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# **Stochastic Frameworks for Variability in Oral Dissolution-Absorption and Predictability**

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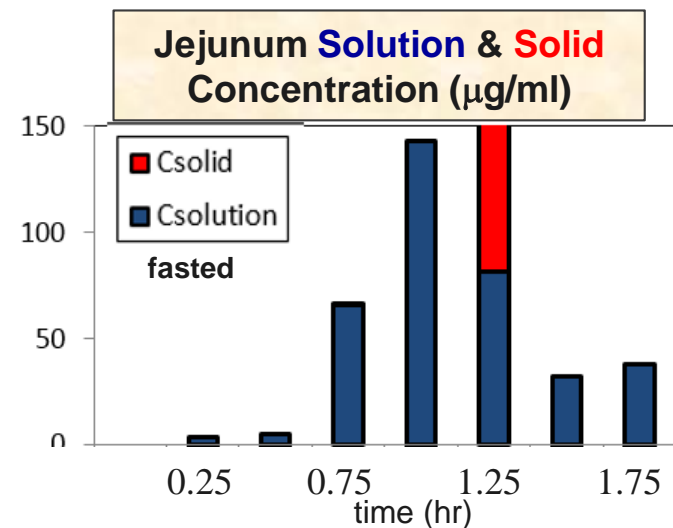
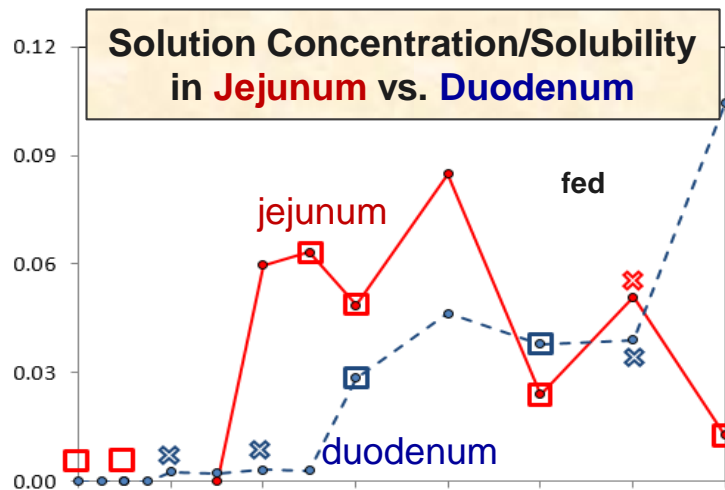
