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## LEDs – an introduction




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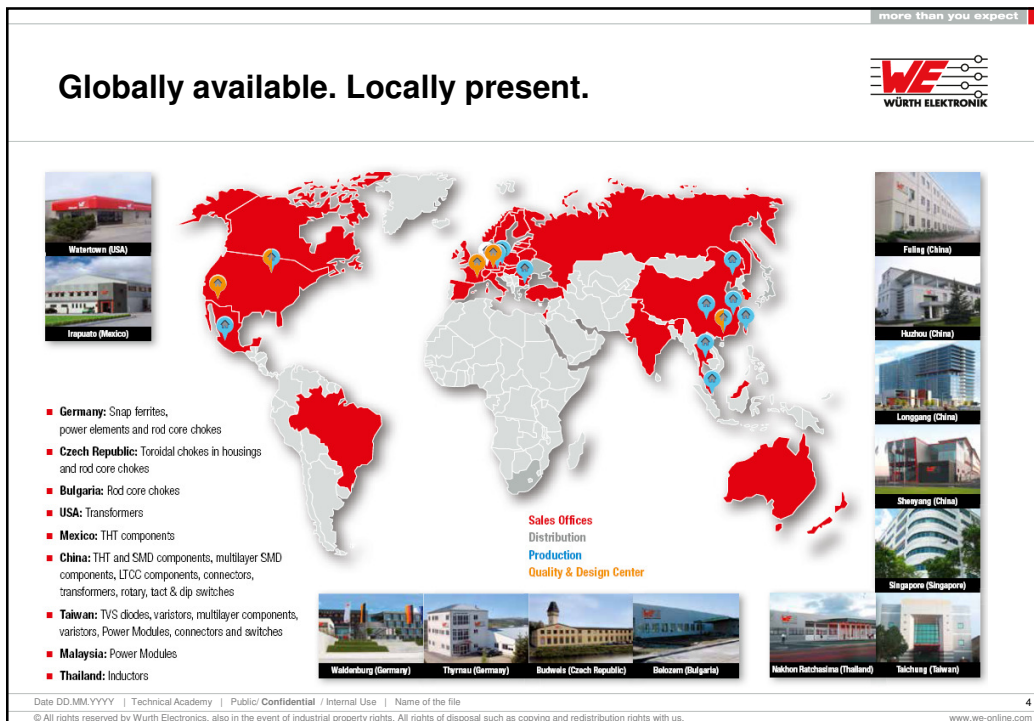
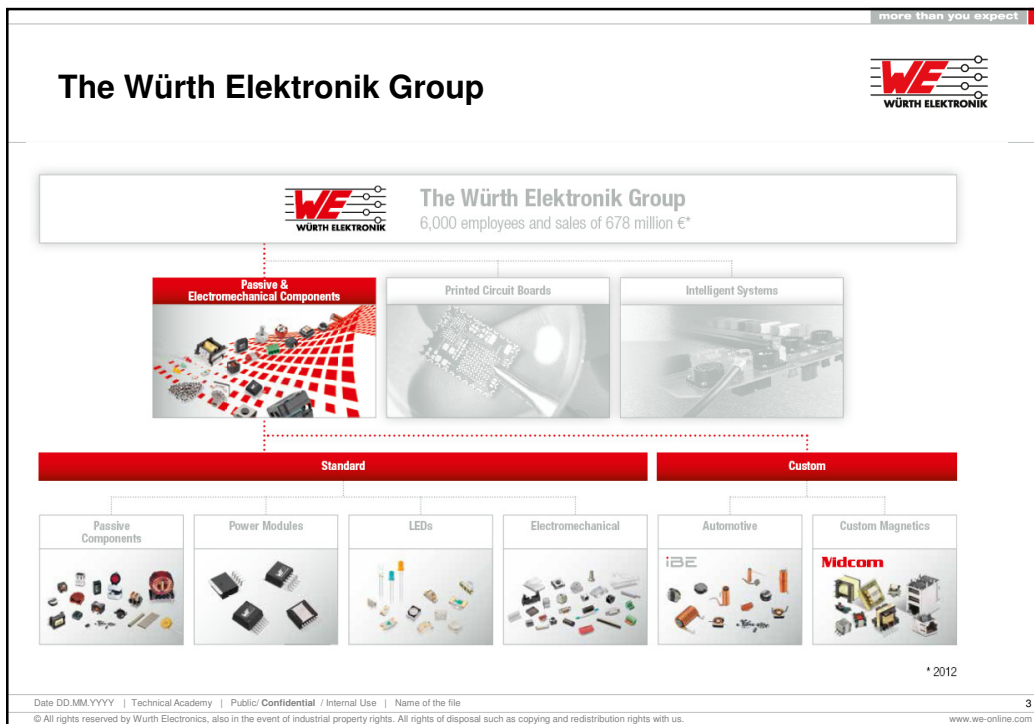
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- in 80 countries\*
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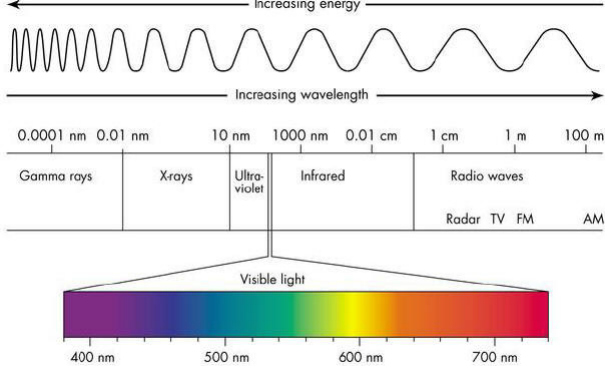
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## LED Introduction

