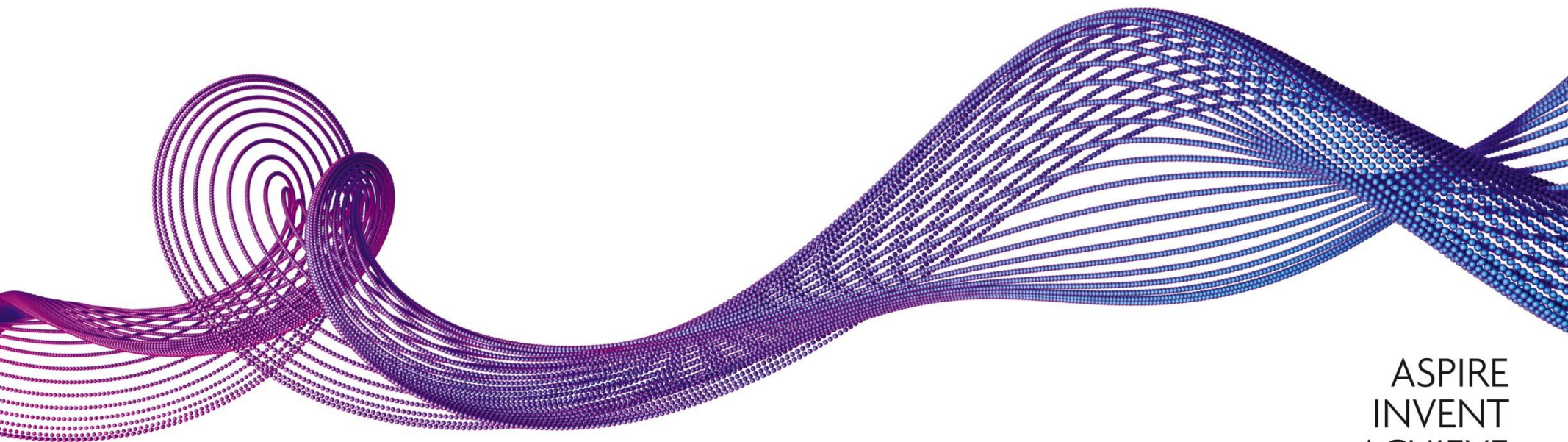


# LARGE AREA ELECTRONICS

## MAGICAL PLASTIC FOILS

PAWEL MALINOWSKI



ASPIRE  
INVENT  
ACHIEVE

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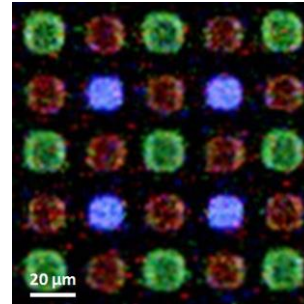
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**WORKSHOP**

**SINCE 2011: SENIOR RESEARCHER AT IMEC:**

THIN-FILM ELECTRONICS GROUP

OPD/TFPD, HI-RES OLED, INTEGRATION



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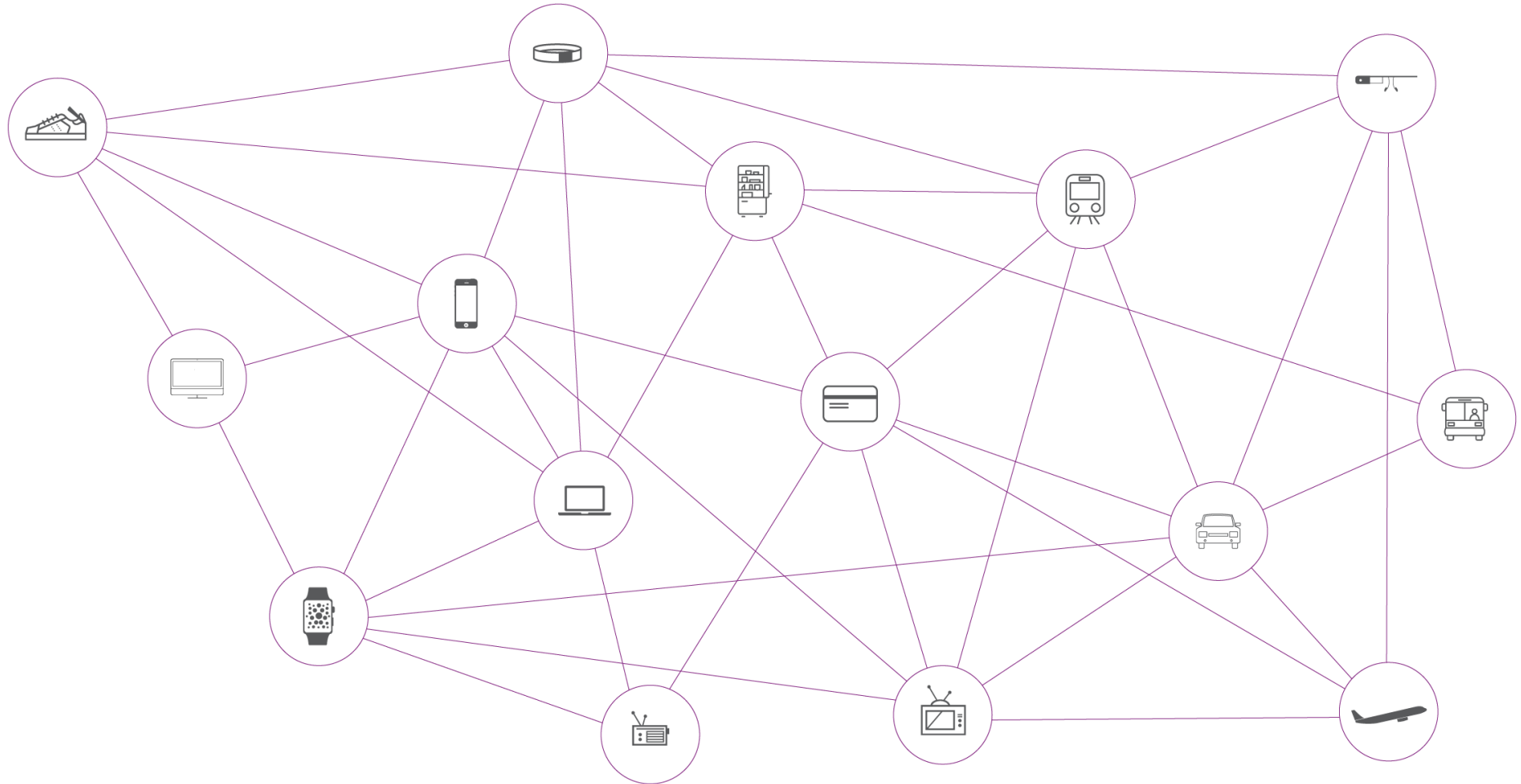
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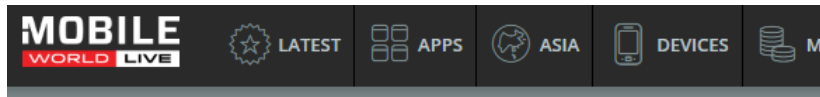
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# INTERNET OF THINGS



# CONNECTED DEVICES



HOME

## Number of devices to hit 4.3 per person by 2020 – report

16 OCT 2014



BUSINESS  
INSIDER

ENTERPRISE

## By 2017, We'll Each Have 5 Internet Devices



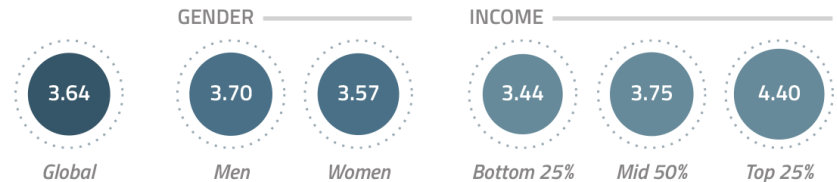
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### MULTI-DEVICE OWNERSHIP

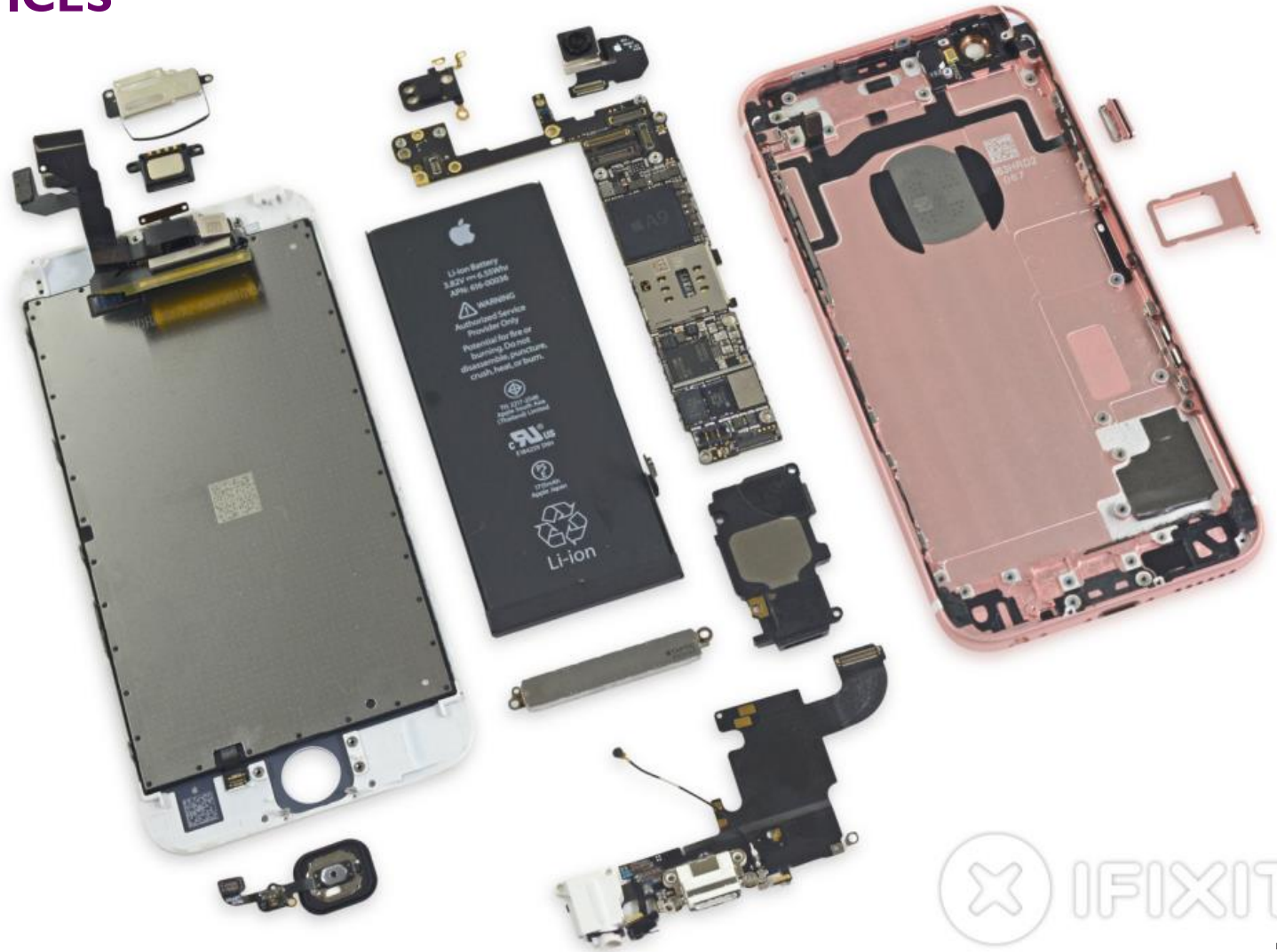
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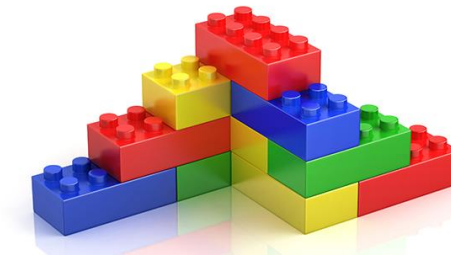
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# CONNECTED DEVICES

## APPLE IPHONE 6S



# WHAT ARE THE TECHNOLOGY BLOCKS?



# CONNECTED DEVICES

## APPLE IPHONE 6S



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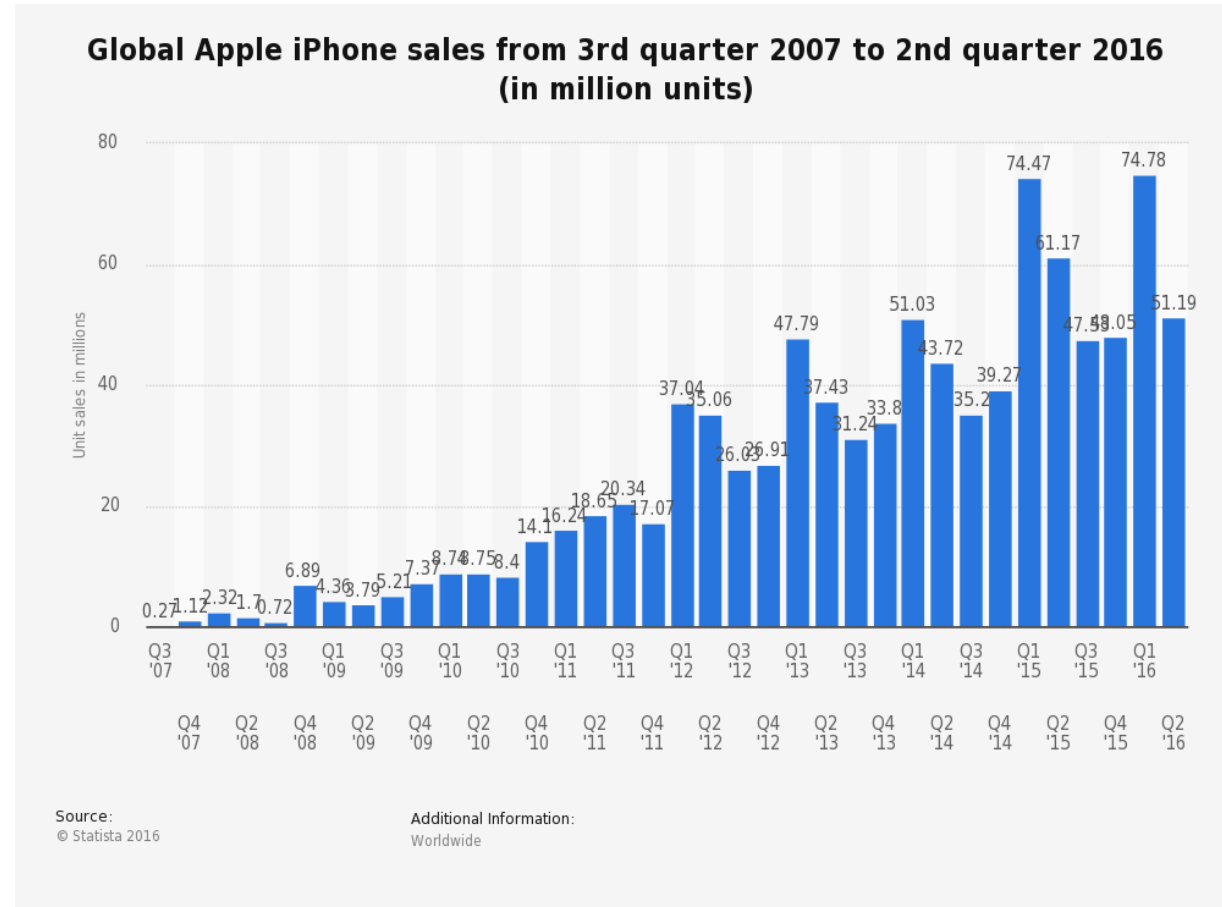
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\*\* NAND normalized to 16 GB units

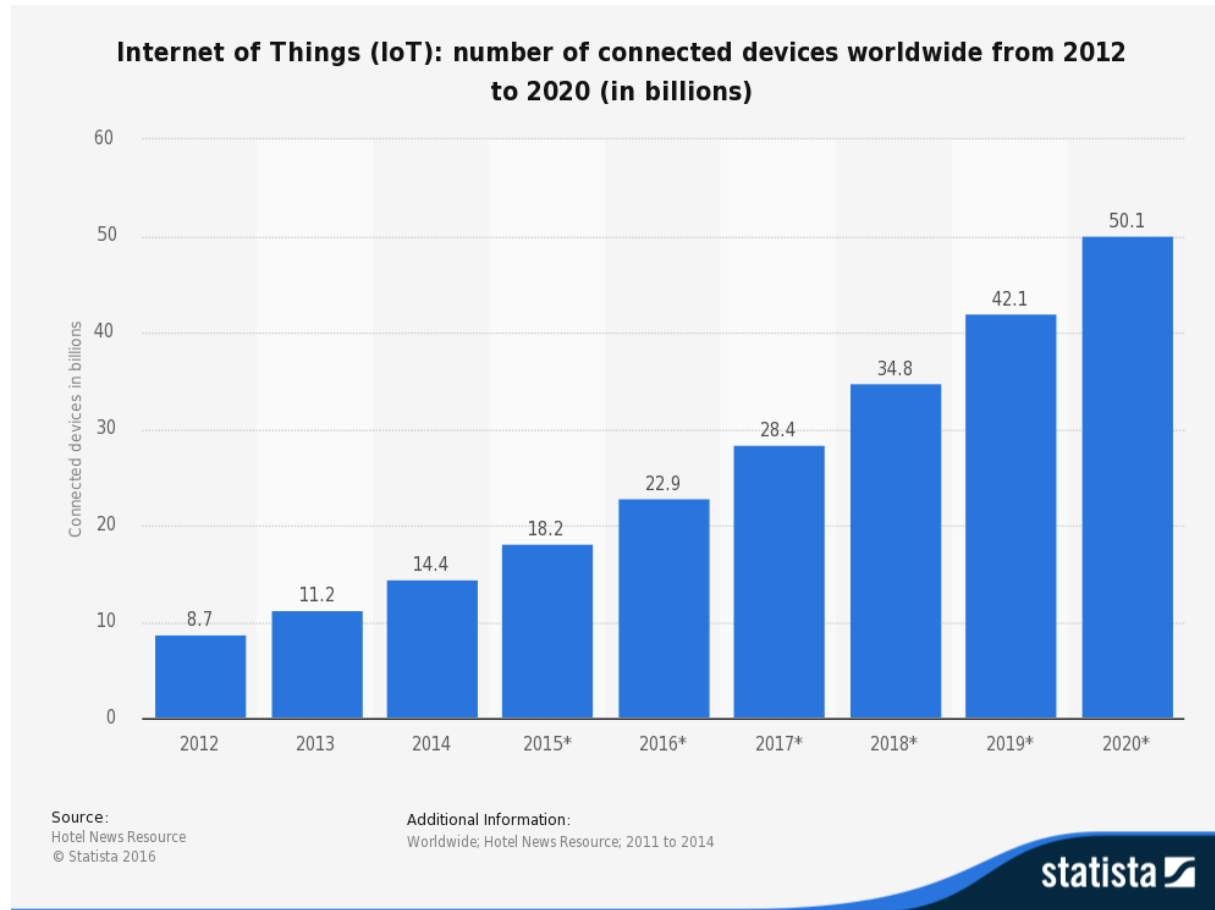
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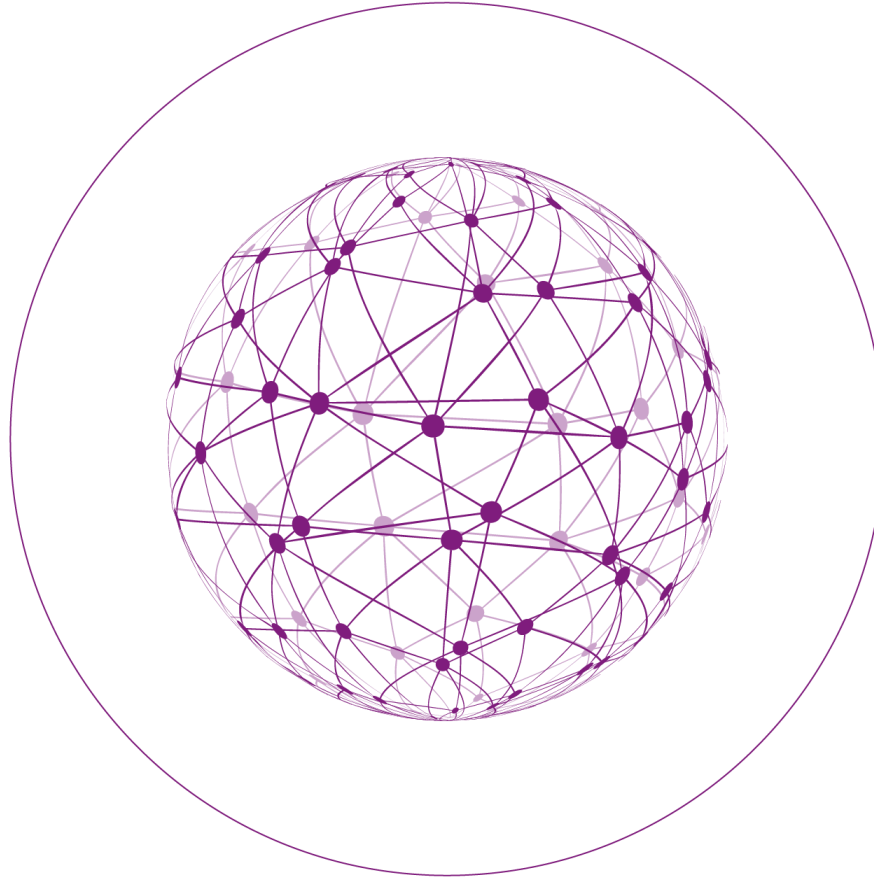
## APPLE IPHONE 6S



# >20 BILLIONS CONNECTED DEVICES



# 50 BILLION CONNECTED DEVICES BY 2020







# What Happens in an Internet Minute?



## And Future Growth is Staggering







**80 million**  
cars/year



**2000 million**  
devices/year



**80,000 million**  
pieces/year



**10,000,000 million**  
packages/year

**\$100+ billion**  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
for item level  
electronics

# WHICH TECHNOLOGY?



Trillions devices

Disposable

Unusual  
form-factors

Multifunctional

# CHALLENGES FOR IoT

**COST**

**POWER**

**PERFORMANCE**

**INTEGRATION**

**PRODUCTION FEASIBILITY**

# POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGY MODULES FOR IOT

**CIRCUIT**

**SENSOR**

E.G. LIGHT, TEMPERATURE, MECHANICAL, CHEMICAL

**ACTUATOR**

E.G. MECHANICAL, ULTRASOUND

**DISPLAY**

**BATTERY**

**MEMORY**



# FLEXIBLE ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

**Trillions devices**

**Disposable**

**Unusual  
form-factors**

**Multifunctional**

## **Large-area manufacturing**

- Very large volumes
- Relatively low cost

## **Processes**

- Flat panel display
- Printed process
- “Hybrid” electronics

## **Form factor**

- 25 $\mu$ m plastic substrate

## **Functions**

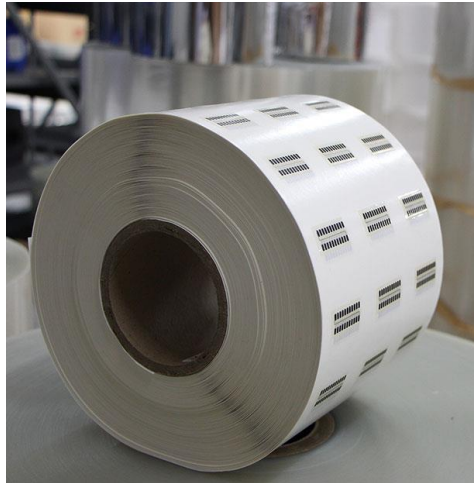
- Processing
- Wireless
- Sensors
- Display segments
- Memory
- Energy storage (scavenging?)

# APPLICATION DETERMINES PERFORMANCE NEED

## examples

Brand protection

Few bit printed FE memory



ThinFilm

Marketing

NFC tag



ThinFilm

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On-skin thermometer

NFC tag plus analog electronics



Viva

IOT SUMMER SCHOOL BRESSANONE 2016



## EXAMPLE: SMART LABELS

CONTAINING: DISPOSABLE FLEXIBLE SENSOR, INDICATOR, CIRCUIT, BATTERY ...

