

SMT 2015: MID-Forum



Jetting of functional structures on injection molded 3D-devices

Jetten von Funktionsstrukturen auf spritzgegossenen 3D-Baugruppen

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- Motivation for the use of printing technology
- Properties of Aerosol Jet[®]- and Inkjet printed conductive structures
- Potential applications for jetting technologies
- Conclusion

Angewandte Forschung, Entwicklung + Fertigung für die Industrie

- Haushalt 2014: 18,5 Mio. € (5,1 Mio. € Industrie)
- Mitarbeiter 2014: 152 FTE (172 Personen)
- Teil der Innovationsallianz Baden-Württemberg



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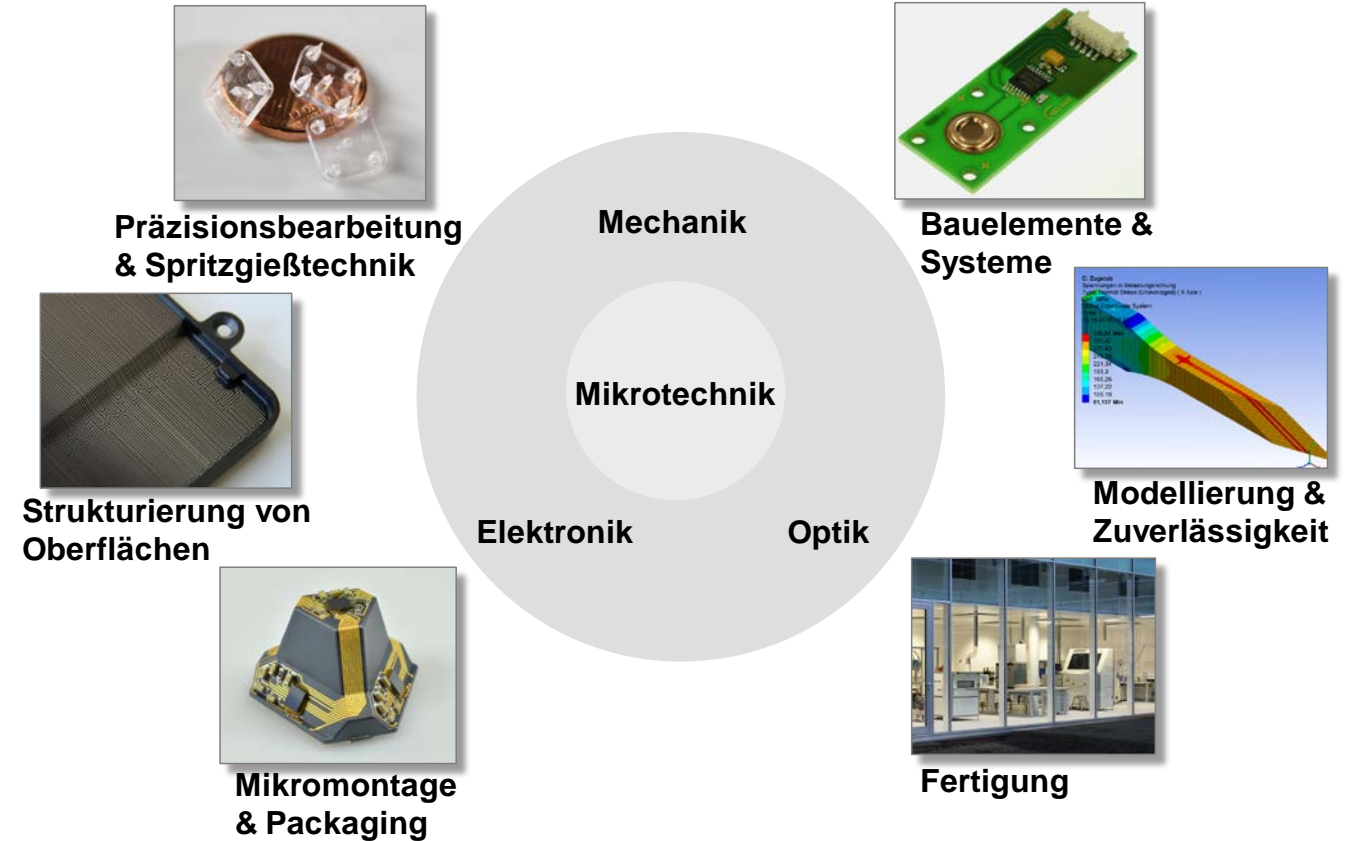
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Wir gestalten Innovationen von der Forschung bis zum Transfer in die Industrie

- Mikrotechnik – ein interdisziplinäres Forschungsgebiet
- Branchenübergreifende Schlüsseltechnologie
- Wichtiger Enabler für innovative Produkte



Mikrotechnik – interdisziplinär, branchenübergreifend, innovativ.

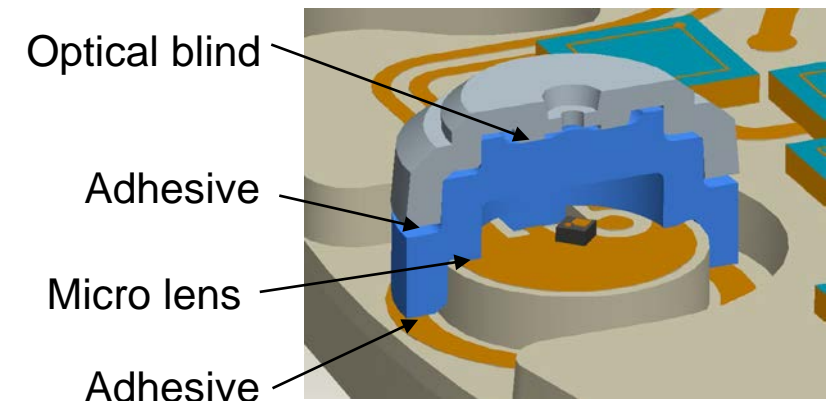
Advantages of MID

- Integration of circuitry in 3 dimensions
- Integration of different functions in one device (mechanical, electrical, ...)
- Miniaturization
- Short development cycles
- Less components, manufacturing and assembly costs



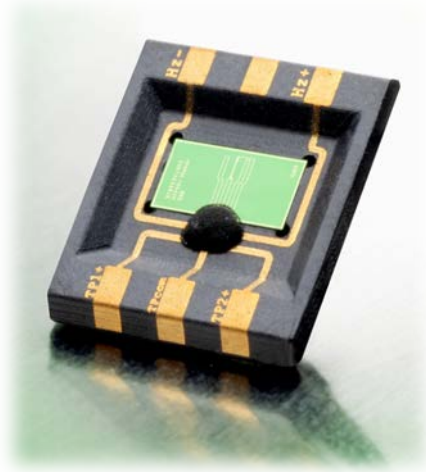
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High Precision Optical MID-readout module



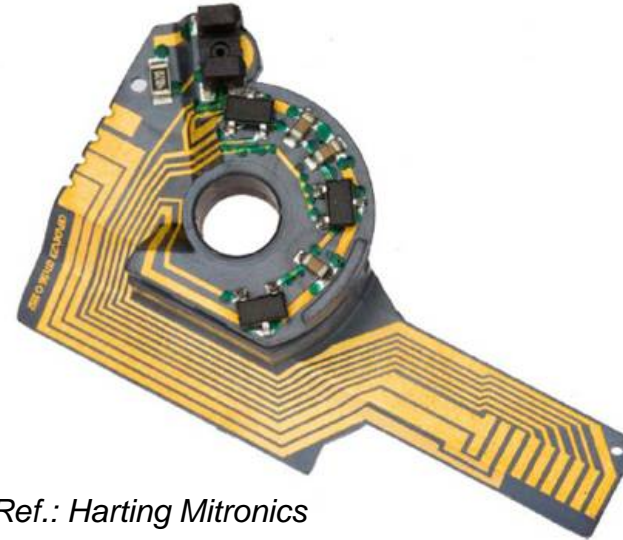
Schematic of set up for minimum mechanical tolerances (~10-20 μm)

Thermal Flow Sensor



Ref.: 2E mechatronic

Distance Radar Module



Ref.: Harting Mitronics

Pressure Sensor for ABS and ESP



Ref.: Bosch

Basic features:

- Special thermoplastics
- Laser machining/ 2 shot molding
- Electroless plating

Advantages of printing technologies on polymeric substrates

- Fully additive process
- No etching, no electroless plating, no mask
- Resource and environmentally friendly
- High productivity due to short process chains
- Very flexible to layout changes and redesign
- Many printable materials are available
- Large variety of substrate materials
- Non-contact process
- Printing on 3D devices

Additional features for microstructures on polymer devices

Materials

- Conductive (polymer/metal)
- Semiconductive
- Resistive
- Dielectric
- Insulating
- Protective lacquer
- Solder resist lacquer
- Carbon nanotube based



Functions

- Electrical components
 - Interconnects
 - Multilayer circuitry
 - Resistors and capacitors
 - Transistors
- Sensor elements
 - Temperature and humidity sensors
 - Strain sensors
 - Gas sensors
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Printable materials

- Solvent based suspension
- Viscosity (1-30 mPas)
- Particle size (<500 nm)
- Surface tension (25-45 dynes/cm)
- Availability

