

# 11. Gas Discharge Displays

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# 11.1 Technologies for Flat Displays

<b>Technology</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>Max. size</b>	<b>Areas of application</b>
<b>Organic EL</b>	<b>2 lm/W</b>	<b>10"</b>	<b>Automobiles, mobile phones</b>
<b>Inorganic EL</b>	<b>1 lm/W</b>	<b>17"</b>	<b>Instrument displays</b>
<b>FED</b>	<b>5 lm/W</b>	<b>17"</b>	
<b>LCD</b>	<b>4 lm/W</b>	<b>65"</b>	<b>Laptops, monitors, LCD TV</b>
<b>PALC</b>	<b>4 lm/W</b>	<b>40 - 50"</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LED Array</b>	<b>8 - 10 lm/W</b>	<b>&gt; 100"</b>	<b>Billboards</b>
<b>Projection TV</b>	<b>5 lm/W</b>	<b>50 - 60"</b>	<b>TV</b>
<b>PDP</b>	<b>5 lm/W</b>	<b>~ 152"</b>	<b>TV, scoreboards</b>
<b>CRT</b>	<b>3 lm/W</b>	<b>36"</b>	<b>TV, monitors</b>

**Remark:**            **Theoretical limit for white light generation ~ 300 lm/W<sub>opt.</sub>**  
⇒                      **Energy efficiency of displays ~ 1 - 5%**

# 11.1 Technologies for Flat Displays

## Gas Discharge Displays



**152" HDTV-PDP**

## Properties

**Flat and large  
(32 - 300 inch)**

**Thin ~ 100 mm**

**Lightweight  
~ 20 - 30 kg for 42-inch**

**Large viewing angle  
~ 170°**

**No distortion**

**Unaffected by external  
magnetic fields**

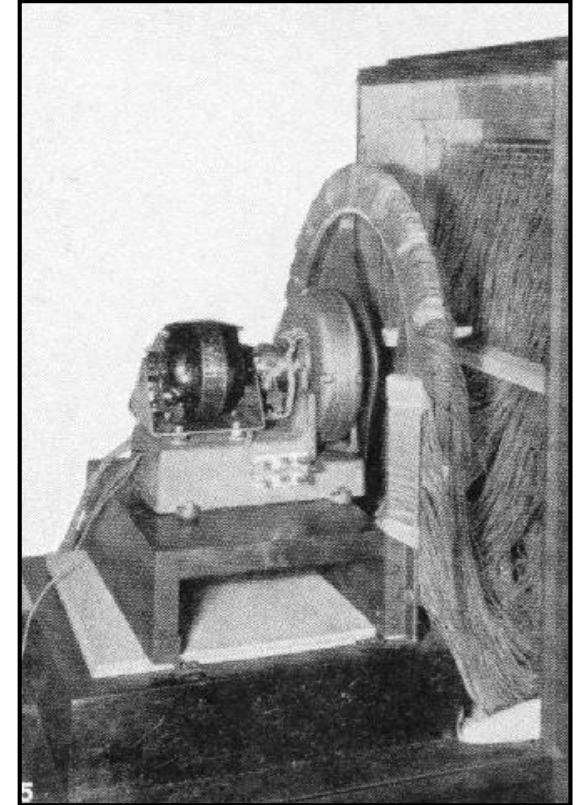
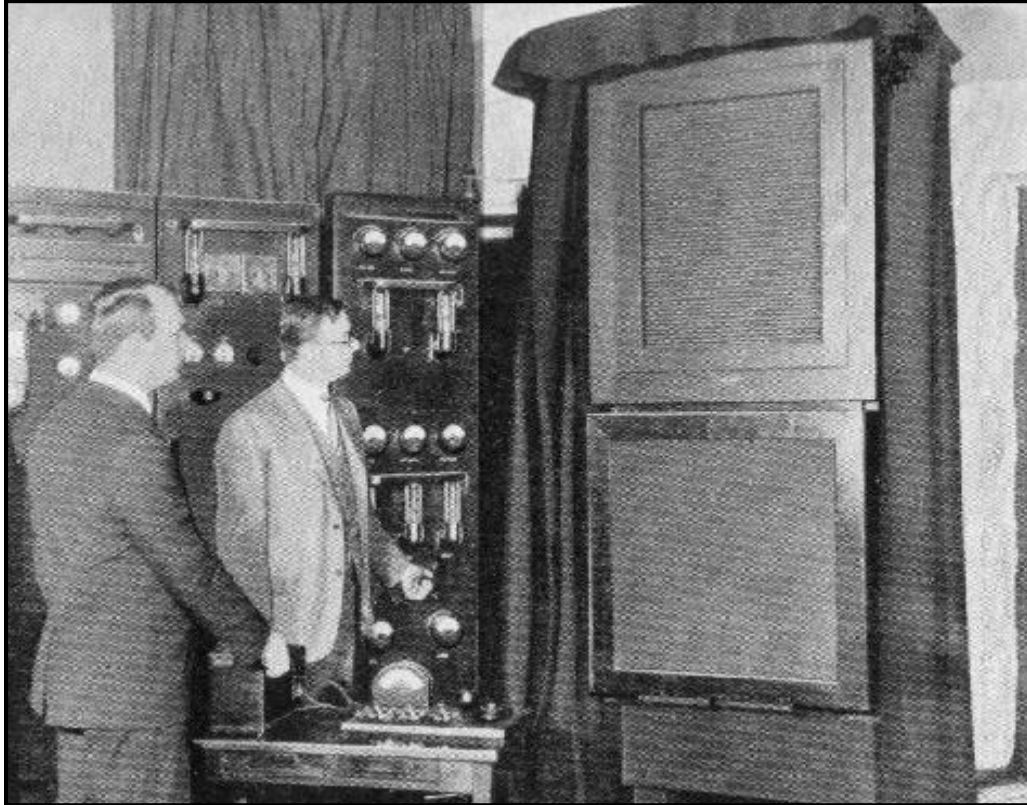
# 11.1 Technologies for Flat Displays

