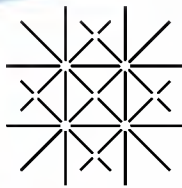


# Licht-emittierende elektrochemische Zellen (LEC)

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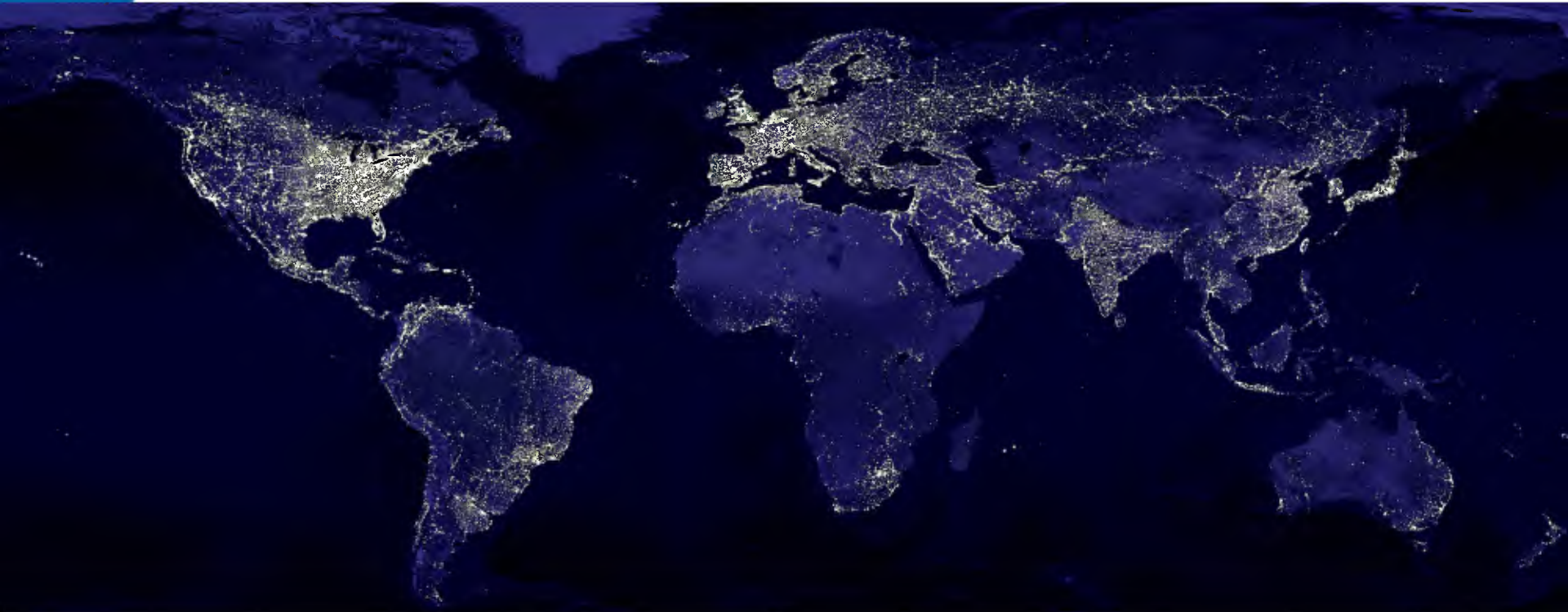
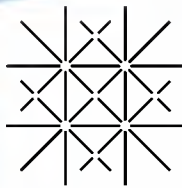


## Krise ..... Was für eine Krise?

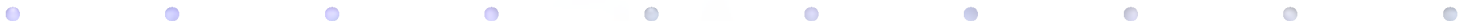
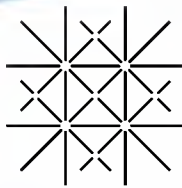


*Und Gott sprach: Es werde Licht! und es ward Licht.  
Und Gott sah, daß das Licht gut war. Da schied Gott das Licht von der  
Finsternis*

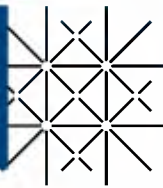
Genesis 1:3-4



# Glühbirne?

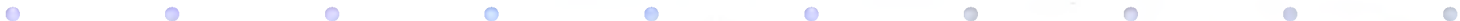


# Die Kompaktleuchtstofflampe

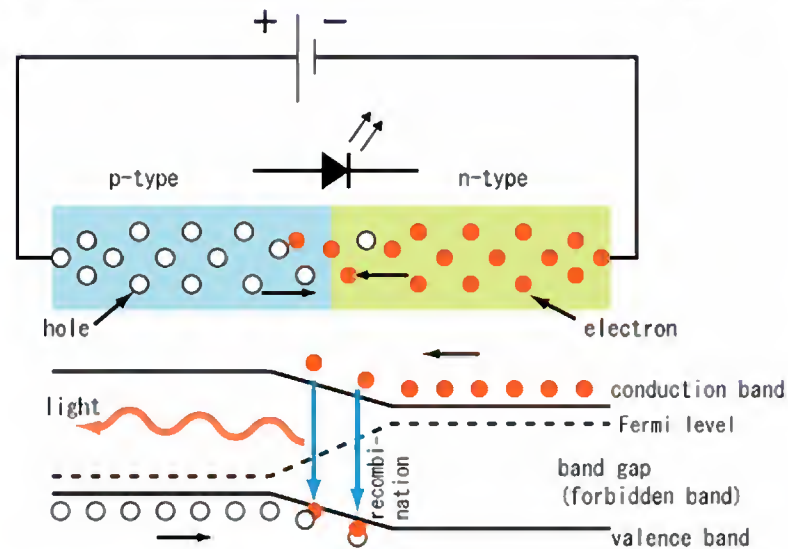


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# Die Leuchtdiode (LED)



## OLEDs (sind Cool)

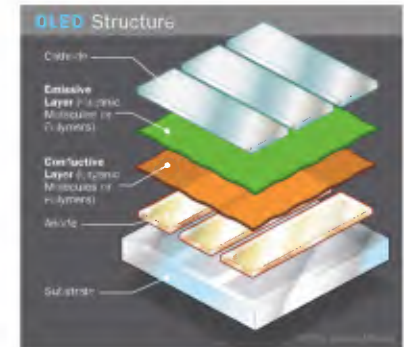
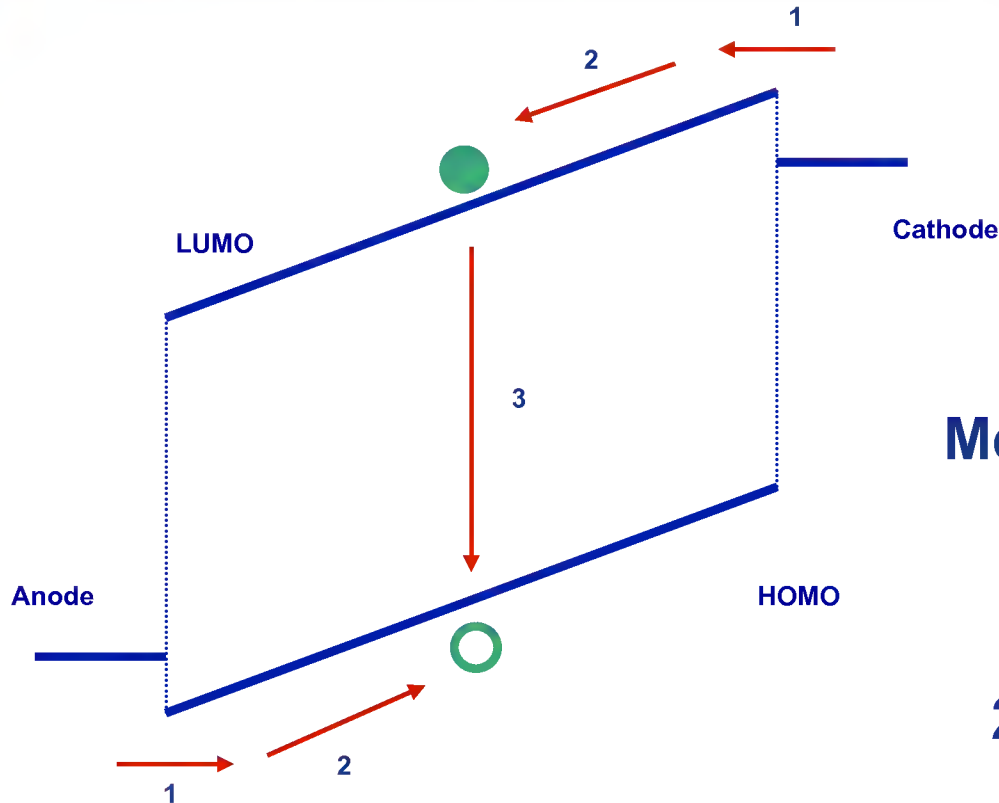