Compatibility to the substrate

- Wetting behaviour
- Adhesion
- Pre processes
- Post processes and curing

Reliability

- Temperature und humidity
- Mechanical stress
- Ampacity
- Drift of resistance

- Maskless and non-contact printing technology
- Drop-on-Demand (DoD)
- Dimatix DMP2831
 - 16 nozzles á 10pl drop size
 - Fiducial alignment
- Dod300: Printhead Spectra SE-128AA
 - 128 nozzles á 30 pl drop size
 - Max. printing temperature 95°C
 - Edge- and fiducial alignment
- Layout requirements: Black and white image file
 - ➔ enables quick layout changes



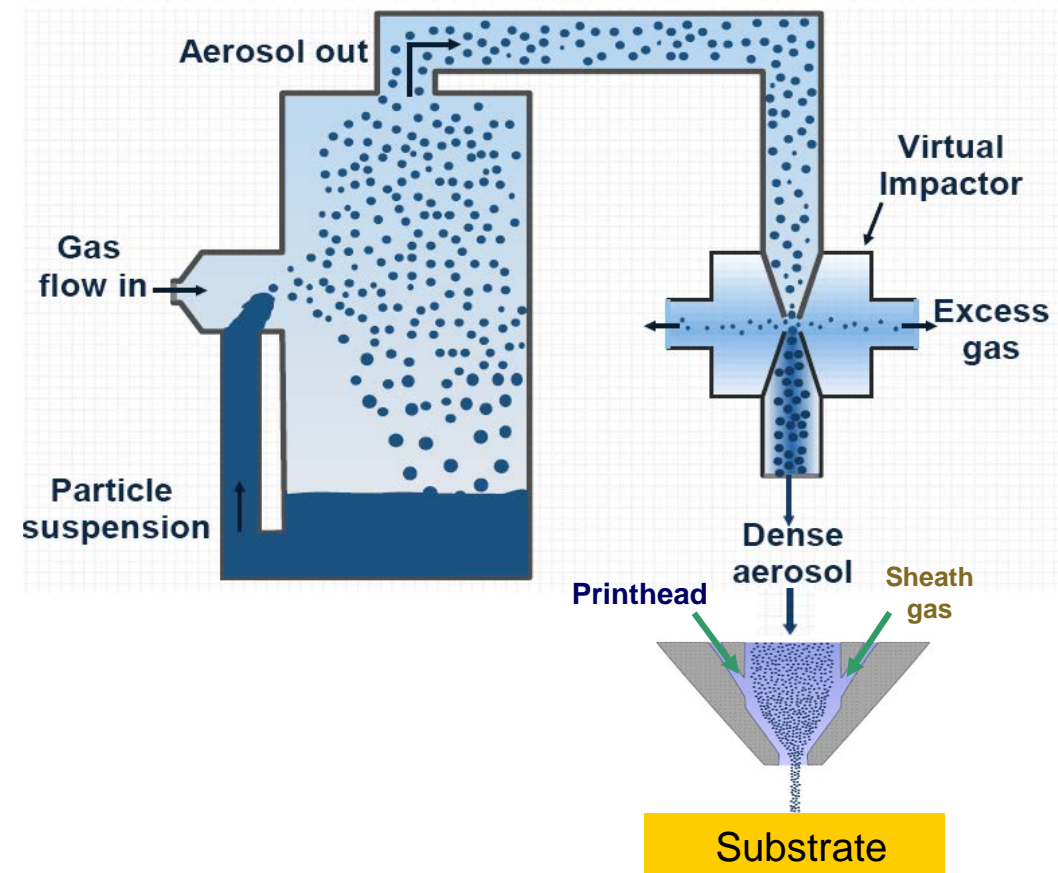
Dimatix DMP2831



Schmid DoD300

Aerosol Jet[®] technology

- Maskless and non-contact printing technology
- Aerodynamically focussed aerosol flow, depth of sharpness approx. 5 mm
- Fiducial alignment
- Layout requirements: dxf-format, → enables quick layout changes

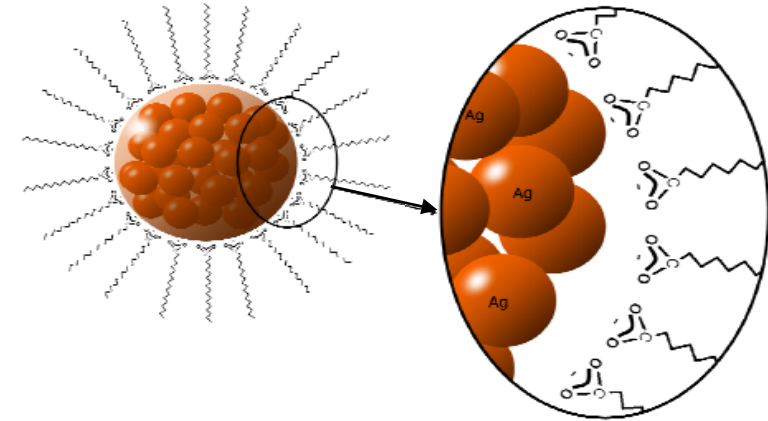


Conductive inks

- Metal nanoparticle
 - Ag
 - Au, Pt, Pd (expensive)
 - Cu (increasing importance, avoid of oxidation during curing)
- Organic
 - E.g. PEDOT:PSS

Substrate materials

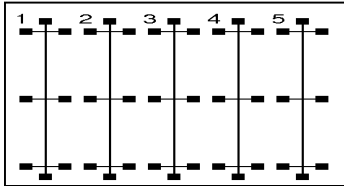
- Thermoplastic (high temperature resistance, e.g. LCP, PA6/6T)
- Foils (e.g. polyimide)
- Ceramic
- Thermoset
- Glass



Silver nanoparticle with carboxylic acid as capping agent

Ref.: J. Perelaer, Microstructures Prepared via Inkjet Printing and Embossing Techniques, 2009

Process flow



Layout design



Substrate

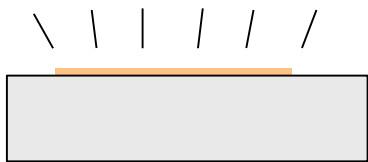
Optional: pretreatment
(e.g. oxygen plasma)



Printing process

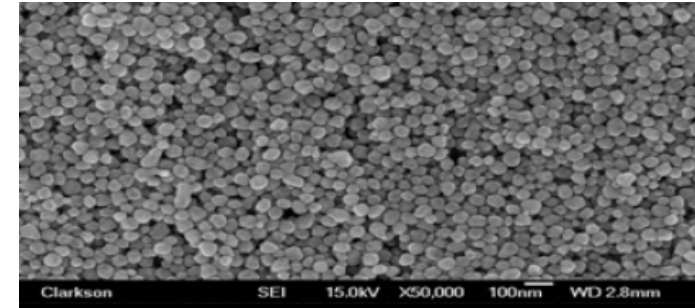


Curing (e.g. thermal, photonic)

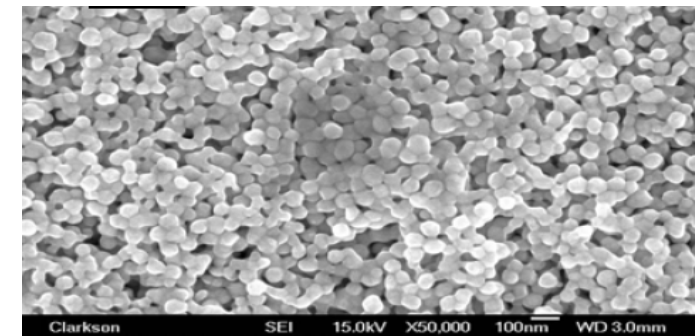


Posttreatment

Optional: protective coating
Optional: electroless or galvanic plating e.g.
Cu/NiP/Au



Silver ink before curing



Silver ink after curing
(90 min/175°C)

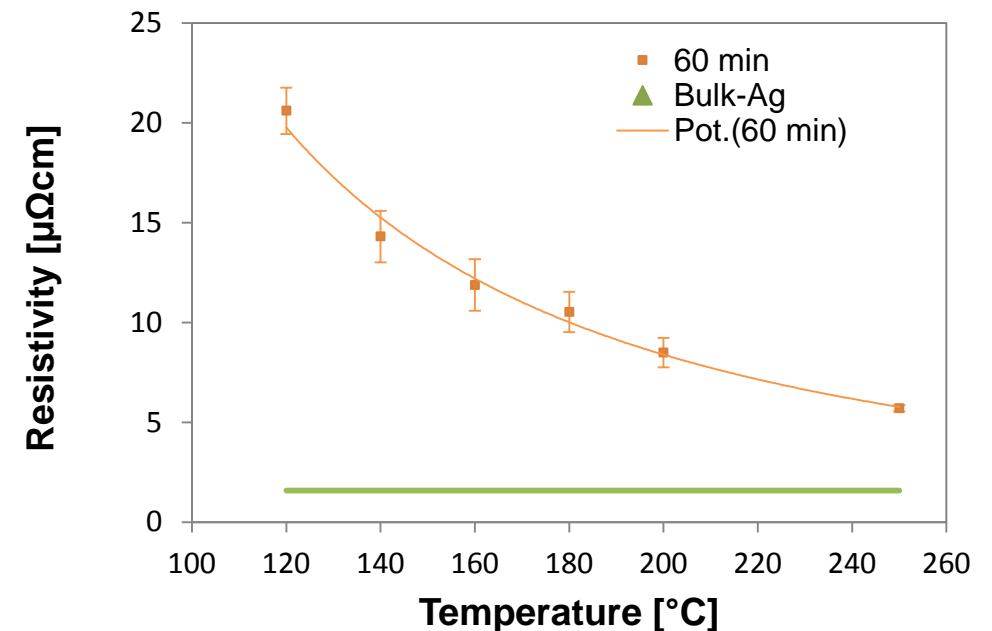
Ref.: K. Balantrapu et al, Inkjet Printing of Silver Nanoparticles for Electronic Applications