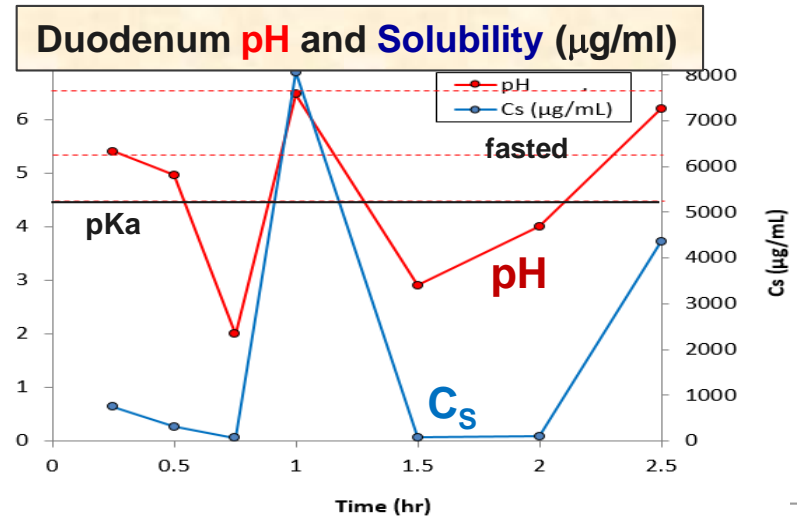
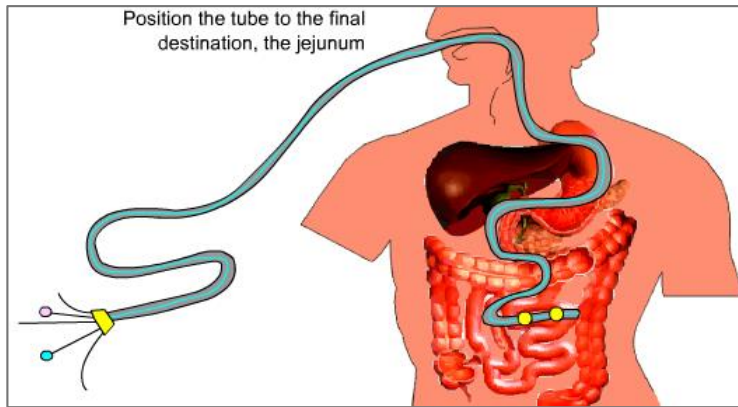
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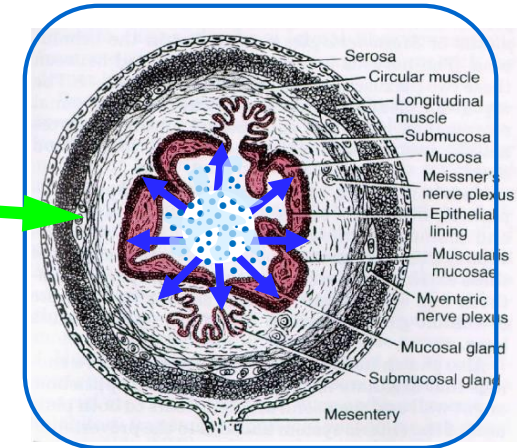
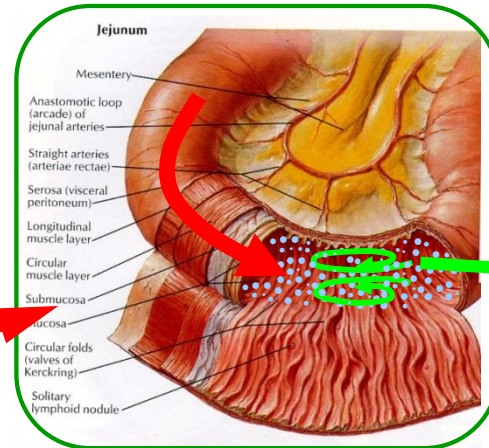
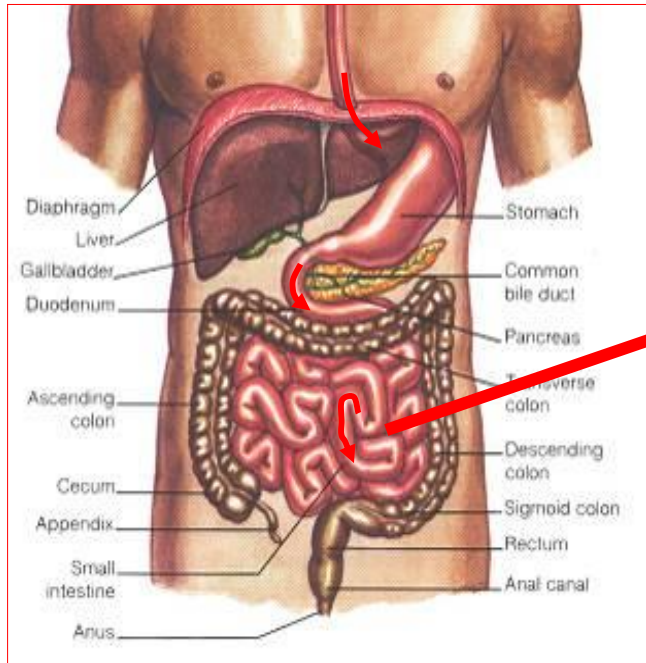
# Variability in Gastro-Intestinal Drug Absorption Processes



