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DISPOSABLE SENSORS AND INSTRUMENTS FOR AIR QUALITY MONITORING

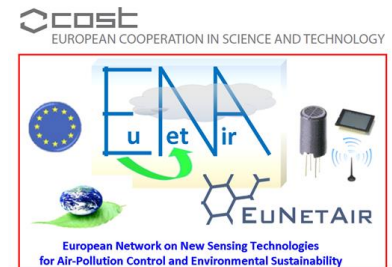


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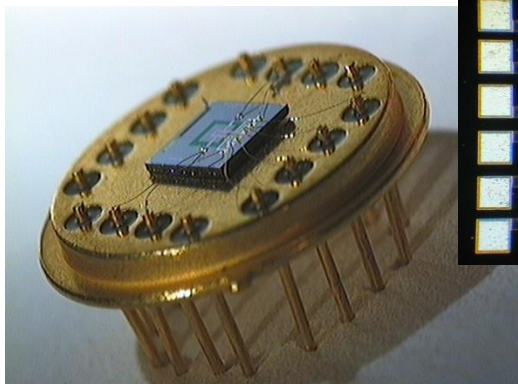
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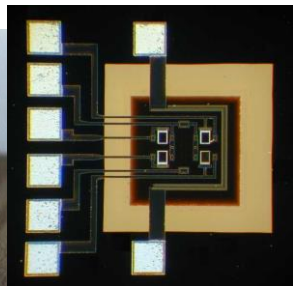
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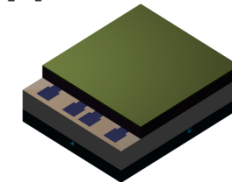
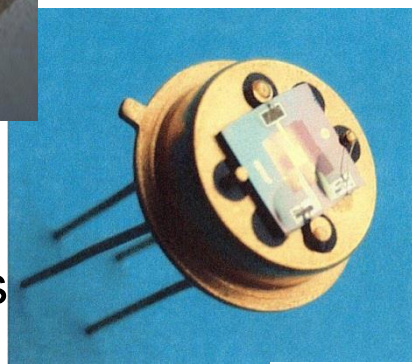
Advanced gas sensing technologies



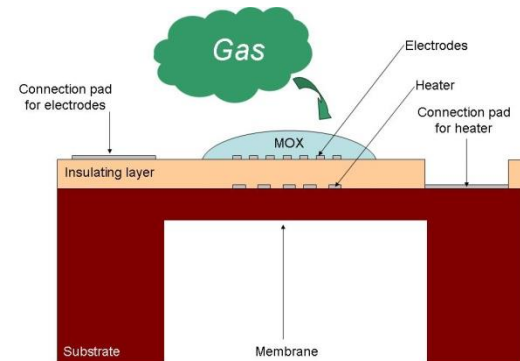
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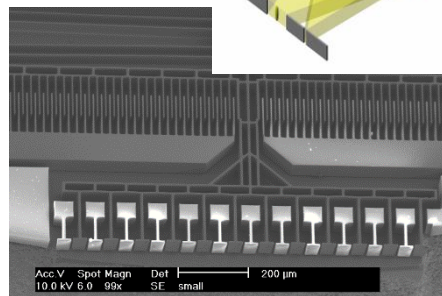
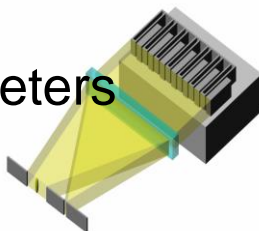
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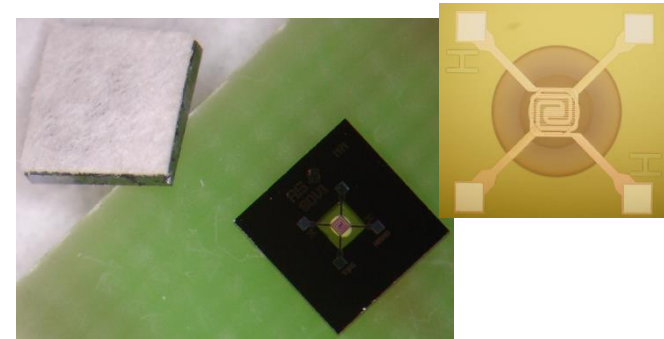
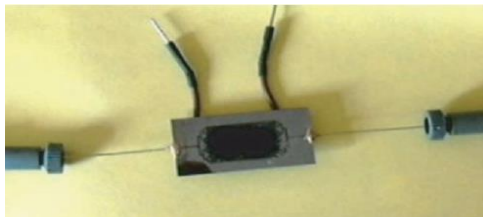
Metal-oxides



Micro-spectrometers



Gas preconcentrators



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Green manufacturing

Disposability: plastic, paper, biodegradable materials



flexible

source: Plasticlogic



foldable

source: Swedish ICT

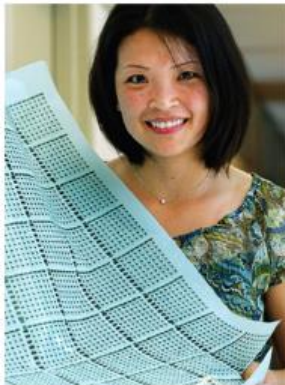


conformal

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large area

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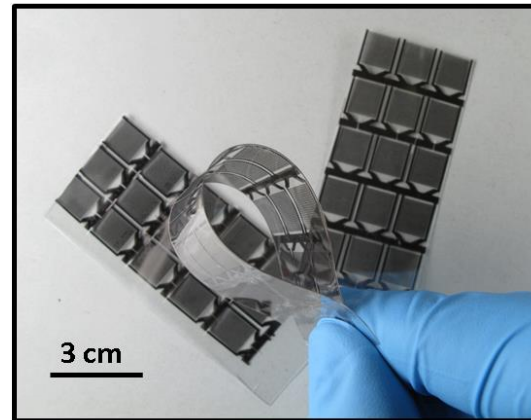
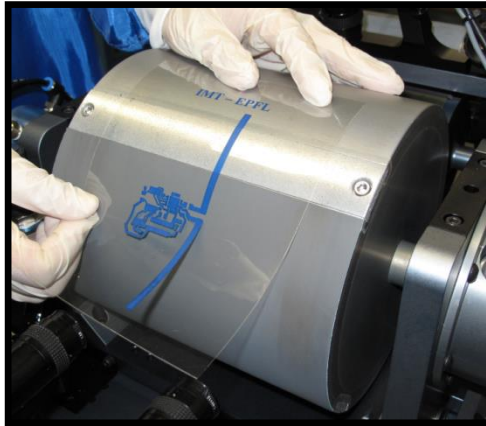
lower costs

source: GSA



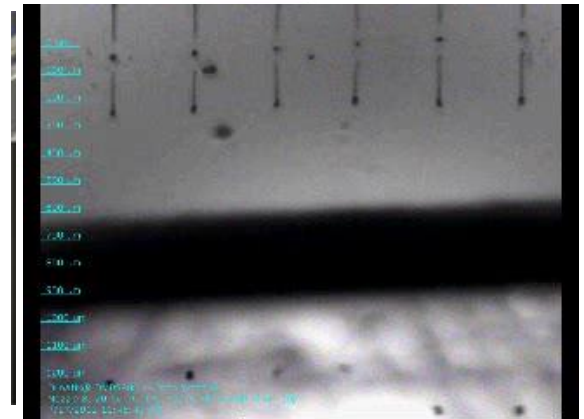
Green manufacturing

Localised patterning of materials outside cleanroom



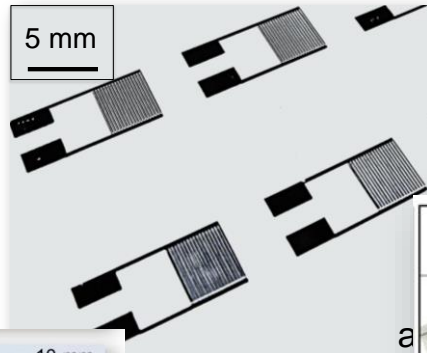
EPFL-EnviroMEMS

- Large area manufacturing on foil (S2S, R2R)
- Additive processes, i.e. printing
- Environmentally friendly materials
 - Water based inks
 - Recyclable substrate (PET, Paper, PLA...)

