

# 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

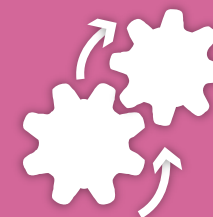


**Patient  
Adherence**



**Dissolution  
Design**

**Dissolution  
Design**



**Productivity**



**Stability**



**Product  
Authentication**



# Platform Solutions – Dissolution Design

## Industry Trend:

Life cycle management through modified delivery profiles and product line extensions



### 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 (PPOP)s

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# Benefits of Osmotic Pump Technology

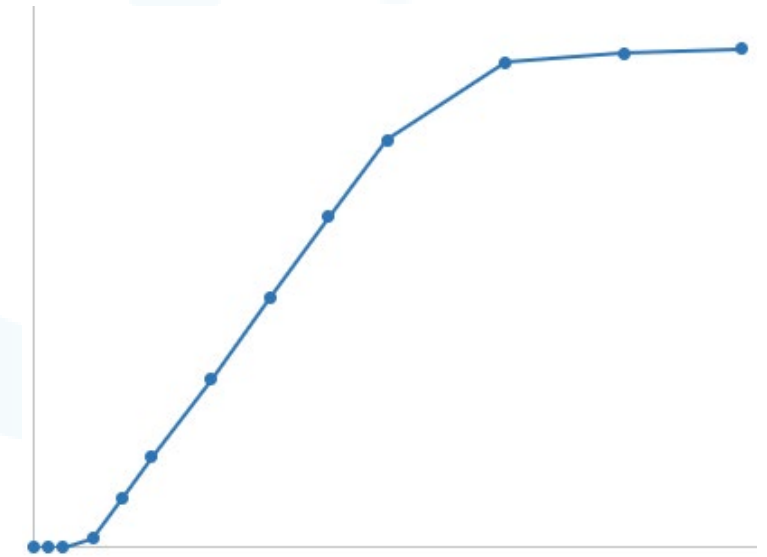
- ✓ Zero-order drug release with minimal burst effect
- ✓ Consistent & reproducible drug delivery rate
- ✓ Suitable for poorly soluble drugs
- ✓ pH independent drug release
- ✓ Low susceptibility to food effects & GI transit variations
- ✓ High degree of *in vitro* / *in vivo* correlation



# Components of a PPOP Tablet

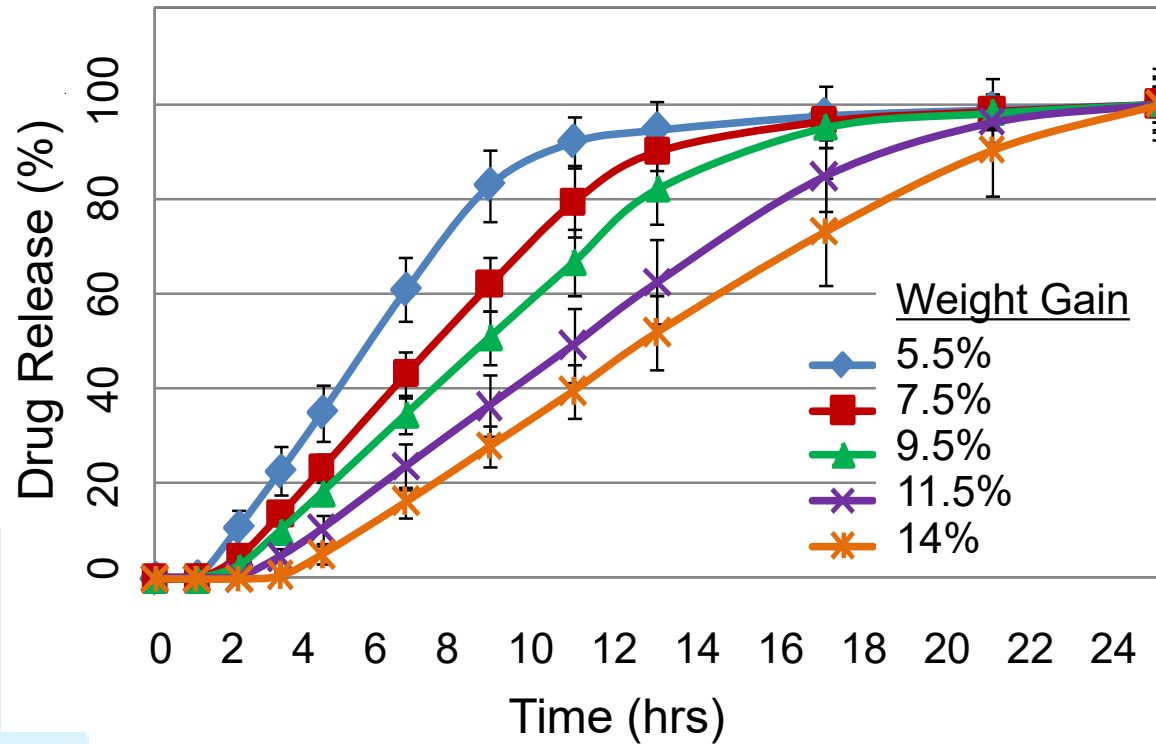


# Mechanism of Drug Release

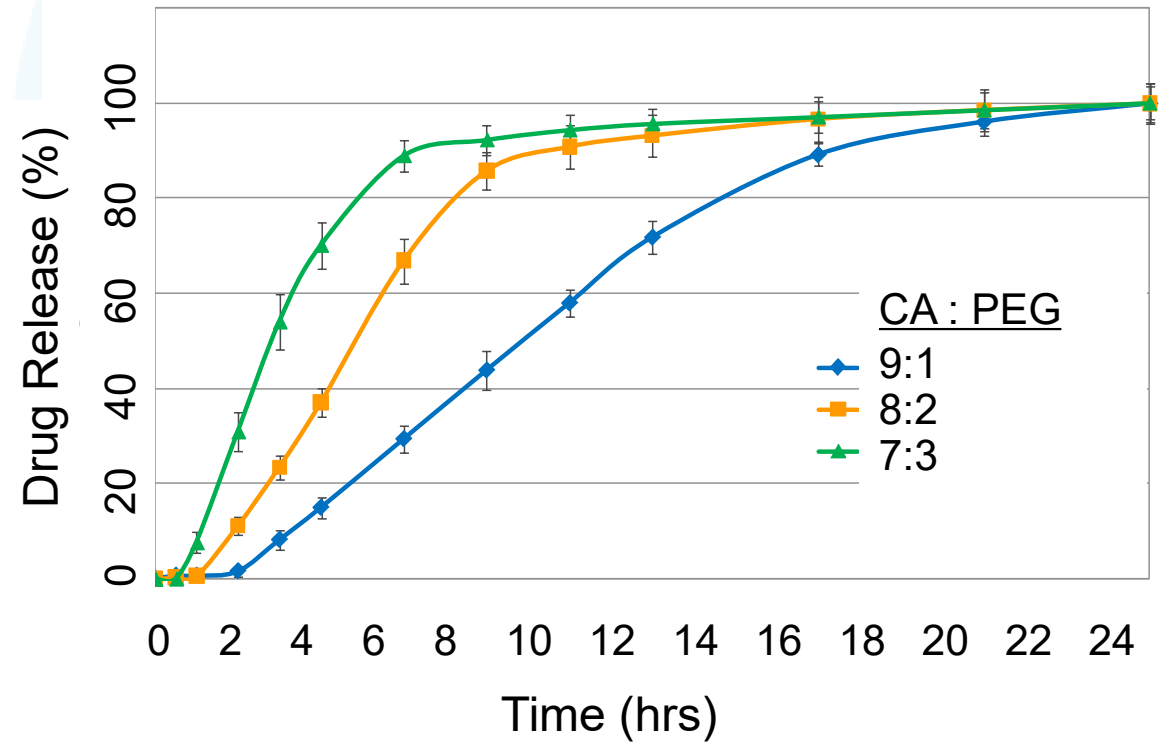


**Zero Order Kinetics**

# Modulation of Drug Release



As coating thickness ↑ = rate of drug release ↓



As PEG conc. ↑ = rate of drug release ↑

# CoreleaseOPL™

Controlled Release Osmotic Push Layer

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

# CoreleaseCA™

Formulated Osmotic Coating System

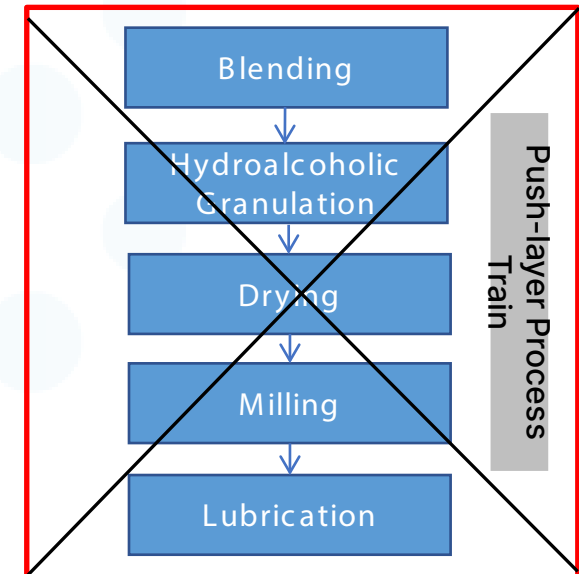
**Fully-formulated Semi-  
permeable Coating for  
PPOP Tablets**



