

# Advanced Light Extraction Material for OLED Lighting

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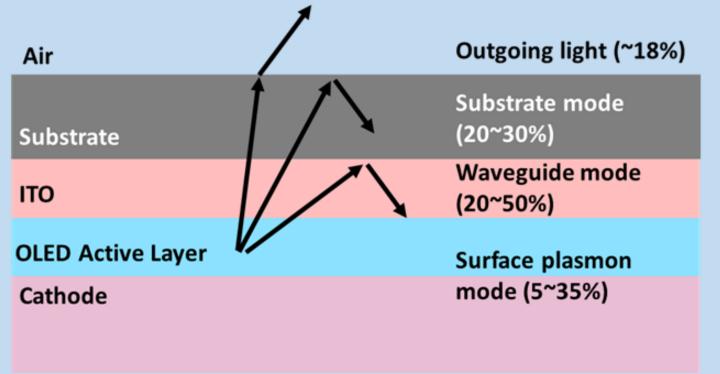
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#### **Project Objectives**

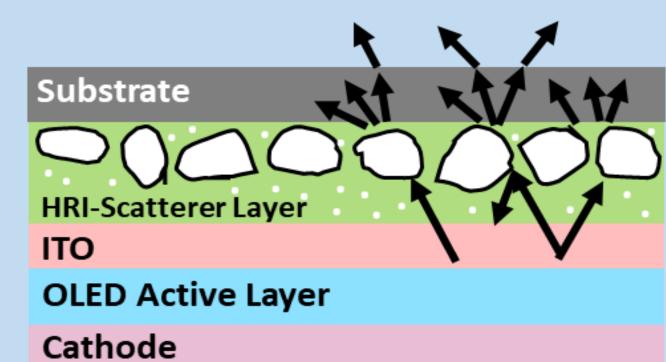
To develop a *conformable* High Refractive Index – Internal Light extraction (HRI-LE) formulation product for OLED lighting panel manufacturers. The conformable HRI-LE will demonstrate at least 2.3X improvement in external quantum efficiency. This project is supported by DOE SBIR Phase II Grant# DE-SC0011295

#### **Project Technology**

- One major challenge for an OLED lighting device is its low light extraction efficacy which is only ~ 20%
- Light is lost at different interfaces within the device
- Incorporating an Internal light extraction can access ~ 80% of the light but requires a high quality HRI layer
- Pixelligent's proprietary high quality ZrO<sub>2</sub>/Acrylic nanocomposite embedded with scatterers provides an ideal material system for the HRI layer



