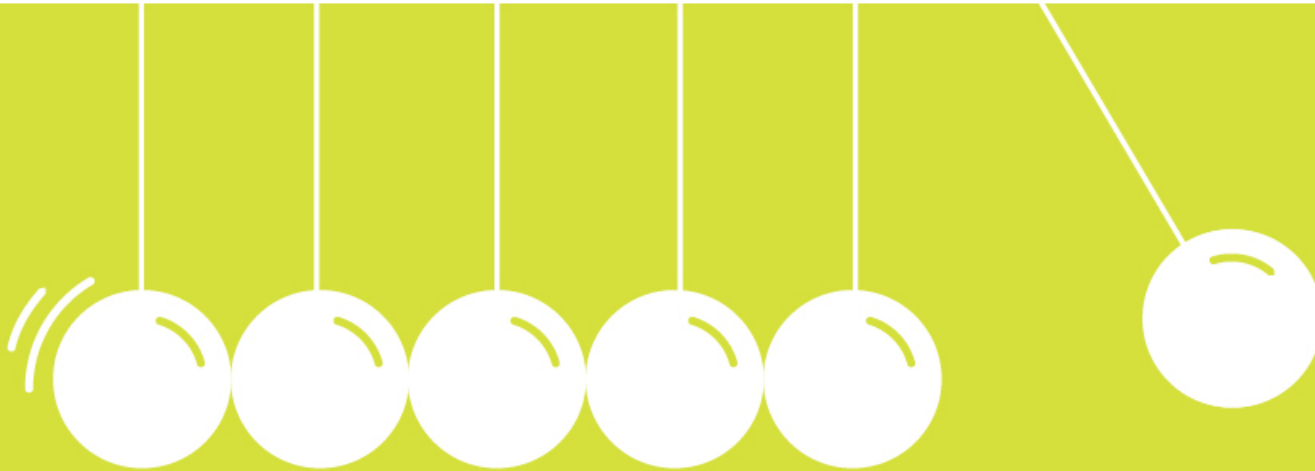


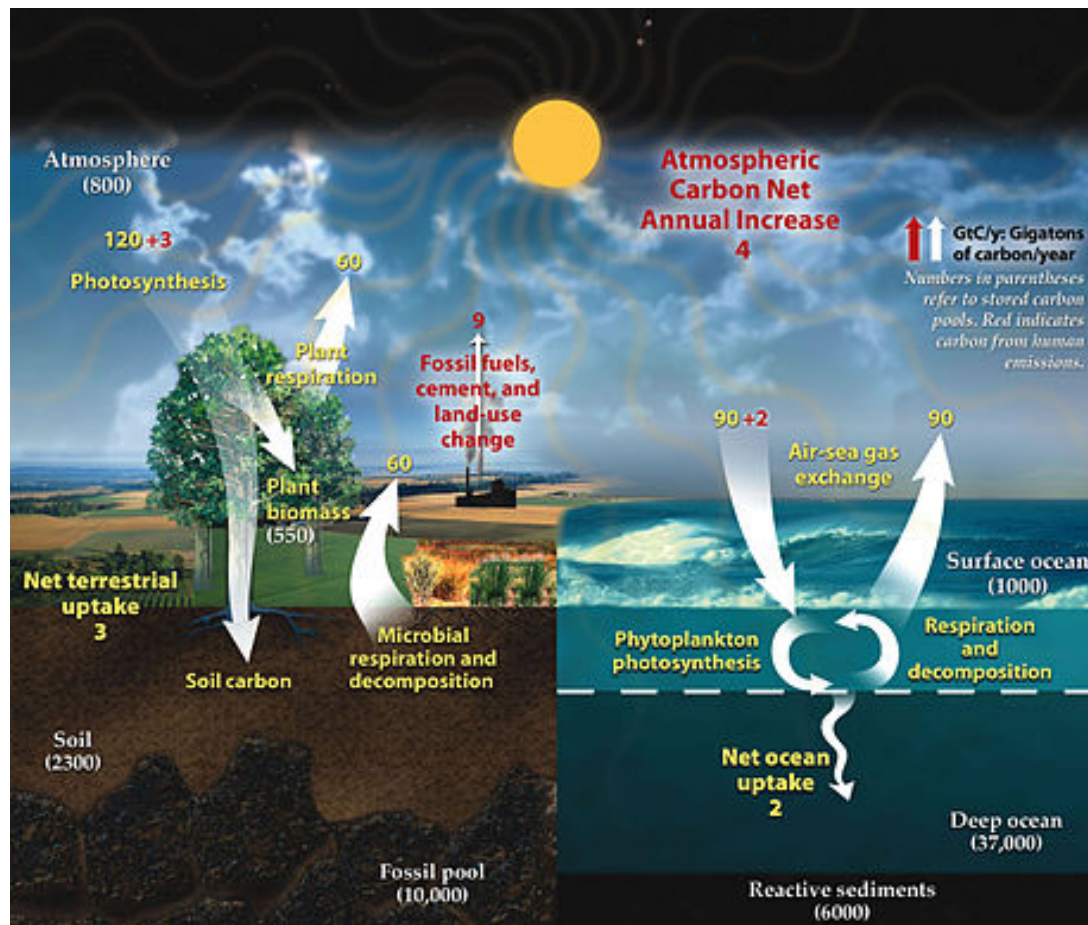


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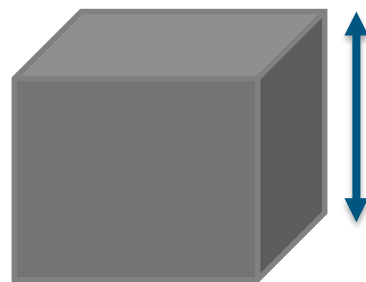
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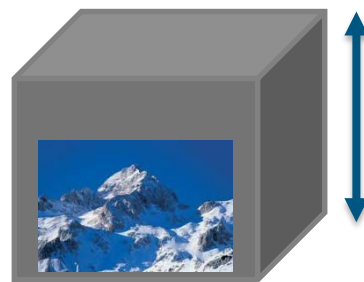
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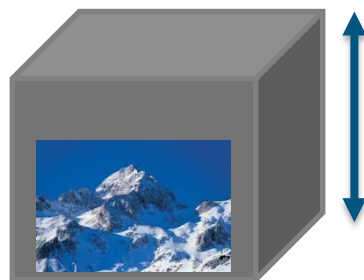
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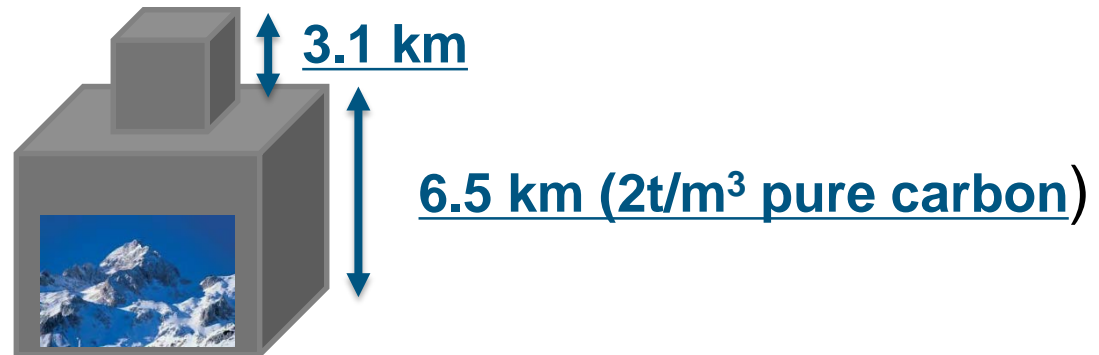
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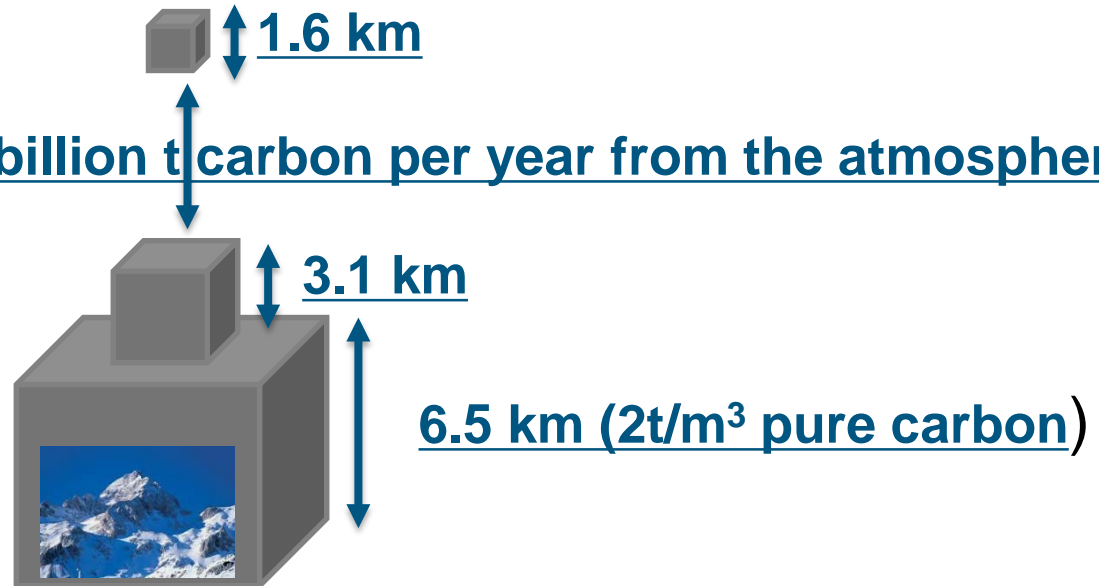
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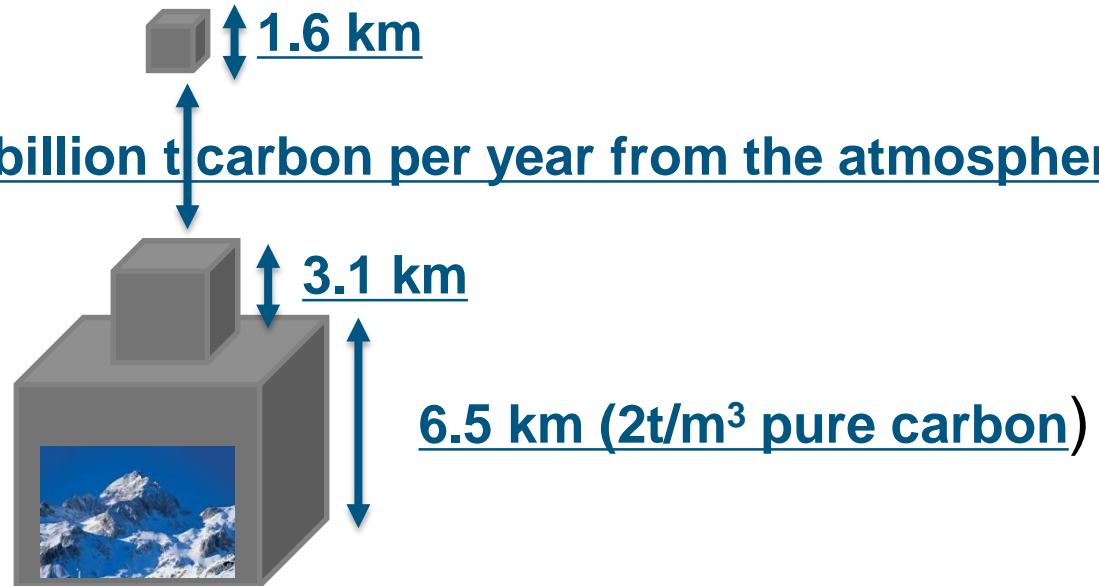
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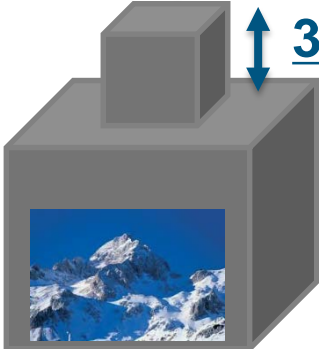
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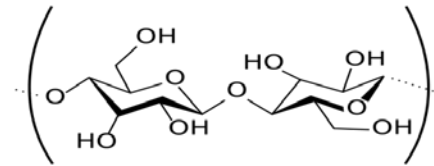
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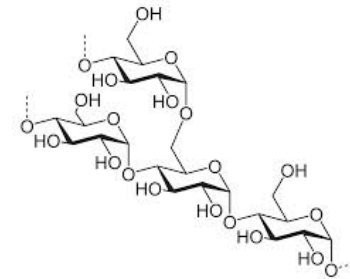
Current: Food, Fuel and Materials from Plant Polysaccharides
Cellulose: Fuel, Housing, Clothing, Paper



Fossil Biomass



Starch, Sugars: Food, Fuel



Future: Target → more efficient & **alternative applications** for plant biomass



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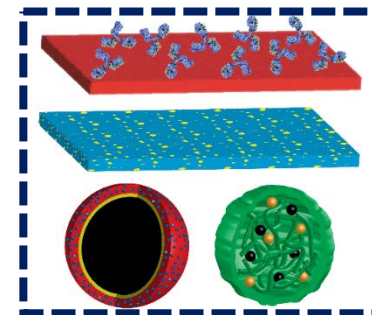
