



# **BUILDING MANUFACTURING PROCESSES & PRODUCTS DROP BY DROP**

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Section I

# INTRODUCTION TO XENNIA

# Background to Xennia



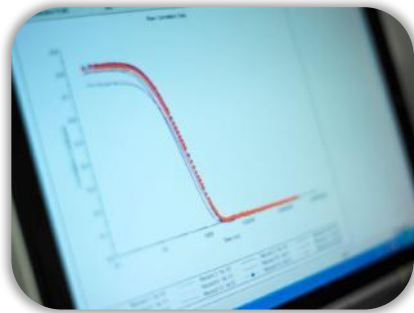
- 🔥 Xennia is the world's leading industrial inkjet solutions provider
- 🔥 15 year history, over 300 customer development programmes
- 🔥 World class reputation underpinned by a strong IP portfolio
- 🔥 Unique expertise in inkjet chemistry with strong engineering capability
- 🔥 Headquartered in UK, sales offices in US and China
- 🔥 Awarded Queen's Award for Enterprise in 2010
- 🔥 Offering reliable inkjet process solutions:
  - 🔥 Inkjet modules and inks for OEM partners with market access
  - 🔥 Printing systems and inks for end users through our distributors



**Xennia helps customers lower operating costs, increase productivity and simplify mass customised production by revolutionising manufacturing processes**



# FROM INKJET IDEAS ... TO PRODUCTION REALITY



Feasibility studies



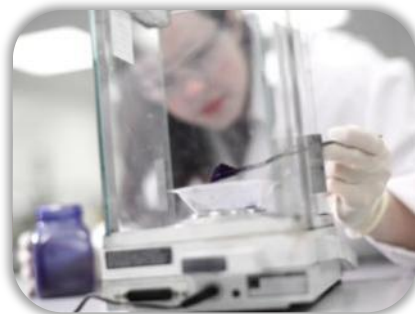
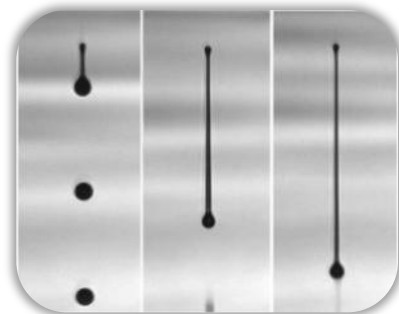
Process development



