

Optical Sensing Components for Nanodevices

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Eight Steps to Creating a Functional Material

**STEP 1. CHOOSE AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM TO
SOLVE**

DIABETES MANAGEMENT: NON-INVASIVE AND MINIMALLY-INVASIVE METHODS FOR GLUCOSE MONITORING (AND/OR INSULIN DELIVERY!)

Methods for frequent and accurate blood glucose monitoring are needed.

1. Current meters are accurate to only 15 %.
2. Most require blood fingerstick.
3. Must be carried by patient.

Minimally- and non-invasive methods are highly desirable

See: (a) Alexeev, V. L. et. al. *Clin. Chem.* **2004**, *50*, 2353., (b) Klonov, D. *Diabetes Care* **1997**, *20*, 433, (c) Khalil, O. S. *Clin. Chem.* **1999**, *45*, 165.

Improvements in minimally- and non-invasive monitoring are needed

Recent review: Arnold, M. A.; Small, G. W. *Anal. Chem.* **2005**, *77*, 5429.

To the best of our knowledge, no completely synthetic material has been demonstrated to work in a complex bodily fluid such as human blood plasma for the detection of glucose via a macroscopic size change, potentially affording the delivery of insulin in response to glucose concentration.

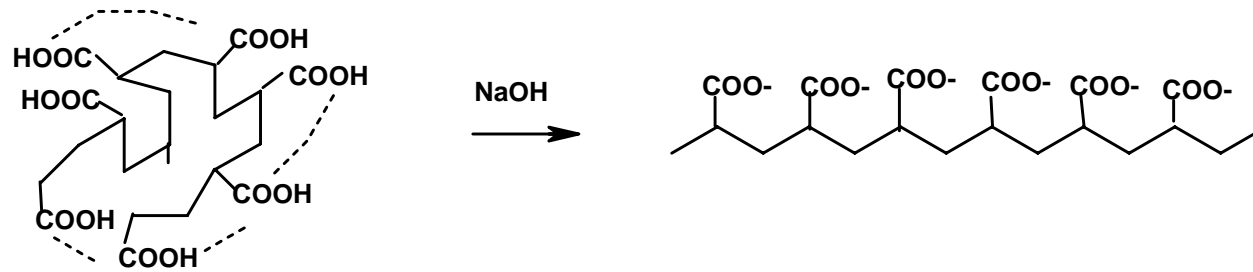
STEP 2. CHOOSE A SIMPLE AND PRACTICAL FORM OF SELECTIVE VISUAL SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION

- COLOR CHANGE?
- SIZE CHANGE?
can also serve as a molecular machine or nanovalve

Artificial muscles, actuators, “machines”

See e.g.: *Polymers, Sensors, Actuators* (Y. Osada, D.E. De Rossi, Eds., 2000).

Viscosity change of polyanion solution by pH :



W. Kuhn, B. Hargitay, A. Katchalsky, H. Eisenberg, H., *Nature* **1950**, 165, 514

Gel volume phase transitions

T. Tanaka, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **1978**, 820-3

Temperature effects:

Wang, C.; Stewart, R.J.; Kopecek, J., *Nature*, **1999**, 397, 417

pH and temperature effects :

Chen, G.; Hoffman, A.S., *Nature*, **1995**, 373, 49

EAP's : Electrically activated polymers Y. Osada, H. Okuzaki, H. Hori, *Nature* **1992**, 355, 242

M. Shahinpoor et al *Smart Mater. Struct.* **2001**, 819-33

Induction by light :

Suzuki, A.; Tanaka, T., *Nature*, **1990**, 346, 345

“Machines” based on natural fibers: M. V. Sussman, A. Katchalsky, *Science* **1970**, 167, 45.

“Molecular machines” – but without macroscopic action :

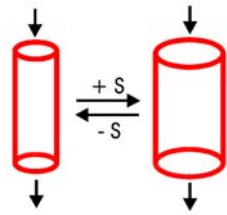
Stoddart et al *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2001**, 34, 410; Sauvage et al *ibid.* **2001**, 34, 477 Balzani et. al. *Proc. Natl. Acad.*

Sci. U. S. A. **2002**, 99, 814. Polymer with natural concanavalin (lectin) expands with carbohydrate : Chen, G. H.;

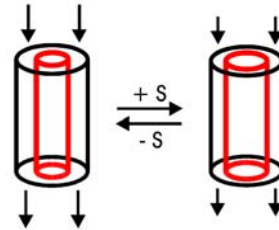
Hoffman, A. S. *Nature*, **1995**, 373, 49.

POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS

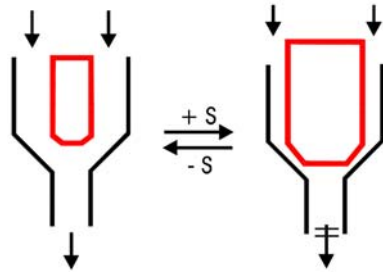
Flow control – also in Microfluidic systems ?



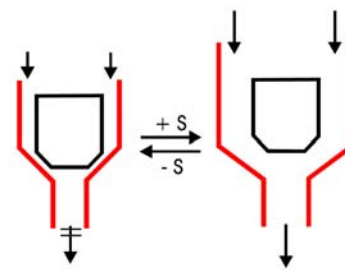
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STEP 3. CHECK THE LITERATURE

RELATED METHODS

- **First proposed synthetic hydrogels for glucose detection/insulin delivery:**

Kataoka et. al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 12694, *Biomacromolecules* **2003**, *4*, 1410.

Biomacromolecules **2004**, *5*, 1038.

- Amino and amide-functionalized phenylboronic acids develop charge upon glucose binding, increasing the polarity and water solubility of the polymer, resulting in expansion.
- Conditions: neutral buffer, elevated temp. No natural media studies reported.

SELECTED OTHER RELATED METHODS

Holographic gel from vinyl aminophenylboronic acid that expands in cell culture media:

- Lowe et al. *Anal. Chem.* **2004**, *76*, 5748.

