Supporting Information

Large-Scale Preparation of Sb³⁺-Activated Hybrid Metal Halides with Efficient Tunable Emission from Visible to Near-Infrared Regions for Advanced Photonics Applications

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Experimental methods

Chemicals: Cadmium chloride (CdCl₂, 98%), cadmium bromide (CdBr₂, 98%), tetrapropylamine chloride ($C_{12}H_{28}NCl$, 98%), tetrapropylamine bromide ($C_{12}H_{28}NBr$, 98%), ethyl ether (Et₂O, 99.5%), N, N-Dimethylformamide (DMF, 99.5%), and ethanol (EtOH, 99.5%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Antimony(III) chloride (SbCl₃, 99%) and antimony(III) bromide (SbBr₃, 99.5%) were purchased from Alfa reagent. All materials were used without further processing.

Large-scale prepatation of Sb³⁺-doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdX₄ phosphors: 40 mmol $C_{12}H_{28}NCl$, 20 mmol CdCl₂, and 3 mmol SbCl₃ were dissolved in 40 mL DMF solution. Afterwards, Et₂O was dropped into the above solution, and Sb³⁺-doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdCl₄ phosphors can be obtained quickly. For synthesizing Sb³⁺-doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdBr₄ phospgors, only 30 mmol $C_{12}H_{28}NBr$, 15 mmol CdBr₂, and 3.75 mmol SbBr₃ were used under otherwise identical conditions. Particularly, the yield of both Sb³⁺-doped phosphors exceeds 80% based on the total Cd and Sb contents.

Preparation of Sb³⁺-doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdCl_xBr_{4-x} (x = 0 - 4) phosphors: The synthesis of Sb³⁺doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdCl_xBr_{4-x} phosphors is similar to that of Sb³⁺-doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdCl₄ phosphors, but it is necessary to pay attention to the ratio of Cl to Br in the precursors.

Preparation of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdX_4$ (X = Cl, Br) crystals: 1 mmol CdX₂ and 2 mmol C₁₂H₂₈NX were dissolved in 2.5 mL DMF via ultrasound treatment. Subsequently, $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdX_4$ bulk crystals were harvested by diffusing Et₂O into the above solution.

Preparation of WLED: The $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:Sb^{3+}$ powders are evenly mixed with commercial blue phosphors BaMgAl₁₀O₁₇:Eu²⁺, green phosphors Ba₂SiO₄:Eu²⁺, and AB glue, and then the above mixture is coated on the 365 nm LED chip. Before testing, the as-fabricated device should be treated in a vacuum environment at 60 °C for 30 minutes.

Preparation of NIR LED: First, $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4$: Sb³⁺ NIR phosphors were blend with AB glue uniformly. Then, the above mixture was coated on 450 blue LED chip. Before testing, the as-fabricated device should be treated in a vacuum environment at 60 °C for 30 minutes.

Characterization: The crystal structures of the as-synthesized compounds were measured by XtaLAB Synergy instrument. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were collected using SmartLab SE instrument. The morphology and elemental mapping were performed using a new high-resolution field emission scanning electron microscope (SEM, Philips XL30). Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) was measured using Oxford Ultim Max65 instrument. The

Raman spectra were acquired on a confocal Raman imaging system (WITec alpha300 R) at an excitation wavelength of 532 nm laser. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) characterization was performed using an X-ray photoelectron spectrometer (ESCALAB 250XI+) manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific. The absorption spectra were carried out using Lambda 750 instrument. PL and PLE spectra were performed using HORIBA Fluorolog-QM spectrograph. PLQY and time-resolved PL spectra were evaluated by Edinburgh FLS 1000 instrument. Variable-temperature PL spectra were collected by HORIBA Fluorolog-QM spectrograph. Power-dependent emission spectra were carried out using Witec alpha300R under 405 nm laser excitation. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was characterized by using a thermogravimetric analyzer DTG-60 manufactured in Shimadzu. Electroluminescence (EL) spectra were obtained using Hopoo HPCS6500 instrument.

implemented in the CASTEP package. The exchange-correlation functional was chosen as the Perdew-Burke-Emzerhof (PBE) functional within the generalized gradient approximation (GGA). The k-point separation was set as gamma point only in the Brillouin zone leading to corresponding Monkhorst-Pack k-point meshes of $3 \times 3 \times 3$.

