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Scott Summit, co-founder of Bespoke Innovations, with a prosthetic limb.

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The company is using advances in a technology known as 3-D printing to create prosthetic limb casings wrapped in embroidered leather, shimmering metal or whatever else someone might want.

Scott Summit, a co-founder of [Bespoke](#), and his partner, an orthopedic surgeon, are set to open a studio this fall where they will sell the limb coverings and experiment with printing entire customized limbs that could cost a tenth of comparable artificial limbs made using traditional methods. And they will be dishwasher-safe, too.

Stratasys 3D Printer: Fused deposition modeling of molten ink filaments



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Urbee car

Z-Corp 3D Printer: Inkjet printing on powder bed



Several advances needed for 3-D 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...”

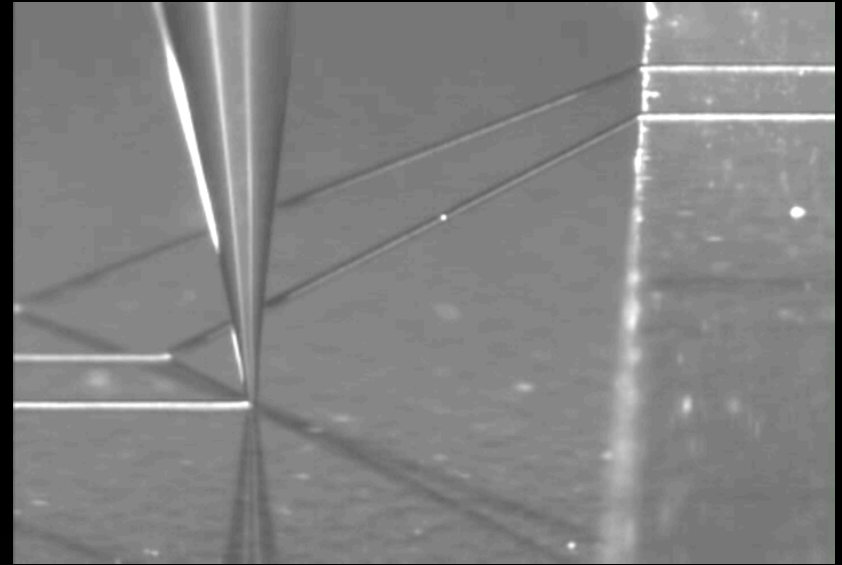
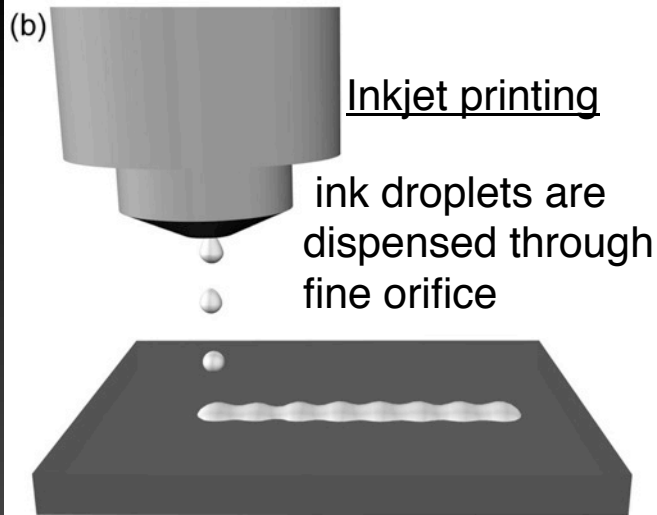
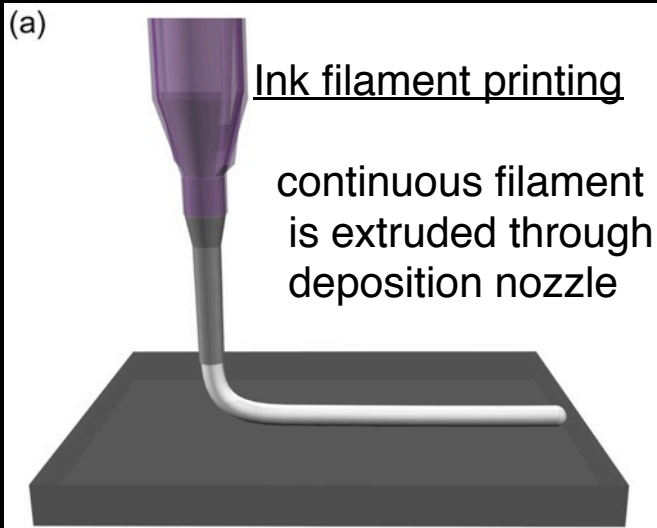
“... rapidly growing market, \$1 B sales...
about 70% of market is prototyping”

OUR FOCUS

- Create functional inks
- Broaden materials palette
- Improve feature resolution by 100x
- Print and fold - architectural complexity
- Enhance throughput by ~ 100x

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

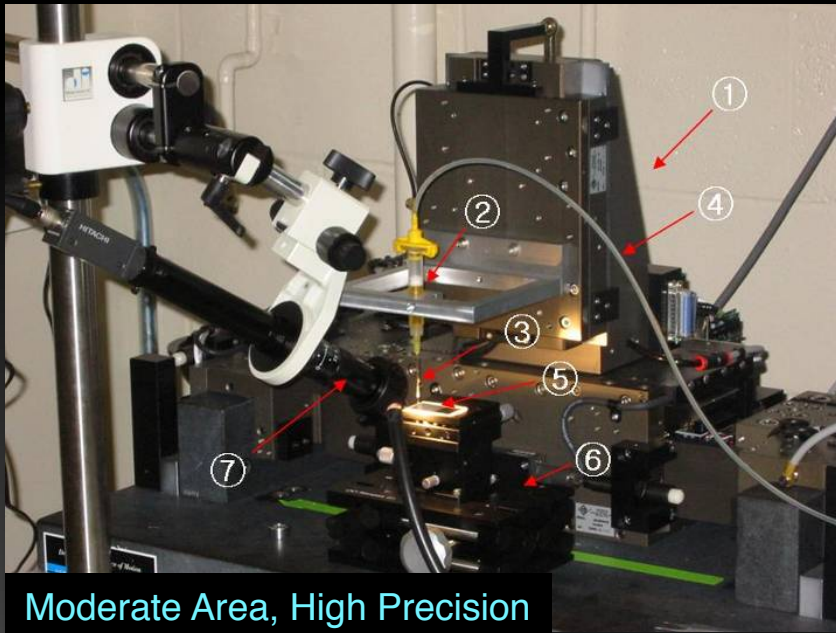
Ink filament vs. droplet printing



Custom stages designed for 3-D printing

3-axis, motion-controlled stages

- x-y-z translation distances, speeds, and positional accuracy
- constant pressure vs. displacement
- rotational axis
- pattern flexibility/control
- customized software



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

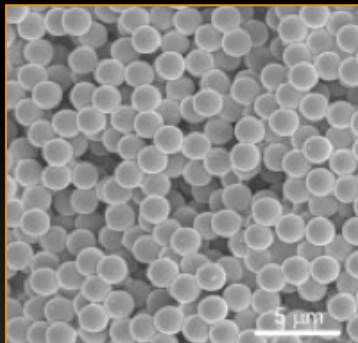
$1 \text{ m}^2 \times 10 \text{ cm} \pm 5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
 $V = 1 - 1000 \text{ mm/s}$

Custom inks designed for 3-D printing

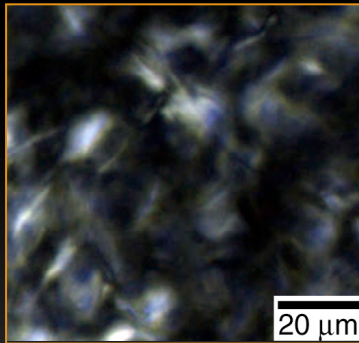
Ink design and deposition

- 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

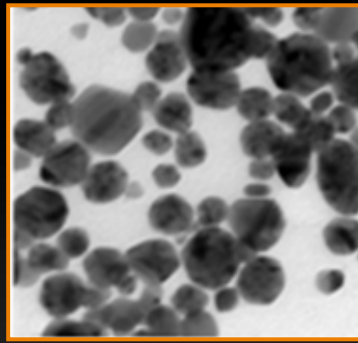
colloidal inks



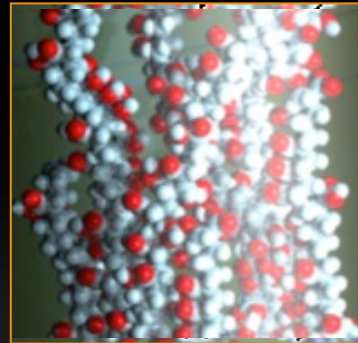
fugitive inks



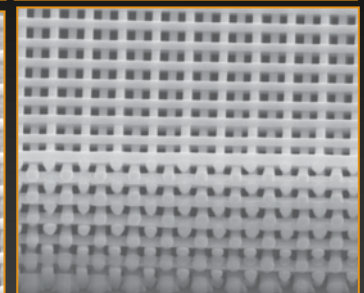
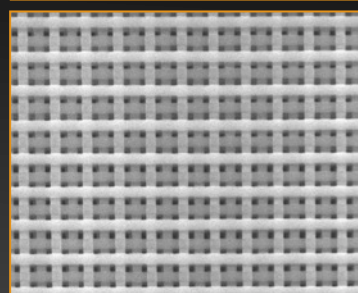
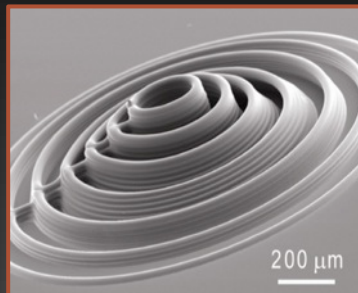
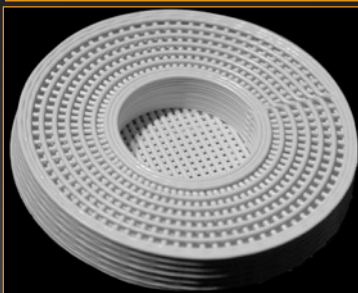
nanoparticle inks



polyelectrolyte inks



sol-gel inks

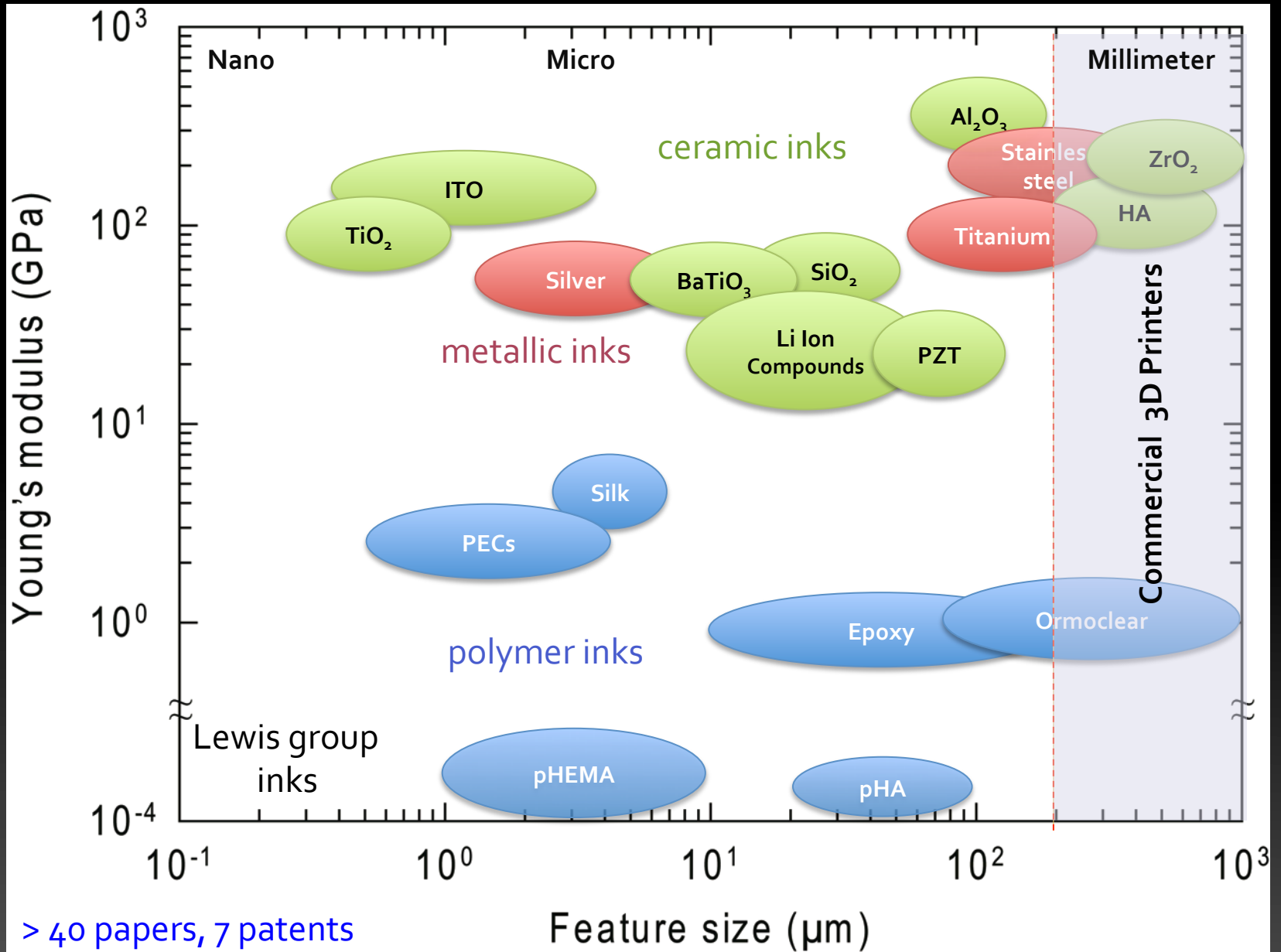


250 μm

decreasing feature size

250 nm

We have printed multiple materials



> 40 papers, 7 patents

We have demonstrated several applications

Applications

Electrical:

- Flexible electronics
- Transparent conductive surfaces
- Solar metallization
- 3D antennas

Sensors:

- PZT arrays
- Gas sensors

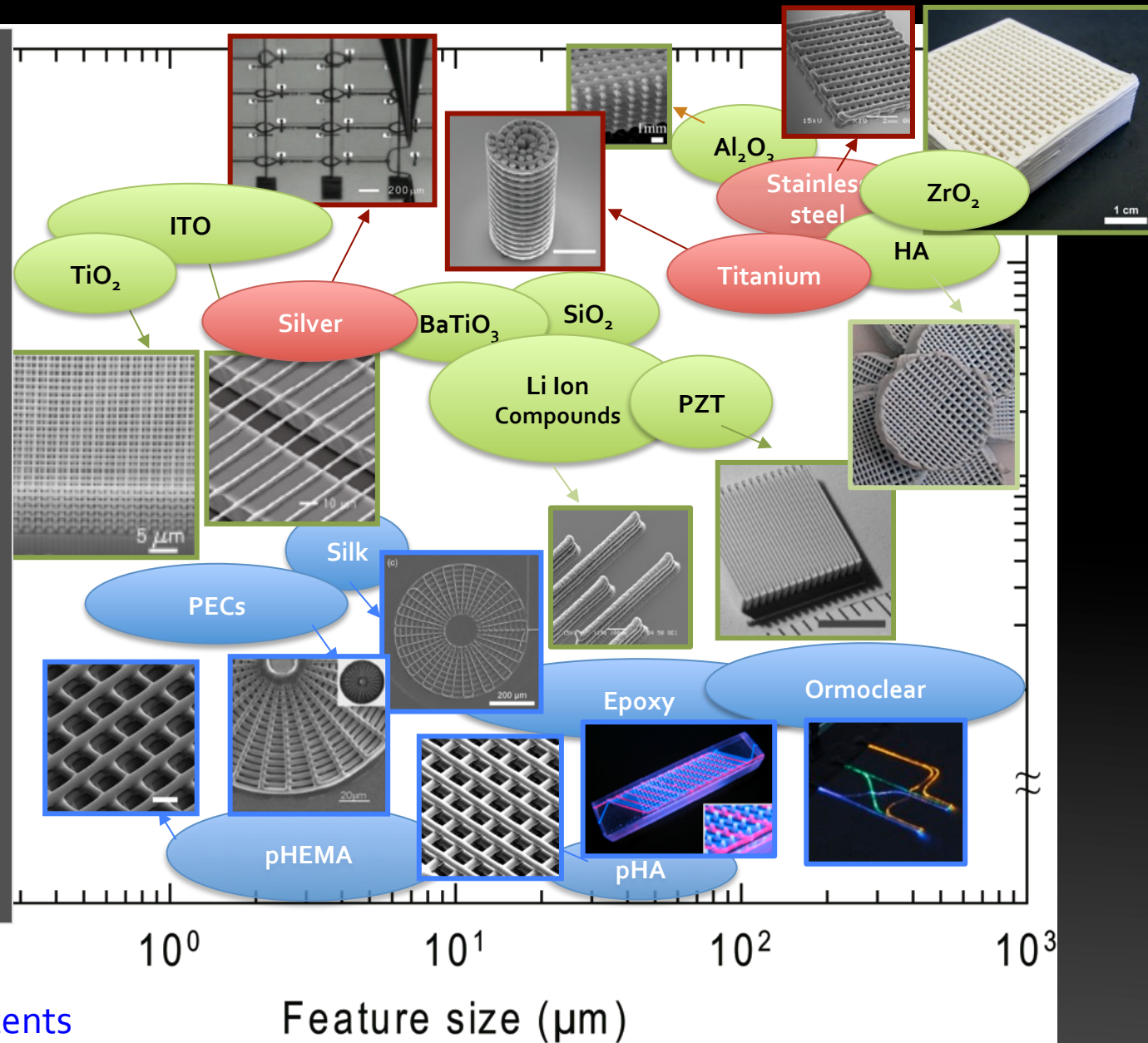
Structural:

- Lightweight structures
- Self-healing polymers
- Molten metal filters
- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Al}$ composites

Optical:

- PBG structures
- Polymer waveguides

and tissue scaffolds...



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Feature size (μm)

Silver inks for flexible electronics

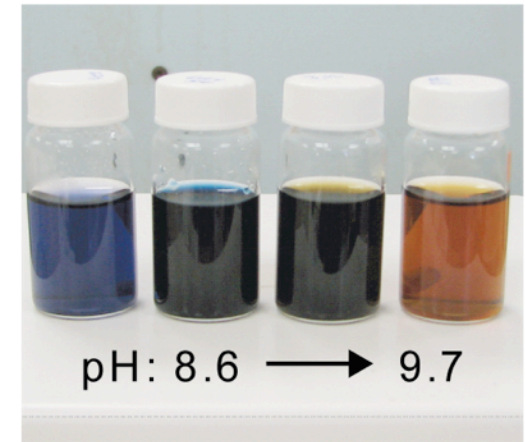
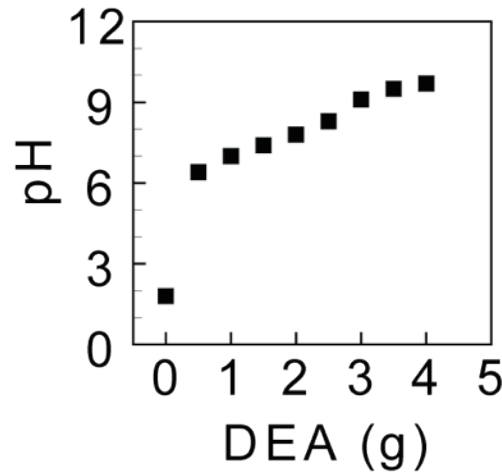
Starting Materials

Silver source : AgNO_3

Stabilizer : Poly(acrylic acid), PAA

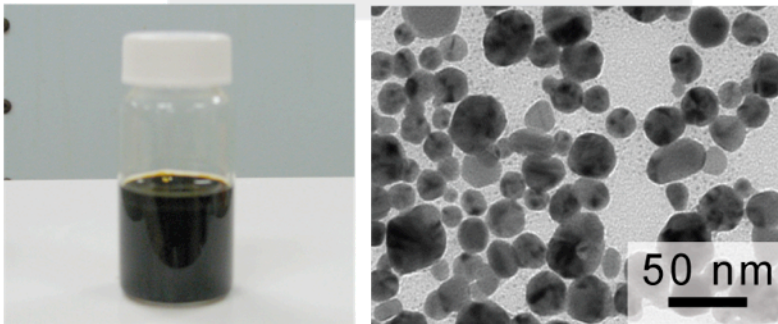
Reductant : Diethanolamine, DEA

Solvent : Deionized H_2O



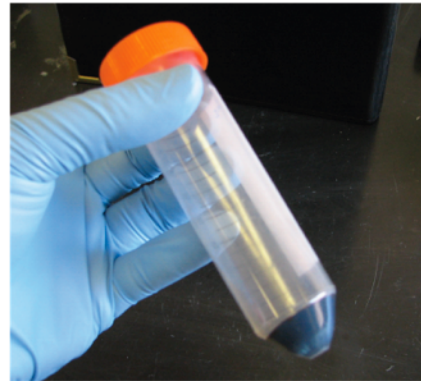
Particle Growth

Sonication (60 °C, ~2 h)



20 nm average, 5 – 50 nm distribution

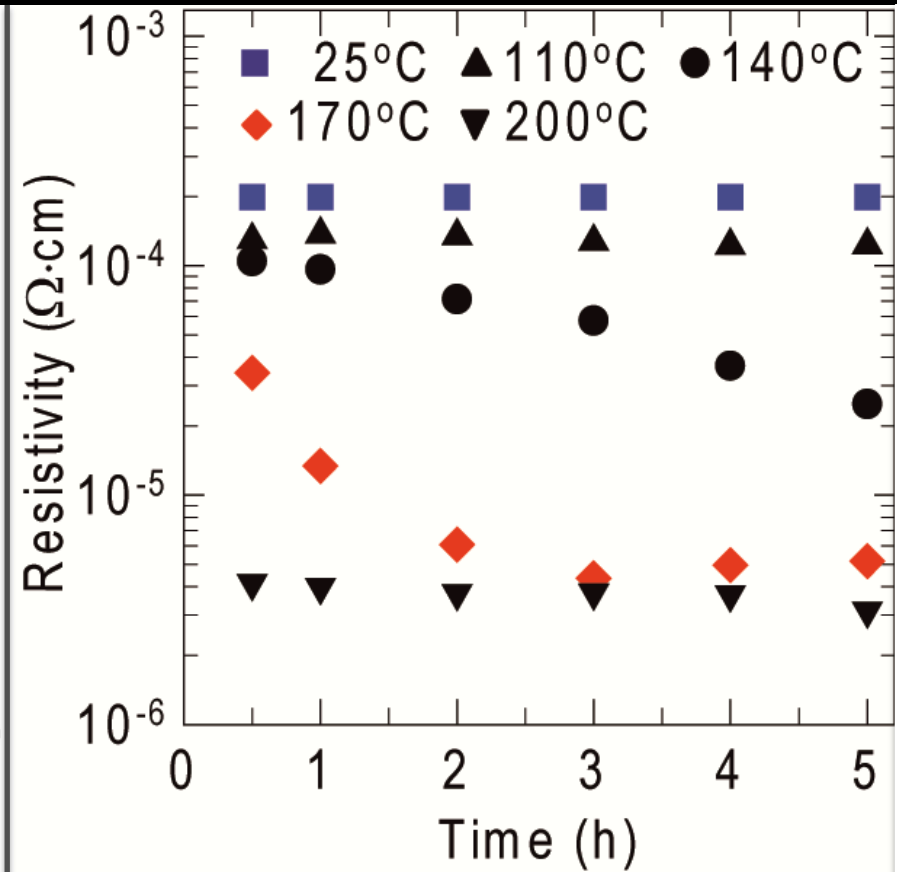
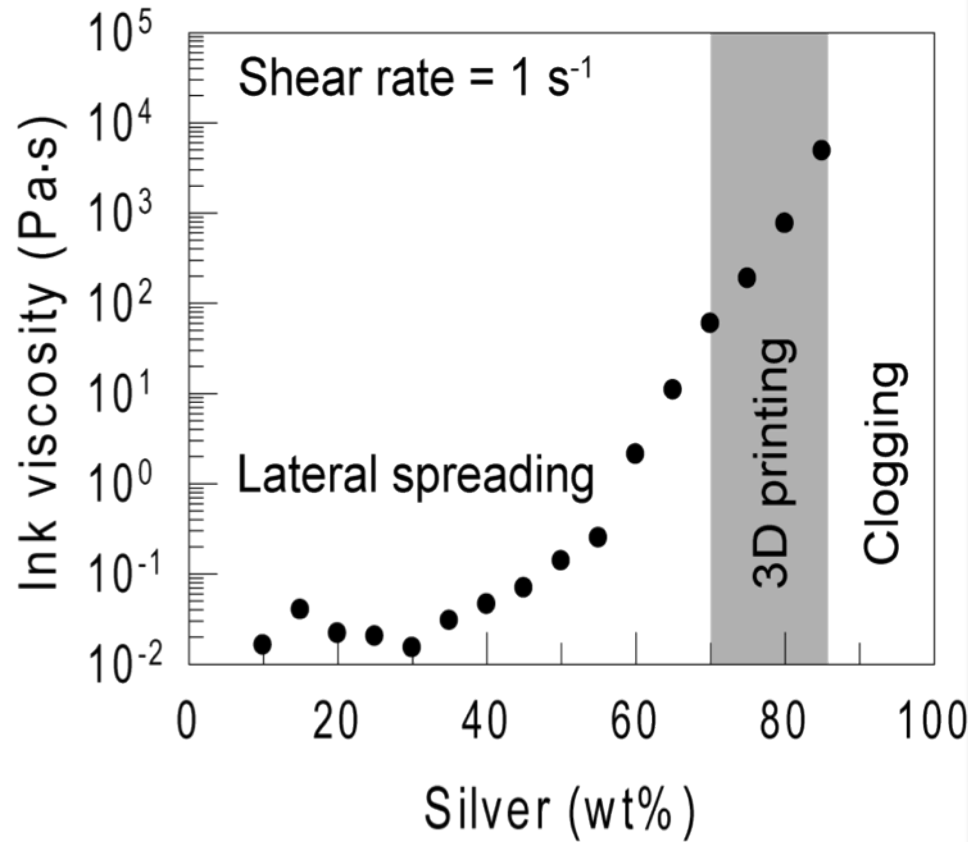
Phase Separation Centrifugation