Properties of printed silver tracks

	Inkjet	Aerosol Jet®
Thickness (1 pass)	~1-2 μm	~0,1-0,5 μm
Width of conductive tracks	>40 μm	>10 μm
Pitch of conductive tracks	>80 μm	>30 μm

Adhesion: Tape test will be passed on many materials

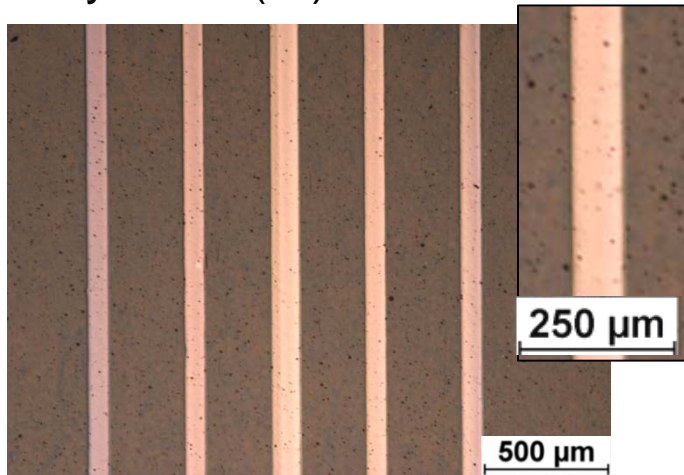
Resistivity: > 3 times bulk silver



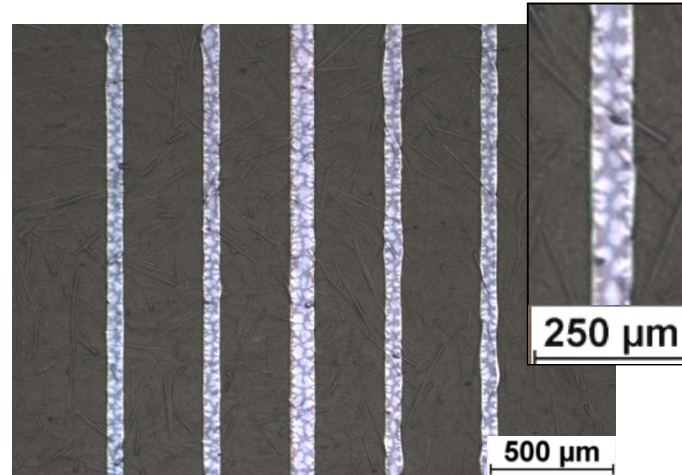
Conductive tracks on polyimide and thermoplastic substrates

Ink: Silver nano ink

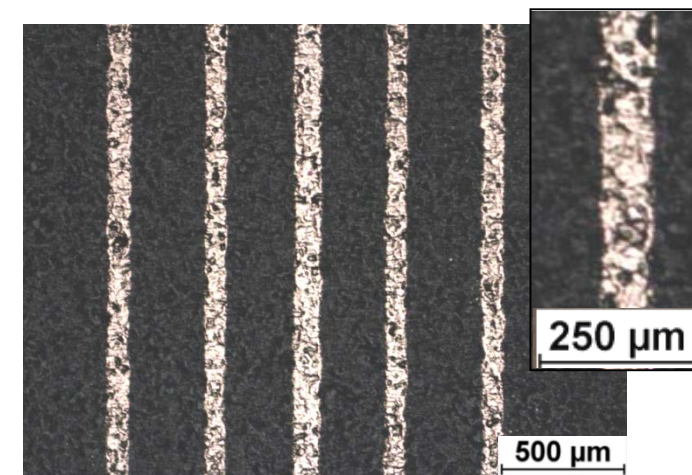
Polyimide (PI)



PET+PBT



LCP E840i LDS



Roughness R_z : 0,3 µm

Average track width: 85 µm

2,1 µm

85 µm

3,4 µm

95 µm

Comparable printing results on substrates with different substrate roughness

Conductive tracks on polyimide and thermoplastic substrates

Substrates:

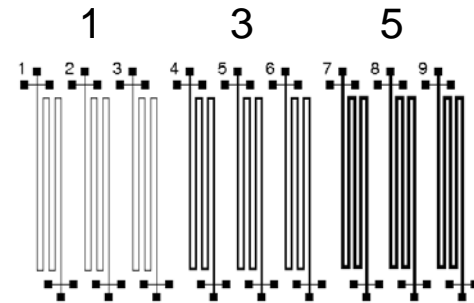
Polyimide (PI)
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Sintering:

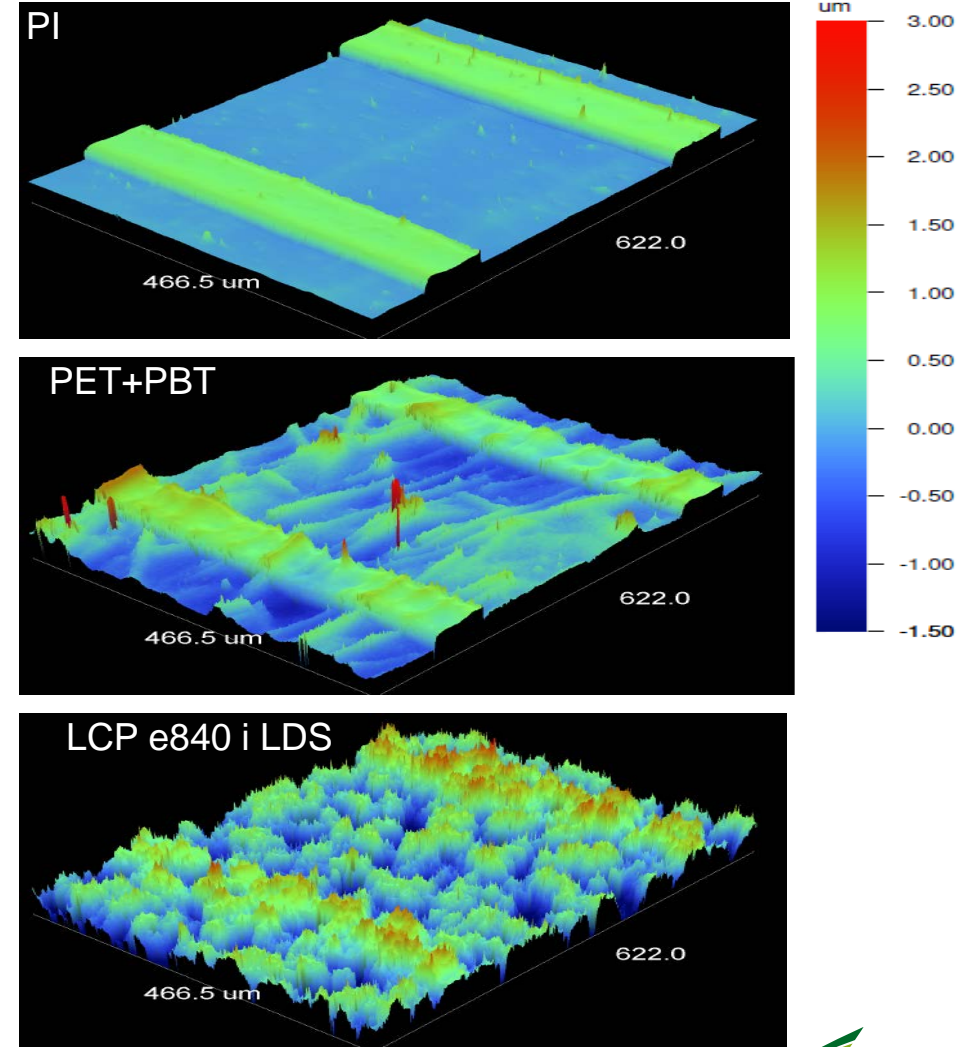
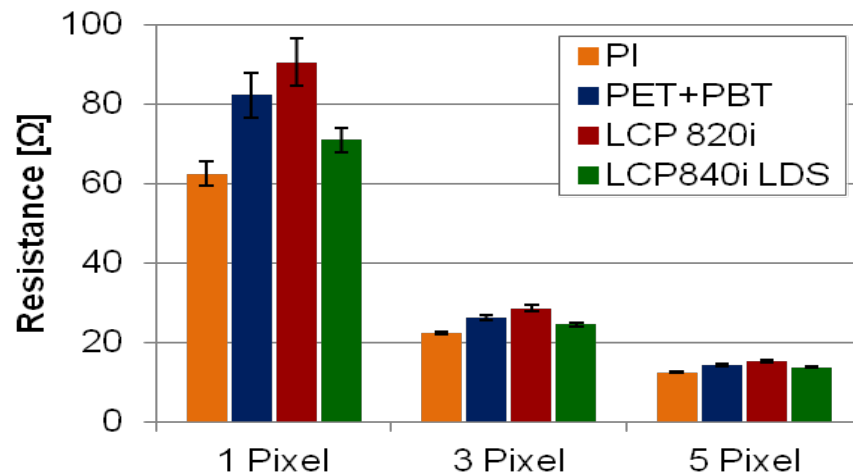
1 h/ 200°C

