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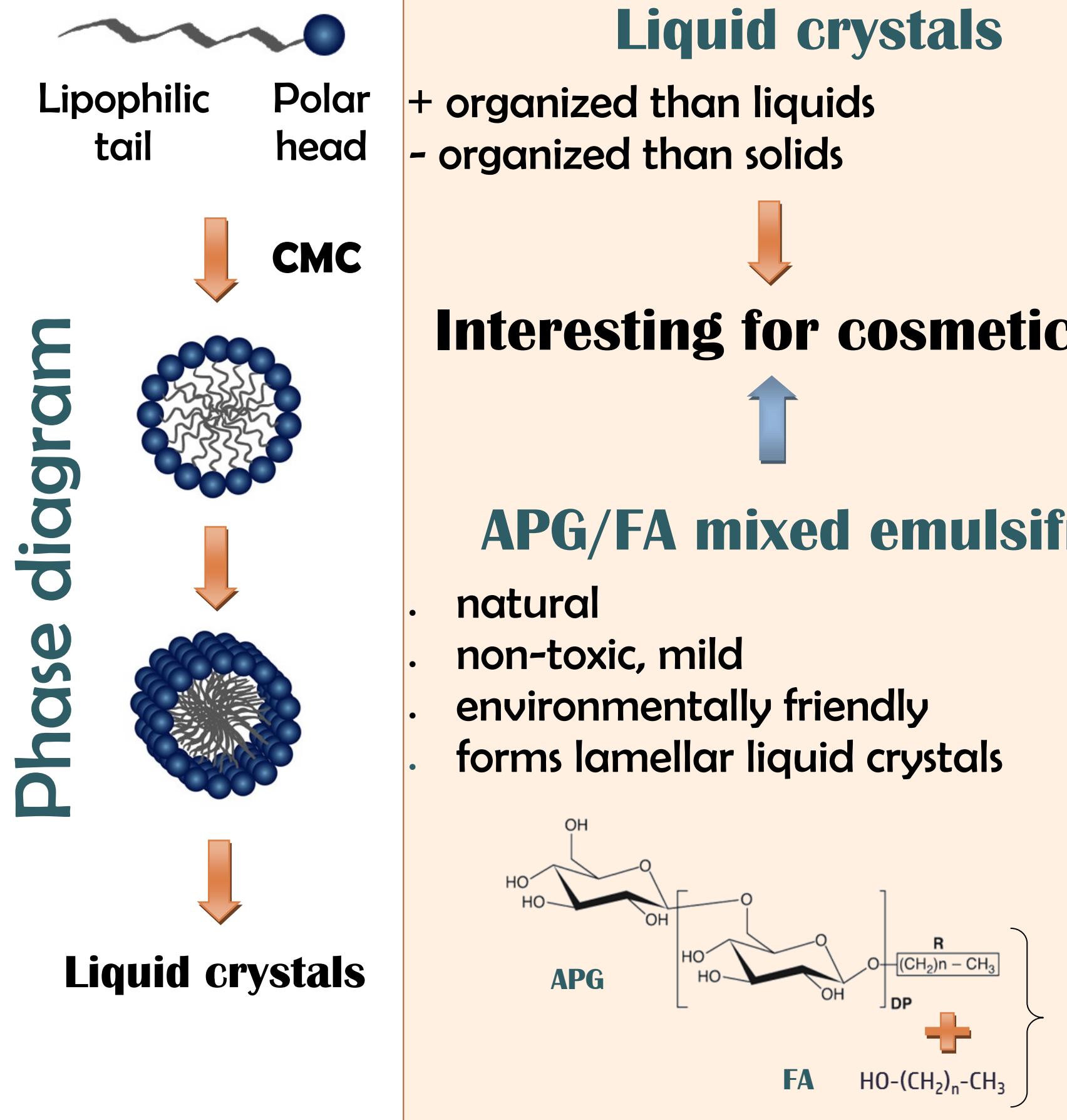
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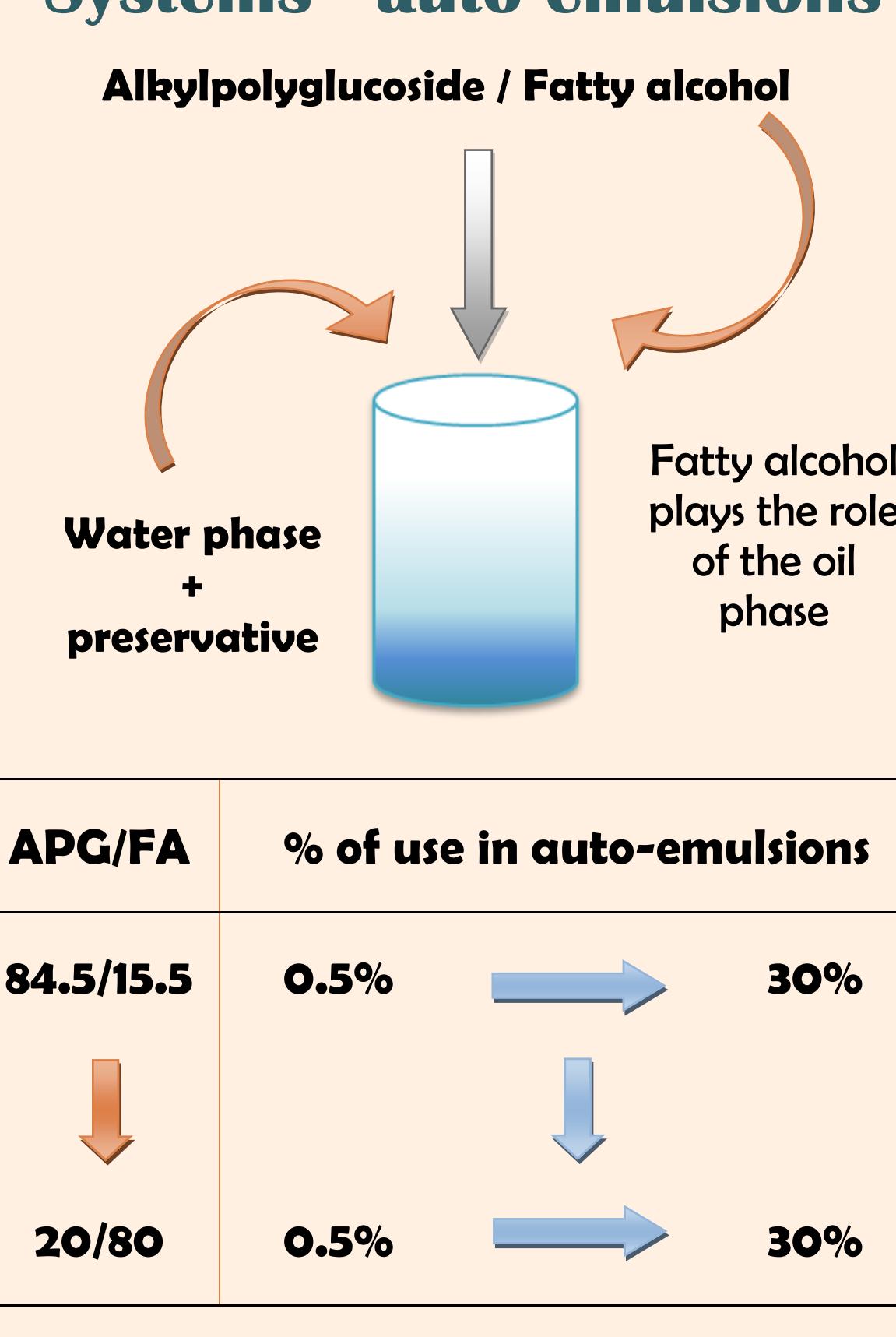
Aim

