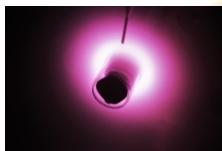
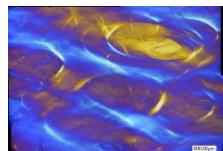


# Use of 2,2'-di(*p*-tert-butylphenyl)-6,6'-bibenzoxazole (BBzx) in deep-blue organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs)

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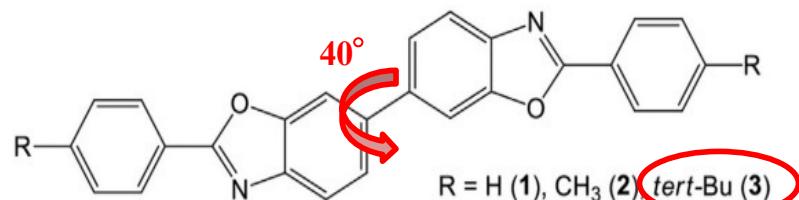
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Oxazole-based fluorophores, such as 2,2'-di(*p*-*tert*-butylphenyl)-6,6'-bibenzoxazole (BBzx) derivatives, show efficient emission in the UV and deep blue spectral range in the solid state. The incorporation of the bis-chromophore BBzx within organic light emitting diodes (OLED) as emissive layer leads to efficient emission. OLEDs displayed a deep blue emission at 430 nm arising from the BBzx layer, with CIE coordinate of (0.157, 0.044). These specific optical features were attributed to the twisted molecular structure of the bis-chromophore, leading to reduction of the aggregation induced fluorescence quenching. An EQE of 1.2% was achieved with a driving current of 24 A/m<sup>2</sup>. The results suggest that BBzx derivatives may be useful as efficient color saturation deep-blue emitters in OLEDs.

Bis-benzoxazole: Twisted conformation

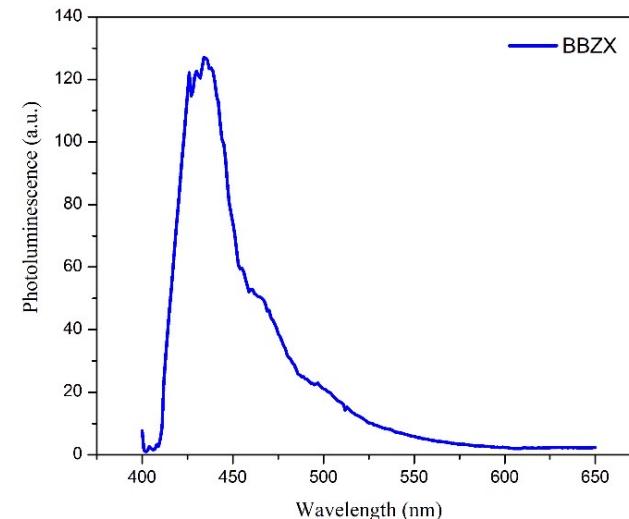
BBzx → Non Planar conformation



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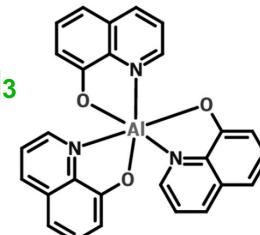
Non planar conformation disfavors close π-π stacking interactions, leading to efficient emission in thin film

PL ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=380$  nm) spectra of a 20 nm thin BBzx film



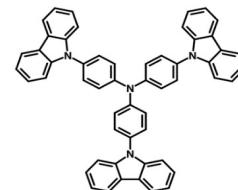
# OLED structure

Electron transport layer/emission layer (ETL/EML): **Alq<sub>3</sub>**  
Tris(8-hydroxyquinoline)aluminum(III)



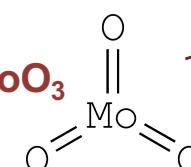
Calcium: **Ca**

Deep blue molecule: **BBzx**  
2,2'-di(*p*-*tert*-butylphenyl)-6,6'-bibenzoxazole

