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ABSTRACT

Light usage efficiency in a LCD panel is typically very poor, around 5-6%. Therefore, the backlight module makers have been trying to increase the amount of “usable” light by: recycling it, collimating it into the usable viewing cone and pre-polarizing it before it reaches the rear polarizer. This presentation will give an overview of a LCD structure with the emphasis on technologies being developed by the industry to boost light efficiency or longer battery life.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Adam Chen received his MS and PhD degrees in Materials Science and Engineering from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He came to U.S. in 1981 for his graduate study after receiving his BS degree in Chemical Engineering from National Taiwan University. His research focus has been in the area of polymer structure-property-process relationship. He joined Eastman Kodak Company since 1987 and has been working on flexible substrates for photographic film applications. Recently he is working on various materials and process technologies to manufacture light management films for LCD backlight modules.