

# 전자물리특강: Interfaces & Carrier Injection

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## Organic LEDs - Structure

**Organic Semiconductor LEDs**  
(polymers or small molecules)

**Inorganic Semiconductor LEDs**  
(p-n junction LED)

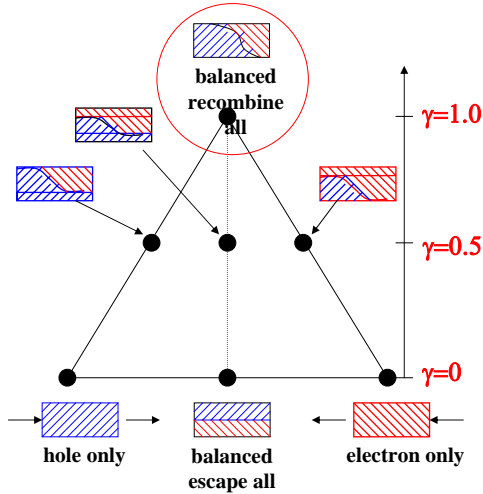
**Fundamental processes**

- (1) Charge injection
- (2) Charge carrier transport
- (3) Exciton formation
- (4) Recombination

(1) Lower the barrier at electrodes → Efficient and balanced carrier injection  
 (2) Band offsets between the layers: Space charges build up at heterojunction.  
 → High carrier densities & effective  $e-h$  capture



- Electron-Hole Balance → improved efficiency & Lifetime



$$\eta_{\phi} = \chi\gamma\beta\phi_L$$

$\chi$ : coupling-out factor

$\gamma$ : charge balance factor

$\beta$ : probability of production of emissive species

$\phi_L$ : quantum efficiency of luminescence

**High efficiency OLED requires:**

- Efficient injection of holes/electrons at electrodes
- Balance of electrons and holes in the EML
- Efficient radiative recombination of e-h pairs
- Confinements of produced excitons

- Ambipolar emitting layer
- Mixed emitting layer (co-doped host)
- p-type or n-type doping at the electrode interface

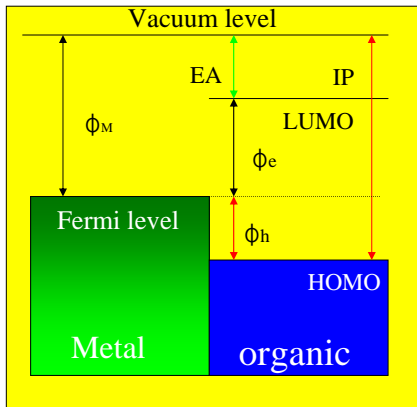
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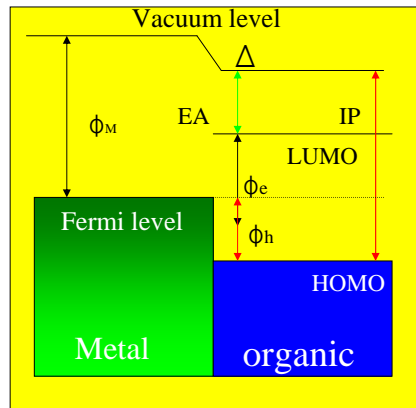
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**Schottky-Mott Model**



- No interface interaction & Vacuum level alignment
  - Injection barriers estimated with the bulk parameters of individual materials
- $\phi_h = IP - \phi_M$ ,  $\phi_e = \phi_M - EA$

**Interface Dipole Model**



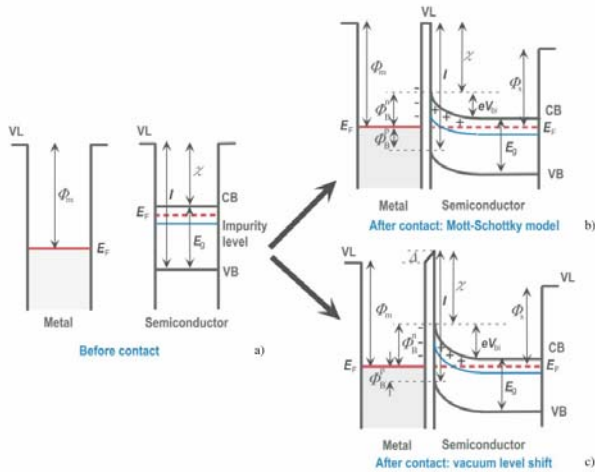
- Common vacuum level assumption is not valid
  - A dipole ( $\Delta$ ) exists at metal/organic interface
- $\phi_h = IP - \phi_M + \Delta$   
 $\phi_e = \phi_M - EA - \Delta$

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$\phi_m$ : 금속의 work function  
 $\phi_s$ : 반도체의 work function  
 $\chi$ : electron affinity

Barrier height for e injection

$$\Phi_{Bn} = \Phi_m - \chi$$

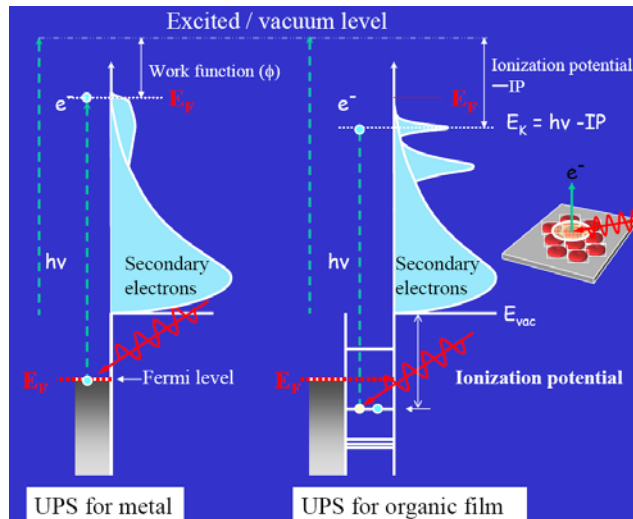
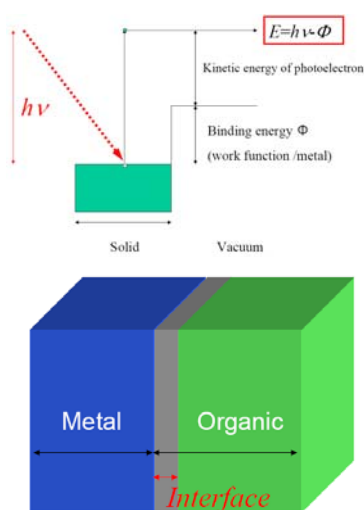
built-in potential

$$eV_{bi} = |\Phi_m - \Phi_s|$$

Formation of interface dipole inducing vacuum level shift ( $\Delta$ )