Homogenization Add Humectant



Silver inks for flexible electronics



Silver inks are highly conductive as-printed

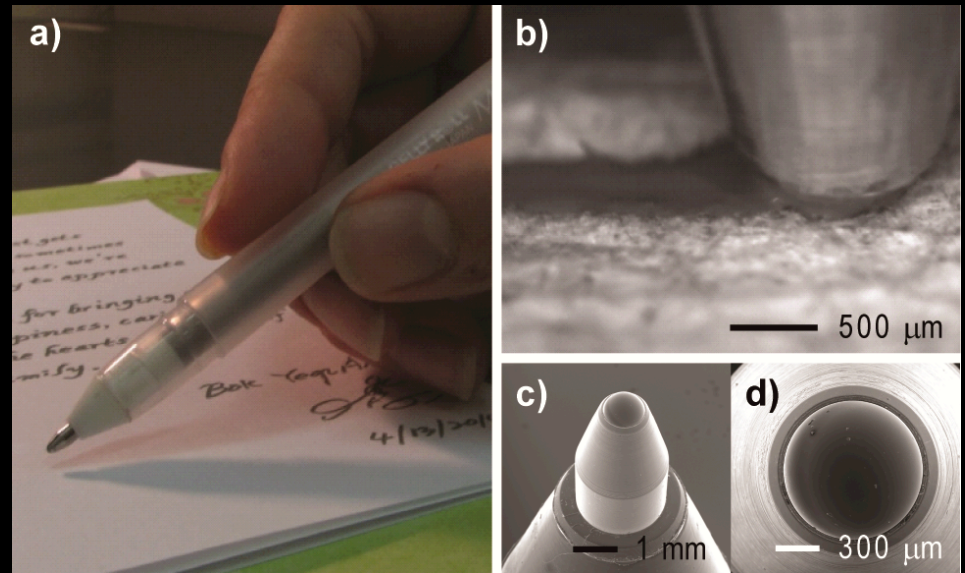
Pen-on-Paper flexible electronics

Fill rollerball pen with
conductive silver ink

Print silver electrodes
on paper

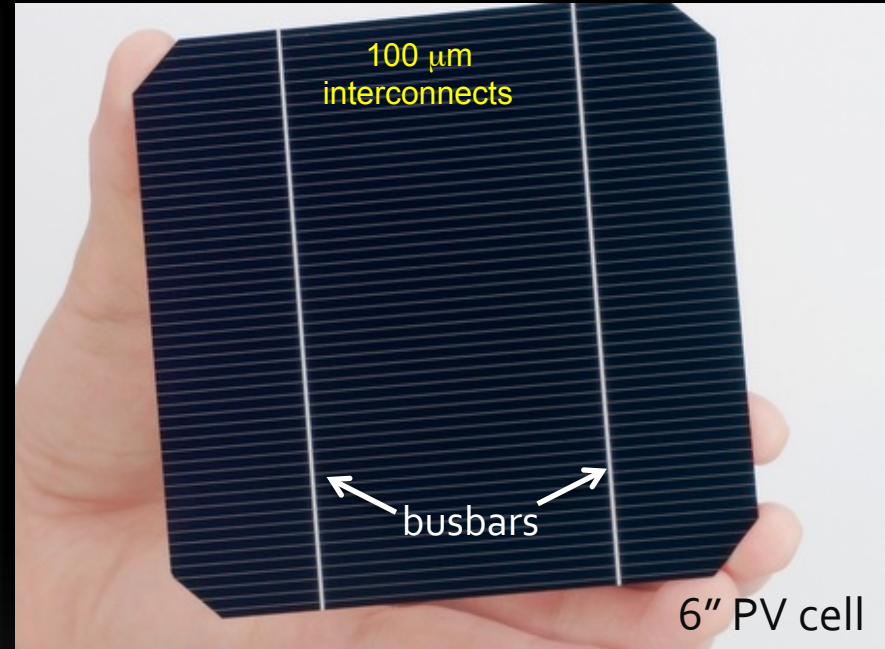
Printed electrodes are
mechanically robust,
electrically conductive

Integrate with surface-
mounted LEDs



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfNByi-rrO4>

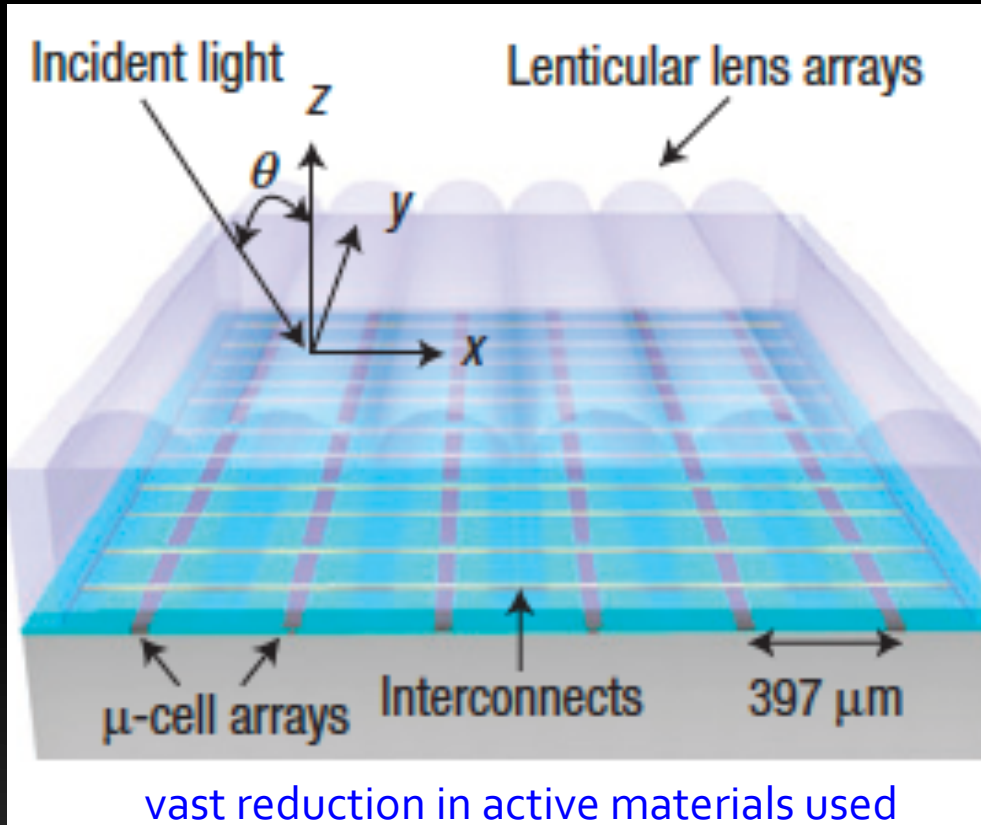
Solar Panels: Current Design



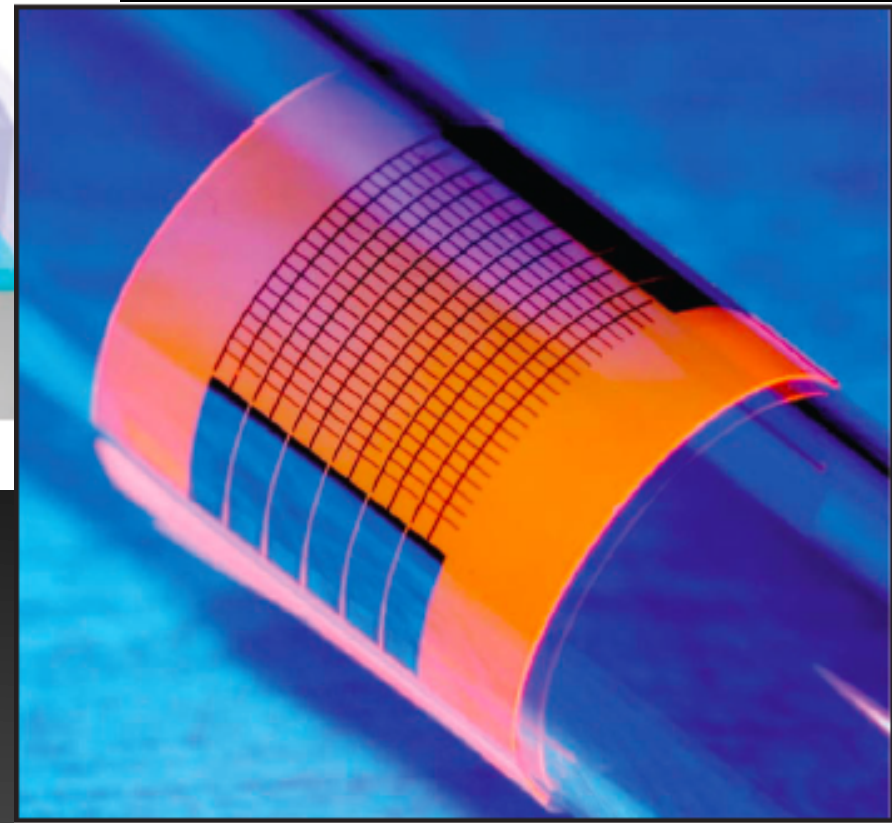
Rigid, costly, **active materials*** occupy large area

***silicon PV cells and silver interconnects**

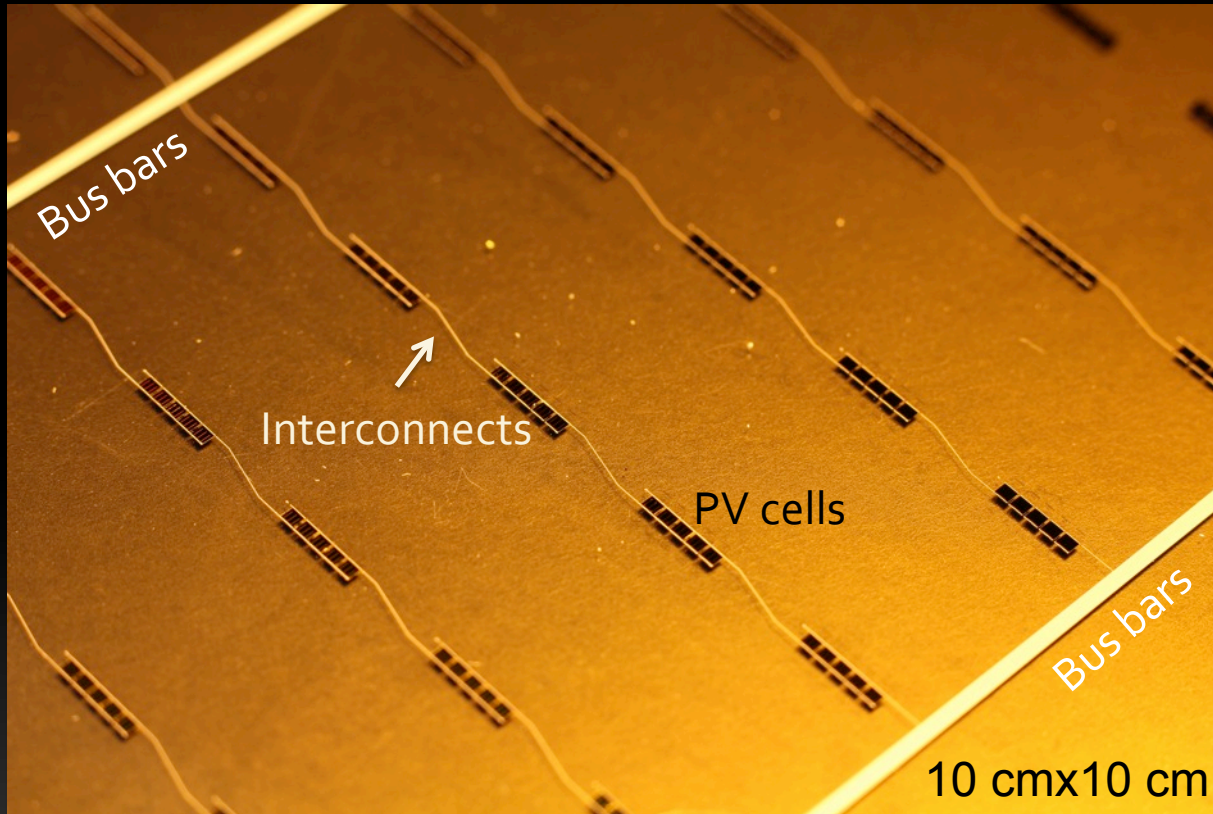
Flexible concentrator photovoltaics



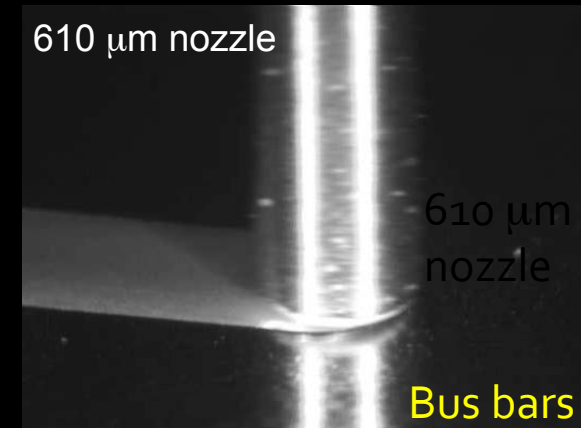
Example:
Si microcells +
Luminescent layer
(UV-curable and organic dye)



