
Laser Micro/Nano Engineering of Materials for Energy and Tissue Engineering Applications

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Ultrafast Lasers for Materials Processing

An emerging exciting field that,

✧ Enables ultimate **CONTROL**

Control of light by matter and control of matter by light

✧ Allows **SURFACE AND IN VOLUME** photochemical processing based on non-linear effects

✧ Encourages **FUNDAMENTAL STUDIES** of laser-materials interactions that influence materials processing at primary timescales.

➡ **Ideal tool for micro/nano scale applications**

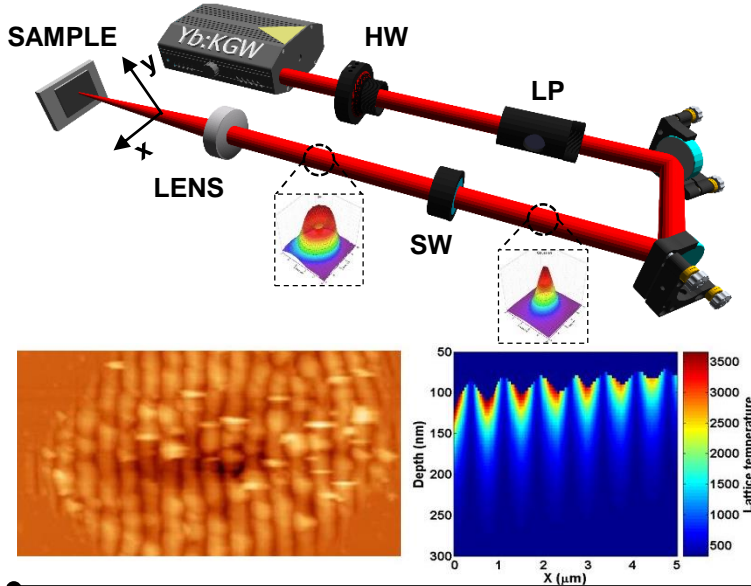
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Fundamentals of Ultrafast Laser Processing

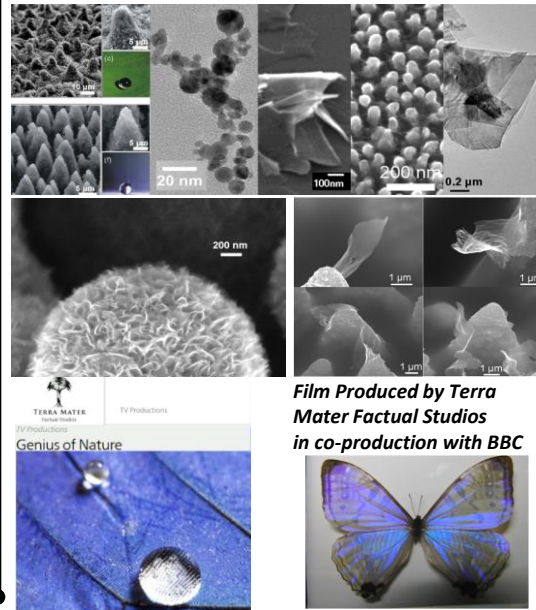
in collaboration with G. Tsididis (IESL)

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Biomimetic Micro/Nano Materials

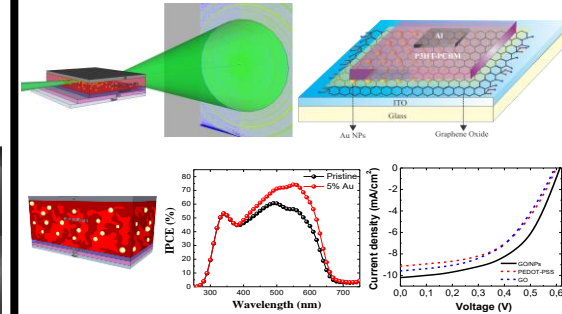
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Organic Photovoltaic Applications

in collaboration with E. Kymakis (TEIC)

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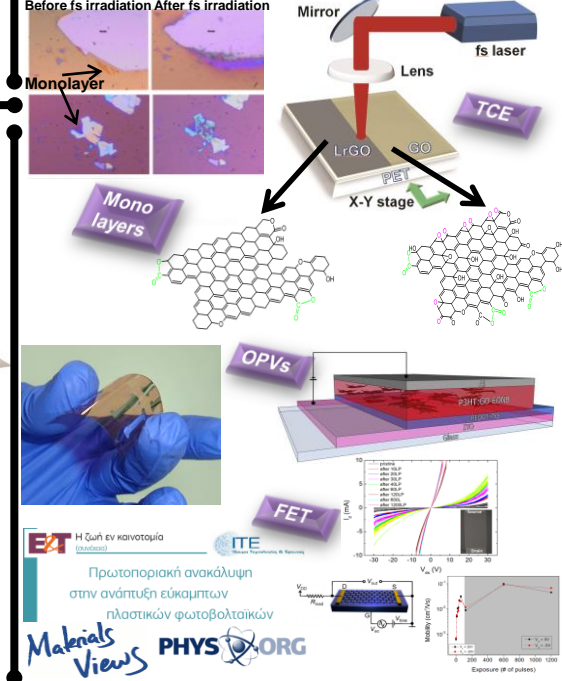
Laser interaction with 2D materials

in collaboration with E. Kymakis (TEIC),

T. D. Anthopoulos (ICL), G. Kioseoglou (IESL)

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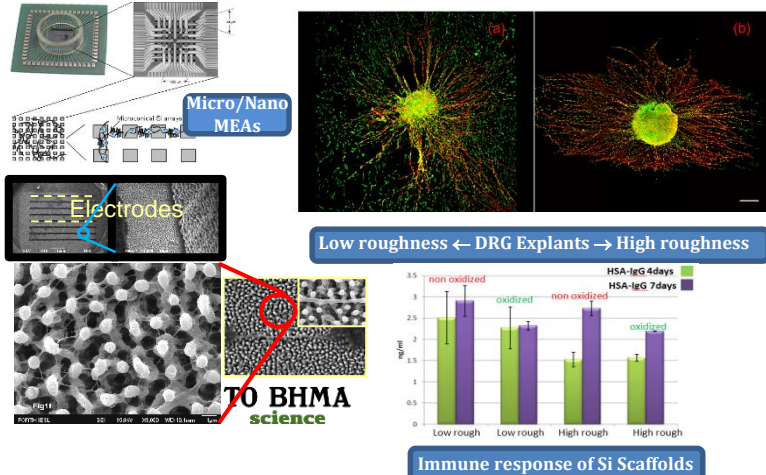


Biological Applications

in collaboration A. Ranella (IESL), I. Athanassakis (UoC) and A. Gravanis (IMBB)

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Biofabrication (2011) / J. Tissue Eng. Reg. Medicine (2015) / Biomaterials (2015)



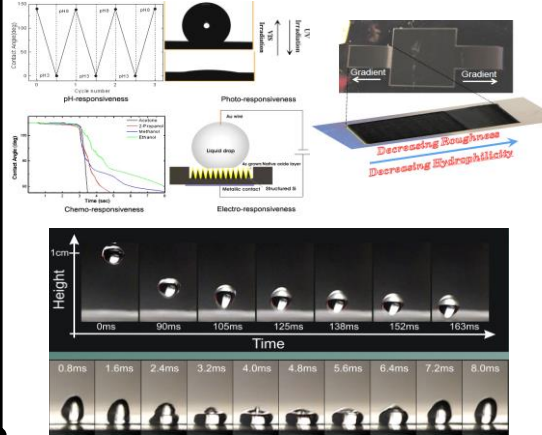
Extreme Wetting and Microfluidics

in collaboration with M. Vamvakaki

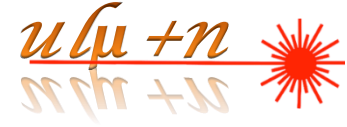
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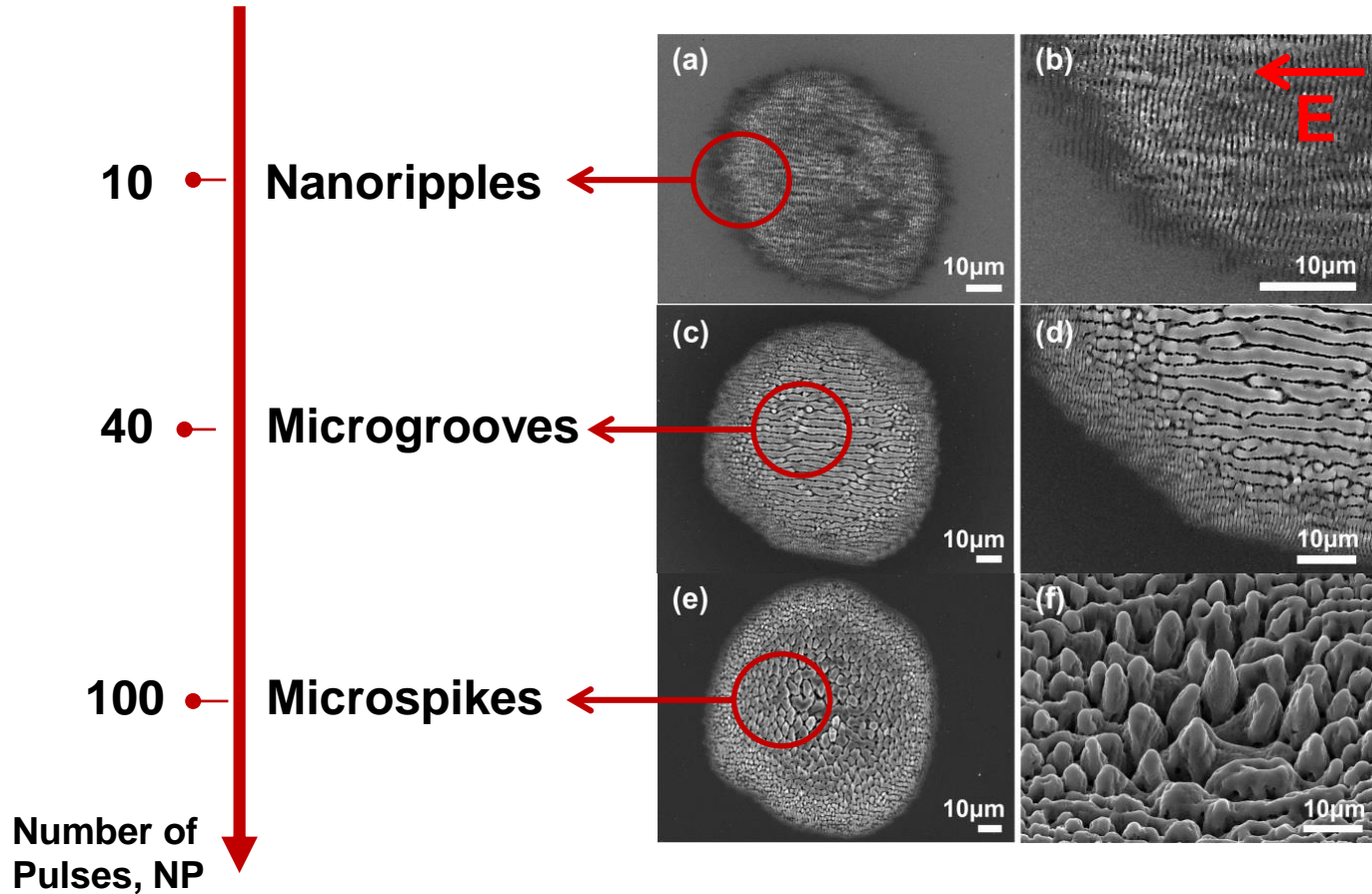


Fundamentals of Ultrafast Laser Processing



Theory: George Tsibidis, IESL

Si, 200 fs, 1026 nm, $F = 0.3 \text{ J/cm}^2$



Laser induced periodic surface structures (LIPSS) !

Our Model



George Tsibidis

Introduction of Periodic Energy Deposition (due to interference of the incident beam with surface plasmons) into Hydrodynamics

Modules of the model

- ✧ Electrodynamics: SP excitation + interference with incident beam.
- ✧ Heat transfer: carrier-lattice thermalisation and heat conduction.
- ✧ Hydrodynamics: Marangoni related effects.
- ✧ Resolidification.

Advantages of the model

- ✧ Multiscale – description.
- ✧ Coupling of EM with hydrodynamical phenomena.
- ✧ Transition from ripples to grooves to microspikes.
- ✧ Description of periodicity dependence on NP.

1. Surface plasmon wave wavelength (Electrodynamics)

$$l_s = l / \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{e' + e_d}{e' e_d} \right)^{1/2}$$

2. Carrier-lattice relaxation process and heat transfer

$$C_c \frac{\partial T_c}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left((k_e + k_h) \vec{\nabla} T_c \right) - \frac{C_c}{\tau_E} (T_c - T_l) + S(\vec{r}, t)$$

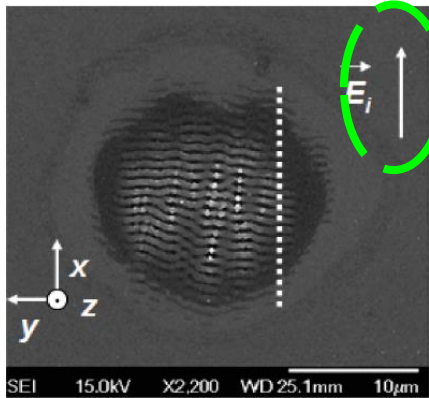
$$C_l \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(K_l \vec{\nabla} T_l \right) + \frac{C_c}{\tau_E} (T_c - T_l)$$

3. Molten material dynamics/fluid transport

$$\rho_L \left(\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{u} \right) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(-P \mathbf{1} + \mu \left(\vec{\nabla} \vec{u} \right) + \mu \left(\vec{\nabla} \vec{u} \right)^T \right)$$

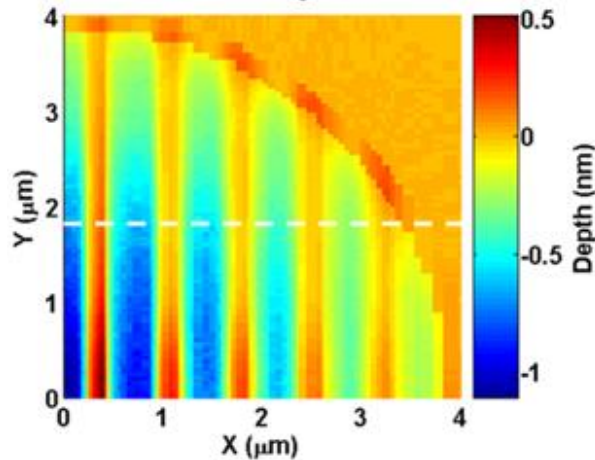
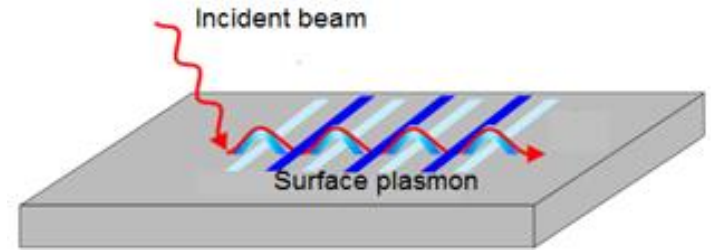
Subwavelength Ripples Formation

Experiment

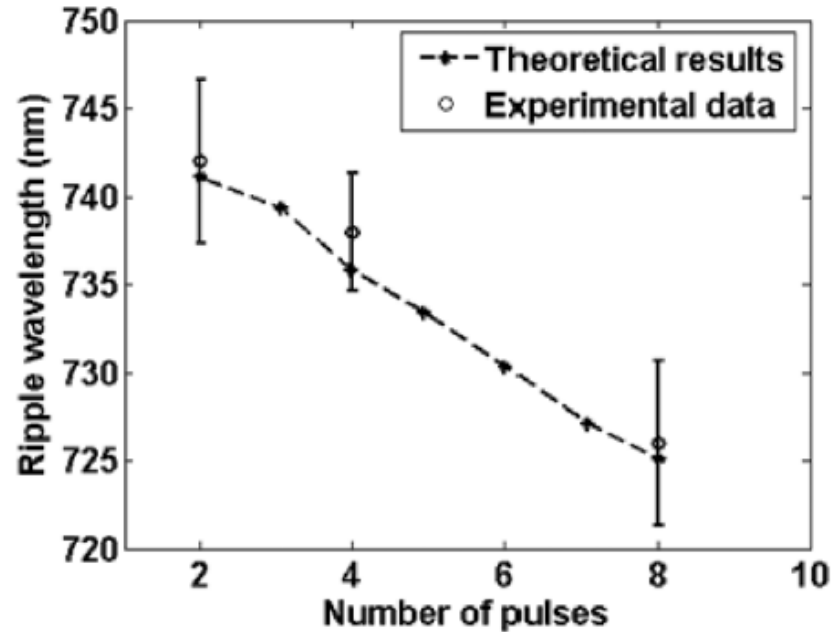


Ripples perpendicular to the polarization

Ripple periodicity:
 $\Lambda = \lambda / (\lambda / \lambda_s \pm \sin \phi)$
 ϕ : incidence angle



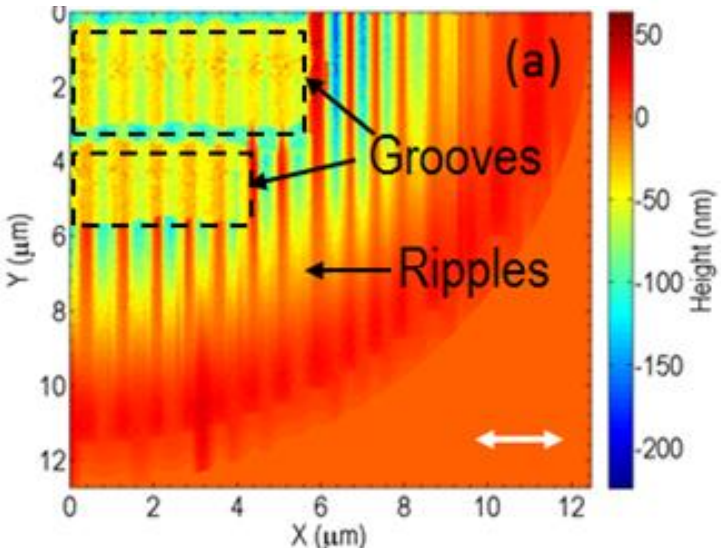
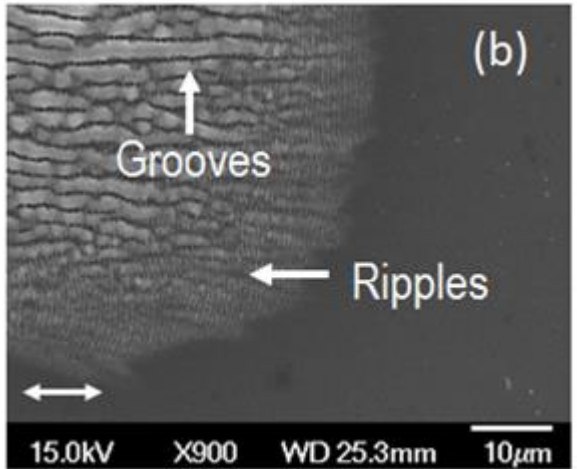
Simulation



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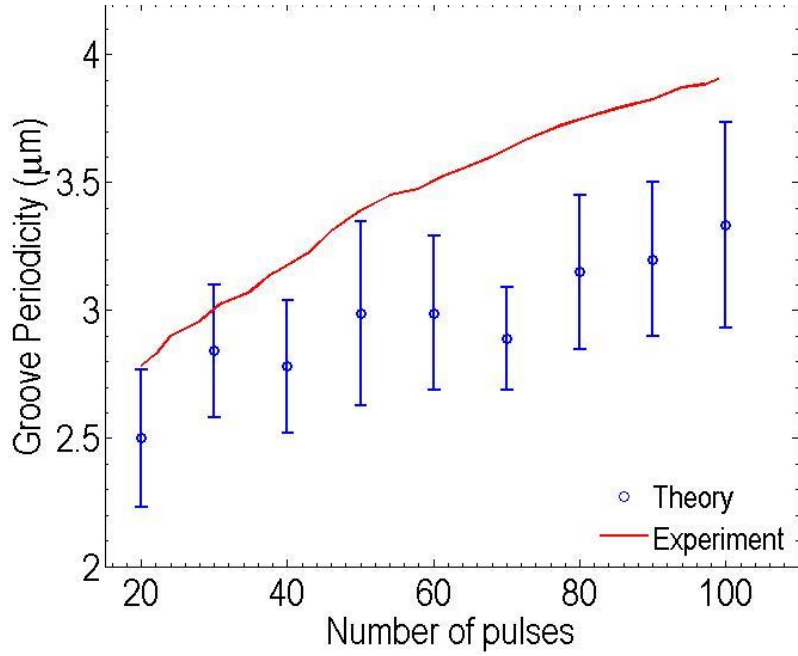
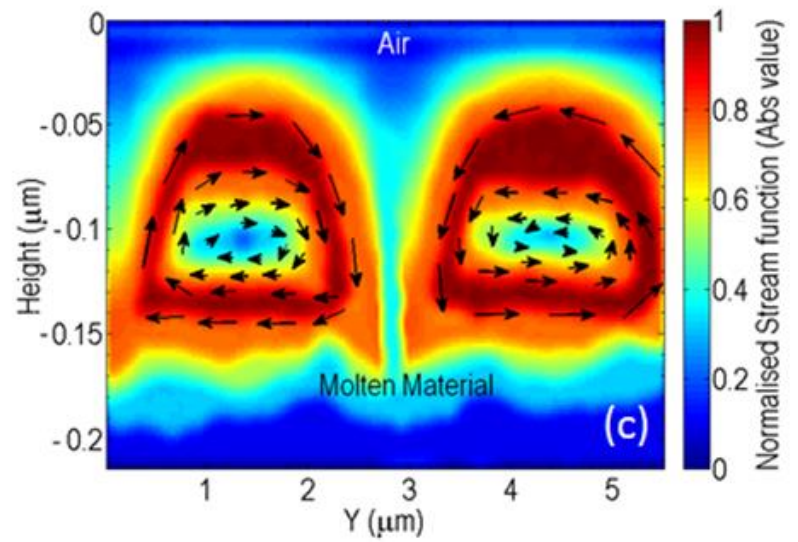
Micro-Grooves Formation