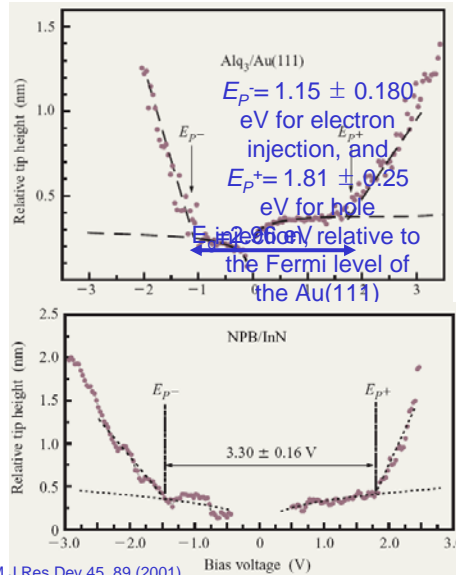
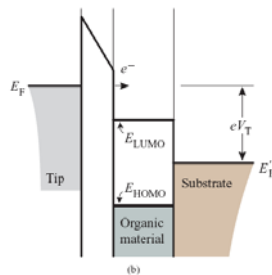
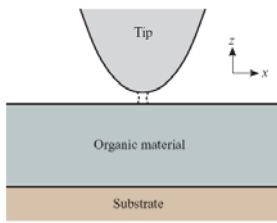
→ Barrier height is modified:  $\Phi_{Bn} = \Phi_m + \Delta - \chi$

→  $V_{bi}$  is also modified:  $eV_{bi} = |\Phi_m + \Delta - \Phi_s|$



Energy level alignment at interface: Molecular orientation, reaction with metal, distortion of electronic distribution, existence of electric dipoles, etc.





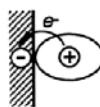
S. F. Alvarado, L. Rossi, P. Muller, P. F. Seidler, W. Riess, IBM J Res Dev 45, 89 (2001)



## Origin of interface dipole

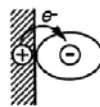
### Charge Transfer

Cation Formation



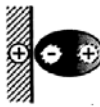
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Anion Formation



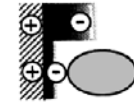
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Mirror Force



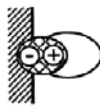
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Surface Rearrangement



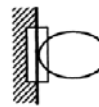
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Chemical Interaction



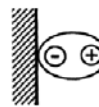
(d)

Interface State



(e)

Permanent Dipole



(f)

Possible factors forming and affecting the interfacial dipole layer.

- a1) and a2): Charge transfer across the interface,
- b) Concentration of electrons in the adsorbate leading to positive charging of the vacuum side,
- c) Rearrangement of electron cloud at the metal surface, with the reduction of tailing into vacuum,
- d) Strong chemical interaction between the surface and the adsorbate leading to the rearrangement of the electronic cloud and also the molecular and surface geometries (both directions of dipoles possible),
- e) Existence of interface state serving as a buffer of charge carriers,
- f) Orientation of polar molecules or functional groups.

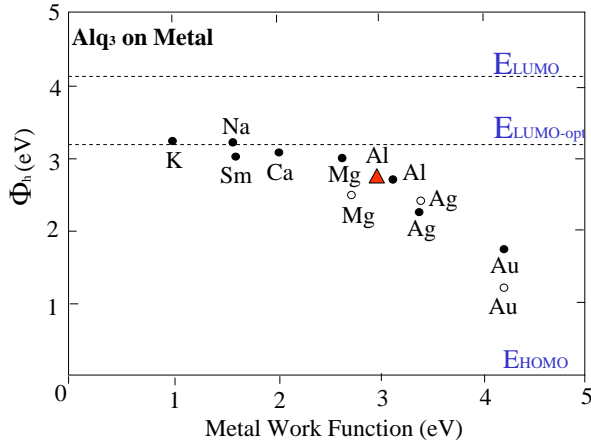
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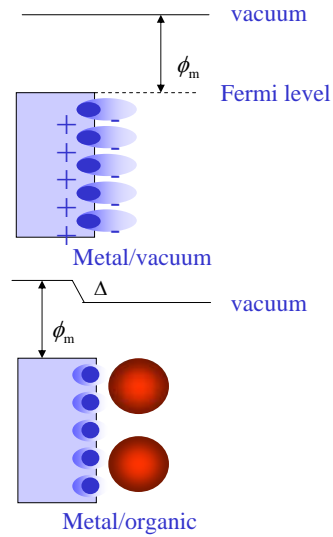


# Potential barrier at metal/Alq3 interfaces

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Part of the tailing of electrons at the material surface is compressed back into the metal.  
→ Interface dipole  $\Delta$  is formed.