Layout:

Width of the silver track in dots

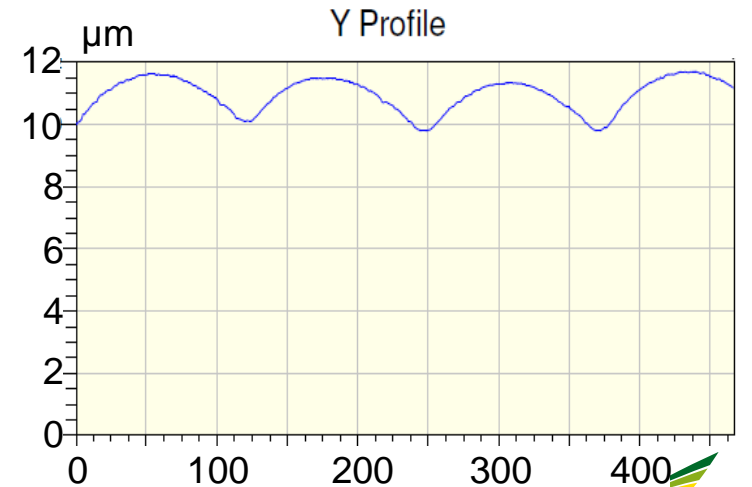
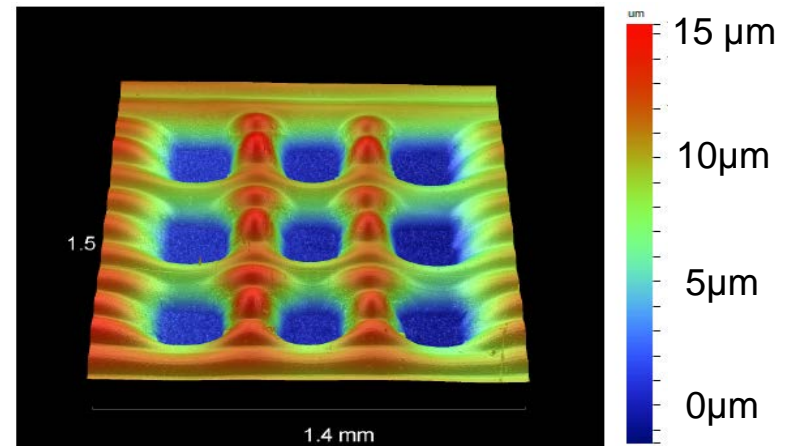
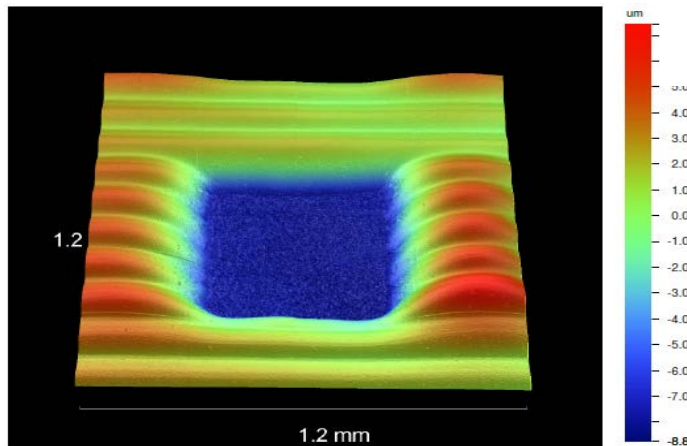
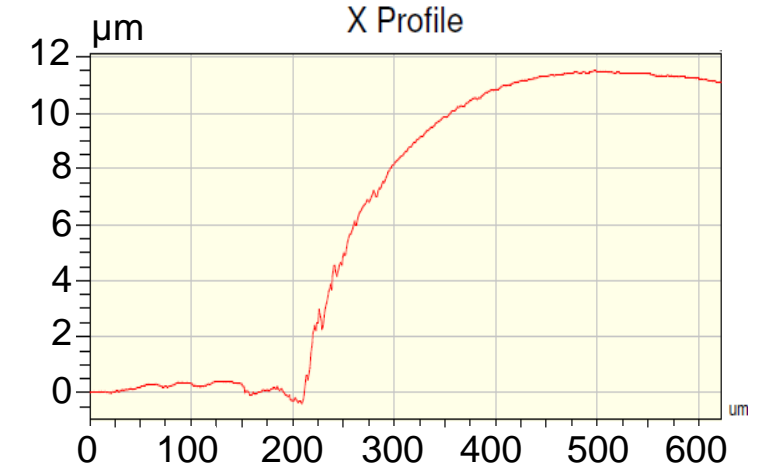
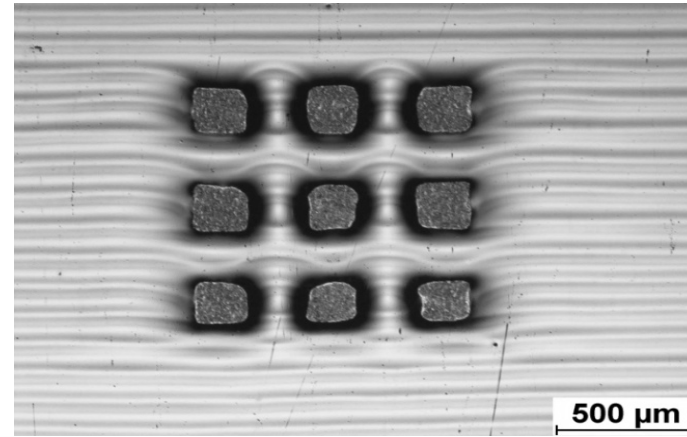
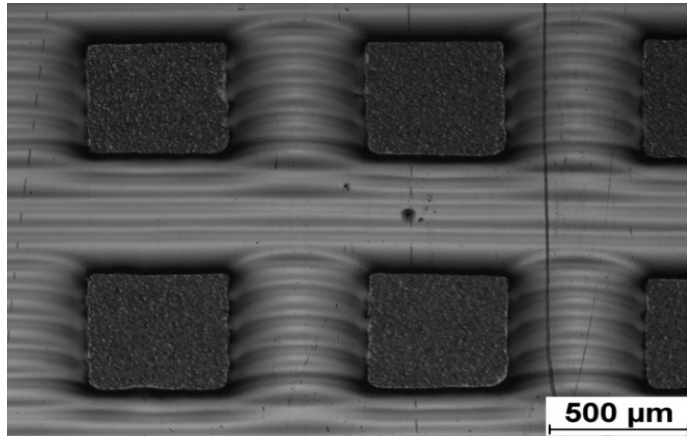


Results:



Isolation layers on polymer substrates

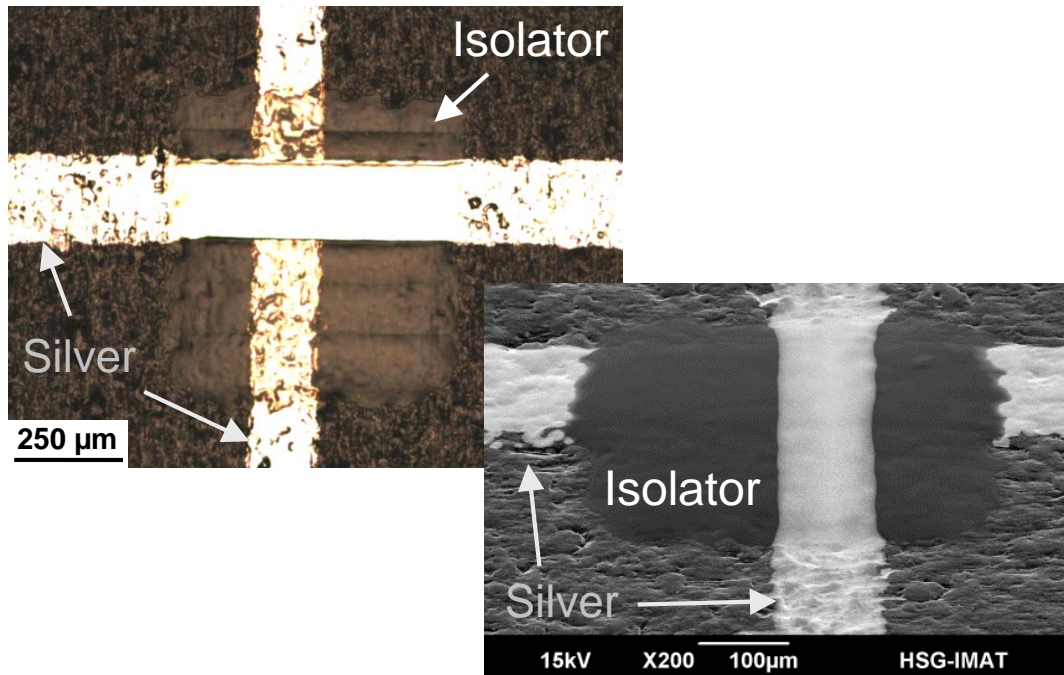
Ink: acrylic-based (UV-curing) **Substrate:** LCP



Inks

- Conductive tracks: Silver nano ink
Sintering 1h for 200°C
- Isolator: Acrylic-based ink (UV-curing)