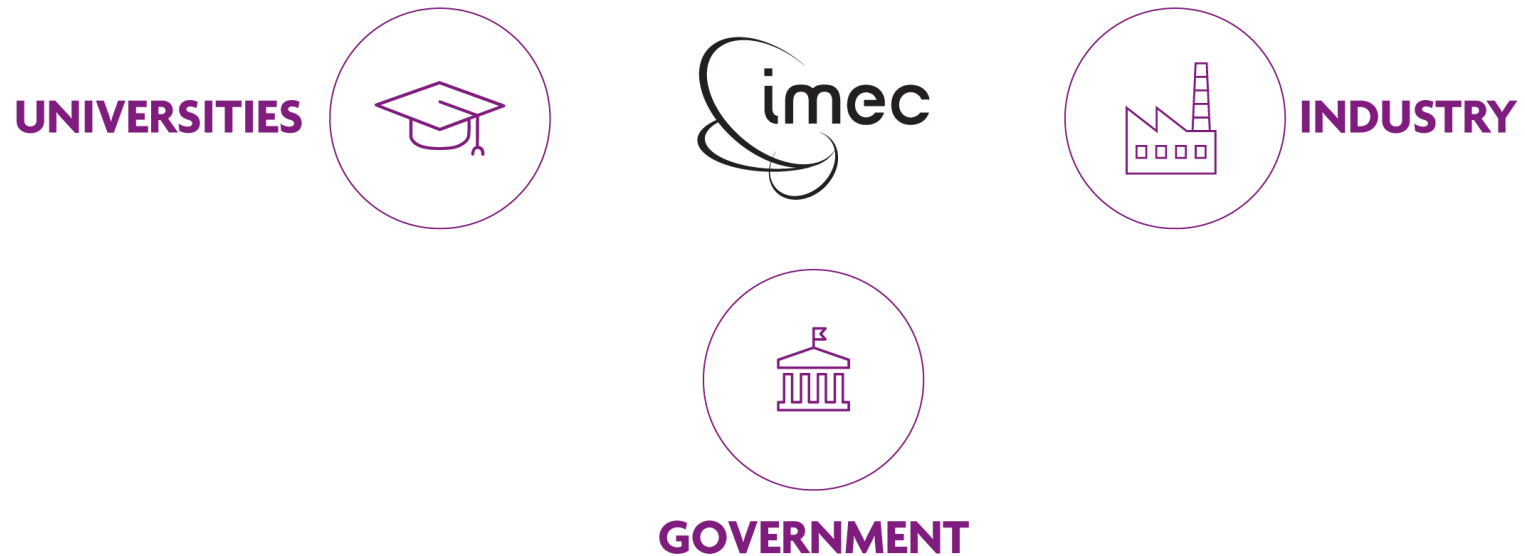


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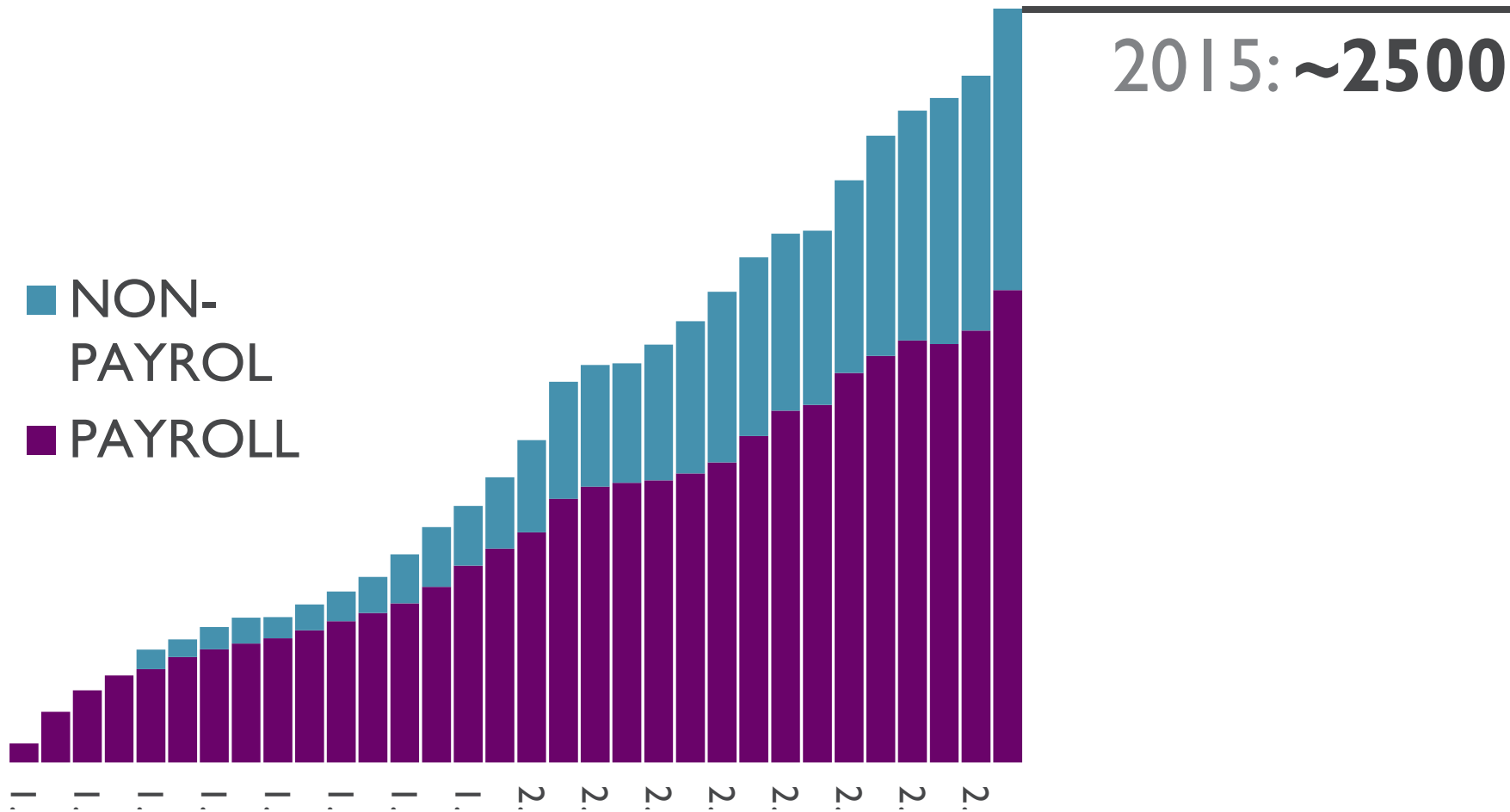
# WORLD-LEADING NANO-ELECTRONICS RESEARCH



# FULL ECO SYSTEM



# EMPLOYEES





# UNIQUE HIGH-TECH INFRASTRUCTURE

An aerial photograph of a large industrial and research complex, likely a semiconductor manufacturing plant. The facility consists of several large, interconnected buildings with flat roofs, some featuring solar panels. A prominent tall, blue glass skyscraper stands out among the more industrial structures. The complex is surrounded by lush green trees and a residential neighborhood with houses and streets is visible in the background. A railway line runs alongside the facility. Several callout boxes with purple borders point to specific areas of the complex, identifying different production lines and laboratories.

**NERF  
LAB**

**300MM  
PILOT LINE**

**EXTENSION  
300 MM  
CLEANROOM  
OPEN SINCE 03/16**

**200MM  
PILOT LINE**

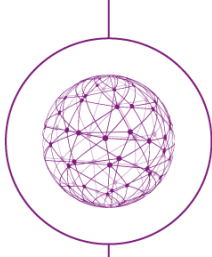
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**SILICON  
SOLAR  
CELL LINE**

**NANO  
BIOLABS**

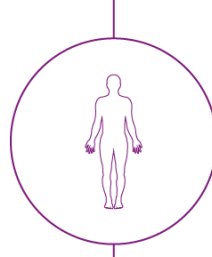
# IMEC INNOVATION PLATFORM

## INTUITIVE INTERNET OF THINGS



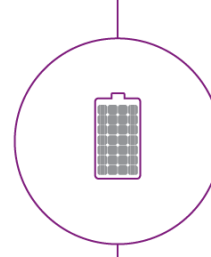
SENSING &  
CONNECTIVITY SOLUTIONS

## INTERNET OF HEALTH



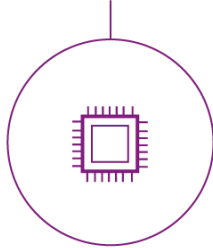
WEARABLES, DIAGNOSTICS,  
LIFE SCIENCES

## INTERNET OF POWER



PHOTOVOLTAICS, POWER DEVICES,  
ENERGY STORAGE

## CORE CMOS

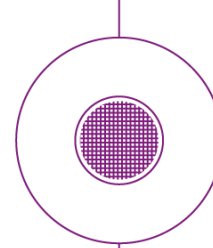


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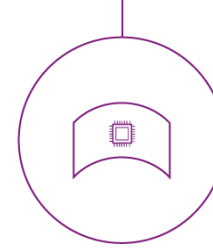
INTERCONNECTS

## HETEROGENEOUS INTEGRATION



MEMS, SENSORS,  
PHOTONICS

## FLEXIBLE ELECTRONICS





# THIN-FILM ELECTRONICS

RFIDS - NFC TAGS - MEMORIES - ANTENNAS - DISPLAYS - SENSORS





# SMART RFID TAGS

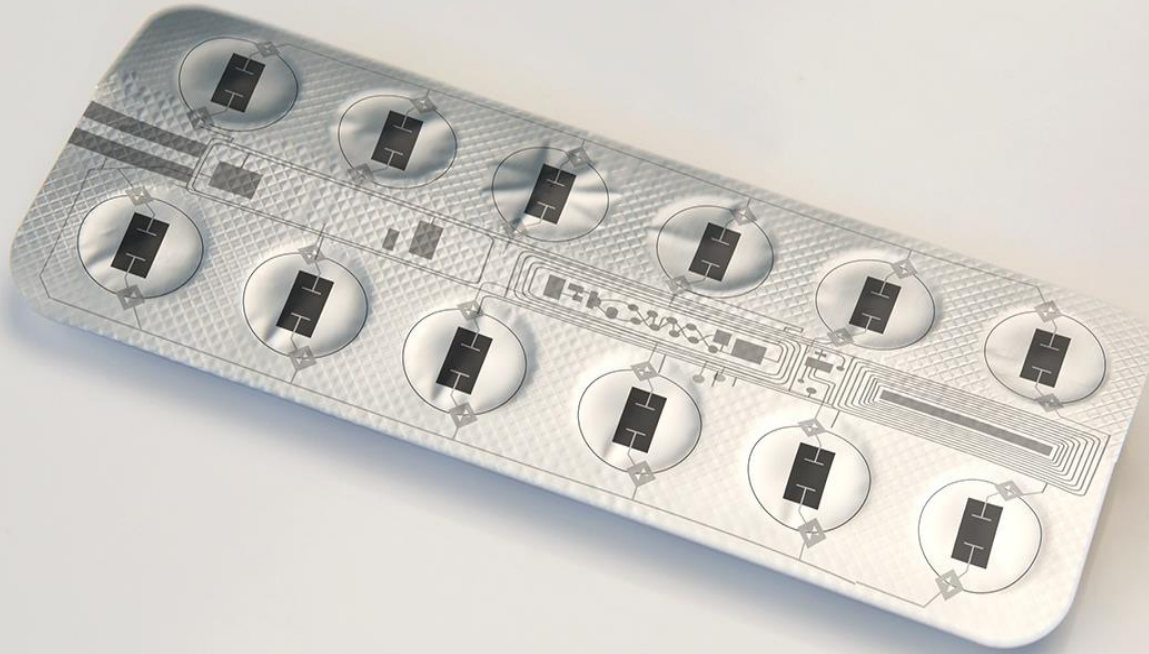
BRAND AUTHENTICITY  
ADVICE





# SMART RFID TAGS

## AUTHENTICITY - CORRECT USE

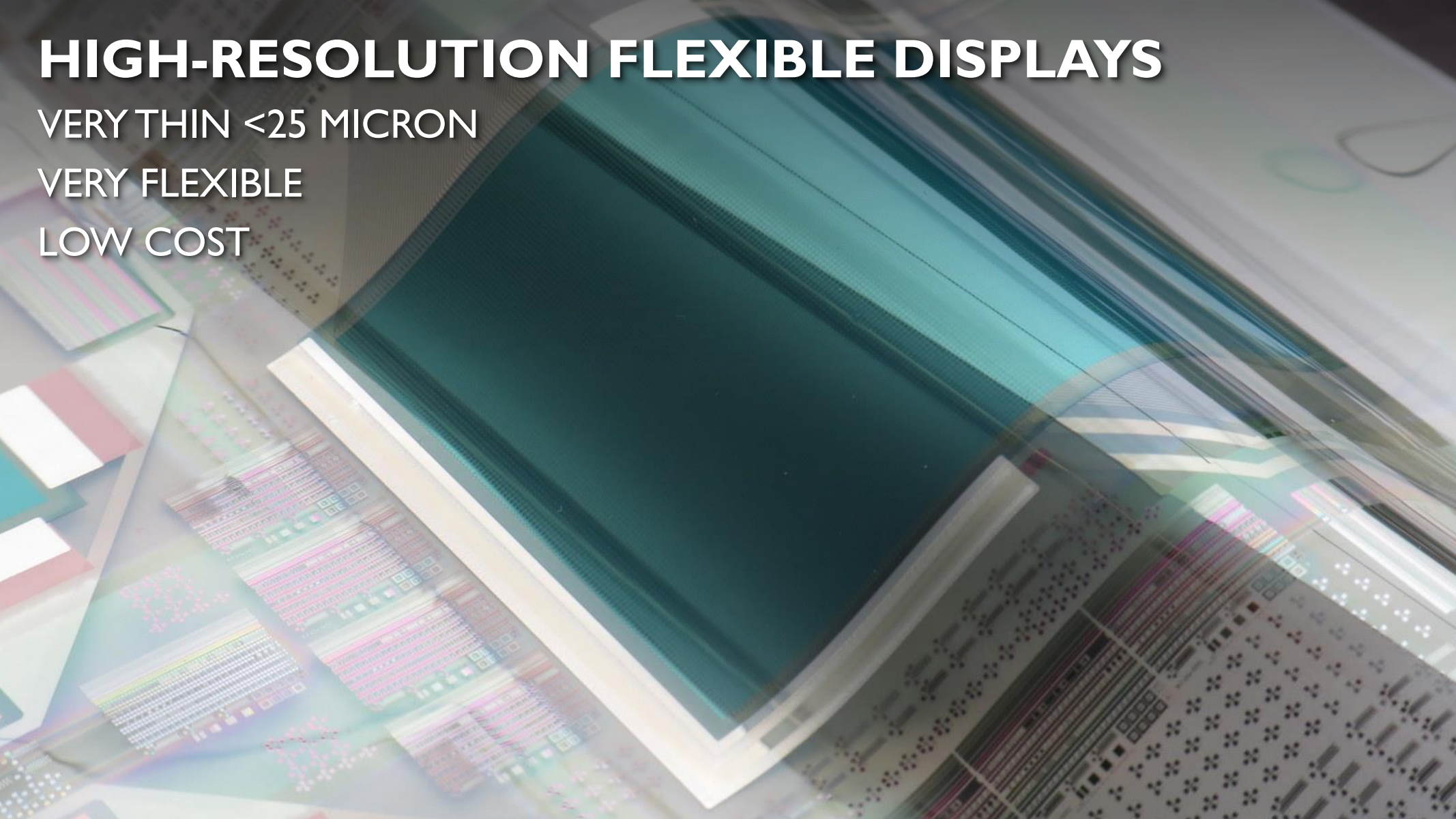


# HIGH-RESOLUTION FLEXIBLE DISPLAYS

VERY THIN <25 MICRON

VERY FLEXIBLE

LOW COST



# LARGE AREA, FLEXIBLE IMAGERS

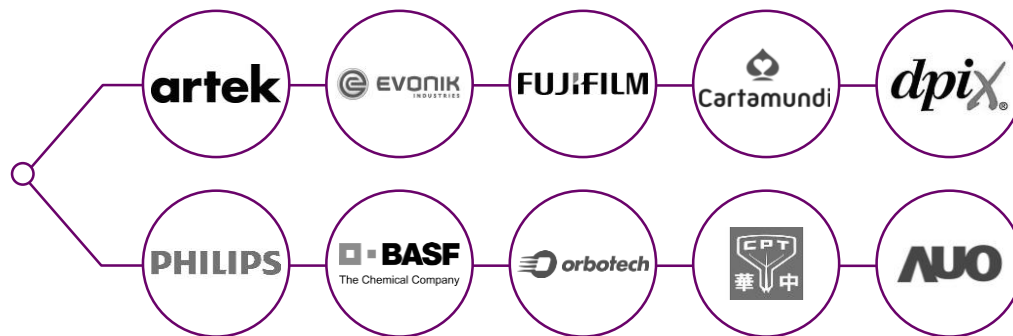
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# PARTNERS FLEXIBLE ELECTRONICS





# IMEC MAGAZINE

## MONTHLY MAGAZINE AS APP

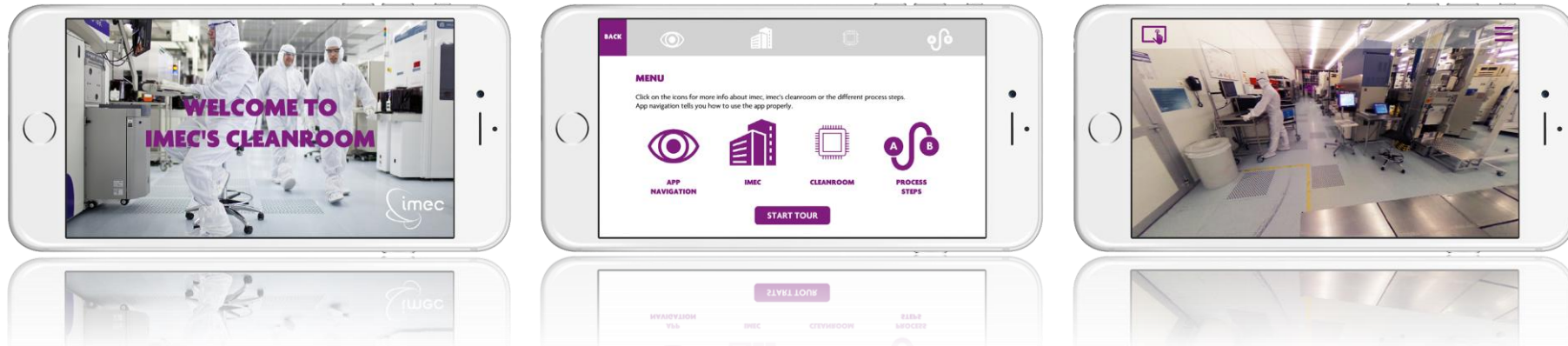
- App for iOS & Android
- Website [magazine.imec.be](http://magazine.imec.be)
- Available in English & Dutch
- Look for 'imec int' in the app store



# IMEC'S CLEANROOM

## TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR AROUND IMEC'S CLEANROOM

- Discover the most important steps of the chip fabrication process
- App available for iOS & Android
- Look for 'imec's cleanroom' in the app store



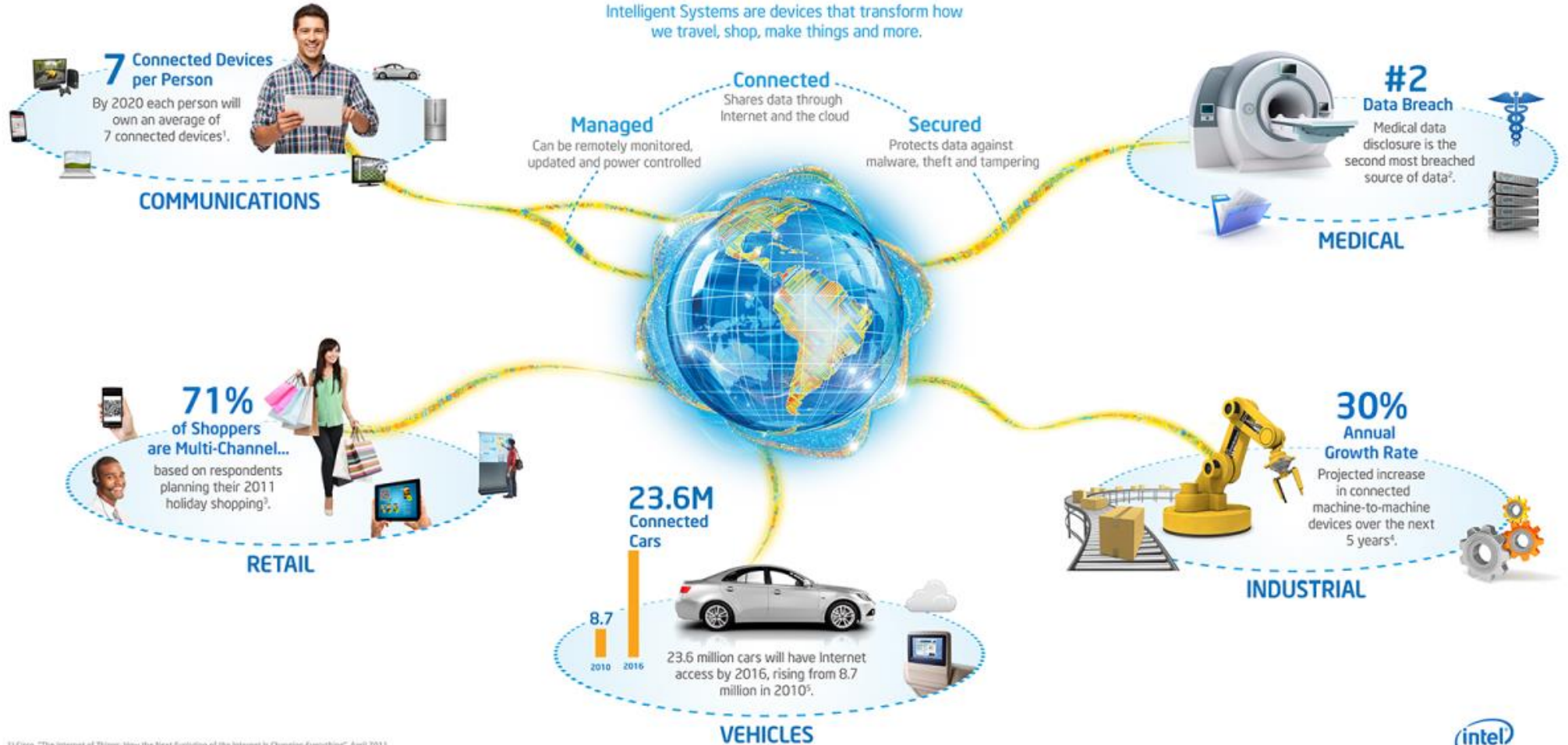
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# Intelligent Systems for a More Connected World

## WHAT ARE INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS?

Intelligent Systems are devices that transform how we travel, shop, make things and more.



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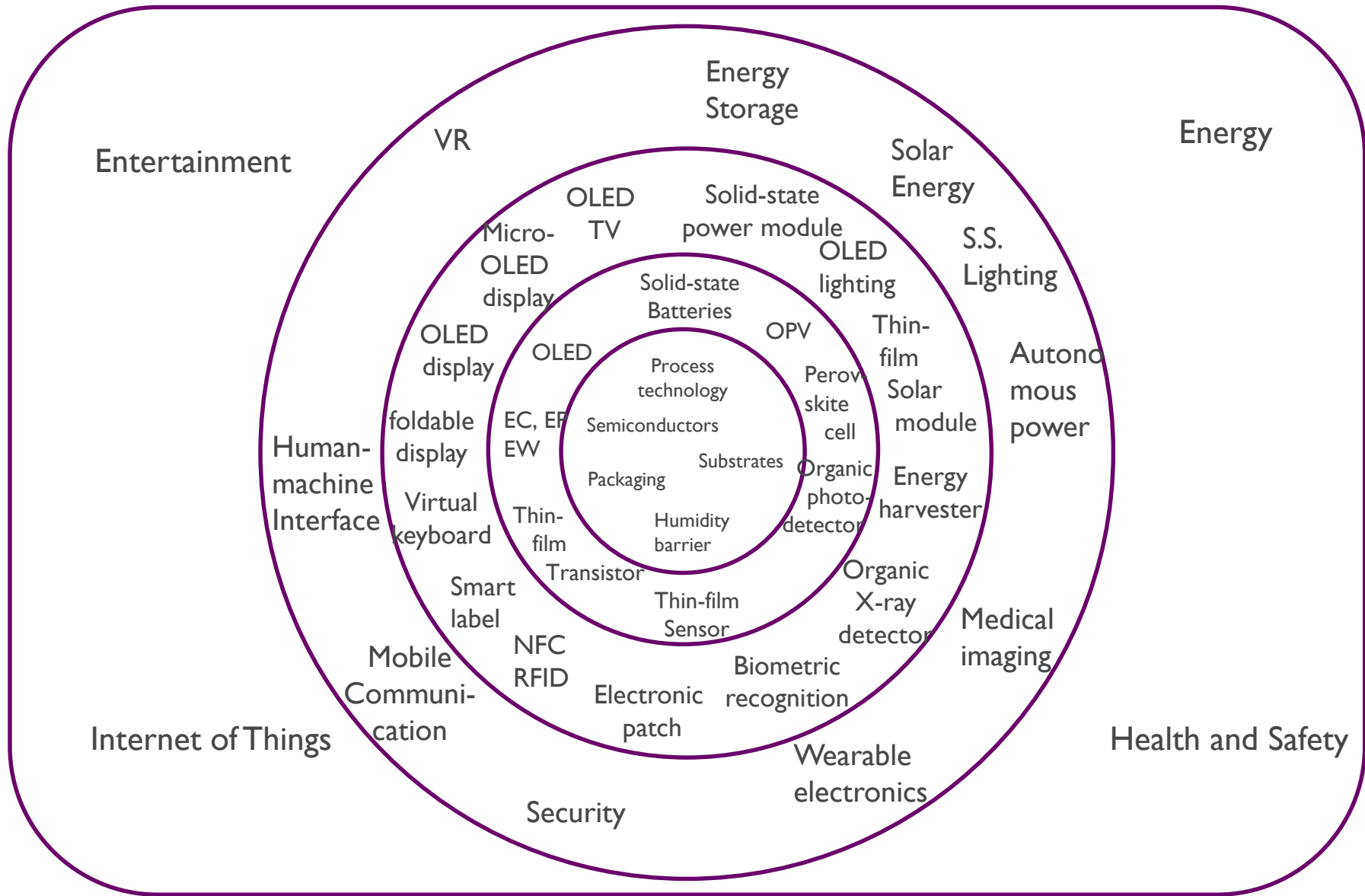
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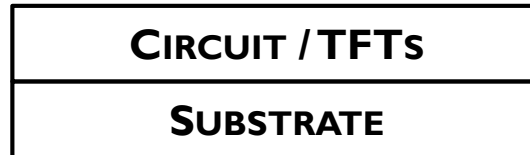
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# **LARGE AREA ELECTRONICS**

CIRCUITS

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**CIRCUIT**

# LARGE AREA ELECTRONICS

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<b>EMITTER (OLED)</b>
<b>CIRCUIT / TFTs</b>
<b>SUBSTRATE</b>

**DISPLAY**

<b>ABSORBER (TFPD)</b>
<b>CIRCUIT / TFTs</b>
<b>SUBSTRATE</b>

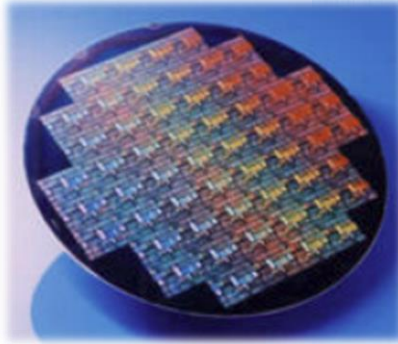
**IMAGE SENSOR**

# LARGE AREA ELECTRONICS

TOP BARRIER
LIGHT MGMT
ABSORBER / EMITTER
INTERLAYER
CIRCUIT / TFTs
BOTTOM BARRIER
SUBSTRATE
CARRIER



# COMPARING TRANSISTOR TECHNOLOGIES



## Conventional Silicon

- \$40.000/m<sup>2</sup>
- X-Si
- 300 mm wafer
- 32 nm

Source: Samsung



## Conventional LCD

- \$200/m<sup>2</sup>
- a-Si/poly-Si
- 2x3 m glass plate
- 3  $\mu$ m



## High quality printing

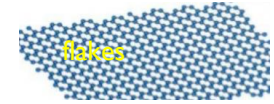
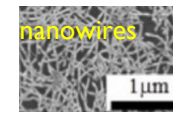
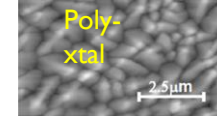
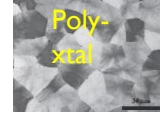
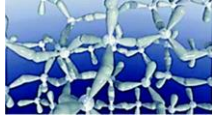
- \$0.25/m<sup>2</sup>
- Ink
- 2x  $\infty$  m roll-to-roll
- 20  $\mu$ m

# SHEET-2-SHEET DISPLAY FAB

## Standard a-Si backplane production



72,000 substrates per month  
Investment:~ \$4.25B



Semiconductor	Amorphous Si	LTPS	Amorphous Oxide	Organic	Carbon Nanotube	Graphene (MoS <sub>2</sub> , WSe <sub>2</sub> )
Structure	amorphous					
Mobility cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs	0.5	100	10...30(...50)	0.3...10(...30)	1000-10.000 (0.1-100 in film)	~10.000
Carrier type	N-type	P+N type	N-type	P-type (some N)	N-type	ambipolar
Uniformity/Size	Excellent/G10	Poor/G4.5	Good/G6	?	poor	?
# masks	4-5	6-11	4-6	4-6	?	?
Temperature	350	450 (and up)	350	100	100	? (quality and T are related)
Cost/yield	Low/high	High/medium	Low/medium	?	?	?
Use	LCD TV	Mobile OLED Mobile LCD	OLED TV LCD TV	-	-	-
R&D hot topic	-	(Uniformity Upscale)	Bias stress P-type oxides	Integration Contacts Mobility	Scaling Turn-off Uniformity	Integration Contacts Dielectrics

## Nobel Prize Chemistry 2000



Alan J. Heeger

Prize share: 1/3



Alan G. MacDiarmid

Prize share: 1/3



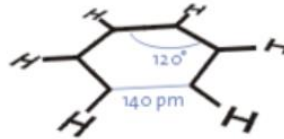
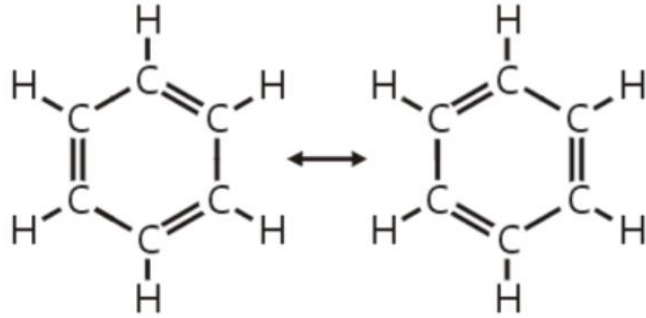
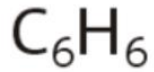
Hideki Shirakawa

Prize share: 1/3

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2000 was awarded jointly to Alan J. Heeger, Alan G. MacDiarmid and Hideki Shirakawa *"for the discovery and development of conductive polymers"*.