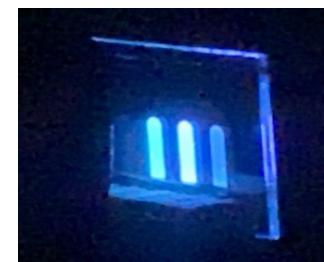
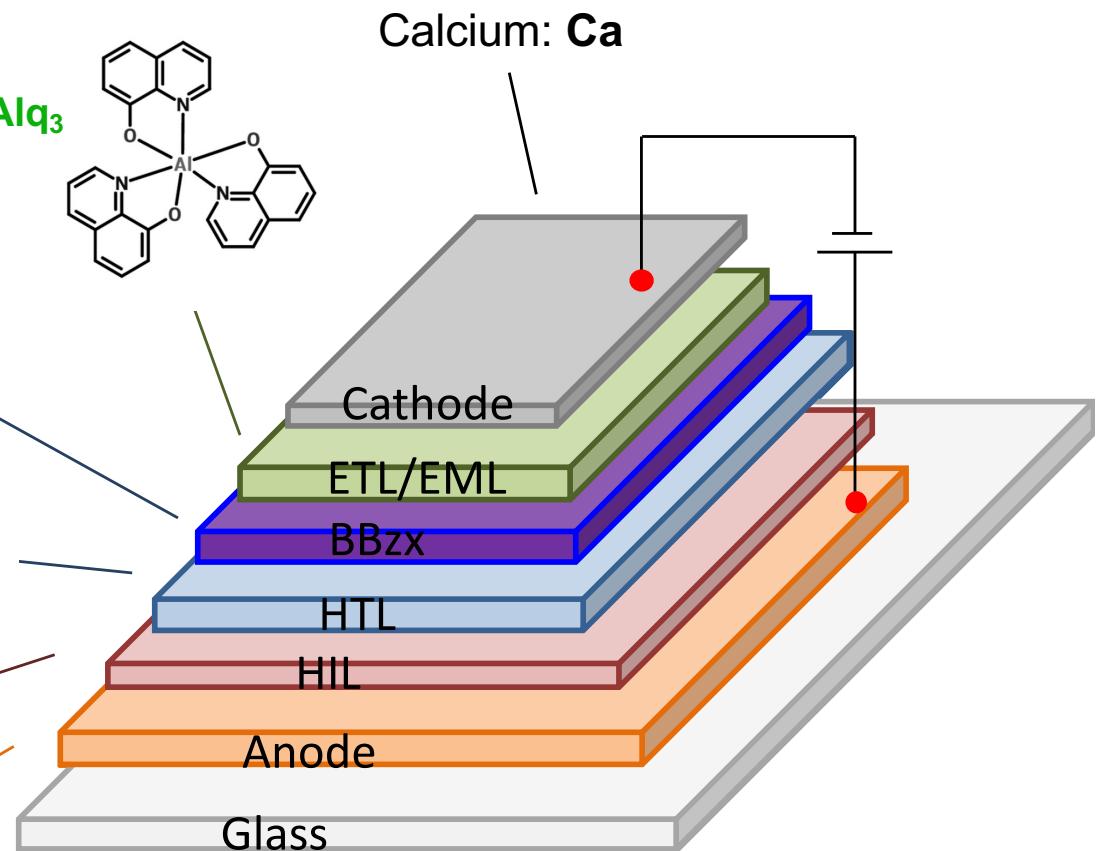


Hole transport layer (HTL): **NPD**  
N,N'-Di(1-naphthyl)-N,N'-diphenyl-(1,1'-biphenyl)-4,4'-diamine

