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# + A Little Bit About Me

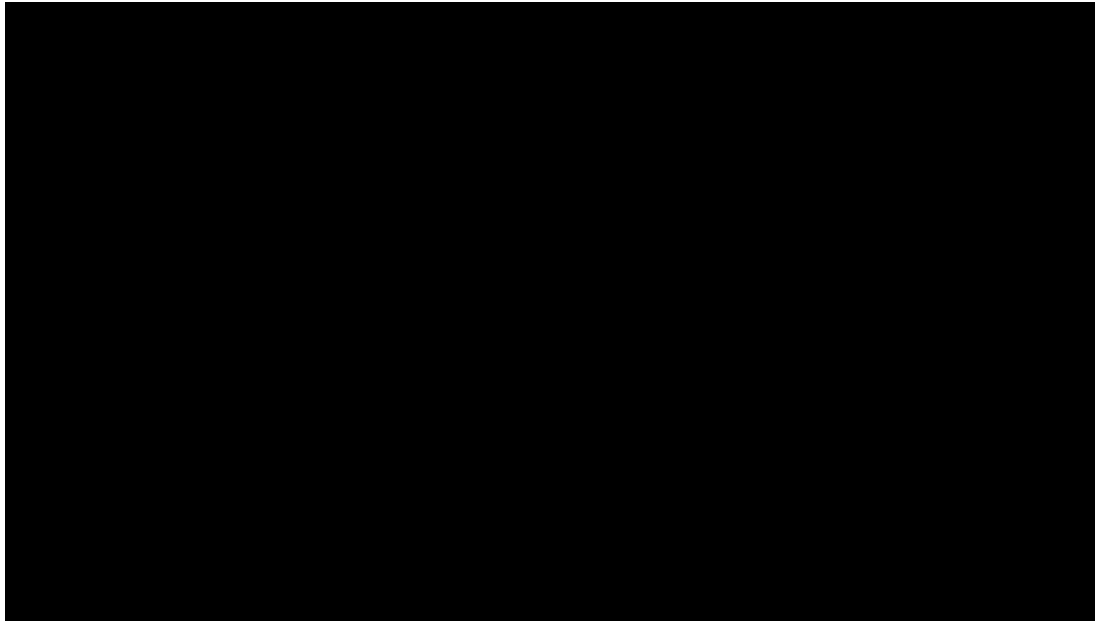


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- Ph.D. 1994, Wood and Paper Science and Engineering, North Carolina State University
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- Director of Center for the Advancement of Printed Electronics, August 2008
- Tenure-track Professor, Fall 2007
- Tenure-track Associate Professor, Fall 2003
- Director of Center for Coating Research and Development, August 2000
- Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Fall 1999

# + A Little Fun to Start



- <http://www.paperbecause.com>



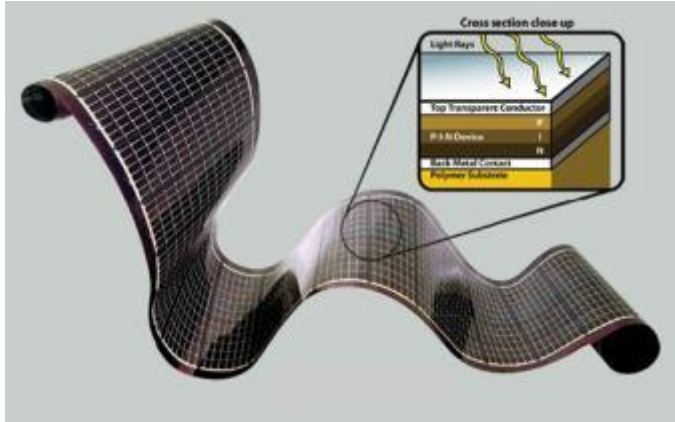


The Paper Industry is not Dying

Its Transforming

# + Why Printed Electronics?

Inexpensive Implementation



New Forms of Interaction



Thinner & Easier Integration

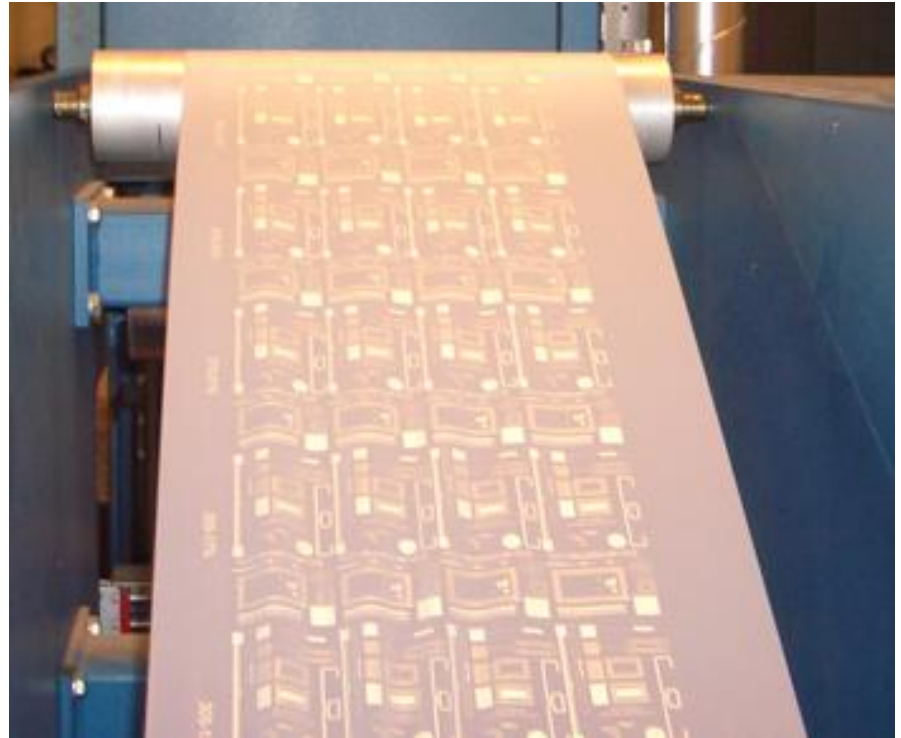


Unique Form Factors



# + Why Printed Electronics?

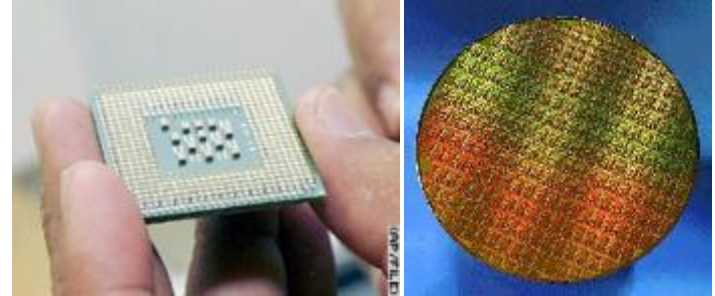
- ❑ Large area
- ❑ High throughput
- ❑ Low cost
- ❑ Flexible and rigid
- ❑ Inexpensive equipment
- ❑ Low temperature
- ❑ Integrateable
- ❑ Scalable



Source: <http://www.printelectronicnews.com/2684/printed-electronics-bigger-than-the-silicon-chip/>

# + Current Technology and Disadvantages

- Typical substrate - Silicon Wafer
  - Clean Room, batch process
  - Toxic Chemicals (Health Problems)
  - Rising cost of Silicon
  - Non-flexible Products



Source:  
<http://www.propertiesofmatter.si.edu/Silicon.html>



Source:  
<http://www.cleanroombuilders.com/services.php>



Source:  
<http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2012/03/13/startup-pushes-skinny-flexible-silicon-for-solar/>



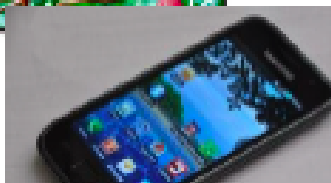
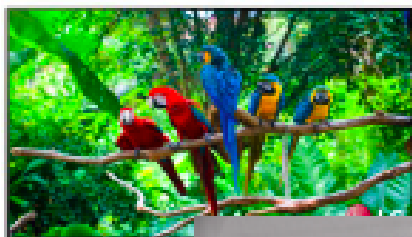
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# + Different Strategies