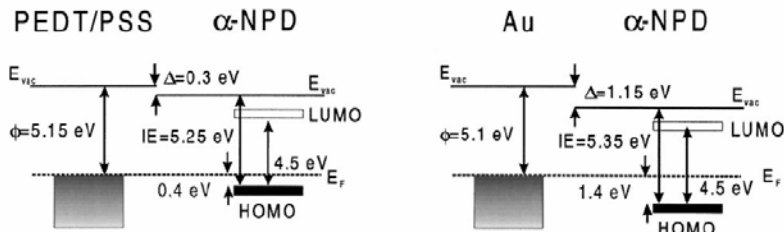
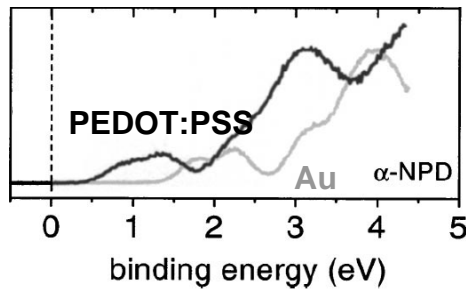


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# (PEDOT or Metal)/Organic Interface

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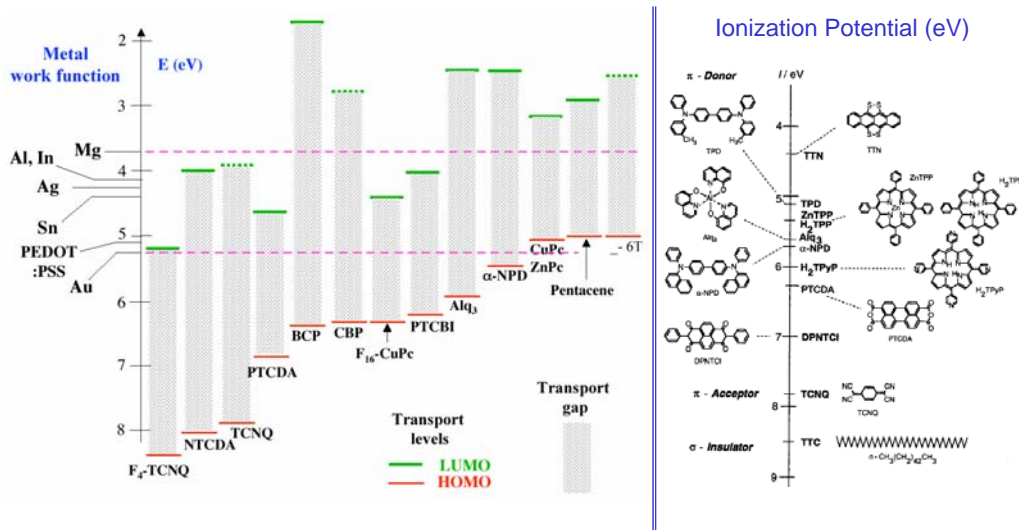


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# Energy levels of Organic Materials

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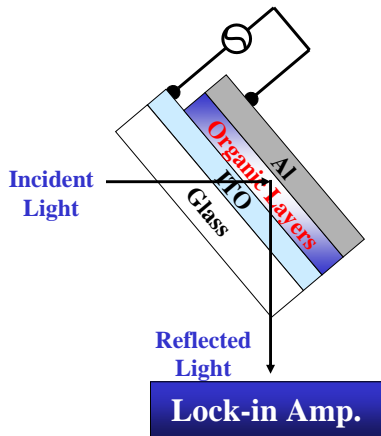
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# Electroabsorption

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## Electroabsorption Measurement

a.c. Field  $E = E_{dc} + E_{ac} \cos(\Omega t)$



Electroabsorption response to an E field

$$\Delta\alpha(h\nu) \propto -\frac{\Delta T}{T}(h\nu) \propto \text{Im} \chi^{(3)}(h\nu) E^2$$

The areal charge density at each interface:

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{4\pi} \Delta(\epsilon E_{dc})$$

$\sigma$  = areal charge density

$\epsilon$  = dielectric constant,

$E_{dc}$  = electric field

$\Delta$  = difference between the two layers

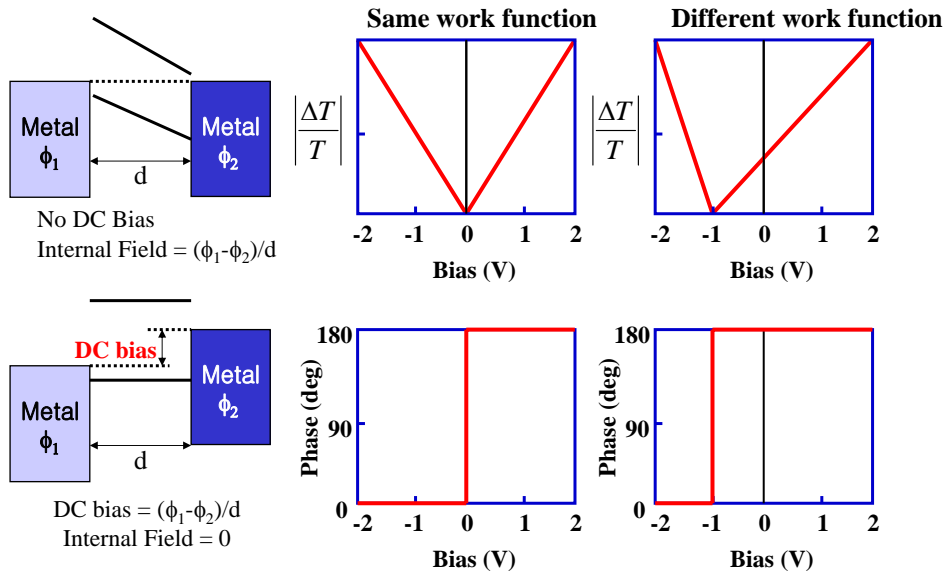


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# Measurement of an internal electric field

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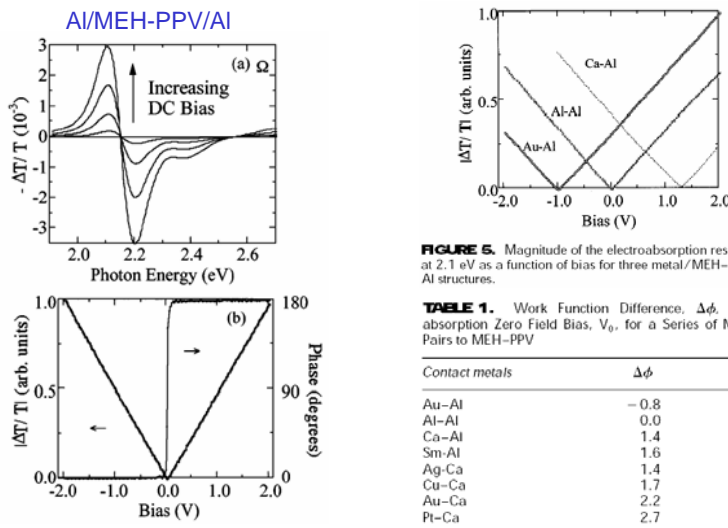


FIGURE 5. Magnitude of the electroabsorption response at 2.1 eV as a function of bias for three metal/MEH-PPV/Al structures.

