

# Shocking Data On Parcel Shipments of Protein Solutions

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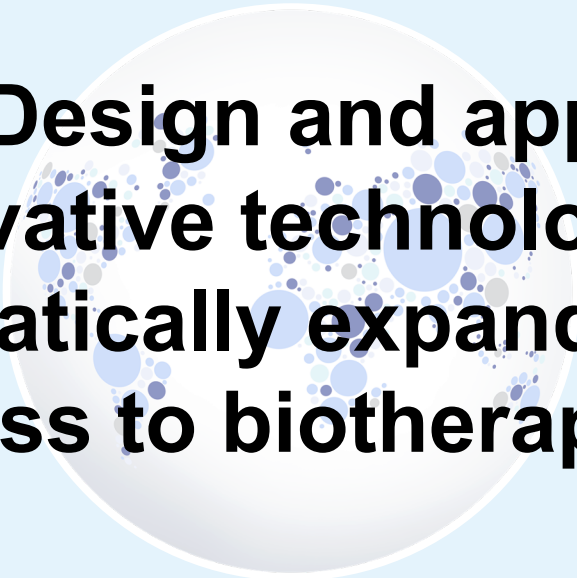
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# The Just Mission

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There are many ways to help expand global access

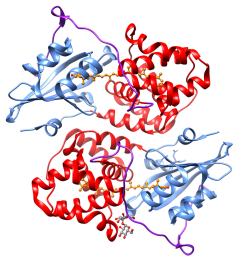
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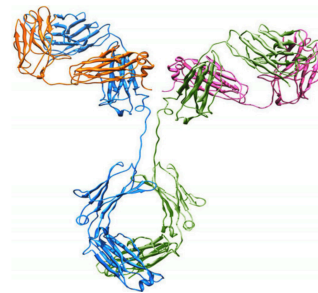
**Design and apply  
innovative technologies to  
dramatically expand global  
access to biotherapeutics**

# The goal of our transportation studies

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Develop a relatively quick,  
low-cost study for early  
formulation development  
that is predictive of  
transportation stability



## Early formulation studies focus on storage

### Conformational and colloidal stability



- Thermal analysis
- Chemical induced unfolding
- Shaking/vortexing studies
- pH jump studies
- PEG induced ppt
- $K_d$  or  $B_{22}$  analysis
- Viscosity

### Platform Storage Conditions

- Frozen
- Liquid
- Lyophilized



Quiescent storage at  
-70°C, -20°C, 4°C,  
30°C and 40°C



Freeze/Thaw



In Use

Transportation studies tend to be excluded during IND-enabling formulation development

