

## Smartees webinar

# Organic printed & flexible electronic devices for health applications

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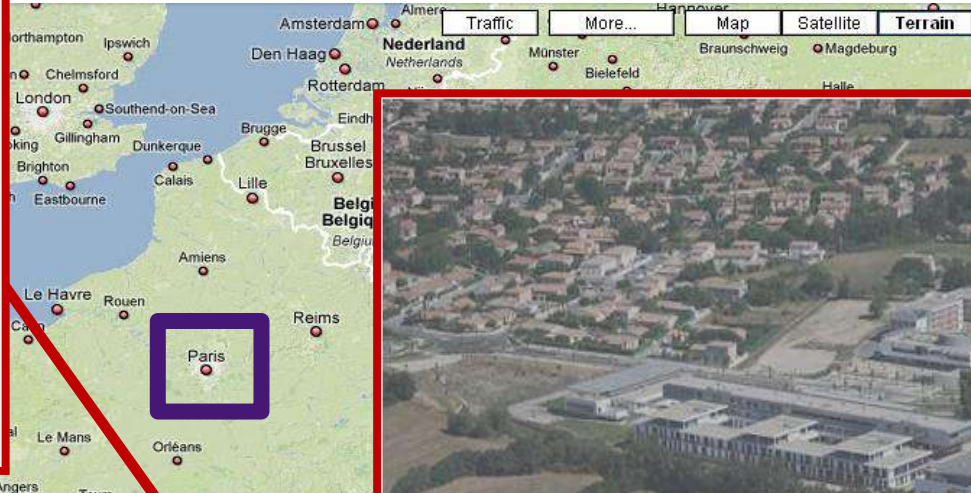
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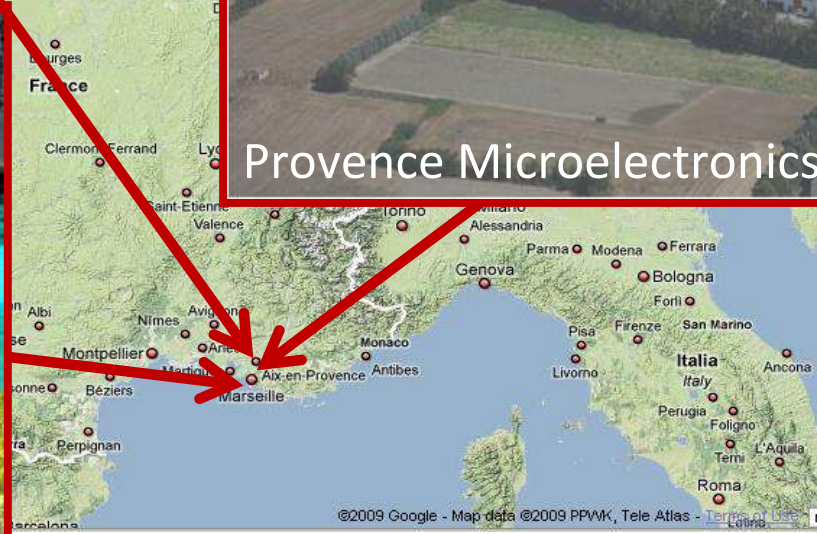
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# Centre de Microélectronique de Provence (CMP)

- One of the 5 Centers of 'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Saint-Etienne' (*Graduate School of Engineering*)
  - Delivers *Master's Degree (M1&2) + PhD (via Lyon Doctoral School)*
- 4 Research laboratories:
  - Secured Architectures & Systems,
  - Manufacturing Sciences and Logistics,
  - Bioelectronics,
  - Flexible Electronics.
- Start-ups incubator,
- 600 m<sup>2</sup> clean-room facilities.

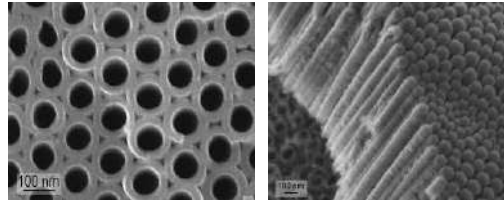


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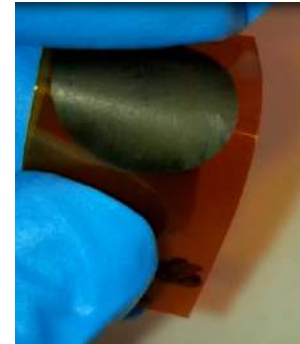
“Exploring New Microelectronics Technology and Devices for Innovative Applications”

# Department of Flexible Electronics

## Materials

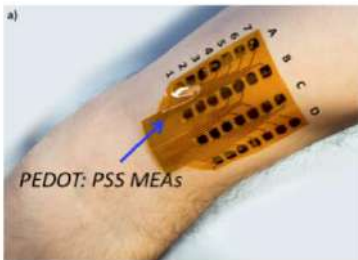


*Fabrication of nanomaterials  
(TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes)*



*Thermoelectric and  
et piezoelectric inks*

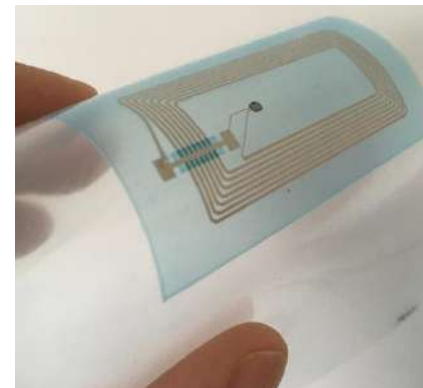
## Devices



*Sensors  
Antennas  
Production/storage of energy*



## Integration



*Organic Flexible & Printed electronics*

# Organic printed & flexible electronic devices for health applications

# Why $\pi$ -conjugated polymers in health applications?

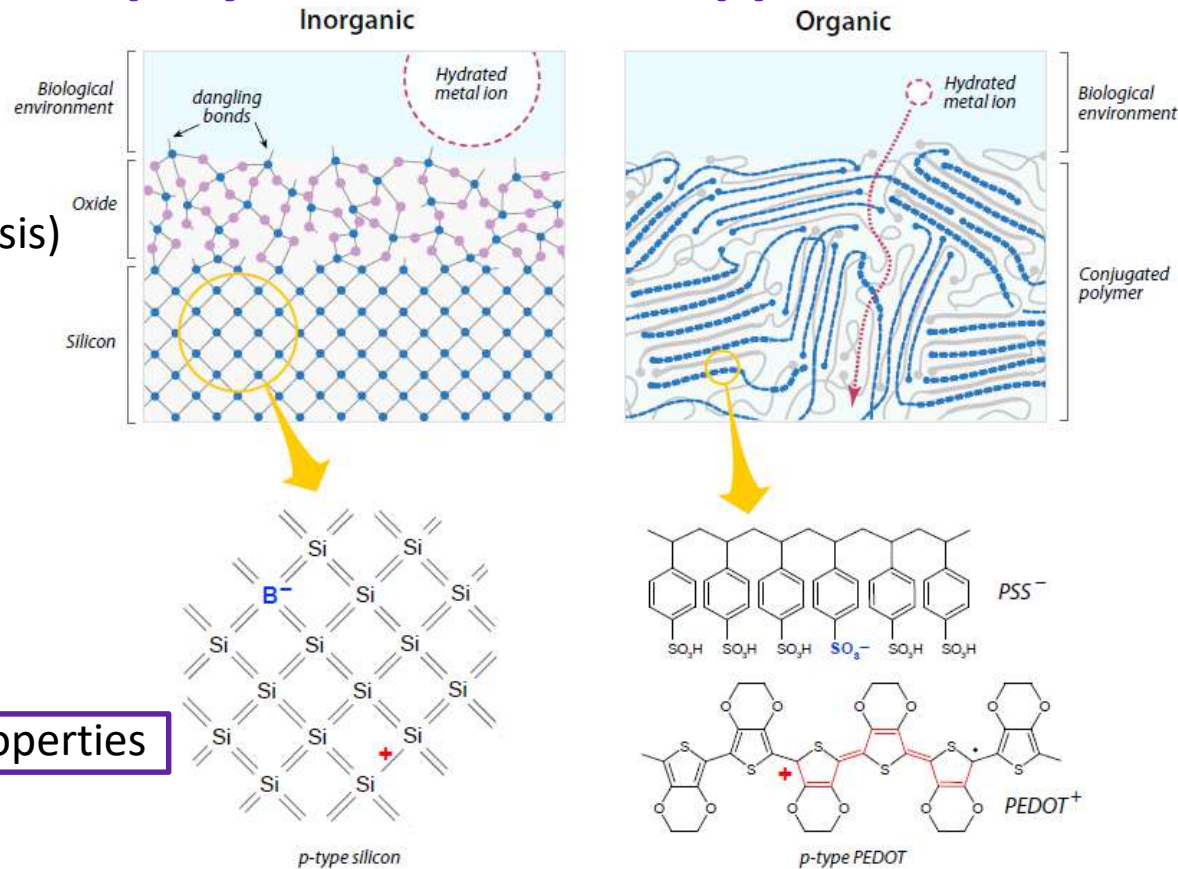
- Tunability of properties (synthesis)

- Low-temperature processing

- Ideal surfaces/interfaces

- High ion mobilities

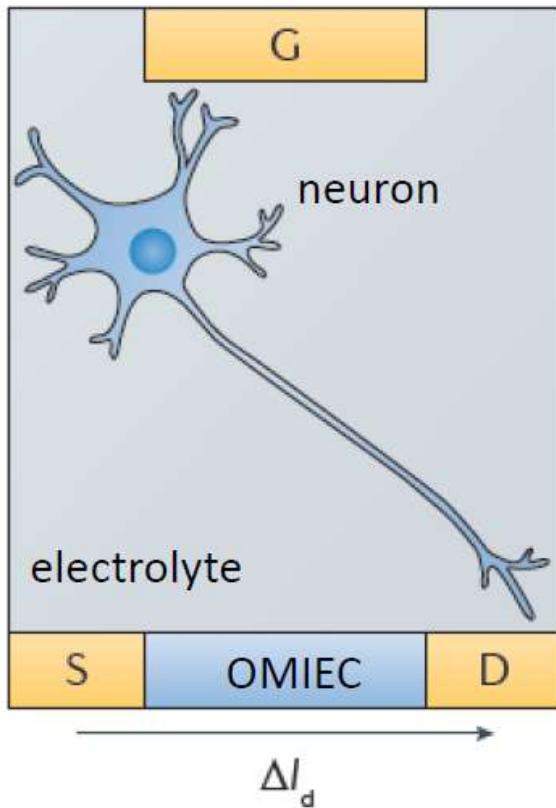
- Electronic excitations affect properties



