

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis



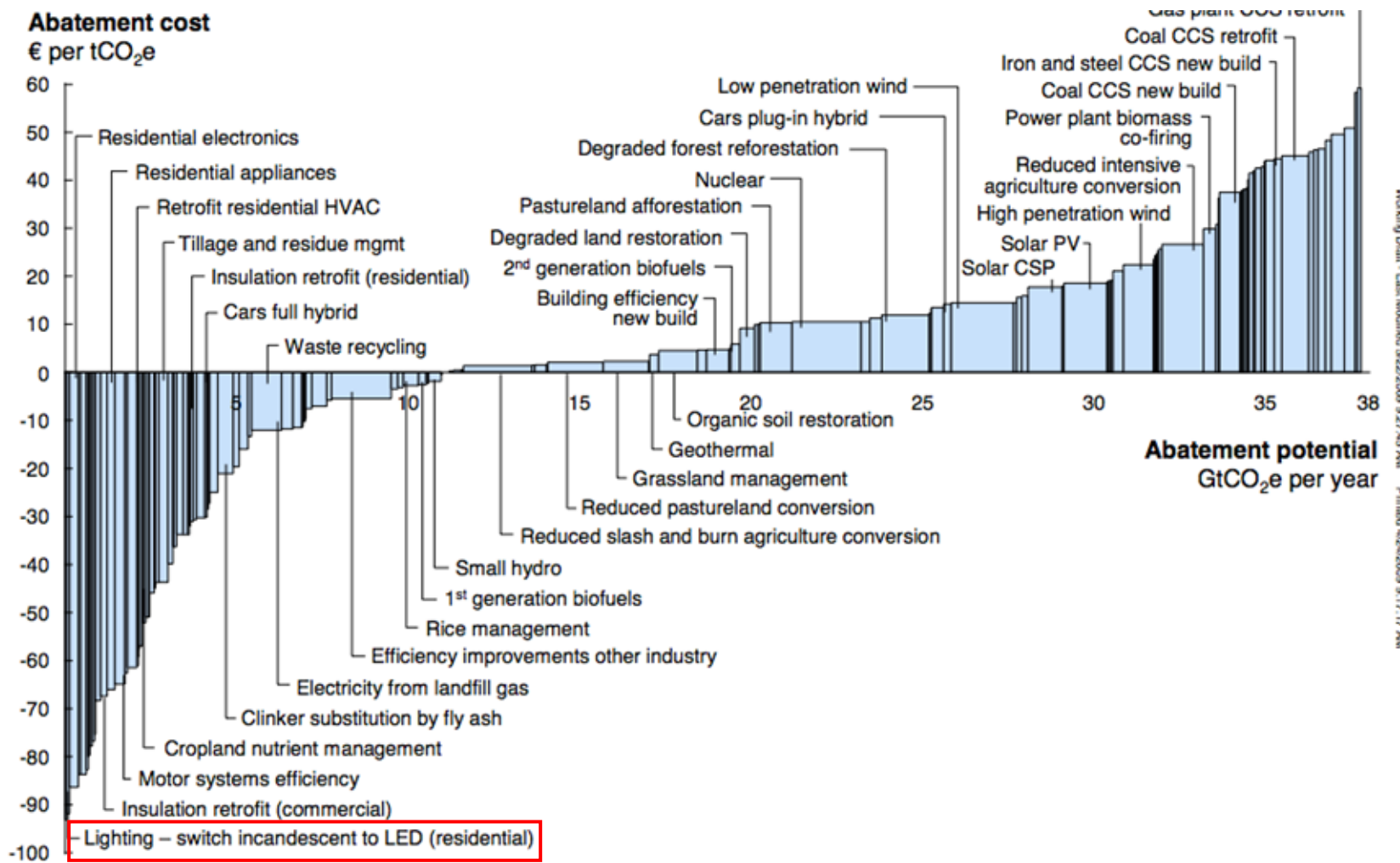
LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

LEDs are a great topic for the international year of light

- The most effective way of saving energy and CO₂ abatement



Comparison of investment costs for technologies diminishing CO₂ emissions



Note: The curve presents an estimate of the maximum potential of all technical GHG abatement measures below €60 per tCO₂e if each lever was pursued aggressively. It is not a forecast of what role different abatement measures and technologies will play.
 Source: Global GHG Abatement Cost Curve v2.0
 McKinsey & Company | 14

McKinsey Impact of the financial crisis on carbon economy
 Version 2.1 of the global greenhouse gas abatement cost curve

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

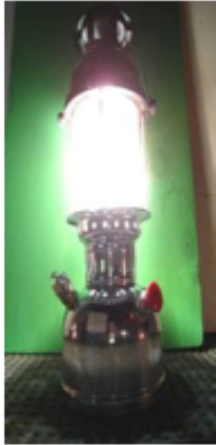
LEDs are a great topic for the international year of light

- The most effective way of saving energy and CO₂ abatement
- changes lives for millions





Photo by Evan Mills



Kellie Jo Brown 2012

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

LEDs are a great topic for the international year of light

- The most effective way of saving energy and CO₂ abatment
- changes lives for millions
- will bring new quality of life



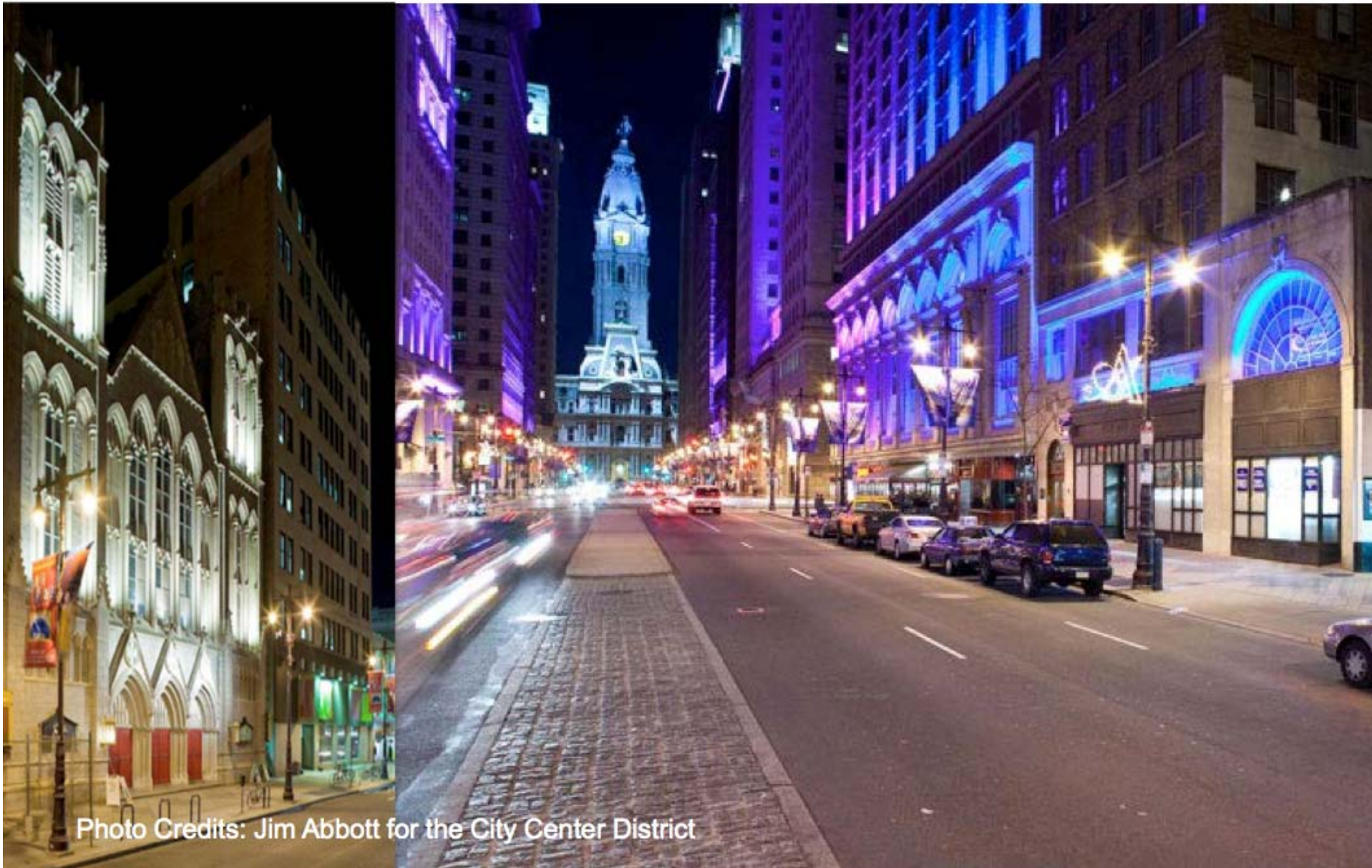
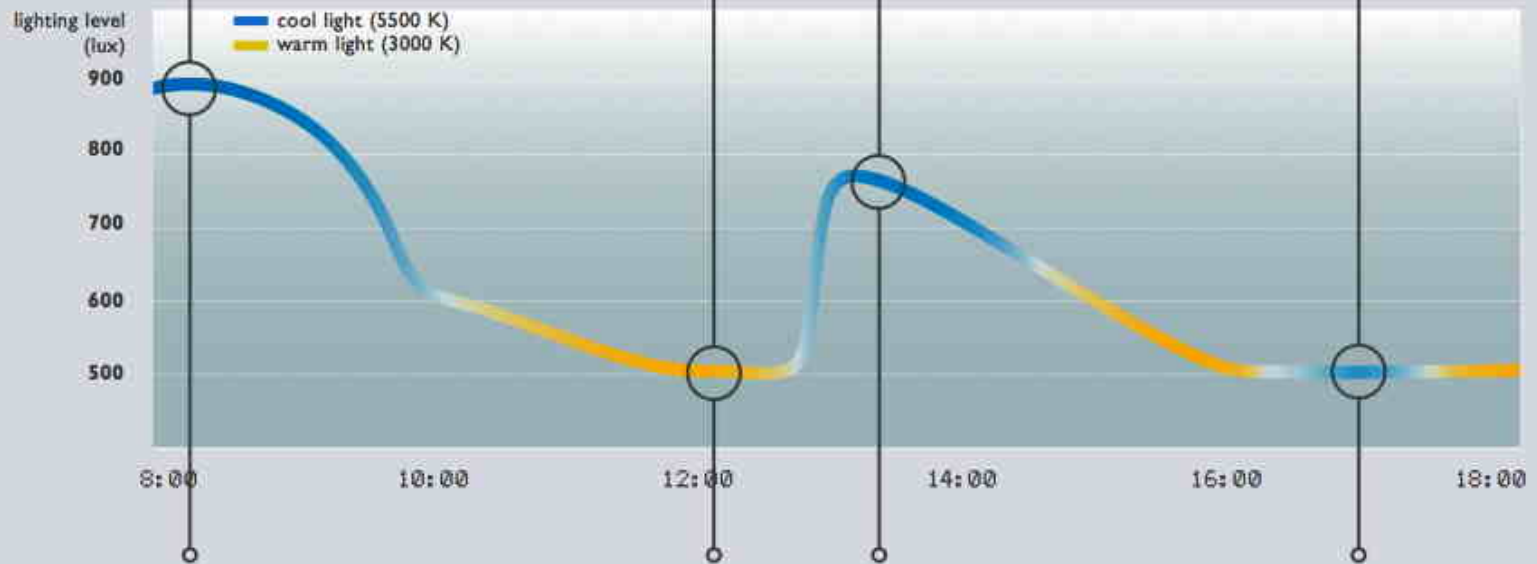


Photo Credits: Jim Abbott for the City Center District

Dynamic Lighting - supporting the natural rhythm of activity

Philips Lighting Application Center



Good morning

Cool, fresh light raises the energy level of people coming into the office and provides a good start to the day.

Lunch time

A short rest helps us to recharge our batteries. The light level decreases and the warm light facilitates relaxation.

Post-lunch dip

After lunch, we usually feel sleepy. The light level rises again and changes to cool white to counter the 'post-lunch dip'.

Happy hour

Just before the end of the working day, a change to cooler white light provides an alertness boost ahead of the journey home. For people working late, warm white light creates a pleasant, 'homely' atmosphere.

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

Claude Weisbuch,^{1,2}

¹ *Materials Department, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA*

² *Laboratoire de Physique de la Matière Condensée, CNRS, Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France*

Prof.s.: J.S.Speck, S. Nakamura, S. Denbaars



LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101
2. Light sources – it is not just photons and watts - lumens
3. LED Lighting = Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
4. The state of the art - the remaining challenges
5. The impact 1 energy savings
6. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
7. The impact 3 improving quality of light

In just 25 years



Solid State Lighting



Decorative Lighting



Automobile Lighting



Displays



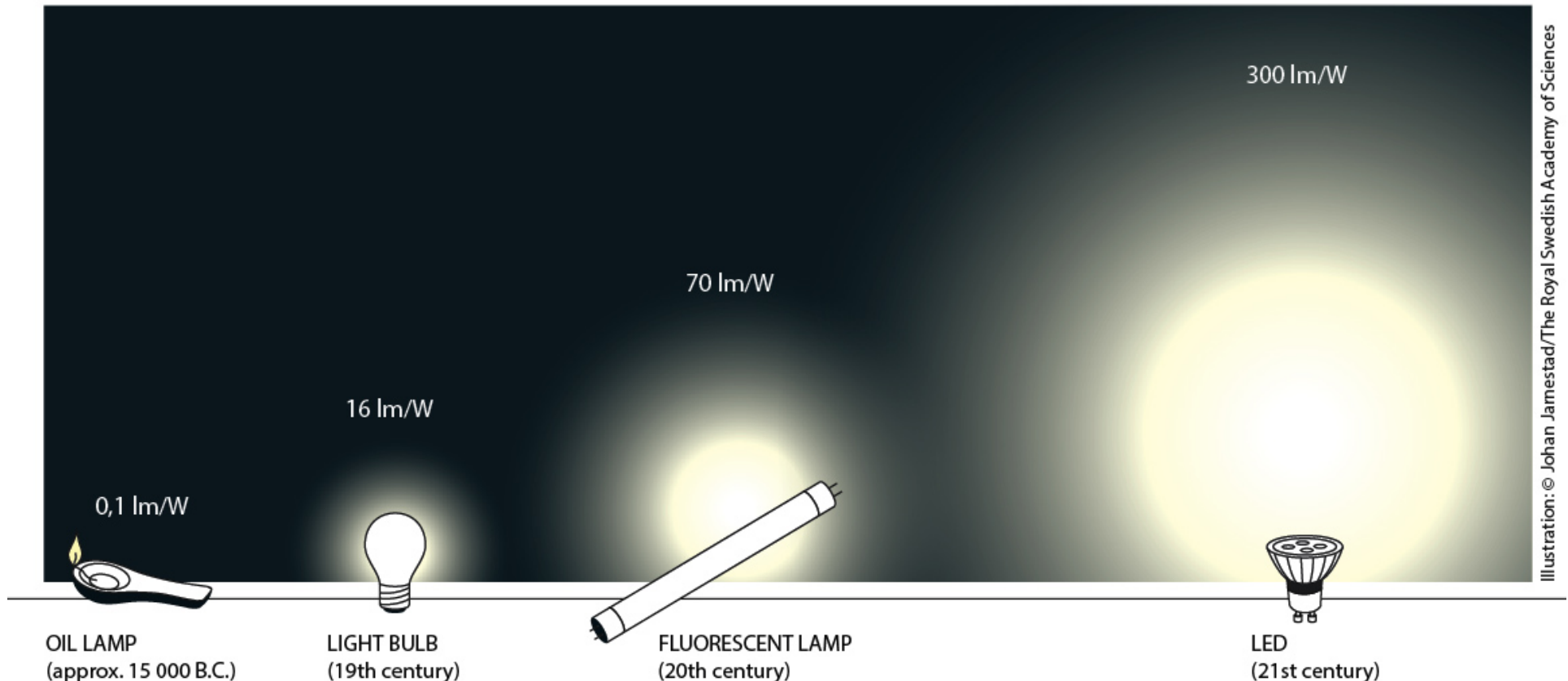
Agriculture



Indoor Lighting

Energy Savings Impact

- ~ **40 % Electricity Savings (261 TWh)** in USA in 2030 due to LEDs
- Eliminates the need for **30+ 1000 MW Power Plants** by 2030
- Avoids Generating ~ **185 million tons of CO₂**





The Nobel Prize in Physics 2014

Isamu Akasaki, Hiroshi Amano, Shuji Nakamura



*"for the invention of **efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources**"*

" ... They succeeded where everyone else had failed. Akasaki worked together with Amano at the University of Nagoya, while Nakamura was employed at Nichia Chemicals, a small company in Tokushima. Their inventions were revolutionary. Incandescent light bulbs lit the 20th century; the 21st century will be lit by LED lamps....

LED lamp holds great promise for **increasing the quality of life for over 1.5 billion people around the world who lack access to electricity grids**: due to low power requirements it can be powered by cheap local solar power."



Alfred Nobel's Will

"The whole of my remaining realizable estate shall be dealt with in the following way: the capital, invested in safe securities by my executors, shall constitute a fund, the interest on which shall be annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind. The said interest shall be divided into five equal parts, which shall be apportioned as follows: one part to the person who shall have **made the most important discovery or invention within the field of physics**; one part to the person who shall have **made the most important chemical discovery or improvement**; one part to the person who shall have made the most important discovery within the domain of physiology or medicine; one part to the person who shall have produced in the field of literature the most outstanding work in an ideal direction; and one part to the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses.

to the person who shall have **made the most important discovery or invention within the field of physics**

Invention : something invented as

(1): a product of the imagination; especially : a false conception (2) : a device, contrivance, or process originated after study and experiment

Discovery : something seen or learned for the first time : something discovered

Progress in many areas was required

Materials science
Heterogeneous growth
of **device grade material**
Control of dislocations
density

Materials engineering
Reliability of strained
(substrate, mismatched)
materials
Compare II Vis

**Physics of semiconductors /
of devices/ quantum physics**
High intensity behaviour (droop)
mechanisms ? Auger ?
hole transport - energy barriers,
QWs vs DH
**Crystal engineering for electric
polarization
control – QCSE**

Materials science
P doping
Race to green yellow
**Incorporation /
metallurgy high In**

Nanoscience
High efficiency localization
In fluctuations? Statistical or
compositional?
**From atom composition
To energy landscape**
QW interfaces

Optics
Light extraction
Rough surfaces and
interfaces for ergodic
light distribution
Photonic crystals for high
efficiency?,
directionality
polarized sources

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101

Why LEDs such special sources of light - 100%

Wallplug efficiency $W_{\text{opt}}/W_{\text{elect}}$ WPE, Internal QE, Light Extraction Efficiency LEE

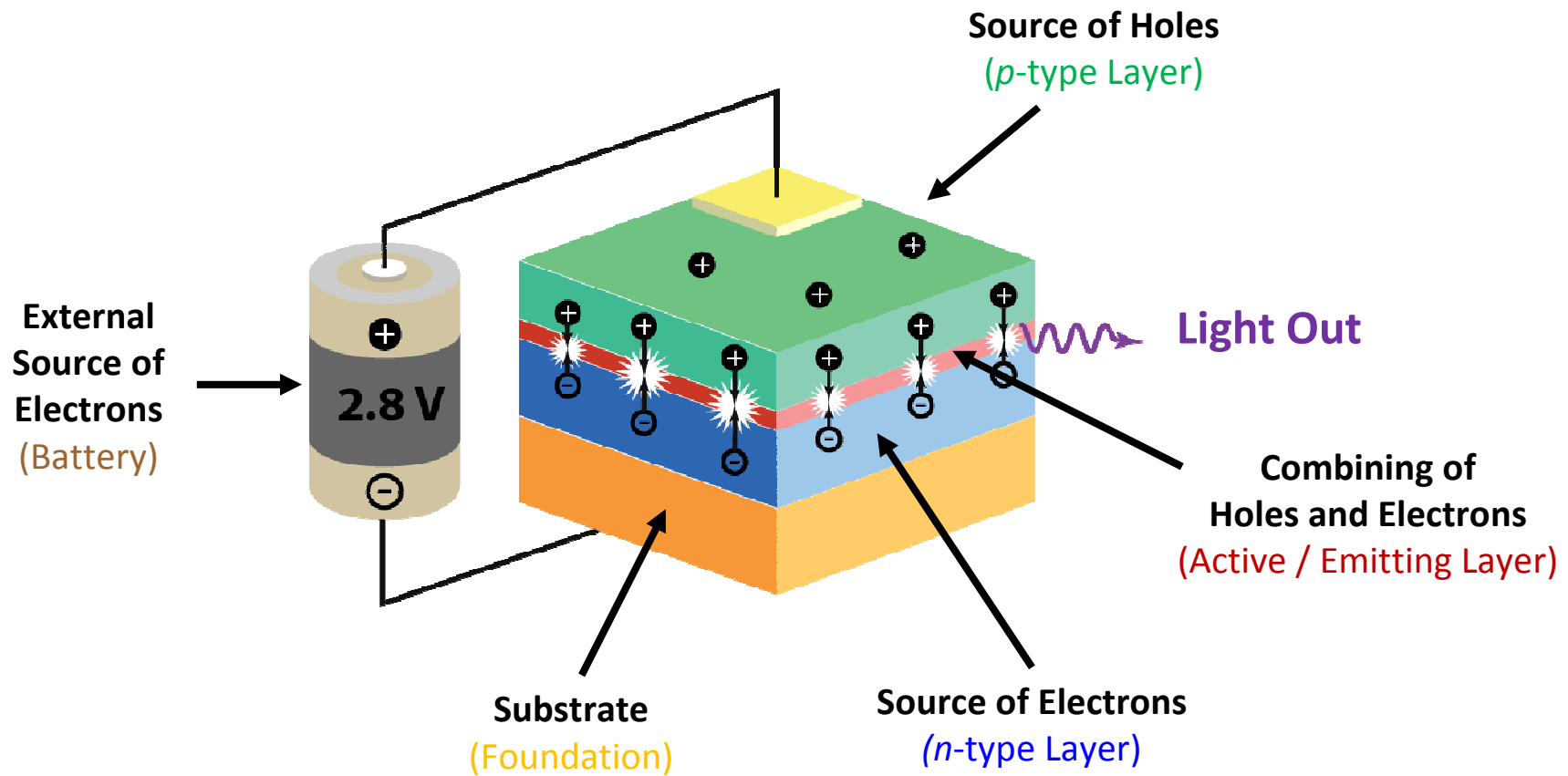
Injecting electrons and holes p-n junctions

Homo, hetero QW structures

1. Light sources – it is not just photons and watts
2. Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
3. The state of the art - the remaining challenges
4. The impact 1 energy savings
5. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
6. The impact 3 improving quality of light

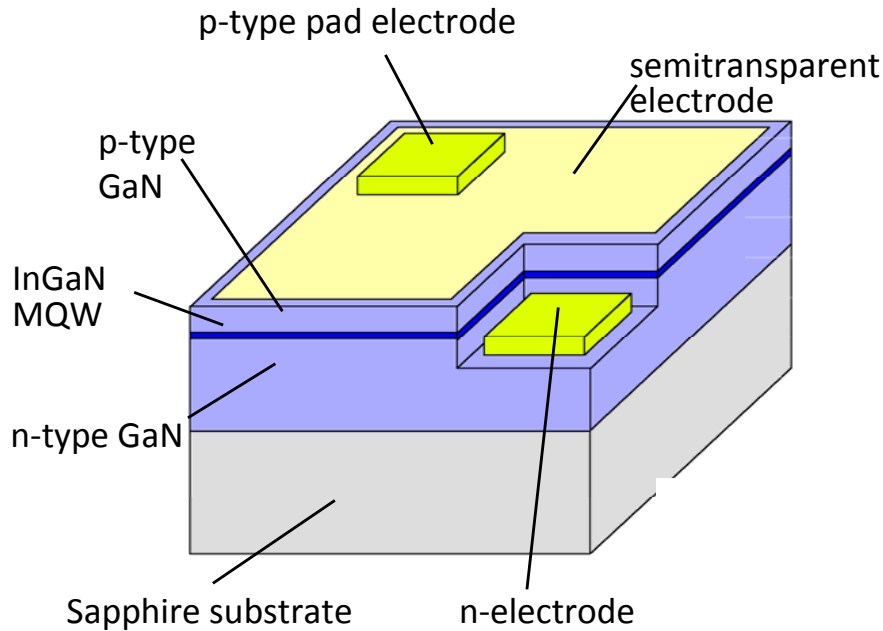
What is a light emitting diode (LED) ?

A Light Emitting Diode (LED) produces light of a single color by combining holes and electrons in a semiconductor.

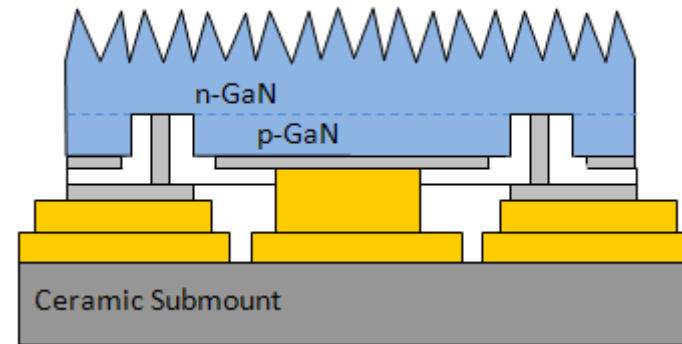


Typical Blue LED Structures on Sapphire

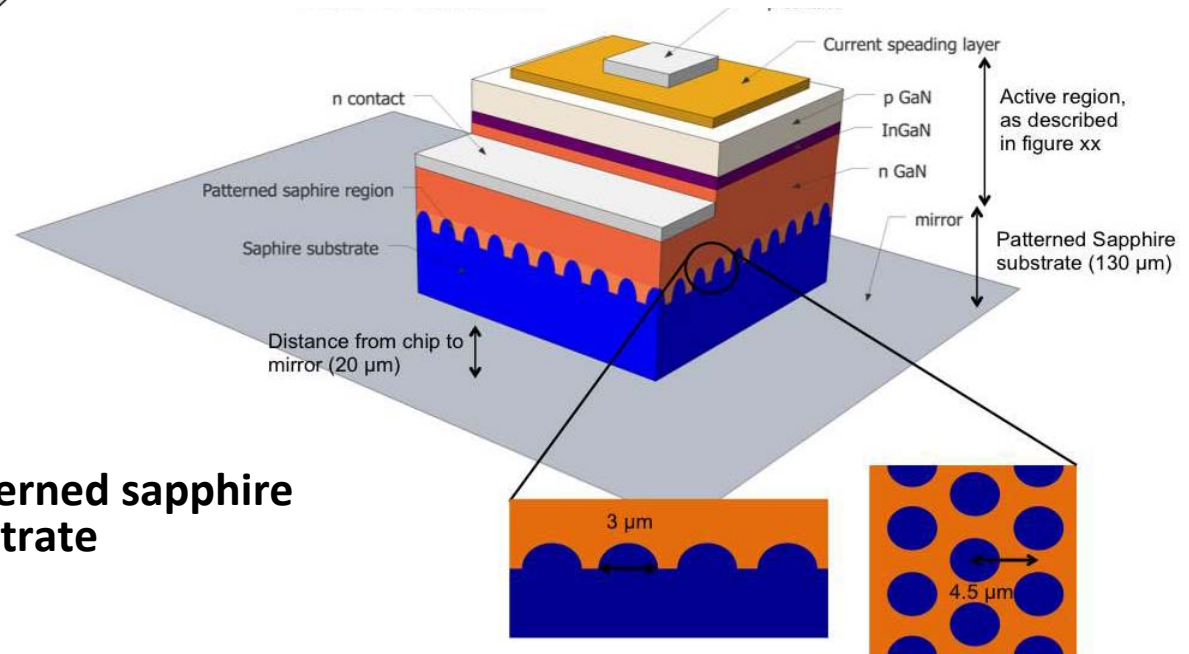
This would have a poor Photon extraction efficiency



Roughened surface



Patterned sapphire substrate



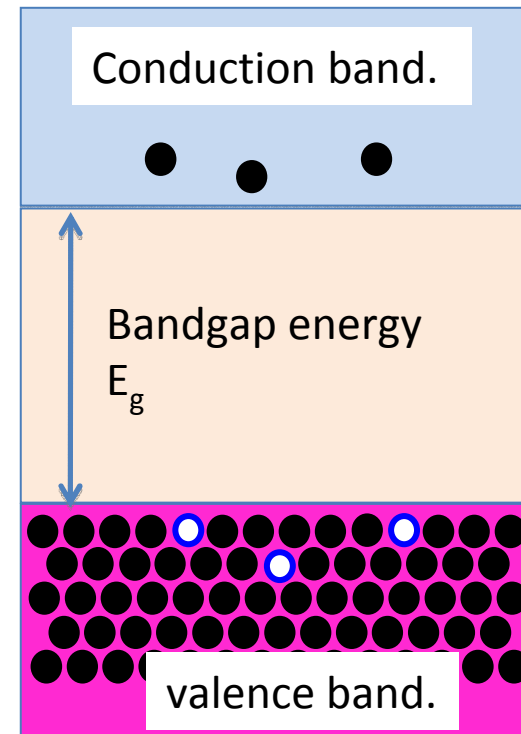
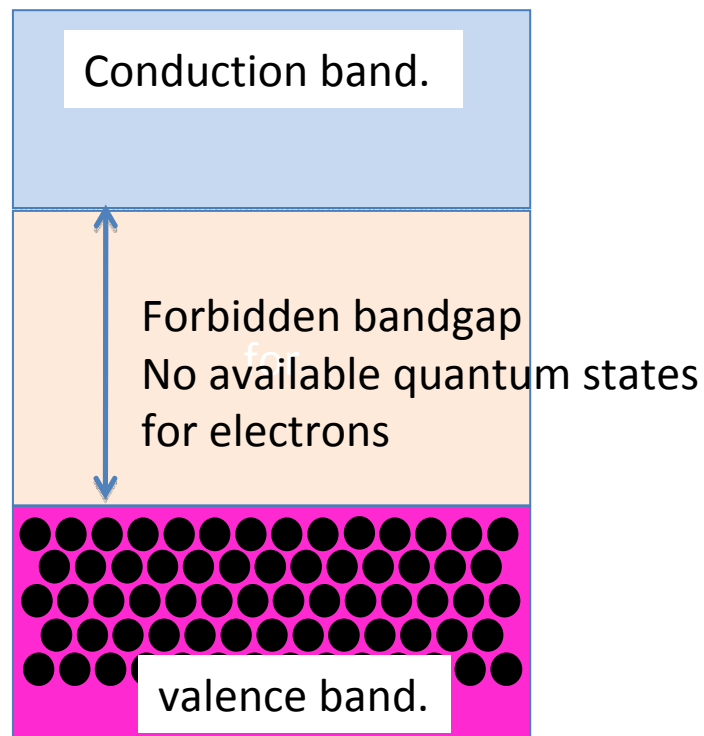
Semiconductors: electrons, holes, band structures

Semiconductors are materials where electrons fill completely the available energy levels in the valence band. The next energy band, the conduction band, is empty of electrons.

Under normal conditions a semiconductor does not conduct electricity, or it does it "poorly".

At finite temperatures some electrons are excited from the valence band to the conduction band, leaving behind them a hole.

Both the electrons in the conduction band and the holes in the valence band can be accelerated and conduct electricity.

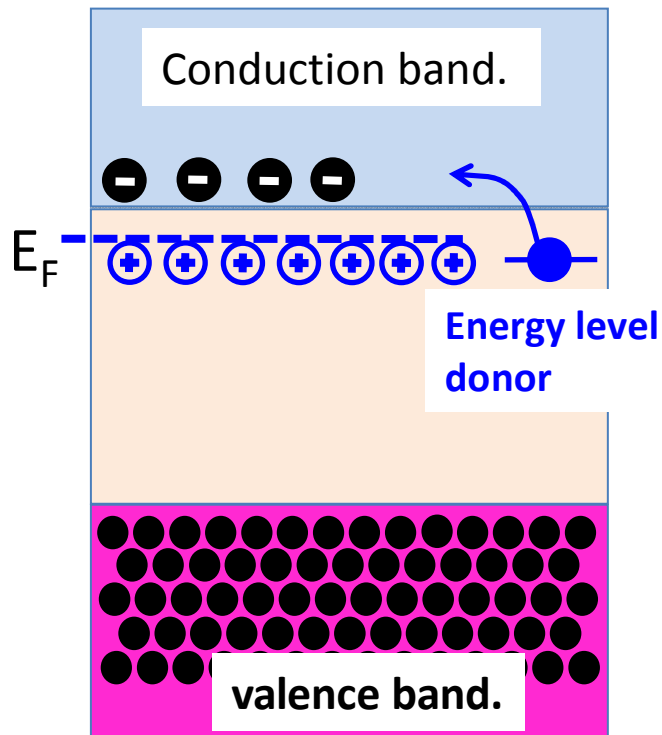


Semiconductors: obtaining free electrons, holes by doping

Semiconductor can be made **conductive** by **doping** them with **active impurities**

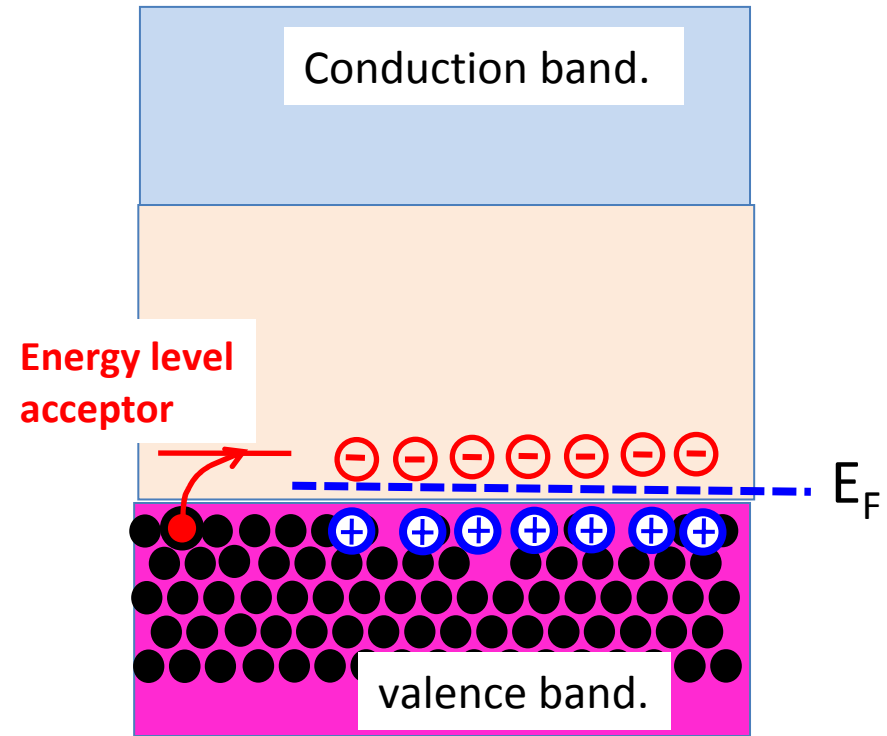
Donor impurities release electrons in the conduction band

n-type semiconductor



Acceptor impurities capture electrons from the valence band, thus releasing a hole in the valence band

p-type semiconductor



Semiconductors are the only materials where **conductivity is chemically controlled by doping**

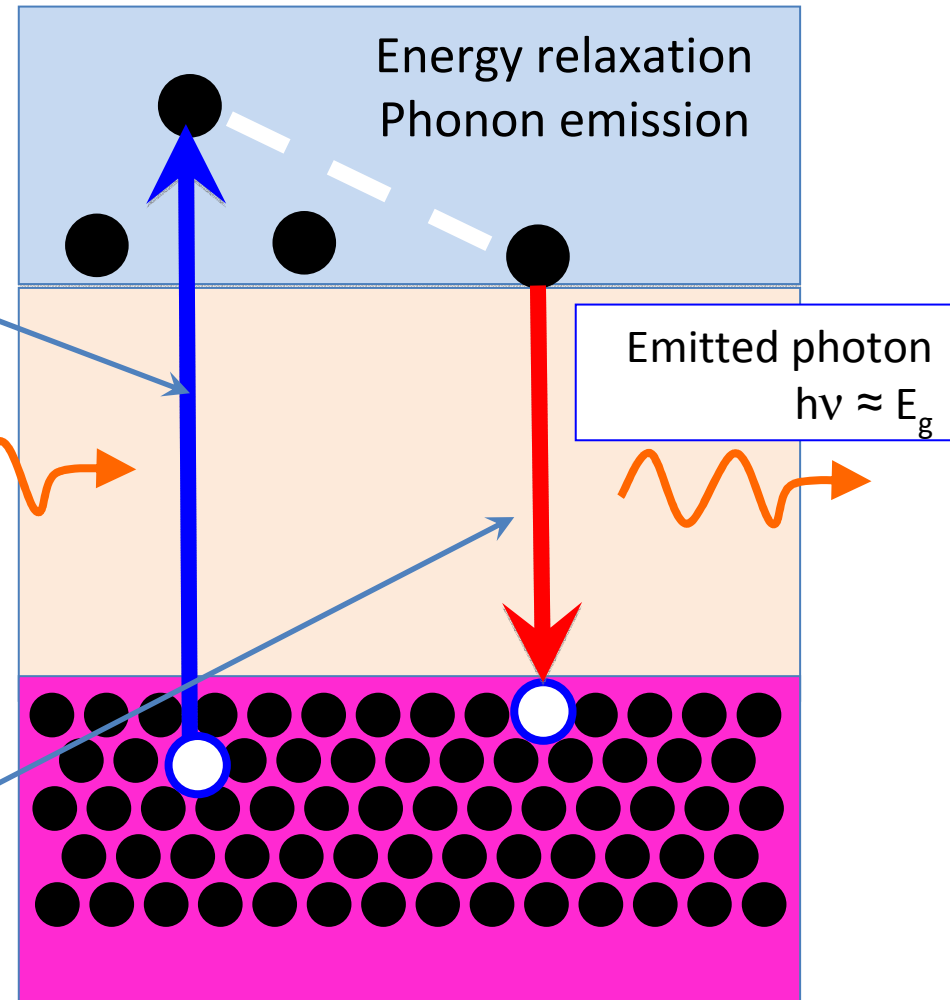
Semiconductors and Light: absorption and recombination