Printing interconnects and bus bars



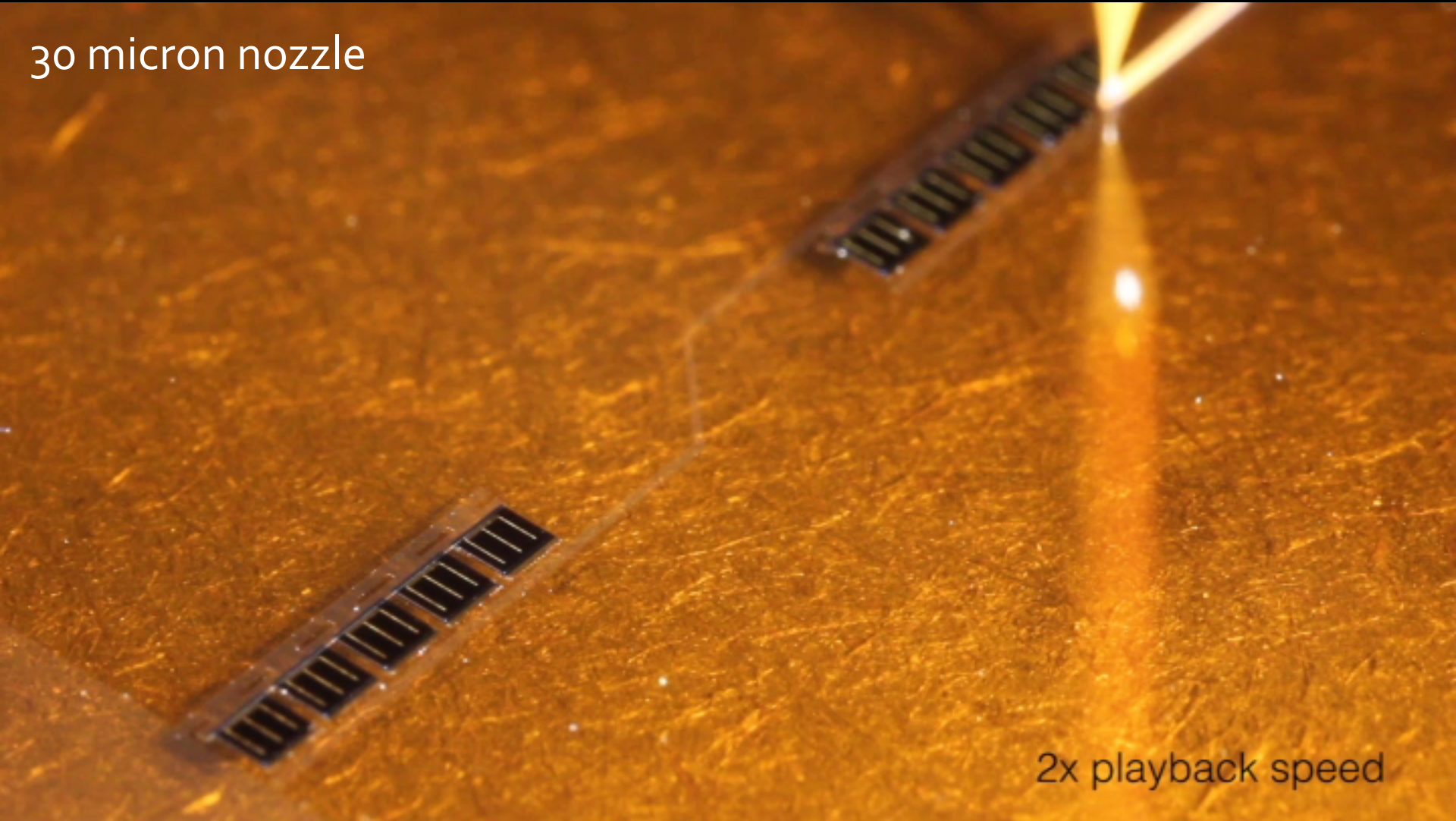
Sparse array of PV cells; finer interconnects



PV microcells populated on 6" glass wafer with printed silver interconnects and bus bars

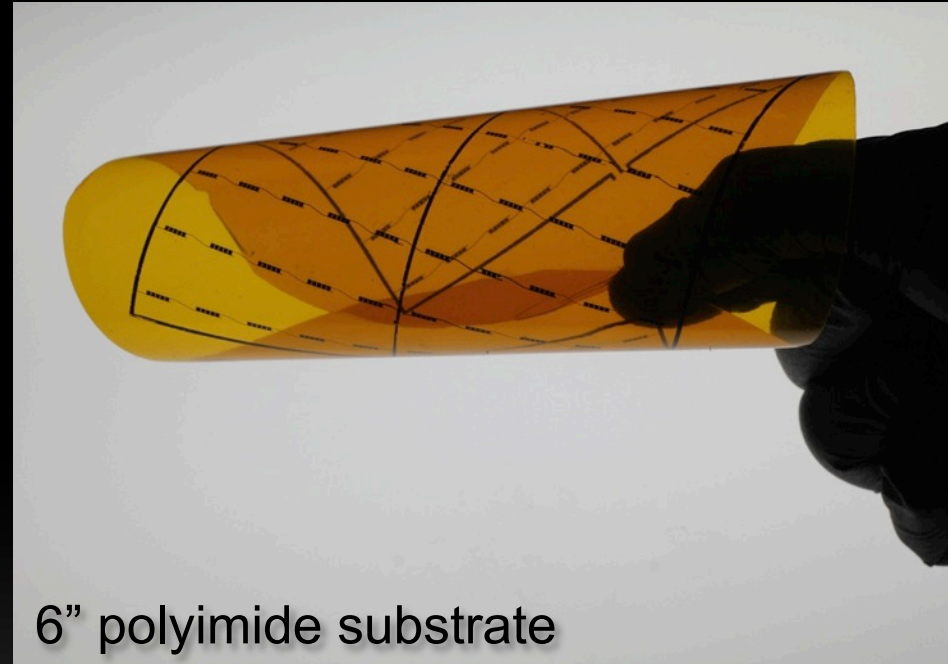
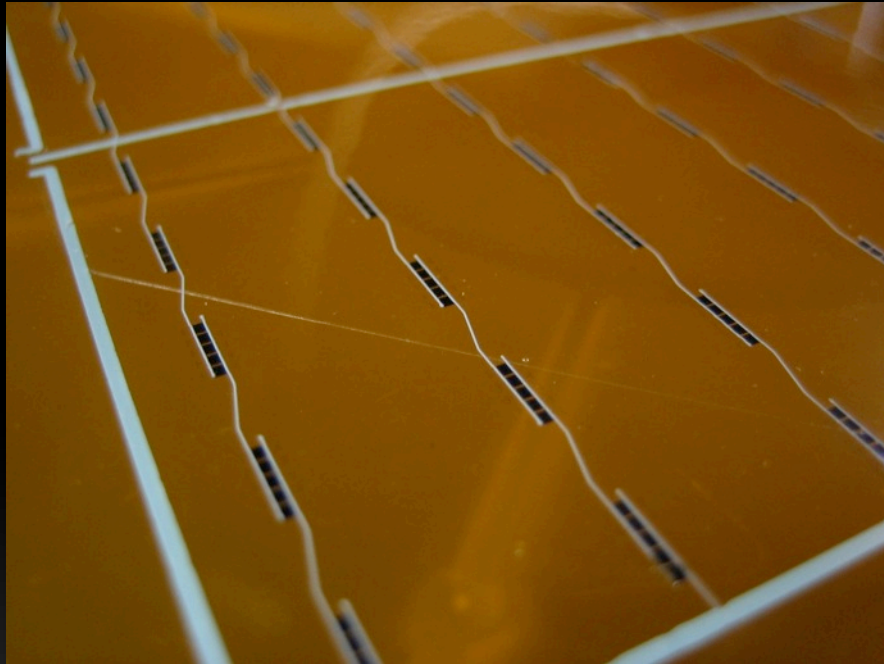
Printing interconnects

30 micron nozzle



2x playback speed

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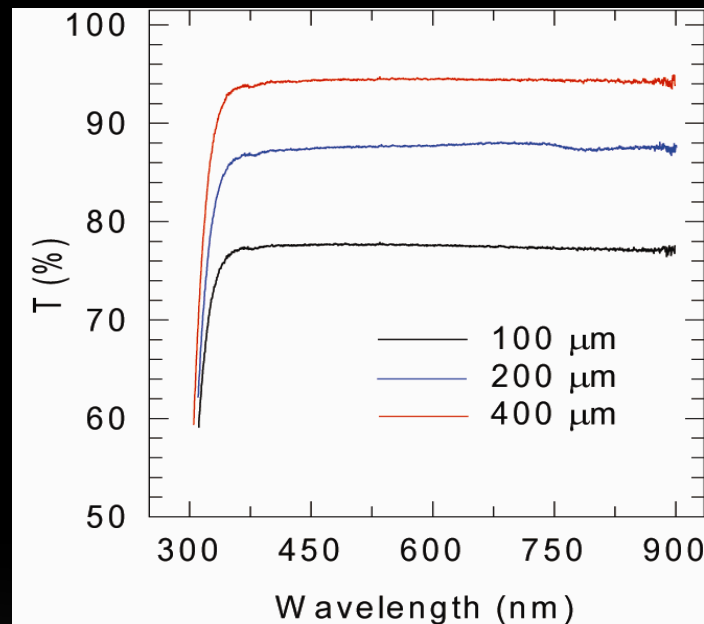
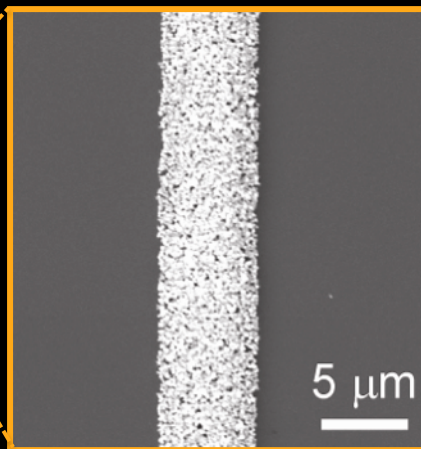
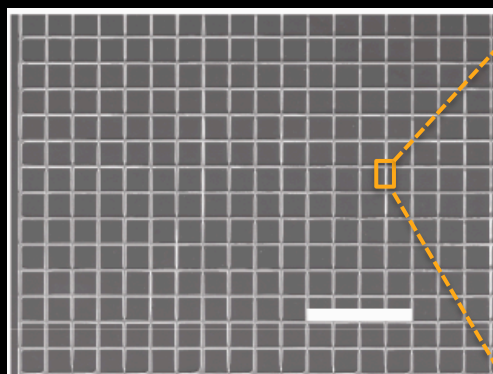
Printed interconnects are highly flexible and can withstand repeated bending (1000's cycles) without performance loss

Transparent silver microgrids

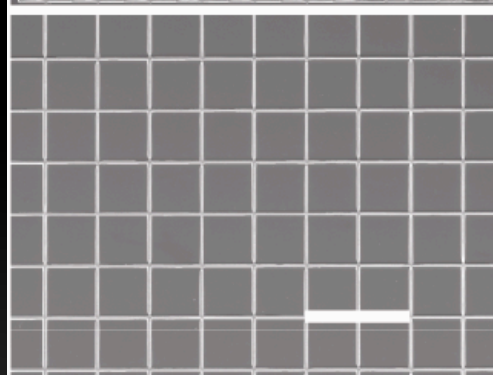
Grid spacing:

5 μm nozzle

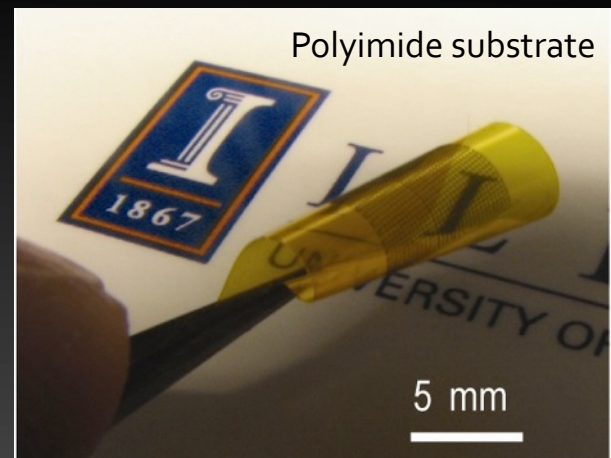
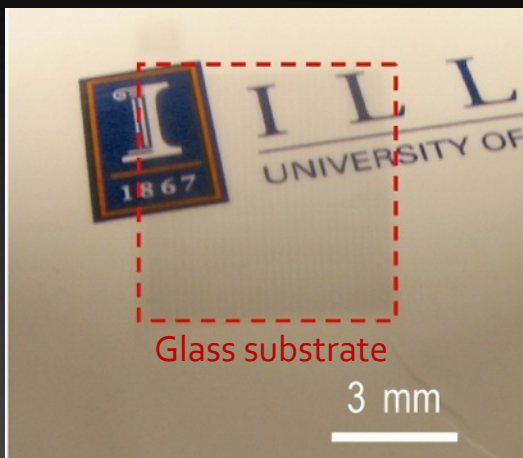
100 μm



