

# 3D- $\mu$ NMADs

## 3D Nanofiber-based Microfluidic Analytical Devices <Literature Review>

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# **A Flexible Method for Nanofiber-based 3D Microfluidic Device Fabrication for Water Quality Monitoring**

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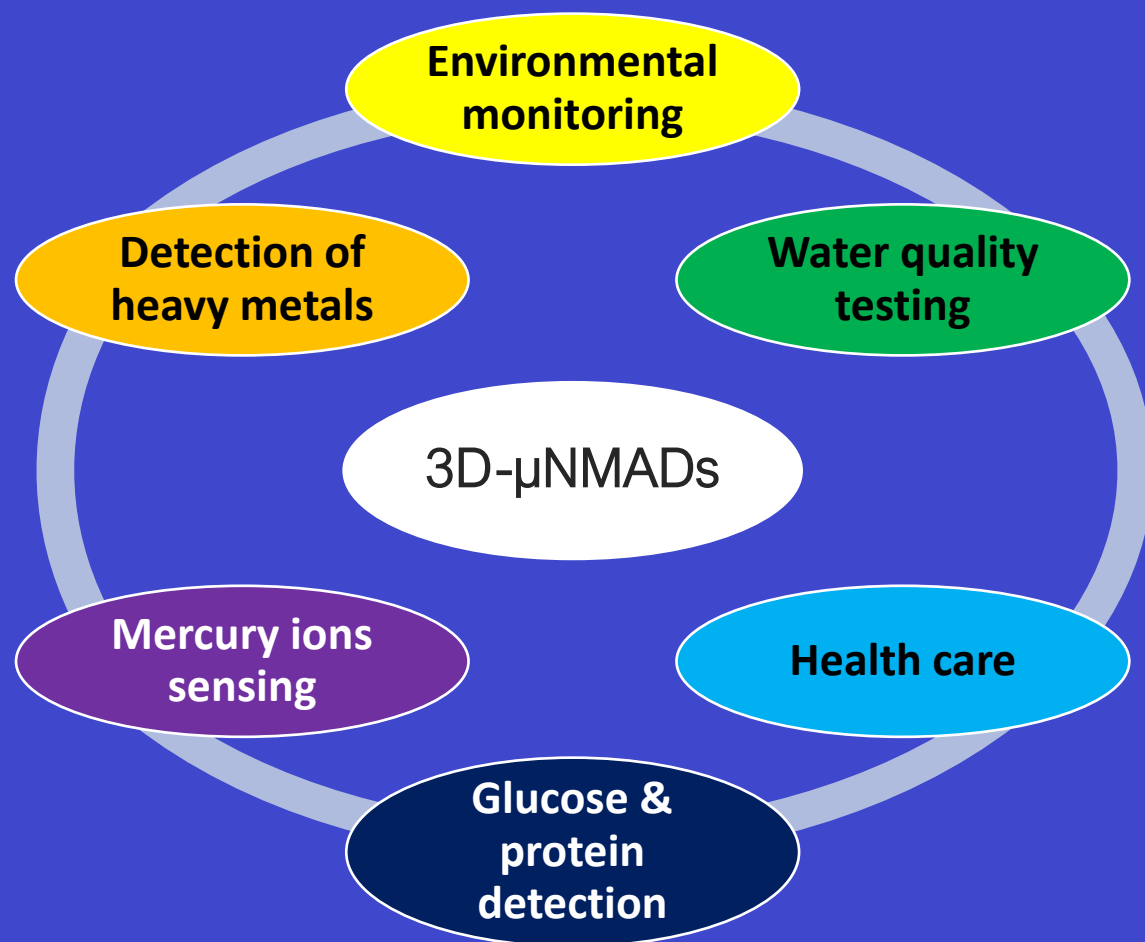
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**nanofibers + microfluidic chips + sensors + electrospinning**

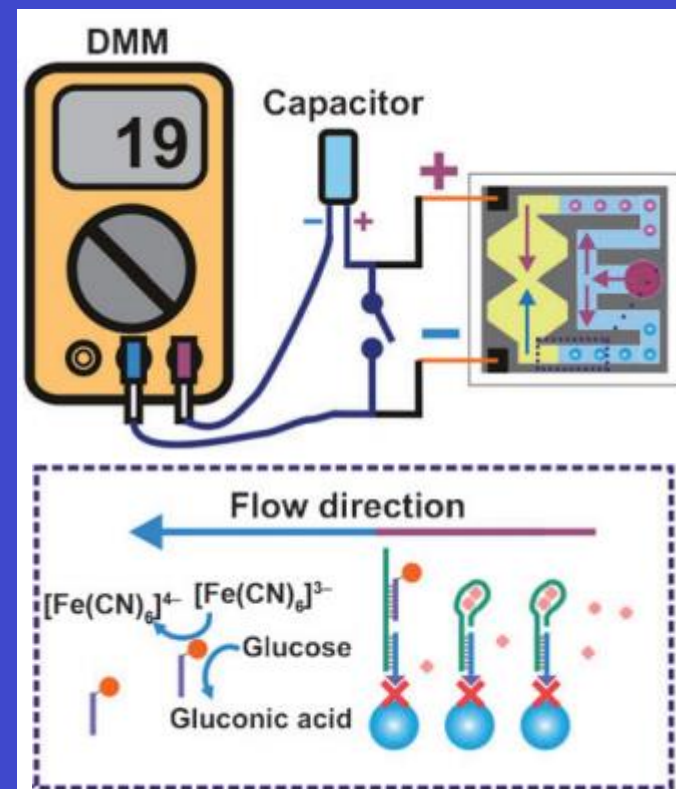


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# Applications:



e.g. by Liu et al.



# Fabrication techniques (state-of-the-art):

## 2D structures

- photolithography
- spray printing
- paper cutting
- inkjet printing
- screen printing

## 3D structures

- 2D stacking
- paper origami

Well know techniques,  
Simple & Easy to implement

vs.

