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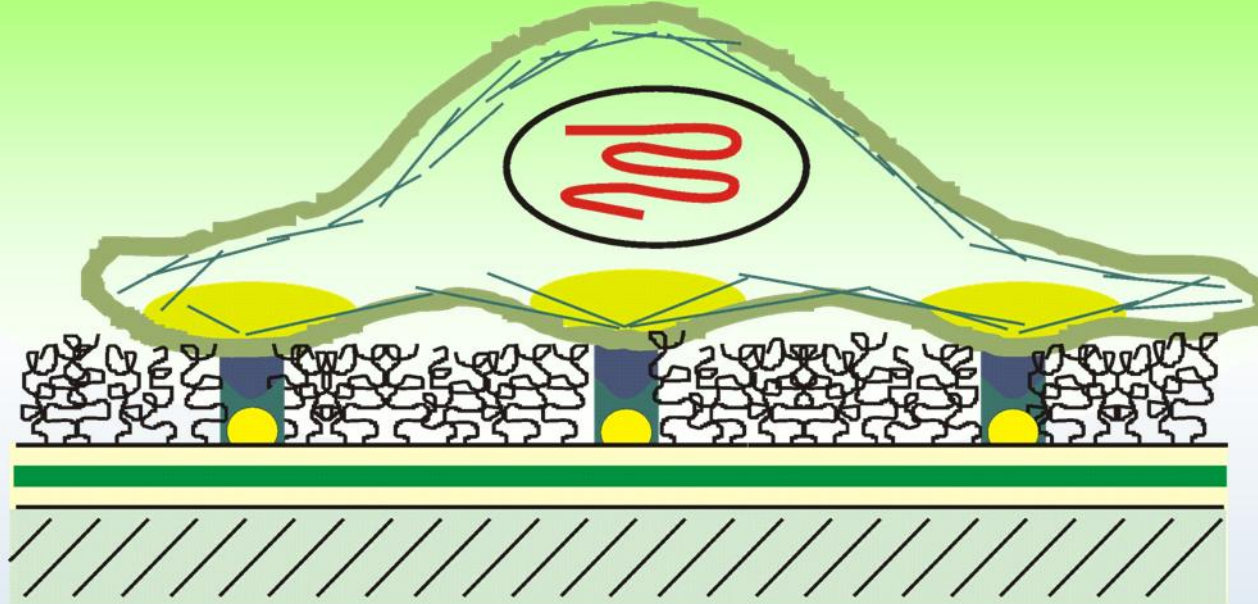
Winter College on Micro and Nano Photonics for Life Sciences

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Molecular Engineering of Cellular Environments: Cell Adhesion to Nano-Digital Surfaces (part I & II)

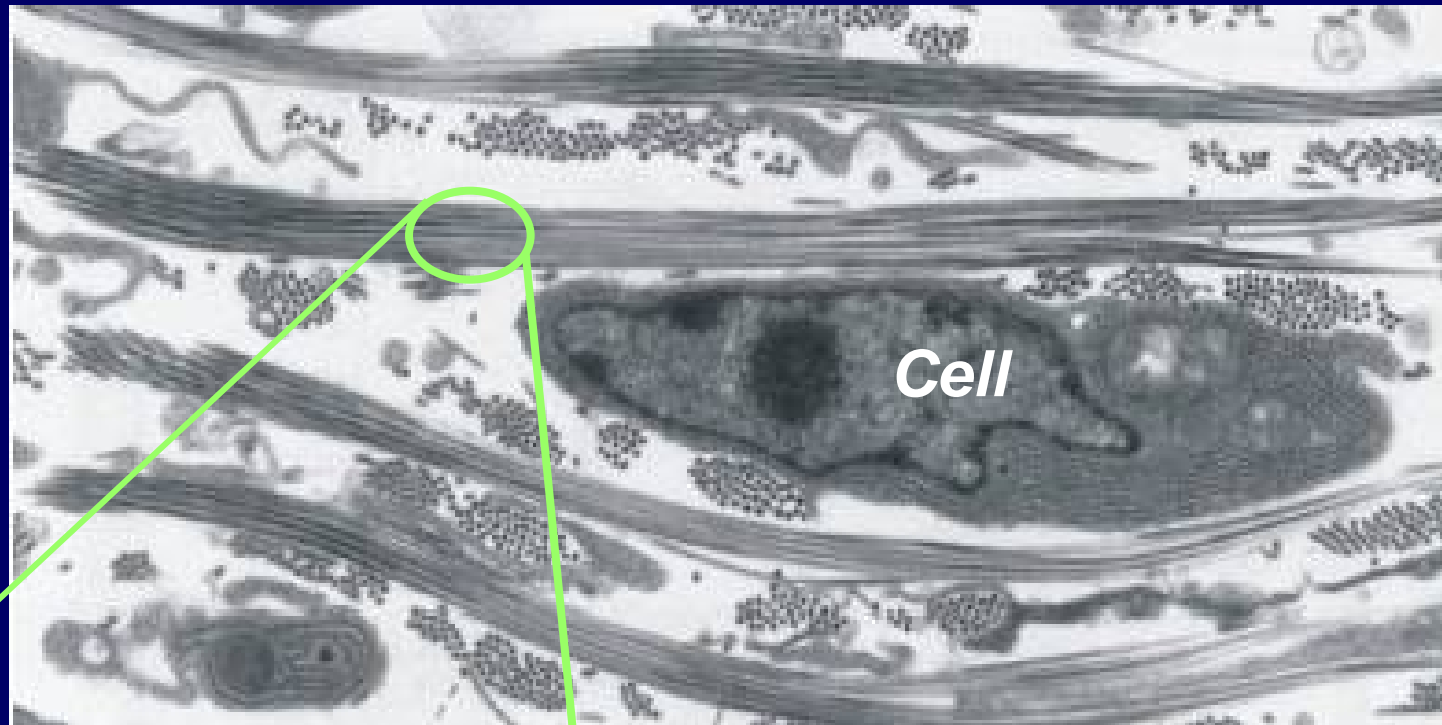
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Material Sciences

The Extracellular Matrix



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D.J. Müller et al. J. Struc. Biol. 2004, 148, 268

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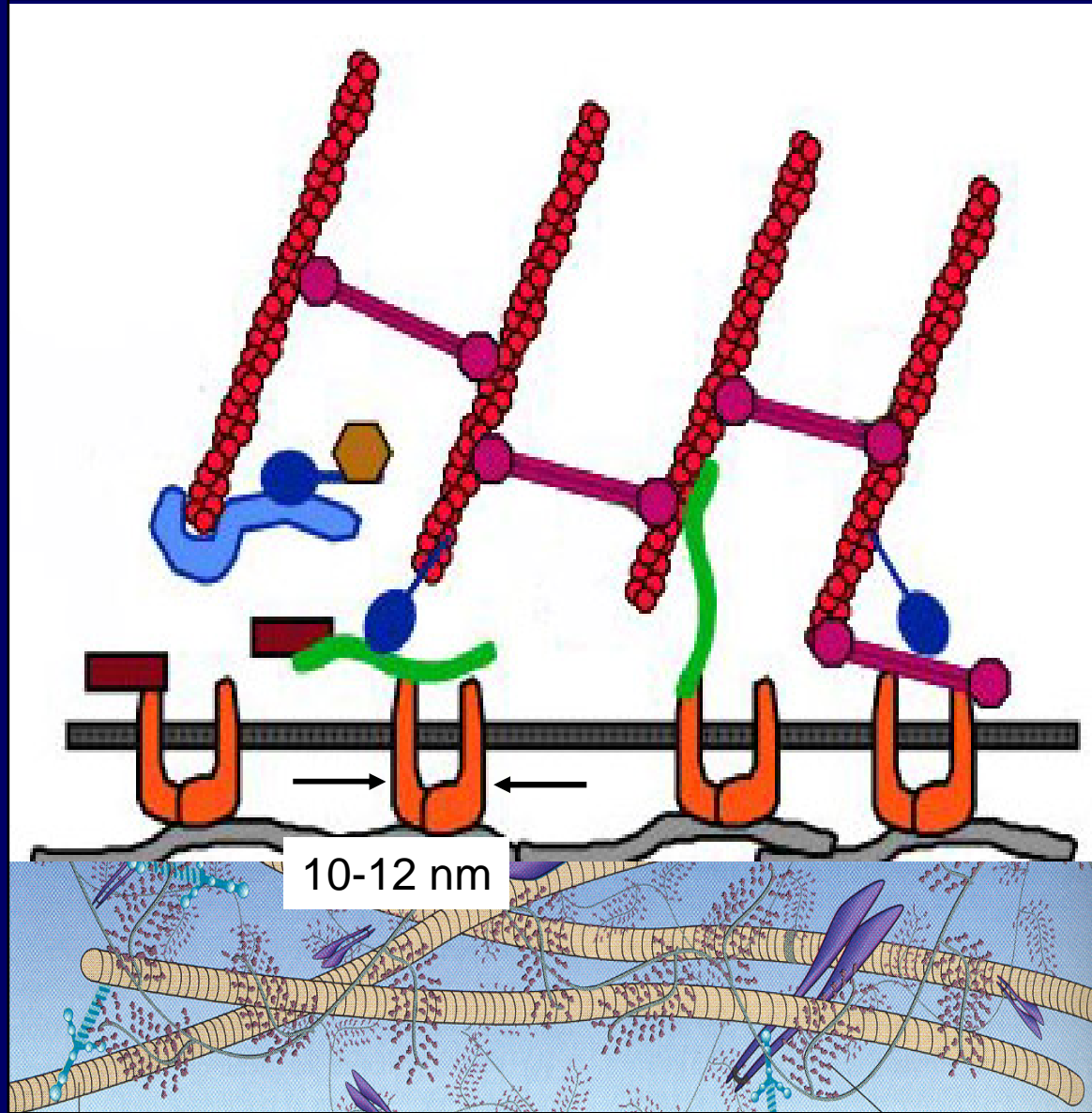
Matrix Information

- Micro- and Nano- Topography
- Viscoelasticity
- Chemical Nano-Composition

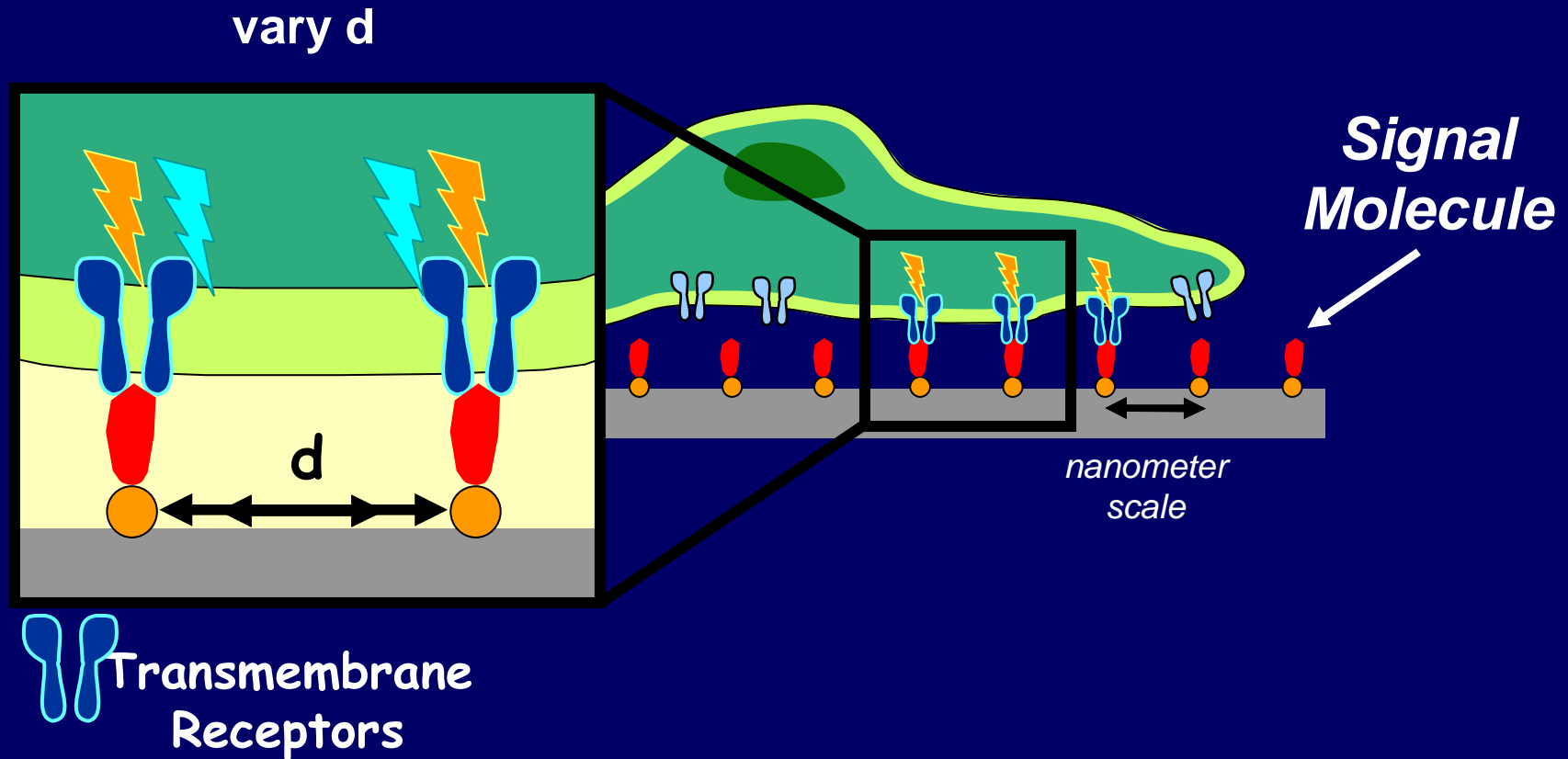
Length Scales in Cell Sciences

PART I – Nanometer Length Scale

PART II – Micrometer Length Scale



Controlled Clustering of Receptors Provides Functionality in Cell Biology

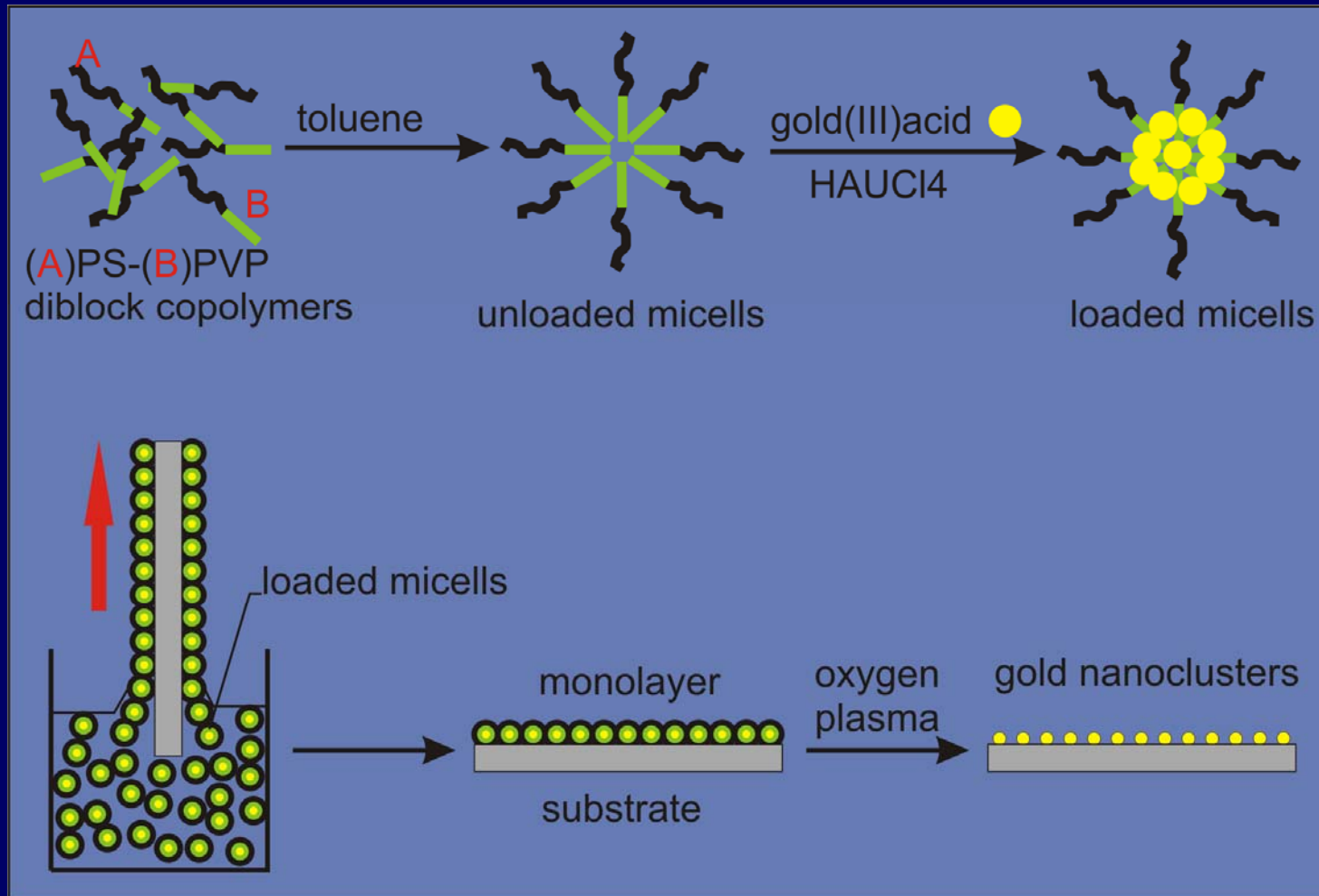


Nanolithography < 10 nm

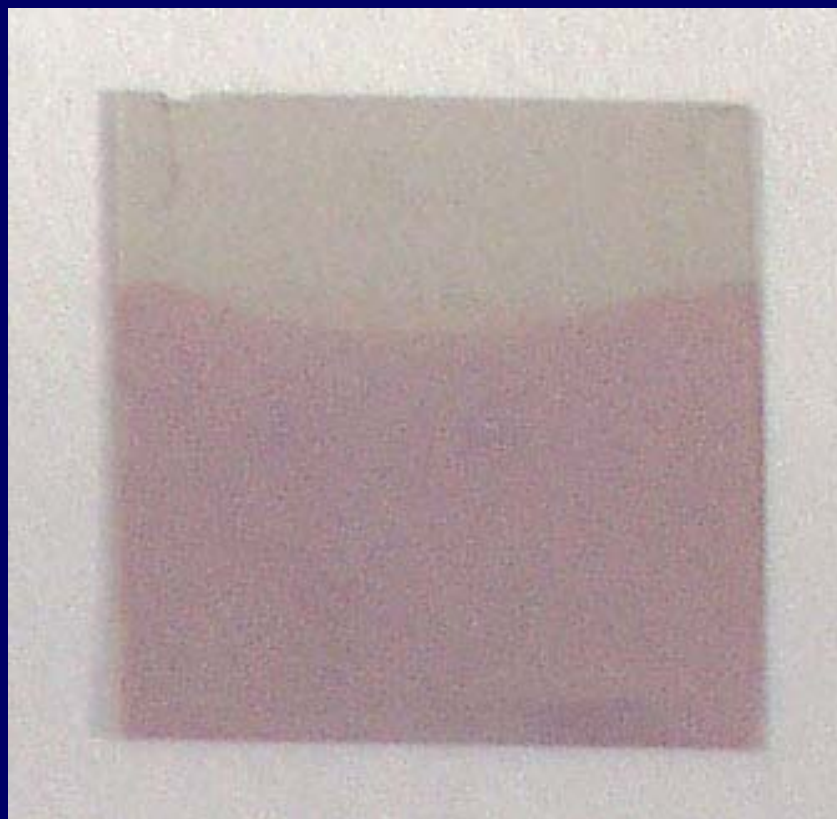


**Block Copolymer Micelle
Nanolithography**

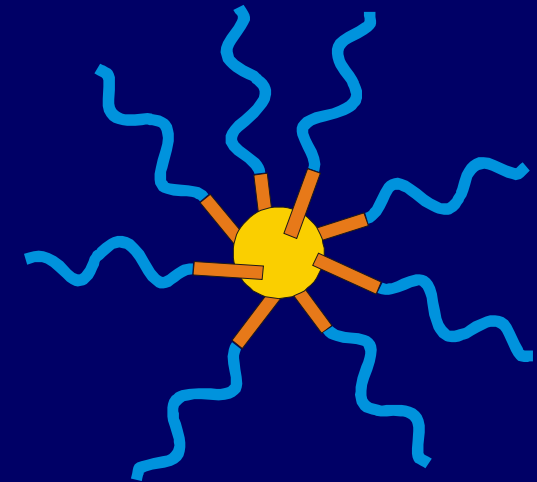
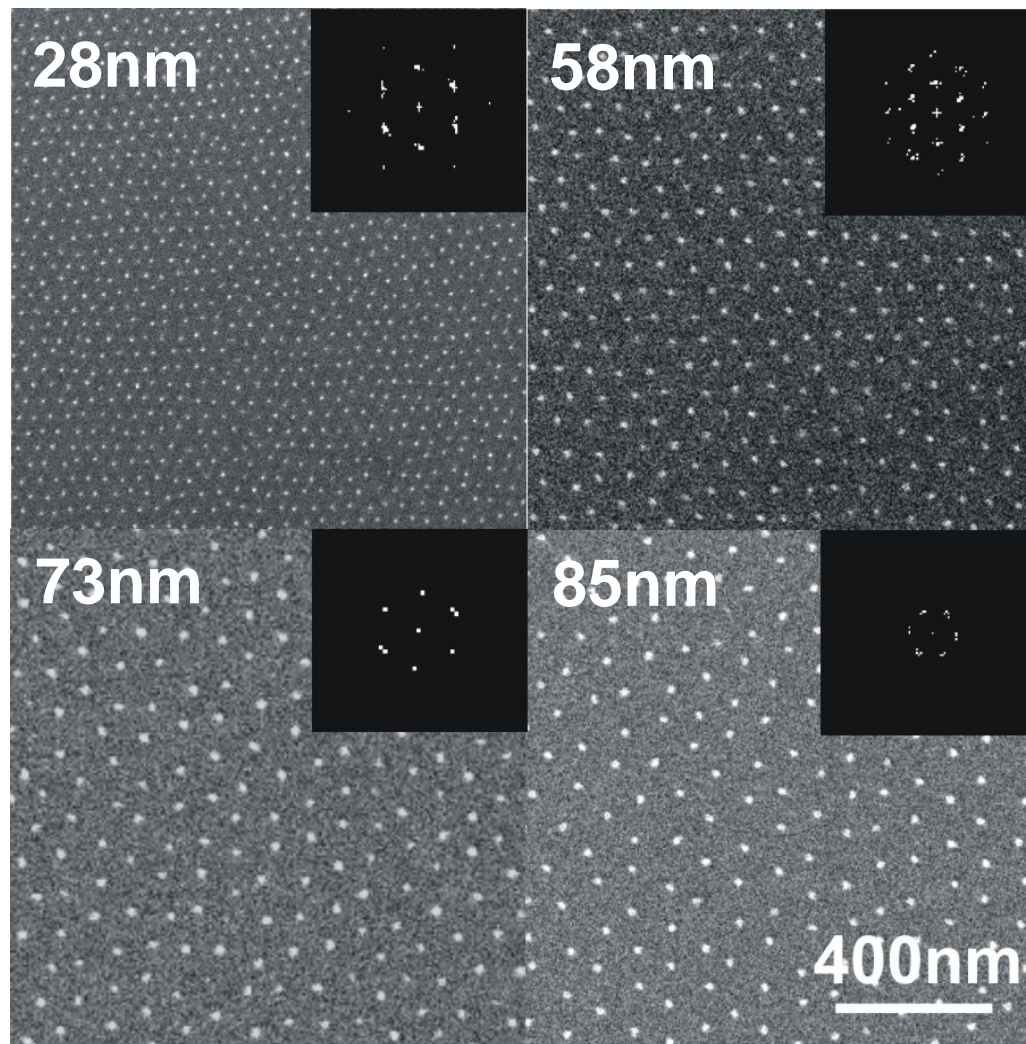
Block Copolymer Micelle Nanolithography



