

Self-patterning induced by evaporation and a solutal Marangoni effect

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Motivation...

→ Applications in printing, painting

and coating processes

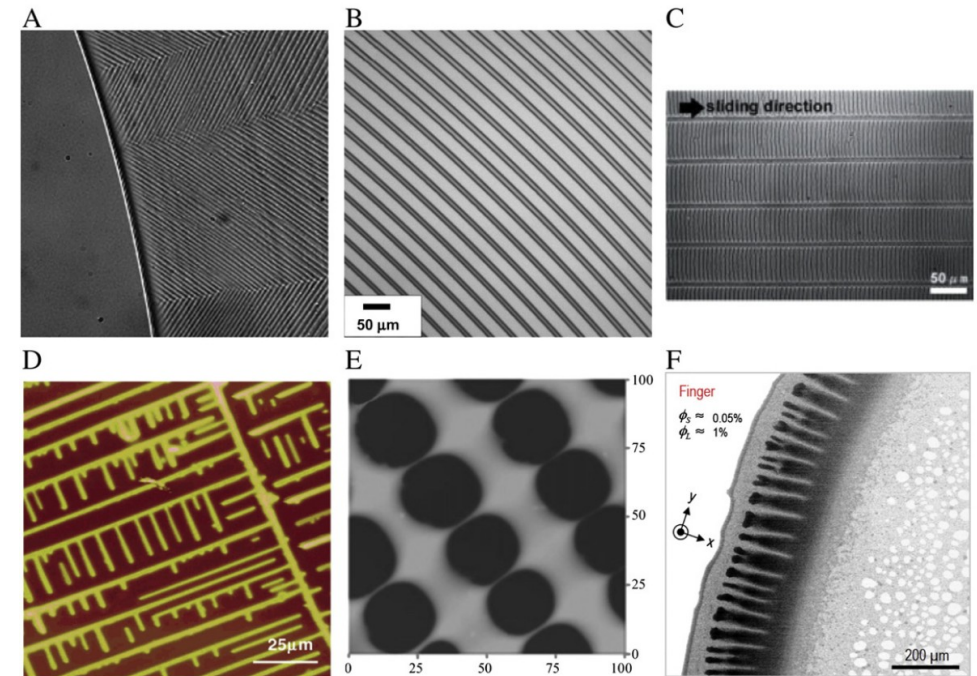
→ Understanding the underlying inter-facial effects on small scale responsible for deposition of such patterned homogeneous layers

Phenomena...

→ Drying of a binary solution in a meniscus: volatile solvent (water) + non-volatile solute (polymer)

→ Processes involved: Solutal Marangoni effect, Evaporation, Substrate motion, Diffusion

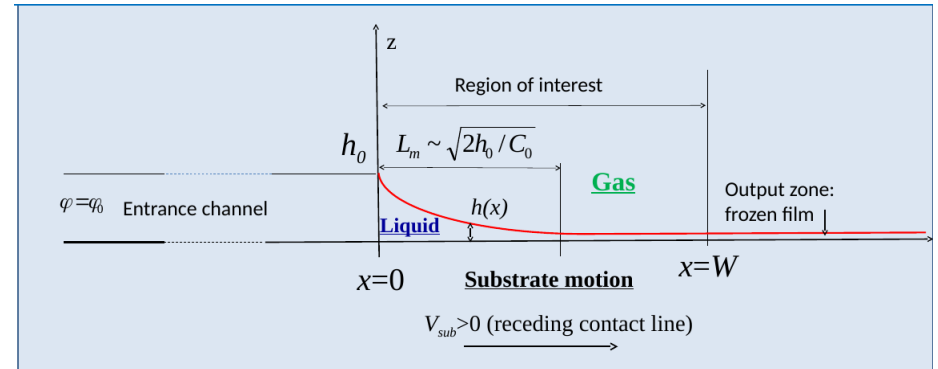
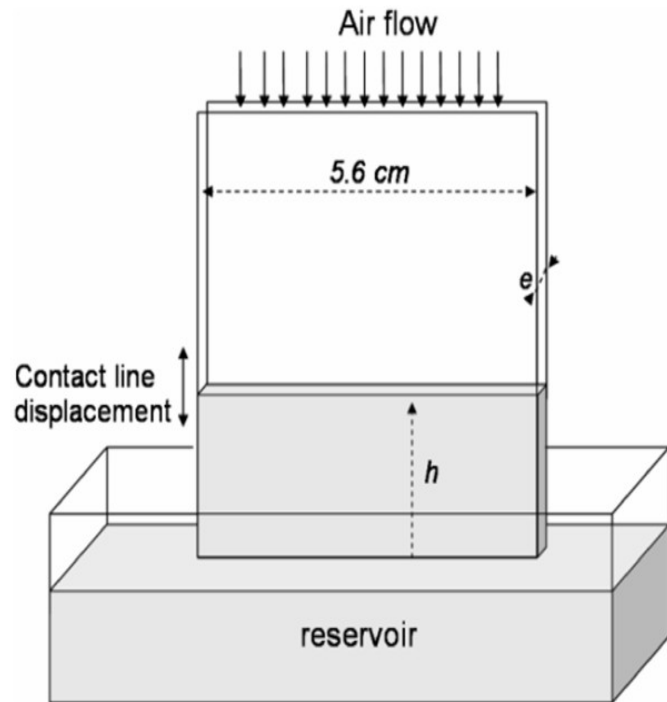
Patterns...



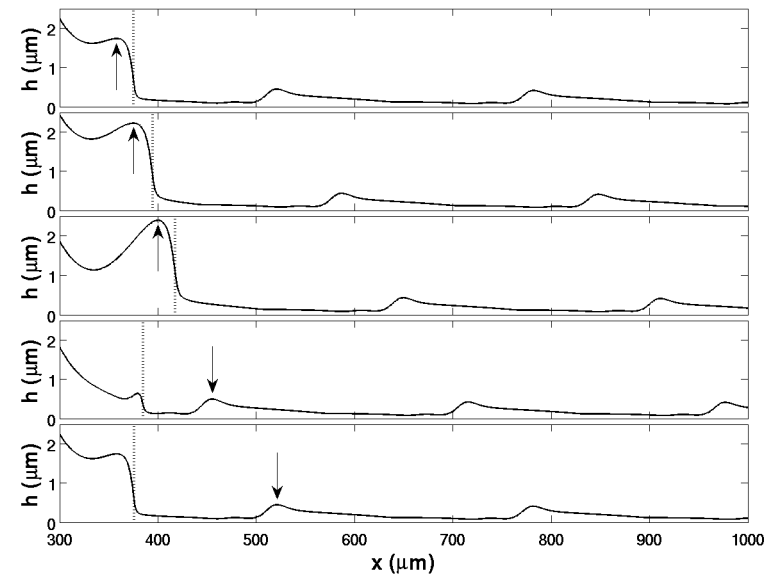
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Hydrodynamic model...

Experimental Set up...



Numerical Results...



Periodic time evolution of the meniscus edge $V_{sub} = 30 \mu\text{m/s}$, $f_0 = 0.01$, $\tau = 8.69\text{s}$. The black arrow indicates the bump top. The vertical dotted line is the position of the drying front.