

A hand is shown holding a roll of flexible organic electronic devices. The devices are thin, flexible strips with a grid-like pattern of small, repeating units. The hand is positioned at the top and bottom of the roll, with fingers visible. The background is a light, neutral color.

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# **Ultraflexible Organic Devices for Biomedical Applications**

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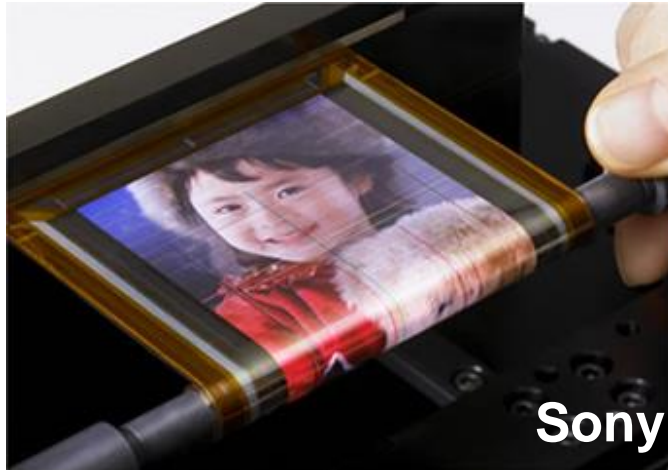
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# Outline

- **Introduction**
- **Ultrathin OTFT, OPV & OLED**
- **Emerging applications**
- **Summary**

# Flexible Organic Electronics

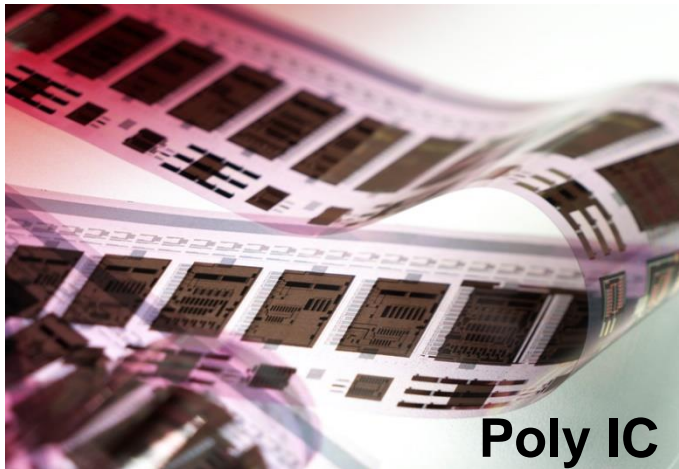
## OLED display



## OLED lighting



## Organic RFID tag



## Organic Photovoltaic



# Robotic E-skin



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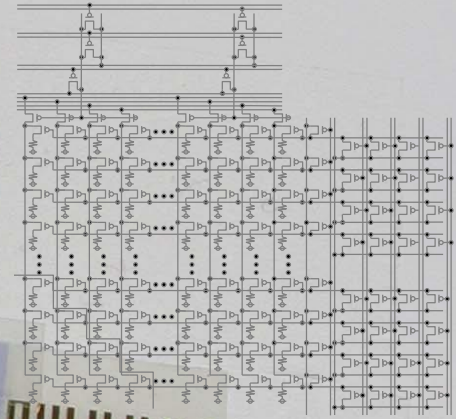
In 2003



# E-skin System

Pressure sensitive  
rubbery sheet

Column selectors



Significant reduction of the number of wirings

$1,000,000 = 1,000 \times 1,000$  (active matrix)

$1,024 = 2^{10}$  (decoder & selector)

$1,000,000$  wirings  $\rightarrow \sim 10+10$

Top electrode

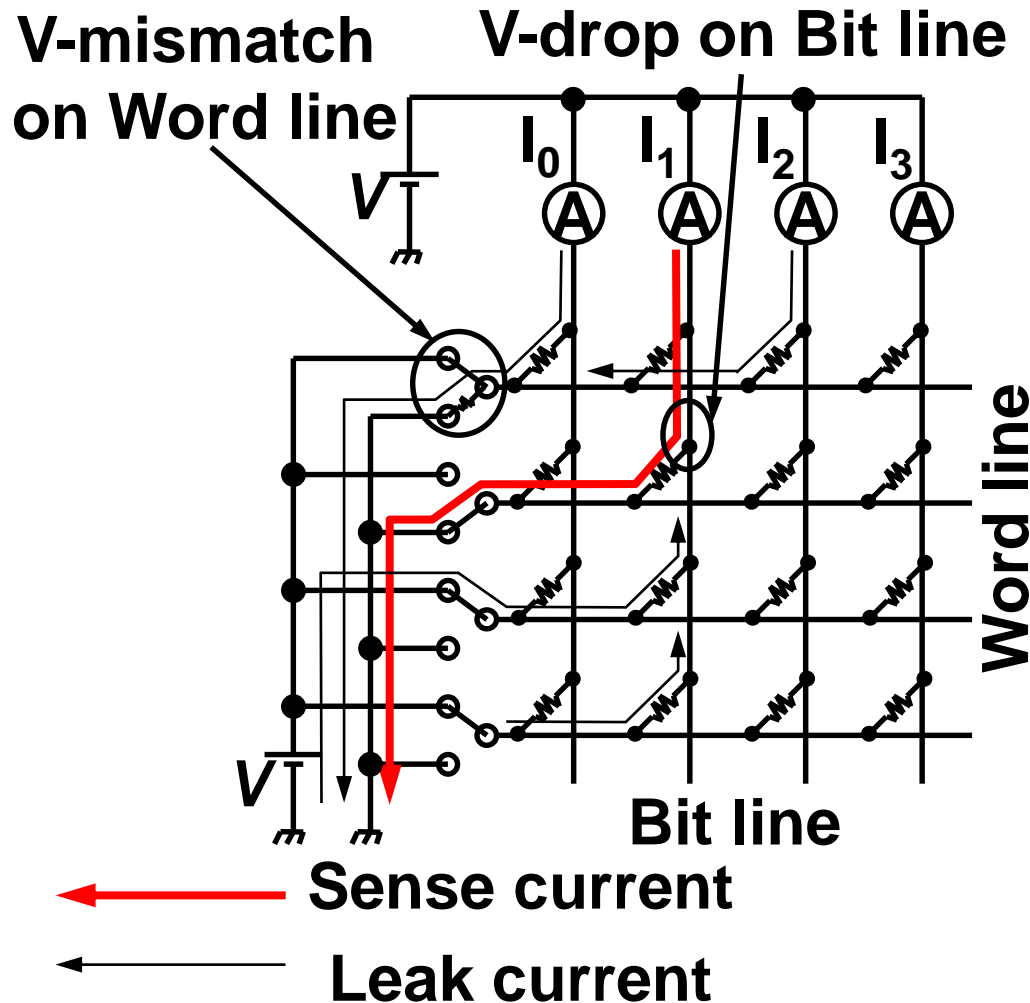
16 x 16 FET matrix

Row decoders

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# Power consumption of active matrix driving