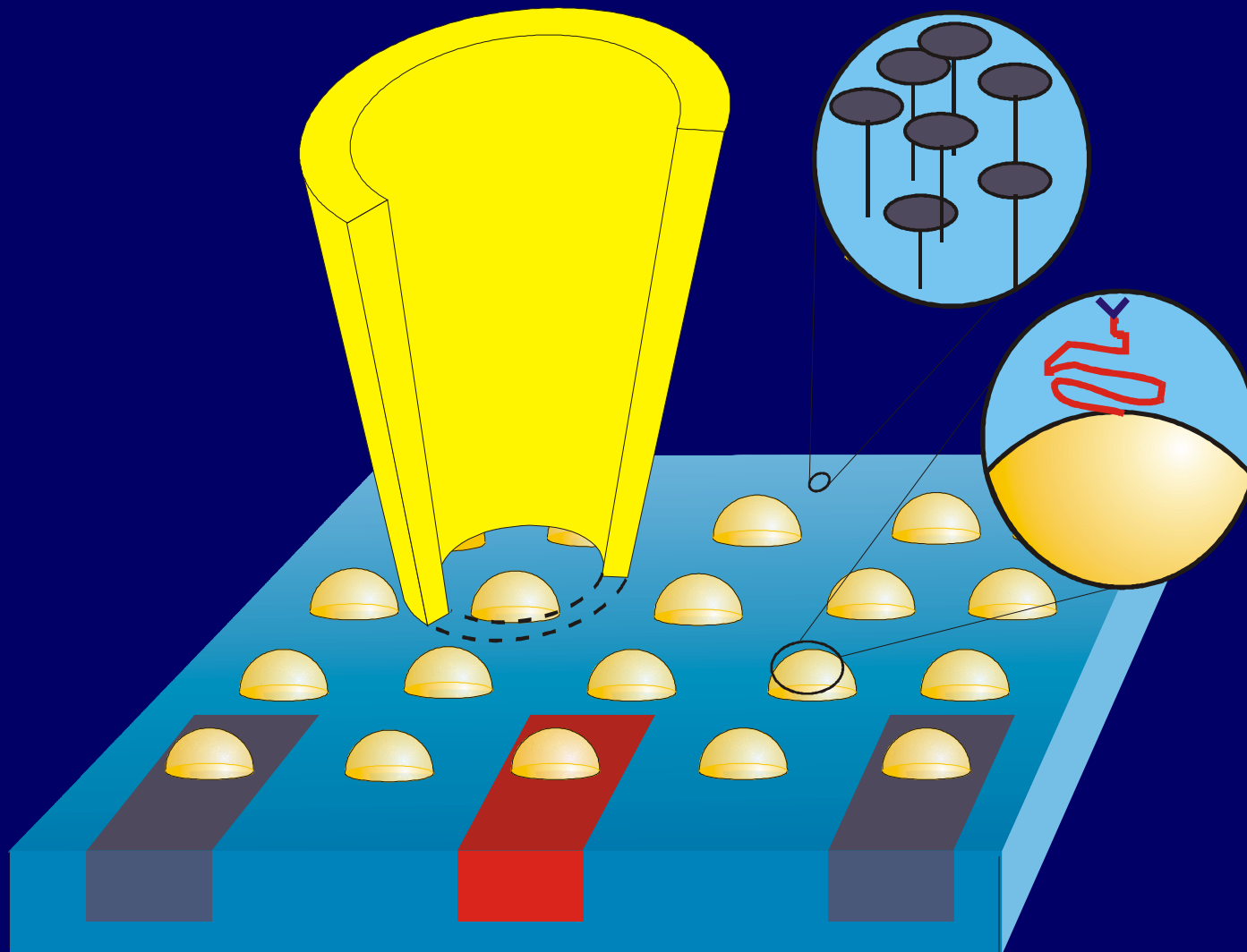
restricted to solid inorganic surfaces



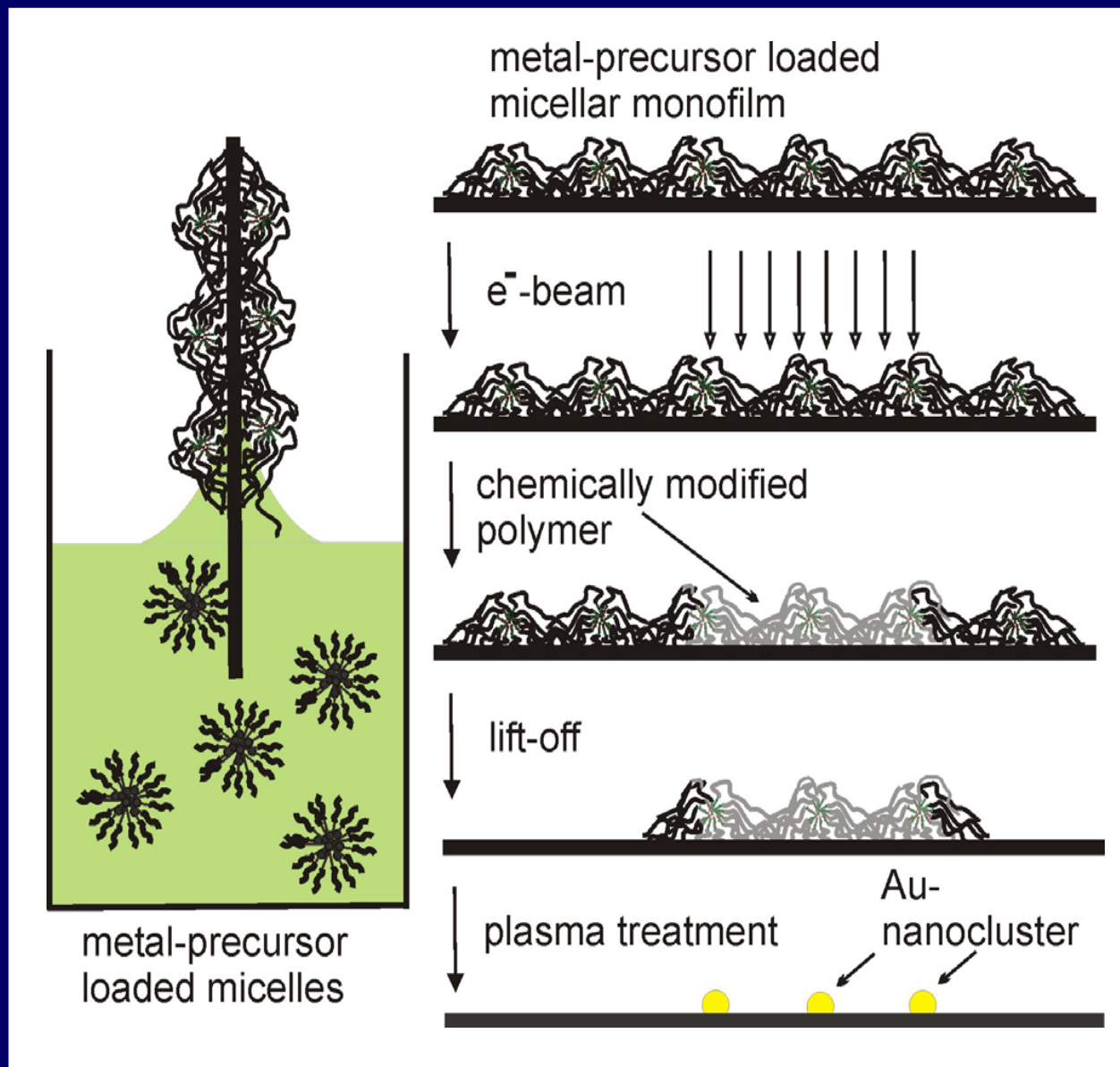
20 nm Au-dot pattern



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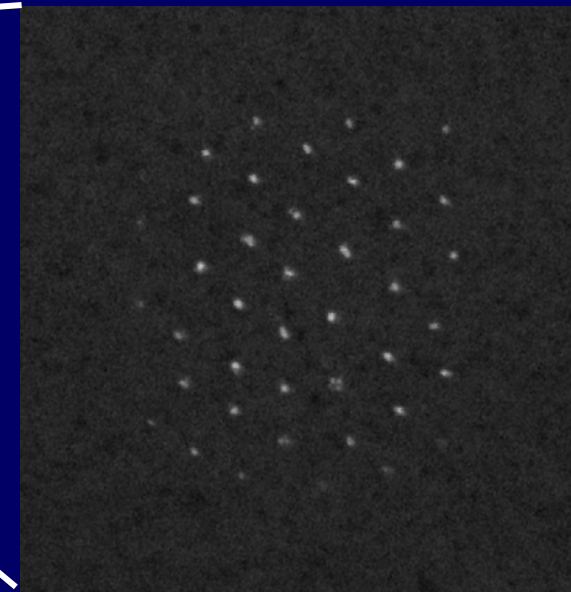
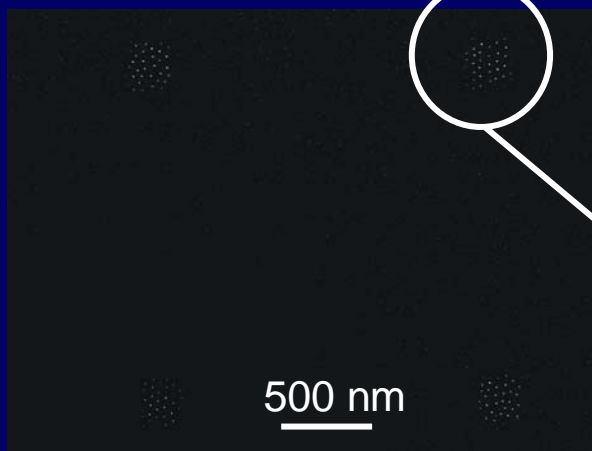
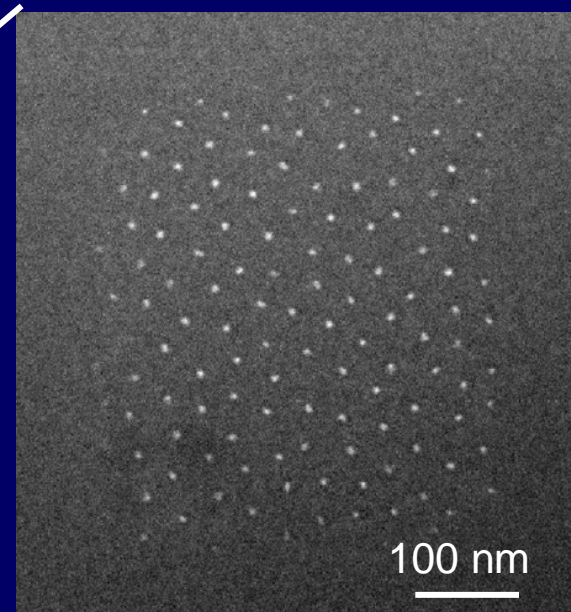
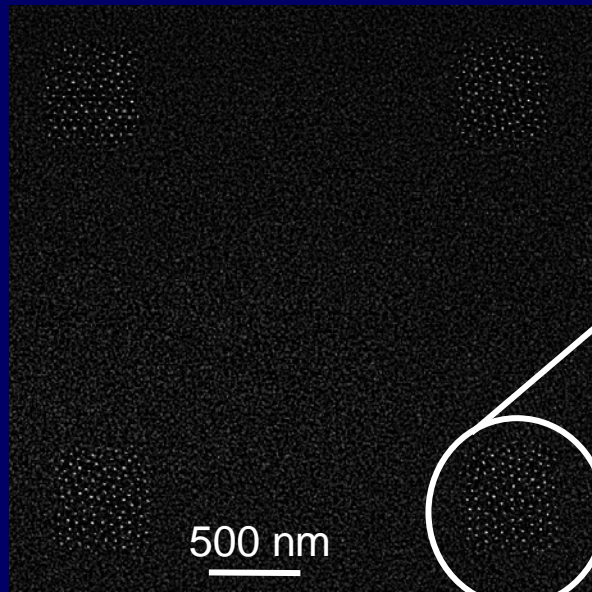


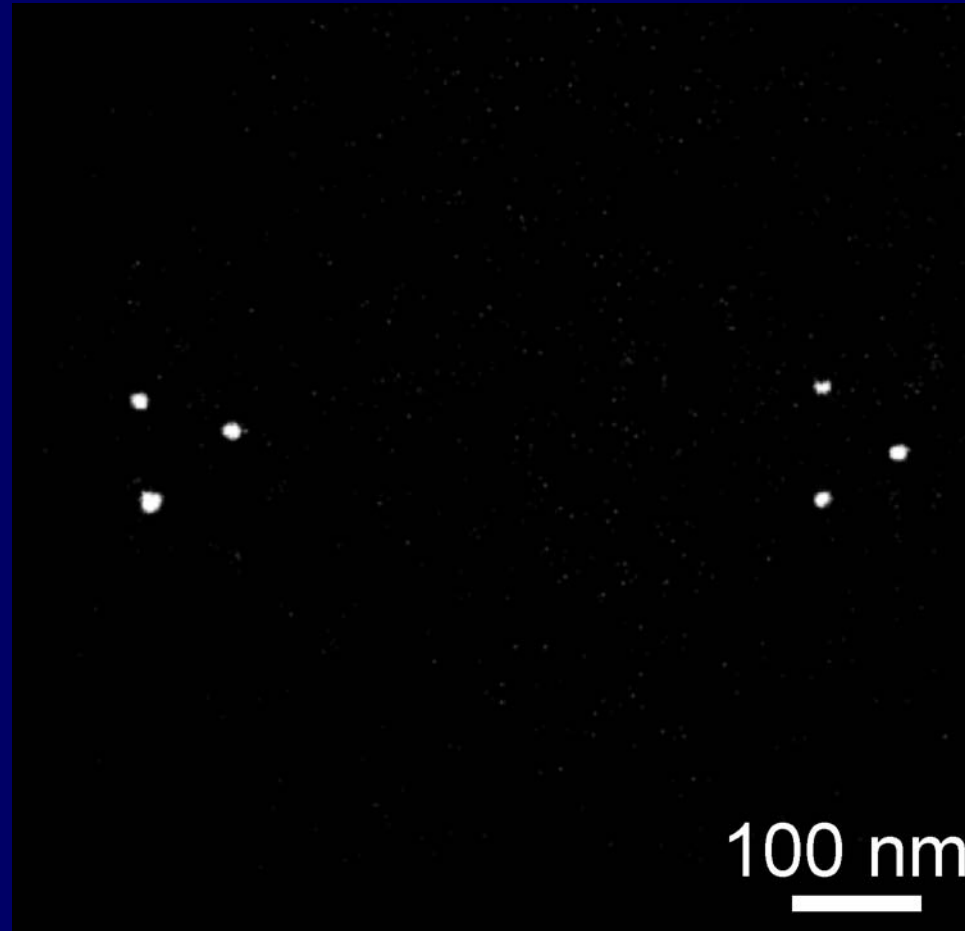
Micellar Block Copolymer Resist Lithography

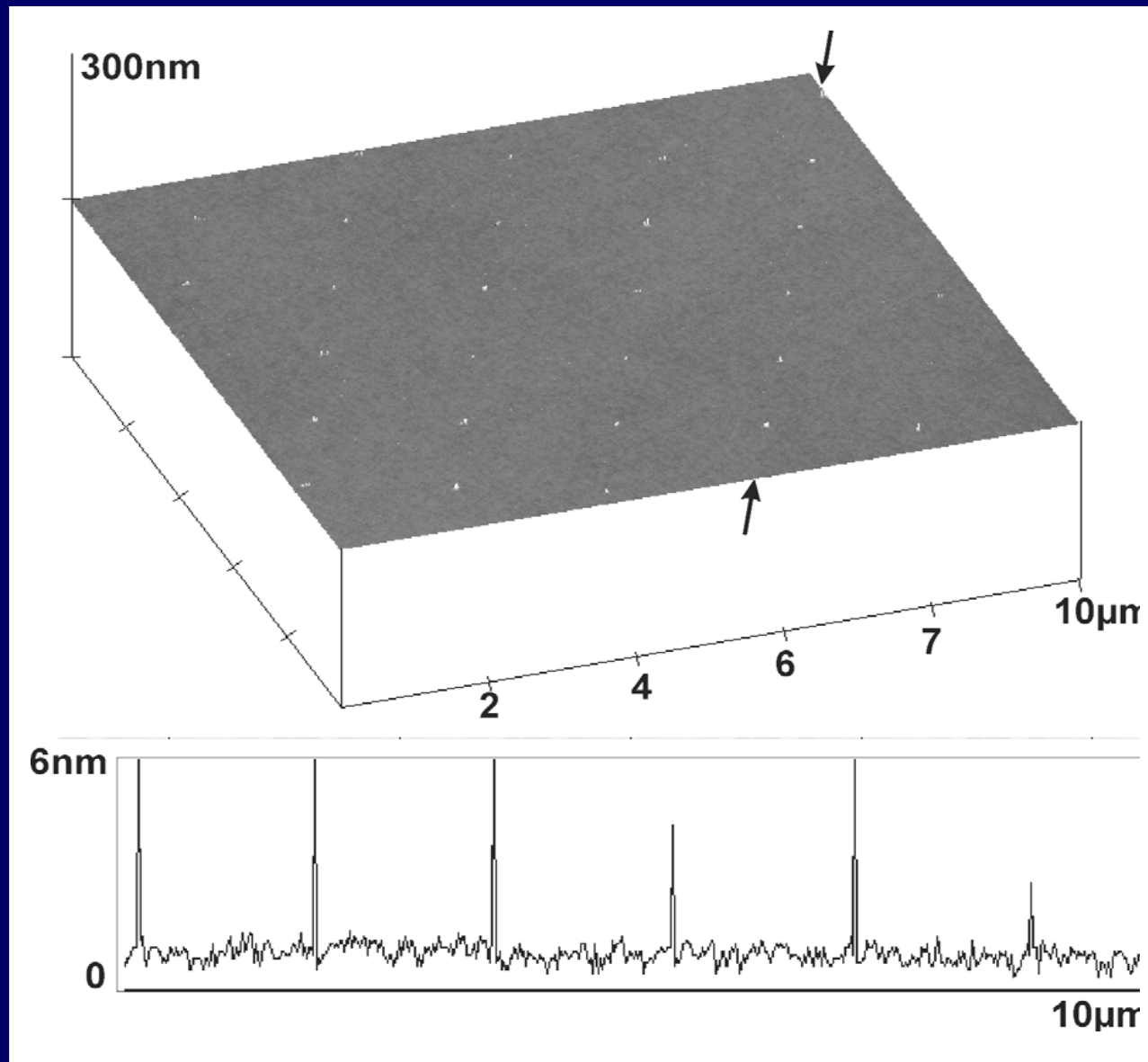


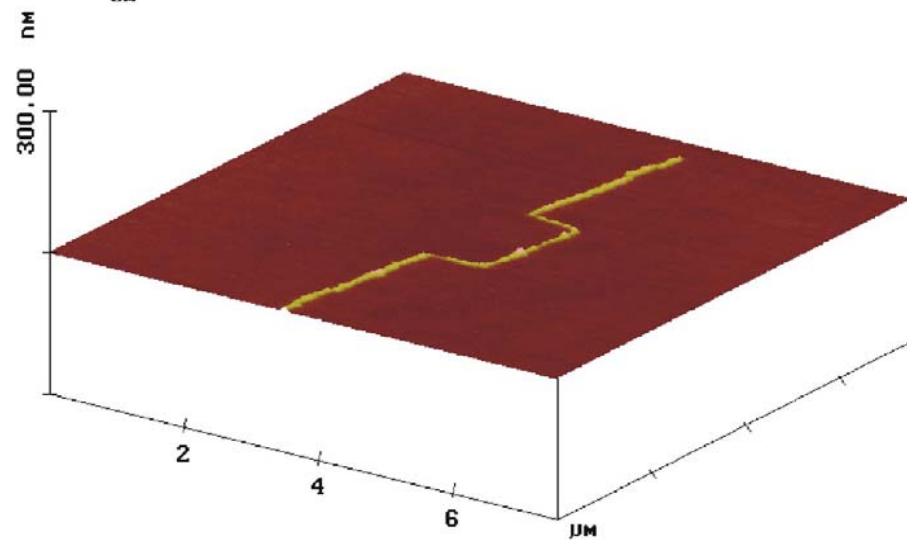
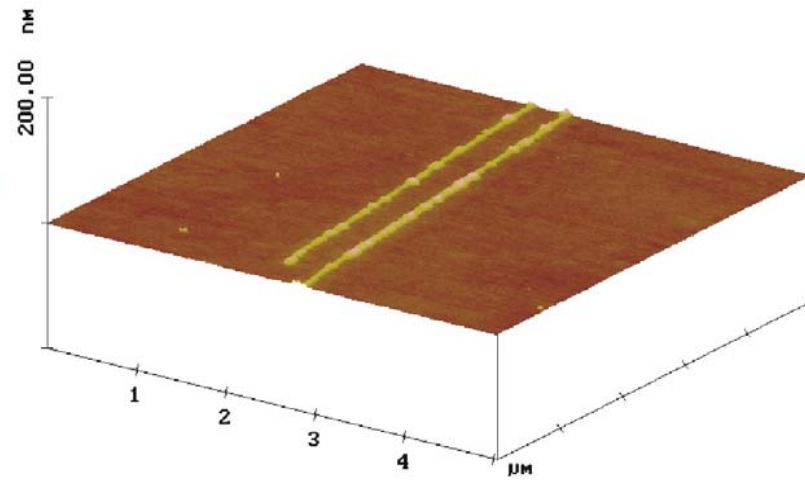
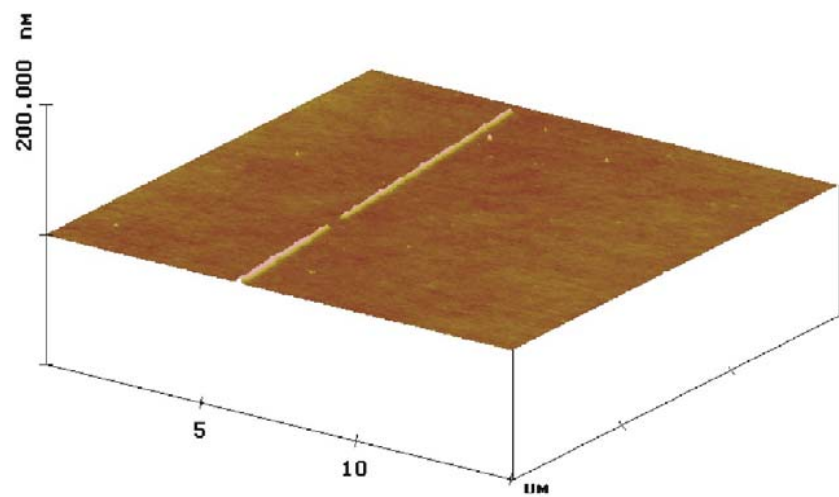
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"Micro" Nanostructures



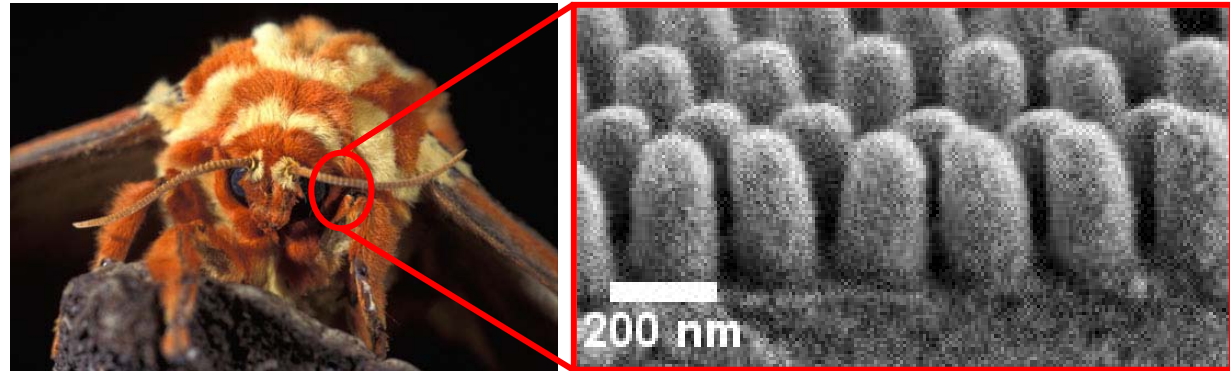




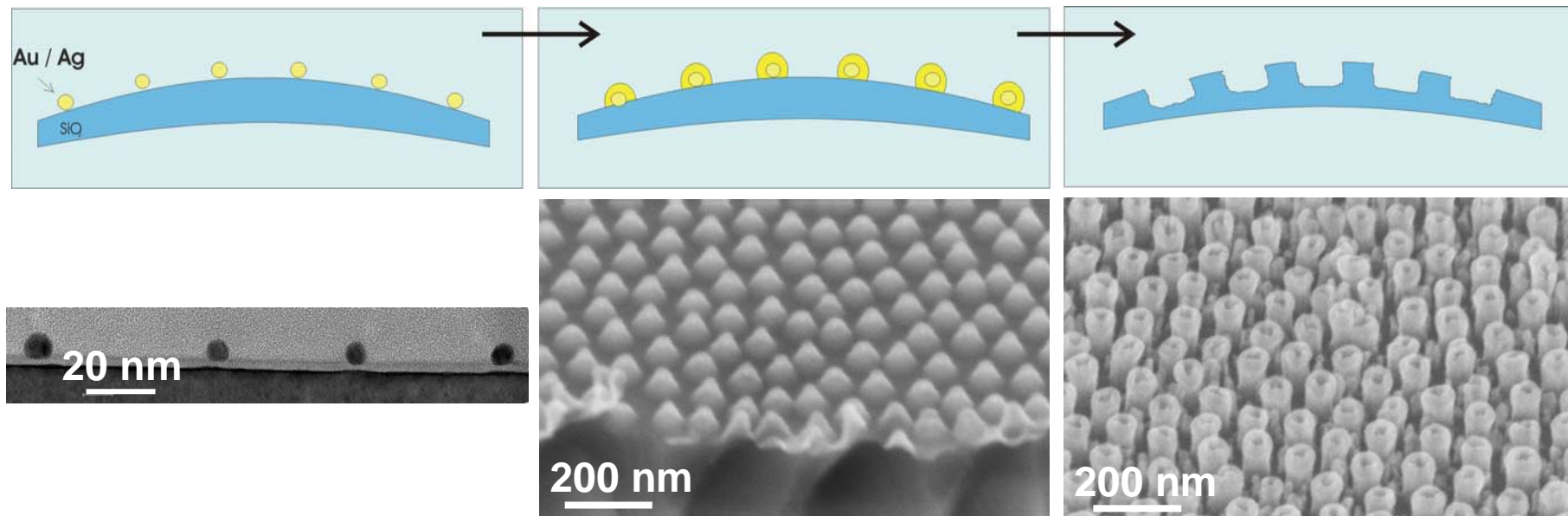


Anti-Reflective Interfaces / Micro-Optics

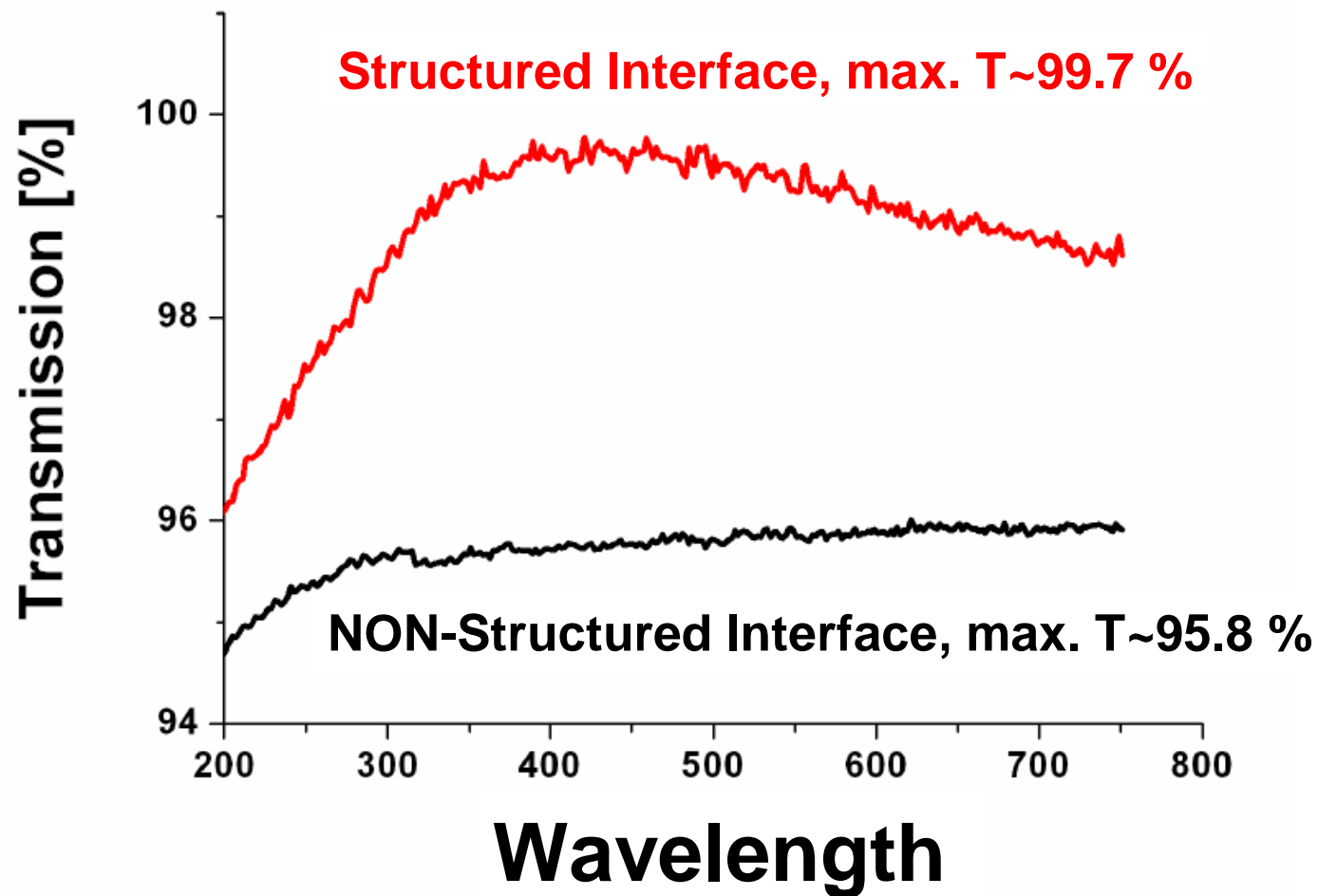
Moth Eye



Optical Lens

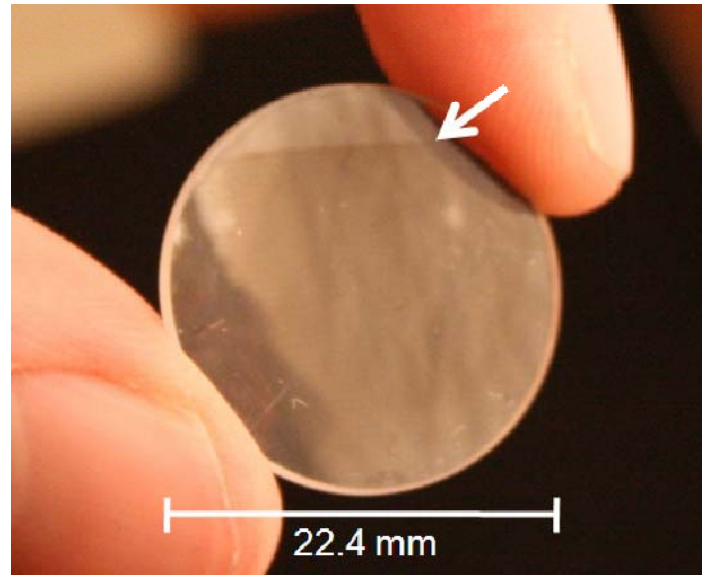


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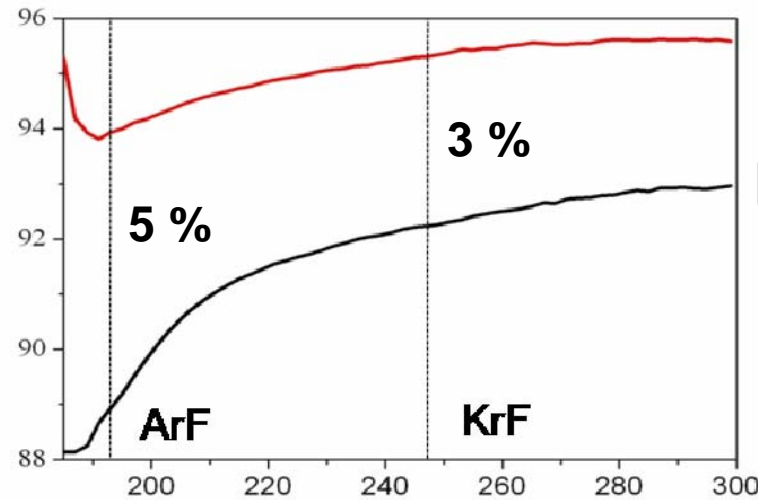


