

# Controlled Release Theory

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<b>Last time:</b>	tailoring the structure of degradable polymers Fundamental concepts in controlled release
<b>Today:</b>	Theory of degradable polymer-based controlled release
<b>Reading:</b>	Charlier et al., 'Release of mifepristone from biodegradable matrices: experimental and theoretical evaluations,' <i>Int. J. Pharm.</i> <b>200</b> , 115-120 (2000)

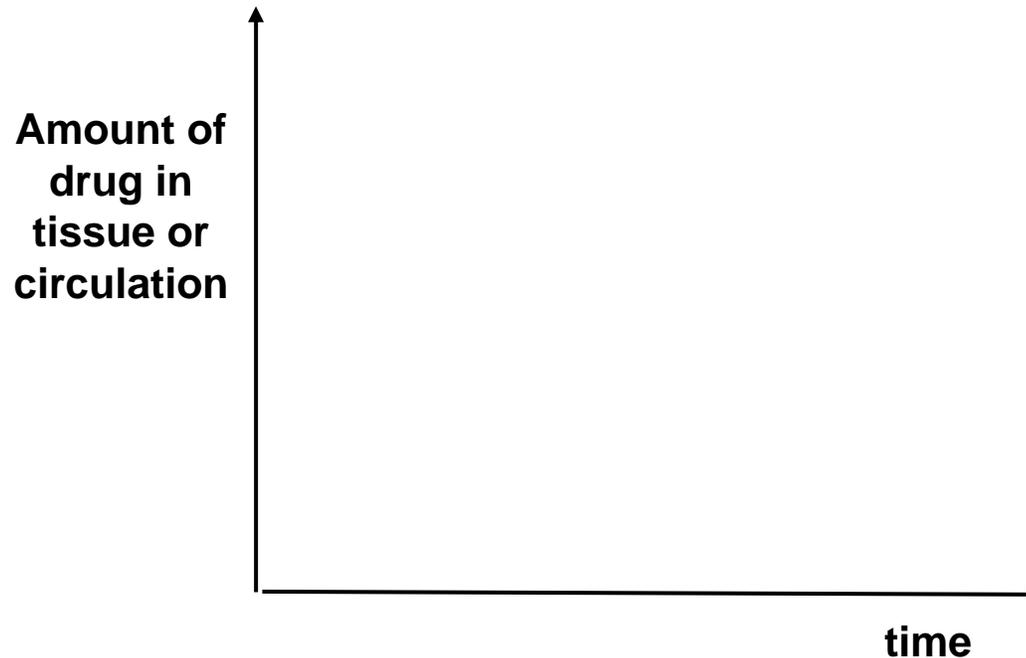
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

# Last time

Therapeutic index: tailoring materials to provide release kinetics matching the 'therapeutic window'

**Bolus drug injection:**

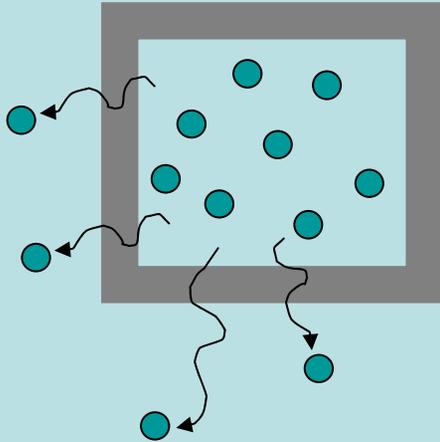
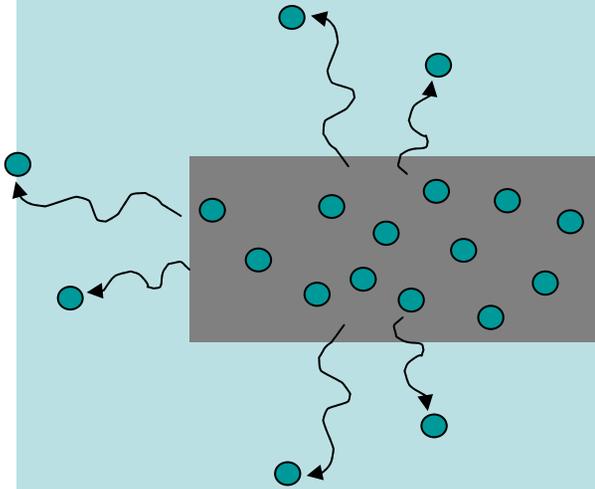


