

# OLED development @ OSRAM Past, Present and Future Topics

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### **Outline**

- 1. The Past GI
- 2. The Present Automotive
- **3.** The Future

# OSRAM's OLED Activities mainly focused on General Illumination & Automotive

#### Automotive is expected to be the first volume application

#### **Special**

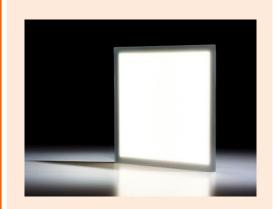


Furniture, White Goods, Decorative....

#### Focus:

 Depending on application

#### **General Illumination**



#### Focus:

- Cost
- Efficiency
- Lifetime

#### **Automotive**



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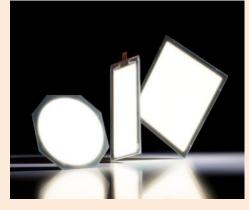
- Features
- Reliability
- Cost

### The Past.

### In the past OLED Development was focused on General Illumination

#### Mirror/Diffuse



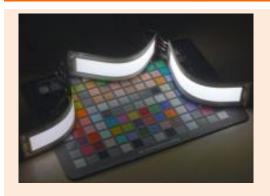


#### **Transparent**



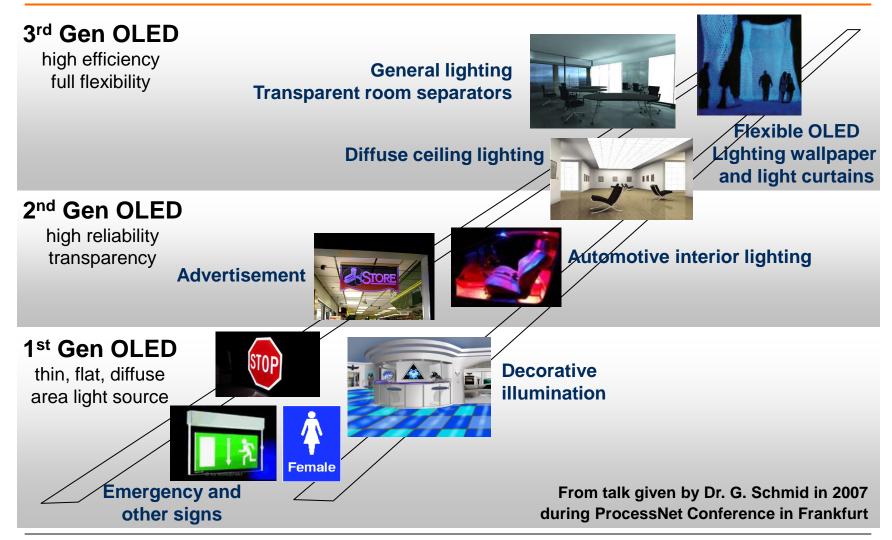


#### **Flexible**





# From 2007: OLED – Street to the flat light of the future



## **Examples for**

### **General Illumination with OLEDs**

#### Reference luminaires with OSRAM OLEDs



"Ventura" Solid, NL



"SOL" WAC lighting, US



"O-Range" Tunto, FIN



"AT-O-LED" Ludwig Leuchten, GER



"Cluster+2.0" Ben Wirth, GER



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## **Examples for**

### **General Illumination with OLEDs**

#### **Installations with OSRAM OLEDs**



Dula, Germany





TÜV Süd, Germany





NMD, Germany



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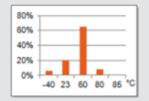
# OLED @ OSRAM Track Record

	R&D	Production	Products & Applications
2005 - 08	<ul> <li>Launch of OLED lighting activity in Regensburg</li> </ul>	Pre-Pilot production launch	•World's first commercial OLED luminaire "Early Future"
2009 - 10	<ul> <li>Efficiency record for lab sample with 62 lm/W (real white OLED)</li> </ul>		•1st Gen OLED products from series production     •World's first "long term" installation of 100 OLEDs at EXPO in Shanghai
2011	• World record for 2.5D white OLEDs with 32 lm/W efficacy Lab record 87 lm/W @ 4000K	Opening of OLED pilot line	Award winning luminaire  "Airabesc"  reddot design award winner 2011
2012	<ul> <li>1st Auto milestone: 1600 h LT70 @ 50°C</li> <li>Large area transparent OLED</li> <li>(116 cm²) production proven design</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Gen OLED products from series production (40 lm/W, 2000 nits, 10 kh LT70)</li> <li>System expertise proven by dedicated connector and electronics solutions</li> </ul>
2013	■2 <sup>nd</sup> Auto milestone: 3 kh LT70 @ 50°C		Award winning OLED module
2014	GI eng. samples from pilot line: 65 lm/W @ 3000 cd/m², 15 kh LT70 3rd Auto milestone:3kh LT70 @ 85°C	■ ISO9001 and ISO14001 certification	<ul> <li>Launch OLED Reading Light</li> <li>Demonstrator in cooperation with automotive lighting</li> </ul>
2015	•1000 nits: 8000 hrs reached	•TS16949 Audit (Letter of conformity received in November)	■BMW M4 "Iconic Lights" Showcar at CES
2016/		•Serial Production for automotive application	

# **Automotive Requirements Environmental Exposure as major Challenge**

# High temperature operation

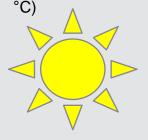
 Lifetime at elevated temperatures



- Temperature profile for RCL
- LT70 6kh / 8 kh at 1200nits / 1000nits, according temperature profile

# High temperature storage

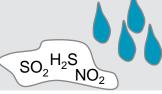
 Storage at elevated temperatures (≥ 85°C)



- >3.000h at 95°C (accelerated testing conditions)
- >1000 h at 105°C

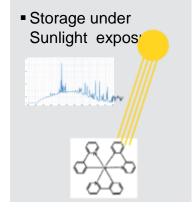
# Storage under harsh environ-mental conditions

■ Storage at high humidity and elevated temperature, corrosive gases, etc.