## Replace whole existing devices



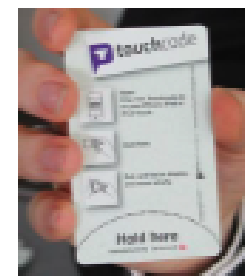
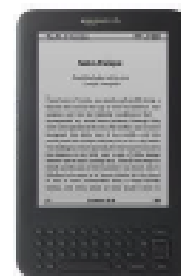
- OLED displays, lighting, RFID
- Large investment, high risk, high reward for a few

## Improve something



- Cost reduction (use less material or cheaper materials)
- Better performance e.g. flexibility

## Create a new product – replace nothing



- Usually involves moving downstream to conceive and create complete solutions

Repositioning of companies or bidding time

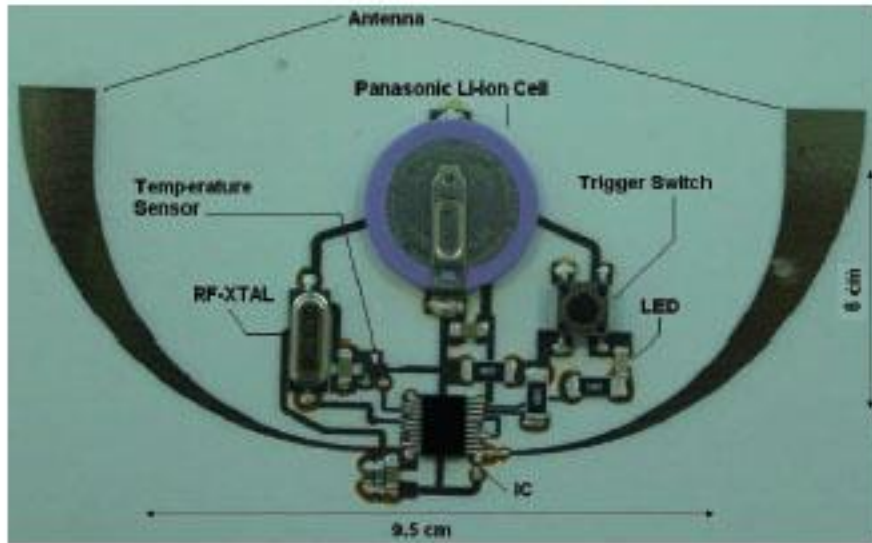
Few companies



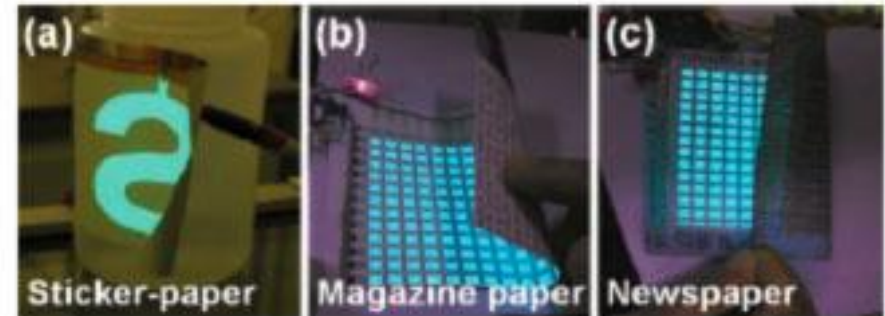


+ PE Paper Product Innovation

# + PE on Paper



A temperature sensor integrated into an assembled RFID tag on paper with inkjet-printed dipole antenna and wires.



Photographs of the light emission from inorganic powder electroluminescent devices that have been fabricated on different paper substrates. The size of the squares in (b) and (c) are  $15 \times 15 \text{ mm}^2$ .



A printed, passive RFID gas sensor node on paper. The dipole antenna consists of inkjetted Ag NPs and the load in the small gap in the middle consists of inkjetted CNTs.

Roger Bollström, Anni Määttänen, Daniel Tobjörk, Petri Ihalainen, Nikolai Kaihovirta, Ronald Österbacka, Jouko Peltonen, Martti Toivakka, "A multilayer coated fiber-based substrate suitable for printed functionality", *Organic Electronics*, 10 (2009) pp. 1020–1023.

# + RFID Tags

- April 12, 2012
- NewPage Corporation was awarded a U.S. (8,096,479) and Canadian (CA 2678556) patent for PointTrac™ TT, **a new paper-based substrate for printed Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) labels**
- It enabled thermal transfer printed variable analog information to be combined with advanced RFID chip technology



# + Lignin-Based Battery

- Scientists have shown lignin can be used to store an electrical charge.
- A prototype lignin-based rechargeable battery has been made.
- The results suggest that lignin could one day be used as a less expensive, safer alternative to the precious metals currently utilized in battery cathodes.

The logo for Gizmag, featuring the word "gizmag" in a stylized, rounded, orange font with a white outline and a slight drop shadow.

<http://www.gizmag.com/lignin-rechargeable-battery/21931/#comments>

# + Interactive Print Media



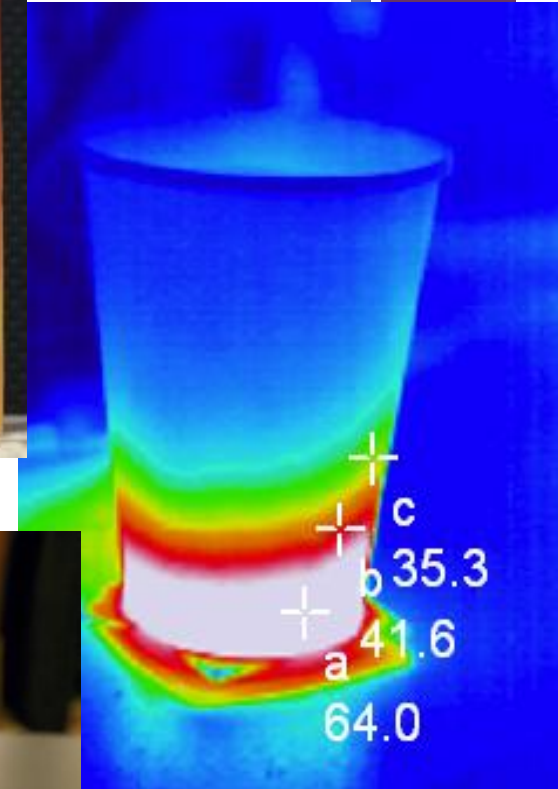
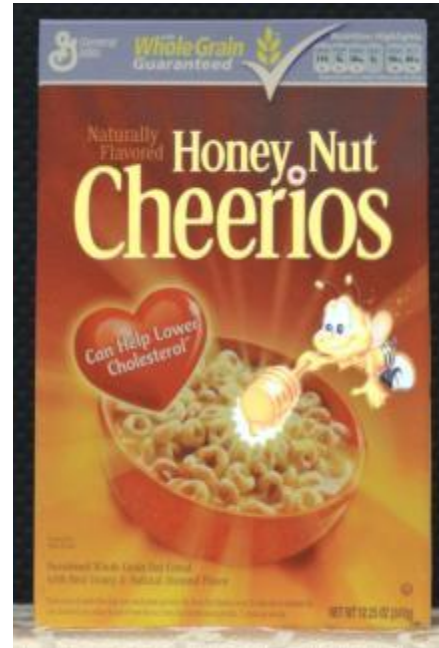
■ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8u3OfKG3tI>

# + Point of Sale Attention Grabbing Packaging



# + Intelligent and Interactive Packaging

- Interactive Packaging
- Package Enhancements
- Heating
- Display Interaction
- Sensing and Inventory
- Power to the package
- Power to the product in the package

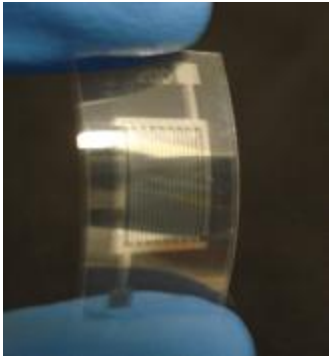
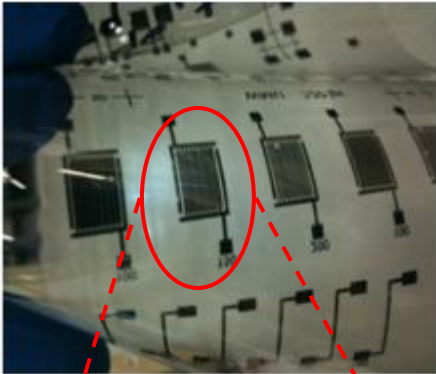