Light loss mechanism



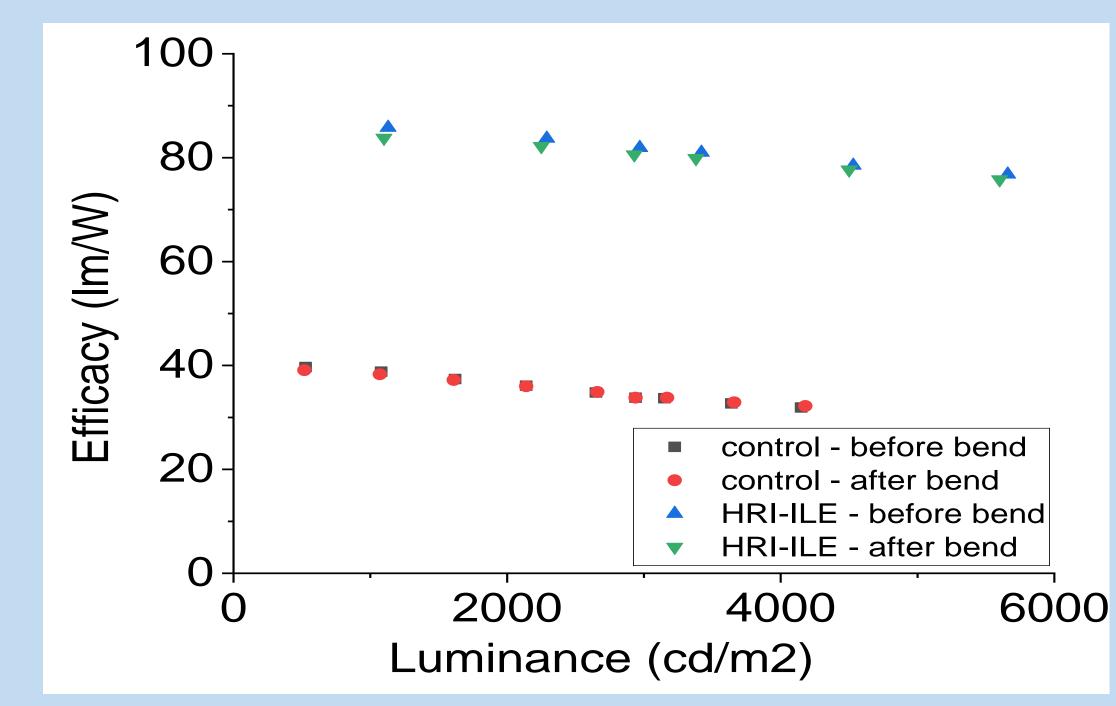
Pixelligent's ILE

## **Progress To Date**

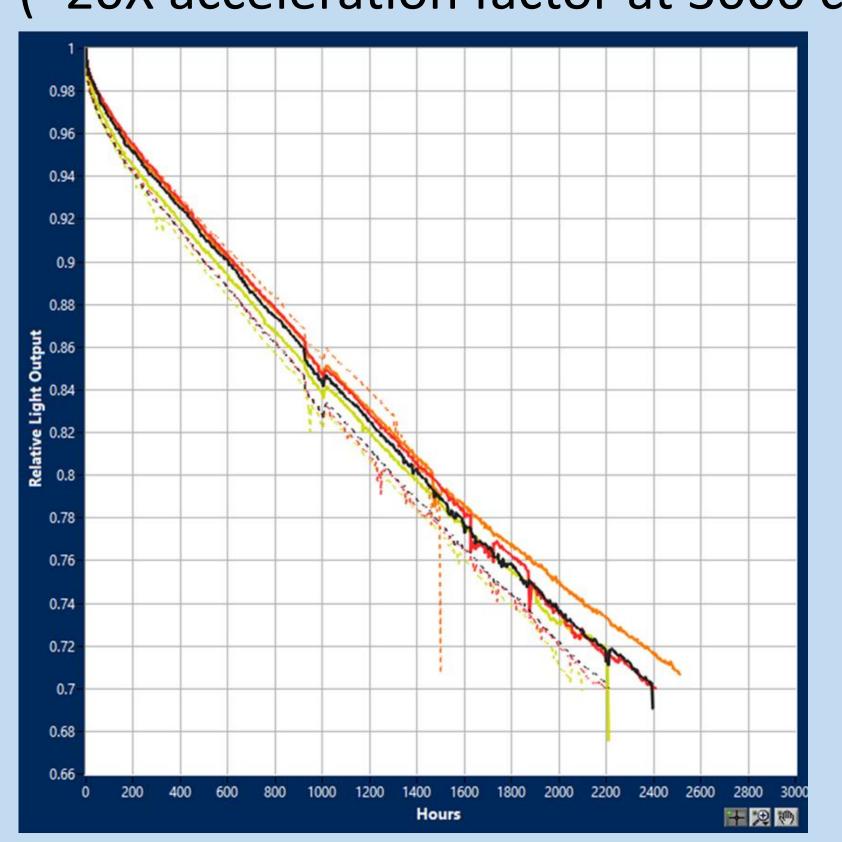
Phase I	Phase II	Phase IIB
HRI smoothing layer for ILE	HRI-ILE formulation with scatterers	Flexible HRI-ILE formulation with scatterers
2.19X EQE improvement	>2.5X EQE improvements	>2.3X EQE improvements
		LT70 equivalent to >50,000 hrs
		Demonstrated flexibility, 1x 50mm radius

#### **Project Results**

Efficacy of the integrated device before and after bend around 50 mm radius (1X)



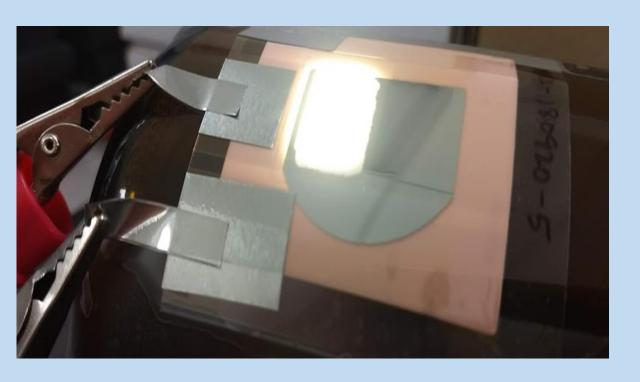
LT70 of ~2400 hours at accelerated testing 10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> (~20X acceleration factor at 3000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>)