System design

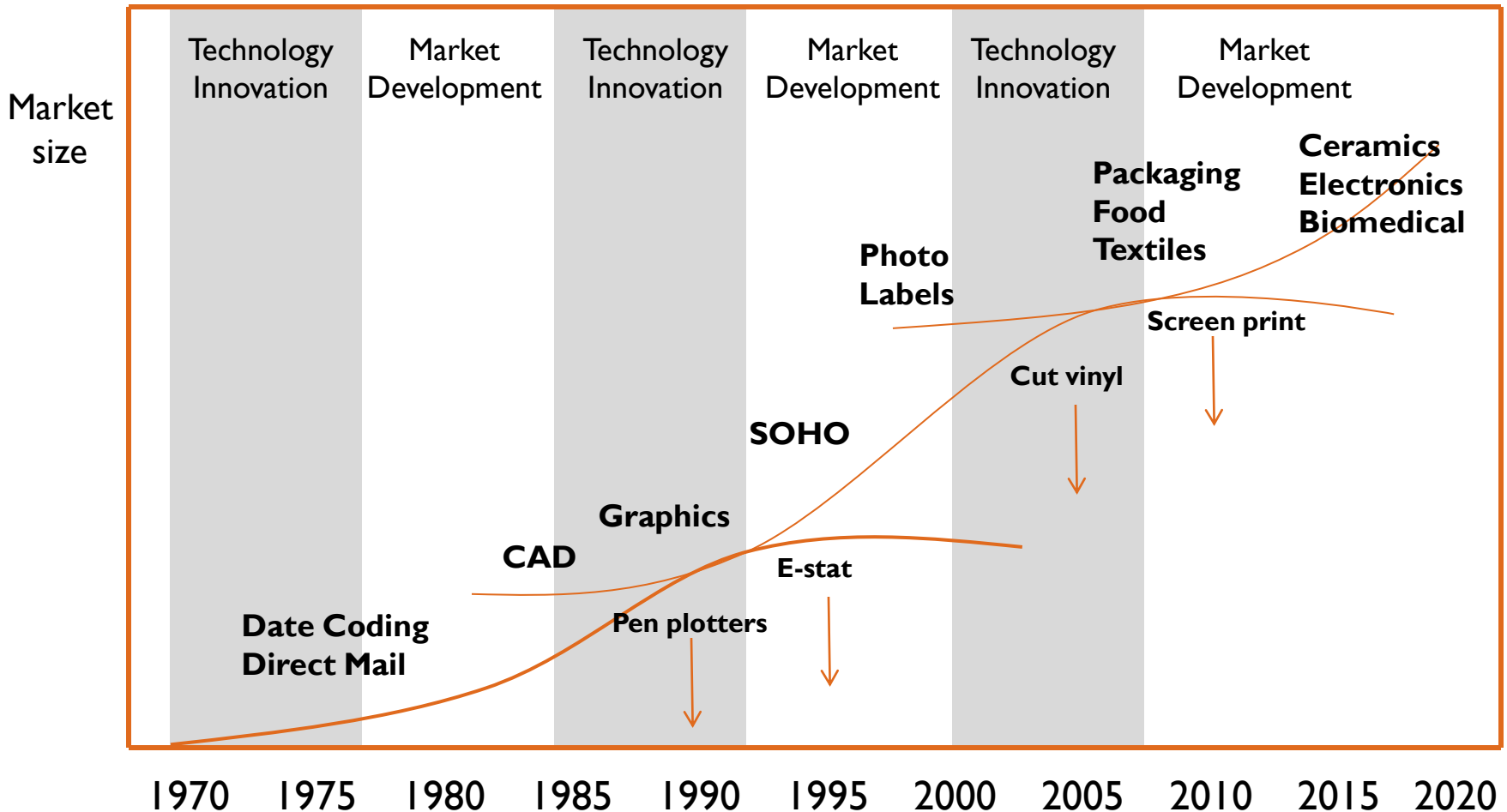


Production solutions



# Technology push to market pull

Inkjet technology & market evolution curve: The next wave has started



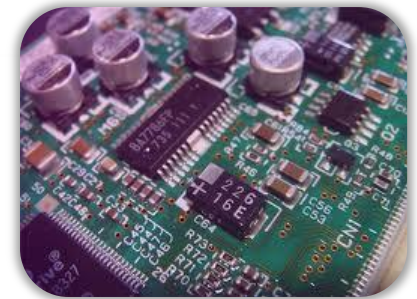
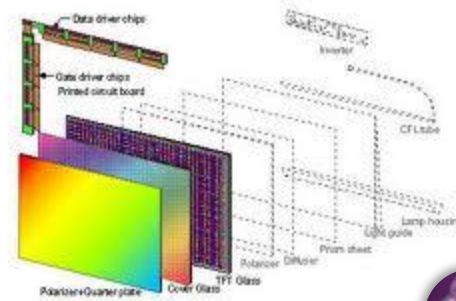
# Manufacturing processes

- 🔥 Key examples of inkjet in manufacturing processes & products
- 🔥 Textiles
  - 🔥 Decoration and digital finishing
- 🔥 Industrial decoration
  - 🔥 Ceramics, furniture laminates
- 🔥 Printed electronics
  - 🔥 Solar energy, displays
- 🔥 Biomedical
  - 🔥 Sensor manufacture



# Inkjet for manufacture

- 🔥 Use inkjet to:
  - 🔥 Coat
  - 🔥 Create manufacturing processes
  - 🔥 Manufacture products
- 🔥 Inkjet printing difficult materials
  - 🔥 Pigments (including inorganic), phosphors, metals
  - 🔥 Polymers
  - 🔥 Functional materials
- 🔥 Key inkjet ink technologies
  - 🔥 Pigment and polymer dispersion
  - 🔥 Solvent based and UV cure chemistries







