

Analytical and Programmable Drug Delivery Systems

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Advanced Delivery Science

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 - For personalized medicine
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 - Rapid, pre-emptive action
 - Stimuli-responsive

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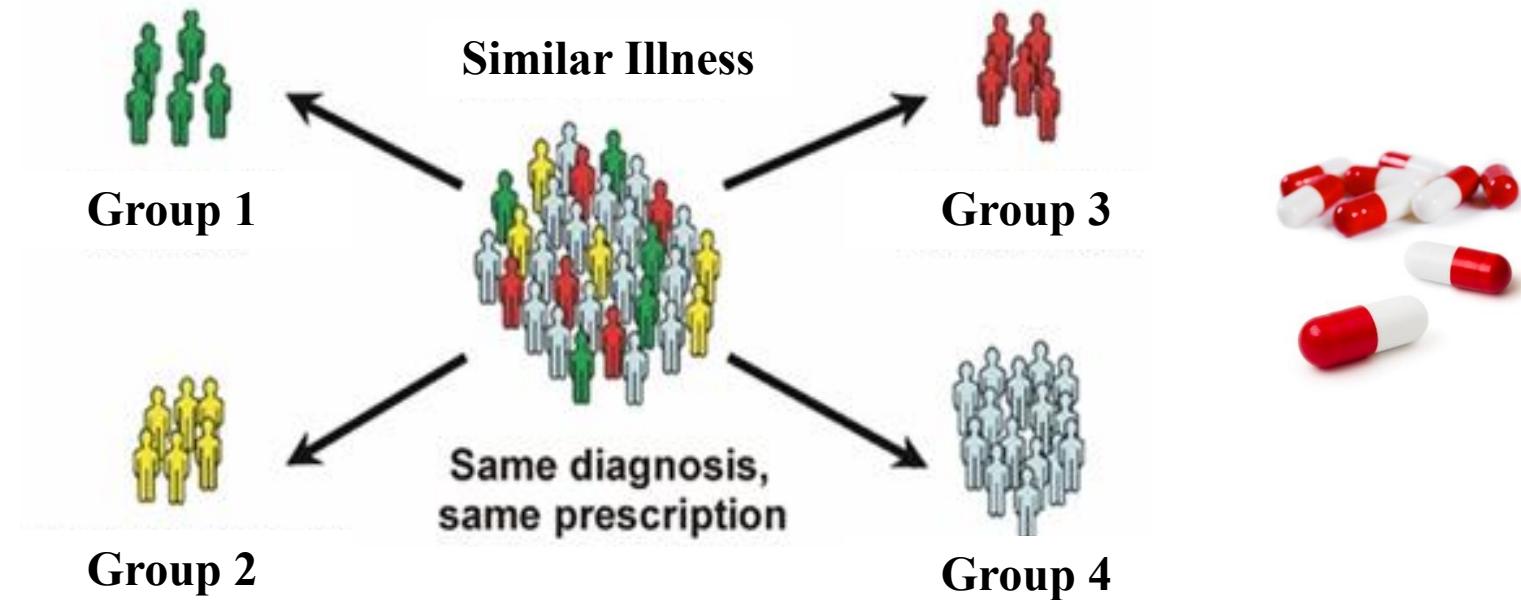
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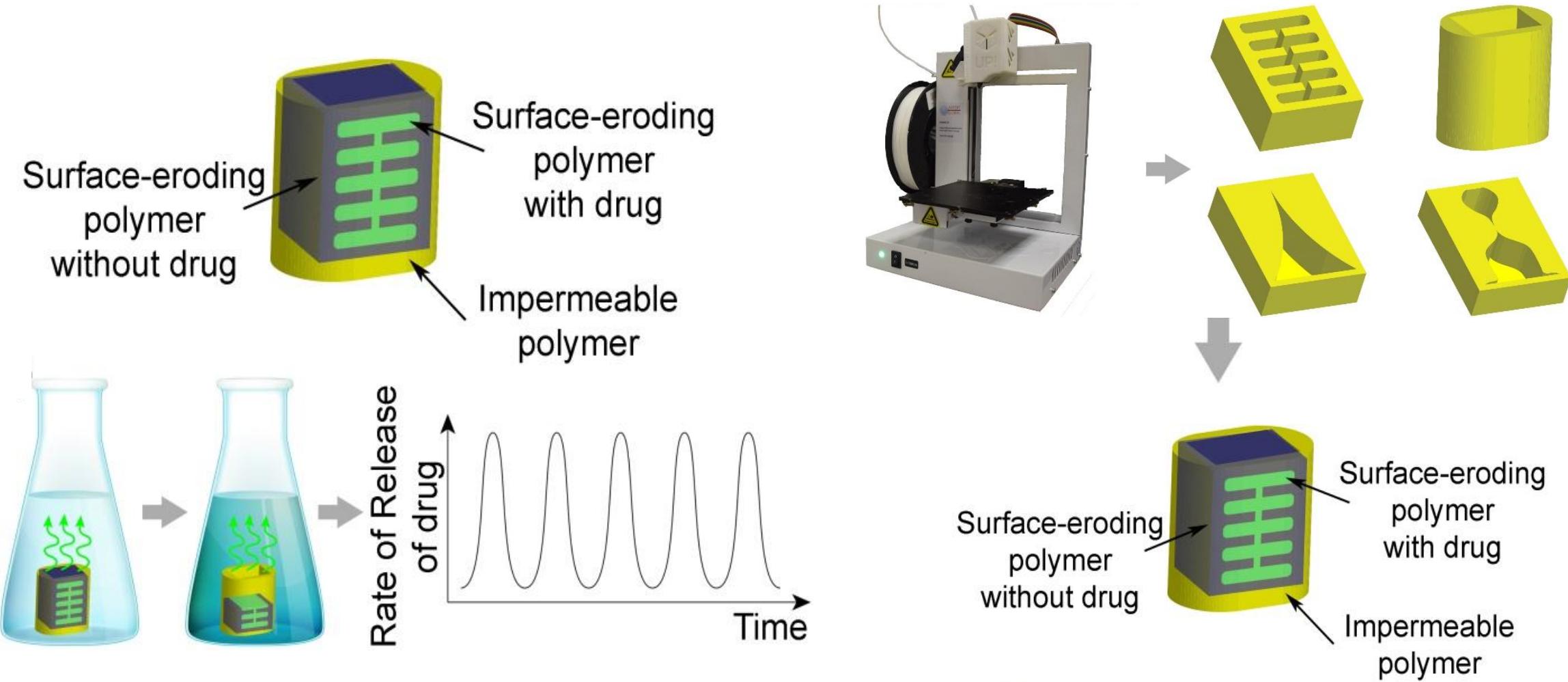
Programmable Drug Delivery for Personalized Medicine



- Biological differences (e.g., genetics)
- Physical differences (e.g., age, sex, body mass, etc)
- Different types of illness
- Different living/ working conditions
- Different types of consumption (e.g., drinks, food, herbs, etc)

All individuals are different !

Programming Fully Customizable Tablet for Personalized Medicine



Components of the Fully Customizable Tablet

Drugs tested:

- Paracetamol (high-dosage drug)
- Phenylephrine hydrochloride (low-dosage drug)
- Diphenhydramine hydrochloride (low-dosage drug)

High-dosage drug excipient:

- Hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC)

