





Summary















Group of companies





Represented worldwide





Headquarter in Dormagen









Vision – from lab 2 fab



Coatema equipment platform strategy for lab 2 fab



Our work in associations – global networking



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Summary





Our markets



Renewables

Markets:

✓ Batteries

✓ Fuel cells

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Printed electronics



Markets:

✓ Conductive coatings ✓ Smart systems ✓ Displays ✓ RFID ✓ OLED ✓ OPV ✓ Electronics





Membranes



Markets:

✓ Reverse osmosis ✓ Water purification ✓ Medical filtration ✓ Gas filtration ✓ Nanofiltration



Prepregs

Markets:

✓ Automotives

✓ Aerospaces















Markets:

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✓ Silicone gels

one gels

✓ Hydrogels

Plaster











Pharmaceutics

Markets:

✓ ODF (Oral Dispersible Film)

✓ Transdermal systems













Textiles



Markets:

✓ Technical textiles ✓ Construction textiles ✓ Medical textiles ✓ Geotextiles ✓ Home textiles









Summary





Lab units





Test Solution S2S



Easycoater



Test Solution R2R



Pilot lines

Pilot



Click&Coat™

Smartcoater

Basecoater 3rd Generation



Pilot lines

Pilot



Deskcoater



Linecoater

Verticoater



Production lines

Production



Production lines



Prepreg plants



Bespoke equipment

Custom made



Printed oleds



Batteries



Composite fibres



Scaling up new technologies

Tools for lab2fab





Summary



R&D services



R&D power house

KROENERT – Drytec – Coatema

- ✓ R&D space: 2,000 m²
- ✓ R&D units: 15
- ✓ From R2R to S2S
- ✓ Working width: 100 mm to 1,300 mm
- ✓ Operation speed: 0.1 to 1,610 m/min
- ✓ 15 parallel public funded R&D projects
- ✓ R&D staff: 25

Product portfolio:

- Basic research, process- and product development
- Product improvement
- ✓ Trainings and conferences



R&D centre KROENERT & DRYTEC



R&D centre Coatema



Use of the Coatema research & development centre



Technologies

Coating, printing, laminating, imprinting, pretreatment, drying, curing, cross linking, cutting

Number of units available 10 – 12 units on 1 200 sqm

Sheet-to-Sheet – S2S up to 300 mm x 500 mm

Roll-to-Roll – R2R up to 500 mm width

Operation speed 0.1 to 100 m/min



| Product portfolio | | |
|--|---|--|
| Process development ✓ Feasibility study ✓ Ink – process study ✓ Process analysis ✓ Proof of concept ✓ Smale scale prototype | Test production ✓ Prototyping ✓ Near to market testing ✓ TRL evaluation ✓ Training of staff | Education ✓ Coatema conference ✓ Training of customers ✓ Education of students |
| After sales service and ramp up of processes ✓ of Coatema units | Development of custom made design for equipment ✓ Prototyping ✓ Proof of concept | Funded research projects ✓ German funded ✓ Horizon 2020 ✓ Global 2+2 projects ✓ B2B projects |





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R&D projects overview 2020





















E-Nanoprint Pro











Summary





The future market




The future market



2010 2 Billion US\$ predominantly by OLED displays 2012 8 Billion US\$ predominantly by OLED displays **Potential** for a 50 Billion US\$ market within the next 10 years driven by OPV, lighting, displays, logic, memory/RFID,

sensors



The future market







Digital fabrication







Digital fabrication is happening – lot size 1 is real

Why now?

Digital fabrication and additive manufacturing will disruptively change the world of manufacturing we know today!



Disruptive!





The "4th" industrial revolution

- ✓ Digital fabrication means to have the ability to produce lot size one for the same cost as for lot size million
- Manufacturing at the site with personalized design for each customer
- It will change global manufacturing to local manufacturing
- Productivity boost for the old economies and Europe, the real 4th revolution
- The "Manufaktur" will come back as the "digitale Manufaktur 2.0"













Summary





From 2008 till today – PE as the flexible bridge





Printed electronics – bridging the gap



What could be the pathway on to textiles or also integrated into textiles?



From 2008 till today – PE as the flexible bridge





Sensor systems – roadmap 2015







Case study – design principles

Authors: Juha-Veikko Voutilainen, Tuomas Happonen, University of Oulu





Figure 1. Printed temperature sensor and layout





(a) (b) (c) Figure 1. Printed capacitive humidity sensor structures



Figure 2. A remote readable RH sensor.



