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#### **About Inkron**



## The leading siloxane monomer and polymer expert

#### **Core competence:**

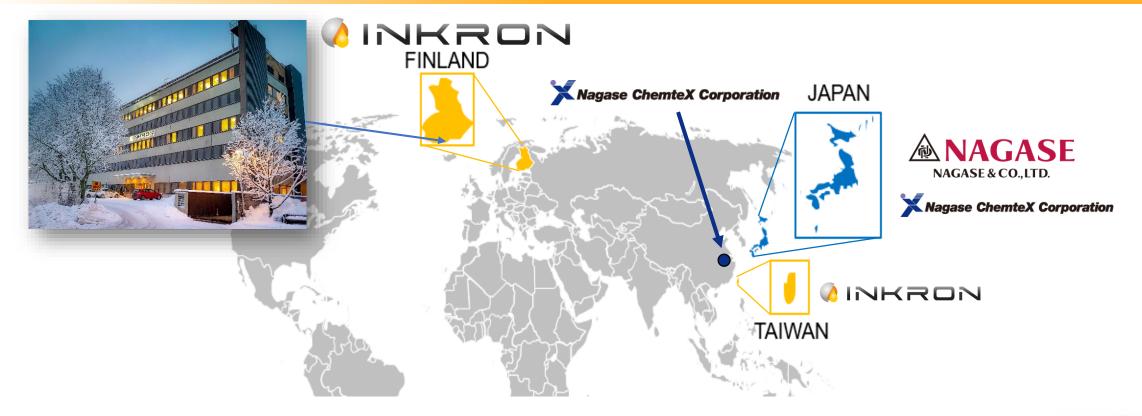
- Developer and manufacturer of siloxane based optical coatings, adhesives, conductive and dielectric inks
- In-house synthesis of the resins
- In-house formulation

#### Key attributes of Inkron products:

- Transparent and clear
- Ultimate thermal and optical stability
- Low and High Refractive Index coatings



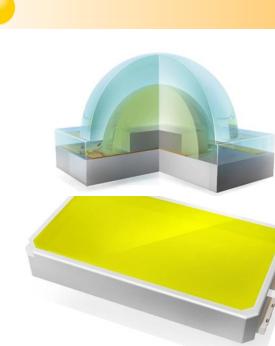
#### **Locations**



- Inkron:
  - R&D and manufacturing operations in Espoo, Finland
  - Opto-packaging team in Taiwan
- Nagase & Co., Ltd: Headquarters in Tokyo and sales offices worldwide
- Nagase ChemteX Corporation: Factories in Harima, Fukuchiyama, Sakai Japan and Wuxi, China







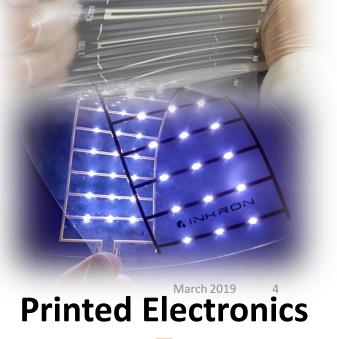
LED Packaging Materials

- Die attach adhesives
- LED encapsulants

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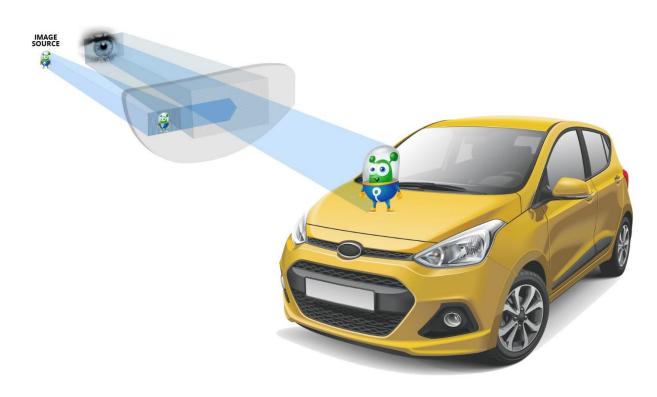
- Light management coatings
- Products for NIL nano-optics