- **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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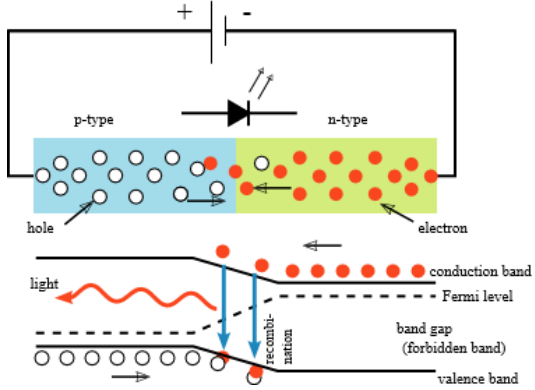
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## LED Introduction

- **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 layers from top to bottom:

- p-metal contact
- p-layer
- p-cladding layer
- Active region
- n-cladding layer
- substrate layer

Additional labels with arrows pointing to the layers:

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

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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 (from top to bottom):

- p-metal contact
- p-layer
- p-cladding layer
- Active region
- n-cladding layer
- substrate layer

Labels for Horizontal Design (from top to bottom):

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

Additional labels with arrows pointing to the layers in both designs:

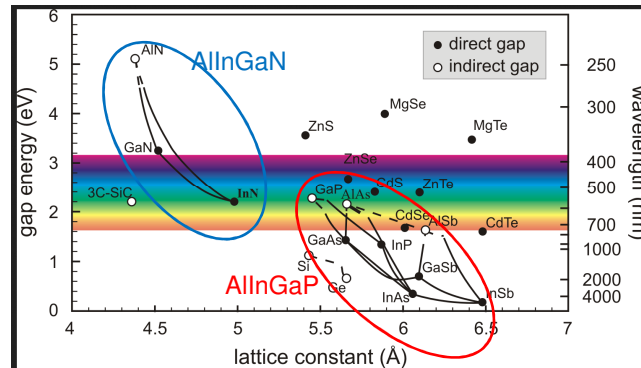
- top window layer (points to p-layer in vertical)
- Holes reservoir (points to p-cladding layer in vertical)
- Multiple Quantum Well (points to Active region in vertical)
- Electrons reservoir (points to n-cladding layer in vertical)
- n-metal contact (points to substrate layer in vertical)

