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Open Innovation by IMEC and TNO

Flexible and conformable OLED's

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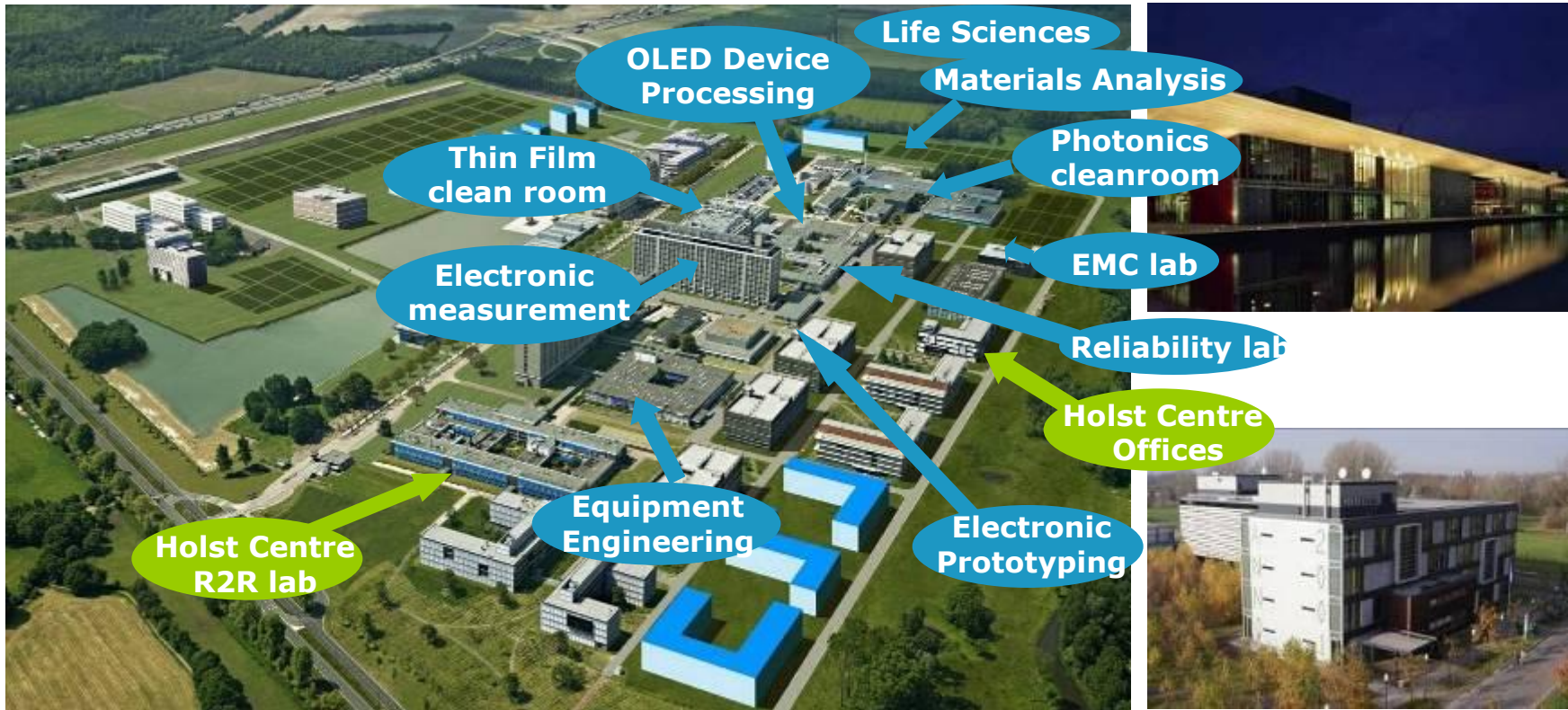


Holst Centre: a solid partner in research

- **Independent, with reputed parents**
 - Founded by imec (1300 fte, Belgium) and TNO (4500 fte, The Netherlands)
 - Established in 2005
- **Critical mass**
 - Own staff 160; 28 nationalities
 - 70 resident researchers from industry and universities
- **Global network**
 - Industrial and academic partners
- **Supported by the Dutch government**
 - Measured by its international excellence, long-term vision and impact on Dutch economy



At the hotspot of human-focused innovation



- **High-Tech Campus, initiated by Philips**
- **>90 companies, 7000 researchers**
- **Shared labs (www.miplaza.com); >8000m² cleanrooms**
- **Open Innovation research centres (e.g. Holst Centre)**



High Tech Campus Eindhoven

Shared research with clear focus

- **Creating generic technologies, time to market 3..10 years**
- **Partnering with industry and universities**
- **Bridging the gap between academia and industry**
- **Results are shared between partners**



Large Area Electronics market applications

Flexible displays

Plastic solar cells

Plastic batteries

Signage

OLEDs

Touch screens

Smart packaging

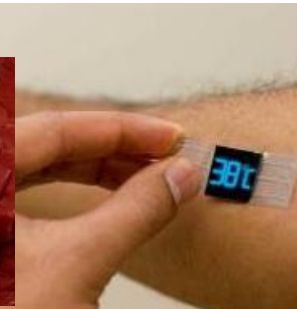
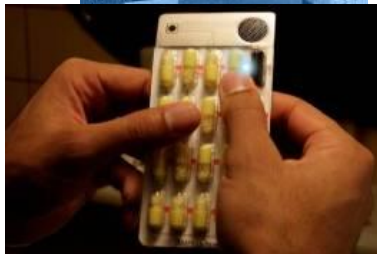
RFID tags

Sensors

Disposable bio-sensors

Electronic textiles

Smart bandage



Industrial partners from across the value chain



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OLEDs: what are they, what are the challenges?

Possibilities with flexible OLEDs

Conformable OLEDs

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2004: more and more OLED displays enter the market



SGH-E 710



SGH-E 710



2009-2010: OLED displays in smart phones



Samsung i8910 Omnia HD



Samsung Omnia Pro (June 2009)

2009-2011: first OLED-TVs (will) hit the market



2009: Also OLED lighting makes its debut...



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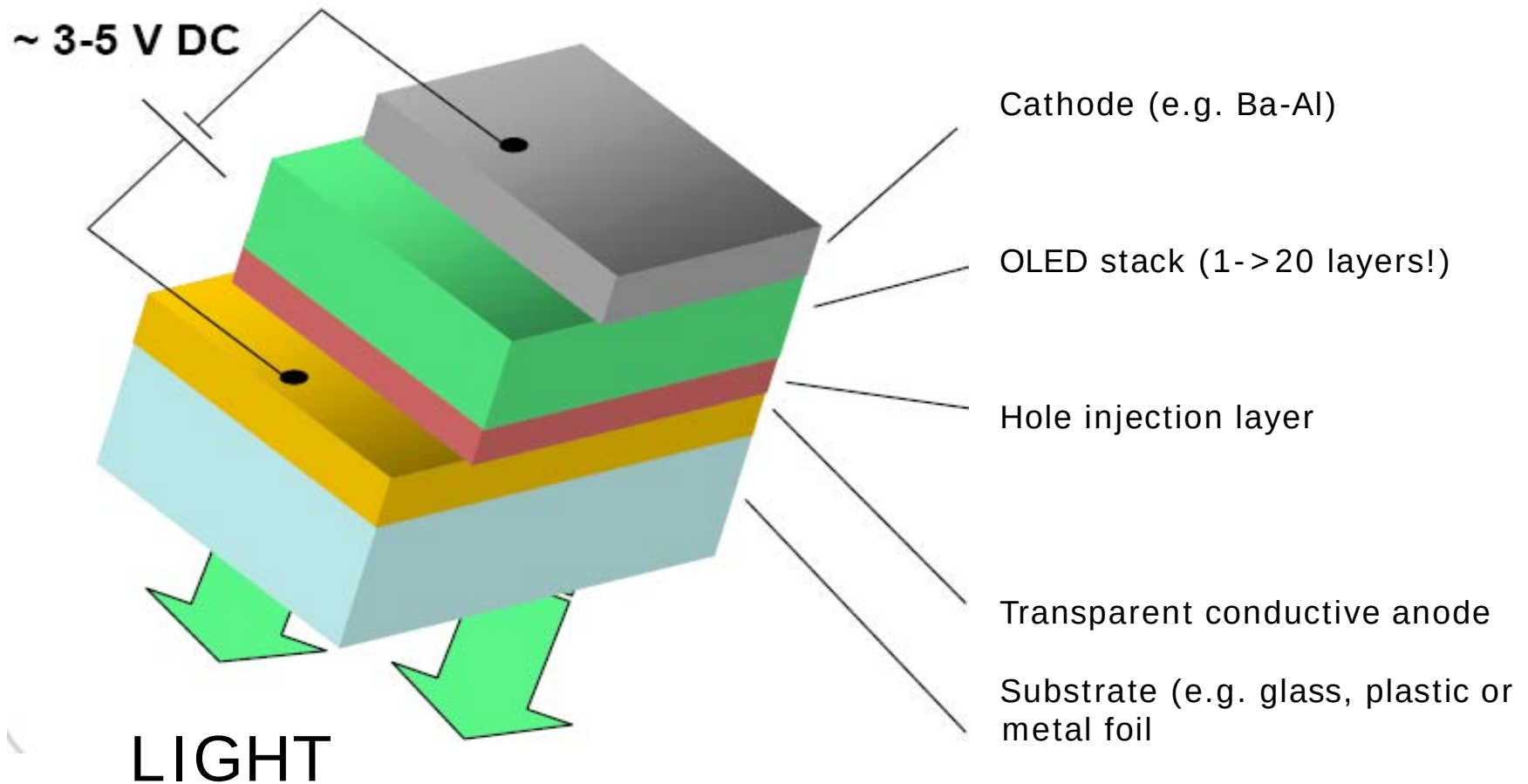
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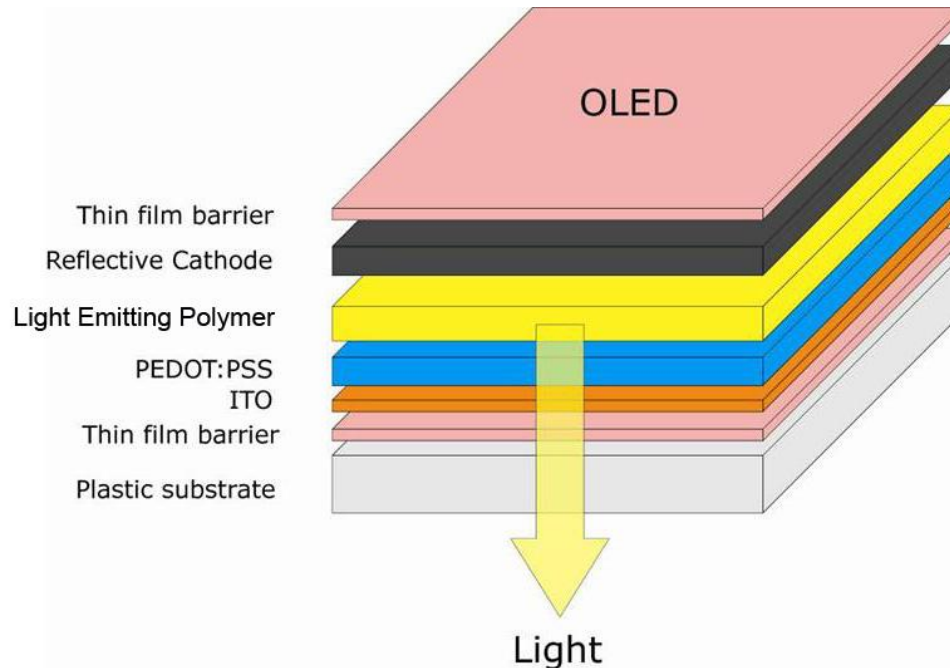


Anatomy of an OLED device

Total stack < 1 mm!