Experiment

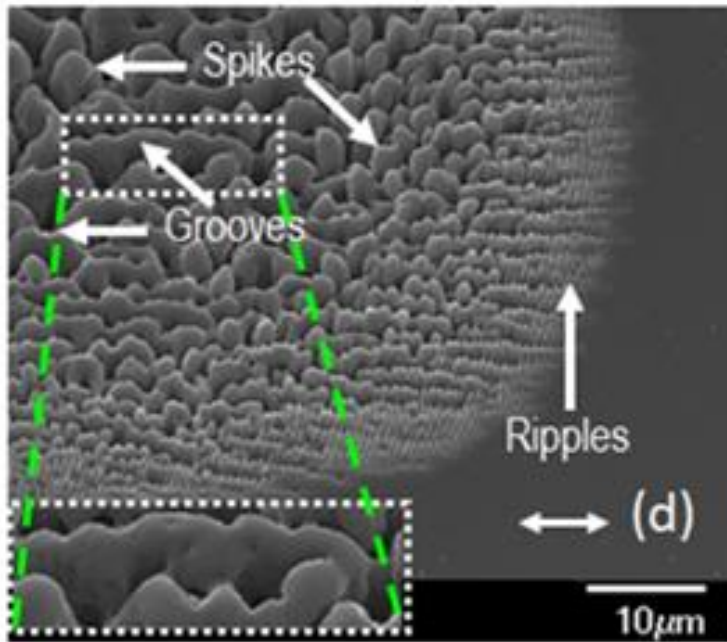


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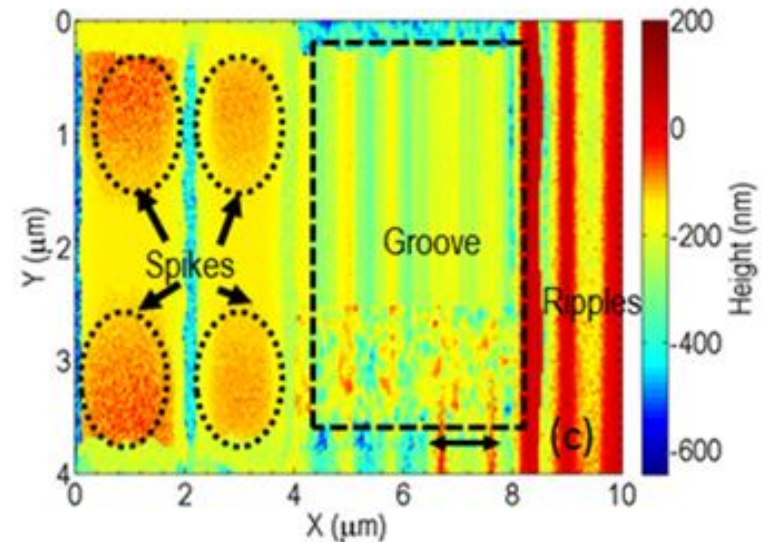
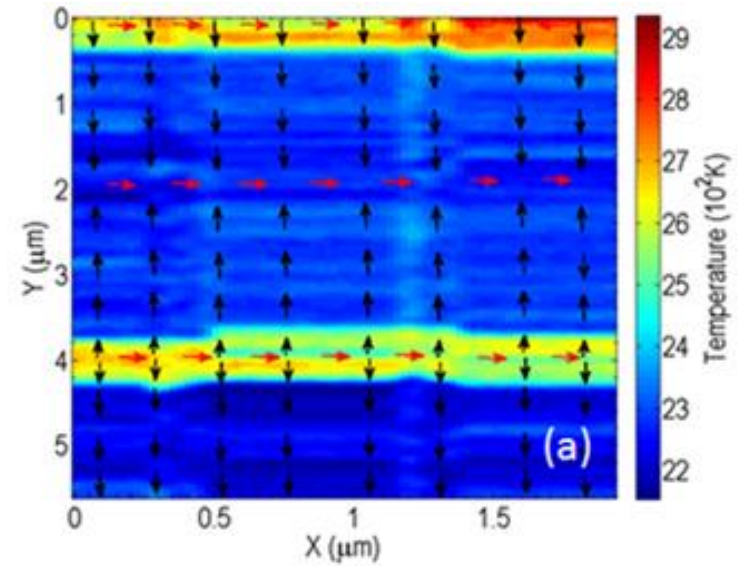
Hydrothermal waves-Convection rolls



μ -Spikes Formation



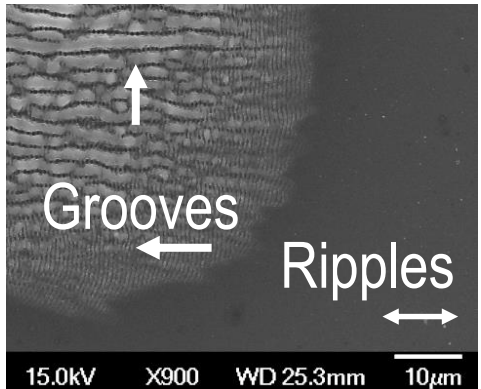
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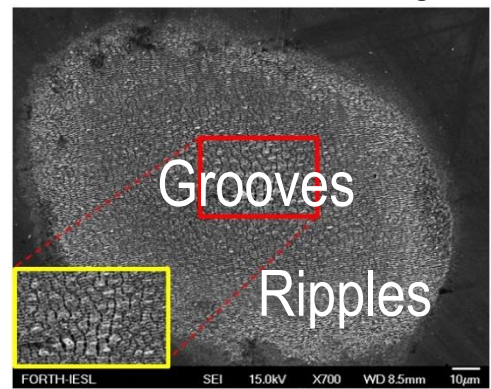
Simulation

LIPSS formation on solid surfaces

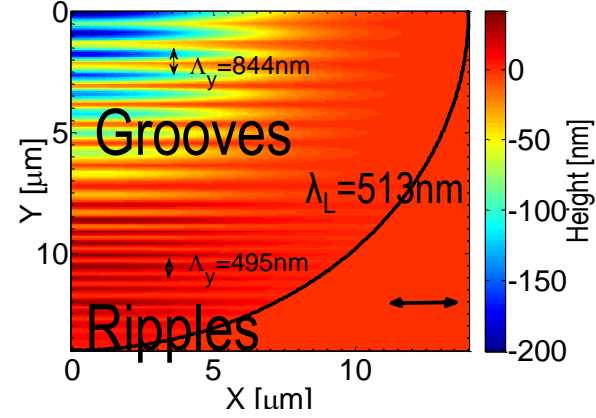
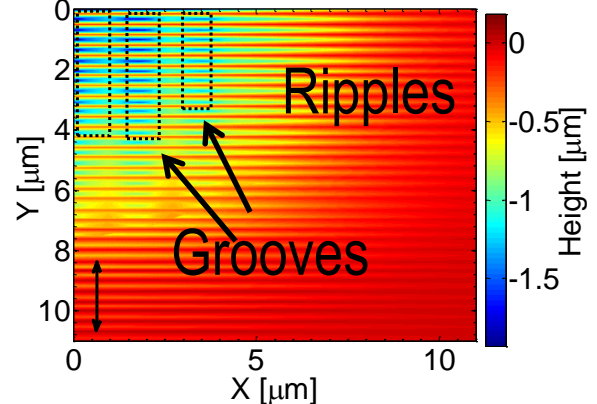
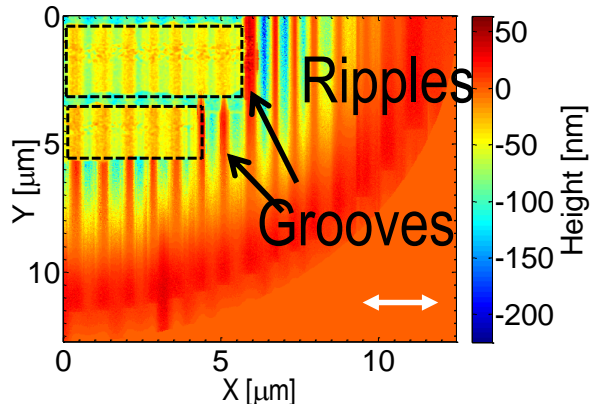
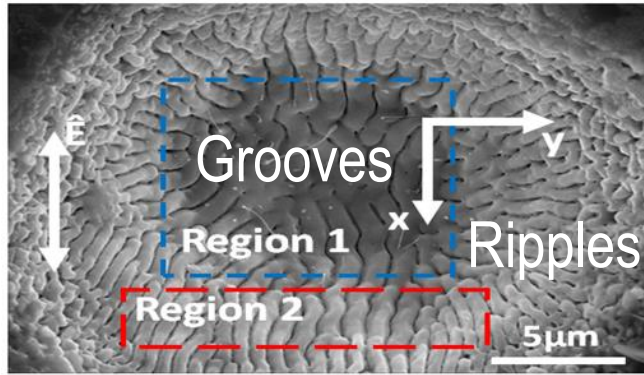
Si



Steel-100Cr₆



SiO₂



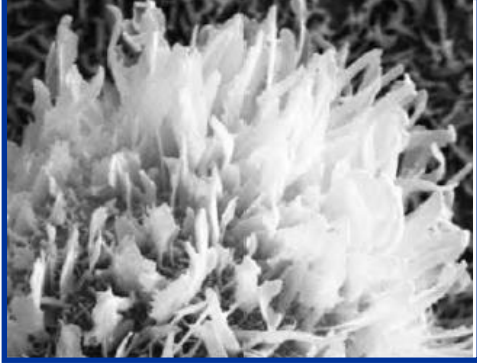
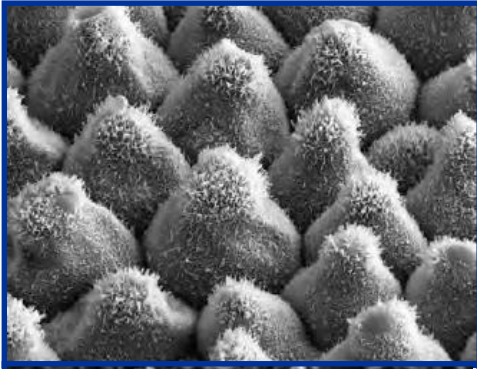
G.D.Tsibidis et al, PRB (2015), 92, 041405
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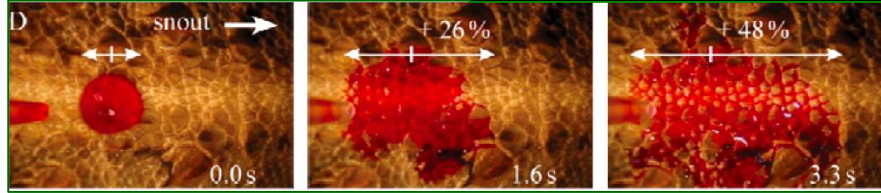
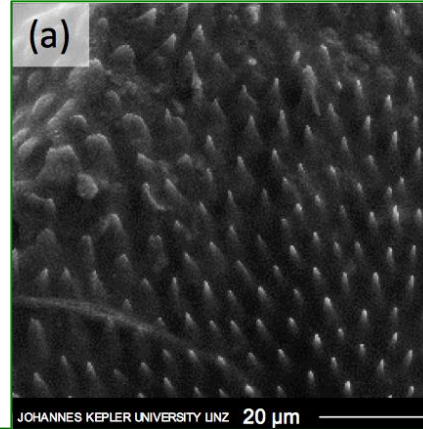


Biomimetic Surfaces: Inspired by Nature

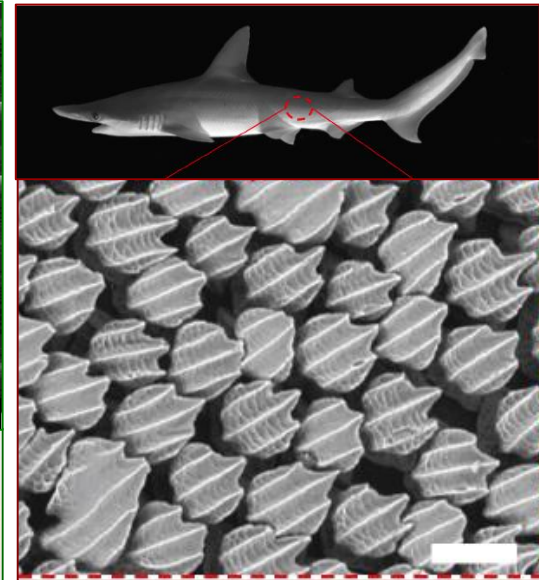
Biomimetics: "Bio" + "Mimesis"



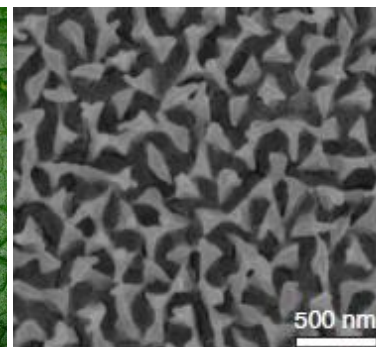
Colocasia Leaf
Superhydrophobicity
Water Repellence
Self Cleaning



Lizards/Bugs Integument
Directional Fluid Transport

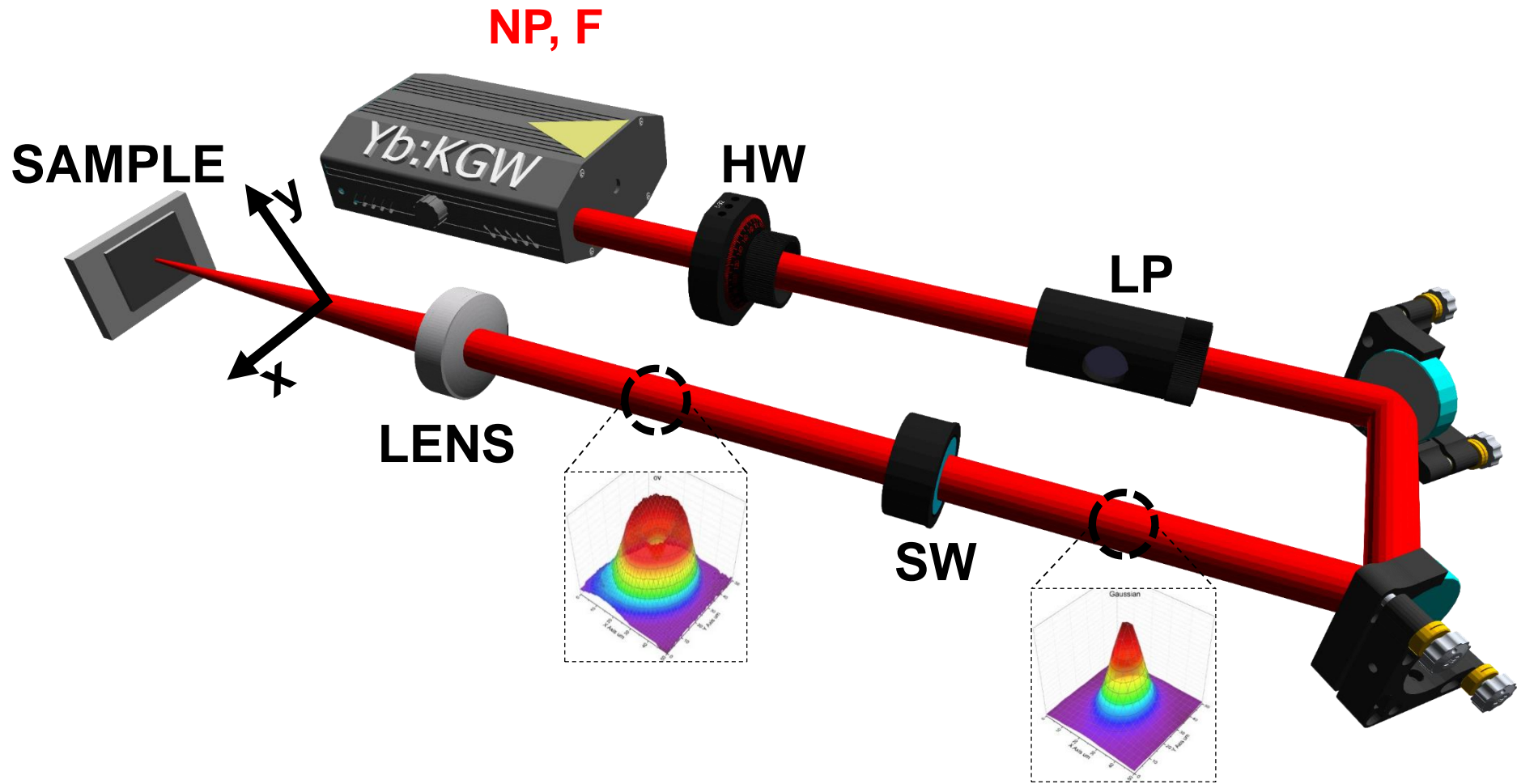


Shark Skin
Low Underwater Friction



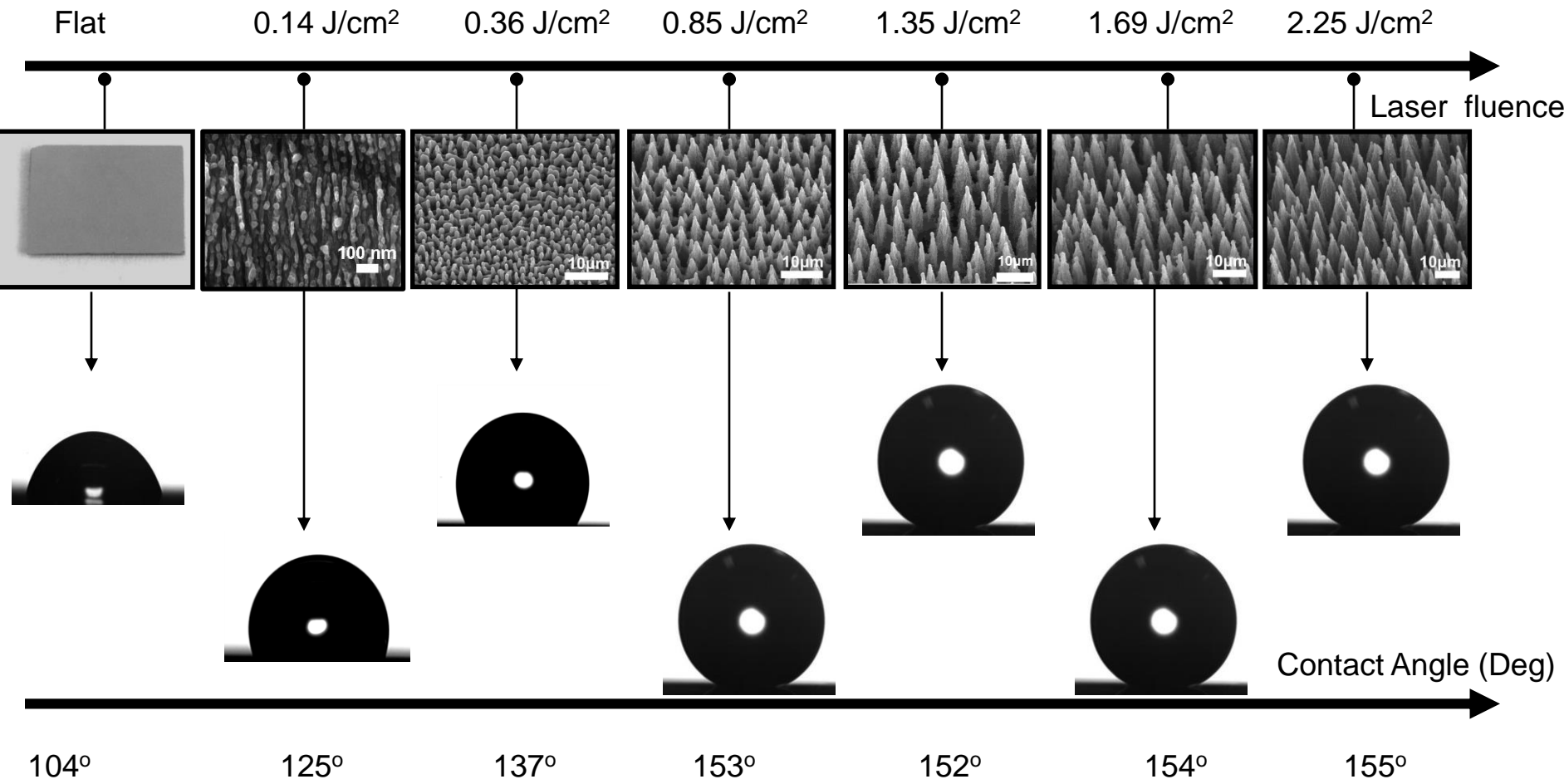
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Antireflection

Laser Based Fabrication of Biomimetic Surfaces



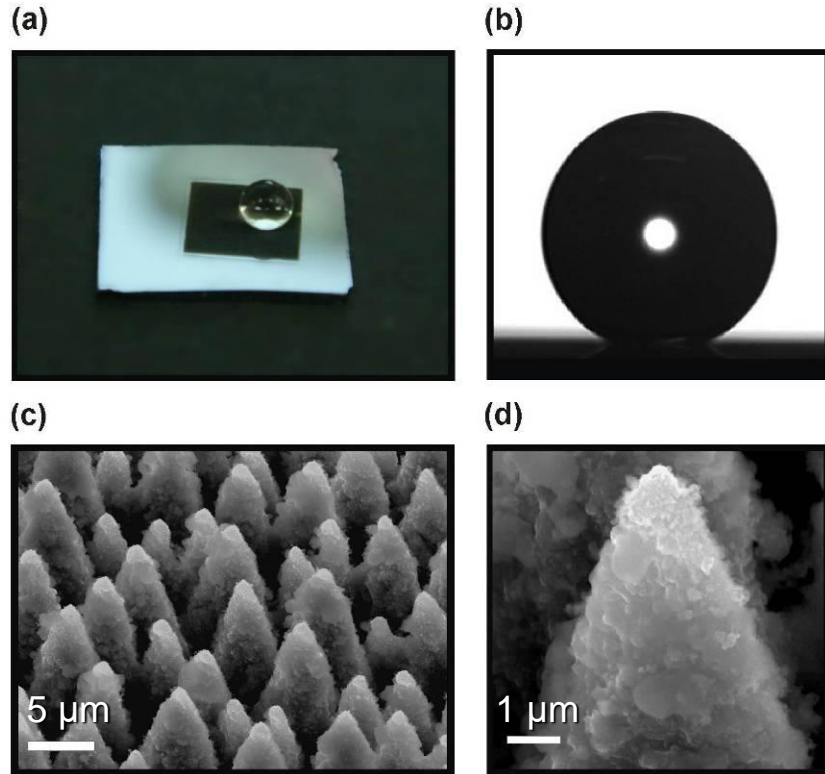
Biomimetic Surfaces for Extreme Wetting Properties