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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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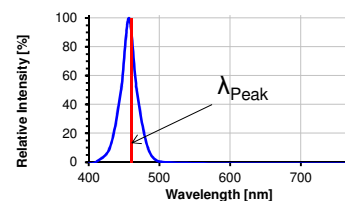
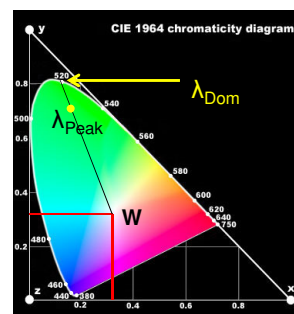
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## Optical : Wavelength and spectrum



- LED spectrum spans over a few wavelengths
- **Specifications:**
  - $\lambda_{Peak}$  – 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-  $\lambda_{Peak}$  line
  - W is the white point with coordinates W(1/3, 1/3)



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## Optical : Light intensity



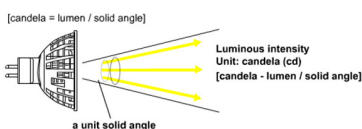
- **Total flux – lumen (lm)**
  - **CIE 127:2007 – measured in an Integrating sphere**
- **Intensity - candela (cd) = lumen / solid angle [lm/sr]**
  - **According to CIE 127:2007 –  $I_{LED}$  standard**
- **Illuminance – lux (lx) = lumen / square meter [lm/m<sup>2</sup>]**
  - **Not an LED parameter – used for General lighting standards**



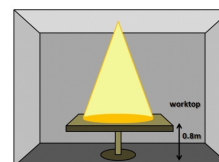
### Lumen [lm]



### Candela [cd]



### Lux [lx]



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## Efficacy of LEDs

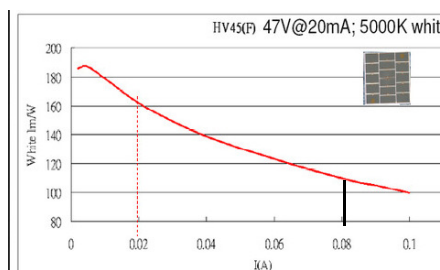


- **Efficacy of led – Conversion of electrical power into light**

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

- 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
- Typical values



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

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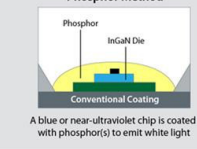
## Optical: White light



- 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**



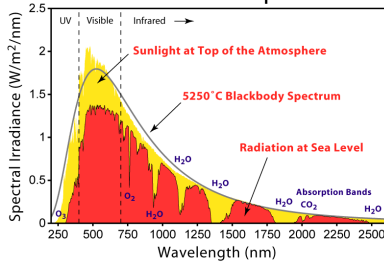
A blue or near-ultraviolet chip is coated with phosphor(s) to emit white light

**RGB Method**

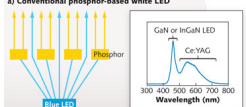


Mixing the proper amount of light from red, green, and blue LEDs yields white light.

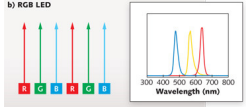
**Solar Radiation Spectrum**



a) Conventional phosphor-based white LED




b) RGB LED



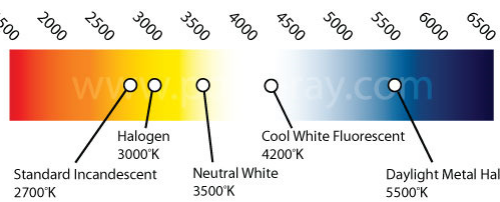
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## Optical : White light parameters