# + Interactive Packaging Demo

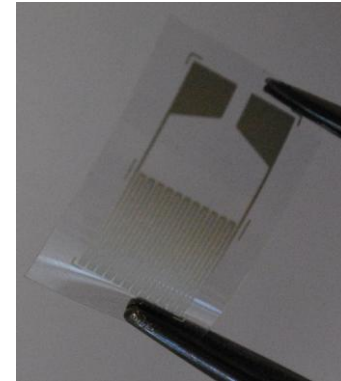
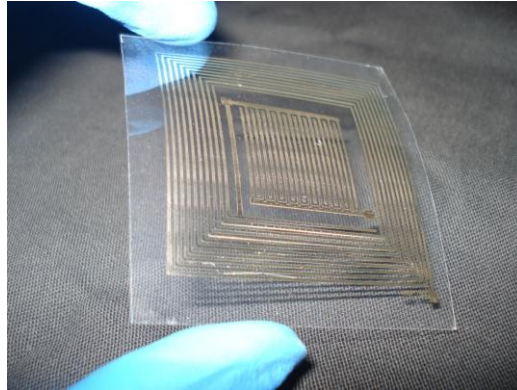




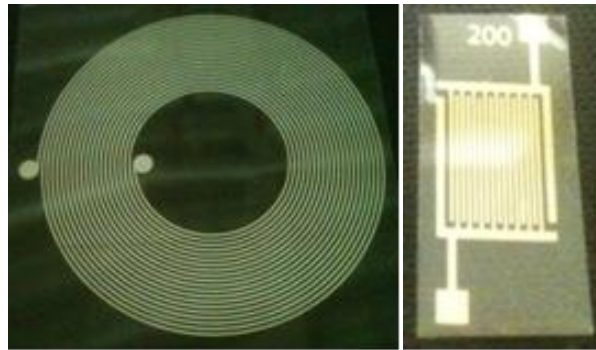
# + Fully Printed Sensing Devices



**Electrochemical  
Biochemical Sensor**



**Flexible Strain  
Gauge Sensor**

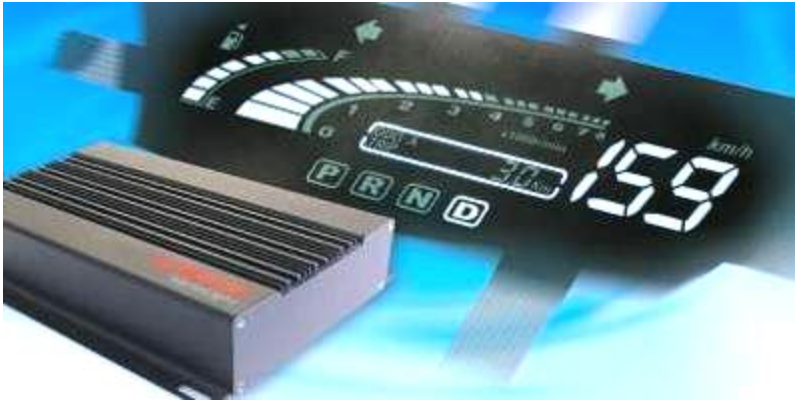


**Wireless LC Sensor**



**Flexible Pressure  
Sensor**

# Printed Electroluminescent (EL) Lamps



Automotive dashboard display backlighting  
Remote control and cell phone backlighting



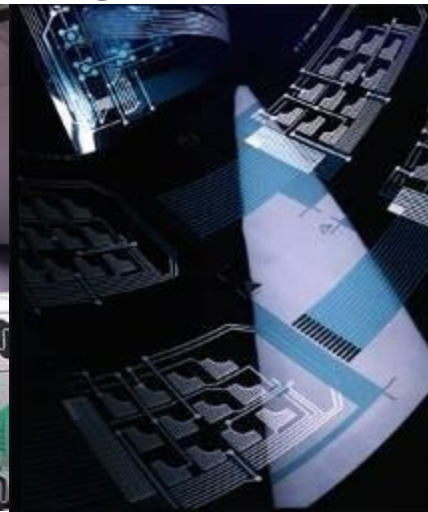
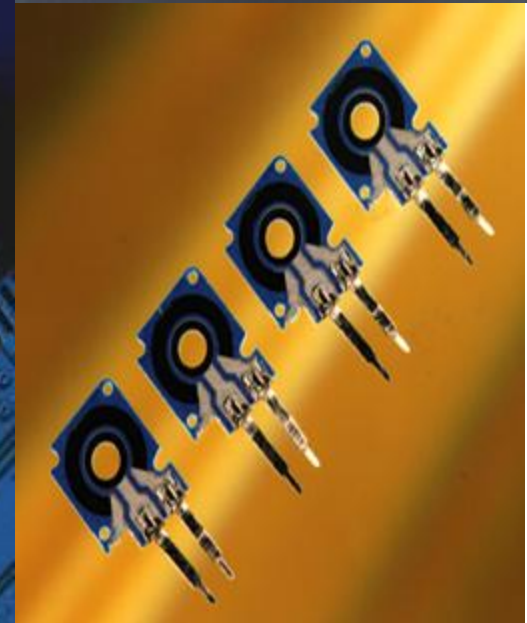
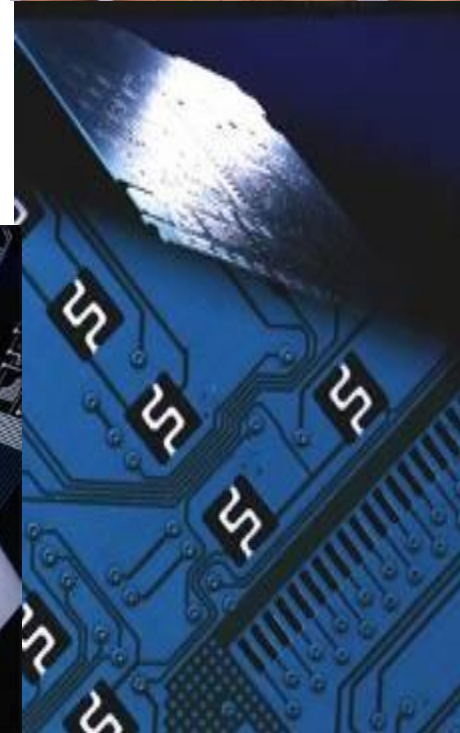
Wall plug in night lighting



Point of purchase displays

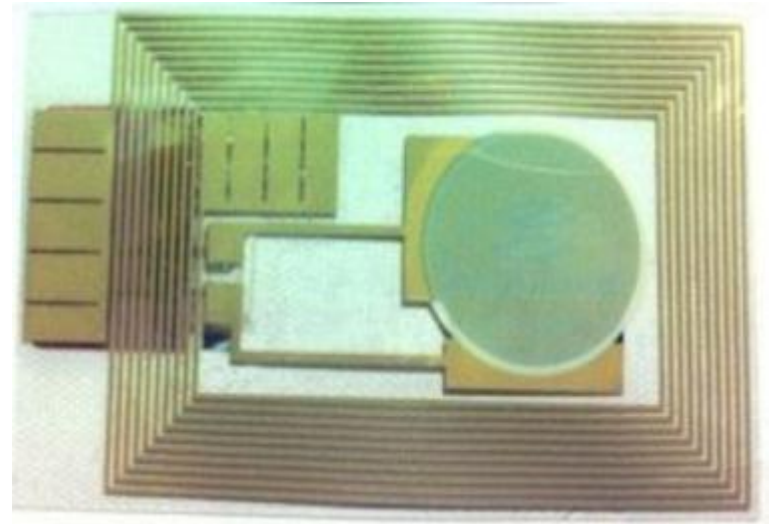
# Other Applications

- Circuit Materials
- Medical Applications
- High Speed Printed Electronics
- Rigid and Flexible Board Applications
- Display, Lighting



