

# Paper Electronics

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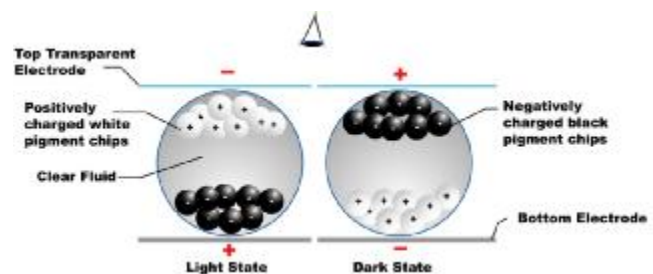
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## Paper Electronics is not Electronic Paper!



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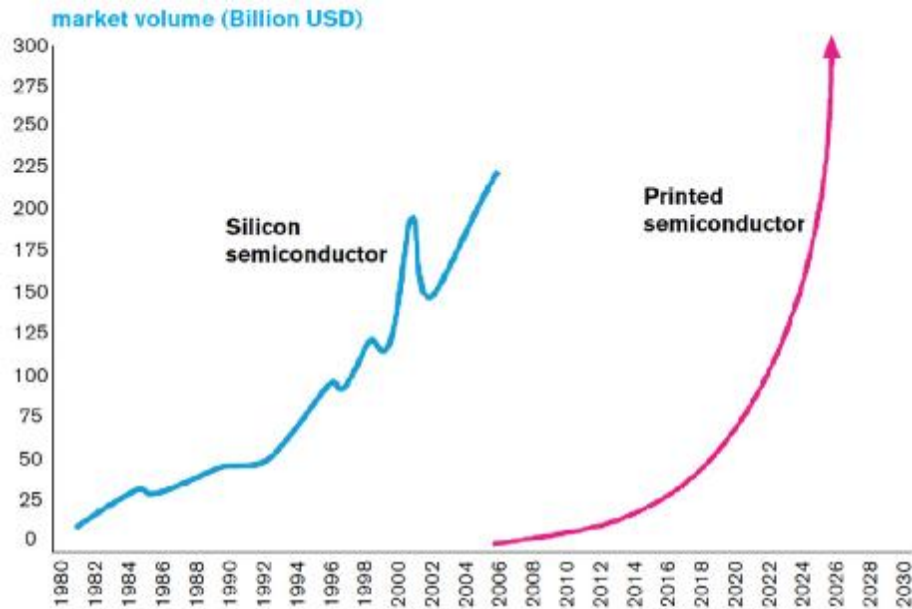
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# Paper Electronics = Printed Electronics on Paper



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# Market Prediction for Printed Electronics

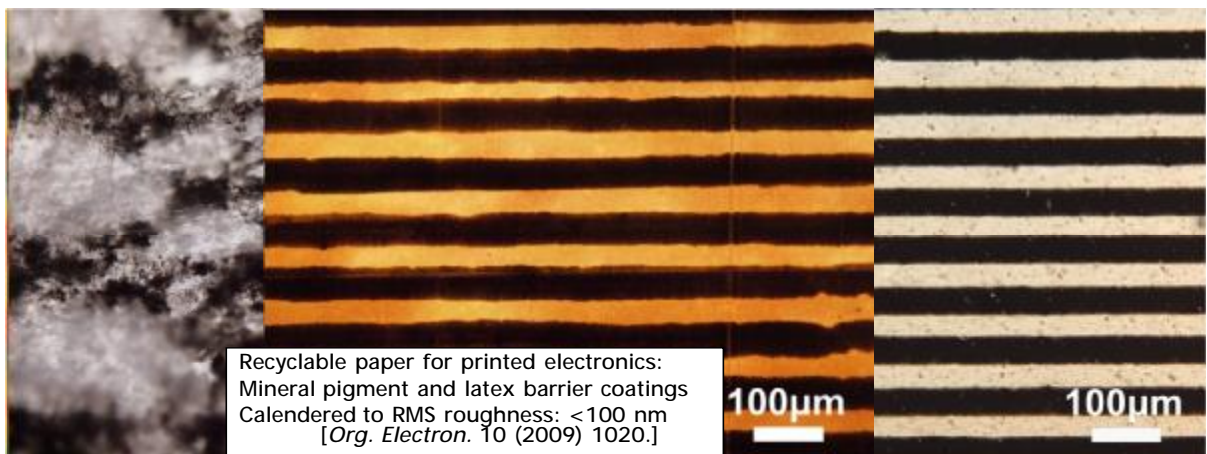


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## Challenges of Printing Electronics on Paper