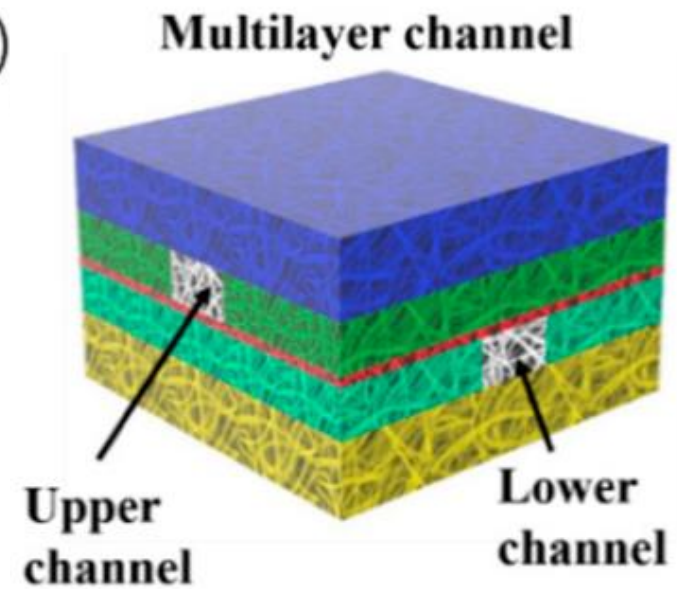
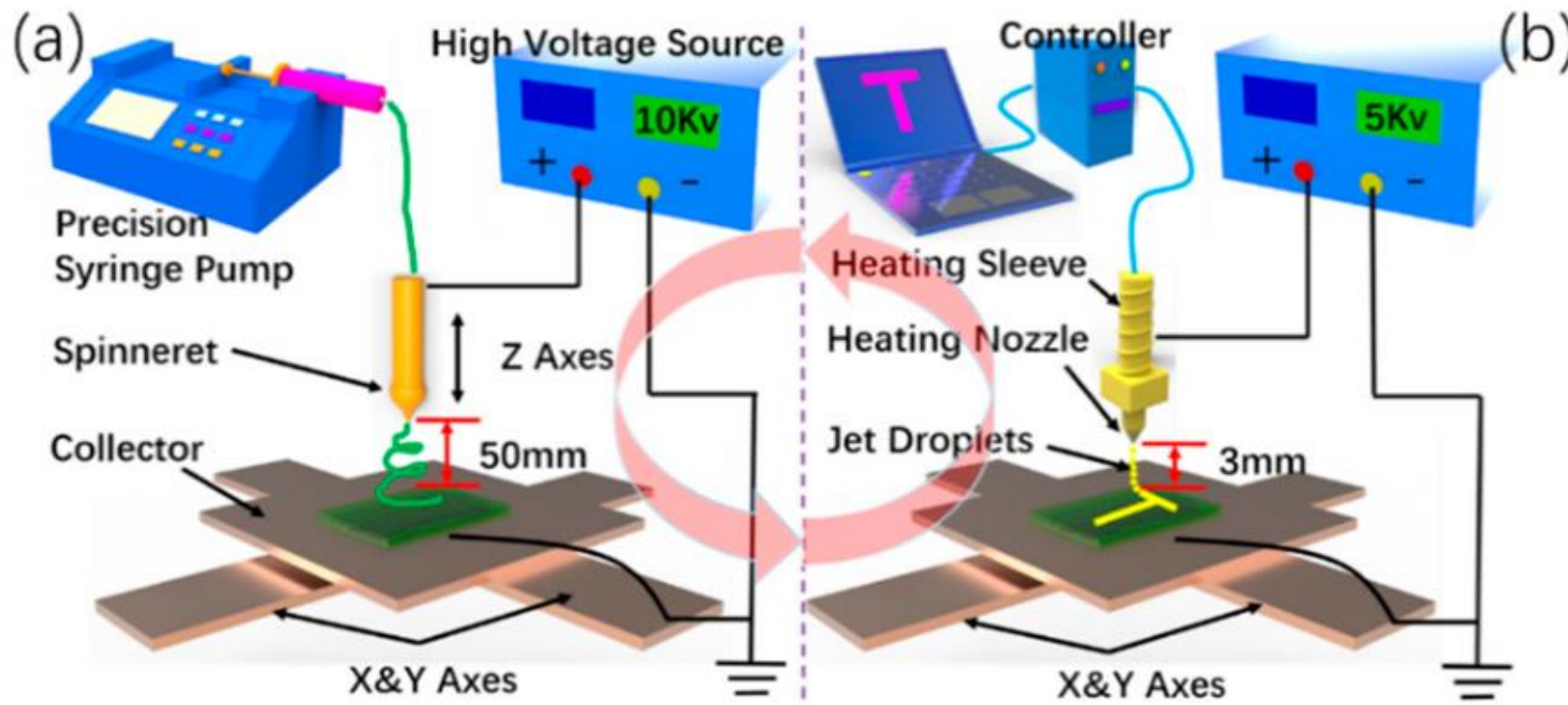
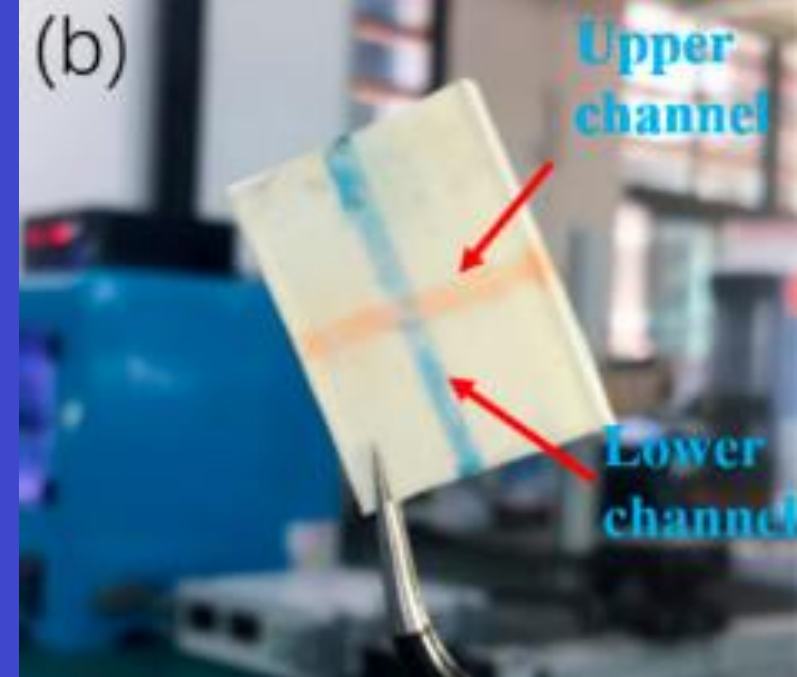
Increased functionality & Fewer  
geometry limitations



