## OLED Technology: "Challenges and new opportunities,, Steven Rossbach



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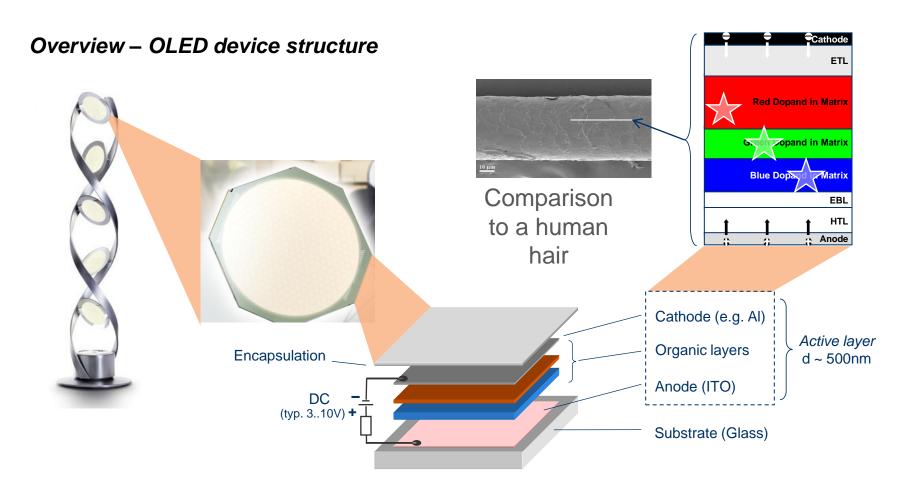


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## OLEDs are thin lighting devices made from organic semiconductor materials





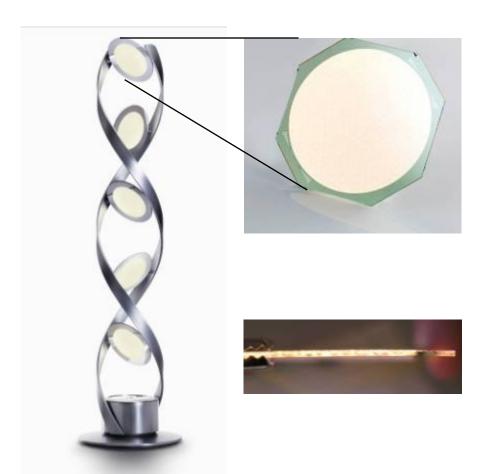
Layers of organic materials sandwiched between anode and cathode...



# We are sure the outstanding OLED USPs will be used for professional lighting



The combination of OLED features is very promising for lighting applications



- Instant on
- Mercury free
- Fully dimmable
- Energy efficient
- No glare
- UV-free
- Touchable
- Easy to implement
- Sustainable
- Long lifetime
- Ultra flat



## Feature 1:

## **Transparent OLEDs**





### **Unique Qualities of transparent OLEDs**

- Absolutely clear view without any haze
- Scratch resistant glass
- Emission ratio 60/40 to 80/20 between front and backside light

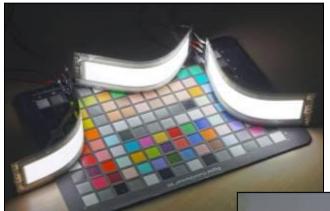




## Feature 2: Flexible OLEDs









### **Unique Qualities of flexible OLEDs**

- Curvature adjustable light sources
- Bendable light sheets
- Ultra-flat



# Feature 3: Mirroring surface







### **Unique Qualities of mirroring OLEDs**

- OLEDs can be mirroring in "off-state"
- Seamless integration in mirror
- Aesthetical application solutions



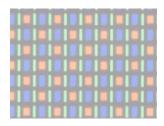


## **OLED Applications**



### Display

- Smart phone
- •TV
- •Camera
- → Target: show information



### General lighting

### Automotive lighting





- Interior
- Exterior



- Decorative
- Residential
- Hospitality
- Office



- Gadgets
- Toys
- •Furniture
- •White goods



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## OLED prototypes at "light + building"