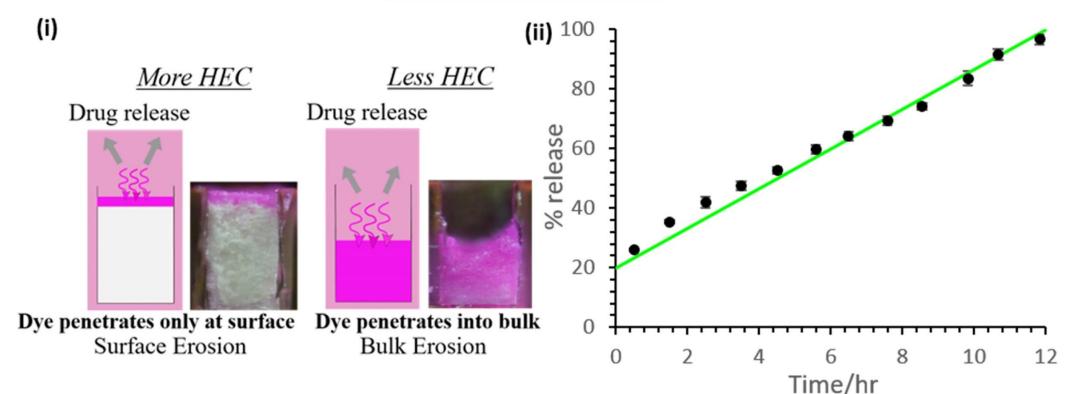
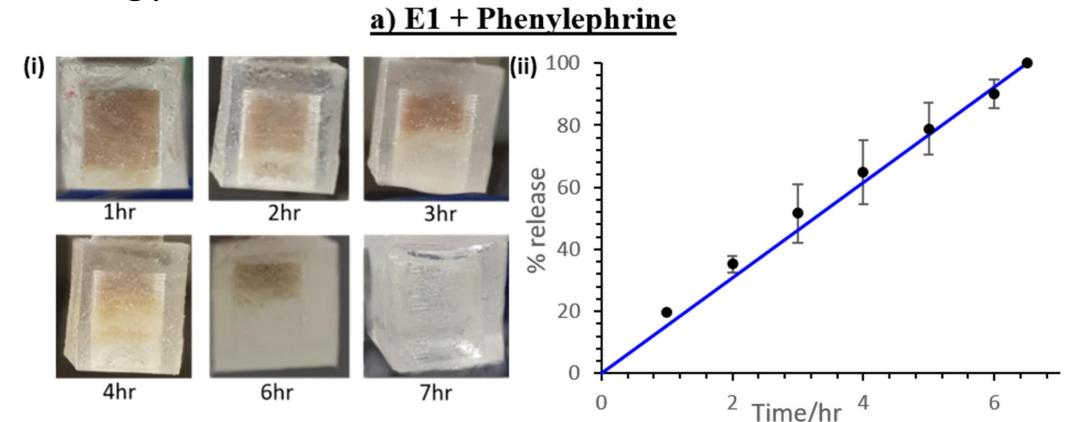
Low-dosage drug excipient:

- Carnauba wax
- Sodium alginate
- Croscarmellose sodium (CNa)

Coating:

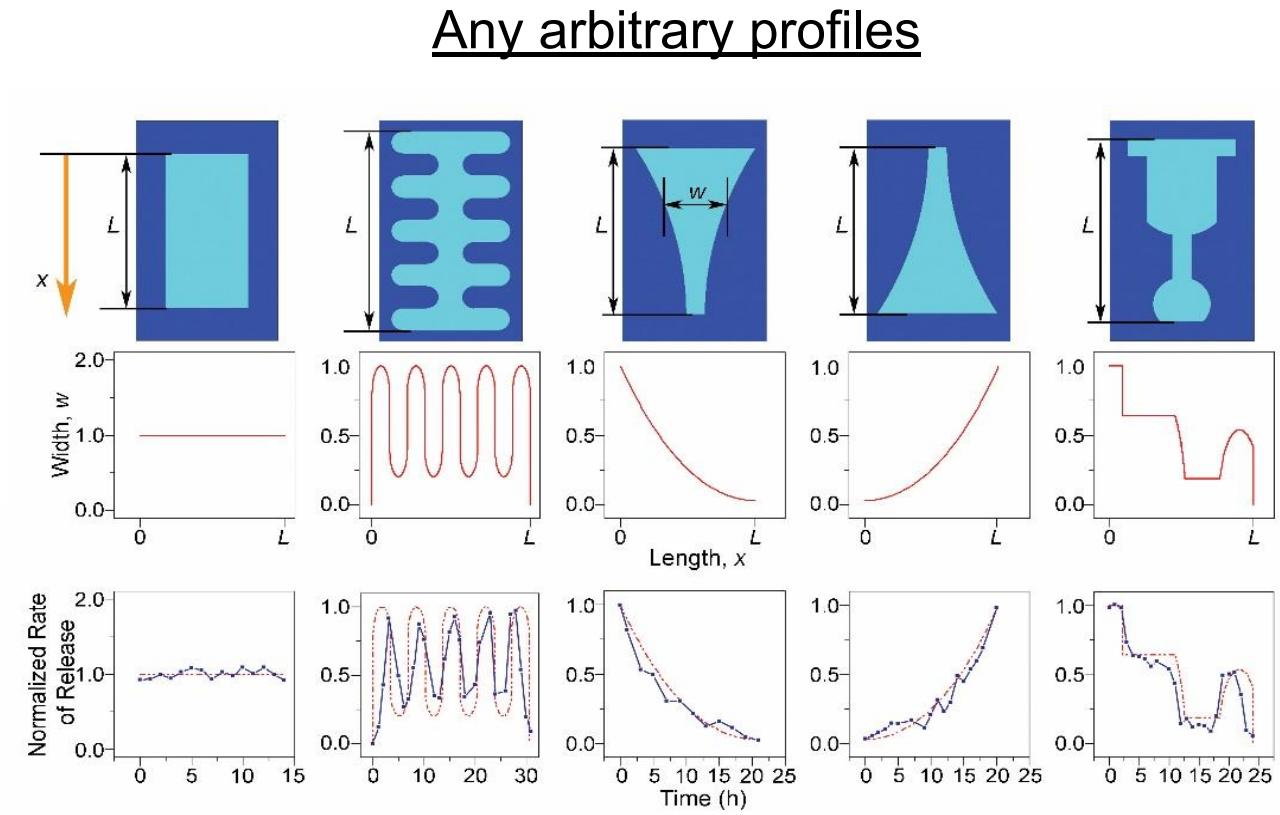
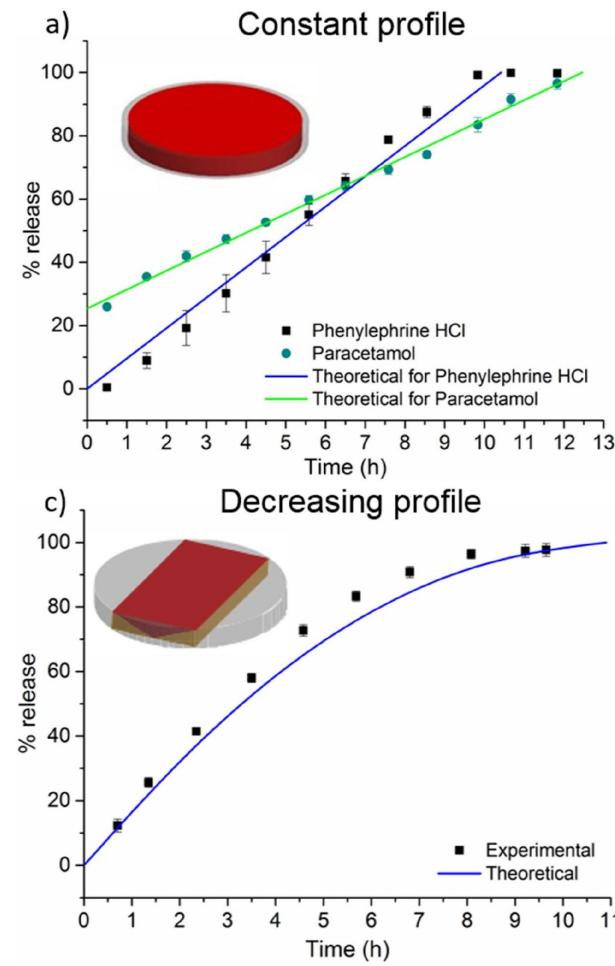
- White wax

