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# Dropwise Condensation on Structured Surfaces

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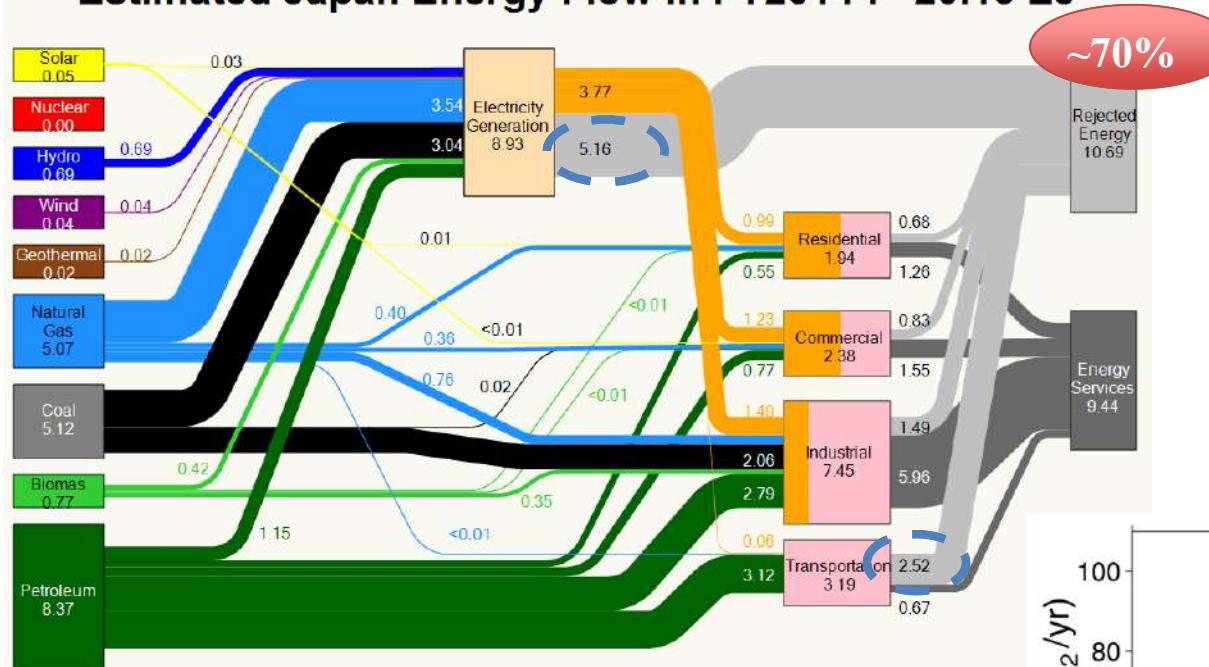
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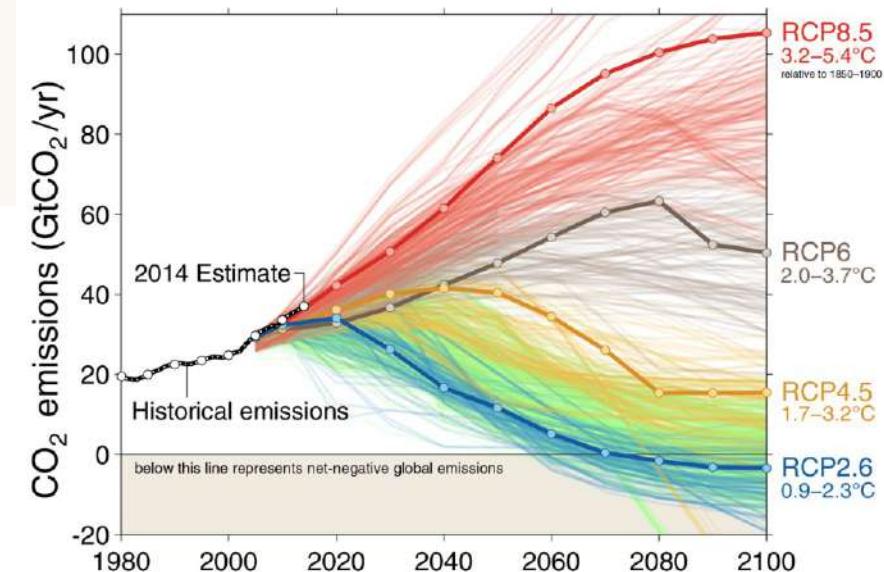
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## Estimated Japan Energy Flow in FY2014 : ~20.13 EJ



Source: Comprehensive Energy Statistics 2014, Resources and Energy Agency,

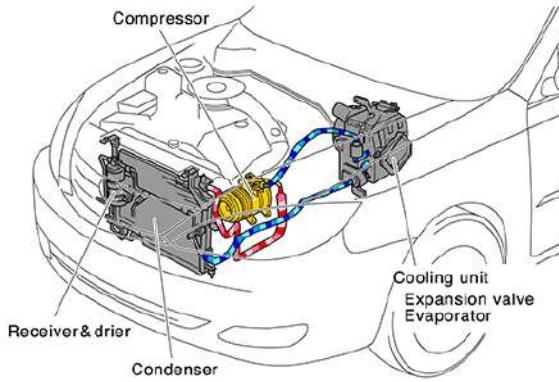


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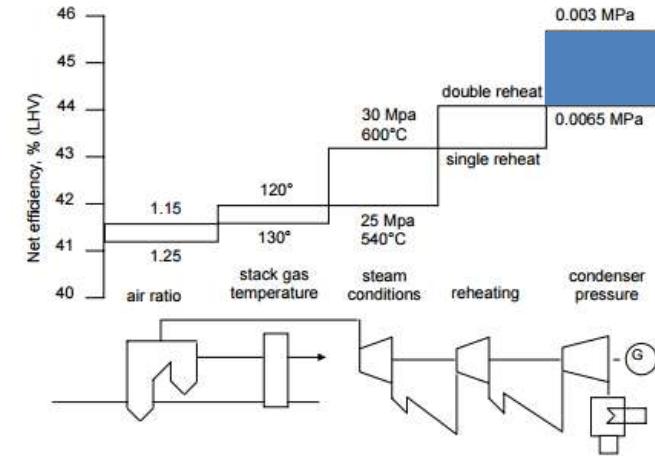
**Management of I/T data servers without AC systems**



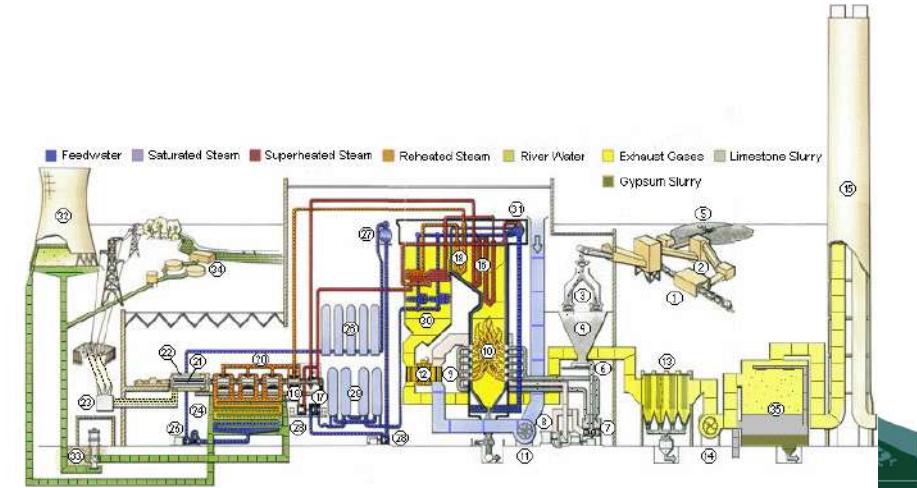
**Reduction on car/planes/spaceships weight and dimensions**



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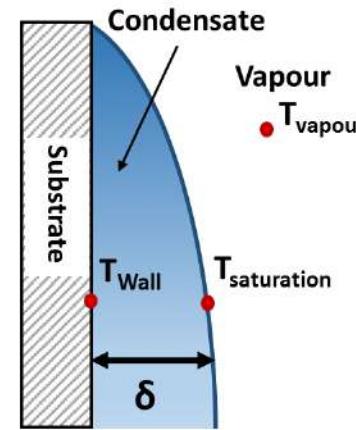


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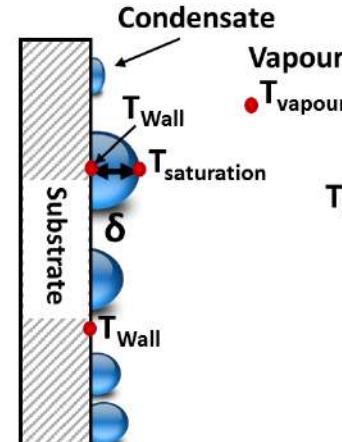
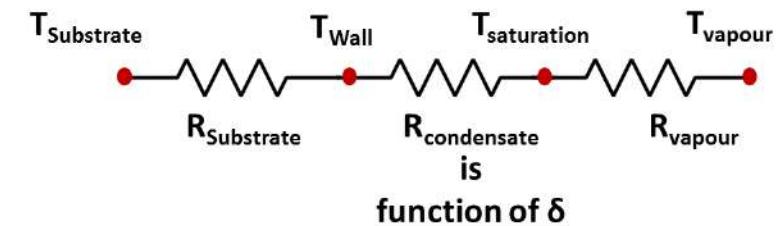


**Coal-fired power plants can keep the same electricity production with less coal or fuel consumption**

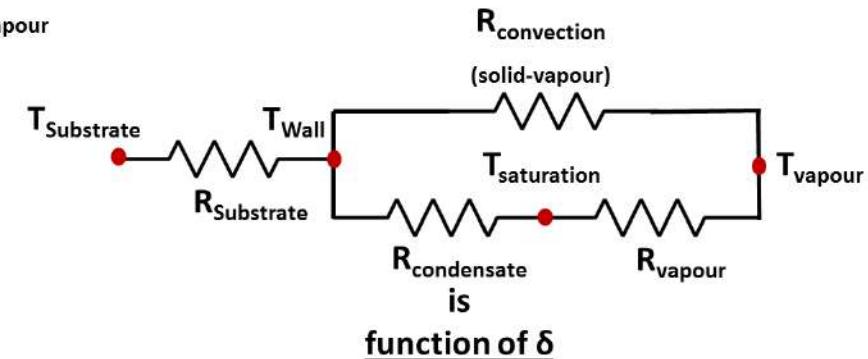
# Condensation Heat Transfer



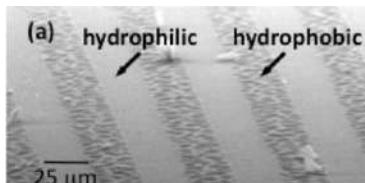
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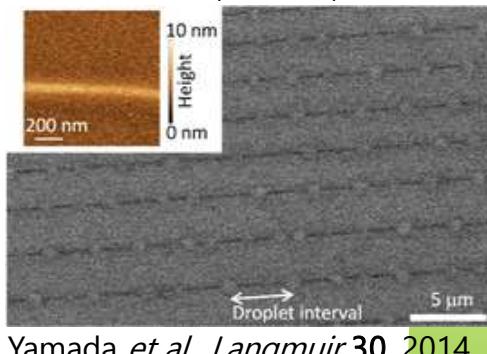
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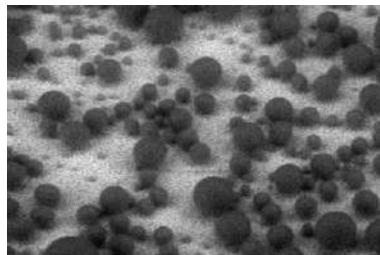
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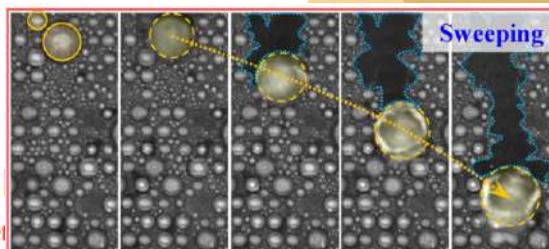
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Miljkovic *et al.*, *Nano Letters* 13, 2012



