

# MATERIABILITY

## educating smart materials

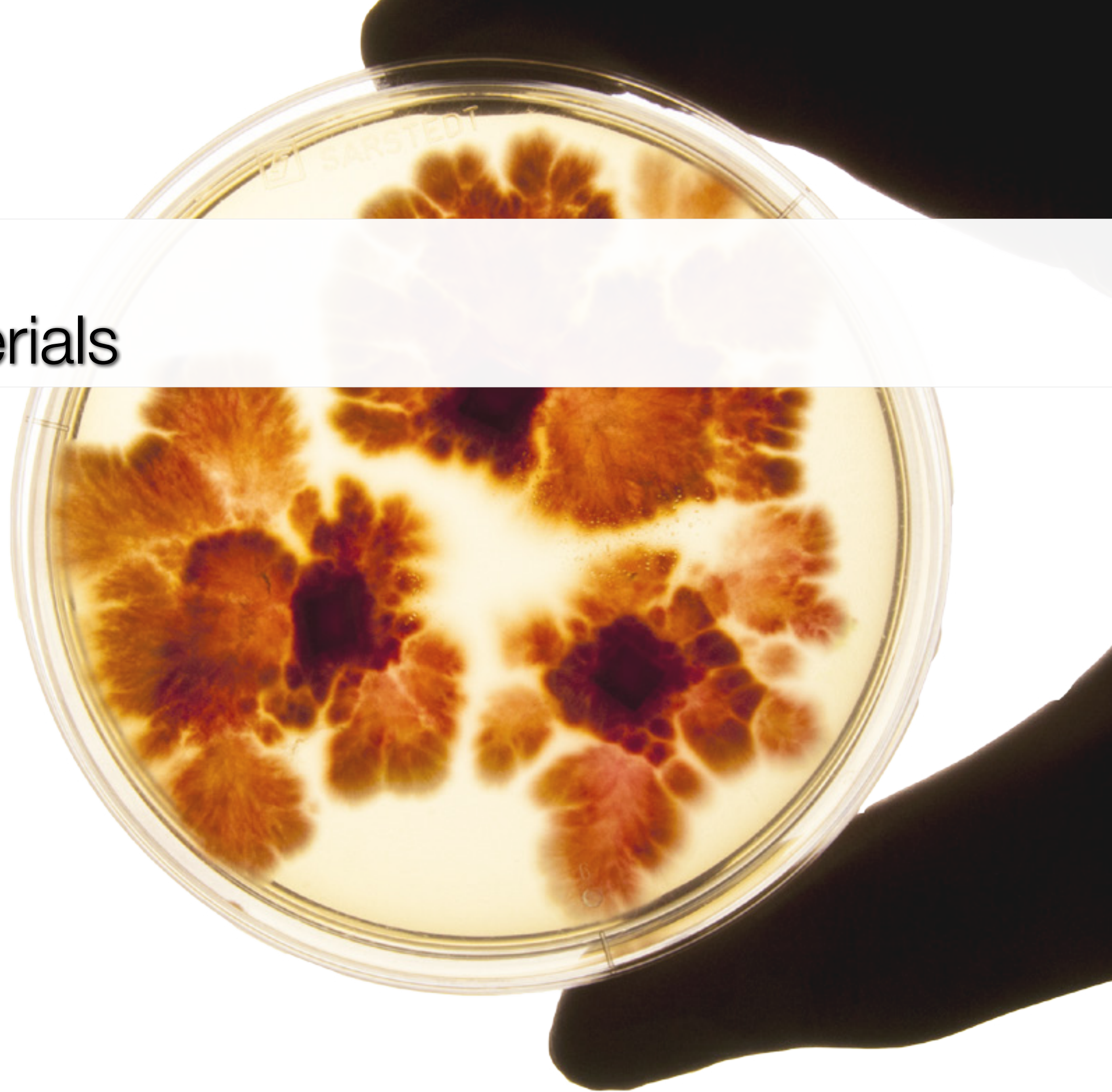
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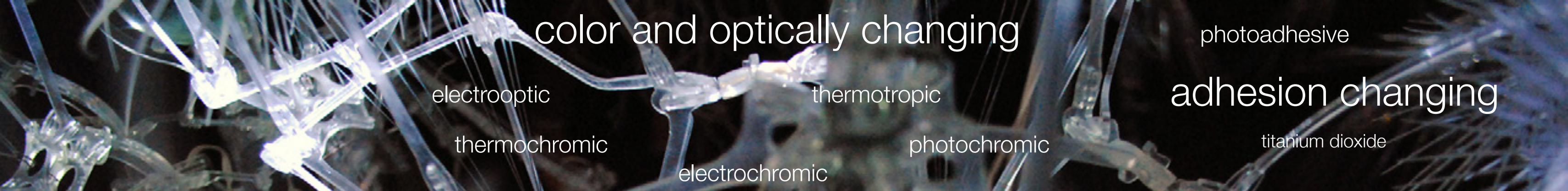
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color and optically changing