- Printable inks
- Structural adhesives

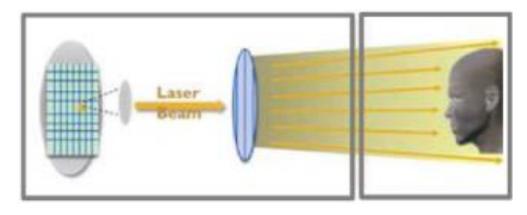
## **Applications of imprintable coatings**

#### **Gratings for MR & AR Devices**



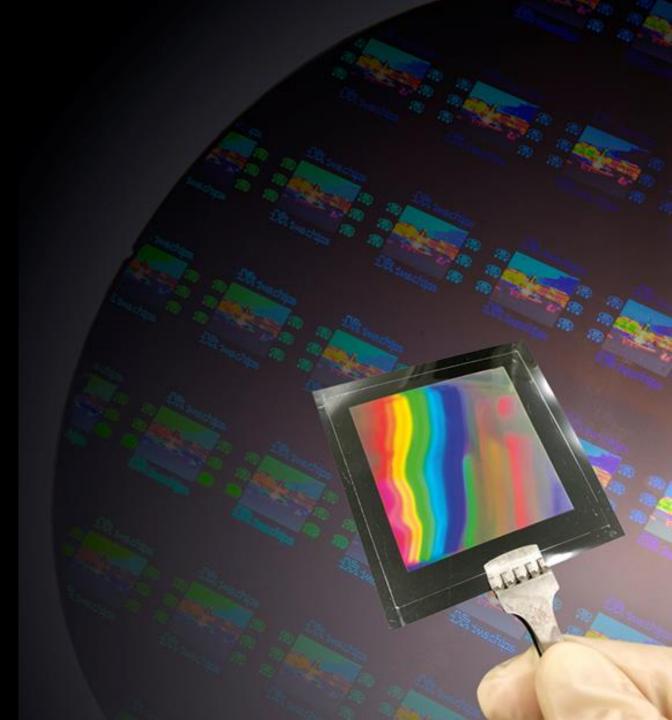
Nanoimprinted waveguides

## Diffractive Optical Elements – applications



- Sensors: ToF, Structured light sensors
- Waveguides
- Diffusers
- Beam splitters
- Wire grid polarizers
- Volumetric Displays
- Etc

# SILOXANE POLYMERS IN OPTICS



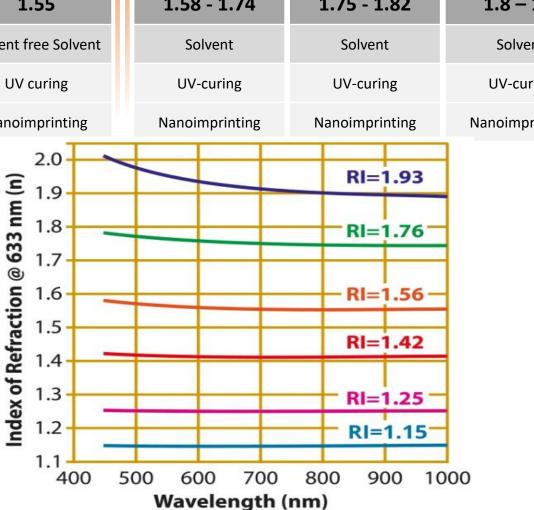


## **Overview of Inkron's Optical Coatings**

	LOW-RI		MED-RI		HIGH-RI		
	IOC-560	IOC-501	IBA-210	IOC-110	IOC-172	IOC-132	IOC-133
RI	1.10-1.25	1.25	1.40	1.55	1.58 - 1.74	1.75 - 1.82	1.8 - 1.9
Solvent system	Solvent	Solvent	Solvent	Solvent free Solvent	Solvent	Solvent	Solvent
Key features	Curing: 180-230°C	Curing: 90-230°C	Curing: UV+150°C	UV curing	UV-curing	UV-curing	UV-curing
				Nanoimprinting	Nanoimprinting	Nanoimprinting	Nanoimprinting