- Paper & printing not developed for electronics
- Optical vs. electrical print



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# Making Paper Compatible with Printed Electronics

- Printability determined by compatibility of ink – substrate – printing method
- We need to measure and control surface properties: roughness, porosity, wettability, chemical activity/inertness, barrier properties, mechanical properties

- Surface treatment methods to improve printability:

- Existing:

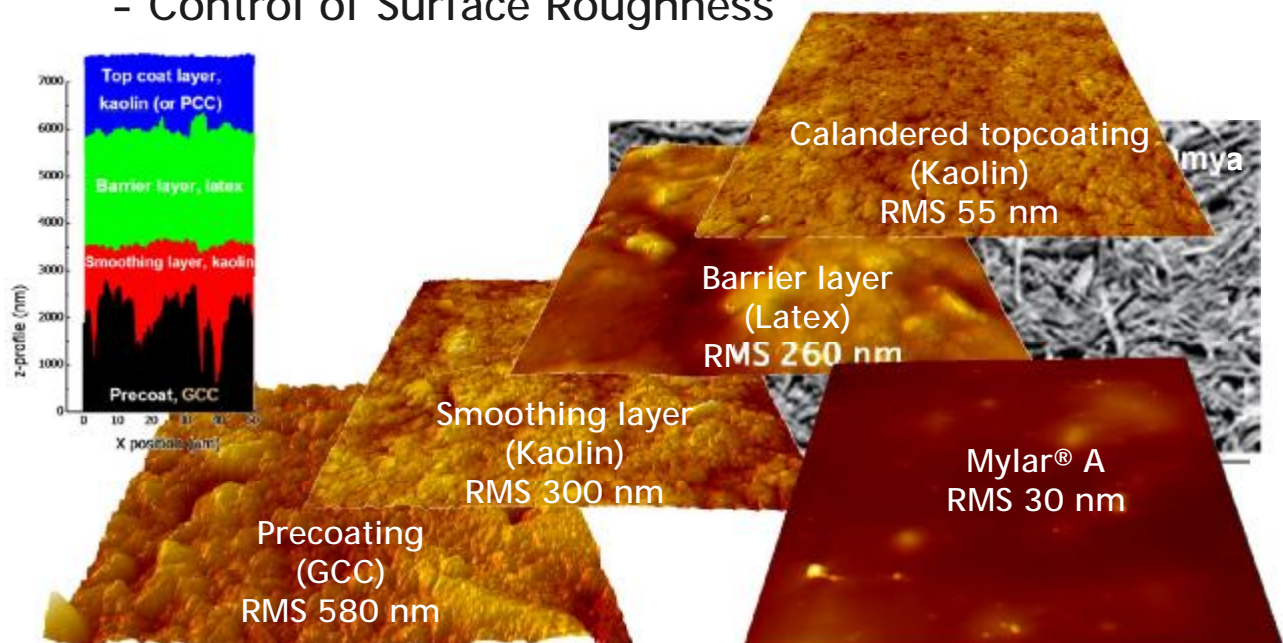
- surface sizing
- pigment coating
- dispersion coating
- extrusion coating
- corona

- Novel methods:

- plasma activation
- plasma coating
- nanoparticle deposition
- sol-gel coating
- atomic layer deposition

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## Paper for Printed Electronics - Control of Surface Roughness