photoadhesive

electrooptic

thermotropic

adhesion changing

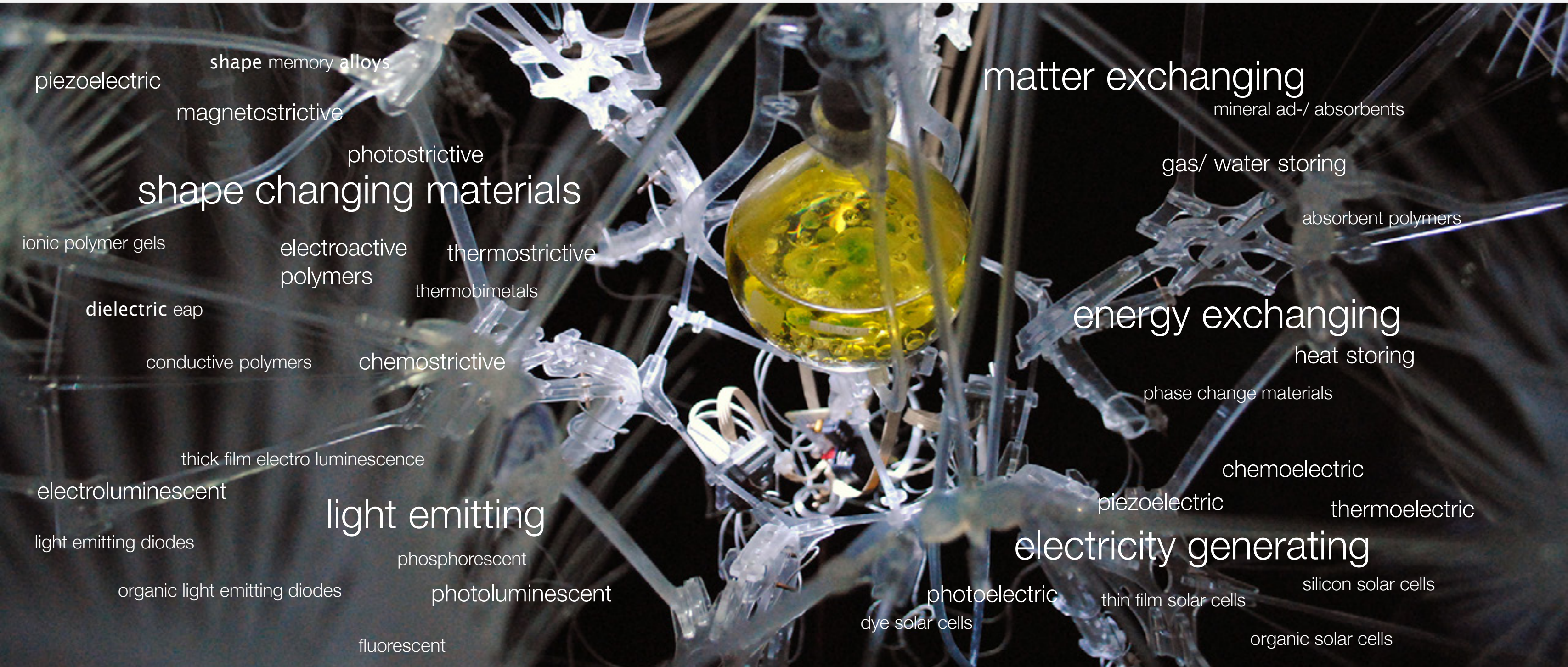
thermochromic

photochromic

titanium dioxide

electrochromic

# ADAPTIVE MATERIALS



matter exchanging

mineral ad-/ absorbents

shape memory alloys

piezoelectric

magnetostrictive

photostrictive

shape changing materials

gas/ water storing

absorbent polymers

ionic polymer gels

electroactive polymers

thermostriuctive

thermobimetals

energy exchanging

heat storing

dielectric eap

conductive polymers

chemostrictive

phase change materials

thick film electro luminescence

chemoelectric

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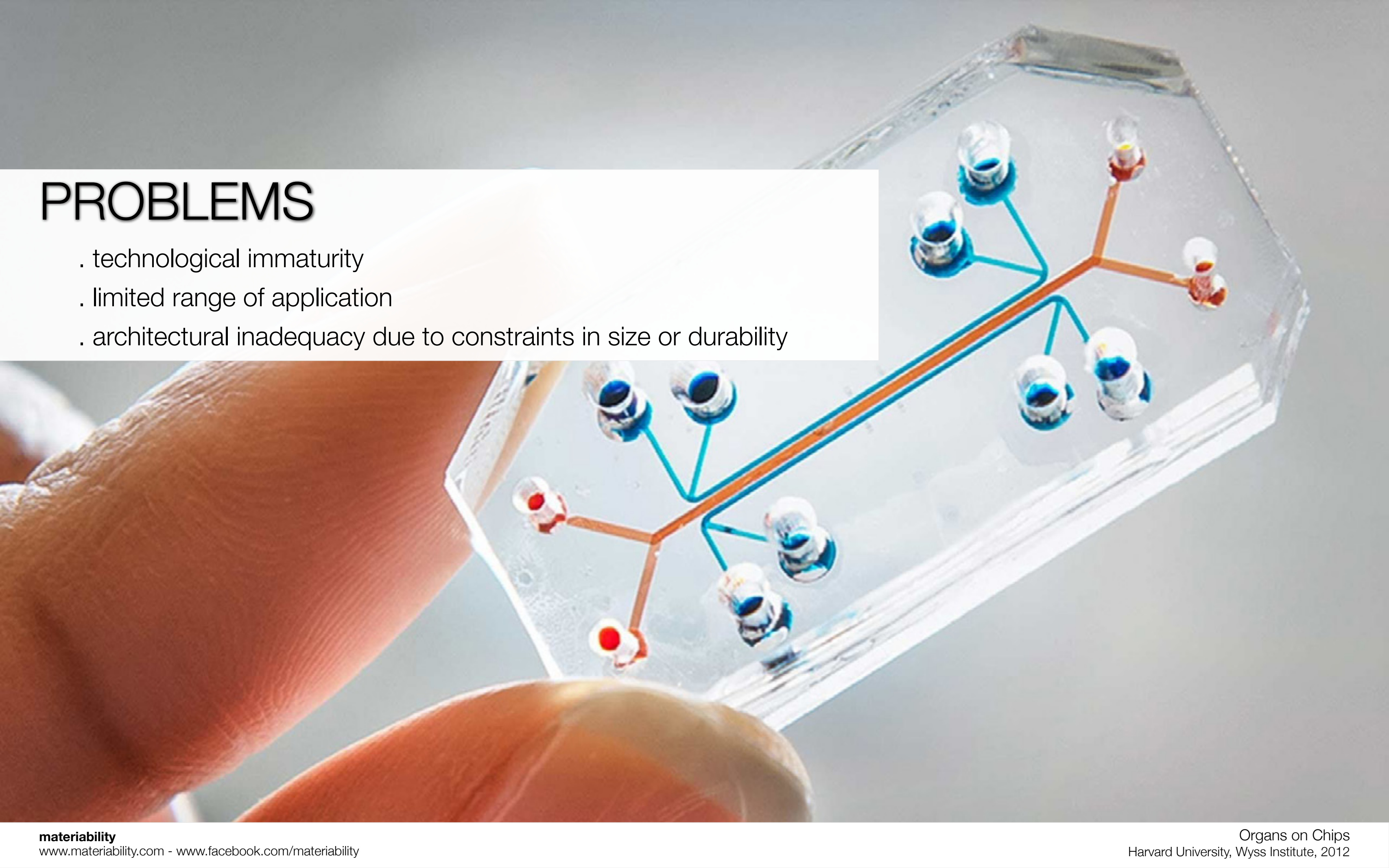
silicon solar cells

fluorescent

organic solar cells

# PROBLEMS

- . technological immaturity
- . limited range of application
- . architectural inadequacy due to constraints in size or durability



# PROBLEMS

- . scientific mystification
- . commercial (un)availability



# PROBLEMS

- . lack of ideological distinction
- . replacement of existing technologies
- . forced conjunction with rigid materials
- . standardization and inclusion in established catalogues



intercultural

cross-generational

anti-authoritarian

collaboration

global

decentralization

# APPROACH

- . understand that smart materials are fundamentally distinct from traditional materials
- . begin developing new ideas based on this understanding
- . use these ideas as a basis for exchange and cross-disciplinary development

knowledge

interdisciplinarity

information

emancipation

exchange

digital

sharing

expertise

networking

community

physical

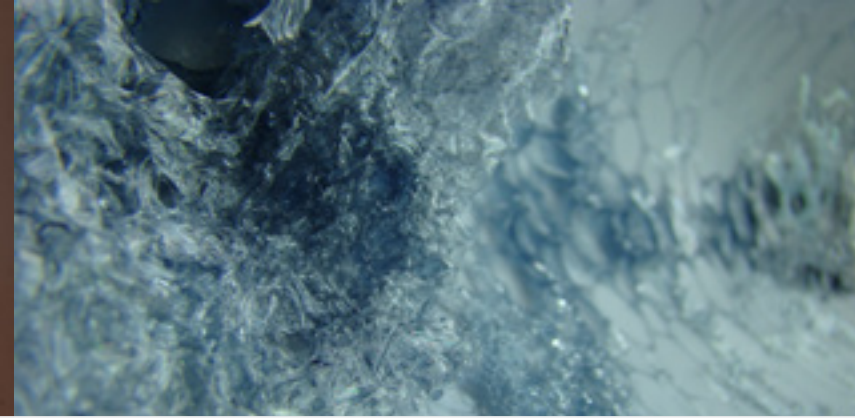
openness

identification

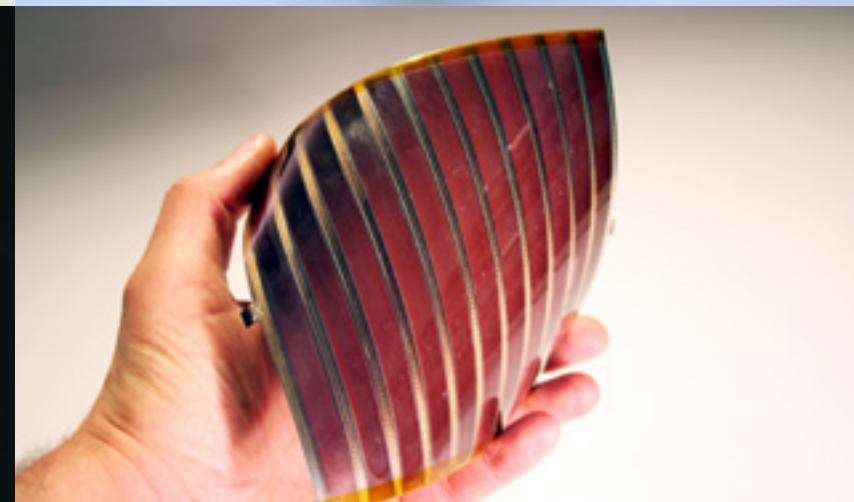
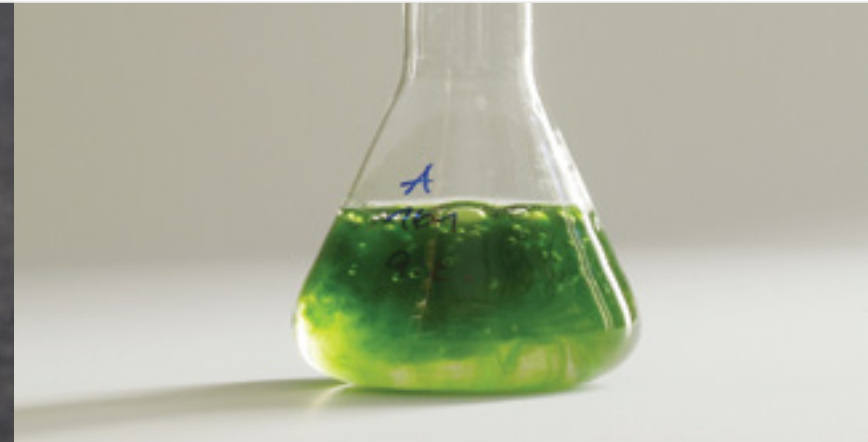
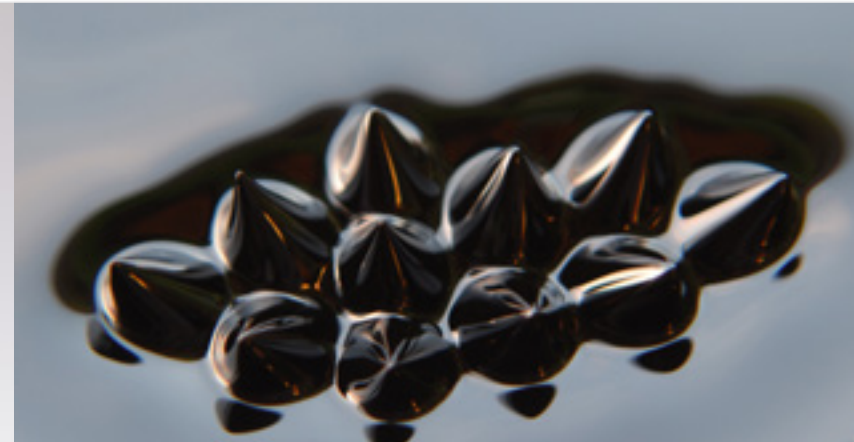


# EDUCATING EMERGING MATERIALS

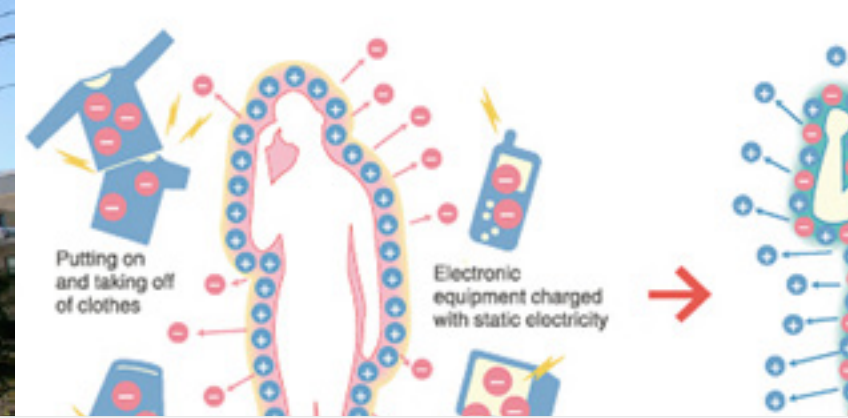
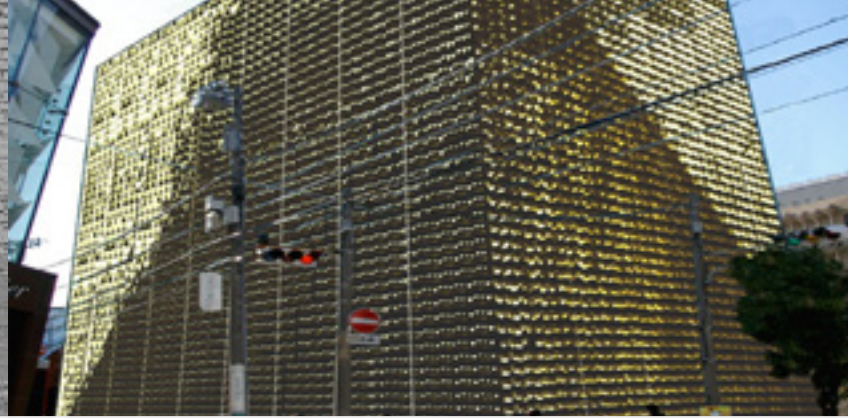