Surface-eroding excipient



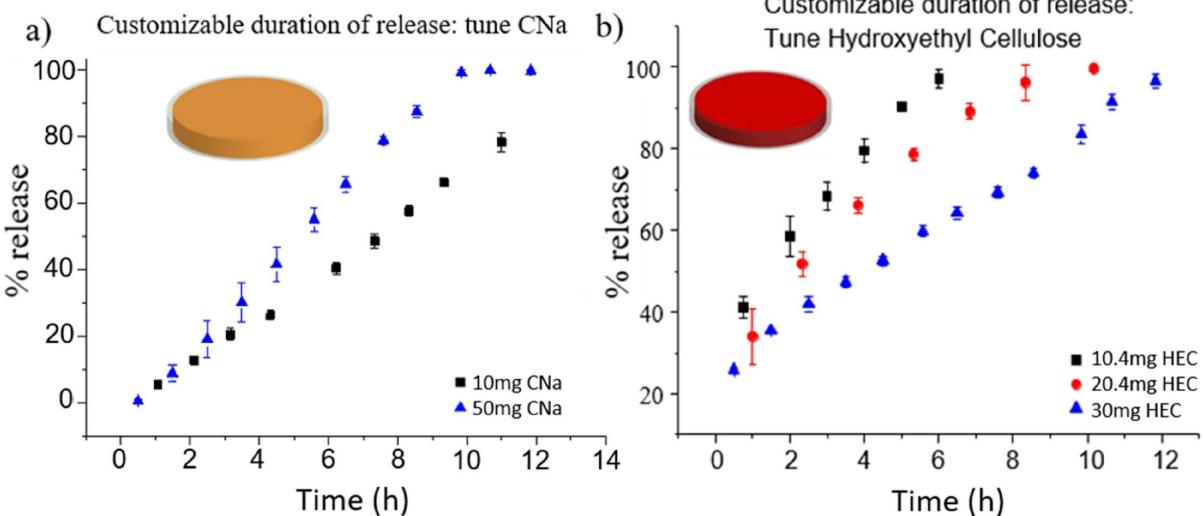
Fully Customizable Release Profile

Phenylephrine hydrochloride or Paracetamol



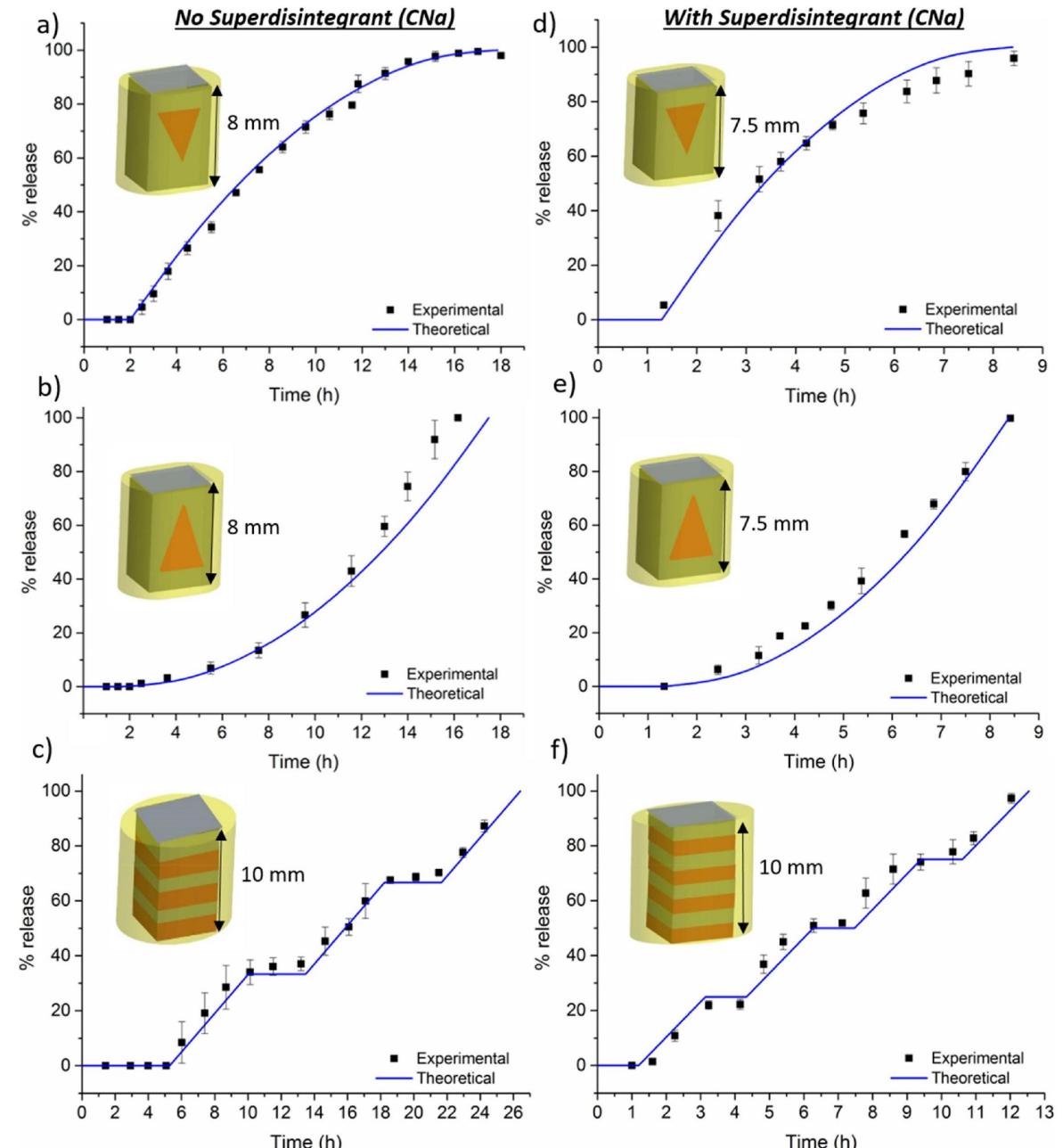
Fully Customizable Duration of Release

Pills

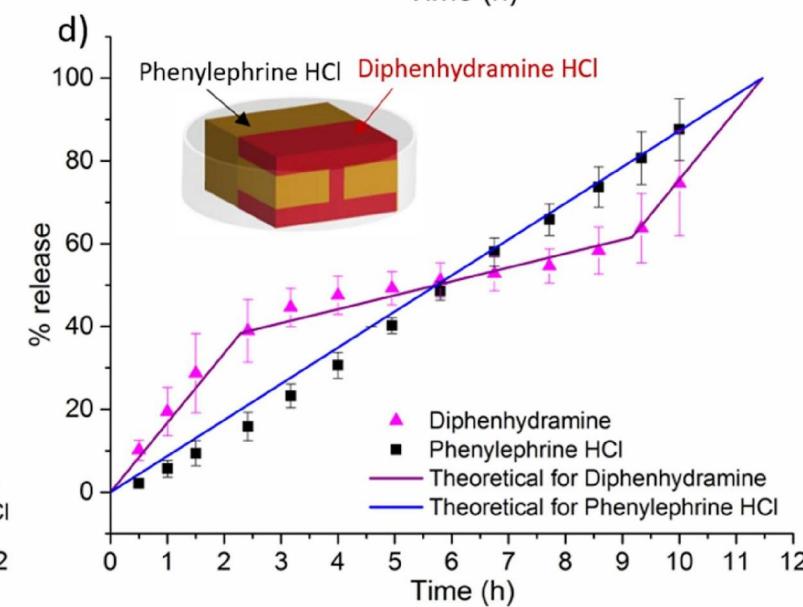
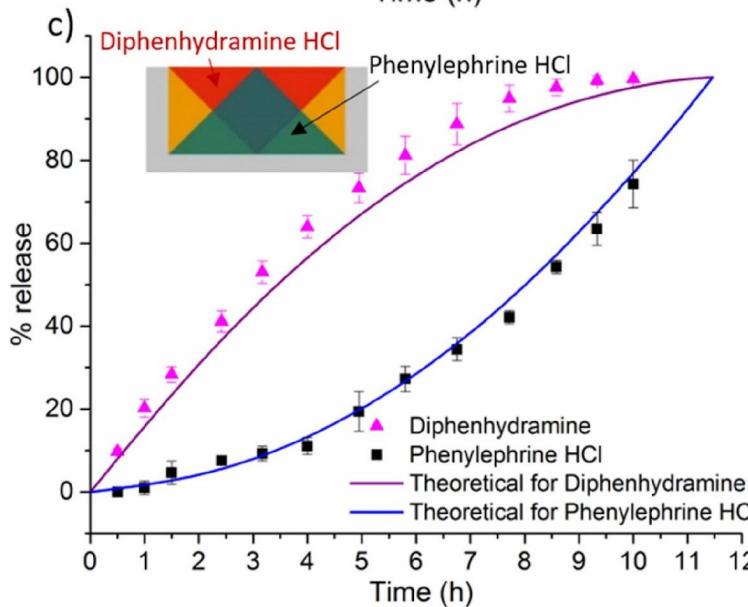
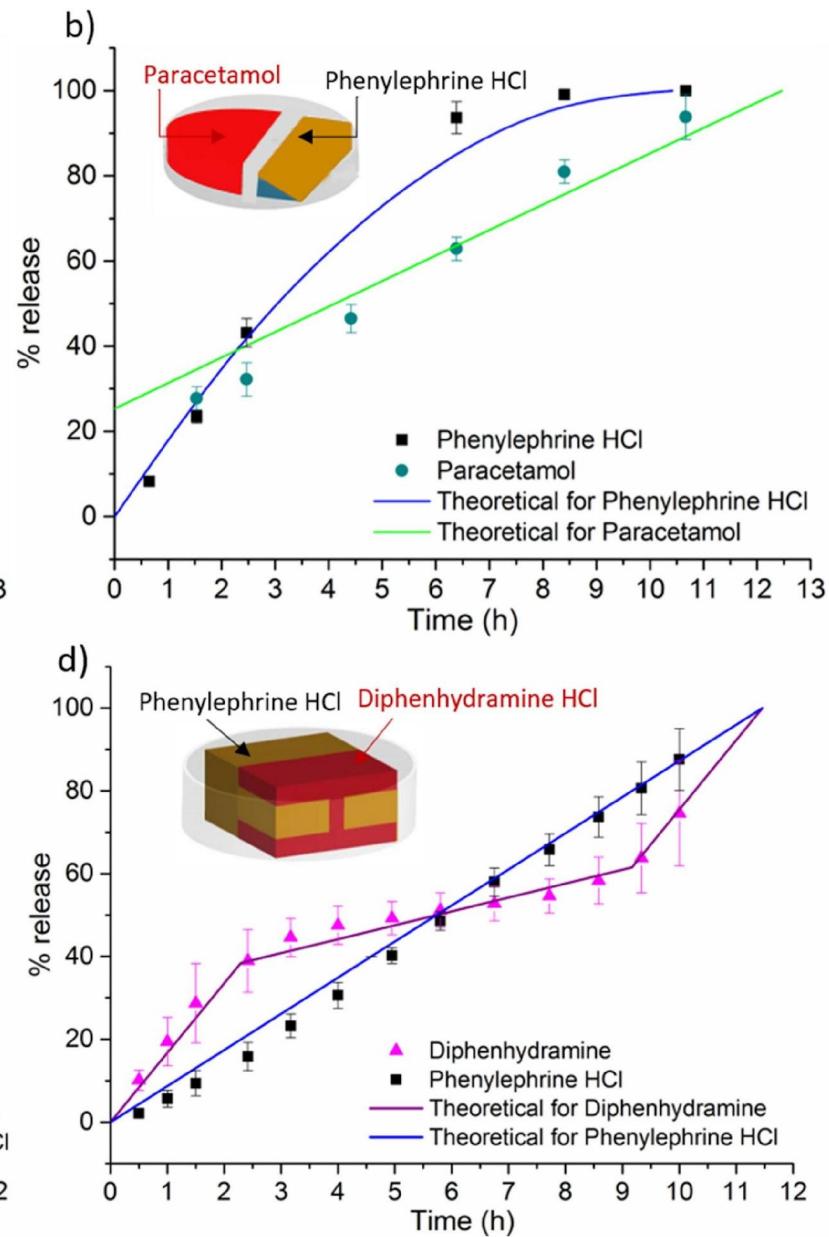
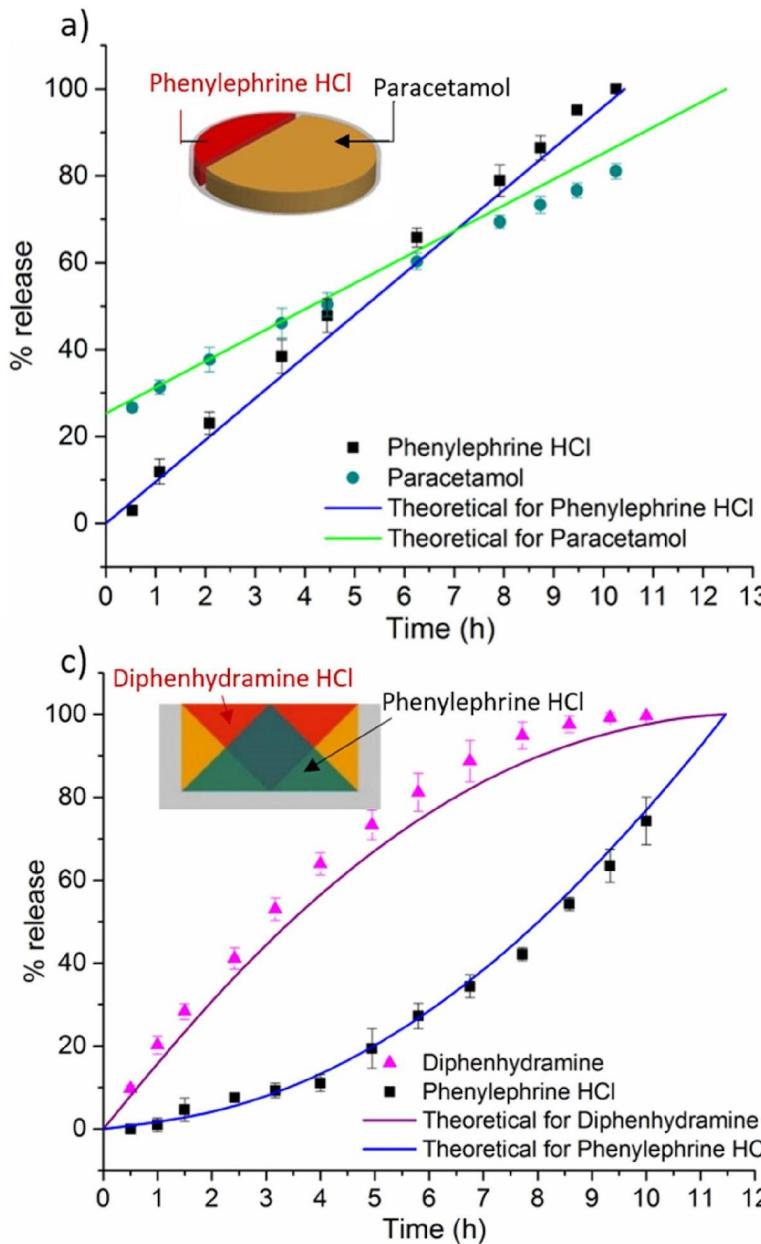