Semiconductor can absorb a photon if its energy is greater than gap energy: it creates a free electron in the conduction band and a free hole in the valence band

Incident photon
 $h\nu > E_g$

A conduction electron can recombine with a hole in the valence band by emitting a photon with energy \approx bandgap E_g

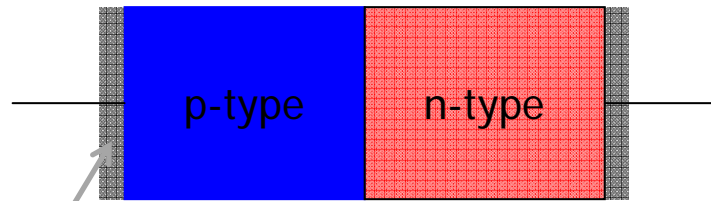
A direct macroscopic measurement of a quantum mechanical phenomenon, the bandgap



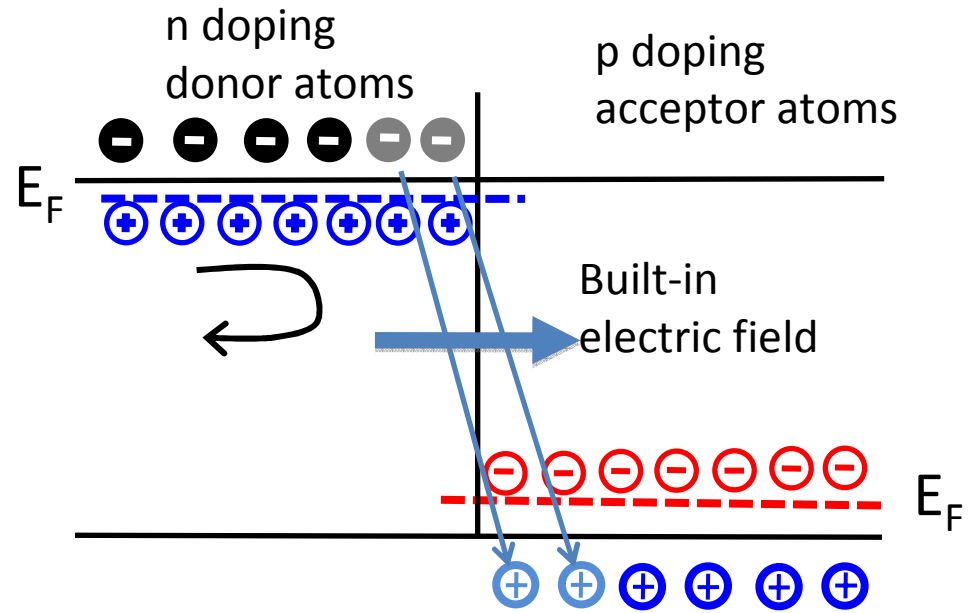
- Electrons and holes emit light by recombining together
- How to obtain electrons and holes in a semiconductor?
- Carrier injection in a p – n junction

Brief background on semiconductors: the p-n junction

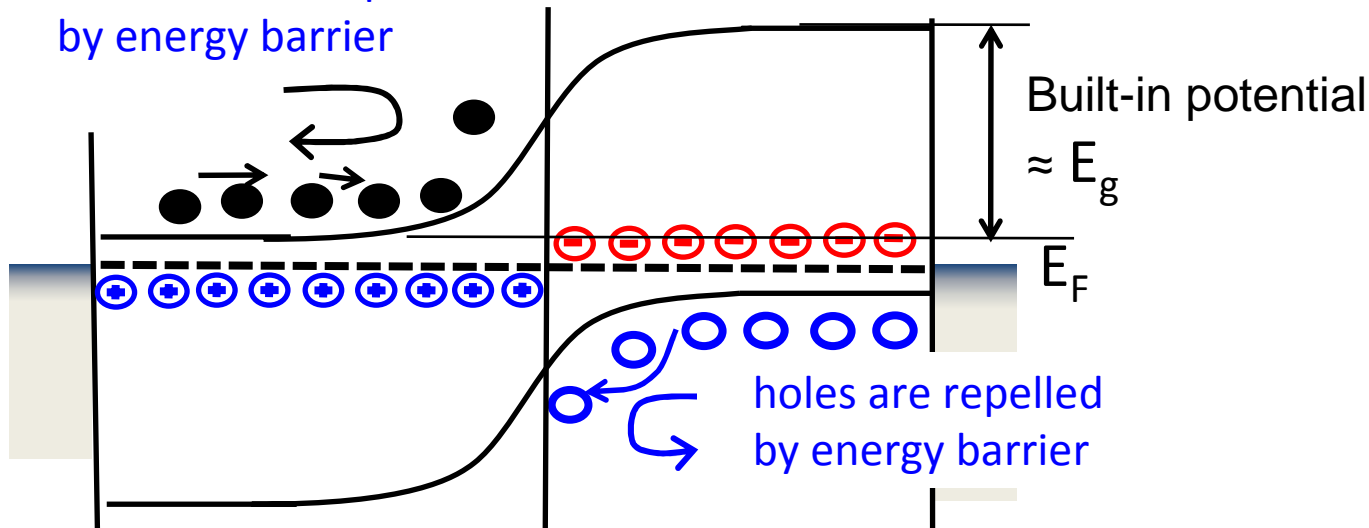
Two regions of semiconductor doped with donors or acceptors



Metal contact



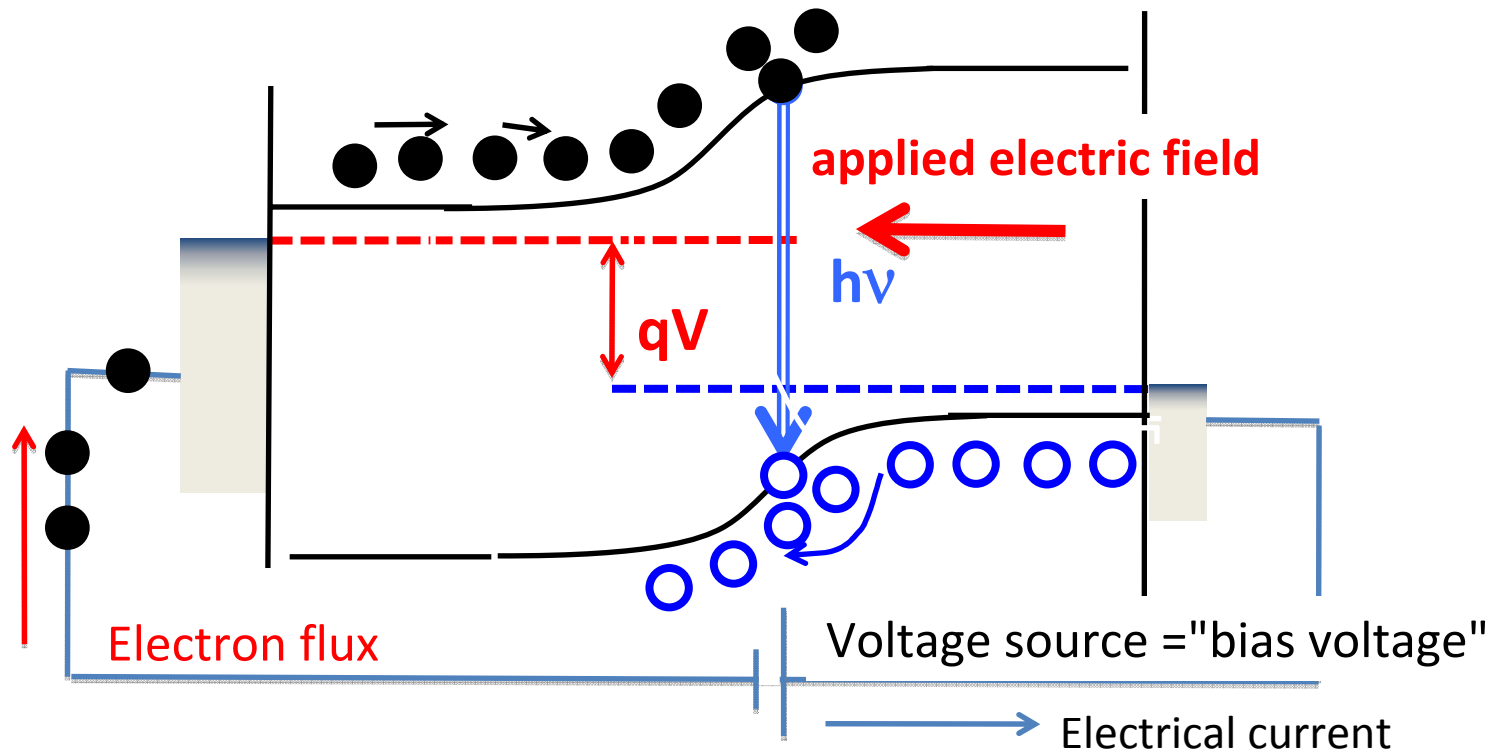
Electrons are repelled by energy barrier



holes are repelled by energy barrier

An LED is a semiconductor p-n junction... which emits light under forward bias voltage

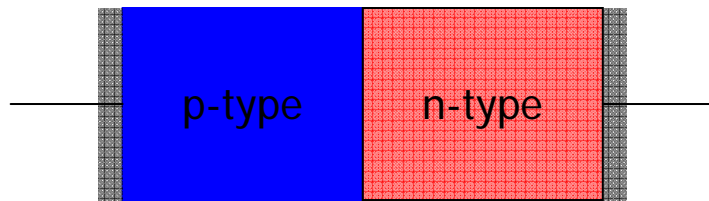
Positive charges (holes) and negative charges (electrons) are injected from the p and n layers of a p-n junction in the depletion layer where they recombine by transforming their energy difference as photons with an energy characteristic of the forbidden bandgap of the semiconductor



At strong bias, "flat band potential", V applied $\approx V_{bi} \approx E_g$ bandgap

Photons have the energy of a recombining pair $h\nu \approx E_g$ bandgap

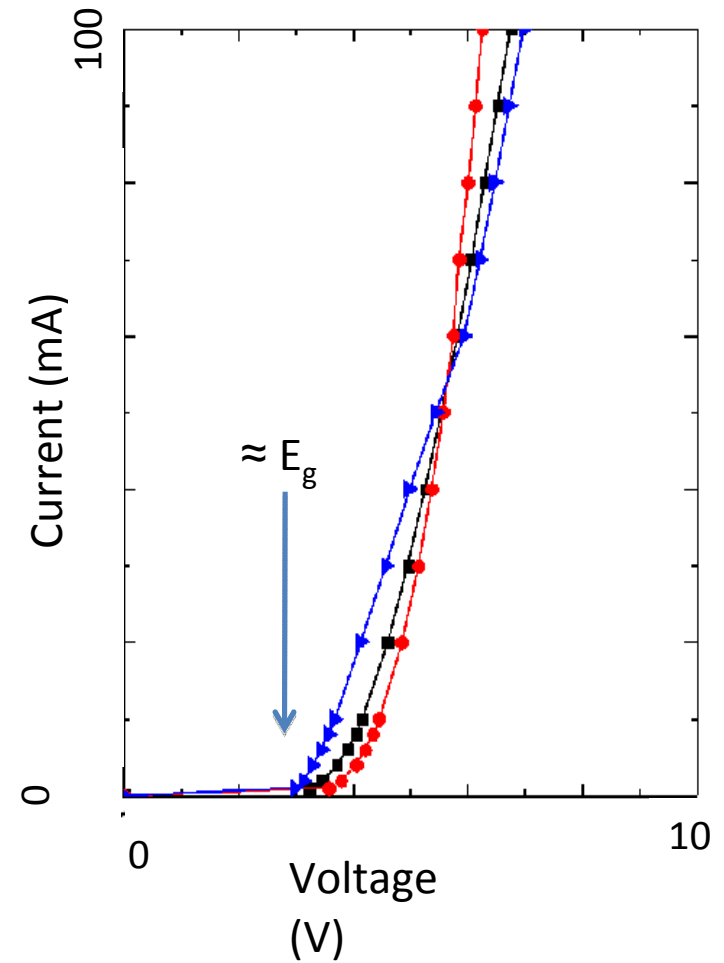
Current voltage characteristics of a p-n junction



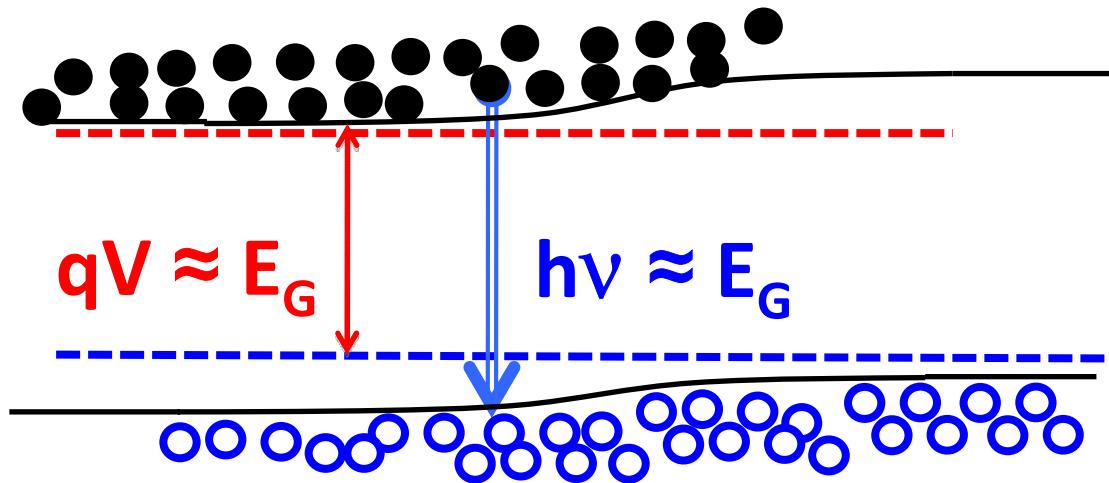
The voltage V_{onset} at which "significant" current appears is such that

$$eV_{\text{onset}} = E_G$$

A direct macroscopic measurement of a quantum mechanical phenomenon, the bandgap!



Principle of operation of LEDs at strong bias



Strong bias, "flat band potential"
 $V_{\text{applied}} \approx V_{\text{bi}} \approx E_g$ bandgap

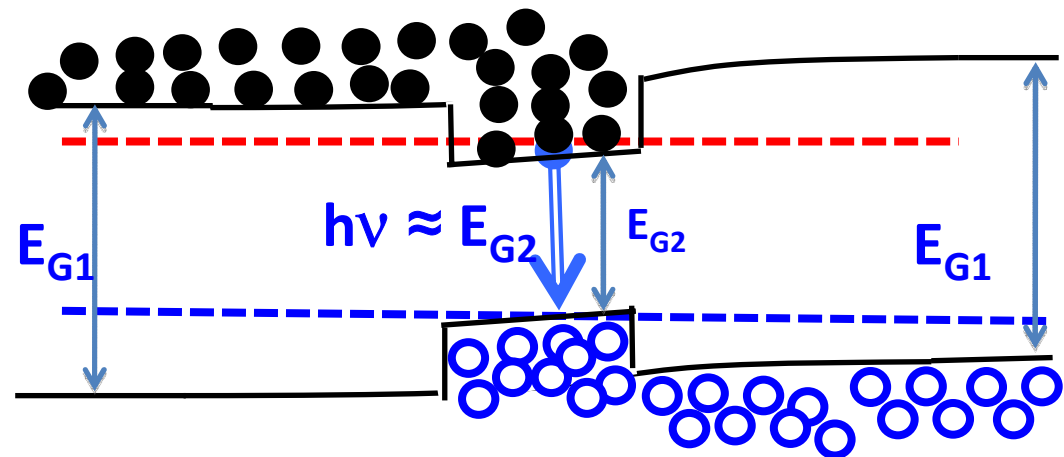
Carriers are distributed along a carrier diffusion length thickness

Carrier density is too small to have good recombination probability' proportional to carrier densities

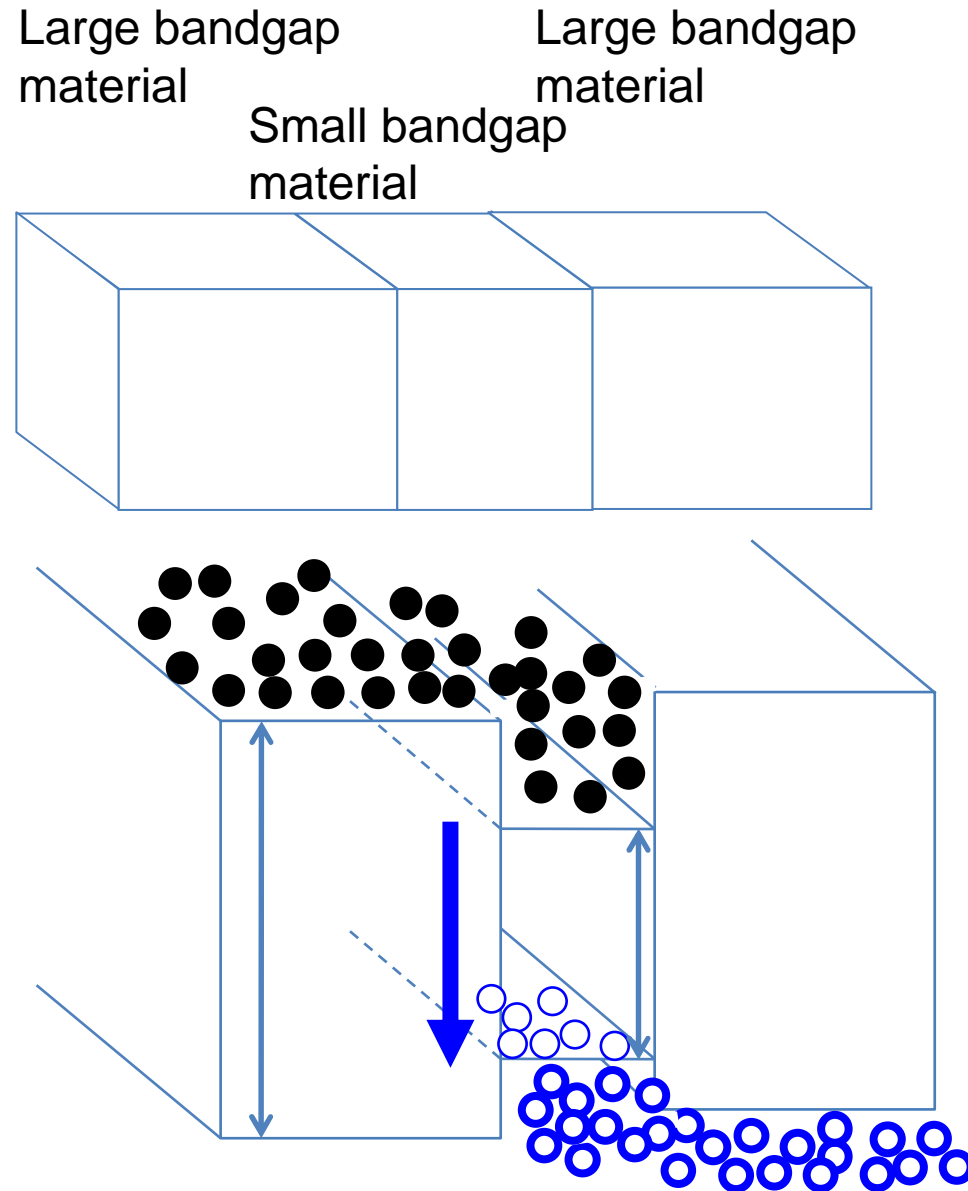
Need to concentrate carriers
 => Use double heterostructures

So far, only one semiconductor, with spatially different dopings
 "homostructures"

Now, semiconductors with different chemical compositions
 "Heterostructures" – "double"
 because sandwich



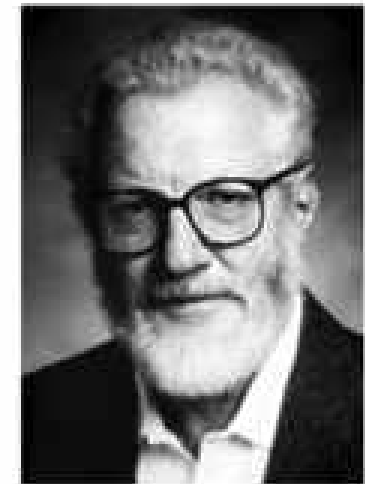
Heroes of semiconductor light emitters: the heterostructures



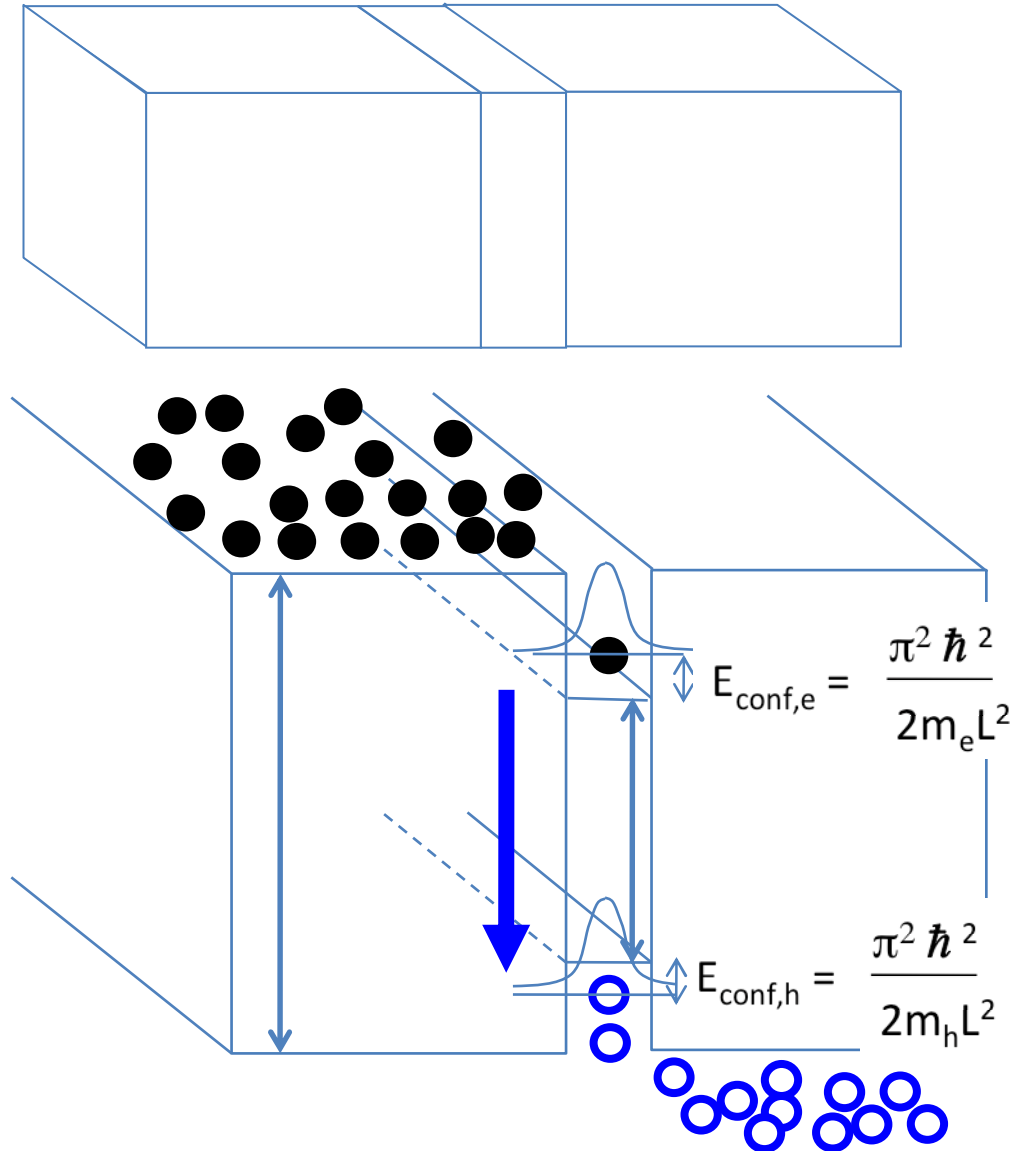
The Nobel Prize in Physics 2000

Zhores I. Alferov and Herbert Kroemer

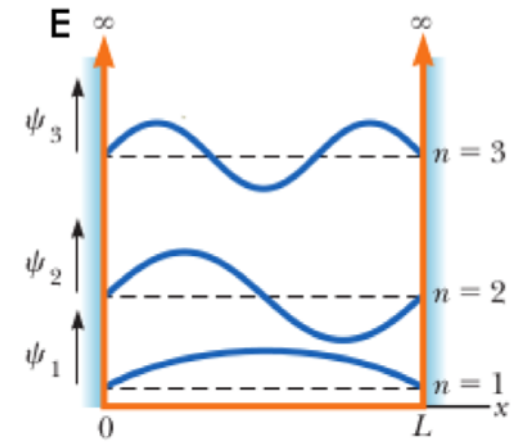
"for developing semiconductor heterostructures used in high-speed- and opto-electronics"



The next (smaller) step: quantum wells still better LEDs, better lasers



Infinite well approximation



$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x) = E \cdot \psi(x)$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

$$E(n) = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} n^2$$

What makes a p-n junction a good LED

Is any p - n junction a LED? (does it emit light "efficiently", i.e. with a good conversion efficiency of electron-hole pairs to photons)?

Required:

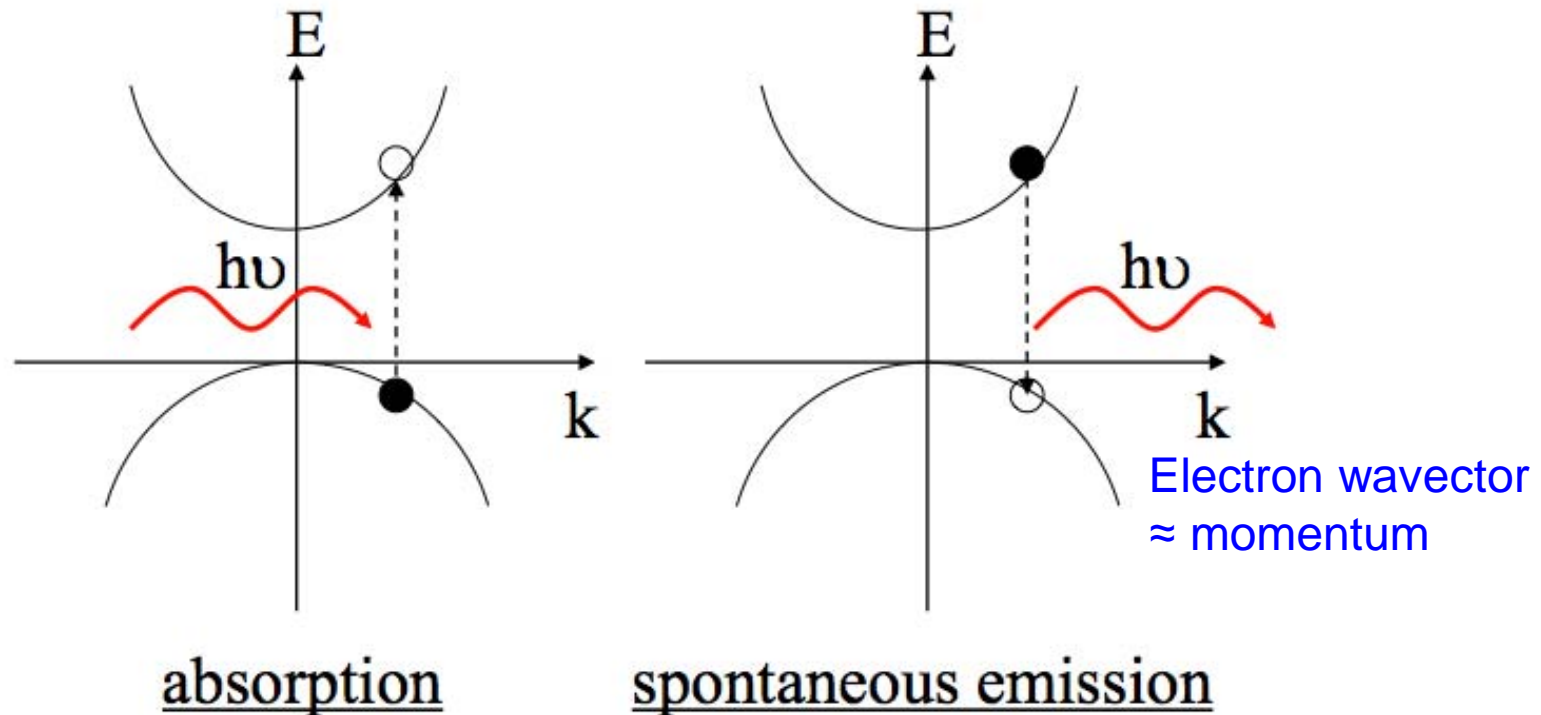
- Direct bandgap

- Low defects density (few non radiative recombination centers)

⇒ Electrons and holes recombine preferentially "radiatively" by emitting a photon instead of recombining "non radiatively" by giving their energy to the lattice

- Double heterostructures possible

Optical transitions are vertical

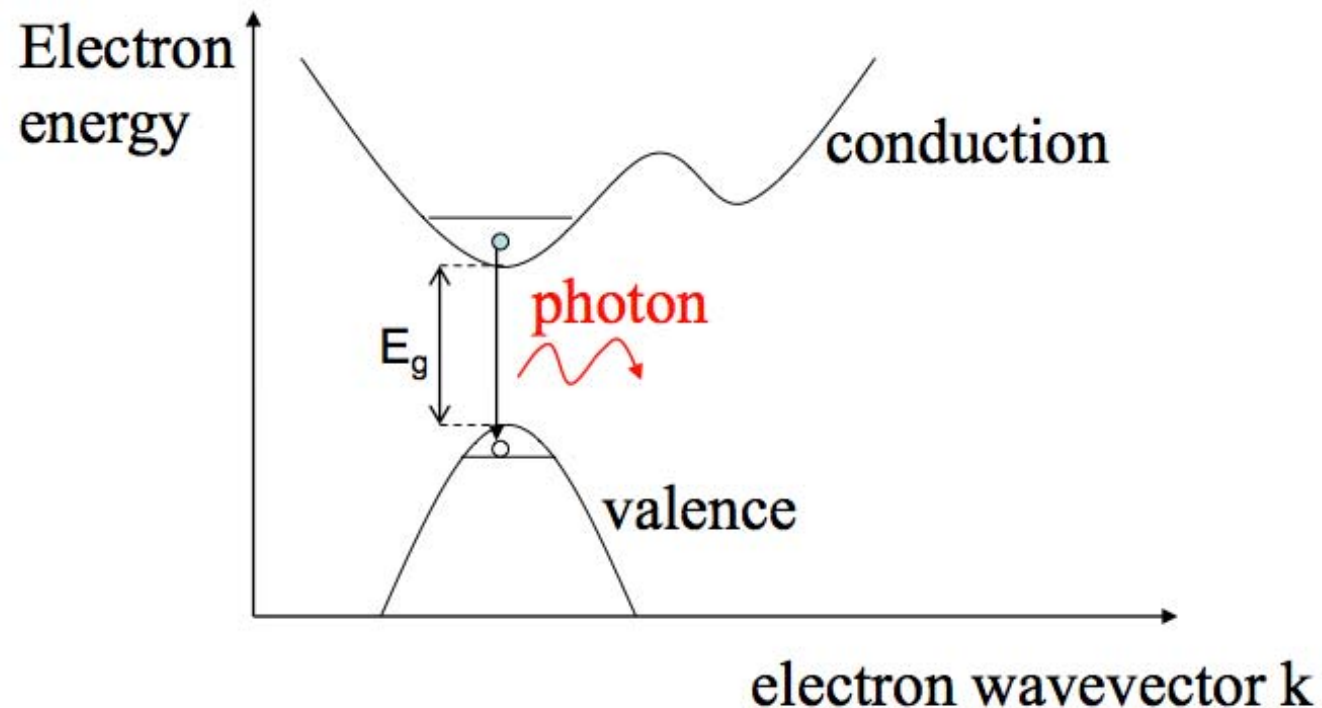


- Optical transitions are “vertical” in the band diagram because the *photon momentum is very small*.
- Electrons and holes **recombine** when they *collide* with each other and shed extra energy.
- The electron can lose energy by *photon emission*.

Direct-bandgap semiconductors

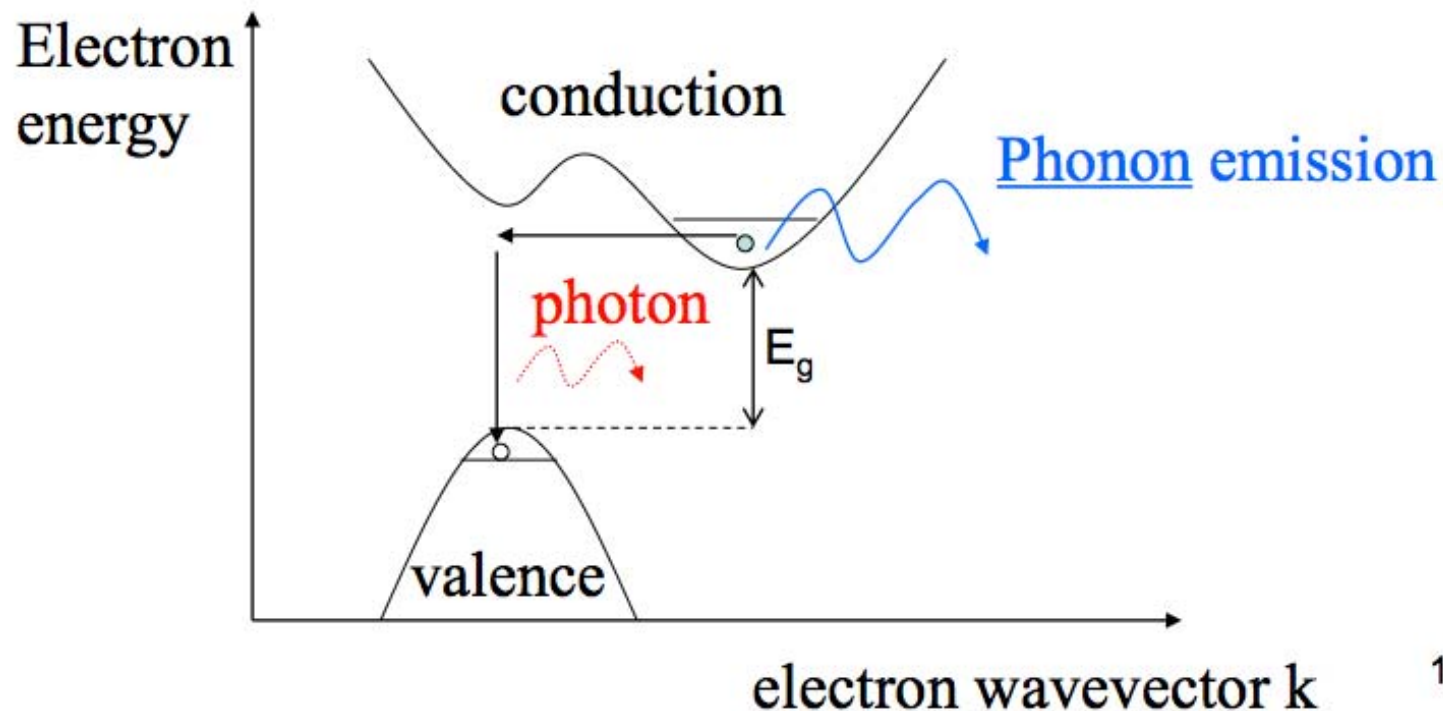
- *Electroluminescence* occurs most efficiently in semiconductors that are *direct-bandgap* - electrons and holes on either side of the energy gap have the *same* value of electron wavevector \mathbf{k}

=> *direct radiative recombination* is possible



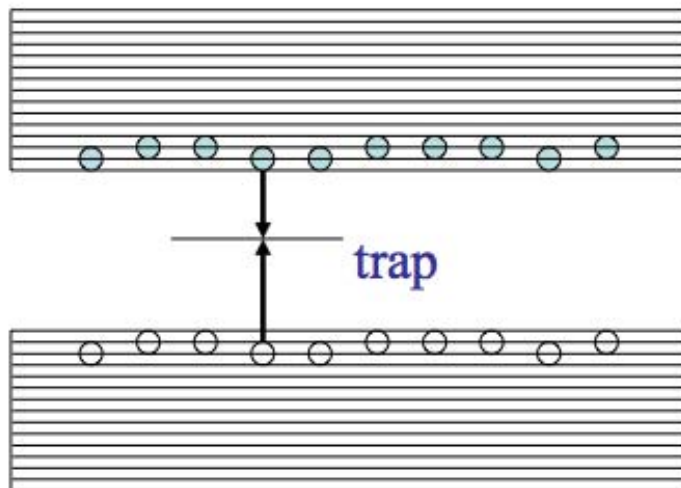
Indirect-bandgap semiconductors

- The maximum energy of the valence band and the minimum energy of the conduction band occur at *different* values of electron wavevector.
⇒ *For electron-hole recombination to occur* it is essential that the electron *loses momentum* such that it has a value of momentum corresponding to the maximum energy of the valence band (*to conserve momentum*).



Nonradiative recombination

- **Nonradiative recombination** occurs via a number of independent competing processes including the transfer of energy to *lattice vibrations* (creating one or more *phonons*) or to *another free electron* (Auger process).
- Recombination may also take place at *surfaces*, and indirectly via “*traps*” or *defect centers*, which are energy levels that *lie within the forbidden band* associated with impurities or defects associated with *grain boundaries, dislocations* or other *lattice imperfections*.



