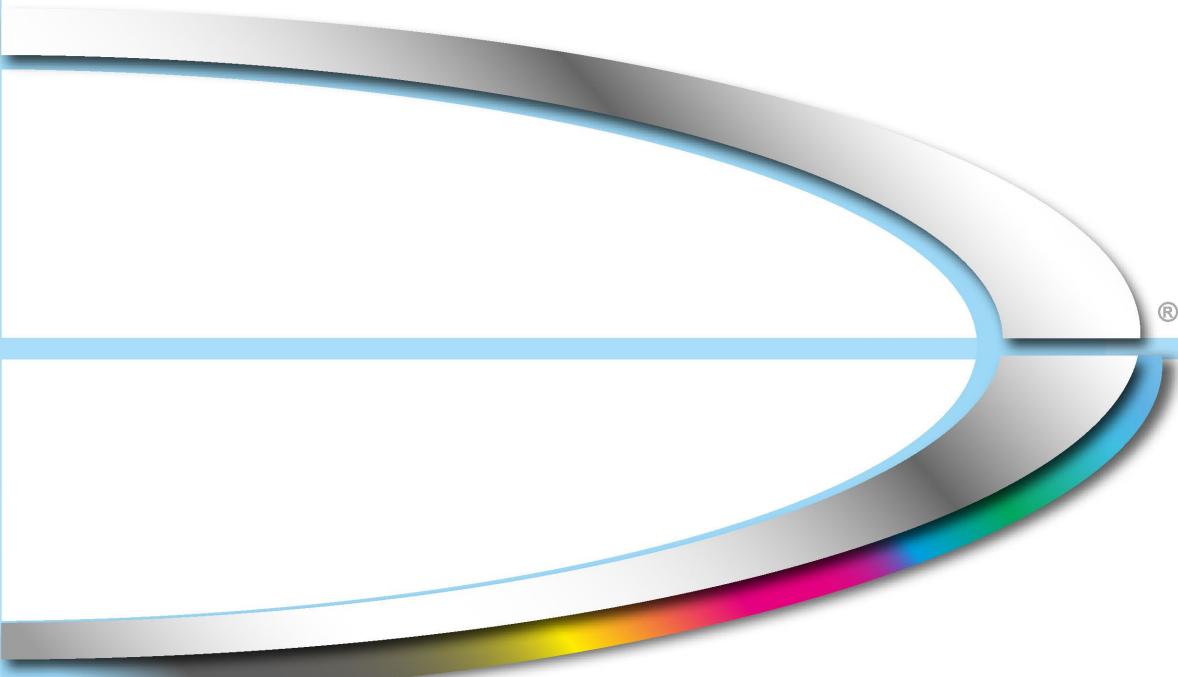


# De-Risking Oral Controlled Release Dosage Forms, the Corelease™ Way





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## Formulated Film Coatings

Enabling the design and development of medicines to improve adherence, reduce medication errors and add value to brands.

## Functional Packaging

Packaging solutions that protect healthcare products from humidity and oxygen to support stability and shelf life..



**Our Purpose: To improve health and wellness through convenience, compliance and safety**

## Controlled Release Technologies

Reliable, innovation-driven solutions that prioritize boosting productivity and enhancing manufacturing efficiency

## Specialty Excipients

Ingredients for tablet and capsule formulation, designed for manufacturability and productivity.

# Colorcon Delivers Solutions for a Challenging Industry

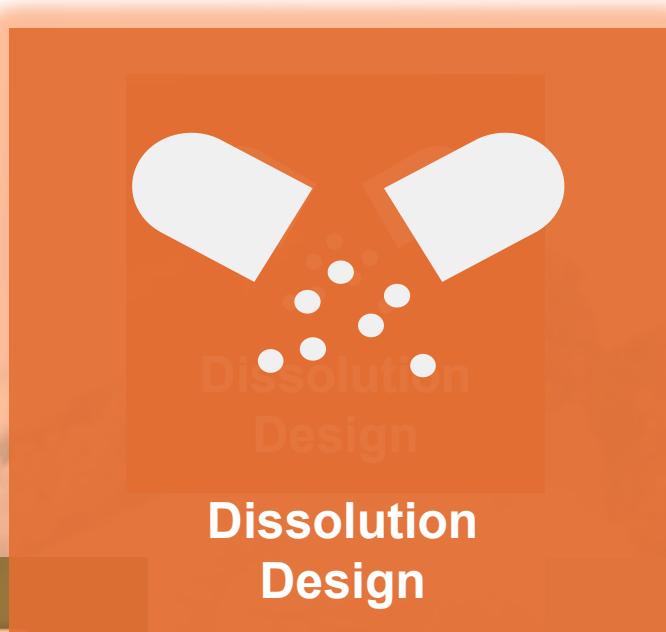


# Global Technical Service Centres



Strategically located network provides fast access points to our technical experts and trial support laboratories

# Platform Solutions



# Platform Solutions – Dissolution Design

## Industry Trend:

Life cycle management through modified delivery profiles and product line extensions



Controlled Release Formulated Systems

### Challenge

Choosing the **right technology** to achieve targeted and reproducible release profile

**Expertise** in specialist technology

**Limited access** to technology

### Solution

**Corelease™, controlled release formulated systems** to eliminate complexity of drug development, optimize drug delivery and drive manufacturing efficiency

Locally available **specialists and applications expertise** for fast formulation development



# Enhance Efficiency in Development & Manufacturing of Push-Pull Osmotic Pumps (PPOPs)

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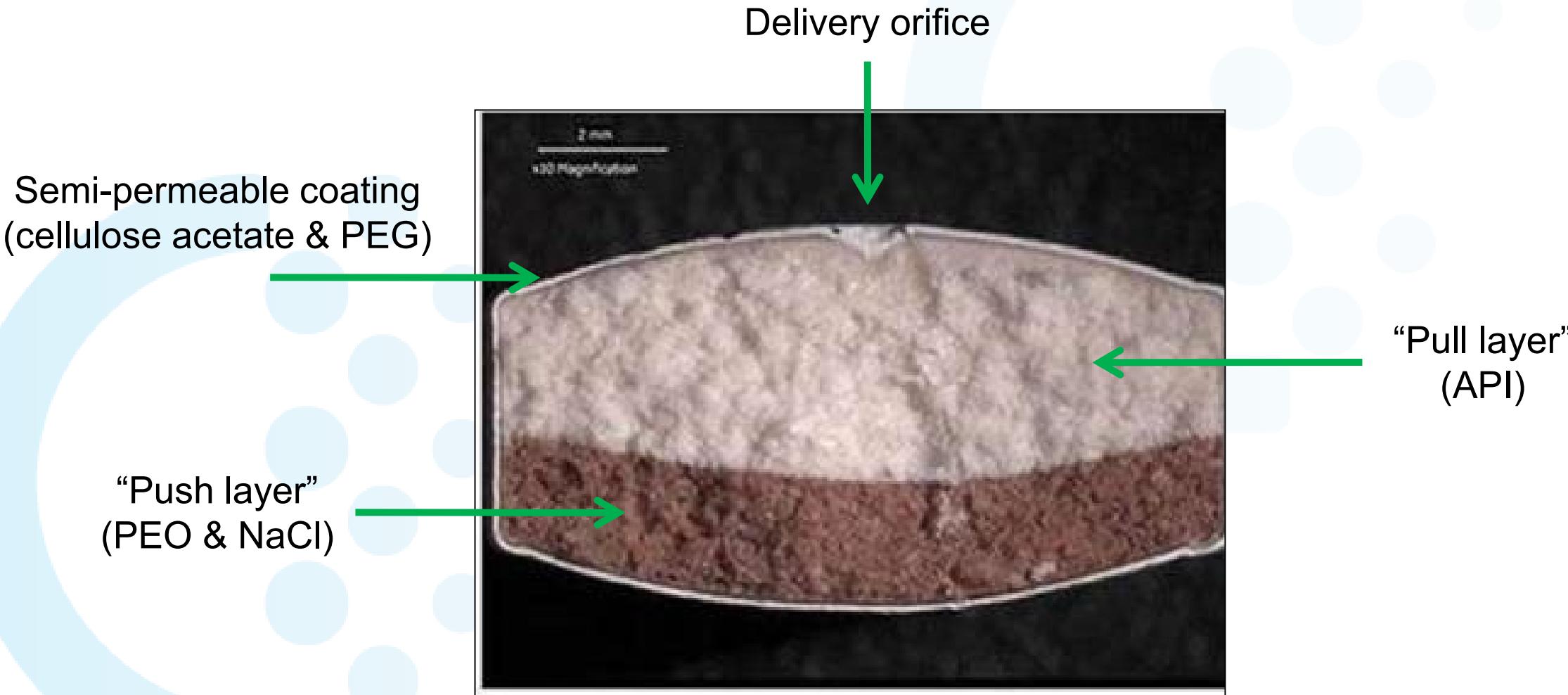
# Benefits of Osmotic Pump Technology



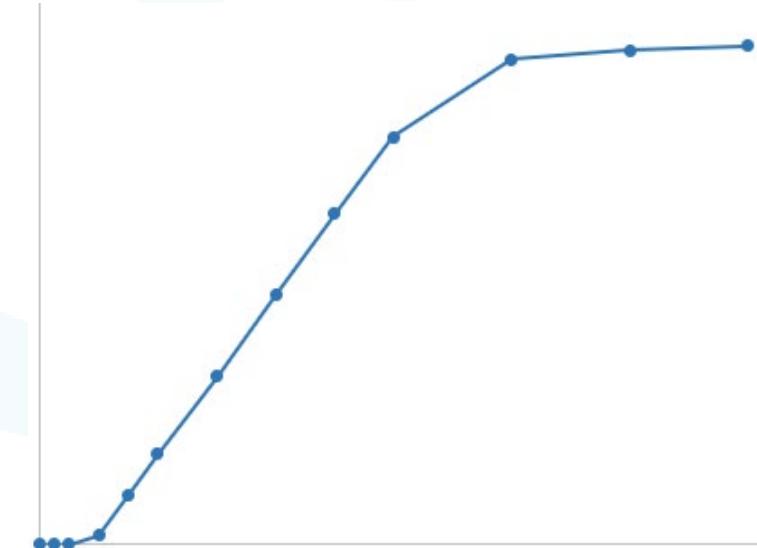
- ✓ Zero-order drug release with minimal burst effect
- ✓ Consistent & reproducible drug delivery rate
- ✓ Suitable for poorly soluble drugs
- ✓ pH independent drug release
- ✓ Low susceptibility to food effects & GI transit variations
- ✓ High degree of *in vitro* / *in vivo* correlation