J. Rivnay, R.M. Owens, and G.G. Malliaras, *Chem. Mater.* 26, 679 (2014).

**Organic Mixed Ion-to-Electron Conductors (OMIECs):**  
**« Ideal » candidates for interfacing with biological media**

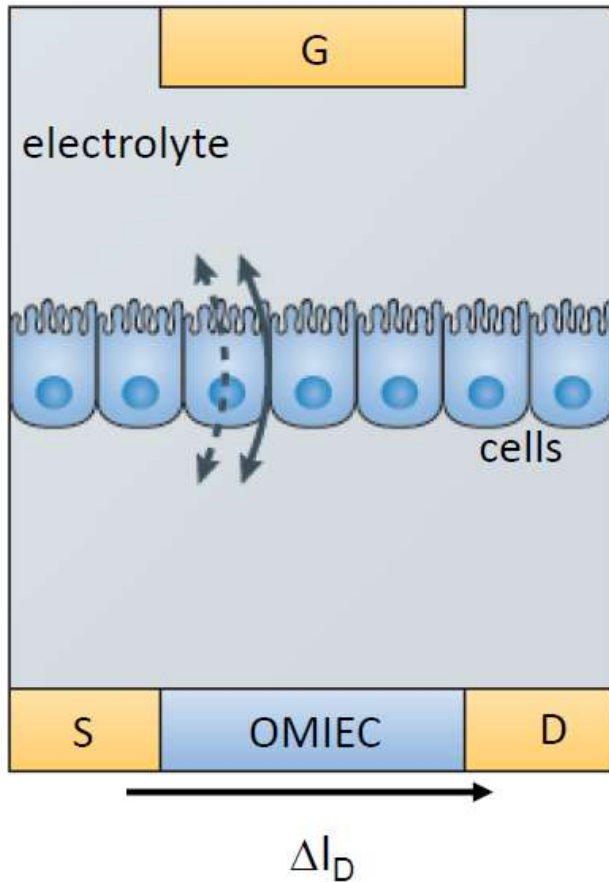
# OECTs in Bioelectronics%



- High SNR (local signal amplification) into the brain (stimulate and record), the heart, the muscles
- Record electrophysiological activities (EEG, ECG, EOG, EMG) on the skin

**OECT as neural activity sensor**

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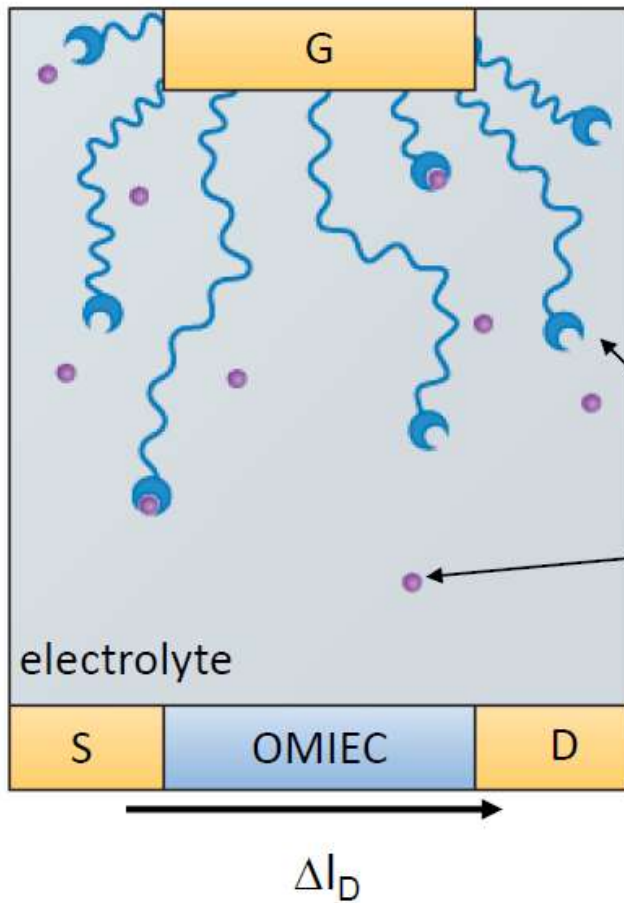


- monitor cell coverage, barrier tissue formation and cellular health for nonelectrogenic cells, such as epithelial cells
- study ion channels in supported lipid bilayers assembled on OMIEC channels
- Monitor 3D cells culture to control their integrity and effect of toxic compounds
- Control arrangement of epithelial cells; control 3D cells culture

**OECT as impedance sensors**



# OECTs in Bioelectronics%



OECTs record:

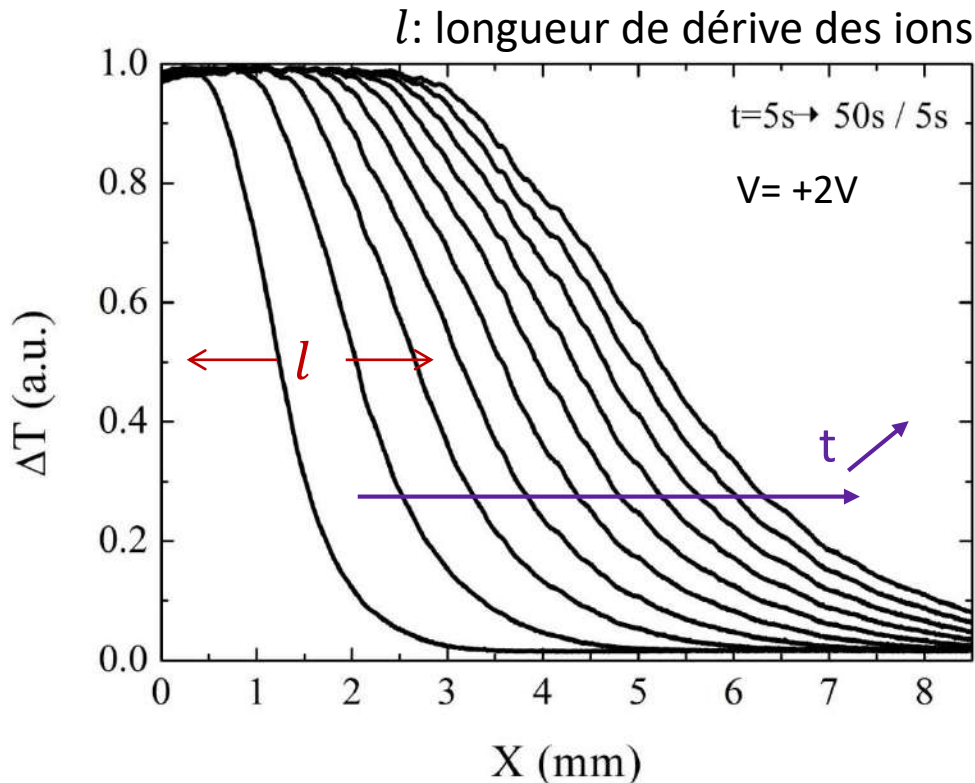
- Metabolites (glucose, lactate)
- breath, sweat, saliva or cell culture media
- DNA and bacteria

*redox enzyme target*

*metabolite*

**OECT as transducer in biosensors**

# Ion transport in PEDOT:PSS



Transmittance profile vs length of dedoping in PEDOT: PSS

Analytic model:  $l = \sqrt{2\mu V t}$

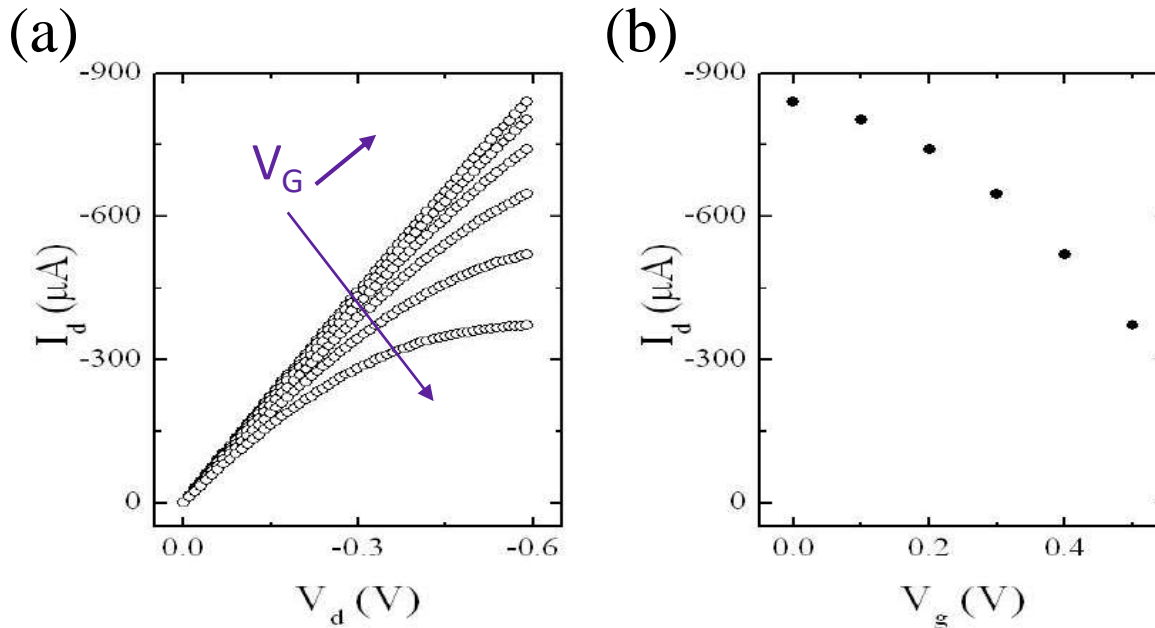
Ion	Mobility ( $\mu$ ) in PEDOT:PSS ( $cm^2 \cdot V^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ )
$H^+$	$(39 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-4}$
$K^+$	$(14 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-4}$
$Na^+$	$(9.3 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-4}$
$C_5H_{14}NO^+$	$(4.5 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-4}$

Mobilities of different ions in PEDOT:PSS

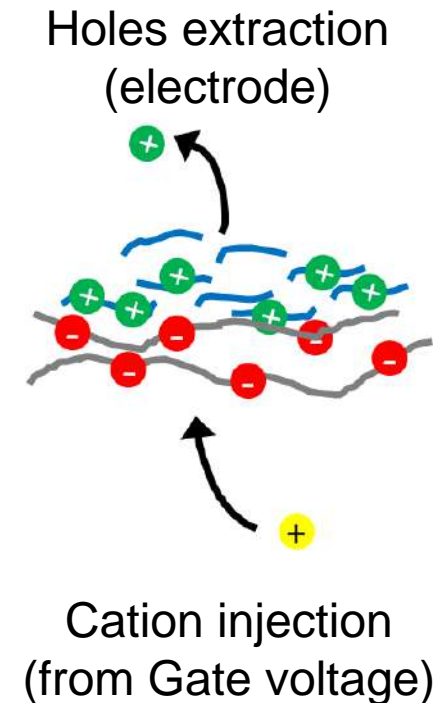
## Direct measurement of ion mobilities in the device architecture (1D)

E. Stavrinidou, P. Leleux, H. Rajaona, D. Khodagholy, J. Rivnay, M. Lindau, S. Sanaur and G. G. Malliaras, *Adv. Mater.* 25 (32), 4488 (2013)

