

Supporting Information for

## Cavity-Suppressing Electrode Integrated with Multi-Quantum-Well Emitter: A Universal Approach toward High-Performance Blue TADF Top-Emission OLED

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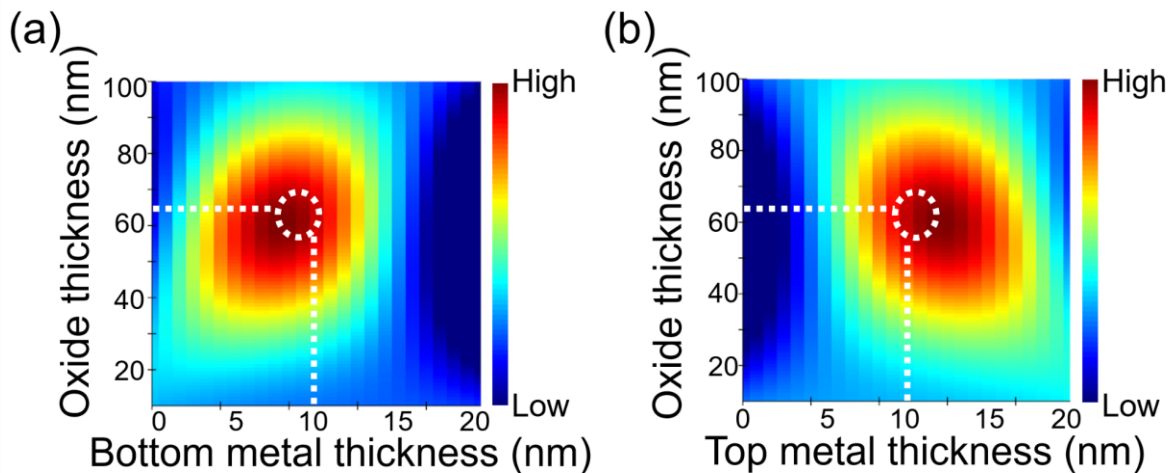
### S1 Equivalent Sheet Resistance of Ag/WO<sub>3</sub>/Ag CSE

The lower sheet resistance of the metal/oxide/metal (MOM) structure can be explained using the following equation.

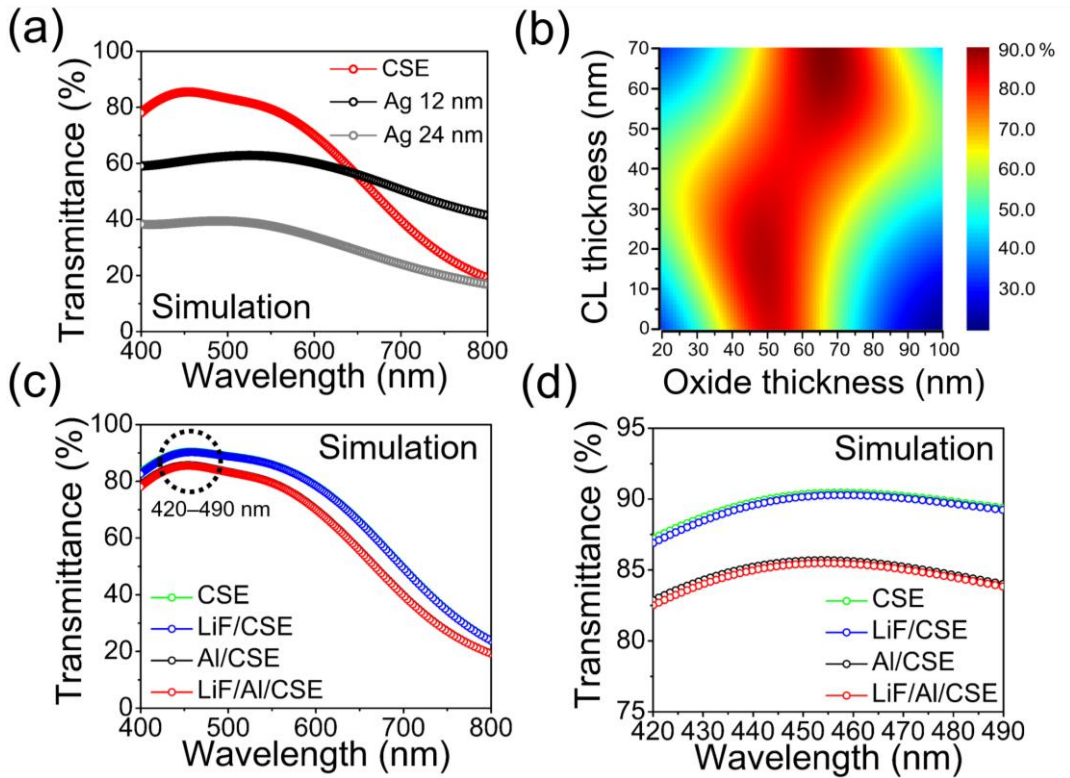
$$R_s = \left( \frac{1}{R_{Ag1}} + \frac{1}{R_{Ag2}} \right)^{-1} + \left( \frac{R_{Ag1} \rho_{WO_3}}{(1 + R_{Ag1}/R_{Ag2})^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t_d}{L}$$

