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# **Microfluidic Arrays for Rapid Characterization of Organic Thin Film Transistor Performance**

Stanford University and Samsung researchers have patented a microfluidic-based platform that can rapidly fabricate and characterize Organic Thin Film Transistor (OTFT) arrays composed of solution-processable organic semiconducting polymers. Microfluidics offers numerous advantages for this high-throughput screening of OTFTs including the ability to:

- 1) rapidly handle and interface multiple solutions;
- 2) pattern solutes on substrates with micrometer-scale precision; and
- 3) reduce the scale of experimentation.

This method has been successfully tested to screen the performance of OTFT devices fabricated from PQTBTz-C12, a solution processable organic semiconducting polymer, to extract empirical processing-property relationships and identify the optimal combination of solvent composition and substrate annealing temperature.

## **Stage of Development:**

**Proof-of-concept** - Successfully applied platform to screen performance of OTFT devices fabricated from PQTBTz-C12 to extract empirical processing-property relationships and identify the optimal combination of solvent composition and substrate annealing temperature.

## **Applications**

- Organic Thin Film Transistors (OTFTs) for light-emitting diodes (LED), radiofrequency devices, digital displays, photovoltaics, and sensors.
- Automated, fast screening technology for life sciences.

## Advantages

- Precise microfluidic-based platform reduces scale of experimentation.
- Rapid fabrication and characterization.
- More uniform processing for more consistent, high-performance devices.

## Publications

- Christopher J. Bettinger, Hector A. Becerril, Do Hwan Kim, Bang-Lin Lee, Sangyoon Lee, and Zhenan Bao, "[Microfluidic Arrays for Rapid Characterization of Organic Thin-Film Transistor Performance](#)," *Advanced Materials*, Vol. 23, Issue 10, March 11, 2011 (published online Jan. 10, 2011).
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## Patents

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