# Organic ElectroChemical Transistors (OECTs)



Transfer curve (a) and output curve (b) of PEDOT:PSS OECTs\*



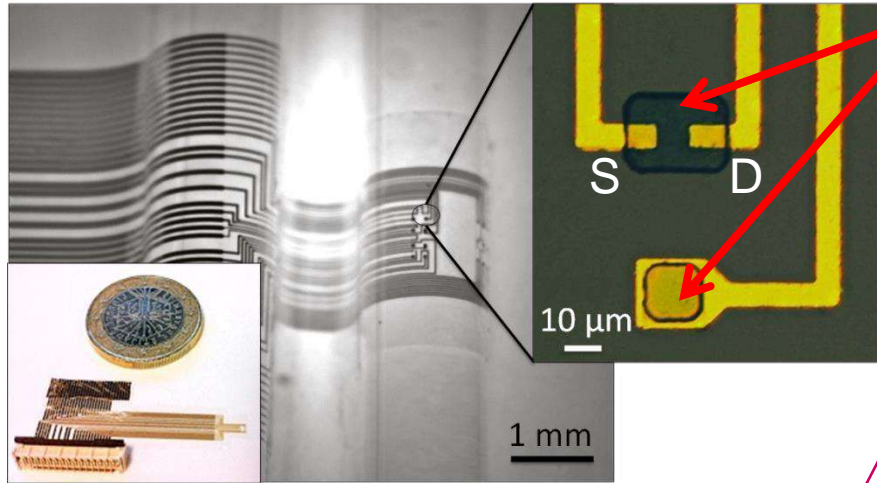
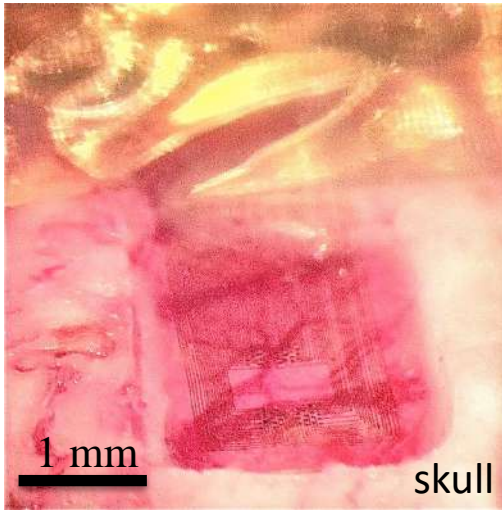
## OECT operation mechanism

\*D. Khodagholy, M. Gurfinkel, E. Stavrinidou, P. Leleux, T. Hervé, S. Sanaur, and G. G. Malliaras, *Applied Physics Letters*, 99(16), 163304 (2011)

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# PEDOT:PSS OECTs interfacing with the brain



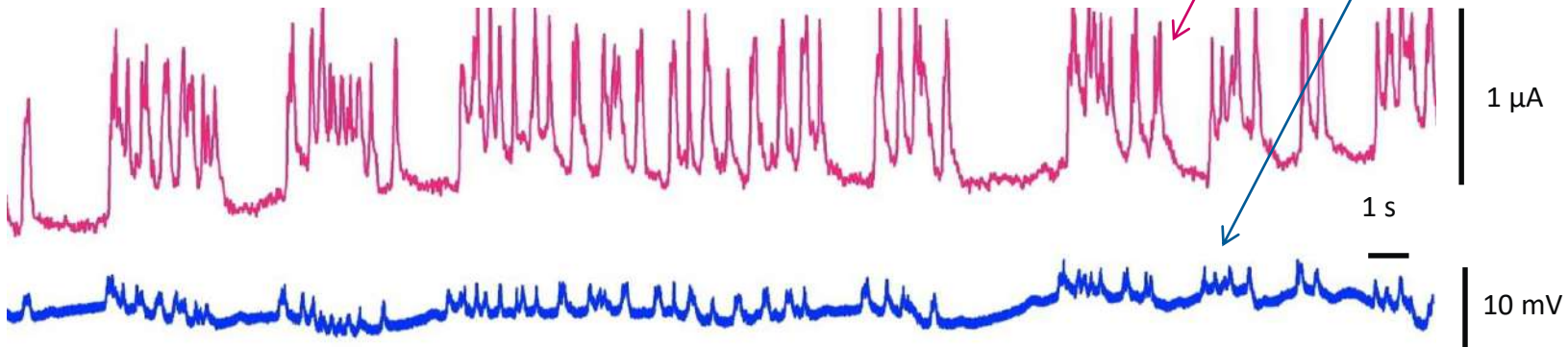
PEDOT:PSS

SNR = 52.7 dB

SNR = 30.2 dB

OECT

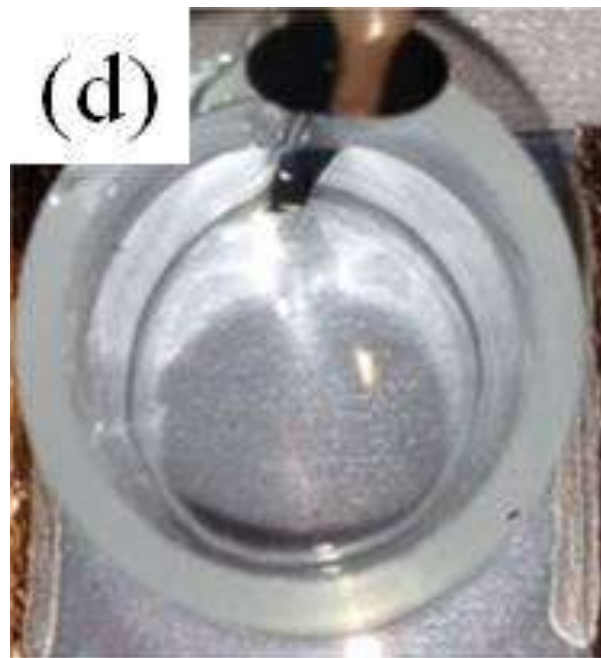
Electrode



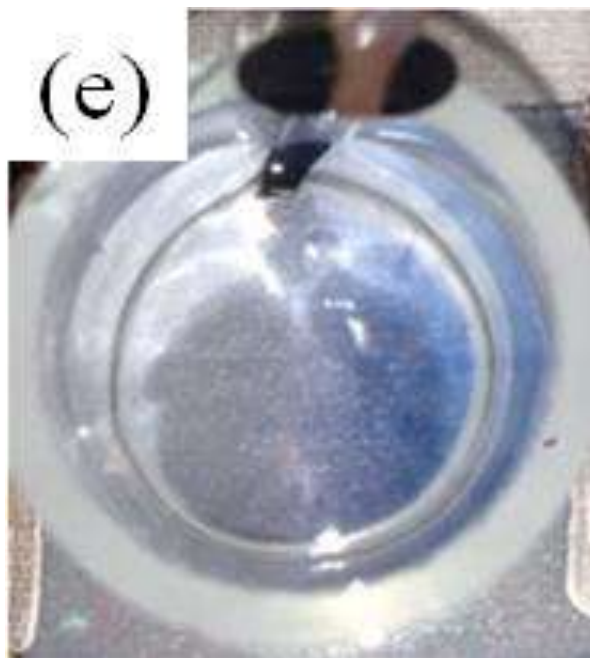
**Improved *In-Vivo* Electrophysiological recording (ECoG)\***

\*D. Khodagholy, T. Doublet, P. Quilichini, M. Gurfinkel, P. Leleux, A. Ghestem, E. Ismailova, T. Herve, S. Sanaur, C. Bernard, and G.G. Malliaras, *Nature Comm.* 4, 1575 (2013)

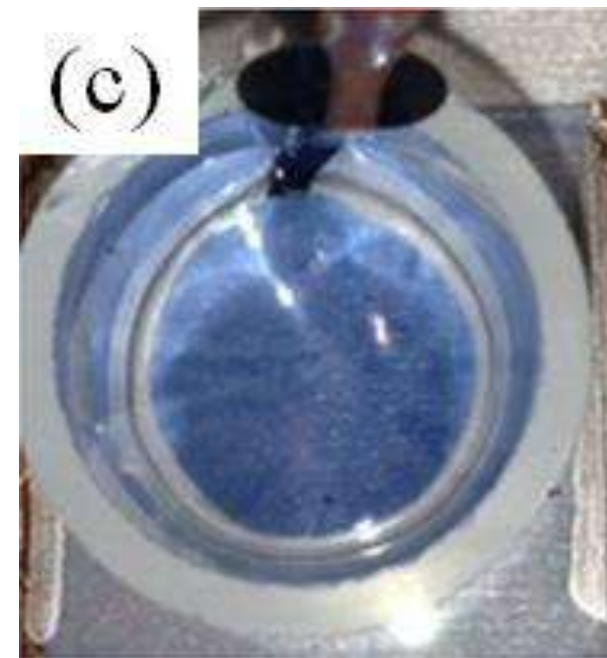
## Tuning the directionality and speed in cell migration



oxidized



gradient

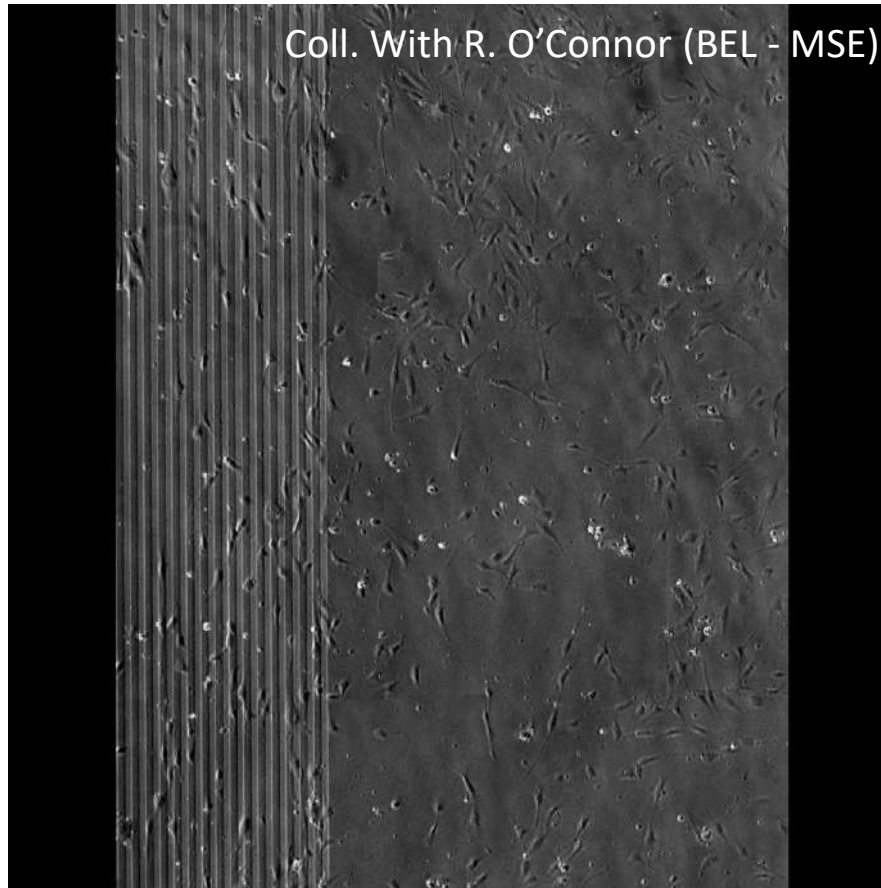


reduced

### ***Electrochemical gradient in PEDOT:PSS for tuning cell migration***

M. ElMahmoudy et al., *J. Appl. Polym. Sci.*, 136(5), 47029 (2018)

# Tuning the directionality and speed in cell migration



*Directionality by surface structuration (pitch= 50 $\mu$ m)*

***In vitro platform for cellular guidance***

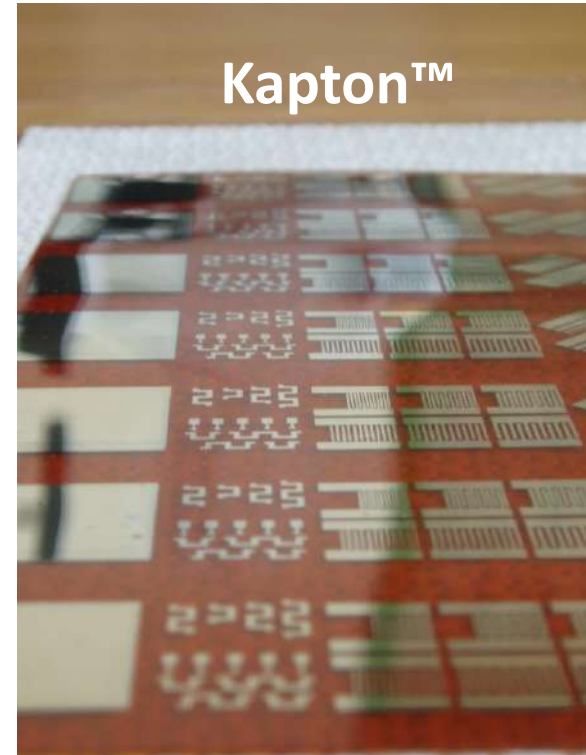
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## Inkjet printing: Devices



