



***In Vivo* Predictive Dissolution (iPD) to Advance Oral Drug Product Development**

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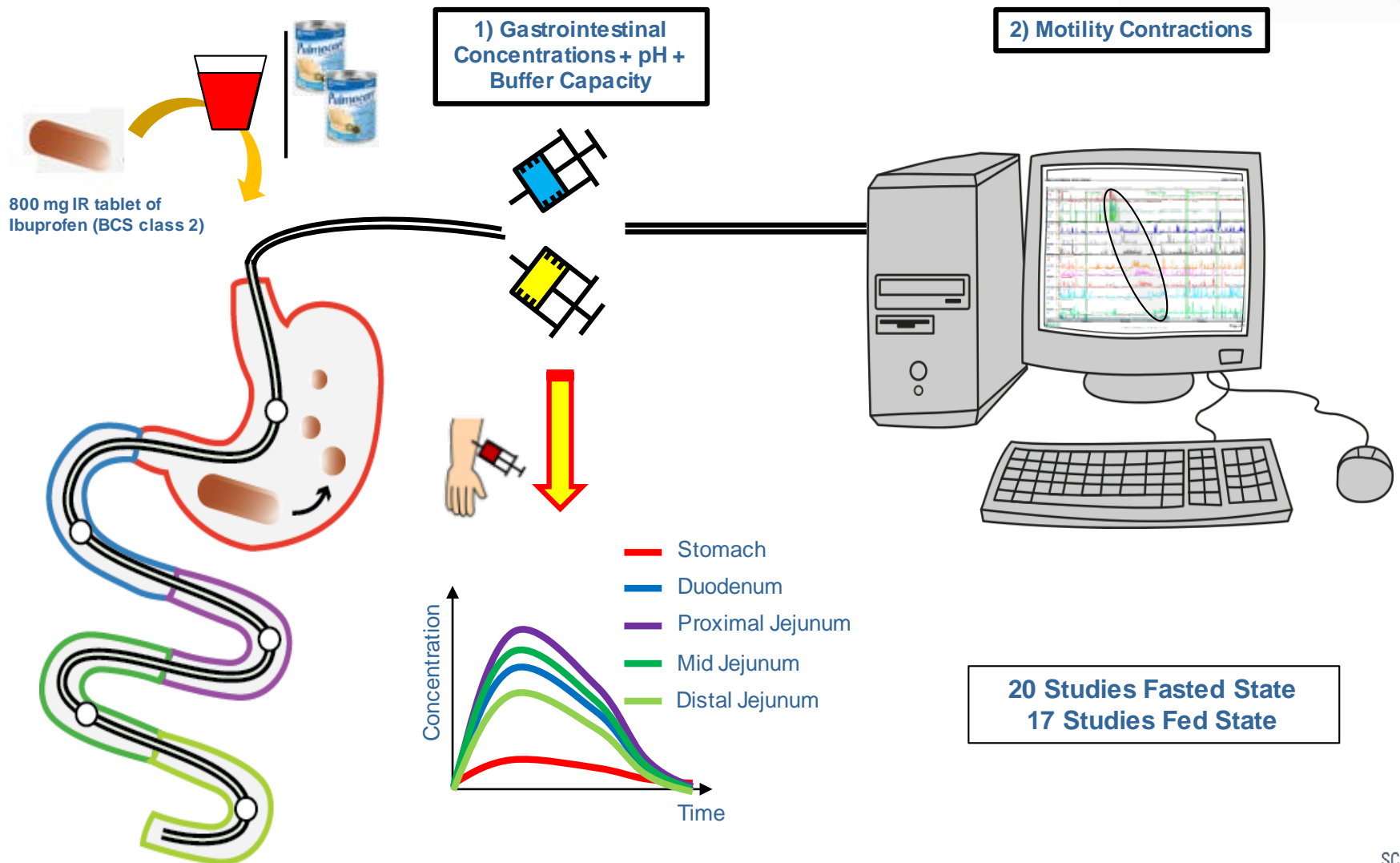
Disclosure

- **Ibuprofen aspiration/motility study**
 - Study Design & Results

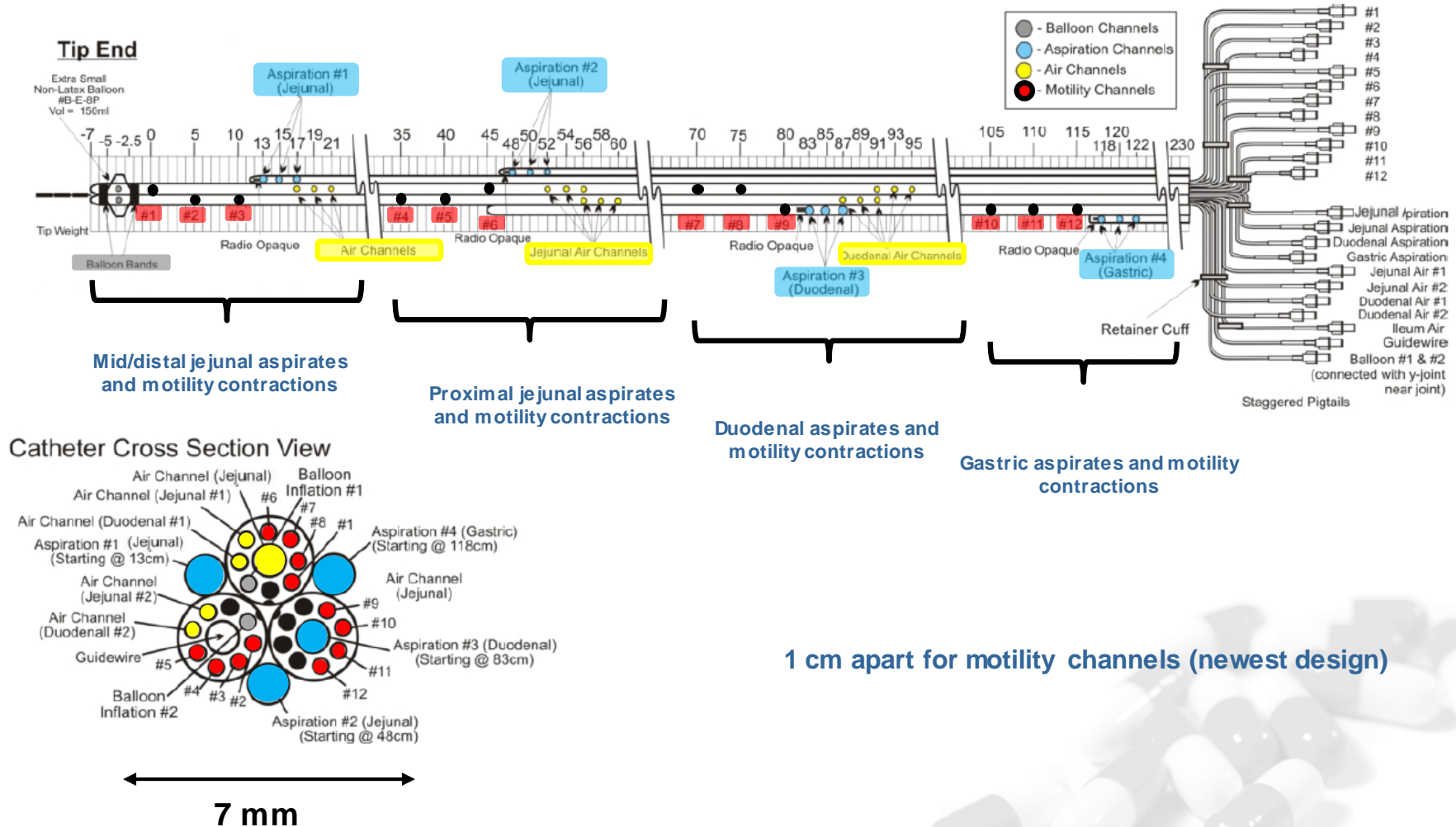
- **Optimization of the Gastrointestinal Simulator (GIS)** with an extra focus on:
 - Hydrodynamics
 - Volumes
 - Gastric emptying
 - Absorptive sink
 - Buffer