Empirical formula	$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4$	$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4$	$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbBr_5$	$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbCl_5$
Formula weight	626.92	804.72	893.97	671.70
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	moniclinic	triclinic
Space group	C2/c	C2/c	P21/c	P-1
a/Å	32.768(2)	33.373(7)	18.565(5)	10.6100(2)
b/Å	13.9364(9)	14.437(3)	11.840(3)	10.7418(2)
c/Å	15.0048(9)	14.999(3)	16.708(4)	16.2363(3)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90°	90°	90°	76.000(2)
β/°	109.9740(2)°	111.357(6)°	103.640(5)°	74.827(2)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90°	90°	90°	72.614(2)
Volume/Å ³	6464.2(7)	2299.53(13)	3569.0(16)	1677.22(6)
Z	8	4	4	2
Density (calculated) (g·cm ⁻³)	1.288	1.588	1.330	1.664
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	1.020	5.412	1.235	6.385
Data/restraints/param eters	7351/2/287	6875/2/309	8994/0/297	6254/72/296
Goodness of fit on F^2	0.950	0.956	1.026	1.041
Final R indexes [I≥2σ(I)]	$R_1 = 0.0340$ $wR_2 = 0.0699$	$R_1 = 0.0541 \\ wR_2 = 0.1050$	$R_1 = 0.0230$ wR_2 = 0.0530	$R_1 = 0.0799$ $wR_2 = 0.1592$
Final R indexes [all	$R_1 = 0.0633$	$R_1 = 0.1422$	$R_1 = 0.0255$	$R_1 = 0.1700$
data]	$wR_2 = 0.0820$	$wR_2 = 0.1343$	$wR_2 = 0.0543$	$wR_2 = 0.1968$

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement of the title compounds.

$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4.$									
Element	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%				
Cl (%)	80.44	79.3	79.54	78.92	79.2				
Cd (%)	19.07	20.07	19.45	19.5	18.72				
Sb (%)	0.49	0.63	1.01	1.58	2.08				

Table S2. Comparison of element concentrations obtained from EDS analysis of $x\%Sb^{3+}$ -doped $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4$

Table S3. Comparison of element concentrations obtained from EDS analysis of $x\%Sb^{3+}$ -doped (C12H2%N)2CdBr4

Element	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%
Br (%)	79.75	80.09	79.1	79.74	78.5
Cd (%)	19.85	18.97	19.6	18.43	18.9
Sb (%)	0.41	0.93	1.3	1.83	2.6

Table S4. The optical properties of pure Sb(III)-based compounds and Sb³⁺-doped samples.

Commosumda	DIE (nm)	DI (mm)	Stalass alt Status	$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{I} \mathbf{O}\mathbf{V}(0/)$	Decay
Compounds	PLE (nm)	PL (nm)	Stokes shift (nm)	PLQ I (%)	lifetime (LE)
$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbCl_5$	380	610	230	95.52	5.31 µs
$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbBr_5$	460	675	215	60.82	3.37 µs
$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:Sb^{3+}$	350	660	310	85.52	1.70 μs
$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:Sb^{3+}$	450	720	270	42.63	0.23 μs

Compounds	PLE (nm)	PL (nm)	Stokes shift (nm)	PLQY (%)	Refs.
Bmpip ₂ SnI ₄	370	730	360	35	1
$Cs_2ZnCl_4:Sb^{3+}$	316	745	429	69.9	2
$Rb_2InBr_5{\cdot}H_2O{:}Sb^{3+}$	395	766	160	18.1	3
$(C_8NH_{12})_6InBr_9 \cdot H_2O:Sb^{3+}$	355	720	365	35.5	4
$(PPZ)_2SbCl_7 \cdot 5H_2O$	350	720	370	24.7	5
(MTP) ₂ SbBr ₅	450	735	285	5.5	6
$Cs_2ZnCl_4:Sn^{2+}$	377	700	323	41	7
$(C_{13}H_{22}N)_2Sb_2Cl_8$	350	865	515	5	8
$(C_{10}H_{16}N)_2Sb_2Cl_8$	345	990	645	3	8
(C ₁₆ H ₃₆ P)SbCl ₄	335	1070	735	1	8
$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:Sb^{3+}$	450	720	270	42.6	This work

