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## OLED Manufacturing Challenges

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# Cost Reductions are Essential

- LED prices are decreasing at 30% per year
- All OLED costs must come down
  - Equipment depreciation
  - Organic materials
  - Inorganic structural materials
  - Waste through inefficient deposition and low yields
- Synergy with other applications will help
  - OLED displays
  - Quantum dot displays
  - Touch screens

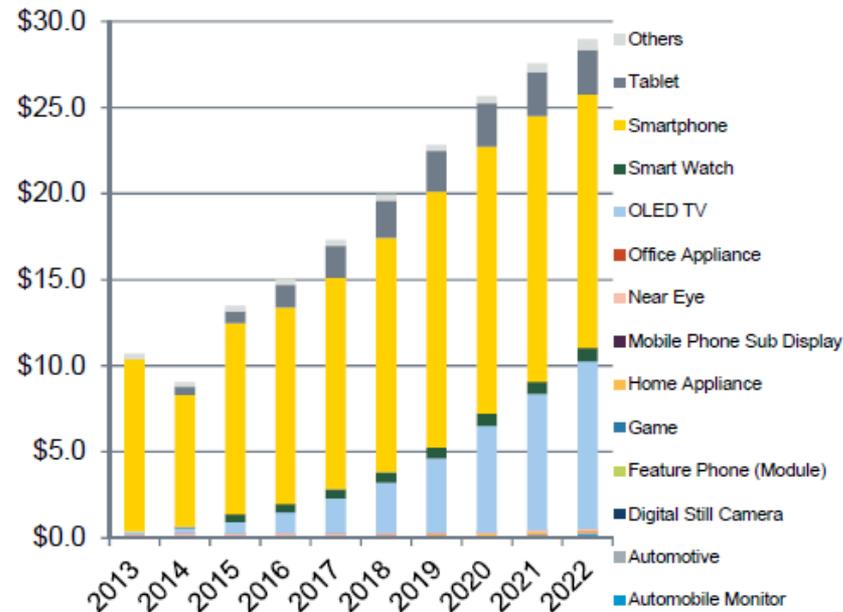
# US DOE's OLED Cost Reduction Goals (\$/m<sup>2</sup>)

	2014	2015	2017	2020	2025
Substrate Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.17	0.17	1.38	2.7	5.5
Capital Cost (\$M)	75	75	200	300	400
Cycle Time (minutes)	3	2	1.5	1	1
Capacity (1000m <sup>2</sup> /year)	14	25	300	1,000	2,400
Depreciation (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )	1,050	600	125	60	35
Organic Materials	200	150	100	35	15
Inorganic Materials	200	200	120	50	30
Labor	150	100	20	10	5
Other Fixed Costs	75	50	15	10	5
Total ( <u>unyielded</u> ) (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )	1,675	1,100	355	160	90
Yield of Good Product (%)	50	60	70	80	90
<b>Total Cost (\$/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>

# OLED is becoming a \$30B industry

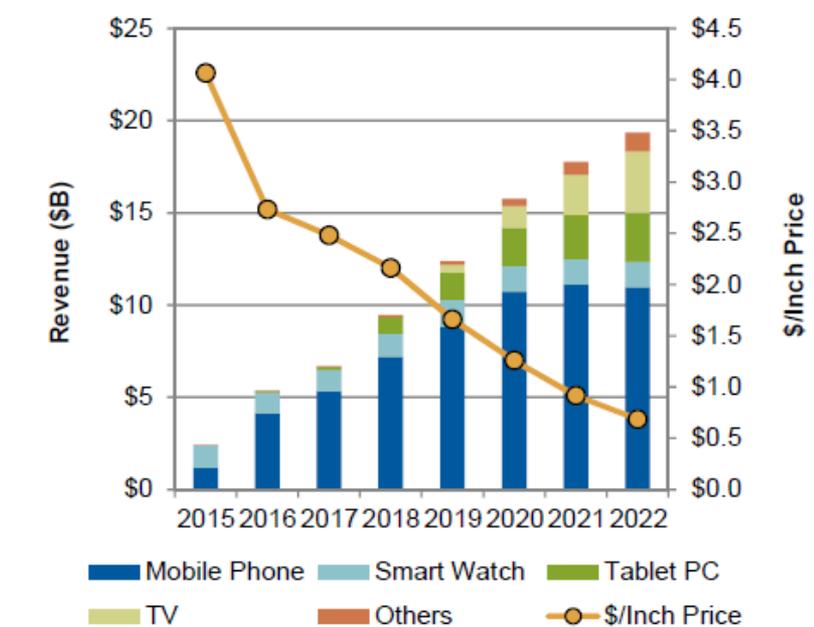
- Smartphone demand will be boosted the shipment units again as the cost of rigid AMOLED gets competitive than LCD. Flexible AMOLED will be focused as a innovative form factor.
- OLED TV demand will rapidly increase the shipment area as the yield rate goes down continuously.

