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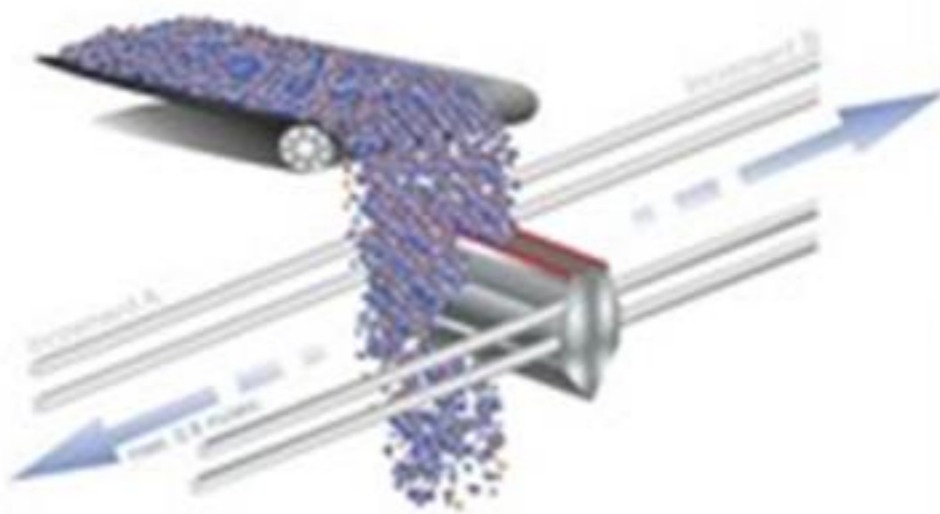

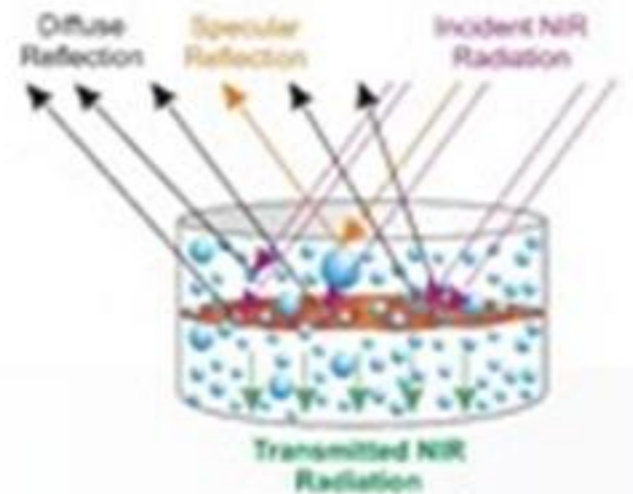


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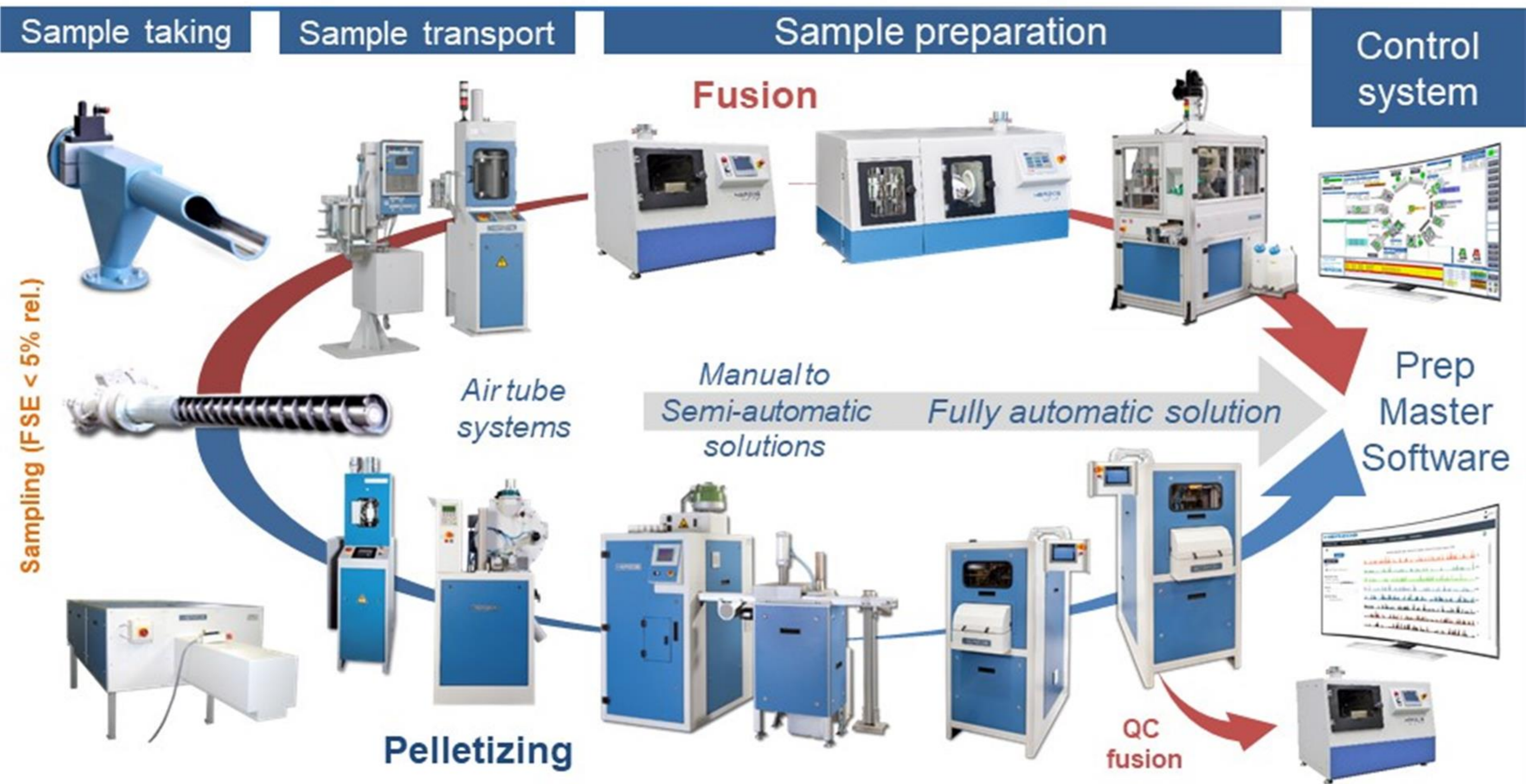
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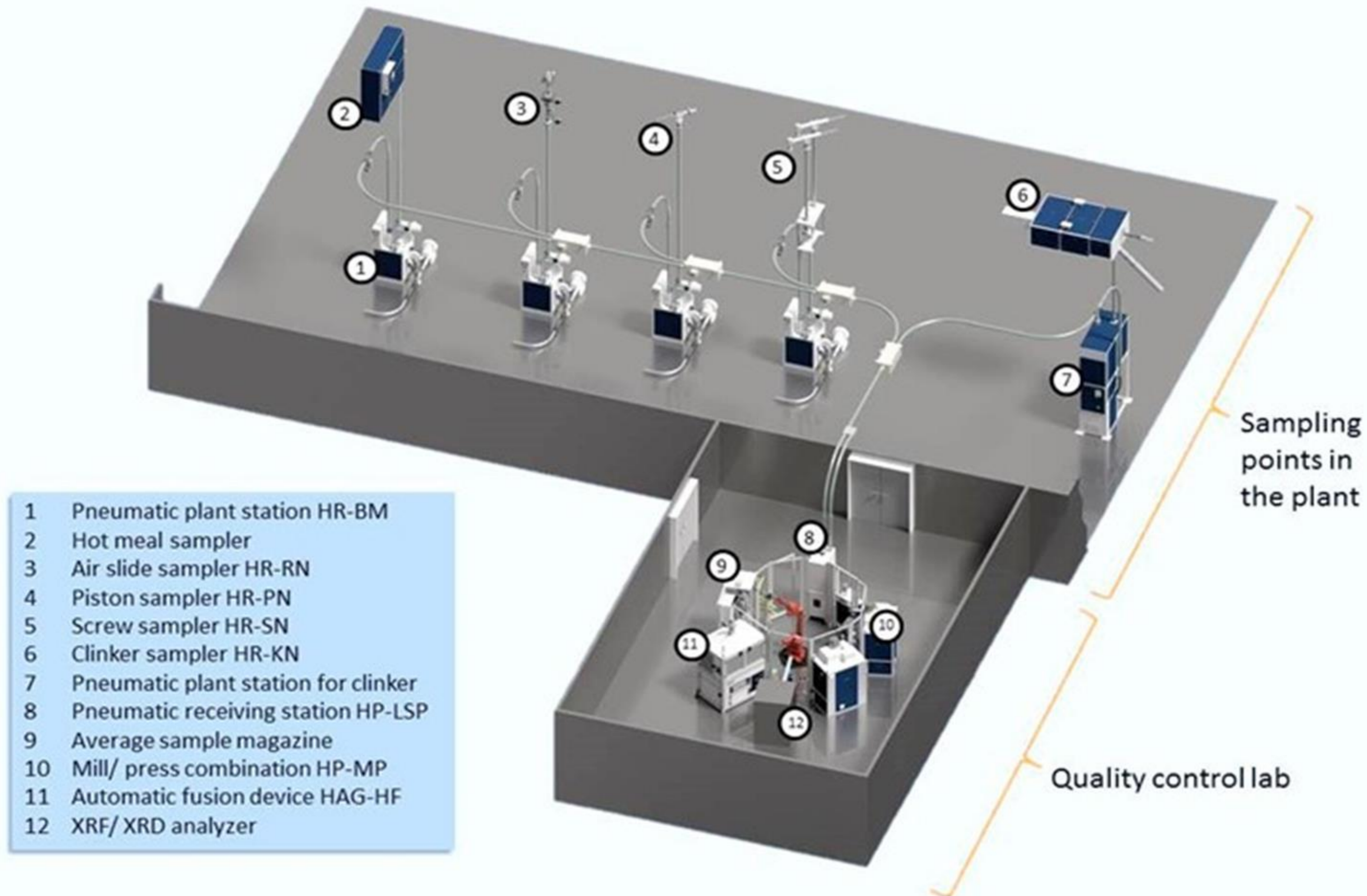
• Measurement uncertainty

Multistage sampling & preparation process	Reality	Countering methods & measurements	Target
Sampling 	<i>Example</i> $S_x = 55\%$	Heterogeneity assesment Good sampling approach Proper sampling equipment Replication experiment Variography	<i>Example</i> $S_x = 5\%$
Sample preparation 	$S_x = 35\%$	Automation Solid methodology Repeatabilty checks Preparation monitoring Equipment monitoring	$S_x = 2\%$
Analysis 	$S_x = 1,5\%$	Specific Calibration Solid methodology Monitor samples Drift correction Equipment monitoring	$S_x = < 1\%$
	Total error 65%		Total error $5,5 \%$

- Pressed pellet or fusion



- Fully automated cement laboratory



- **Factors influencing grinding**

Method related:

- Input size of sample
- Selected grinding time
- Selected grinding speed
- Grinding aids

Material related:

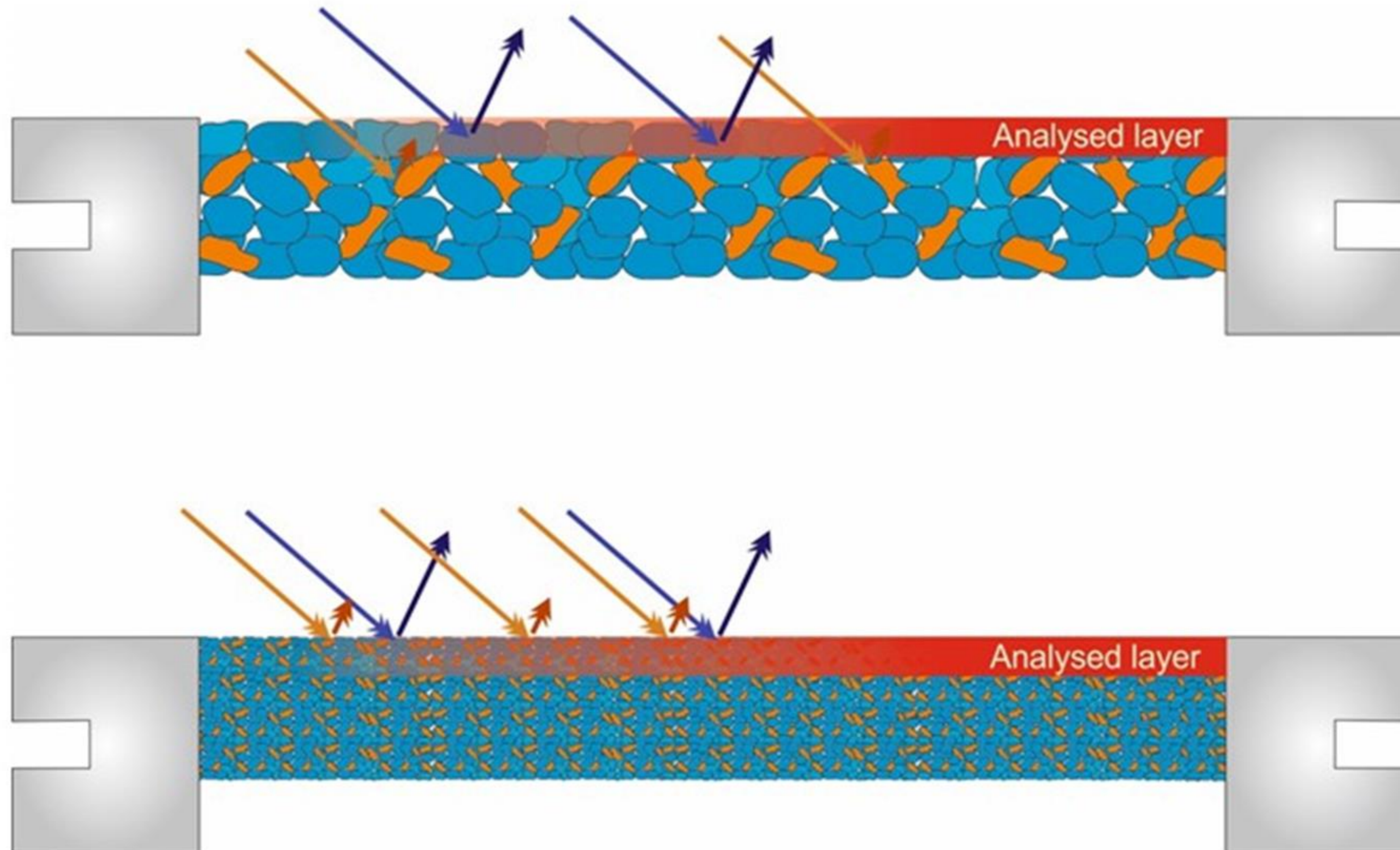
- Material heterogeneity
- Mineral content
- Mohs hardness of constituents
- Particle size distribution

Equipment related:

- Grinding method (*hammer mill, vibrating mill*)
- Material grinding tools
- Constitution of grinding tools
- Operational mode (*manual/automatic*)
- Equipment performance (*material loss*)
- Vessel temperature

Nevertheless those are not all...

- Particle size effect



- Influence manual loading HSM 100



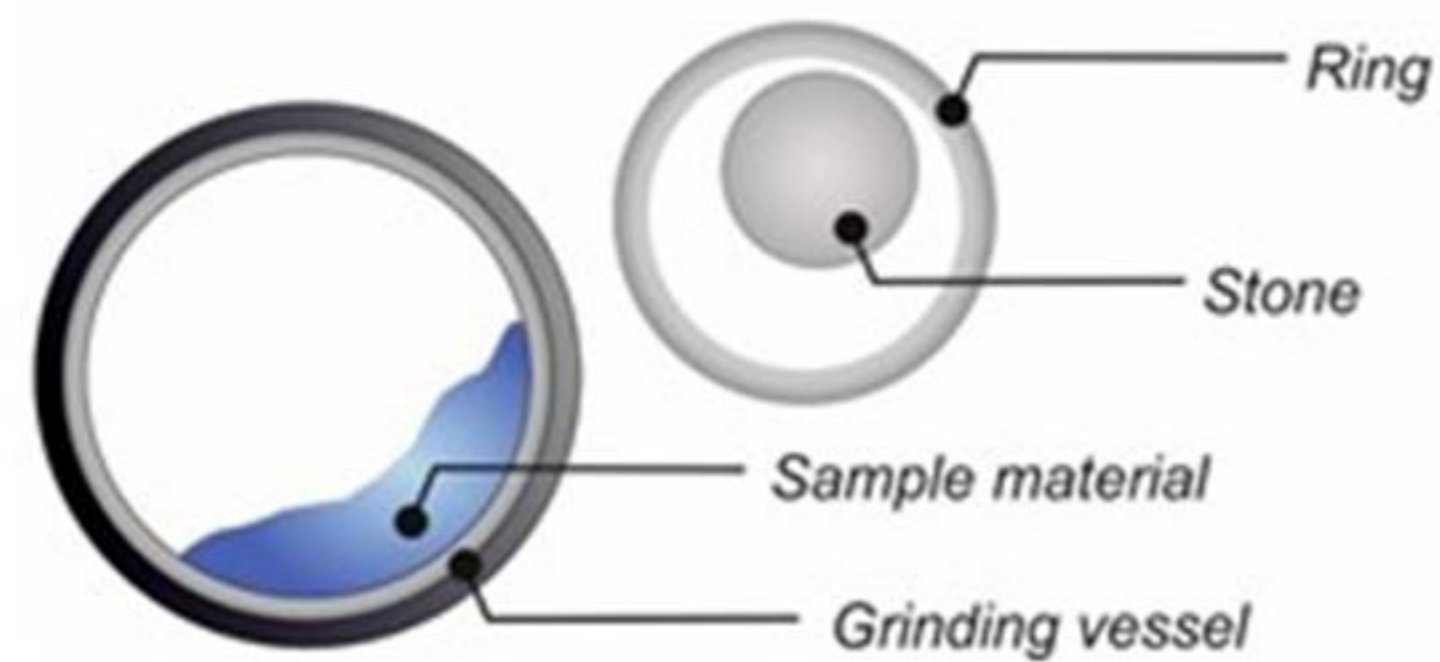
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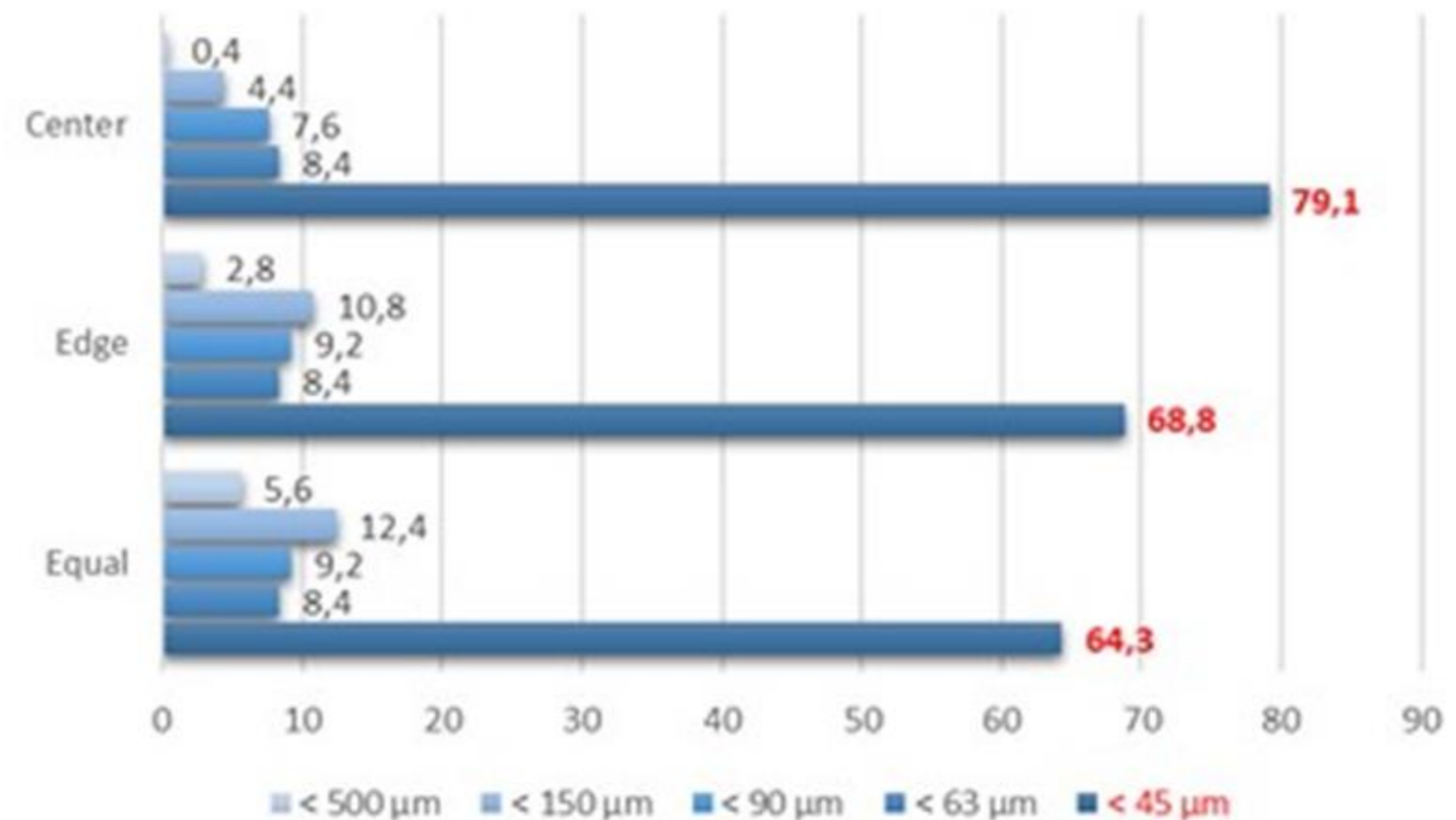
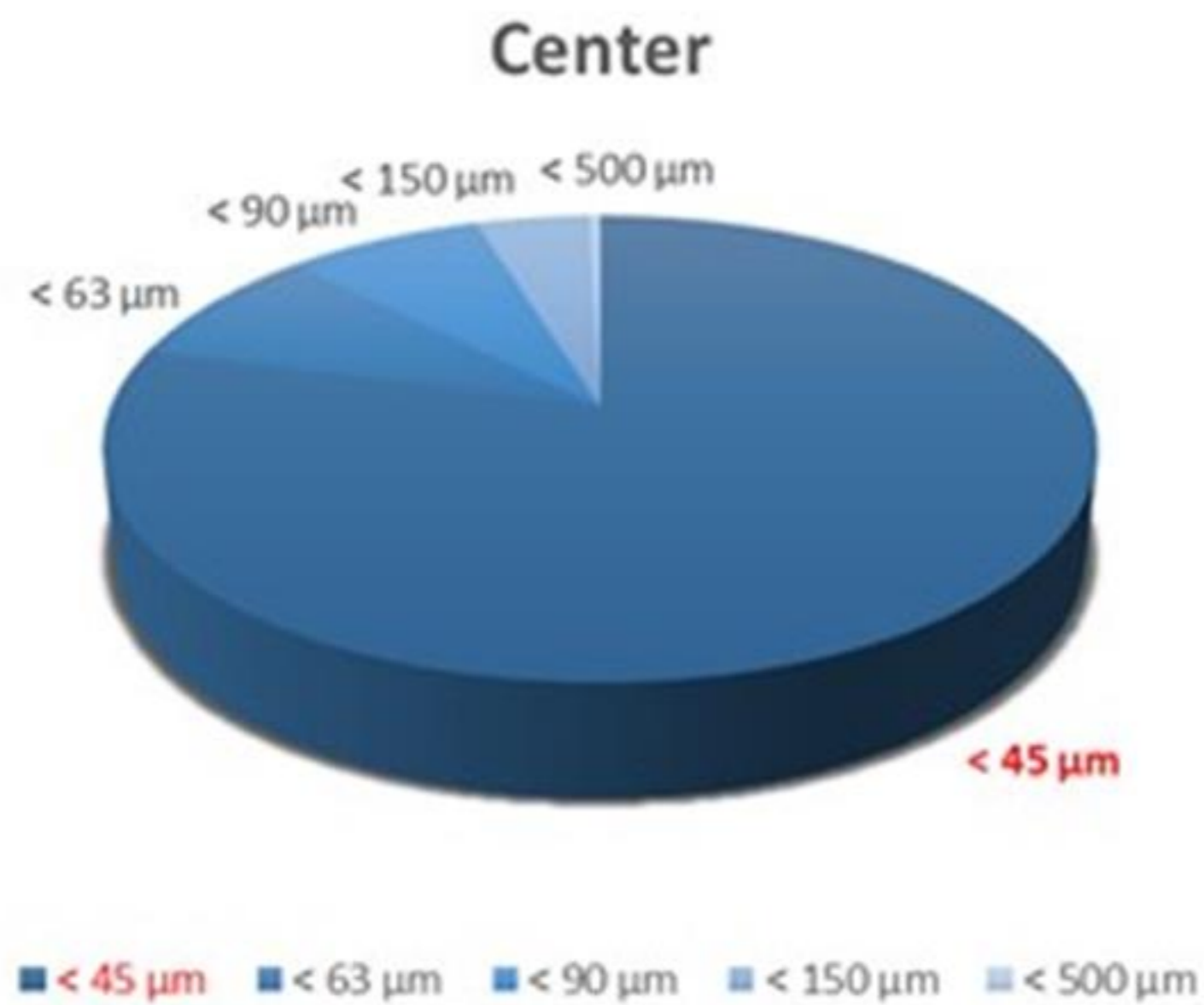
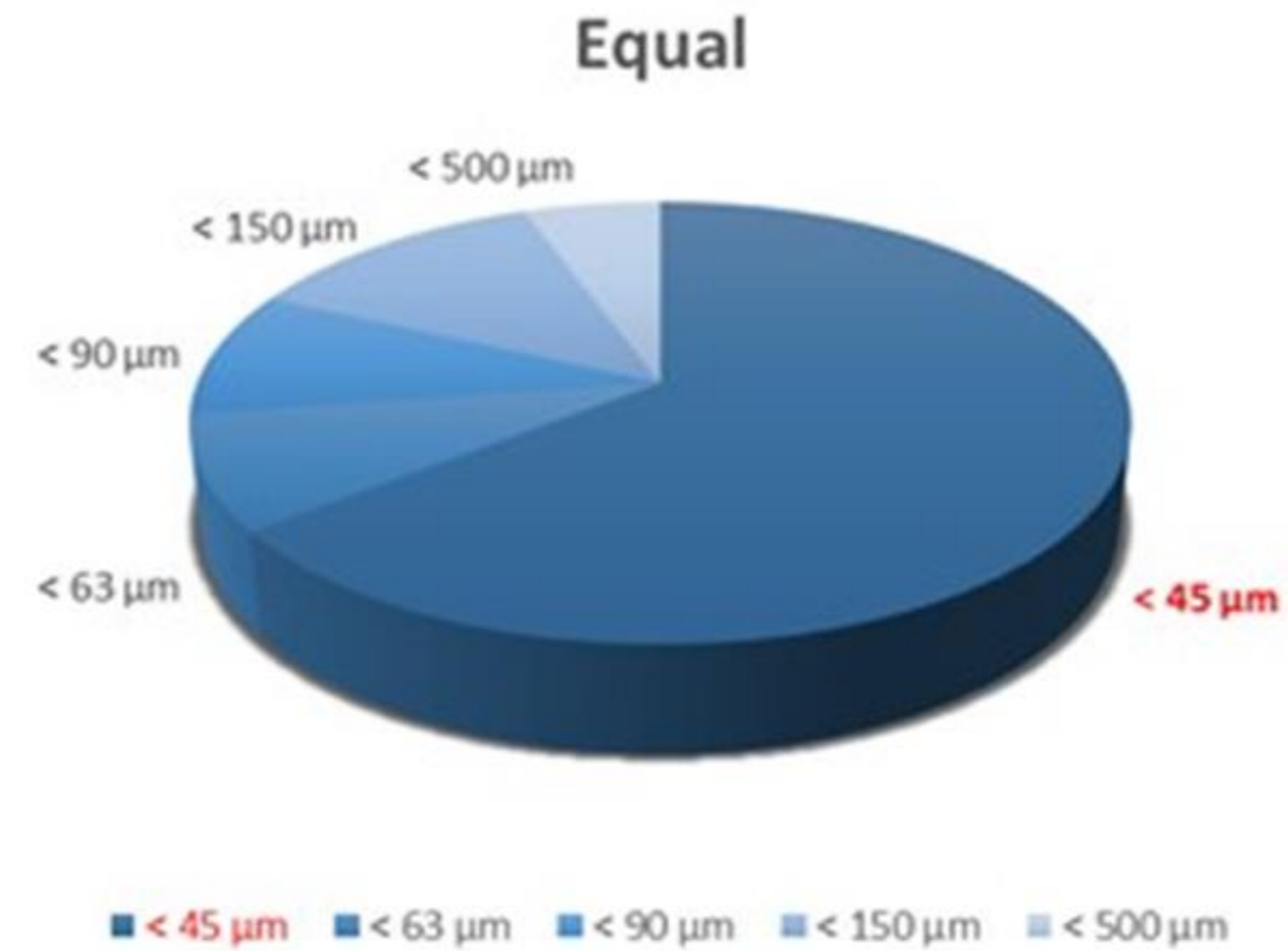
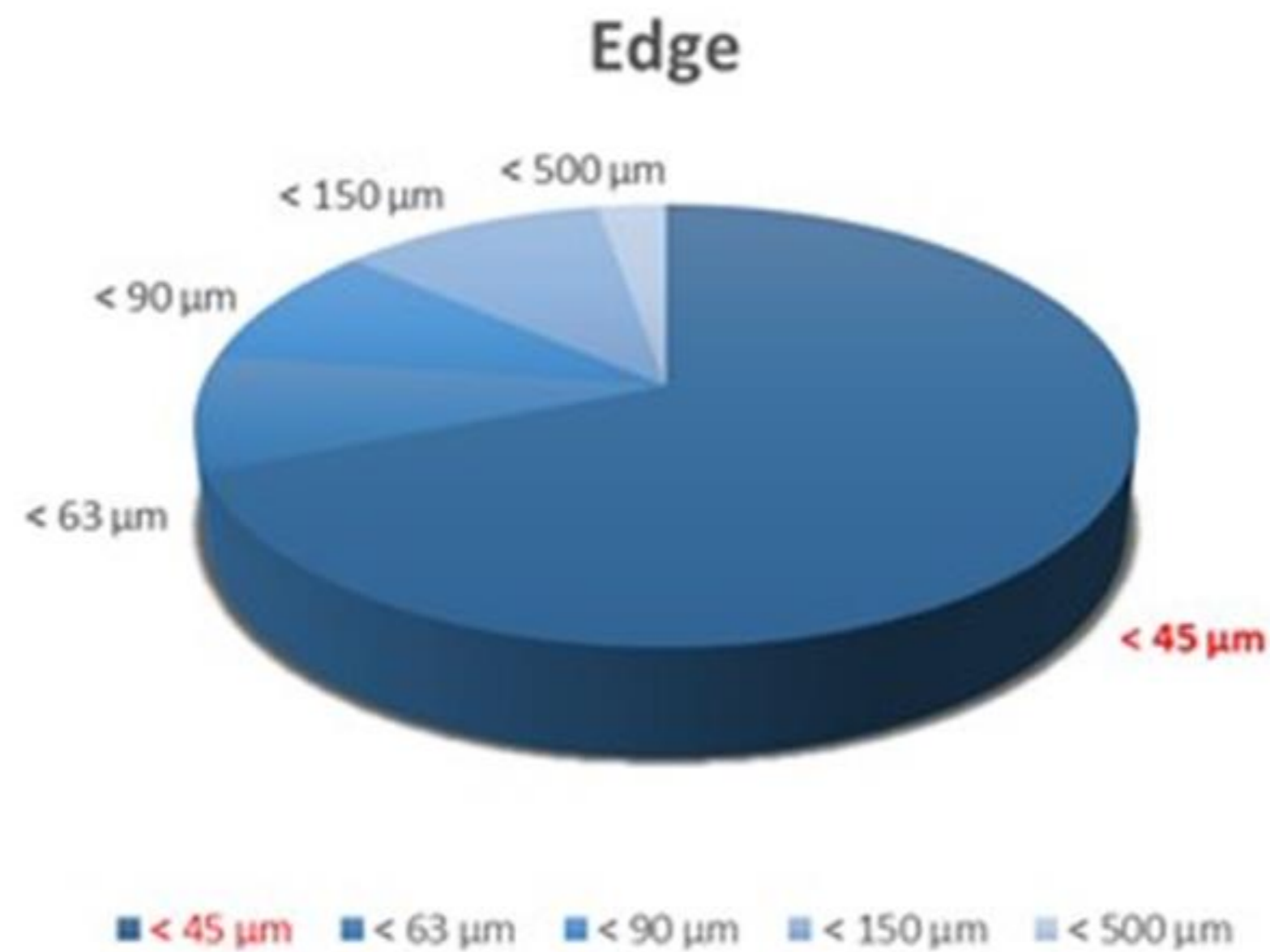
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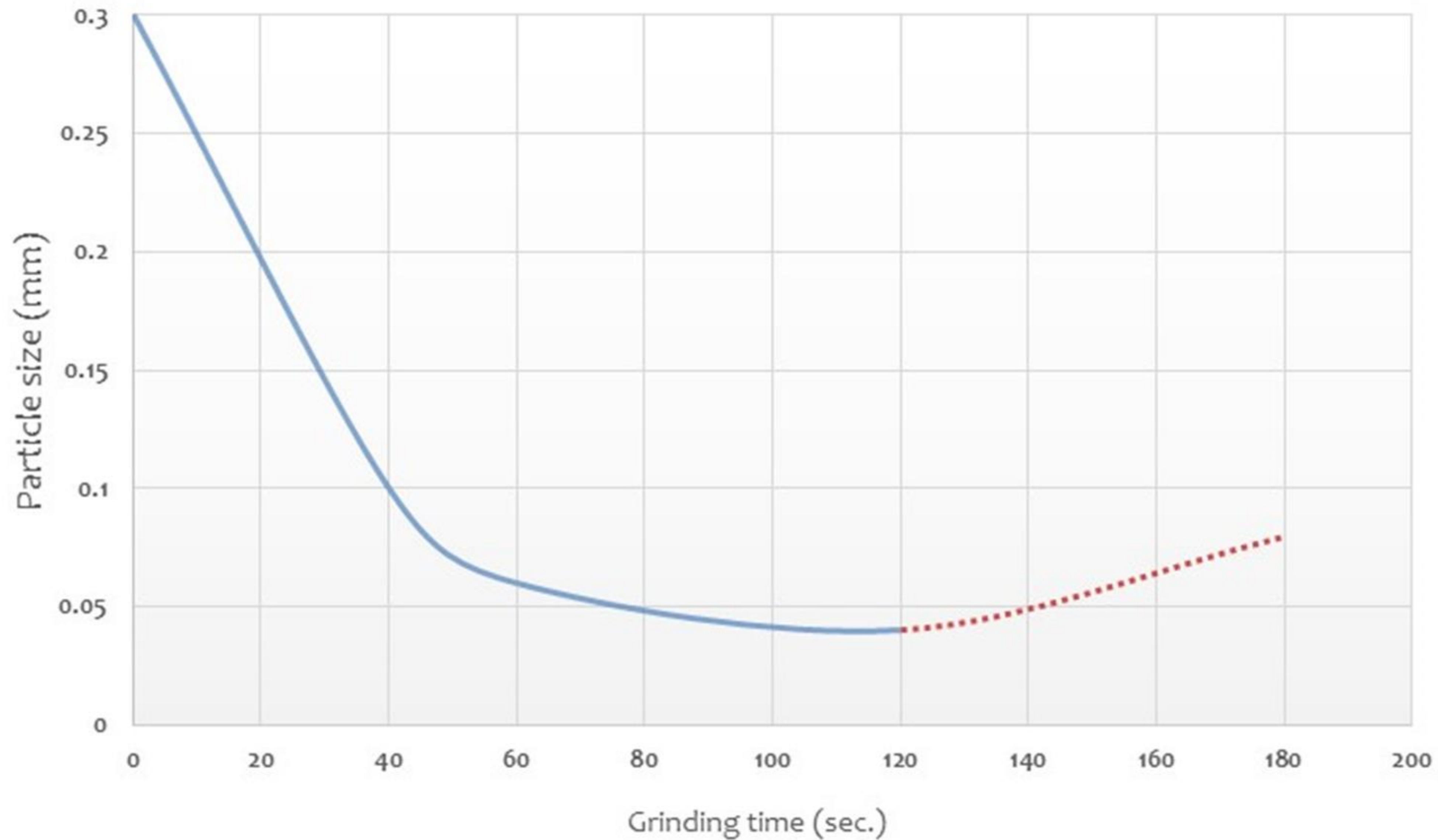
equal loading at the center



