

Printing Functional Materials

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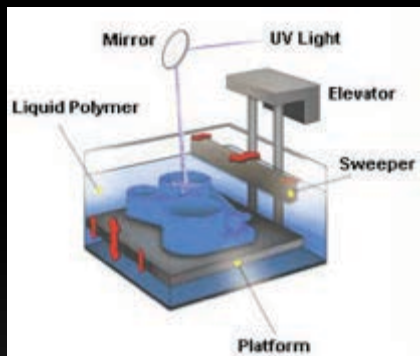
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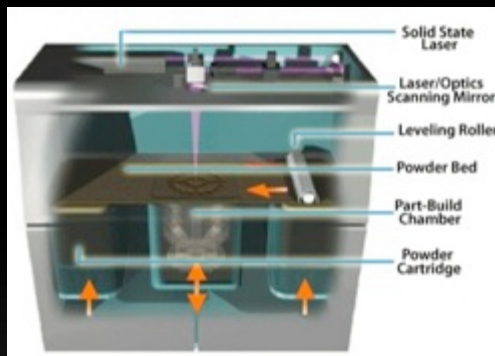
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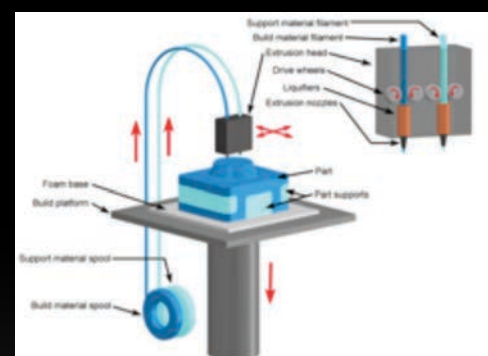
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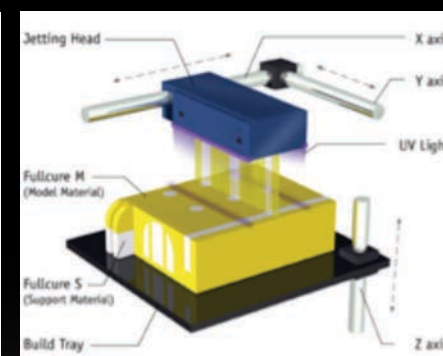
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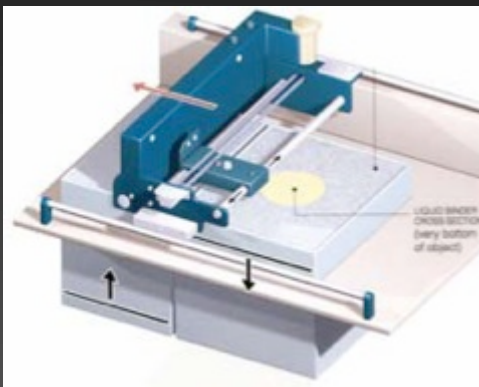
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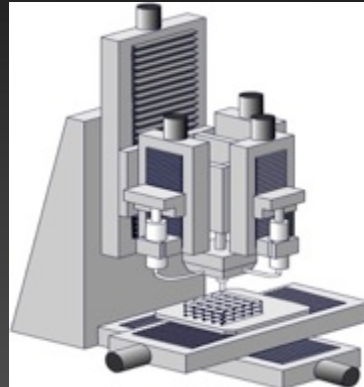
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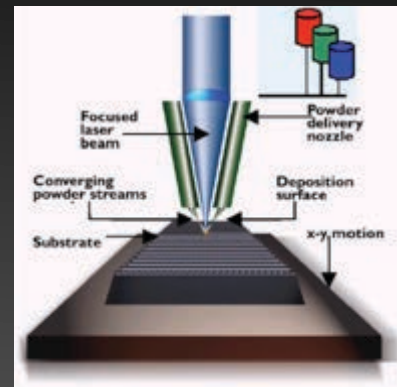
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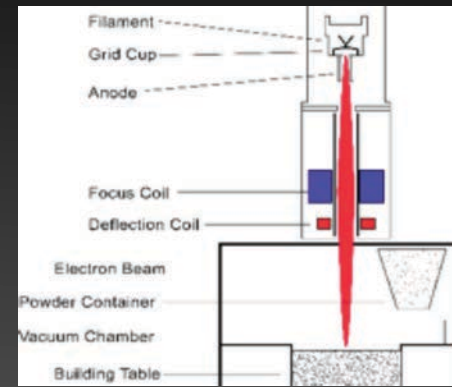
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Electron Beam Melting
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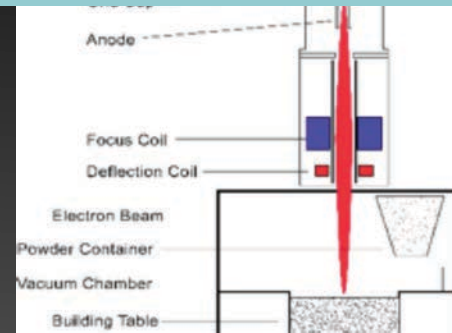
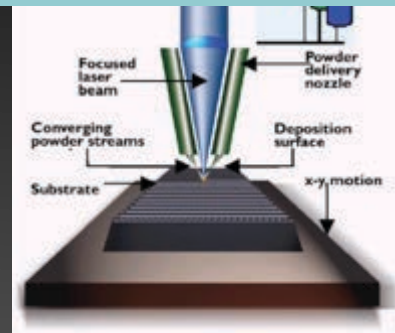
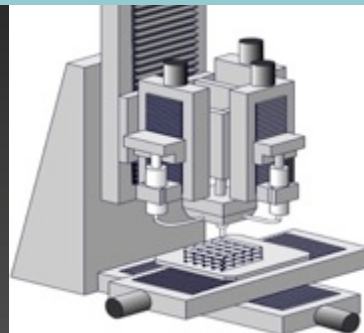
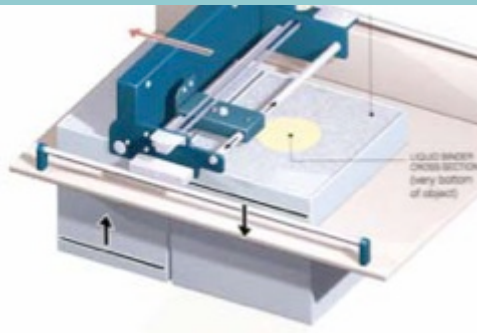
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Most 3D printing methods lack one or more of the following attributes:

- (1) Materials flexibility
- (2) Ability to pattern fine features ($< 100 \mu\text{m}$)
- (3) High throughput



Several advances needed for 3D printing of high performance, functional materials



“Before this personal manufacturing revolution can take place, though, researchers will **need to develop a broader array of robust printing materials...**”

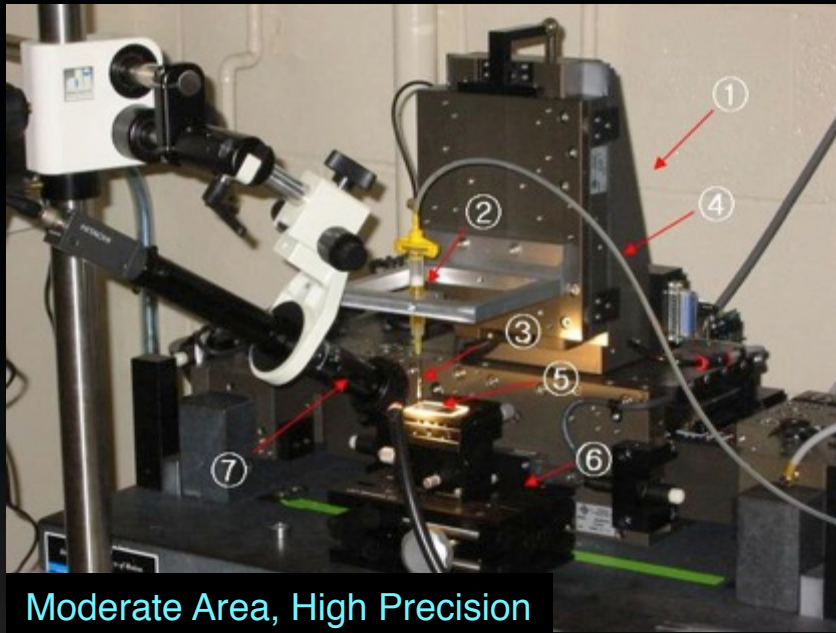
“... rapidly growing market, \$1 B sales...
about 70% of market is prototyping”

Our research focus

- Broaden materials palette for 3DP
- Integration of multiple materials
- Digitally specify form and function
- Improve feature resolution by 100x
- Improve throughput by 100x

... expedite transformation from rapid prototyping
to manufacturing of functional materials

Custom stages designed for 3D printing



Moderate Area, High Precision

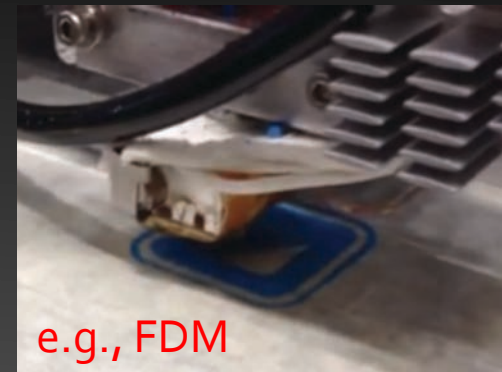
$10 \times 10 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3 \pm 50 \text{ nm}$
 $V = 0.1 - 10 \text{ mm/s}$



Large Area, High Speed Stage

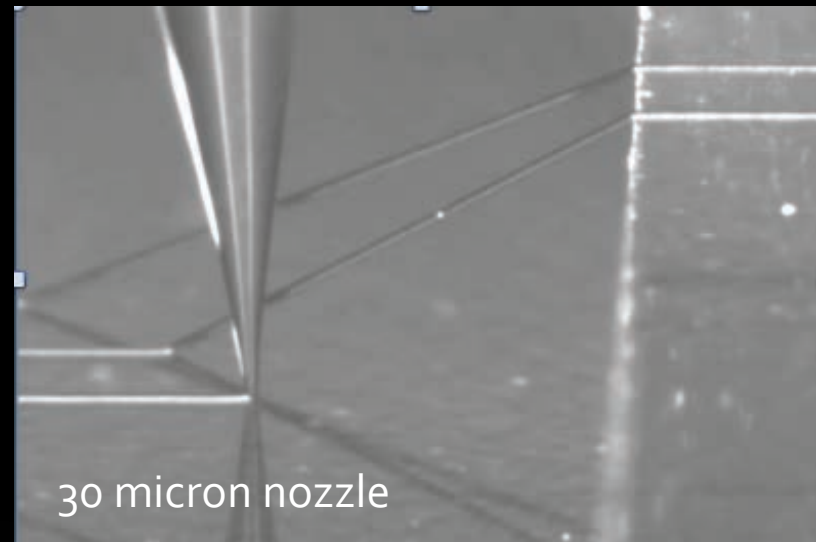
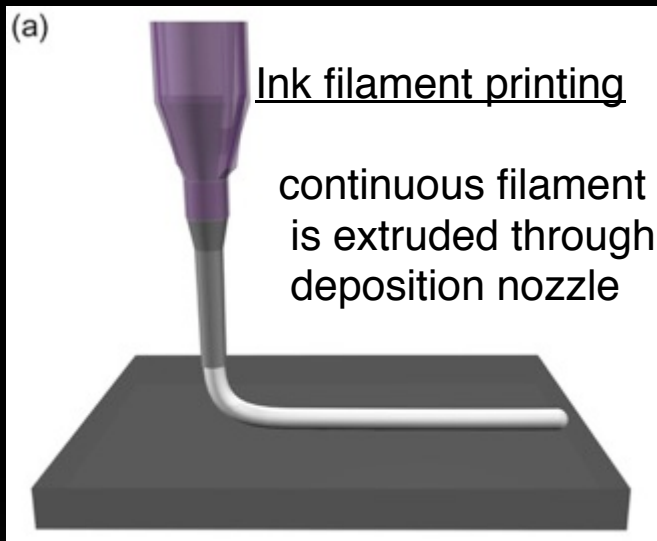
$1 \text{ m}^2 \times 10 \text{ cm} \pm 5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
 $V = 1 - 1000 \text{ mm/s}$

High precision, large area,
and high speed stages
+ integrating multiple 3D printheads



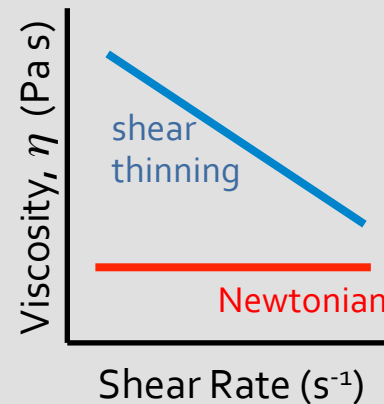
e.g., FDM

Printing ink filaments (in and out of plane)

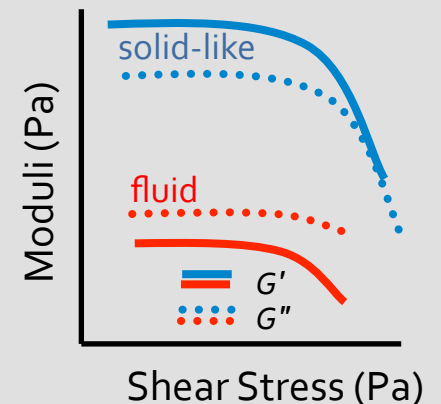


Desired Ink Rheology:

- Shear thinning behavior facilitates flow through fine nozzles without clogging
- Viscoelastic behavior enables printing of self-supporting (spanning) features



— Filamentary printing



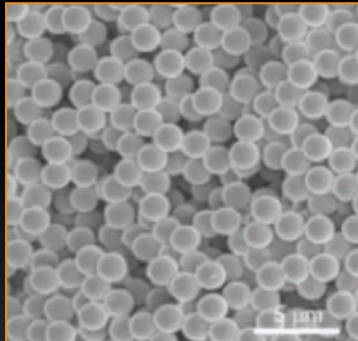
— Unable to retain filamentary shape

Viscoelastic inks designed for 3D printing

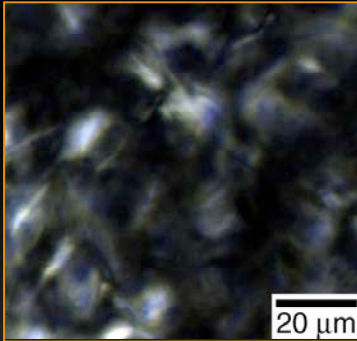
Ink design and deposition

- ink must flow through nozzle without jamming
- ink filaments must form high integrity interfaces
- ink must solidify rapidly (via gelation, coagulation, or evaporation)
- concentrated inks minimize shrinkage during drying