Here,  $R_s$  is the sheet resistance of the CSE,  $R_{Ag1}$  is the resistance of the first Ag layer,  $R_{Ag2}$  is the resistance of the second Ag layer,  $\rho_{WO_3}$  is the resistivity of WO<sub>3</sub>,  $t_d$  is the thickness of the WO<sub>3</sub> layer, and  $L$  is the electrode length. The second term arises from the longitudinal resistance of WO<sub>3</sub>. The value of this term is negligible because  $L$  (a few tens of millimeters) is considerably greater than  $t_d$  (a few tens of nanometers). When the second term is neglected, the sheet resistance of the CSE is represented by the first term, which is equal to the effective resistance of the two Ag layers connected in parallel.

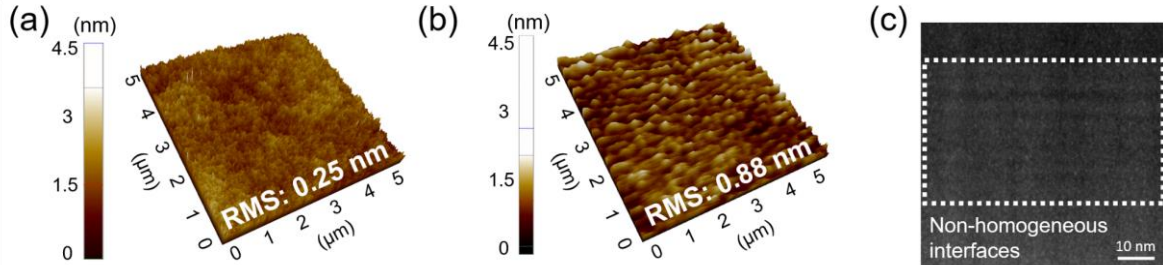
### S2 Supplementary Figures and Tables



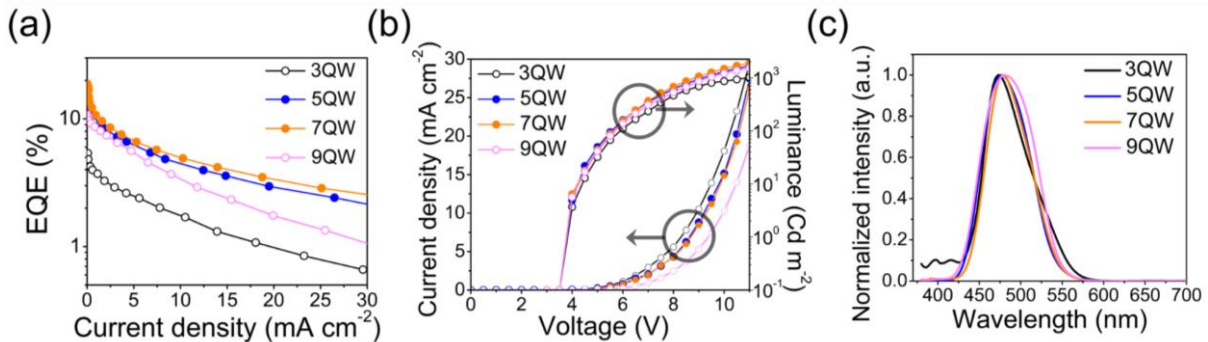
**Fig. S1** Calculated optical transmittance of CSE as a function of the oxide (WO<sub>3</sub>), top metal (Ag), and bottom metal (Ag) thickness