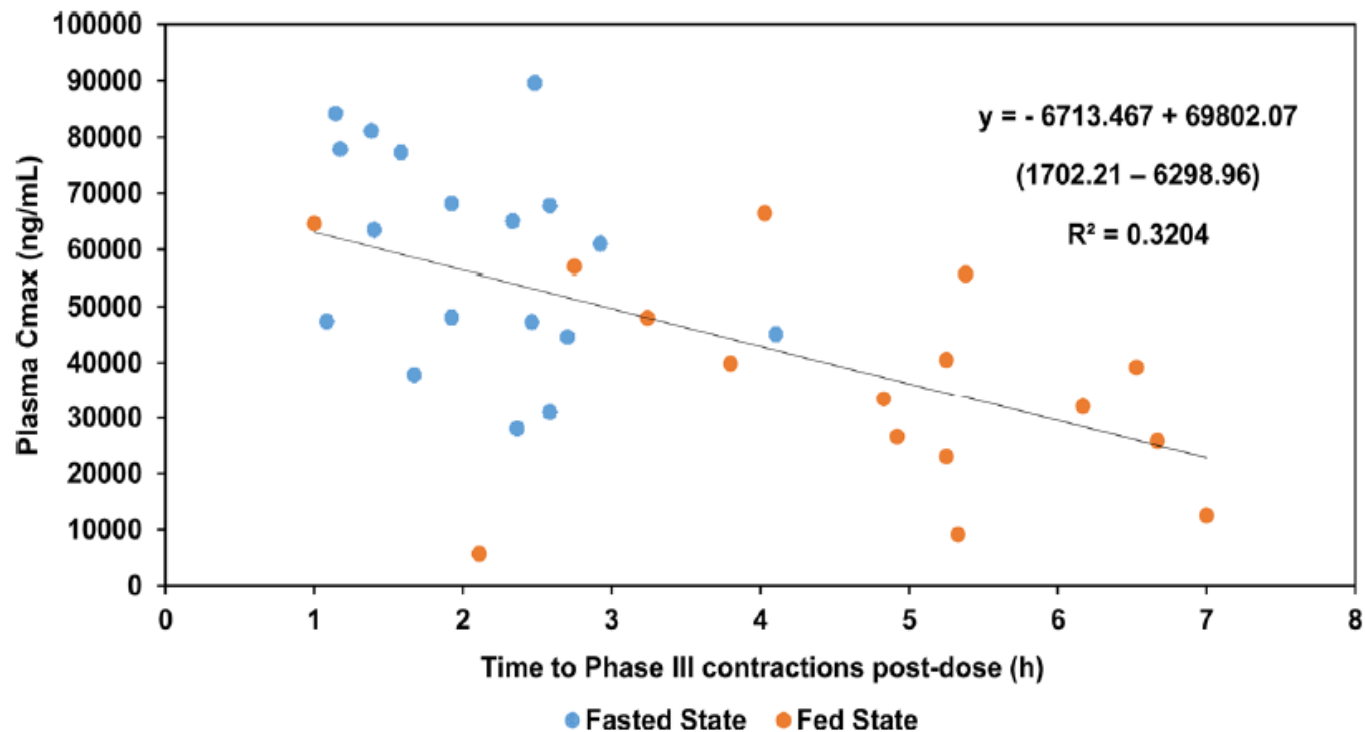
How to gain insights in human physiology in order to build/optimize this model?



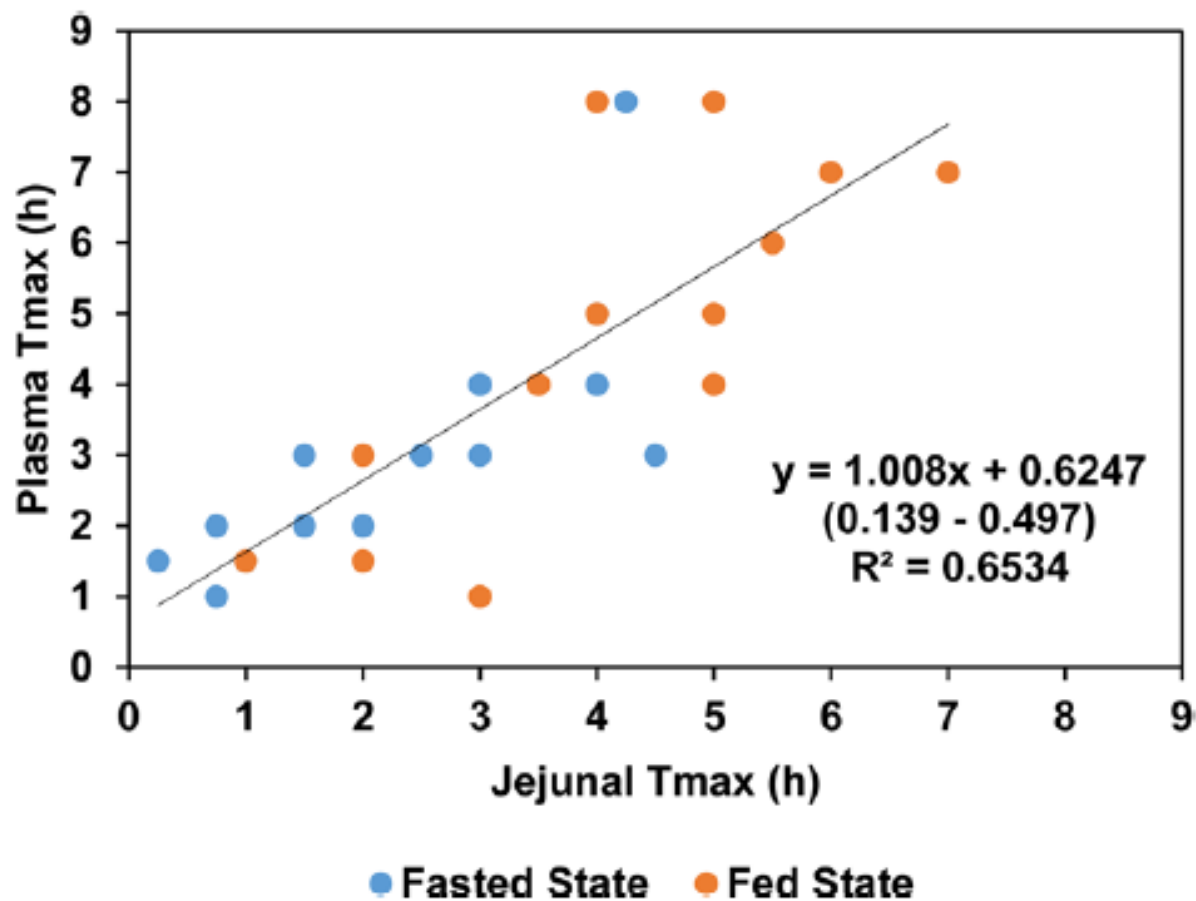
Customized Multi-Channel Aspiration & Motility Catheter