**Einfach, flexibel, billig (oder nicht wahnsinnig teuer)**

**Herz, was willst du mehr?**



# OLEDs, simple model



**Mechanism involves:**

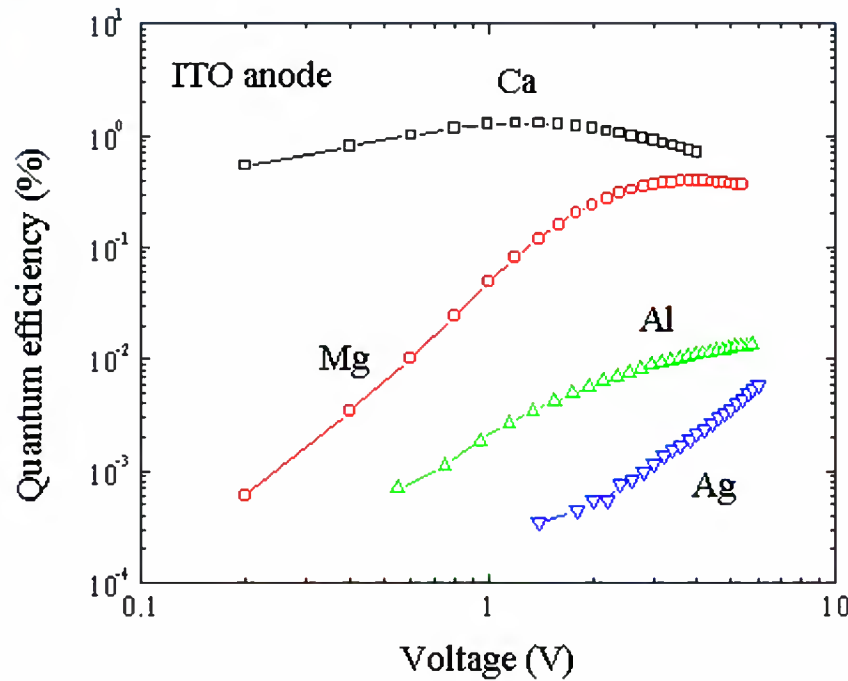
**1: Charge injection**

**2: Charge transport**

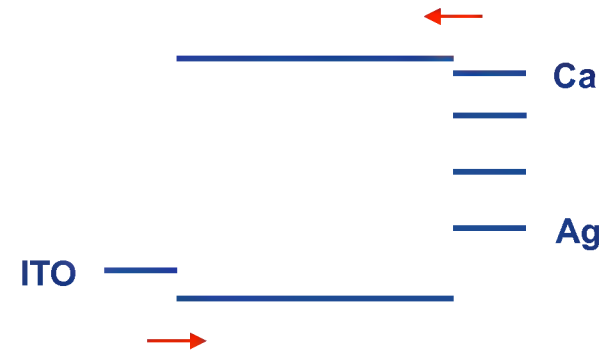
**3: Charge recombination**



# Dependence of efficiency on cathode

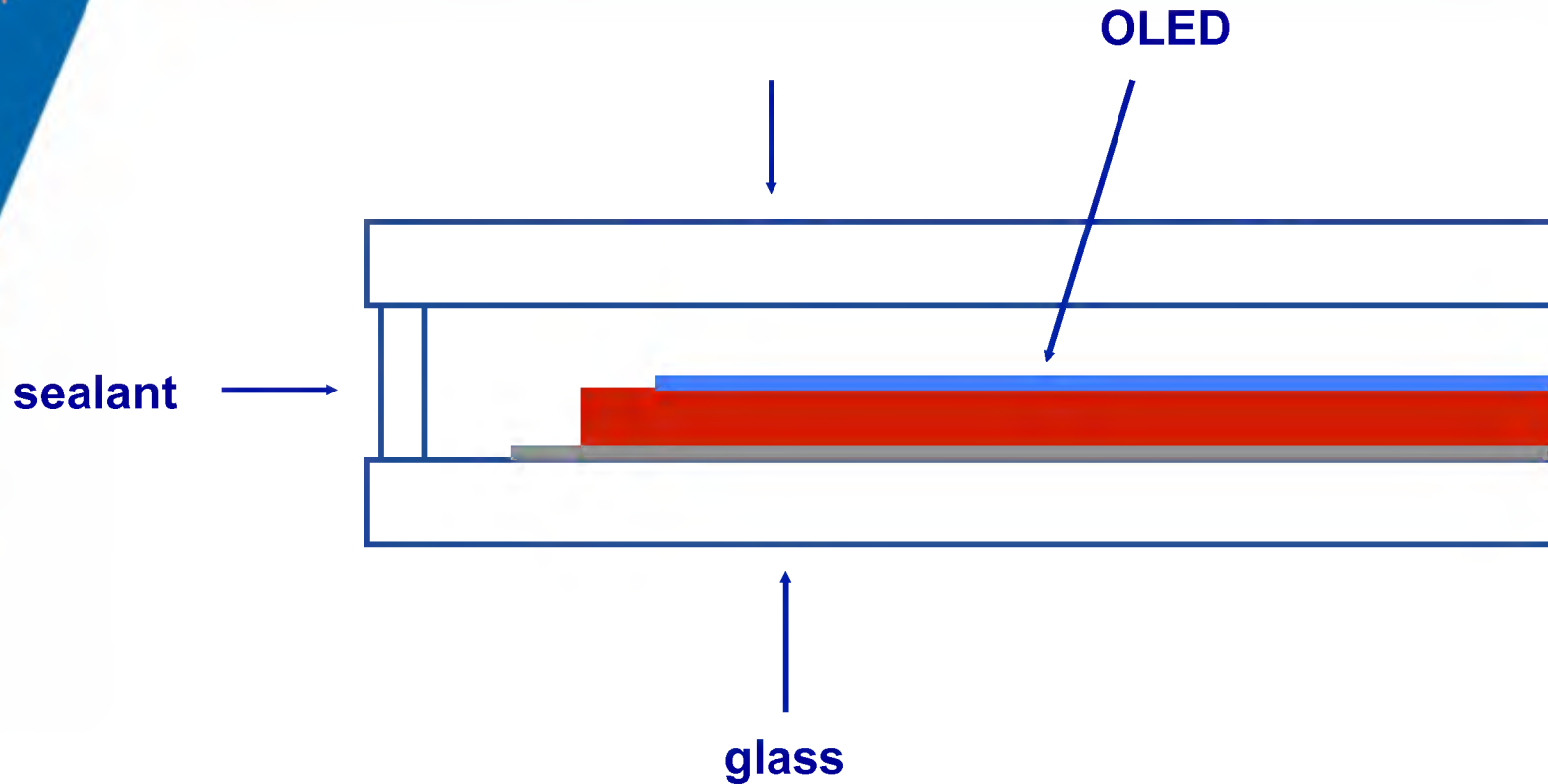


$$\eta = b \cdot \Phi \cdot (1/2n^2)$$

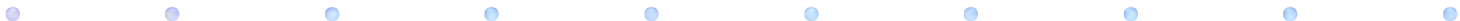


Low work function cathode needed for electron injection

# Encapsulation



Can we make OLEDs with air-stable cathodes?