# Components of a PPOP Tablet

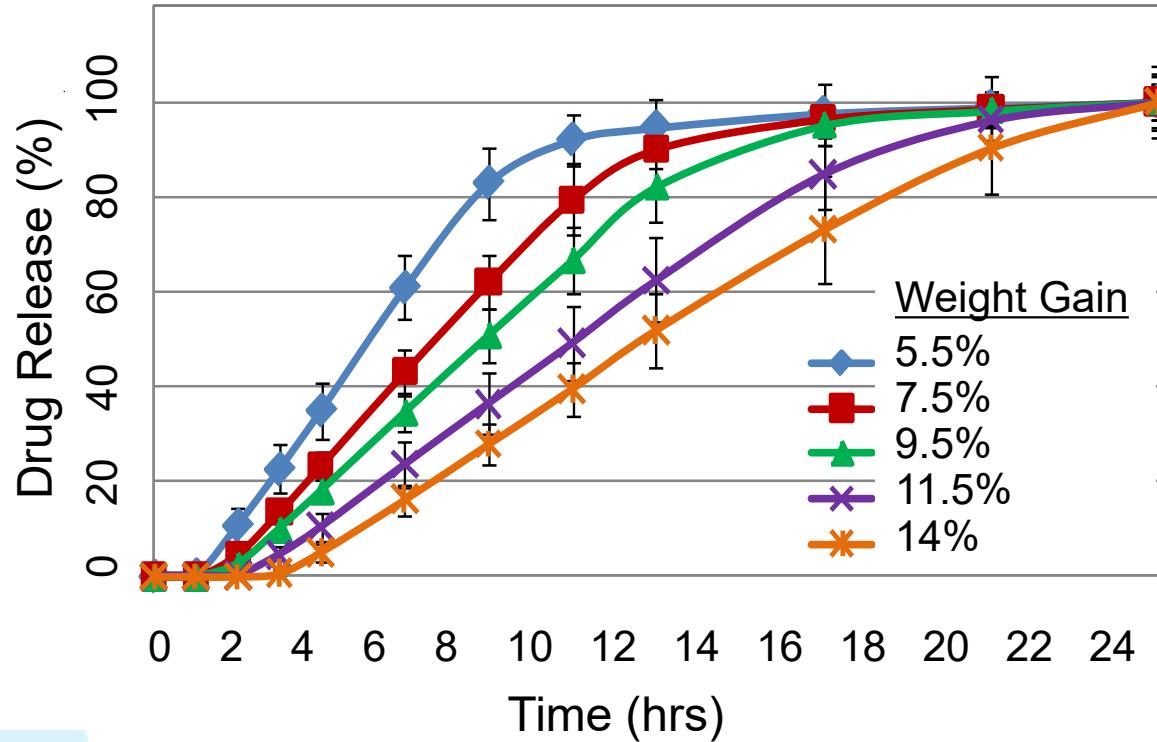


# Mechanism of Drug Release

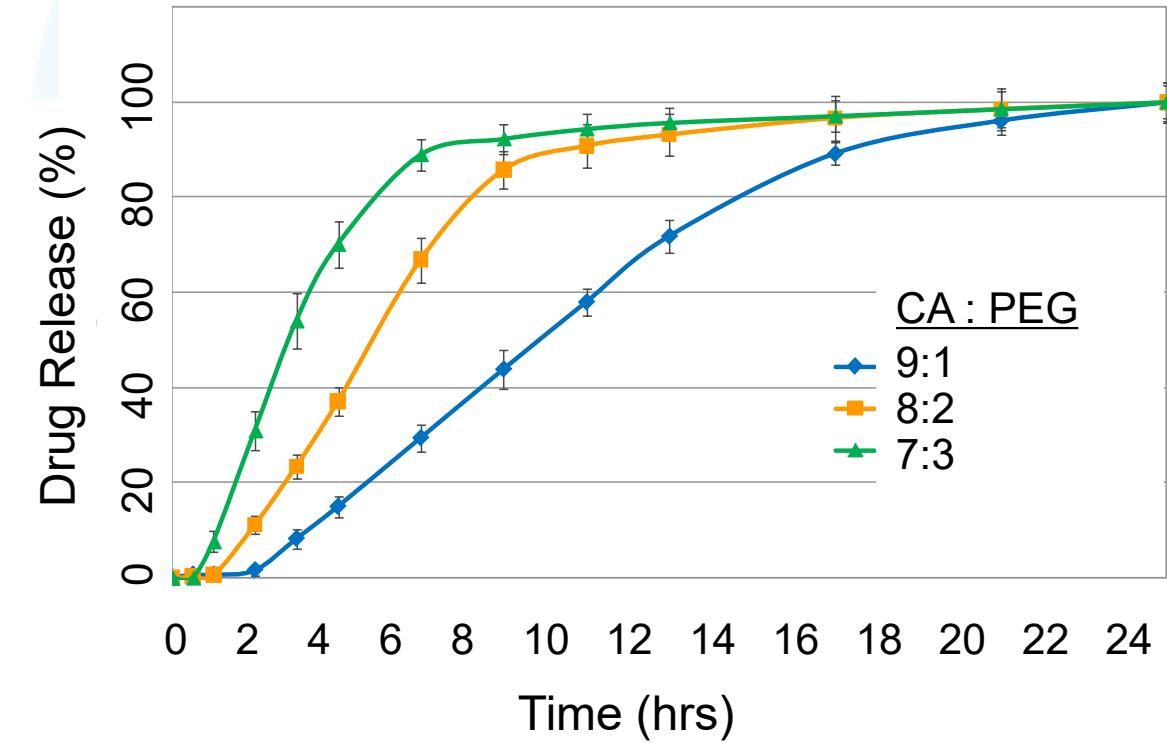


**Zero Order Kinetics**

# Modulation of Drug Release



As coating thickness  $\uparrow$  = rate of drug release  $\downarrow$



As PEG conc.  $\uparrow$  = rate of drug release  $\uparrow$

# Corelease OPL™

Controlled Release Osmotic Push Layer

**Fully-formulated Push Layer  
Designed for Direct  
Compression of PPOP Tablets**

# Corelease CA™

Formulated Osmotic Coating System

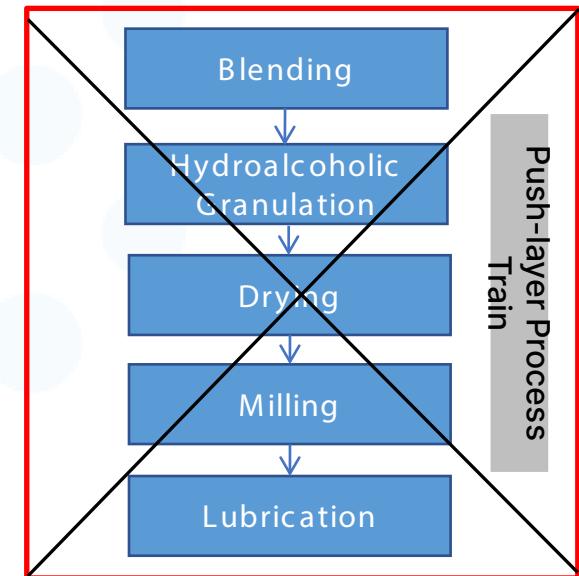
**Fully-formulated Semi-  
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PPOP Tablets**



# Corelease OPL™

## Controlled Release Osmotic Push Layer

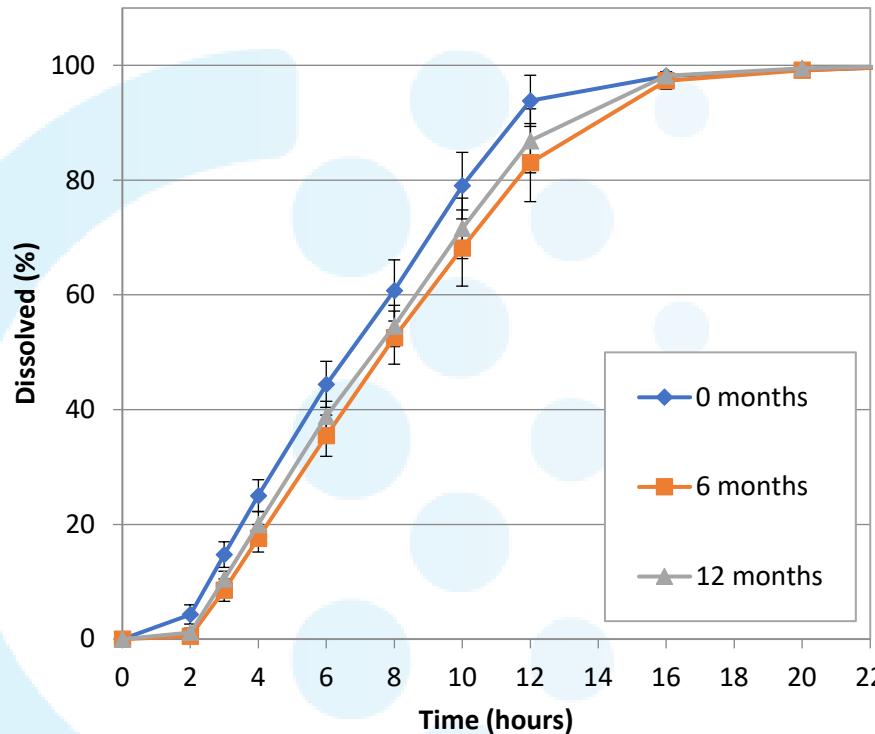
- Single ingredient, dry powder
- Designed for DC  $\Rightarrow$  avoids challenge of granulation with PEO
- Particle sizes controlled to avoid segregation & non-uniform swelling
- Eliminates multiple processing steps
- Reduces cleaning burden of working with PEO
- Overall time & cost savings