# + Current Research

- Fully printed multi-component printed circuit

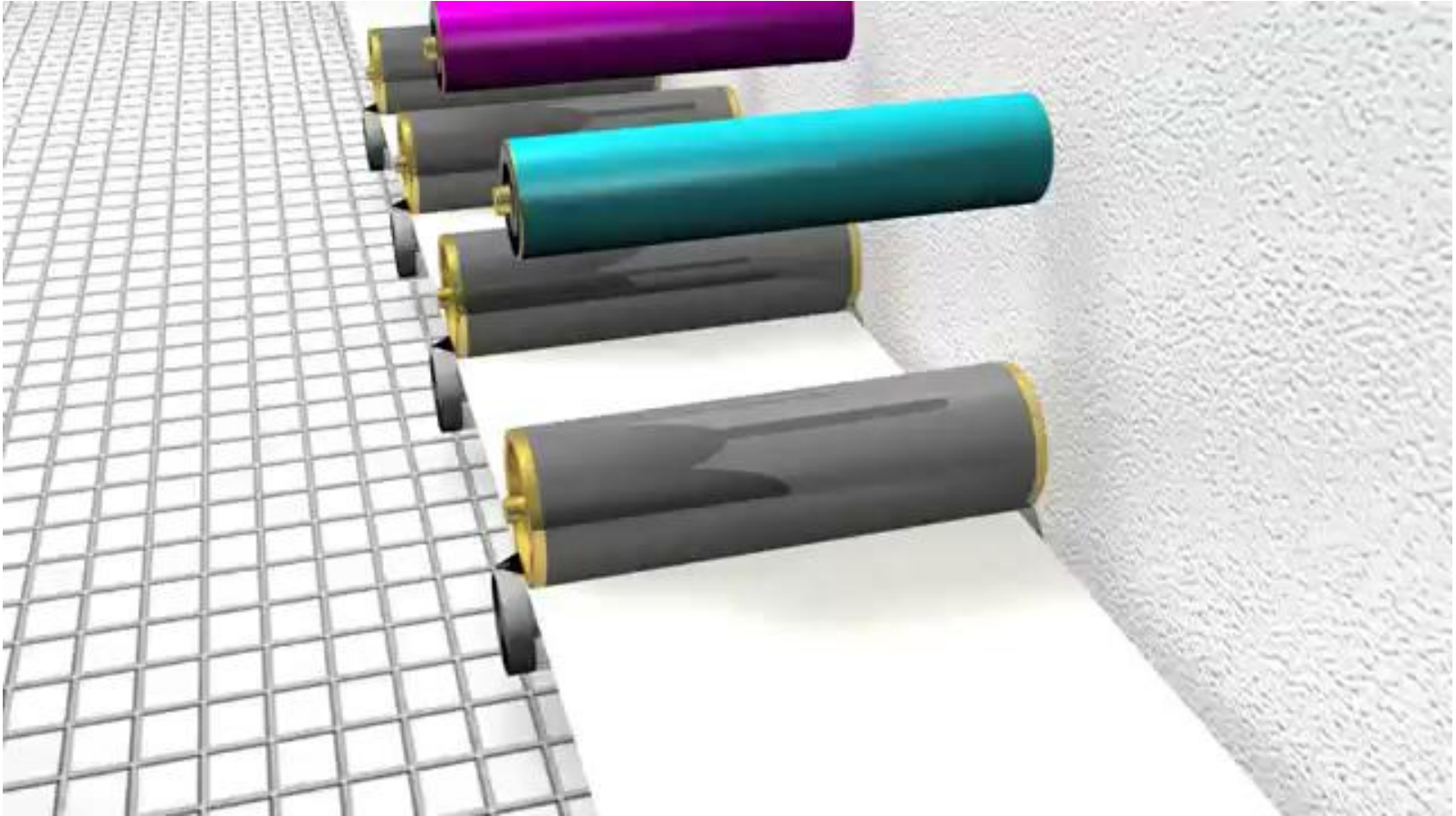




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How is it done?

# + Conventional Printing





# Basic Components of Electronics



## Passive Components



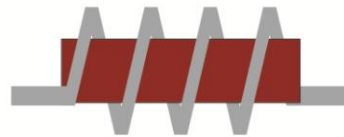
conductors (wires)



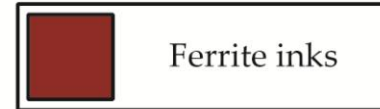
resistors



capacitors



inductors (coils)



## Active Components



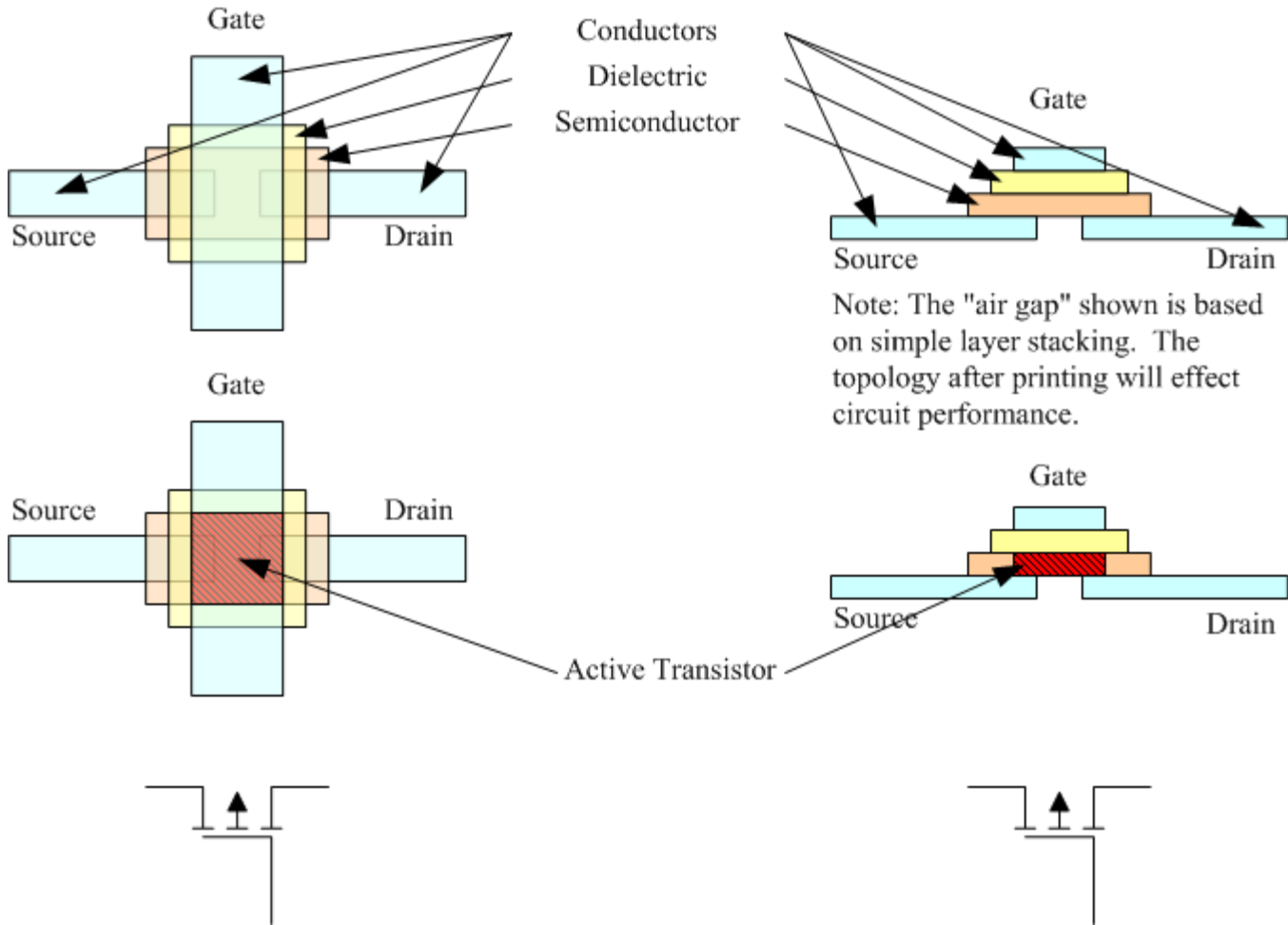
transistors



Pixels (LCD, LED ...)



