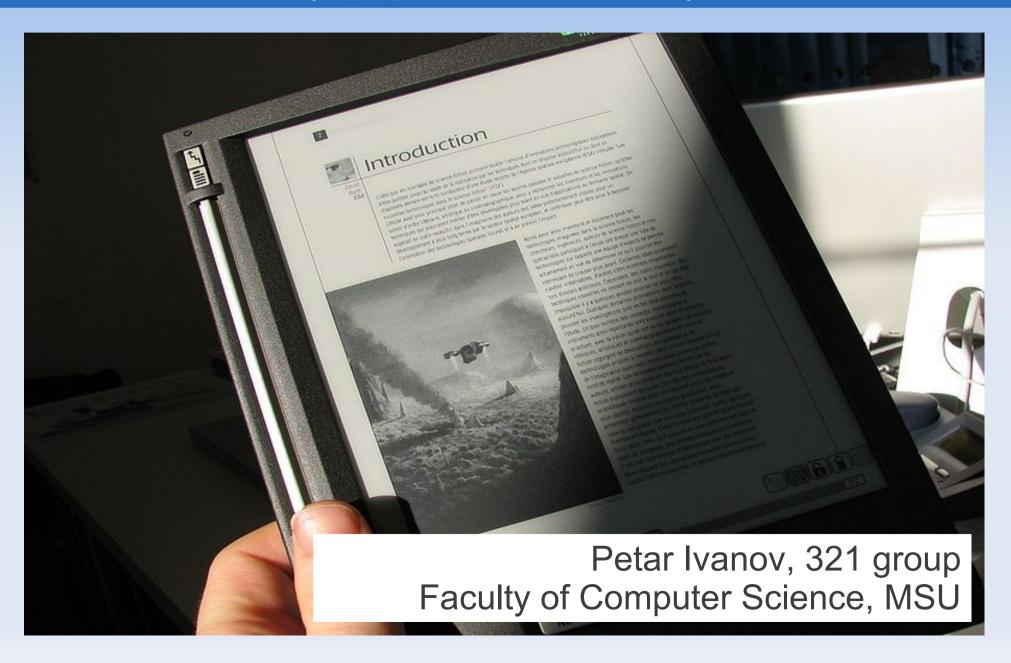
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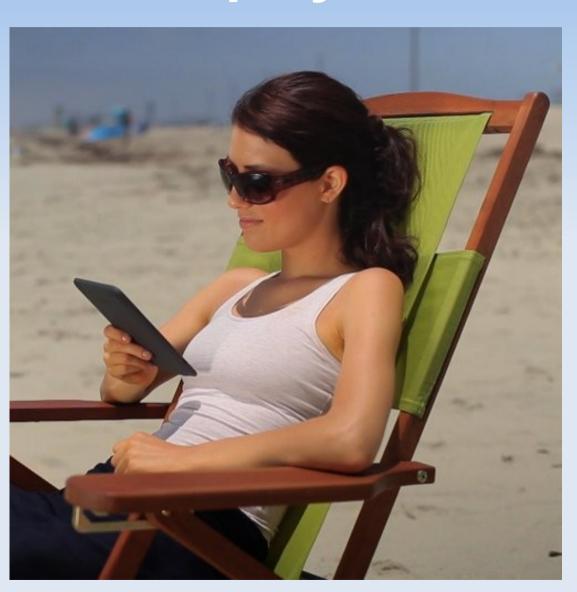
(e-paper, electronic ink)