# Companies are moving towards refrigerated liquid formulations for Phase 1

Multiple stresses occur during transportation of DP to the clinical sites



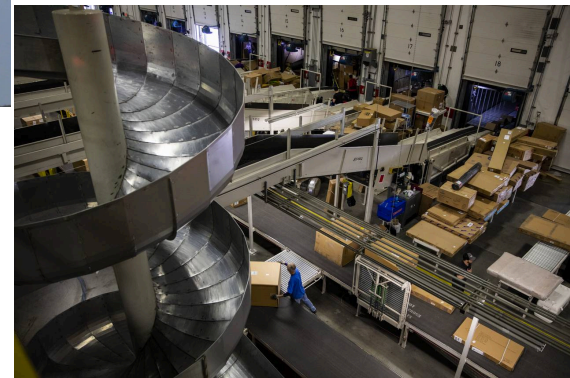
- Spring shock trucks
- Air ride trucks



- Air transport produces vibration, shock and air pressure change



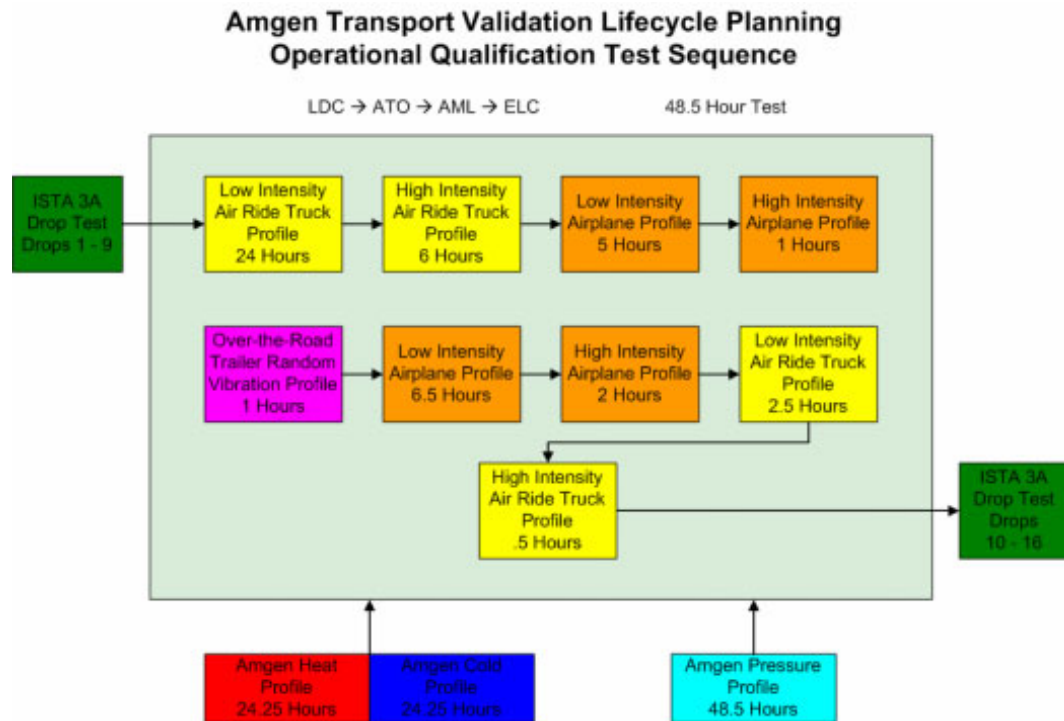
- Hand delivery to the doctor, pharmacy, patient



- Package sorting warehouse can produce shock exposure

# A well-planned transport simulation study

Vibration, shock, temperature, air pressure



A validated transportation study is necessary for commercialization, but is not always practical for early development

- Small companies won't have these facilities on site
- Speed is critical, these studies can be time consuming
- Scheduling with contractors may be logistically difficult
- For emerging companies, cost is an issue and is difficult to justify for a small number of samples

