



# Bioavailability and Bioequivalence

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## Physiological Meaningful Dissolution Testing?

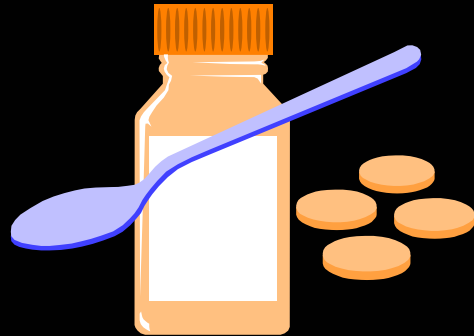
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Pharmazeutische  
Qualitätsstandards

## Gives answers to the following questions:

- **What do I need to know about the in vivo physicochemical and mechanical conditions?**
- **What are the physiological variables that have to be modelled by in vitro dissolution and how do they change?**
- **What is certainly known from physiology and anatomy?**
- **What is not yet clearly known and needs a broader approach by in vitro modelling?**
- **What do we need to know about combination of factors to develop dissolution methods?**



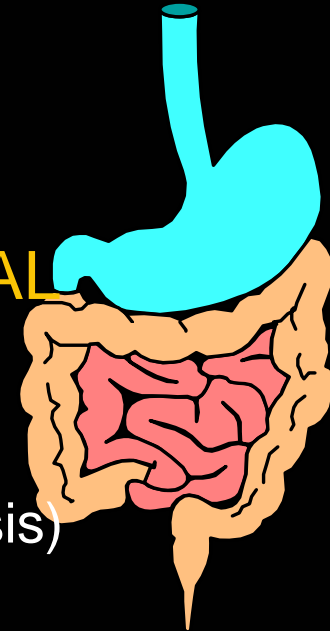
## TECHNOLOGY OF DOSAGE FORM

dissolution rate

- robustness of rate controlling mechanism
- .....

## ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

- geometry (pylorus)
- mechanics (peristalsis)
- chemistry (pH)
- biochemistry (enzymes)
- .....



## Food

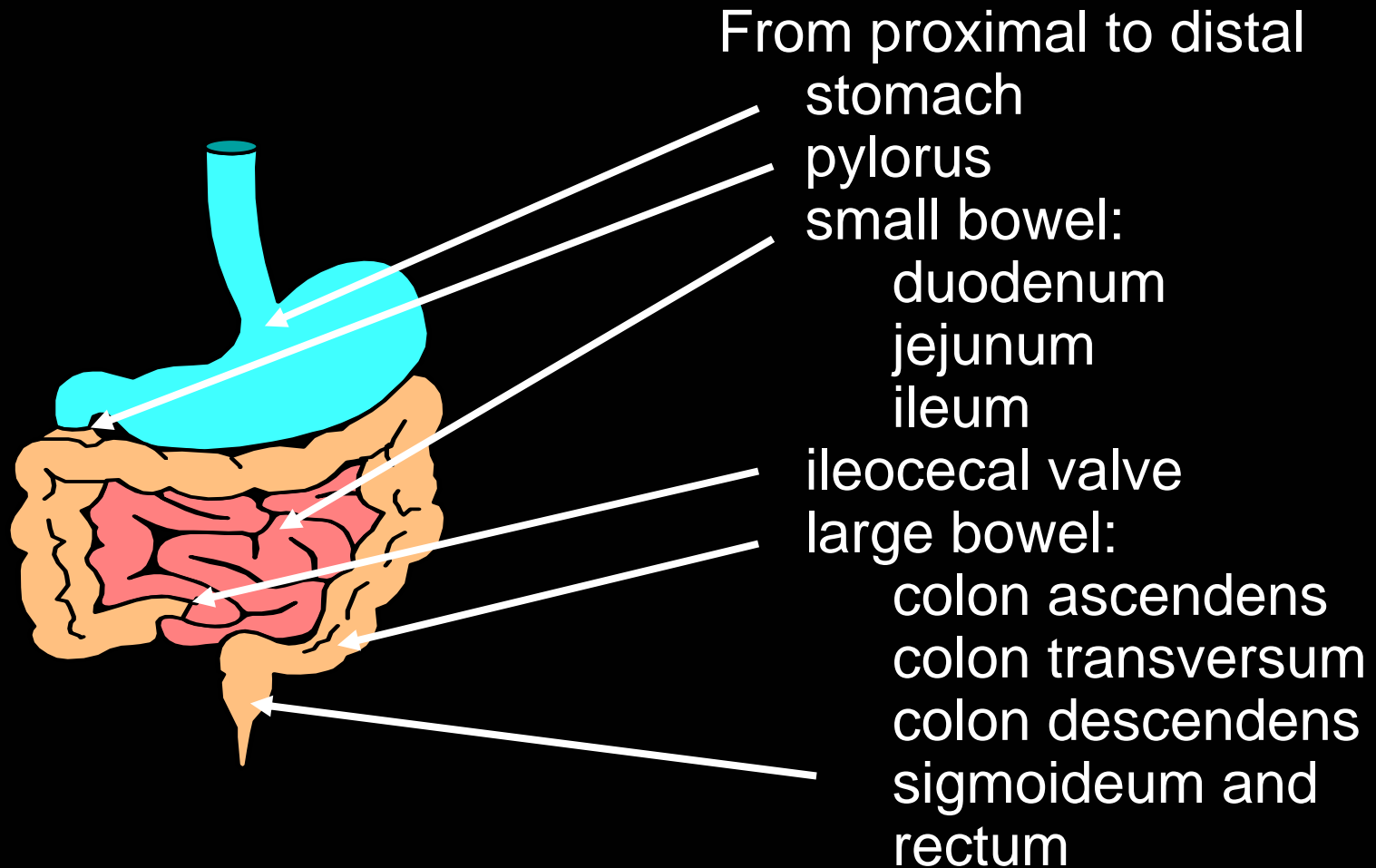
- Storage
- Separation
- Transport
- Processing = Digestion
  - mechanical
  - biochemical
- Absorption
  - all essential food components are absorbed by active processes (amino acids, fat components > 12C, carbohydrates)