Properties: almost as contrast as a display



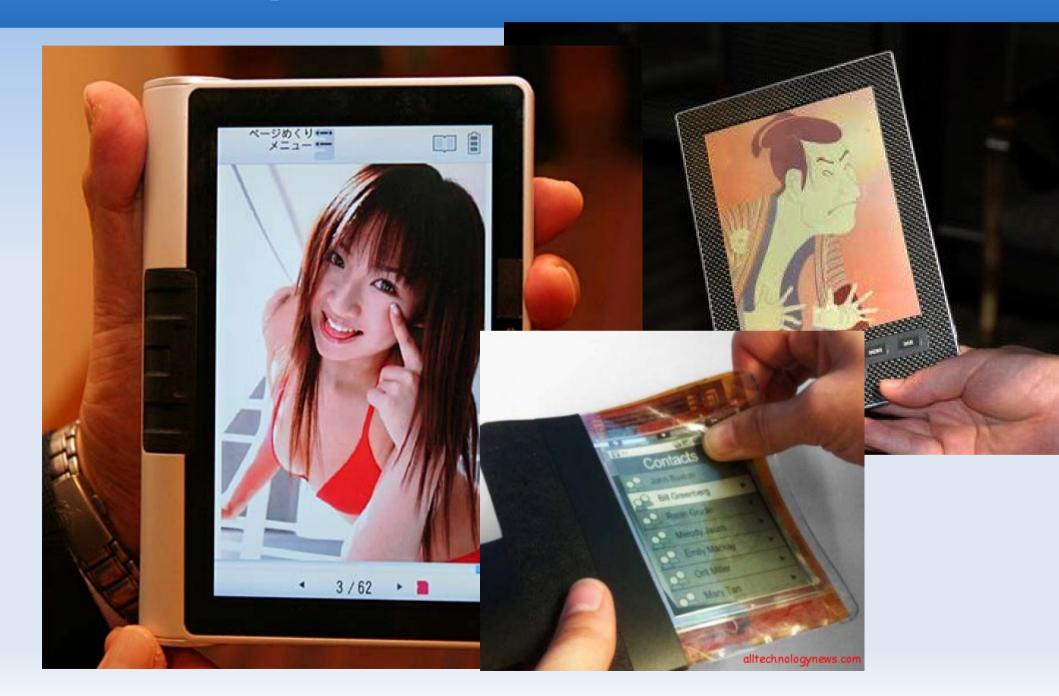
Reads like real paper — no glare, even in bright sunlight



Properties: <u>flexibile</u>



Properties: full-color soon



Properties: cheap and thin

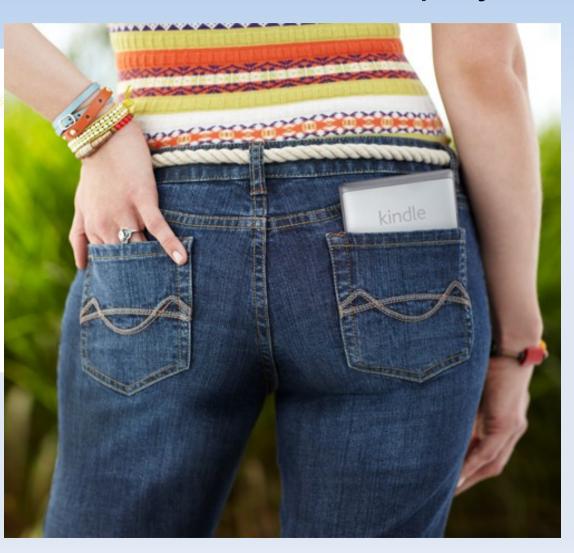
\$79.00 for a Kindle Wi-Fi with 6" E Ink Display



THE ALL-NEW KINDLE

SMALLER, LIGHTER, FASTER, with 50% BETTER CONTRAST

Built-In Wi-Fi



Properties: Reflects light like ordinary paper



Gyricon (the first one)



The New York Times.

