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# "Tsinghua Global Vision Lectures"

## Development of blue LEDs and their future prospects

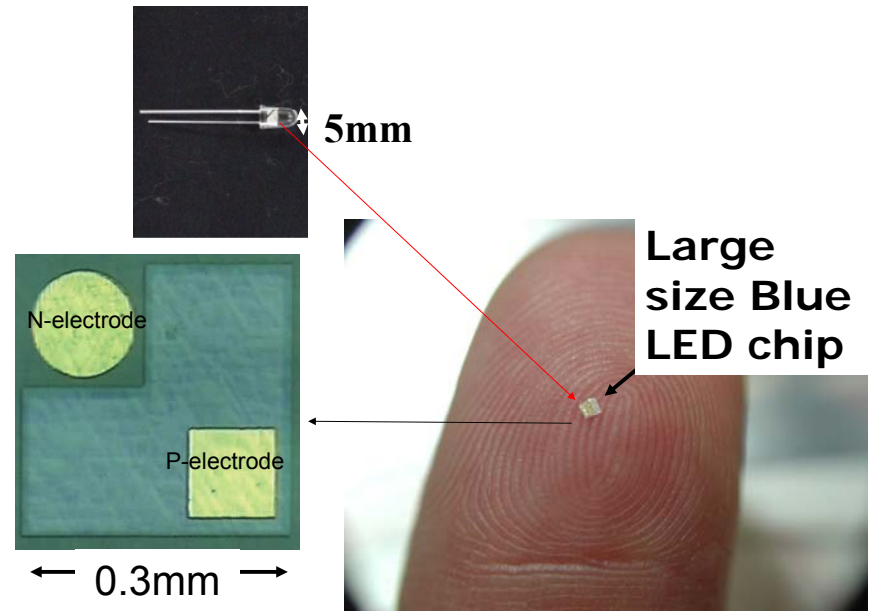


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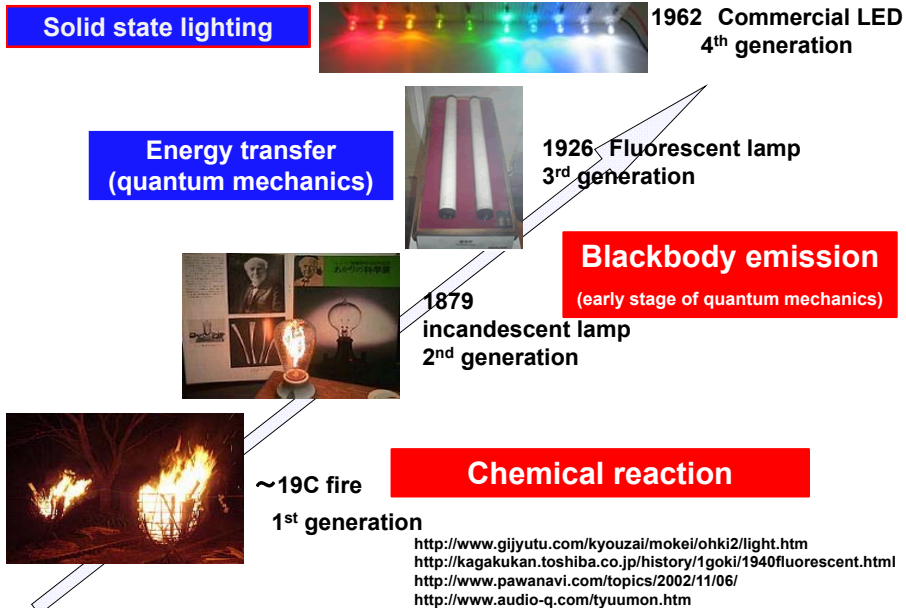