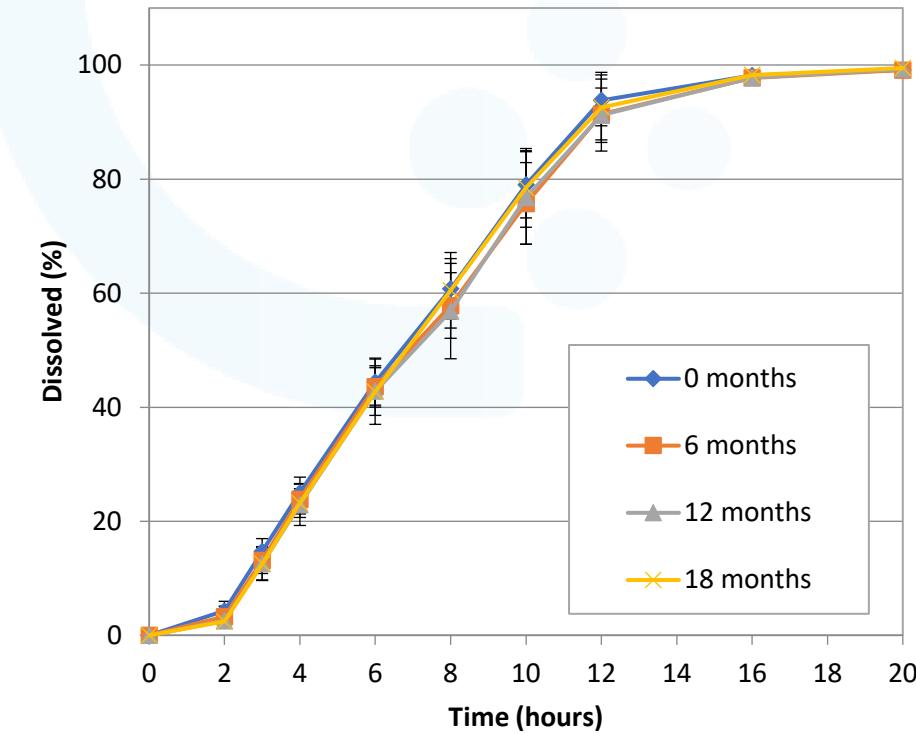
**Single ingredient  $\Rightarrow$  PEO + NaCl + red iron oxide + magnesium stearate**

# Stable Performance

Corelease™ OPL stored at 30°C / 65% RH  
Formulated into Glipizide PPOP



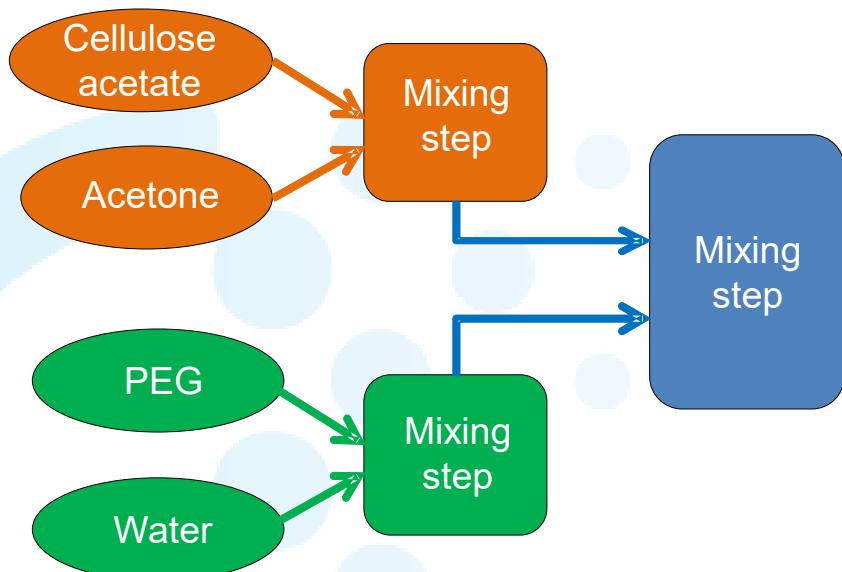
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# CoreleaseCA™

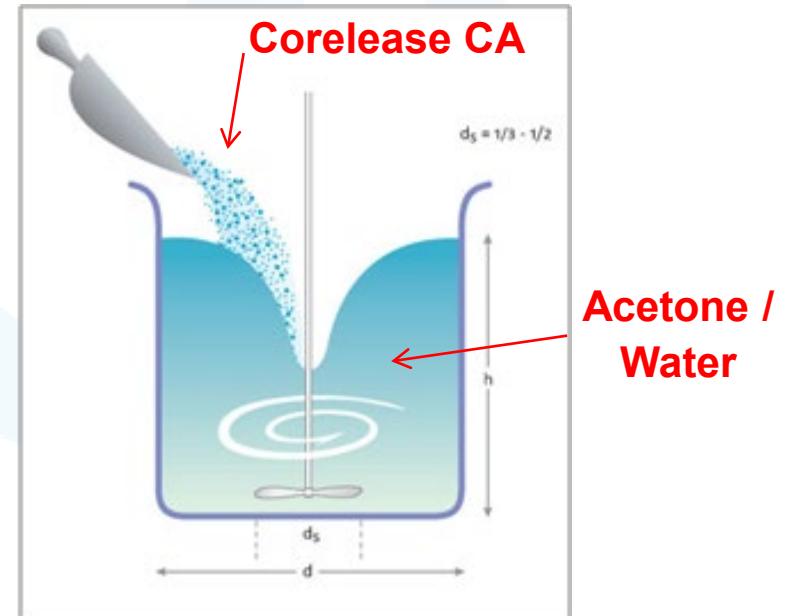
Formulated Osmotic Coating System

## Conventional Method



Multi-step (75-110 mins.)

## Corelease™ CA



One-step (45 mins.)

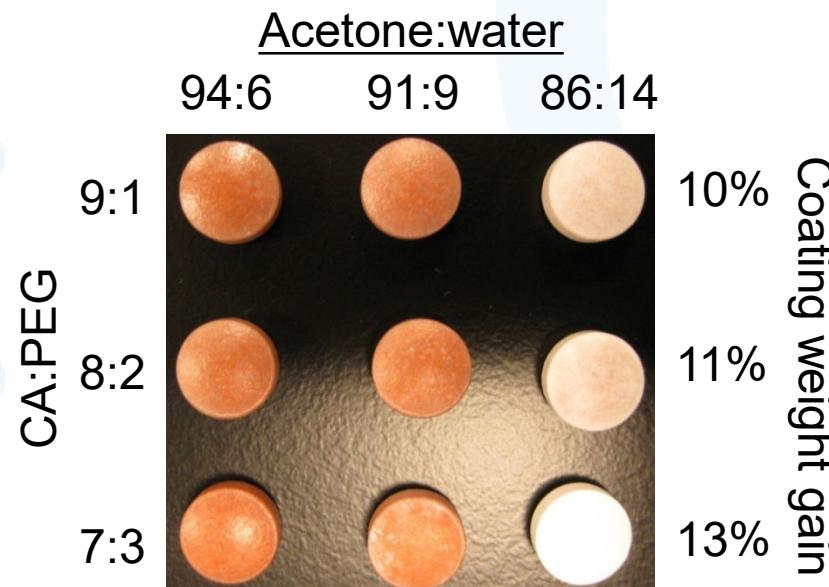
**Single ingredient  $\Rightarrow$  Cellulose Acetate + PEG**

# Coating Process Optimization

**Non-optimized coating parameters may impact film transparency**

Solids content of CA/PEG  
in acetone:water (90:10)

5.5%      7.0%      8.5%



Gun-to bed Distance

8.9 cm      12.7 cm



**Cellulose acetate / PEG coating controls rate of water migration → controls rate of drug release**

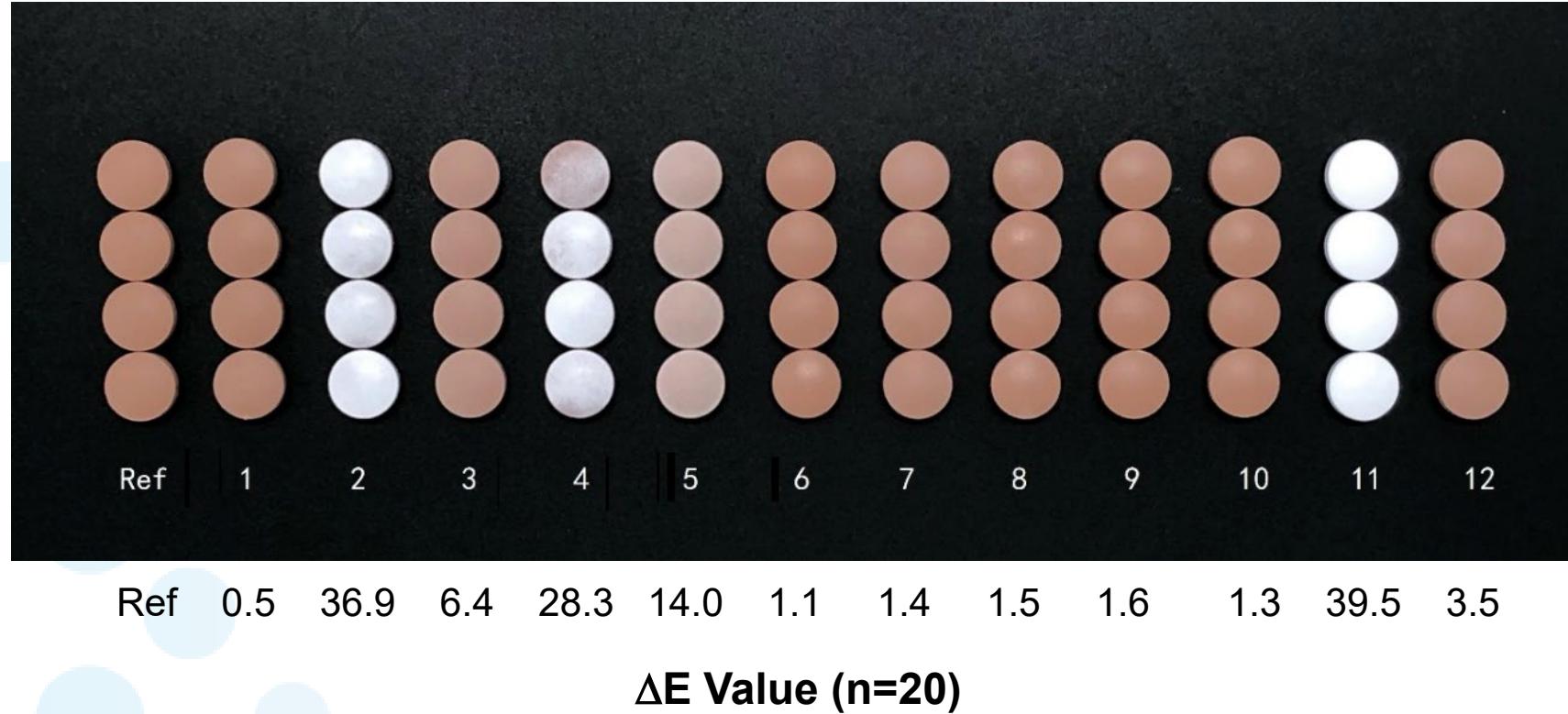
# Influence of Corelease™ CA Coating Parameters on Film Transparency – DoE Study



