

Applications of OLEDs for flexible electronics, Biophotonic, Chronic, Optogenetic applications & Different sensors.

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Abstract

Organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) are used recently in most flexible electronic devices due to their manifold flexibility, less complexity, and lightweight. Due to these properties, it is attached with or bends easily to construct bendable devices, wearable flexible devices, and different types of sensors, microdisplays & antennas in 5G. This paper presents a review on OLED used in different flexible electronics devices as well as sensors in the last decade. OLEDs are used in biophotonics applications to diagnose and treat various neurological and phycatric diseases also used dynamic voltage scaling to reduce power consumption during video streaming applications in mobile devices..

Keywords

OLED, 5G, Antenna, Microdisplays, IoT, Sensors.

1. Introduction

Organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) are solid-state monolithic structures made up of a sequence of organic thin films sandwiched between two thin-film conductive electrodes

LEDs and OLEDs are equivalent to each other however in OLED the light is emitted by the emissive electroluminescent film formed by organic material. When an electrical current passes through it emits light. OLED provides a wide viewing angle with self-emitting characteristics.

It is brighter, thinner, lighter with a fast response time, high refresh rate, low power [8, 16-20]. As electricity is applied to OLED, charge carriers (holes and electrons) journey from the electrodes into the organic thin films until they recombine in the emissive region to form excitons under the effect of an electrical field. These excitons, relax to a lower energy level by emitting light (electroluminescence) and/or excessive heat after they've been created [1-3, 8].

OLED layered structure is fabricated by two plates conducting anode and conducting cathode. In between these two layers, organic material is placed. OLEDs are basically of five types

1. AMOLED
2. PMOLED

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3. FOLEDs
4. TOLEDs
5. WOLEDs

2. Flexible OLEDs(FOLEDs)

Sung-Min Lee (2017) et.al [9] proposed that FOLEDs are OLEDs that are fabricated on flexible substrates, non-rigid substrates like plastic or metal foil. This boosts sturdiness and permits conformity to certain figures and even repetitive bending, rolling, or flexing. FOLEDs, still in their infancy, will user in a range of new design prospects for the display and lighting industries. Imaginehavingamobilephonethatlookslikeapenbuthasabright,full-Color display that rolls in and out for use. Open your imagination to what consumer and lighting products can be, including a foldable smartphone that could open up into a tablet display, a television that could roll up in your pocket, and comfortable transparent interior lighting panels that could be unbreakable[15, 20-25]. These ideas offer, we believe, a mere glimpse into the phenomena and opportunities that FOLEDs provoke [10].

2.1 Transparent OLEDs(TOLEDs)

SreckoKunic (2012) et. al. [10] proposed that the first OLED devices were constructed with a metallic cathode, so the light generated in the device exited throughtheglasssubstrate(i.e.theanodesideofthedevice).Withtheinvention and development of a transparent cathode, the light can exit through both sides of the device. Besides, when the device is turned off, the device can be transparent [10-11]. Three key features are available for Transparent OLED (TOLED) technology. By using these features it can create new products.

- Topemission
- Transparency
- Stacking

TOLED technology is based on a patented optically translucent top contact or cathode. Standard OLED with a clear metal oxide layer on the bottom contact (anode)andatranslucentmetalonthetopcontact(cathode).Asaconsequence, when the OLED emits light, it does so from the bottom translucent surface. TOLEDs have an optically translucent top cathode, which allows light to pass through both the top and bottomcontacts.

TOLED technology can be used in top-emitting OLEDs with the same trademarked cathode that is used in transparent OLEDs. In a top emission OLED,anopticalcavityisformedinbetweenananodeandacathode,andemits the light from the substrate and the backplane, growing the aperture ratio of the display. This is very good for mobile devices and screens where you can turn thedisplaytoconfirmthebestviewingangle,asitincreasesthelightoutputand increases display efficiency at normal viewing angles. For various applications such as

architectural windows for home entertainment, retail advertising, illumination, warning displays navigation, windshields helmet face shields TOLEDs can be used efficiently by the following characteristics of TOLEDs

- Bi-directional emission: TOLED emits light from both surfaces but it emits more light from one direction as compared to other by using enhancement films and optical treatment
- Stacking: Fabricating one OLED on top of another OLED can be advantageous in terms of improving overall lifetime and also providing a broader range of output Colorspectrum.
- Transparency: when turned off it provides 70% to 85% transparency. TOLED is built by using glass and plastic substrates and they are clear as like glass
- Performance: it also provides better spectral color emission, luminous efficiency, and life as compared with bottom emission OLED.