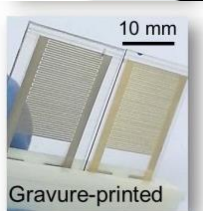
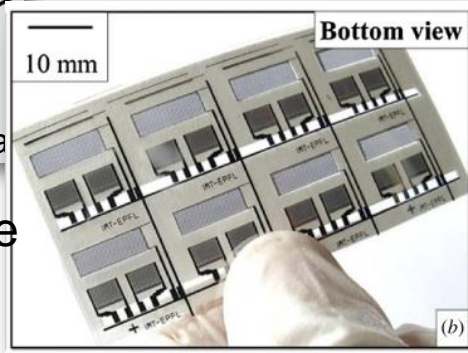


Smart sensing systems on foil

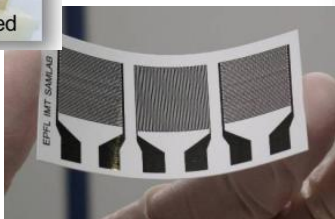
■ Foil-based sensors



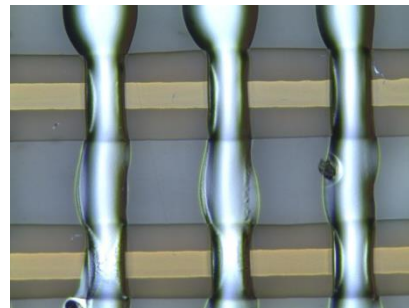
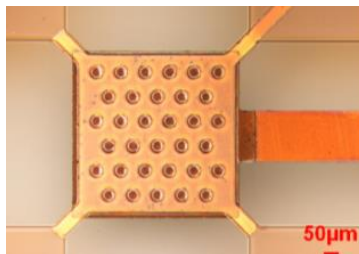
Printed and encapsulated chemical / physical



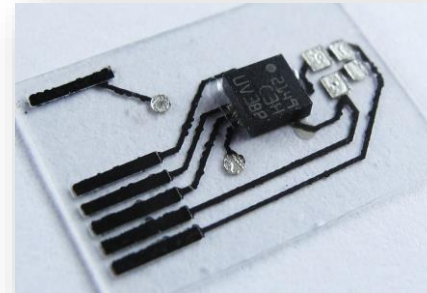
Biodegradable paper / PLA



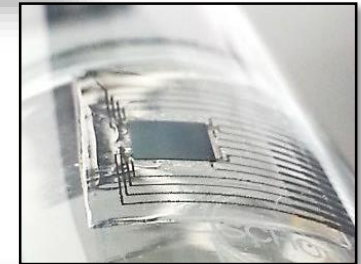
MEMS bridges hybrid and fully printed



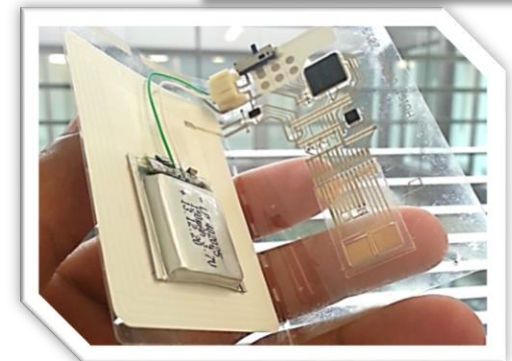
■ Integration of components on foil



SMD and bare dies on PET



Foil to foil integration

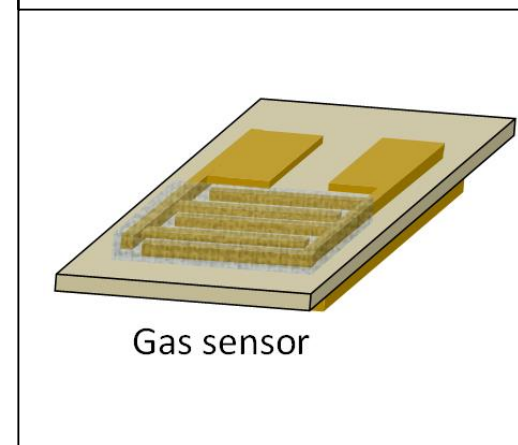
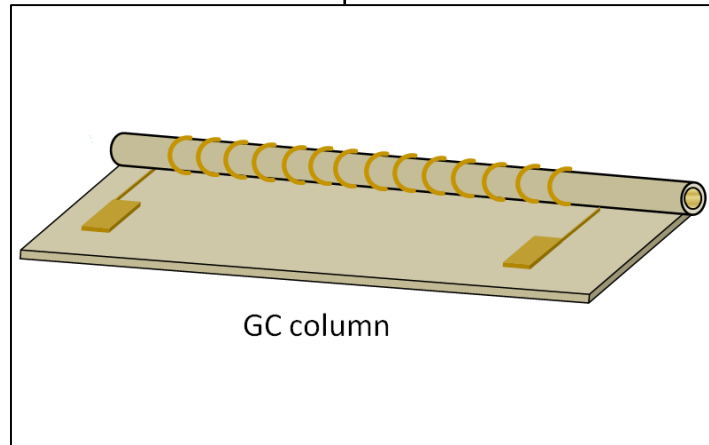
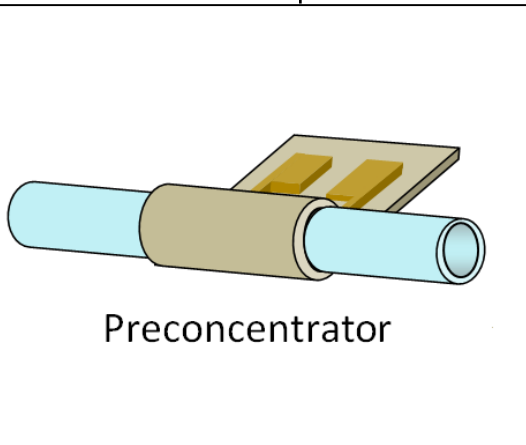
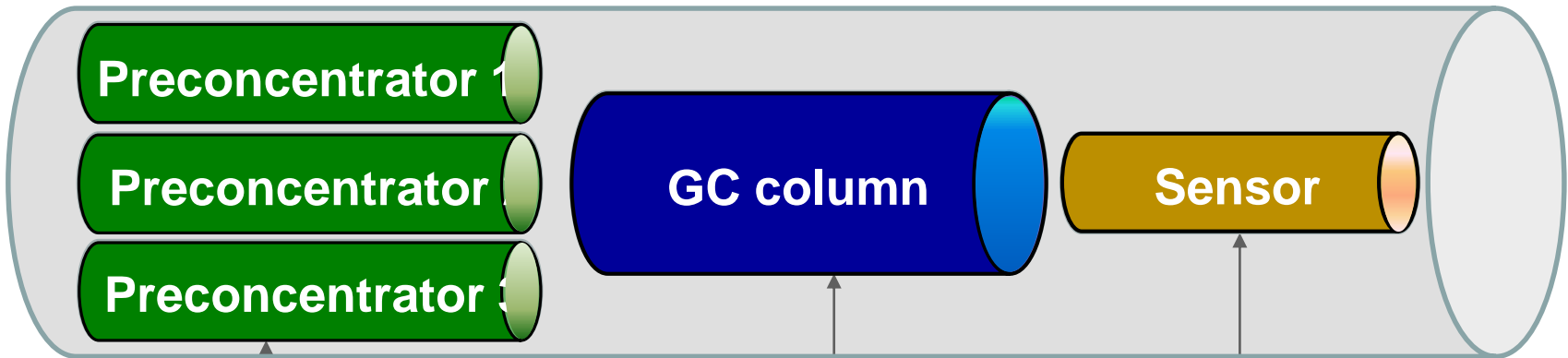


Outline

- Polymeric analytical instruments
- Printed sensors
- Biodegradable sensors technology
- Conclusion

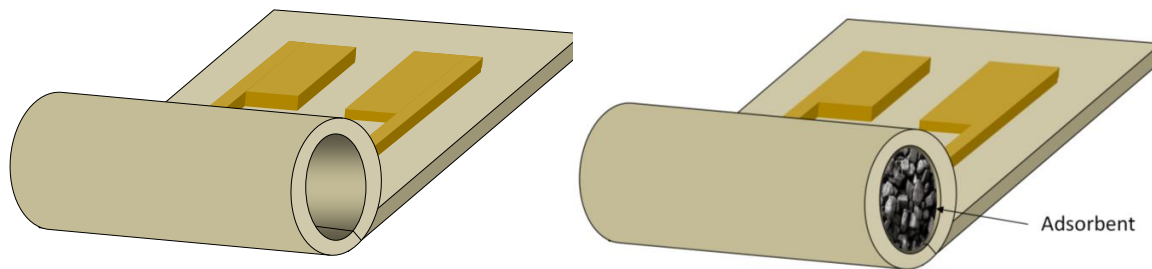
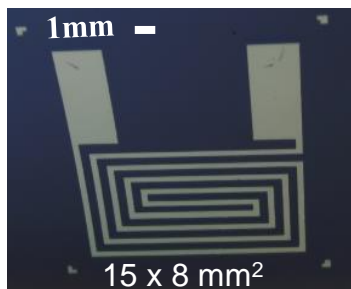
Analytical instruments