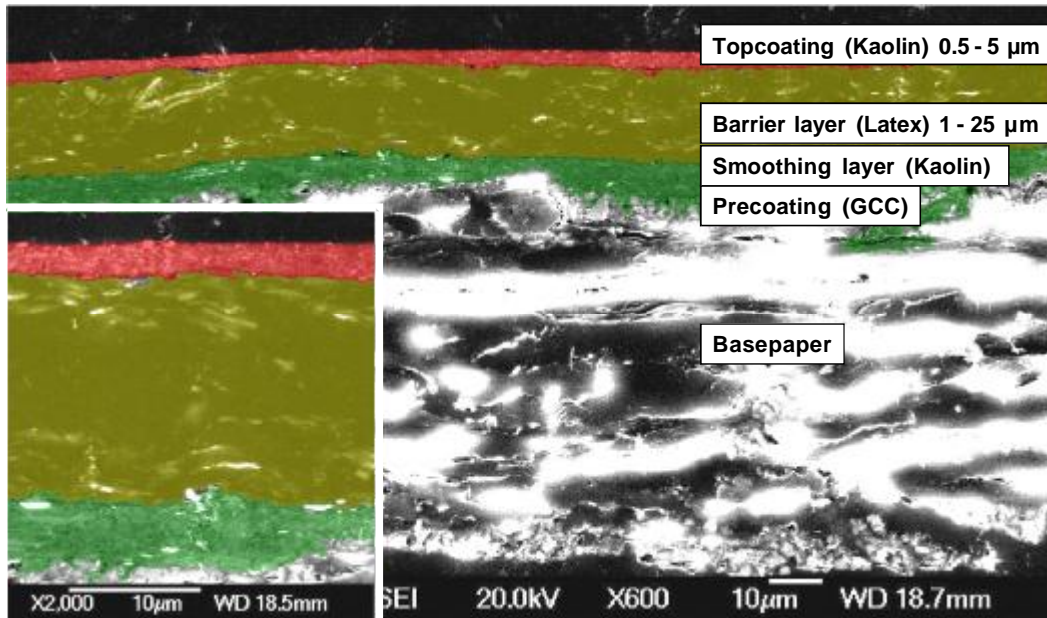


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# Example Substrate Concept For Paper Electronics



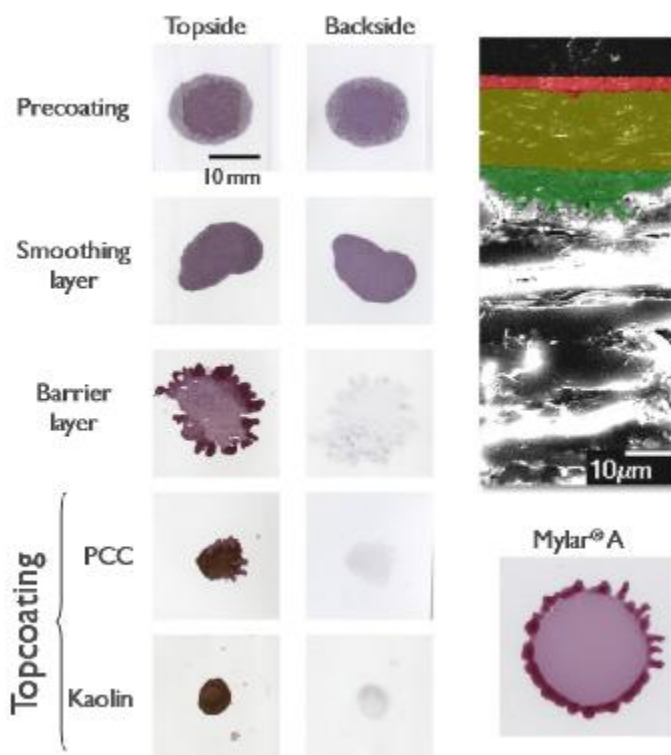
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# Barrier Properties and Solvent Resistance

- Acetone
- Toluene
- IPA
- CB
- DCB
- THF
- DMSO
- DMF
- Xylene
- Acetic acid
- HCL
- NaOH

