

# Quantum Dots: Assessing the Impact within Lighting and Displays

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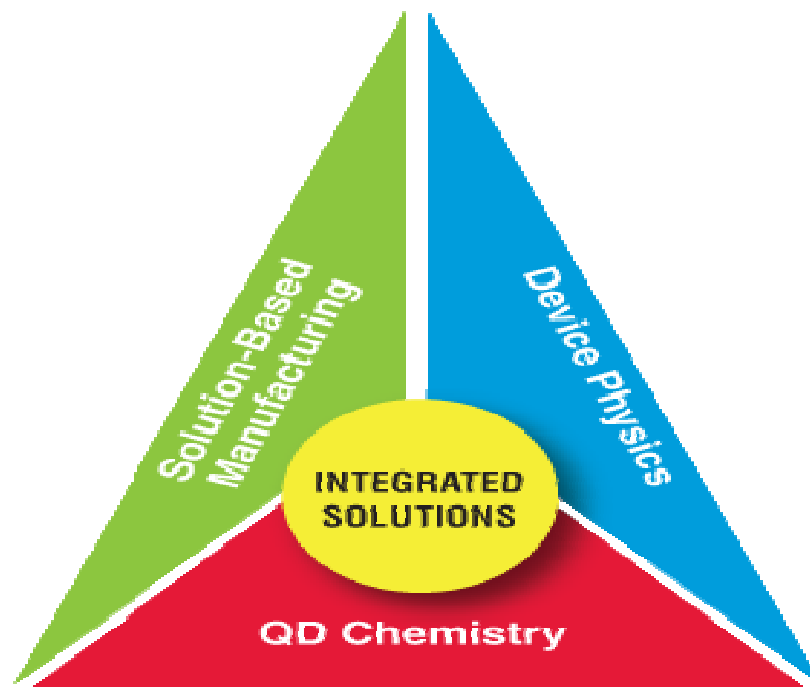
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# QD Vision's Focused & Integrated Approach

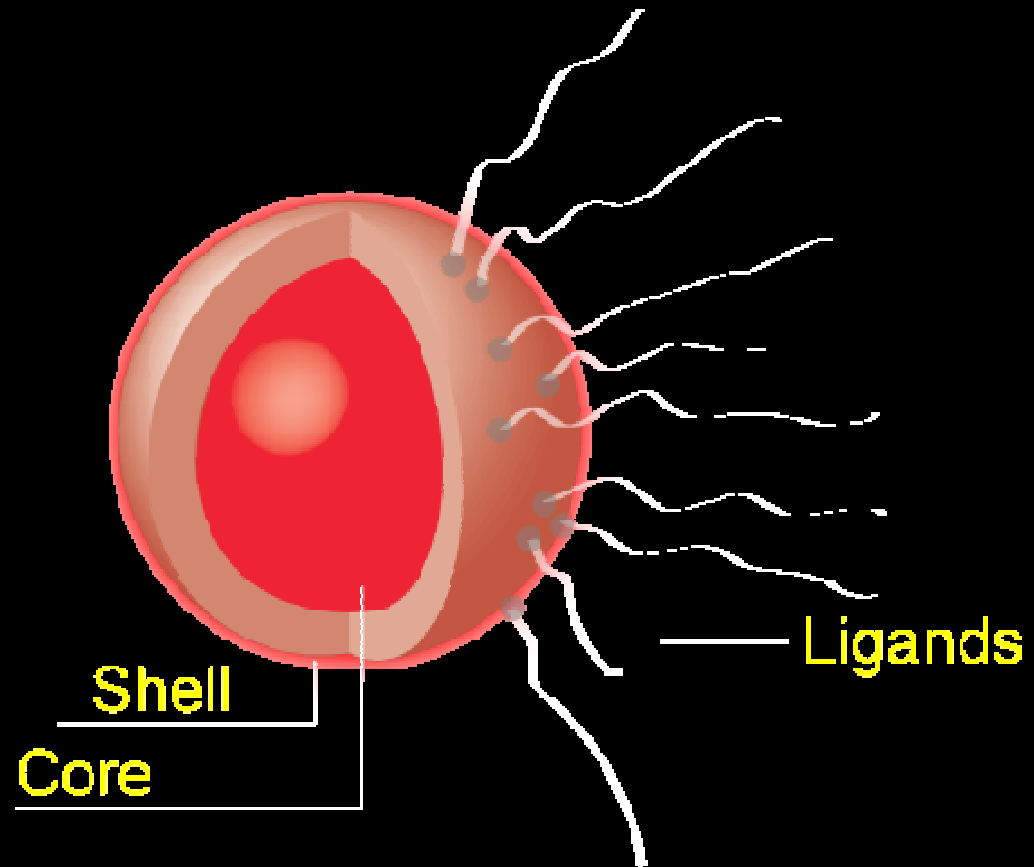
The **only** quantum dot company focused solely on displays & lighting



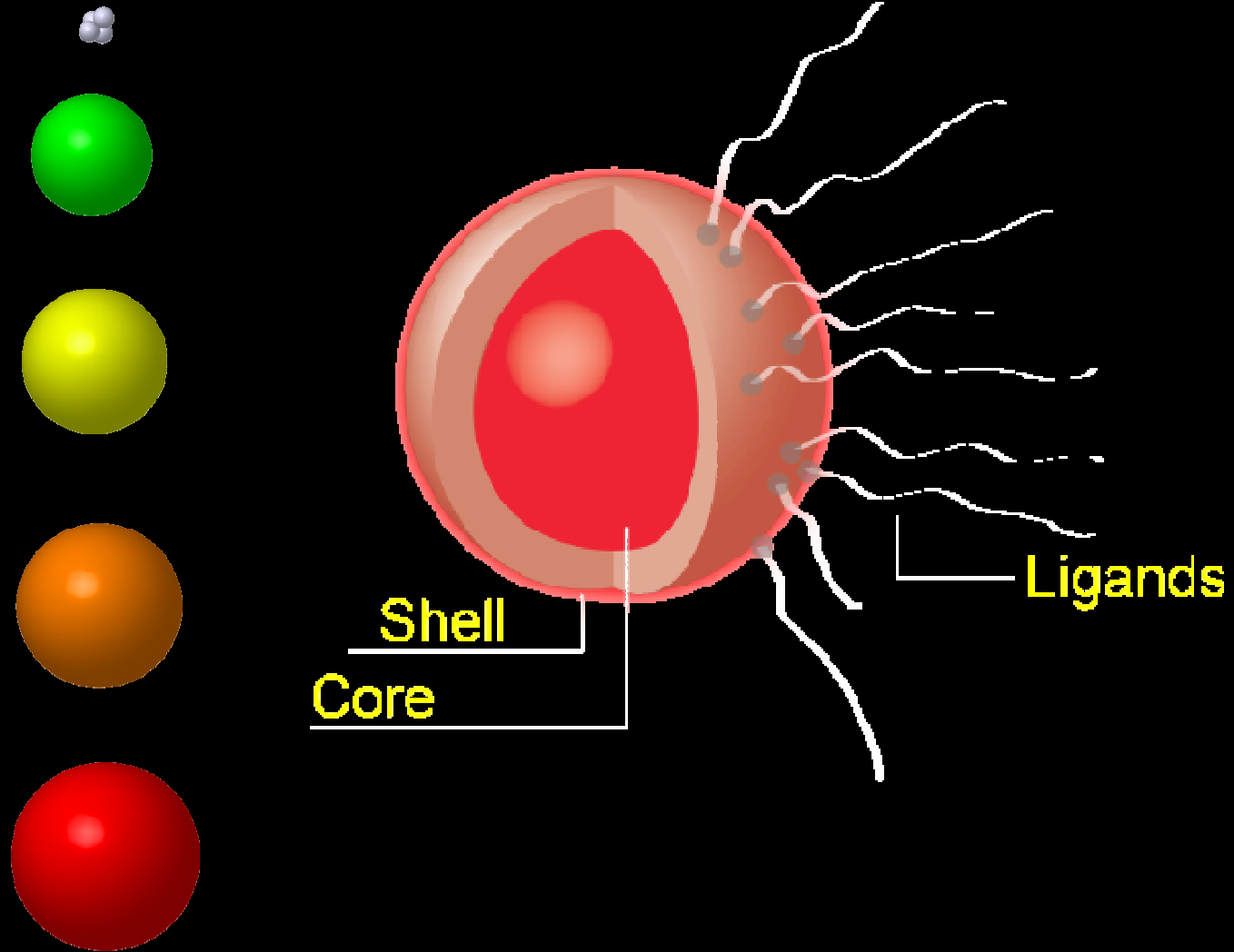
- Founded in May 2005 - MIT roots
- 80+ employees - R&D transitioning to operational focus
- Manufacturing facility in Lexington, MA
- IP from MIT license, Motorola patent acquisition, and QDV filings
- VC funded, ~\$55M raised to date