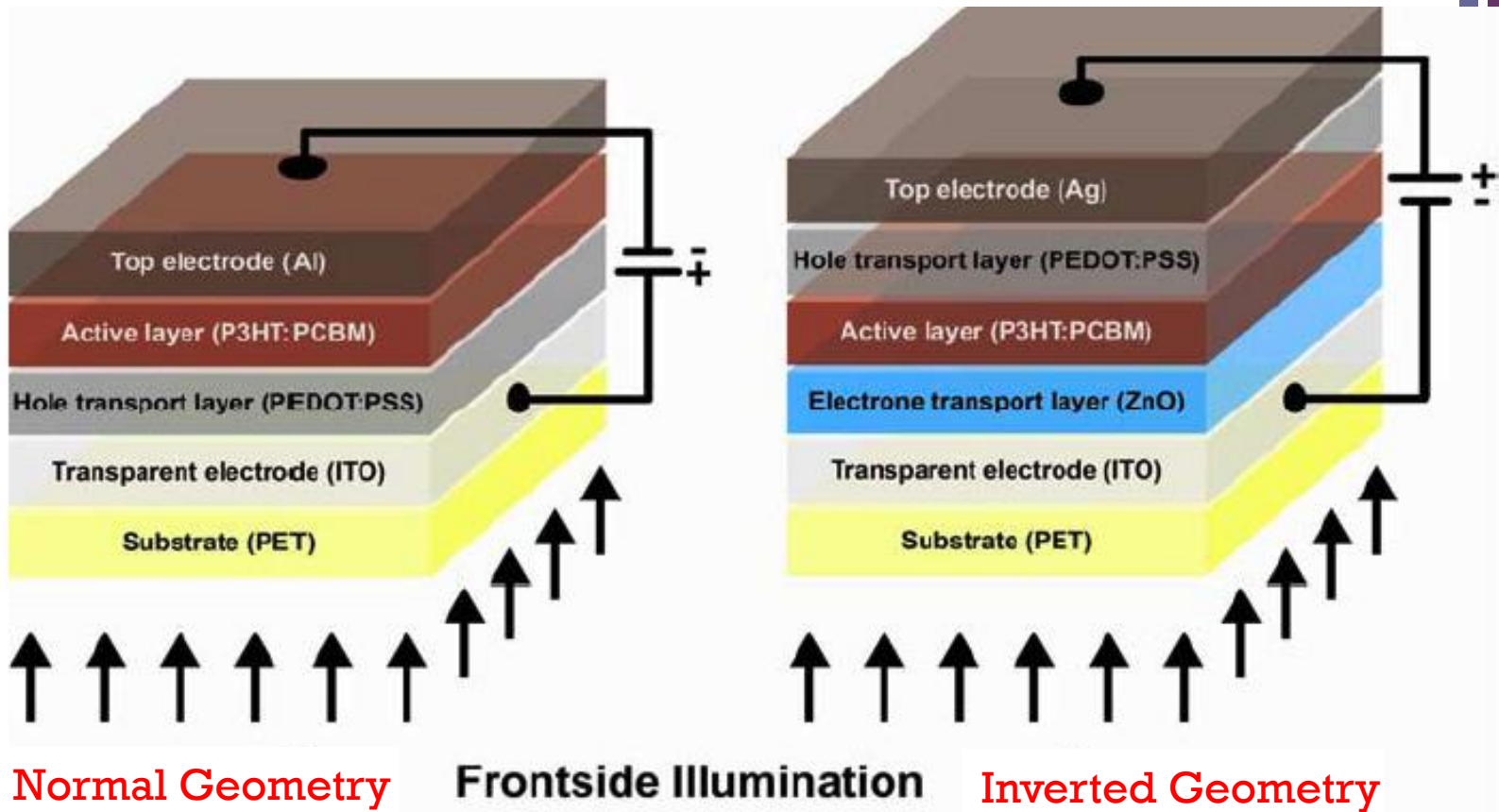
# + Top-Gate Printed Transistors



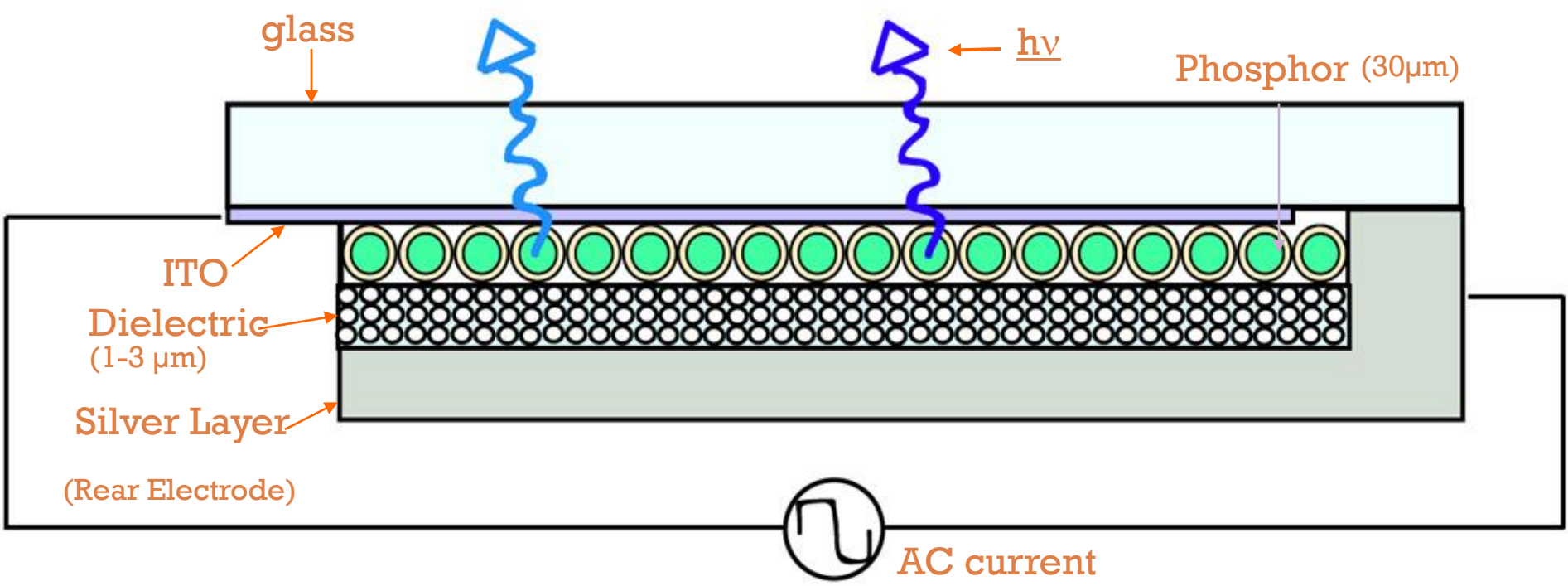


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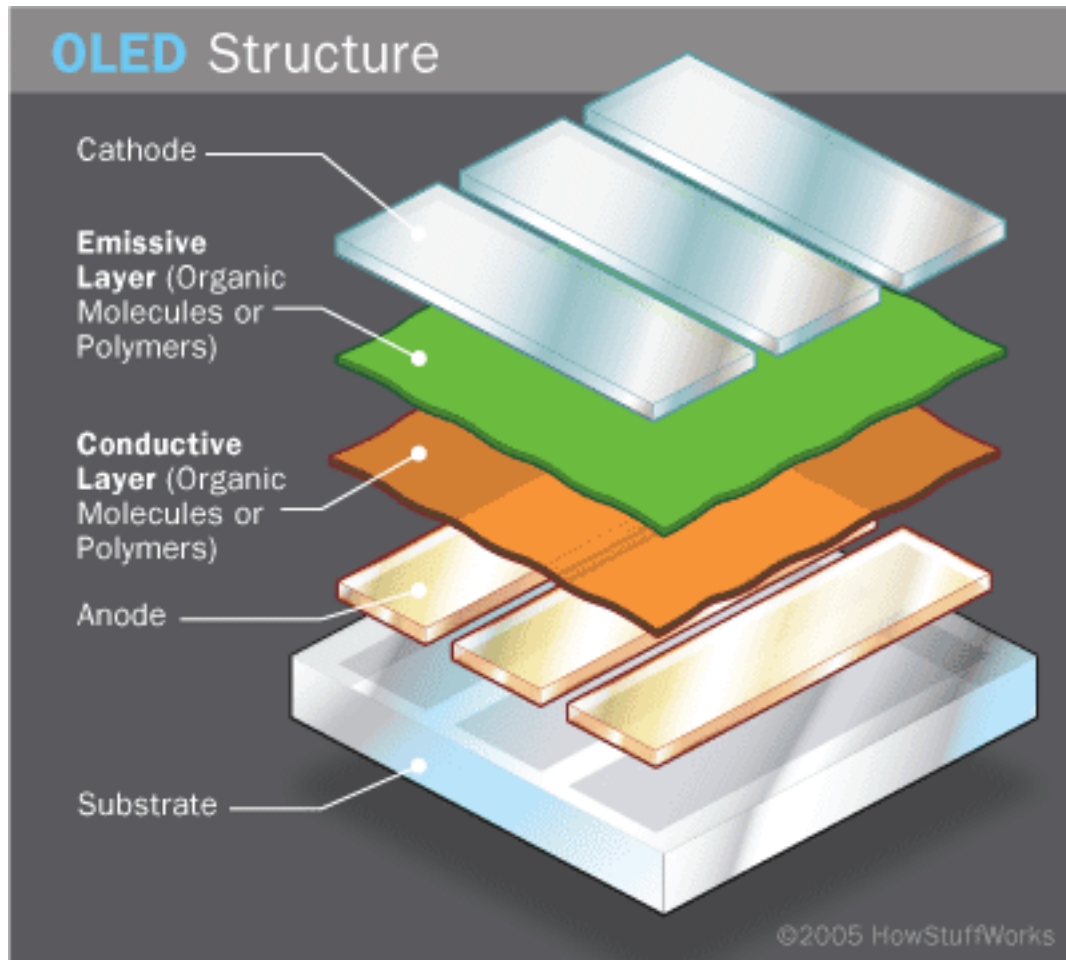
# Organic Photovoltaics (OPV) – Bulk-Heterojunction PV Structure



# EL Lamp - Device Design



# + OLED (Organic Light Emitting Diode)

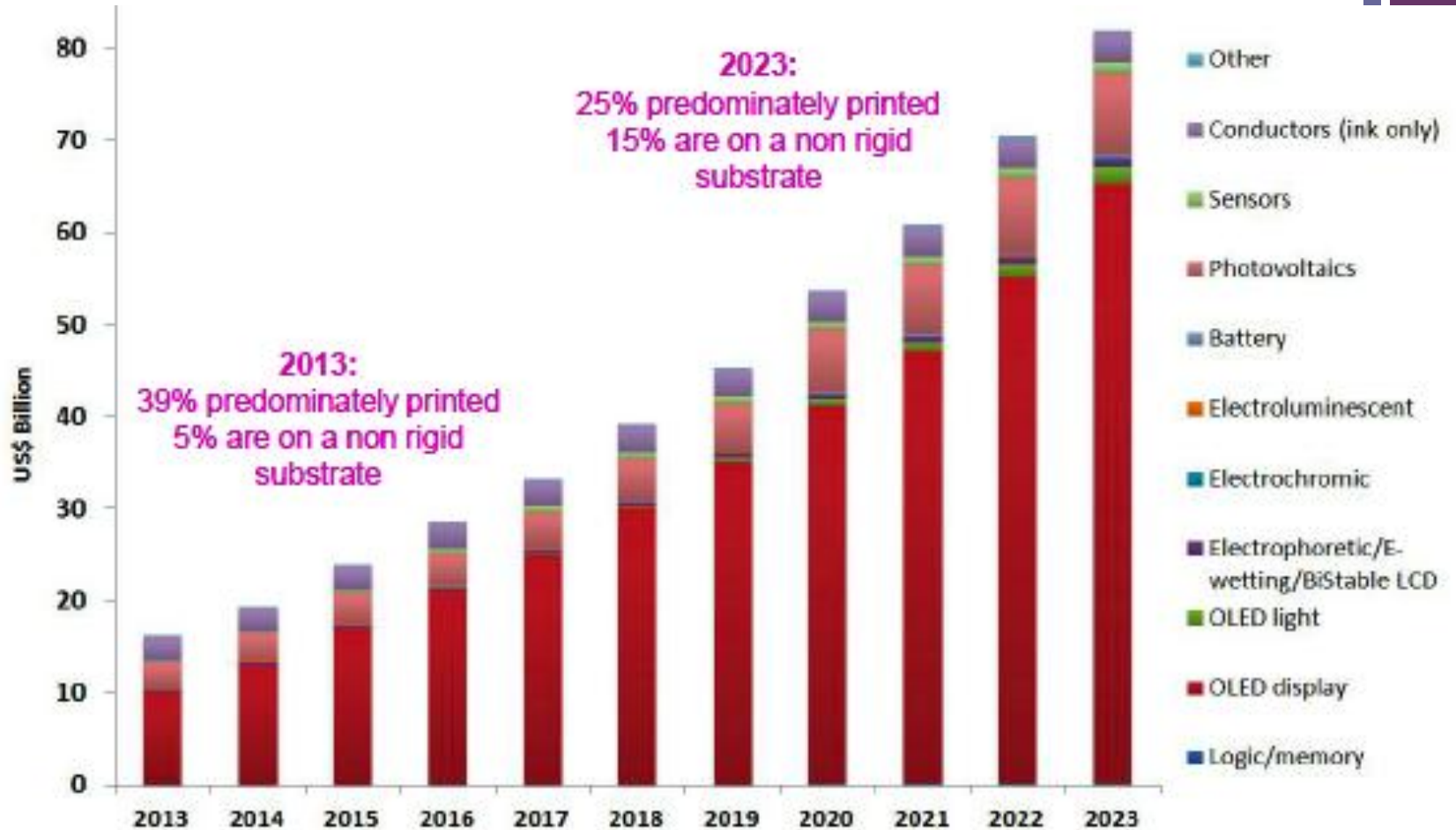


<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/oled1.htm>