- Impacting particle size distribution



- **Development of particle size during grinding**



- **Agglomerate formation** (Raw meal)



Speed: 800 rpm
Fraction X \geq 75 μ m



Speed: 900 rpm
Fraction X \geq 75 μ m



Speed: 1000 rpm
Fraction X \geq 75 μ m



Speed: 1100 rpm
Fraction X \geq 75 μ m



Speed: 1200 rpm
Fraction X \geq 75 μ m



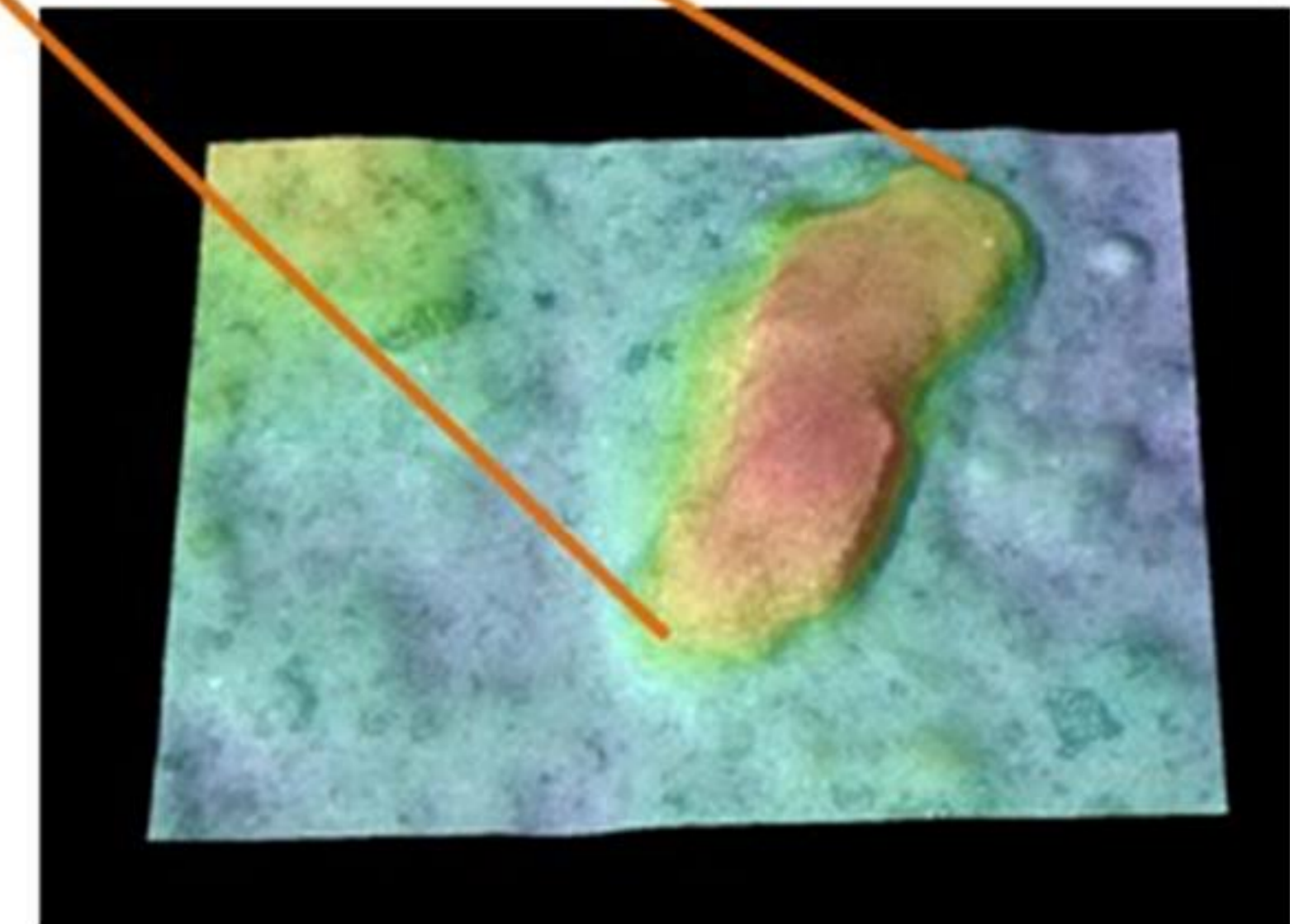
Speed: 1300 rpm
Fraction X \geq 75 μ m

- **Agglomerates**

Grinding

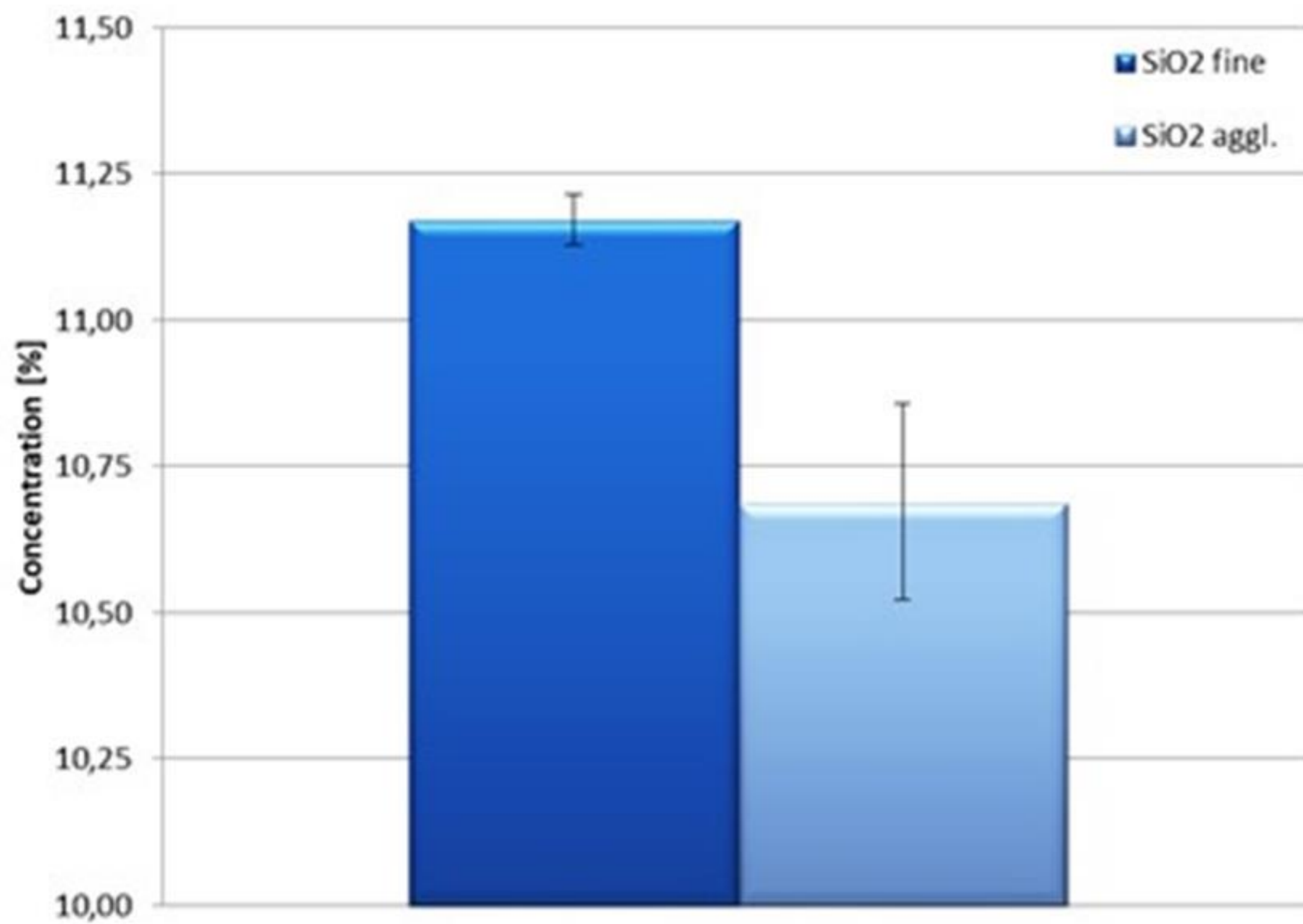


Pressing

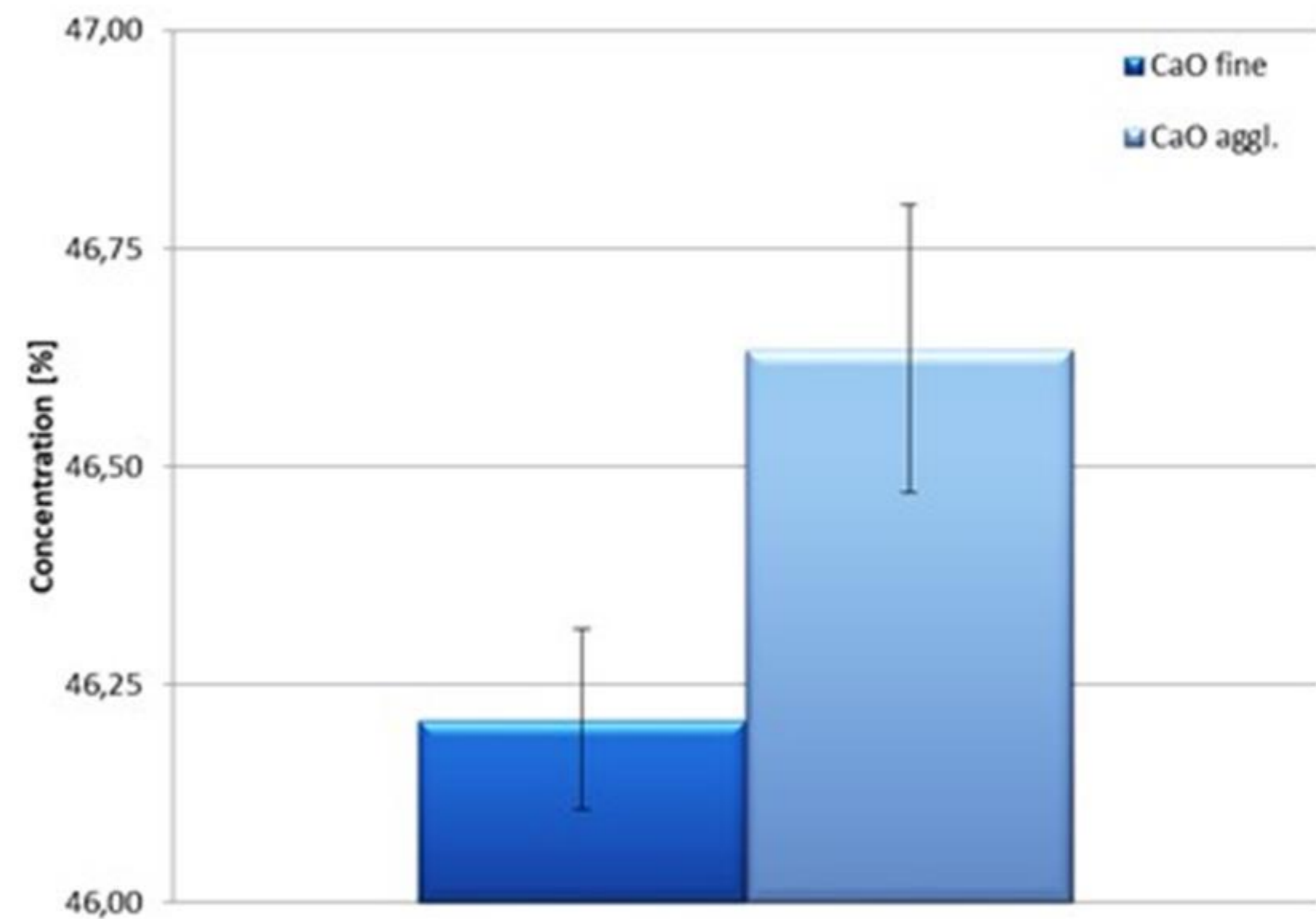
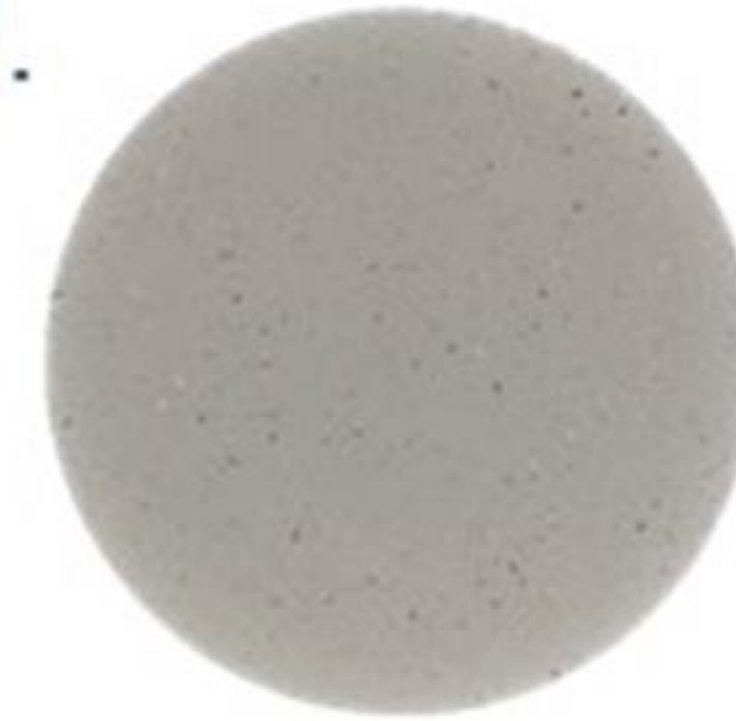


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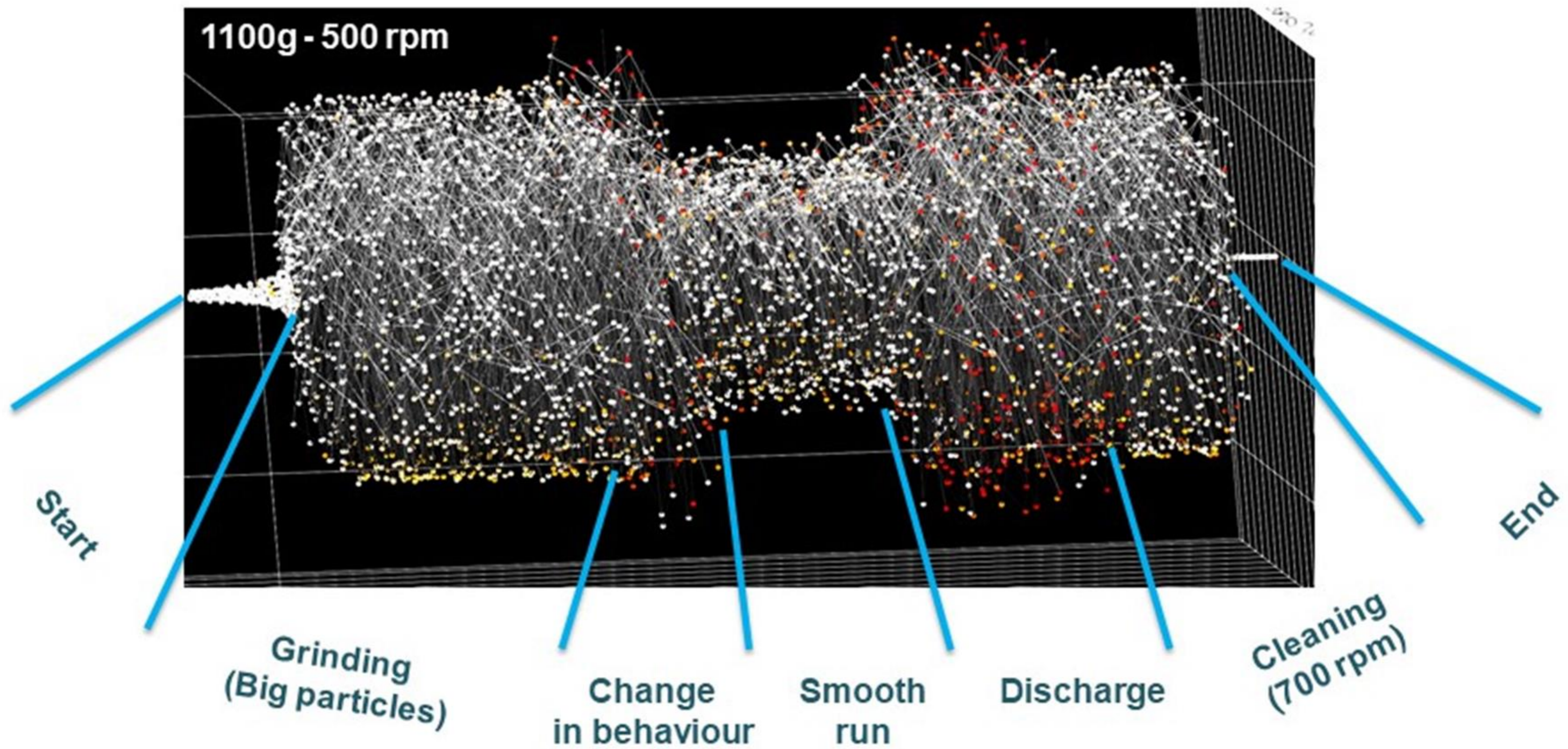
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Aggl.

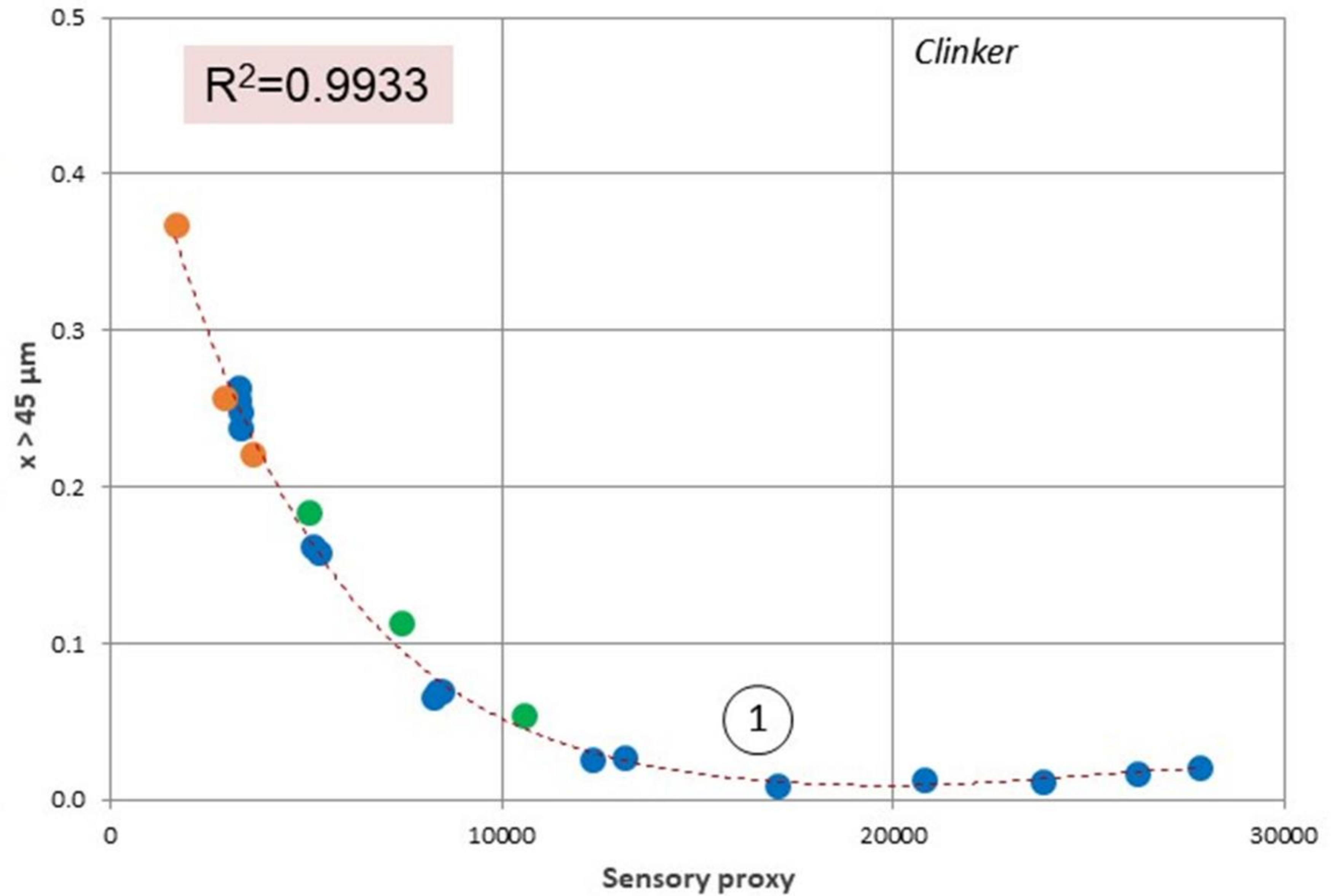
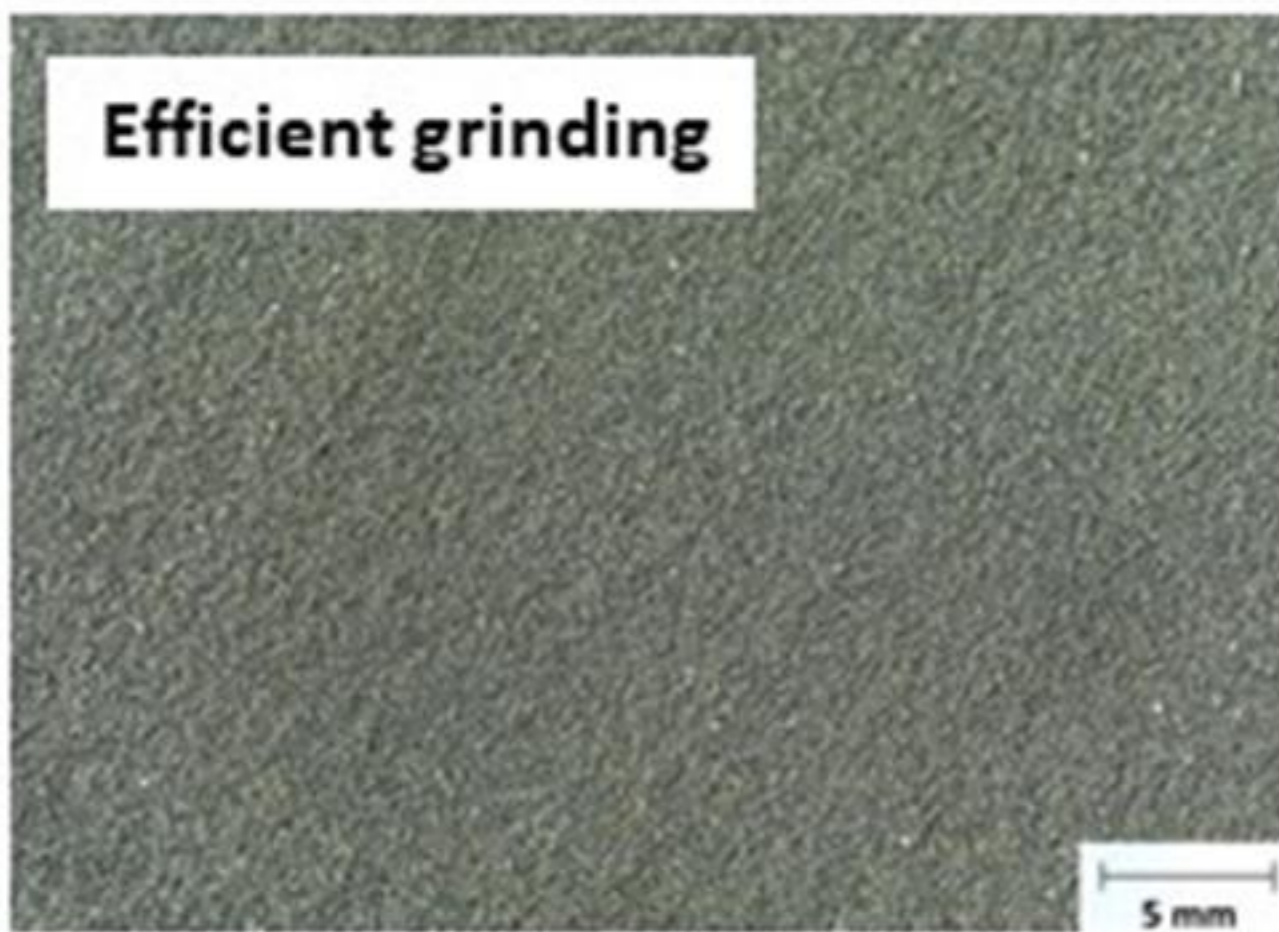