Figure 1. Capacitive touch sensor



Figure 1. Electrochemical biosensor

Authors: Elina Jansson, Jukka Hast, VTT



Figure 1. Printed gas sensors





Tools for lab 2 fab





Summary





| Coating parameters | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Coating chemistry | Coating processes | Process control | Drying | |
| Rheology Viscosity Viscoelasticity Type of solvents Amount of solids Van der Waals force Sheer ratio Adhesion/Cohesion | Coating systems Single or multilayer coatings Direct coatings Transfer (indirect) coatings Substrate speed Layer thickness Coating accuracy | Process layout Tension control system Material guiding system Inline parameter control Quality control | Convection drying Contact drying Infrared drying Sintering NIR High frequency UV crosslinking systems | |
| Substrate | Pretreatment | Environment | Finishing | |
| Surface tension Dimension stability Surface structure Contact angle | Corona Plasma Cleaning | Humidity Temperature Inert conditions | Calendaring Embossing Slitting | |



Processes





Upscaling from lab 2 fab – going to fab-technologies









From lab 2 fab



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Process parameters

Process parameters are:

- ✓ Operation speed
- ✓ Rheology of coating and printing inks
- ✓ Substrate condition
- ✓ Tension control MD / CD
- ✓ Edge control
- Resolution and registration accuracy of printing / laminating systems
- Precision of coating operations
- Curing / drying / crosslinking



| Tension control | Edge guide control | Quality control | |
|--|---|---|--|
| ✓ Load cell ✓ Dancer ✓ Pulling devices ✓ Design of drives | Different sensors Mechanical stress | Particle contamination analysis Defect detection Thickness control Function control of the device or layer | |
| Registration control | <u>Process analysis</u> | | |
| ✓ Camera ✓ Fiber optic ✓ Design of drives | Statistic parameters Product flow analysis Yield Cost of ownership | | |











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Winding / cleaning





Unwinding cabinet

- ✓ Can receive rolls with core of 3 inch
- ✓ Max diameter of 500 mm
- ✓ Max weight 50 kg
- ✓ Web width of 300 mm
- \checkmark Automated forward and reverse movement of the web
- ✓ Speed of 1 20 m/min.
- \checkmark Tension control of the web within the range of 5 250 N

Web cleaning system

✓ Contact cleaning rollers for particles of >1µm diameter







1st Printing

 Web surface activation with Plasma Treatment

Dryer 1

- ✓ 3 meter dryers
- ✓ Hot air and heated nitrogen
- ✓ Temperatures up to 230°C



Slot die coating





Slot die coating station compatible for materials used in OEs

- Print solutions with viscosity range of 10 – 1000 mPas
- The above range can lead to layer thickness range of 10 – 1000 nm
- ✓ Lateral accuracy of ±1%

Laser patterning







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Laser scribing/patterning

- Picosecond laser for patterning OE materials
- ✓ 3 meters cabinets
- Tension and driving web control
- ✓ System ±100 µm of accuracy



Module for the registration camera





Technical specifications:

- ✓ Measurement accuracy = +/-20 µm
- ✓ ATEX proof
- ✓ 300 mm roller width
- ✓ Web speed:
 - 1 20 m/min; optimum speed is 3 – 20 m/min.
- ✓ PLC-driven correction adjustment system
- ✓ Module to be operated under N₂



Rotary screen printing



2nd printing station

- ✓ Rotary screen printing
- ✓ Coating width of 300mm
- ✓ Lateral accuracy ±5%

Dryer 2

- ✓ 3 meters dryers
- ✓ Hot air and heated nitrogen
- ✓ Temperatures up to 230°C



Inkjet station



Inkjet station System



Coatema software



Already integrated: Fujifilm Dimatix

Encapsulation





Rewinding station

- The rewinding station has a retaining roller
- \checkmark Identical specs to the unwinding station
 - ✓ 3 inch core rolls
 - Automated forward and reverse movement of the web
 - ✓ Speed of 1 20 m/min.
 - Tension control and edge guide system

Lamination / delamination station
✓ Compatible with 300 mm web width
✓ Web control with edge guide system
✓ Lateral accuracy of ±100 µm / 20 µm



Inline quality control – Ellipsiometry and inline Raman by Horiba







Summary



- ✓ 19 m in length
- ✓ 300 mm working width
- ✓ 30 m/min. per minutes production speed
- ✓ 3 print stations



✓ Plasma treatment

- ✓ 6.000 mm nitrogen dryers in 500 mm sections
- ✓ Registration control
- Laminating station





New design principle







Technologies & processes






Slot die system





Basics of slot die coating – characteristics of slot dies



- \checkmark Homogeneous, thin layers
- ✓ Dosing (metering) system
- Touchfree (except in impregnation mode)
- Closed system (no evaporation of solvents)
- ✓ Full area non stop coating or intermittent

The slot die is the only system, that combines all these features.