## + PE Market Forecasts

# + 2013-2023 Forecast

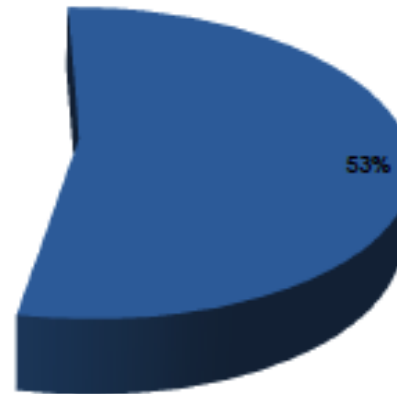
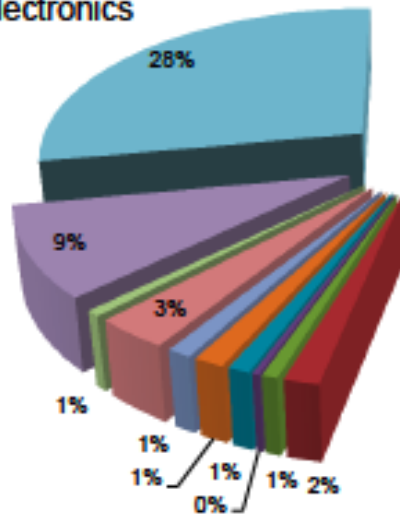




# + Sensors Forecasts 2012-2015

- Biomedical Glucose
- Tens Machines, ECG, Tabs
- Gas (Ethanol and Process gases )
- Temperature
- Imaging(Photo-detector, X-ray)
- Consumer Electronics
- Balloon, Dental, Genetic, Breath
- Skin Patch
- Environmental and Emissions
- Force Pressure /Strain
- Automotive