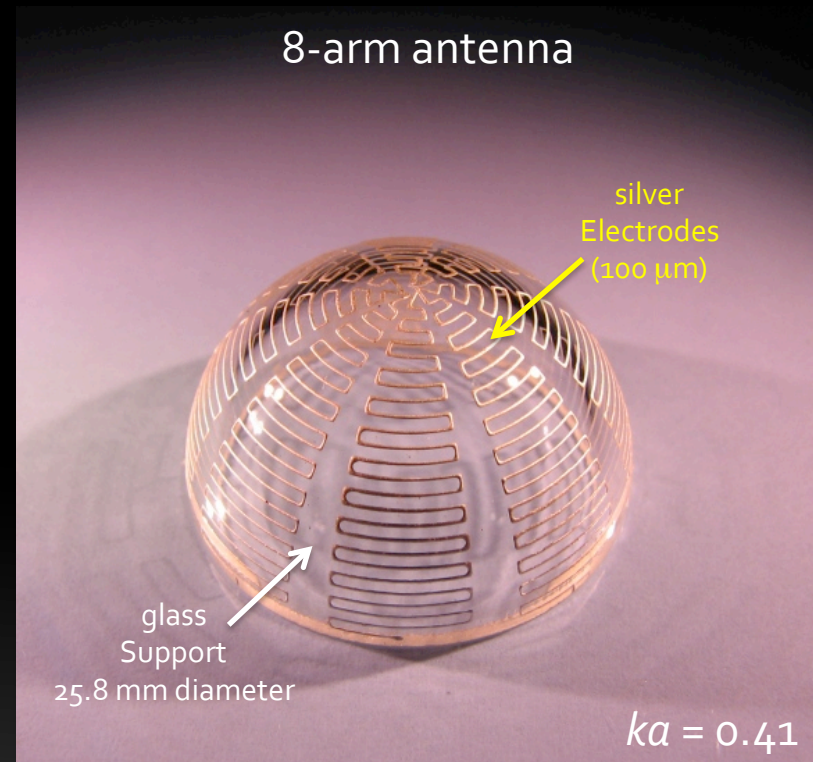
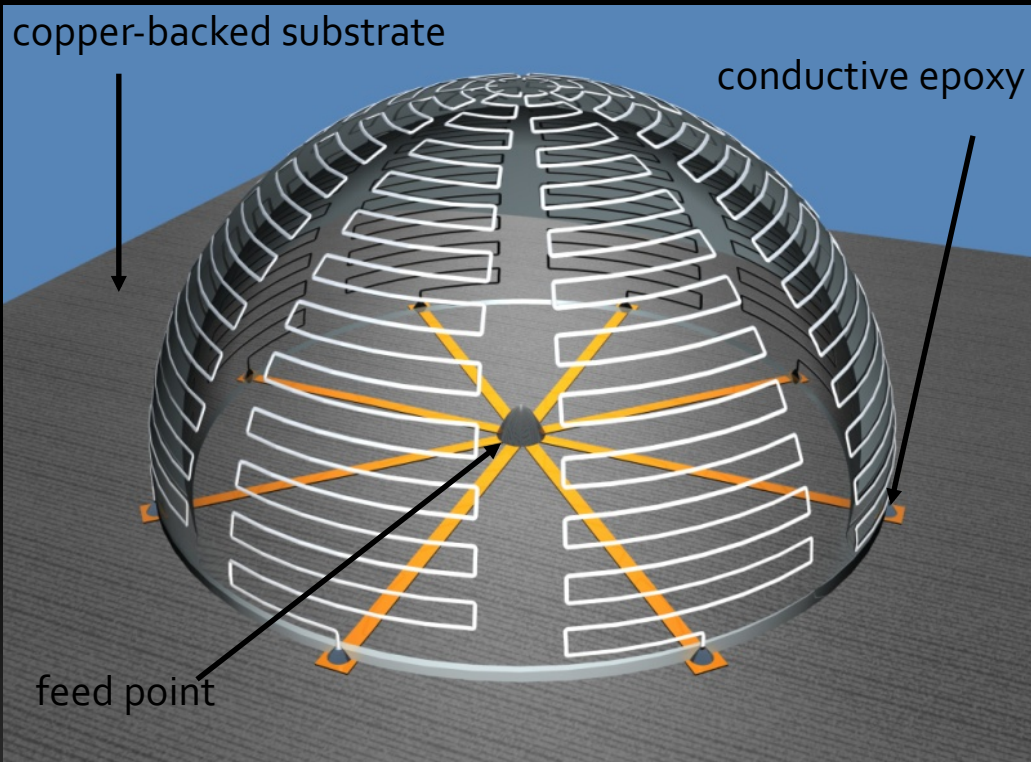
200 μm



400 μm



Conformal printing of electrically small antennas

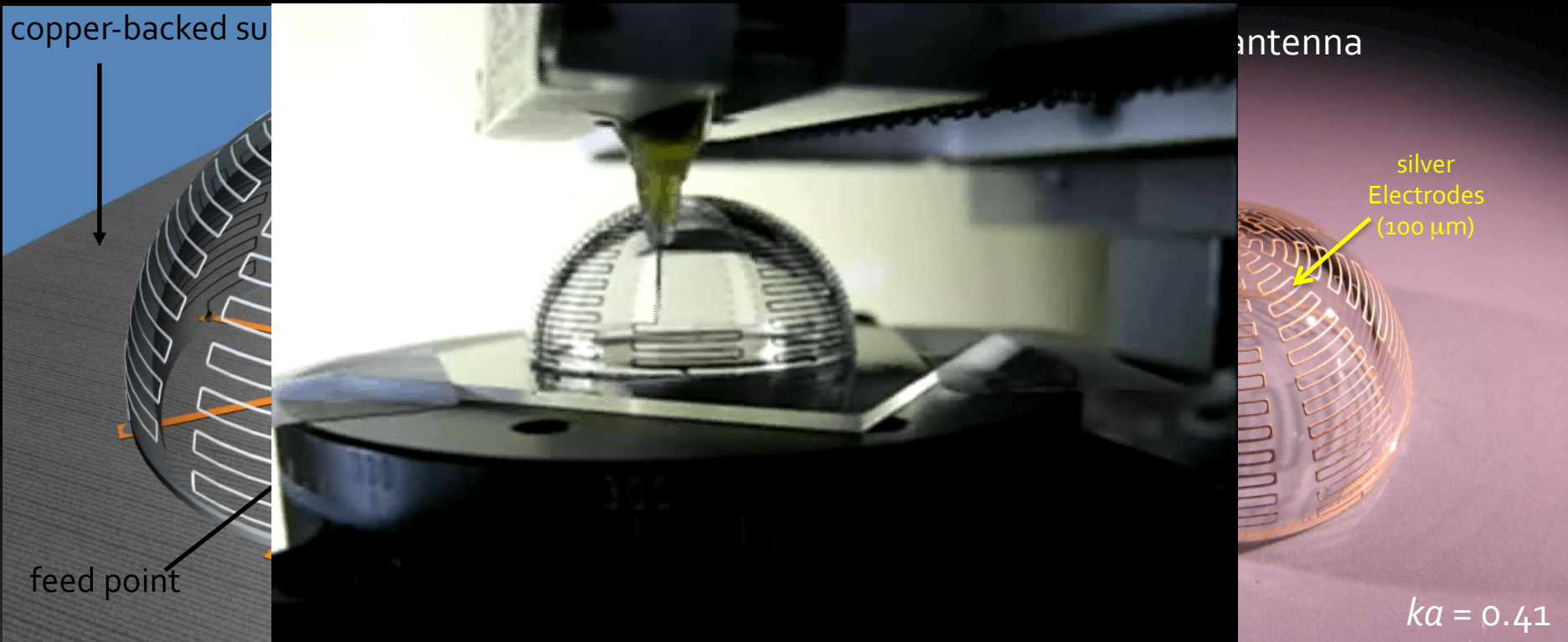


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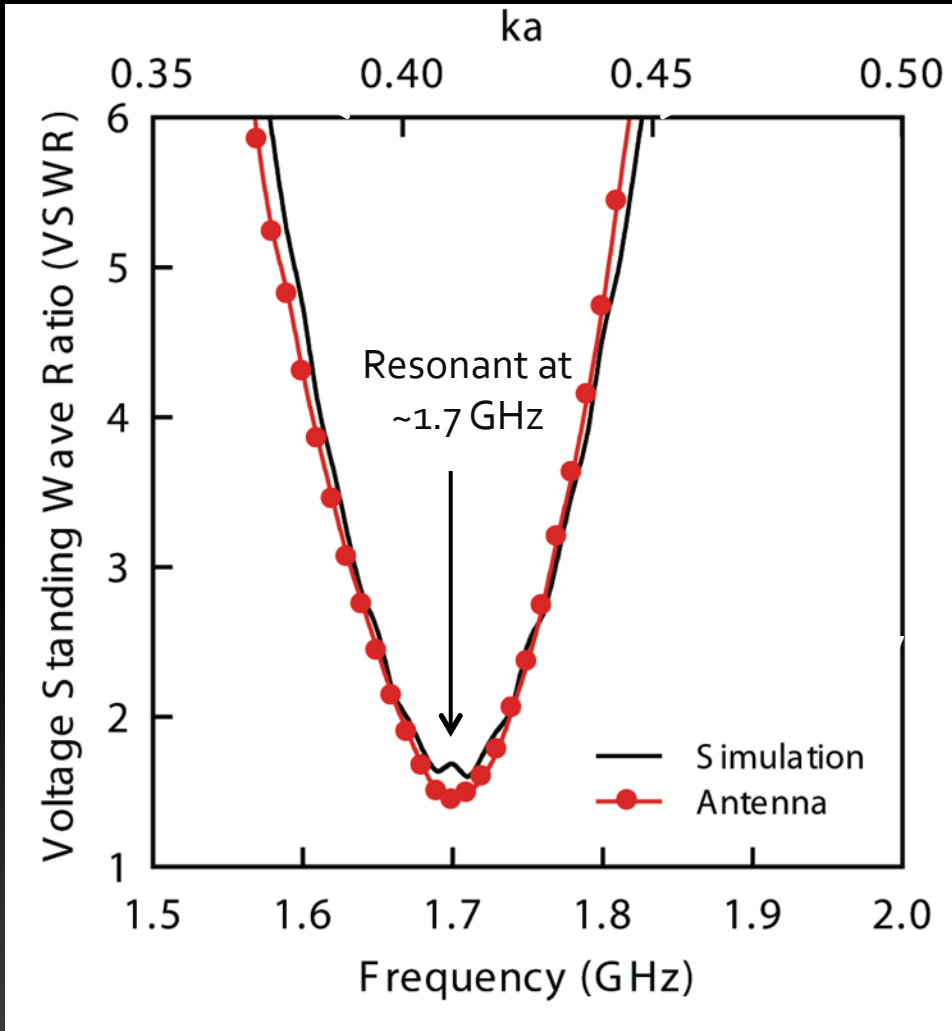