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## Nucleation

$$t \approx 0 - 10 \text{ s}$$

$$l \approx 0 - 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

## Growth

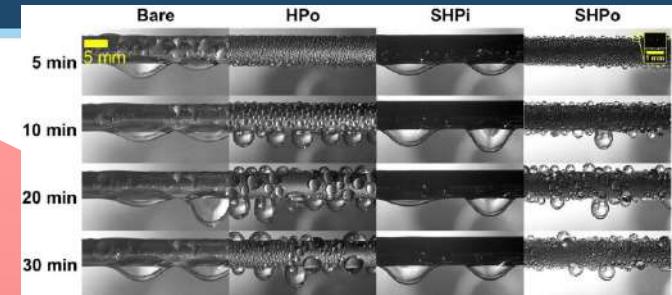
$$t \approx 10 - 1000 \text{ s}$$

$$l \approx 0.01 - 2 \text{ mm}$$

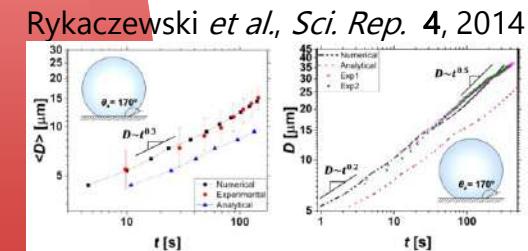
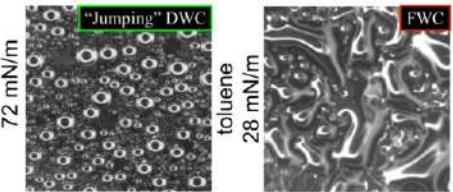
## Detachment

$$t \approx 0 - 1 \text{ s}$$

$$l \approx 1 - 5 \text{ mm}$$

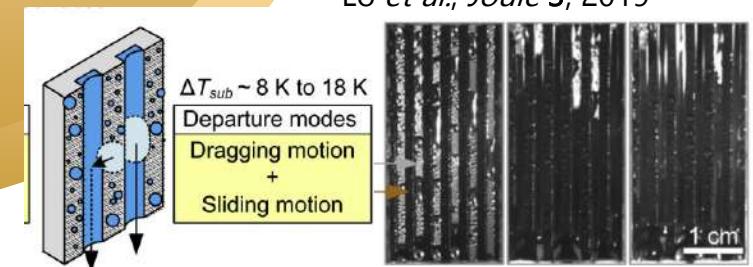


Seo *et al.*, *Sci. Rep.* 6, 2016



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Lo *et al.*, *Joule* 3, 2019



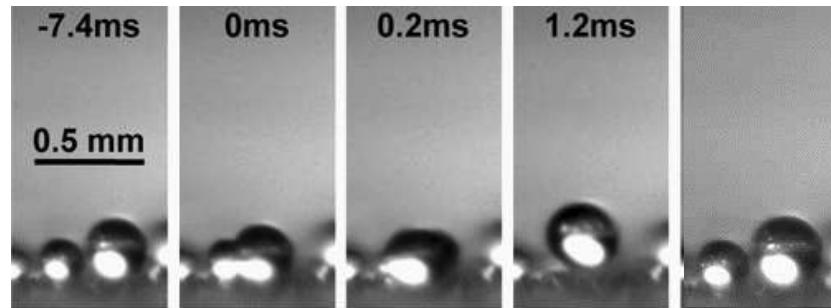
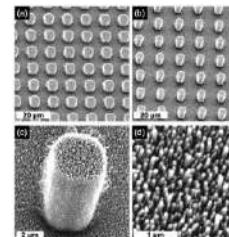
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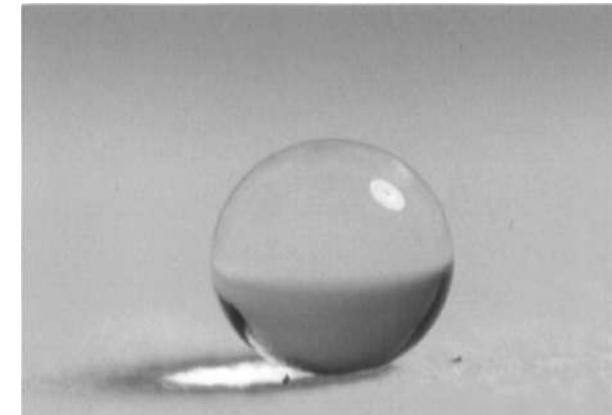
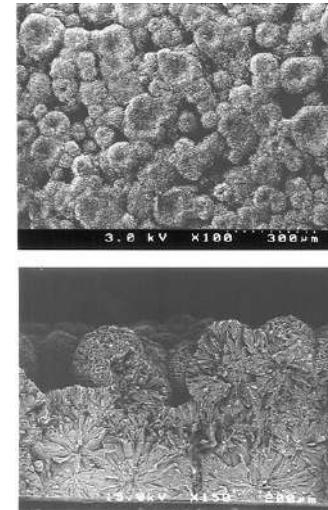
# Superhydrophobic Surfaces SHSs

## 1. Surface Structure + Hydrophobic Coating



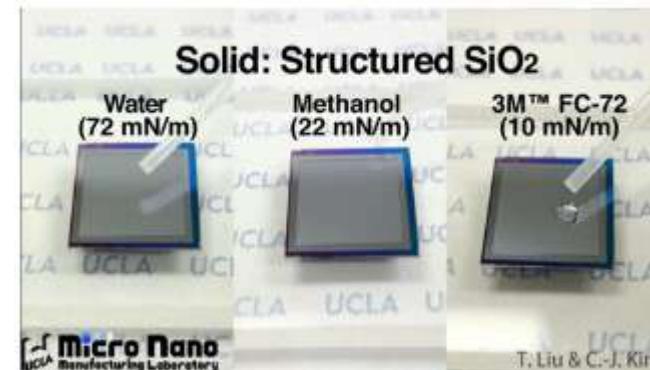
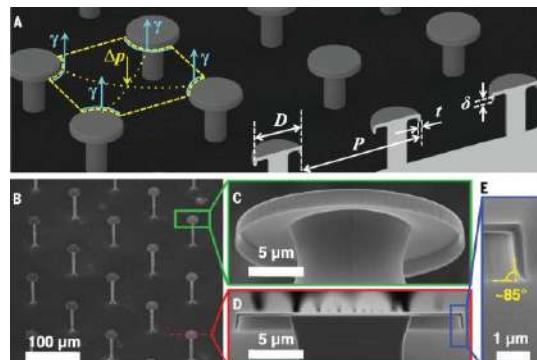
Boreyko & Chen, *Physics Review Letters* 103, 2009

## 2. Structuring of an intrinsic Hydrophobic Material



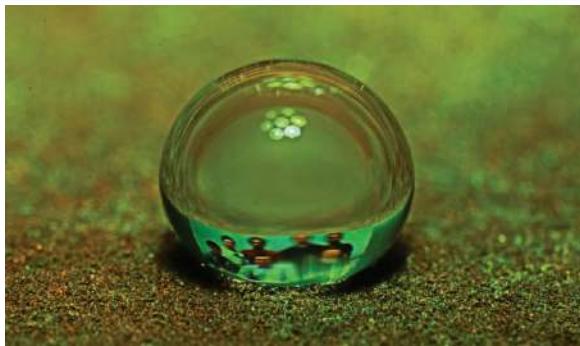
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## 3. Presence of Re-entrant cavities

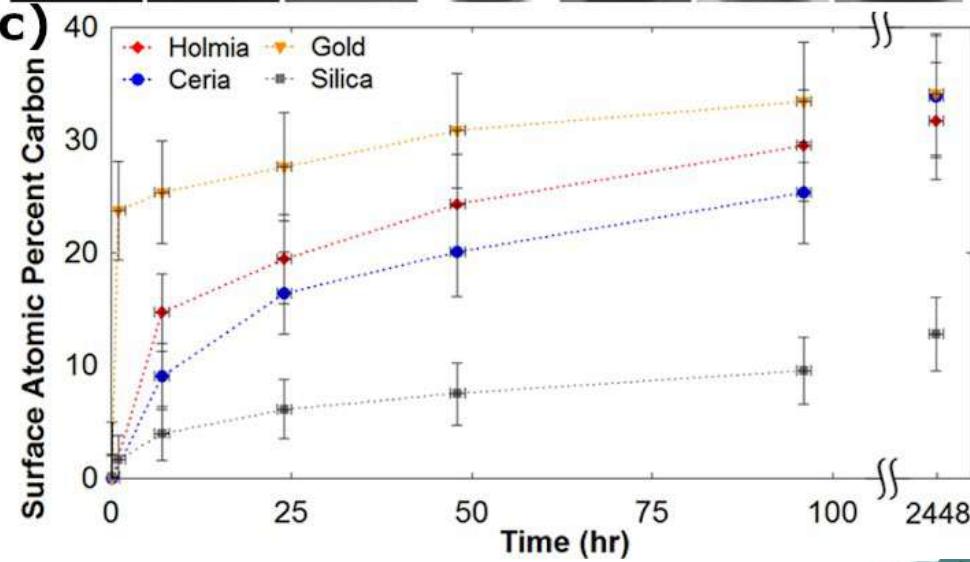
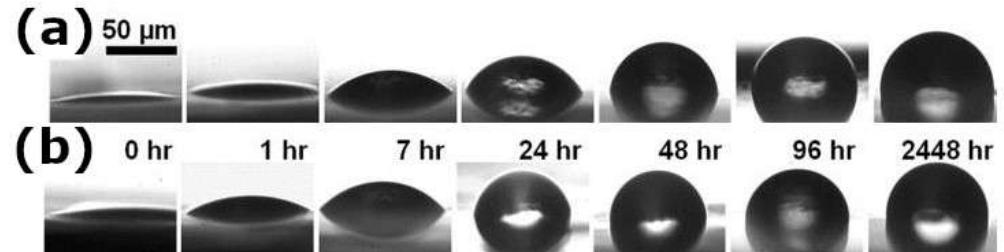
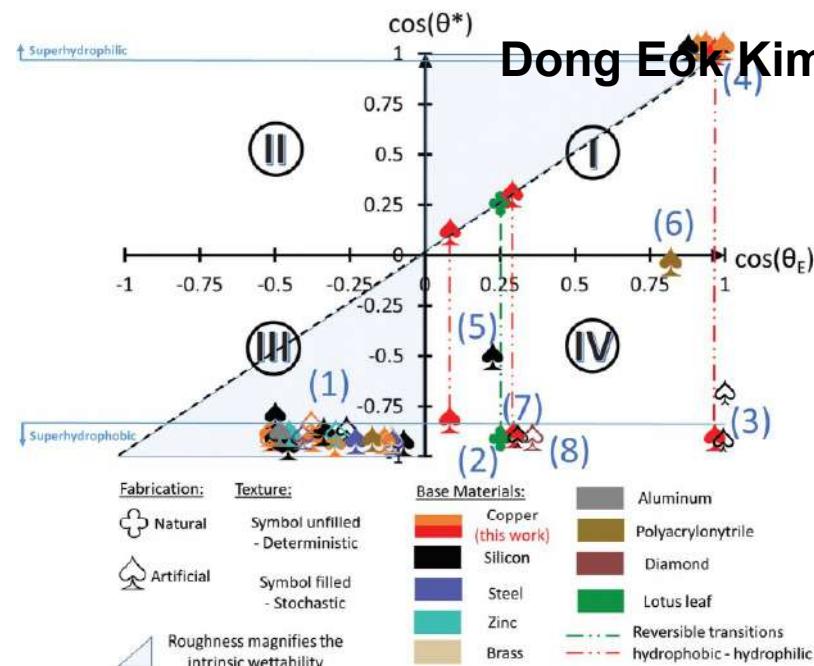


