

Bionic anti-adhesion and deicing surface inspired from Nepenthes



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From Nepenthes to functional surfaces

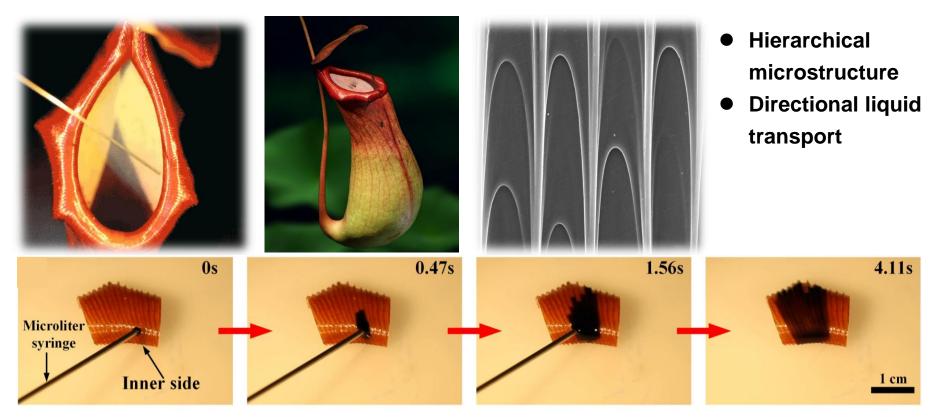
Anti-adhesion of medical devices



1. Biological Prototype



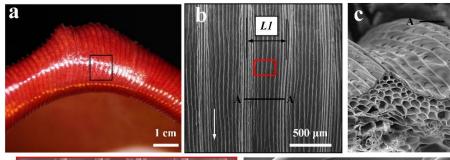
Biological model: Nepenthes peristome with hierarchical microstructure

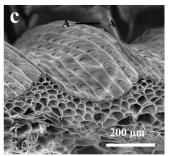


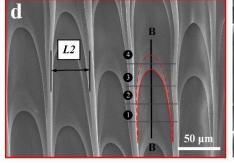
Unidirectional liquid transport was found on the *Nepenthes* peristome to form uniform liquid film for enhancement of wet slipping function. The contact model is changed from solid-solid to soli-liquid-solid, which can provide inspiration for creative design of anti-adhesion and deicing surface.

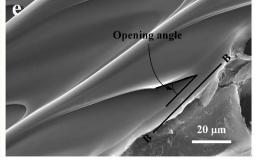
2. Bionic Study









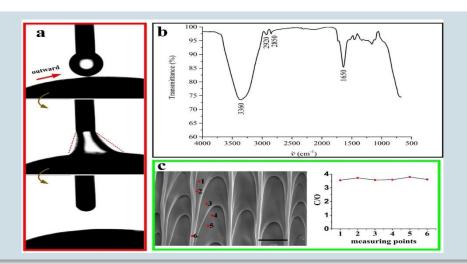


Unique Structure characteristics:

- Two-order parallel hierarchical microgrooves
- **Duck-billed micro-cavities** distributed along the secondorder.
- The outline of the micro-cavity edge approximately arch-shaped

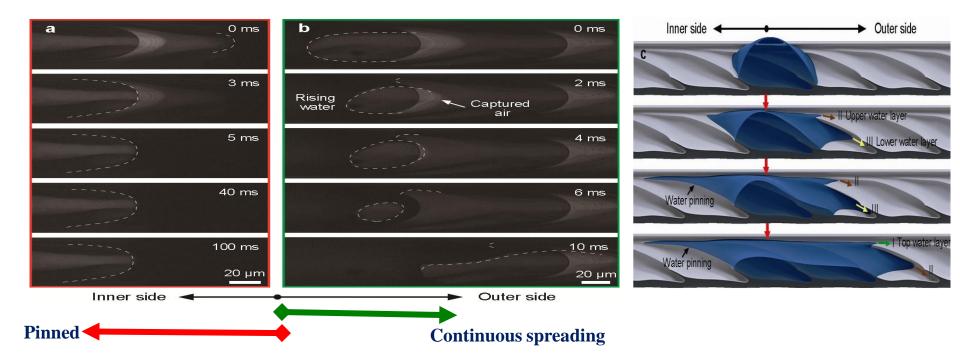
Surface Material Characteristics:

ATR-FTIR: Super-hydrophilic



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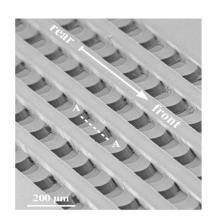
Cooperative effect of Hierarchical structure on unidirectional liquid transport

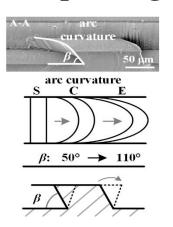
- Gradient structure induced Taylor rise promotes spreading from inner side to outer side
- Pinned in reverse direction

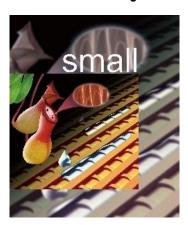
3. Design and Processing

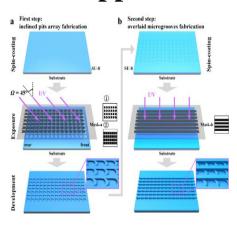


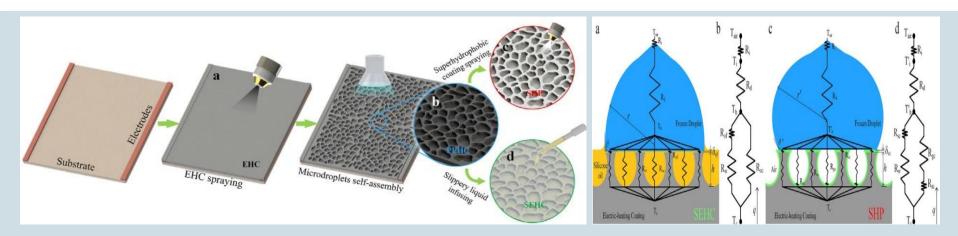
Bio-inspired hierarchical structure were proposed and fabricated by multi-steps etching, 3D-printing, self-assembly and other approaches.









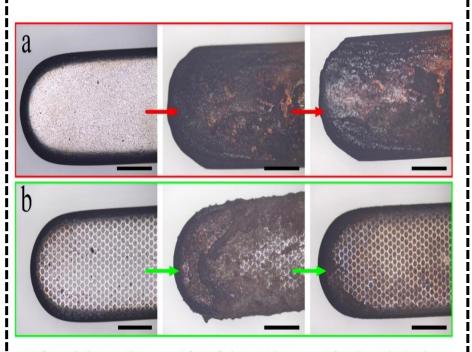


Lage-area coating method for easy-fabrication of hierarchical surface

4. Achievements and Application

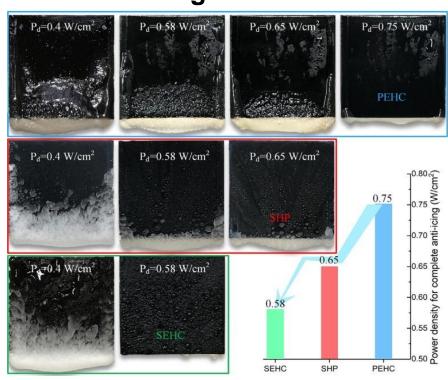


Anti-adhesion of soft tissue



- Before soft-tissue cutting After soft-tissue cutting After ultrasonic cleaning
- ➤ Adhesion force reduced by 80%
- ➤ Adhesion mass reduced by 88%
- Long durability

Deicing of aircrafts



- > Static test: energy consumption reduced by 83%
- > Dynamic test: energy consumption reduced by 75%



The self slippery anti-adhesion technique has been applied in minimal invasive surgery and deicing area.