

Device Physics of OLEDs

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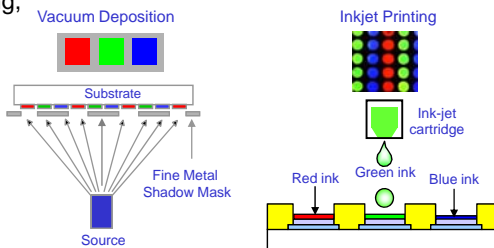


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Advantages of OLEDs

- **Simple fabrication processes:**
vacuum deposition, inkjet printing, spin coating, roll-to-roll (web) processing
- **Superior viewing performance:**
emissive bright colors, wide viewing angle, fast response time, and high contrast
- **Excellent operating characteristics:**
low operating voltage, power efficient, and wide temperature range
- **Good form factor:**
Thin, light-weight, rugged, and flexible

→ Ultimate Portable Communication Devices



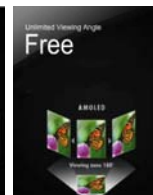
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OLED vs LCD
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Uncompromised True Color
Natural



Unlimited Viewing Angle
Free

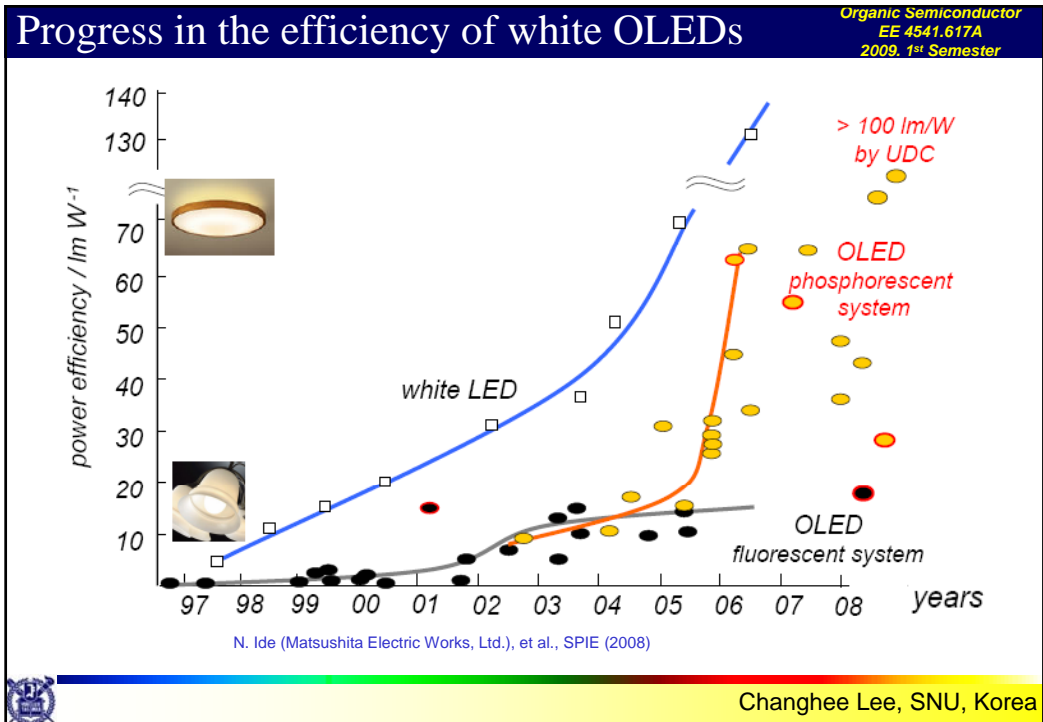
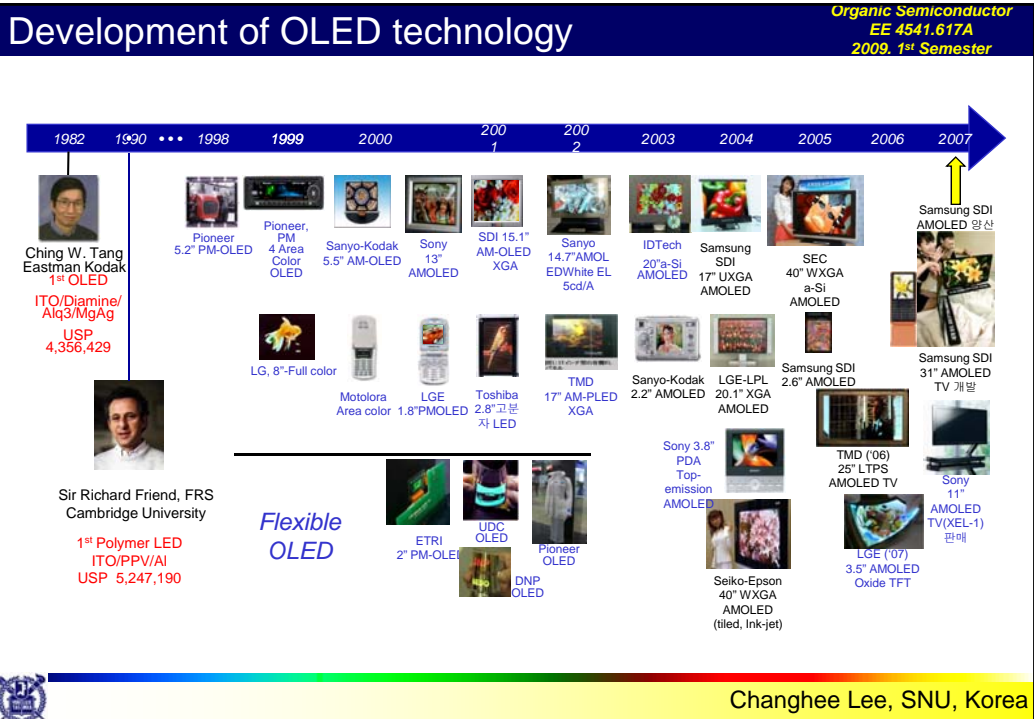


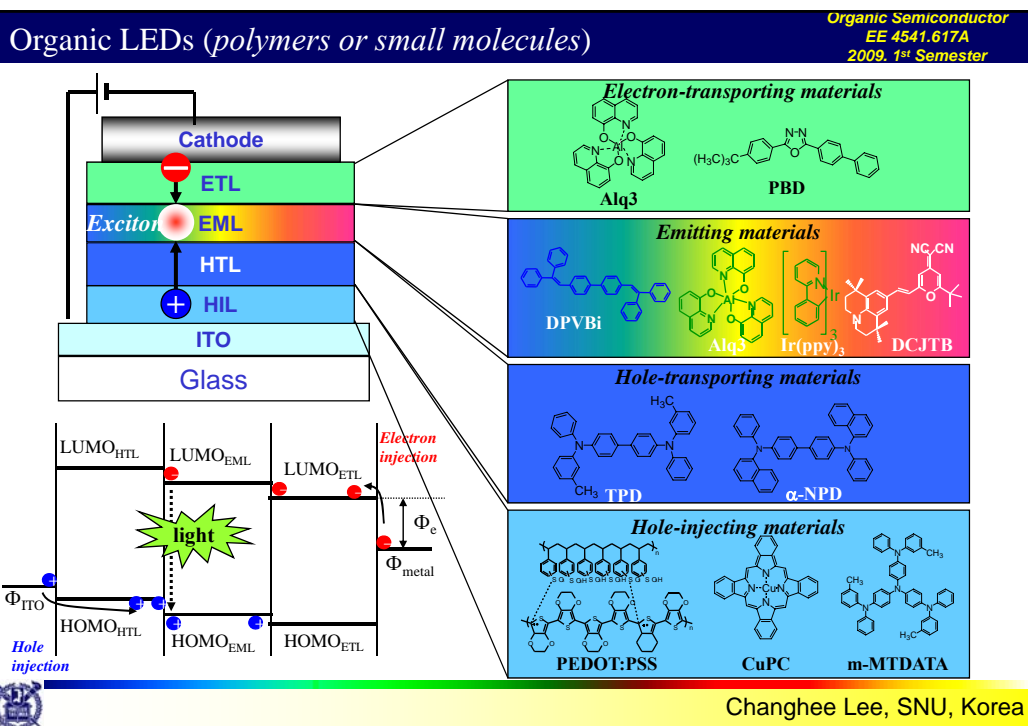
Full-MHz Speed
Fast

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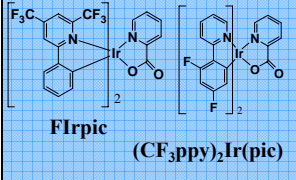
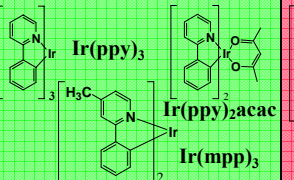
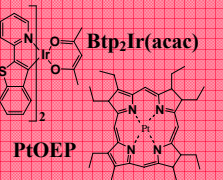
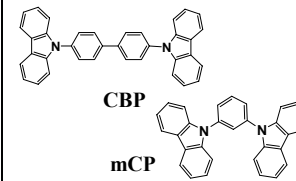
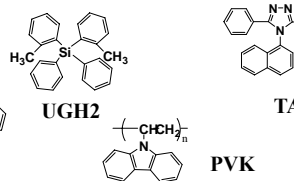
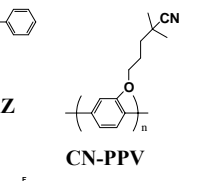
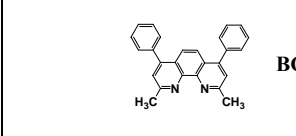
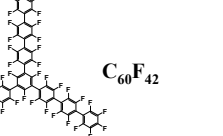
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Fluorescent emitters

| | B | G | Y | R |
|--------|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Host | <p>R=H, t-Bu ADN Kodak</p> <p>DPVBI Idemitsu Kosan</p> | <p>2PSP Chisso</p> | <p>Almq3 Kodak</p> | <p>Alq3 Kodak</p> |
| Dopant | <p>TBP Kodak</p> <p>DPAVBI Idemitsu Kosan</p> <p>BCzBI Idemitsu Kosan</p> | <p>Me-OA Pioneer</p> <p>R=H, Coumarin-545 Pioneer</p> <p>R=CH₃, Coumarin-545T Kodak</p> | <p>rubrene Mitsubishi</p> | <p>DCJTb Kodak</p> <p>R₁=R₂=R₃=R₄=H, R₅=Me DCM-2 R₁=R₂=R₃=R₄=Me, R₅=t-Bu DCJTb Kodak</p> |

