



# Dynamic Coatings

## Webinar #3

### Antimicrobial coatings novel technical approaches

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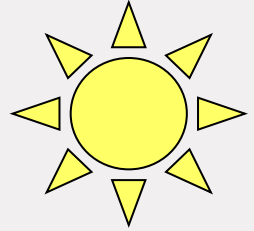
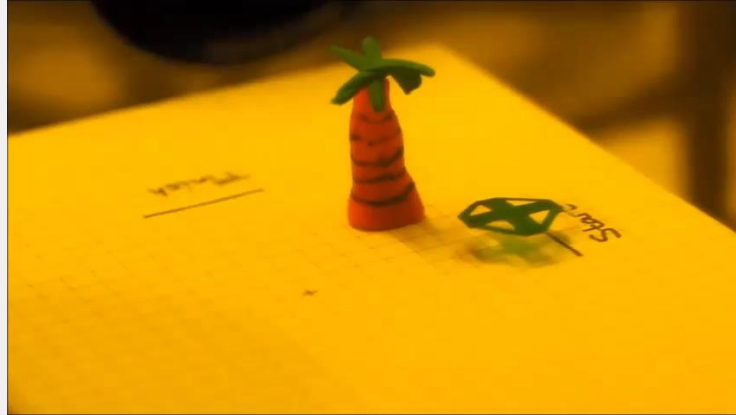
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# Stimuli-responsive Functional materials and Devices



- Focus on polymer materials that change shape, color and/or porosity
- External triggers: chemicals, temperature, (sun)light, electricity, etc.
- Adjustment autonomously depending on user needs or upon environmental changes

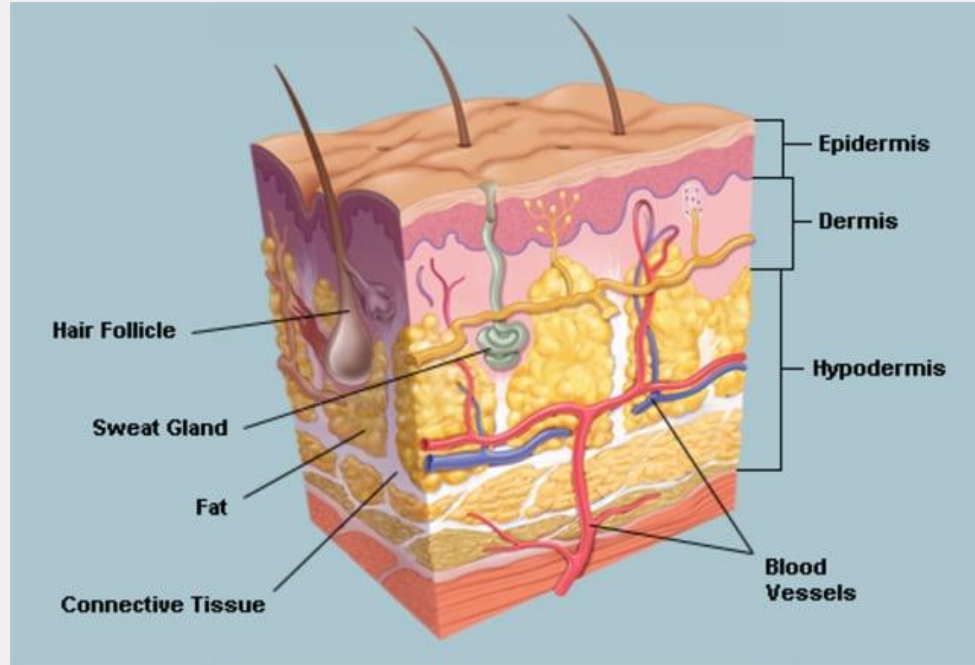
# Nature – a source of inspiration



Videos from YouTube

**for growth, reproduction, survival, protection, etc.**

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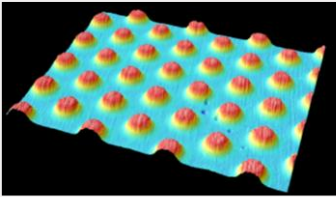


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# Laboratory of Stimuli-Responsive Functional Materials & Devices

