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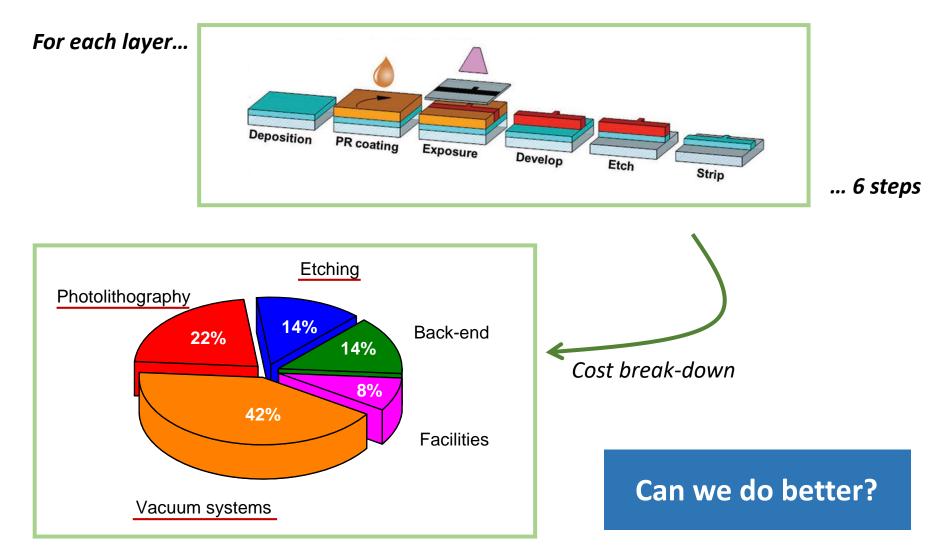
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# Inkjet printing of electronic devices

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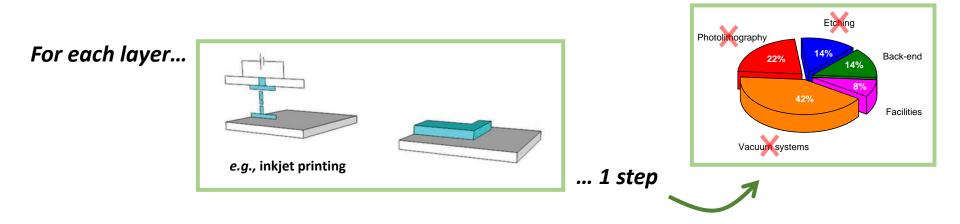
### **Microelectronics – conventional process**



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# **Printed electronics**



### **Benefits**

- No physical patterning,
- Large-area devices,
- Flexible substrates,
- Extremely low production costs.



*Microprocessors?* Yeaah.. Probably not.

Smart windows? Yep..



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Solar cells?

Definitely..

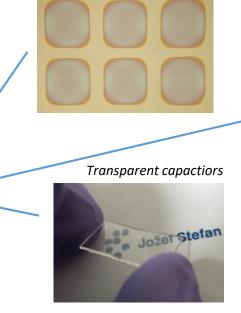
# About inkjet printing



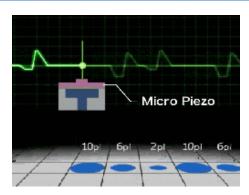
# **Principle**: formation of small droplets of an ink and deposition onto a substrate.



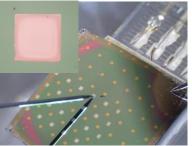
- The pattern predetermined digitally.
- Flexible and versatile.
- Suitable for rapid prototyping.



Dielectric structures



Silver electrodes





Love notes



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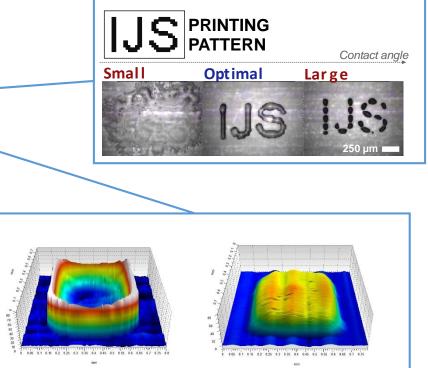
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### **Interested?**

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