The 1<sup>st</sup> quantum dot company to market in lighting & displays

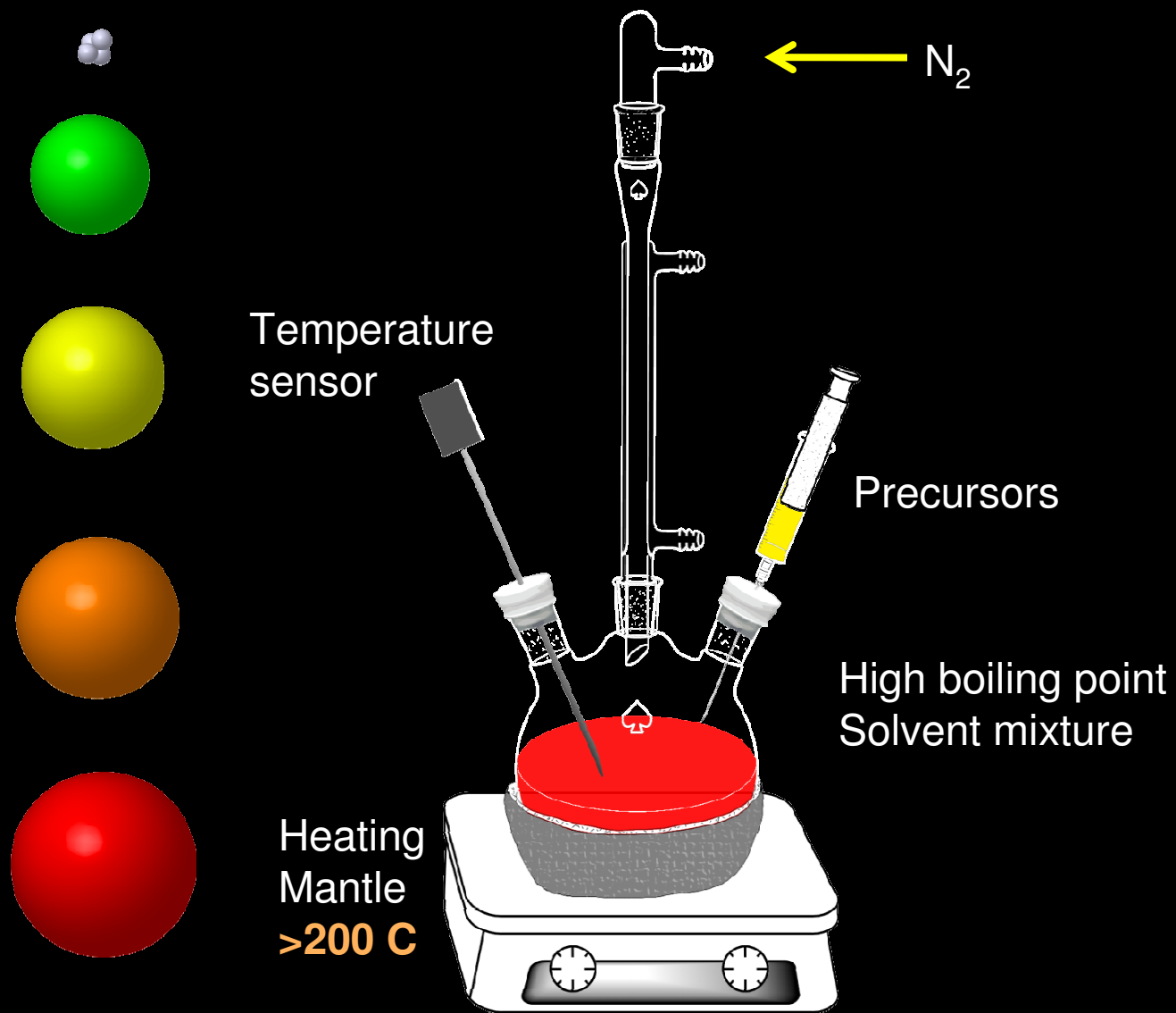
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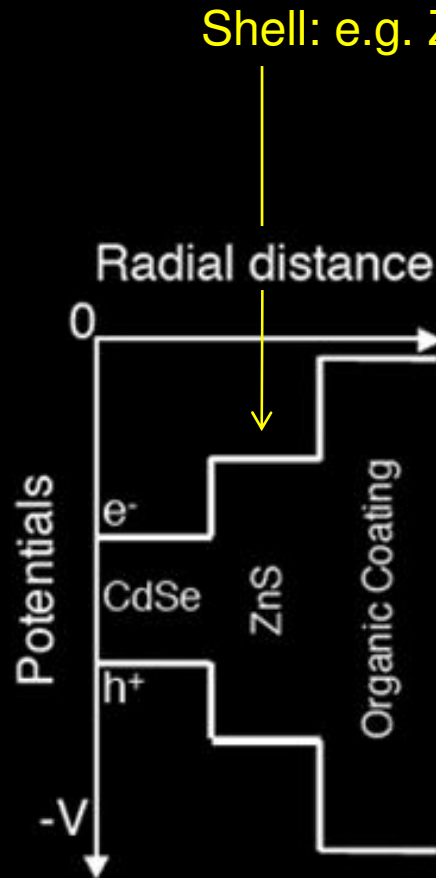
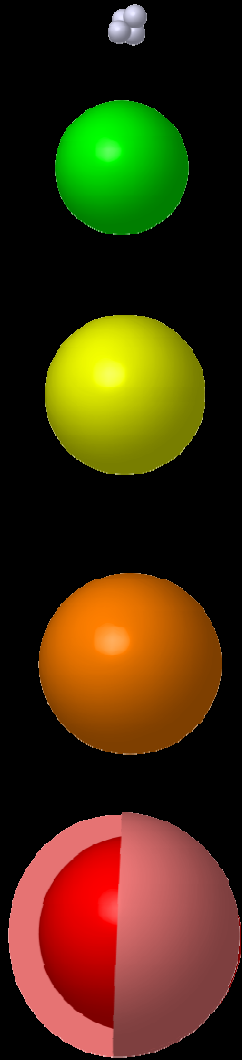
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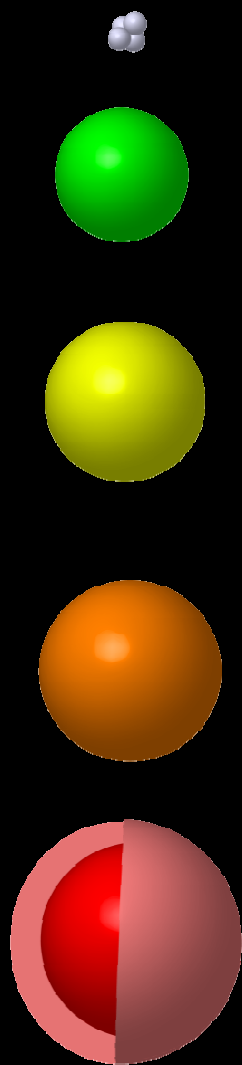