TABLE 1. Work Function Difference,  $\Delta\phi$ , and Electroabsorption Zero Field Bias,  $V_0$ , for a Series of Metal Contact Pairs to MEH-PPV

Contact metals	$\Delta\phi$	$V_0$
Au-Al	-0.8	-1.0
Al-Al	0.0	0.0
Ca-Al	1.4	1.3
Sm-Al	1.6	1.3
Ag-Ca	1.4	1.4
Cu-Ca	1.7	1.7
Au-Ca	2.2	2.0
Pt-Ca	2.7	2.1

Ian H. Campbell, John P. Ferraris, Thomas W. Hagler, Michael D. Joswick, Ian D. Parker, Darryl L. Smith  
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MULTILAYER ORGANIC LED

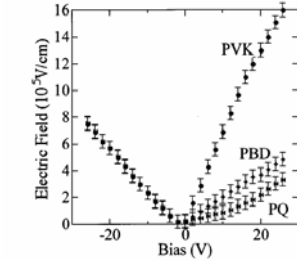
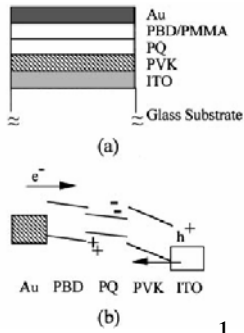


FIGURE 9. Electric field as a function of d.c. bias voltage in each layer of the LED. The a.c. bias amplitude was 3 V.

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{4\pi} \Delta(\epsilon E_{dc})$$

At the largest forward bias voltage measured,  
electron density at the PQ/PVK interface:  $2 \times 10^{12}$  electrons/cm<sup>2</sup>  
hole density at the PBD/PQ interface:  $3 \times 10^{11}$  holes/cm<sup>2</sup>.

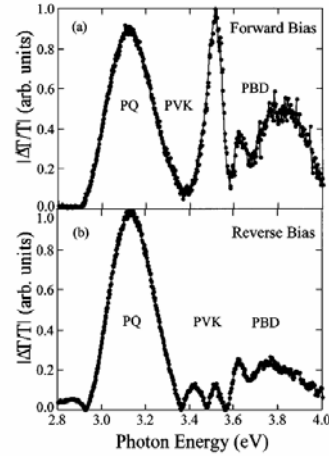
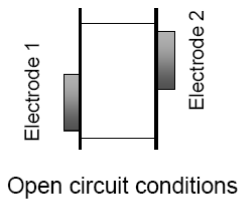
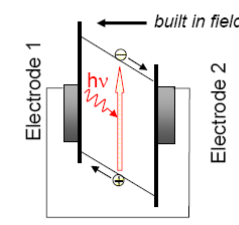


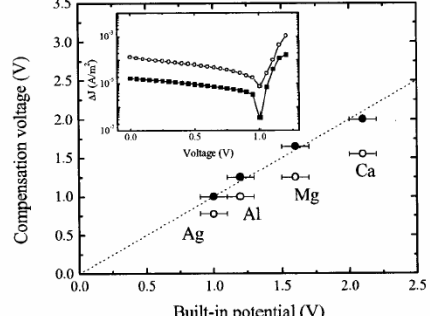
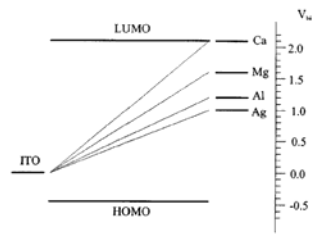
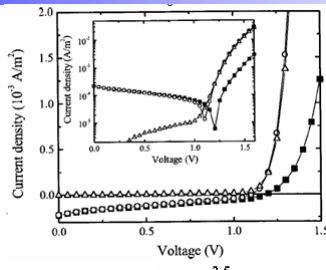
FIGURE 8. Electroabsorption spectra of the three layer LED under (a) 20 V forward bias and (b) -20 V reverse bias at the fundamental frequency of the applied a.c. bias. The relative changes in the amplitudes of the signal from each layer are evident. The a.c. bias amplitude was 3 V.



Open circuit conditions



Short circuit conditions



G. G. Malliaras, J. R. Salem, P. J. Brock, and J. C. Scott, J. Appl. Phys. **84**, 1583 (1998)





Effect of Cu-PC buffer layer on the efficiency and driving voltage

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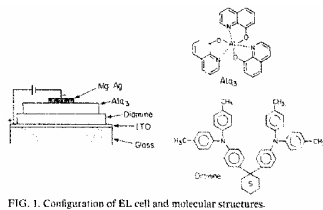


FIG. 1. Configuration of EL cell and molecular structures.

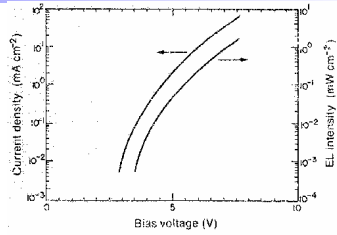
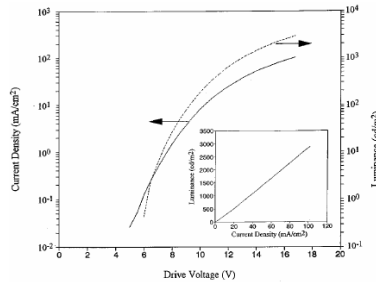
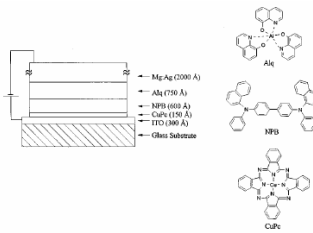


FIG. 2. Brightness-current-voltage characteristics of an ITO/dianine/Alq<sub>3</sub>/Mg:Ag EL cell.