# Recent technology made low-cost refrigerated shipping and monitoring feasible

## Temperature control

- Nano Cool™ System



## Monitoring

- SenseAware® device

- temperature
- humidity
- barometric pressure
- g-shock
- light exposure

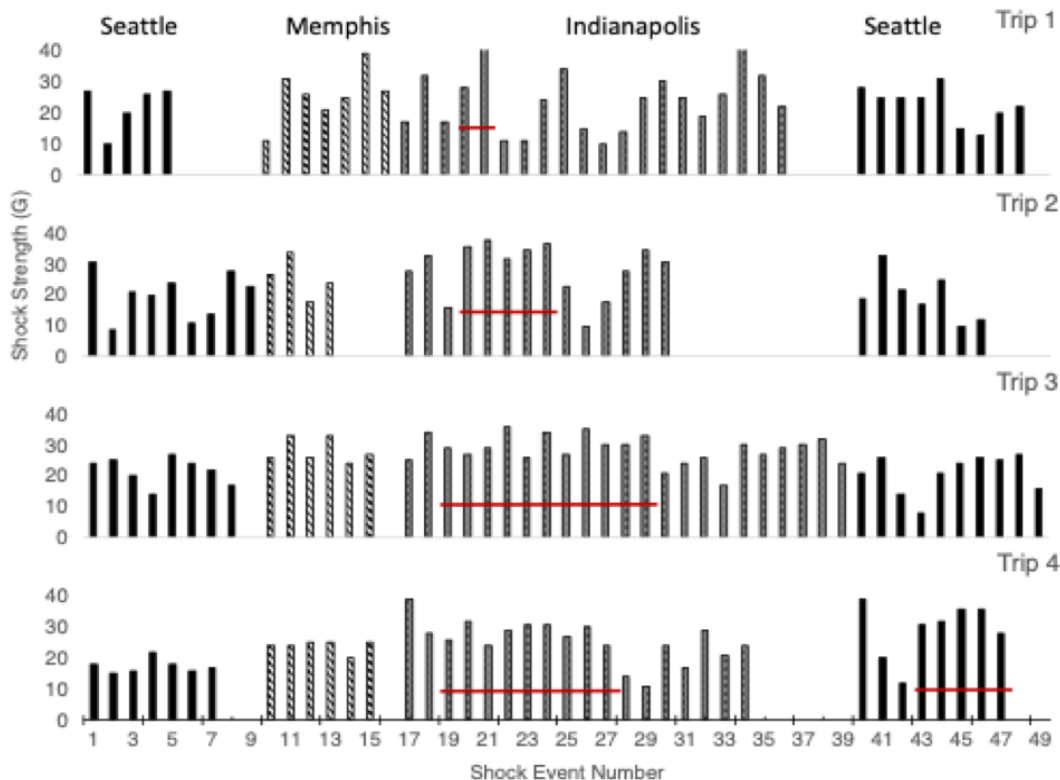


Combining these systems allows us to ship a small set of samples while maintaining temperature control and monitoring multiple aspects of the shipment

# Monitoring results of shipments



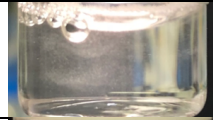
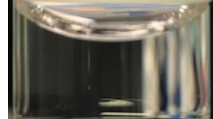

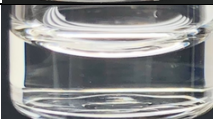
## Consistent shocks occurred during each shipment



- 4 different shipments were sent to Indianapolis and back
- Samples were purposely dropped the box 10 times before shipping back to Seattle
- Likely not all drops are being captured if they are occurring too close together
- Over the 4 shipments, 40-50 shocks were registered during each trip
- Shock values range from 10g – 40g with an average of 25g
- All shocks have a gps location

## Drop shocks alone show visible particles

The particles appear distinctly different from those particles observed when shipped

Sample Name	Shipped	Lab Dropped	Number of Particles	Picture
0% Polysorbate	+	-	TMC	
0.01% Polysorbate	+	-	0	
0% Polysorbate	-	+	TMC	
0.01% Polysorbate	-	+	0	

