

FORMULATION DISPERSION STABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Turbiscan, an easy and efficient way for physical stability measurement

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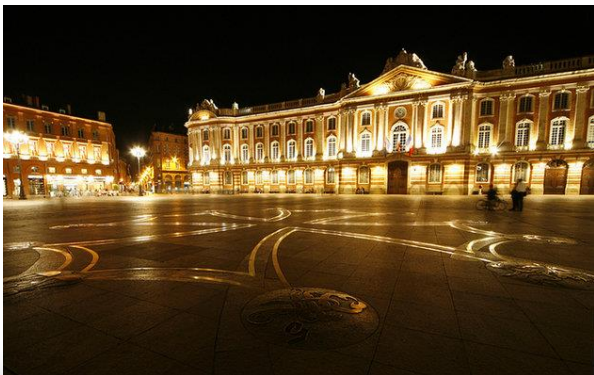
MICRORHEOLOGY

RHEOLOGY ON CHIP

Formulation

Company Overview

- Formulation (Toulouse, FR) is a leader in stability and microrheology measurements.
 - ✓ Company created in 1994
 - ✓ 3 ranges of products: Turbiscan, Fluidicam & Rheolaser
 - ✓ Direct office in the USA (Columbus, OH) , Germany & distribution : + 40 countries
 - ✓ Over 2,500 instruments, Over 2300 publications, 200+ patents
- Formulation mission : Provide characterization tool to the formulators in cosmetics, food, pharmaceuticals, oil & petroleum, chemicals, paint & ink, electronics...





FORMULATION

« overall know-how to develop and manufacture products with desired properties as stated by the specifications »

PHYSICAL STABILITY

Introduction

What is a liquid dispersion ?

Cosmetic



Food & Beverage



Ink & Paint



Pharmaceutical



Materials....



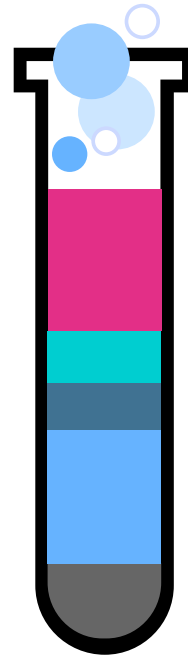
Oil & Petroleum



What is a liquid dispersion ?

A mixture

Multiple ingredients, non miscible phases (dispersed phase and continuous phase)



Different types

- Liquid/liquid = emulsion
- Solid/liquid = suspension
- Gas/liquid = foam

Stable/Unstable

For user appreciation, the formulation must remain stable



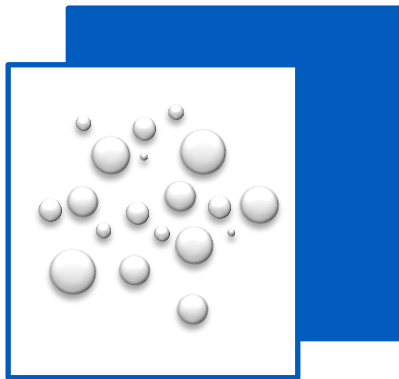
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Definitions

- What is considered a Stable formulation ?

ideally*

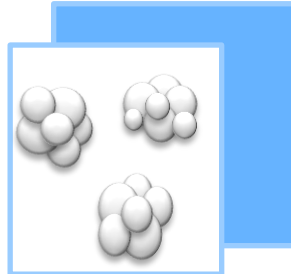
Initial state



Physical instability phenomena

Particle size
increase

Flocculation

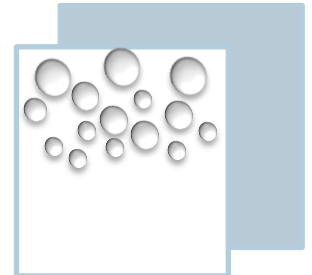


Coalescence

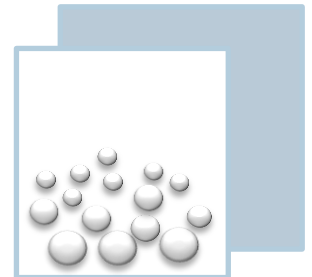


Migration
phenomena

Creaming



Sedimentation



In practice, no such product exist

Every system evolves

PHYSICAL STABILITY

Classical tests

⇒ Classical method for stability determination

BOTTLE TEST

- Direct Method
- Inexpensive
- Corresponds to real conditions (no stress...)

But What if the change is not easily visible ??

Limitations of the bottle test:

- Not sensitive -> may require several months and high temperatures
- Only sensitive to particle migration
- Not Objective : Depends on the Operator
- Doesn't quantify the phenomena



What is the alternative ?

MULTIPLE LIGHT SCATTERING

TURBISCAN®

Analyses migration destabilization phenomena

AND

**Size variation on samples with particle size
from 10nm to 1mm
at concentrations from 10⁻⁴% to 95% v/v**



Analyze the sample AS IT IS!

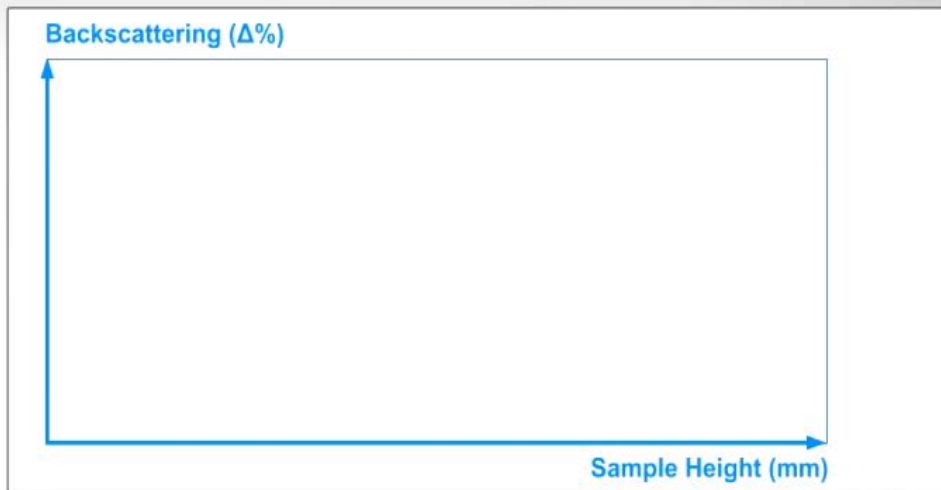
No dilution, no stress, no probes
Same conditions as visual tests
Only faster and more precisely

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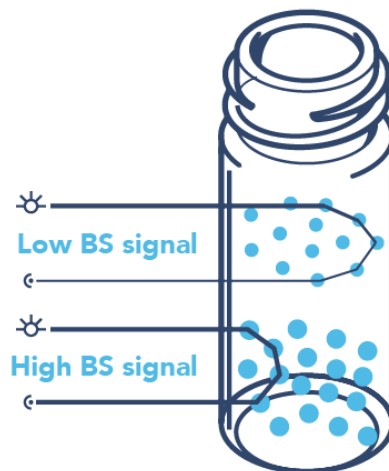
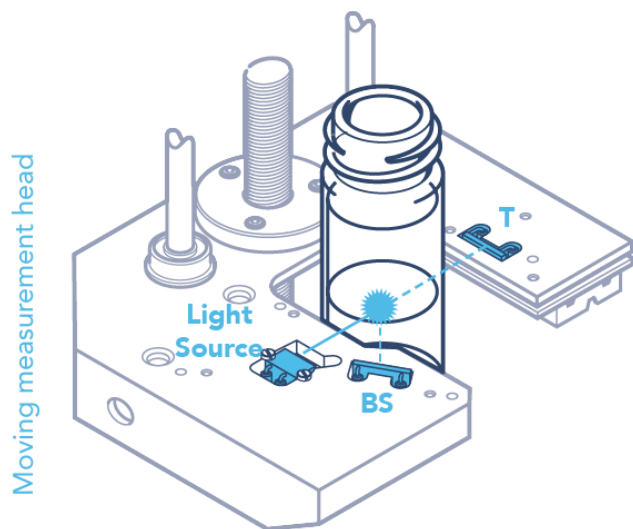
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How does it work?



Backscattering and Transmission signals depend on :

d : Particle size & **Φ** : Particle concentration

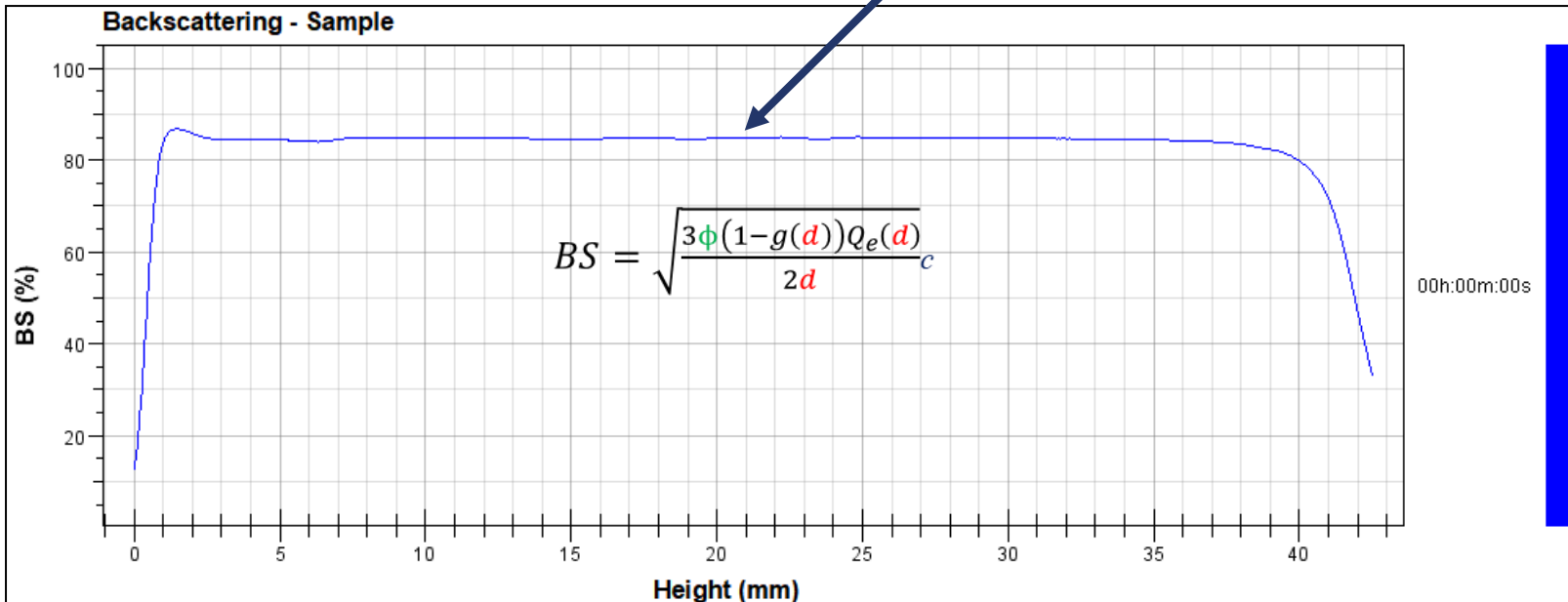
Scan are made **all over the sample height** and **periodically**

Signal variation \Rightarrow **Variation in the sample** \Rightarrow **Monitoring of stability**

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How does it work?