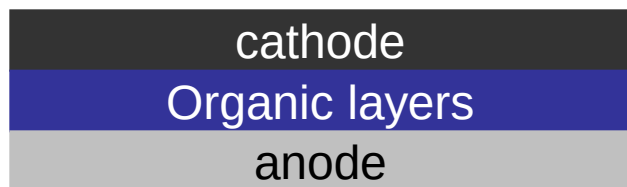


OLED Layout – Polymer based



ITO	IndiumTinOxide (typical 90 % In_2O_3 + 10 % SnO_2)
OLED	Organic Licht Emitting Diode
LEP	Light Emitting Polymer
PEDOT:PSS	Organic Conductor - Poly(3,4-EthyleneDiOxyThiophen):Poly(StyreneSulfonat)

OLED Basics



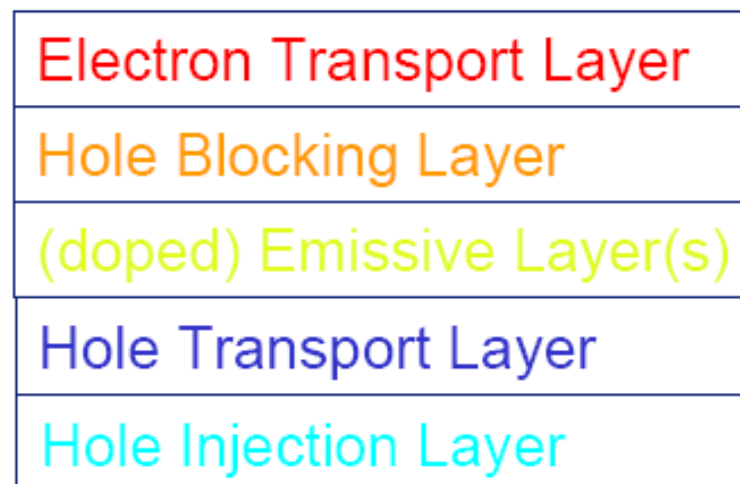
PolyLED



Polymer LED

- simple structure
- solution processable: printing possible
- lower efficiency and lifetime

smOLED

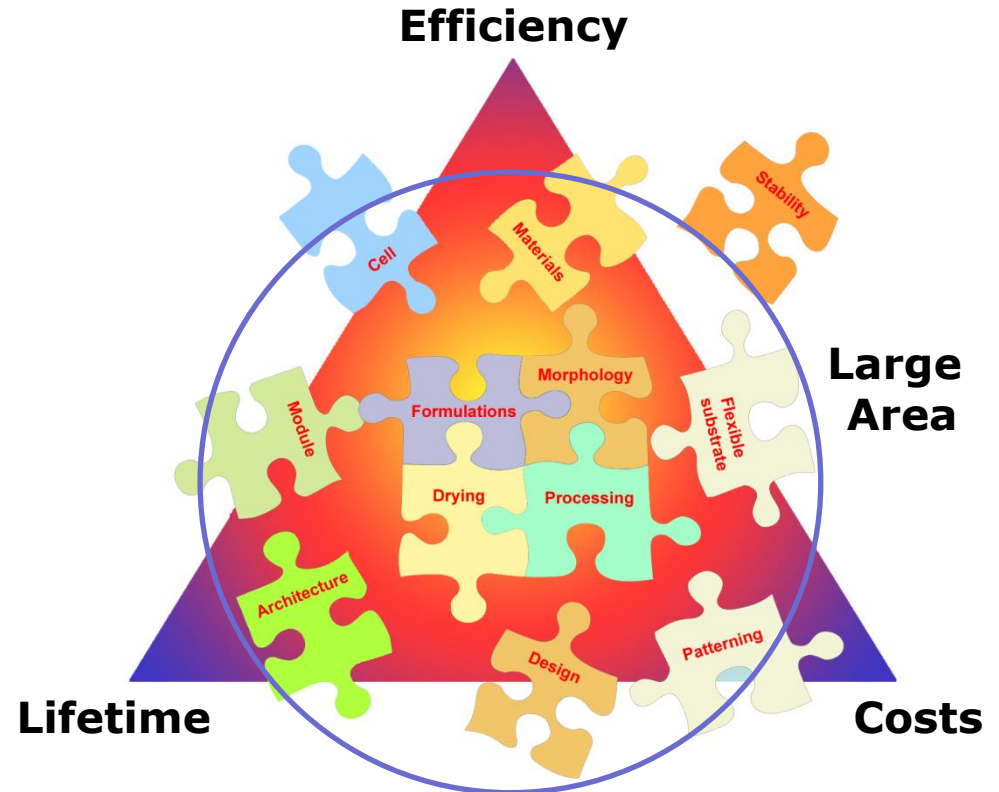


Small molecule LED

- multilayer structure
- vacuum processing
- high efficiency and lifetime

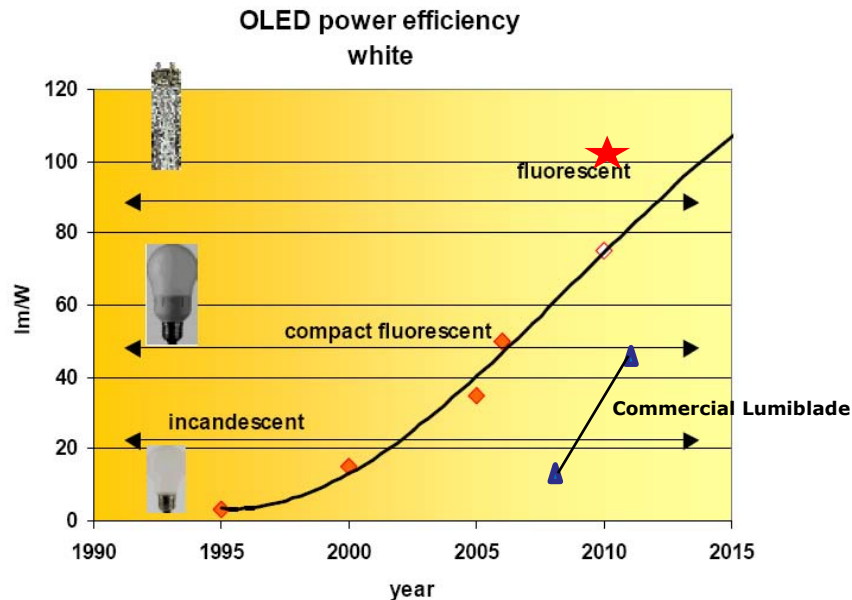
OLED Challenges

- **Efficiency**
- **Lifetime/reliability**
- **Large area devices**
- **Cost**



OLED Challenge – Efficiency/lifetime

- **Energy-efficient**
- **Long lifetimes**



World record efficiency white: **102 lm/W**@8000h

World record lifetime white : **100.000h**@38lm/W

- **Environment**

- No hazardous materials



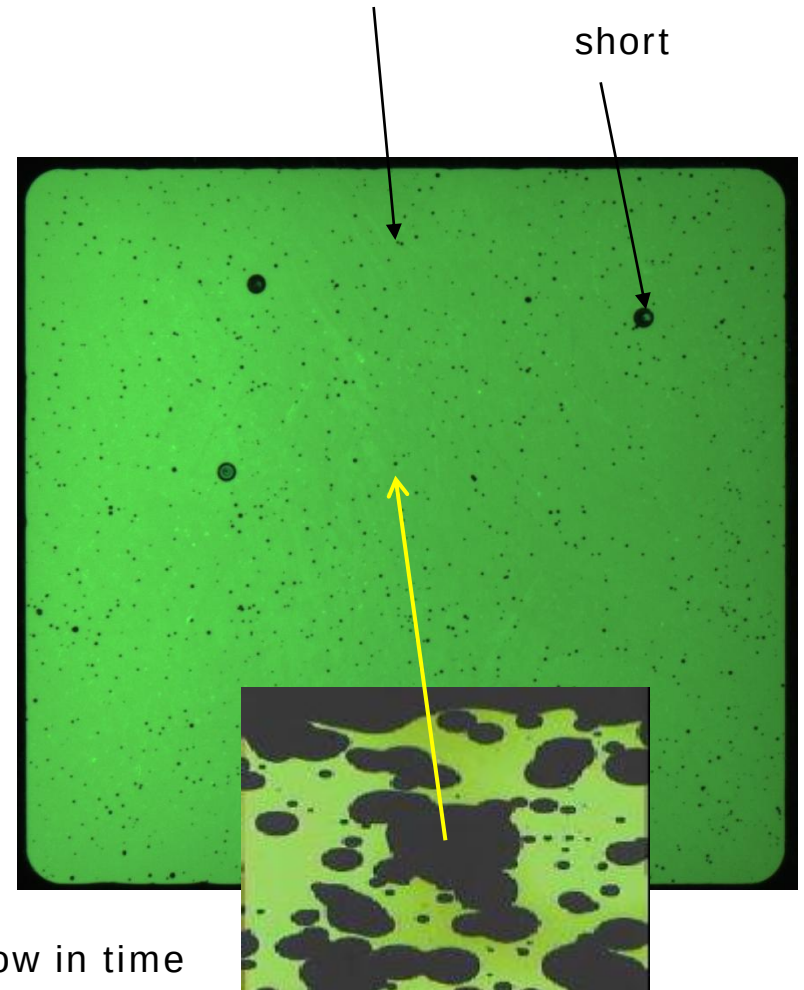
OLED displays – as little as 1/10th the power wrt LCD