Active matrix configuration shows power consumption much lower than passive matrix



## Power consumption

	Passive matrix (w/o TFT)	Active matrix (w/ TFT)
64 x 64	0.6mW	0.1mW
1k x 1k	130mW	1.3mW



# Skin-like sensitivity



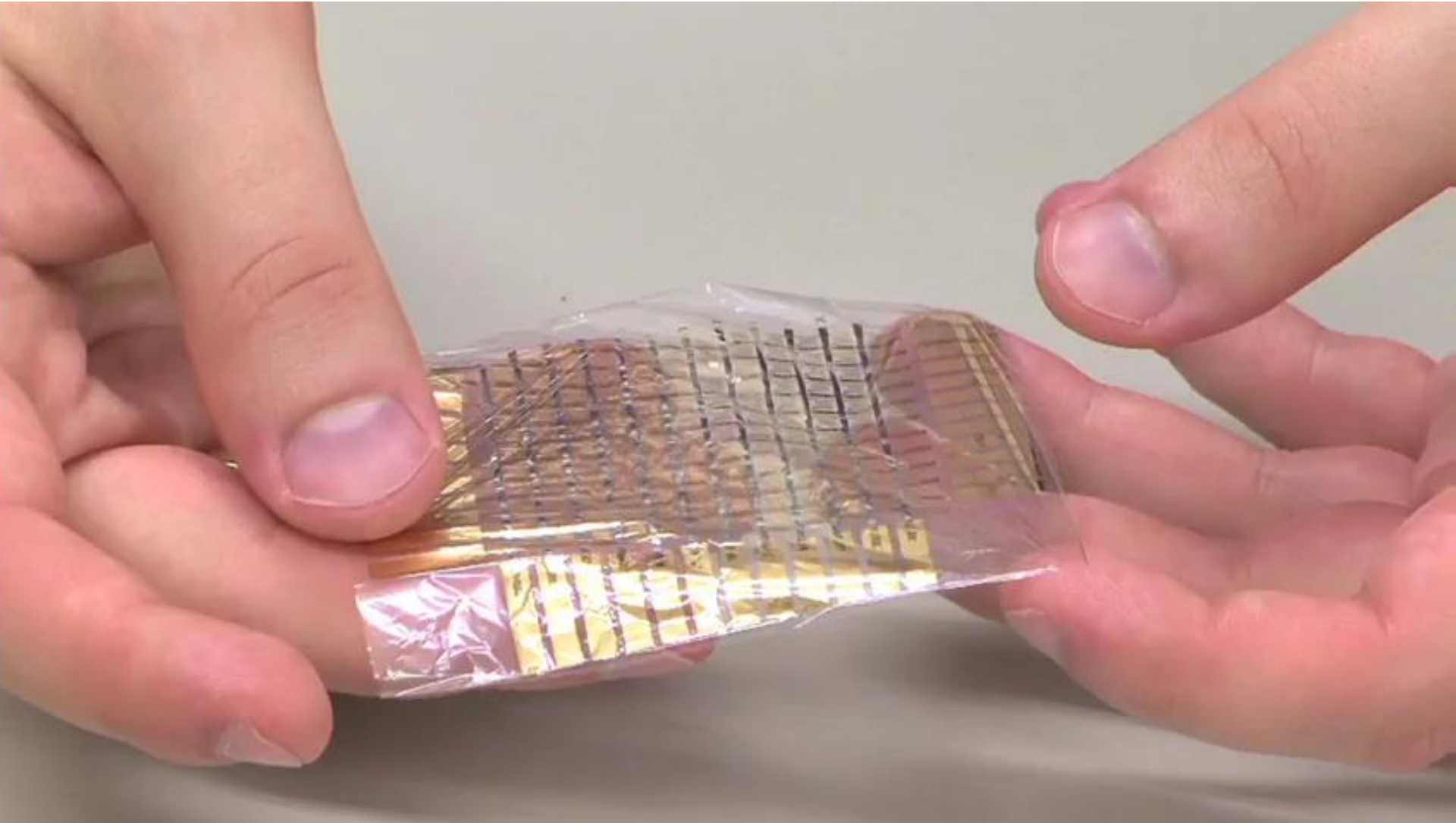
Robots with sensitive skins will feel and even respond to a person's warmth while shaking hands, consequently letting people feel that robots are warmer.



