

Chroma consistency and luminous efficacy for a WLED using remote phosphor configuration with a tri-layer design

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ABSTRACT

The light quality of white-light-emitting diodes (WLEDs), an essential element for the improvement of WLEDs performance, can now be estimated by the angular color uniformity (ACU). In this study, a single micro-patterned layer is used to compare the variations between the traditional remote phosphor (RP) layer and the remote phosphor layer (single remote micro-patterned phosphor film (RMPP) layer). Furthermore, we investigate the application of a novel triple remote phosphor layer to improve the ACU in RP down-light lamps. Besides, the optical efficiency of the layers as well as the distribution for the angular correlated color temperature (ACCT) were also measured experimentally. According to the findings, the dual-RMPP-layer structure can achieve better chromatic uniformity with just 441 K of correlated color temperature (CCT) variance. Meanwhile, the single RMPP layer shows an ACCT deviation of 556 K and RP film structure of 1390 K. The simulation incorporating a finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) as well as the approach of ray-tracing ensures an increase in ACU. Furthermore, compare to the traditional RP layer, the single and dual RMPP layers configuration result in respective luminous efficiency ameliorations of 6.68% and 4.69%. The scattering principle and combining influence from the micro-molded layer may explain the enhancement in ACU as well as lumen.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The development of solid-state electronics (SSE), pieces of electronic equipment using semiconductors, has created a revolution in technology and portable electronic devices. In lighting technology, one of the most popular SSE-semiconductor devices is light-emitting diodes (LEDs). Producing white light using LED chips that emit light in the blue wavelength and coating layers made of light-converted materials can be a potential method. The improvements for white-light color and lumen adequacies have been introduced to various studies as the main objective. By succeeding in utilizing fine-tuning the yttrium alum garnet (YAG) phosphor structure, the luminescent power of white LEDs (W-LEDs) can be greatly improved [1]-[3]. However, since these devices are lack of red portion in their spectra, they could not fulfill lighting applications that demand low correlated color temperatures (CCTs) with high color rendering index's (CRIs) [4], [5]. One of the practical alternatives to the conventional yellow phosphor is the quantum dot (QD) because it presents a strong quantum yield (QY), and a tunable emission spectrum. Industrial CdSe/ZnS QDs with red emissions,

for example, were commonly used for stimulating the strength of red spectral energy in the white LEDs [6]-[8]. However, compared to the typical white LEDs with the rare-earth base, the W-LEDs with QDs exhibit inferior performance stability, which considerably put a limit on their practical utilities. The primary issue emerging when applying QDs is the poor stability in their thermal reaction feature that even rapidly degrades under high-temperature conditions. Furthermore, despite a high QY of more than 90%, the QDs suffer from high reabsorption loss in white LEDs, initiating an increasing thermal production. To address this problem, introducing the QD film with a sphere shell structure functioning as a blue anti-reflection layer can be potential. It did reduce the absorption loss by limiting the total light reflection in the package and eventually increase the capability to stabilize the thermal generation of QD W-LEDs. Furthermore, from a liquid substance to a solid polymer matrix converting process the QY of QDs, and the thermal stability can be improved by liquid-type packing methods using the minimizing thermal power generation [9], [10]. Nevertheless, the issues related to high thermal production when using the QD are still challenging since the surrounding polymer matrix provides inefficient thermal conductivity. Besides, it is difficult to manage to obtain the thermal reduction and stability for the QD sheet by just introducing materials offering strong thermal conductivity, like the hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN). Furthermore, the QD layer usually plays a role as a coating layer on the LED-chip cluster, which produces a lot of heat during operation, reducing QD heat distribution even more [11], [12].

In this research, we suggest a metal-based inverted design (MID) that boosts the thermal efficiency of QD W-LEDs by reducing thermal shift between the LED chip and the QD layer. First, based on the laser-driven experimental platform, we figure the thermal impacts of a LED chip as a heating resource of the light-conversion film on its surface. Then, by changing the QD and phosphor concentrations, the modification on MID-QD W-LEDs can be introduced to obtain higher optical efficiency. Finally, the optimized MID- QD white LED's thermal efficiency and stability are discussed. We successfully obtained CCT as well as CRI deviations of 57.3 K and 0.29, owing to effectively dissipating the heat of the QD layer by the metal-based inverted packaging (MIP) structure at injection power values ranging from 0.08 W – 1.3 W. Moreover, after aging for 10 hours under extreme conditions, the system shows only a minor reduction in optical and color output.