Shipped

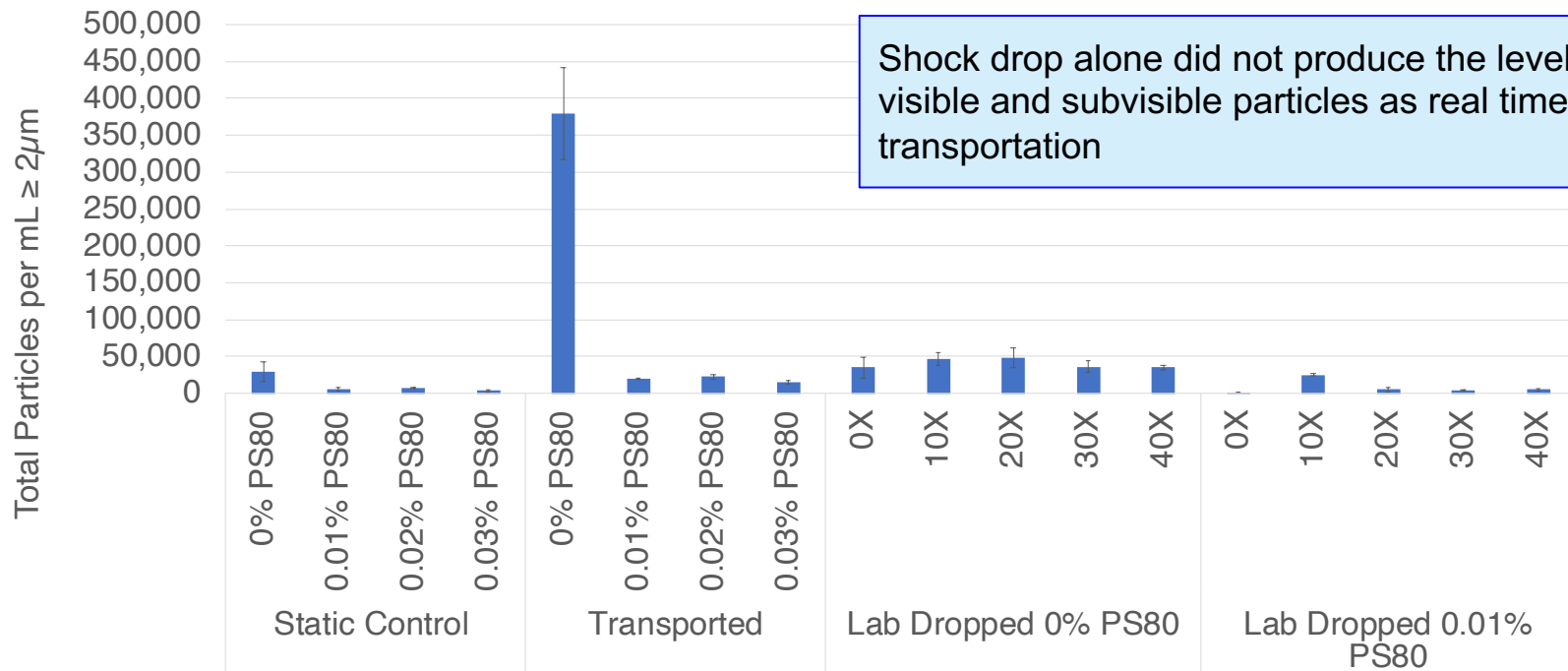
Visible particles show a cloudy appearance

Drop only (40X from 18 inches)