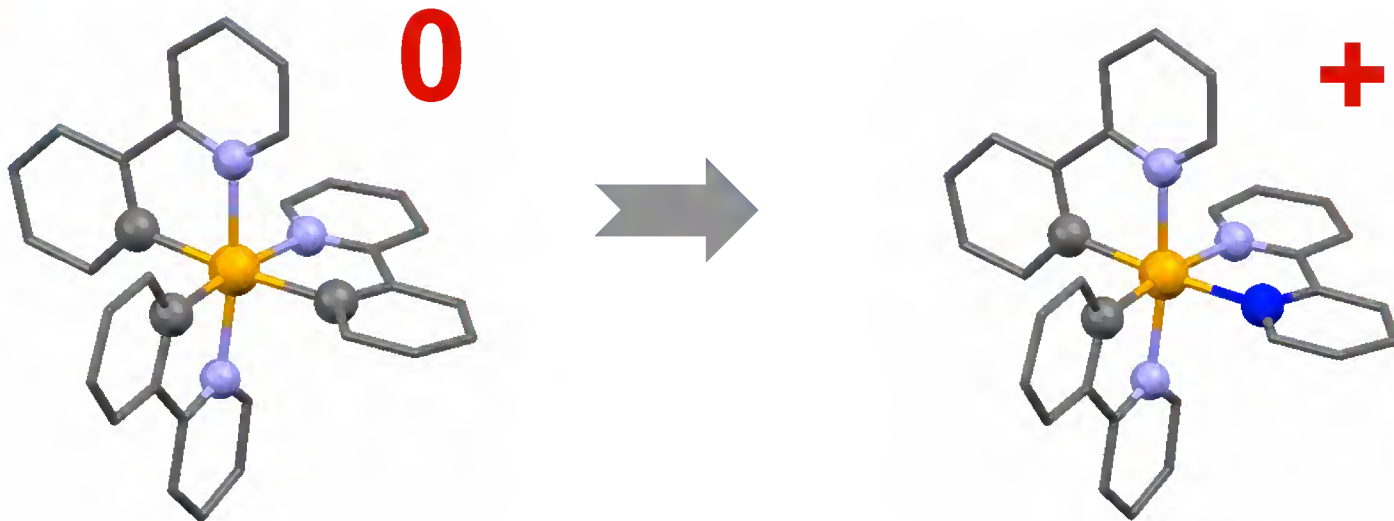


It works, but .....

Iridium 6.März 2012 \$34,561 per kilogram



# Ionic transition metal complexes



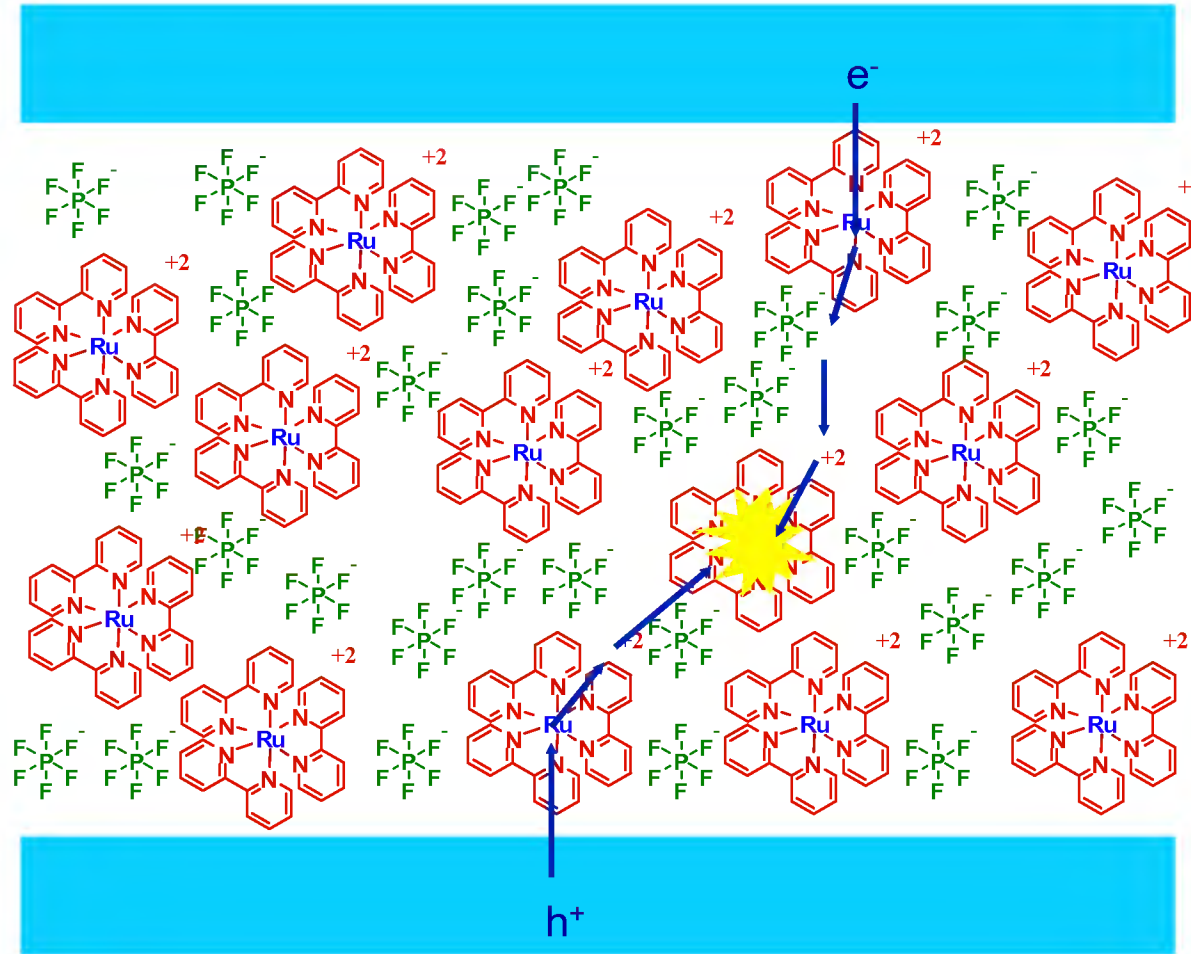
## Licht emittierende elektrochemische Zelle

- Hängt nicht von der Auftrittsarbeit ab
- Luft- und Wasser-stabil Elektroden
- Einfach – Einzel oder Doppel Schichten
- Unabhängig von Schichtdicke