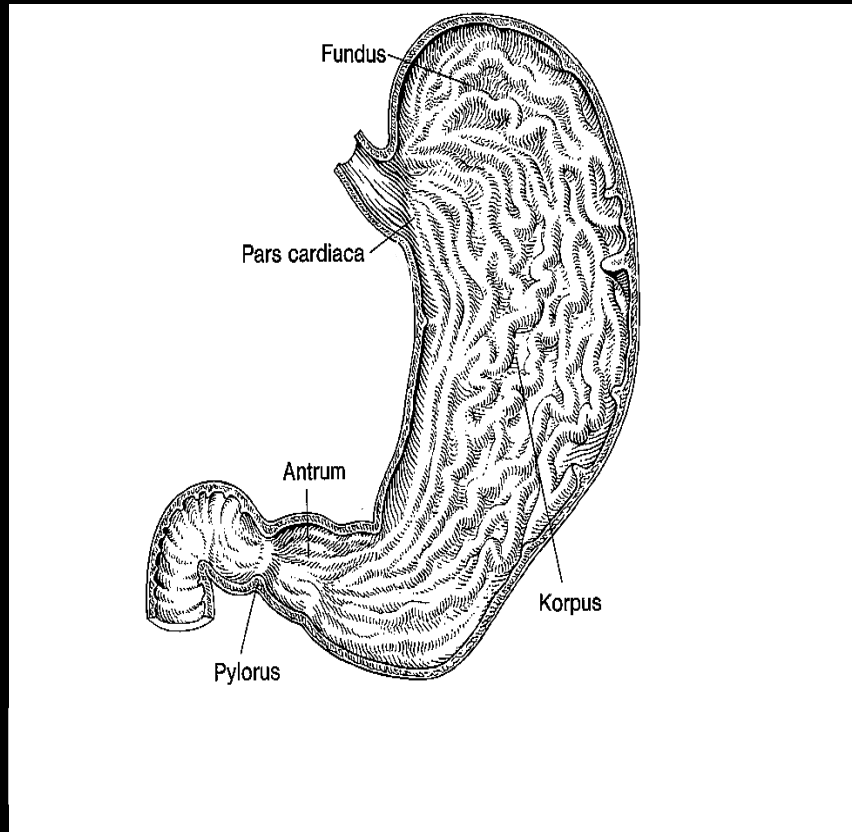
## Dosage Forms

- Storage
- Separation – depending on technological type
- Transport
- Processing
  - disintegration
  - dissolution
  - decomposition
- Absorption of drugs
  - many xenobiotics are absorbed by passive diffusion (lipophilicity, molecular weight)
- Resecretion of drugs to GI-Tract