Colloidal photonic crystalline array arylboronic acid sensor responding to glucose in tear fluid:

- Alexeev, et al. *Clin. Chem.* **2004**, *50*, 2353.

Magnetoelastic sensor with pH-sensitive polymer (PEGD, AA, isooctyl acrylate) immobilized with glucose oxidase enzyme (GOx)

- Cai Q., et al. *Anal. Chem.*, **2004**, *76*, 4038.

No examples of fully synthetic, volume change-driven hydrogels that function in complex biological media have been reported.

STEP 4. SET GOALS THAT EMBODY A CLEAR ADVANCE

- **CRITERIA:**
 1. simpler synthesis / “tunability”
 2. simple, reliable, reversible and selective mechanism of binding and shape change
 3. biocompatible and functional under physiological conditions in a difficult matrix
 4. material should benefit from miniaturization and
 5. be well-suited for nanofabrication techniques

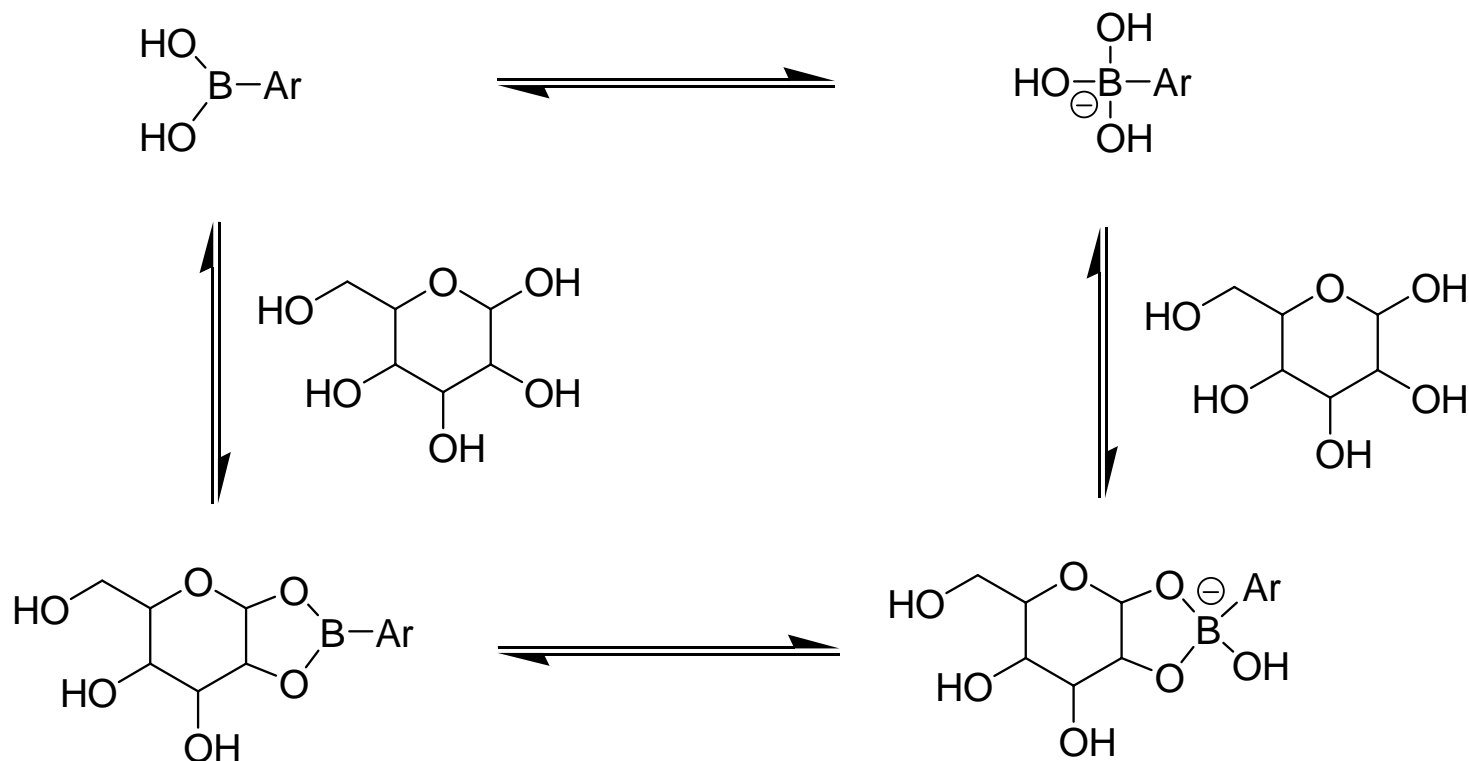
STEP 5. CHOOSE A MATERIAL

- PMMA is an invaluable tool in [nanotechnology](#).
- Can be readily modified
- Relatively biocompatible
- Forms hydrogels which can shrink/expand
- Chemomechanical hydrogels are known to exhibit optimized responses upon miniaturization

STEP 6. SPECIFIC DESIGN APPROACHES FOR THE APPLICATION

- We must determine what clearly distinguishes the chemistry of glucose from other sugars and biomolecules and use this property to design and optimize the proposed material.