Liu & Kim, *Science* 346, 2014

# Atmospheric-Mediated Transition



Frankiewicz & Attinger, *Nanoscale* 8, 2016

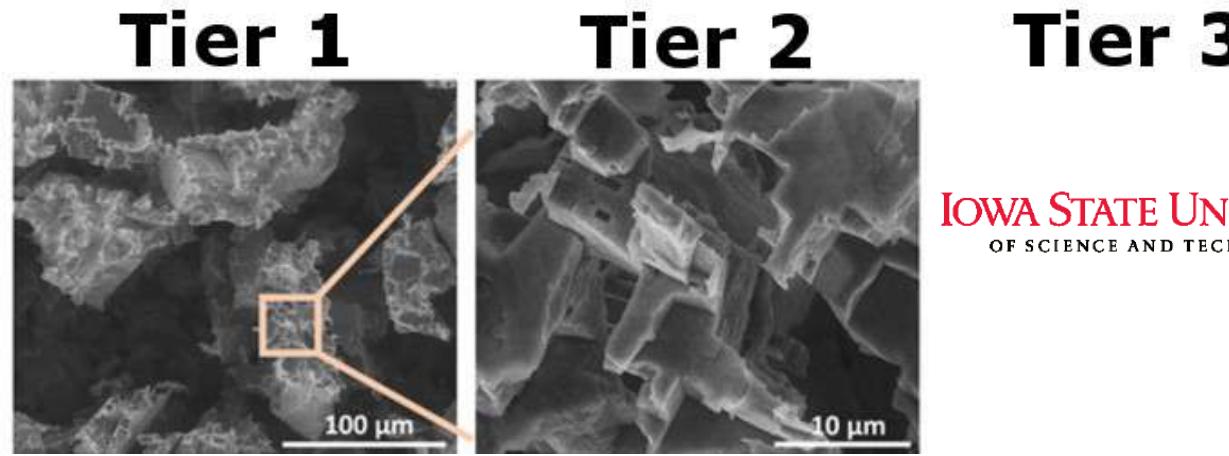


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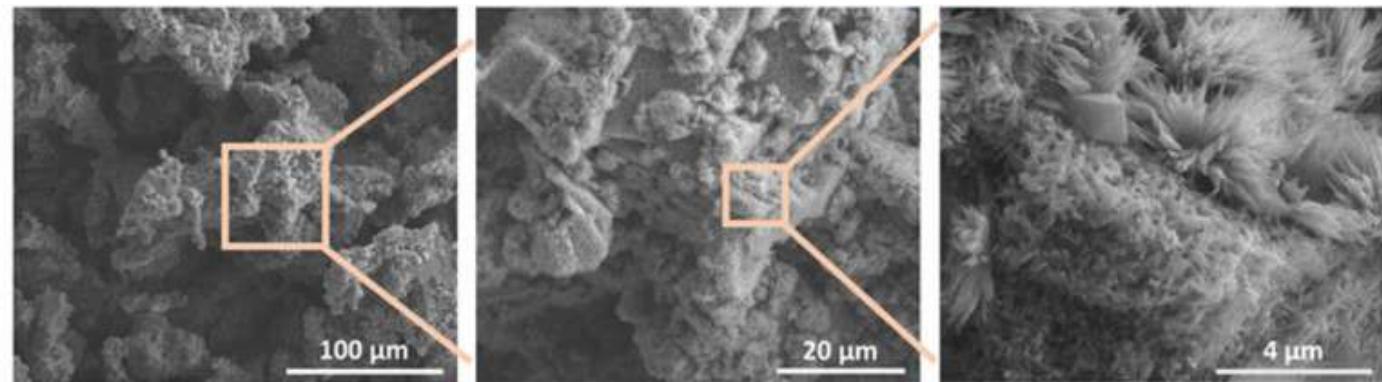
# Bioinspired Metallic Surfaces I



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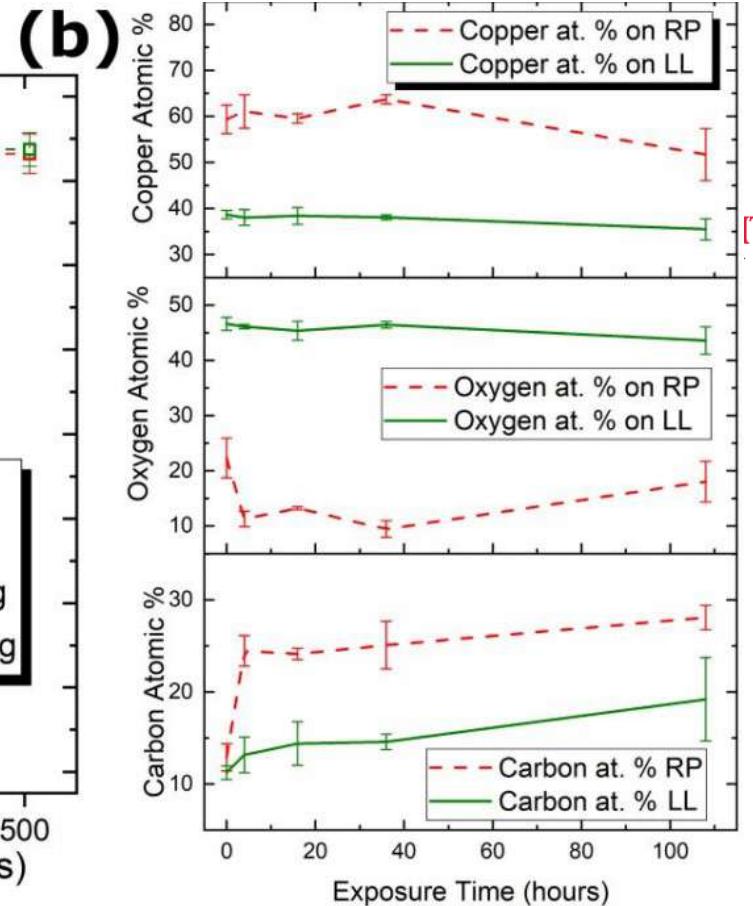
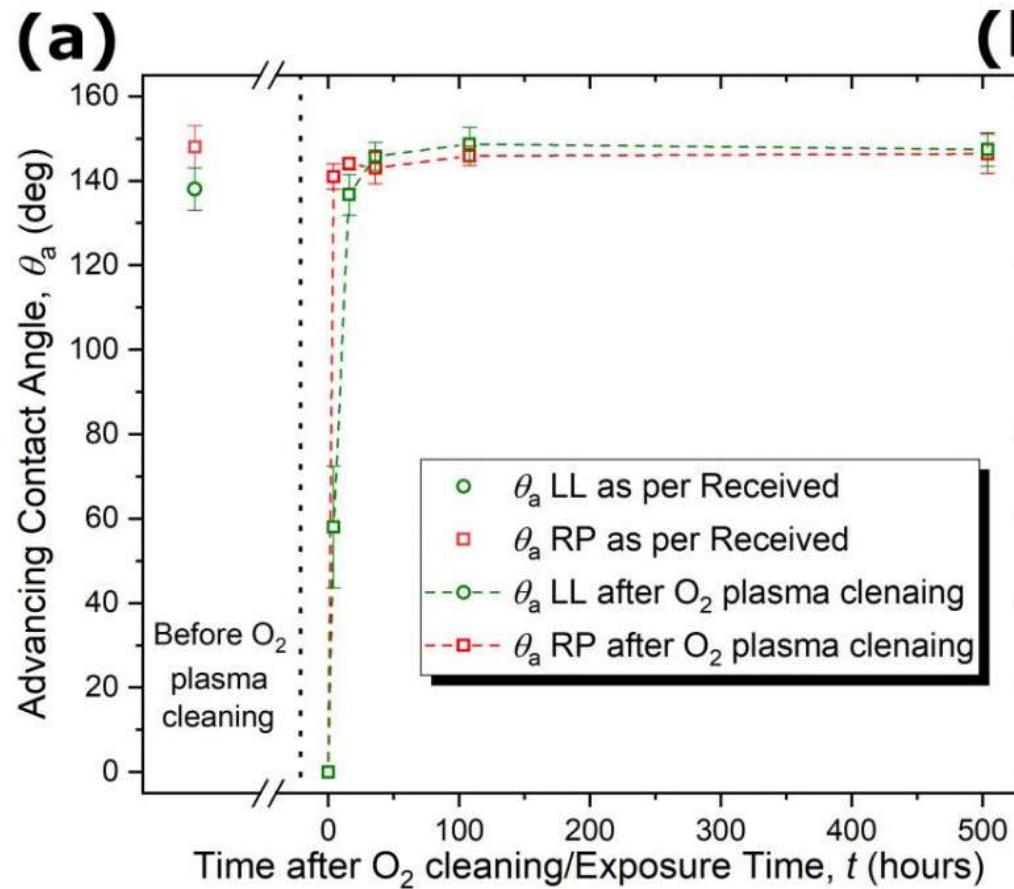
**Lotus Leaf**



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RP	$26.2 \pm 2$	$141^\circ \pm 3^\circ$	$148^\circ \pm 3^\circ$	$101^\circ \pm 3^\circ$	$47^\circ \pm 3^\circ$
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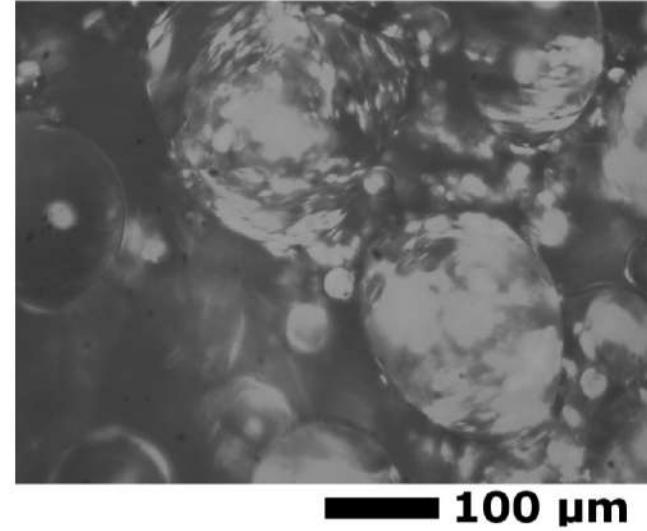
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# Condensation RP & LL

