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# APPLICATION OF CHEMIRESISTIVE POLYMER FILMS IN AIR QUALITY CONTROL



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#### Introduction

#### **Indoor air quality in Latvia 2014**



Latvian State Revenue Service office building

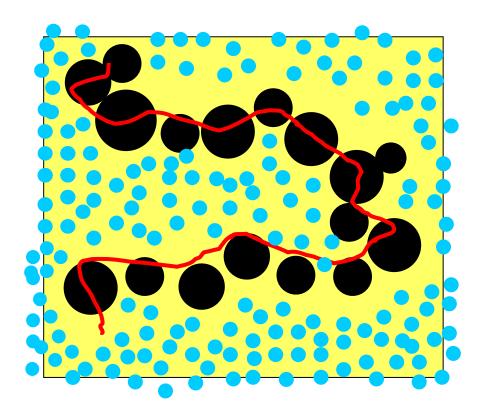


Doctors worried about indoor air quality in renovated public buildings: schools, kinder gardens etc.



#### Scientific context and objectives

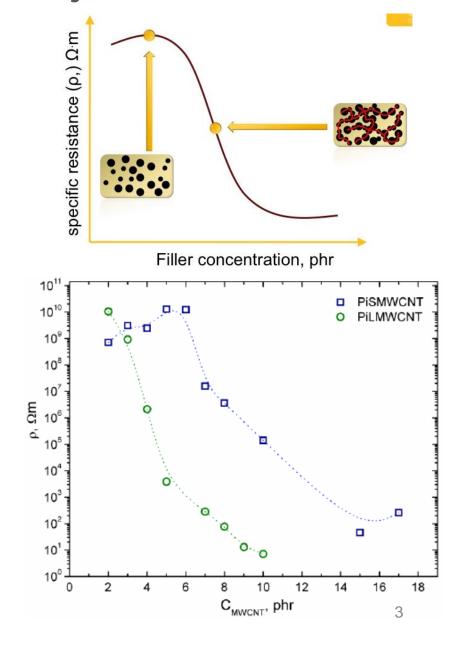
**Target analyte: VOC** 



Advantages: low power, low cost, simple production

3S = sensitivity, selectivity, stability





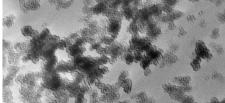
#### **Current research activities**

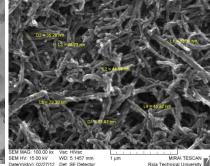
Polyvinylacetate (PVAc)

Polyethylene glycol (PEG)

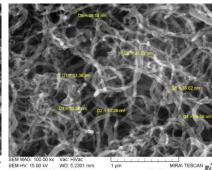
Ethylene-vinylacetate (EVA)

Polyisopene (Pi)





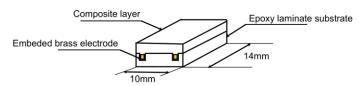
Filler material

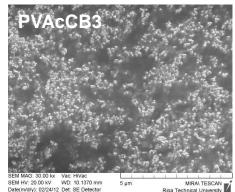


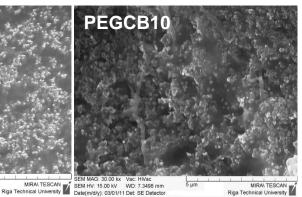
Carbon nanoparticles (CB)

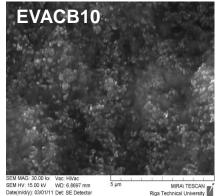
Multiwall carbon nanotubes (CNT<sub>s</sub>)

Multiwall carbon nanotubes (CNT<sub>i</sub>)