2.2 White OLEDs(WOLEDs)

Chang-Wook Han(2009) et.al [11] proposed that White OLEDs have the potential to offer significant performance advances to the general lighting arena. Since Edison's development in 1879, its energy efficiency of the incandescent light bulb has not improved. Consequently, incandescent light bulbs are losing favor. Plans are underway to ban and/or phase them out altogether. Fluorescent tubes offer Color qualities that are undesirable for many applications. But they are not environmentally friendly nature and not disposed of easily because of mercury content in it. WOLED OLED lighting has the potential to reach more than 150lm/W. We believe that OLEDs reduce energy consumption and provide environmental benefits to end-users around the world. It reduces global electricity consumption up to 15% and worldwide greenhouse gas emission up to 5% and so it achieves the best impression of reducing energy consumption [12-14]. In solid-state lighting, OLEDs and LEDs are complementary. OLEDs are excellent surface lights, while LEDs are bright point light sources. OLEDs can be constituted as larger-area, extra diffuse light sources, to get lenient light it is costly to use in ambient lighting with less need of haze diffusers lenses and parabolic shells. Since OLEDs can be very thin, they are more appealing, and can easily attach to wall surfaces and ceilings. OLEDs can also be manufactured in virtually any form, deposited on flexible substrates, and translucent, allowing light to be emitted from all sides of the device—all of which significantly extend the design possibilities and make for a whole new lighting experience.

Numerous Semiconductor Materials Used for OLED with distinct wavelength and voltage drop to produce different colour

Table 1
Numerous Semiconductor Materials

Sr No	Semiconductor Material	wavelength	Voltage drop	Colour
1	Gallium Arsenide	> 760	< 1.9	Infrared
2	Aluminium Gallium Arsenide			
3	Aluminium Gallium Arsenide	610 - 760	1.6 - 2.0	Red
4	Gallium Arsenide Phosphide			

5	Aluminium Gallium Indium Phosphide			
6	Gallium Phosphide			
7	Gallium Arsenide Phosphide	590 - 610	2.0 - 2.1	Orange
8	Aluminium Gallium Indium Phosphide			
9	Gallium Phosphide			
10	Gallium Arsenide Phosphide	570 - 590	2.1 - 2.2	Yellow
11	Aluminium Gallium Indium Phosphide			
12	Gallium Phosphide			
13	Gallium Indium Phosphide	500 - 570	1.9 - 4.0	Green

14	Aluminium Gallium Indium Phosphide			
15	Aluminium Gallium Phosphide			
16	Indium Gallium Nitride			
17	Zinc Selenide	450 - 500	2.5 - 3.7	Blue
18	Indium Gallium Nitride			
19	Silicon Carbide			
20	Silicon			
21	Indium gallium Nitride	400 - 450	2.8 - 4.0	Violet
22	Dual Blue/Red LEDs	multiple	2.4 - 3.7	Purple
23	Blue with Red Phosphor	types		
24	White with Purple Plastic			
25	Diamond	< 400	3.1 - 4.4	ultraviolet
26	Boron Nitride			
27	Aluminium Nitride			
28	Aluminium Gallium Nitride			
29	Aluminium gallium Indium Nitride			
30	Blue with phosphor	multiple	3.3	Pink
31	Yellow with Red, Orange or Pink phosphor	types		
32	White with Pink pigment			
33	Blue/UV diode with Yellow Phosphor	Broad spectrum	3.5	White