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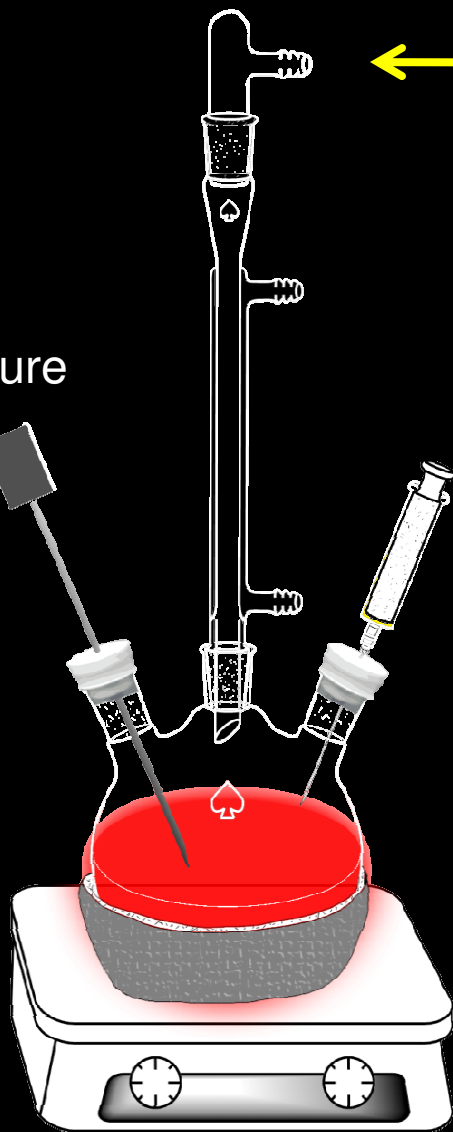
- Surface passivation of trap states
- Confinement of e/h pair to the core; isolation from environment

# Introduction: QD Shell Synthesis



Temperature  
sensor

Heating  
Mantle  
>200 C



Precursors

High boiling point  
Solvents

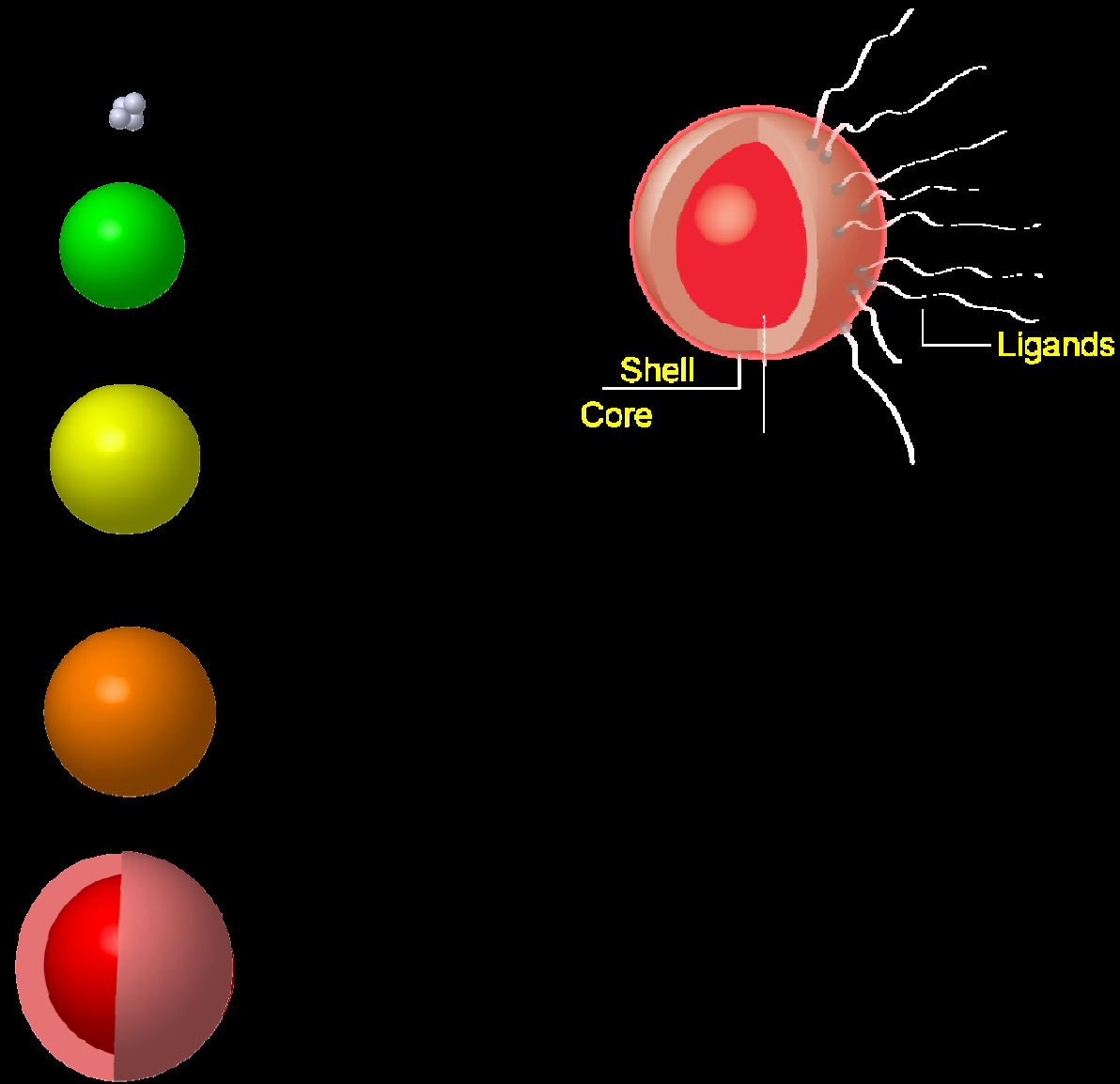
**Quantum Yield:**

<5% before to >90% after  
overcoating





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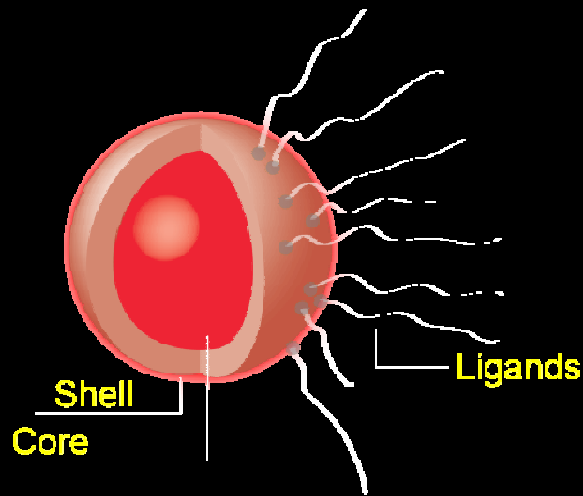
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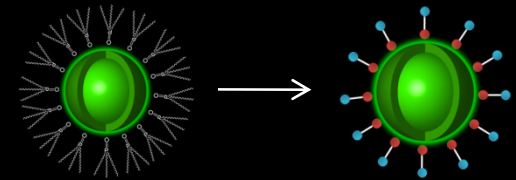