# ORGANIC SEMICONDUCTOR

Based on carbon  $sp^2$  hybridization



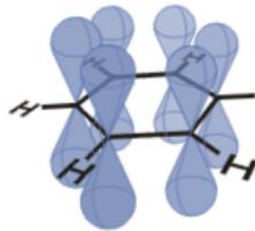
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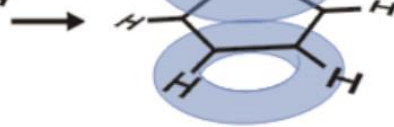
Planar molecule



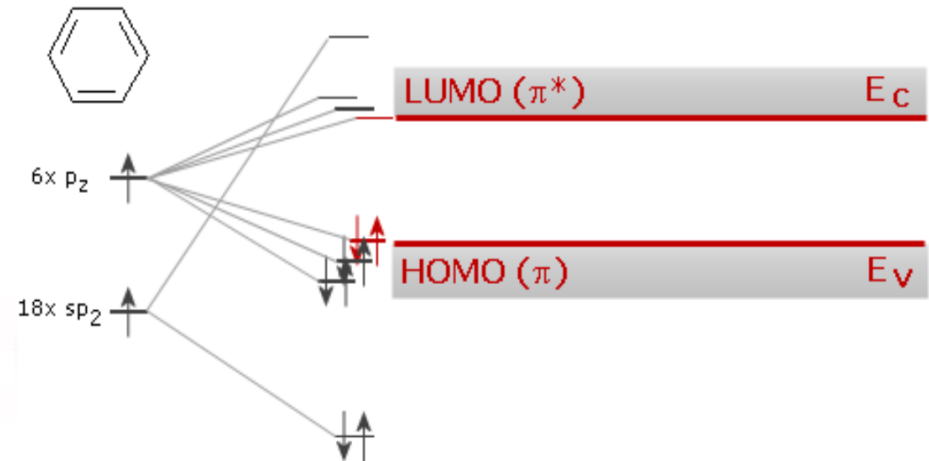
Sigma bond:  
 $sp^2$  hybridized  
orbitals



6  $p_z$  orbitals



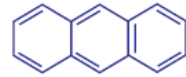
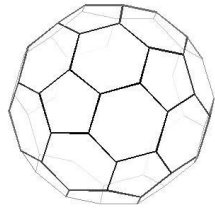
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pi-bond



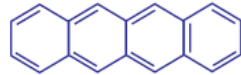


# INFINITE NUMBER OF ORGANIC SEMICONDUCTORS

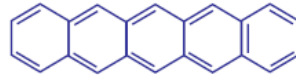
## Organic molecules



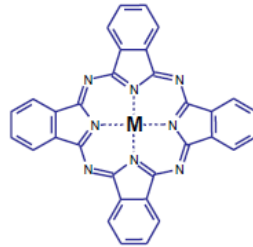
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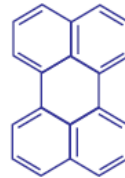
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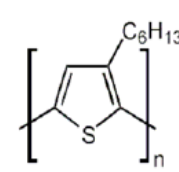


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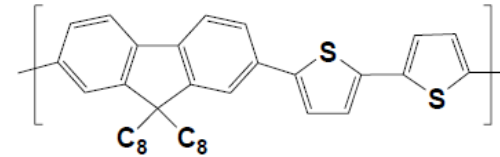


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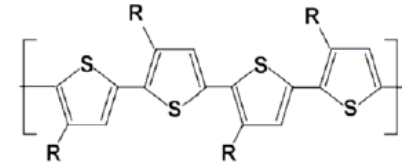
## Polymers



Poly(3-hexyl  
thiophene) (P3HT)



poly(9,9-dioctylfluorene-co-  
bithiophene) (F8T2)



XPT: regio-regular poly(thiophene)

# KEY CHARACTERISTICS: ORGANIC SEMICONDUCTORS

Every molecule in a film is a perfect nano-piece of semiconductor, without dangling bonds or imperfections.

Organic semiconductors **can be grown as thin films on ANY substrate**: their structure is NOT templated by a substrate crystal!

- Glass, Plastic, Insulators, Other organic semiconductors

Organic semiconductors **can be mixed at molecular level**: each molecule remains a perfect piece of semiconductor

- Doping, Bulk Heterojunctions

Organic semiconductors **have low gravimetric density**

- Low: refractive index, dielectric constant, effective density of states, specific weight; strong exciton binding

Organic semiconductors **have large absorption coefficient for light**

- Molecular absorption:  $\alpha = (10^4) - 10^5 - (10^6) \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Organic semiconductors **have usually a large bandgap**

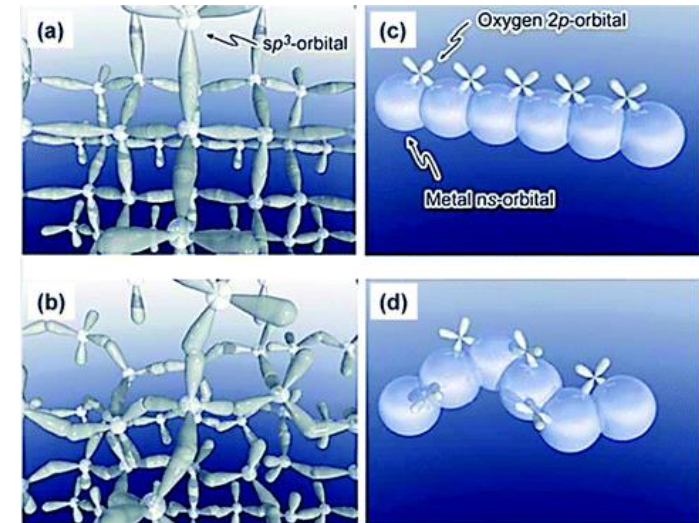
- Visible light, High-lying LUMO (conduction band), Difficult electron injection, Fragile against oxidation during operation

# THE SUCCESS OF AMORPHOUS OXIDE SEMICONDUCTORS (AOS)

IGZO (and other Amorphous Oxide Semiconductors)  
DELOCALIZED electrons in the conduction band despite  
amorphous structure, which is highly appreciated for achieving  
good uniformity over arbitrary large areas (Gen 8 today)

## Trends:

- Higher **mobility** (different compositions)
- Higher performance by transistor **architecture**  
(self-aligned source/drain with respect to gate)
- Finding a matching **p-type oxide** semiconductor material

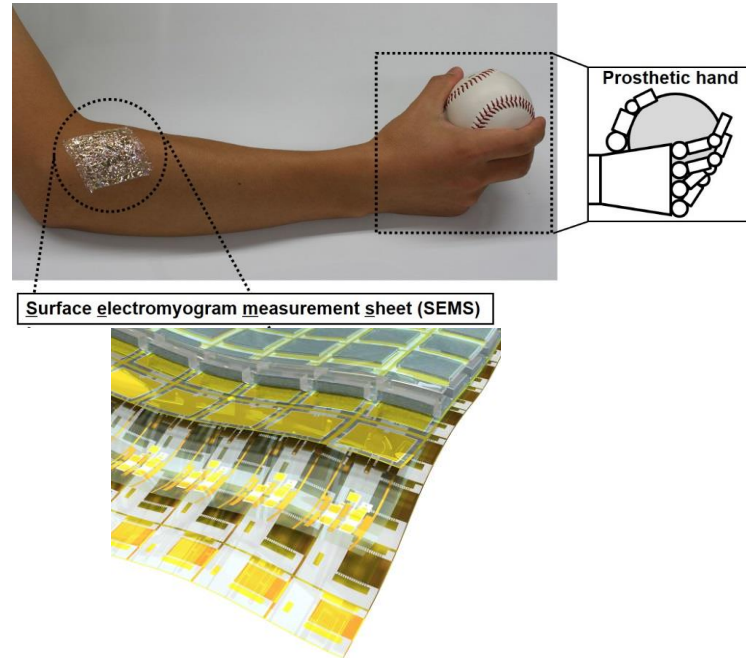


## ON-BODY: SKIN PATCHES, CONTACT LENS, ...

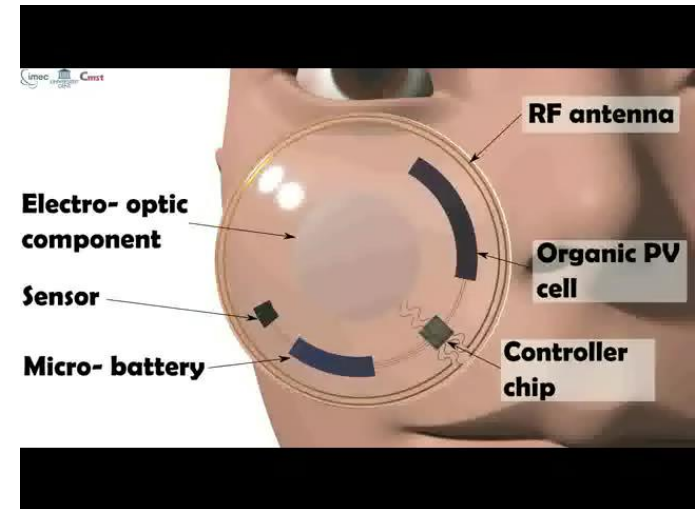
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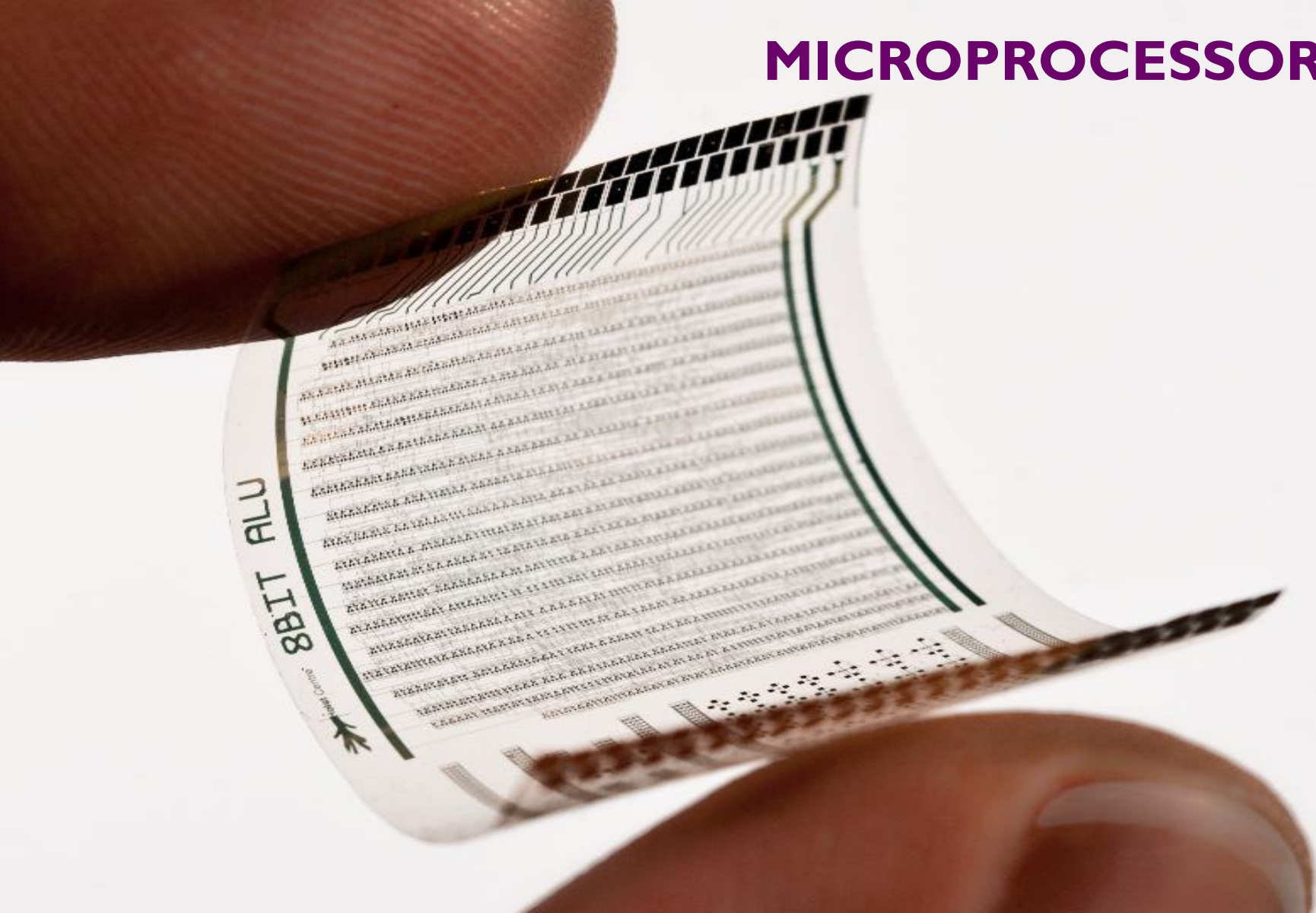
Area skin patch  
(electromyogram)



Smart contact lens



# MICROPROCESSOR ON FLEX





# WAREHOUSE AND TRANSPORT LOGISTICS





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TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE.  
INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACTS.

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1862-1898

UNDER THE LAWS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

**CAPITAL STOCK**  
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NUMBER OF SHARES  
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said Trust Company and are represented by certificates of Shares standing in the name and in  
the possession of the Knickerbocker Trust Company. The holder of this certificate is entitled  
upon surrender hereof properly endorsed for cancellation to the Trust Company at its office,  
No. 66 Broadway, New York City to receive from the said Trust Company a certificate for the  
above number of shares of Stratton's Independence, Limited, endorsed for regular delivery subject  
to the payment of transfer and stamp duties. The owner hereof is also entitled to receive from the  
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*Knickerbocker Trust Company*

*Asst. Secretary*

11 day of OCT 1899

Registered this

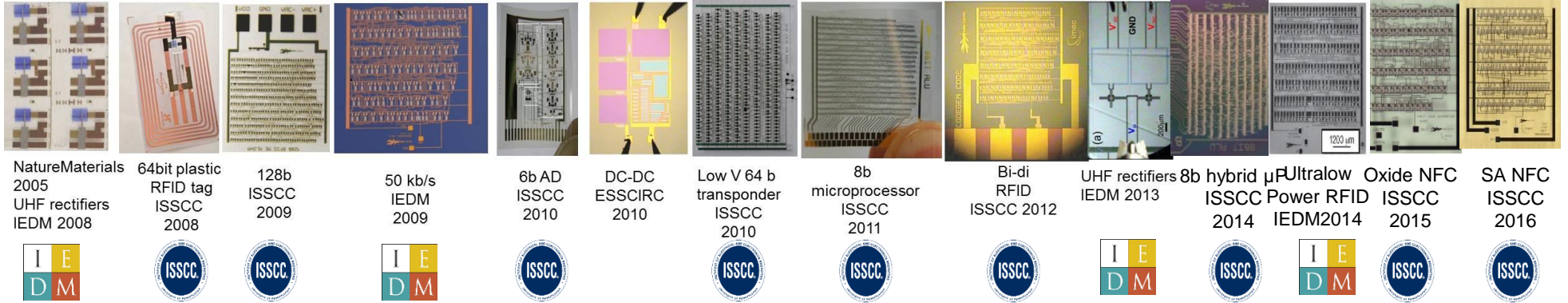
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*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*, 1749-1832.



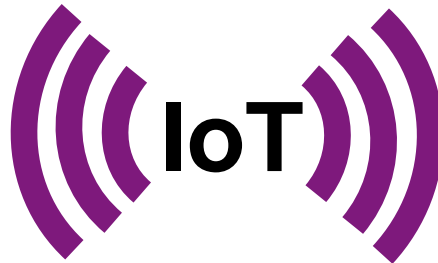
# IMEC IOT CIRCUIT TRACK RECORD



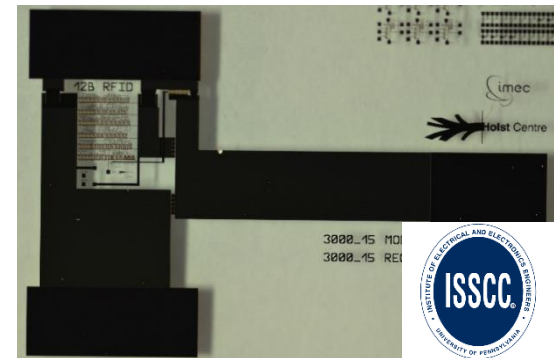
General purpose,  
programmable processor



Myny *et al.*, ISSCC 1011  
Myny *et al.*, ISSCC 2014



Oxide NFC chip



Myny *et al.*, ISSCC 2015  
Myny *et al.*, ISSCC 2016

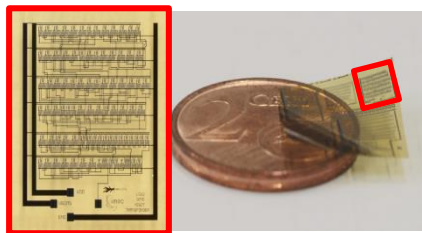
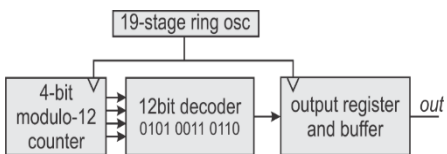
## APPLICATION CASE: GAMES

**Cartamundi** 



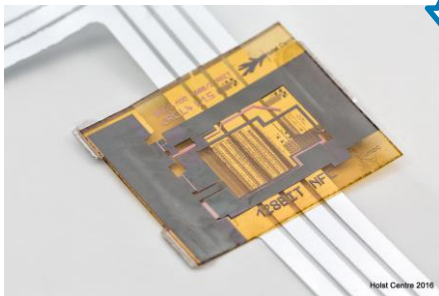
# 12-BIT THIN-FILM TAG

## Thin-film IC



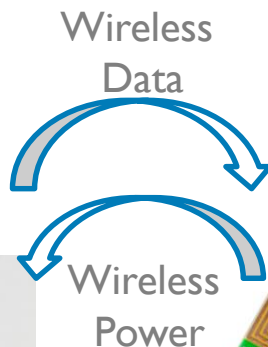
- 438 n-type transistors
- 10.884 mm<sup>2</sup> chip area
- L = 5μm

## Tag



- Thin-film IC
- Plus inductive antenna

## Reader



- RFID reader
- Connected to PC (via USB)

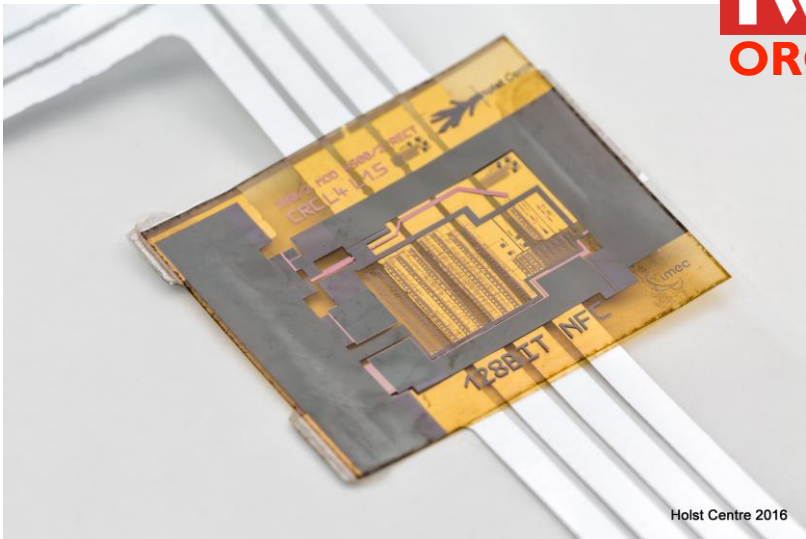


# ORCA PROJECT RESULTS

- IWT project ORCA finished
- Final demonstrator:
  - Plastic tags in paper cards (12-bit RFID)
  - Dedicated reader hardware + Game app
- Printed Electronics Europe - Best Product Award
- Next: low-volume prototyping



## 1. Thin-film IC (example)



## 2. Card integration



## 3. Dedicated reader



## 4. Demo game ("higher-lower")



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# DISPLAY TECHNOLOGY - TRENDS

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR DISPLAY APPLICATIONS

**Today**



**High Resolution**  
2K, 4K, 8K...

**Thinner & Larger**

**Perfect black**

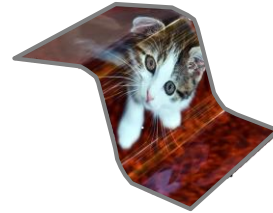
**Tomorrow**



**Ultra low Power**

**Physically  
robust**

**Conformal**



**Super thin**

**Roll & flex**

**Stretch**



**Virtual  
Reality**

**Augmented  
Reality**

**Day After Tomorrow**



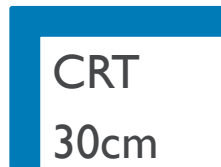
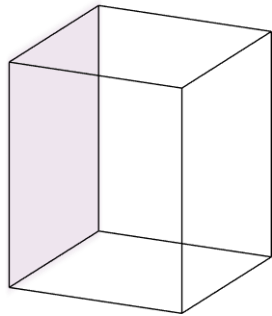
**“Boxed” or “Flat”  
3D or Holograms**

**Ultra-high  
Pixel Resolution**

**360 degree viewing angle**

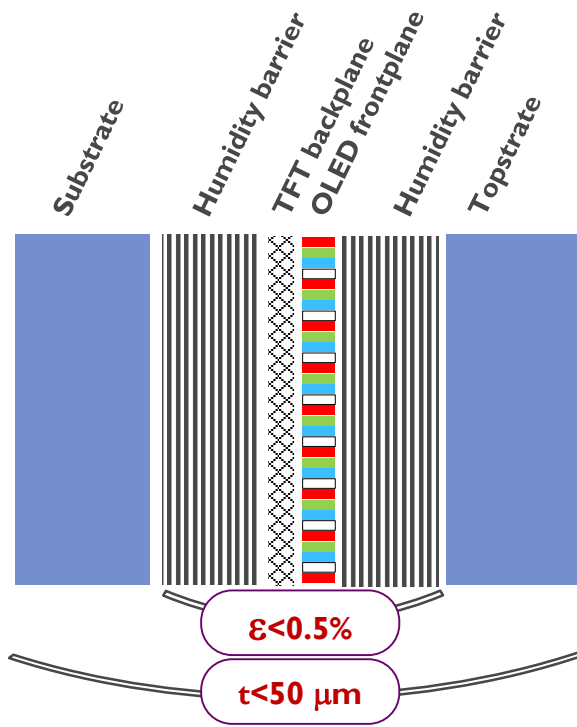


# TREND I: THINNER, LIGHTER DISPLAYS



CRT  
30cm

# DESIGN AND MANUFACTURABILITY



Ultra-thin  
**substrate**  
preferably  
3-10 micron

**delamination**

Ultra-thin  
display effect  
**OLED**  
not LCD

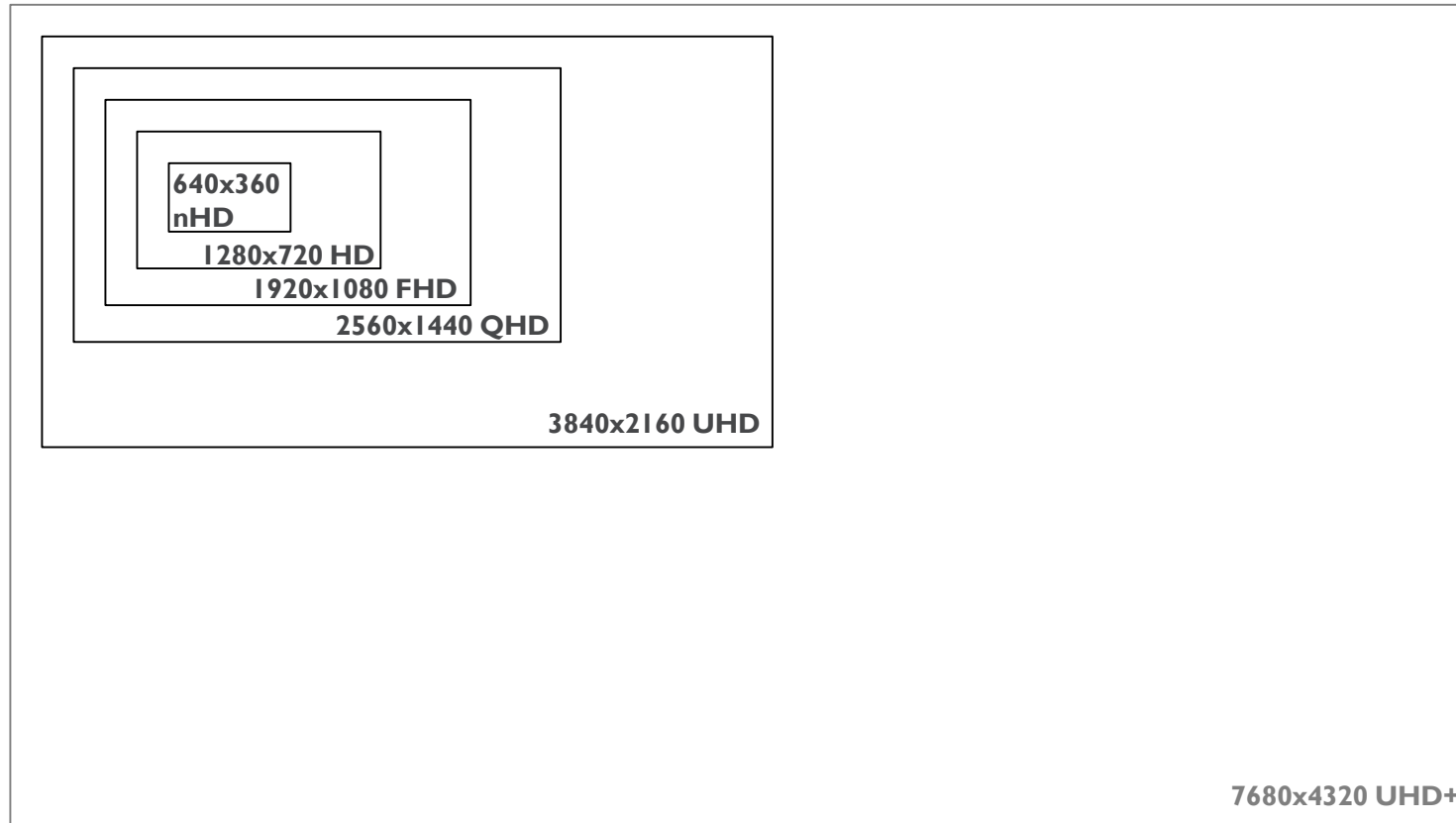
Ultra-thin  
multi-layer  
**humidity  
barrier**  
(few micron)  
**materials**

High-  
performance  
**transistors**  
processed on  
plastic  
substrate

Full stack  
robust  
against  
**repetitive  
bending**



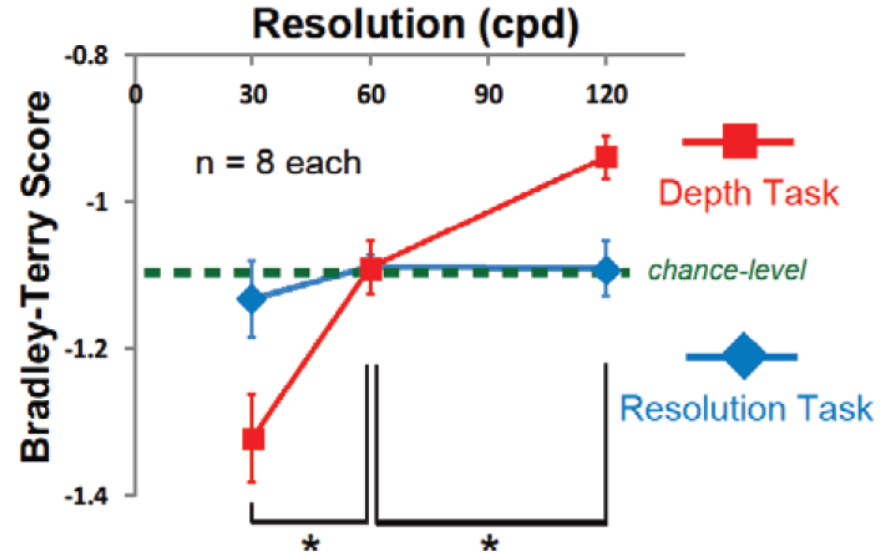
## TREND 2: INCREASE IN RESOLUTION



# IS THERE A LIMIT TO THE RESOLUTION NEED?











## BEYOND RETINA RESOLUTION

“... we found that participants felt stronger depth sensation for higher resolution stimulus without noticing the resolution difference. It indicates that there are two types of visual information in our visual system, consciously available and unavailable information. To investigate what neural mechanism underlies this phenomenon, further research is needed.”