- Monitoring vessel movement

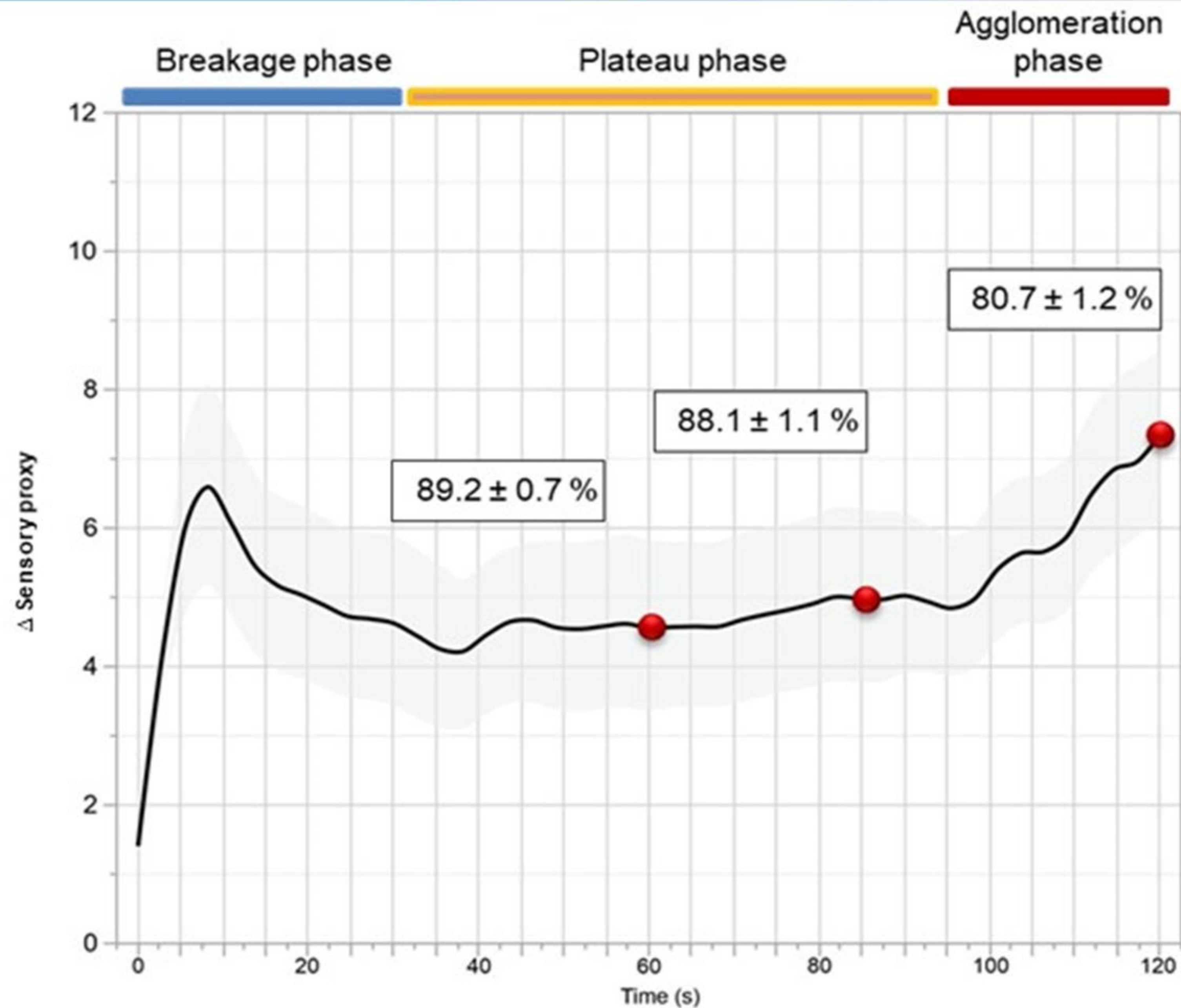
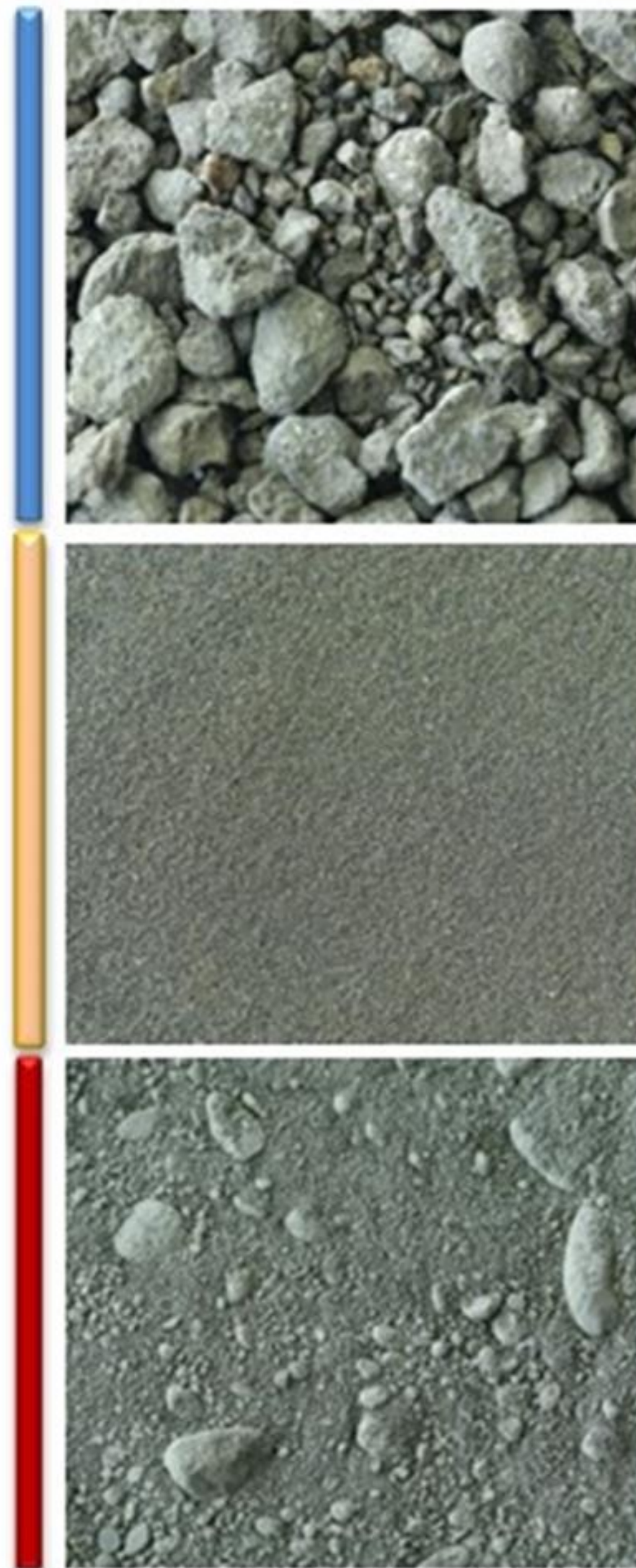


- Sensory data vs. Particle size

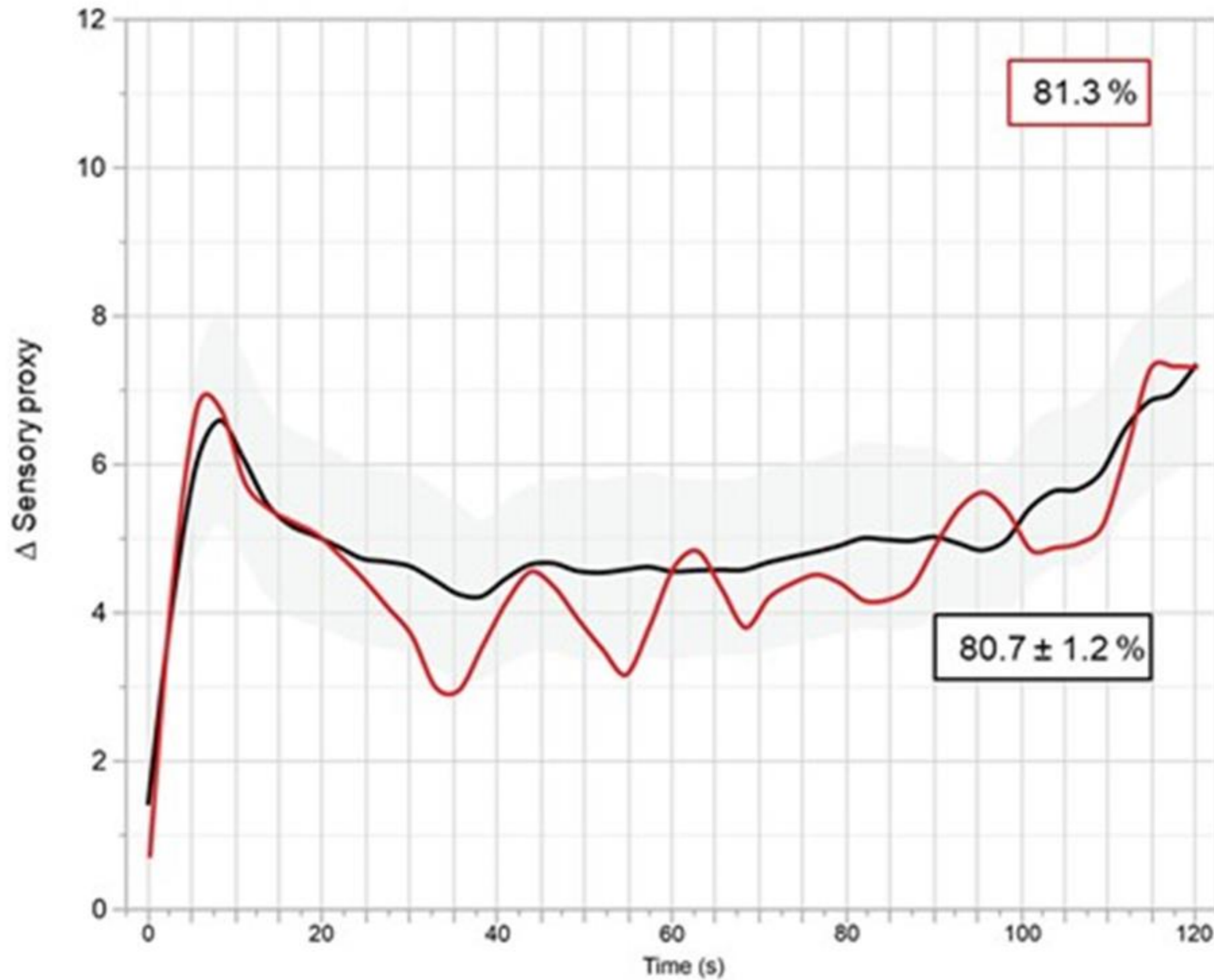
Assessment of grain size distribution by sensory data



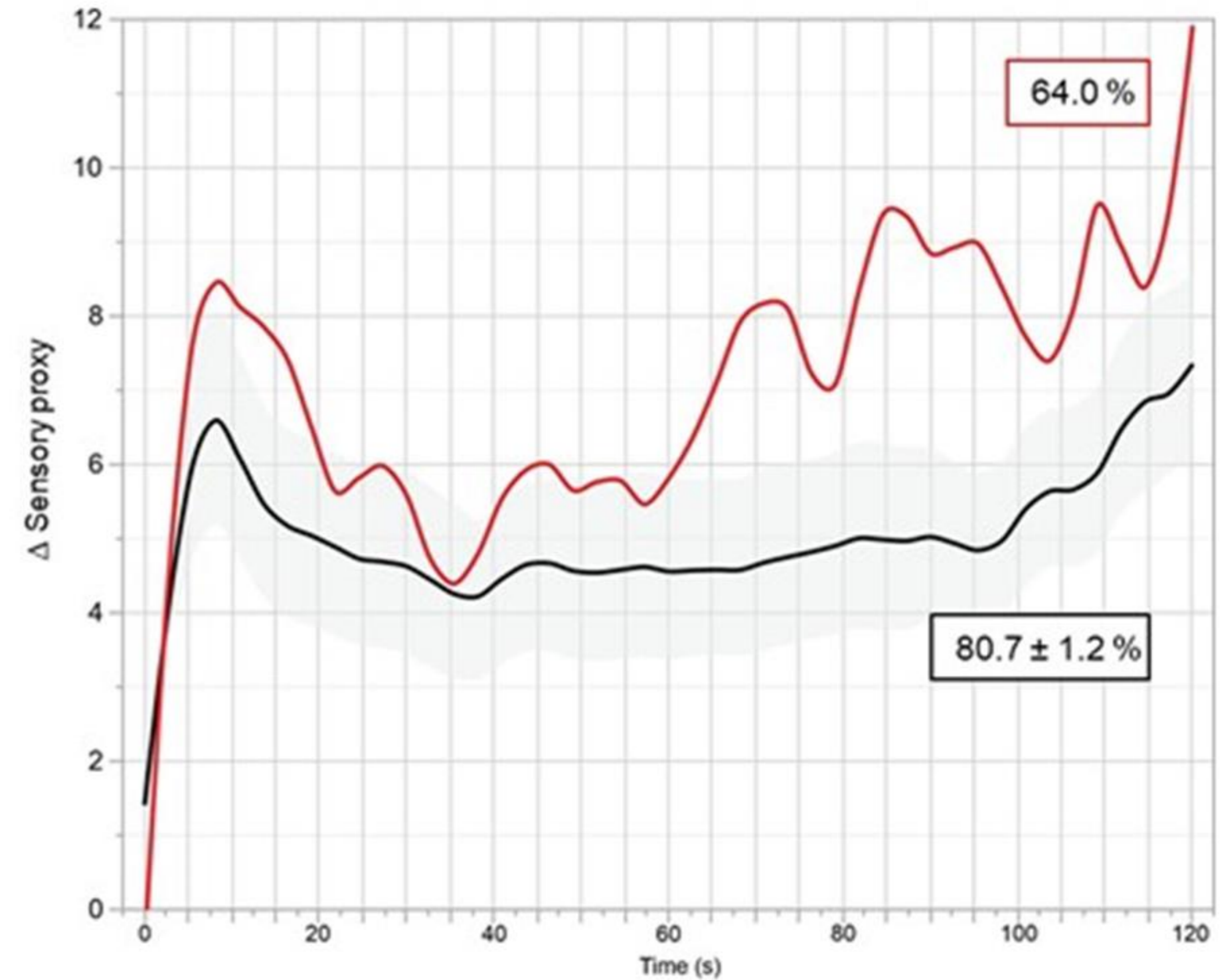
- Grinding mechanism vs. Particle size



- Data validation



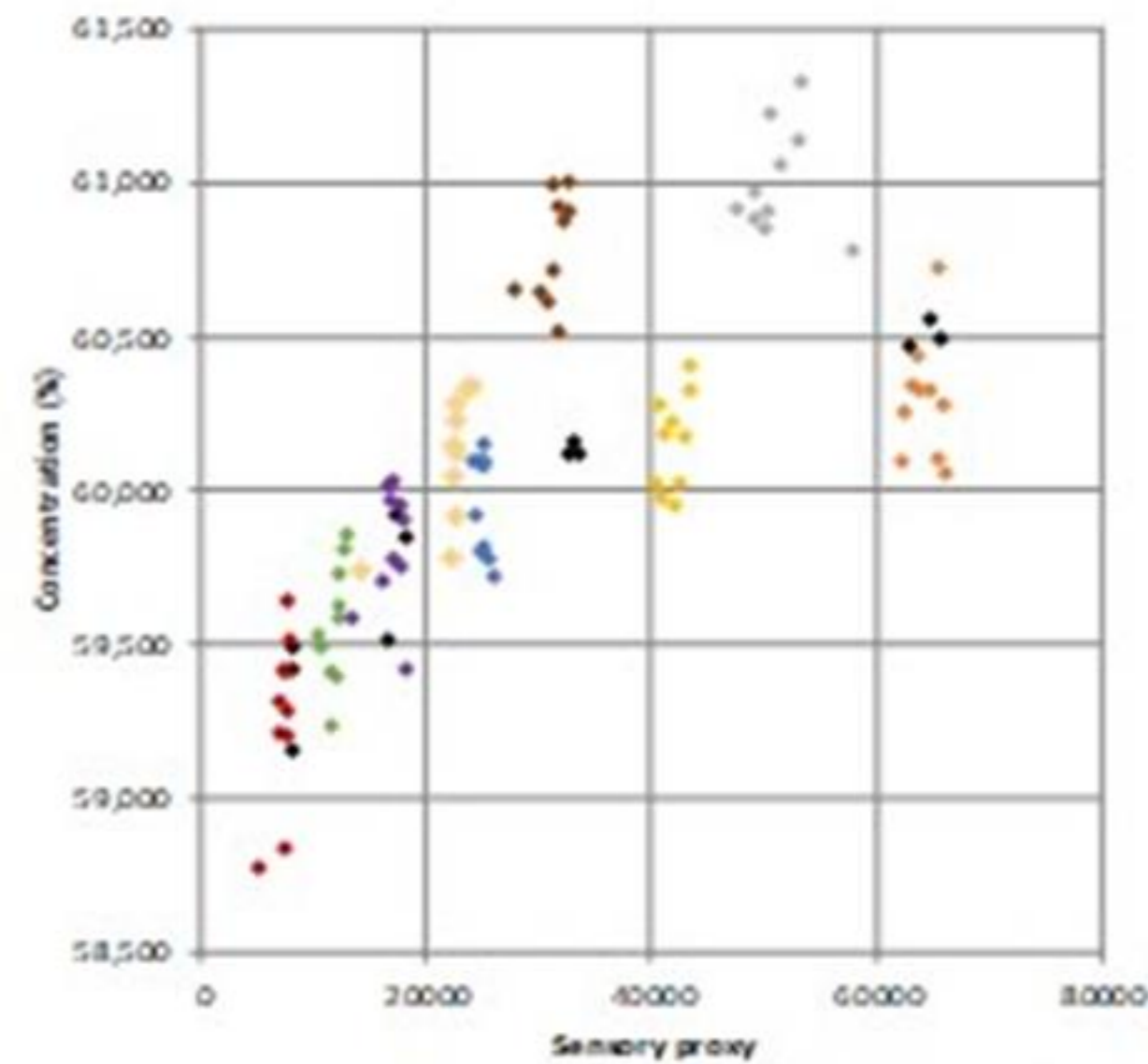
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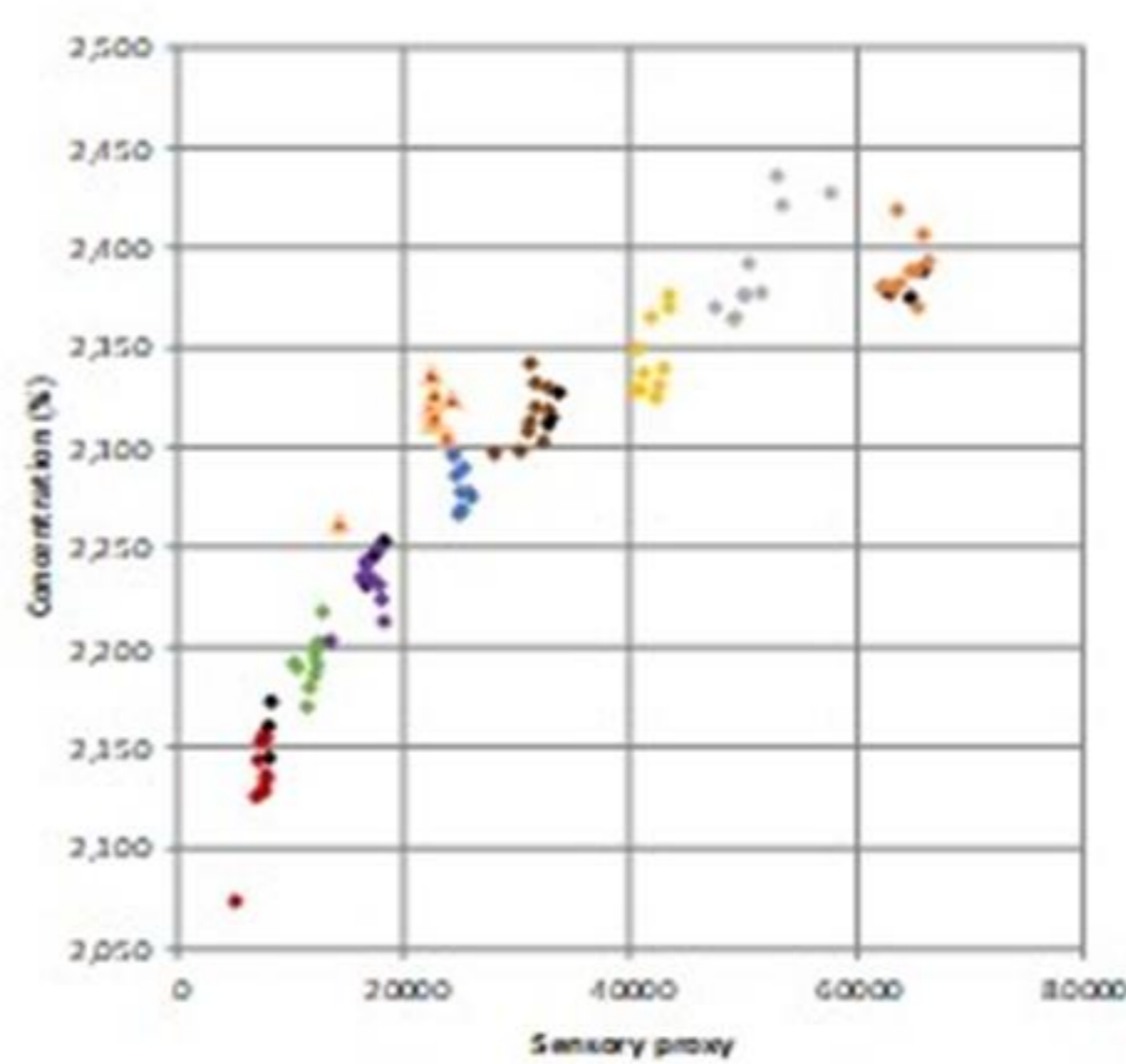
Biased sample preparation

- Sensory data linked to XRF measurement

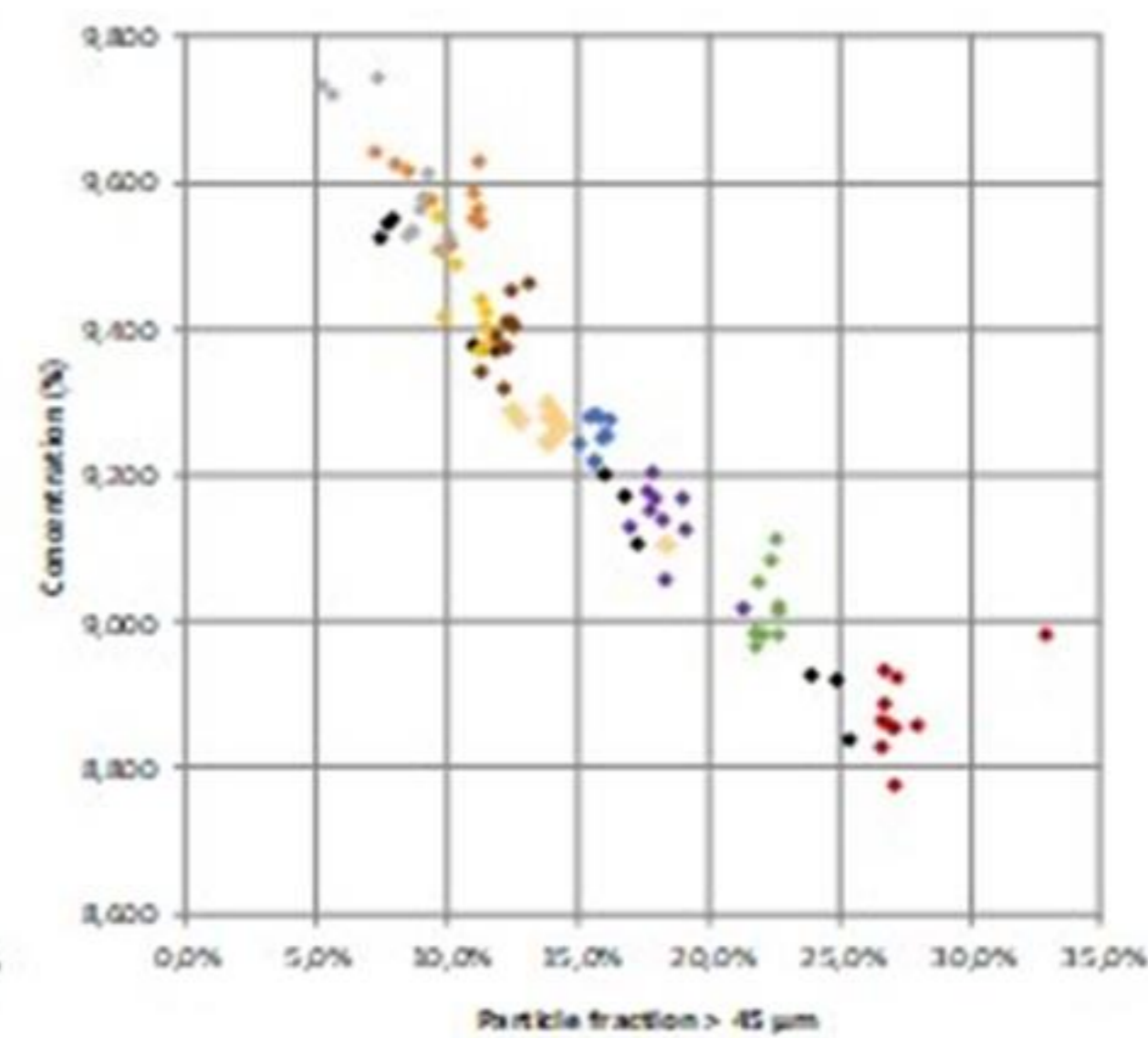
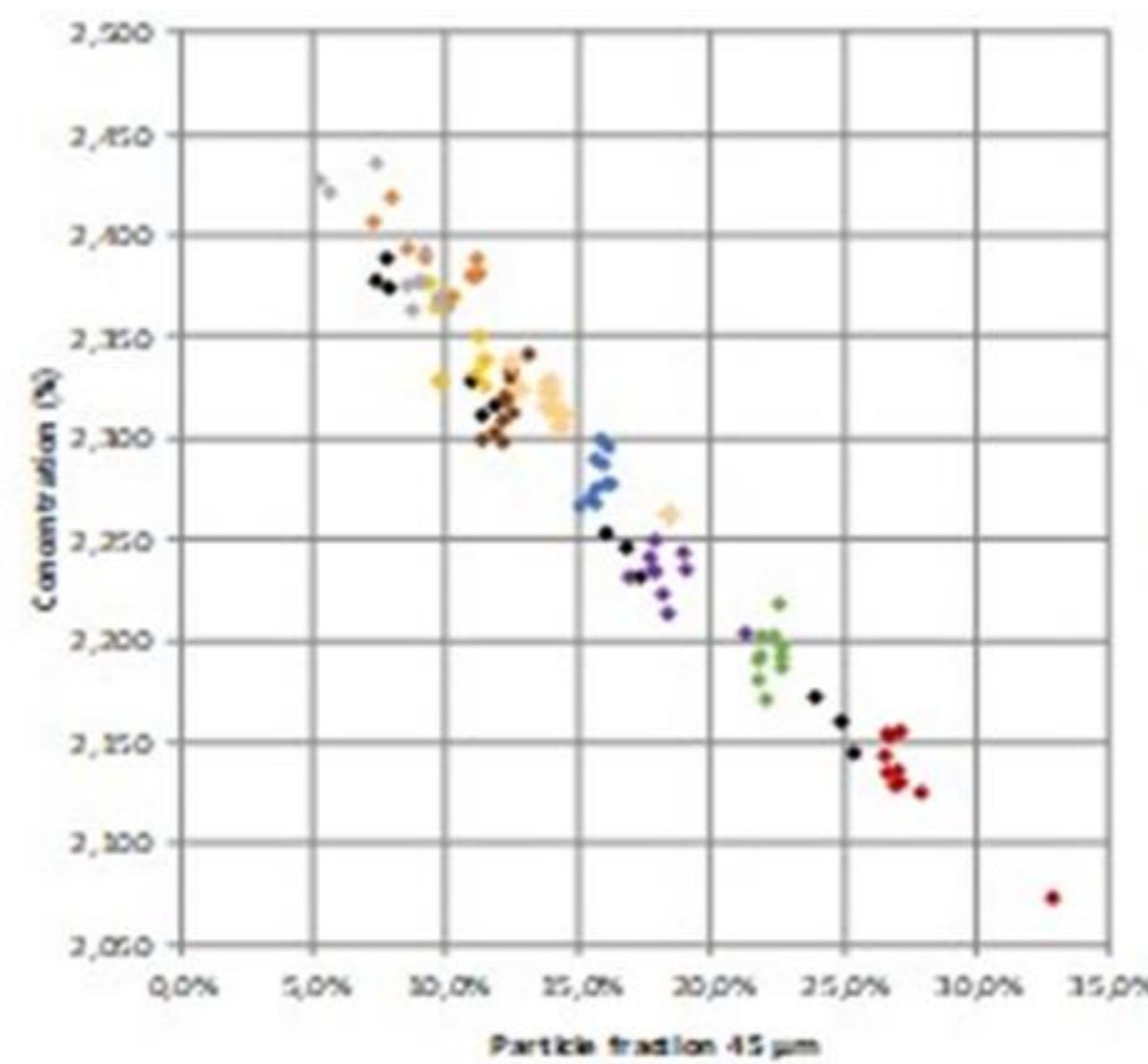
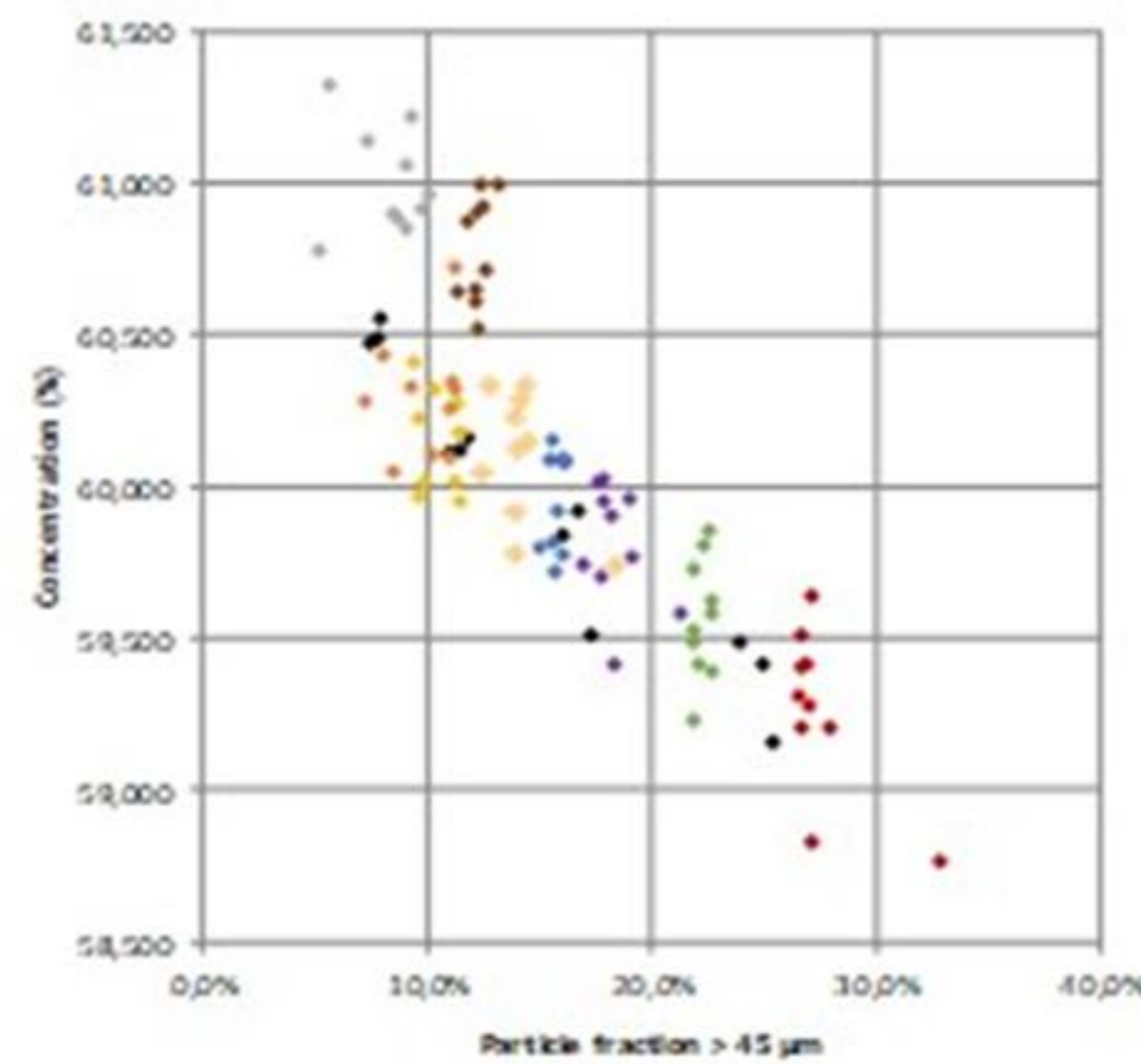
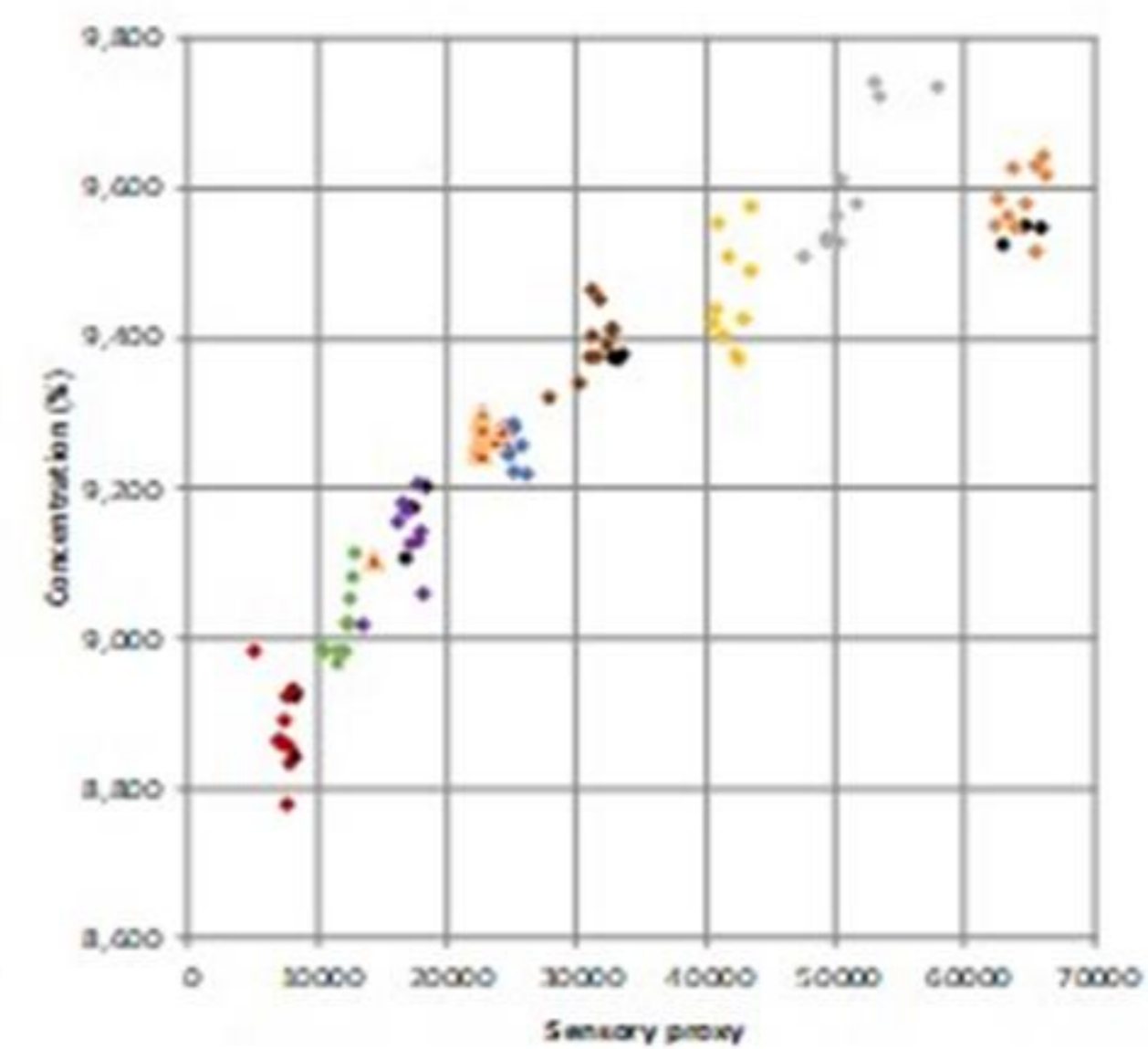
Calcium