# 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

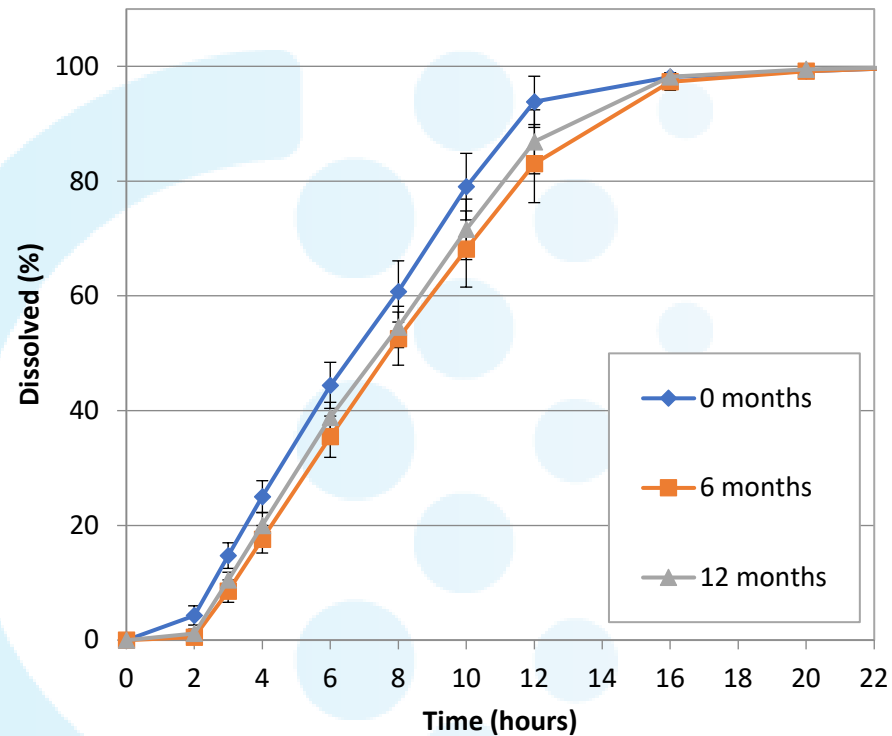


**Single ingredient  $\Rightarrow$  PEO + NaCl + red iron oxide + magnesium stearate**

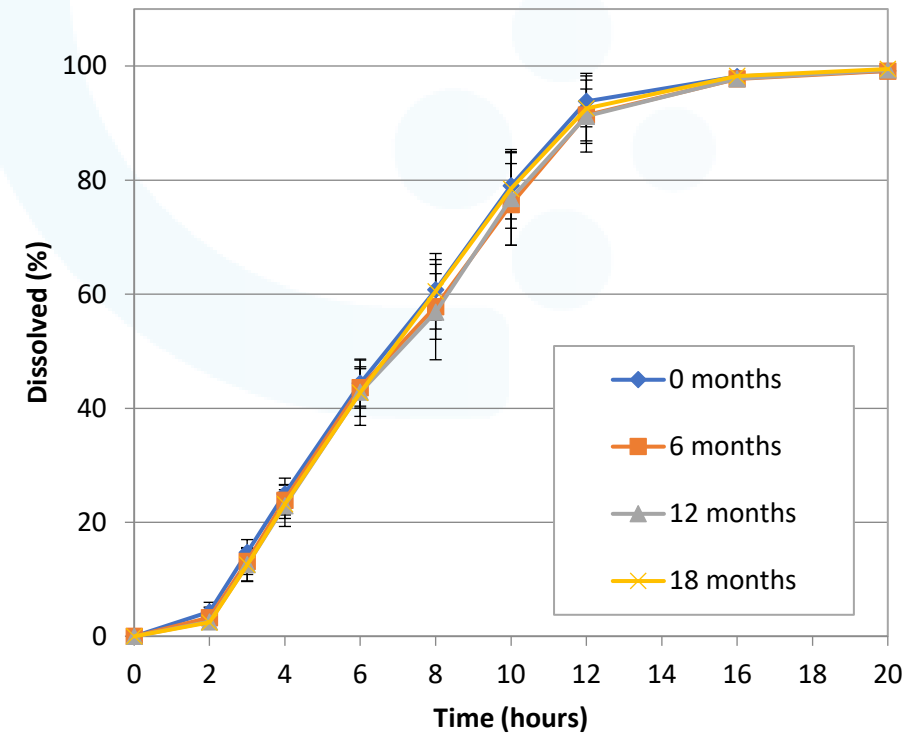


# Stable Performance

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



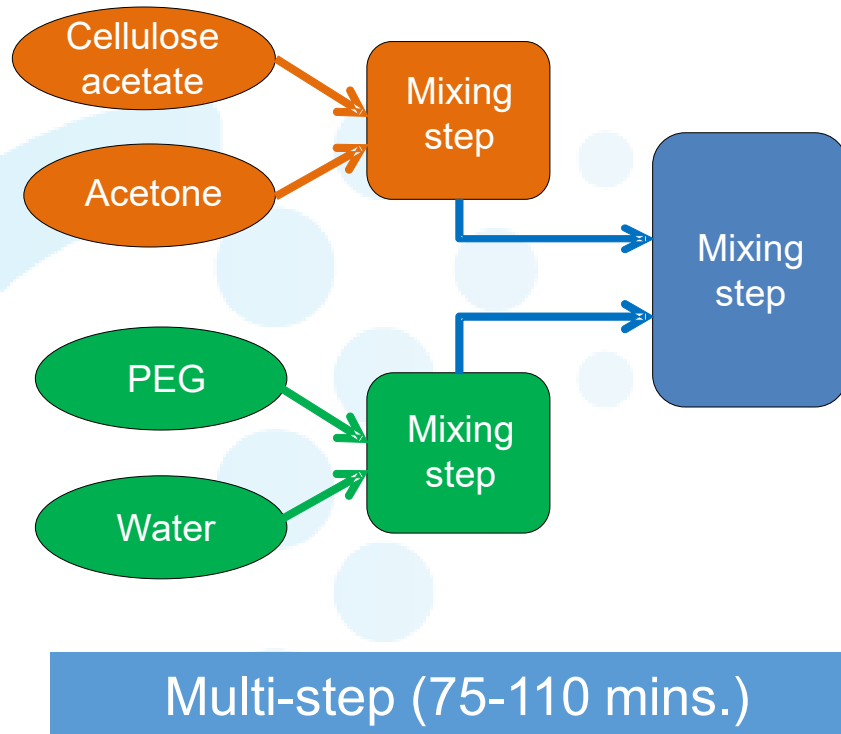
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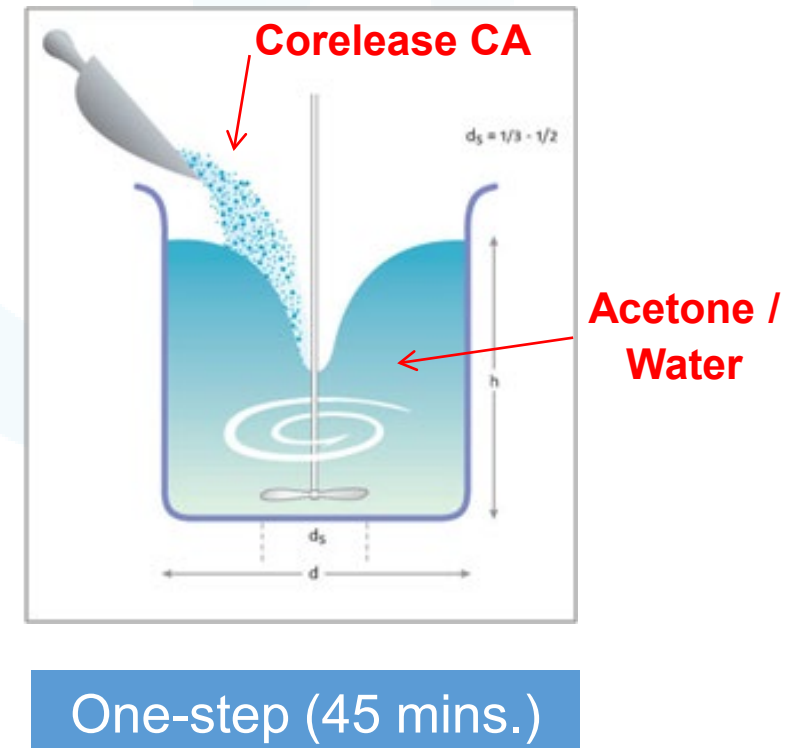
# CoreleaseCA<sup>TM</sup>