Plasma C_{max}



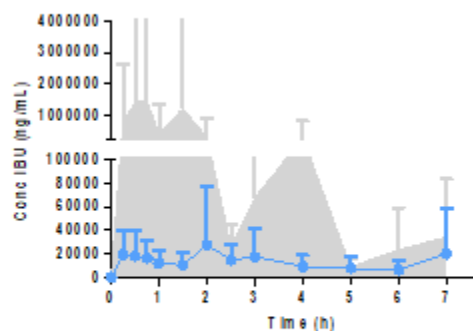
Plasma T_{max}



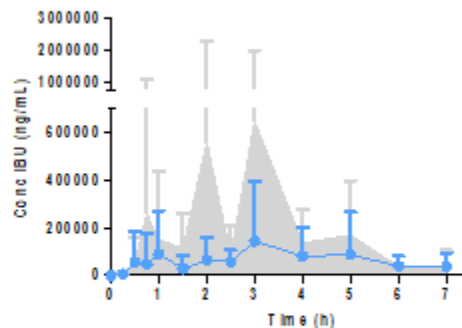
IBU concentrations in the GI tract: Depending on the dynamic change in pH



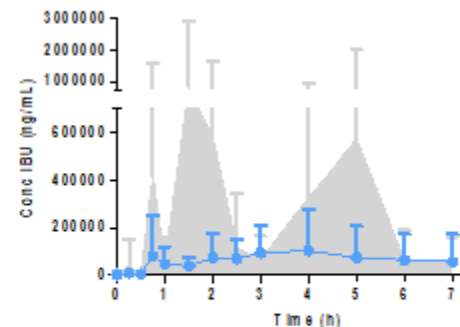
Fasted Stomach



Fasted Duodenum



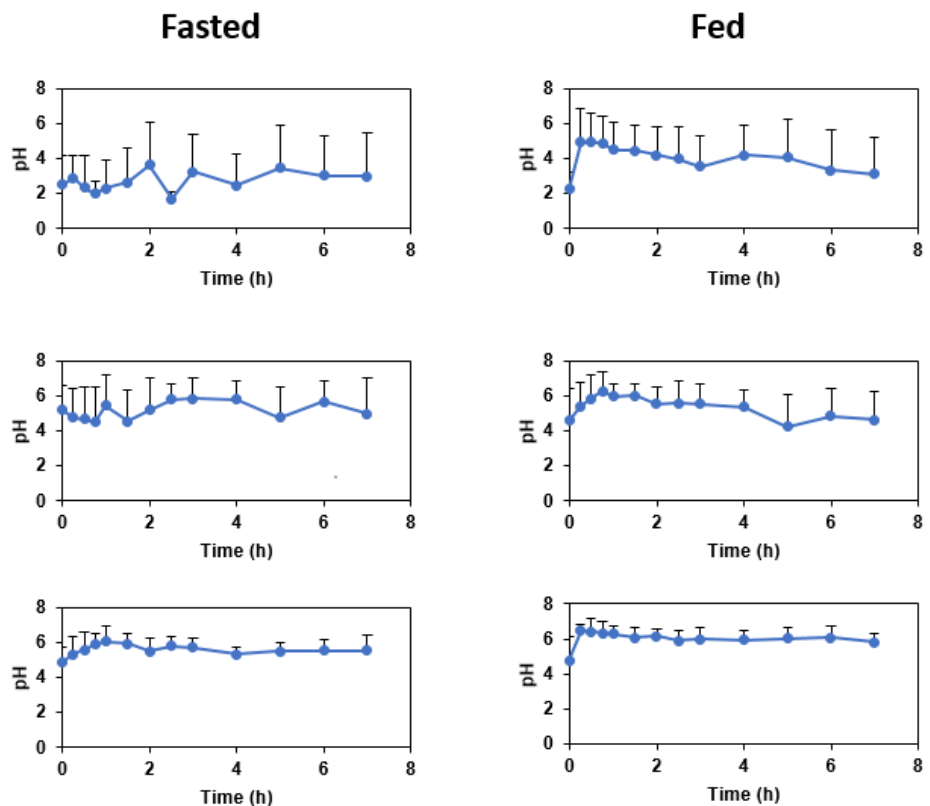
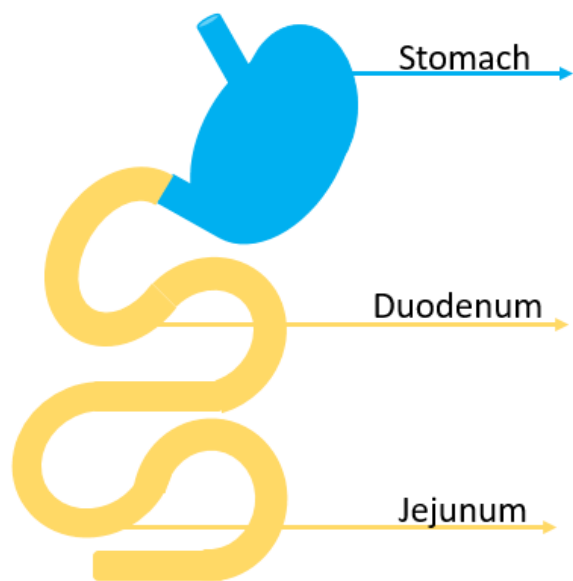
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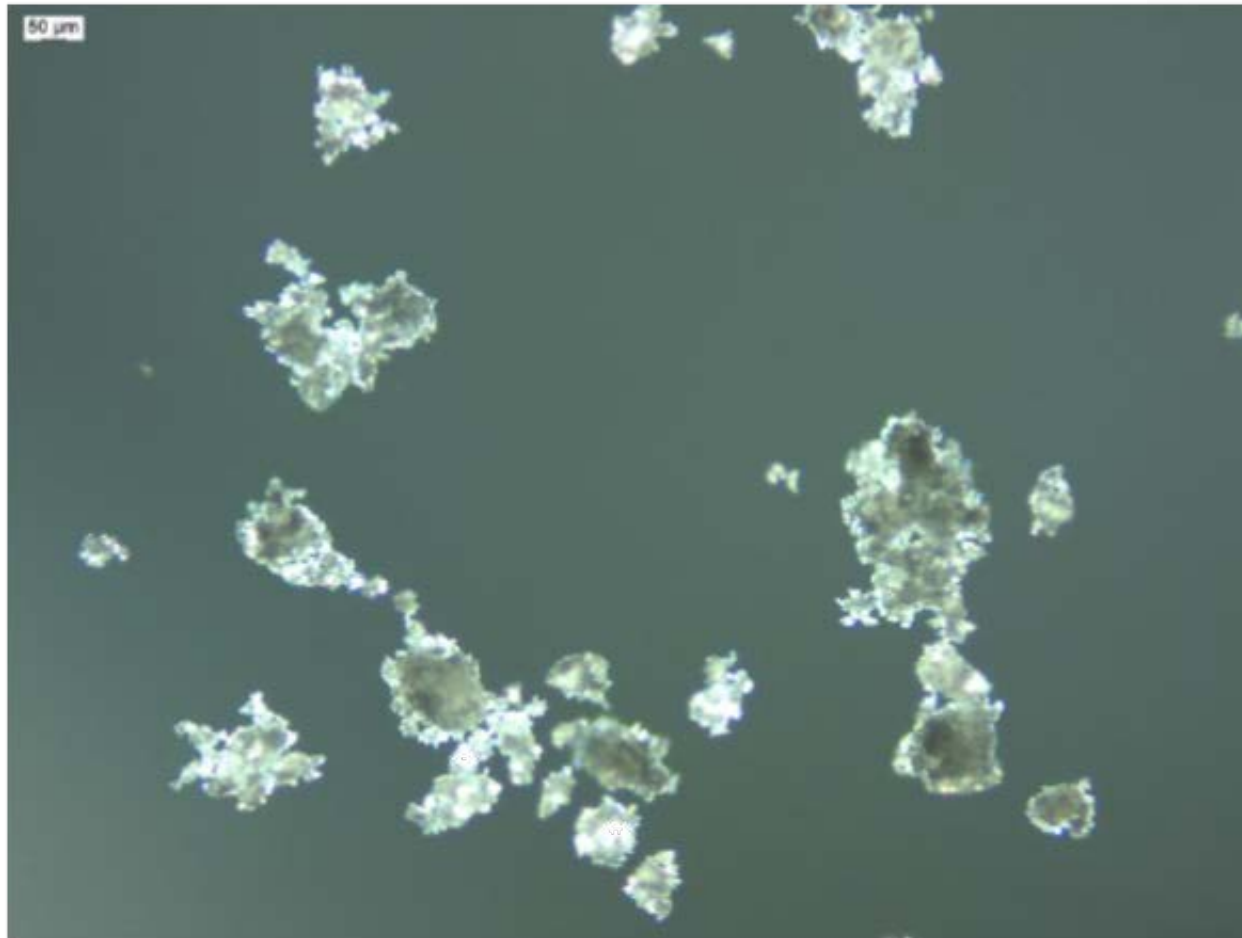
— Solution Concentrations