1. Changing the geometry of tablet
2. adding superdisintegrant,
3. tuning the composition of the excipient, or

Long Capsule



Fully Customizable Multi-Drug Tablet



Programmable Fully Customizable Tablet for Personalized Medicine

Fully Customizable tablet

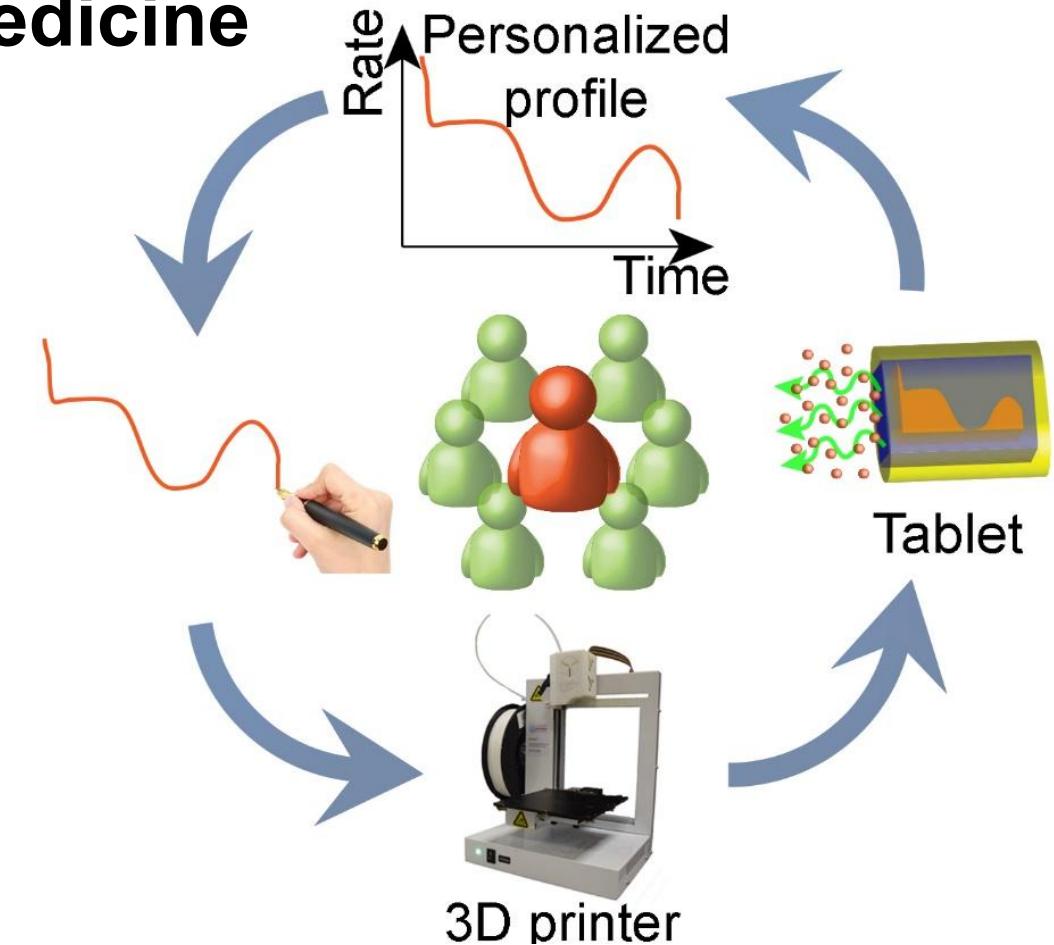
- Customizable dosage
- Customizable duration
- Customizable release profile
- Customizable multi-drug tablet