From Amidon, *et al.* University of Michigan



# Variability from Gastro-Intestinal Motility



**Dissolution + Mixing,  
Transport of Drug Molecules  
to Intestinal Walls:  
MOTILITY-DRIVEN**

**Absorption  
of Drug Molecules  
across Mucosal Epithelium:**

**Transport of Drug Particles  
along Intestines:**

**MOTILITY-DRIVEN  
HYDRODYNAMICS**



**ABSORPTION RATE  
driven by  
LUMINAL MIXING RATE**

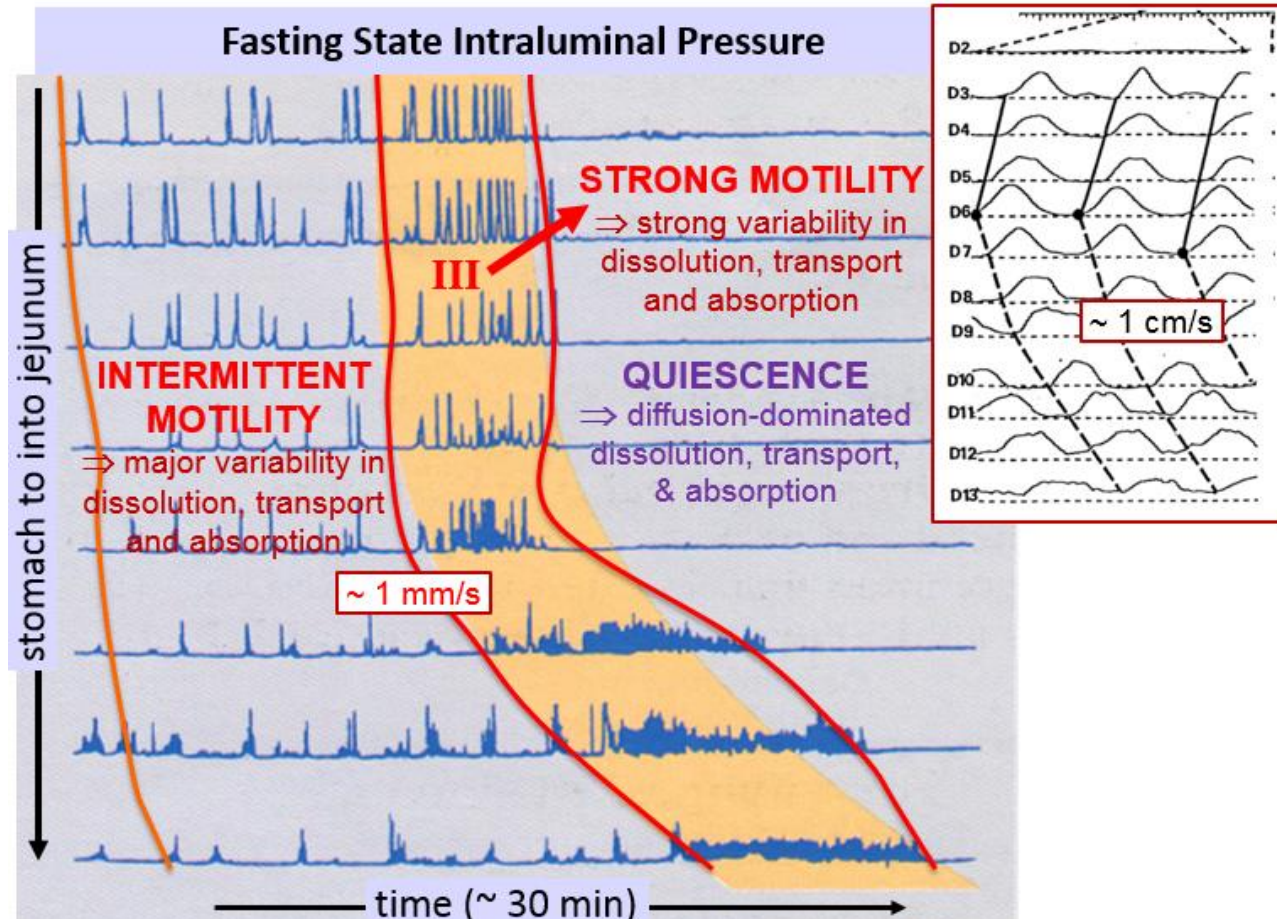
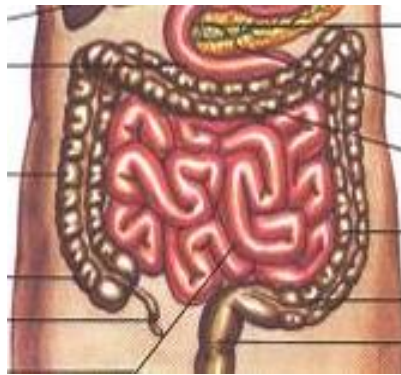
**MIXING RATE  
DRIVEN BY MOTILITY**