Silicon

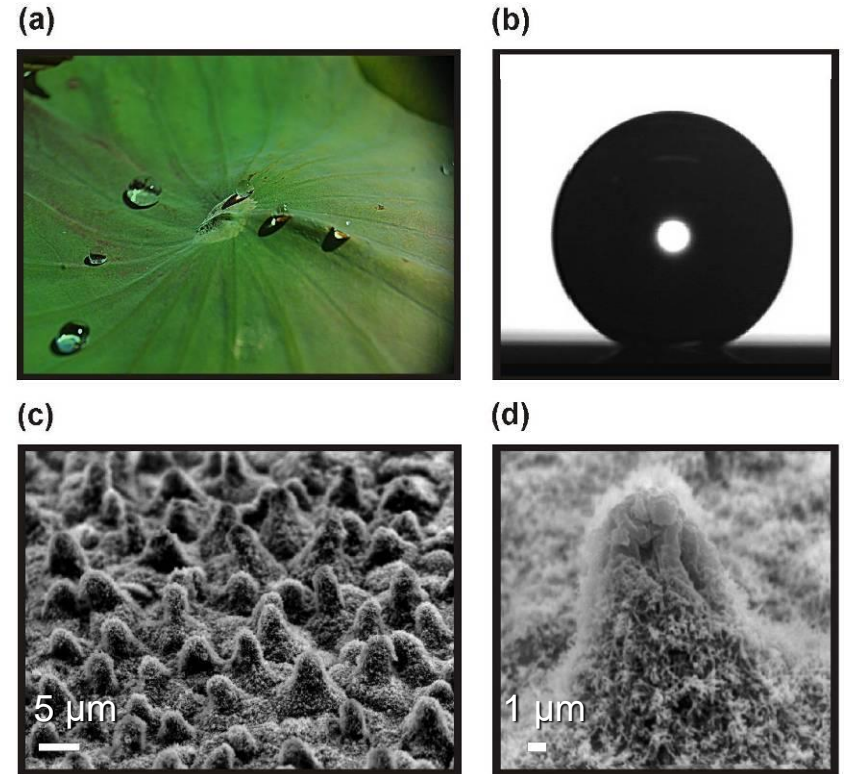


V. Zorba (2008)

Biomimetic Artificial Superhydrophobicity



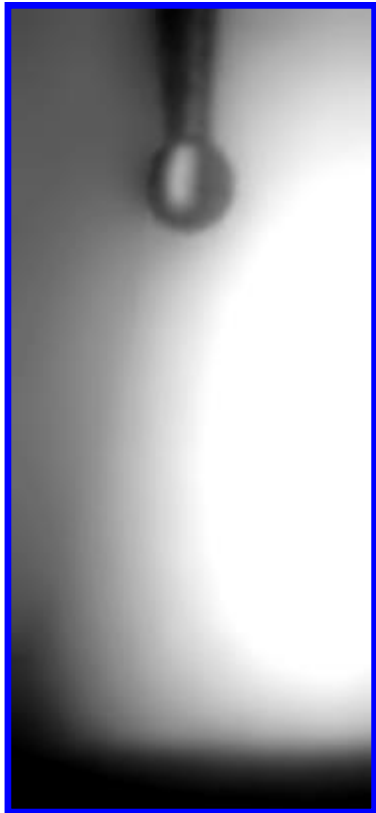
Artificial Surface



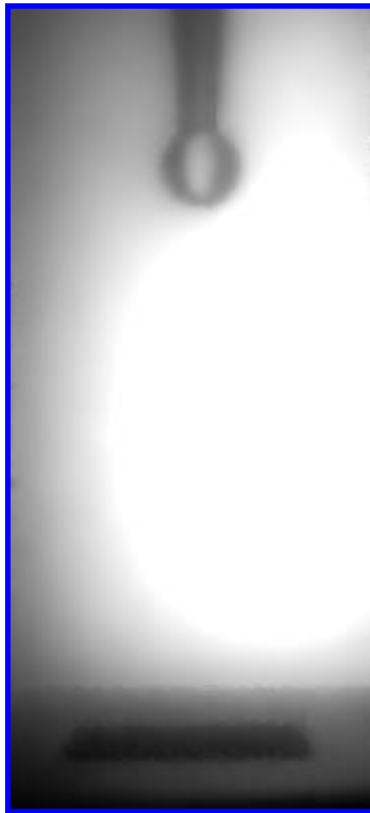
Lotus leaf

Collaborator: S. H. Anastasiadis

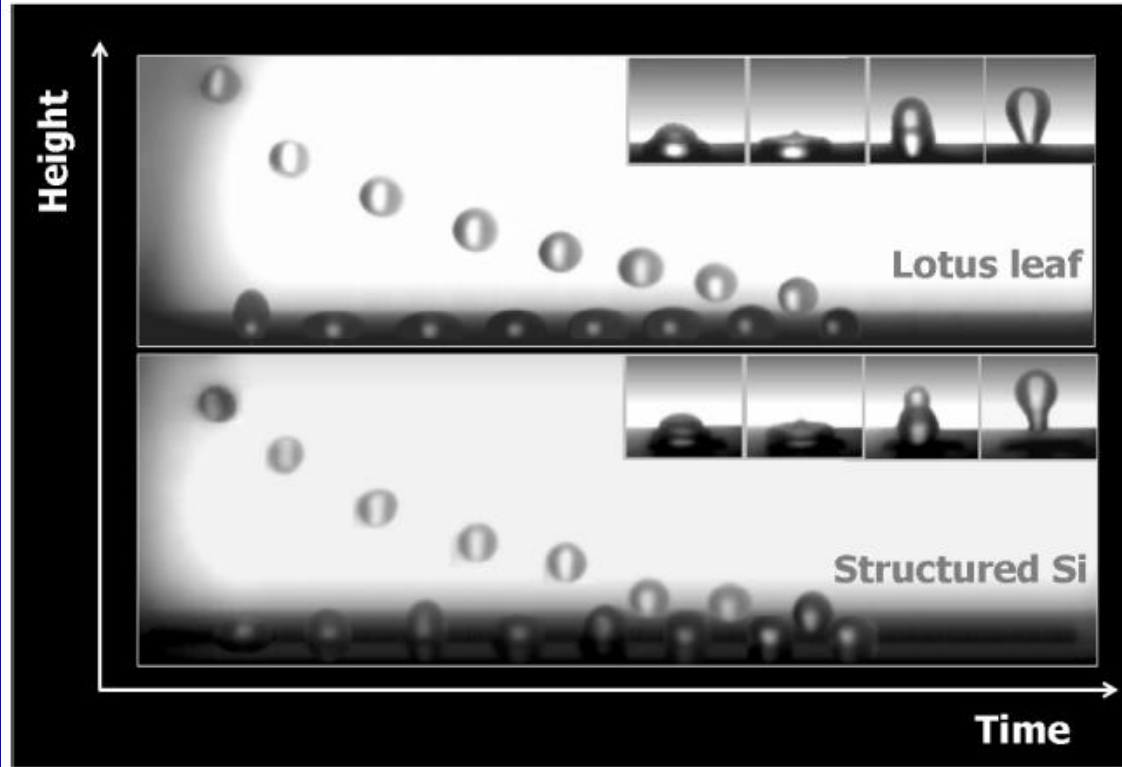
Dynamic Water Repellency



Natural

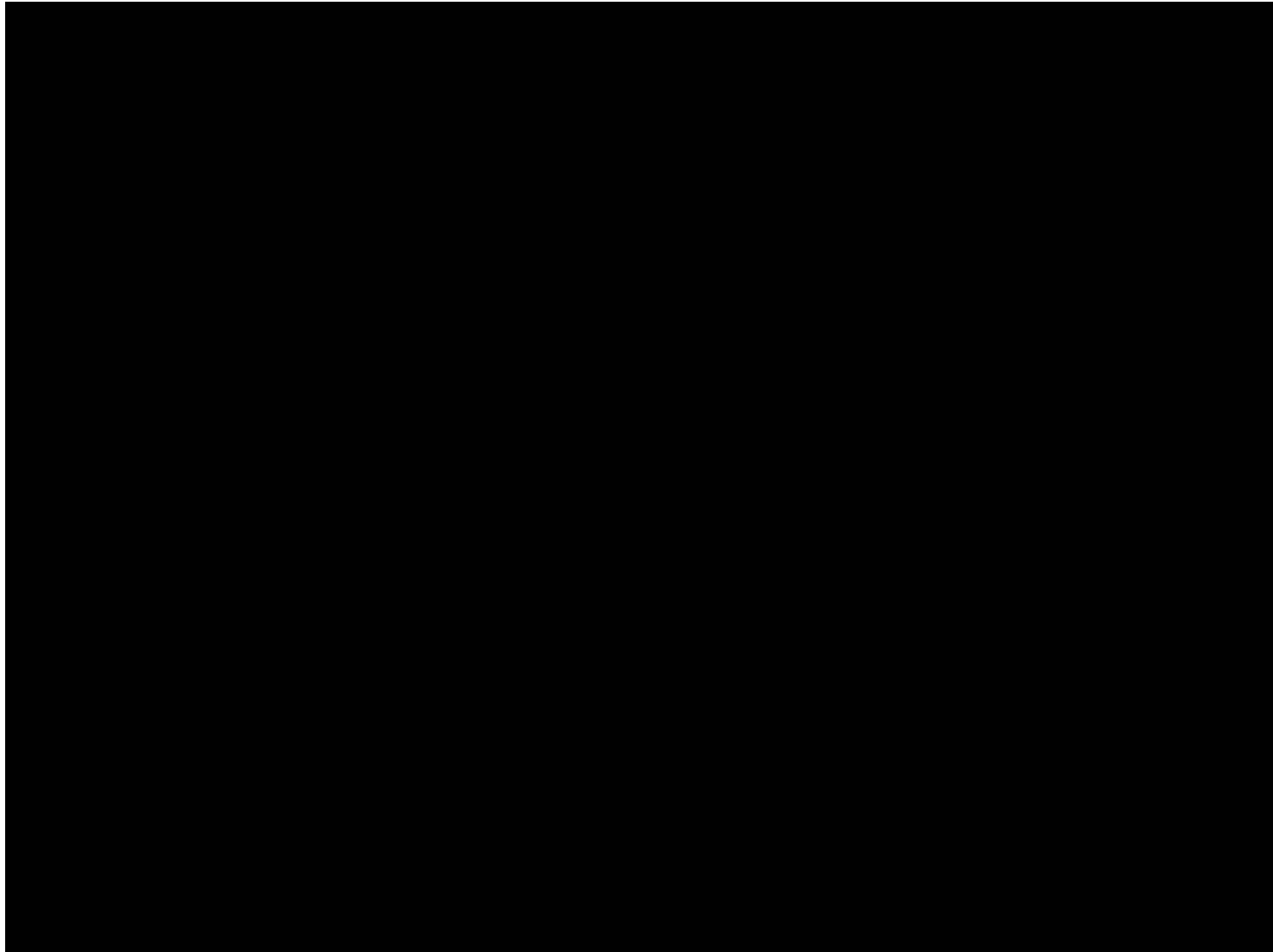


Artificial



*Time sequence images of a 2.5 μl water droplet falling on a DMDCS coated laser structured Si surface
Frame rate: 500Hz*

Water Running Uphill

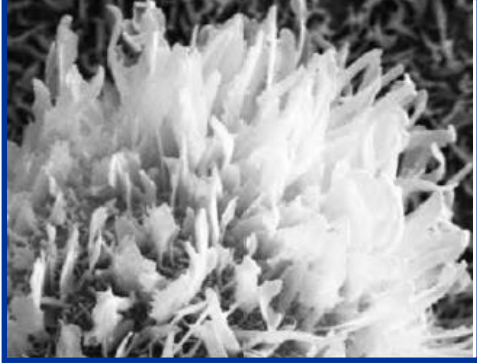
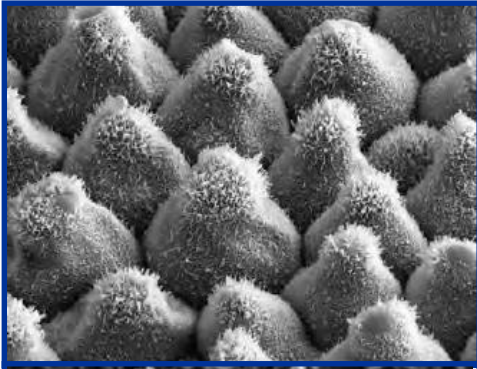


!!! Remarkable Velocity, $v \sim 500$ mm/sec !!!

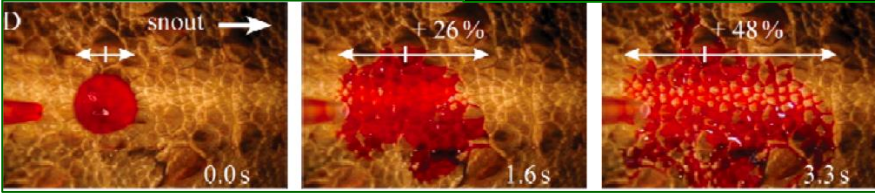
I. Paradisanos et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 105, 041108 (2014)

Can we further increase the complexity ?

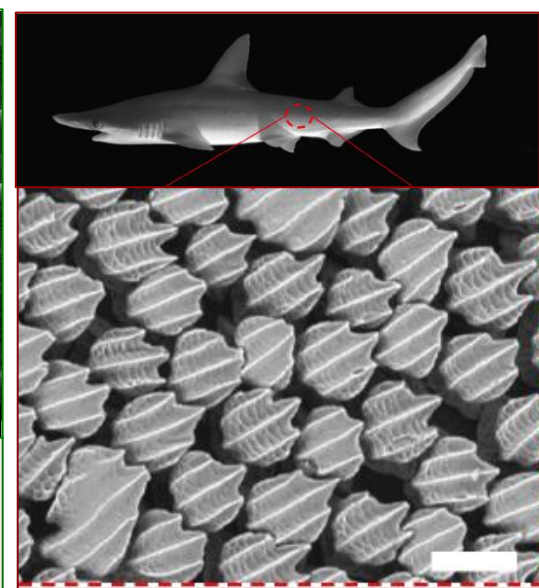
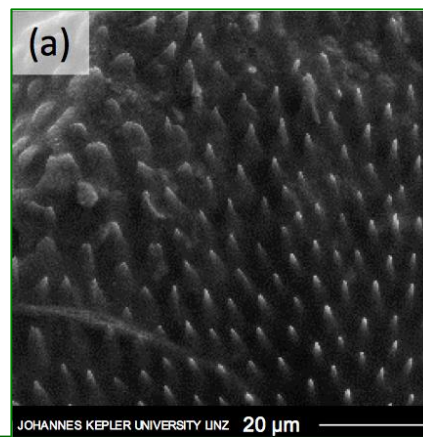
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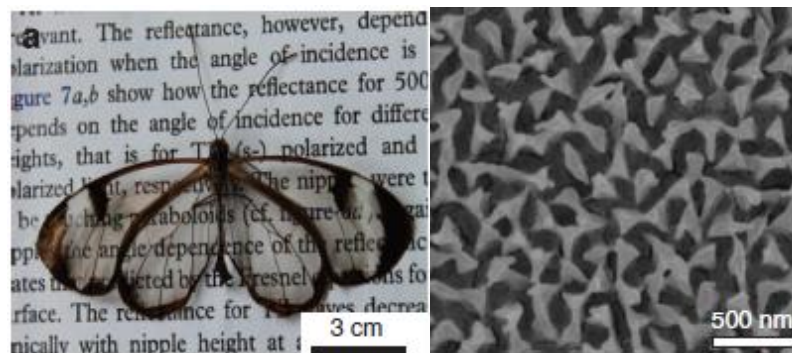
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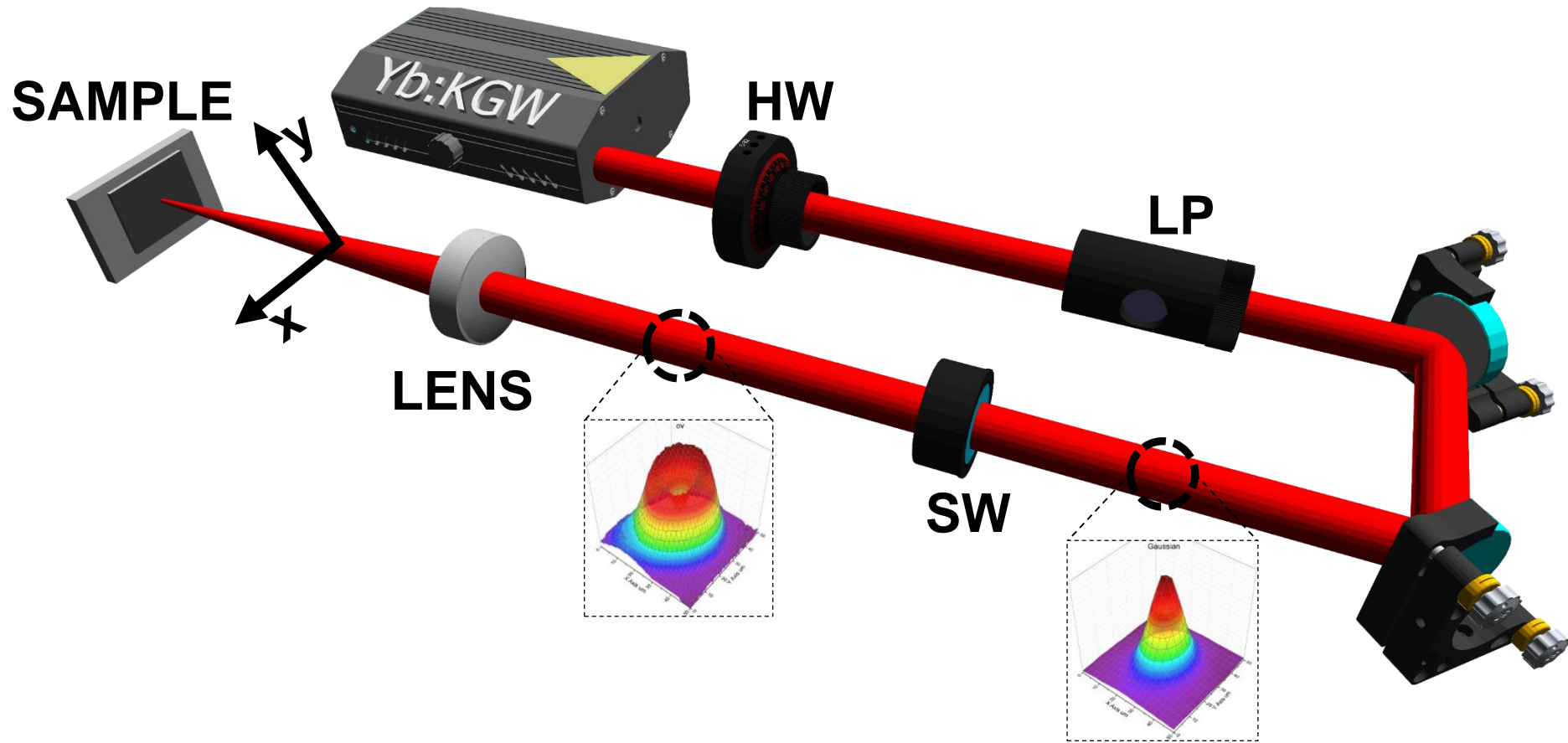
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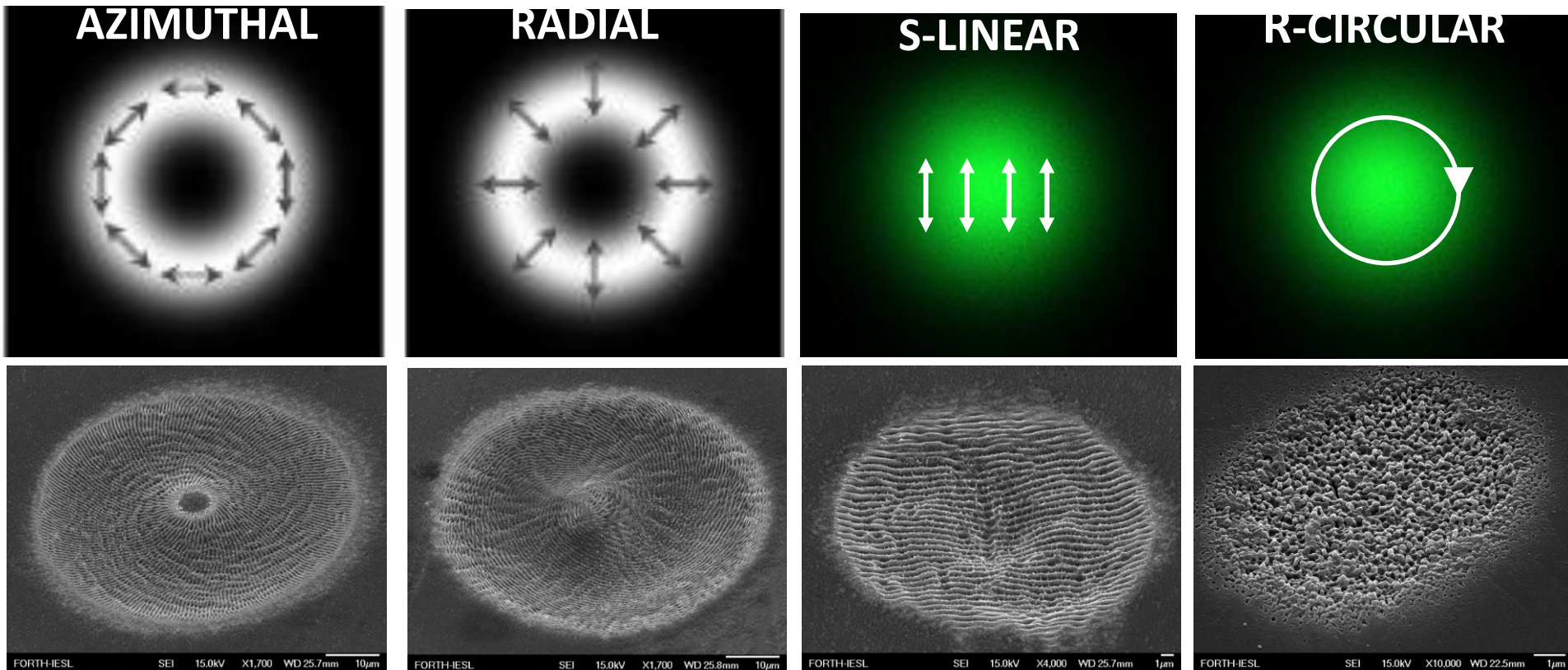
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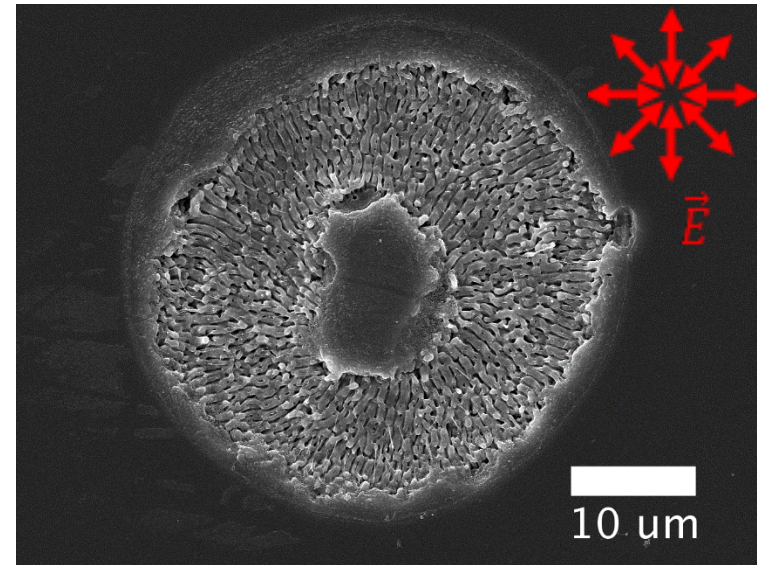
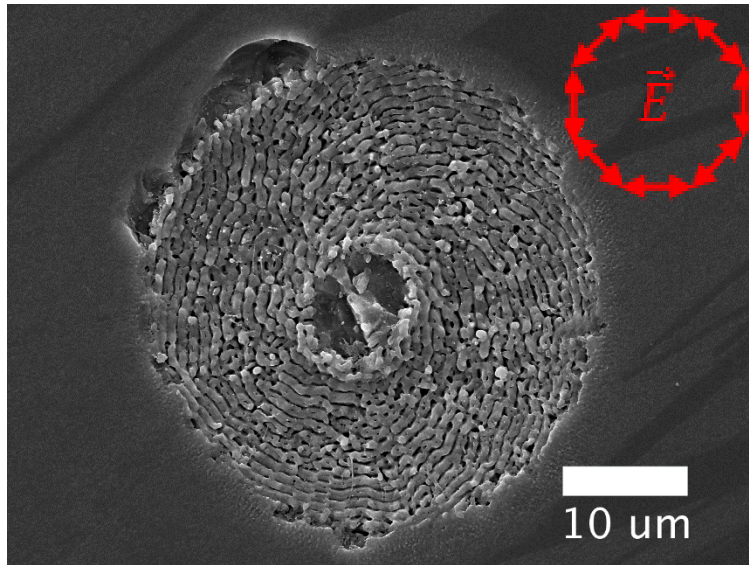
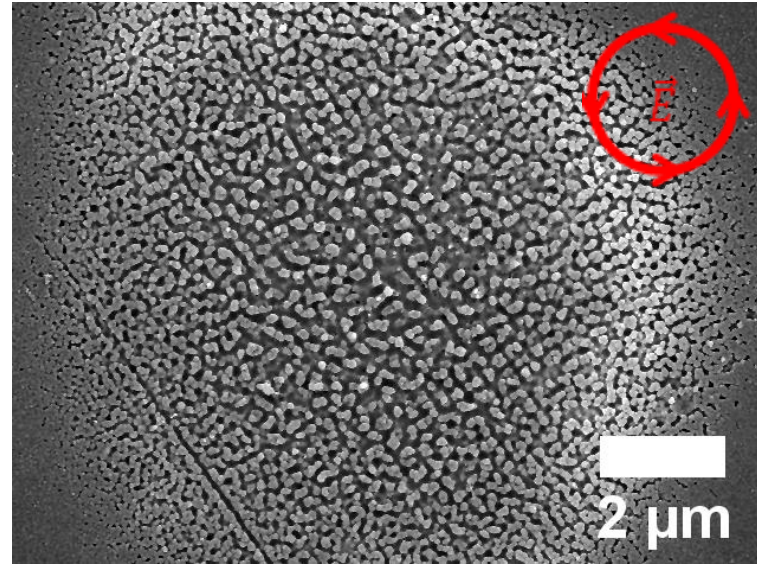
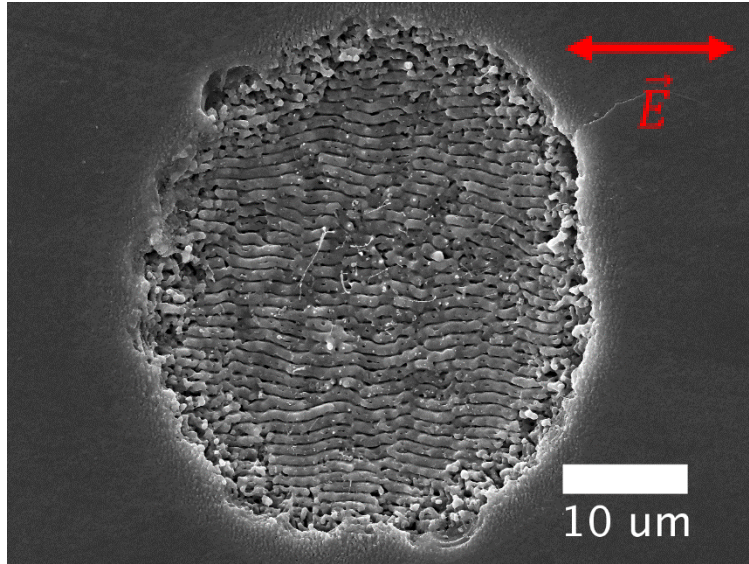
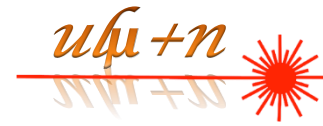
NP, F, **Polarization State**