## Sustainable Energy

Smart coatings for self-cleaning and antifouling



Smart windows

Luminescent solar concentrators

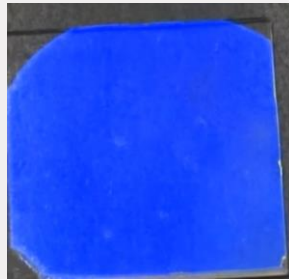


## Health

Nanoporous materials for clean water



Optical sensors for health, food and safety

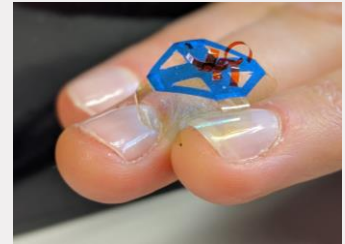


## Personal Comfort

Smart Textiles



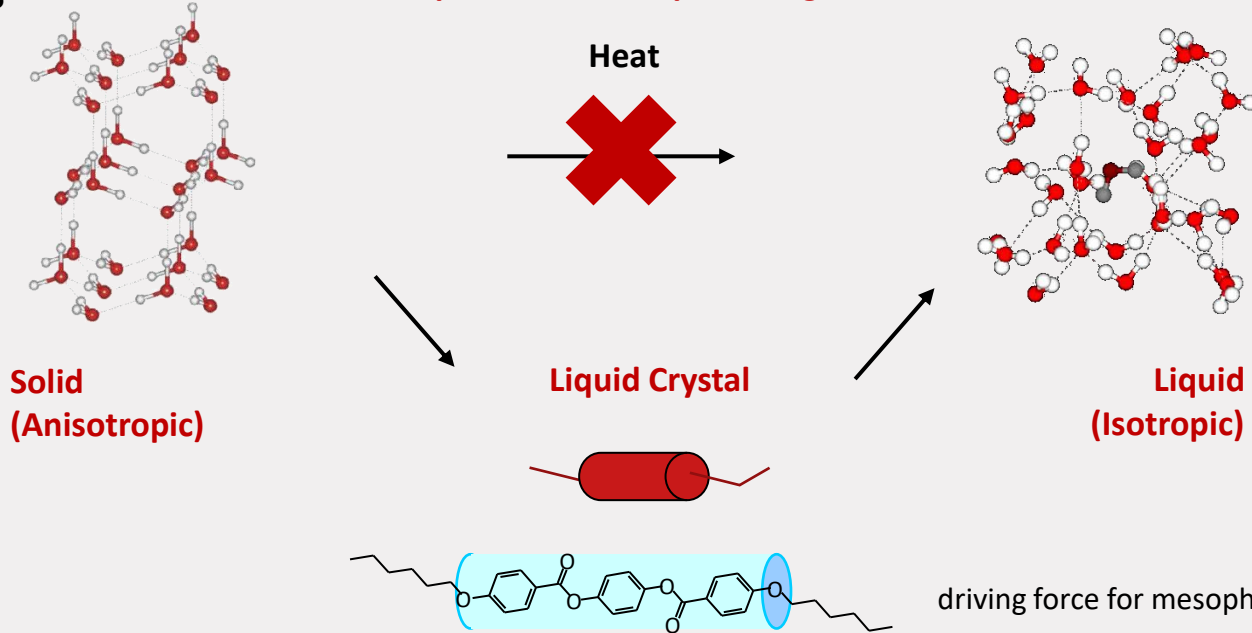
Soft Robotics, Haptics



# Stimuli-responsive materials based on liquid crystals (LCs)

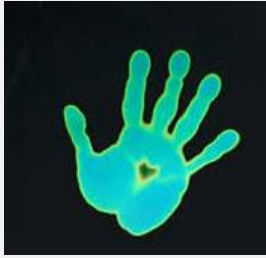
## Liquid Crystals

3 phases: solid, liquid and gas

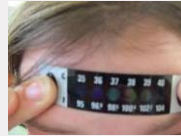


**Anisotropic materials:**  
properties depend on orientation

# Liquid crystals in our daily life



Beauty cares



Thermometers



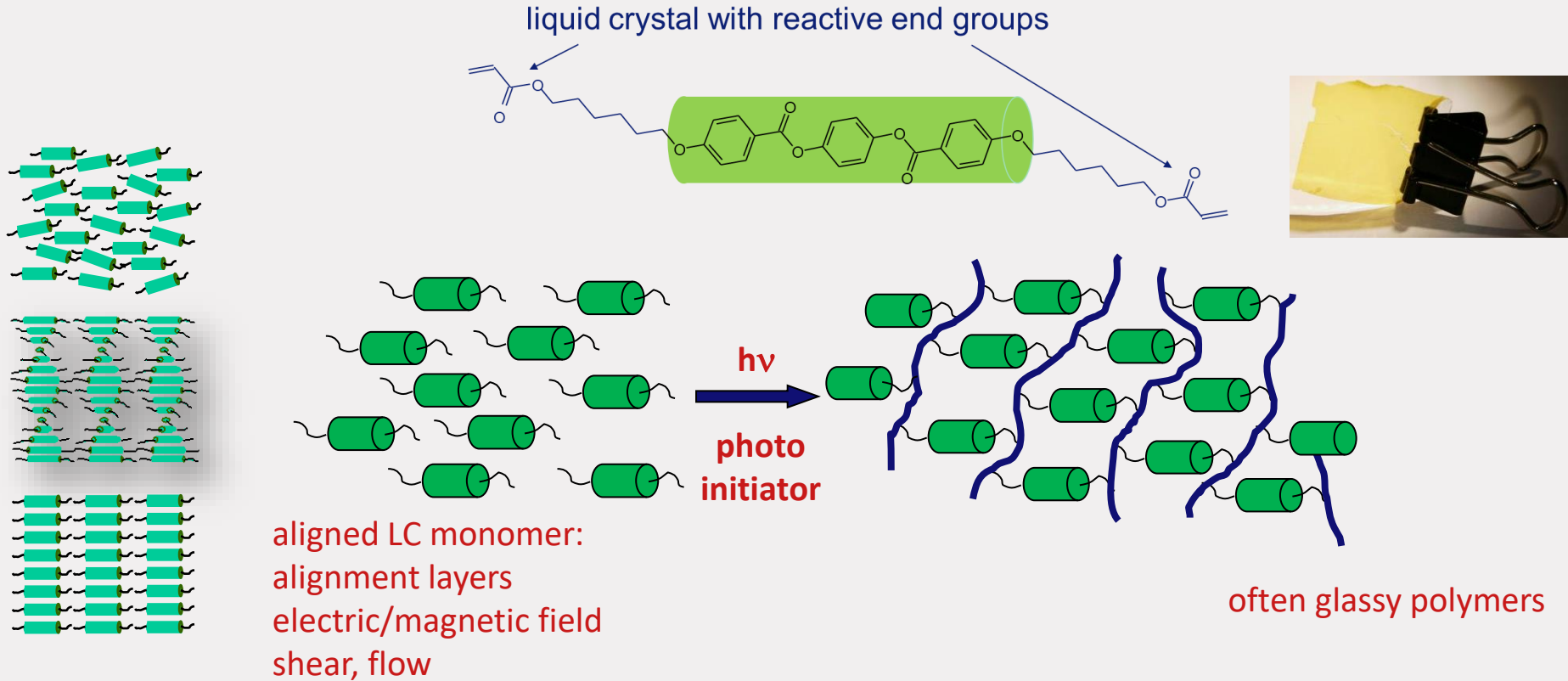
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Displays