2. PREPARATION

Preparing stages of both red and green phosphors, $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ and CnS:In , are individually demonstrated this section. Table 1 and Table 2 detail the essential information of $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ and CnS:In compositions, respectively. To acquire the red-emitting phosphor $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$, a complete slurry comprised of all chemical components is made with 30% H_2O_2 . The slurry is then heated up gently, accompanied by stirring to the point of reactivity or seething, which designates that the H_3AsO_4 has been formed. After that, the mixture is dried in air and powdered. Next, the open quartz boat that contains the powder is burnt at approximately 500 °C. When the burning time is over, take this mixture out and powderize it. The next firing is carried out at 1200 °C, with the powder in an open quartz boat, and lasts one hour. The emission peaks of the red $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ phosphor are within 1.76 eV – 2.09 eV. The ultraviolet (UV)-excitation efficacy is –(4.88 eV), –(3.40 eV). The structure is tetragonal or xenotime [13], [14].

Table 1. Constituents for $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$

Ingredients	Mole %	By weight (g)
Y_2O_3	95 (of Y)	107
Eu_2O_3	5 (of Eu)	8.8
As_2O_3	100 (of As)	75

Table 2. Constituents for CnS:In

Ingredients	Mole %	By weight (g)
CdS	100	145
In_2O_3	0.1 (of In)	0.139

For the green-emitting CnS:In phosphor preparation, In_2O_3 is initially dissolved in nitric acid, and CdS is subsequently introduced, forming a slurry in methanol. The substance is left desiccated, then pulverized. Approximately 2 g – 3 g of sulfur is added to the mixture before it is burned within closed quartz pipes accompanied by H_2S under 900 °C within an hour. When the mixture is cool, inspect it under UV light to see if it exhibits red luminescence. Get rid of every portion if it looks disparate and then pulverize. For the next burning process, the powder is heated at 500 °C within open quartz boats filled with H_2 . Then examine it through UV light again, the substance will be in uniform green. The green $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ phosphor's emission peak is at 2.39 eV, emission width (FWHM) is at 0.08 eV. The excitation efficacy by UV is +(4.88 eV), +(3.40 eV). The structure appears to be hexagonal or wurtzite.

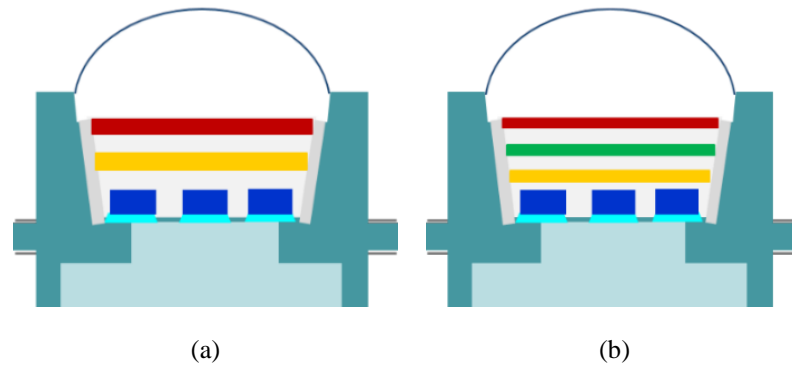


Figure 1. The cross-section illustrations: (a) double-sheet RP (DRP) and (b) three-sheet RP (TRP)

Our study examined the performances of lighting features of two W-LEDs using remote phosphor (RP) packages: the dual-layer RP (DRP) with yellow, red phosphor sheets and three-sheet RP (TRP) containing green as well as red phosphor sheets aside from the yellow one. Both packages utilize flat phosphor films that cover the cluster of nine LED chips. The cross-section illustrations of DRP are described in Figures 1(a) and the cross-section illustrations of TRP are described in Figure 1(b), respectively. The red layer is placed highest while the yellow layer is placed closest to the LED-chip surfaces, in both W-LED packages. Meanwhile, the green phosphor layer of the TRP is the middle layer; in other words, this phosphor film is placed above the yellow and below the red phosphor films, see Figure 1(b). In addition, the LED chips are represented by the blue zones, the phosphor layer by the yellow zones, and the silicone matrix lenses by the blank zones. Aluminum nitride is thought to be the substrate, whereas YAG:Ce^{3+} is thought to be the phosphor. When observing along the z-axis, all of the CCTs in each structure are set to 6500 K [15], [16]. The thickness of these phosphor sheets would be 0.08 mm. Furthermore, the YAG:Ce^{3+} content varies in response to shifts in the concentrations of red, green, or red phosphor in order to preserve the median CCTs (ACCTs). Furthermore, the YAG:Ce^{3+} concentrations vary depending on the angular correlated color temperature (ACCT) of each phosphor structure, resulting in a wide range of scattering characteristics within WLEDs. Furthermore, variations in optical properties result from this discrepancy.

