## An ink based on silver nanowires for future printed paper electronics





### A LARGE ARRAY OF INNOVATIVE APPLICATIONS

Printed paper electronics can be used:

**D** to form **3D** self-standing structures



□ in flexible smartphone



□ in next-generation food labels developed to monitor and report food quality.



#### **OBJECTIVES**

Developing an innovative alternative to printed circuit board, using paper:

- verifying the conductivity of ink on paper,
- **immobilizing nanowires** (NWs) to avoid the release during use, **analyzing interactions** between NWs and its matrix.

# <section-header>PRINTED PAPER ELETRONICS MANUFACTURINGThe ink for<br/>tis application<br/>also contains:Image: AgNW<br/>professioneDepending on<br/>paper formulation<br/>professioneImage: AgNWs can be<br/>professioneImage: AgNWs can be<br/>professioneSOME RESULTS OF THE PROJECT

#### Conductivity of AgNWs on paper

**AgNW network conductivity** is known on printed circuit but it **has to be confirmed on paper**. Indeed, the fact that Ag NWs are interlaced in cellulose can prevent the conductivity.



AgNWs are still conductors even on paper. Then the stability of AgNWs has to be confirmed.

#### Analyze the interactions between NWs and their matrix

**Interactions between paper and AgNWs** have been analyzed thanks to a specific technique. A tip is put on paper printed electronics to analyze the **adhesion forces**.

These experiments have been done for **embedded and non embedded** AgNWs.



Strong interactions occur between AgNWs and nanocellulose.

Interactions are weaker when AgNWs are above nanocellulose fibers.

AgNWs are electric conductors on paper, thus printed **paper electronics can be a more flexible alternative** to classic printed circuit board.

Depending on the manufacturing process, AgNWs could be embedded or non embedded.

**Embedded AgNWs have stronger interactions with paper**, this limits the release of AgNWs, thus **they are more stable and safer** for human use and the environment than non embedded AgNWs. Further experiments are conducted to better understand the end of life of printed paper electronics.

#### LIFE CYCLE STAGES STUDIED





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