'Soft' Materials and Nanopatterning Techniques for Electronics

Organic materials have a strong potential to play important roles in future electronic and photonic systems. Additive printing and lamination techniques can be used directly with these classes of 'soft' materials to fabricate unusual devices with dimensions deep into the nanometer regime. This talk describes the operational aspects of organic transistors and light emitting diodes that are built using these techniques with small molecule organics (single crystals and polycrystalline thin films), polymers and arrays of single walled carbon nanotubes as the active materials. It provides examples of working prototypes, such as flexible paperlike displays, that demonstrate some promising applications.

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