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| Host and Phosphorescent Dopant Materials | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| | Blue | Green | Red |
| Dopant |  <p>FIrpic (CF₃ppy)₂Ir(pic)</p> |  <p>Ir(ppy)₃ Ir(ppy)₂acac Ir(mpp)₃</p> |  <p>Btp₂Ir(acac) PtOEP</p> |
| Host |  <p>CBP mCP</p> |  <p>UGH2 PVK</p> |  <p>TAZ CN-PPV</p> |
| Hole/Exciton Blocking Materials |  <p>BCP BALq</p> | |  <p>C₆₀F₄₂</p> |

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| Comparison of fluorescent and phosphorescent OLEDs | | |
|--|--|--|
| | Fluorescence | Phosphorescence |
| Host | Alq ₃ , ... | CBP, TCTA, mCP, ... |
| Excited state | Singlet | Triplet |
| Exciton diffusion length | 50 ~ 100 Å | > 1000 Å |
| Exciton blocking layer | - | BCP, Balq, etc. |
| Dopant concentration | 0.1 ~ 3 % | 5 – 15 % |
| Maximum quantum efficiency | 25 % | 100 % |
| Luminous efficacy | Red: ~6 cd/A Green: ~20 cd/A Blue: ~6 cd/A | Red: 6~20 cd/A Green: 17~50 cd/A Blue: ~ 10 cd/A |
| Lifetime | ~ 50,000 hour | ~10,000 hour |

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OLED Performance

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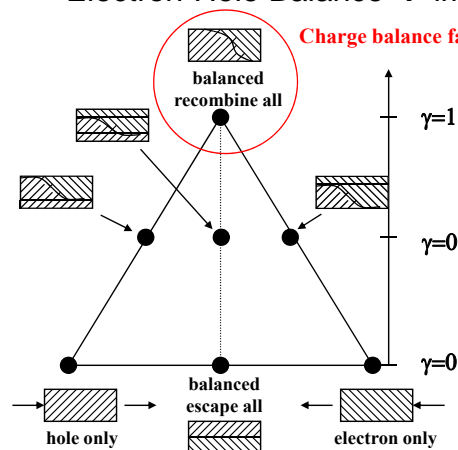
| | | Color | CIE (x,y) | Efficiency (cd/A) | Half-Life (hr) |
|-----|-------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 저분자 | 광영 | Red | 0.65, 0.35 | 5.5 | >80,000 @ 1000 cd/m ² |
| | | Green | 0.32, 0.62 | 19 | 40,000 @ 1000 cd/m ² |
| | | Light blue | 0.17, 0.30 | 12 | 21,000 @ 1000 cd/m ² |
| | | Blue | 0.15, 0.15 | 5.9 | 7,000 @ 1000 cd/m ² |
| | | White | 0.30, 0.34 | 12 | 23,000 @ 1000 cd/m ² |
| | 인광 | Red | 0.65, 0.35 | 15 | >22,000 @ 500 cd/m ² |
| | | Orange | 0.61, 0.38 | 22 | 15,000 @ 300 cd/m ² |
| | | Green | 0.31, 0.64 | 27 | 25,000 @ 600 cd/m ² |
| | | Light blue | 0.14, 0.23 | 8 | - |
| | | White | 0.39, 0.39 | 38 | - |
| 고분자 | 광영 | Red | 0.68, 0.32 | 1.7 | 1790 @ 1000 cd/m ² |
| | | Orange | 0.58, 0.42 | 0.9 | 8138 @ 1000 nit |
| | | Yellow | 0.50, 0.49 | 2.1 | 2420 @ 4000 cd/m ² |
| | | Green | 0.43, 0.55 | 7.7 | 2912 @ 2000 cd/m ² |
| | | Blue | 0.16, 0.22 | 6.9 | >1147 @ 800 cd/m ² |
| | White | 0.30, 0.33 | 3.8 | 235 @ 800 cd/m ² | |
| | 인광 | Red | 0.67, 0.28 | 1.3 | >8350 @ 100 cd/m ² |
| | | Green | 0.36, 0.59 | 22.8 | 2649 @ 400 cd/m ² |

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Electron-Hole Balance

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- Electron-Hole Balance → improved efficiency & Lifetime



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

χ : coupling-out factor

γ : charge balance factor

β : probability of production of emissive species

ϕ_L : quantum efficiency of luminescence

To maximize the charge balance factor γ :

- Equal amount of electrons and holes are injected.
- All the injected electrons and holes recombine.

→ Ambipolar emitting layer

→ Mixed emitting layer (co-doped host)

→ p-type or n-type doping at the electrode interface

J. C. Scott et al., SPIE Proc., 3476, 111 (1998)

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Electron injection layer

Enhanced electron injection in OLEDs using an Al/LiF electrode

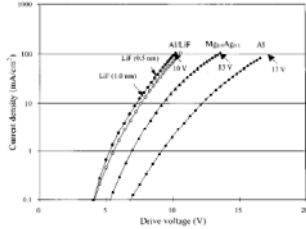


FIG. 1. Current-voltage characteristics of three EL devices using an Al, a Mg_{0.9}Ag_{0.1}, and an Al/LiF electrode, respectively.

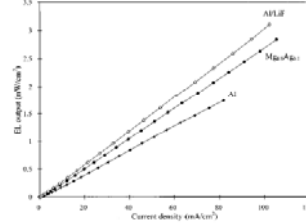
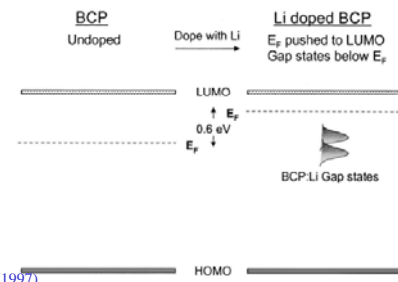
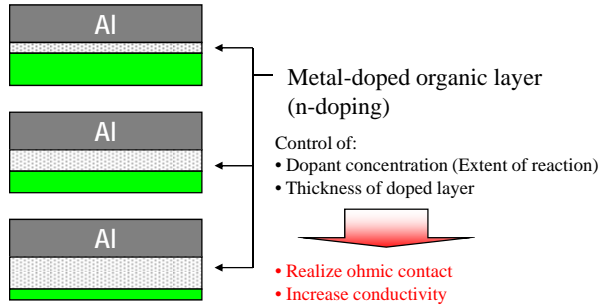


FIG. 3. Light-current characteristics of three EL devices using Al, Mg_{0.9}Ag_{0.1}, and Al/LiF electrodes, respectively.

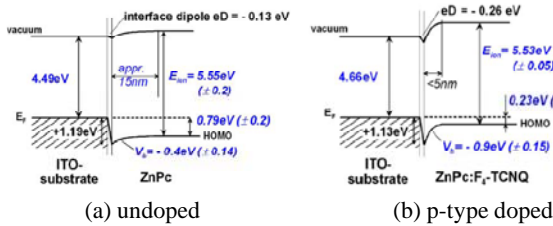
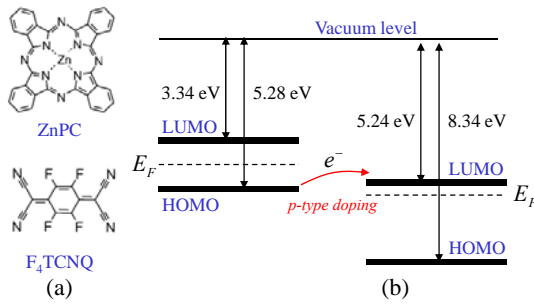
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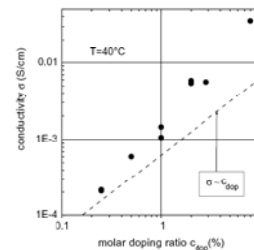
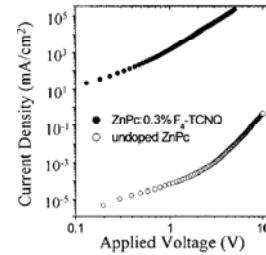
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Hole injection layer (p-doped organic layer)



(a) undoped

(b) p-type doped



Weiyang Gao and Antoine Kahn, Appl. Phys. Lett. 79, 4040 (2001)
zinc phthalocyanine (ZnPC) doped with tetrafluorotetracyanoquinodimethane
M. Pfeiffer, K. Leo, X. Zhou, J.S. Huang, M. Hofmann, A. Werner,
J. Blochwitz-Nimoth, Organic Electronics 4 (2003) 89-103

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p-i-n OLED

p-i-n structure

(a) Energy level diagram for NPD layer showing HOMO and LUMO levels relative to the Fermi level (E_F).

(b) Energy level diagram for p-doped m-MTDATA layer showing HOMO and LUMO levels relative to the Fermi level (E_F).

Current Density (mA/cm^2)

Luminance (cd/m^2)

—○— Current Density

—●— Luminance

Voltage (V)

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Tandem OLED

US 20080030131 (2008.02.07) Francisco J. Duarte, Kathleen M. Vaeth, Liang-Sheng Liao, Eastman Kodak Company

A light-emitting device, comprising: a multi-layer stack of materials supported on an optically transparent support member, a first spatial filter, and a second spatial filter spaced from the first spatial filter. The multi-layer stack including at least one organic light-emitting layers, an anode layer, and a cathode layer. The first spatial filter is disposed intermediate the multi-layer stack of materials and the second spatial filter.