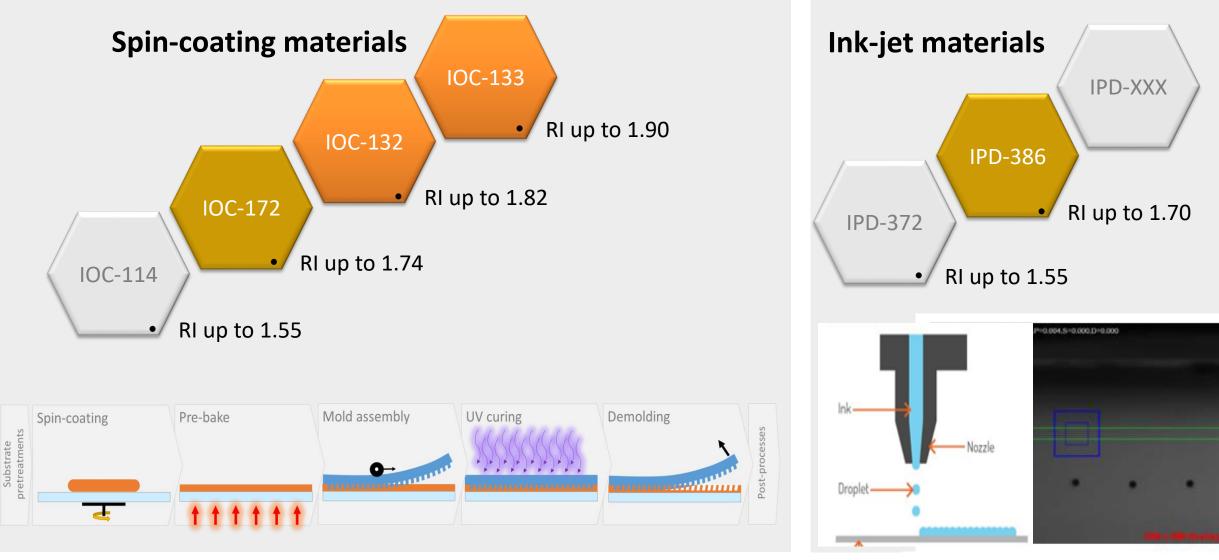
#### **Principal features**

- Highly transparent
- Thermally stable
- Low haze and scatter
- Ultra Low refractive index
- High refractive index
- NIL processable grades



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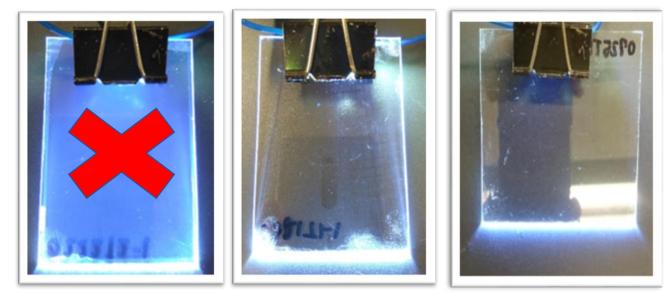
## **Process options: Spinning or Inkjetting**



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#### Nanoparticles – Haze/Scattering: Optimized particle size and distribution needed



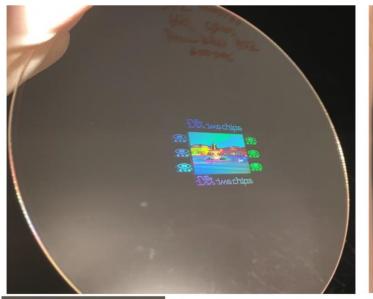
- Nanoparticles used for high RI material
- Scattering is clearly observed as a blue light is coming at edge of glass visual haze observed (LEFT).

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### **Product example: IOC-172; Nanoimprintable RI 1.7**

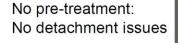
**Result IOC 172 on HRI Glass – Wafer pre-treatment** 