## What is LED ?



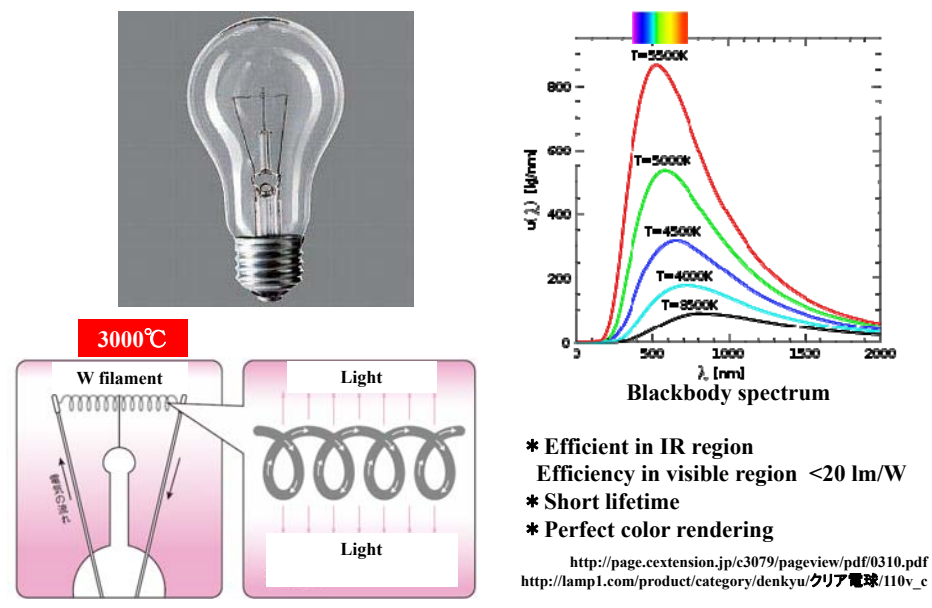
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## History of lighting



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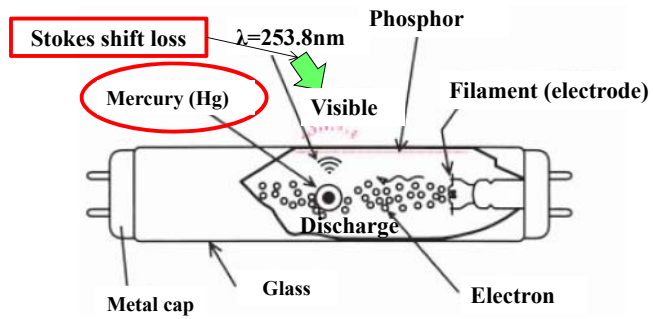
## Operating principle of incandescent lamp



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- \* Efficient in IR region
  - Efficiency in visible region <20 lm/W
  - \* Short lifetime
  - \* Perfect color rendering
- <http://page.cextension.jp/c3079/pageview/pdf/0310.pdf>  
[http://lamp1.com/product/category/denkyu/クリア電球/110v\\_c](http://lamp1.com/product/category/denkyu/クリア電球/110v_c)

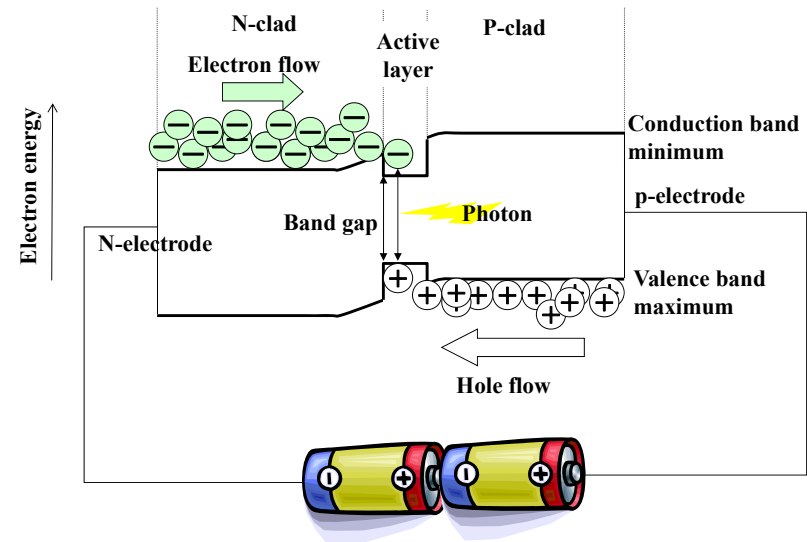
## Operating principle of fluorescent lamp