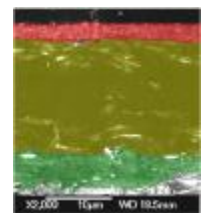
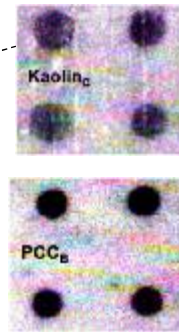
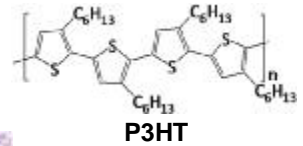
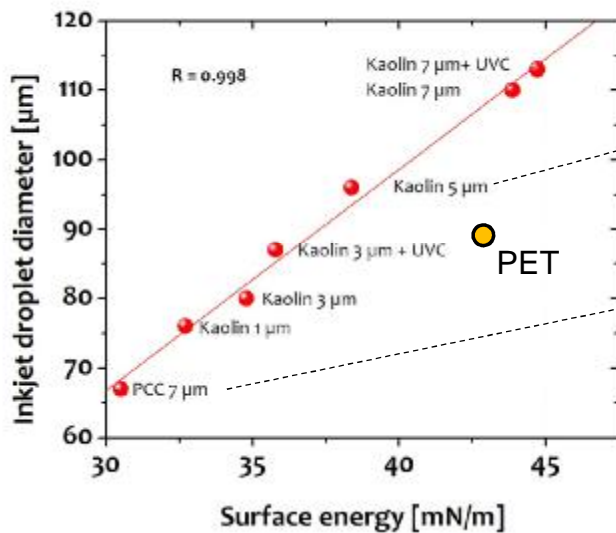


P3HT in DCB



# Improved Inkjet Printability Through Control of Wettability

Ink: 0.5 wt.% P3HT in o-dichlorobenzene (o-DCB),  $V = 10 \text{ pl}$

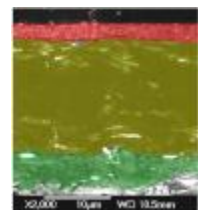


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# Adjusting Printability by Top Coating Formulation

Flexo printability of Ag ink



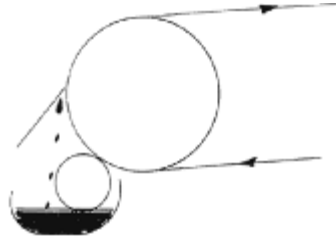
Coating Composition	Coating Thickness	Surface Energy	Pore Volume
100pph PCC 10pph SB latex	3 μm	~30 mN/m	Medium
100pph kaolin 10pph SB latex	3 μm	~40 mN/m	Low
70pph kaolin 30pph PCC 4pph SB latex	6 μm	~40 mN/m	High

Micrographs showing the print direction and 2 mm scale bars for each coating formulation.

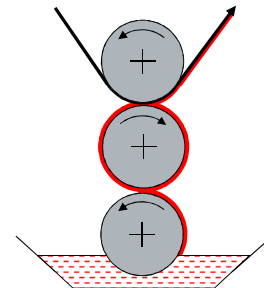
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# Coating Methods

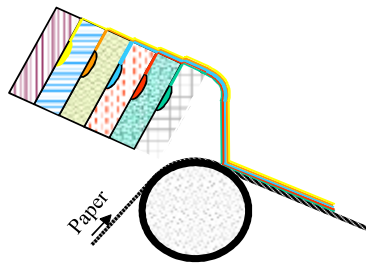
Blade coating



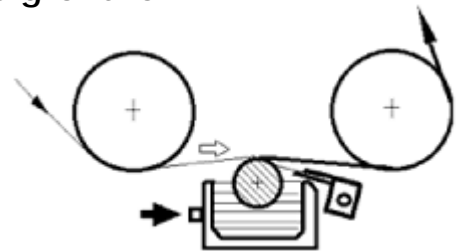
Gravure offset coating



Curtain coating



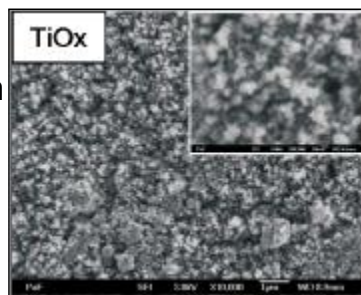
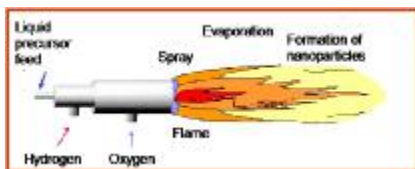
Reverse gravure