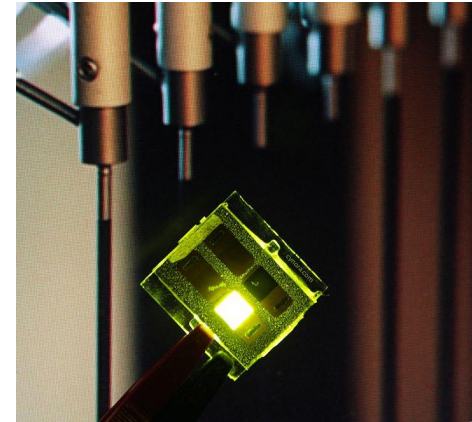
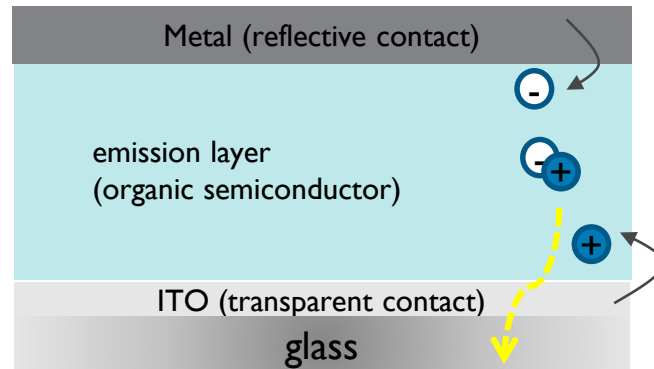
Y. Tsushima *et al.*, “**Super Hi-Vision (8K) Produces Stronger Depth Sensation than 4K and Hi-Vision (2K)**”  
International Display Workshops IDW 2014, VHF6-4L, Niigata, Japan (2014)

# 'DISPLAY' AS COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

<p><b>SOUND</b></p>	<div data-bbox="278 262 519 443">  <p>telephone</p> </div> <div data-bbox="570 270 893 331"> <p>80 to 93% of information is NON verbal!</p> </div> 				
<p><b>VISION</b></p>	<div data-bbox="549 470 732 683">  <p>Smart phone</p> </div> <div data-bbox="880 479 1136 687">  <p>Foldable display 'disappears'; only the content is central</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1385 474 1630 645">  <p>Augmented reality</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1732 474 2045 645">  <p>Full immersion</p> </div>				
<p><b>TOUCH</b></p>	<div data-bbox="336 715 506 880">  <p>Buttons and Dials</p> </div> <div data-bbox="608 727 868 916">  <p>Touch</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 711 1315 928">  <p>Gesture</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1385 715 1634 892">  <p>Active feedback</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1732 715 2045 892">  <p>Full haptic</p> </div>				

# ORGANIC LED BASIC PRINCIPLE

## Principle:



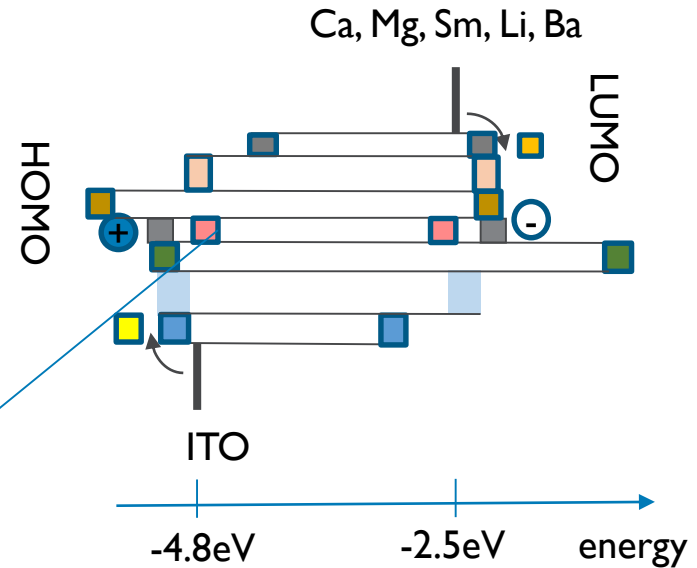
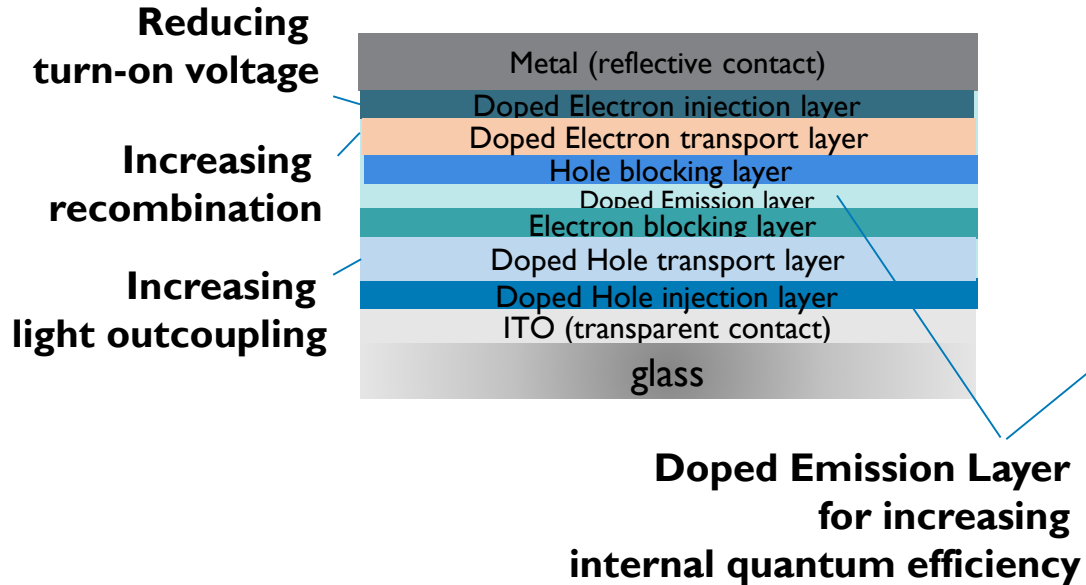
## Organic semiconductor:

small molecule → vacuum evaporation  
polymer → solution processing

First small molecule OLED in 1987 (Tang et al, APL)  
First Polymer OLED in 1990 (Burroughes et al , Nature)

# MODERN ORGANIC LED STRUCTURE FOR SINGLE COLOR

## Improved OLED structure:

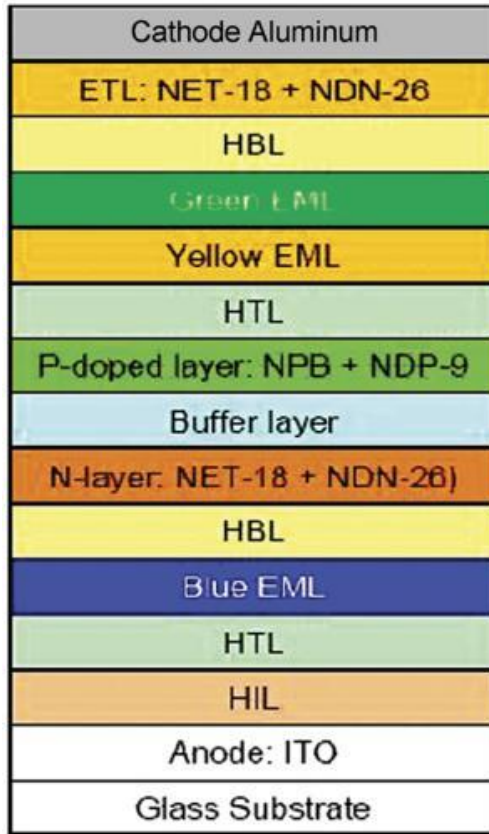


## Single color OLED:

5-10 layers, 10-15 materials, 100-200nm thick



# MODERN ORGANIC LED STRUCTURE FOR WHITE



e.g. tandem white OLED by Novaled

## White OLED:

→ **stacking** different colors  
Separate layer for phosphorescent red and green and for fluorescent blue

→ 8-15 layers, 20+ materials

# OLED USE



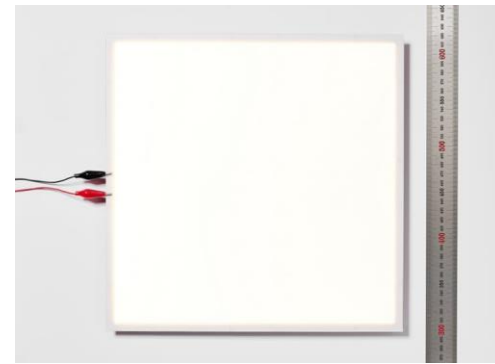
**200 cd/m<sup>2</sup>**



**200-300 cd/m<sup>2</sup>**



**500-800 cd/m<sup>2</sup>**



**1000-2000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>**

# TREND: THE DIFFERENTIATOR OF OLED LIGHTING IS ***FLEXIBLE***

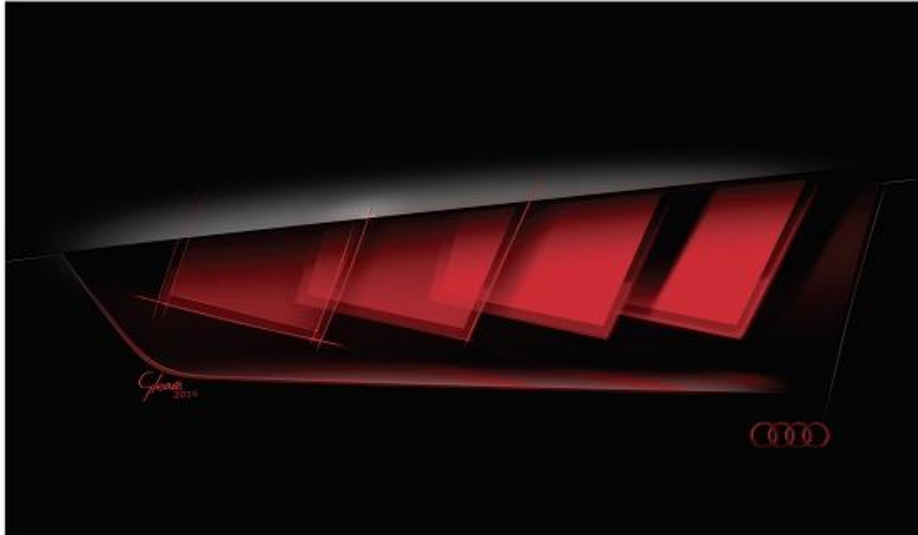


# TREND: NEW INTEGRATIONS IN TAILLIGHTS

SEMI-TRANSPARENT, PARTIALLY OVERLAPPING, PIXELATED, ULTRA-THIN, NO COOLING

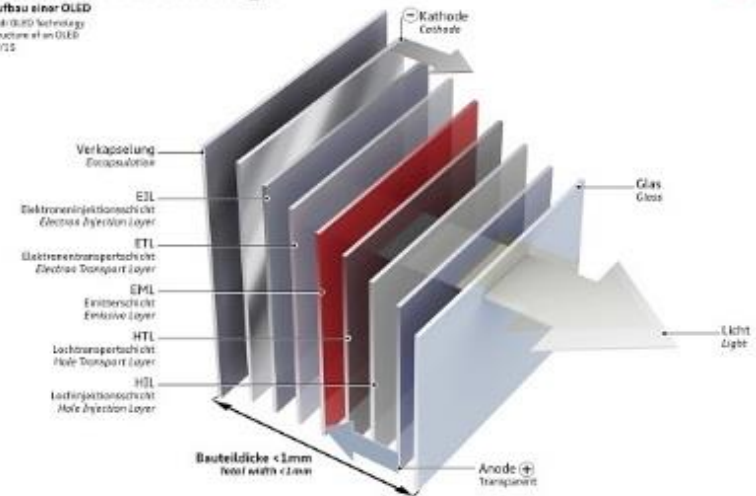
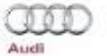
## Audi OLED Technologie