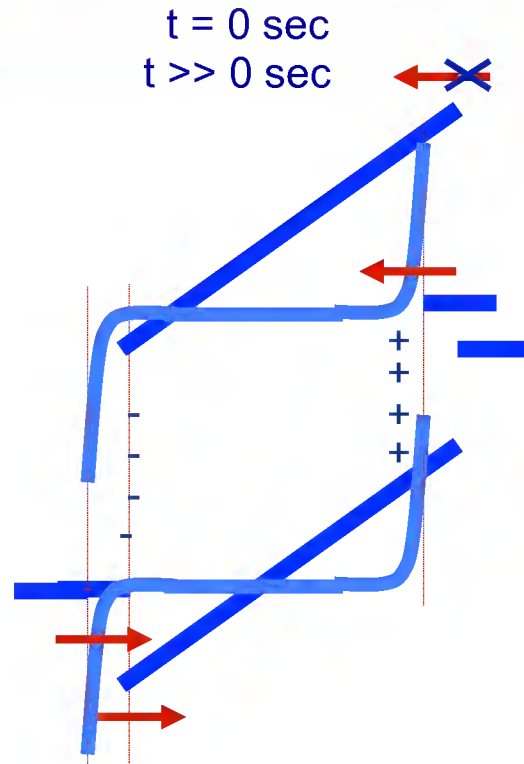
# LEC Mechanism

Cathode



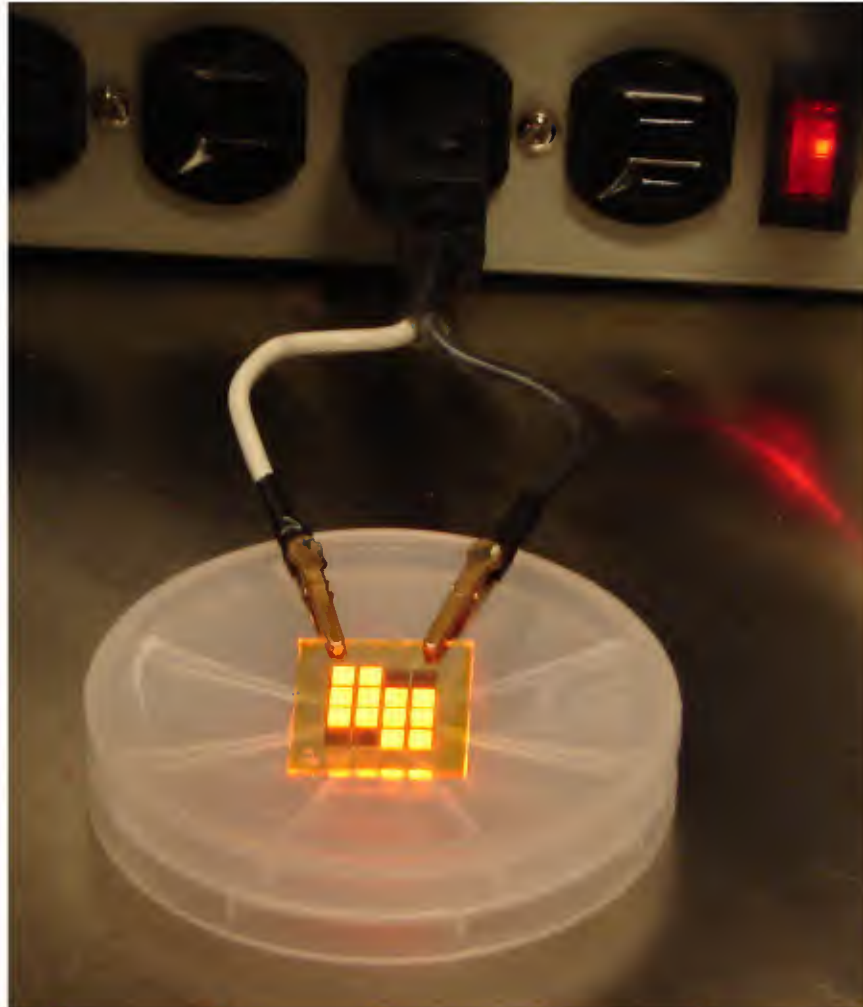
Anode

# LEC Mechanism



Transition  
Ion transition  
metal complexes  
OLED

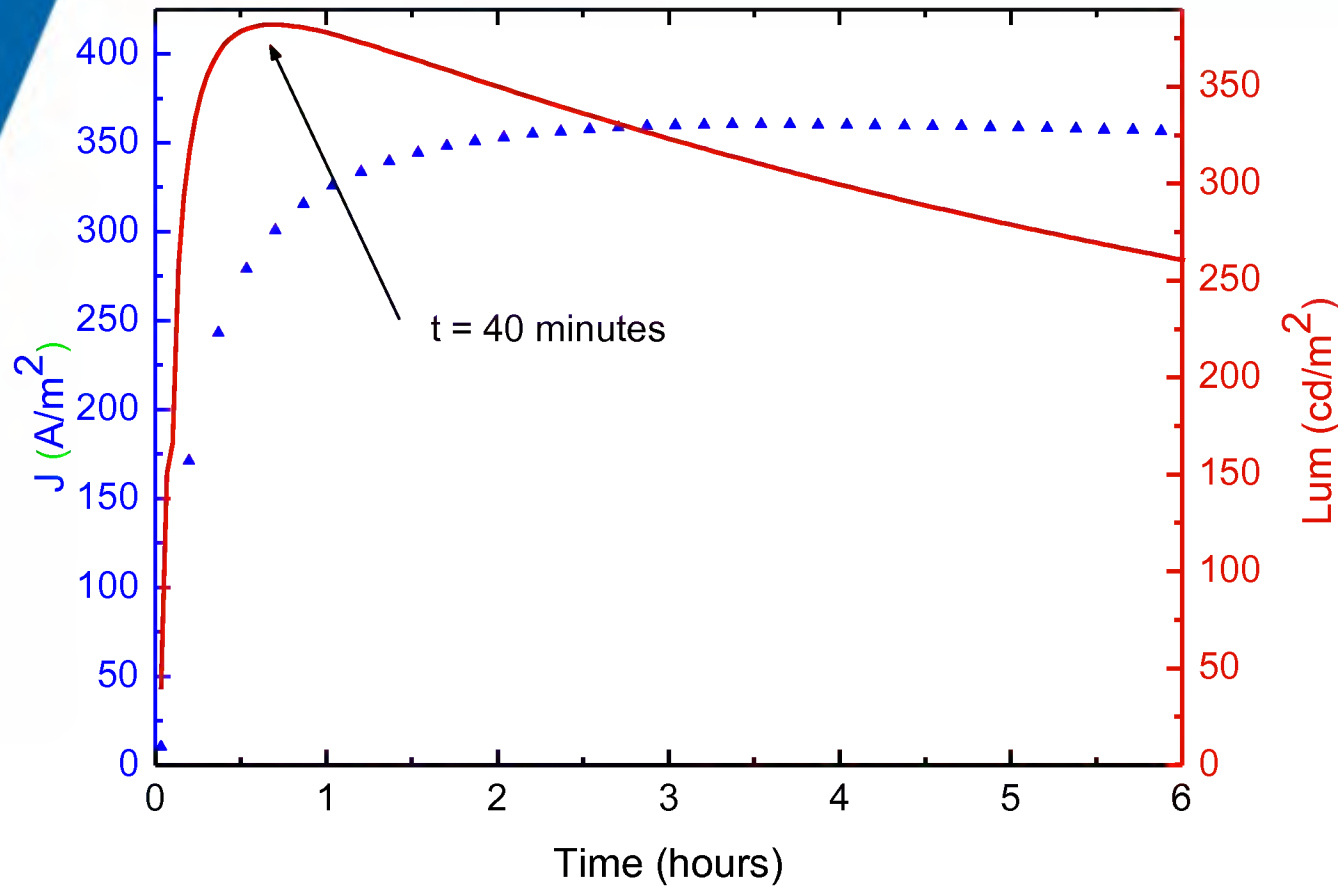
## Operation straight from the outlet



Slide courtesy of  
George Malliaras



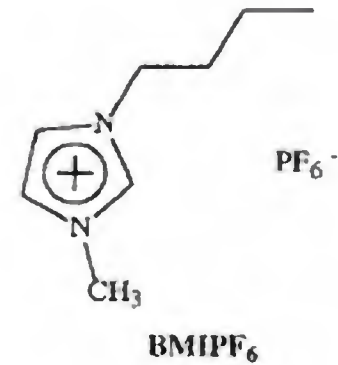