**2015**

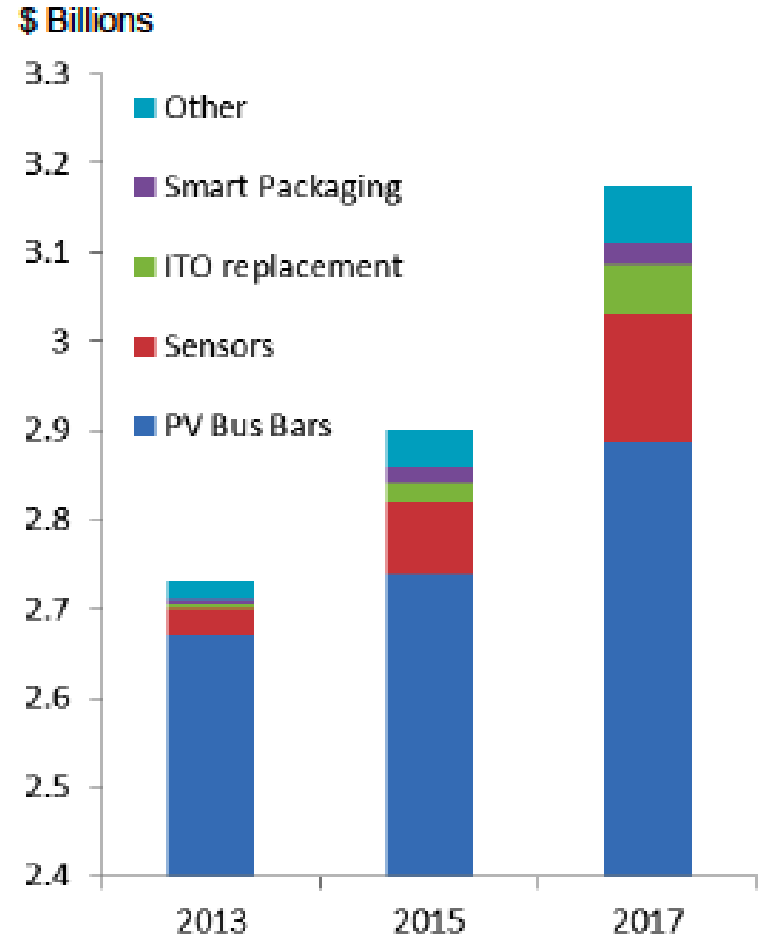


	2015
Biomedical Glucose	191.9
Balloon, Dental, Genetic, Breath	5.34
Tens Machines, ECG, Tabs	2.41
Skin Patch	1.04
Gas (Ethanol and Process gases )	3.33
Environmental and Emissions	4.59
Temperature	3.72
Force Pressure /Strain	11.44
Imaging(Photo-detector, X-ray)	2.24
Automotive	33.69
Consumer Electronics	101.0



# Conductive Inks: Markets & Trends

- PV bus bars
- Sensors – glucose test strips, ECG etc
- Other – including touch surfaces (e.g. automotive capacitive touch)
- ITO replacement – lower end consumer electronics & flexible devices
- Smart packaging







**OPPORTUNITIES for PAPER**  
**and PAPER MAKERS**

# Advantages of PAPER

Paper products provide a wide array of beneficial and controllable properties that are attractive for printed electronics.

- Renewable
- Recyclable
- Compostable
- Varying degrees of transparency
- Various weights and colors
- Low Cost

Paper: .10 cent dm<sup>-2</sup>

PET: 2.0 cent dm<sup>-2</sup>

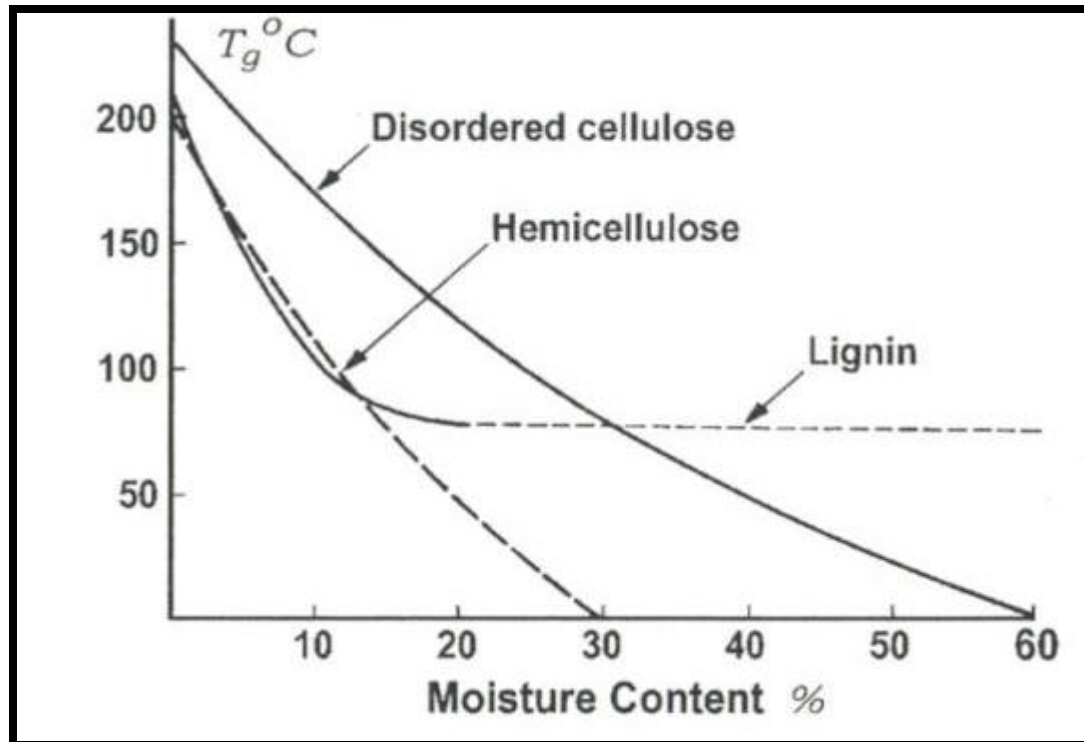
PI: 30 cent dm<sup>-2</sup>

***Conductivity or resistivity can be manipulated with use of conductive materials***

# TOLERANCE TO TEMPERATURE

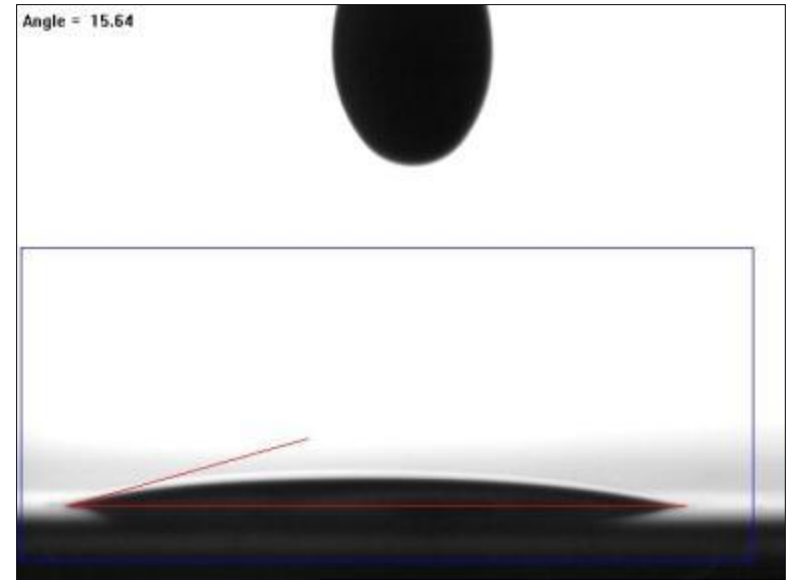
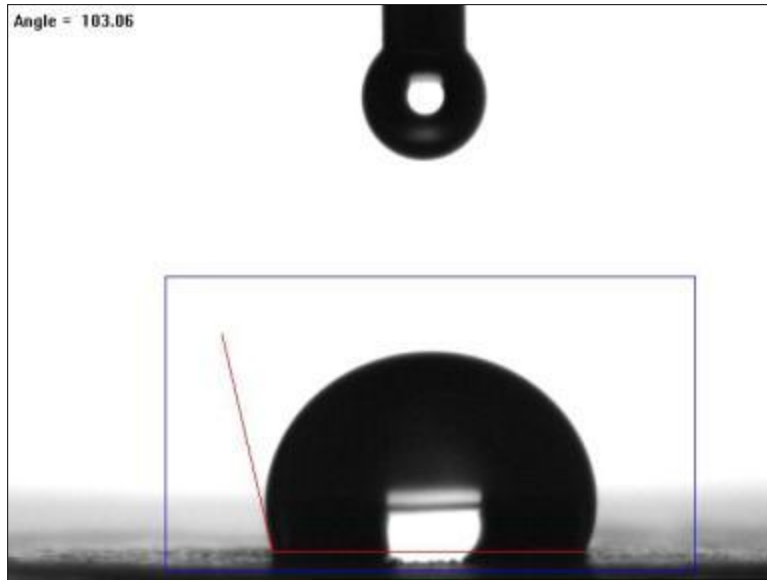
The glass transition of paper is 200-250°C. Paper burns at 450°C

- Temperature can cause shrinkage as drying occurs.
- The amount of shrinkage is determined by the moisture and fiber content of the paper



# TOLERANCE TO SOLVENTS

Paper is very hydroscopic but can be coated or impregnated with lattices or other polymer based materials to vastly improve its water and solvent resistance.