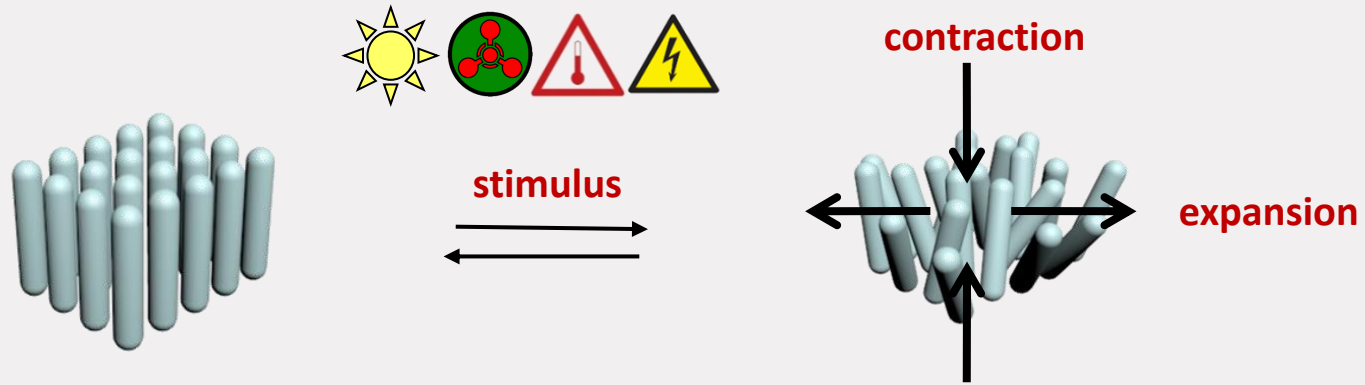


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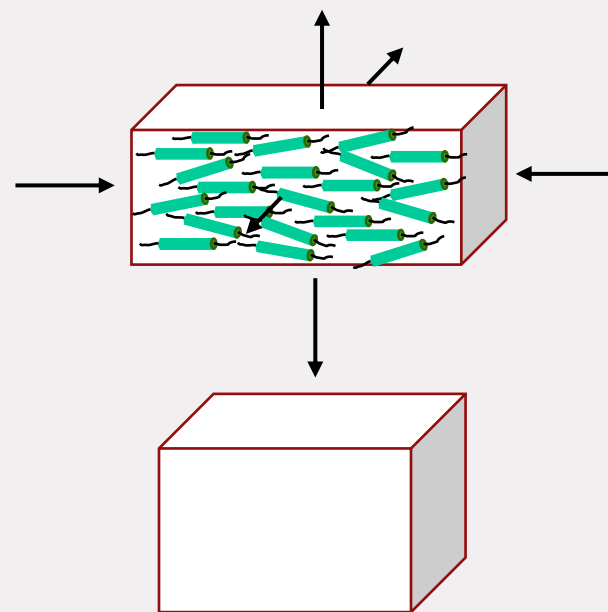
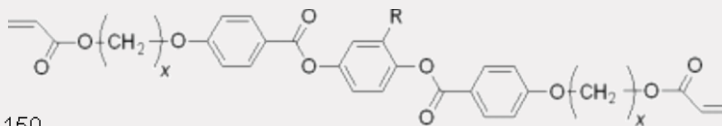
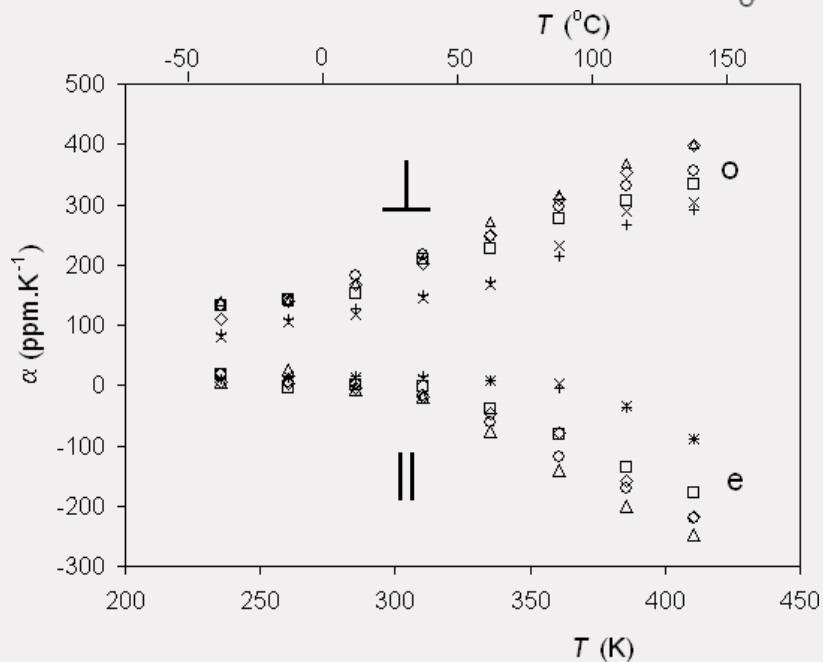
- Response is caused by a small reversible change of the local molecular order, solvents are not needed
- Disorder is induced by triggering molecules that respond to temperature, humidity, light, and/or chemicals (among others)

# Soft actuators, Shape changing polymers

Like living organisms  
Increased flexibility & adaptability for accomplishing tasks  
Improved safety

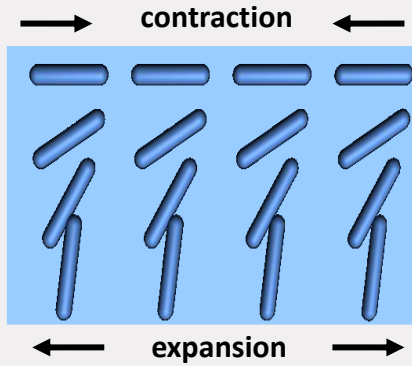
# Soft actuators based on LCs

## Thermal Expansion Coefficient

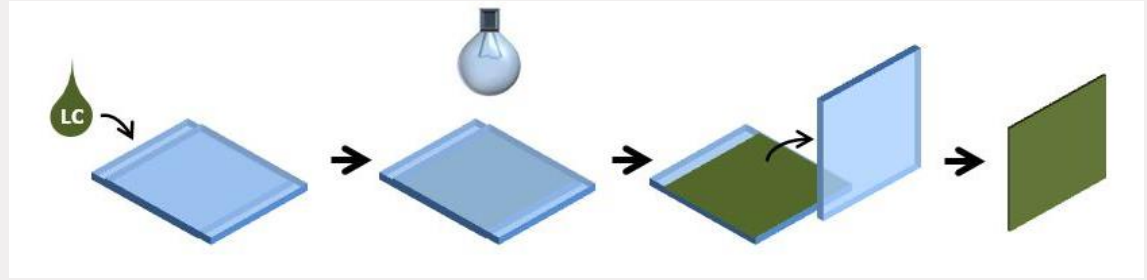


# Liquid crystal based soft actuator (bending)

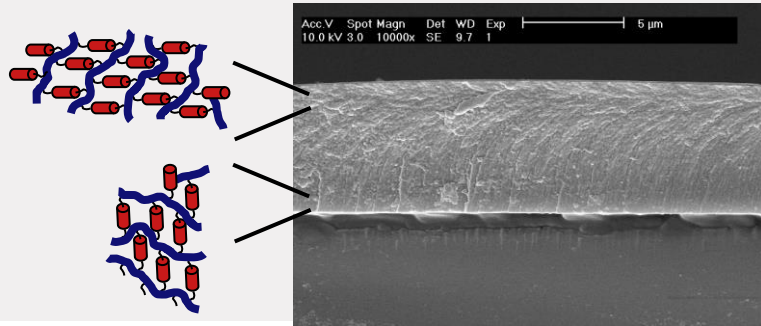
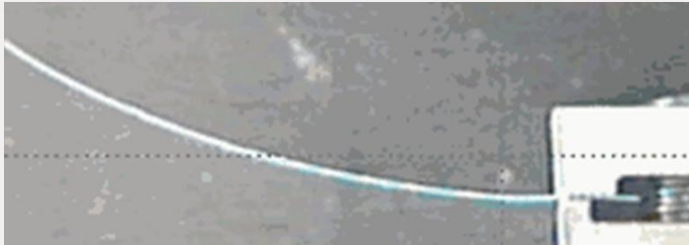
## Bending: Splay network



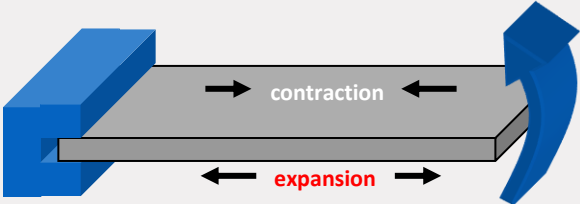
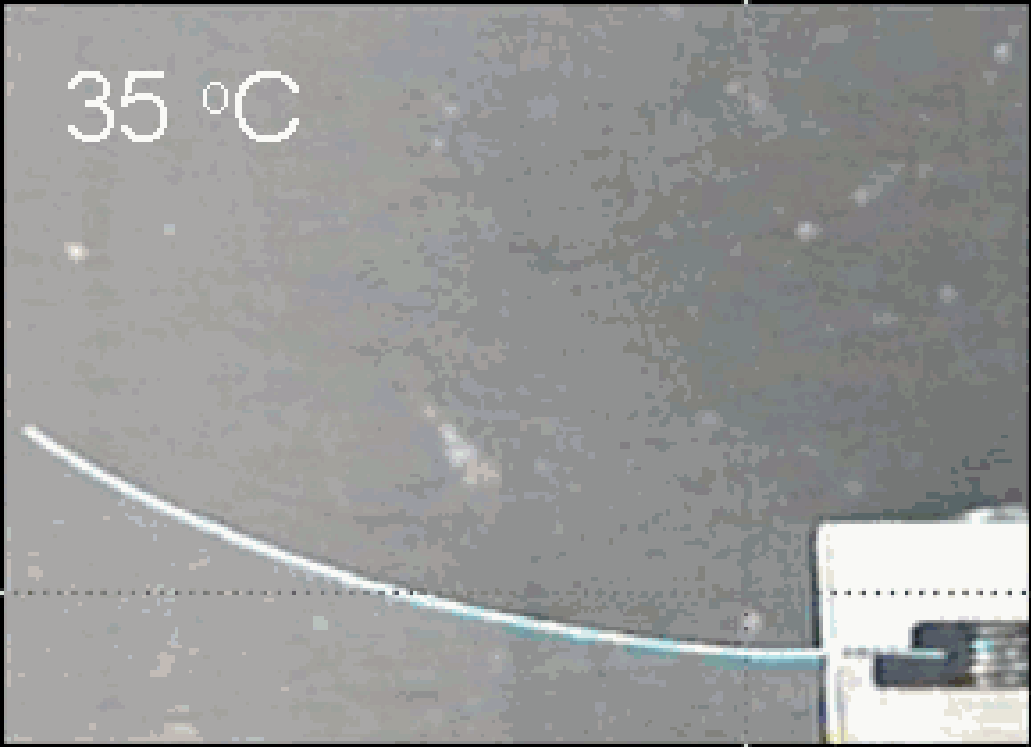
## Preparation of the polymer film