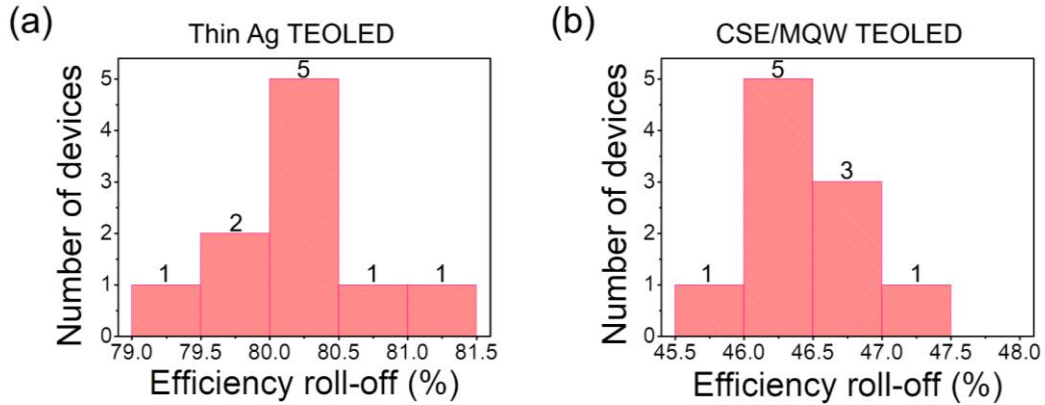
**Fig. S2** **a** Transmittances of CSE and Ag thin films of thicknesses 12 and 24 nm, respectively, covered with DPPS ( $t_{DPPS} = 65$  nm), as obtained from an optical simulation. **b** Transmittance of CSE as a function of the oxide thickness ( $WO_3$ ) and capping layer thickness (DPPS). In this calculation, a 1 nm Al adhesion layer was included. **c** Calculated transmittance curves of the CSE with LiF (1 nm), Al (1 nm), and LiF (1 nm)/Al (1 nm) layers. **d** Magnified curves of (c) in the blue wavelength region (420–490 nm)



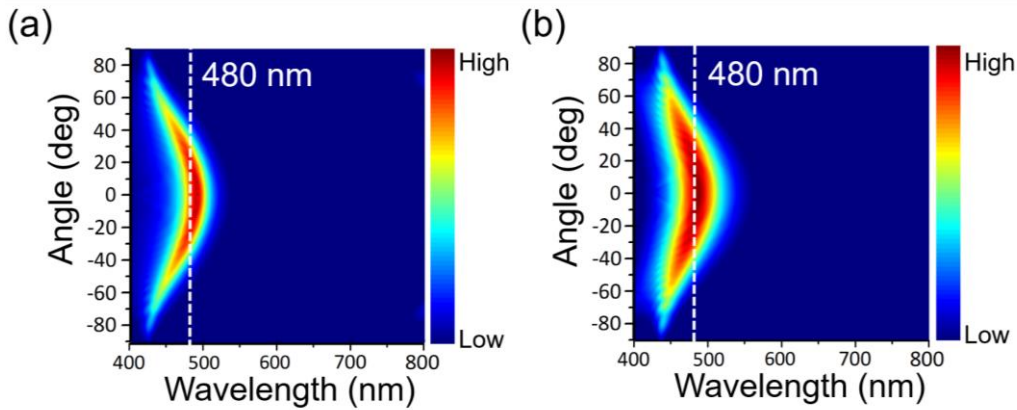
**Fig. S3** AFM images of multilayer films of **a** glass and **b** glass/DPPS (3.15 nm)/DMAC-DPS (1.5 nm). **c** STEM cross-sectional image of the quantum well structure with 1.5-nm-thick DMAC-DPS and 3.15-nm-thick DPPS



