The change in the surface area of the individual components:

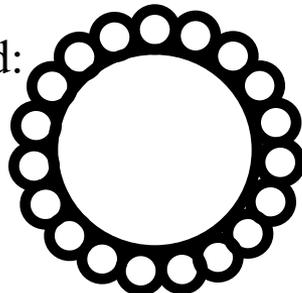
$$dA_i = dA_{ij} = -dA_j$$

The spreading coefficient, therefore:

$$-\left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial A_i} \right)_{T,P} = S_{ij} = \gamma_j - \gamma_i - \gamma_{ij}$$

Analogously, for a solid:

$$S_{ij} = W_{ij} - W_C$$



Effect of surface energy



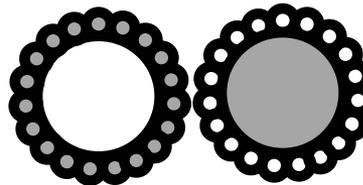
Effect of particle density



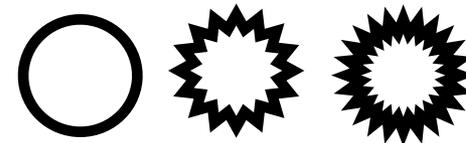
Effect of particle size



Effect of A/B or B/A



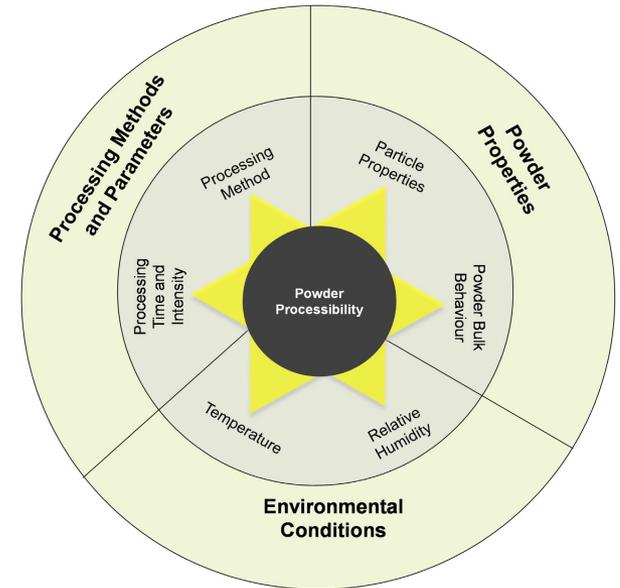
Effect of roughness



# Conclusion

The interfacial properties of a crystalline solid is anisotropic.

Powder processing may result in a change in powder surface property and hence affect powder handling and resulting performance.



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**Key message:**

**Need to better understand characteristics of particles (size, shape, roughness, chemistry).**

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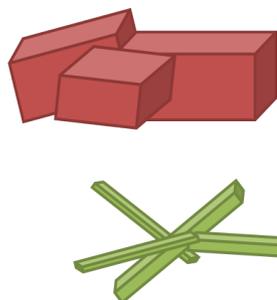
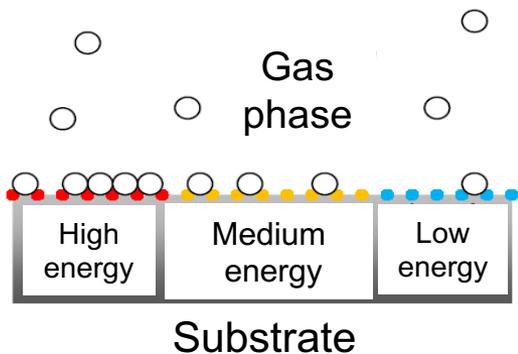
Vikram Karde (EPSRC VFL)

The background of the slide is a dark, textured surface covered with numerous small, multi-faceted crystals. These crystals are rendered in a variety of colors, including shades of blue, cyan, magenta, and red, giving the overall appearance of a microscopic or molecular structure. The lighting is soft, highlighting the facets of the crystals.