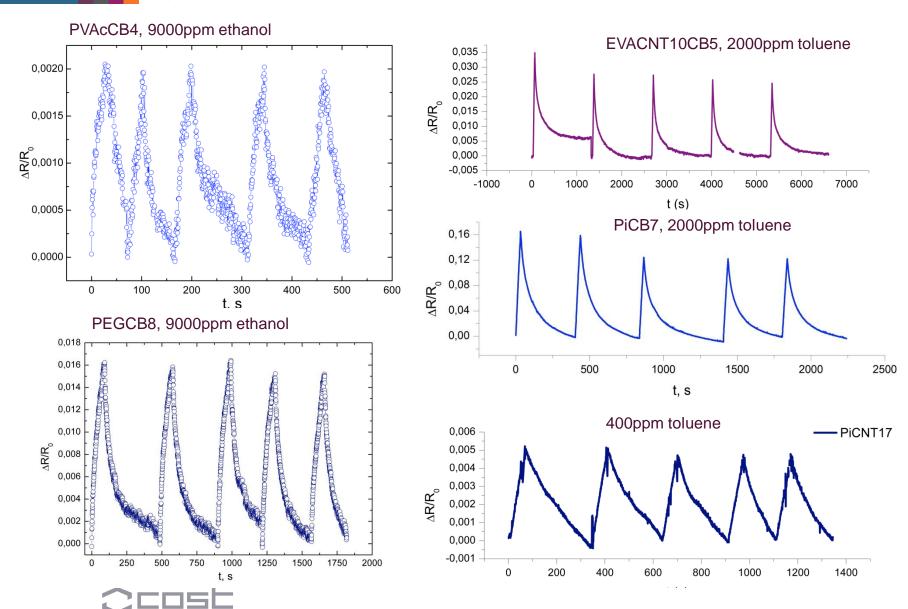








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Material	f <sub>c</sub> , phr	Selectivity	Lower concentration detected	Notes
PVAcCB	2	Polar VOC - ethanol	500ppm	<b>√</b>
PEGCB	0.75	Polar VOC - ethanol	1000ppm	×
EVACB	3	Nonpolar/polar VOC - toluene - benzene - ethylacetate - acetone - ethanol	500ppm	✓
PiCB	2.6	Nonpolar VOC - benzene - toluene - ethylacetate - chloroform	40ppm	✓
PiCNTs	6.13	Nonpolar VOC - toluene - ethylacetate - chloroform	40ppm	✓
PiCNT <sub>I</sub>	3.14		400ppm (toluene)	Х

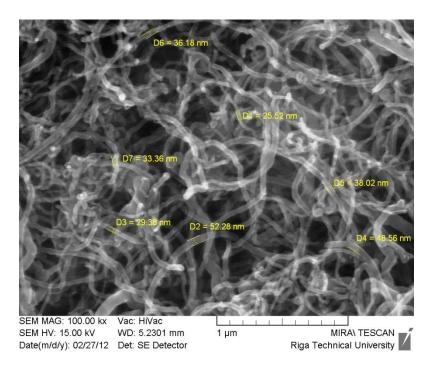


### Facilities available (1/2)



Bruker Vertex 70 FTIR spectrometer with ATR module





SEM Tescan Mira/LMU with EDS by RTU
Department of General Chemical Engineering

#### Facilities available (2/2)

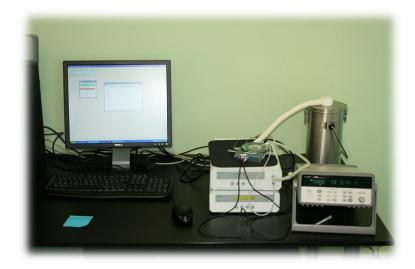


FlexStream™ Automated Permeation Tube System





Agilent 34970A (~100M $\Omega$ ) and Keithley 6487 picoampermeter (~10<sup>-16</sup> $\Omega$ )



Linkam THMSE 600 low and high temperature conductivity measurement system (-190°C to 600°C)



#### Suggested R&I Needs for future research



- 1. Repeat Air quality Joint-Exercise Intercomparison
- 2. Protocol for comparison of different type of sensors:
- Characters to be evaluated: sensitivity (concentration), reversibility (to what extent?), stability (how many measurements?!), temperature dependence, interference with other gases...

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Action Workshop on New Trends and Challenges for Air Quality Control 26 - 27 March 2015







#### Thank you for attention!