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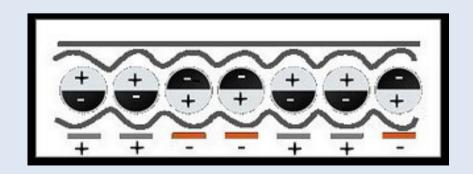
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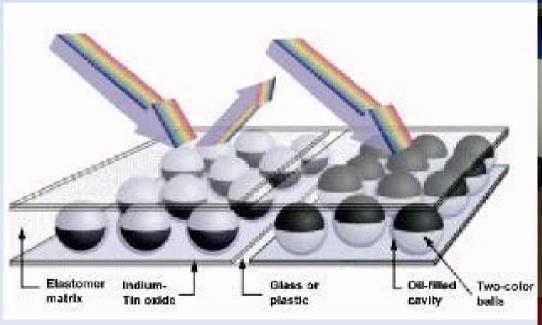
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- Developed in the 1970s by Nick Sheridon at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center
- Polyethylene <u>spheres</u> between 75–106m-6 (micrometres)
- Each spere is a <u>dipole</u> with black and white sides, embedded in a transparent silicone sheet
- The spheres float in oil so they can rotate freely



Gyricon: example





Electrophoretic

(the simpliest one)



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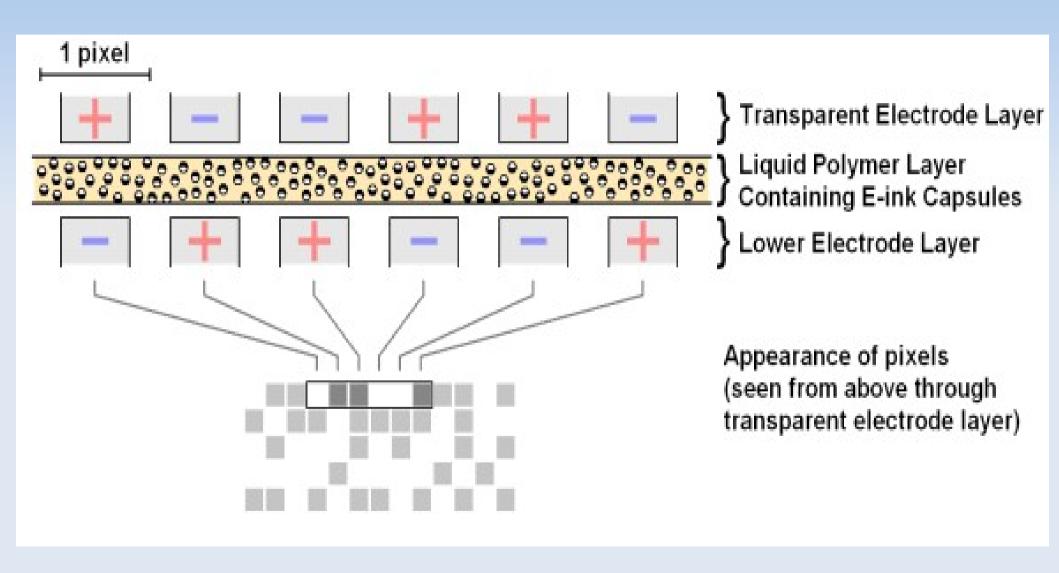
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Electrophoretic

- <u>Titania</u> particles ~1m⁻⁶ in hydrocarbon oil
- Spheres between two parallel, <u>conductive</u> <u>plates</u> separated by a gap of 10 to 100 micrometres
- Dark-colored dye
- When a voltage is applied, the <u>particles migrate</u> to the plate with the opposite charge
- 40% reflectance rate