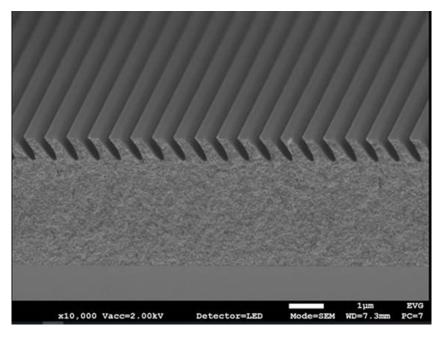


Spin coat Prim KRD: No detachment issues

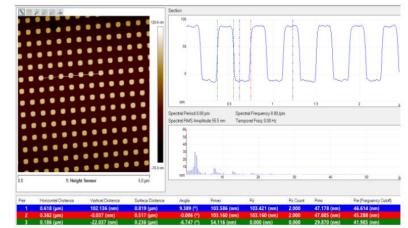




- Fully replicated
- No Detachment issues

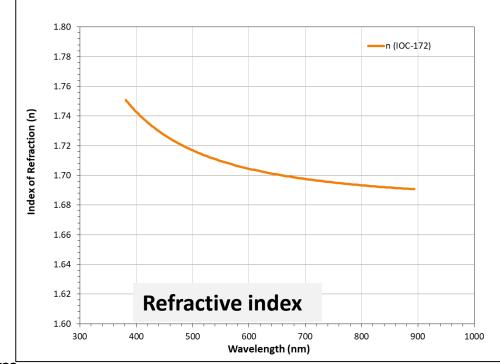


Slanted gratings





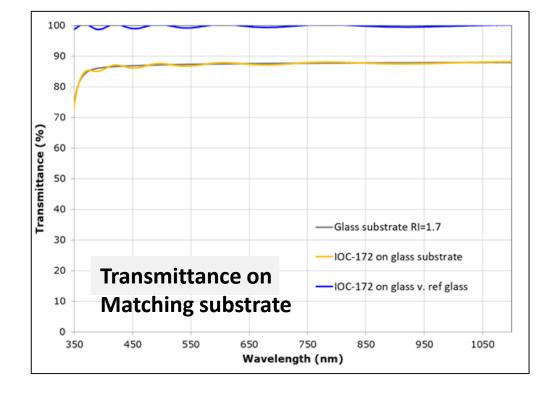
#### **Product example: IOC-172; Nano-imprintable RI 1.7**



#### Cured film

#### properties

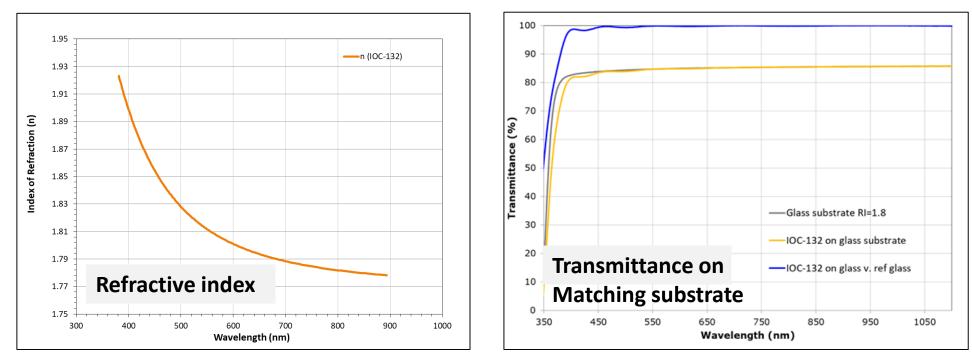
Property	<b>General Description</b>	Result
Thickness	Spin 1000rpm	0.5 μm
Index of refraction	at 589nm	1.70
ABBE number	-	36
Transmittance	at 420nm <sup>1)</sup>	> 99%
L*, a*, b*	D65 <sup>1)</sup>	99.0, 0.04, 0.05
Haze	ASTM D1003-97 (Pros.B/A) <sup>1)</sup> < 0.1	



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#### Product example: IOC-132; Nanoimprintable RI 1.8