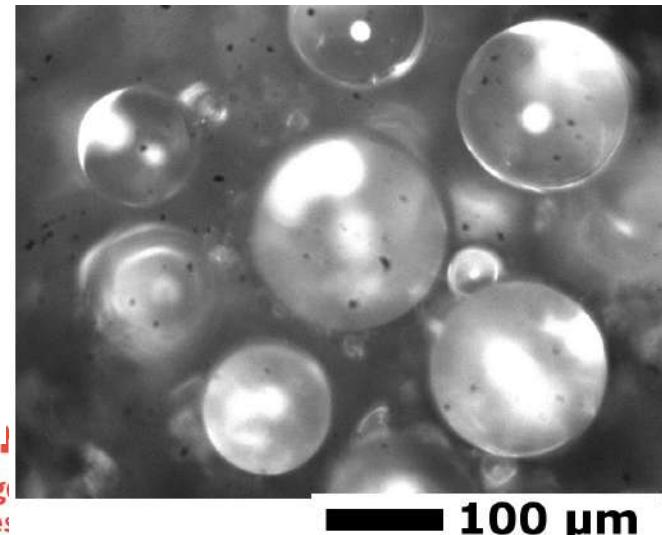
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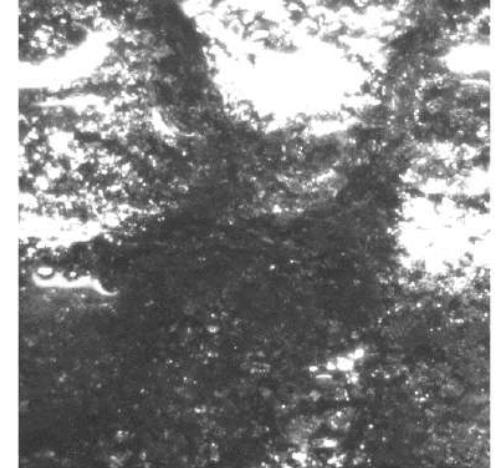
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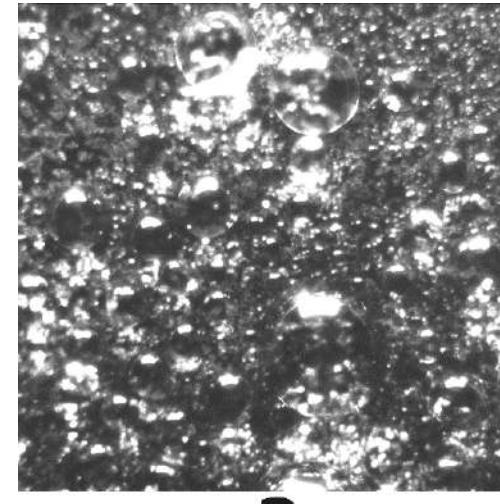
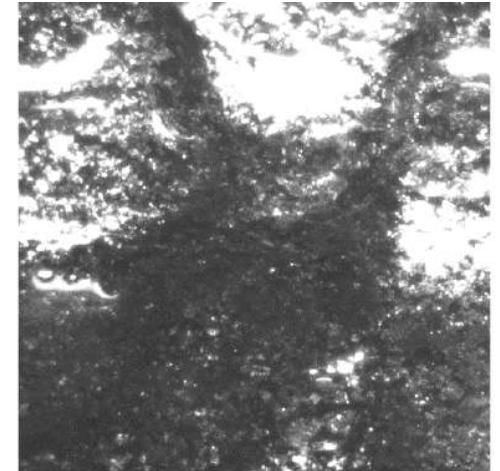
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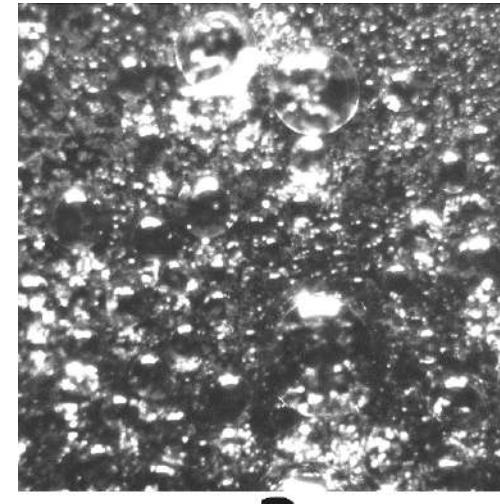
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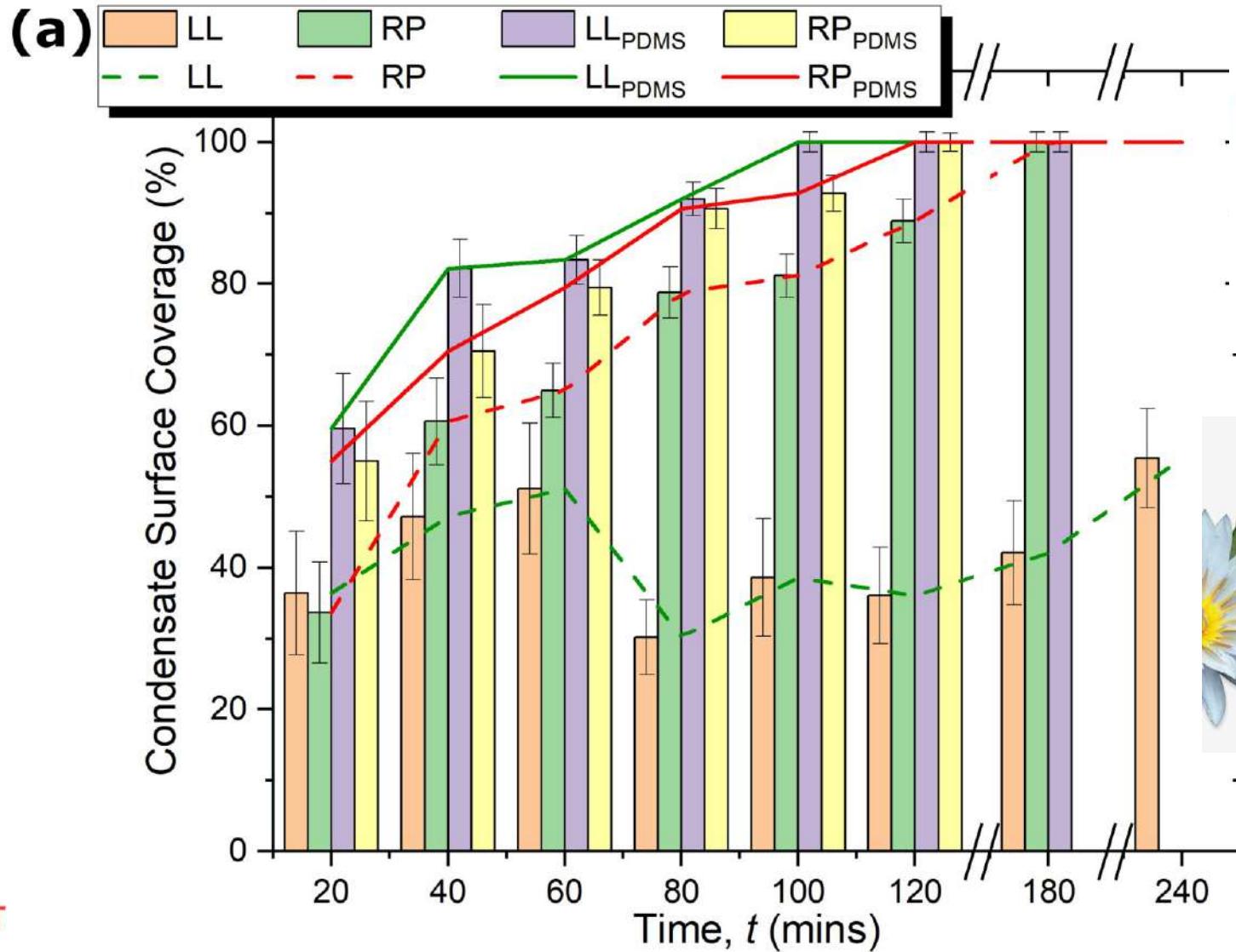
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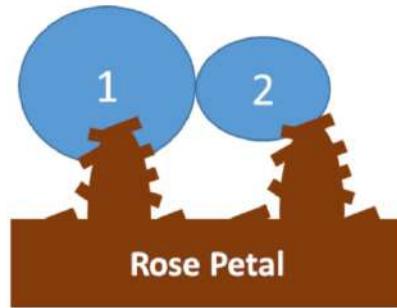
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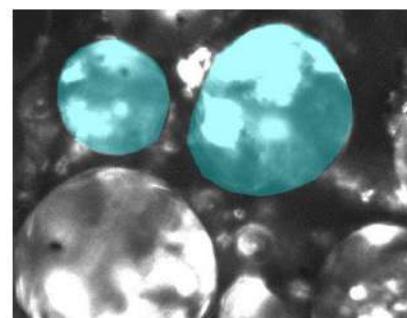
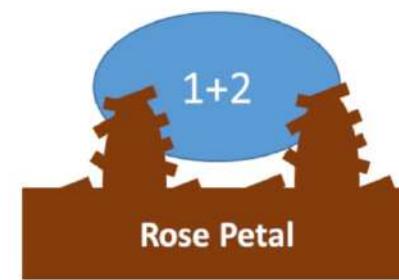
# Surface Coverage on RP & LL



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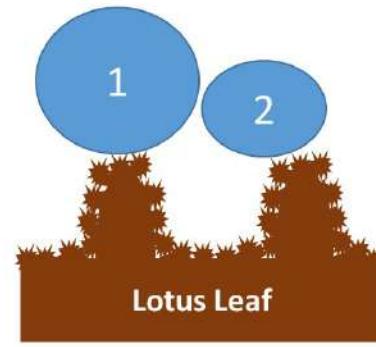


after

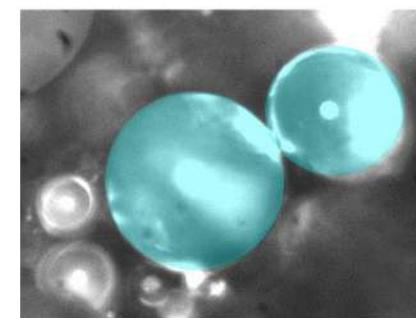
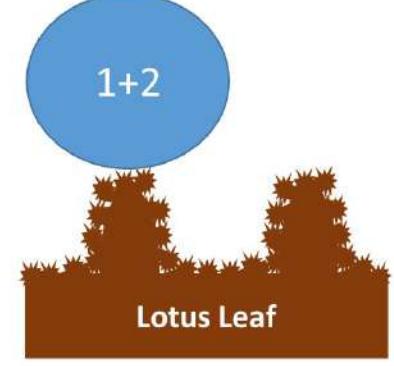