# Complexity in GI Motility Patterns Drive High Variability in Absorption



## TRANSPORT of Drug Particles along the Intestinal Tract: MOTILITY-DEPENDENT

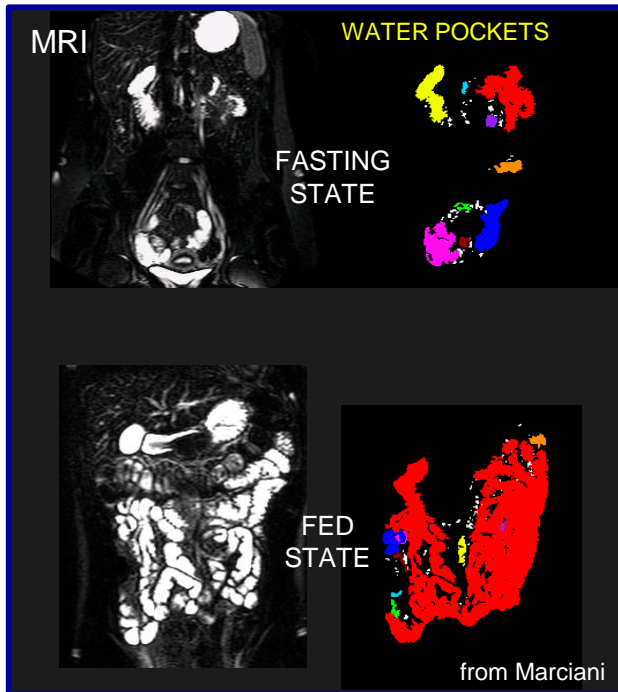


# Liquid Volume Content in Small Intestine Pockets is Highly Variable

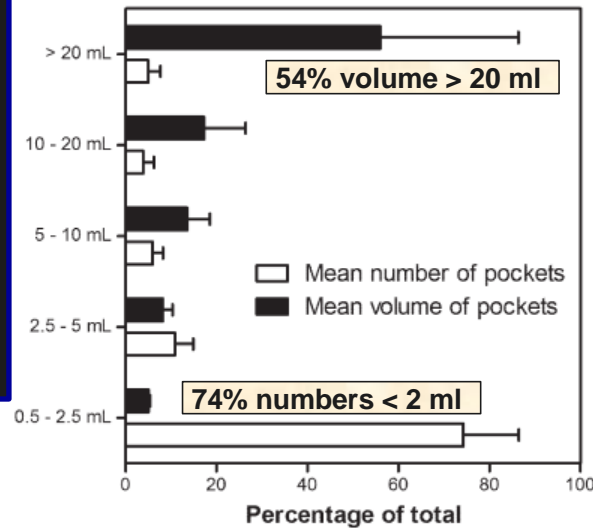


**High Levels of Variation in Small Intestine Pocket Volume:**

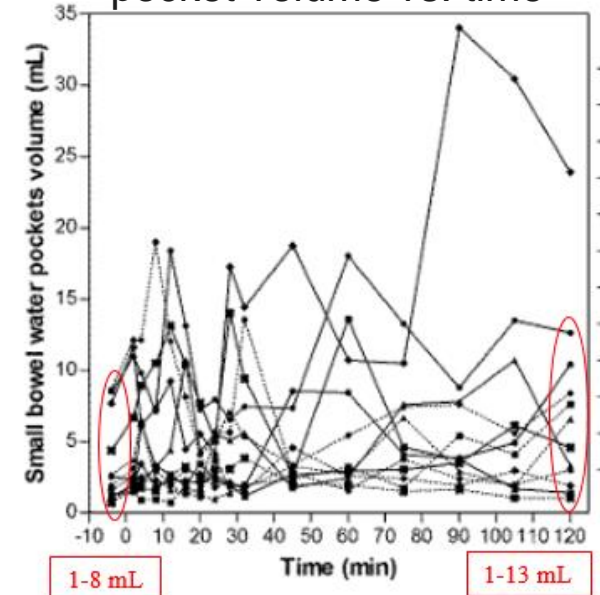
- in time
- spatially along the gut
- among subjects