Anti-Reflective Interfaces / Micro-Optics

Visible-Light Reflection



UV-Light Transmission



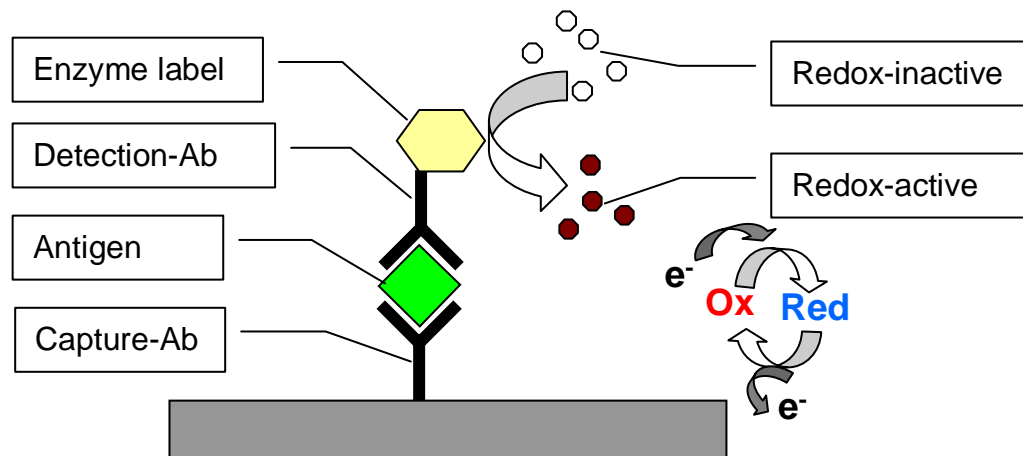
Structured interface

NON structured interface

Wavelength [nm]

Theo Lohmüller, MPI-MF & Uni-HD

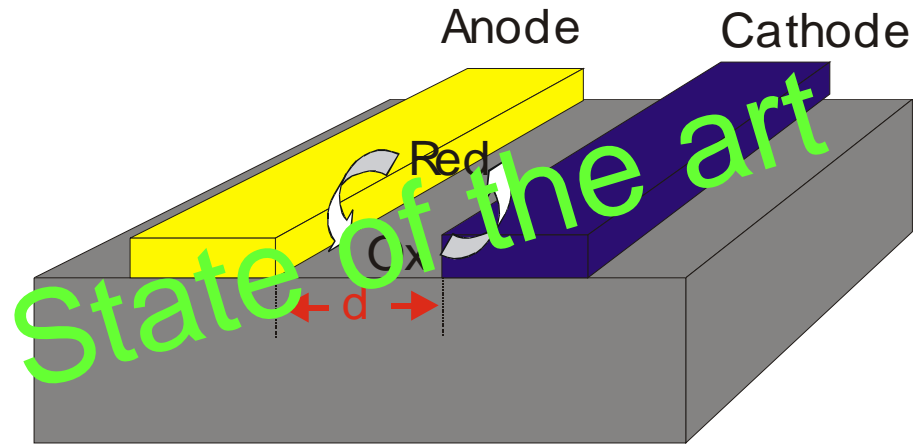
Assays with electrochemical detection



- Incubation with antigen (sample)
- wash
- incubation with enzyme labeled detection antibody
- wash
- add substrate
- measurement

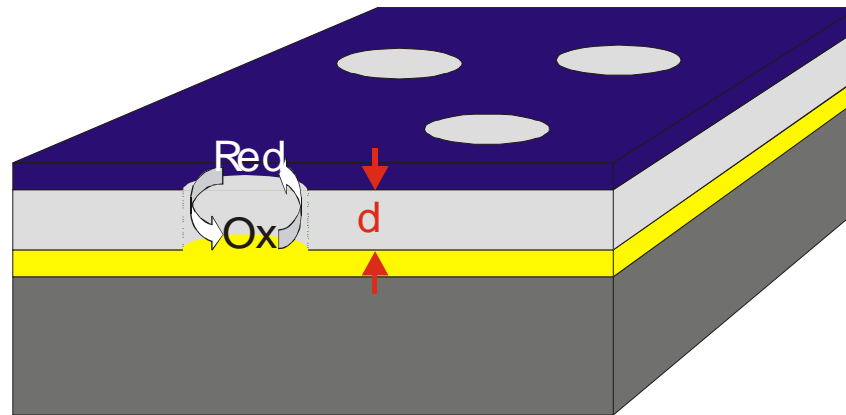
- Enzyme converts redox-inactive molecule to redox active mediator
- Repeated oxidation / reduction will increase signal:
redox - cycling

Redox cycling: why nano-electrodes?

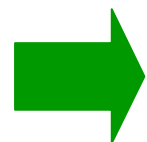


- Requires small anode / cathode spacing $< 1\mu\text{m}$
- State of the art: amplification factor of ≈ 10
- Difficult & expensive fabrication limits applicability in diagnostics

The NanoBioPore concept

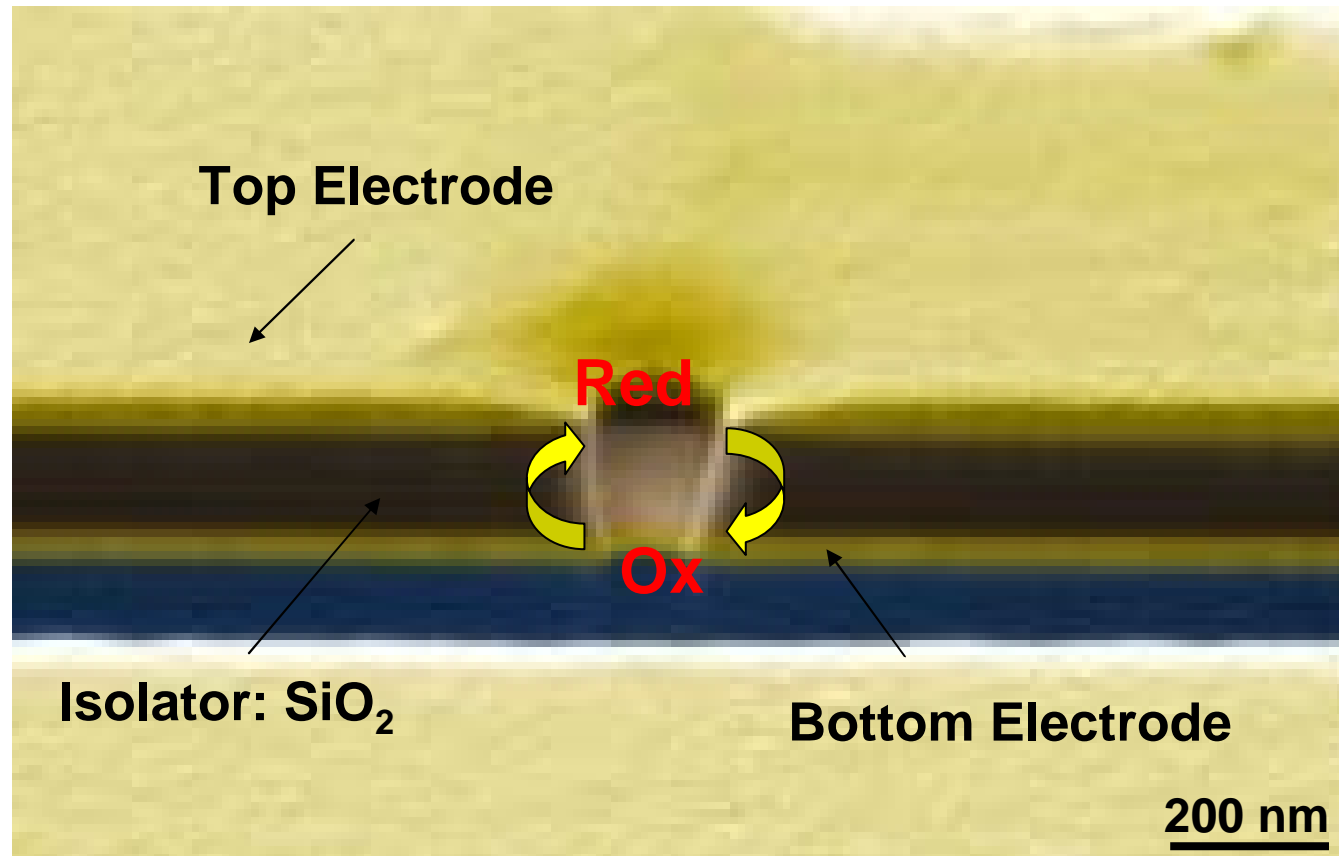


- Multiple micro- or nanopores, laterally connected
- Electrode spacing defined by insulator thickness



Micro-structure technology based on *self-assembly* process

REDOX-CYCLING IN PORES



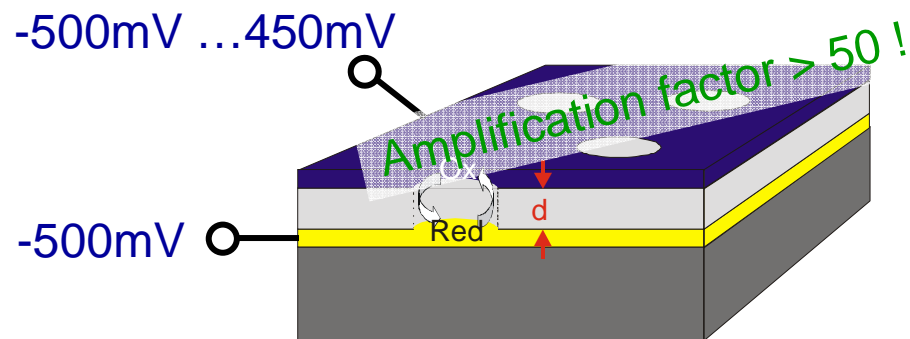
in collaboration with M. Stelzle, **NMI Reutlingen**, W. Schuhmann, **Bielefeld**
S. Linke, **HL Planar**, C. Kottig, **EVOTEC**

... also applied as filters with pore diameter smaller 30 nm

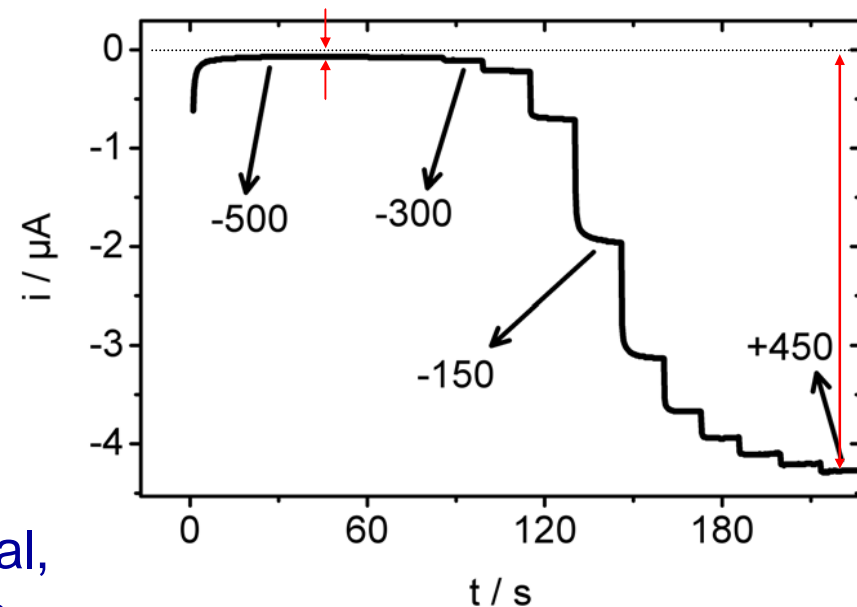
Redoxcycling in Nanopores

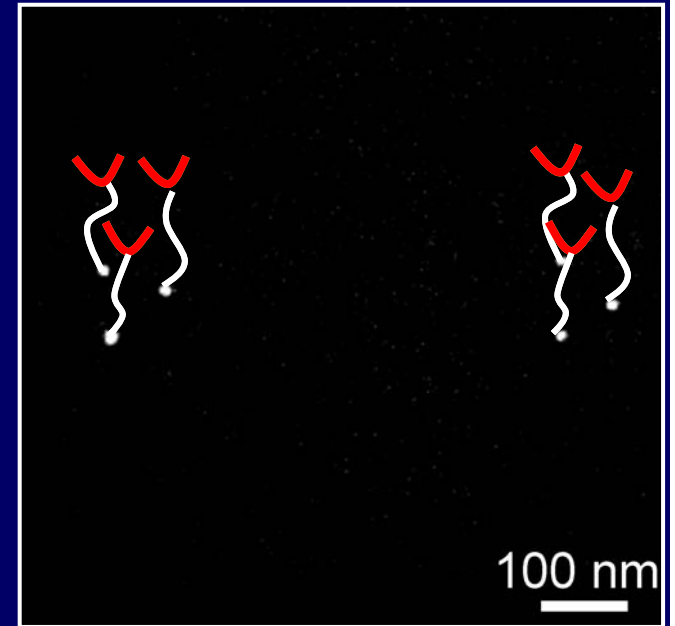
Signal amplification by redoxcycling in nanopores demonstrated!

Redox couple: $\text{Ru}[\text{NH}_3]_6\text{Cl}_3$



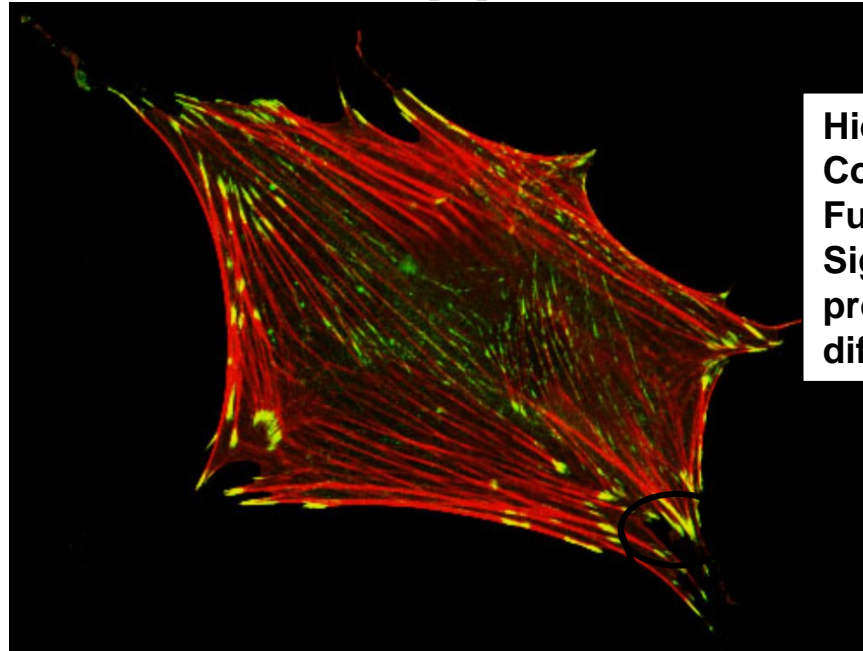
Bottom electrode at constant potential,
Variation of potential of top electrode



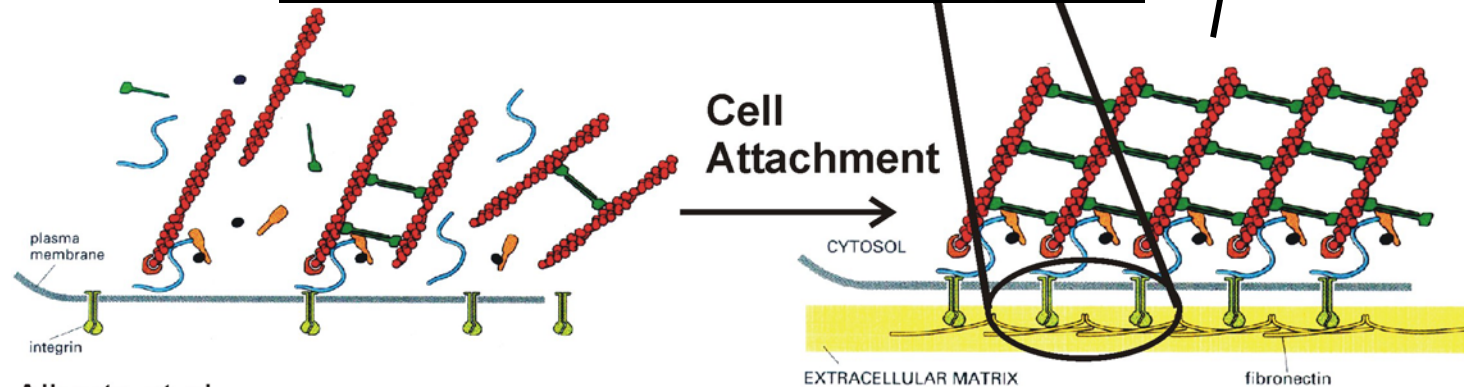


Challenge

to position and group single proteins by single chemical binding sites into different geometries on rigid platforms and to investigate their cooperative function.



Hierarchical Protein Assembly
Cooperativity
Function:
Signaling events such as
proliferation, apoptosis,
differentiation

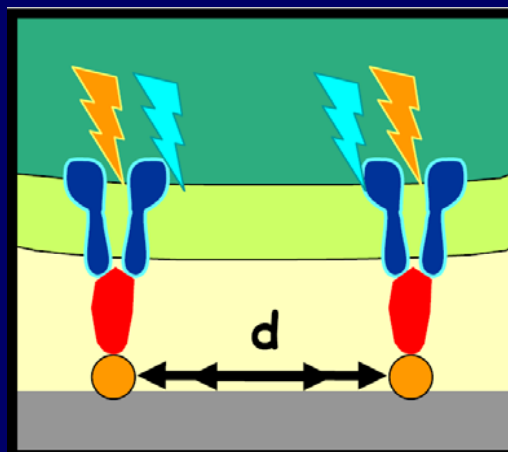


Alberts et al.
Molecular Biology of the Cell

Cell Spreading on 58 nm pattern



Cell Spreading on 73 nm pattern



58 nm RGD pattern

cell : REF52 wt

3h movie
1000 x real time



pattern distance : ~ 58 nm

50 μ m 

73 nm RGD pattern

50 μ m 



cell : REF52 wt

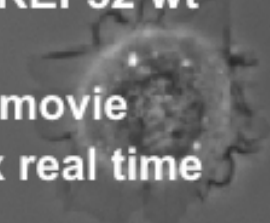
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pattern distance : ~73 nm

100 nm RGD pattern

cell : REF52 wt

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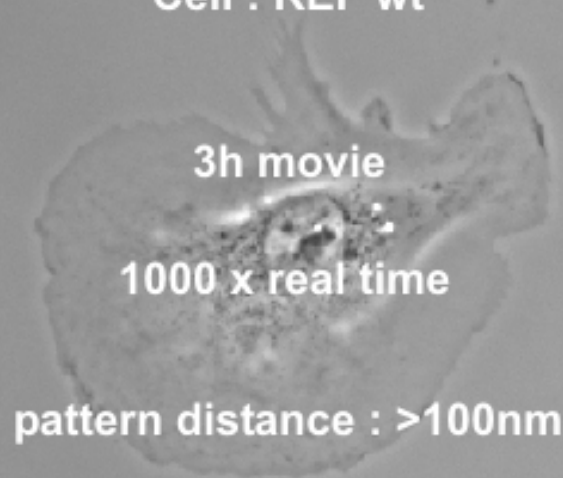
pattern distance : ~ 100nm

