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LEDs – an introduction




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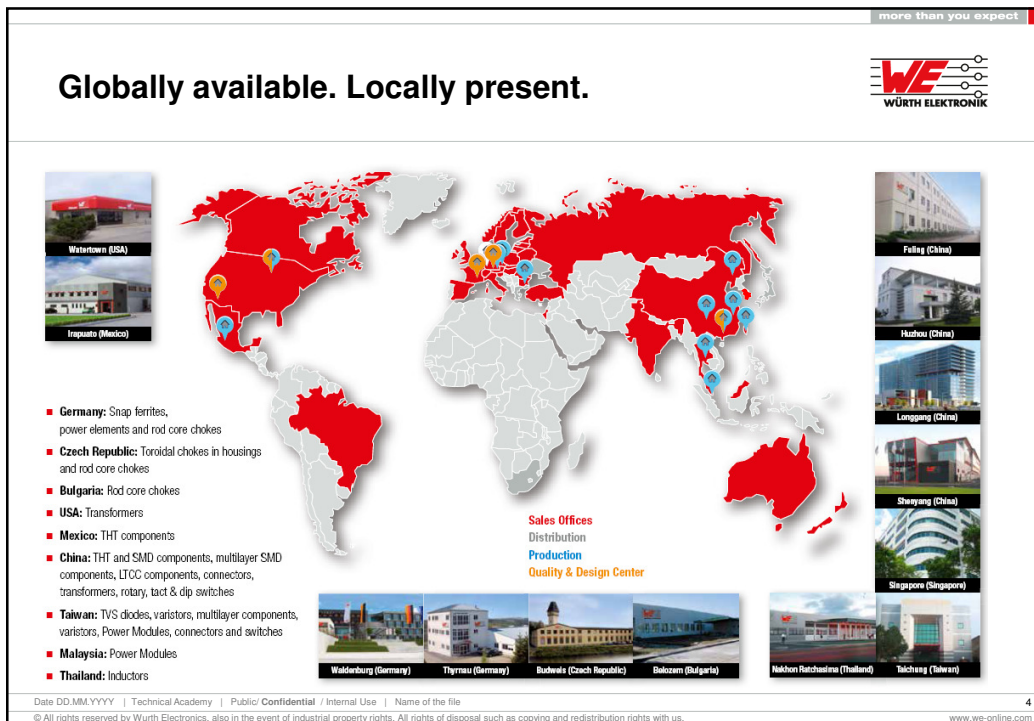
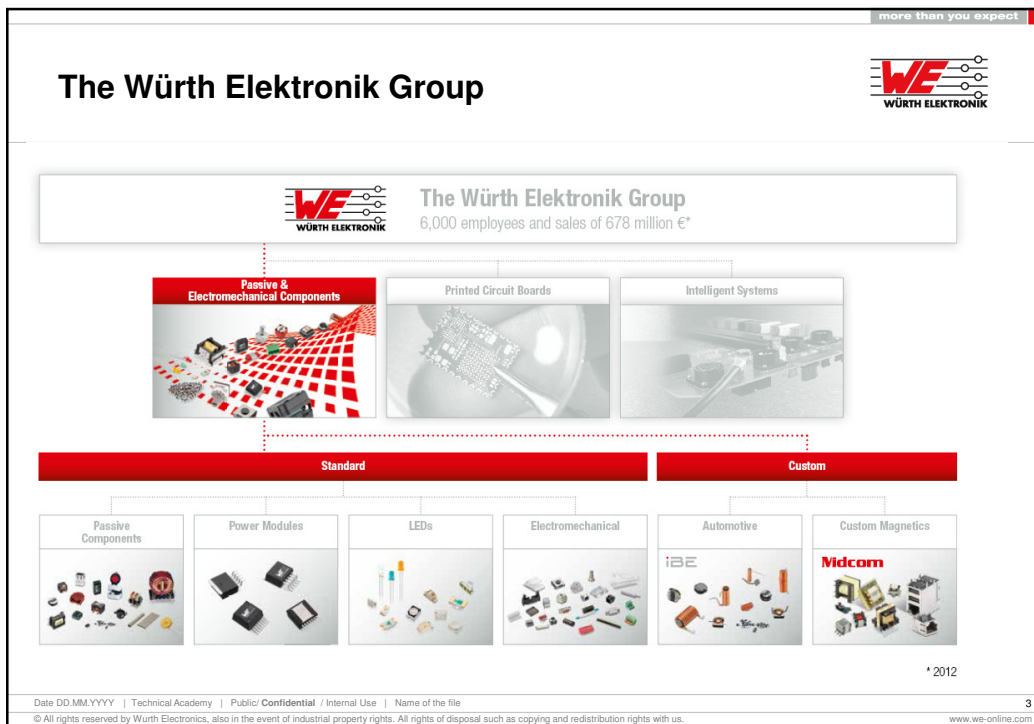
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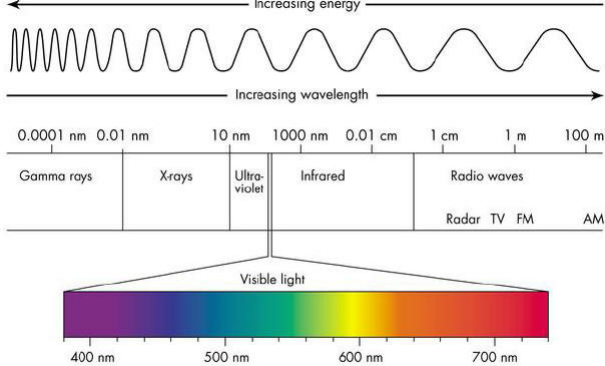
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LED Introduction