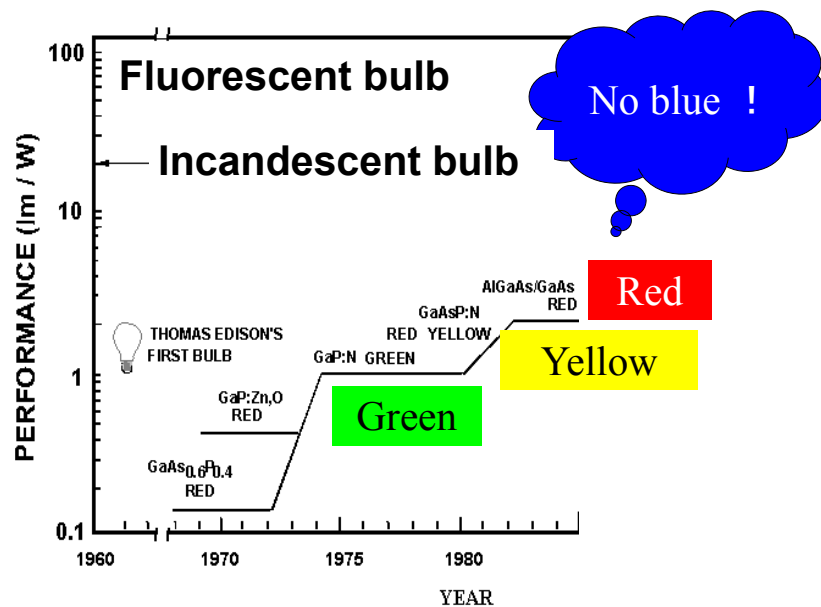
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- \* Efficiency is higher than that of incandescent lamp, but it is limited by Stokes shift loss <math>< 120 \text{ lm/W}</math>
- \* Lifetime is limited by ion bombardment.
- \* Hg is inevitable.