Visible particles show a more discreet appearance

# Drop shocks did not fully simulate subvisible particles

Submicron particles  $\geq 2\mu\text{m}$  by Flow Cam

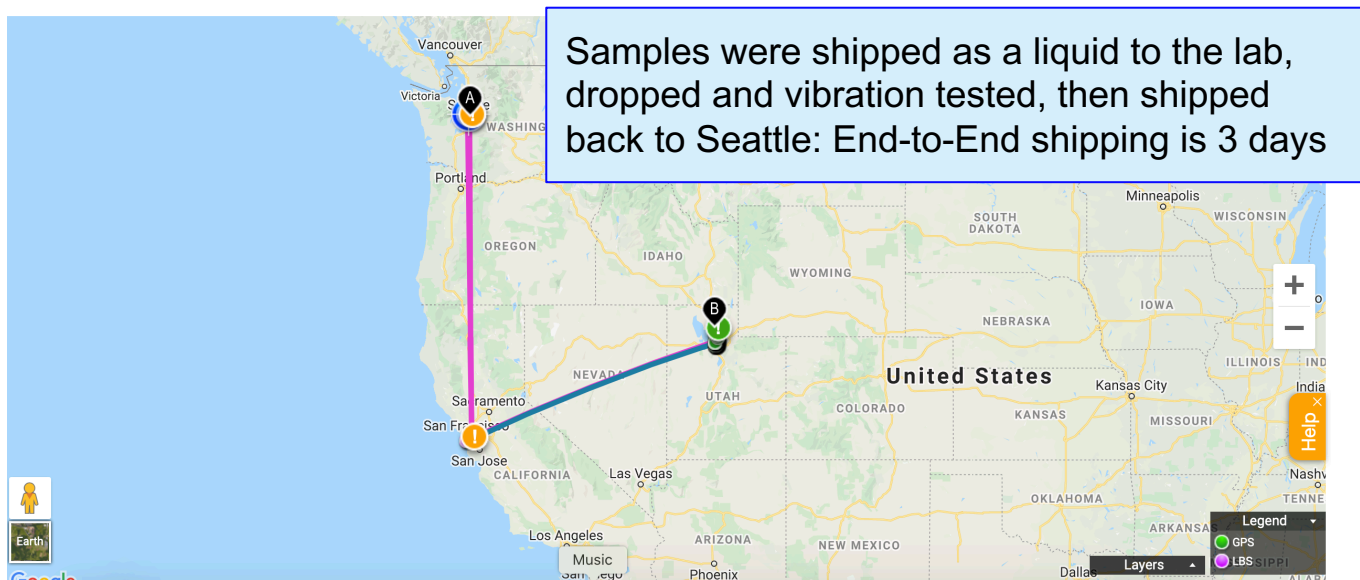


Shock drop alone did not produce the levels of visible and subvisible particles as real time transportation

100mg/mL mAb  
10mM Acetate  
pH 5.2  
9% Sucrose  
+/- Polysorbate

## Shipping study developed using a testing lab

- Sample shipped to Rocky Mountain Testing Solutions in Utah and back to Seattle



## Drop and vibration performed at RMTS

- Drop Testing
  - 16 drops at 15"
- Rotary Vibration
  - Placed bottom down, 222 RPM for 20 mins. Box then rotated 90 degrees at 190 RPM for 20 mins.
- Vehicle Vibration Simulation
  - Total of 3 hours of vibration
    - 40 mins at low vibration, 15 mins at medium vibration, 5 minutes at high vibration
    - 2 hours air vibration at assurance level II
- Drop Testing
  - 5 drops at 15", 1 drop at 30"