Particle size can be determined from the single curve



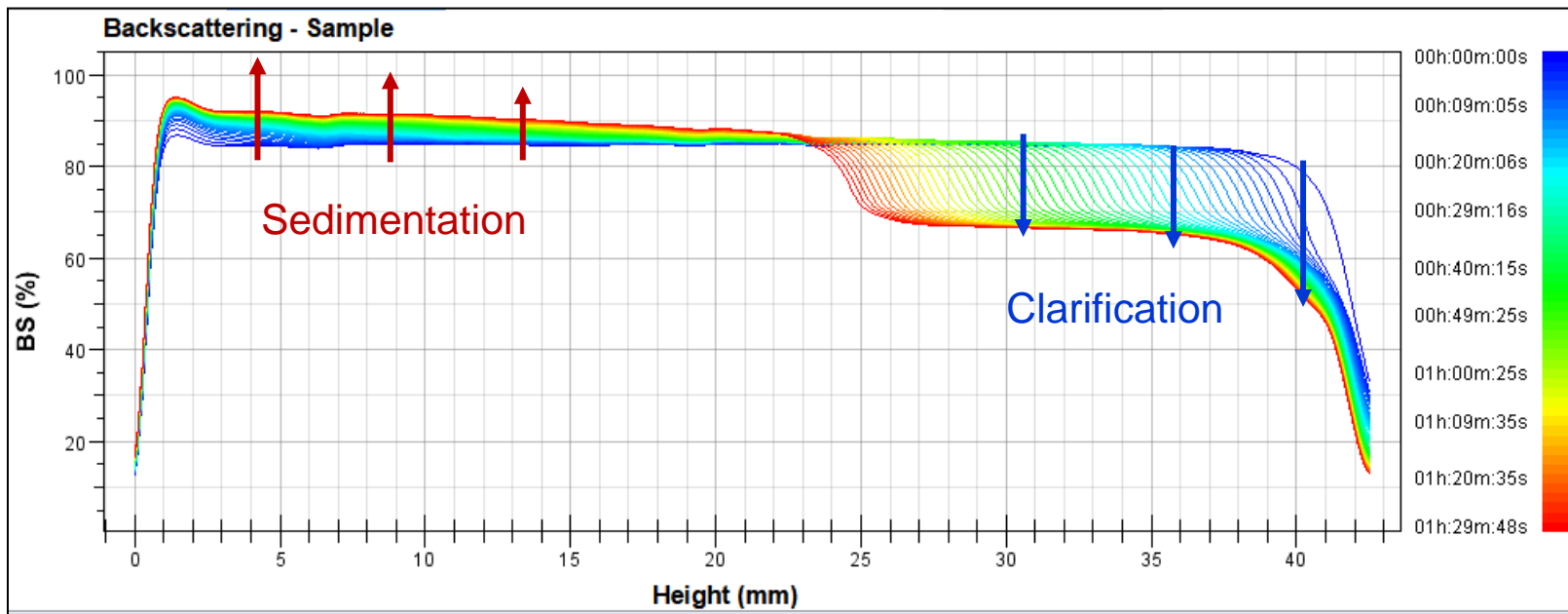
First scan
30 seconds



Single scan = Size

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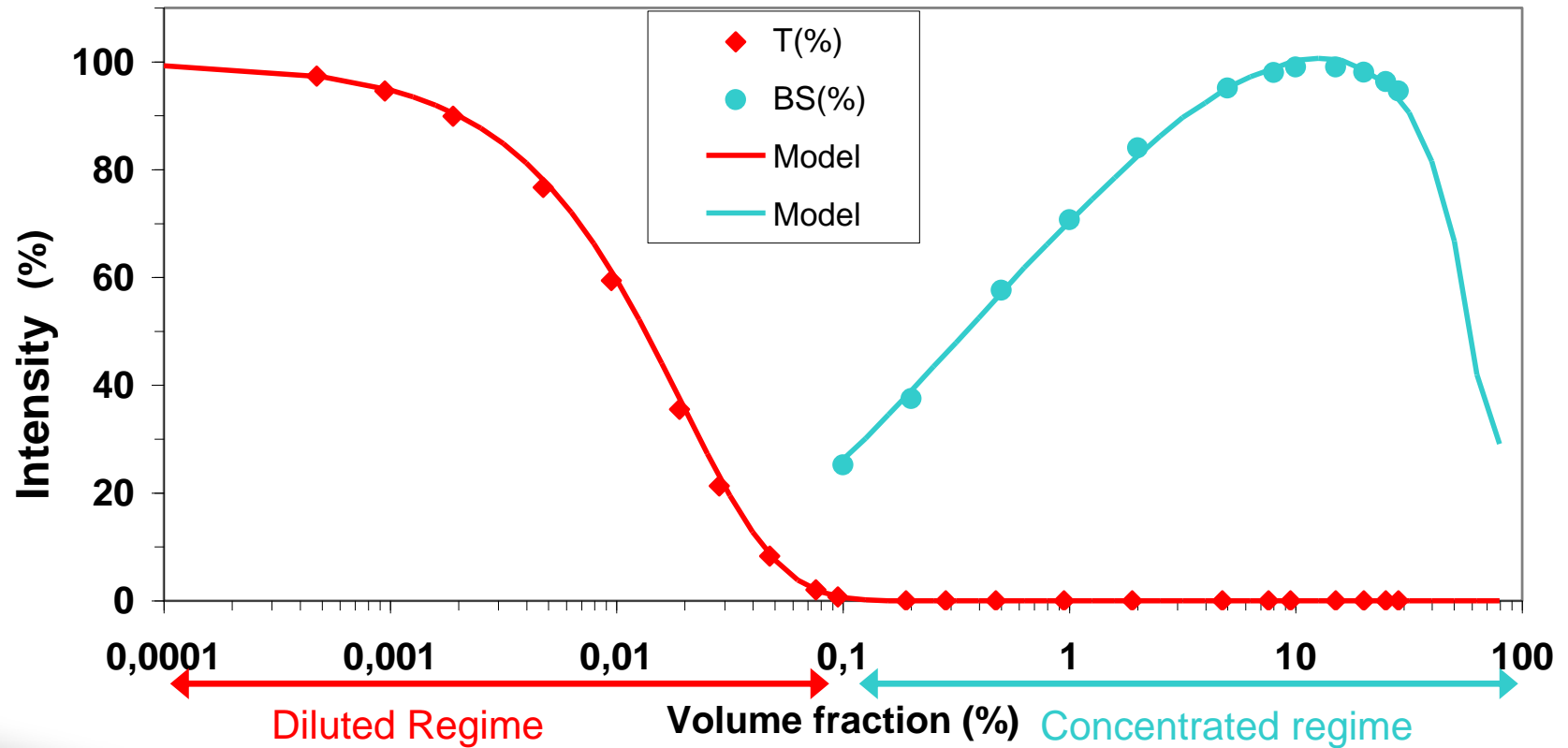
Multiple
scans
=
time

Multiple scans, if variation = **DESTABILIZATION**

Variation of particle concentration

ESTAPOR latex suspension (polystyrene in water)

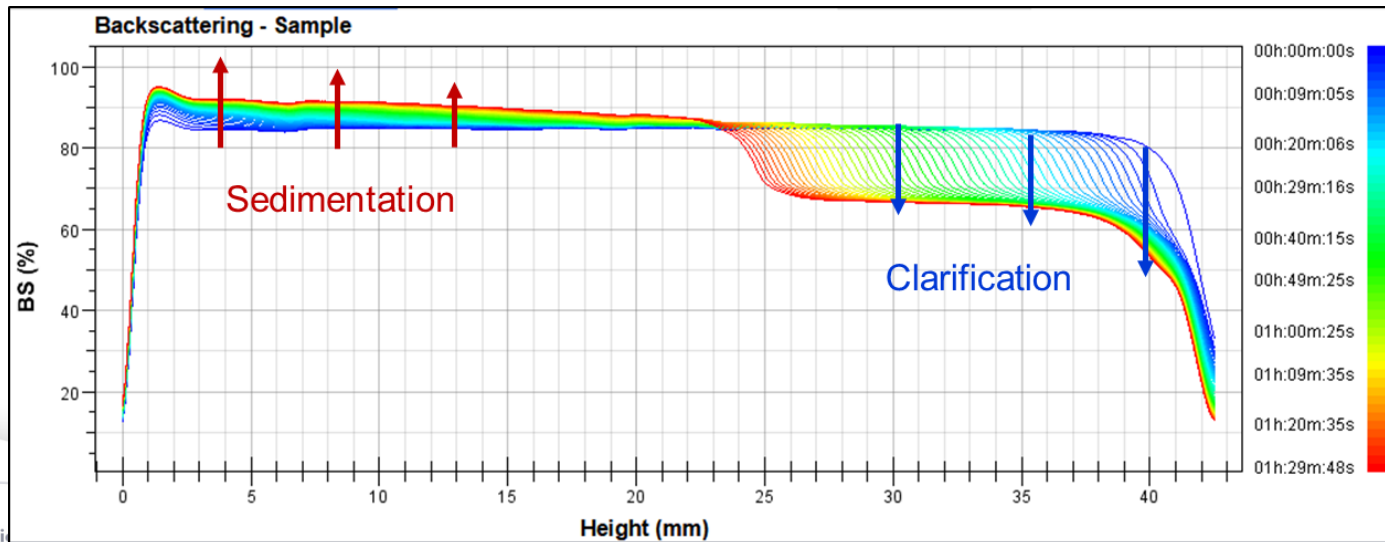
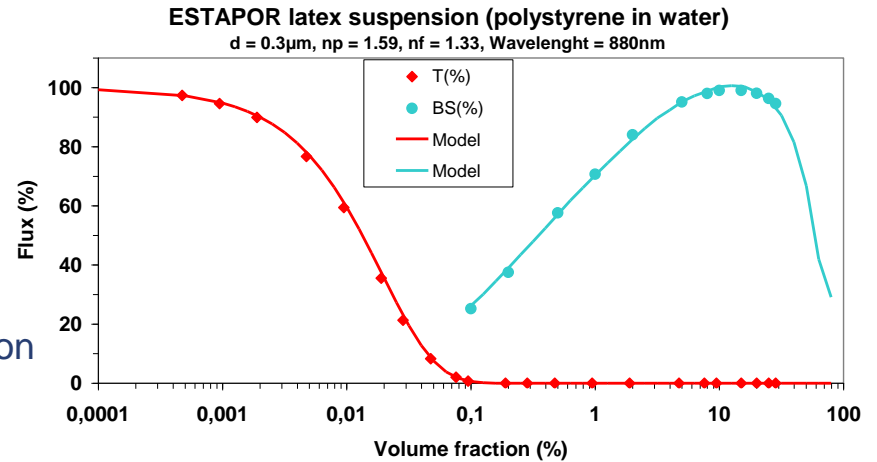
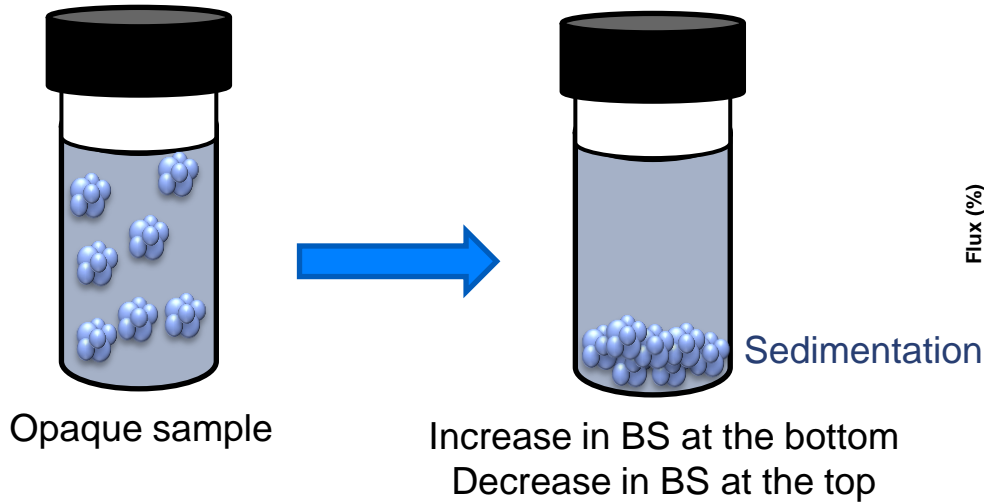
$d = 0.3\mu\text{m}$, $n_p = 1.59$, $n_f = 1.33$, Wavelength = 880nm