# *Ultraflexible* organic devices



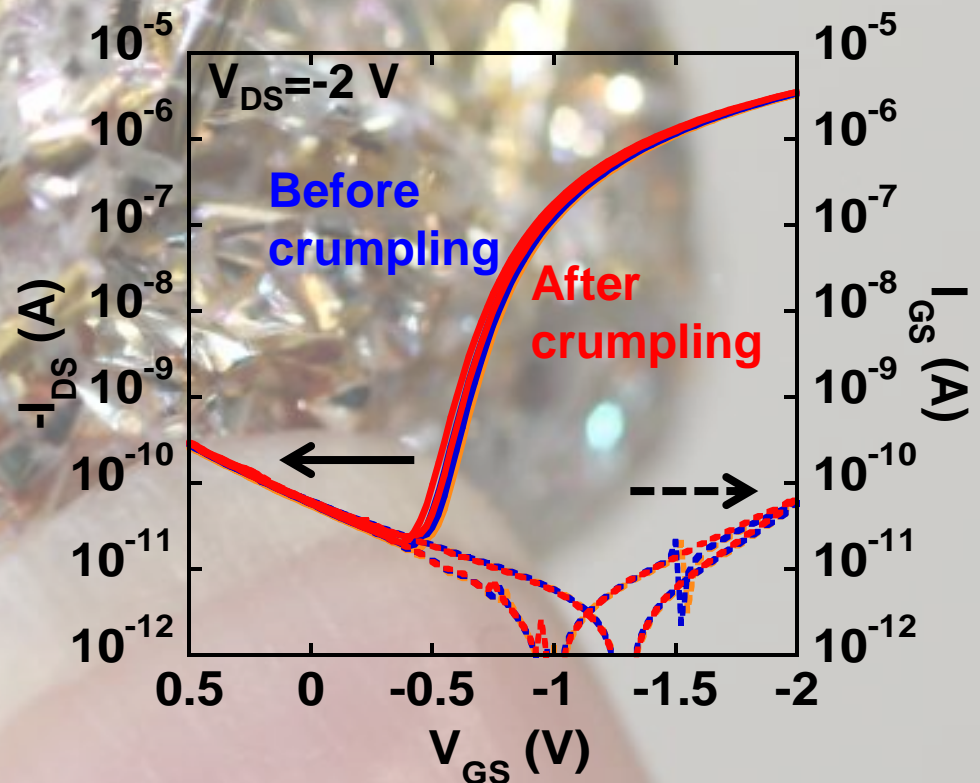
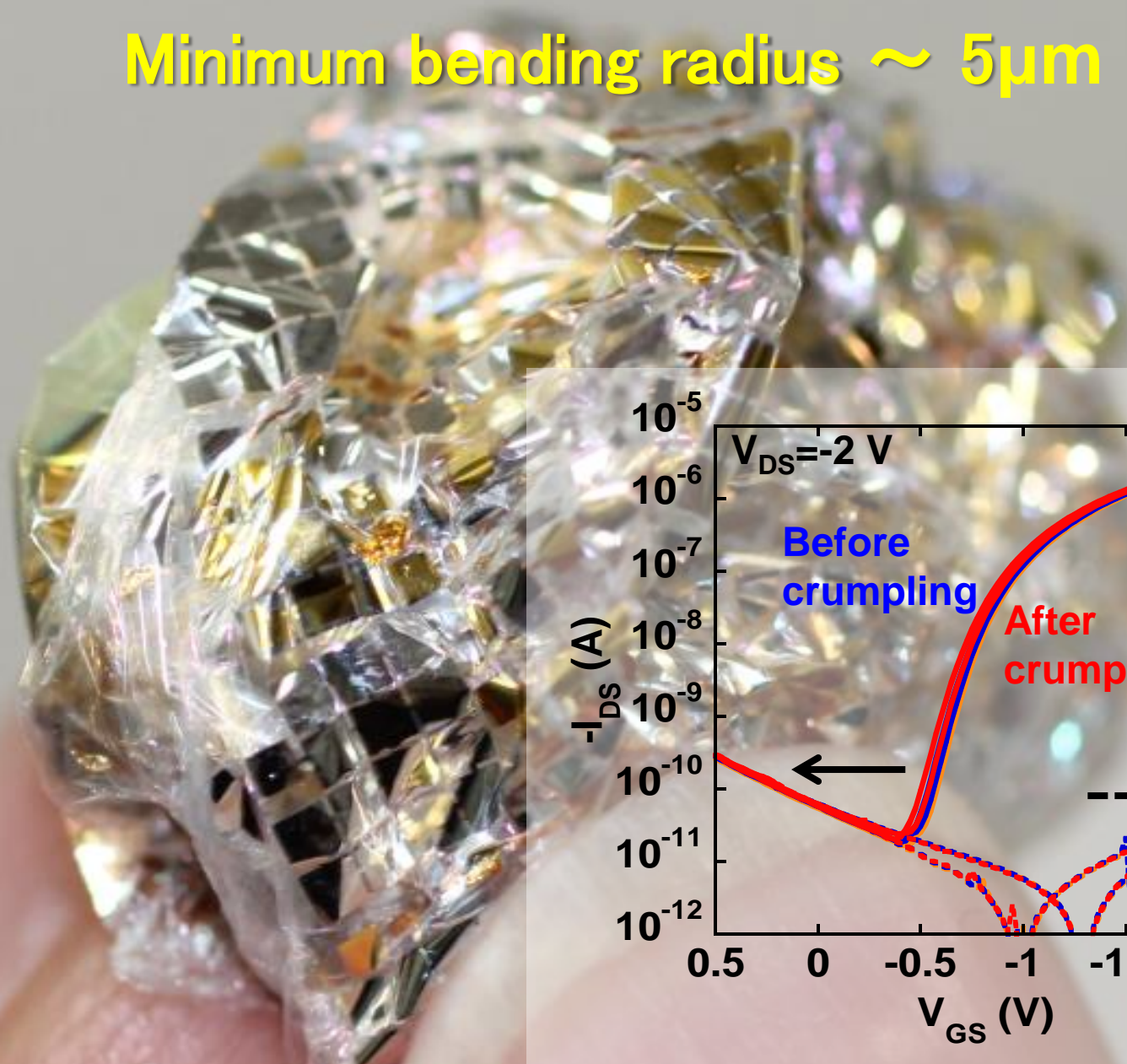
# World's thinnest and lightest OTFT (3g/m<sup>2</sup>)



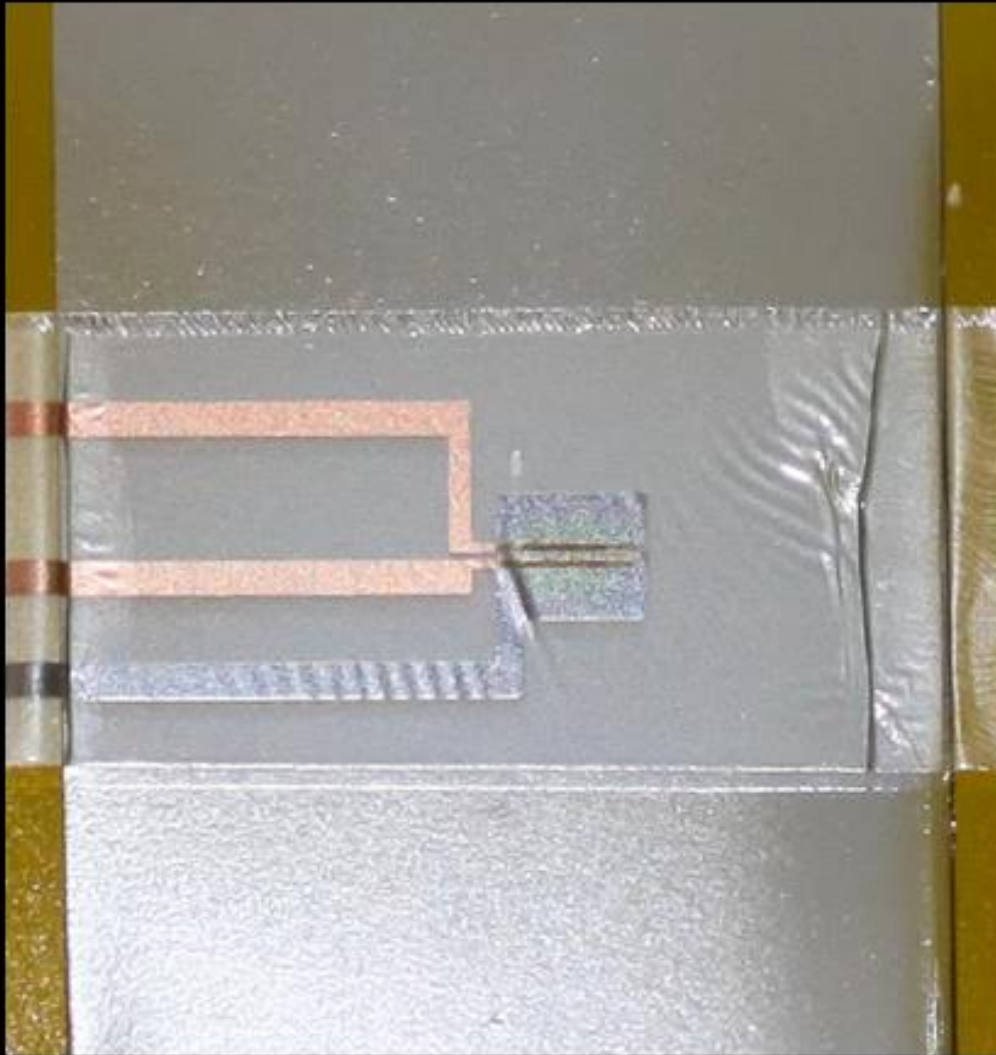
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# Amazing robustness: Crumpling