SACCHARIDE-INDUCED HYBRIDIZATION CHANGE: REMEMBER HOW ELECTROSTATIC REPULSION LED TO POLYMER EXPANSION IN EARLIEST CASES



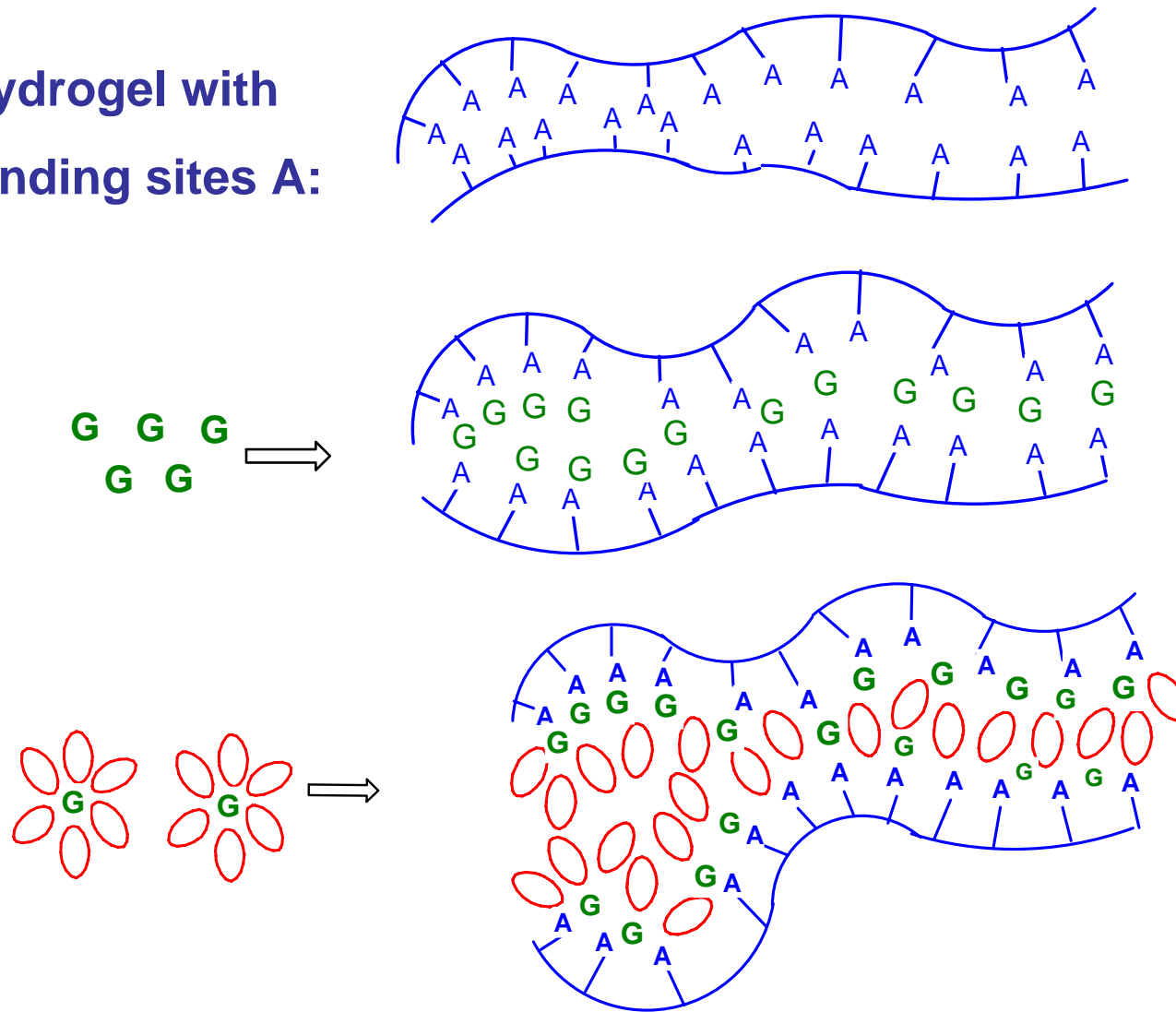
Lorand, J. P.; Edwards, J. D. *J. Org. Chem.* **1959**, 24, 769.

Recent Reviews:

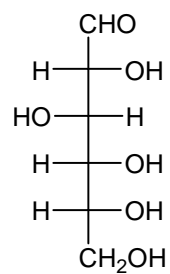
James, T. D.; Shinkai, S. *Top. Curr. Chem.* **2002**, 218, 159

Wang, W.; Gao, X.; Wang, B. *Curr. Org. Chem.* **2002**, 6, 1285.

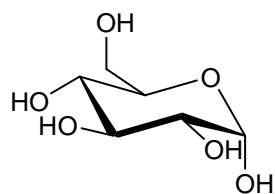
Hydrogel with
binding sites A:



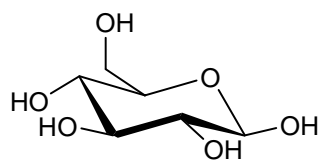
solvation: guest absorption is accompanied by uptake of more water



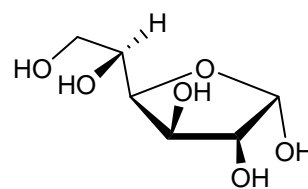
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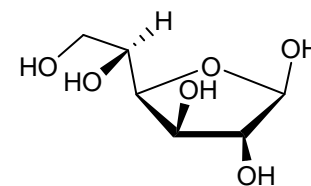
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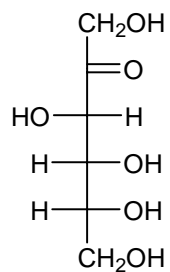
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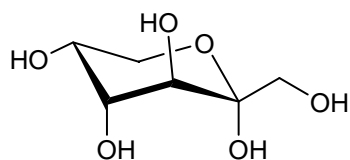
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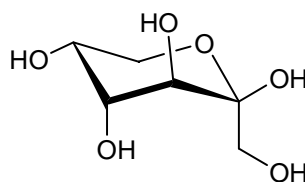
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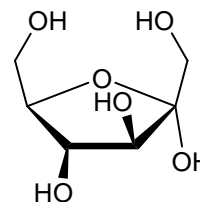
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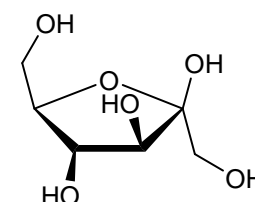
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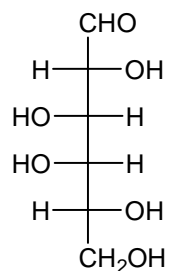
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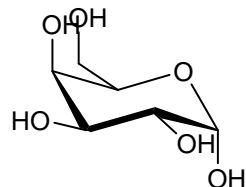
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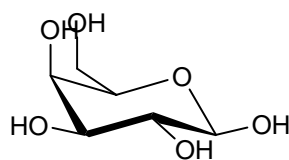
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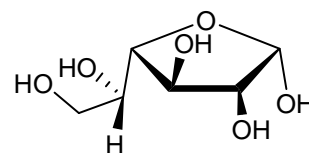
D-galactoaldose