Yellow YAG:Ce^{3+} phosphor concentrations with the red and green phosphor films introduced to the DRP and TRP are demonstrated in Figure 2. The DRP obviously shows the more significant yellow phosphor concentration than the TRP, in all ACCTs. Greater concentrations of yellow phosphor YAG:Ce^{3+} can lead to a higher probability of back-scattering events occurring. In other words, unless the reduction in YAG:Ce^{3+} is acquired, the light scattering in the backward direction will increase in amount, reducing the emitted luminous flux. When the concentration of YAG:Ce^{3+} is increased, however, a disparity among the key hues generating white, yellow, red, as well as green illumination, resulting in decreased color quality. As a result, back-scattering must be minimized by increasing the red light portion to yield greater lumen as well as chromatic output in WLED devices. Furthermore, the green light can regulate chromatic uniformity and luminous flux. Would the TRP become the best in terms of handling light attributes based on this information? the spectral emission computation and demonstration of DRP and TRP in the next section could provide the answer, see Figure 3.

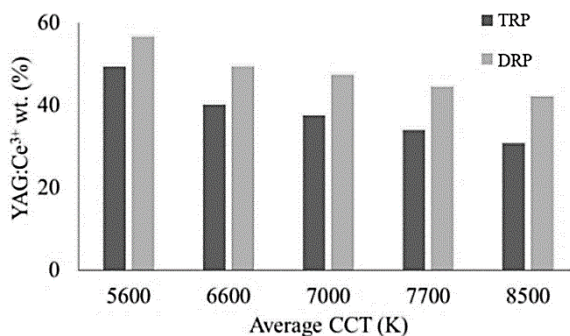


Figure 2. The YAG:Ce^{3+} content in DRP and TRP structures

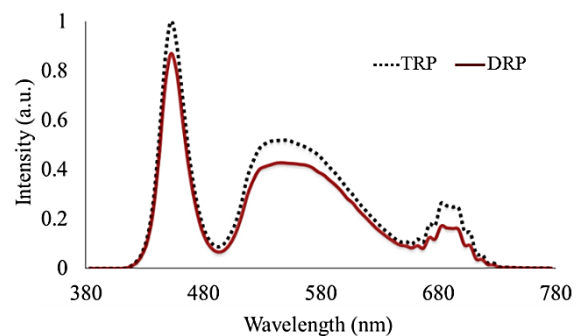


Figure 3. Discharge spectra in DRP as well as TRP packages

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The CRI comparison between the remote phosphor configurations is shown in Figure 4. As can be noticed, regardless of ACCT, the DRP gets the better CRI. The CRI of this structure, in particular, rises with each ACCT, reaching its sharp peak at an ACCT of 8500 K. This finding contributes greatly to the improvement of chromatic adequacy of the white light LED devices, notably for models with high pre-set ACCTs (7000 K – 8500 K, for example). Controlling the CRI at a greater ACCT has been regarded as a challenging task, it is possibly addressed by using the DRP consisting red phosphor layer of $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$. As a result of $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ film deposition, the stimulation of red spectra is acquired, leading to improving CRI figures. The TRP also displays the potential to enhance the CRI but somehow is not as significant as the DRP.

CRI, on the other hand, can just evaluate a single factor in white-light color adequacy. There is also a drawback in CRI assessment, the projected light with a large amount of red or blue elements is possible to give significant CRI values. This implies that the light with high CRI may not exhibit great color homogeneity (CH). In fact, CRI is included in color quality scale (CQS), color quality scale – a color rendering score introduced by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Apart from CRI, CQS comprises viewer preference and chromaticity coordinate, making it a more interesting metric for researchers and a more effective approach to color assessment. Figure 5 compares the CQS of TRP and DRP structures. A notably greater CQS figure can be reported in TRP structures, regardless of ACCT numbers. The balance between generated red, yellow, and green spectra could amplify the CH of the TRP structure, resulting in a significant enhancement of CQS. These findings possibly concrete the foundation of using multi-layer RPs for optical enhancements, especially the color adequacy of the W-LEDs. Particularly, the DRP using red $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ may be ideal for CRI encouragement, while TRP with both red $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ and green $\text{CnS}:\text{In}$ is more appropriate for CQS efficiency.