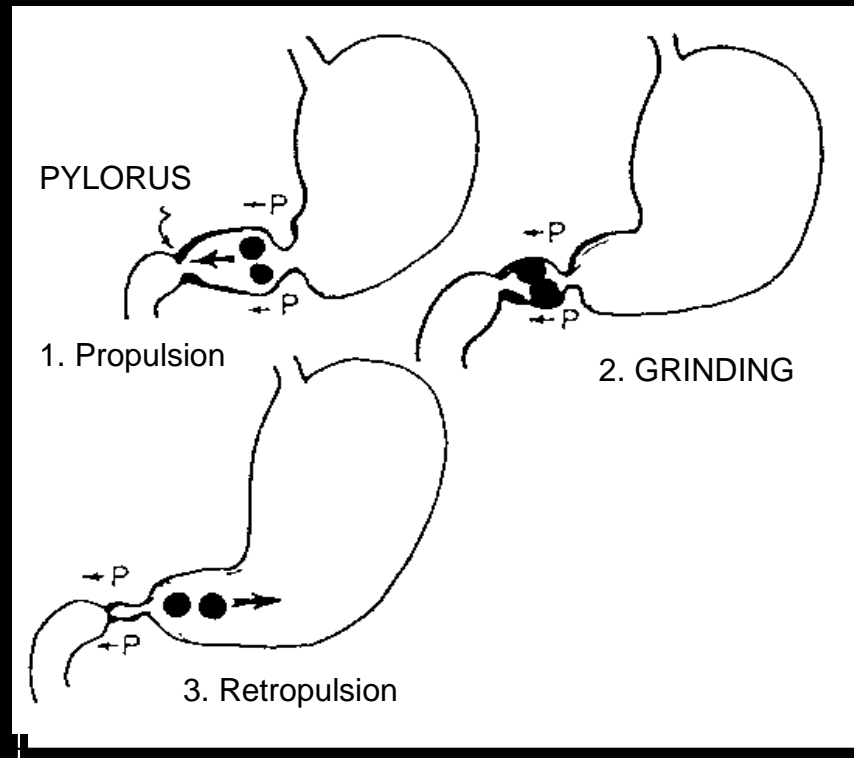
# Gastrointestinal Transit: Anatomy I

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The stomach  
storage “room”  
regulates transport  
continues grinding of  
food:  
antral mill  
emptying controlled by  
pylorus  
exclusion size  
different kinetics for  
solids and liquids  
emptying of isocaloric  
masses vs. time  
motoric activity different:  
fasted state  
fed state



The stomach cont'd  
continues grinding of food:  
antral mill  
emptying controlled by  
pylorus  
exclusion size 5-7 mm  
large particles only with  
housekeeper wave  
small particles (2mm)  
together with grinded  
chyme



## Stomach

MMC in the **fasted** state (interdigestive)

phase I: 40 - 60 min, no to small activity

phase II: 30 - 45 min some occasional activity

phase III: 5 - 15 strong contractions, housekeeper wave

phase IV: leads to next cycle

MMC in the **fed** state (postprandial)

one phase with constant peristaltic activity

strong antral activities

pylorus is generally closed but opens to release chyme

## strong influence of various factors

body posture

physic activity

psychic activity

*stress increases emptying rate*

*pain decreases emptying rate*

age

health

daytime (morning faster than night)

gender

mean gastric residence time 0.5 to 14.5 h

- **Variability of multiparticulate smaller than for monoparticulate dosage forms**
- **multiparticulate dosage forms**
  - fasted state:
    - like concomitantly ingested fluid
  - fed state
    - like concomitantly ingested food
  - influence of size (pylorus) no influence of density
- **monoparticulate dosage forms**
  - high variability, e.g. 0 - 24 h
  - fasted state: only at phase III of MMC
  - fed state: no emptying

## fasted state

according to first order kinetic  
saline solutions faster than acidic soln. and lipoid soln.