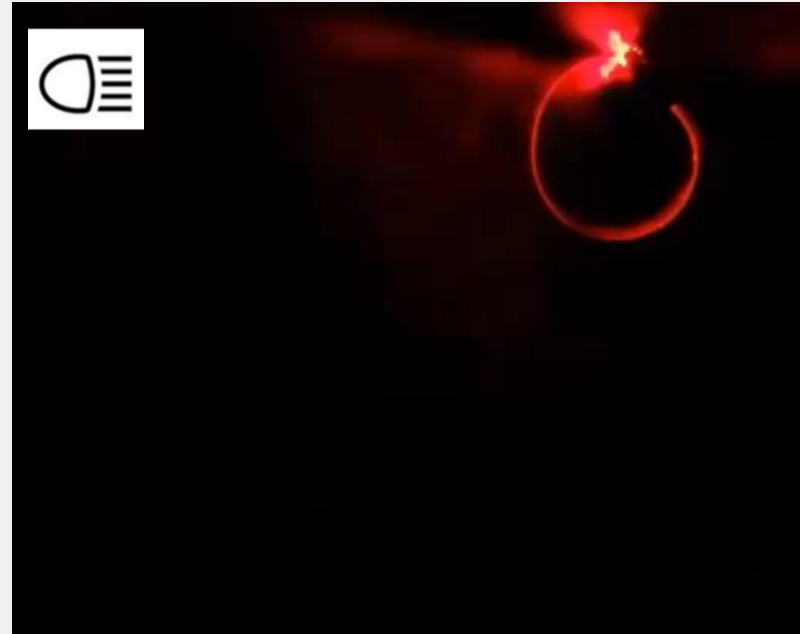
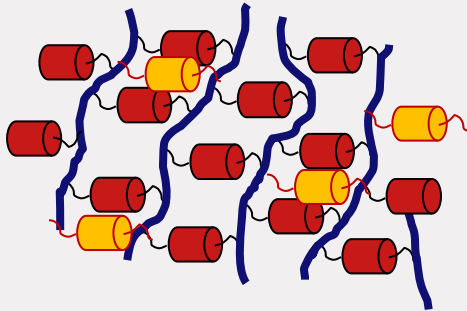
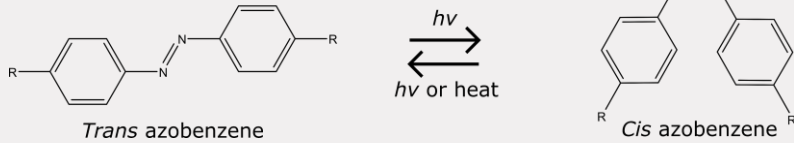
## Polymer film



# Thermal induced bending

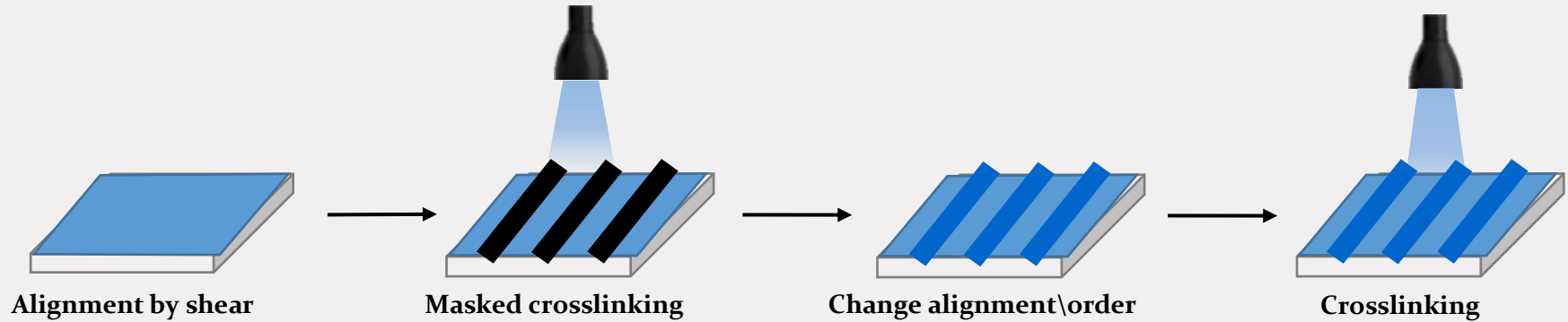


# Light responsive actuators

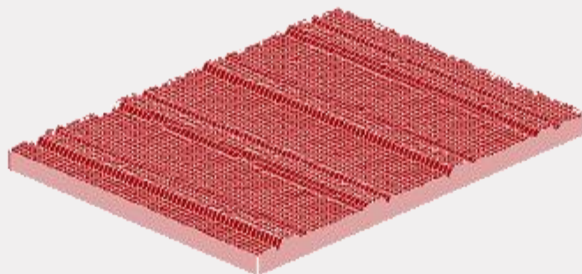
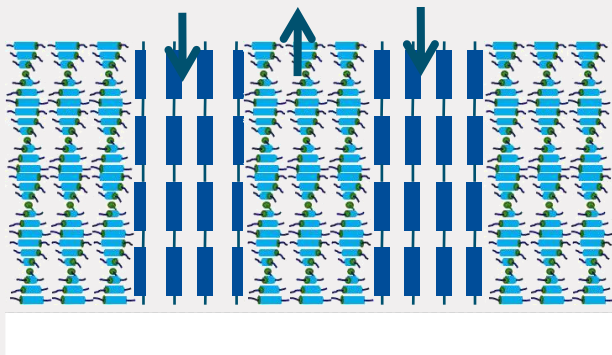


