Supplementary Information for "Scaling laws to predict humidity-induced swelling and stiffness in hydrogels"

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1 Chemicals

The chemicals used in the preparation of hydrogels are listed below:

Acrylamide (AAm)

N,N' - Methylenebis(acrylamide) (MBA)

Ammonium Persulfate (APS)

N,N,N',N' - teramethylethane - 1,2 - dimine (TEMED)

N,N - Dimethylacrylamide (DMA)

All chemicals used in this paper are purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co.

2 Figures

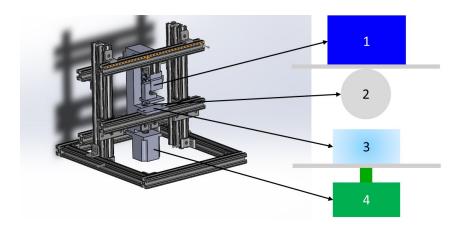


Figure S1: Indentation testing setup

- 1. Load cell
- Stainless steel ball bearing
- 3. Hydrogel sample
- 4. Stepper motor

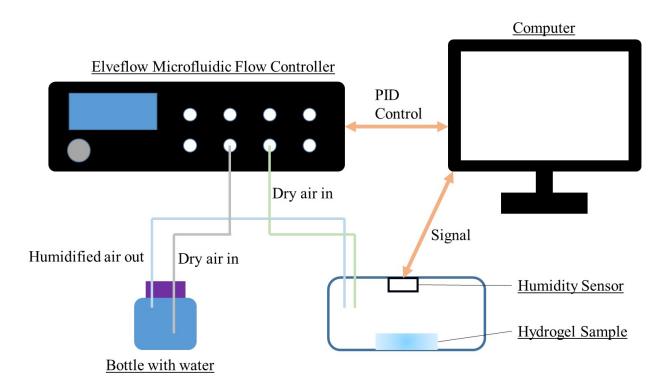


Figure S2: Humidity-controlled chamber setup

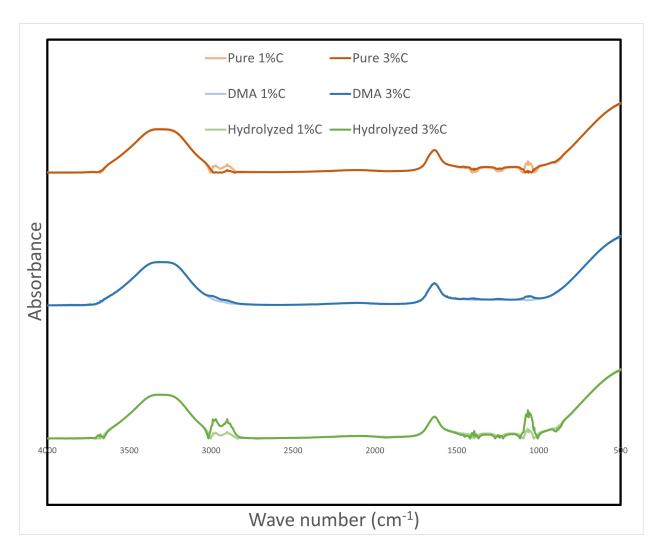


Figure S3: FTIR spectra indicate three different hydrogel polymer mesh families.

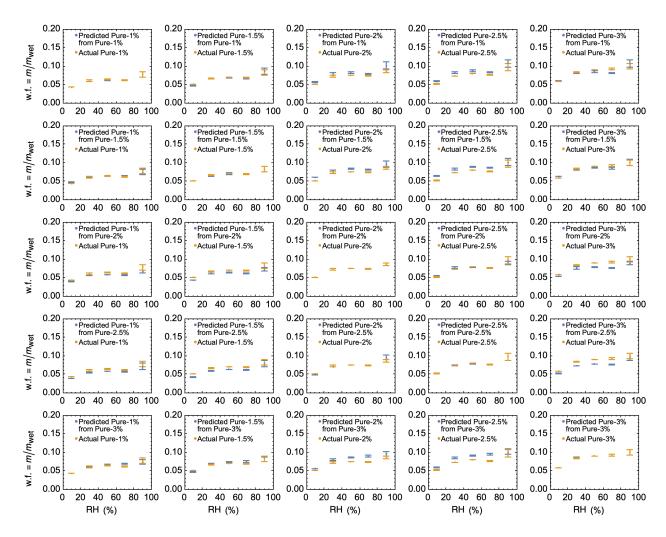


Figure S4: All prediction data (Pure PAAm Hydrogel) compared with actual data shows close agreement.

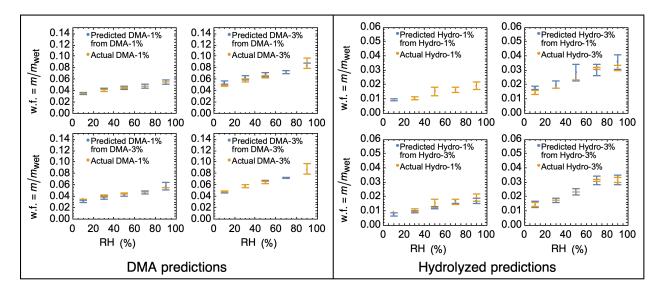


Figure S5: All prediction data (PAAm Hydrogel with DMA (left) or hydrolysis (right)) compared with actual data shows close agreement.