Audi OLED Technology  
07/15

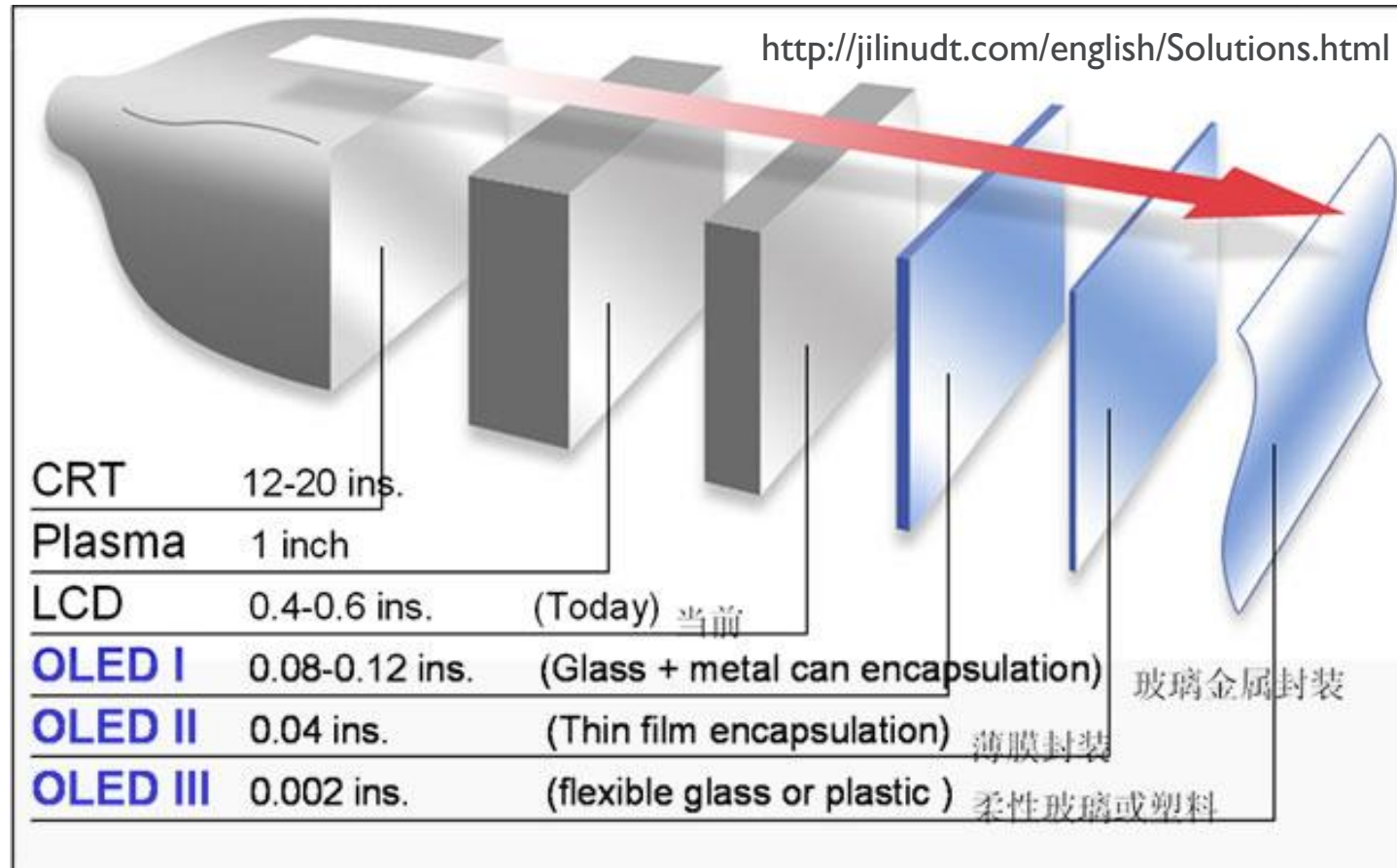


## Audi OLED Technologie

Aufbau einer OLED  
Audi OLED Technology  
Structure of an OLED  
07/15



# TREND:TOWARDS THINNER DISPLAYS





# **WHERE ARE THE DISPLAYS TODAY?**

# AMOLED DISPLAYS TODAY

BOE



# AMOLED DISPLAYS TODAY

BOE



# AMOLED DISPLAYS TODAY

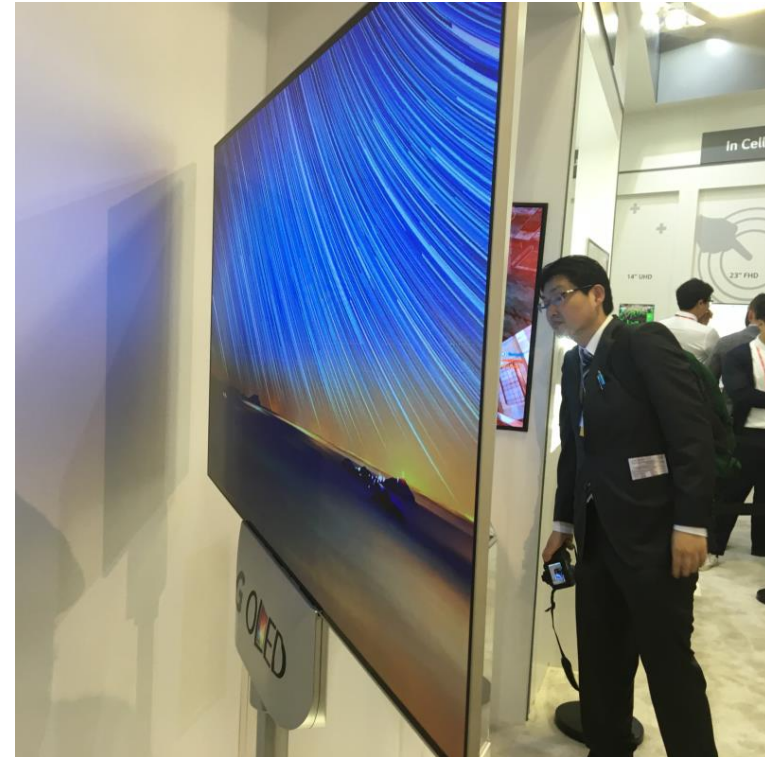


LG

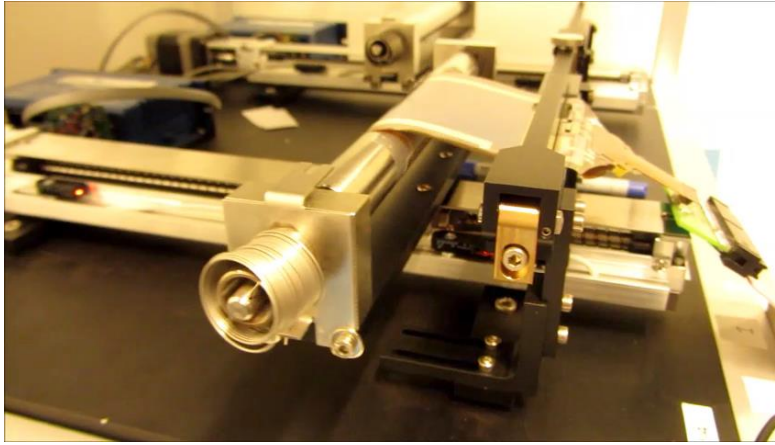


# AMOLED DISPLAYS TODAY

LG



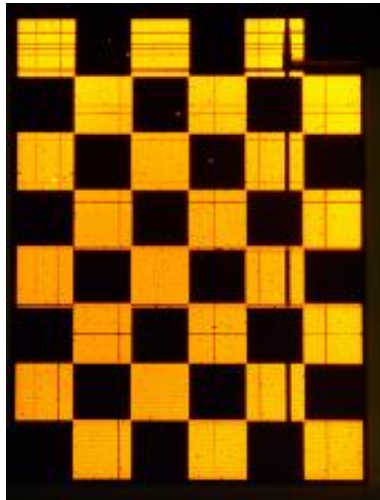
# LIFETIME AND ROLLABILITY



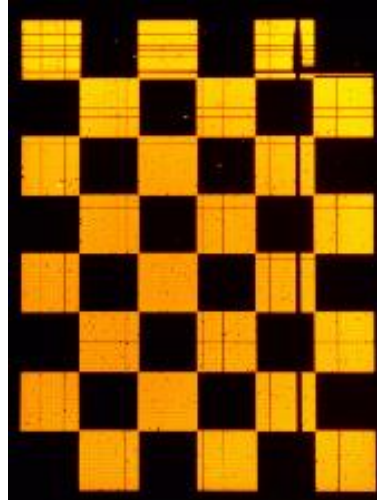
No degradation after

- 100k rolling with radius 1cm
- 2500h @ 60°C/90%RH

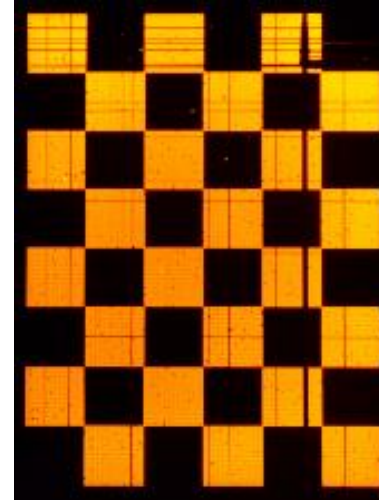
*Initial*



*After 10000 rolls*

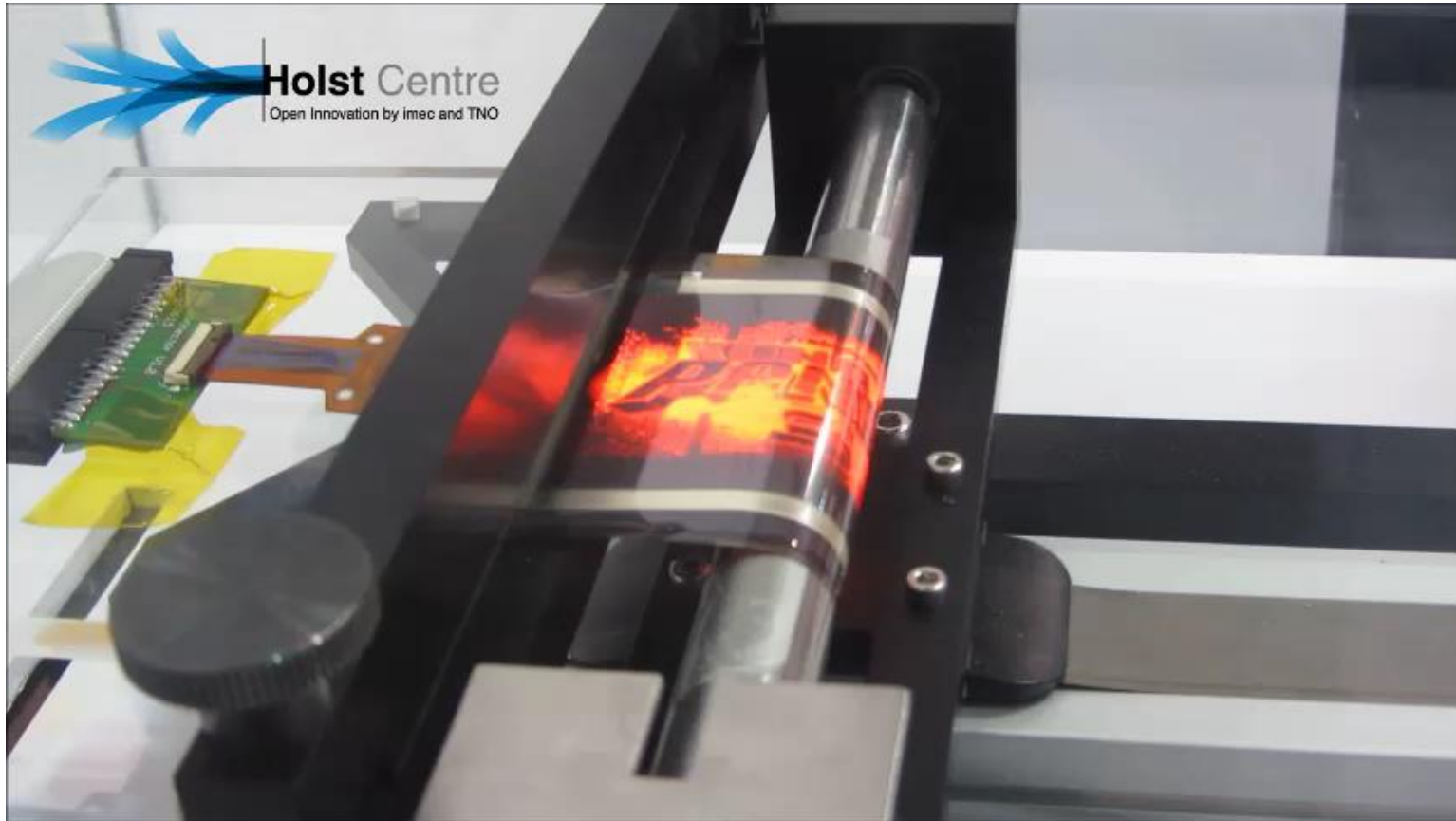


*After 30000 rolls*

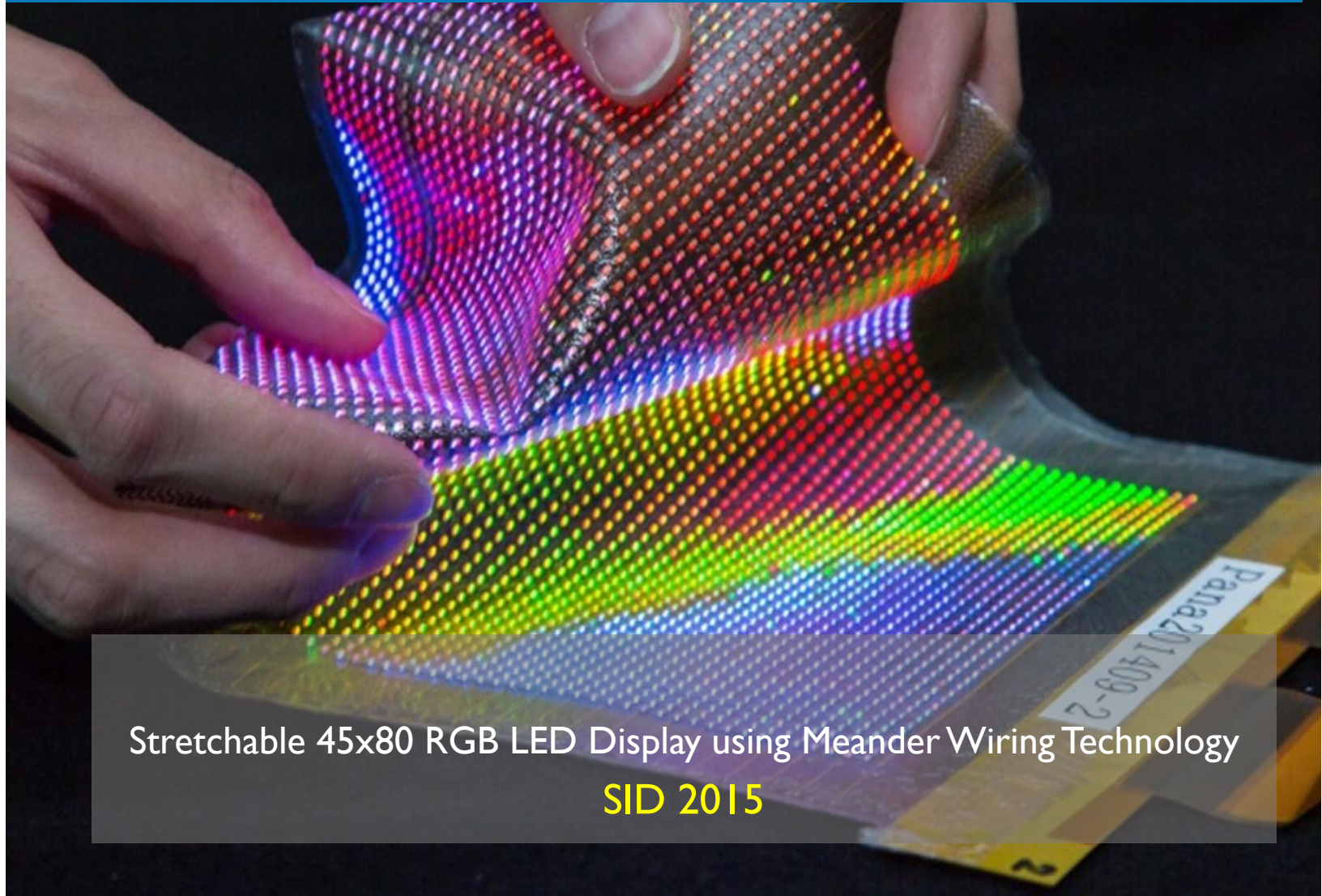




# IMEC/HOLST DEMO AT TOUCH TAIWAN, 2015



# Towards stretchable displays



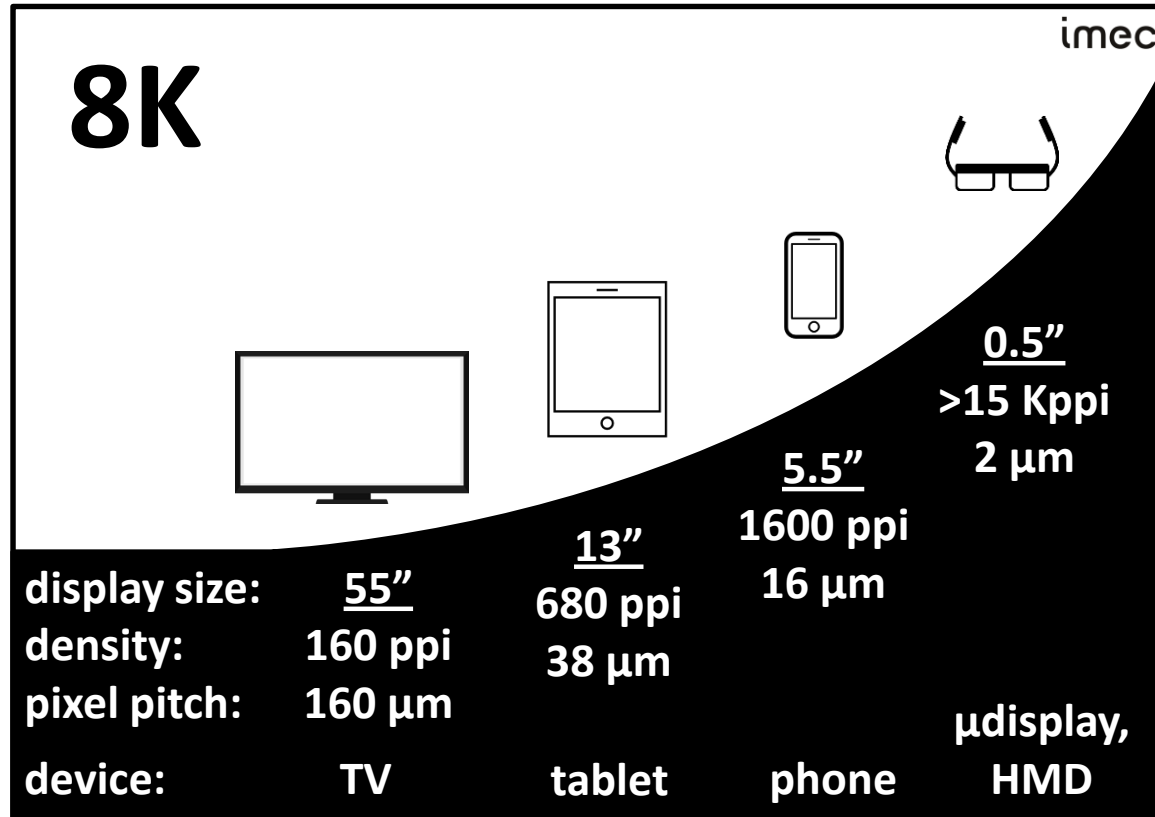
Stretchable 45x80 RGB LED Display using Meander Wiring Technology

SID 2015

**elink**



# SMALL PIXELS NEEDED FOR 8K RESOLUTION



# AMOLED DISPLAYS



| **OLED**

*thin and light*

*flexible*

*power efficient*

*high contrast*

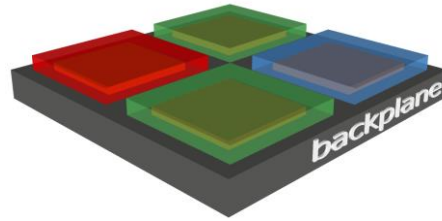
*deep black*



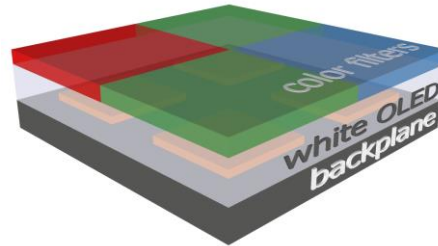
# RED-GREEN-BLUE OLED FABRICATION

| **OLED**

*RGB side-by-side*



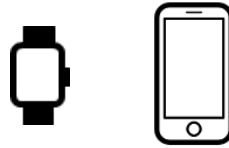
*color-by-white*



# RED-GREEN-BLUE OLED FABRICATION

| **OLED**

*RGB side-by-side*



*used for small displays  
(watch, smartphone)*

*color-by-white*

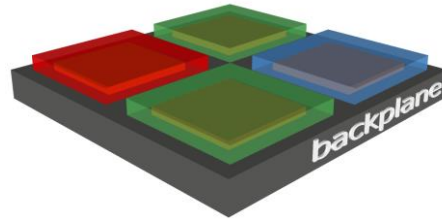


*used for large displays  
(monitor, TV)*

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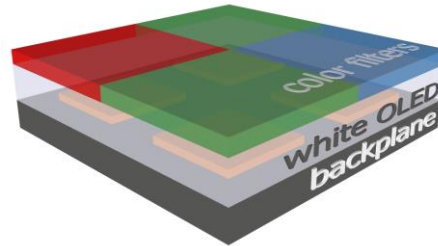
| **OLED**

*RGB side-by-side*



- ✓ *power / efficiency*
- ✗ *resolution*
- ✗ *aperture ratio*
- ✗ *large substrates*

*color-by-white*



- ✗ *power / efficiency*
- ✓ *resolution*
- ✓ *aperture ratio*
- ✓ *large substrates*

# RED-GREEN-BLUE OLED FABRICATION

| **OLED**

**RGB side-by-side**

*color-by-white*

*shadow masking*

*(inkjet) printing*

*laser transfer*

*self assembly*

**photolithography**

✓ **resolution**

✓ **aperture ratio**

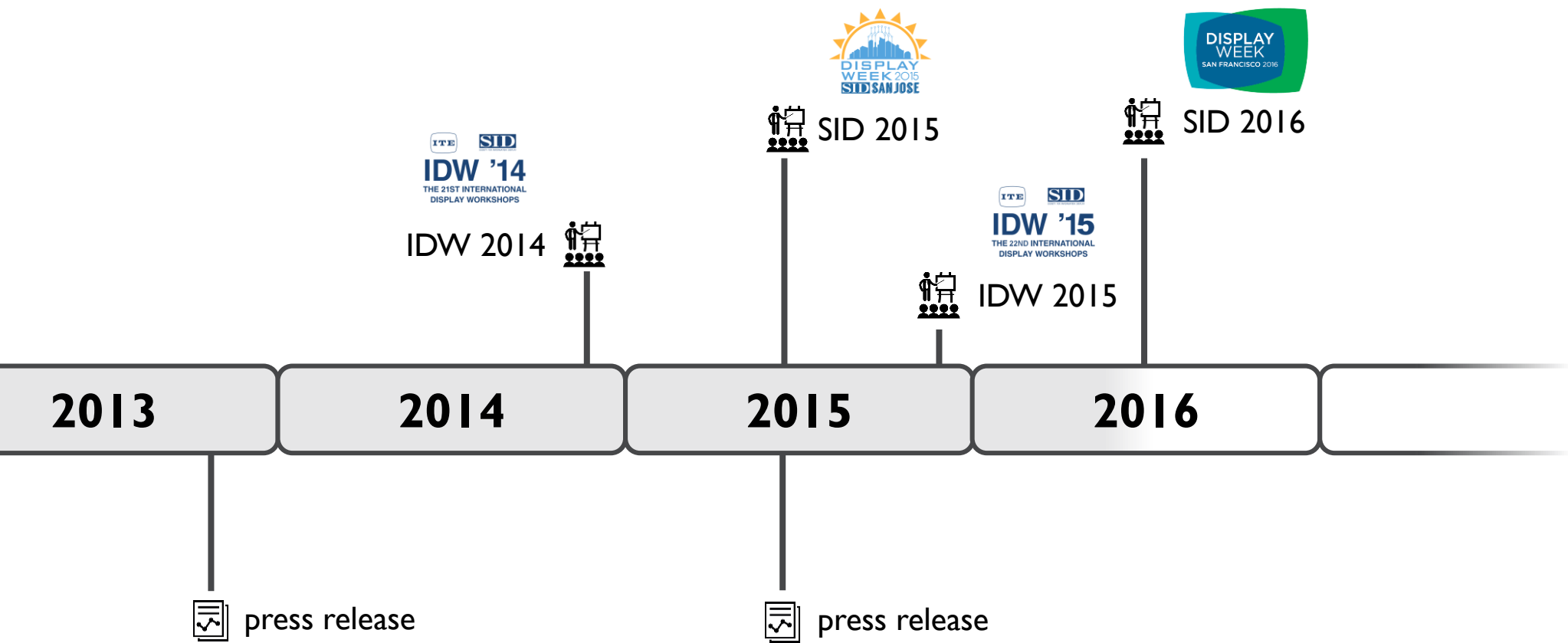
✓ **large substrate size**

✓ **multicolor**

✗ **chemical compatibility**

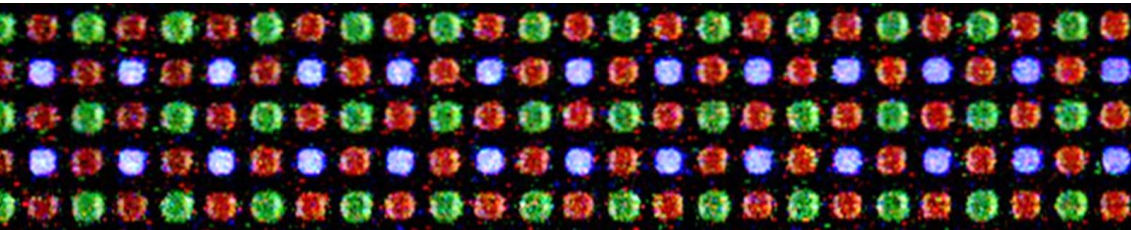


# OLED PATTERNING MILESTONES AT IMEC





# OLED PATTERNING MILESTONES AT IMEC



*640 ppi RGB OLEDs  
blue lifetime 35 h*

2013

2014

2015

2016



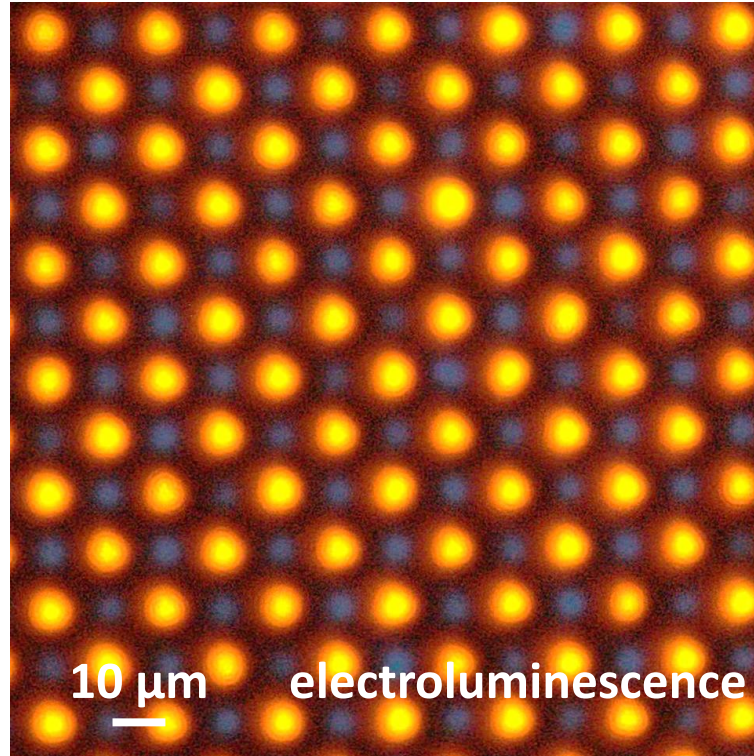
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# I 250 PPI ORANGE/BLUE OLED ARRAYS

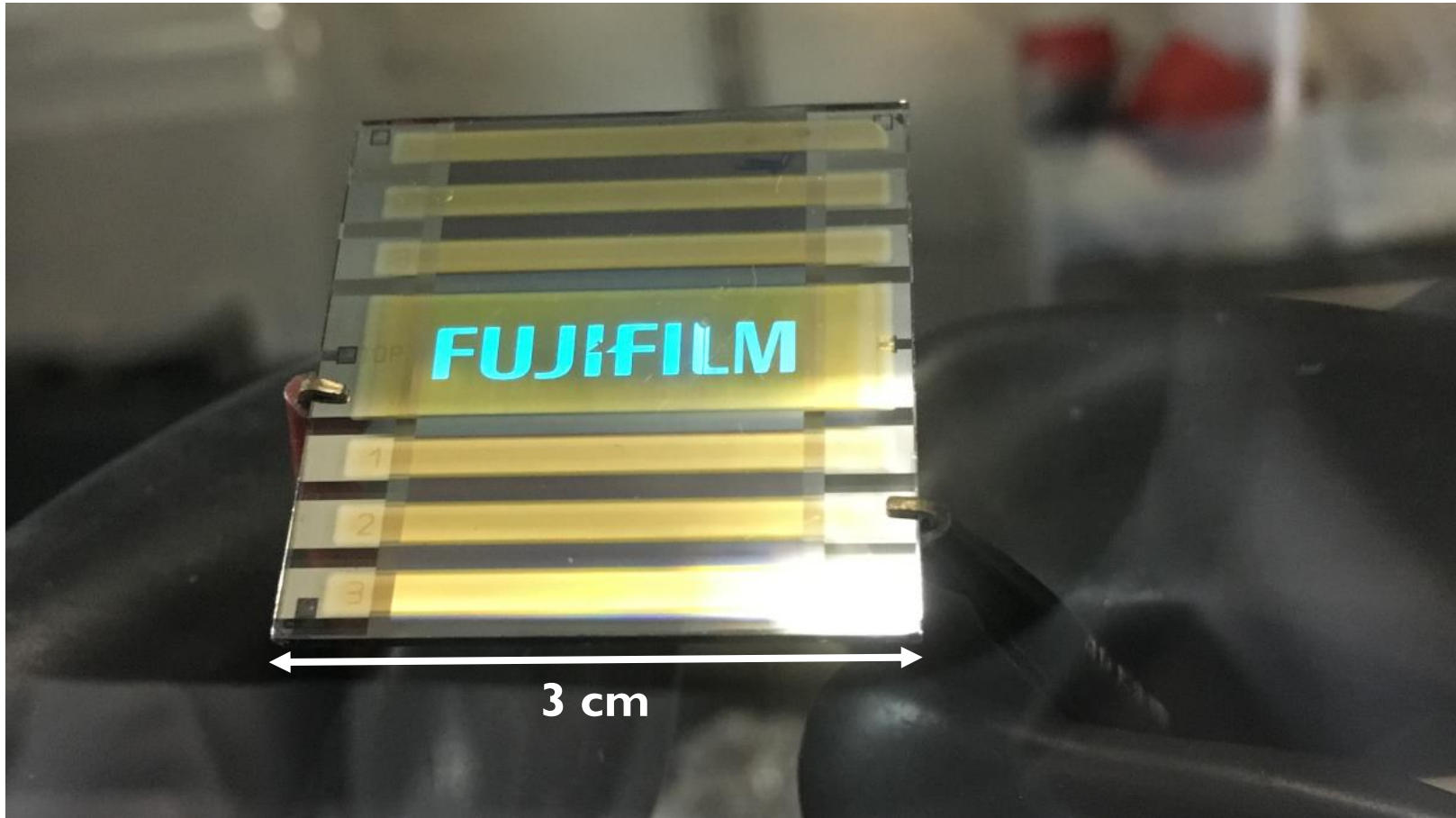
*10  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel pitch*