3. RESEARCH DISCUSSION-

Mustapha El Halaou (2020) et.al [1] proposed that the OLED can be used as a light source and a local wireless data emitter for the 5G network. Achievement of 20 Gbps in 5G over 100Mbps in 4G to increase the amount of data for users and also used in the concept of smart city, artificial intelligence, IoT, wireless technologies to find smart urban solutions for energy saving, operation of streetlights, better communication, etc. This creates a new evolution in mobile communication. Designing of radiating elements and ground plane of an optically transparent antenna is self-possessed of micrometric hexagonal cells integrated into OLED for 5G mobile applications and mm-Wave 5G applications optically transparent antenna is a network formed by micrometric hexagonal cells put on to a glass substrate. The antenna covers a 28 GHz band with a width of 1.45 GHz frequency range from 27.43 GHz to 28.88 GHz achieving gain and directivity of 5.07 db, 6.27 dbi at 28.27 GHz respectively.

Tsu-Wu Hu (2018) et. al [2] proposed that using OLED technology for product engineering in conjunction with human design technology to verify the design of drinking water appliances.

Uwe Vogel (2018) et.al [3] proposed that OLEDs are used to develop smart glasses near to eye flexible displays which creates an image by using OLED the advantage of OLED displays are low power, the high resolution so they are used in tiny mobile phones. In the future, OLED-on-silicon is preferred. This paperwork is carried out on large-area OLED display WUXGA (1920 × 1200, 2300 ppi) 120 Hz OLED-on silicon micro display, Ultra-low power OLED micro displays with power consumption < 1 mW and Bi-directional OLED

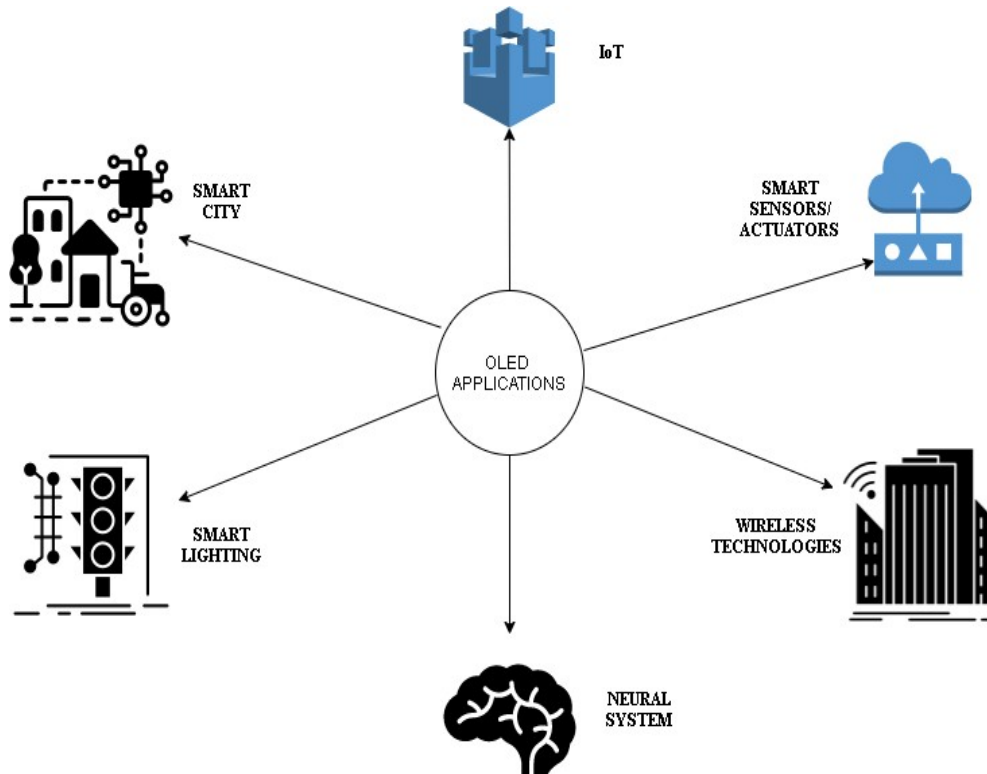


Figure 1.1: Broad assortments of applications of OLED

microdisplays each pixel consist of 5 subpixels out of 5 subpixels 4 subpixels are used for color RGBW and one for image sensor pixel. OLED on silicon technology is appropriate for Bidirectional OLED microdisplay.