# Materials and Methods:

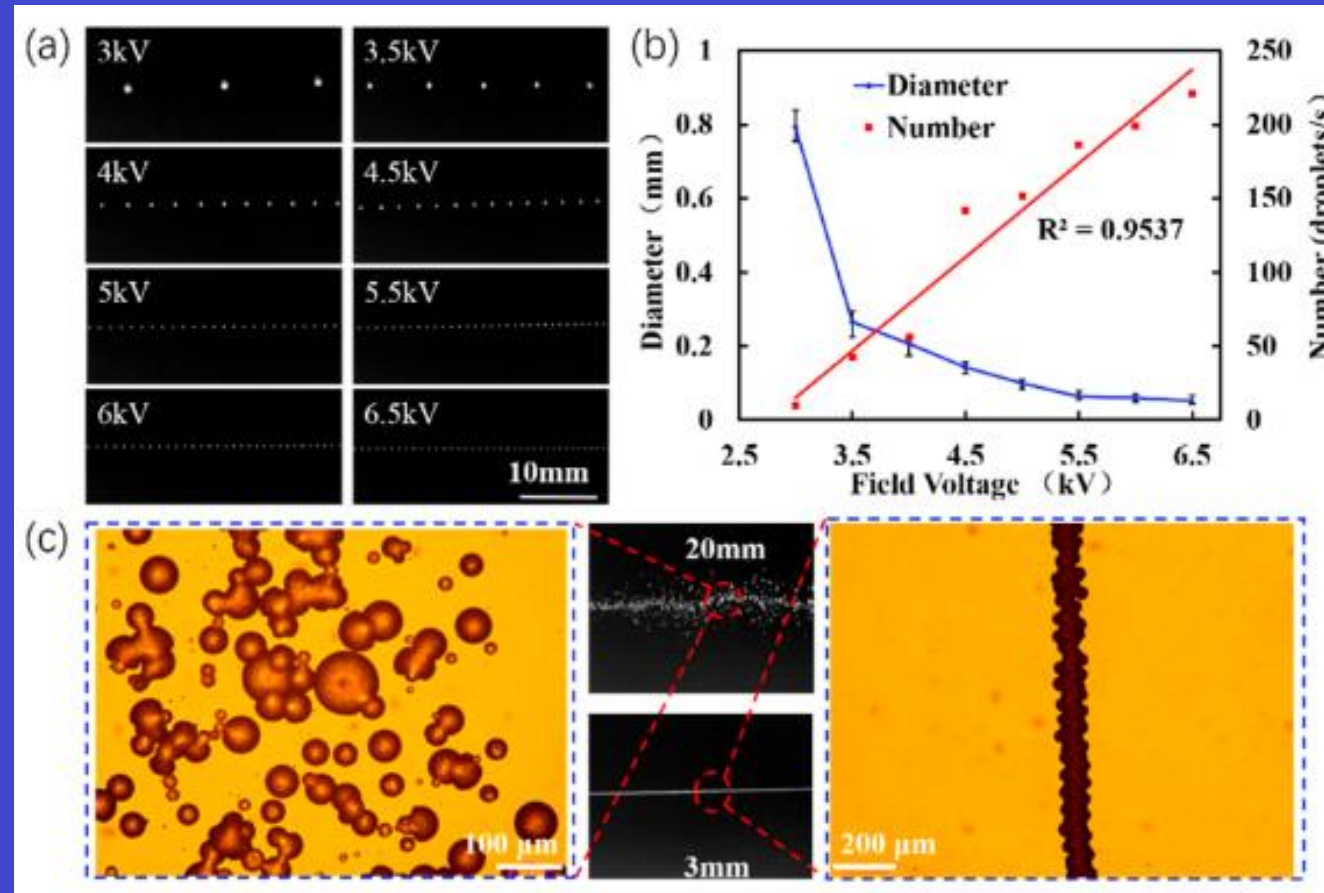
FFES ink: polyimide (PI) and silicon powder (Si)  
in dimethylacetamide (DMAc)

melt-NFES: wax



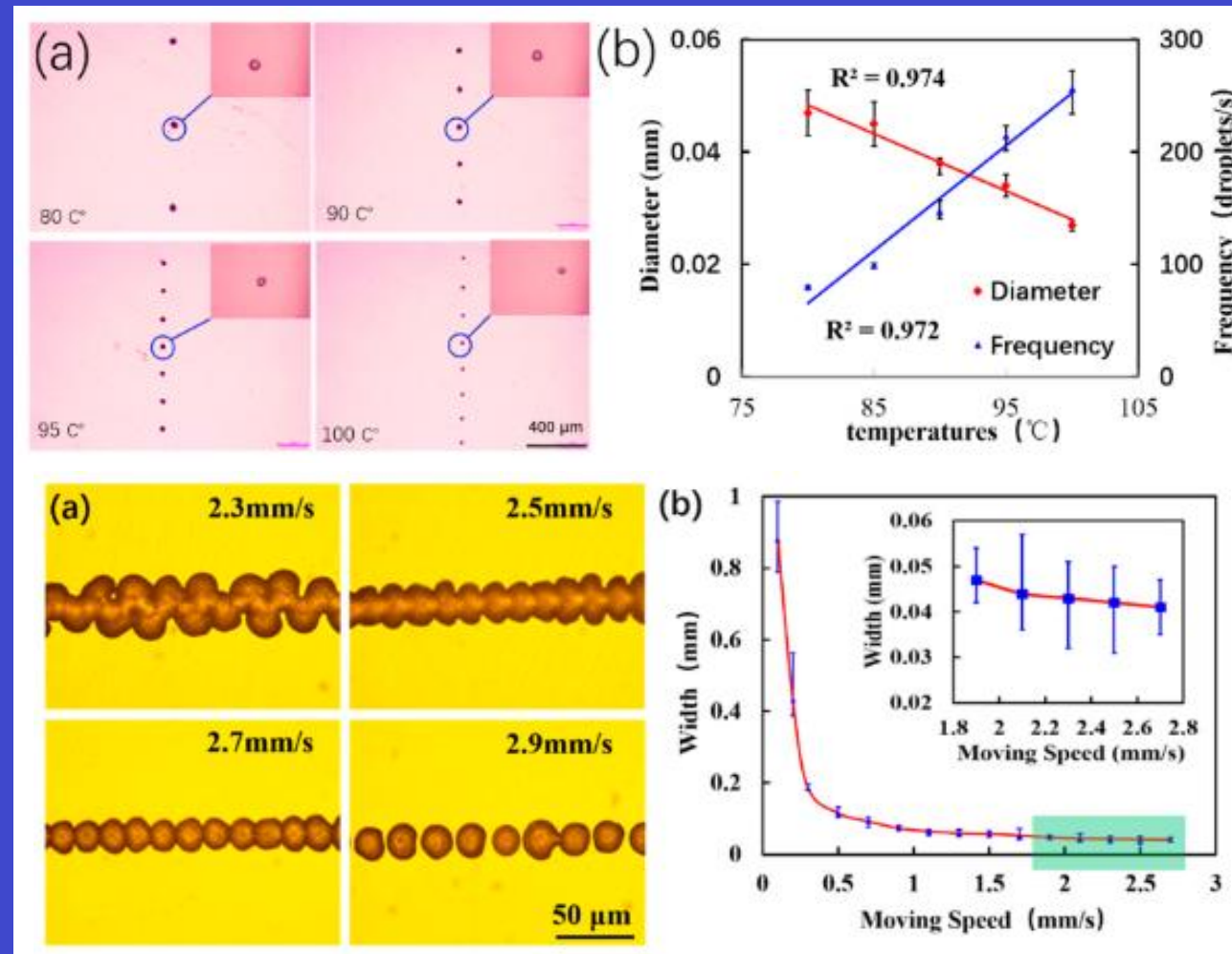
# Process parameters (applied voltage & working distance):

“NFES wax printing is an atomization process rather than a spinning process.”