volume dependent

temperature dependent

4- 6 °C: approx. 15 min

20 - 25 °C: approx. 50 min

45 °C: approx. 70 min

ethanol containing beverages slower than control

## fed state

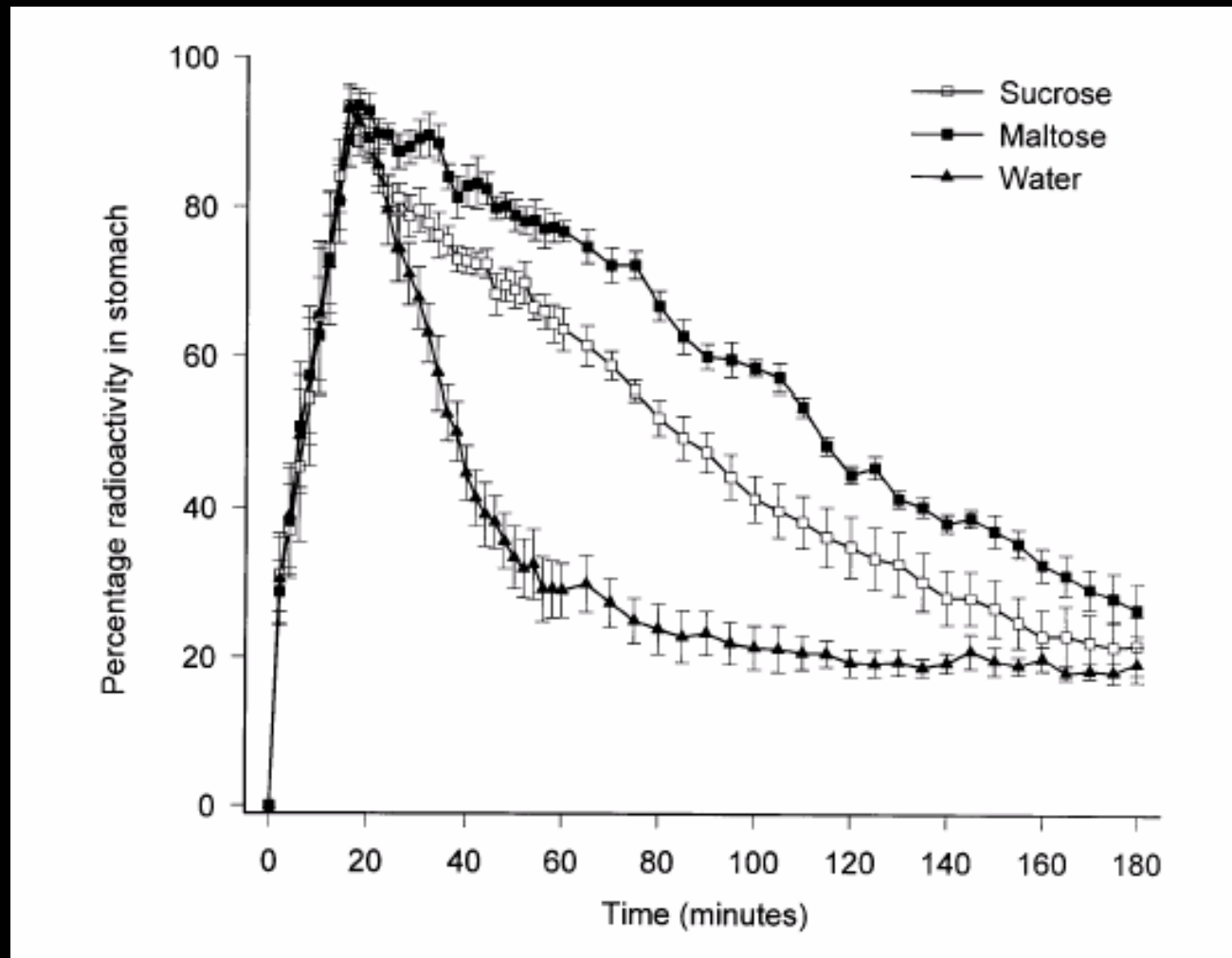
according to zero order kinetic (5ml/min)

independent from pylorus

# Emptying of Liquids from Stomach

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## Fed state



Lavin et al.,  
Int. J. Obesity 2002

Liquids 1-2 h

Solids 3-4 h

- no pronounced differences between fasted and fed state
- velocity of propagation is not consistent

**Small intestinal transit time measurements highly method dependant because of 2D- / 3D positioning, resolution, time grid**

- gamma scintigraphy (Ian Wilding)
- MRI (Werner Weitschieß)  
magnetic resonance imaging
- breath test

## Small Intestine

- according to circadian rhythms
- no difference between multiparticulate and monoparticulate dosage forms
- no difference between fasted and fed state
- mechanical stress at ileocecal valve
- mean intestinal residence time 3.5 h