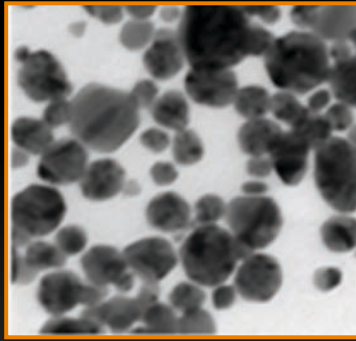
colloidal inks



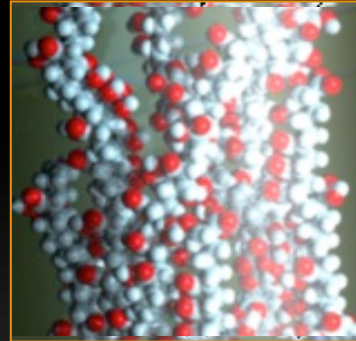
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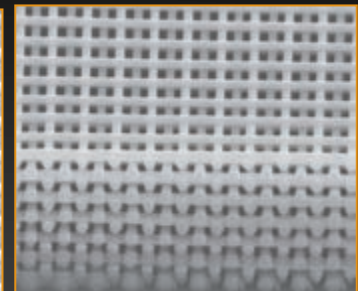
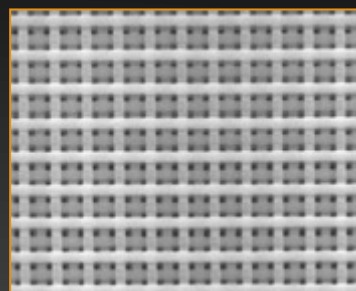
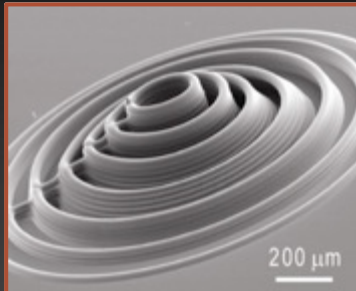
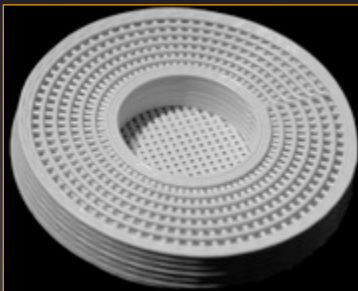
nanoparticle inks



polyelectrolyte inks



sol-gel inks

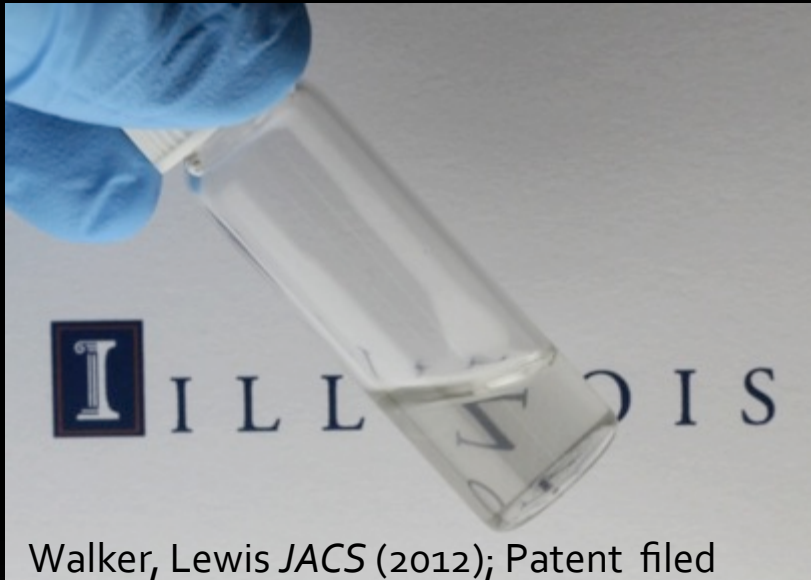


250 μm

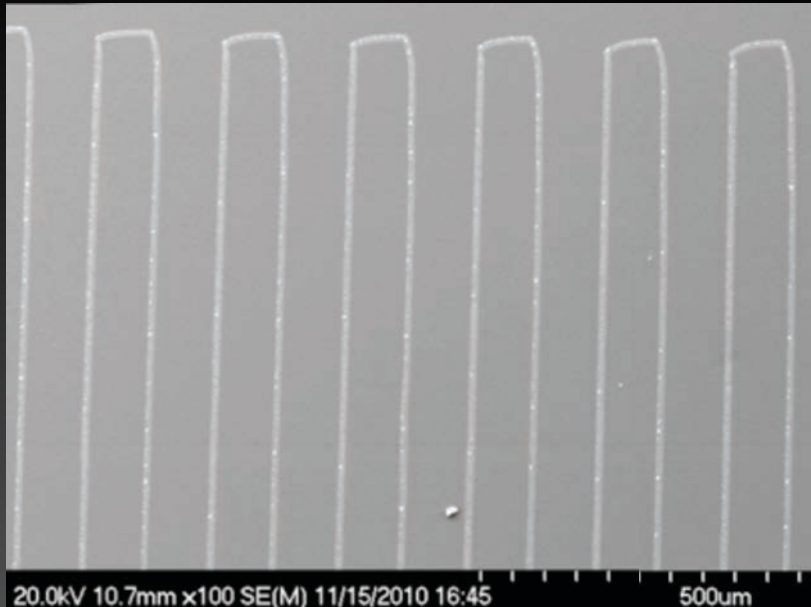
decreasing feature size

250 nm

Reactive silver inks for integrated electronics



Walker, Lewis *JACS* (2012); Patent filed
* 90% bulk conductivity at 100°C



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ELECTRIC INK: Quantum-electronic magic can make strange but useful semiconductors that are insulators on the inside and conductors on the surface. The bulk of the material acts as an insulator that blocks electron flow whereas the surface is a very good, metal-like conductor that allows electrons to travel freely at almost light-speed, unaffected by impurities that normally hinder electron motion through materials. Metal-free conductive inks will play a role in making printed electronic materials used in display screens, sensors and batteries. University of Illinois researchers, for example, have created a silver-based electric ink that leaves a trail of conductive material when it evaporates. The new formulation is easier to make than conventional electronic inks, adheres to many materials and can be printed at a lower temperature using a simple desktop device. [Less] [Link to this slide]
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Silver particle inks for integrated electronics

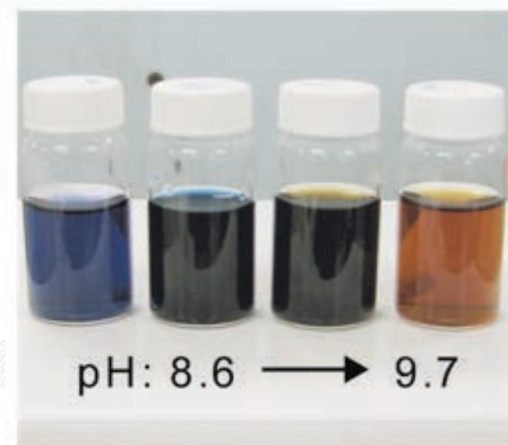
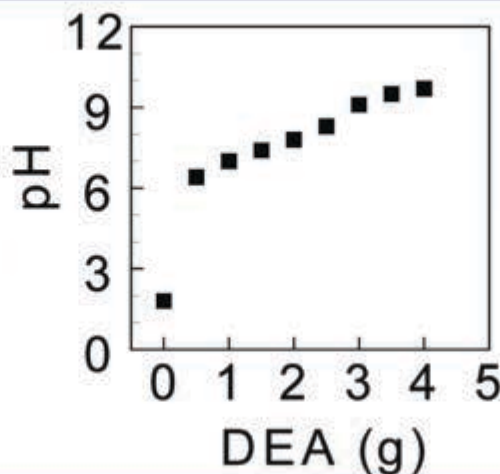
Starting Materials

Silver source : AgNO_3

Stabilizer : Poly(acrylic acid), PAA

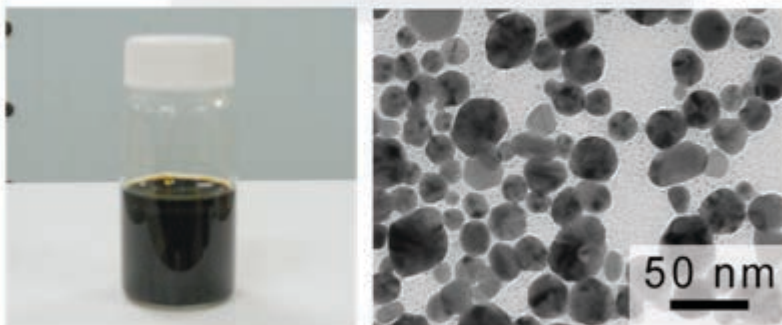
Reductant : Diethanolamine, DEA

Solvent : Deionized H_2O



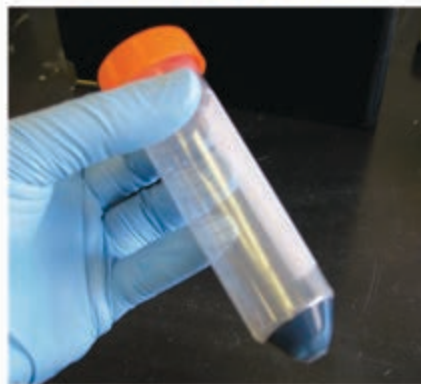
Particle Growth

Sonication (60 °C, ~2 h)



20 nm average, 5 – 50 nm distribution

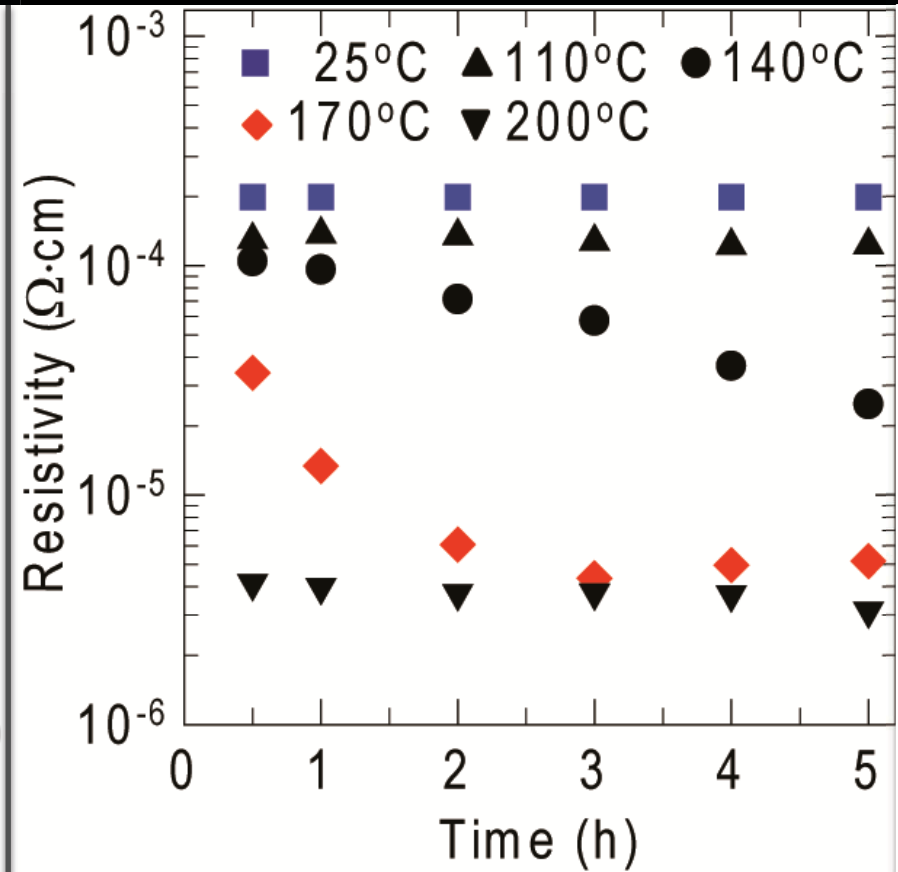
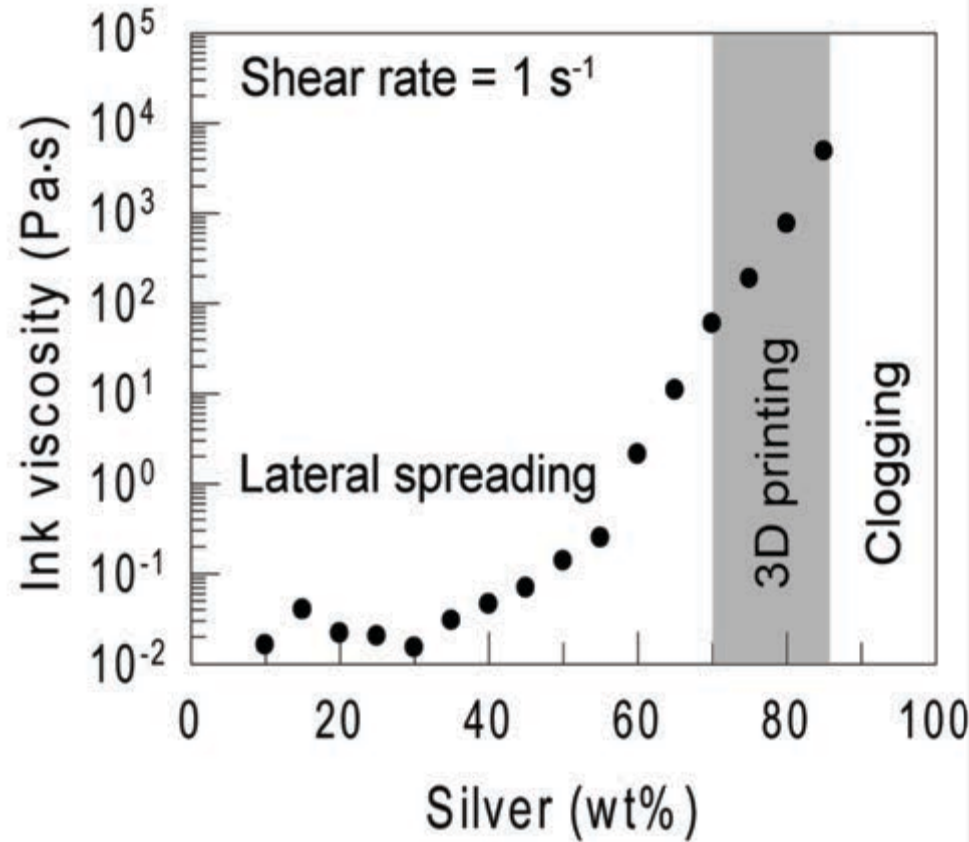
Phase Separation Centrifugation



Homogenization Add Humectant

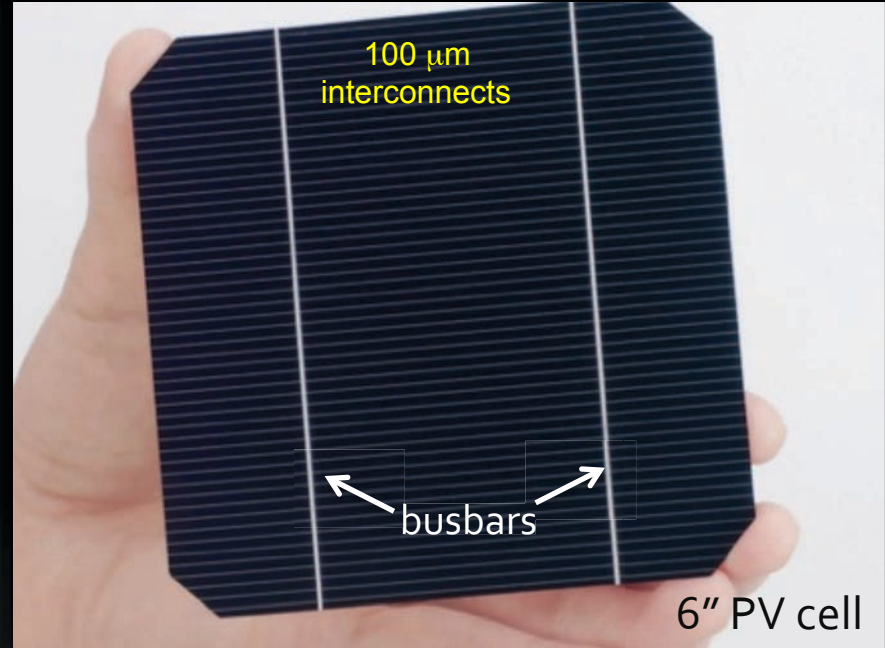


Silver particle inks for printed electronics



Silver inks are highly conductive as-printed

Solar panels - present design

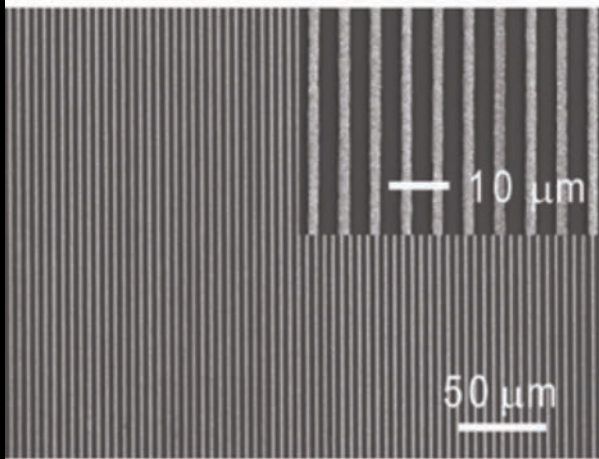


Rigid, costly, **active materials*** occupy large area

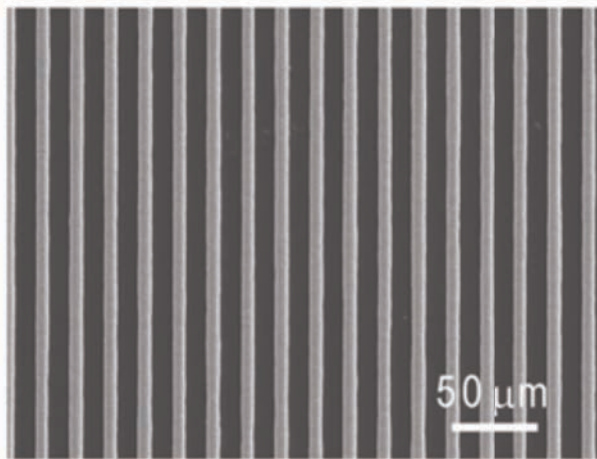
***silicon PV cells and silver interconnects**