Formulated Osmotic Coating System

## Conventional Method



## Corelease<sup>TM</sup> CA



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%



Acetone:water

94:6      91:9      86:14

CA:PEG

9:1

8:2

7:3



10%  
11%  
13%  
Coating weight gain

Gun-to bed Distance

8.9 cm

12.7 cm



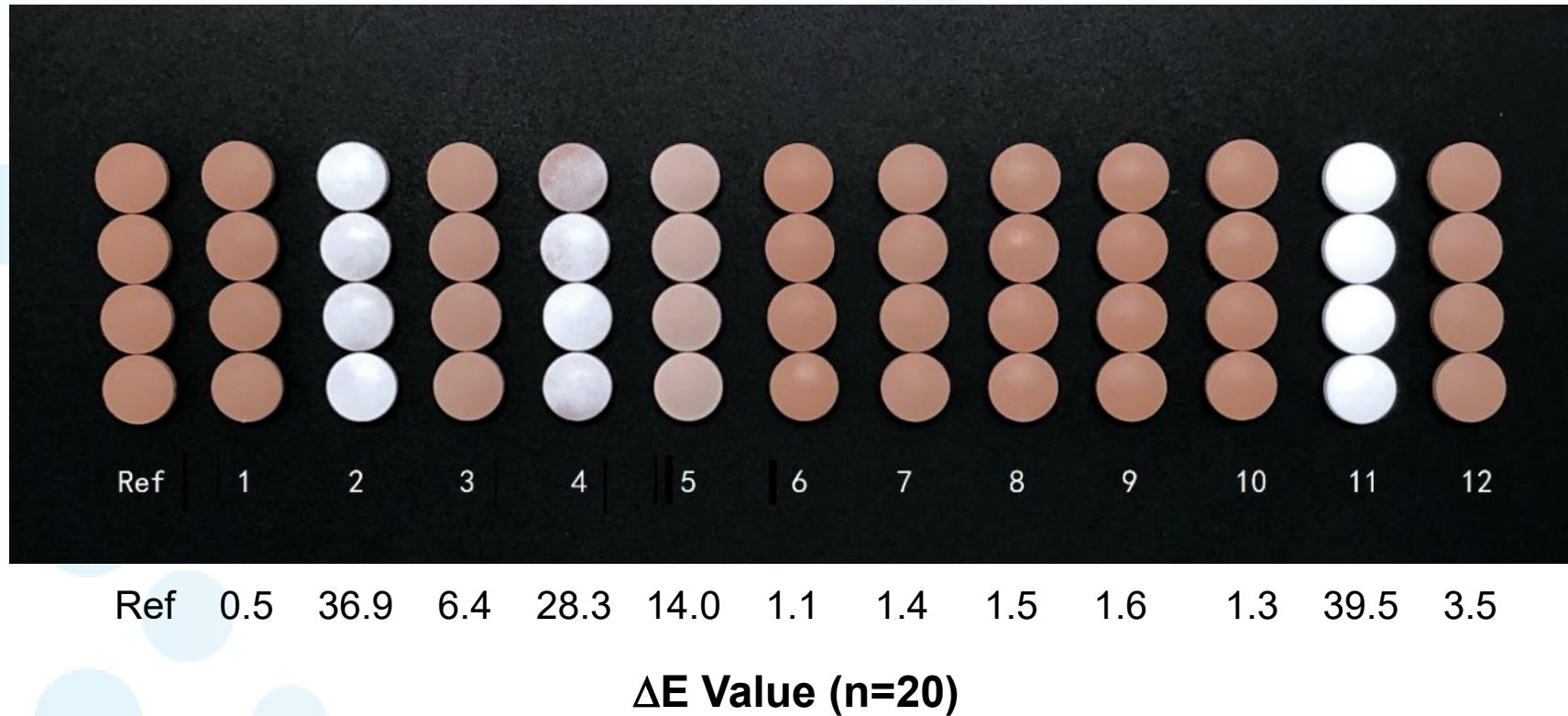
**Cellulose acetate / PEG coating controls rate of water migration → controls rate of drug release**

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

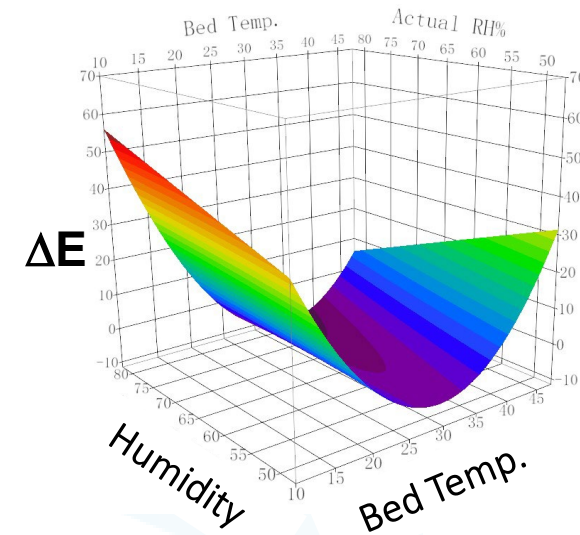
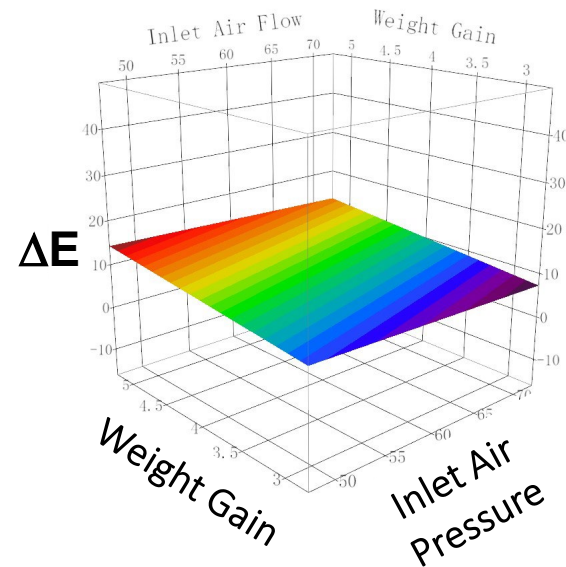
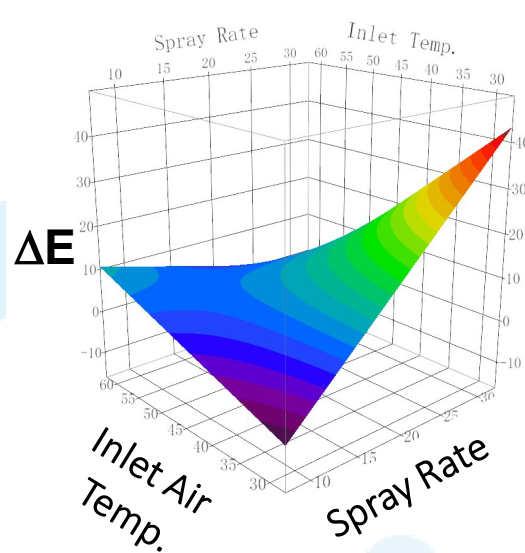
- **Substrate:** placebo tablets coated with Opadry® brown
- **Coating:** Corelease™ CA
- **Constant parameters:** gun-to-bed distance (5 cm)  
atomising air pressure (1.2 bar)  
pattern air pressure (1 bar)  
pan speed (20 rpm)
- **Variable parameters:** inlet air temp. (30-60°C)  
inlet air volume (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  $\Delta E$ )