— Total Concentrations

Dynamic change in pH along the GI tract



Polarized Optical Microscopy (POM)



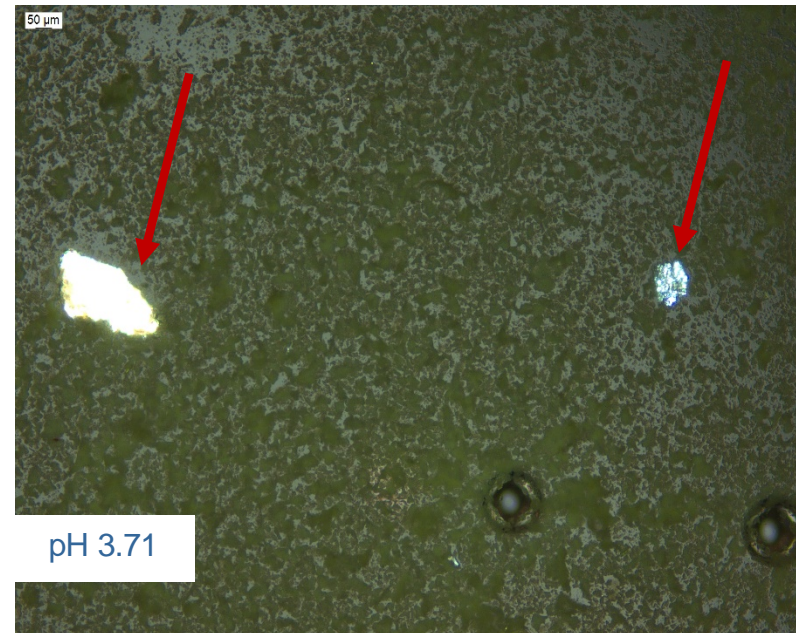
Using polarized light to see the shining of crystal structure of ibuprofen

Microscopy studies with polarized light

Subject 5 – Fasted State



360 min Stomach

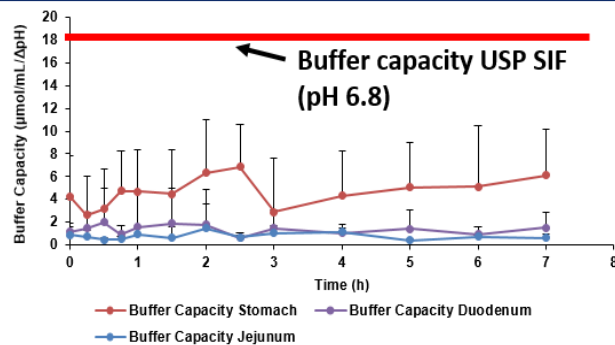


300 min Duodenum

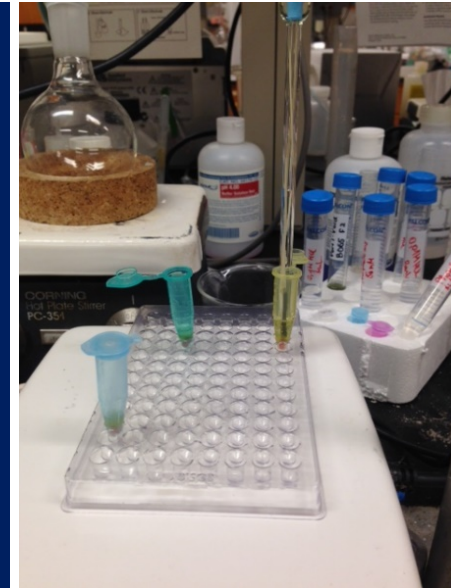
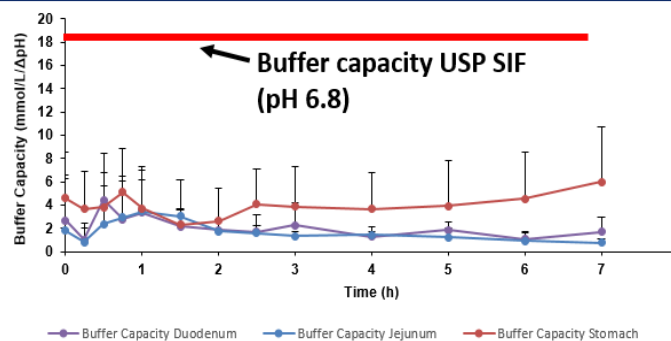
Reason for dynamic pH? Low Buffer Capacity!

Low Buffer Capacity

Fasted State



Fed State



Buffer Capacity

µmol/mL/ΔpH

USP SIF

18.4

FaSSIF

12

FaSSIF-V2

10

FaHIF

2.4-5.6*

*Fadda et al. 2010. Mol. Pharm.

*Persson et al. 2005. Pharm. Res.