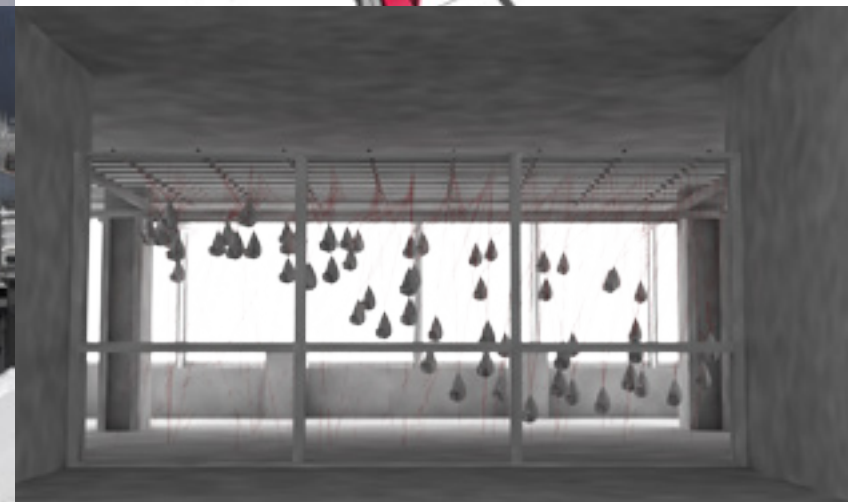
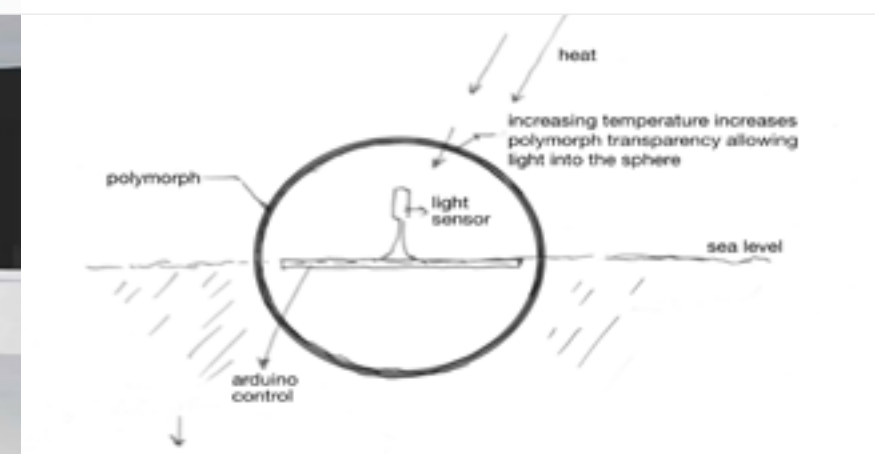
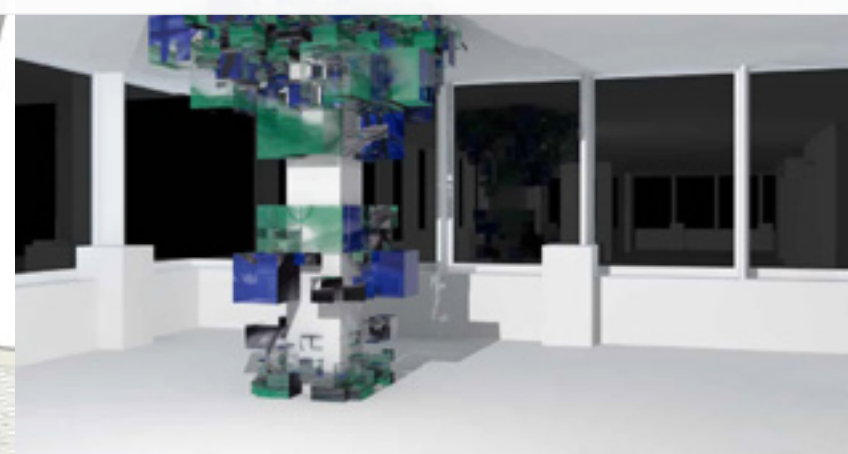
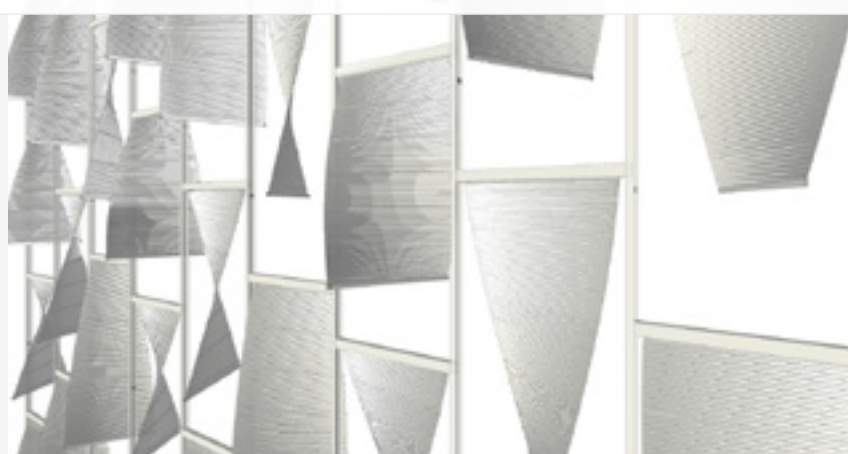
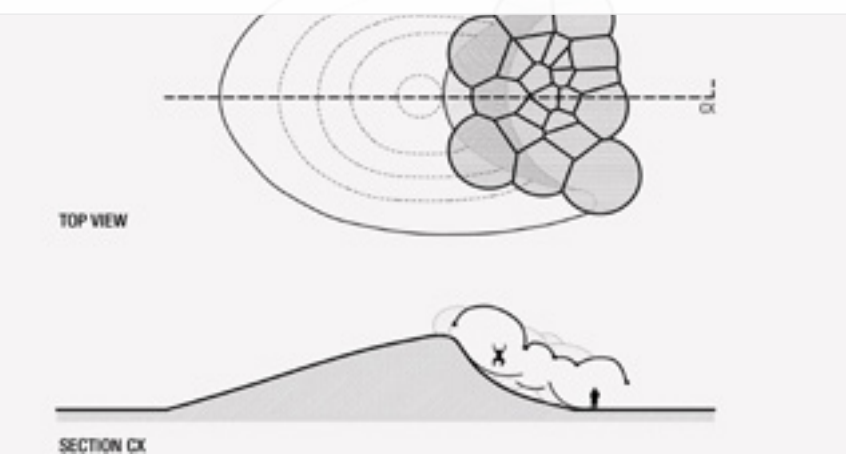
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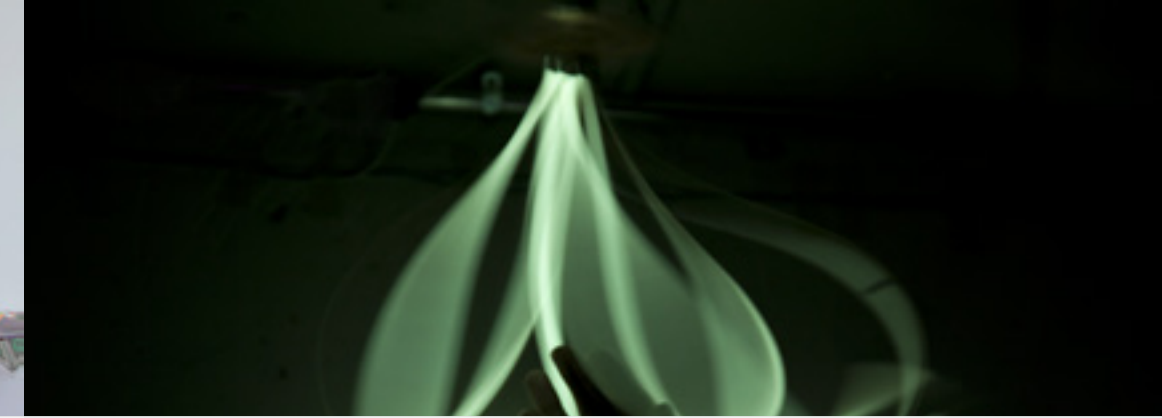
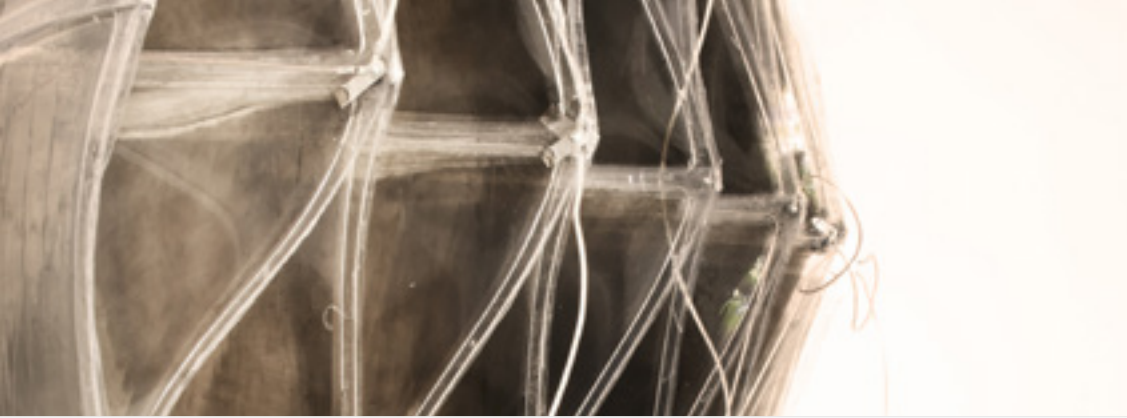