Splay network

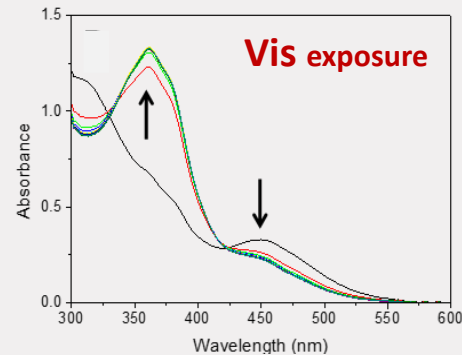
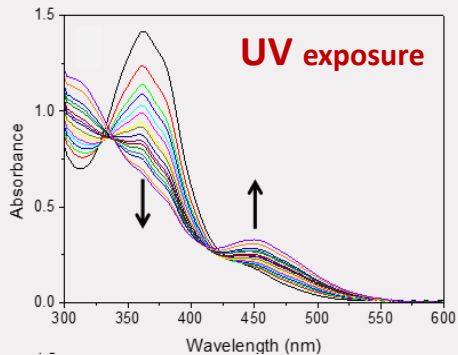
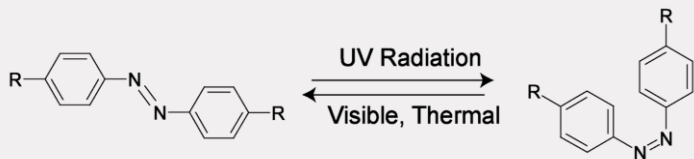
# How to prepare (patterned) LC coatings



# Light Responsive Surface Topographies



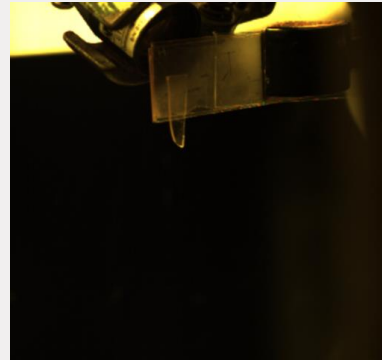
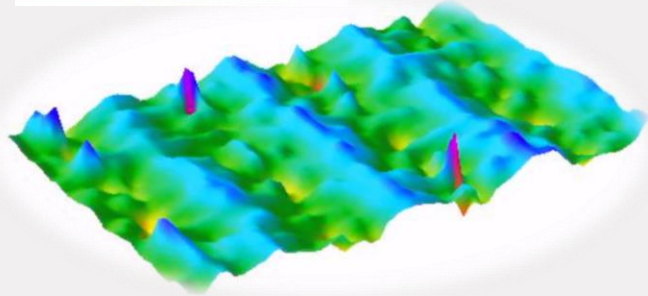
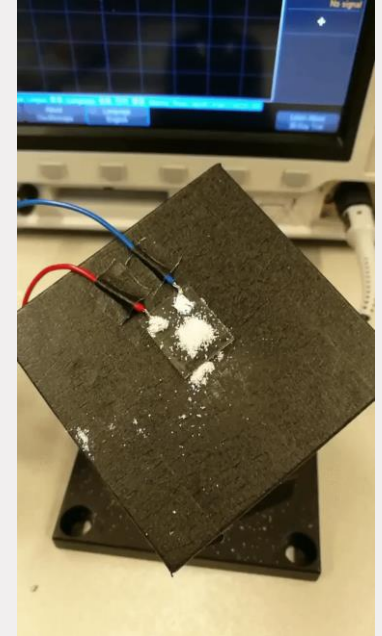
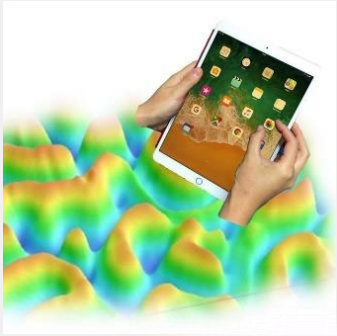
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# Stimuli-Responsive Surface Topographies, Applications

antifouling, self-cleaning, haptics



# Self-cleaning solar panels

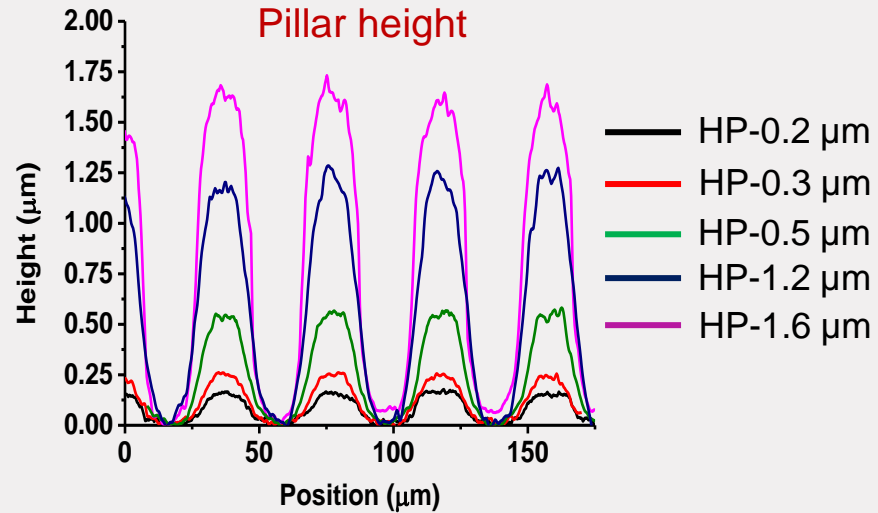
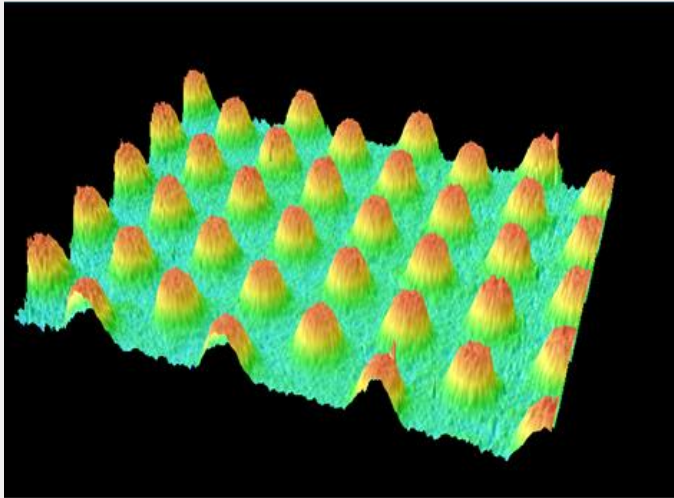


**Other applications:  
Regenerative medicine  
to direct (stem) cell adhesion,  
spreading, migration and differentiation and tissue organization**

# Pillars made by Light for Cells



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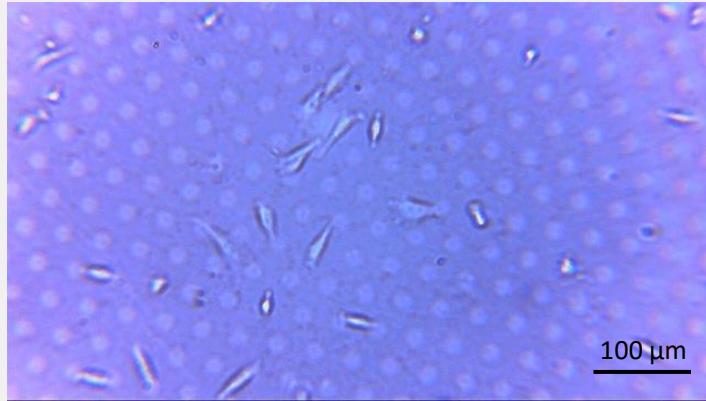