- Duration extremely variable: 4-72 h
- Propagation not consistent rate and direction usually vary
  - dependant on many factors
    - day time (circadian rhythm)
    - sleep
    - nutritional status
    - composition of meals
    - body posture
    - emotional status
    - health status
    - gender



## small intestine

propulsive and retropulsive contractions

fasted: phase III of MMC in stomach is continued

fed: segmental circular contractions at irregular pattern

## ileocecal valve

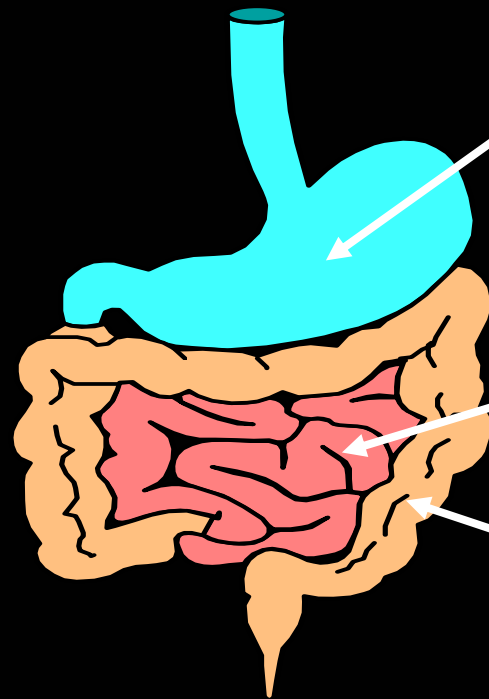
prevents reflux from microbiologically active large bowel  
regulates transit (regrouping of particles)

## large intestine

small and weak peristaltic activity

no to small differences between fasted and fed state

large bowel never empty at regular nutritional behavior



From proximal to distal

stomach

fasted pH 1.5

fed pH 5

contains

acids

salts

enzymes

surface active ingredients

small bowel:

proximal pH 6.5 - 7.6

distal pH 6.9 - 7.9

contains

salts

enzymes

surface active ingredients

large bowel:

pH 6 - 8

contains

....microorganisms

## Interdigestive = fasted

- Liquid volume: 50-100 ml, filling capacity: 0.5 L

		Ventricle (n = 36)	
		Average	±S.D.
Osmolality	mOsm/kg	191	36
Ionic Strength		0.100	0.025
pH		2.9	1.97
Na+	mM	68	29
K+	mM	13.4	3.0
Cl-	mM	102	28
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	mM	0.6	0.2
Bile Acids	mM	0.2	0.5
Proteins	g/l	1.8	0.7

Lindahl et al., Pharm. Res. 1997

## Postprandial = fed

- Liquid volume: 1-2 L
- Enzymes
  - proteases
    - pepsin
    - chymosin
    - human gastric lipase (HGL)
  - surfactants
    - » non-steroids
    - » steroids

# Biochemistry of Intestinal Content

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- Volume: about 9L of water are recirculated within 24 h
- Composition

		Jejunum (n = 37)	
		Average	±S.D.
Osmolality	mOsm/kg	271	15
Ionic Strength		0.139	0.014
pH		7.1	0.60
Na <sup>-</sup>	mM	142	13
K <sup>+</sup>	mM	5.4	2.1
Cl <sup>-</sup>	mM	126	19
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	mM	0.5	0.3
Bile Acids	mM	2.9	2.9
Proteins	g/l	2.1	1.2

Lindahl et al.,  
Pharm. Res. 1997

- depending on their galenical properties dosage forms may disintegrate (mechanical property) site-independently
- if disintegration happens instantaneously dissolution is expected to depend from
  - drug in vivo-medium interaction
    - wettability
    - solubility
      - pH-effect
      - saline concentration
      - ional composition
      - surfactant concentration
    - stability
- the simulation of a certain combination of fixed physical, physicochemical, chemical, and biochemical conditions may work with conventional dissolution instruments!