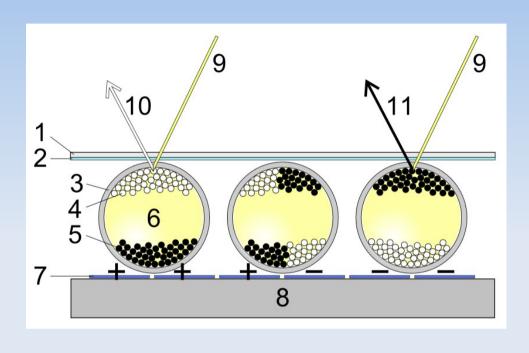
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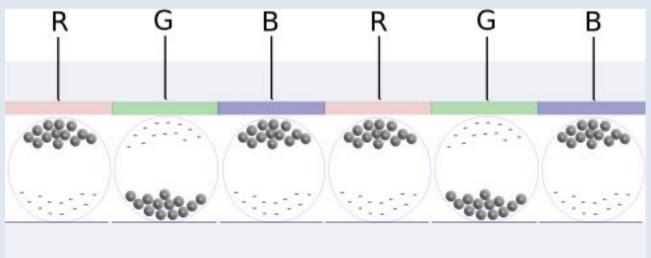


Electrophoretic display (the widespread one)

- Invented in 1990s by Joseph Jacobson, who later co-founded the E Ink Corporation
- Uses the same old electrophoretic technology: filled with <u>colored oil</u> and <u>charged particles</u>
- Transparent 40m⁻⁶ microcapsules in a layer of liquid polymer between two arrays of electrodes and plastic (80m⁻⁶ overall)
- It is possible to use only <u>one layer of electrodes</u> beneath the microcapsules
- 55% reflectance rate