# Mechanisms of controlled release

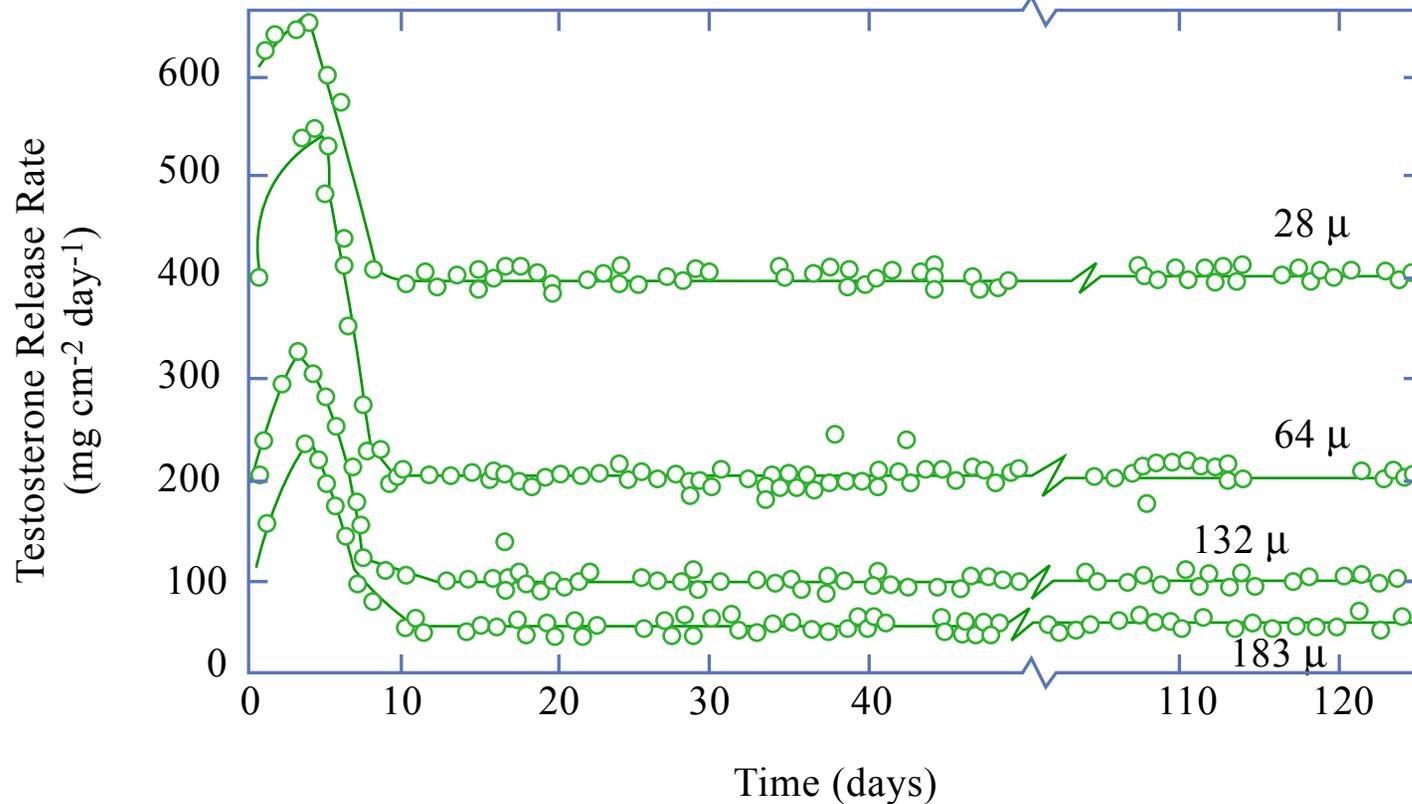
# Drug diffusion-controlled release

Advantage:

Disadvantages:



# Release kinetics for diffusion-controlled release



Release rate of testosterone from cylindrical reservoir devices of different membrane thickness made from silicone rubber.

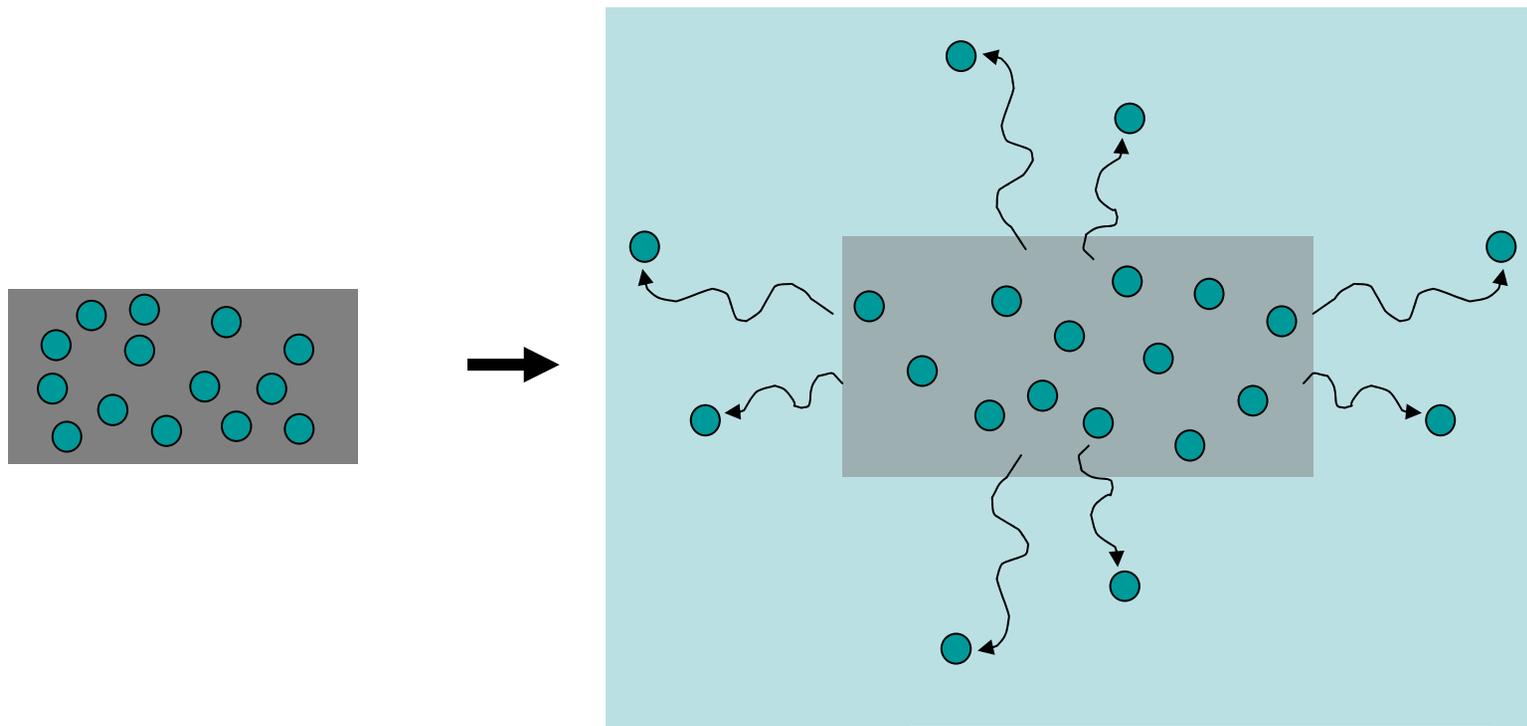
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(Fan and Singh, 1989)

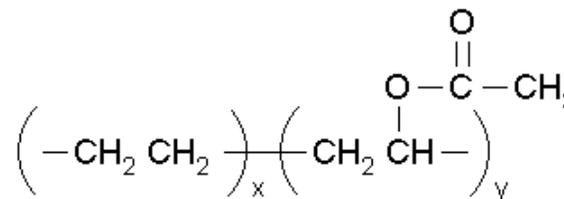
# Release kinetics for diffusion-controlled release



# Water-influx controlled release



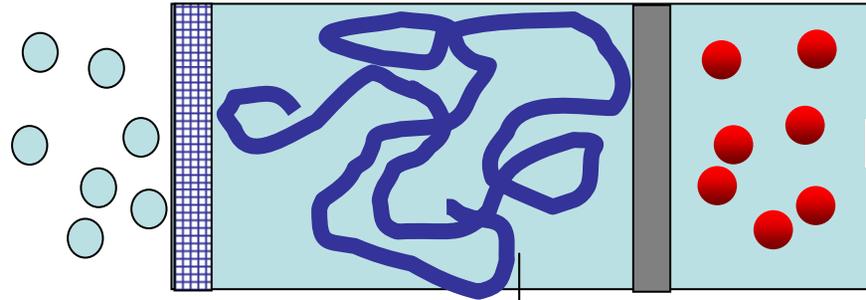
**Example: poly(ethylene-co-vinyl acetate)**