Advantages

- Low cost: commercially available 3D printers
- Easy to use: shape drawn corresponds directly to release profile

Customization on-the-spot

- Local neighborhood clinics, Hospitals, Drug stores, Automated dispenser



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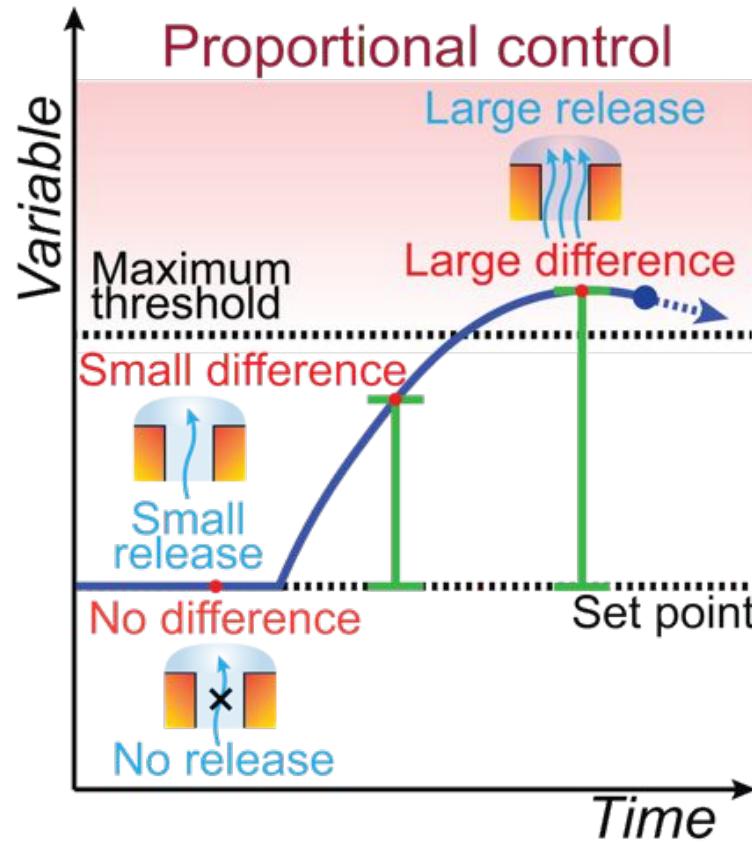
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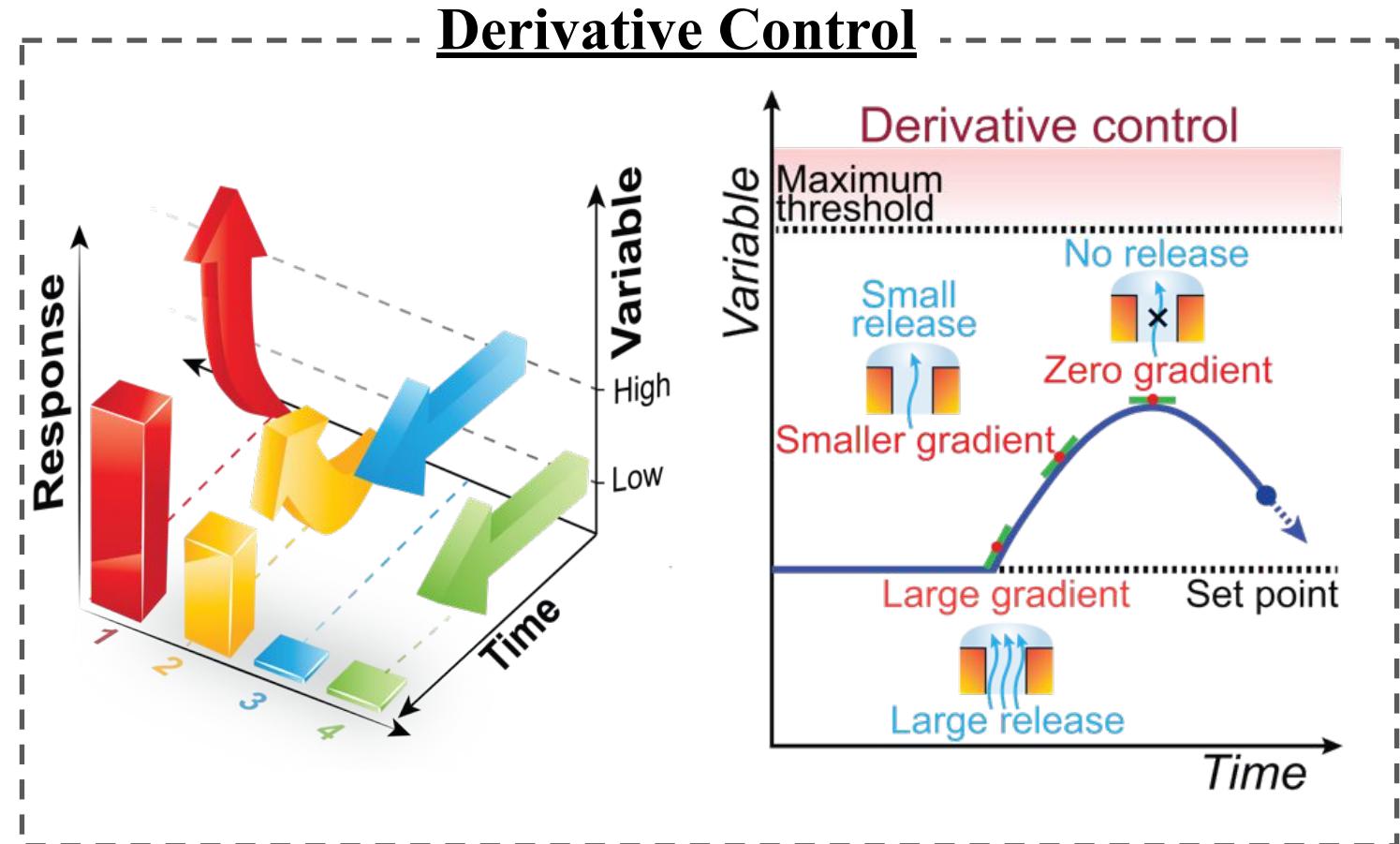
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Performing Calculus by Stimuli-Responsive Derivative Controller