*80x80 pixel array*

*bottom emission*

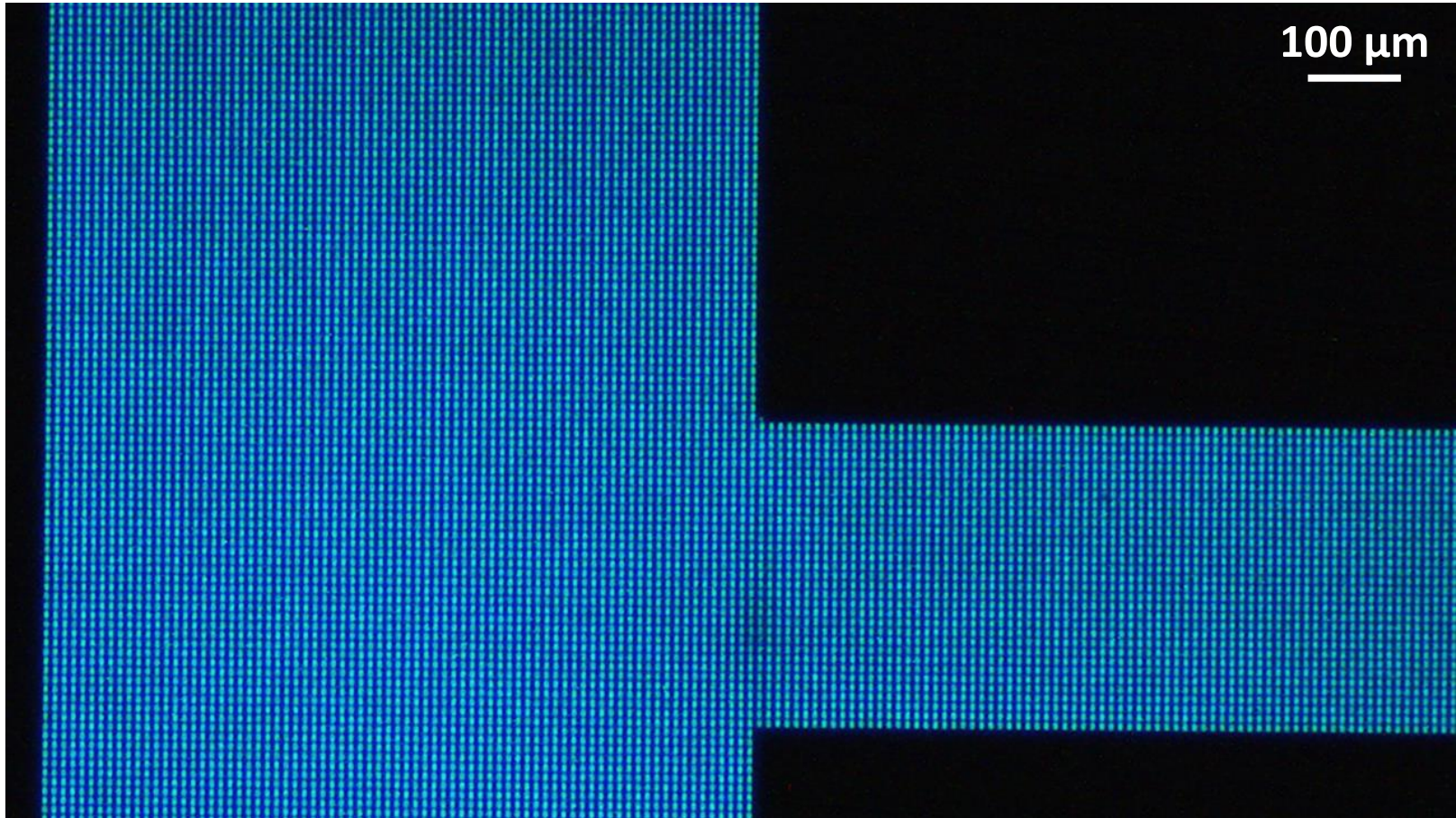


## 2500 PPI PASSIVE DISPLAY: FLUORESCENT BLUE

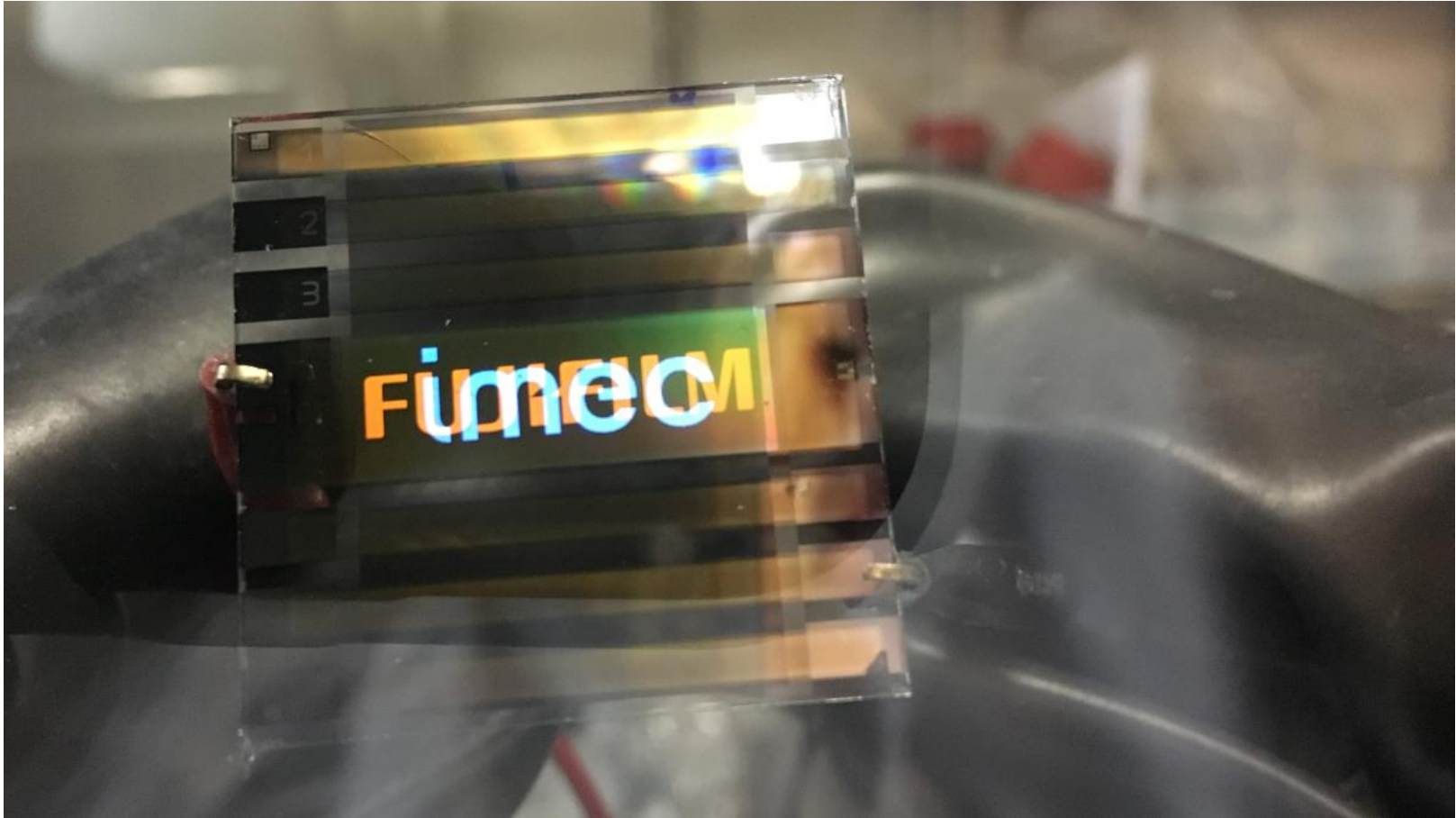




# 2500 PPI PASSIVE DISPLAY: FLUORESCENT BLUE

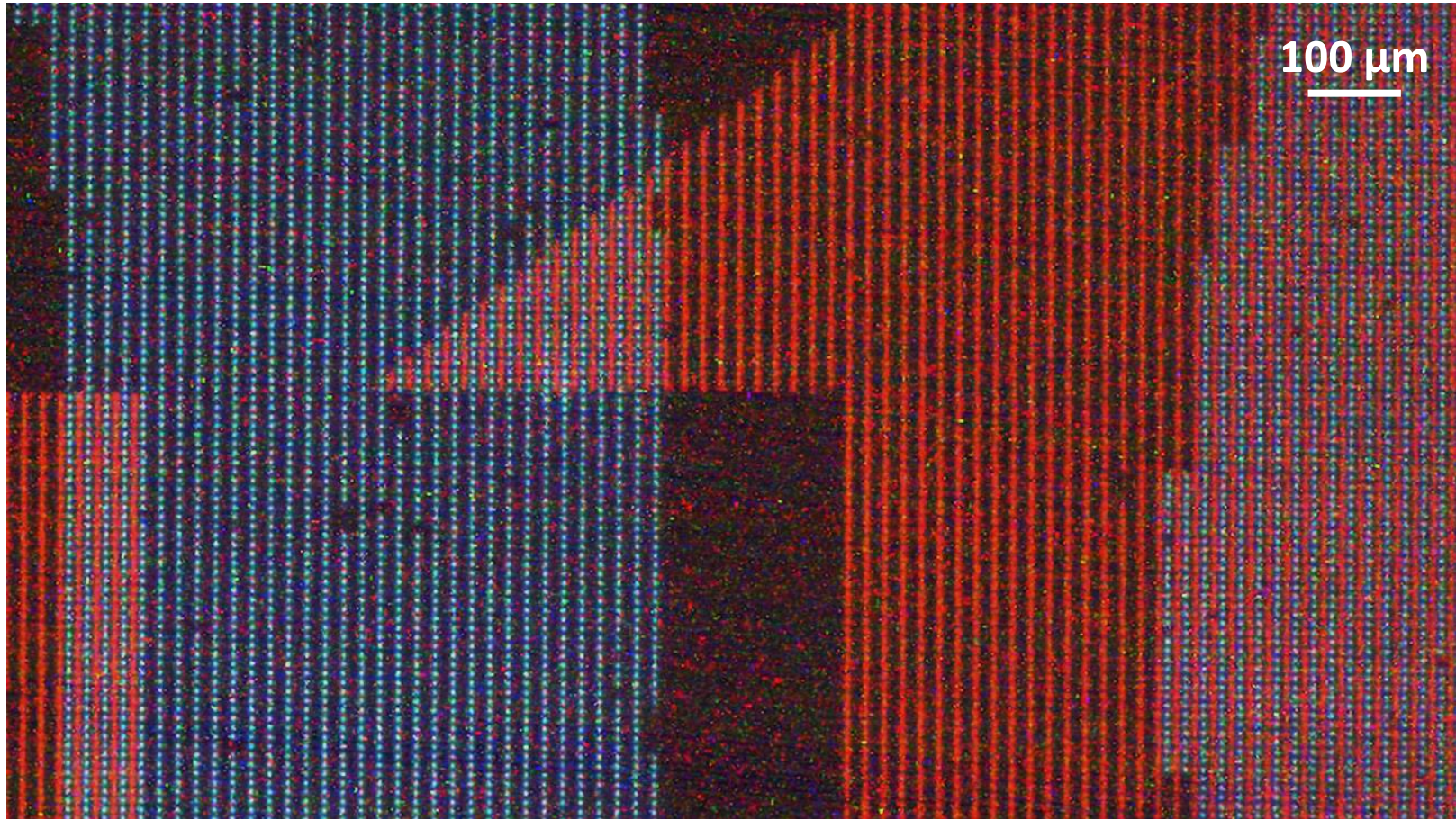


## I250 PPI DOUBLE COLOR – ORANGE/BLUE

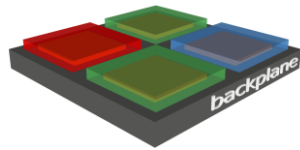




# I 250 PPI DOUBLE COLOR – ORANGE/BLUE



# SUMMARY



***RGB OLED  
by photolithography***

***evaporated OLEDs***

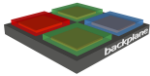
***10  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel pitch***

***2 color patterning***

***1900x600 pixel array***

***top emission***

# NEXT STEPS



***RGB OLED  
by photolithography***

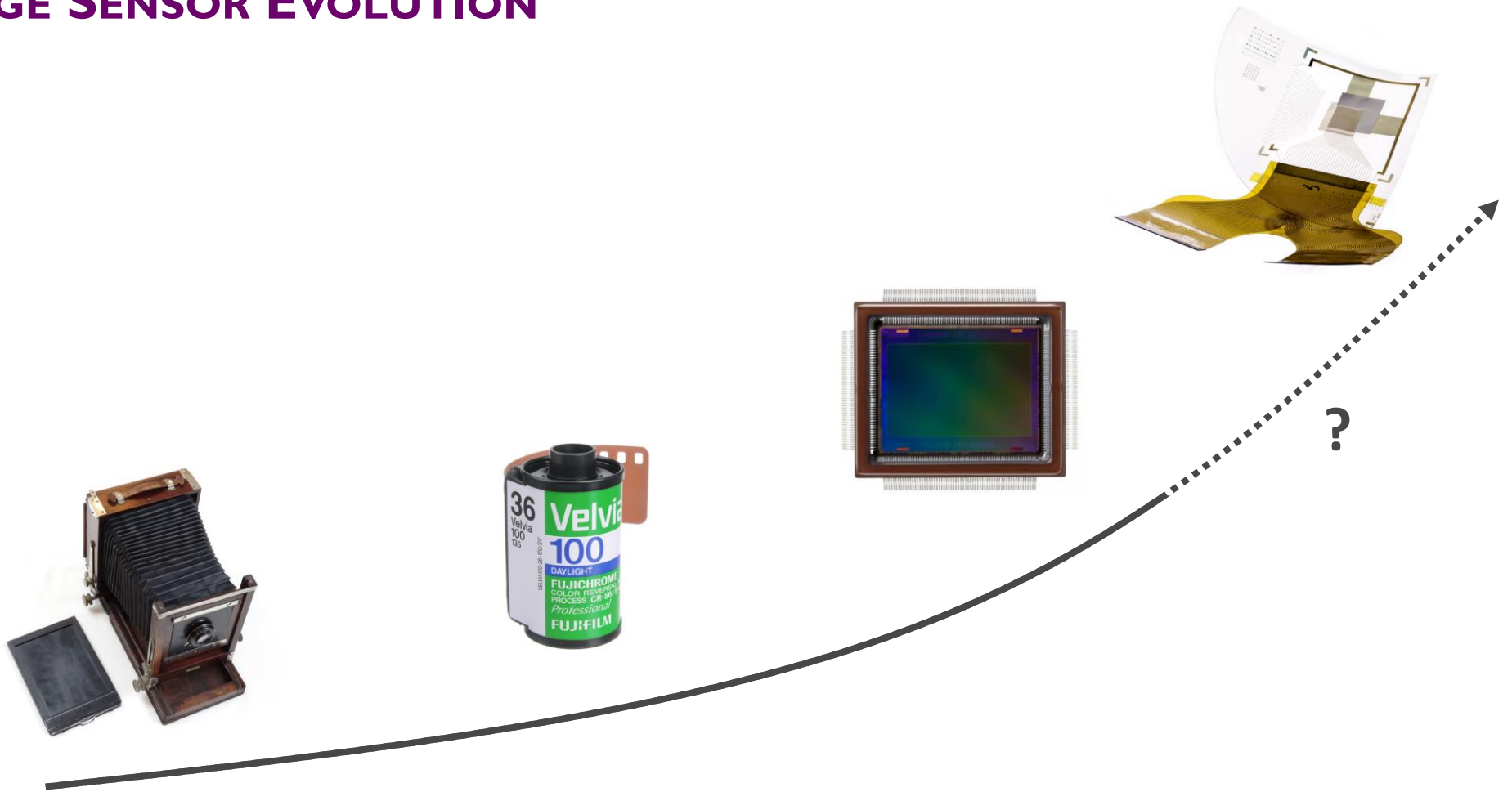
***lifetime improvement***

***1250 ppi RGB arrays***

***integration on active matrix***

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# IMAGE SENSOR EVOLUTION





# CAMERA SPECS: HIGH RESOLUTION

- CAPTURE IN THE DARK
- PRESERVE THE SCENE IN MOTION
- REALIZE RAZOR-SHARP RESOLUTION

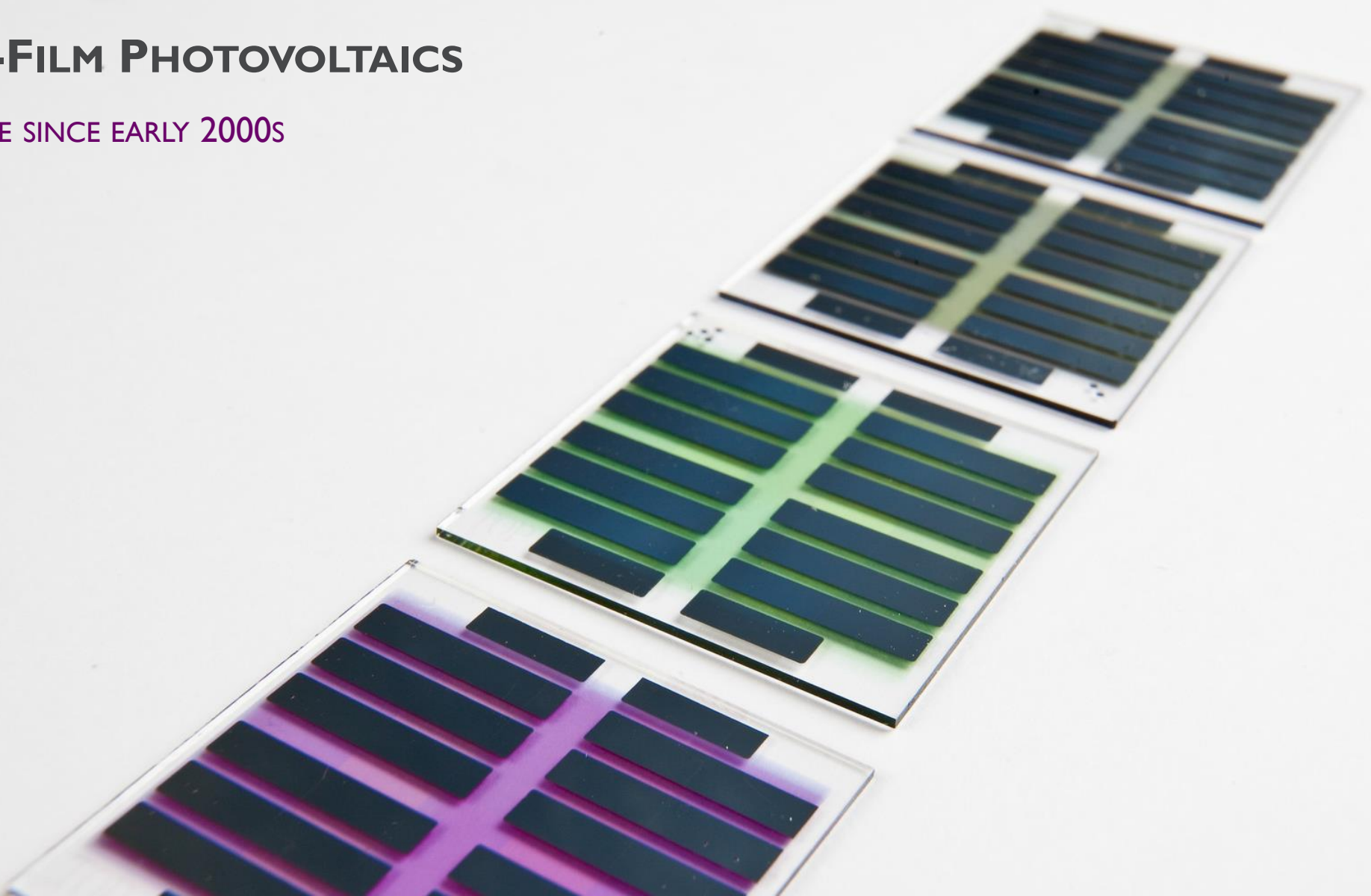


# THIN-FILM PHOTODETECTOR

***TFPD***

# THIN-FILM PHOTOVOLTAICS

EXPERTISE SINCE EARLY 2000s



# THIN-FILM PHOTODETECTORS

*high absorption coefficient*  
→ *ultra-thin active layers*

*low processing temperature*  
→ *easy integration on anything*

*(possibly) low cost*  
→ *reusable/disposable*

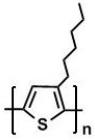
**TFPD**

*tunable spectrum*  
→ *matching wavelength*

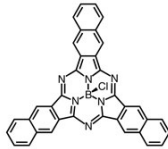
*large-area coating*  
→ *high throughput*

# THIN-FILM PHOTODETECTORS

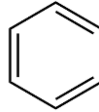
*polymers*



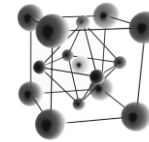
*small molecules*



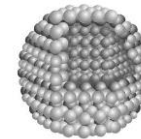
*organic  
(OPD)*



**TFPD**



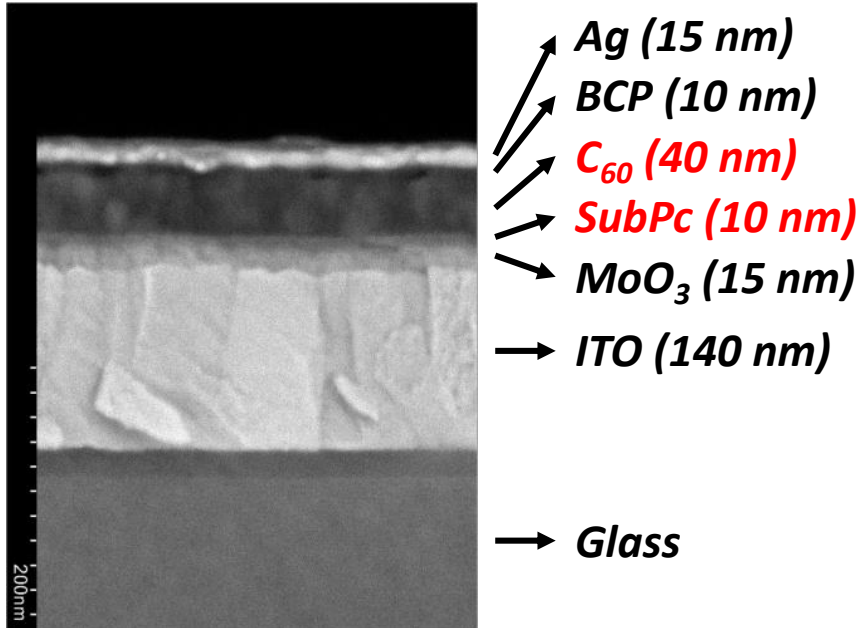
*perovskites*



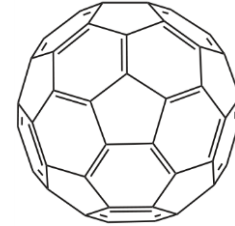
*quantum dots*



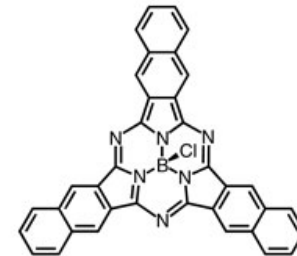
# SMALL MOLECULE OPDs: ULTRATHIN ACTIVE LAYER



active layer cross-section

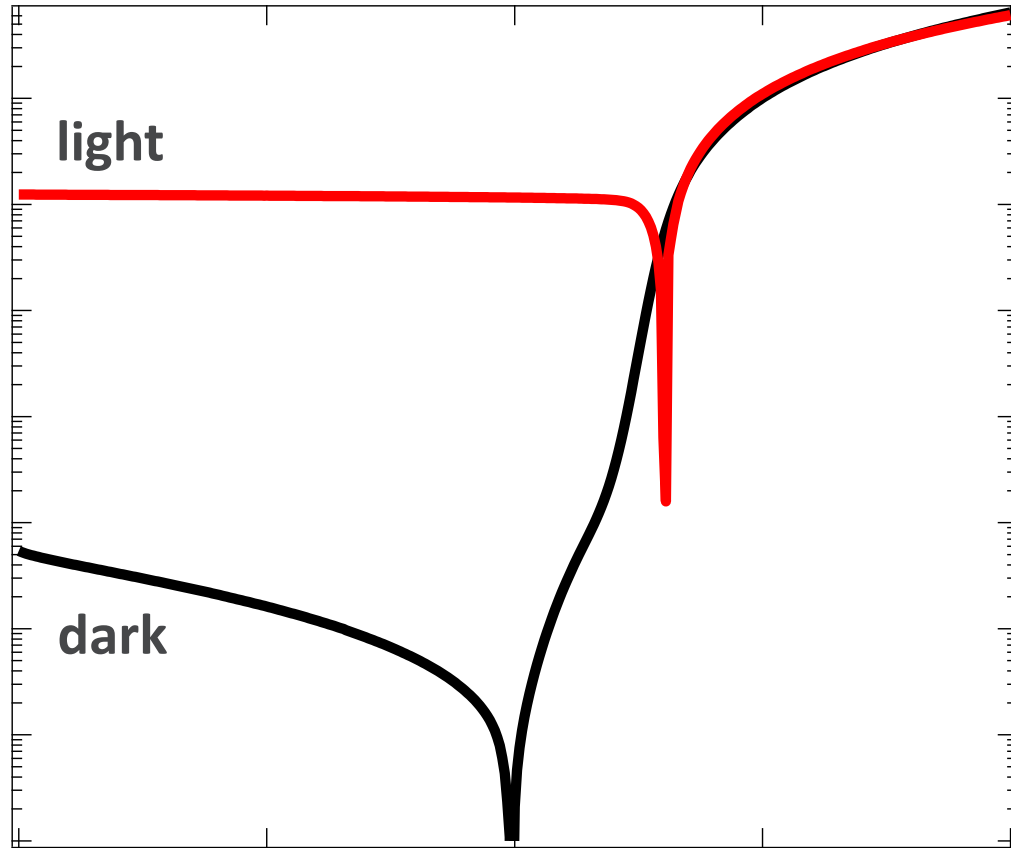


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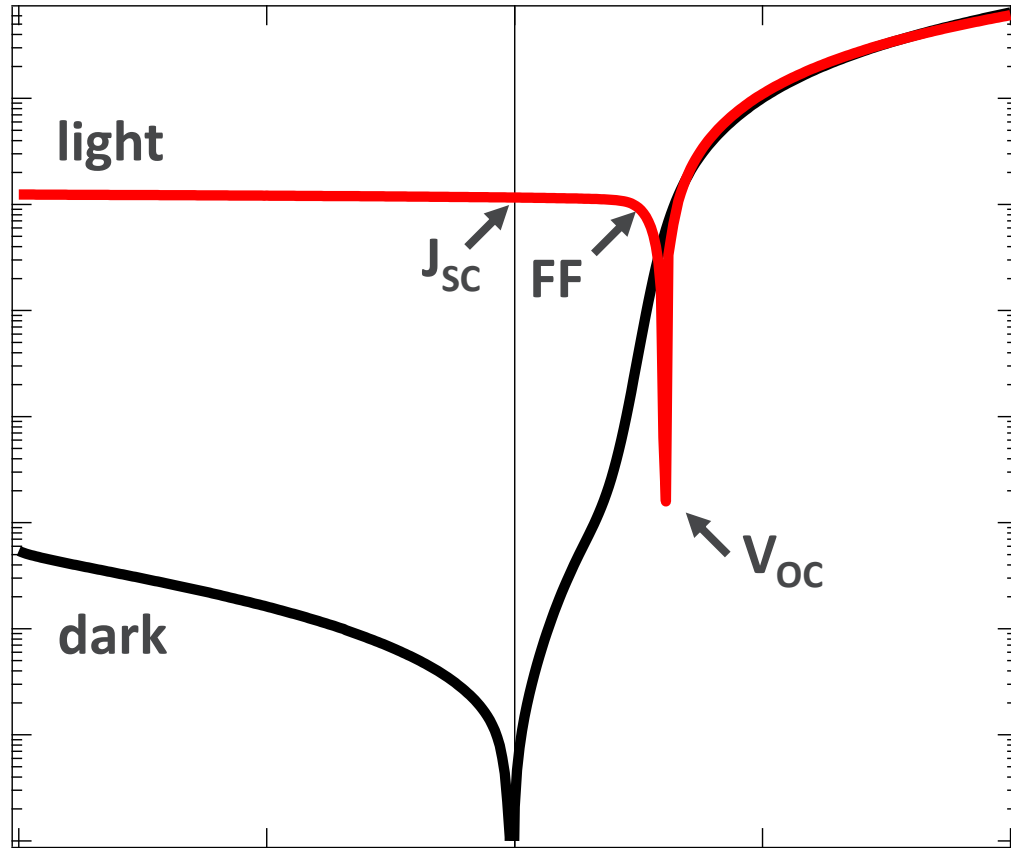


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# OPD vs. OPV: CURRENT-VOLTAGE



# OPV: HIGH EFFICIENCY



Measured parameters:

$J_{sc}$ : short-circuit current

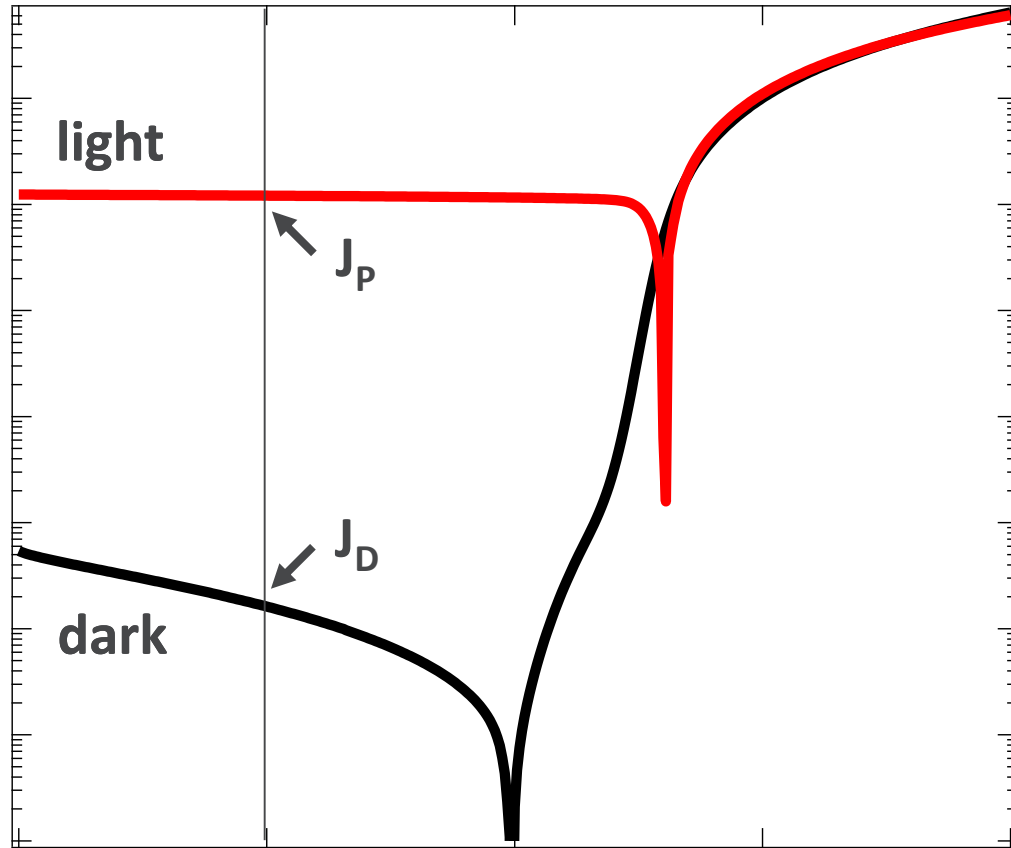
$V_{oc}$ : open-circuit voltage

$FF$ : fill factor

Relevant specs:

$\eta$ : power conversion efficiency

# OPD: HIGH SENSITIVITY



Measured parameters:

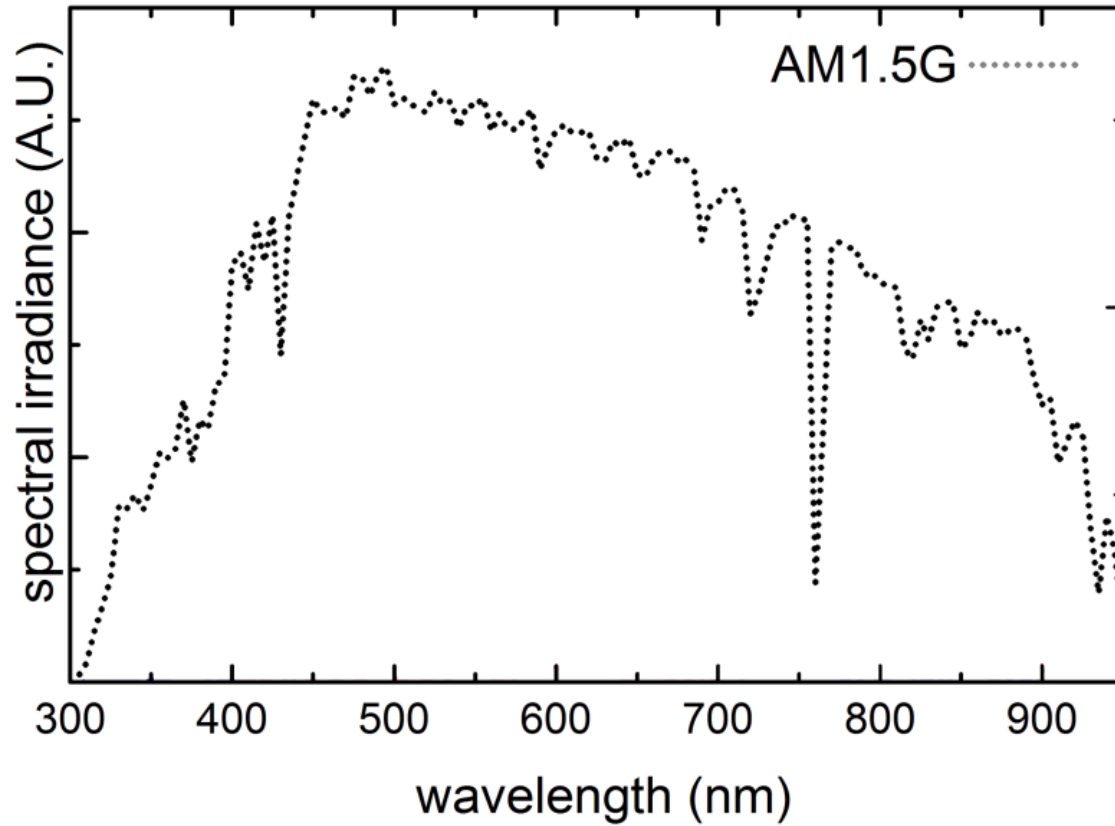
$J_D$ : dark current at given bias

$J_p$ : photocurrent at given bias

Relevant specs:

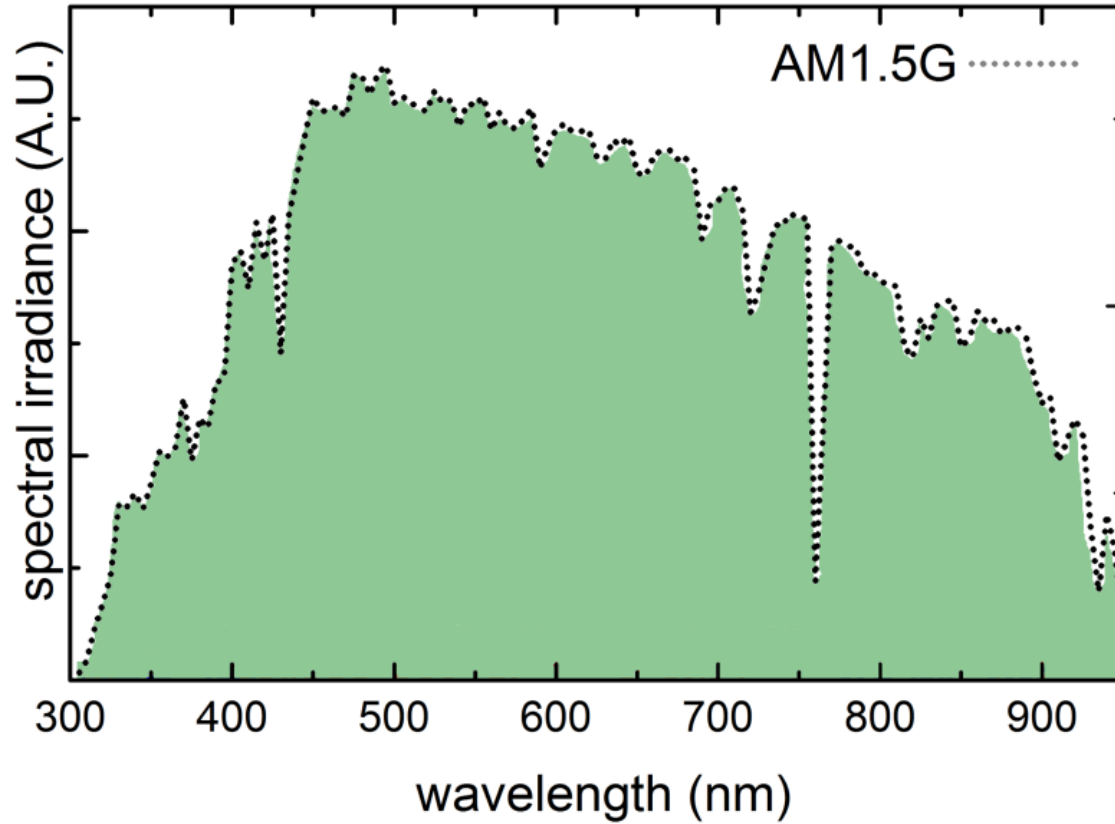
**SNR**: signal-to-noise ratio

# OPD vs. OPV: SPECTRUM

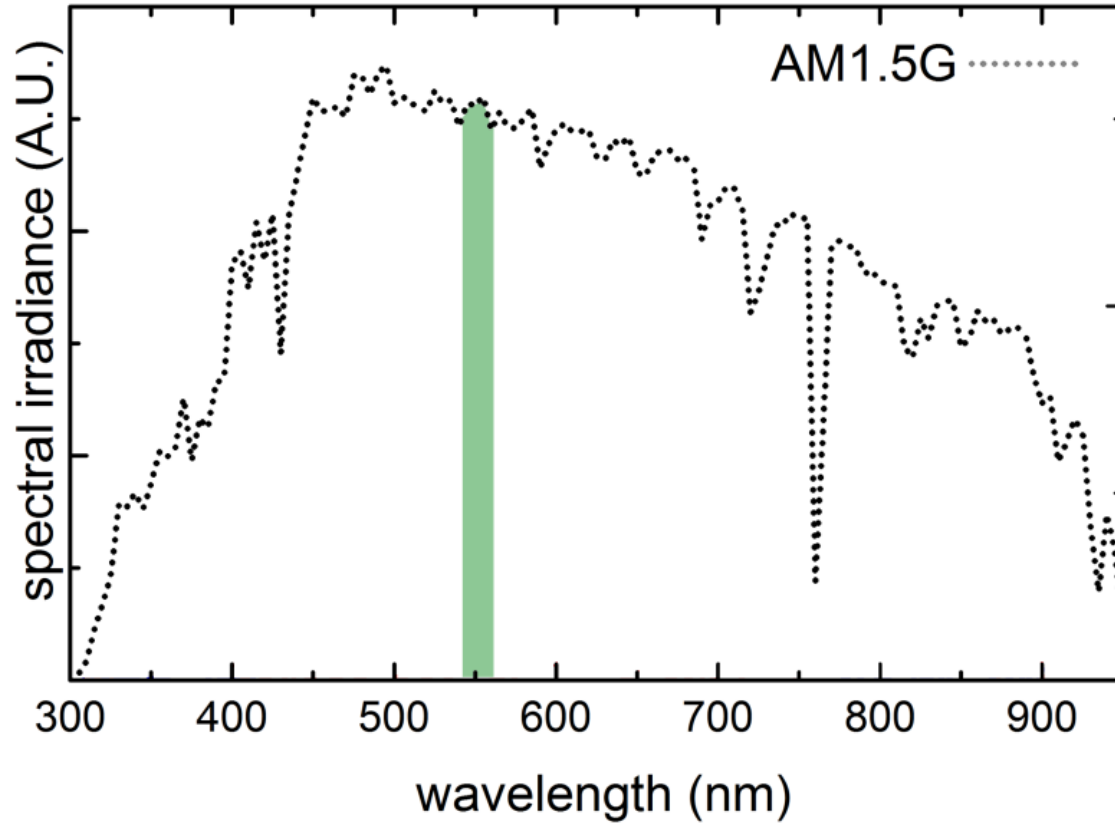




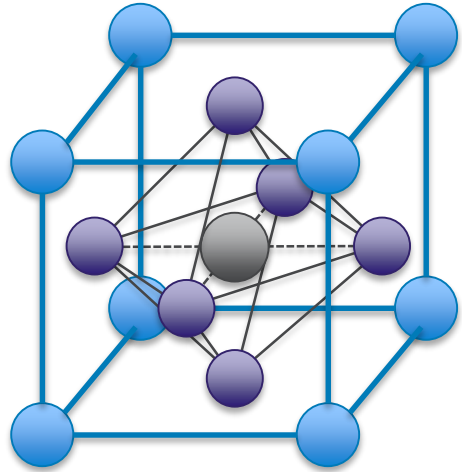
# OPV: WIDE COVERAGE



# OPD: SPECIFIC LINES

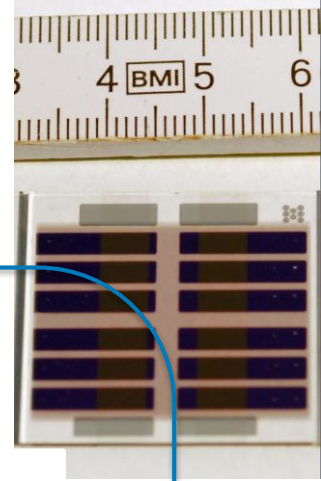
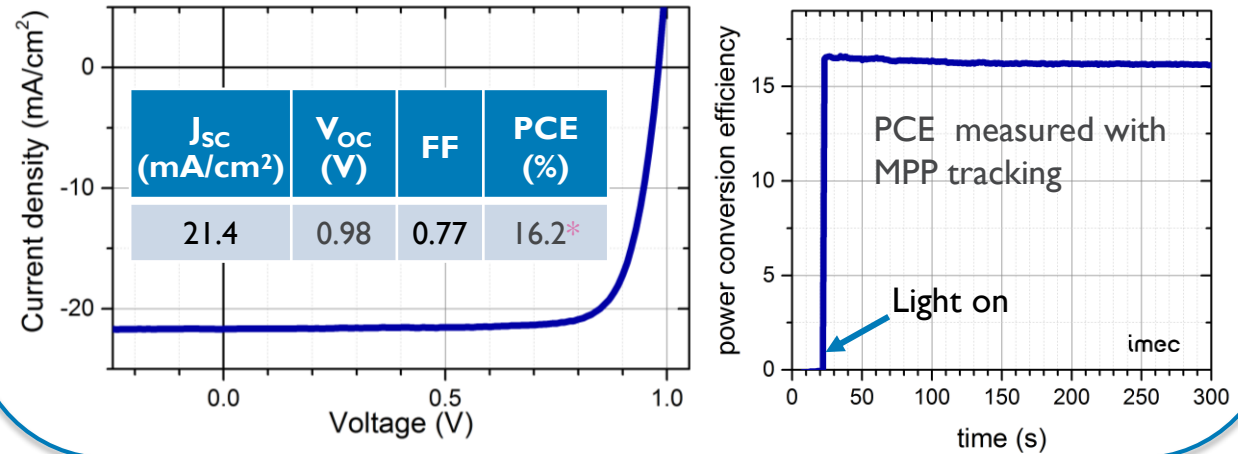
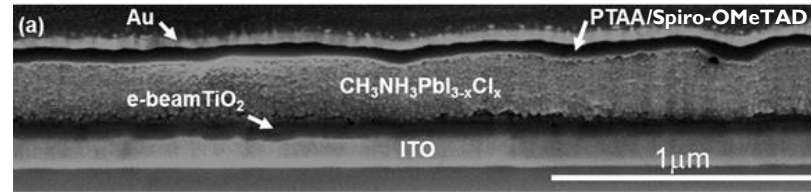


# PEROVSKITE PV

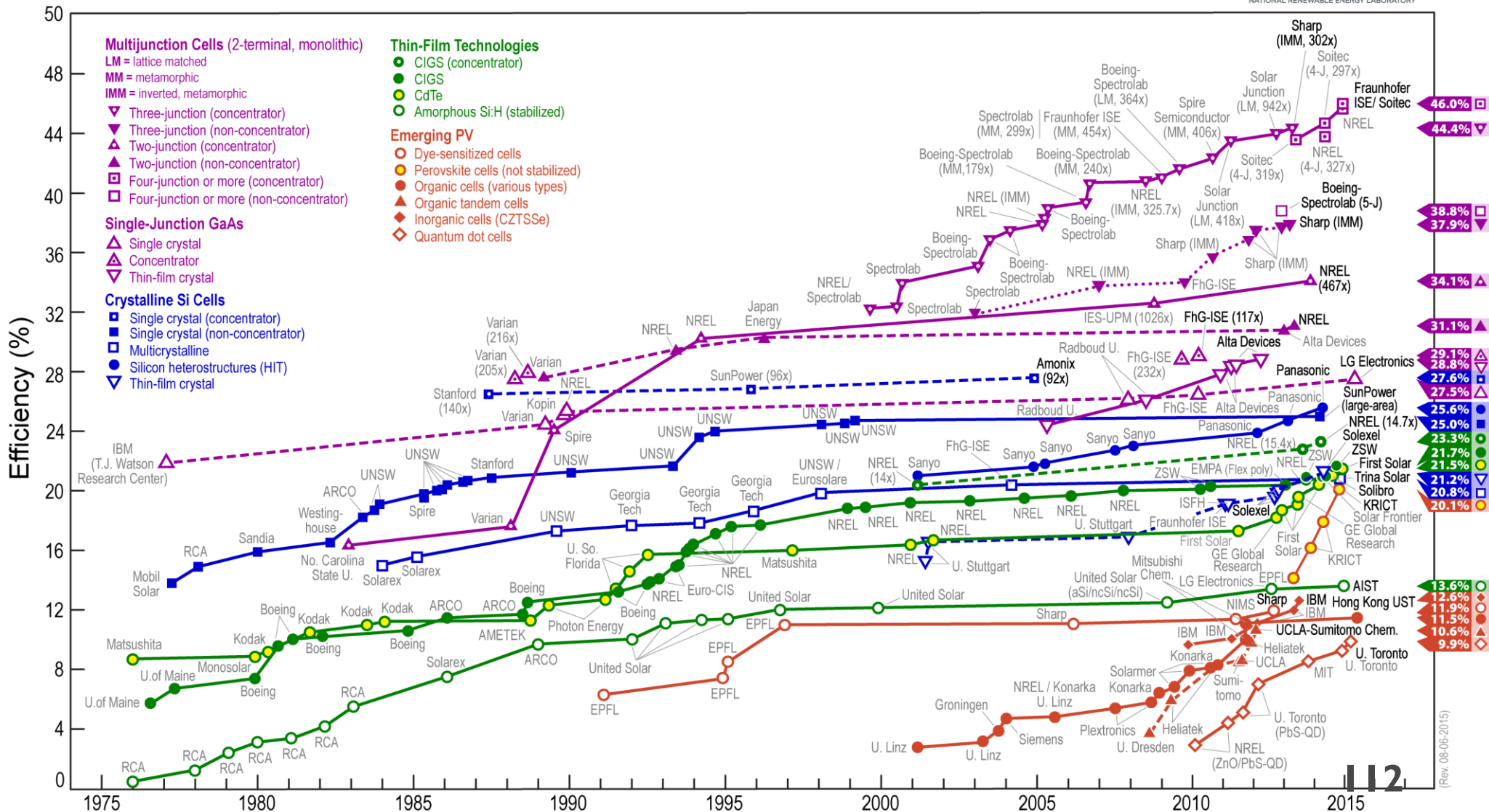


- Large cation (organic, ...)
- Small cation ( $\text{Pb}^+$ )
- Anion (I, Br, ...)

## Perovskite Top Solar Cell:



# Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



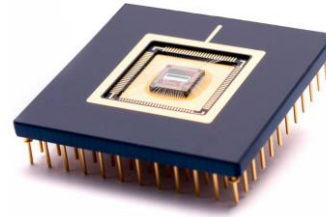
# THIN-FILM PHOTODETECTOR ARRAYS: INTEGRATION

| **TFPD**

*on TFT*



*on CMOS*





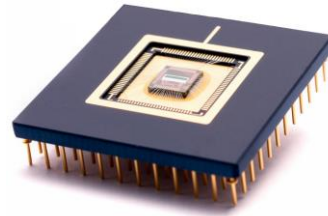
# THIN-FILM IMAGE SENSORS

## | TFPD

*on TFT*



*on CMOS*



*non-destructive testing*

*gesture recognition*

*biometric*

*x-ray*

*indirect*

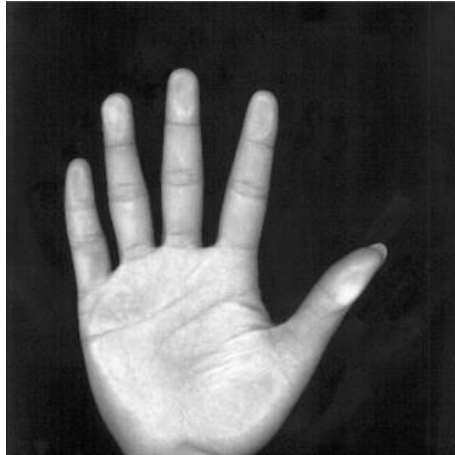
*direct*

*plain / monochrome*

*pixelated / multicolor*

# BIOMETRICS: LARGE AREA, FLEXIBILITY, HIGH RESOLUTION

large area



**palm identification  
+ vein pattern (NIR needed)**

*\*Lin et al., Sensors, 15 (2015)*

conformable



**wrap-around sensors**

high resolution



**FBI fingerprint standards:**

**Level 2: 500 ppi (50  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel)**

**Level 3: 1000 ppi (25  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel)**

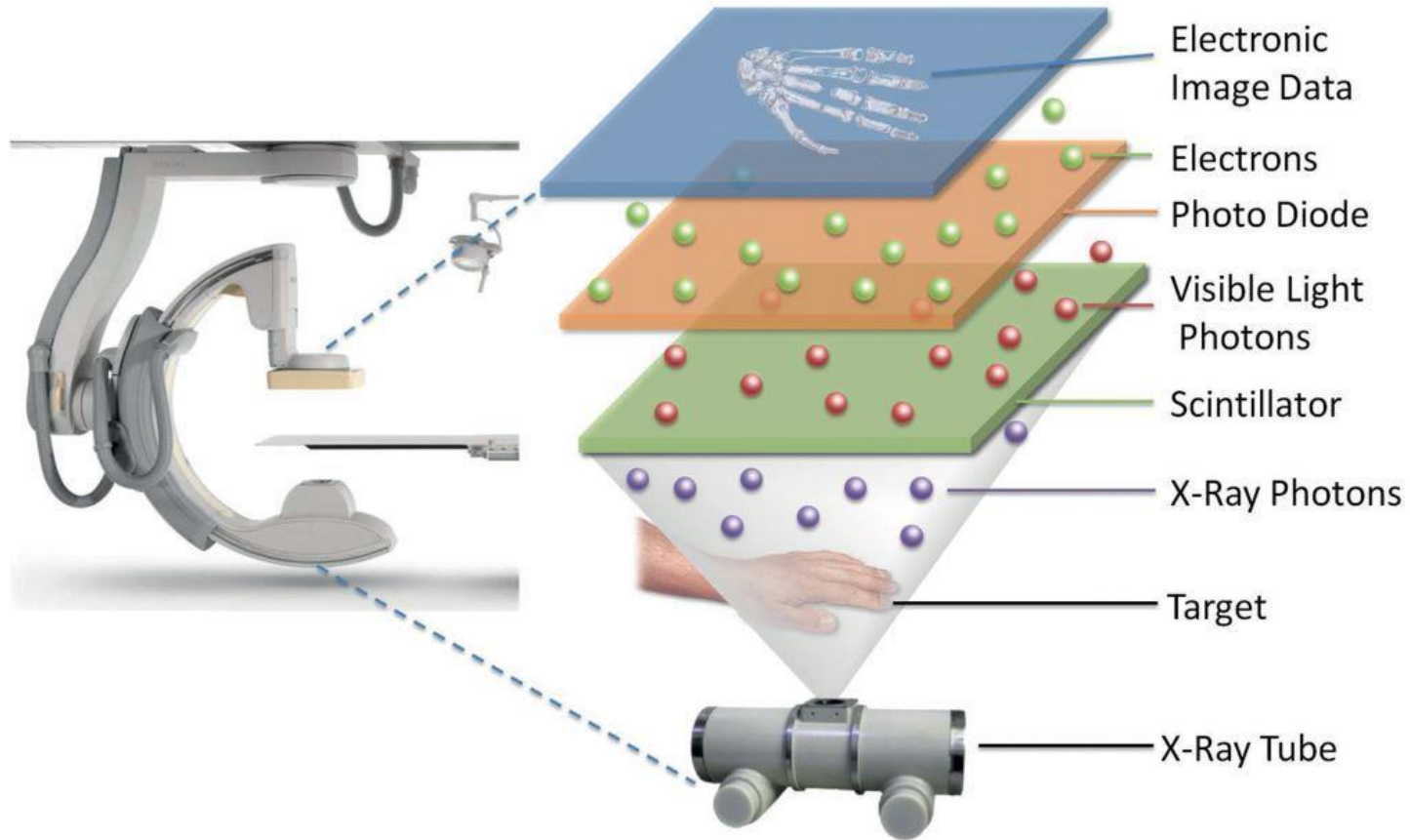
**imec IGZO TFT: 30  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel feasible**

*\*Zwipe/MasterCard, [www.zwipe.no](http://www.zwipe.no)*

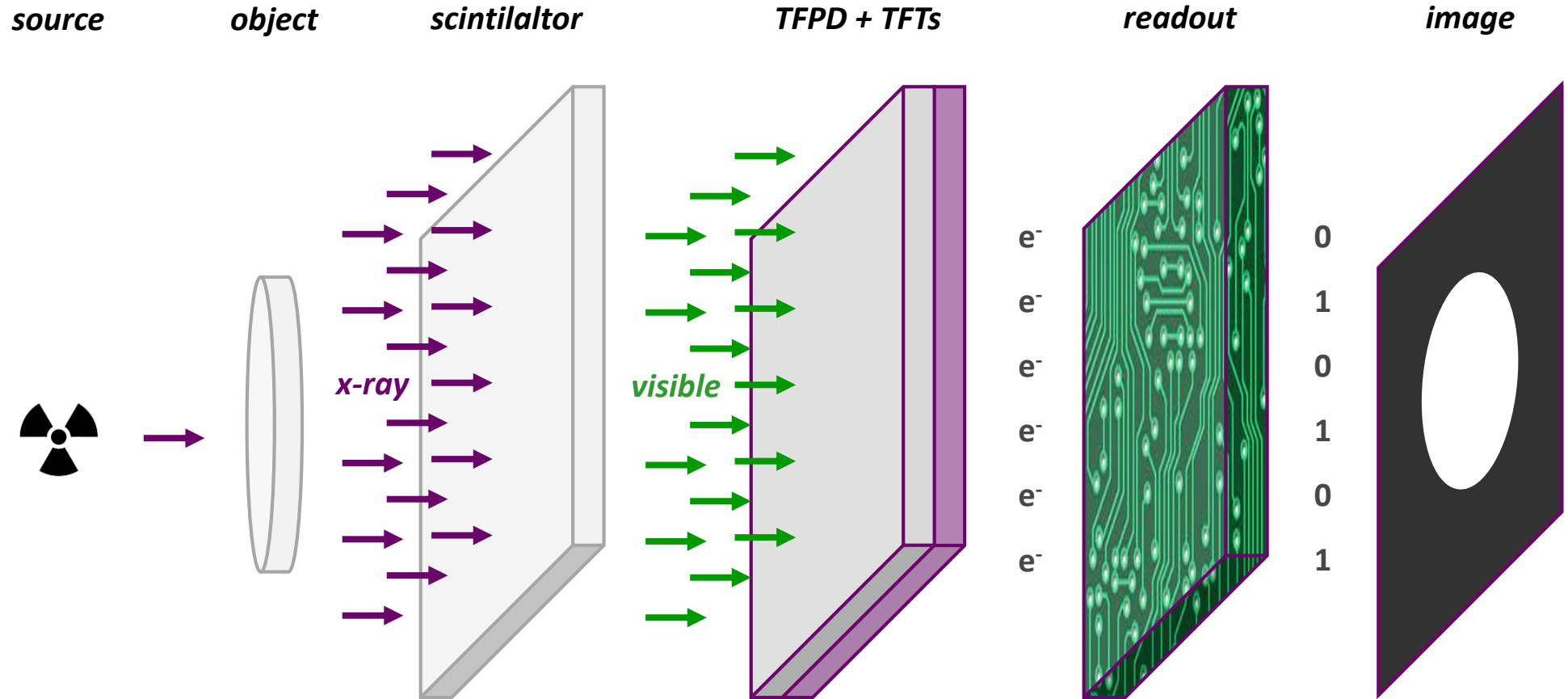
## LARGE AREA: X-RAY



# INDIRECT X-RAY WITH SCINTILLATOR



# X-RAY IMAGING: INDIRECT CONVERSION

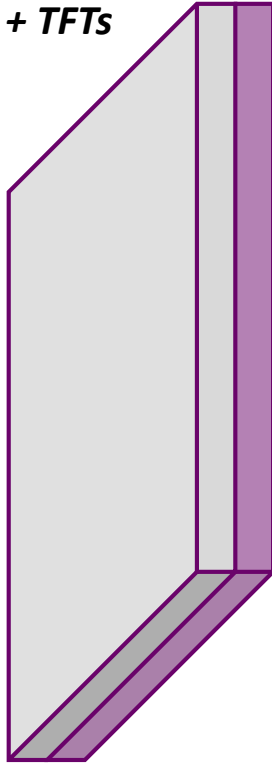




# X-RAY IMAGE SENSORS: FLEXIBILITY

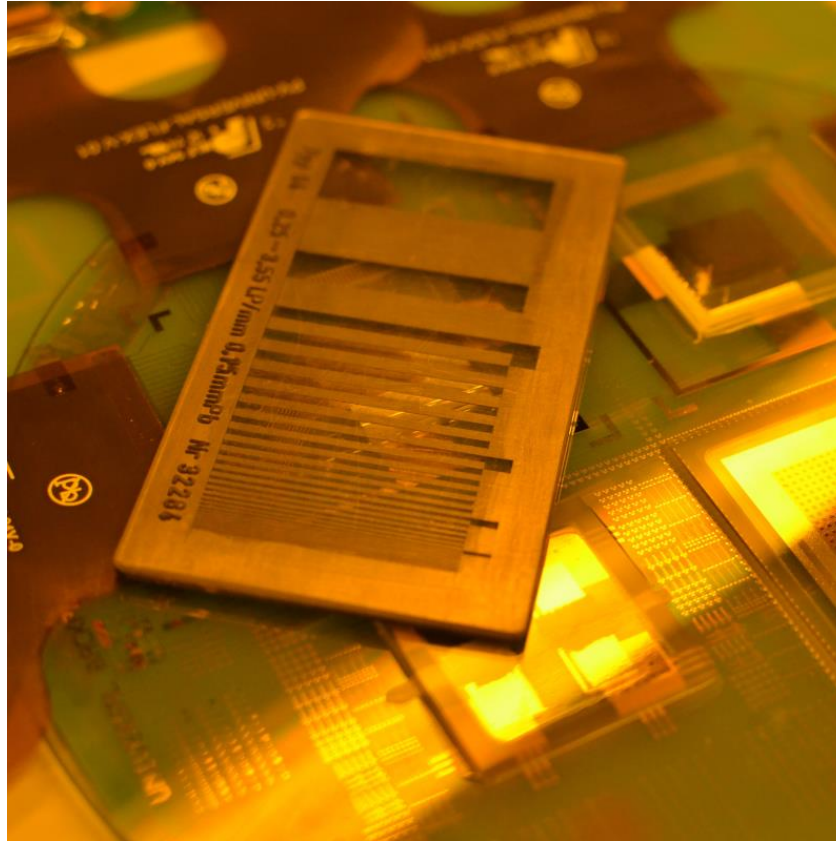
- plastic substrate processed on glass carrier
  - imager flexible after delamination