Electrophoretic display

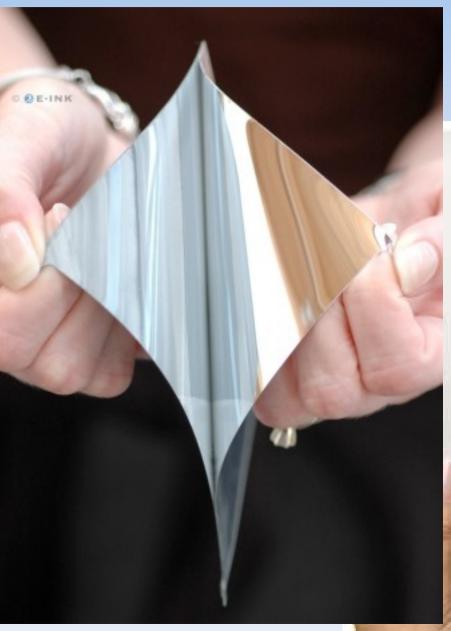




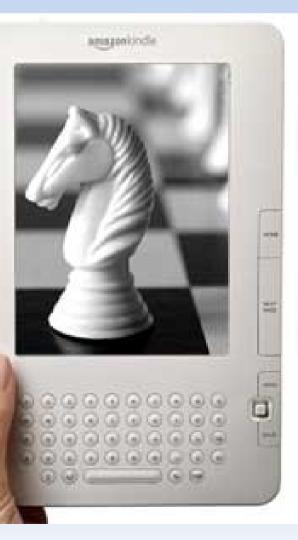
Electrophoretic display: examples

Motorola F3

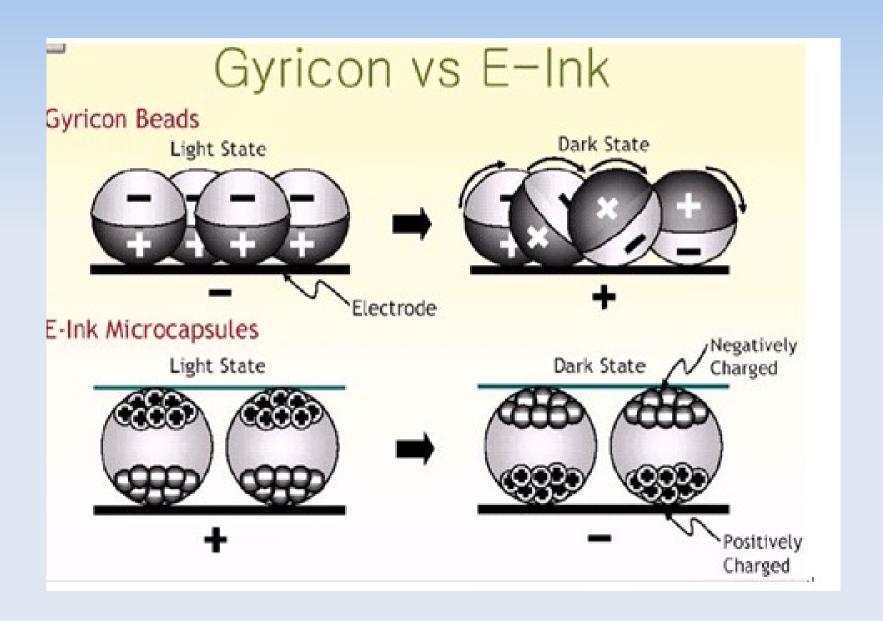




Kindle



Comparison



Electrophoretic display disadvantages

- Very low refresh rate
- Ghosting effect
- In a R&D stage (research and development)
- Low reflectance rate



Electrowetting

(the fast one)

The New York Times.