# DESIGN SCENARIOS

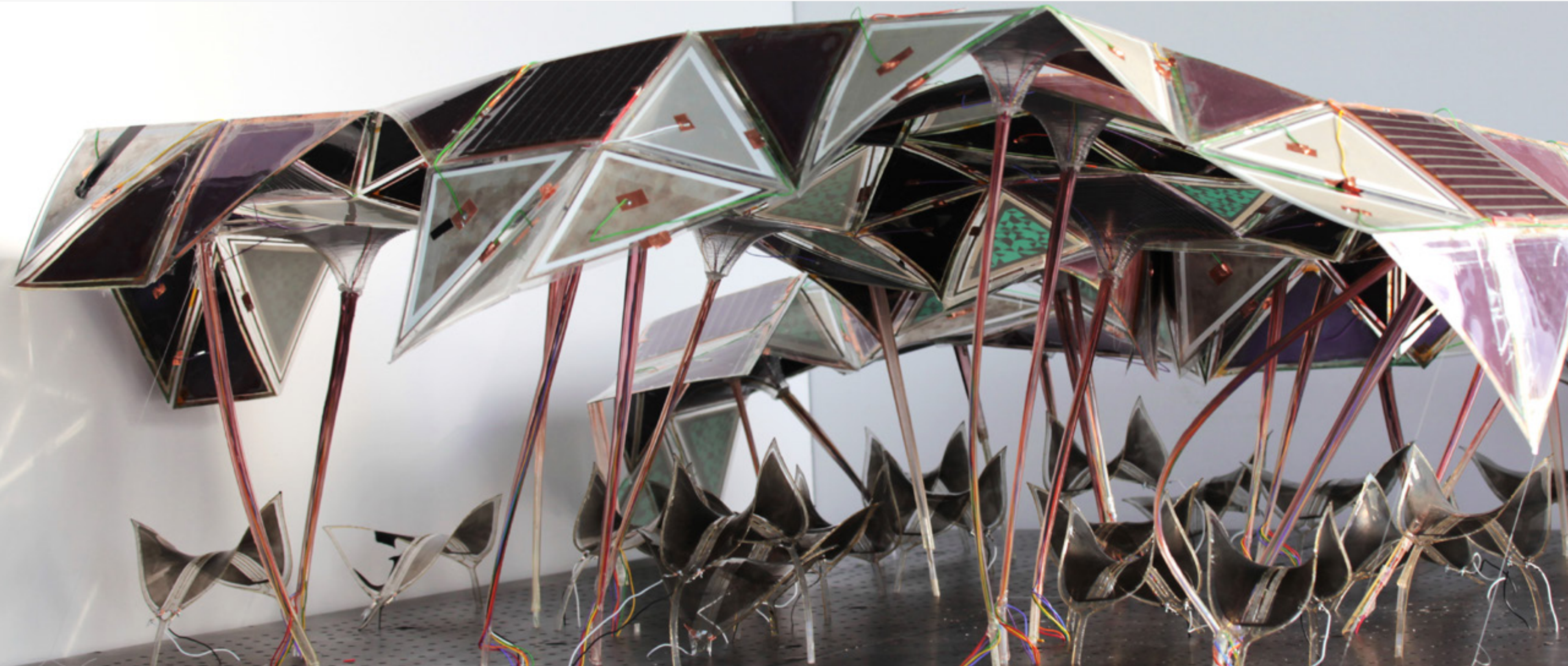




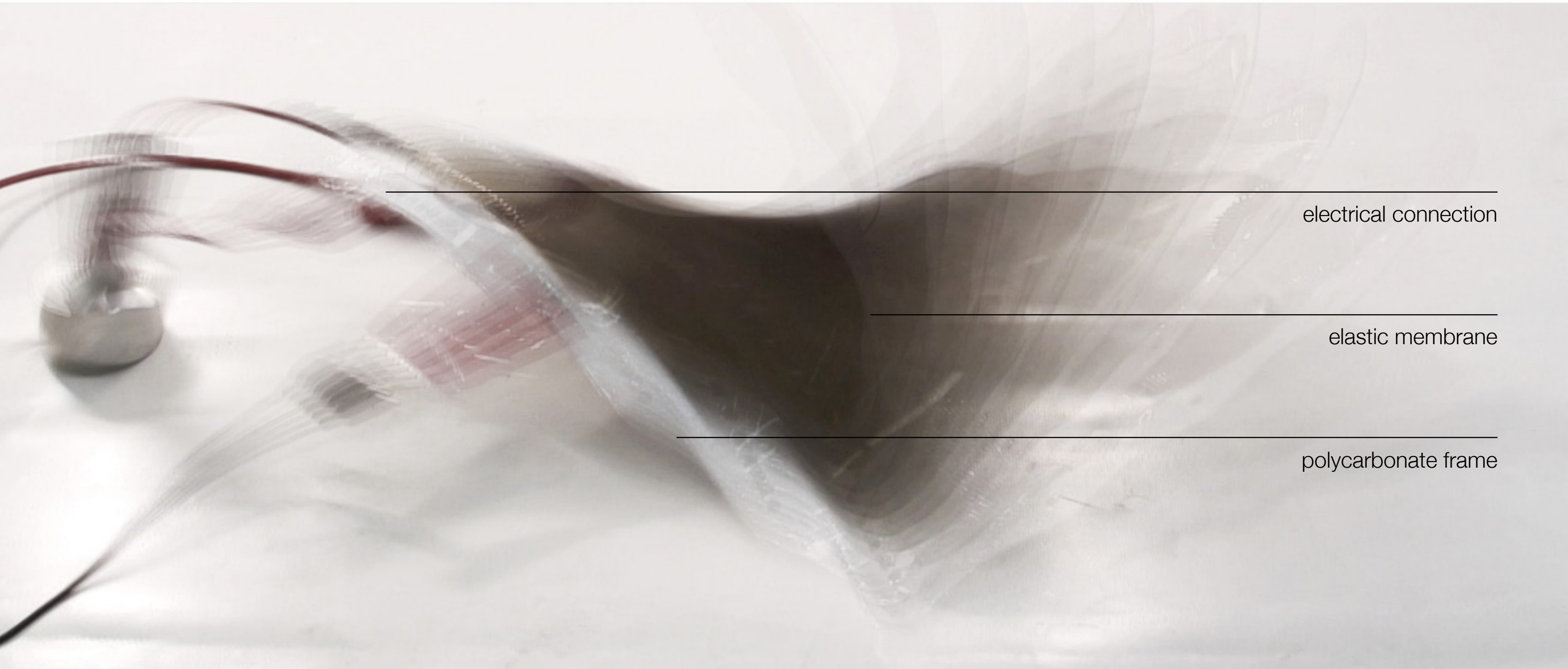
# EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS