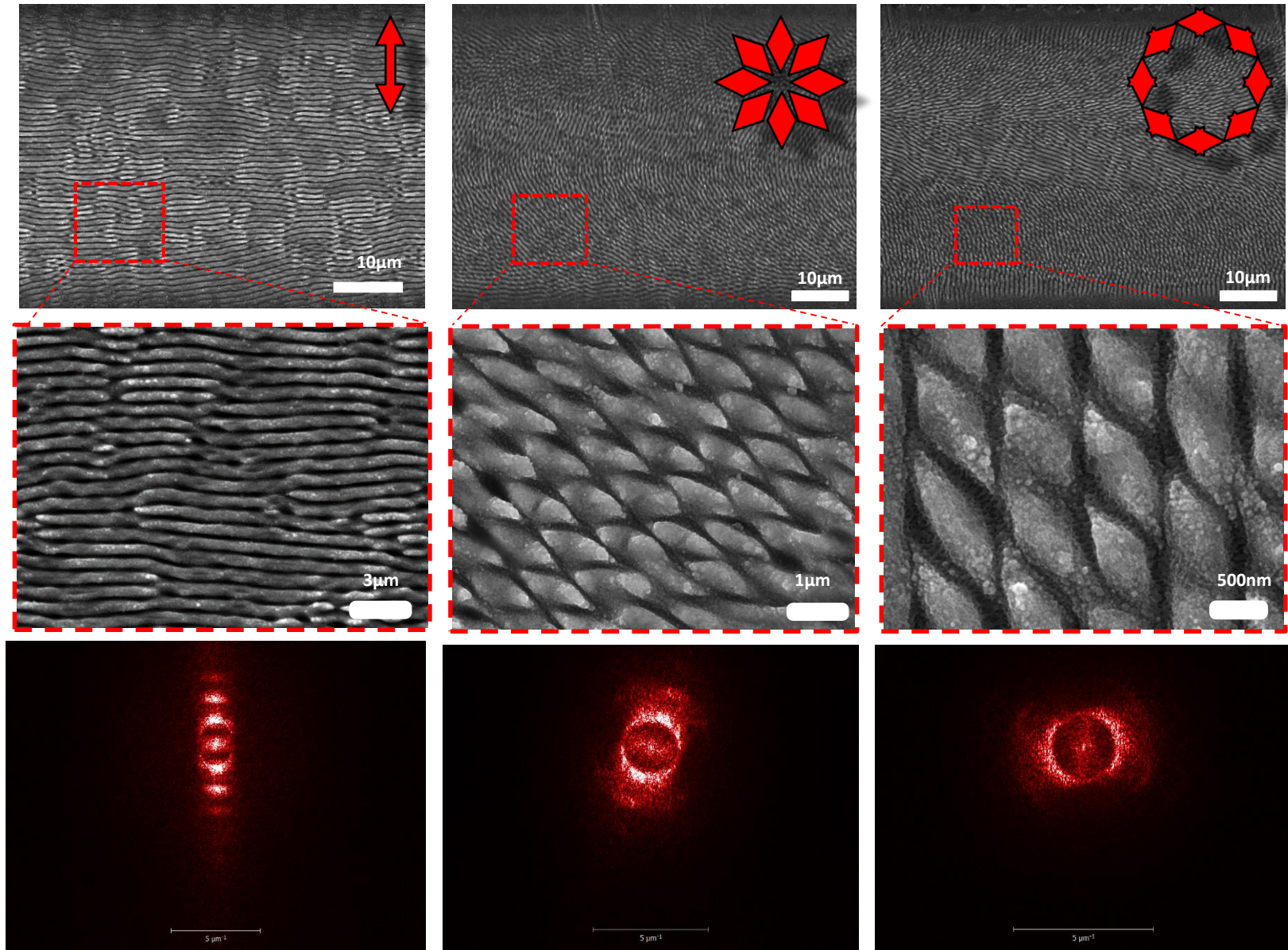
Processing with vectorial polarization beams



Transparent Materials: Fused Silica

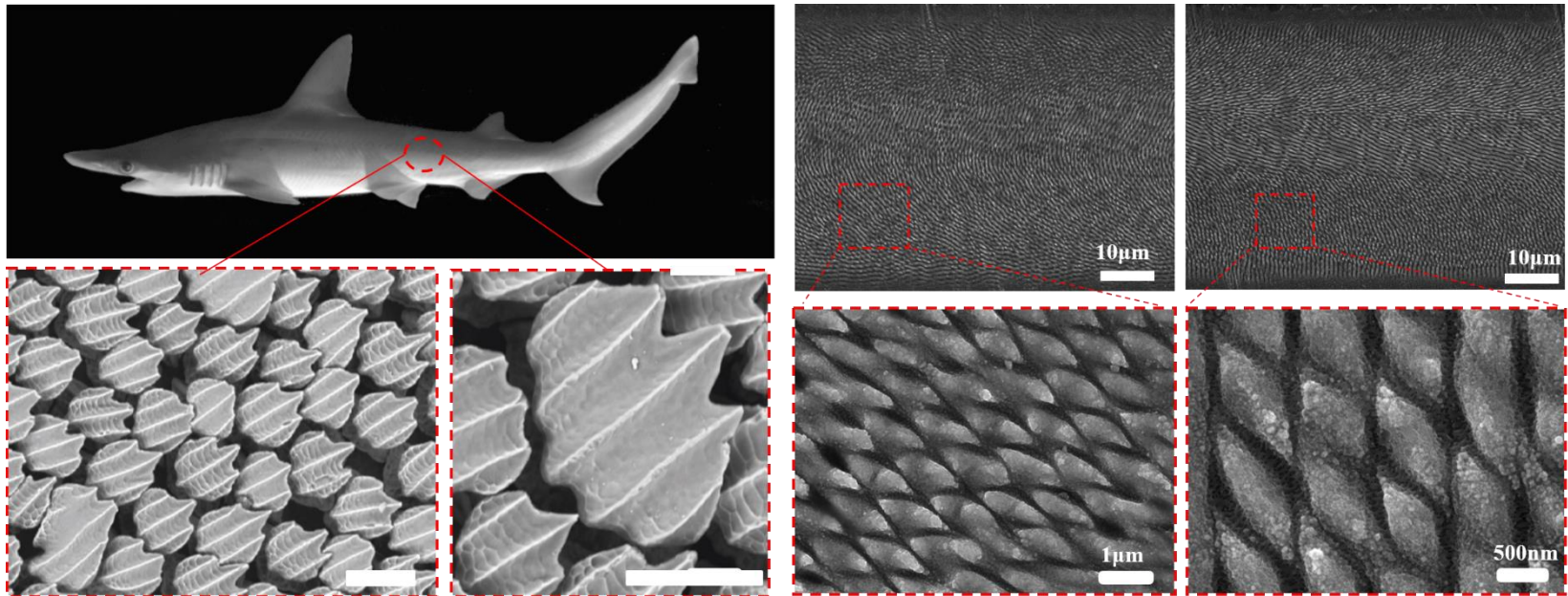


Line scanning with CV vs linear polarization

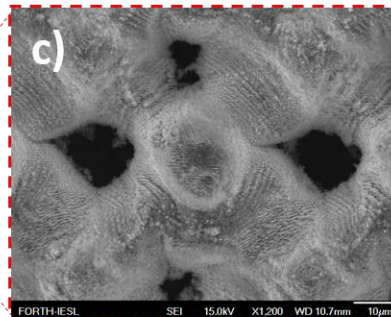
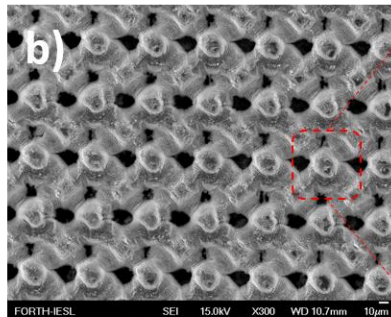
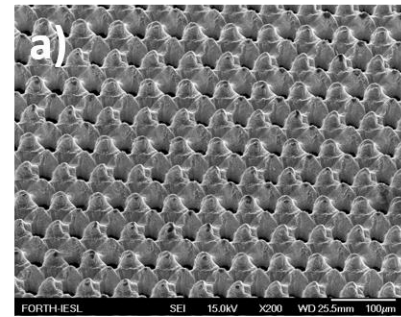
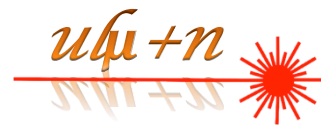


Skoulas et al., Scientific Reports (2017), 7, 45114

Laser processed 'shark-skin' surface



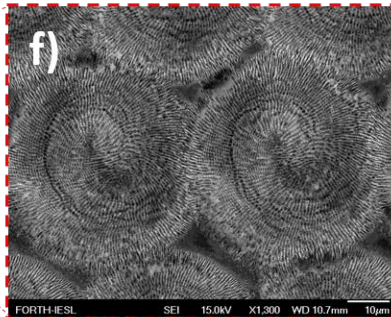
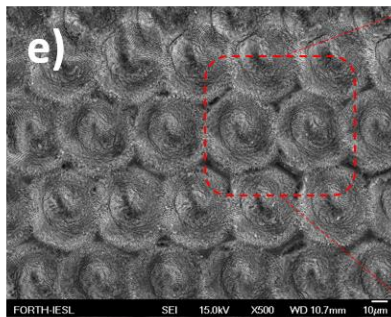
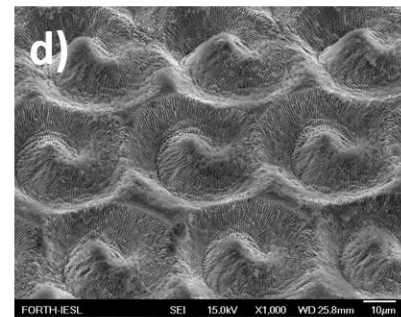
Spot by Spot scanning with CV beams



High roughness hierarchical surface:

- $\varphi=9.45\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$
- $NP=500$
- Radial polarization

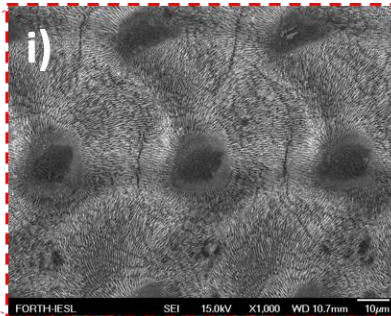
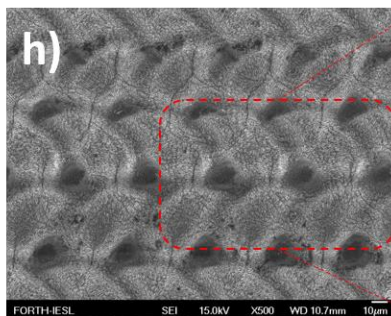
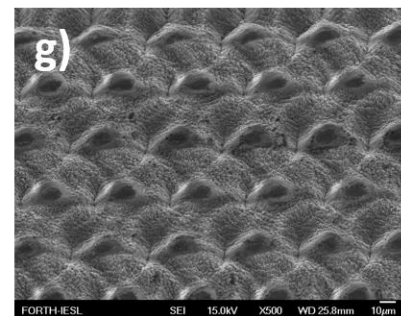
Dual periodicity at $60\mu\text{m}$ and 500nm



Medium roughness hierarchical surface:

- $\varphi=1.17\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$
- $NP=400$
- Azimuthal polarization

Dual periodicity at $50\mu\text{m}$ and 520nm



Low roughness hierarchical surface:

- $\varphi=0.42\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$
- $NP=600$
- Azimuthal polarization

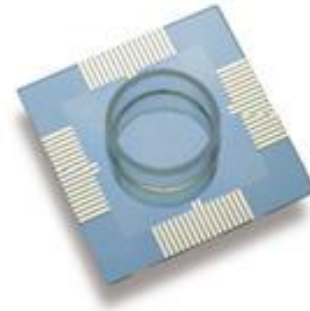
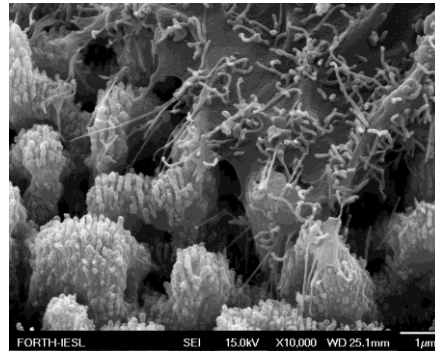
Dual periodicity at $50\mu\text{m}$ and 480nm

2. Laser structuring of surfaces for neural tissue engineering applications

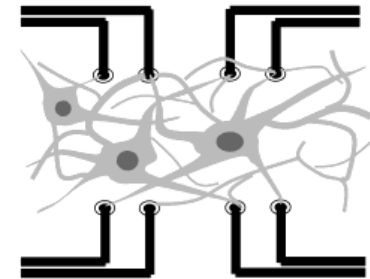
Neuronal cells on structured surfaces

Collaborators: A. Ranella (IESL), A. Gravanis (IMBB), I. Charalampopoulos (UoC) I. Athanassakis (UoC)

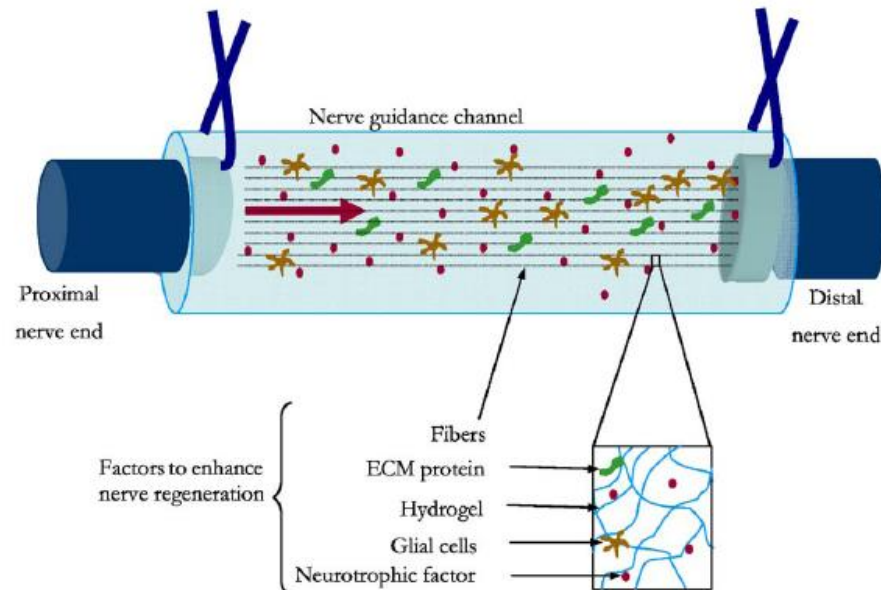
I. Cell culture
conductive
micro/nano
platforms
(adhesion,
orientation,
differentiation)



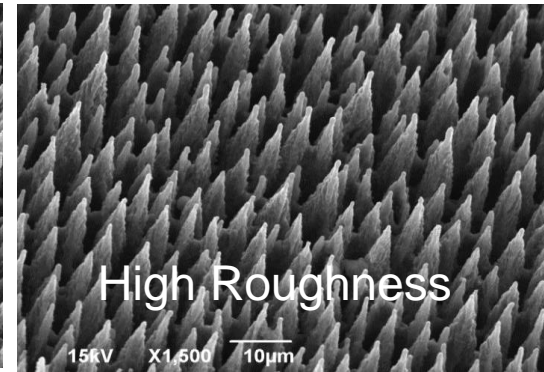
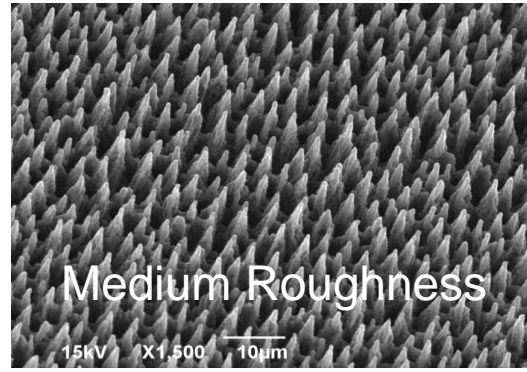
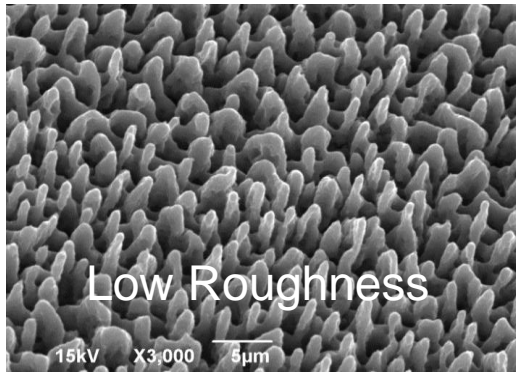
II. Neuronal
network interface
(Neurochip)



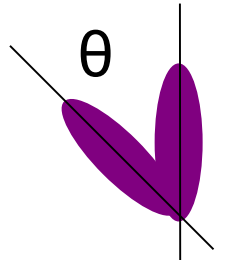
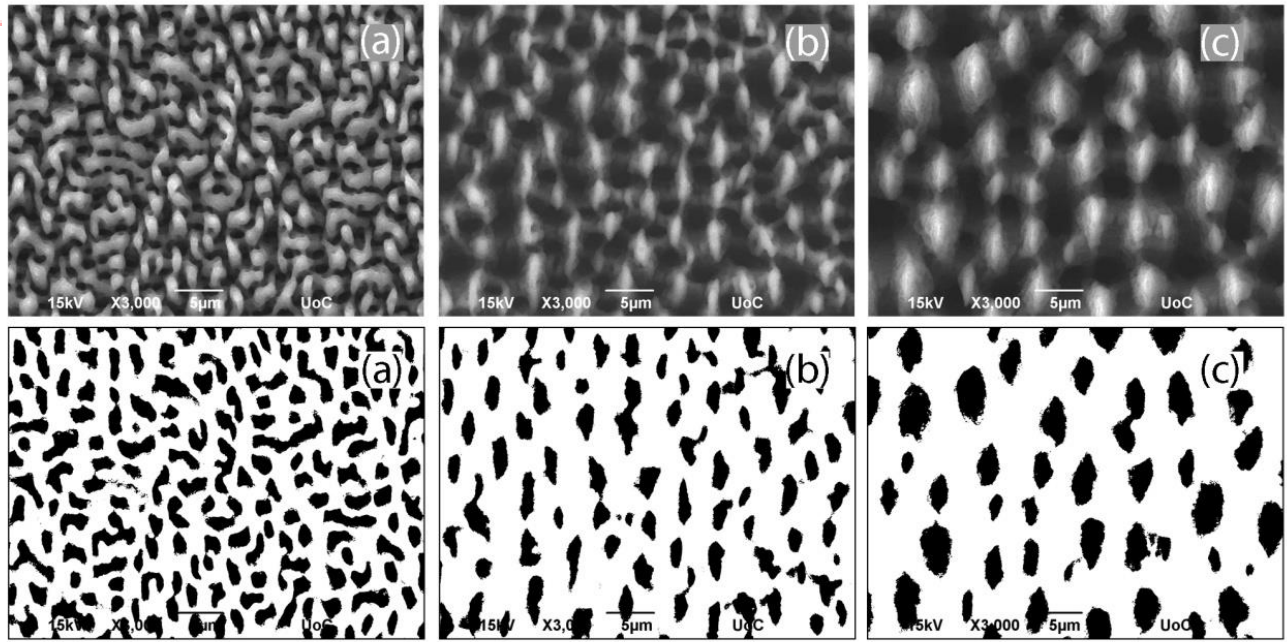
GOAL: Tissue engineering scaffolds
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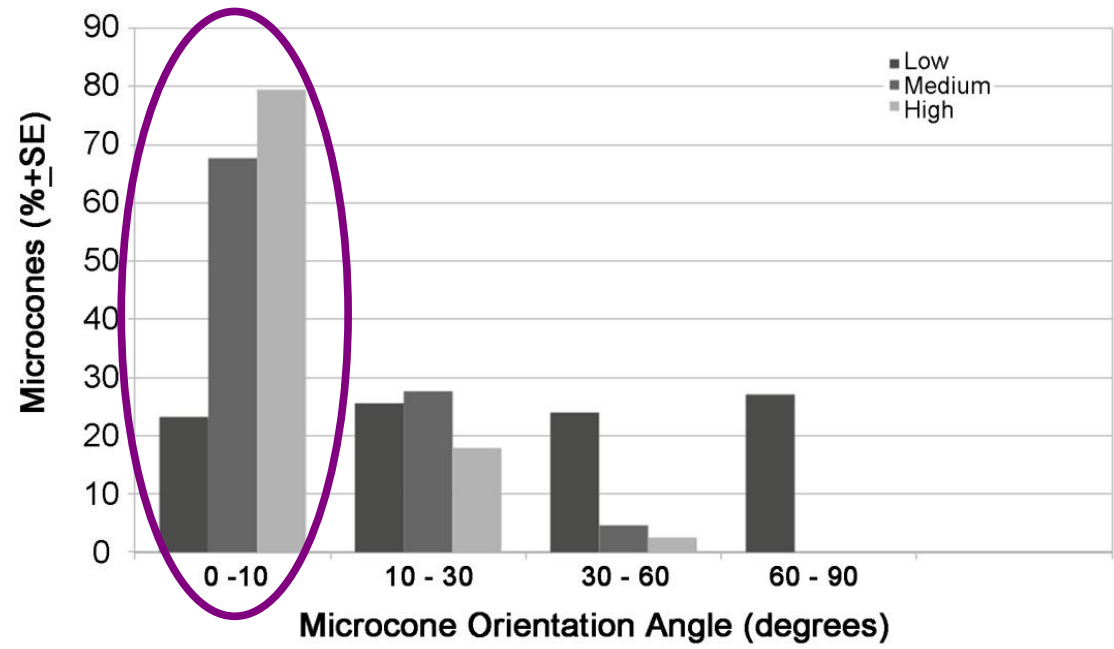
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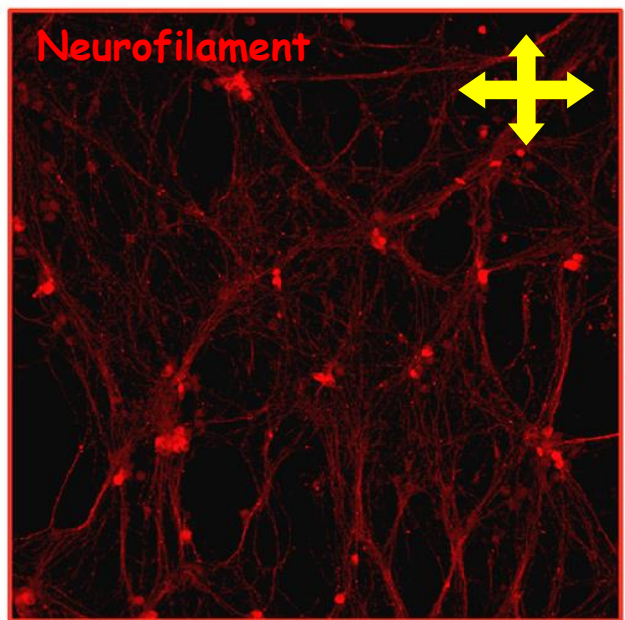