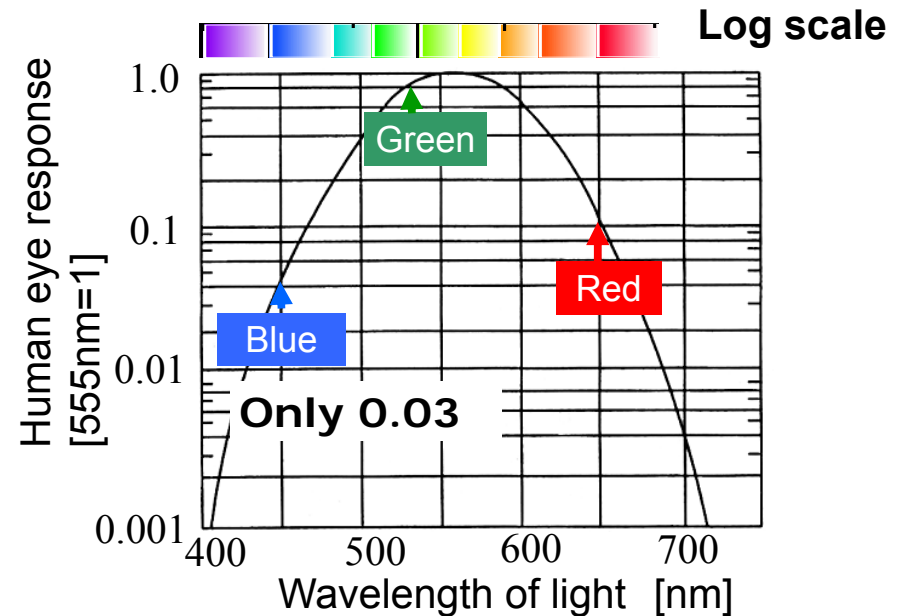
## Operating principle of LED



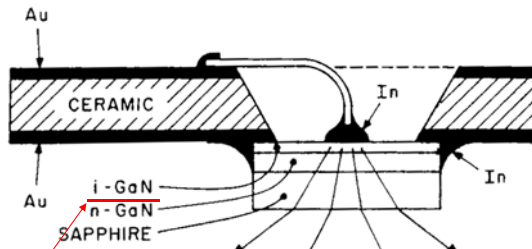
## LED performance in the early 1980's



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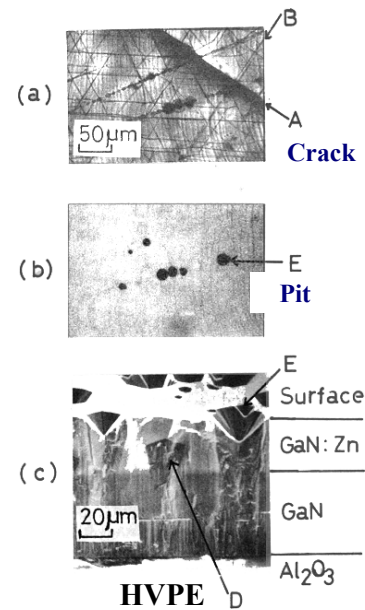
**First GaN LED (mis type)**  
**Efficiency :  $10^{-5} \sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$**

**p-GaN could not be grown.**

J. I. Pankove, E. A. Miller, D. Richman and J. E. Berkeyheiser: J.Lumin. 4 (1971) 63.

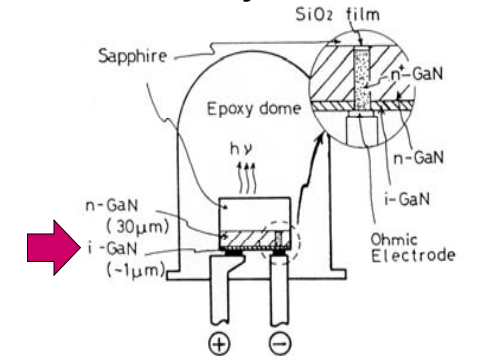
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## Why blue was so difficult ?



## GaN on Sapphire by HVPE in early 1980's

**Efficiency:  $\sim 0.12\%$**



**1981 Flip-chip configuration**

Y. Ohki, Y. Toyoda, H. Kobayashi and I. Akasaki, Inst. Phys. Conf. Ser., 63(1981)479.

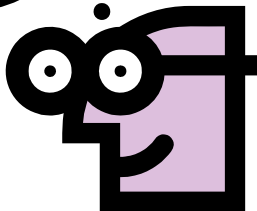
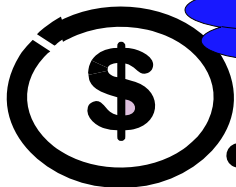
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## Some young researcher expected that ...

Poor crystalline quality

Low hole concentration

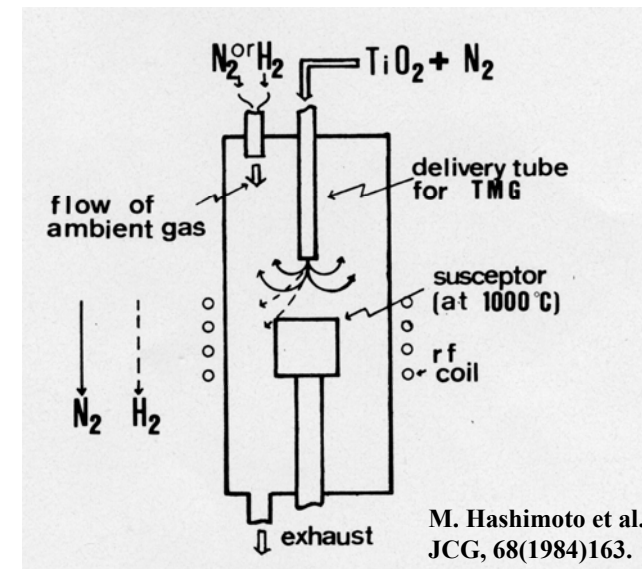
if I can realize good devices,  
I can change the world !