OLED Challenge - Lifetime issues

OLEDs degrade over time due to:

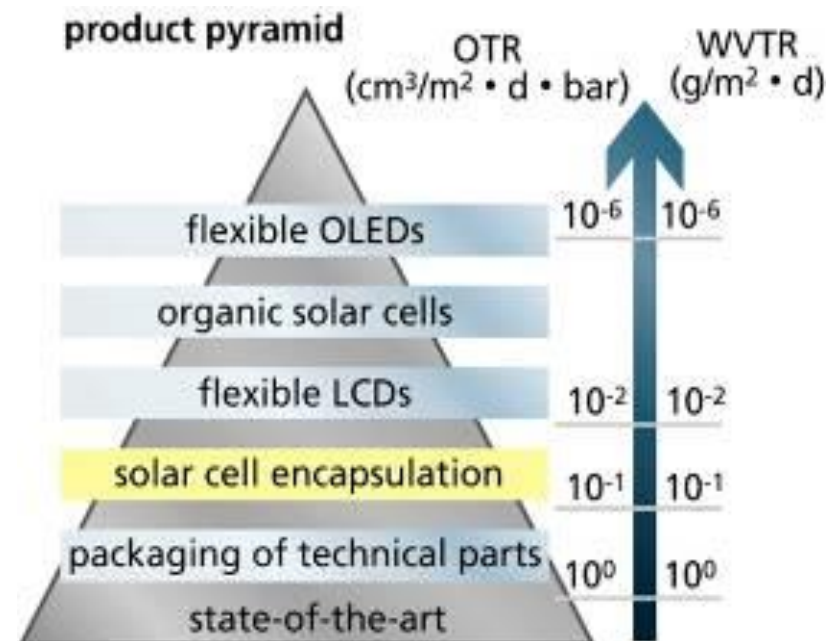
- Intrinsic degradation of organic/polymer molecules
 - **More stable and efficient molecules needed**
 - **Prevent oxygen and water from entering the device**
- Short formation
 - **Need for “smart” OLED designs**
- Electrode oxidation
 - **Prevent oxygen and water from entering the device**

Black spot caused by cathode oxidation



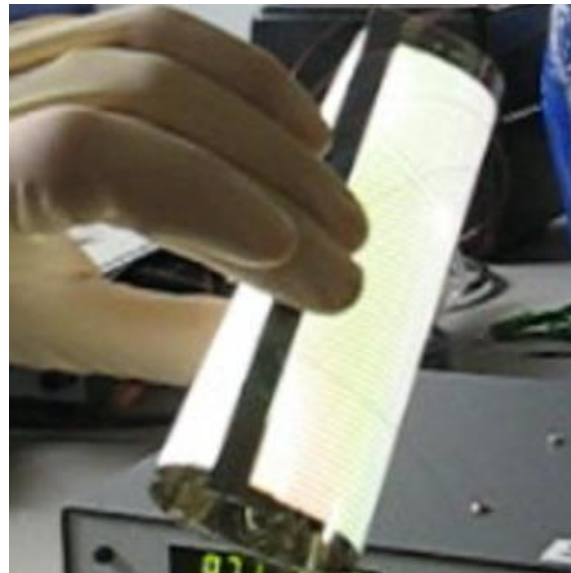
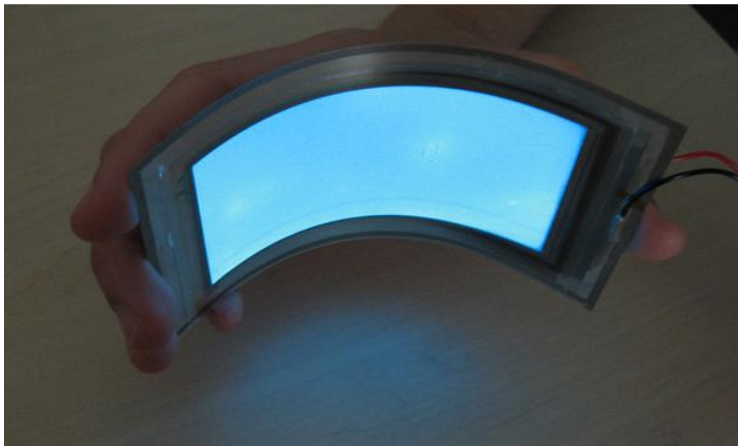
Ultra-good barrier needed

- Currently in production: glass or metal lid
- Future and MUST for flexible OLEDs: thin film barriers
- Barrier in an OLED:
1,000,000x better than typical potatoes-chip bags (=30 nm Al on PP)



Current barrier performance at Holst centre

- **Multilayer barrier: PECVD SiN-printed organic layer-PECVD SiN 500 h at 60°C/90% RH with yield (=number of OLEDs that remain black spot free) of 97%**
- **Applied in state-of-the-art OLEDs and OPV**
- **Currently transferring technology to R2R (pre-pilot line expected to arrive End 2011)**



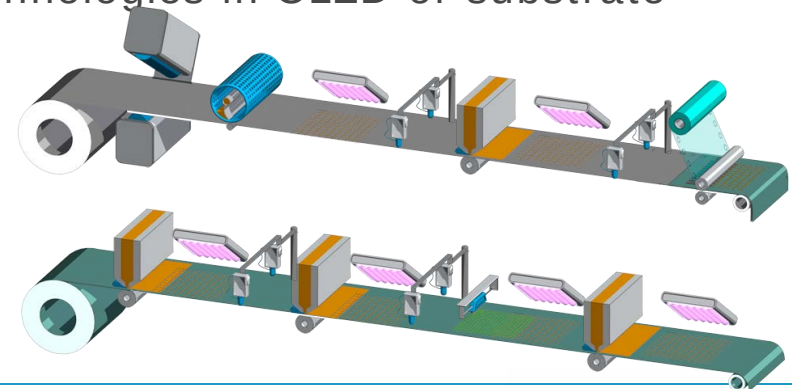
Cost

- **Current OLEDs for lighting:**

- ~35.000 euros/m²
- Based on patterning via photo-lithography and vacuum deposition of active layers and metal

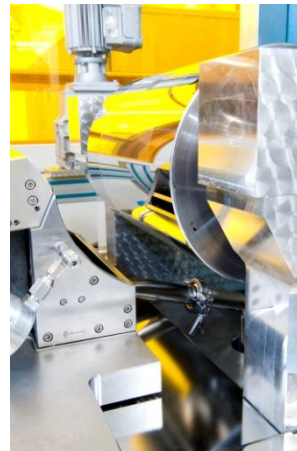
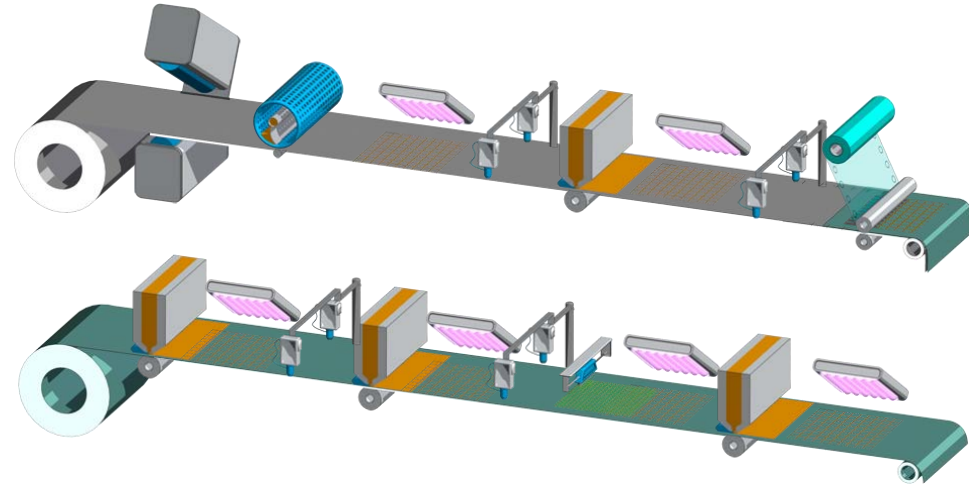
- **Possible solutions for cost down:**

- Direct patterning through printing of metal and ISO
- Direct patterning and atmospheric solution processing of active layers of a multilayer of small molecules
- R2R processing at 5-10 m/min with high yield
- Replacement of ITO with high conductive polymer
- Integration of light outcoupling technologies in OLED or substrate (=foil)
- Thin film barrier
- Target ≤ 100 euros/m²



Large area production by R2R

- **Large area**
- **Cost effective**
- **Development of full printing processes**



Cost reduction & Area increase

ITO:

- High sheet resistance on foil $\sim 60 \text{ ohm/sq}$
- ITO is expensive both in material cost as in production cost

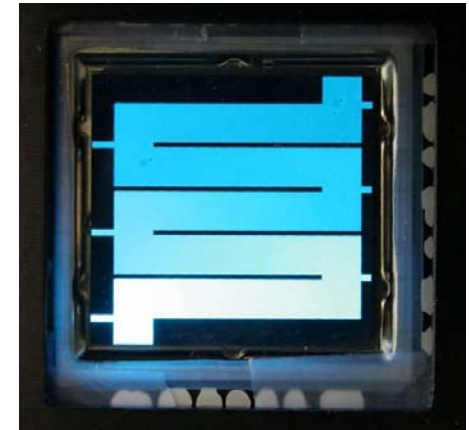
OLED lamp:

- Substantial voltage drop from edge to middle of lamp based on ITO only
- This results in inhomogeneous light generation
- The problem increases with increasing OLED-surface area

Need for high conductive anode!!