Minimum bending radius  $\sim 5\mu\text{m}$

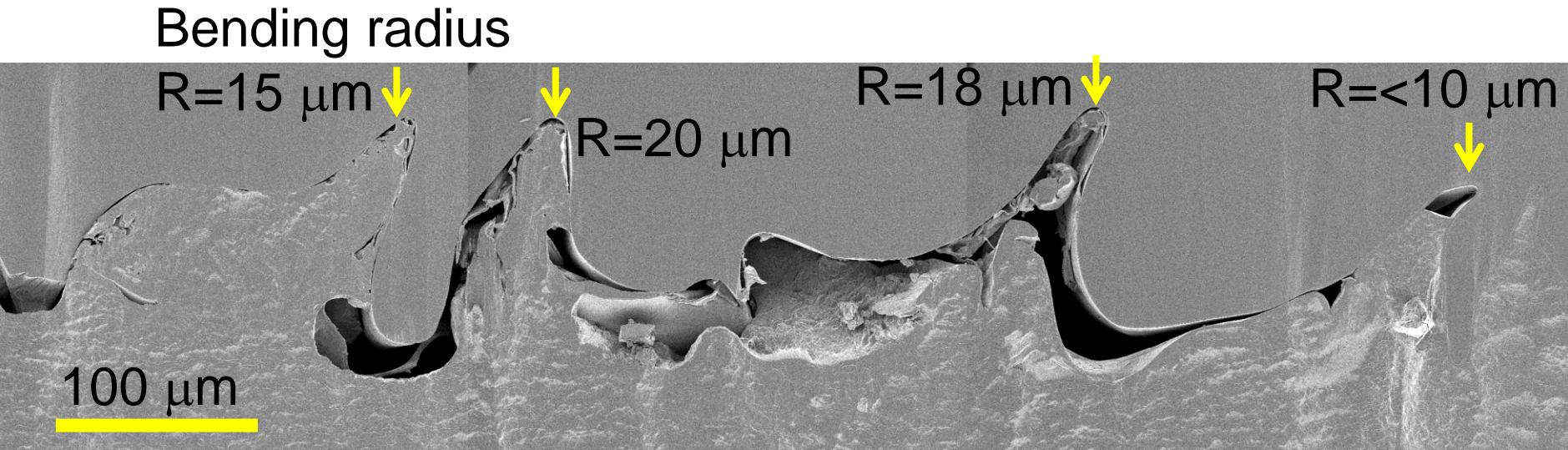


# Stretchable organic transistors





# Crumpled organic integrated circuits



Cross-sectional TEM



# World's thinnest and lightest OPV

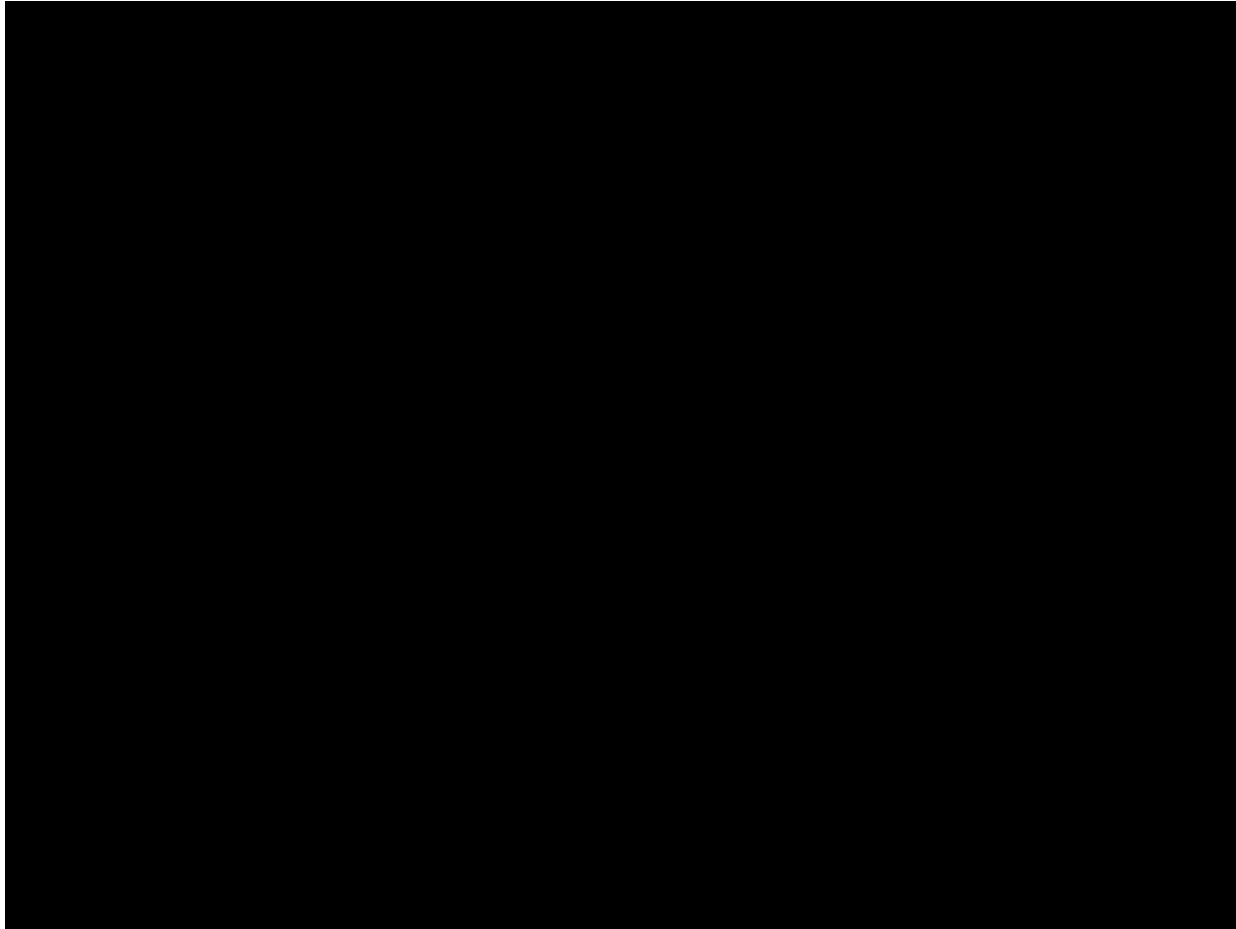
TV program on December, 2012  
"Chikyu Astech - Sollar Cell on Thin Film"

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# Stretchable OLED

Brightness: 100 cd/m<sup>2</sup> Stretching >100%!