- Architecture of our foil micro-analyzer

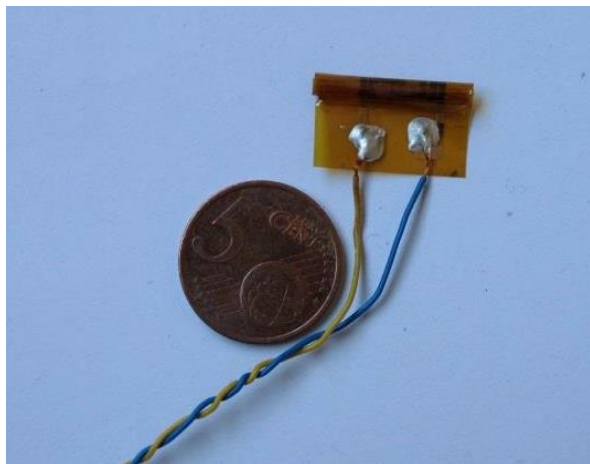


Tubular gas preconcentrator

• Rolling up of printed micro-hotplates



Schematic view of the rolling up and filling of a printed Gold micro-hotplate



Picture of a rolled micro-hotplate with electric wires

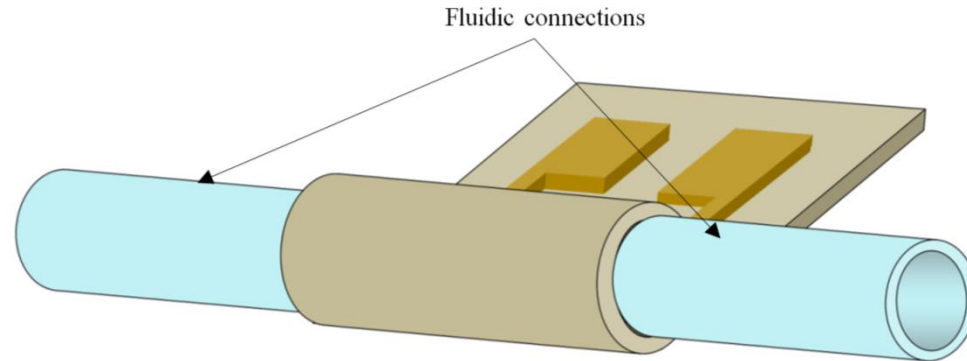
■ Materials

- **Ceramic glue:** sealing the rolled up micro-hotplate
- **Adsorbent:** carbopack B and Tenax polymer
- **Glass fibers:** plugging inlet and outlet of rolled device
- **Conductive adhesive:** Connection with electric wires

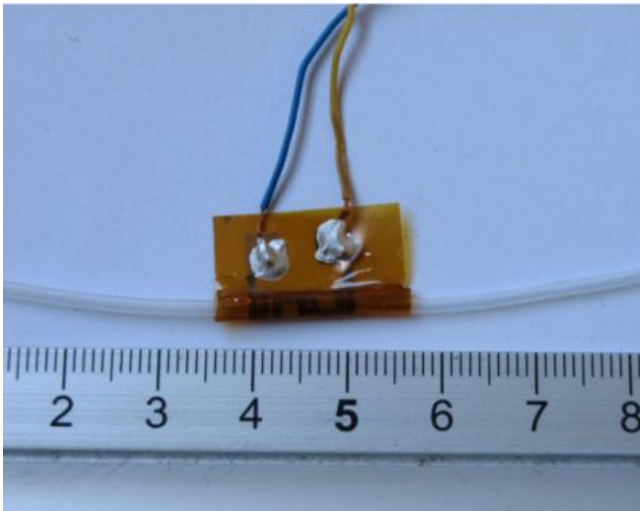
**FGP can welcome various adsorbents
i.e. targeting different gases.**

Tubular gas preconcentrator

- Fluidic interconnects



Schematic view of FGP in its final stage with adsorbent and fluidic capillary



Picture of FGP in its final stage with adsorbent, fluidic capillary and electric wires

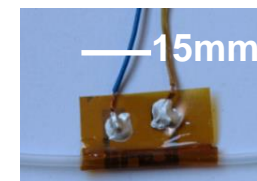
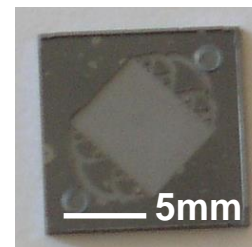
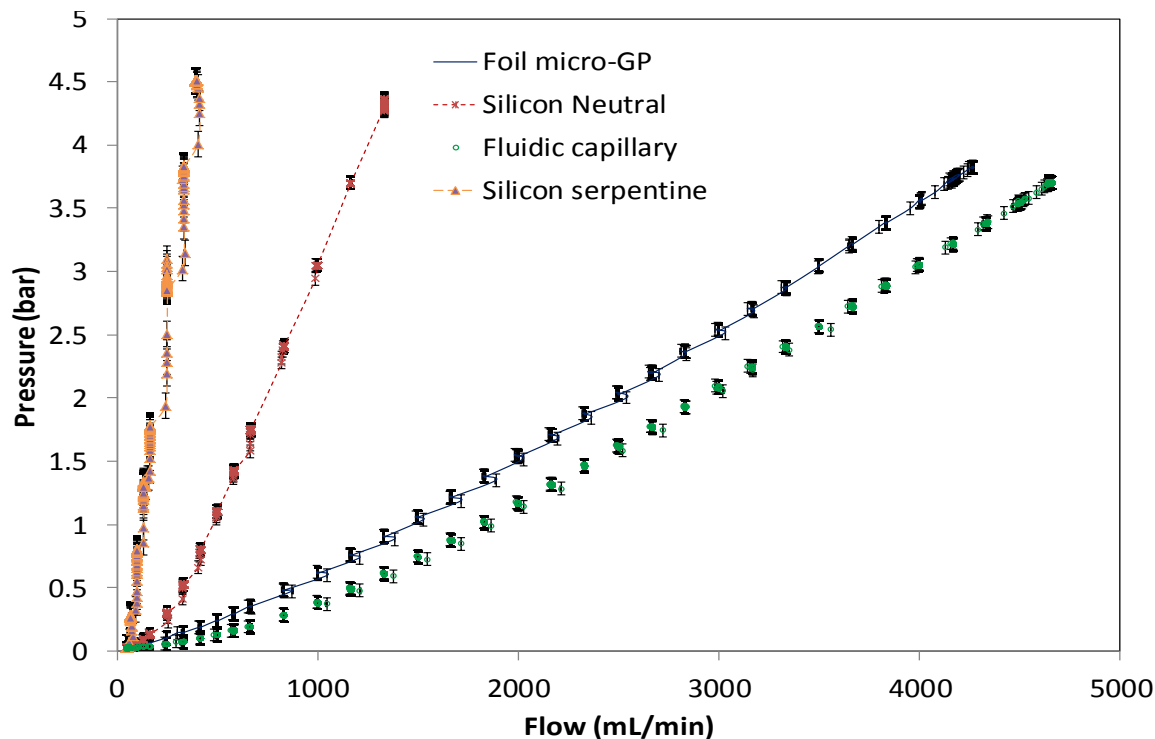
■ Materials

- **Teflon tubes:** fluidic capillaries of 2mm of internal diameter
- **Ceramic glue:** high temperature operating device

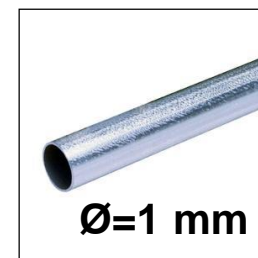
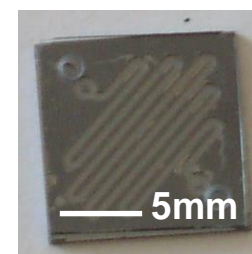
Inlet and outlet are adjustable during the rolling up for reaching high flow rates

Tubular gas preconcentrator

• Fluidic characterisation



Foil GP



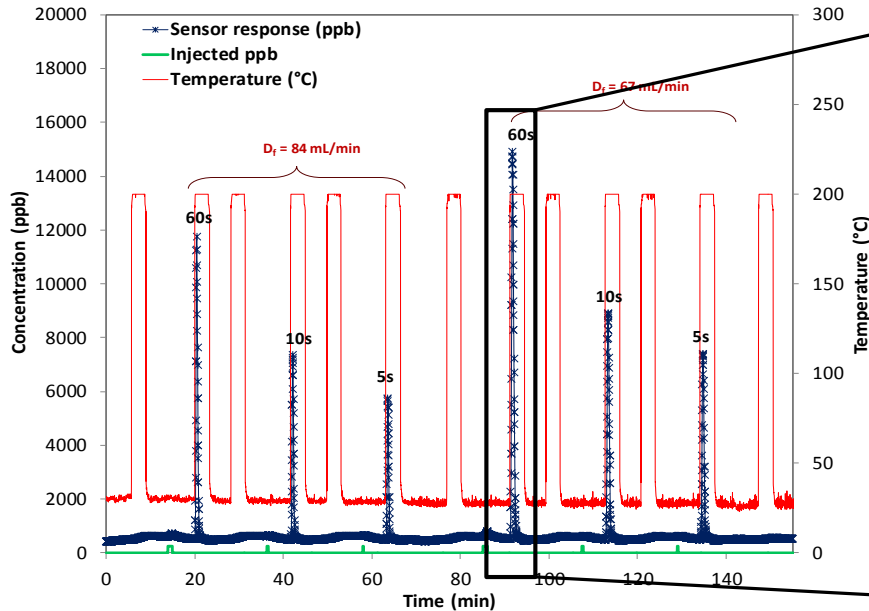
Fluidic capillary

Flow Vs Pressure for a FGP filled with 1 mg of carbopack B compared with and two empty silicon GPs and metallic capillary, respectively.