**In 1983**

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## Development of the MOVPE reactor

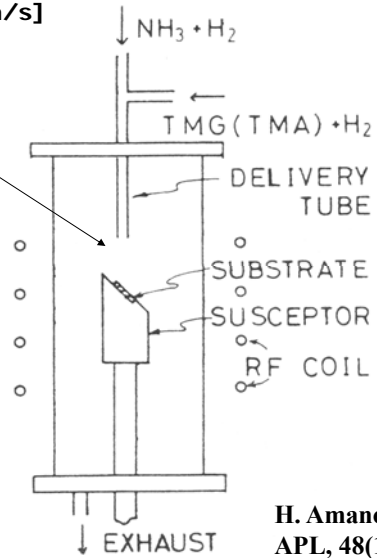


M. Hashimoto et al., JCG, 68(1984)163.

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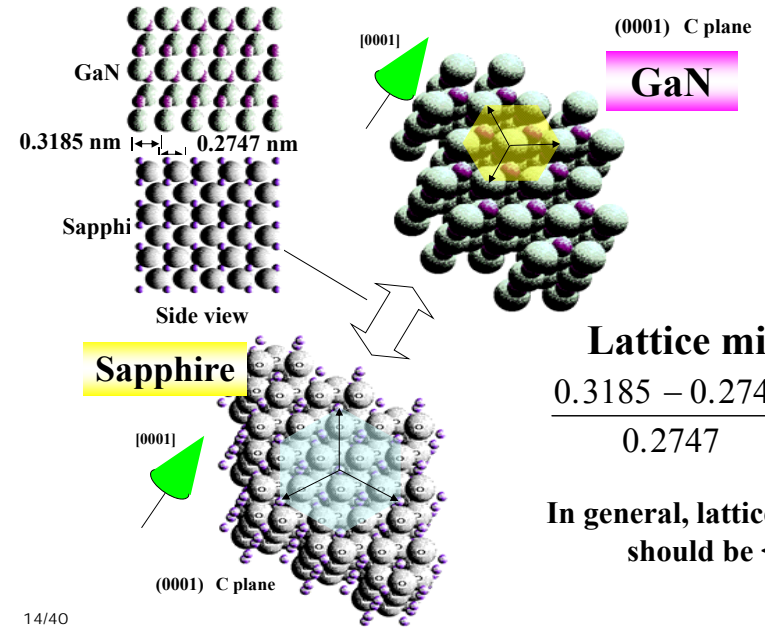
High speed gas flow  $\sim 5$  [m/s]  
(conventional  $\sim 0.2$  [m/s])



H. Amano et al.,  
APL, 48(1986)353.

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## Why it was so difficult to grow high quality GaN?



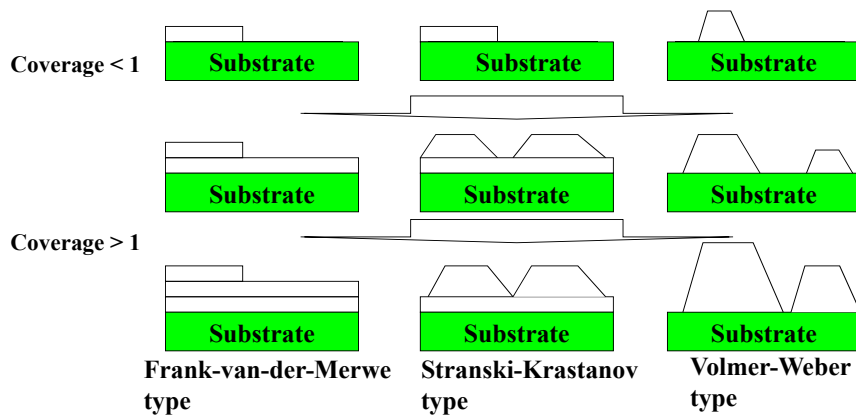
**Lattice mismatch**

$$\frac{0.3185 - 0.2747}{0.2747} \approx +16\%$$

In general, lattice mismatch  
should be  $< 1\%$ .