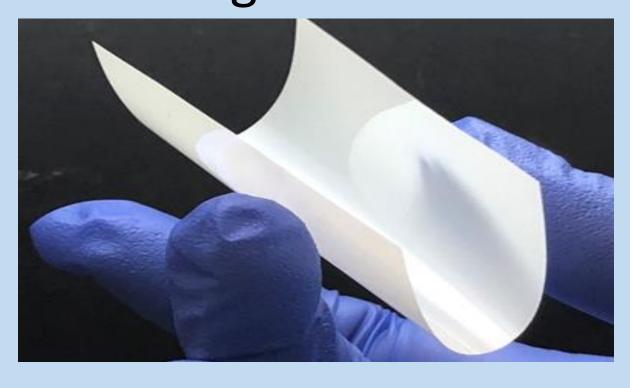
Passed 85C/85% testing

TO	24h	360h	696h	>1000h

Functioning OLED device built on flexible substrate



HRI-LE film deposited on rigid substrate



Distribution of EQE improvement with HRI-ILE

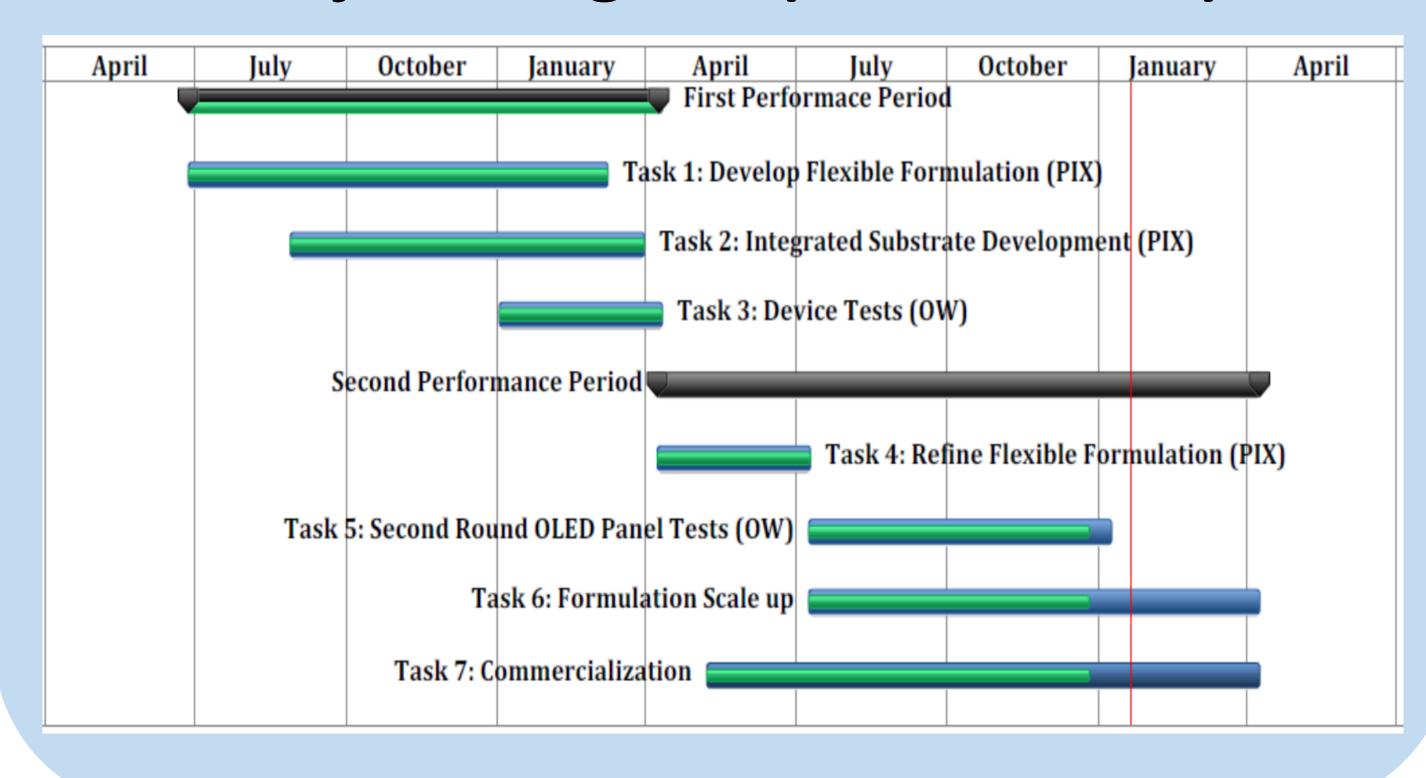


#### **Project Results**

Benefits of Pixelligent formulation and HRI-ILE

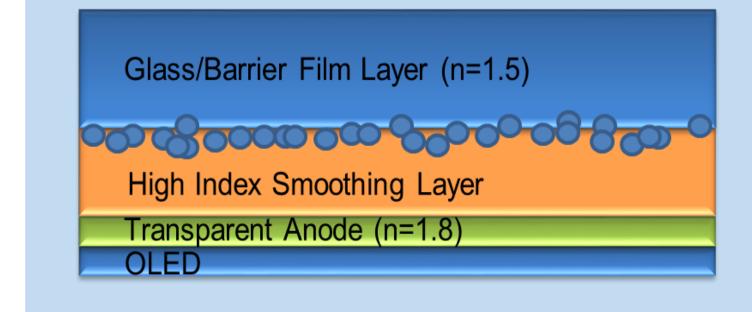
Formulation	HRI-ILE	
High RI	High RI	
High transparency	High transparency	
Solution processable	Thermal stability	
Low viscosity	Process stability	