1.5 lm/W

C. W. Tang and S. A. Van Slyke, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **51**, 913 (1987)



2.8 cd/A

0.73 lm/W

S. A. Van Slyke, C. H. Chen, and C. W. Tang, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **69**, 2160 (1996)

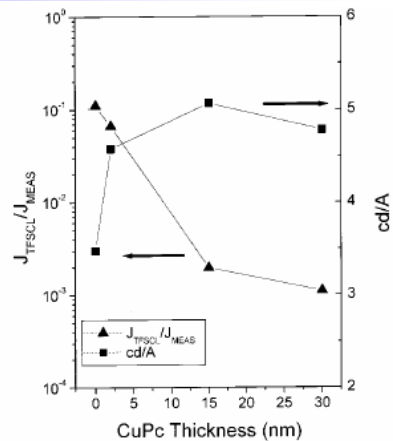
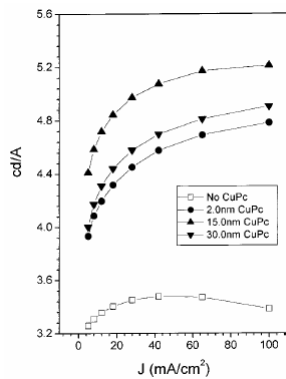
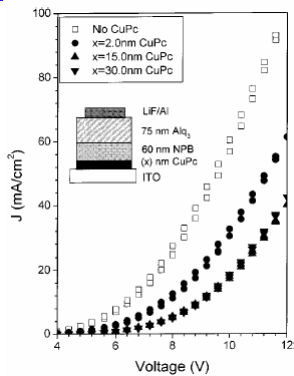


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Effect of Cu-PC buffer layer on the hole injection and EL efficiency

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$$\text{Injection efficiency: } \eta = \frac{\text{injected current}}{SCLC}$$

$\eta = 1$  for ohmic contact

$\eta < 1$  for current-limiting contact

$$J_{SCLC} = \frac{9 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mu V^2}{8 d^3}$$

E. W. Forsythe, M. A. Abkowitz, and Yongli Gao, *J. Phys. Chem. B*, **104**, 3948 (2000)

Cu-PC reduces hole injection efficiency

→ Improved balance between  $e$  and  $h$  currents

→ Increase the efficiency



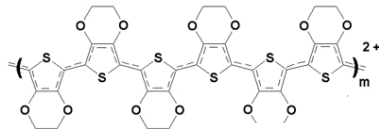
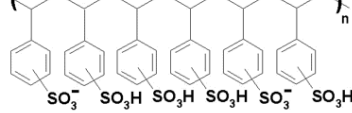
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# Hole Injection Materials - PEDOT:PSS

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Chemical name: Poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) poly(styrenesulfonate) aqueous dispersion



Baytron® P VP AI 4083



Physical Data of Baytron P VP AI 4083

- Solid Content ~1.5 %
- Viscosity ~ 12 mPas
- Particle Size (swollen) d 50 < 80 nm
- Particle Size (swollen) d 90 < 100 nm
- Resistivity (dried layer) 1000 W cm

Properties and Applications of Baytron P VP AI 4083

Baytron P VP AI 4083 has been developed particularly for use as a hole-injection layer in OLEDs. Baytron P VP AI 4083 has smaller particles than the standard version of Baytron P. Accordingly, smoother layer surfaces can be obtained, and electric "shorts" in the polymer LED devices can be reduced.

Notes on using Baytron P VP AI 4083

Baytron P VP AI 4083 is preferably applied by spin-coating. Filtration of the dispersion through a 0.45 μm membrane filter is recommended before use. The coatings are dried at a maximum temperature of 200°C for 1 minute, but a temperature between 100°C and 150°C is usually sufficient. The optimal thickness of the dried layer is in the range of 50 to 250 nm.

Compared to devices without an interfacial Baytron P layer:

- The operation voltage can be reduced.
- The light efficiency is increased.
- The lifetime of the display is increased.

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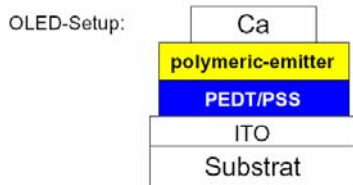
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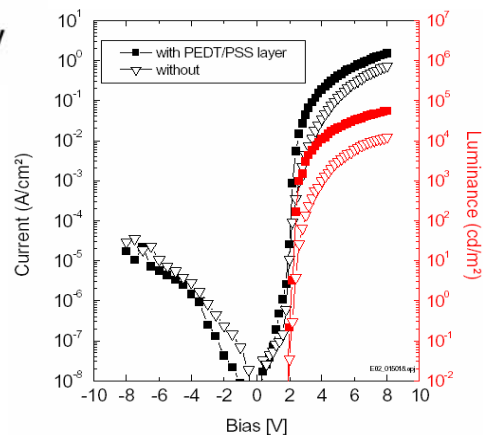
## Workfunction of PEDOT/PSS

Results UPS:

AI4071 (PEDT:PSS 1:2.5)  
AI4083 (PEDT:PSS 1:6)  
CH8000 (PEDT:PSS 1:20) }  $\Phi = 5.1 - 5.2 \text{ eV}$



@ 4V		
	L [cd/m <sup>2</sup> ]	η [cd/A]
with PEDT/PSS	10800	5.9
without	1000	2.9



Andreas Elschner, H.C.Starck, Micro Symposium 2002 Cologne, December 9th



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# Electron injection layer

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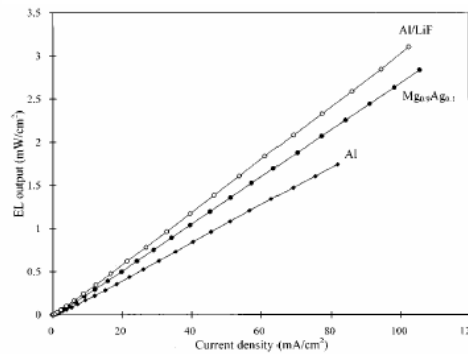
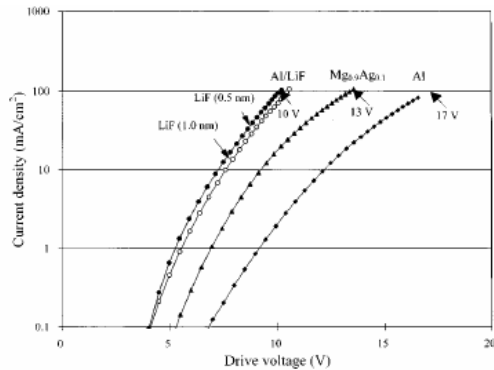


FIG. 1. Current–voltage characteristics of three EL devices using an Al, a  $Mg_{0.9}Ag_{0.1}$ , and an Al/LiF electrode, respectively. FIG. 3. Light-current characteristics of three EL devices using Al,  $Mg_{0.9}Ag_{0.1}$ , and Al/LiF electrodes, respectively.