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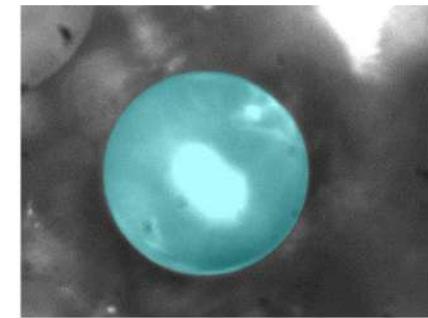
(b) before



after



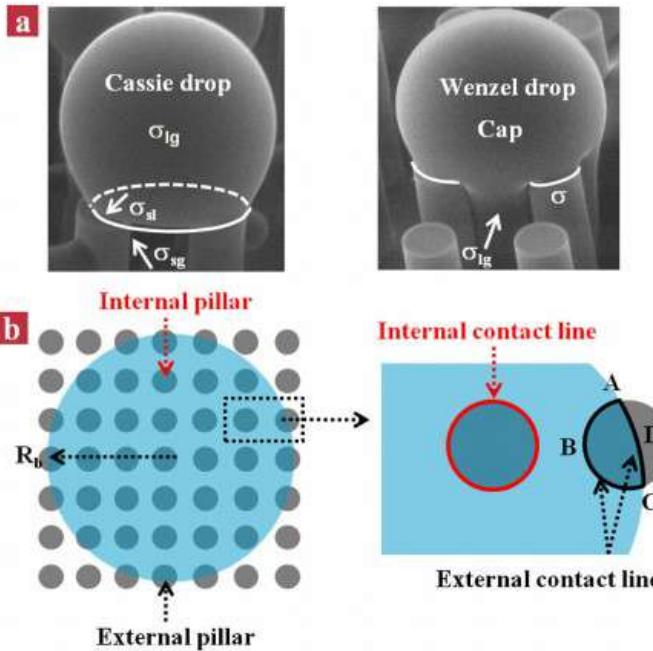
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# Surface Energy Analysis on RP & LL



Chen *et al.*, Physics Review Letters 109, 2012

$$E_{adh,RP} = \pi r_{RP} \gamma_{lg} (1 + \cos \theta_i) R_b^2$$

$$E_{adh,LL} = \pi f_{LL} \gamma_{lg} (1 + \cos \theta_i) R_b^2$$

**Table 2. Summary of the Energy of Adhesion,  $E_{adh}$ , Surface Energy,  $E_{surf}$ , and Excess of Surface Energy,  $E_{ex-surf}$ , of a Drop as a Function of Drop Radius,  $R$ , and Ratio  $E_{adh}/E_{ex-surf}$  for Metallic RP and for Metallic LL Surfaces**

energy	type of surface	
	rose petal (RP)	lotus leaf (LL)
$E_{adh}(N)$	$0.27R^2$	$0.015R^2$
$E_{surf}(N)$	$1.15R^2$	$1.005R^2$
$E_{ex-surf}(N)$	$0.862R^2$	$0.985R^2$
$E_{adh}/E_{ex-surf}$	0.31	0.015

Orejon *et al.*, ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2019

# Conclusions on RP & LL

- ✓ Demonstrated non-wetting and superhydrophobicity on Copper and Copper Oxide structured surfaces
- ✓ Dropwise Condensation on metallic LL



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## Dropwise Condensation on Multiscale Bioinspired Metallic Surfaces with Nanofeatures

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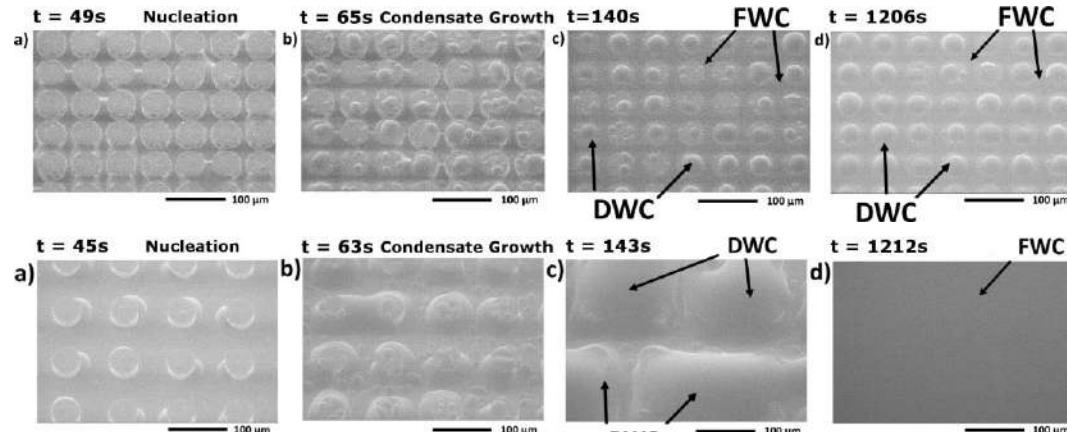
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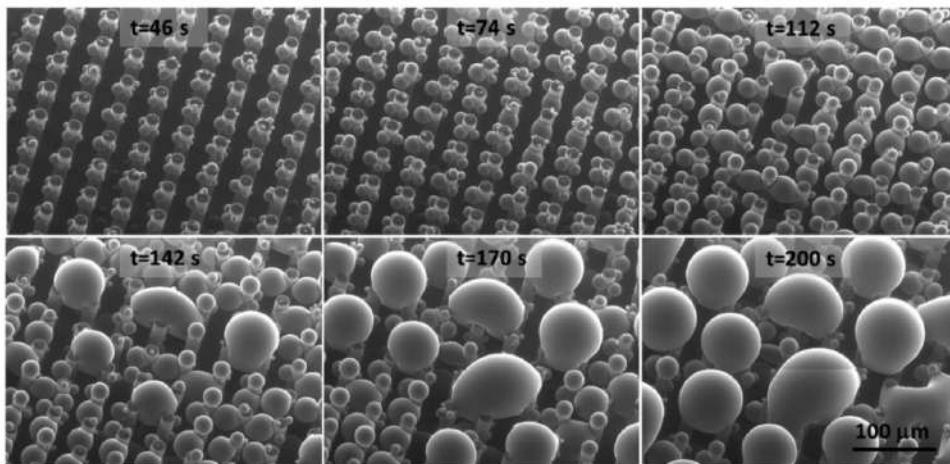
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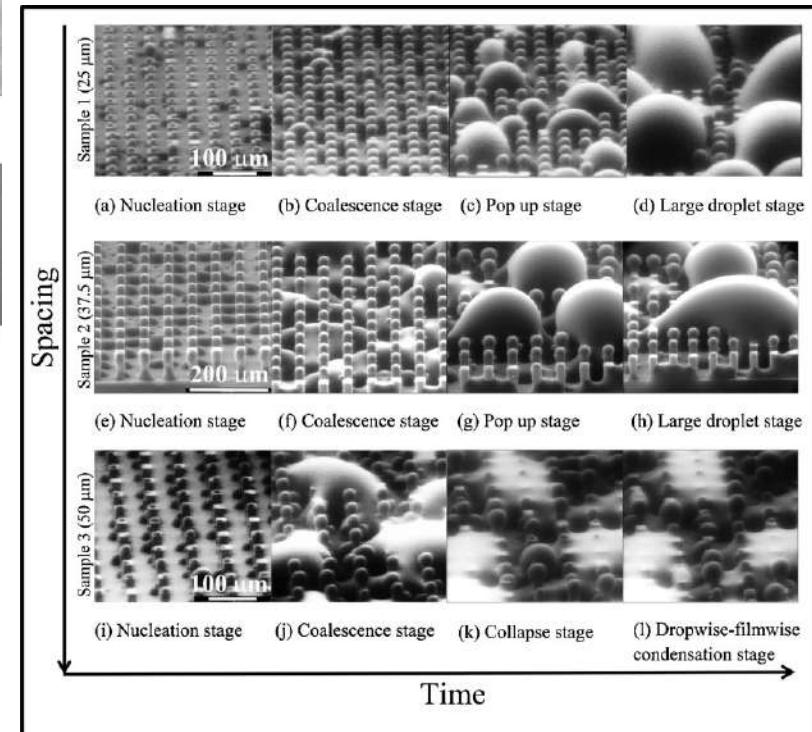
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- Hydrophobic Micropillars



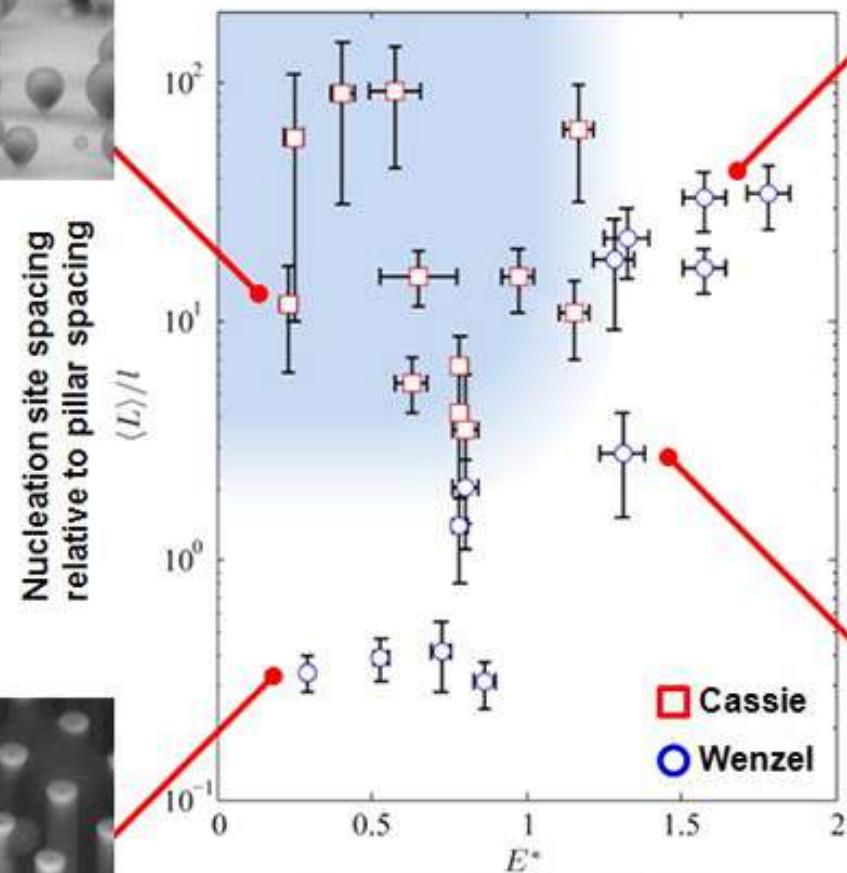
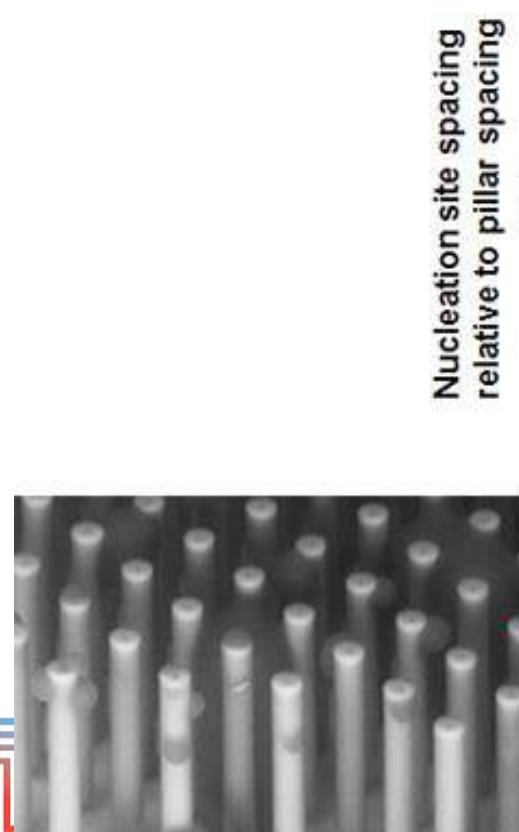
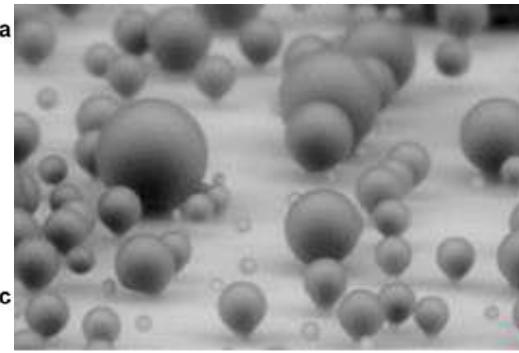
Zhang *et al.*, PRF 1, 2016