3배의 빛

2nd EL Unit

1st EL Unit

Organic intermediate connector (OIC)

Window

MgF₂

Emission

EL Spectra from CBP:Ir(ppy)₃ at 1.0 mA/cm²

EL Intensity (arb. units)

Wavelength (nm)

Luminous Efficiency (cd/A)

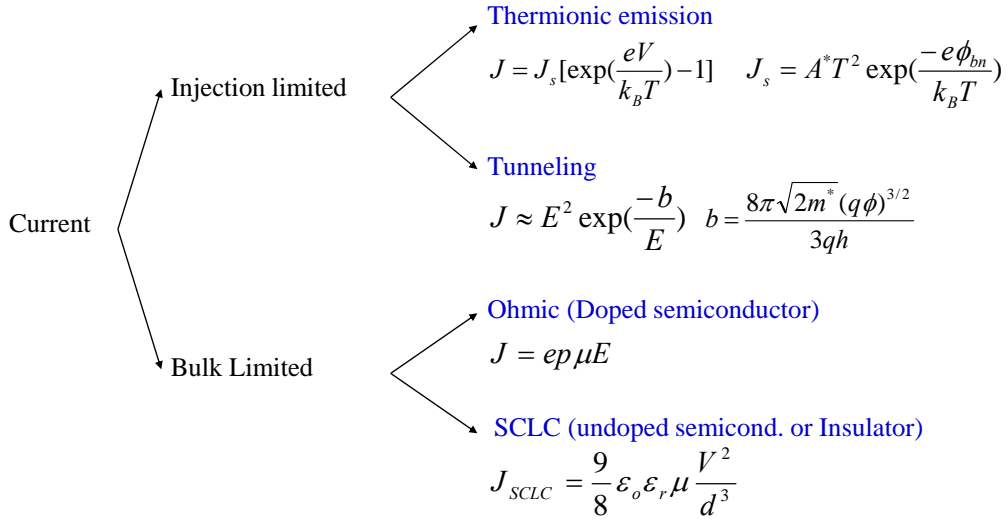
Current Density (mA/cm²)

L. S. Liao, K. P. Klubek, and C. W. Tang, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 84, 167 (2004)

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I-V characteristics of organic semiconductors

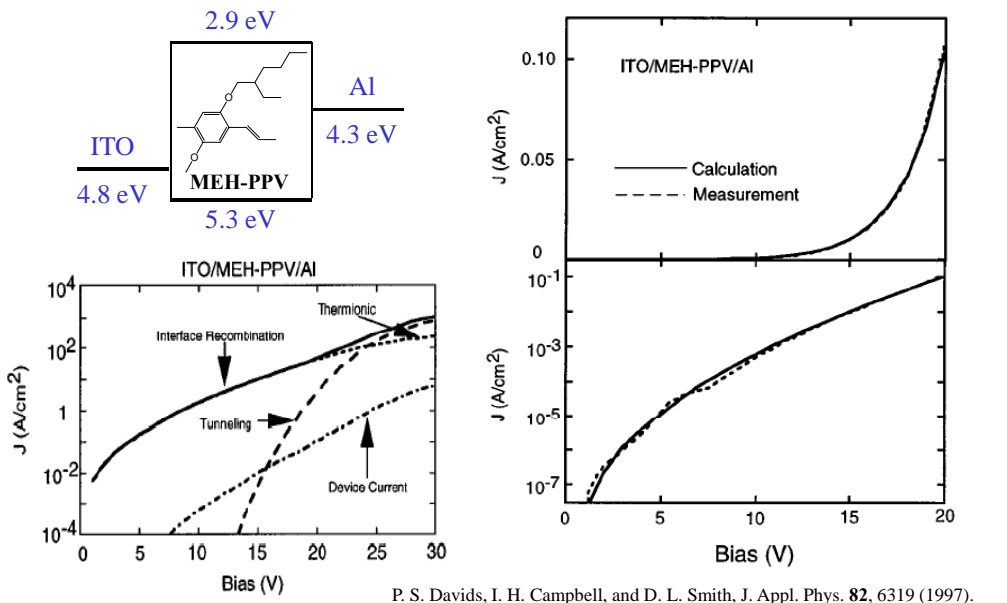
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Thermionic Emission into low mobility organic semiconductor

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P. S. Davids, I. H. Campbell, and D. L. Smith, J. Appl. Phys. **82**, 6319 (1997).



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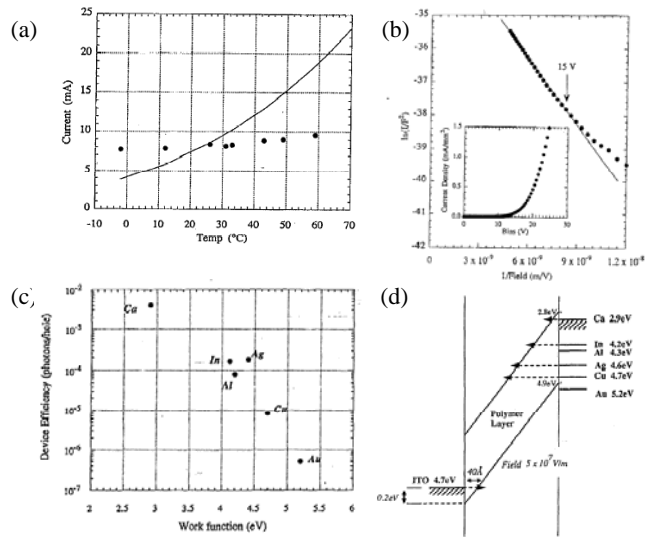
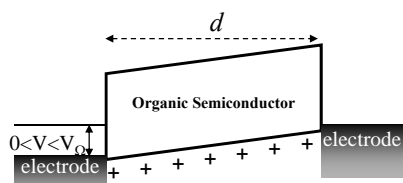
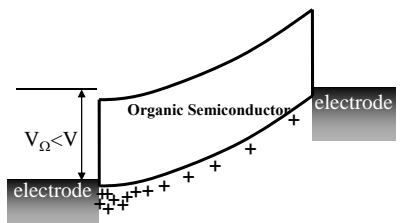


FIG. 10. Device efficiency vs cathode work function for ITO/MEH-PPV devices. I. D. Parker, J. Appl. Phys. 75, 1656 (1994).
FIG. 11. Band diagram (in forward bias) for model, indicating position of Fermi level for various electrode materials.

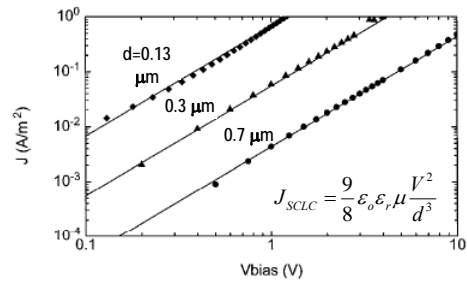
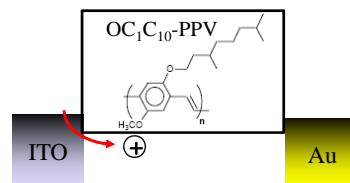


(a) $\tau_i > \tau_d$ (Ohmic current)



(b) $\tau_i < \tau_d$ (SCL current)

At $\tau_i > \tau_d$, ohmic conduction is predominant.
At $\tau_i < \tau_d$, SCLC conduction is predominant.



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

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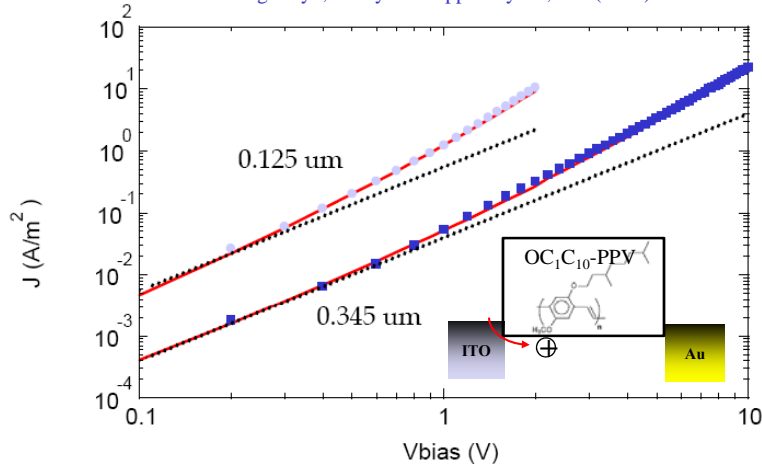


Field-dependent mobility in SCL current

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$$J_{SCLC} = \frac{9}{8} \epsilon_o \epsilon_r \mu \frac{V^2}{d^3} \exp\left[-\frac{0.891}{k_B T} \beta_{PF} \left(\frac{V}{d}\right)^{1/2}\right]$$

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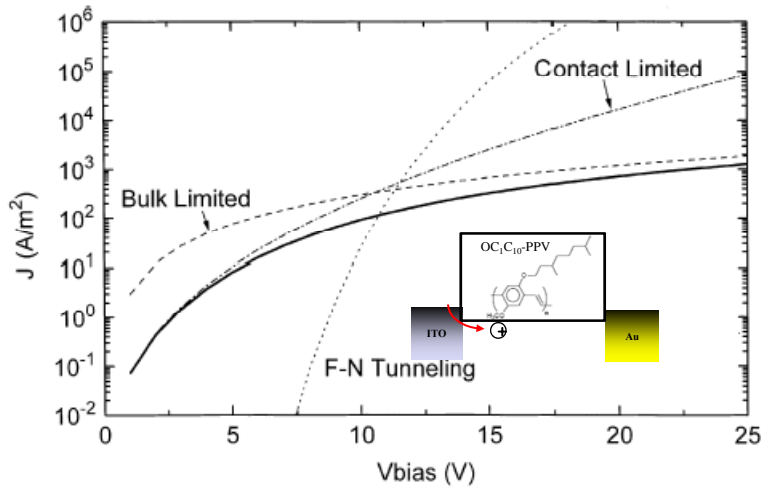
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Space-charge-limited (SCL) current