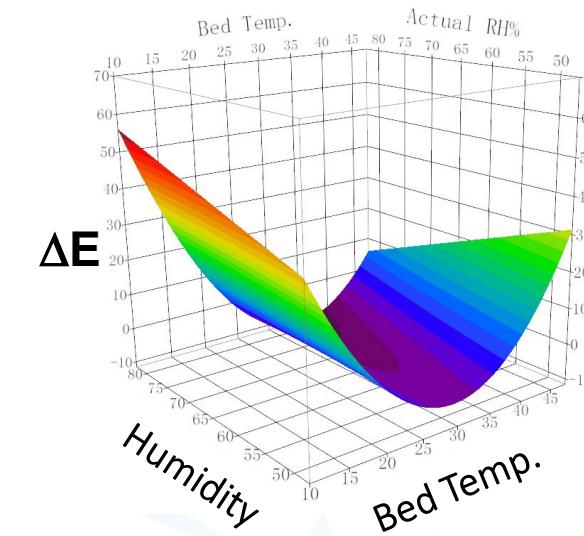
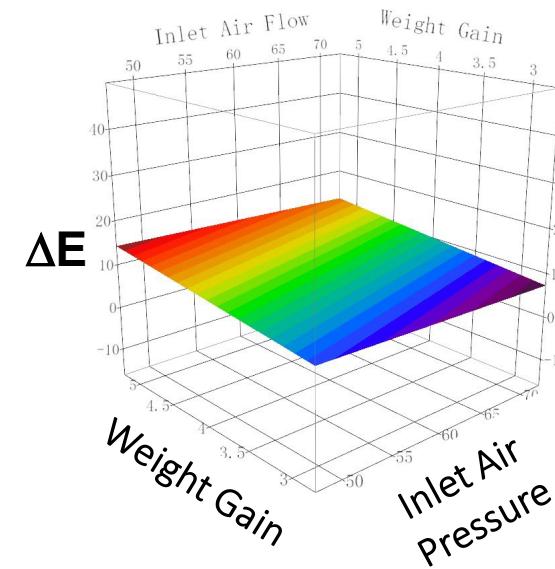
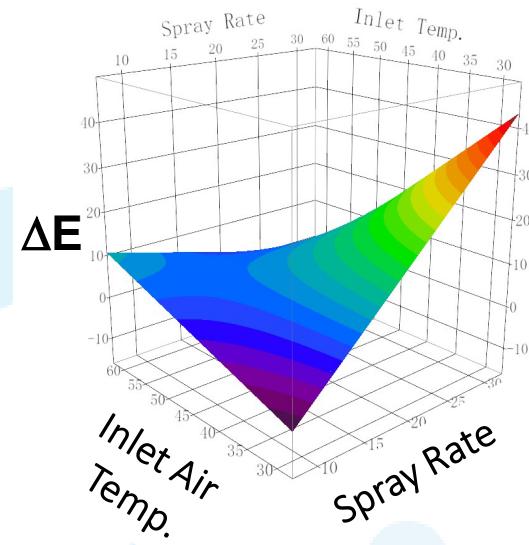
- **Substrate:** placebo tablets coated with Opadry® brown
- **Coating:** Corelease™ CA
- **Constant parameters:** gun-to-bed distance (5 cm)  
atomising air pressure (1.2 bar)  
pattern air pressure (1 bar)  
pan speed (20 rpm)
- **Variable parameters:** inlet air temp. (30-60°C)  
inlet air volume (50-70 m<sup>3</sup>/hr)  
spray rate (10-30 g/min.)  
humidity (49-80%)  
coating weight gain (3-5%)
- **Measured outputs:** product bed temp.  
film transparency (as ΔE)

Run	Inlet Temp. (°C)	Inlet Air Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	Spray Rate (g/min)	Relative Humidity (%)	Weight Gain (%)
1	30	50	10	49	5
2	30	50	30	68	3
3	60	50	10	64	3
4	30	70	30	57	3
5	60	70	10	65	5
6	60	70	30	61	5
7	45	60	20	57	4
8	30	50	10	80	5
9	60	50	30	79	3
10	30	70	10	79	3
11	30	70	30	80	5
12	60	70	10	80	3

# Film Transparency Results



# Influence of Coating Parameters on Film Transparency



Temperature & spray rate had greatest impact on film transparency



**Simplify Formulation Development**

**Easy to Use**

**Improve Manufacturing Efficiency**

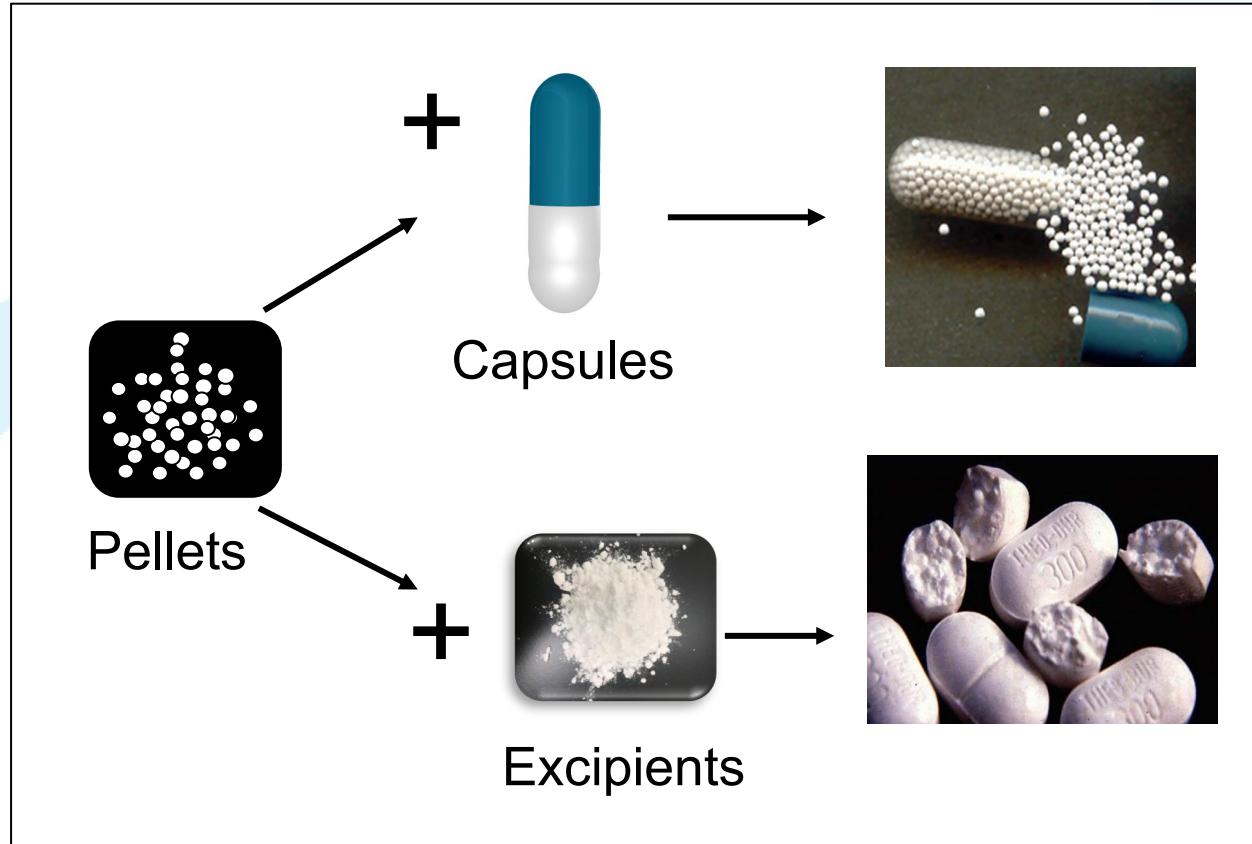




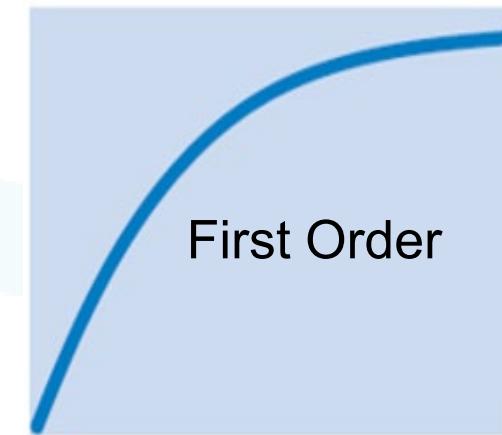
# Optimizing Multiparticulate Dissolution Performance: A Simplified approach to Complex Formulations development