# Promising Results with FaSSIF / FeSSIF

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	<b>FaSSIF</b>	<b>FeSSIF</b>
<b>Sodium taurocholate</b>	3 mM	15 mM
<b>Lecithin</b>	0.75 mM	3.75 mM
<b>pH</b>	6.5	5.0
<b>Osmolality</b>	270 ± 10	635 ± 10 mOsm
<b>Buffer Capacity</b>	10 ± 2	76 ± 2 mEq/L/pH unit

- Developed at Frankfurt University by **JB Dressman**
- Mainly limited to Research Projects
- **No use in routine QC / GMP**
  - highly variable ingredient quality
  - time consuming and variable preparation
  - high costs

actual research project: synthetic substitute for use in the **GMP-environment**

- depending on their geometry dosage forms may have different transit behavior
- dosage form and drug dissolved may have different transit kinetics
- anatomy and physiology cause an additional variability the nutritional status may add further variability
  
- the simulation of a combination of changing, physical, physicochemical, chemical, biochemical, and microbiological conditions that are met by a dosage form along it's GI passage, is not possible with conventional dissolution instruments!



# Drug / Dosage Form in the Presence of Food

concomitant food intake may effect the bioavailability of a formulation

this may be drug related at the site of

- absorption (tetracyclines and milk)
- distribution
- metabolism (nifedipine and grapefruit)
- excretion (phenylbutazone and vegetables)

this may also be dosage form related

worst case: “dose dumping” phenomenon

# Dosage Form Related Food / Drug Interactions

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brand name	technolog. type	manufacturer / lot	effect on bioavailability	
			extent	rate
Armophylline	multiparticulate	Rorer, F	±0	±0
Cronasma 350	multiparticulate	Thiemann, D	↓	↓
Dilatrane AP	multiparticulate	Fisons, F	±0	±0
		Fisons, UK	±0	±0
Euphylong	multiparticulate	Byk Gulden, D	±0	±0
Slo-Phyllin Gyrocaps	multiparticulate	Dooner, USA	±0	±0
		Rorer, USA	±0	±0
Somophyllin-CRT	multiparticulate	Fisons, UK	±0	±0
		Fisons, USA	↑	±0
Theo-24	multiparticulate	Searle, USA, lot 1283-873	↑	↑
		Searle, USA, lot 983-810	↑	↑
Theo-Dur	monoparticulate	Key Pharmaceuticals, USA	±0	±0
		Key Pharmaceuticals, USA	±0	↓
Theo-Dur Sprinkle	multiparticulate	Key Pharmaceuticals, USA	↓	↓
		lot 304501,265201	↓	↓
Theodur-G Retard	multiparticulate	Mitsubishi, J	↓	↓
		lot TG-035AS		
Theograd	monoparticulate	Abbott, NL	↑	↓
Theolair-SR	monoparticulate	Riker, USA	no information	↓
Nuelin Retard	monoparticulate	Riker, UK	±0	↓
Nuelin S.A.	monoparticulate	Riker, UK	↓	↓
Nuelin Retard		Riker, UK	no information	↓
Theolin Retard	monoparticulate	Draco, S, lot PG 317	±0	±0
Theolong Retard	multiparticulate	Esai, J, lot 7101	↓	↓
Theostat	monoparticulate	Sinbio, F	±0	±0
		Fabre, F, lot 160	±0	±0
Unilair	multiparticulate	3M Medica, USA	±0	±0
Uniphyl	monoparticulate	Purdue Frederick, USA	↑	↓
		lot 1P5, 1L6	↑	↓
		lot O9W	↑	↓
Uniphyllin	monoparticulate	Napp, UK	±0	±0