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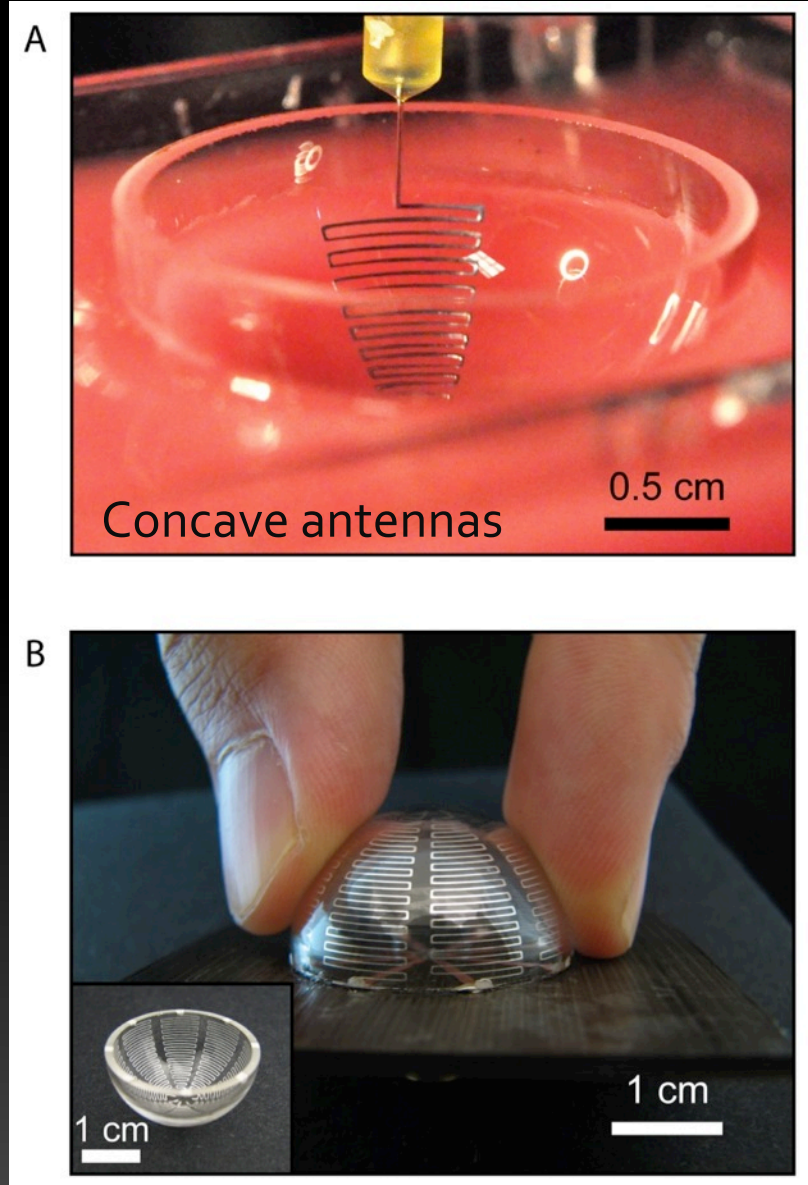
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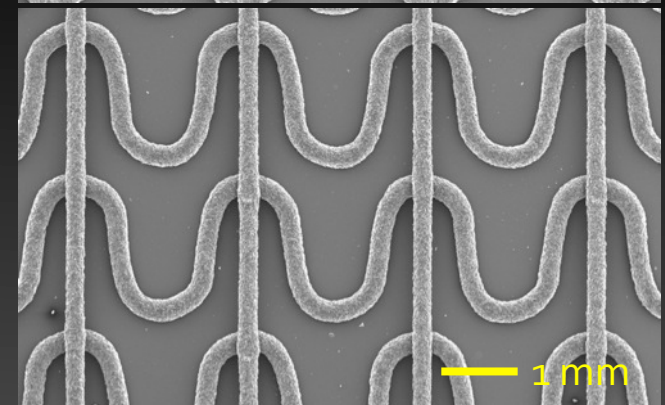
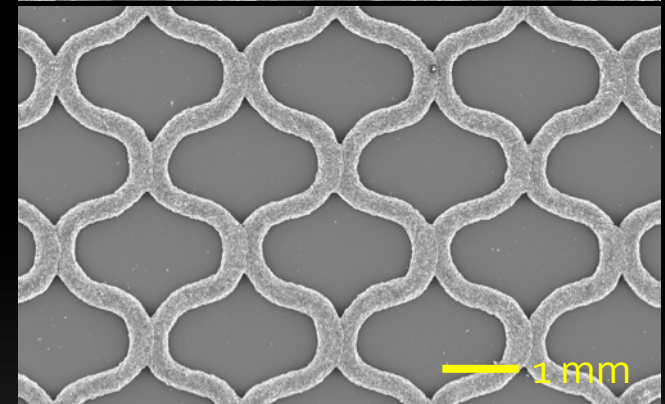
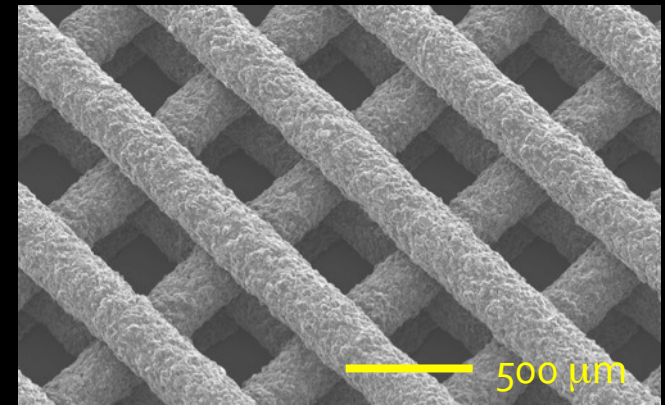
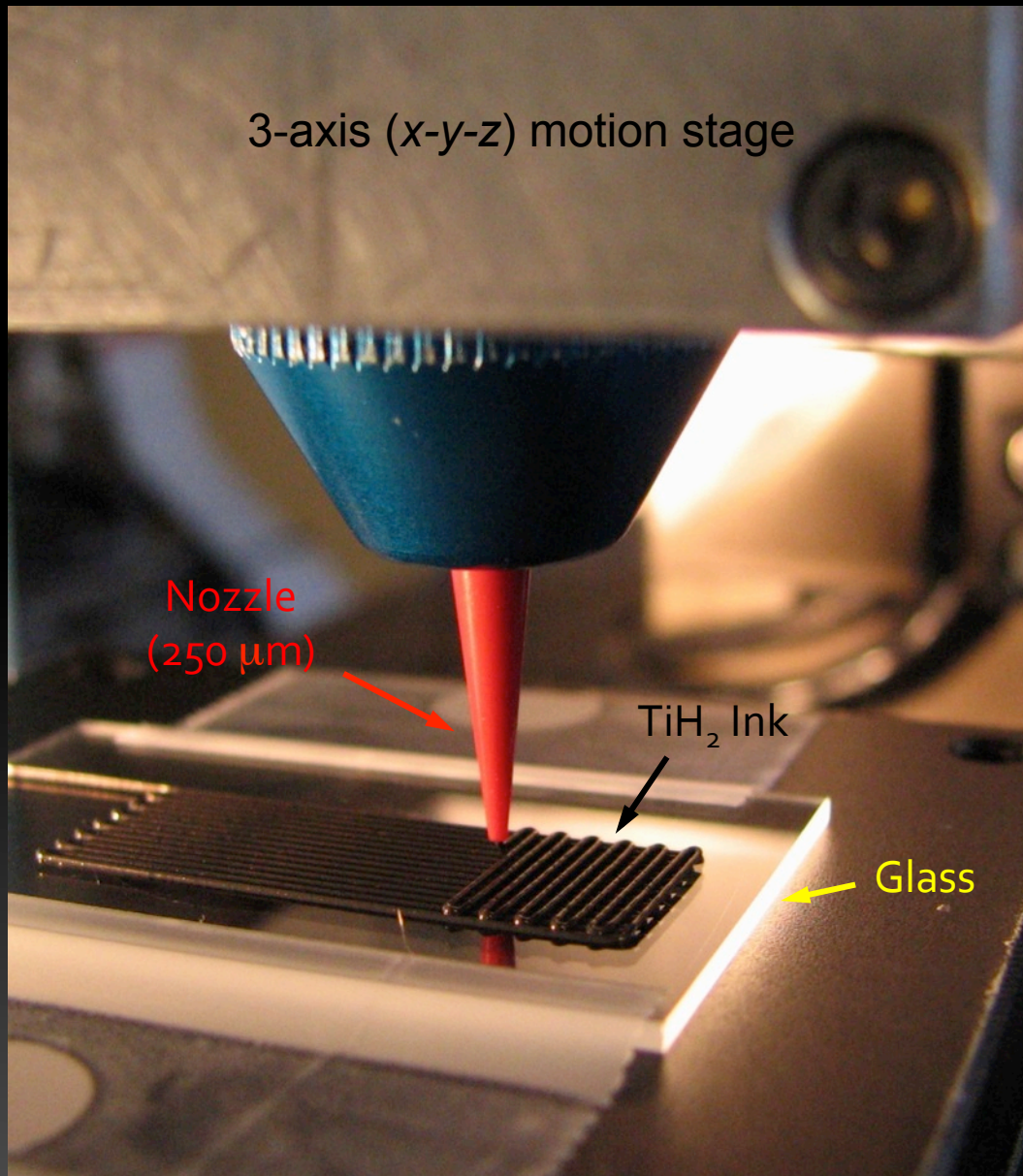
Performance characteristics



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



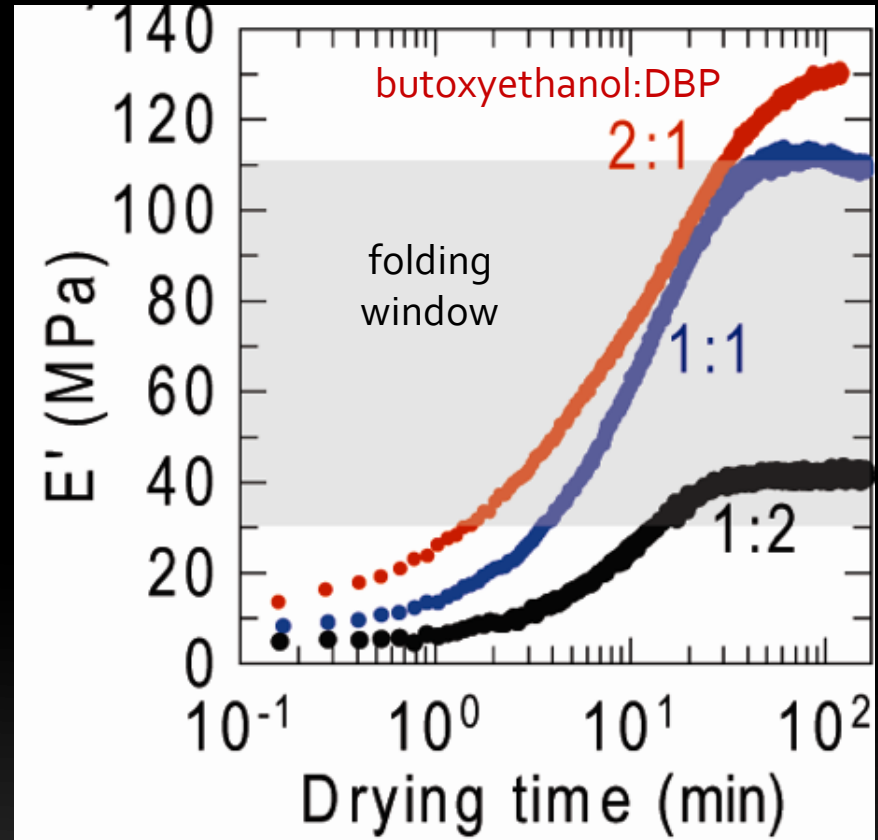
Printed origami – simple route to complex 3D forms



Ink designs for printed origami

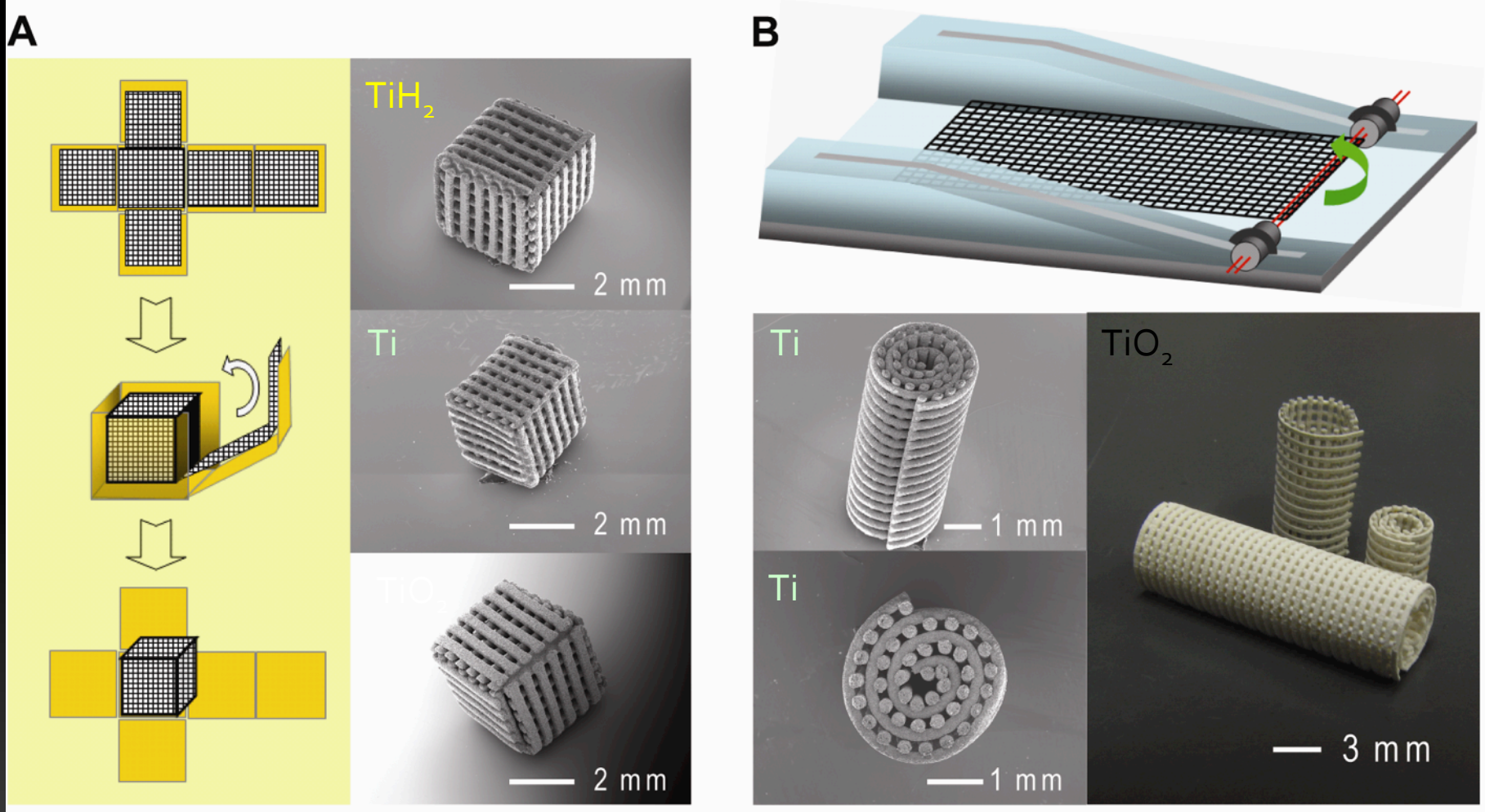
Ink Composition:

- TiH_2 particles
(mean diameter = 0.1, 22, or 65 μm)
- PMMA-PnBA-PMMA binder
- Graded volatility solvent system
 - dichloromethane (bp = 40°C)
 - 2-butoxyethanol (bp = 171°C)
 - dibutyl phthalate (bp = 340°C)



- Graded volatility solvent system enables control of elastic property evolution
- Wet-folding origami requires that printed features retain their pliability, while being strong enough to handle and manipulate