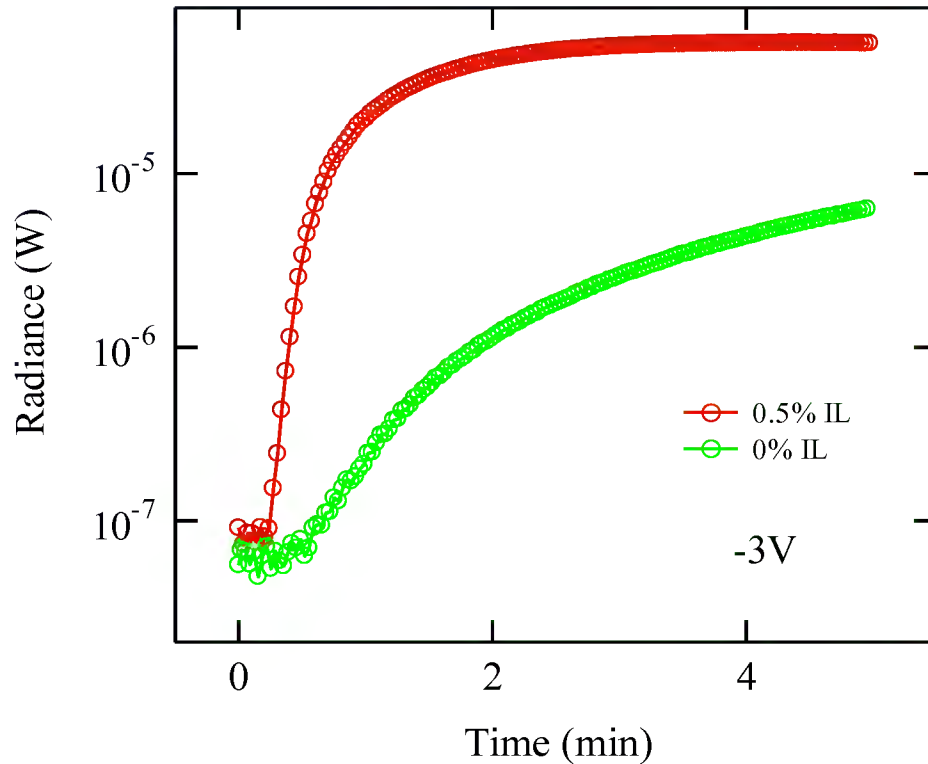
# Device characteristics



At 3V:  
>300 cd/m<sup>2</sup>

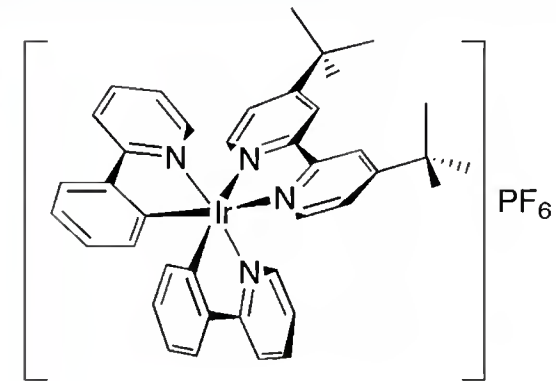
Slow turn-on, followed by decay

## Introduction of ionic liquids



S. Parker et al., *Chem. Mater.* 17, 3187 (2005).

## Ir complexes



At - 3V:

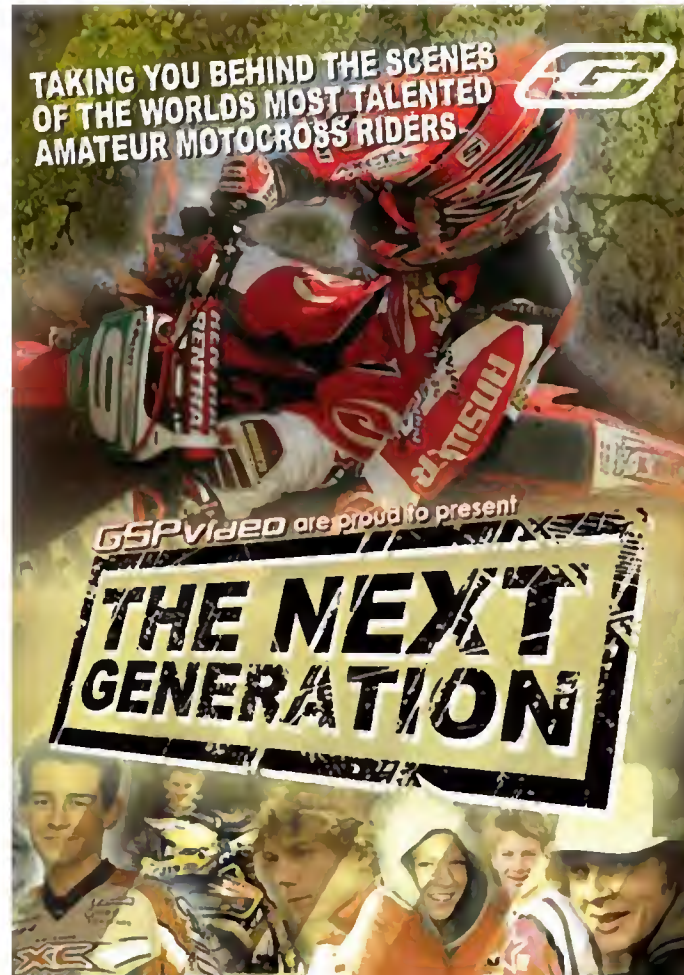
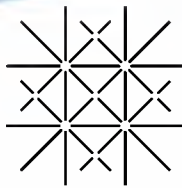
$\eta = 5\%$