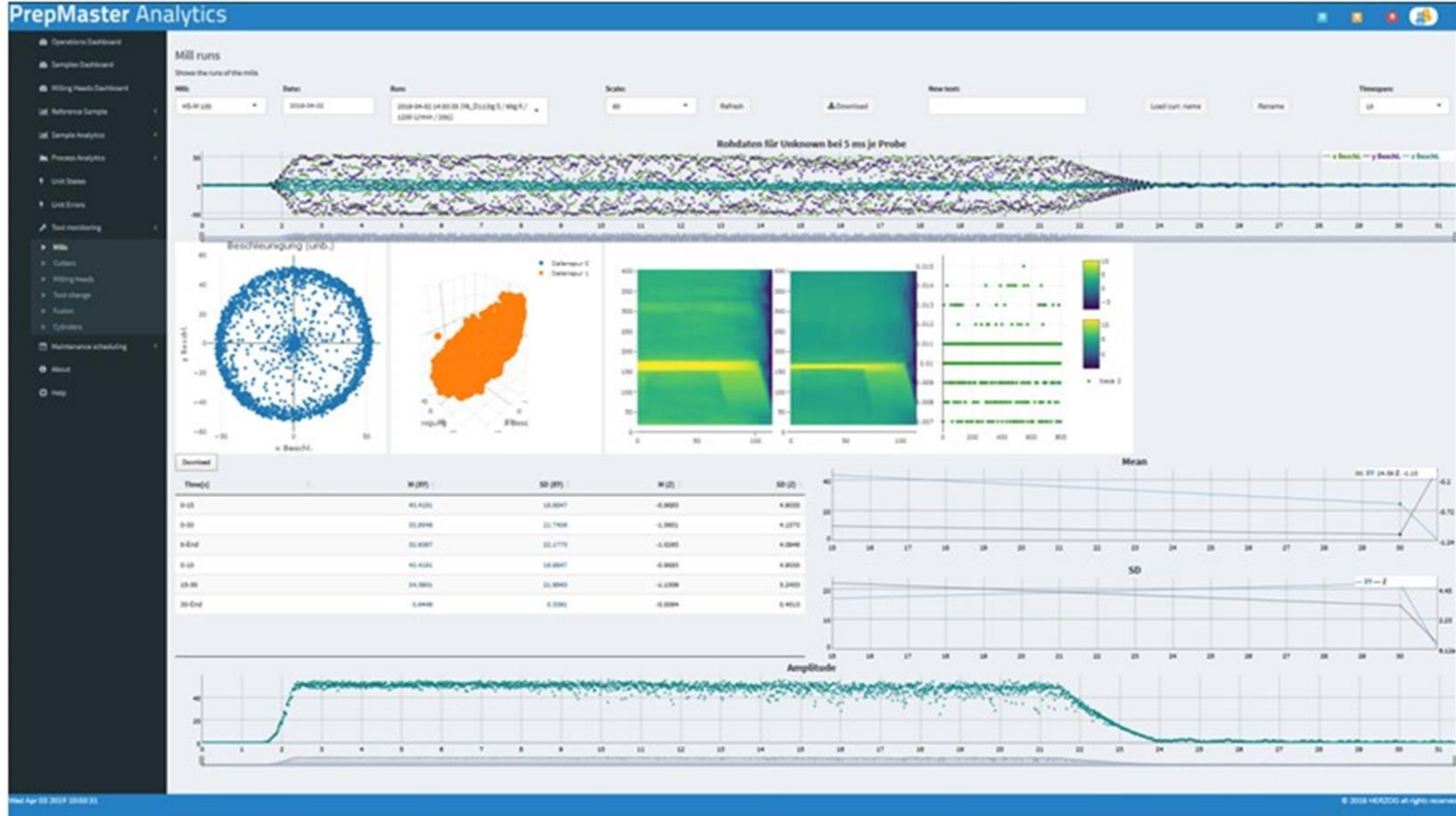
Aluminium



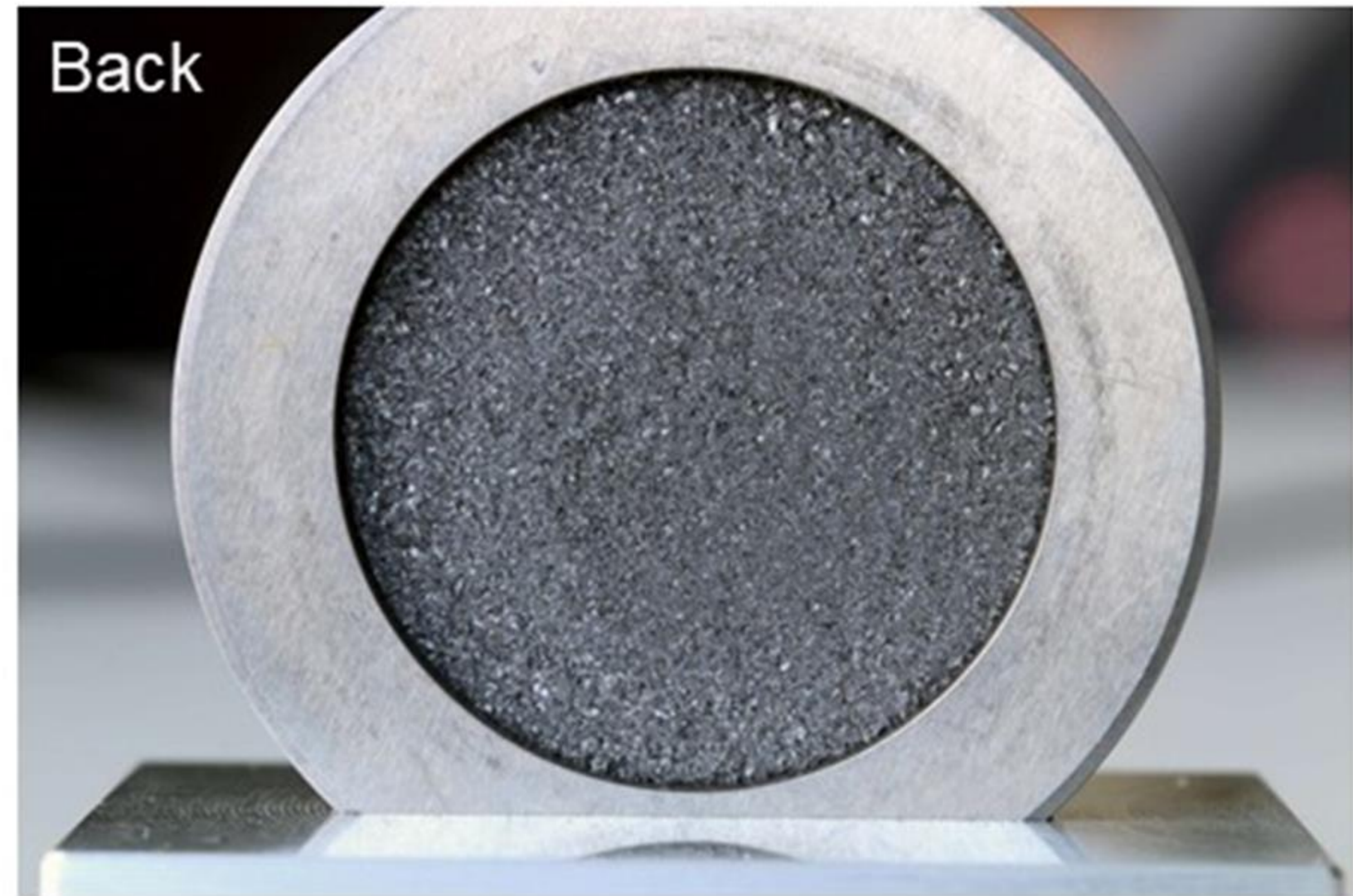
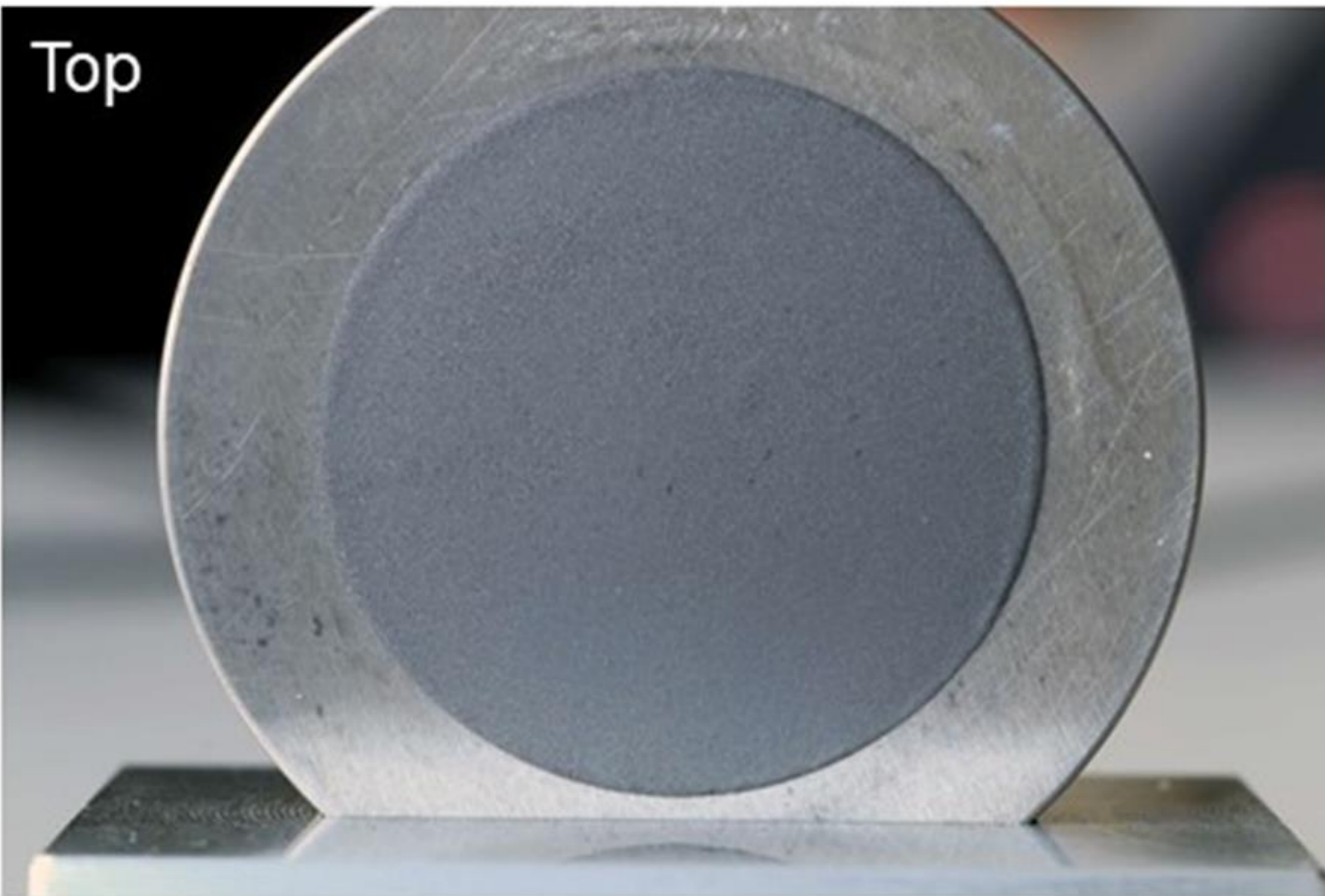
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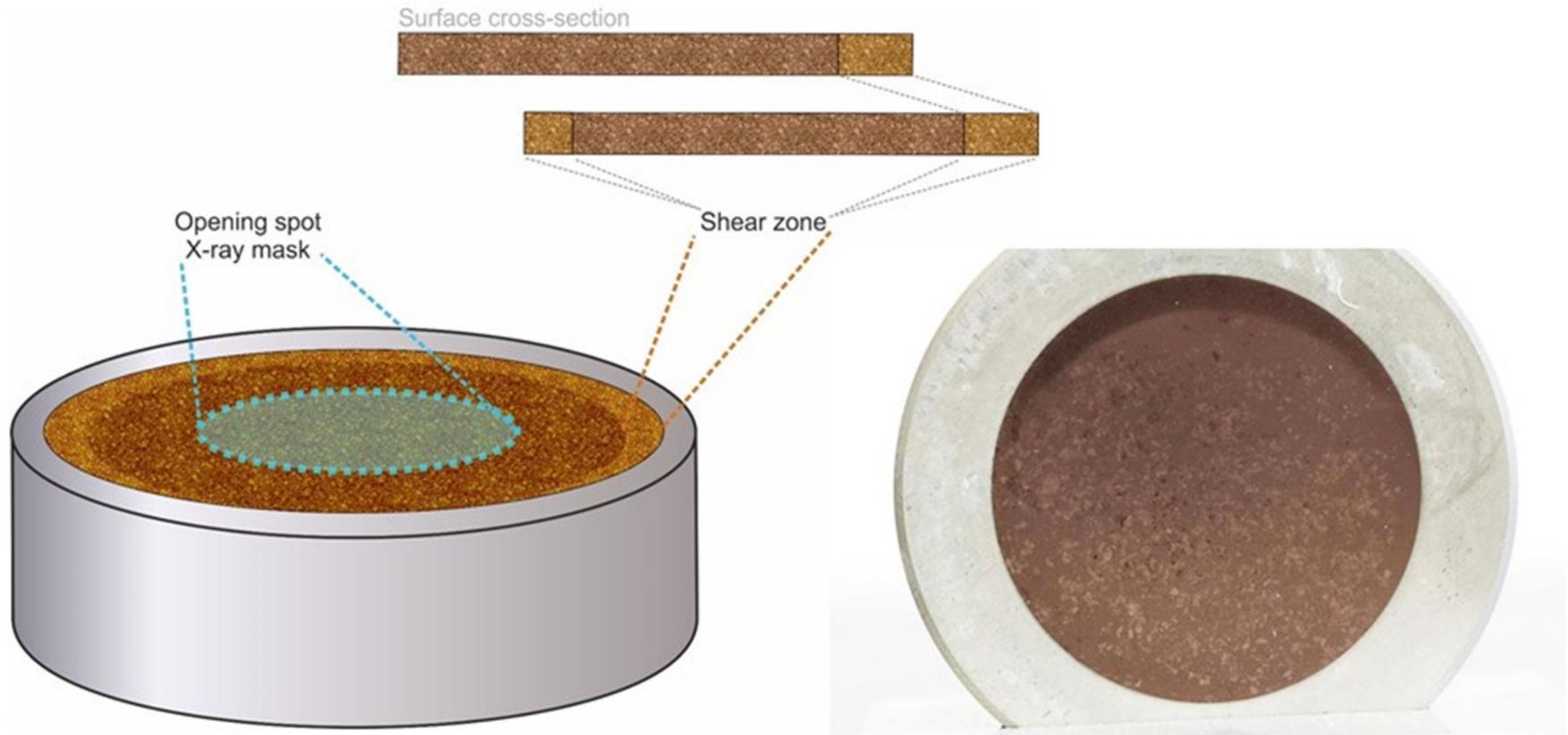
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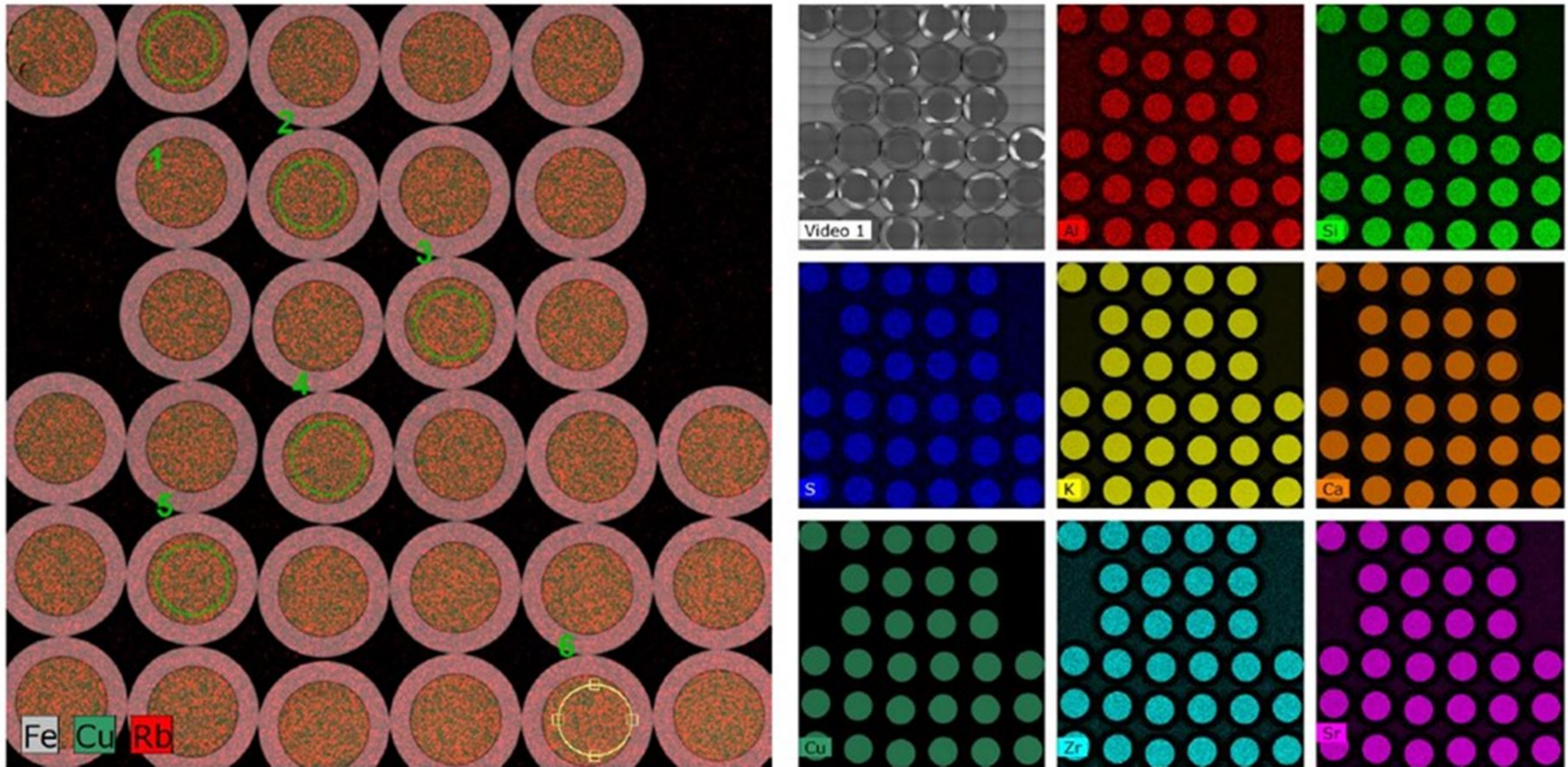
- Segregation during pressing



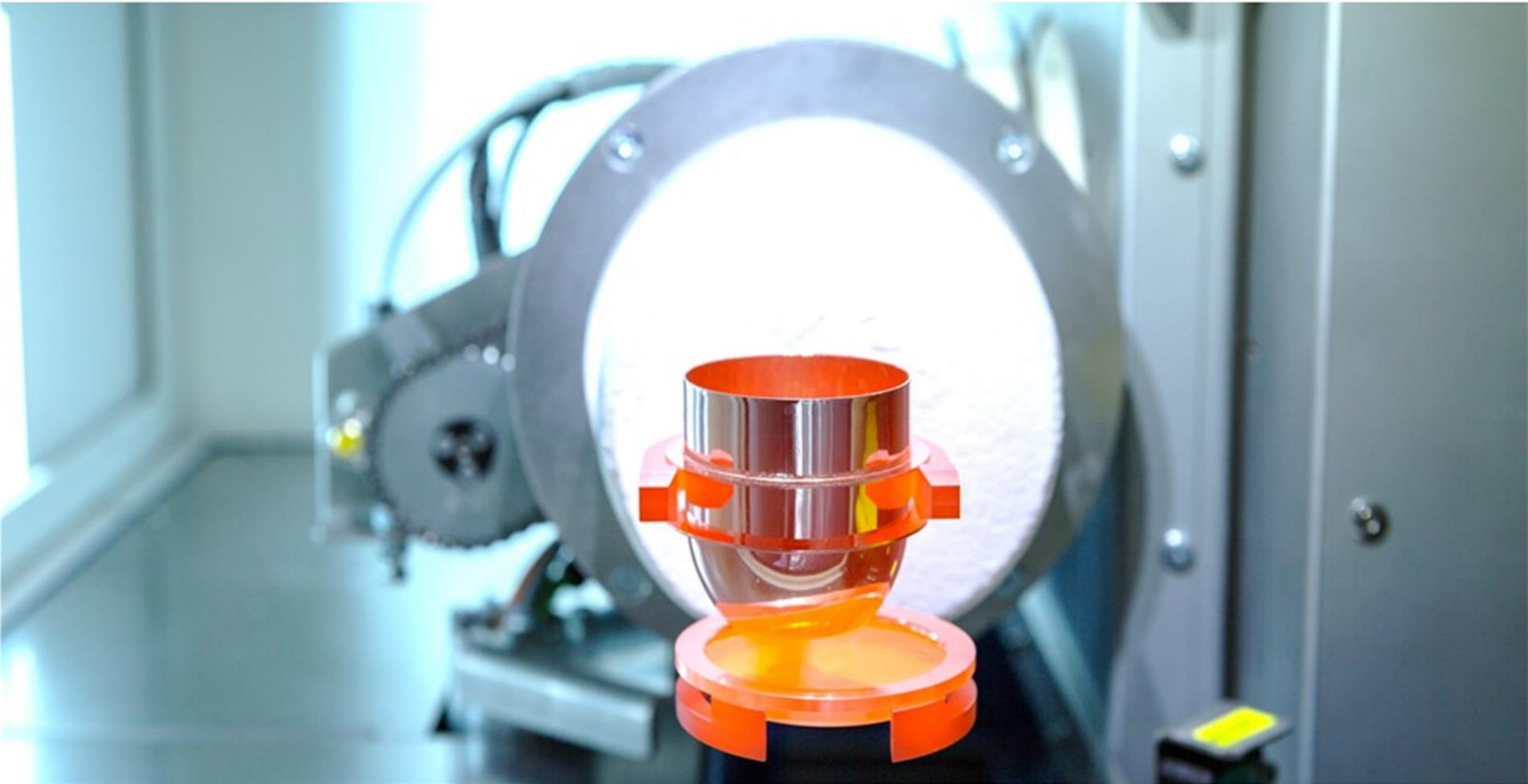
- Shearing zone at edge of pressed pellet