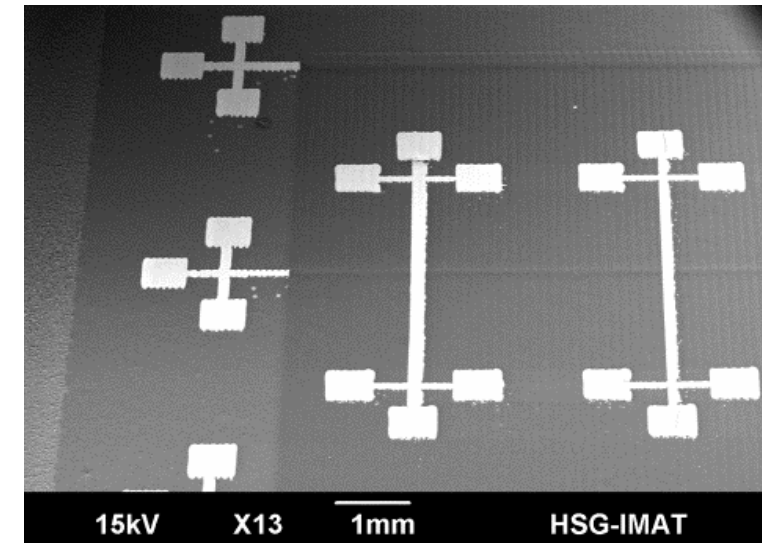
Conductor crossover on LCP



Results

- Isolating resistance: >200 GΩ
- Adhesion: Tape test is passed

2 conductor layers on LCP



Inkjet printed temperature sensors

Layout: Meander structures

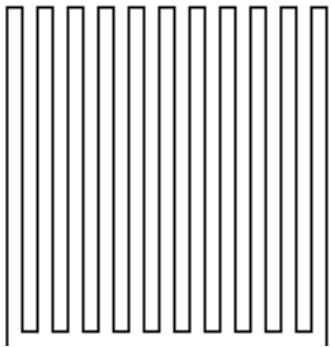
Pitch: 200 μm

Sensitive material: Silver nano ink

Resistance: $\sim 180 \Omega$

Characterization: 4 wire resistance measurement in a temperature and humidity controlled climatic chamber

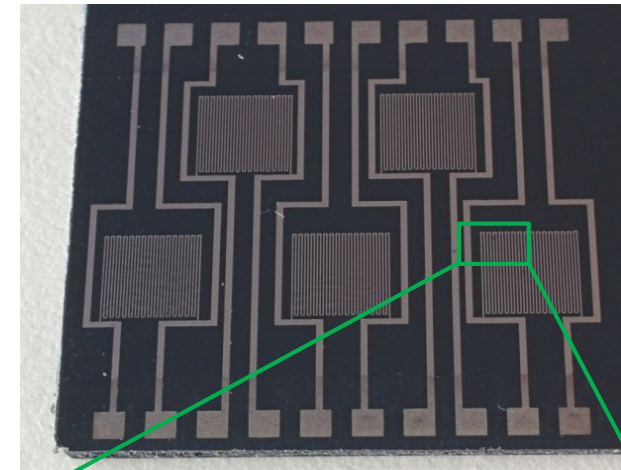
Layout of investigated sensor structures



Ref.: BMBF funded project Pronto-Drusym

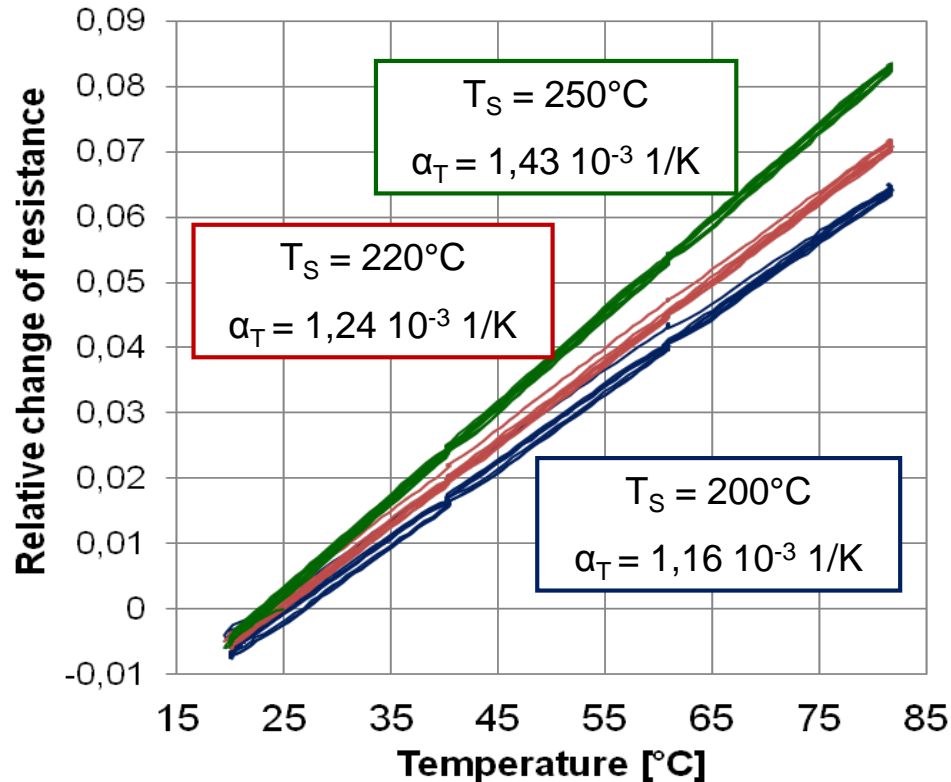
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PET+PBT substrate with 5 temperature sensor structures

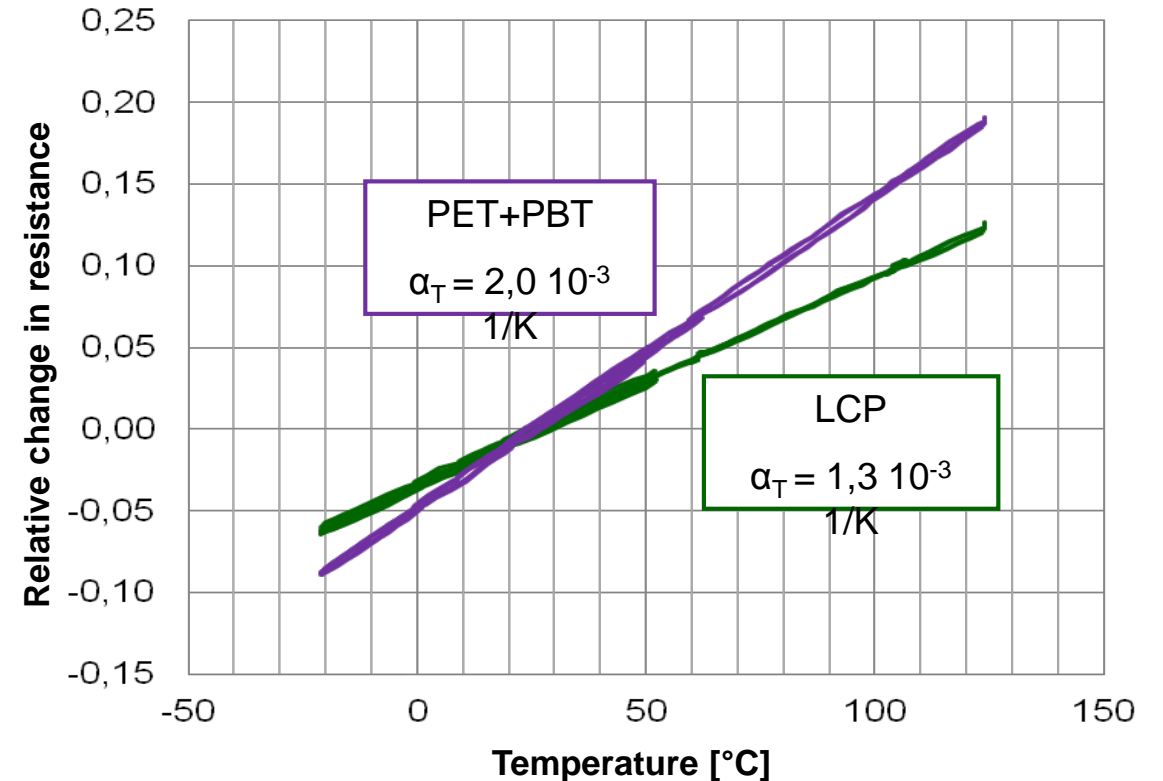


Characteristic of inkjet printed temperature sensors

Variation in sintering temperature



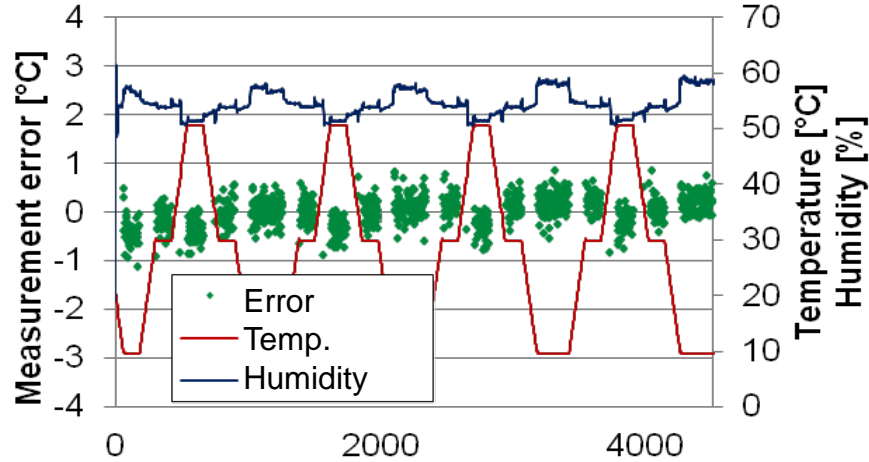
Variation in substrate material



Temperature coefficient of printed silver structures is dependent of sintering temperature and substrate material