- Patterned Wettability Micropillars



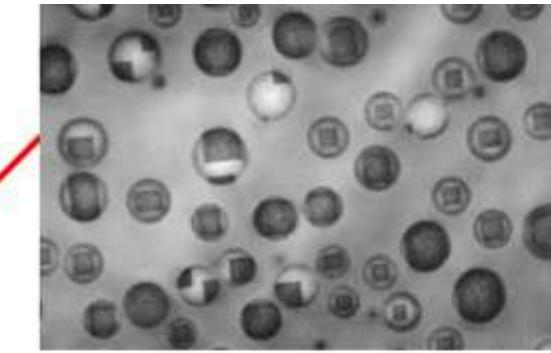
Yao *et al.*, Appl. Surf. Sci. 290, 2014

# Structured Surfaces - Role of Length Scale

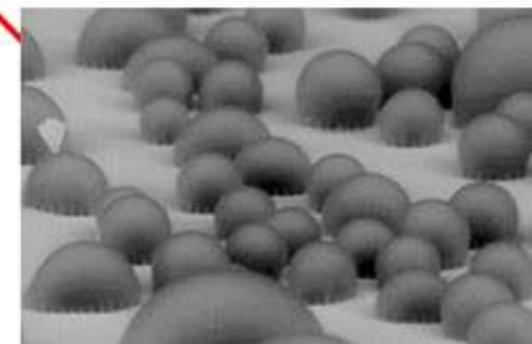


Advancing Cassie - Wenzel wetting state energy ratio

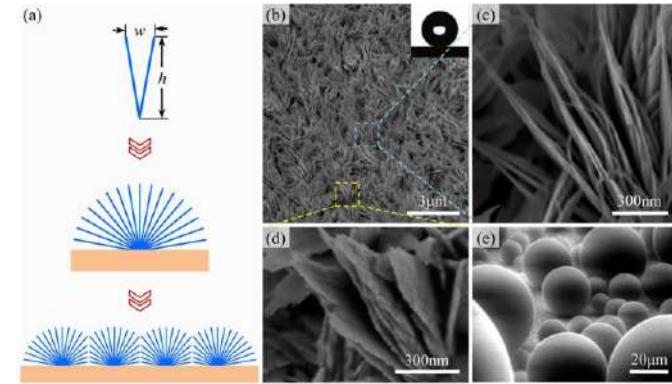
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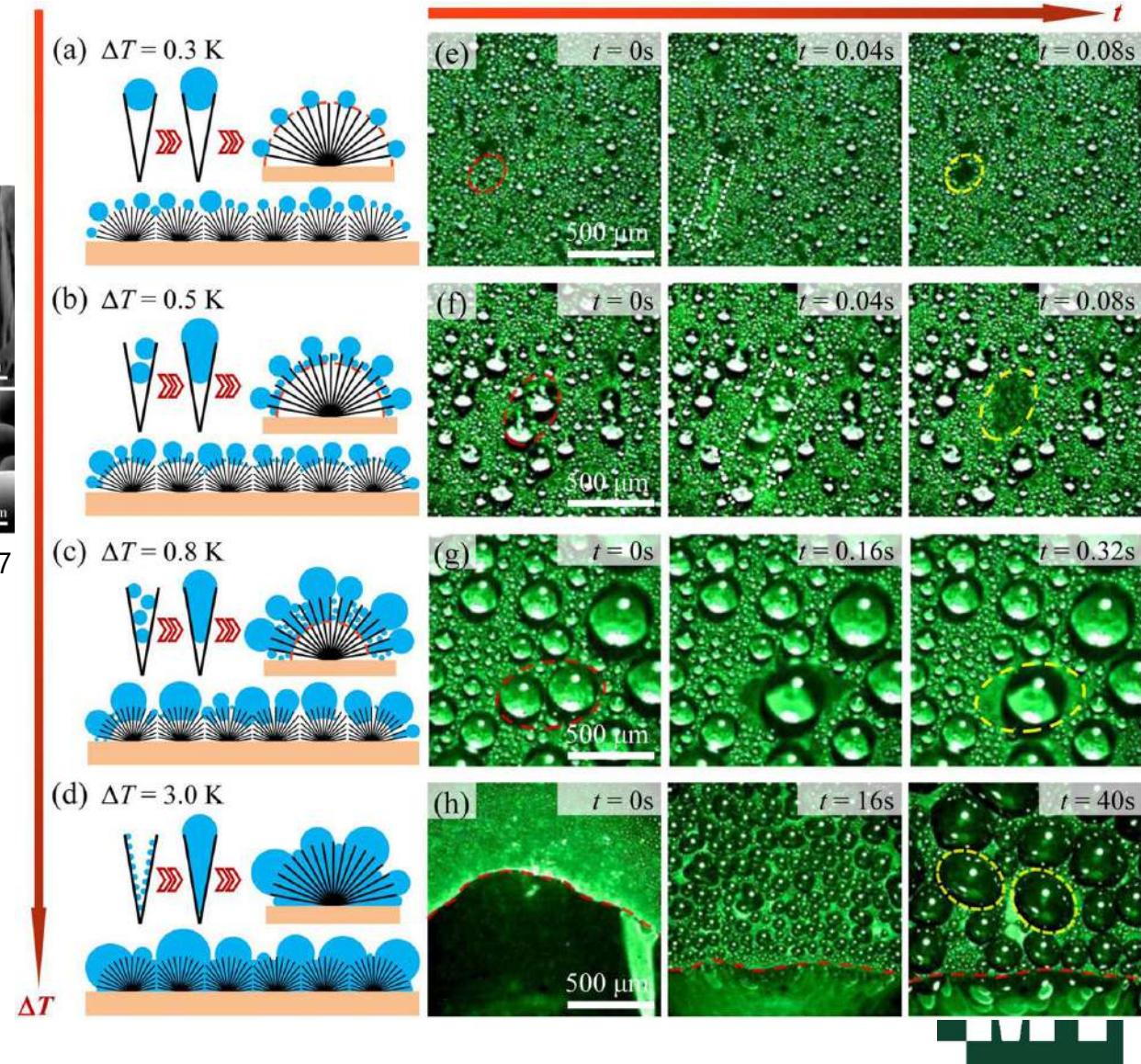
$$E^* = \frac{\cos \theta_a^{CB}}{\cos \theta_a^W} = \frac{-1}{r \cos \theta_a},$$



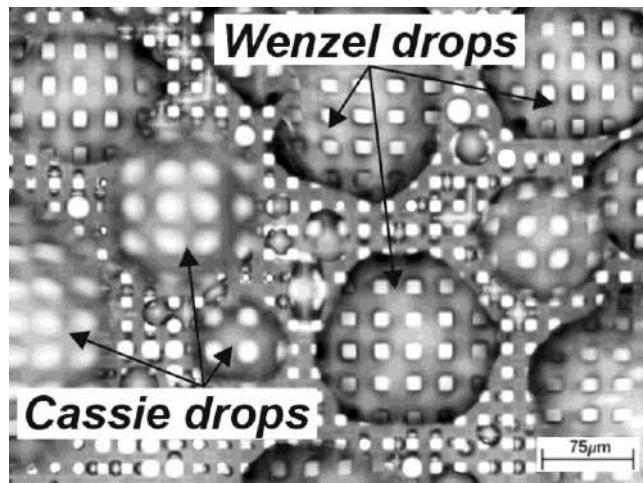
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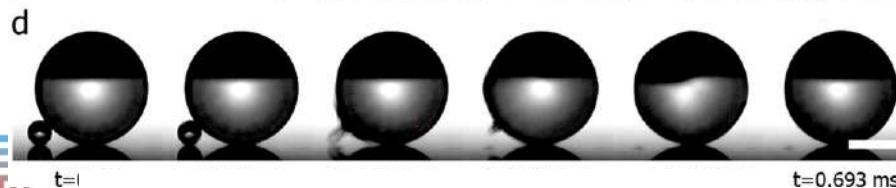
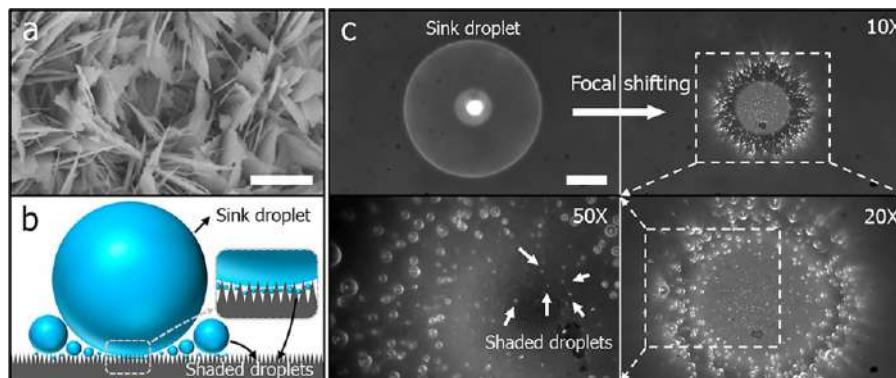
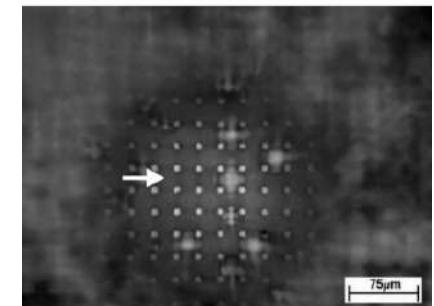
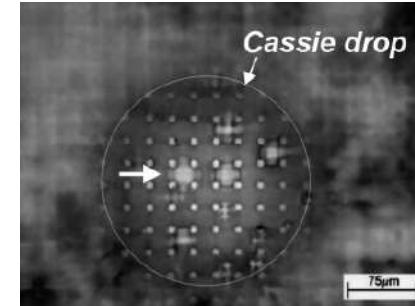
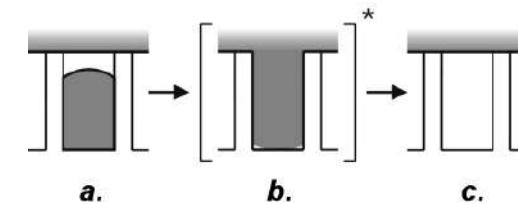
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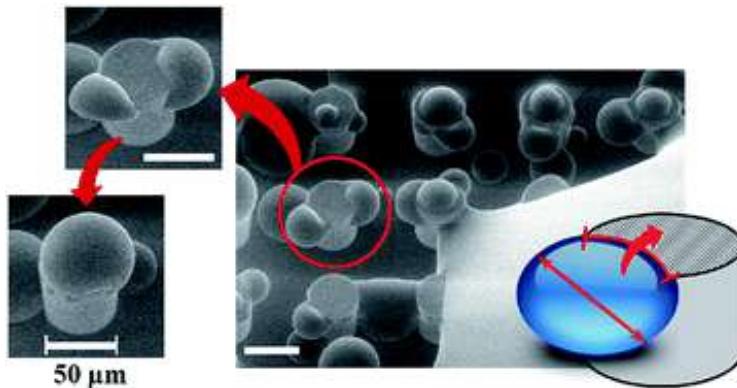