>300 cd/m<sup>2</sup>

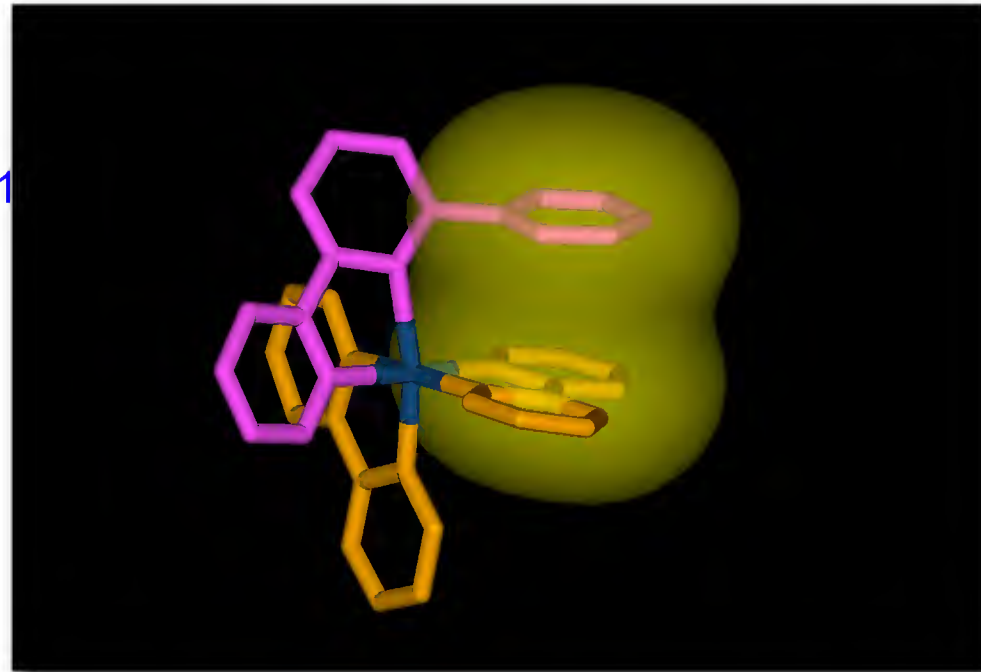
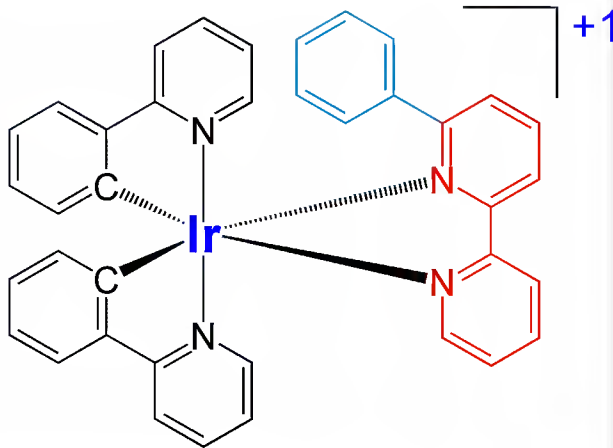
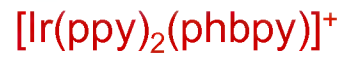
10 Lm/W

J.D. Slinker *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 126, 2763 (2004).

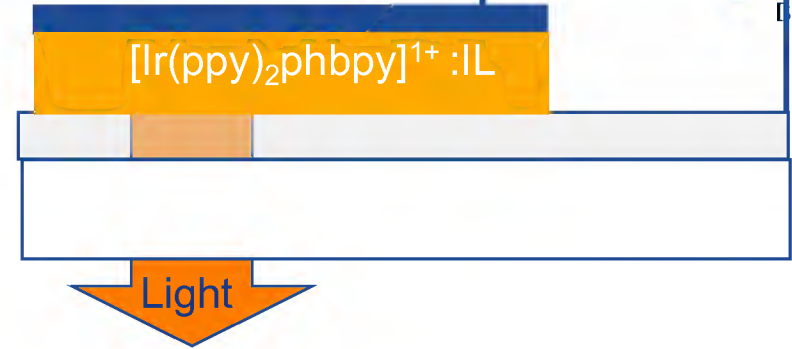
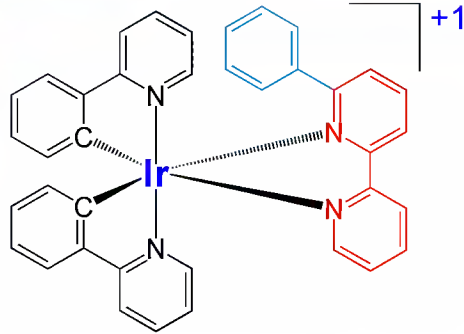