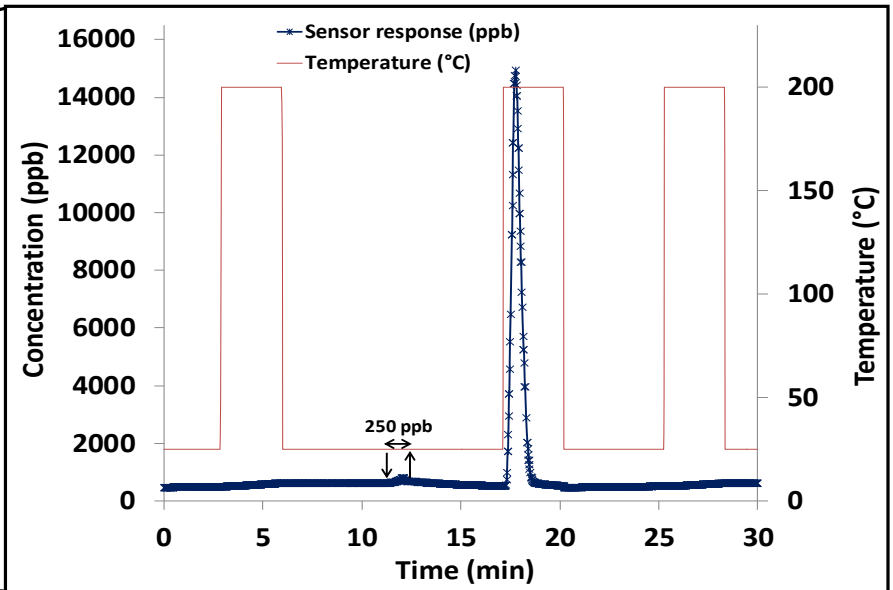
The pressure drop observed with our FGP is mainly due to the metallic capillary used to connect the FGP to the test bench.

Tubular gas preconcentrator

• Preconcentration under benzene



Six desorption peaks from a FGP filled with 1mg of CarboPack B when exposed to 250 ppb of benzene (60, 10 and 5s) and desorbed with flow rates (D_f) of 83 and 66 mL/min, respectively

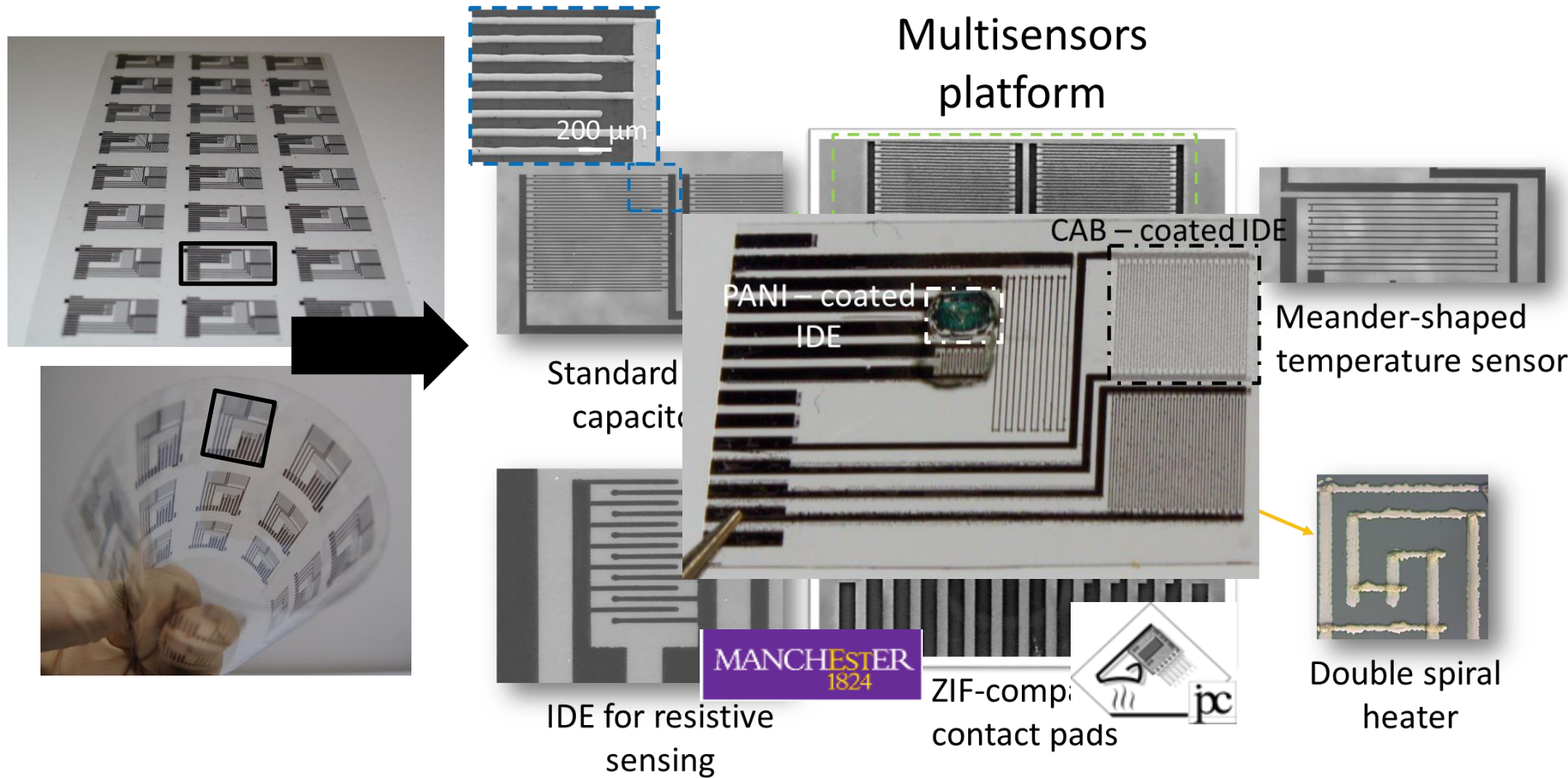


Desorption peak from a FGP filled with 1mg of CarboPack B when exposed to 250 ppb@1min of benzene (60, 10 and 5s) and desorbed with a flow rate of 66 mL/min

- A PF of 56 is obtained for only 1 min of adsorption (for Silicon : 10 min)
- An adsorption time down 10s is also conceivable for lowering the duty cycle.

Multisensing platform: H₂O, T°C, gases

- Inkjet-printed gas multisensing platforms on foil: fabrication



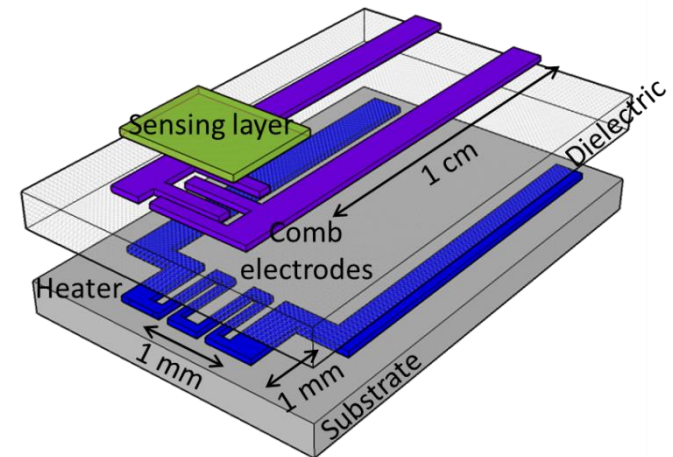
Printed micro-hotplates

- **Design and fabrication**

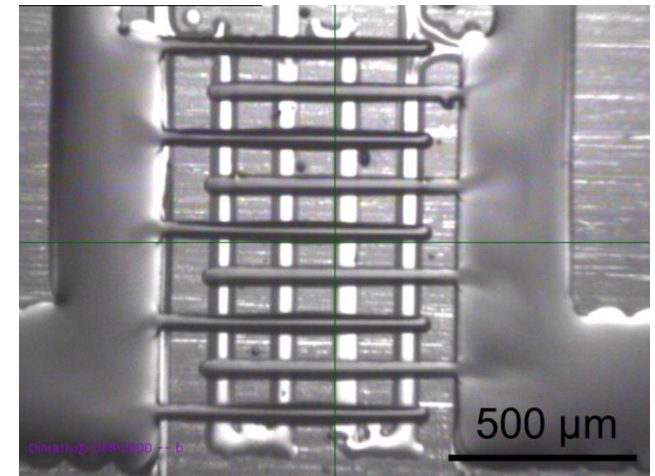
- Printed Ag + electroplated Ni heaters
- Laminated 14 μm dry foil resist as interdielectric
- Printed Ag + electroplated gold electrodes
 - Heater resistance: $36 \pm 3 \Omega$
 - Sensing area: $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$

Sensing layer:

- Polyaniline doped with poly(4-styrenesulfonic acid)
- Vapor-phase deposition polymerization

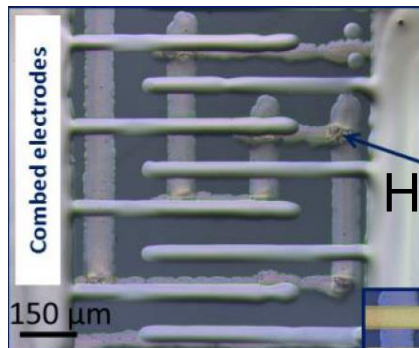


Schematic view of μ -hotplates.