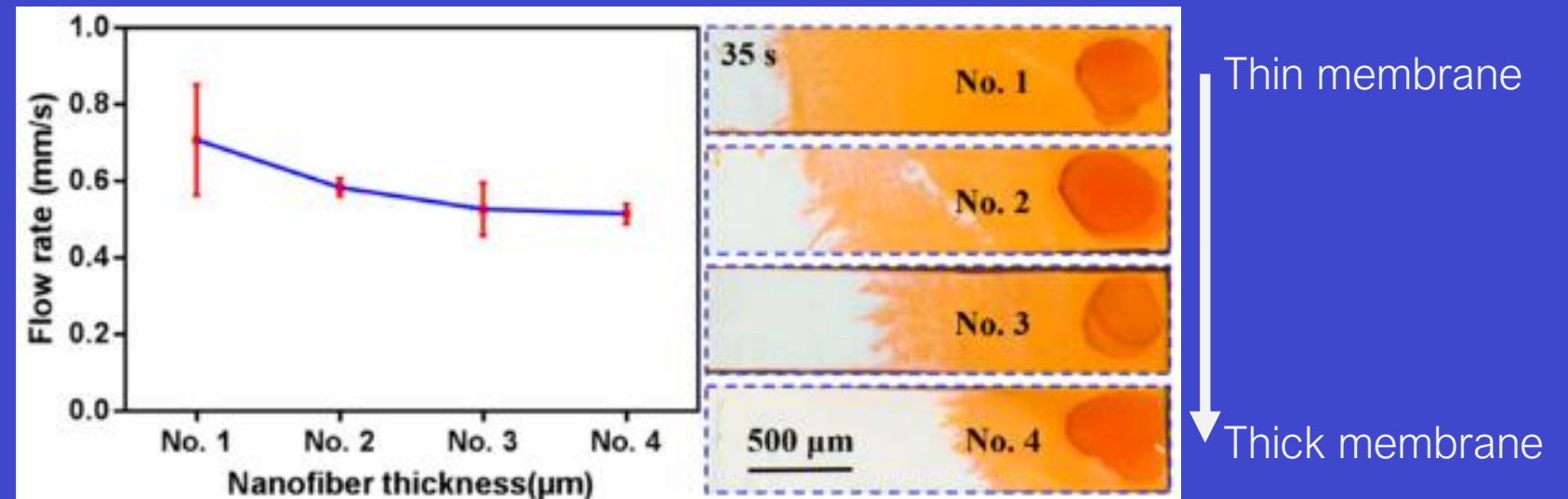




# Process parameters (temperature & stage velocity):



# Performance of 3D- $\mu$ NMADs:



“Faster flow rates were observed in thin membranes.”

Membrane porosity decreased and became denser after a long deposition time (No. 4), which resulted in a reduced flow.





# Conclusions:

Wax spreading can be controlled by the alignment of the electrospun nanofibers

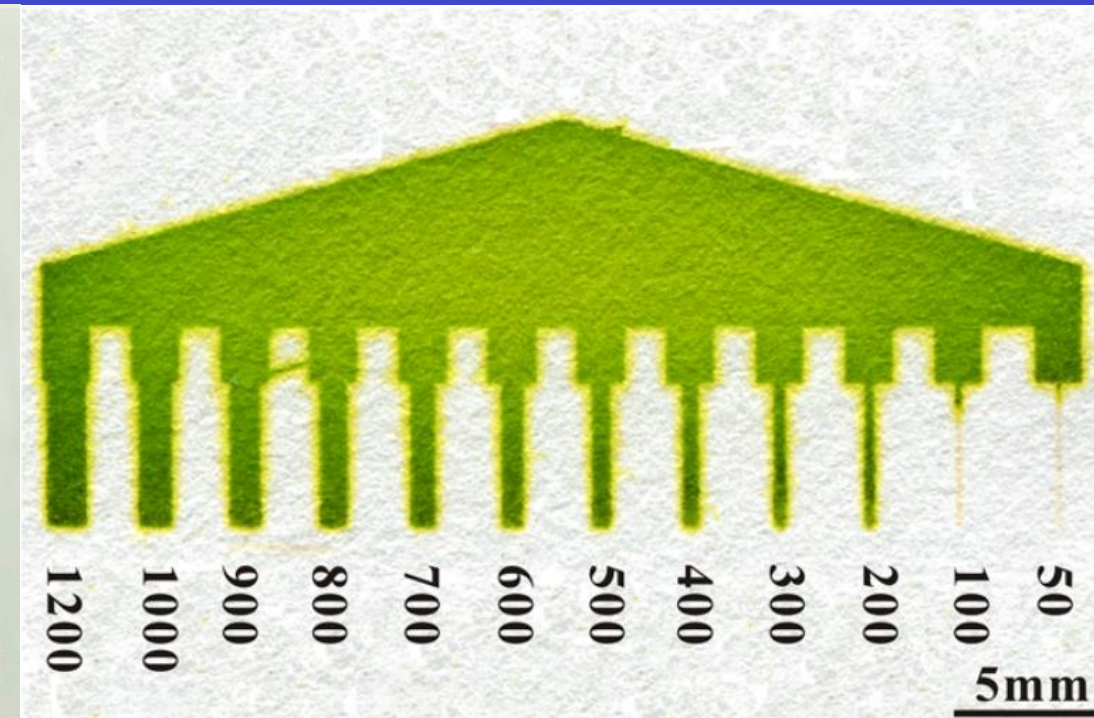
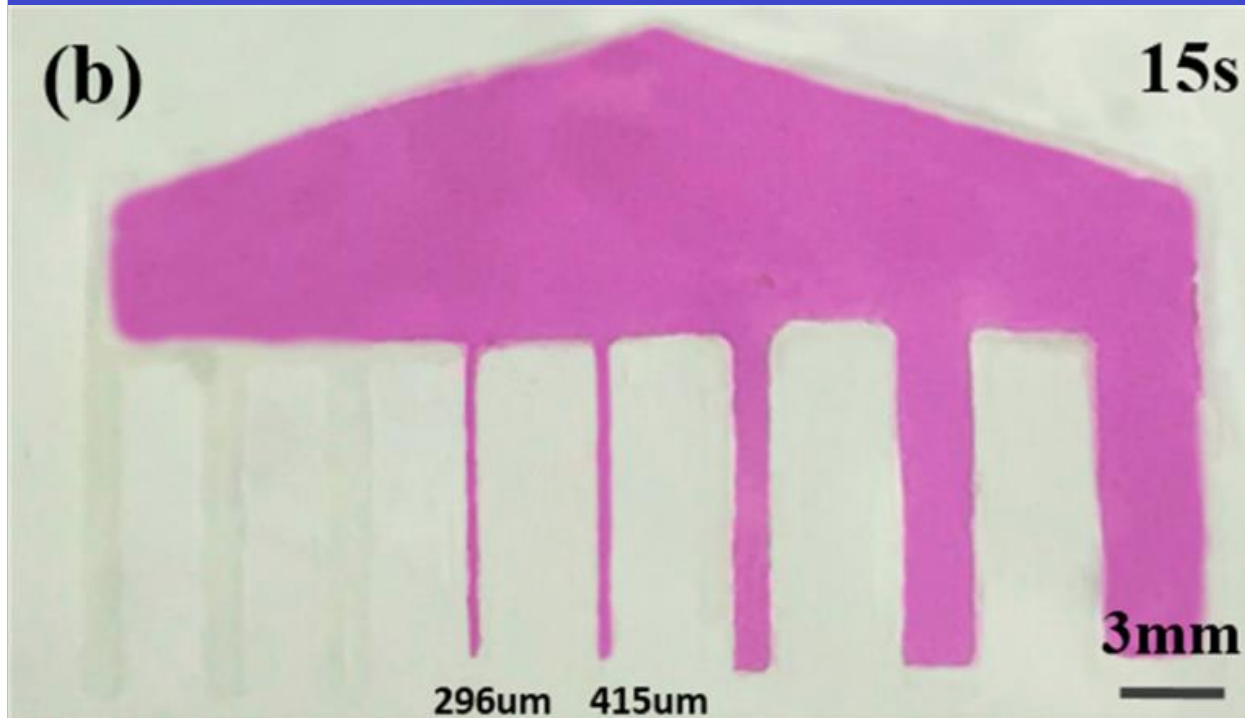
Nanofiber-based (this paper)



