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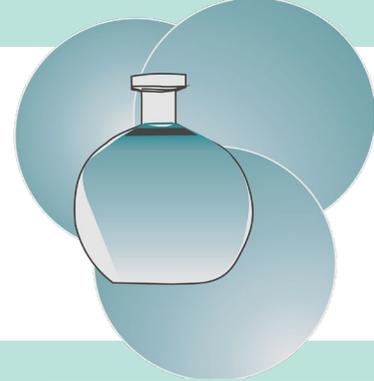
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## **"Droplet Micro Arrays: a high throughput method for antibiotic screening"**

Micro-patterned super-hydrophobic/ hydrophilic surfaces are used for medical diagnostics and drug screening. The infusion of oils into these surfaces creates so called SLIPS (slippery) surfaces. Their preparation has been followed *in situ* by synchrotron holo-tomography with 50 nm resolution, showing the formation of a complex polymer/air/oil/water interface. Tests in the marine environment and in contact with bacteria demonstrate their excellent-but limited- non-fouling properties. Bacterial film formation starts on defects and then covers the whole surface by first building bridges between defects in the SLIPS surface.

These micro-patterned super-hydrophobic/ hydrophilic surfaces are used to separate and prevent mixing of aqueous droplets confined in the hydrophilic areas. These Droplet Micro Arrays (DMA) can contain cells, bacteria, zebrafish embryos, or dissolved chemical compounds (drugs) and are used as high throughput biomedical and biochemical screening and drug discovery platforms. In this talk I will focus on their use as antibiotic drug screens for personalized medical applications.