➡ Concentration range : from 0,001 to 95%

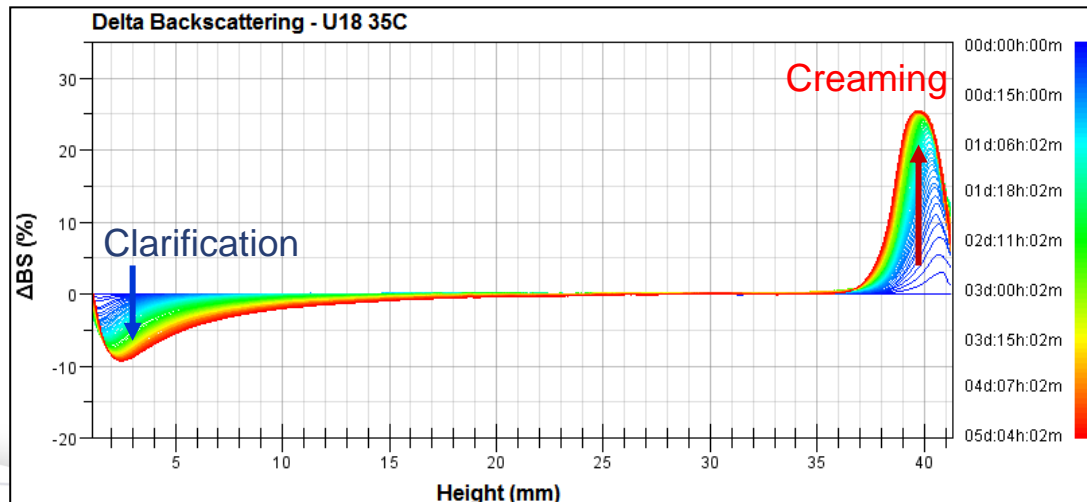
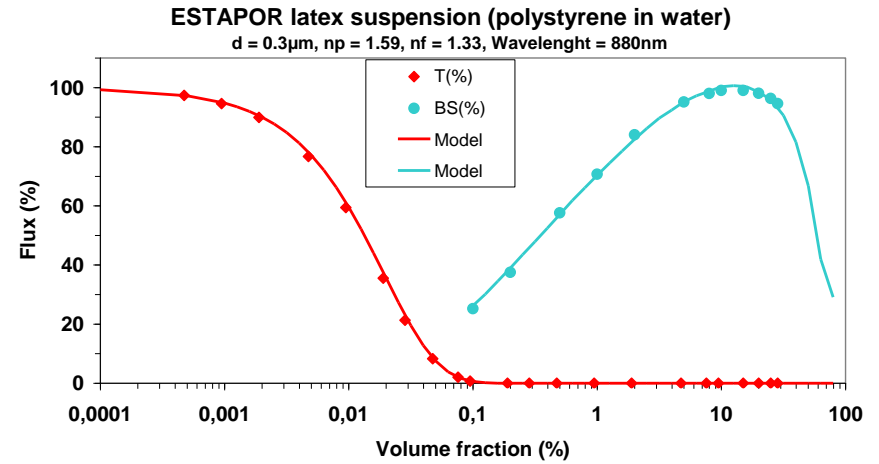
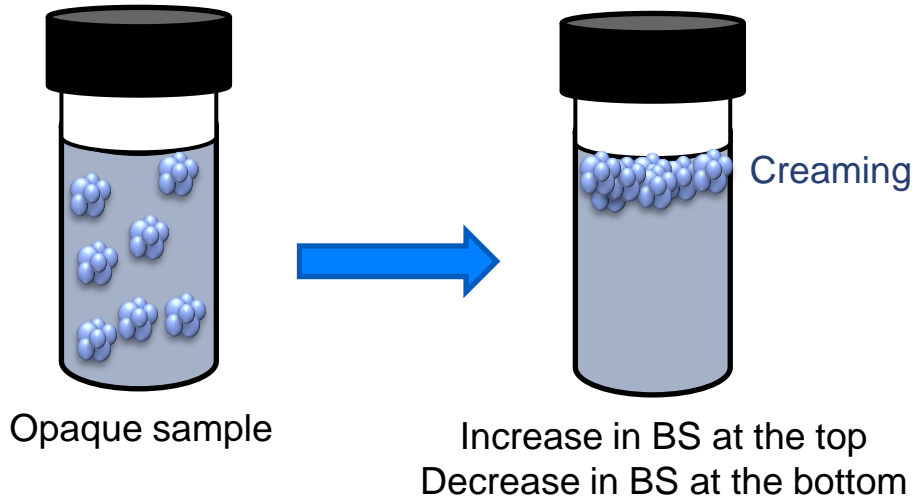
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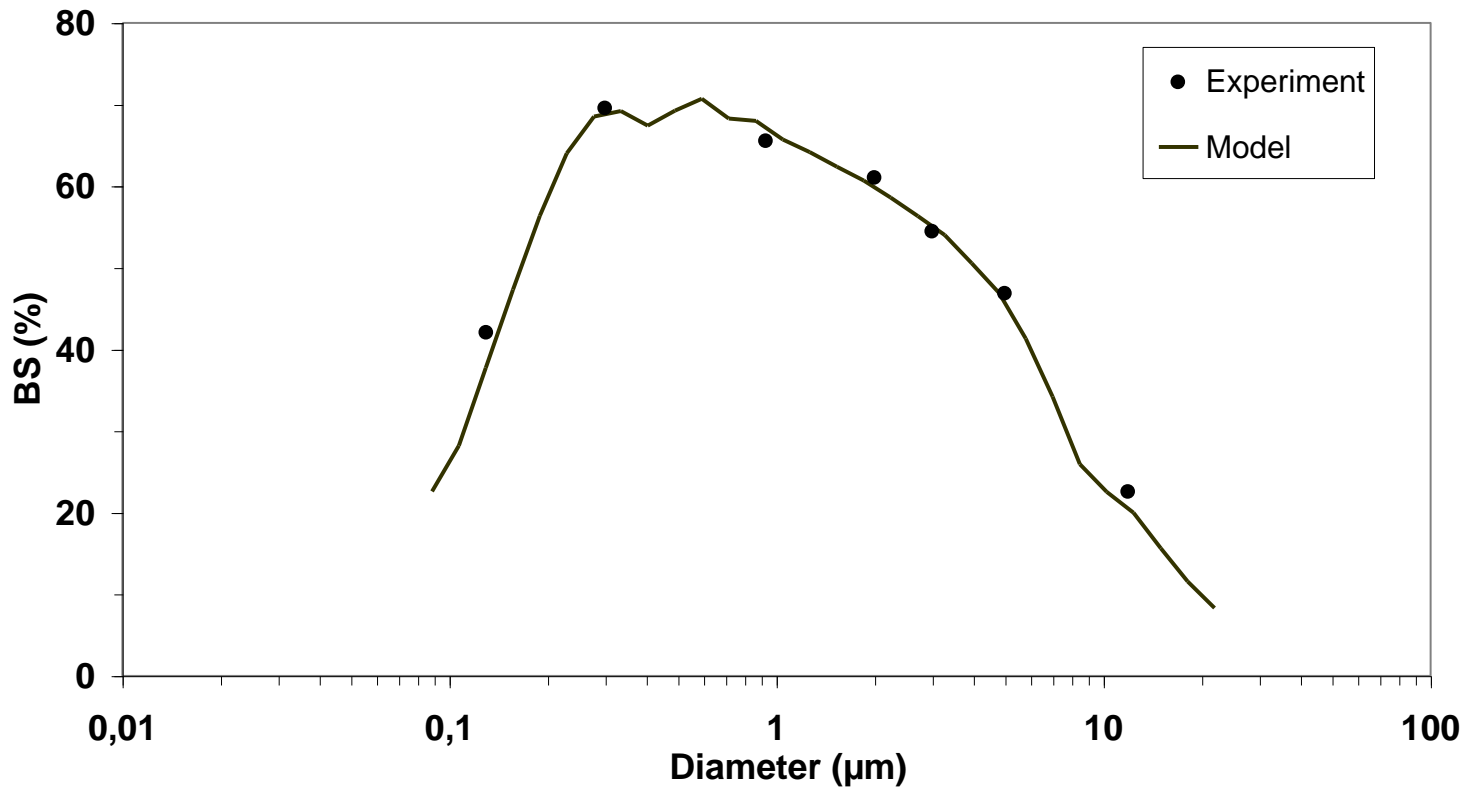


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How does it work?

Variation of Particle size

Latex suspensions from ESTAPOR (polystyrene in water)
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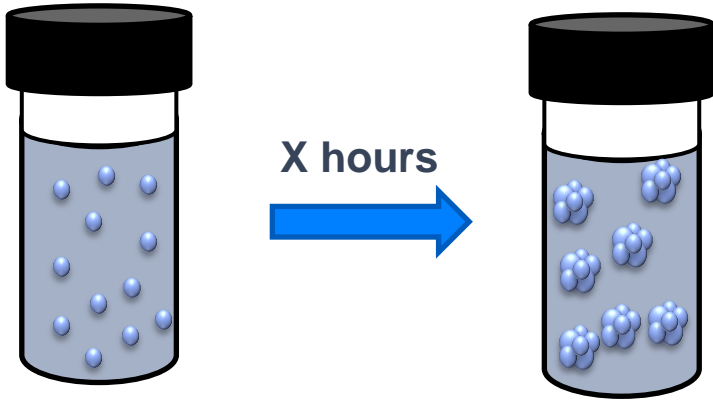


Size range : from 1nm to 1mm

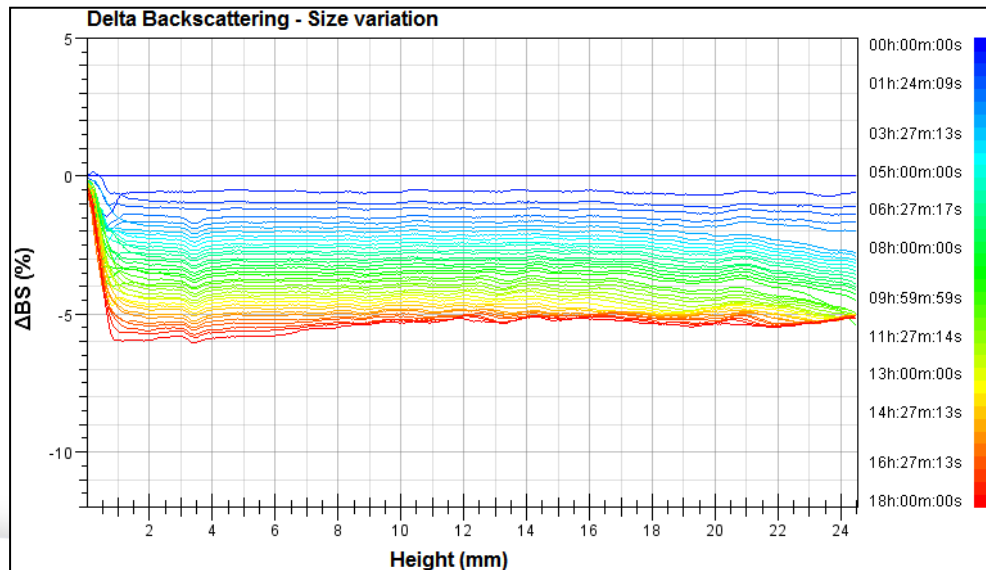
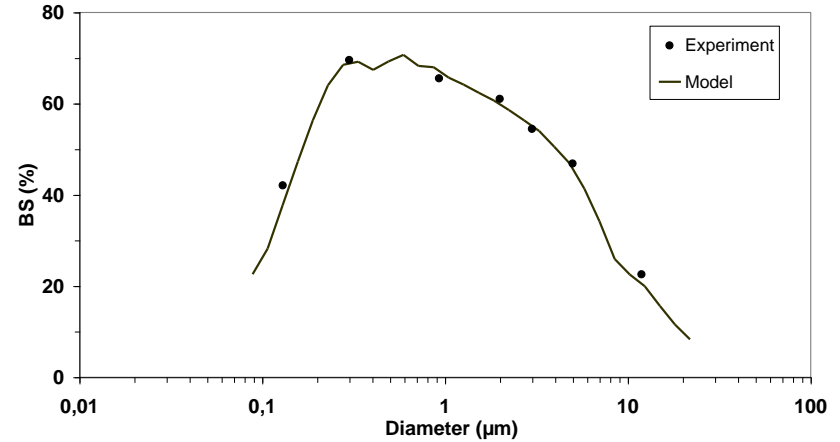
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How does it work?

Agglomeration of particles



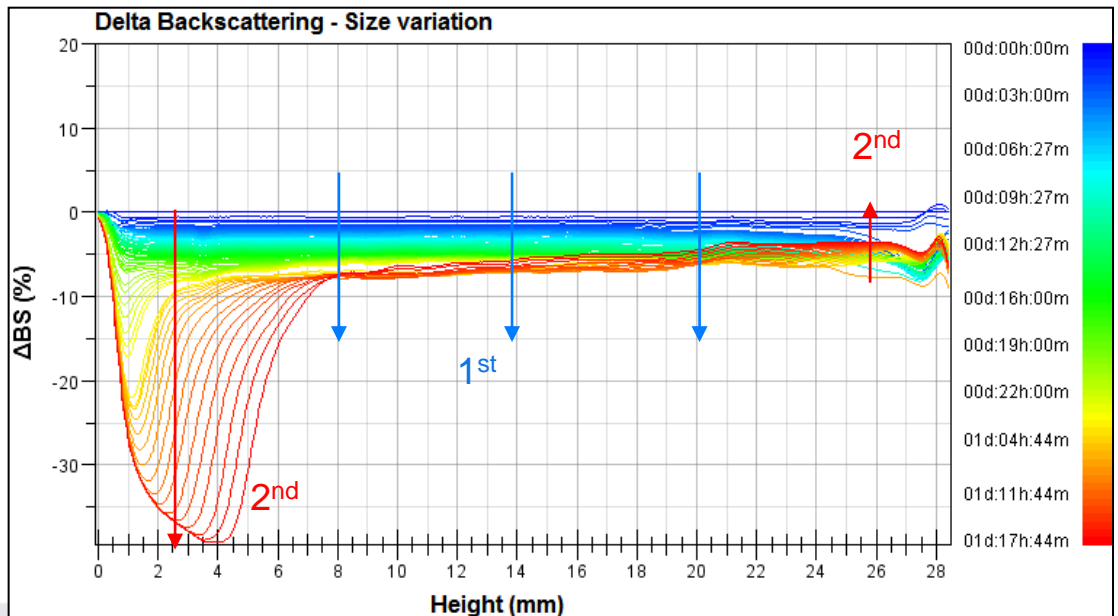
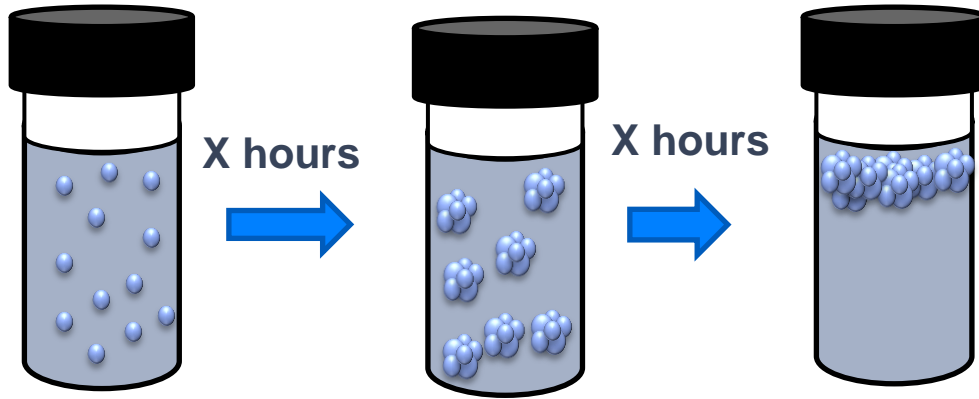
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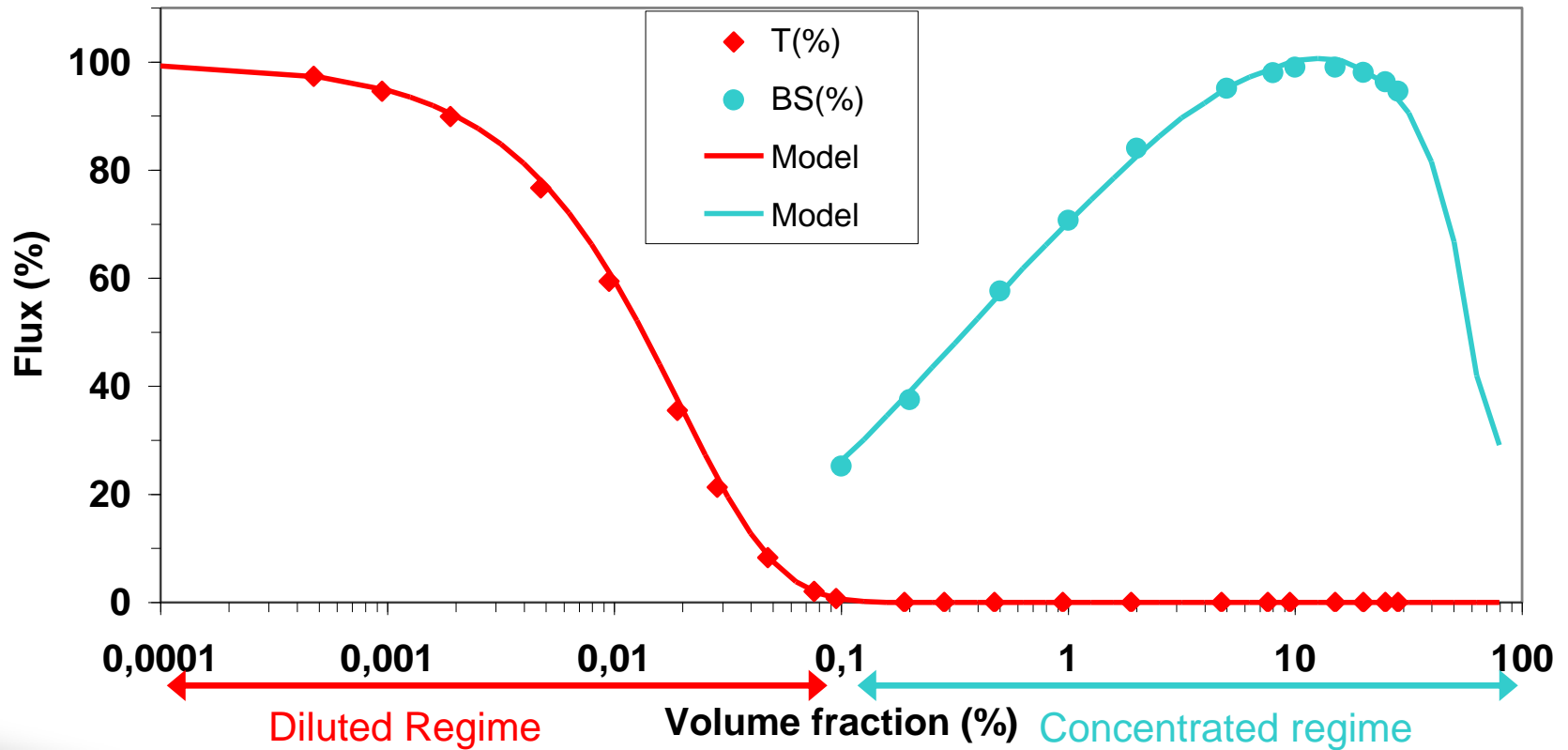
Combination of size increase and particle migration