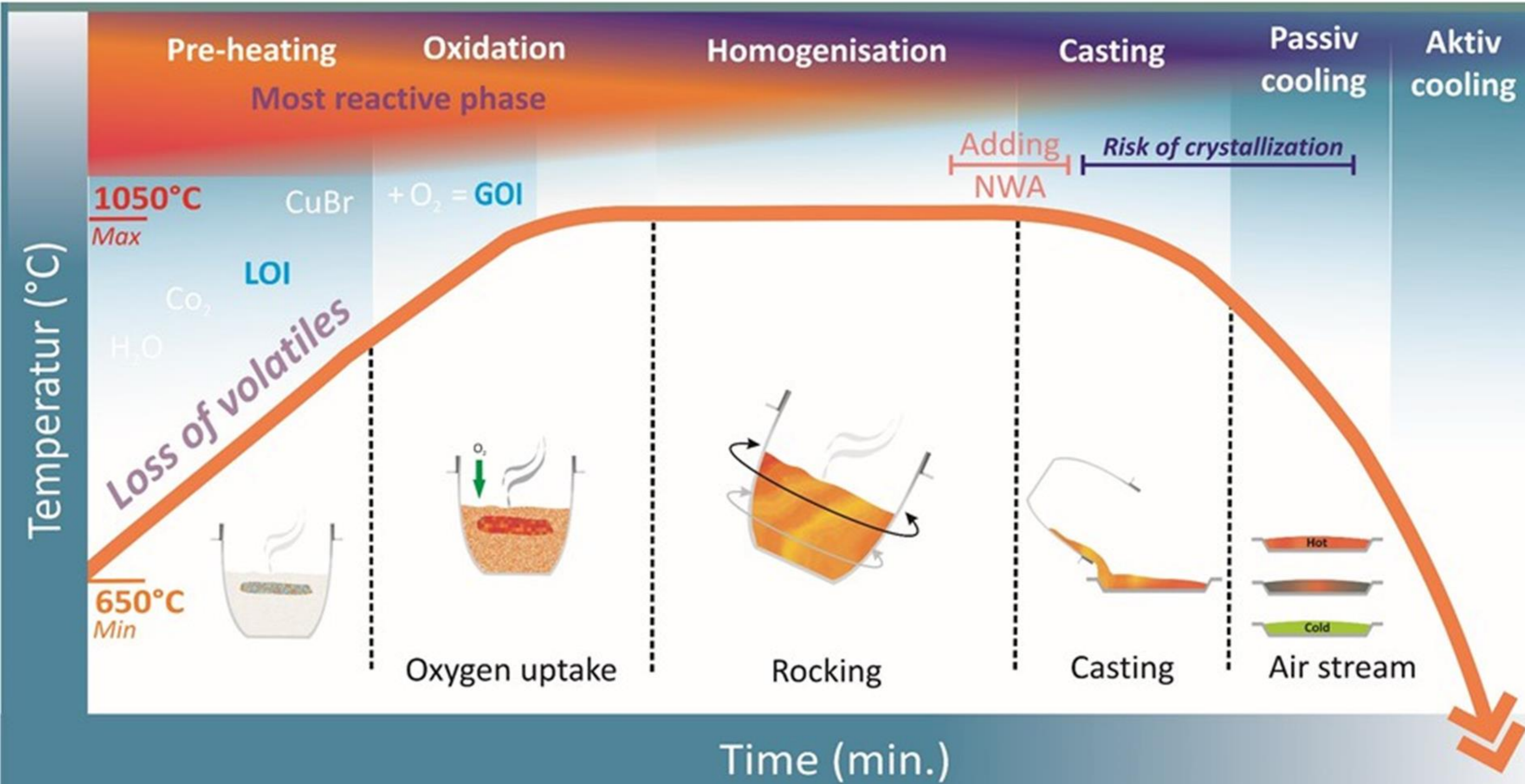
- Quality measure – M6 Jetstream



- **Fusion**

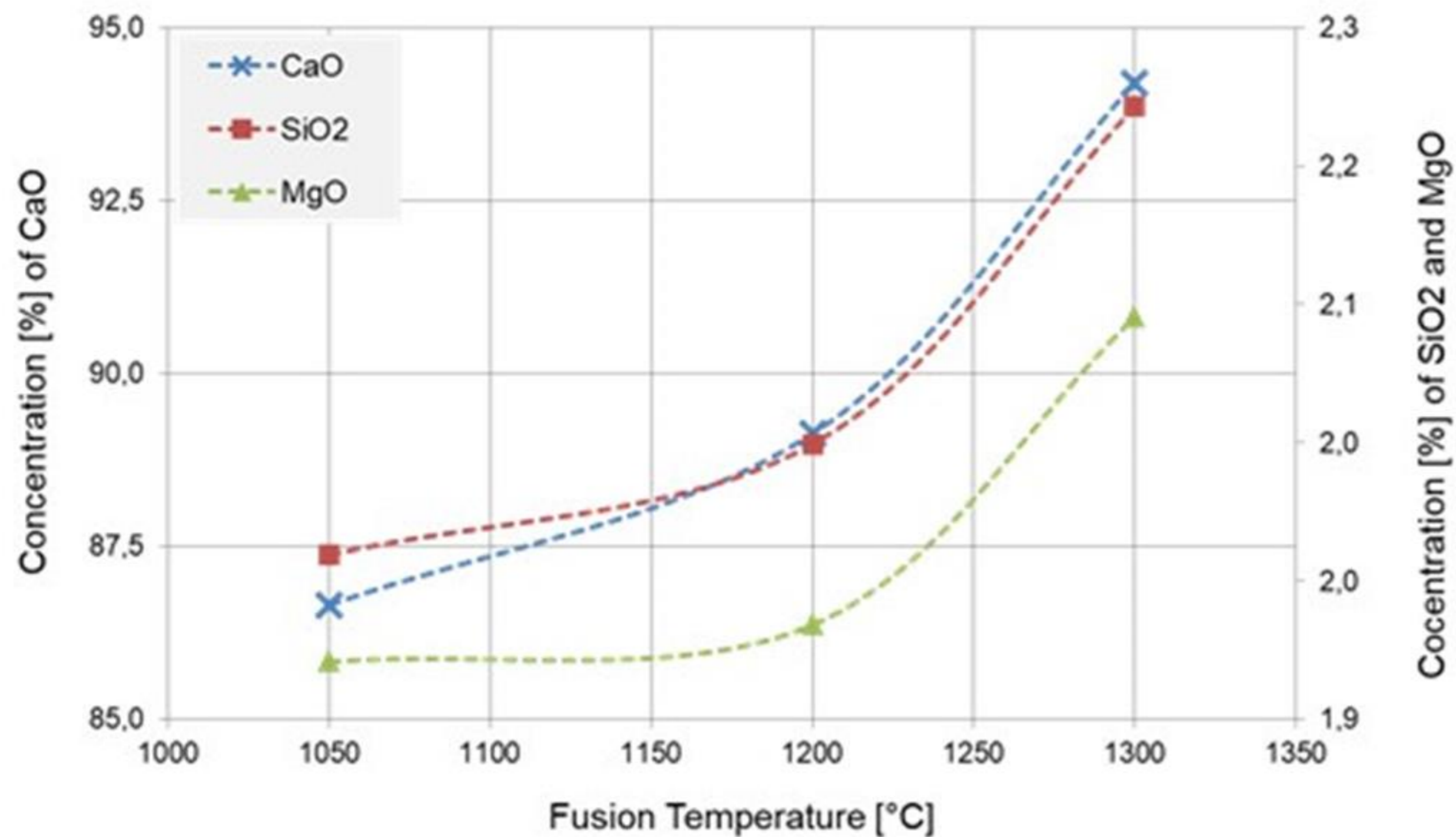


- The fusion process

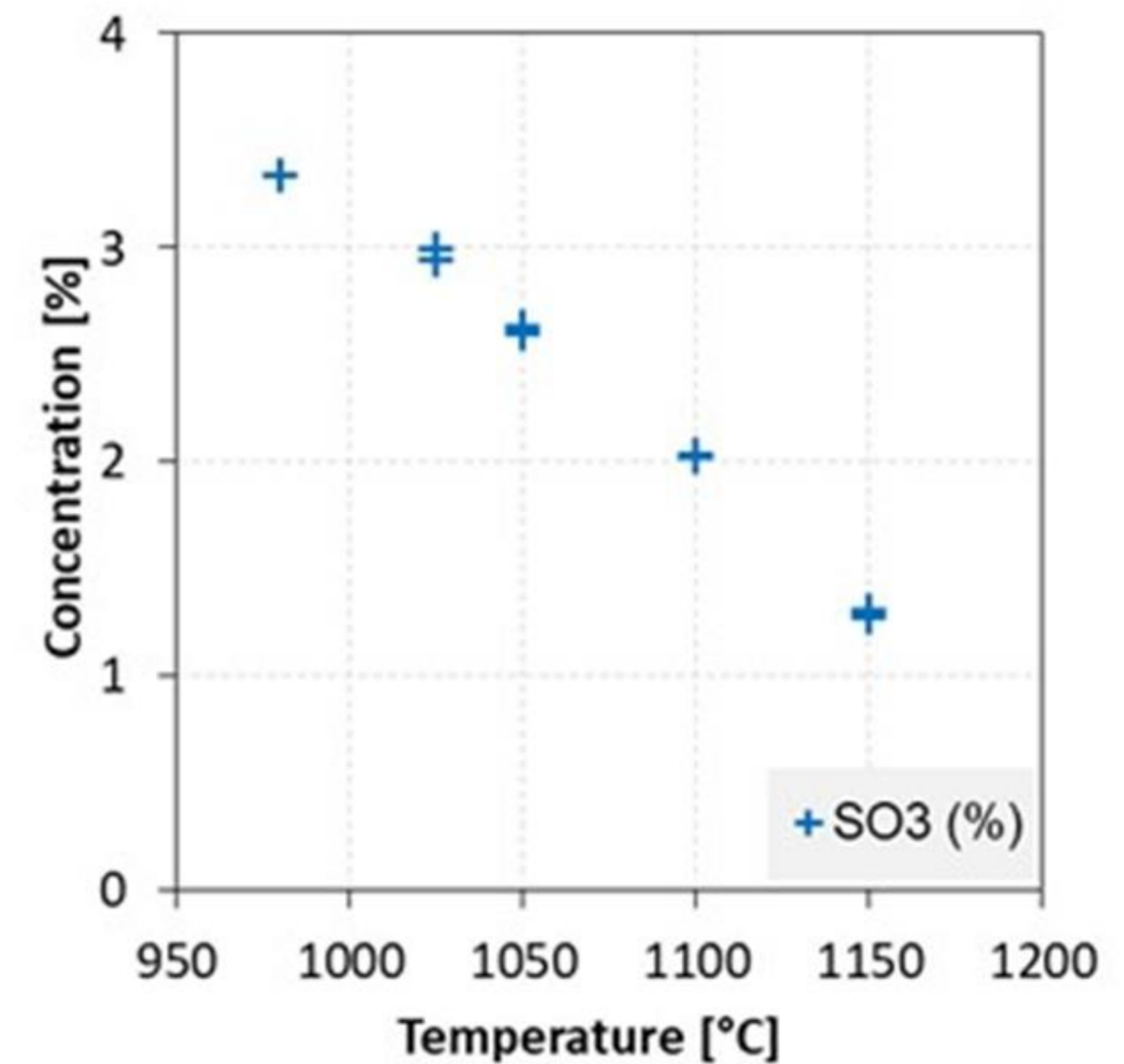


- Influence of temperature on counting rate

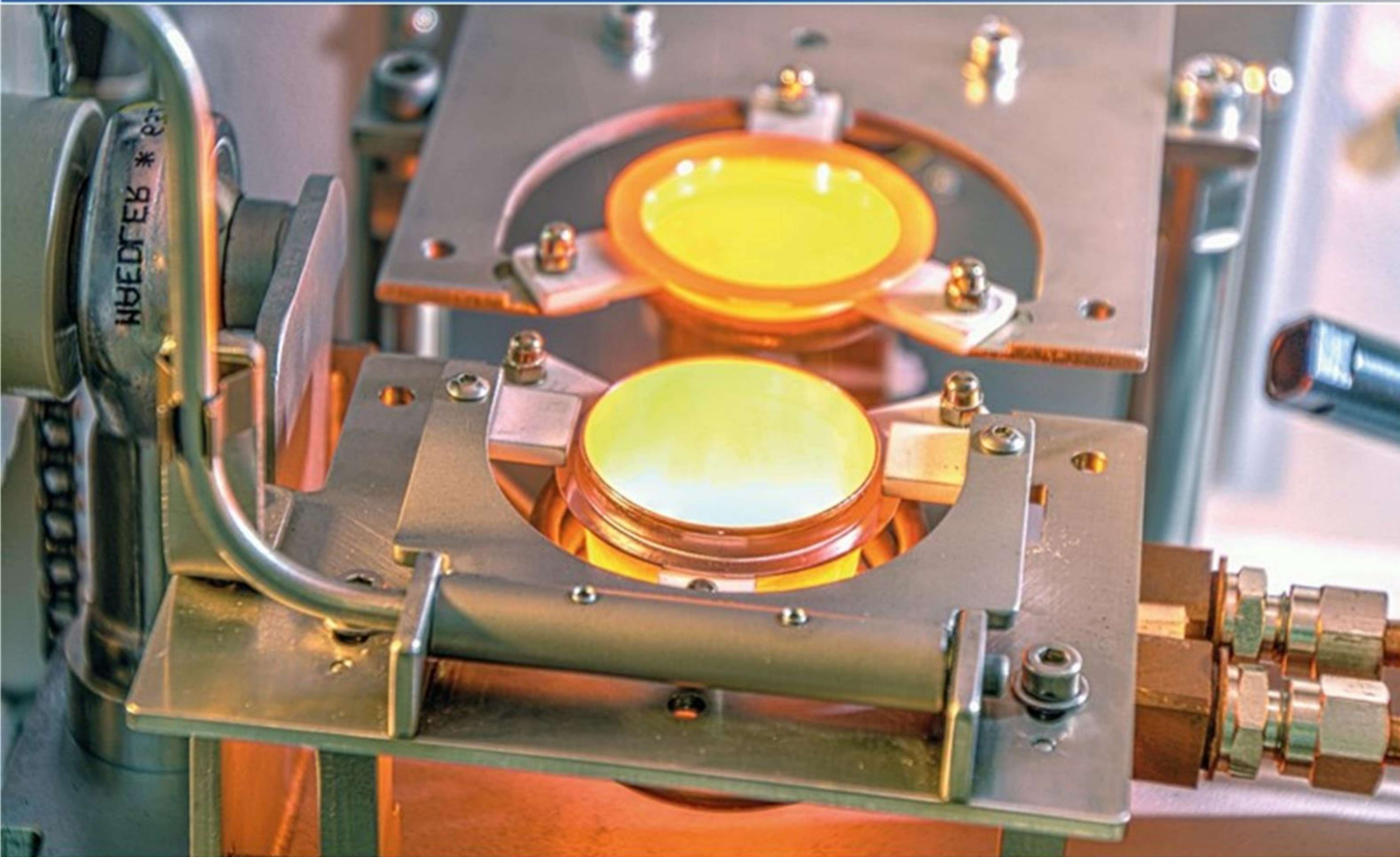
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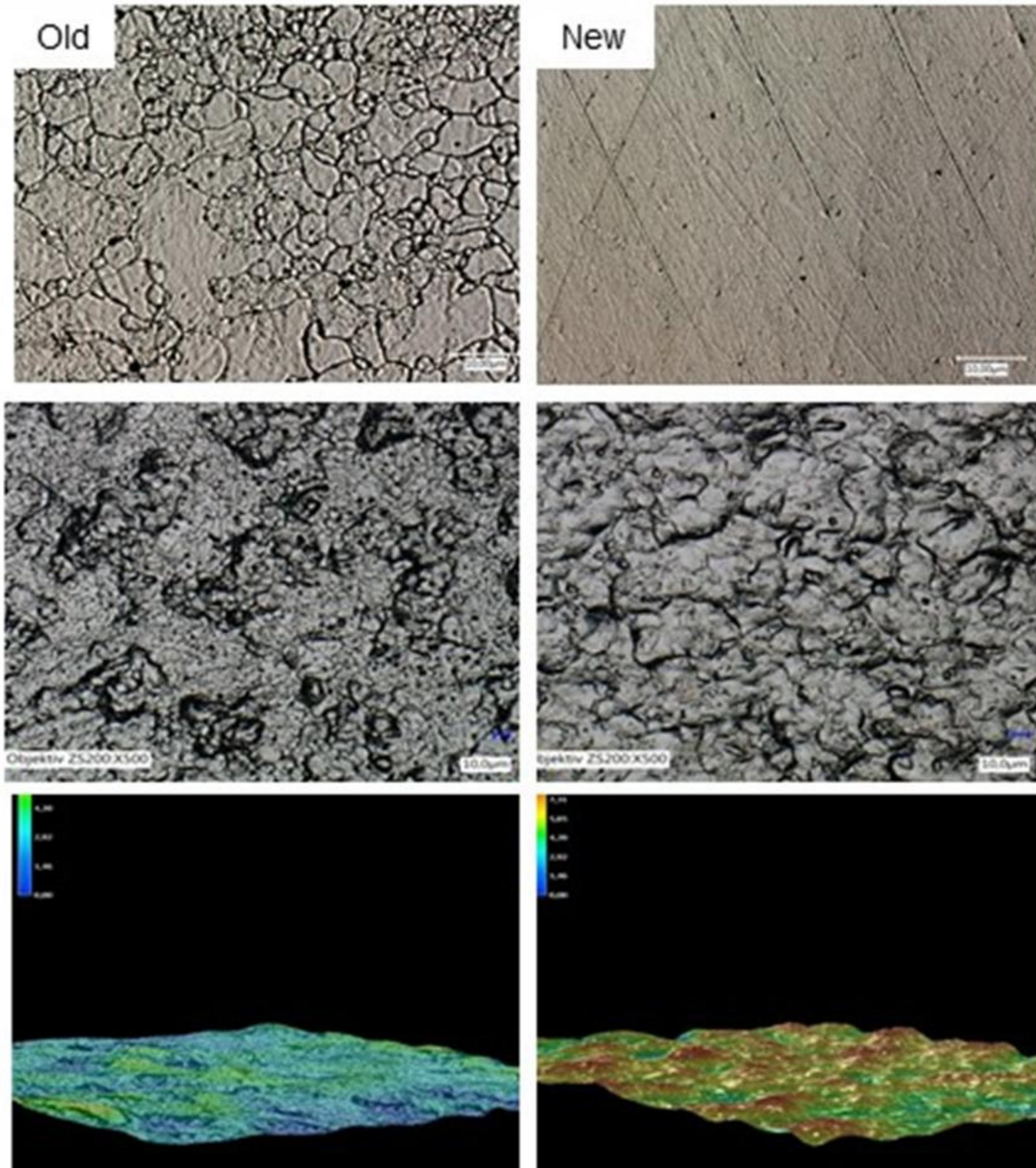
Loss of volatile elements



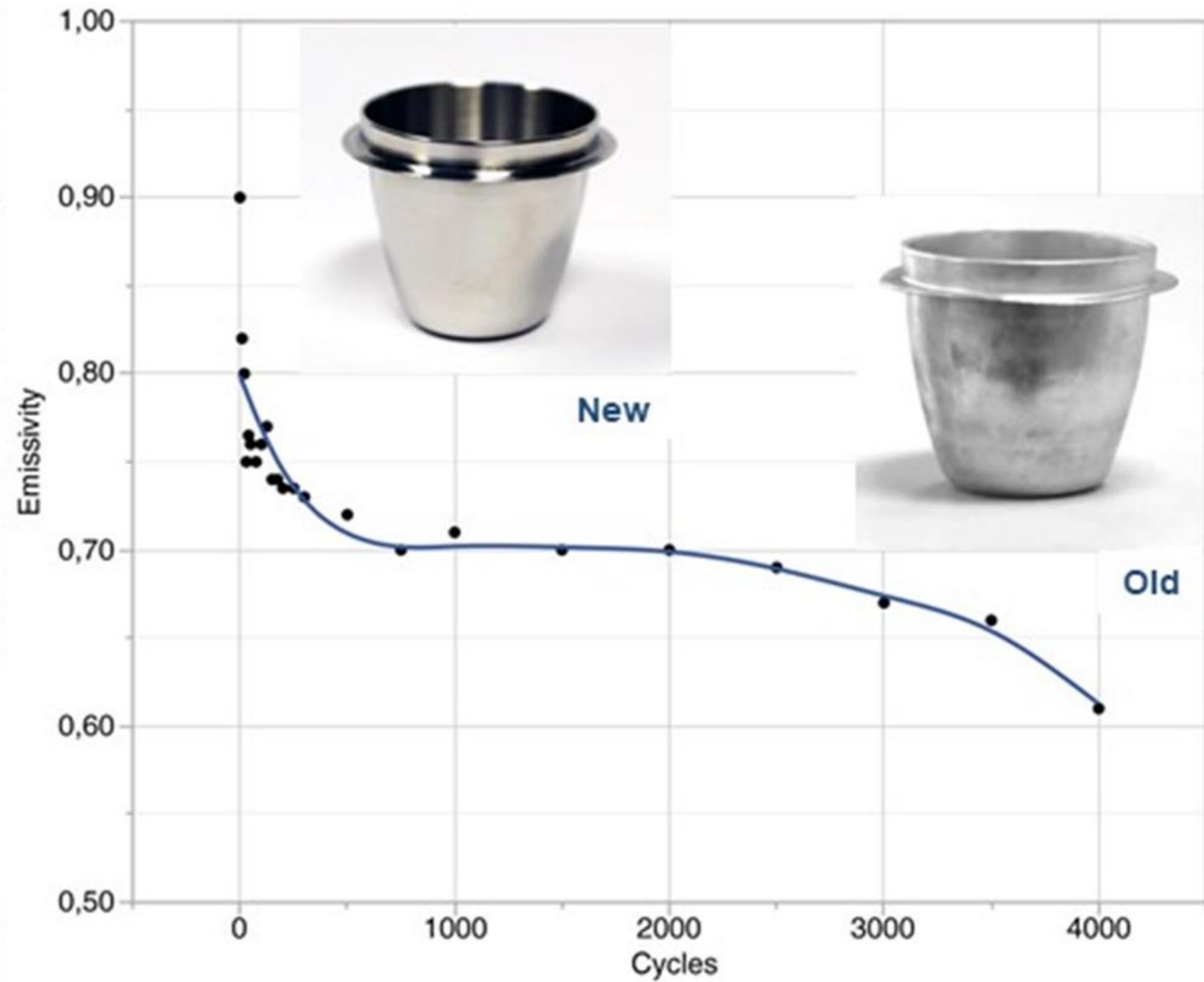
- Induction fusion systems – IR temperature measurement



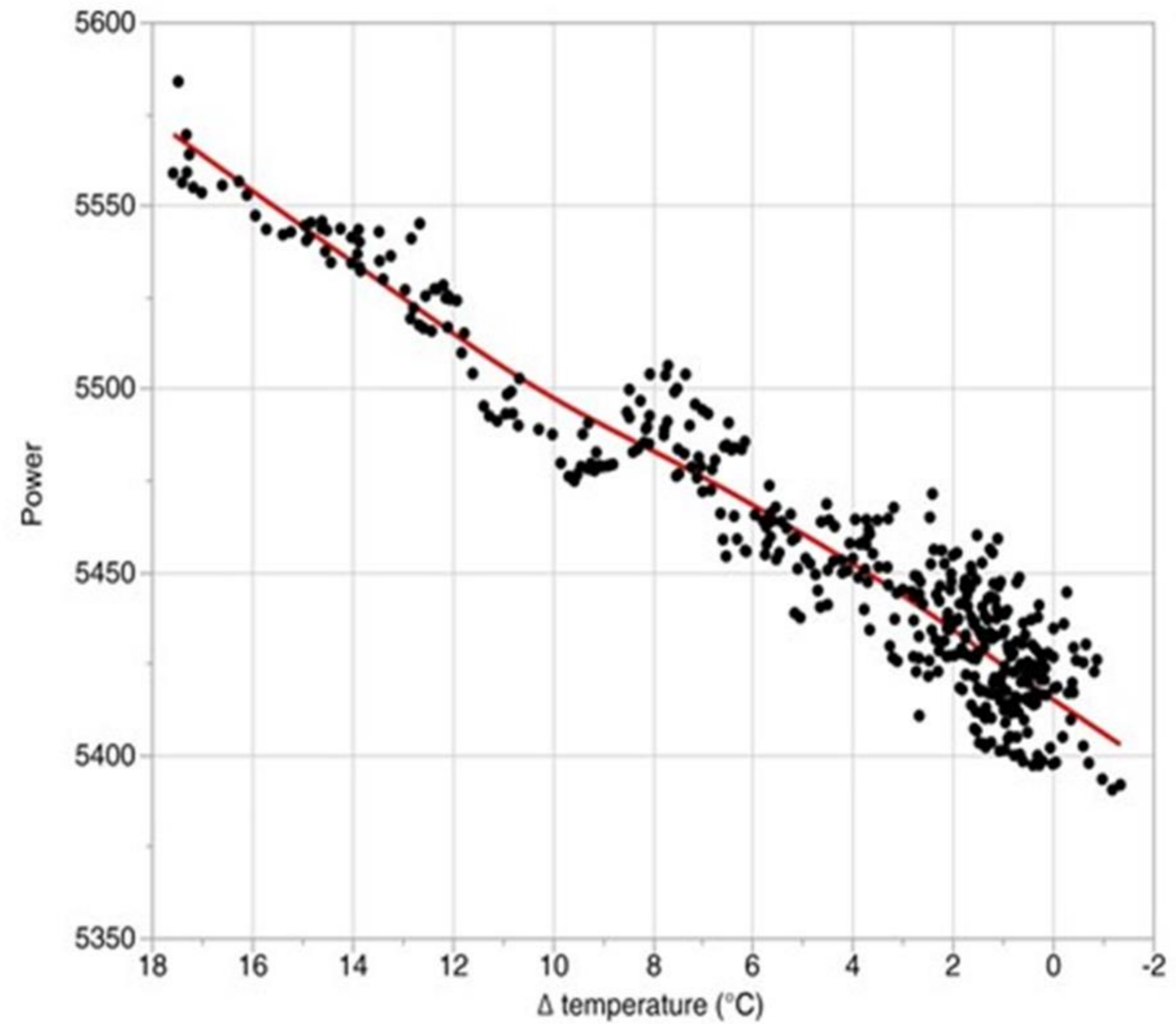
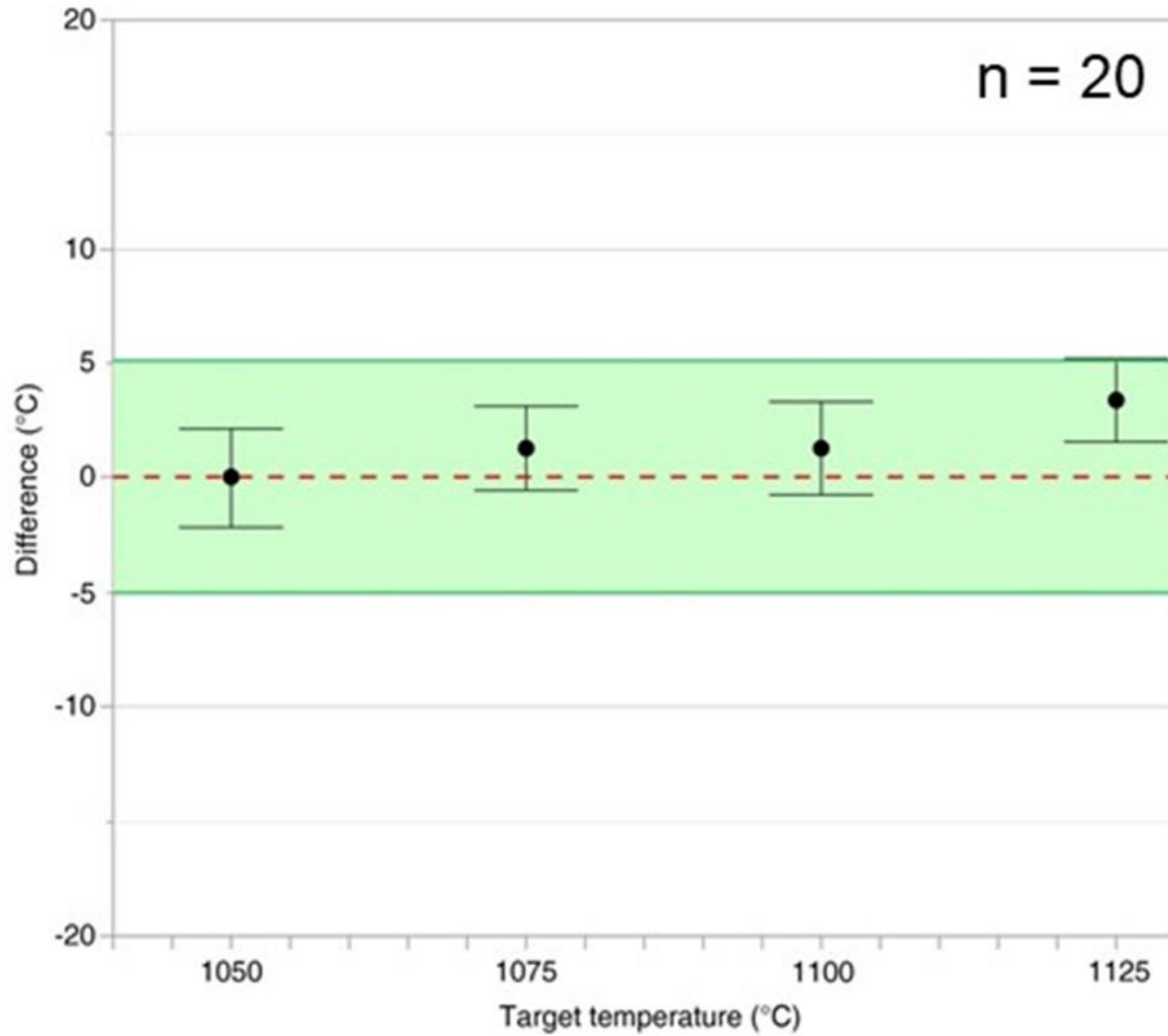
- Pt-Au - Surface changes