- **LED – Light-Emitting Diode**
- **Light – electromagnetic radiation**
 - Wavelength (frequency)
 - Energy
 - Visible spectrum
 - Non visible – UV, IR
 - Radiofrequency
 - Radiation – Gamma and X-Ray

Electromagnetic Spectrum



Visible light

400 nm 500 nm 600 nm 700 nm


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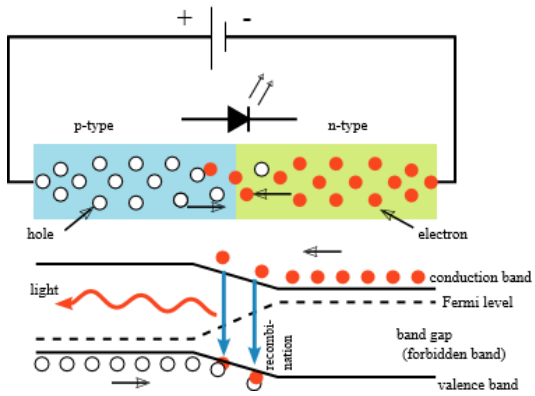
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LED Introduction

- **LED – Light-Emitting Diode**
- **Diode**
 - P-N junction
 - Recombination energy - wavelength
 - Recombination of carrier in the Active region
 - Active region – Quantum Wells structure
 - Active devices – current driven

Diode Scheme



light

recombination

conduction band

Fermi level

band gap (forbidden band)

valence band

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LED – The diode

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- Electrical device that converts electricity to light

Labels and corresponding layers:

- p-metal contact
- p-layer
- top window layer
- p-cladding layer
- Holes reservoir
- Active region
- Multiple Quantum Well
- n-cladding layer
- Electrons reservoir
- substrate layer
- n-metal contact

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LED Chip designs

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Vertical Design

- Better current distribution
- Better light output
- Harder to produce – good substrate layer is needed

Horizontal Design

- Easier to produce
- Low thermal conductivity – due to substrate
- Substrate from standard material

Labels for Vertical Design:

- p-metal contact
- p-layer
- top window layer
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- Multiple Quantum Well
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Labels for Horizontal Design:

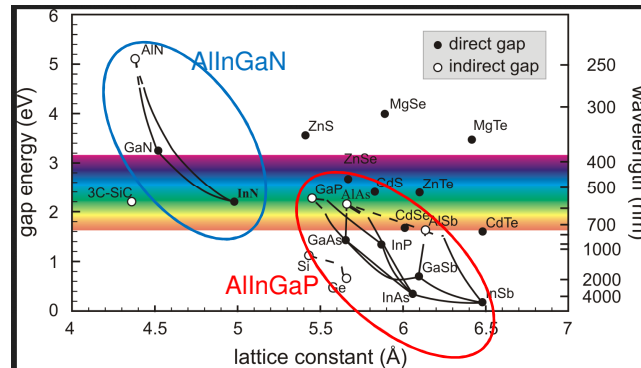
- p-cladding layer
- n-cladding layer
- substrate layer

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Material – Color – Turn on Voltage



- **AlInGaN** – from Deep UV to 530nm
 - Green (530nm), Blue, Deep Blue, UV
 - **AlInGaP** – from 550 to mid IR range (1100nm)
 - True Green (550nm), Yellow, Amber, Red, IR
- Turn on voltage ~ **3.2V**
- Turn on voltage ~ **2.0V**