L. S. Hung, C. W. Tang, and M. G. Mason, *APL* **70**, 152, (1997)



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# Cathode Materials

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1987



Mg:Ag

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1990



Al:Li

Y. Itoh, N. Tomikawa, S. Kobayashi, and T. Minato, *Extended Abstracts, The 51th Autumn Meeting, The Japan Society of Applied Physics* (1990), p. 1040.

T. Wakimoto, et al, *EL '94* (1994), p. 77.

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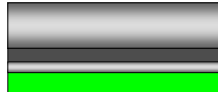
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Ag  
Li

J. Kido, K. Nagai, and Y. Okamoto, *IEEE Trans. Electron Devices* **40**, 1342 (1993).

1997



Al  
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Al

E. I. Haskal, A. Curioni, P. F. Seidler, and W. Andreoni, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **71**, 1151 (1997)

1997



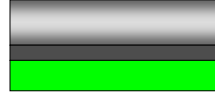
Al  
Li<sub>2</sub>O, LiF, MgF<sub>2</sub>,  
NaCl

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C. H. Lee, *Synth. Met* (1997) MgF<sub>2</sub>

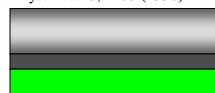
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Al  
Al:LiF, Al:CsF  
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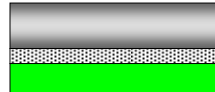
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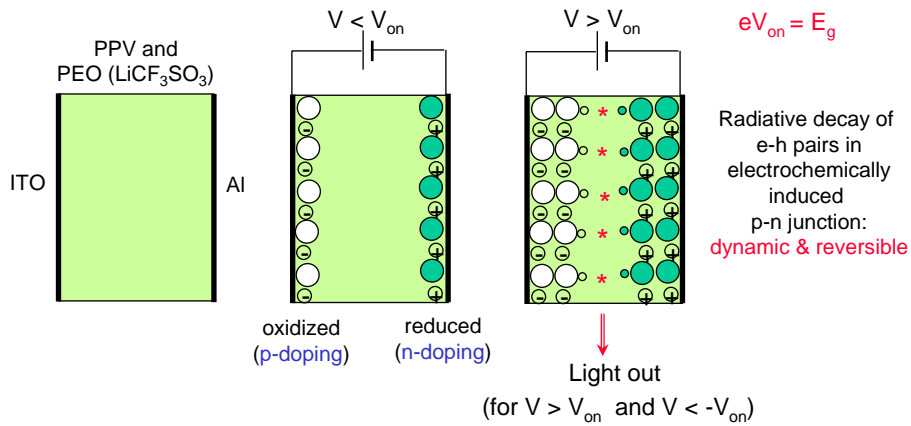
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# Dynamic p/n junction

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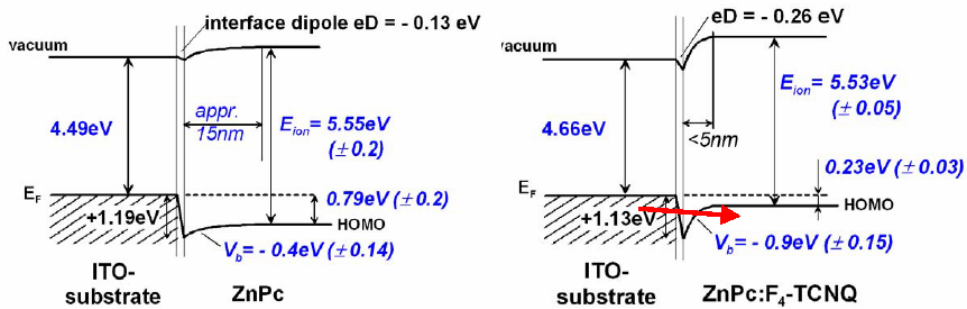


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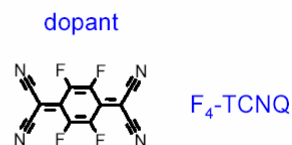
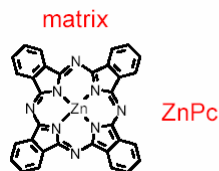
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Undoped: blocking

Doped: Ohmic



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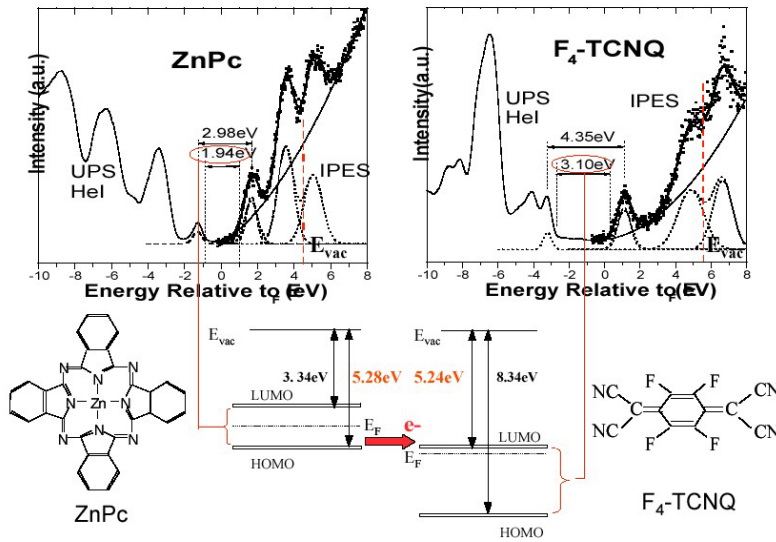