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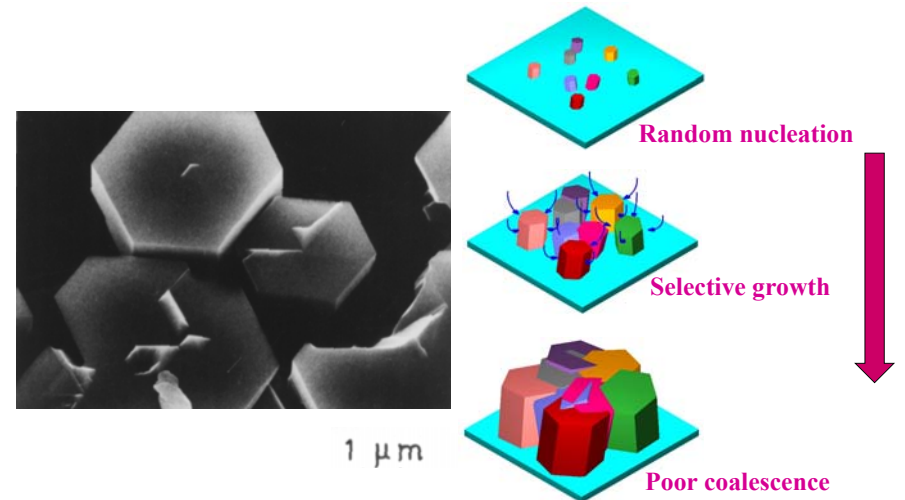


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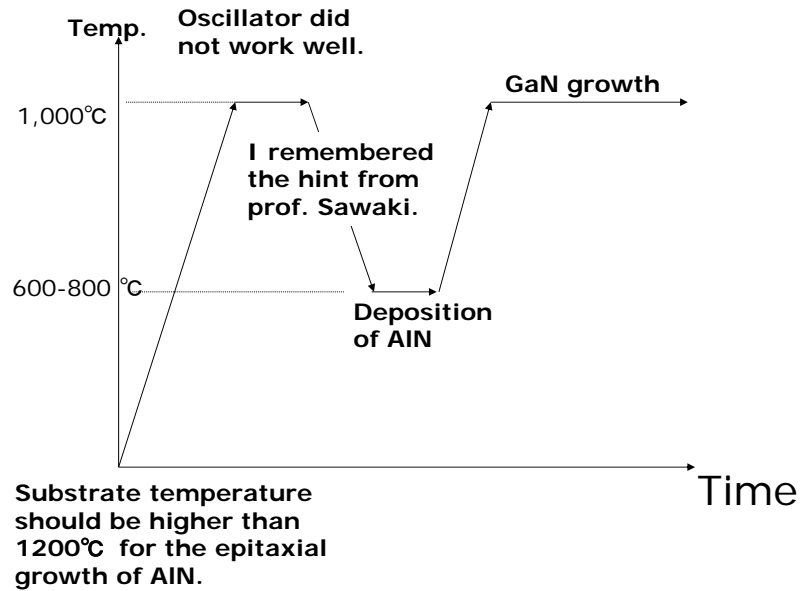
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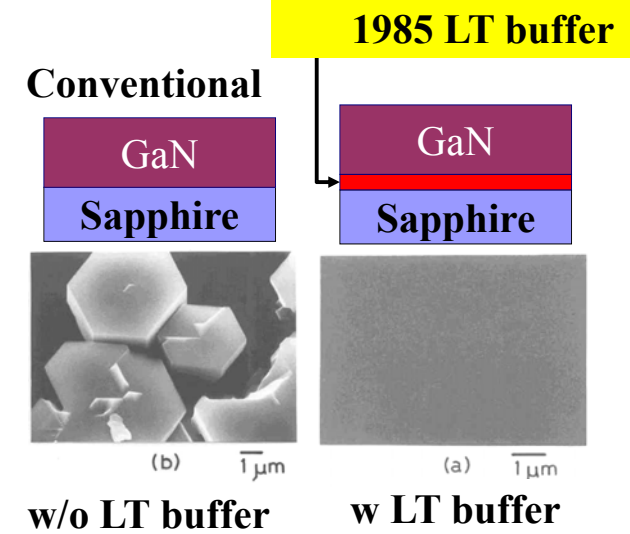
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## Low temperature deposited buffer layer