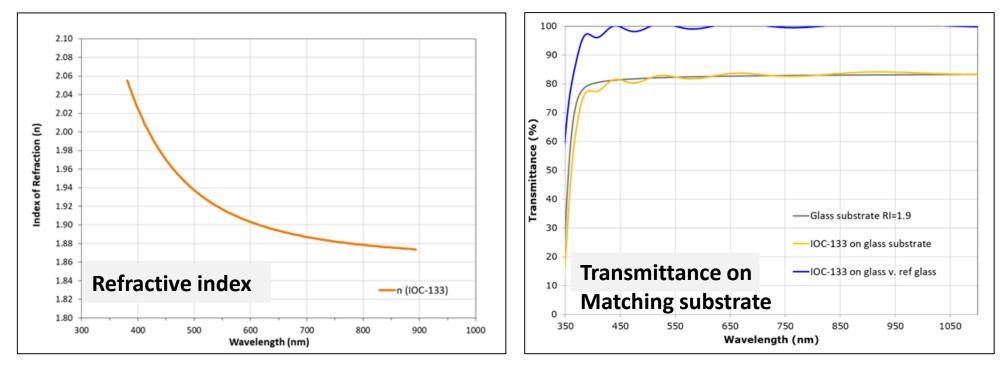
#### **Cured film**

Property	<b>General Description</b>	Result
Thickness	Spin 1000rpm	0.5µm
Index of refraction	at 589nm	1.80
ABBE number	-	19
Transmittance	at 420nm <sup>1)</sup>	> 99%
<u>L*, a*, b*</u>	D65 <sup>1)</sup>	98.8, -0.08, 0.21
Haze	ASTM D1003-97 (Pros.B/A) <sup>1)</sup>	< 0.1

Substrate SCHOTT Realview



#### Product example: IOC-133; Nanoimprintable RI 1.9



#### **Cured film**

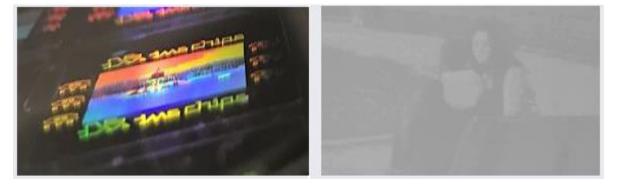
Property	<b>General Description</b>	Result
Thickness	Spin 1000rpm	0.5µm
Index of refraction	at 589nm	1.90
ABBE number	-	17
Transmittance	at 420nm <sup>1)</sup>	> 95%
L*, a*, b*	D65 <sup>1)</sup>	97.7, -0.3, 1.0
Haze	ASTM D1003-97 (Pros.B/A) <sup>1)</sup>	< 0.2

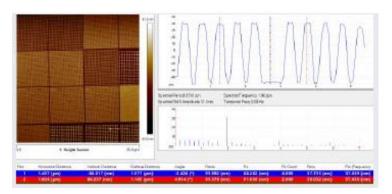
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## **Process Testing of IOC-133 on high RI substrate**

- Test prints with IOC-133, RI 1.92 @ 533 nm
  - Tool: EVG7200, Substrate: SCHOTT's RealView 1.8
- Feature size (in this test)
  - Pillar size varies between 48-300 nm with height of 150 nm (with this stamp)
- Replication:
  - Flawless replication with the used stamp
- Repeatability:
  - No height gain observed in medium imprint series
- Process window characterization:
  - Short Exposure time (10 s) may be used, UV 365 nm
  - Softbake upto 120 C did not reduce fluidic properties
  - Dilution with no effect to RI possible with controlled soft bake



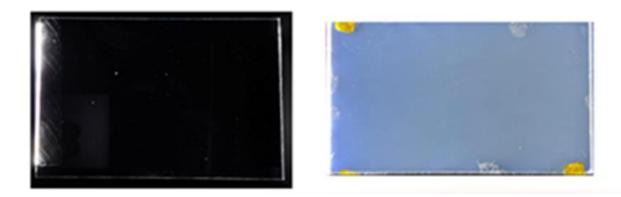




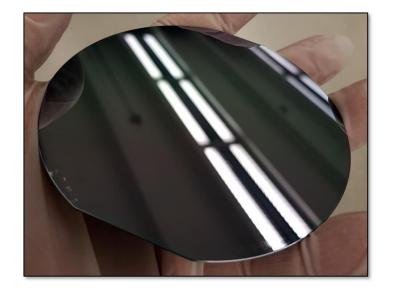
## Matching Filler free (=scatter free) Low RI Coatings

LOV	LOW/MEDIUM	
IOC-560	IOC-501	IBA-210
1.10-1.25	1.25	1.40
Solvent	Solvent	Solvent
Curing: 180-230°C	Curing: 90-230°C	Curing: UV+150°C
Tx: 50nm-2.3μm	Tx: 50nm-1μm	Gap filling
Stable up to 400°C	Stable up to 400°C	Glass bonding

- Low refractive index 1.07....1.4
- Excellent transparency
- Excellent heat & light stability
- Low Haze and scatter