*An impurity or defect state can act as a *recombination center* if it is capable of trapping both an electron and a hole. *Impurity-assisted* recombination may be *radiative* or *nonradiative*.

Some direct- and indirect-bandgap semiconductors

<u>material</u>	<u>Bandgap energy (eV)</u>	<u>Recombination coeff. (cm³ s⁻¹)</u>
GaAs	<i>Direct</i> : 1.42	7.21×10^{-10}
InAs	<i>Direct</i> : 0.35	8.5×10^{-11}
InSb	<i>Direct</i> : 0.18	4.58×10^{-11}
Si	Indirect: 1.12	1.79×10^{-15}
Ge	Indirect: 0.67	5.25×10^{-14}
GaP	Indirect: 2.26	5.37×10^{-14}

**Silicon is not an emitter material, as its holes and electrons do not recombine directly, making it an inefficient emitter.*

In the infrared, we got LEDs and room temperature lasers

1956 – 1980

From 0.8 μm to 1.6 μm

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101
2. LED for Lighting – it is not just photons and watts – lumens
Lumens, Candelas, Lux, etc.
3. LED Lighting = Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
4. The state of the art - the remaining challenges
5. The impact 1 energy savings
6. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
7. The impact 3 improving quality of light

History of photometric units



- Photograph shows **plumber's candle**
- A plumber's candle emits a **luminous intensity** of 1 candela (cd). The cd is historical origin of all photometric units.

- **First definition** (now obsolete): **The luminous intensity of a standardized candle is 1 cd.**
- **Second definition** (now obsolete): **1 cm² of platinum (Pt) at 1042 K (temperature of solidification) has a luminous intensity of 20.17 cd.**
- **Third definition** (current): **A monochromatic light source emitting an optical power of (1/683) Watt at 555 nm into the solid angle of 1 steradian (sr) has a luminous intensity of 1 cd.**
- *Candlepower* and *candle* are obsolete units. *Candlepower* and *candle* measure luminous intensity and are approximately equal to one cd.

Luminous flux, illuminance, and luminance

- **luminous flux:** A light source with a luminous intensity of 1 cd emits a luminous flux of 1 lm into a solid angle of one steradian
- An isotropic light source with a luminous intensity of 1 cd emits a total luminous flux of 4π lm = 12.56 lm
- **Illuminance:** If a 1 m² surface receives a luminous flux of 1 lm, then the illuminance of the surface is 1 lux
- Example: Moonlight 1 lux; reading light 10² – 10³ lux; surgery light 10⁴ lux; direct sunlight 10⁵ lux
- **Luminance** is the luminous intensity emitted per unit area of a light source. Luminance is a figure of merit for displays. Typical displays have a luminance of 100 – 500 cd/m².



Light and Lighting – Definitions I

Radiometry (physics)

Φ_e	Radiant flux – energy flow (W)
$I_e(\lambda) = d\Phi_e/d\omega$	Radiant intensity - (W/sr)
$S(\lambda) = d\Phi_e/d\lambda$	Spectral power distribution (W/m)

Photometry (includes human response!)

Φ_v	Luminous flux – Lumens (lm)
$v(\lambda)$	CIE luminous efficiency function

$$\Phi_v = 683 \text{ lm/W} \int S(\lambda) v(\lambda) d\lambda$$

K	Luminous efficacy Lumens/optical watt (lm/W)
----------	---

$\eta_e = \Phi_e/P$	Radiant efficiency (P = input power)
---------------------	--------------------------------------

$\eta_v = \eta_e K$	Luminous efficiency Lumens/electrical watt (lm/W)
---------------------	--

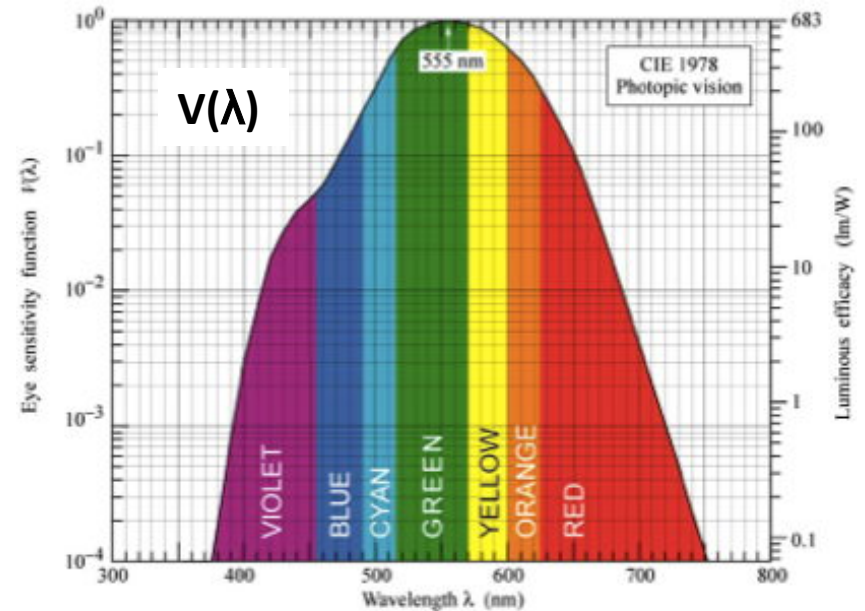


Fig. 16.7. Eye sensitivity function, $V(\lambda)$, (left ordinate) and luminous efficacy, measured in lumens per Watt of optical power (right ordinate). $V(\lambda)$ is greatest at 555 nm. Also given is a polynomial approximation for $V(\lambda)$ (after 1978 CIE data).

E. F. Schubert
Light-Emitting Diodes (Cambridge Univ. Press)
www.LightEmittingDiodes.org

Lumen - Eye-weighted radiant flux

Light and Lighting – Definitions

Lumen (lm):

Luminous flux = Luminous intensity x solid angle

e.g., sphere 4π sr

A candle: 1 cd x 4π sr = **12.6 lm**

100 W incandescent lightbulb: ~1300 lm (i.e, **13 lm/W**)

Illumination 1lux = 1lm/m²

Correlated Color Temperature (CCT):

Apparent blackbody temperature of a light source

e.g, Incandescent bulb, warm light LED lamp: CCT ~2800 K ‘Cold white: CCT ~5000+ K

Color Rendering Index (CRI):

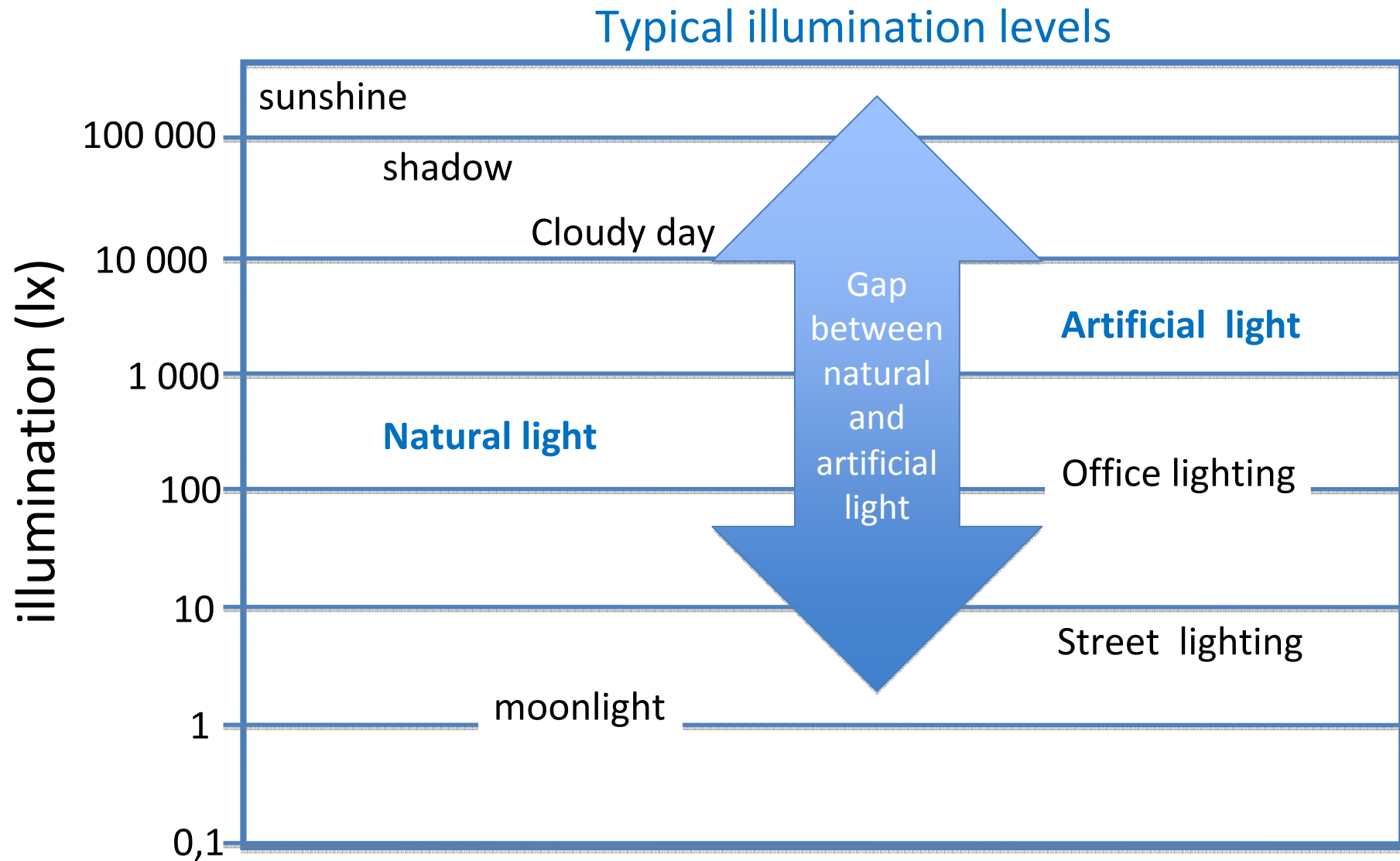
‘Light quality’ – comparison of light source to a blackbody radiator with same CCT
(based on light source reflectivity from 8 test samples ...)

e.g, Incandescent bulb: CRI = 100 Na lamp: CRI = 10 - 20

*formally: luminous intensity at 555 nm of a source
with a radiant intensity $I(\lambda)$ of 1.46×10^{-3} W/sr

Huge difference between natural and artificial illumination

Factor 100 to 10 000



Lighting Technologies

Conventional Light Sources

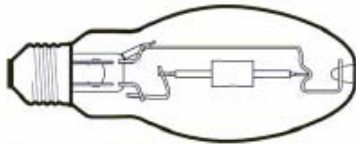
No Perfect Artificial Light Source Exists (yet)

Incandescent



Pros: Very cheap, great color
Cons: **Very short lifetime,**
poor energy efficiency

High Intensity Discharge



Pros: Cheap, efficient
Cons: **Poor color,**
long restart,
short lifetime

Fluorescent



Pros: Cheap, energy efficient
Cons: **Can not run in cold temp;**
difficult/costly to dim,
control, Hg

Compact Fluorescent



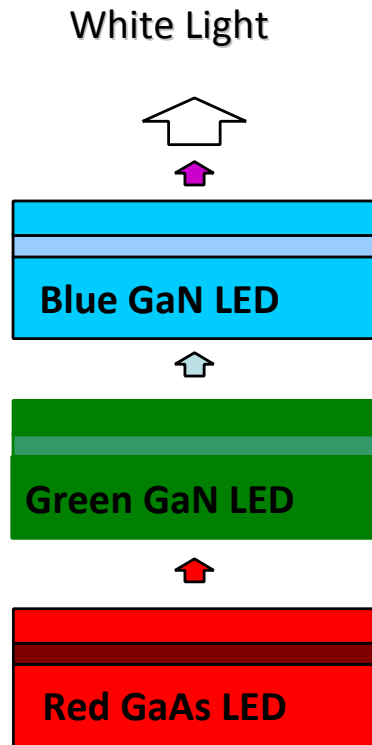
Pros: Energy efficient
Cons: **Poor color quality,**
Can not run in cold,
High cost vs. Incand, Hg

Halogen



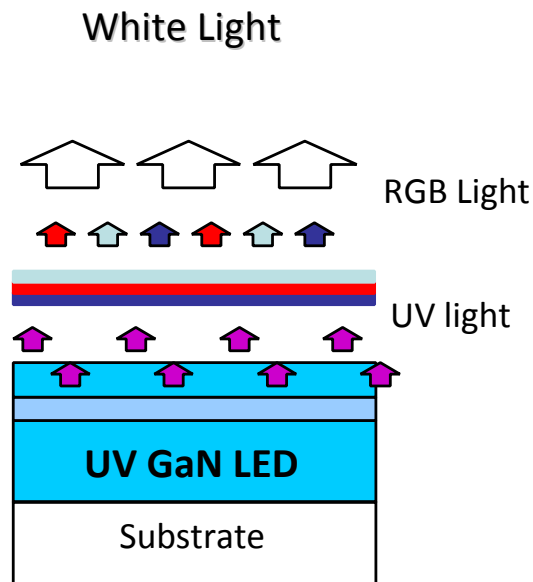
Pros: Great color, focused light
Cons: **Very short lifetime,**
poor energy efficiency

Three Methods of Making White Light with LEDs



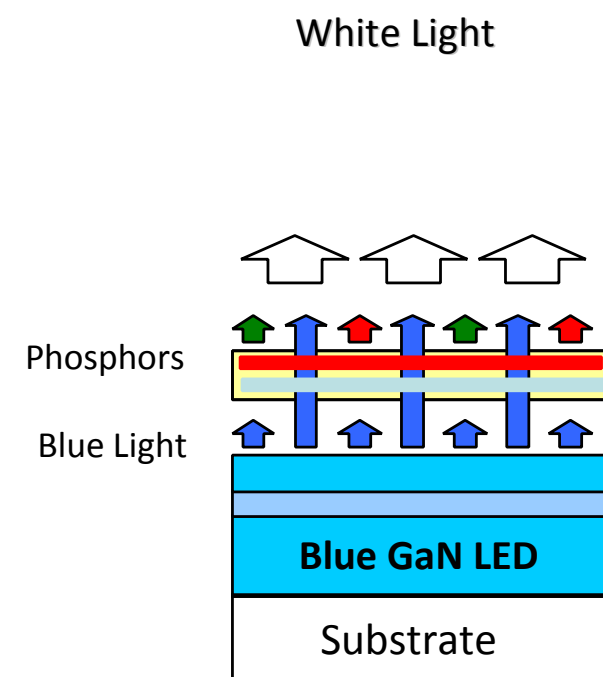
Multiple LEDs, RGB

- good efficiency
- highest cost
- tunable color



UV + Phosphors

- best CRI,
- color uniformity
- low cost
- lower efficiency
 - Phosphor conversion



Blue + Phosphors

- lowest cost
- 100 lm/W
- >90% market share

Luminous Efficiency of a Source: lm/W – our metrics: lumen: effective lightoutput /W electrical power input

Goal 200 lm/W

Today's LEDs
> 50%

Good color mix
Up to 400 lm/W

Luminous Efficiency
of a Source (lm/W)

=

Wall Plug Efficiency

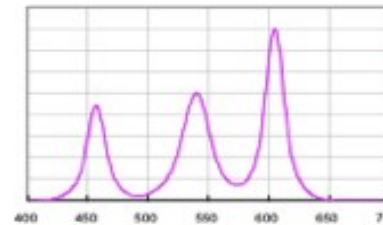
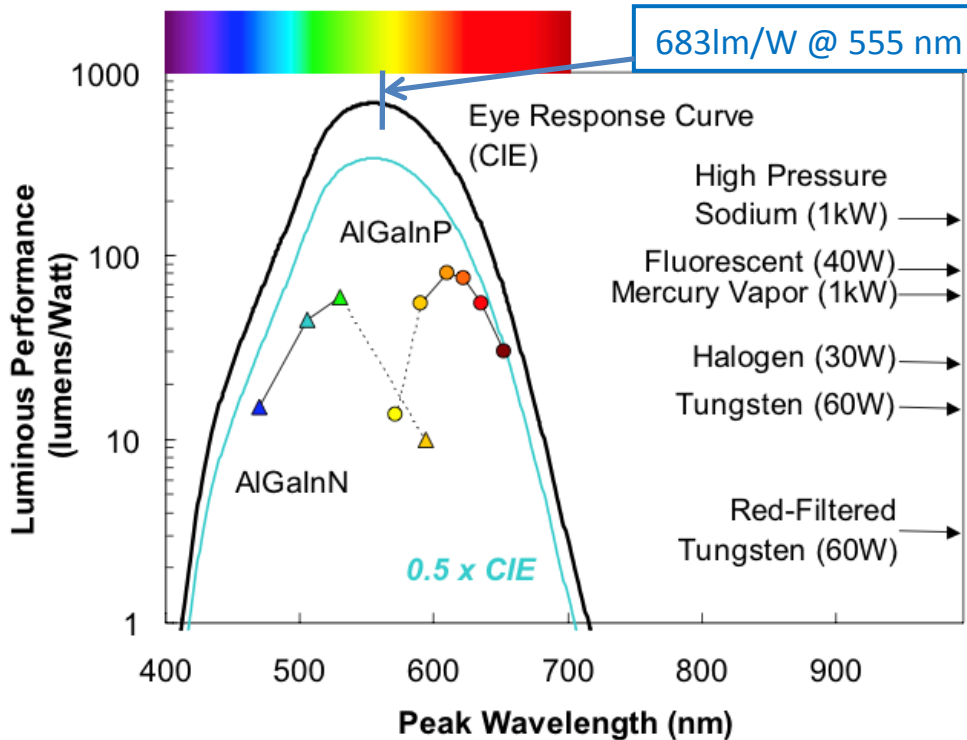
x

Luminous Efficacy
of Radiation (LER) (lm/W)

$\frac{\text{Luminous flux out (lm)}}{\text{Electric power in (W)}}$

$\frac{\text{Optical power out (W)}}{\text{Electric power in (W)}}$

$\frac{\text{Luminous flux (lm)}}{\text{Optical power (W)}}$



Theoretical maximum lm/W of a given source.

Determined only by the spectrum of the source.

85 % + LED internal quantum eff.
85 % + extraction efficiency
Best phosphors 90%+ IQE

Ideal LED SSL Efficiencies

Tradeoff between CCT, CRT and efficacy (lm/W)
 Ideal: high CRI (100); low CCT (2700K); high lm/W!

RGB LEDs White Light

metric	2013 status	2020 target	goal
Luminous efficacy of radiation (lm/W)	400	400	400
Blue LED wall plug efficiency	55%	80%	80%
green LED wall plug efficiency	22%	35%	60%
red LED wall plug efficiency	44%	55%	60%
Weighted power conversion (LES/LER)	33%	39%	63%
Color mixed (CM) LED efficacy (lm/W)	133	191	250

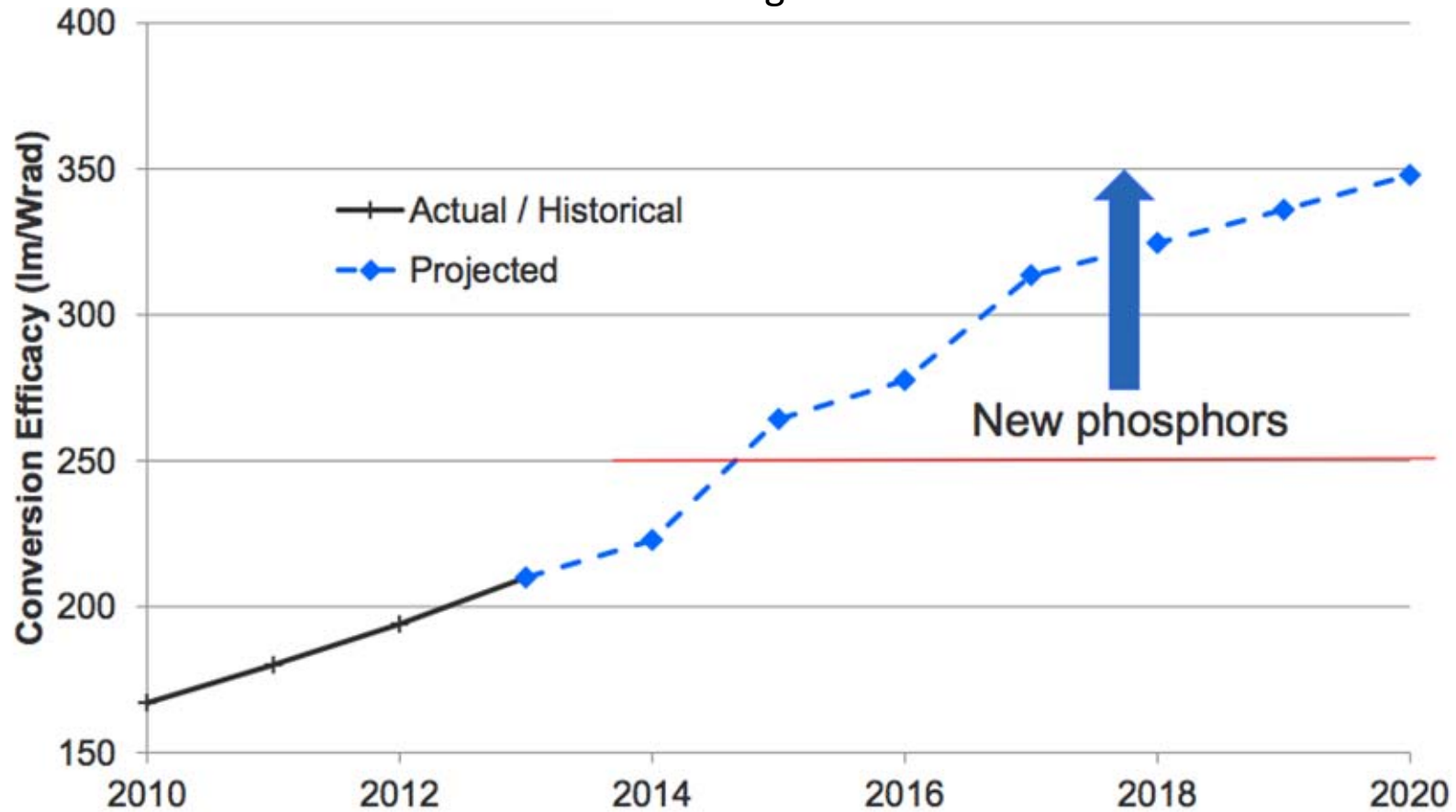
Blue + phosphor

metric	2013 status	2020 target	goal
Luminous efficacy of radiation (lm/W)	310	375	395
Blue LED WPE	55%	80%	80%
Green phosphor quantum efficiency	95%	95%	99%
Green phosphor Stokes efficiency	84%	84%	84%
Green phosphor conversion efficiency	80%	83%	83%
Red phosphor quantum efficiency	67%	71%	71%
Red phosphor Stokes efficiency	74%	74%	74%
Red Phosphor Conversion Efficiency	39%	62%	62%
Phosphor Converted (pc-) LED efficiency (lm/W)	123	232	247

Conversion Efficacy Roadmap

3500K and 4000K 80 CRI

Yi-Qun Li, Intermatix DOE manufacturing workshop
San Diego 2014



- Lighting system efficacy is conversion efficacy \times LED WPE
- LED WPE expected to trend up to 76%-81% \rightarrow 264-282lm/W system efficacy

SSL Efficiencies – the challenges

LED Efficiencies

$$\eta_{\text{tot}} = \eta_{\text{elec}} \times \eta_{\text{IQE}} \times \eta_{\text{extrac}}$$

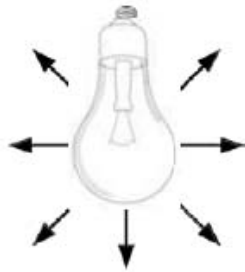
η_{elec} : Electrical efficiency ... ohmic losses
Better contacts, doping, ...

η_{IQE} : Internal quantum efficiency: electron-hole pairs to photons
Major issues:
Droop
Green gap

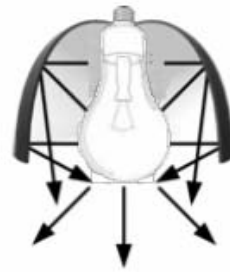
η_{extrac} : Extraction efficiency: escape efficiency for photons
Major issues:
Increase η_{extrac}
Directionality
Approaches here extend to system level issues

Overall System Efficiency

Incand



"17 lm/W"

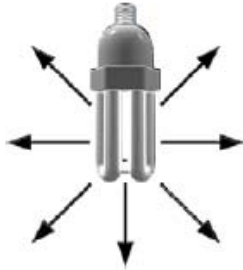


Fixture Efficiency 58%



Delivered Efficacy
10 lm/W

CFL



"60 lm/W"



Fixture Efficiency 58%



Delivered Efficacy
35 lm/W

LED



"100 lm/W"



Fixture Efficiency 90%
Driver Efficiency 85%
Thermal Equilibrium 90%



Delivered Efficacy
69 lm/W

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101
2. Light sources – it is not just photons and watts
3. Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
 - First red LEDs
 - Difficulties to go to short wavelengths with the usual III V's
 - ZnSe and nitrides
 - The sad history of ZnSe
 - The difficult road to nitride success
 - Then came nitrides
 - Good surprises, ... and bad...
1. The state of the art - the remaining challenges
2. The impact 1 energy savings
3. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
4. The impact 3 improving quality of light

Choosing the right semiconductors

Periodic Table of Elements

1	IA																					0
1	H	IIA																			He	
2	Li	Be															B	C	N	O	F	Ne
3	Na	Mg	III B	IV B	V B	VI B				VII				IB	IB	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	
4	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr				
5	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe				
6	Cs	Ba	* La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn				
7	Fr	Ra	+ Ac	Rf	Ha	106	107	108	109	110												

* Lanthanide Series

58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu

+ Actinide Series

90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr

Legend - click to find out more...

H - gas

Li - solid

Br - liquid

Tc - synthetic



Non-Metals



Transition Metals



Rare Earth Metals



Halogens



Alkali Metals



Alkali Earth Metals



Other Metals



Inert Elements

The Conventional View of the World

Mainly identified in the '50ies-'60ies

Lattice matching is a major issue

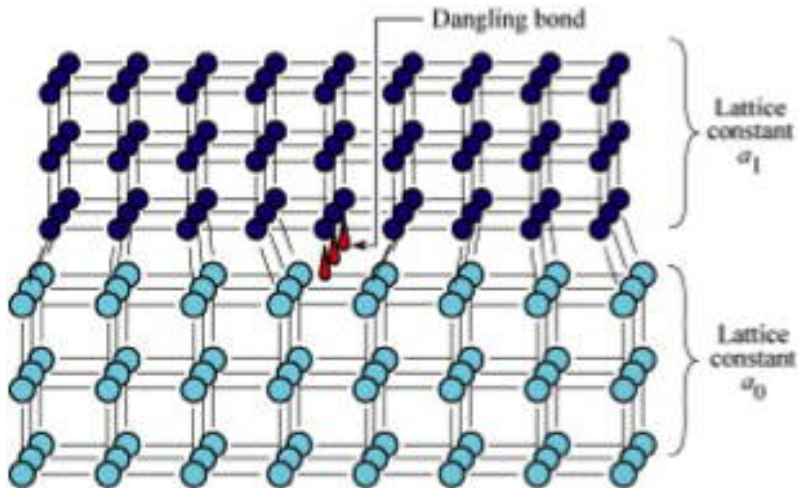
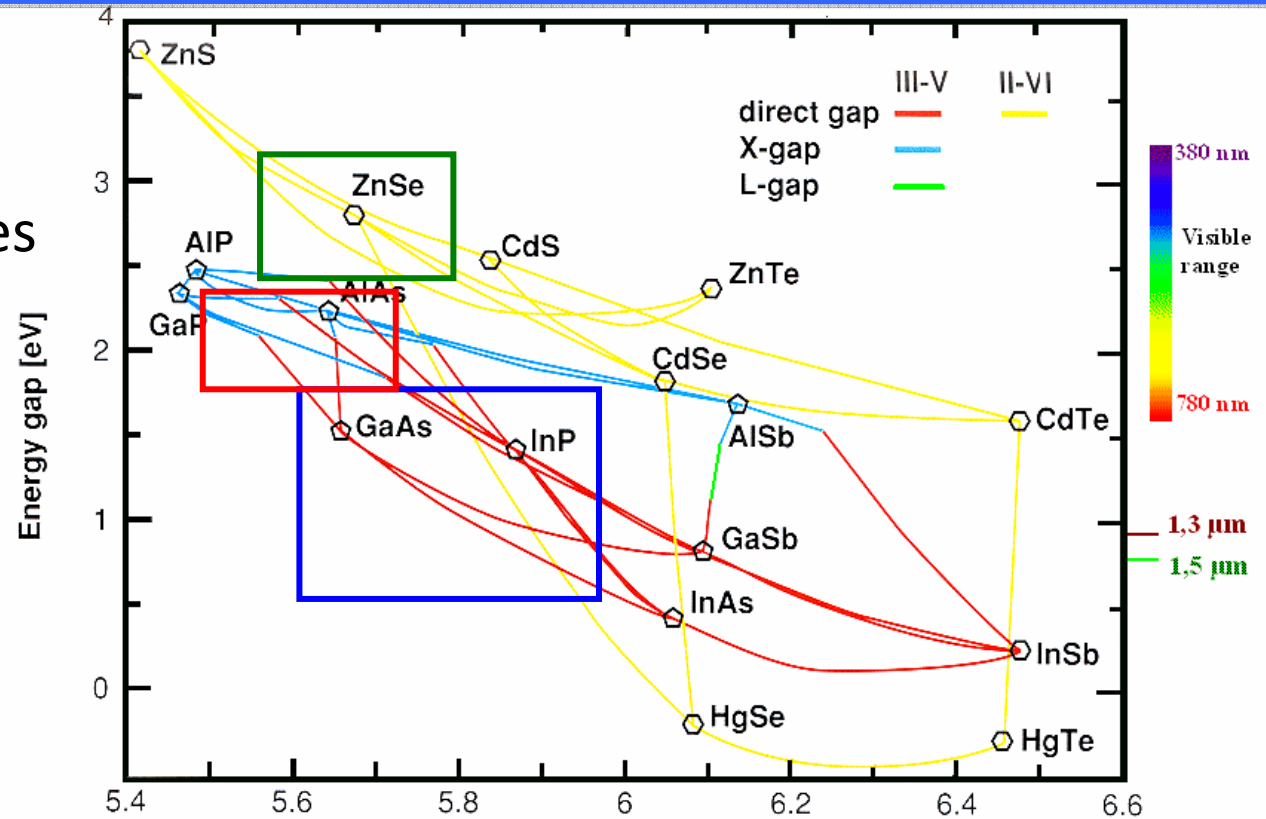


Fig. 7.12. Illustration of two crystals with mismatched lattice constant resulting in dislocations at or near the interface between the two semiconductors.

E. F. Schubert
Light-Emitting Diodes (Cambridge Univ. Press)
www.LightEmittingDiodes.org

Infrared
GaAlAs/GaAs
GaInAsP/InP

visible
GaAlInP/GaAs
ZnSSe/GaAs

AlGaInP LEDs operate near the limits

George Craford, Overview of device issues in high brightness LEDs
Semiconductors and semimetals vol; 48, 1997, p. 47

Evolution of LED Performance

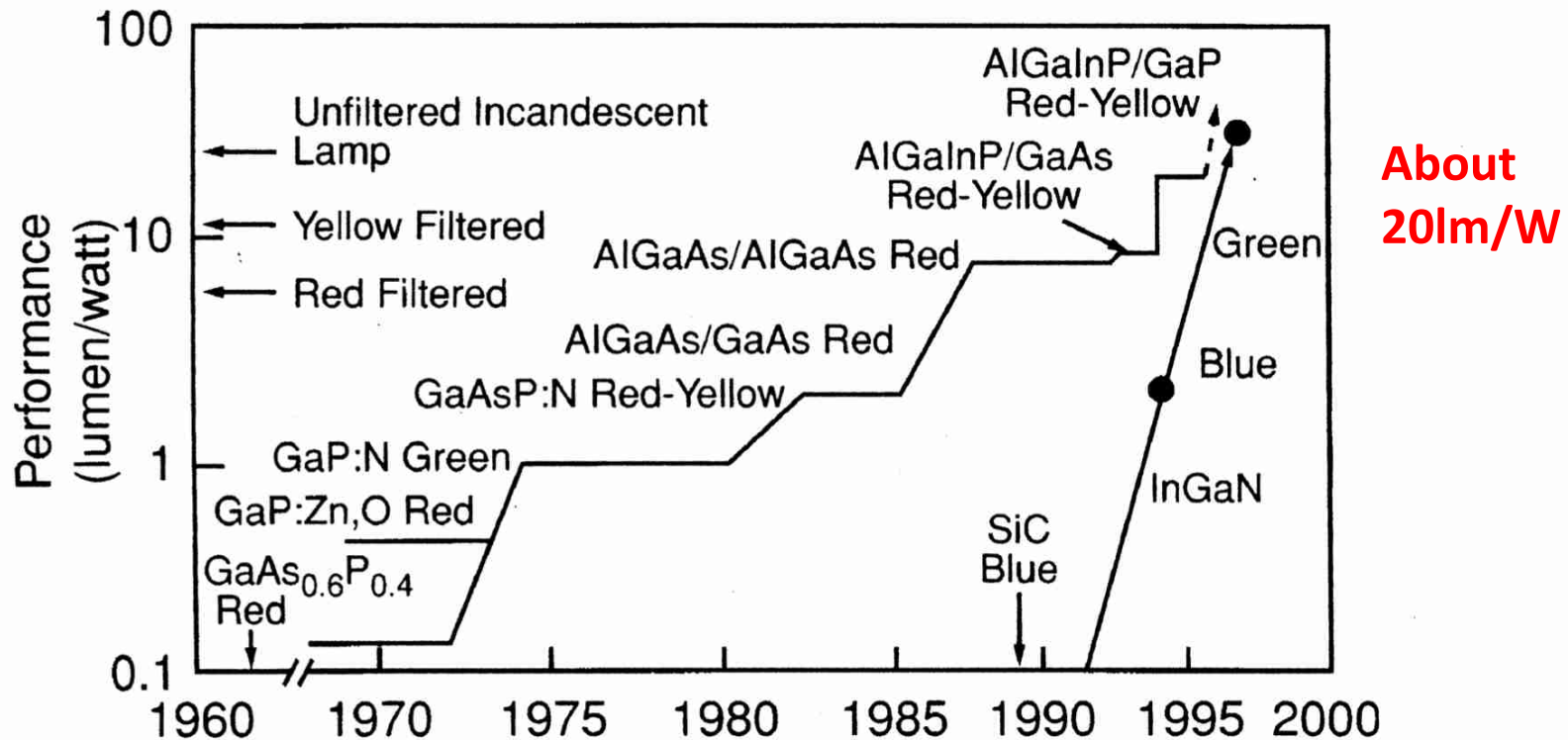
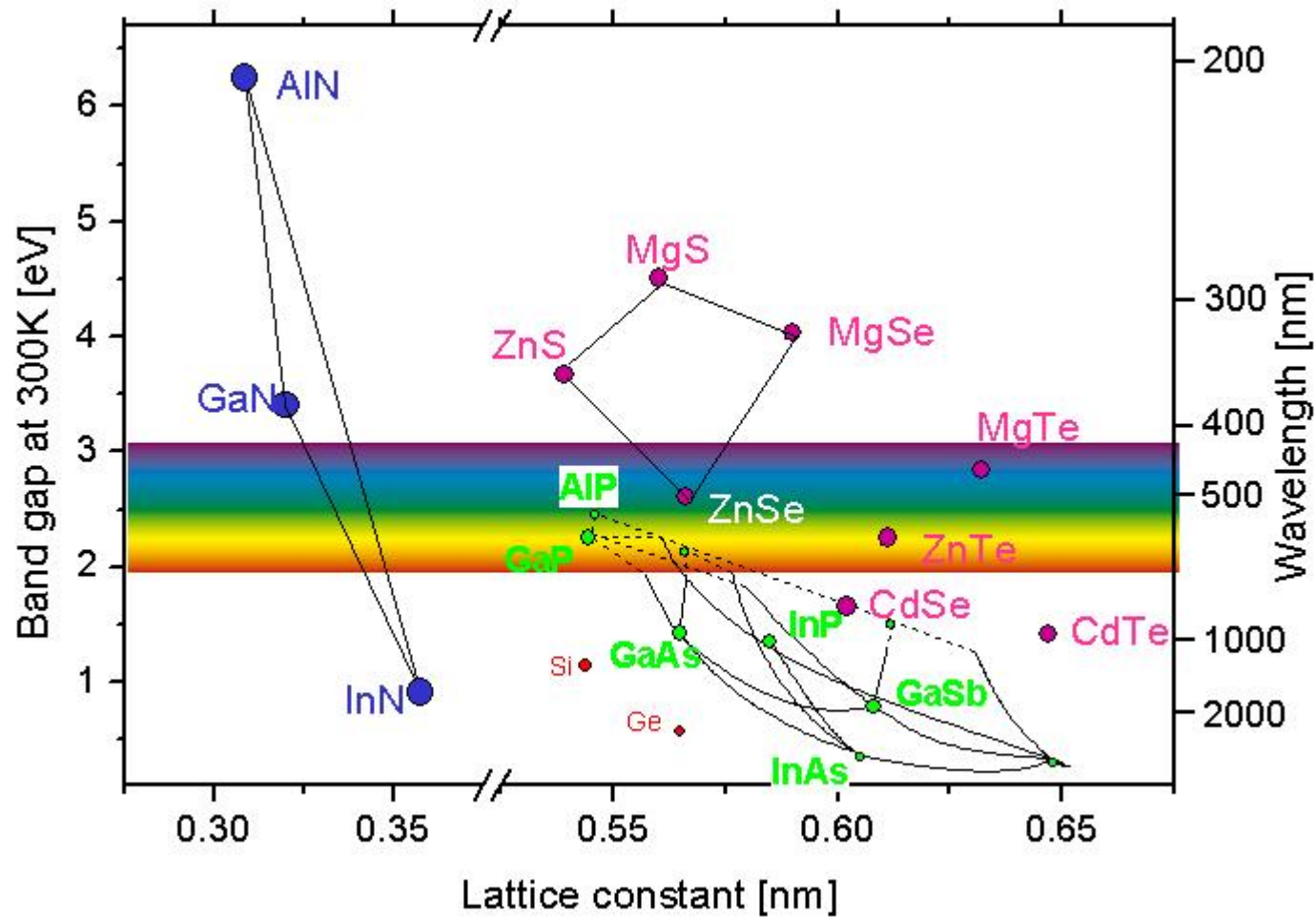


FIG. 1. Evolution of visible light-emitting diode (LED) performance with time. There has been about a tenfold improvement per decade in performance since high-volume commercial introduction.