Height depends on illumination intensity, sample thickness

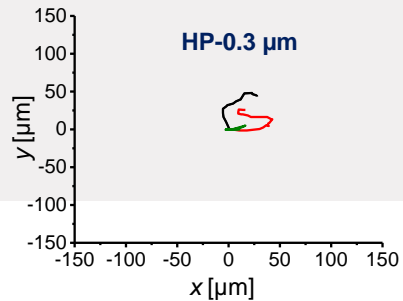
# Cells on Pillared Structures

Used cells: NIH-3T3 Fibroblast (connective tissue cells)

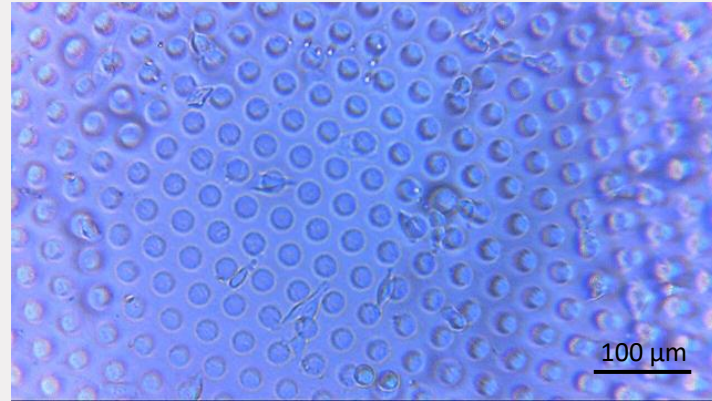
0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  pillars



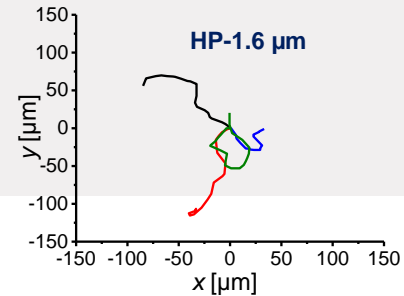
Cells on pillars



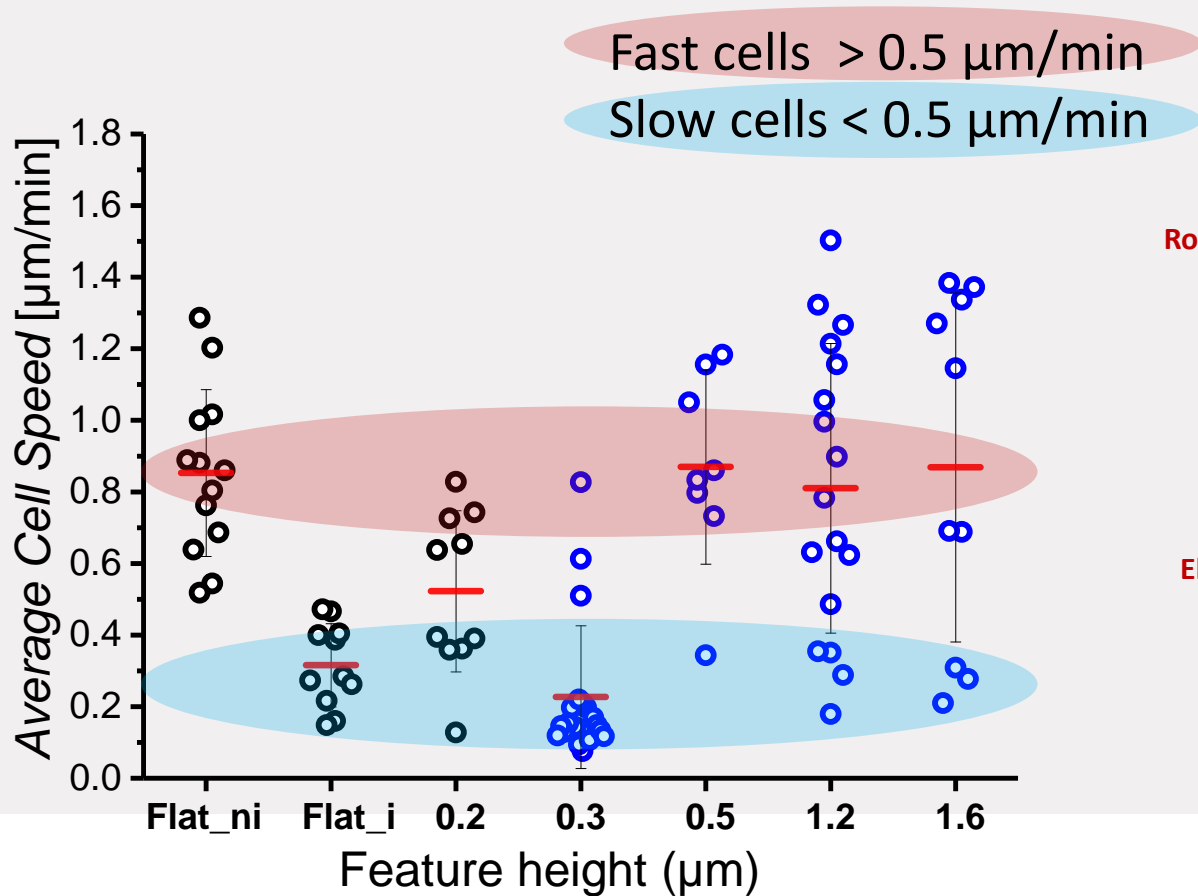
1.6  $\mu\text{m}$  pillars



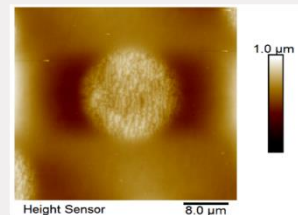
Cells have no preference



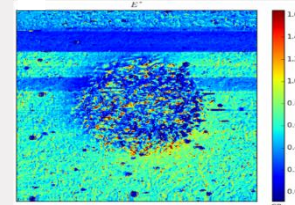
# Understanding the migration



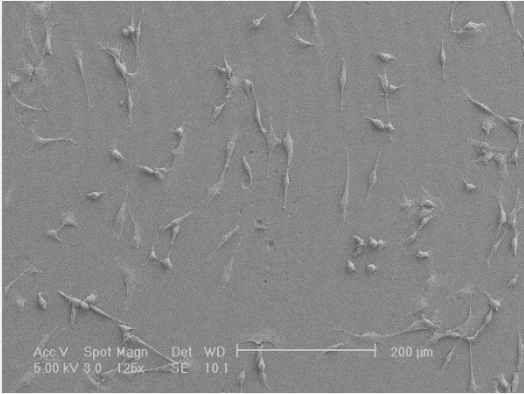
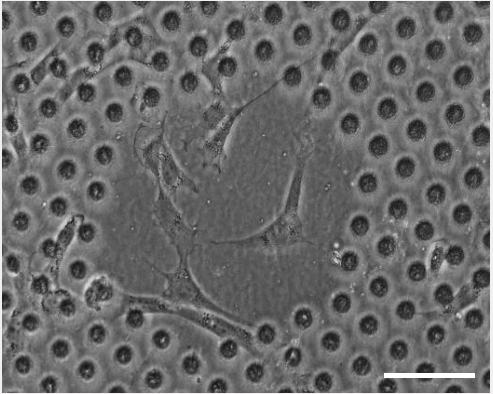
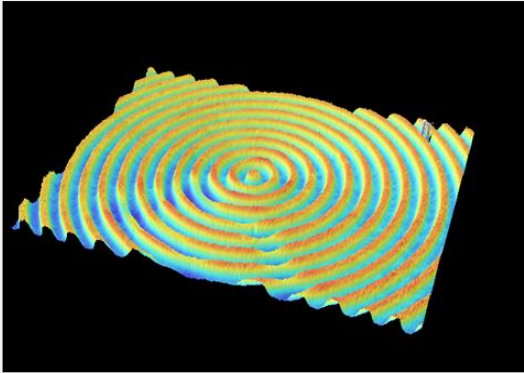
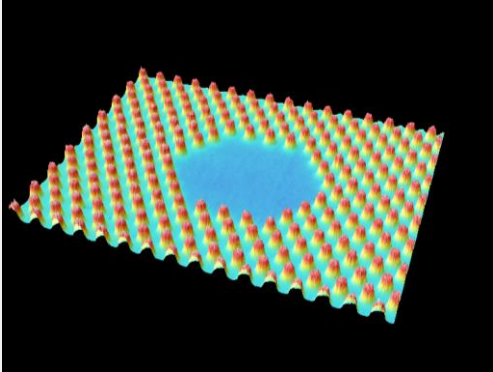
Roughness pillar: 55 nm vs 10 nm