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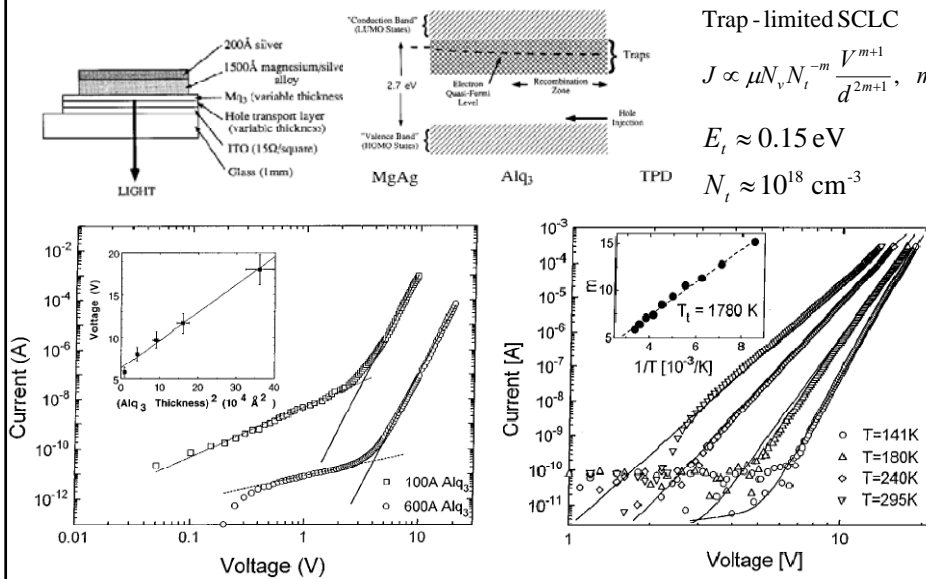
Poly(dialkoxy-p-phenylene vinylene) (OC₁C₁₀-PPV)

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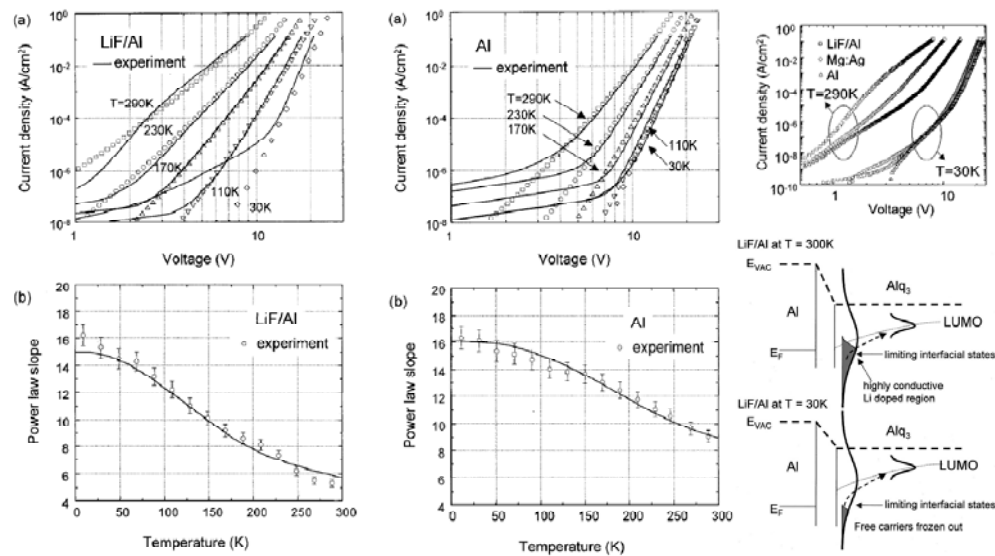
SCL current with an exponential trap distribution



P. E. Burrows, Z. Shen, V. Bulovic, D. M. McCarty, S. R. Forrest, J. A. Cronin and M. E. Thompson, J. Appl. Phys. 79, 7991 (1996).

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Interface-limited injection model



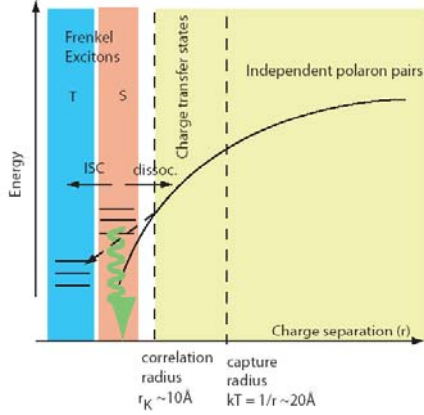
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Carrier Recombination

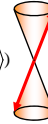
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Recombination of electron hole pairs



Singlet exciton S=0

$$|x_1, x_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$



Spin-allowed transition
fast, efficient
Fluorescence

Singlet exciton S=0

Triplet exciton S=1

$$|x_1, x_2\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$



$$|x_1, x_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$



$$|x_1, x_2\rangle = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

Spin-forbidden transition
slow, inefficient
Phosphorescence

Triplet exciton S=1

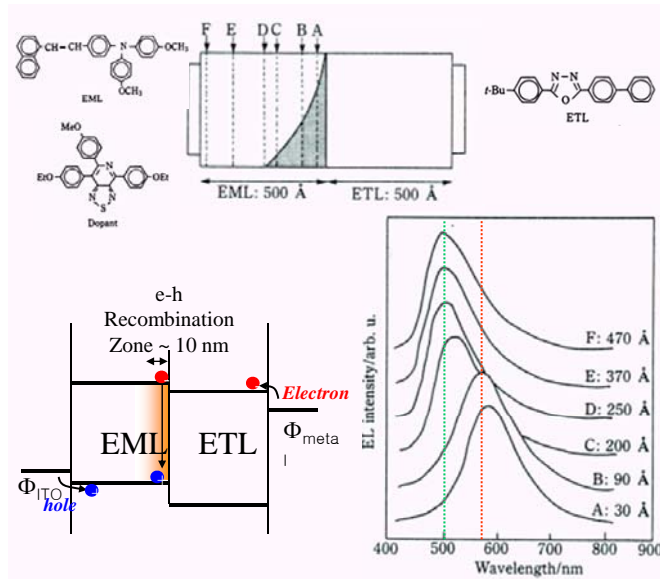
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Exciton Recombination Zone

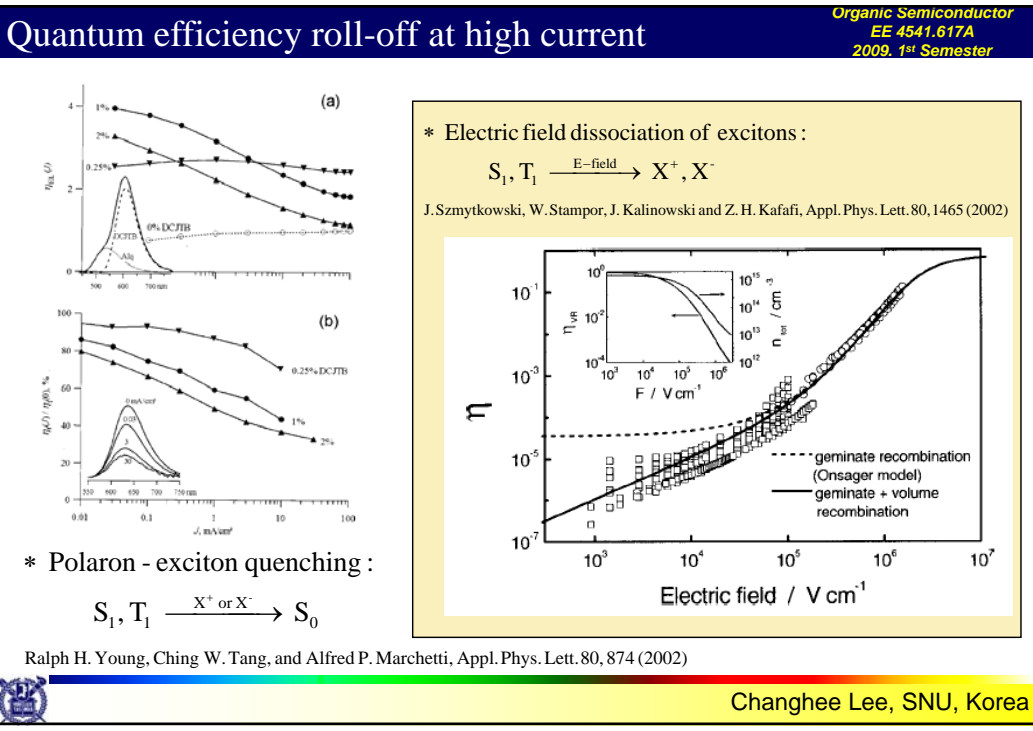
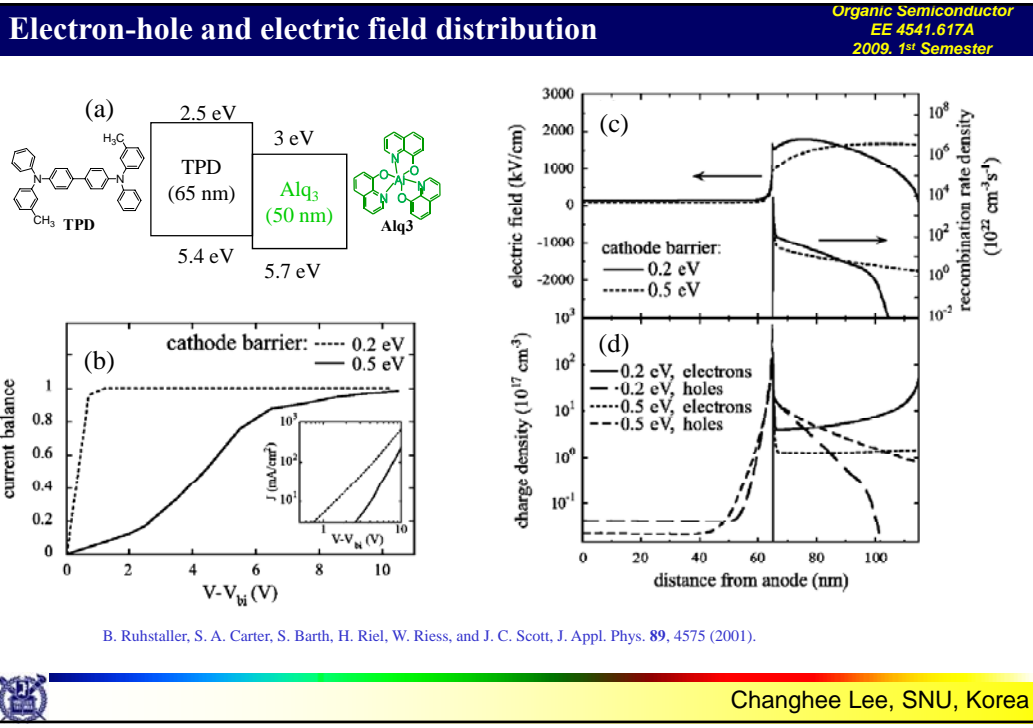
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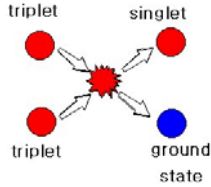
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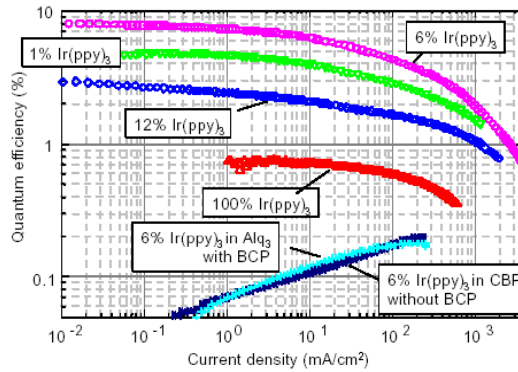
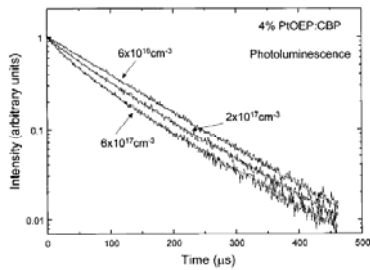
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Triplet – Triplet (T – T) Annihilation