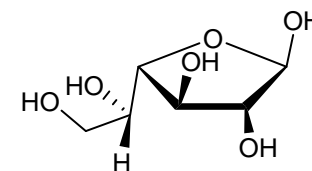
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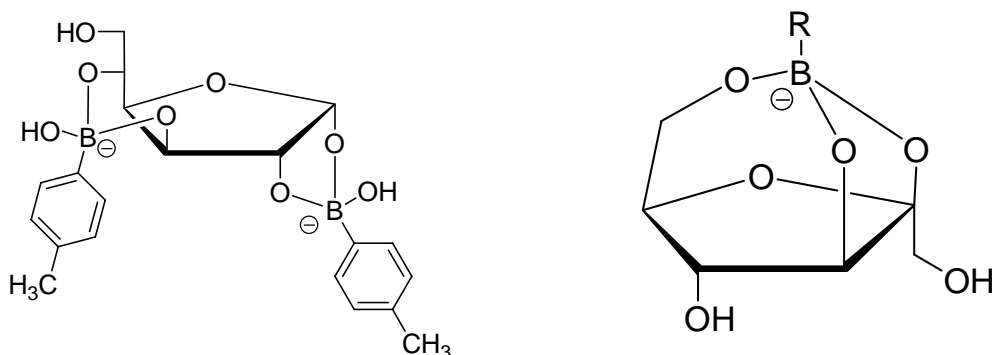


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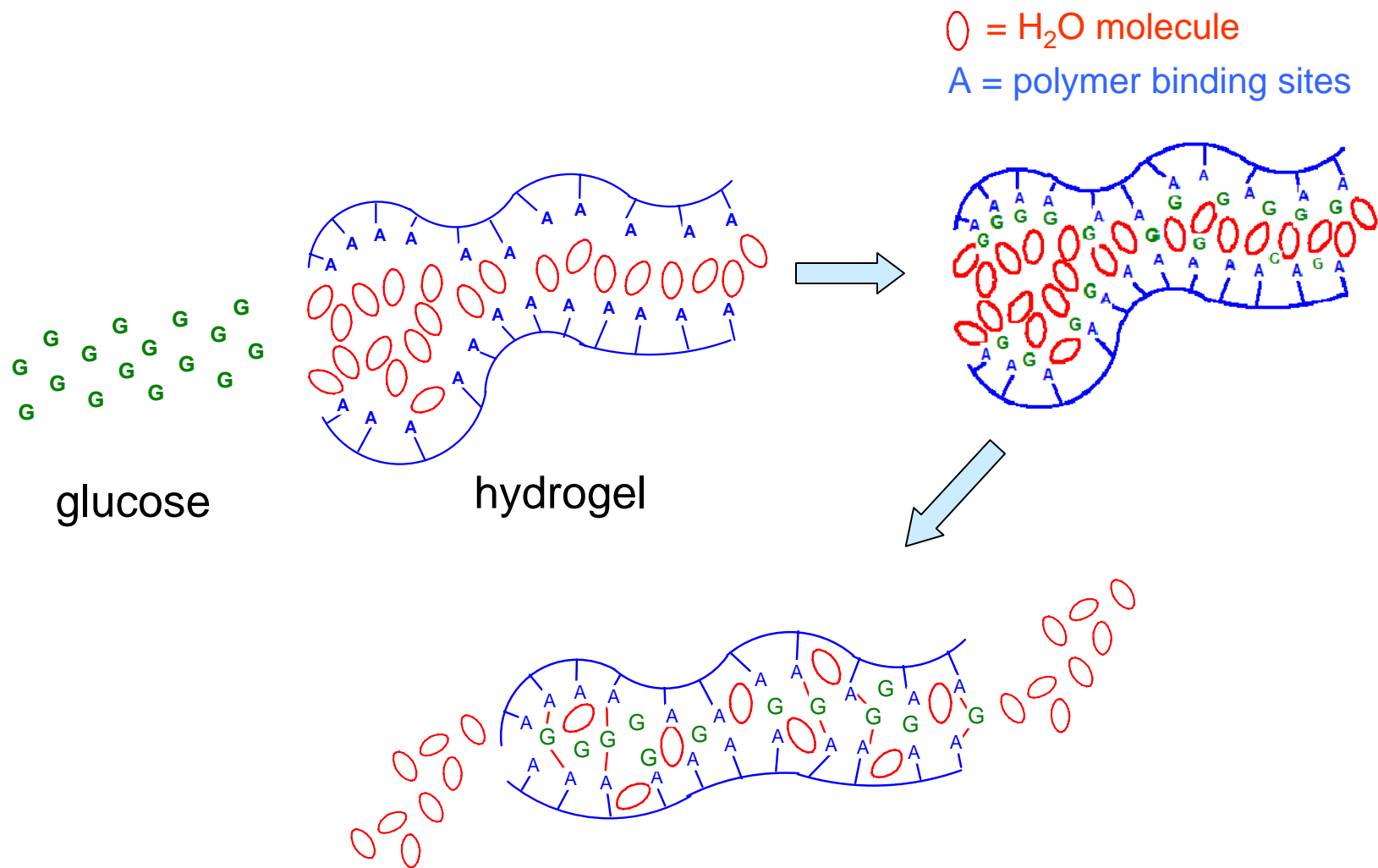
BORONIC ACID BINDING TO GLUCOSE/FRUCTOSE: SELECTIVITY CAN BE ACHIEVED VIA CHELATION



Structure proof; Norrild, J. C.; Eggert, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 1479

It is well-known that glucose can be chelated by *bis*-boronic acids more readily than fructose and galactose, the other common blood sugars. For the initial evidence see:

- (a) M. Takeuchi, S. Yoda, T. Imada and S. Shinkai. Chiral sugar recognition by a diboronic-acid-appended binaphthyl derivative through rigidification effect *Tetrahedron* **1997**, *53*(25), 8335-8348.
- (b) M. Takeuchi, T. Mizuno, H. Shinmori, M. Nakashima and S. Shinkai. Fluorescence and CD spectroscopic sugar sensing by a cyanine-appended diboronic acid probe *Tetrahedron* **1996**, *52*(4), 1195-1204.