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**

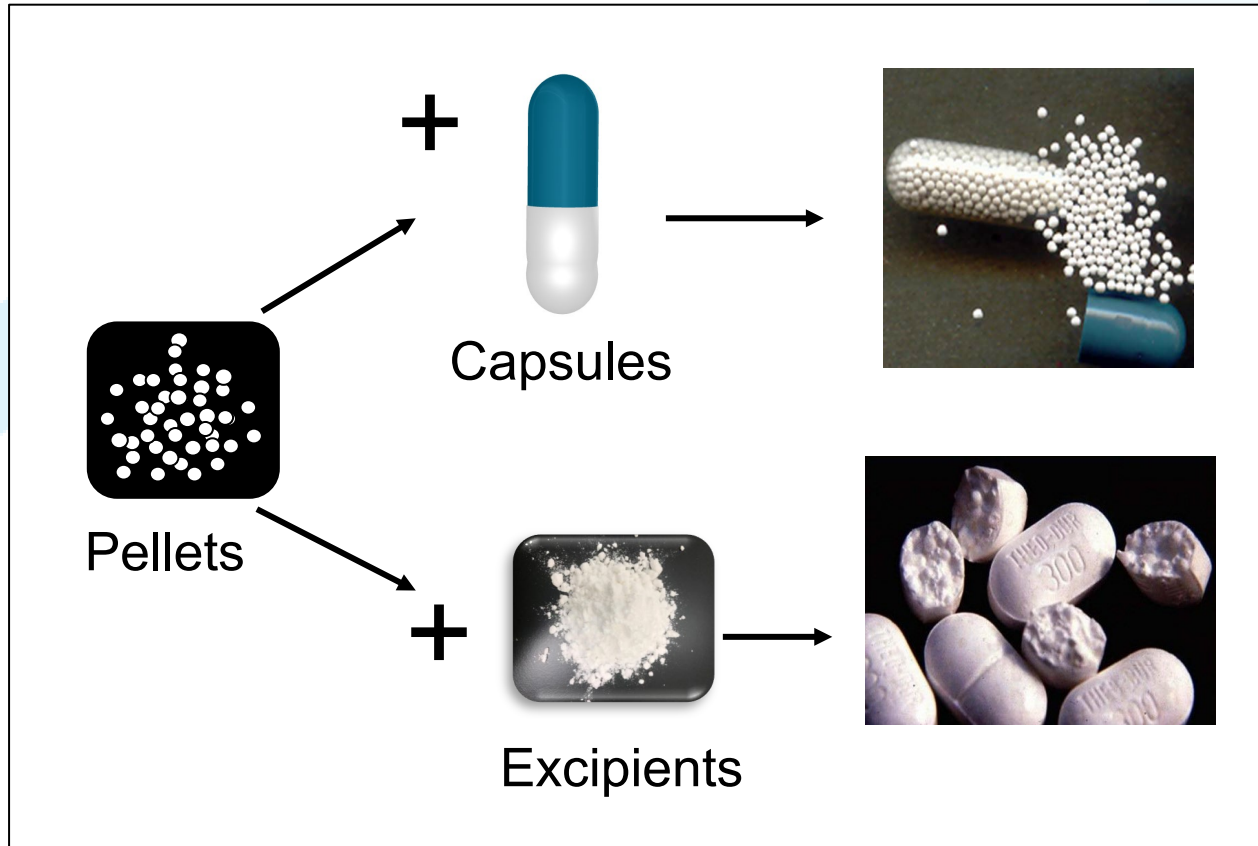
**Easy to Use**

**Improve Manufacturing Efficiency**

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

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# Outline - Dissolution Design