Dorrer & Ruhe, *Langmuir* 23, 2007

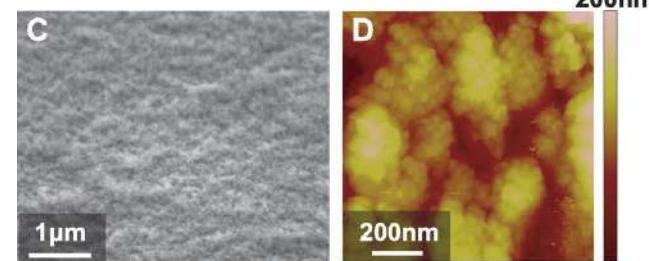
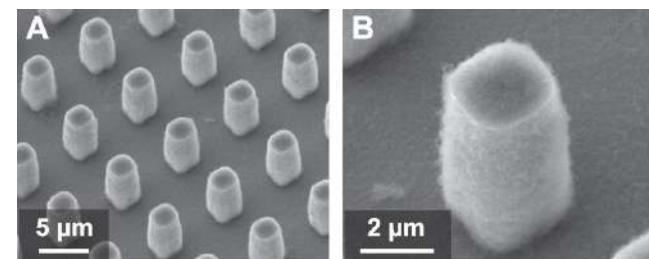
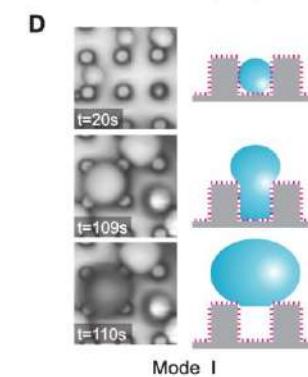
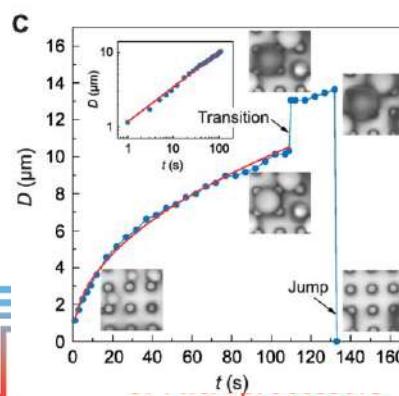
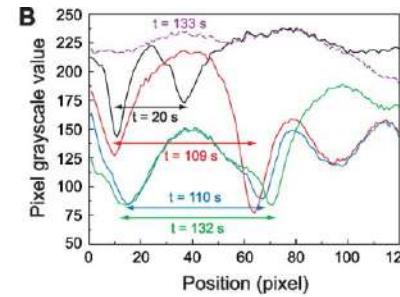
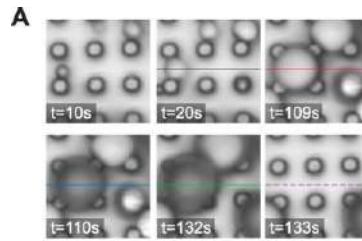
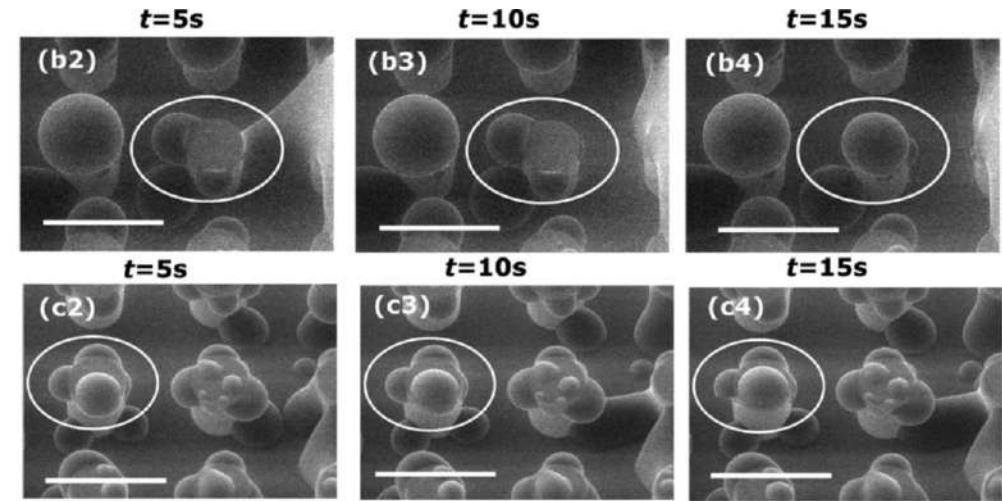


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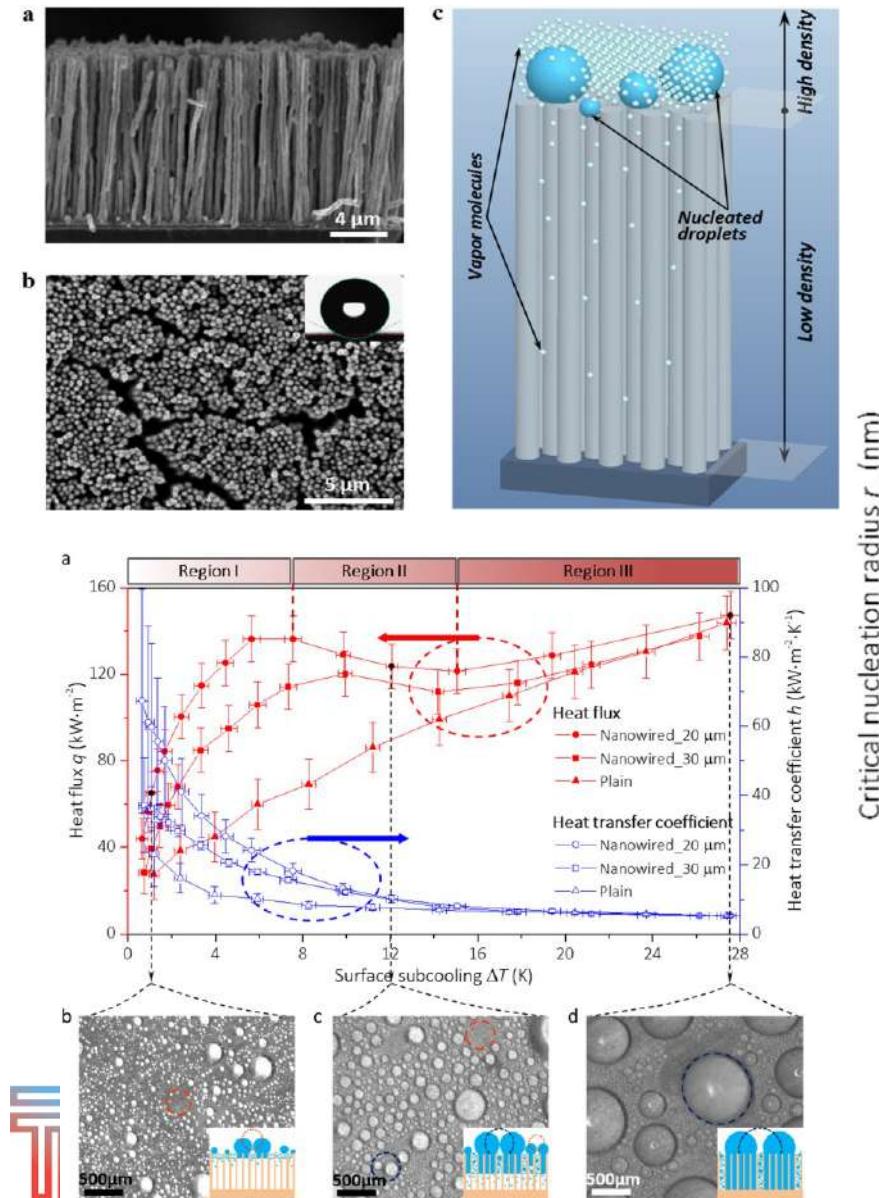
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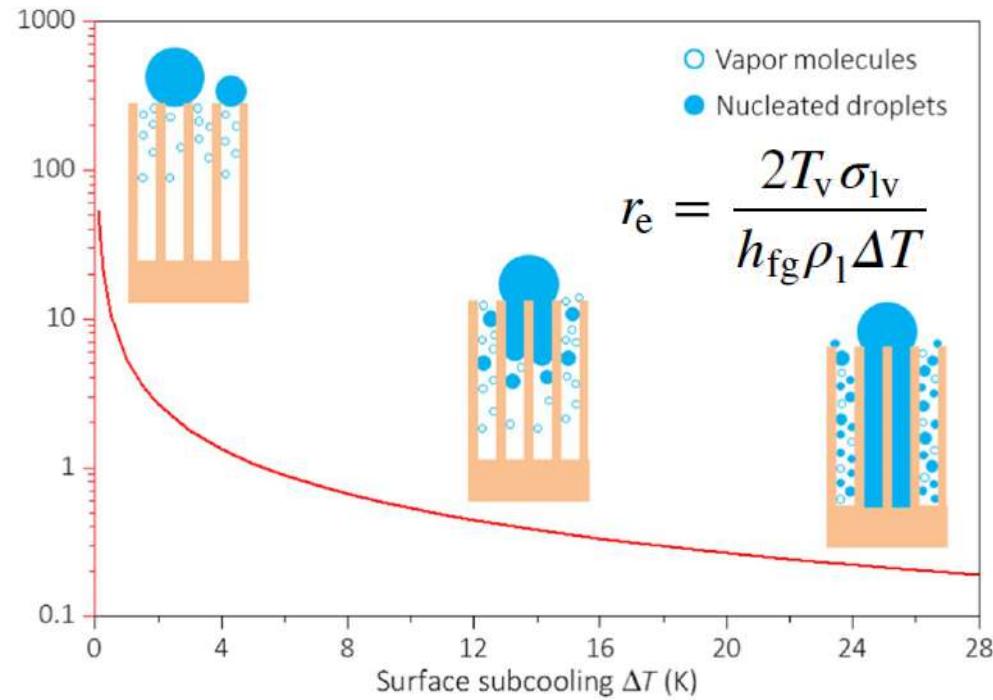
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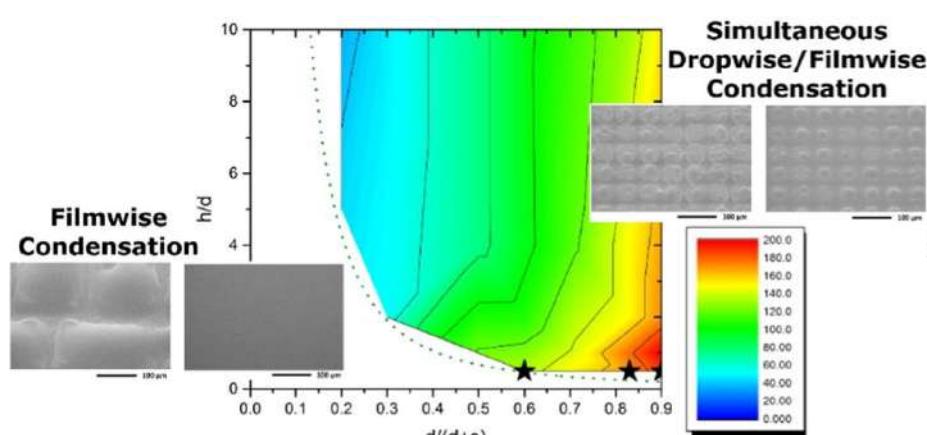
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Wen et al., Nano Energy 33, 2017

