



Process Control and Formulation

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Overview:

- Introduction
- What is Process control?
- What are costs of poor process control?
- What tools can I use?
- Where to learn more

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Your Speakers



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...polymers, materials science, chemistry, imaging, dyes, pigments, emulsion polymerisation, biocides, anti-counterfeiting, environmental, formulation, consultancy, marketing, business development, strategy, regulatory, training, events, R&D, innovation

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WHAT IS PROCESS CONTROL?



What is Process Control?

It is:

The main approach businesses take to understand and manage the variability of processes, in order to minimise all forms of waste encountered in production. (time, money, material, resources etc.)



What are Formulators trying to achieve?

- Product understanding and knowledge base
 - Basis of INFORMED decisions
 - Foundations of new products
- AGAINST a background of TIME and RESOURCE pressures
 - we need to improve our productivity!





WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF POOR PROCESS CONTROL?



The Costs

- Obvious
 - Excess raw materials
 - Out of spec product
 - Re-work
 - Reduced product life
 - Waste disposal
 - Excess inventory
 - Over-production

- Hidden
 - Lost production / capacity
 - Increased maintenance
 - Troubleshooting costs
 - Lost development time in R&D
 - Reputation

= Reduced Profitability



What TOOLS CAN I USE IN Process Control?

- A New Product Development process NPD / NPI
- Clarity of Customer's Requirements (Voice of the Customer)
- Quality Function Deployment QFD
- Design of Experiments DoE
- Process Capability Measures Cp & Cpk
- Control Charts



What TOOLS CAN I USE IN Process Control?

Process capability measures Cp and Cpk:

Cp = (USL - LSL) / 6s

Cpk = Lowest value of (USL - mean or mean - LSL) / 3s

USL = Upper specification limit

LSL = Lower specification limit

s = Standard deviation



Questions

"How can you define the Process Variability?"

Enrico Zambelli Chiesi Farmaceutici "What would make the flow from innovation team to factory easier?"

Ruth Dolby Food Science Fusion

"Could you share an example of process control used in formulation R&D?"

Federico Henke Agrofina



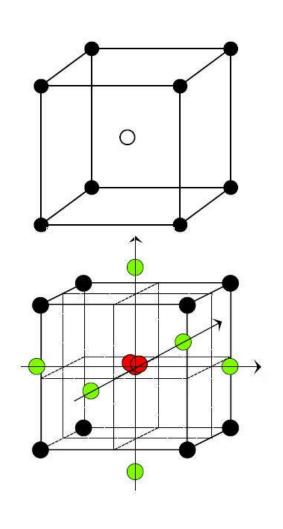
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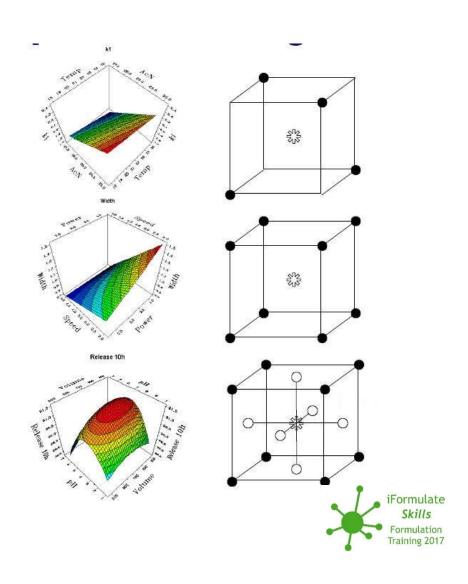
"How can you understand or determine what interactions are present between components of a formulation during blending?"

Paul Wilson Infineum



Determination of Interactions





Understanding Interactions

- Science underpinning formulation
 - Colloid Science
 - Crystallisation
 - Zeta Potential
 - Etc..
- Competitive adsorption
 - Surfactants

- Rheology
 - Salt concentration
 - pH
 - Surfactants



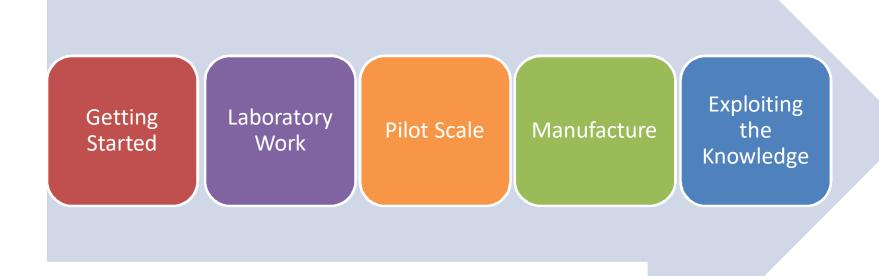
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"What Process Parameters are critical to consider for scale-up of a coated tablet?"

Dave Willoughby Sanofi



The Product Development Process Flow





Summary:

- Understand and measure customer's requirements
- Understand and measure our processes
- Use key tools to improve process capability
 - Cp / Cpk
 - Control Charts
- Apply an NPD / NPI process
- Focus on the long term



Learning More: Design For Formulation – Products and Processes

- Two-day Training Workshop:
- 19th 20th September 2017, Jury's Inn Hotel, East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, UK.
- Early Bird £675 plus VAT before August 1st.
- See: https://iformulate.biz/training-and-events/design-formulation-2017/



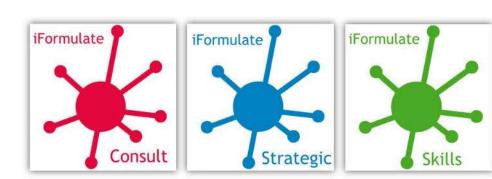
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- A Quick Guide to Adhesion Science
- Powderology An Introduction to the Mysteries of Powders
- A Quick Guide to Ink-Jet Formulation
- Spray Drying for Formulations
- Crystallisation Science and Agrochemical Formulations
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