Inkjet printing (Carrilho et al.)



# Conclusions (resolution):



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Photolithography (He et al.)

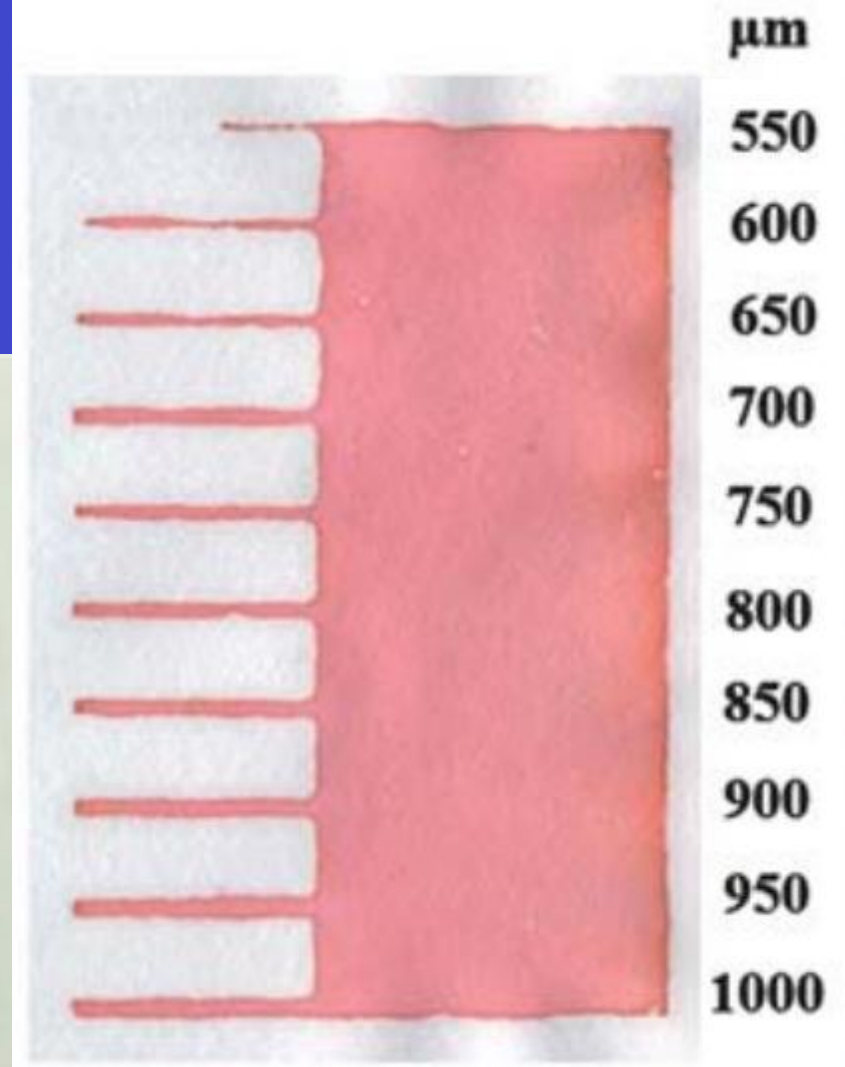
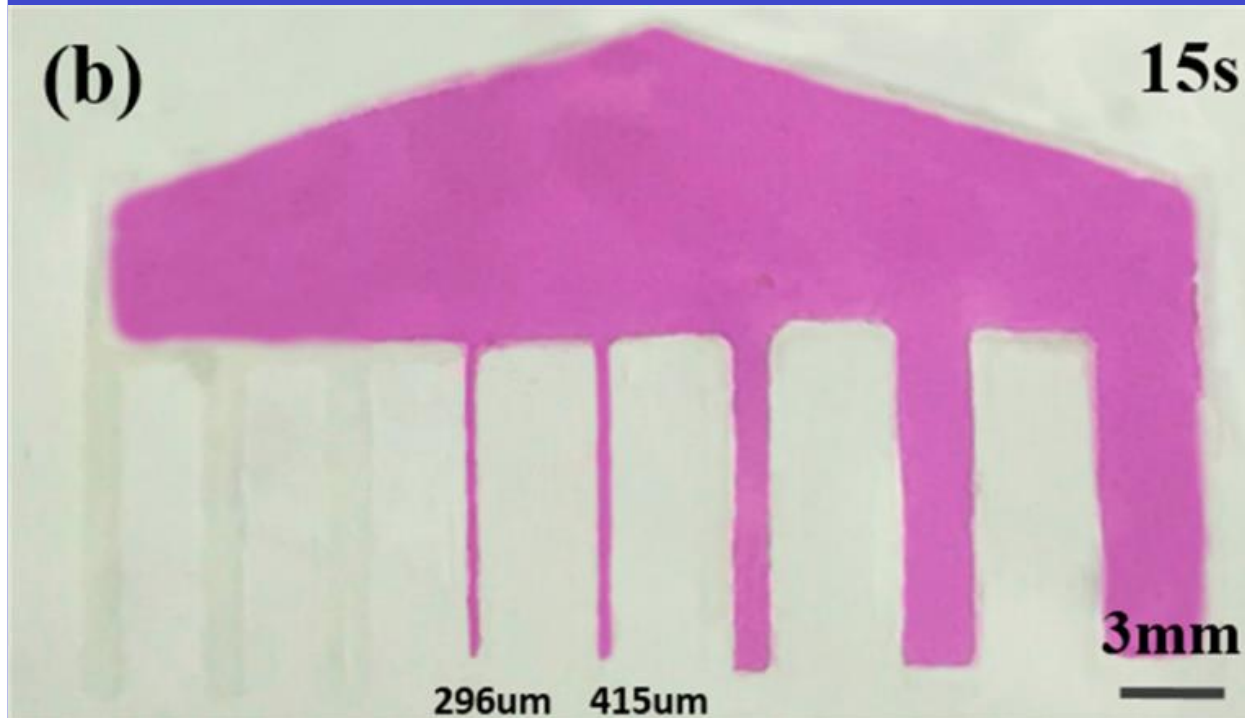


