

A Simple Method for Fabricating an External Light Extraction Composite Layer with RNS to Improve the Optical Properties of OLEDs

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1. EL characteristics of fluorescence OLEDs for various the O₂ plasma treatment duration

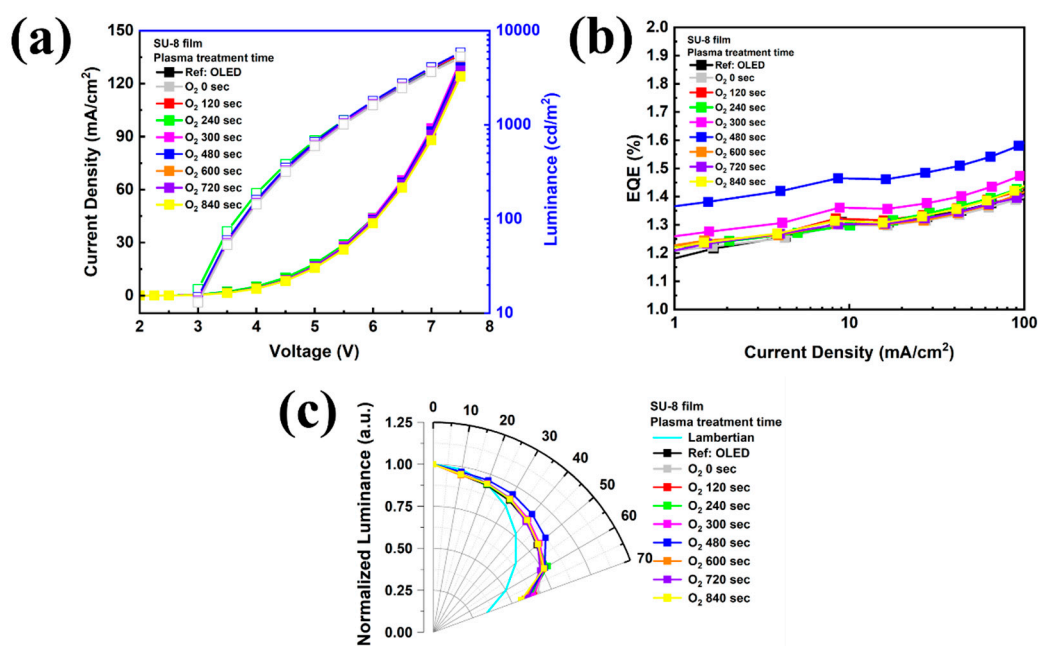


Figure S1. Comparison of luminous efficiency characteristics of scattering layers in which RNSs are applied to OLED devices. (a) current density-voltage characteristics of devices, (b) external quantum efficiency as a function of current density characteristics of fabricated OLEDs, (c) normalized angular luminance distributions of OLEDs between 0° and 70°.

The device's electrical characteristics with and without the RNSs were almost identical since they were placed, where they do not affect the devices (figure S1 (a)). The OLEDs with the RNSs

exhibited higher efficiencies than those without the RNSs in terms of overall current density. The OLED treated with oxygen plasma for 480 sec showed the maximum EQE at 20 mA/cm² of 1.48 %, while the reference device exhibited an EQE at 20 mA/cm² of 1.31 %. The enhancement in the EQE at 20 mA/cm² was 13.0 % in the normal direction (figure S1 (b)). Figure S1 (c) shows that the OLEDs with RNSs exhibited improved luminance intensities with changes in viewing angle from 0 ° to 70 ° due to the scattering effect. For the best conditions (O₂ plasma 480 s) based on a viewing angle of 50 degrees, the improvement in the luminance was 8.4 % relative to the reference device. Therefore, it was confirmed that the efficiency and viewing angle improved by reducing the loss of the substrate mode based on the scattering characteristics of the RNSs.