Basics of slot die coating – range of parameters



- ✓ Printing speed 0.1 - >1000 m/min
- ✓ Ink viscosity 1 – 30 000 mPas
- ✓ Layer thickness 0,1 - >200 µm
- ✓ Coating accuracy <1% (2 - 5%)</p>
- ✓ Coating width up to approx. 3 m



Basics of slot die coating – Coatema standard layout





Basics of slot die coating – slot die examples



100 mm, 11 o'clock



300 mm, 9 oʻclock



500 mm, slightly tilted



300 mm, double sided



Structured coating – levels of complexity

| | Web direction | Current status | | | |
|---|---------------|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | | Full area, homogeneous | Requirements are met, thickness profile variation of 0.5 % | | |
| 2 | | Stripes downweb | Requirements are met, good edge definition | | |
| 3 | | Stripes crossweb (intermittent coating) | Requirements are partially met, edge definition of 0.5 – 1 mm depending on liquid | | |
| 4 | abc | Arbitrary patterns | Requirements are not met, concepts for realization exist, research project is going on | | |



Structured coating – downweb stripes



Downweb stripes of different width ...

... are made by appropriate shims, lasercut from steel or kapton



Structured coating – crossweb stripes (intermittent)







Structured coating – well defined edges at high viscosity



Two different stripe patterns, one on top of the other



Standard techniques for intermittent coating



Pump: stop – reverse – restart

Slot die body:

move back - move forth to minimum gap move back to working gap (wedge procedure)

Slot die internal:

stop and redirect the flow by shutters and valves. Pump flow continues, die flow stops.

All 3 techniques (single or in combination) work quite well, if the viscosity is rather high and the required edge definition is not more precise than around 1 mm. All techniques may be combined with a vacuum pump upstream to stabilize the meniscus and suck away residual liquid.



Structured coating – reason for bad edges at low viscosity

The mensicus volume between the slot die and the substrate has to be interrupted. Low viscous liquids do not break along a straight line. So the meniscus has to be sucked back and restored as fast as possible to achieve a clear defined edge.

If the viscosity is too low, all of the three before mentioned methods are too slow and too indirect to do this.











Structured coating – new concepts for low viscosity liquids

Two new concepts allow to interrupt and restore the meniscus much faster:

- ✓ Double chamber slot die with modified chamber geometry and Piezo driven suck back pump
- Switching lip slot die with a Piezo driven lip opening mechanism that sucks back the meniscus right where it is









Structured coating – the switching slot die lip

Slot die with movable lips: coating mode



coating works as usual









Structured coating – the switching slot die lip

Slot die with movable lips: stop mode



- L lip
- V slot volume
- B bendable lip
- S bending slot

Bendable lip B flips open Volume V increases and sucks away the meniscus









Structured coating – technical implementation with Piezo-Drive







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4.10 V



Structured coating – technical implementation with bendable lips





Structured coating – switching slot die: first results





Structured coating – stages of lip motion





Structured coating – ongoing trials: stripe coating of fuel cell paste







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Printing parameters







Printing parameters

| Printing speed (m/s) | Nip pressure (MPa) | Ink viscosity (Pas) | Layer thickness (µm) | Feature size (µm) | Registration (µm) |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 - 10 | 0.1 - 0,5 | 0.01 - 0.5 | 0.04 – 8 | 40 - 80 | 20 – 200 |
| 10 - 16 | 1.5 – 5 | 0.01 - 0.2 | 0.1 - 12 | 20 – 75 | >10 |
| 8 - 15 | 0.8 – 2 | 1 - 100 | 0.5 – 3 | 25 – 50 | >10 |
| 2 | - | 0.1 - 50 | 3 - 100 | 75 - 100 | >25 |
| 1 – 5 | - | 0.001 - 0.03 | 0.01 – 0.5 20 (UV) | 10 - 50 | <10 |
| 5 | Printing peed (m/s) 3 - 10 10 - 16 8 - 15 2 1 - 5 | Printing peed (m/s)Nip pressure (MPa) $3 - 10$ $0.1 - 0,5$ $10 - 16$ $1.5 - 5$ $8 - 15$ $0.8 - 2$ 2 $ 1 - 5$ $-$ | Printing peed (m/s)Nip pressure (MPa)Ink viscosity (Pas) $3 - 10$ $0.1 - 0.5$ $0.01 - 0.5$ $10 - 16$ $1.5 - 5$ $0.01 - 0.2$ $8 - 15$ $0.8 - 2$ $1 - 100$ 2 $ 0.1 - 50$ $1 - 5$ $ 0.001 - 0.03$ | Printing peed (m/s)Nip pressure (MPa)Ink viscosity (Pas)Layer thickness (μ m)3 - 100.1 - 0,50.01 - 0.50.04 - 810 - 161.5 - 50.01 - 0.20.1 - 128 - 150.8 - 21 - 1000.5 - 32-0.1 - 503 - 1001 - 5-0.001 - 0.030.01 - 0.520(UV)-0.001 - 0.03 | Printing peed (m/s)Nip pressure (MPa)Ink viscosity (Pas)Layer thickness |