$$\frac{\eta}{\eta_0} = \frac{qd}{2k_T\tau^2J} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{8J}{J_T}} \right] = \frac{J_T}{4J} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{8J}{J_T}} \right]$$



Ref. M. A. Baldo, C. Adachi, and S. R. Forrest, Phys. Rev. B **62**, 10967 (2000)

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T – T Annihilation: Steady-state solution

$$\frac{dn_T}{dt} = 0 \quad \frac{1}{2}k_T n_T^2 + \frac{n_T}{\tau} - \frac{J}{qd} = 0$$

(근의 공식)

$$n_T = \frac{-\frac{1}{\tau} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\tau}\right)^2 + \frac{2Jk_T}{qd}}}{k_T} = \frac{1}{k_T\tau} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2Jk_T\tau^2}{qd}} \right] = \frac{1}{k_T\tau} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{8J}{J_T}} \right] \quad (\because \frac{k_T\tau^2}{4qd} = J_T^{-1})$$

Light emission intensity $L = \frac{n_T}{\tau}$ QE: $\eta = \frac{L}{J} = \frac{n_T}{J\tau}$

η_0 : $k_T = 0$ 인 경우, 즉, T-T annihilation이 없는 경우이므로 $\frac{n_T}{\tau} = \frac{J}{qd}$

$$\therefore \eta_0 = \frac{L}{J} = \frac{\frac{n_T}{\tau}}{J} = \frac{1}{qd}$$

$$\frac{\eta}{\eta_0} = \frac{qd}{k_T\tau^2J} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{8J}{J_T}} \right] = \frac{J_T}{4J} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{8J}{J_T}} \right]$$

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Triplet exciton – polaron quenching

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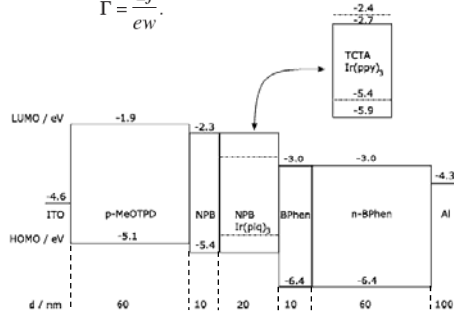
$$\frac{d[n_{ex}]}{dt} = -\frac{[n_{ex}]}{\tau} - \frac{1}{2}k_{TT}[n_{ex}]^2 - k_p \left[\frac{\rho_c(j)}{e} \right] [n_{ex}] + \frac{j}{eW}$$

$$\Theta = \frac{eW}{\tau j}$$

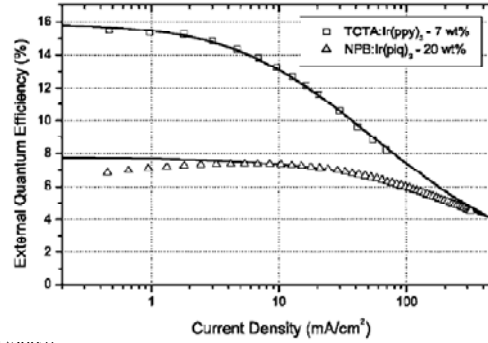
$$\frac{\eta(j)}{\eta_0} = \Theta \left[\sqrt{\frac{\Delta^2 + \Gamma k_{TT}}{k_{TT}^2}} - \frac{\Delta}{k_{TT}} \right]$$

$$\Delta \equiv \Delta(k_p) = \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + k_p C j^{1/(l+1)} \right)$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{2j}{eW}$$



| | τ [μ s] | k_{TT} [10^{-12} cm ³ s ⁻¹] | $k_{p,e}$ [10^{-12} cm ³ s ⁻¹] | $k_{p,h}$ [10^{-12} cm ³ s ⁻¹] | η_0 [%] | w [nm] |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|---|---|-----------------|-------------|
| TCTA:Ir(ppy) ₃ | (1.58±0.05) | (3±2) | (0.2±0.1) | (0.3±0.2) | 15.8 | 10 |
| NPB:Ir(piq) ₃ | (1.10±0.05) | (1.4±0.6) | (0.7±0.2) | (0.2±0.2) | 7.6 | 19 |

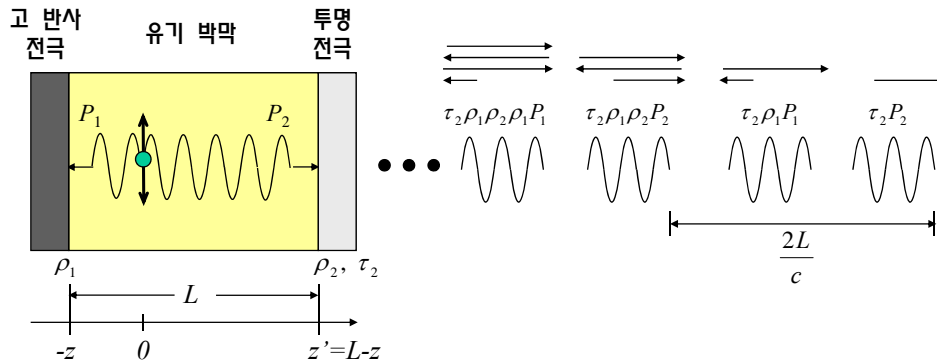


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Spontaneous emission from planar microcavity

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$$E_{L2}(t) = \tau_2 W P(t) + \tau_2 \rho_1 W P\left(t - \frac{2z_1}{c}\right) + \tau_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 W P\left(t - \frac{2L}{c}\right) + \tau_2 \rho_1 \rho_1 \rho_2 W P\left(t - \frac{2z_1}{c} - \frac{2L}{c}\right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{L2}(\omega) &= \frac{\tau_2}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} WP(t) \exp(i\omega t) dt + \frac{\tau_2 \rho_1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} WP(t - \frac{2z_1}{c}) \exp(i\omega t) dt \\
 &\quad + \frac{\tau_2 \rho_1 \rho_2}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} WP(t - \frac{2L}{c}) \exp(i\omega t) dt \\
 &\quad + \frac{\tau_2 \rho_1 \rho_1 \rho_2}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} WP(t - \frac{2z_1}{c} - \frac{2L}{c}) \exp(i\omega t) dt + \dots \\
 E_{L2}(\omega) &= \tau_2 WP(\omega) + \tau_2 \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega z_1}{c}} WP(\omega) + \tau_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} WP(\omega) \\
 &\quad + \tau_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega z_1}{c} + i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} WP(\omega) + \tau_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 e^{i\frac{4\omega L}{c}} WP(\omega) + \dots \\
 &= \tau_2 WP(\omega) [1 + \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega z_1}{c}} + \rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega z_1}{c} + i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} + \dots \\
 &\quad + \rho_1 \rho_2 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} + \rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 e^{i\frac{4\omega L}{c}} + \dots] \\
 E_{L2}(\omega) &= \tau_2 WP(\omega) [1 + \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega z_1}{c}} \{1 + \rho_2 \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} + \dots\} \\
 &\quad + \rho_1 \rho_2 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} \{1 + \rho_1 \rho_2 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} + \dots\}] \qquad 1 + \rho_2 \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - \rho_2 \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}}}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$E_{L2}(\omega) = \tau_2 WP(\omega) \frac{1 + \rho_1 e^{i\frac{2\omega z_1}{c}}}{1 - \rho_1 \rho_2 e^{i\frac{2\omega L}{c}}}$$

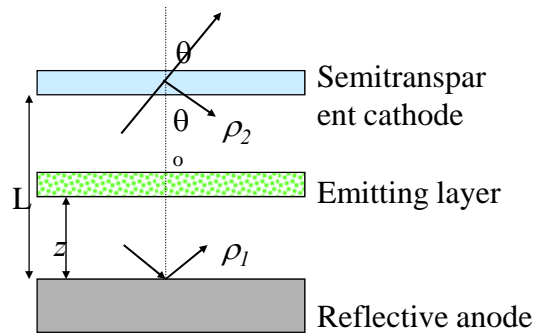
Emission spectrum in the forward direction

$$\begin{aligned}
 |E_{L2}(\omega)|^2 &= \frac{(1 - R_2)[1 + R_1 + 2\sqrt{R_1} \cos(\frac{2\omega n z_1}{c})]}{1 + R_1 R_2 - 2\sqrt{R_1 R_2} \cos(\frac{2\omega L}{c})} |WP(\omega)|^2 \quad \text{Interference effect} \\
 &\quad \text{Fabry-Perot Resonator} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - R_2)[1 + R_1 + 2\sqrt{R_1} \cos(\frac{4\pi n z_1}{\lambda})]}{1 + R_1 R_2 - 2\sqrt{R_1 R_2} \cos(\frac{4\pi n L}{\lambda})} |WP(\omega)|^2 \\
 |\rho_1|^2 &= R_1, |\rho_2|^2 = R_2, |\tau_2|^2 = 1 - R_2
 \end{aligned}$$