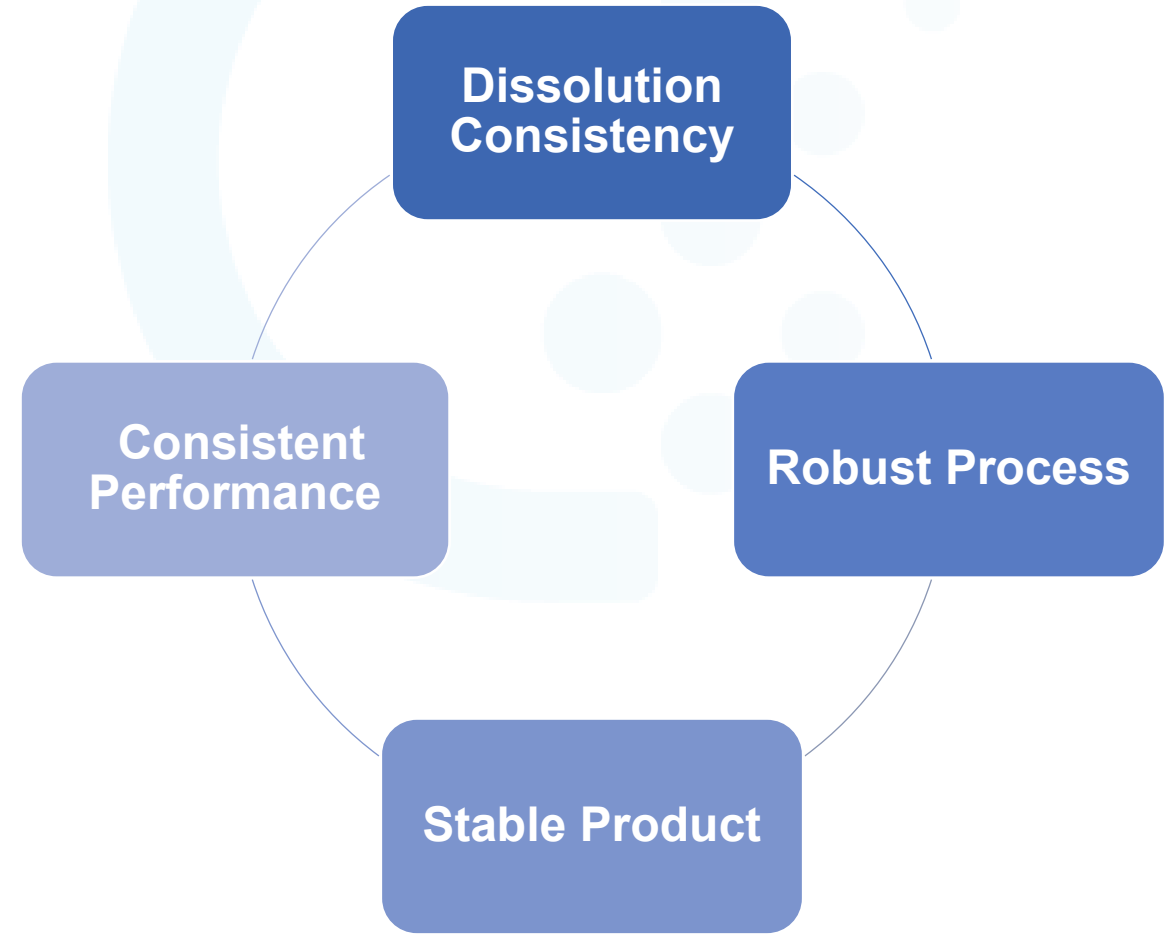


Extended  
Release

First Order

# Controlled Release Formulations - Robustness

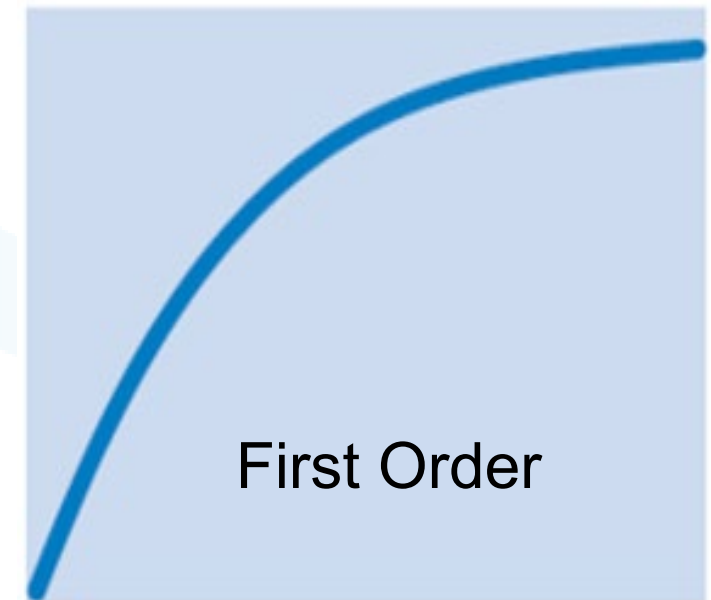
Achieve consistent drug release performance



# First Order Release Considerations

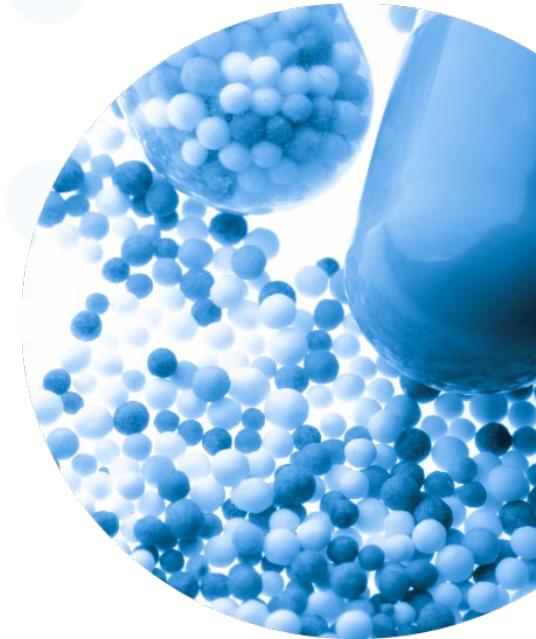
## Extended-Release Considerations

- 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



# Benefits of Multiparticulate Dosage Forms

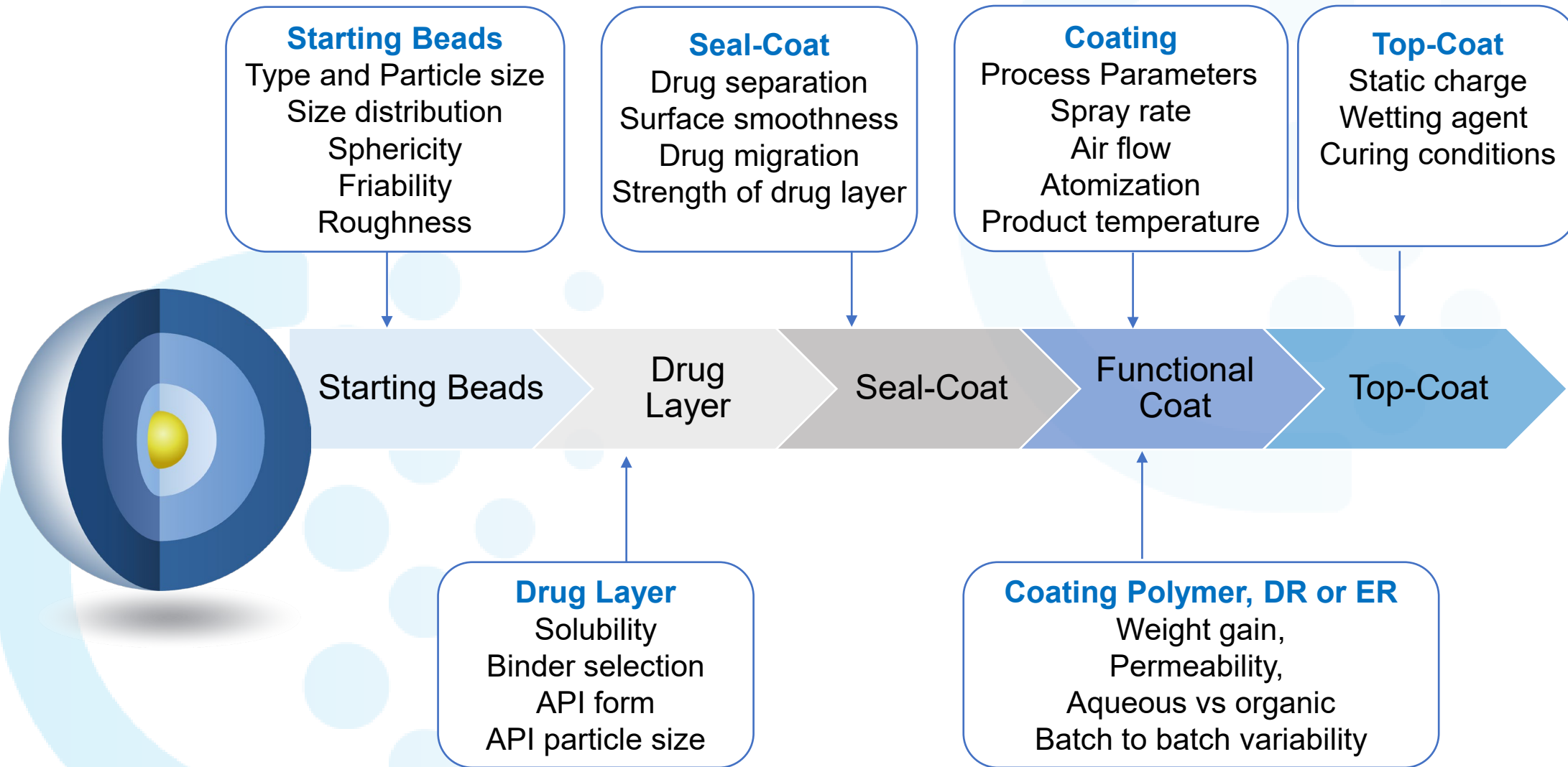
- **Patient:** Familiar capsules, compressed MUPS, sachets, taste-masking
- **Formulator:** formulation flexibility with range of release profiles
  - Delayed, extended & combination release
  - Combination actives (FDC)
- **Manufacturing** – multiple technology options
  - Layered beads
  - Extruded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



## Particle Size

- Narrow particle size distribution
- Size range to achieve different dose levels