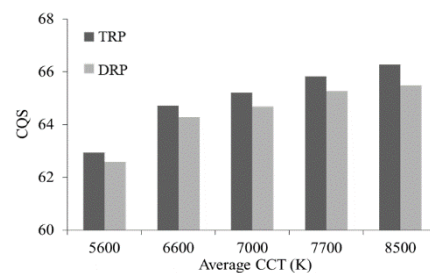
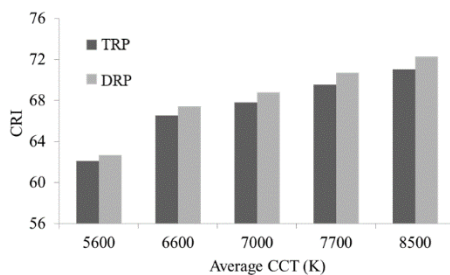


Figure 4. CRIs in TRP and DRP settings Figure 5. CQS in TRP and DRP configurations

CH, additionally, is another critical aspect of chroma adequacy. Various approaches are available for augmenting CH, such as employing phosphor granules to increase scatterings (SiO_2 and CaCO_3) or using a conformal phosphor structure. Despite the fact that these two methods can increase CH, the luminous flux appears to be decreasing. The application of these RP structures in this article could lead to noticeable improvements in CH. When the green $\text{CnS}:\text{In}$ and red $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ phosphors are applied, the dispersion, along with the green as well as red illumination components within the WLED device are increased, resulting in a better white light generation. Additionally, the backscattering degradation, provided by the RP structures, will boost the emitted luminous flux. To further demonstrate this point, the hue aberration of the DRP as well as TRP is shown in Figure 6. The DRP apparently gives a greater correlated color temperature deviation (D-CCT) value than the TRP; however, the lower the variance, the better the color uniformity. In other words, the TRP is more efficient in CH performance. This argument is shown via the inner dispersion within the WLED device, as additional sheets of phosphor can result in more occurring scattering events for enhancing color balance; as a result, CH improves. However, an increase in scattering events may result in a decrease in luminous output (LO) but this might be accepted since acquiring the back-scattering reduction is more critical to the RP structures.

Though multi-layer RP structures could promote chroma adequacy, their luminous intensity (LI) may get declined. This is unavoidable as the stimulated scattering factor can cause the LI to decrease. Yet, the question is if multi-layer RP can give better LI than single-layer RP (SRP). The lighting-intensity computation could give a proper demonstration. The expressions for propagated blue illumination as well as transmuted yellow illumination of the DRP as well as SRP are shown to serve this purpose.

The (1) and (2) are applied for computing the propagated blue illumination along with the transmuted yellow illumination of the SRP, while the (3) and (4) are used for those of the DRP. The phosphor film's thickness is $2h$ in the SRP and h in the DRP [17]-[21].

$$PB_1 = PB_0 \times e^{-2\alpha_{B1}h} \quad (1)$$

$$PY_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta_1 \times PB_0}{\alpha_{B1} - \alpha_{Y1}} (e^{-2\alpha_{Y1}h} - e^{-2\alpha_{B1}h}) \quad (2)$$

$$PB_2 = PB_0 \times e^{-2\alpha_{B2}h} \quad (3)$$

$$PY_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta_2 \times PB_0}{\alpha_{B2} - \alpha_{Y2}} (e^{-2\alpha_{Y2}h} - e^{-2\alpha_{B2}h}) \quad (4)$$

Where h denotes the phosphor sheet's breadth within the RP package. The SRP and DRP are indicated by numbers 1 and 2 in subscript, respectively. The coefficients of blue-illumination conversion and yellow-illumination reflection will be denoted by β and γ , respectively. The blue-illumination (PB) as well as yellow-illumination (PY) intensities will be presented by PB_0 . B shows the energy-loss ratio of the blue light, and Y presents that of the yellow light during the illumination propagating process in the RP packages.