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- Tunable Color
- Narrow FWHM
- High Photostability

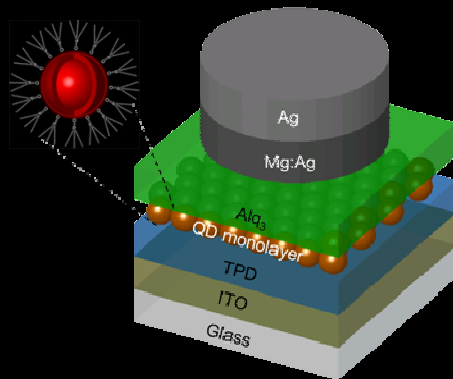


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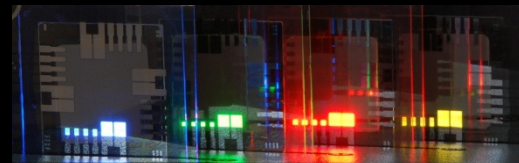


- Polarity
- Surface Charge
- Size

## Electroluminescence



QD-LEDs:



AM-QLED:



- Tunable Color
- Narrow FWHM
- Solution processability

Coe-Sullivan S, Woo WK, Steckel JS, Bawendi M, Bulovic. *Organic Electronics* 2003, **4**: 123-130.

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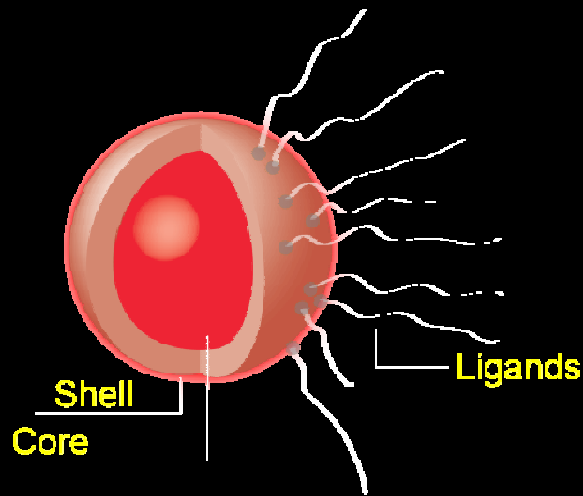
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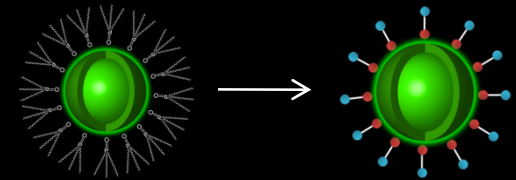


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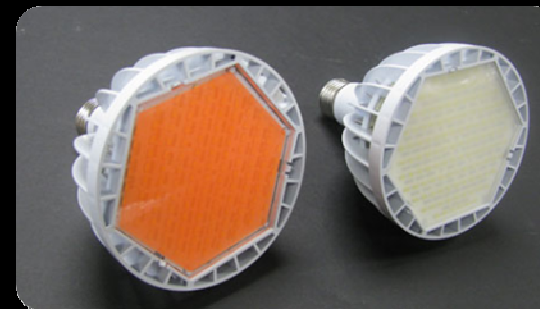
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## Downconversion



Incandescent      LED      LED + QDs

The Economist (2010)



Nexus Lighting

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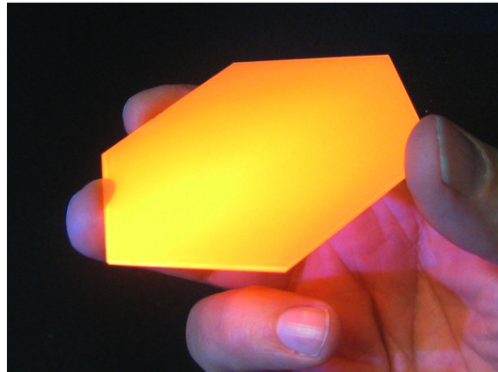
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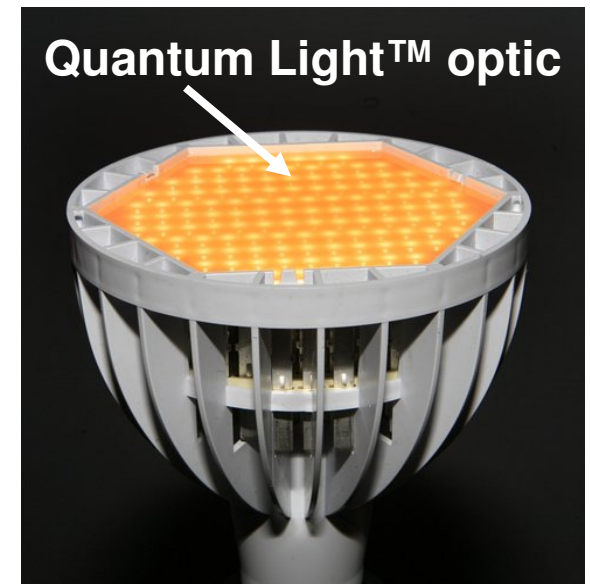
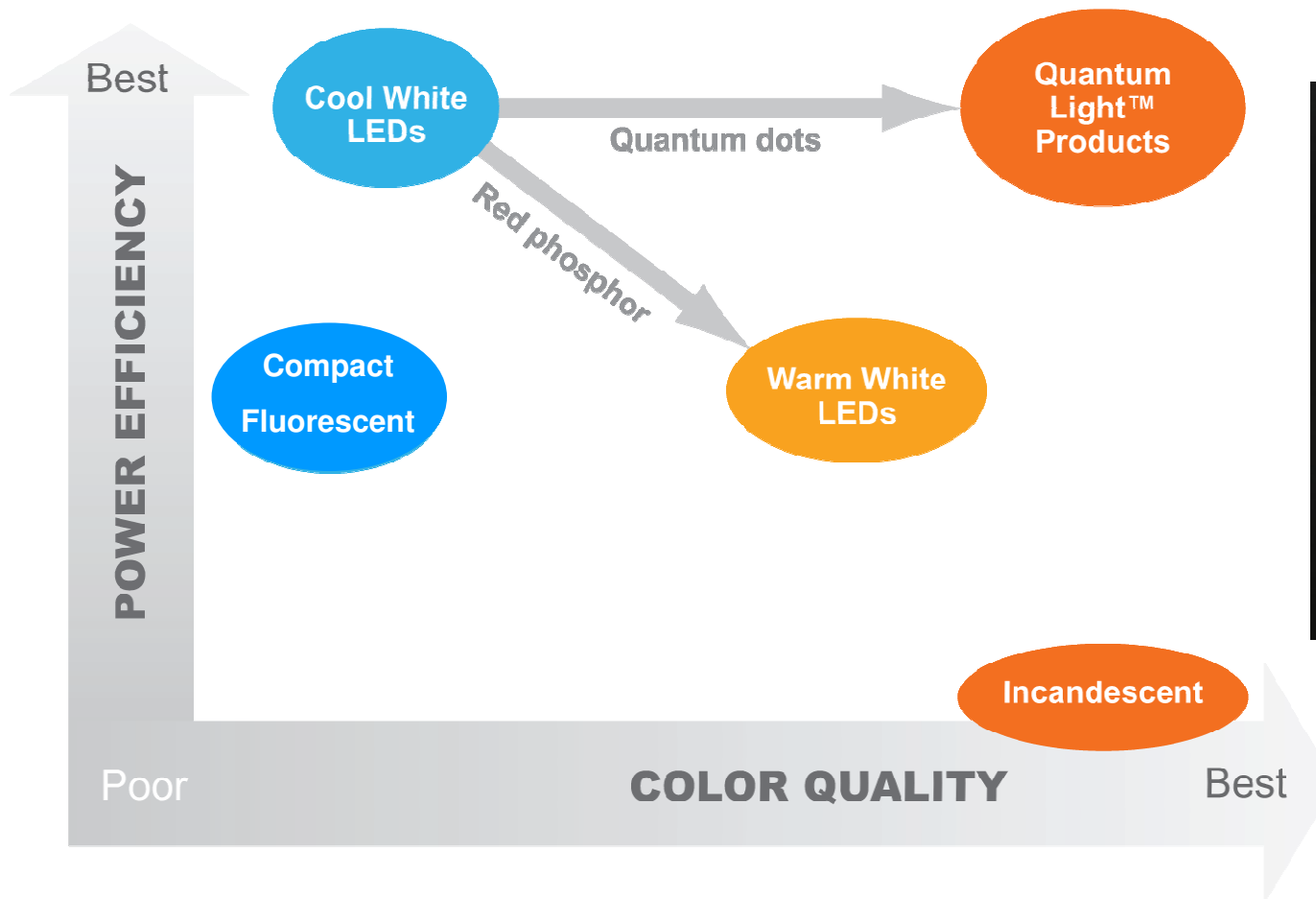
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# Printed QD Optic For High Performance Lighting