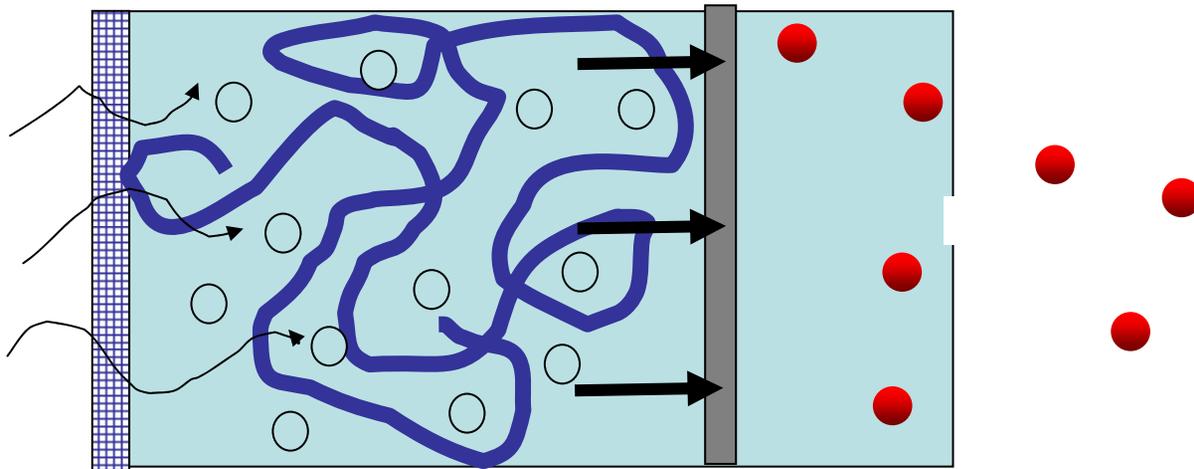
# Regulated/triggered release: mechanical

## Osmotic engine: (one form)

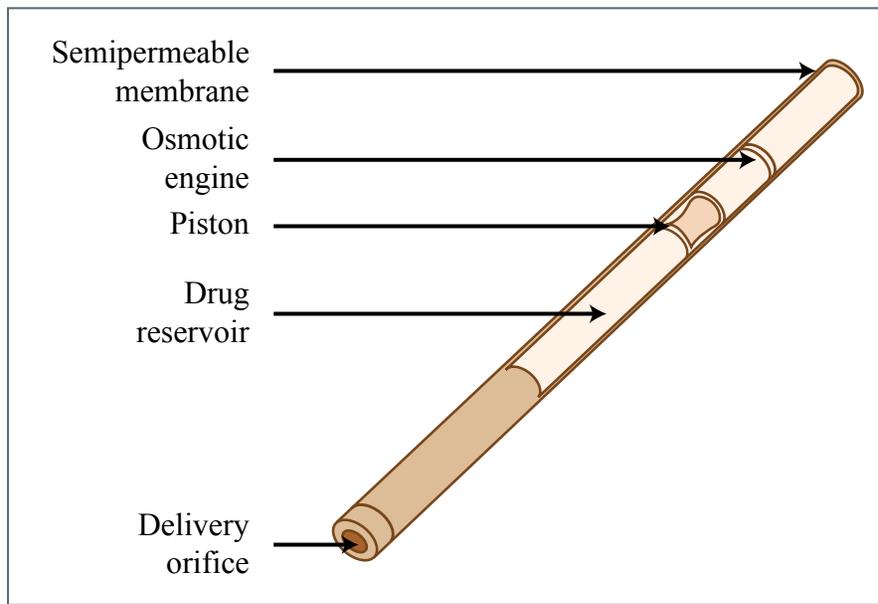
Water driven into  
'engine'; swelling  
drives piston to push  
drug out other end



Favorable  $\Delta S_{mix}$



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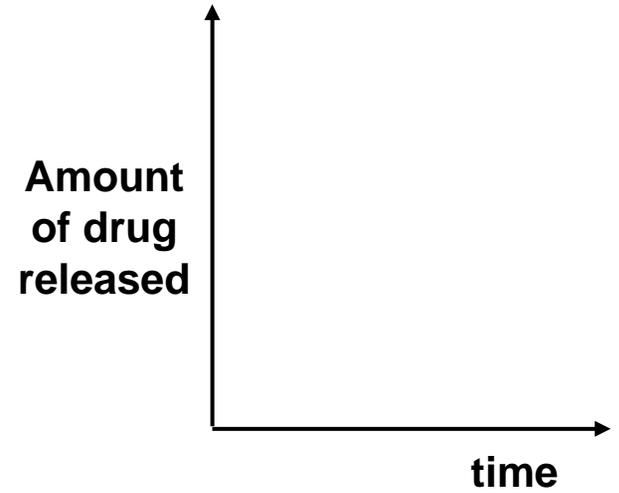
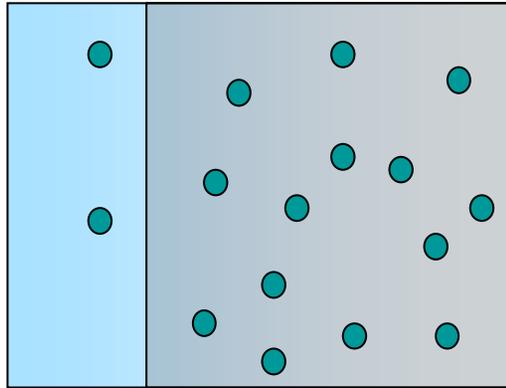
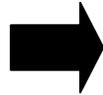
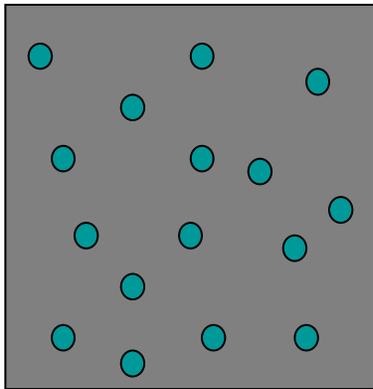
Designed to provide continuous release of drugs up to one year