Printing High Aspect Ratio Silver Microelectrodes

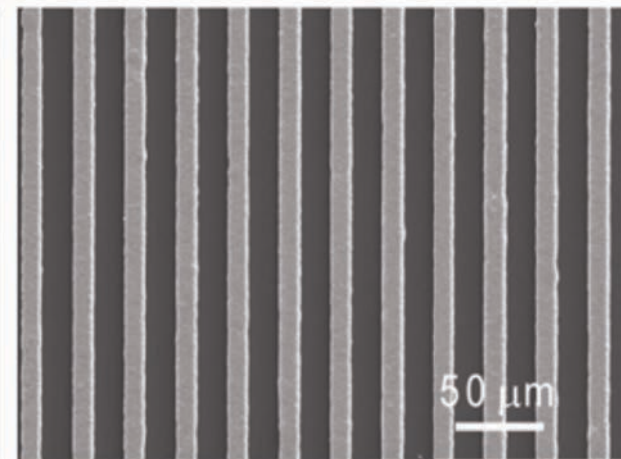
1 μm nozzle



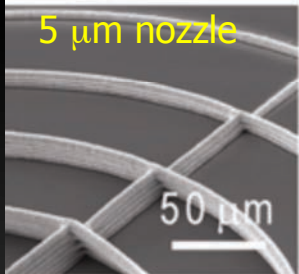
5 μm nozzle



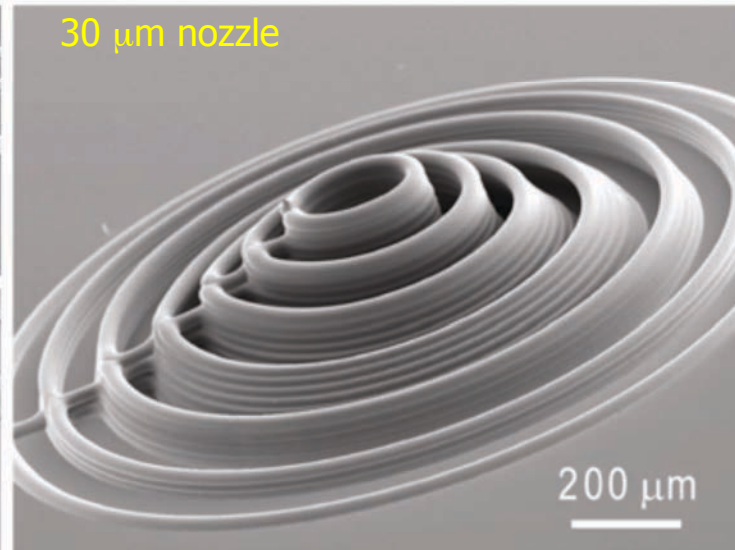
10 μm nozzle



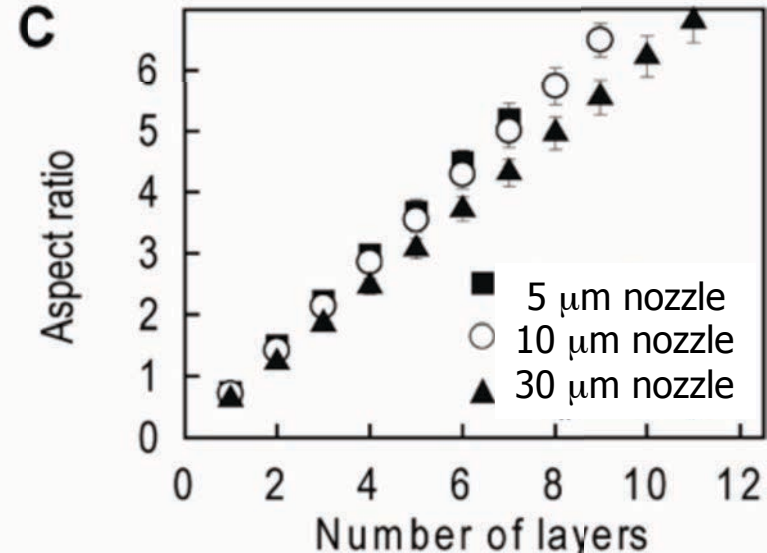
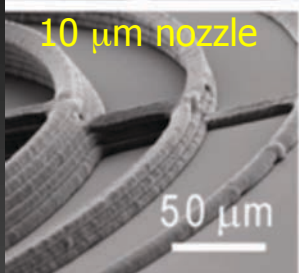
5 μm nozzle



30 μm nozzle



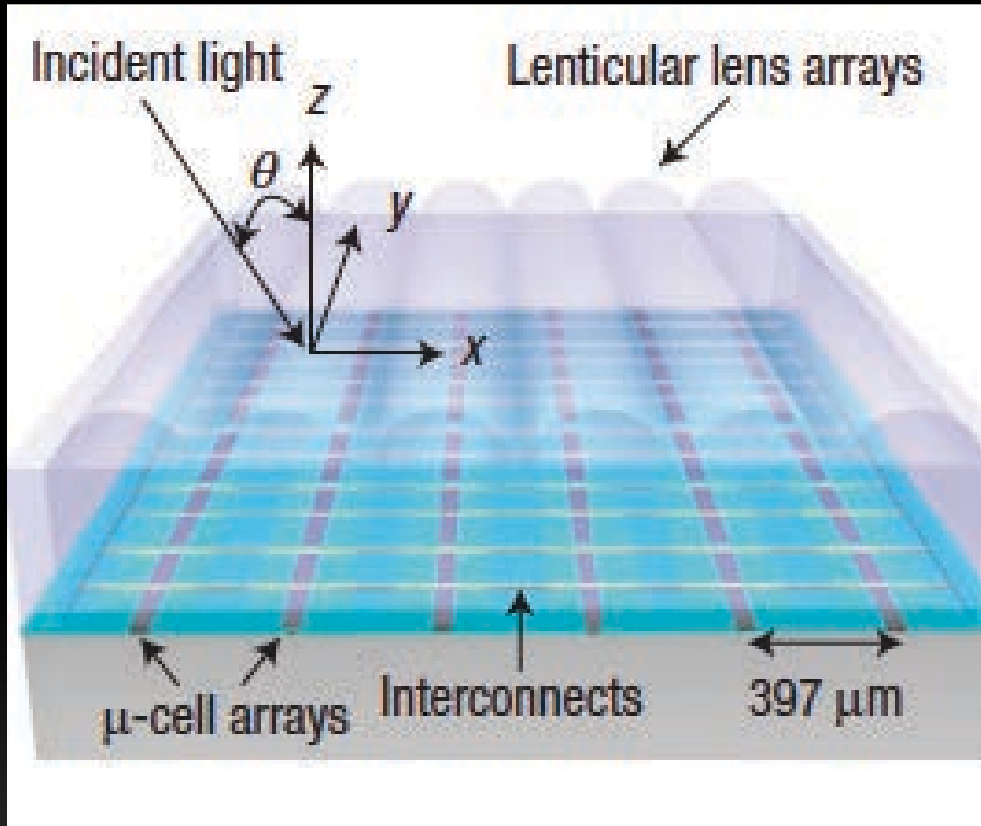
10 μm nozzle



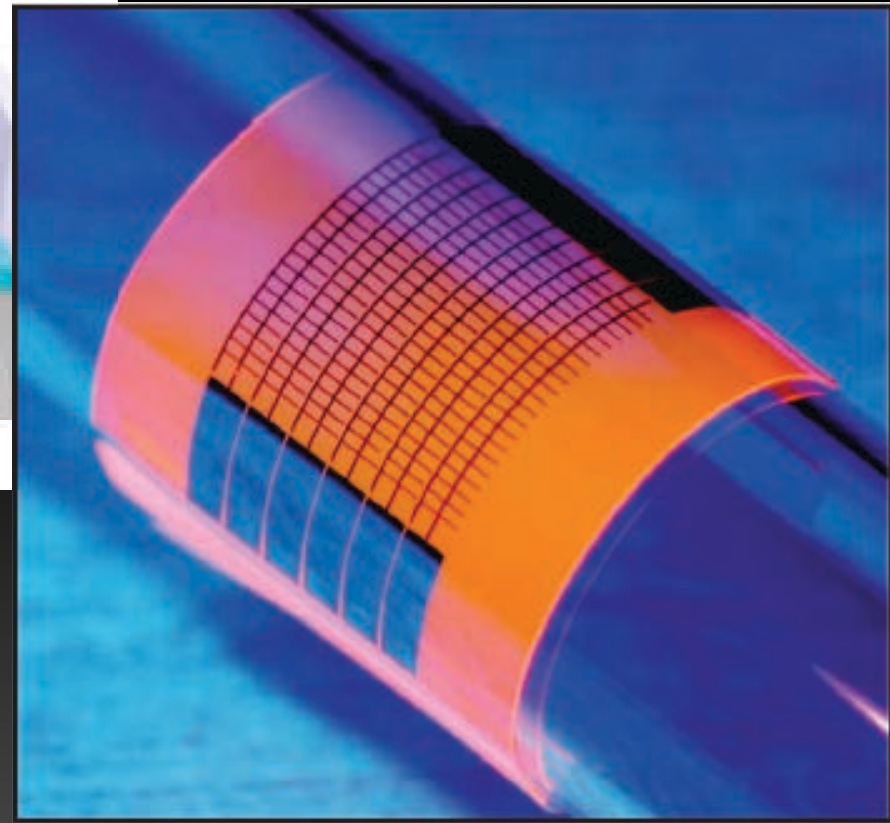
Ahn, Duoss, Nuzzo, Rogers, Lewis et al. *Science* (2009).

Ahn, Duoss, and Lewis, US-Patent 7,922,939

Flexible photovoltaics



Example:
Si microcells +
Luminescent layer
(UV-curable and organic dye)

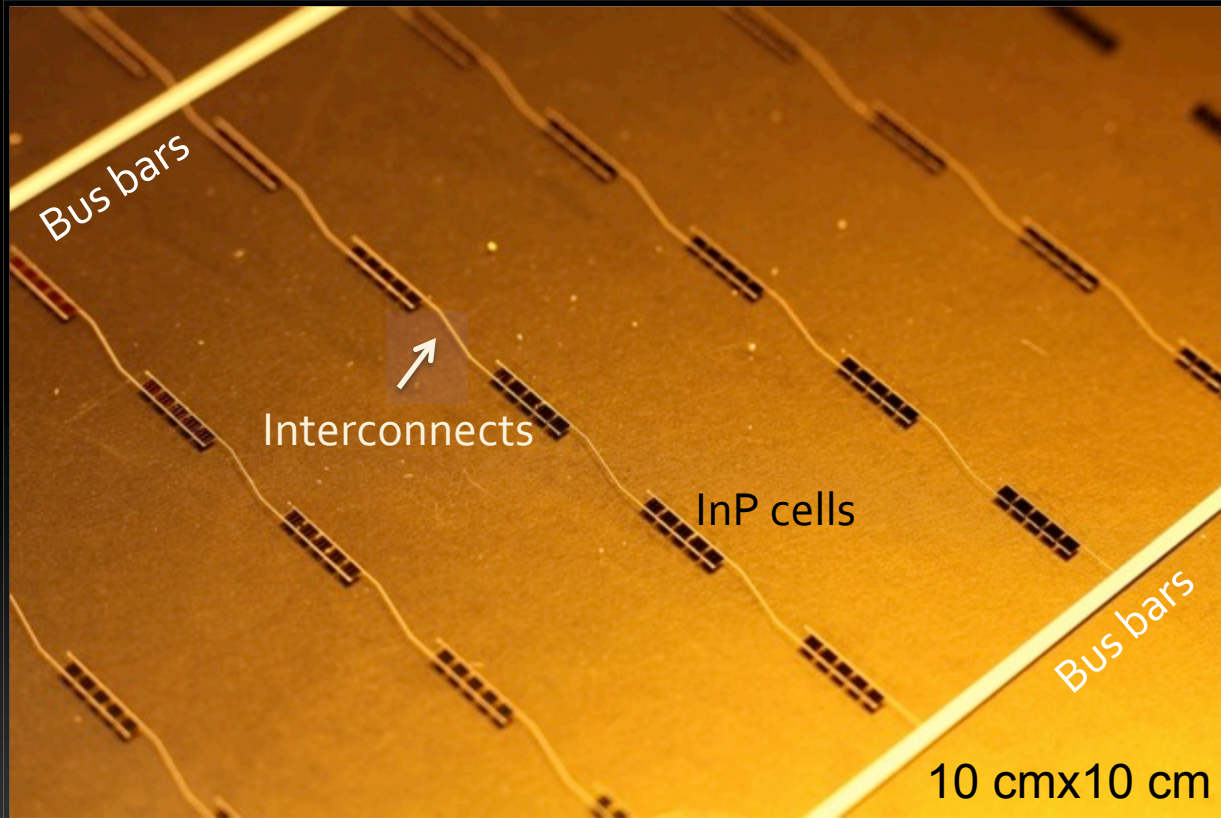


Vast reduction in active materials used

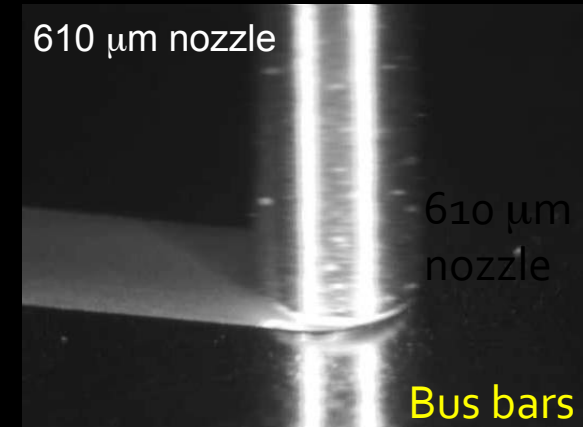
Printable microcells & interconnects
combined with concentrator optics

Rogers, Nuzzo, et al, *Nature Comm.* (2011).