Variation of particle concentration

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SMLS as a tool for size measurement

Why use the turbiscan for size measurements?

Measure concentrated samples

Non-Destructive



Simple – no lengthy preparation

1 Measurement in 25 seconds



Size measurements

Follow the evolution of the sample over time



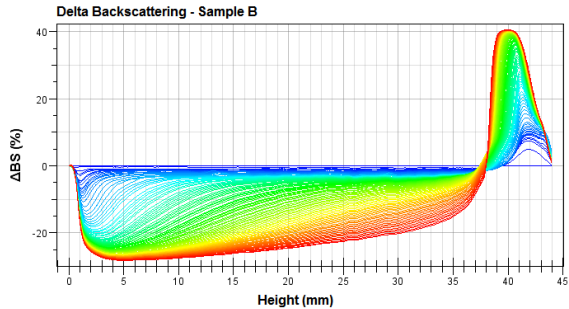
Average particle size measurements

Large particle size range

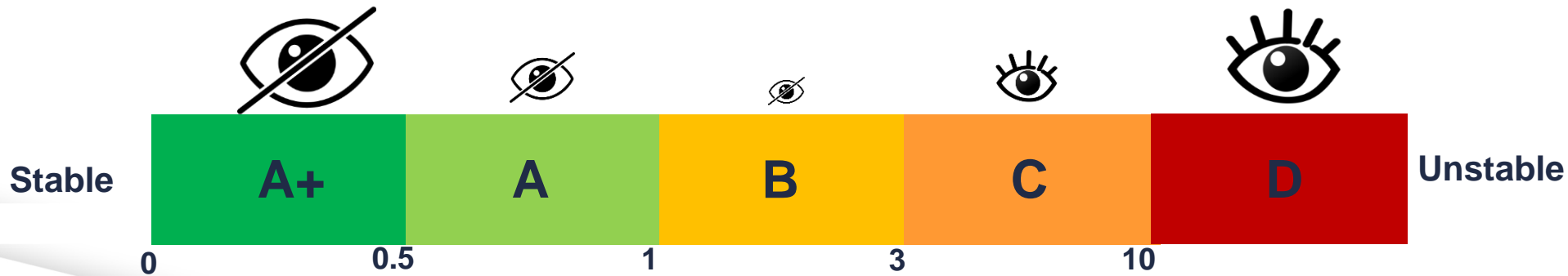


⇒ Ranking of stability thanks to TSI

Turbiscan Stability Index is THE stability parameter!



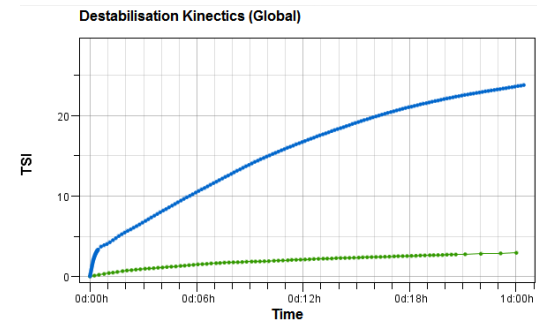
$$tsi = \frac{\sum_h |\text{scan}_i(h) - \text{scan}_{i-1}(h)|}{H}$$



tsi : the ultimate parameter for stability measurements

- One-Click parameter
- Easy, Pragmatic, Automatic and Fast Answer
- ONE unique number to rank & compare samples
- Takes in account ALL DESTABILIZATIONS
- The most suitable and robust tool to quantify and rank samples
- NO information required

⇒ The STABILITY CRITERIA



Applications

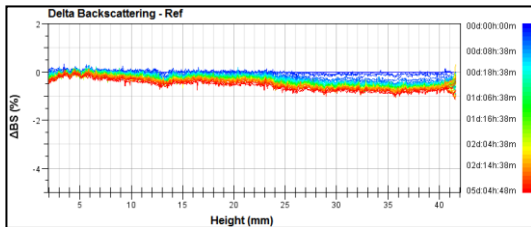
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General application - optimization

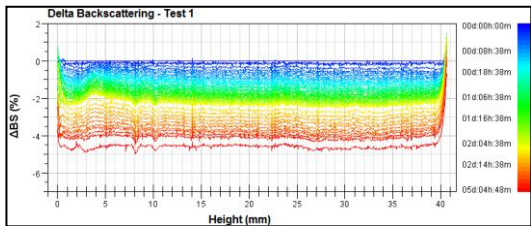
⇒ Step 1 : Identify the best surfactant

3 formulations :

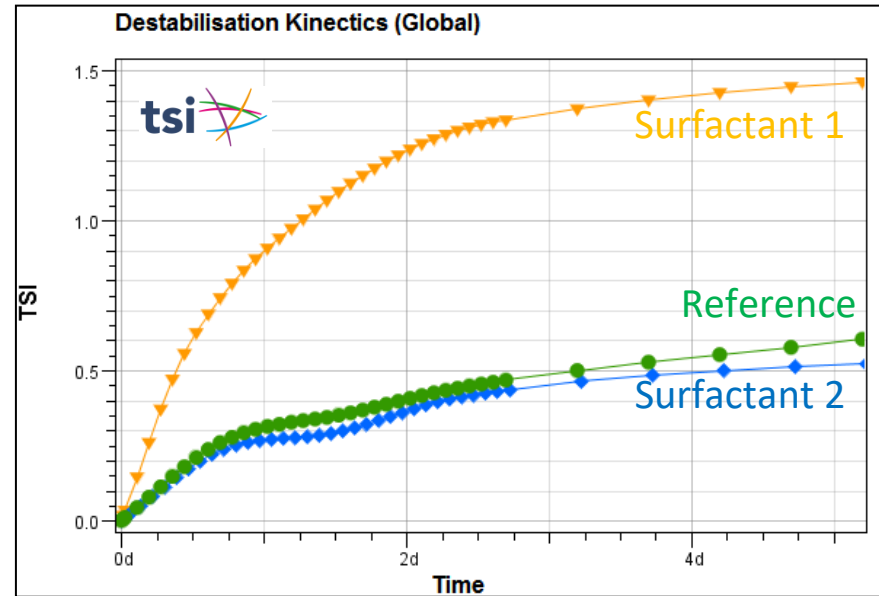
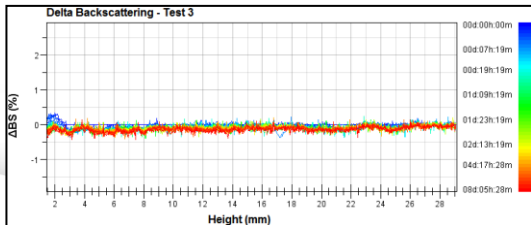
Reference



Surfactant 1



Surfactant 2

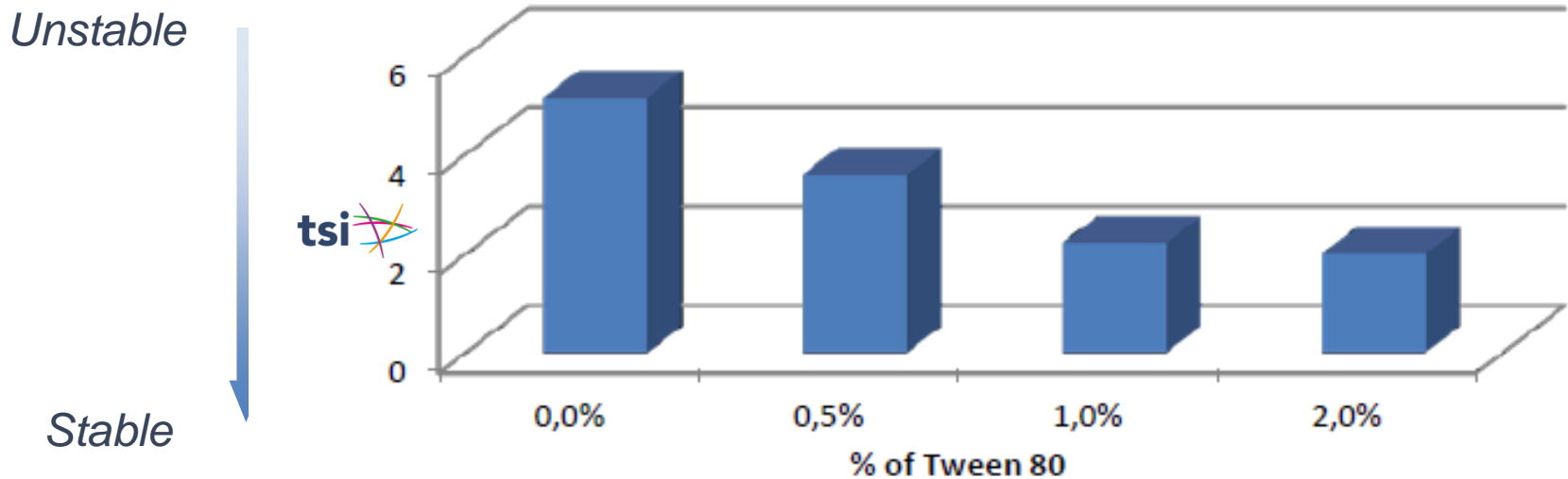


- **Best Surfactant is the Surfactant 2**
- **Answer in less than 1 day**
- **Quantification with the TSI**

Turbiscan data

General application - optimization

⇒ Step 2 : How much surfactant should be used



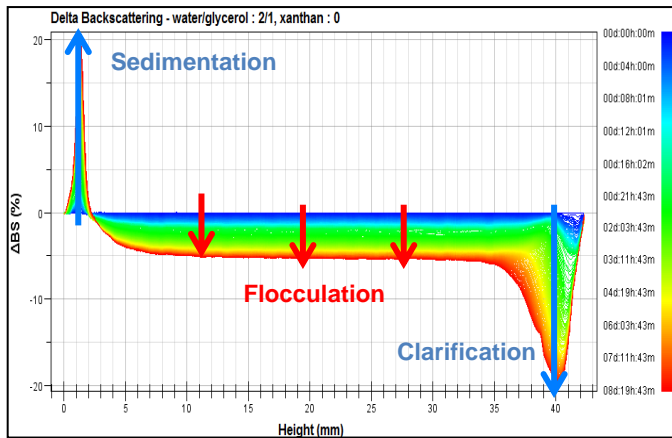
⇒ 1% of surfactant is the optimum concentration for this formulation

Turbiscan data

General application - stabilizers

⇒ Stabilization by viscosity increase : Adjust the use of the polymer

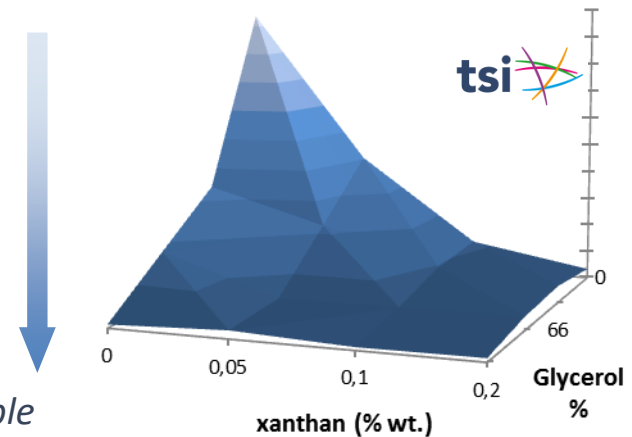
- Use of the experimental design + TSI
- 16 formulations