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# Electronic structure of ZnPc and F4-TCNQ

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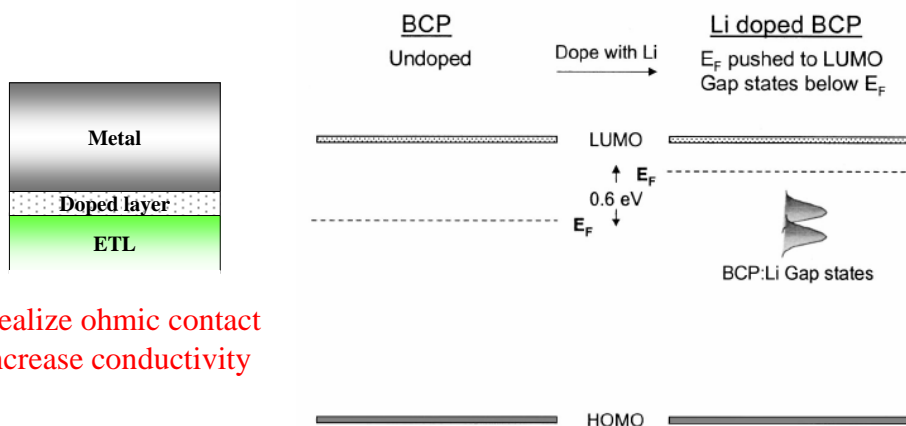


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# electrical doping

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- Realize ohmic contact
- Increase conductivity



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## Recent work on doping of molecular films

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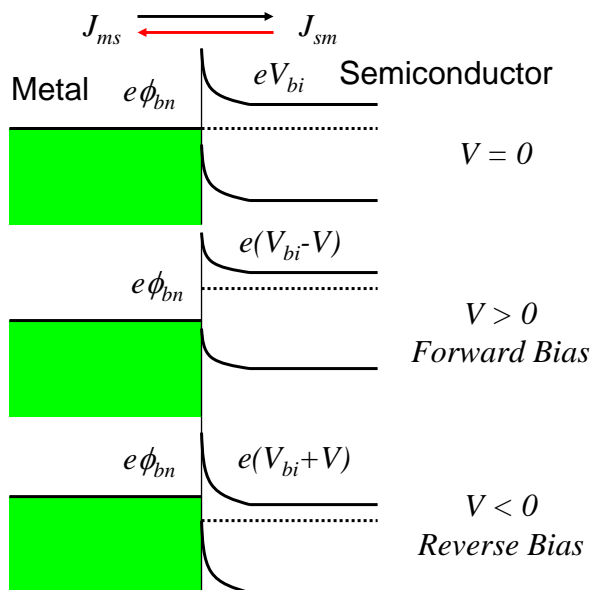


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## Metal-Semiconductor Junction

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### J-V Dependence

$$J = J_s \left[ \exp\left(\frac{eV}{k_B T}\right) - 1 \right]$$

$$J_s = A^* T^2 \exp\left(\frac{-e\phi_{bn}}{k_B T}\right)$$

$$A^* = \frac{4\pi e m_n^* k_B}{h^3}$$

effective Richardson constant  
for thermionic emission



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# Carrier Injection

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## Thermionic Emission

$$J = J_s \left[ \exp\left(\frac{eV}{k_B T}\right) - 1 \right]$$

$$J_s = A^* T^2 \exp\left(\frac{-e\phi_{bn}}{k_B T}\right)$$

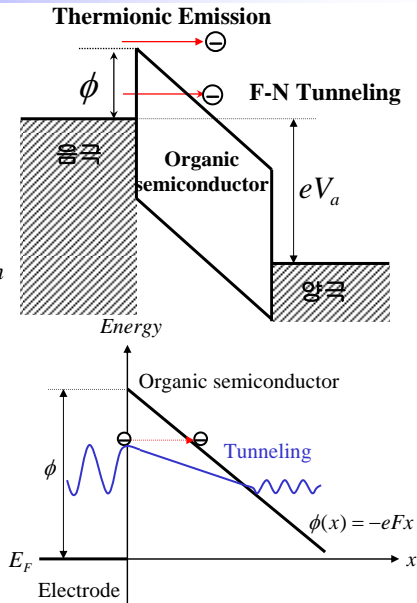
effective Richardson constant for thermionic emission

$$A^* = \frac{4\pi e m_n^* k_B}{h^3} = 120 \left(\frac{m^*}{m}\right) \text{A/cm}^2/\text{K}^2$$

## Fowler-Nordheim Tunneling

$$J \approx E^2 \exp\left(\frac{-b}{E}\right)$$

$$b = \frac{8\pi\sqrt{2m^*}(q\phi)^{3/2}}{3qh}$$



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# Trap-limited SCLC

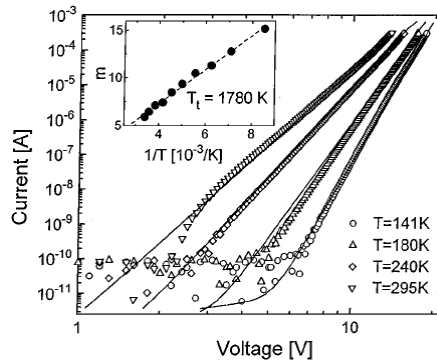
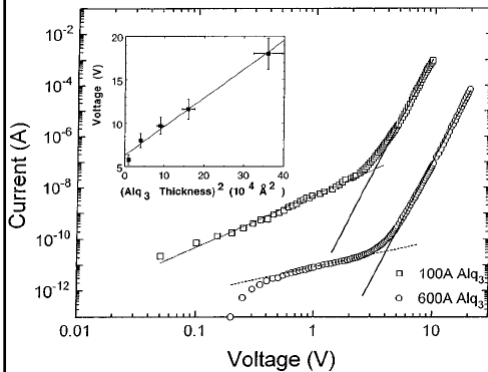
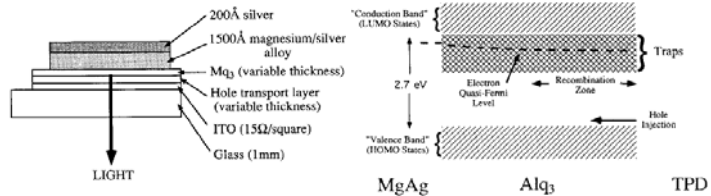
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Trap-limited SCLC