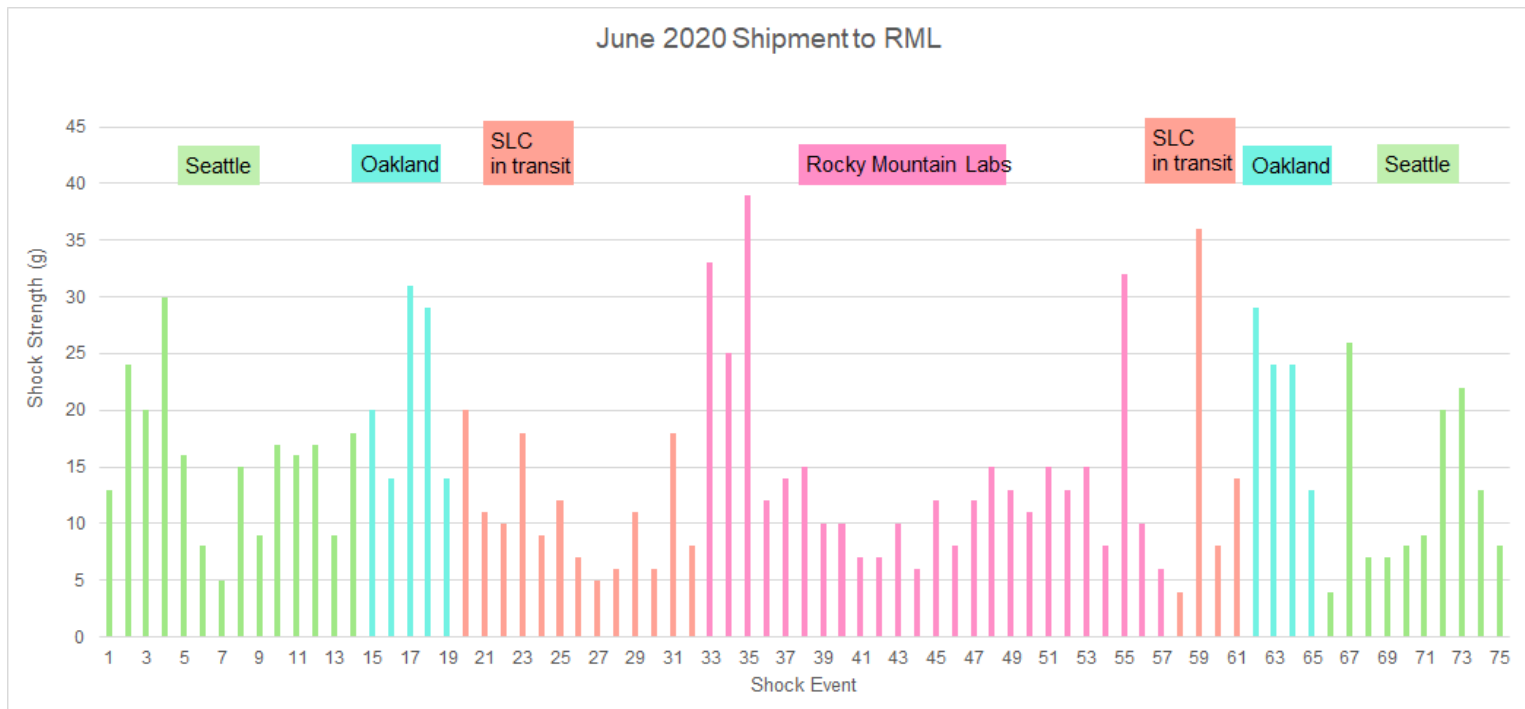


Photograph 4. 1st Sequence - Drop 4 - Setup.



Photograph 8. Loose Load Setup Rotated 90° Setup.

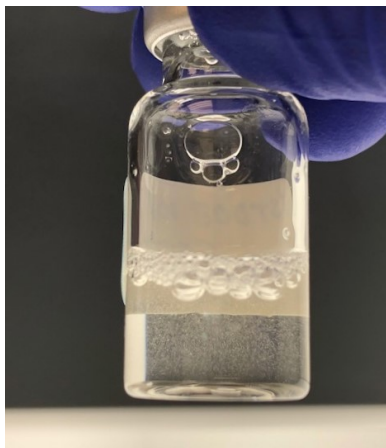
# Similar shock patterns observed in shipments to Utah and Indiana



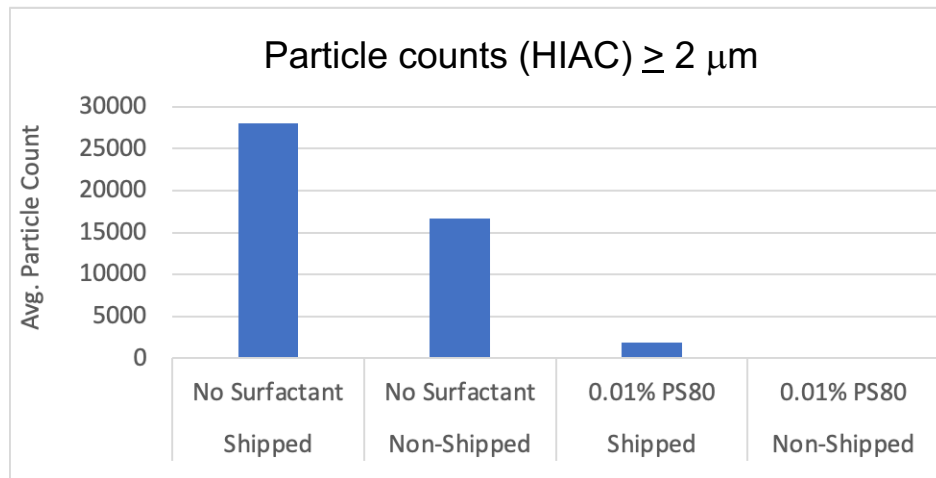
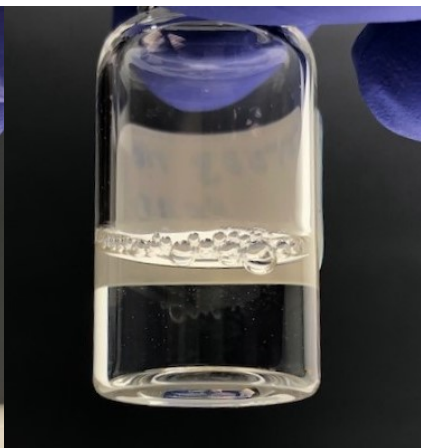
## Results similar to prior observations

