

Batteries That Dissolve in the Gut

MIT's bioresorbable tech could revolutionize ingestible medicine.



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1.84 volts

Battery Output

The new bioresorbable battery generates enough power to run critical medical functions in the gastrointestinal tract.

This voltage level enables continuous operation of electronic devices within the body, such as sensors and stimulators, without relying on external power sources. It marks a critical threshold for self-powered ingestible systems that must function reliably for days after ingestion.

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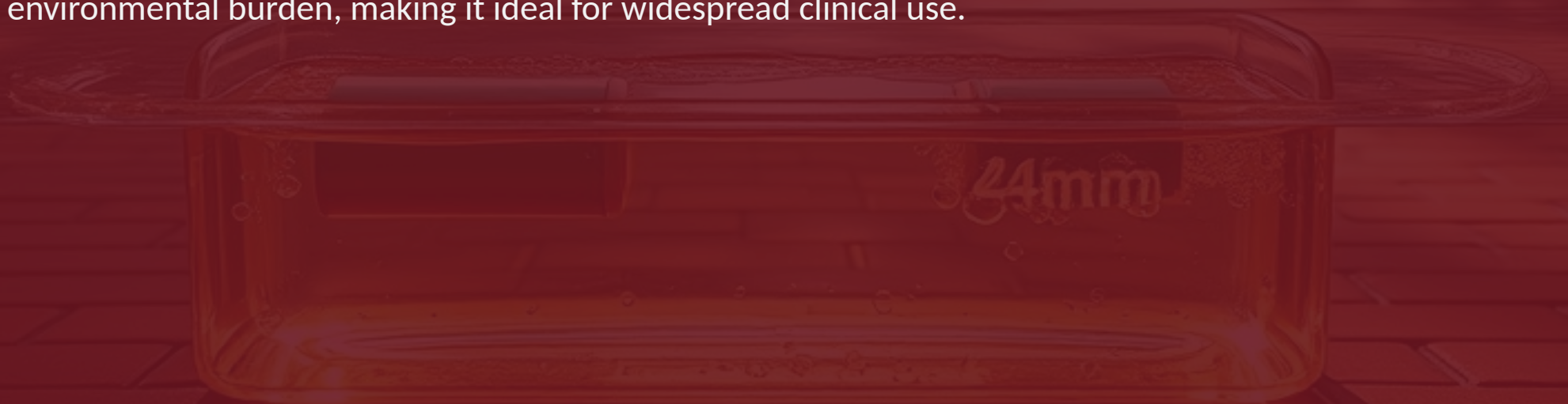
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Power Without Permanence

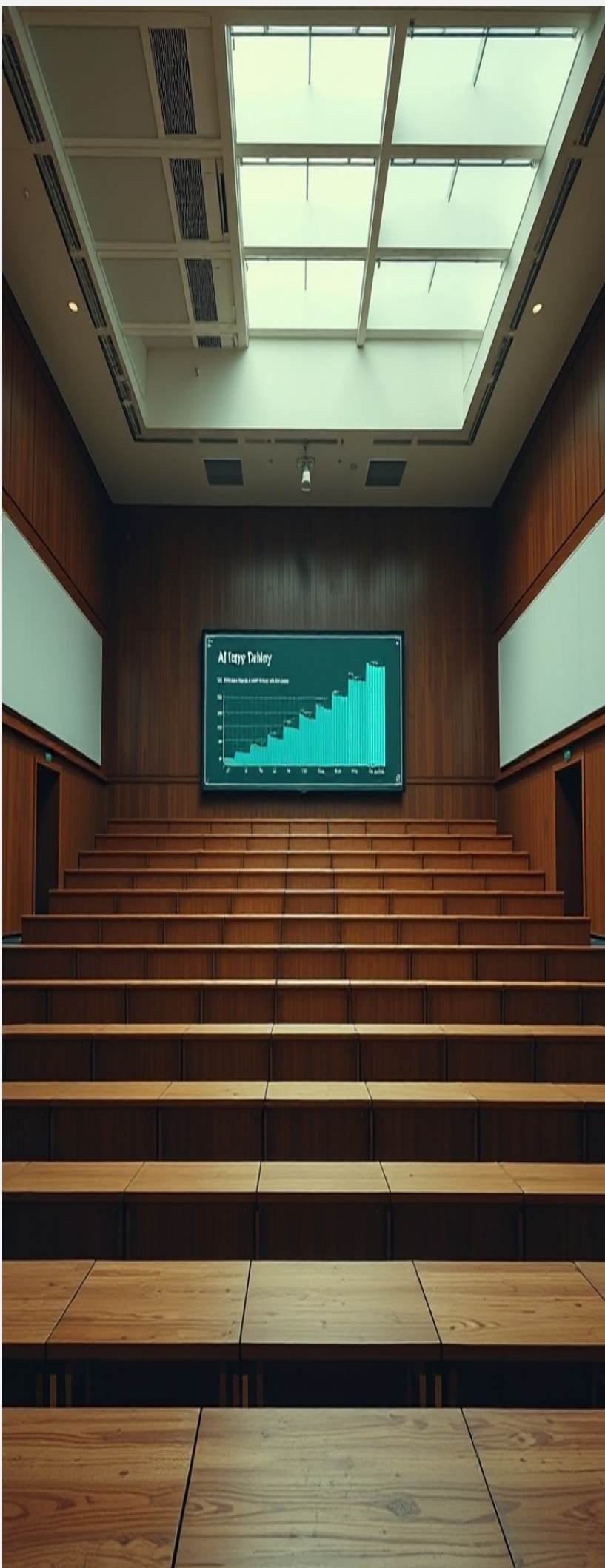
The real breakthrough isn't just the voltage—it's that the entire battery dissolves safely after use. Unlike lithium-based batteries that pose ingestion risks, this system is made from magnesium and molybdenum trioxide, both safe in small quantities. This eliminates long-term toxicity concerns and environmental burden, making it ideal for widespread clinical use.



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AI-Driven Design, Not Just Function

While the battery itself is a physical innovation, its development relied on AI-assisted material modeling to predict degradation patterns and optimize electrode configurations. This shows how AI isn't just analyzing data—it's co-designing next-generation medical hardware. In higher education, this signals a shift: AI is no longer a tool for analytics but a collaborator in physical system invention.



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