Group III-Nitrides: Energy Gap Map (New View of the World)



First II-VI based blue green laser diodes

Blue-green laser diodes

APL, Vol. 59, 1272, 1991

M. A. Haase, J. Qiu, J. M. DePuydt, and H. Cheng
3M Company, 201-1N-35 3M Center, St. Paul, Minnesota 55144

(Received 17 May 1991; accepted for publication 13 June 1991)

The first laser diodes fabricated from wide-band-gap II-VI semiconductors are demonstrated. These devices emit coherent light at a wavelength of 490 nm from a ZnSe-based single-quantum-well structure under pulsed current injection at 77 K. This is the shortest wavelength ever generated by a semiconductor laser diode.

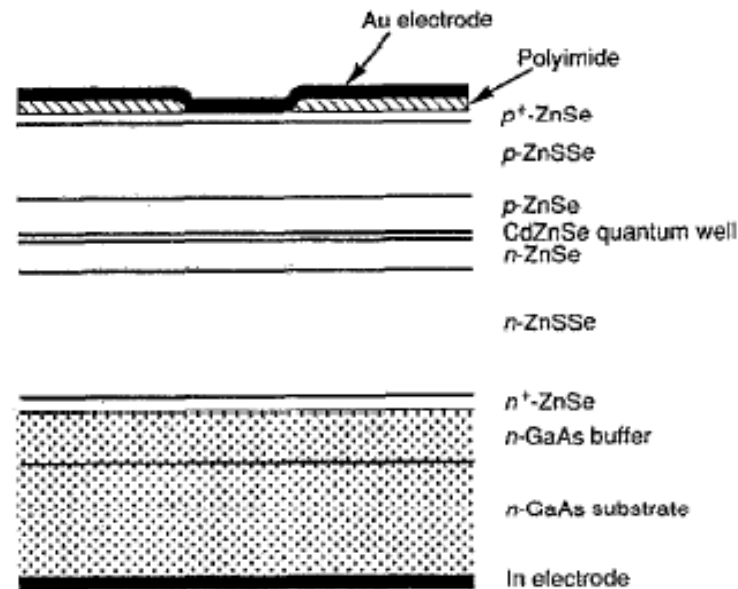


FIG. 1. A cross section of a blue-green laser diode.

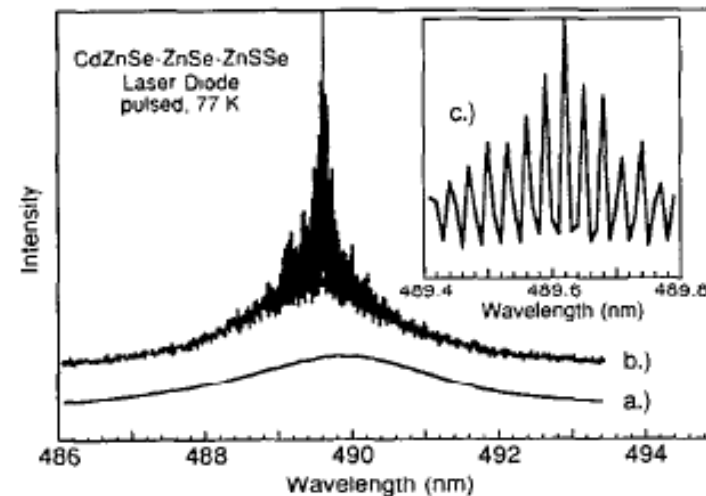
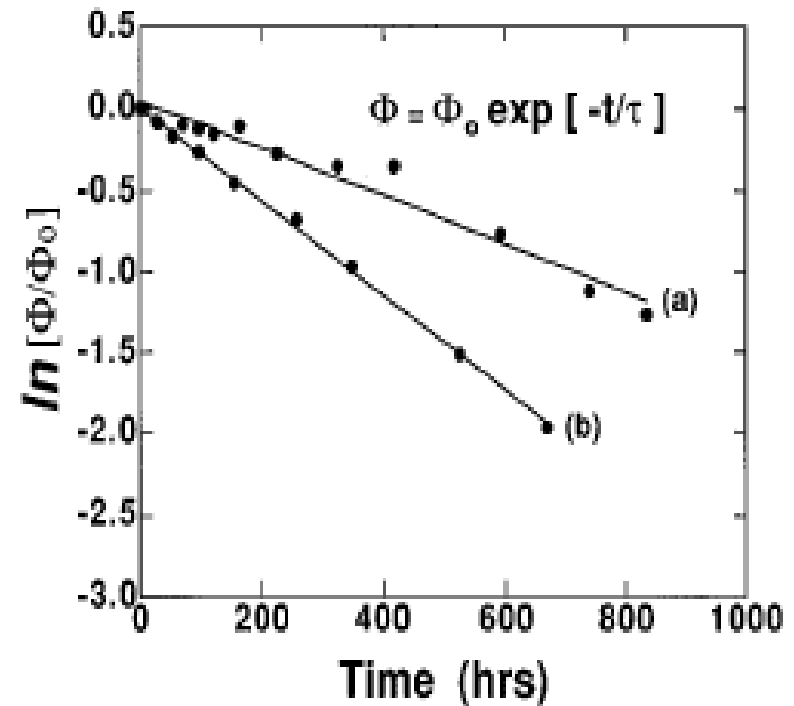
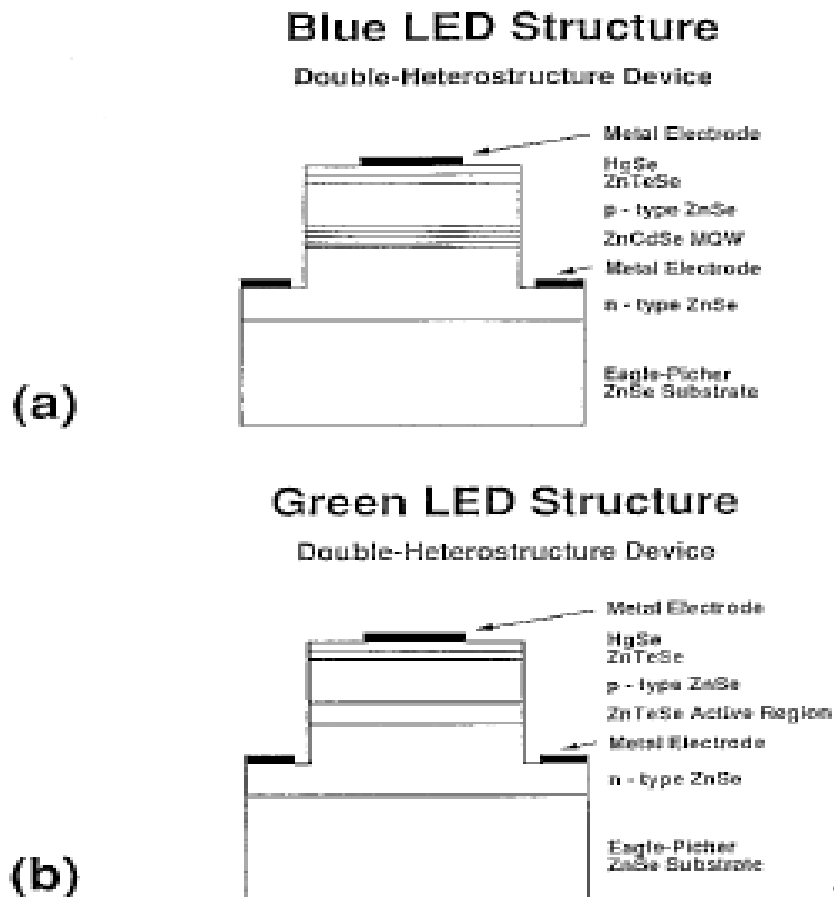


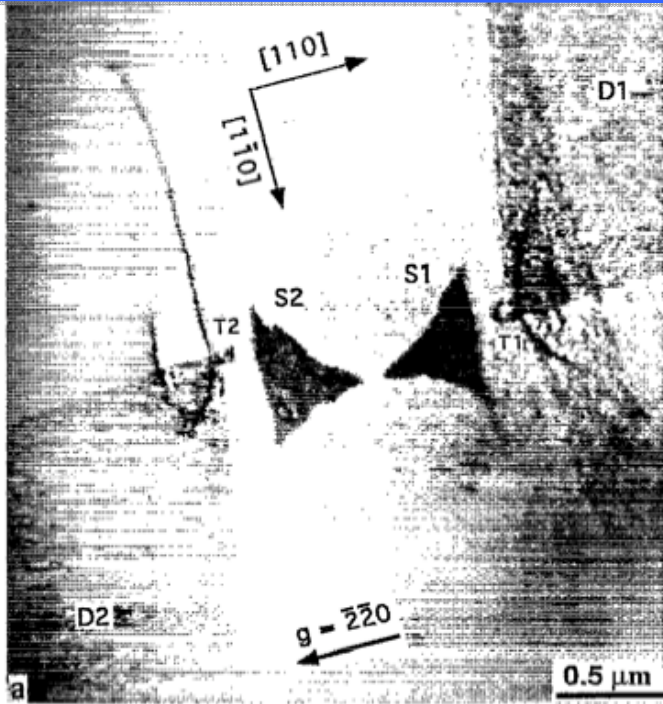
FIG. 3. The optical spectra for a blue-green laser diode: (a) below threshold; (b) above threshold; and (c) an expanded view of the lasing spectrum, taken with 0.01-nm steps. The device is 1020 μm long. Intensity scales for these three graphs are in arbitrary units, and are not the same.

II-VI-based LEDs in 1995: fast degradation

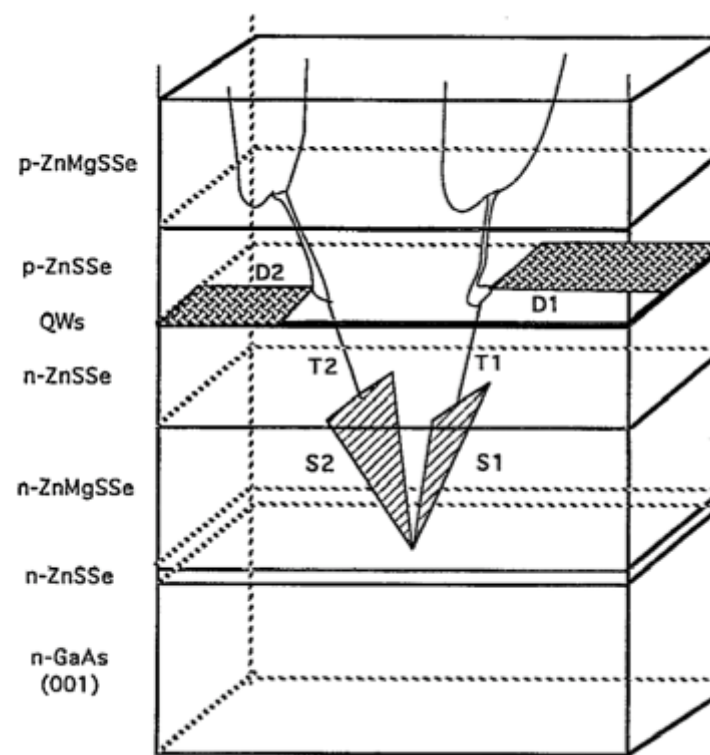


“High-brightness blue and green light-emitting diodes”
D.B. Eason et. al., Appl. Phys. Lett. Vol 66, 115 (1995)

II-VI-based LEDs in 1995: fast degradation dislocation climb



Hua et al. Appl. Phys. Lett., Vol. 65, 1331, 1994
 Microstructure study of a degraded pseudomorphic separate confinement heterostructure blue-green laser diode
 ZnCdSe/ZnSSe/ZnMgSSe
 separate confinement heterostructure (SCH) laser



S1, S2 Stacking faults: cubic becomes hexagonal
 D1, D2: dislocation patches in QWs

Pre - History of LEDs

- Henry Joseph Round (1881 – 1966)
- 1907: First observation of electroluminescence
- 1907: First LED
- LED was made of SiC, carborundum, an abrasive material

A Note on Carborundum.

To the Editors of Electrical World:

Sms:—During an investigation of the unsymmetrical passage of current through a contact of carborundum and other substances a curious phenomenon was noted. On applying a potential of 10 volts between two points on a crystal of carborundum, the crystal gave out a yellowish light. Only one or two specimens could be found which gave a bright glow on such a low voltage, but with 110 volts a large number could be found to glow. In some crystals only edges gave the light and others gave instead of a yellow light green, orange or blue. In all cases tested the glow appears to come from the negative pole, a bright blue-green spark appearing at the positive pole. In a single crystal, if contact is made near the center with the negative pole, and the positive pole is put in contact at any other place, only one section of the crystal will glow and that the same section wherever the positive pole is placed.

There seems to be some connection between the above effect and the e.m.f. produced by a junction of carborundum and another conductor when heated by a direct or alternating current; but the connection may be only secondary as an obvious explanation of the e.m.f. effect is the thermoelectric one. The writer would be glad of references to any published account of an investigation of this or any allied phenomena.

New York, N. Y.

H. J. ROUND.



Henry Joseph Round

Prehistory

Light-Emitting Diode – 1924 – SiC – Lossev

- Oleg V. Lossev noted light emission for forward and reverse voltage
- Measurement period 1924 – 1928

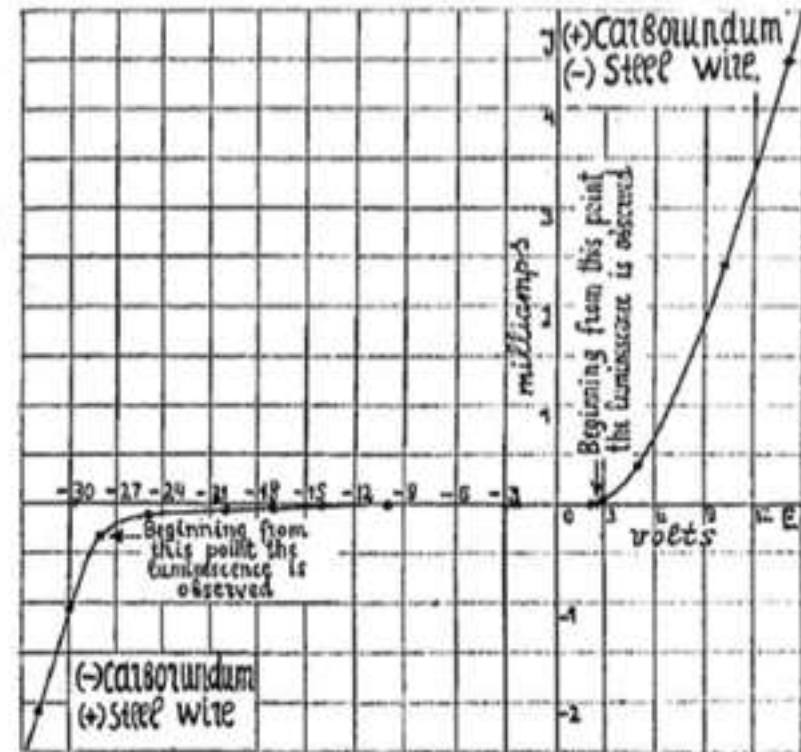


First photograph
of light emitted by
SiC LED

(after O. V. Lossev,
1924)

SiC crystal

First photograph of LED



Lossev's I-V characteristic

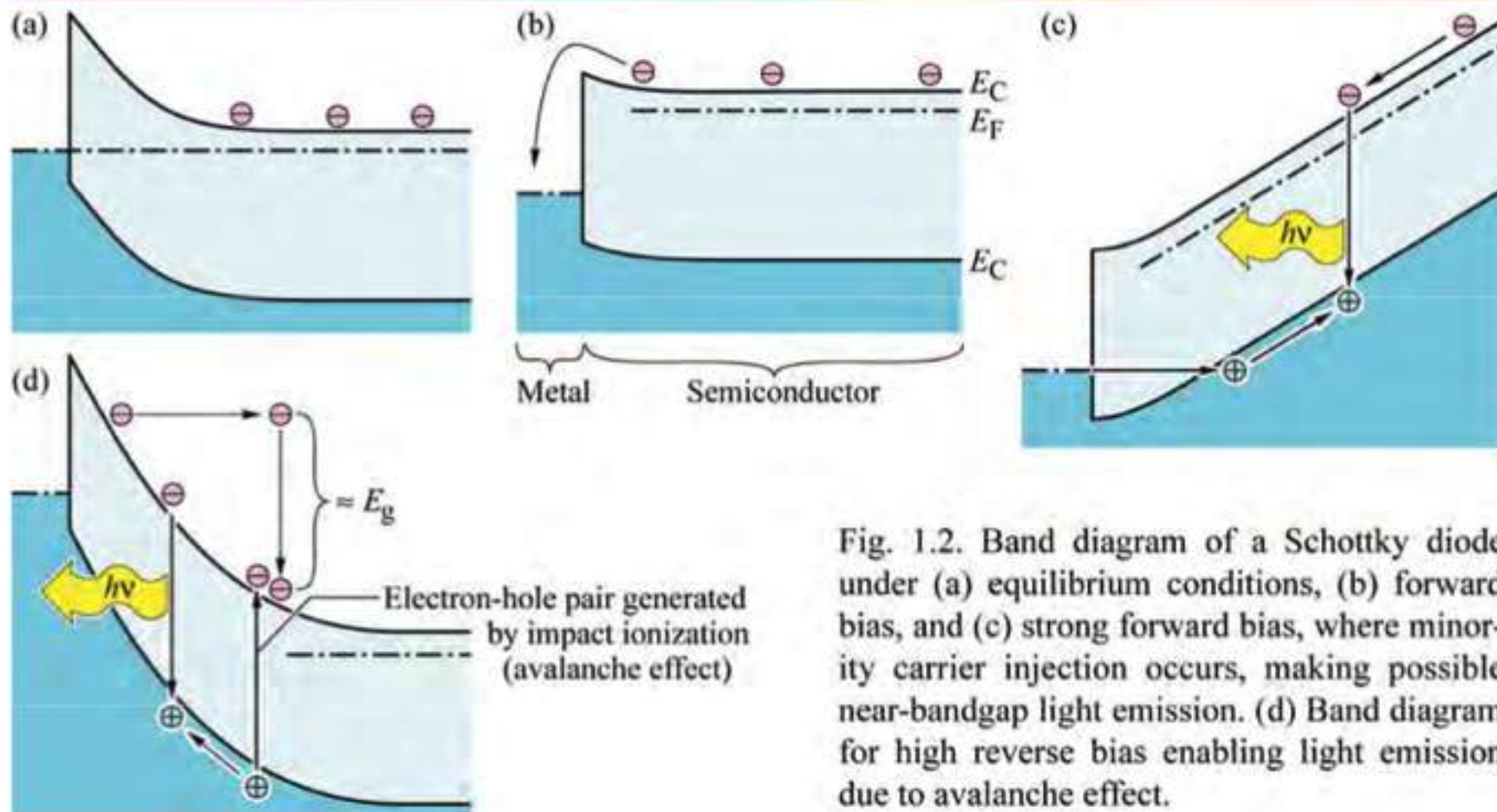
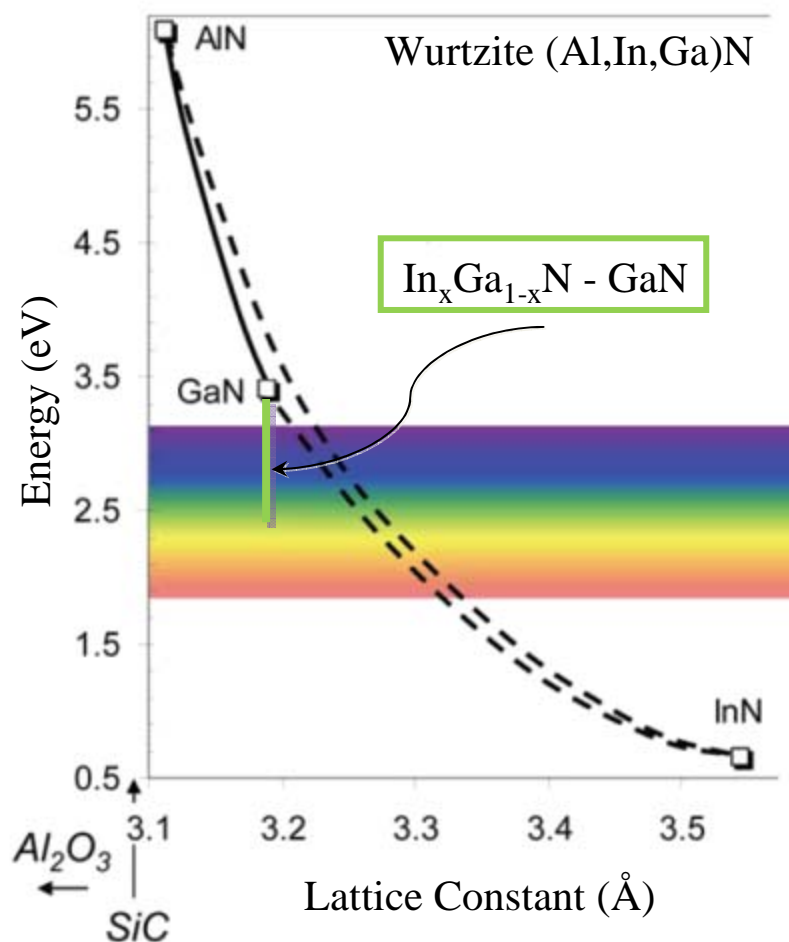


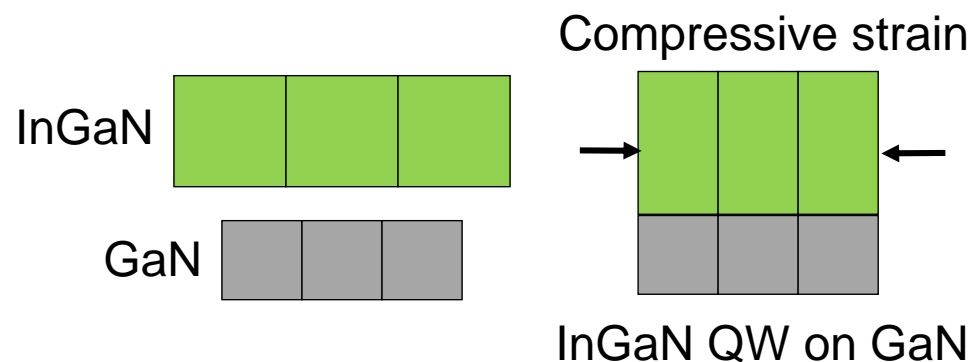
Fig. 1.2. Band diagram of a Schottky diode under (a) equilibrium conditions, (b) forward bias, and (c) strong forward bias, where minority carrier injection occurs, making possible near-bandgap light emission. (d) Band diagram for high reverse bias enabling light emission due to avalanche effect.

- First LED did not have pn junction!
- Light was generated by either minority carrier injection (forward) or avalanching (reverse bias)
- "Beginner's luck"

GaN-based visible light emitters



- InGaN quantum wells
- Wavelengths from UV to IR
- Compressively strained
 - Increases with indium composition
 - Piezoelectric field effects
 - Eventual relaxation



M. R. Krames *et al.*, J. Disp. Technol. **3**, 160 (2007).

A (short) history of Nitride optoelectronics development

- 1968 HVPE growth Maruska and Tietjen
- 1971 LED Zn doping Pankove et al., optically pumped laser Dingle et al.
- 1973 Mg doping Maruska et al.

problems with HVPE: gas purity, uncontrolled incorporation of impurities, oxygen (giving n type, not vacancies as previously thought) & hydrogen (H_2O , NH_3) compensating p doping

1983 MBE GaN on high T crystalline AlN nucleation layer Yoshida

1984 switch to MOCVD (purer materials, cold walls , less O_2)

1984 Blue LEDs Kawabata

Main Breakthroughs

- 1986 low T AlN nucleation layer before high T GaN growth Akasaki
- 1989 activation of Mg doped GaN by e beam irradiation (annealing) Akasaki
- 1989 first p-n junction LED Akasaki
- 1991 activation of Mg doped GaN by thermal annealing of Mg Nakamura
- 1992 Identification of H as the n compensation for Mg Nakamura
- 1991,1992 Two flow MOCVD reactor, delivers high quality n type Nakamura
- 1992 controlled In incorporation allows band to band blue and green Nakamura
- 1994 Candela class LED Nakamura
- 1995 High power SQW blue, green, yellow LEDs Nakamura
- 1996 blue laser Nakamura

First GaN Growth by HVPE

Volume 15, Number 10

APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS

15 November 1969

THE PREPARATION AND PROPERTIES OF VAPOR-DEPOSITED SINGLE-CRYSTAL-LINE GaN

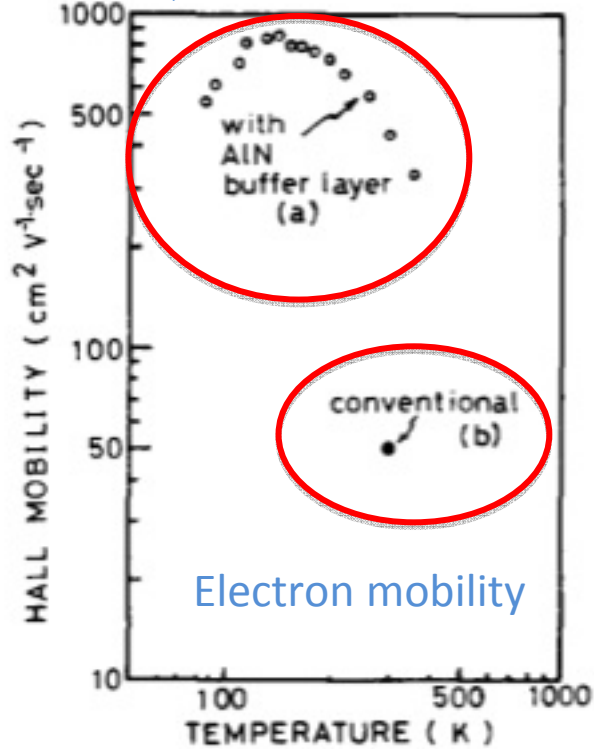
H. P. Maruska and J. J. Tietjen
RCA Laboratories
Princeton, New Jersey 08540
(Received 18 August 1969)

Single-crystalline, colorless, GaN has been prepared by a vapor-phase growth technique previously used to prepare GaAs, GaP, and GaSb. These crystals are the first reported specimens of GaN suitable for good electrical and optical evaluation of this compound. It has been determined that GaN has a *direct* energy bandgap of 3.39 eV, and that undoped crystals prepared by this method have a very high inherent electron concentration, typically above $10^{19}/\text{cm}^3$, which is probably related to a high density of nitrogen vacancies. Conducting *p*-type specimens have been prepared using Ge as the dopant; but this result has been difficult to reproduce, and the samples have been electrically inhomogeneous.

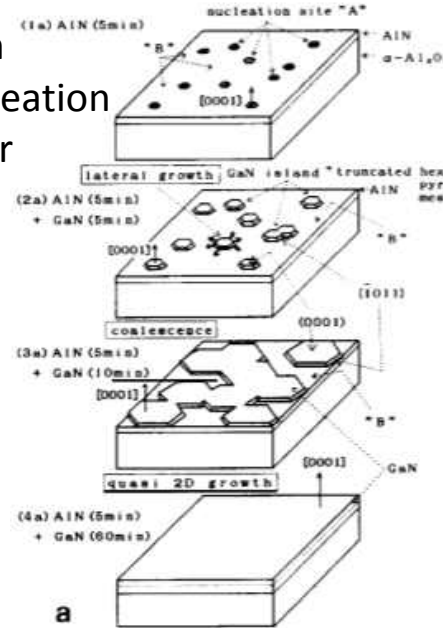
Major breakthroughs: Akasaki & Amano

Akasaki nucleation layer
1986, 1989

Akasaki nucleation layer
1986, 1989



with nucleation layer



without nucleation layer

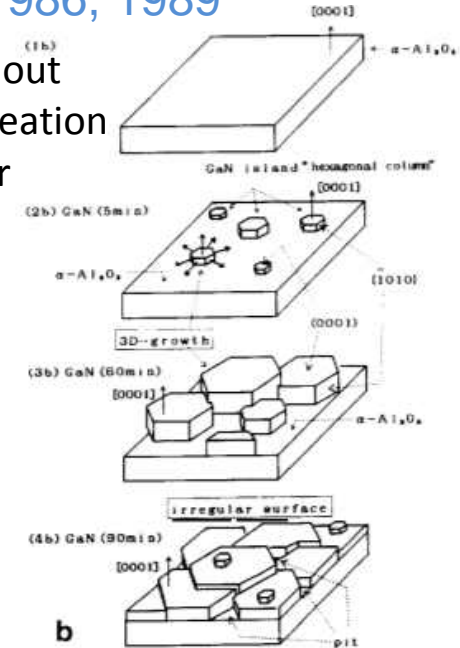
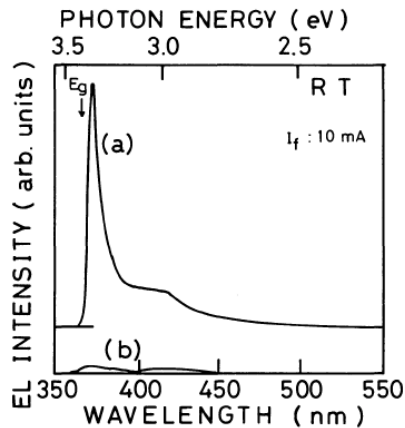


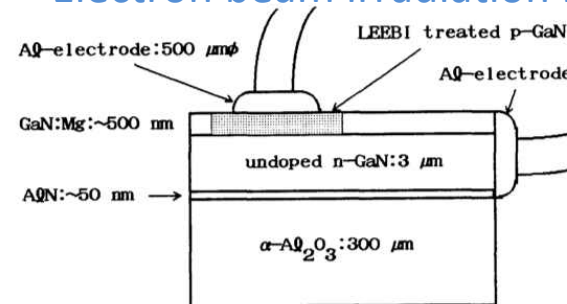
Fig. 14. Growth model for GaN film on (0001) sapphire substrate (a) with and (b) without AlN layer.

LEEBI treated	$\rho \sim 35 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$,	$p \sim 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$,	$\mu \sim 8 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$
As grown	highly resistive, $\rho > 10^8 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$		

Akasaki p-n junction LED
1989

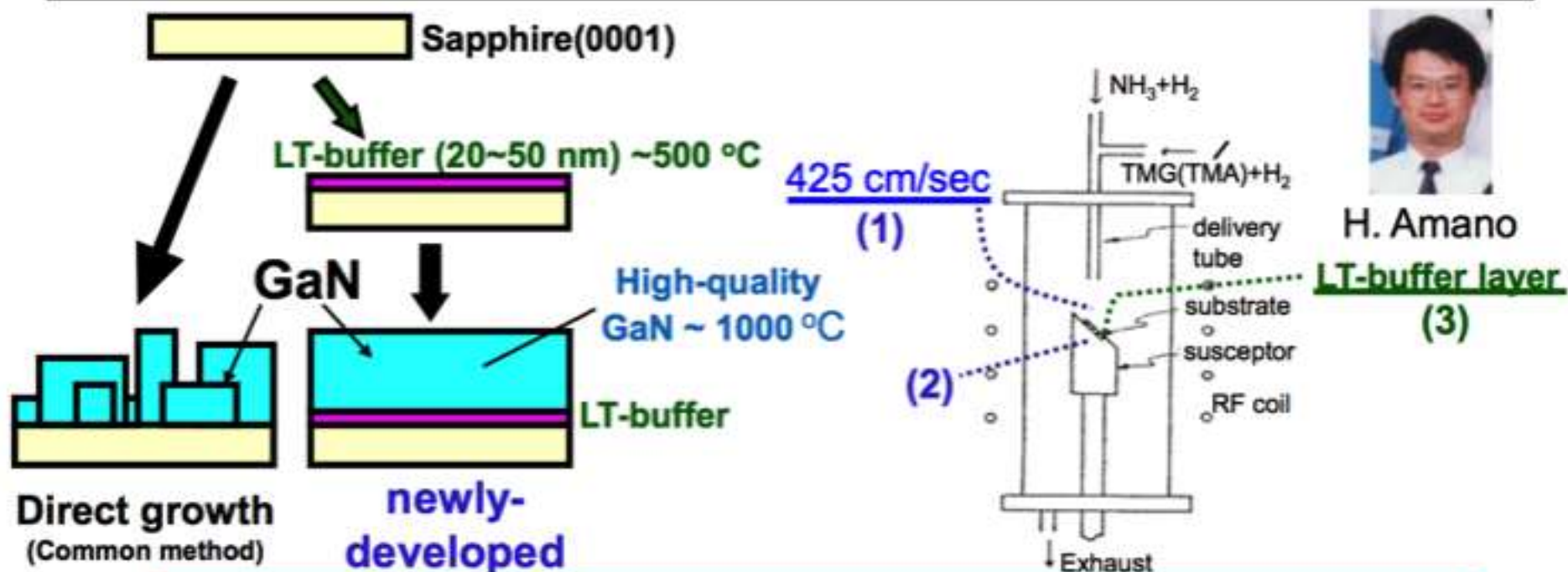


Akasaki Mg p activation by LEEBI
Electron beam irradiation 1989



(3) Innovation in MOVPE growth method (1985)

Low-temperature (LT-) buffer layer



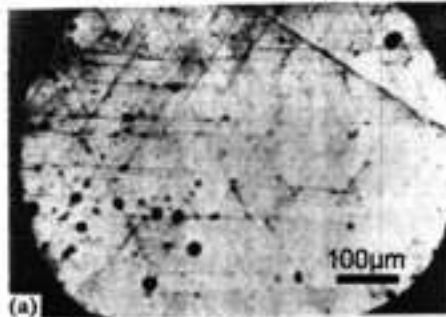
Key technologies:

- (1) Much higher-speed gas flow (425 cm/sec)
- (2) Substrate inclined at a 45-degree angle
- (3) Deposition of thin AlN buffer layer at about 500 °C,
before the growth of GaN single crystal at about 1000 °C

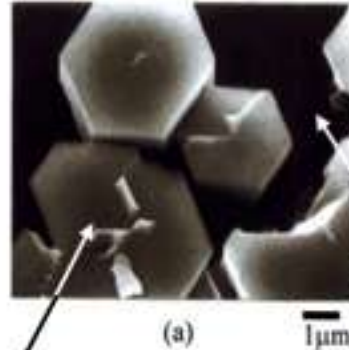
Creation of high-quality GaN (1985)

Until 1985

GaN grown by HVPE



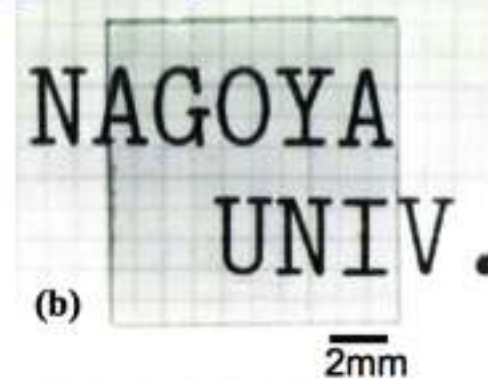
GaN grown by MOVPE



GaN island crystal

Since the late 1985

GaN grown by MOVPE using LT-buffer



Many cracks, pits

Rough surface

Dislocations: $> 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Free electron conc. $> 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Electron mobility: $\sim 20 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$

Weak luminescence

Crack-free, pit-free

Specular surface

Dislocations: $10^8\text{-}10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Free electron conc. $< 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