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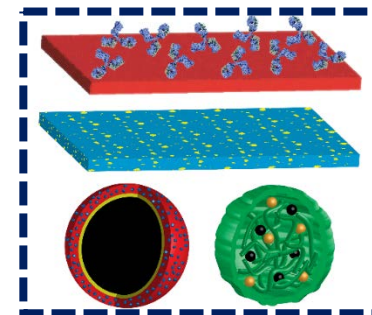
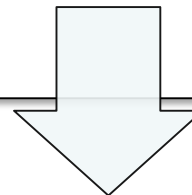
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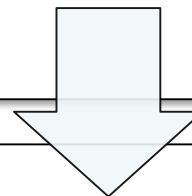
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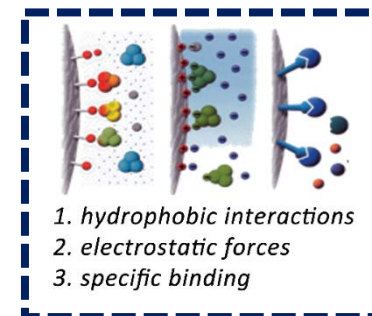
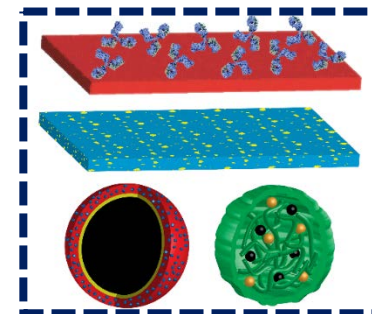
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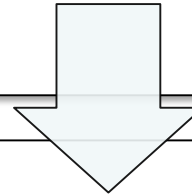
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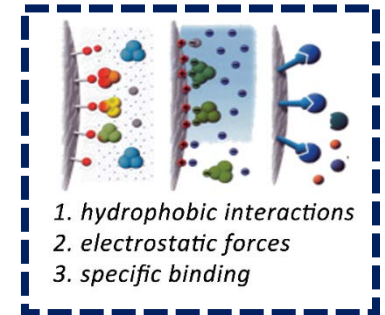
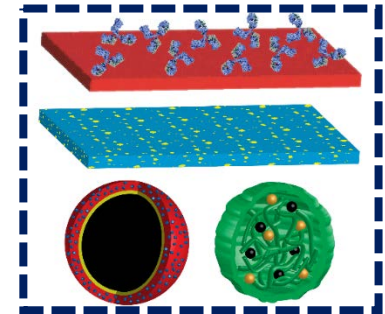
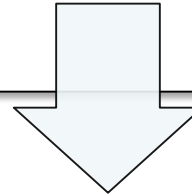
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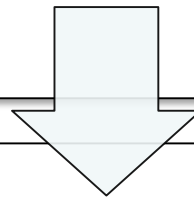
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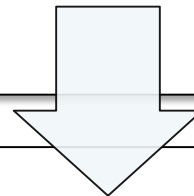
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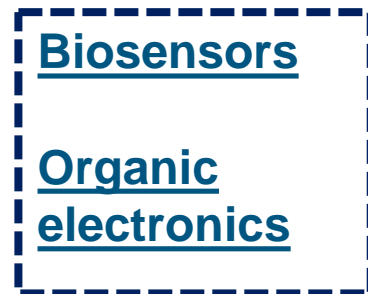
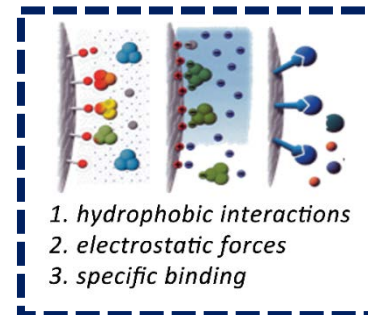
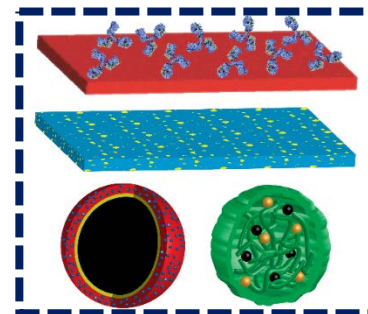
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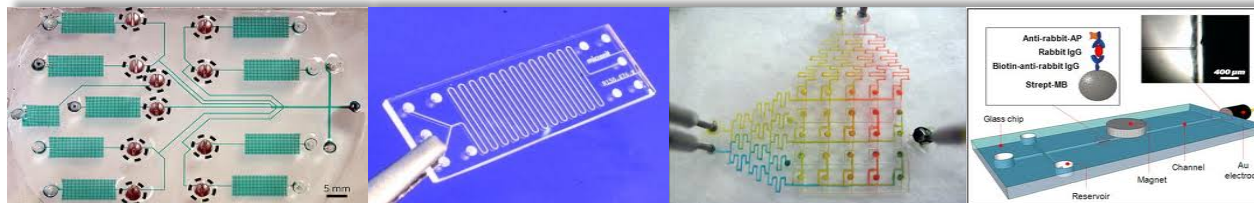
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„Key enabling technologies (KET) in
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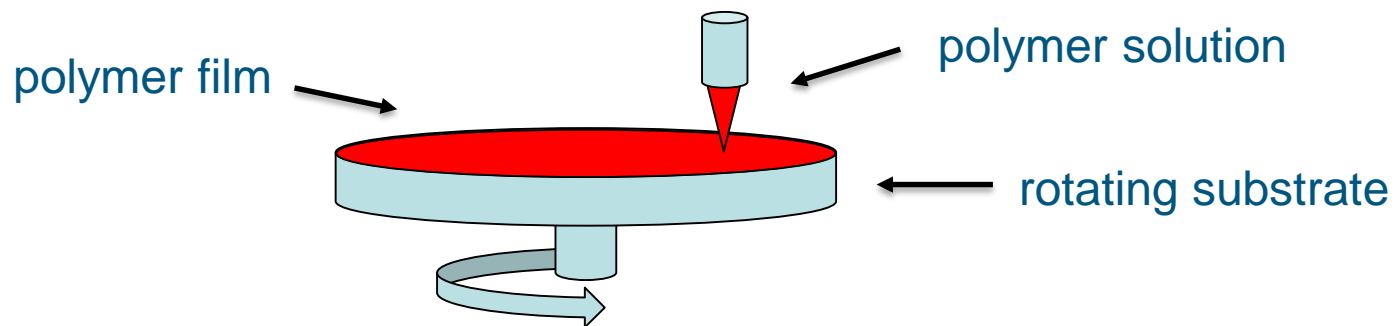