Printing interconnects and bus bars



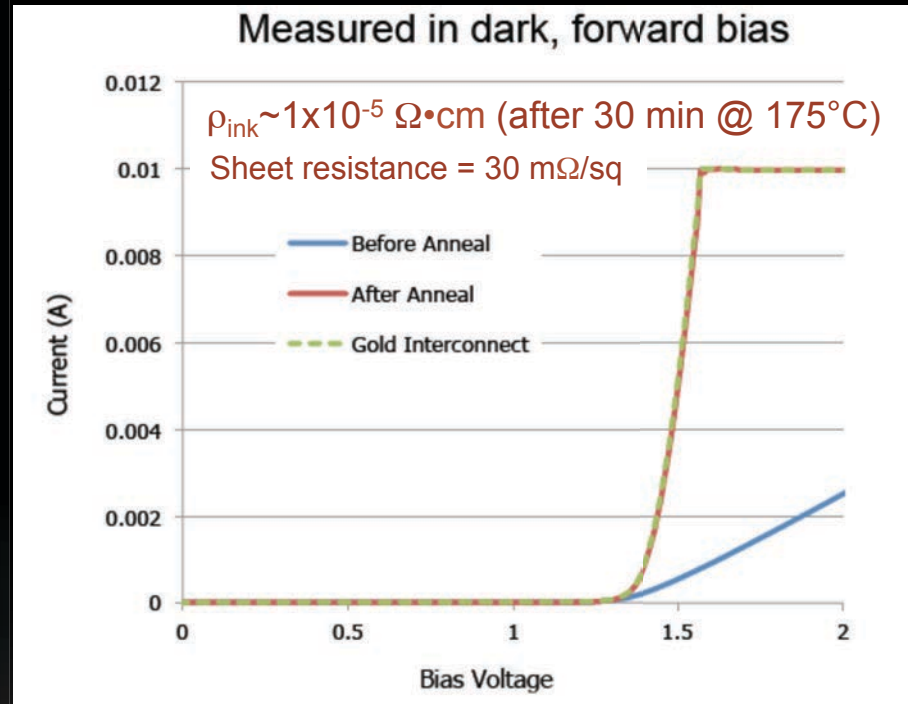
Sparse array of PV cells; finer interconnects



Flexible concentrator photovoltaics



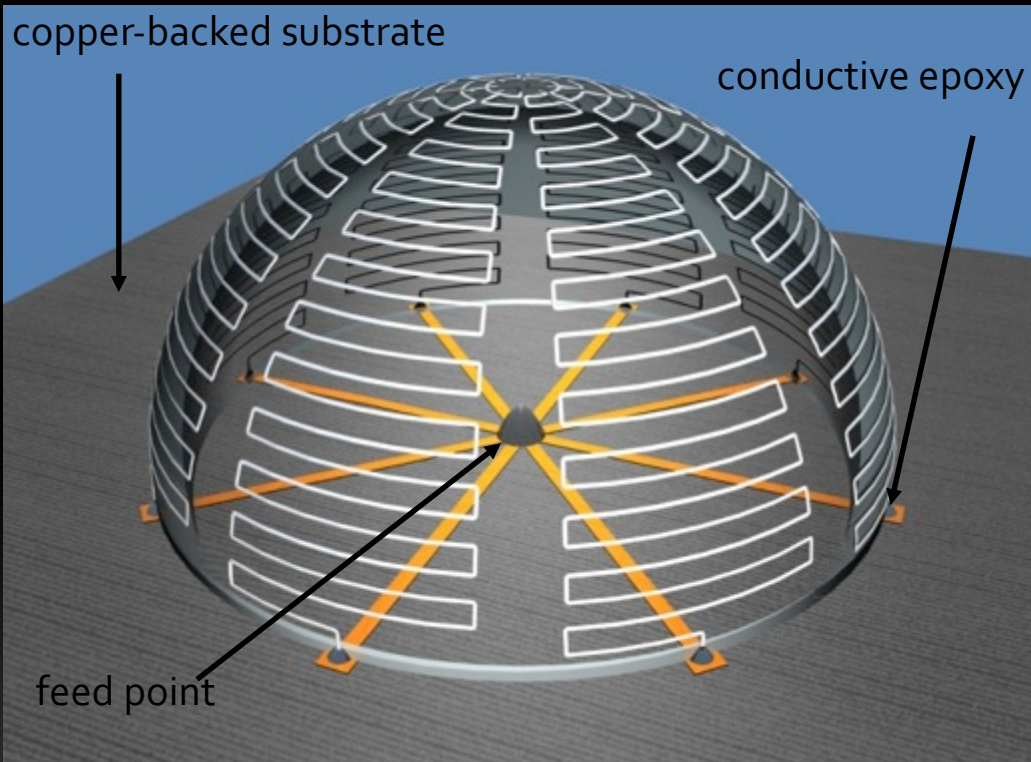
6" polyimide substrate



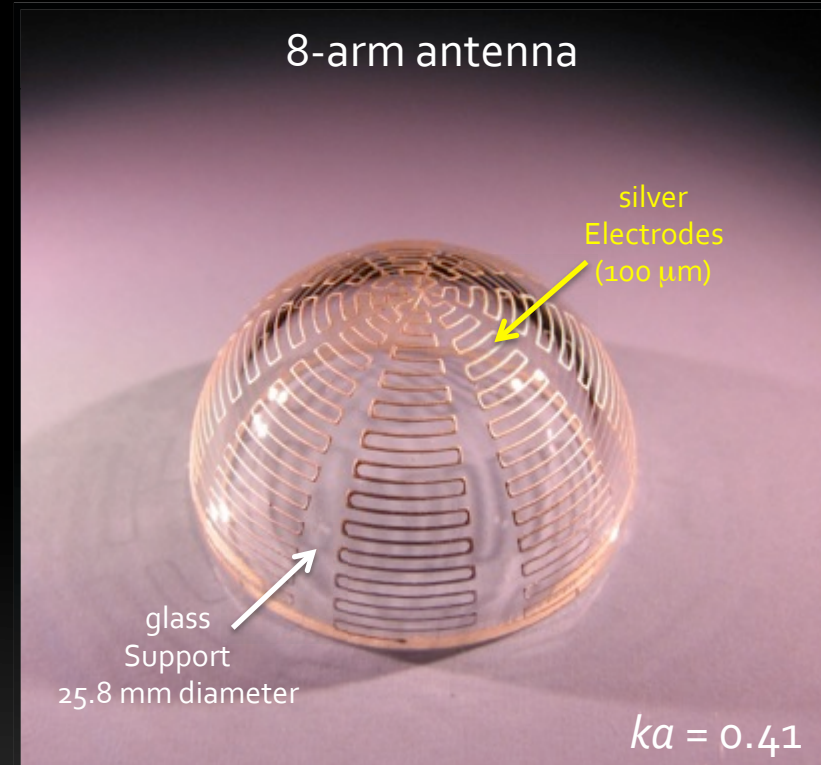
Printed interconnects are highly flexible and can withstand repeated bending (1000's cycles) without performance loss

Printed interconnects exhibit excellent I-V response

Conformal printing of electrically small antennas



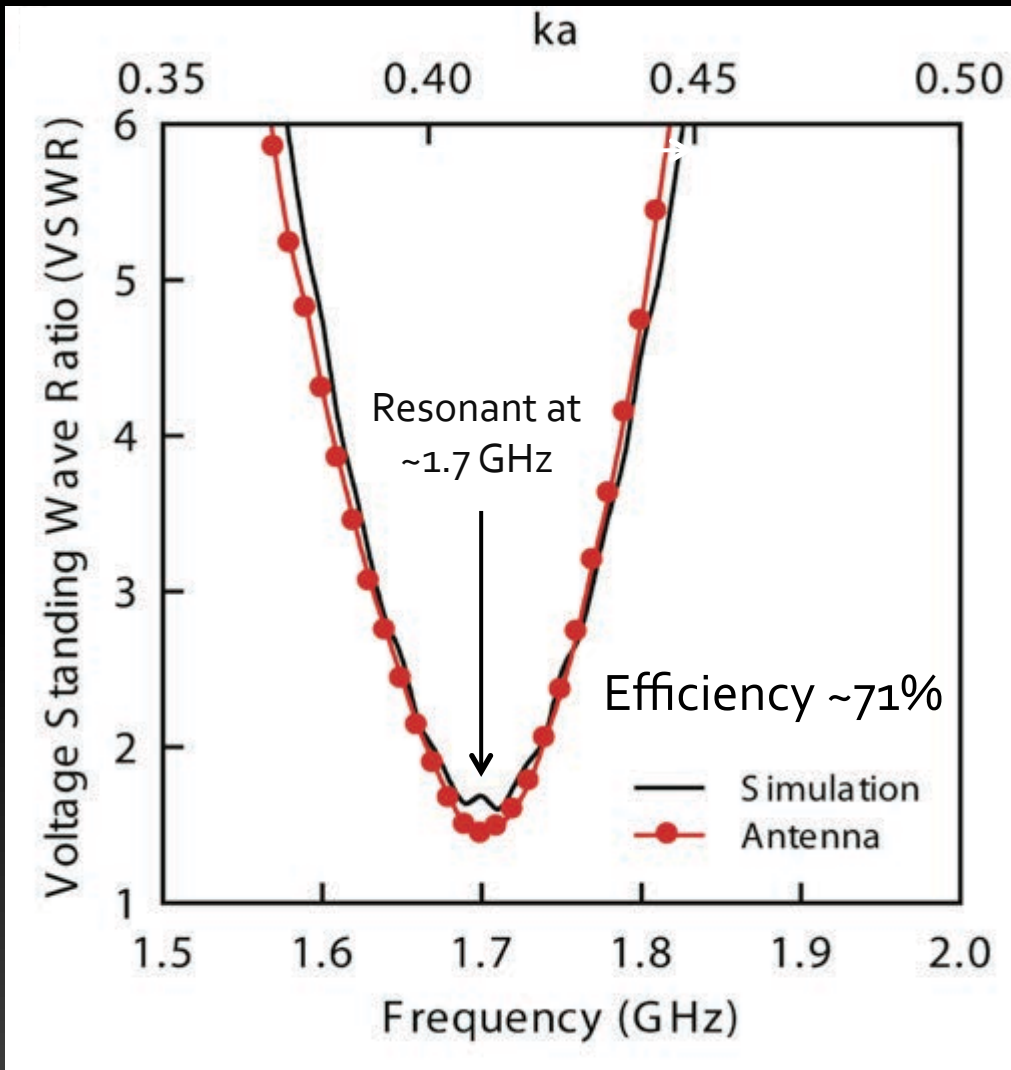
with Bernhard group (ECE @ Illinois)



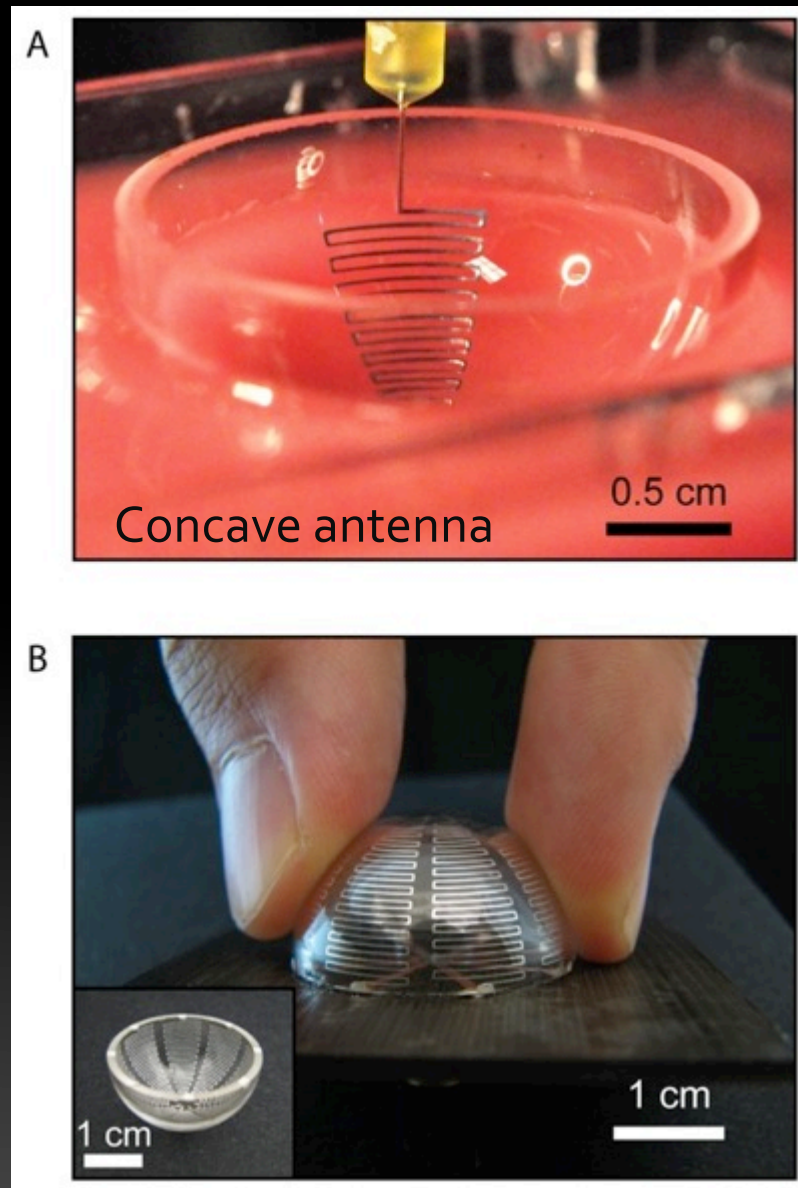
$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0}$$

$ka < 0.5$ indicates an electrically small antenna (ESA)
i.e., $a < \lambda_0/4\pi$

Performance characteristics

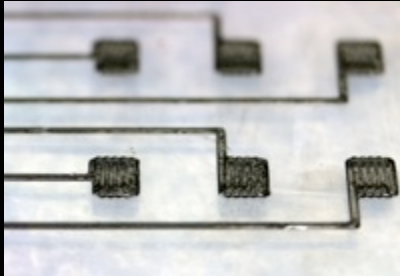


VSWR: a measure of signal reflected at component junctions
Ideally, VSWR = 1 (no reflected power, no mismatch loss)