Section 2

# DIGITAL FINISHING

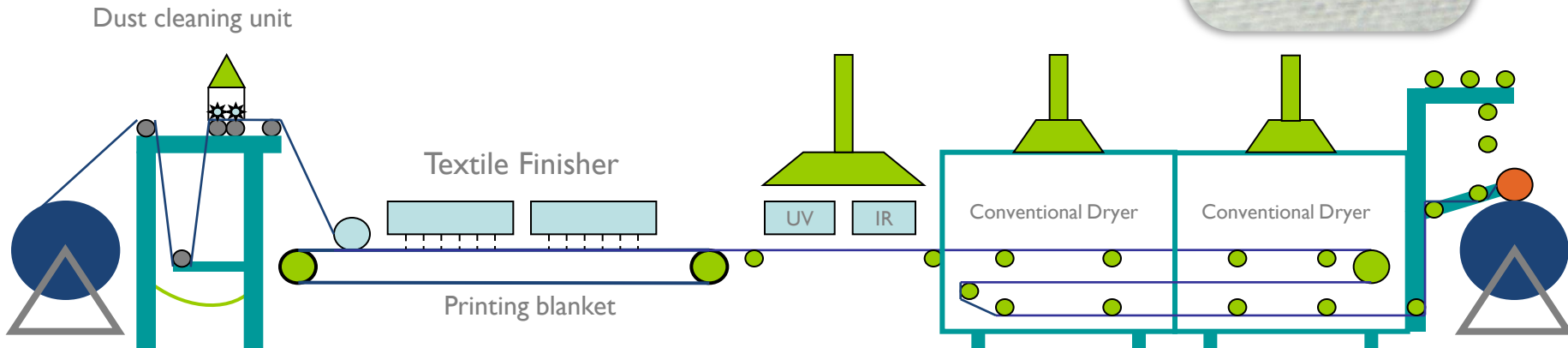
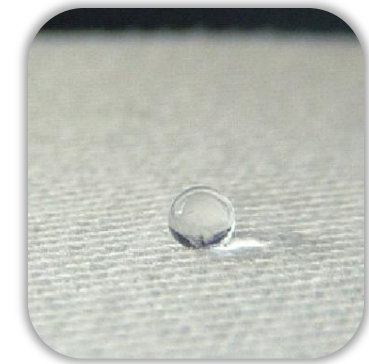
# Digital finishing

- Major benefits of inkjet digital finishing
  - Multi functionality
    - Single sided application possible
    - Two sides can have different functions
  - Patterning – place function where you want it
  - Functionality applied efficiently to textile surface only
  - Highly consistent coat weight
  - Environmental and energy savings
- Not influenced by underlying substrate variations
- Not influenced by bath concentration or dosing variations



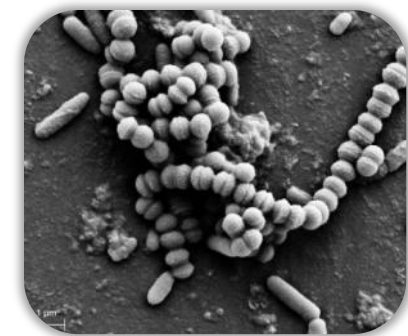
# Inkjet textile finishing

- 🔥 Inkjet digital textile finishing process
- 🔥 System can be
  - 🔥 Standalone; or
  - 🔥 Integrated in existing finishing lines



# Functional materials

- 🔥 Hydrophobic
  - 🔥 Comfort of cotton material on skin side
  - 🔥 Water and dirt repellent function on outside
- 🔥 Dirt repellent/self-cleaning
  - 🔥 More efficient coating when applied with inkjet
  - 🔥 Single-sided application important
- 🔥 Antimicrobial/anti-fungal/anti-insect
  - 🔥 Selective deposition, efficient usage
  - 🔥 Slow release technology
  - 🔥 Materials used cannot be in skin contact
  - 🔥 Single-sided application vital



# Functional materials II

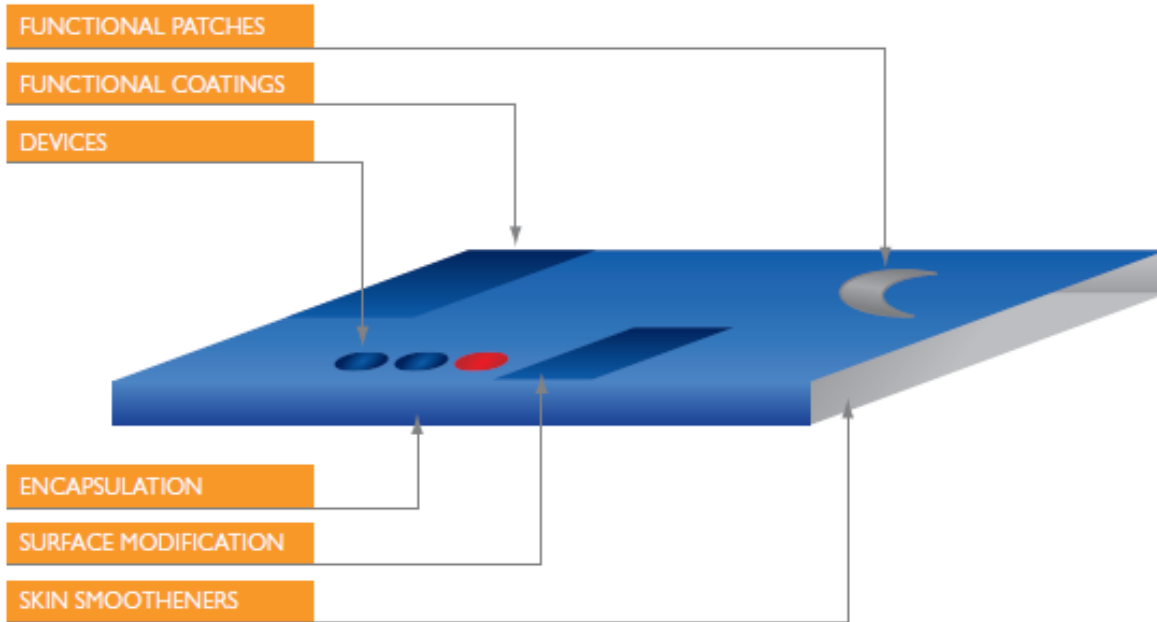
- 🔥 Flame retardant
  - 🔥 Highly coherent coating very important
  - 🔥 Single side coating allows lighter weight
- 🔥 UV blocking (anti-sunburn)
  - 🔥 Coating needs to be away from skin
- 🔥 IR blocking
  - 🔥 Insulating fabrics – tents, clothing
- 🔥 Electrically conductive
  - 🔥 Antennae incorporated into clothing, tents
  - 🔥 Communication with electronic devices
- 🔥 Solar energy harvesting
  - 🔥 Tents, awnings, etc
  - 🔥 Low cost manufacturing essential