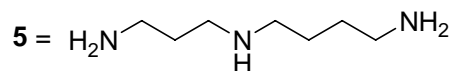
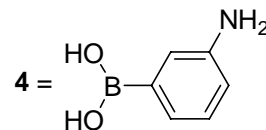
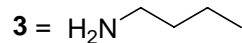
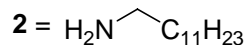
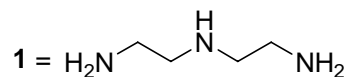
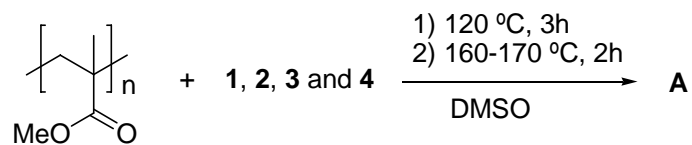
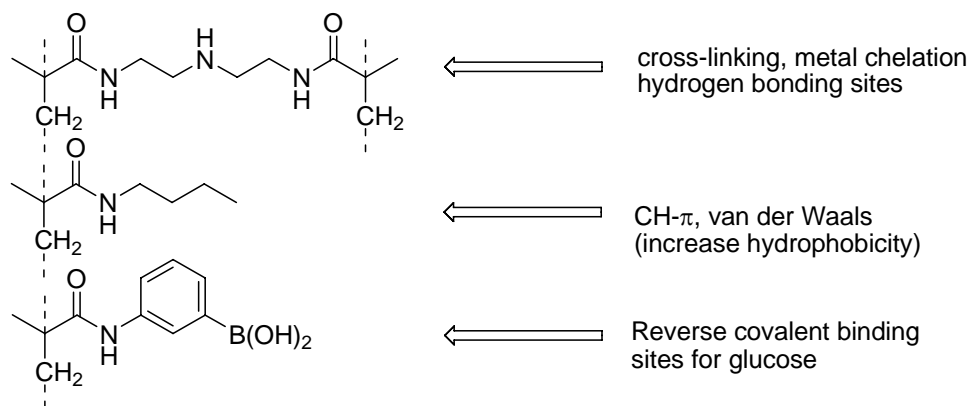


glucose

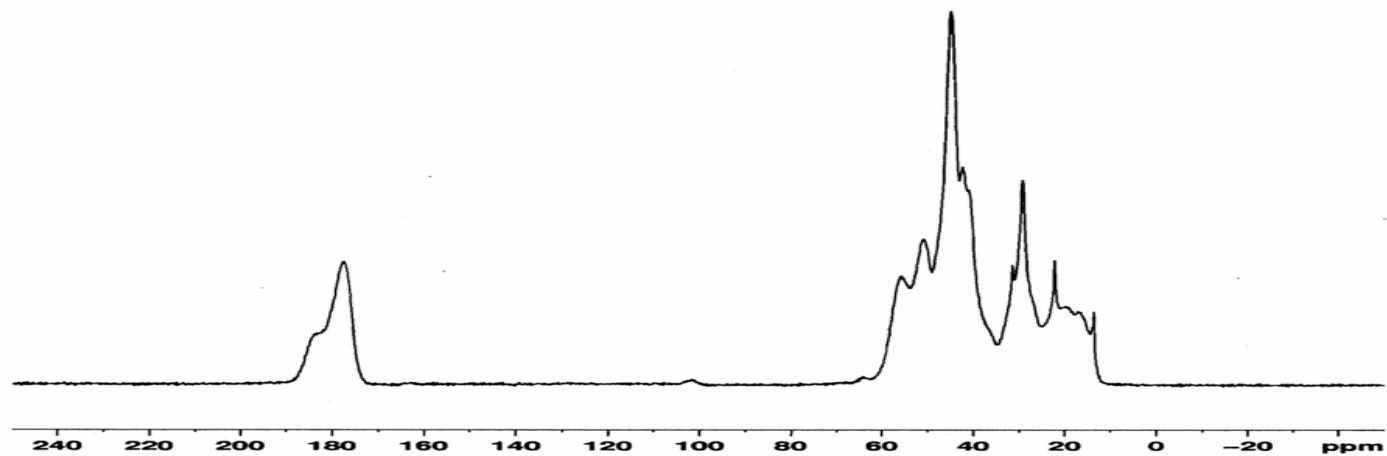
hydrogel

Water is evacuated due to polymer cross-linking with glucose resulting in contraction