Investigation of possible interactions between the surfactant alkyl polyglucoside (APG) and the co-surfactant fatty alcohol (FA) through the pseudo-ternary phase diagram, mapped at 25°C. Transition between the fundamental research on the mixed surfactant behavior towards its interest in cosmetic field.

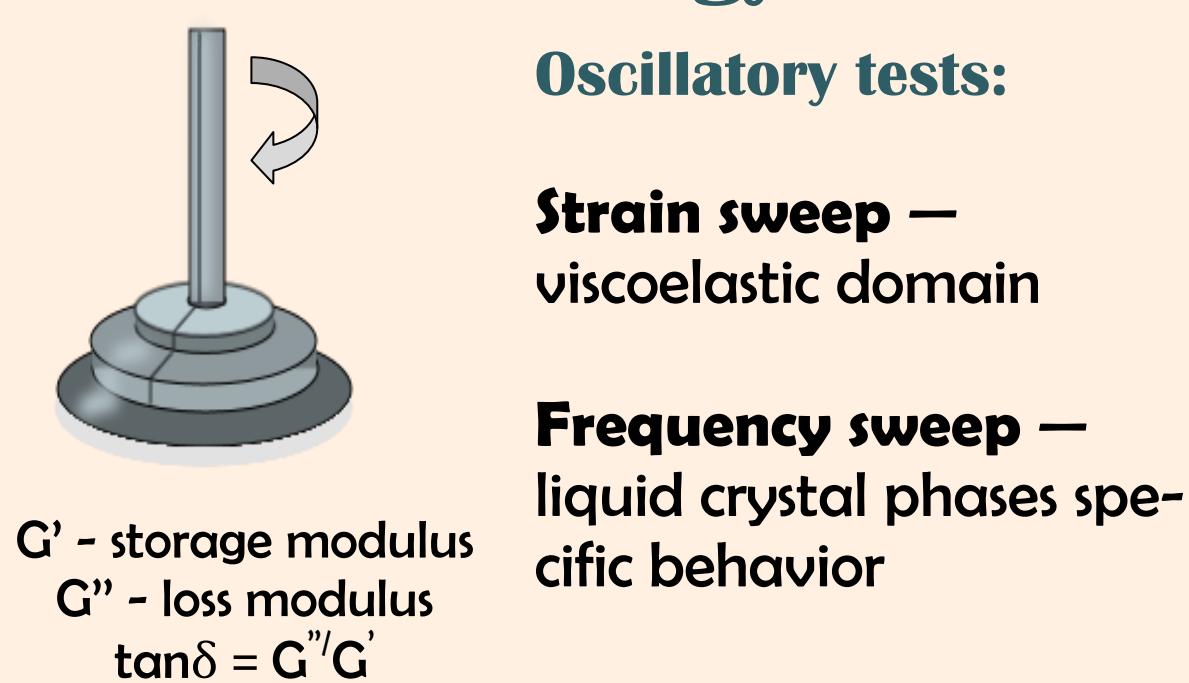
Introduction



Systems & Methods

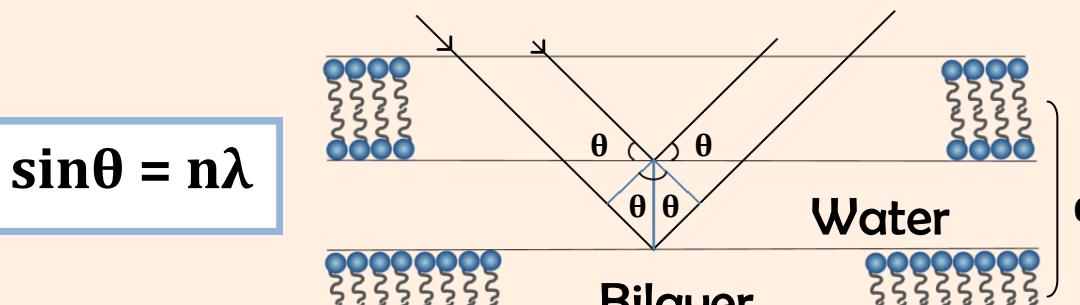


Rheology

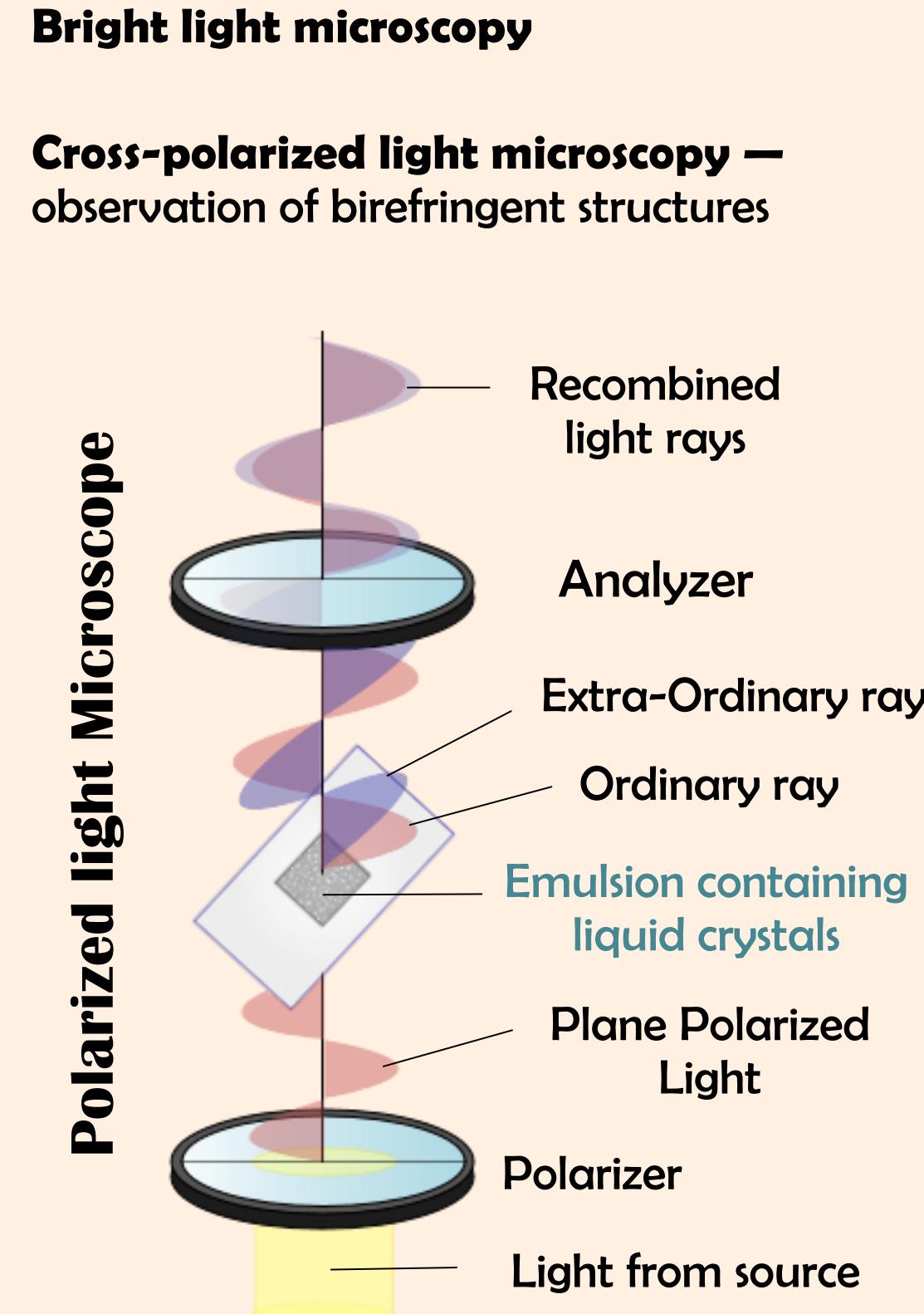


Wide-angle X-ray diffraction

$d \rightarrow$ the liquid crystal organization.
WAXD was mostly applied to lamellar phase analysis