Holst Centre develops metal grid + high conductive PEDOT:PSS

- No costly ITO
- Fully printable (low cost production)

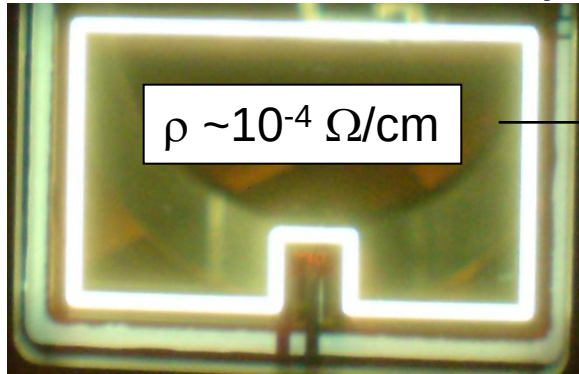


Picture: Zigzag OLED with voltage drop along the ITO anode

High conductive polymer anode

No ITO

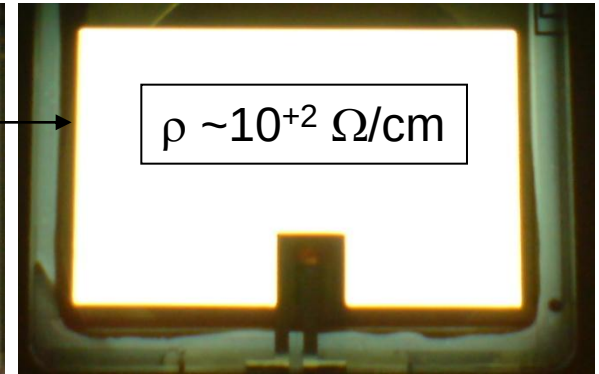
Low PEDOT conductivity



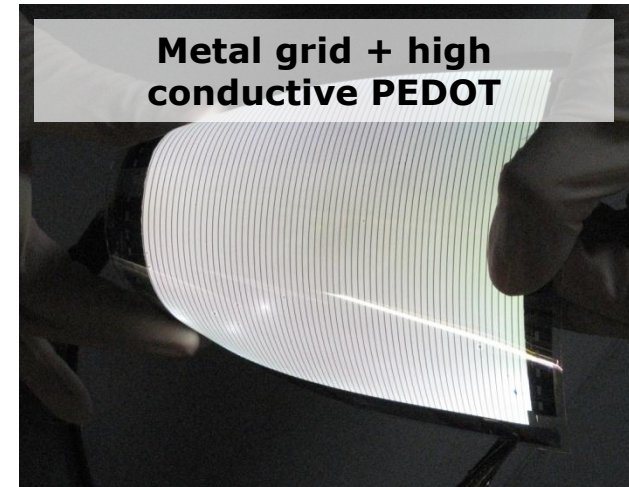
5.75 cm²

No ITO

High PEDOT conductivity



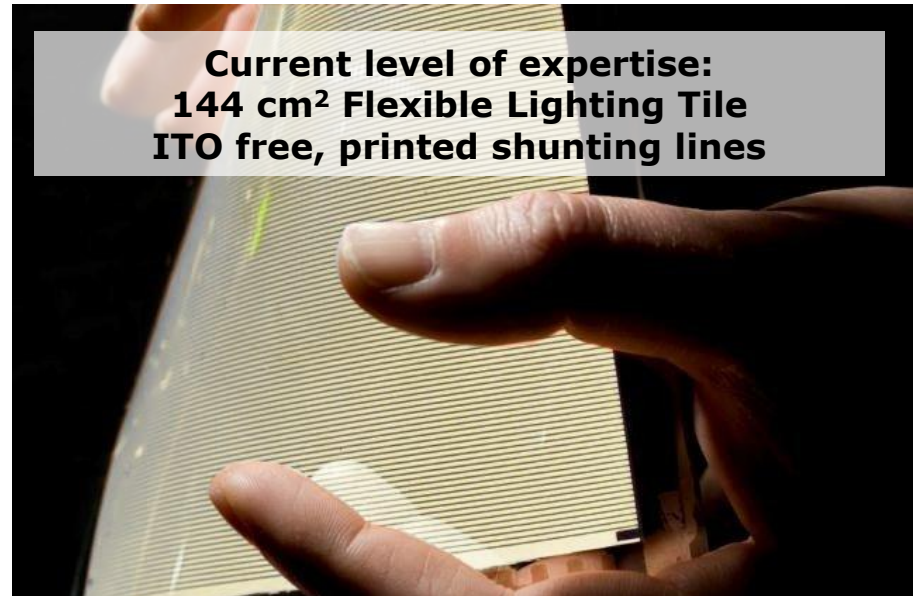
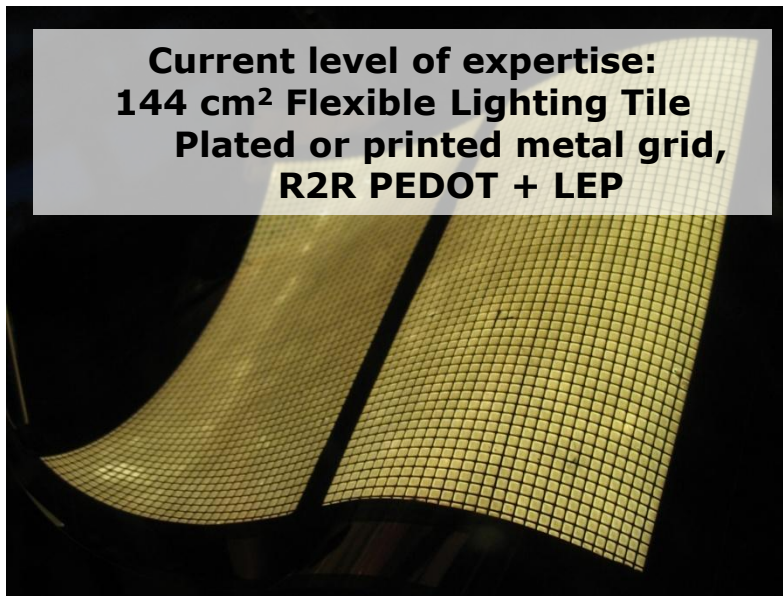
Including grid:



Current status flexible OLEDs

- **Lighting Tile demonstrator:**

- OLEDs built on flexible *PEN, PET, Al, and SS* foils
- Processing on temporary glass carrier with DTF adhesive
- Processing without ITO(!!) and without photolithography
- Integration of barrier and encapsulation technology
- Integration of metallic ink printing technology



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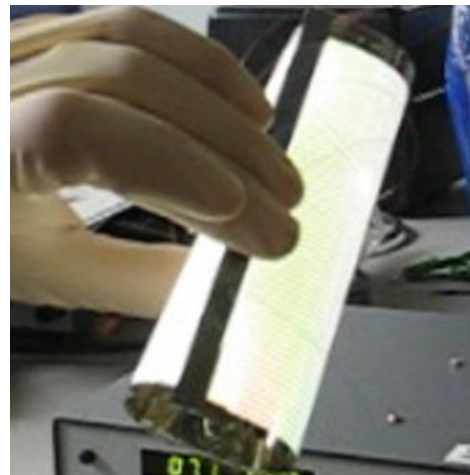
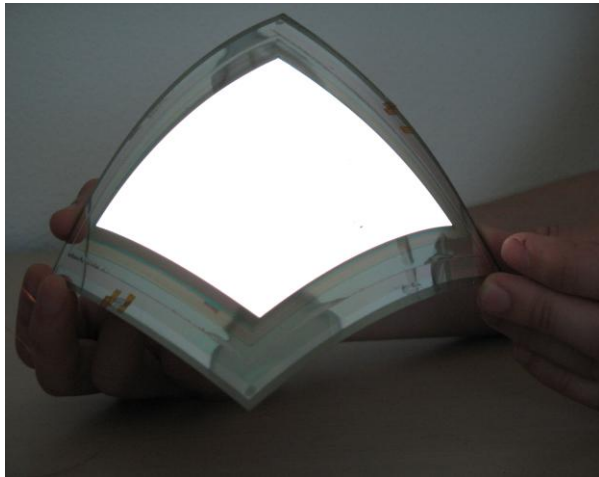
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Why 'OLED Lighting' on foil?

- **Simple, safe and robust**

- Easy-of-use
- Unbreakable
- Low voltage
- Flexible
- Thin
- Area light



New possibilities for 'Solid State Lighting'

- **Flexibility in light**

- Wide colour gamut & high CRI
- Colour control:
saturated colours, subtle colour effects, cold and hot white
- Dynamic:
light intensity, colour variable



Source: Philips Lumiblade

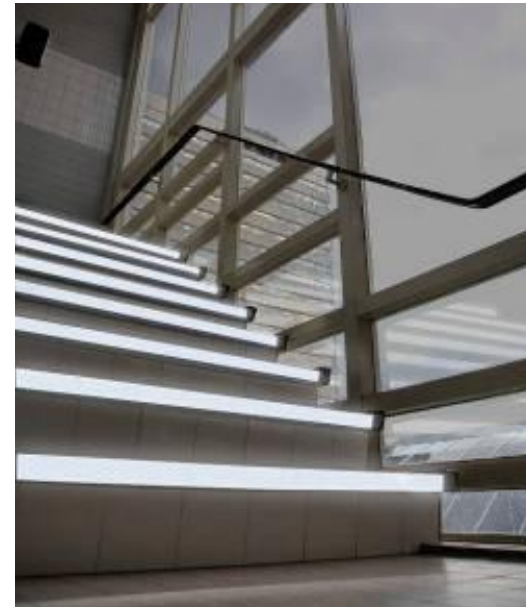


*CFL:
Poor dimming possibilities
Lifetime dependent on
switching behavior*

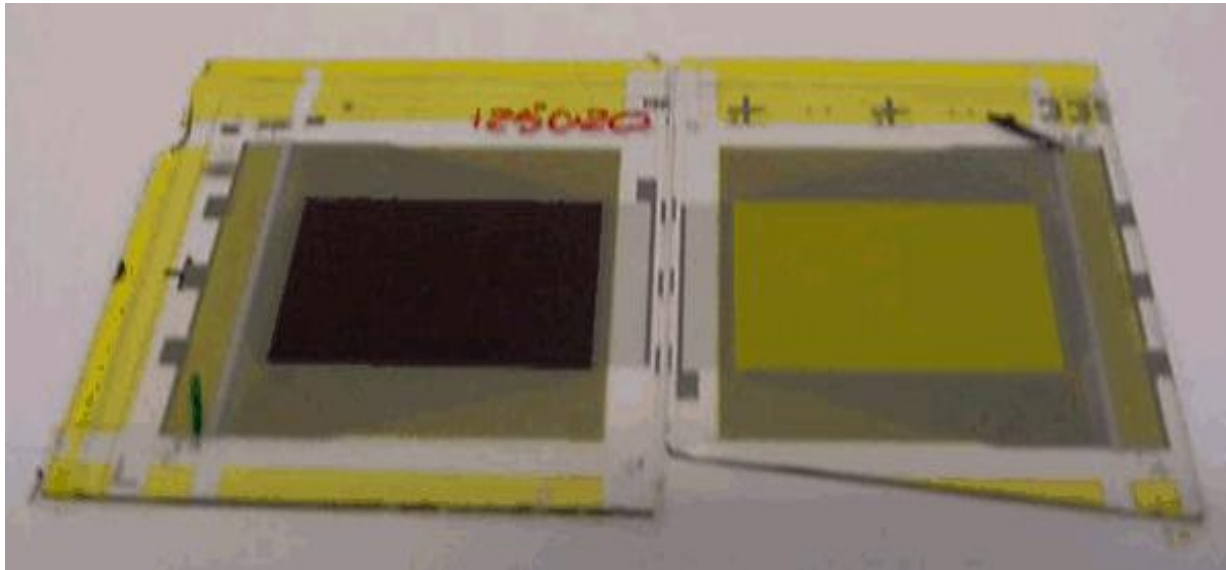
New possibilities for 'Solid State Lighting'