# Functional textiles in action



# Digital functionality



# Textile value chain

- 🔥 Current textile production technology is labour intensive
- 🔥 Process automation will reduce labour content in costs
- 🔥 Variable costs currently high for inkjet
  - 🔥 Inkjet machines will consume tons of ink
  - 🔥 Economy of scale dictates lower ink prices
  - 🔥 No fundamental reason for prices being higher
- 🔥 Low cost location becomes less important
- 🔥 Logistics will be the key component to control





# Outlook

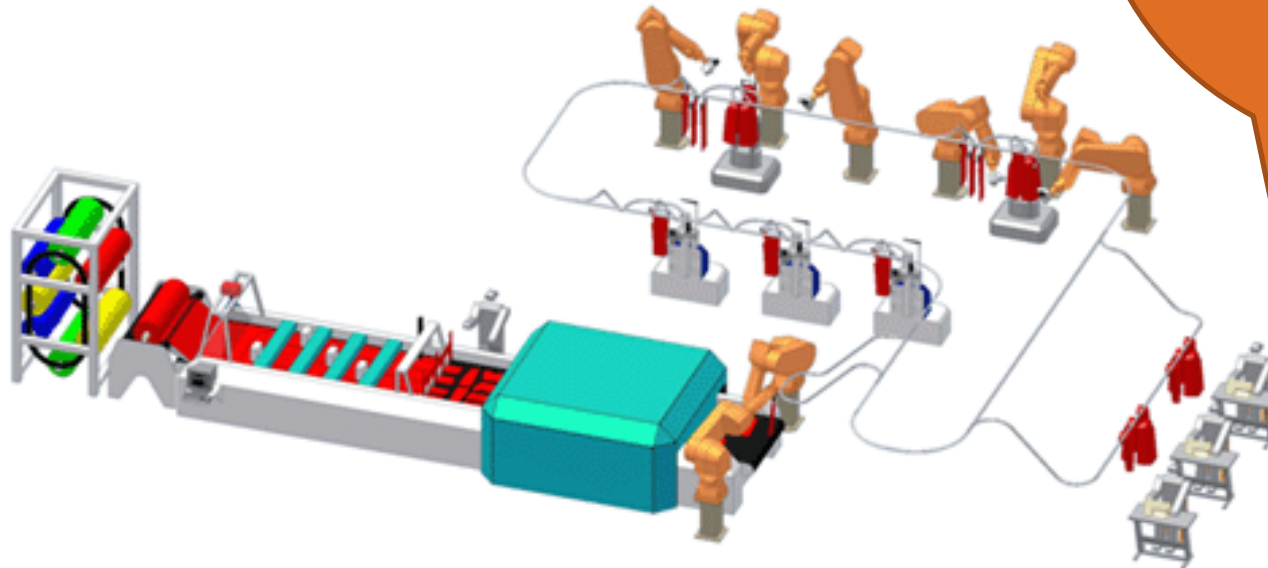


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Inkjet will revolutionise an outdated industry to deliver production reliability & productivity at lower costs

to





Section 3

# **SOLAR PANEL MANUFACTURE**

# Renewable energy

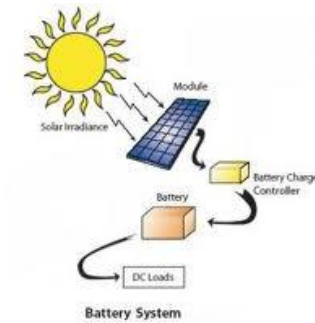
- 🔥 Concerns about
  - 🔥 Sustainability
  - 🔥 Global warming
  - 🔥 Pollution
- 🔥 Lead to increasing trend for clean, renewable energy
  - 🔥 Solar photovoltaic
  - 🔥 Solar thermal
  - 🔥 Wind
  - 🔥 Tidal
  - 🔥 Geothermal
- 🔥 Solar photovoltaic and wind have greatest potential
  - 🔥 Renewable energy proportion still very low (0.8% in 2002)