- Light-emitting device that fits 3D surfaces
- Light source health-monitoring sensors

# Flexible Electronics for Biomedical Applications

## Chemical sensors

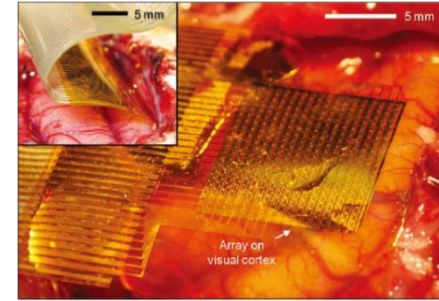
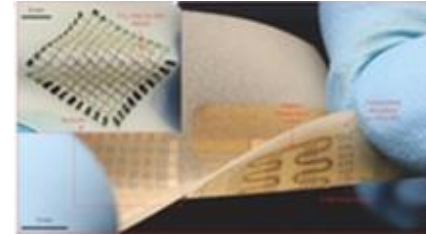
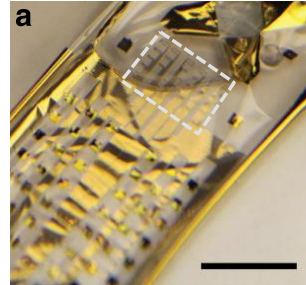
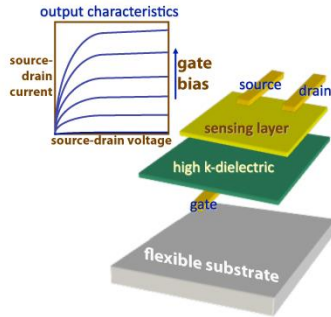
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## Neural interfaces

## Multifunctional wearable devices

## Neural interfaces

## In-vitro neural interface

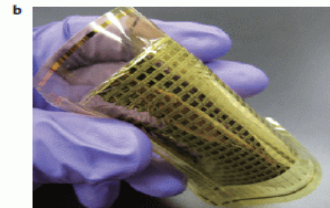


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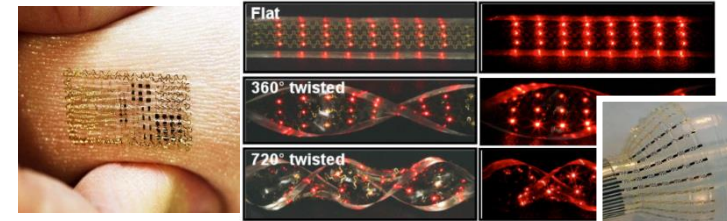
J. Viventi, J. A. Rogers et al, *Nature Neuro.*, 14, 1599 (2011)

## Artificial skin



K. Takei, J. Ali *Nature Materials* (2010).

## Medical sensors & lighting Intelligent balloon catheter Epidermal electronic skin



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## Wearable electronics

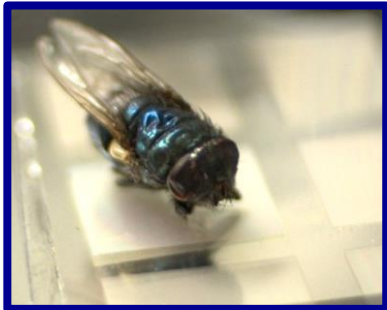


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## Neural Stem Cells

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## High-sensitive electronic skin



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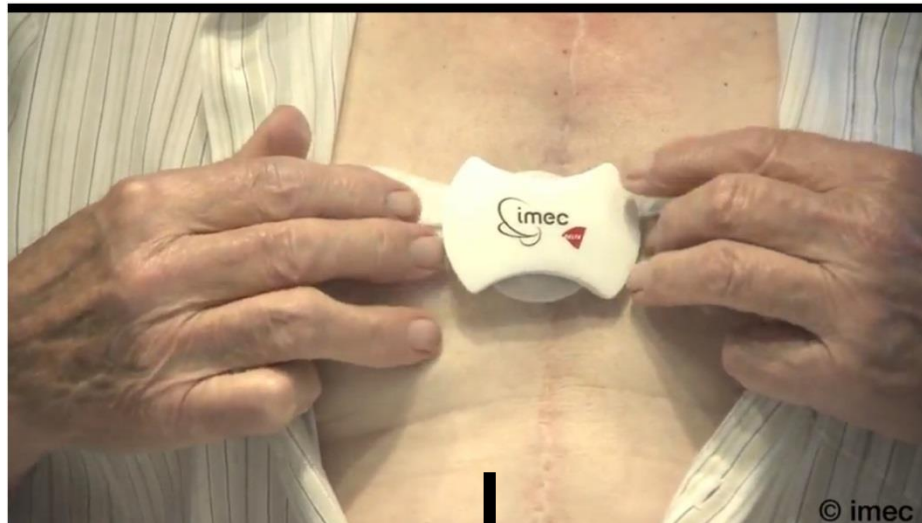
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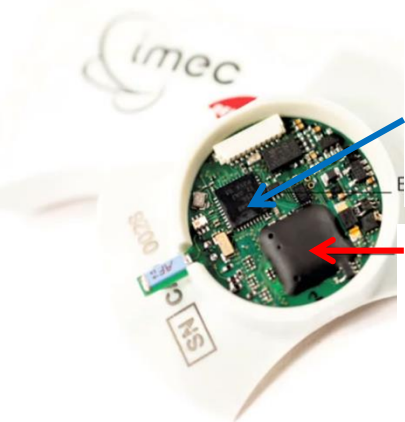
# IMEC: ECG patch sensor