 Table S5. Photophysical properties of low-dimensional lead-free metal halides with broadband

 NIR emission

$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbCl_5$									
	Sb-Cl1(Å)	Sb-Cl2(Å)	Sb-Cl3(Å)	Sb-Cl4(Å)	Sb-Cl5(Å)	Δd			
Ground state	2.412	2.675	2.653	2.605	2.650	1.364×10 ⁻³			
Excited state	2.412	2.673	2.651	2.606	2.651	1.362×10 ⁻³			
		(C	12H28N)2SbBr5	i					
	Sb-Br1(Å)	Sb- Br2(Å)	Sb- Br3(Å)	Sb-Br4(Å)	Sb-Br5(Å)	Δd			
Ground state	2.562	2.851	2.855	2.768	2.806	1.517×10 ⁻³			
Excited state	2.589	2.846	2.831	2.760	2.787	1.105×10 ⁻³			
		Sb ³⁺ -dop	ped (C ₁₂ H ₂₈ N) ₂	CdCl ₄					
	Sb-Cl1(Å)	Sb-Cl1(Å) Sb-Cl2(Å)		13(Å) S	b-Cl4(Å)	Δd			
Ground state	2.593	2.733	3 2.6	543	2.533	6.239×10 ⁻⁴			
Excited state	3.108	2.504	4 2.5	2.596		5.735×10 ⁻³			
Sb ³⁺ -doped (C ₁₂ H ₂₈ N) ₂ CdBr ₄									
	Sb-Br1(Å)	Sb-Br2	(Å) Sb-B	r3(Å) S	b-Br4(Å)	Δd			
Ground state	2.869	2.757	2.8	349	2.683	5.717×10 ⁻⁴			
Excited state	3.268	2.817	2.6	554	2.807	5.054×10 ⁻³			

$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbCl_5$									
	Cl1-	Cl1-	Cl1-	C11-	Cl2-	C13-	C15-	Cl4-	
	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	σ^2
	Cl2(°)	Cl3(°)	Cl4(°)	Cl5(°)	Cl4(°)	Cl2(°)	Cl3(°)	Cl5(°)	
Groun d state	88.768	92.831	84.641	91.346	88.060	90.532	93.098	88.778	7.885
Excite d state	84.639	91.387	88.609	92.753	93.167	88.732	87.945	90.631	8.062
				$(C_{12}H_{28})$	N) ₂ SbBr ₅				
	Br1-	Br1-	Br1-	Br1-	Br2-	Br3-	Br5-	Br4-	
	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	Sb-	σ^2
	Br2(°)	Br3(°)	Br4(°)	Br5(°)	Br4(°)	Br2(°)	Br3(°)	Br5(°)	
Groun d state	91.196	92.175	94.682	89.314	88.276	91.036	87.848	92.690	6.352
Excite d state	89.143	94.266	93.947	90.044	88.854	90.035	86.673	94.215	9.238
			Sb ³	³⁺ -doped (C	$(12H_{28}N)_2C_{12}$	dCl4			
	Cl1-	Sb- C	11-Sb-	Cl1-Sb-	Cl2-Sb-	C13-5	Sb- Cl	3-Sb-	_2
	C12	(°) (Cl3(°)	Cl4(°)	Cl4(°)	C12((°) C	Cl4(°)	62
Ground state	100.9	987 10)9.005	111.464	106.787	113.7	771 11	3.954	24.371
Excited state	81.1	.89 10)8.694	110.386	137.145	102.8	381 94	4.879	466.594
			Sb ³	³⁺ -doped (C	12H28N)2Co	dBr ₄			
	Br1-	Sb- B	r1-Sb-	Br1-Sb-	Br2-Sb-	Br3-	Sb- Bi	:3-Sb-	2
	Br2	(°) I	Br3(°)	Br4(°)	Br4(°)	Br2((°) B	r4(°)	σ^2
Ground state	105.4	431 10)3.042	109.704	109.004	109.7	744 11	8.718	28.653
Excited state	82.4	78 10)6.702	106.827	95.968	141.9	989 10:	5.6692	398.229

