

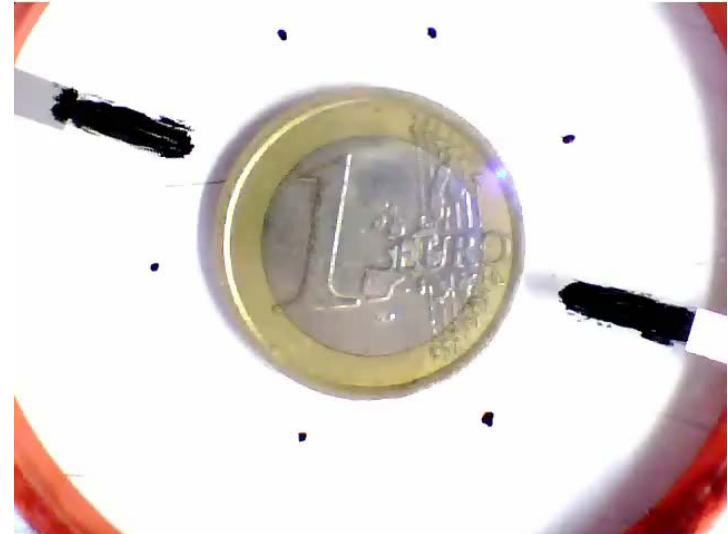
CNT based stretchable optically transparent electrodes for DEAs

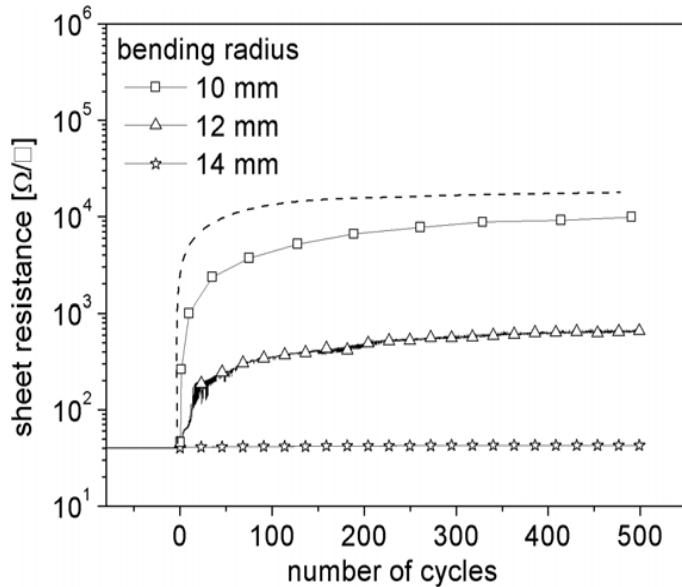
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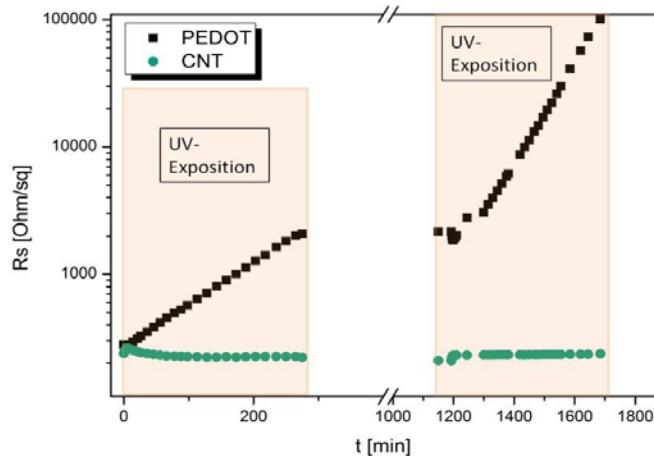
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Influence of bending radii on the electrical resistance of ITO-sputtered PET films [1]

- **high electrical conductivity and transparency**
- **excellent scratch and mar resistance**
- **unsuitable due to their brittleness**



UV stability CNT vs. PEDOT

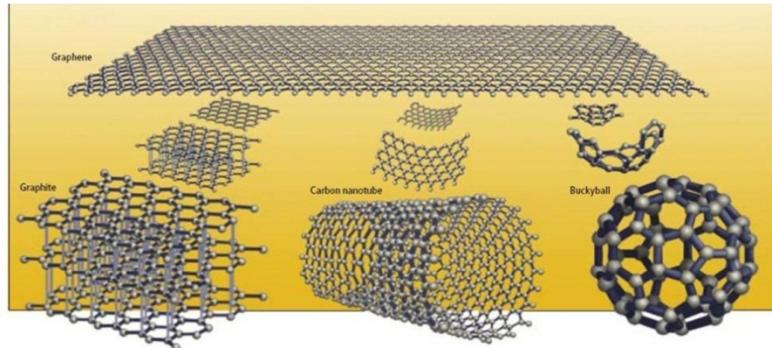
- **high electrical conductivity and transparency**
- **poor chemical and UV stability**
- **hydrophilic**

[1] Koniger, T. and H. Munstedt, Advanced device for testing the electrical behaviour of conductive coatings on flexible polymer substrates under oscillatory bending: comparison of coatings of sputtered indium-tin oxide and poly3,4ethylenedioxythiophene. Measurement Science & Technology, 2008. 19(5)

CNTs and DEAs

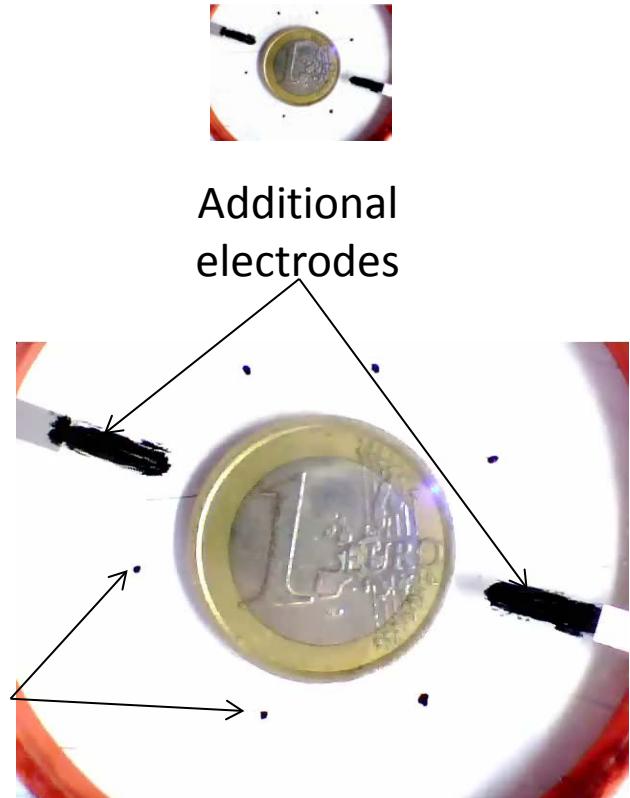


CNT film deposited on elastomer substrate:
(left) by spray coating; (right) by inkjet printing



Source: Geim A.K., Kim P., Sci. Am., April 2008

Markers
around the
coated area



Ready sample prepared for
the actuation test