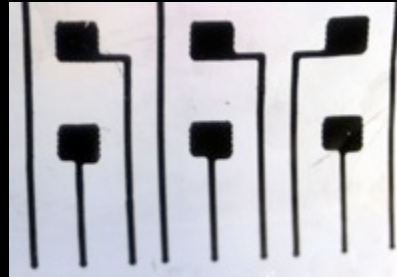


Embedded Electronics *(carbon ink printed in polymer matrix)*

400 μm
nozzle



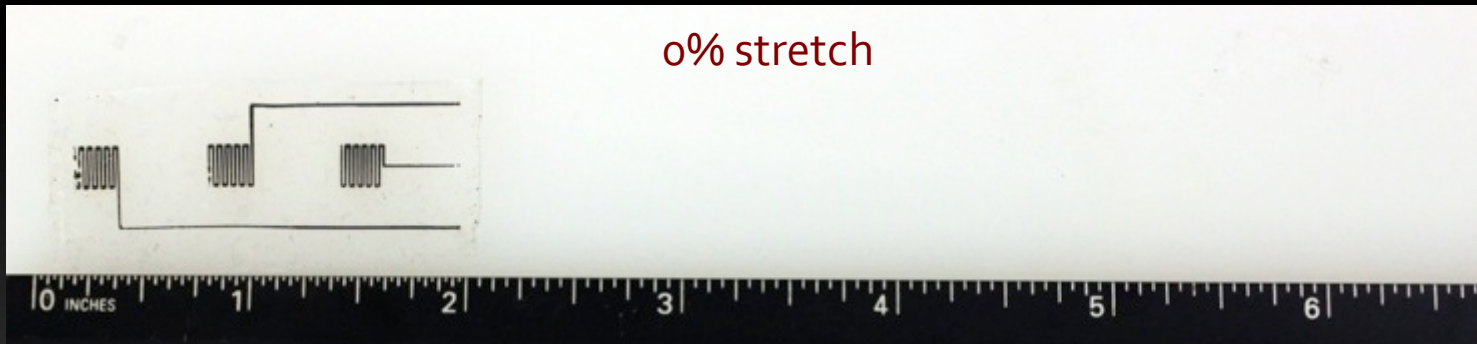
As printed



After encapsulation



200 μm
nozzle



Muth



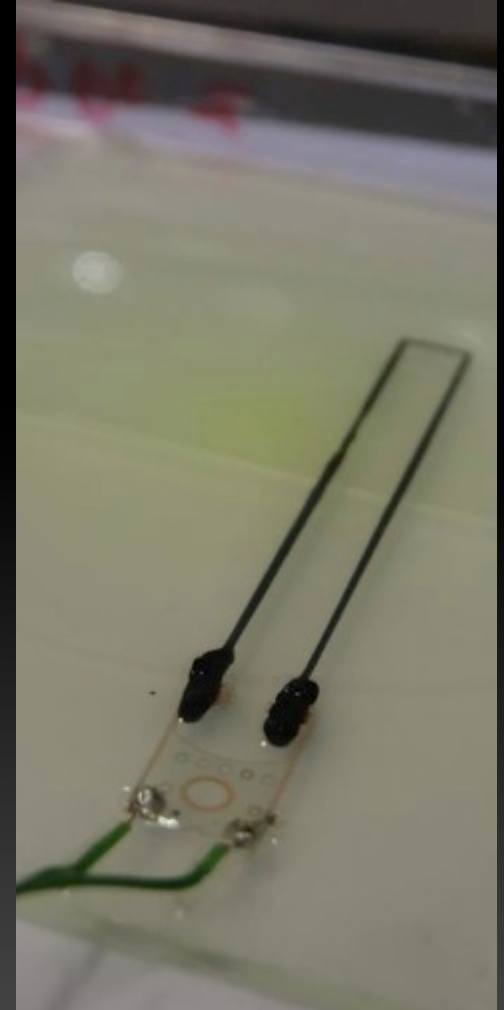
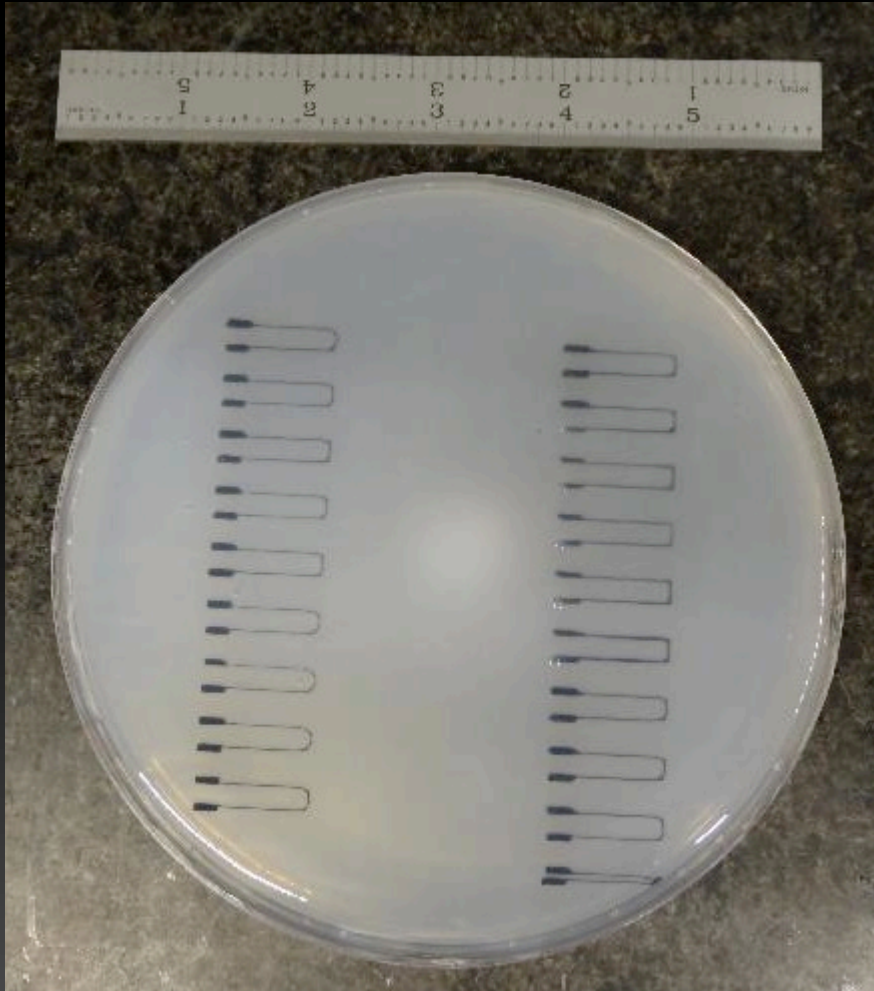
Kolesky

with the Wood group

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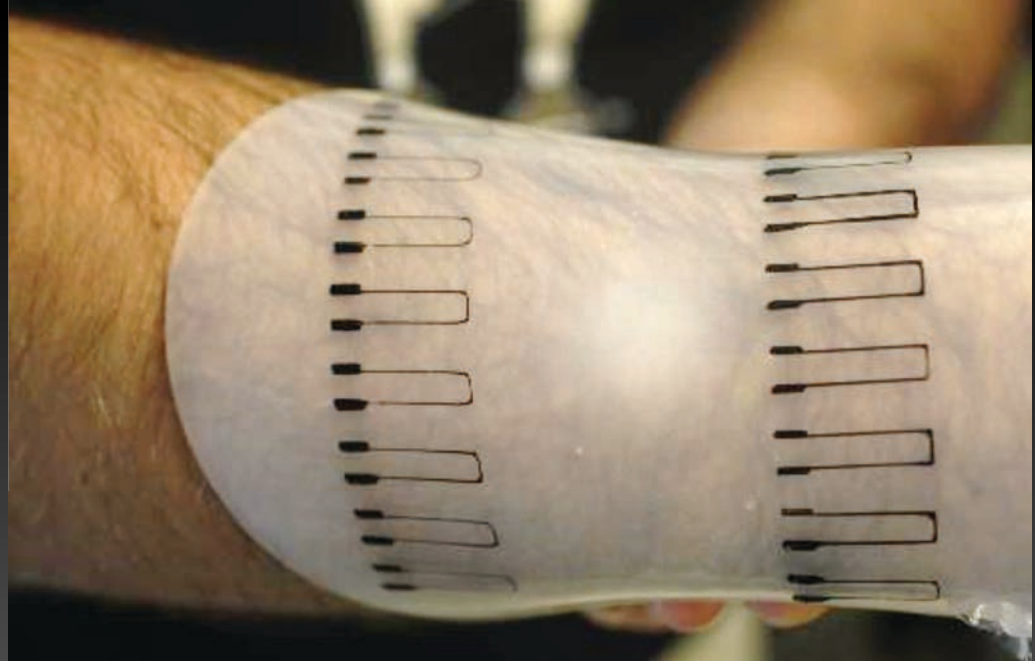
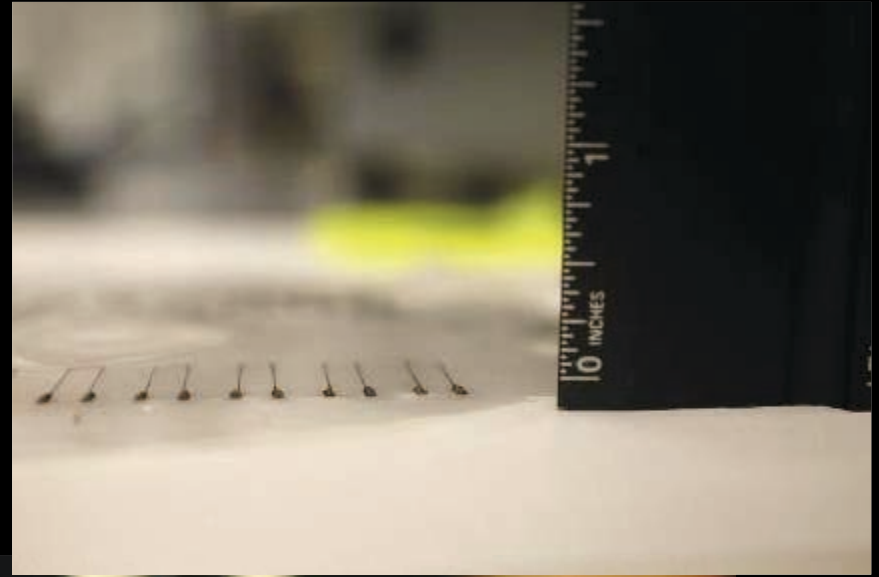
Strain Gage
Length = 20 mm

All printed
sequentially in
1mm thick
EcoFlex reservoir



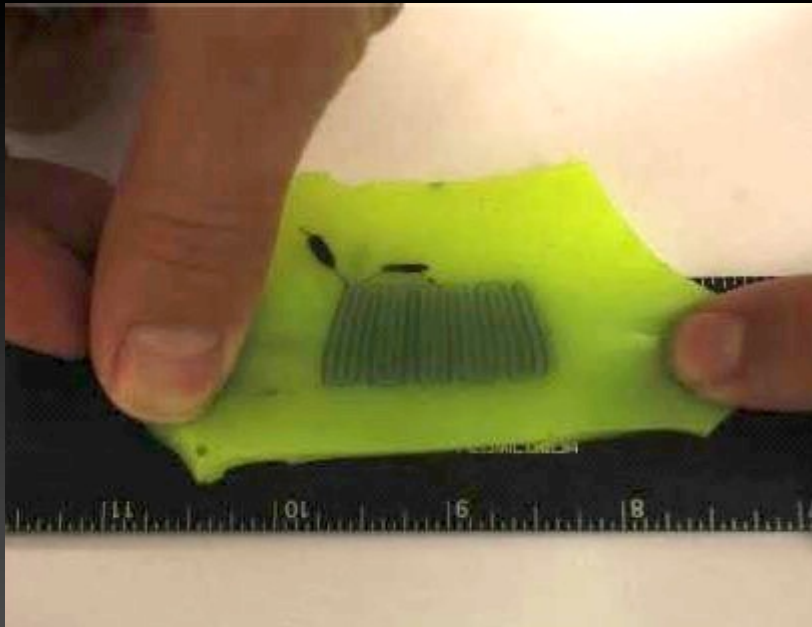
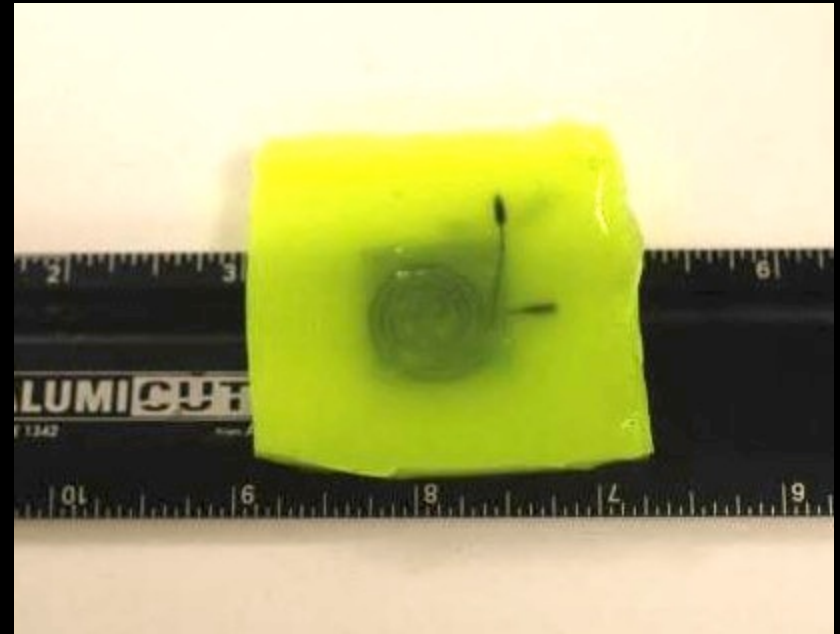
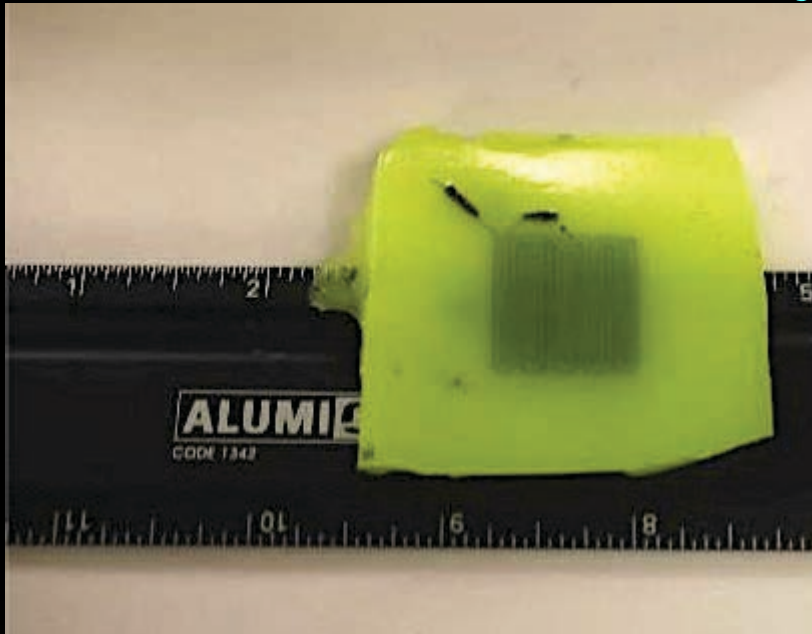
with the Wood group

3D Printed of Strain Gage Arrays



with the Wood group

Printed Three-Layer Stretchable Sensors



with the Wood group

Aim: Print Microbatteries w/ High Power & Energy Density

For autonomous devices that:

1. Harvest energy

- photovoltaic
- thermoelectric
- piezoelectric...

2. Store energy

- micro-batteries w/ high energy and power density

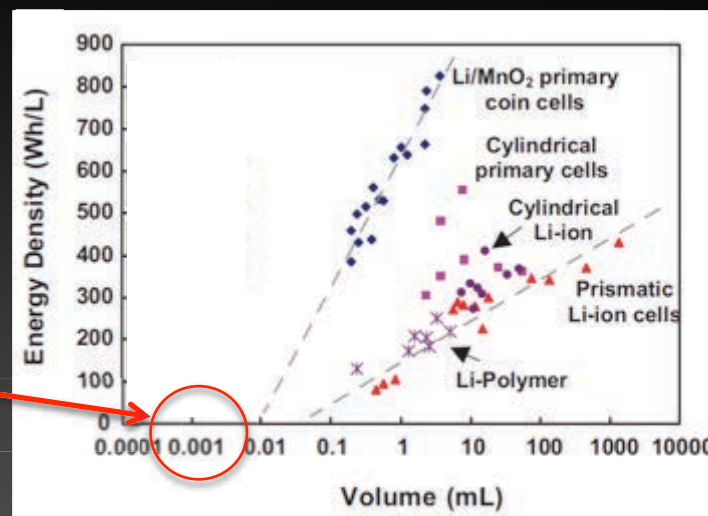
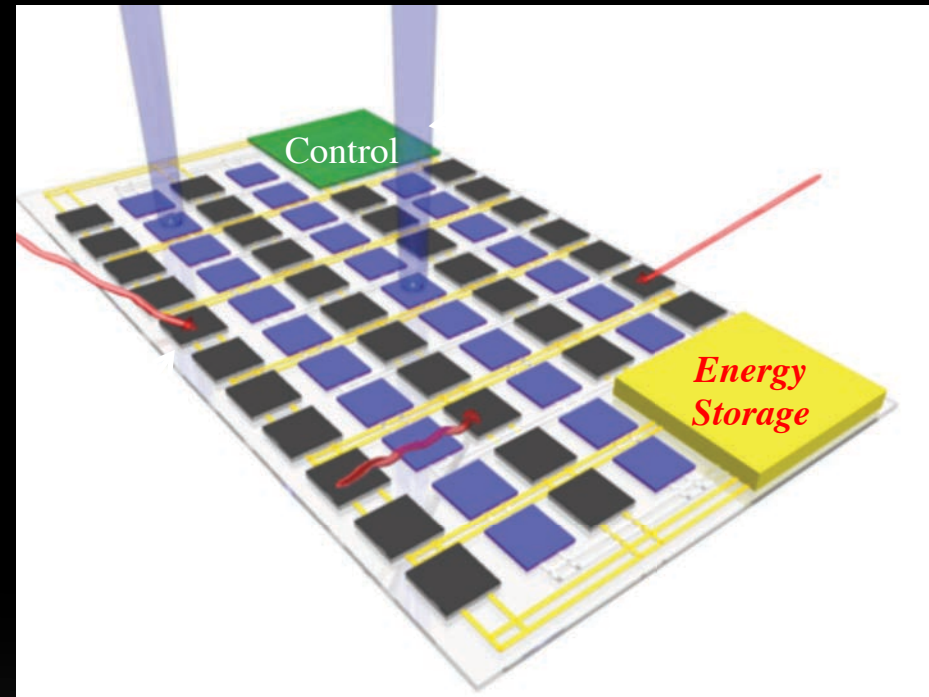
3. Perform function

- Mechanical
- Sensing
- RF

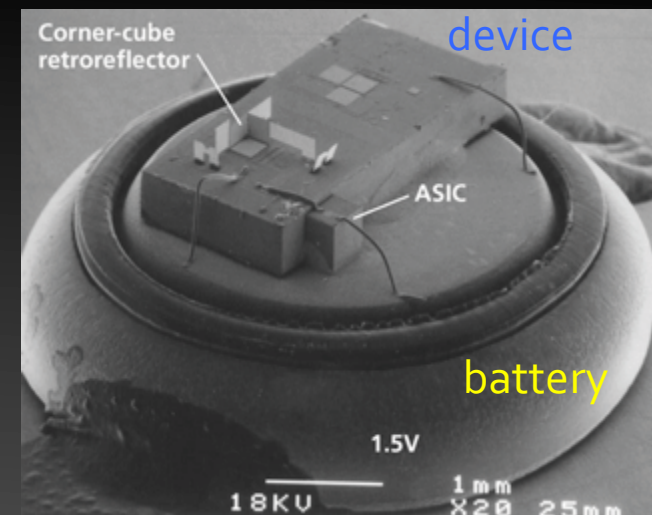
Our goal:

Print 1 mm³
3D microbatteries

i.e., size of a single
grain of sand (!)