Particle size variation + Migration

Unstable

Stable

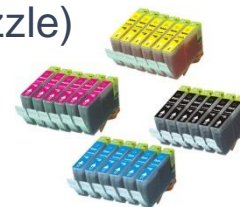


The amount of stabilizer can be optimized to adjust effectiveness and price

Turbiscan applications

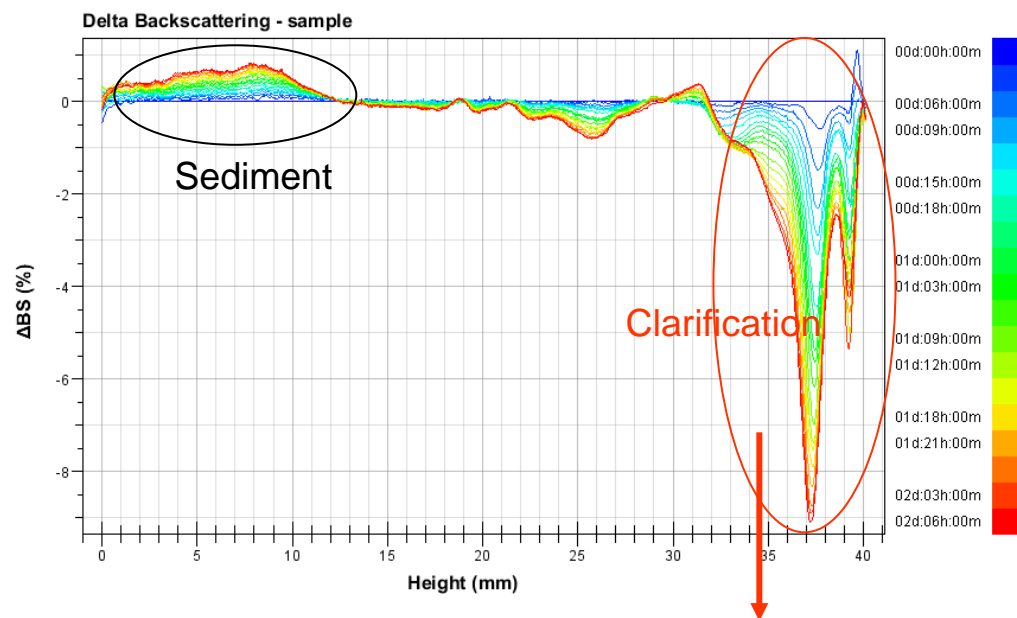
Migration of pigment

- **Problematic** : pigment tend to settle because of density difference
- **Solution** : - increase viscosity (limited to 3mPa.s with some inkjet nozzle)
- decrease particle size (induce colour changes)
- **Objective**: find the best comprise and test the best formulation



Turbiscan applications

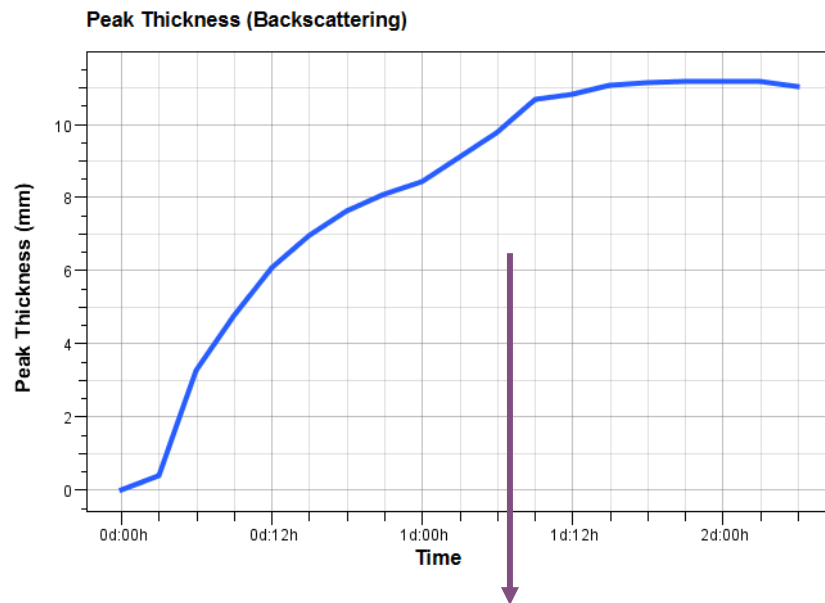
Migration of yellow pigments



2 peaks = 2 populations of particles

⇒ Detection only in the first hours

Sediment thickness kinetics



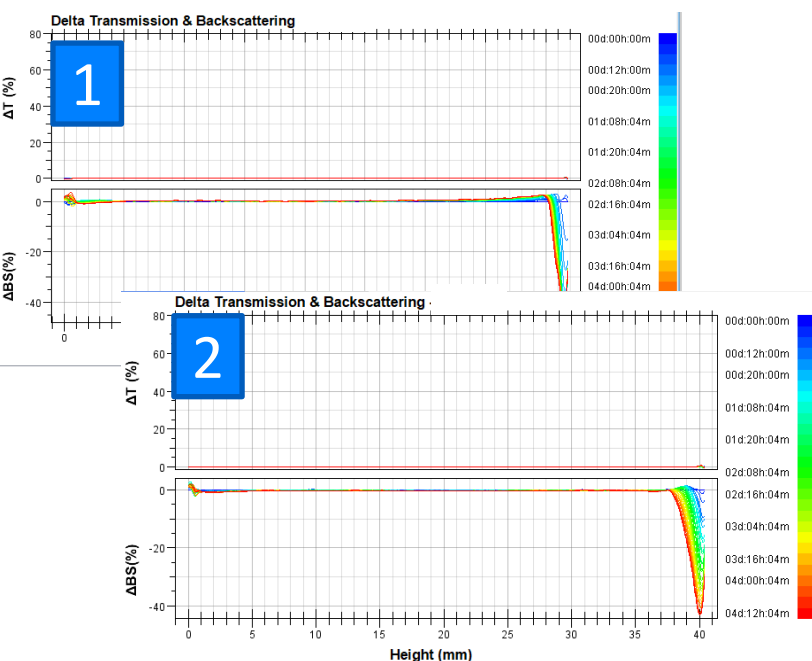
Migration velocity : 0.88 mm/d

TSI Applications

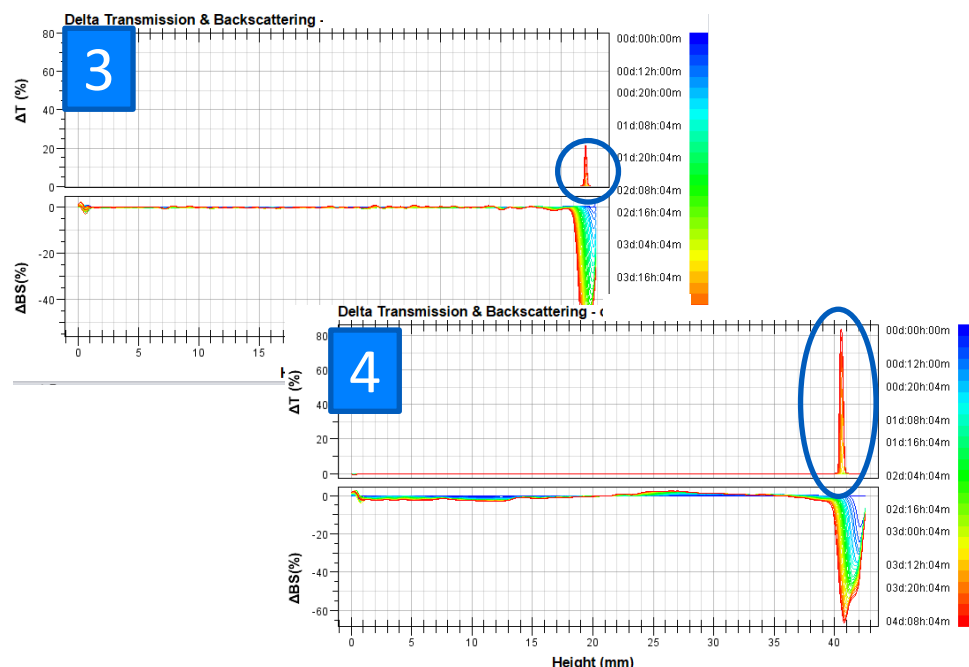
Road Paint



- 4 different road paints were tested to determine their stability
- These samples are highly concentrated in pigment– no problem for the turbiscan
- 2 different solvents were used



Solvent A

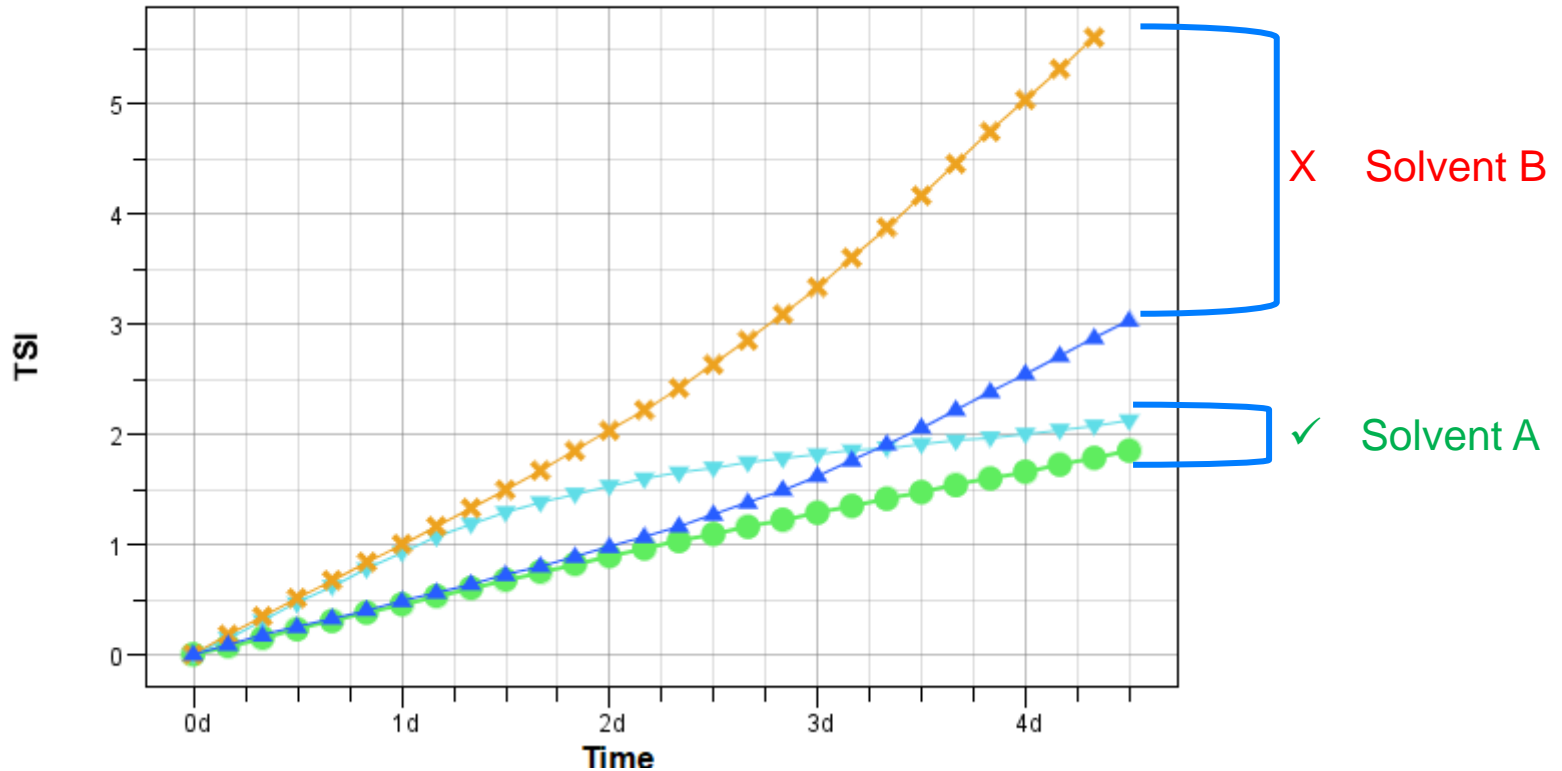


Solvent B

TSI Applications

Road Paint

Destabilisation Kinetics (Global)