Low Buffer Capacity and Alternating Motility along the Human Gastrointestinal Tract: Implications for *in Vivo* Dissolution and Absorption of Ionizable Drugs

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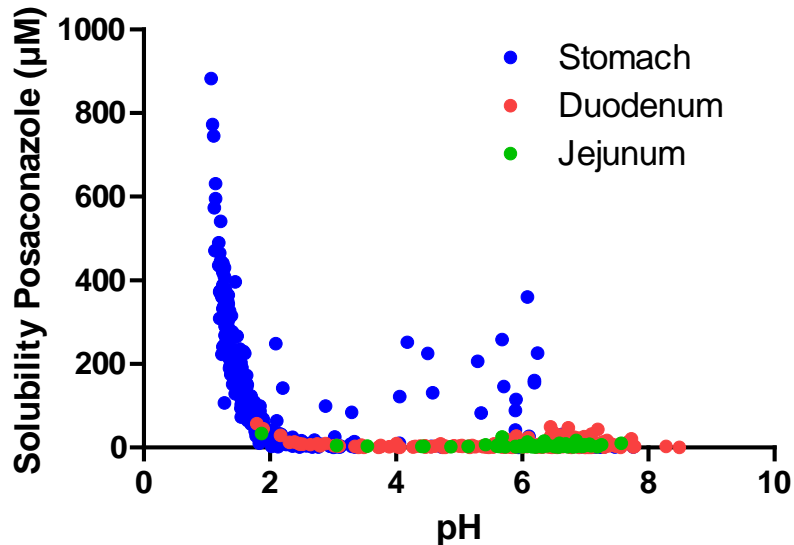
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Collected Data During Bart's PhD About Posaconazole – Leuven, Belgium

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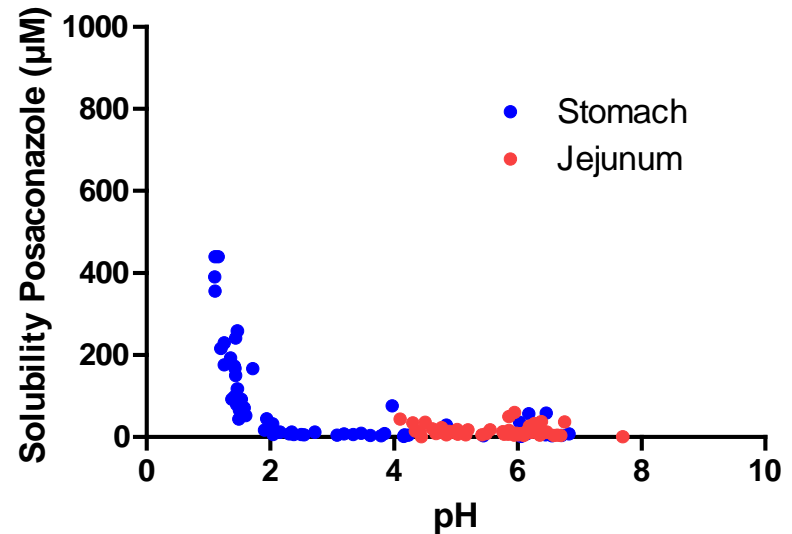
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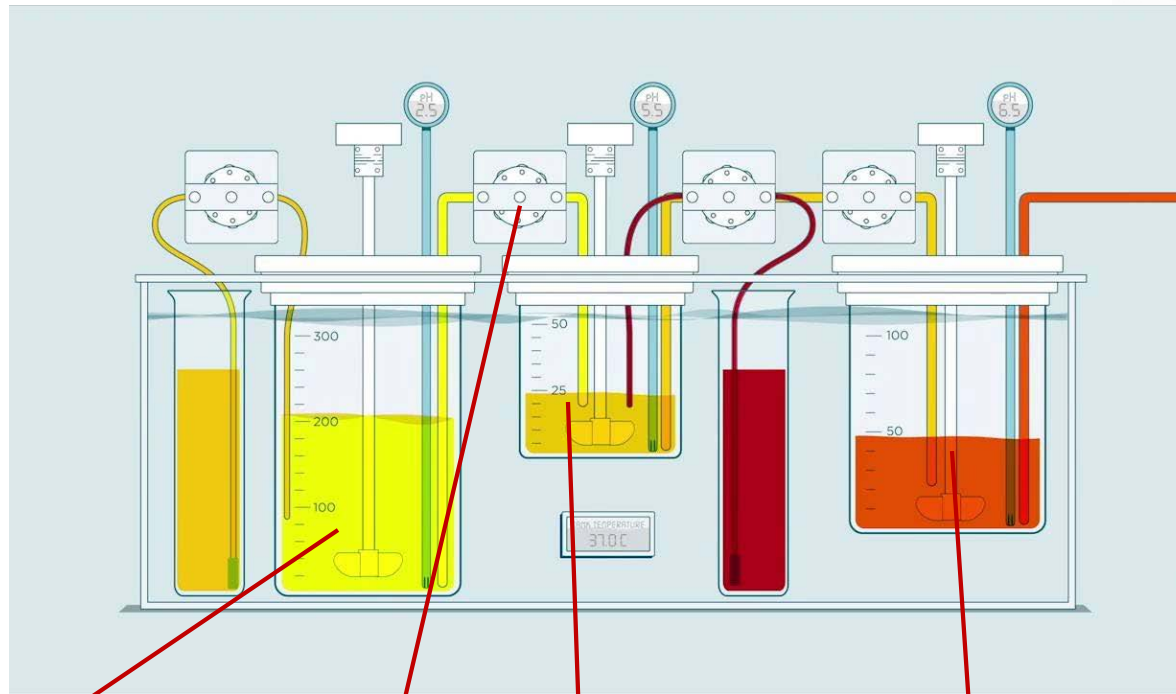


Fed

n=118



From GIS-1 to GIS-2



- Vessel design
- Hydrodynamics
- Mixing
- Shear rates?

- Volumes and Transit Times

- Buffer

- Absorptive sink

GIS-1 hydrodynamics

Stomach compartment

- ❑ $D_{impeller} \sim 19.47 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ $D_{tank} = 59 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ $D_{shaft} = 6.5 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ Tank curvature = 4 mm
- ❑ Distance from the bottom of the tank = 4 mm
- ❑ $H_{tank} = 108 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ Rotational speed = 100 rpm
- ❑ $Re = 907.53 \sim \text{turbulent flow}$



Volume average shear rate = 15.843 1/s

Duodenum compartment

- ❑ $D_{impeller} = 30 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ $D_{tank} = 50.5 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ $D_{shaft} = 6.5 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ Tank curvature = 4 mm
- ❑ Distance from the bottom of the tank = 4 mm
- ❑ $H_{tank} = 24.5 \text{ mm}$
- ❑ Rotational speed = 100 rpm
- ❑ $Re = 2154.6 \rightarrow \text{turbulent flow}$



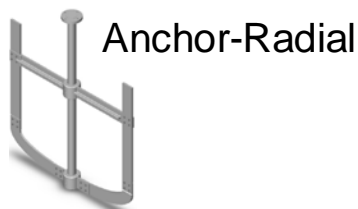
Volume average shear rate = 40.19 1/s

Shear rate is the rate at which a progressive shearing deformation is applied to some material.