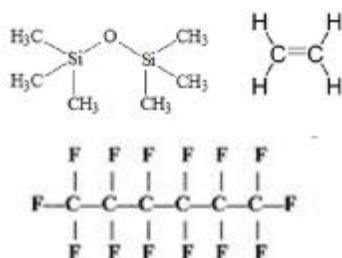
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# Novel Surface Treatment Methods for Paper

Liquid Flame Spray nanoparticle deposition

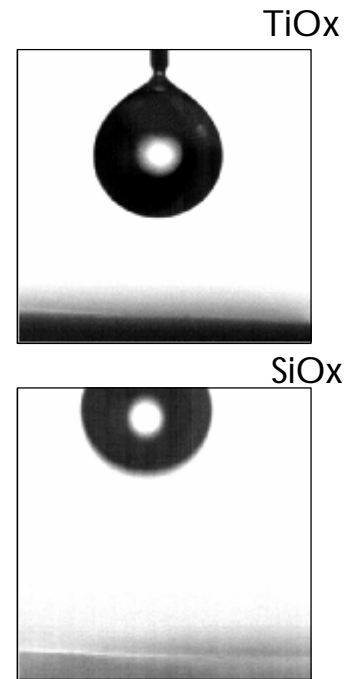
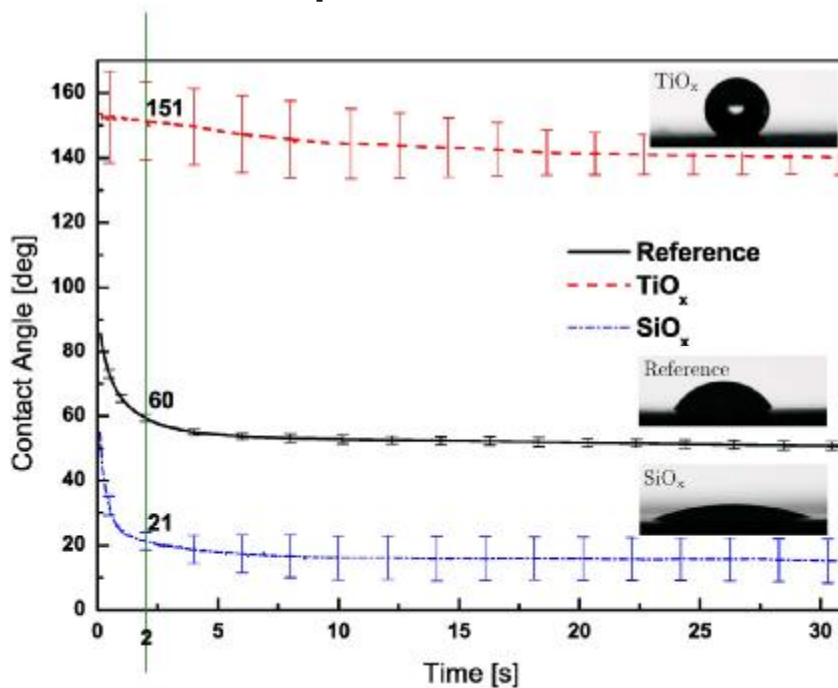


Plasma Deposition



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# Water Contact Angle on Nanoparticle Coated Paperboard



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## Paper Electronics Platform

- Novel device concepts needed:
  - › Solution processable (preferably without clean-room)
  - › Simple design
  - › Avoid critical alignments, linewidths of  $>10 \mu\text{m}$ , etc.
  - › Low-voltage operation needed
  - › Recyclable or disposable
- Components needed for stand-alone operation:
  - › Input/Output device – e.g., electrochromic inks, color indicators
  - › Logic device – transistor, e.g., Hygroscopic Insulator FET
  - › Memory device – e.g., fullerenes + polymers
  - › Power Supply – e.g., printed battery, solar cell, fuel cell