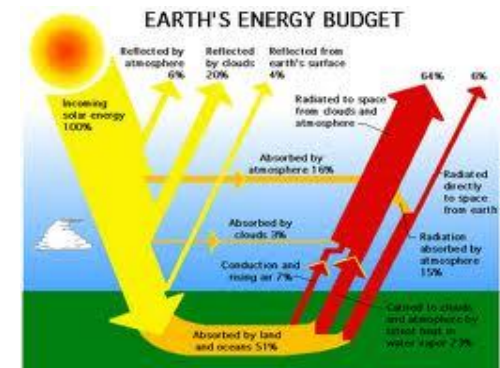
# Solar energy generation



- 🔥 Huge potential for energy generation
  - 🔥 840 W/m<sup>2</sup> reaches Earth's surface during daylight
  - 🔥 e.g. 1600 TW strikes continental USA
  - 🔥 All electricity needs met with 10% efficient devices covering 2% of area
  - 🔥 (Interstate highways currently cover 1.5% of area)



- 🔥 Solar energy harvesting
  - 🔥 Thermal – heat from sun heats water
    - 🔥 Used for hot water and swimming pools
  - 🔥 Photovoltaic – energy from sun used to generate electricity
    - 🔥 **Can be used for any purpose**



# Solar photovoltaics

- Types of photovoltaic (PV) (solar cells) available

- Conventional (inorganic)

- 1<sup>st</sup> generation – crystalline Si
- 2<sup>nd</sup> gen – poly-Si, a-Si, CdTe or CIGS
- Input energy creates electron-hole pairs
  - Separated by internal field
  - Generates photocurrent



- Organic (small molecule or polymer)

- Heterojunction design incorporates:
  - Electron transport layer (ETL) and hole transport layer (HTL)
- Input energy creates excitons
  - ETL/HTL interface drives dissociation into electrons and holes
- 'Standard' materials P3HT and C<sub>60</sub> derivatives



# OPV schematic

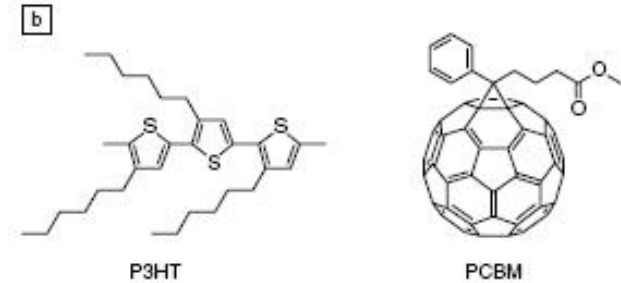
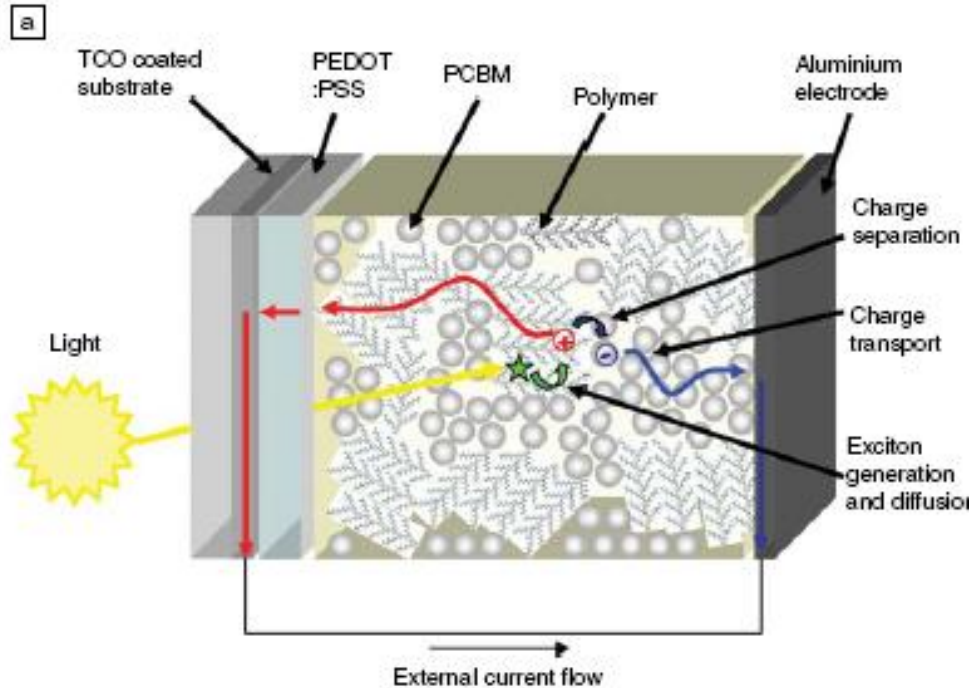