±0: no effect

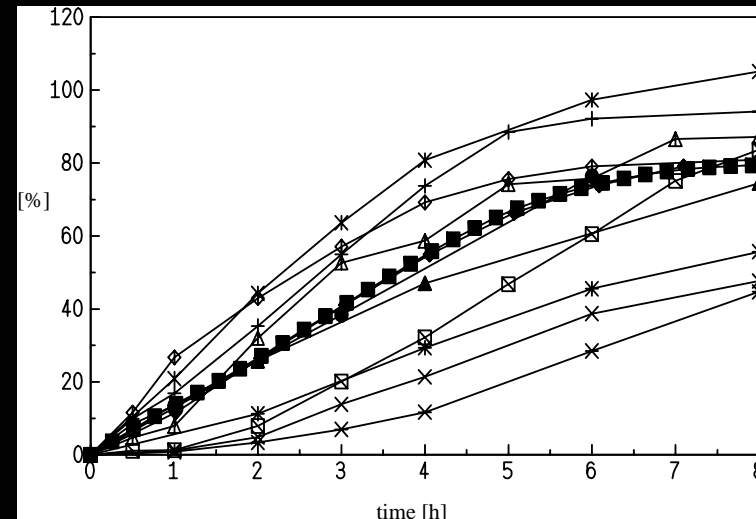
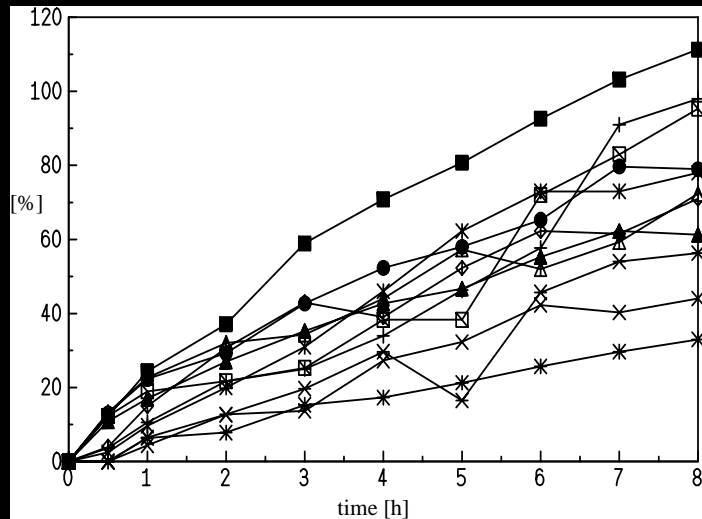
↕: extent of bioavailability and/or rate **higher**

↕: extent of bioavailability and/or rate lower than in fasted state

## Example Theophylline ER Products

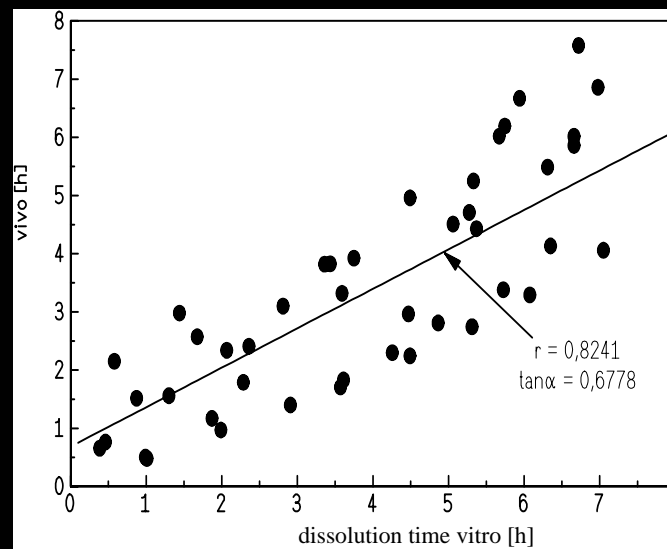
# In Vitro- / In Vivo-Correlation of Theophylline Extended-Release Dosage Forms: Fed

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paddle, homo-  
genized food

- Armophylline
- Dilatrane
- Ditenate Compac
- △ Nuelin retard 250
- ▲ Slo-Bid
- ◇ Slo-Phyllin
- × Somophyllin-CRT
- × Theo-24
- × Theo-Dur Sprinkle
- + Theostat
- \* Uniphyllin