OLED lighting as emerging topic for general lighting

2008

3 OLED luminaires all with OSRAM OLED



Osram with Ingo Maurer

2010

8 luminaire manufacturers presented OLED luminaire concepts with OLEDs by 7 suppliers



Schreder



Zumtobel

2012

26 luminaire manufacturers presented OLED luminaire concepts with OLEDs by 11 suppliers



**Acuity Brands** 



Osram



Selux



## Tasks for the next years

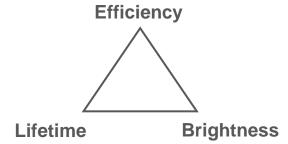


There are some challenges for OLED lighting panels as a technical light source

Light distribution (lambertian emission)

Contacting and interface technology

**Temperature stability** 



**Busbars for homogeneity** 

**UV-stability** 

Tiling

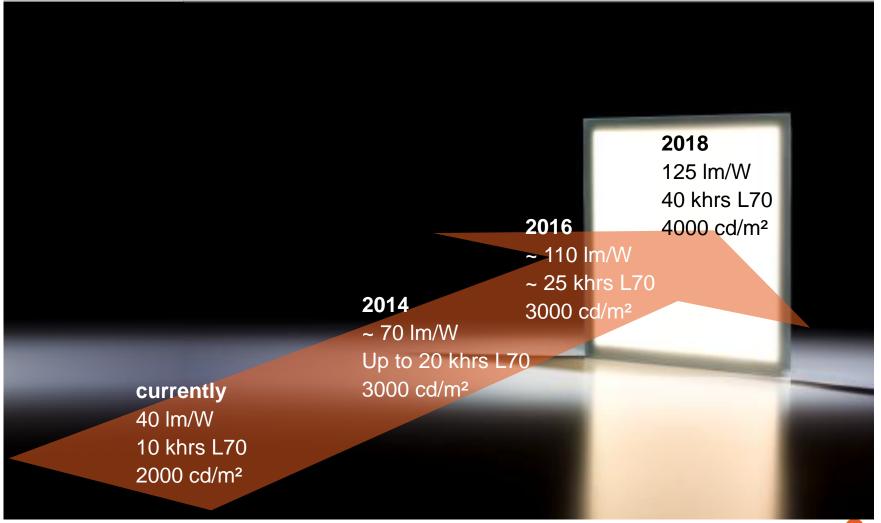
Color and brightness binning

Costs



## **General lighting - Performance Roadmap**

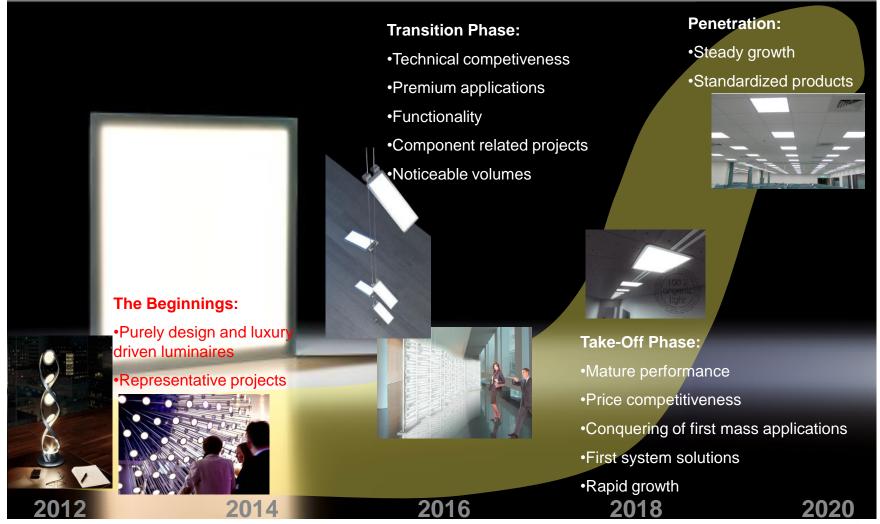






## Roadmap – Applications and Products

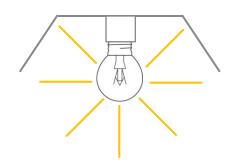




## New possibilities: luminaire concept ideas



OLEDs can be the lamp shade of a luminaire



lamp + shade



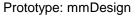
**OLED** Iuminaire













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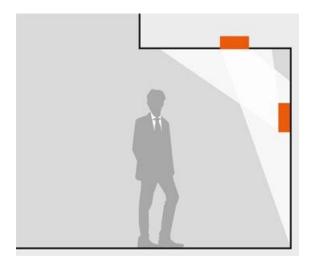
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Vertical wall integration