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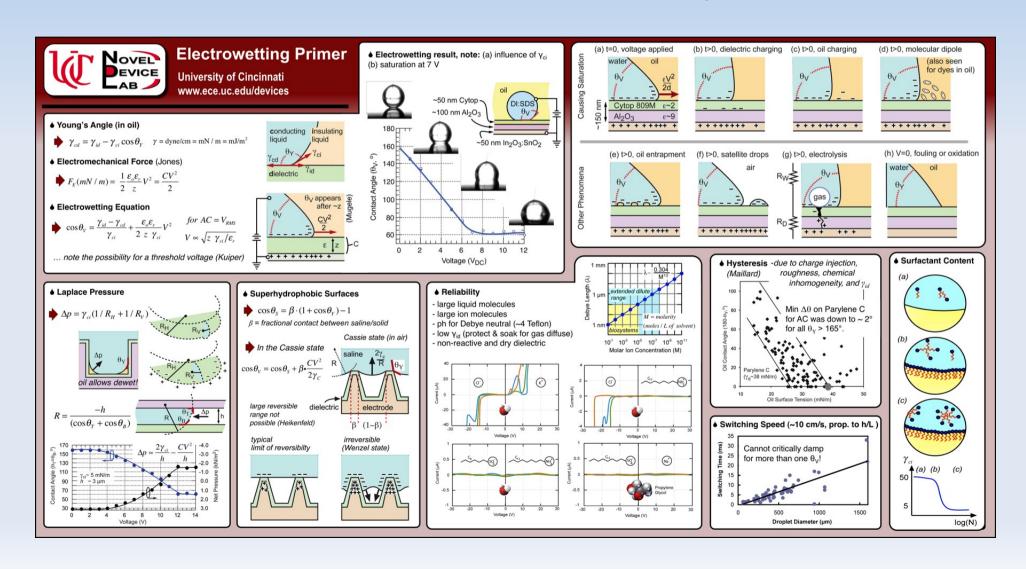
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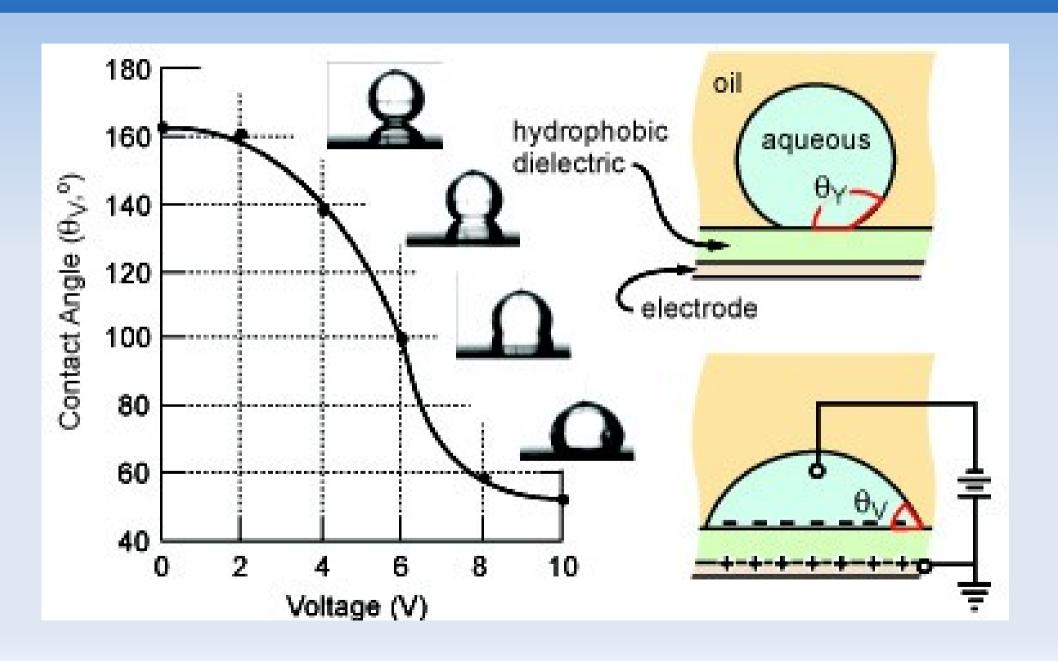
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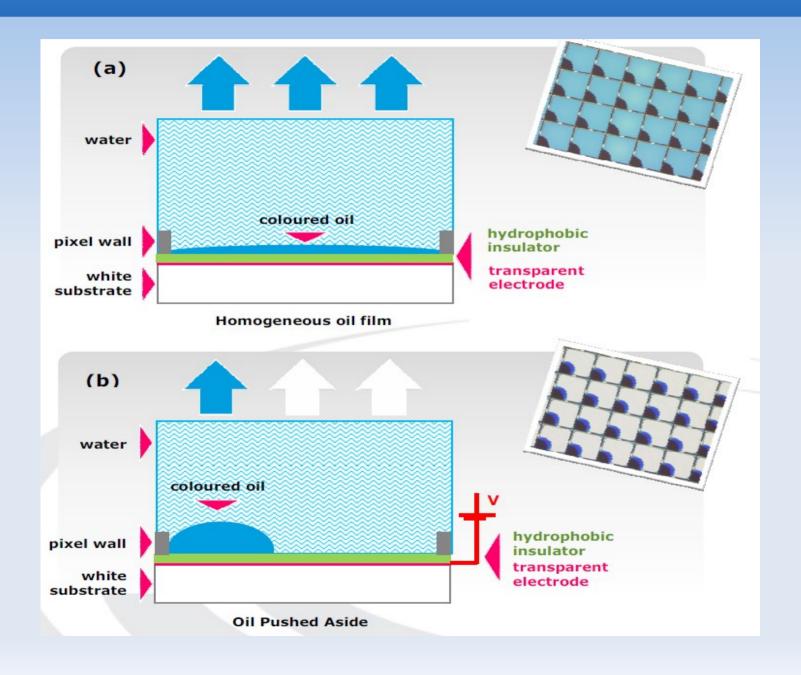
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Electrowetting

- Electro-wetting display controls the shape of the water/oil by an applied voltage
- With no voltage applied, the (coloured) oil forms a flat film between the water and a hydrophobic electrode, resulting in a coloured pixel
- Switching between white and coloured reflection is fast enough to display video content
- 55% reflectance rate (expected to rise to 85%)

Electrowetting



Electrowetting: animation hopes



Electrofluidic (2009)



"Al the News That's Fit to Print." The New York Times.