Biosensors and Electronics often Require Patterned Surfaces

- Superhydrophobic surfaces (lotus-effect)
- Microreactors, Microfluidics
- (Bio)Sensors
- Microelectronics, organic electronics, organic thin film transistors (OTFT)



- Thin polymer substrates by spin coating

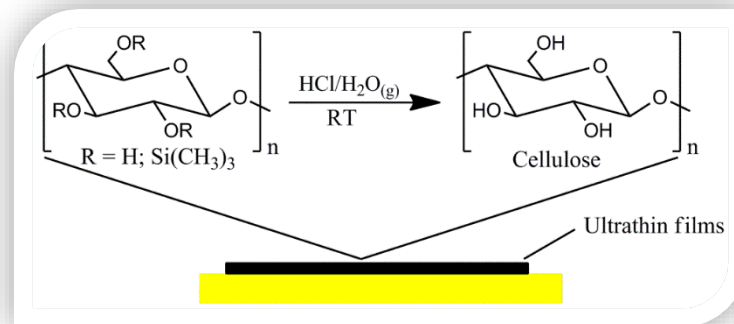


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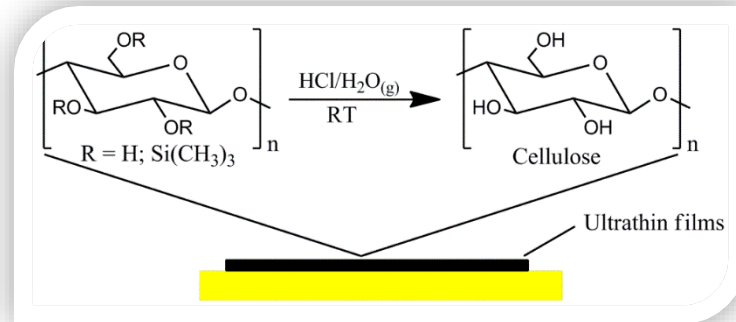
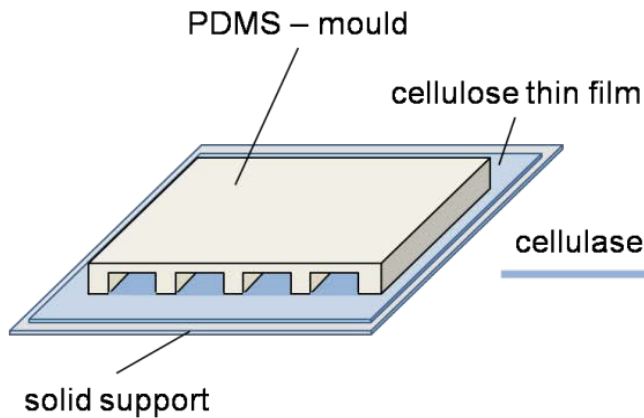
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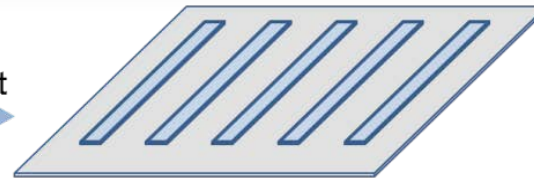


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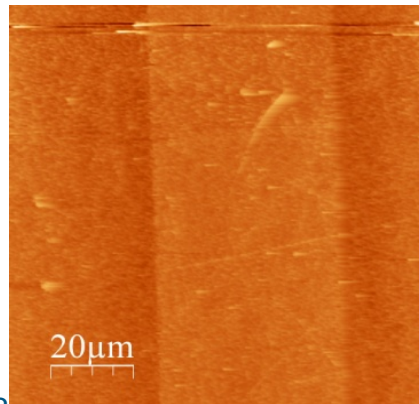
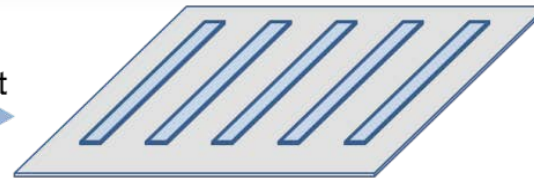
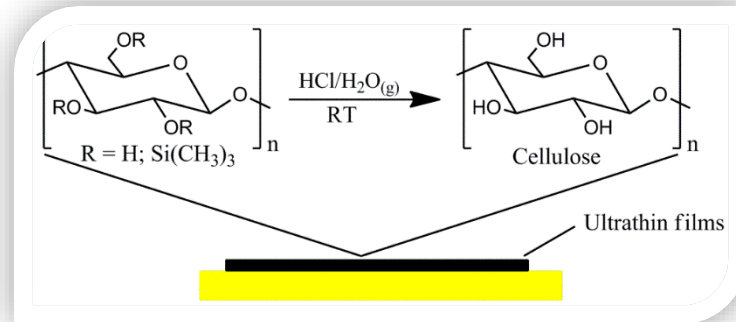
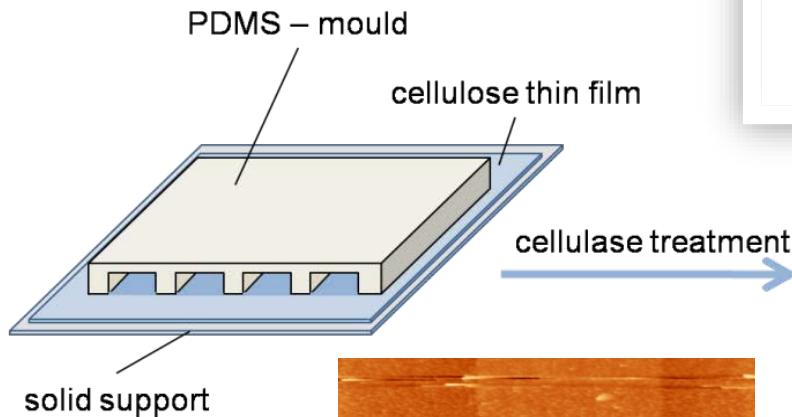