Printed temperature sensors on polyimide foil

Measurement error

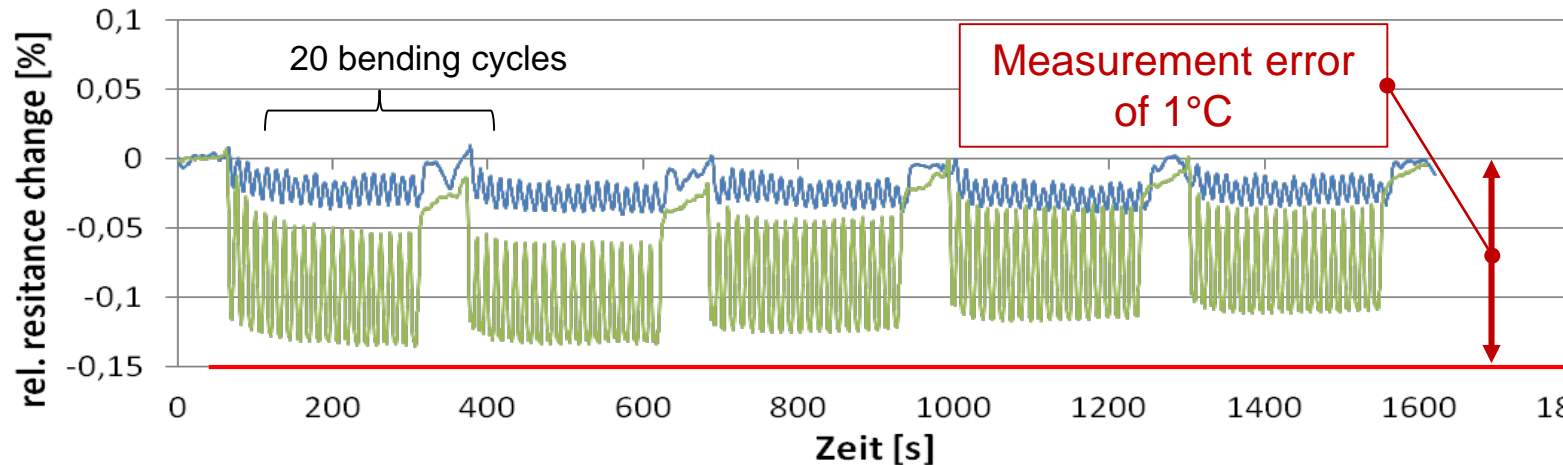


Curing: 1h/250°C

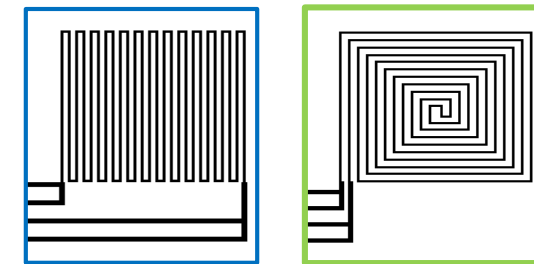
$$R_{(10^{\circ}\text{C})} = 102 \Omega$$

$$\alpha_T = 1,5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ 1/K}$$

Bending characteristics (radius 15 mm)



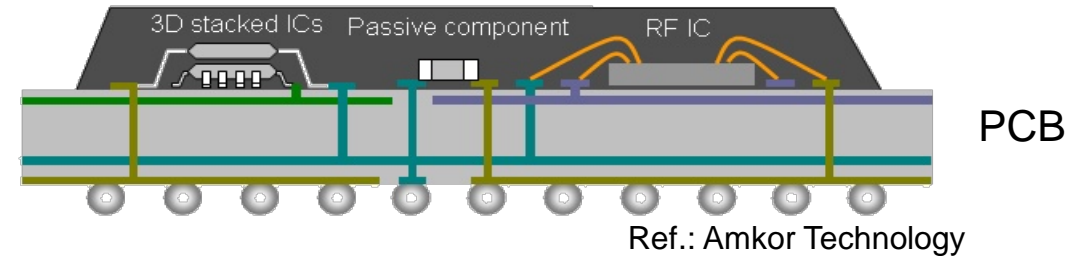
Sensor layout



Ref.: ZIM project *Intelligente Einlegesohlen für Diabetiker*

Inkjet printing on a transfer molded packages

“System in Package” (SiP): State of the art

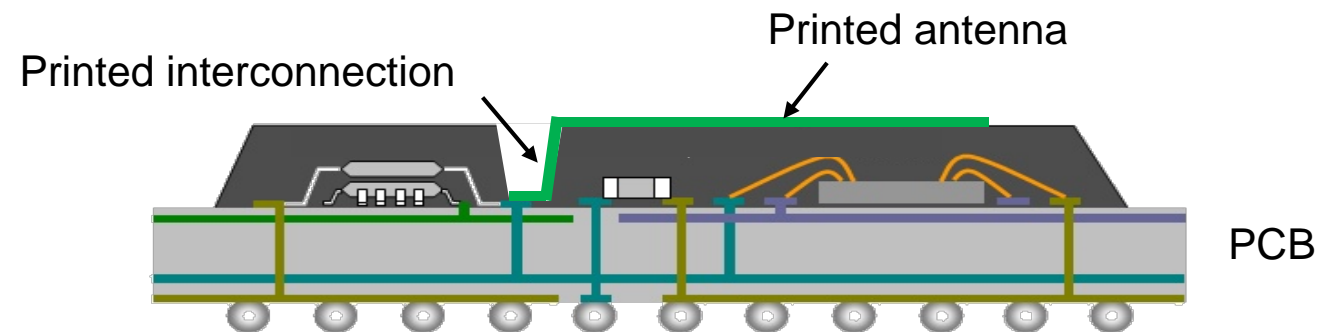


Motivation

Increase integration level of devices e.g. with printed antennas

Main Challenge

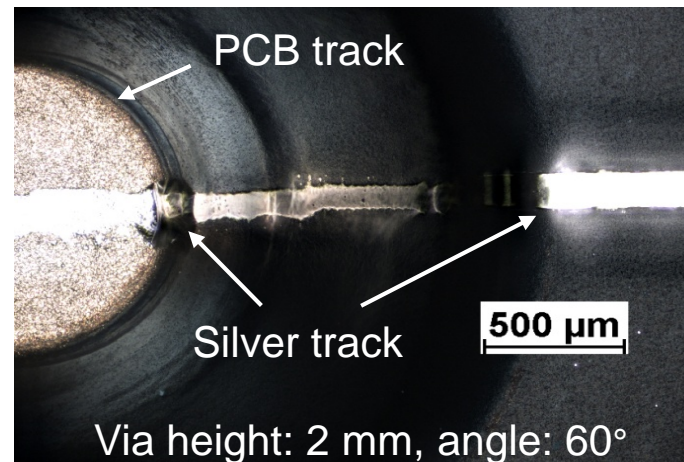
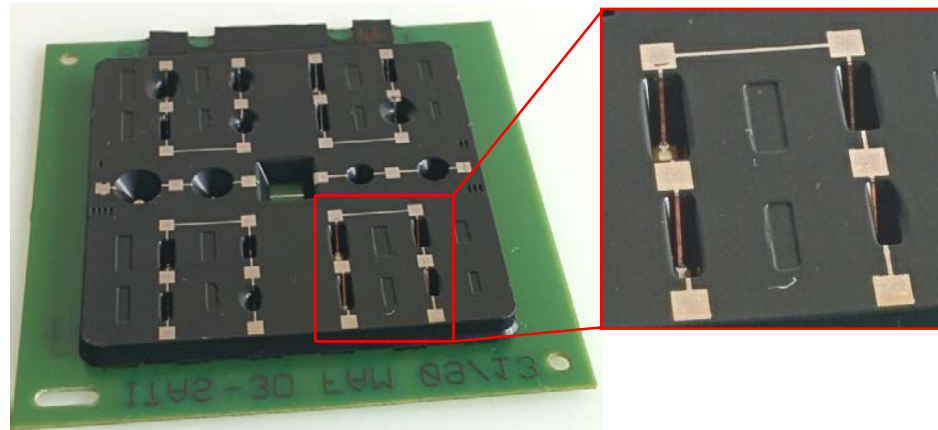
To interconnect devices and antennas with PCB



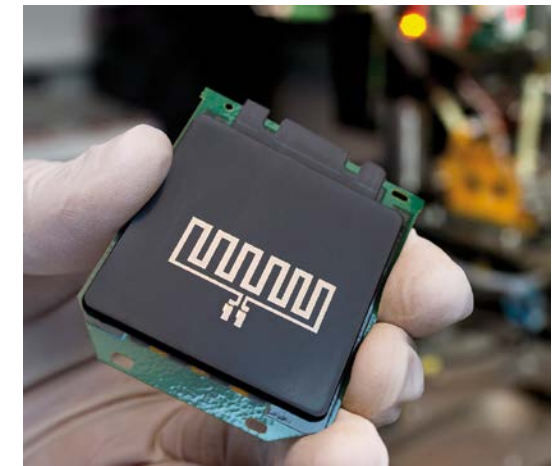
Interconnecting antenna to PCB

Printing results

Inkjet printed silver tracks over vias on a transfer molded package



Inkjet printed antenna on a transfer molded package



Interconnection from PCB to package surface using inkjet printed silver tracks

Ref.: BMBF funded project SSI-ITAS

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LDS MID based Intrusion sensor