# PHOTOTROPIA



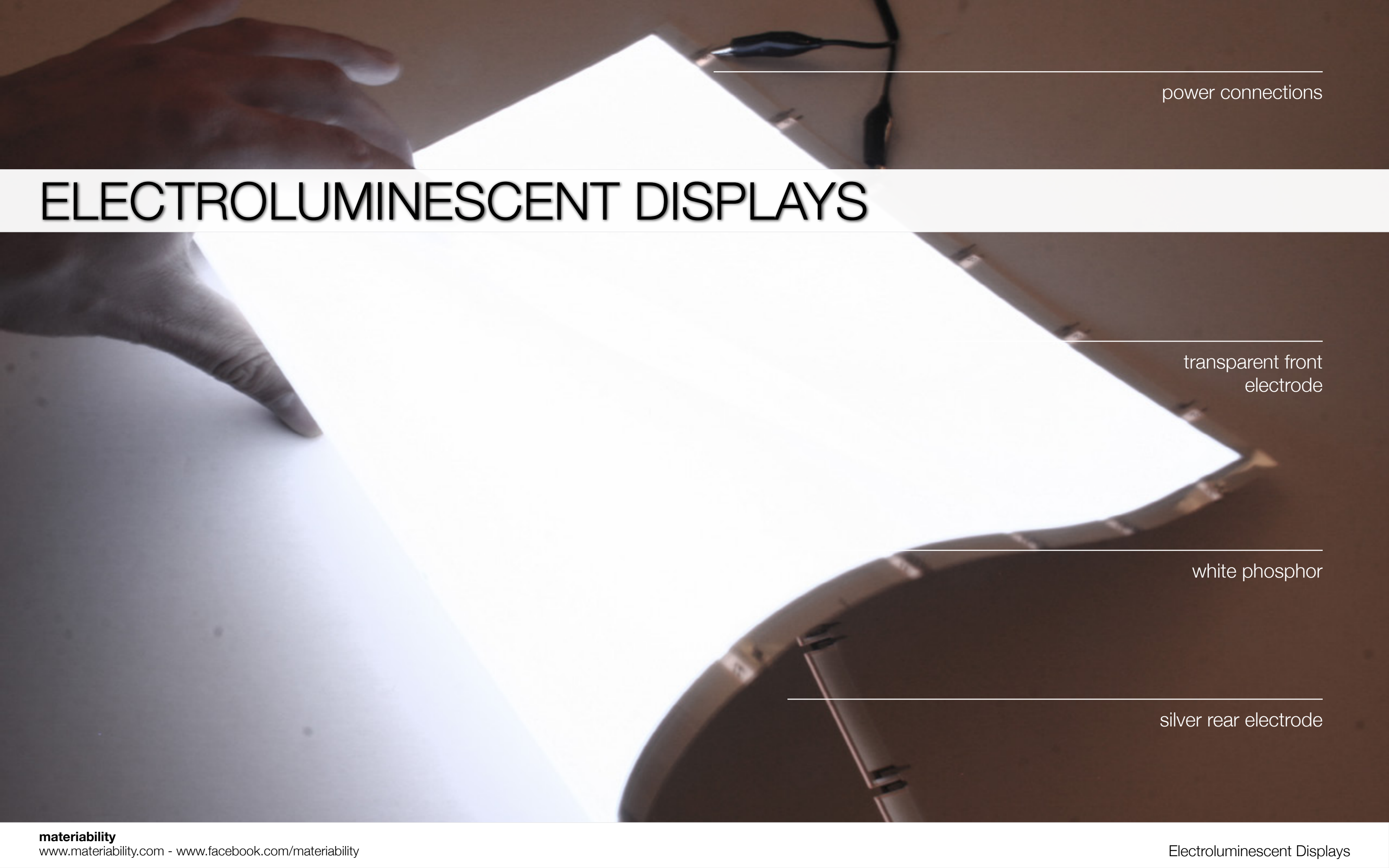
# ELECTROACTIVE POLYMERS



electrical connection

elastic membrane

polycarbonat frame



# ELECTROLUMINESCENT DISPLAYS

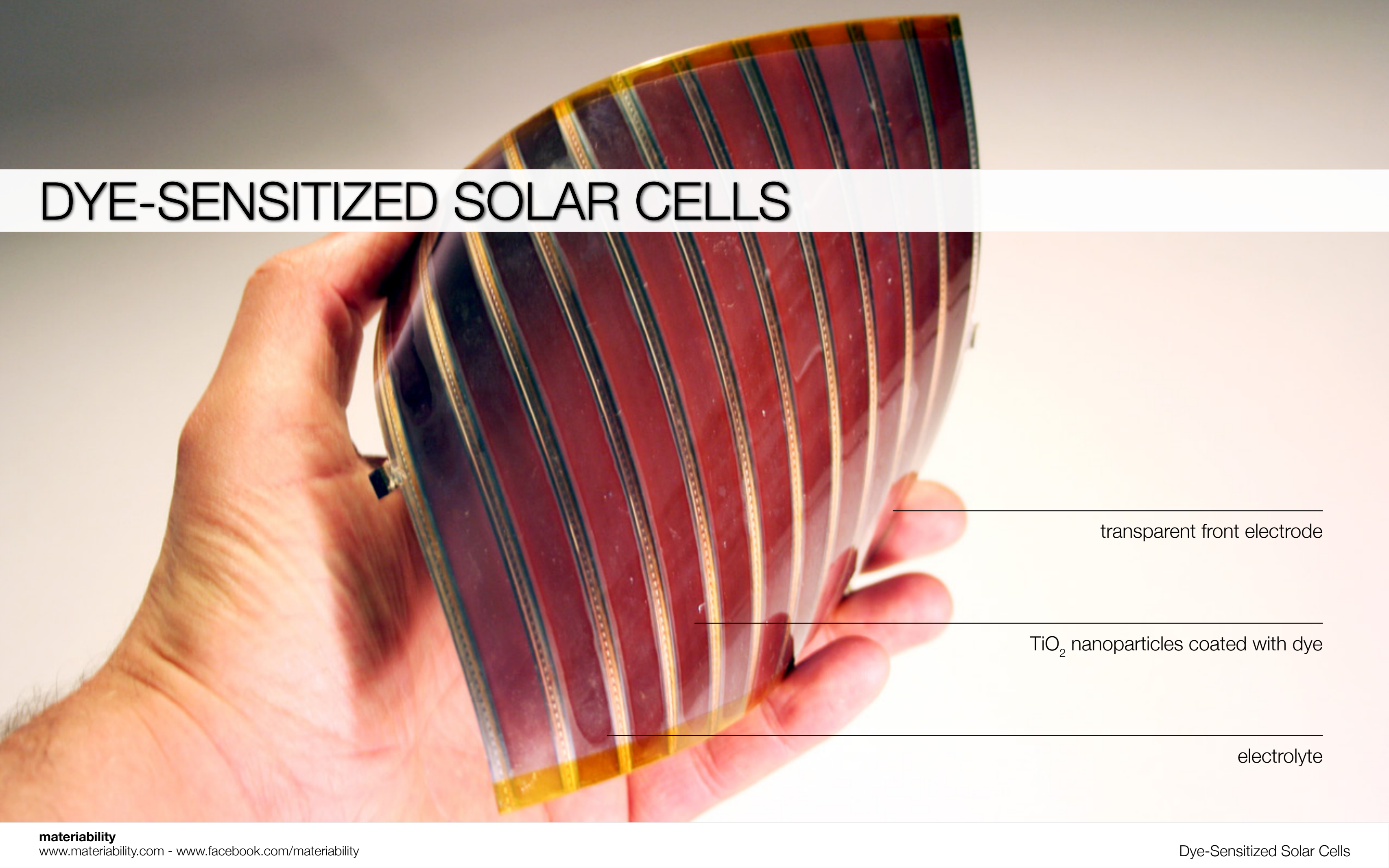
power connections

transparent front  
electrode

white phosphor

silver rear electrode

# DYE-SENSITIZED SOLAR CELLS



transparent front electrode

TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles coated with dye

electrolyte

# STRUCTURE

electroluminescent foils

dye-sensitized solar cells

electroactive polymers

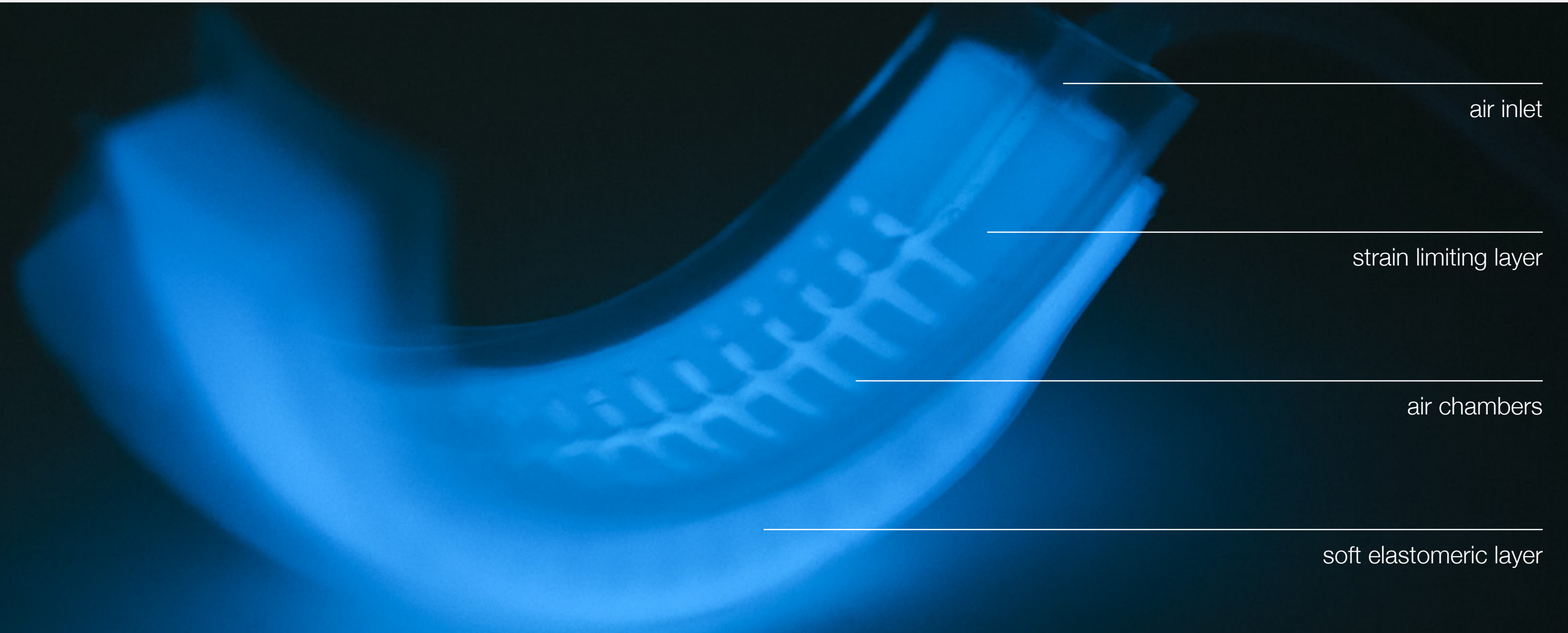
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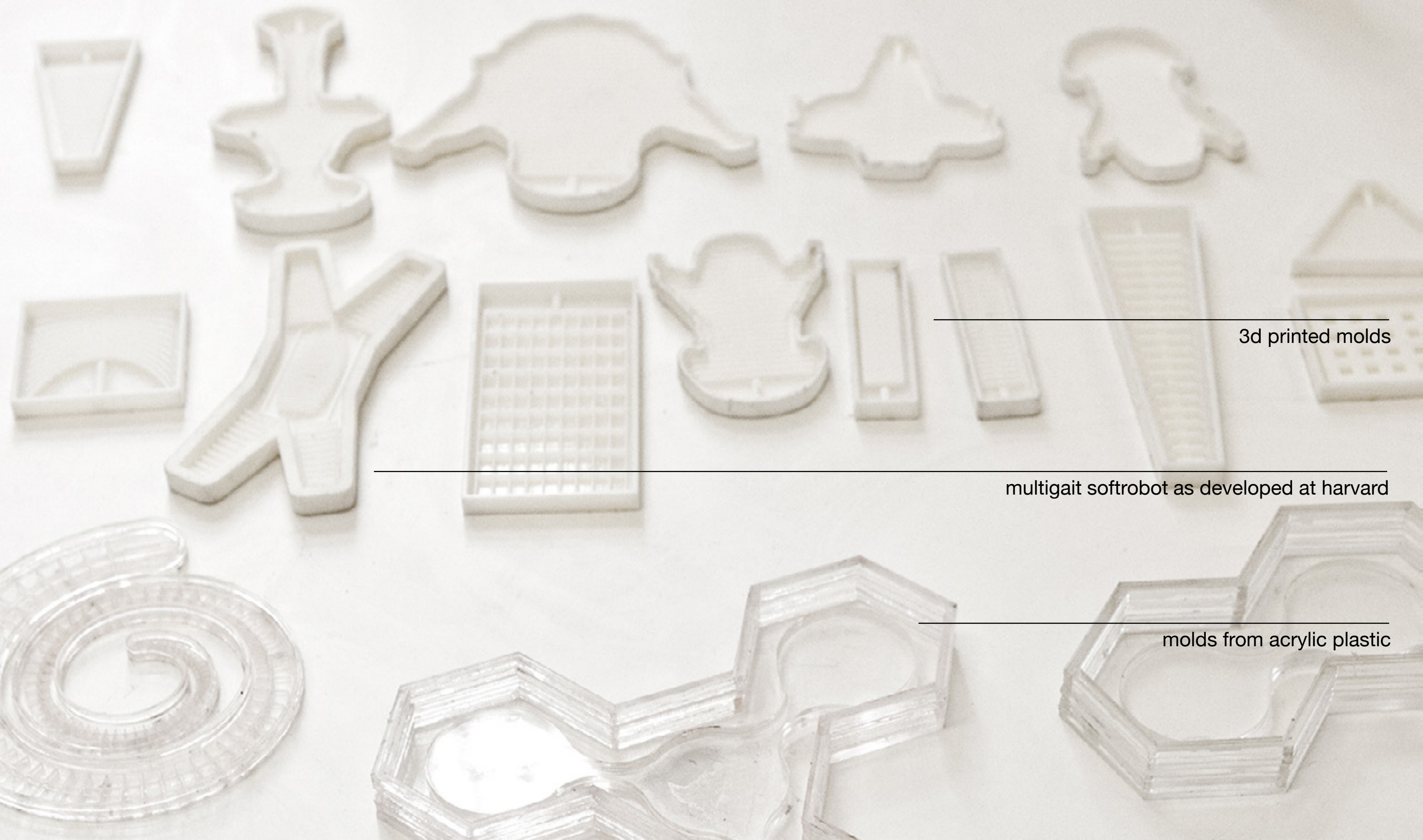
shadow 45°