- ✓ Solvent A gives paint that is more stable
- ✓ Results obtained in 4 days

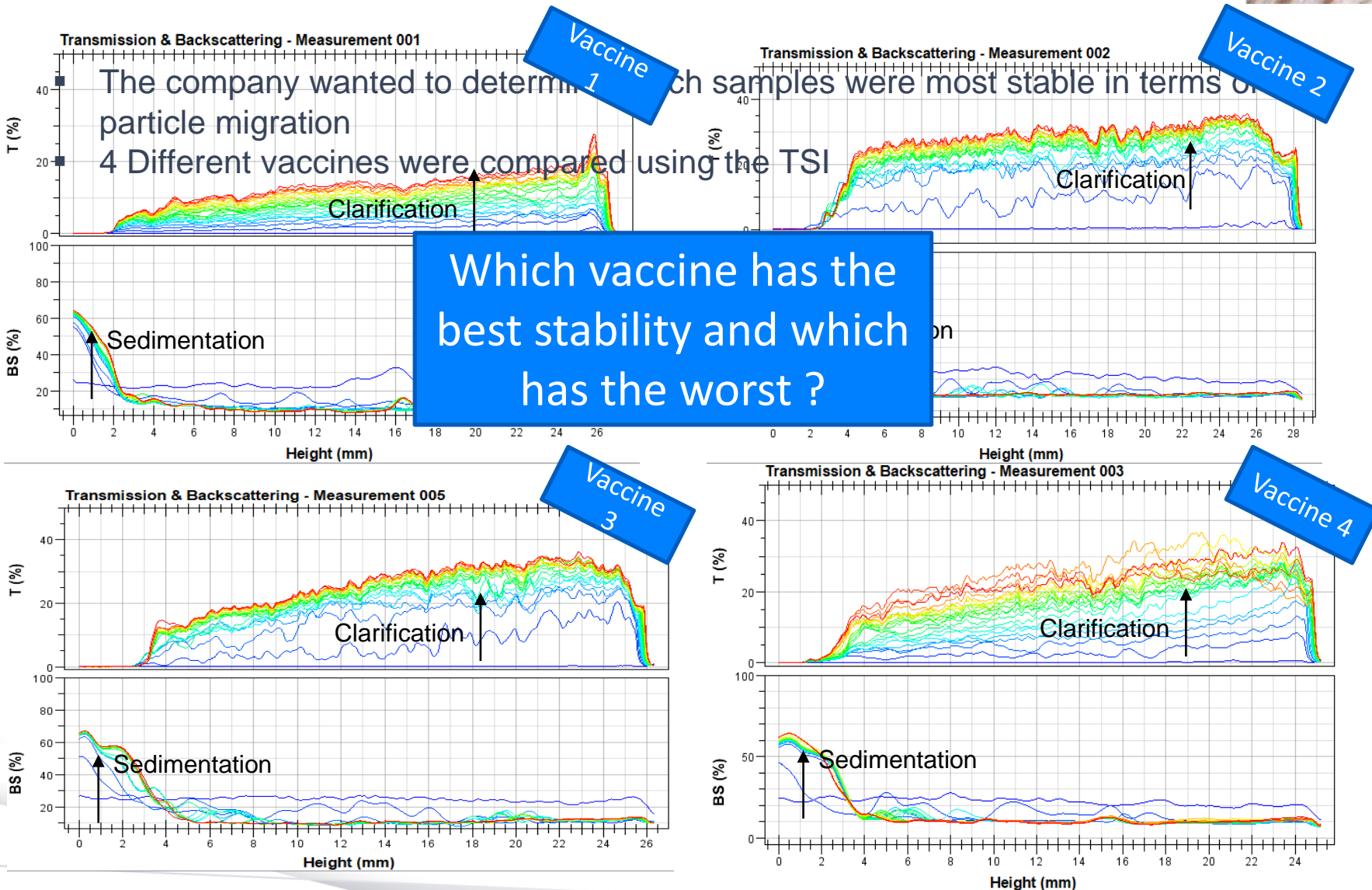
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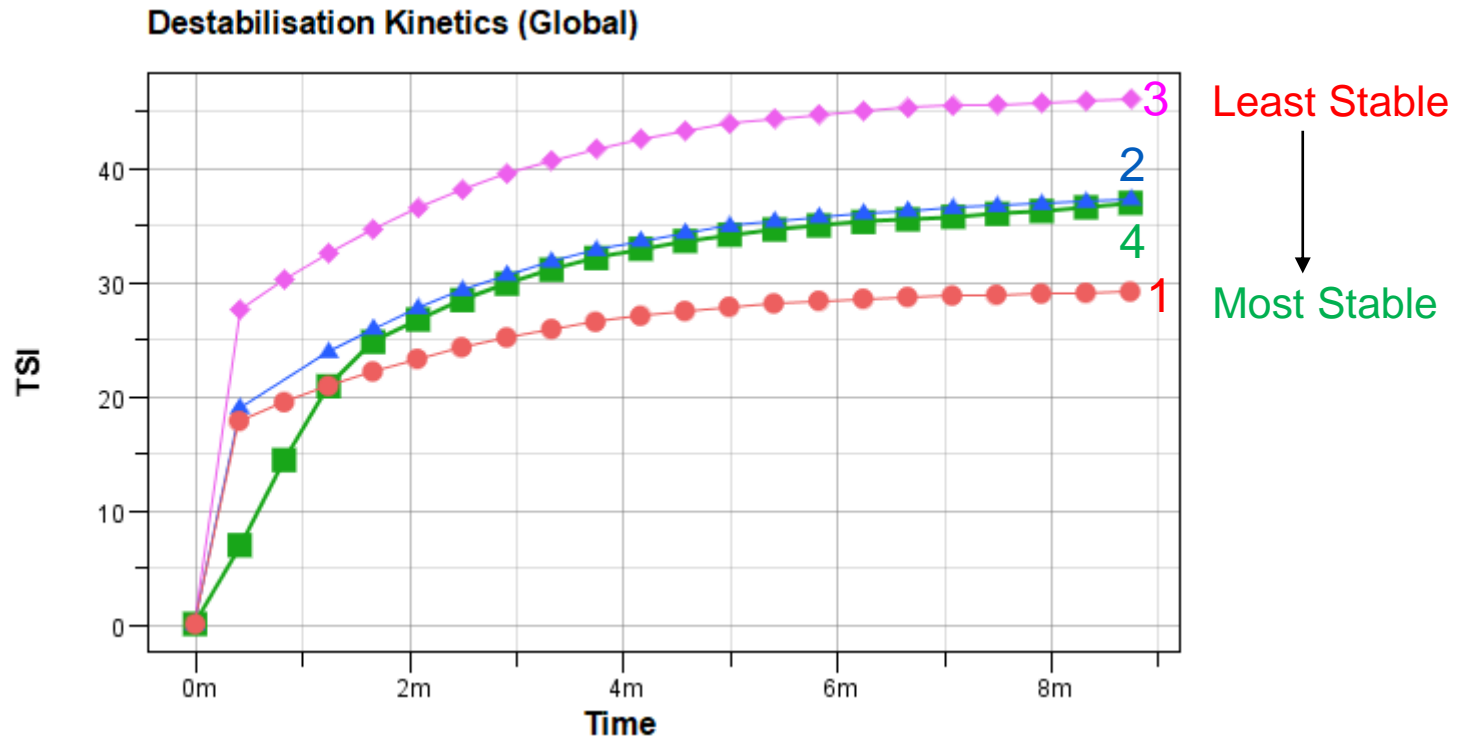
TSI Applications

Sedimentation in Vaccines



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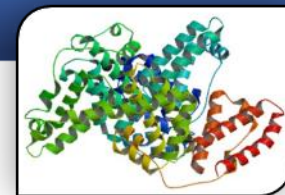
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- After **8 minutes** of analysis they could see which samples had a better stability

Protein denaturation with temperature

BSA protein – Pharmaceuticals field

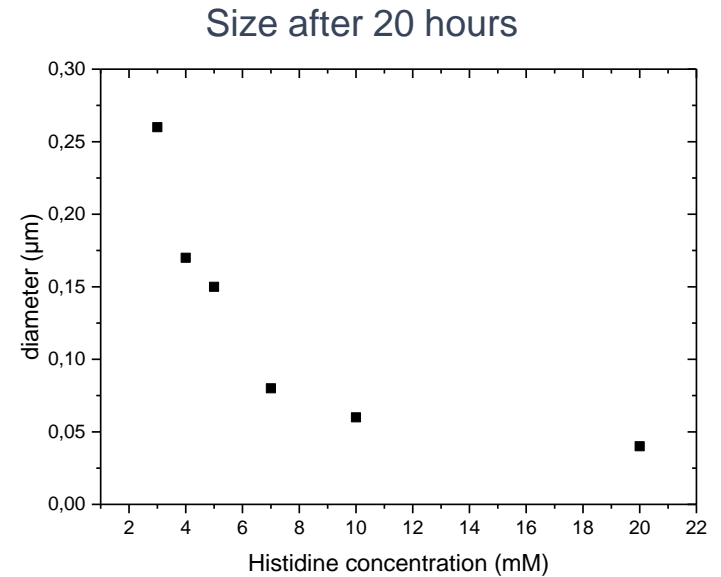
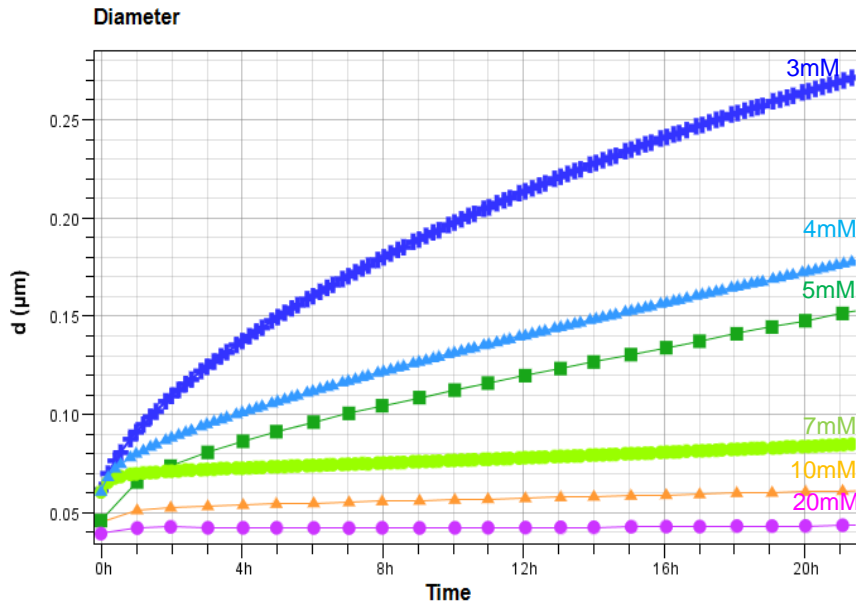
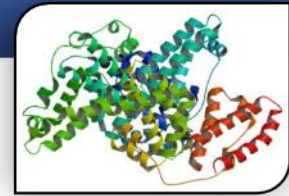


- **Problematic:** Temperature increase leads to proteins denaturation which consists in modifying interactions and going from transparent to opaque samples linked to size increase
- **Solution:** Histidine, an amino-acid, is currently used to protect therapeutical protein against denaturation.
- **System:** 8 samples of BSA 10%wt with different amount of histidine (mM) were analysed at 60° C



Protein denaturation with temperature

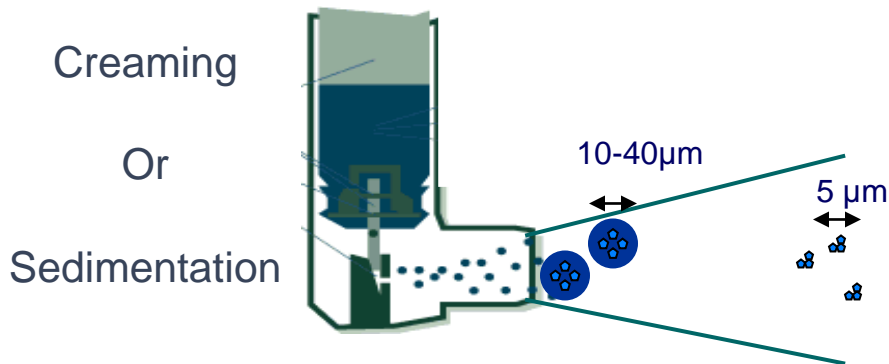
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⇒ Increasing histidine concentration enables to keep lower diameter and closer to native state without denaturation

Turbiscan applications Inhaler

- **Context** : Treatment of Asthma



Evaporation of the propellant

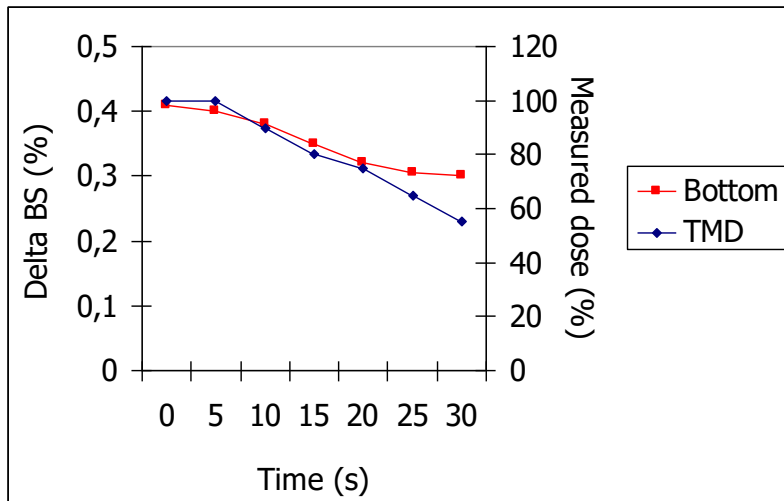


Drug particles into lungs

- **Requirements** :
 - High and constant quality
 - Same dose each time (25-150 μL)
 - Same amount of active per zone