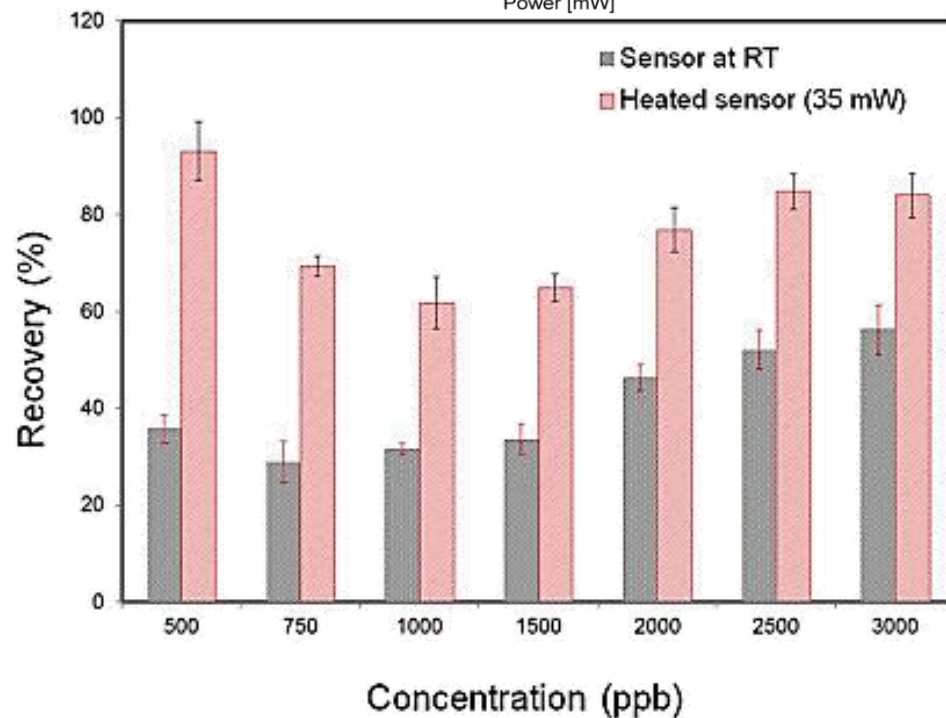
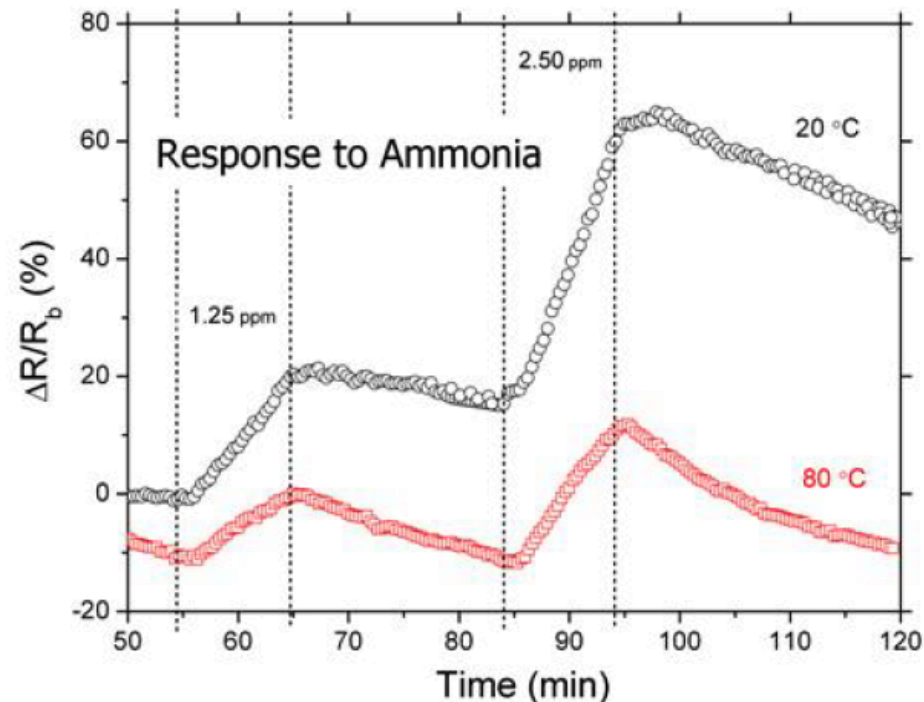
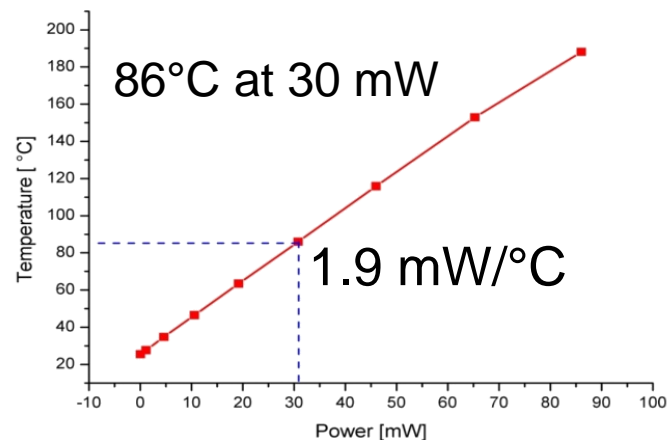
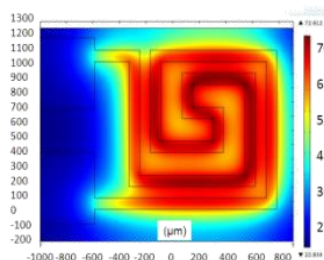
Optical top view of μ -hotplates.

Chemoresistive NH₃ sensor



Hotplate

Value: $97 \pm 7 \Omega$



Printing metal-oxide sensors on foil

- Printing of hotplate transducers
- Printing of metal-oxide films

Challenges

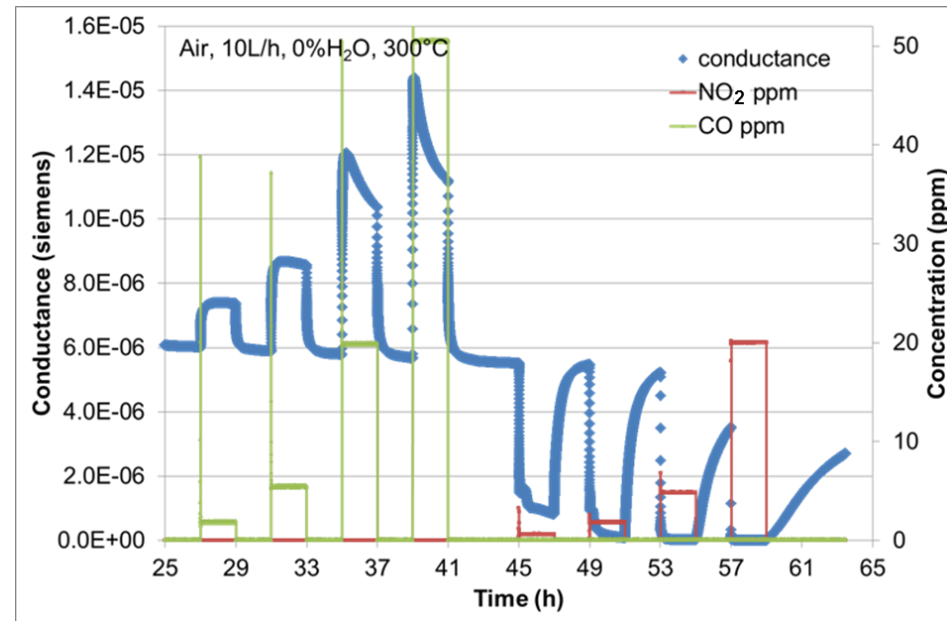
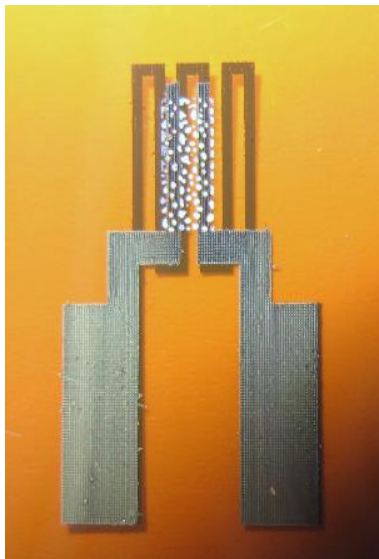
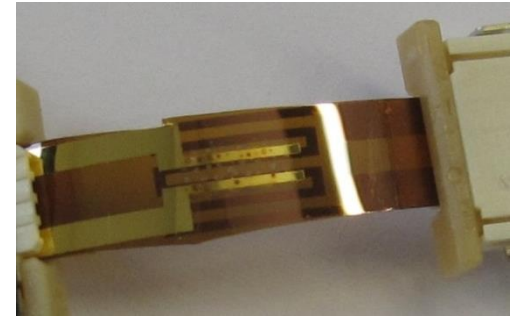
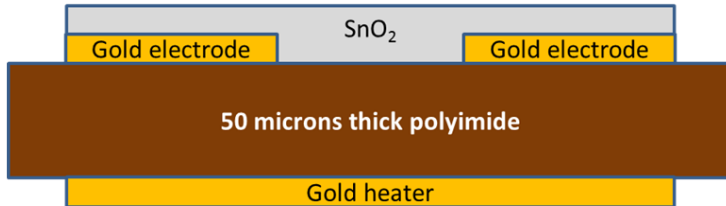
Polymeric foil have low T_g
Printing resolution