Multi nozzle (256 nozzles) inkjet printing platform

**Large area printing – semi industrial prototype**

A. Yakoub et al., *JETPAC: a novel semi-industrial prototyping tool for printed electronics*, LOPE-C (2009)

# Motivation: Organic Electronics → Flexible → Ultra-Flexible

Integration of ultra-flexible substrates → skin-electronics



Credits: Sony



Credits: Royole

Flexible displays (OLEDs + OTFTs)



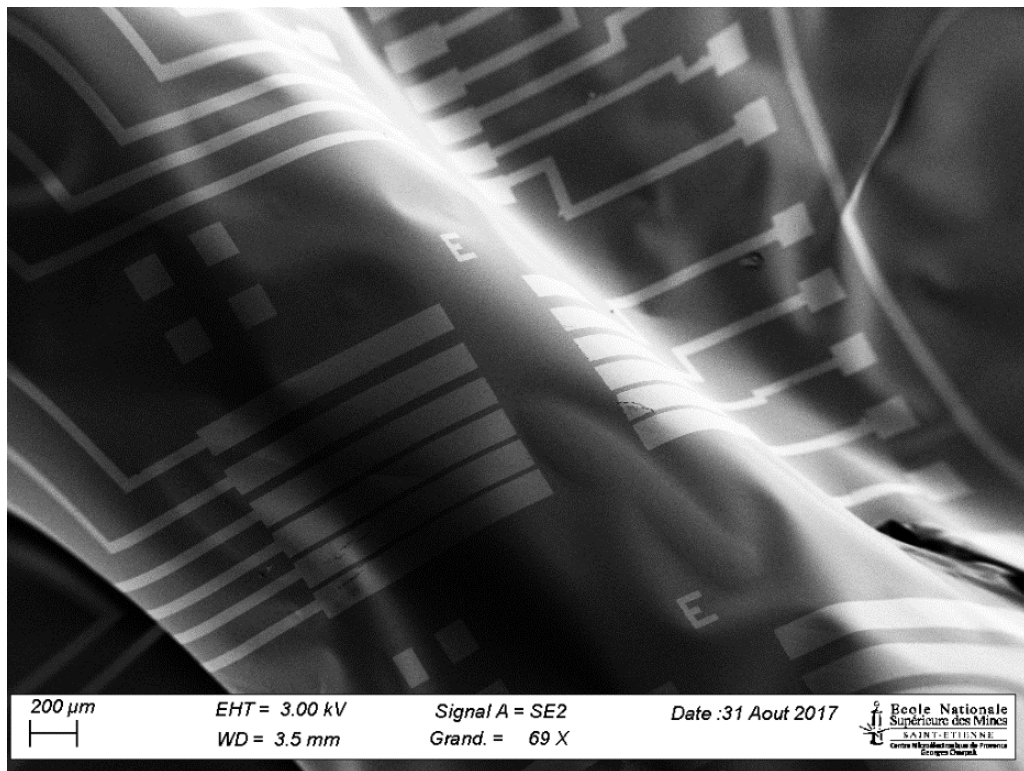
Credits: T. Sekitani, T. Someya, Univ. of Tokyo



Smart artificial skin (OTFTs +  $T^\circ$ / pressure sensors)

**Low fabrication temperature**

# Ultra-flexible OTFTs



SEM picture: Source/ Drain electrodes  
(Parylene C 2 $\mu\text{m}$ -thick)



# OTFTs by IJP

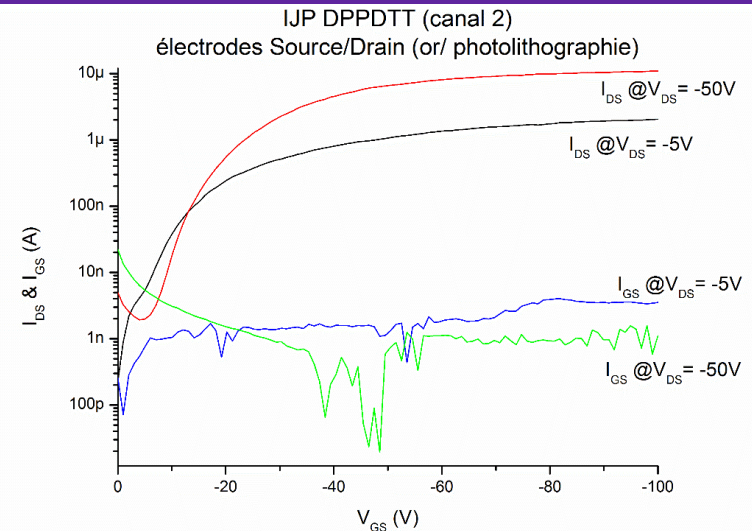
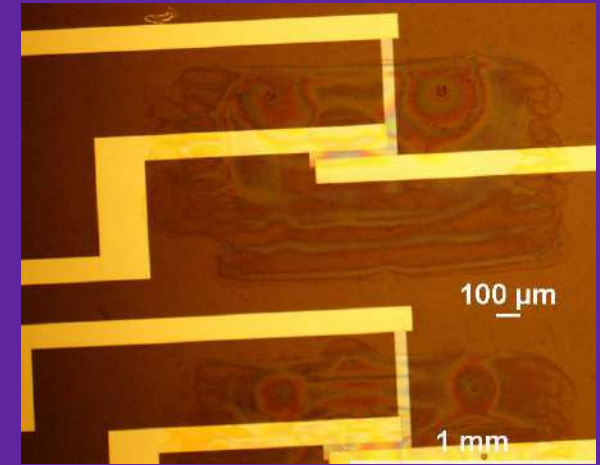
S. Sanaur, A. Whalley, B. Alameddine, M. Carnes, C. Nuckolls, *Org. Electronics*, 7(5), 423-427 (2006)

M. Barret, S. Sanaur, P. Collot, *Mat. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc.*, 1003-009-09 (2007)



Ultraflexible OTFTs

## Inkjet Printed & ultraflexible OTFTs



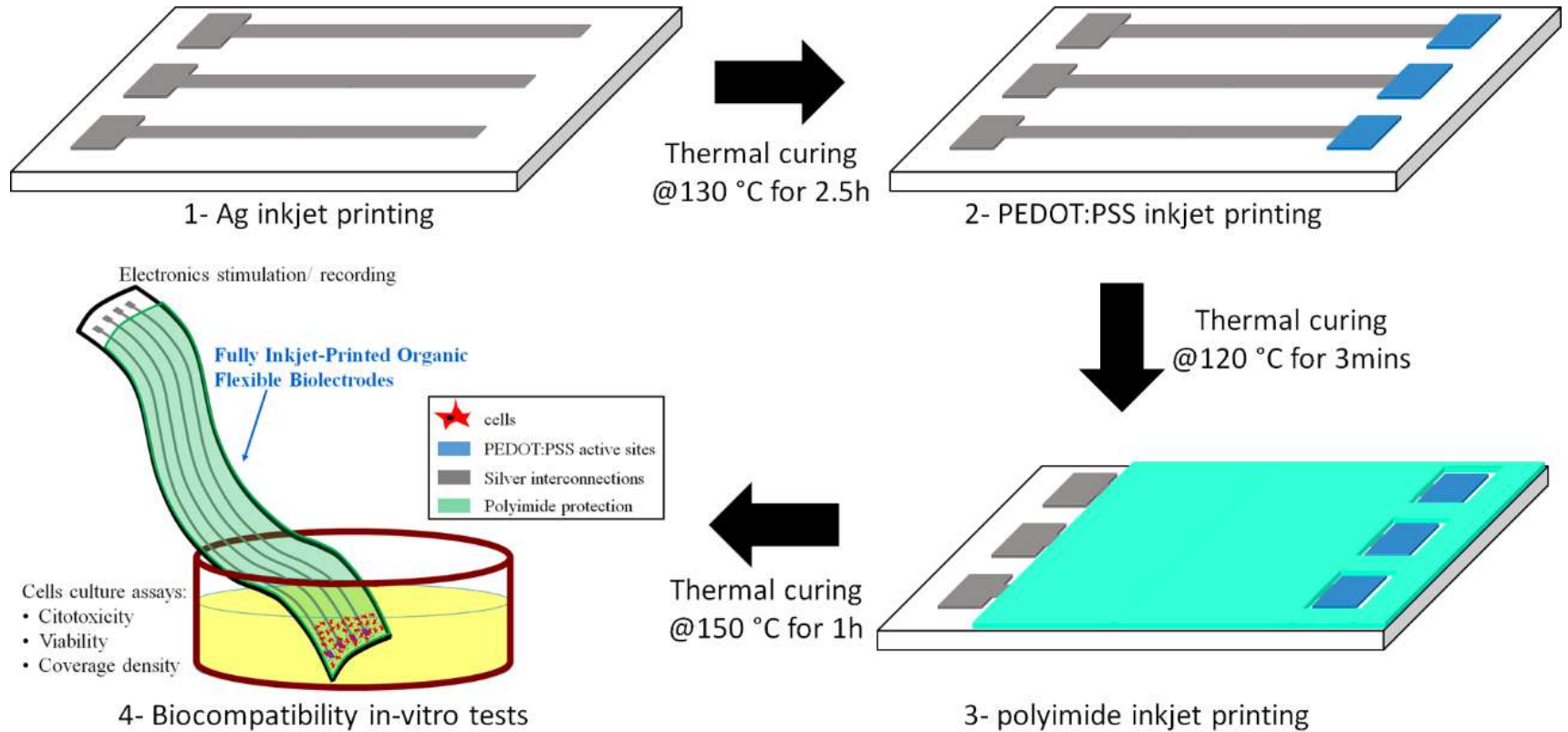
Inkjet Printed OTFTs

Master 2 Internships (non published results, 2017)

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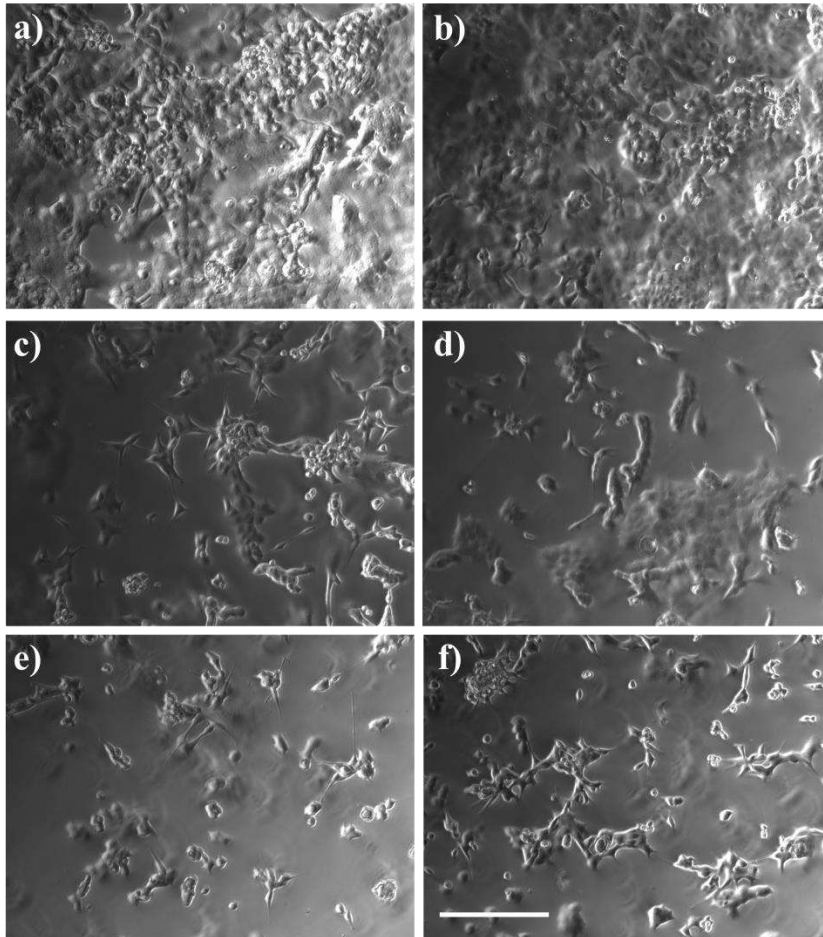
# In vitro MEAs



## Schematics of fully inkjet printed MEAs

J. S. Mandelli, J. Koepp, A. Hama, S. Sanaur, G. A. Rae, C. R. Rambo (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10544-020-00542-z>)

# In vitro MEAs - biocompatibility



Typical images of PC-12 cells growth:

- on petri dish (a) (Control)
- on inkjet printed polyimide rectangles after 96 h of cells culture.