Lai et al., Adv. Mater. 2010

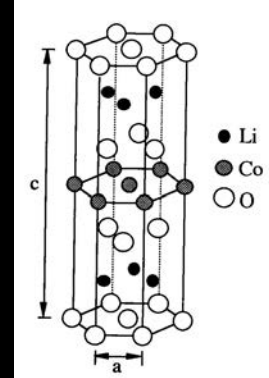


Warneke et al., Computer 2001

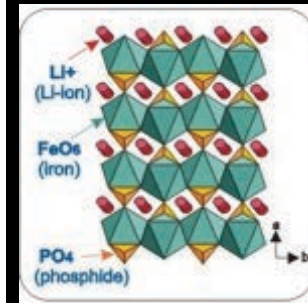
Key Factors Influencing Power & Energy Density

1. Materials Design

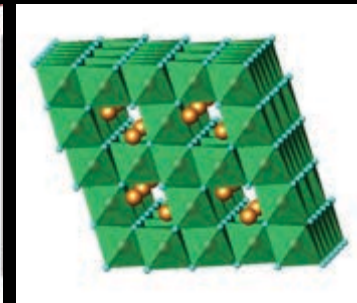
- High output voltage through design of the two half electrode reactions
- High ion diffusion coefficients (H^+ , Li^+ in host materials)
- New light-weight host materials
- Fast reaction kinetics



$LiCoO_2$



$LiFePO_4$



$LiMn_2O_4$

2. Structure Design

- 3D electrode architecture
- Large surface area
- Thin film of active materials

REDUCE TRANSPORT LENGTHS

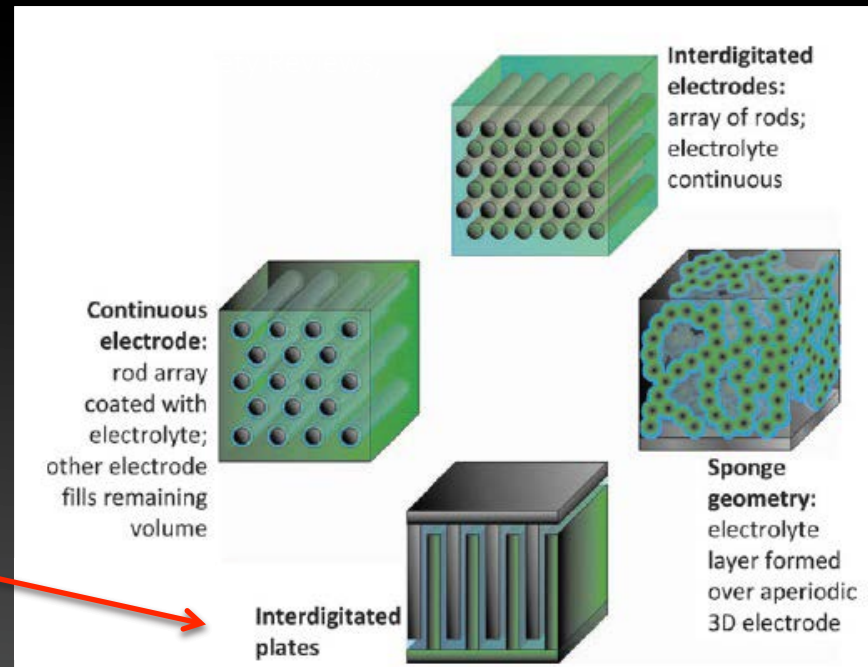


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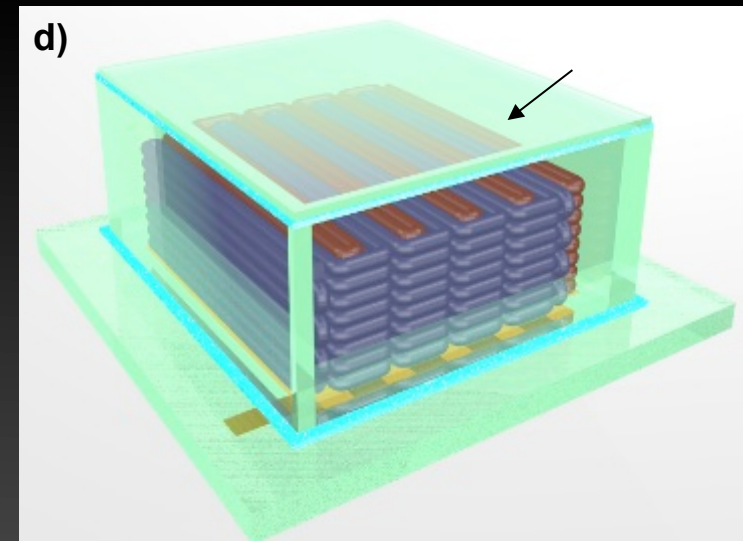
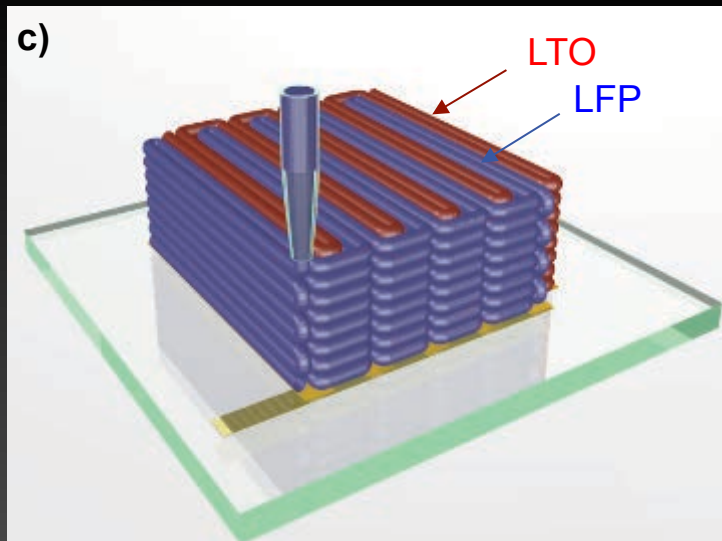
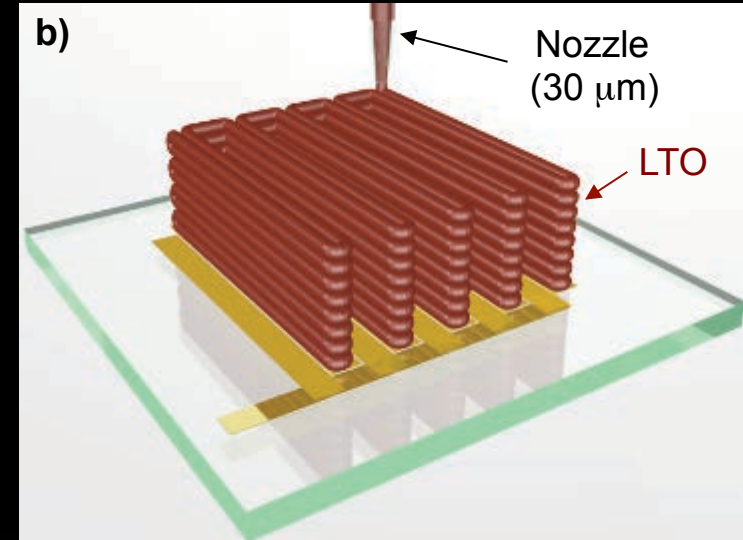
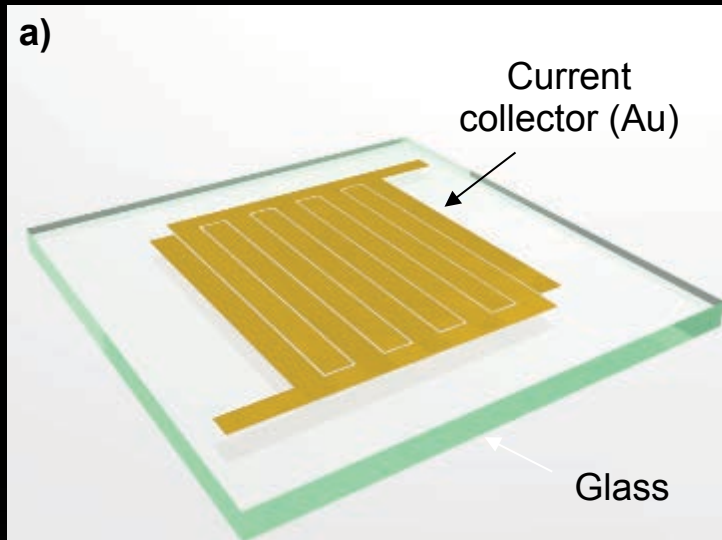


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Our Focus:
3D interdigitated
microbatteries



Printing 3D Interdigitated Microbatteries

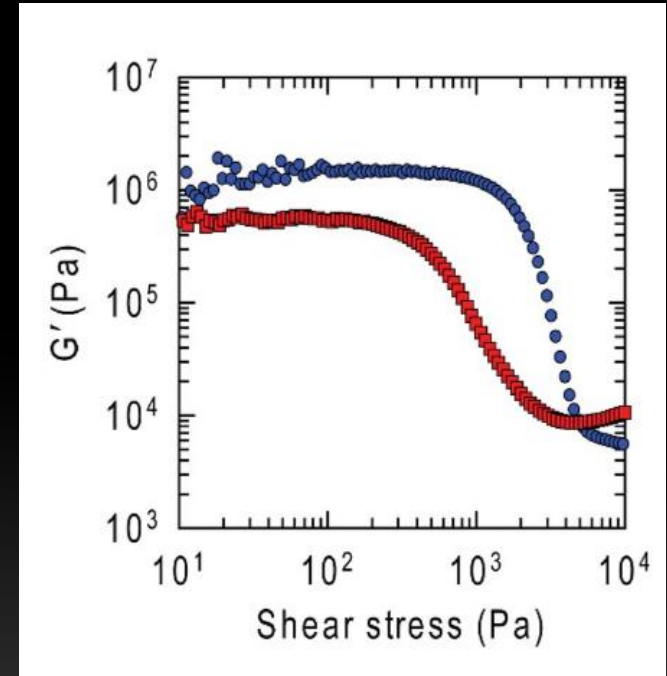
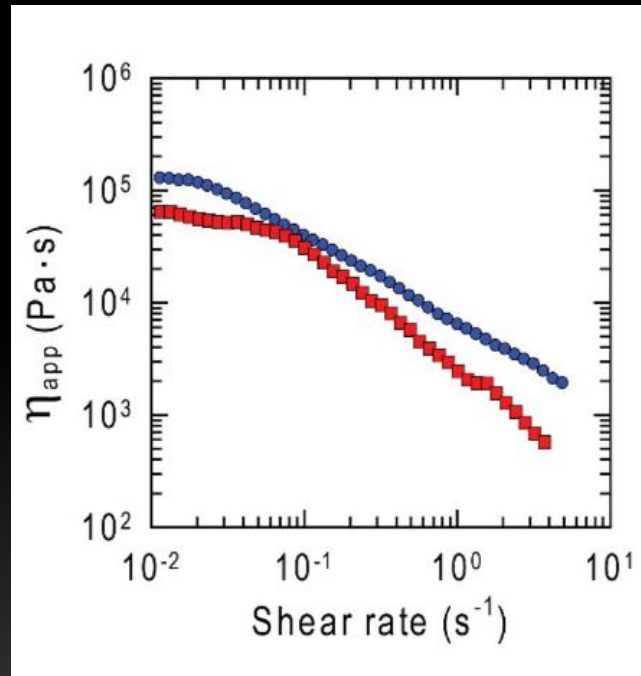


Ink Viscosity and Elastic Modulus

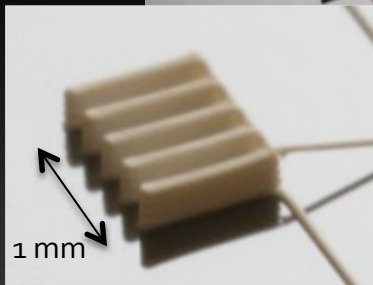
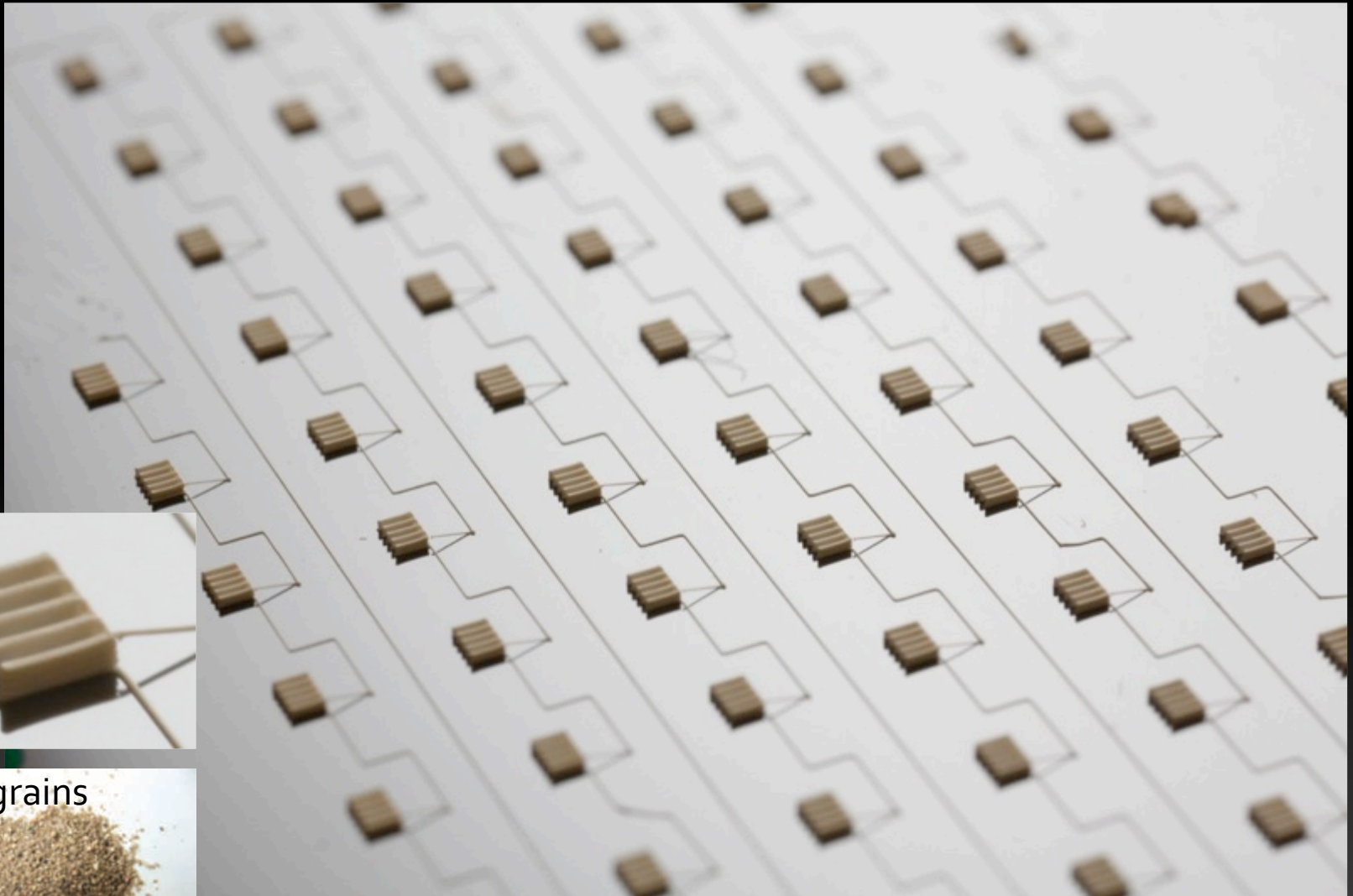
LFP ink (cathode)