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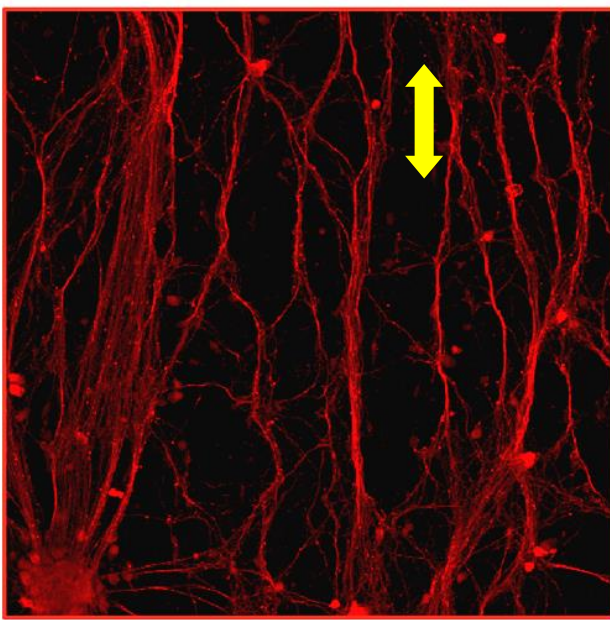


Ellipsoidal cross section
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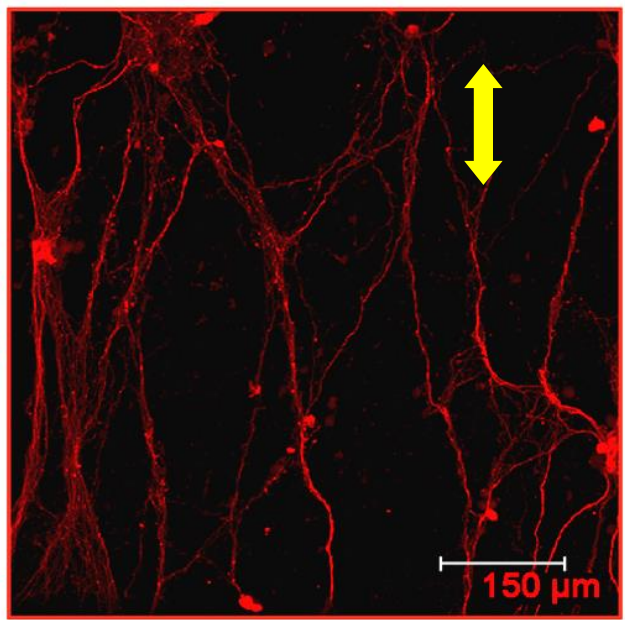
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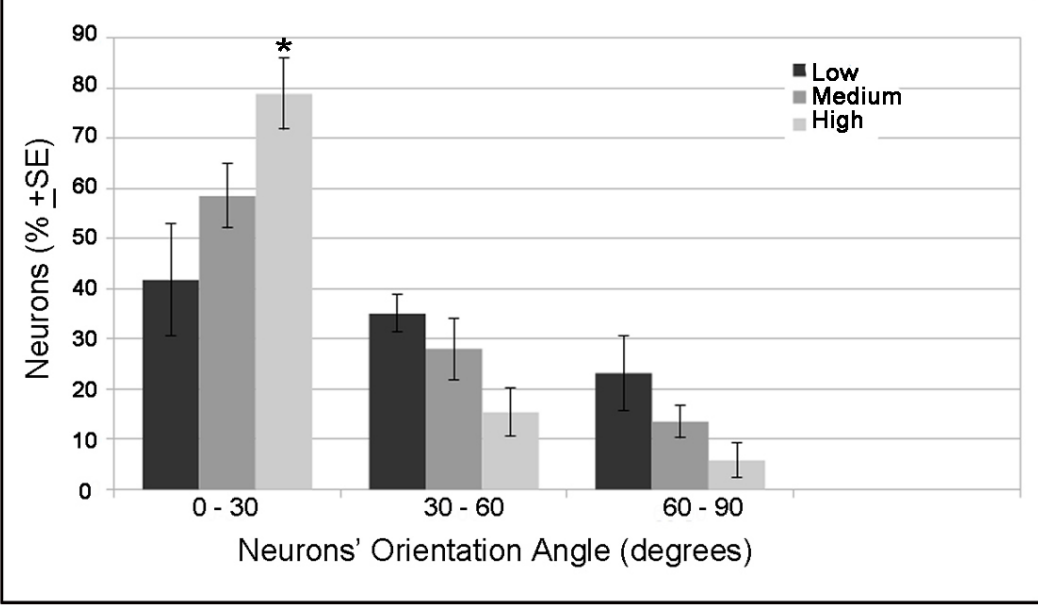
Low Roughness



Mid Roughness



High Roughness



Network morphology induced by the surface topography?

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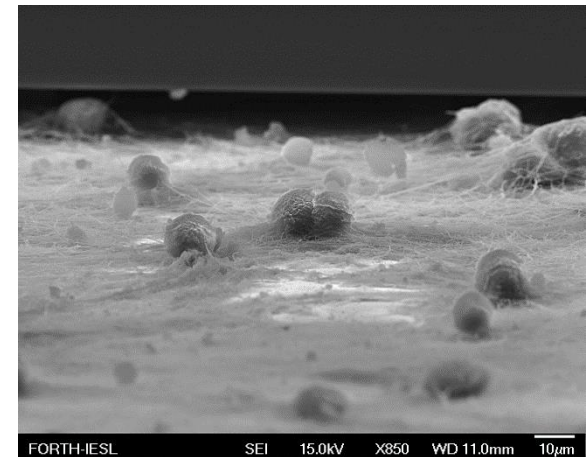
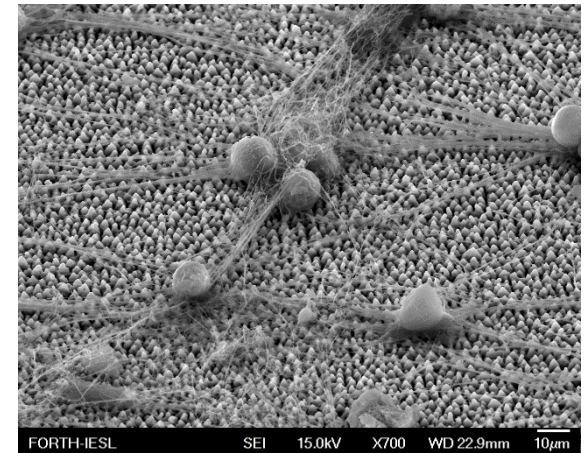
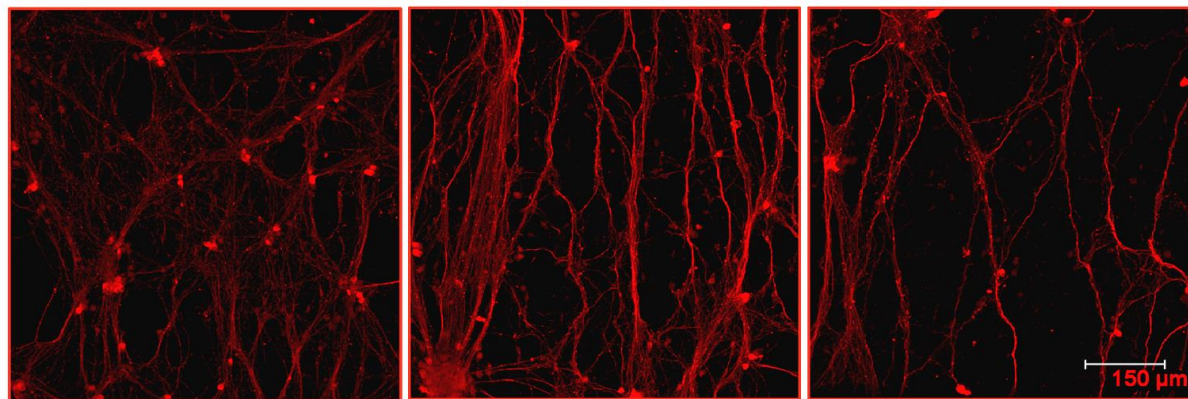


SCGs Neurons – μ Structures interaction



Laser fabricated discontinuous anisotropic microconical substrates as a new model scaffold to control the directionality of neuronal network outgrowth

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Neurons contact with the upper part and the tips of the spikes, both of which are elliptically-shaped

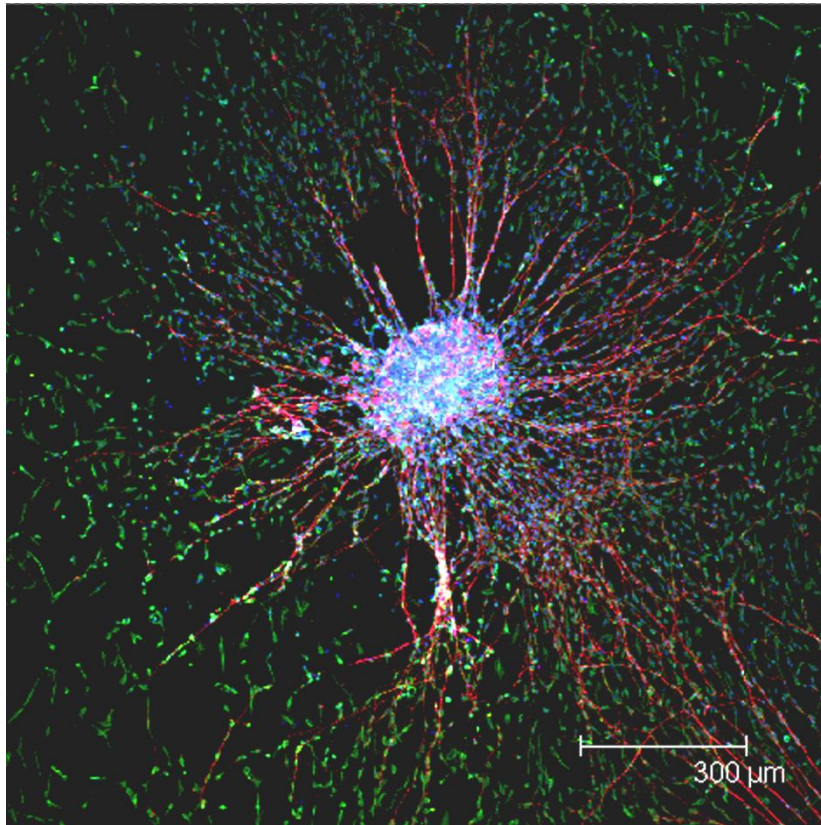
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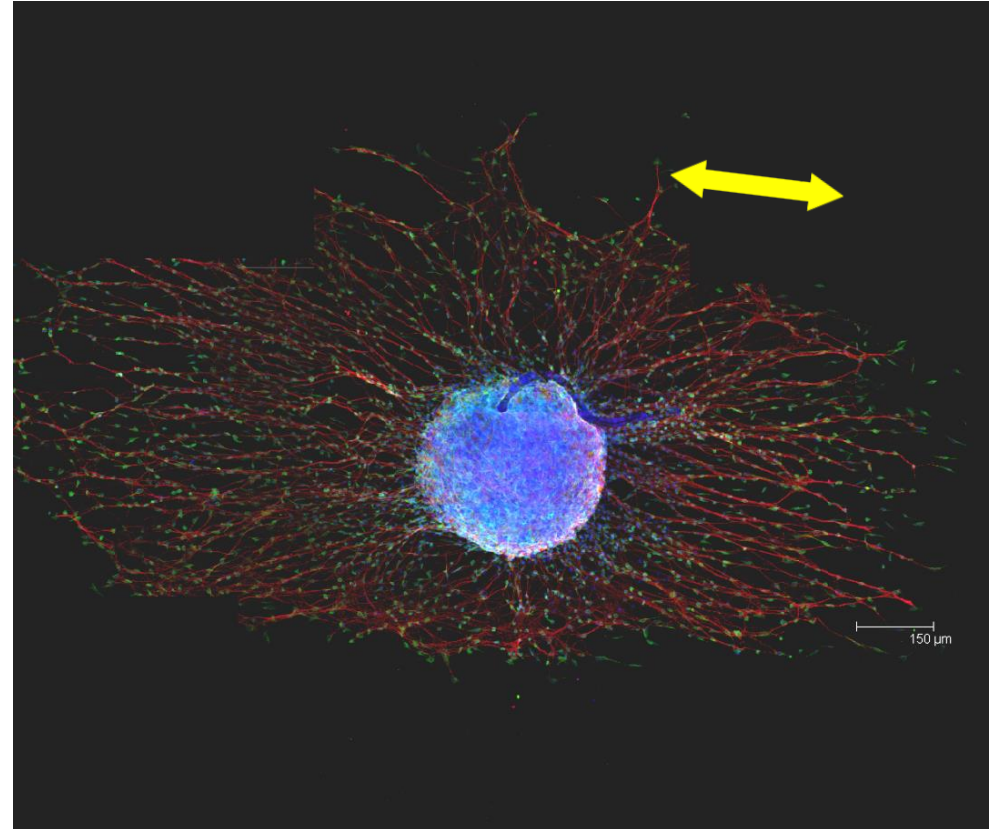
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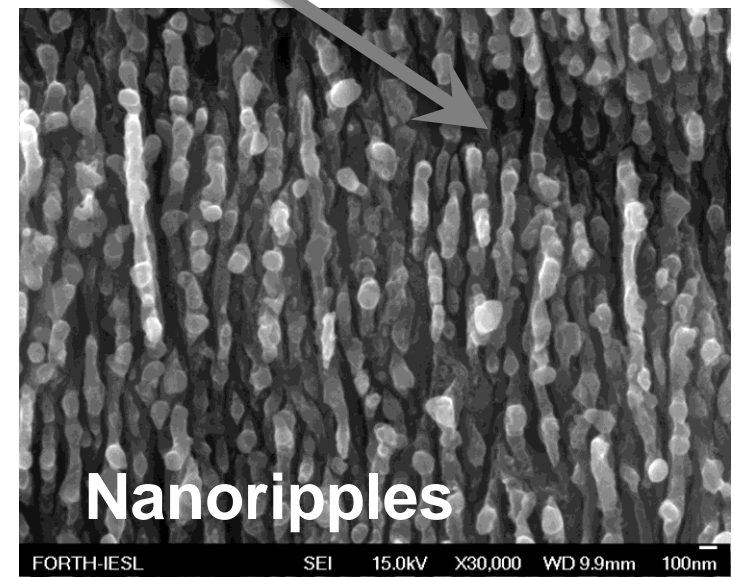
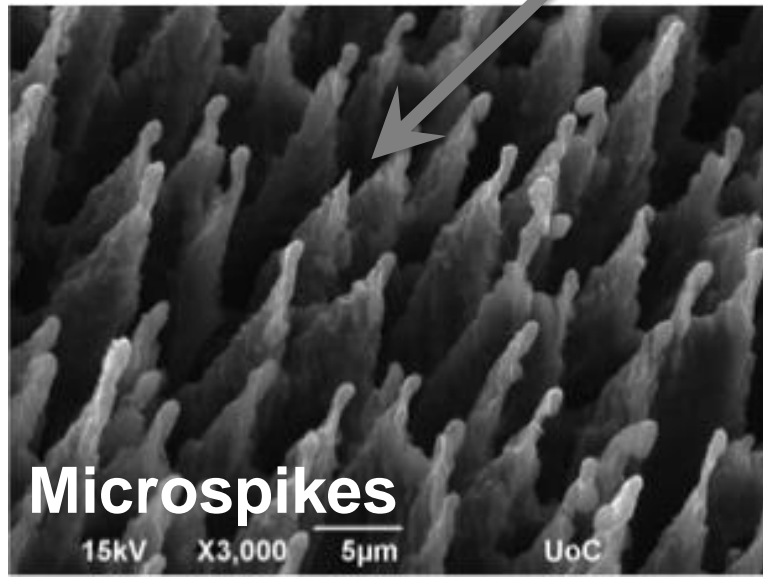
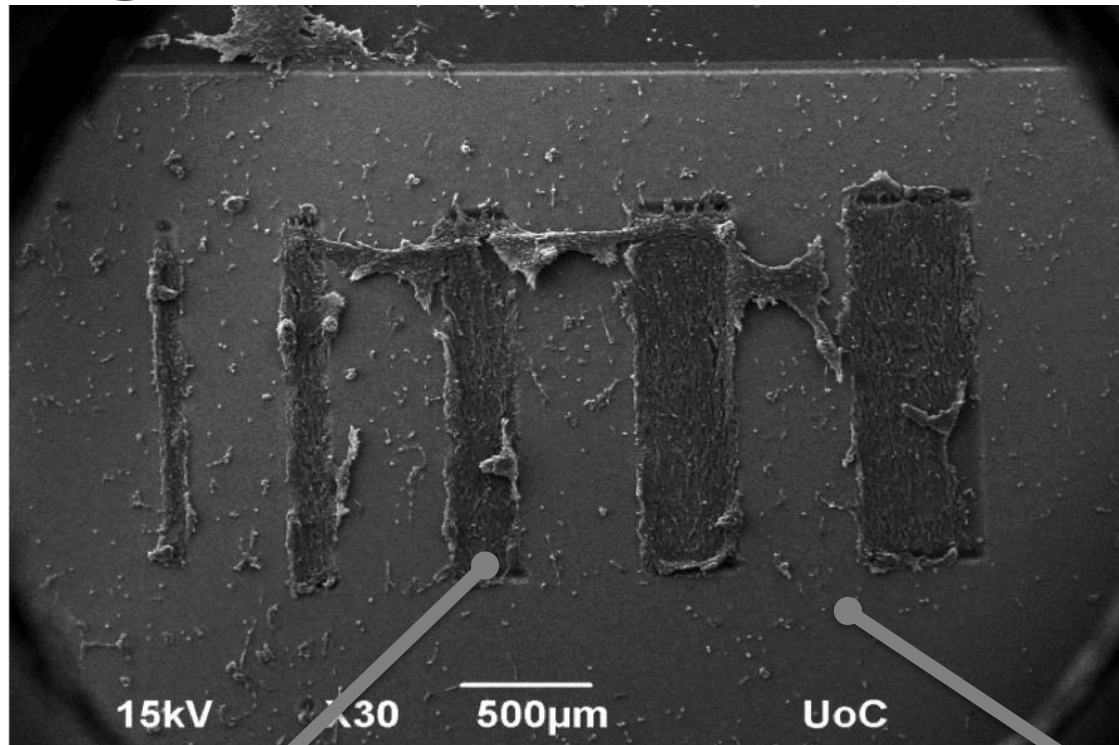


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Isotropic Cell Outgrowth

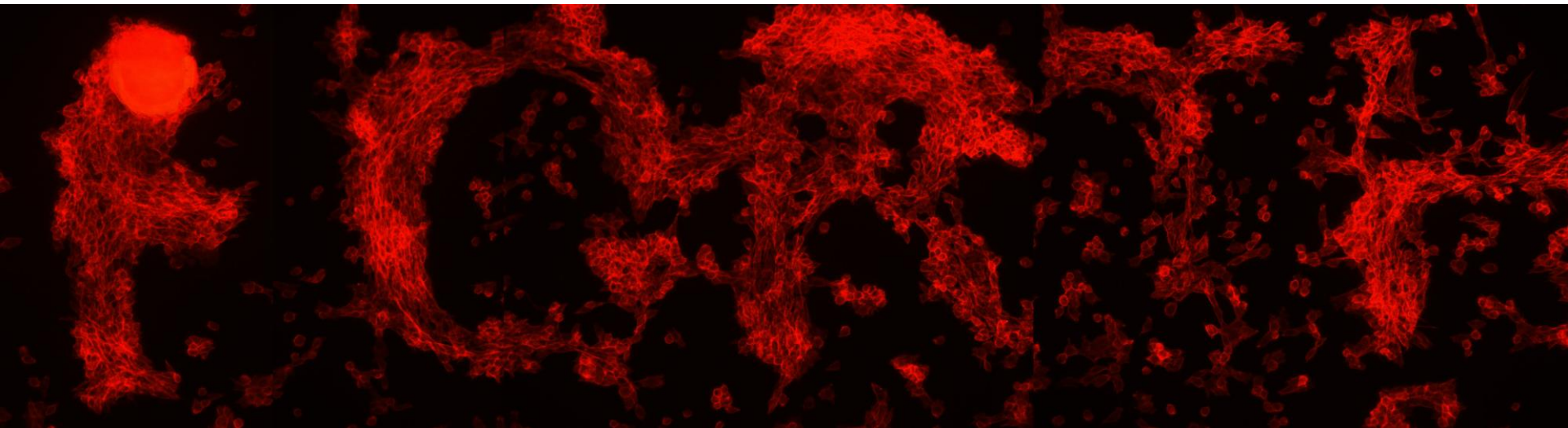
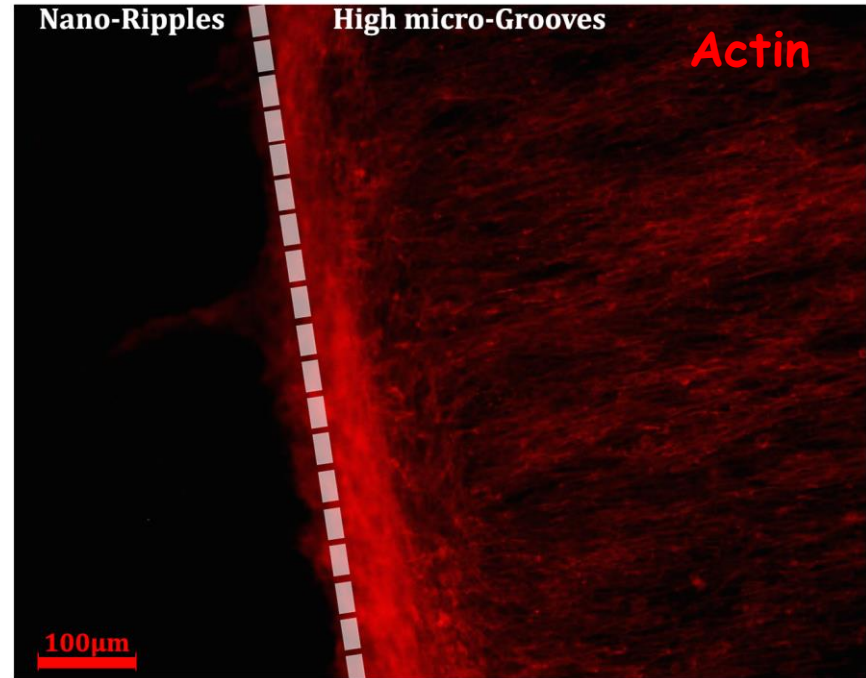
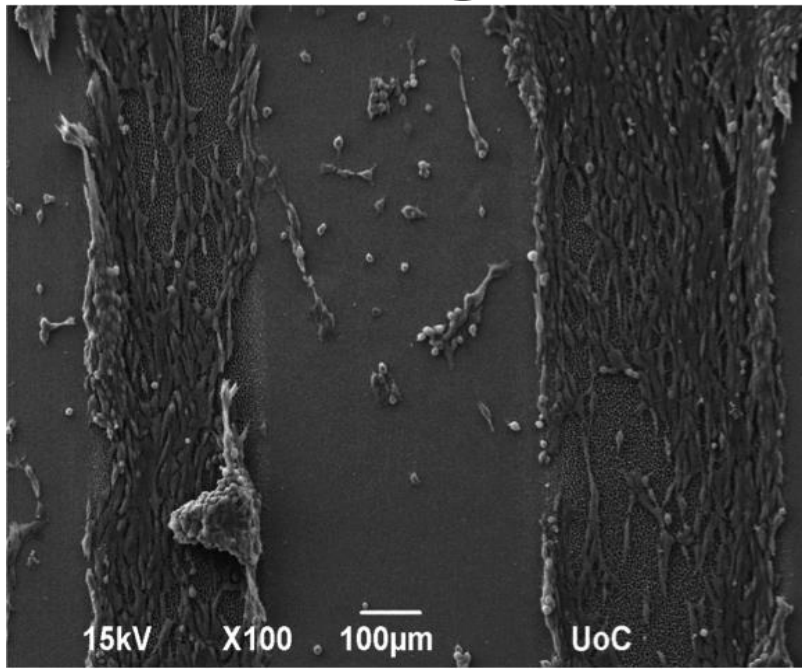