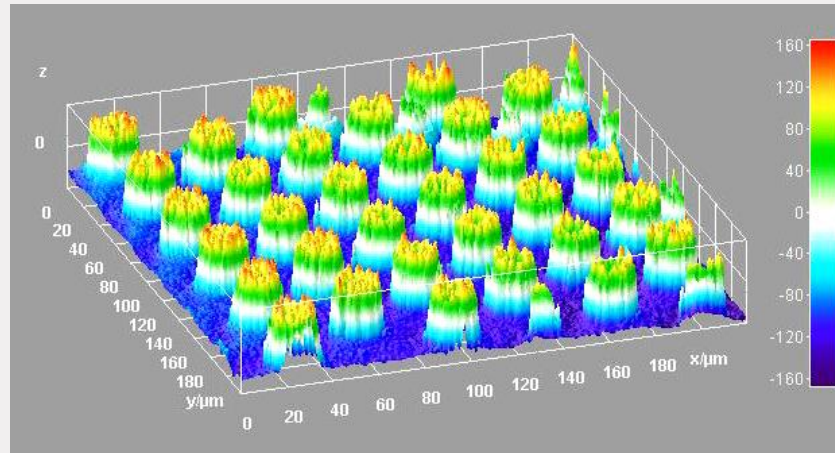
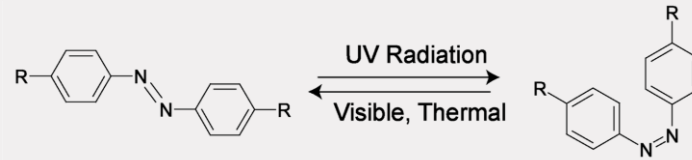
Elastic modulus: 0.5-0.7 GPa vs 1 GPa



# Directing Cell Migration



# Towards visible light responsive surfaces

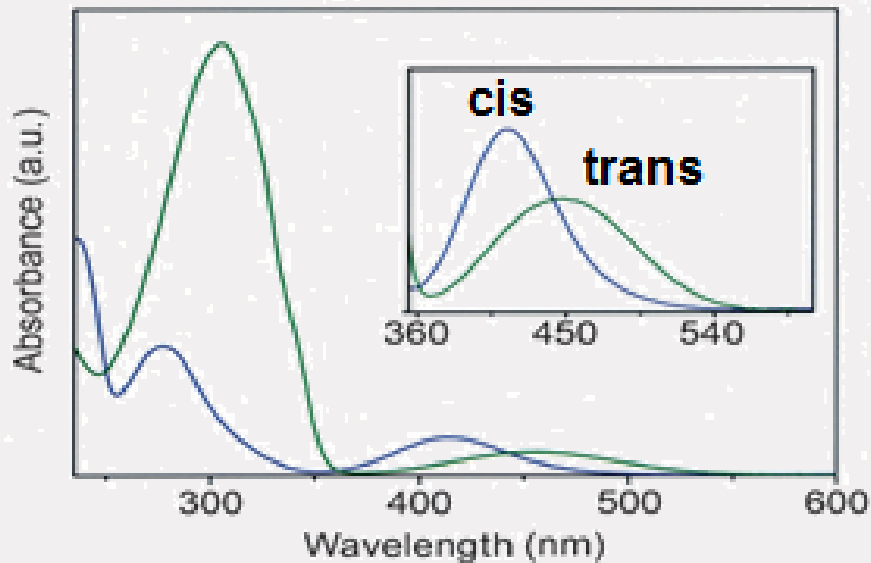
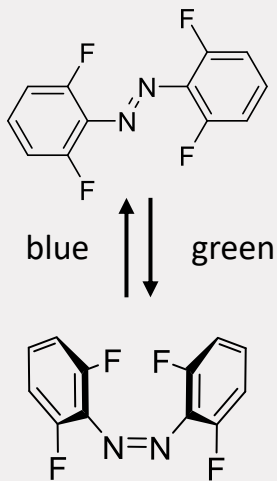




# Visible light responsive surfaces, multi stable surfaces

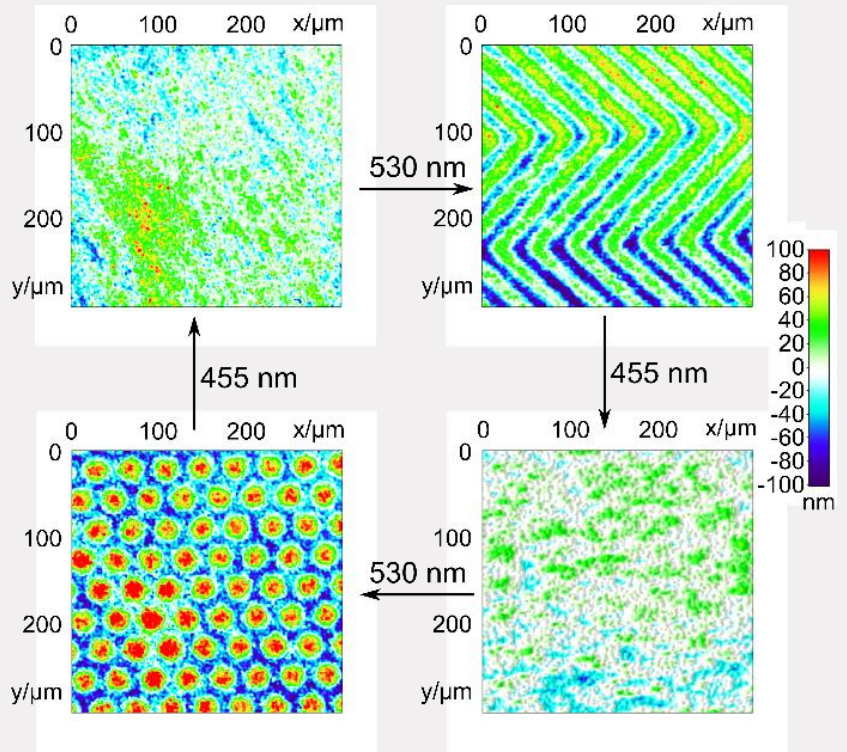
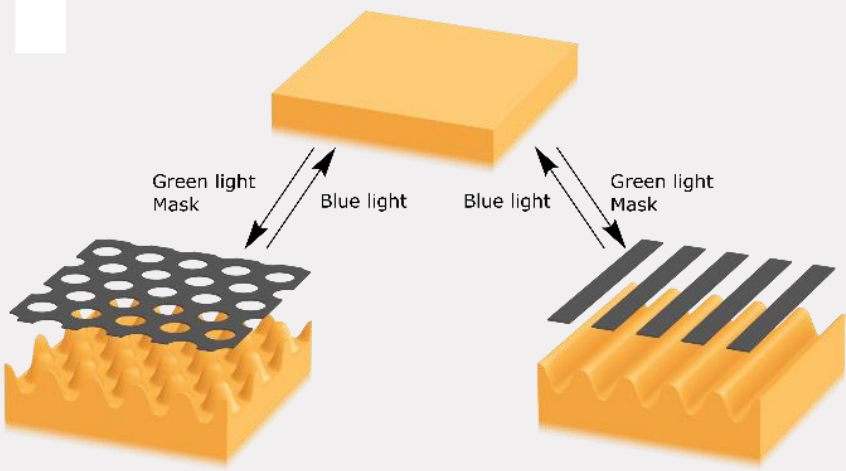
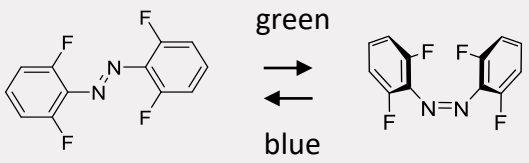
## Fluor-substituted azobenzene