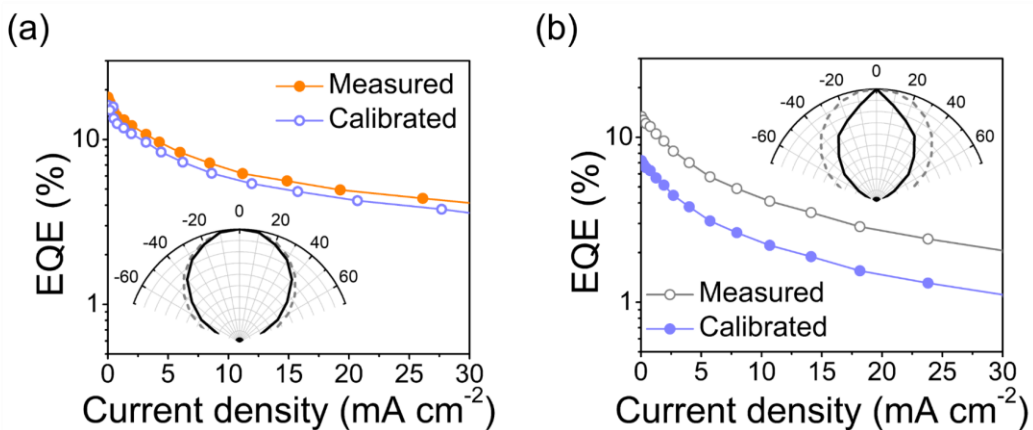
**Fig. S4** **a** EQE-current density plots, **b** current density ( $J$ )-voltage ( $V$ )-luminance ( $L$ ) plots, and **c** EL spectra at 8 V of MQW devices as a function of the number of quantum wells ( $n$ )



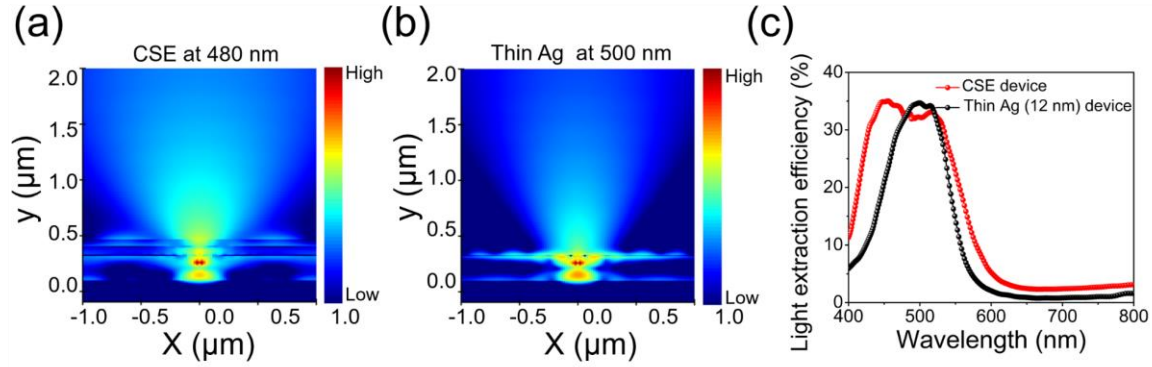
**Fig. S5** Histograms of efficiency roll-off values measured @1000 cd m<sup>-2</sup> from 10 different specimens of (a) thin Ag TEOLED and (b) CSE/MQW TEOLED. The values were statistically analyzed by using a standard deviation function (STDEV), and found to be in the range of 80.31 ± 0.54% and 46.48 ± 0.38%, respectively



**Fig. S6** Simulated far-field intensity distributions of a *Device III* and b *Device I* at different viewing angles



**Fig. S7** Measured and calibrated EQE–current density plots of (a) Device I and (b) Device III



**Fig. S8** Light output power distributions calculated at resonance wavelengths of **a** CSE- based TEOLED and **b** Ag-based TEOLED. **c** Calculated light extraction efficiencies of CSE- and Ag-based TEOLEDs in the wavelength region of 400–780 nm

**Table S1** Characteristics of the Ag thin film electrode and transparent cavity-suppressing AWA (65 nm) electrode

| Electrodes      | $R_s$ [ $\Omega \text{ sq}^{-1}$ ] | $T_{480 \text{ nm}}$ [%] | #FoM [ $10^{-3} \Omega^{-1}$ ] |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>CSE</b>      | <b>2.24</b>                        | <b>85.1</b>              | <b>88.74</b>                   |
| Thin Ag (12 nm) | 8.74                               | 59.4                     | 0.62                           |
| Thin Ag (24 nm) | 2.31                               | 26.4                     | N/A                            |