Square areas are:

- 3 mm<sup>2</sup> (b),
- 6 mm<sup>2</sup> (c),
- 12 mm<sup>2</sup> (d),
- 24 mm<sup>2</sup> (e)
- 48 mm<sup>2</sup> (f) surface areas.

No cells death after 96 hours

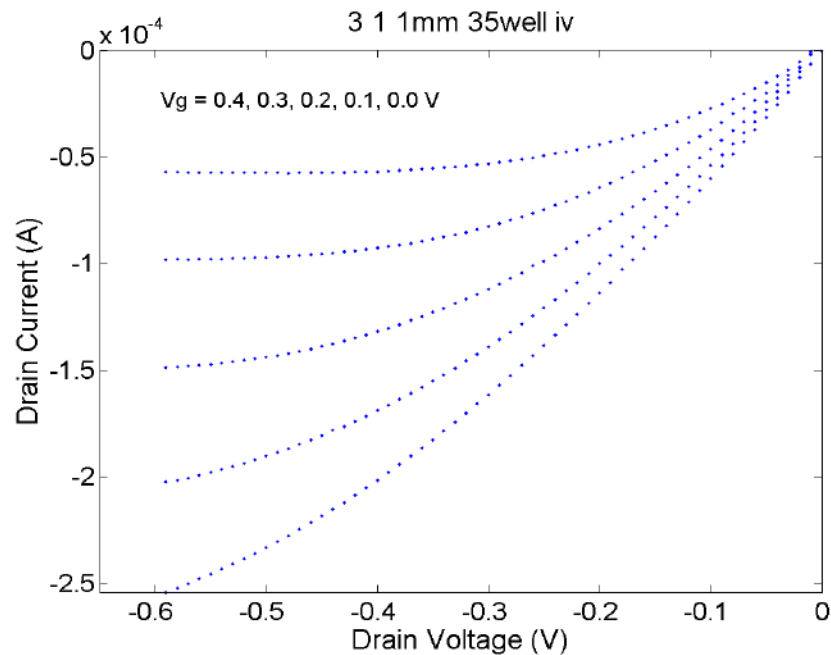
**Biocompatible Fully-IJP  
organic MEAs**

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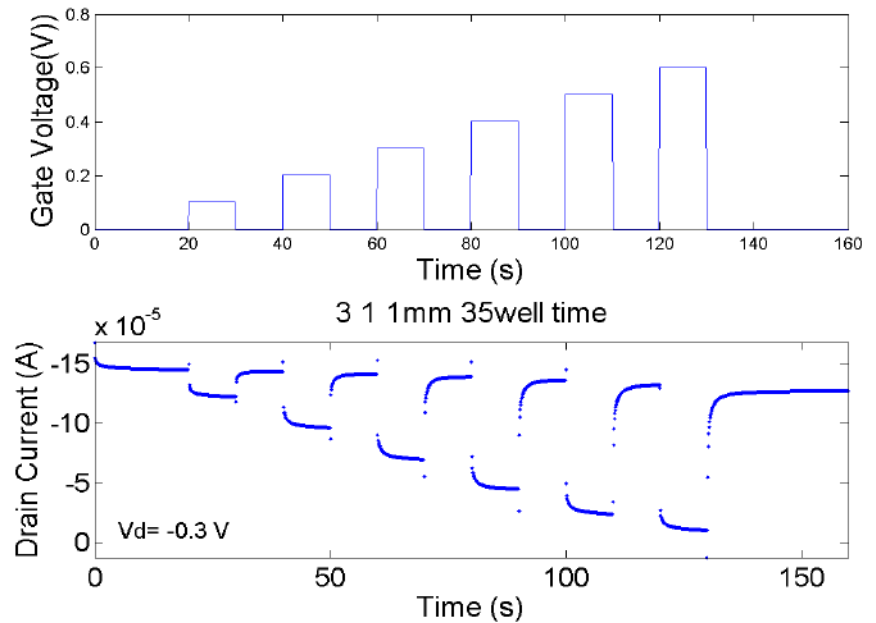




# Inkjet Printed OECTs (2/2)



*OECTs: output curve*



*OECTs (Drain current): response time for gate pulsing*

**« Active » devices in direct operation with biological media**

# Organic Electronics in « Bio » applications

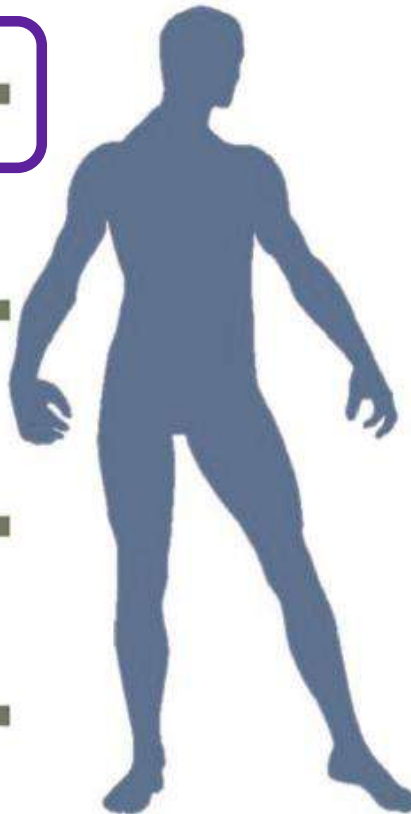
## Signals

• **Electrophysiological signals**  
EEG / ECoG / EOG / ECG / EMG

• **Physical signals**  
Body temperature / Skin strain /  
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• **Biochemical signals**  
Blood glucose / Sweat composition

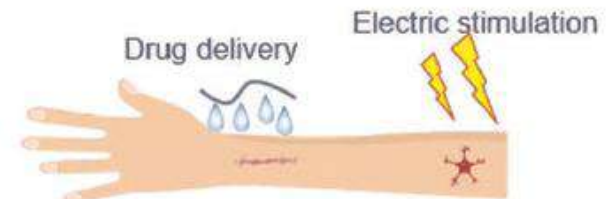
• **Photoelectric signals**  
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## Biomedical Applications



• **Physiological parameter monitoring**



• **Therapy**

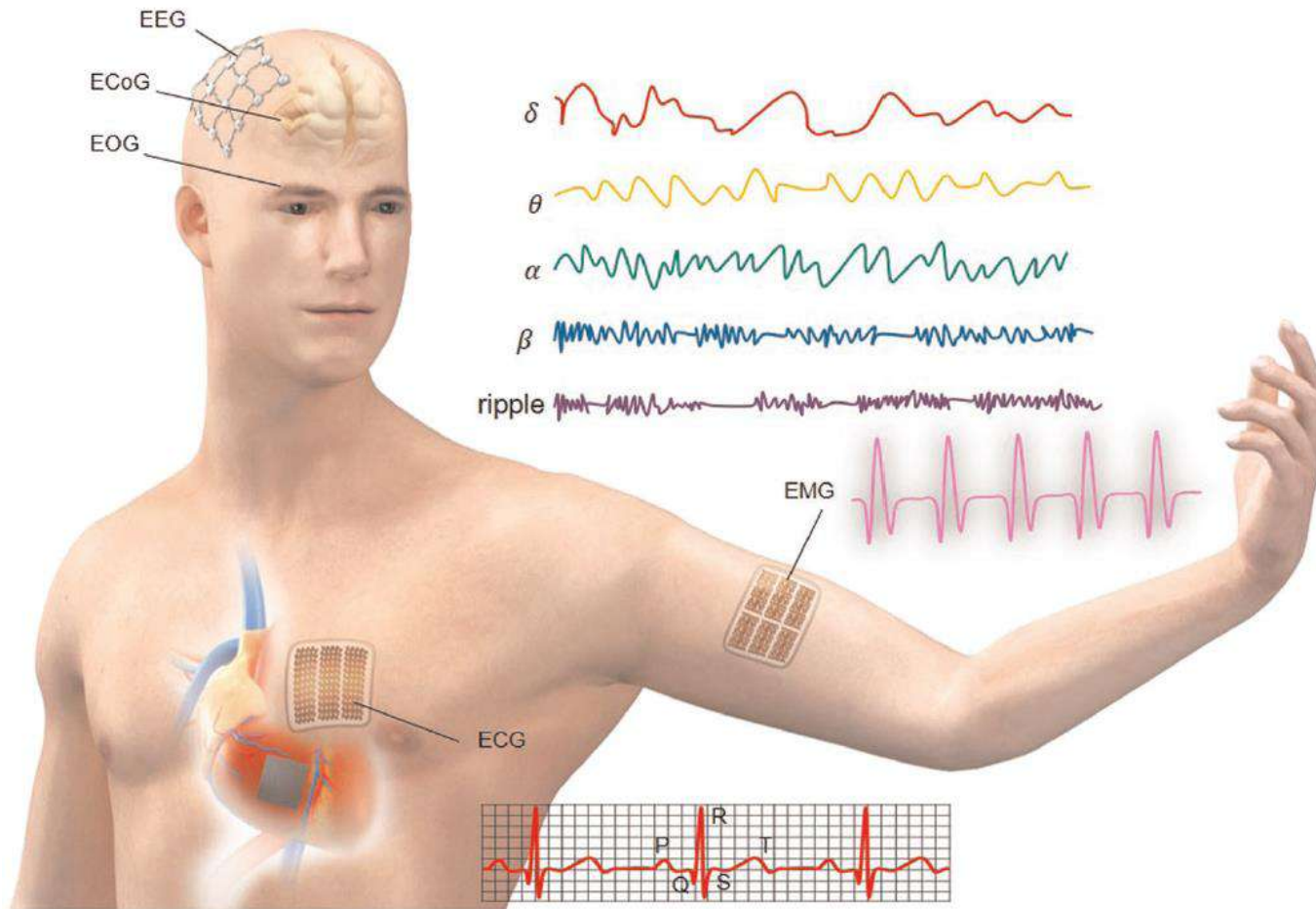


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• **Human computer interface**