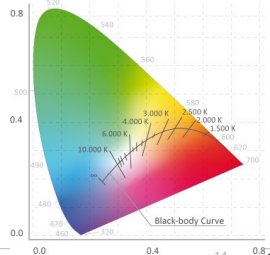


- **Correlated Color Temperature**
  - Perception effects achieved by using different color temperatures
  - Sunlight ~ 5500K
  - Moonlight ~ 4000K
  - Incandescent light bulbs ~ 3000K
- **Color Rendering Index**
  - Ability of light to show the real colors of a illuminated object
  - Comparison of emission 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  
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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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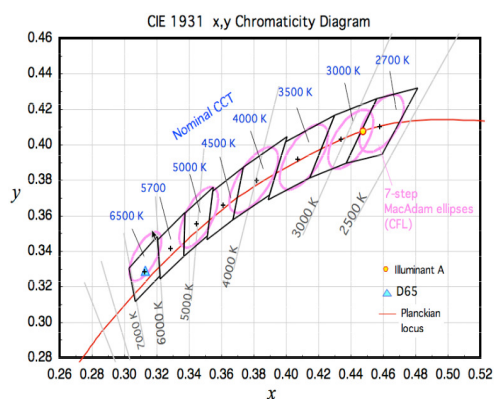
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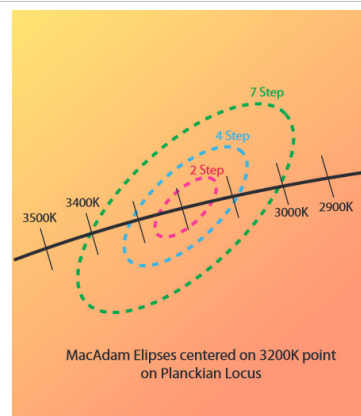
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## MacAdam ellipses - Definition