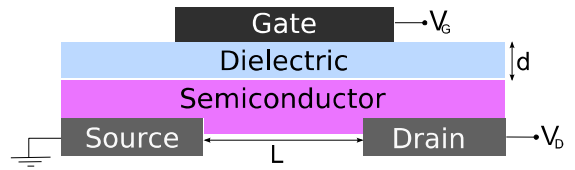
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# Low-voltage Organic Field Effect Transistor (OFET) on Paper

HIFET:

- Source and drain
  - › AgNP-ink: Inkjet printed and IR-sintered (10 s)
- Organic semiconductor
  - › P3HT: Inkjet printed
- Dielectric (hygroscopic insulator)
  - › PVP: Reverse gravure coated
- Gate contact
  - › PEDOT:PSS: Inkjet printed or drop cast

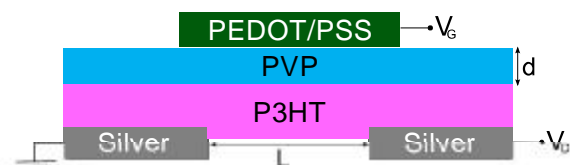


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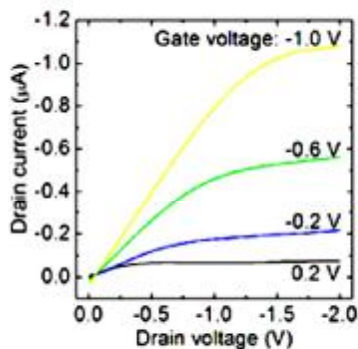


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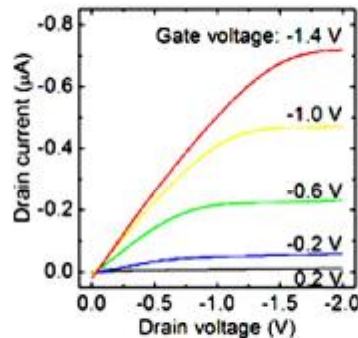
## Printed Transistor on Paper