$n \rightarrow \pi^*$  bands of *cis* and *trans* isomers



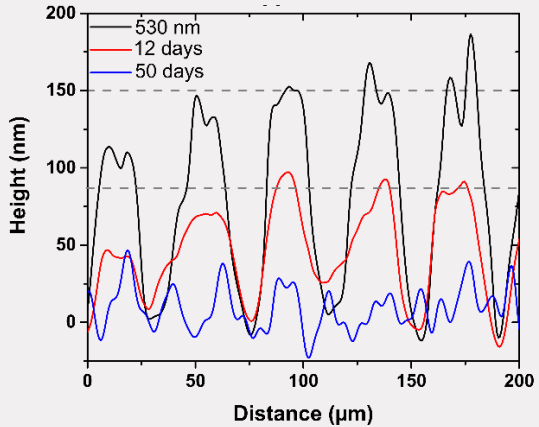
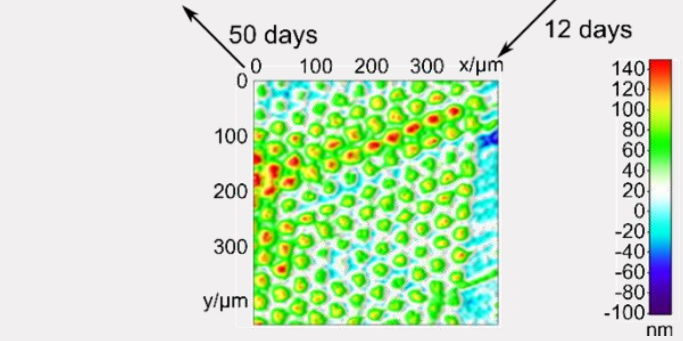
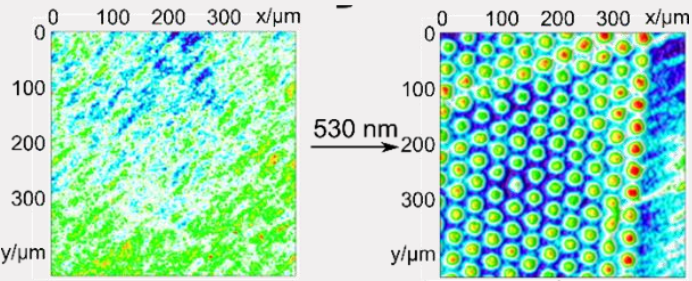
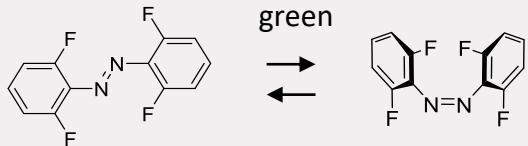
Cis isomer has a very long lifetime: years!

# Re-configurable visible light responsive surface topographies

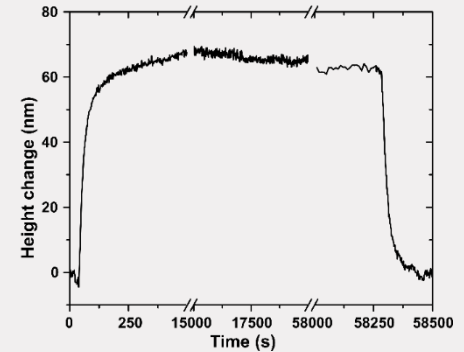
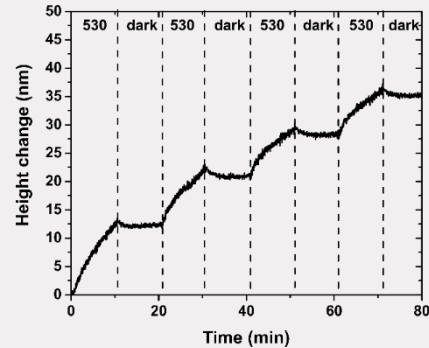
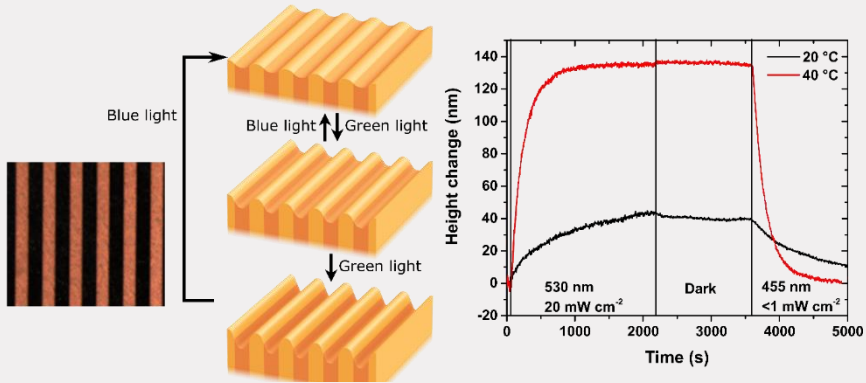
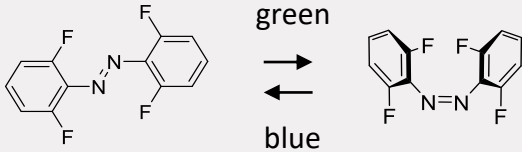


# Stable visible light responsive surface topographies

Green light



# Pre-configurable multi-stable visible light responsive surface topographies



# Dynamic Coatings as Antimicrobial Coatings?

*Surfaces with antimicrobial properties based on special metal- or metal oxide-layers or on immobilised biocides.*

*Photodynamically switchable surface coatings that can change their topology in distinct microscale areas and thereby prevent the adhesion of microorganisms.*

**Taking dynamic coatings to the next level; challenges and obstacles**

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