sun 45°

# SOFT MOTION AND LIQUIDS







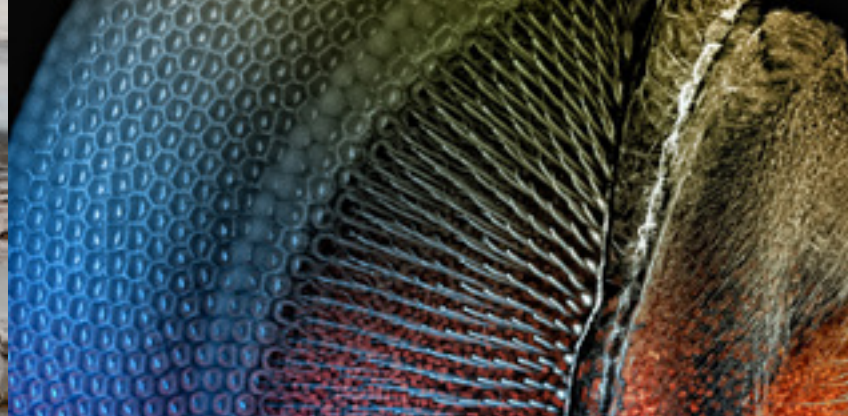
3d printed molds

multigait softrobot as developed at harvard

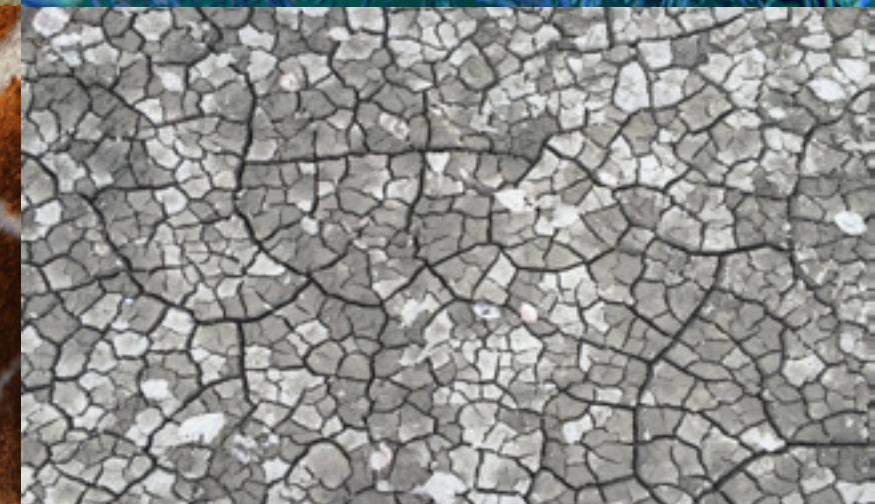
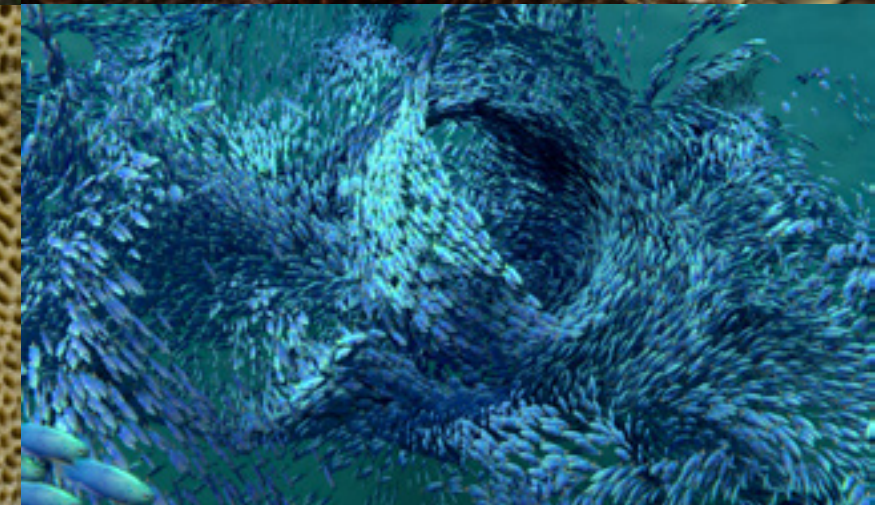
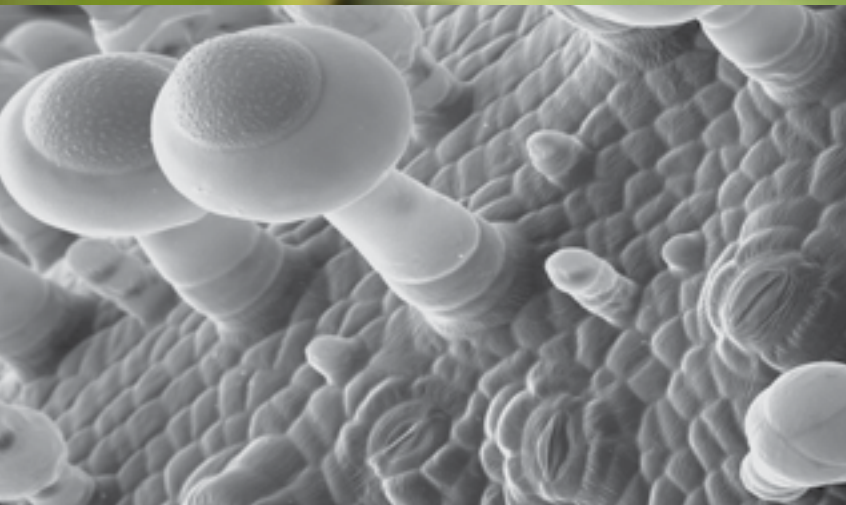
molds from acrylic plastic