Process stability	Good Adhesion	
Deposition process	Flexible	

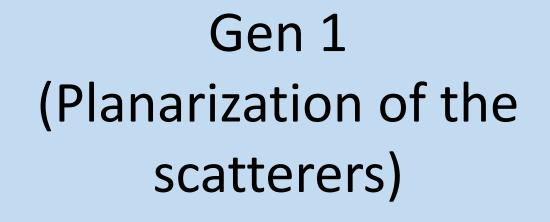
#### **Project Progress (2017 – 2019)**

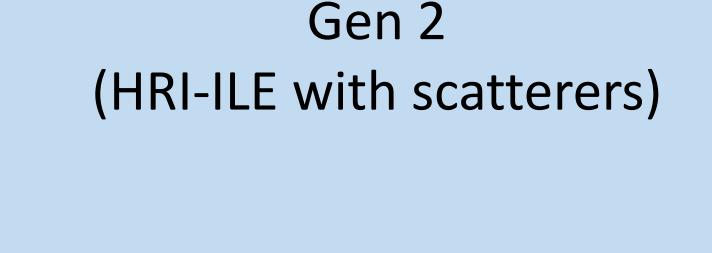


### Technology Roadmap

Pixelligent has shown feasibility of the following cost effective, easy to manufacture, and efficient light extraction technologies for OLED lighting



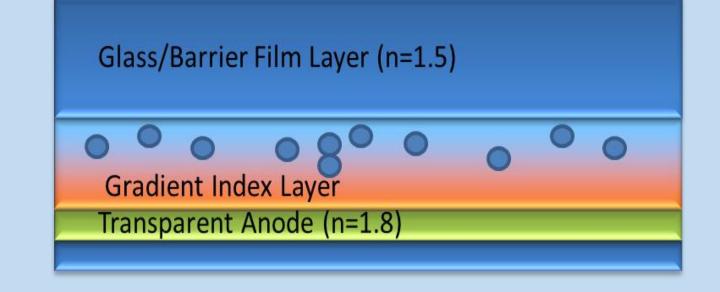




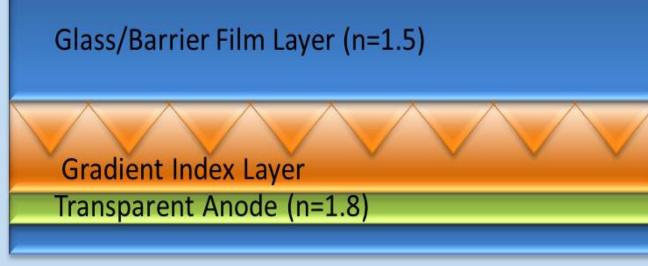
Glass/Barrier Film Layer (n=1.5)

Transparent Anode (n=1.8)

OLED







Gen 4 (3D gradient)