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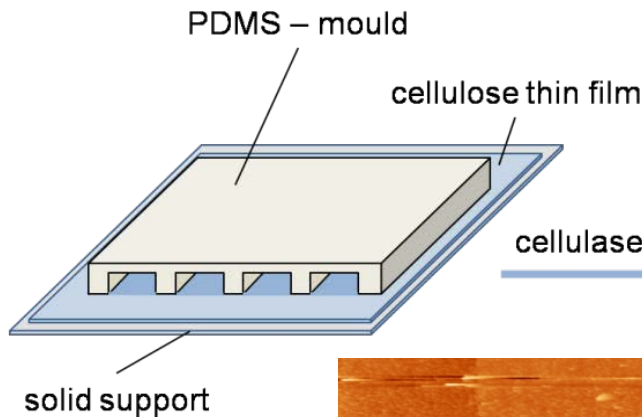


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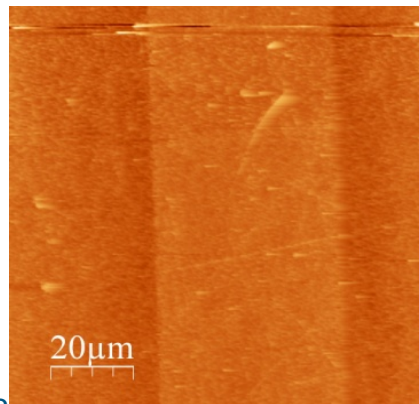
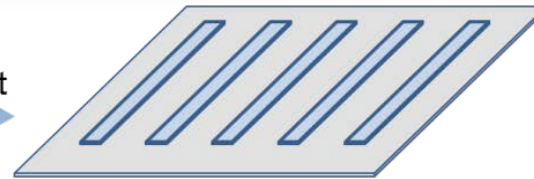
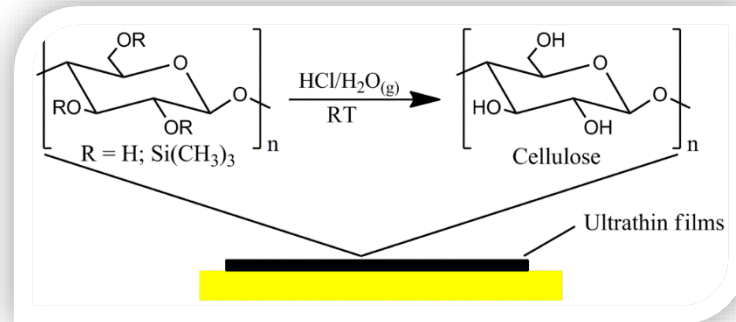
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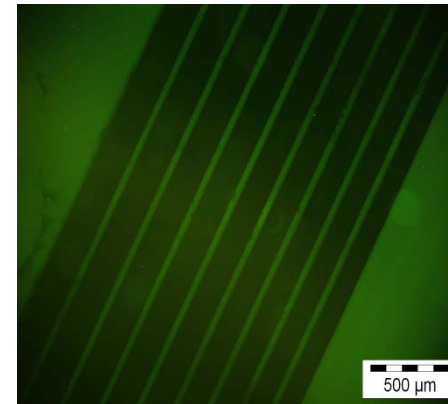
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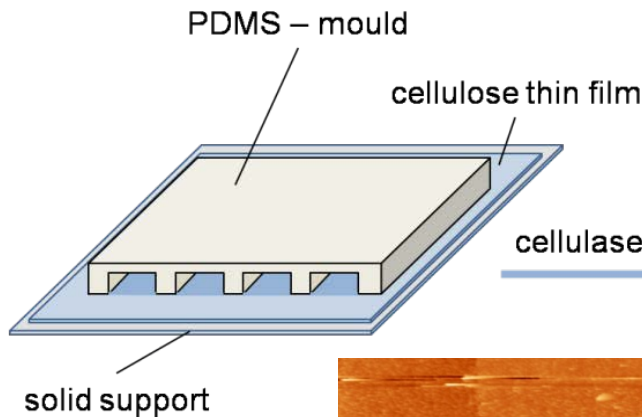