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Anisotropic Cell Outgrowth

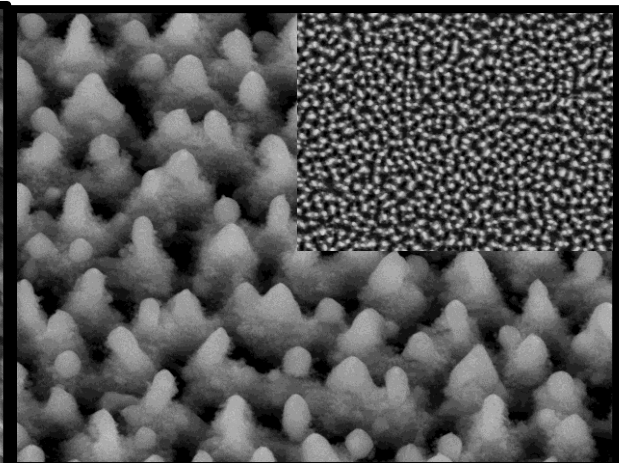
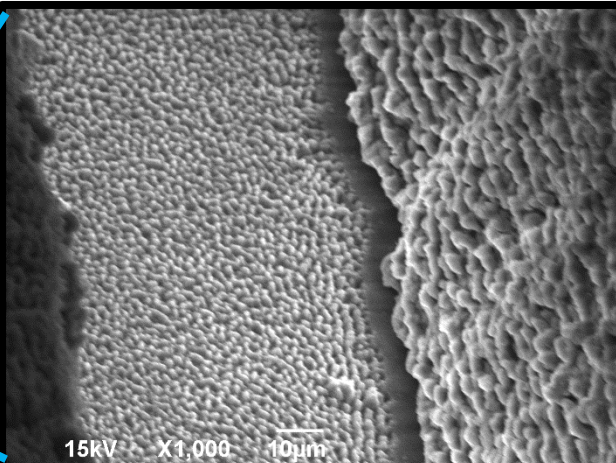
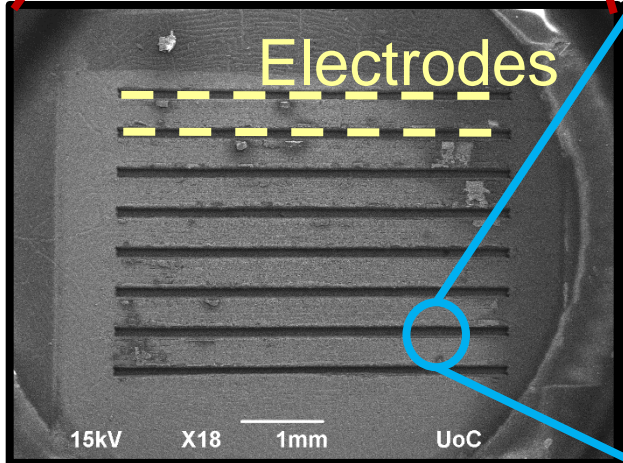
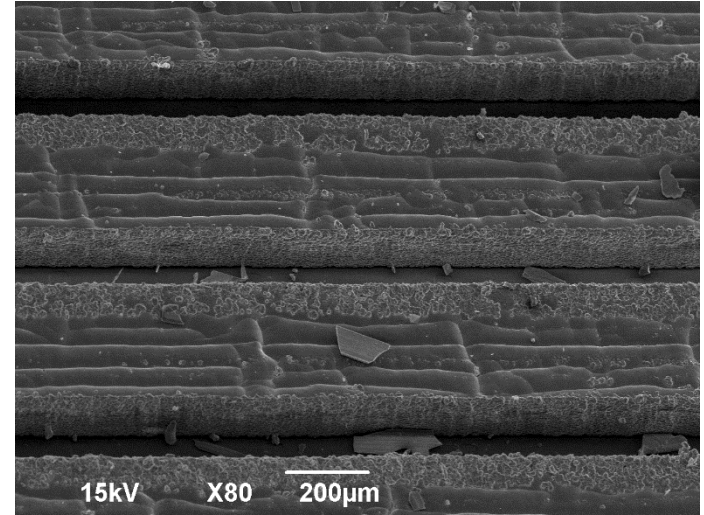
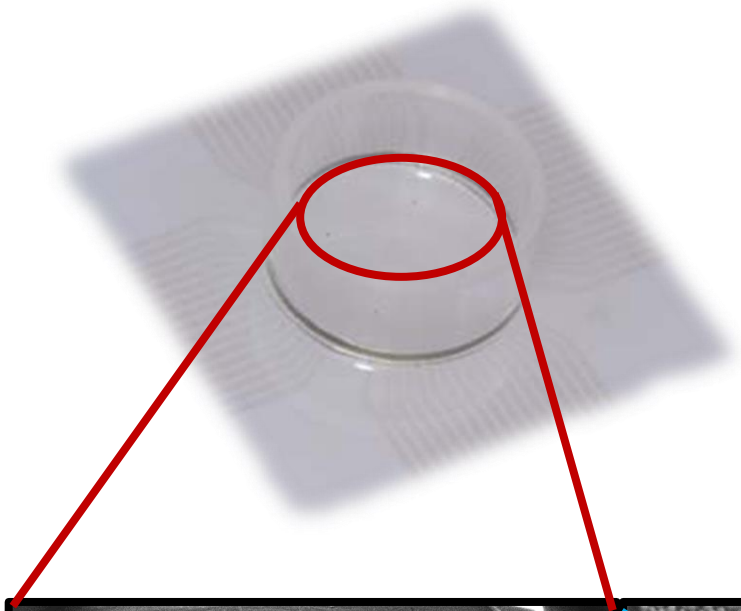
Patterning of Neurons



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μ -spike Si Multielectrode Arrays (MEAs)



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Review article

Controlling the morphology and outgrowth of nerve and neuroglial cells: The effect of surface topography

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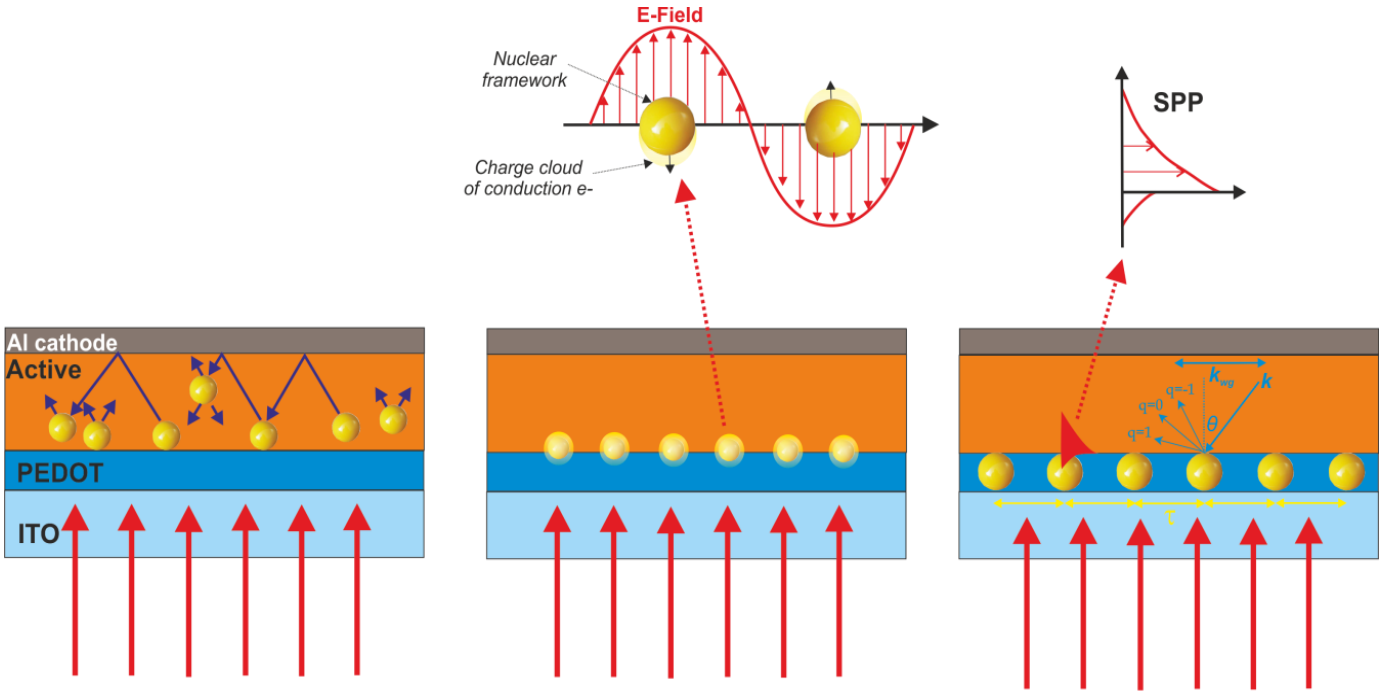


3. Nanomaterials' Synthesis and Functionalization for New Generation Photovoltaics

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Light Harvesting in Organic Solar cells (OSCs)

Increasing OSCs Efficiency



(a)

Multiple Scattering
> 30nm

(b)

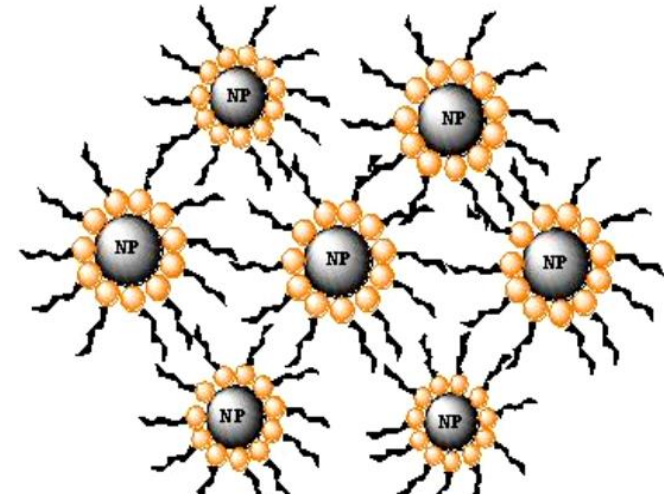
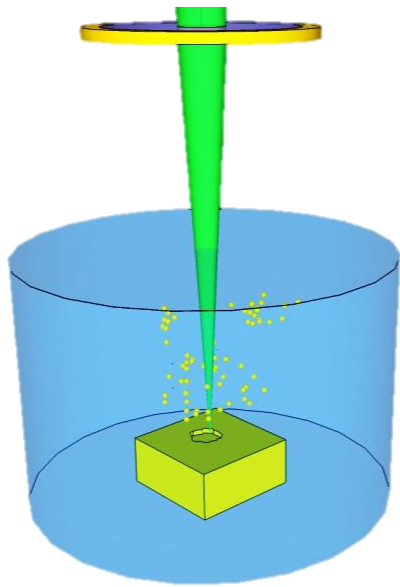
Surface Plasmon Excitation (LSPR)
> 5 – 20nm

(c)

SP Polariton Excitation

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Laser Synthesized NPs for Plasmonic OSCs

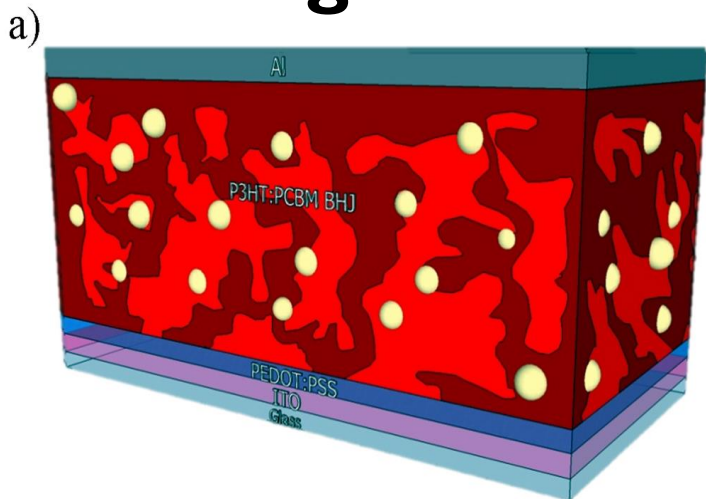


Chemically synthesized NPs

Key Advantages

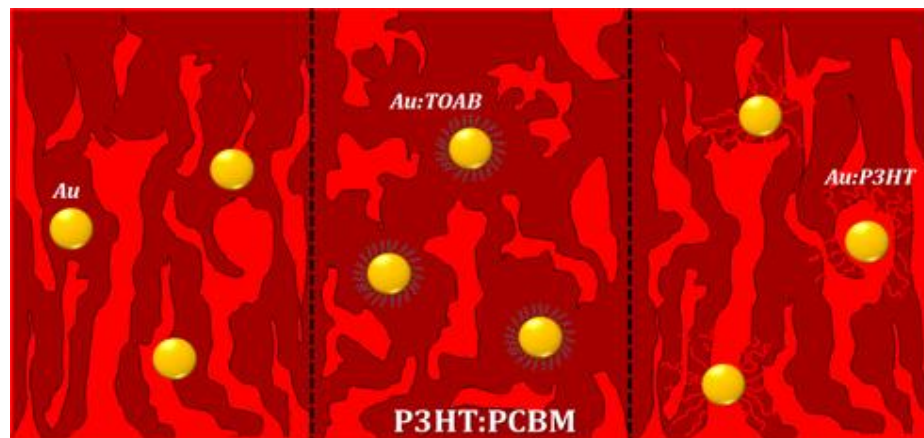
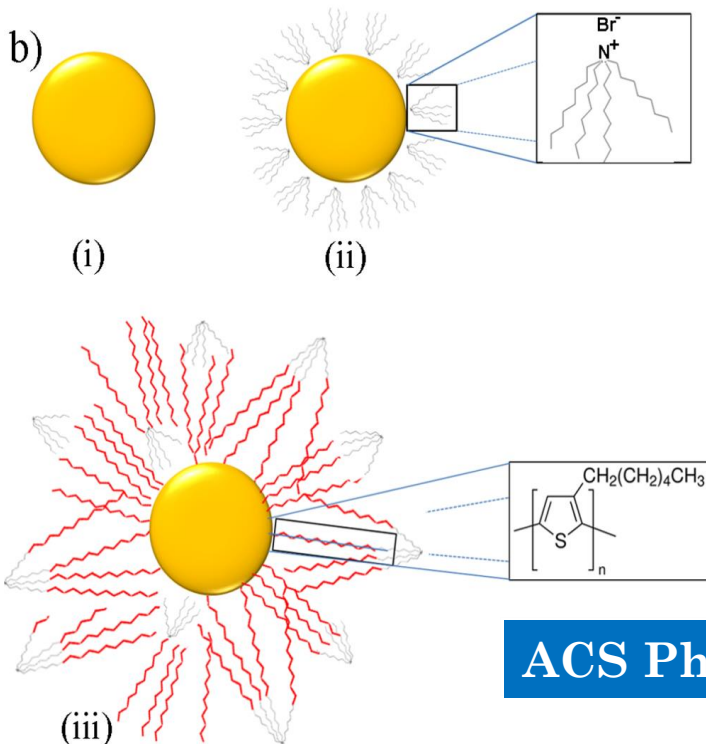
- ✧ *Free of surfactants & passivation layers – no capping layers*
- ✧ *Ablating using ultrashort laser pulses could minimize the formation of surface oxide*

NPs' Ligand Effect on OSCs Performance



	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
P3HT:ICBA	10.48±0.18	0.84±0.01	65.78±0.23	5.79±0.20
P3HT:ICBA + Au	11.56±0.24	0.84±0.01	68.83±0.31	6.68±0.25
P3HT:ICBA + Au:TOAB	10.25±0.19	0.79±0.02	56.93±0.25	4.61±0.23
P3HT:ICBA + Au:P3HT	12.06±0.27	0.83±0.01	71.51±0.34	7.16±0.28

PCE enhancement → *NPs metallic core is in direct contact with the active layer polymer donor*

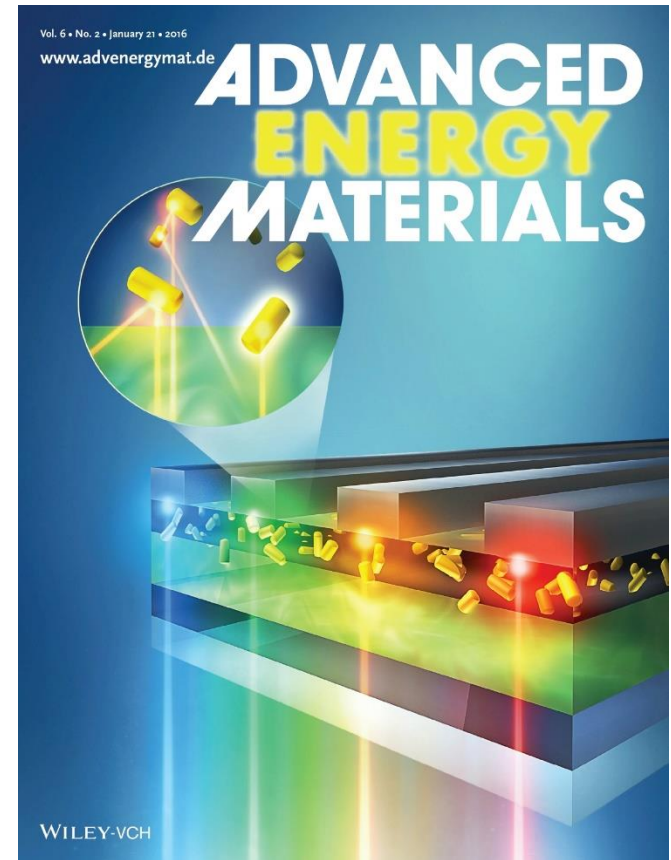
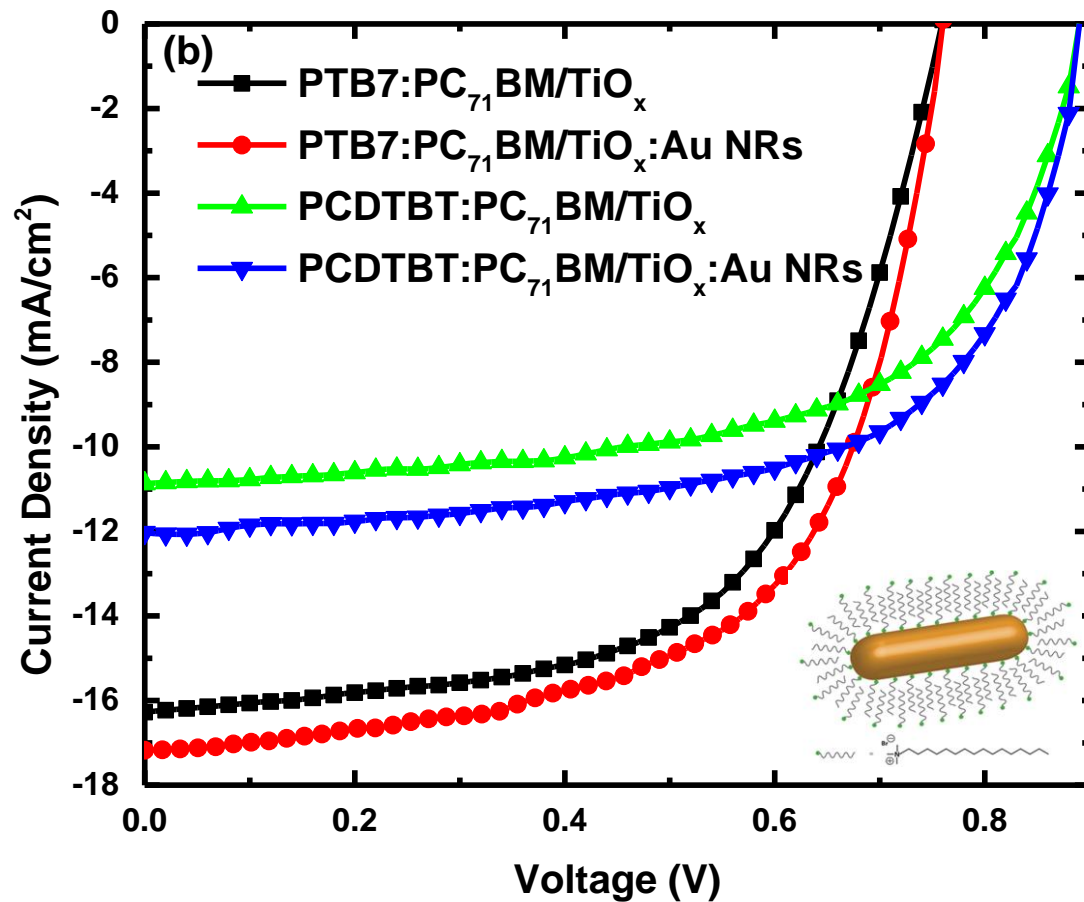


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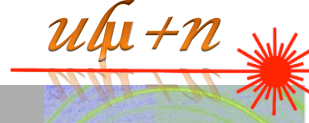


Au NRs as Back Reflectors



Device	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	Calculated J _{sc} (EQE)	V _{oc} (V)	FF(%)	PCE (%)	R _s (Ω cm)	R _{sh} (Ω cm)
PTB7:PC71BM/TiO _x	16.27±0.22	15.75±0.38	0.760±0.03	60.1±0.5	7.43±0.19	10.15	472
PTB7:PC71BM/TiO _x : AuNRs	17.17±0.29	16.71±0.41	0.760±0.02	61.4±0.6	8.01±0.24	5.71	609