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# Outline - Dissolution Design

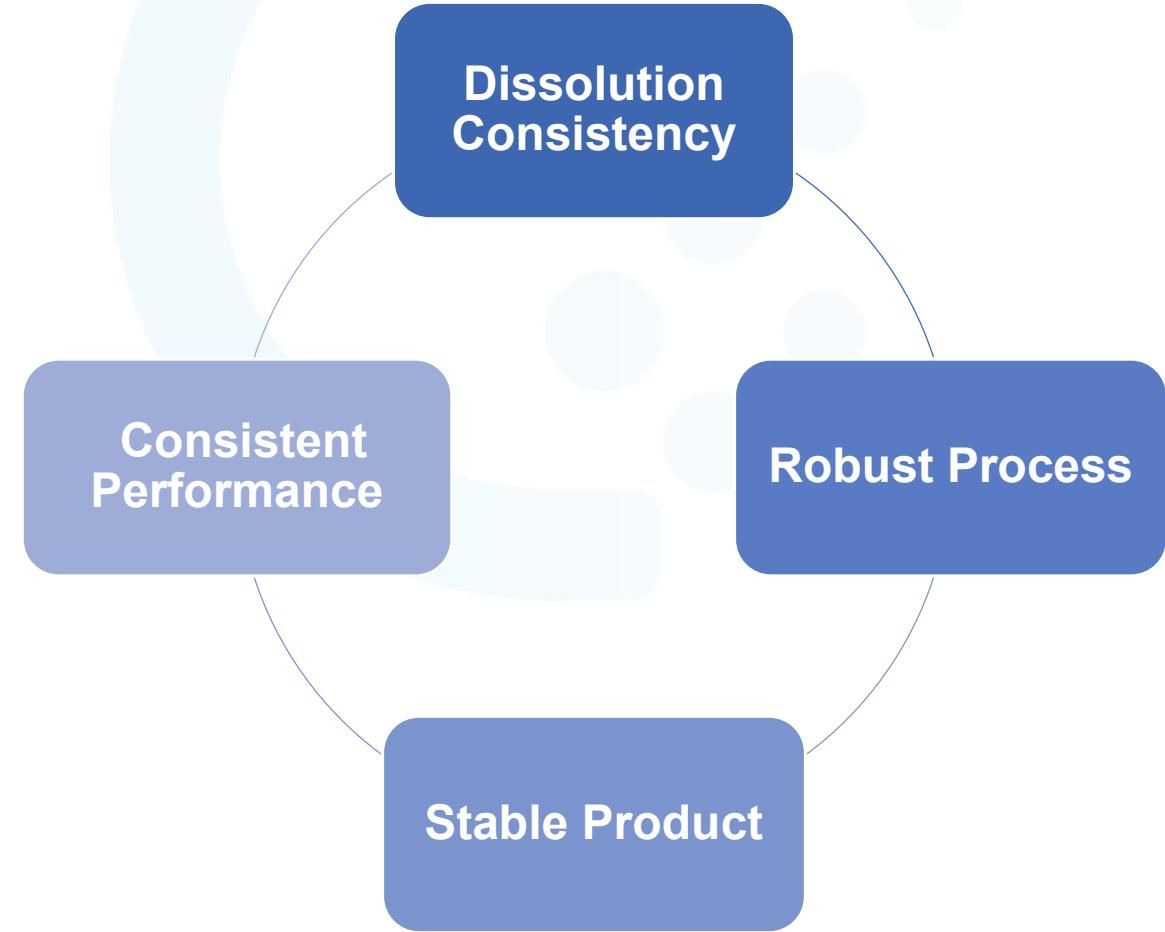


Extended  
Release



# Controlled Release Formulations - Robustness

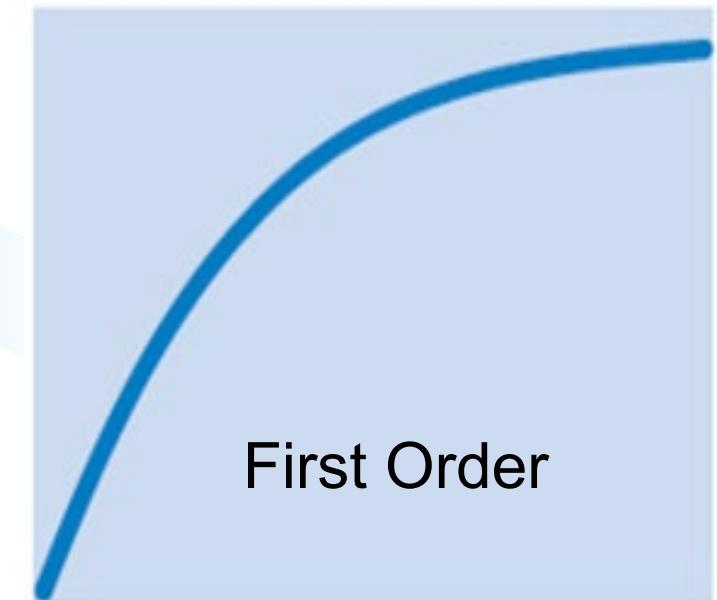
Achieve consistent drug release performance



# First Order Release Considerations

## Extended-Release Considerations

- Matrix Formulation
  - Selection of Polymer & Concentration
  - Selection of Process (DC Vs WG)
  - Robust Drug Release Profile using QbD approach
- Barrier Membrane Multiparticulate
  - Sphere Size & Shape Selection
  - Seal Coating Options
  - Organic Vs Aqueous Coatings
  - Functional Polymer



First Order

# Benefits of Multiparticulate Dosage Forms

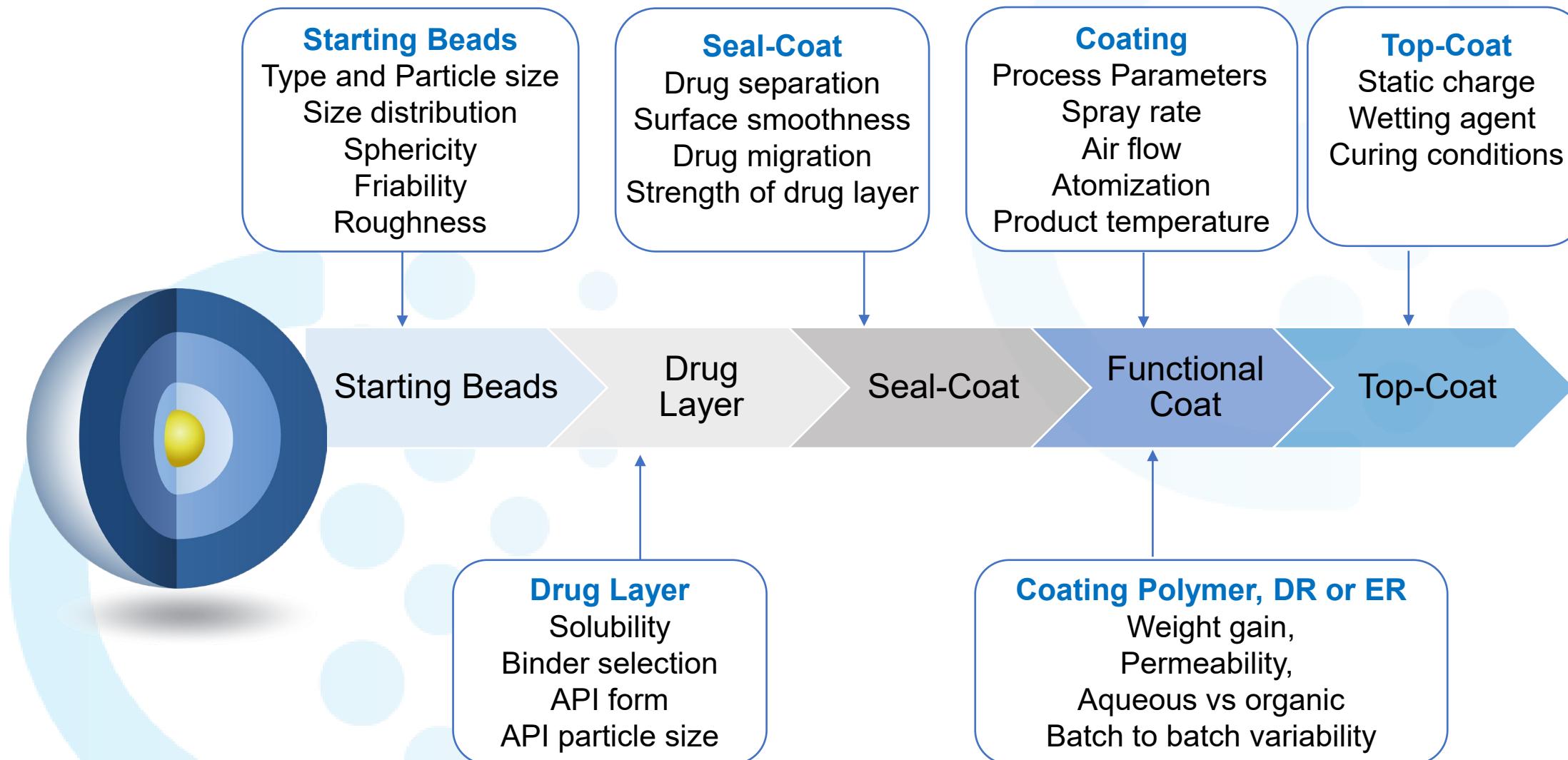


- **Patient:** Familiar capsules, compressed MUPS, sachets, taste-masking
- **Formulator:** formulation flexibility with range of release profiles
  - Delayed, extended & combination release
  - Combination actives (FDC)
- **Manufacturing** – multiple technology options
  - Layered beads
  - Extruded spheronized beads
  - Granules/powder
  - Mini-tabs/MUPS