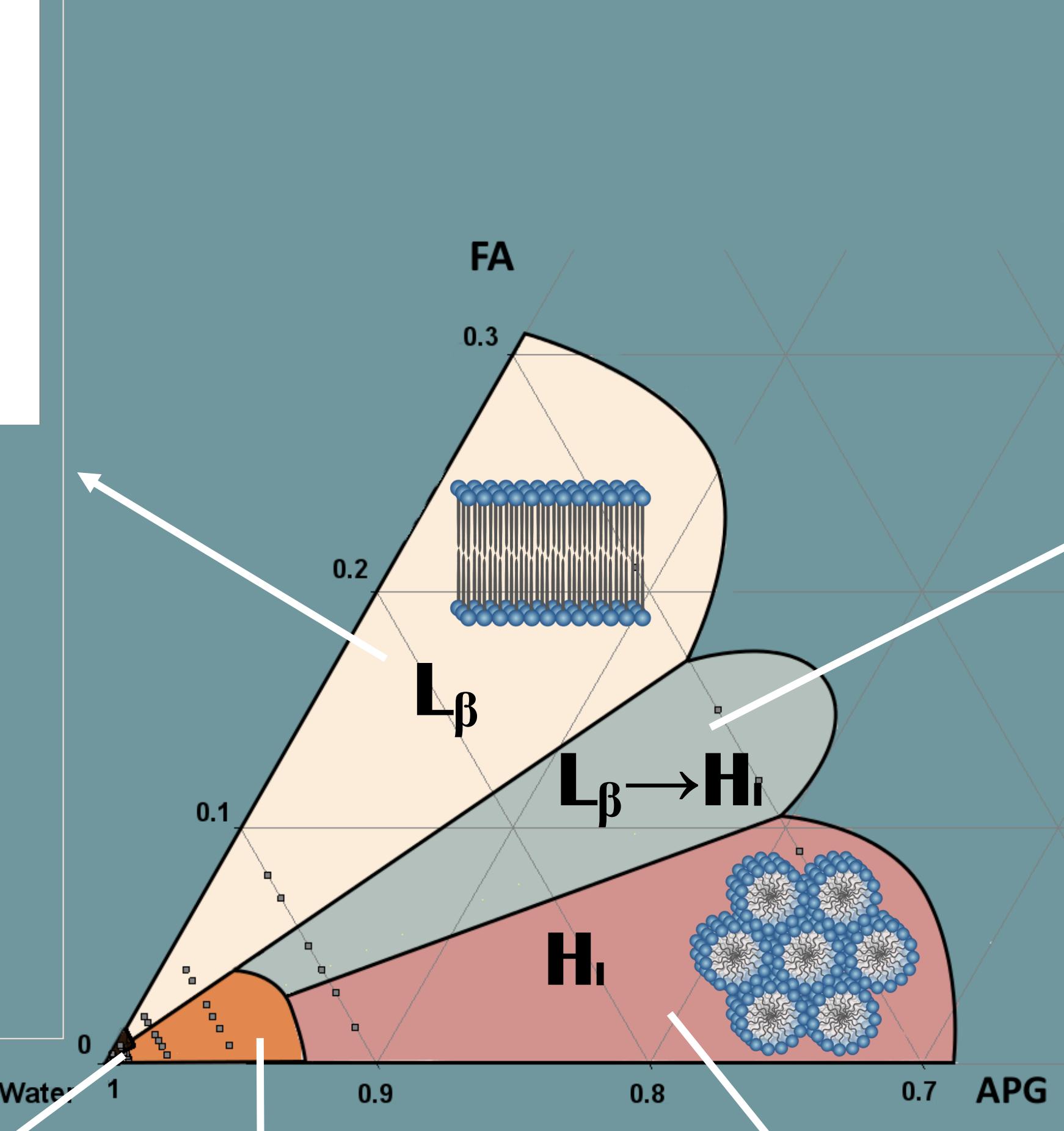
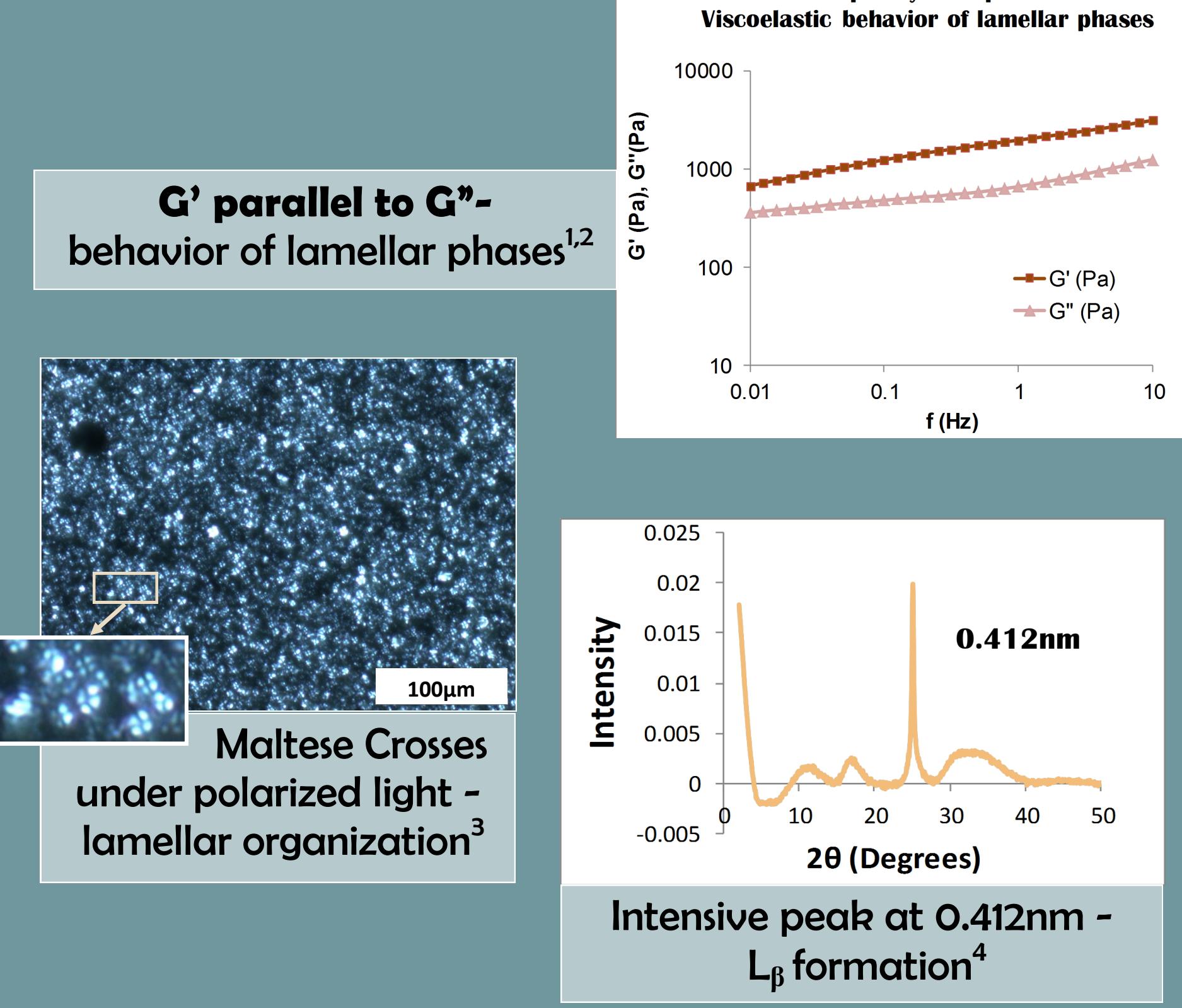