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Radiation mode in top-emitting OLED



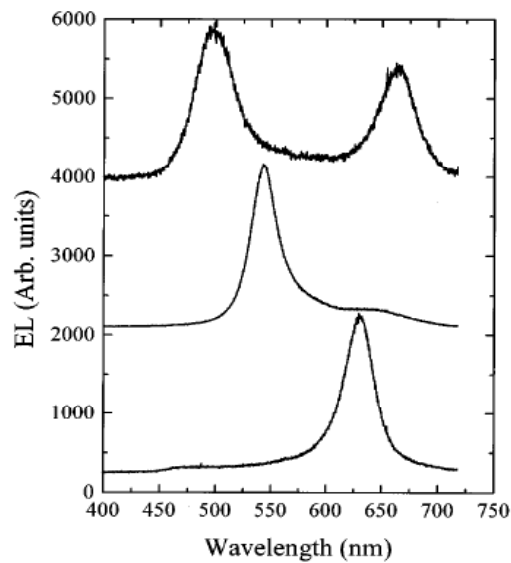
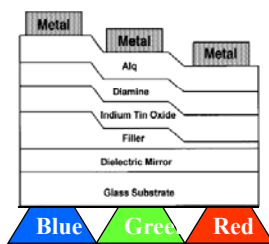
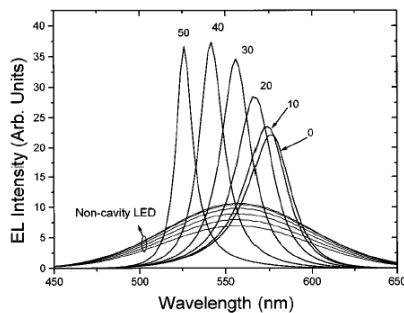
$$I_{ext}^{(s,p)}(\theta, \lambda) = \frac{\left| 1 + r_1^{(s,p)} \exp\left(i \frac{4\pi n z \cos \theta_o}{\lambda}\right) \right|^2}{\left| 1 - r_1^{(s,p)} r_2^{(s,p)} \exp\left(i \frac{4\pi n L \cos \theta_o}{\lambda}\right) \right|^2} T_2^{(s,p)} I_{int}^{(s,p)}(\lambda)$$

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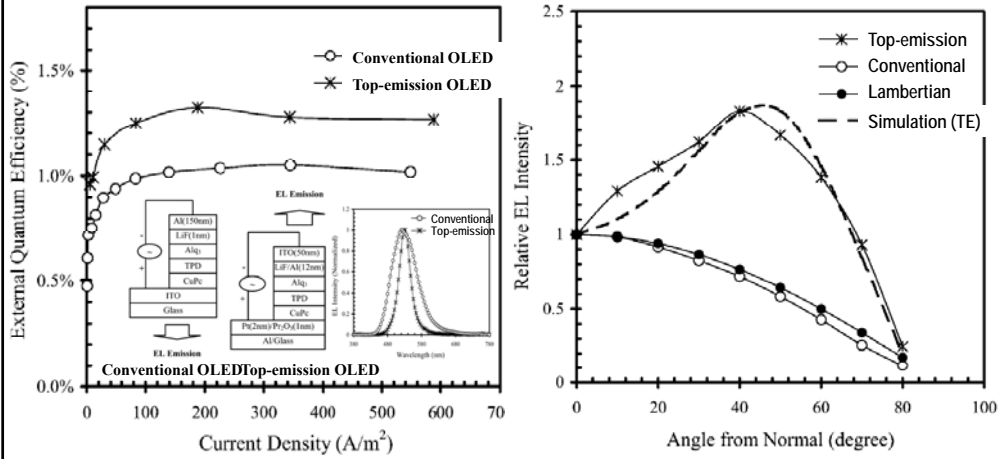


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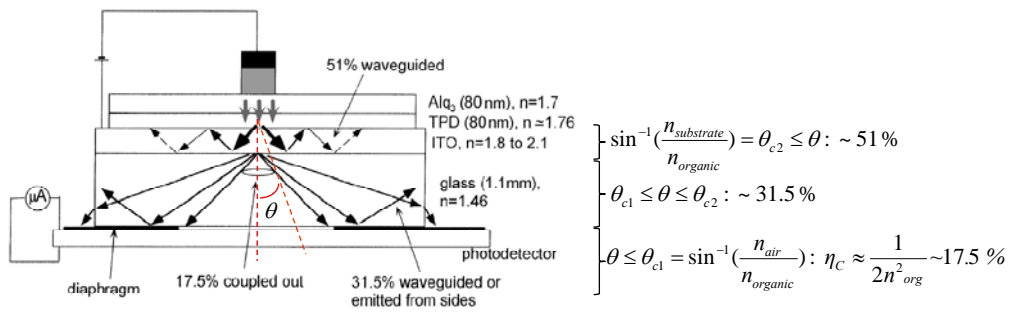
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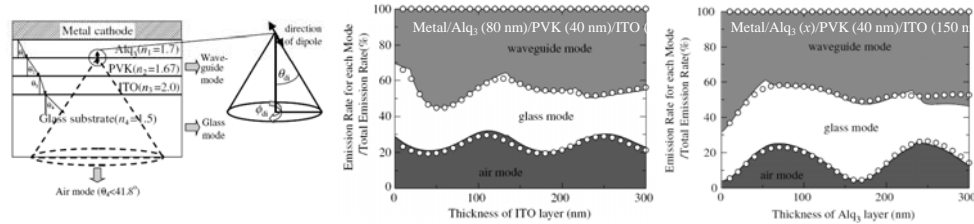
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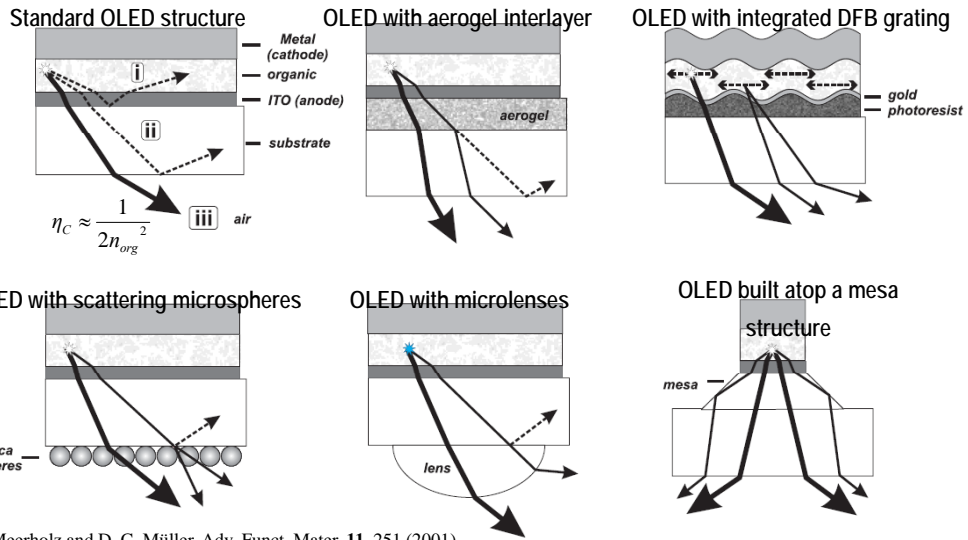


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Index matching using a thin aerogel layer

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Doubling Coupling-Out Efficiency in Organic Light-Emitting Devices Using a Thin Silica Aerogel Layer
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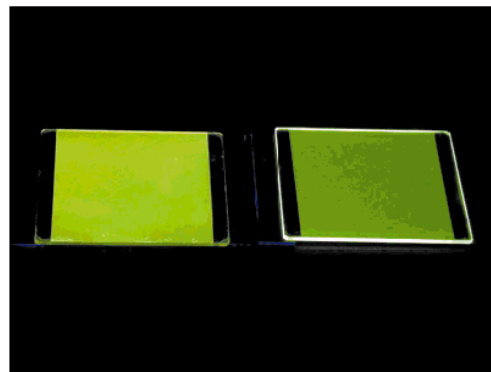
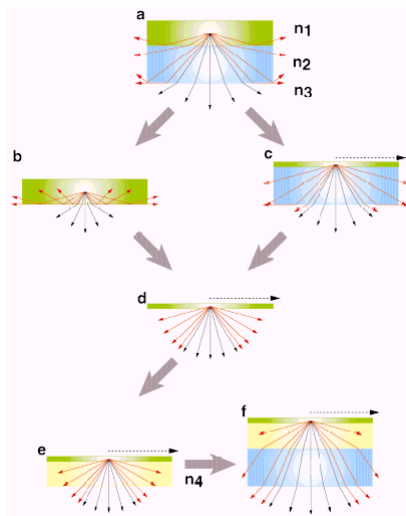


Fig. 3. Photograph of ultrathin emissive layer on glass substrate with (left) and without (right) aerogel spacer layer under UV irradiation. The left picture corresponds to Figure 1f and the right one to Figure 1c. Intense edge emission is observable only in the right sample.

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Photonic crystal

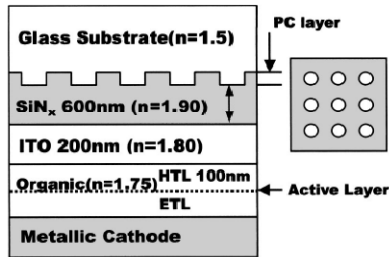


FIG. 1. The layer structure of a PC-OLED with SiN_x and $\text{SiO}_2/\text{SiN}_x$ PC layers. The specified refractive indices are the wavelength at 530 nm and ETL layer thickness is defined as D_a .