LTO ink (anode)

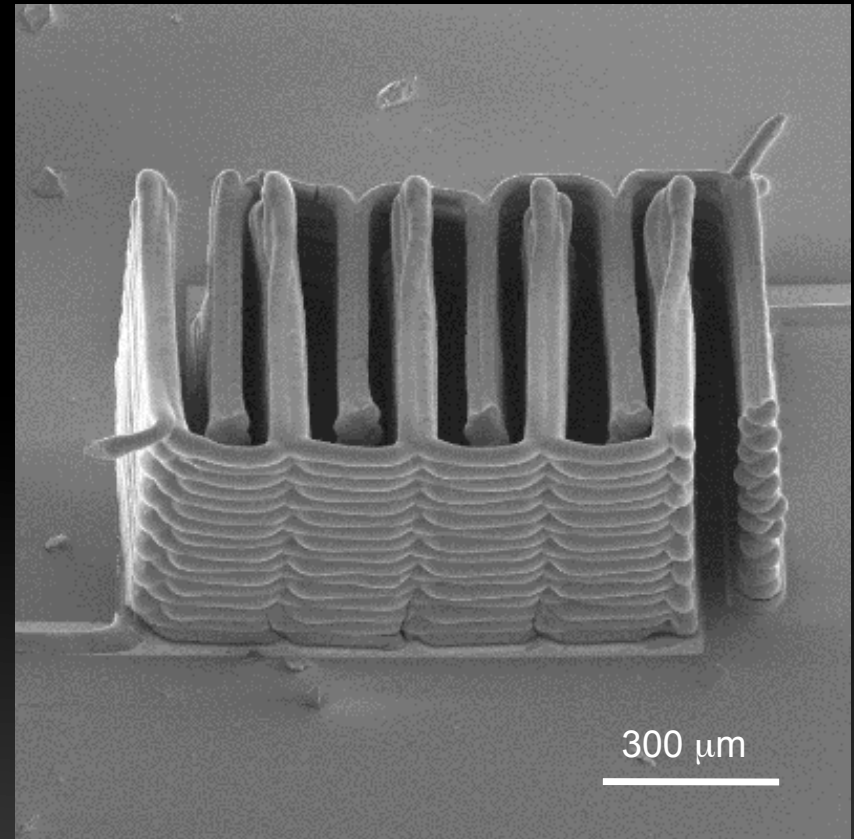
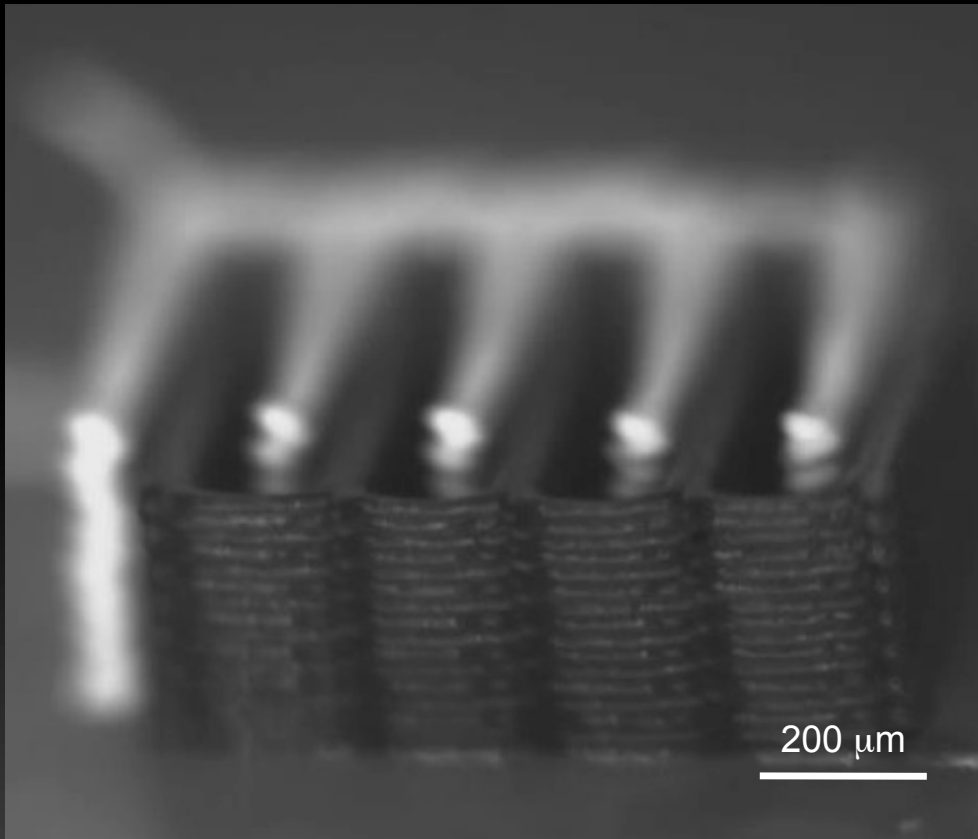


Printing High Aspect Ratio Structures

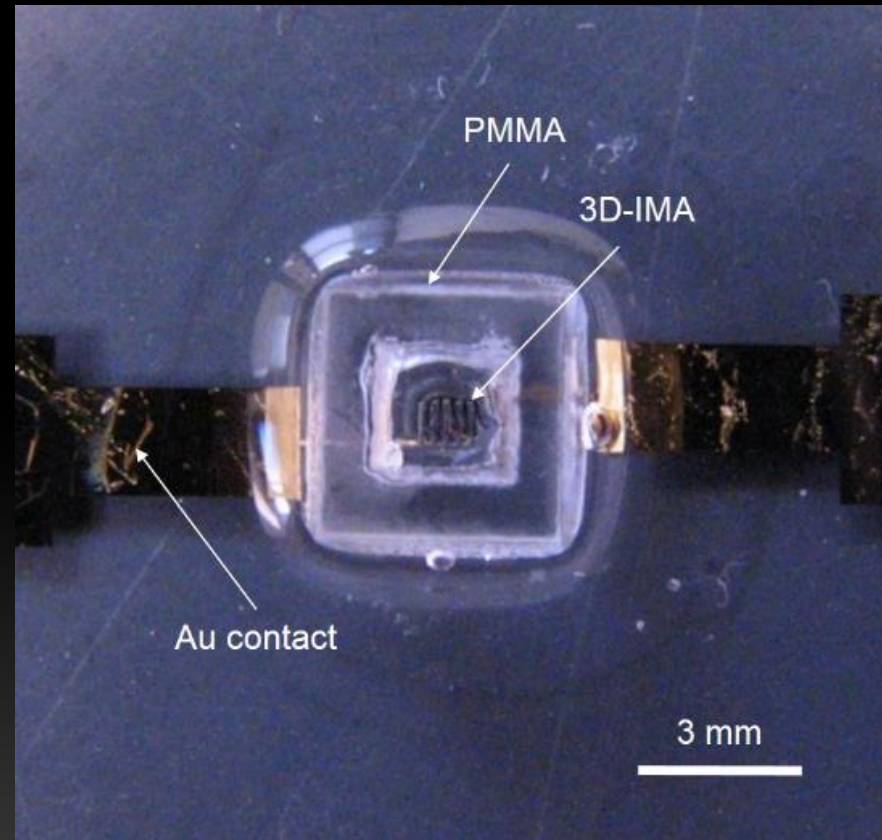
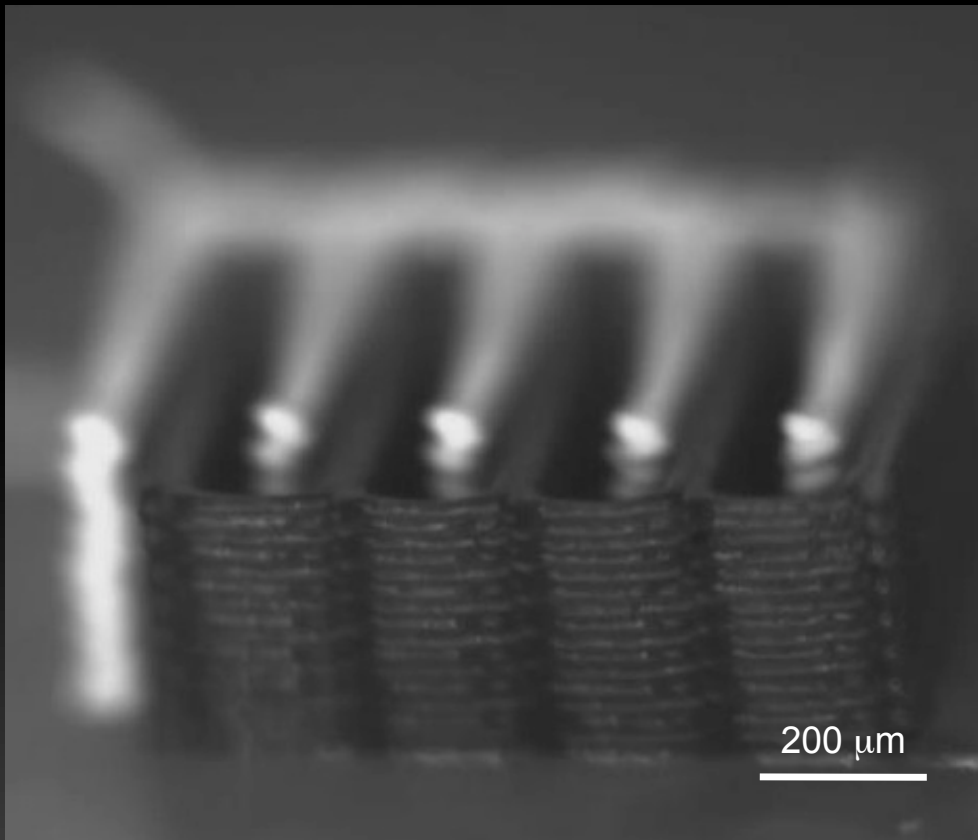


- each microbattery equivalent in size to a single grain of sand

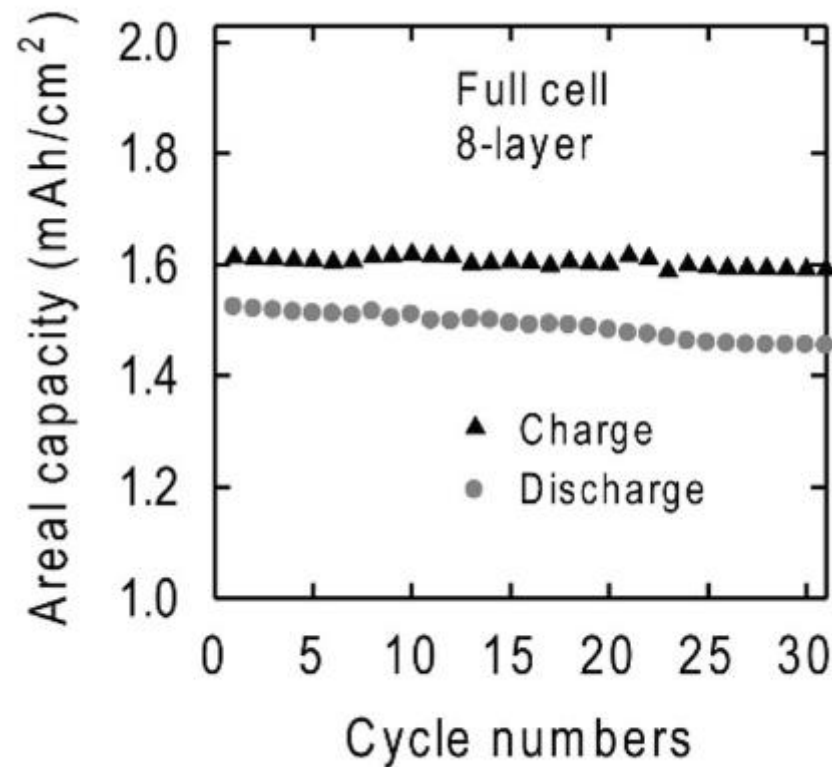
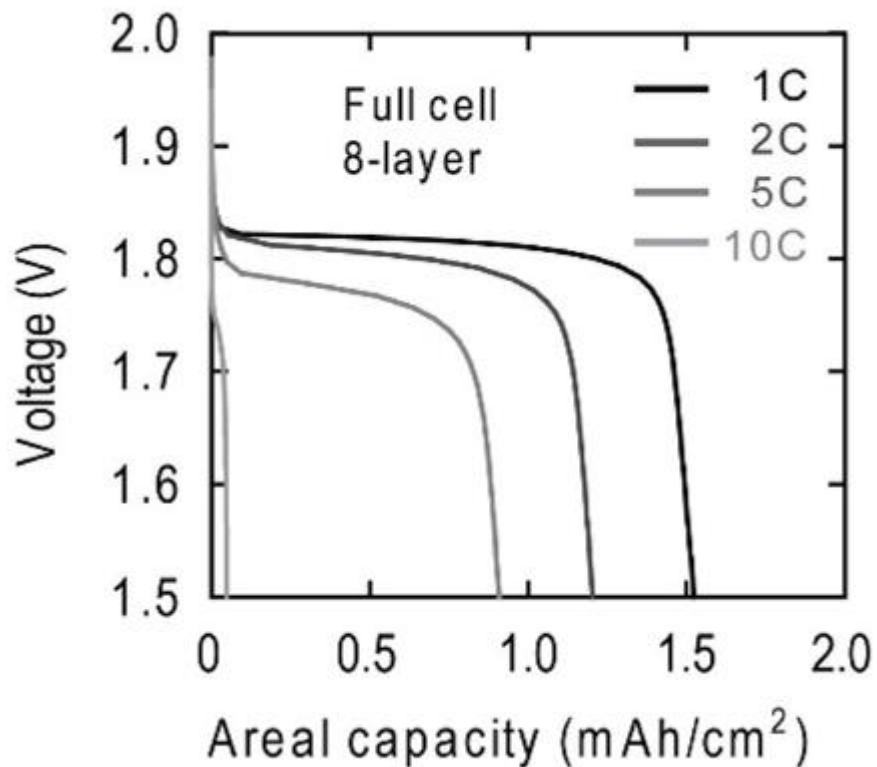
Printed 3D Interdigitated Microbattery