mAb was at 100 mg/mL in acetate/sucrose/ +/- surfactant/ pH 5.2

**NO** Surfactant



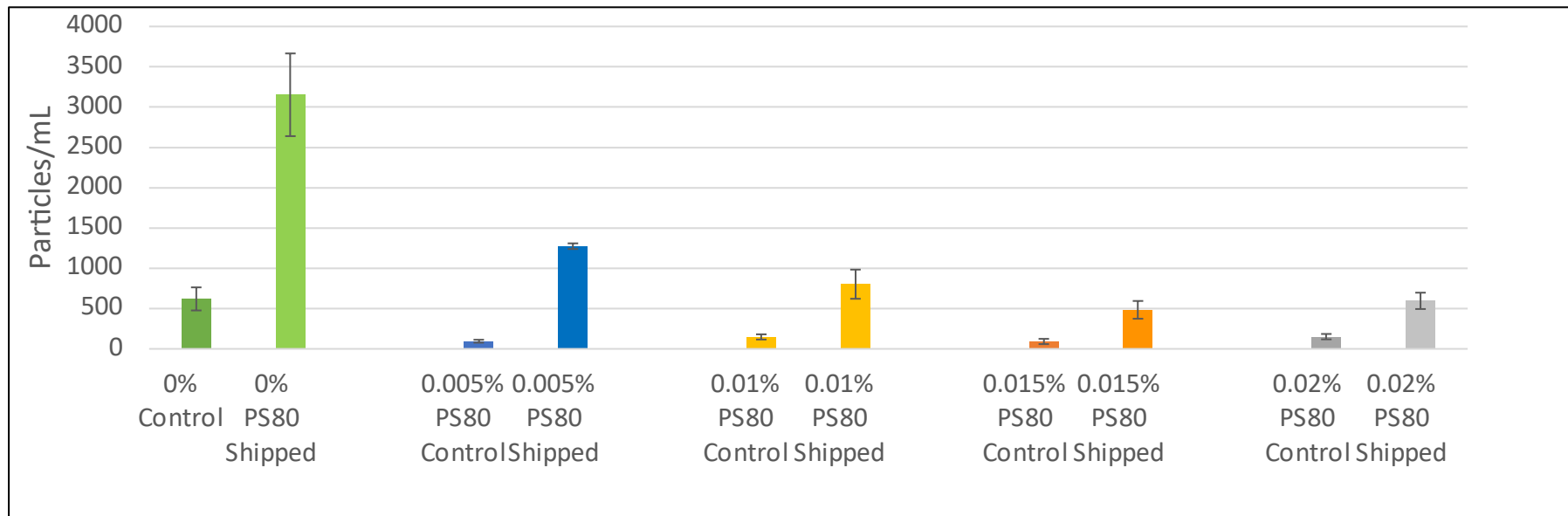
0.01% PS80



- Without polysorbate this mAb particulates under static conditions

# Shipping study can be used for defining the amount of polysorbate in a formulation

Particles greater than **2 $\mu$ m** before and after shipping



## Conclusions

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- Early readout of transportation induced degradation would be helpful for determining an appropriate formulation
- Shipping using domestic shipping routes show particle formation in samples without polysorbate and a severe reduction in particle formation in the presence of polysorbate
- Monitoring of real time transportation along 2 different routes showed consistent shock events between 10g and 40g occurring in domestic travel
- Lab drops (up to 40) did not fully replicate real time transportation particle levels suggesting that a combination of shock and vibration is needed for evaluation of transport stress
- Domestic shipping studies appear to be an adequate quick, low cost read out of transportation stress allowing us to set polysorbate levels during early formulation development

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