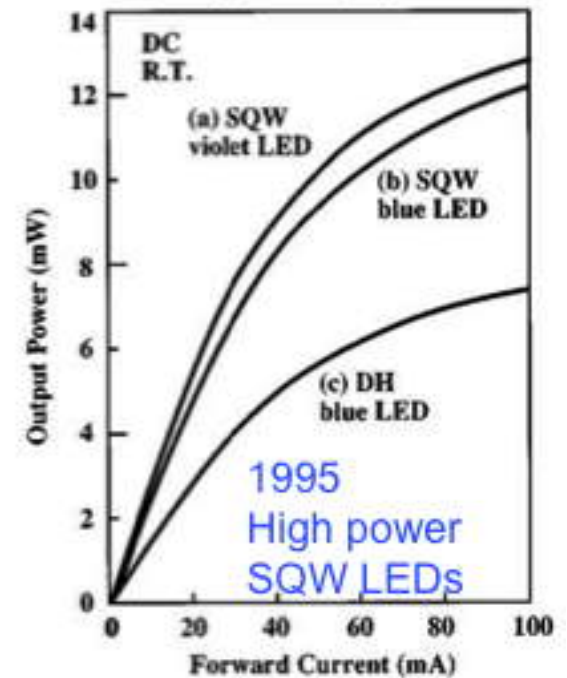
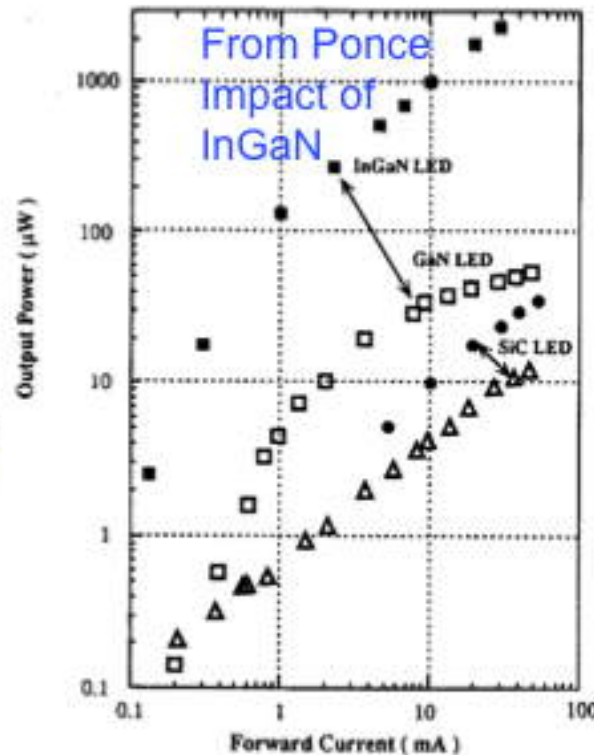
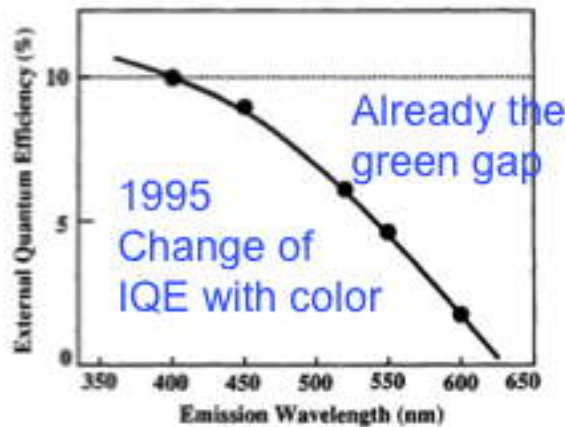
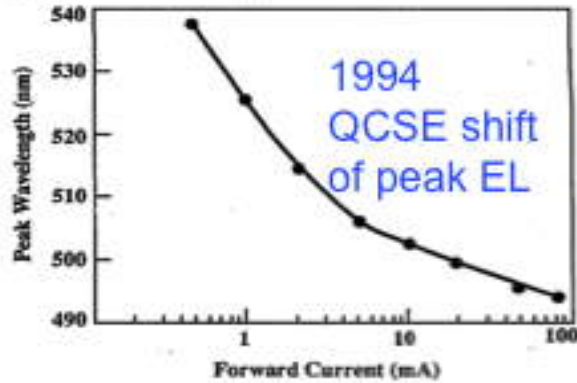
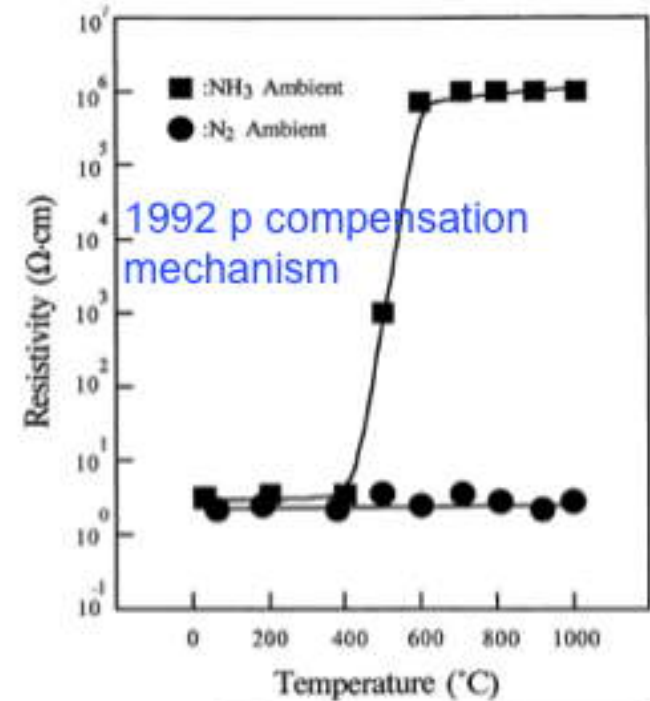
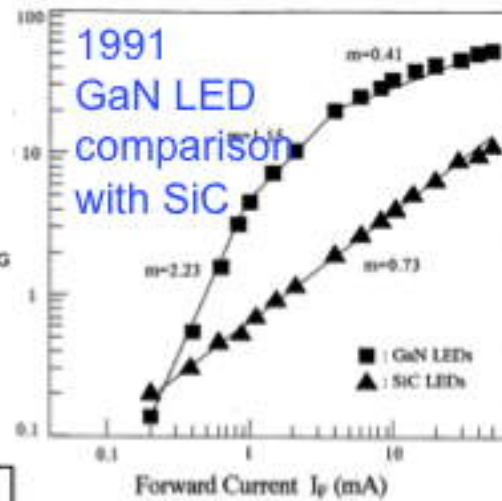
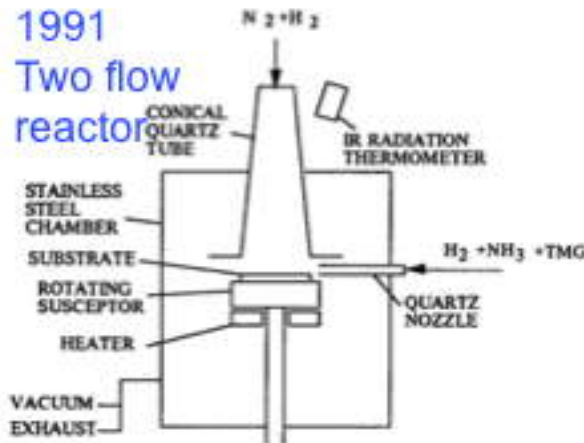
Electron mobility: $\sim 700 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$

Intense luminescence

Crystal quality, electrical property, and luminescence property were dramatically improved at the same time

Major breakthroughs: Nakamura

1991
Two flow reactor



Invention of Two-Flow MOCVD

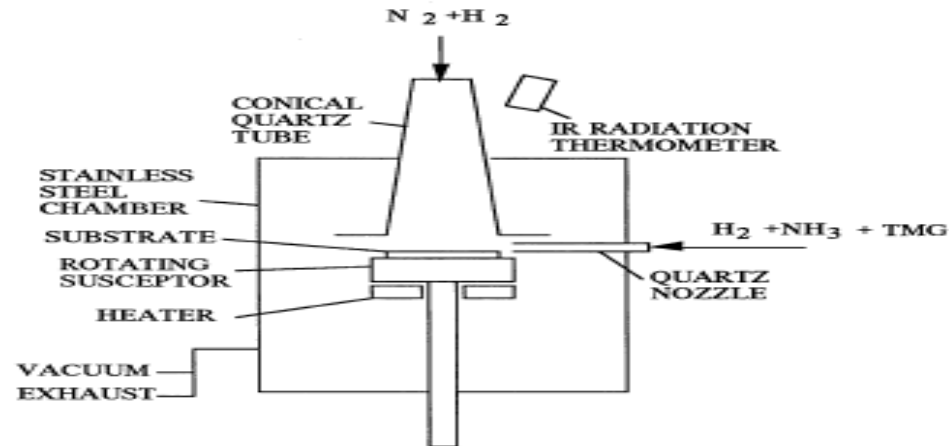


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of novel MOCVD reactor for GaN growth.

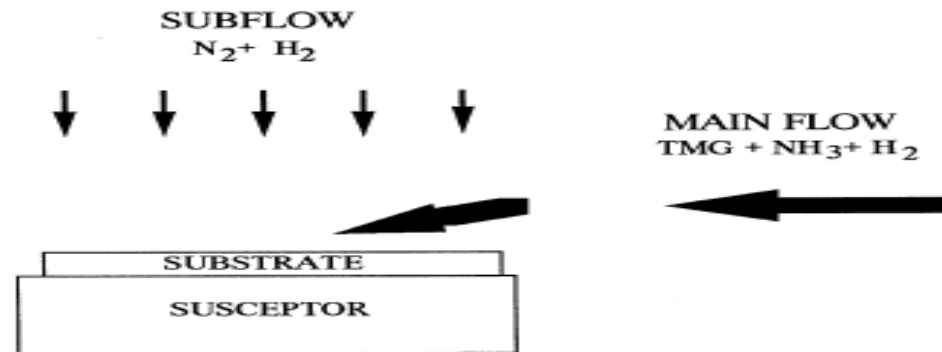


Fig. 2. Schematic principle figure of two-flow MOCVD.

“Novel Metalorganic Chemical Vapor Deposition System for GaN Growth”
S. Nakamura *et al.*, Appl. Phys. Lett. Vol 58, 2021 (1991)

Hydrogen Passivation of P-Type GaN

Annealing in N₂ atmosphere

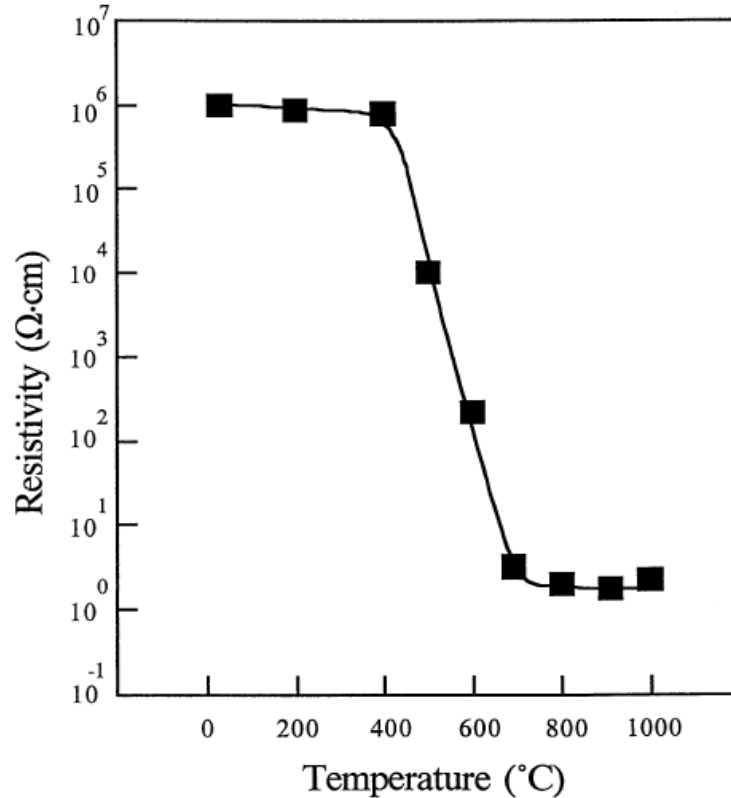


Fig. 1. Resistivity of Mg-doped GaN films as a function of annealing temperature.

S. Nakamura, T. Mukai, M. Senoh, and N. Iwasa, "Thermal annealing effects on p-type Mg-doped GaN films," Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., vol. 31, pp. L139–L142, 1992

Re annealing in NH₃ or N₂ atmosphere

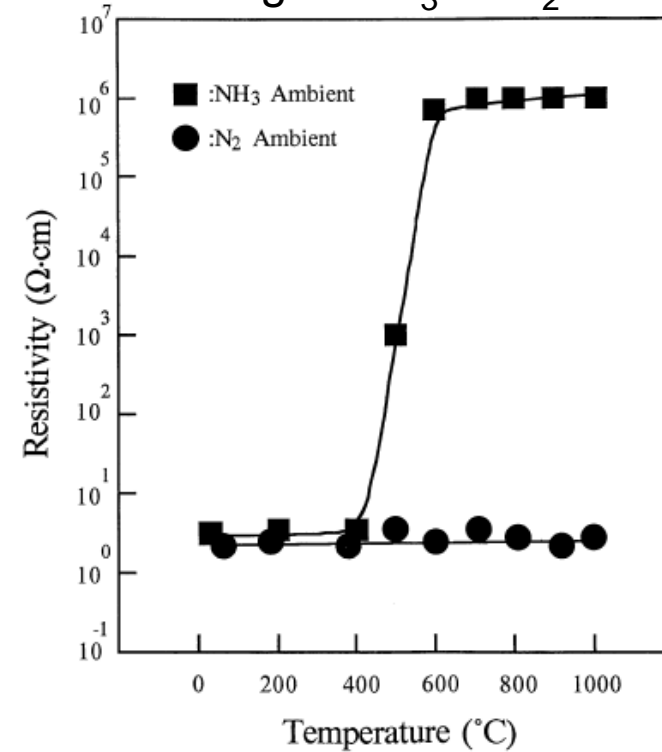


Fig. 1. The resistivity change in LEEBI-treated Mg-doped GaN films as a function of annealing temperature. The ambient gases, NH₃ and N₂, were used for thermal annealing.

S. Nakamura, N. Iwasa, M. Senoh, and T. Mukai, "Hole compensation mechanism of p-type GaN films," Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., vol. 31, pp. 1258–1266, 1992.

First InGaN QW Blue/Green/Yellow LEDs

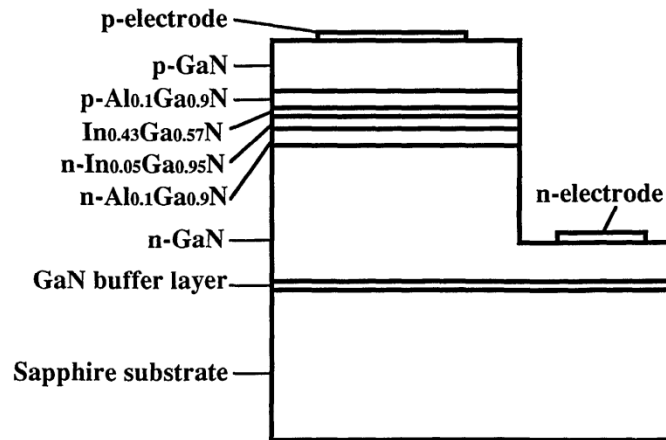


Fig. 1. The structure of green SQW LED.

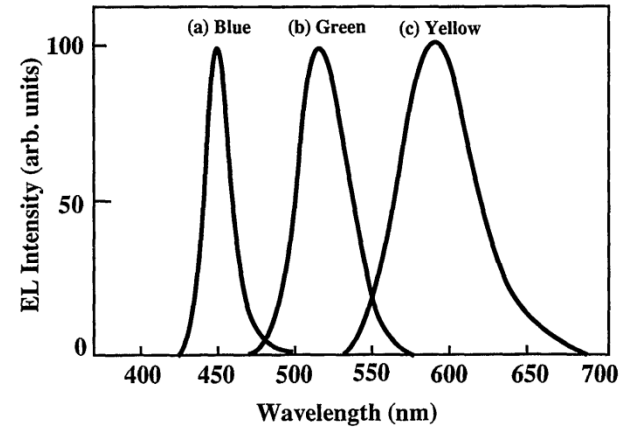


Fig. 2. Electroluminescence of (a) blue, (b) green and (c) yellow SQW LEDs at a forward current of 20 mA.

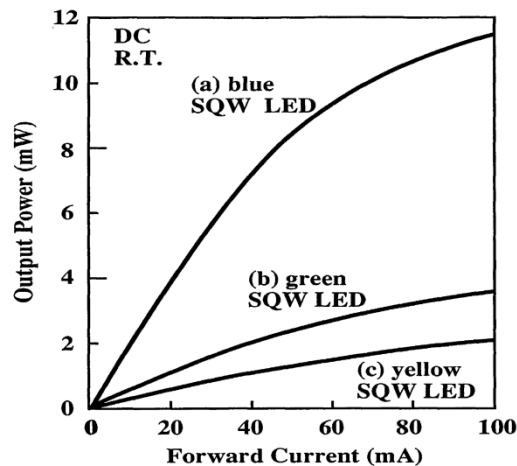
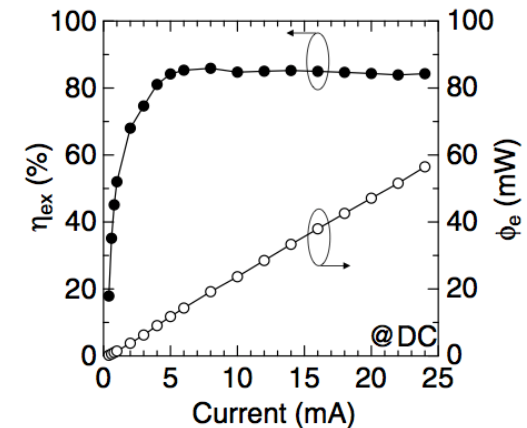


Fig. 4. The output power of (a) blue, (b) green and (c) yellow SQW LEDs as a function of the forward current.

Nakamura et al.,
 “High-Brightness InGaN Blue, Green and Yellow Light-Emitting Diodes with Quantum Well Structures” Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. 34, pp. L797 (1995).

Narukawa
 Blue LED
 Nichia 2010



LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101
2. Light sources – it is not just photons and watts
3. Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
4. The state of the art - the remaining challenges

The (bad) and good surprise 1: high efficiency, despite large *intrinsic* internal electric fields

The good surprise 2: high efficiency, despite high density of dislocations

The good surprise 3: high reliability > 50 000h

Remaining challenges

Green gap

Efficiency decrease at high intensity: the intensity "droop"

1. The impact 1 energy savings
2. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
3. The impact 3 improving quality of light

SSL Efficiencies – the challenges

LED Efficiencies

$$\eta_{\text{tot}} = \eta_{\text{elec}} \times \eta_{\text{IQE}} \times \eta_{\text{extrac}}$$

η_{elec} : Electrical efficiency ... ohmic losses
Better contacts, doping, ...

η_{IQE} : Internal quantum efficiency: electron-hole pairs
to photons

Major issues:

Droop

Green gap

η_{extrac} : Extraction efficiency: escape efficiency for
photons

Major issues:

Increase η_{extrac}

Directionality

Approaches here extend to system level issues

Nitrides: not an obvious first choice for successful research!

- Lack of GaN substrate: No homo epitaxy (at least the first 15 years)
- 16 % mismatch with sapphire

- large lattice mismatch/strain generating defects & huge dislocation density
- often a limitation to growth
- Requires efficient dislocation reduction schemes - Nucleation layer

- Large background n-doping
- No p-doping: at some point, it was thought that compensation by vacancies would forbid hole conduction

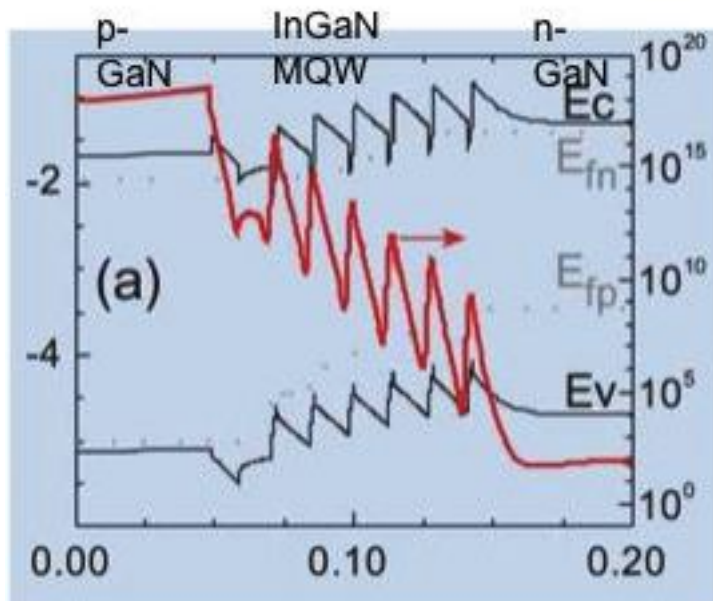
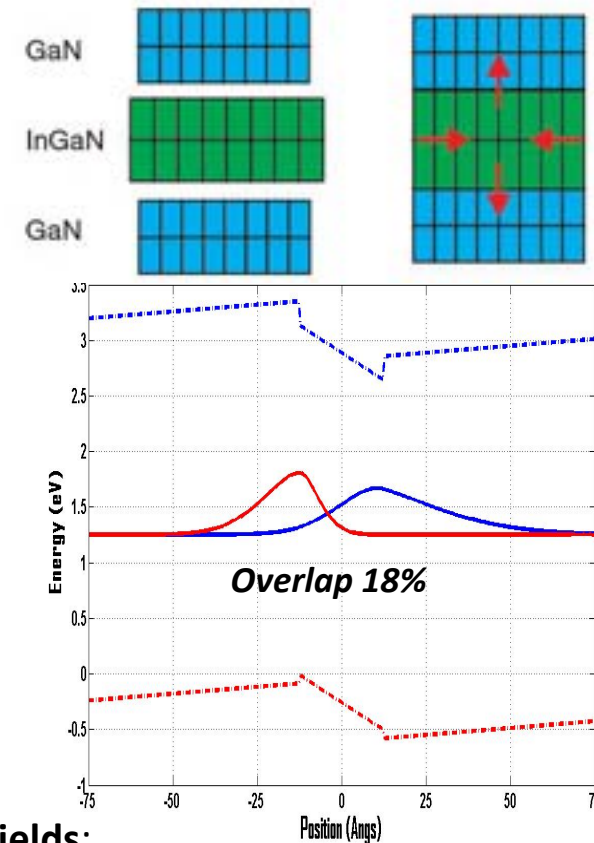
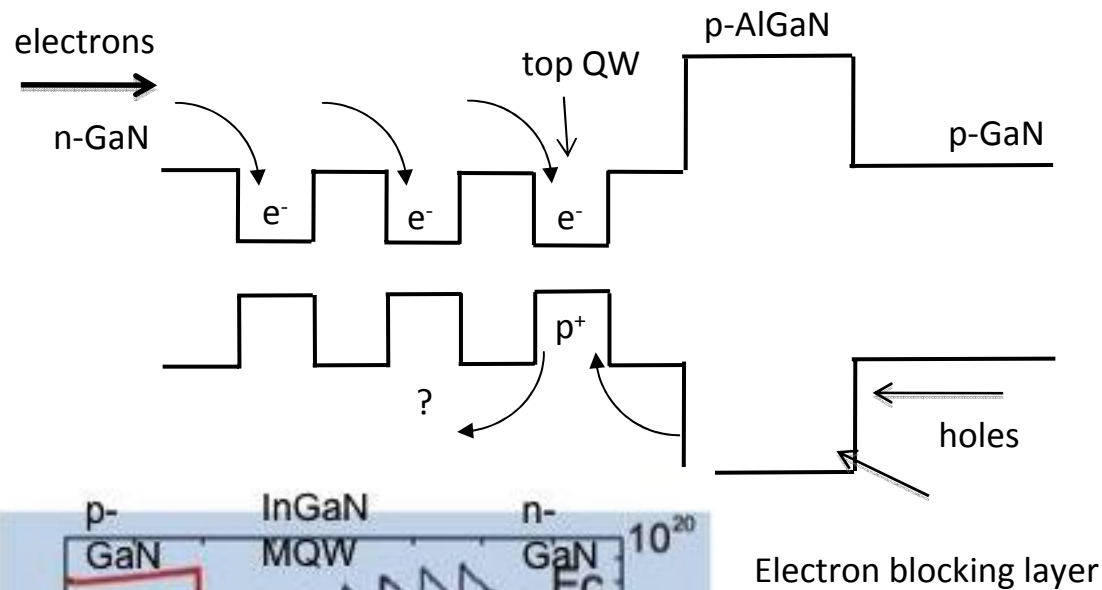


- strong piezoelectric effects acting on charge carriers- often a limitation to QW thickness

- Large photon energy
- NR recombination will break the bonds

But a remarkable playground, unique in semiconductors by the wealth of phenomena, for researchers in defects and dislocations (so much to see in TEM), in strain and piezoelectric effects,

In spite of electrical and piezo electrical injection problems



Band extrema and hole concentration in GaN/GaN MQWs (from Ramer, Bridgelux, 2008)

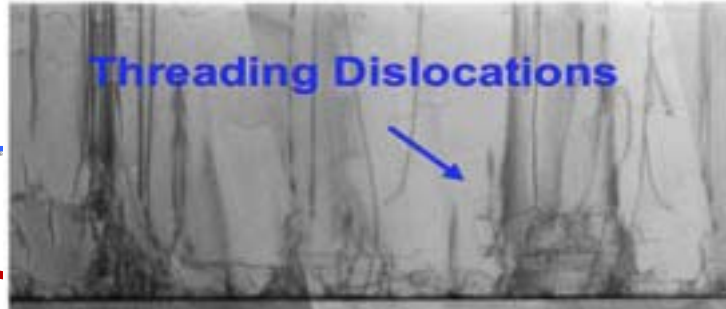
Huge internal electric fields:

- Spontaneous polarization fields at interfaces between materials with large differences in electronegativity.
- Strain induced piezoelectric fields, increase with In concentration (towards green, yellow, red).

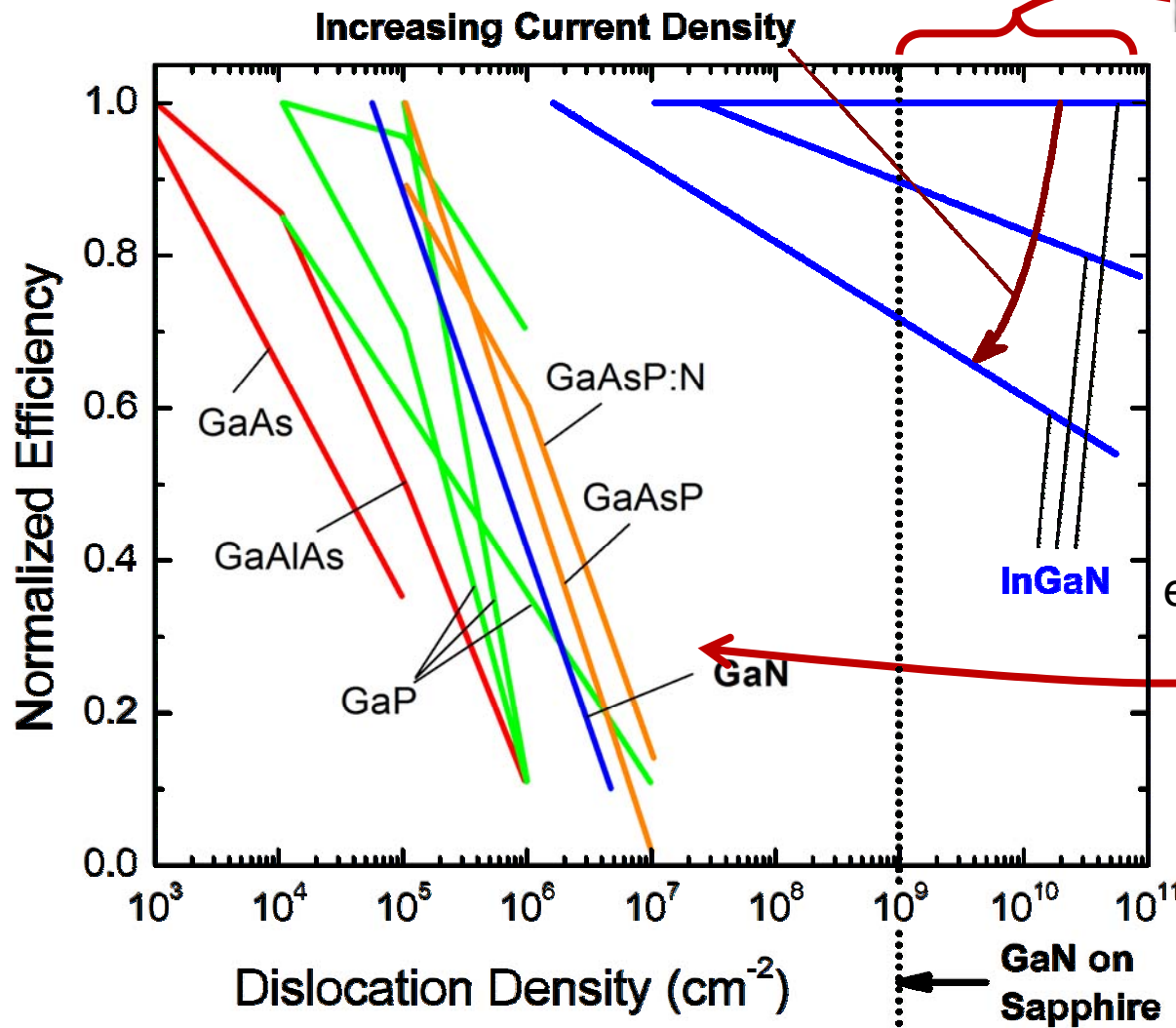
-1V over 3nm = 3×10^6 V/cm

Diminishes e-h overlap hence radiative recombination probability.

Comparison InGaN vs. other LEDs



Threading Dislocations



Inhomogeneous: (InGaN)
Bright (!) despite high defects

Higher currents mask inhomogeneity effects (valleys fill up)

Homogeneous: (GaN, AlGaN)
Dim as defects "swallow" electrons **without** producing light

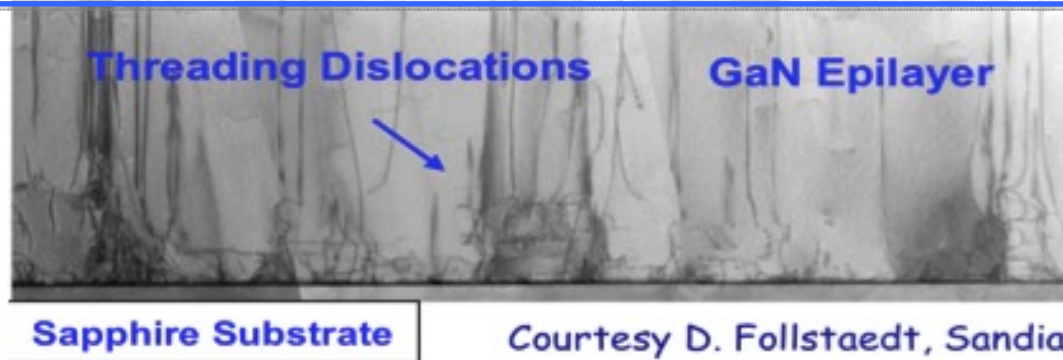
InGaN Inhomogeneous Alloy=Bright

Homogeneous Materials like GaAs and GaN

★ **Dislocations**

act as nonradiative centers
 η decreases with TD density

In spite of huge dislocations densities



Two mysteries

-Why efficiency so high as grown?

High efficiency seems due to presence of In:

-**Localisation of carriers** (In fluctuations, chains, interface disorder) prevents carriers to reach dislocations (most frequently, and in the beginning surely, any small amount of In increased the QE).

Many other explanations-still a matter of controversy

- Dislocations are not active as NR centers
- They are charged and repel carriers
- etc.

- why doesn't it not deteriorate in operation?

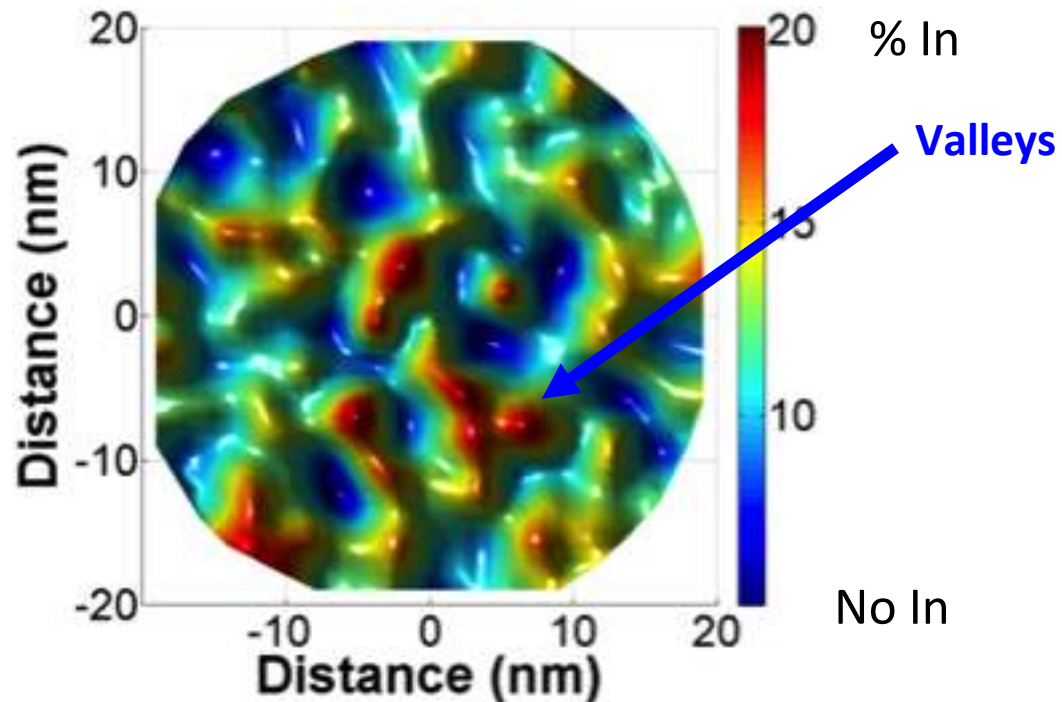
- dislocations should glide under stress and generate new defects & dislocations
- dislocations motion should be enhanced by non radiative-recombination local energy release.
- also atoms should be "kicked" by high energy photon, like in IR laser diodes?