Figure 1. (a) Schematic layout of the function of a typical organic solar cell. (b) Chemical structures of typical donors and acceptors. (c) Photograph of reel-to-reel-fabricated organic solar cells. The active layer of the solar cells is a P3HT/PCBM blend. Note: P3HT is poly(3-hexylthiophene), PCBM is [6,6]-phenyl-C61-butyric acid methyl ester, PEDOT is poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene), PSS is poly(4-styrenesulfonate), and TCO is transparent conductive oxide.

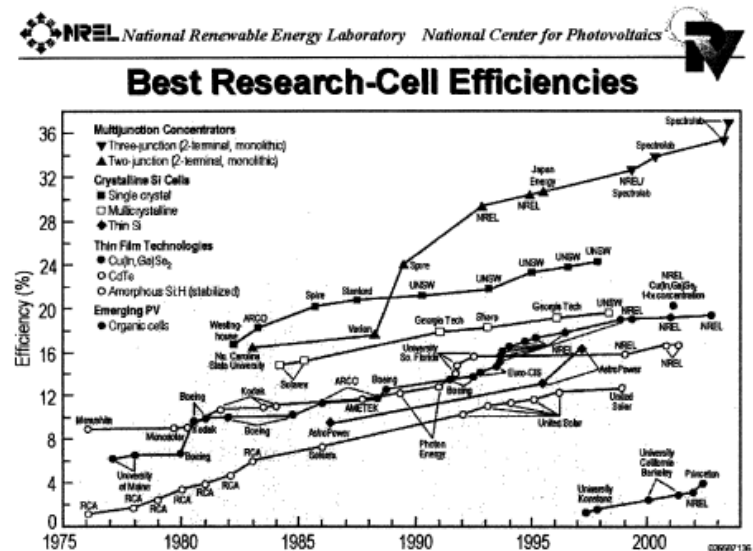
- 🔥 P3HT bandgap 1.9 eV
- 🔥 PCBM LUMO-P3HT HOMO separation  $\sim 1$  eV
- 🔥 Carrier mobilities  $10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs

Device efficiencies >4%

Christoph Brabec and James Durrant, Solution-Processed Organic Solar Cells, MRS Bulletin, 33, 670 (2008)

# Solar photovoltaics

- 🔥 Key figures of merit for PV
- 🔥 Efficiency
  - 🔥 Percentage of incident energy converted into electrical energy
  - 🔥 Includes collection efficiency as well as conversion efficiency
- 🔥 Cost
  - 🔥 Measured in \$ (or €)/W<sub>p</sub>
  - 🔥 Current typical cost 2-8\$/W<sub>p</sub>
  - 🔥 **Need to reduce significantly**
- 🔥 Lifetime
  - 🔥 Minimum 3-5 years
  - 🔥 Desirable 20-25 years



# Key cost drivers

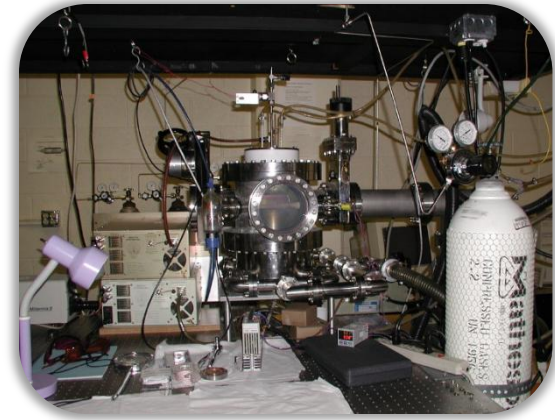
- 🔥 Key to reducing cost of PV
  - 🔥 Lower cost materials
  - 🔥 Lower cost manufacturing
    - 🔥 Continuous
    - 🔥 Additive (no waste)
    - 🔥 Flexible