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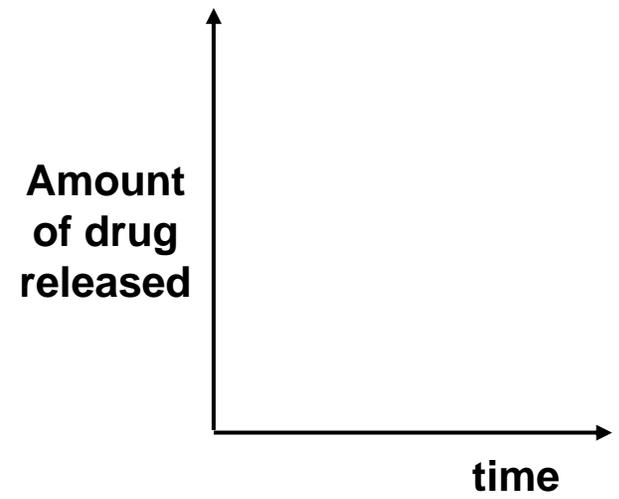
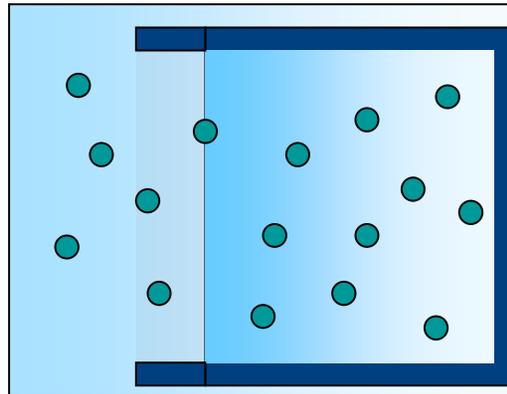
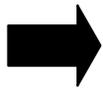
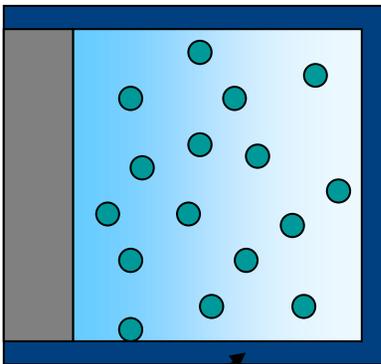
Titanium rod casing

# eroding matrix

Continuous release:

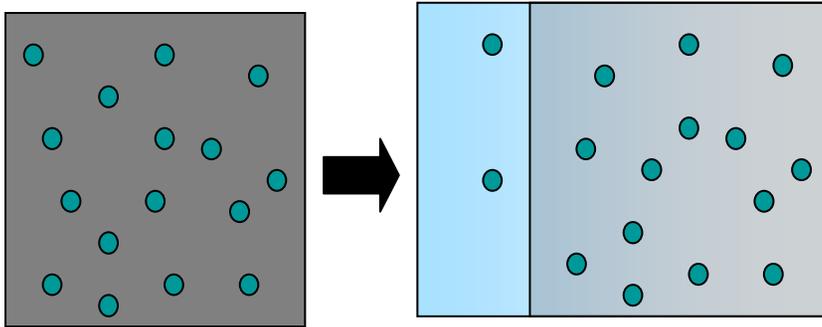


burst release:

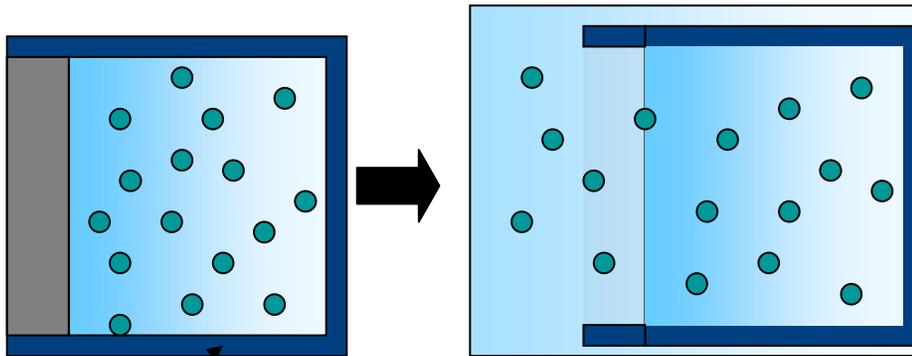


Non-erodible capsule

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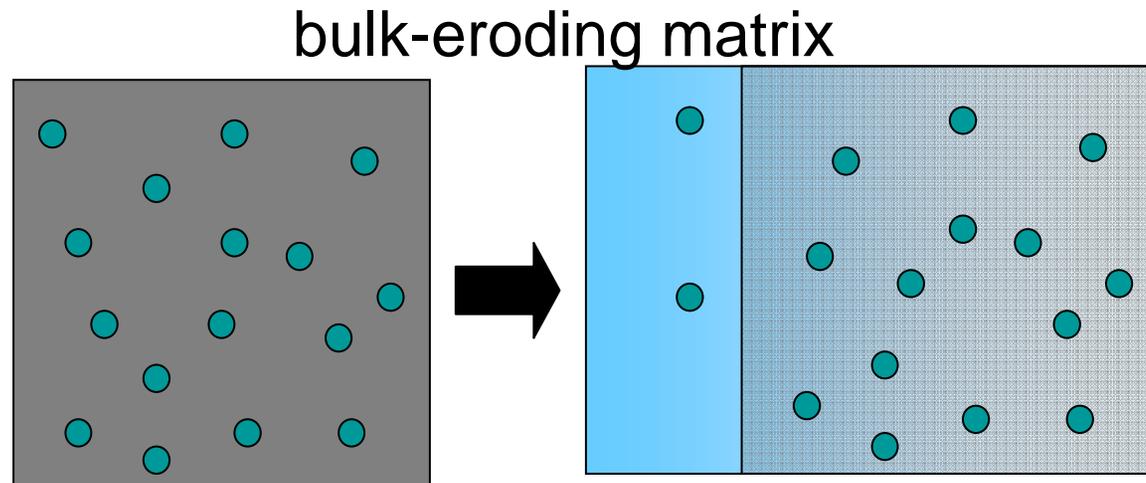
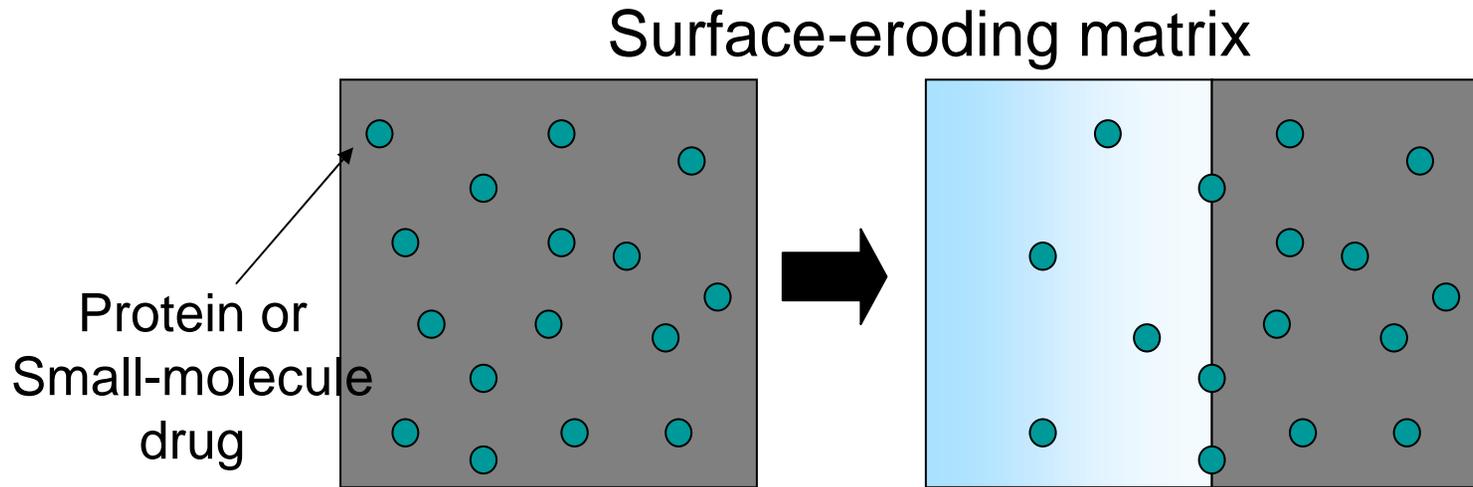
Advantages:



Disadvantages:

Non-erodible capsule

# Designing eroding release devices



# Typical release profiles

## Surface-eroding matrix

Poly(methyl vinyl ether-co maleic anhydride)

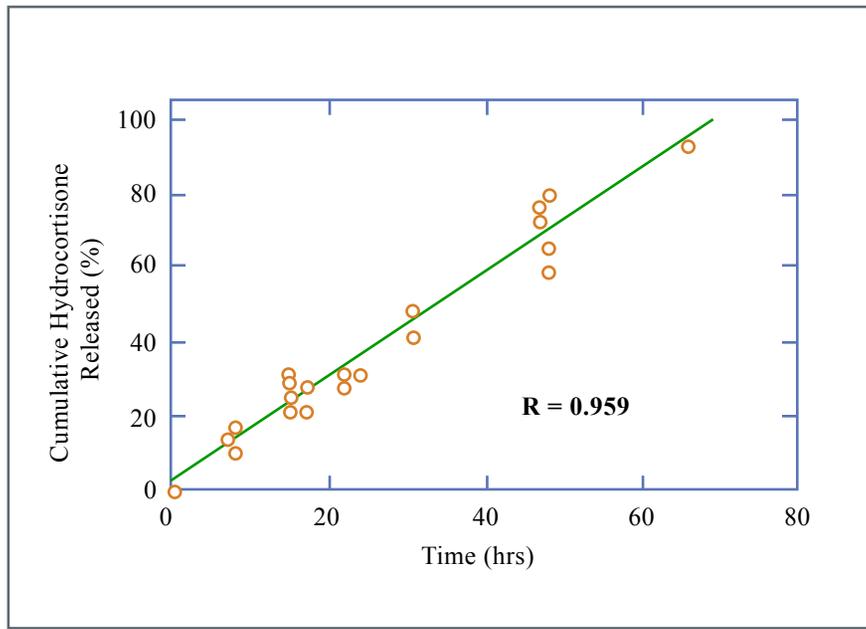
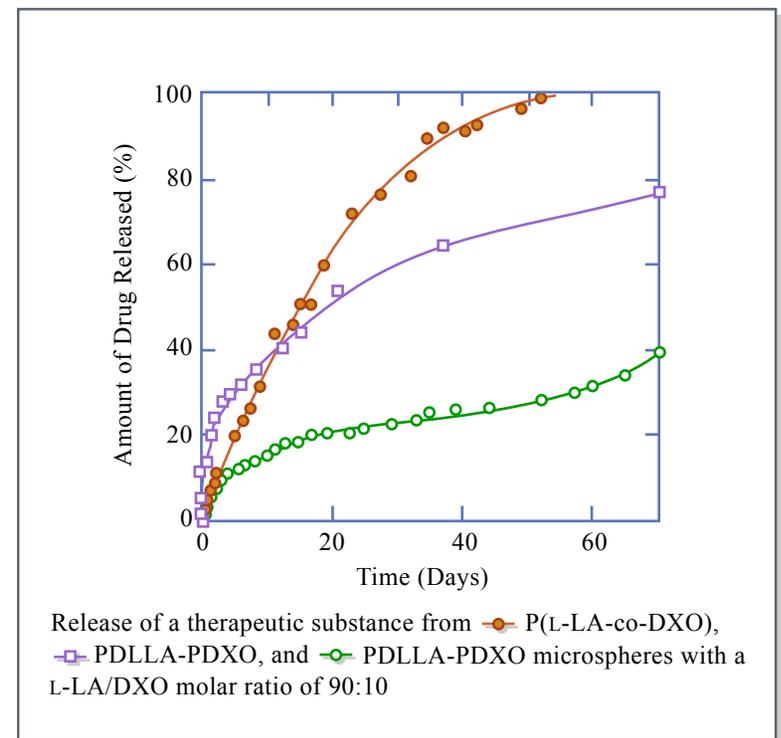


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## Bulk-eroding matrix

Poly(dioxepanone-co-lactide)



Release of a therapeutic substance from ● P(L-LA-co-DXO), ◻ PDLLA-PDXO, and ○ PDLLA-PDXO microspheres with a L-LA/DXO molar ratio of 90:10