Microscopy

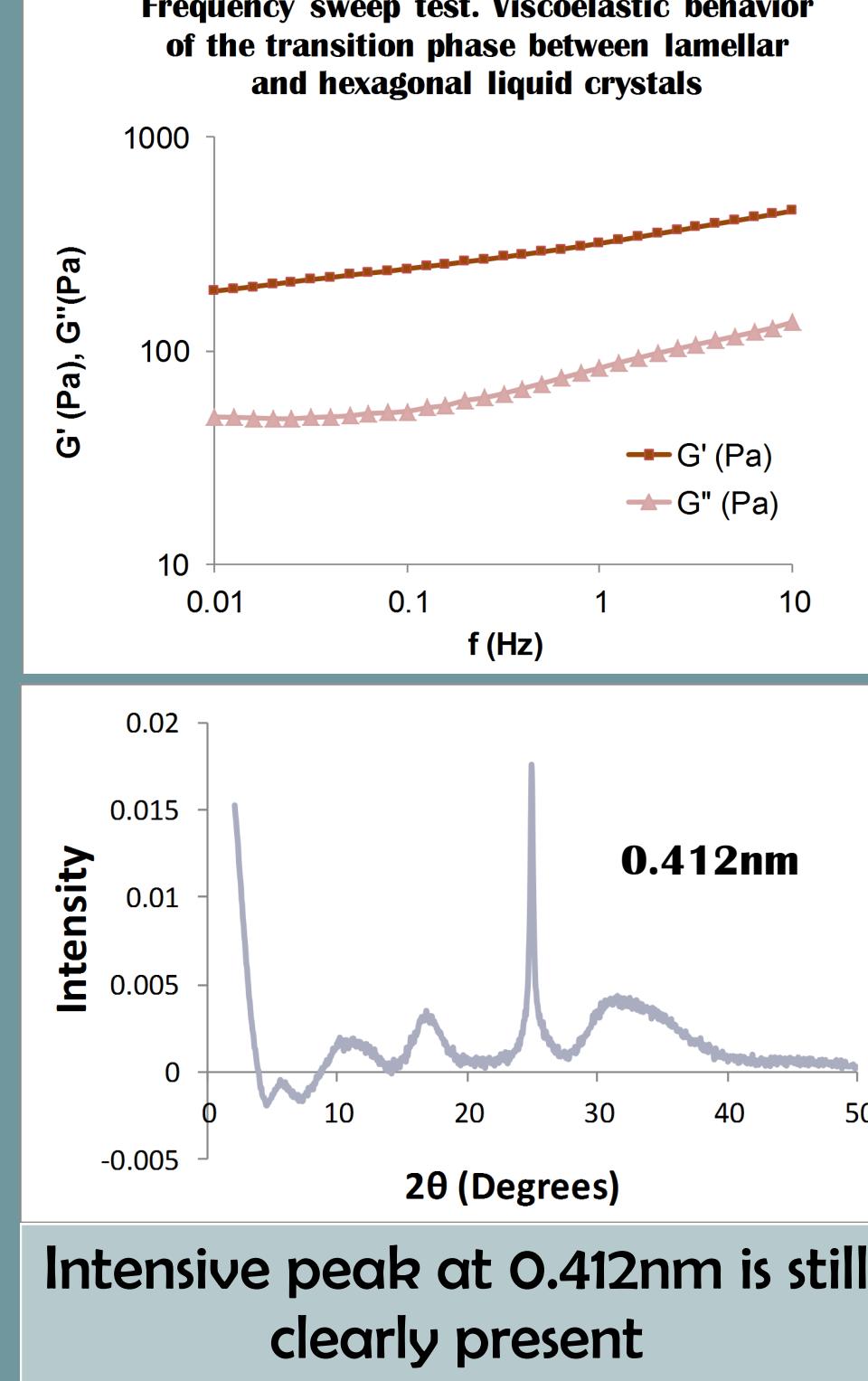


Results - Phase diagram

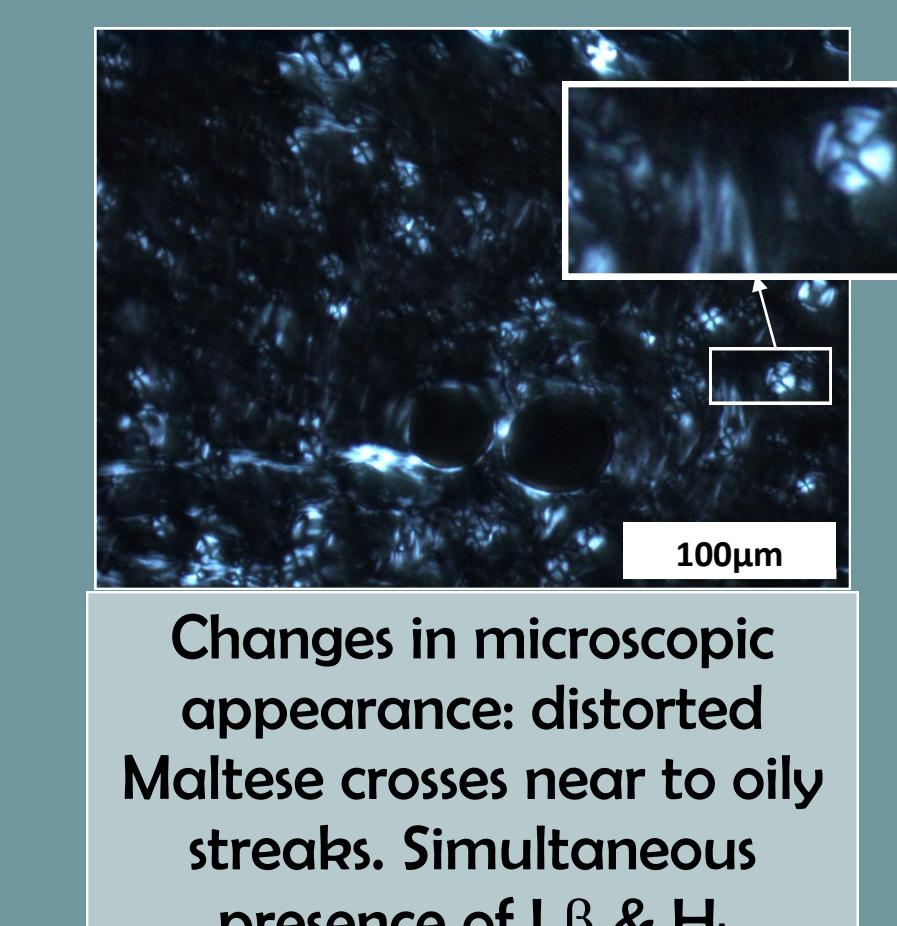
Lamellar phase - L_B