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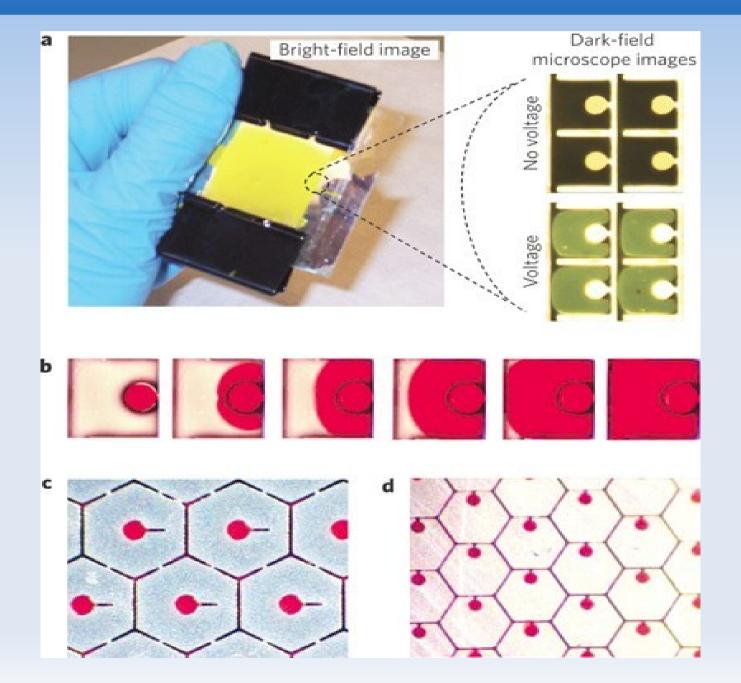
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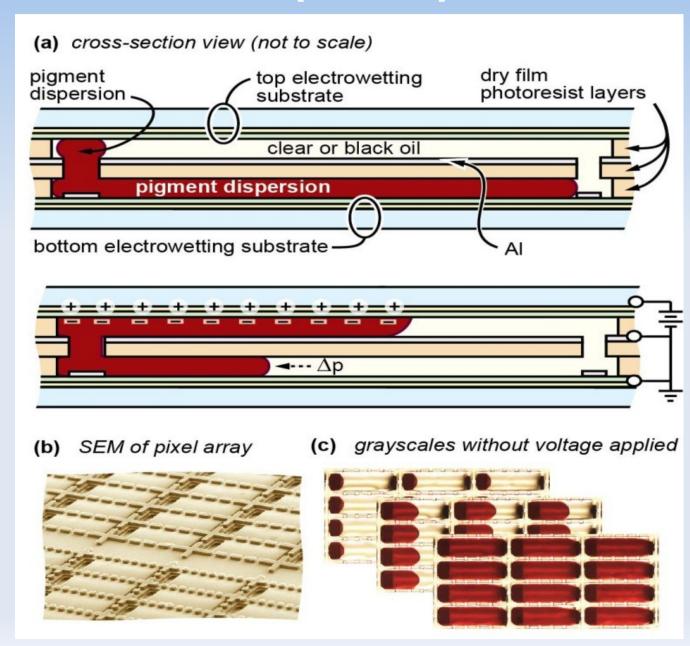
- A variation of electrowetting displays
- Pigment inside a tiny <u>reservoir</u> (<5-10% of the pixel) instead of floating freely in water
- Aluminum layer reflects light
- Electromechanical pressure pulls the ink from the reservoirs into the channels
- Could have reflectance rate >85%

Electrofluidic display: cells



Electrofluidic Display: Multi-stable (2010)

University of Cincinnati



Electrofluidic: Gammadynamic products

White state: 60-70%

Resolution: 75-300 DPI

Contrast ratio: >10:1

Viewing Angle: unlimited

Grayscale: 8-16 digital states

Colors: 1024

Saturation: >40%

Speed: <30 ms

Bistable: infinite

Voltage: 15V, single TFT active-matrix

Thickness: <40 µm active layer



Applications: Gadgets









Applications: More gadgets









Applications: WTF



Britains using E-Ink to make tanks invisible



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