50 μ m 


> 100 nm RGD pattern

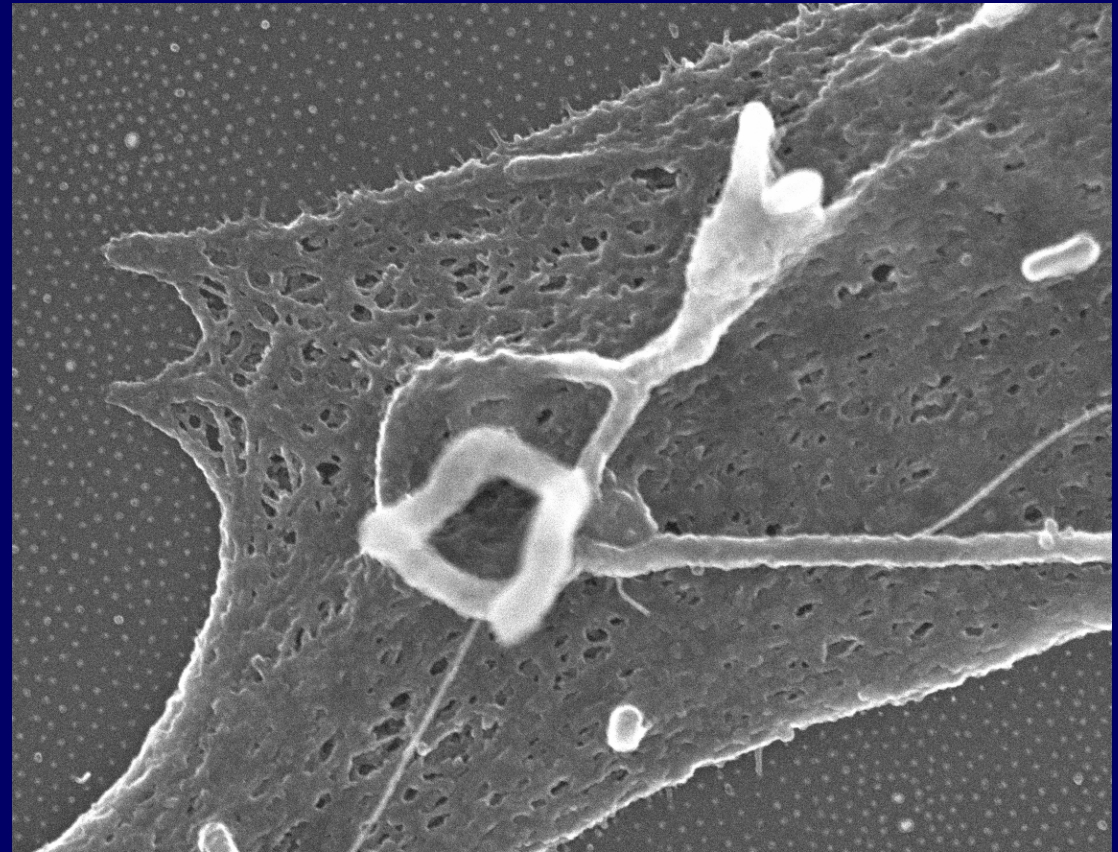
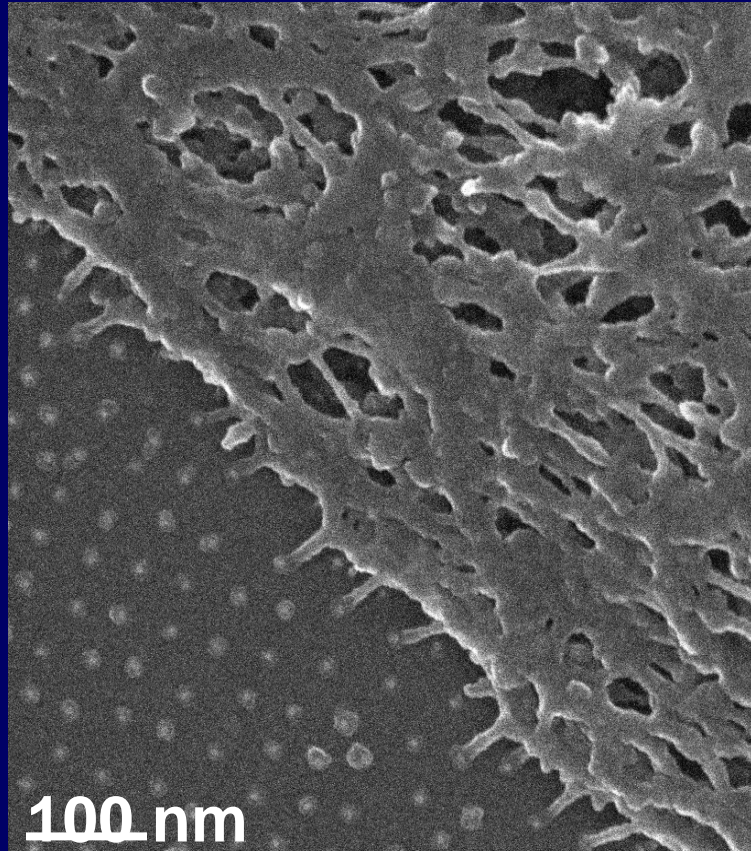
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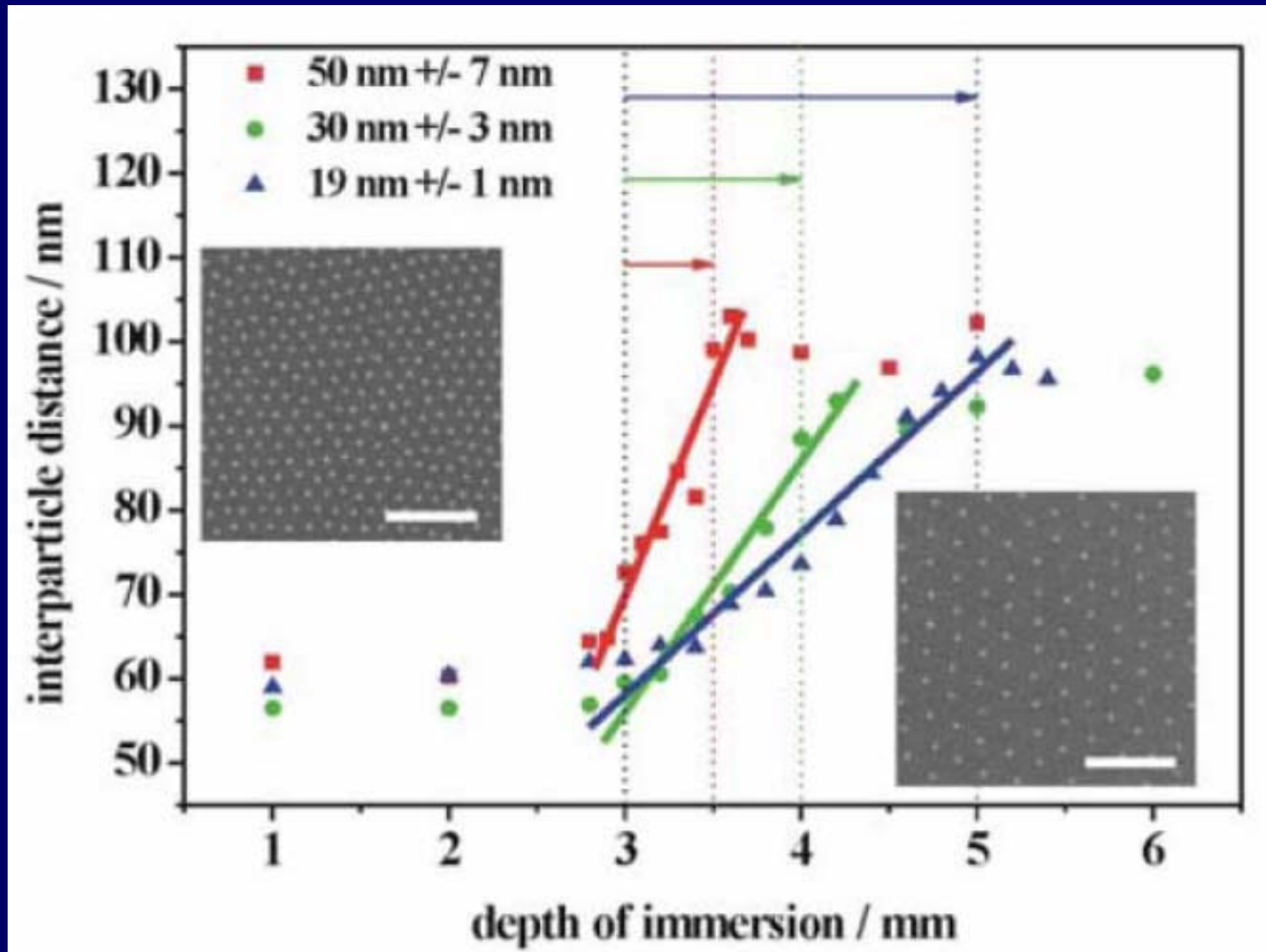


pattern distance : >100nm

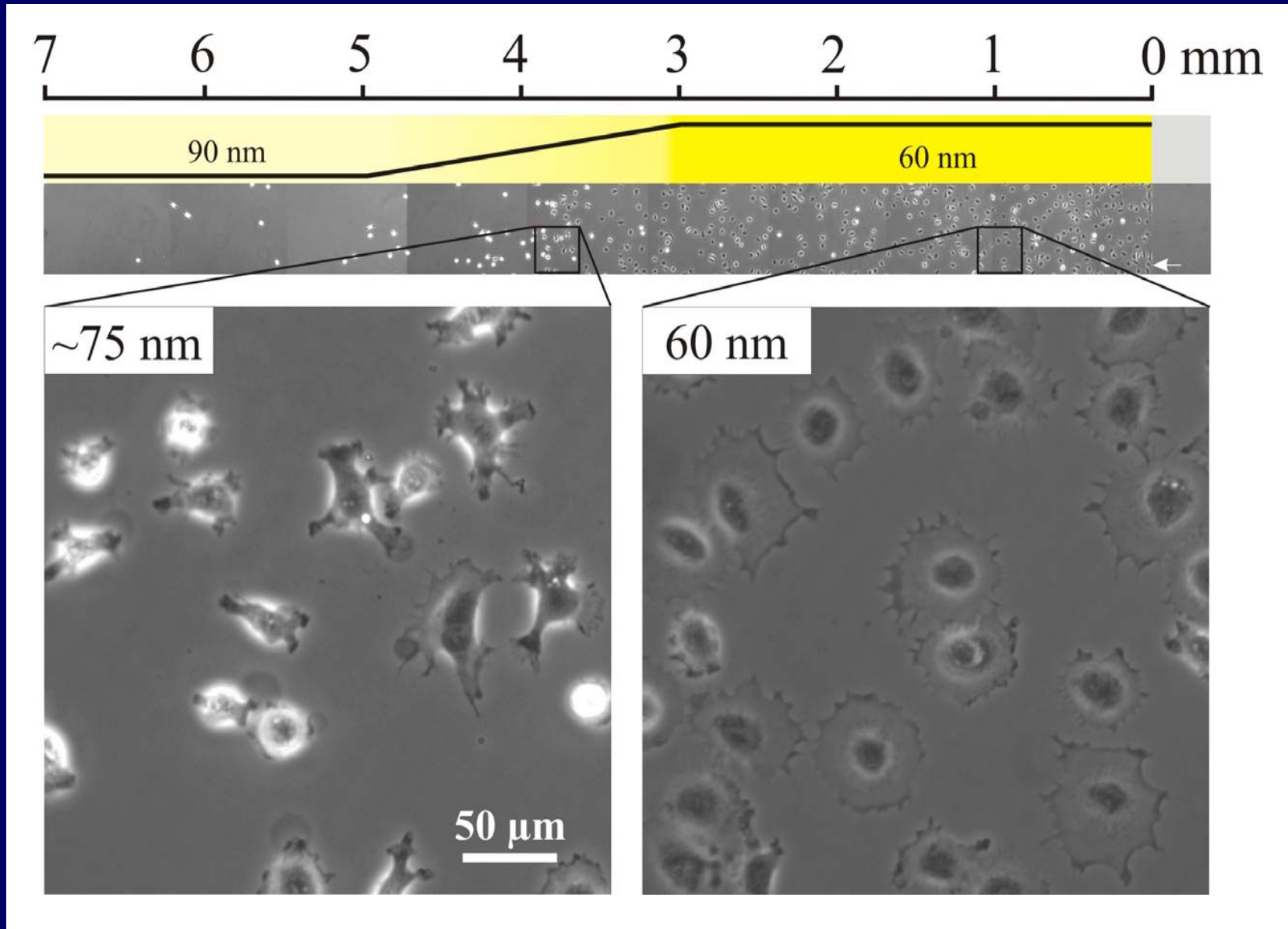
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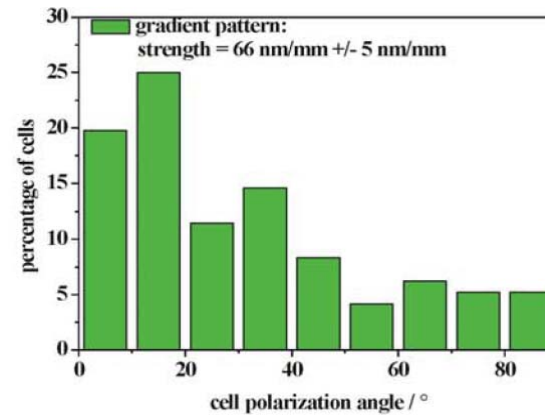
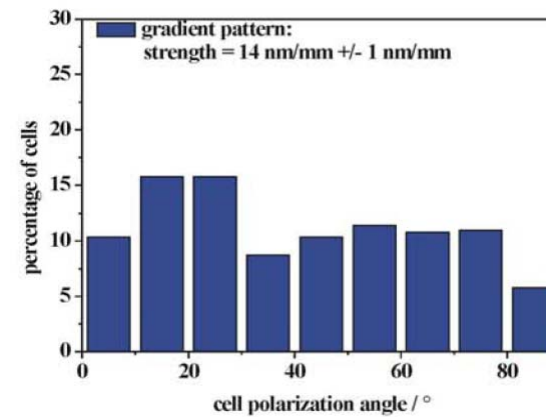
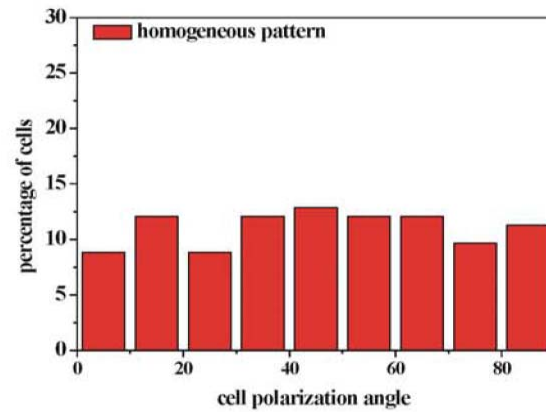


Nanoparticle Distance Gradient



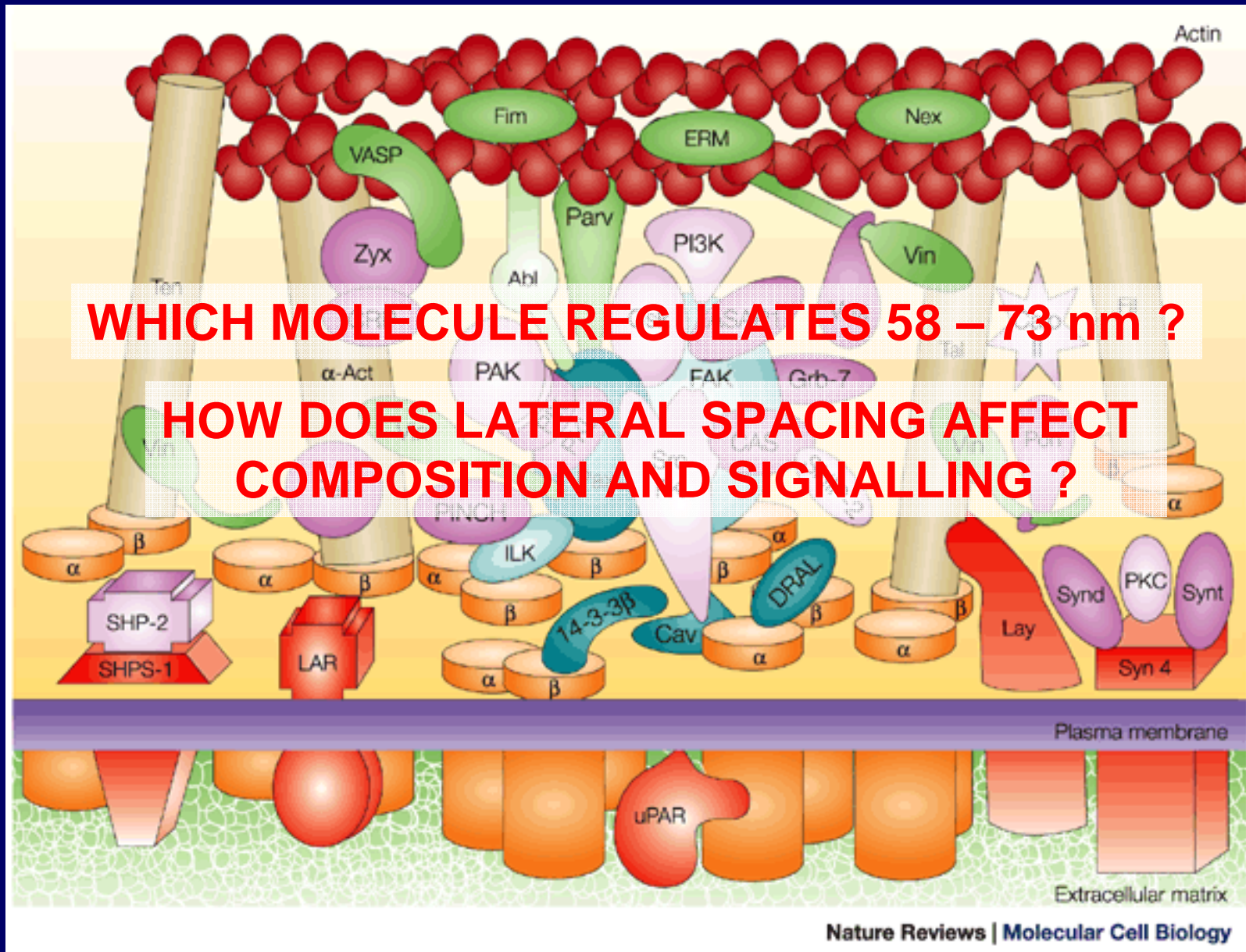
Molecularly Defined RGD-Peptide Gradient



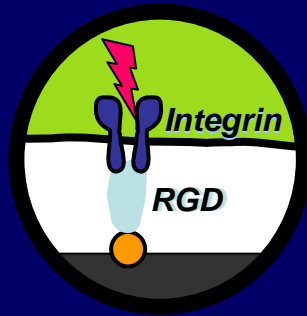


**~3 nm difference between cellular back and front
upon signal integration for 24 hours**

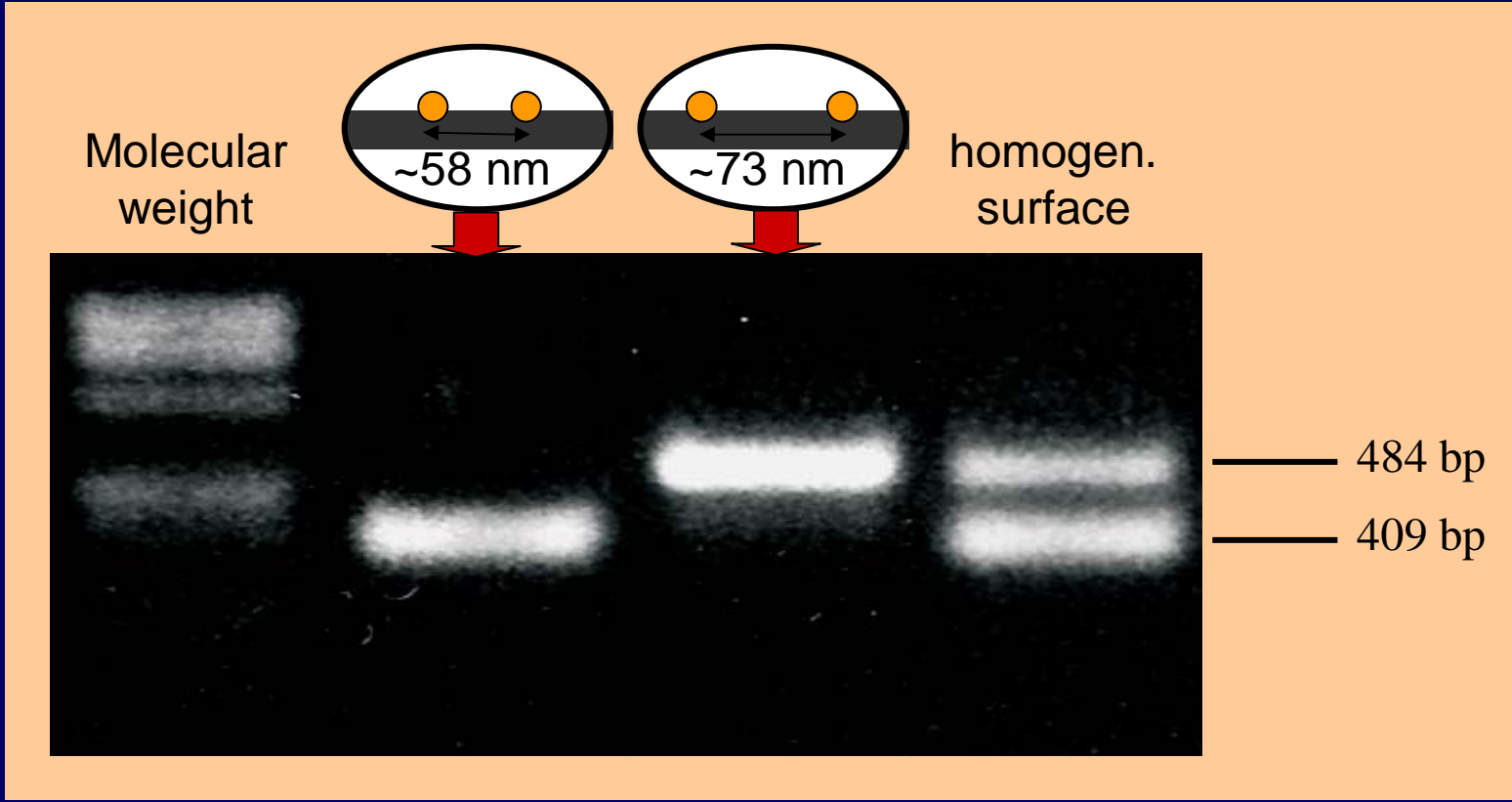
Programming Cell Function



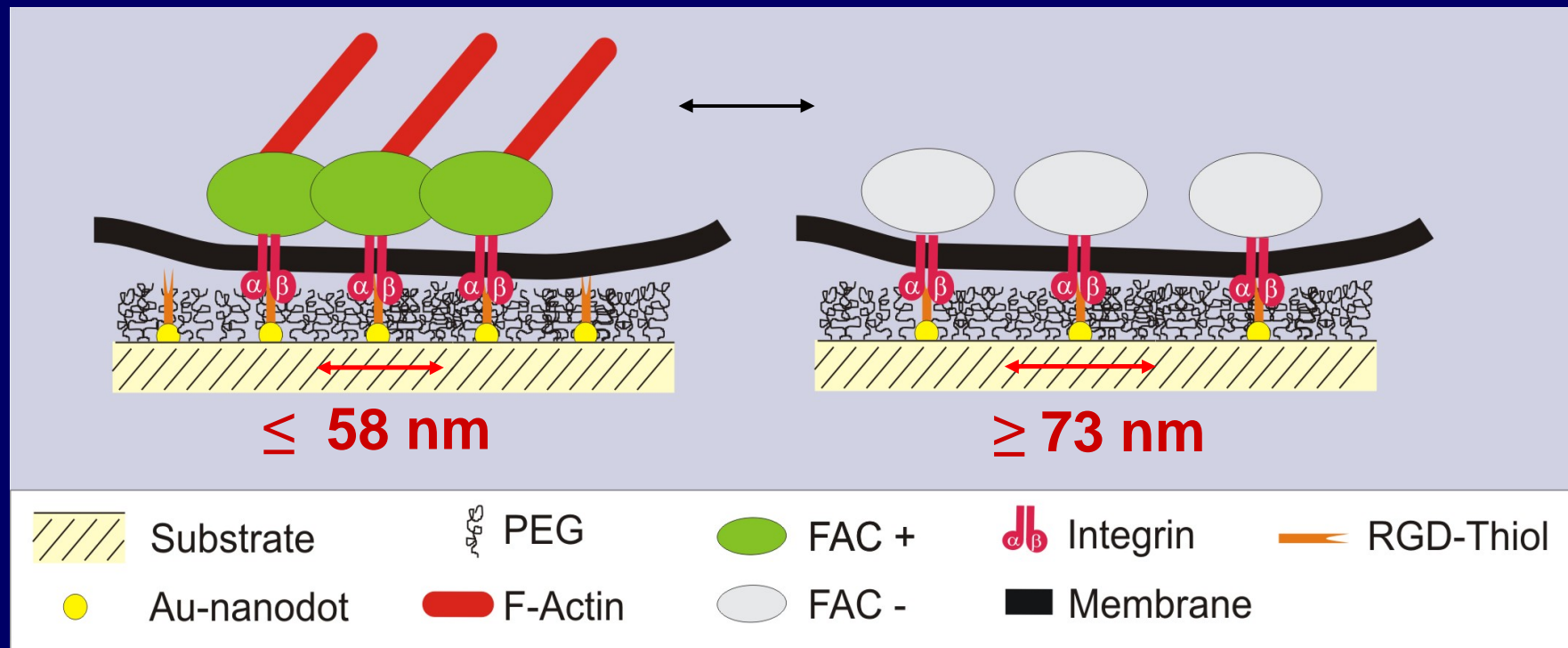
Benny Geiger, Weizmann Institute of Science



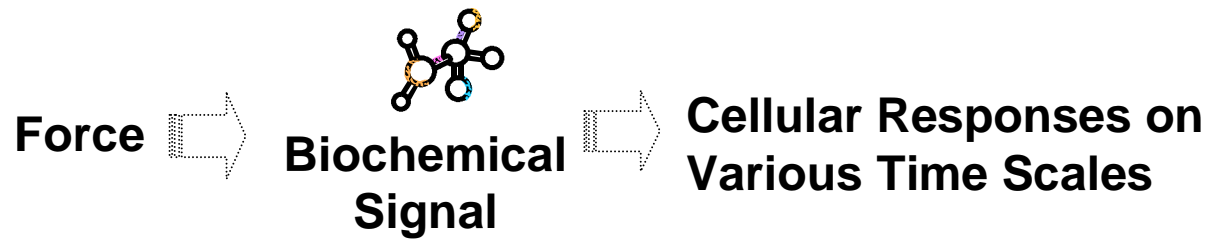
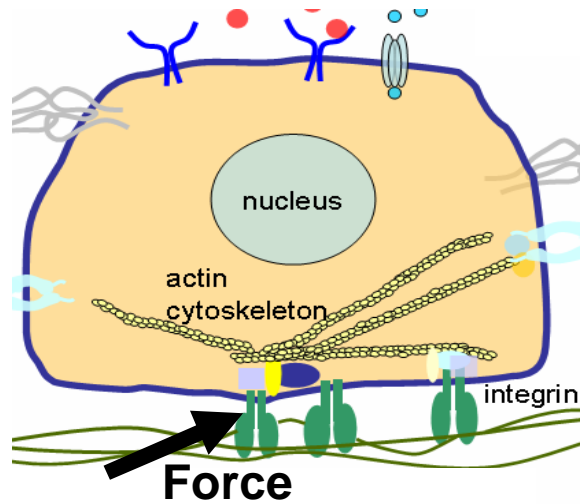
 **SWITCH ON / OFF** the synthesis of different spliced variants of fibronectin



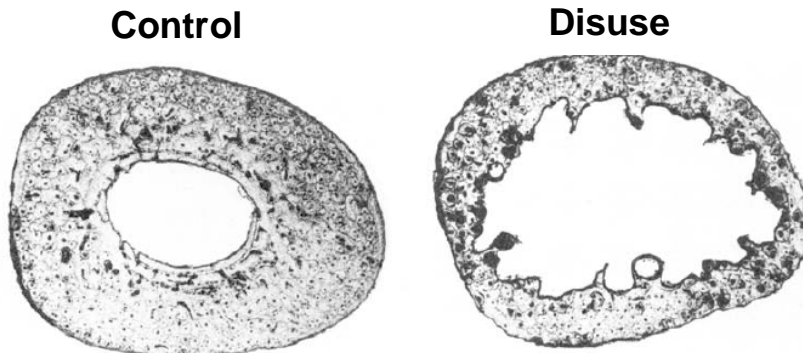
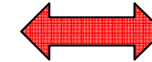
Integrin Cluster Activation Control by Nanopattern