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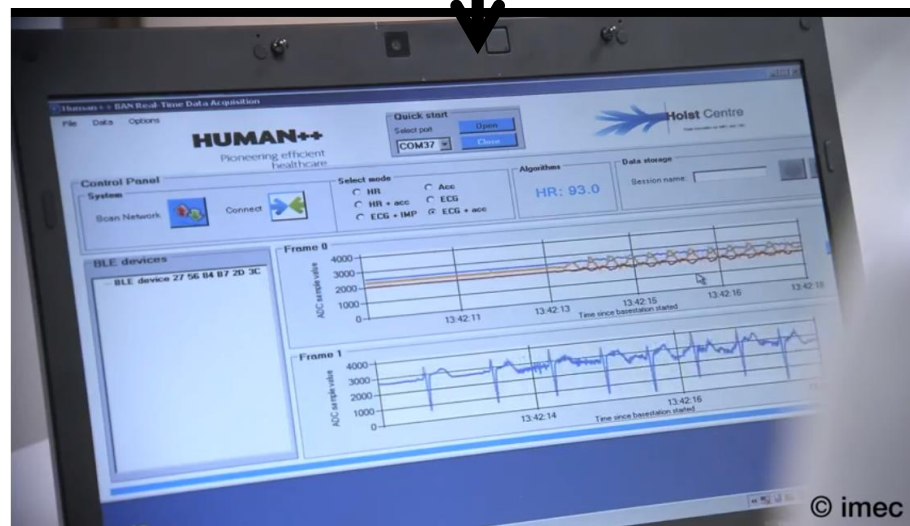


**Bluetooth System**

**ECG Measurement System**

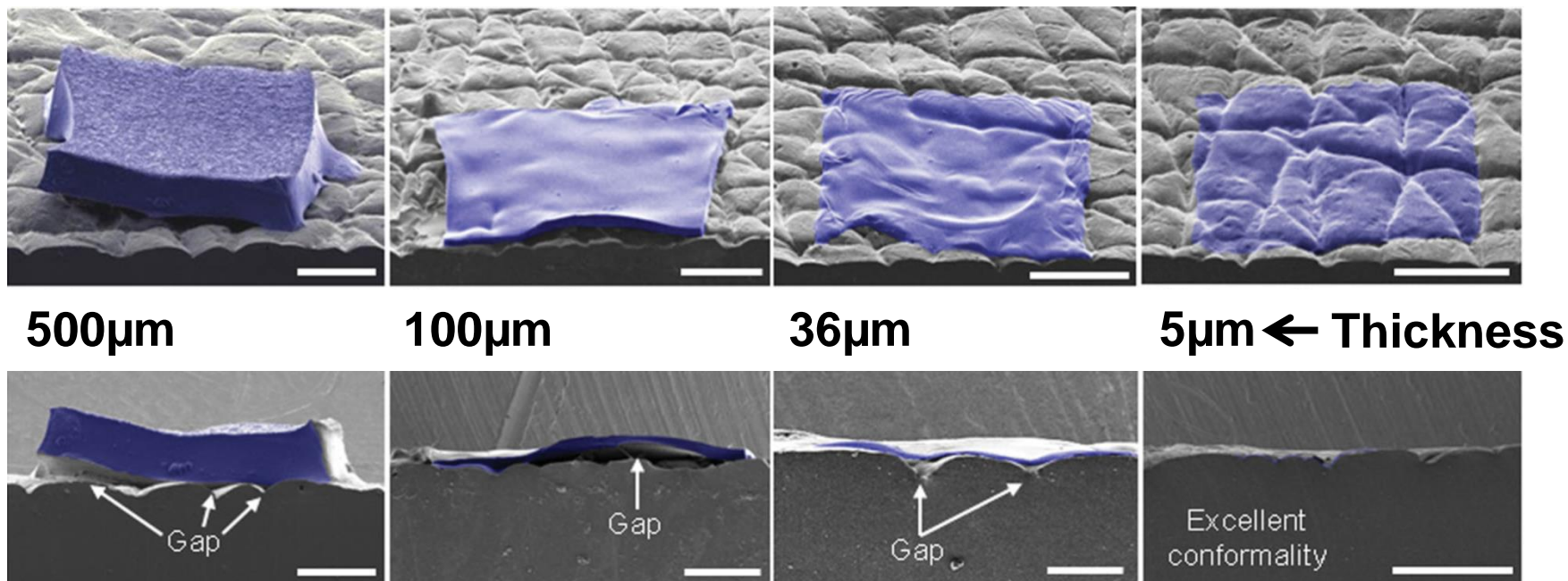
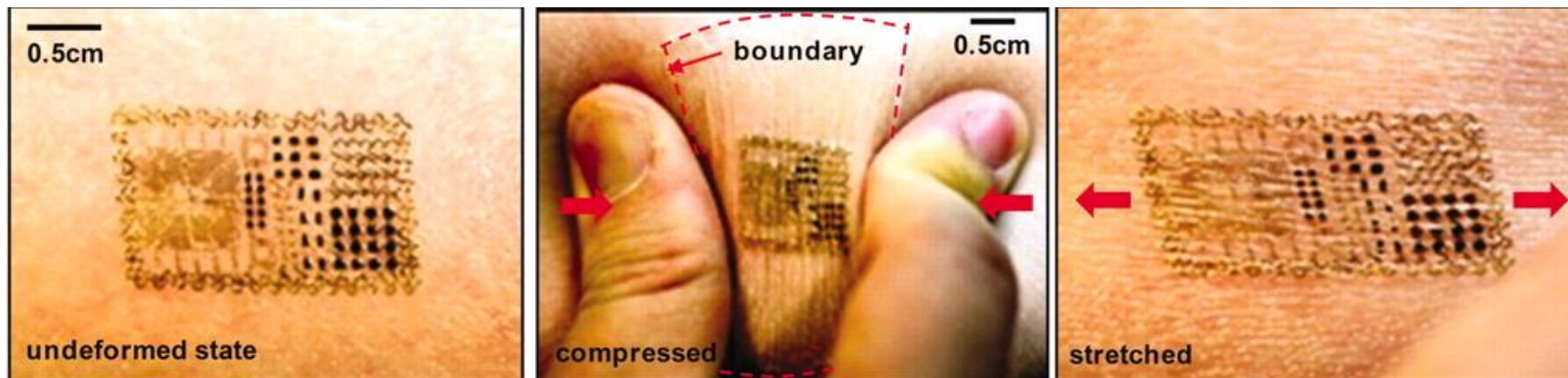


**ECG measurement result can be sent to doctors through Bluetooth and Internet.**





# John A Rogers's Flex Devices



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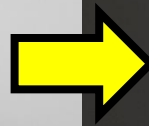
# From Robotics to Human

Robotics E-skins  
(2003)



$t=1 \sim 2 \text{ mm}$

Thickness: 1/1000



Bionic Skins  
(2013)