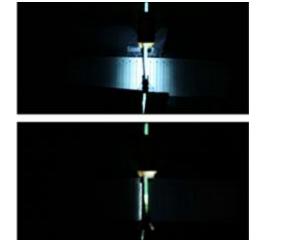
Low RI layer with particles on right, and Low RI layer without particles. Strong scatter seen with particle based formulation





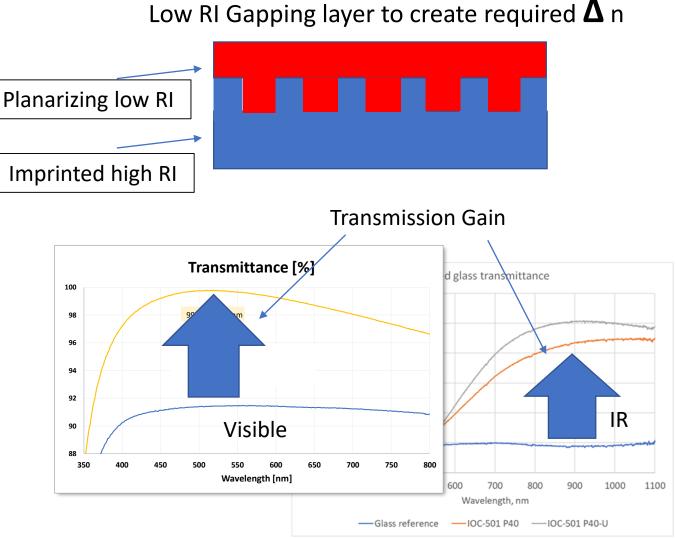
#### **Low Refractive Index Applications**

Cladding layer for light guide applications.



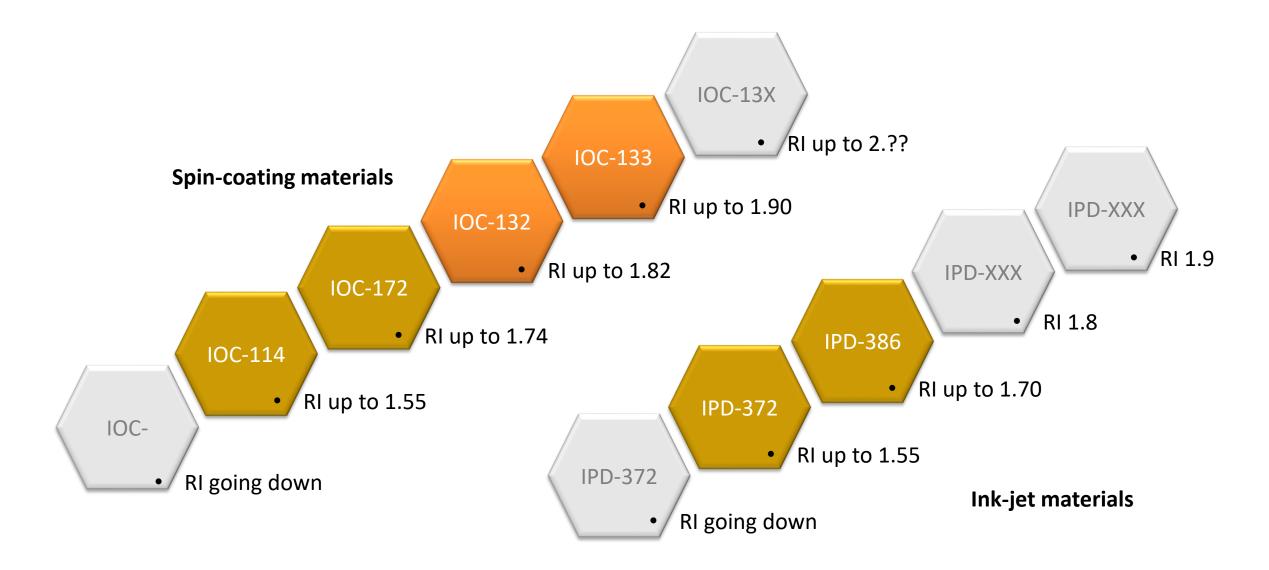


#### Dielectric mirrors and other multi stack devices



Antireflective coatings in visible and IR area

## **R&D Roadmap of imprintable new products**





## THANK YOU!





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