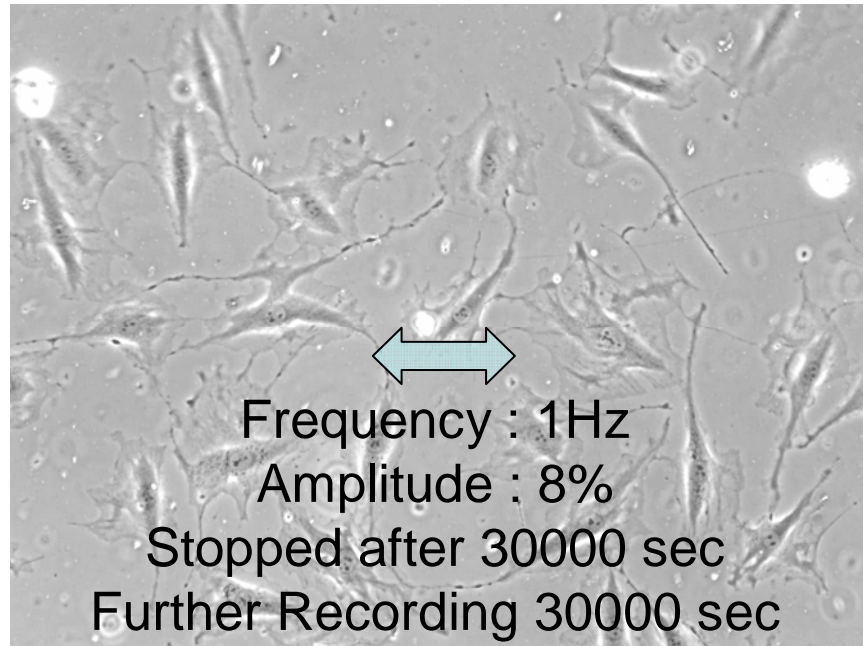
MECHANOSENSITIVITY



Cells on periodically stretched substrate

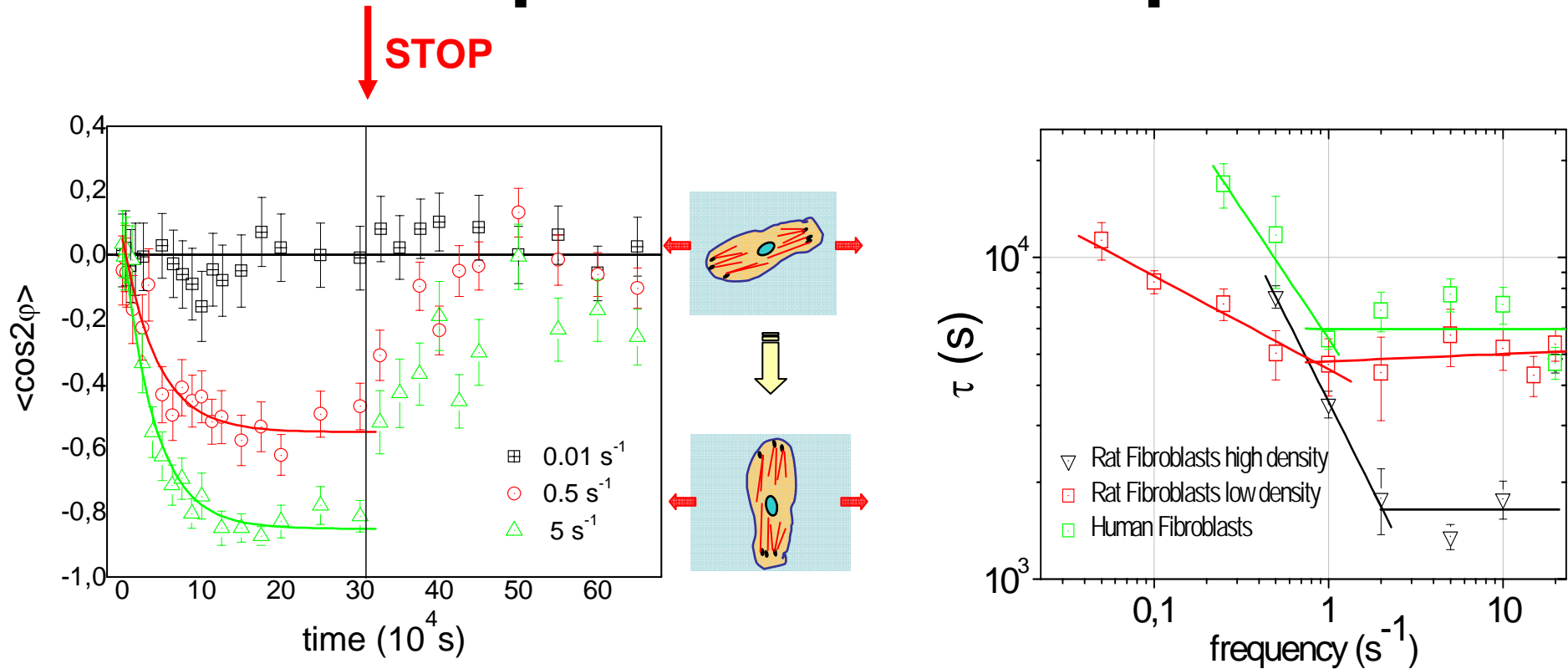


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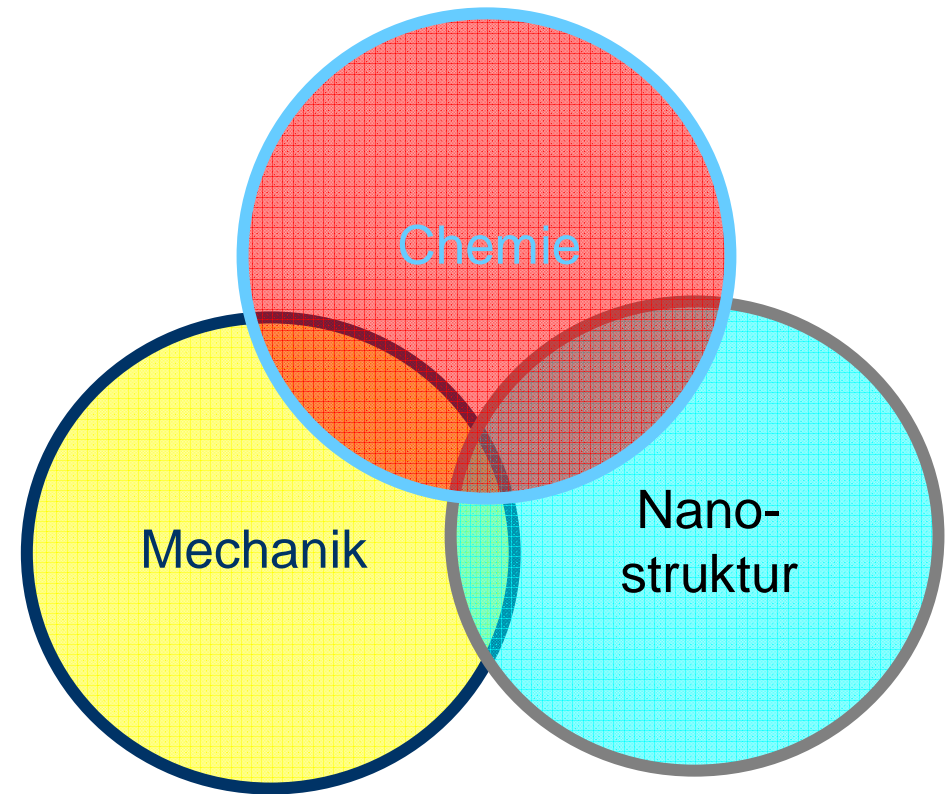
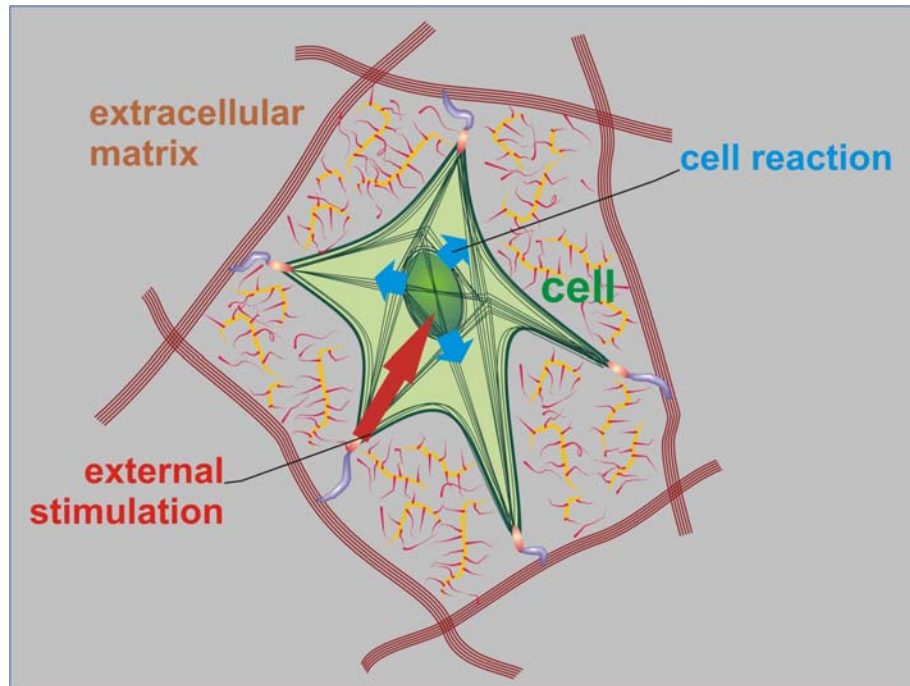
MECHANOSENSITIVITY

Biphasic Time Response



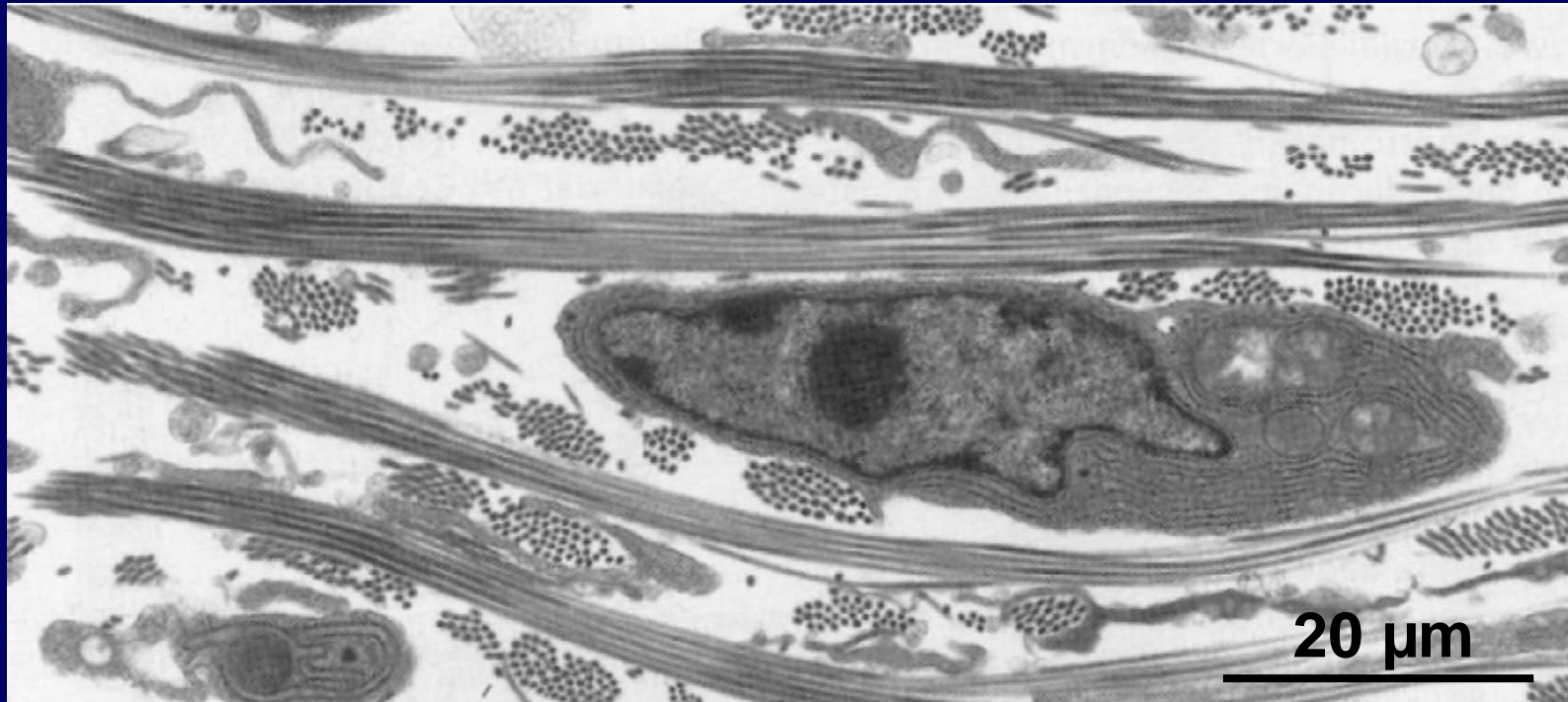
- Cell Type Dependent
- Density Dependent

High-Throughput Screens for Identifying Cell Specific Material Parameters



PART II – Micrometer Length Scale

SKIN



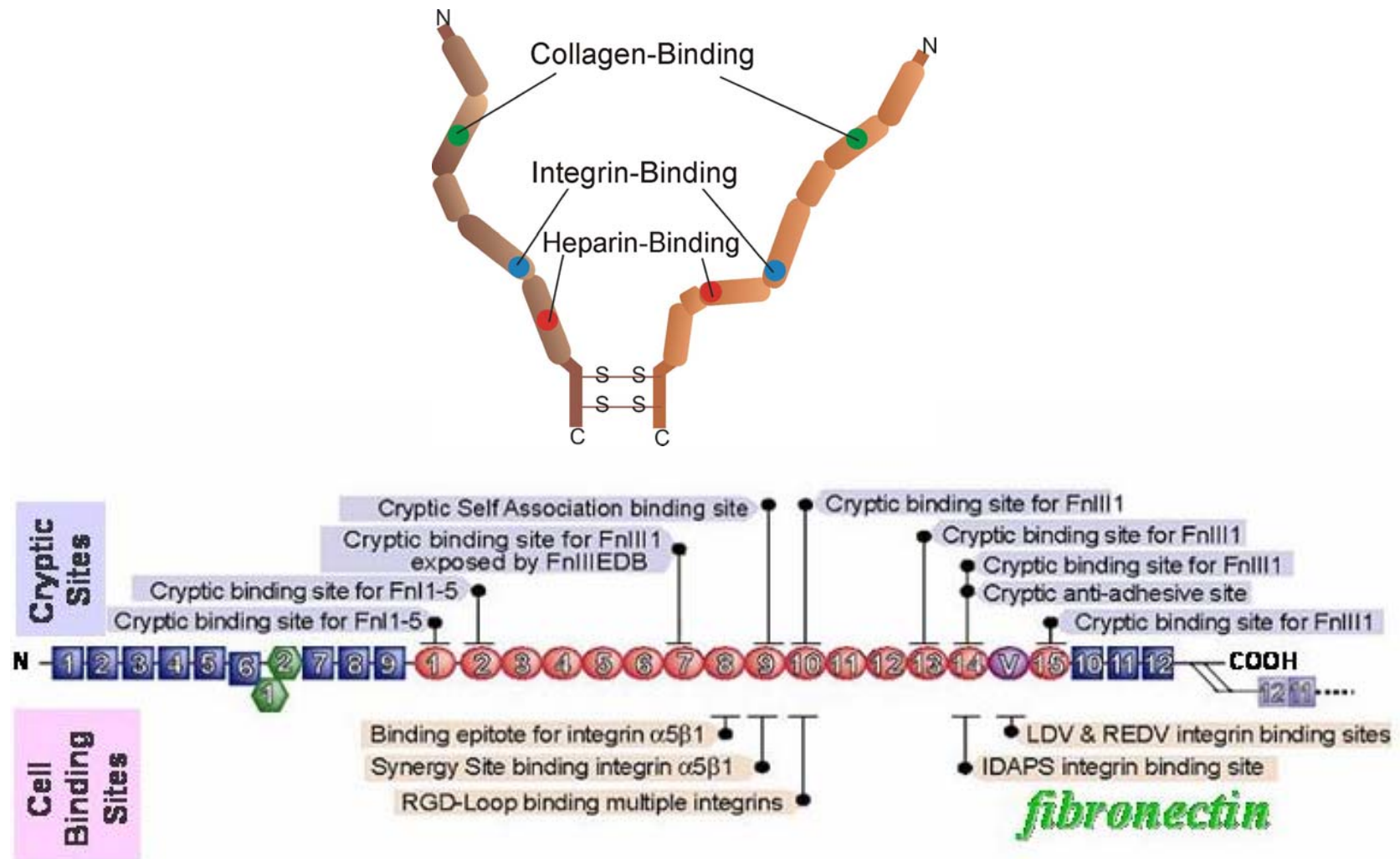
Mimicking Protein Filament Networks *in vitro*:

Initiative of the VolkswagenStiftung

Viola Vogel (ETHZ), Mike Sheetz (CU),

Benny Geiger (WIS), Joachim Spatz (MPI-MF)

Mechanotunable Fibronectin with Switchable Biological Activities

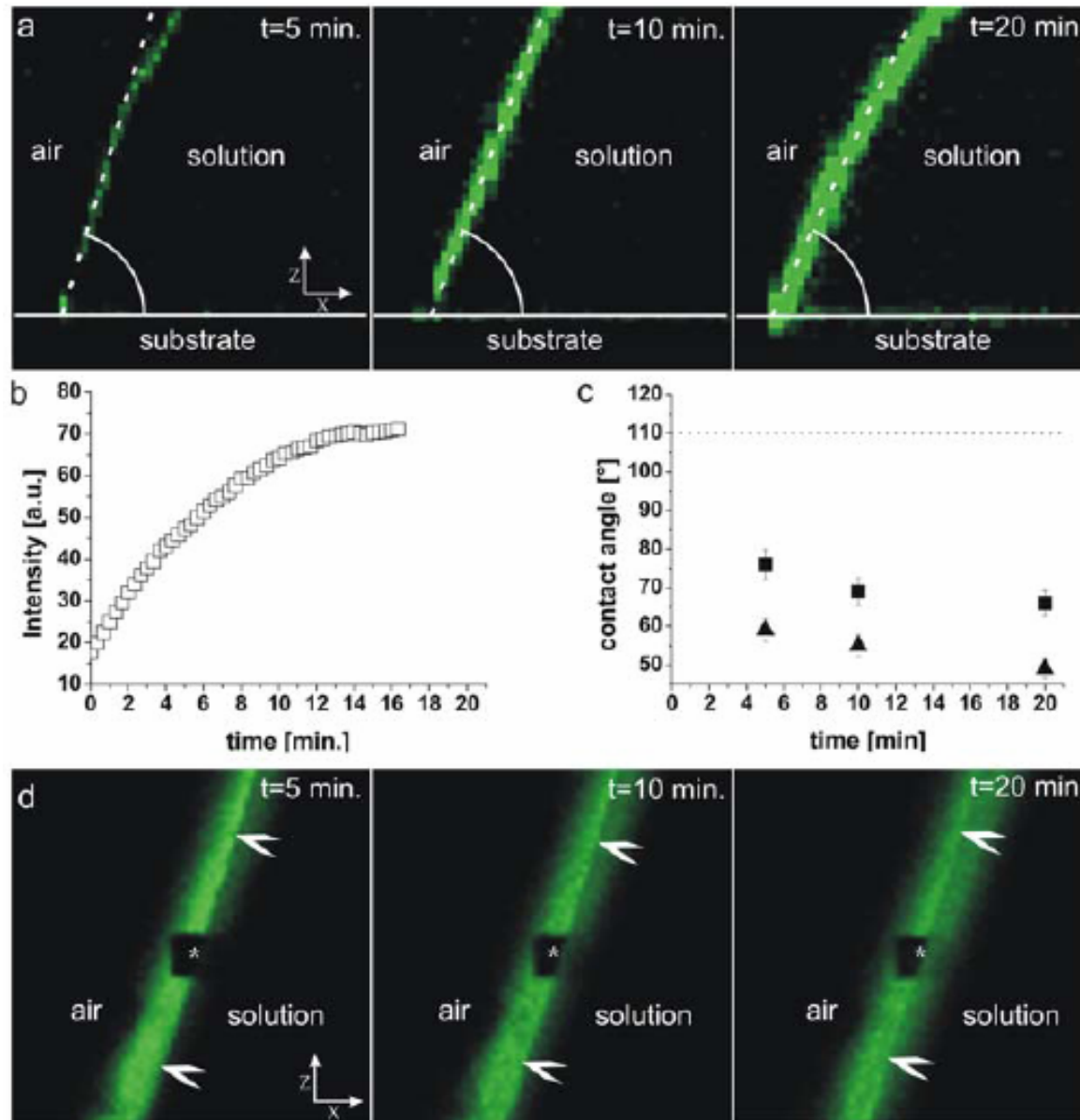


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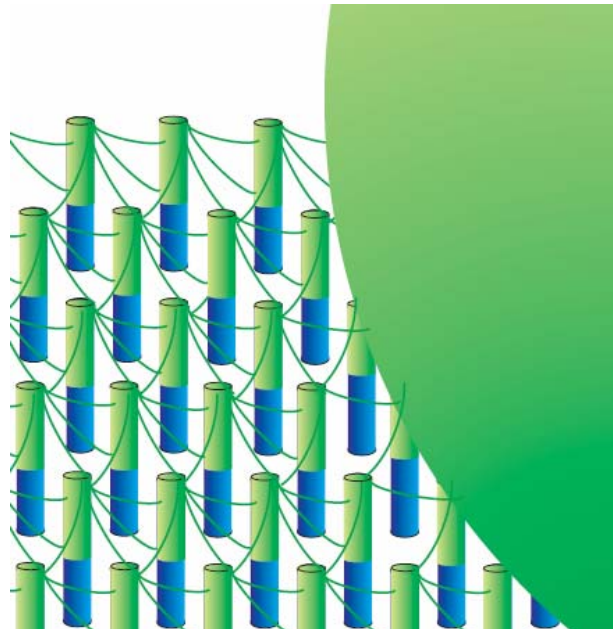
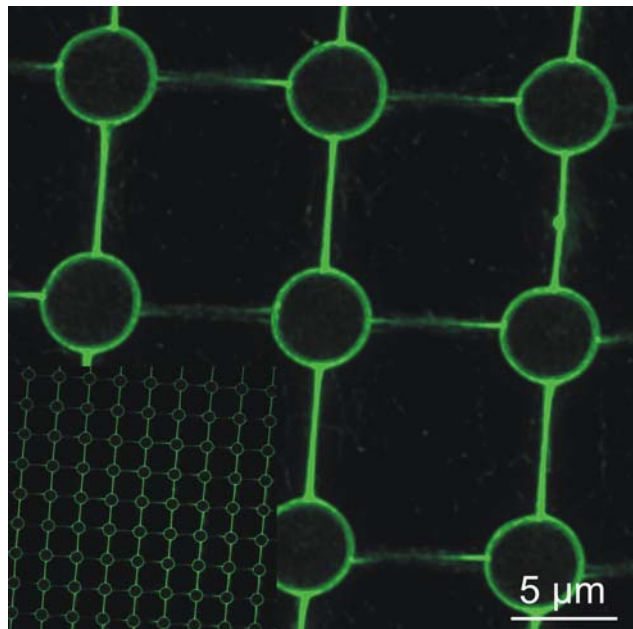
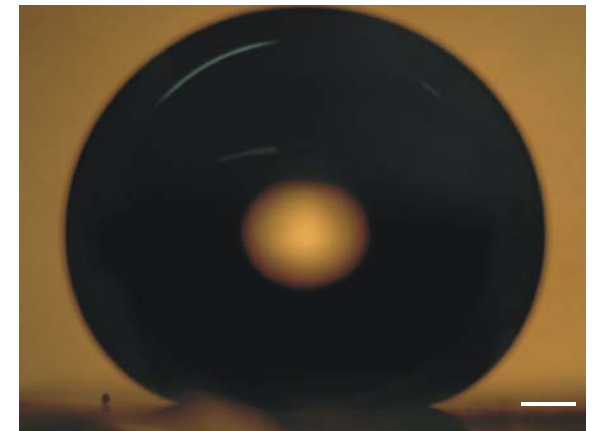
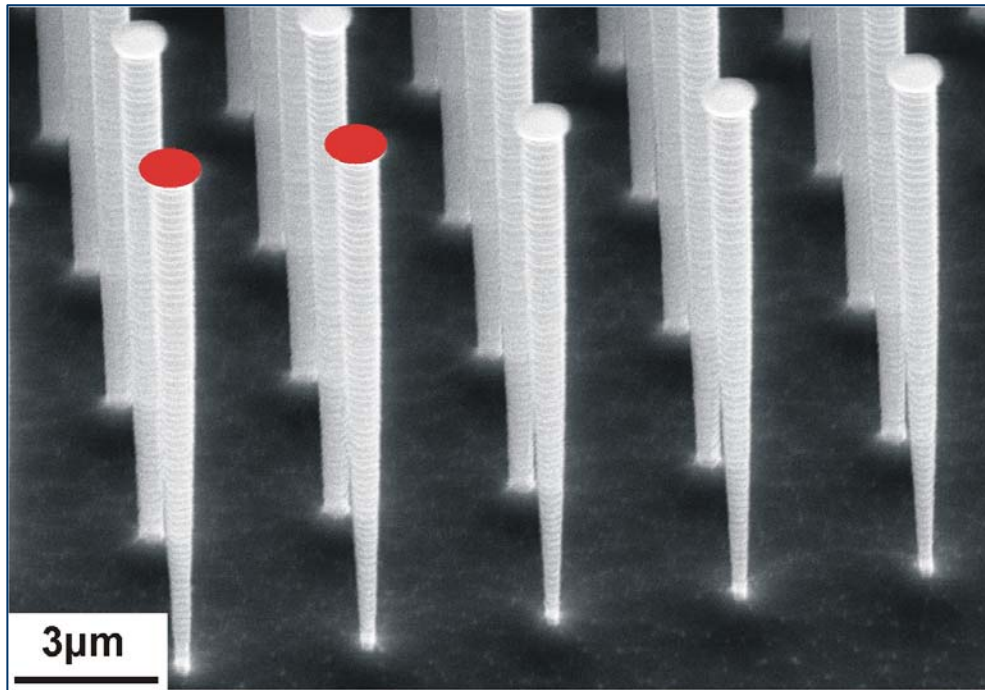
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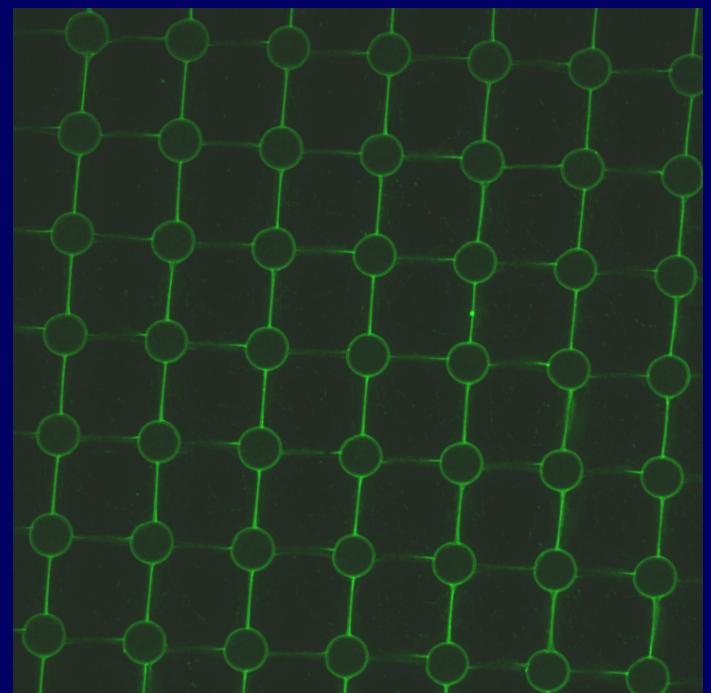
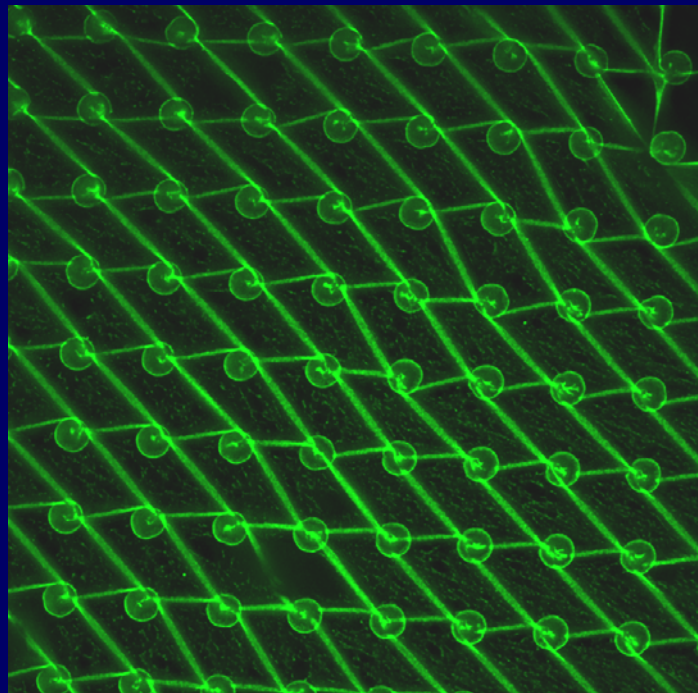
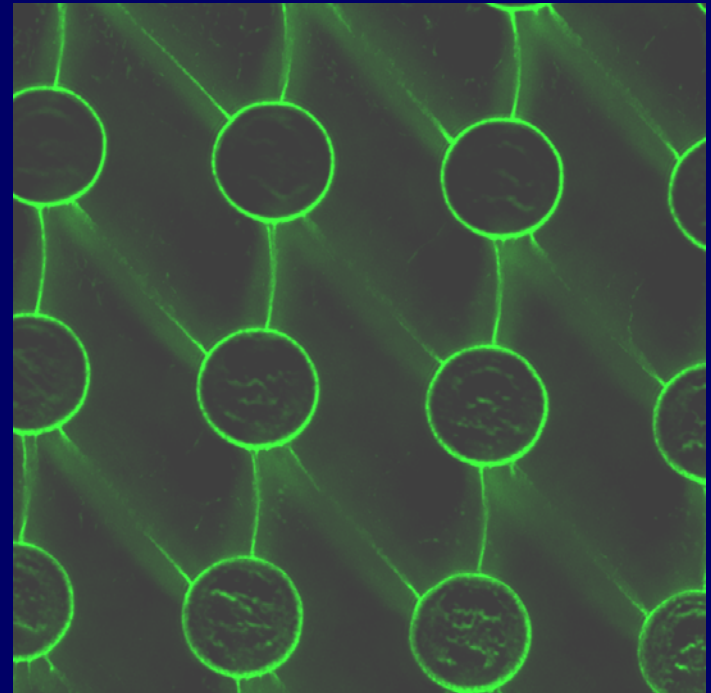
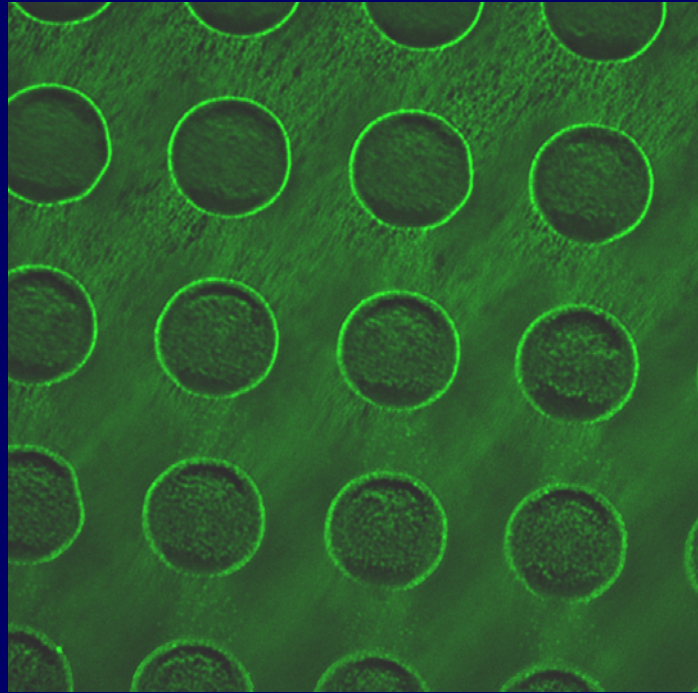
How to Form Fibronectin Matrix *in vitro*