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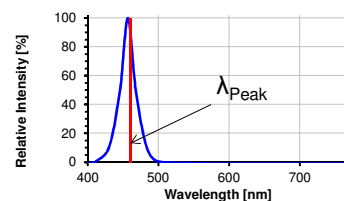
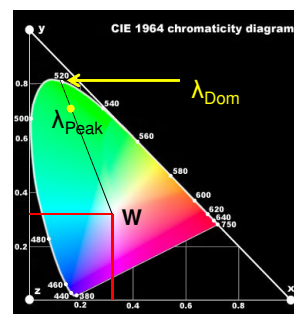
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Optical : Wavelength and spectrum



- LED spectrum spans over a few wavelengths
- Specifications:
 - λ_{Peak} – wavelength with maximum intensity
 - $\lambda_{Dominant}$ – wavelength of the eye perception, equal to a monochromatic light (single wavelength)
- How to find $\lambda_{Dominant}$
 - The monochromatic perception of the eye on the border of the CIE diagram
 - Cross point of the W- λ_{Peak} line
 - W is the white point with coordinates W(1/3, 1/3)



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Optical : Light intensity



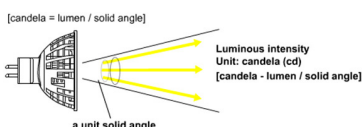
- **Total flux – lumen (lm)**
 - **CIE 127:2007 – measured in an Integrating sphere**
- **Intensity - candela (cd) = lumen / solid angle [lm/sr]**
 - **According to CIE 127:2007 – I_{LED} standard**
- **Illuminance – lux (lx) = lumen / square meter [lm/m²]**
 - **Not an LED parameter – used for General lighting standards**



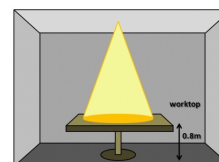
Lumen [lm]



Candela [cd]



Lux [lx]



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Efficacy of LEDs

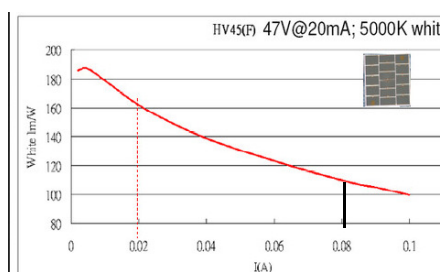


- **Efficacy of led – Conversion of electrical power into light**

$$\text{Efficacy: } \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} = \frac{\text{Optical output}}{V \cdot I}$$

- Optical output power – How much light come out from the LED
- Total input power – Electrical power $W = V \cdot I$

- Typical Efficacy curve
 - Peak at low current
 - Decrease up to 100% with current Increase
 - **Typical values**



Record breaking 162 lm/W 5000K is achieved by 45mil blue HV-LED


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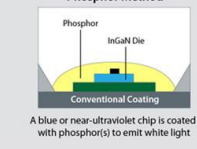
Optical: White light



- Mixture of different wavelengths
- Example spectrum of the sun
- How to create this with LEDs
 - RGB mixing
 - Better mixing
 - Need a mix distance – due to separation of sources
 - Blue LED and wavelength convertor
 - Lower efficiency, cheap and easy to produce

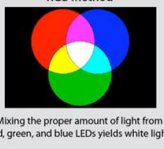
CREATING WHITE LIGHT

Phosphor Method



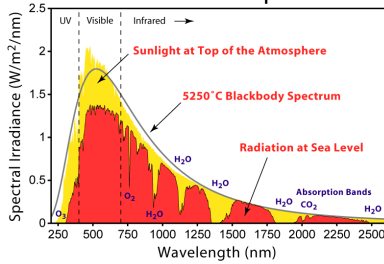
A blue or near-ultraviolet chip is coated with phosphor(s) to emit white light.

RGB Method

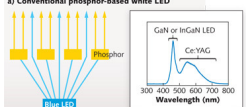


Mixing the proper amount of light from red, green, and blue LEDs yields white light.