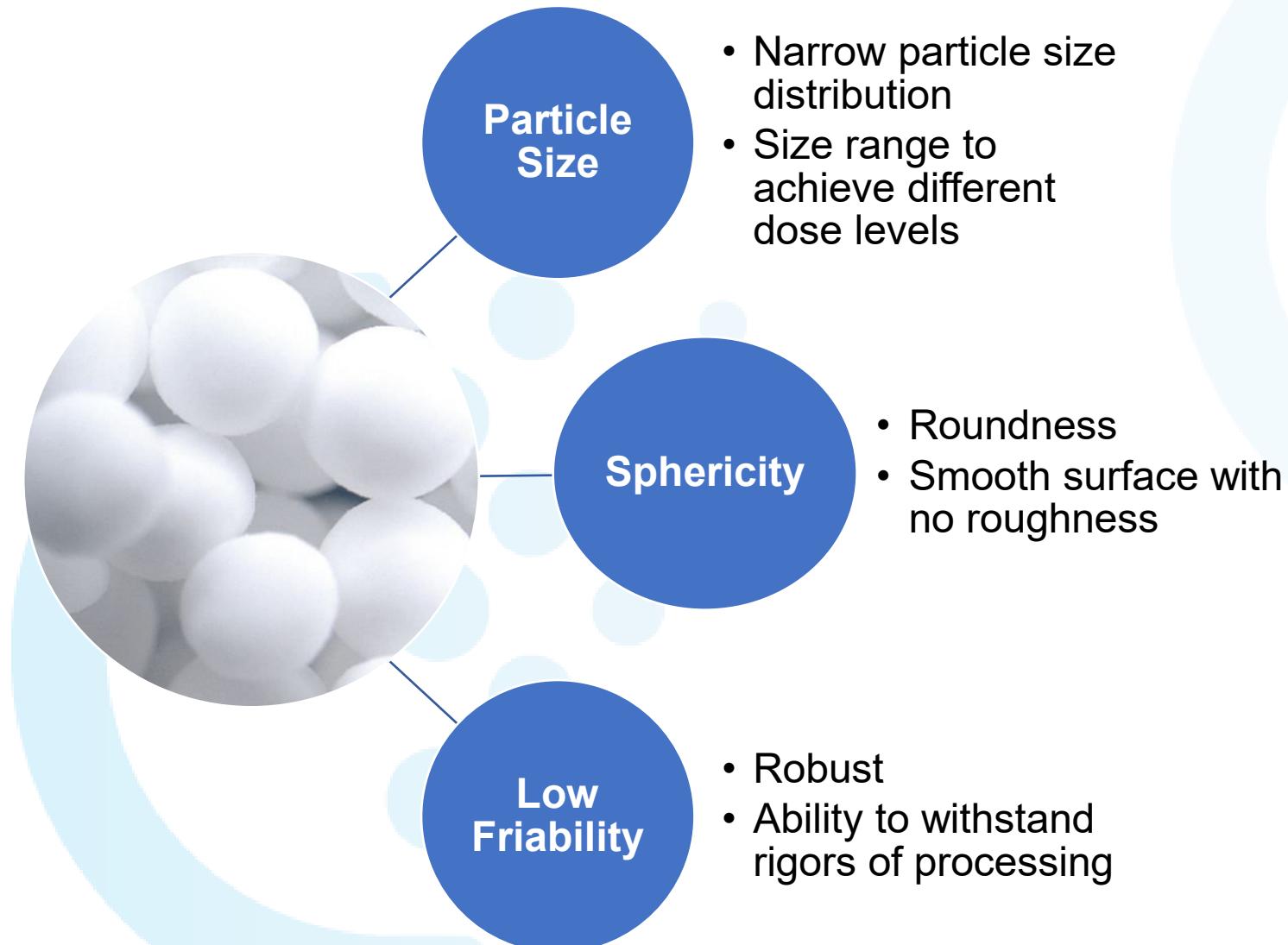


**Requires critical consideration during formulation and controlled processes**

# MP Formulation Consists of Multiple Layers



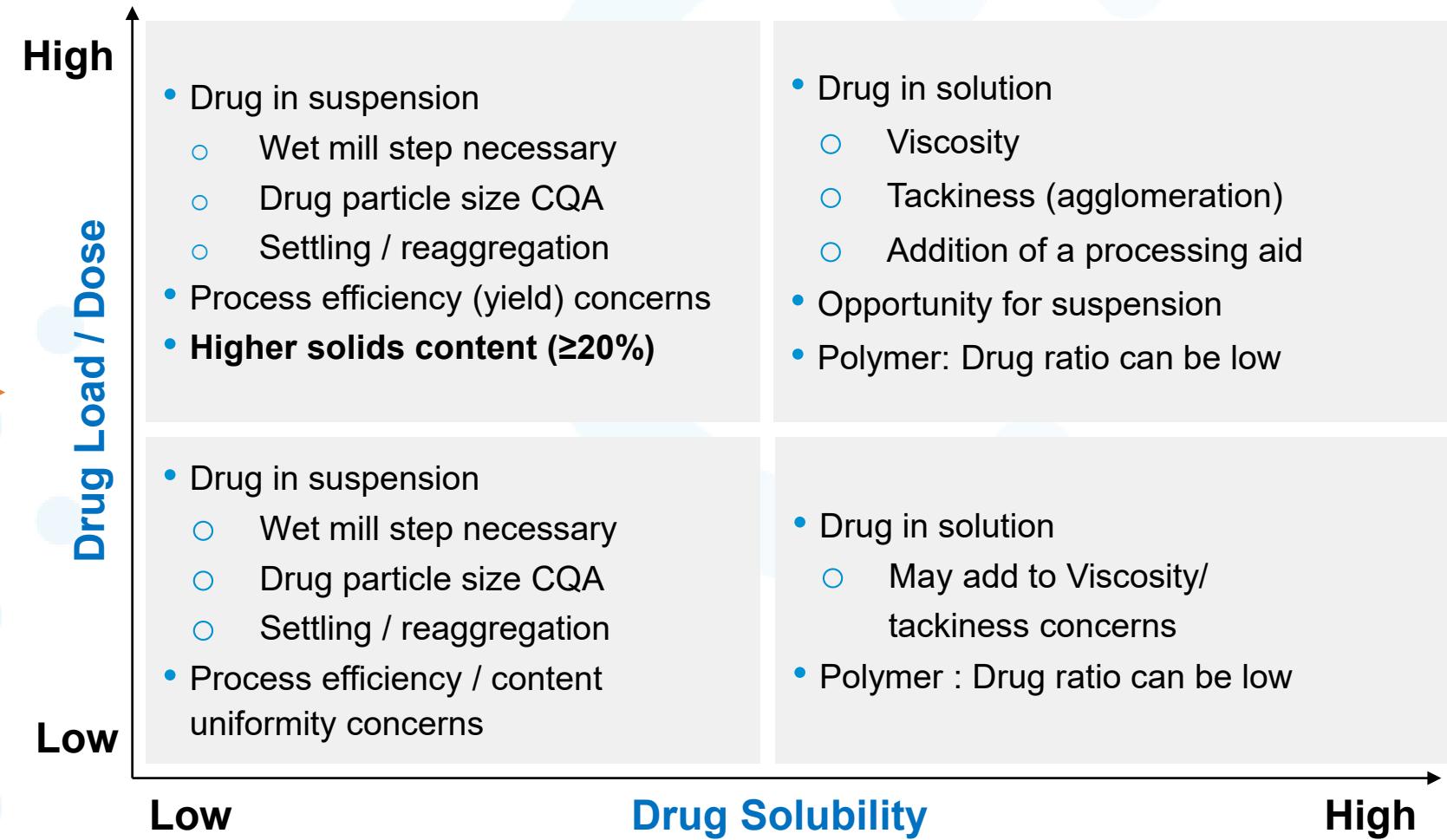
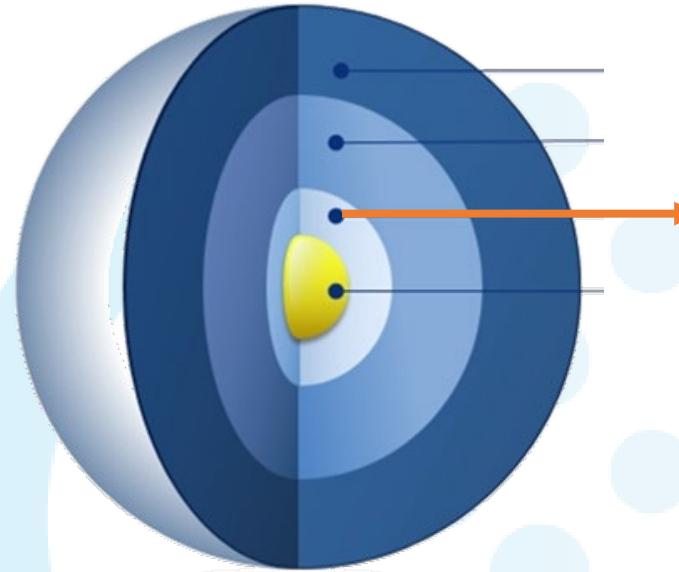
# Starting Substrate – Quality Attributes



## Critical Quality Attributes

- Narrow particle size distribution
- High Sphericity
- Low Surface Roughness
- Low friability

# Drug Layering API Property Considerations



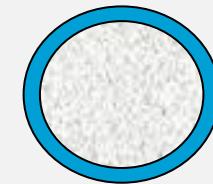
# Functional Coatings for Controlled Release



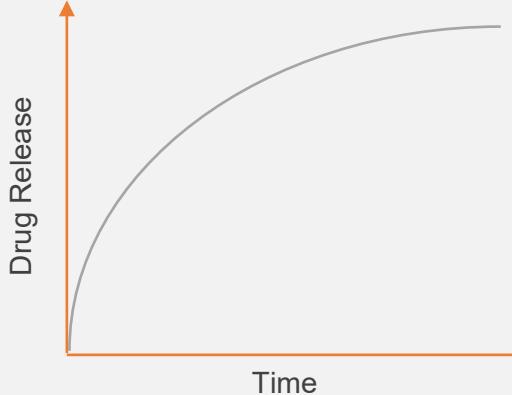
# Multiparticulate Controlled Release Dissolution