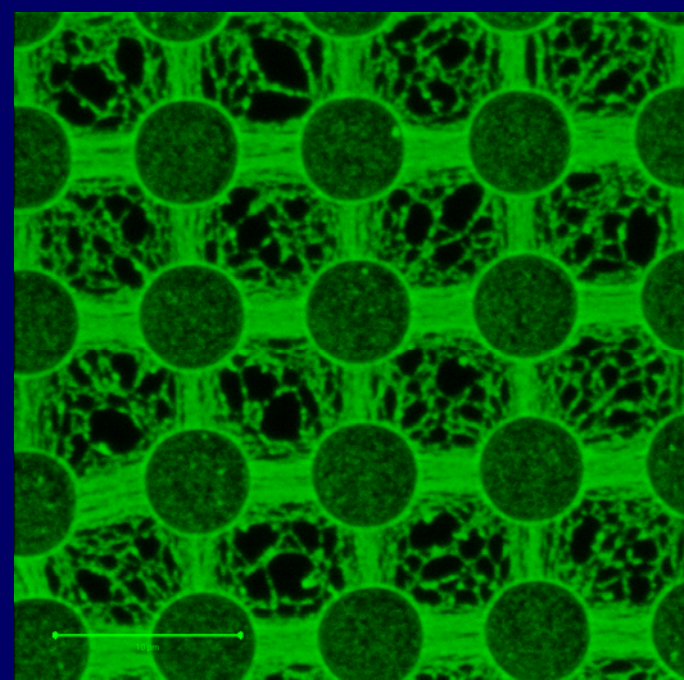
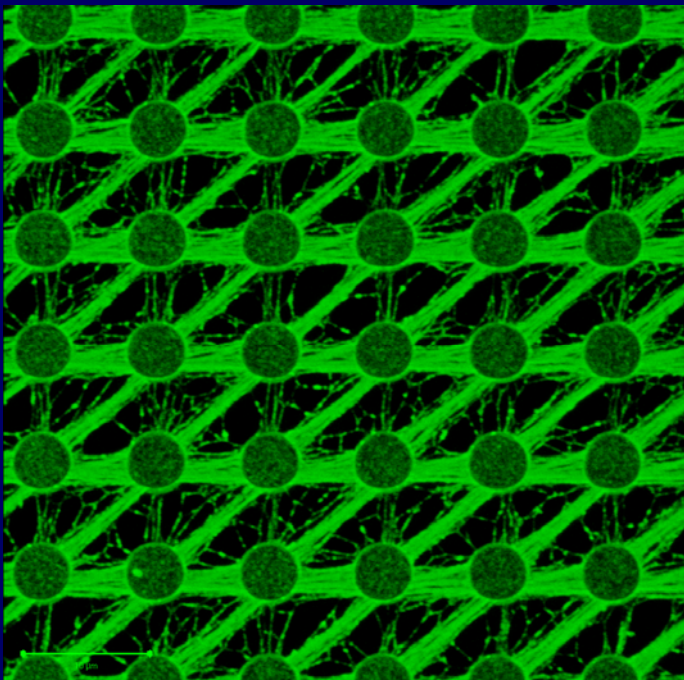
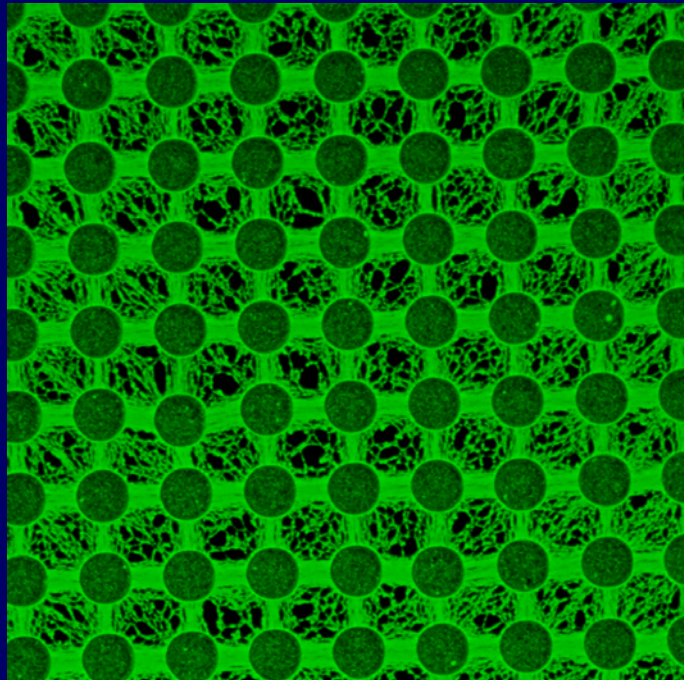
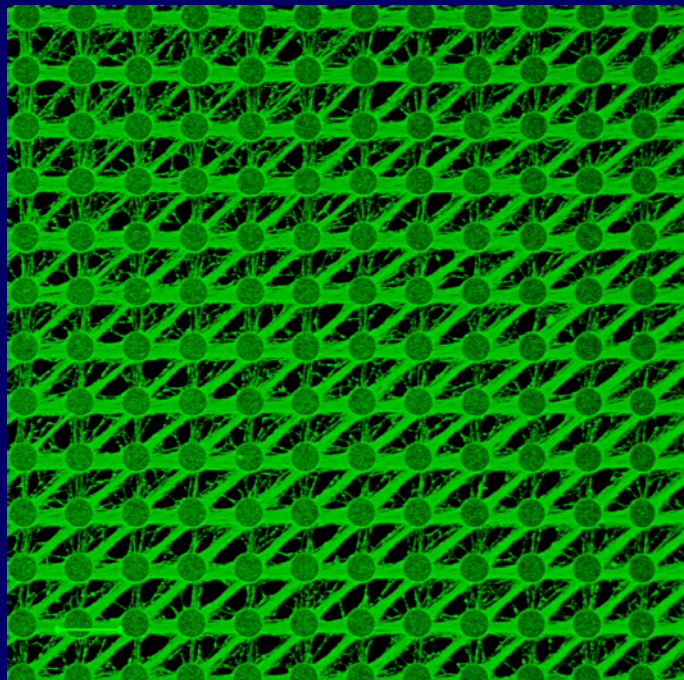
Aggregation of Fibronectin or Collagene at the Air-Water-Interface



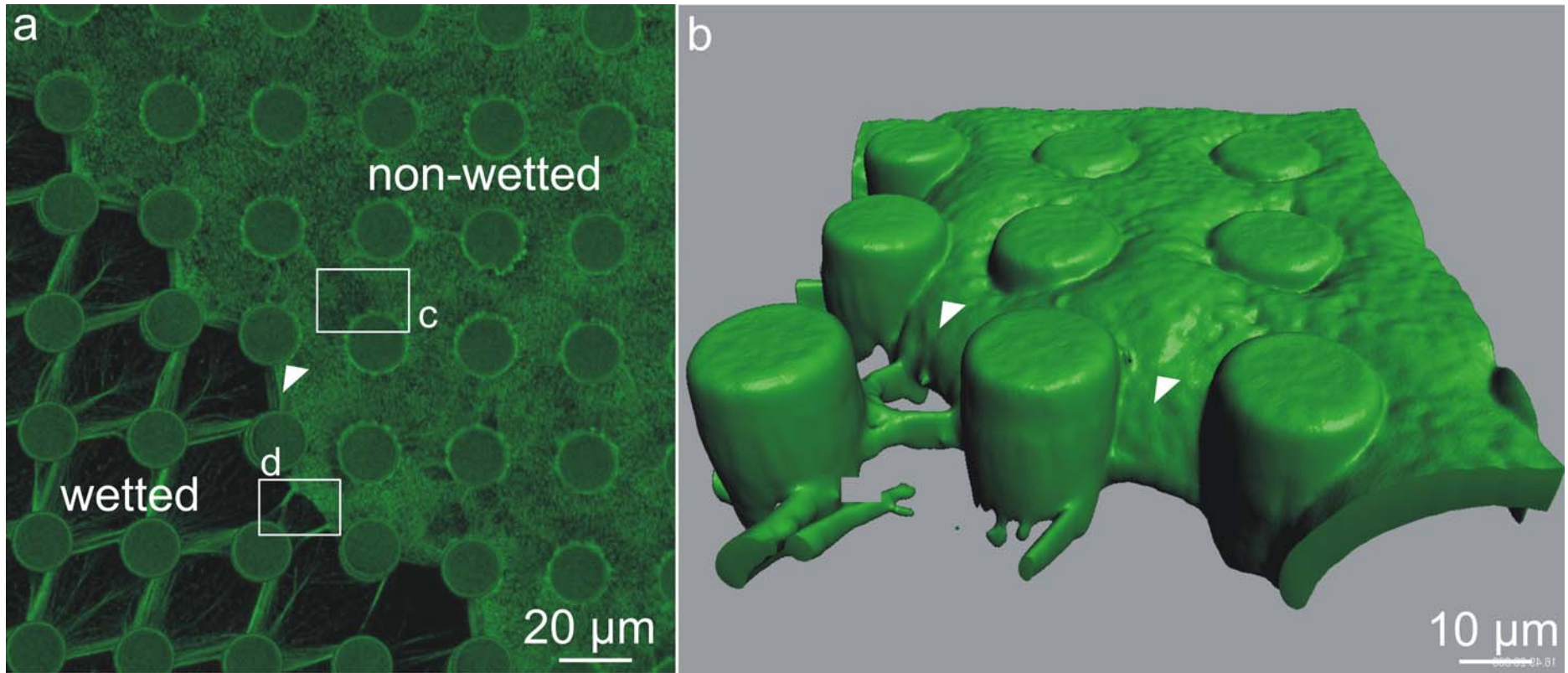
The Extracellular Matrix (FN) – *in vitro*



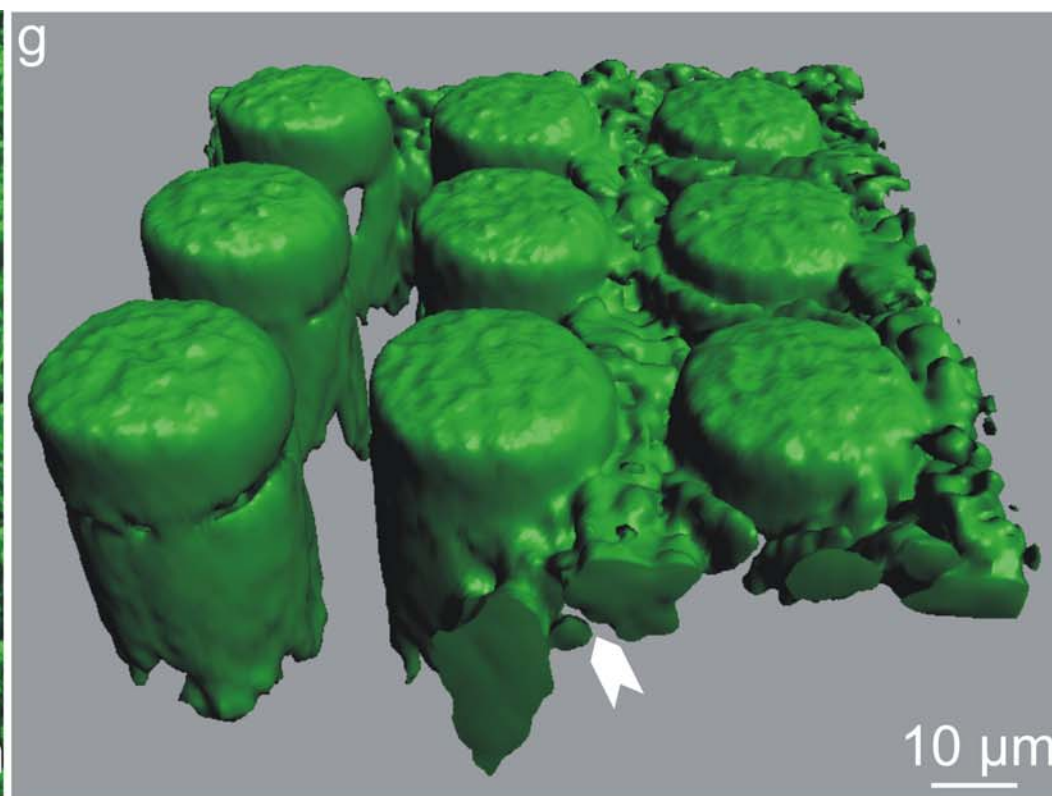
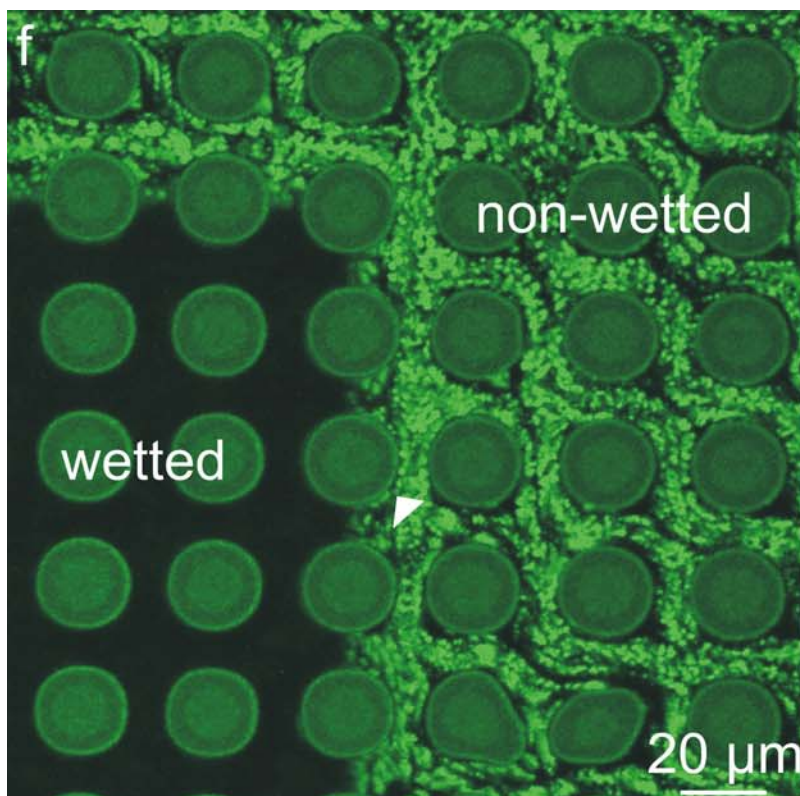




Suspended Fibronectin Films with different Structure

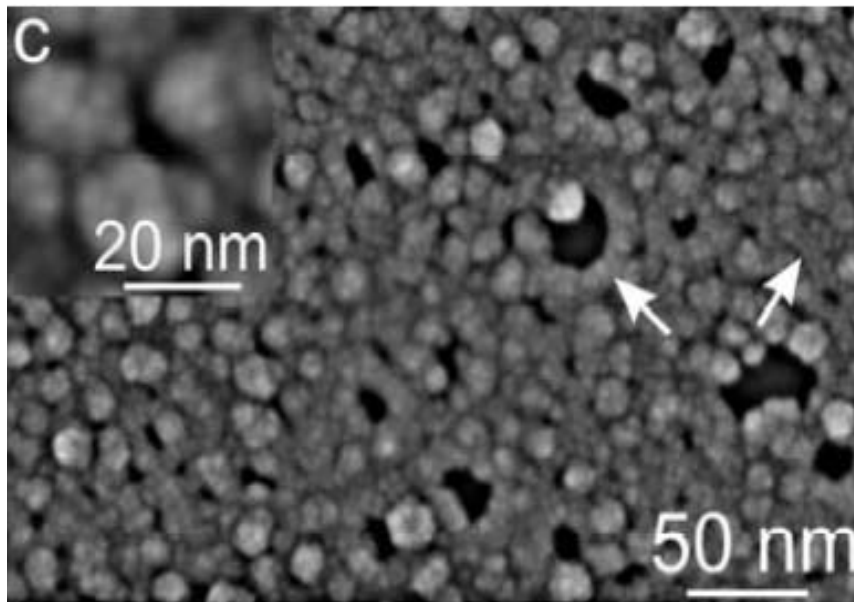


Suspended BSA Films with different Structure

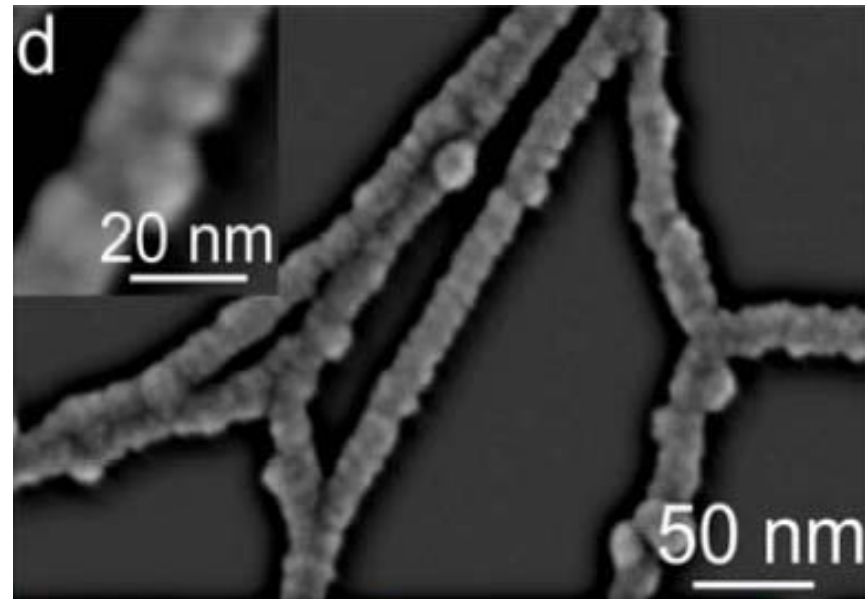


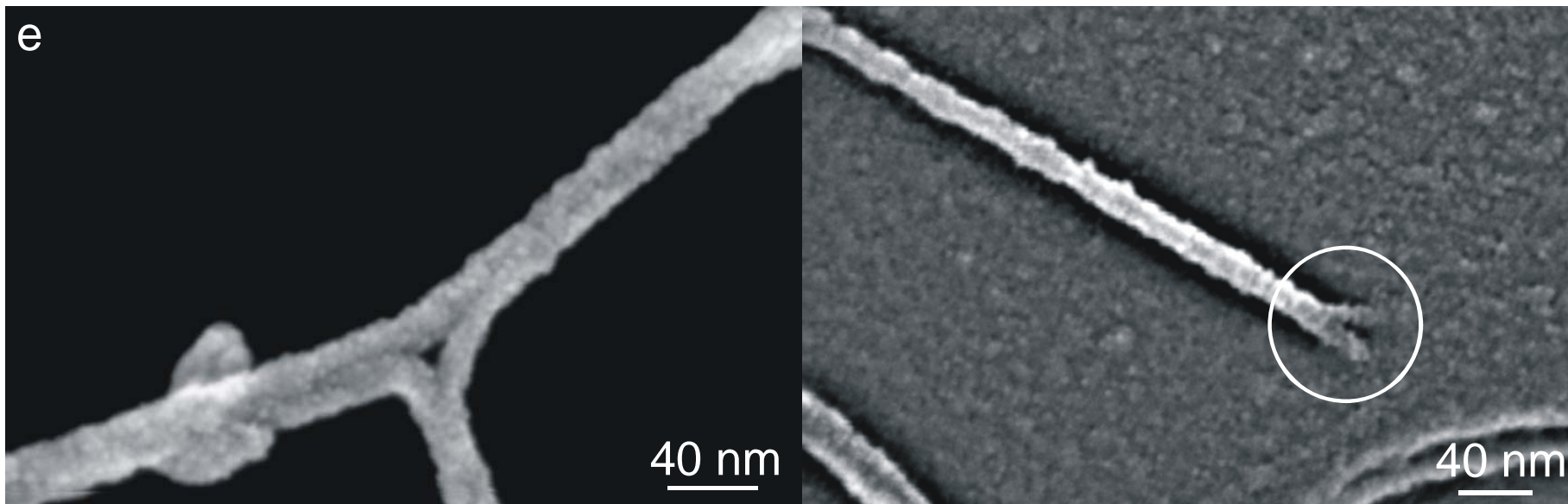
Scanning Electron Microscopy Displays the Formation of Fibronectin Fibers