## Sphericity

- Roundness
- Smooth surface with no roughness

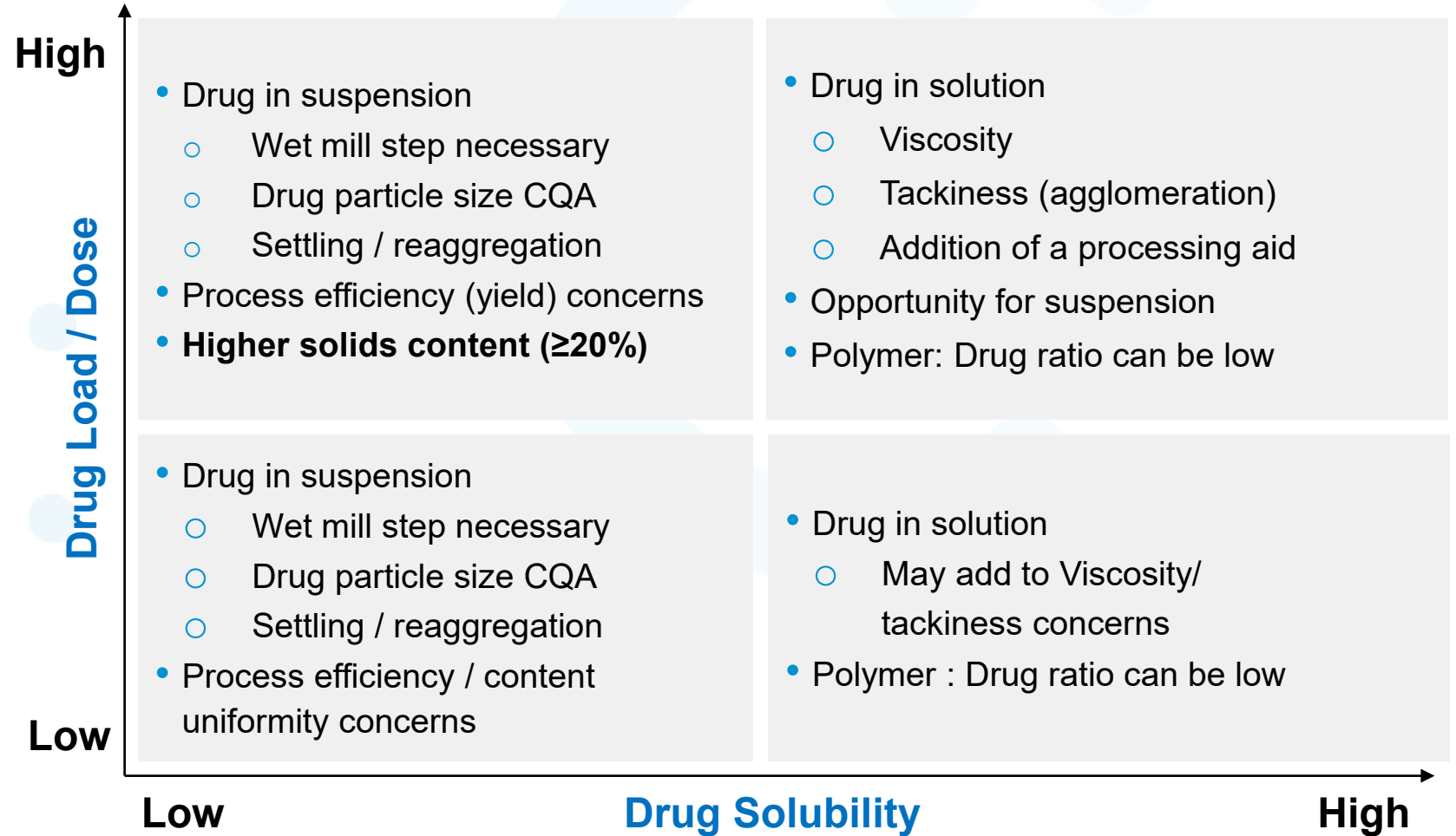
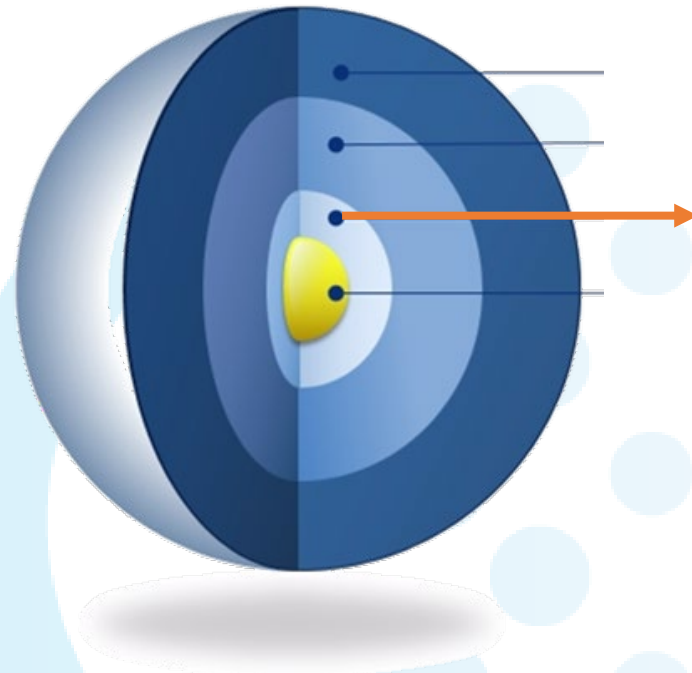
## Low Friability

- Robust
- Ability to withstand rigors of processing

## Critical Quality Attributes

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

# Drug Layering API Property Considerations

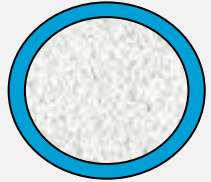


# Functional Coatings for Controlled Release

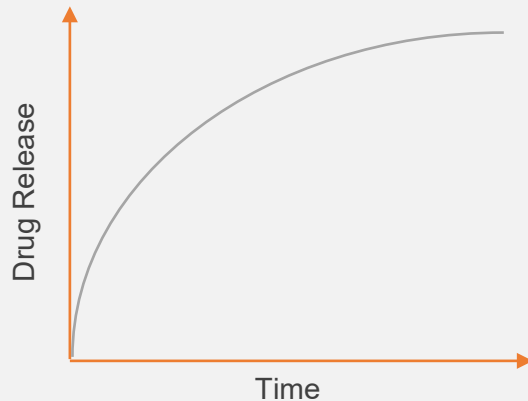


# Multiparticulate Controlled Release Dissolution

## Controlled Release Coating

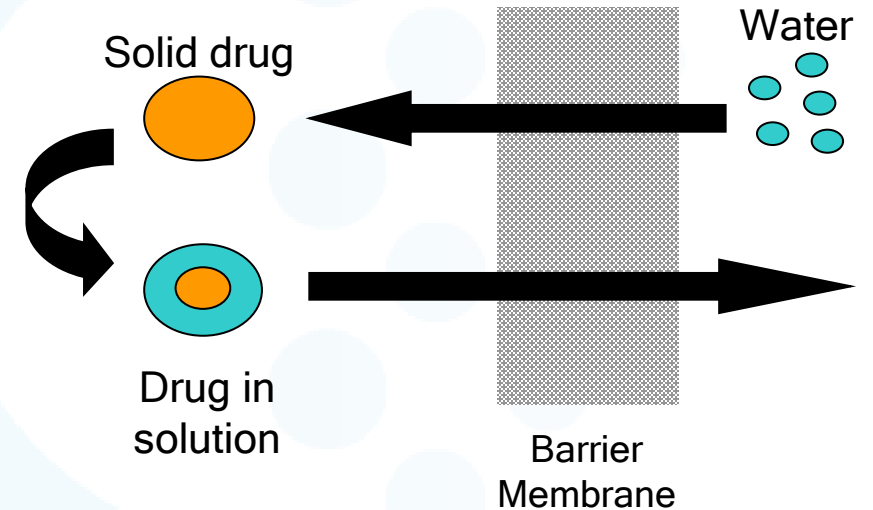


Diffusion Controlled



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.