STEP 7. SYNTHESIS VIA BINDING SITE INCORPORATION IN A PMMA SUBSTRATE



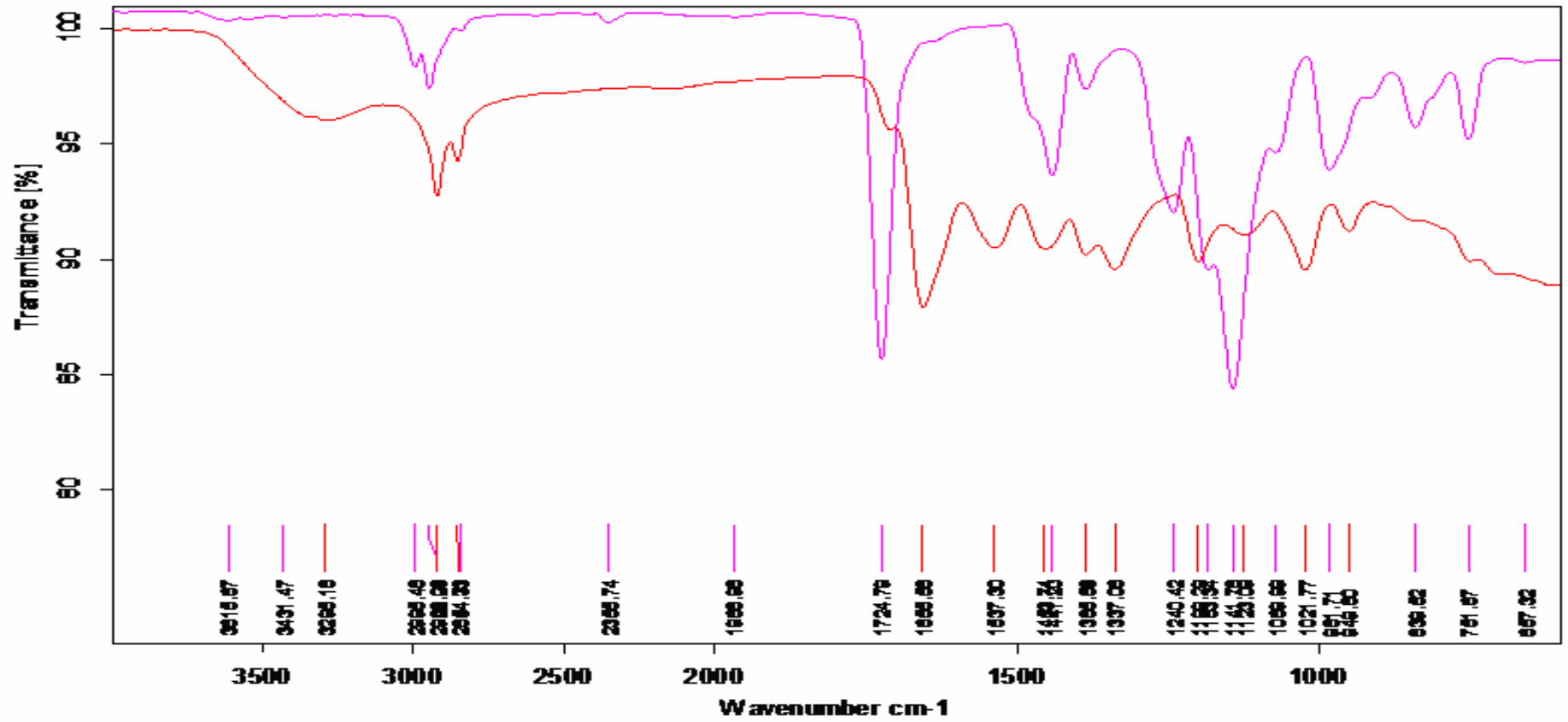
^{13}C NMR



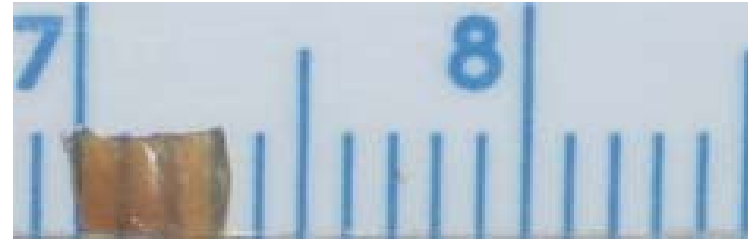
Elemental Analysis

Elements	C	H	N	B
%	52.23	8.13	9.19	0.2

FT-IR OF PMMA AND POLYMER



SWOLLEN POLYMER IN GLUCOSE



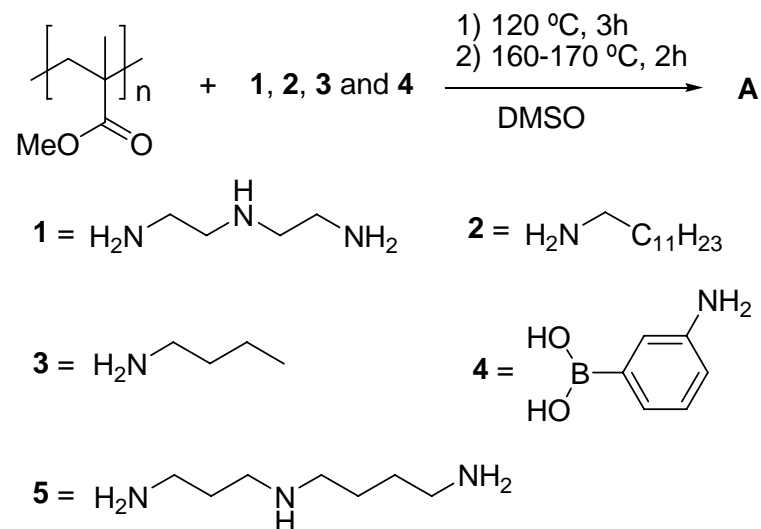
Behavior of polymer (with boronic acid) in response to 0.005 M Glucose.
Left: Original Swollen sample; Right: After 50 min in 0.005 M glucose