Possible Origin of High Efficiency

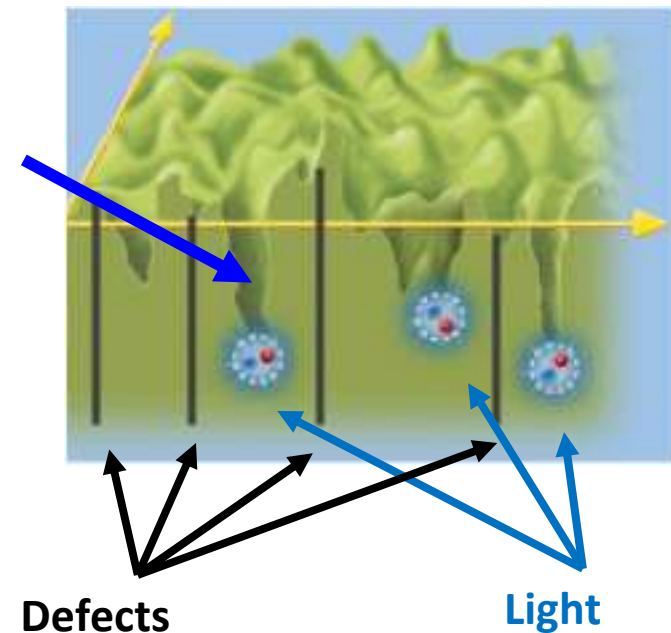
Indium Fluctuations form localized states:

Separate electrons from defects

Top view Indium in Active Layer
Random Binomial Distribution



Side View in Energy Landscape

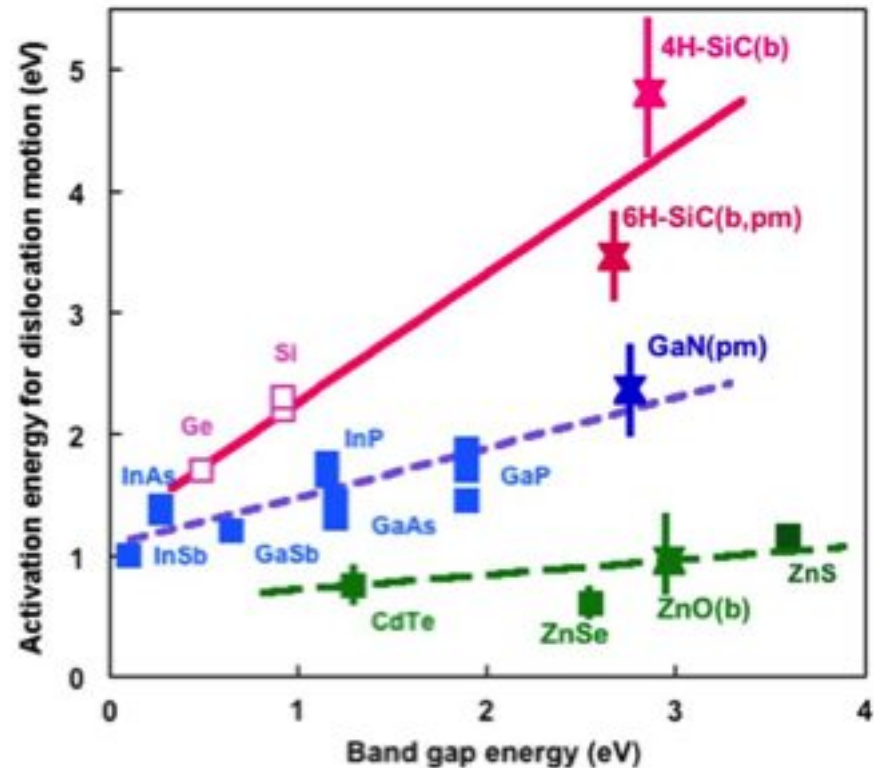
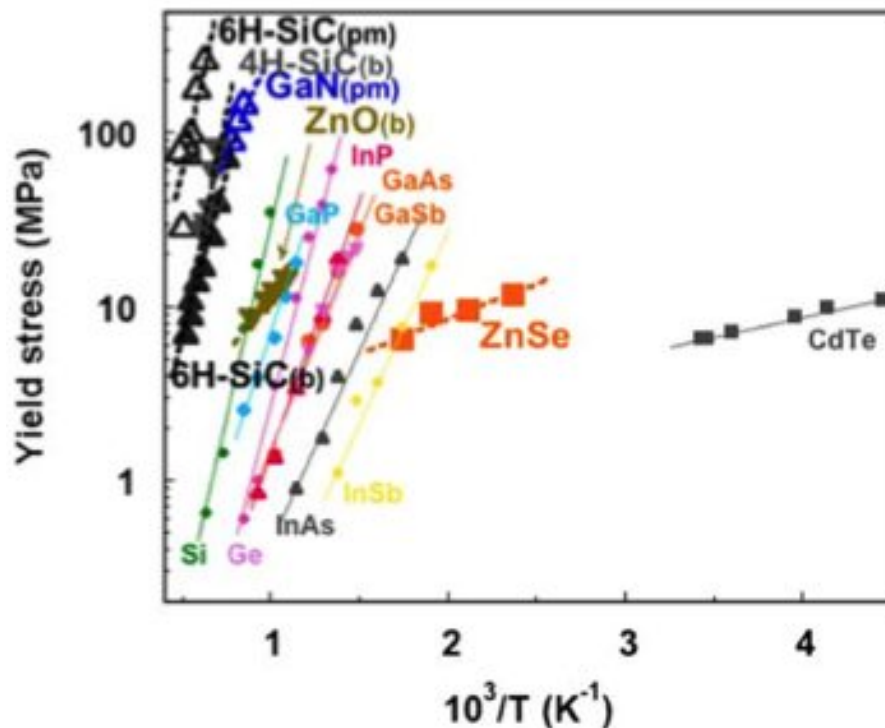


Atom Probe Tomography, D. Browne *et al.*, UCSB

Chichibu, Nakamura *et al.*, *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, **69** (1996) 4188; *Nature Mater.* **5**, (2006) 810

Dislocation glide: dislocation velocity v seems very low due to hardness

$$v = v_0(\tau/\tau_0)^m \exp(-Q/k_B T)$$



≈ 1 eV increase in Q for GaN means $v \approx 10^{10}$ slower than in II-VIs

Based on indentation, not clear SiC has moving dislocs

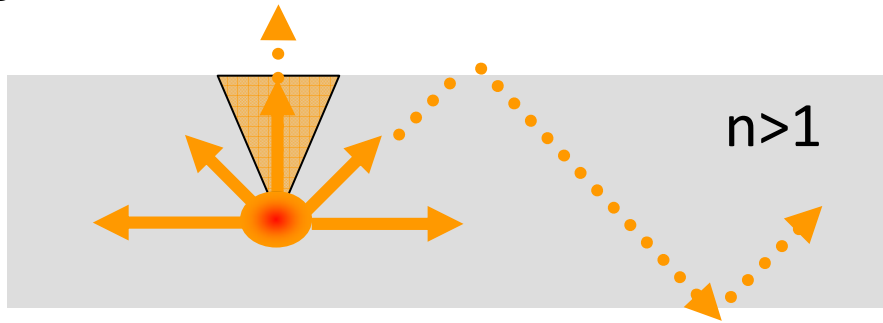
Peierls stress is low in II VIs

More subtle effects: no shear stress in basal plane in c axis GaN -no dislocation motion in that plane

I. Yonenaga et al. Physica B 404 4999 (2009)

Light extraction in LEDs

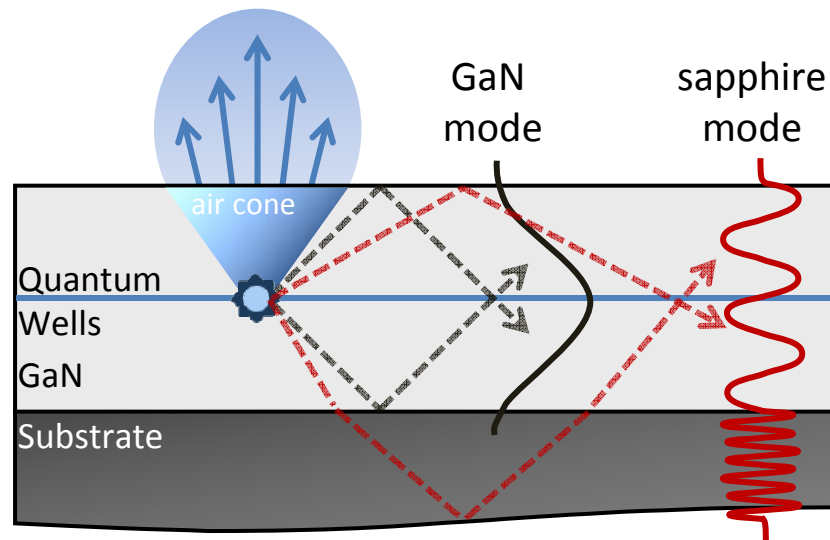
Critical cone or
light cone or air cone



~ 12% of emitted light is extracted
~ 88 % is trapped in the semiconductor as
guided modes due to total internal
reflection at the semiconductor air or
encapsulant interface

direct light

guided modes

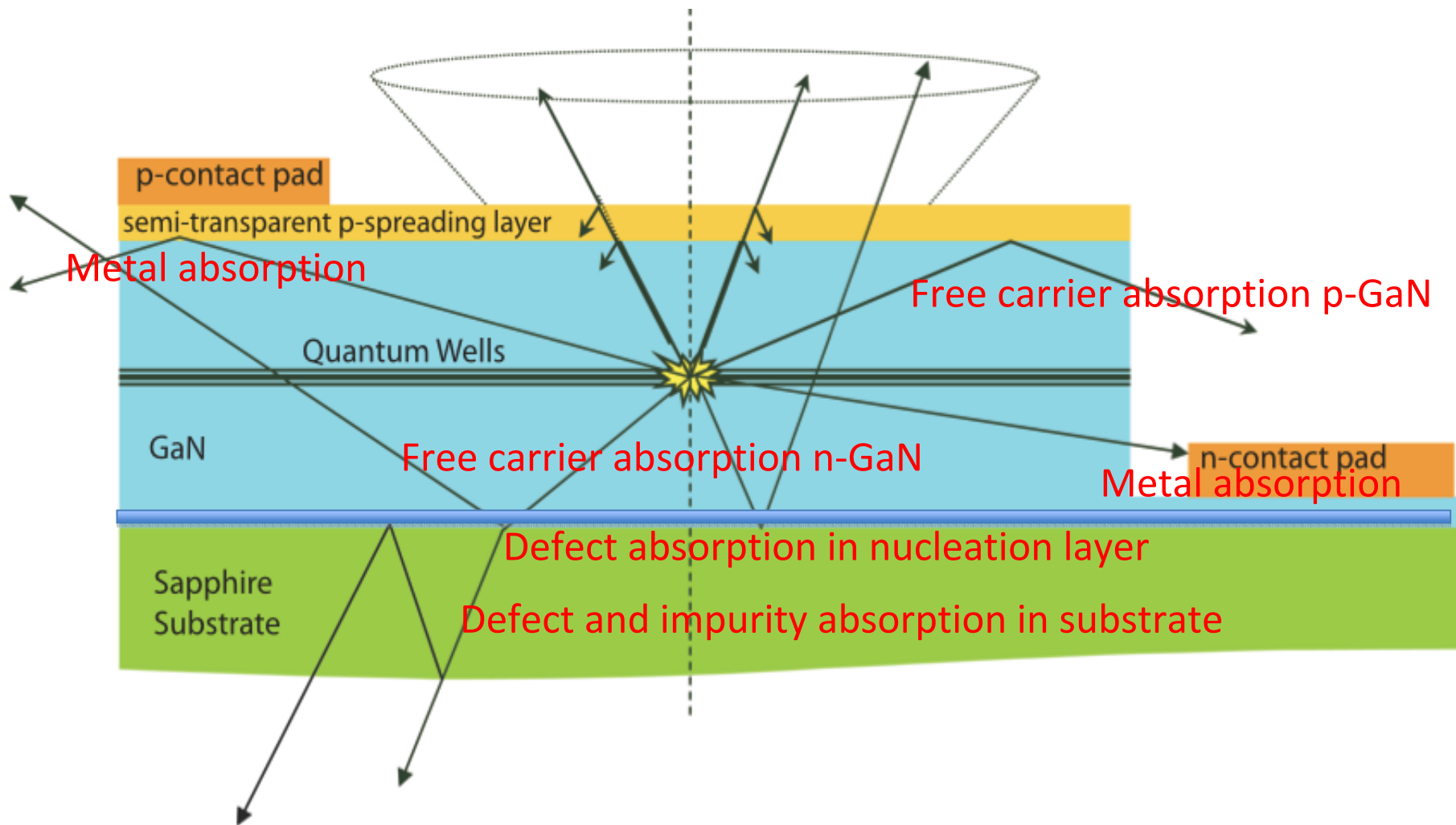


More precisely, in planar structures,
light is emitted in modes guided
either in the nitride layers (66%) or
in the substrate (22%)

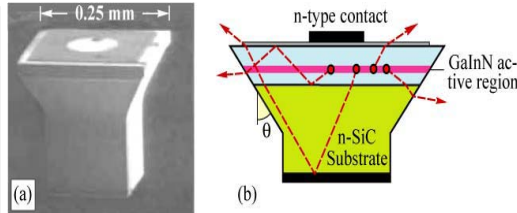
Dominant light extraction schemes are based on destruction of the propagating guided modes by using non-planar structures. The physics of extraction is well described by geometrical optics concepts and ray tracing simulations

Light should be absorbed after many passes ?

In real LEDs many dissipation opportunities are competing with multipass extraction



Light extraction in LEDs: present techniques

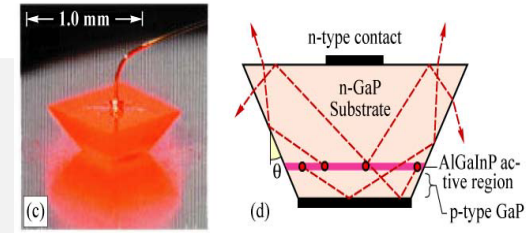


Shaped SiC substrate
Cree

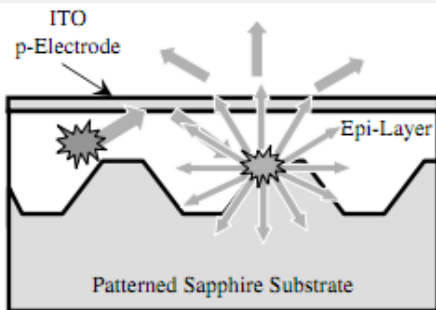
Up to 80%+
Complex process

Shaped transparent substrate

- non planar process
- light propagates long distance; requires ultra low internal loss

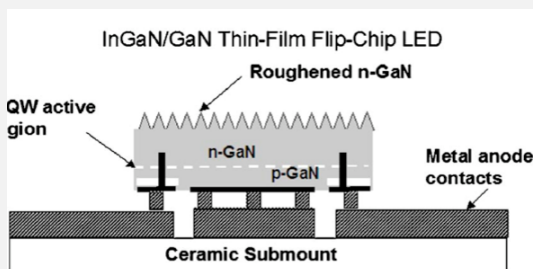


Krames, Craford
philips lumileds 1994



Micromirrors

ThinGaN OSRAM

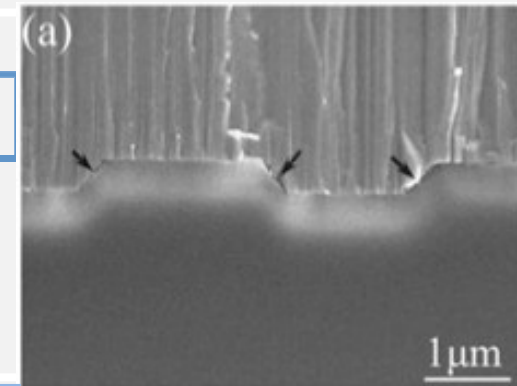


Flip Chip + Roughened surface Philips Krames

PSS: Patterned Sapphire Substrate

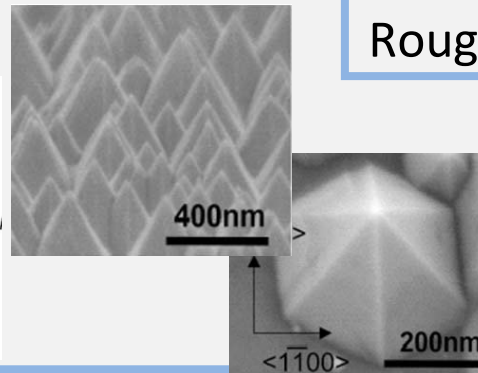
- poor thermal properties
- Improved IQE

Mitsubishi 2001, Nichia 2002



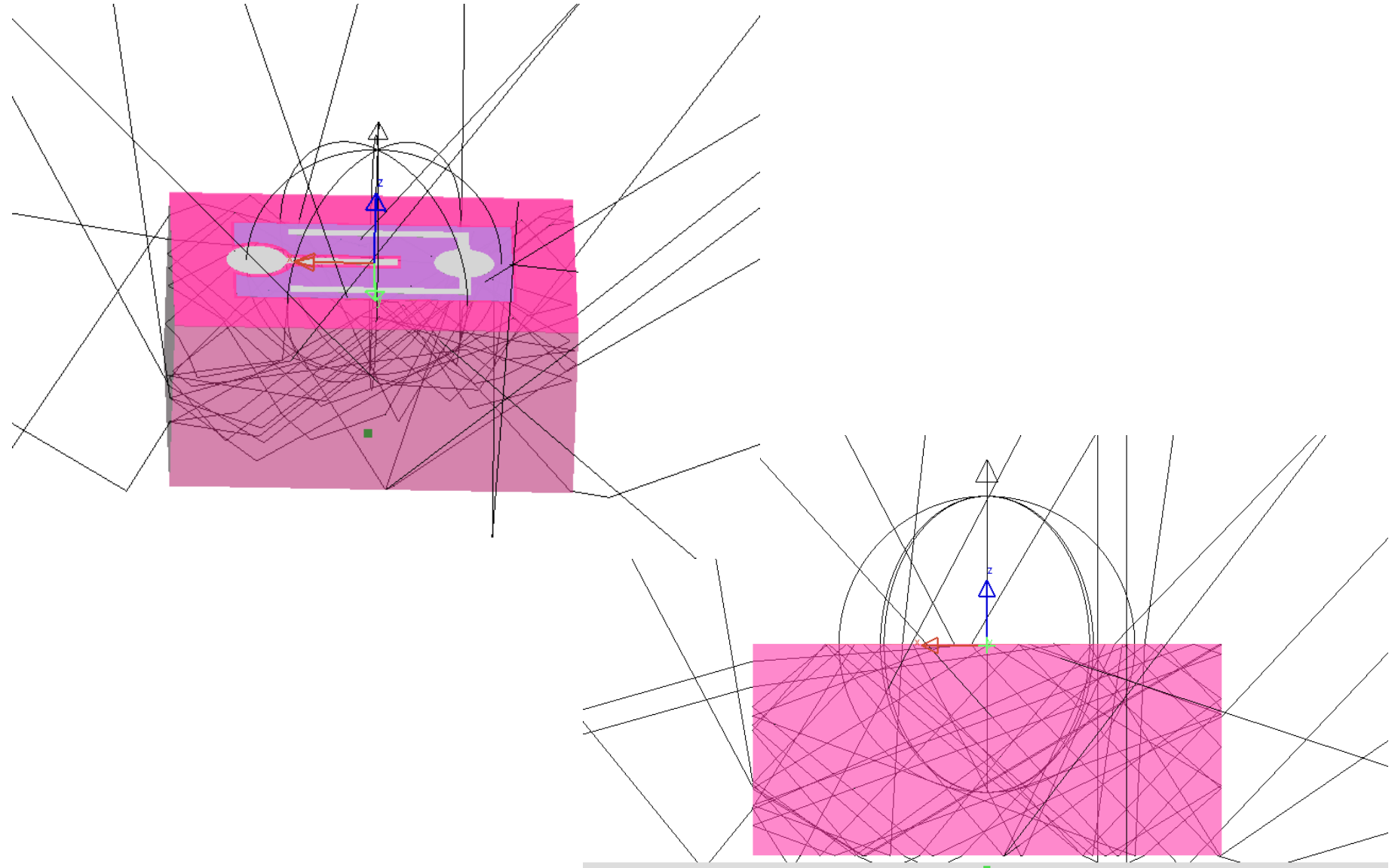
Fujii, Nakamura 2004

Roughened surface



- not efficient if substrate not removed
- needs thinning down to minimize materials absorption
- complex and expensive fabrication

Ray Tracing for Light Extraction Modeling



LEE Comparison for the Three Chip Designs

	Roughened GaN Substrate Chip	Patterned sapphire substrate	Flip Chip
Total Efficiency	72.1	78.1	77.8
Loss in PSS		0.3	-
Loss in GaN substrate or buffer layer	12.1	0.2	1.1
Loss on n-contact	0.8	0.6	-
Loss on Mirror	5.6	4.5	18.0
Loss in ITO	3.6	6.8	-
Loss on p-contact	3.5	5.1	-
Loss in n-GaN	1.5	2.0	1.4
Loss in p-GaN	0.8	2.4	1.8

@92%

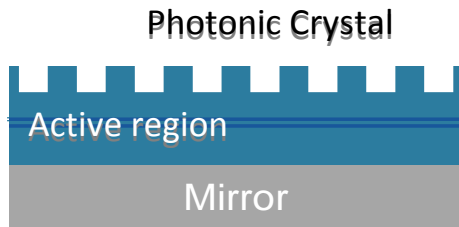
Values given for chips encapsulated in epoxy

Light is extracted after 2.5-3 roundtrips

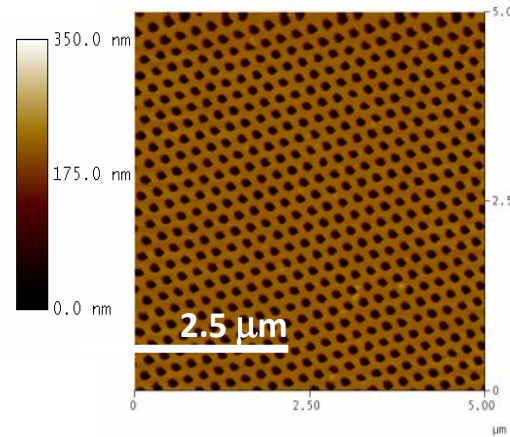
Various types of PhC LEDs: hope-beat losses better than by roughness

Optimizing horizontal structure

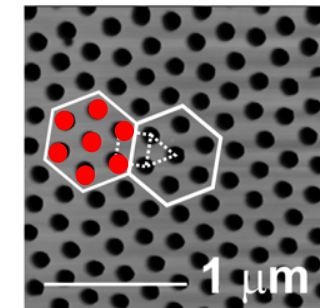
Surface photonic crystals



Triangular lattice



Archimedean lattice

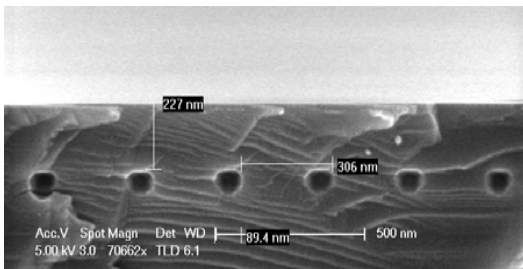
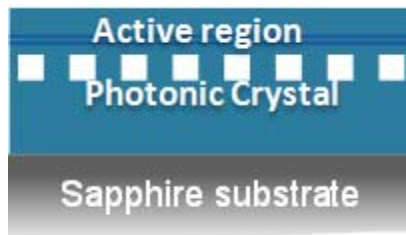


7 atoms (holes) / unit cell

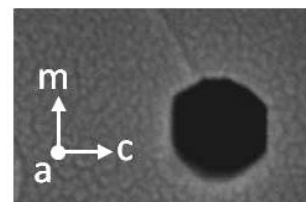
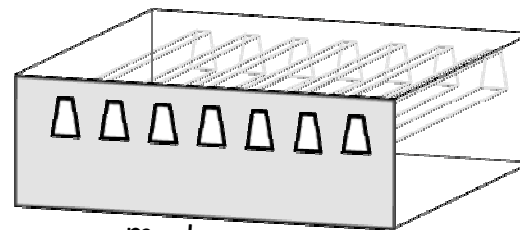
→ constructive interference on some diffraction orders

Optimizing vertical structure

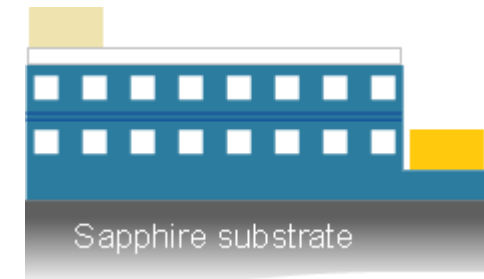
Embedded photonic crystals



Embedded stripe PhC for Polarized LED



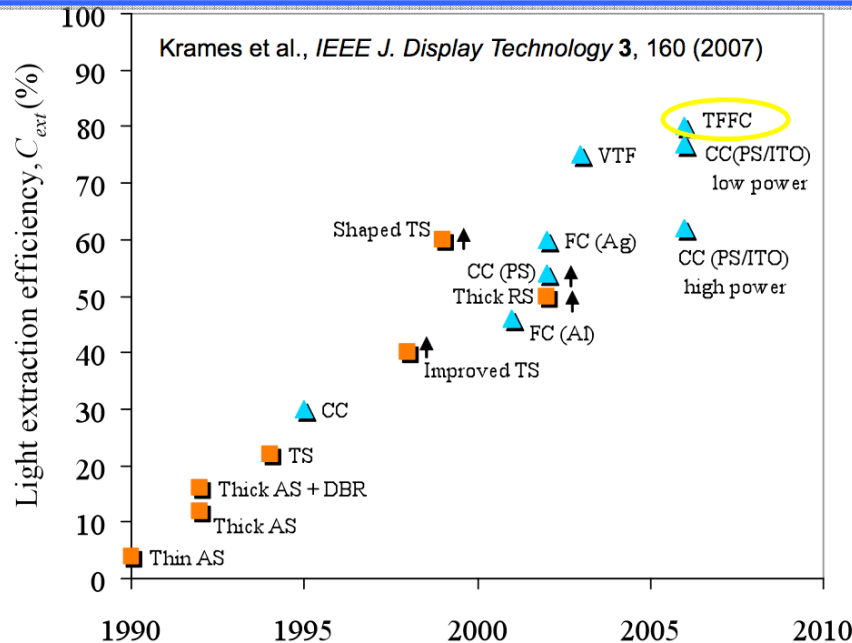
Double embedded PhCs



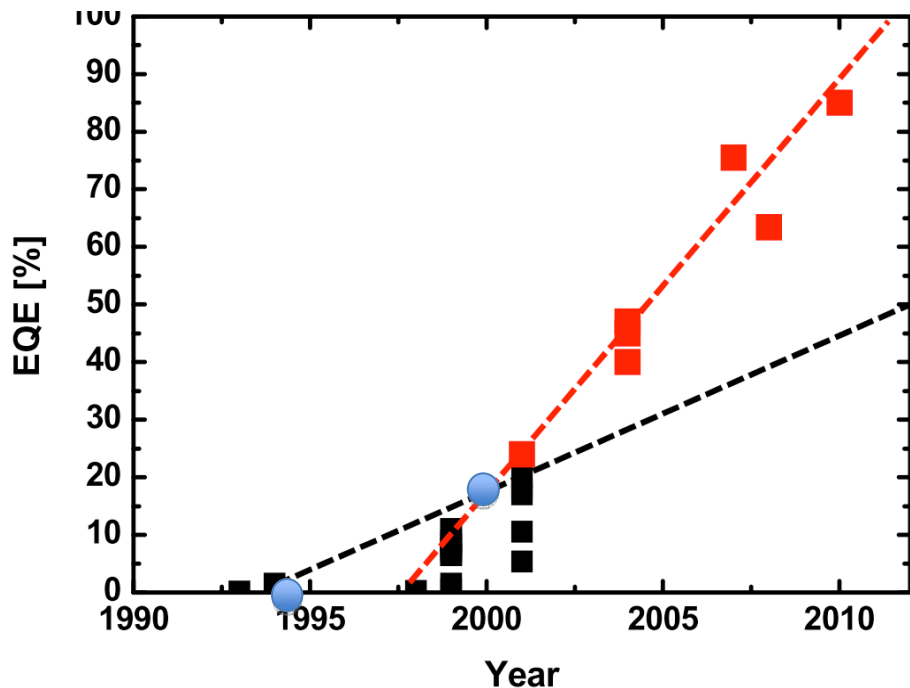
Flip-chip (FC) embedded PhCs



History of the improvement of EQE of GaN-LEDs



M. Krames et al., Status and Future of High-Power Light-Emitting Diodes for Solid-State Lighting. *IEEE J. Display Technol.* 3, 160 (2007).



Kazuyuki Tadatomo

Epitaxial Growth of GaN on Patterned Sapphire Substrates

T.-Y. Seong et al. (eds.), *III-Nitride Based Light Emitting Diodes and Applications*, pp. 59-81

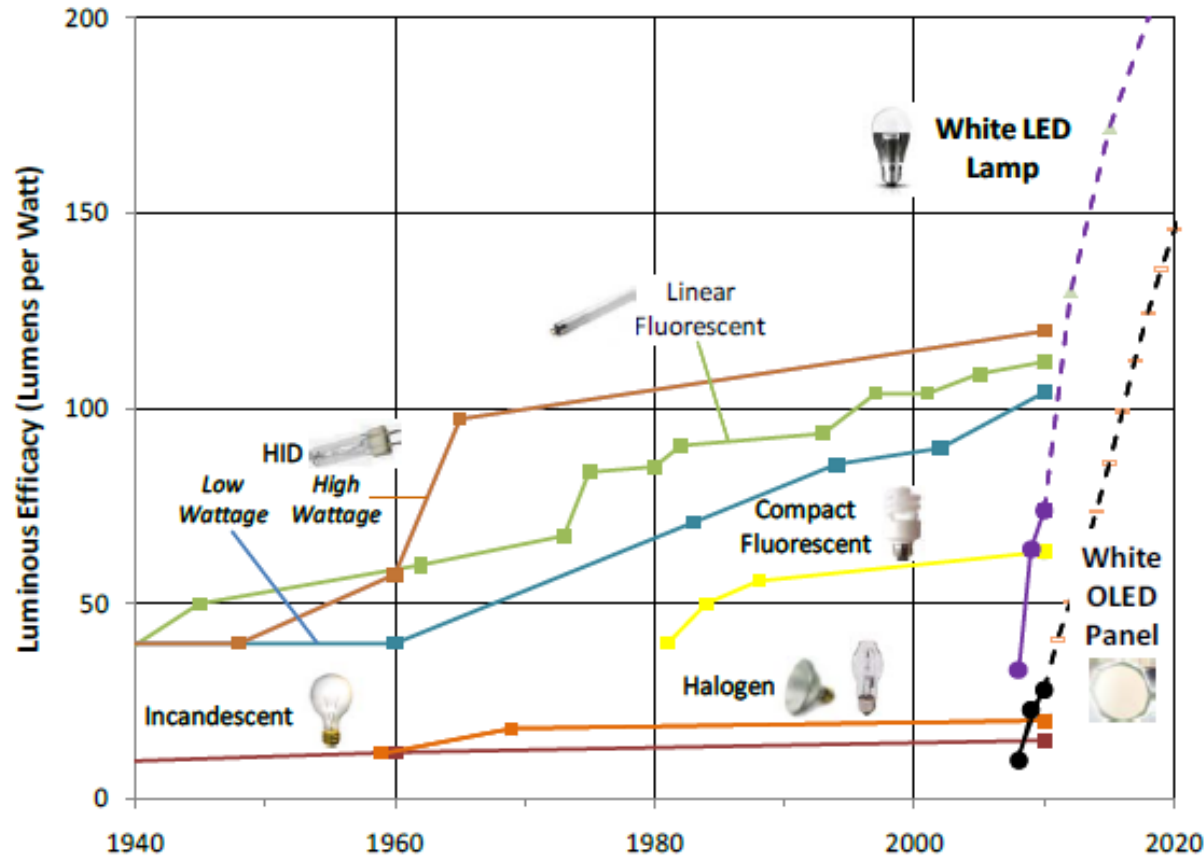
Topics in Applied Physics 126, Springer Dordrecht 2013

A big part of the progress in the past 10 years has been on extraction efficiency more than on IQE

Why do we worry ? Major challenges remain



300 lm/W
R&D hero



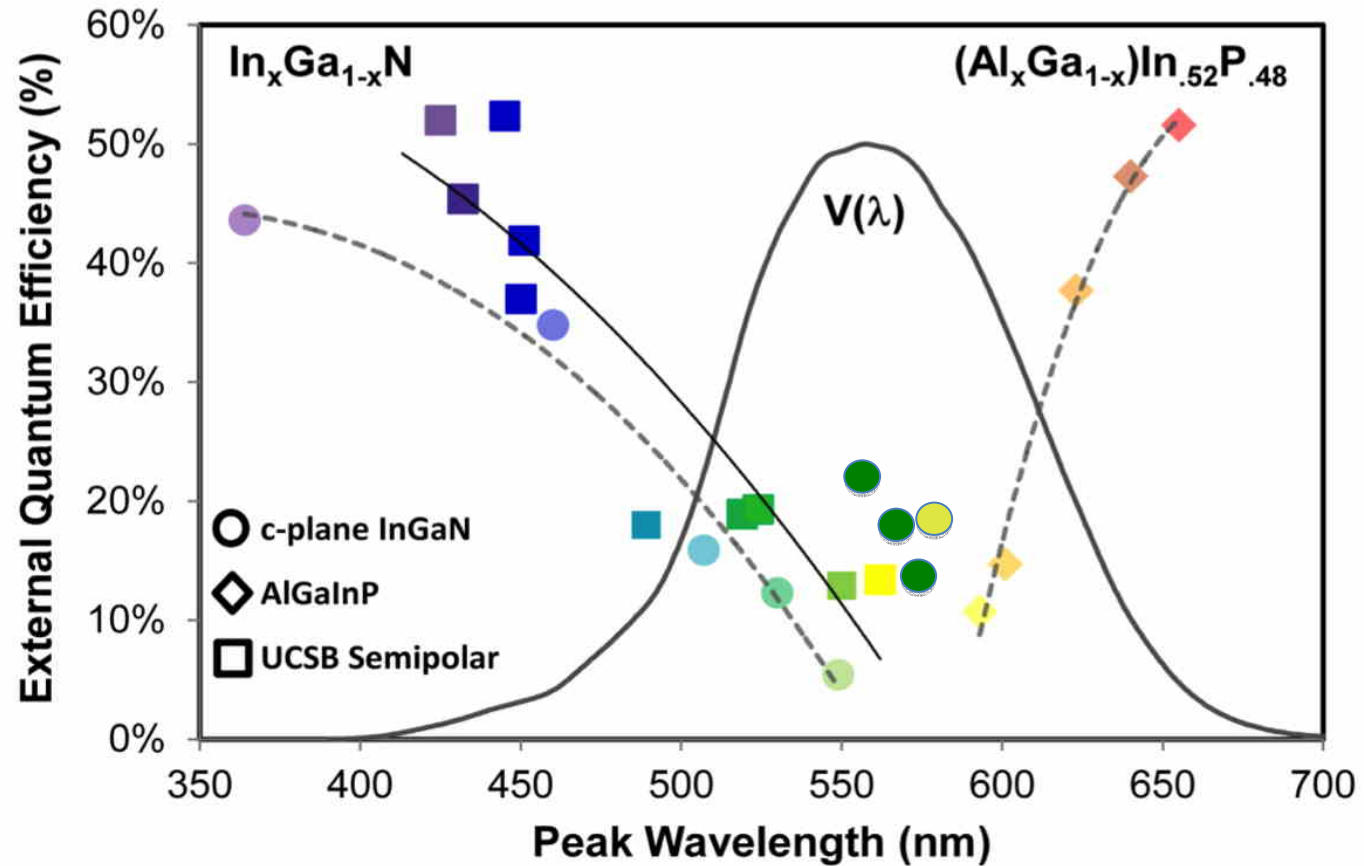
>120 lm/W
Mfgr basis

- Green gap
- Droop: all nice figures given at low current density (pulse operation, controlled temperature)
- Cost – price shock compared to conventional lamps

The 'Green Gap'



- Hashimoto et al., Phys. Status Solidi C **11**, 628 (2014)
- Saito et al., Applied Physics Express **6**, 1111004 (2013)



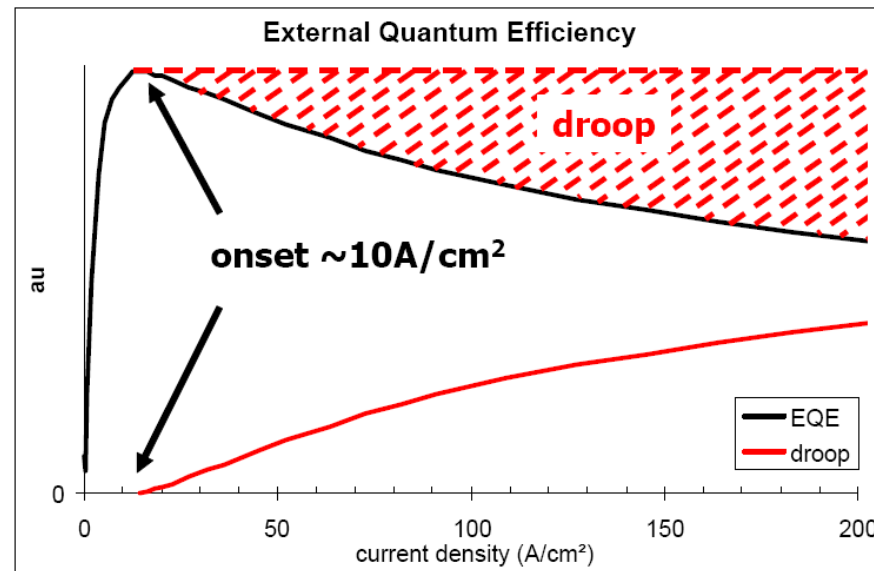
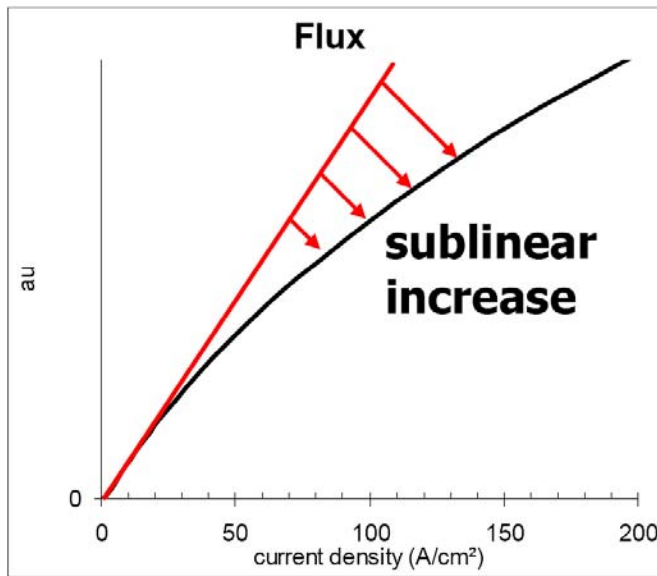
Difficulty to incorporate high Indium concentrations, without defects
Electric field becomes very large as strain is very large (Indium atom very large)

Semipolar LEDs may have the potential to solve the green gap

*C-plane data are from non-thin-film flip-chip devices

**All data collected at 22 A/cm² or 35 A/cm²

Efficiency Droop



InGaN-based LEDs

- Peak EQE at 1 - 10 A/cm²
- At higher current, LED rapidly lose efficiency
- Independent of color

Potential Cause: Auger recombination (internal efficiency) $\sim n^3$

- Based on scaling of non-radiative loss - experimental measurement
[Shen et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. **91** 141101 (2007)]
- First-principles rate indicate Auger recombination may be a significant
[K.T.Delaney, P. Rinke, and C.G.Van de Walle, Appl. Phys. Lett. **94** 191109 (2009)]

The cost of droop

Seoul Semiconductor announces 140 lm/W AC-driven LED light engine

LEDs
MAGAZINE.

16 Sep 2013

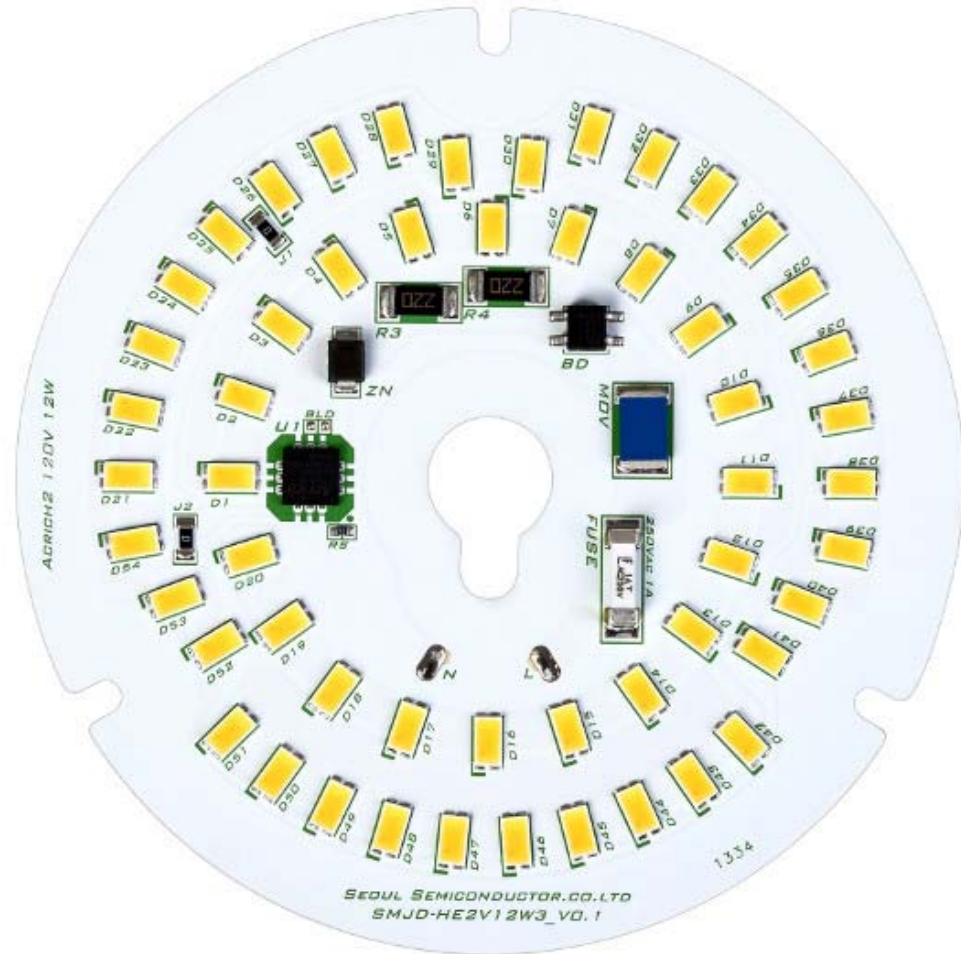
Because of efficiency droop at high current density, many chips are required

Droop is solved at a cost!