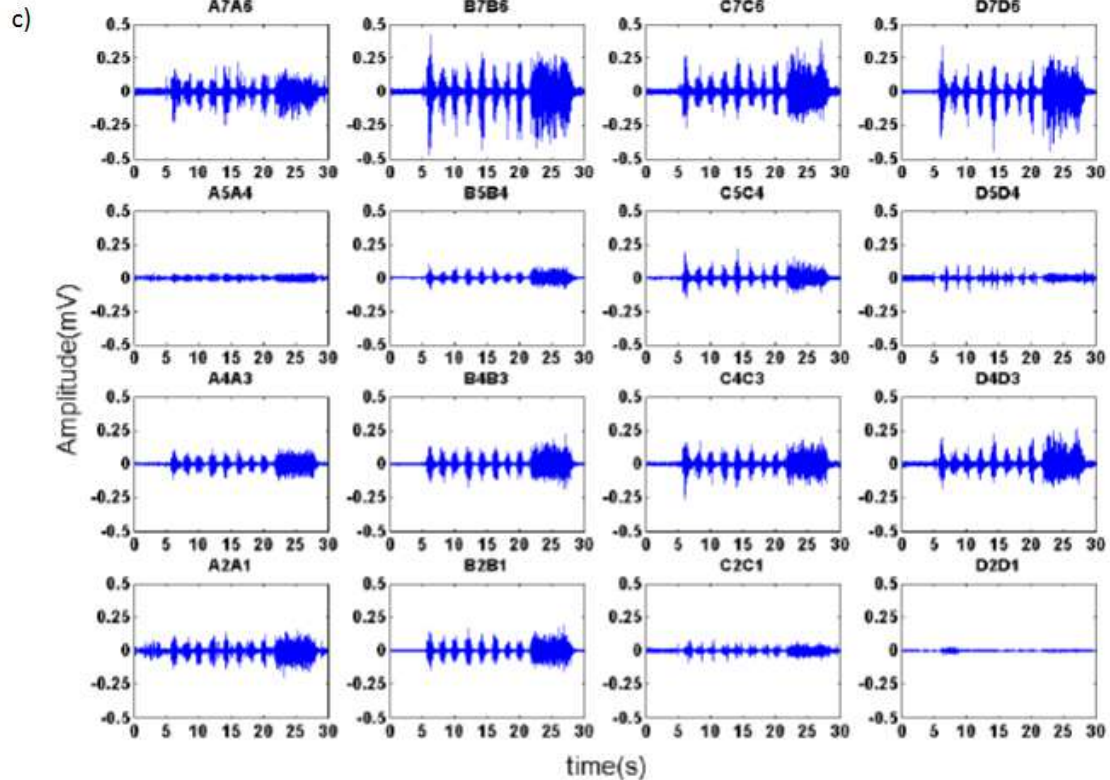
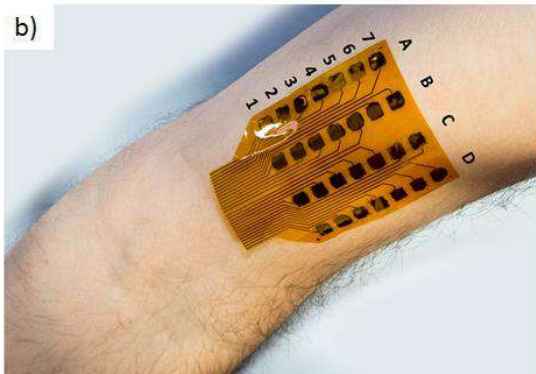
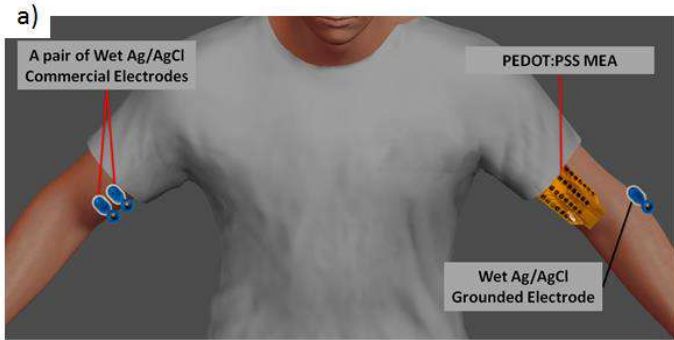
**Wearable applications integrating biomedical devices**

# Organic Electronics in « Bio » applications



## Electrophysiological signals

# Neuromuscular recording (sEMG MEAs by IJP)



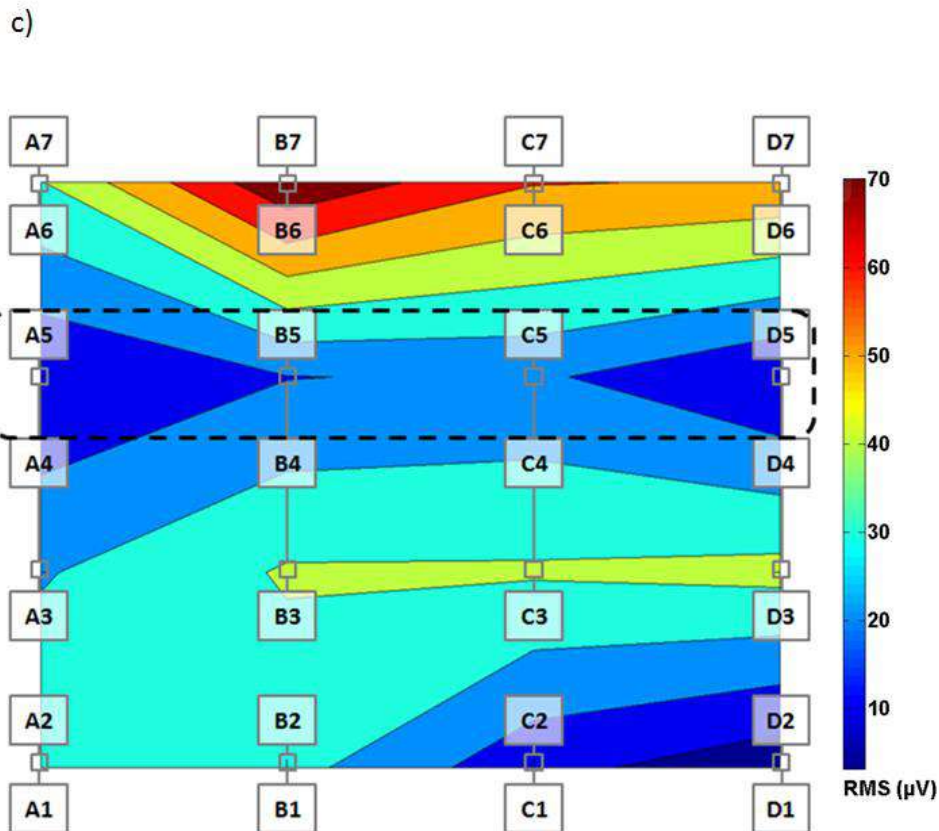
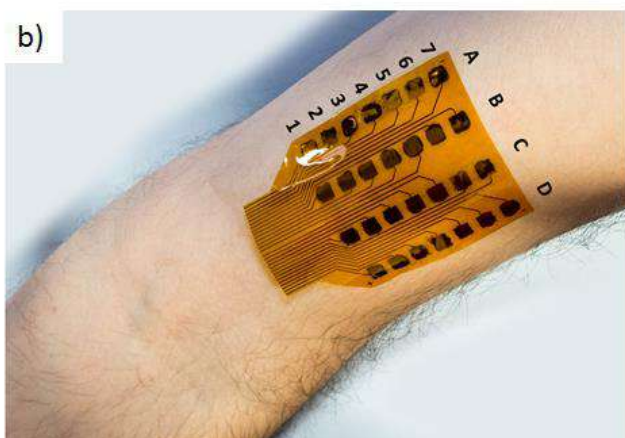
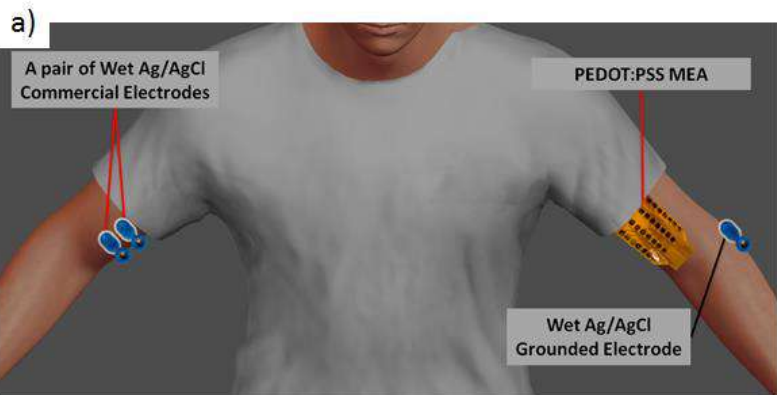
a) Electromyography setup (sEMG), b) picture of PEDOT:PSS sEMG MEAs on the surface of the skin, c) 16 sEMG signals

## Cutaneous electrophysiology. Wellness & Health applications.

T. Roberts, J. De-Graaf, C. Nicol, T. Hervé, M. Fiocchi, S. Sanaur, *Adv. Health. Mat.*, 5(12), 1462–1470 (2016)

# Inkjet Printed physiological electrodes

- ElectroMyoGraphic (EMG) sensors



a) EMG, b) IJP PEDOT:PSS MEAs sensors, c) EMG signals cartography.

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# Skin-electrophysiology: electrocardiography (ECG)

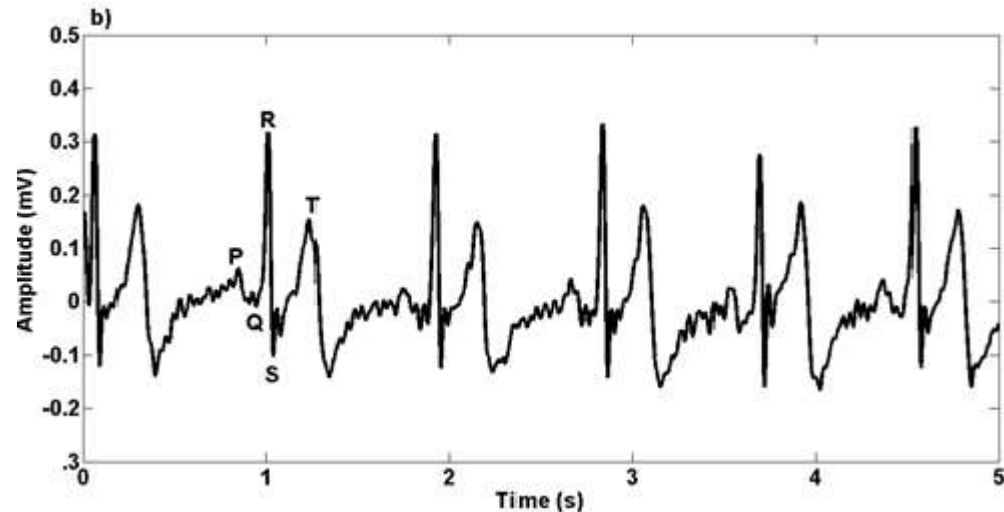
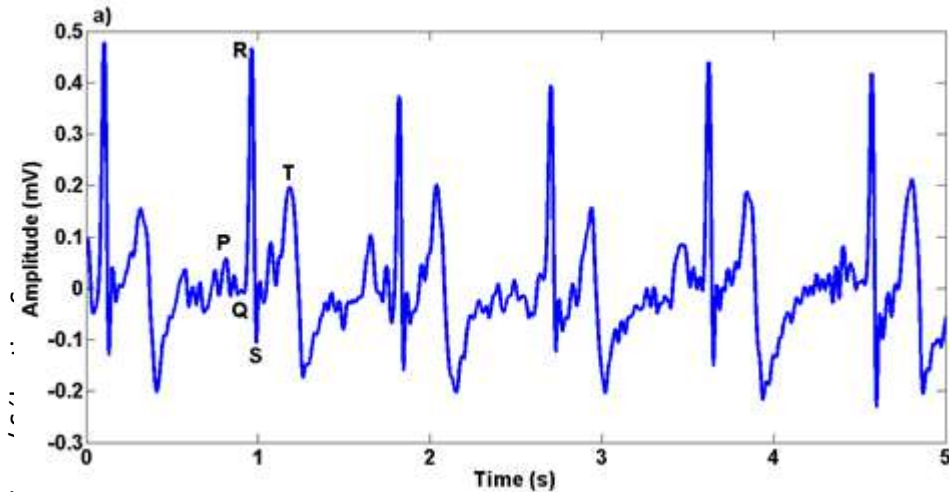
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## Health & Wellness Wearables