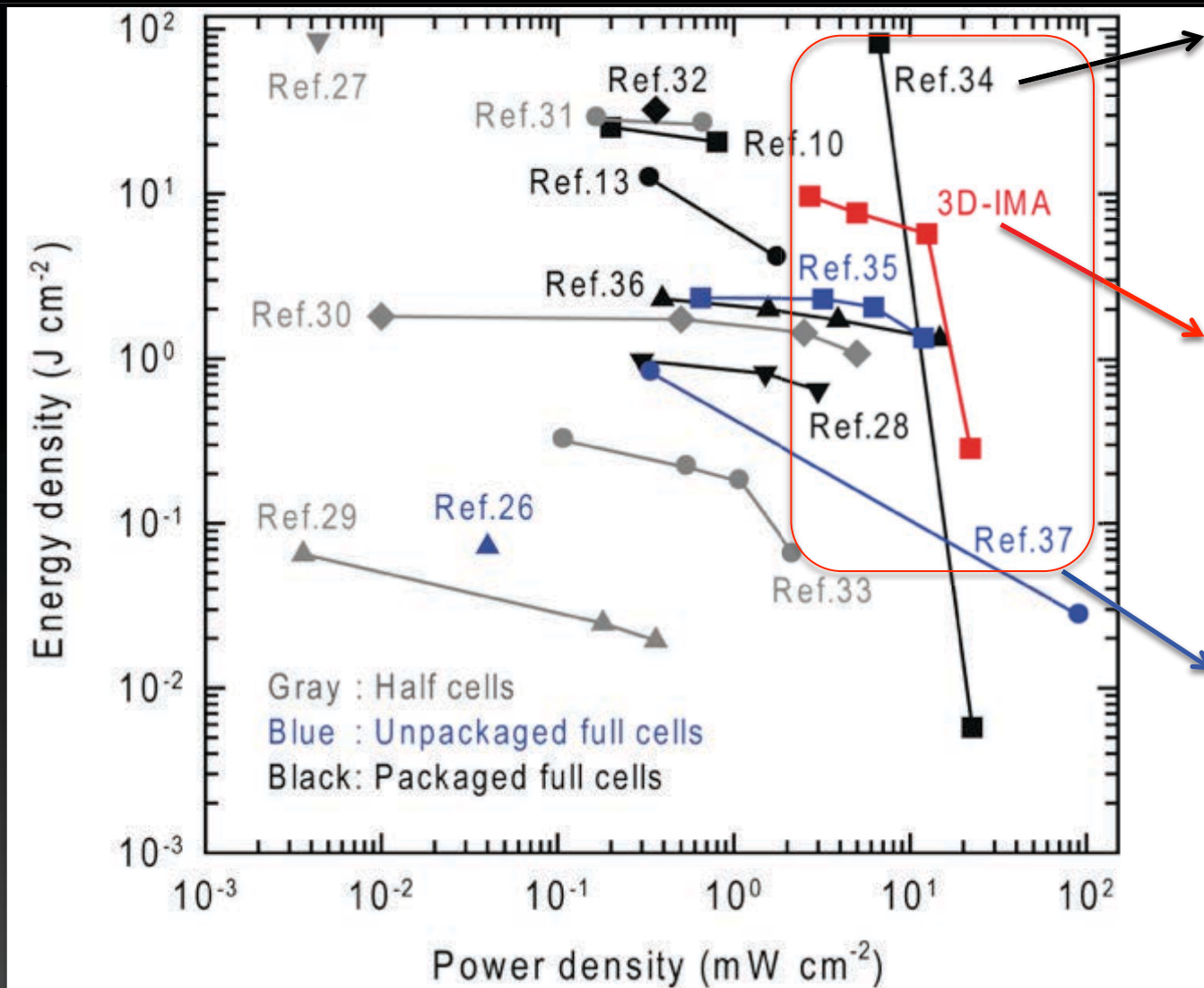
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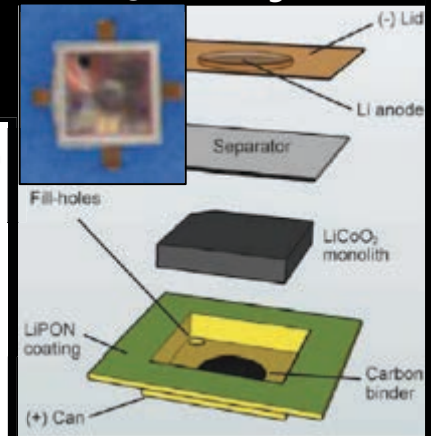
LFP-LTO Full Cell Properties



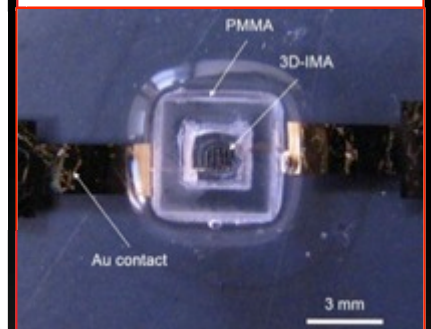
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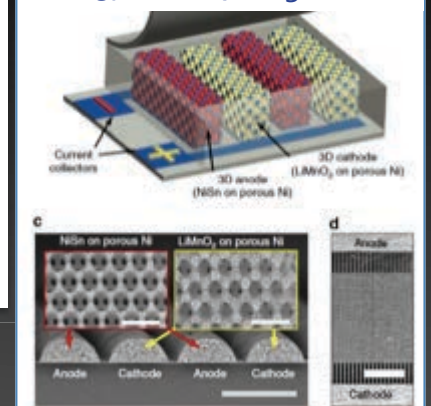
Ref 34: Chiang (MIT)



3D-IMA (Lewis, Dillon)

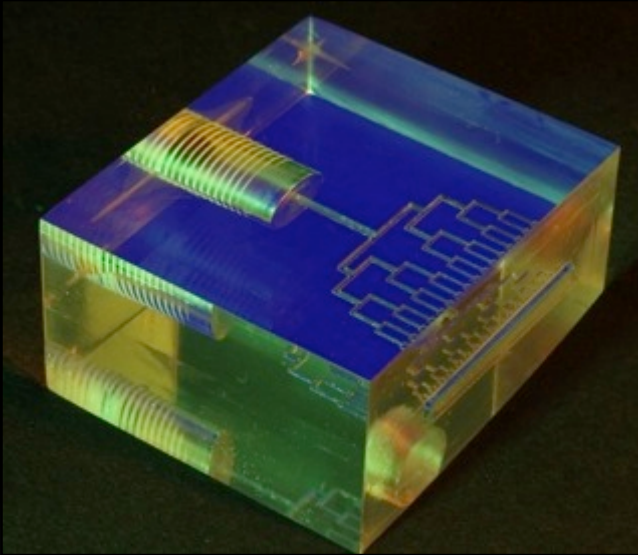


Ref 37: Braun, King (UIUC)



areal densities | 1st gen printed batteries exhibit exceptional performance!

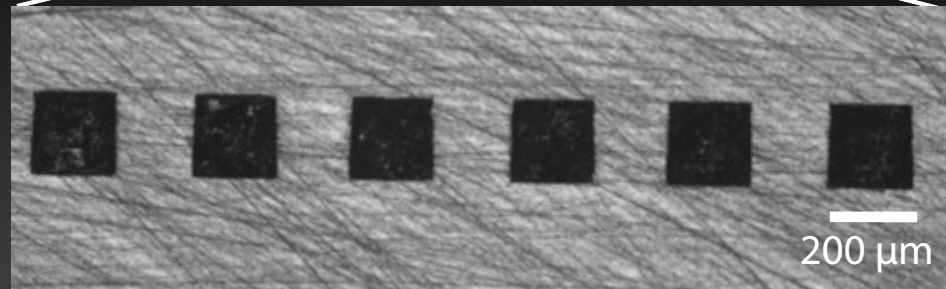
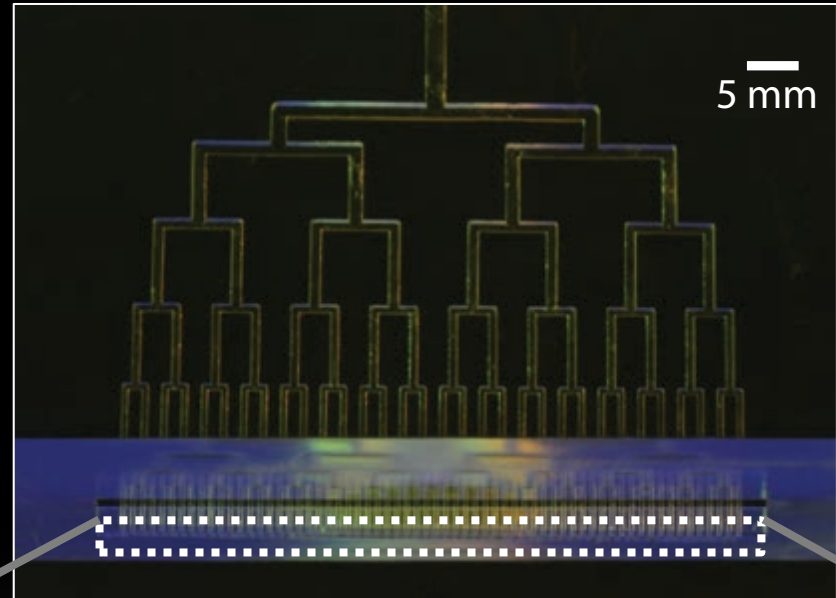
High throughput 3D printing



Multinozzle design based on Murray's law:

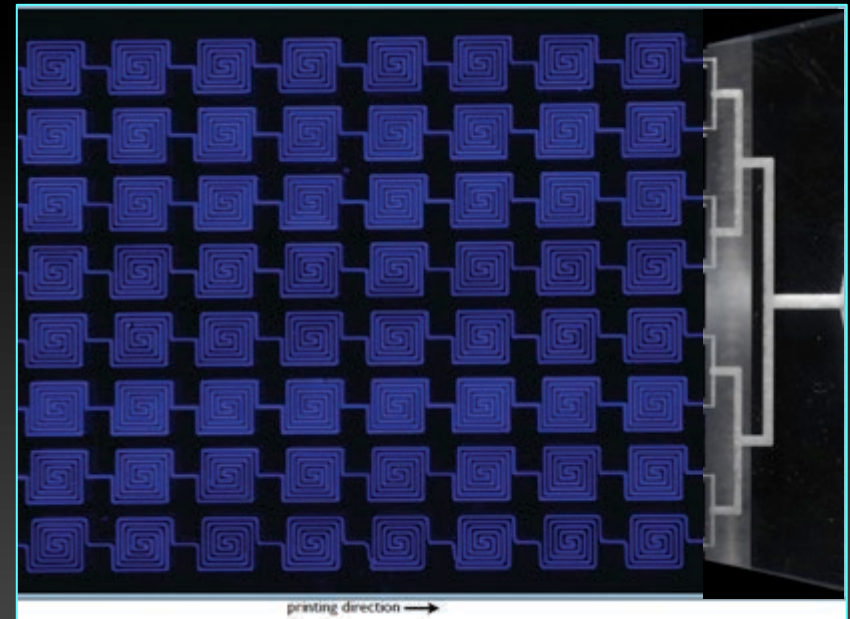
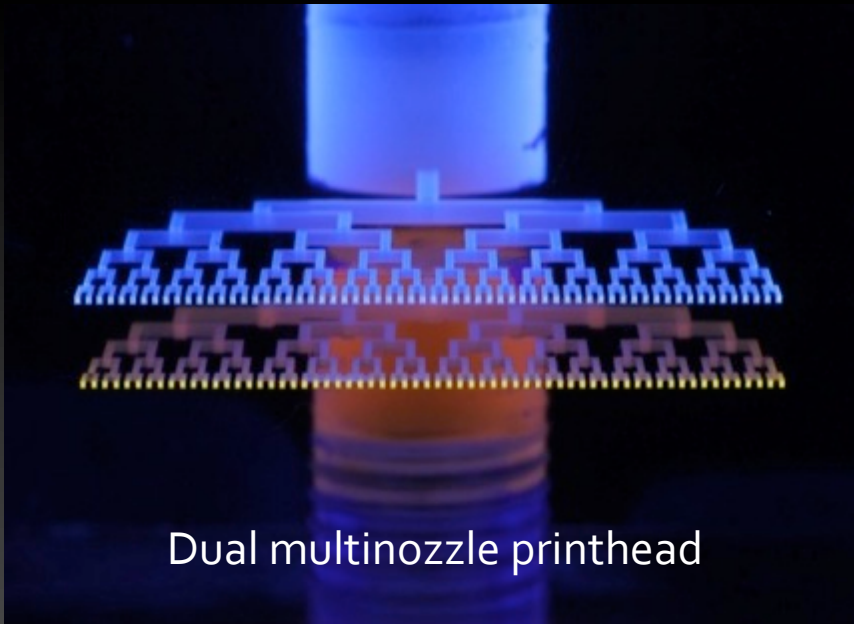
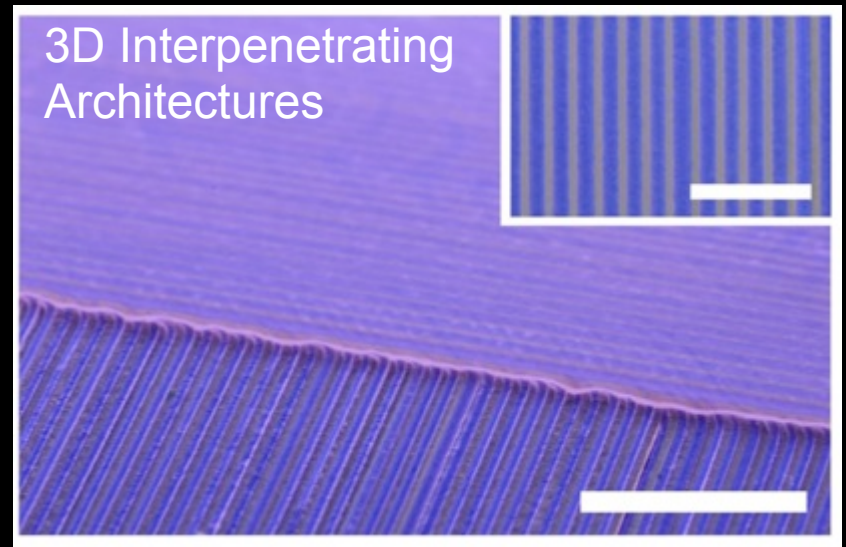
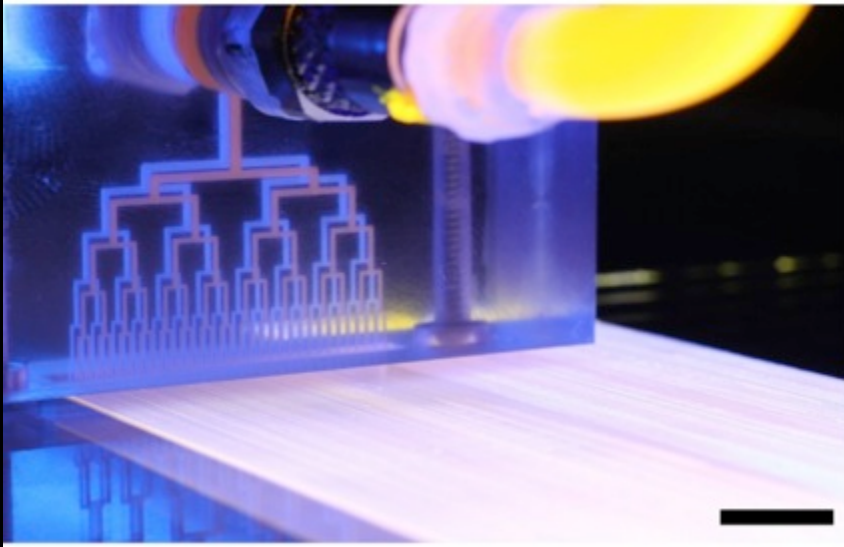
$$r_{parent}^3 = \sum r_{branch_generation}^3$$

Hierarchical branching network
Created by CNC milling



All 64 nozzles are $205 \pm 3 \mu\text{m}$ on a side

High throughput printing of 3D architectures

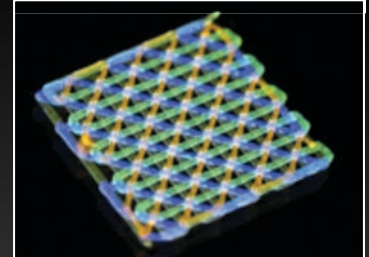
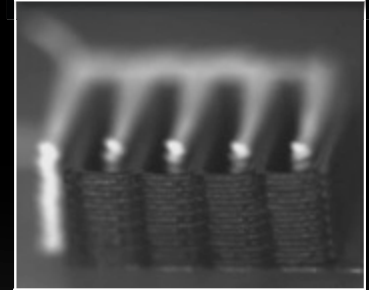
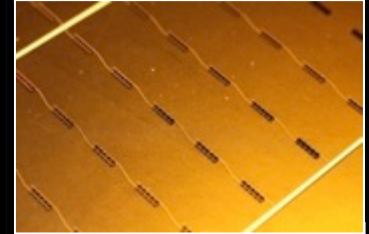
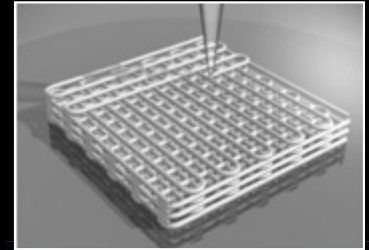


Large-area (1 m²) 3D structures printed in minutes using multinozzle printheads

Summary

- Created model and functional inks with controlled flow behavior
- Printed flexible electronics, photovoltaics, and sensors from conductive inks
- Printed 3D Li-ion microbatteries
- Implemented new multimaterial 3D printing
- Designed and implemented microvascular nozzle arrays for high throughput printing

expediting transformation from rapid prototyping
to manufacturing of advanced materials



Thank you!