✓ Freedom in design

- ✓ Embedding in products
- ✓ Flexible
- ✓ Adaptation to environment
- ✓ Possibility to make transparent devices



Variable Transparency: Black appearance



Off state

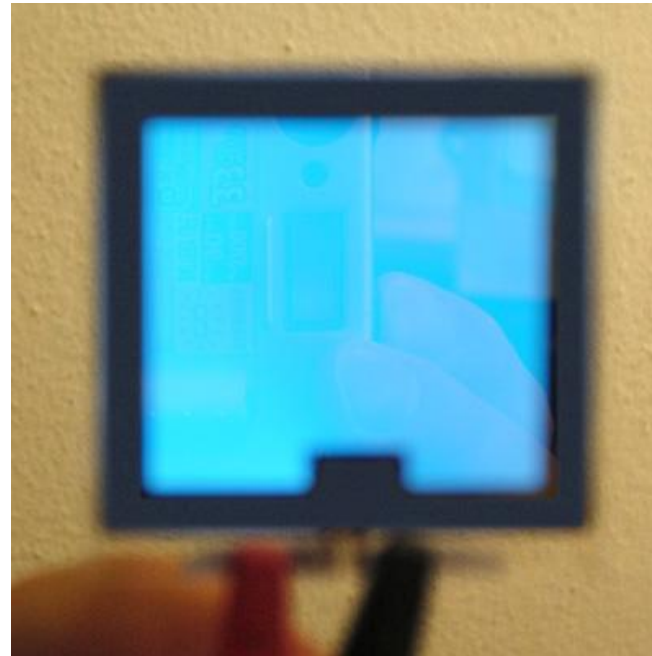
**On state: light generating
(yellow in this case)**

Variable Transparency: Mirror appearance

- **light source blends in background: mirror light**

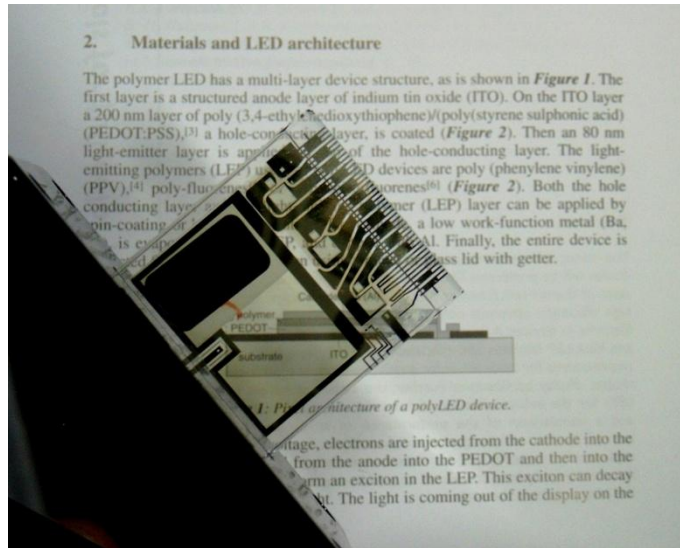


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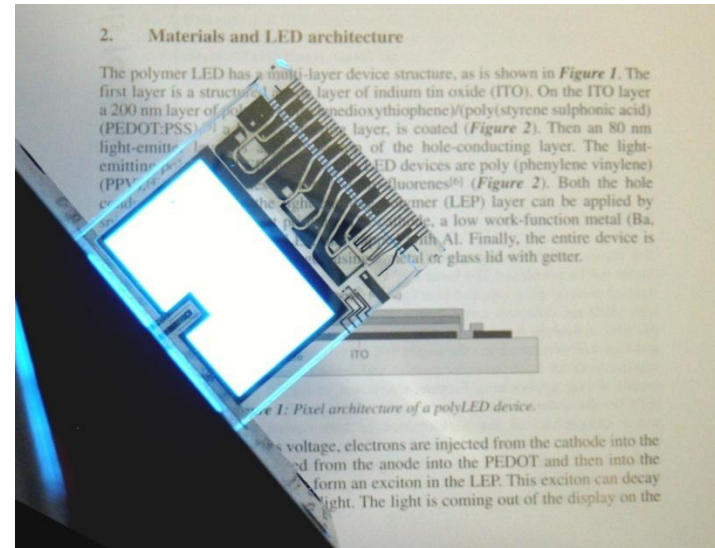


**On state: light generating
(blue in this case)**

Variable Transparency: Transparent appearance



Off state



**On state: light generating
(white in this case)**

Transparent appearance



Transparent

Semi-transparent

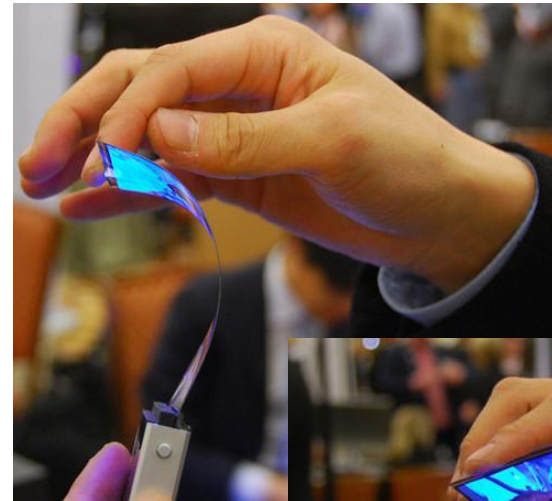
Non-transparent

Featuring Cristina Tanase Philips Research

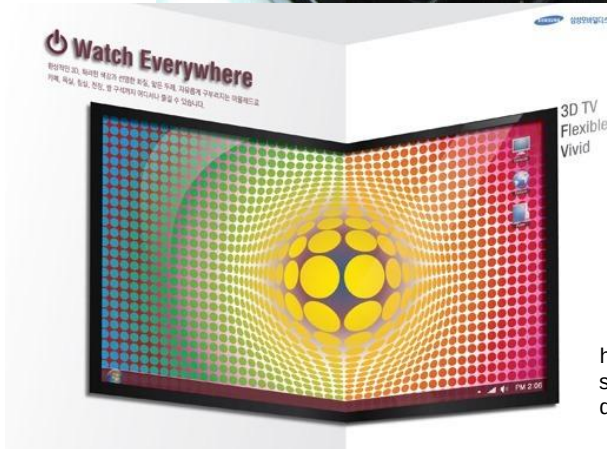
OLED feature on foil - Displays

- **Bendability, flexibility, stretchability, conformability**
- **Market introduction very soon**

Samsung flexible OLED displays



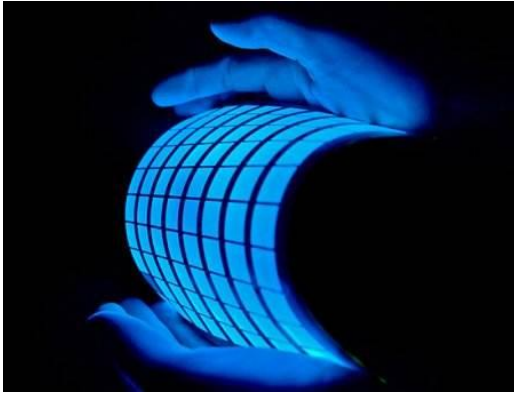
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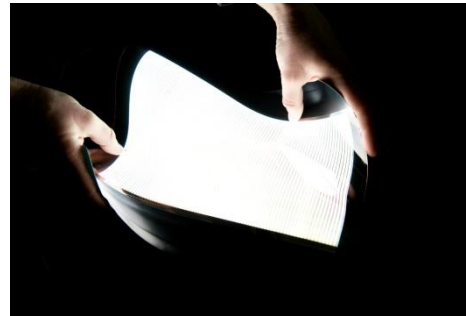
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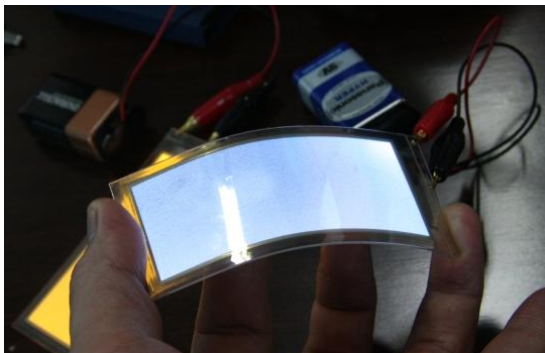
- **Still in research phase**



<http://www.displayblog.com/2009/04/18/electronics-and-telecommunications-research-institute-etri-develop-technology-to-improve-amoled/>



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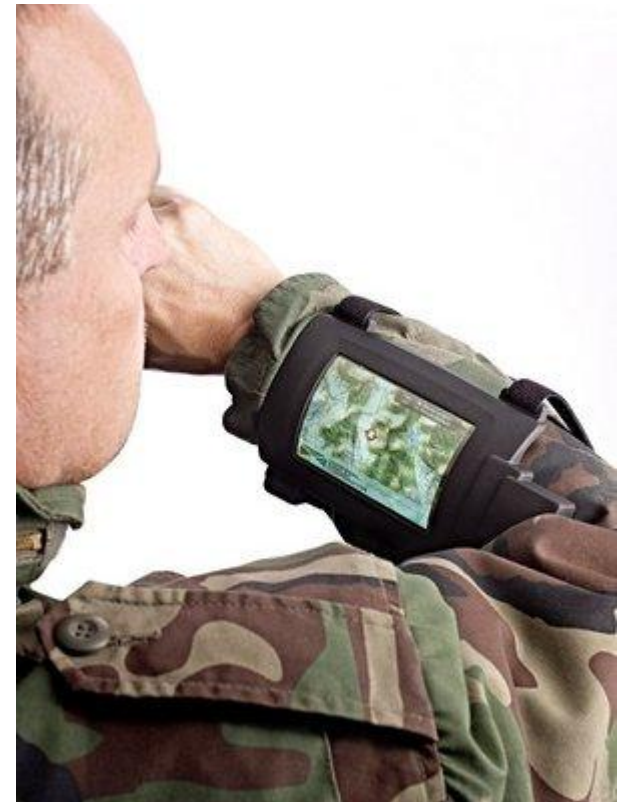
OLED display/lighting around wrist