## Quantum Dots break tradeoff paradigm



*Nexus R30 LED Array  
2700K, 90+ CRI,  
>60 LPW*



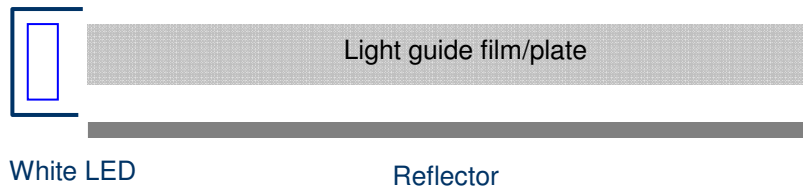
Nexus Lighting and QD Vision Unveil  
World's First Commercial Quantum Dot/LED  
Lamp Line -- May 5, 2009



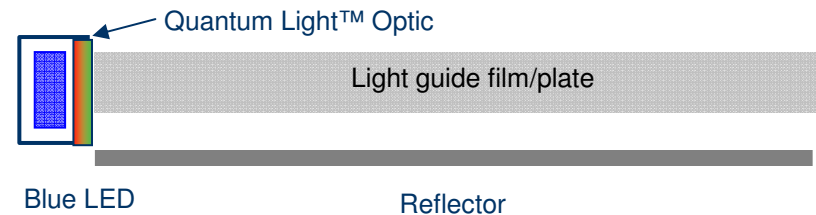
# Quantum Light™ Optic for LCD Backlighting

A drop in solution with disruptive benefits

## ● Current White LED Solution



## ● Quantum Light™ Solution in an LCD Backlight Unit



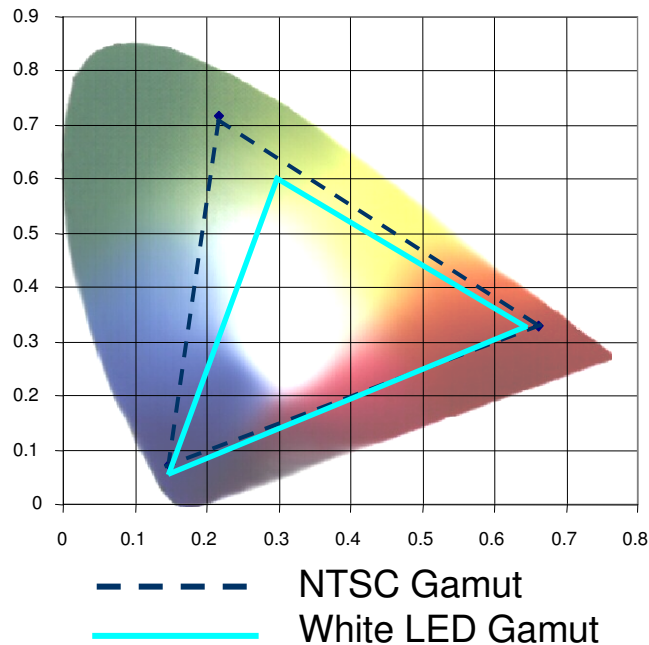
- **Design:** Drop-In solution; ultra-thin form factors
- **Color:** Visually impressive improvement (70's% → 100+% gamut)
- **Power:** Possible savings of up to 33% (H-K effect)
- **Cost:** Possible savings of up to 50% in LEDs (fewer, cheaper)
- **Enviro:** RoHS Compliant



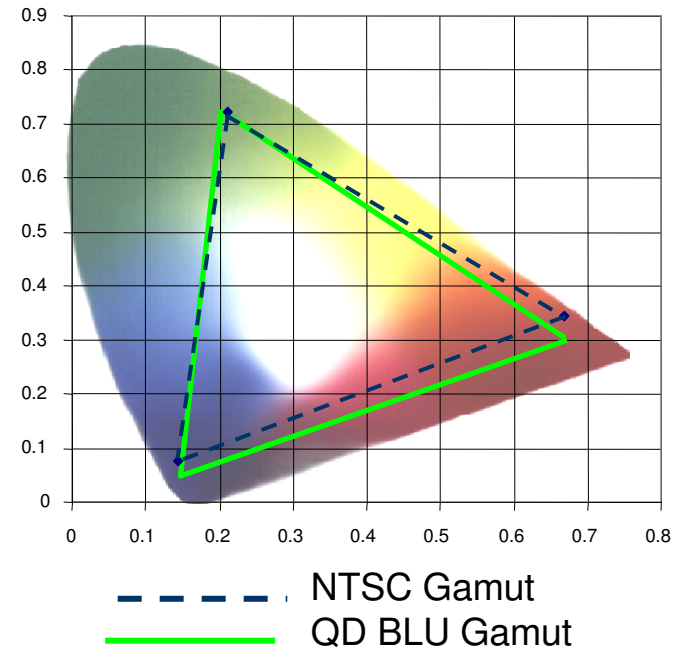
# Quantum Light™ ink widens LCD color gamut