Controlled Release Coating

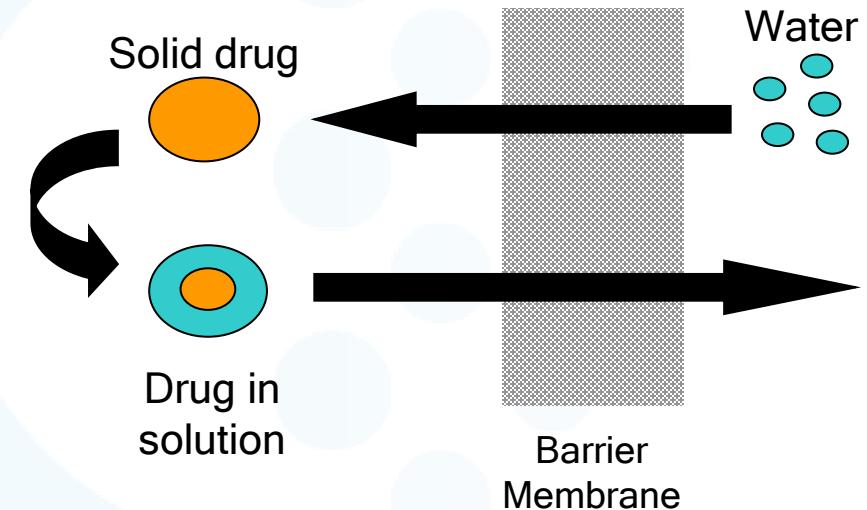


Diffusion Controlled



Fick's 1<sup>st</sup> Law Of Diffusion

$$J = \frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{DSP(C_d - C_r)}{h}$$



Drug solubility: As solubility ↑, rate of release ↑

Film thickness: As weight gain ↑, rate of release ↓

Film Permeability: As permeability ↑, rate of release ↑

Note: Image Adapted from *An Introduction to Multiparticulates*, M. Shaffer, Lonza, July 2018.

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# Modulating Dissolution Profile



## Aqueous



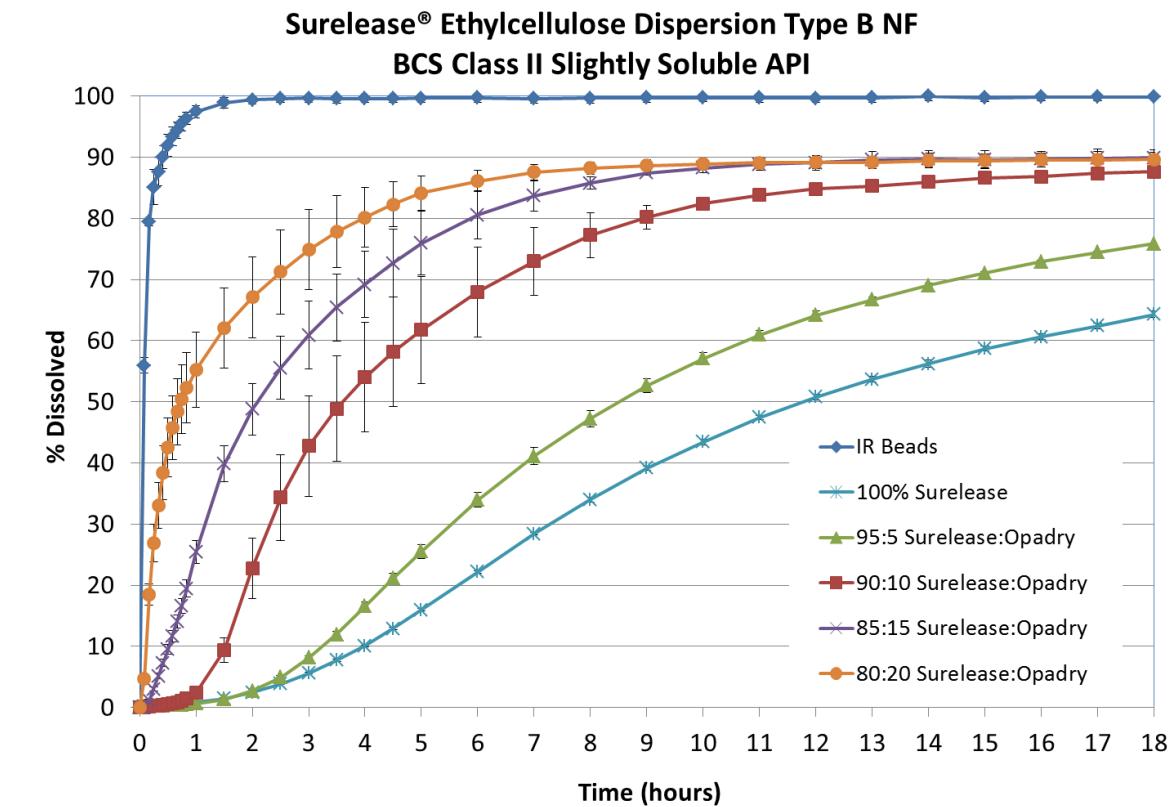
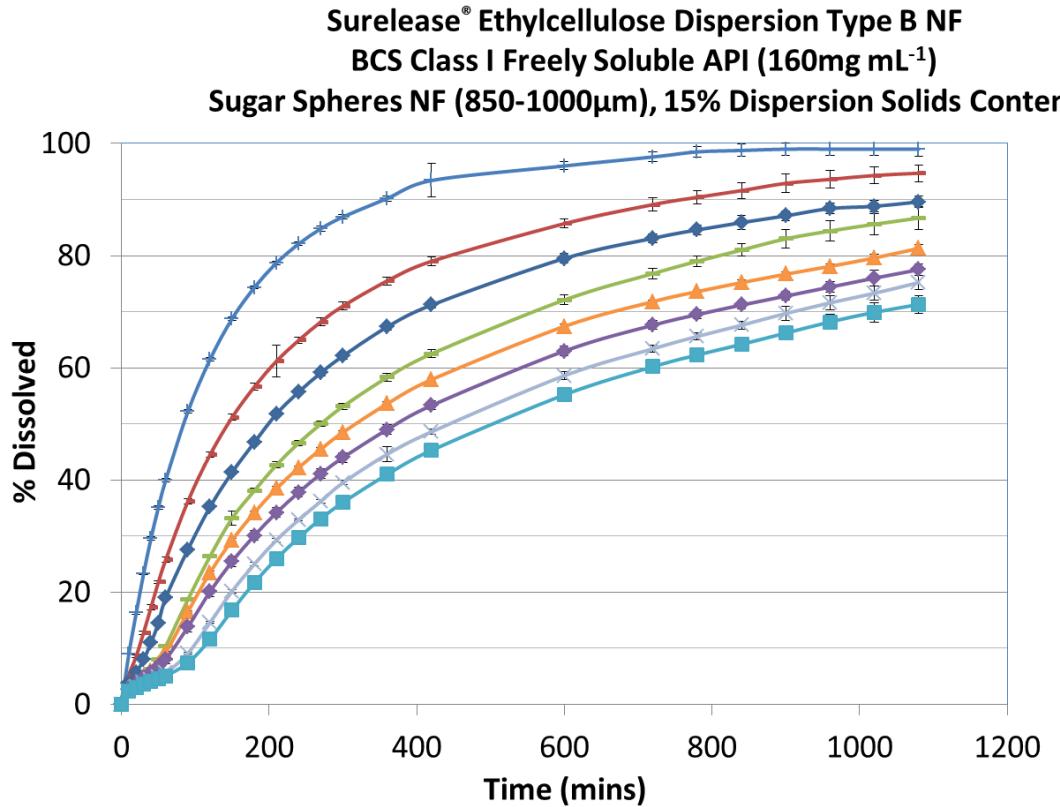
- Aqueous dispersion of ethyl cellulose
  - 25% (w/w) solids content
- Fully formulated: plasticized for optimal coating performance

## Solvent Based



- Organic Solvent based system
- Customizable permeability of film
- Optimized for processability and productivity

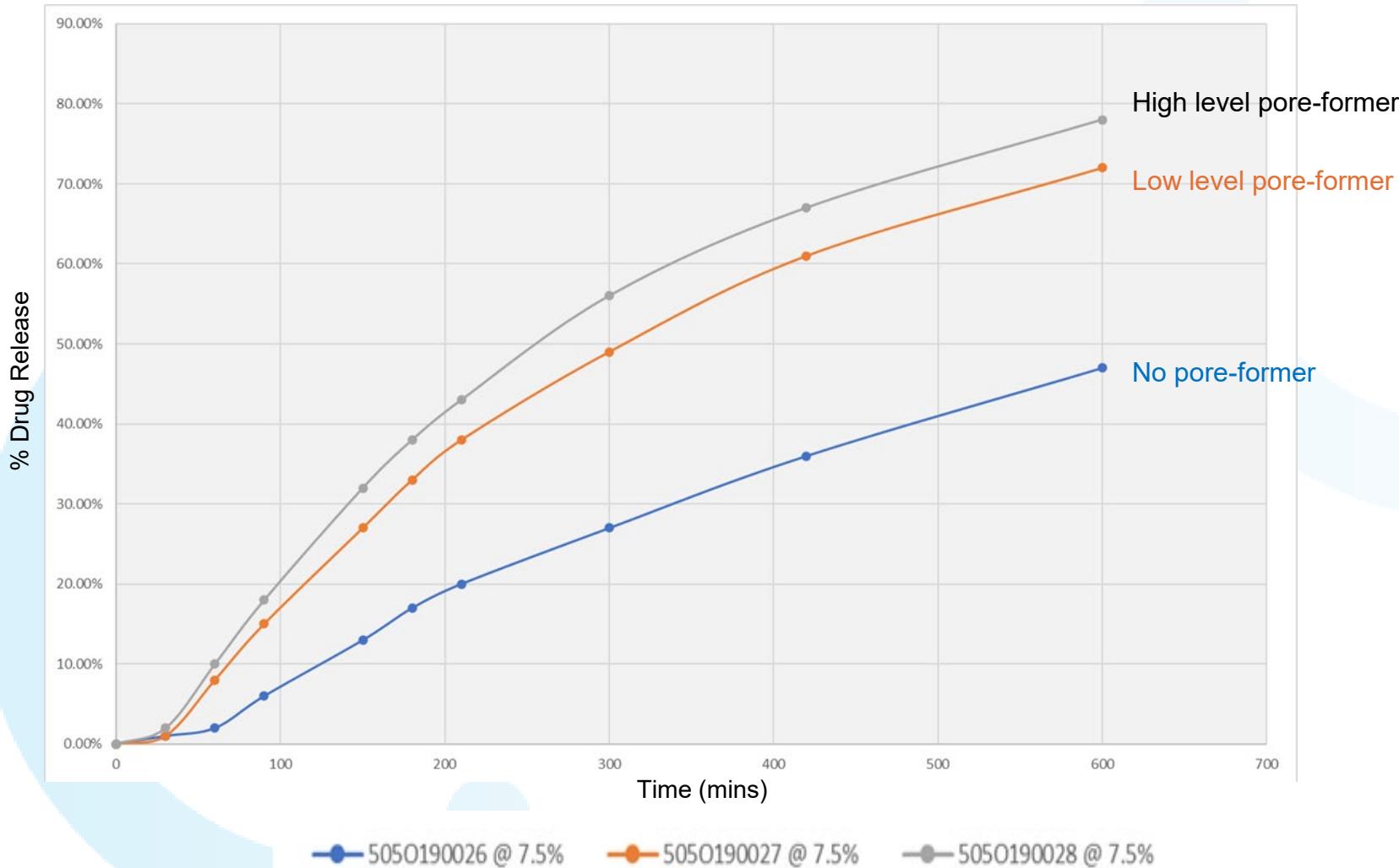
# Optimize your Functional Coating – Aqueous