For higher temperature of operation:

- **More stable metal: Gold**
- **Temperature resistant foil: Polyimide**

Fully printed SnO₂ sensor

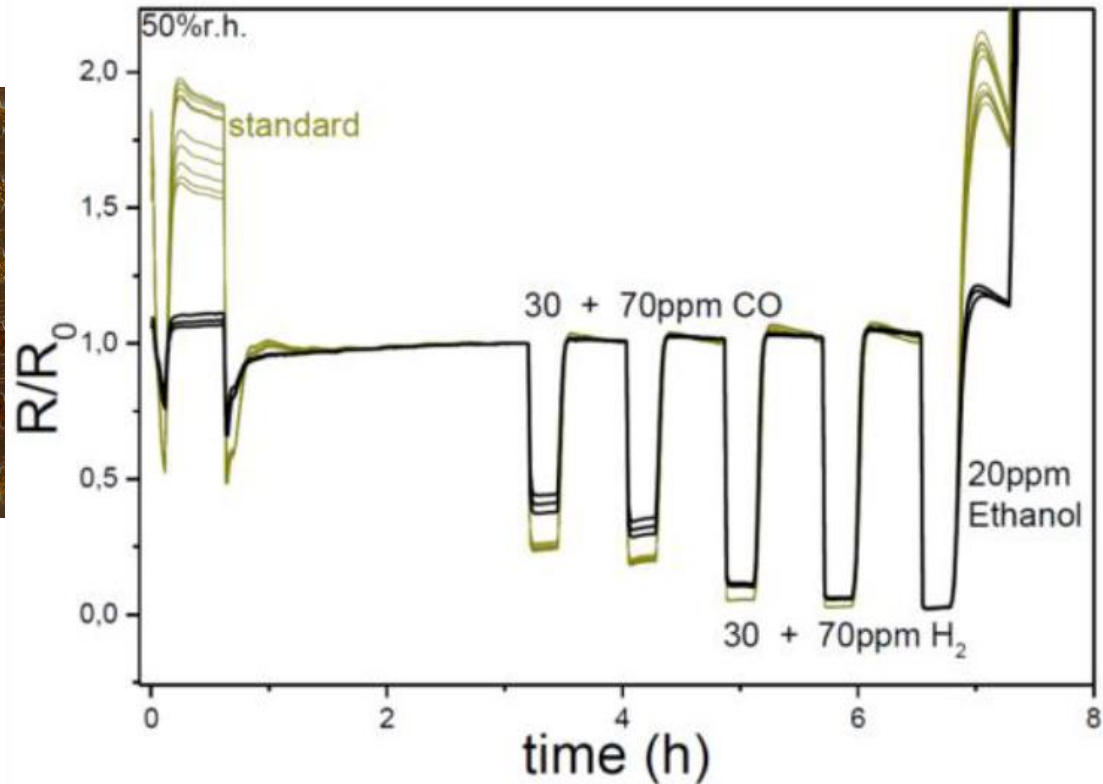
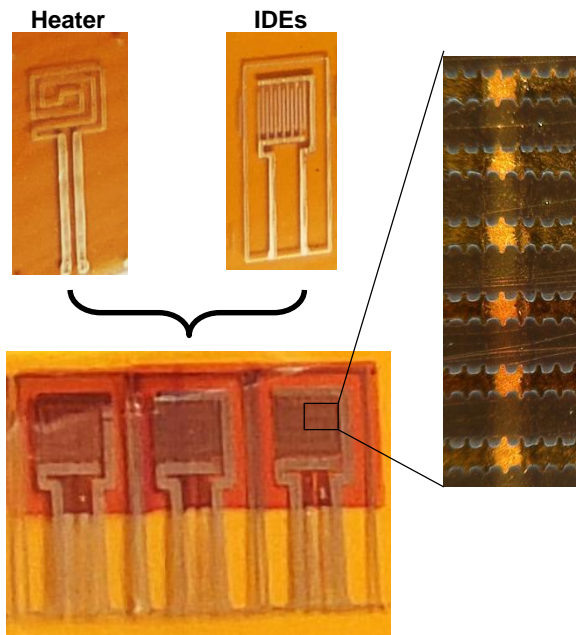
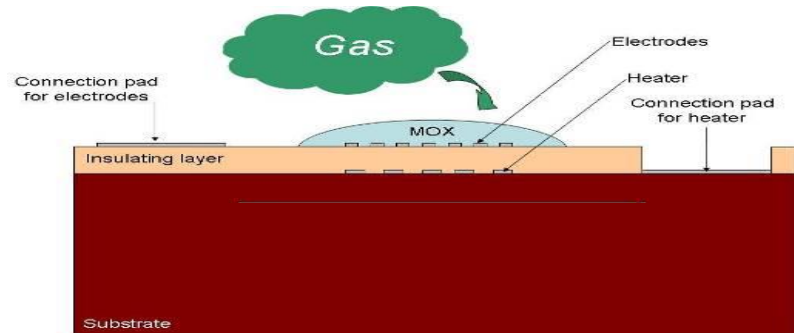
- Gold printed transducer on Upilex (PI) foil



Responses to CO and NO₂

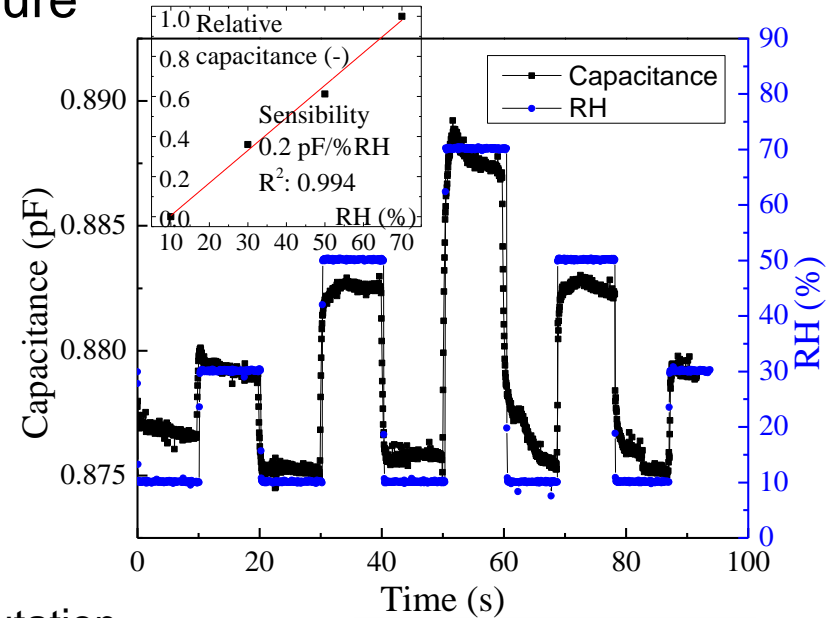
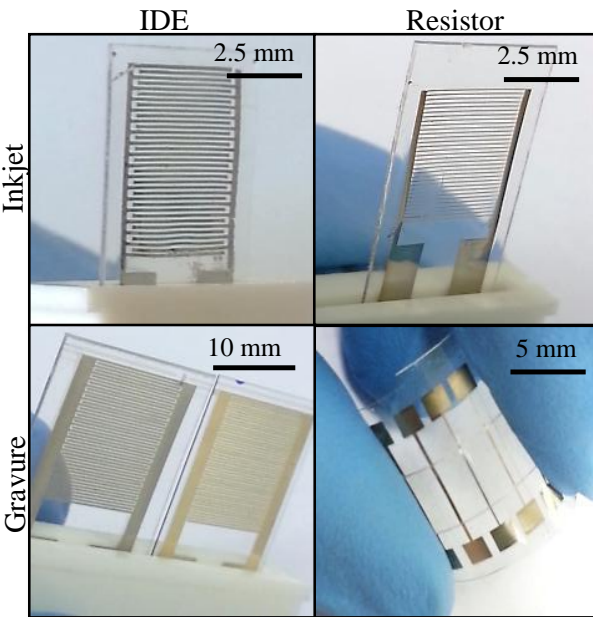
Fully printed SnO₂ sensor

- **Stack of printed layers**
 - Inkjet SnO₂ and WO₃ NPs

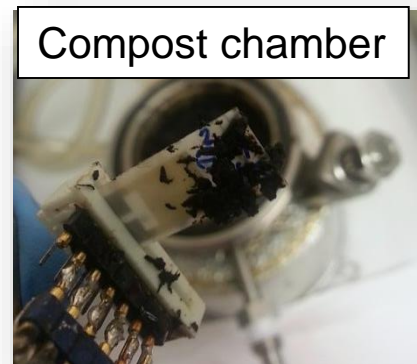
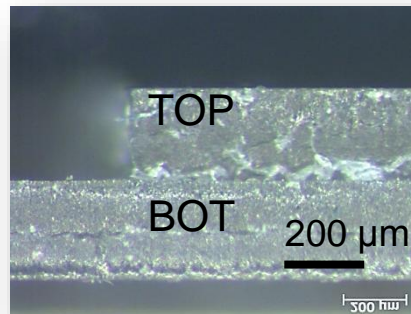