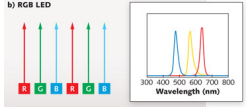
Solar Radiation Spectrum



a) Conventional phosphor-based white LED




b) RGB LED



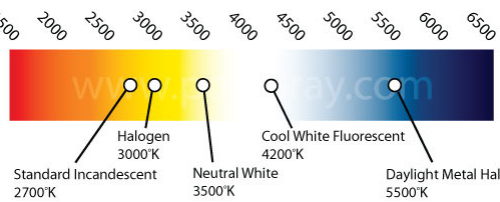
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Optical : White light parameters

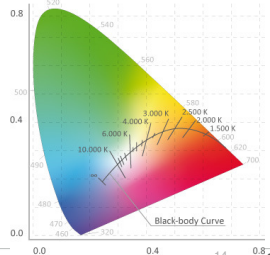


- **Correlated Color Temperature**
 - Perception effects achieved by using different color temperatures
 - Sunlight ~ 5500K
 - Moonlight ~ 4000K
 - Incandescent light bulbs ~ 3000K
- **Color Rendering Index**
 - Ability of light to show the real colors of a illuminated object
 - Comparison of emission light to a black body radiation
 - Test compared to the illumination of a 8 color sample defined by CIE(2004)
 - Typical LEDs CRI > 80


Color Temperature Scale (°K)



Black body radiation curve In the CIE 1961 color diagram



CRI Test colors sample



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Würth Electronic white LEDs

- **Phosphor conversion –**
 - Warm white - $\text{Ca}_2\text{Si}_5\text{N}_8:\text{Eu}^{2+}$ (SNEu)
 - Cold white - $\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}:\text{Ce}$ (YAG:Ce)
 - Mixture of both for different CCT
- **Two designs**
 - PLCC – low power LED, silicon resin with phosphor
 - Ceramic – high power LED, phosphor thin layer on top of led

Würth CCT selection and spectrums

Emitting color	CCT (K)
Sunrise	2700
Warm White	3000
Moonlight	4000
Daylight	5000
Cool White	6000

Silicone resin model

Phosphor thin layer on surface

CRI index of Würth LEDs
>80 / typ. 85

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Binning definitions

- **Standard binning defined by ANSI C78.377A and compliant with Energy Star**
 - Black lines – standard CCT color bins
 - MacAdams ellipses correspond to Energy star Fluorescent lamps binning
 - **MacAdams ellipses – regions with color undistinguishable for human eye**
- **WE bins for every CCT**
 - **Ceramic bins** – WE offers more accurate bins compared to others
 - **PLCC bins** – comparable to standard CCT color bins

CIE 1931 x,y Chromaticity Diagram

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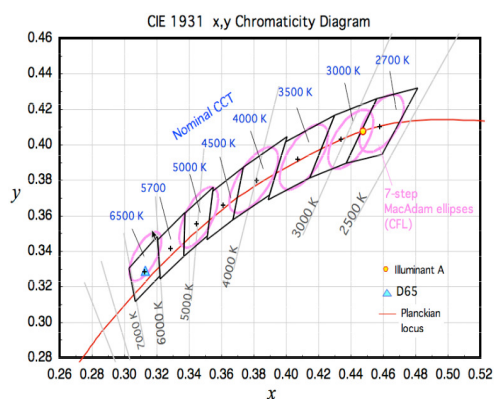
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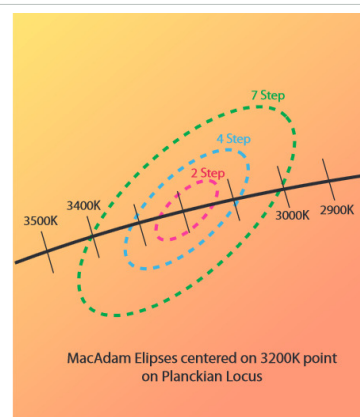
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MacAdam ellipses - Definition



- MacAdam - step ellipses**
 - “Step” = standard deviation
- ANSI recommends - Lamp manufacturers to stay in the 4-step MacAdam ellipses
- WE needs to compare to ANSI C78.377A 4-step MacAdam ellipses if the binning lies within standard borders
 - Ceramic are comparable to 4-step (only warm colors) and 7-step (cold colors)
 - PLCC are comparable to 7-step



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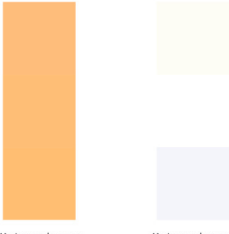
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MacAdam ellipses - Definition

