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Phosphor-free InGaN/AlGaN white-light- emitting diodes on flexible substrates. MOAB RAJAN PHILIP, THANG HA QUOC BUI, MEHRDAD DJAVID, HIEU NGUYEN, New Jersey Inst of Tech — We report high-performance III-nitride nanowire light-emitting diodes (LEDs) on copper (Cu) substrates via the substrate-transfer approach. The nanowire (NW) LEDs were initially grown on silicon-on-insulator (SOI) substrate by molecular beam epitaxy. SOI substrate was then removed by dry and wet-etching methods. In contrast to conventional NW LEDs on Si, the NW LEDs on Cu offer advantages including better efficient thermal management and enhanced light-extraction efficiency (LEE), made feasible due to the use of highly thermally conductive metal substrates and metal reflectors. Moreover, LEDs on Cu have better current–voltage characteristics and stronger electroluminescence, photoluminescence intensities, in comparison to NW LEDs on Si. Finite difference time domain (FDTD) simulations revealed that the LEE of NW LED on Cu is 9 times higher than that of the LED on Si for the same nanowire radius of 60 nm and spacing of 130 nm. Moreover, by tuning the device-active region by varying In/Ga flux ratios, we achieved phosphor-free high-brightness LEDs on Cu with highly stable white-light emission and high color-rendering index of ~ 95 . III-nitride on metal substrates are thus expected to revolutionize the future era of flexible displays, wearable and general lighting devices.

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