AMOLED Display Revenues Forecast



Source: IHS © 2015 IHS

Flexible Display Revenue by Application & Price/Inch



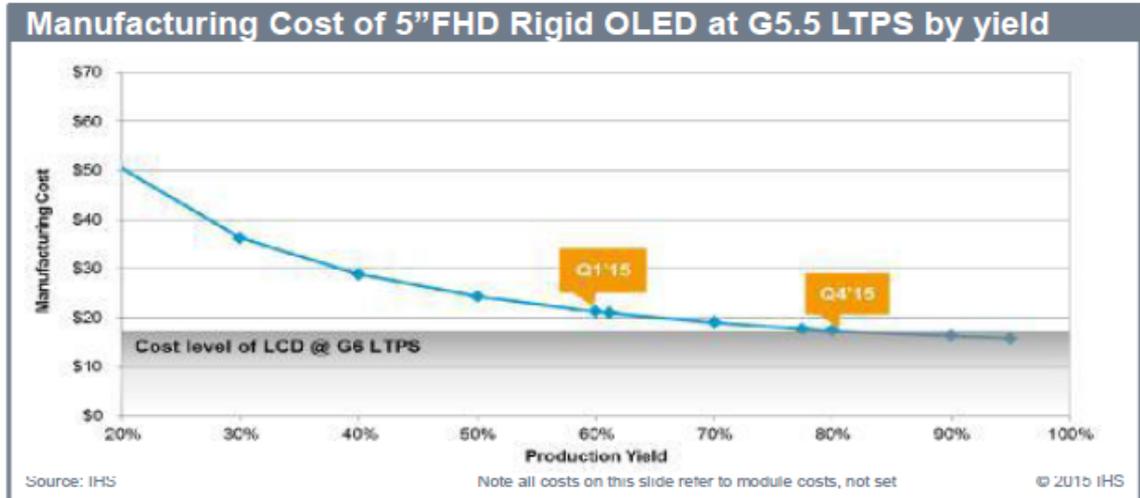
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# Tipping Point #4 Cost

- Cost of mobile AMOLEDs have recently reached parity with LCDs
- WOLED TV still approximately 2X to almost 4X more costly than equivalent LCD



## Manufacturing Cost Simulation: Rigid/Flexible AMOLED and LCD

	Rigid AMOLED	Flexible AMOLED	LTPS LCD
<b>5.0" FHD Smart Phone Module</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>
Yielded Array Material Cost	\$0.29	\$1.16	\$0.33
Yielded Cell & OLED patterning Material Cost	\$1.84	\$2.22	\$2.21
Yielded Encapsulation Material Cost	\$0.18	\$0.02	
Yielded Module Component Total	\$4.73	\$4.79	\$7.13
Indirect Expense Total	\$0.70	\$1.23	\$0.97
Personnel Cost	\$3.34	\$3.77	\$2.33
Depreciation Cost	\$4.58	\$8.20	\$2.31
Total Yield	80.7%	60.4%	81.3%
Manufacturing Total Cost	\$15.65	\$21.39	\$15.29

Source: IHS  
Note: Fab operation % not shown  
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- 4K AMOLED still suffers very low yields <50%, while FHD yields are much higher and closer to 2X
- The story for TVs is quite similar to mobile, the cost difference is mainly due to depreciation and low yield.

# Flexible Panels from LG Display



TYPE	FLEXIBLE	
MODEL	P6BD30A	P6BD40A
CCT(K)	3,000	4,000
Thickness(mm)	0.41	0.41
Efficacy(lm/W)	50	50
CRI	85	85
Flux(lm)	150	150
Uniformity(%)	>70	>70
Voltage(V)	6.1	6.1
Power Consumption(W)	2.99	2.99
DC Current(mA)	490	490
LT70(K Hrs)	20	20