Typical wall-washer applications:

- High brightness
- Indirect flux





OLED in vertical areas:

- No glare
- Direct illumination
- No reflection losses

## Example GL: OSRAM as a frontrunner in developing application specific solutions



### **Current "General Lighting" OLED portfolio**



#### **OLED integration concepts**





1) Available in following versions: Flex-PCB with 4 solder pads / Flex-PCB with 4 socket pins / Counterpart connector available (not RDW)





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## **Automotive Requirements**



### "Easy jobs" - Lifetime & Electro-Optics

### The **pure operating life** is moderate.

- Up to 15 years usage life
- ~ 8,000 hrs operating life

#### **Luminance** requirements are moderate

- Few 100 cd/m² for interior ambient
- Up to 3000 cd/m² sufficient for exterior

#### **Efficacy** levels

- White: ~25-30 lm/w (= Hal level) sufficient
- Red: Consensus on even lower levels (~12 lm/w)

#### **Color** white

■ Highly flexible (3000 – 5500K) / CRI dependent

### "Challenges" - esp. reliability criteria

Scalable criteria ("Roadmap")

Temperature profiles ranging up to minimum 85°C and higher

**Up to 15 years storage life** (incl. Stability against humidity)

Stability against sunlight exposure



## **OLED RCL Demonstrator 2012 with the features mirror off-state and transparency**



OSRAM OLED Rear light demo shown at Vision 2012, Electronica and DVN Workshop in Detroit (2013)





- Red and amber conforming to ECE standards
- mirror off-state and transparent OLEDs mounted at intervals of some centimeters
- some smaller OLEDs in between, indicating stop light
- Transparent OLED can act as light curtain
- multi layer arrangement creates 3D and depth effect
- → Demonstrates design options enabled by OLED features



## OLED RCL Demonstrator 2013 with the unique feature Segmentation

OSRAM OLED Rear light demo presented at ISAL (International Symposium on Automotive Lighting) in Darmstadt

- Ultra flat light source enables very flat RCL architecture
  → space and weight savings
- Single OLED exhibits three independently addressable segments
- Moderate brightness of 1/3 of segments for rear light;
  full brightness of all segments for stoplight
- Homogenous lighting of area light sources
- Minimized gap between independent segments
- "Coming Home" and "Leaving Home" scenarios
  → Individualization and additional recognition value





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## **New applications with OLED**









## Handheld device showing the following application ideas:

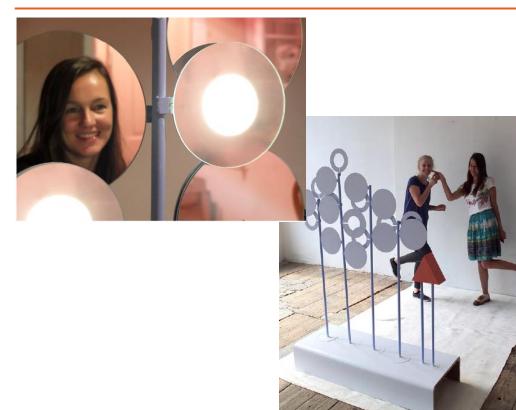
- •One transparent OLED combined with one mirror OLED of the same size
- •Search light: Max. light output when device is closed (both OLED upon each other)
- •Reading light: Open device, only transparent OLED on, to be layed on a book
- •Make-Up-Mirror: Open device, transparent OLED for smooth illumination, mirror OLED off & working as mirror
- Battery powered and USB chargeable





### **Novel OLED use: Thermobooth**





Interactive OLED installation:

- OLED light as flash for camera
- Mirroring OLEDs
- shutter release by contact between 2 people

#### **Pictures and Media**

http://www.thermobooth.com/media

#### Mentioned in press

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