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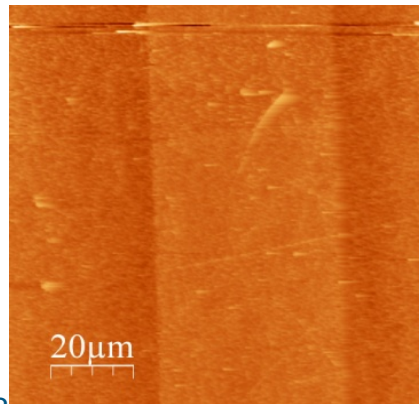
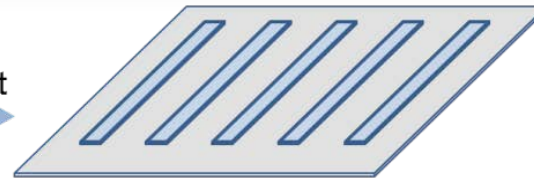
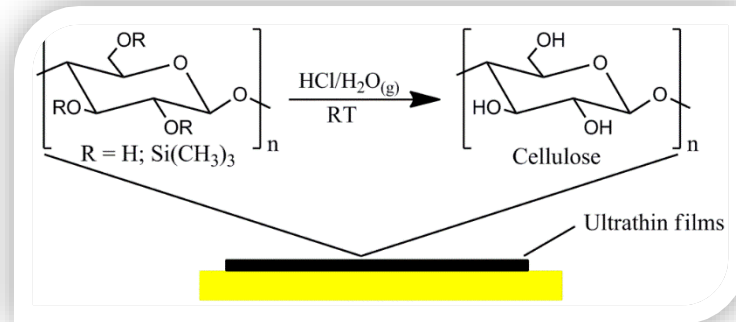
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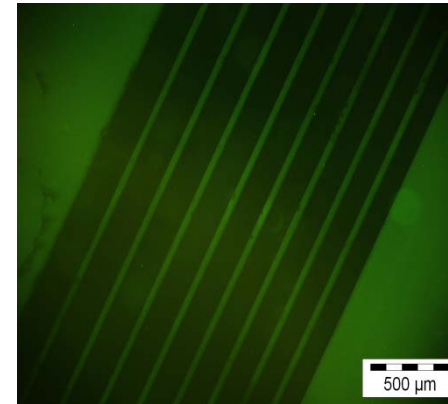
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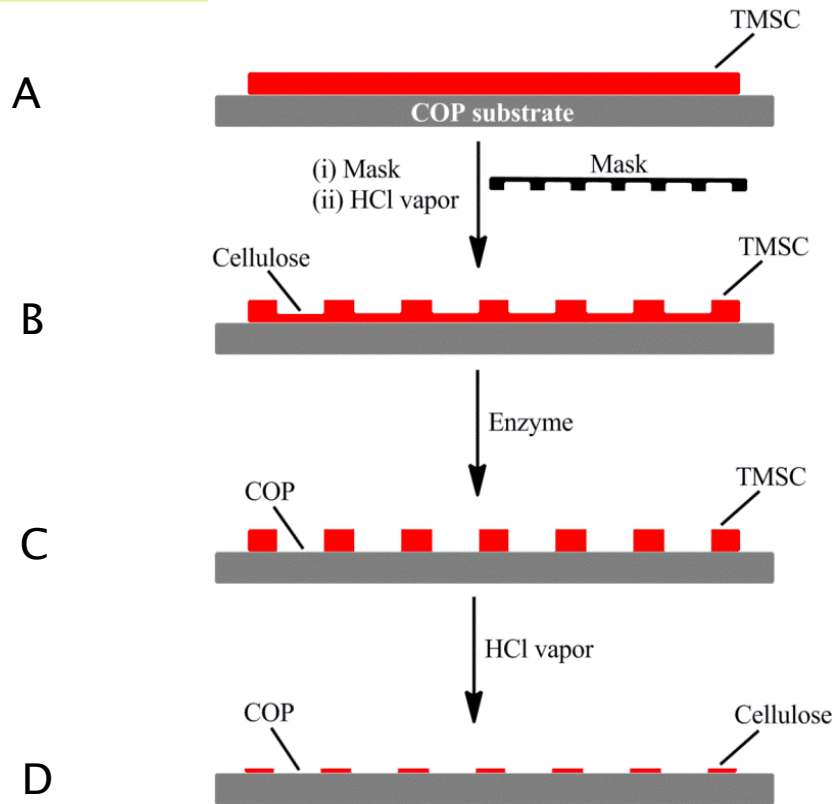
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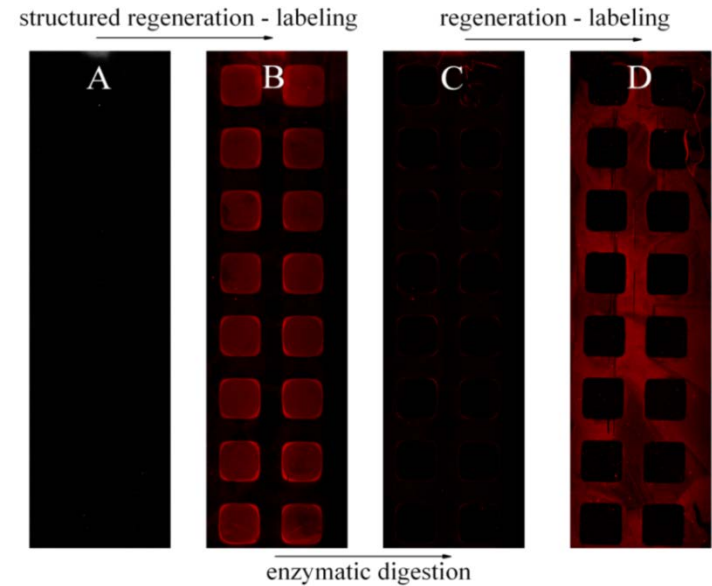
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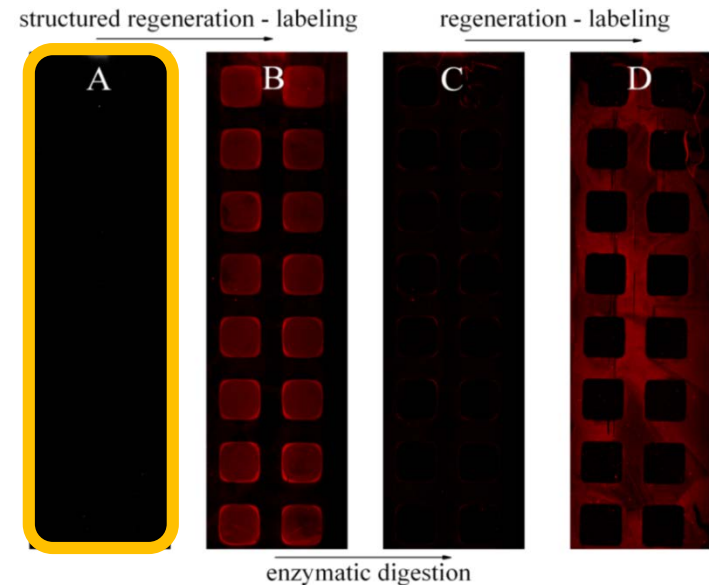
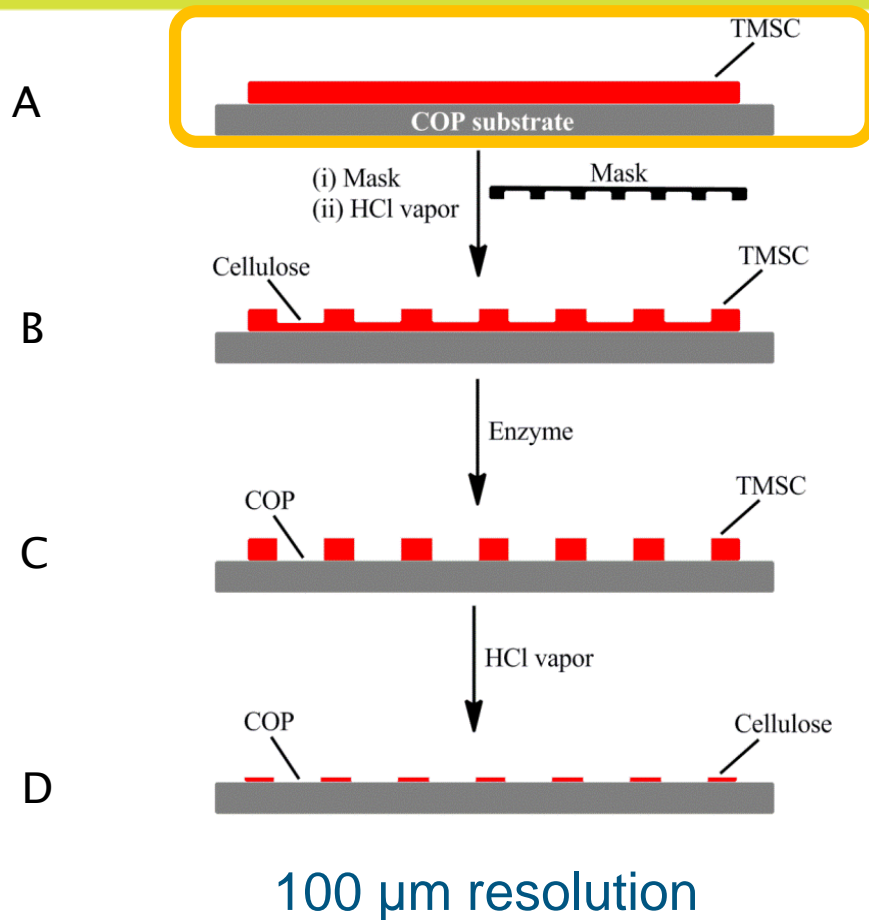