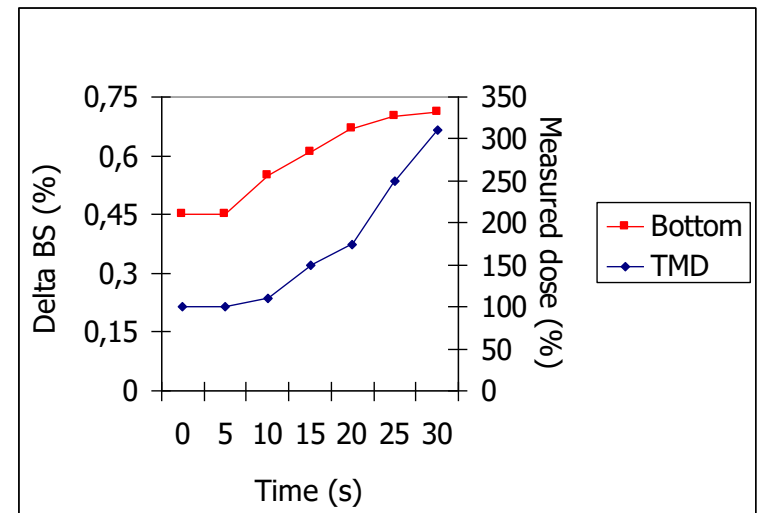
- Correlation with timed medication delivery

Creaming (bottom)



⇒ Insufficient dose after 10 s

Sedimentation (Top)



⇒ Too much dose after 10 s

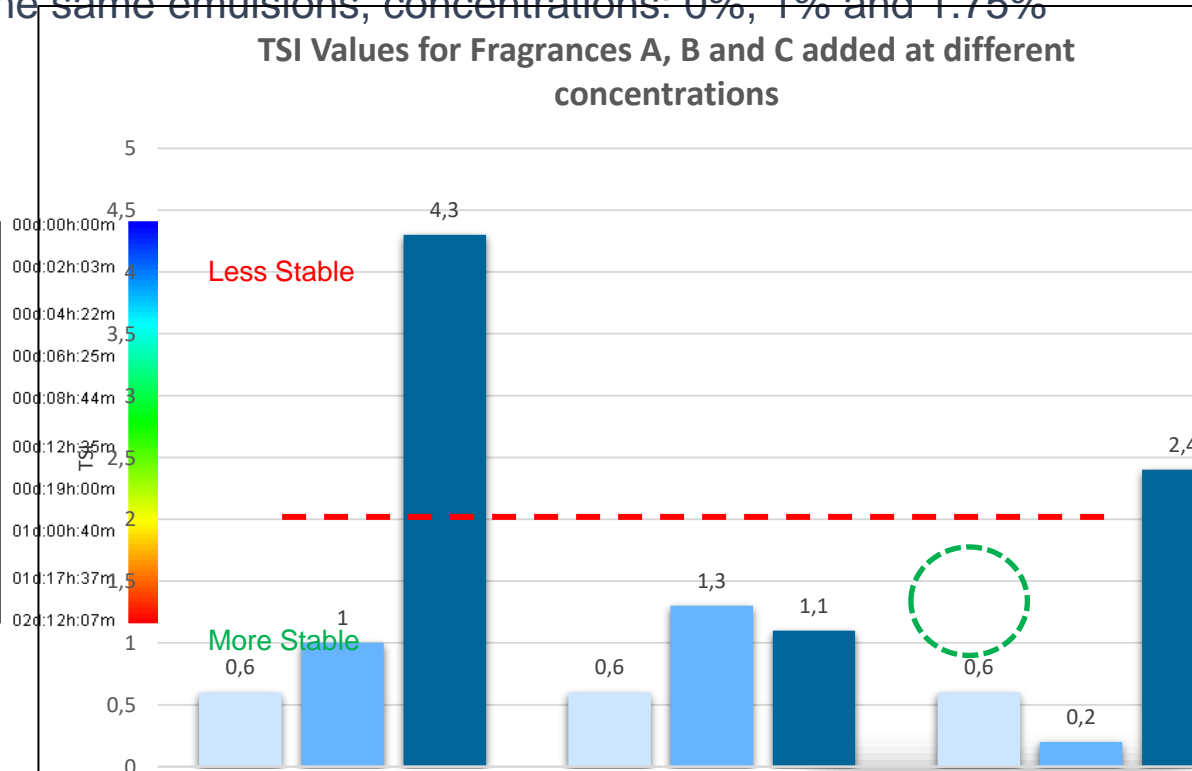
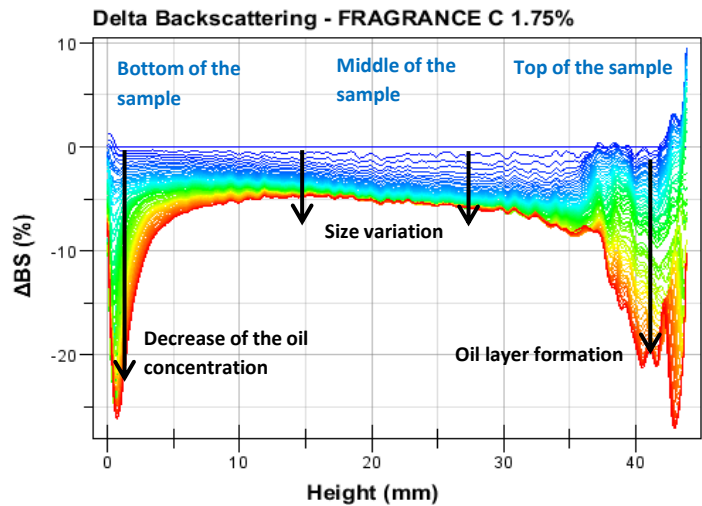
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TSI Applications

Perfume stability with different fragrances

- Aim – Determine the stability of emulsions with added fragrances
- Fragrance A, B and C tested in the same emulsions, concentrations: 0%, 1% and 1.75%
- Usual test – 45 days at 45°C



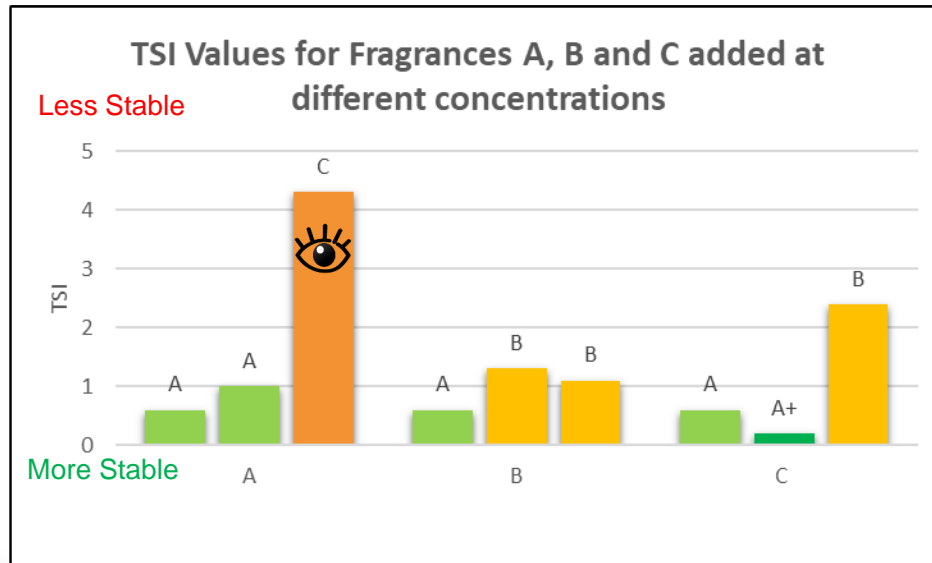
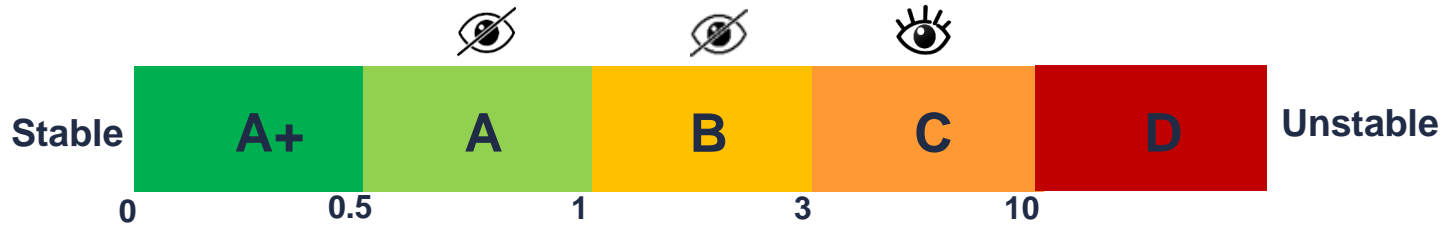
Results Obtained in 2 Days!



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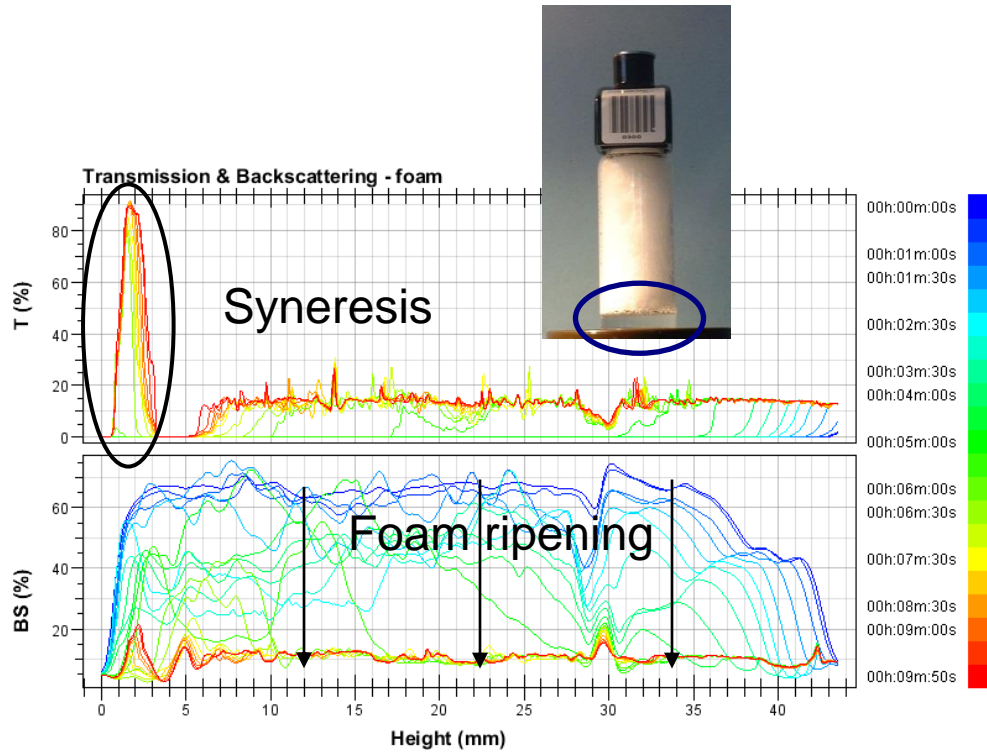
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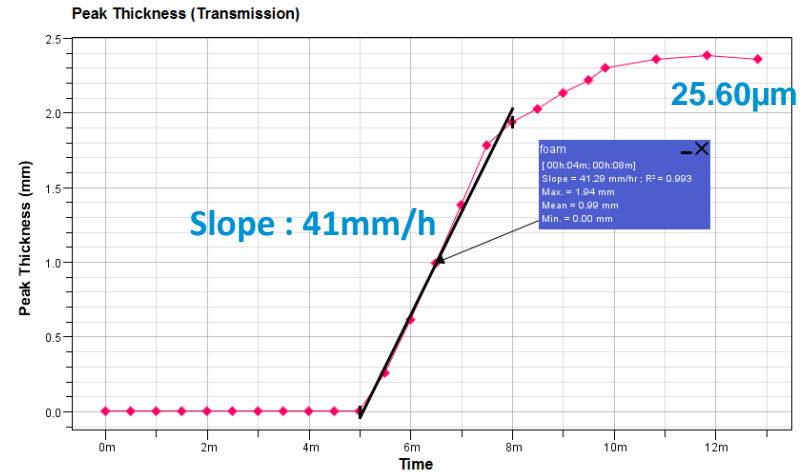


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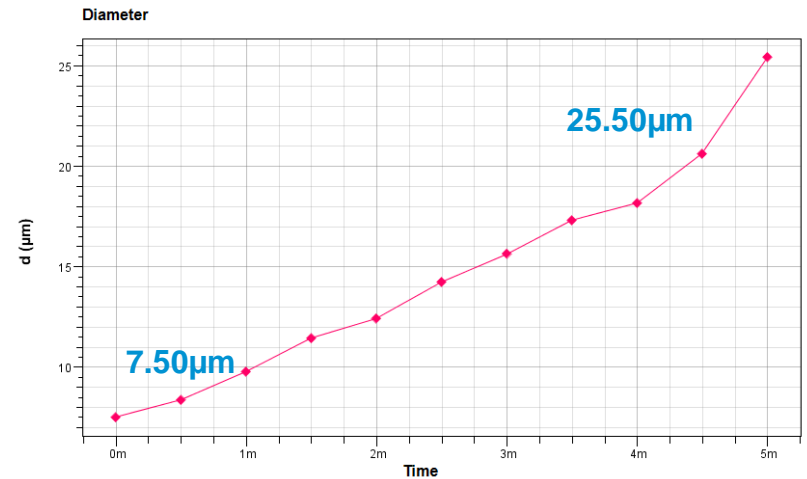
Foam stability