$$J \propto \mu N_v N_t^{-m} \frac{V^{m+1}}{d^{2m+1}}, \quad m = \frac{T_t}{T}$$

$$E_t \approx 0.15 \text{ eV}$$

$$N_t \approx 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



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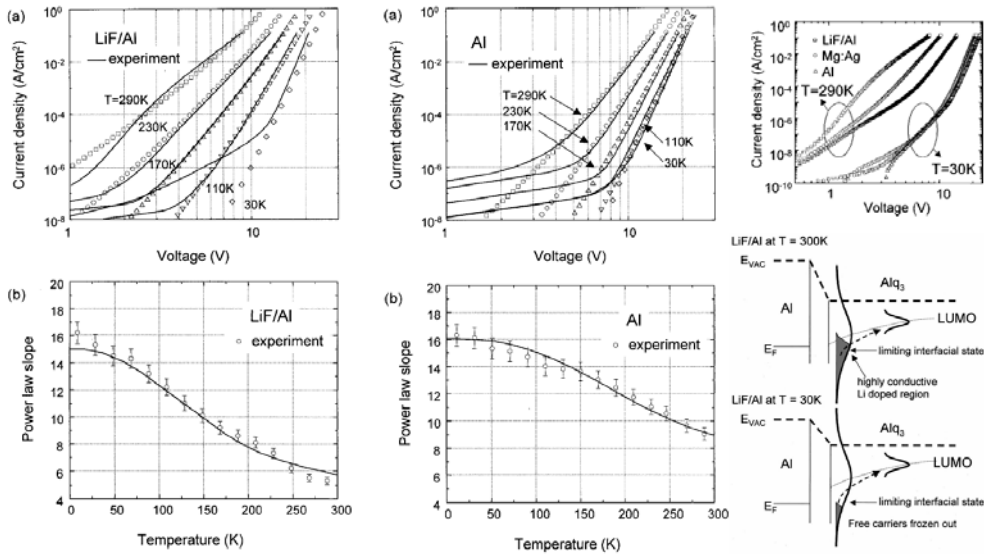


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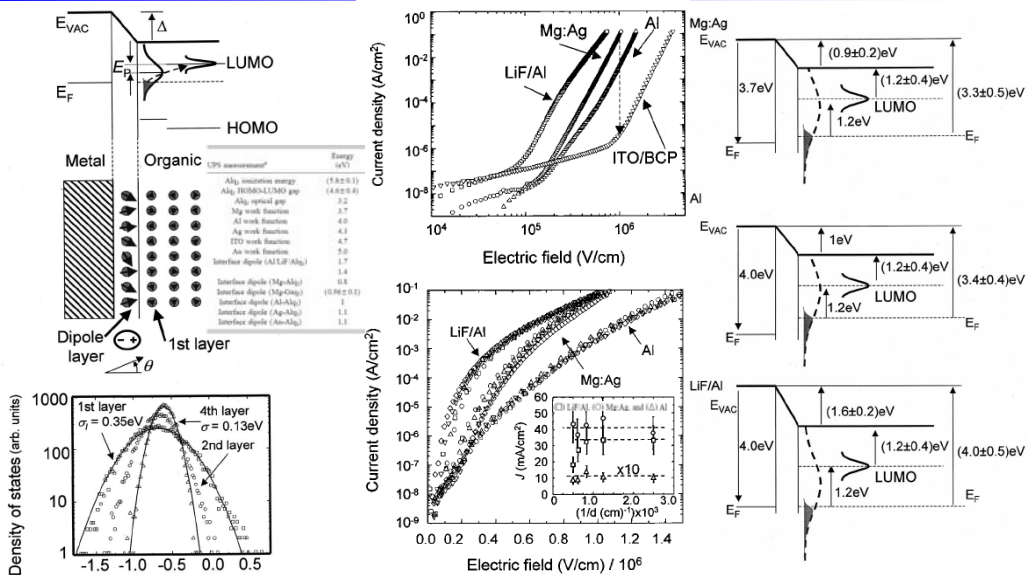


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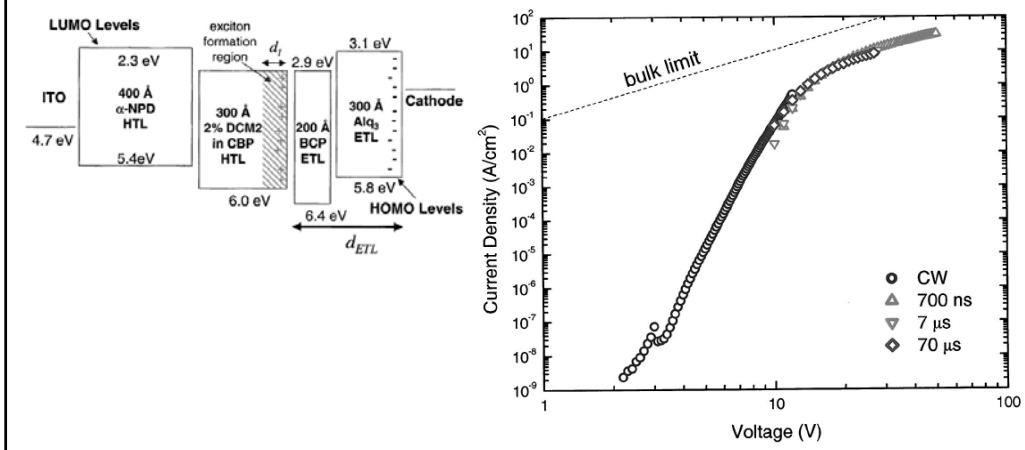
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