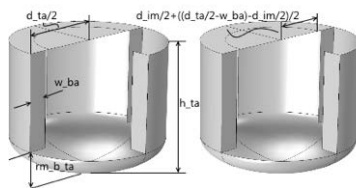
→ Target: Shear rates *in vivo*: 2-4 s⁻¹

GIS-2 Vessel hydrodynamic modeling

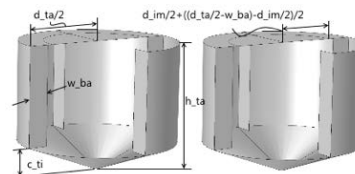
- Simulations of hydrodynamic by computational fluid dynamics (CFD) method, using COMSOL Multiphysics®
- Design considerations are
 - **Stirrer design** (anchor, USP paddle, hydrofoil)



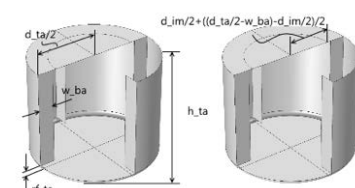
- **Vessel shape and size** (currently focusing on 75mL and 300 mL)



Dished bottom



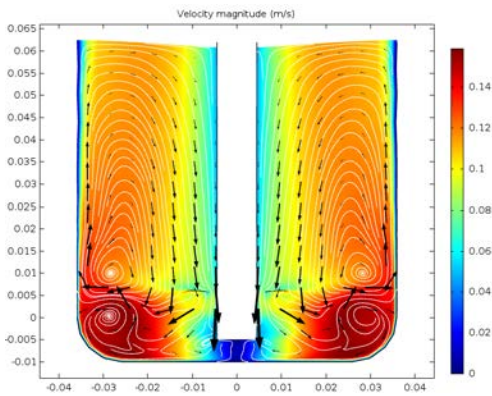
Cone bottom



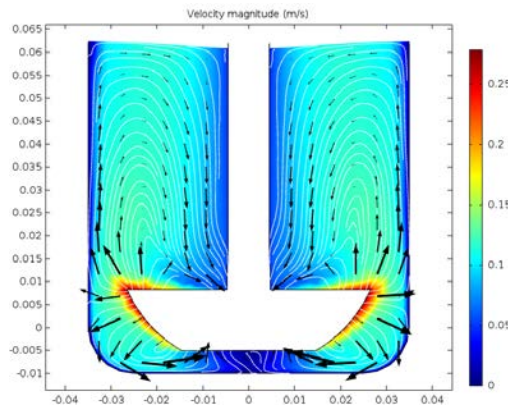
Flat bottom

Design and 3D printing of GIS-2 Vessels

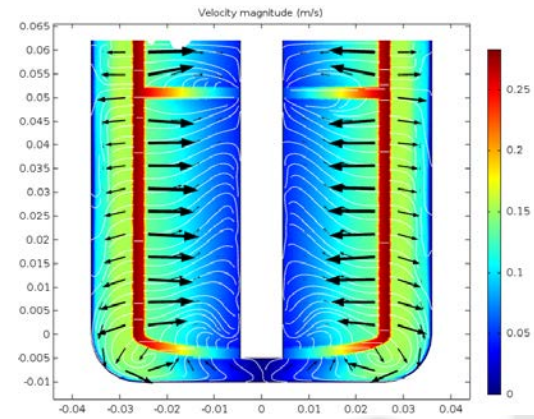
Fluid patterns + Shear rates



Hydrofoil