- 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



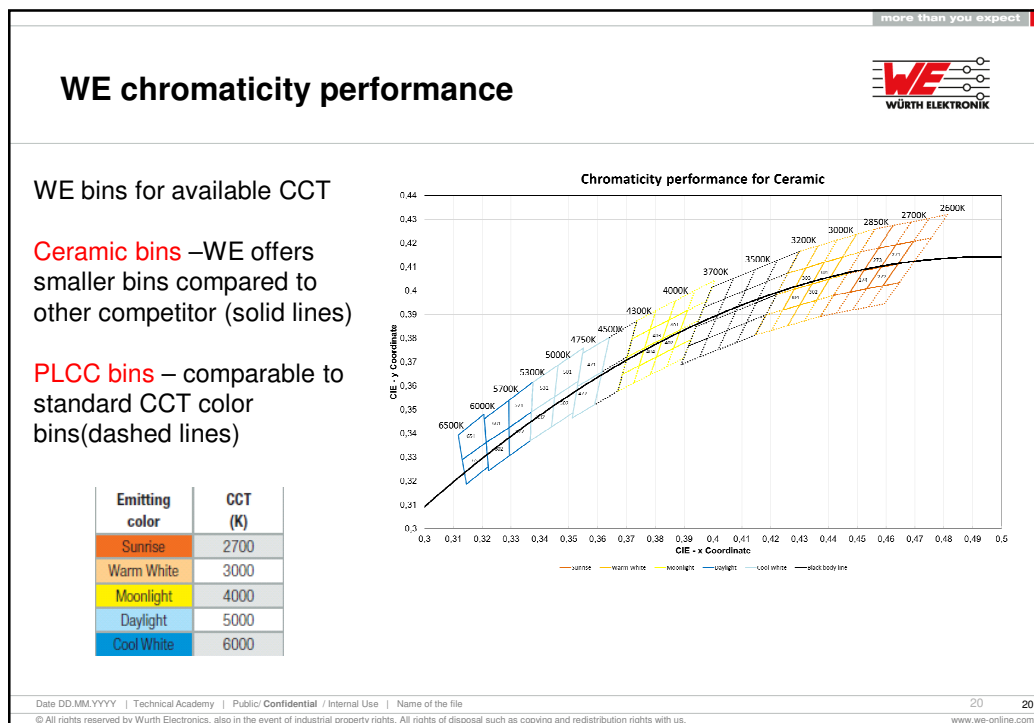
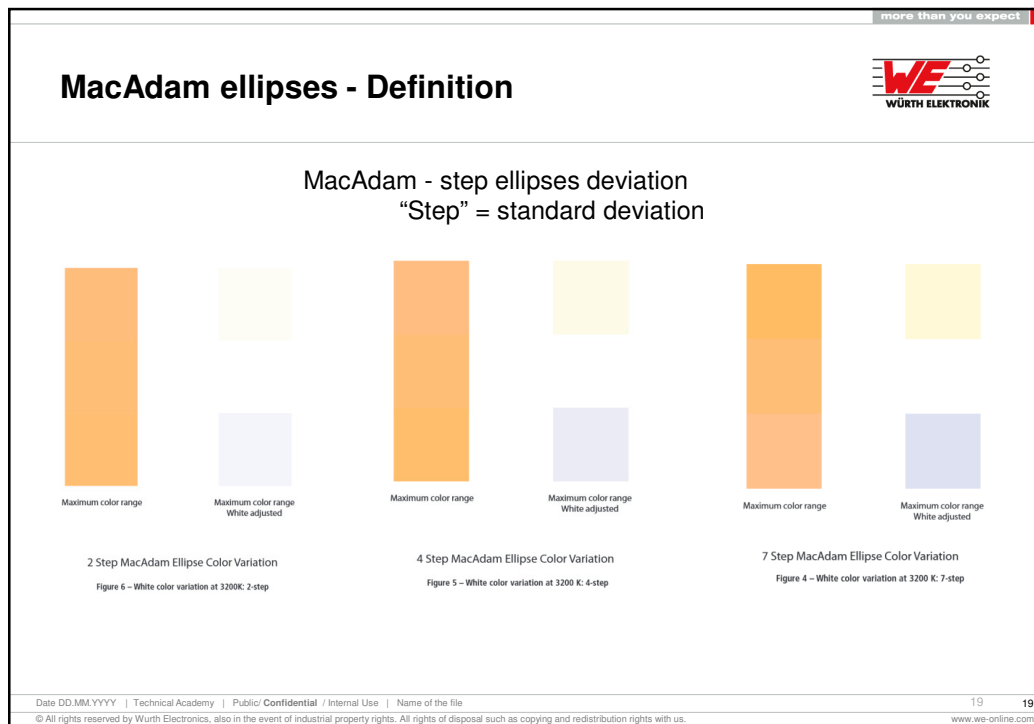
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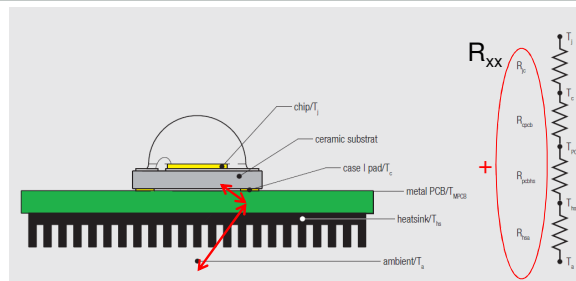
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## Power output and thermal management



- 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

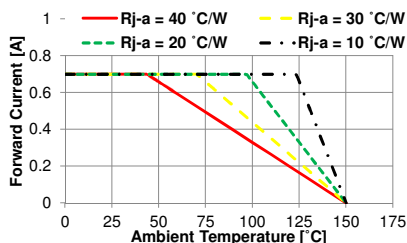


- Understanding the Derating curve
  - Link between maximum forward current and maximum ambient temperature

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

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

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



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

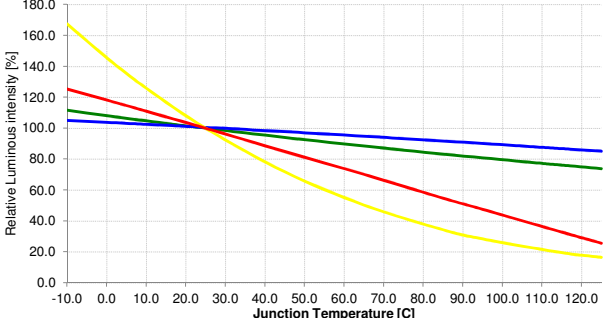
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- **Link between junction temperature and ambient temperature**  

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