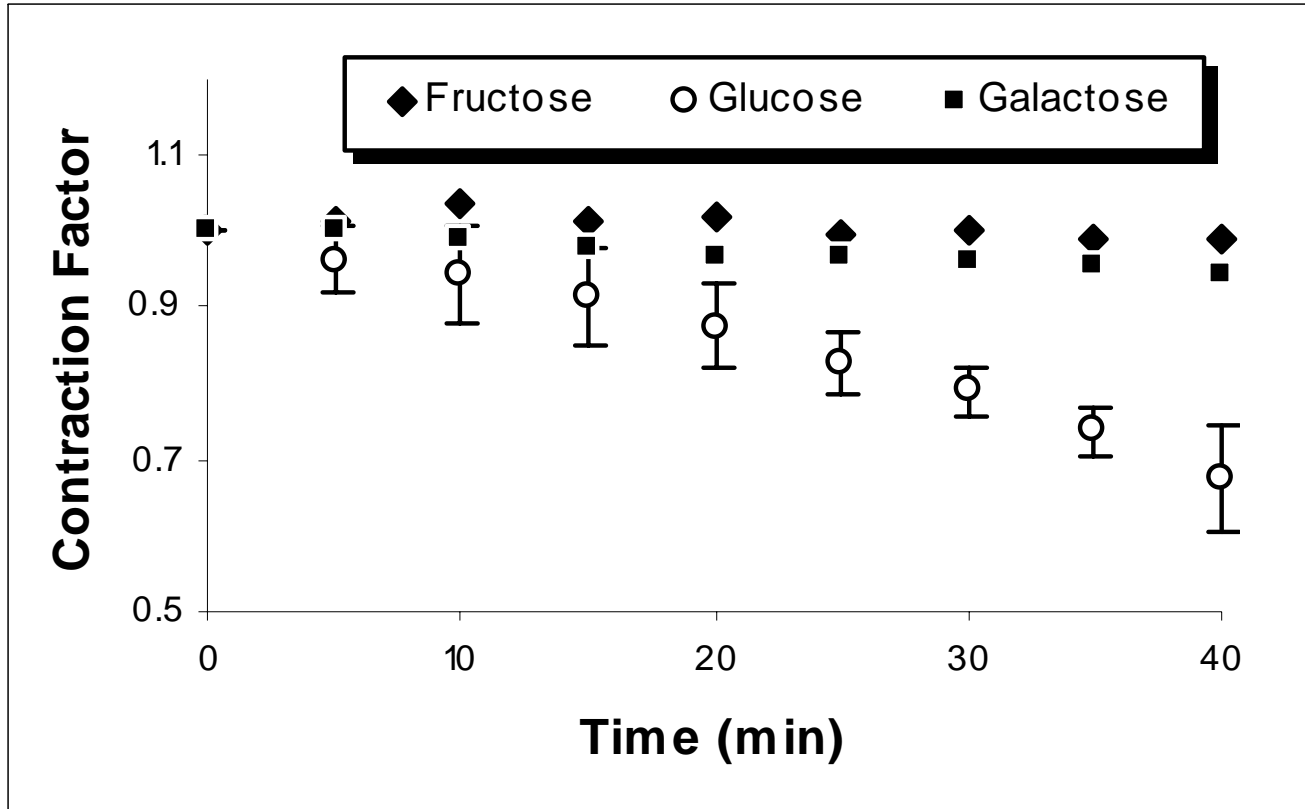
Similar polymer without boronic acid in response to 0.005 M Glucose.
Left: Original Swollen sample; Right: After 50 min in 0.005 M glucose

STEP 8. PROOF OF DESIGN HYPOTHESIS, OPTIMIZATION AND TESTING; CONTROL OVER SELECTIVITY AND CHEMOMECHANICAL RESPONSE

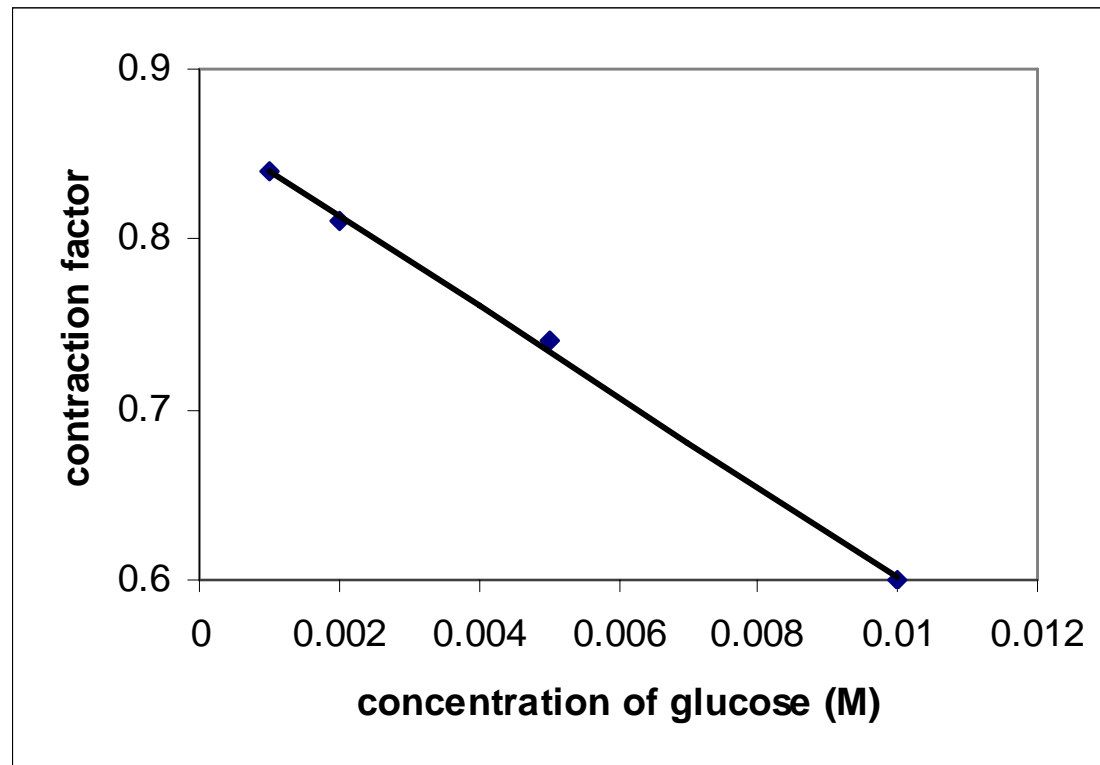
Entry	Polymer Modifiers	Contraction Factor		
		0.005M Glucose	0.005M Galactose	0.005M Fructose
1	5 + 2 + 4	1.70	1.61	1.50
2	1 + 2 + 4	1.22	1.25	1.31
3	1 + 3 + 4	0.63	0.96	0.93
4	1 + 2 + 3 + 4	0.83	0.99	0.97