# Transparent Connections from LG

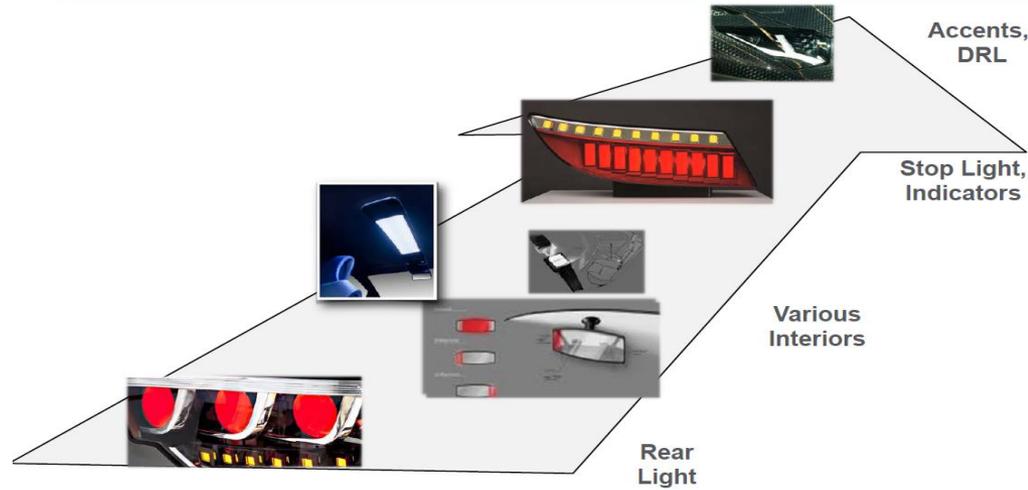
By attaching LG Display OLED light panels on glass and providing power through transparent mesh conductive film, the OLED light panel generates a floating light effect.



# Focus on Automobile Applications

Astron Fiamm  
LG Display  
MC Pioneer  
Osram  
Yeelight

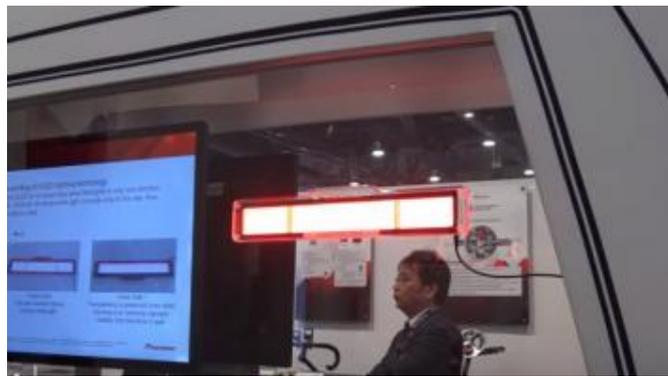
## OSRAM OLEDs for Automotive Applications Application Roadmap



Pioneer concept: Transparent panel for rear window

BMW 2015 demo

Audi 2016 TT RS Coupe

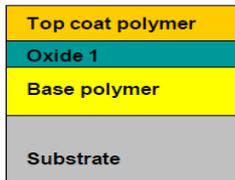
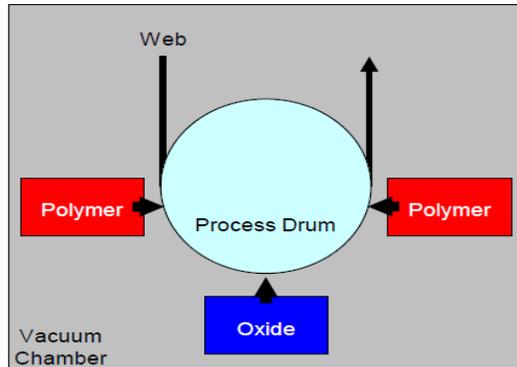


# Thin Film Encapsulation

- Many companies have reported progress
  - LG, Konica Minolta, Osram, Philips, Samsung...
- Multi-layer barrier films can be bought from 3M
- Multi-layer hybrid solutions are expensive
- Aixtron and Vitriflex are developing all inorganic films
- Kateeva has large-scale printers for organic materials

# Barrier Films from 3M

## 3M Barrier Films for General Use



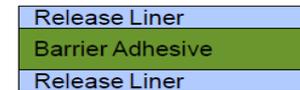
- Multilayer Construction
  - Substrate
  - Polymer layers
  - Oxide layers
- Polymers planarize & protect
- Oxides provide barrier
  - High transparency & clarity
  - Low haze
  - Good flexibility
- Tortuous path from Multi-dyads
  - Can increase barrier performance:

### Commercialized:

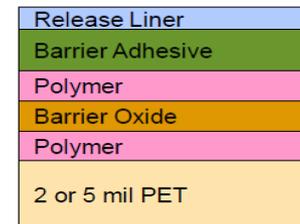


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FTB3-125

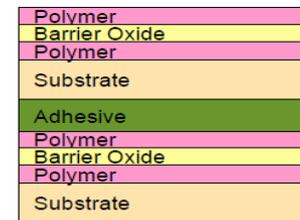
### Developmental:



FTBA-25



FTB3-50a and  
FTB3-125a



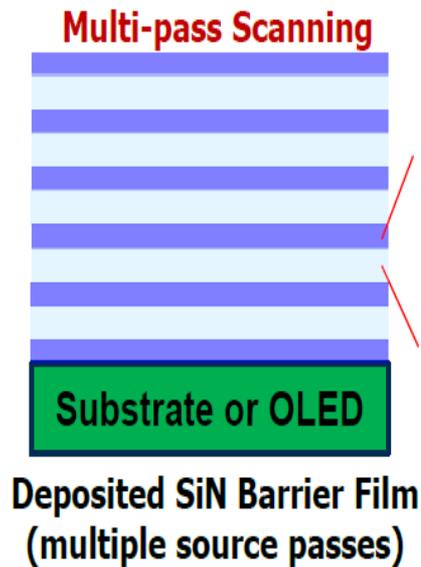
FTB6 -125L



Commercial availability has been enabled  
by the demand for quantum dot films

# OptoCap™ Barrier From Aixtron

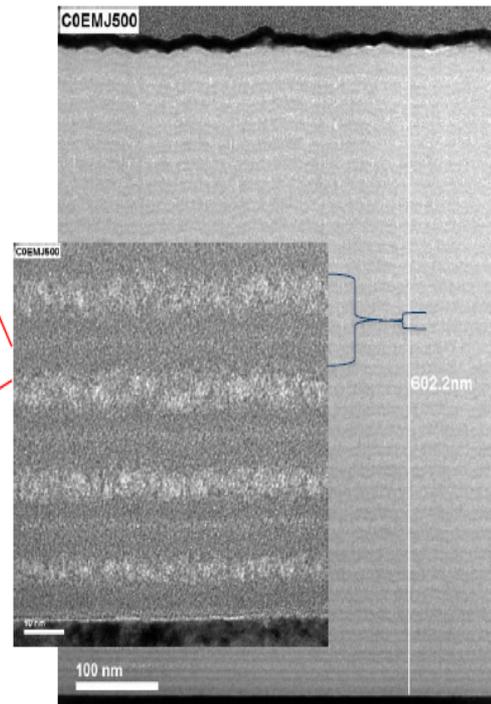
AIXTRON's OPTACAP™ PECVD system generates a multilayer structured barrier that provides simultaneously  
low stress, low cost, highly flexible and an excellent barrier



Hardness = 13.6 GPa

Hardness = 8.0 GPa

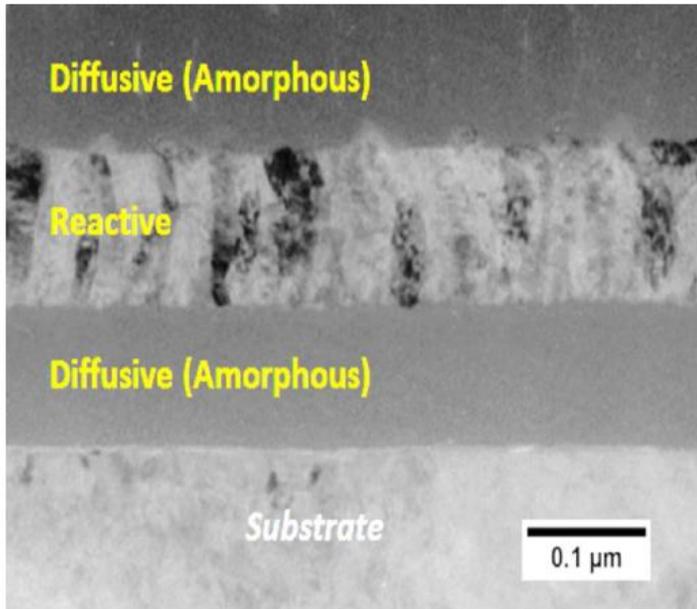
TEM performed by EAG



Hard layers provide moisture barrier and are thin enough to bend

Softer layers decouple the hard layers and reduce the film stress

# Multi-layer Metal Oxide Film from Vitriflex



- Amorphous diffusive layer structure effectively reduces 'intrinsic' film growth defects
- Adjacent diffusive layers reduce flux of water vapor and oxygen reaching reactive layer
- Layers can be combined and tuned for enhanced optical transmission

- Flexible barrier stack
- OTR:  $10^{-4}$  cc/m<sup>2</sup>/day/atm
- WVTR:  $10^{-6}$  g/m<sup>2</sup>/day
- Roll-to-roll deposition
- Low material costs



# Ink Jet Printer from Kateeva

Encapsulated Films

OLED Layers

TFT Array on Glass

Polarizer Film

Applications  
addressed  
by YIELDjet



Simpler structure will ultimately enable cheaper production and OLED dominance.

*Source: Conor Madigan, Kateeva*

- **For lifetime, material improvements have made a big impact, but another issue is critical: N2 processing**
- **Air has chemically active impurities (ozone, water, oxygen, etc.)**
- **These impurities can invade OLED layers during coating – to get the best lifetime, especially T95, an inert N2 environment is essential**
  - Typically we see improvements in T95 of 50% or more

# From Prototype to Production is Difficult

Habataki



Konica Minolta



High efficiency

Tunable color

Capacity: 1 million panels per month  
High volume production due in 2014

Irodori



Thickness: 0.35mm  
Weight: 0.06g/cm<sup>2</sup>

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