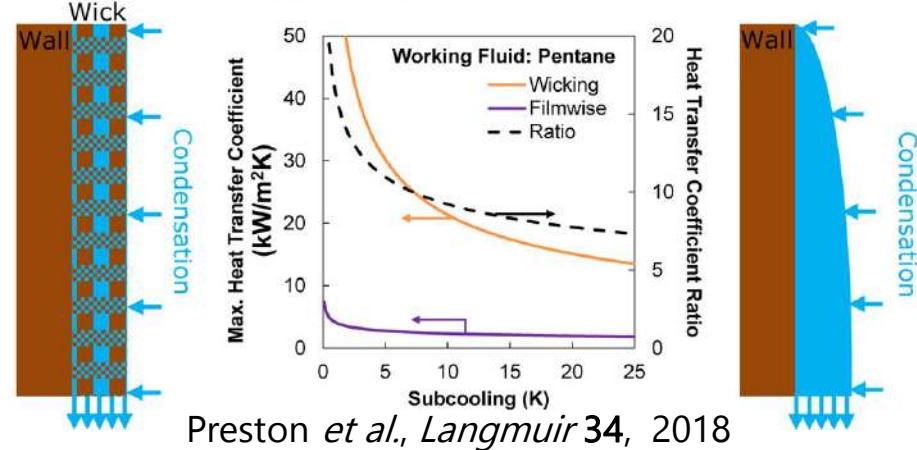


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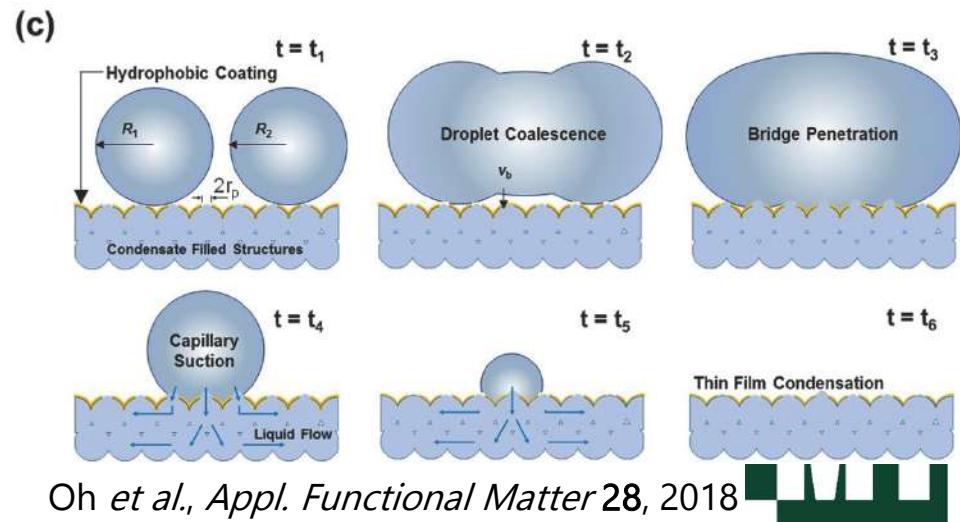
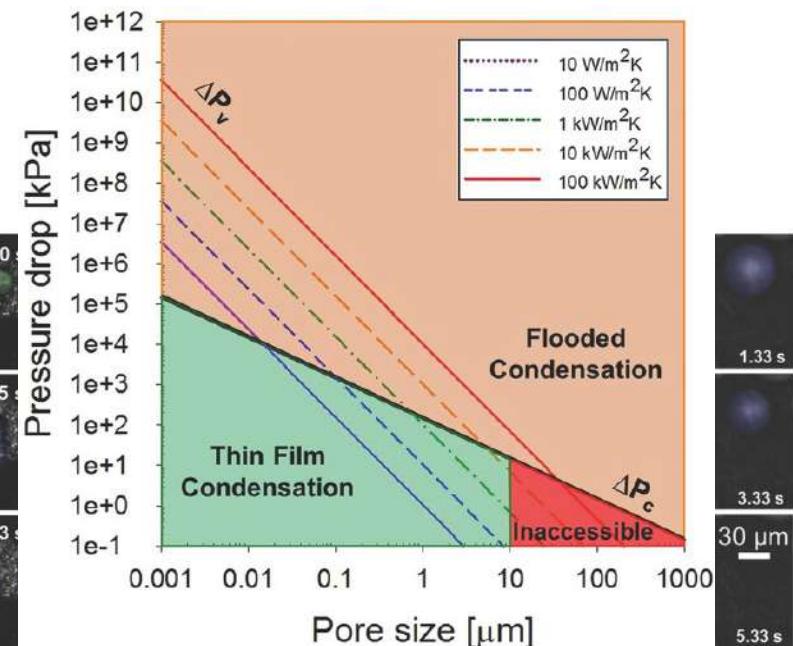


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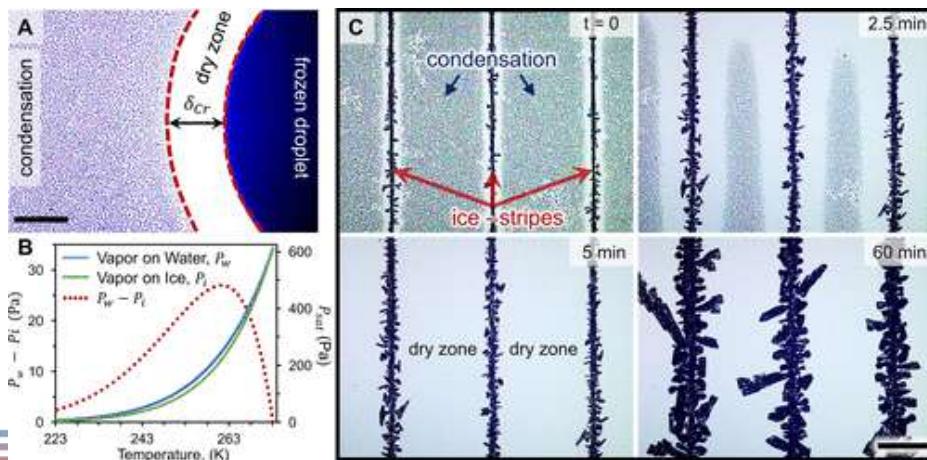
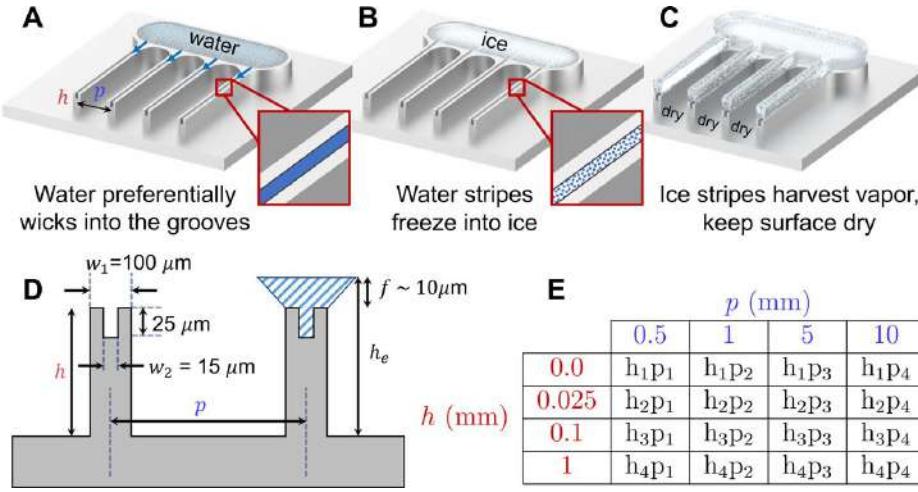
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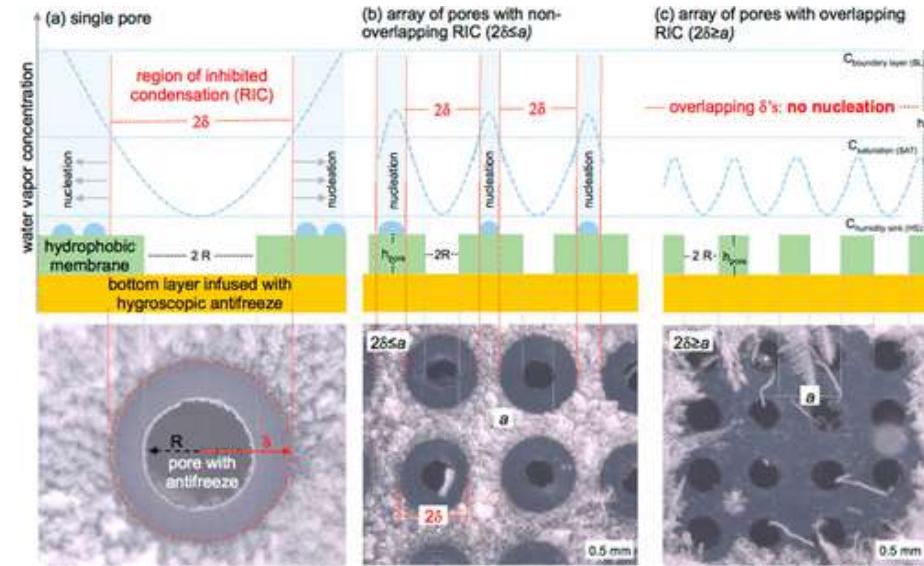
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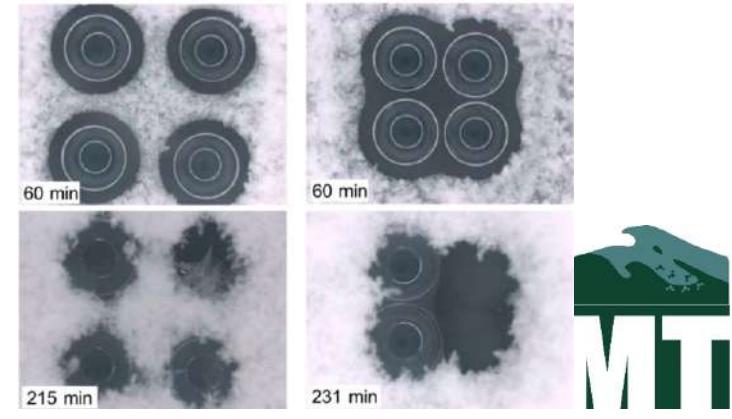


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- Use of Liquid Desiccants



Sun & Rykaczewski, ACS Nano 11, 2017



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# Conclusions & Concerns

- ✓ Dropwise Condensation on metallic structured surfaces without hydrophobic coating achieved
- ✓ Condensation mode highly dependent of sub-cooling
- ✓ Control of nucleation independently of sub-cooling conditions to avoid droplet attachment?
- ✓ Are structured surfaces better than smooth ones?
- ✓ When are we going to be able to use of the beautiful imaging techniques available for boiling or phase flow?

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