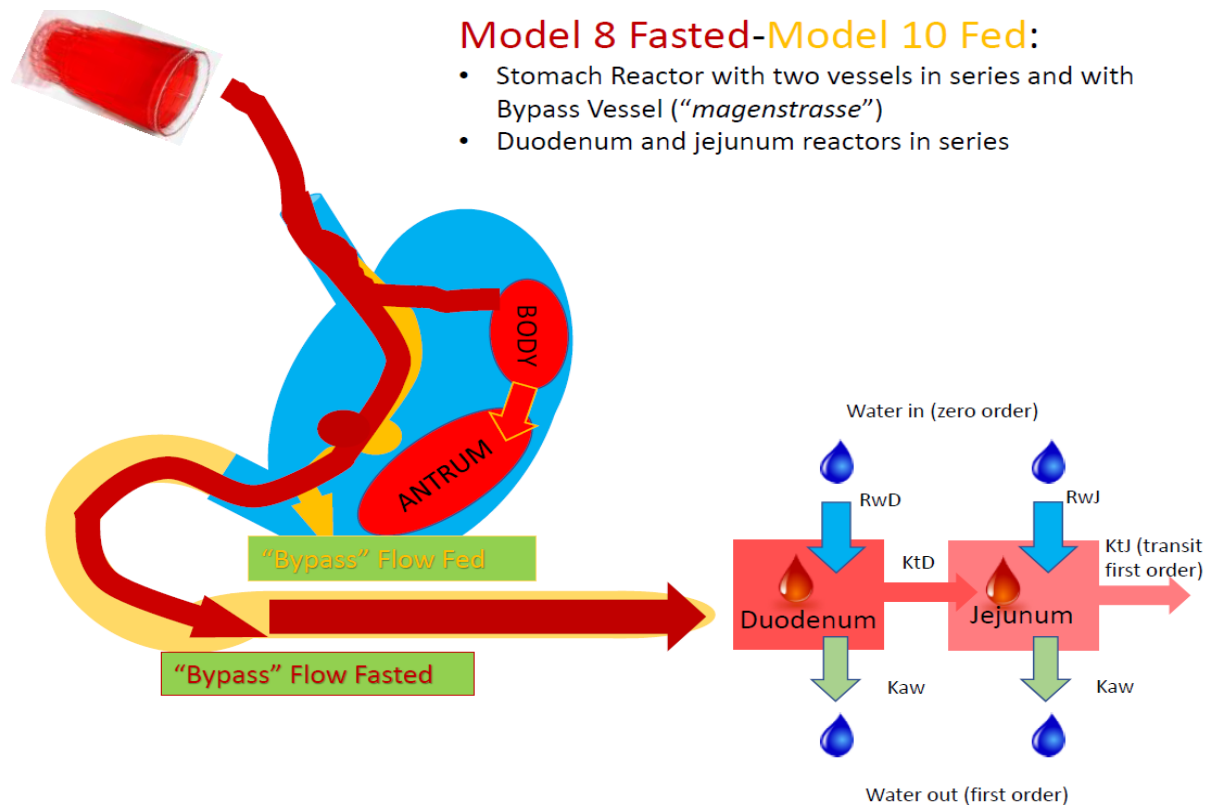
Paddle



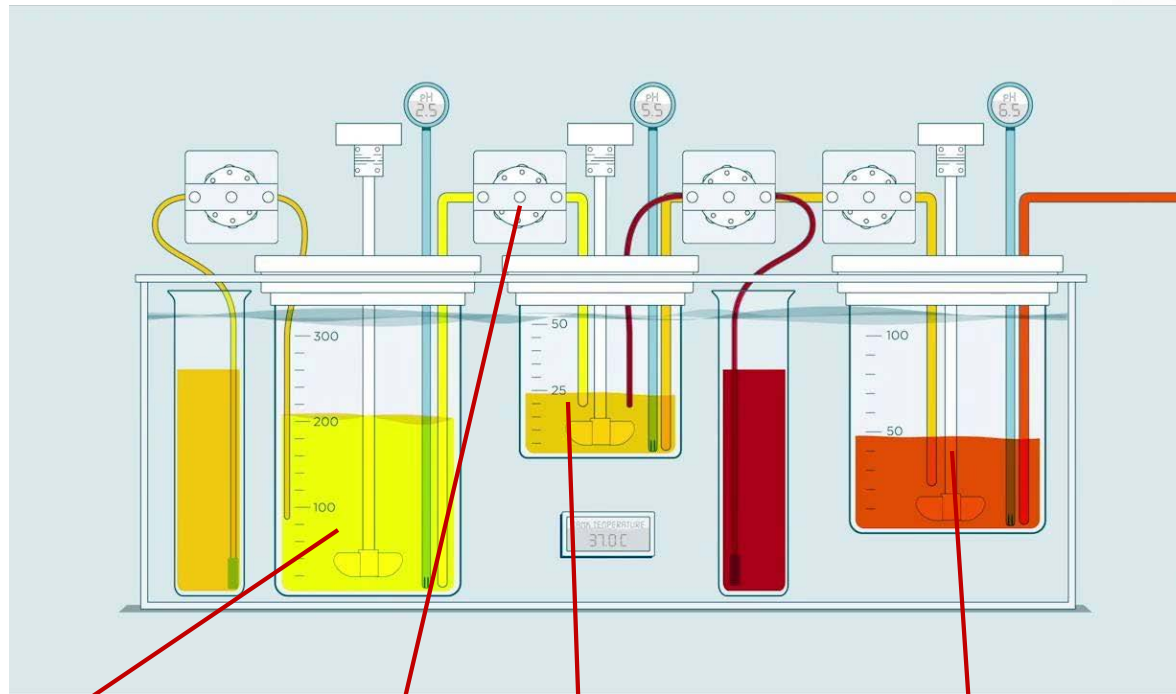
Anchor

New insights concerning the stomach

Based on collected data we change from a one-compartmental design of the stomach to a more appropriate, multi-compartmental approach that reflects drug distribution along different regions of the stomach



From GIS-1 to GIS-2



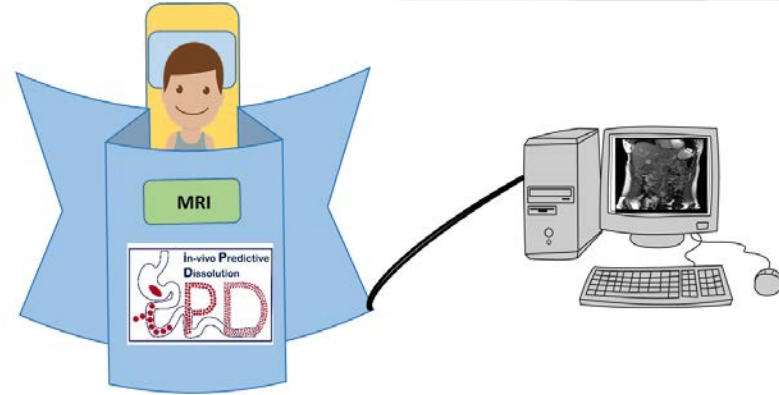
- Vessel design
- Hydrodynamics
- Shear rates?

• **Volumes and Transit Times**

• Buffer

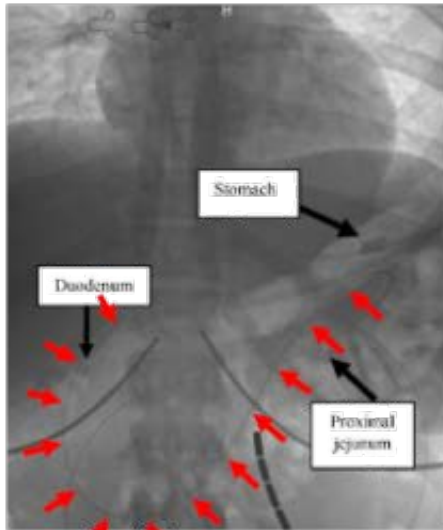
• Absorptive sink

MRI for gastric emptying, bowel water volumes and motility



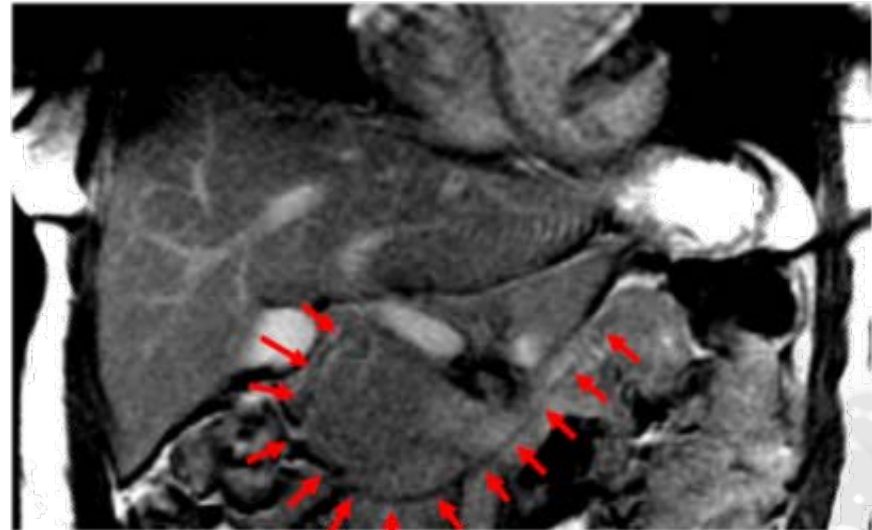
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Michigan – Fluoroscopy
Subject B022_v2