Application

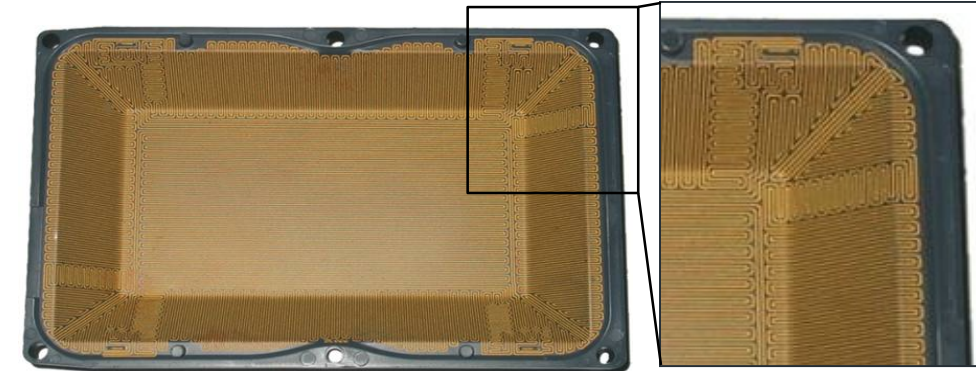
Manipulation and data theft protection of sensitive electric circuits e.g. PIN input devices, bank or ID card readers, access controls

Function

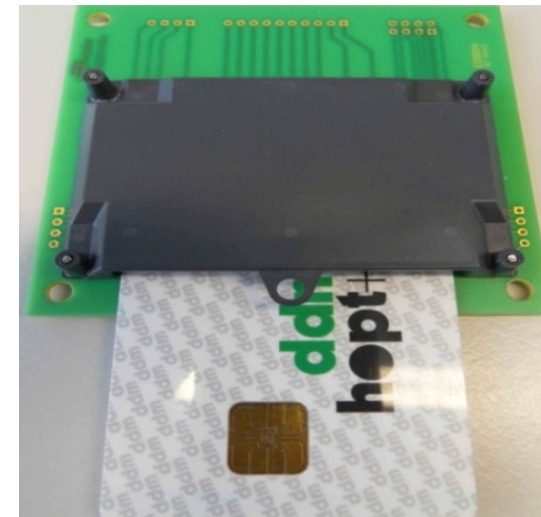
- Three-dimensional polymer cover with closed meshed conductor loop
- Intrusion attack breaks conductor loop
- Reader shuts down

State of the art

- LDS-MID with conductor pitch 300 μm



3D LDS MID intrusion sensor



Intrusion sensor on the reader

Major challenge

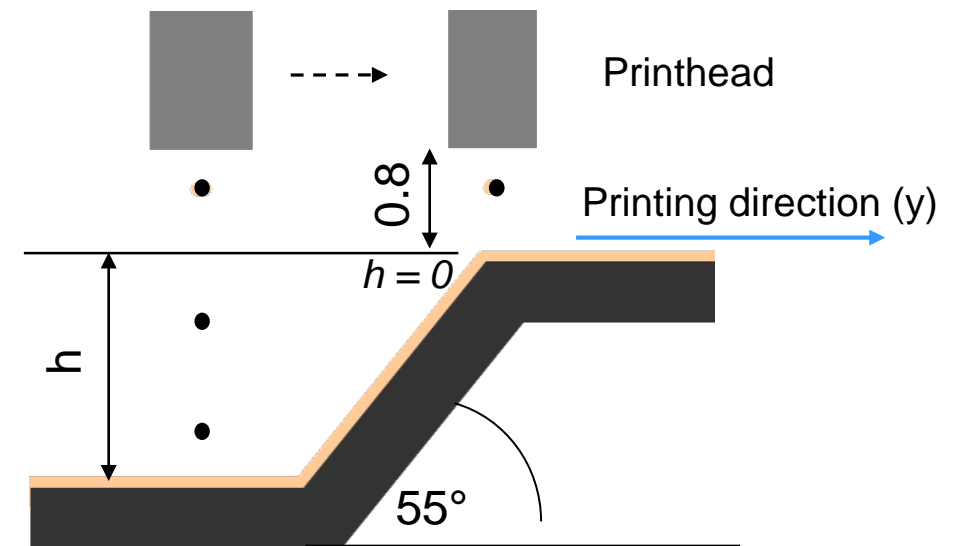
- Good printing quality at higher printing distance

Investigated substrate material for intrusion sensor

- PBT Pocan DP 7102, melting temp.: 225°C, no pretreatment
- Substrate uniformly heated during printing $T_{\text{sub}} = 100^\circ\text{C}$

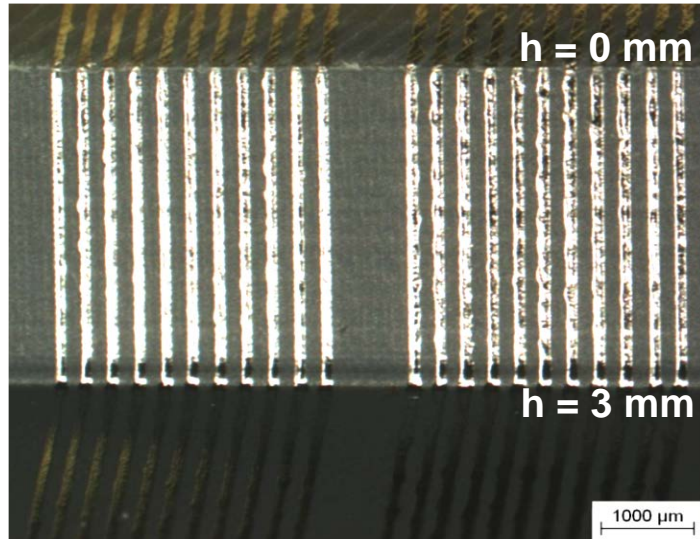
Investigated 3D shape

- Height (h): 2.5, 3, 3.8 mm
- Angle: 55°
- Smallest distance to substrate: 0.8 mm