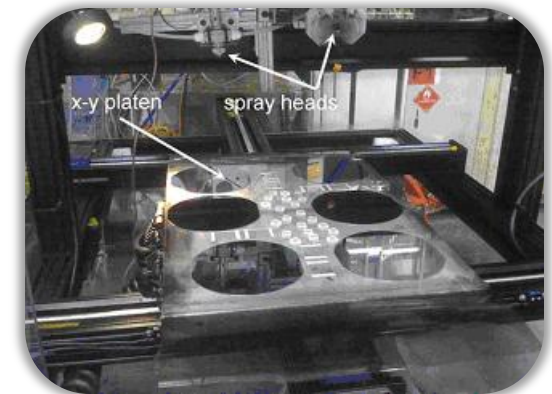
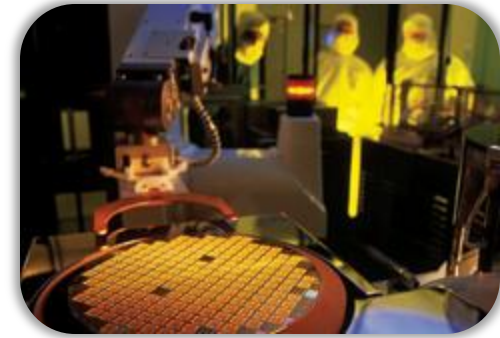
# Manufacturing techniques

- Traditional semiconductor techniques
  - Thermal/electron beam evaporation
  - CVD/MOCVD etc
- Other coating techniques
  - Spin coating
  - Spray coating
- Printing
  - Flexo/gravure printing
  - Screen printing
  - Inkjet printing



# Traditional techniques

- 🔥 Thermal/electron beam evaporation
  - 🔥 Material is heated and evaporates
  - 🔥 Deposits onto substrate and layer grows
- 🔥 CVD/MOCVD
  - 🔥 Material made into volatile compound
  - 🔥 Compound decomposes to deposit material
- 🔥 Spin coating
  - 🔥 Material in solution spun on flat surface
  - 🔥 Uniform coating with evaporation of solvent
- 🔥 Spray coating
  - 🔥 Solution sprayed on surface
  - 🔥 Solvent evaporates



# Technology comparison



Technology	Applicability	Scalability	Productivity	Materials Wastage	Film quality	Process type	Multiple layers?
Thermal evaporation (vacuum)	Inorganic/ small molecule	Low	Low (batch)	Moderate	High	Subtractive	Yes but slow
CVD (low pressure)	Inorganic/ small molecule	Low	Low (batch)	Moderate	High	Subtractive	Yes but slow
Spin-coating	Polymer/small molecule	Low	Low (batch)	Poor	Medium	Subtractive	Yes but slow
Spray-coating or doctor blade	Polymer/small molecule	High	High	Poor	Low	Subtractive	Yes
Screen or gravure printing	Inorganic/ polymer/small molecule	Medium	Very high	Moderate	Medium	Additive	Yes but damage?
Inkjet printing	Inorganic/ polymer/small molecule	High	High	Good	Medium	Additive	Yes

Gas phase versus solution phase deposition

# Inkjet versus other techniques

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-vacuum</li> <li>Highly scalable</li> <li>Compatible with continuous/reel-to-reel process on flexible substrates</li> <li>Compatible with multi-layer printing</li> <li>Additive process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film quality not as good as TE/EB/CVD</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation of a low-cost organic PV solution</li> </ul>	

# Inkjet deposition of coatings

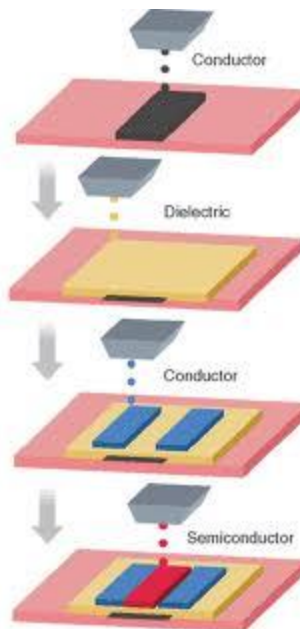
🔥 Production inkjet coating deposition requires

- 🔥 High throughput
- 🔥 High reliability → high productivity
- 🔥 Excellent ink chemistry
  - 🔥 Functional performance
  - 🔥 Reliable printing
- 🔥 Costs must make sense for application



# Low cost manufacturing

- 🔥 Inkjet has the potential to allow low cost manufacturing of PV
- 🔥 Can create a new market dynamic for solar energy production
- 🔥 Need to deposit
  - 🔥 PV materials
  - 🔥 Contacts



# Applications for low cost PV

- 🔥 Low cost, flexible PV allows
  - 🔥 Lower cost of ‘conventional’ power generation PV
  - 🔥 Easier installation
  - 🔥 Return on investment reasonable for mass market