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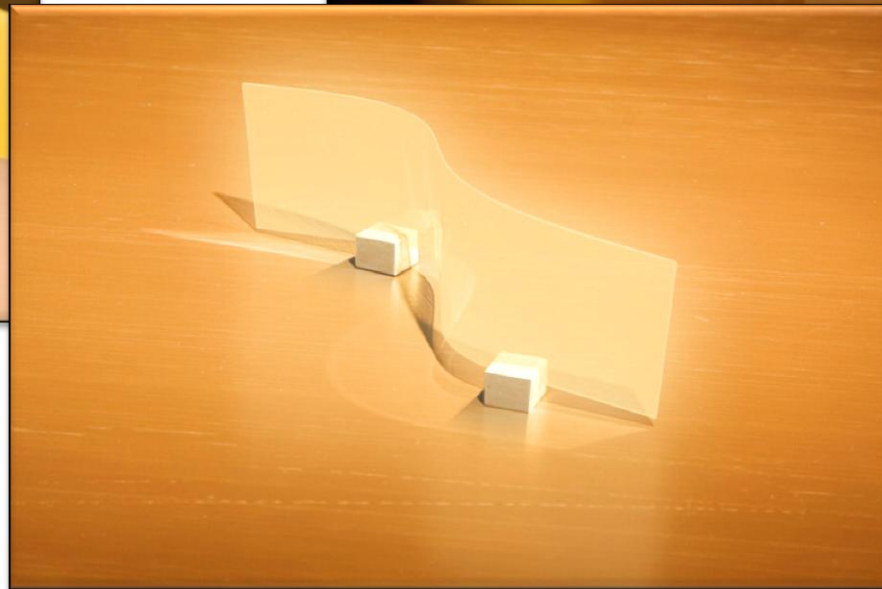
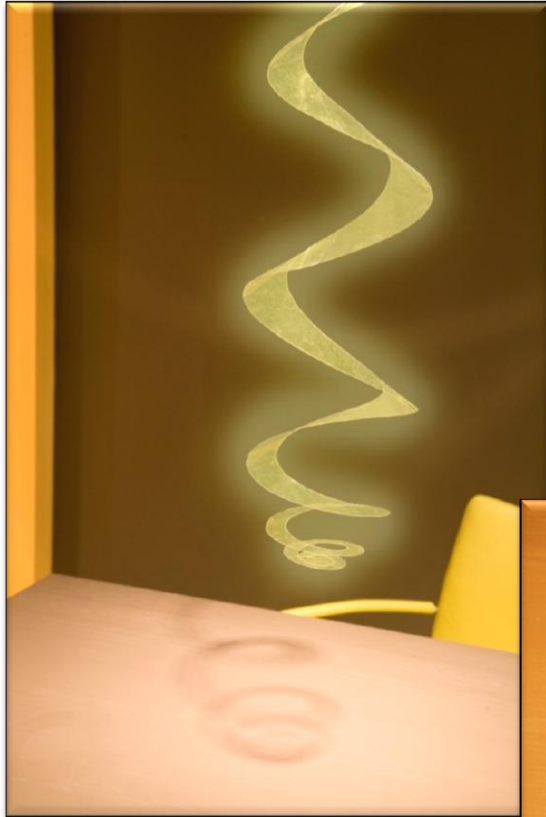
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Universal Display Company

<http://www.oled-info.com/udc-delivered-8-flexible-wrist-mounted-oled-displays-us-army>

Foil based light sources – Holst visions



Smart bandages/blankets

- **Low cost leads to the possibility of disposable products**
- **@ 100 EUR/m² → 1 EUR for 10x10 cm² foil**
- **This leads to the possibility for Smart bandages/blankets for light therapy**
 - It has been known for a long time that light has healing properties, e.g. light treatment for TBC patients
 - But light can also be used for treating seasonal disorders
 - It can be used to heal a large range of conditions (from acne treatment to cancer treatment)



<http://getacnehomeremedies.info/images/www.lamedspa.com/images/beforeafters/acne5L.jpg>



Example - jaundice treatment of neonatal

- **Old treatment**

- Static light sources necessitating eye protection of neonatal
- Jaundice treatment: photochemical conversion and excretion of bilirubine (yellow colour treatment)

- **New possibility**

- Wearable light source
- less interfering with care
- including bonding with parents



Philips BilitX™
Blue LED based

Source flickr: 1542122226_5e43a1d008 and 2538039854_e67b67926c

OLEDs in phototherapy

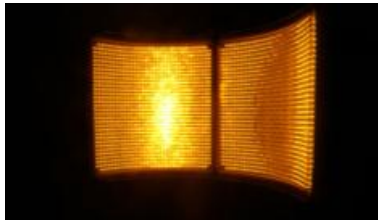
- From fluorescent → LEDs → conformable OLEDs



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<http://www.prolightaesthetics.com/page/page/5066261.htm>



<http://www.shizukany.com/skin-care/facials/gentlewaves.html>



Source: Gentlewaves



Source: Polymertronics



Source: Ambicare Health Ltd



Source: MedX Health Corp.

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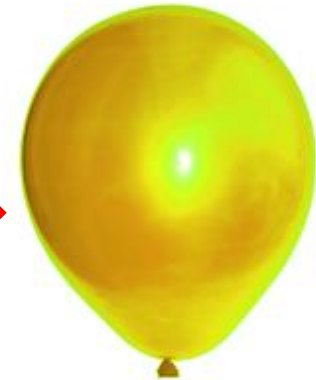
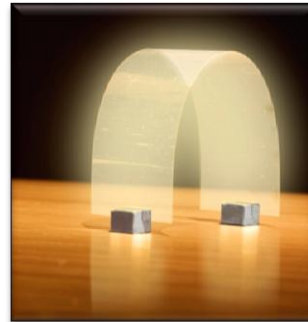
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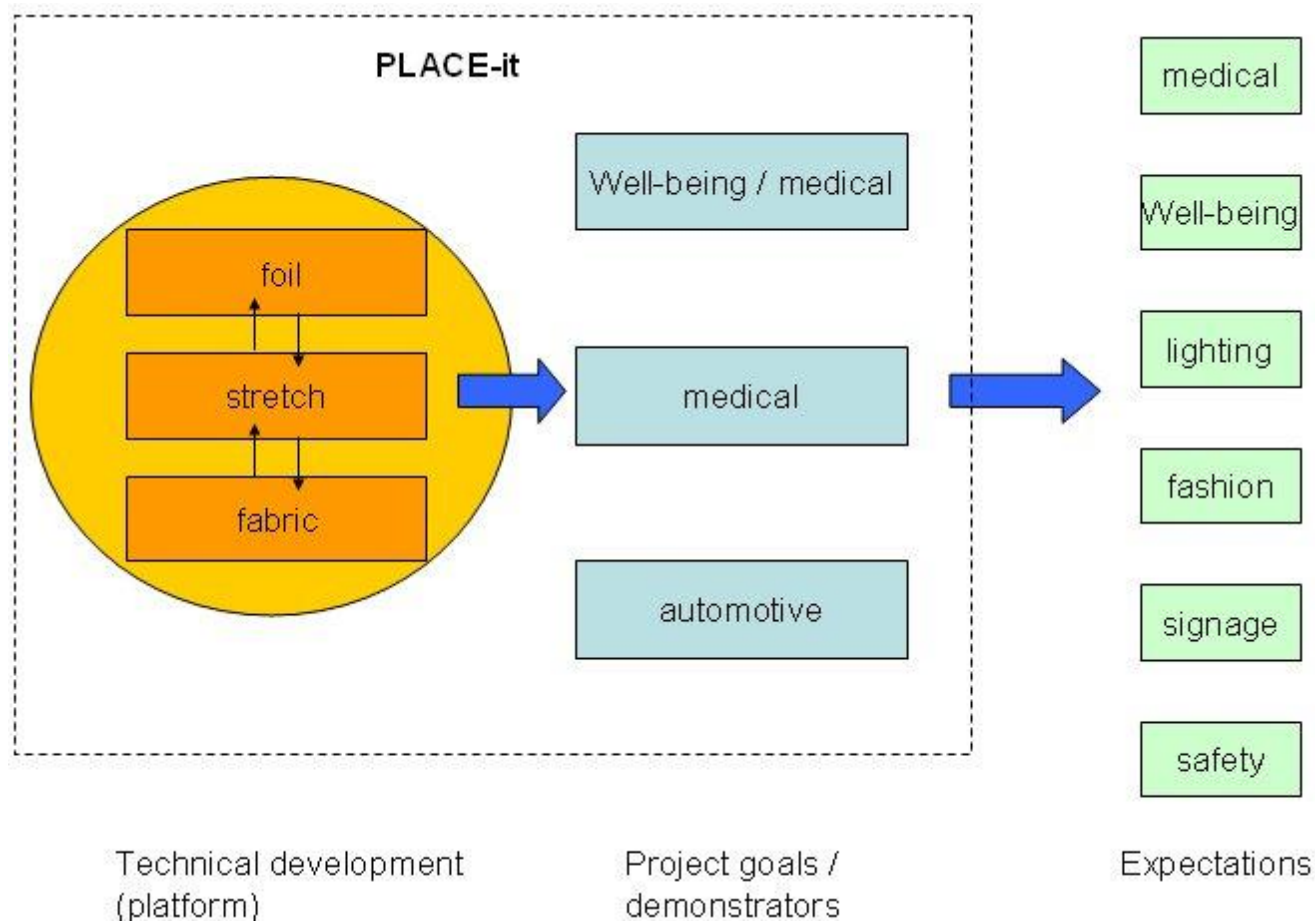
From flexible to conformable