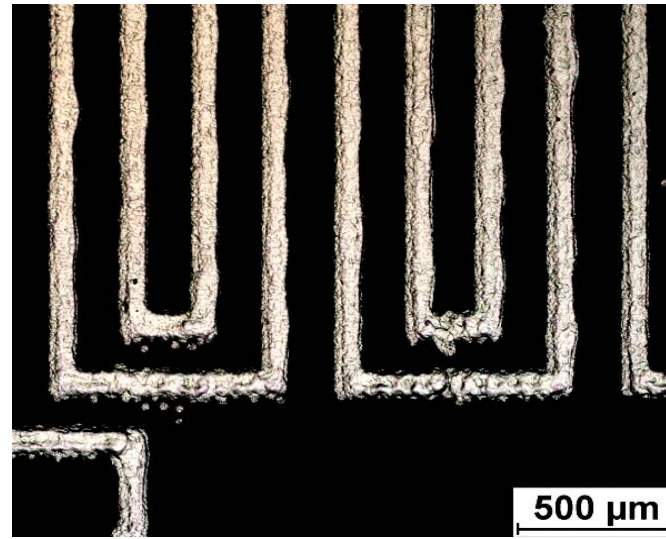


Printing of 100 μm lines on 3D substrate

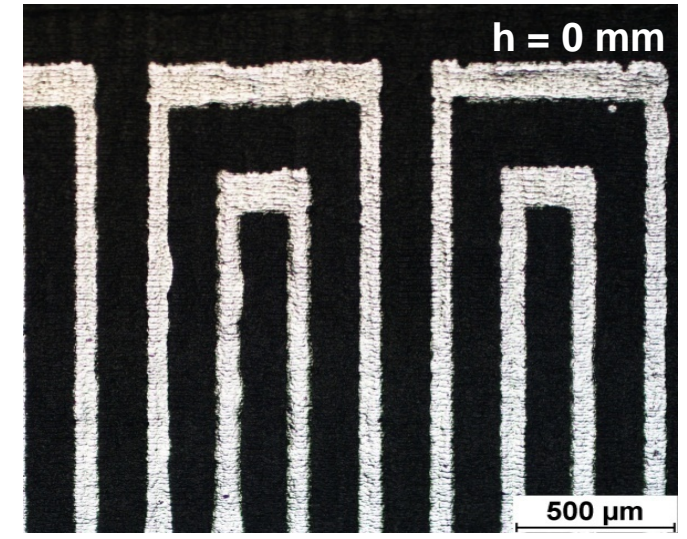
Height of substrate: 3 mm



Height of substrate: 3.8 mm

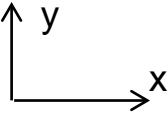


Bottom of substrate



Inclined surface

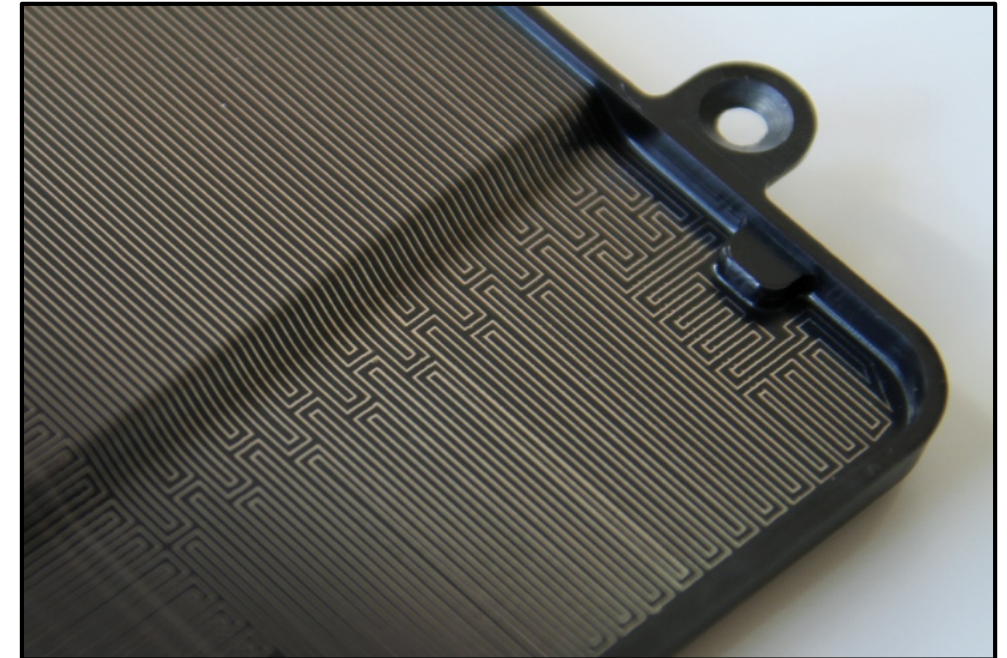
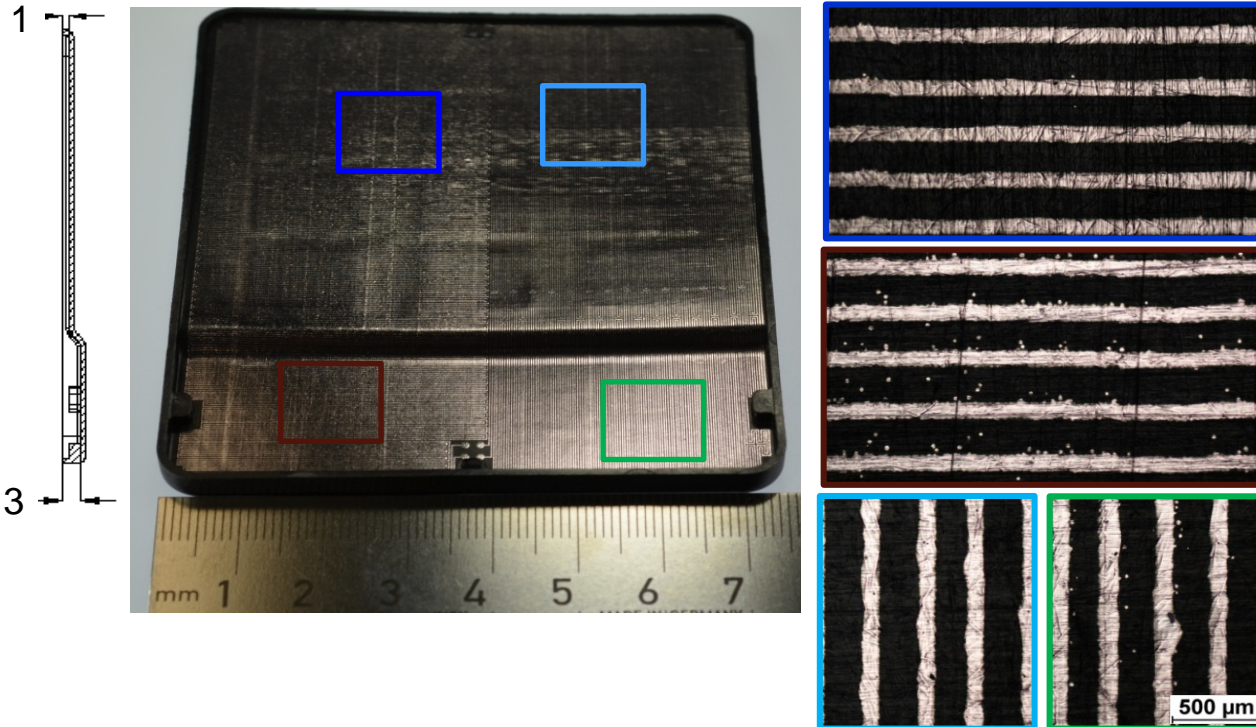
$h = 3.8 \text{ mm}$



- Tracks on the inclined surfaces and on the bottom of the substrate are comparable and have a homogeneous width distribution
- Tape tests successfully passed
- No cracks on the tracks

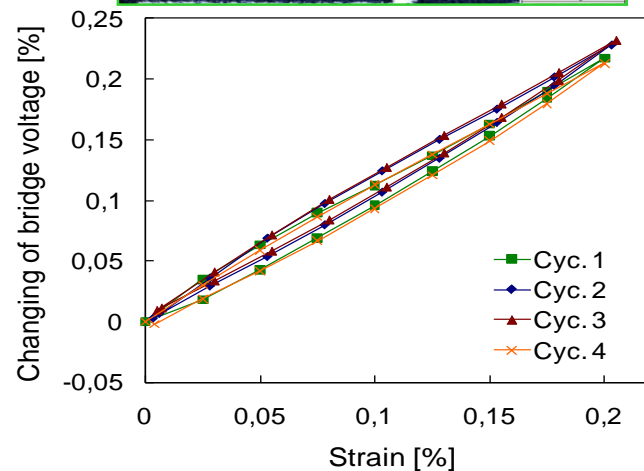
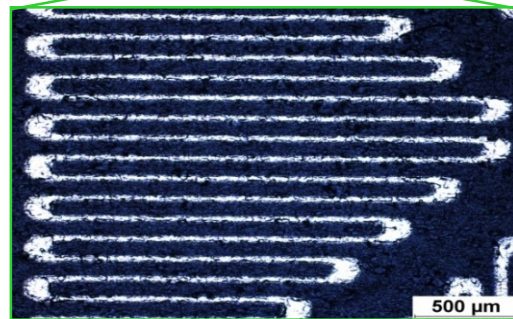
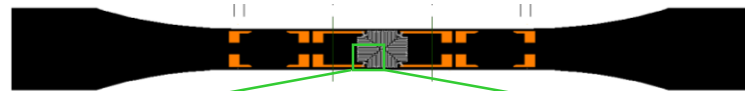
Features

- 4 meanders, length 3.5 m each
- Pitch: 400 μ m
- Printing distance up to 3.8 mm
- Resistance: 3 k Ω /meander

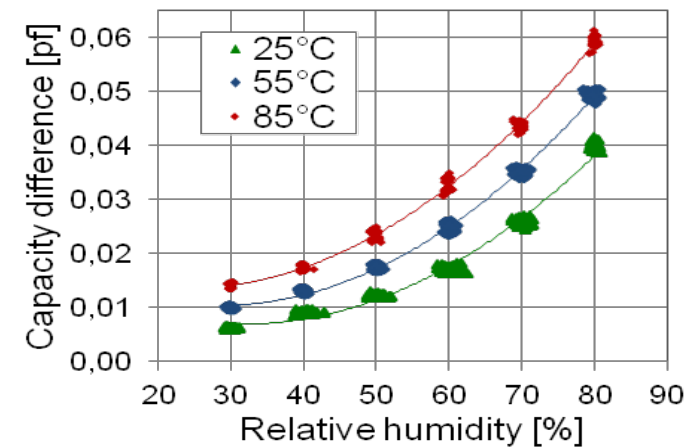
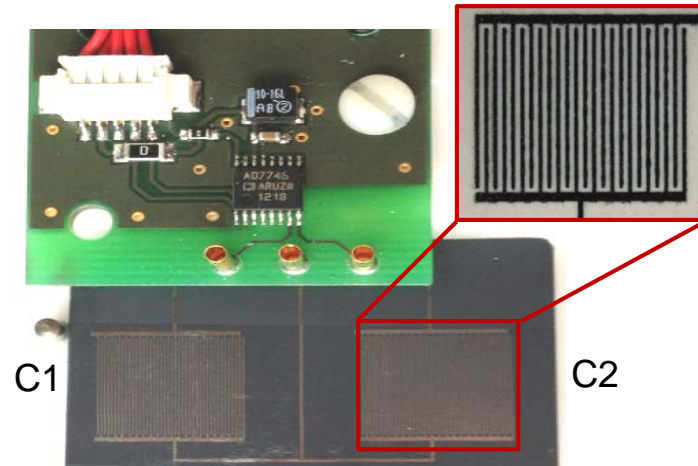


Ref.: BMBF funded project SADINA

Aerosol Jet® printed strain gauge (Wheatstone bridge)



Inkjet printed humidity sensor



Inkjet printing is feasible for

- Foils
- Injection molded 3D substrates
- Transfer molded 3D substrates

Inkjet printing allows for system integration

- Circuitry
- Sensors
- Antennas
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Big potential for new innovative applications

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Thank you for your attention!