# Modulating Dissolution Profile

## Aqueous



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

## Solvent Based

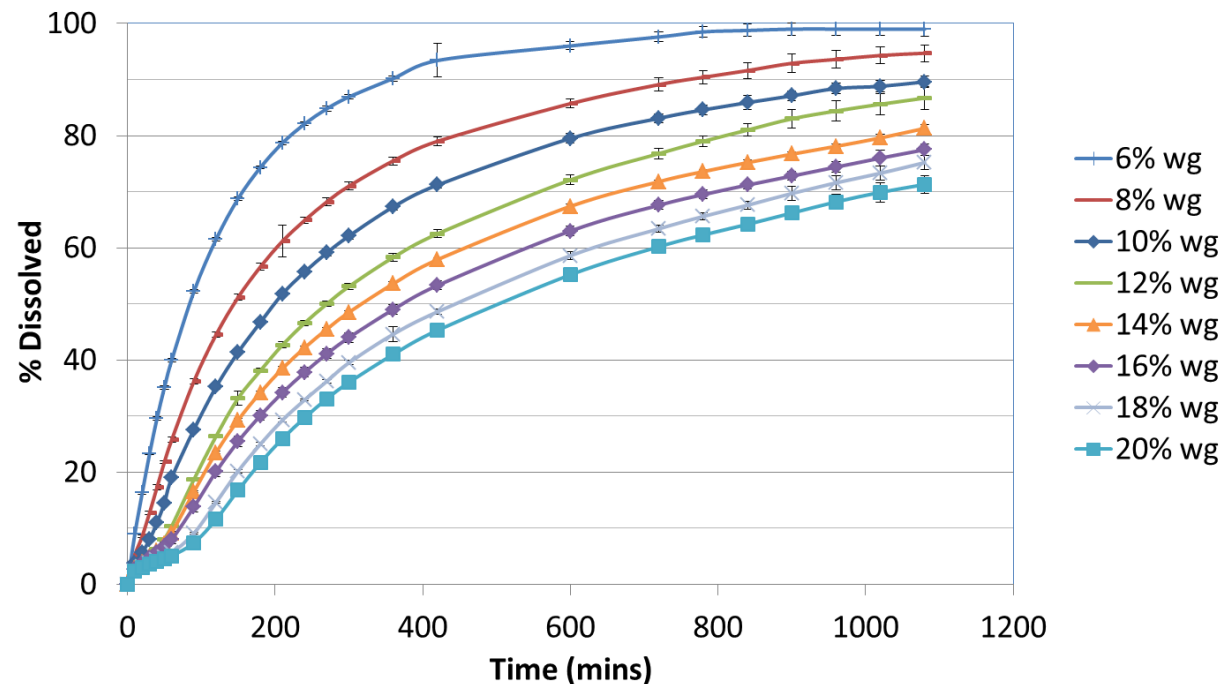


- Organic Solvent based system
- Customizable permeability of film
- Optimized for processability and productivity

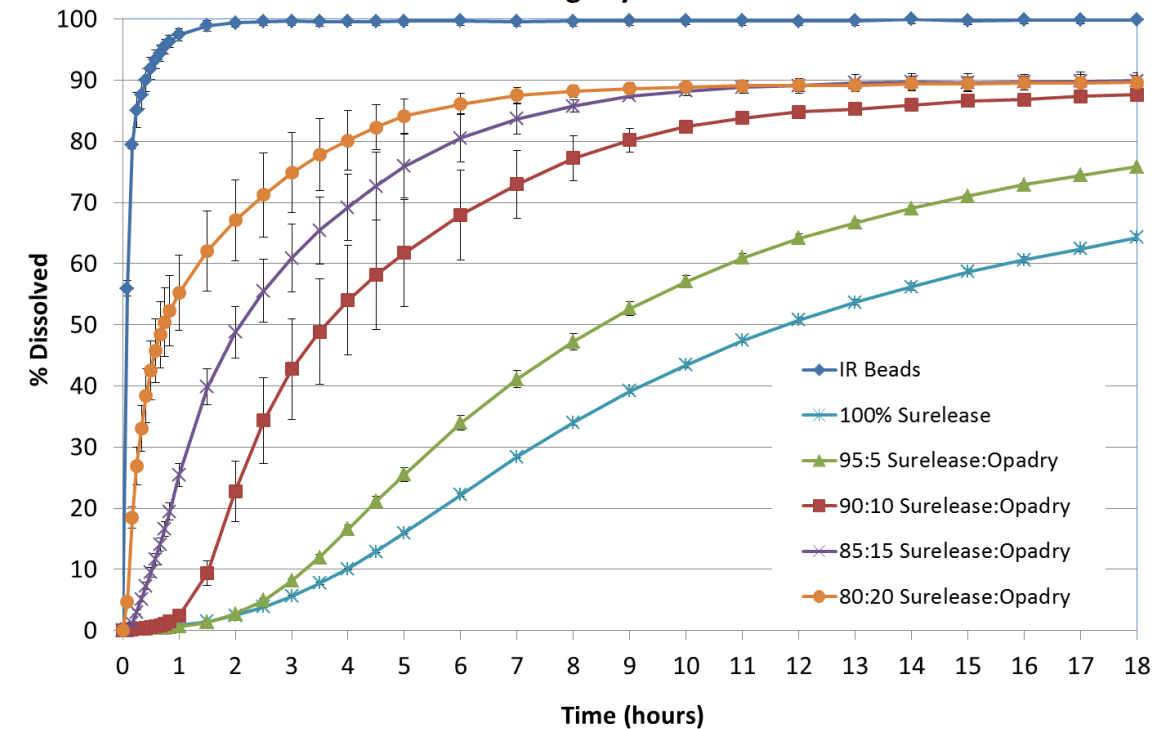


# Optimize your Functional Coating – Aqueous

**Surelease® Ethylcellulose Dispersion Type B NF**  
**BCS Class I Freely Soluble API (160mg mL<sup>-1</sup>)**  
**Sugar Spheres NF (850-1000µm), 15% Dispersion Solids Content**



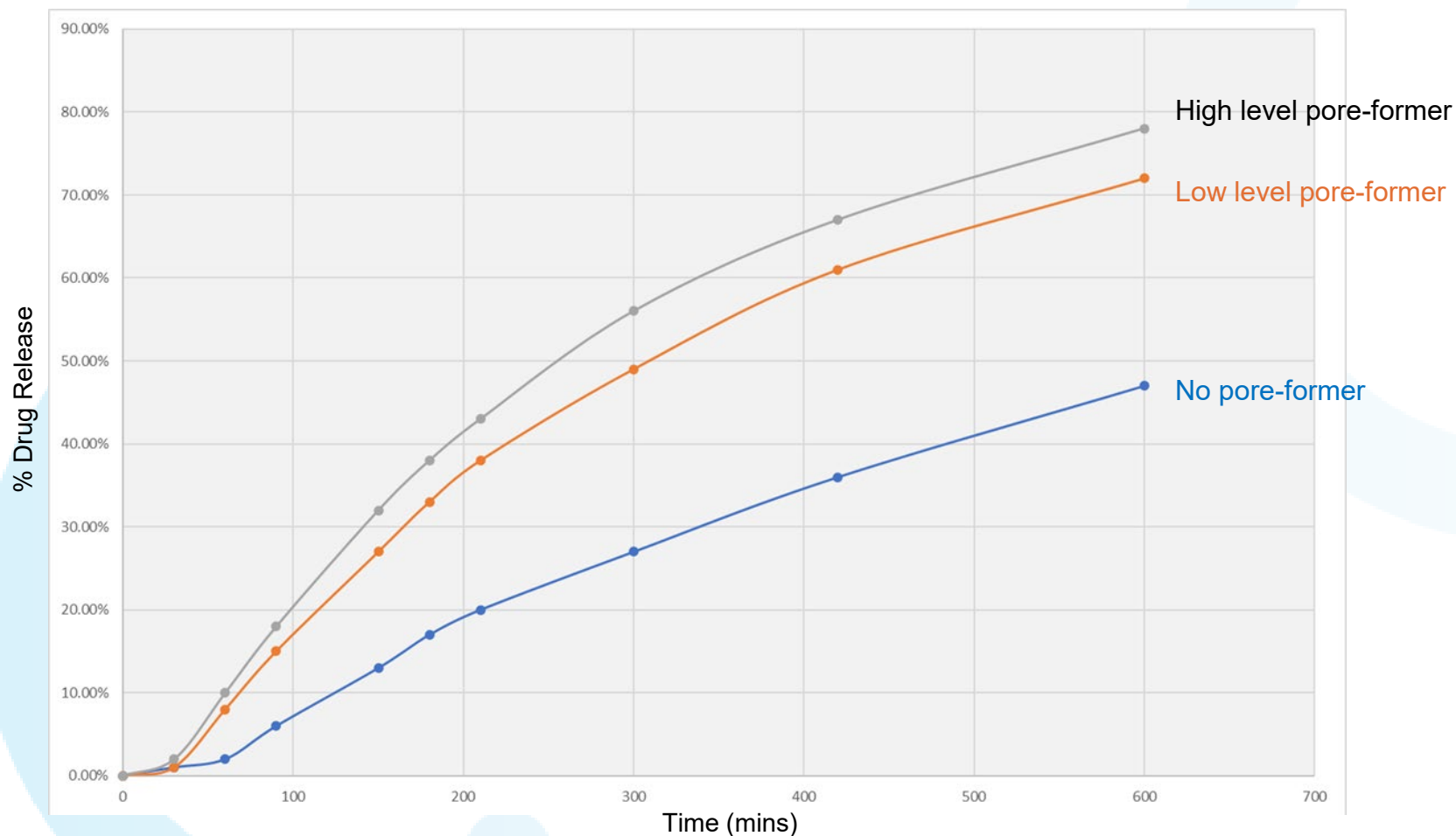
**Surelease® Ethylcellulose Dispersion Type B NF**  
**BCS Class II Slightly Soluble API**



