Just for Fun!

See if you can find the 8 differences in each set of images.

The proposal flowers of Mr. Copper to Ms. Nutmeg Myristica fragrans

Microscale clusters of copper-myristic acid formed on a copper foil. Imaged with a secondary electron detector using Zeiss Ultra FE SEM.

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Pearl on grass

The rich purple "pearl" is a sessile water droplet (D $\sim 500~\mu m$) on a superhydrophobic surface, which was created by first growing a rough copper oxide nanostructure on a copper substrate in a heated alkaline solution, and then this nanostructure was functionalized with a fluorocarbon coating. The clouds in the calm blue "sky" are microdroplets bouncing on the same superhydrophobic surface, but out of the focal plane of the high-speed camera used to capture the image. The soft green "grass" is a dense carpet of carbon nanotubes (D \sim 10 nm) imaged with field-emission scanning electron microscopy, which was digitally superimposed onto the image of the droplet.

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