## Environmentally Robust Quantum Dot Downconverters for High Efficiency Solid State Lighting

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## **Reaching Theoretical Efficiency Limits of High CRI LED Lighting.**



Optimistic Projections: Alex Linkov, Osram OS, 2018.

## 2020 State Of The Art, 3000K Device Efficacies OSRAM OSCONIQ P 2226

|          | Efficacy | [Cd] | LER | CCT  | CRI | R9 |
|----------|----------|------|-----|------|-----|----|
|          | (Im/W)   |      |     | (K)  |     |    |
| Phosphor | 158      | 0    | 298 | 2983 | 92  | 59 |
| QDs      | 165      | 90   | 303 | 3018 | 93  | 56 |
| QDs      | 203      | 600  | 357 | 2957 | 90  | 50 |

OSCONIQ P 2226 LED Packages

2018: State of the Art 3000K device efficacies.

| CRI | Nichia   | Lumileds | OSRAM    |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|
| 80  | 195 lm/W | 191 lm/W | 191 lm/W |
| 90  | 163 lm/W | 163 lm/W | 163 lm/W |

25% higher device efficacy from QD enhanced SSL!



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# Milestones in the Development of Colloidal QDs





Tuning of architecture controls recombination kinetics, brightness, color, and spectral linewidth.

Owen and Brus, JACS, 2017.

#### Photoexcitation Intensity of LED Packages: 10-100 W/cm<sup>2</sup>



Adoption of Light-Emitting Diodes in Common Lighting Applications, 2013, DOE SSL Program.

#### Flux Stable, Graded Alloy, Spherical Quantum Wells

#### Spherical Quantum Well Architecture Reduces Strain and Defects



Jeong (Bae) et al. ACS Nano **2016**, *10*, 9297. Matthews and Blakeslee, J. Cryst. Growth **1974**, *27*, 118-125.



#### Large, Graded Alloys Suppress Auger Recombination

Dubertret, *Nano Lett.* **2015**. Pietryga and Klimov, *ACS Nano* **2013**. Klimov, Htoon *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **2011**. Cragg and Efros, *Nano Lett.* **2010**. Rabani and Baer, *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, **2010**.



## **QD Performance Testing "On Chip" (DE-EE0007628)**

#### **Device Architecture**



High Throughput QD Synthesis Robotics



#### Performance/Reliability Testing "On Chip"

Can narrow band emitting QDs, especially red emitters, maintain PLQY on LED chips during operation?

Flux = 10–100 W/cm<sup>2</sup> Temperature = 100–150°C PLQY > 90 % Humid air and >10,000 hour operating lifetimes



Silicone/QD Slurry





Environmental Reliability Testing

## Single Injection of Mixed Precursors: Precursors Control Alloy Microstructure





#### High Throughput Screening: "One Pot" Synthesis of CdSe/CdS QDs



Chan, Cohen, Milliron, and Owen, Nano Lett. 2010.

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## Shelling and Encapsulation Prior to Reliability Testing on Chip



LED Drive Current

#### ZnS Surface Layer Essential to Reliability but Reduces PLQY



Improved ZnS = Improved Reliability



## **Objectives in 2019 – 2021 (DE-EE0008716)**



High Throughput QD Synthesis Robotics



#### Performance/Reliability Testing "On Chip"

Slurry for 4000K/90CRI SSL LED

Silicone/QD Slurry





Environmental Reliability Testing

## Low Reliability of InP/ZnSe/ZnS QDs on LED Packages



Lower chemical instability thought to arise from the junction of ZnSe/InP.

Growing GaP shell can increase PLQY and stability.

#### "Cd Free" III-V Nanocrystals Have Poor Absorptivity at $\lambda$ = 450nm



CdS shell layer provides absorptivity at 450nm (95:5 S:Se shown above).

Shell thickness increases chemical robustness, reduces Auger recombination, and lengthens luminescence lifetime. Poor absorptivity and reabsorption of red and of green is a major drawback.

# GaP layers would increase absorption at 450 nm, and better passivate InP layer.

Fundamentally new synthetic methods to grade InP/GaP interfaces are needed.

## **Reaction Kinetics of Aminophosphine Conversion to InP**



# Conclusions

(1) Precursor reactivity can be used to control particle size and composition.

- (2) Characterization of microstructure with higher than 5 nm spatial resolution is challenging.
- (3) ZnS surface layers are essential to long-term stability and photoluminescence quantum yield.
- (4) Quantum dots remain promising candidates for deep red emission on LED packages.

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