# + MOISTURE AND GAS VAPOR TRANSMISSION



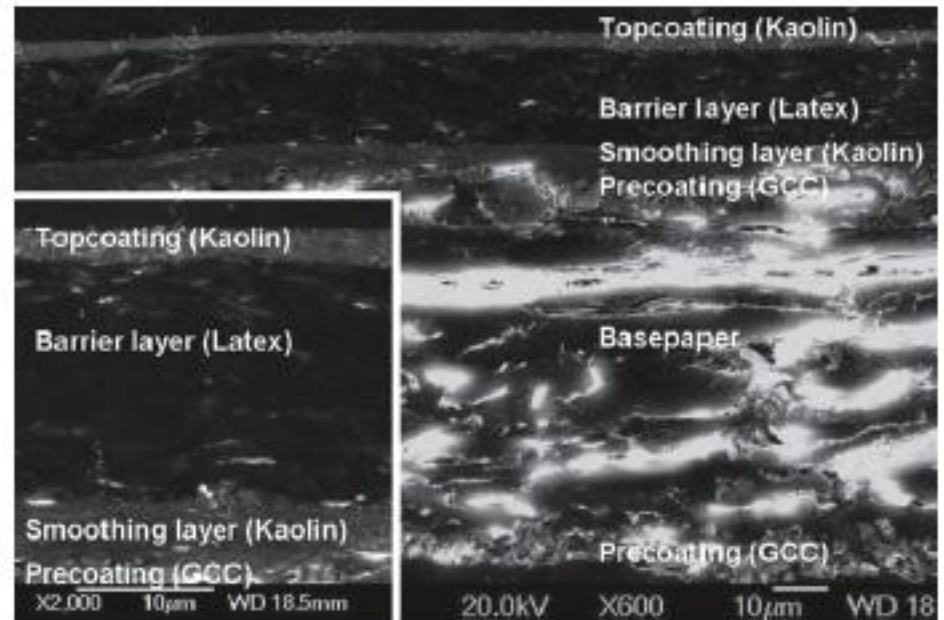
The degree to which moisture or gases penetrate the substrate can be managed via coatings and other surface treatments. The range goes from extremely permeable to completely impermeable.

**Paper has been used as an insulating material for over 100 years.**



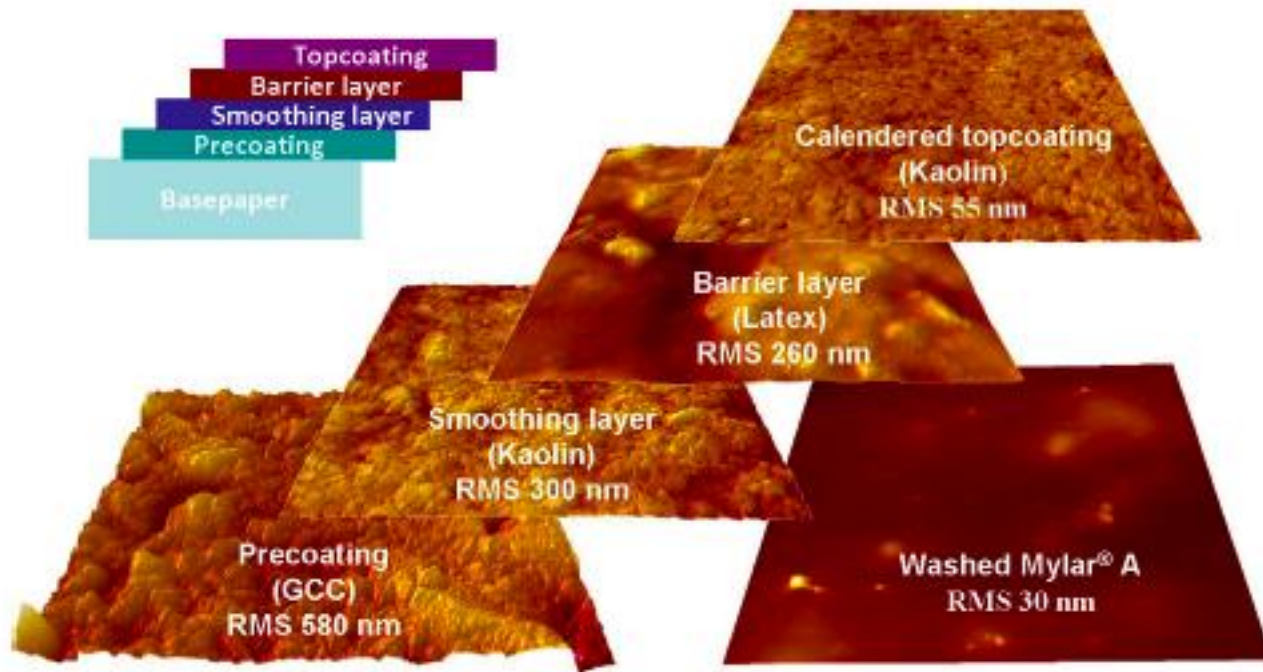
# Multi-layer coated paper for PE

- Recyclable multilayer coated paper (fabricated for organic transistor)
- Blade, rod, reverse gravure
- Precoat, smoothing layer, barrier coat of latex, pigmented top coat
- Calendered
- RMS 55 nm, AFM (100 x 100 microns)



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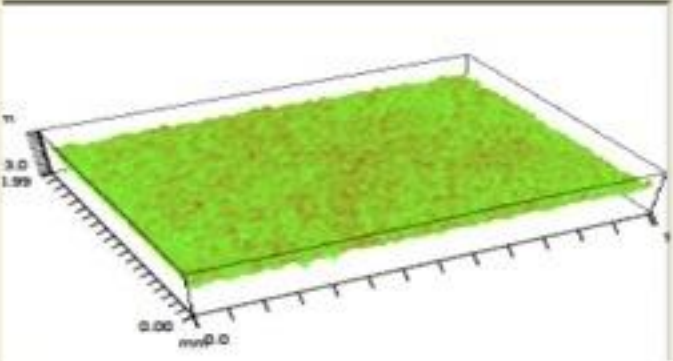
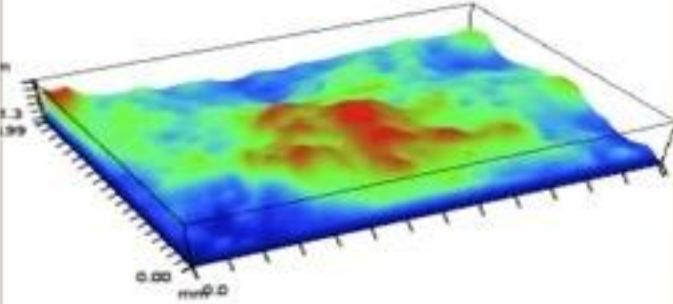
# + Surface topography of layers



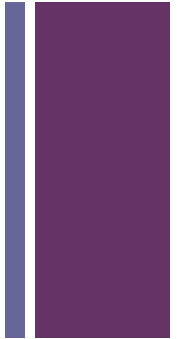
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# + New coated paper



Samples	Average of Roughness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Scanned Images
PET	0.147	
New Paper	0.367	





# Thermal Properties (important for sintering)

Material	Thermal conductivity (W/mK)	Heat Capacity (J/g/K)	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Melting Temp. (°C)
Copper	170	0.386	8.71	1084
PET	0.14	1.3	1.39	255
Glass	0.01	0.768	2.38	1500-2300
Paper	0.05	1.4	0.25-1.50	does not melt



# Summary



It's ultimately about cost reduction

- Paper is Renewable and Recyclable
- Paper is mass produced by the roll
- Paper is flexible, tunable and can be heated to higher temp. than PET film

New paper-based products are needed for this industry.

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Questions

# Thank You!

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