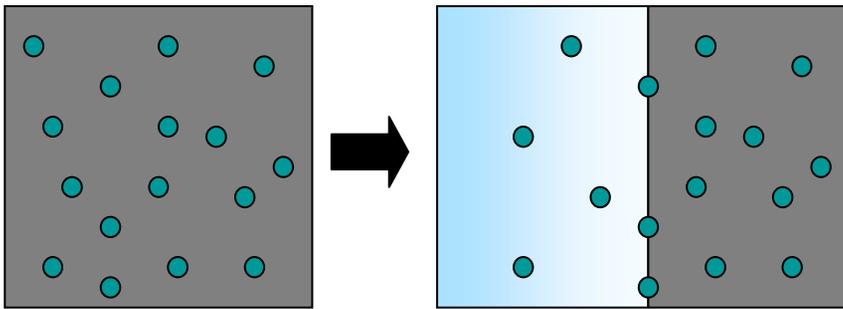
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Garcia, J. T., M. J. Dorta, O. Munguia, M. Llabres, and J. B. Farina.  
 "Biodegradable Laminar Implants for Sustained Release of Recombinant Human Growth Hormone."  
*Biomaterials* 23 (2002): 4759-4764.

# Characteristics of surface vs. bulk-eroding controlled release: (why not always use surface-eroding polymers?)

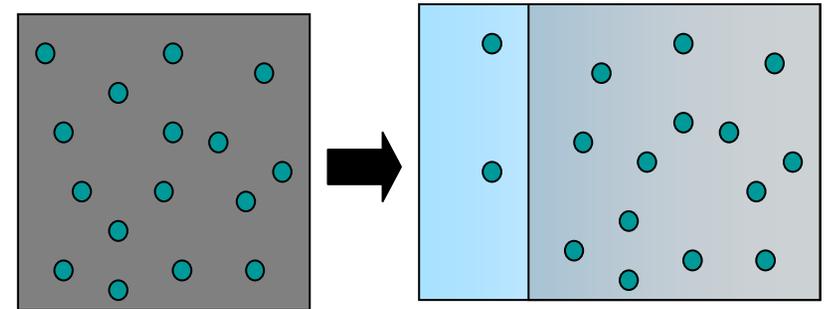
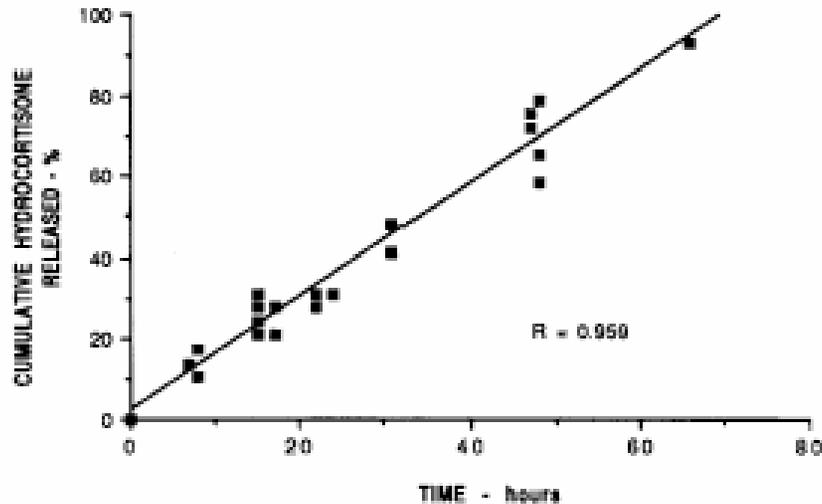
surface erosion:

bulk erosion



### Surface-eroding matrix

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### Bulk-eroding matrix

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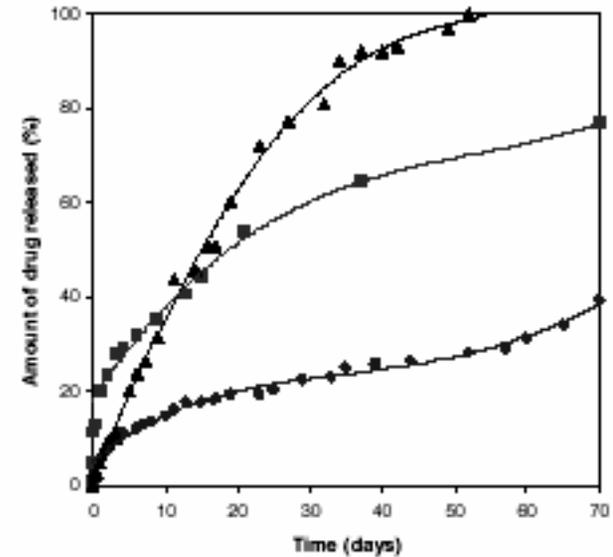
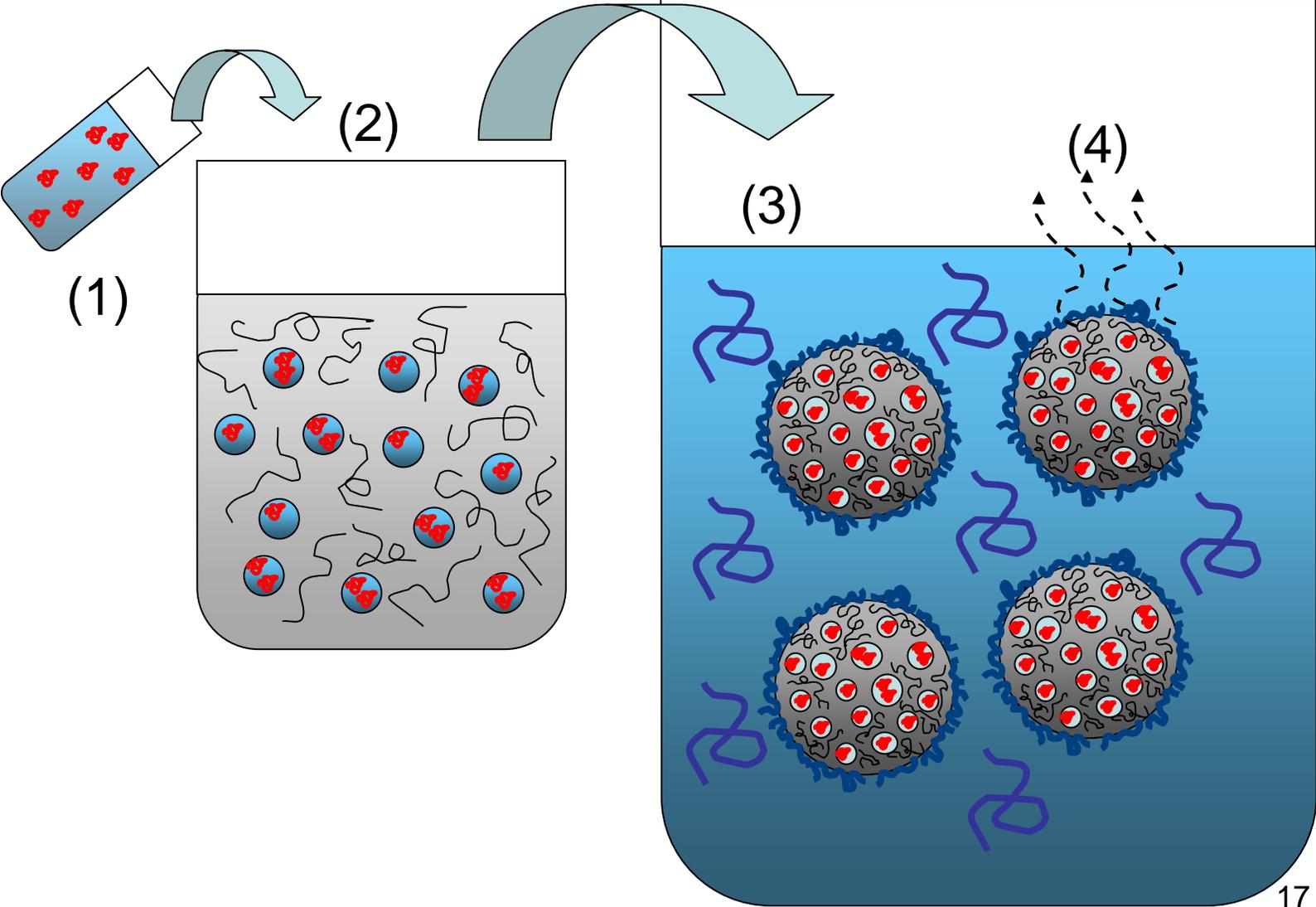