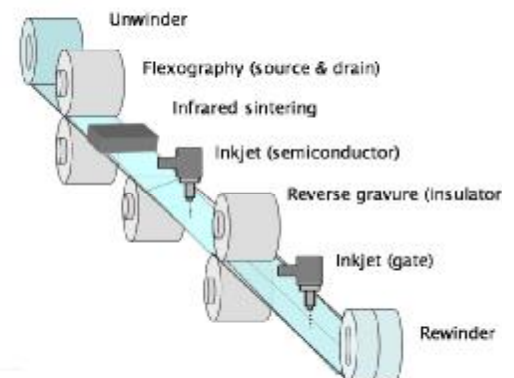
I-V Characteristics



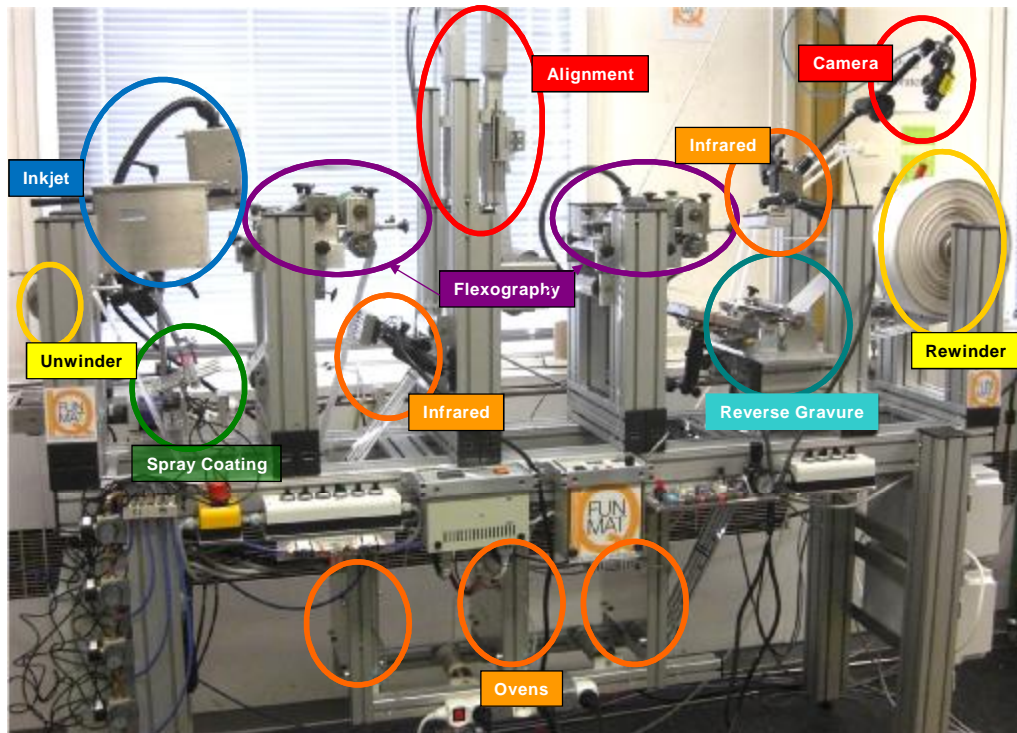
Immediately after manufacturing



After 4,5 months of storage in room atmosphere



# "FunPrinter" - Custom-built Hybrid Printer



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## FunPrinter: Roll-to-roll Prototypes and Demonstrators



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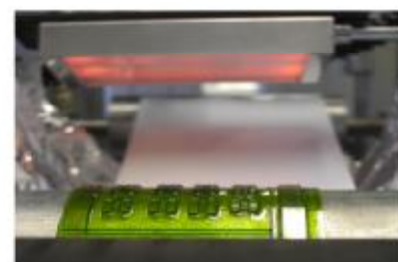
INKJET



HOT EMBOS SING

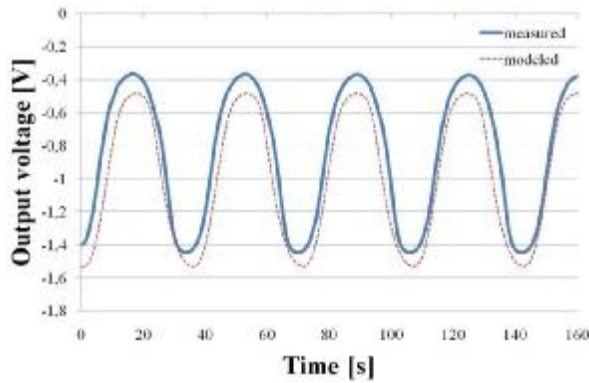
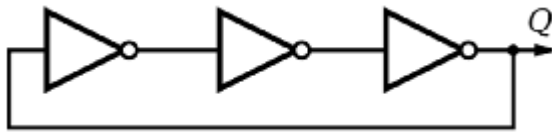


Ultraviolet (UV)  
Infra red (IR) curing  
(also 3 x hot air)



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# Towards Logic Circuits Using HIFETs