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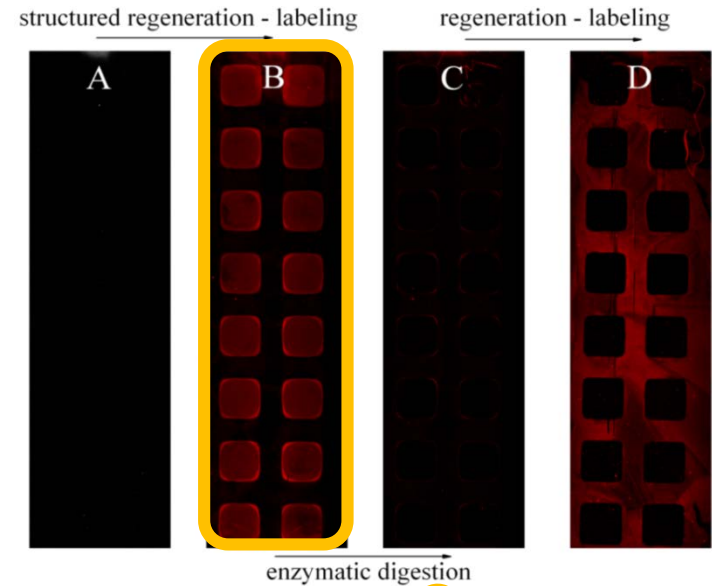
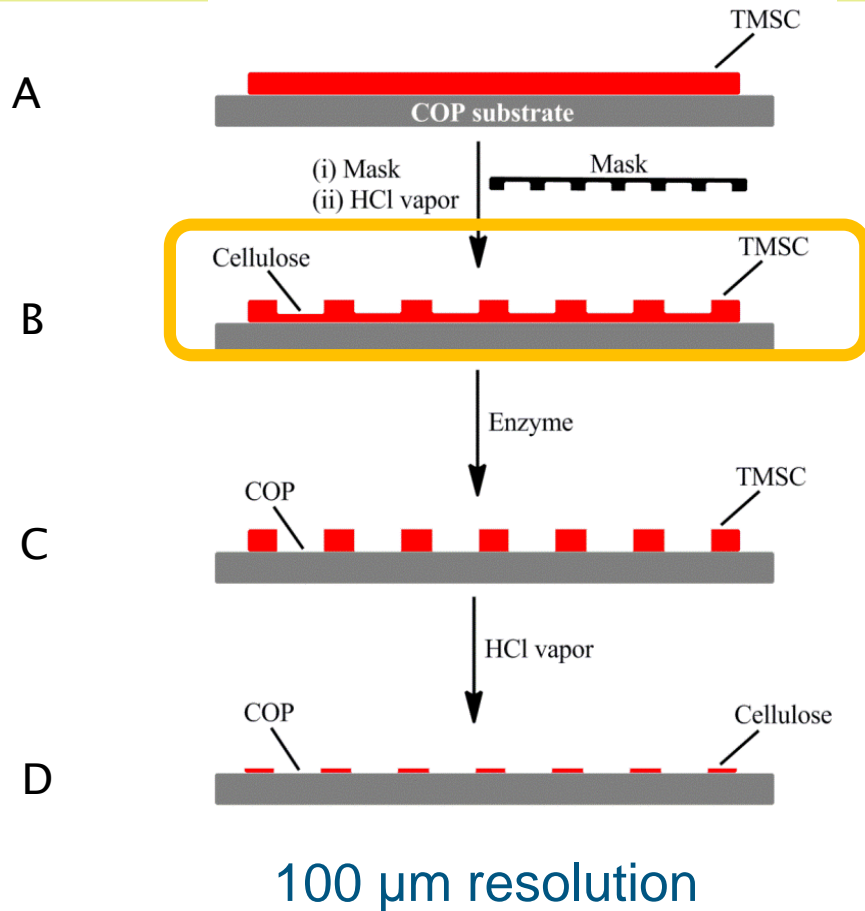
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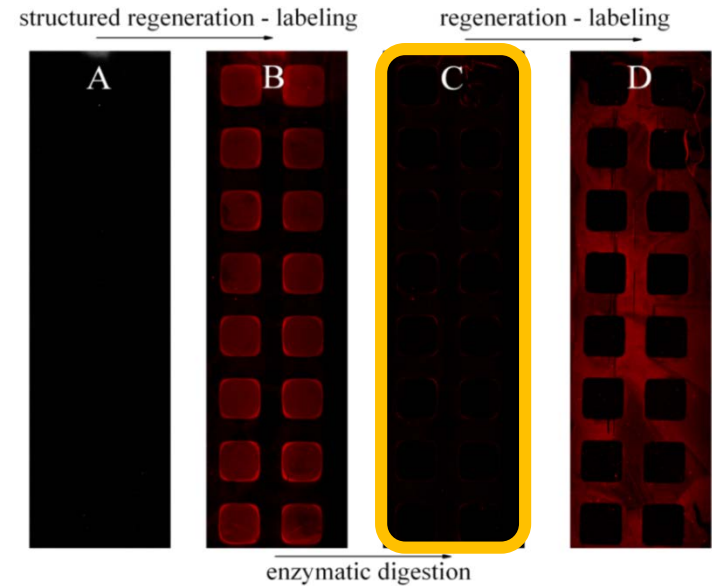
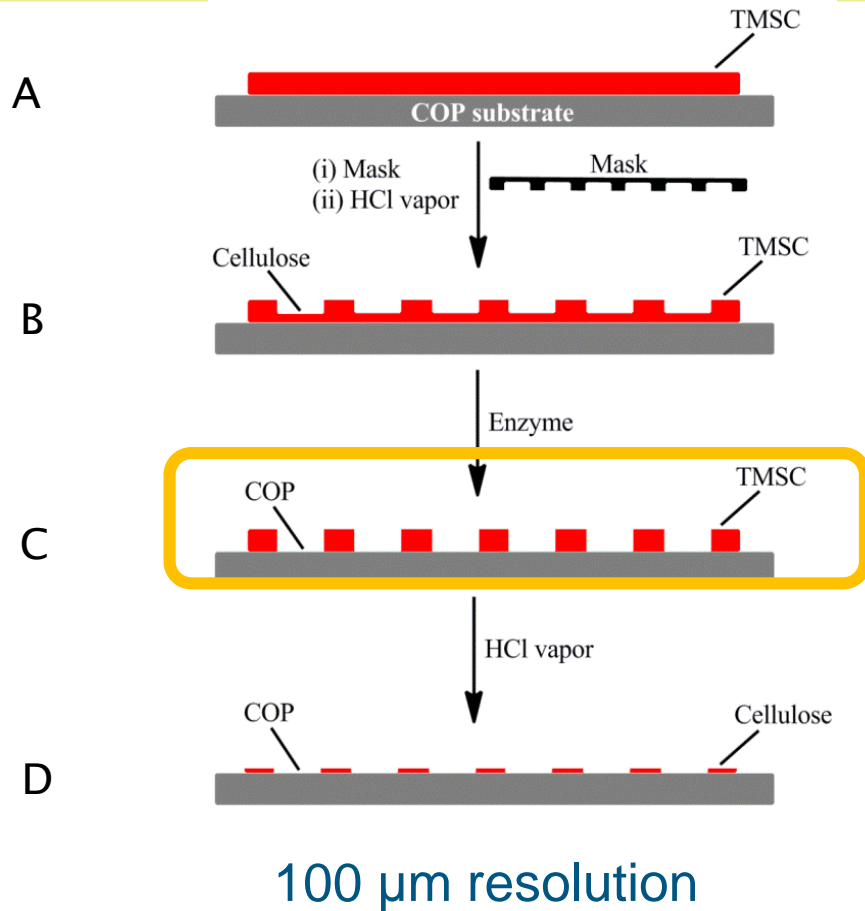
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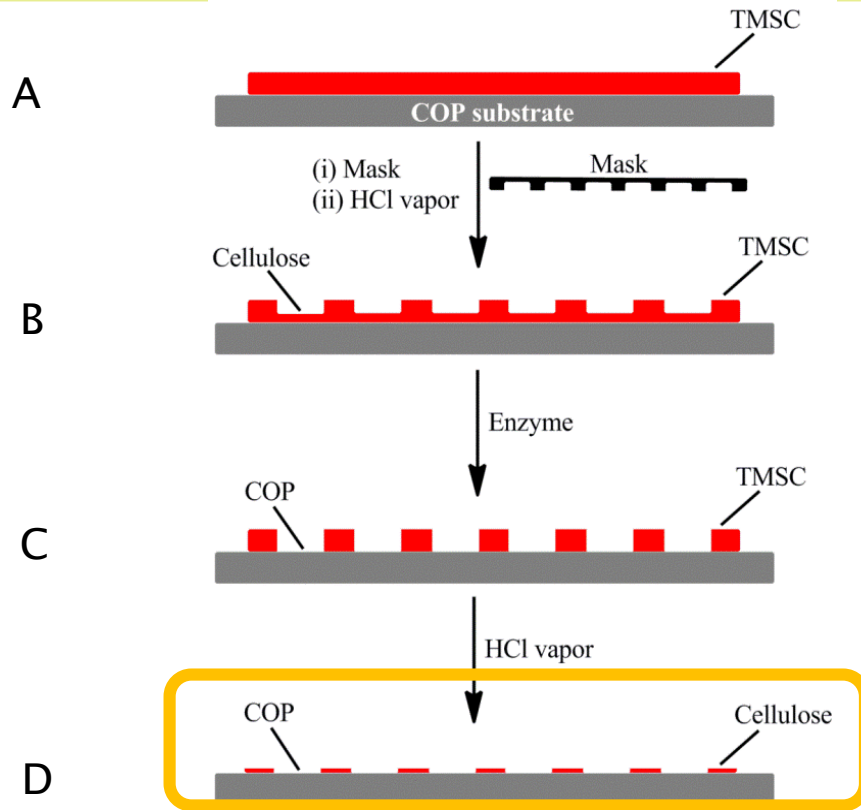
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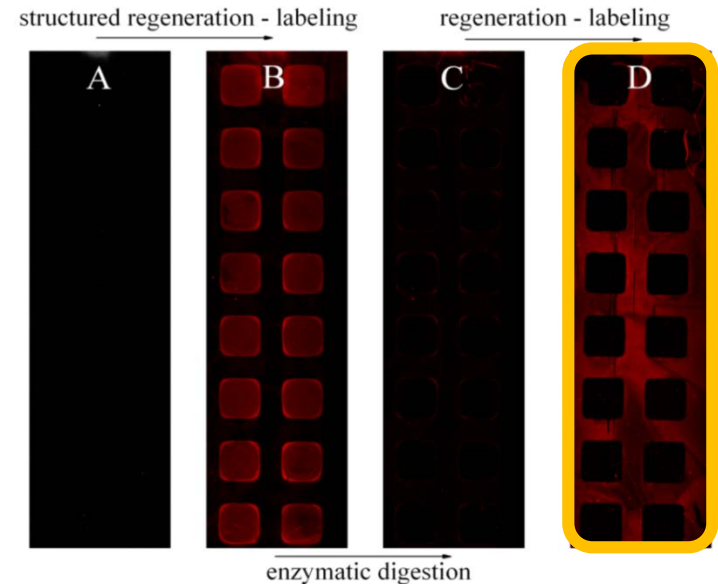