Large response only
with large difference



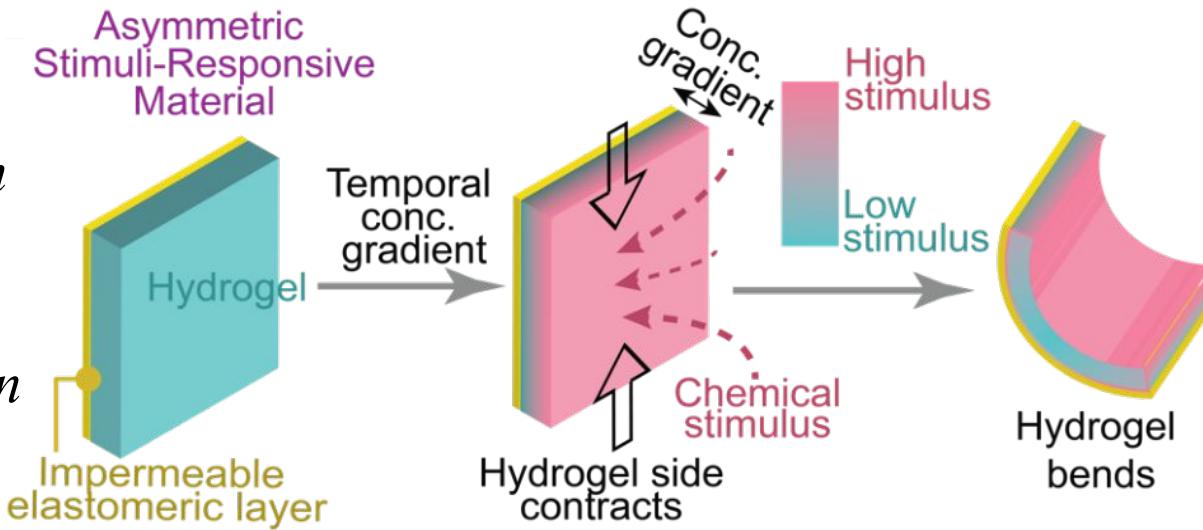
Large response even with
small difference

- Derivative has always been performed by computers ...
- *How do we perform Derivative by simple materials?*

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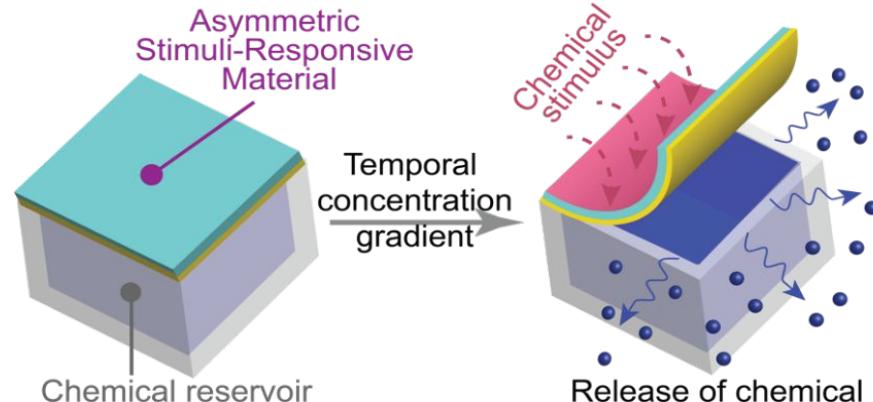
Asymmetric Stimuli-Responsive Polymer

Reaction-diffusion process with one impermeable boundary condition



Rate of bending depends on the derivative of concentration

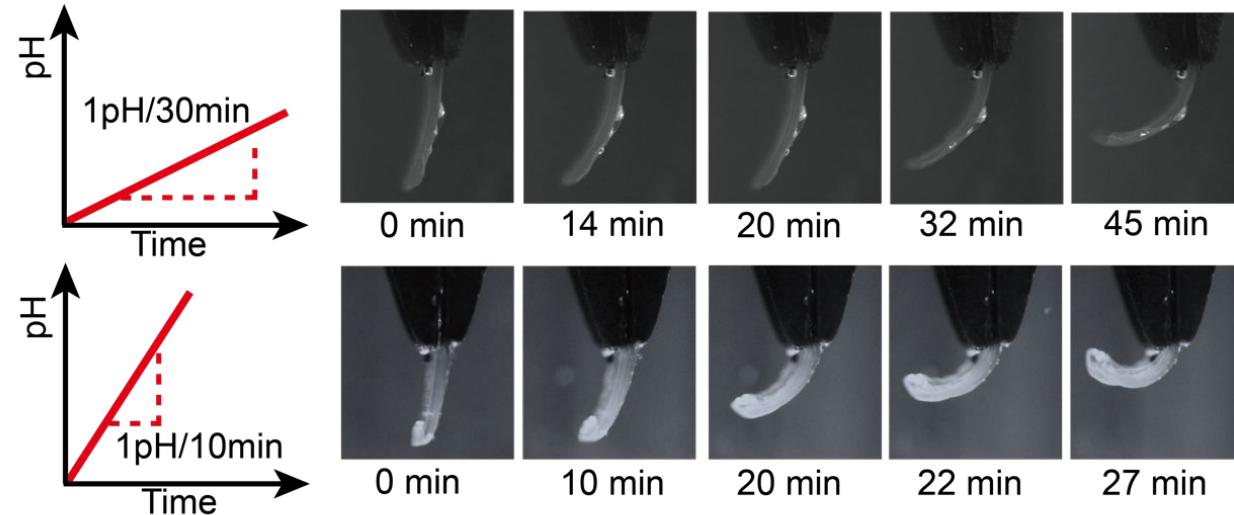
Controller and Self-Regulation based on temporal Derivative



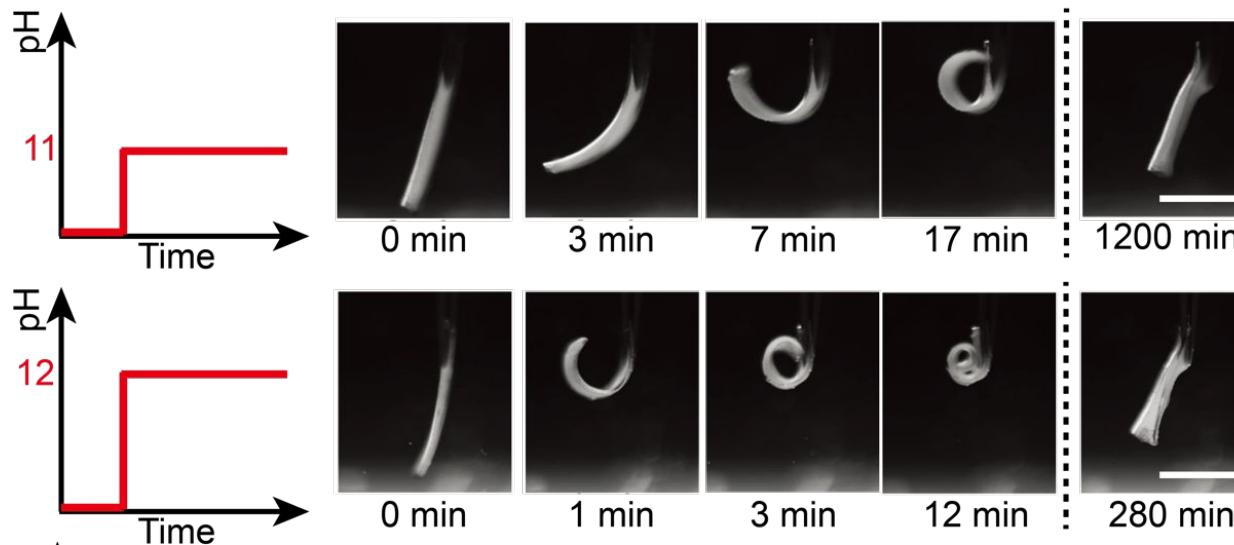
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Performing Calculus by Stimuli-Responsive Derivative Sensor