- 🔥 Enable new applications not currently possible/significant
  - 🔥 Power generation for mobile devices
  - 🔥 Power generation for signage
  - 🔥 Power generation in clothing



# Applications example

- 🔥 Sestar Technologies LLC
- 🔥 SolarTurf™
  - 🔥 PV incorporated into synthetic grass
  - 🔥 Light absorbing layer can be coloured
  - 🔥 Absorbing grass is green!
  - 🔥 Make compatible with existing consumer products
- 🔥 Allows power generation from existing areas
  - 🔥 Lower cost of lighting public and private areas





# Applications example II

- 🔥 Sestar Technologies LLC
- 🔥 SolarFabrics™
  - 🔥 PV incorporated into clothing
  - 🔥 Military and civilian
  - 🔥 Absorbing materials in all colours
- 🔥 Allows power generation from clothing
  - 🔥 Powering phones, radios, iPods, GPS
  - 🔥 Powering active camouflage



# Applications example III

- 🔥 Sestar Technologies LLC
- 🔥 SolarFabrics™
  - 🔥 PV incorporated into tents, awnings, etc
  - 🔥 Multiple colours
- 🔥 Allows power generation to campsites, homes and buildings
  - 🔥 Powering portable devices
  - 🔥 Lower cost of lighting public and private areas



# Market size

- Photovoltaic market growing significantly

- 20-25% per annum

- \$30Bn industry generating 32GW

- Faster introduction impeded by costs

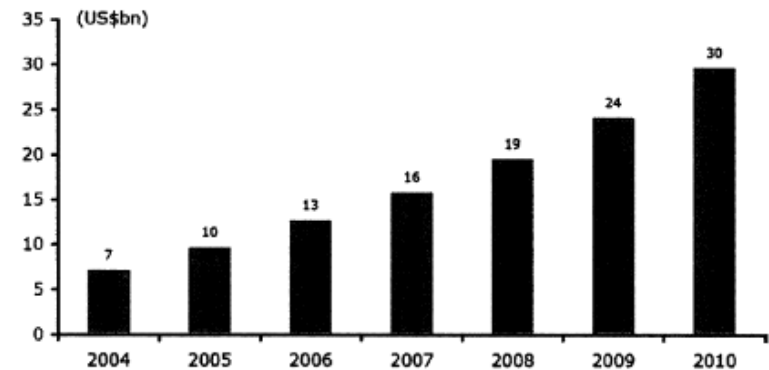
- Impact from

- Subsidies

- Regulations (e.g. specified renewables percentage)

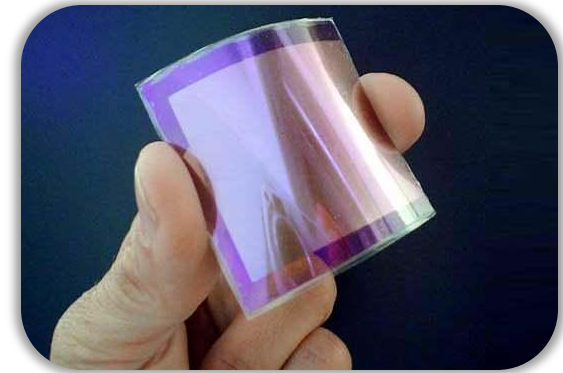
- Emissions taxes

- Low cost solutions have massive potential**



# Future

- 🔥 Potential
  - 🔥 **Solar power generation everywhere!**
  - 🔥 Based on low cost production



- 🔥 Challenges
  - 🔥 Increase efficiency
    - 🔥 OPV  $\sim 1/3$  efficiency of conventional
  - 🔥 Increase stability
    - 🔥 OPV relatively unstable



# Outlook



- 🔥 **Inkjet deposition ready to replace conventional techniques**
- 🔥 2008: First organic solar cell fabricated with inkjet
- 🔥 Commercialised inkjet PV production in 2009
  - 🔥 Report 1.5m wide, 40m/min
- 🔥 Inkjet printed electronics expected to grow
  - 🔥 €62M in 2008
  - 🔥 €3,079 in 2013



# Conclusions

## 🔥 Inkjet technology has the potential to transform industrial manufacture

- 🔥 Higher productivity/lower cost
- 🔥 Higher flexibility
- 🔥 Economical shorter runs
- 🔥 (Mass) customisation
- 🔥 Faster product design introductions
- 🔥 Higher quality
- 🔥 New functionality
- 🔥 Environmental benefits



## 🔥 Digital finishing enables process automation

- 🔥 Will strengthen competitive power of Western textile industry

## 🔥 Inkjet promises low cost solar panel manufacture

- 🔥 Solar power generation everywhere



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