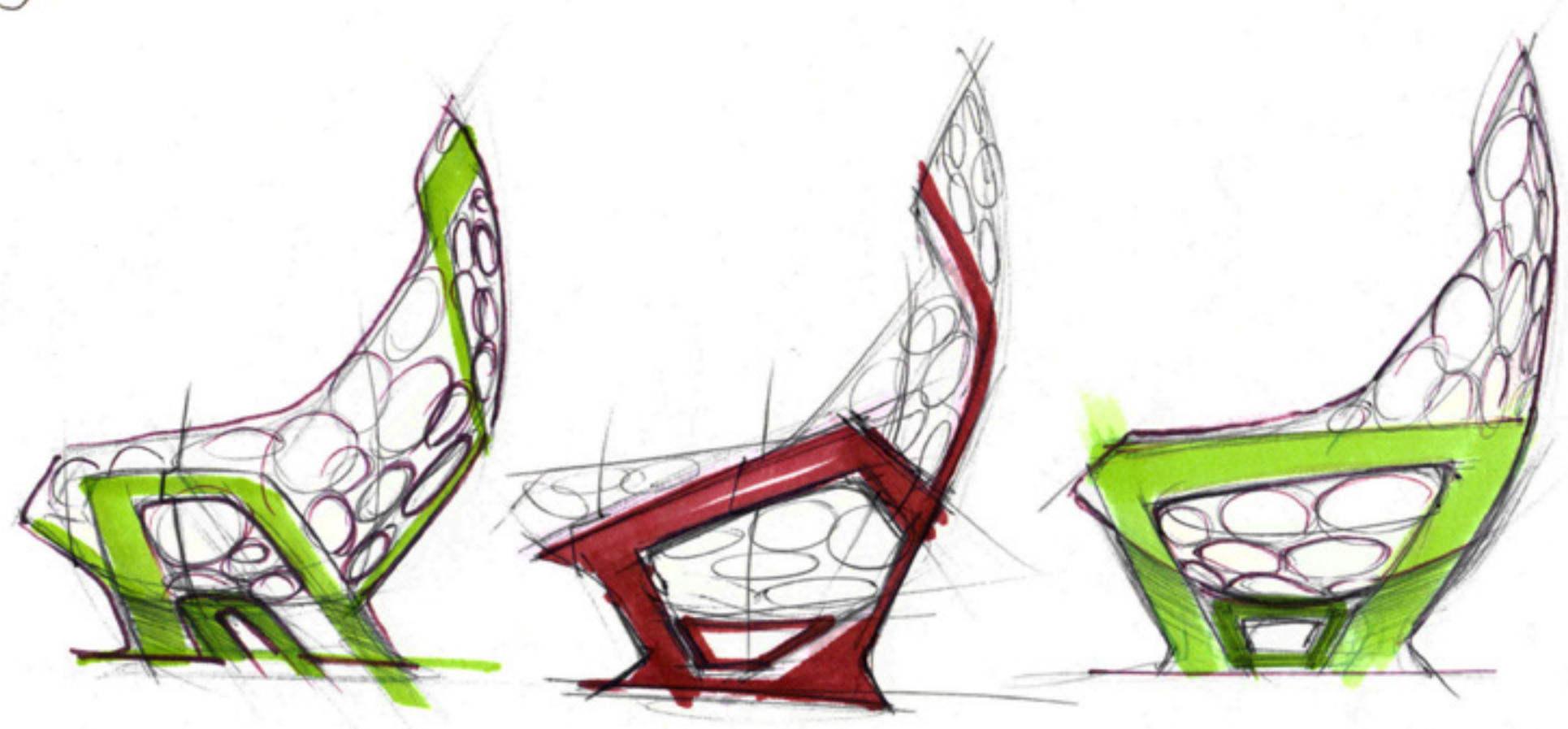
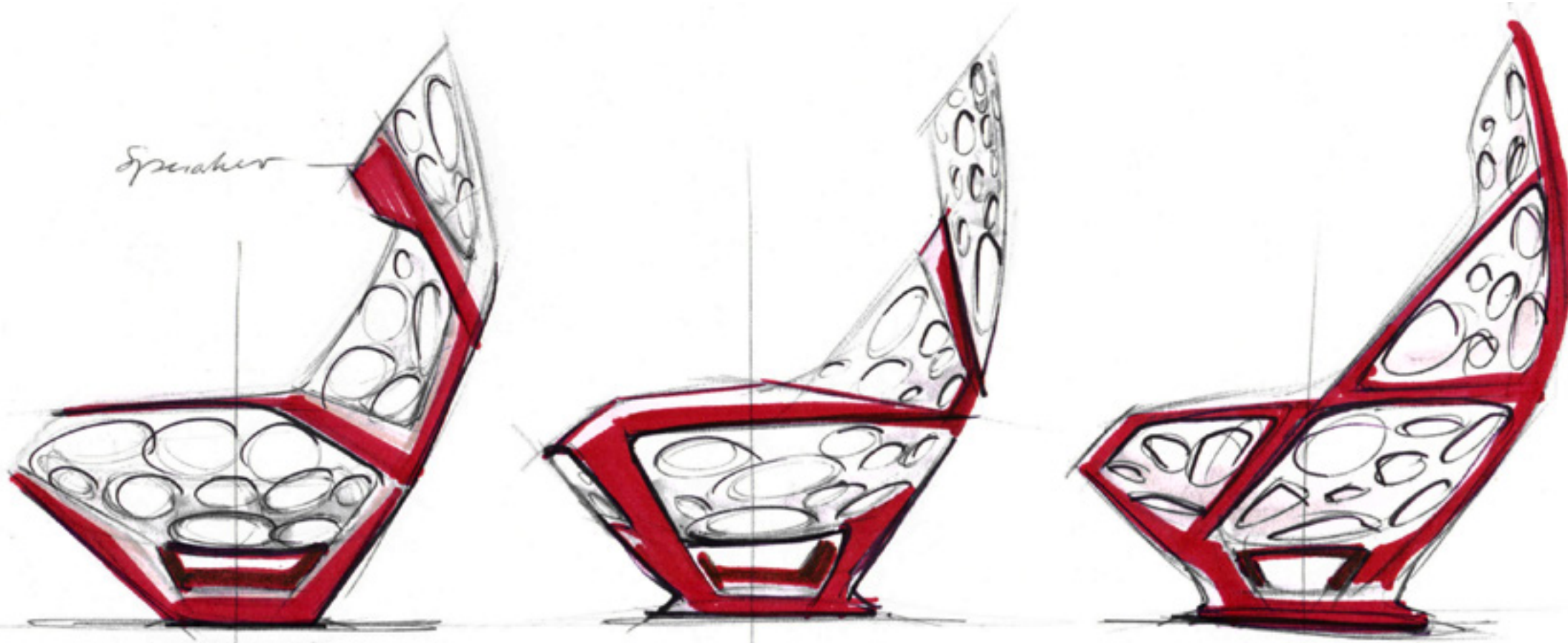


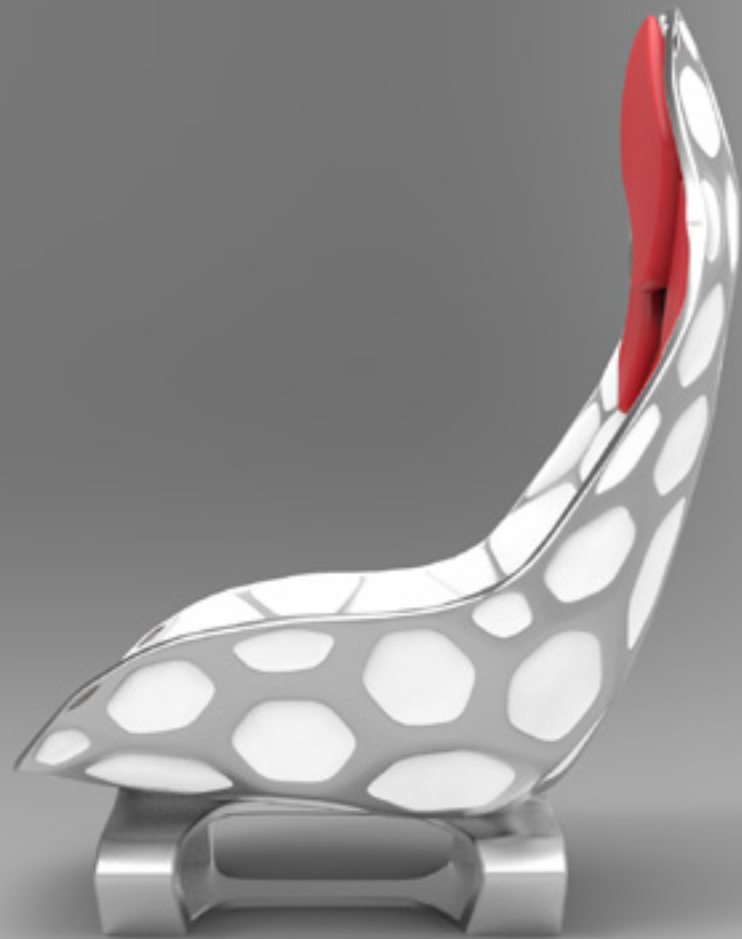
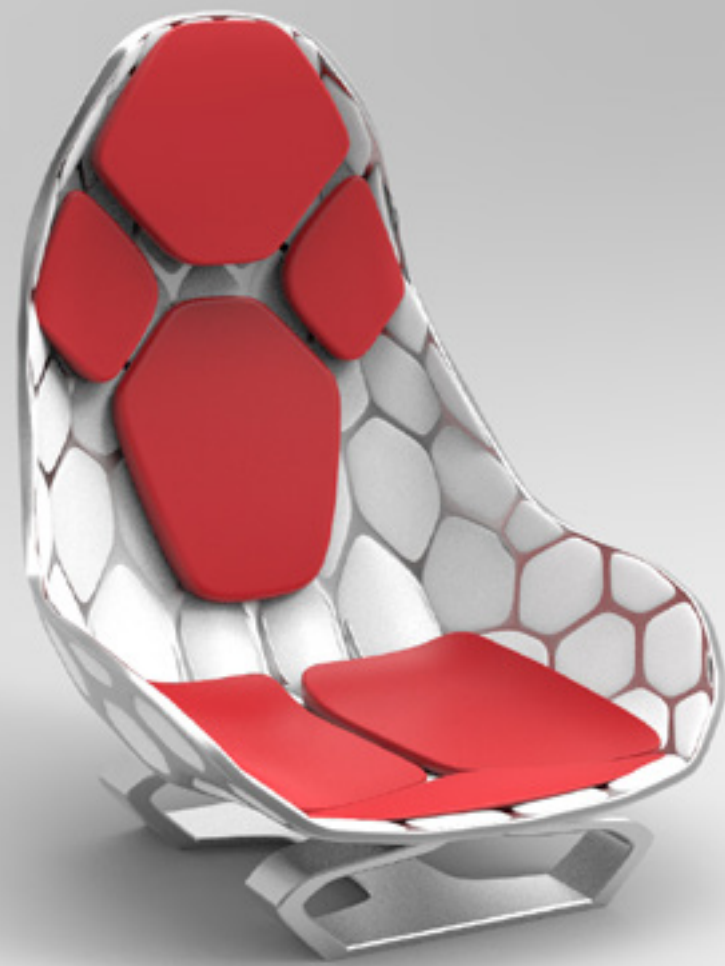
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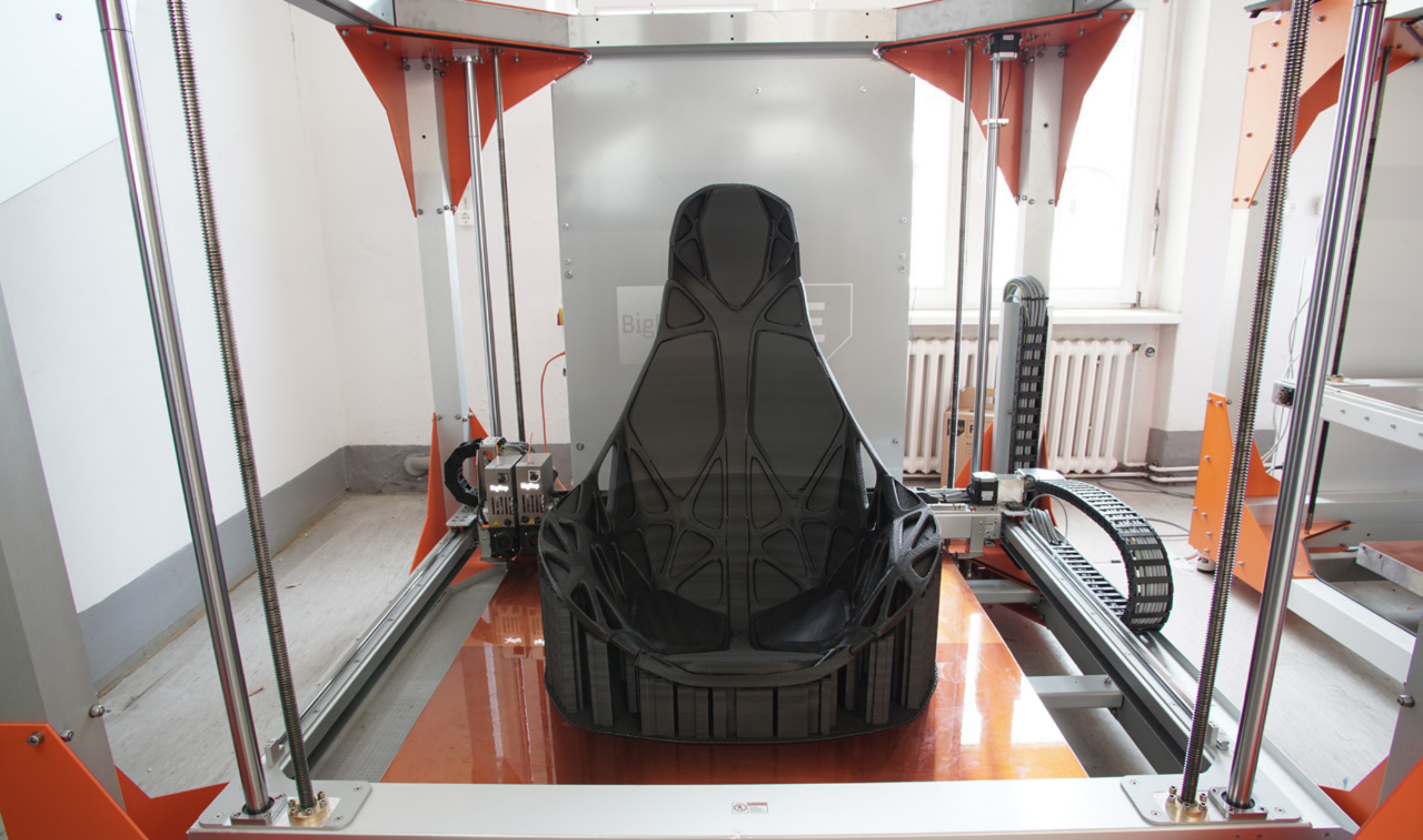