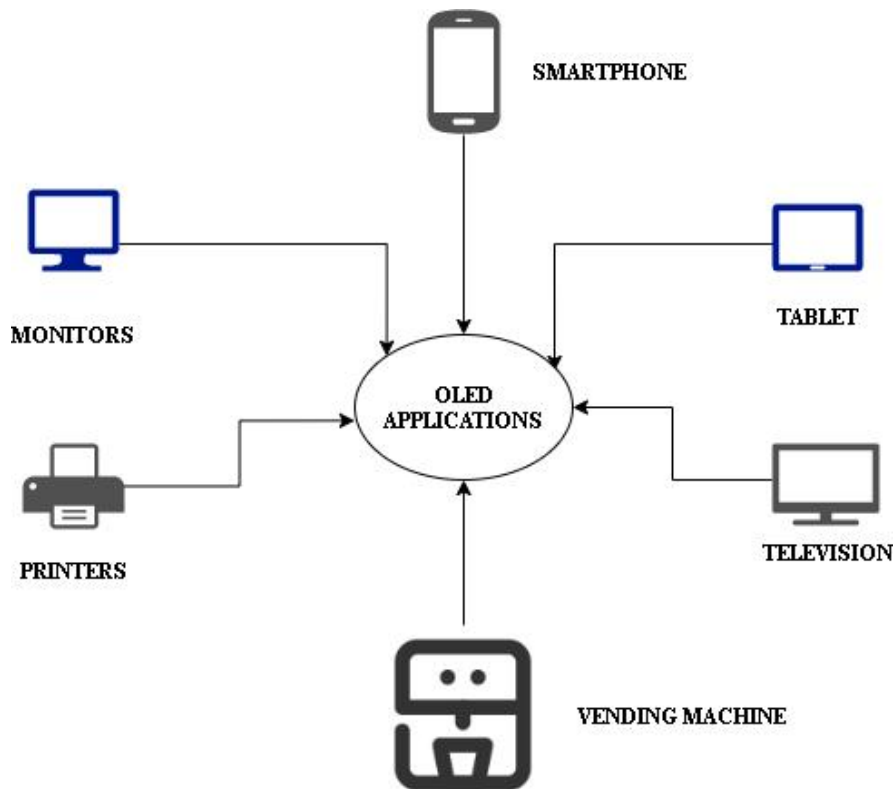


Figure 2.2: Applications of OLED

Norton D. Barth (2017) et.al[4] proposed that OLEDs are used in different lighting applications by providing a large area with a high emission of light with better thermal dissipation.

Joseph T. Smith (2014) et. al [5] proposed that OLED are used for high resolution, large area, low-cost flexible display technology to develop color flexible displays on a plastic substrate for biophotonic and chronic optogenetic applications. light stimulation to control inhibition, excitation of neural tissues to diagnose and treat various neurological and psychiatric diseases and disorders.

MengyingZhao(2013)et.al[6]proposedthatinmobiledevicesLCDsareinterchangedbyOLEDs for dynamic voltage scaling schemes for mobile video applications to reduce power consumption in videostreaming.

Bernd Richter (2011)et. al [7] proposed the development of bidirectional micro displays for different sensors such as image sensors and near to eye application using OLED on CMOS. The direct evaporation method is used for the fabrication of OLED on CMOS.

4. CONCLUSIONS:

This paper presents the OLED for advancement in the design of flexible electronics. The concentration of this work is focused on evolution parameters reported in different previous research papers. The comparative statement is developed based on numerous semiconductor material with a variety of wavelength to produce several distinct colours. The various applications of OLEDs in the field of medical, communication, to reduce power consumption in mobile during video streaming applications, vending machine, sensors and flexible electronics devices are also discussed in this paper.

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