**Thank You!**

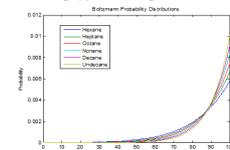
# Deconvolution

Adsorption to heterogeneous surfaces  
The physical picture



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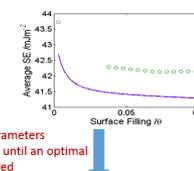
Model Adsorption process:  
Site filling approach using Boltzmann distribution



Calculate the distribution of different energies at a given coverage

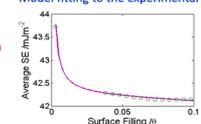
Input Parameters:  
Mean  $\gamma^d$  and Weighing

Model Distribution



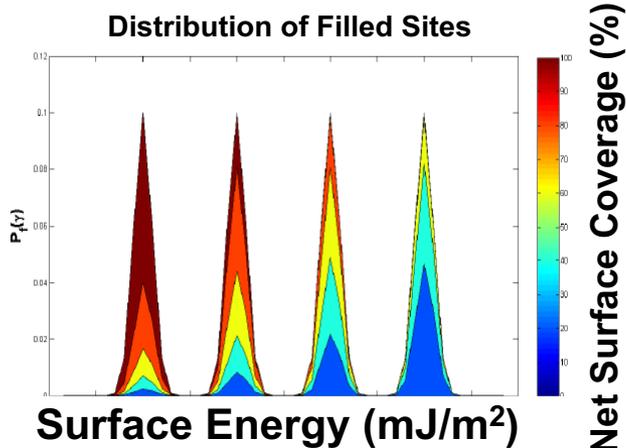
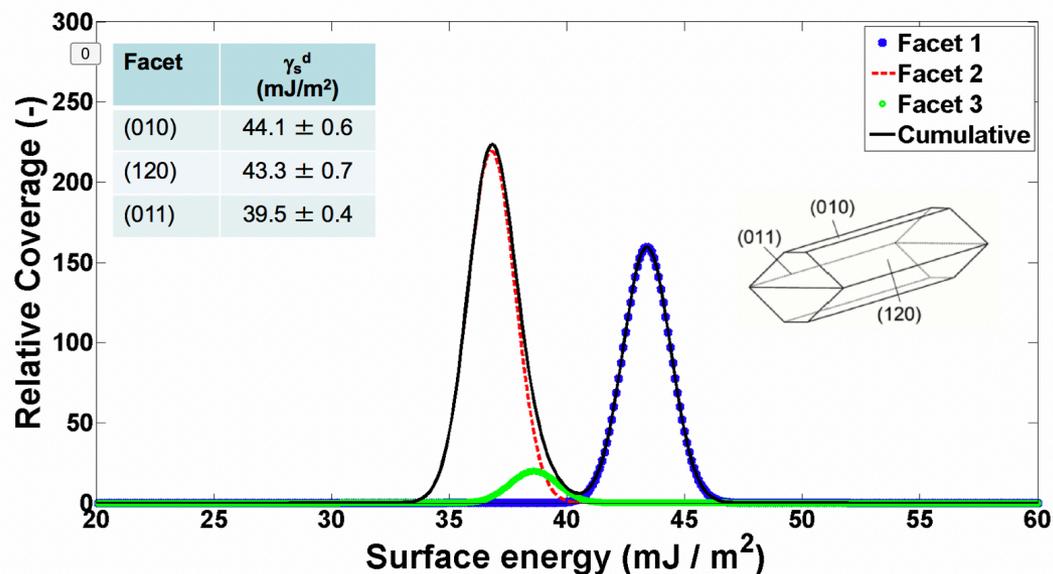
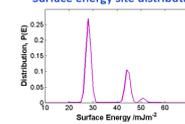
Input parameters modified until an optimal fit achieved

Model fitting to the experimental data



Deconvoluting the fitted data

Surface energy site distribution



# Deconvolution: Binary Mixture