 >10 years under defined environmental condition; negotiated failure criteria

#### Sunlight exposure



UV blocking (RCL lens supporting)



# **Automotive Demonstrators: Proven conformity**

#### **ECE conform Rear Combination Lamp (RCL)**







Fully functional ECE conform OLED RCLs have been shown, but first RCLs will be hybrids:

LED + OLED technology

## R2D2 Research Project: Rear light demonstrator with flexible OLEDs

1st public presentation at 11th International Symposium on Automotive Lighting (ISAL 2015)













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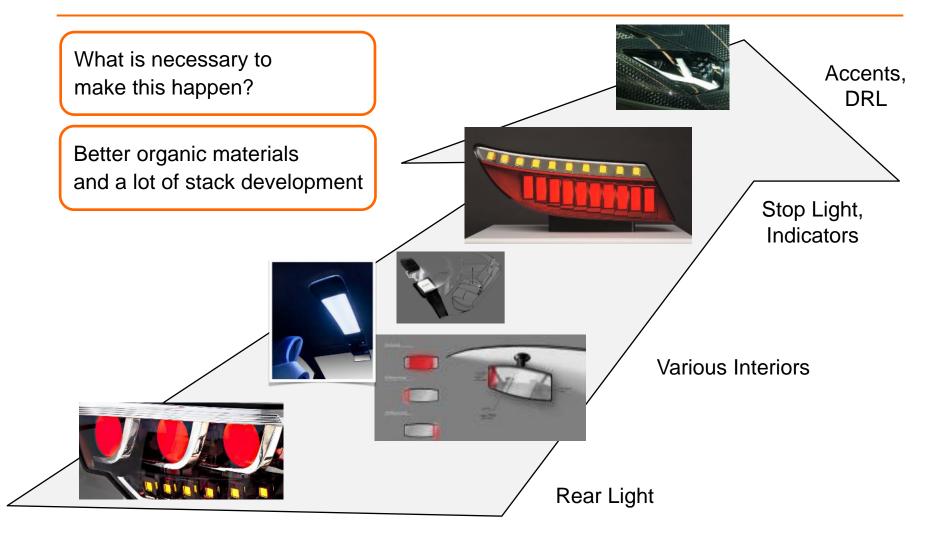




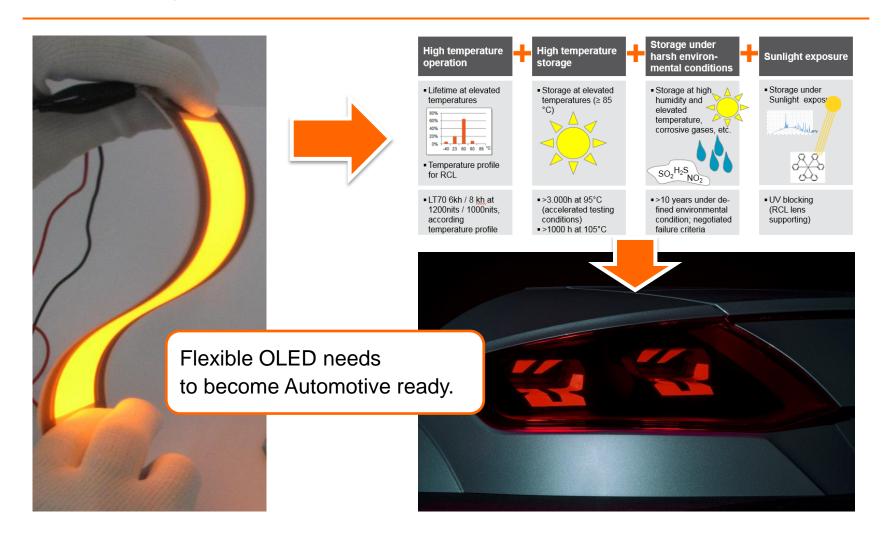
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#### The future of Automotive OLEDs



## **Topics beyond stack development**



# **Topics beyond stack development: Cost and Design**

Overall OLED price needs to decrease. Chance for R2R?

Personalization/Individualization of OLEDs

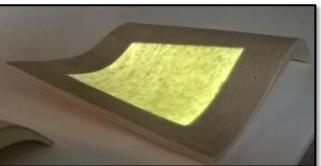


Source: COMMED

- Gapless segments.
- Borderless OLEDs/
   Seamless tiling.

Surface refinement.



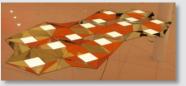




### **Take-Away Messages**

OLEDs offer design options and quality of light unmatched by any other light source but they are still quite expensive.





Automotive OLEDs are less price sensitive but the technical challenger is harder. OLED development for Automotive shows remarkable progress.





Automotive is the first volume application and is strongly design driven.

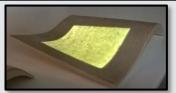


Segmentation, transparency and flexibility are key features for future applications. Flexible needs to become automotive ready.





Stack development is one hard challenge to enable more applications. But topics like personalization or surface refinement are important, too.





## Many Thanks.