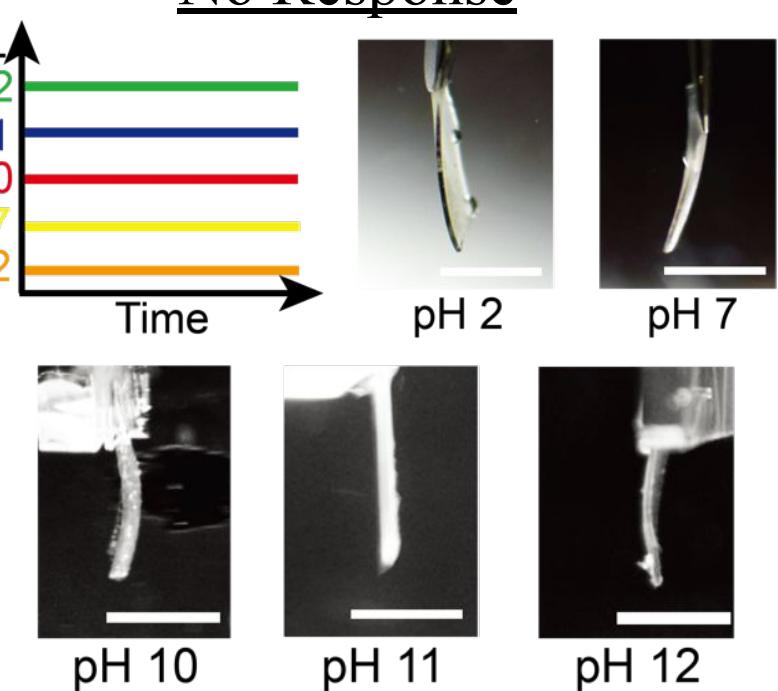
Gradient Response



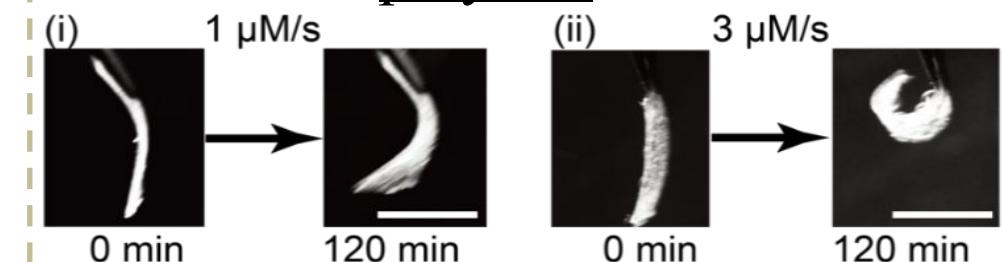
Step Response



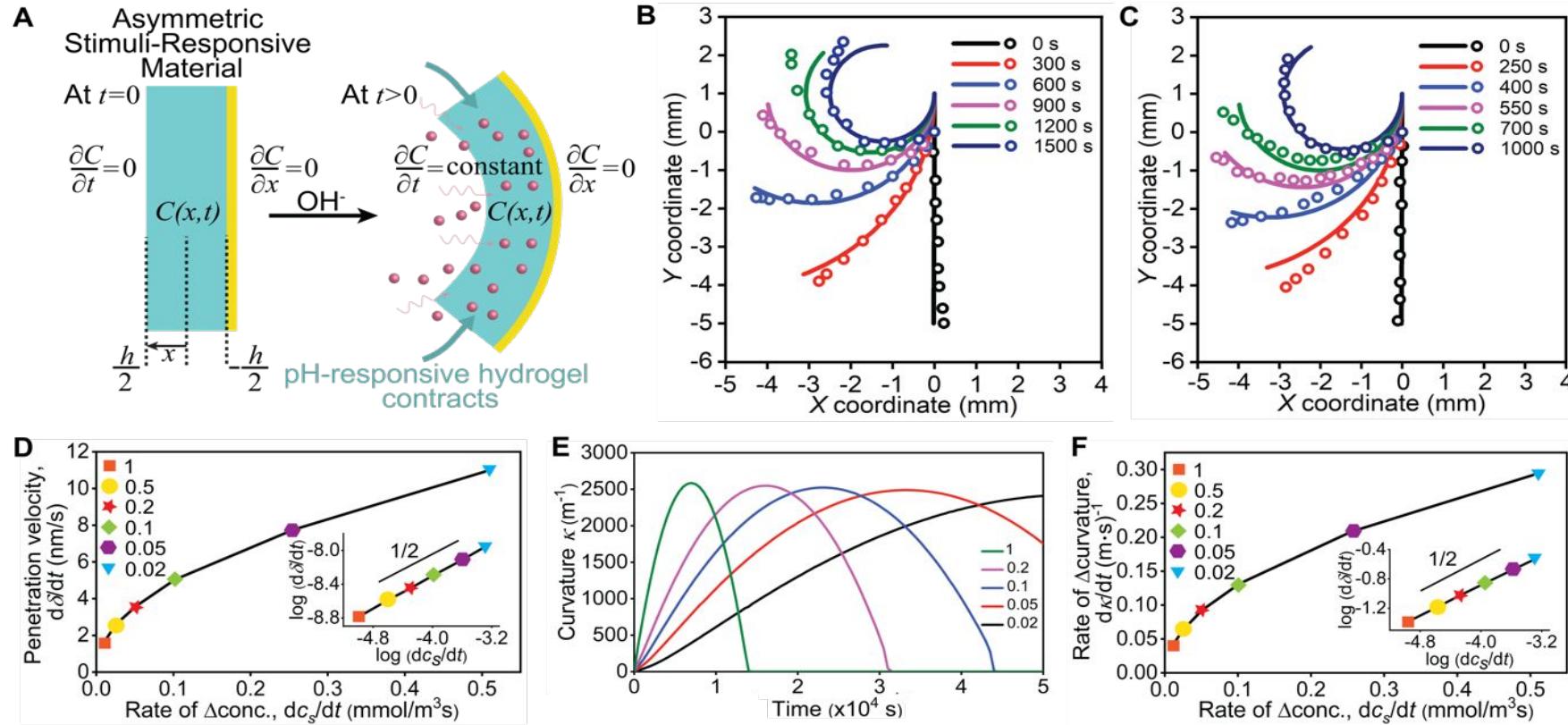
No Response



Glucose-responsive polymer



Mathematical Relationship between Rate of Bending and Derivative



Reaction-Diffusion

$$\frac{\partial c(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + k_- (s_0 - s(x, t)) - k_+ s(x, t) c(x, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial s(x, t)}{\partial t} = k_- (s_0 - s(x, t)) - k_+ s(x, t) c(x, t)$$

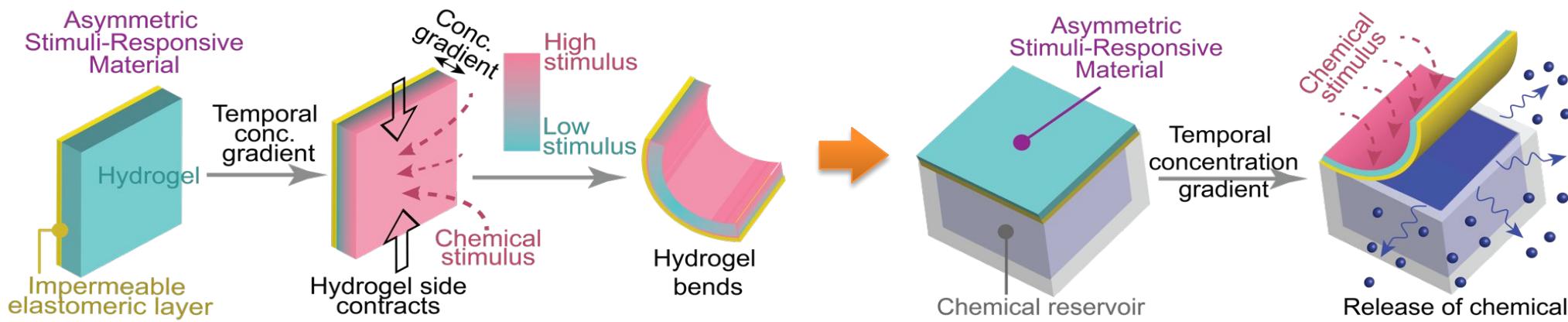
Curvature due to Contractile Strain

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{12 \varepsilon_{\max}}{h^3} \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \left(\frac{x}{1 + K/c} \right) dx$$