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Screen printing (Dungchai et al.)



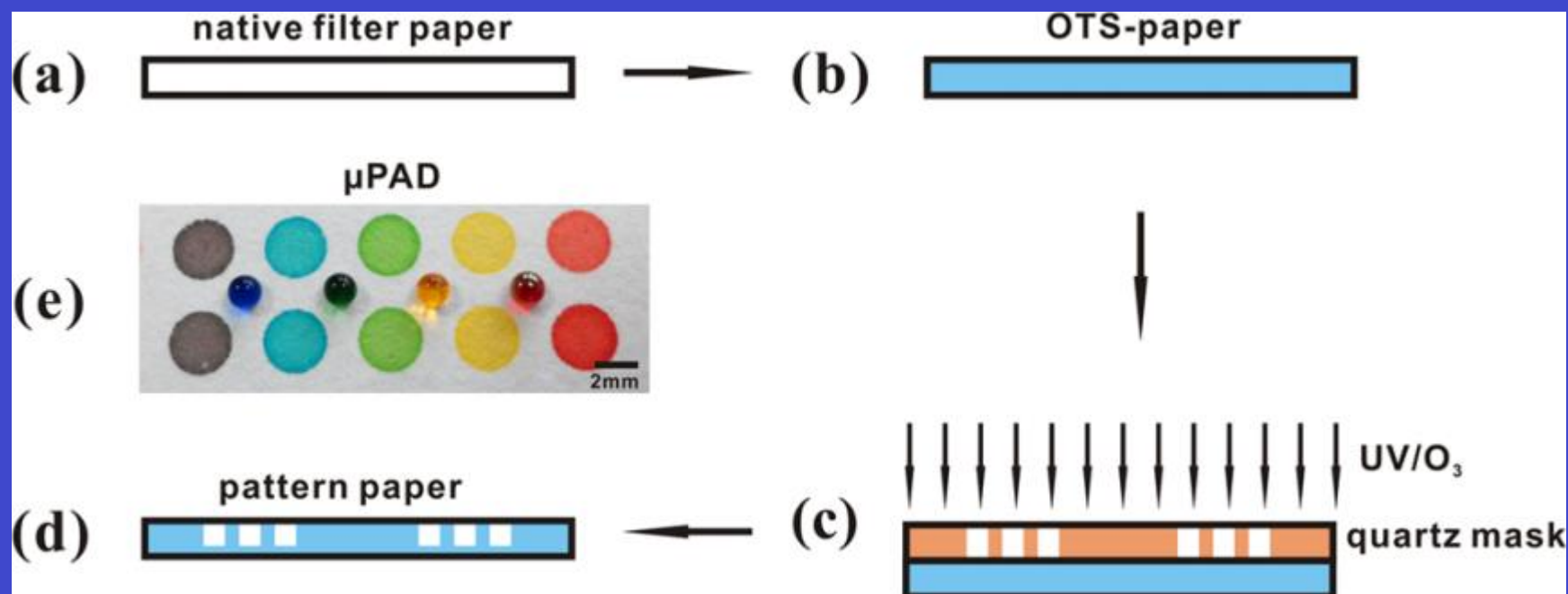
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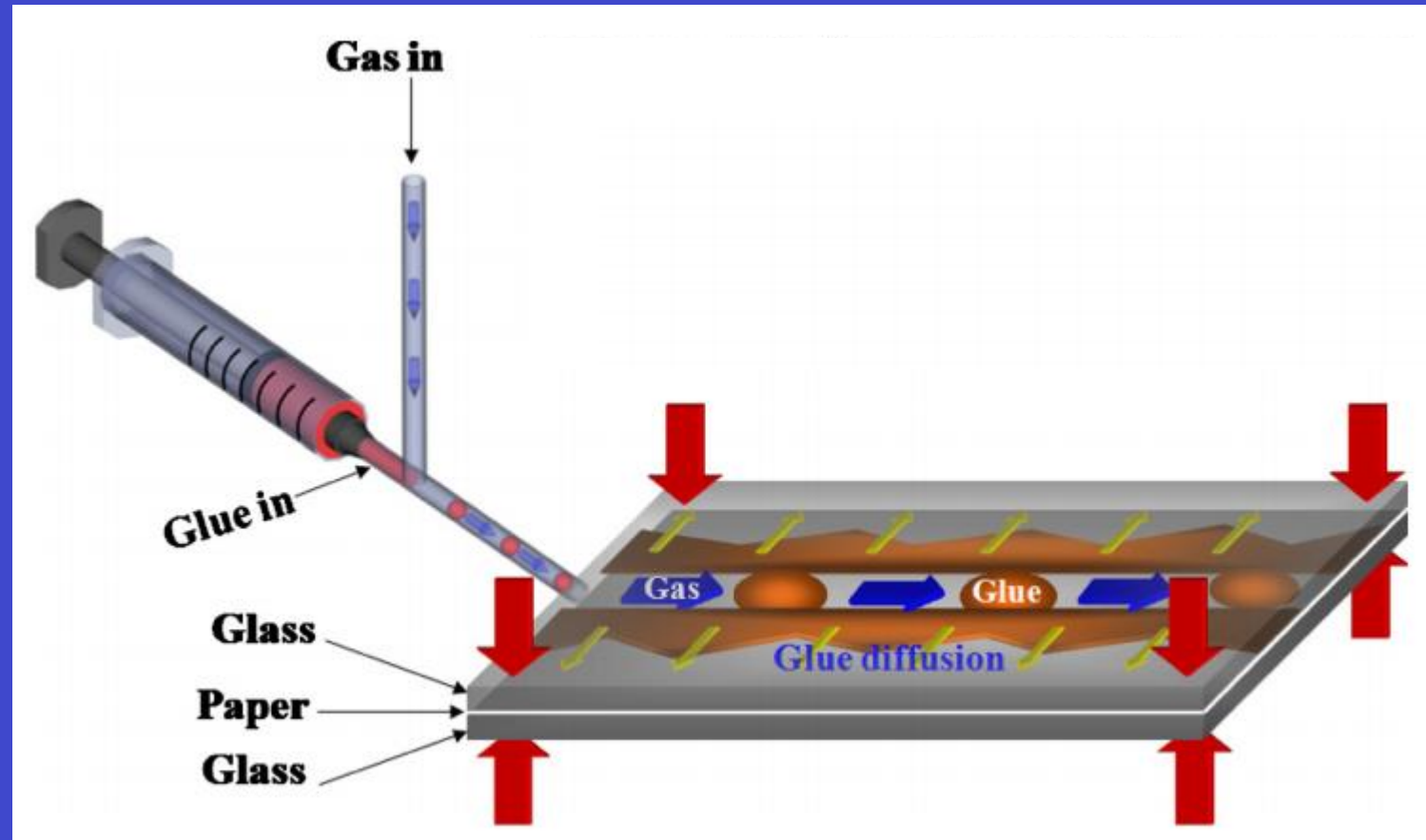
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# Photolithography