Fig.14. Release of a therapeutic substance from (▲▲) P(L-LA-co-DXO), (■) PDLLA-PDXO, and (●●) PLLA-PDXO microspheres with a L-LA/DXO molar ratio of 90:10

Examination of one approach to drug delivery using eroding matrices in detail: degradable microspheres

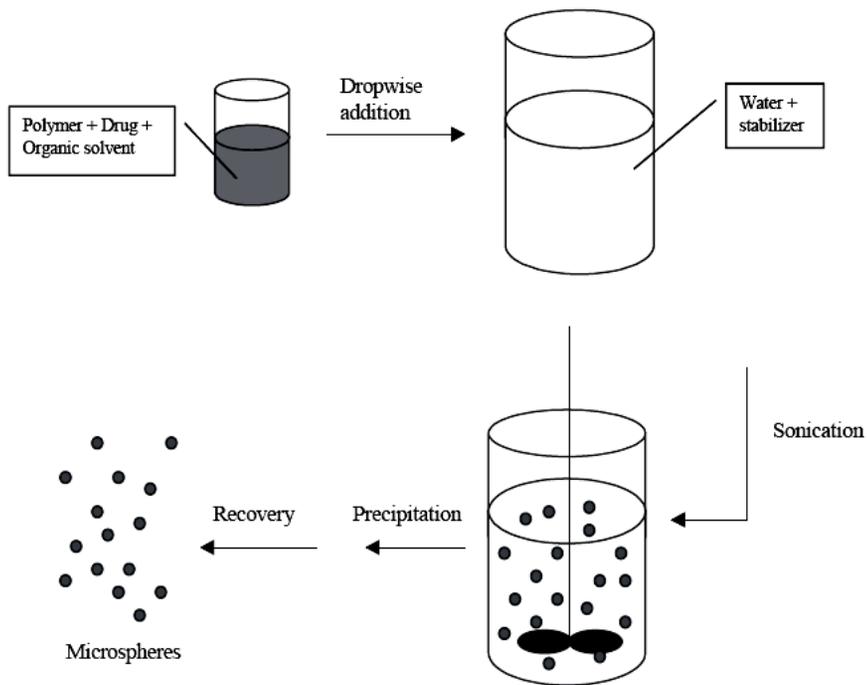


# limiting factors: pH gradients within degradable devices

Fu, K., D. W. Pack, A. M. Klibanov, R. Langer. "Visual Evidence of Acidic Environment within Degrading Poly(lactic-co-glycolicacid) (PLGA) Microspheres." *Pharm Res.* 17, no. 1 (January 2000): 100-6.

Limiting factors: Contact with hydrophobic surfaces/organic interfaces

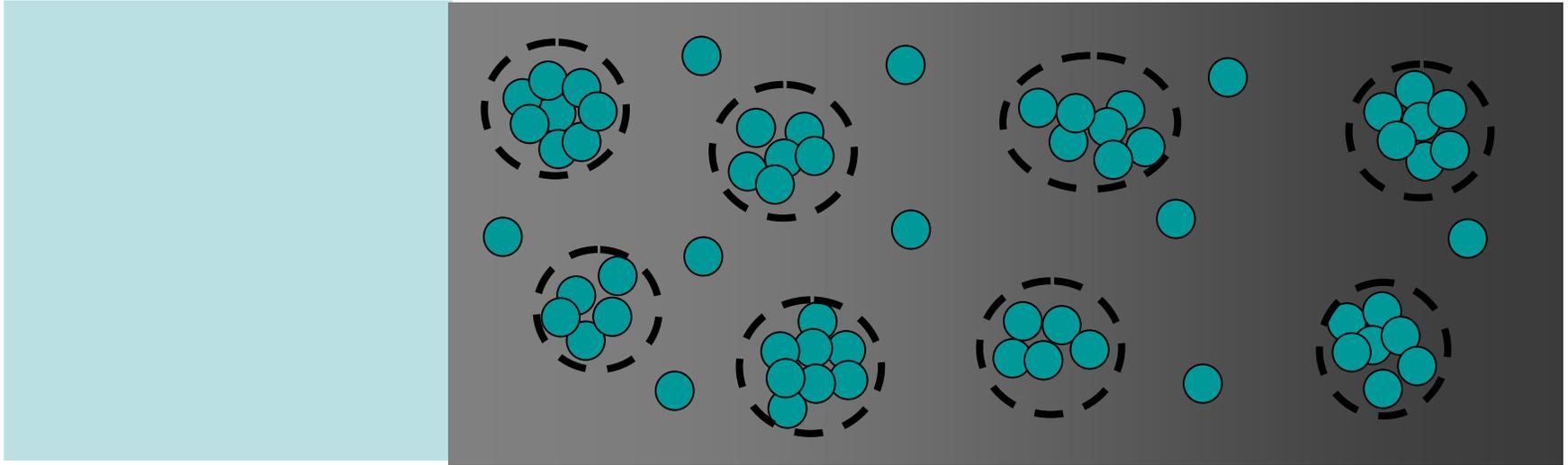
# Modeling an important controlled release system: single emulsion encapsulation of small molecule drugs in degradable polymers