#Figure of merit (FoM) =  $(T^{10}/R_s) \times 1000$

**Table S2** Electronic properties of *Devices I, II, and III*

| Device                        | $\text{EQE}_{\text{max}}$ (%) | $\text{EQE}_{\text{avg}}$ (%)      | $\text{Luminance}_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{cd m}^{-2}$ ) | EL peak (nm) | $\text{FWHM}_{\text{avg}}$ (nm)   | Maximum efficiency roll-off @ 1000 $\text{cd m}^{-2}$ |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>AWA CSE/MQW (Device I)</b> | <b>18.05</b>                  | <b><math>17.41 \pm 0.45</math></b> | <b>2429</b>  | <b>480</b>   | <b><math>59.8 \pm 0.63</math></b> | <b><math>\approx 46\%</math></b>                      |
| CSE (12/65/12) (Device II)    | 13.37                         | $13.01 \pm 0.29$                   | 1951   | 475          | $83.8 \pm 0.93$                   | $\approx 73\%$  |
| Thin Ag (12) (Device III)     | 11.39                         | $10.83 \pm 0.28$                   | 1253   | 493          | $40.4 \pm 0.52$                   | $\approx 80\%$  |

**Table S3** Comparison in major performances of the proposed device and previously reported blue top- and bottom-emission OLEDs

| Device configuration  | Max. EQE      | FWHM                    | Angular shift | Efficiency roll-off @ 1000 $\text{cd m}^{-2}$ | Refs. |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|-------|
| Ag/Spiro-TTB: 4 wt.% F6-TCNNQ/NPB/MADN: 1.5 wt.% TBPc/BAlq/BPhen: 3 wt.% Cs/Ag/NPB (Top emission) | 2.21% @460 nm | $\approx 60 \text{ nm}$ | N/A           | N/A   | [S1]  |
| ITO/Ag/ITO/HATCN/BPBPA/2,6-tBumCPy/2,6-tBumCPy:46 wt.% mCBP:46 wt.%Pt(dmpzpyOczpy)                | 10.2% @457 nm | $\approx 30 \text{ nm}$ | N/A           | N/A   | [S2]  |

|   |                           |              |              |              |  |                  |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|------------------|
| /2,7-mCpy/TmPyPB/Liq/Mg:10<br>wt.% Ag/CPL (Top emission)                          |                           |              |              |              |  |                  |
| Ag/MoO <sub>3</sub> /mCP/DMAC-DPS/DPEPO/LiF/Al/Ag/DPEPO (Top emission)            | 8.2%<br>@472 nm           | 45 nm        | N/A          | N/A          |  | [S3]             |
| ITO/PEDOT:PSS/POBPCz:12 wt.% 2CzPN/TmPyPB/LiF/Al (Bottom emission)                | 12.9%<br>@496 nm          | ≈ 90 nm      | N/A          | ≈ 80%        |  | [S4]             |
| ITO/MoO <sub>3</sub> /mCP/DPEPO:24 wt.% mSOAD/DPEPO/TPBi/LiF/Al (Bottom emission) | 14.8%<br>@480 nm          | ≈ 75 nm      | N/A          | ≈ 50%        |  | [S5]             |
| ITO/TAPC/mCP/mCP-t-Bu:DMAC-DPS/DPPS/LiF/Al (Bottom emission)                      | 13.5%<br>@475 nm          | ≈ 90 nm      | N/A          | N/A          |  | [S6]             |
| Ag/MoO <sub>3</sub> /mCP/DMAC-DPS/DPPS/LiF/Al/Ag/DPPS                             | 11.39%<br>@493 nm         | 41 nm        | 36 nm        | ≈ 80%        |  | This work        |
| <b>Ag/MoO<sub>3</sub>/mCP/[DPPS/DMAC-DPS]<sub>7</sub>/DPPS/LiF/Al/CSE/DPPS</b>    | <b>18.05%<br/>@480 nm</b> | <b>59 nm</b> | <b>14 nm</b> | <b>≈ 46%</b> |  | <b>This work</b> |

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