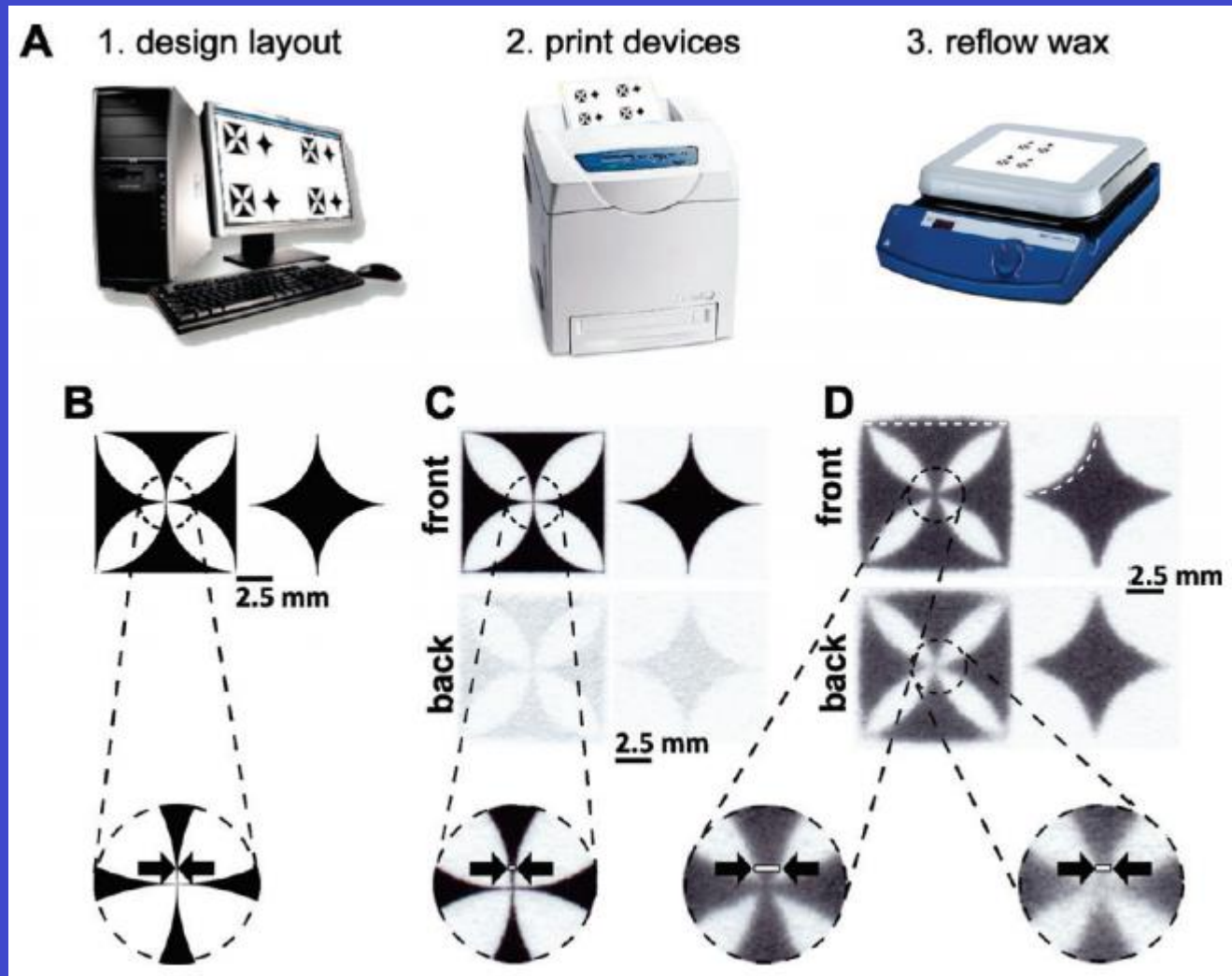


# Paper cutting

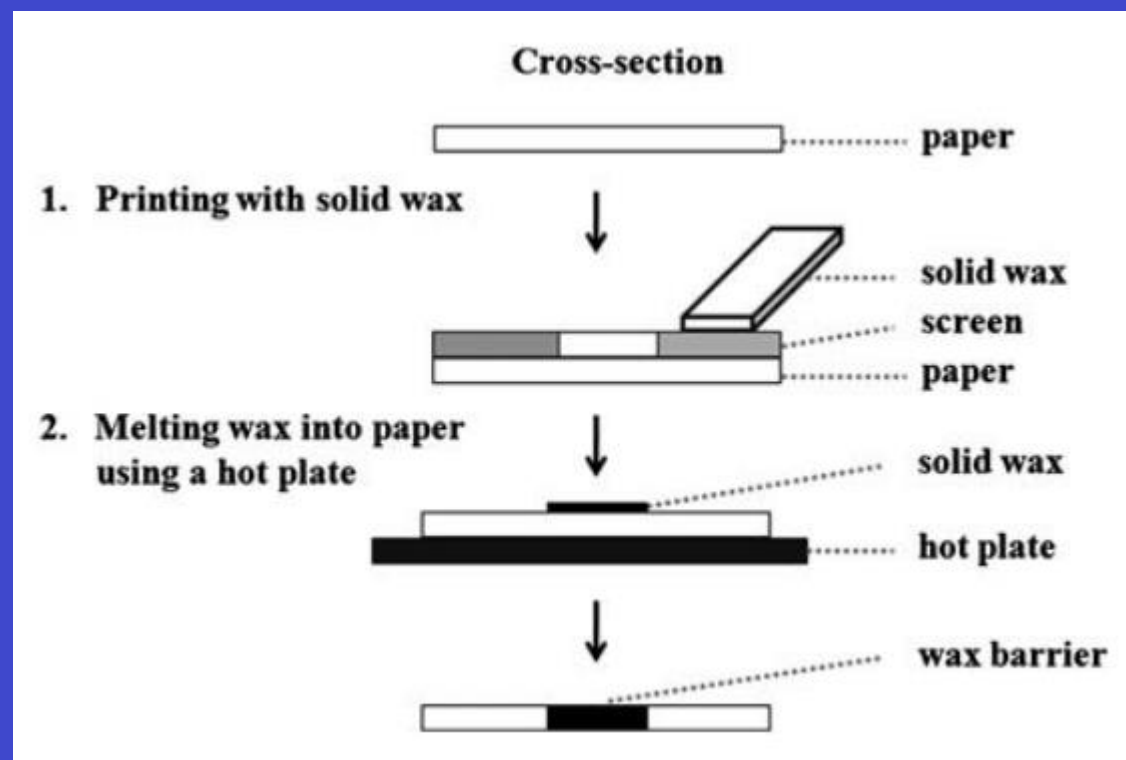