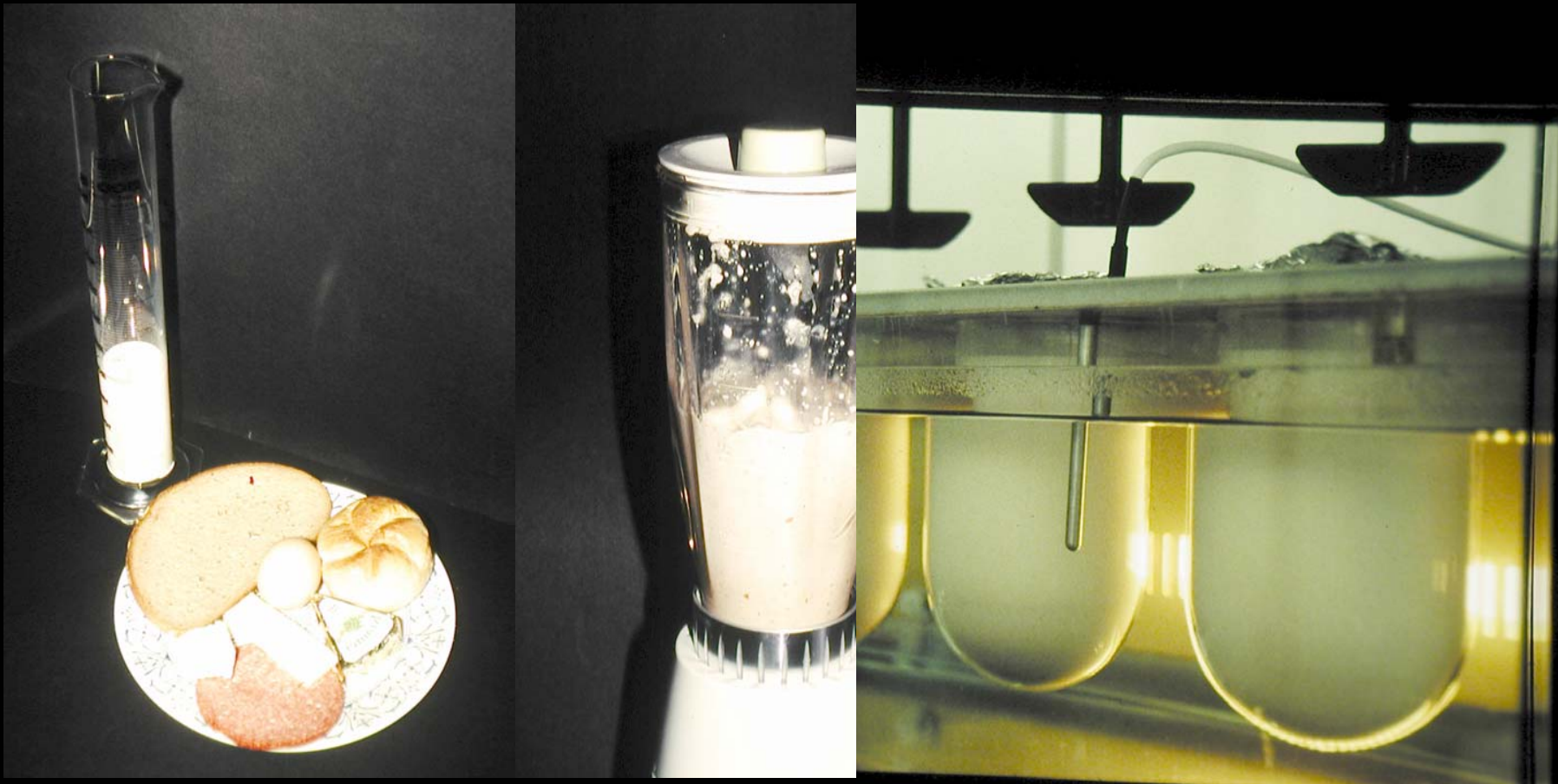


in vivo-dissolution  
bio-studies

# in vitro modeling of food effects

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standard breakfast - mixer - dissolution test



## influences on rate-controlling mechanism by:...

### ...a strong initial contact

- Maturu: presoak with lipids / rotating bottle
- Wearly: presoak with lipids / basket
- Esbelin: presoak with lipids / recip. cyl.

### ...weak, but continuing interference

- Junginger: high caloric beverage / paddle
- Macheras: milk / basket
- Krämer / Blume / Stricker / Siewert:
  - » neutral oil emulsion / paddle
  - » neutral oil emulsion with lipase / paddle
  - » homogenized breakfast

### ...strong and continuing interference

- El-Arini: lipids / paddle

## Progress

### in vitro-modeling possible

- of in vivo-dissolution under fasted conditions by topographical characterization
- of in vivo-dissolution under fed conditions (only direct interactions)

## non-resolved issues

### in vitro-modeling impossible

- of gastrointestinal transit
- of site of absorption

**prediction of food effects bioavailability by in vitro-means  
is barely feasible**

- **great use as surrogate according to the BCS**
- **mandatory in pharmaceutical quality testing**
  - during product development
  - during the scale-up procedure
  - in QC
    - intra-lot homogeneity
    - lot-to-lot conformity
- in stability testing
- after changes of recipe
- after changes of manufacturing site of ...  
....one product

**but not useful as surrogate for food studies**



- .....
- the simulation of a combination of changing, physical, physicochemical, chemical, biochemical, and microbiological conditions that are met by a dosage form along it's GI passage, is not possible!
- .....special investigations concerning the robustness of ER dosage forms ... also towards food required!
- .....even if already done for IR form