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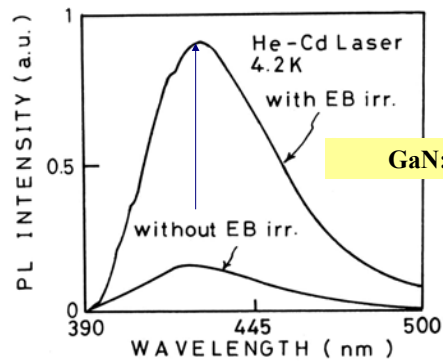
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## Low energy electron beam irradiation



Highly resistive, but....

H. Amano et al.,  
J. Lumin. 41&42(1988)121.

FIGURE 3  
The dependence of annealing time on PL(430nm) intensity

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## Selection of best dopant

Selection of the dopant  
(Zn × MgO)

Highly resistive when it was as grown.

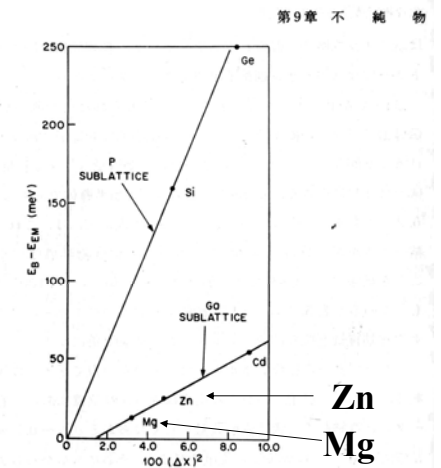


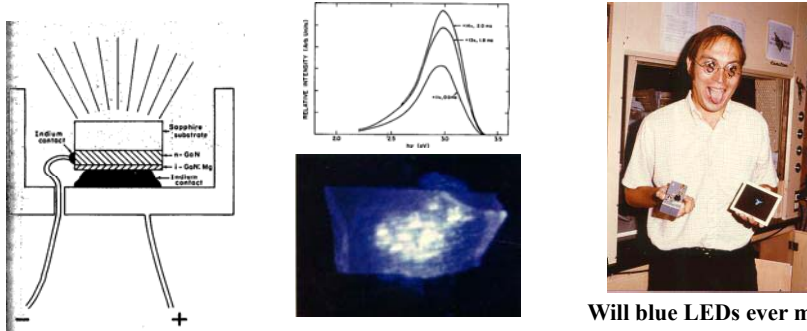
図 9.11 GaPの単原子アクセプターの結合エネルギーに対する中心数補正。P副格子上に置換したⅤ列不純物とGe副格子上に置換したⅡ列不純物との間の傾斜についての4倍の差に注目 [データおよび有効質量エネルギー  $E_{BM}$  は P.J. Dean 達による。J. Appl. Phys. 41 3474 (1970) ]

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## History of Mg

### Violet luminescence of Mg-doped GaN

H. P. Maruska, D.A. Stevenson, J. I. Pankove, *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, 22, 303 (1973).



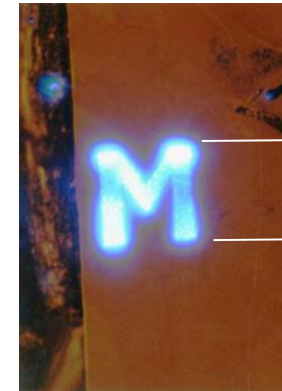
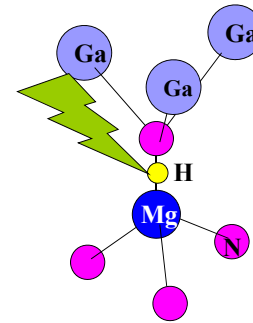
World's first violet LED based on Mg-doped GaN.

Will blue LEDs ever make Maruska a rich man?