10W => 3A

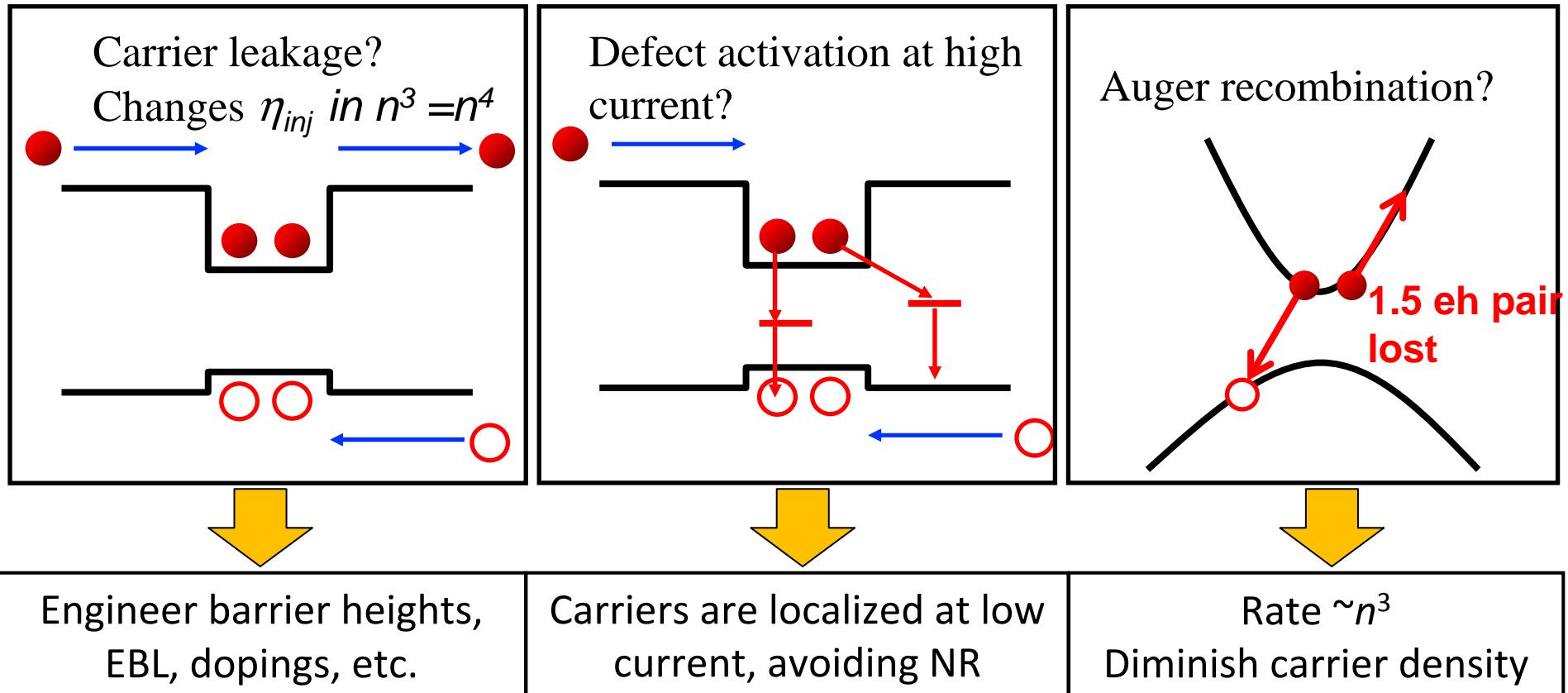
60 LEDs @ $1\text{mm}^2 = 0.6\text{ cm}^2$

=> $5\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$



10W modules deliver 1400 lm in cool white or 1250 lm in warm white

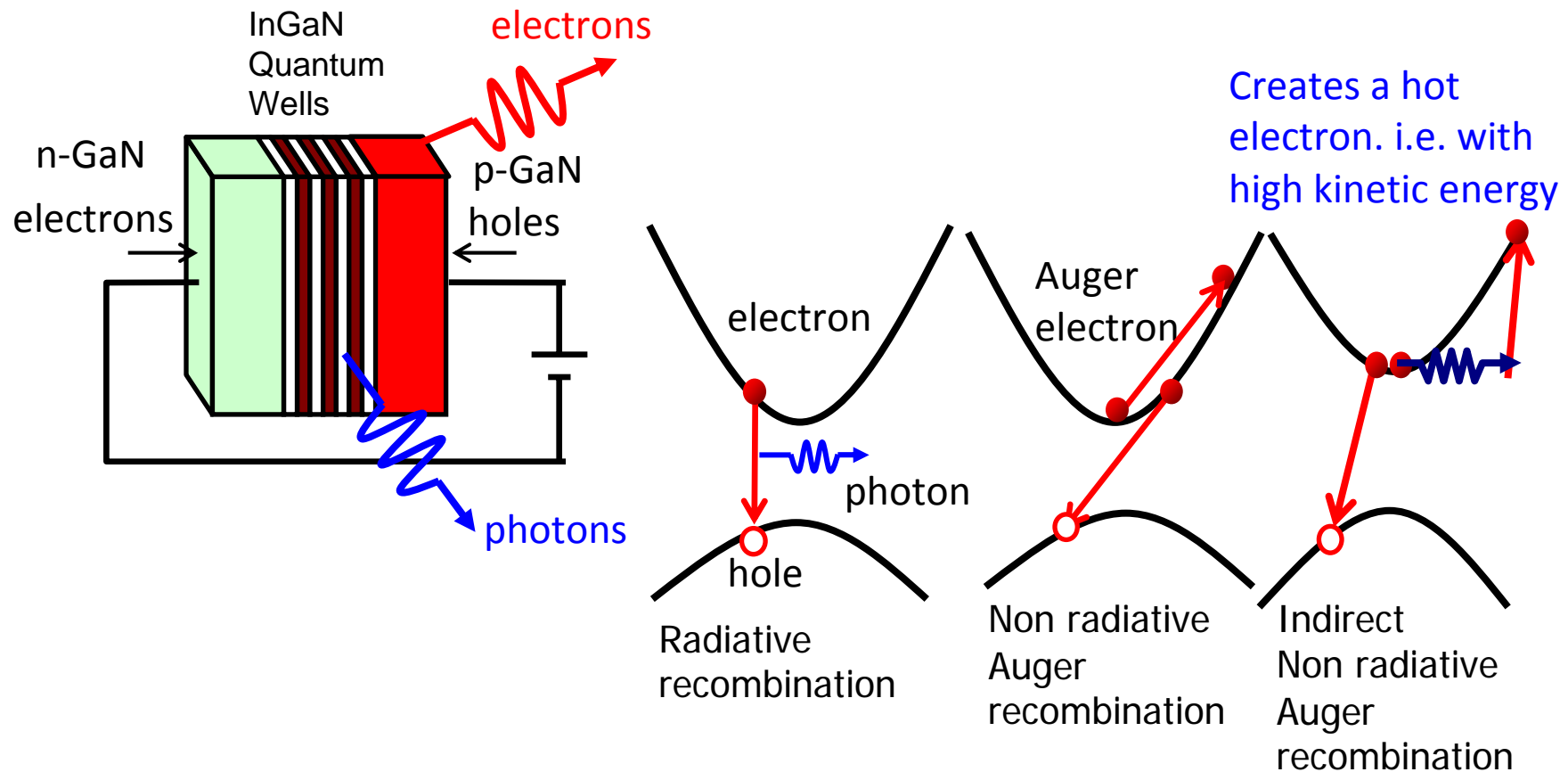
Origins of efficiency droop



- Based on scaling of nonradiative loss $\sim n^3$ ^{defects} Auger effect been invoked (Shen2007)
- But other mechanisms can be fitted too.
- Curative effects also not a unique signature of Auger effect: increasing active layer volume to diminish carrier density also diminishes leakage mechanisms

So far, hard experimental "signature" for any mechanism missing

Focus on favoured droop mechanism: Auger recombination process

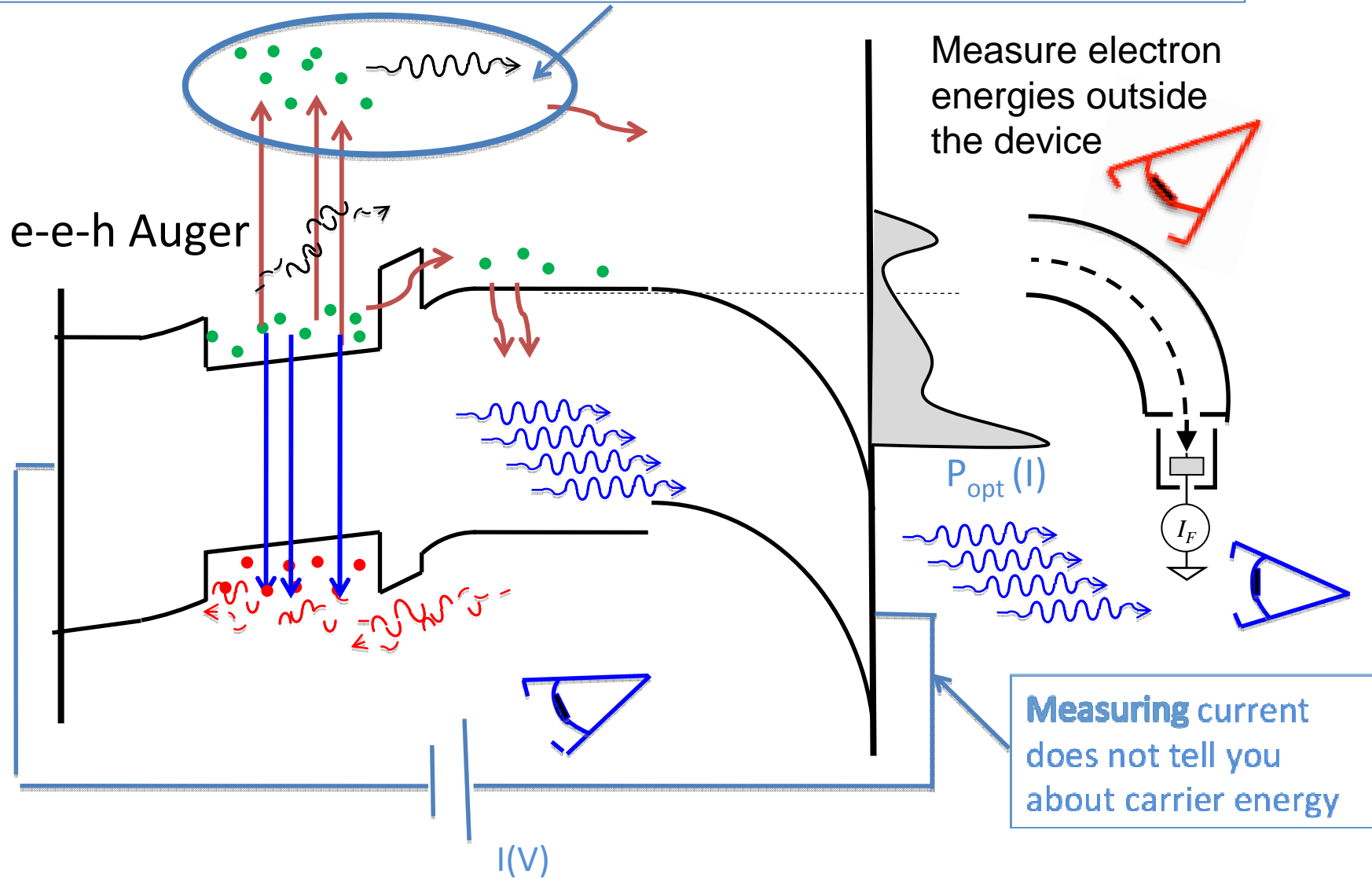


The signature of an Auger process is the generation of electrons with high kinetic energy

Theory: direct Auger process probability is small, but phonon-assisted Auger of the order of few $10^{-31} \text{cm}^6 \text{s}^{-1}$

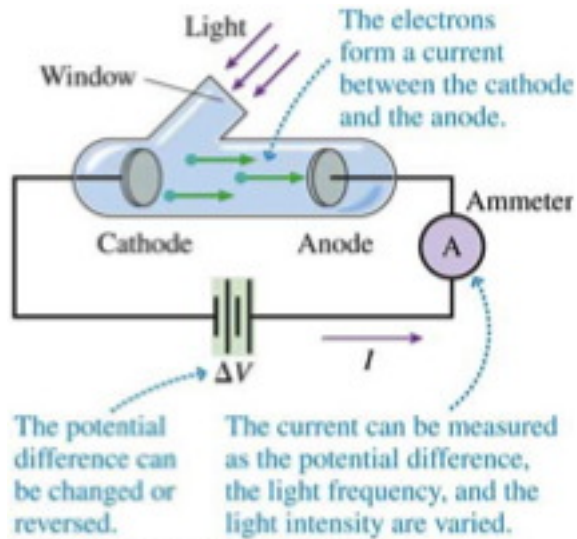
A new technique to directly observe Auger recombination as the droop mechanism

If there is Auger recombination, you should see hot electrons



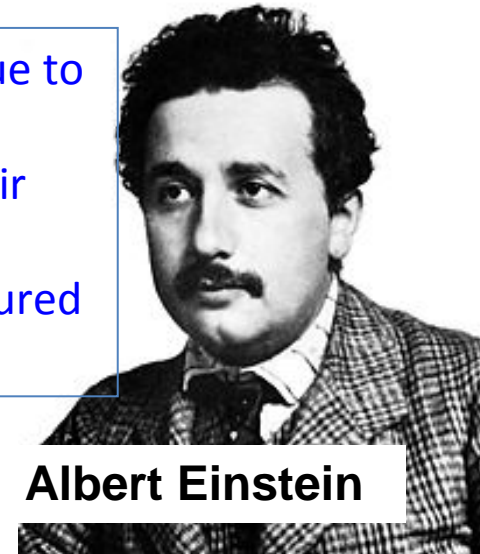
Measuring electron energy outside materials: an old story

The photoelectric Effect (Hertz, 1887)



- Electrons are ejected from metal due to photoexcitation.
- Through ejection they conserve their kinetic energy
- Ejected electron energies are measured by a retarding/accelerating potential

Light quantization 1905



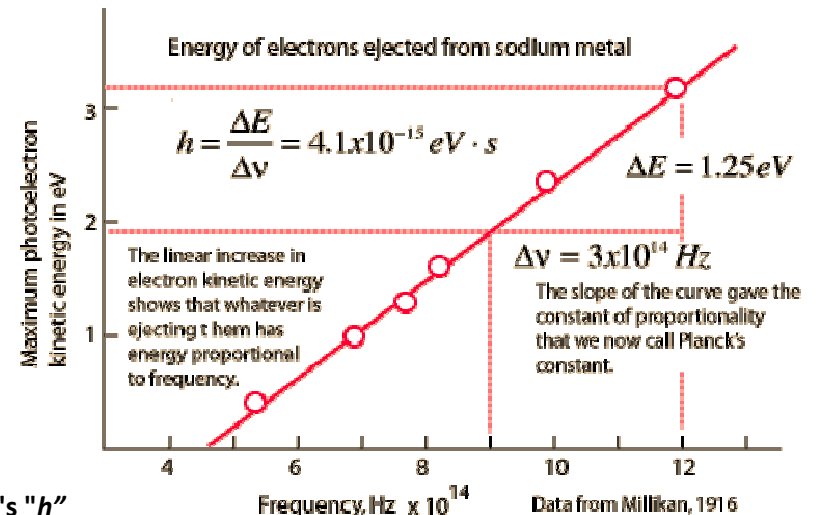
Albert Einstein

Measurement of Planck's constant 1916



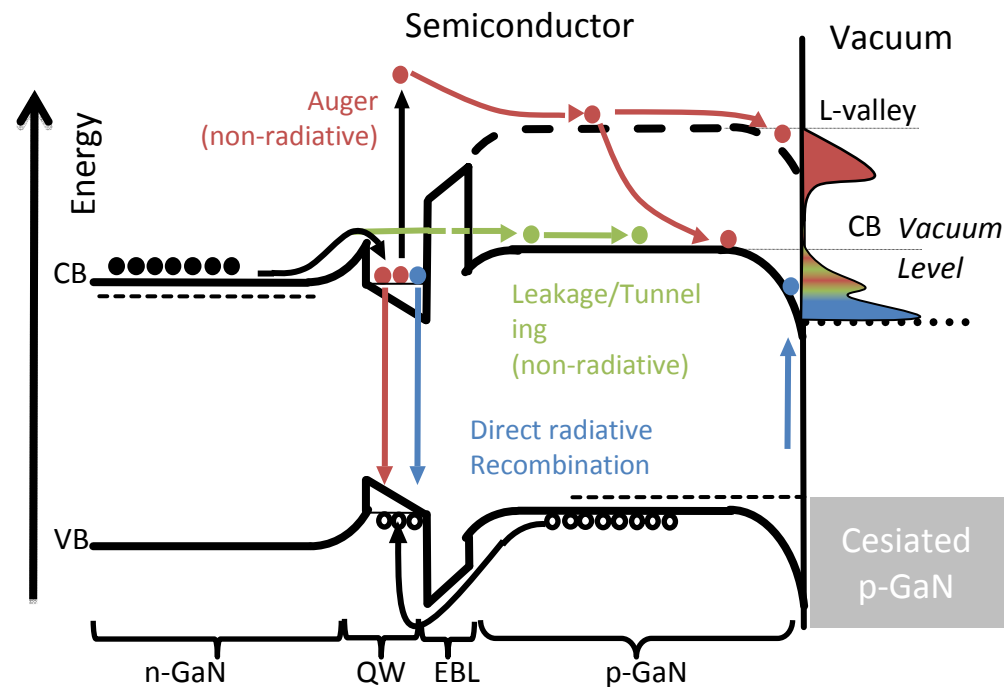
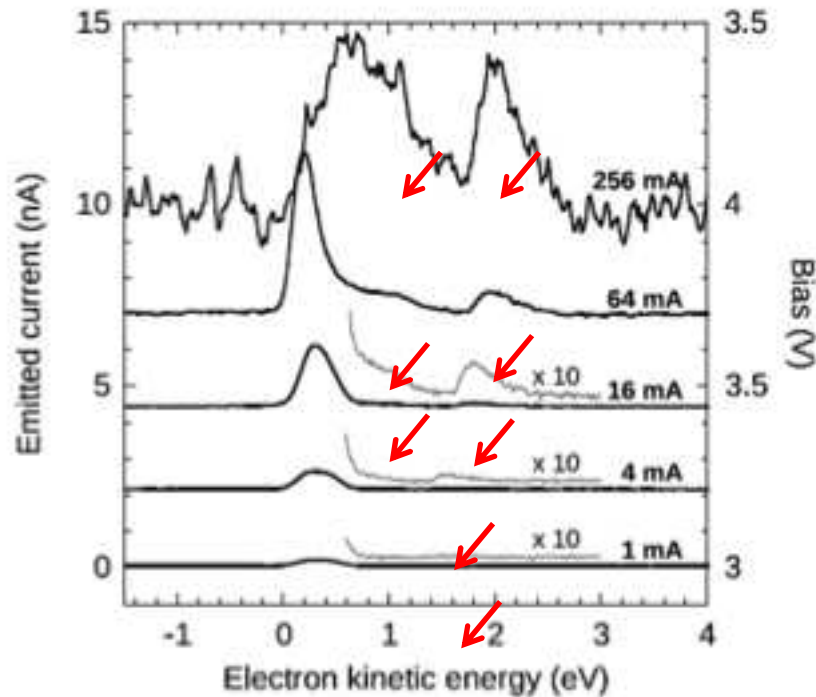
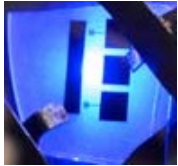
Robert Millikan

R.A. Millikan Phys. Rev. 7, 355–388 (1916)
 "A Direct Photoelectric Determination of Planck's "h"



Energy analysis of ejected electrons, mechanism

Under high current injection, high kinetic electrons appear, which can only be generated by Auger effect in the LED as there is no high electric field or large energy barrier discontinuity in the structure



- Pulsed measurements (reduce heating)
- Field distortion at high current reduces signal

J. Iveland, L. Martinelli, J. Peretti, J. S. Speck and C. Weisbuch, "Direct Measurement of Auger Electrons Emitted from a Semiconductor LED, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110,177406 (2013)

Same peak positions as observed in photoemission

Piccardo, Martinelli, Iveland, Young, DenBaars, Nakamura, Speck, Weisbuch, and Peretti. Phys. Rev. B 89, 235124 (2014)

Why go for the few last efficiency %?

- Why absolute efficiency matters: needed to displace high efficiency fluorescents
- Why are the last % are essential: improvement is non linear if thermal load is the limiting factor (diminishes need for complex cooling architectures, thermal droop).
- Think about system

	WPE 40%	WPE = 60%	WPE = 80%
Heat extracted from lamp sets chip power limit	20W	20W	20W
Heat % of input power: 100% - WPE	60%	40 %	20 %
Total input power	33.3W	50 W	100 W
Light output: (input) – (heat)	13.3W	30 W	80 W
Relative power compared to 40% LED	0%	225 %	600 %

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101
2. Light sources – it is not just photons and watts
3. Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
4. The state of the art - the remaining challenges
5. The impact 1 energy savings
 - The huge energy reservoir to tap from
 - The competition – needed/ more than 100lm/W
 - The cost of change –cost of ownership
6. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
7. The impact 3 improving quality of light

Tapping the energy reservoir

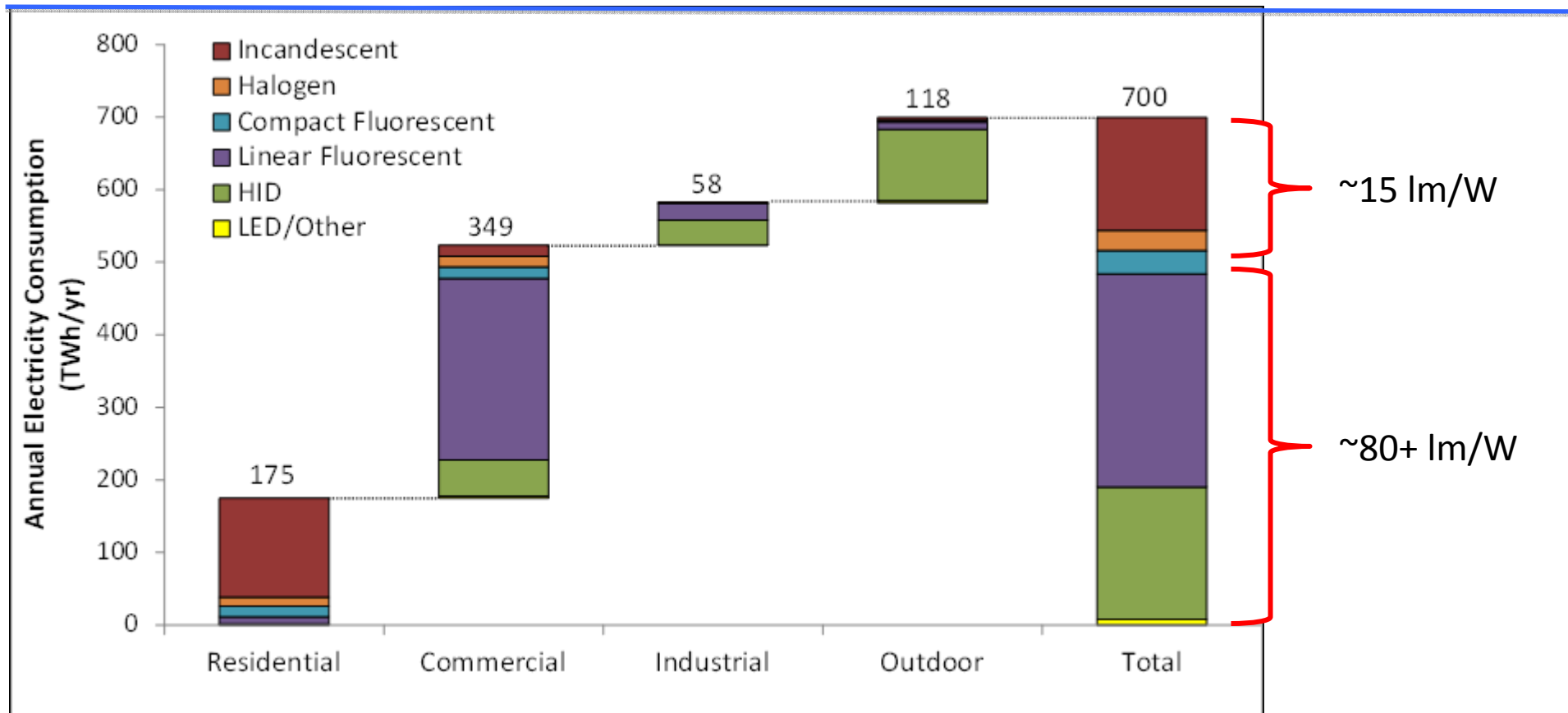
In the US, lighting is 22% of total electricity use

In Europe, lighting is 15% of total electricity use

Worldwide average: 20%

Objective: saving at least half of this electricity consumption

Lighting – U.S. Lumens Production

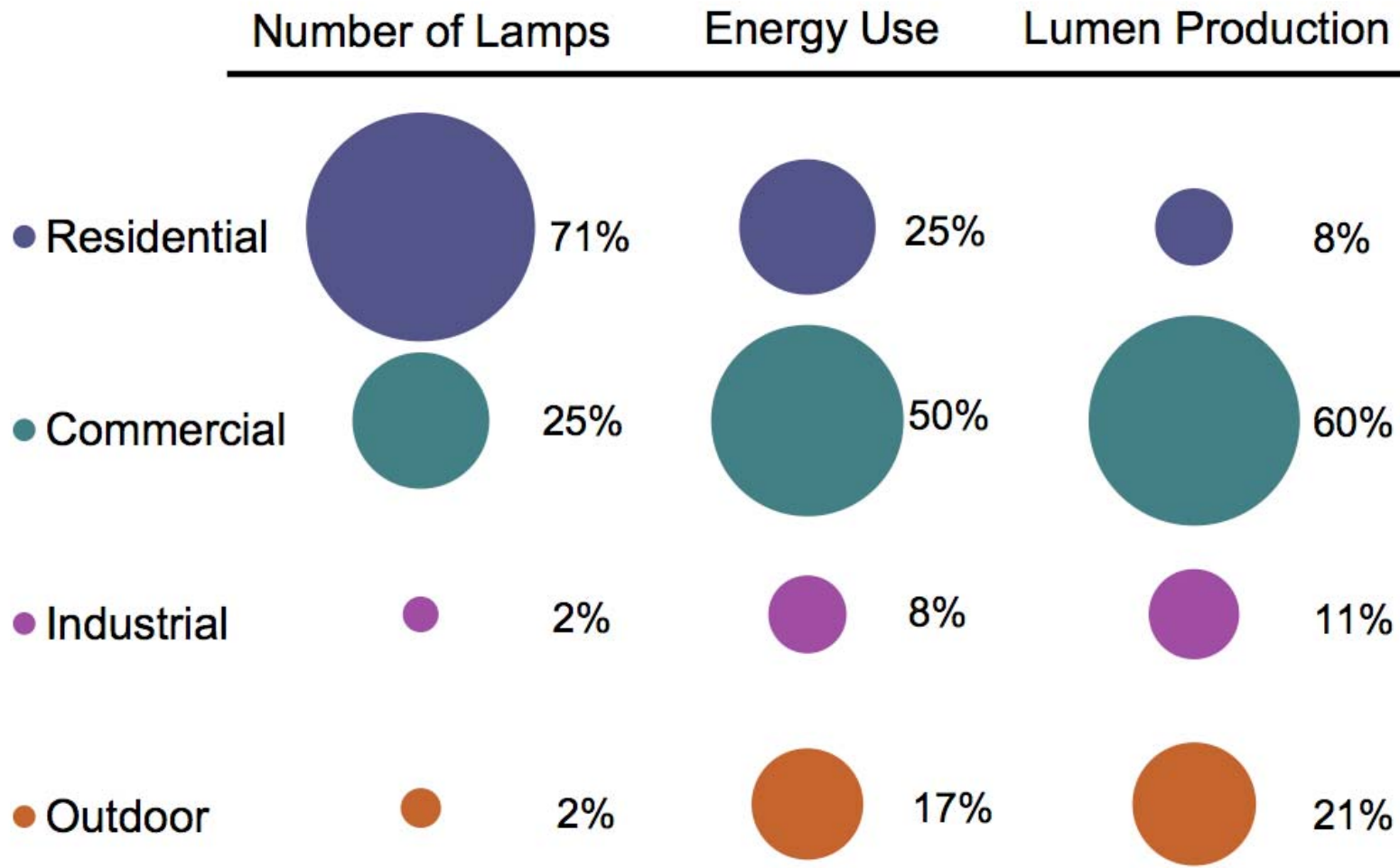


Linear fluorescent and HID, ~80-120+ lm/W: $\sim 4.5 \times 10^{12}$ lm
 Incandescent + halogen, ~15 lm/W: $\sim 0.35 \times 10^{12}$ lm

***SSL ultimately needs $\gg 100$ lm/W to displace linear fluorescent and HID**

Source: DOE SSL MYPP 2014 – available at:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/publications/pdfs/ssl/ssl_mypp2014_web.pdf



U.S. LIGHTING INVENTORY, ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, AND LUMEN PRODUCTION, 2010 [1]

Source: 2010 U.S. Lighting Market Characterization. Prepared by Navigant Consulting, Inc., January 2012.

Does 5% change in lighting efficiency make a difference?

Electricity production worldwide: 41% coal, 21 % gas

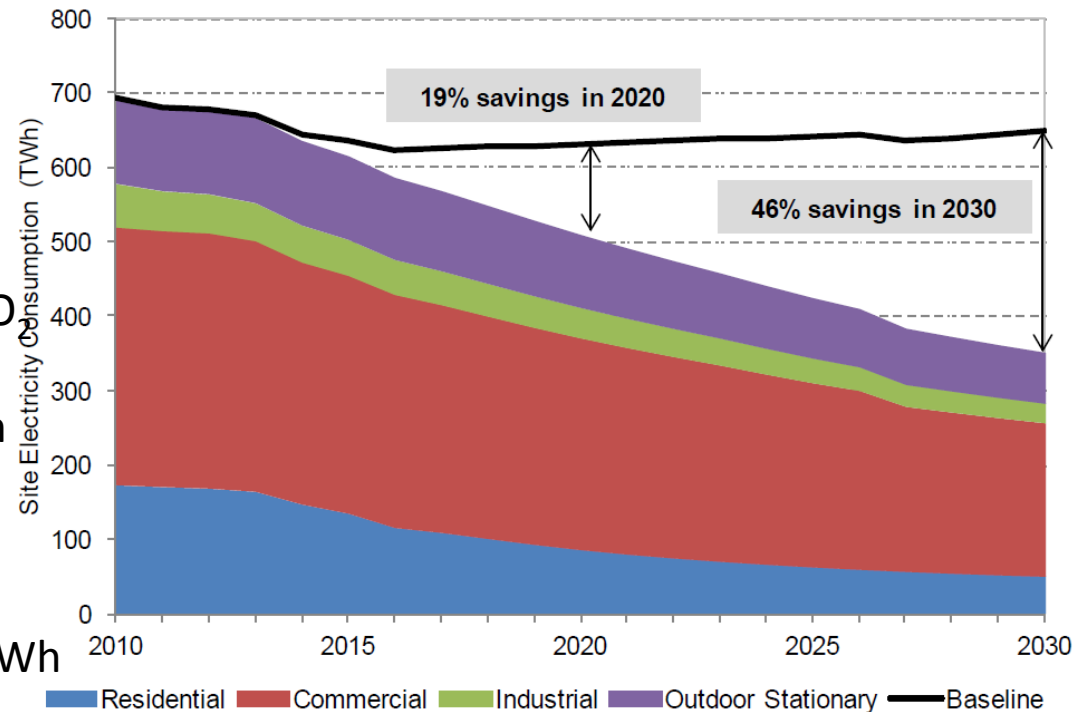
In terms of *equivalent coal*, as gas produces half as much CO₂ as coal, 50% coal.

1 Kilogram Coal = 24 [megajoules](#) (6.7 [kWhs](#)) - produces 3.6kg of CO₂

1kWh produces $0.5 \times 3.6 / 6.7 = 0.27$ kG of CO₂ / plant efficiency 0.38 = 0.71 kG CO₂

World electricity production: 22 000 TWh = 2.2×10^{13} kWh in 2011

Lighting uses 20% of electricity 4.4×10^{12} kWh



5% change in light generation efficiency is 22×10^{10} kWh, means $22 \times 10^{10} \times 0.71 \times 10^{-3}$ tons of CO₂

5 % change in light generation efficiency is 150 million tons of CO₂ per year

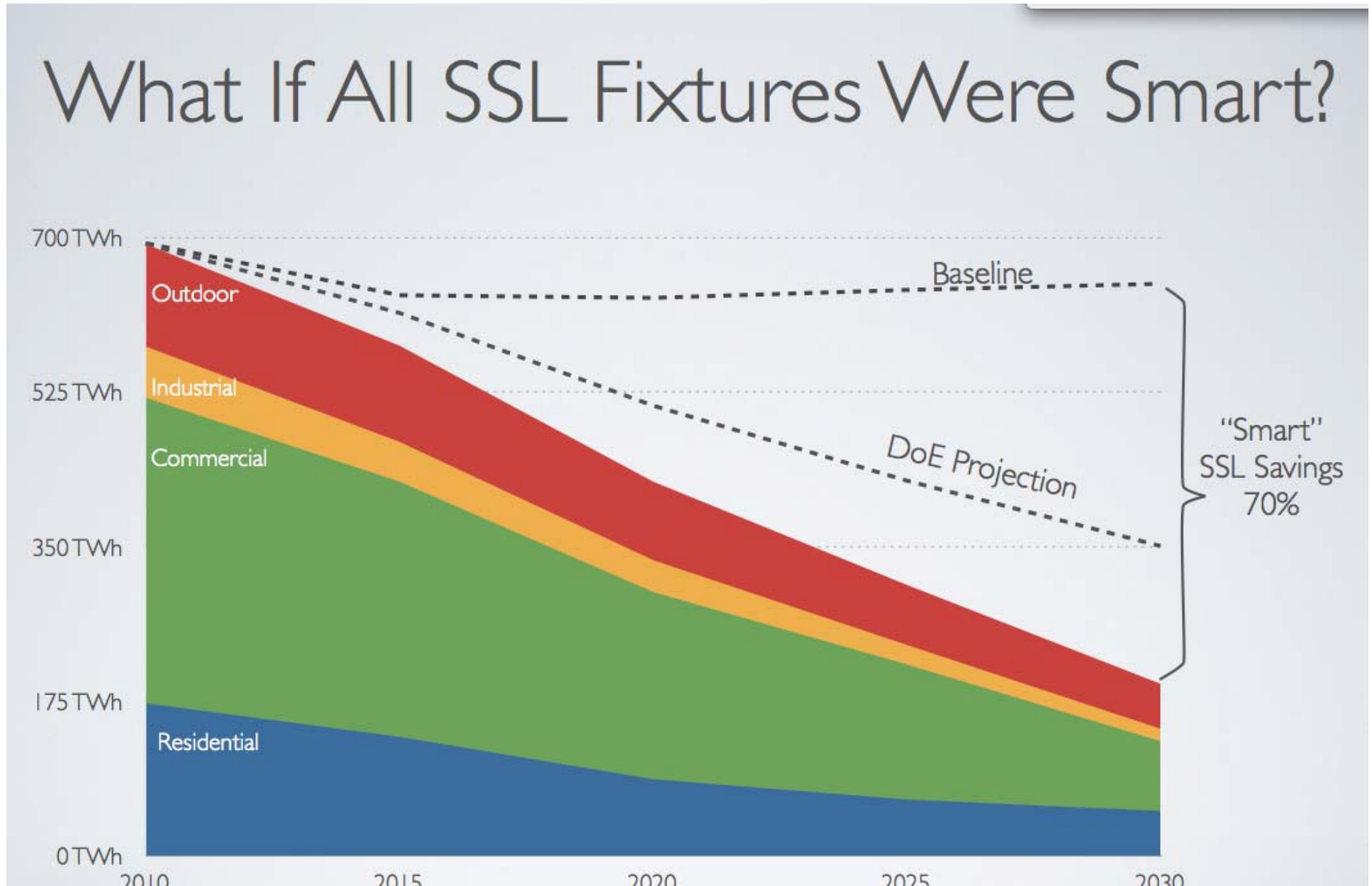
This is for today's electricity consumption for light generation, @ 75 lm/W average

If tomorrow average is 150lm/W, then 5% change represents 75 million tons of CO₂ per year

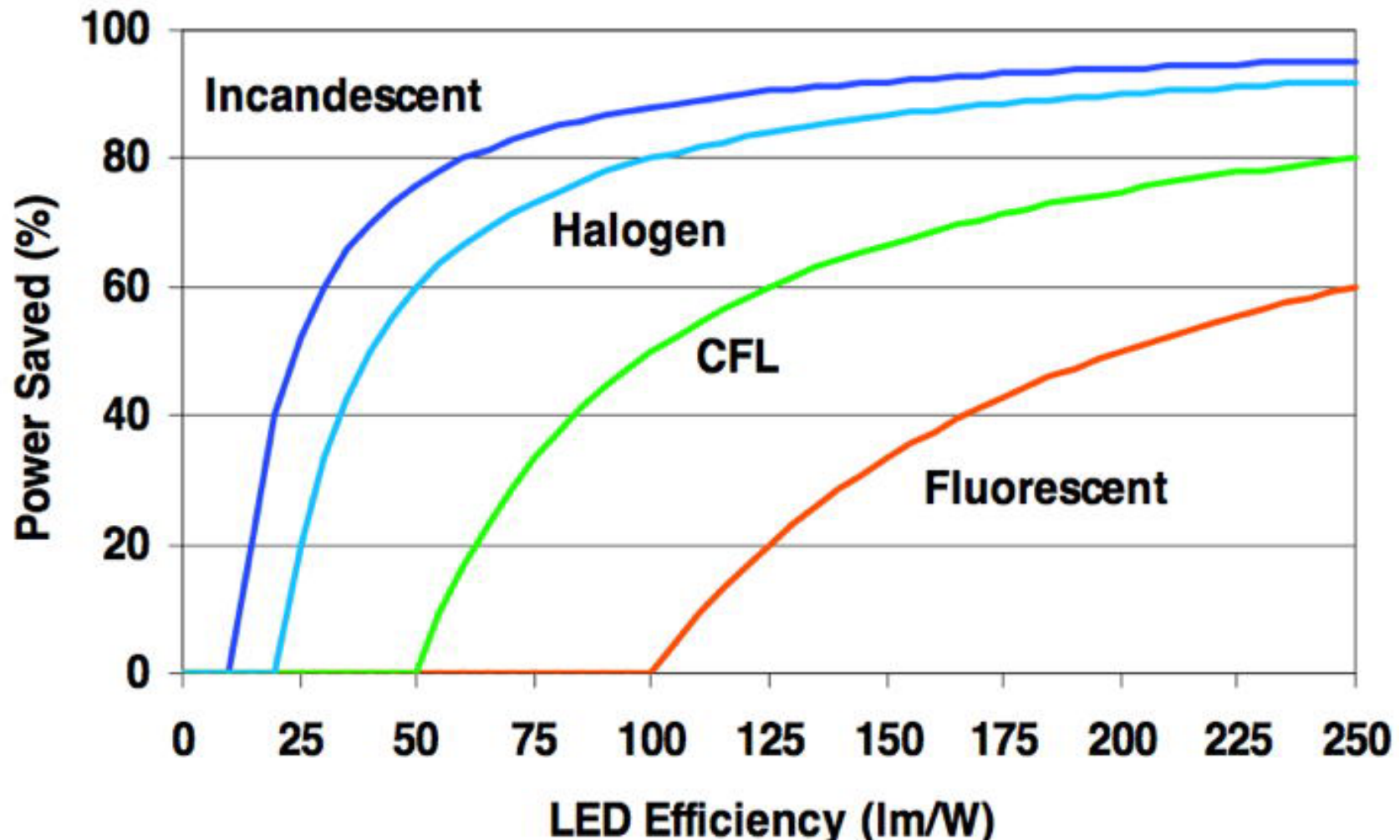
Additional savings by smart lighting

Brian Chemel, DoE SSL R&D Workshop 29 Jan 2013

What If All SSL Fixtures Were Smart?