MacAdam - step ellipses deviation
"Step" = standard deviation




Maximum color range

Maximum color range
White adjusted

2 Step MacAdam Ellipse Color Variation

Figure 6 - White color variation at 3200K: 2-step




Maximum color range

Maximum color range
White adjusted

4 Step MacAdam Ellipse Color Variation

Figure 5 - White color variation at 3200 K: 4-step



Maximum color range

Maximum color range
White adjusted

7 Step MacAdam Ellipse Color Variation

Figure 4 - White color variation at 3200 K: 7-step


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WE chromaticity performance

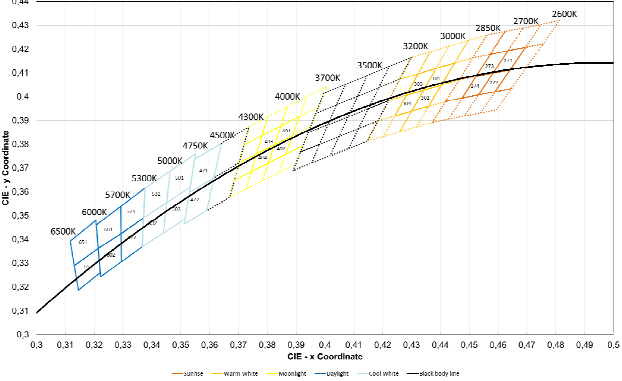
WE bins for available CCT

Ceramic bins – WE offers smaller bins compared to other competitor (solid lines)

PLCC bins – comparable to standard CCT color bins (dashed lines)

Emitting color	CCT (K)
Sunrise	2700
Warm White	3000
Moonlight	4000
Daylight	5000
Cool White	6000

Chromaticity performance for Ceramic



CIE - x Coordinate

CIE - y Coordinate

— sunrise — warm white — moonlight — daylight — cool white — black body line

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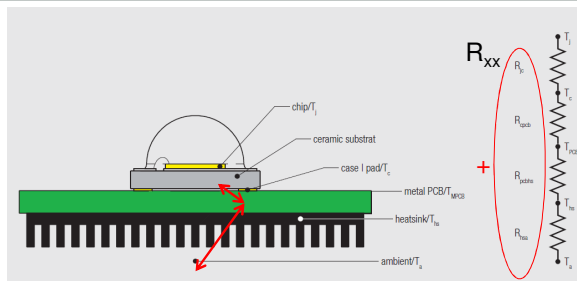
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Power output and thermal management



- Thermal resistivity – defines how temperature generated in the chip is released in the ambient
- Higher resistivity – warmer chip



- Low power LEDs < 0.5W
 - Low thermal specifications
 - Low luminescence output
- High power LEDs > 1W
 - High thermal flows
 - Sensitive to thermal design
 - High luminescence output

$$T_j = T_a + R_{ja} * P_{Diss}$$

T_j – junction temperature

T_a – ambient temperature

R_{j-s} – thermal resistivity between junction and pad

R_{s-a} – thermal resistivity between pad and ambient

$R_{j-a} = R_{j-s} + R_{s-a}$ – thermal resistivity of the whole package

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Derating curve and thermal management

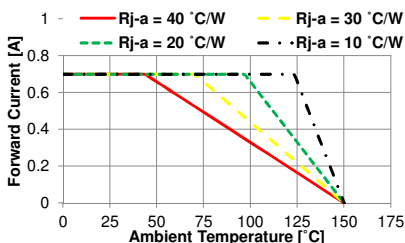


- Understanding the Derating curve
 - Link between maximum forward current and maximum ambient temperature

$$T_j = T_a + R_{ja} * P_{Diss}$$

$$P_{Diss} = V_F * I_F$$

$$I_F = \frac{T_j - T_a}{R_{ja} * V_F}$$



Constant parameters:

$R_{j-s} = 8-10 \text{ K/W}$

V_F – depends on material

T_j – maximum allowed junction temperature

Maximum driving current depends on R_{j-a} - good thermal conductivity design of the structure is needed

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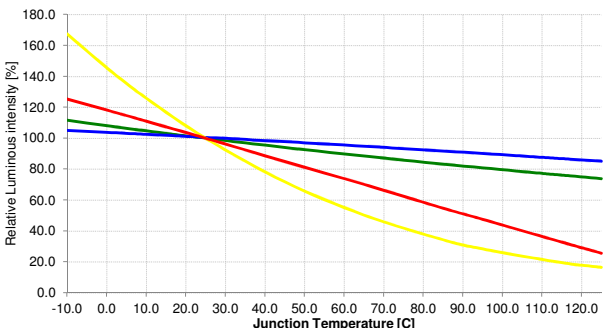
Thermal management

- **Link between junction temperature and ambient temperature**

$$T_j = T_a + R_{ja} * P_{Diss}$$
- **Luminous intensity, Wavelength and Forward voltage depend on T_j**
 - Efficiency losses up to 80%
- **Low junction temperature is important for efficient LED work**


Thermal design for predefined operation conditions:

- Constant operating current
- Constant operating voltage
- Constant ambient temperature
- **Good thermal conductivity design is important to support higher efficiency output.**




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