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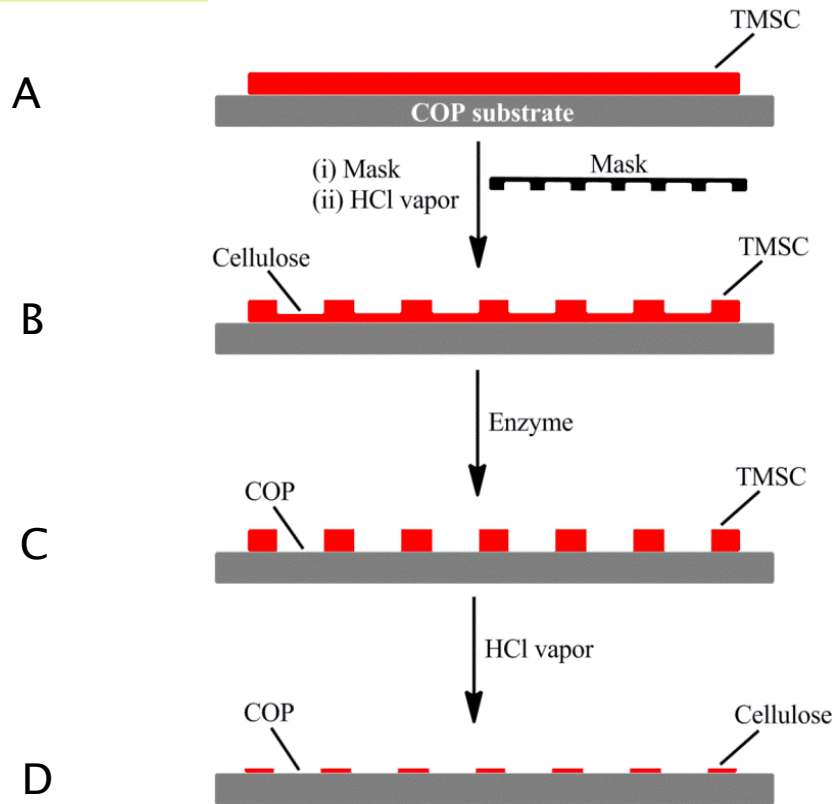


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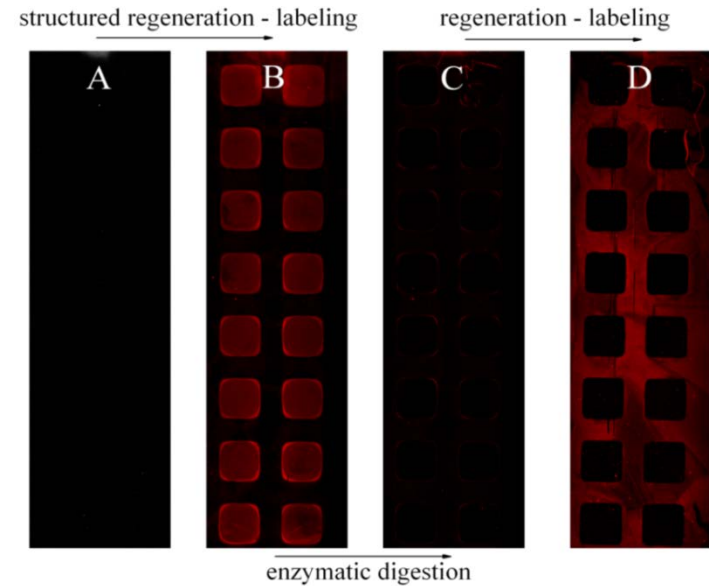


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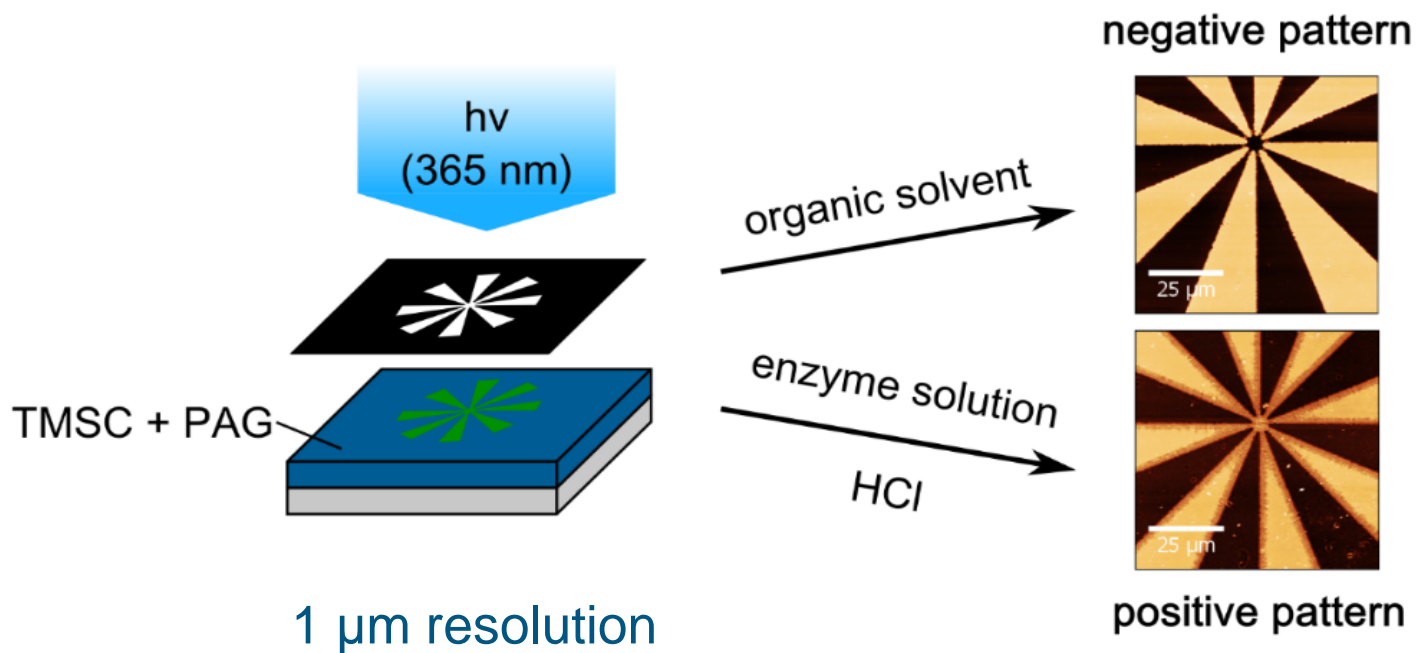


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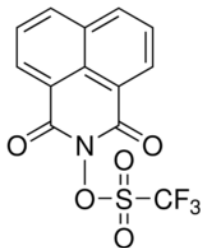
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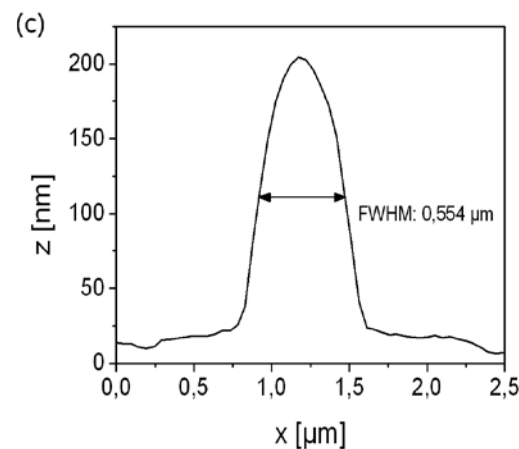


- PAG used for 2-D patterning also TPA active
- Submicron structures in 200 nm cellulose thin film