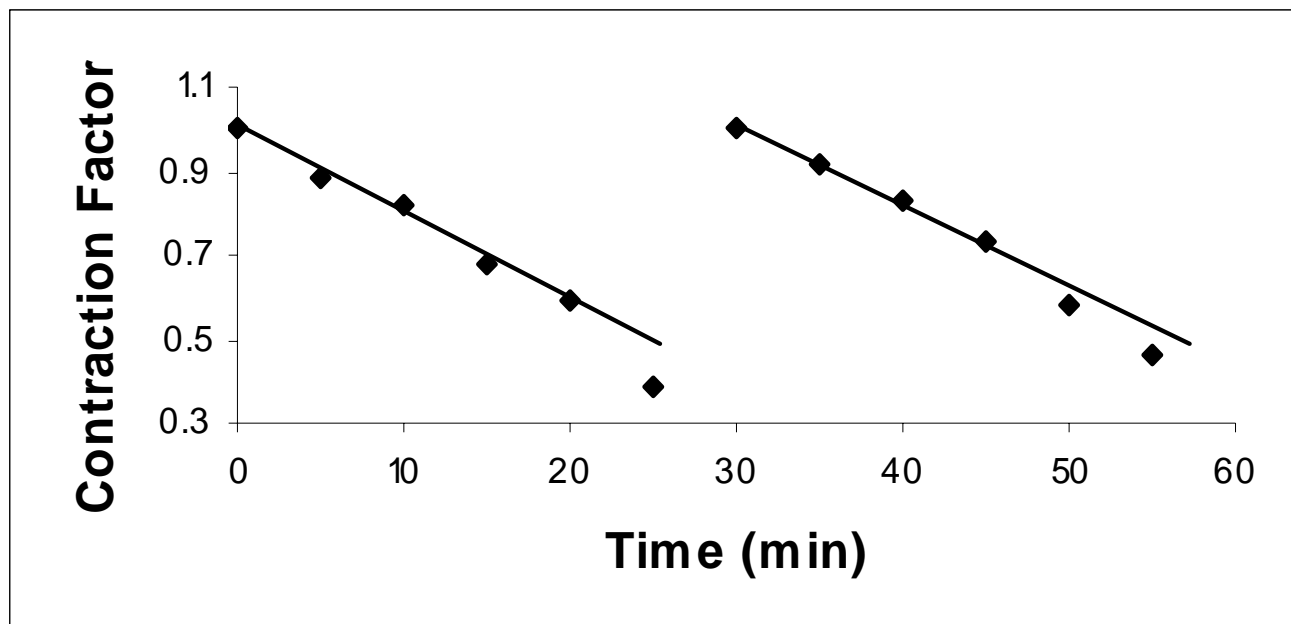
SELECTIVITY



CONTRACTION OF POLYMER VS. CONCENTRATION OF GLUCOSE IN WATER

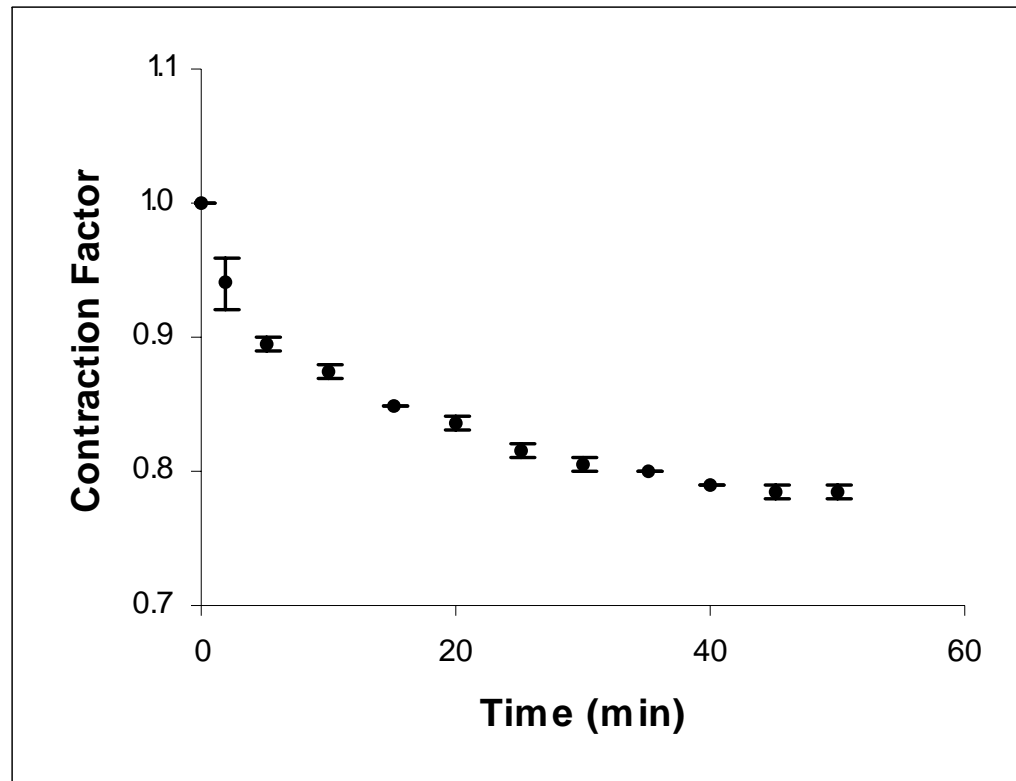


REVERSIBILITY



Contraction-expansion behavior of polymer in response to 0.005M Glucose. The polymer was expanded to its initial size between runs by rinsing with 0.05 M NaOH.

CONTRACTION OF POLYMER IN RECONSTITUTED HUMAN PLASMA



SOME SELECTED RECENT REVIEW ARTICLES FOR FURTHER READING. THIS IS FOR STARTERS—THERE IS MUCH MORE

Nanovalves:

Saha S, Leung KCF, Nguyen TD, Stoddart JF, Zink JI ADVANCED FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS 17 (5): 685-693, 2007

Molecular machines:

Willner I, Basnar B, Willner B ADVANCED FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS 17 (5): 702-717, 2007

Balzani V, Credi A, Venturi M NANO TODAY 2 (2): 18-25, 2007

Functional hydrogels for biomedicine:

Peppas NA, Hilt JZ, Khademhosseini A, Langer R ADVANCED MATERIALS 18 (11): 1345-1360, 2006

Nanofabricated drug delivery devices:

Hilt JZ, Peppas NA INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PHARMACEUTICS 306 (1-2): 15-23, 2005

Hydrogels for glucose-triggered automated insulin delivery:

Peppas NA JOURNAL OF DRUG DELIVERY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY 14 (4): 247-256, 2004