NPs-based Plasmonic OSCs: Diagnostics



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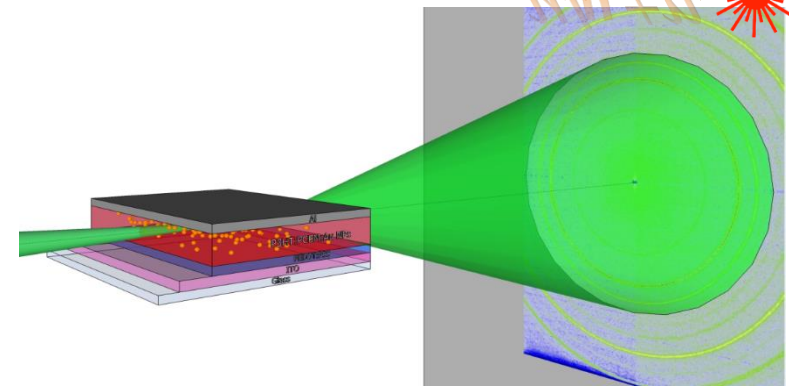
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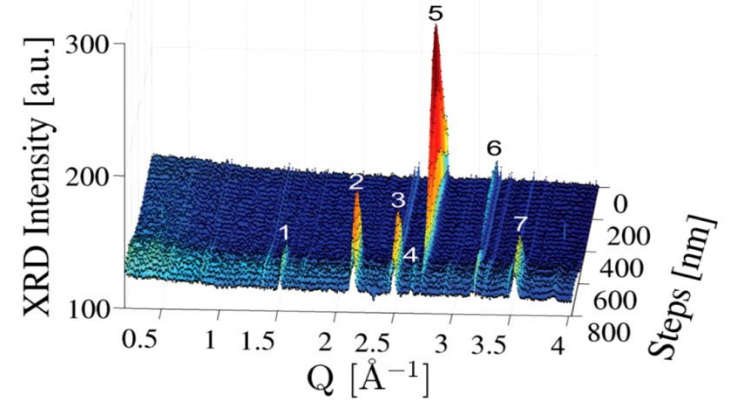
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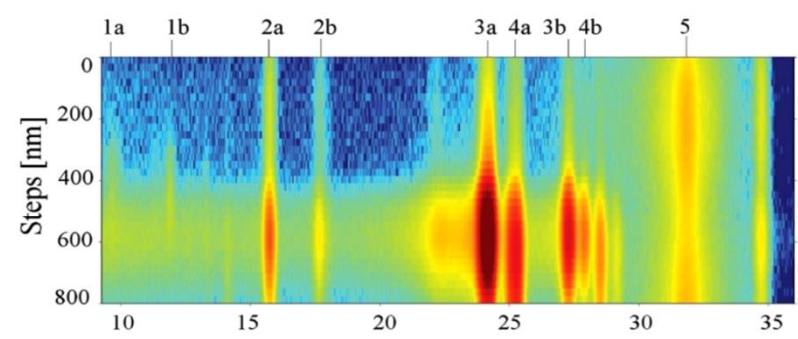
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Cross-sectional X-ray diffraction + fluorescence imaging of plasmonic OPVs



Energy dispersion X-ray pattern



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Organic photovoltaic device local structure revealed by combined X-ray diffraction and fluorescence

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Polymer-based materials are ubiquitous in almost every aspect of modern society. Their interest arises from their simple chemical processing and the low-cost fabrication of thin films via vacuum evaporation or solution casting technologies. Polymer-based organic photovoltaic devices



In situ spatially-resolved X-ray study of an integrated organic photovoltaic device at beamline ID11

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Collaborator: Barbara Paci, CNR, IT Fluorescence pattern

Nanoparticle-based plasmonic organic photovoltaic devices



Emmanuel Stratakis^{1,*} and Emmanuel Kymakis^{2,*}



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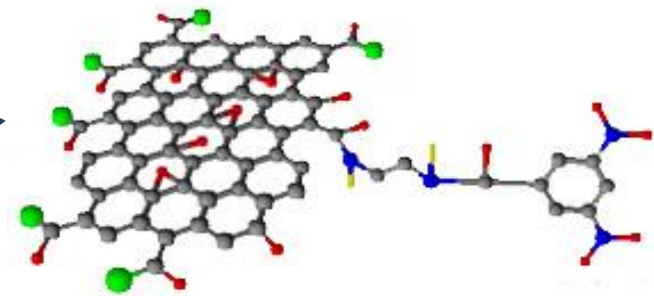
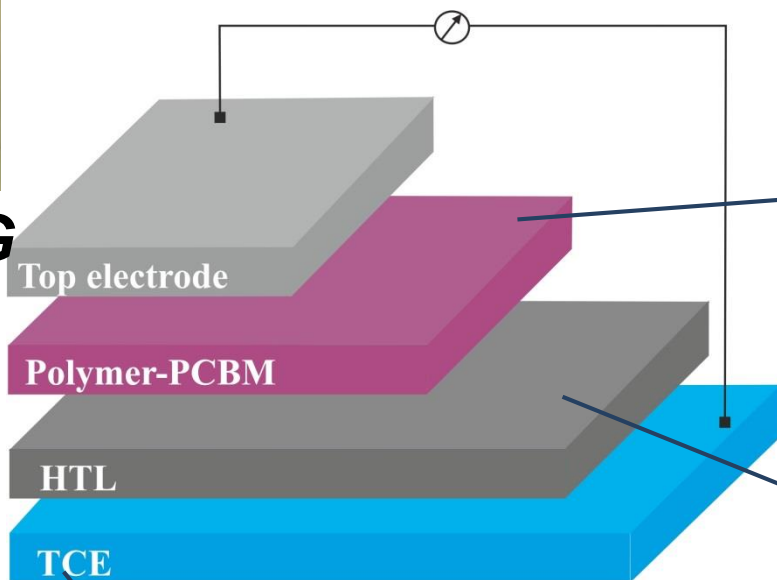
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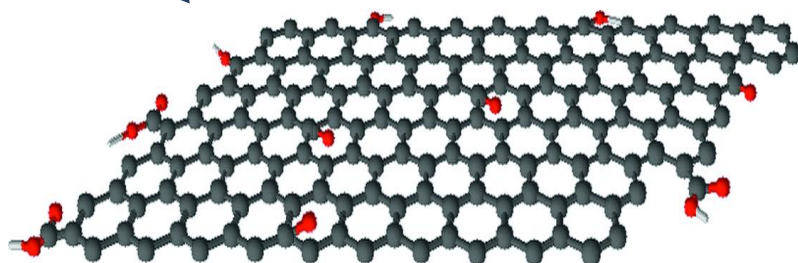
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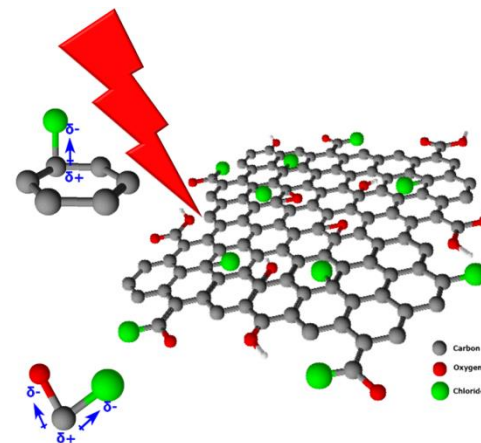
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Laser Functionalized SPG



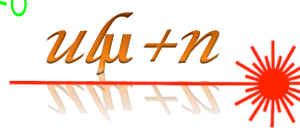
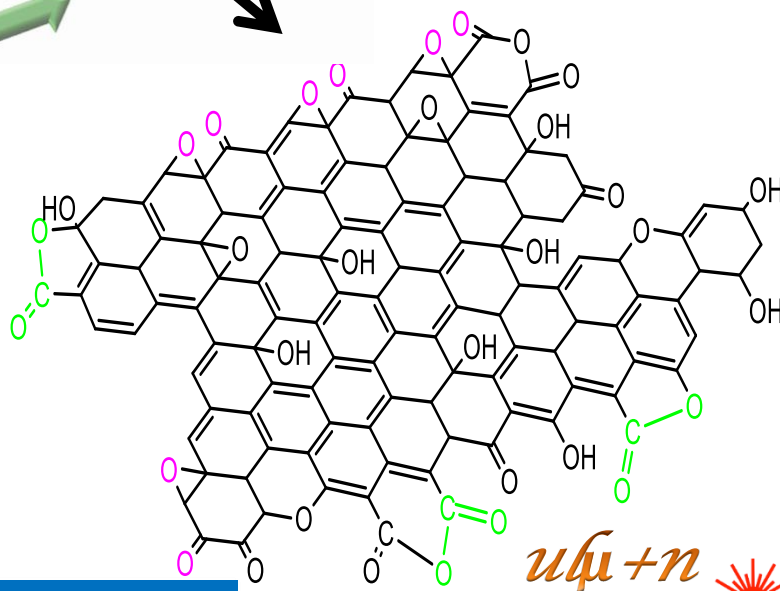
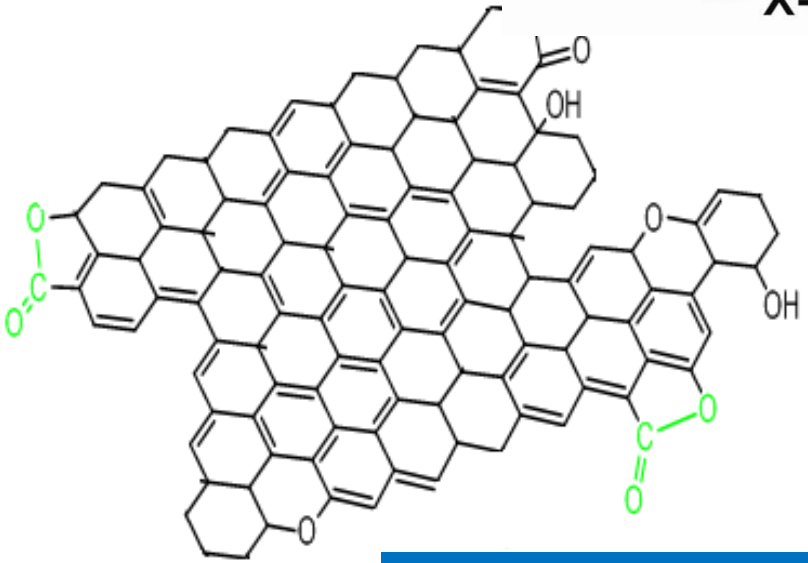
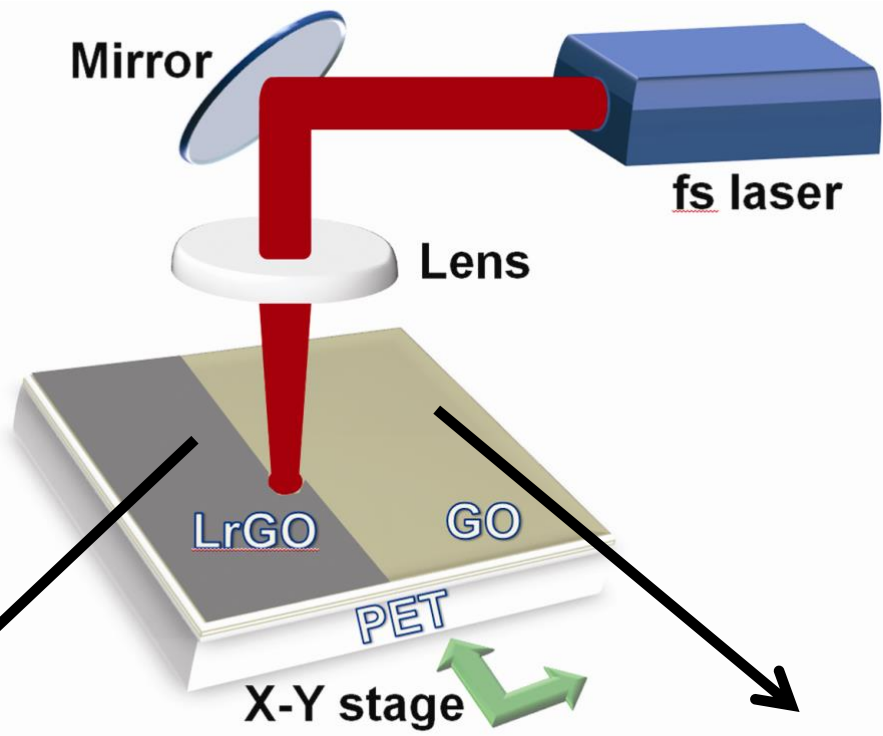
Laser Reduced SPG



Laser Doped SPG with tunable WF

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Laser in-situ reduction of SPG on flexible substrates



Laser Fabricated LrSPG Micromesh Flexible TCEs

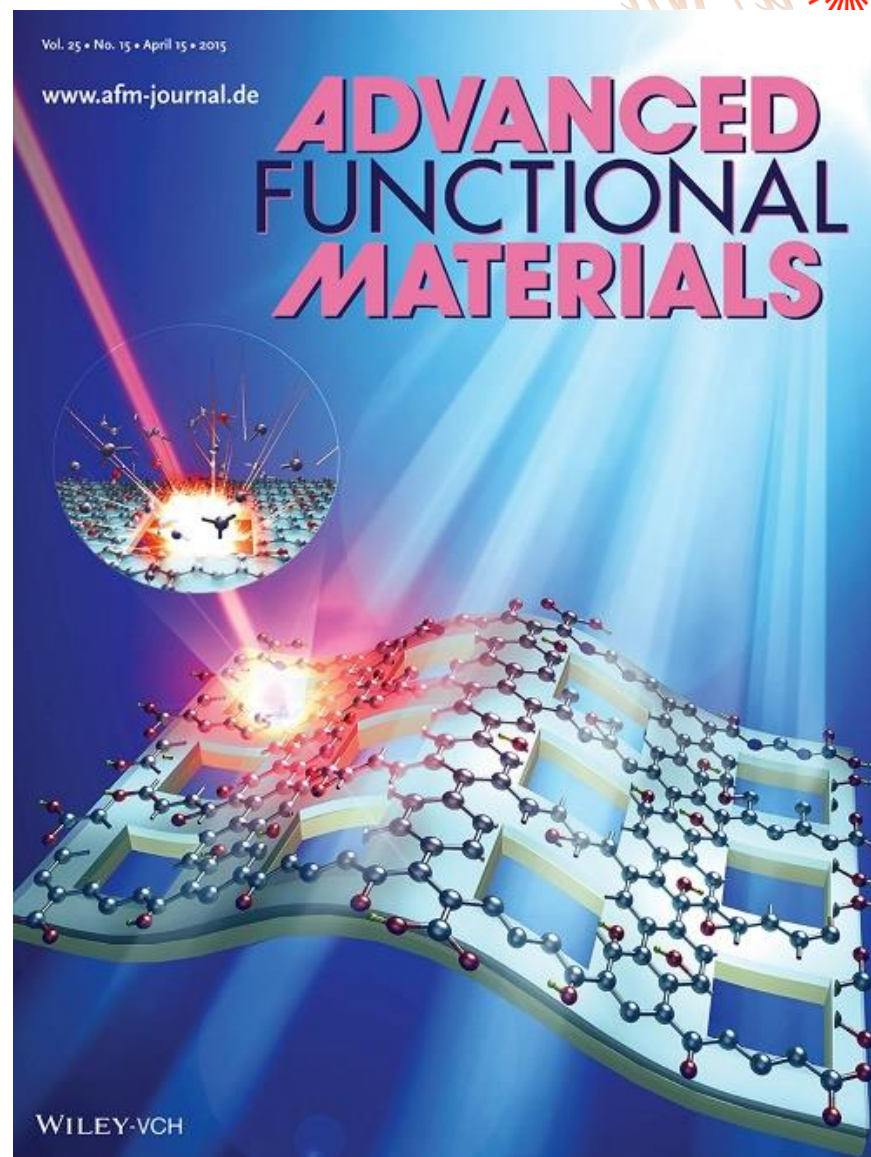
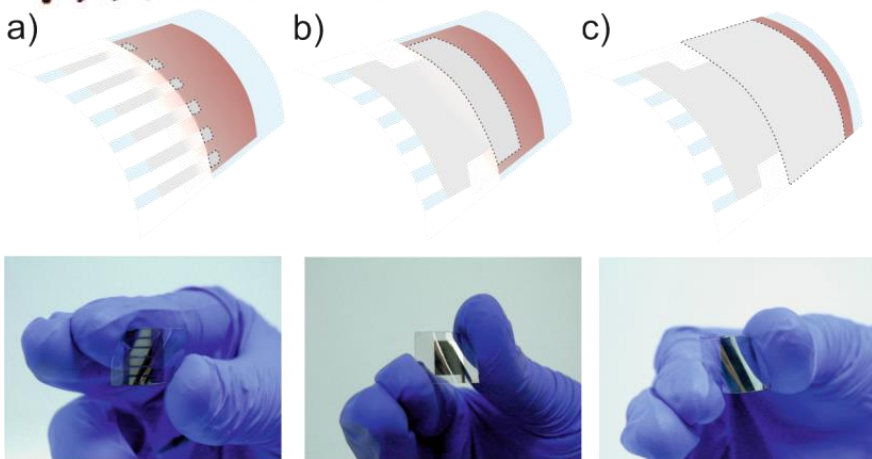
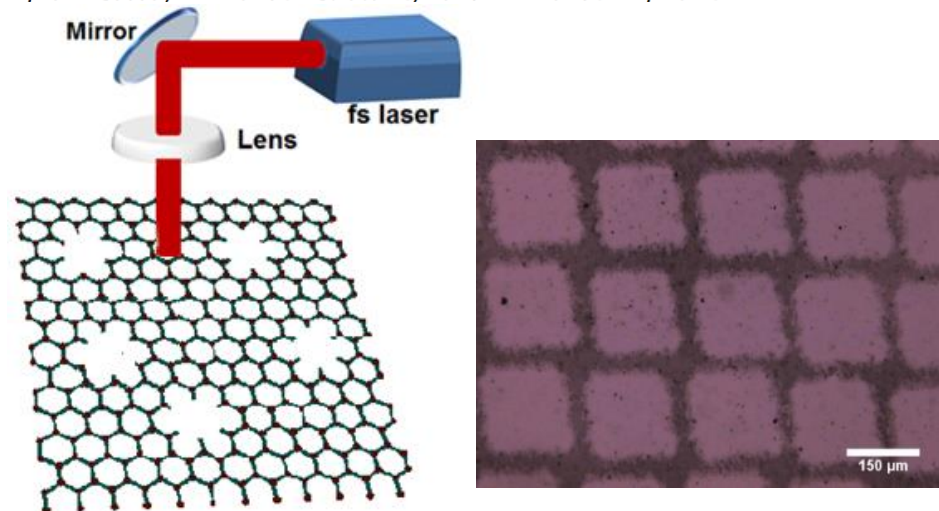
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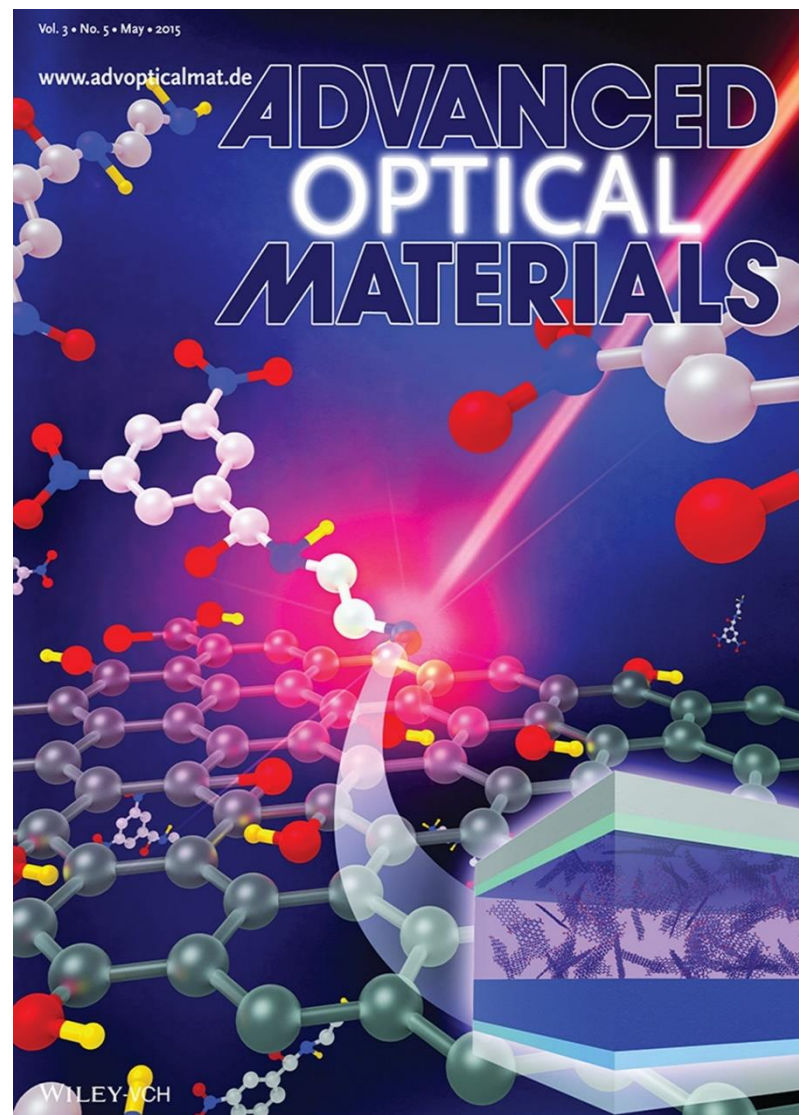
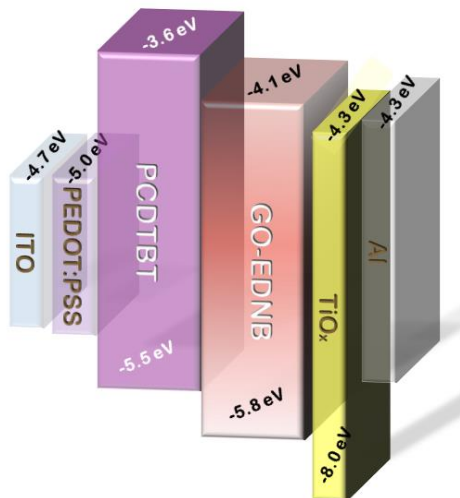
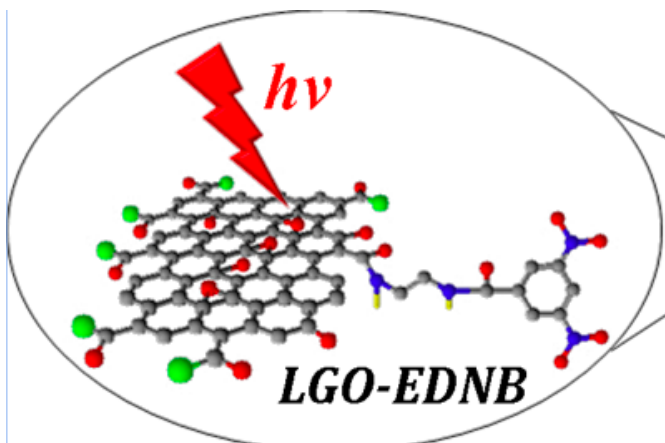
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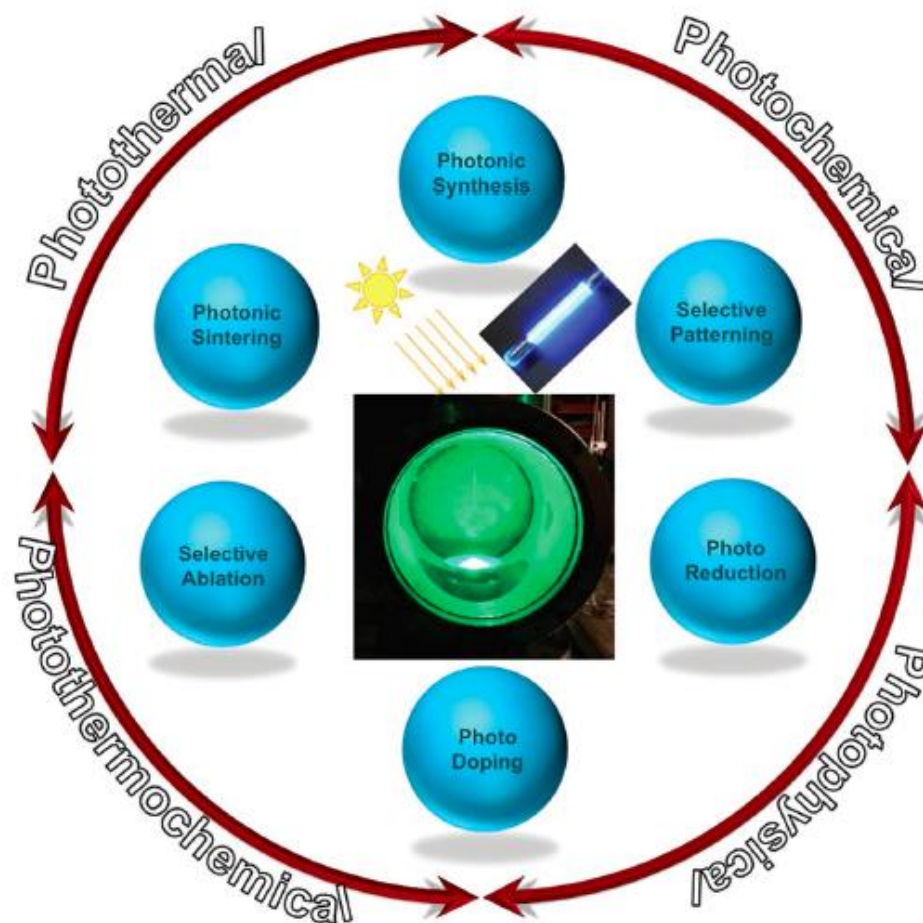
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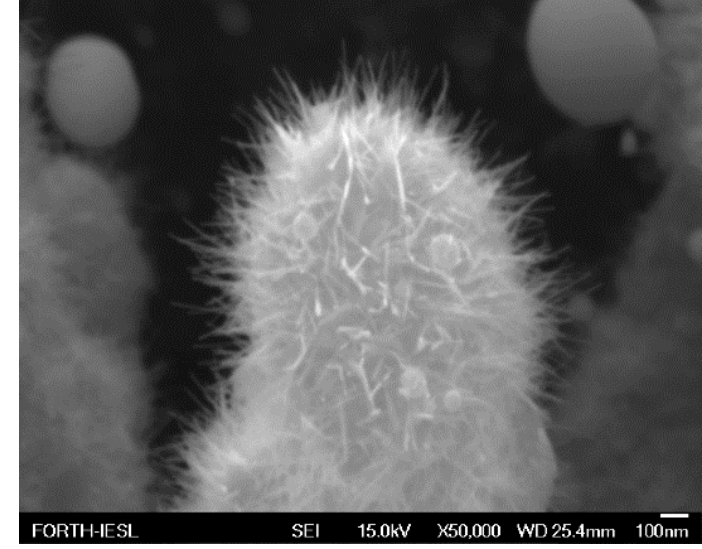
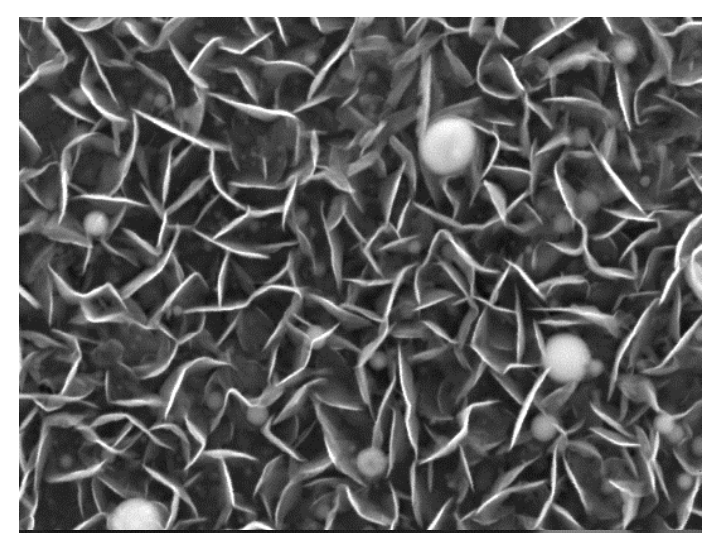
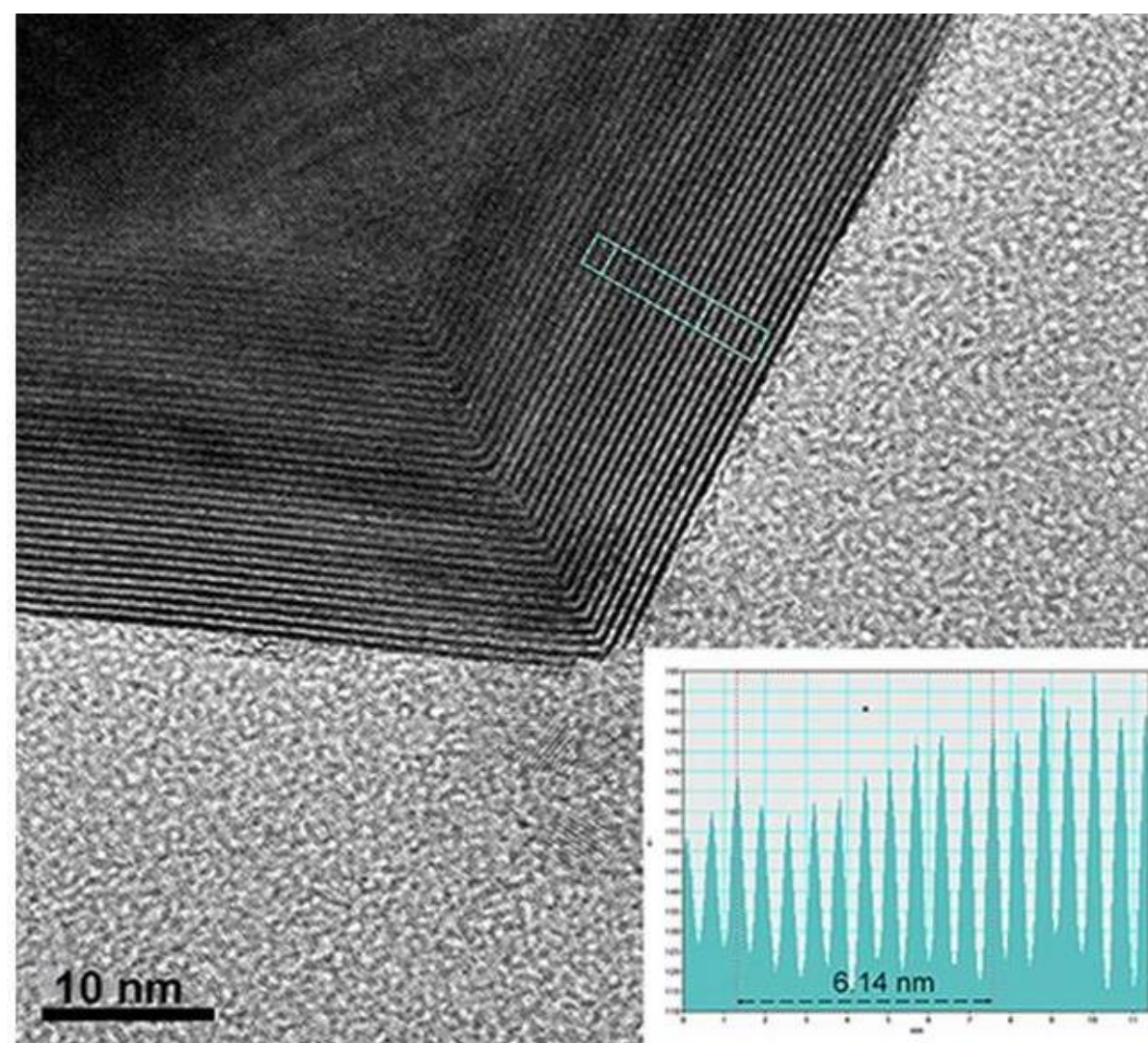
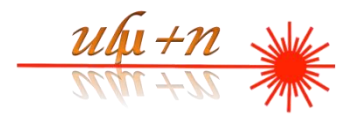
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Laser Synthesis and Diagnostics of 2D Materials