(a) 50 nm  300 nm



(b) 0 nm  250 nm



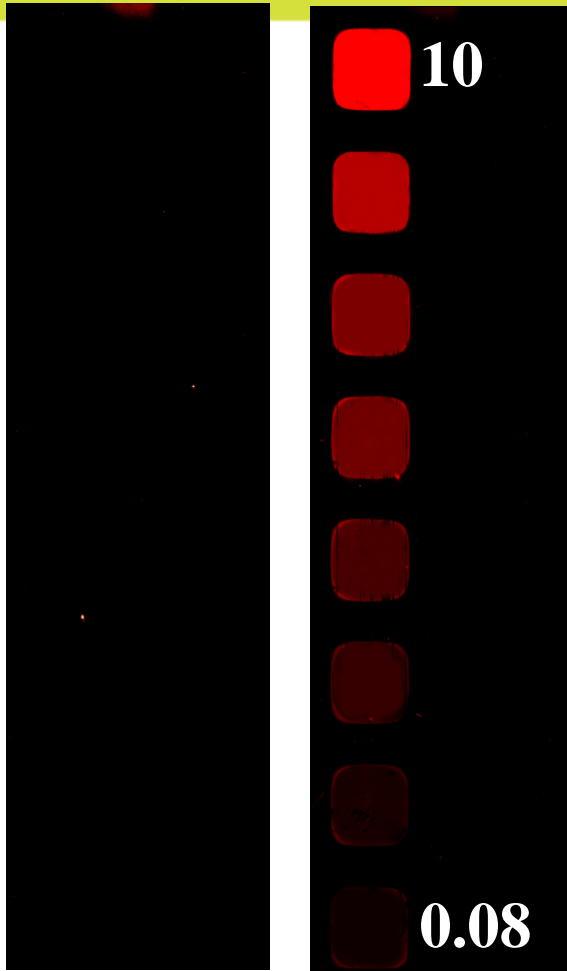
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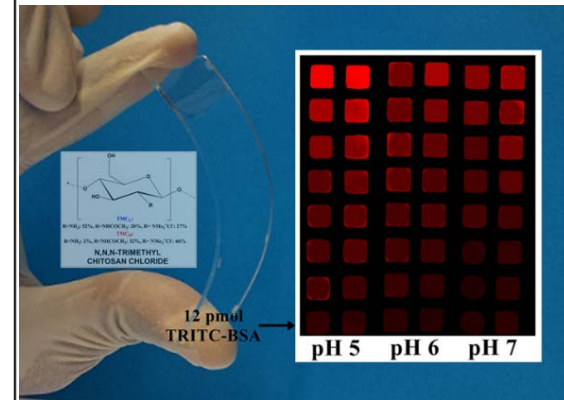
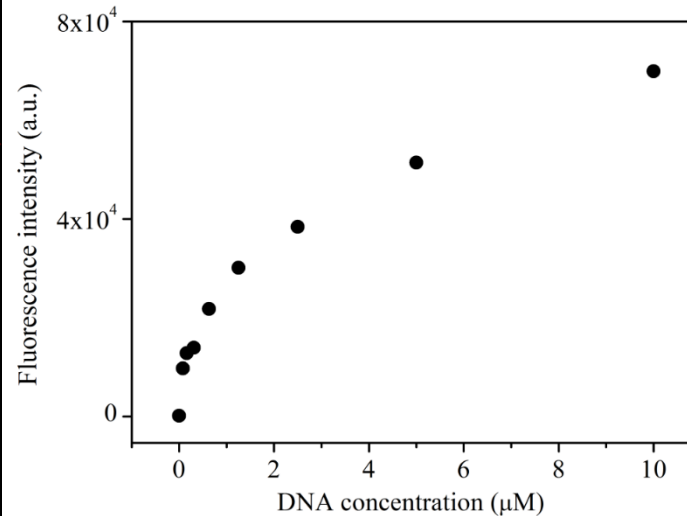
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DNA/CMC/EDC DNA/CMC



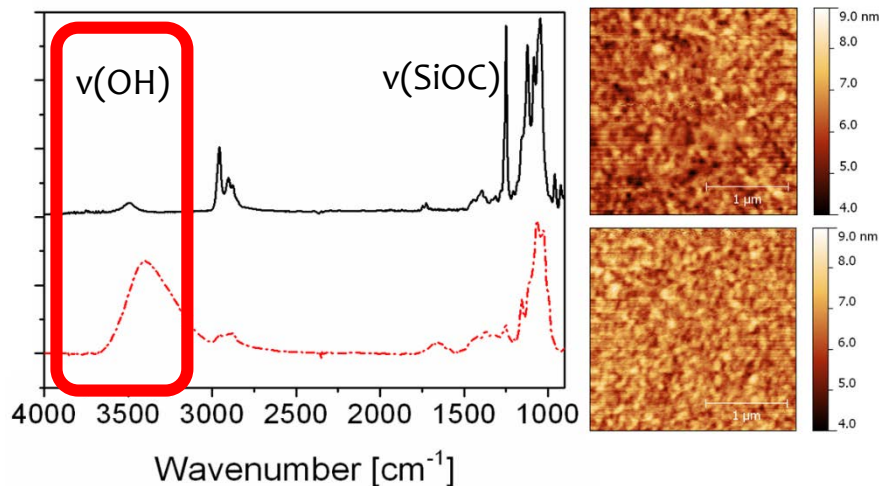
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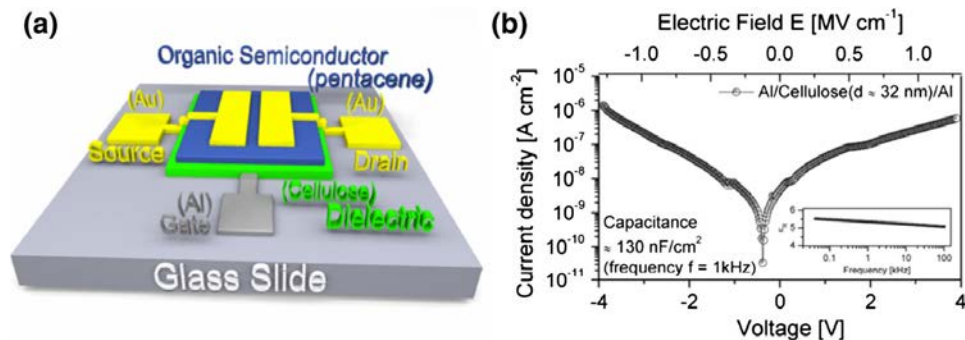
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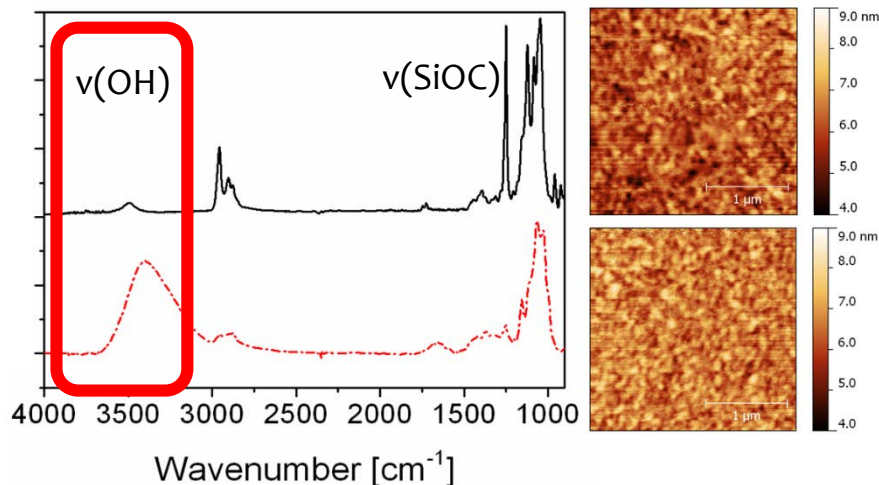


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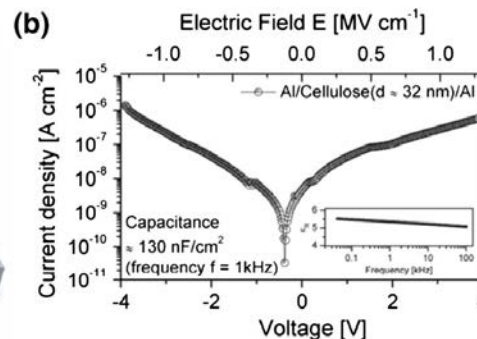
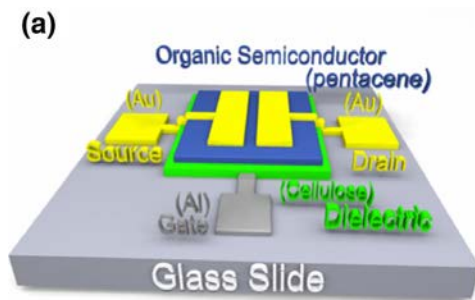


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$V_{on} = -0.8$ V

$V_{threshold} = -1.25$ V

Gate leak currents: 80 pA

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