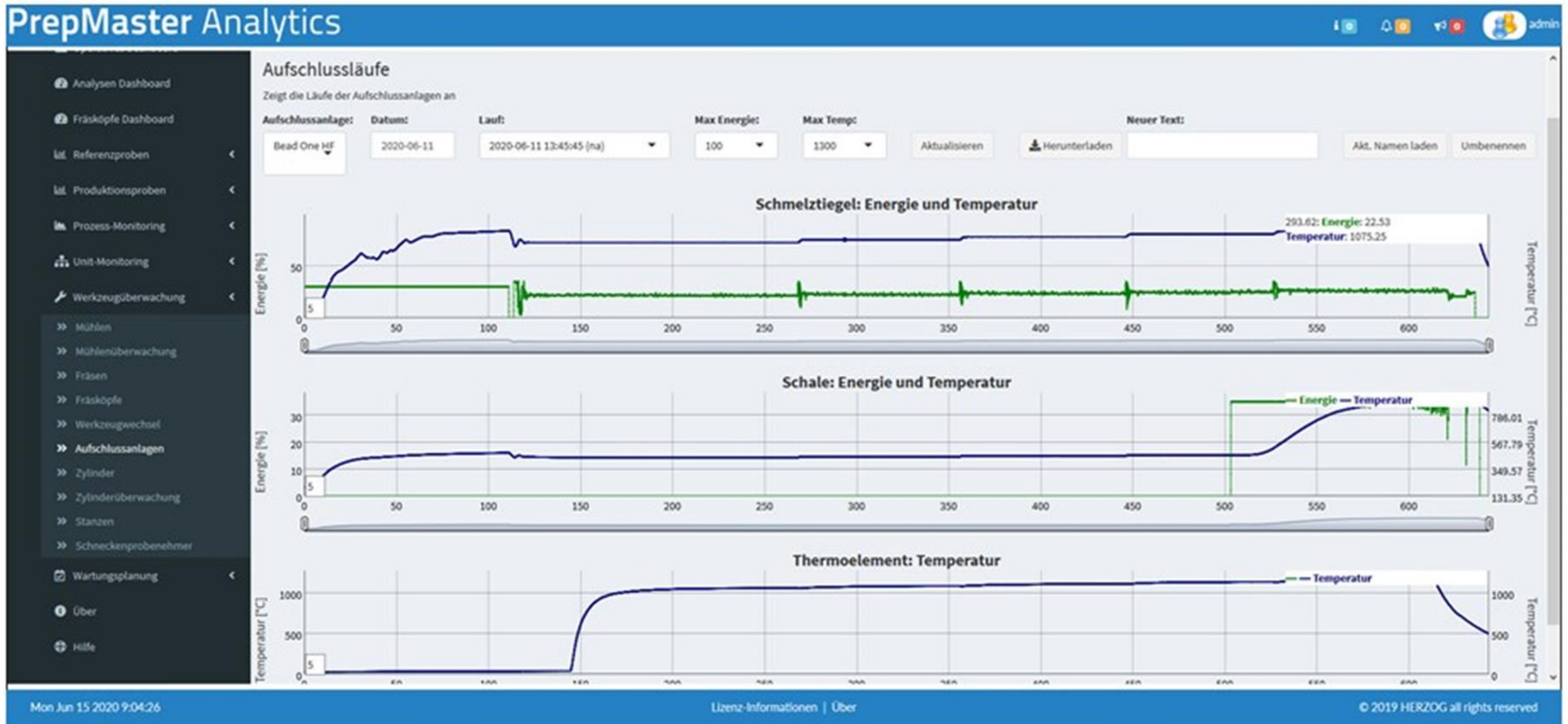
Monitoring of crucible wear



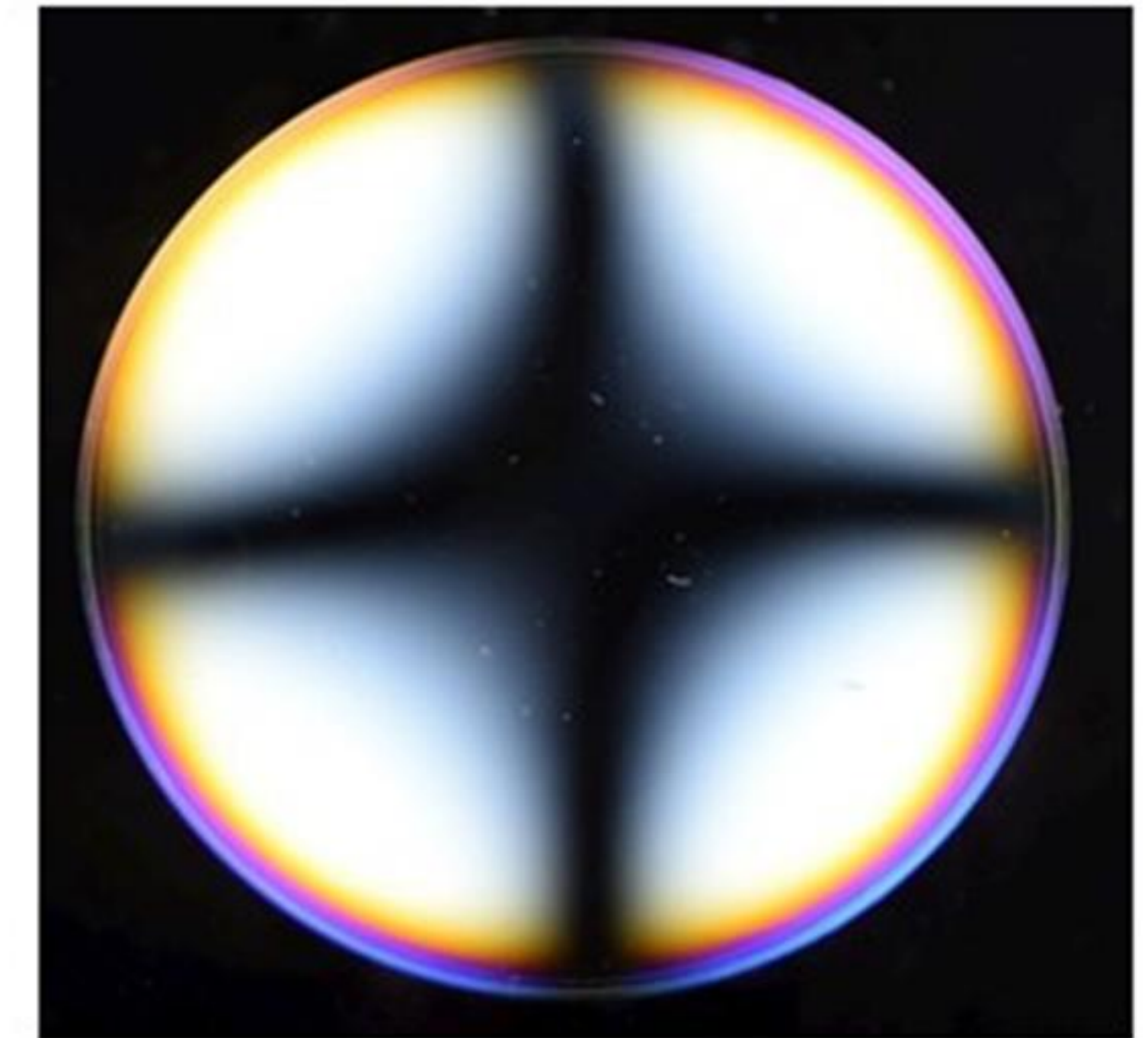
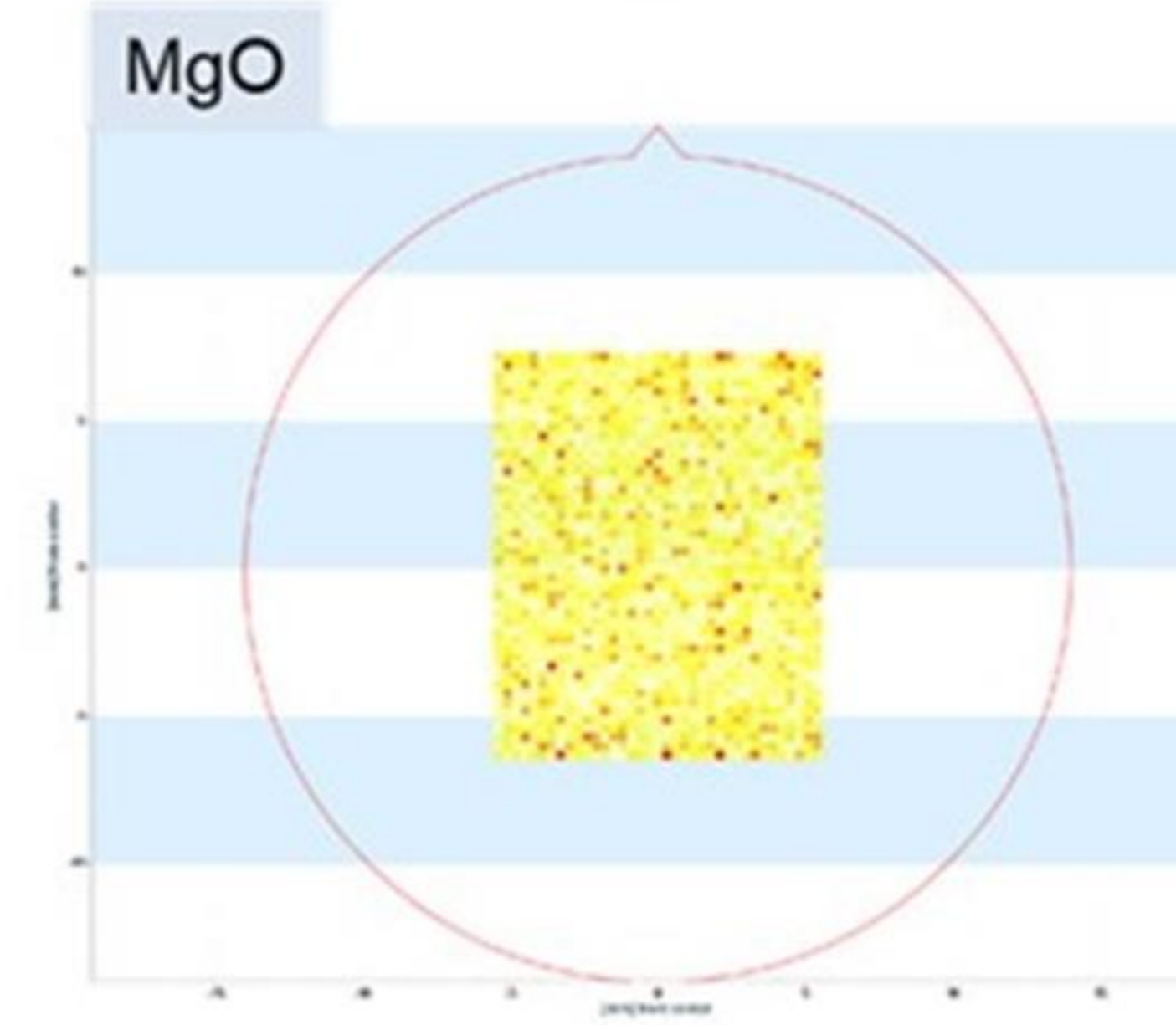
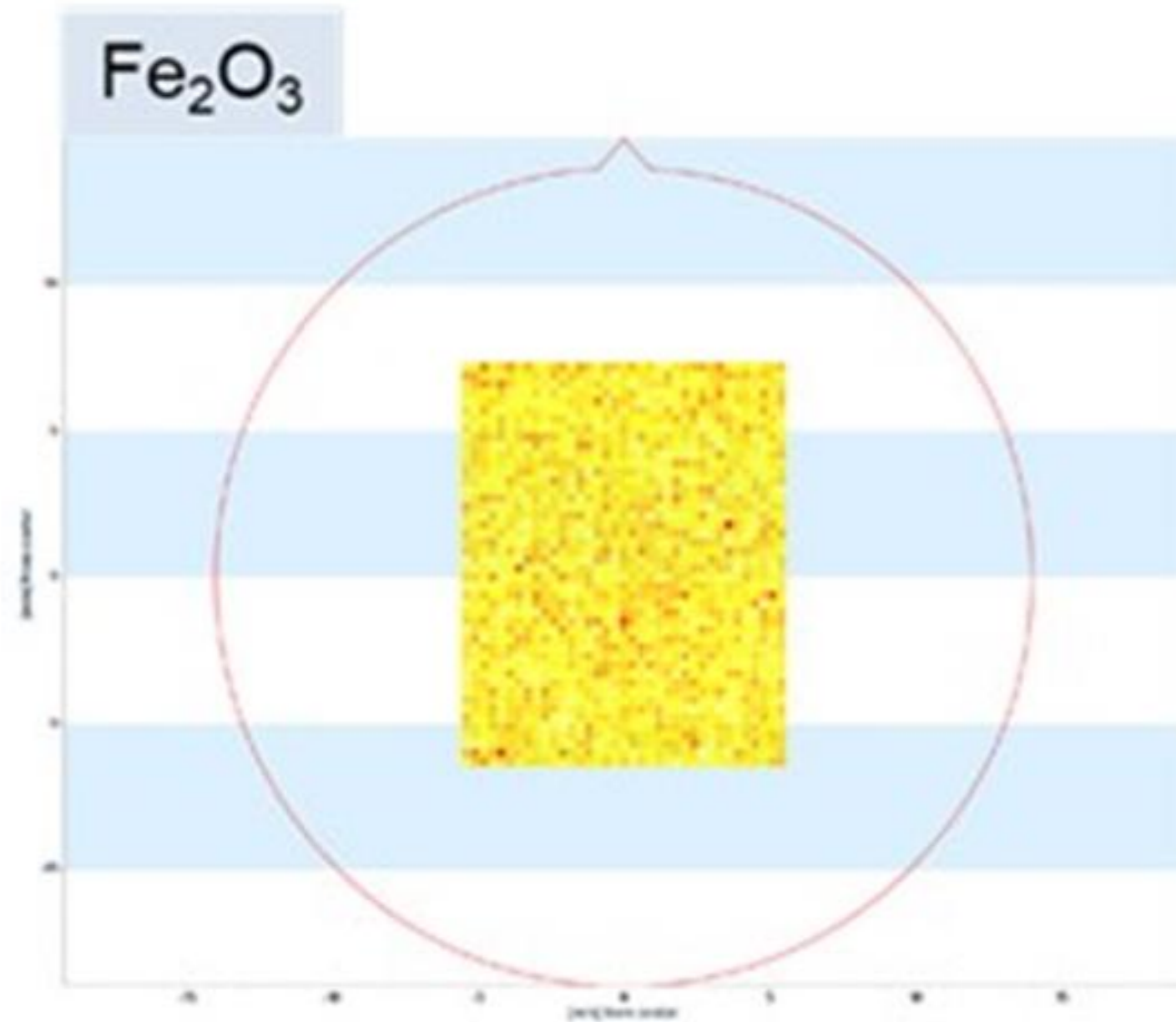
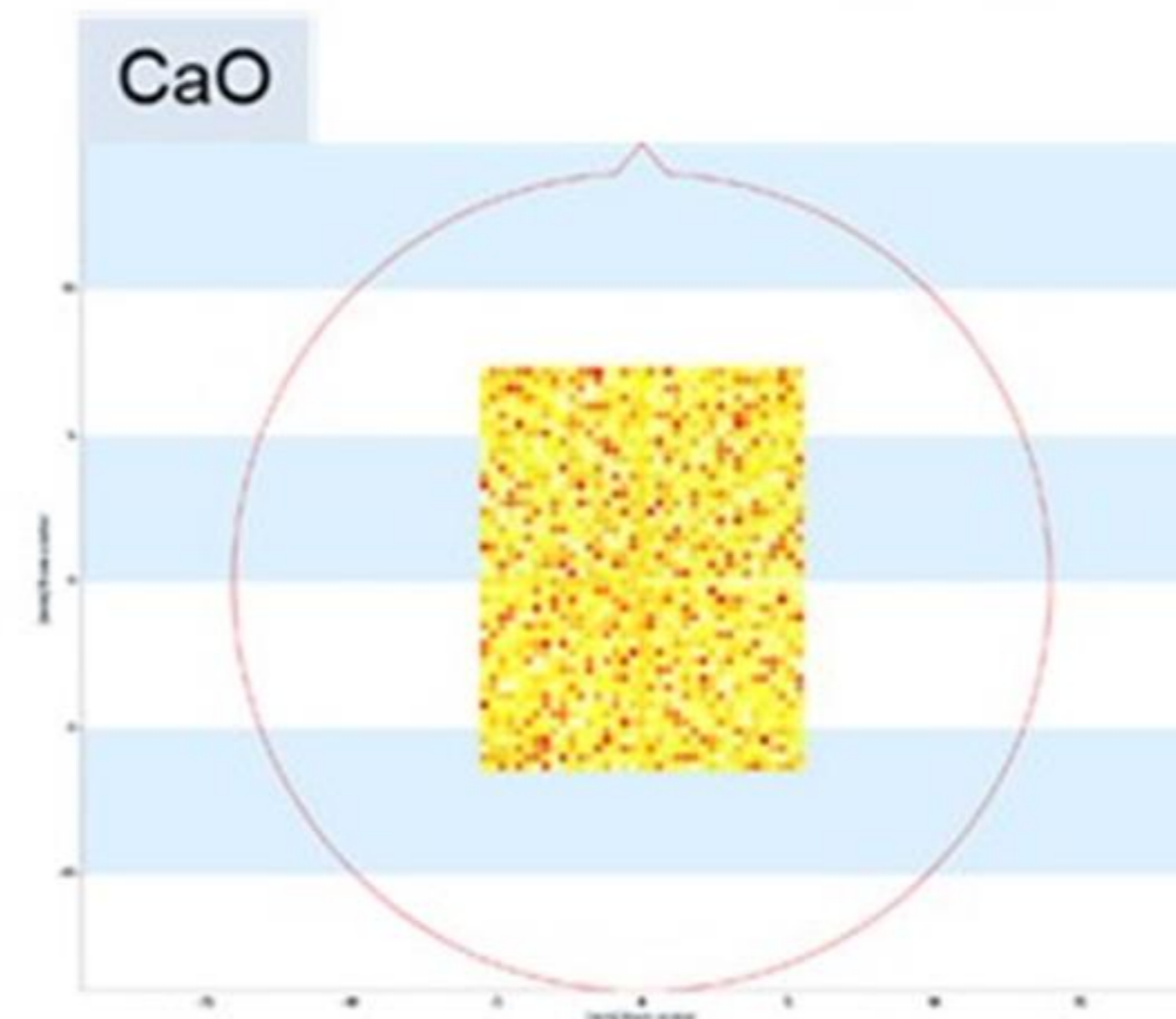
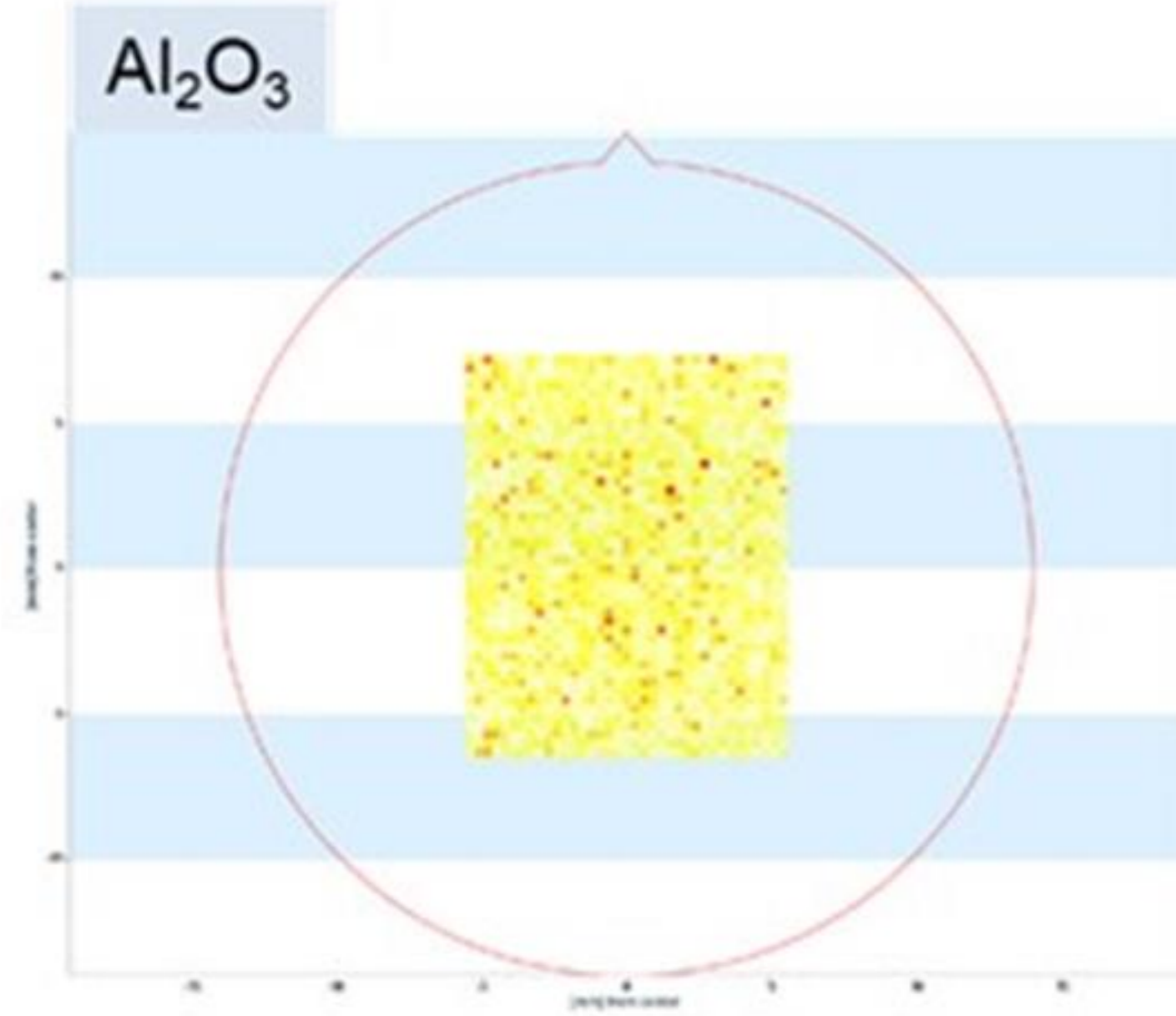
- Temperature stability and controlling



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- Quality measure – M4 Tornado



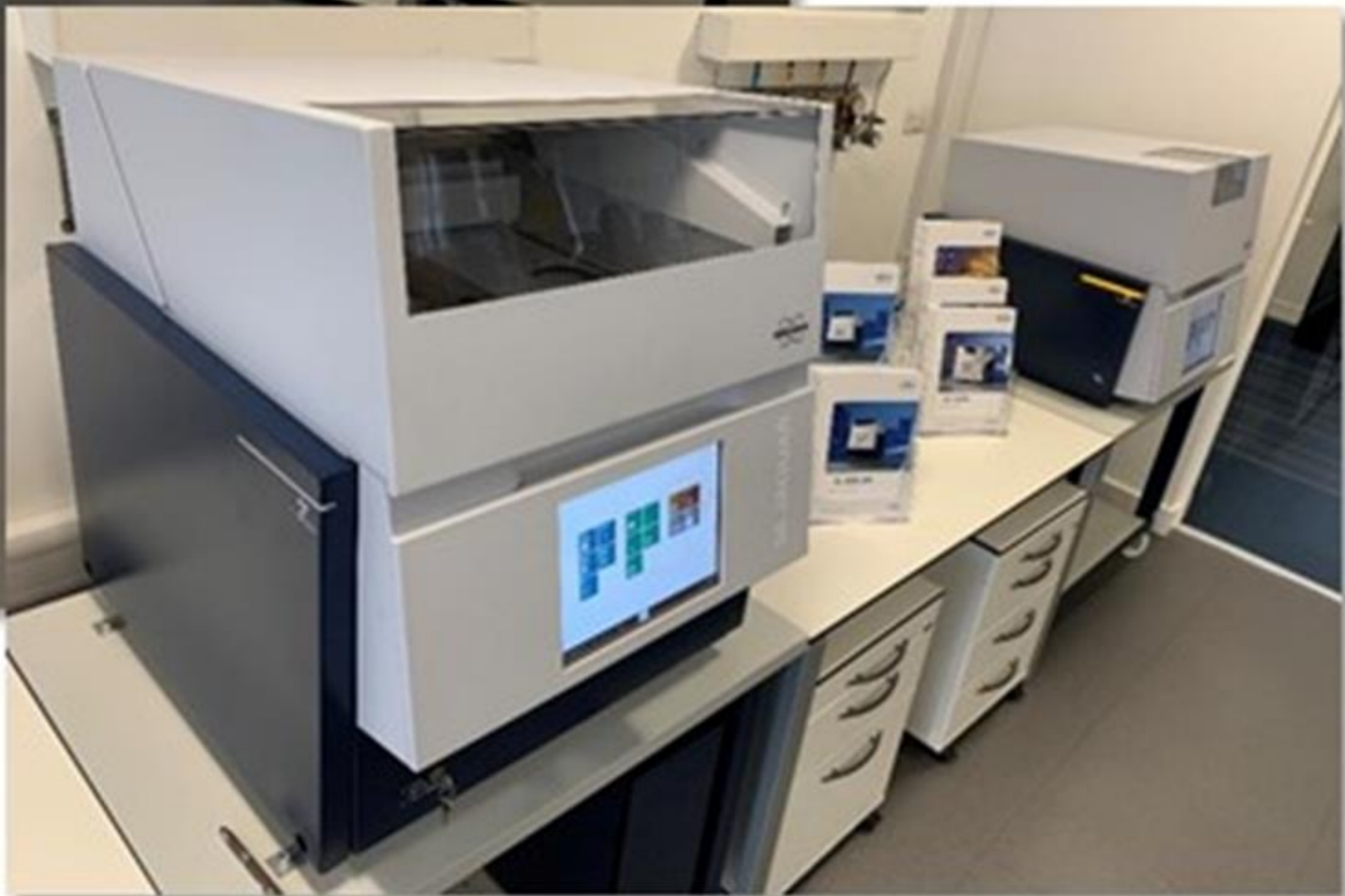
Strain in the bead



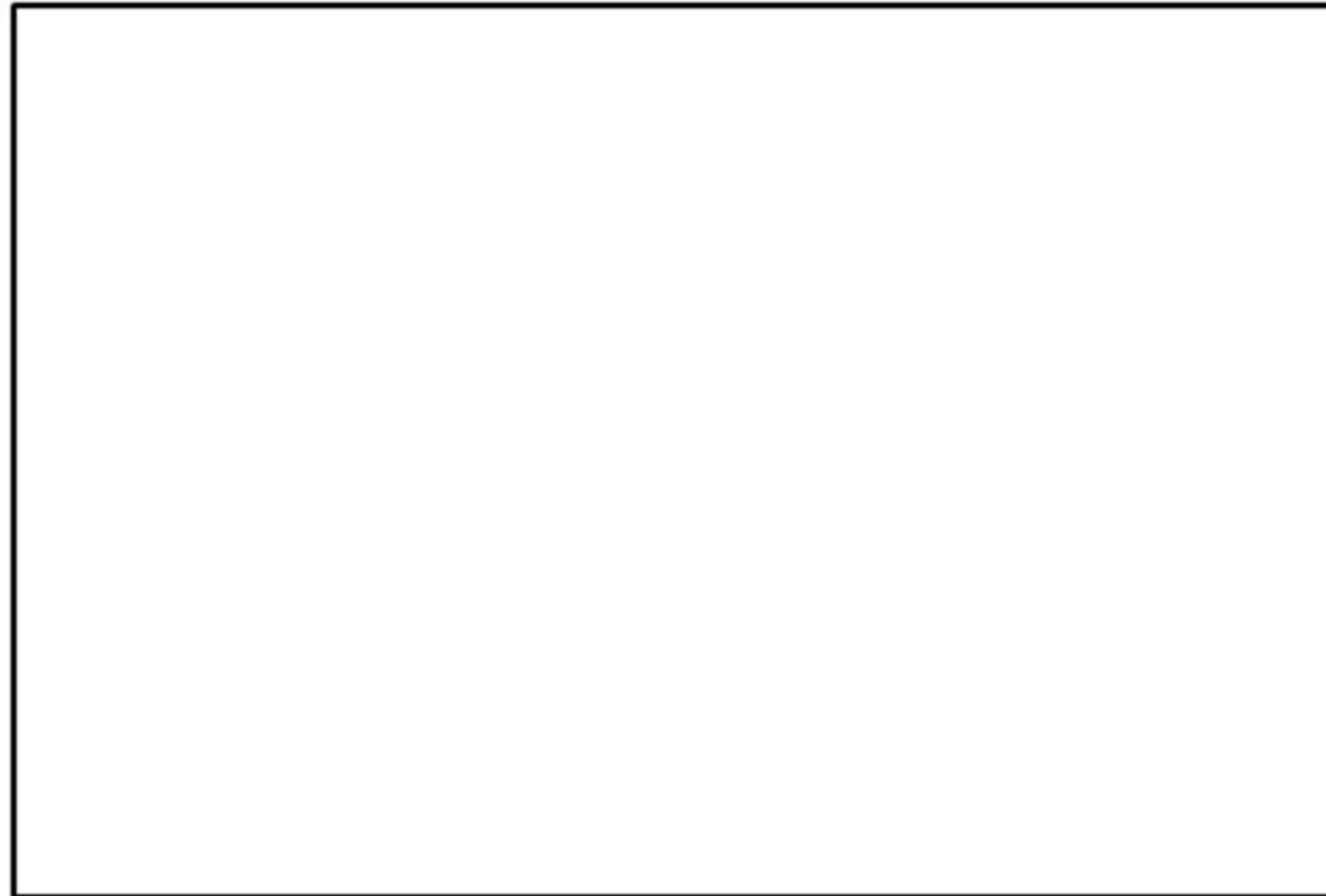
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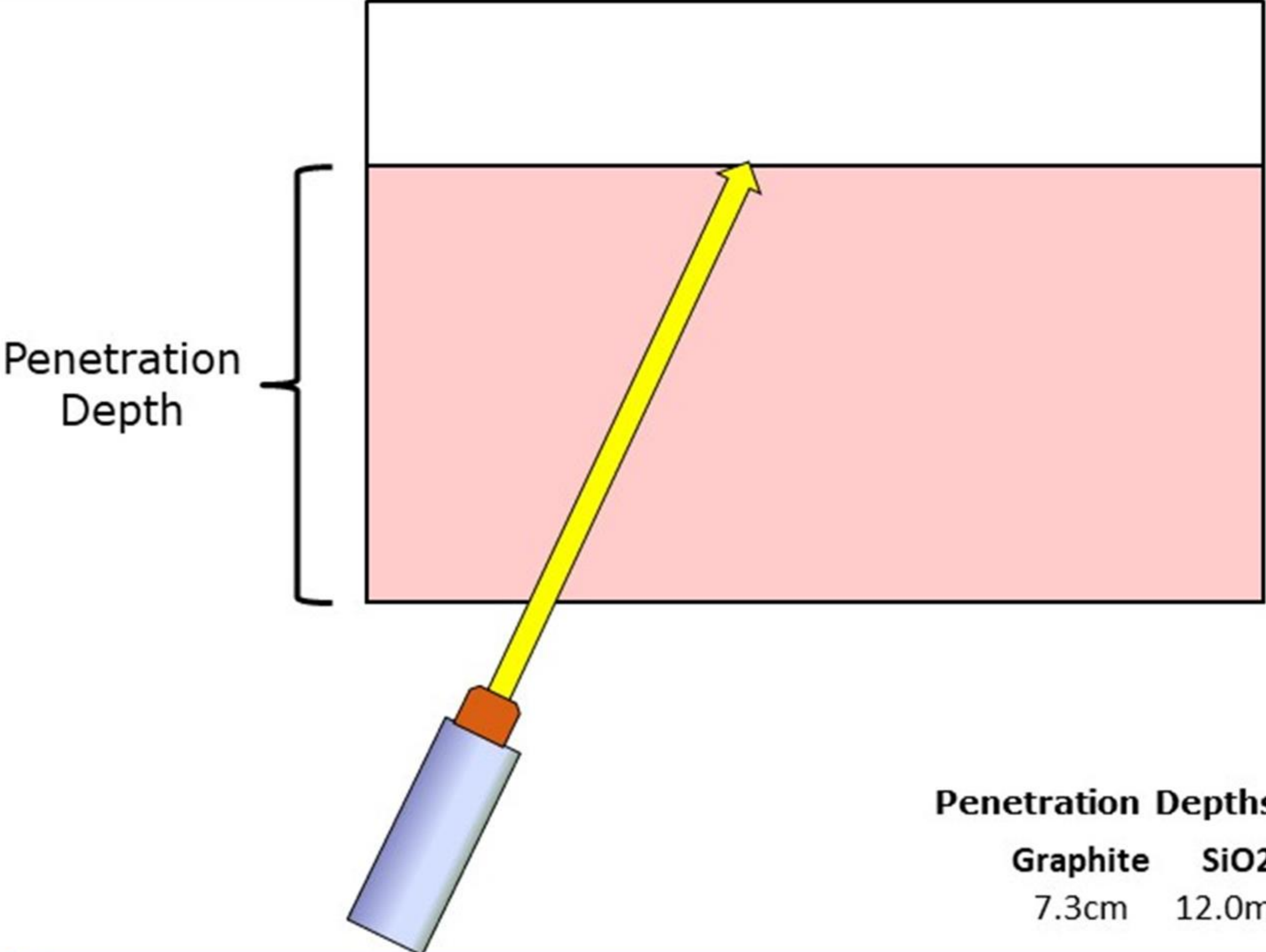




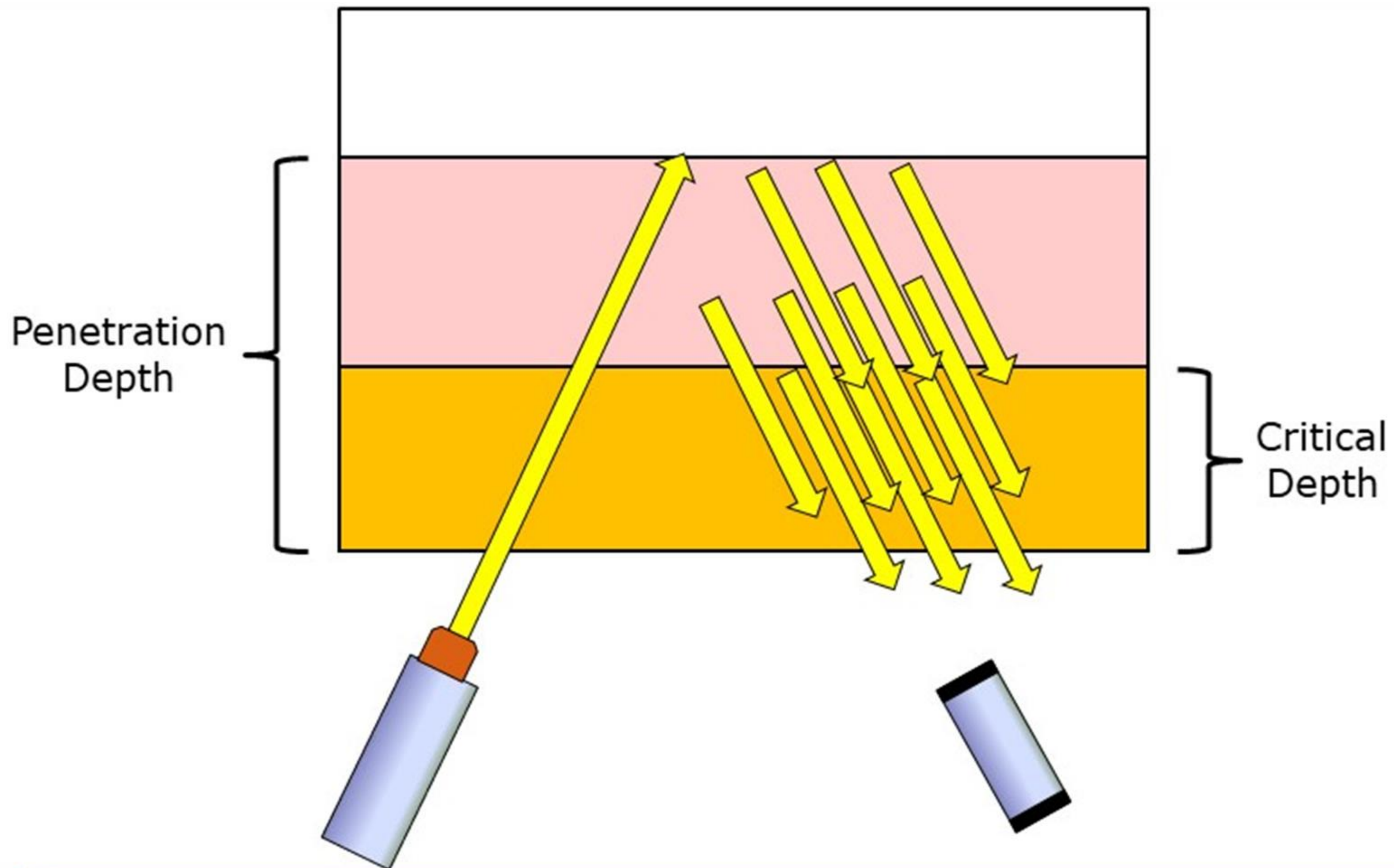
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A quick experiment:

- Sample: Quartz Sand
- Preparation Equipment: Herzog HSM Manual Pulverising Mill, with Tungsten Carbide Grinding Vessel
- Instrument: S6 JAGUAR (Benchtop WDX)
- Prepared Specimens
 1. Quartz Sand, "Out of the Box"
 2. Quartz Sand, 10s Grinding
 3. Quartz Sand, 20s Grinding
 4. Quartz Sand, 60s Grinding

Audience Poll

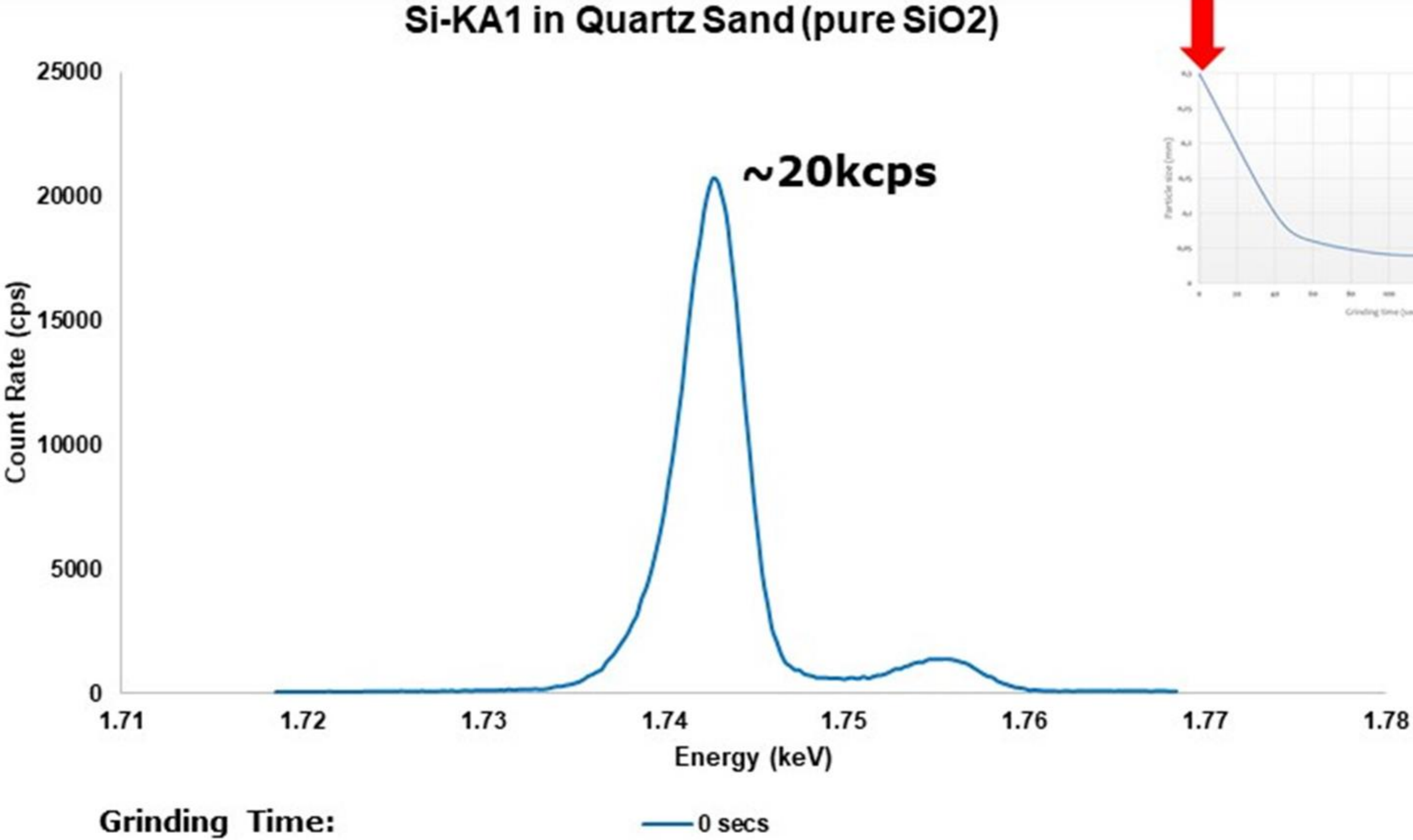


What difference do you think 60 seconds of grinding will make to the signal intensity?