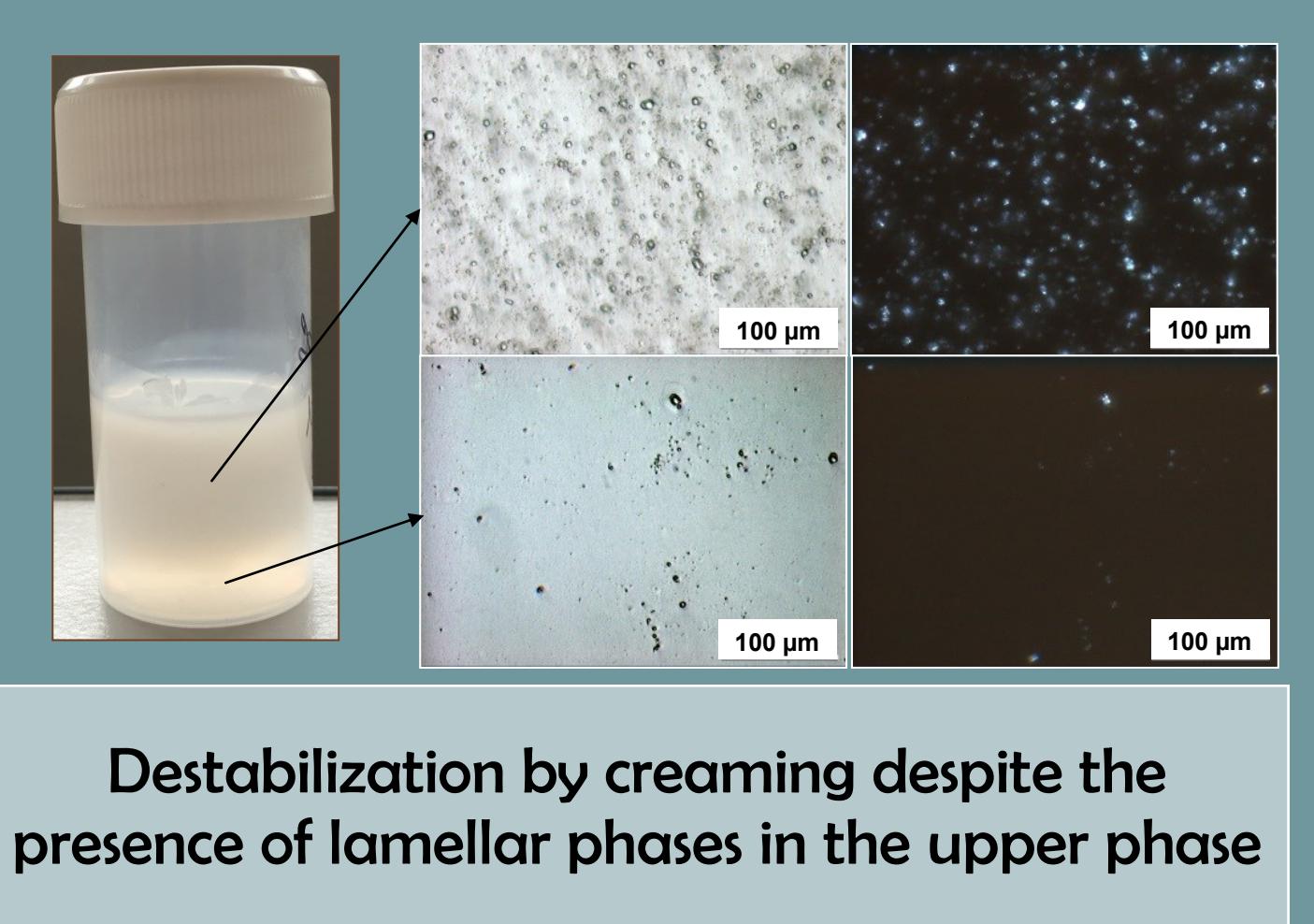
Lamellar L_B to hexagonal H_I phase transition



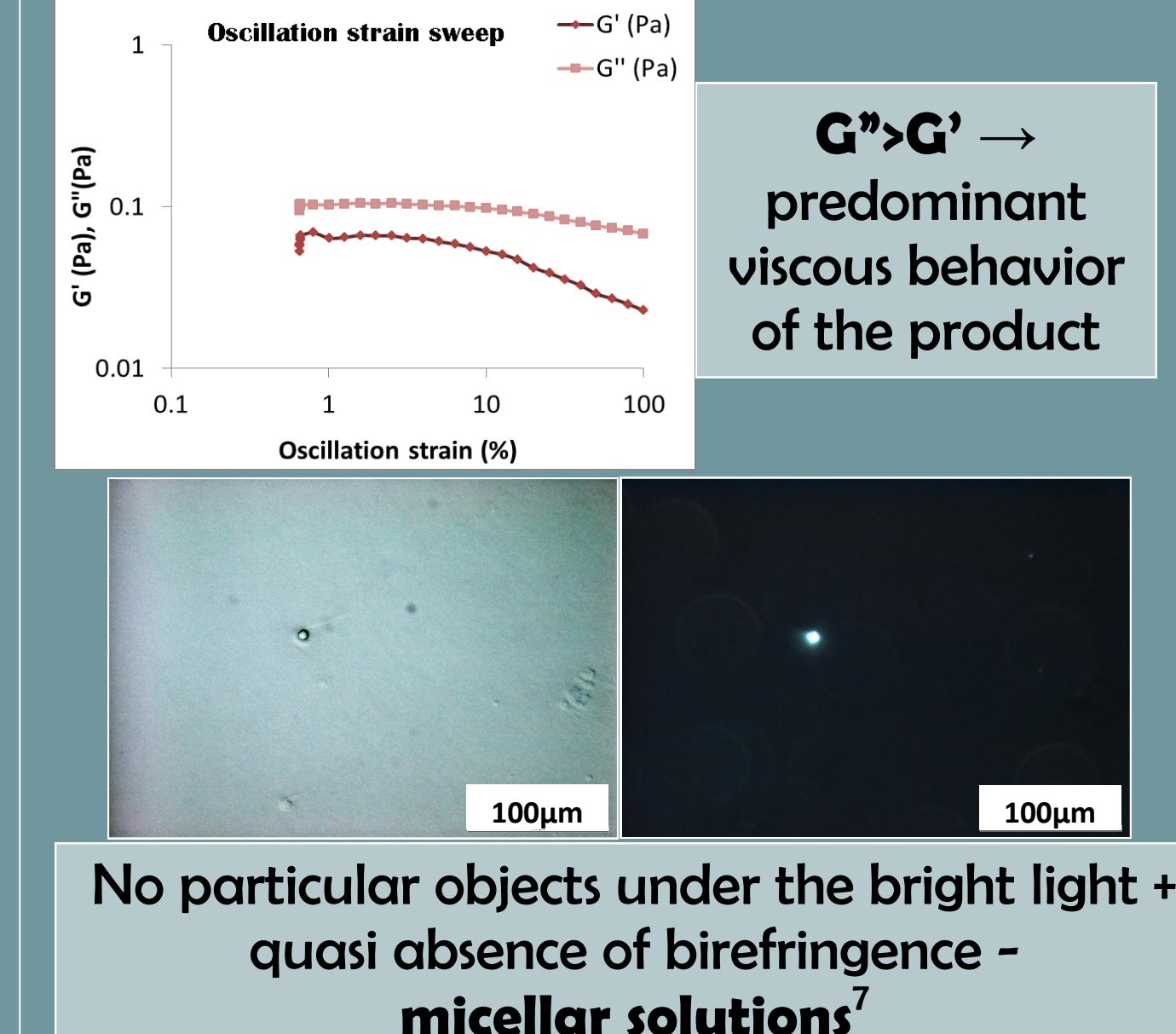
G' parallel to G'', still the behavior of lamellar phases, but the system is less elastic ($G' \downarrow$) and viscoelastic ($\tan\delta \downarrow$) than lamellar L_B phase