$t=2 \mu\text{m}$

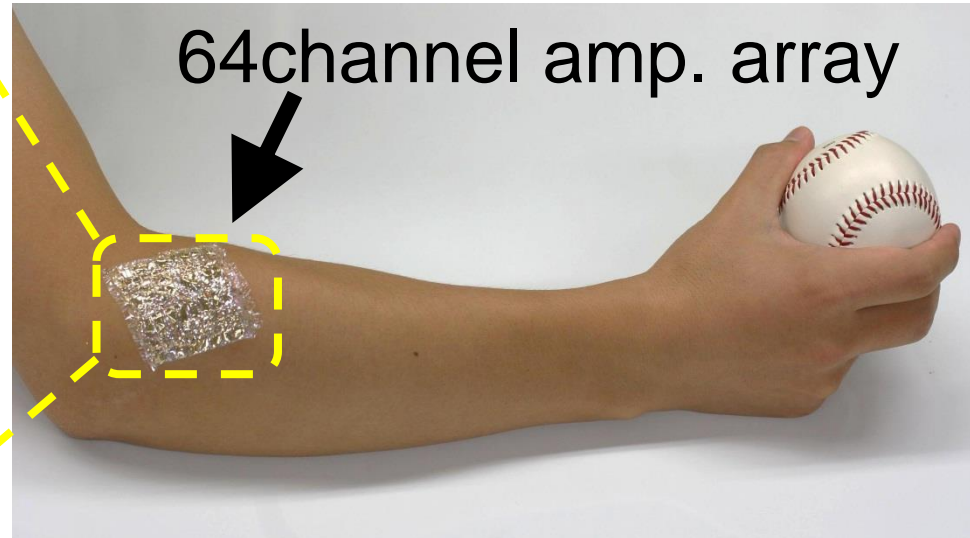
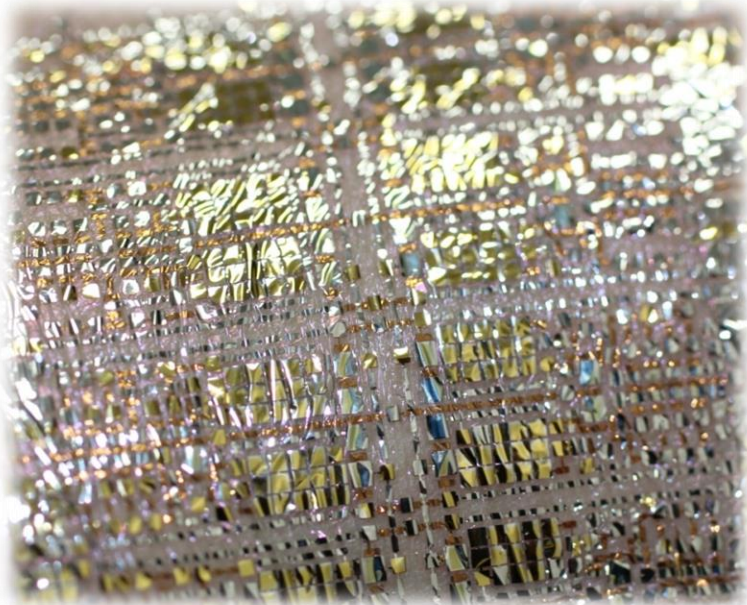
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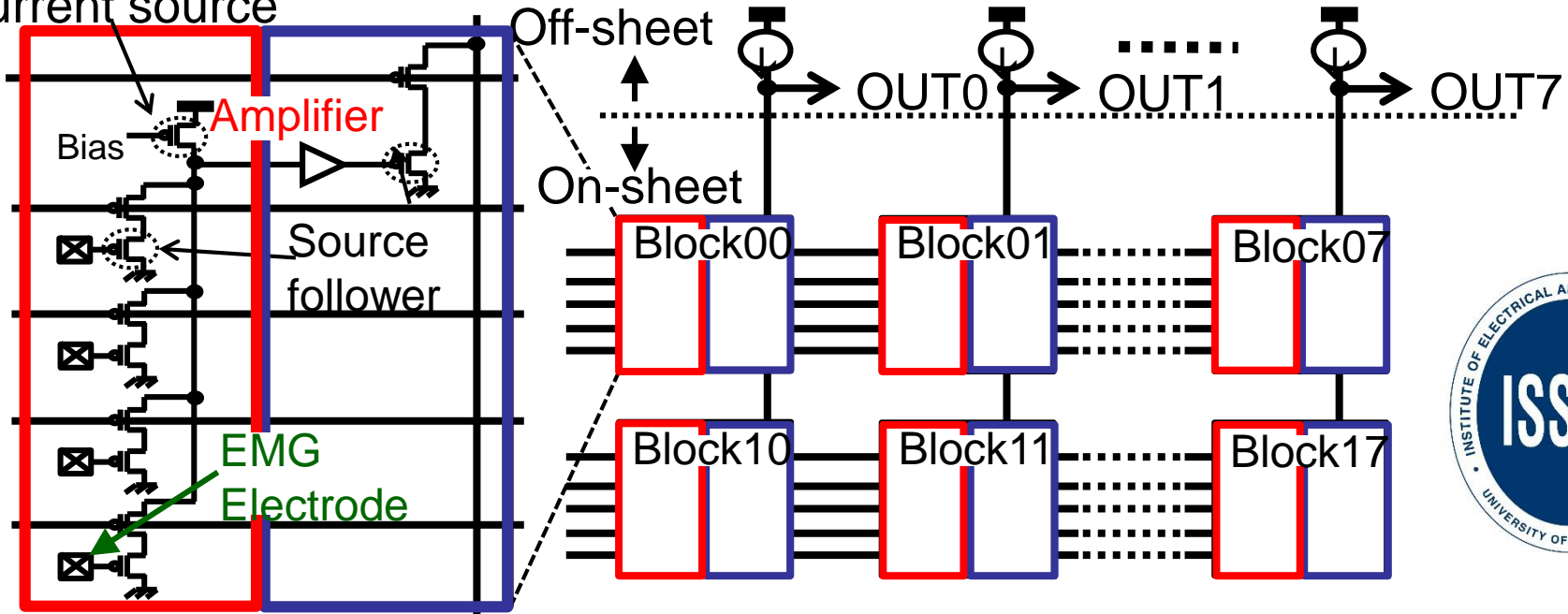