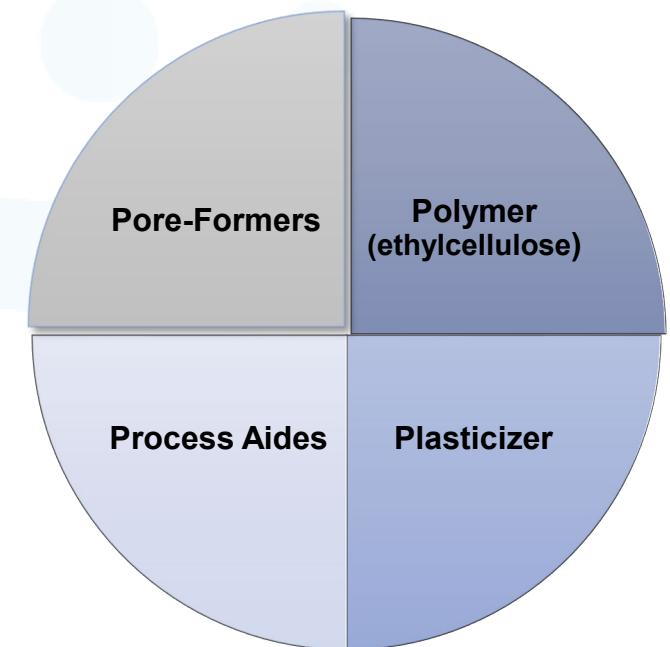
## Impact of Pore-former



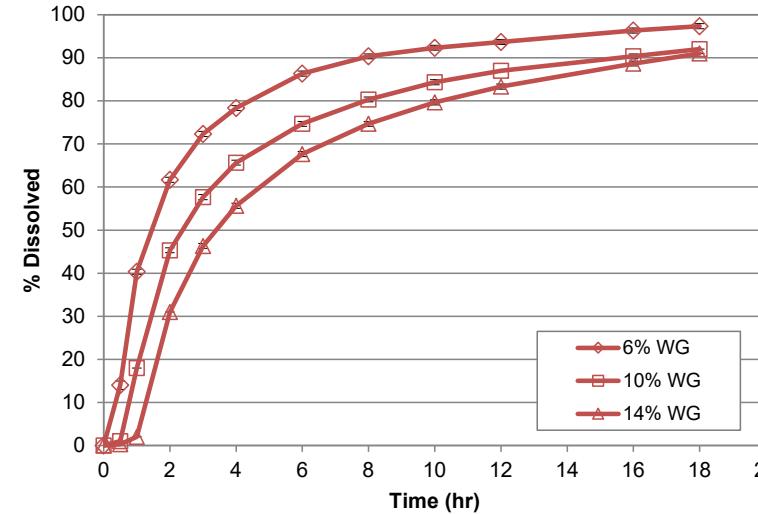
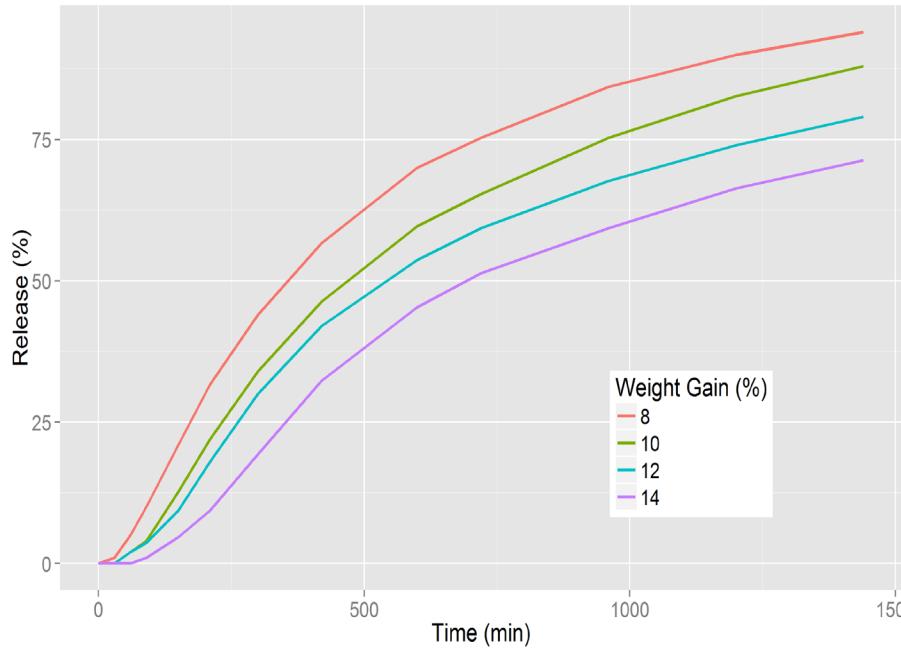
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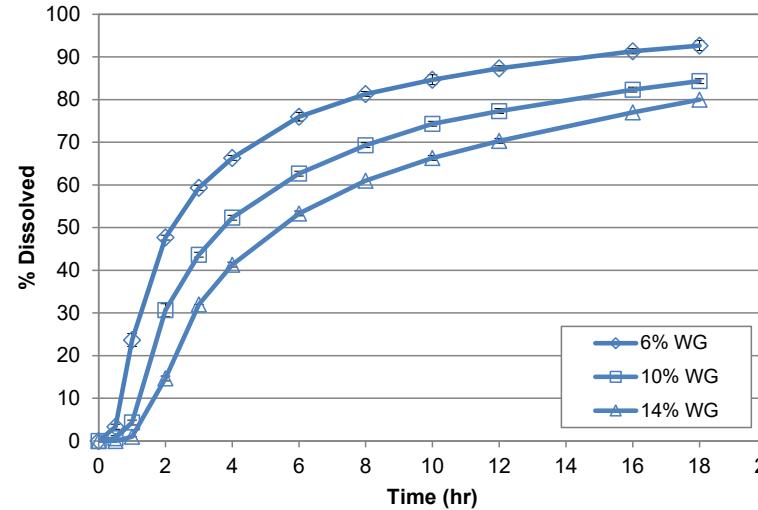
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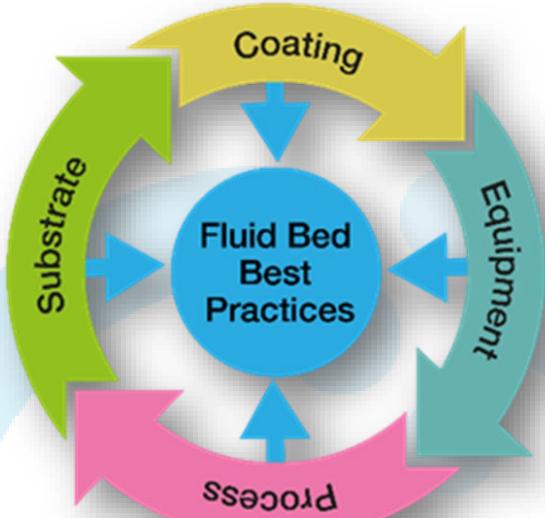
High Pore-former



No Pore-former

 **CoreleaseEC™**  
Ethylcellulose Organic Coating System

# Summary



- Multiparticulates offer several advantages over traditional solid dosage forms
- Starting with a quality core material is critical to overall success
- Development of a robust process at the small scale is critical for successful scale-up
- A step-by-step approach to scale-up from lab to pilot to production is ideal

**Colorcon products, expertise, and tools help achieve your goals**

# Colorcon Provides Best Practice Insights Across All Aspects of MP Dosage Forms



## Substrate (Core)

- Particle Morphology
- Size
- Friability
- Sphericity
- SA/FT Ratio (MDD)
- Drug Layering
- API Morphology
- Binder Selection



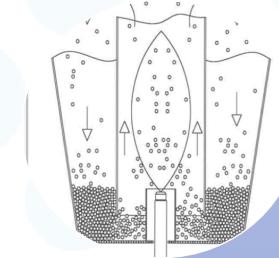
## Equipment

- Maintenance / Parts
- Static / Grounding
- Process Air Conditioning
- Filter Selection (Exhaust)
- Bottom Plate and Retention Screen Selection
- Spray Nozzle Set-up



## Coating

- SA/FT Ratio
- Fluidization (Product Flow)
- Temperature (Tg)
- Agglomeration
- Droplet Size (air volume)
- Spray Nozzle Performance
- Optimization (DoE / Risk Analysis)



## Process

- Static
- Fluidization (Product Flow)
- Agglomeration
- Process Tracking
- Scale-up
- $\Delta P$
- Partition Height (Product Flow)



# Questions?