Subject: Re: Paper-based transistor
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I've been impressed with Tesla for a long time. He's one of my personal favorite scientists and inventors, top of the list for me, with others being the Wright Brothers, Albert Einstein, Benjamin Franklin and Isaac Newton and Nicolaus Copernicus.

Thomas Edison doesn't even make the list for me, in my opinion he was just a showman hacker and I'm not impressed with anything he did. For him to have competed with Tesla and used the snake oil marketing tricks he used puts him below the ranks of dirty used cart salesmen and politicians.

Tesla was a true genius, responsible for invention of AC, radio and a lot of other things. He is truly responsible for the modern world, because without AC power systems, the world would look much different.

One thing though, I think the idea that Tesla was trying to find "free energy" in the Colorado Springs experiments is a modern day "New Age" myth. One thing I know for sure is he was trying to resonate the earth, hoping to provide wireless power transmission. I think he hoped to find a way to efficiently transmit power without wires, but I'm not sure he would have expected free energy from it, or even energy from an outside source like solar, sort of "free to us" from a terrestrial perspective. In a way, it was to make the Earth act like the core of a huge and efficienct transformer. I suppose he may have hoped for more than that, but I think probably Tesla was looking for an efficient method of wireless transmission of power.