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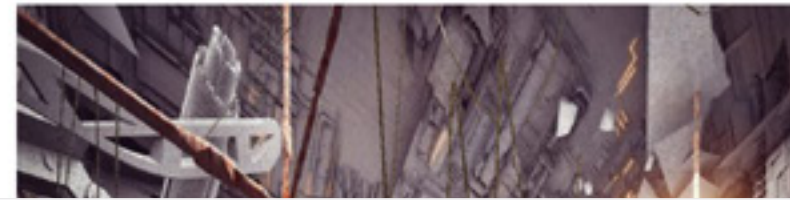








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# PROJECTS



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Braunschweig University of Art teams up with AUDI AG to develop concept of breathing car seat

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*"If I had asked people what they wanted, they'd have told me 'a faster horse!'"*

Henry Ford

PIEZOELECTRIC CRYSTALS



# TUTORIALS

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## PROJECT DATE

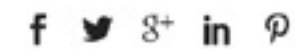
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*Piezoelectric Crystals produce energy when mechanically stressed, distorted or twisted. The following instructions describe how to grow Rochelle Salt crystals, which can produce a comparatively large voltage upon compression and which are one of the first known natural materials found to exhibit piezoelectricity. The tutorial is based on instructions found on [rimstar.org](http://rimstar.org).*

### Materials and Tools

- 200g Potassium Bitartrate (Cream of Tartar)
- 120g Sodium Carbonate (Washing Soda or Soda Ash) or 120g Sodium Bicarbonate (Baking Soda)
- 250ml Distilled Water
- Beaker 500ml
- Pot
- Coffee Filter
- Filter Paper
- Thermometer
- Stove
- Small and Large Spoon
- Gloves
- Clear Containers with Lid

### 1. Sodium Bicarbonate to Sodium Carbonate

The first step is to convert the sodium bicarbonate into sodium carbonate. If sodium carbonate has been acquired in the first place this step can be skipped. For the transformation the hydrogen of the

# POLYMER DISPERSED LIQUID CRYSTALS



# MATERIALS

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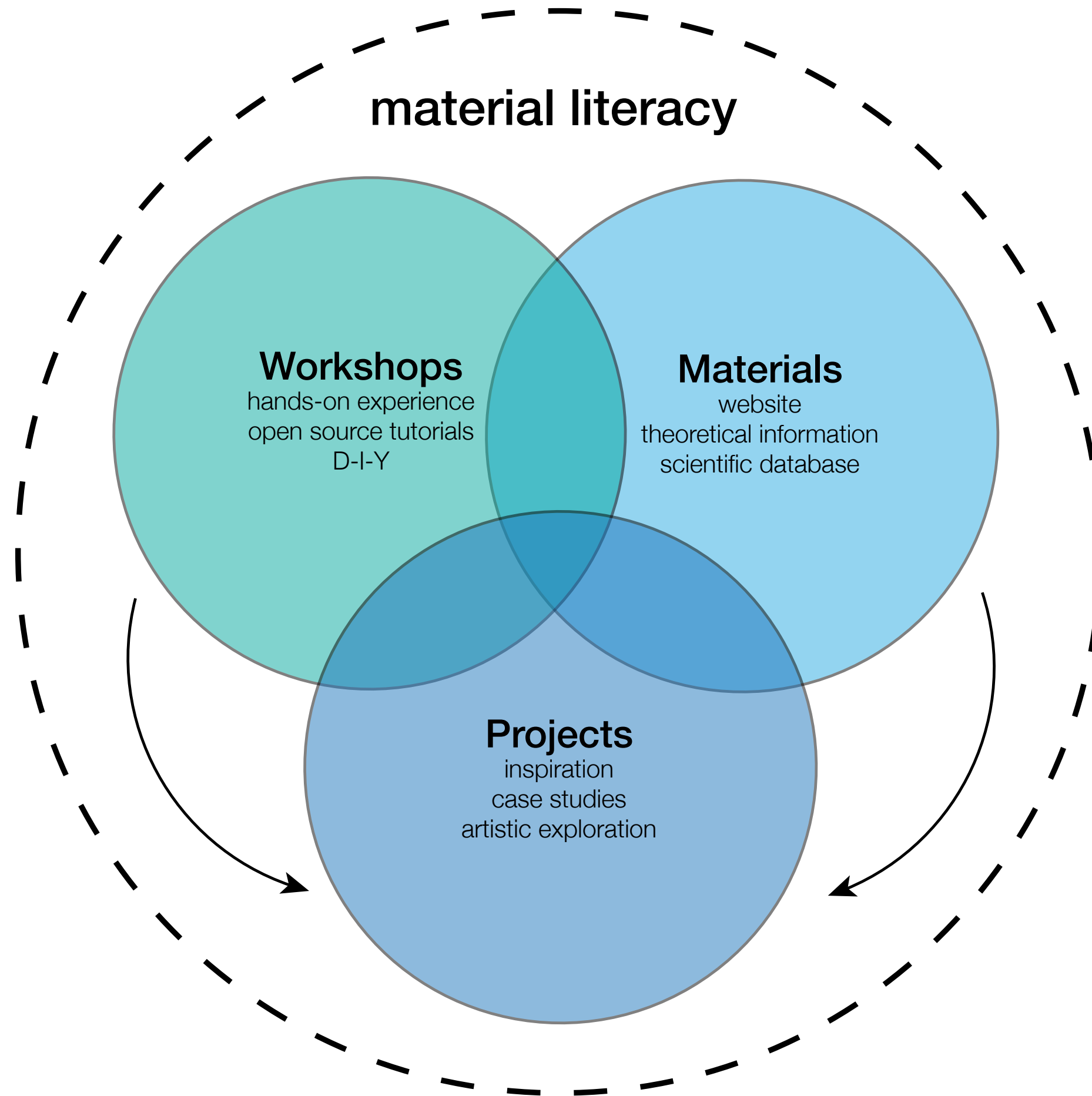
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## Introduction

Polymer Dispersed Liquid Crystal (PDLC) devices are a type of smart glazing or film that change their transparency in response to an electrical impulse. When inactive the liquid crystals are randomly arranged, thus scattering the light as it permeates the screen, which results in the translucent, milky appearance of the assembly. When however a voltage is applied, an electrical field is created between the two electrodes, which causes the liquid crystals to align, allowing light to pass through and essentially turning the screen transparent.



If desired, the degree of transparency can be controlled by adjusting the applied voltage. This is possible since at lower voltages, only some of the liquid crystals align completely in the electric field, so only a small portion of the light passes through whilst most of the light is scattered. As the voltage is increased, fewer liquid crystals remain out of alignment, resulting in less light being scattered. Most PDLC devices available today operate in on or off states only, even though the technology could easily provide for variable levels of transparency. PDLC screens have been used in both interior and exterior environments for privacy control (e.g. conference rooms, intensive-care areas, bathroom/shower doors, fitting rooms) or as a temporary projection screen. PDLCs are commercially available in





PROGRESS IS AN OPPORTUNITY

# HOW DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THIS WEBSITE FOR GENERAL PEOPLE?

- . platform makes abstract technology more accessible
- . through individual experimentation the amount of information will continue to grow
- . gained knowledge can form a base for cross-disciplinary collaboration

# HOW TO MAINTAIN THIS PLATFORM TO PRODUCE NEW PROJECTS/TUTORIALS?

- . has to be done on a professional and regular level
- . tutorials content comes largely from personal teaching / research activities since they need to be consistent
- . projects are submitted from various (un-)related individuals or groups

# HOW TO CONNECT THIS OPEN ACADEMIC (EDUCATIONAL) INFORMATION TO REAL PRODUCTS?

- . not main ambition of this platform to create real products
- . industry collaborations mainly on advisory/consulting level
- . real products will emerge from the individual consumers



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