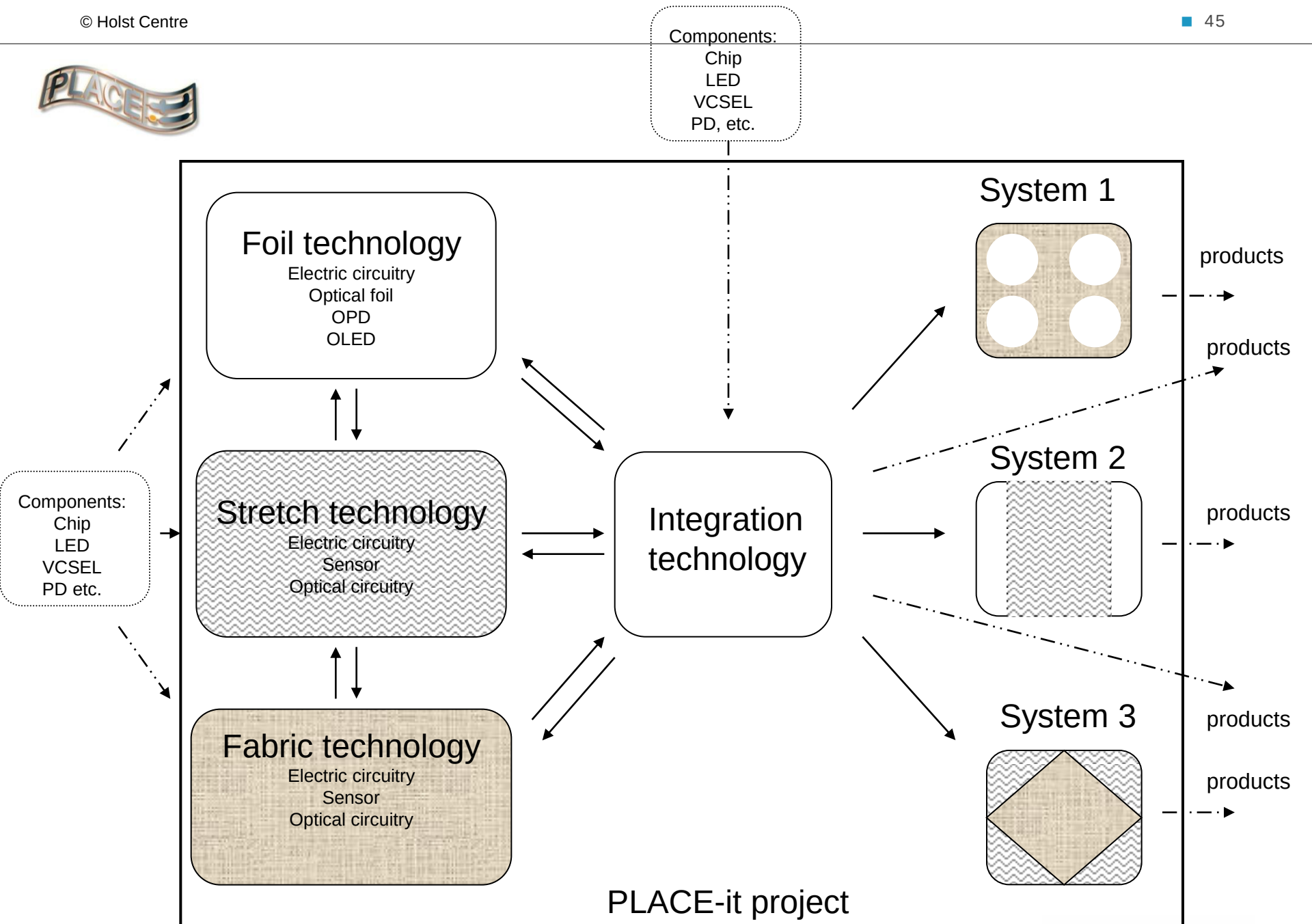
- **Flexibility not sufficient for 3-D surfaces**



- **Platform for Large Area Conformable Electronics by InTegration**
FP7 - EU funding



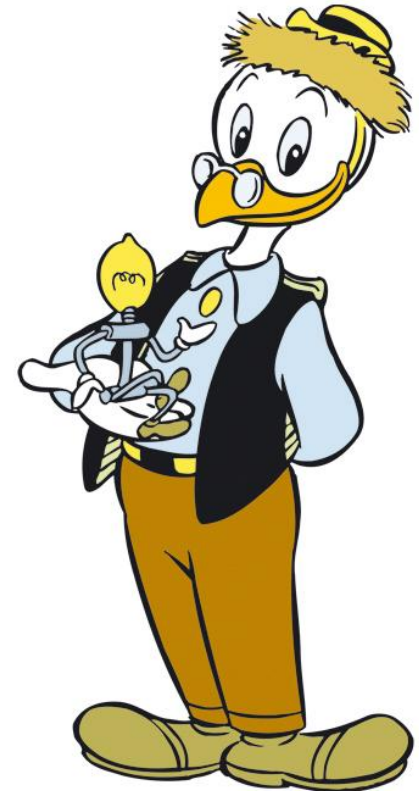




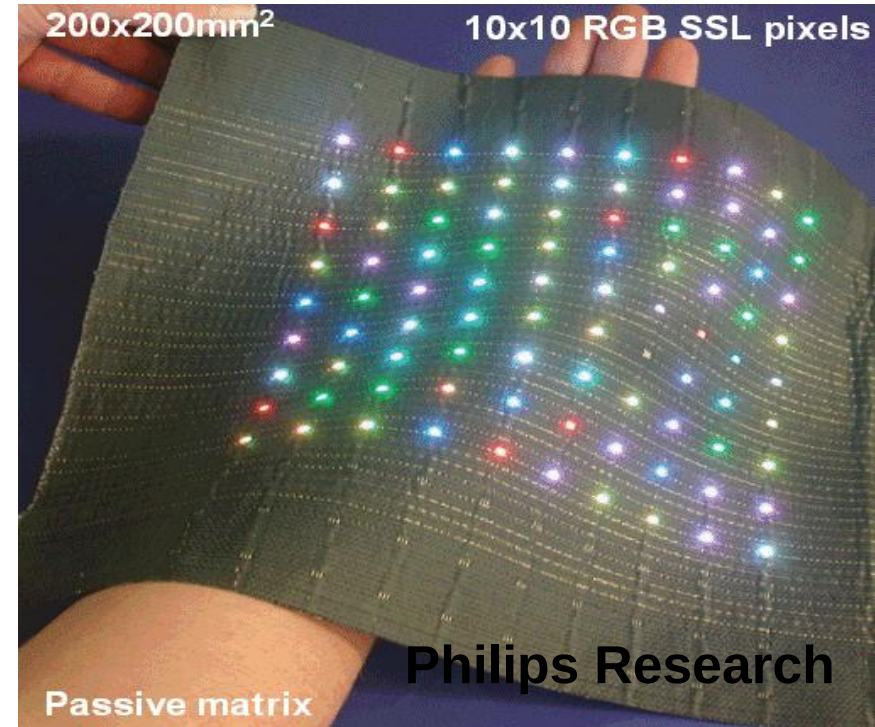
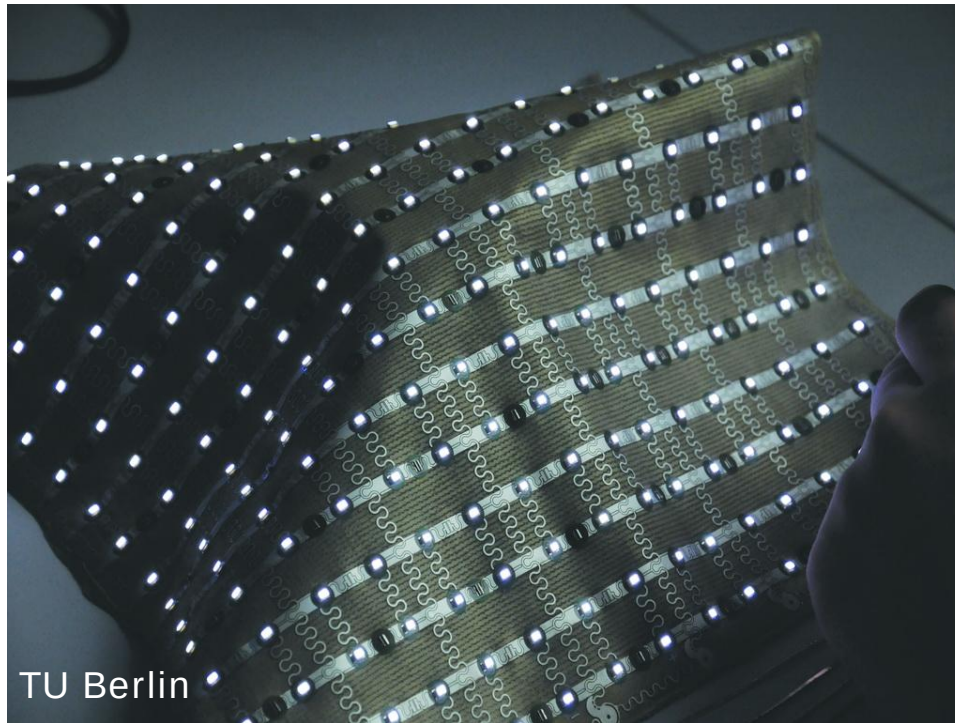
Place-it project: conformable light technology