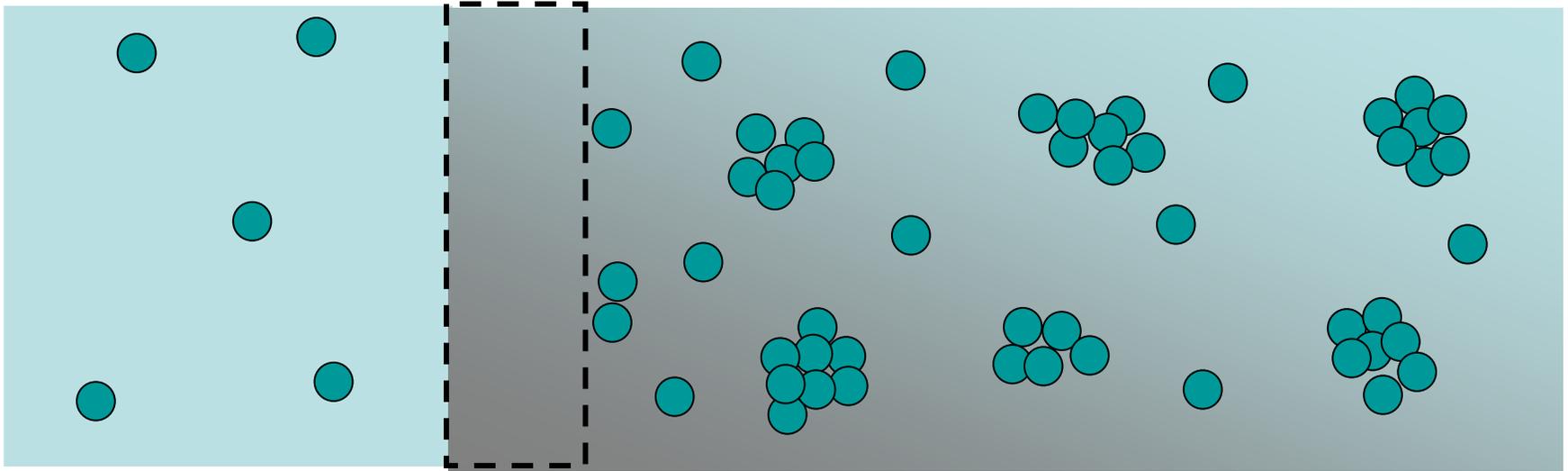
(Edlund 2002)

Faisant N., J. Siepmann, and J. P. Benoit. "PLGA-based Microparticles: Elucidation of Mechanisms and a New, Simple Mathematical Model Quantifying Drug Release." *Eur. J Pharm Sci.* 15, no.4 (May 2002): 355-66.

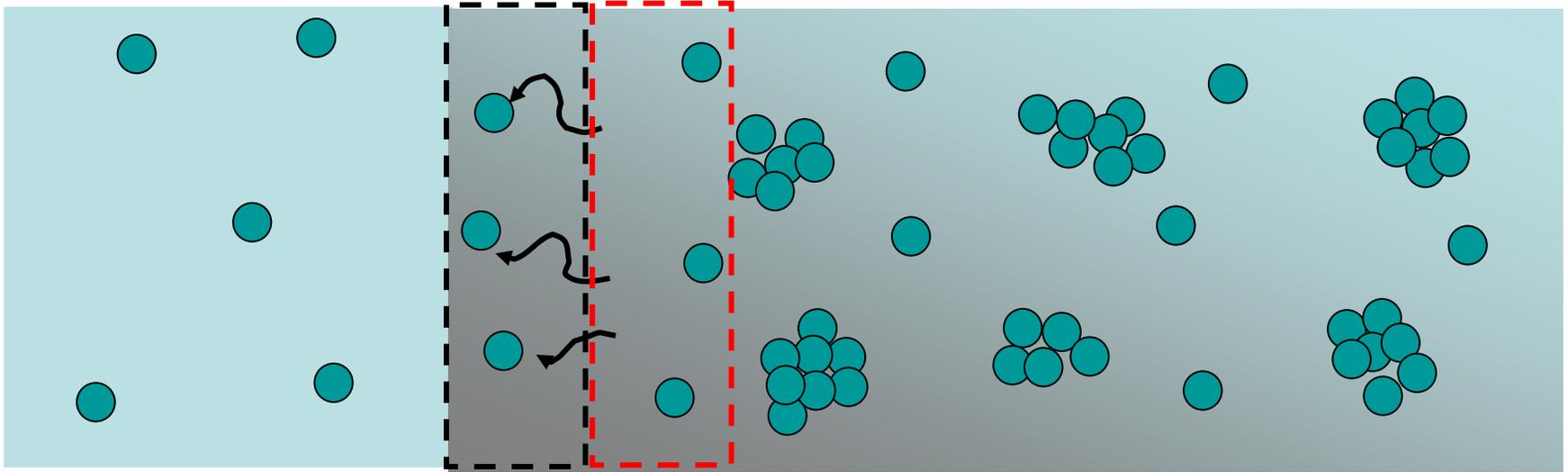
# Theory of controlled release from degradable solids: physical basis of the model



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1. List of parameters:

- A device surface area
- $C_s$  concentration of drug soluble in matrix
- $C_0$  initial concentration of drug encapsulated in device
- $M(t)$  molecular weight of matrix at time  $t$
- $M_0$  initial molecular weight of matrix
- $D$  Diffusion coefficient of drug in polymer matrix
- $h$  thickness of diffusion region in releasing sample
- $Q(t)$  total mass of drug released from dispersed phase from time 0 to time  $t$



Amount of drug freed to diffuse as front moves into matrix by  $dh$ :

Fick's first law in pseudo-steady-state diffusion region:

# Diffusion-controlled release for *nondegradable* solid: Higuchi equation

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