Suspended Air-Liquid Interface

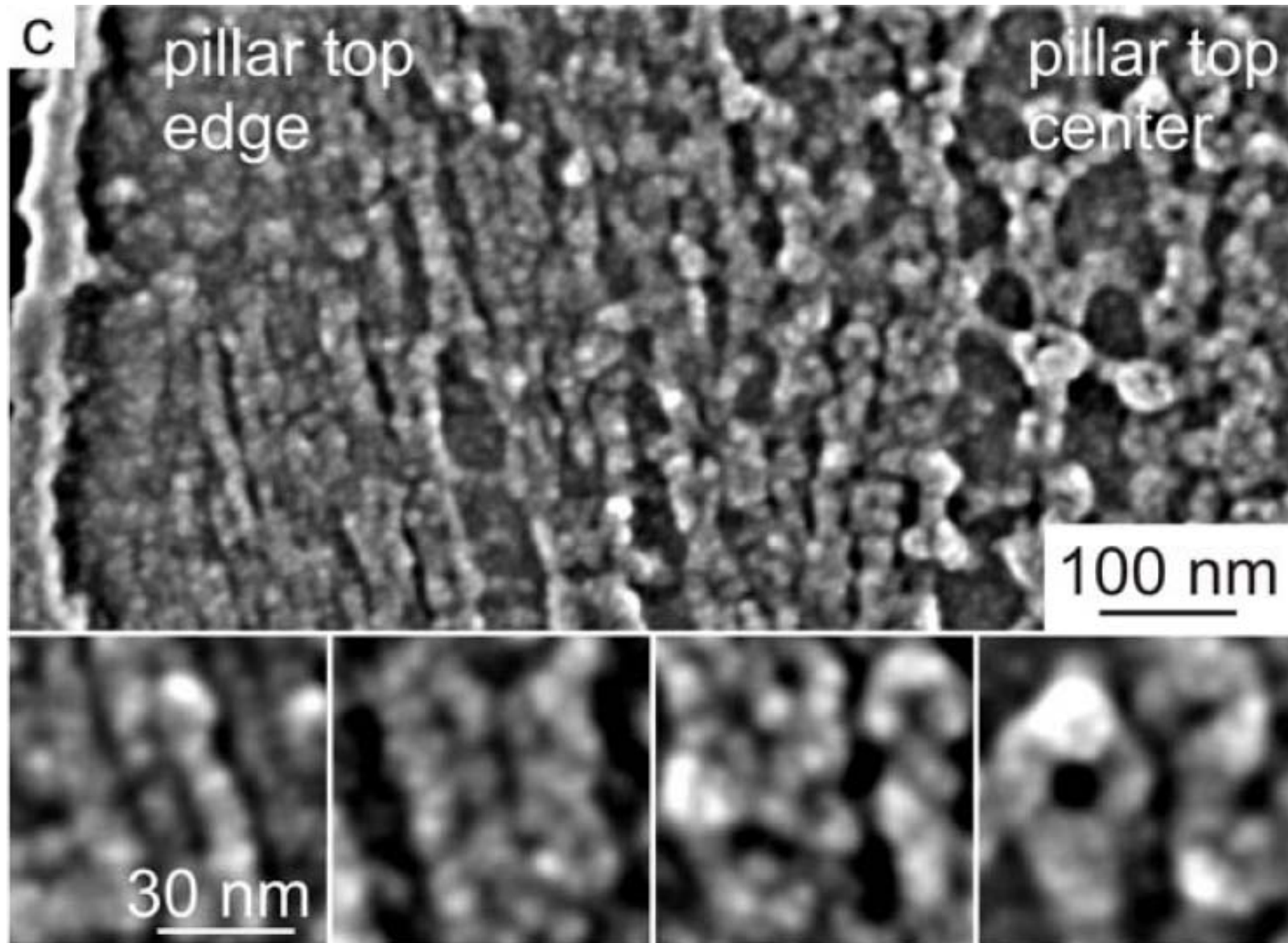


Fibres Bridging Pillar Plateaus



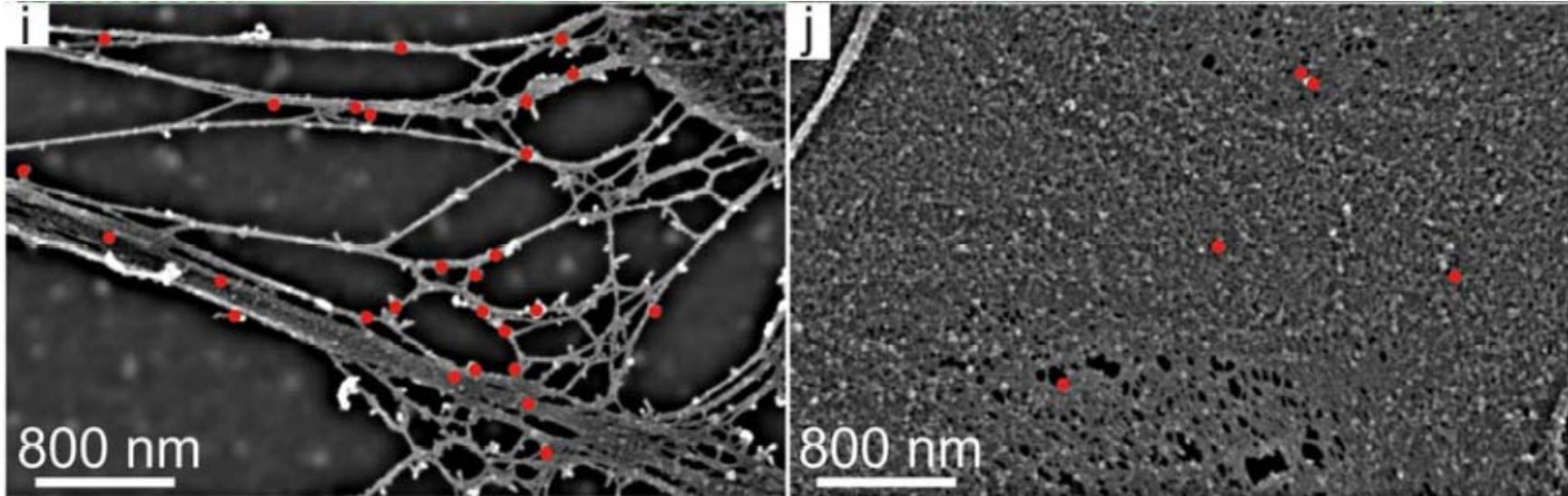


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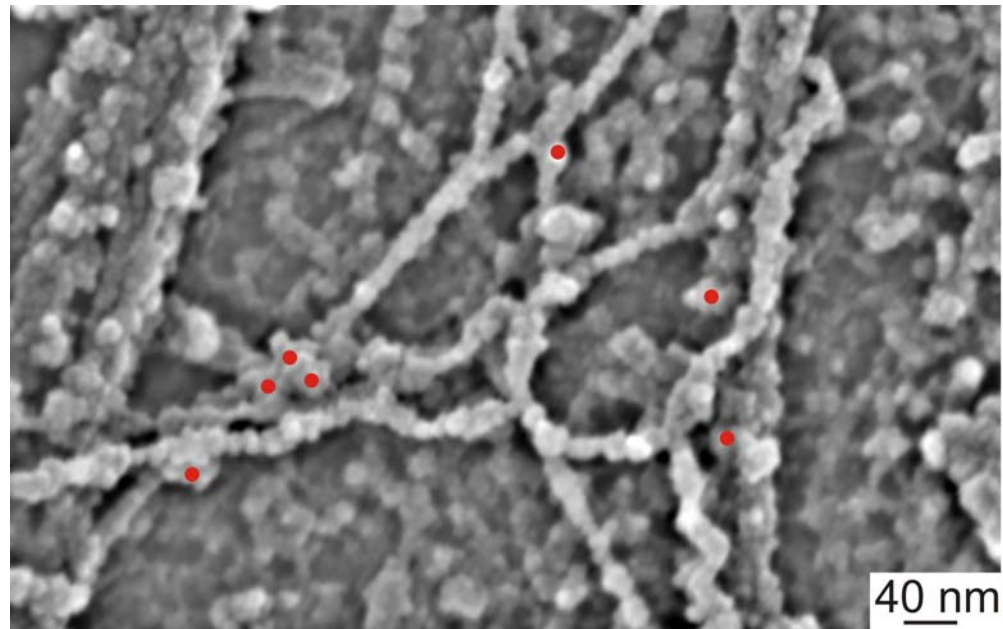


Different Fibronectin Fibre Conformation – Different Biological Activity

in vitro

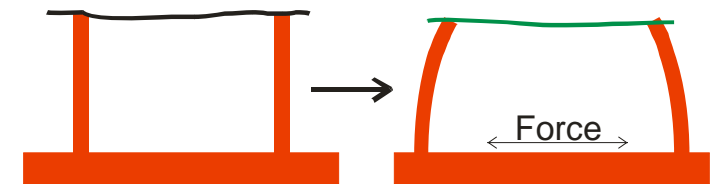
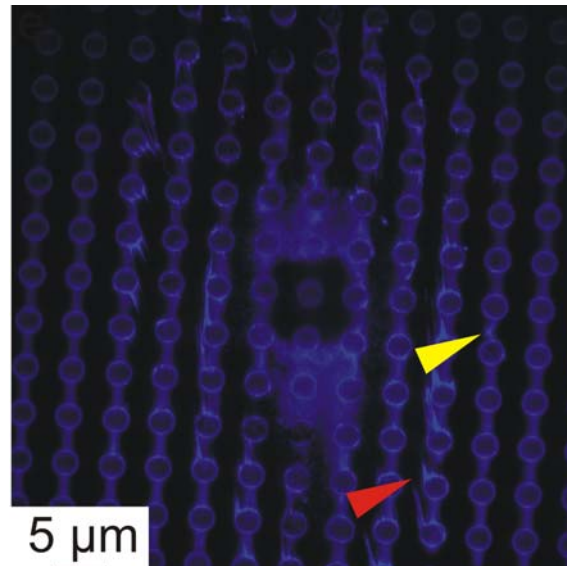
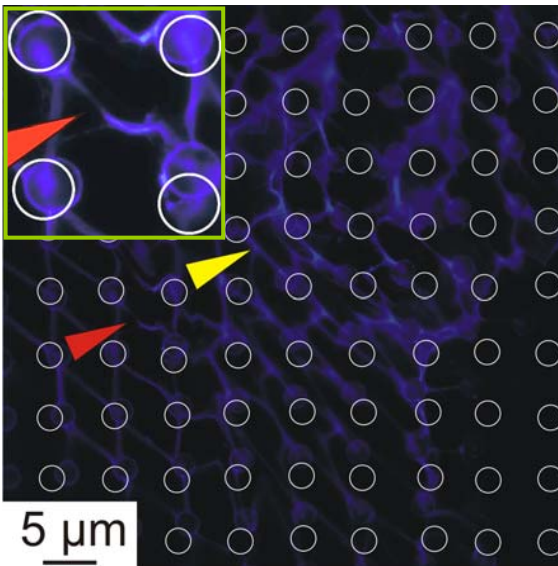
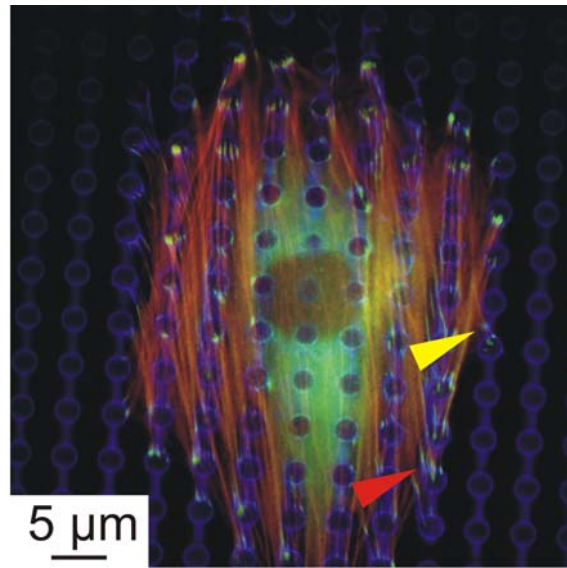
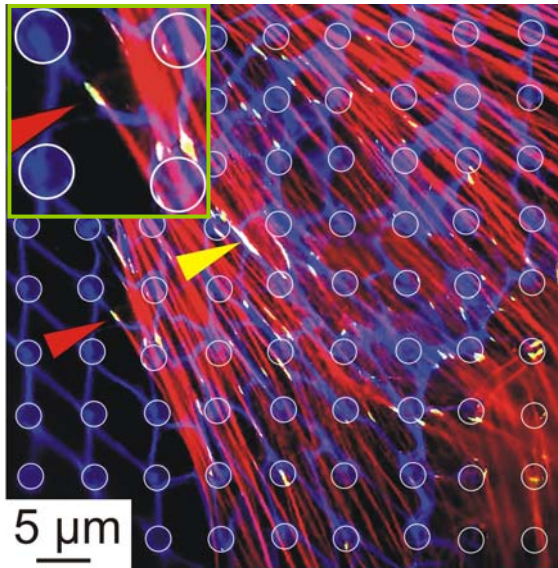


in vivo
Fibers produced
by cells



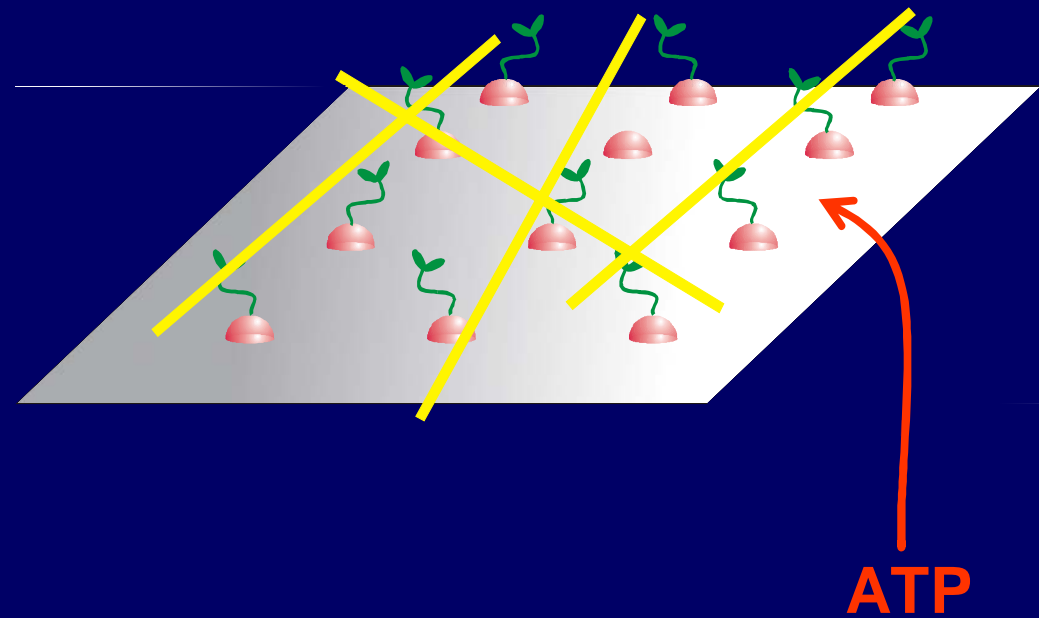
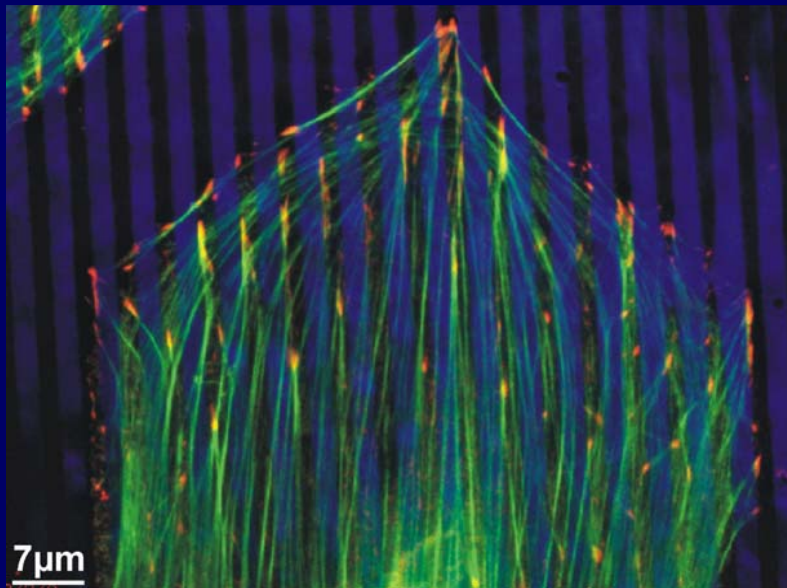
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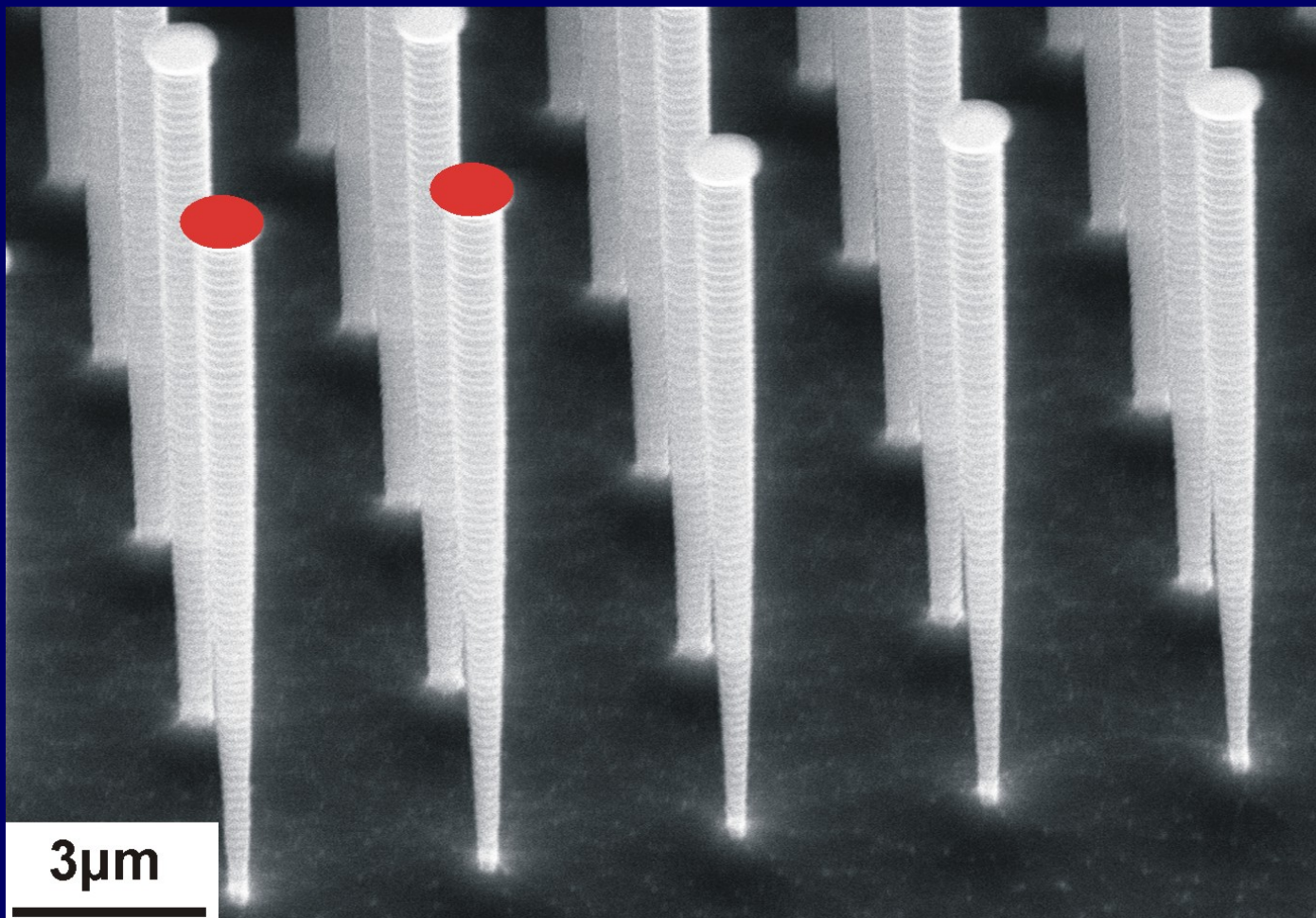
Mechanotunable Protein Networks with Switchable Biological Activities - FIBRONECTIN



Mimicking the Actin-Filament System

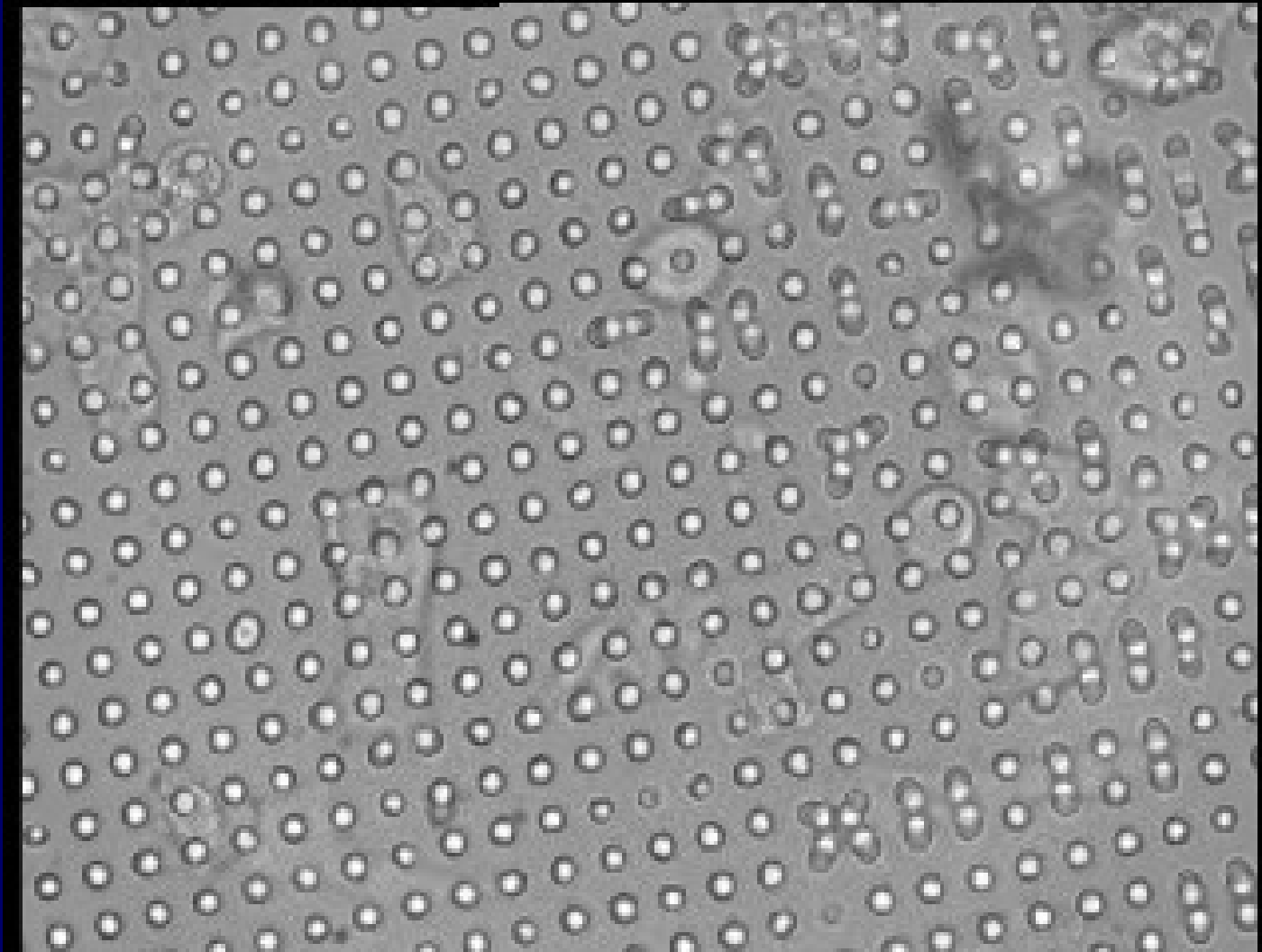
cellular actin filament network ↔ synthetic actin filament network



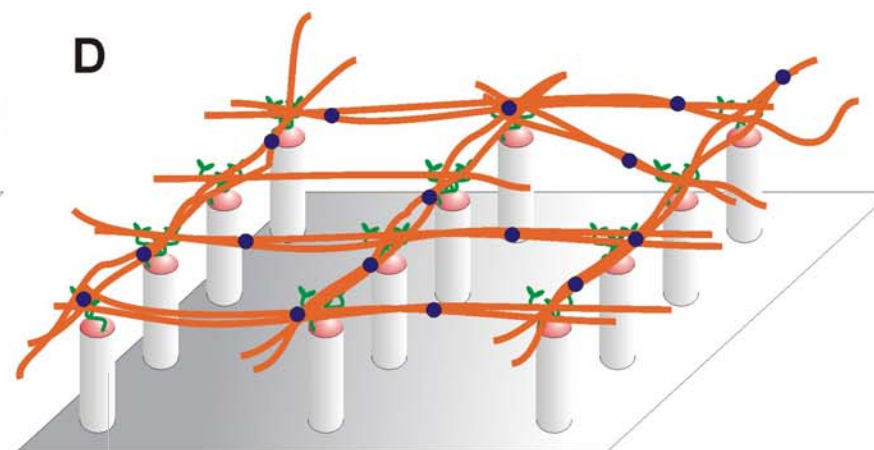
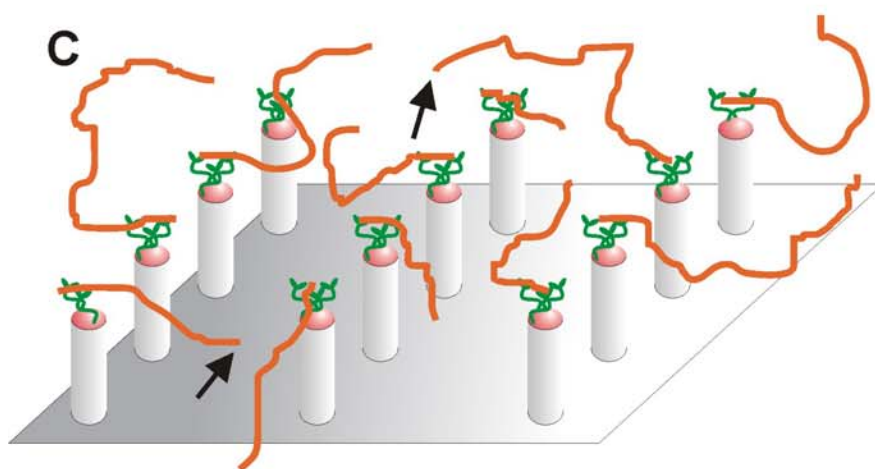
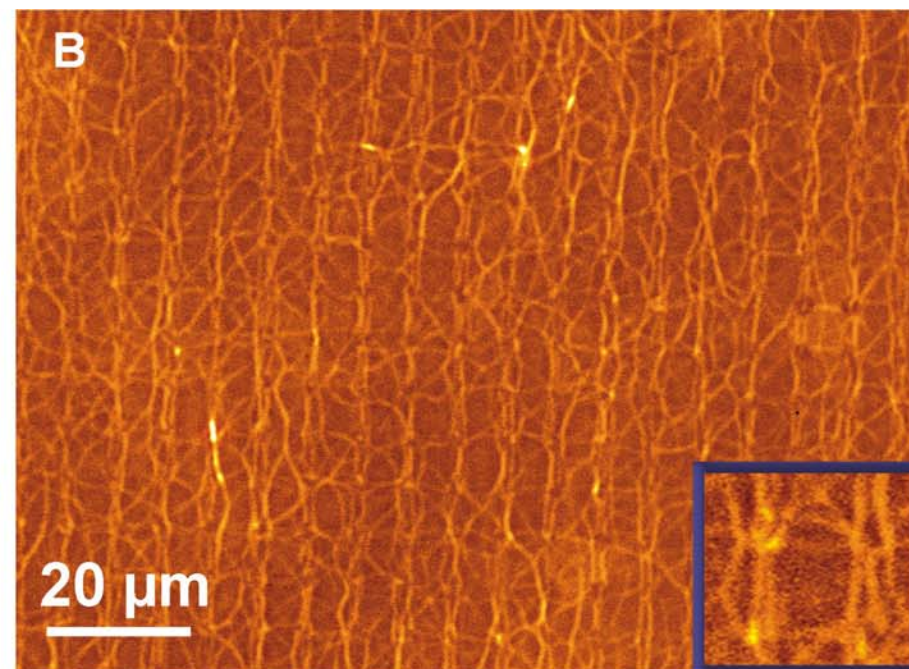
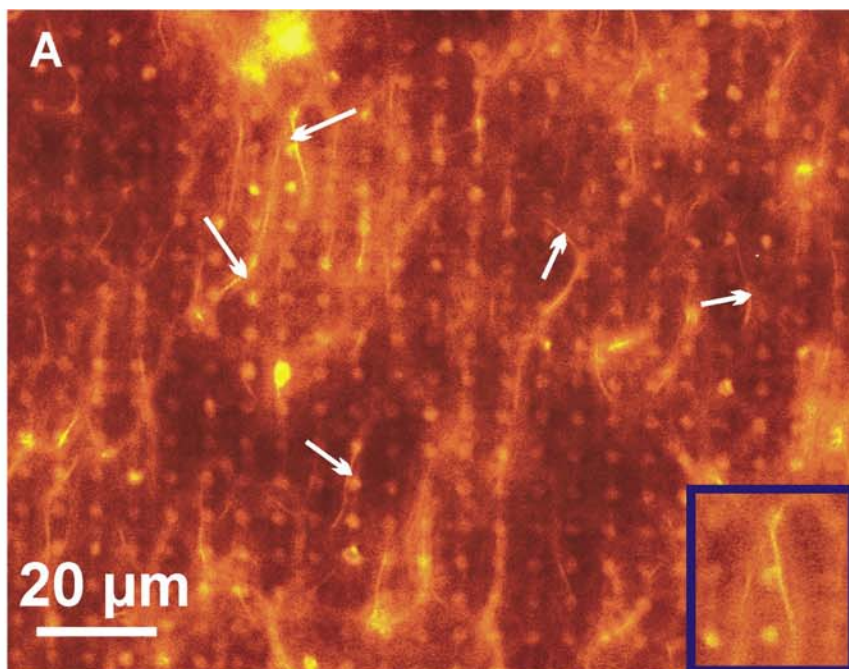