Dramatically improves color vs. white LEDs

**White LED BLU**  
mid-70% NTSC



**QD-enhanced BLU**  
>100% NTSC



# Summary of Gen 2 QDs for PL Applications

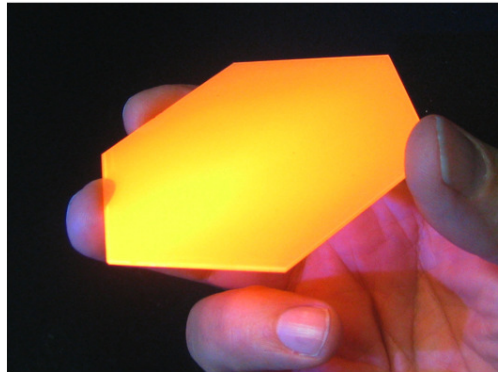
Property	Red Phosphor	Gen 1 QDs	Next Gen QDs
Efficiency (EQE)	>90%	>80%	>96%
Wavelength Tunability	600-670nm	600-640nm	600-640nm
FWHM	90-100nm	30-40nm	30nm
Efficiency droop @140C	<15%	>30%	~3%
Lifetime @ 2W/cm <sup>2</sup> , 110C	>10,000hr	<150hr	2500+

- Manufacturability
  - Lexington, MA manufacturing facility has the installed capacity to serve a **significant** portion of the display and lighting industries
- New applications enabled by low thermal droop and high stability QDs:
  - **BLU and displays:** >100% NTSC gamut for TVs and monitors
  - **SSL Lighting:** maintain efficiency advantage over phosphor while delivering superior color for remote “phosphor” SSL applications with broader flux and temperature range

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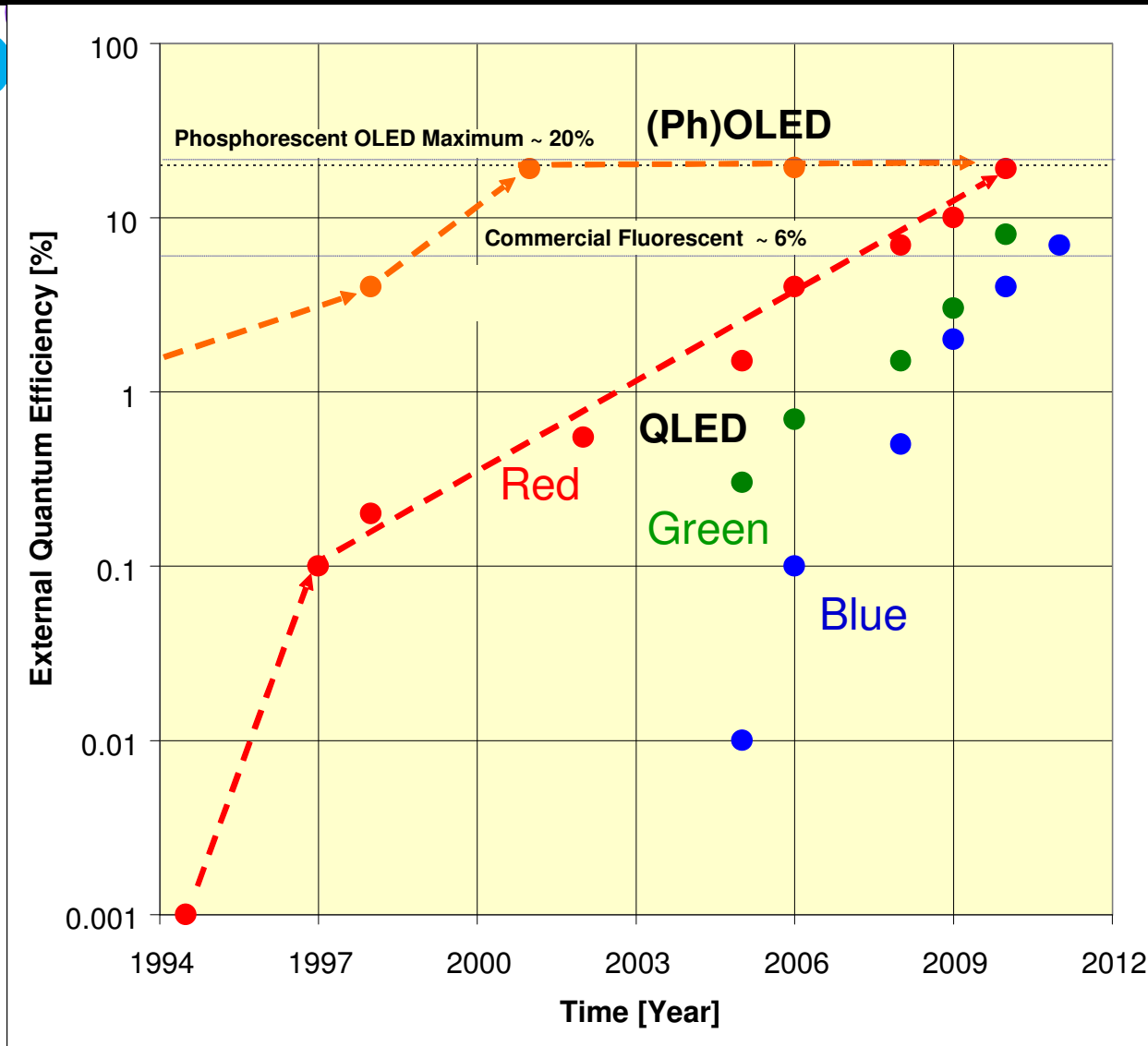


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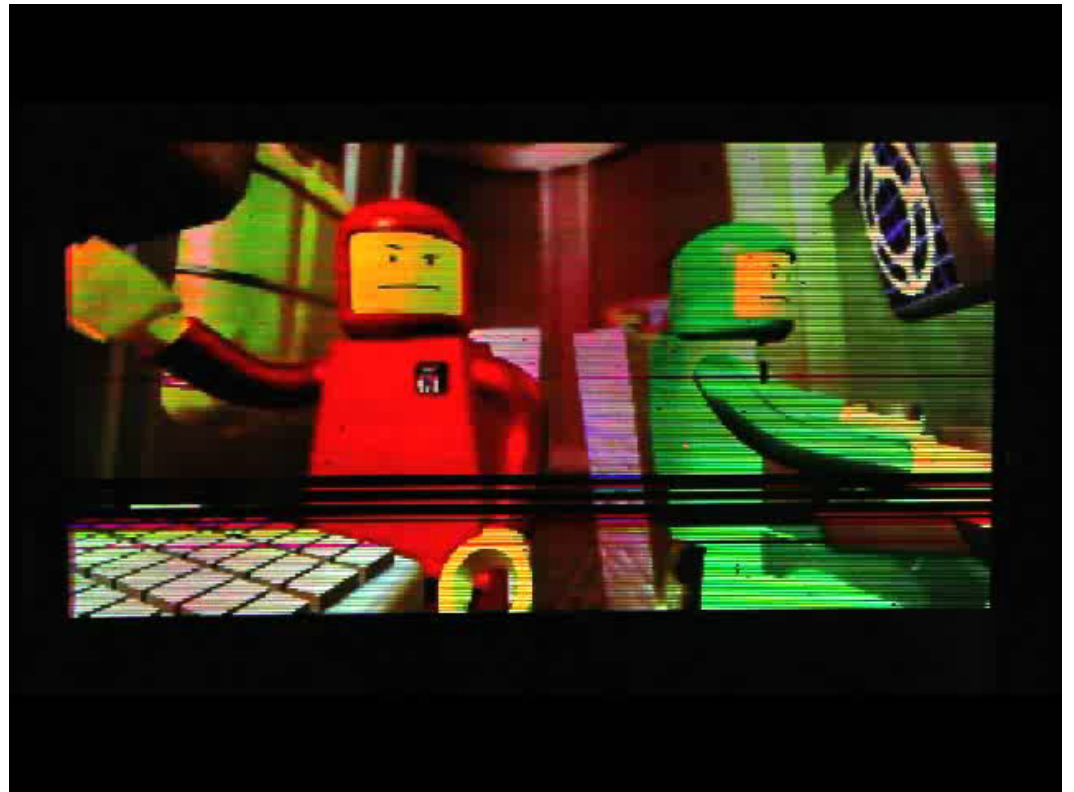