- **Light from carriers with the following properties:**

- Thin
- Large Area
- Wearable
- Flexible / elastic
- Breathing
- Lightweight



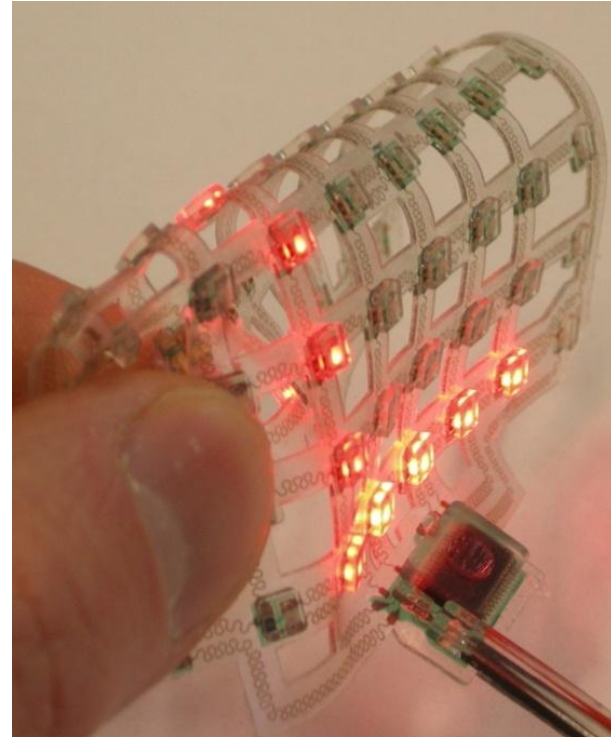
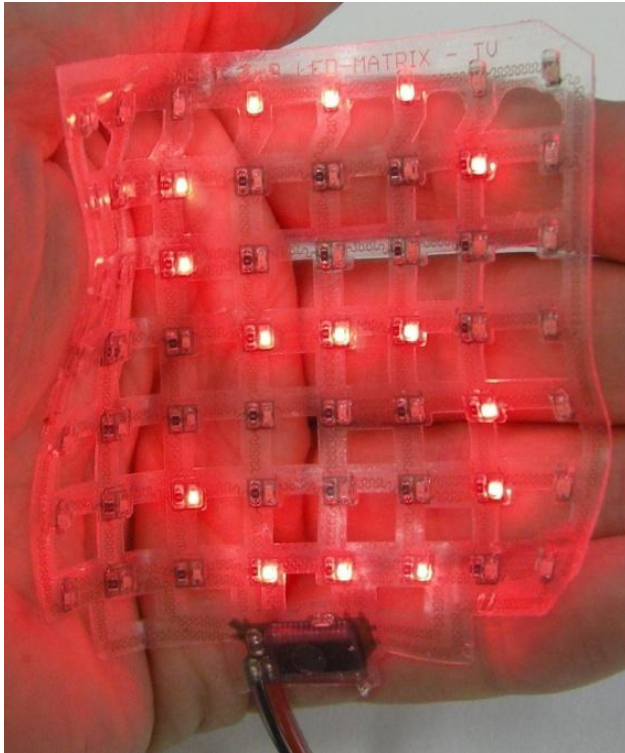
Examples textile: LED technology



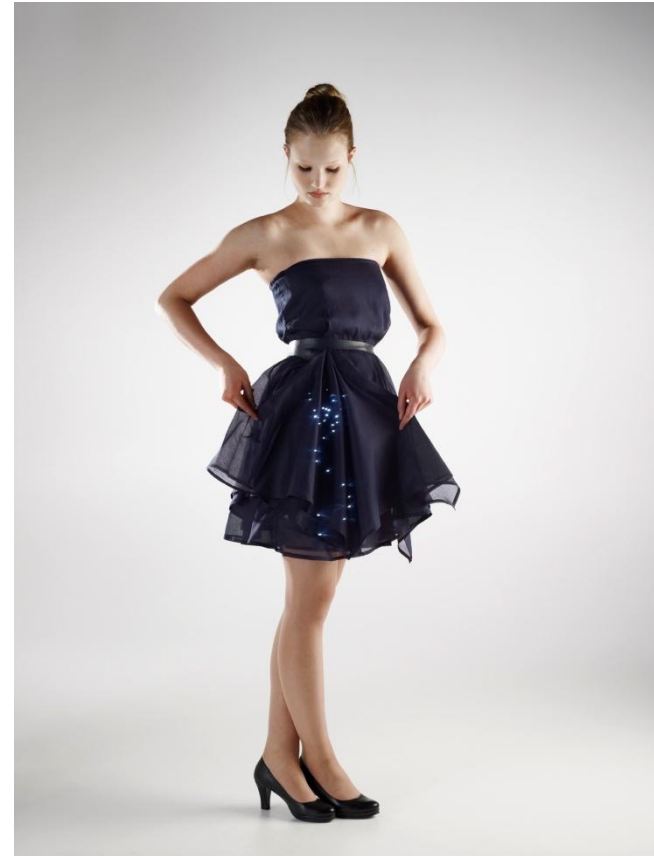
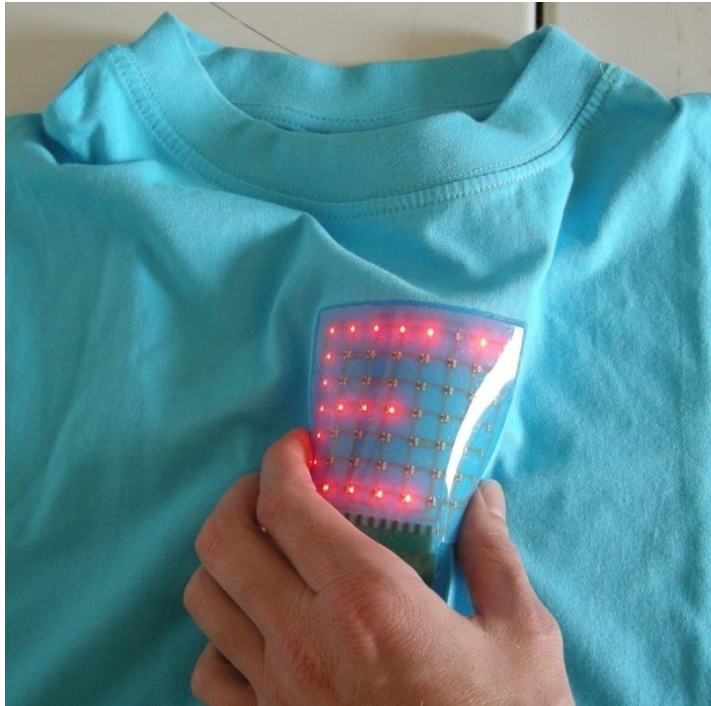
Examples textile: applications



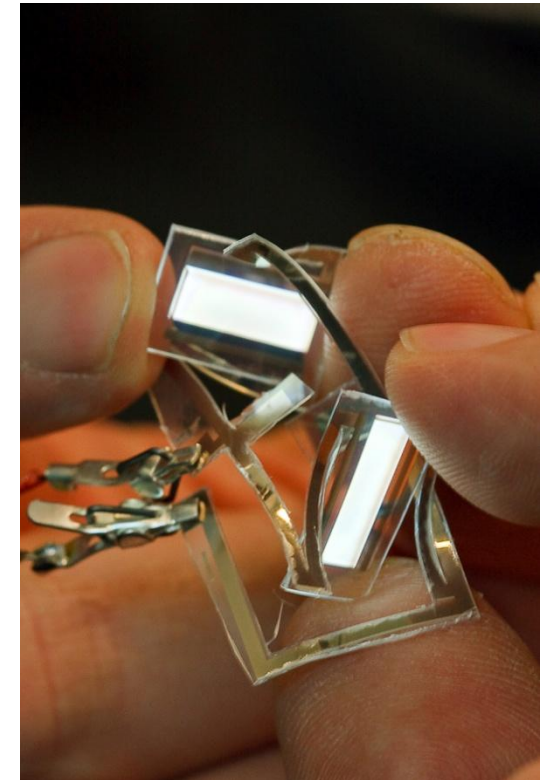
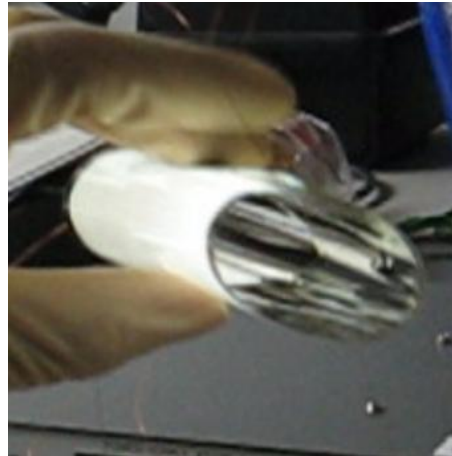
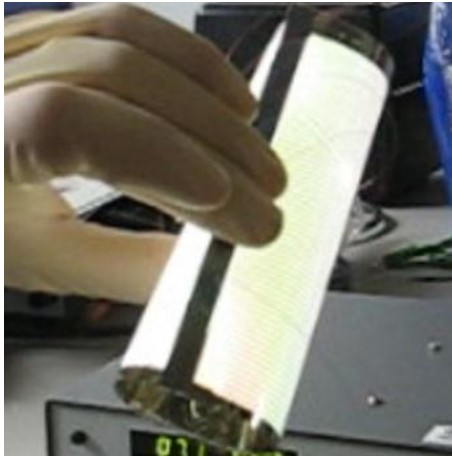
Examples stretchable electronics



Examples stretchable applications



From bendable OLEDs to transformable



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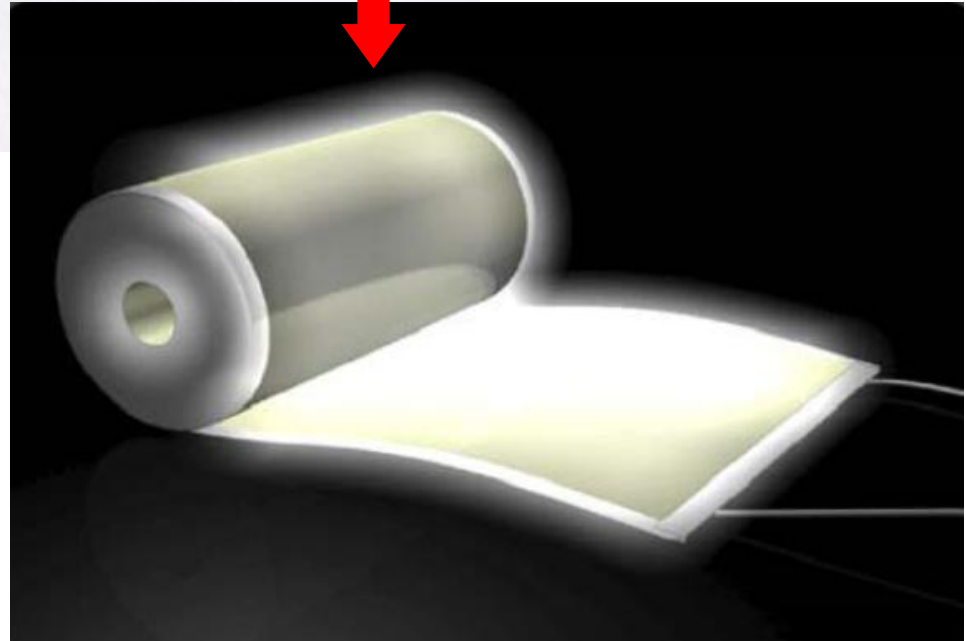
First Flexible OLED used in real life application



LeMans 2010
Huntsman – Araldite
OLED signage



OLEDs made on the roll



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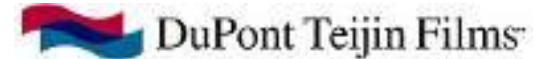
Is that in the near future it will be possible to cut-and-paste with lighting foils to make any shape you want....



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sense and simplicity



Ministerie van Economische Zaken



PLACE-It funded by EU





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