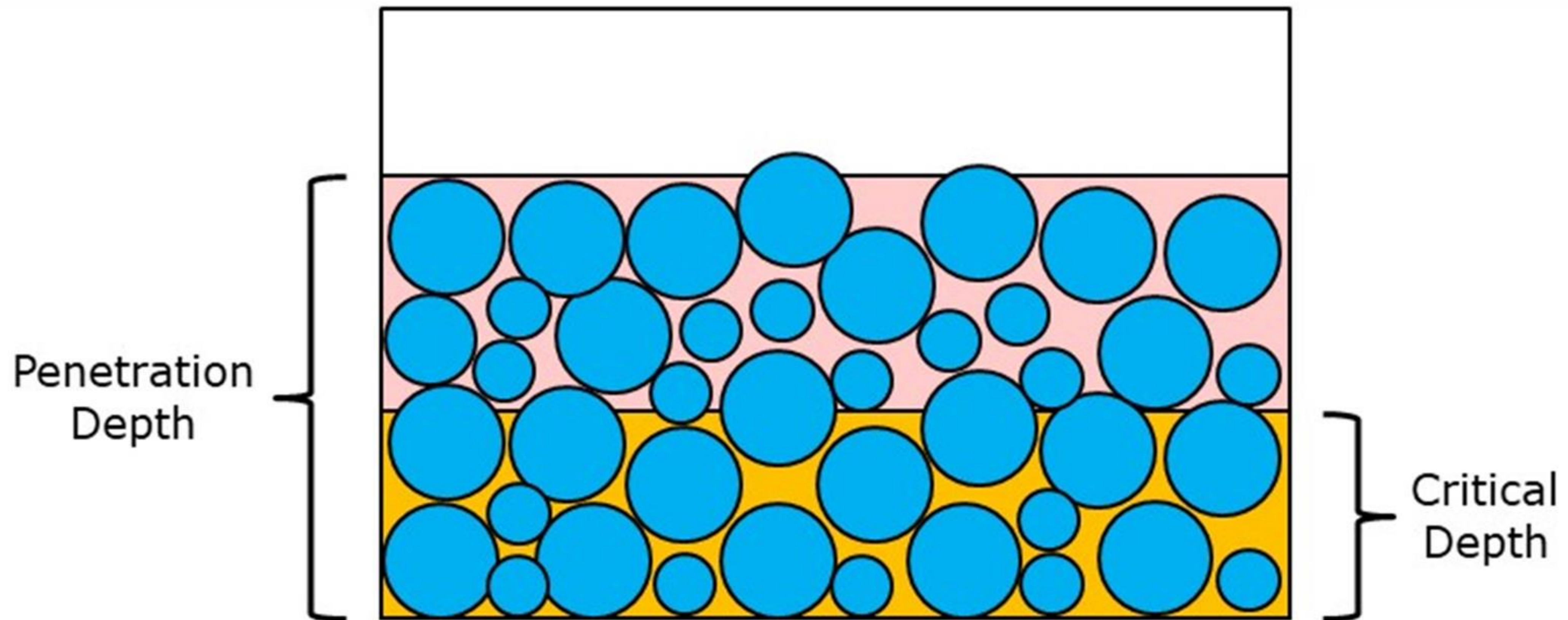
- a) -20%
- b) No change
- c) +20%
- d) +50%
- e) +70%



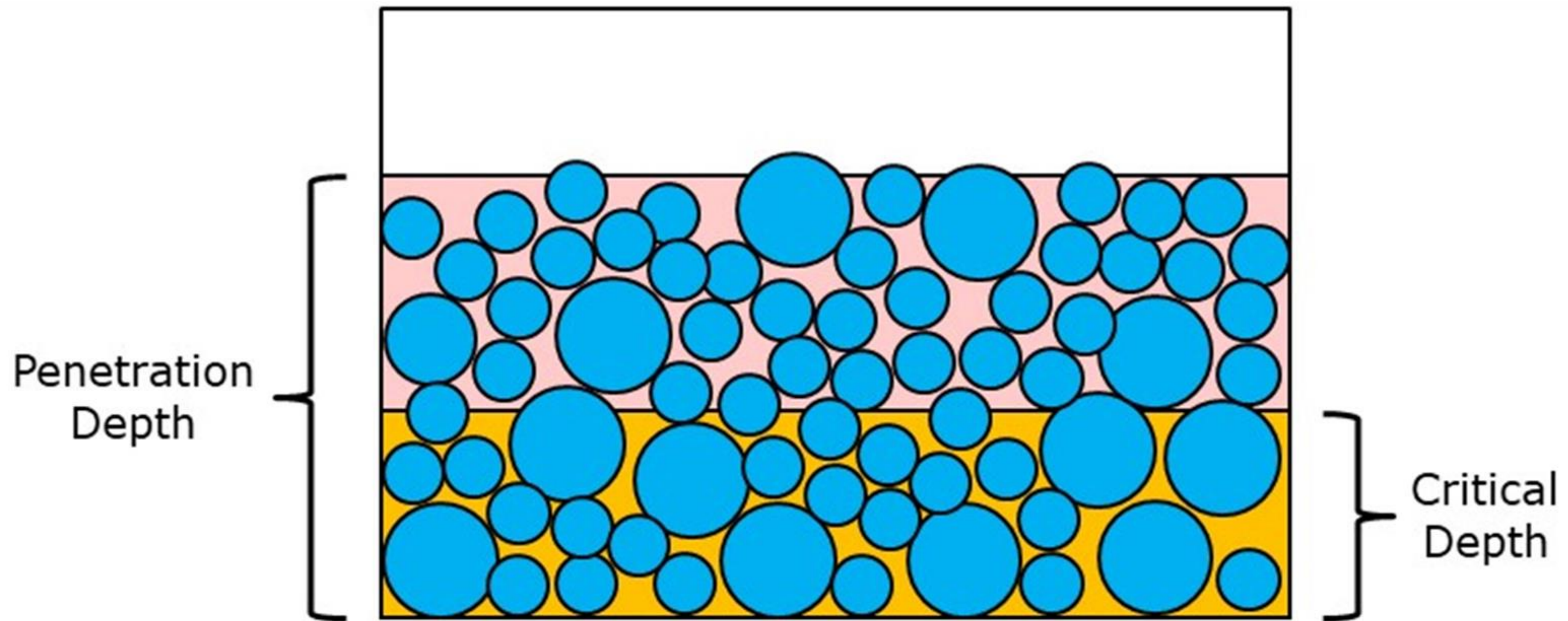
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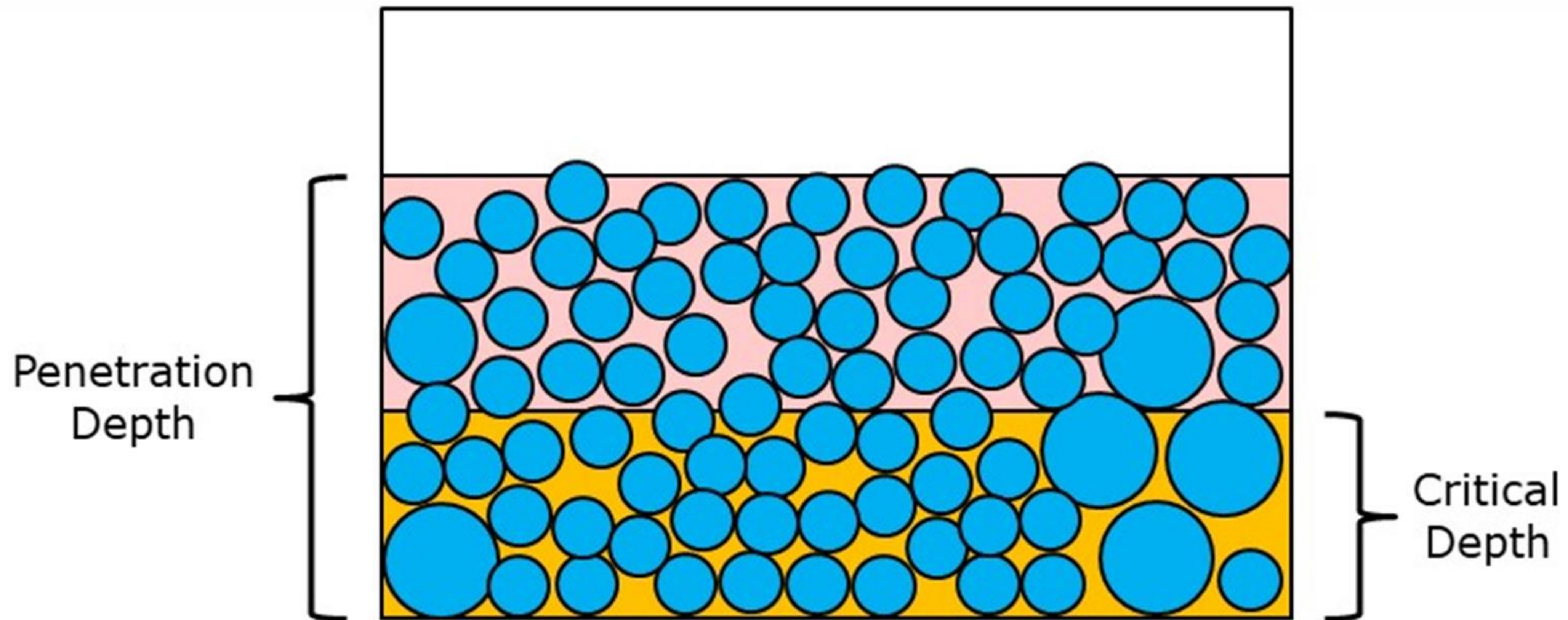
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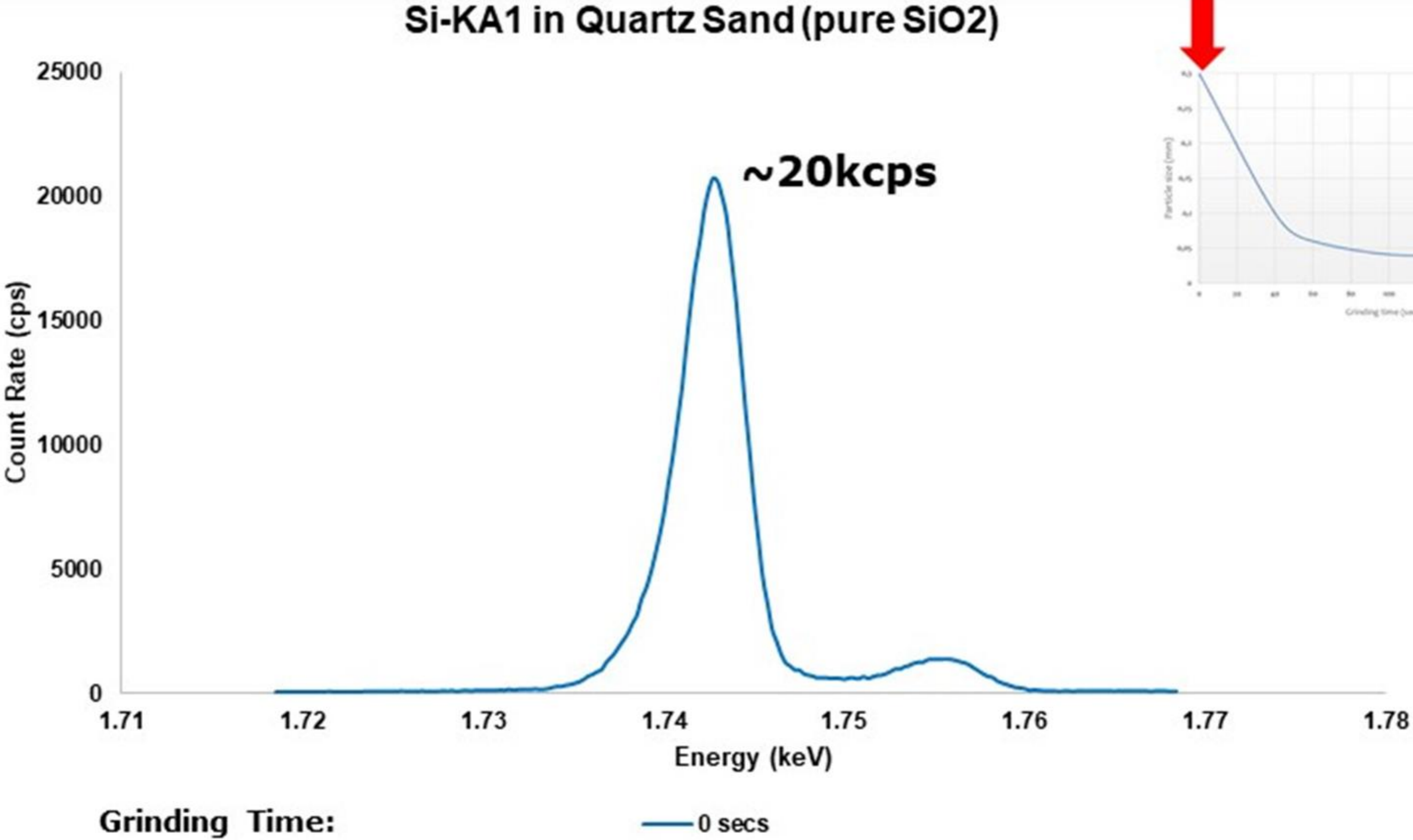
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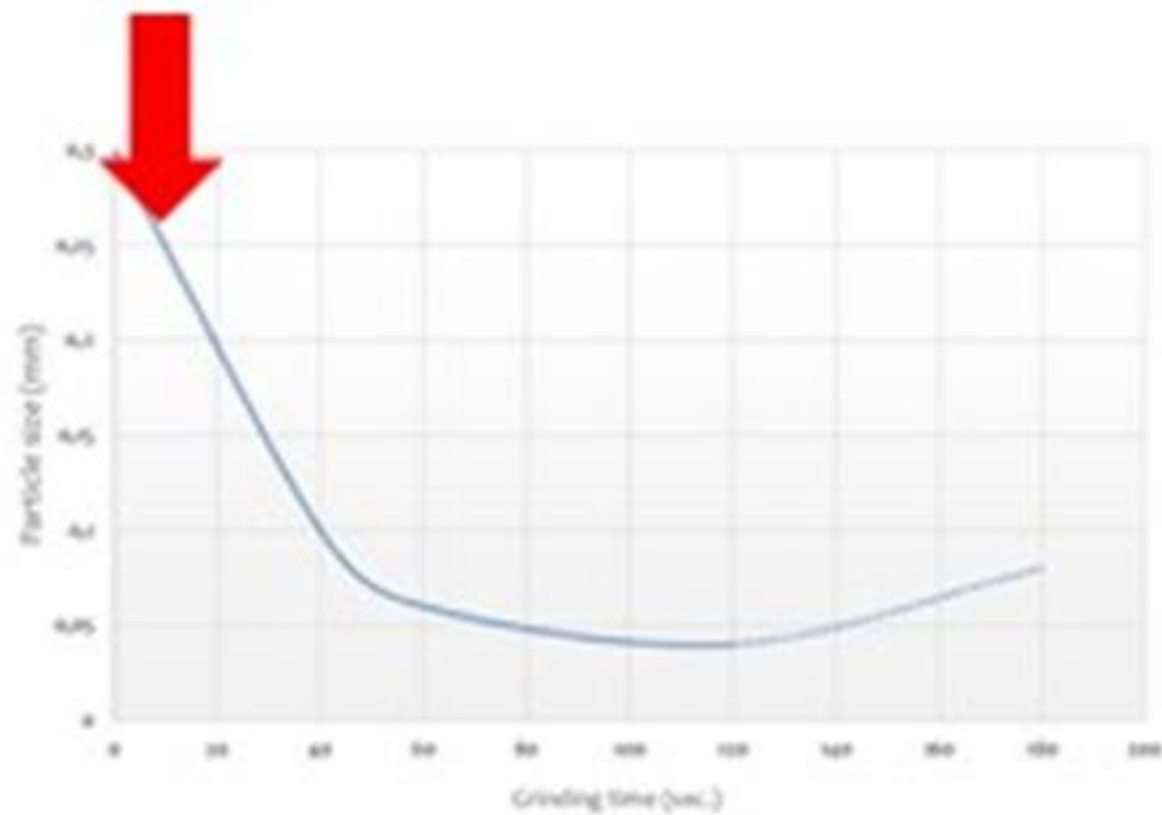
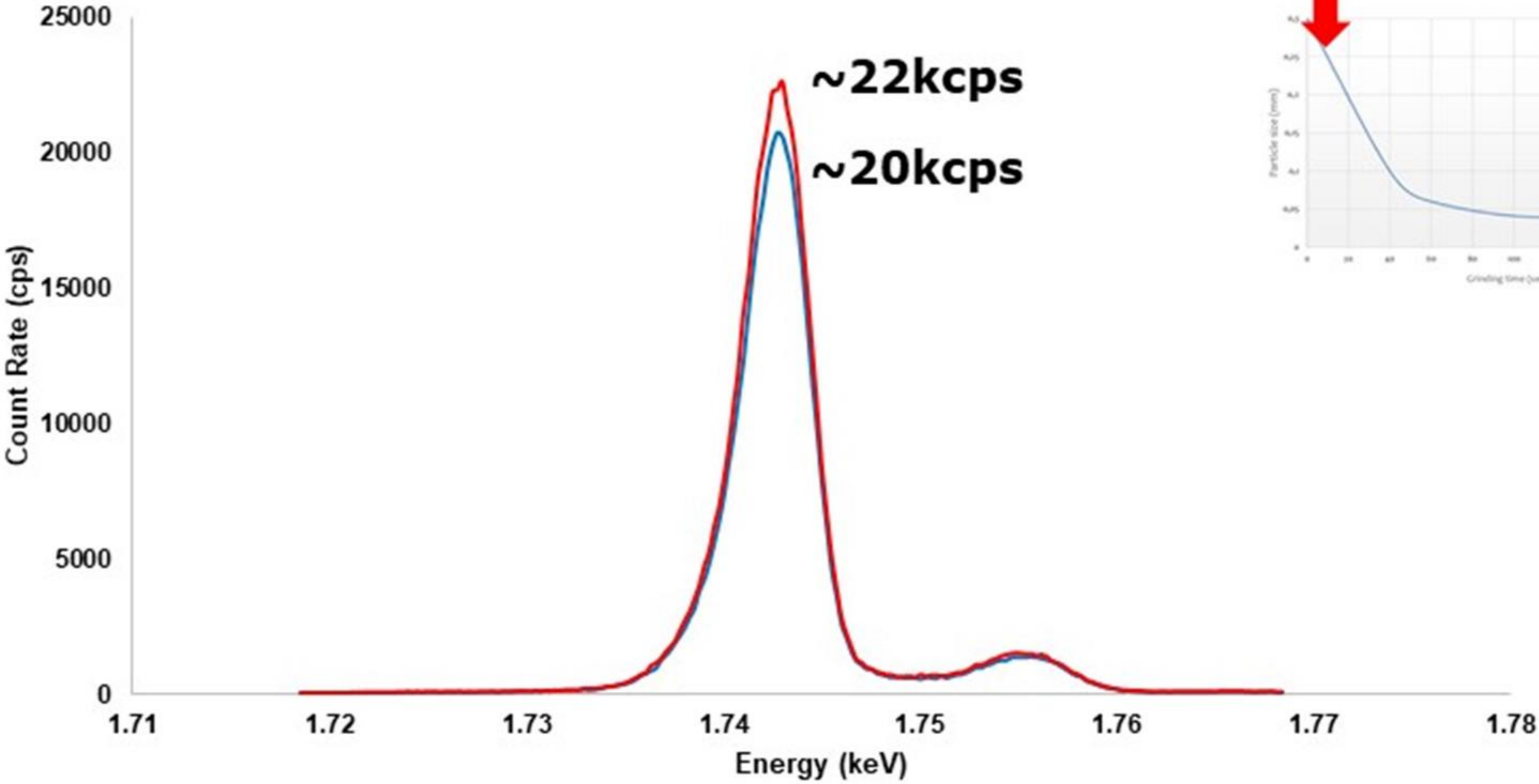


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Si-KA1 in Quartz Sand (pure SiO₂)

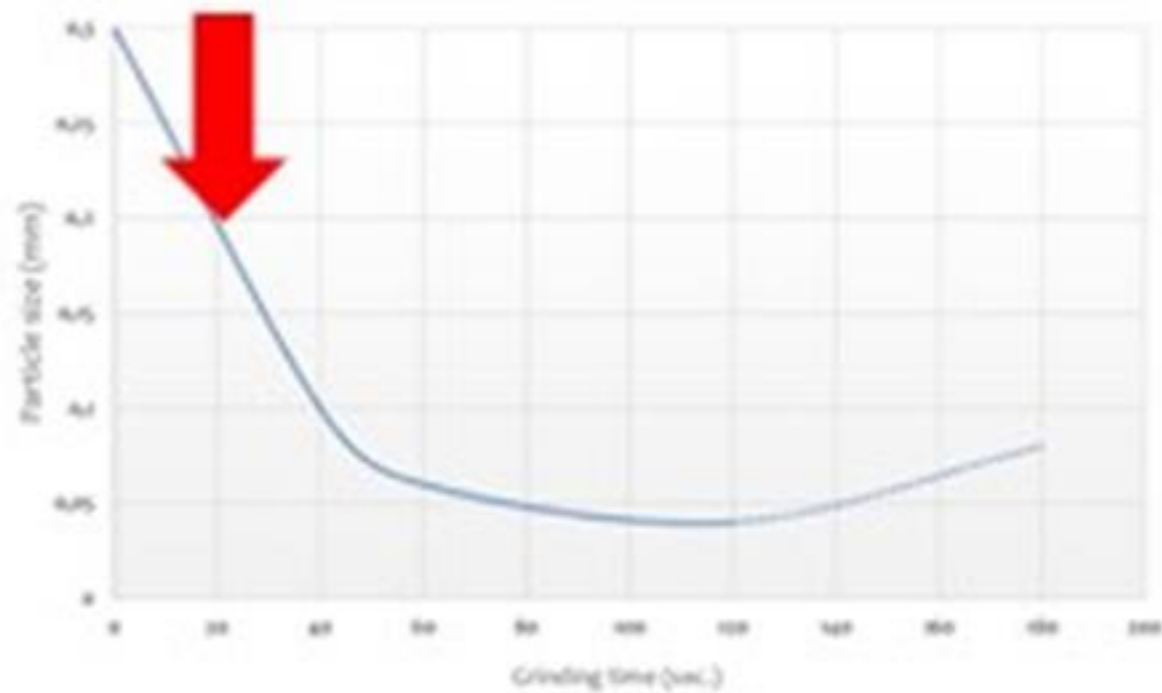
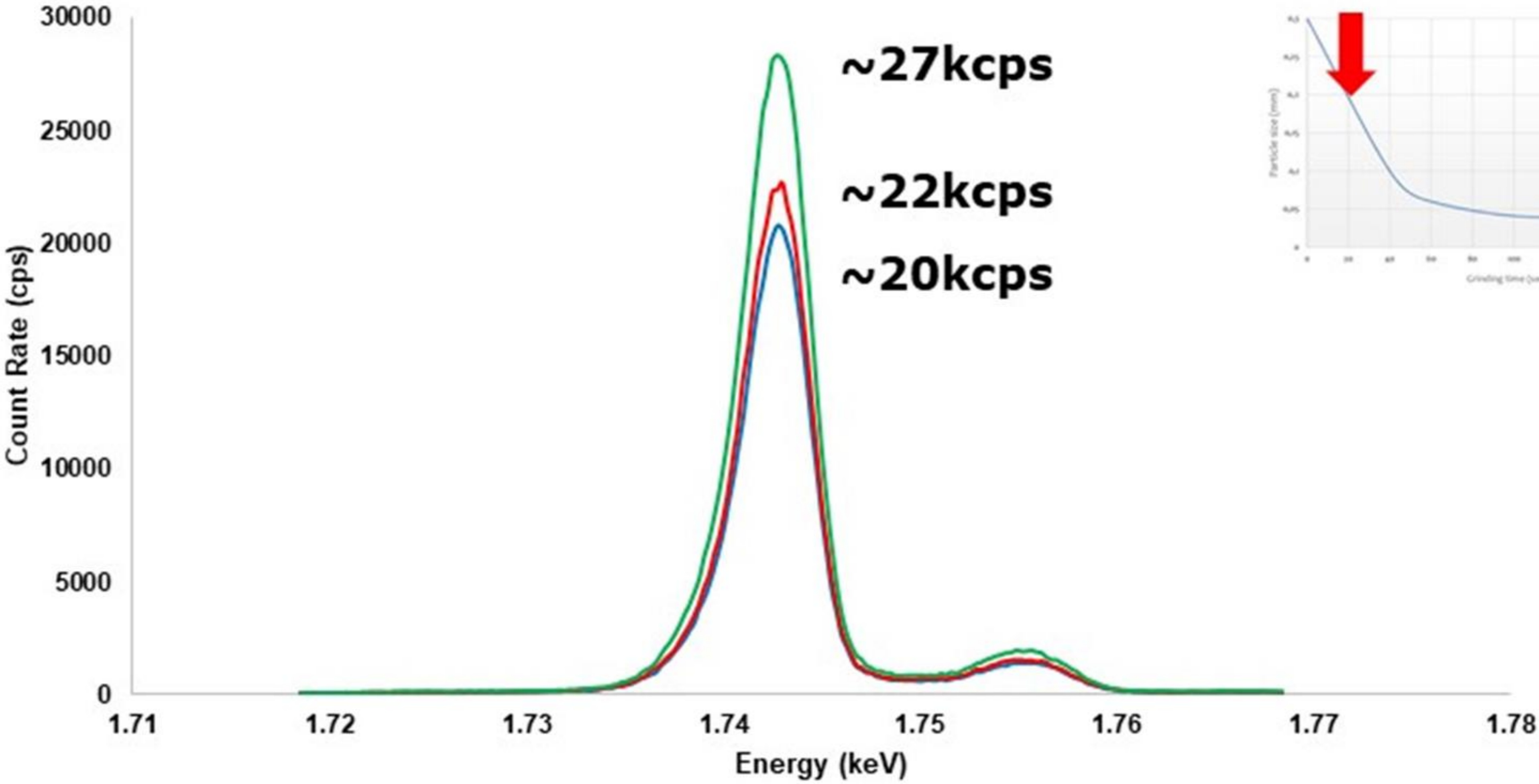


Grinding Time:

— 0 secs — 10 secs

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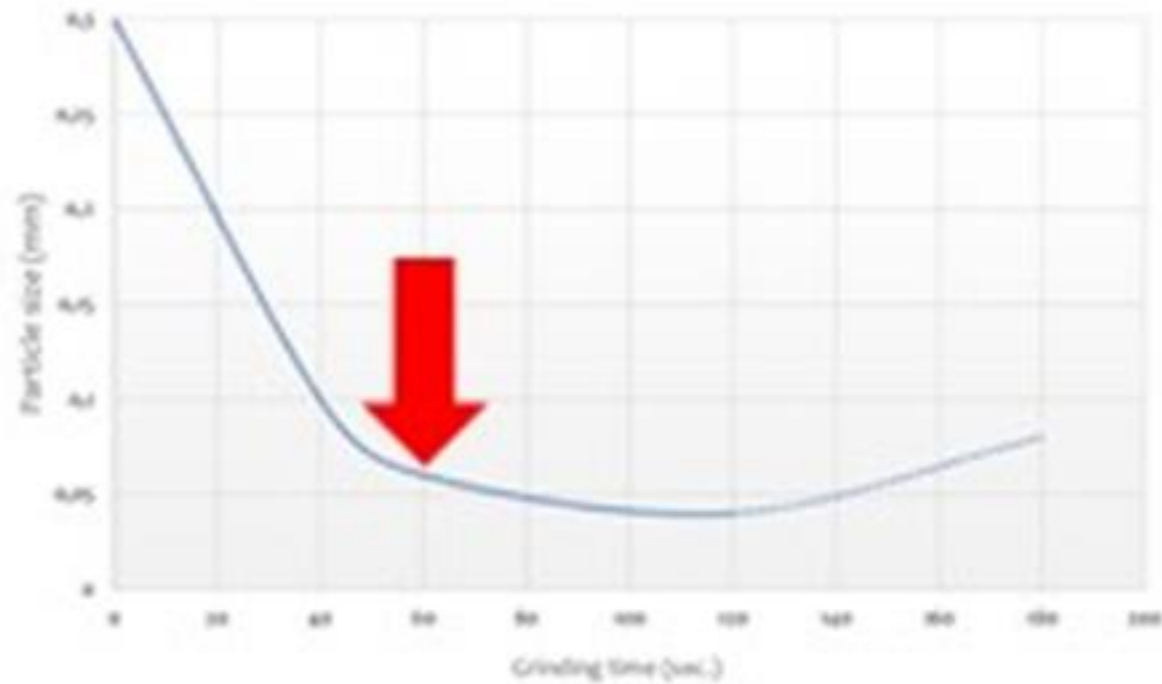
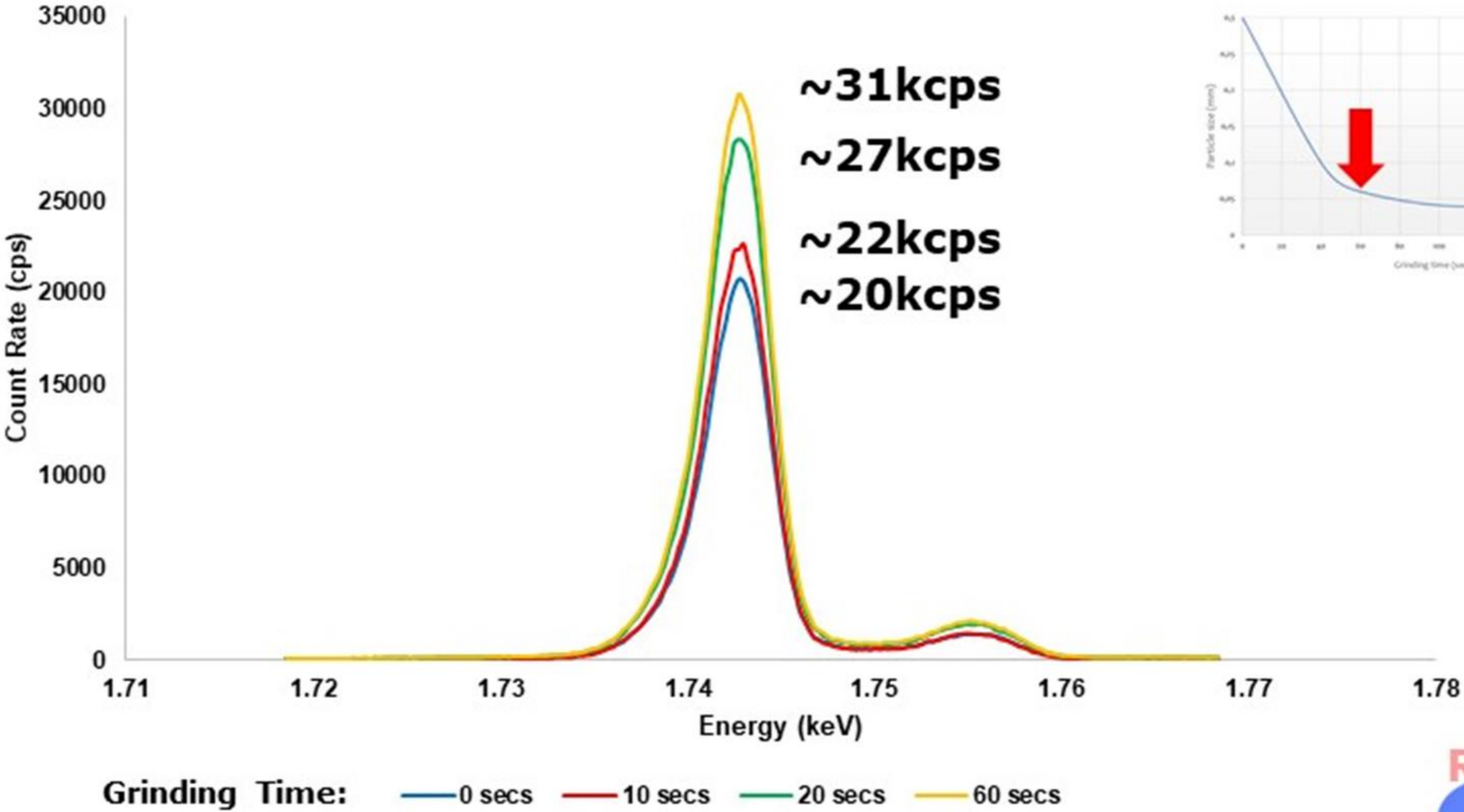
Si-KA1 in Quartz Sand (pure SiO₂)



Grinding Time: — 0 secs — 10 secs — 20 secs

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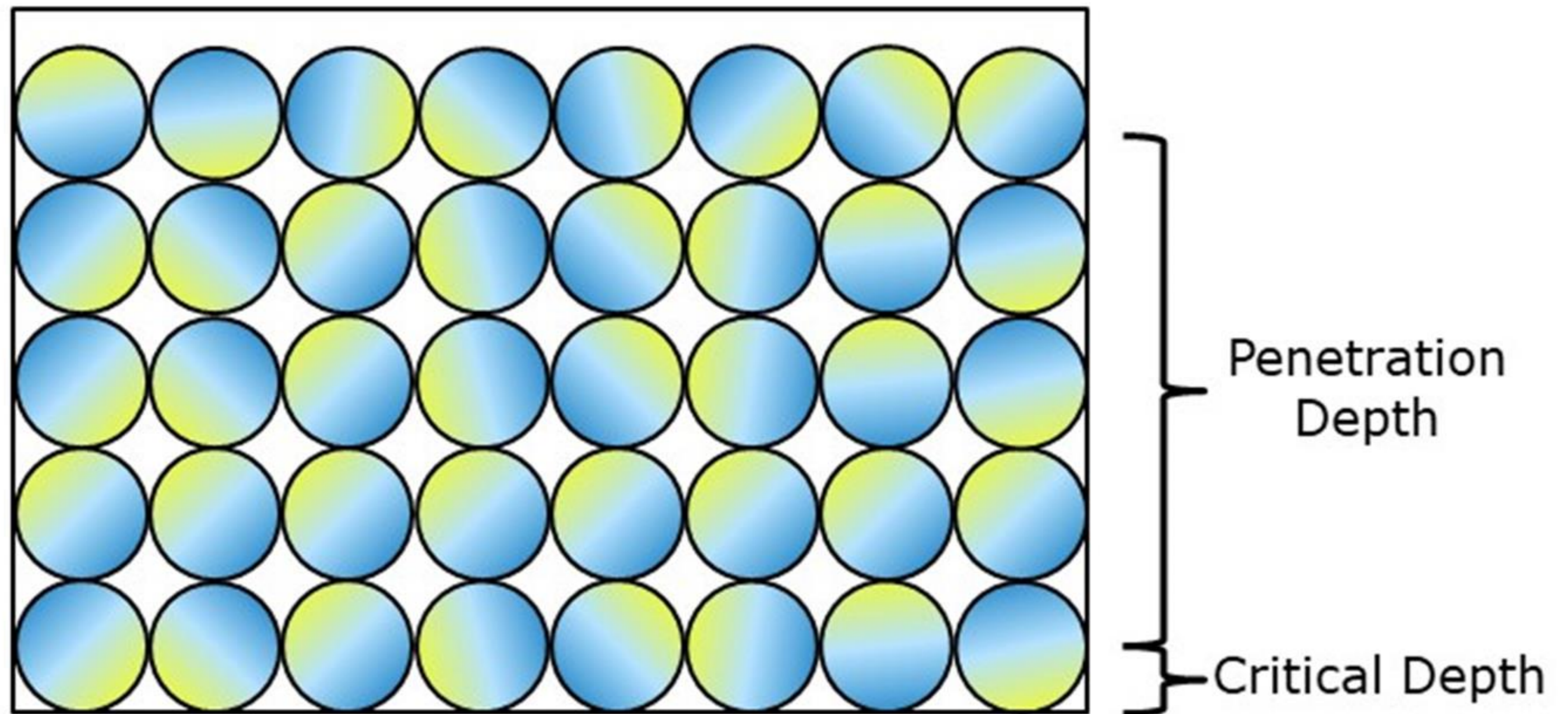
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... it depends!

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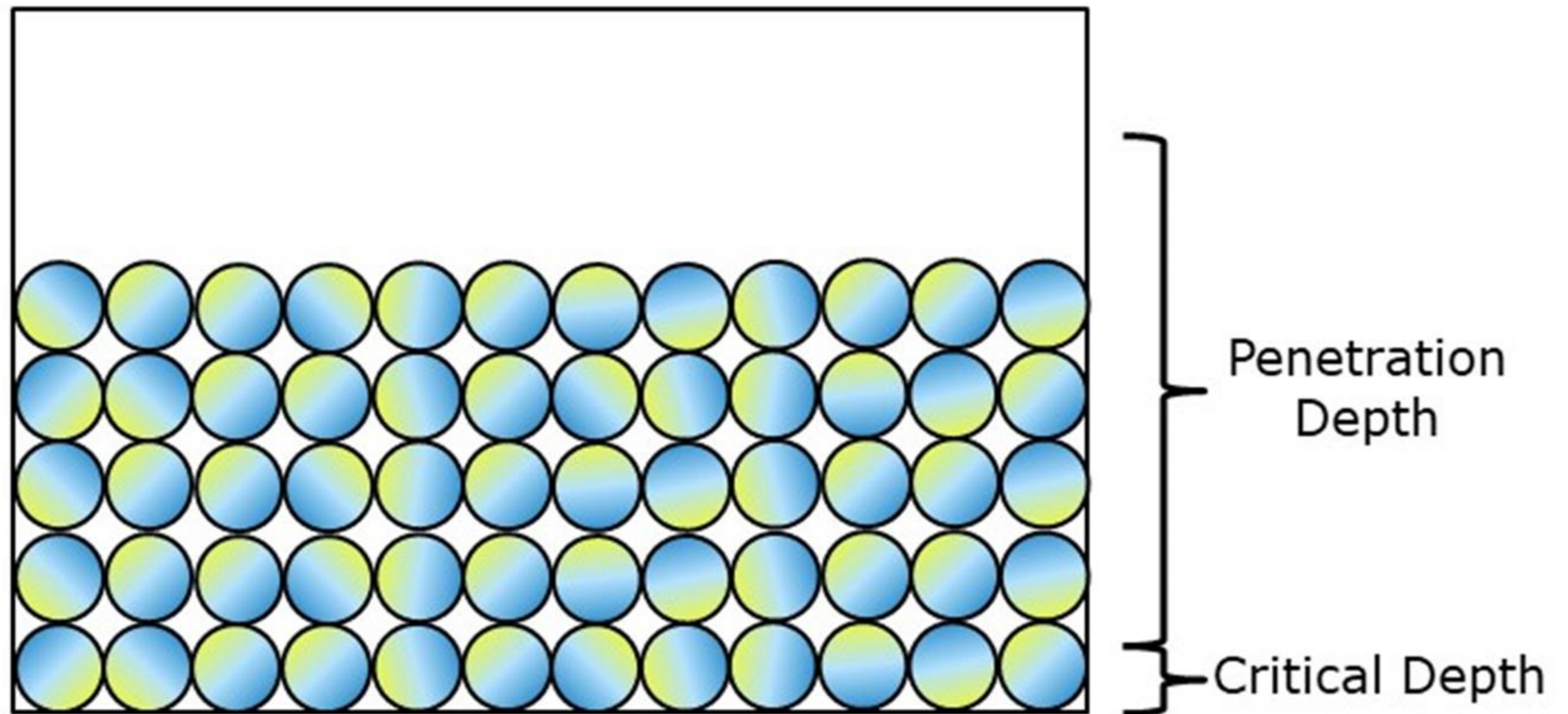
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... it depends which elements you are interested in measuring and what the rest of the sample is made up of

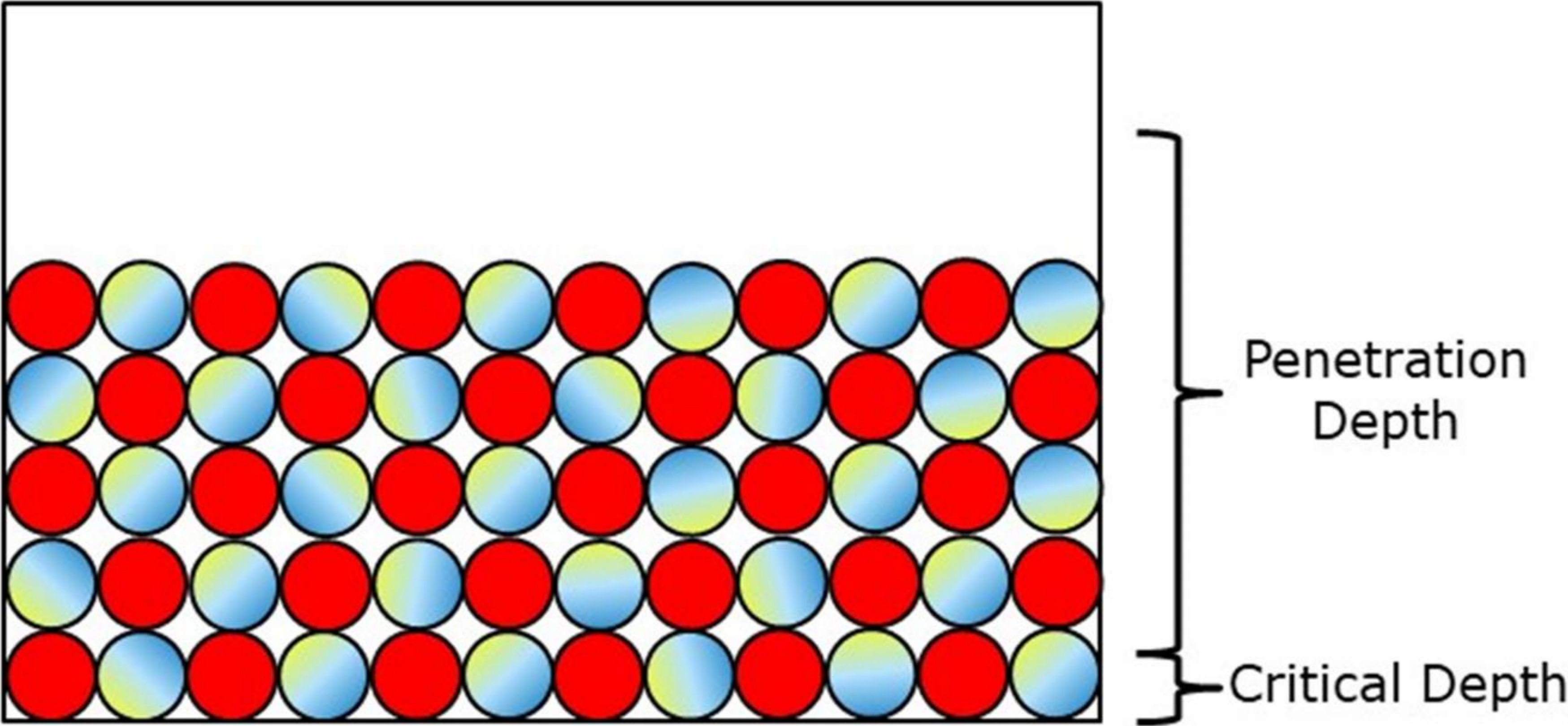
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Z	Element	Line	Energy (keV)	Graphite	SiO2	Fe	Pb
5	B	KA1	0.1833	5.0	1.0	0.3	0.1
9	F	KA1	0.6768	5.0	3.0	0.4	0.3
11	Na	KA1	1.0419	16.0	10.0	0.9	0.9
13	Al	KA1	1.4875	45.0	26.0	2.0	2.0
14	Si	KA1	1.7412	72.0	40.0	4.0	3.0
20	Ca	KA1	3.6910	684.0	88.0	28.0	4.0
56	Ba	LA1	4.4640	989.0	98.0	43.0	5.0
22	Ti	KA1	4.5104	1.3	156.0	47.0	6.0
25	Mn	KA1	5.8981	2.8	338.0	96.0	12.0
26	Fe	KA1	6.4031	3.6	430.0	119.0	15.0
29	Cu	KA1	8.0481	7.1	838.0	28.0	26.0
74	W	LA1	8.3976	8.0	949.0	31.0	29.0
82	Pb	LA1	10.5512	15.0	1.9	57.0	52.0
40	Zr	KA1	15.7749	4.4	6.0	176.0	43.0
42	Mo	KA1	17.4791	5.5	8.0	234.0	47.0
45	Rh	KA1	20.2158	7.3	12.0	355.0	70.0
47	Ag	KA1	22.1630	8.5	16.0	460.0	89.0
56	Ba	KA1	32.1929	13.1	4.0	1.3	242.0

= cm
 = mm
 = μm

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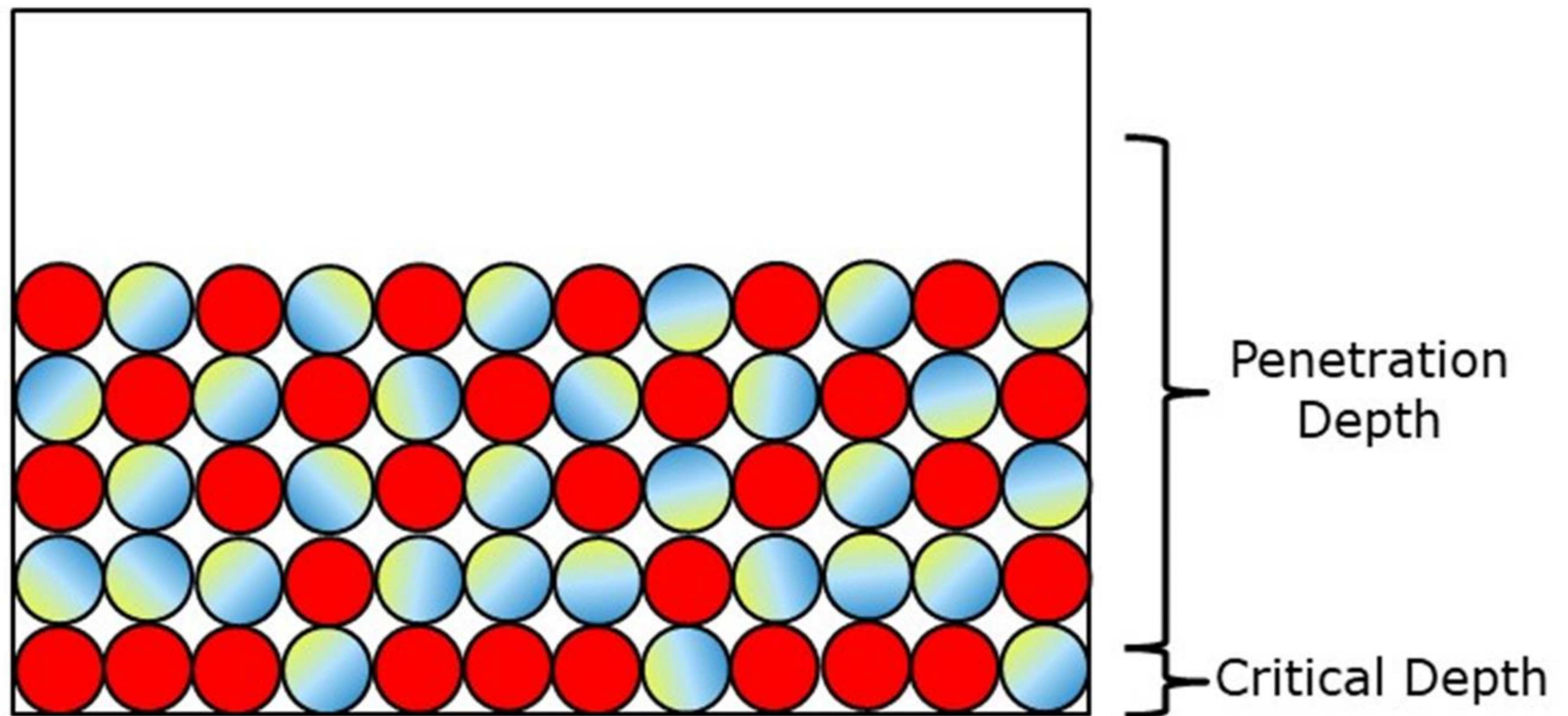
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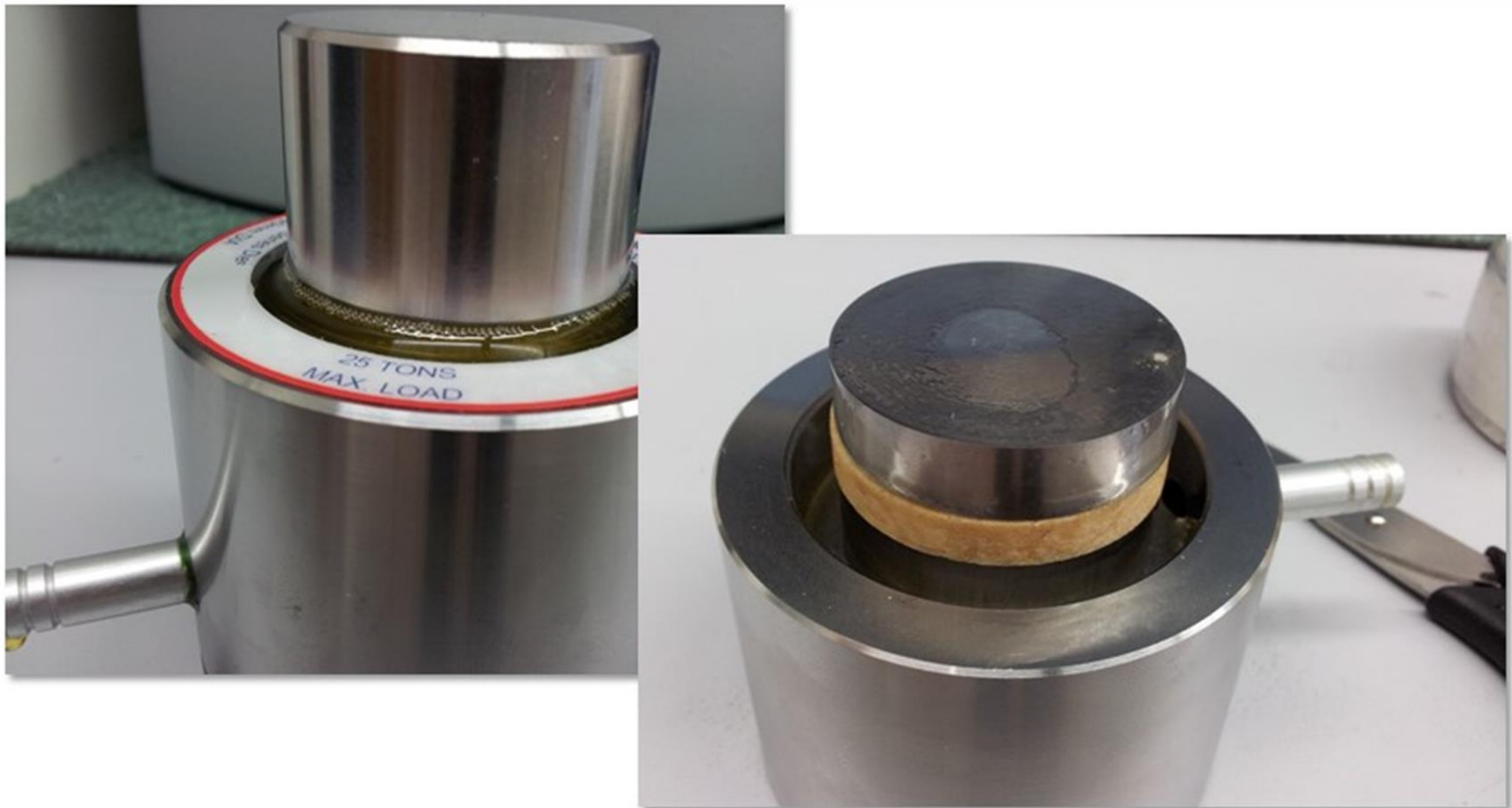
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When the sample prep is done correctly...



10 individually prepared fusion beads of a NIST Cement CRM, run against a calibration constructed with NIST CRMs

	CaO (%)	SiO2 (%)	Al2O3 (%)	Fe2O3 (%)	MgO (%)	K2O (%)	Na2O (%)	SO3 (%)
Fused Pead 01	65.950	20.560	5.087	1.977	0.952	0.760	0.159	3.299
Fused Pead 02	65.970	20.530	5.099	1.978	0.946	0.760	0.163	3.334
Fused Pead 03	65.930	20.560	5.107	1.972	0.946	0.760	0.156	3.362
Fused Pead 04	65.900	20.540	5.088	1.974	0.943	0.770	0.158	3.363
Fused Pead 05	65.960	20.530	5.098	1.975	0.949	0.760	0.152	3.313
Fused Pead 06	65.940	20.570	5.092	1.979	0.945	0.760	0.164	3.301
Fused Pead 07	65.890	20.620	5.100	1.981	0.941	0.770	0.161	3.373
Fused Pead 08	65.910	20.520	5.105	1.974	0.952	0.760	0.155	3.356
Fused Pead 09	65.930	20.580	5.101	1.979	0.945	0.770	0.152	3.353
Fused Pead 10	65.960	20.550	5.084	1.974	0.951	0.760	0.156	3.308
MIN	65.890	20.520	5.084	1.972	0.941	0.760	0.152	3.299
MAX	65.970	20.620	5.107	1.981	0.952	0.770	0.164	3.373
MEAN	65.934	20.556	5.096	1.976	0.947	0.763	0.158	3.336
ST.DEV	0.027	0.030	0.008	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.029

Fusion data presented at Denver X-Ray Conference 2020 by A Mehling, M. Lischka and S. Durali-Müller
 "High-precision borate fusion using induction heating furnaces with calibrated platinum-gold crucibles"

When the sample prep is done correctly...



10 individually prepared raw meal specimens, run against a calibration constructed using secondary standards also of raw meal.

	CaO (%)	SiO2 (%)	Al2O3 (%)	Fe2O3 (%)	MgO (%)	K2O (%)	Na2O (%)	Cl (%)	SO3 (%)
Pressed Pellet 01	42.820	14.630	2.860	0.950	0.426	0.480	0.051	0.020	0.210
Pressed Pellet 02	42.820	14.620	2.870	0.950	0.427	0.480	0.048	0.020	0.209
Pressed Pellet 03	42.840	14.620	2.880	0.950	0.424	0.480	0.031	0.020	0.208
Pressed Pellet 04	42.860	14.610	2.850	0.940	0.425	0.480	0.039	0.020	0.208
Pressed Pellet 05	42.860	14.620	2.860	0.950	0.430	0.480	0.035	0.020	0.207
Pressed Pellet 06	42.830	14.610	2.860	0.950	0.423	0.480	0.018	0.020	0.205
Pressed Pellet 07	42.840	14.650	2.880	0.950	0.428	0.480	0.034	0.020	0.209
Pressed Pellet 08	42.800	14.600	2.850	0.940	0.424	0.480	0.038	0.020	0.209
Pressed Pellet 09	42.850	14.580	2.850	0.950	0.421	0.480	0.028	0.020	0.209
Pressed Pellet 10	42.800	14.610	2.850	0.950	0.427	0.480	0.033	0.020	0.210
MIN	42.800	14.580	2.850	0.940	0.421	0.480	0.018	0.020	0.205
MAX	42.860	14.650	2.880	0.950	0.430	0.480	0.051	0.020	0.210
MEAN	42.832	14.615	2.861	0.948	0.426	0.480	0.036	0.020	0.208
ST.DEV	0.022	0.018	0.012	0.004	0.003	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.002

Questions and Answers



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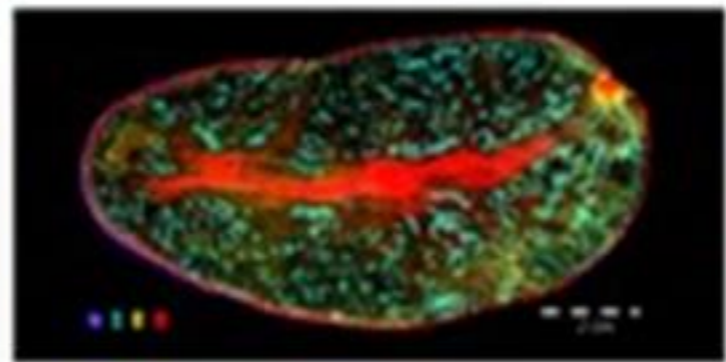

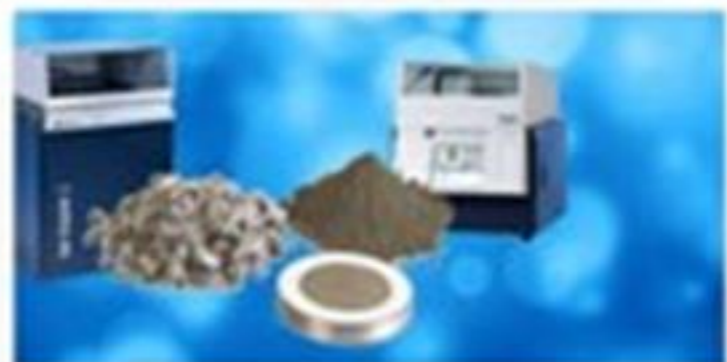


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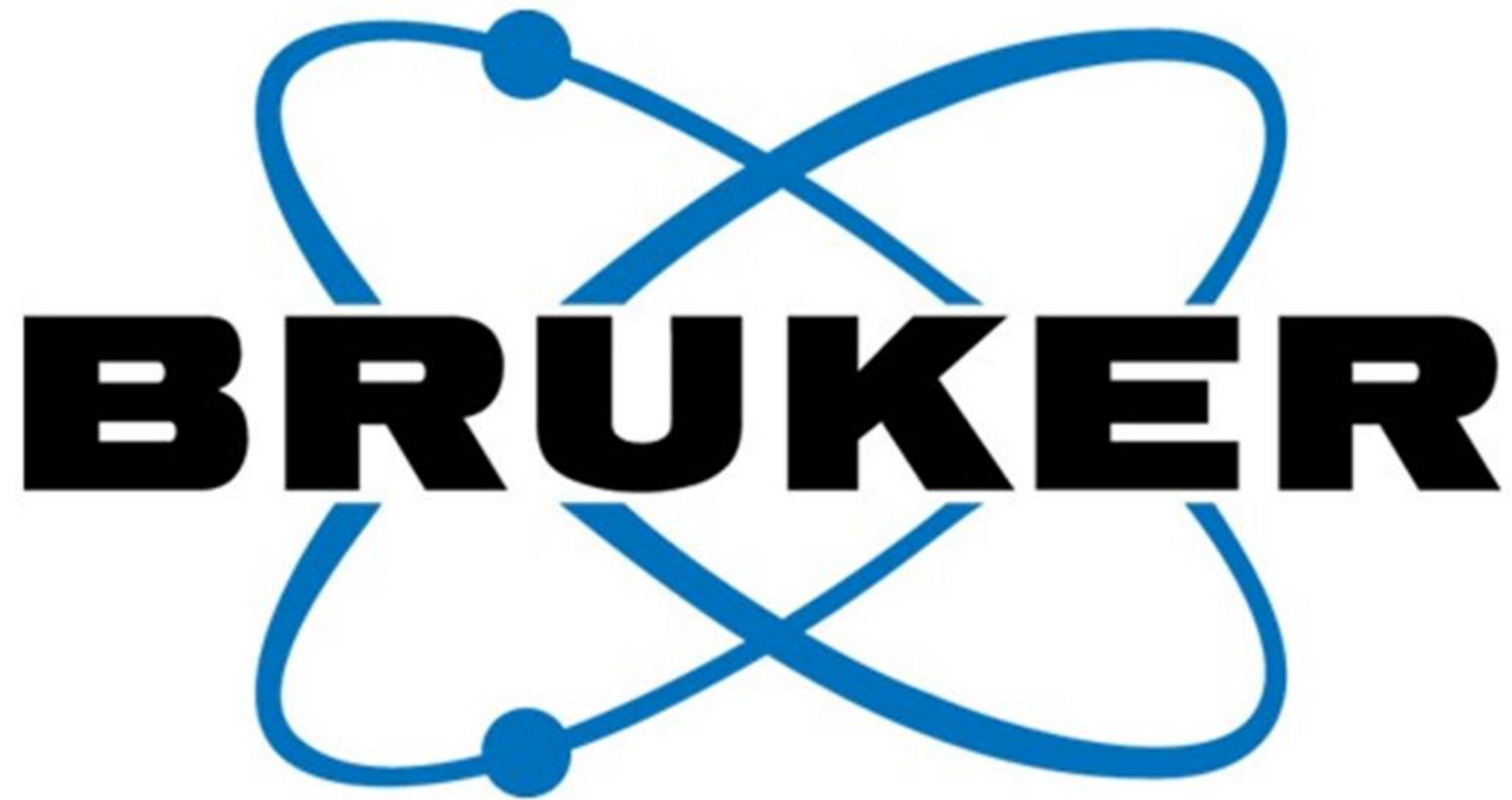
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