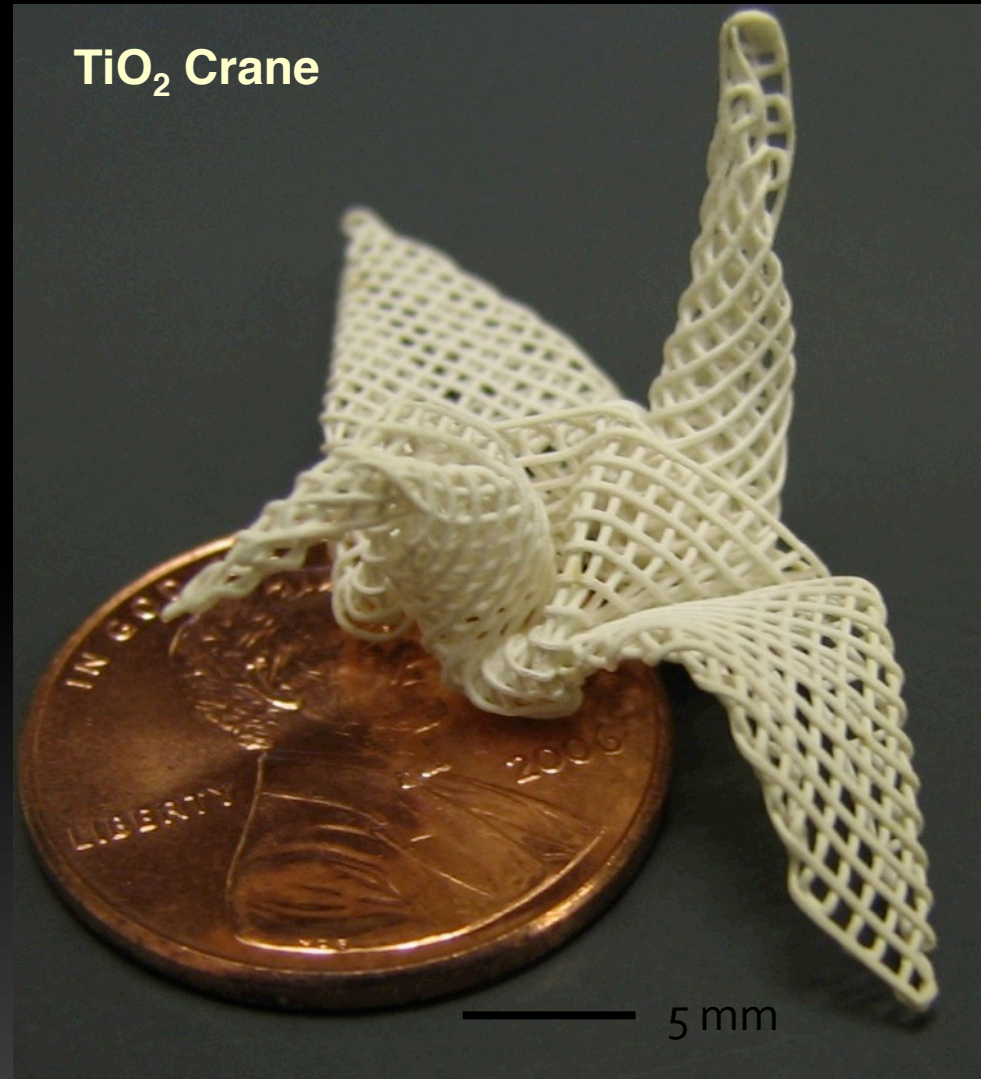
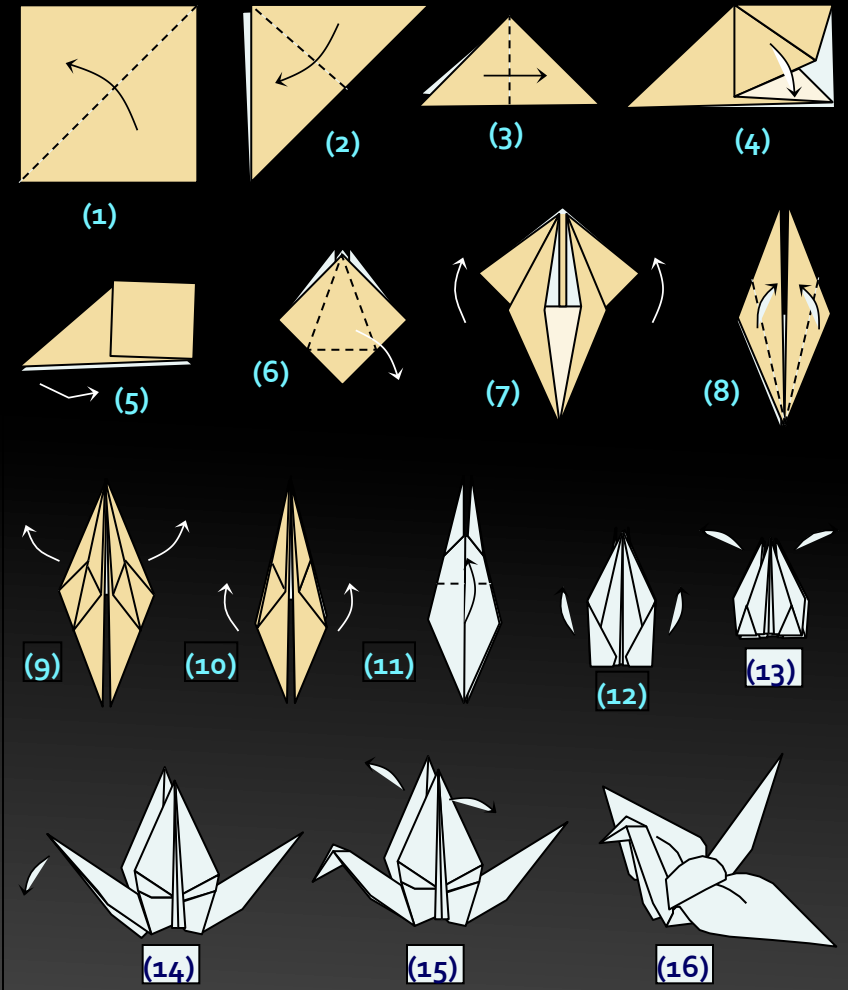
Methods of folding and rolling



Box structure: as-prepared (top), annealed at 1050°C in vacuum (middle), and in air (Bottom).
Cylindrical tower: annealed at 1050°C in vacuum (left) and in air (right).

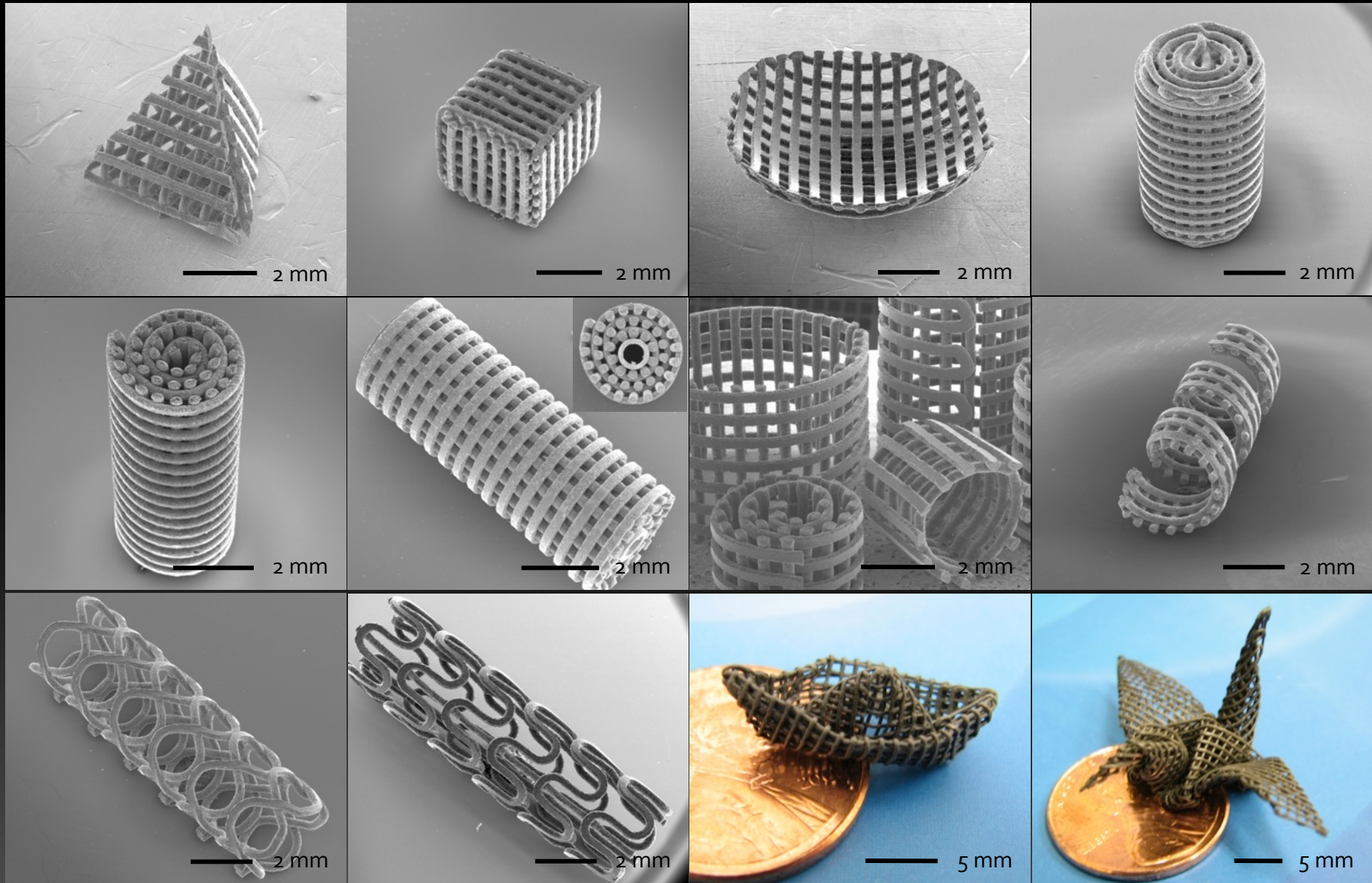
Titania Structure

Schematic of Folding Scheme



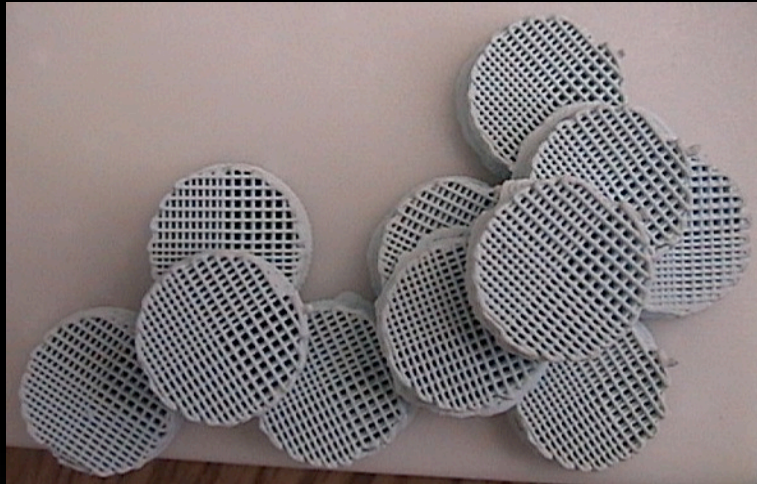
Annealed at 1050°C for 2 h in air.

Titanium Structures



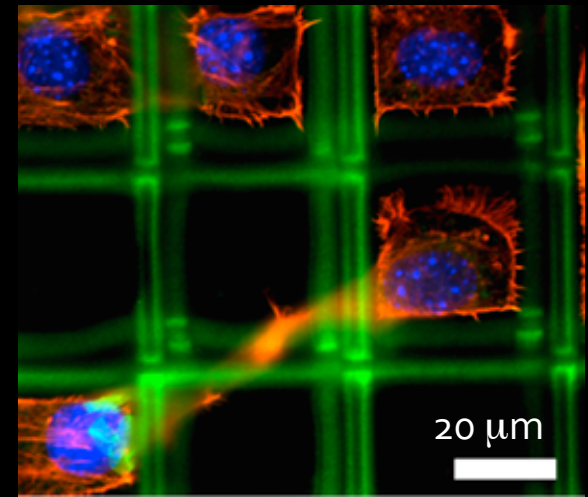
Printing 3D scaffolds for tissue engineering