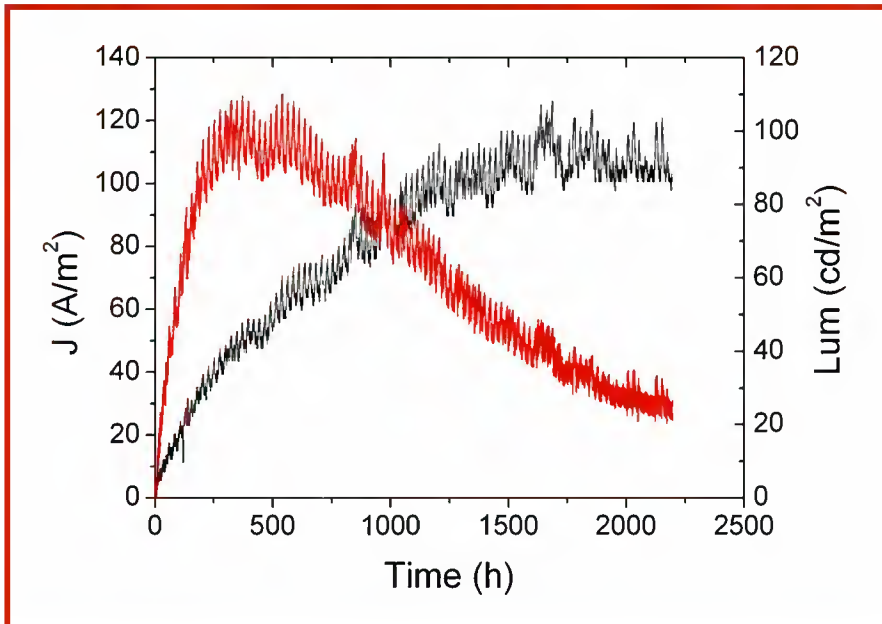
# New kind of complex



# “Long” lifetimes

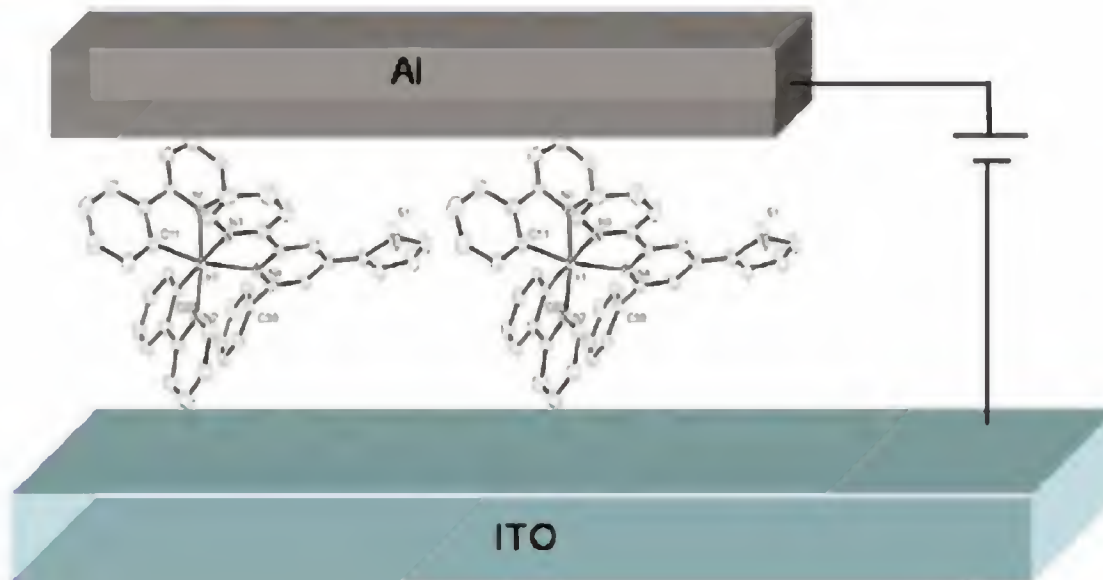


ITO/[Ir(ppy)<sub>2</sub>bpy](PF<sub>6</sub>):IL (4:1)/Al

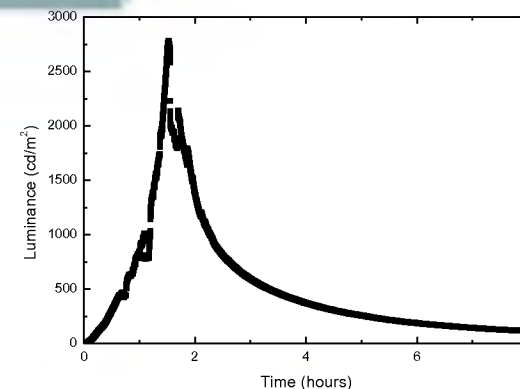


$t_{1/2} > 1250$  h  
(2500 h, EQE = 4%)

## Very bright and relatively stable LEEC

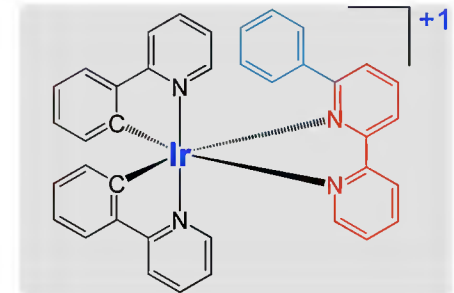
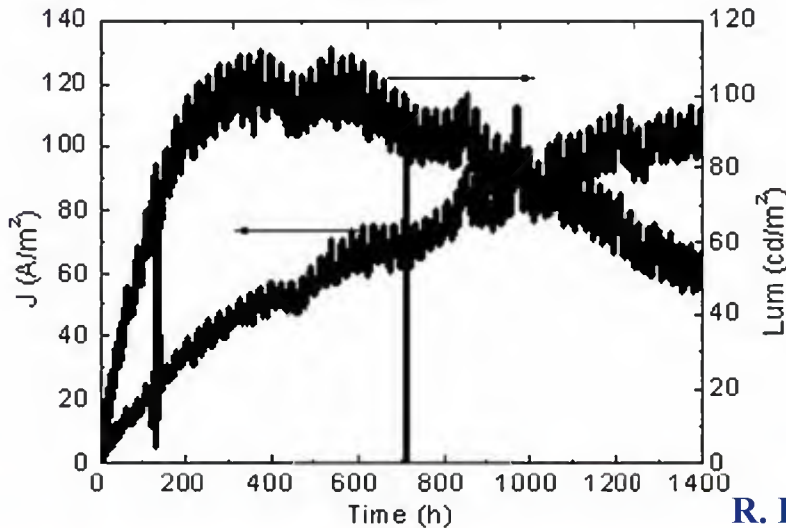
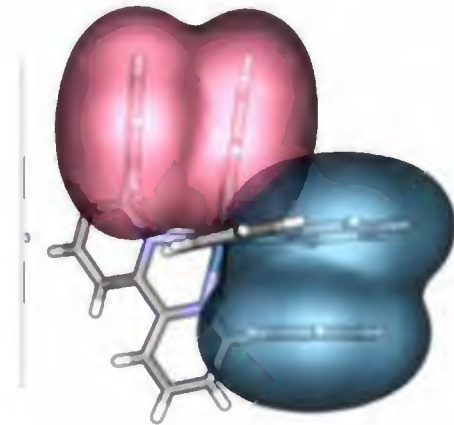
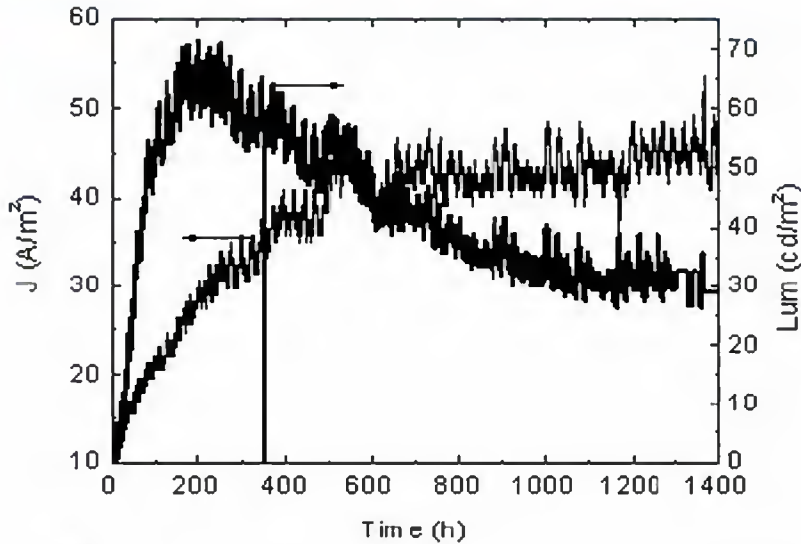


**Luminance > 2500 cd/m<sup>2</sup>**



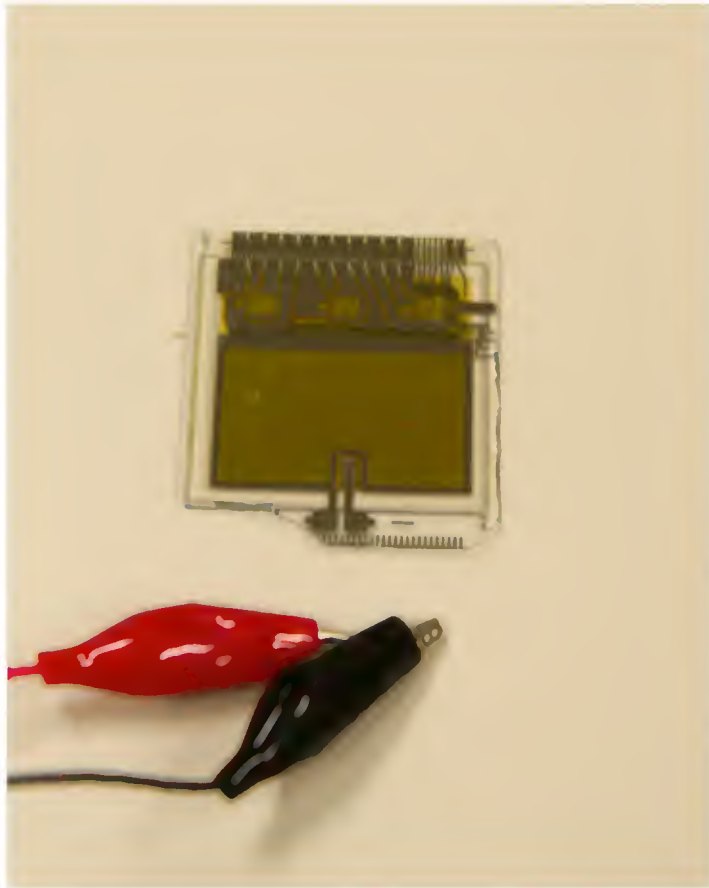
Graber, S.; Doyle, K.; Neuburger, M.; Housecroft, C. E.; Constable, E. C.; Costa, R. D.  
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# Two is not always better than one !