# Surface electromyogram monitoring

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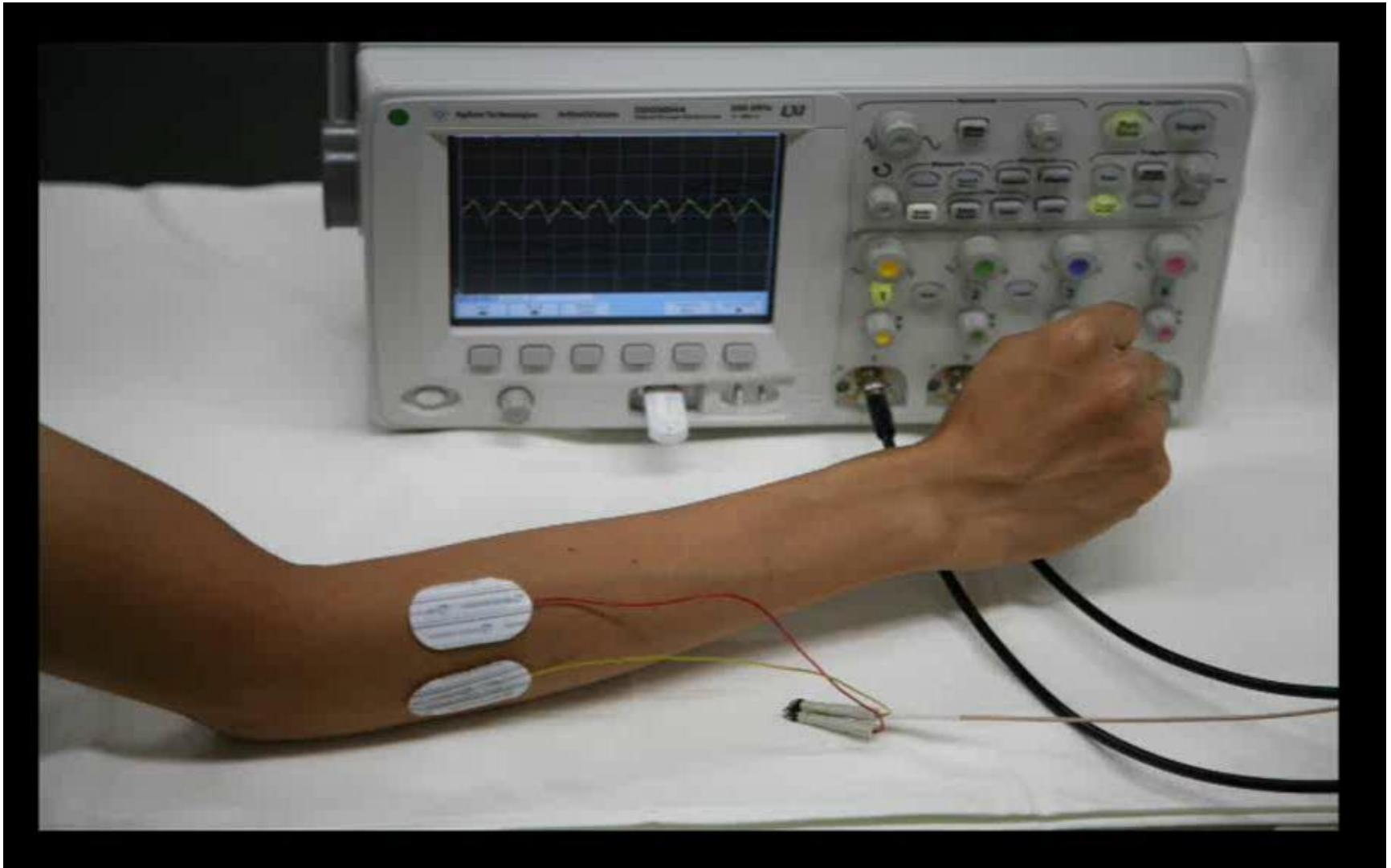


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# Electromyogram measurement

For stress-free healthcare-monitoring and welfare IT





# Implantable organic amplifier

Weight: 3g/m<sup>2</sup>

Flexible:  $R < 10 \mu\text{m}$

Total thickness: 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$   
(w/ encapsulation)

Large-area coverage:  
50 x 50 mm<sup>2</sup>

# Imperceptible electronics



## Applications

- Medical IT
- Welfare IT
- Digital Healthcare

## What

- Electromyogram
- Electrocardiogram
- Body temperature
- Heart rate
- Blood pressure

## Specifications

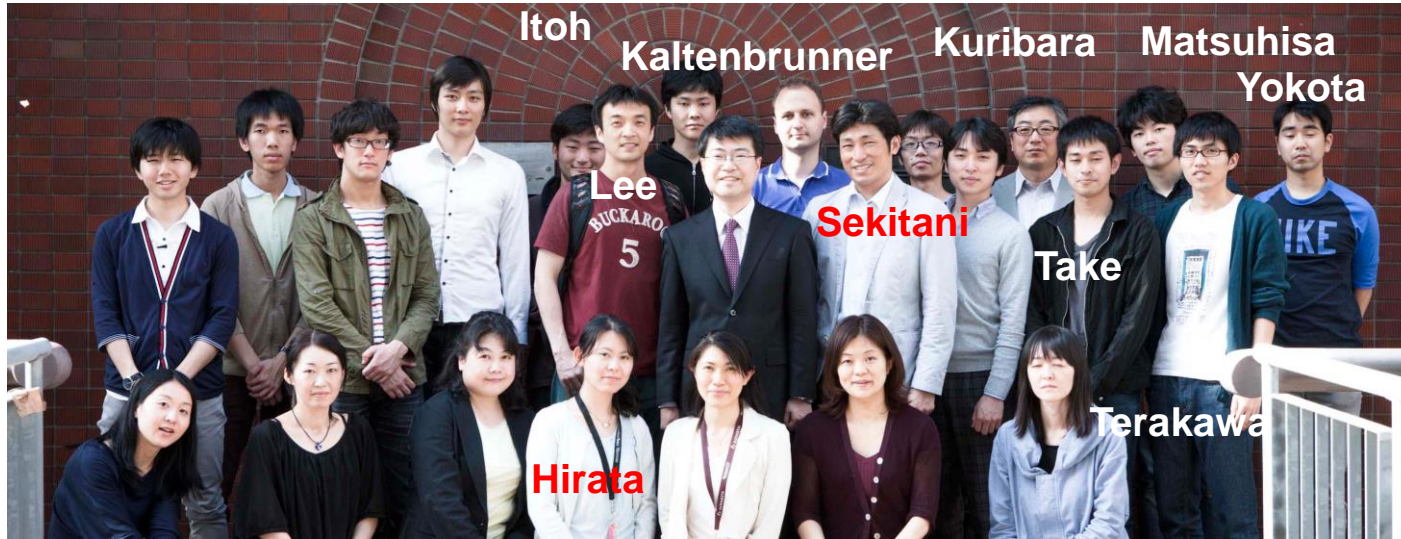
- The lightest ( $3 \text{ g/m}^2$ )
- The thinnest ( $2\mu\text{m}$ )

## Where

- Everyday life
- During exercise
- At hospital



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Elastic conductors

SAM

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Ultrathin

Animal

Artificial heart



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# Summary

The frontier of **organic electronics**

Today: OLED Display & Lighting  
OPV

Tomorrow: **Healthcare / Medical**

Uniqueness of organic devices

**Ultralight, Ultrathin** ⇒ Minimum invasiveness  
**Flexible, Durable** ⇒ High reliability &  
High sensitivity



**Emerging applications**

Digital Healthcare

Medical IT

Welfare IT