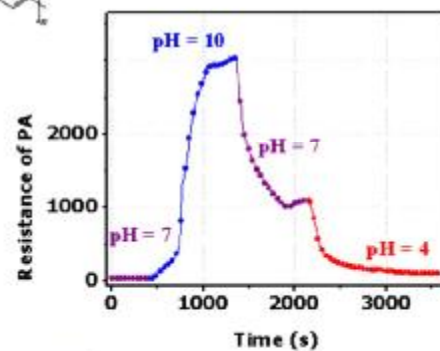
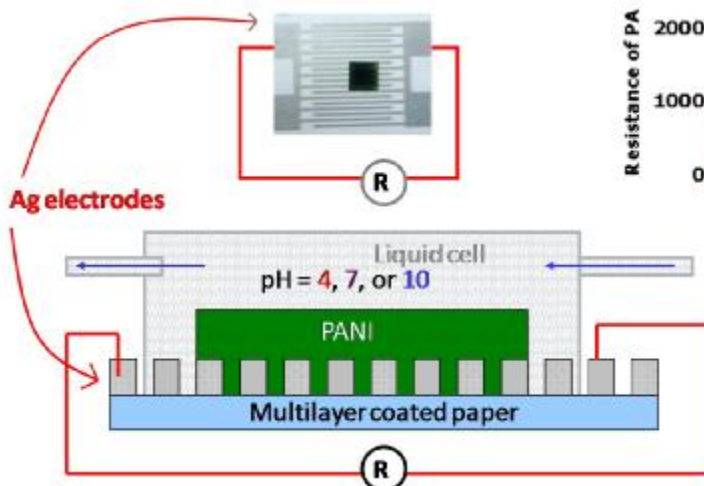
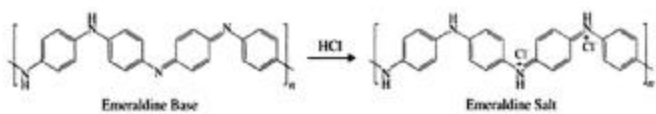
Development and integration of printed paper-based electronics

Oscillation @  $f=28\text{mHz}$

J. Koskela, A. Kilpelä, N. Björklund, R. Österbacka, submitted

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# Electronically Readable, Printed pH Sensor on Paper

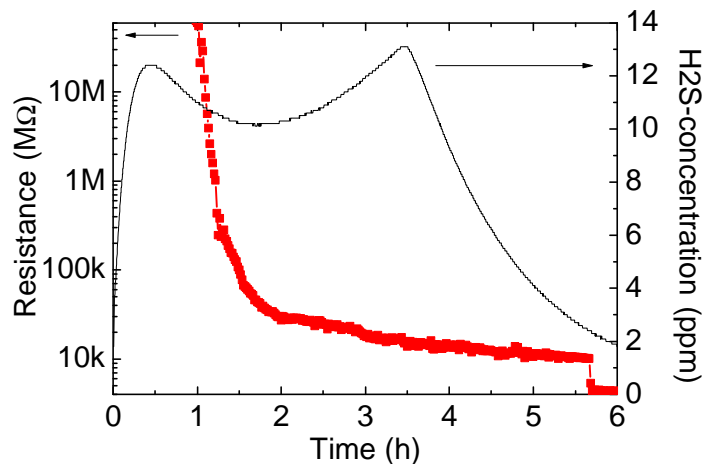


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# Gas Sensors on Paper (H<sub>2</sub>S)

Polyaniline with copper salt

- › E.g.  $\text{CuCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{Cu}_x\text{S} + \text{HCl}$   
=> protonation of polyaniline-EB



J. Saraf, D. Tobjörk, A. Määttänen, et al., submitted

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# Adjustable Packaging Line for the Future

- Sensors and indicators for modified atmosphere packages
  - › E.g. for oxygen and hydrogen sulfide



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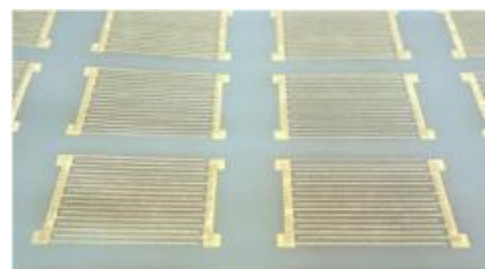


Barr et al., *Direct Monolithic Integration of Organic Photovoltaic Circuits on Unmodified Paper*, Adv. Mat. 2011



## Paper Electronics – Summary

- "Paper electronics" is attracting interest due to numerous business opportunities
- It is possible to print electronics on paper
- Åbo Akademi has demonstrated printed transistors and other components on paper
- First products will be simple sensors for biological, biomedical and chemical applications



# Recent Publications

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