distribution of pocket volumes



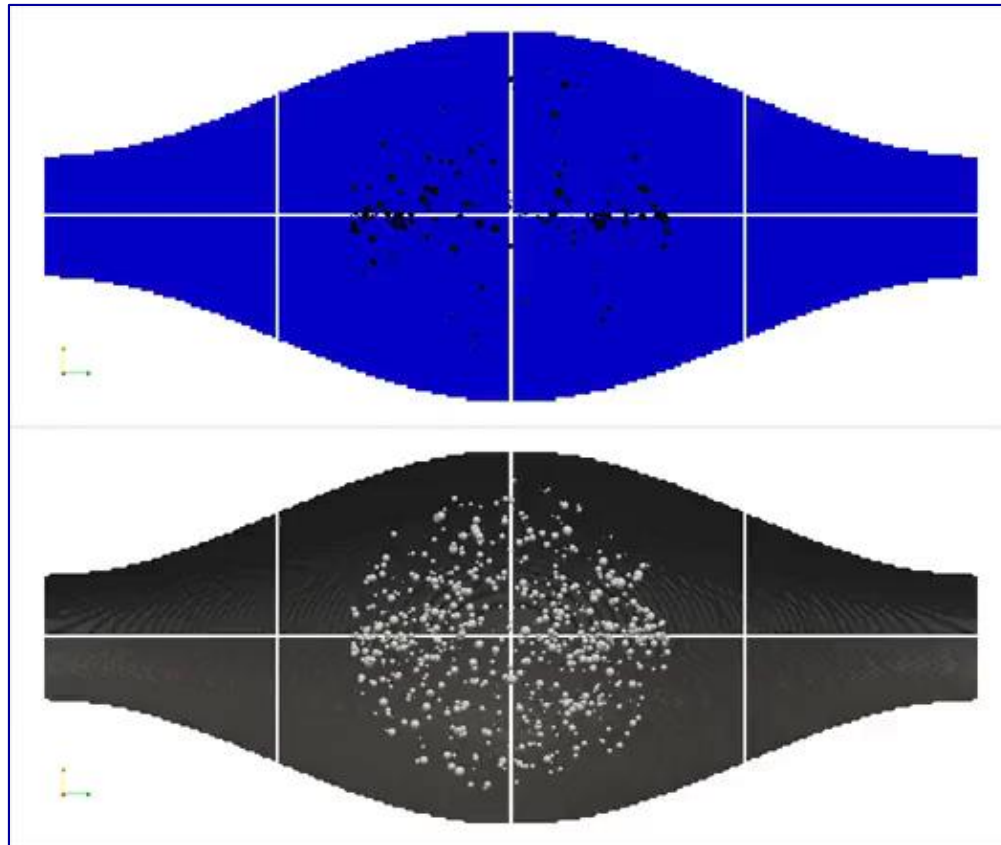
pocket volume vs. time



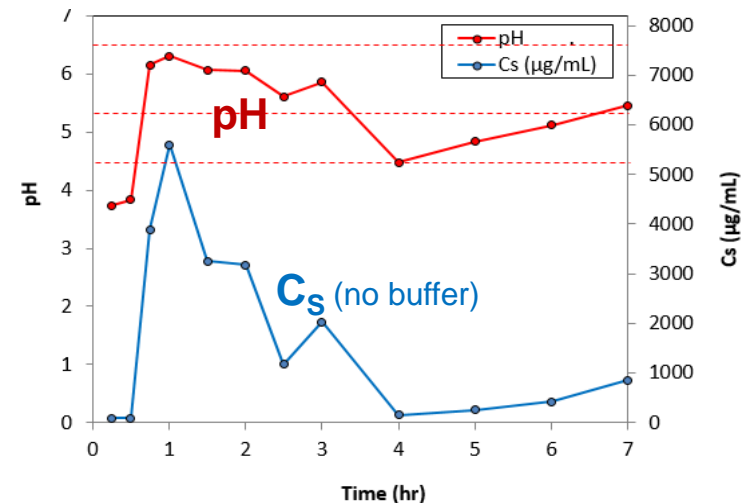
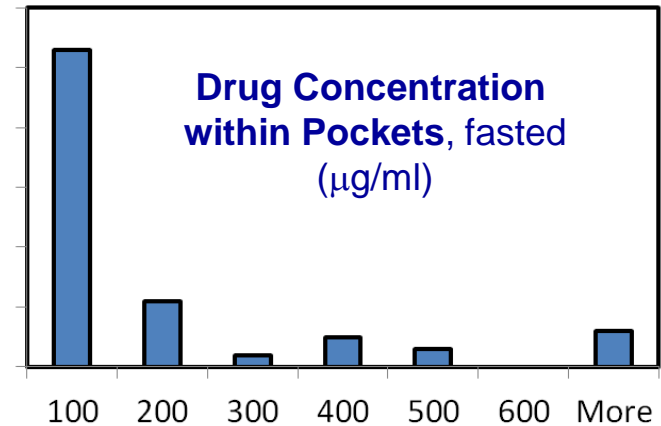
Quantification of Gastrointestinal Liquid Volumes and Distribution Following a 240 mL Dose of Water in the Fasted State

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# Intestinal Transport, Dissolution and Absorption is Highly Variable



Computational Fluid Dynamics simulations: Brasseur & Beharid.



*in vivo* data: Amidon et al.

# Stochastic Modeling Frameworks



High levels of variability are inherent in the physiological and mechanical function of the gut

⇒ Inherently high levels of variability in drug transport, dissolution and absorption *in vivo*

⇒ **There is a need for new first-principles-based Probabilistic Mathematical Modeling Frameworks**

- that incorporate variability in GI physiology and function
- that predict variability (standard deviation, distributions, etc.)
- for application within *in silico* PBPK Prediction