# Progress in QLED Development



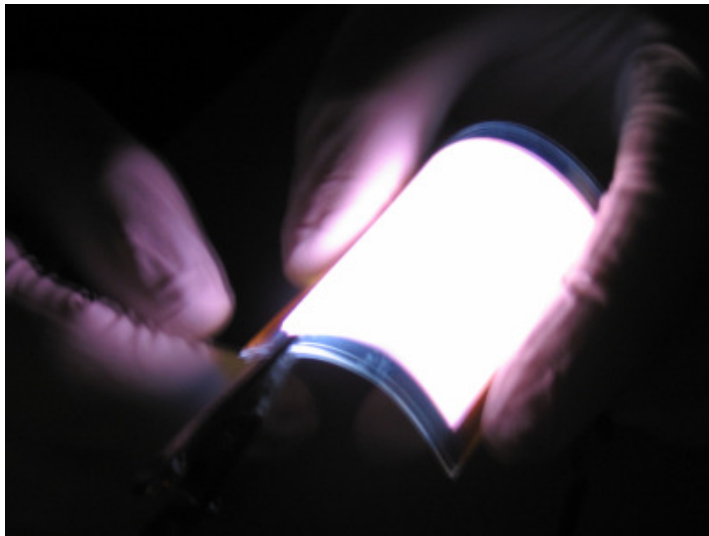
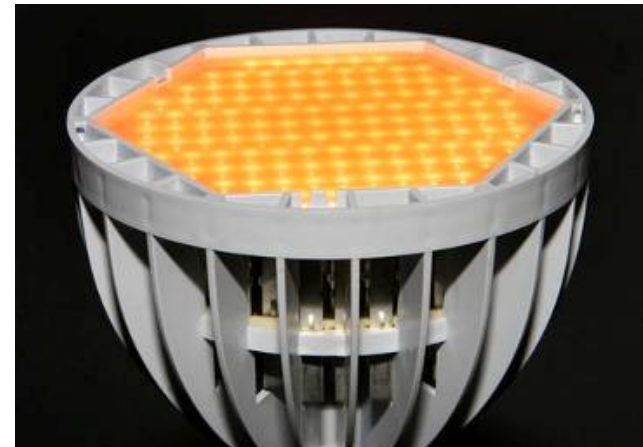
# Full-Color AM-QLED

- Why QLED?
  - Best-in-class color
  - Best-in-class power
  - All the benefits of printable displays
  - All the benefits of emissive displays



# Quantum Dot Solid State Lighting

Today, QuantumLight™ optic products enable breakthrough performance and cost benefits in LED lighting.



## Why QLED?

- **Form Factor**
- **Precision color and color quality**
- **Best-in-class lumens per optical Watt ( $\text{lm}/\text{W}_{\text{opt}}$ )**





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# Economic Impacts of 'QD Industry'

- **Direct - now**

- Jobs: collectively industry employs several 100 to 1,000 worldwide
- Equity Capital: raised \$300-500M in private capital
- Corporate Value: approaching ~\$1B in combined market cap (all but one is private)
- Products: QDs will be embedded in approaching \$10B of end-product in 2013

- **Direct – future**

- Lighting and Displays each represent \$100B markets
- At QD material and component level, this is a roughly \$5-10B revenue opportunity
- Solar, security, thermoelectric, magnetic markets easily double this in aggregate

- **Indirect**

- Rare-earth replacement
- Energy efficiency
- Security



# Rare-Earth Availability Concerns

Figure 1. Short-Term (present-2015)  
Criticality Matrix

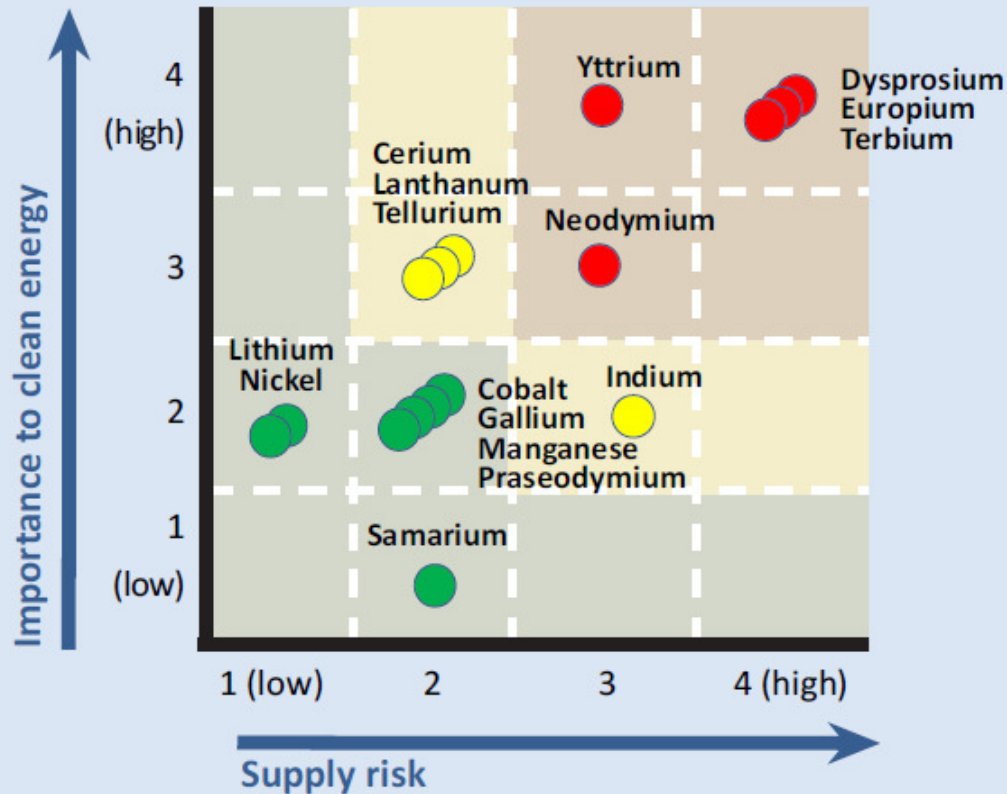
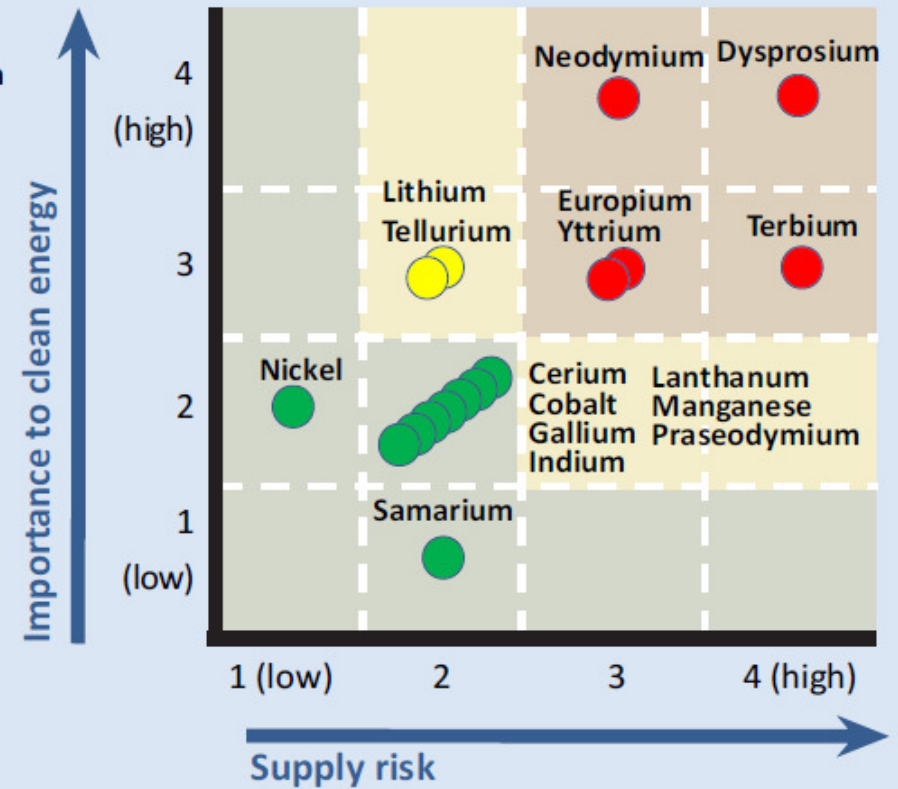