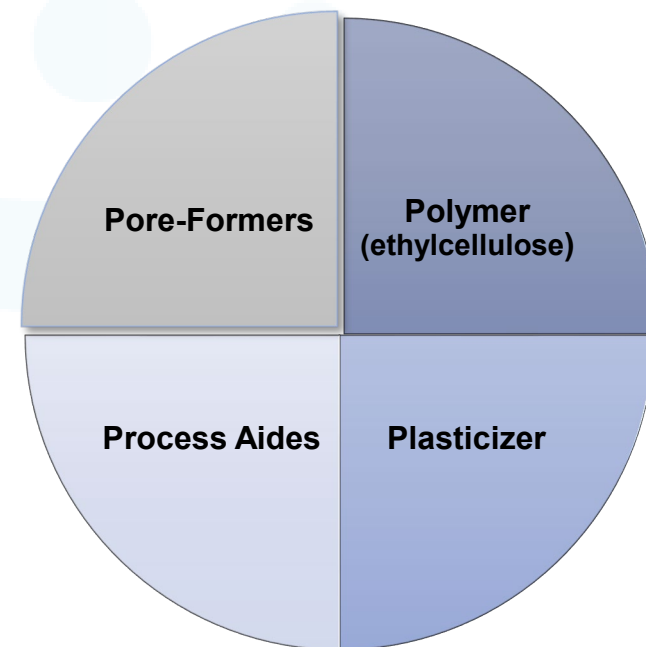
**Impact of Pore-former**

# Optimize your Functional Coating – Solvent based

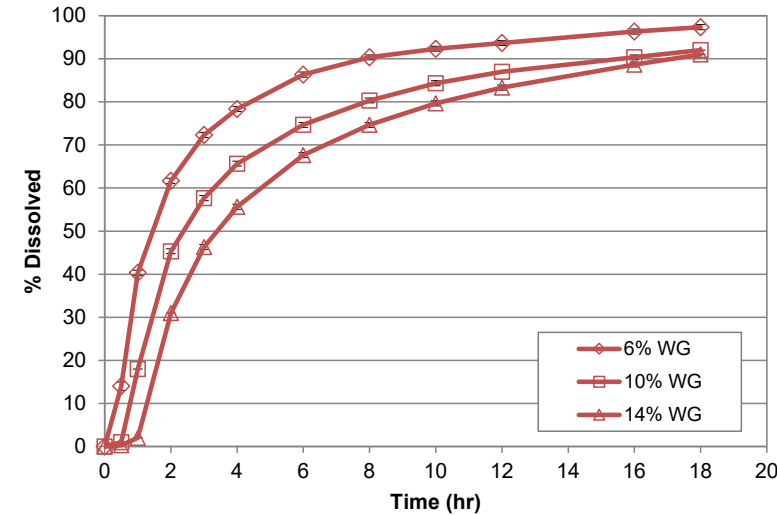
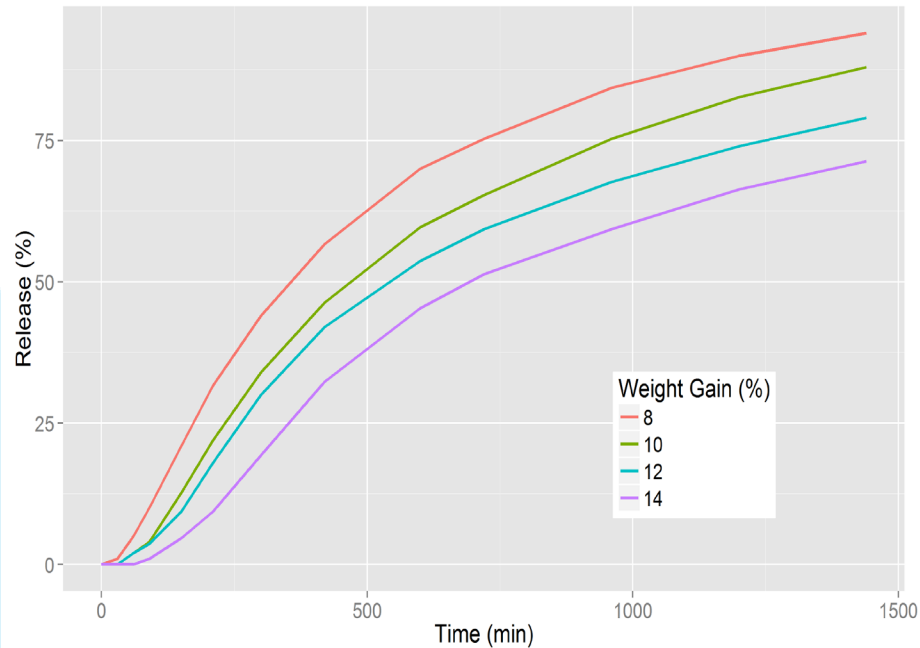
**CoreleaseEC**<sup>™</sup>  
Ethylcellulose Organic Coating System



● 5050190026 @ 7.5%    ● 5050190027 @ 7.5%    ● 5050190028 @ 7.5%

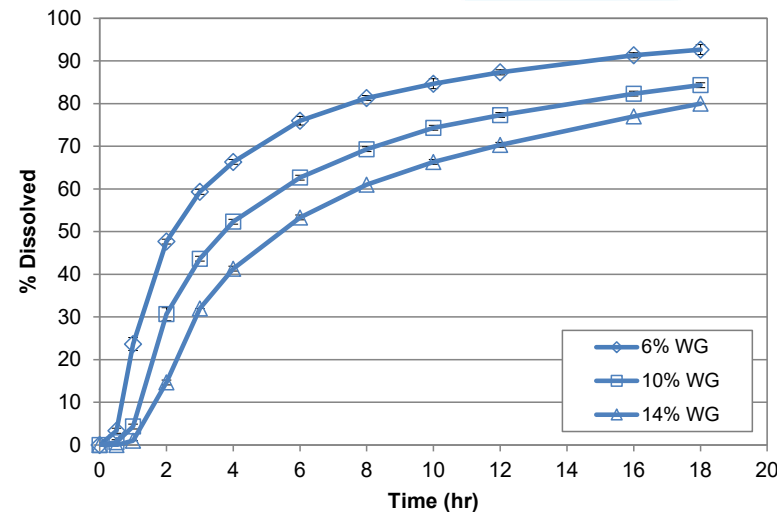


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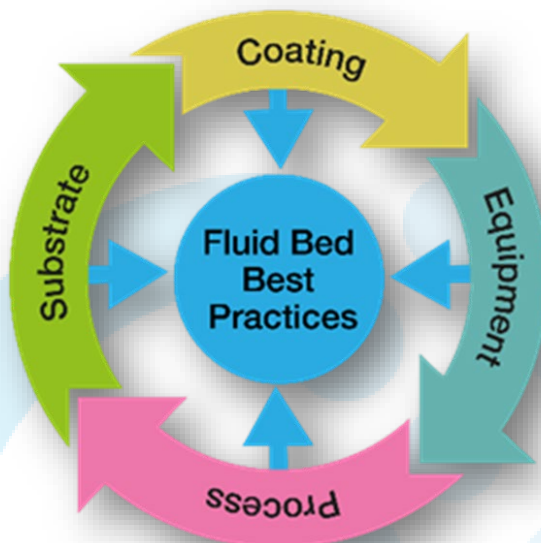
High Pore-former

**CoreleaseEC™**  
Ethylcellulose Organic Coating System



No Pore-former

# 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



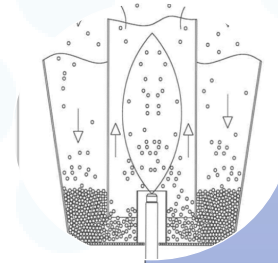
## Equipment

- 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 (T<sub>g</sub>)
- 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)



**Surelease<sup>®</sup>**  
Ethylcellulose Dispersion Type B NF



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SUGAR SPHERES

# Questions?