Hole injection layer (HIL) : **MoO<sub>3</sub>**  
Molybdenum(VI) oxide

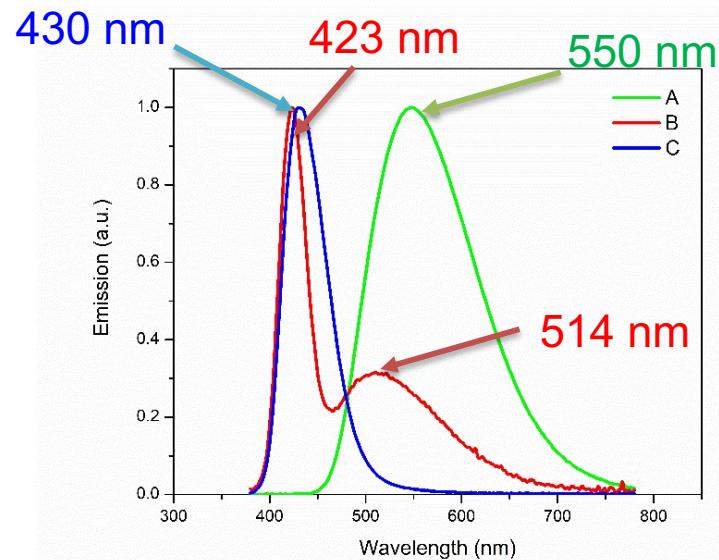


**ITO** indium tin oxide  
100 nm, 15 Ω/square

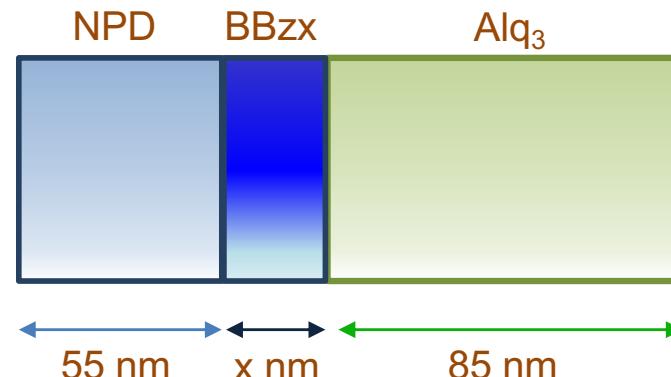


OLED area: 18.28 mm<sup>2</sup>

# Results



## Structure of B and C devices



OLED A:  
Reference device

### Variation the thickness of BBzx

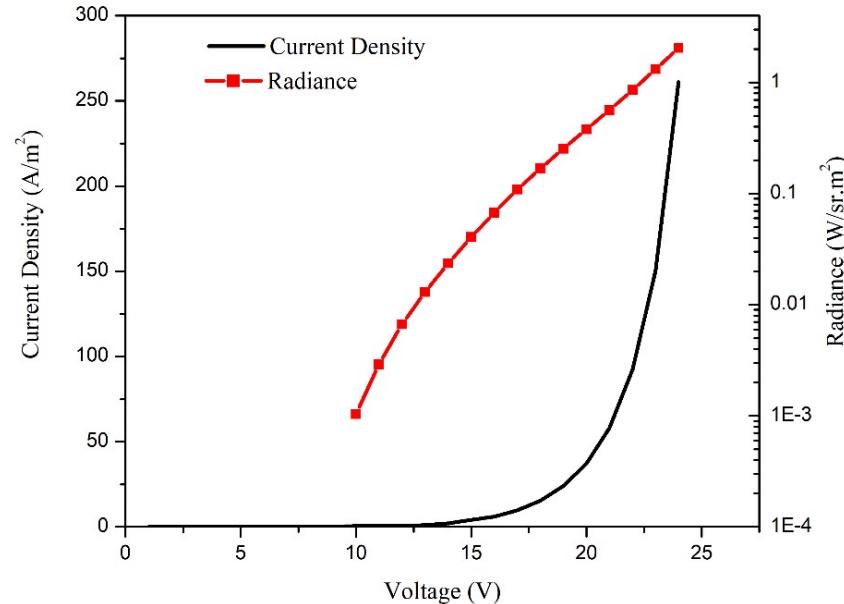
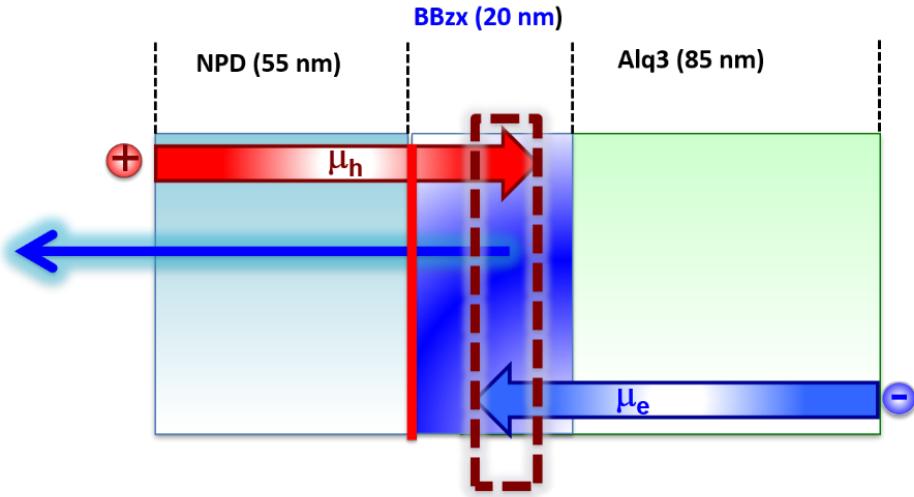
Device B 10 nm

- ✓ Emission of Alq<sub>3</sub> and BBzx
- ✓ Shift of the recombination zone to the BBzx / Alq<sub>3</sub> interface

20 nm Device C

- ✓ Emission of BBzx
- ✓ recombination zone located in the BBzx layer

# Results

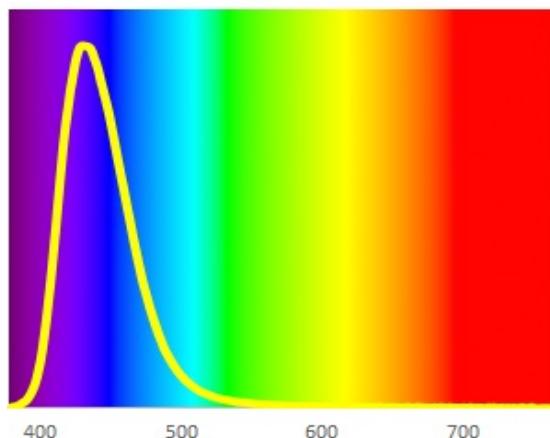


NDP (55nm) /BBzx (20 nm)/Alq<sub>3</sub> (85nm)

- ✓ Pure deep blue emission at 430 nm with CIE (0.15, 0.04)
- ✓ EQE= 1.2% at 24 A/m<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ L<sub>e</sub>= 2 W/sr.m<sup>2</sup> at 24V

# Conclusion

- BBzx → Non Planar conformation → Reduction of aggregation induced fluorescence quenching in thin film
- The variation of DB-layer leads to the shift of emission zone from the BBzx/ Alq<sub>3</sub> interface to BBzx Layer



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