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PEDOT:PSS

Ag/ AgCl



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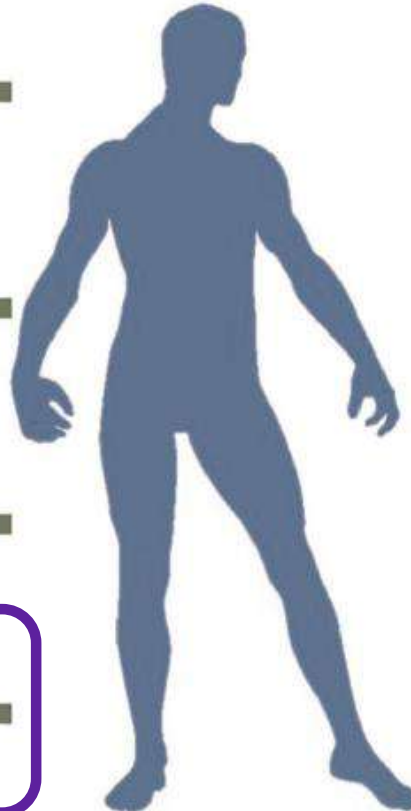
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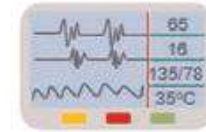
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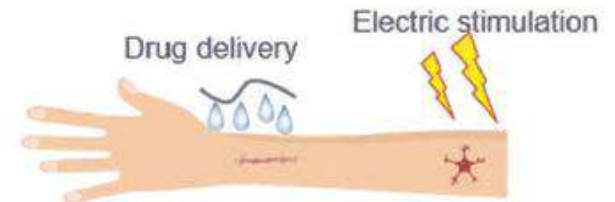
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**Wearable applications integrating biomedical devices**



# Oximeter: measurement principle

Hb: desoxygenated Hemoglobin  
HbO<sub>2</sub>: oxygenated hemoglobin

Light emission:  
1  $\lambda_{em.} > 805 \text{ nm}$   
1  $\lambda_{em.} < 805 \text{ nm}$

To record oxygen content in the blood (Hb/ HbO<sub>2</sub> ratio)

Red (R)                       $\Rightarrow$  Hb  
InfraRed (IR)             $\Rightarrow$  HbO<sub>2</sub>

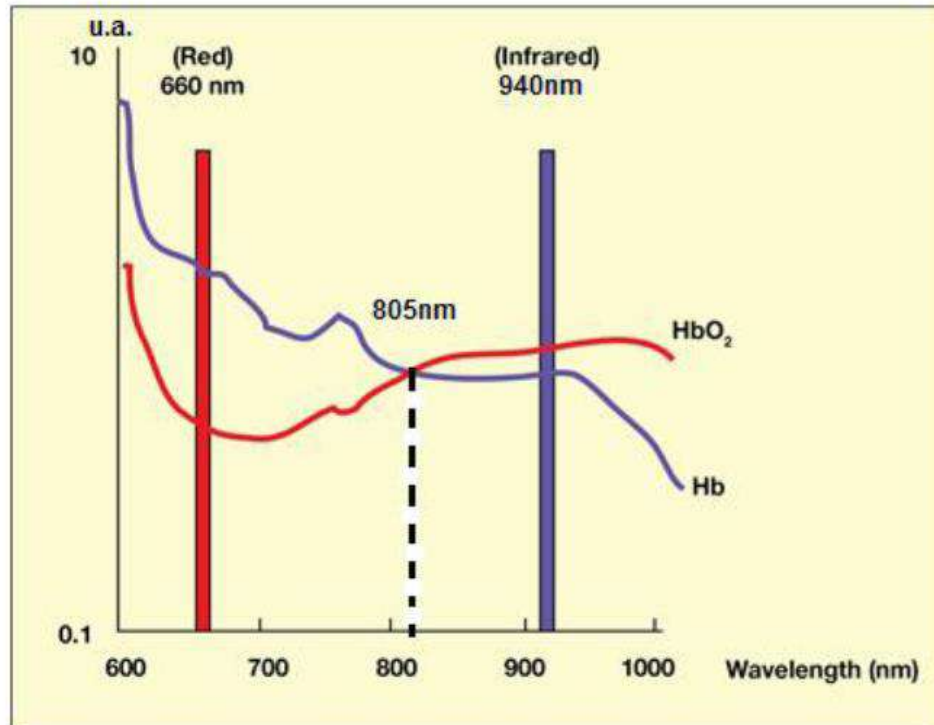
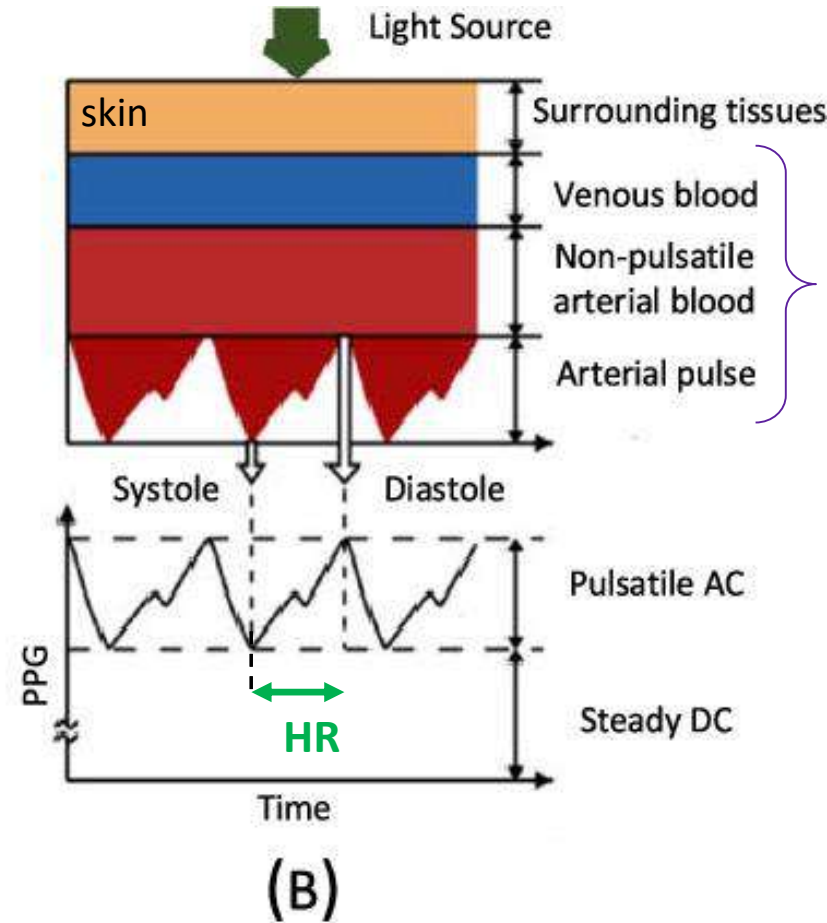
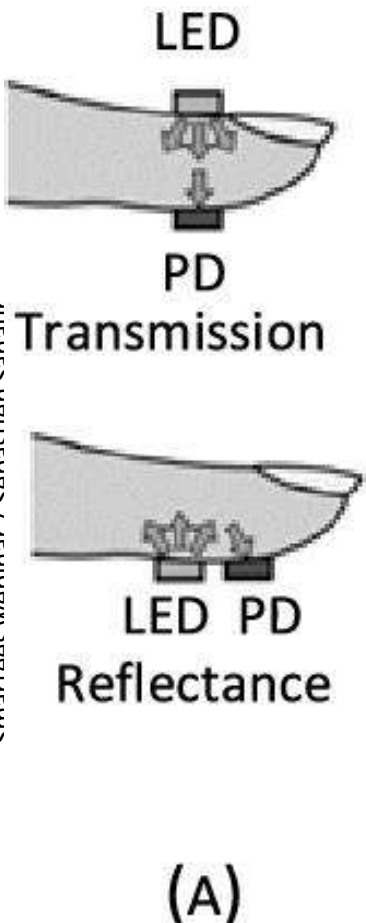


Figure 1 Oxygenated versus de-oxygenated blood light absorption of IR and RED

**Oximeter (medical device)**  
**Light emission @660nm et @940 nm**

# Oxymeter/ PhotoPlethysmoGraphy (PPG)

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→ HR: Heart Rate

→  $\frac{R}{IR} = \left( \frac{AC_R}{DC_R} / \frac{AC_{IR}}{DC_{IR}} \right)$

→ SpO<sub>2</sub>, SaO<sub>2</sub>, Blood pressure,...

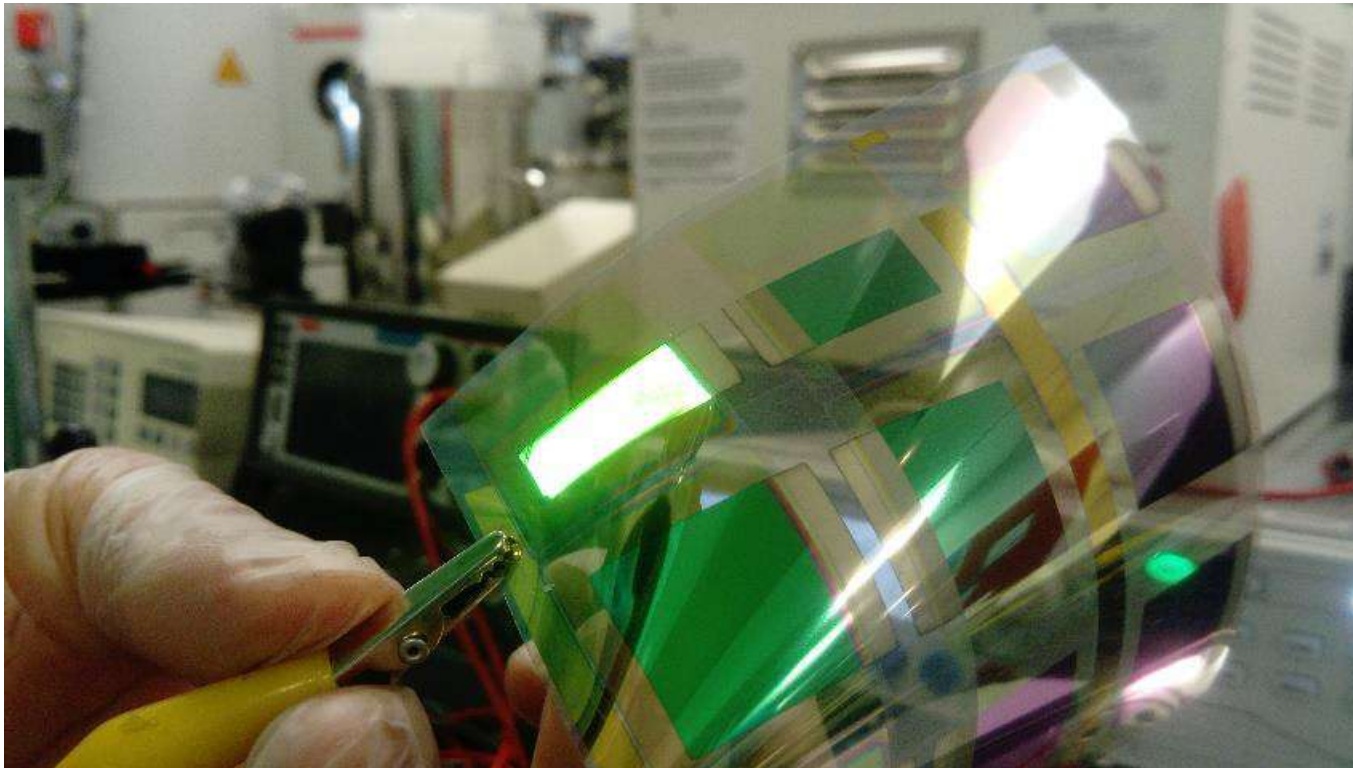
(A) Light-emitting diode (LED) and photodetector (PD) placement for transmission and reflectance-mode photoplethysmography (PPG). (B) Variation in light attenuation by tissue