Biodegradable sensors

- On biodegradable substrates low T_g (56°C) poly lactic acid (PLA)
 - detection of humidity and temperature
- Printing of Ag and Au inks
- Photonic sintering

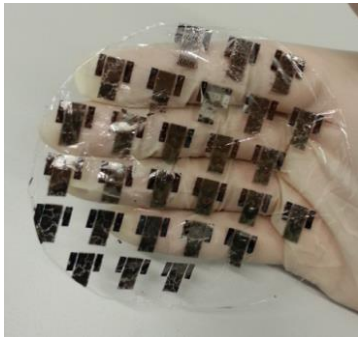


Encapsulation by lamination



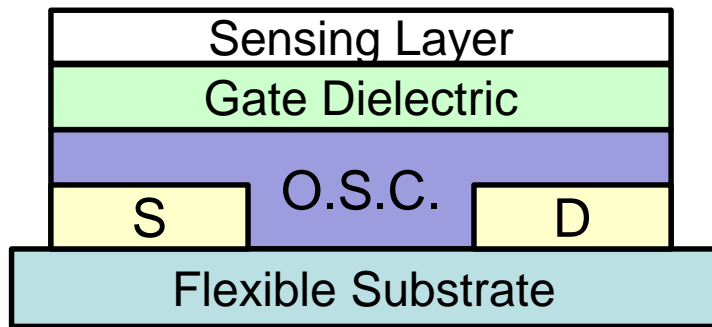
Biodegradable sensors

- Printed organic TFTs on poly lactic acid substrate



Transistors

- Thin film & electrochemical
- PLA as substrate & gate dielectric



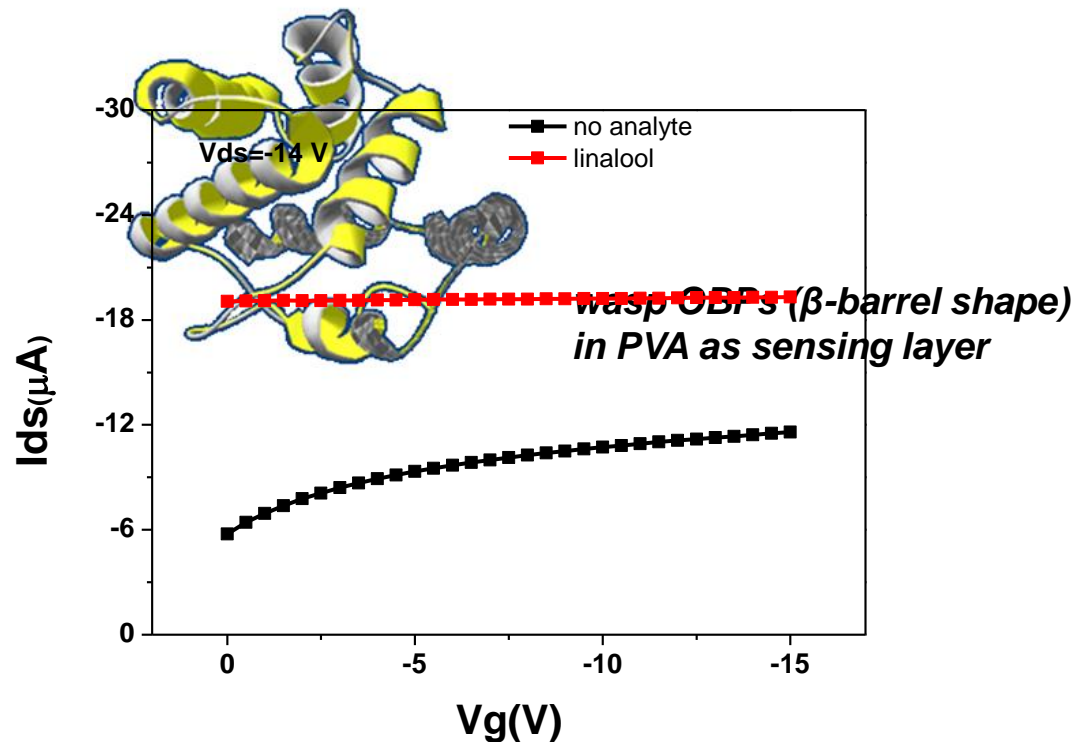
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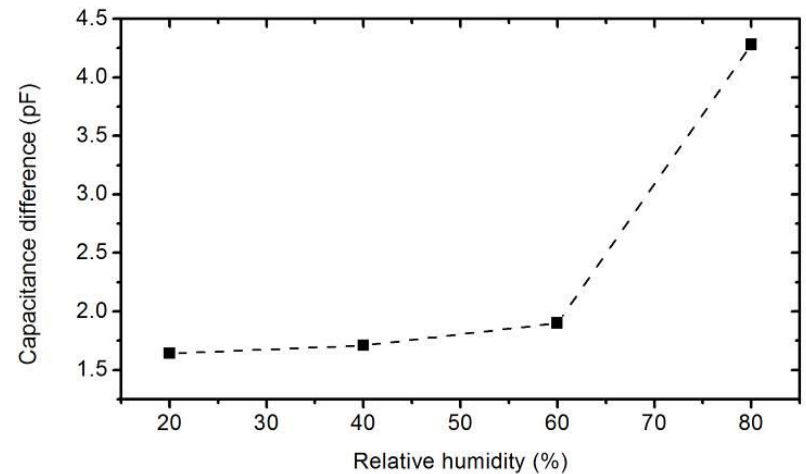
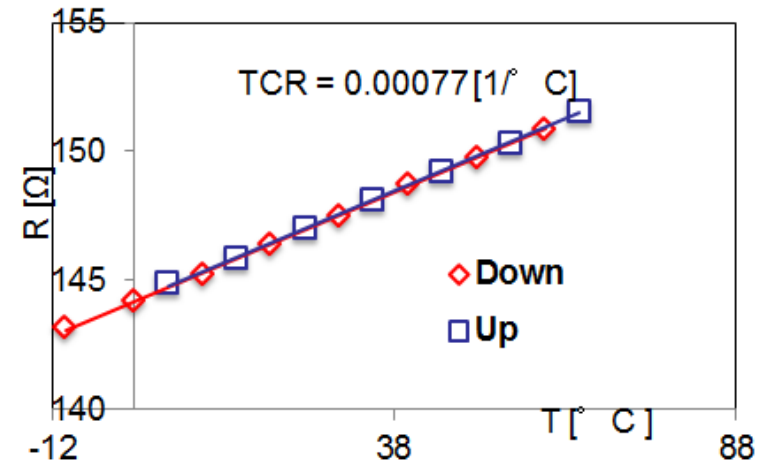
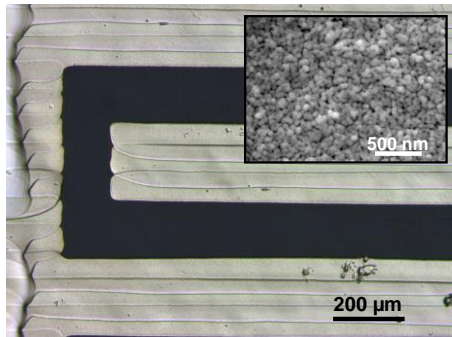
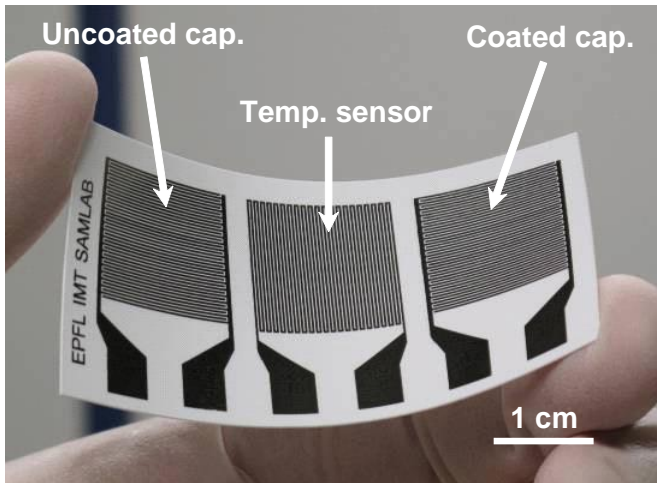
- Gate functionalisation with odorant binding proteins



I_{ds} – V_g curves acquired before and after exposure to saturated vapours of the analyte (ambient conditions).