As compared to the SRP, the DRP could get the pc-LED's performnce greatly improved [22], [23].

$$\frac{(PB_2 + PY_2) - (PB_1 + PY_1)}{PB_1 + PY_1} > 0 \quad (5)$$

The Mie hypothesis will be employed for studying phosphor particle scattering, from which it is possible to acquire the dispersing cross-section C_{sca} in the case of phosphor spheres [24]-[26]. The use of the Lambert-Beer law can also help measure the power of the transmitted.

$$I = I_0 \exp(-\mu_{ext}L) \quad (6)$$

In which, I_0 , L , and μ_{ext} denote the power of incident lights, the phosphor film's breadth (mm), and the extinction coefficient, respectively. The (7) will determine μ_{ext} .

$$\mu_{ext} = Nr. C_{ext} \quad (7)$$

N_r (mm^{-3}) denotes the particle number density allocation. C_{ext} (mm^2) defines the particle extinction cross-section.

The (5) demonstrated that applying several phosphor layers improves the luminous flux more than applying only one. Moreover, the Lambert-Beer law in (6) notes that when using multi-layer RP, the phosphor concentration must be changed to a sufficient level to obtain the maximum power transmission. Figure 7 clearly demonstrates this finding. Specifically, the TRP shows stronger LI than the DRP does, removing any doubts about the advantages of TRP in terms of luminous flux. The green phosphor layer $\text{CnS}:\text{In}$ in the TRP improves the portion of green coloration owing to the notably broadened 500 nm – 600 nm emission spectrum. Besides, contributing to the greater emission intensity of TRP is the significant reduction in $\text{YAG}:\text{Ce}^{3+}$ phosphor concentration as a function to maintain the ACCT. Notably, this yellow-concentration reduction is more remarkable than that of the DRP, leading to that the TRP is superior in minimizing internal back-scattering lights. When the backscattering is minimized, the LED-chip emitted blue light is allowed to pass through $\text{YAG}:\text{Ce}^{3+}$ layer more easily, enhancing the chances for these lights to interact with the other phosphor layers and get converted. In other words, the TRP manages to perform an efficient blue-light conversion to boost the blue light power from LED chips, which eventually benefits the emission strength of the white-light region for the greatest enhancement in luminous flux. Hence, when the manufacturer aims at superior CQS, CH, and LI for WLEDs, the TRP structure can be selected.

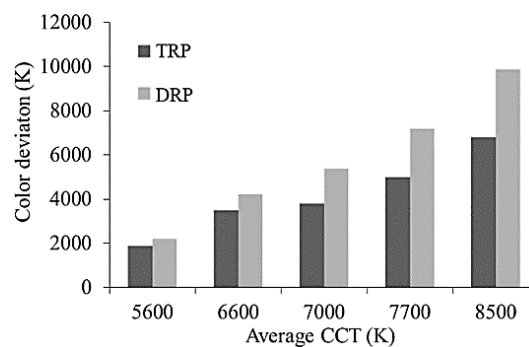


Figure 6. D-CCT of TRP and DRP settings

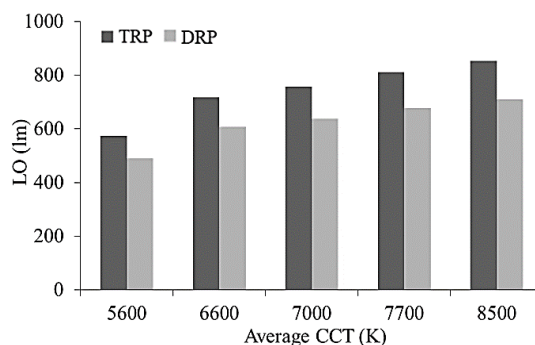


Figure 7. Correlation between luminous output of phosphor settings and ACCTs

4. CONCLUSION

The performances offered by DRP and TRP layouts in WLEDs with five pre-set ACCTs are compared in this paper. During the simulation, the green CnS:In and red $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ phosphors are used. The Mie hypothesis, along with the law of Lambert-Beer, validates the study findings. According to the findings, the addition of a green CnS:In phosphor layer improves the green light portion, resulting in improved color uniformity and luminous performance. As a consequence, the TRP layout yields more luminous flux and chromatic consistency, surpassing the DRP layout. Furthermore, increasing the red-light portion by using a red $\text{YasO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ phosphor layer will enhance the CRI and CQS. The TRP structure has a higher CRI and CQS than the DRP structure, as shown in the result. It's clear that chromaticity is determined by the balance control over red-, yellow-, green-, and blue-color proportions, which is achievable with TRP. Furthermore, the TRP structure's luminous flux increases noticeably as the occurring backscattered lights are reduced. In addition, from the figures, that TRP has a stronger LI than the DRP is obvious evidence. The manufacturer can consider the priority of the optical properties for their products while referencing the findings in our work to get a proper RP structure for WLED production.

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