*TFPD + TFTs*



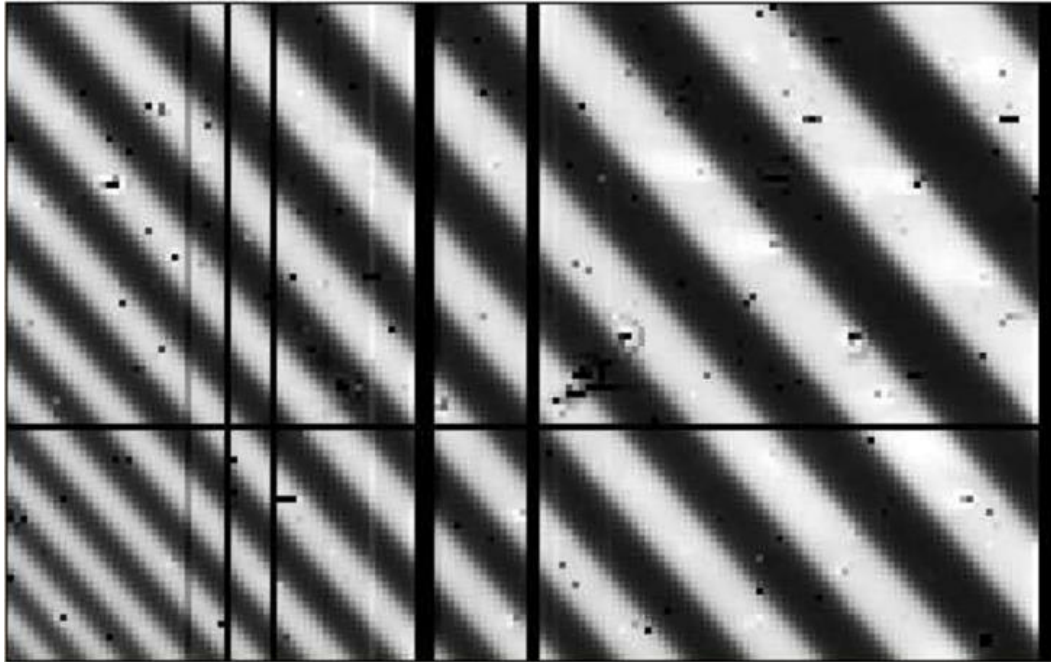
**image sensor after delamination**

# X-RAY IMAGING



# X-RAY IMAGE SENSORS: IMAGING

- imaging with scintillator and metal grid



x-ray shadow image

# X-RAY IMAGING: DIRECT CONVERSION

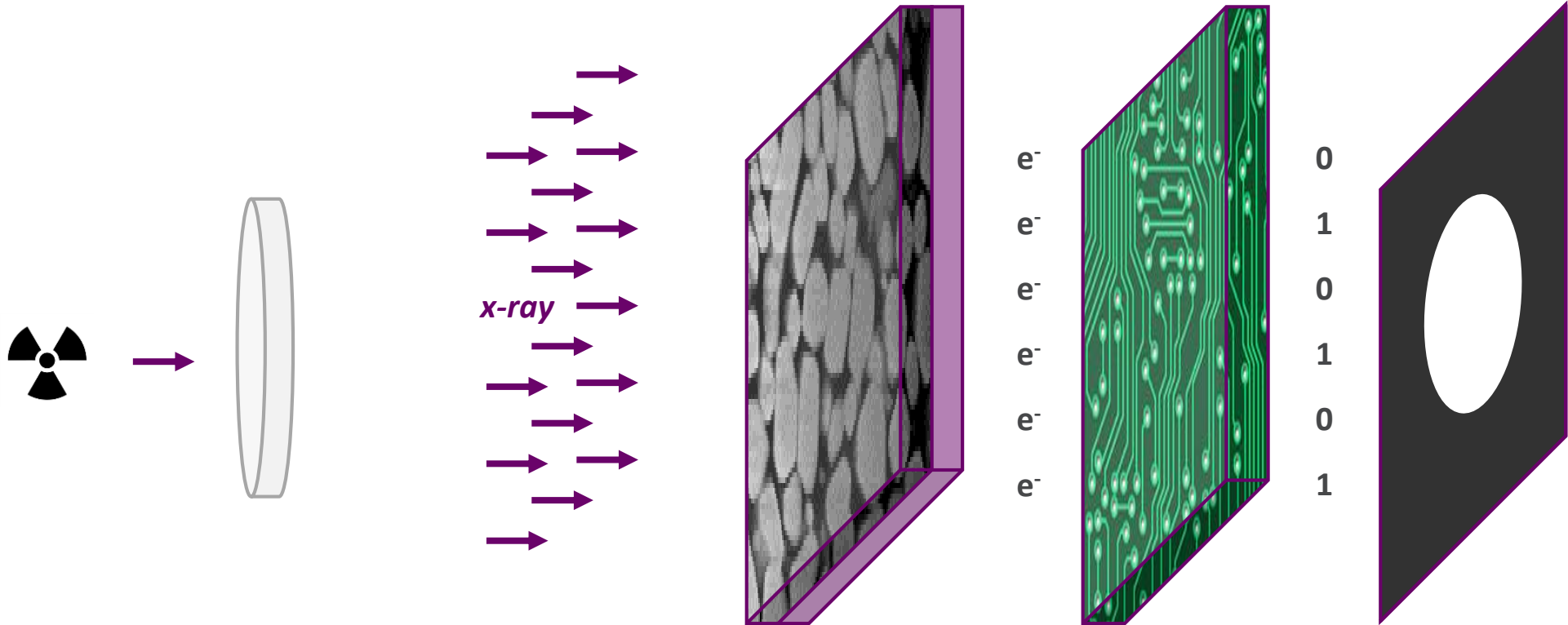
source

object

TFPD + TFTs

readout

image



# DiCoMo: EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM

- Horizon 2020 project DiCoMo
  - partners: Siemens (DE), BASF (CH), imec (BE), TNO (NL), IC Sense (BE), Morphwize (IT)
  - duration: 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2017



**SIEMENS**



**TNO** innovation  
for life





# THIN-FILM PHOTODETECTORS

*ultra-thin active layers*  
→ *very low cross-talk*  
→ *slanted rays capture*

*easy integration on anything*  
→ *moving photodiode away from Si*

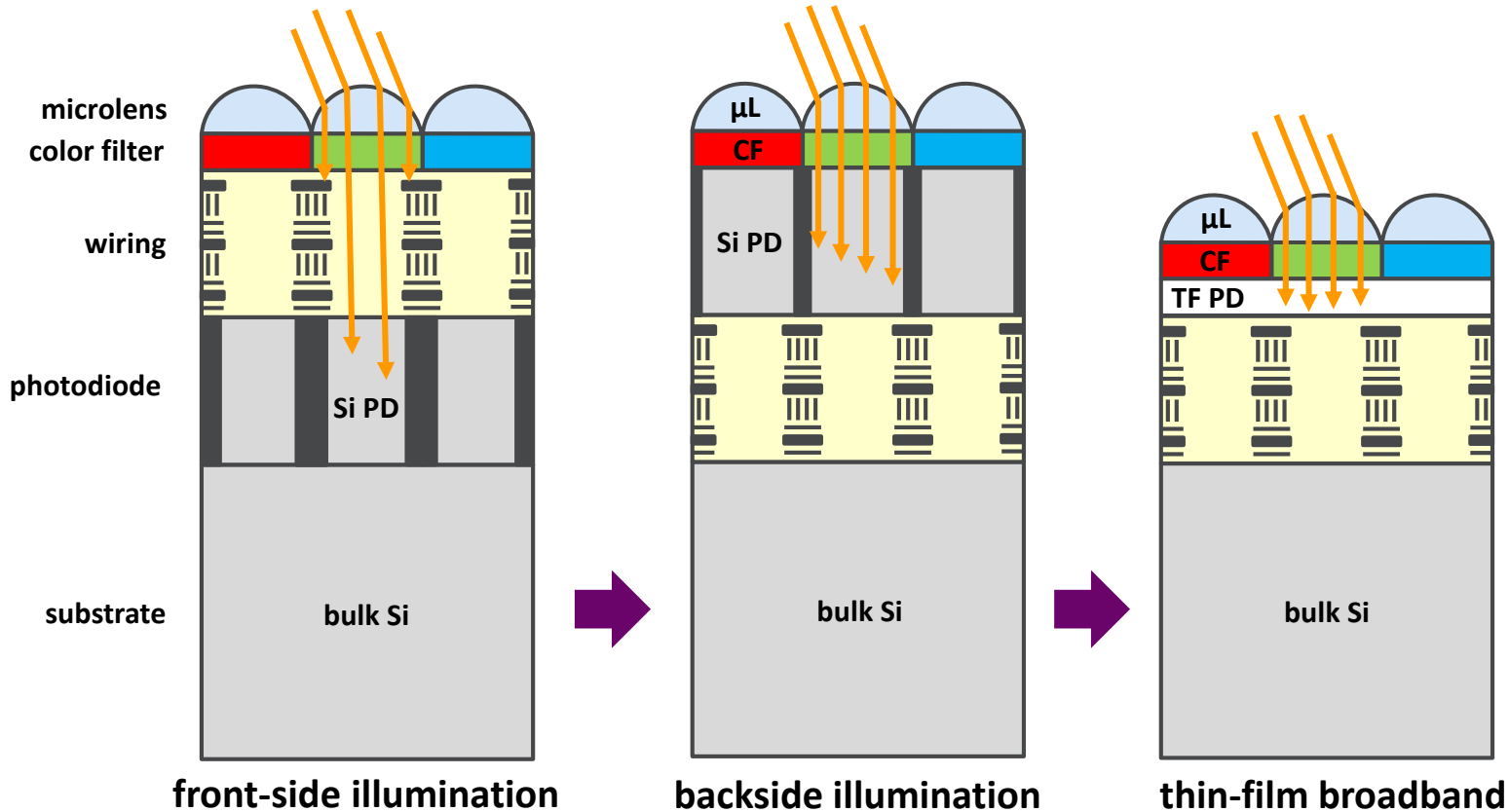
*(possibly) low cost*  
→ *monolithic (not hybrid)*

***TFPD  
on CMOS***

*tunable spectrum*  
→ *near infrared extension*

*large-area coating*  
→ *high throughput*

# CMOS IMAGER TECHNOLOGIES: THIN-FILM

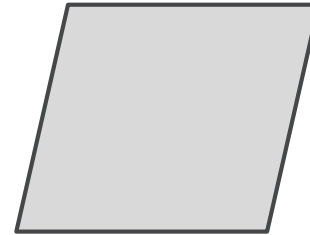
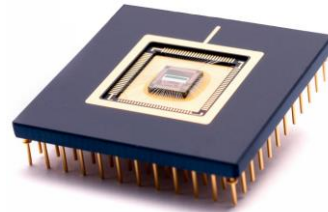


# THIN-FILM IMAGE SENSORS

| **TFPD**

*on TFT*

*on CMOS*

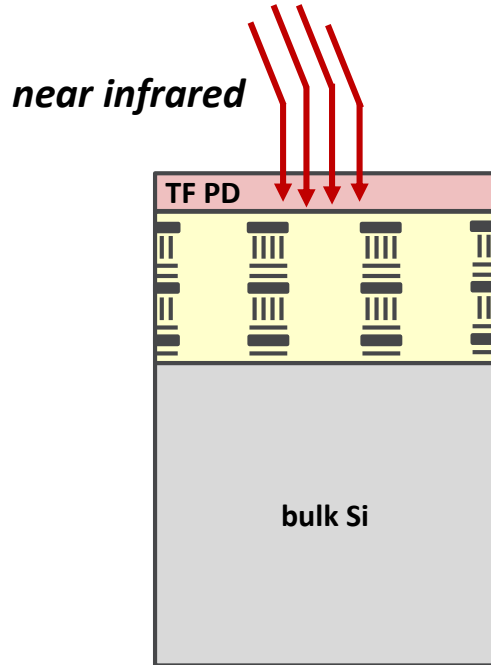


| ***plain / monochrome***

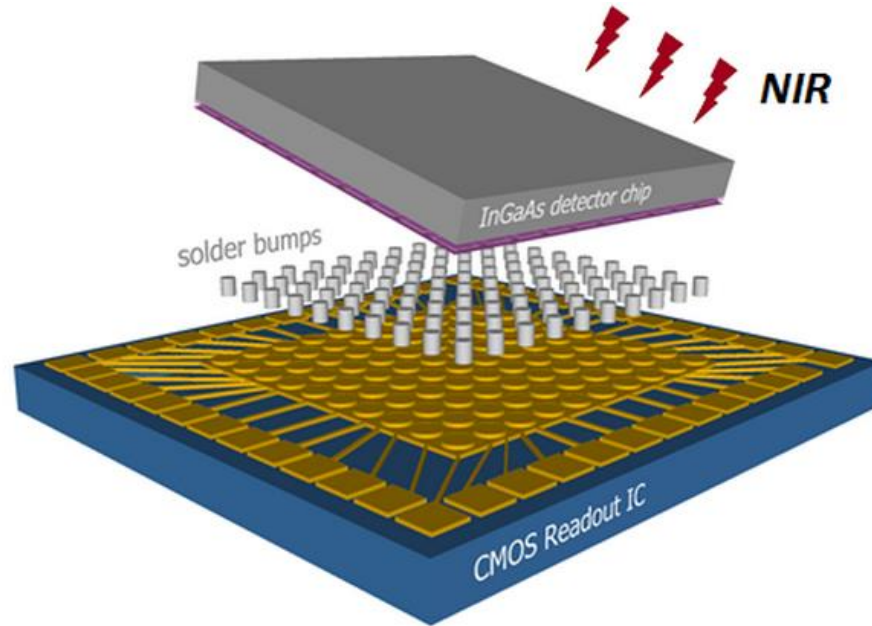
*pixelated / multicolor*

# CMOS IMAGER TECHNOLOGIES: THIN-FILM

- replacing flip-chip bonded III-V hybrid by a monolithic configuration

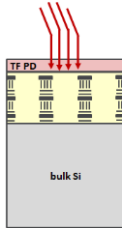


monolithic thin-film



hybrid III-V flip-chip

# CMOS IMAGER TECHNOLOGIES: THIN-FILM



## monolithic thin-film

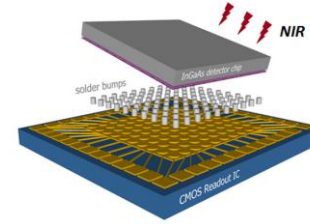
pixel pitch  $< 1 \mu\text{m}$

→ *enabled by advanced CMOS*

thin-film active layer

→ *easily upscalable to 300 mm wafers*

→ *VIS/NIR feasible in the same focal plane*



## hybrid III-V flip-chip

pixel pitch  $> 10 \mu\text{m}$

→ *limited by flip-chip*

III-V active layer

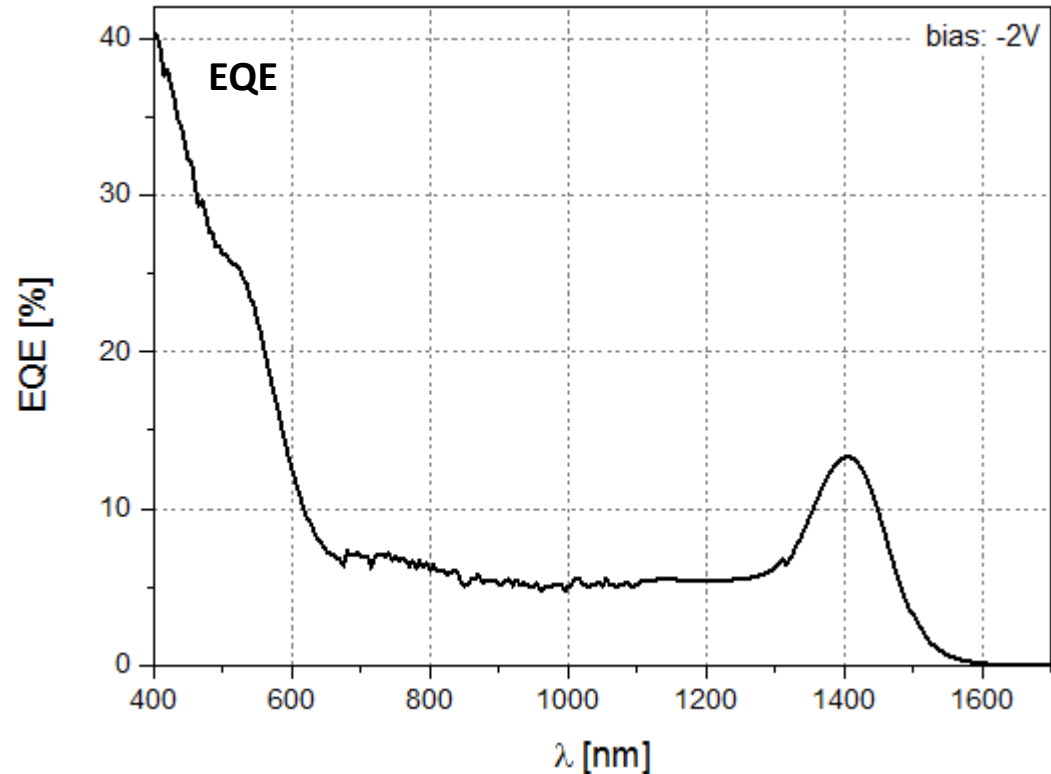
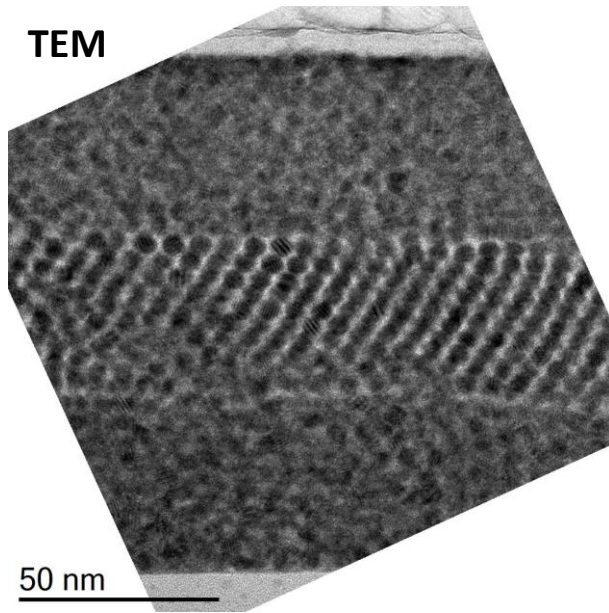
→ *expensive epi, wafer size 4 inch*

→ *only infrared for the same focal plane*



# QD PHOTODETECTOR FOR INFRARED

- quantum dot photoactive layer with absorption in the infrared range
- EQE above 10% at 1.4  $\mu\text{m}$  wavelength from a 150 nm thin layer

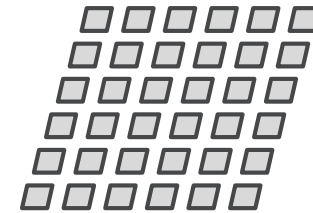
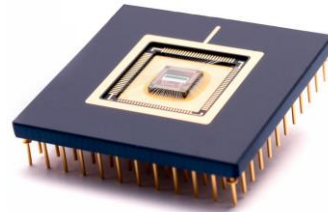


# THIN-FILM IMAGE SENSORS

| **TFPD**

*on flex*

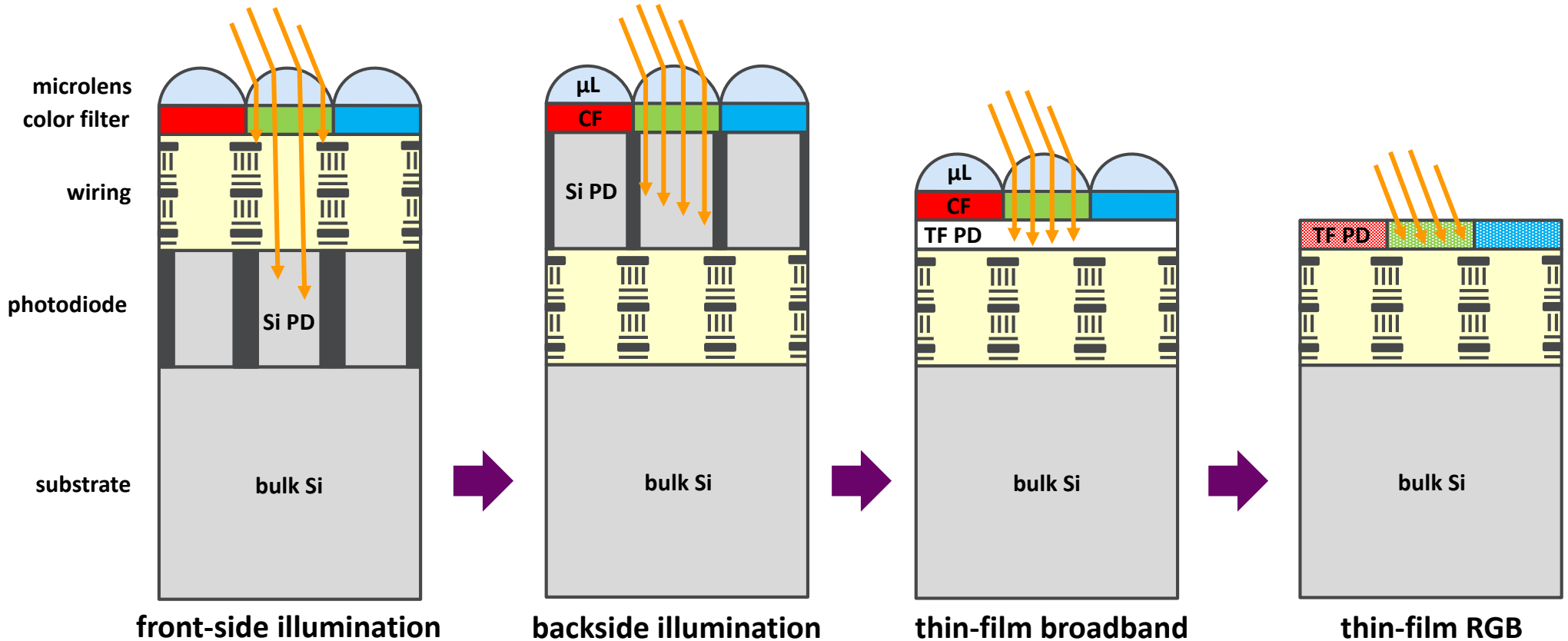
*on CMOS*



*plain / monochrome*

***pixelated / multicolor***

# CMOS IMAGER TECHNOLOGIES: THIN-FILM RGB



# EXISTING MARKET

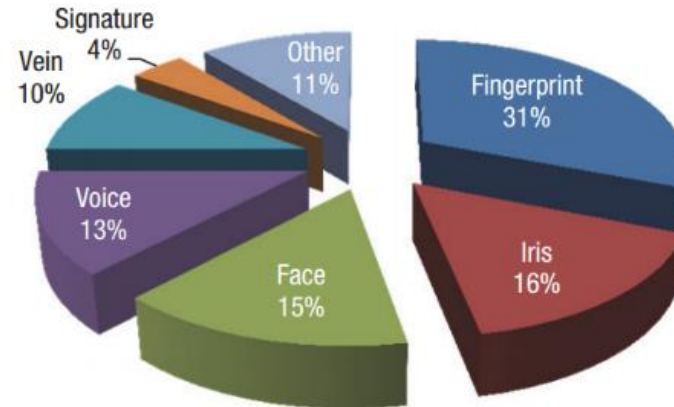
*x-ray imager: 10 B€ in 2016*

*fingerprint sensor: 14.5 B€ by 2020*

*existing*

*market*

**Biometrics Market Share**



# PALM SENSOR

*conformable palm scanner for biometric identification*



yesterday



today: flat panel

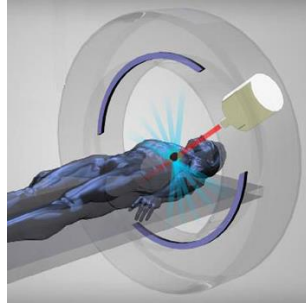


tomorrow: conformable

# MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

| *market*

| *new*



3D phantom



smart floor



grip ID



tube inspection



iHandle



imaging surface



optical board



smart bandage



# SUMMARY

## TFPD: AN ENABLER FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

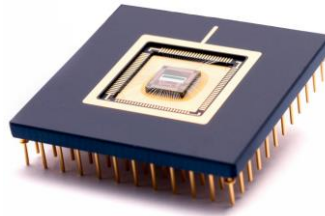
### TFPD

*on TFT*



*ultra-thin active layers  
reusable/disposable  
tunable wavelength spectrum  
easy integration on any substrate  
large-area coating*

*on CMOS*



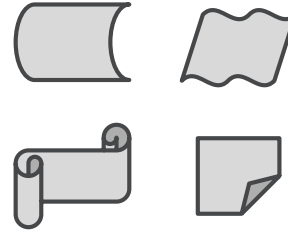
*moving photodiode away from Si  
very low cross-talk  
slanted rays capture  
monolithic (not hybrid)  
extension to near infrared*

# SUMMARY

## NEW FORM FACTORS AND CONFIGURATIONS

| **TFPD**

*on TFT*



*on CMOS*