# Green OLEDs



With Coll. TECMOLED

PET or Glass substrate



*Phosphorescence OLED  
based-structure*

## Flexible OLEDs

## First test: OLED - OPD assembly through the skin



With coll. TECMOLED

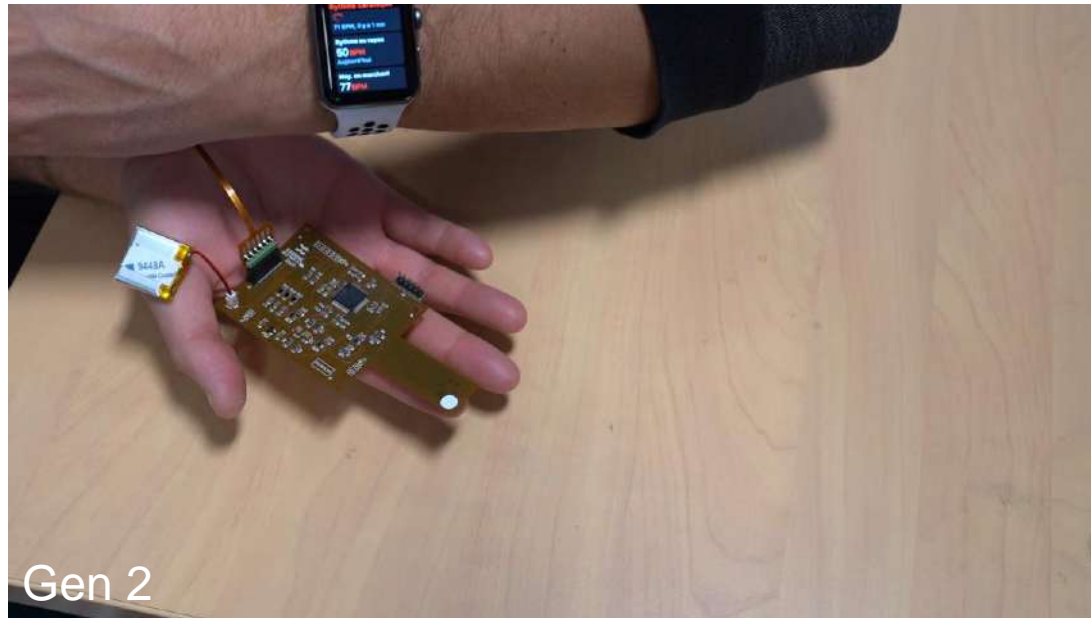


# Acquisition card design & fabrication

## Wireless data transmission



With coll. TECMOLED



Received data (BPM, SpO<sub>2</sub>) by wireless.  
Directly displayed on smartphone.

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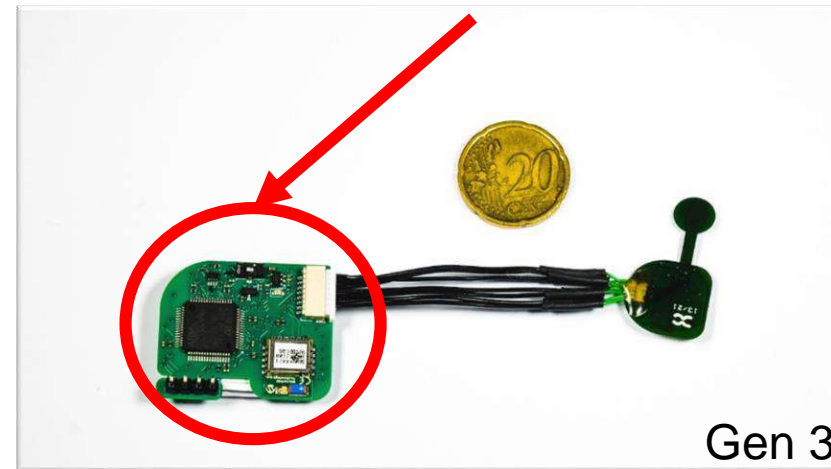
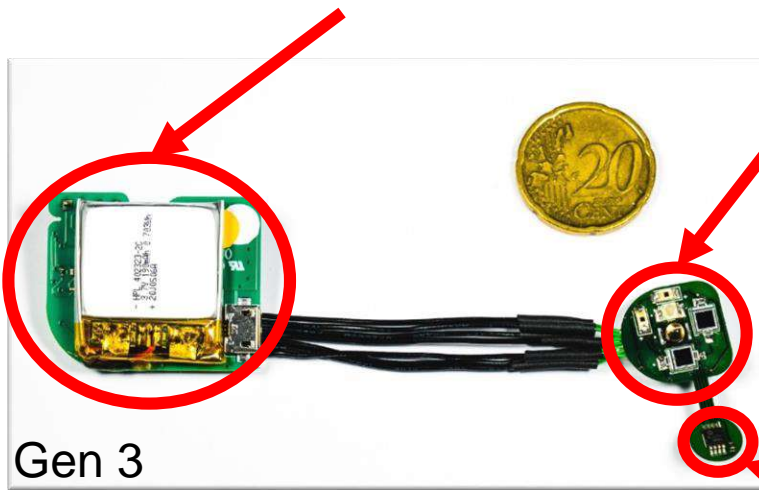


With coll. TECMOLED

LiPo battery.  
USB connector charging.  
Signal conditioning

Optoelectronic  
sensors

Signal Processing.  
Wireless transmission.  
LEDs controller



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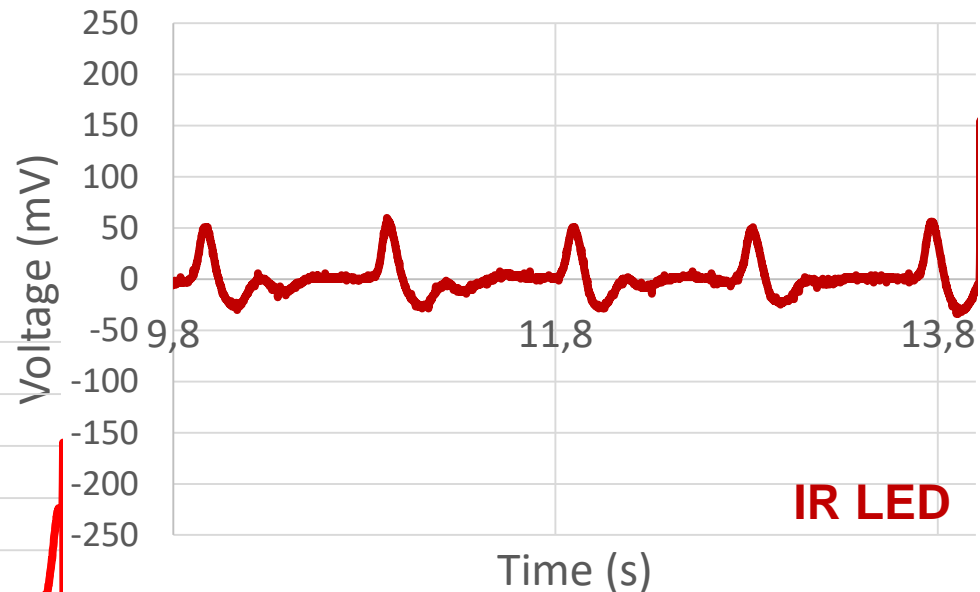
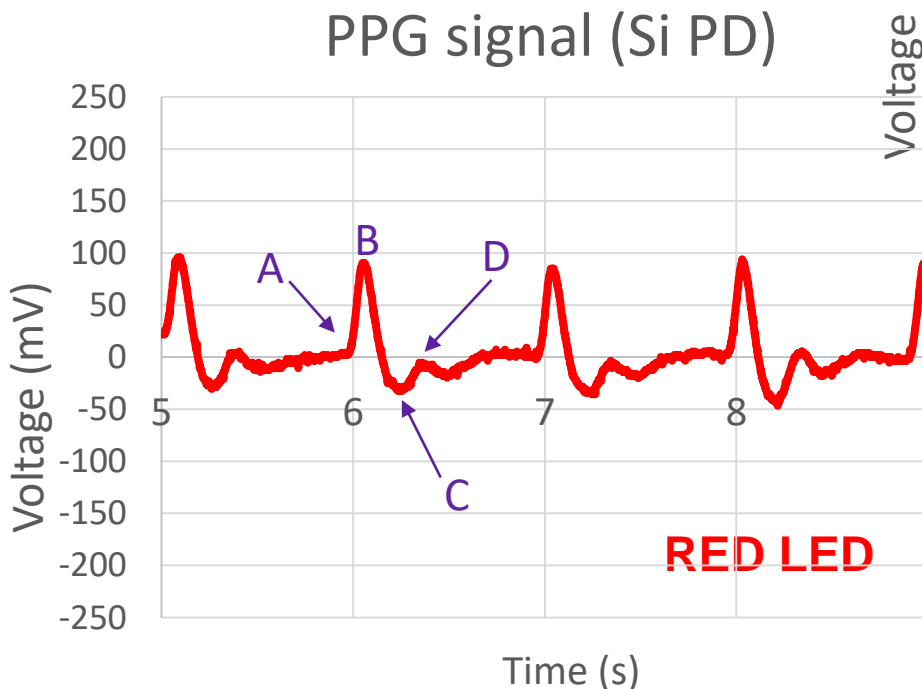
## Wireless data transmission



With coll. TECMOLED

- A: dicrotic point
- B: systolic point
- C: dicrotic notch
- D: diastolic point

### PPG signal (Si PD)



Wireless received data.  
Display on smartphone.

# Conclusion & Perspectives

- **Inkjet Printing:**
  - for « pixelated » planar devices (i.e  $25 \times 25 \mu\text{m}^2 \rightarrow 500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$ ),
  - short time between design and fabrication,
  - personalized applications (smart medical patches,...).
- **Devices**
  - Ultra-flexible OTFTs & OECTs (low voltage operation),
  - Skin-cutaneous electrophysiological MEAs (sEMG, ECG, blood oxymetry).
- **Perspectives**
  - Skin-wearables,
  - Readout printed electronics
  - Monolithic integration, compact devices/ circuits



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