Biodegradable sensors

- Inkjet printing on paper substrate

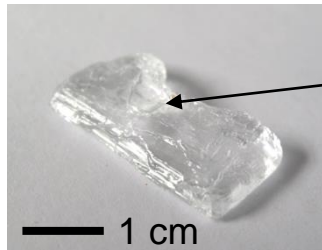


Biodegradable sensors

- Rochelle salt / paper composite piezoelectric material

Piezoelectric constant

30-290 $\mu\text{C}\cdot\text{N}^{-1}$

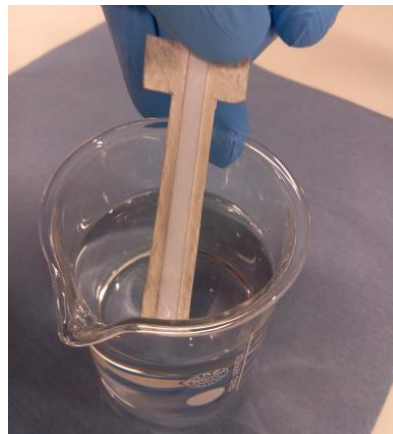


Potassium
sodium
tartrate



Food additive E337

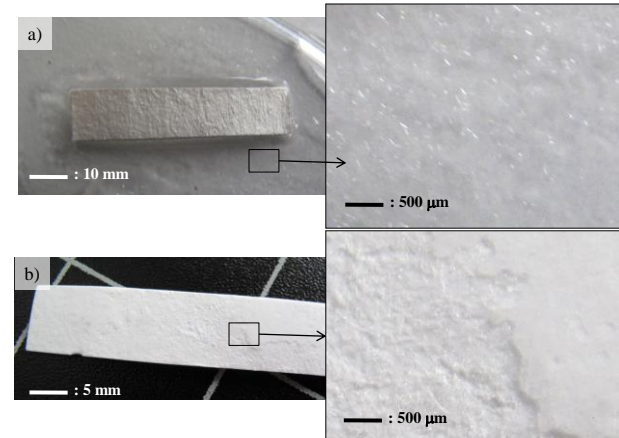
- Massive production
- Low cost
- Water soluble
- Environnemental/Bio compatibility



Solution processed

- **Biocompatible**

- **Biodegradable**



Conclusions

- Polymeric and printed sensing components for environmental monitoring were presented

Benefits:

- **Potentially low-cost**
- **Flexible**
- **Towards green tech i.e. manufacturing + end of life**

Suitable for disposable sensors

- **Smart cards**
- **Reusable smart labels**
- **Single use / distributed preconcentrators**
- **Towards micro-analytical instruments**

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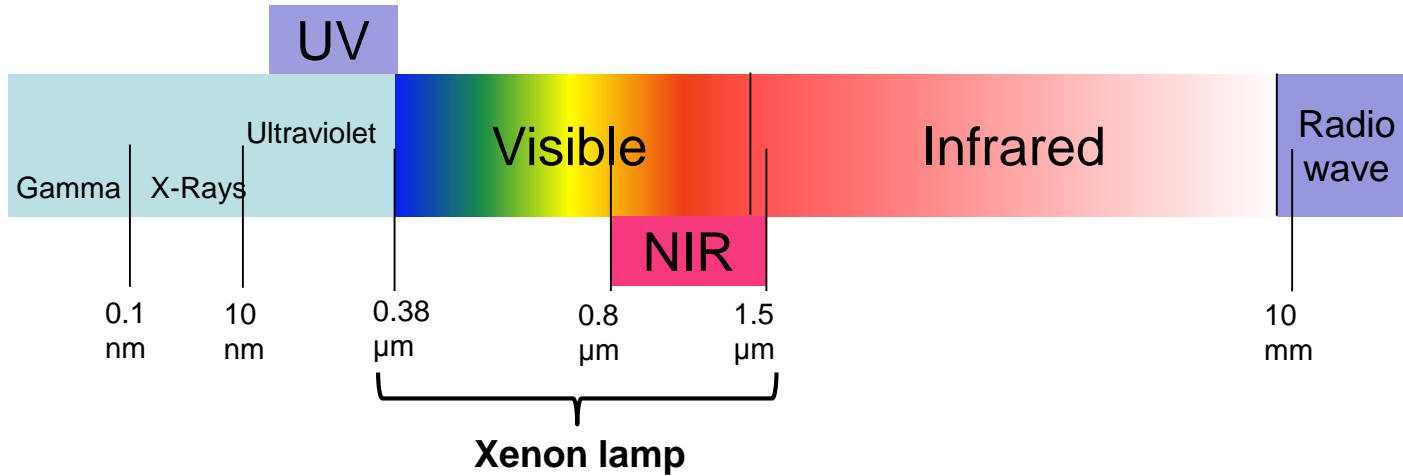
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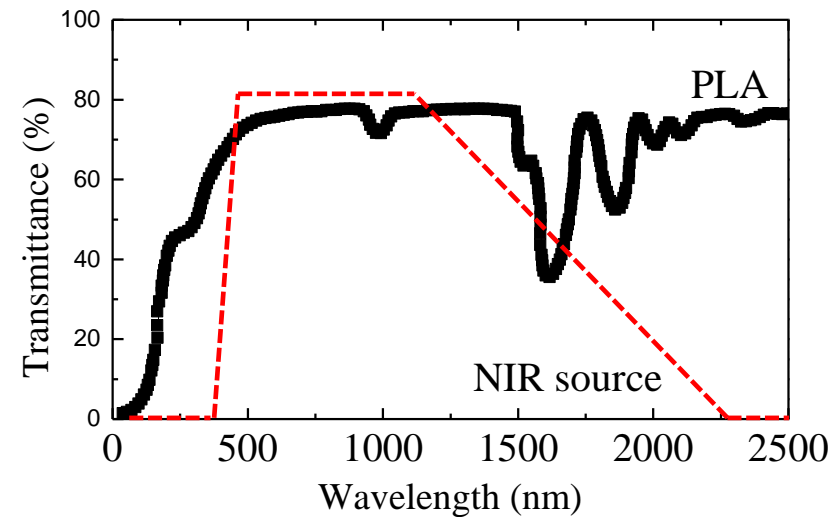
Photonic flash sintering



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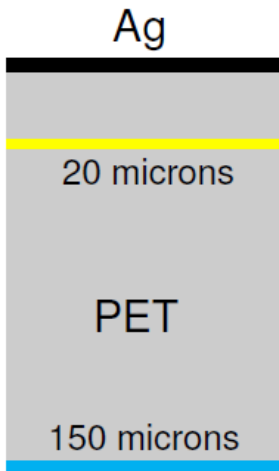
Photonic flash sintering (Xenon lamp)

- 200 – 1500 nm
- Flash duration controlled by pulses (μsec)
- Energy: 3000-5000 mJ/cm^2
- Absorption of metal much higher than substrate: Substrate remains at low $T^\circ\text{C}$

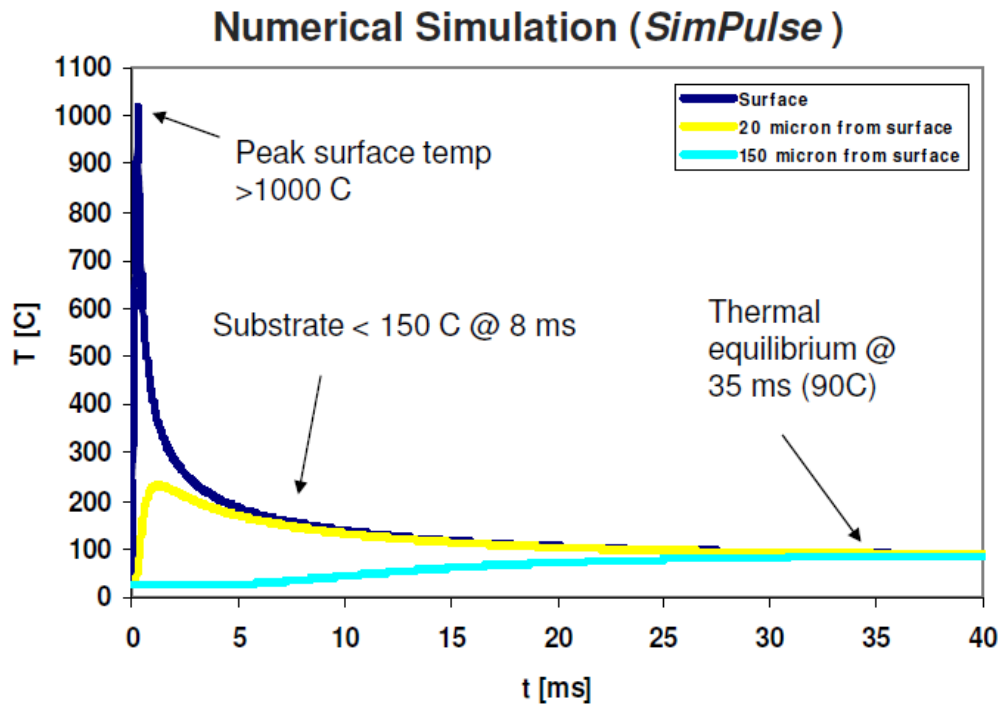


Photonic flash sintering

- On transparent polymeric substrates
 - Photonic sintering (1 to 5 J/cm²)



Conditions:
1 μm Ag on 150 μm (6 mil)
Radiant exposure: 1 J/cm²
Pulse length: 300 μs



- High temperature processing removes excess solvent and enhances sintering.
- Substrate is undamaged.
- Pulse conditions (>10 parameters) are carefully tuned to each material application.