- Drainage – Thickness of drainage phase



- Ripening – Diameter of bubbles



Turbiscan applications

FOOD

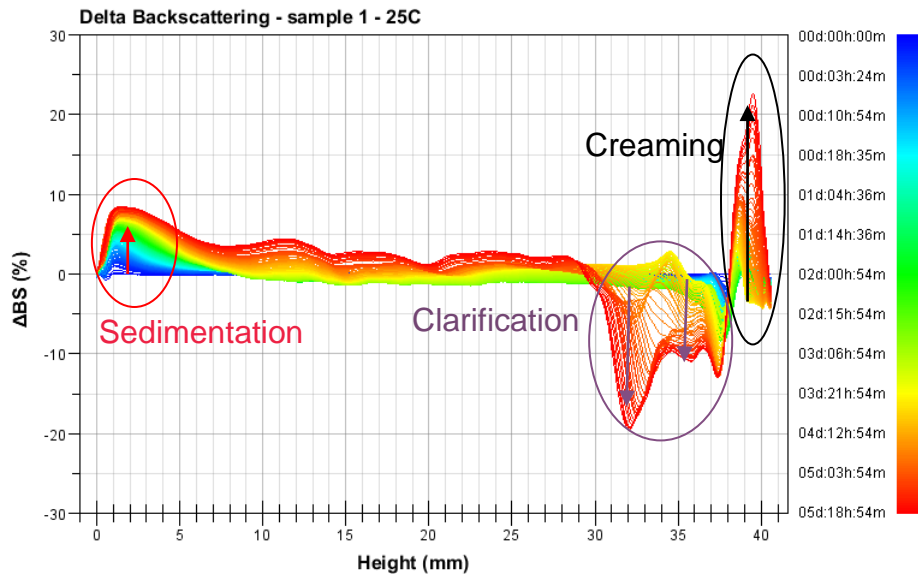


Turbiscan applications

Chocolate milk



⇒ Choice of optimal stabilizer for chocolate milk



- **Sedimentation** : compute migration velocity
- **Clarification**: follow phase thickness of clarification layer
- **Creaming** : follow phase thickness of cream layer

⇒ Different parameters for different phenomena

Turbiscan applications

Chocolate milk



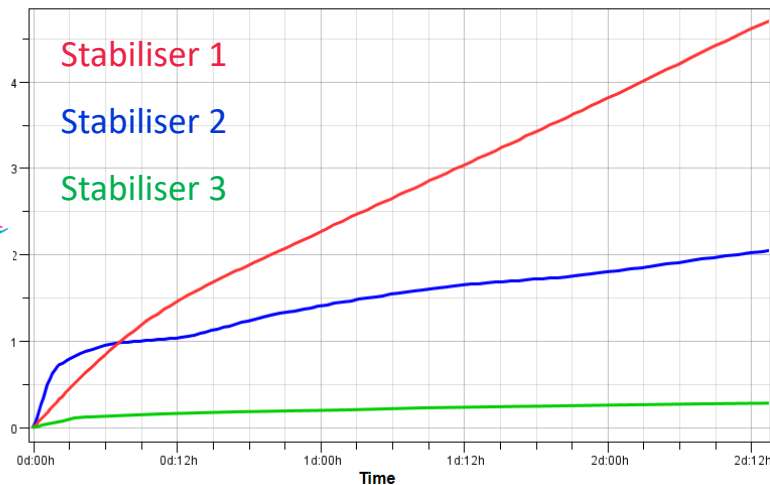
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From Sedimentation data

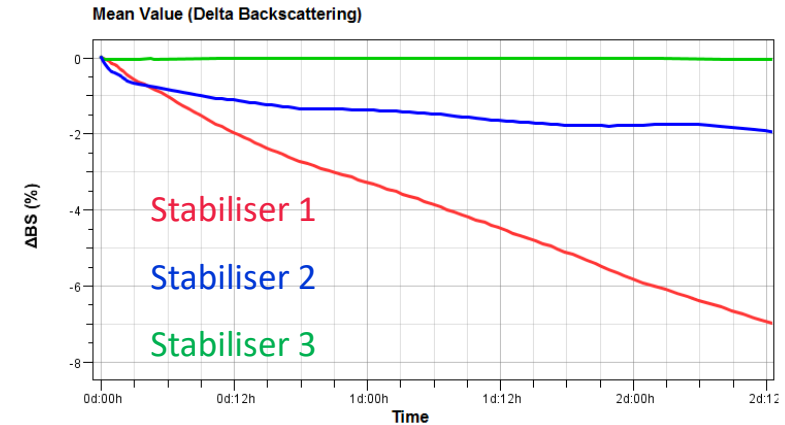
Stabilizer	Migration velocity (mm/h)
1	0.01
2	0.005
3	0.002

From global data

Destabilisation Kinetics (Global)



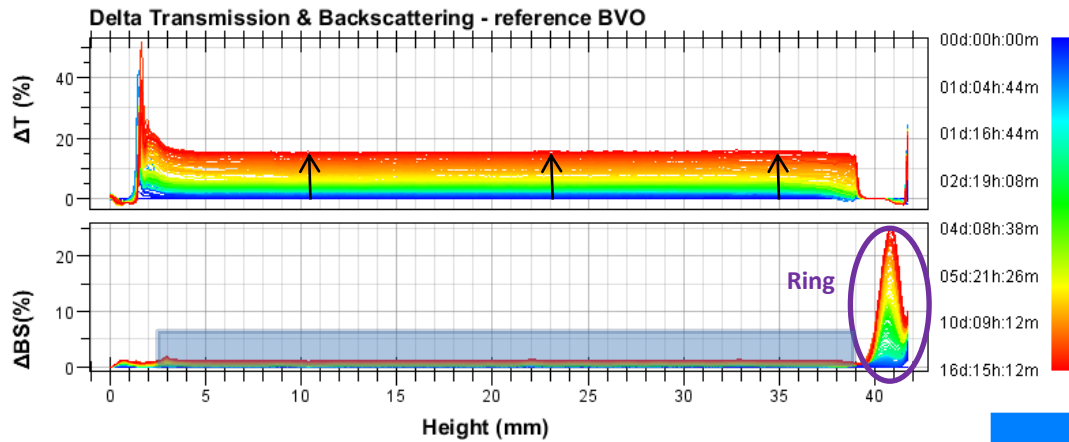
From Clarification data



⇒ Stabilizer 3 is the most efficient

Turbiscan applications

Ring formation of beverages emulsions

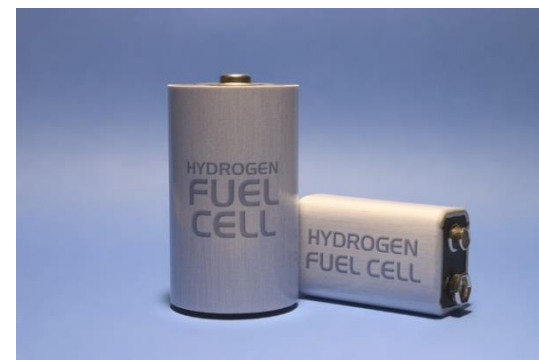
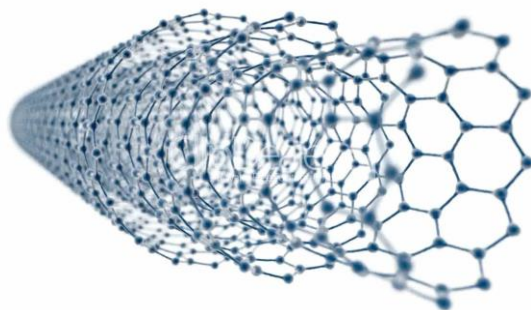
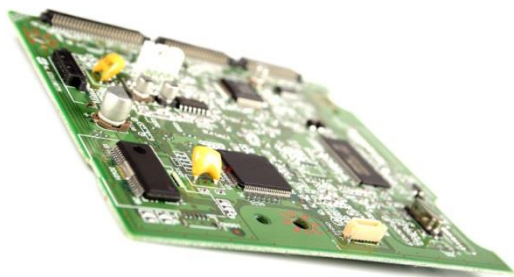


Sample	Delay before creaming (ring) (day)	Creaming rate(mm/day)	Final layer ring size (mm)
Reference BVO Weighting agent	2	0.58	1.6
New Weighting Agent	4	0.36	1.5

- ⇒ Ring (creaming layer) detected
- ⇒ New Weighting agent more efficient than the reference

Turbiscan applications

ELECTRONIC



Turbiscan applications

Carbon nanotubes

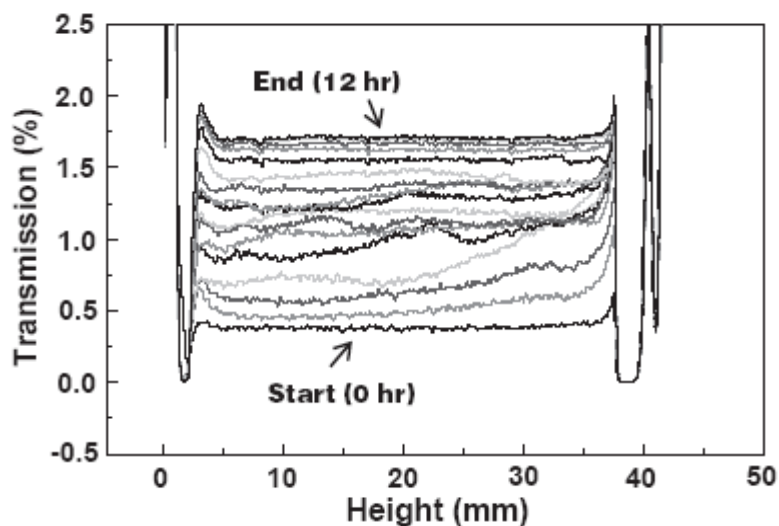
- **Context** : Carbon NanoTubes (CNT) are used to bring specific technical properties to materials (mechanical, electrical, thermal...)
- **Properties** :
 - Extreme Van der Waals interactions
 - High aspect ratio
- **Problematic** : need to assess to dispersibility of CNT



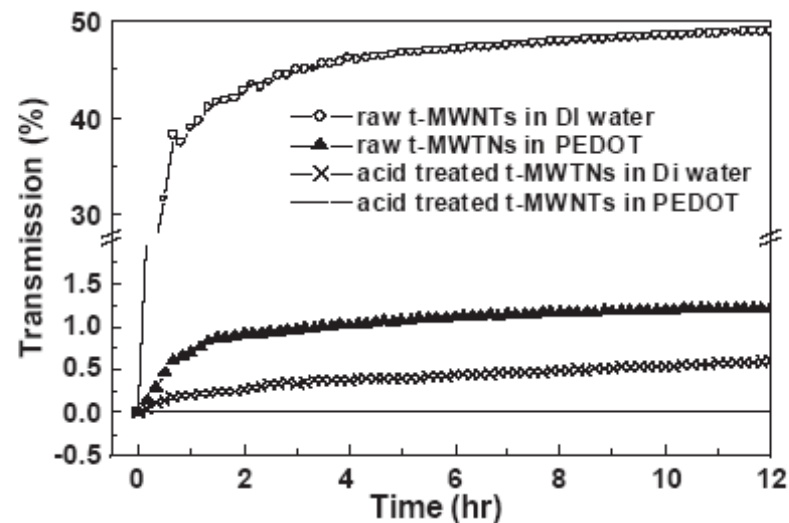
Turbiscan applications

Carbon nanotubes

- RAW t-MWNT In PEDOT



- Effect of solvent and acid treatment on stability



⇒ Surface modification of CNT enables to improve dispersibility

J.B. Yoo, et al., Diamond and related materials, 14 (2005) 1882-1887

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Product Range

Basics

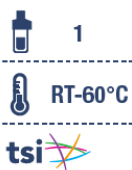
The Reference

6 times better
4-80°C

High throughput
analysis



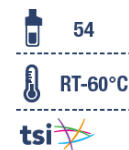
Turbiscan Classic



Turbiscan Lab



Turbiscan Tower



Turbiscan AGS

□ World of Formulation

Dispersibility

Make sure the suspending matrix and process are well adapted to minimized the energy

Redispersion

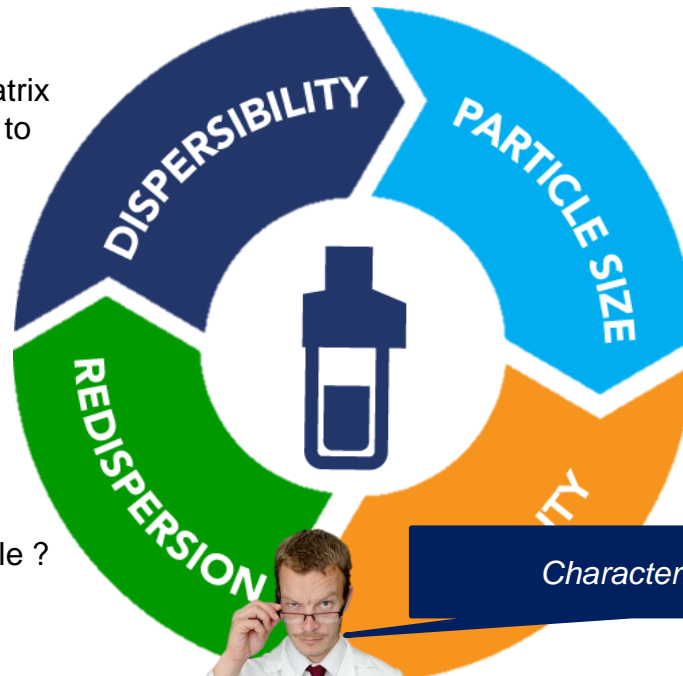
If destabilization, Is it reversible ?
Energy required ?

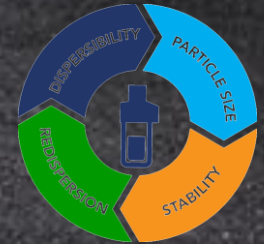
Size

Particle size in the native media and if any variations with time

Stability

Characterization* ? followed over time is /or within the level of acceptance. Shelf life





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