[http://www.sslighting.net/lighttimes/features/maruska\\_blue\\_led\\_history.pdf](http://www.sslighting.net/lighttimes/features/maruska_blue_led_history.pdf)

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## Realization of p-type GaN by Mg-doping followed by LEEBI



H. Amano et al., *JJAP* 28(1989)L2112.

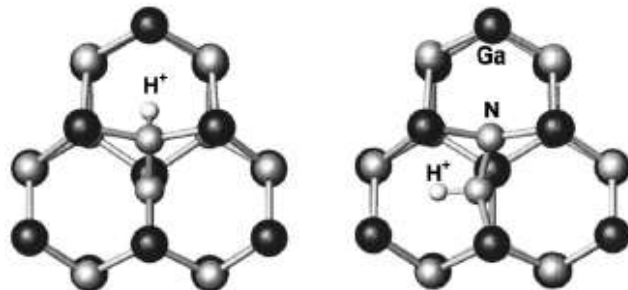
1992 Thermal annealing  
S. Nakamura et al., *JJAP* 31(1992)1258.

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## Mechanism

Hydrogen passivation of acceptor

Van Vechten et al., *JJAP* 31(1992)3662.



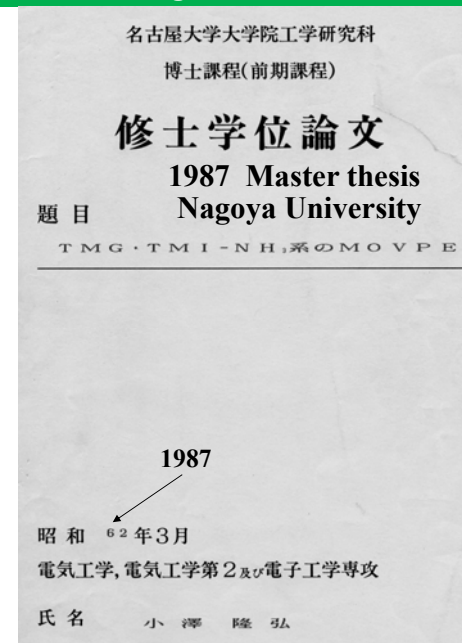
Lattice location of hydrogen in Mg doped GaN

W. R. Wampler,<sup>9)</sup> S. M. Myers, A. F. Wright, J. C. Barbour, C. H. Seager, and J. Han  
*Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185-1056*

*JAP*, 90(2001)108.

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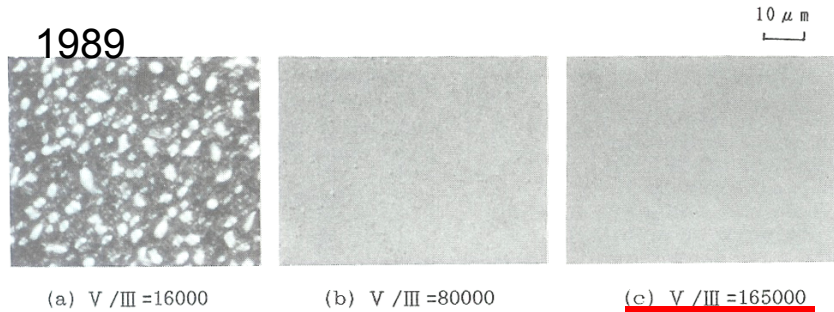
## Missing fortune InGaN



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## Person who grasped the future

1989



(a)  $V/III = 16000$

(b)  $V/III = 80000$

(c)  $V/III = 165000$

*Inst. Phys. Conf. Ser. No 106: Chapter 3  
Paper presented at Int. Symp. GaAs and Related Compounds, Karuizawa, Japan, 1989*

1989(NTT)

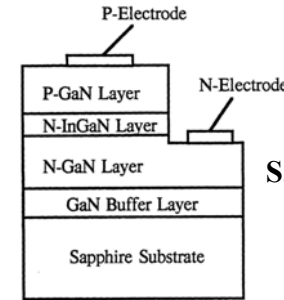
Wide-gap semiconductor (In,Ga)N

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Tokai, Ibaraki, 319-11 JAPAN

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## Company who grasped the future



S. Nakamura et al., JJAP, 32(1993)L8.

1993 World's first commercialization of nitride-LEDs

## History of the development of blue LED in Japan