Potential Power Savings vs. Traditional Lighting



To save electricity compared to incandescent, 15 lm/W is enough; to save compared to fluorescent, at least 100 lm/W is needed.


2025 Projected Annual Electricity Savings from SSL *provided we reach 200lm/W*

Numbers from "Annual Energy Outlook 2014 Table: Renewable Energy Generating Capacity and Generation, Reference Case,"


Energy savings for the US only

Source: DOE MYPP 2014


217 TWh
The 2025 Projected Electricity Savings from **Solid-State Lighting**




100%
2025 Projected Wind Power Electricity Generation



12X
2025 Projected Solar Power Electricity Generation



20 Million
U.S. Household Electricity Use



Upfront Cost:



Sticker Shock:

All sources: ~ 800 lumens
Warm White
Tier 1 brand



\$3-5



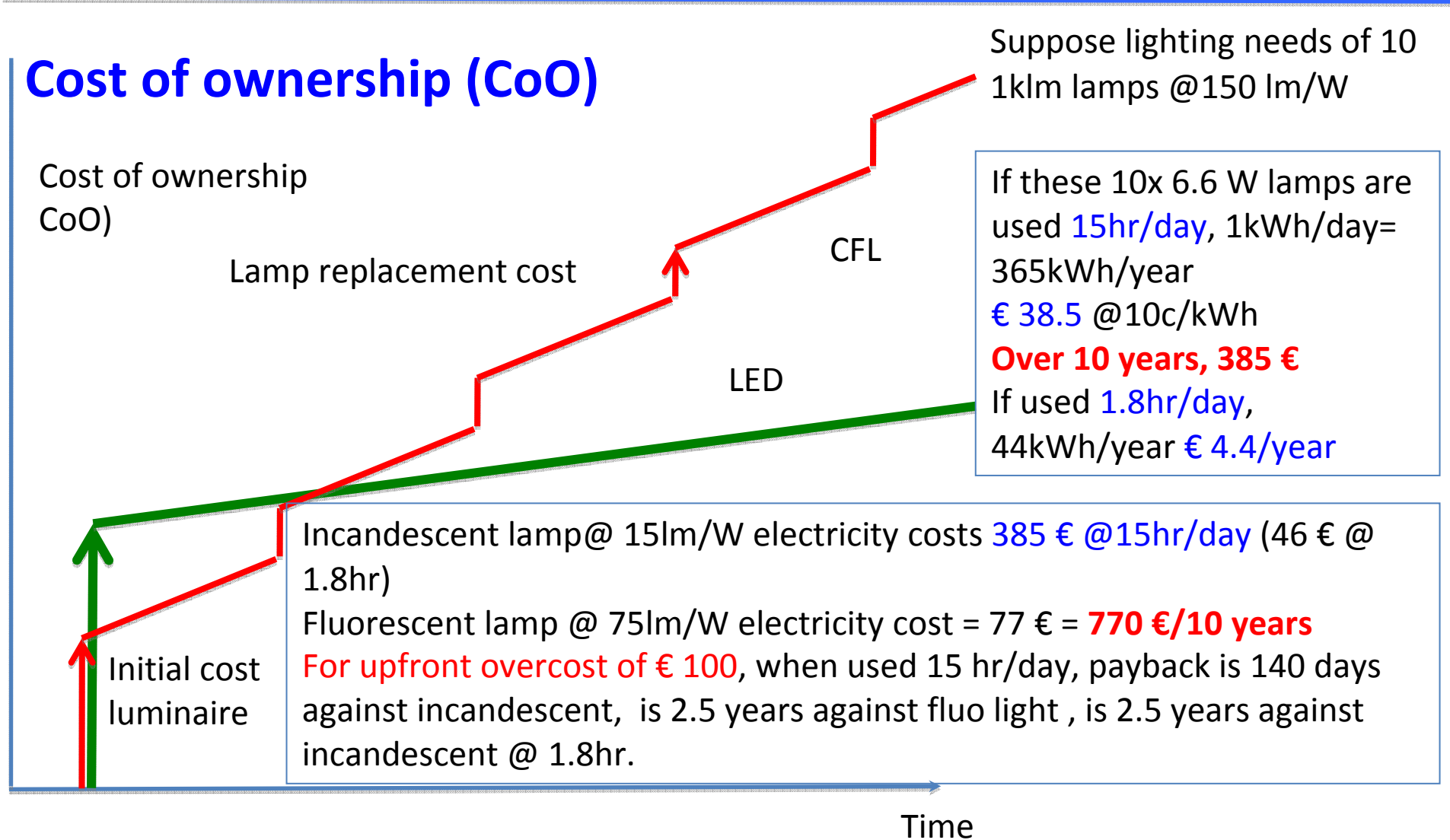
~~\$40~~

In 2011

Need to reduce \$/lumen !

Now: \$ 10!

Why pay so much a new (replacement) lamp?

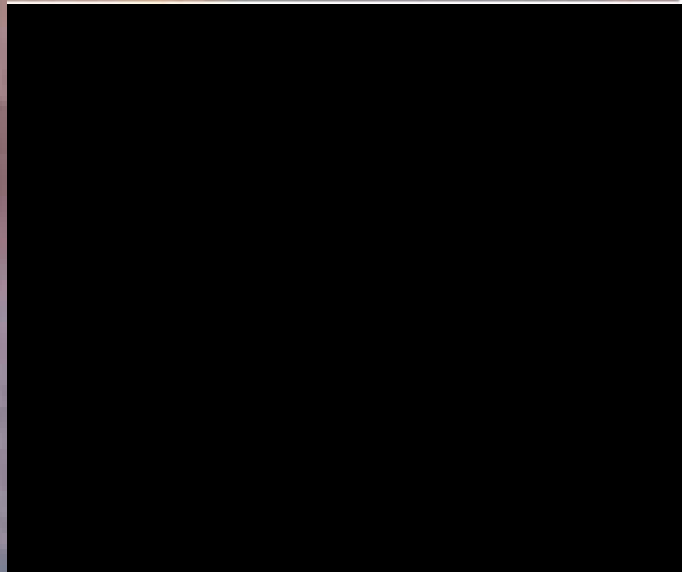


The larger the number of hours use per day, the faster the cost advantage (payback)

LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101
2. Light sources – it is not just photons and watts
3. Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
4. The state of the art - the remaining challenges
5. The impact 1 energy savings
6. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
The existing lighting system: kerosene lamps
Associating solar cells and LED lamps
7. The impact 3 improving quality of light





Off-Grid Lighting: GaN Blue PC LED + Solar Cell + Battery



- Kerosene lighting and firewood are used by 1/3 of the world; they cause countless fires and are very inefficient (0.03 lm/watt).
- The average villager spends 10-25% of their annual income on kerosene.
- LED Lighting costs much less on an annual basis and payback period is just 6 months.
- LED Lighting allows education at night and increases safety for the Third World.



Lighting kit - \$38
Solar cell
Battery (5 h charge)
2 x 1000 lm lights

Kerosene Lighting Hazards

- **Air pollution** – particulates, carbon monoxide carcinogenic gases
- **Health problems** – respiratory infections, lung and throat cancers, serious eye infections, cataracts, as well as low birth weights

World Bank estimates 780 million women & children inhale equivalent of smoke from 2 packs of cigarettes a day

- **Fire danger – Burns and house fires.** In India 2.5 million people (*350,000 of them children*) suffer severe burns each year from house fires, due to overturned kerosene lamps



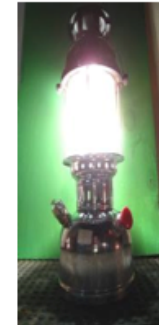


Photo Credit: India Impex

Off-Grid Status Quo :
Fuel Based Lighting Expensive, Unhealthy, and Inefficient



Kerosene for lighting is a **\$10-40 billion per year** industry
(sources: CCAC, 2014, UNEP, 2013; Lighting Global, 2012)



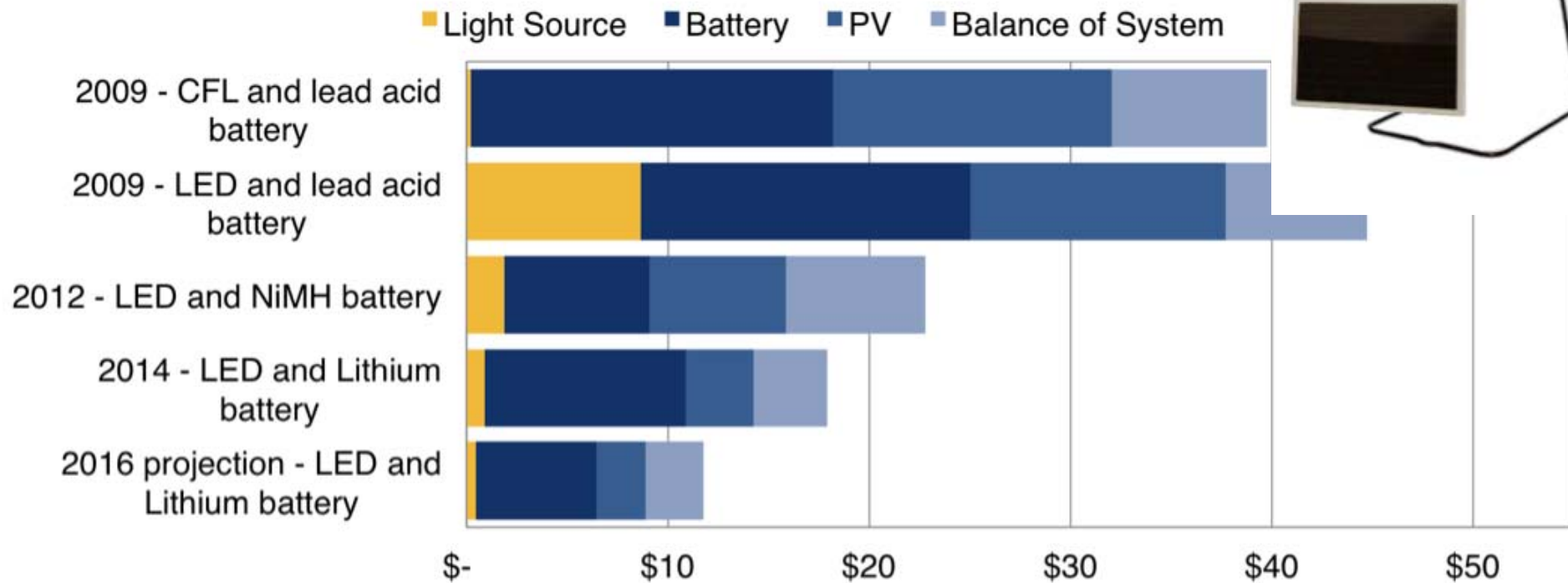
Peter Alstone, Berkeley
LED Lighting Off the Grid
DOE SSL R&D Workshop 2015

Pico-power ($\sim 0.1 - 10$ Watt solar PV) and solar home systems (10-100 W)



Peter Alstone, Berkeley
LED Lighting Off the Grid
DOE SSL R&D Workshop 2015

Super efficiency in action: pico-solar cost decline



Phadke, A., Jacobson, A., Park, W.Y., Lee, G.R., **Alstone, P.**, and Khare, A. *Super-Efficient Appliances Can Enable Expanded Energy Access Using Off-grid Solar Power Systems* (in preparation for early 2015)

Peter Alstone, Berkeley
LED Lighting Off the Grid
DOE SSL R&D Workshop 2015

Solid State Lighting for the Developing World - The Only Solution

R. Peon, G. Doluweera, I. Platonova, D. Irvine-Halliday, G. Irvine-Halliday

Light Up The World Foundation, University of Calgary, Canada

**6 times more lumens
at 5% of the cost**

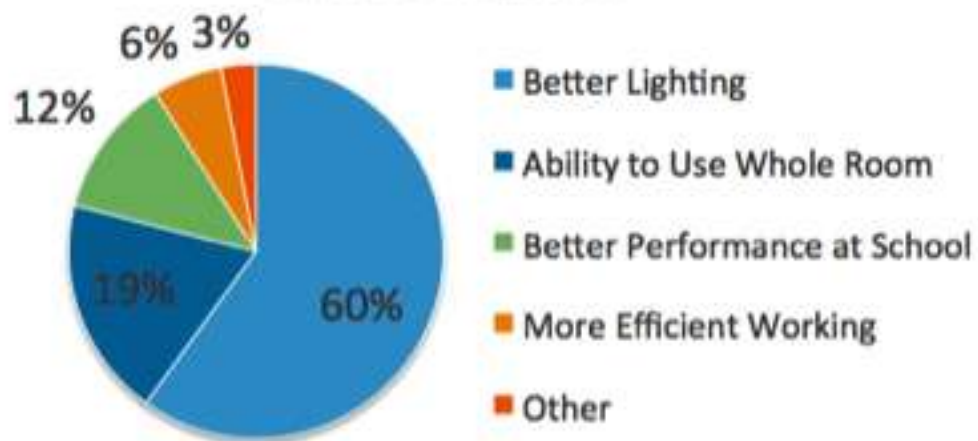
staying healthy

parameter	CFL	kerosen	DEL lamp
lamp power use	7 W	0.05 l/hr	1W
lamp initial cost	3	1	10
lamp cost 50 000 hrs	25	10	10
Luminous output (lm)	250	10	60
lamp lifetime (heures)	6000	5 000	50 000
Light production 50 000 hrs (lmxhrs)	12.5 10 ⁶	0.05 10 ⁶	3 10 ⁶
Lamp energy use 50 000 hrs	350 kWh	2500l	50kWh
Energy cost 50 000 hrs	350	1250	50
Cout total sur 50 000 hrs	375	1260	60
lm cost 50 000 hrs	1.5	126	1
Cost for 10 ⁴ lm x hr (10lm x 3 hrs/day x 365)	3.33	251	0.2
lm cost over 50 000 hrs	1.5	126	1

Assumes 1\$/kWh
By solar PV+storage

Customer Impact: Education

How did the studying conditions for your children improve?

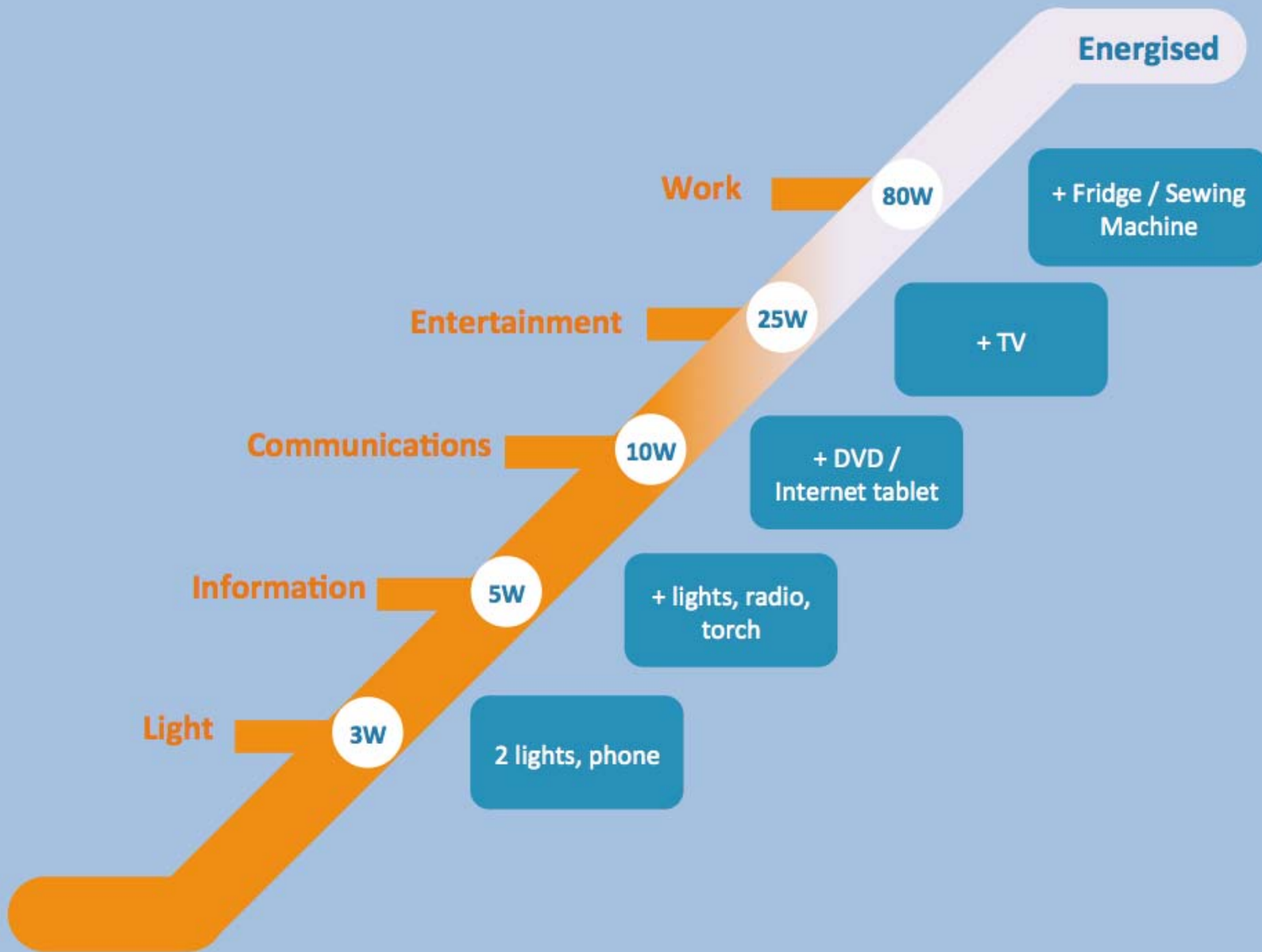


- On average, four children study at home after school
- 97% of the customers claimed that their children study more and are more motivated since they have Indigo
- Parents reported feeling safer allowing their children to study independently

“For me, the most important is that my children can finally study at night. Even when I am not at home.”

- Teacher, Ugunja





LEDs for lighting - the physical and materials basis

1. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) 101
2. Light sources – it is not just photons and watts
3. Visible LEDs, a long road from red to blue
4. The state of the art - the remaining challenges
5. The impact 1 energy savings
6. The impact 2 bringing safe and cheap light where there is none
7. The impact 3 improving quality of light
What is natural light ?
Various environments where quality of light matters a lot

Once we have saved the planet....

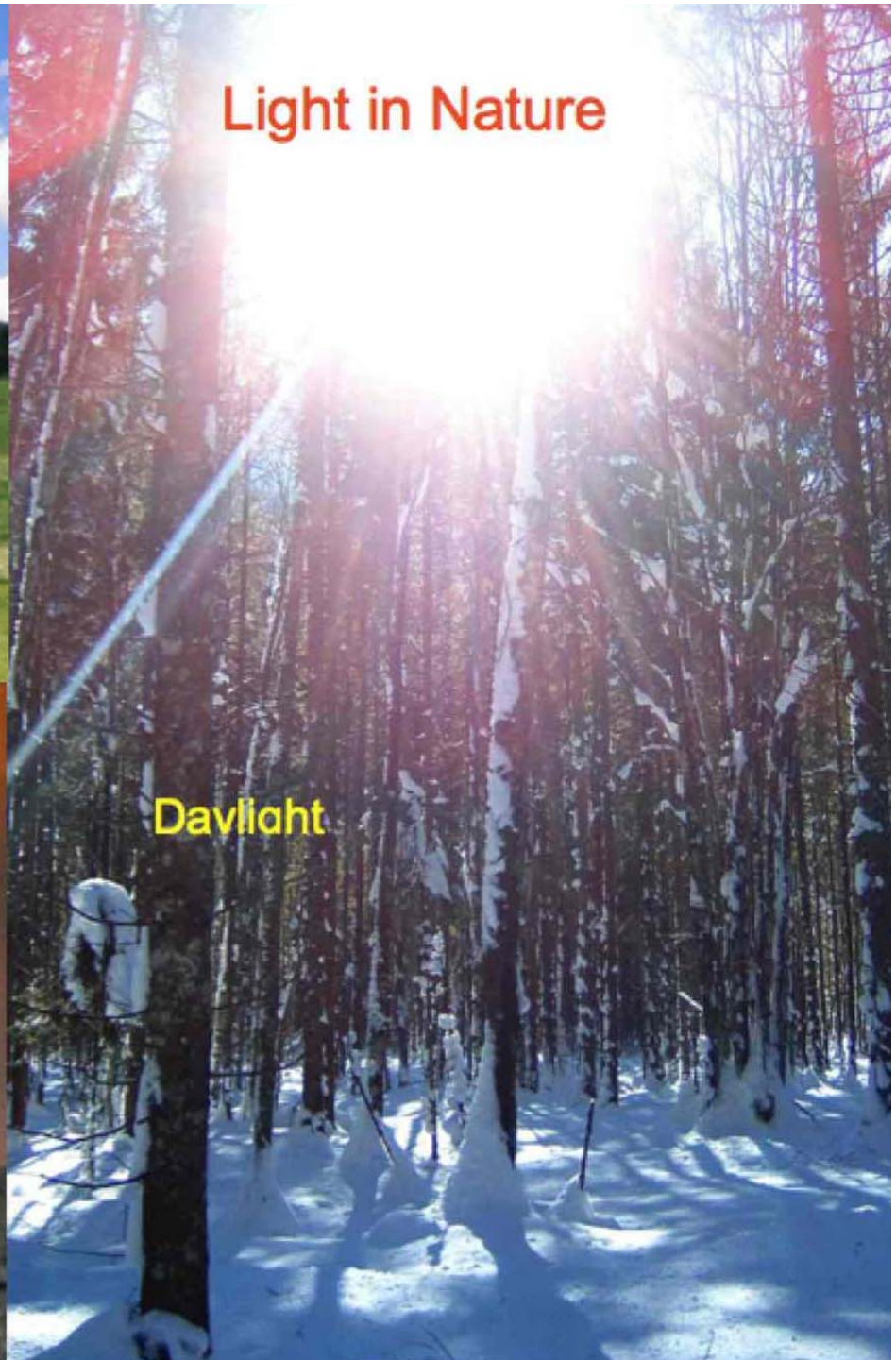
Improve quality of life



Seasonal Changes



Dynamic Colors

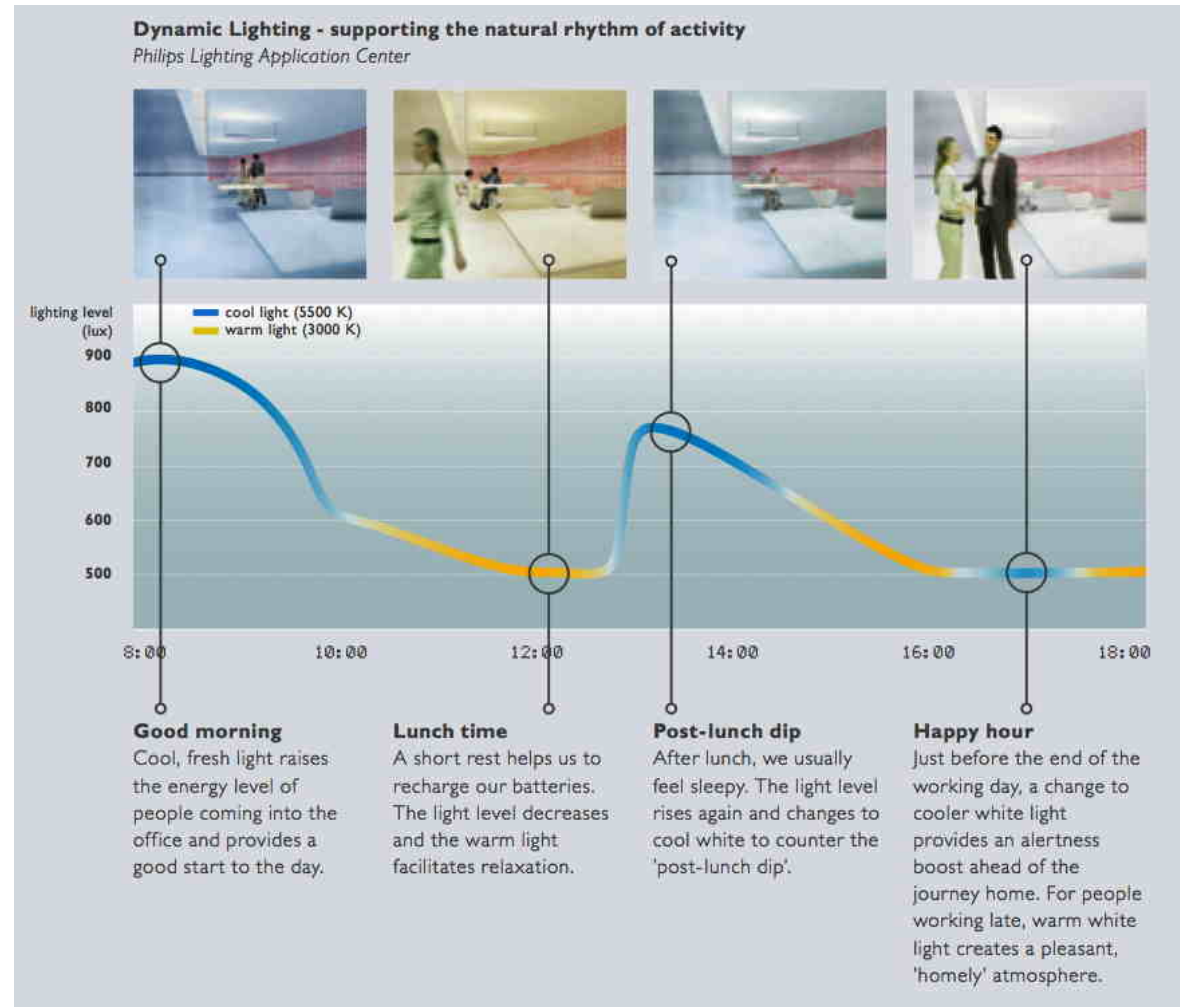


Light in Nature

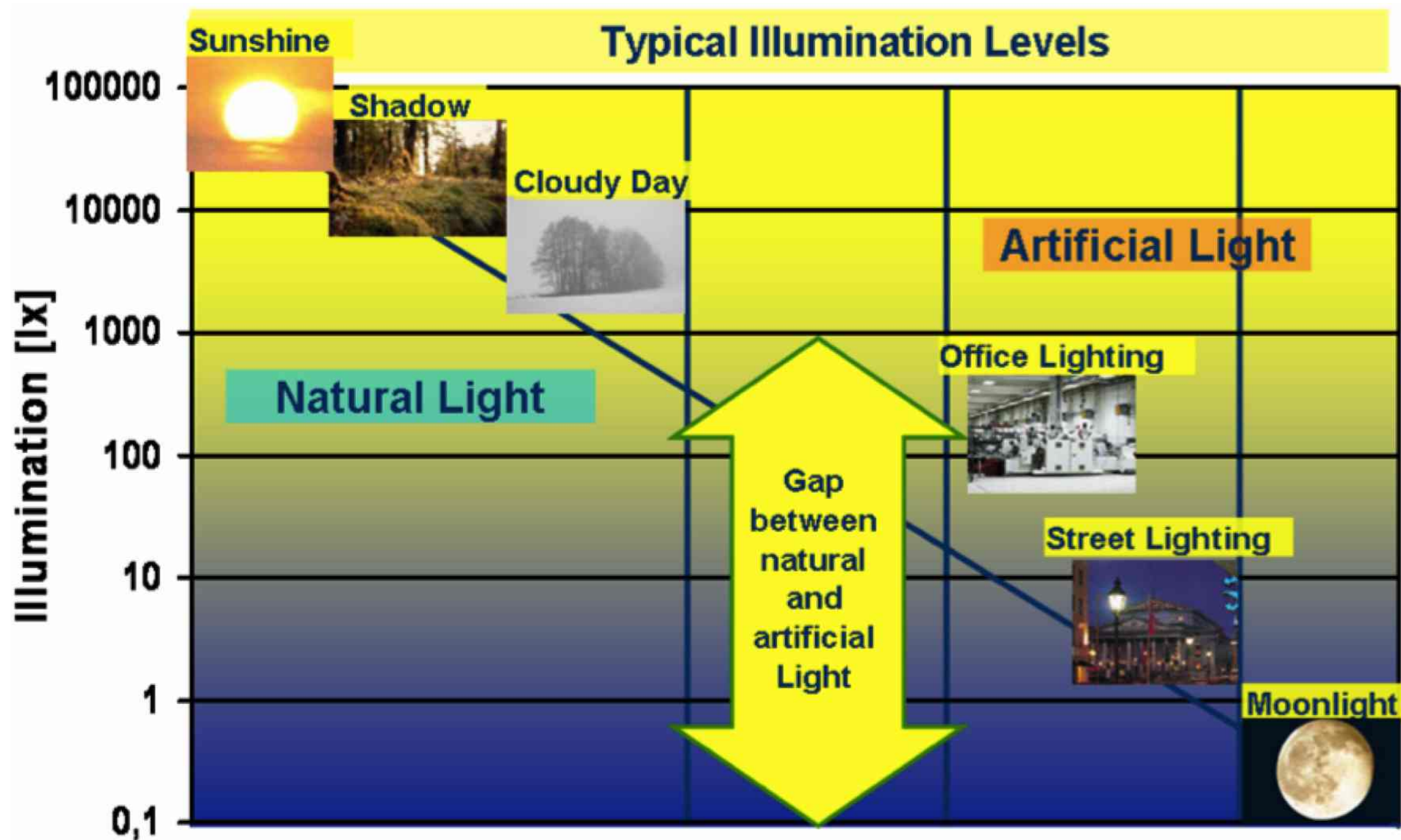
Daylight

The future needs: dynamic/adaptive lighting

Requires
RGB LEDs with independent
current control



Solving the green gap: compare WPE of green LED to WPE of blueLED + green phosphor



Health and well-being

- We expect offices will increase and optimize lighting for productivity



Health and well-being

- Education

NORMAL

Normal Class Lessons Standard Color Tone



FOCUS

Concentration for Testing Cool Color Tone



ENERGY

Support Fresh Start (Morning) or (Early Afternoon)
Very Cool Color Tone



CALM

When Class Is Hyperactive Warm Color Tone





LEDs in operating rooms

Light temperature can be adjusted between 3,500 and 5,000 Kelvin.

Regardless of whether surgeons are operating on tissues in which the blood flow is heavy or light, they can make contrasts more visible by changing colour temperatures.

For long interventions, light is tuned more greenish, which is less tiring for the surgeon, allowing longer operations.

For endoscopy, the light can be dimmed across an unusual range of 10-100%

Many single converging lenses, in different amounts, combined into homogenous and shadow-free light, like a '3-D light'

The total luminosity of iLED amounts to 160,000 Lux

The 'cold' IR-free light of the LEDs means that even directly under the lamp, practically no heat emission can be felt: 6 °C less on the operation table, meaning less blood drying, and more comfort for surgeon and patient.

LEDs in agriculture



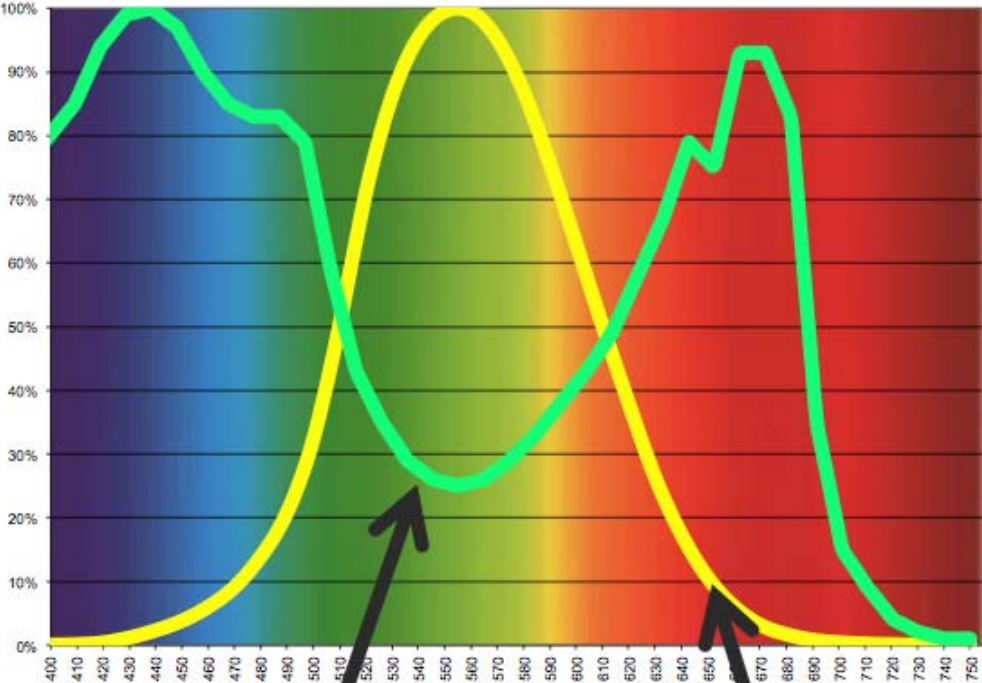
Fruits



Flowers



Leafy Greens



Photosynthetic curve (Plant)

Photopic curve (Human)



Medicine



LEDs in agriculture

- Eastern Japan 2013, **25000** Sq. Ft.
- 18 racks each 15 levels, **17000** LED fixtures
- **10000** heads of Lettuce per day (100 fold density increase from outside)
- Grows **2.5X** faster than outside
- Waste from **50% to 10%** compared to outside
- **1%** of water usage compared to outside
- LED **40%** less power than florescent light





A dilemma: PV ou LED?

What if materials become scarce ?

I have good GaN : should I do LEDs or solar cells? (to save the world)

To save the planet, is it better to produce electricity with PV solar cells made with this GaN or should I save electricity substituting lighting sources by LEDs from the same GaN?

Let's consider 1 m² GaN under 1kW/m² sun power

PV suppose 30% efficiency (**optimistic**) => generates **300 W during 6h/day** at peak power (2190h/year, not France/Germany average where it is 800/1000h) => **generates 657 kWh/year**

LED: injected power= 3V x 25A/cm² x 10 000cm² = **750 kW, during 3 h/day (of course in commercial/industrial it is 12-15h/day) uses 2250 kWh**

Saved power is at least 3 times as much, at they replace sources which are 4 (CFLs) to 10 (incandescence) times less efficient (includes luminaire efficiencies) => 2.25 MW times 1000h, saves **2.25 10⁶ kWh/year - 3000 times more**

Even with x1000 concentration (quite a limit), still a factor 3 difference (12 if lamps are operated 12h/day)!

This is due to the **much larger current density in the LEDs (25 A/cm²) instead of 10mA/cm²** (@ concentration x1000 (1000x1kW/m²=100W/cm²@30%=30W/cm² = 10A/cm² @ 3V)