Laser Synthesis of 2D WS₂ Nanostructures



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Spatial non-uniformity in exfoliated WS₂ monolayers



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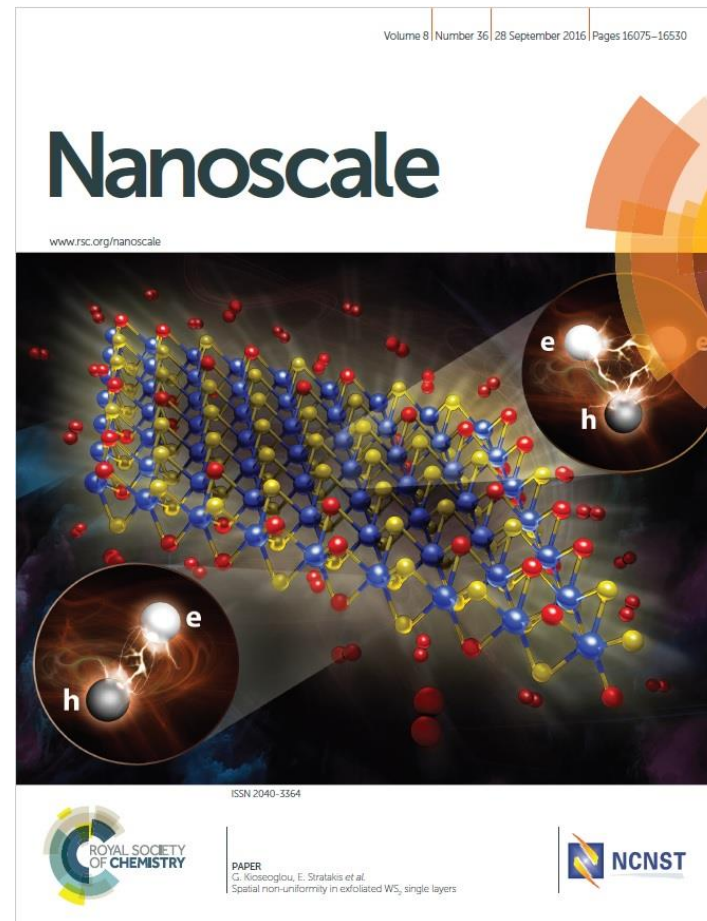
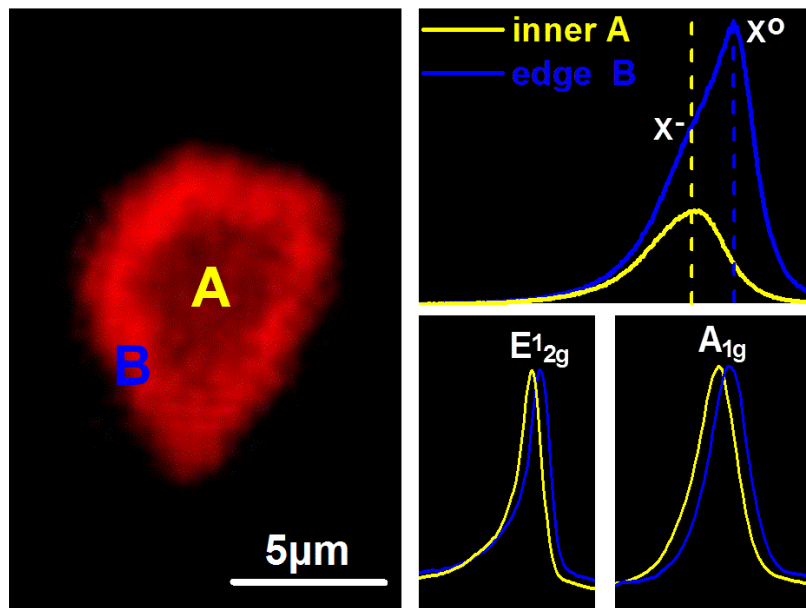
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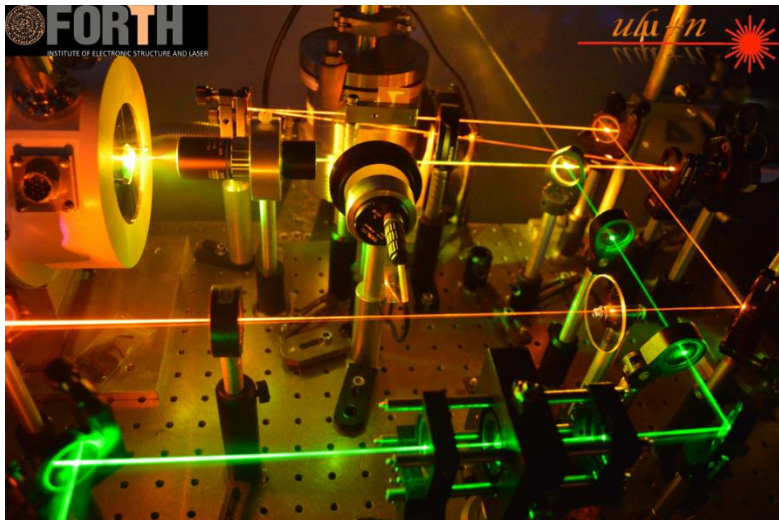
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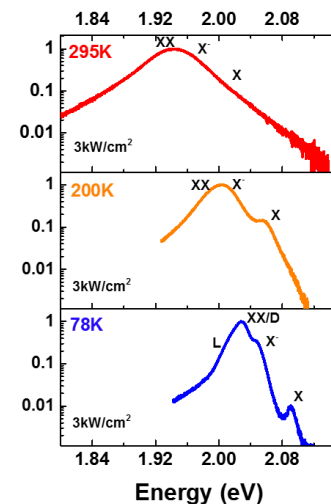
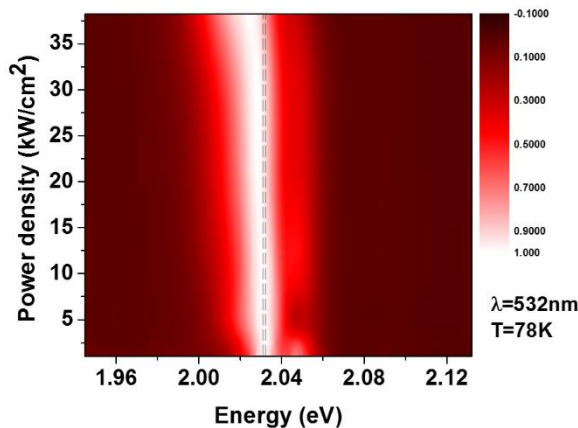
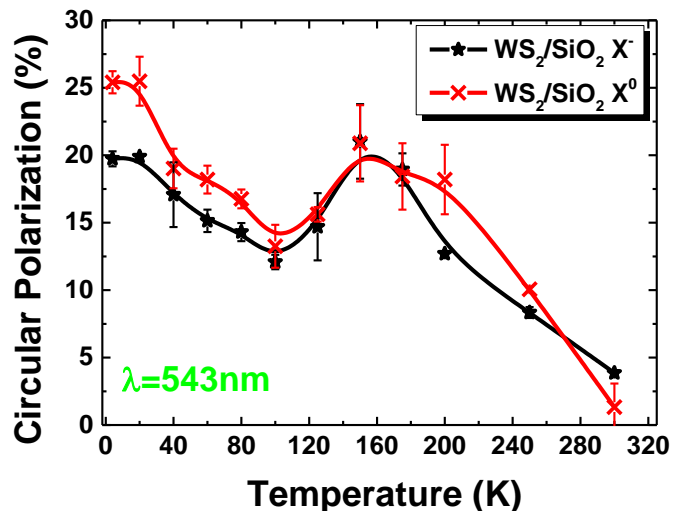
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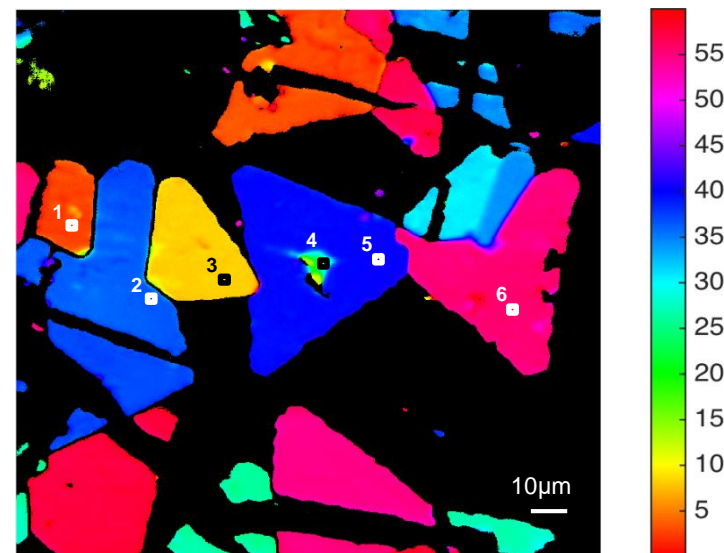
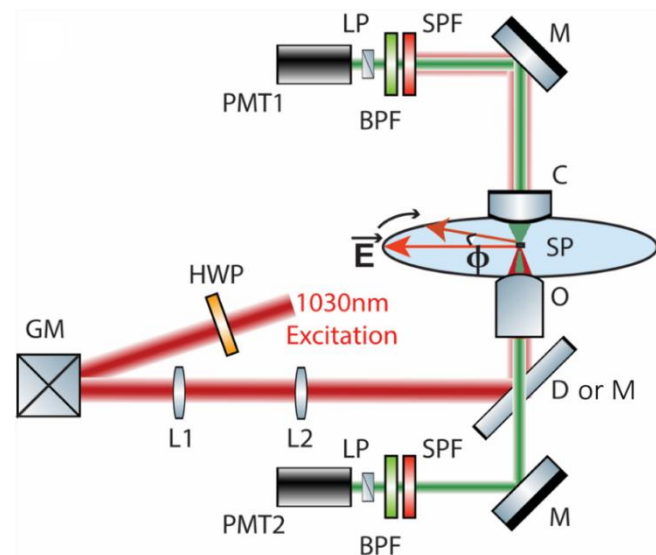
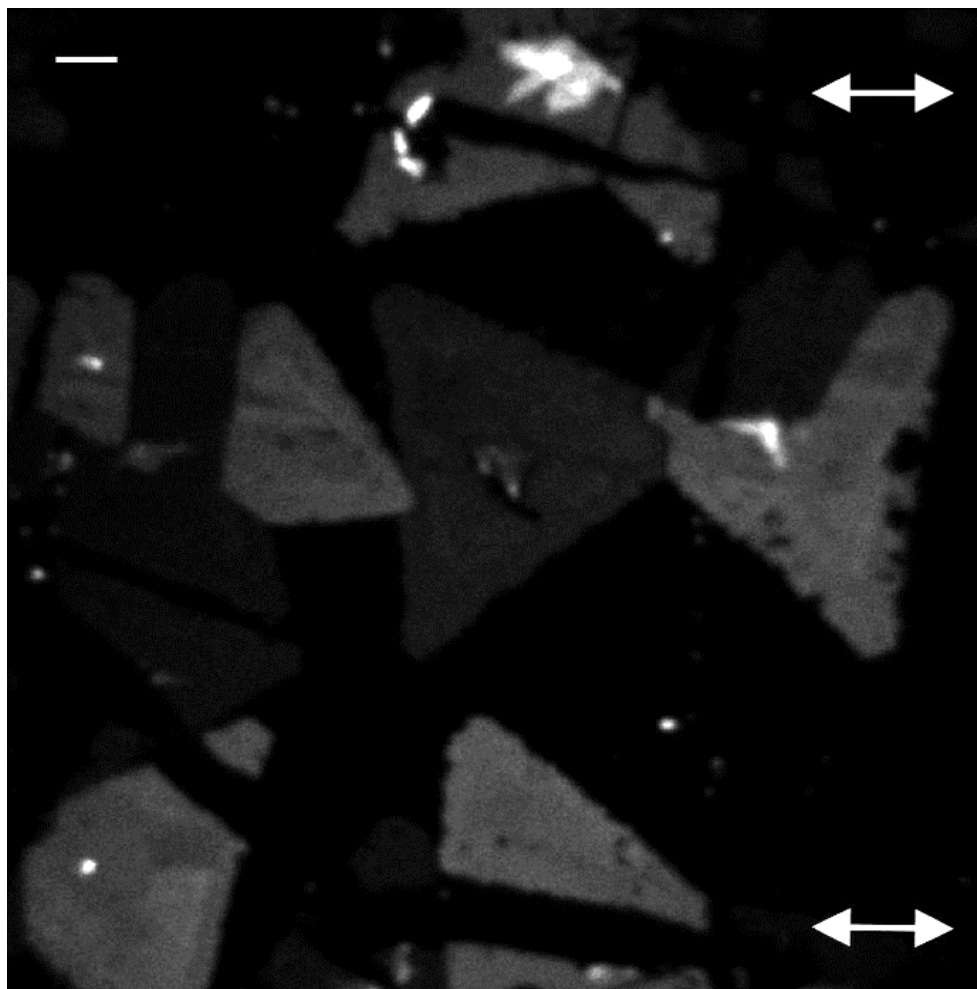
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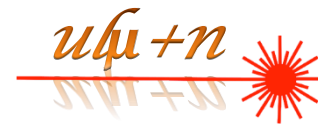
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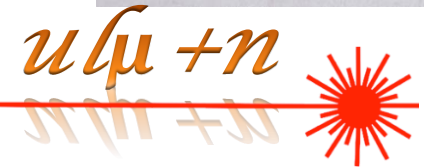
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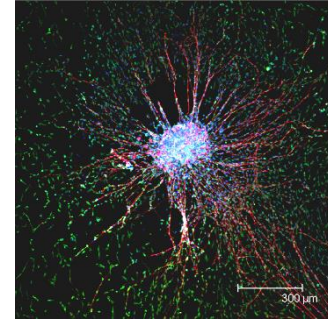
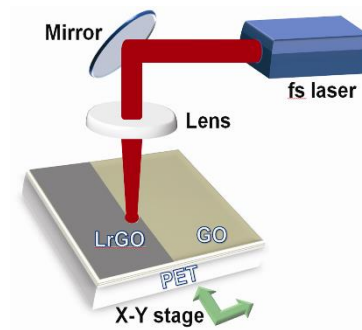
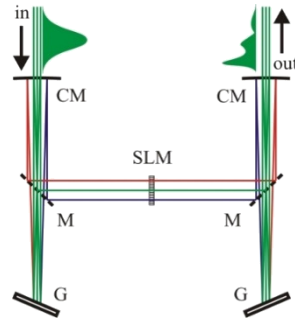
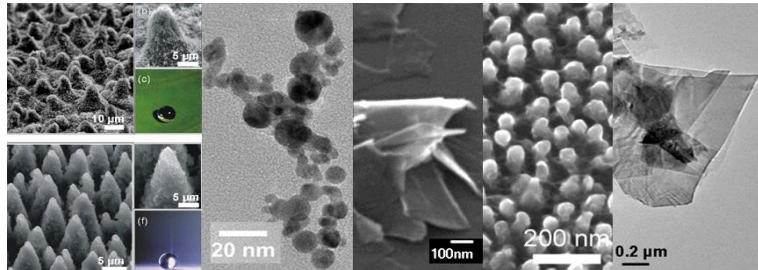


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