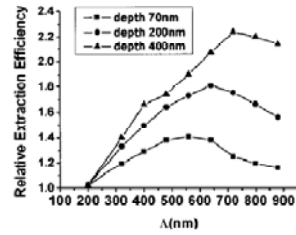


FIG. 3. Extraction efficiencies with respect to the conventional OLED as functions of the lattice constant for three etch depths.

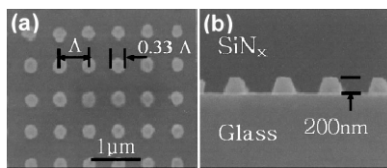


FIG. 4. Scanning electron micrographs: (a) top view and (b) cross-sectional view of the PC-OLED layers.

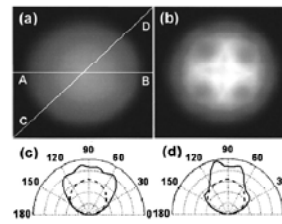
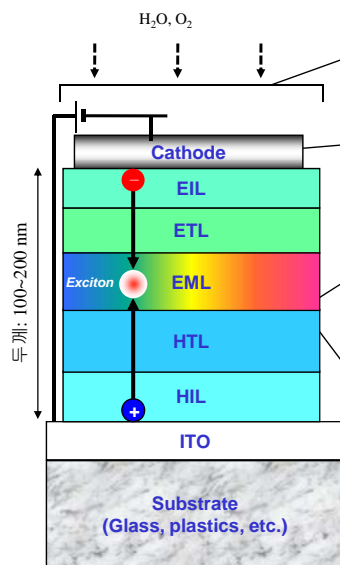


FIG. 5. Far-field intensity profiles. (a) The conventional OLED. (b) The PC-OLED. (c) and (d) Intensity profiles along the horizontal line (A-B) and diagonal line (C-D), respectively. (Dotted lines: conventional OLED, solid lines: PC-OLED.)

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Degradation Processes



- **Encapsulation**
 - Permeation of H_2O and O_2 , etc.
 - **Ambient environment:**
 - Temperature, moisture, and UV light, etc.
 - **Joule heating, etc.**
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- Cathode**
 - Delamination of metal (Peel-off)
 - Corrosion & oxidation; O_2 , H_2O
 - Diffusion of metals such as Ca, Al, etc.
 - Electrode Interfaces**
 - Interfacial degradation
 - Changes in injection efficiency
 - Formation of oxide layer: injection barrier
 - Electrochemical reaction with organic layers
 - Degradation of PEDOT:PSS
 - Degradation of p-, n-doped layers, etc.
 - Organic layers**
 - Degradation of organic materials
 - Photo-oxidation
 - Morphological changes (Crystallization):
 - change of mobility, trap distribution
 - change in e-h balance, etc.
 - Interdiffusion between org./org. interfaces
 - Trap formation at org./org. interfaces
 - Anode**
 - ITO inhomogeneity: injection barrier
 - Oxygen or In diffusion → Degradation of organic layers
 - Dust, particles, etc.

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Joule heating

Real-Time Observation of Temperature Rise and Thermal Breakdown Processes in Organic LEDs Using an IR Imaging and Analysis System

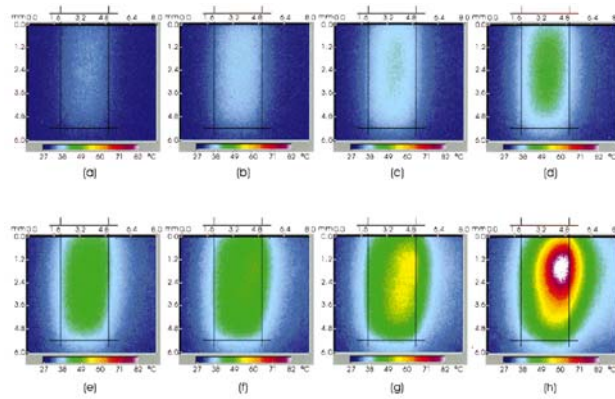


Fig. 3. Surface temperature images of OLEDs: a) 18 V, 32 mA/cm², 35 °C; b) 20 V, 49 mA/cm², 37 °C; c) 22 V, 66.5 mA/cm², 40 °C; d) 24 V, 87.7 mA/cm², 43 °C; e) 26 V, 108 mA/cm², 46 °C; f) 28 V, 125 mA/cm², 49 °C; g) 30 V, 146.5 mA/cm², 55 °C; h) 33 V, 220 mA/cm², 86 °C.

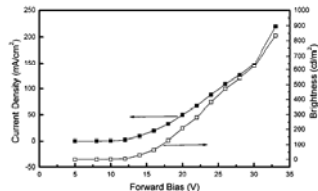


Fig. 1. The V-I-B characteristics of the OLEDs.

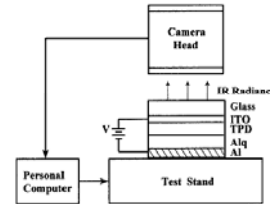


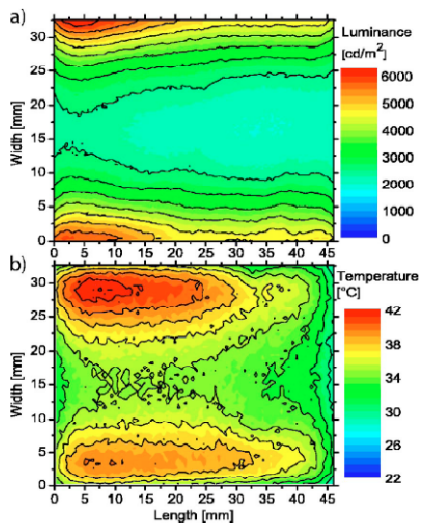
Fig. 2. Experimental set-up used for measurement of temperature.

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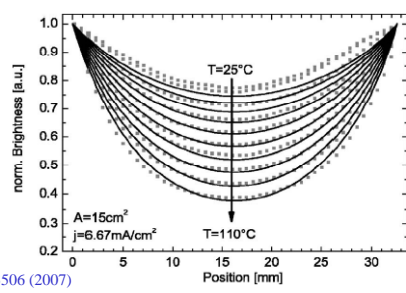
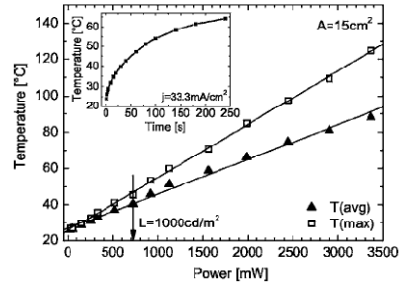
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Impact of Joule heating on the brightness homogeneity of OLEDs

Brightness distribution of a device having an active area of 15 cm² at a current density of 33.3 mA/cm².

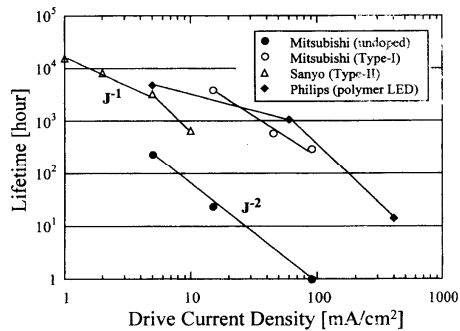


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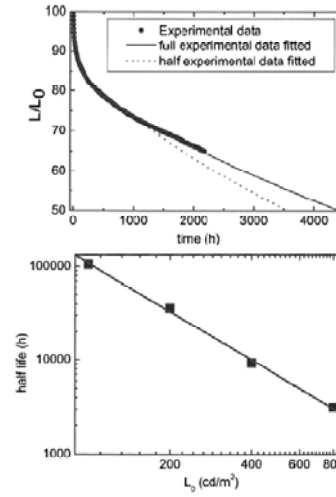
Coulombic degradation scaling law



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$$\tau \propto J^{-n}; L_0^n \tau = \text{constant}$$

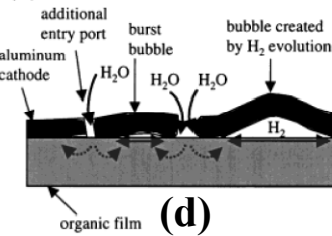
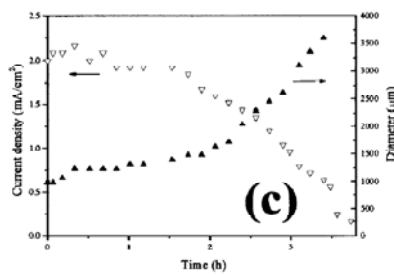
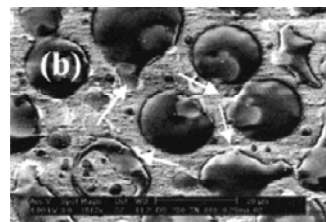
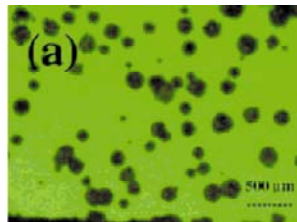
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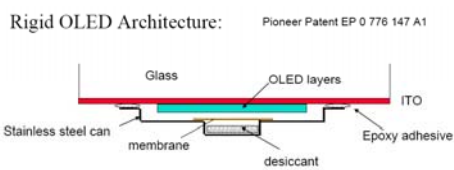
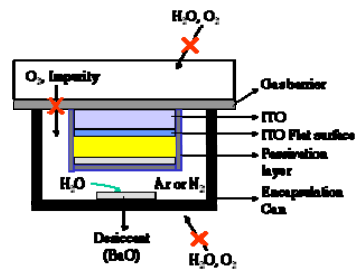
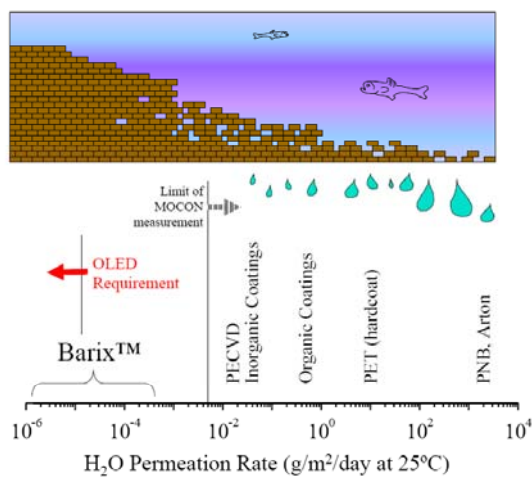
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Encapsulation