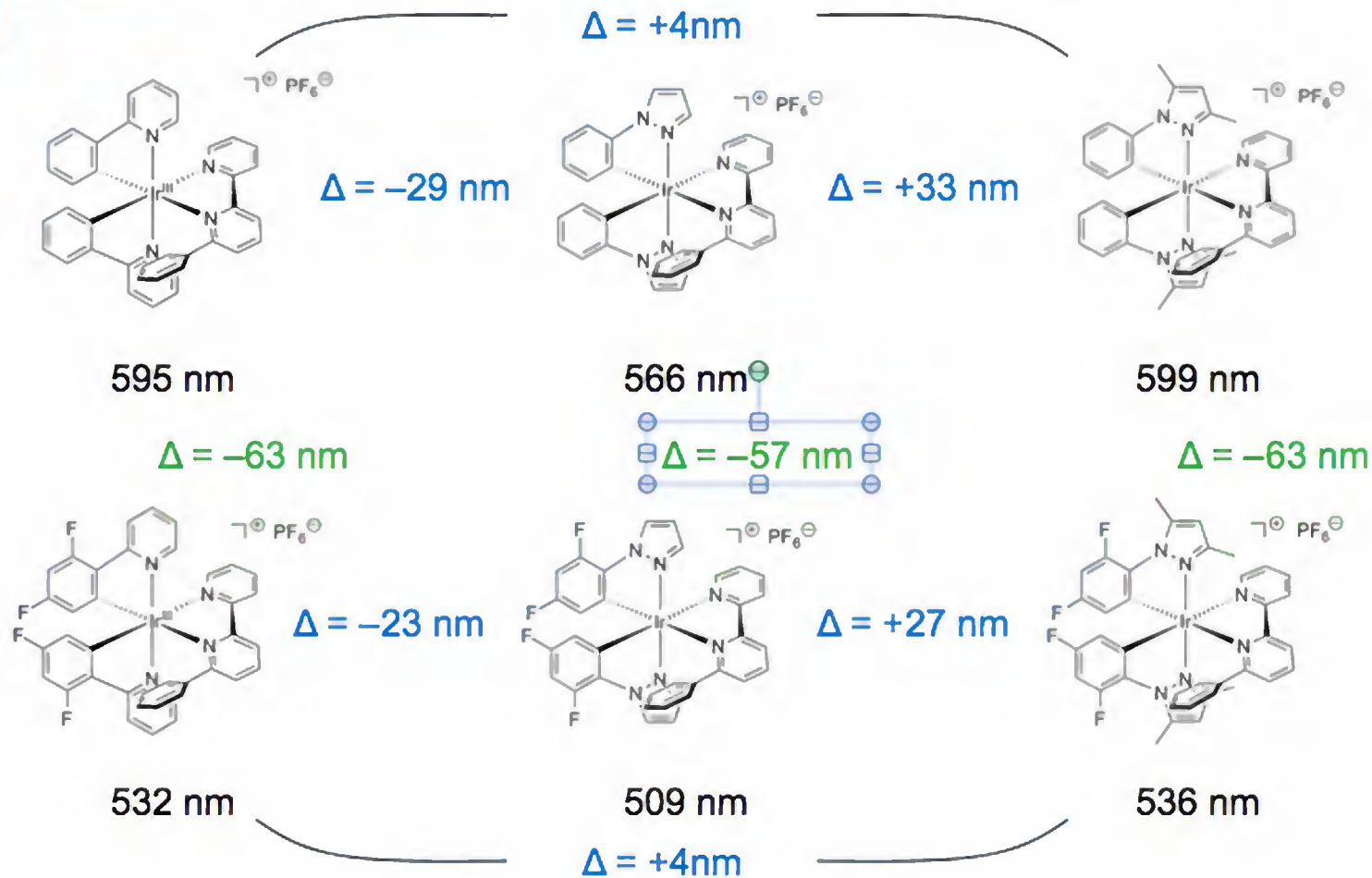
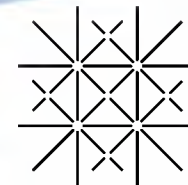


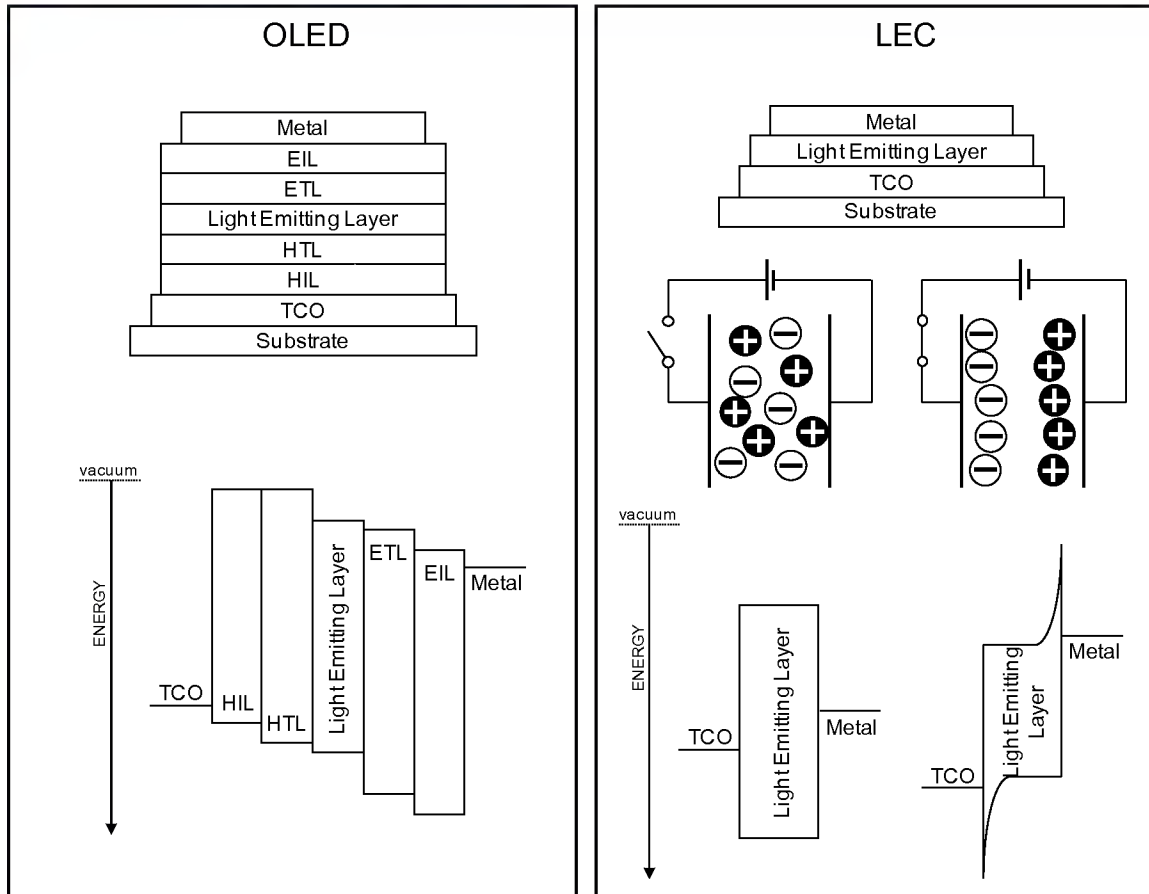


# The LEC devices



# Tuning the cyclometallated side





# OLEDs and LECs - Complementary technology