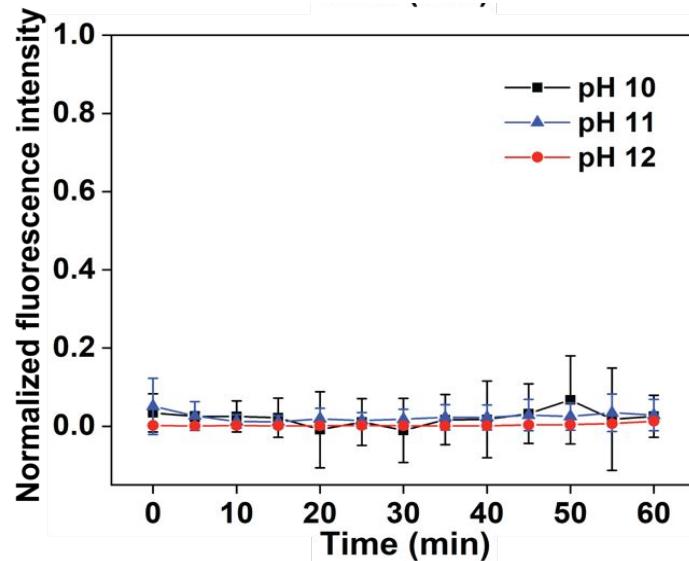
Rate of bending scales with temporal derivative mathematically:

$$d\kappa / dt \sim \sqrt{dc_s / dt}$$

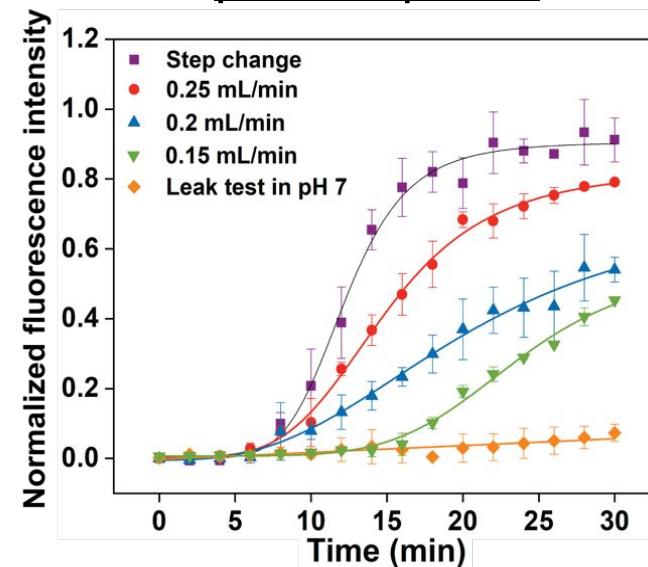
Controlled Release based on Derivative



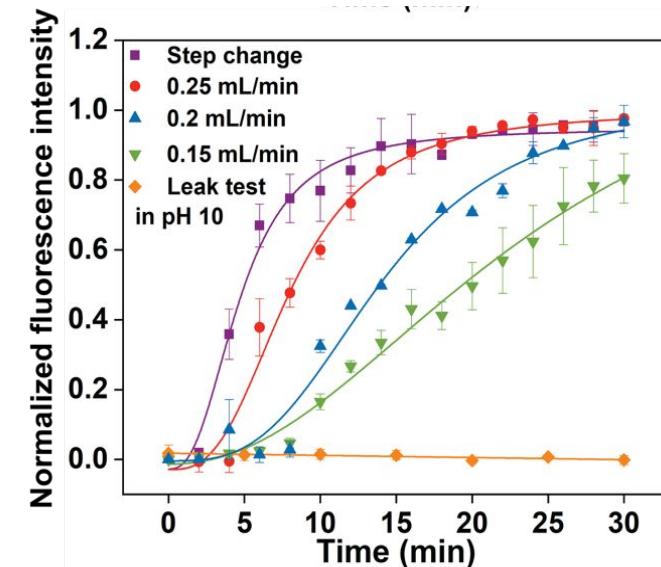
Constant pH



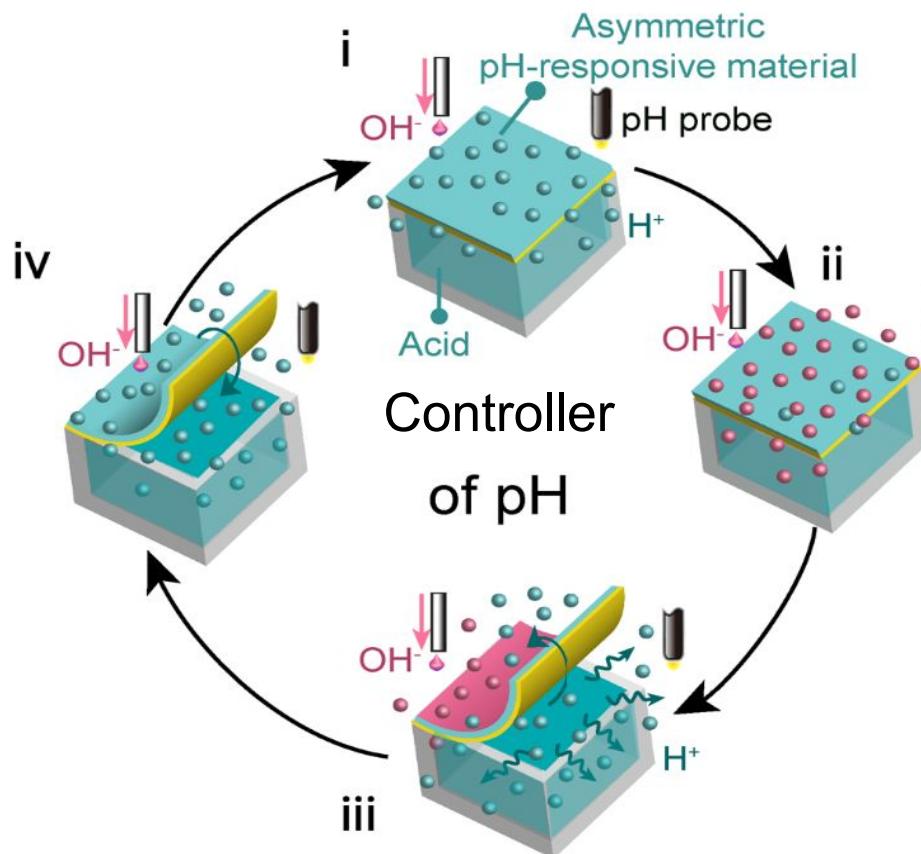
pH 7 to pH 11



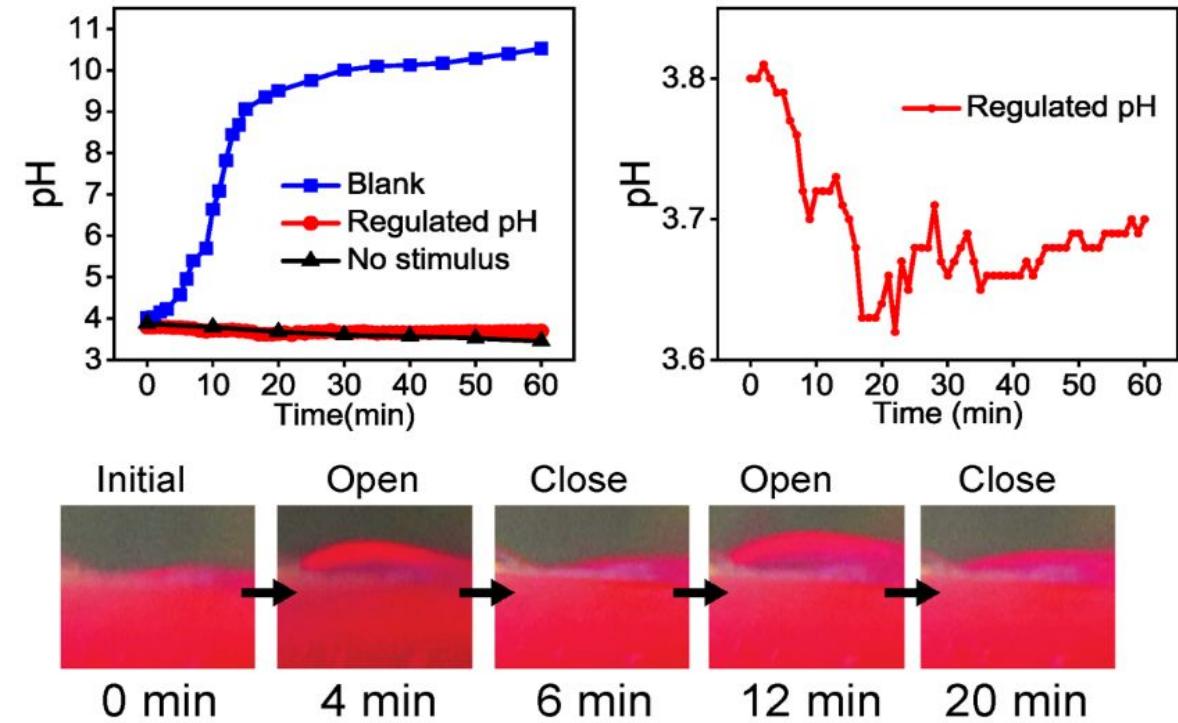
pH 10 to pH 11.48



Full Derivative Controller



- Full controller in a particle:
 - Sensing element
 - Computational ability
 - Actuation
 - Release



- First demonstration that calculus (derivative) can be performed without using a computer.

Questions?