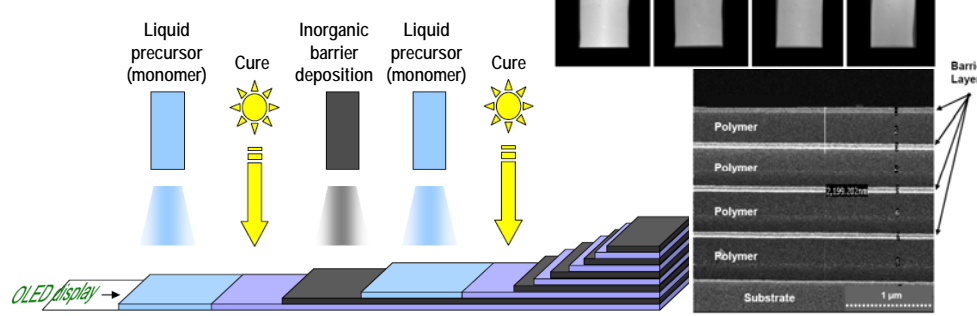
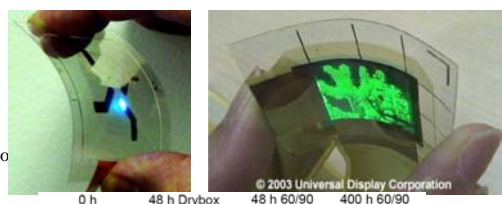


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Thin film encapsulation

- Inorganic:
 - Aluminum oxide deposited by DC reactive sputtering
 - Thickness 30-100 nm
- Organic:
 - Monomer mixture deposited in vacuum
 - Non-conformal deposition: Liquid-Vapor-Liquid- (UV curing)-So
 - Thickness 0.25 – several mm
- 4-5 polymer / inorganic pairs (dyads) for encapsulation

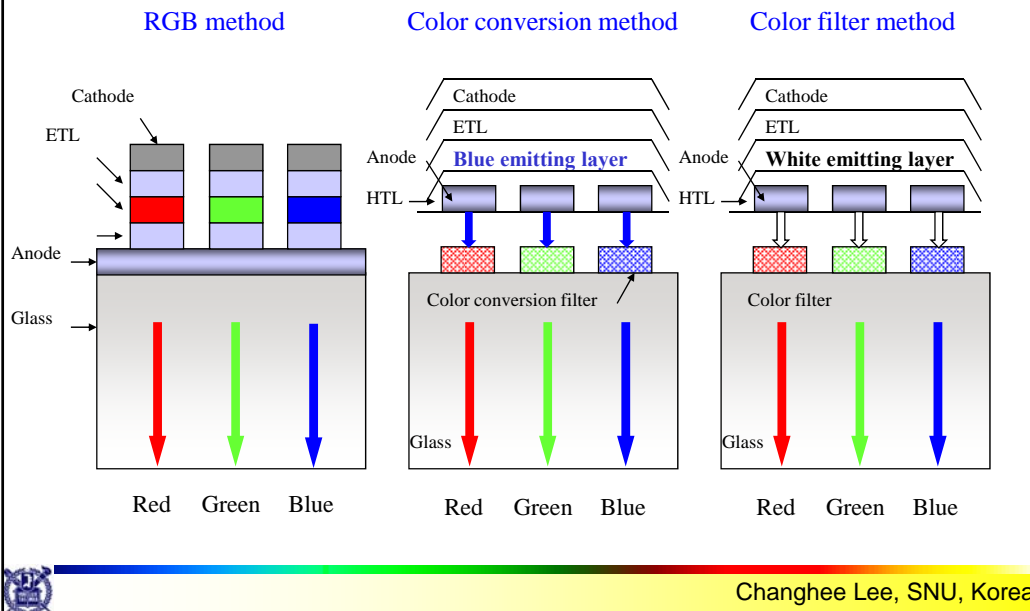


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Methods of Full Color Display Fabrication

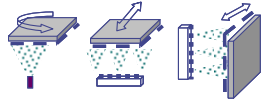

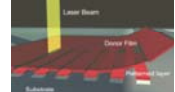
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Comparison of OLED color patterning methods

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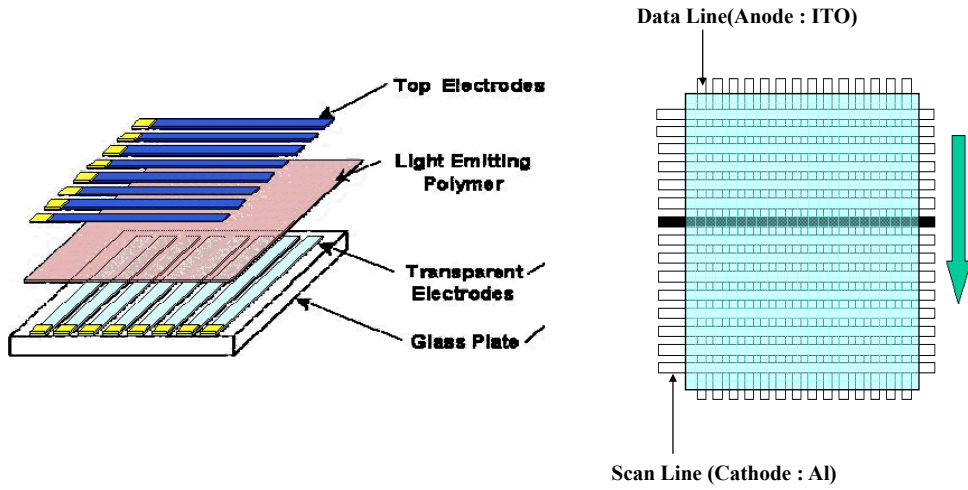
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|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Materials | Molecular Materials Only  | Polymer (LEP)  | Polymer (LEP) Molecular Materials Hybrids (Blend)  |
| Printing Accuracy | $\pm 15 \mu\text{m}$ | $\pm 15 \mu\text{m}$ | $\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ |
| Resolution | ~180ppi | ~150ppi | ~300ppi |
| Aperture Ratio (Top Emission) | 40~50% | ~60% | 70~80% |
| Materials Usage | - | Smallest | - |
| Glass Size | 730x460mm (~2005) | 730x920mm | 730x920mm (~2005) |
| Machine Price | Very Expensive | Cheapest | Middle |

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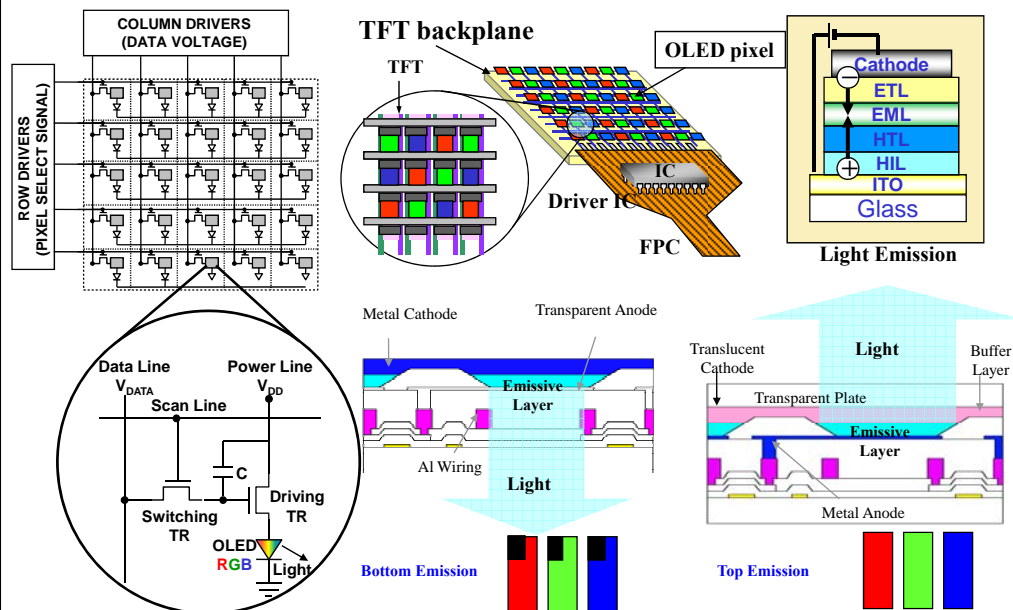
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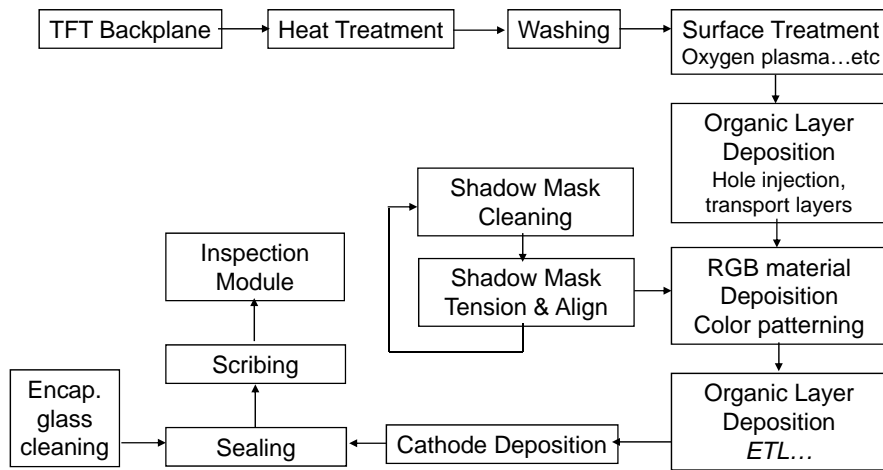
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