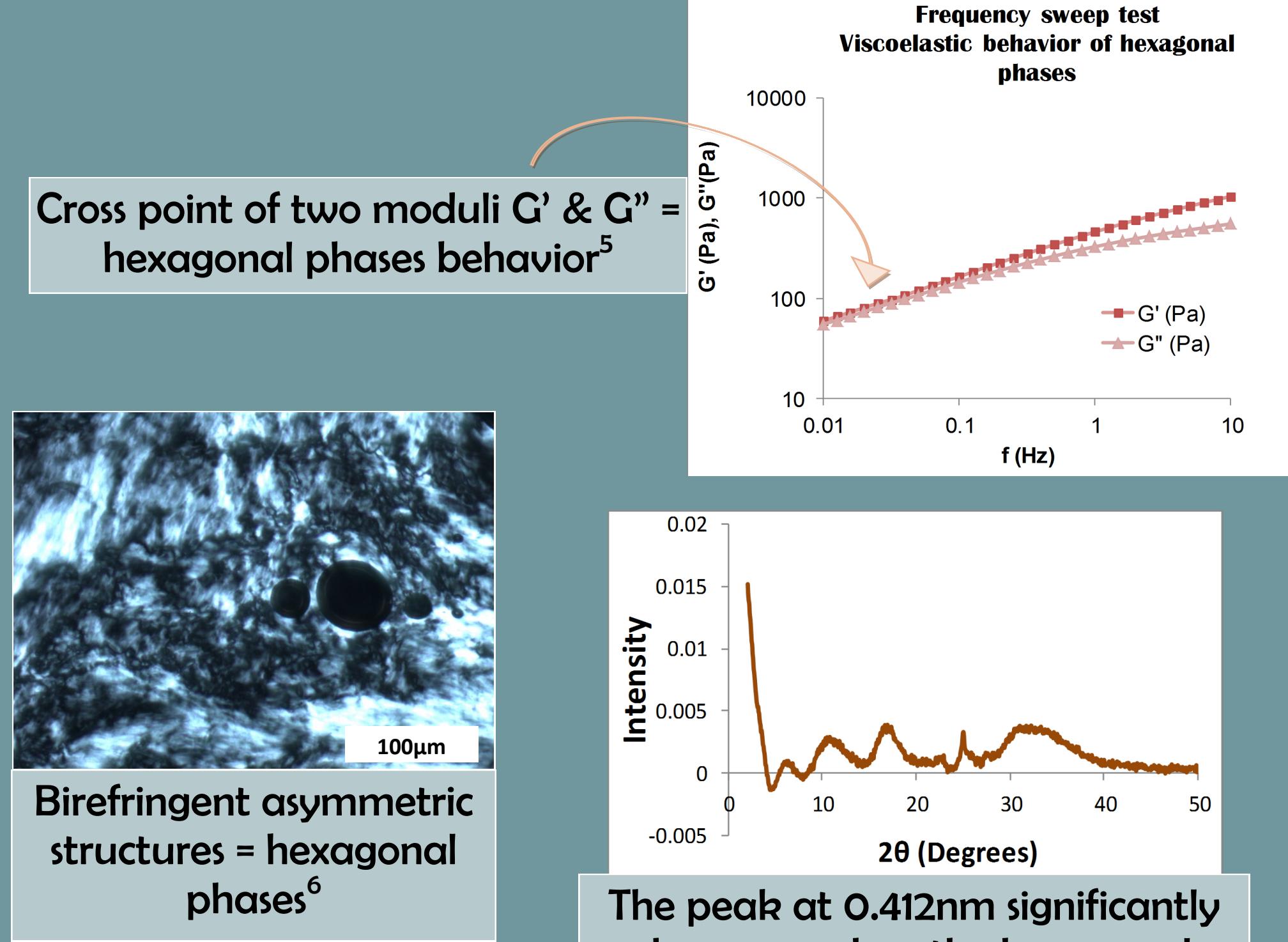
Instability zone



Micellar solution - L₁



Hexagonal phase H_I



Conclusion

From fundamental and industrial point of view:

- Controlling the ratio of an emulsifier/co-emulsifier mixture = controlling the liquid crystalline form(s) of the system;
- Controlling the liquid crystalline forms of the system = controlling the microscopic & macroscopic properties of final formulations.

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