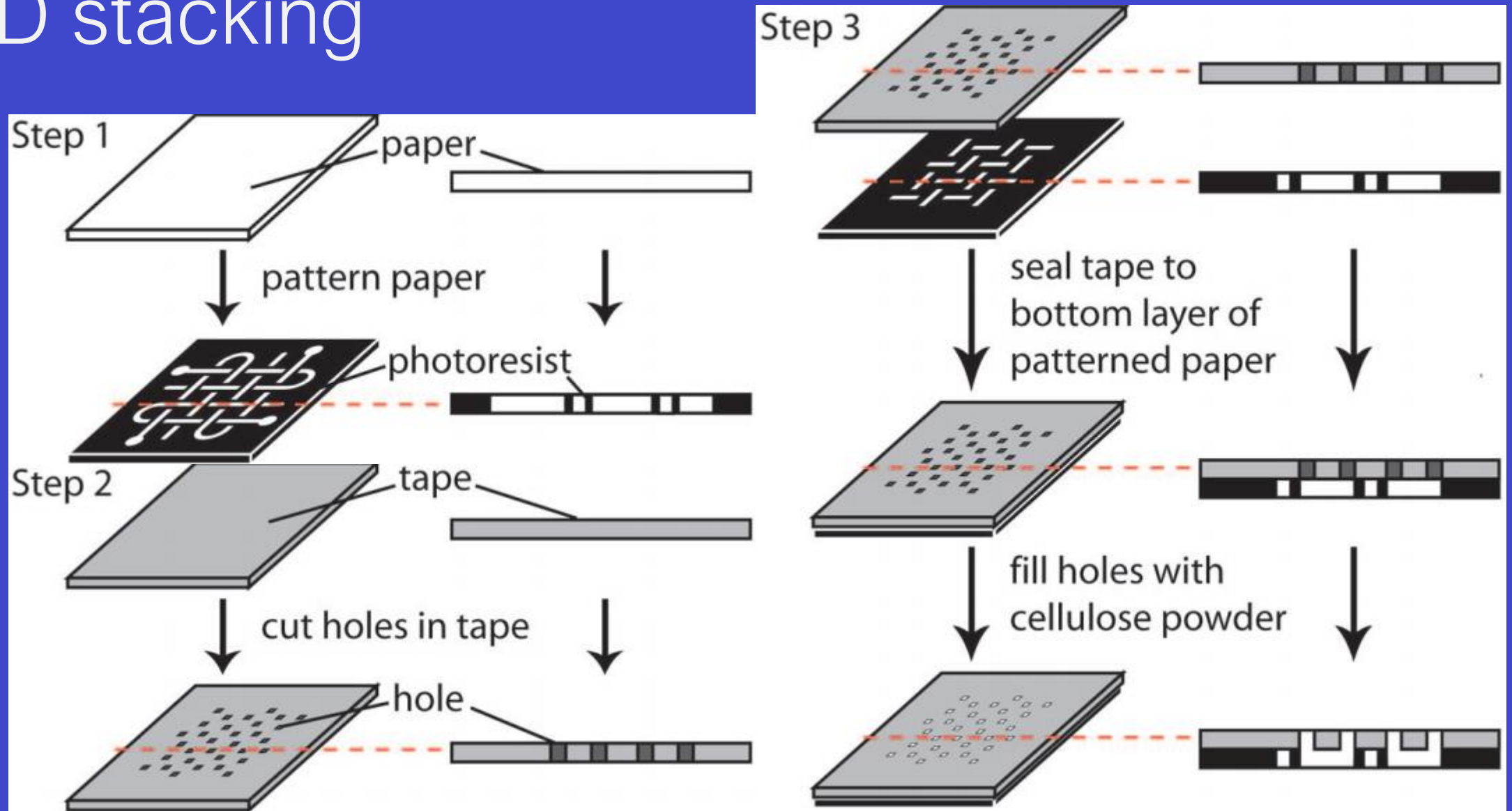
# inkjet printing



# Screen printing



# 2D stacking



# Paper origami