Si(100) or Polymer (PDMS)

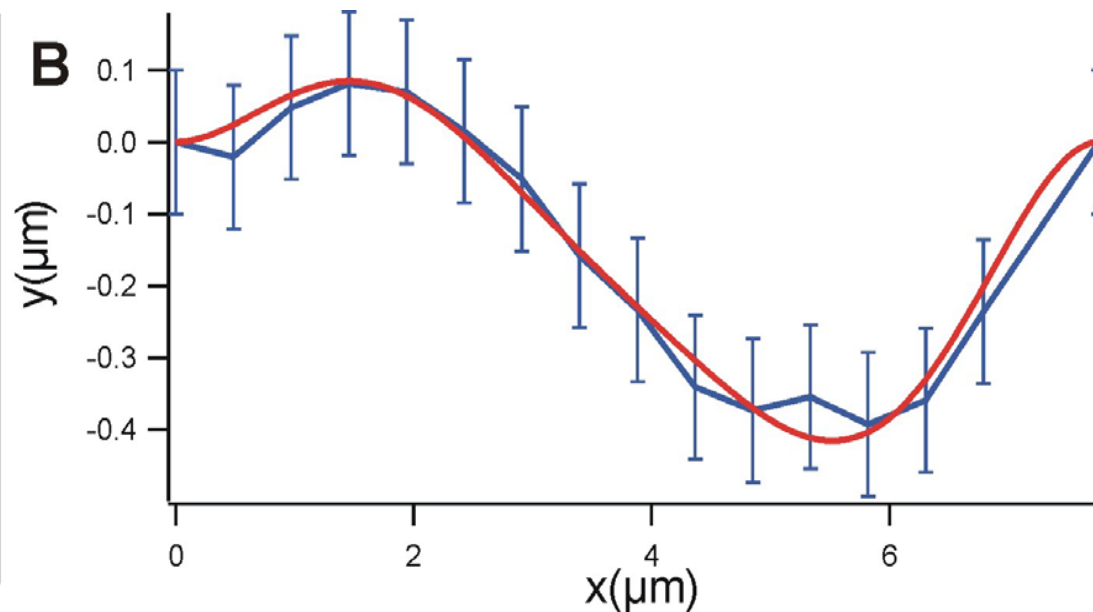
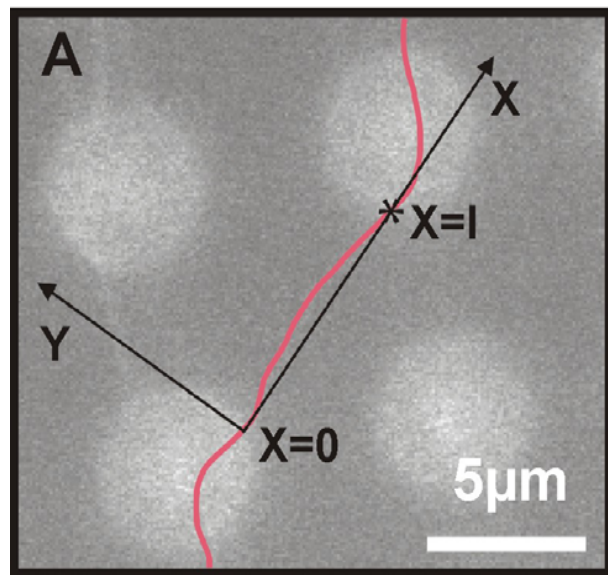
Chicken Heart Cells



Biomimetics of the Actin Cortex



Filament Bending Modulus and Persistence Length of F-Actin in a 2-Dim Network



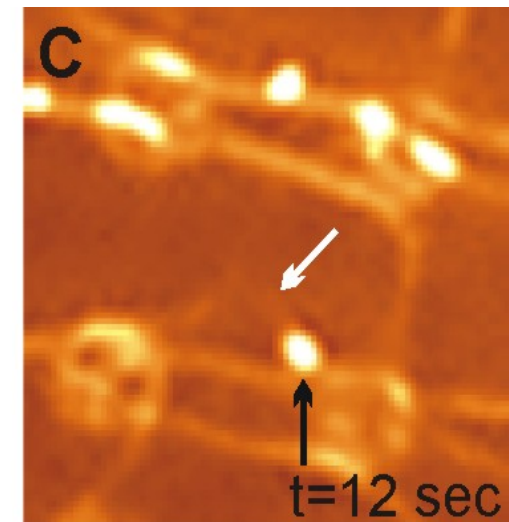
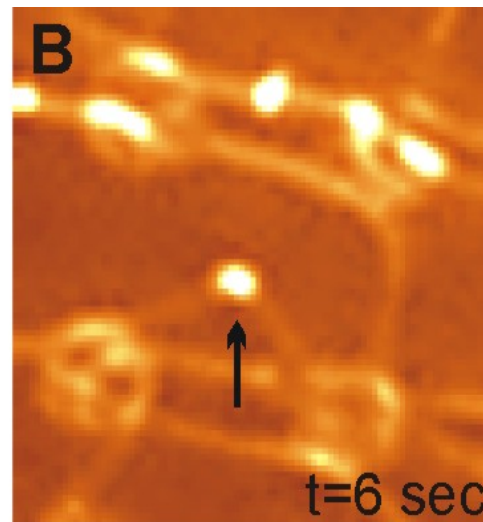
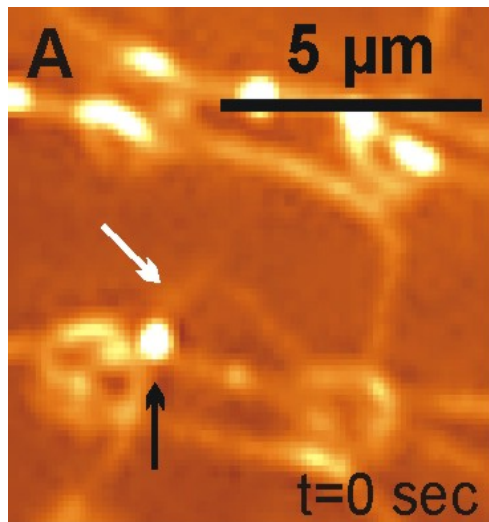
$$E_b = \frac{1}{2} \kappa \cdot \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 dx$$

For each mode this equals the thermal energy $kT/2$

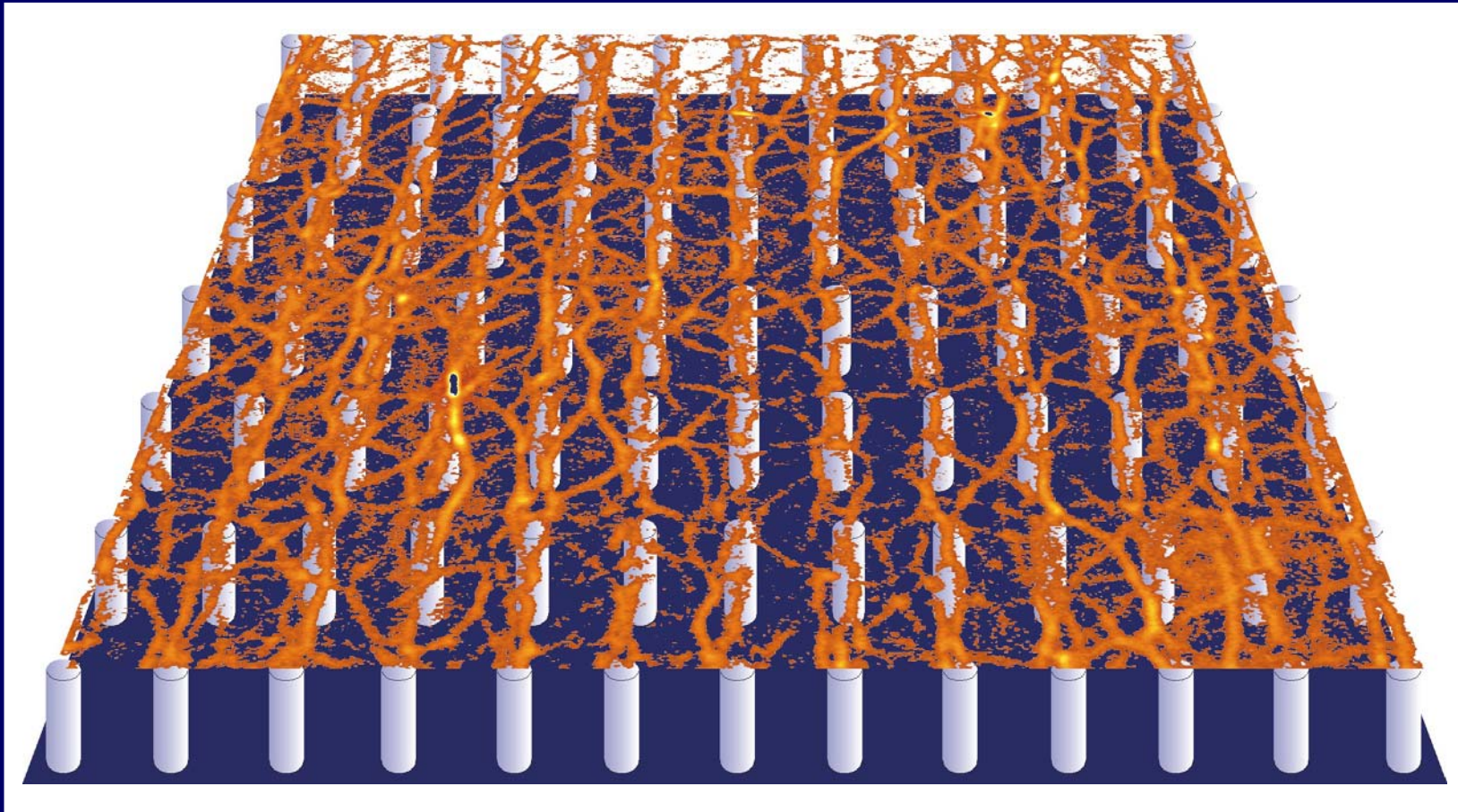
Persistence length $l_p = \kappa/kT = 15.3 \mu\text{m}$ ($\kappa = 6.3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ Nm}^2$)

Transport in 2-dim. Actin Networks

Trajectory of Myosin V coated bead
 $V \sim 330 \pm 50 \text{ nm/sec}$

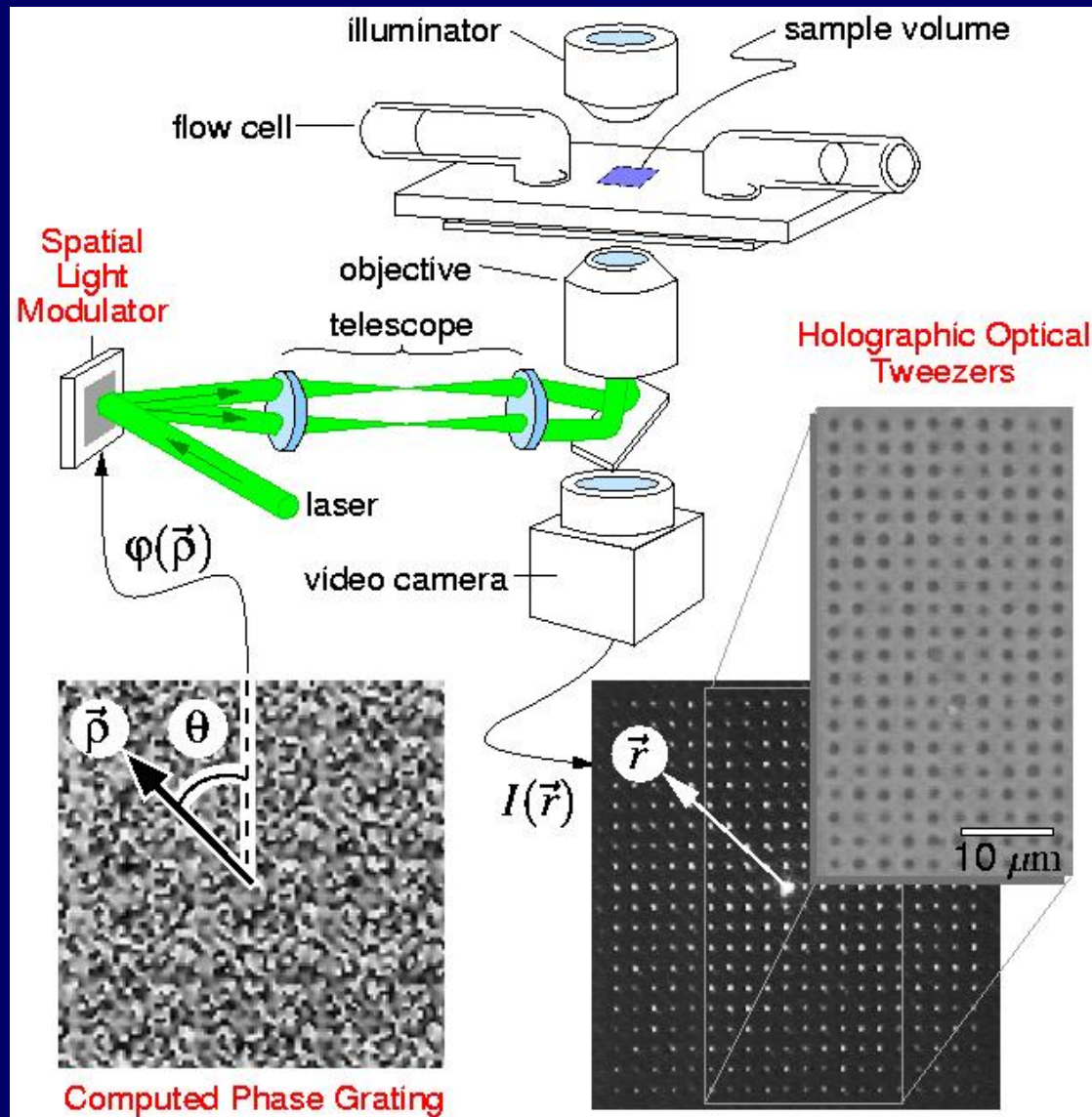


➤ Active Diffusion

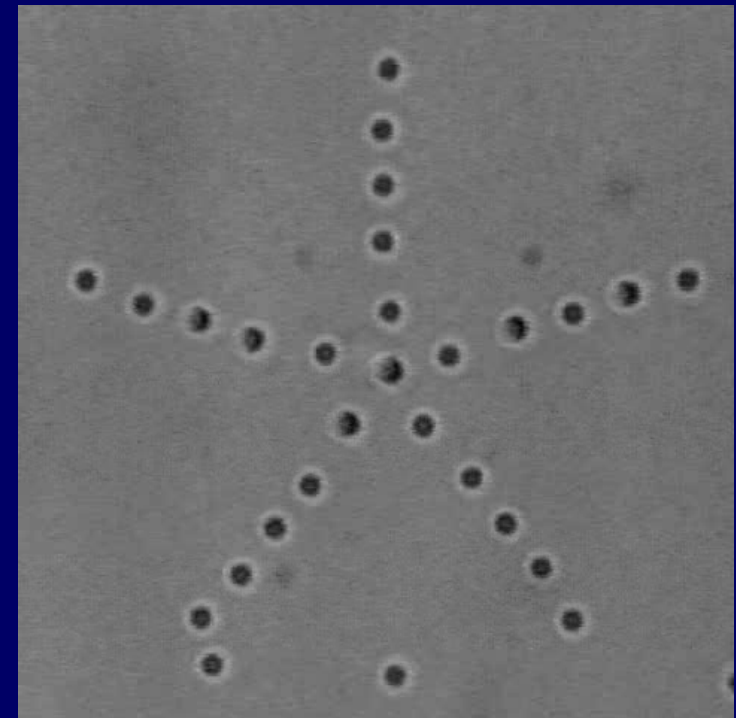


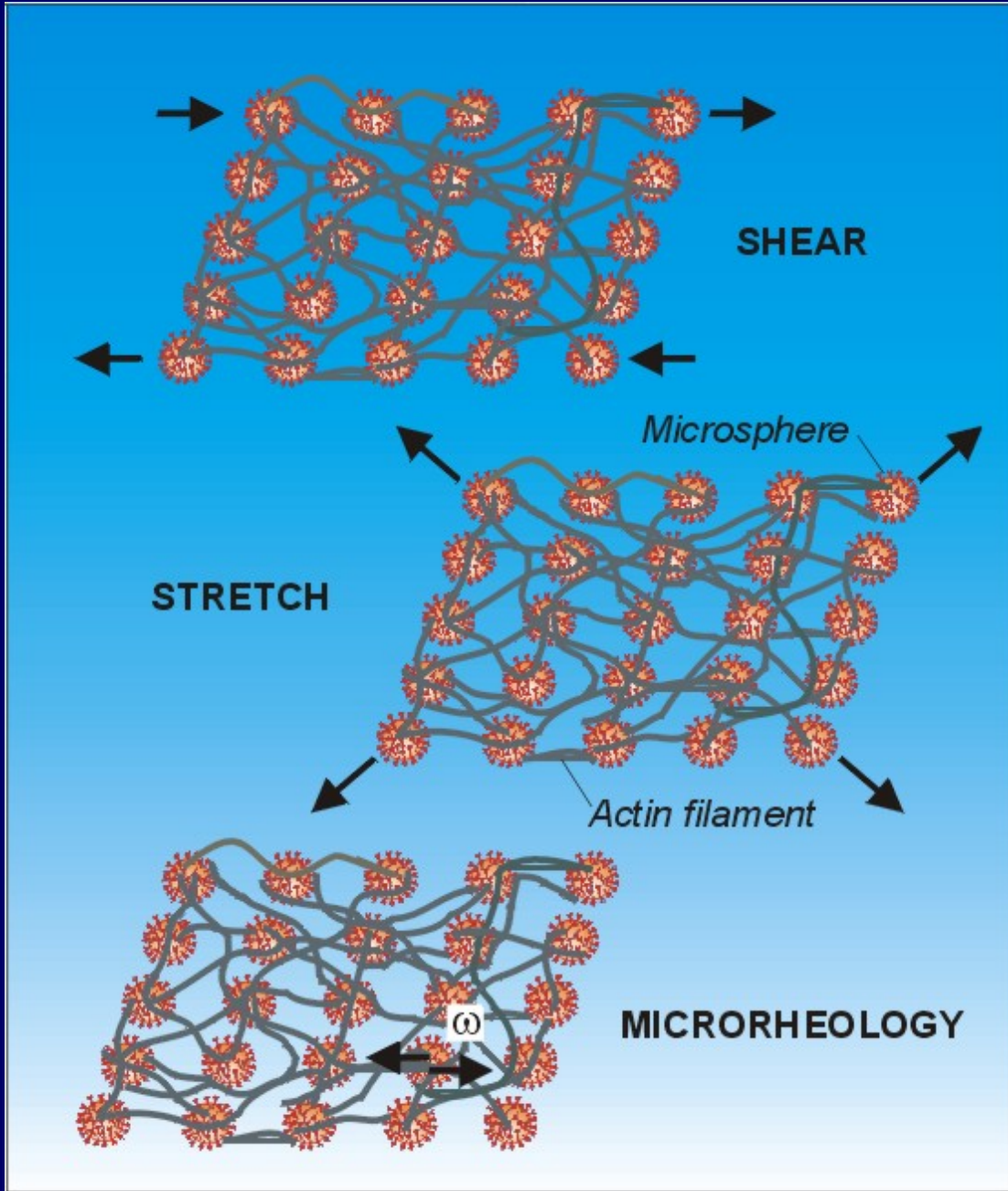
$\Delta\text{Force} > 100 \text{ pN}$

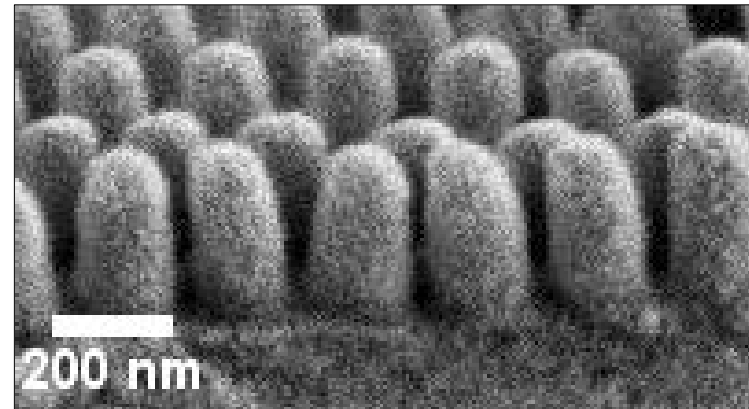
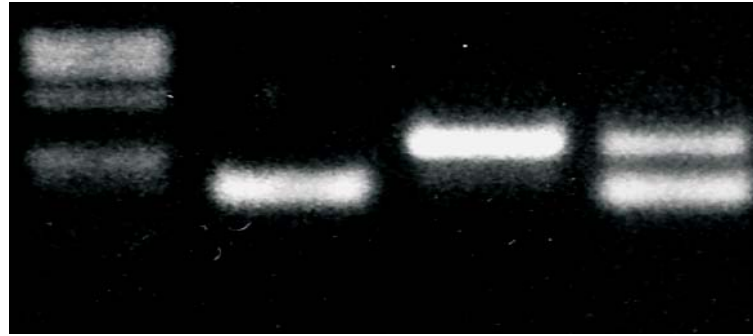
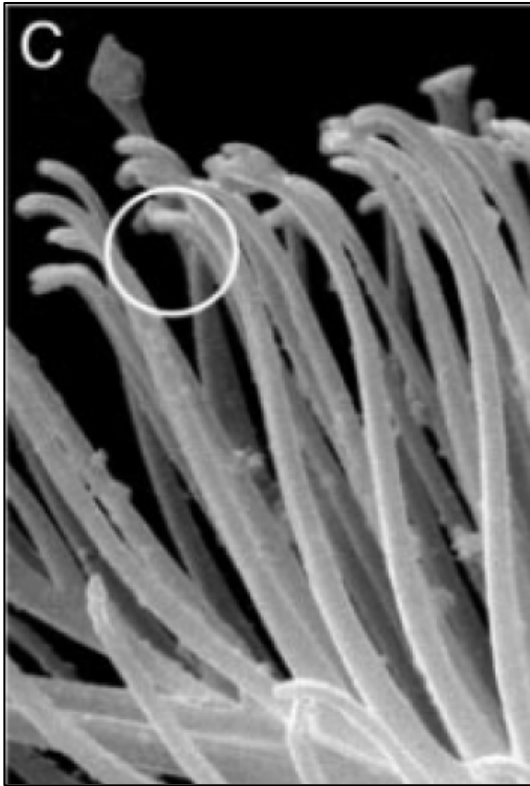
Dynamic Holographic Tweezers



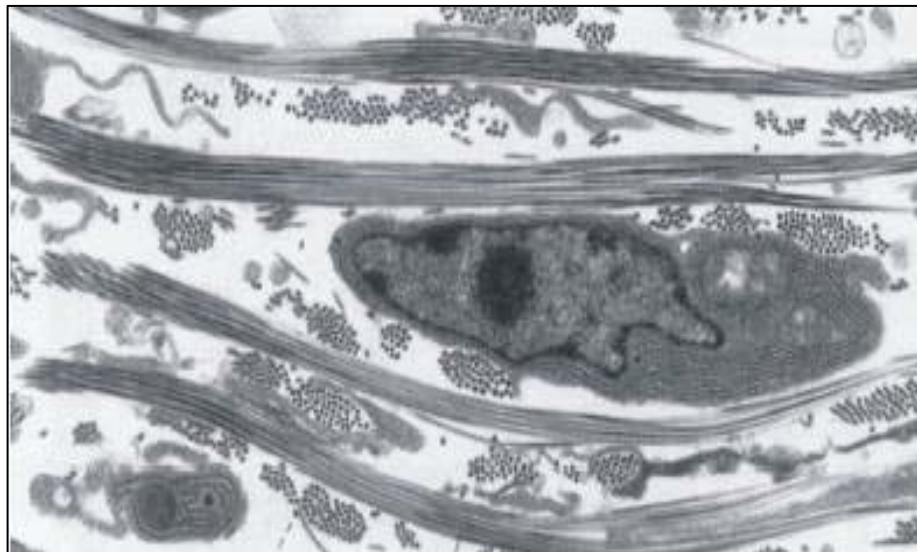
Many hands in an optical microscope







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