Printing systems



Gravure printing





Flexo printing





Screen printing





Inkjet printing







Inkjet printing







Integration of the "inking" system – current status



- Printing head and mounting (Fujifilm Dimatix Samba)
- ✓ Fluid recirculation system
- ✓ Power supply
- ✓ Computer



Integration of analysis and sintering units – current status



- ✓ Dantex dynamics "dropwatching"
- ✓ Velocity

✓ Size

- ✓ Sphericity
- Drying / Sintering
- ✓ Adphos NIR
- ✓ IR lamp
- ✓ Photonic sintering
- ✓ Hot air dryer



Integration – current status

- Combination of print heads with high precision granit stone
- ✓ Several sintering methods possible
 - ✓ Hot air dryer to remove solvents (LEL)
 - NIR / IR / Photonic sintering for conductivity
- ✓ Droplet analysis
- ✓ Possibility to combine inkjet with NIL



Integration – machine layout



Technologies & processes



Integration – machine layout





Summary

- Inkjet provides a step towards a more flexible and customizable production
- ✓ Inkjet is successfully integrated in a R2R process on 300 mm width
- ✓ Width is scalable
- ✓ Speeds up to 10 m/min were tested
- ✓ Different curing / drying systems were tested
- ✓ A layout for a inkjet dedicated machine is available



Nanoimprint technology





Nanoimprint technology





Introduction – comparison of printing processes







Nanoimprint lithography



UV-NIL system designs:

✓ Surface activation

Corona, plasma, chemical treatment
Coating (Slot die, knife, roller coater,...)
UV curing (Mercury, LED UV radiator)

NIL system designs:

✓ Heating

- ✓ IR / NIR, inductive, laser heating or heated fluids in embossing drum
- ✓ Replication mold
- ✓ Drum, endless belt, film
- One- / multi-temperature zones

Nanoimprint lithography



Process parameters (selection):

- ✓ Resist
 - ✓ Chem. formulation
 - Viscosity / Rheology
- 🗸 Film
 - Chem. formulation
 - Chemical / mechanical pre-treatment
- 🗸 Tool
 - Hard / soft mold
 - ✓ Anti-adhesion layer
- ✓ UV-source
 - ✓ Spectral distribution
 - LED- / conventional source
- ✓ Production system
 - ✓ Web (tension) control
 - Process specific sub-assemblies

Nanoimprint lithography




Coating and printing for NIL – Nanoimprint lithography





Slot die coating for pre-metered film coating

- ✓ Layer control
- ✓ Level control in the nip
- ✓ 12/9″ position
- Intermittent ink control



Coating and printing for NIL – Nanoimprint lithography





Nip coating

Layer control by gap
Level control in the nip
Compact process



Coating and printing for NIL – Nanoimprint lithography



Homogeneous structure



Inhomogeneous structure



Applications





UV / NIL – machines for lab 2 fab – R2R





UV / NIL – machines for lab 2 fab – R2R







Nanoimprinting combi system







UV / NIL – lab 2 fab – R2R & R2P



Temicoat Test Solution S2S









Summary





Bridging the gap

Needed for success:

- Reproducible results in every step of scale?
- Reality check if the approach is really scalable?
- ✓ Is the approach an approach for the real life production environment or is it rocket science?
- Are economies of scale reachable and when?
- ✓ Is durability really needed?
- ✓ Standardization of device manufacturing is the key for the industry
- ✓ Maybe small is the new big?

Summary



Bridging the gap





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