Figure 2. Medium-Term (2015-2025)  
Criticality Matrix



■ Critical    ■ Near-Critical    ■ Not Critical

From DOE's Critical Materials Strategy, 2011

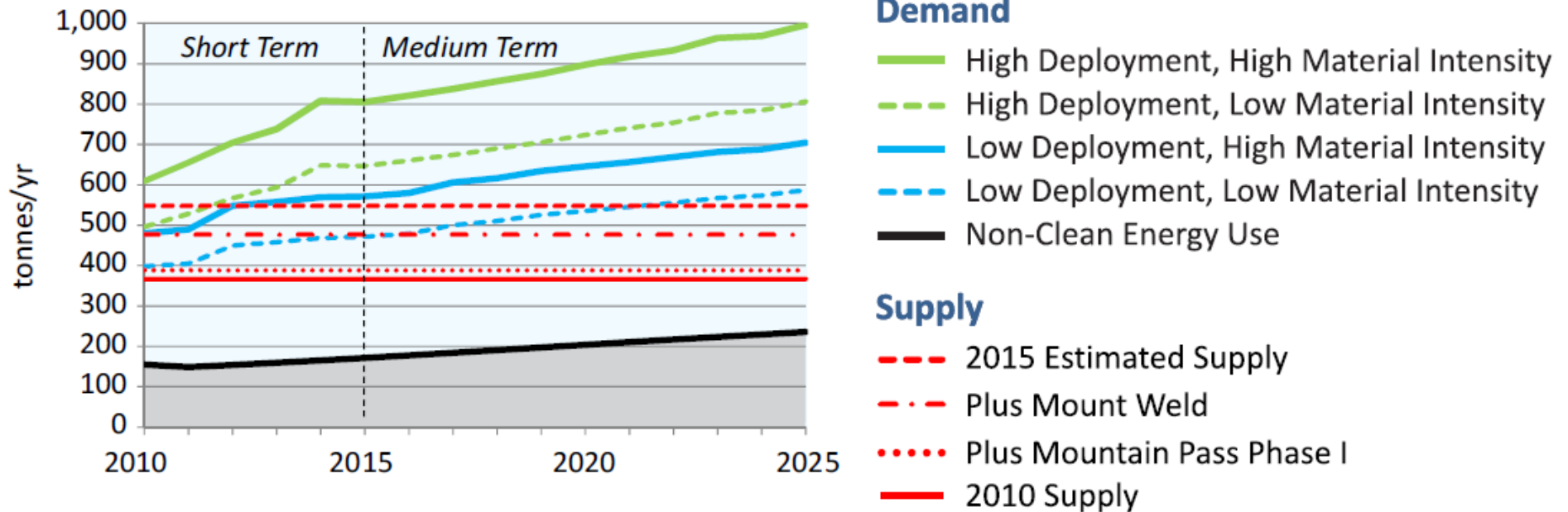
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Figure 3. Future Demand and Supply for Europium

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## Rare-earth Metal Supply Concerns

- >90% of REMs are currently mined in China, Russia
- Represents a clear price, and possible supply concern
- USG committing significant funding to develop alternatives



# Lighting's Impact on Energy Consumption

- **22% building electricity spent on lighting**
- **Conversion to efficient lighting underway**
- **Fluorescent & LEDs offer huge savings**
  - with power efficiency gains 22% → 7% overall savings
- **But, hindered by poor color, mercury**
- **Governments still forcing conversion**

*QD Vision's Quantum Light™ optics eliminate the tradeoff —  
Great color with step changes in power & cost savings*

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# Security Application

- DoD has been early adopter of QD materials.
- Deployed solutions are increasing security worldwide.





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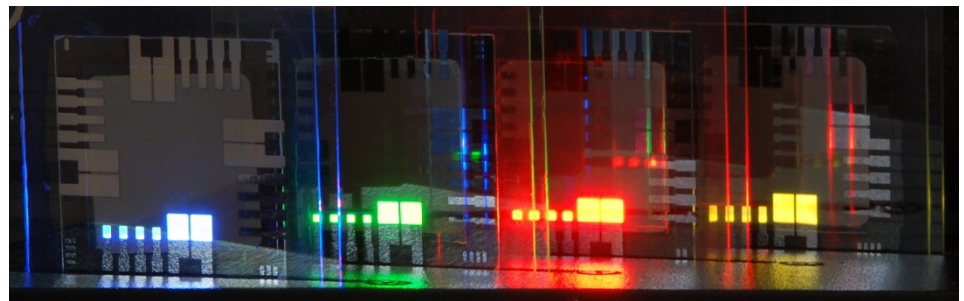
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# Conclusions

*QDs are a nano-material technology that will have great economic impact on the lighting and display markets, and hence on energy.*

- **Lighting products are on the market today**
- **Display products are entering**
- **Lighting represents single greatest potential impact on energy consumption WW**
- **Applications in solar may impact energy production, too**
- **By 2013, economic impact is clearly measureable in the \$10B's**



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