Evaluation of metal halide configuration distortion:

The deformation parameters (Δd) and the magnitude of polyhedron angle variance (σ^2) of [SbCl₅]²⁻ units are used to evaluate the degree of metal halide configuration distortions, and their values can be calculated by the following equations:

(C₂₅H₂₂P)₂SbX₅ single crystals:

$$\Delta d = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=1}^{6} \left(\frac{d_n - d_{ave}}{d_{ave}} \right)^2 \tag{1}$$

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{11} \sum_{i=1}^{12} (\alpha_{i} - 90^{\circ})^{2}$$
⁽²⁾

Sb³⁺-doped (C₂₅H₂₂P)SbX₄ single crystals:

$$\Delta d = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{4} \left(\frac{d_n - d_{ave}}{d_{ave}} \right)^2$$
(3)

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{5} (\alpha_i - 90^\circ)^2 \tag{4}$$

where d_{ave} is the average Sb-Cl bond length, d_n denotes the distances of Sb-Cl bonds, and α_i represents the angle of Cl-Sb-Cl.

Note: Tables S6 and S7 exhibit the Sb-X bond lengths and X-Sb-X bond angles of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbX_5$ and Sb³⁺-doped $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdX_4$ (X = Cl, Br) in the ground state and excited state, respectively. The bond length deformation (Δd) and the bond angle variance (σ^2) in the ground state and excited state of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbX_5$ and Sb³⁺-doped $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdX_4$ were calculated in Tables S6 and S7. Moreover, the excited state lattice distortion degree (η and w) was calculated via the following equation:

$$\eta = \left|\frac{\Delta d_{ES} - \Delta d_{GS}}{\Delta d_{GS}}\right| \times 100\%$$
(5)

$$w = |\frac{\sigma_{ES}^2 - \sigma_{GS}^2}{\sigma_{GS}^2}| \times 100\%$$
 (6)

where Δd_{ES} and Δd_{GS} are the bond length deformation (Δd) in the ground state and excited state, respectively. $\Delta \sigma^2_{ES}$ and $\Delta \sigma^2_{GS}$ are the bond angle variance in the ground state and excited state, respectively. Here, the calculated η of (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂SbCl₅, (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂SbBr₅, Sb³⁺-doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdCl₄, and Sb³⁺-doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdBr₄ are 0.15%, 27.16%, 819.22%, and 784.03%, respectively, and the calculated w of (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂SbCl₅, (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂SbBr₅, Sb³⁺-doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdCl₄, and Sb³⁺-doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdBr₄ are 2.24%, 45.43%, 1814.55%, and 1289.83%, respectively. Clearly, the values of η and w for the Sb³⁺-doped Cd(II)-based compounds are much larger than pure Sb(III)-based metal halides, which leads to a larger Stokes shift of Sb³⁺-doped Cd(II)-based compounds, and further enables us to obtain NIR emission.

Compounds	PLE band (nm)	PL band (nm)	Output power (mW)	Photoelectric conversion efficiency (%)	Ref
$(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2MnCl_4:Sb^{3+}$	400	718	13.35	2.6	9
$(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2ZnCl_4:Sb^{3+}$	400	702	15.9	2.7	9
$(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2CdCl_4:Sb^{3+}$	400	705	12.3	2.4	9
$Cs_2ZnCl_4:Sb^{3+}$	316	745	27.2	2.9	2
$BaAl_4Sb_2O_{12}{:}Cr^{3+}$	425	750	27.15	13.39	10
LiInSi ₂ O ₆ :Cr ³⁺	460	840	51.6	17.2	11
Ga ₃ Al ₃ Ge ₂ O ₁₃ :Cr ³⁺	430	816	34.95	12.8	12
Ca ₄ HfGe ₃ O ₁₂ :Cr ³⁺	460	840	40	7	13
$Ca_{3.2}Zn_{0.8}HfGe_{3}O_{12}:Cr^{3+}$	450	890/1220	55	5.56	14
$Ca_{1.8}Mg_{1.2}Al_2Ge_3O_{12}:Cr^{3+}$	449	806	12.19	1.9	15
Ba ₃ GeO ₄ Br ₂ :Eu ²⁺	450	685	30.1	22	16
Ba ₃ Lu(BO ₃) ₃ :Eu ²⁺	450	720	4.7	11.6	17
$SrY_2O4:Eu^{2+}$	450	773	38.53	-	18
$K_3LuSi_2O_7:Eu^{2+}$	460	740	25.12	-	19
$(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:Sb^{3+}$	450	720	52.92	17.76	This work