Hydroxyapatite Scaffolds

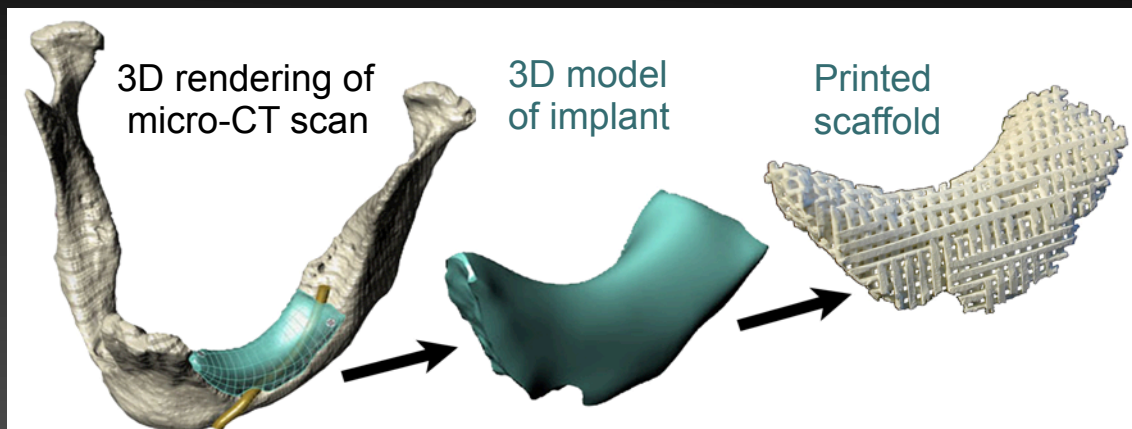


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Hydrogel Scaffolds

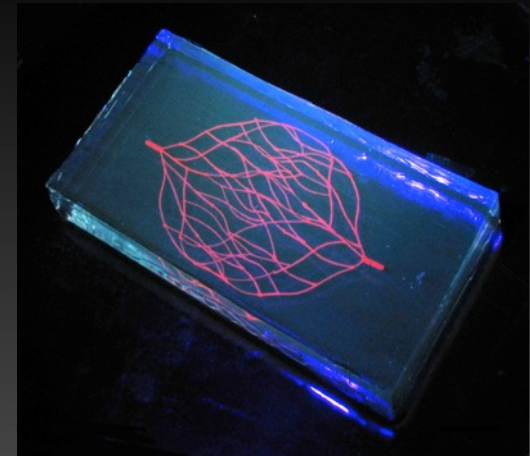


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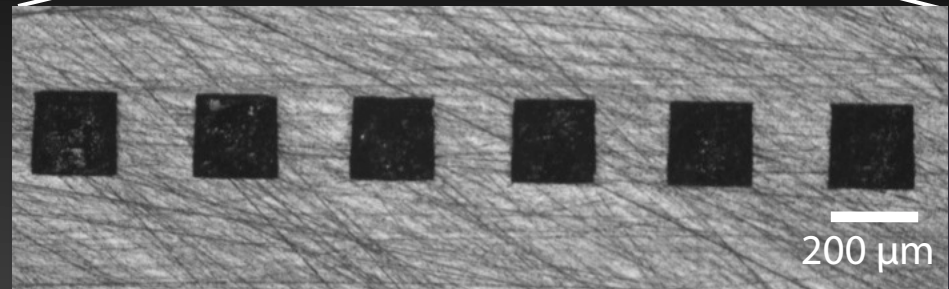
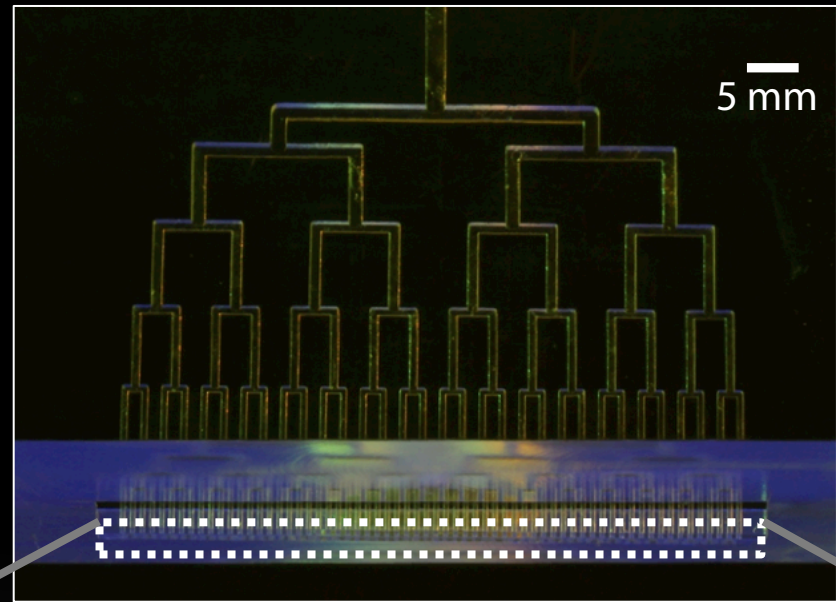
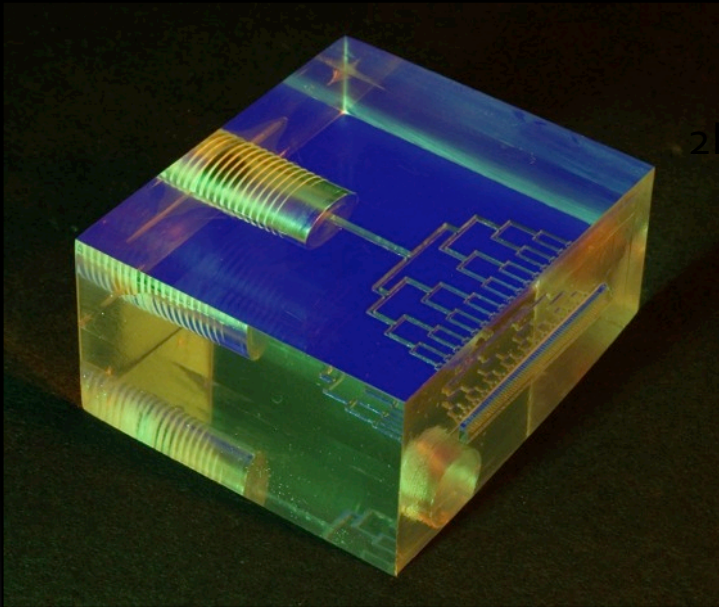
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High throughput printing via multinozzle arrays



Multinozzle design based on Murray's law:

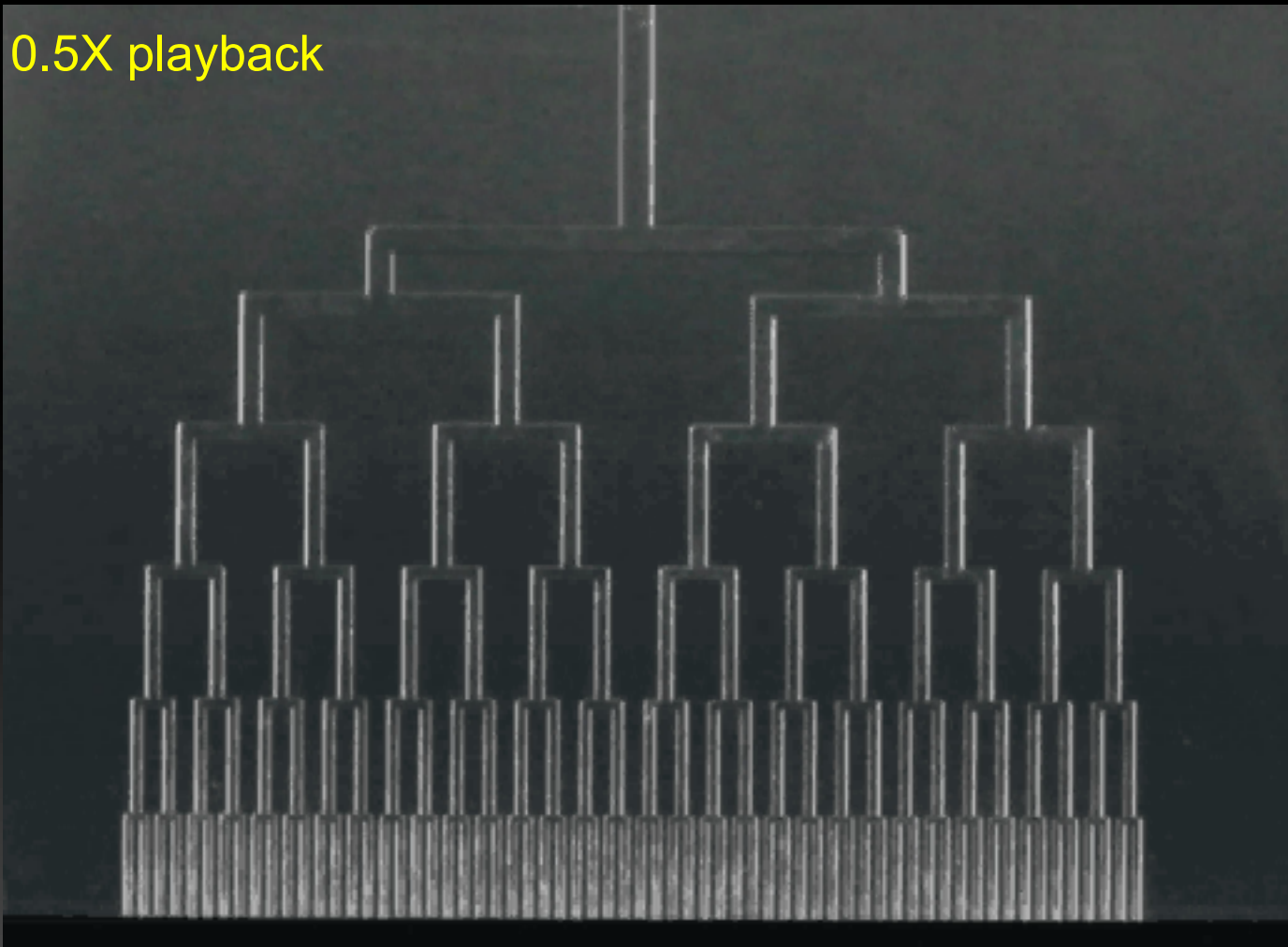
$$r_{parent}^3 = \sum r_{branch_generation}^3$$

Hierarchical branching network
Created by CNC milling

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

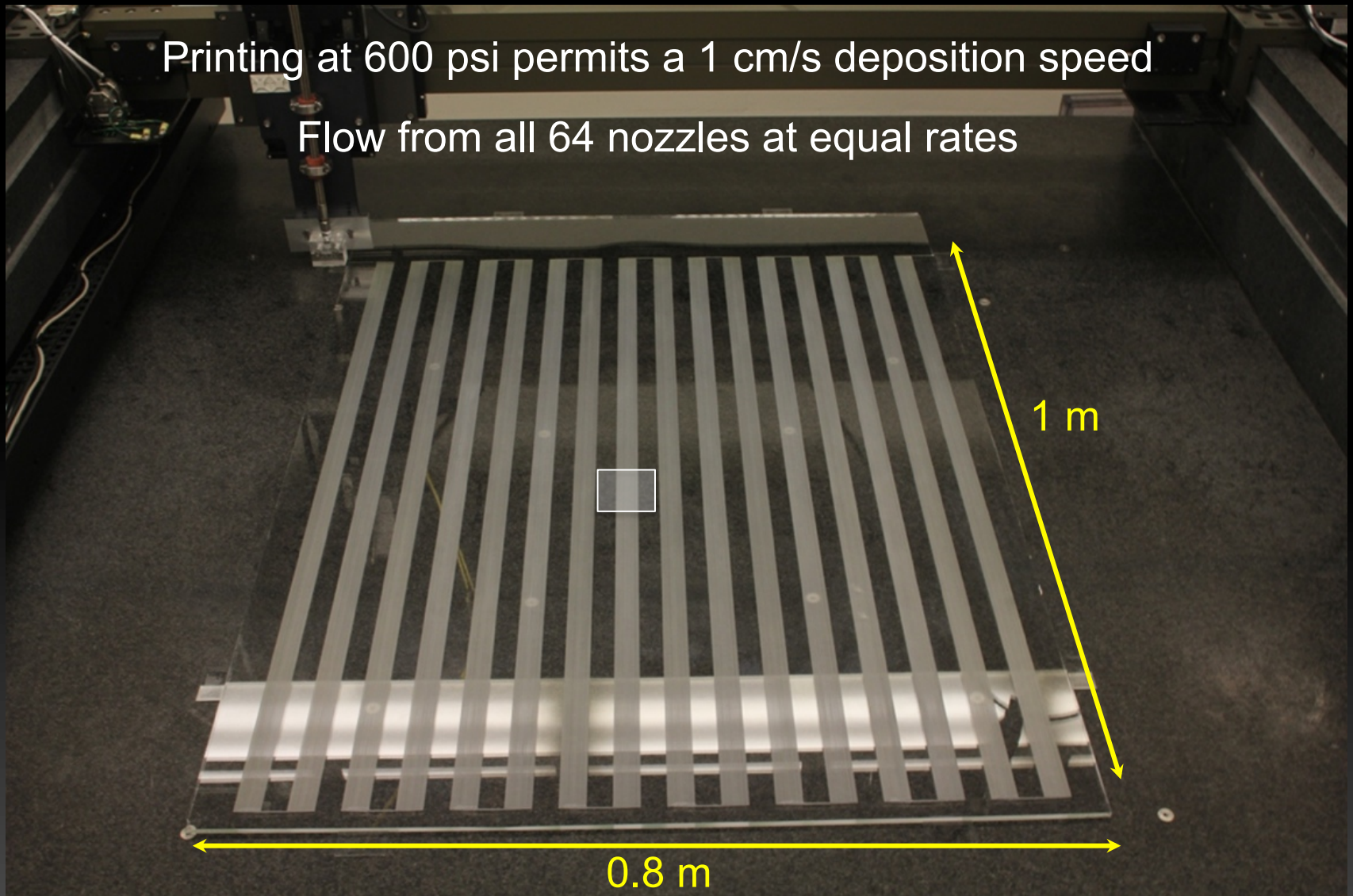
Multinozzle arrays – Direct imaging of ink flow

Fugitive ink printed with an applied pressure of 2 MPa (300 psi)



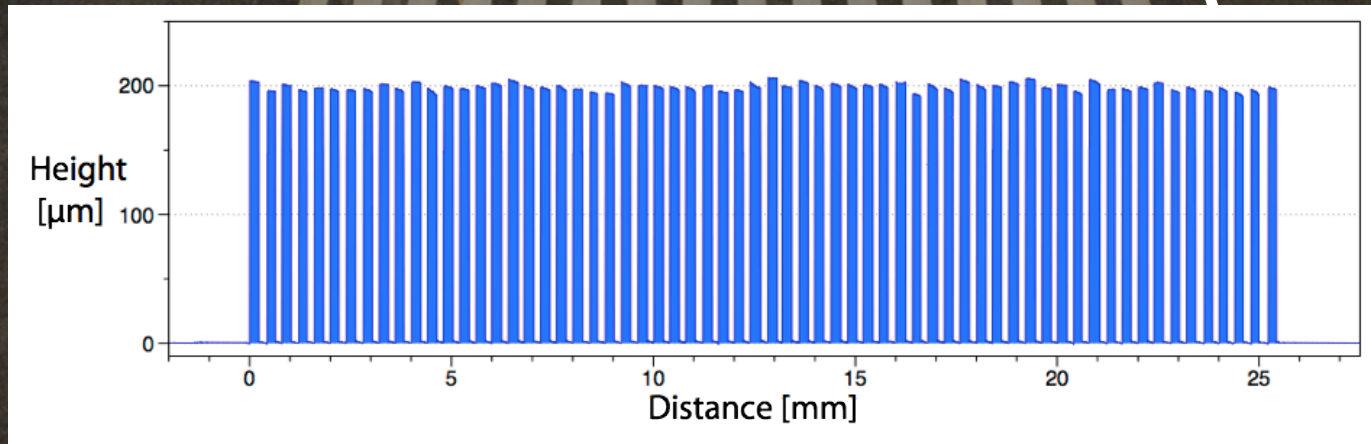
Multinozzle arrays – Large area printing

Printing at 600 psi permits a 1 cm/s deposition speed
Flow from all 64 nozzles at equal rates



Multinozzle arrays – Uniform printed features

Uniform heights observed for each ink filament within 64-array



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Example: 20" diameter part, 8 layers, 200 μm features,
400 μm center-to-center spacing

Printing time of 24 hours (1 nozzle)
reduced to: **22 minutes** (64 nozzle array) !

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- New functional inks
- Broader materials palette
- Improved feature resolution
- Enhanced throughput
- High-speed printing

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