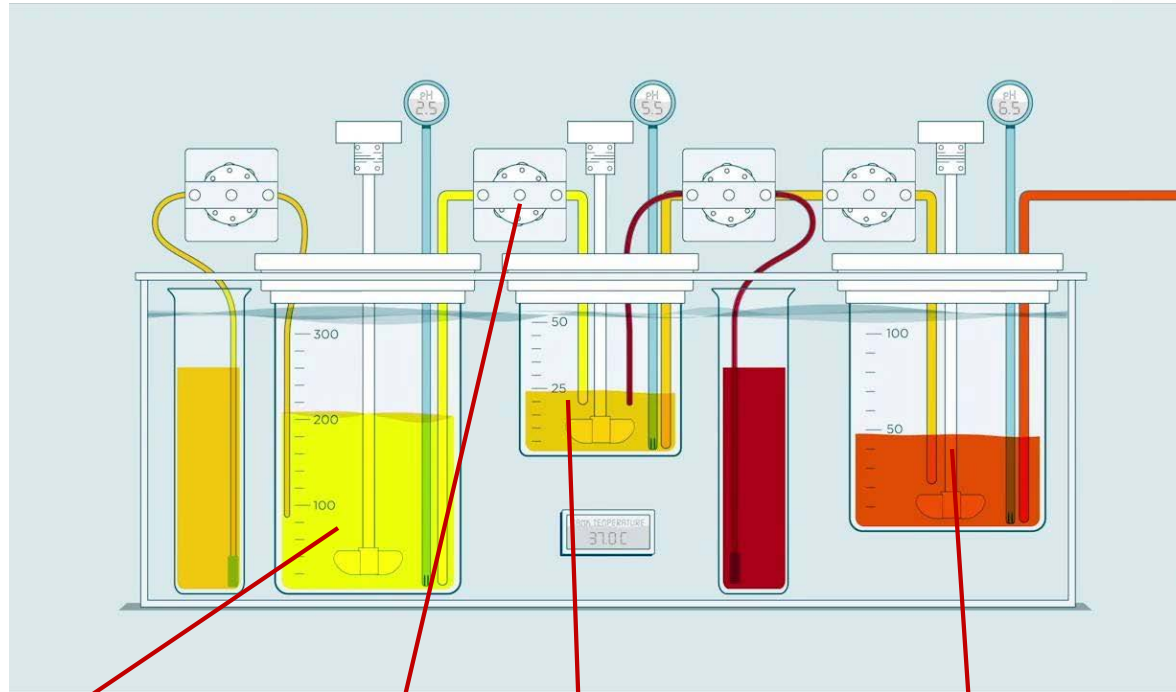


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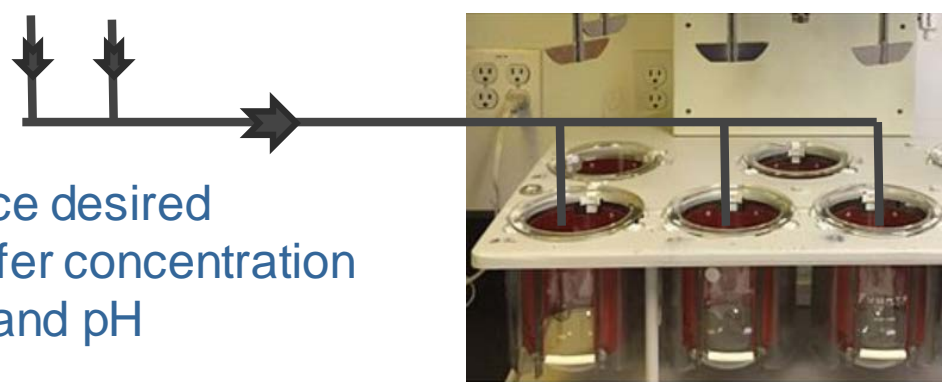
• **Buffer**

- Absorptive sink

Implementation of multi-vessel bicarbonate buffer dissolution

- USP Apparatus (6 station) dissolution apparatus has been established with bicarbonate buffer in 3 vessels
- Prepared to test RLD and other products
- Next step: implementation in GIS-2

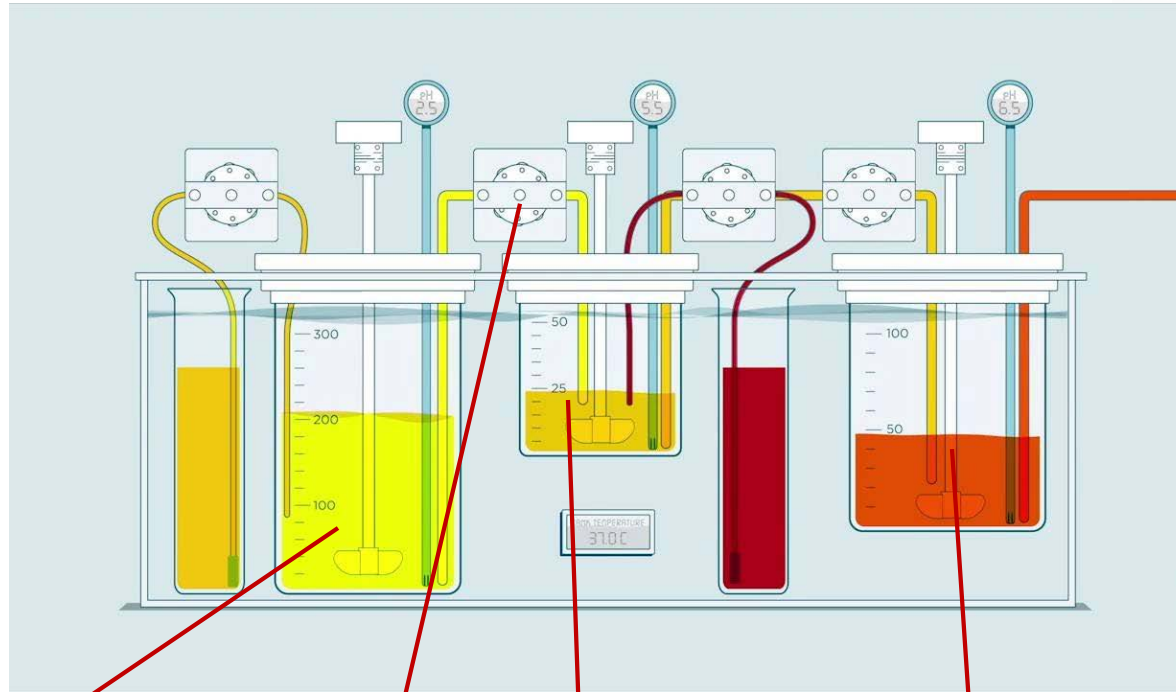
CO₂ - AIR



Adjust to produce desired bicarbonate buffer concentration (eg: 20% CO₂) and pH



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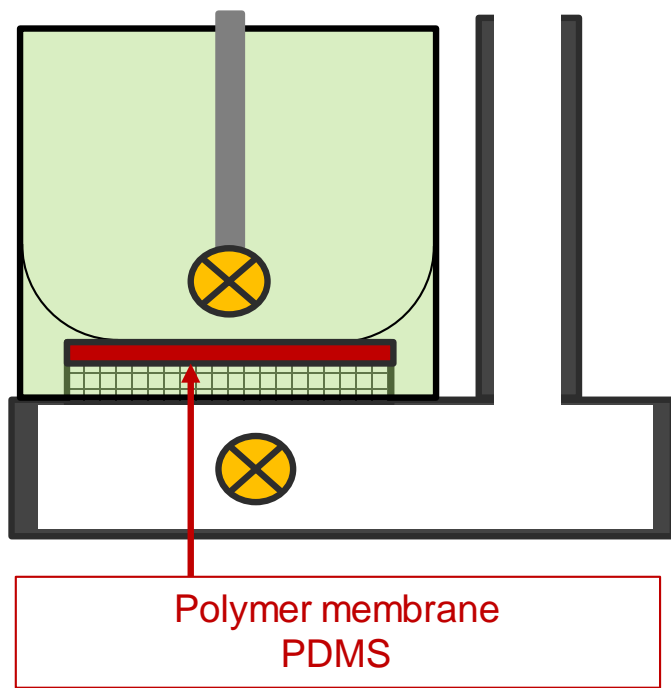
- Buffer

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Development of polymer membrane to simulate absorption compartment: Poly(dimethylsiloxane) (PDMS)

Absorption chamber design

- **3D printed chambers** have been prepared
- **In-depth *In vitro* characterization of the membrane has been performed**
- **Patented**
- Next step: Implementation in **GIS-2**



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In Vitro Characterization of the Biomimetic Properties of Poly(dimethylsiloxane) To Simulate Oral Drug Absorption

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 Supporting Information

- **“Biomimetic”** because of similarities in small molecule transport, ionization selectivity, lipophilicity

Concluding Thoughts and Future Directives

- Centralized philosophy: we need *in vivo* data to optimize & validate *in vitro/in silico* models:

- **The first study** in a large population of healthy volunteers (n=37), with aspiration of fluids at the different segments of the GI tract in parallel with monitoring motility events and systemic exposure

- **Science is a work in progress: 21st Century BE/BA Studies**

- **How complex do we need to go? What's the level of complexity?**

- **Future: Multidisciplinary approach – Combined *In Vivo* Techniques**
➔ MRI in combination with intubation studies

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