Table S8. PLE band, PL band, output power, and photoelectric conversion efficiency of recently reported low-dimensional metal halides and oxide phosphors with NIR emission.



Figure S1. Physical image of the as-synthesized $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ phosphors.



Figure S2. (a) SEM image of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ and the element mapping images of Cl, Cd, and Sb, respectively. (b) SEM image of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and the element mapping images of Br, Cd, and Sb, respectively.



Figure S3. (a) X-ray photoelectron spectroscopic (XPS) analysis of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and the corresponding high-resolution XPS spectra of (b) Cl 3d, (c) Cd 3d, and (d) Sb 3d, respectively.



Figure S4. (a) X-ray photoelectron spectroscopic (XPS) analysis of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ and the corresponding high-resolution XPS spectra of (b) Br 3d, (c) Cd 3d, and (d) Sb 3d, respectively



Figure S5. The optical photographs of (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4$ under 254 and 365 nm excitation, respectively.



Figure S6. PLE and PL spectra of (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbCl_5$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2SbBr_5$.



Figure S7. (a) The absorption spectra pristine and Sb^{3+} -doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdCl₄. (b) The absorption spectra pristine and Sb^{3+} -doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdBr₄.



Figure S8. (a) The bandgap of pristine and Sb^{3+} -doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdCl₄. (b) The bandgap of pristine and Sb^{3+} -doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdBr₄.



Figure S9. PL intensity (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4$ under various Sb³⁺ doping contents.



Figure S10. PLQY of (a) $15\% Sb^{3+}$ -doped $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4$ and (b) $25\% Sb^{3+}$ -doped $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4$.



Figure S11. The bandgap of Sb^{3+} -doped ($C_{12}H_{28}N$)₂CdCl_{4-x}Br_x phosphors with different Cl/Br ratios.



Figure S12. The emission intensity of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_{4-x}Br_x$ with different Cl/Br ratios.



Figure S13. (a) PLE and PL spectra of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ at 80 K. PL decay lifetimes of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ monitored at (b) 615 nm emission and (c) 760 nm emission at 80 K.



Figure S14. (a) RT PLE and PL spectra of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$. RT PL decay lifetimes of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ monitored at (b) 510 nm and (c) 660 nm.



Figure S15. The PL intensity of (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ under various excitation powers (405 nm laser excitation).



Figure S16. Band structure and partial DOS of (a, b) (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂SbCl₅ and (c, d) (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂SbBr₅.



Figure S17. The fitted Huang-Rhys factor (*S*) of (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$.



Figure S18. The Raman spectra of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$.



Figure S19. The emission intensity of (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ versus temperatures.



Figure S20. (a) PL spectra of $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ before and after exposure to air for 6 months.



Figure S21. PXRD patterns of (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ before and after exposure to air for 6 months.



Figure S22. PL spectra of (a) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdCl_4:15\%Sb^{3+}$ and (b) $(C_{12}H_{28}N)_2CdBr_4:25\%Sb^{3+}$ before and after irradiation by 365 nm UV lamp for 4 h and 8 h.



Figure S23. TGA curves of (a) $15\%Sb^{3+}$ -doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdCl₄ and (b) $15\%Sb^{3+}$ -doped (C₁₂H₂₈N)₂CdBr₄.



Figure S24. Long-time operational stability of NIR LED and white LED within 5h.

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