## Emissive Display Types

<b>Technology</b>	<b>CRT</b>	<b>PDP</b>
<b>Excitation source</b>	<b>Electron beam</b>	<b>Gas discharge</b>
<b>Excitation energy</b>	<b>(5 -) 20 - 30 keV</b>	<b>6 - 10 eV</b>
<b>Gas pressure</b>	<b><math>&lt; 10^{-3}</math> mbar</b>	<b>200 - 300 mbar Xe/Ne</b>
<b>Phosphors</b>	<b>Sulfides</b>	<b>Oxides</b>
<b>Viewing angle</b>	<b><math>&gt; 160^\circ</math></b>	<b><math>&gt; 160^\circ</math></b>
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>EDTV 720 x 480 pixel</b>	<b>UHTV 3840 x 2160 pixel (4K)</b>

# 11.1 Technologies for Flat Displays

## Plasma displays 1929



# 11.2 Construction of Gas Discharge Displays

## Simplified layer structure

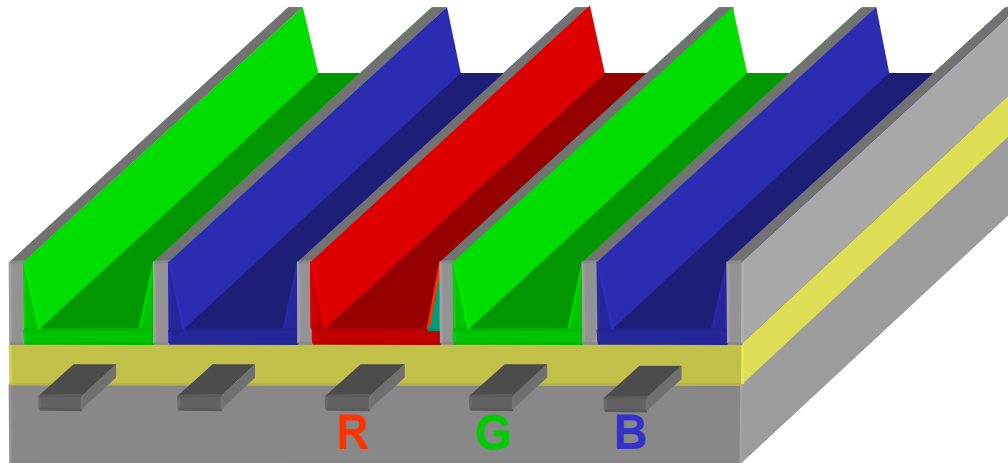


Front glass plate

Bus electrode (ITO)

Dielectric

MgO protective layer



RGB phosphor

Dielectric

Address electrodes (Ag)

Rear

glass plate (PD200)

Gas filling ~ 500 Torr Ne with 3 - 5 % Xe

# 11.2 Construction of Gas Discharge Displays

## Structure of a plasma discharge cell

Glass back panel

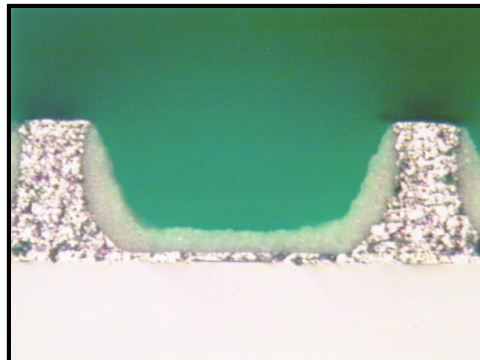
Structuring by barrier ribs

TiO<sub>2</sub>-film as a reflector

Phosphor layer (with additives)



Conical structure



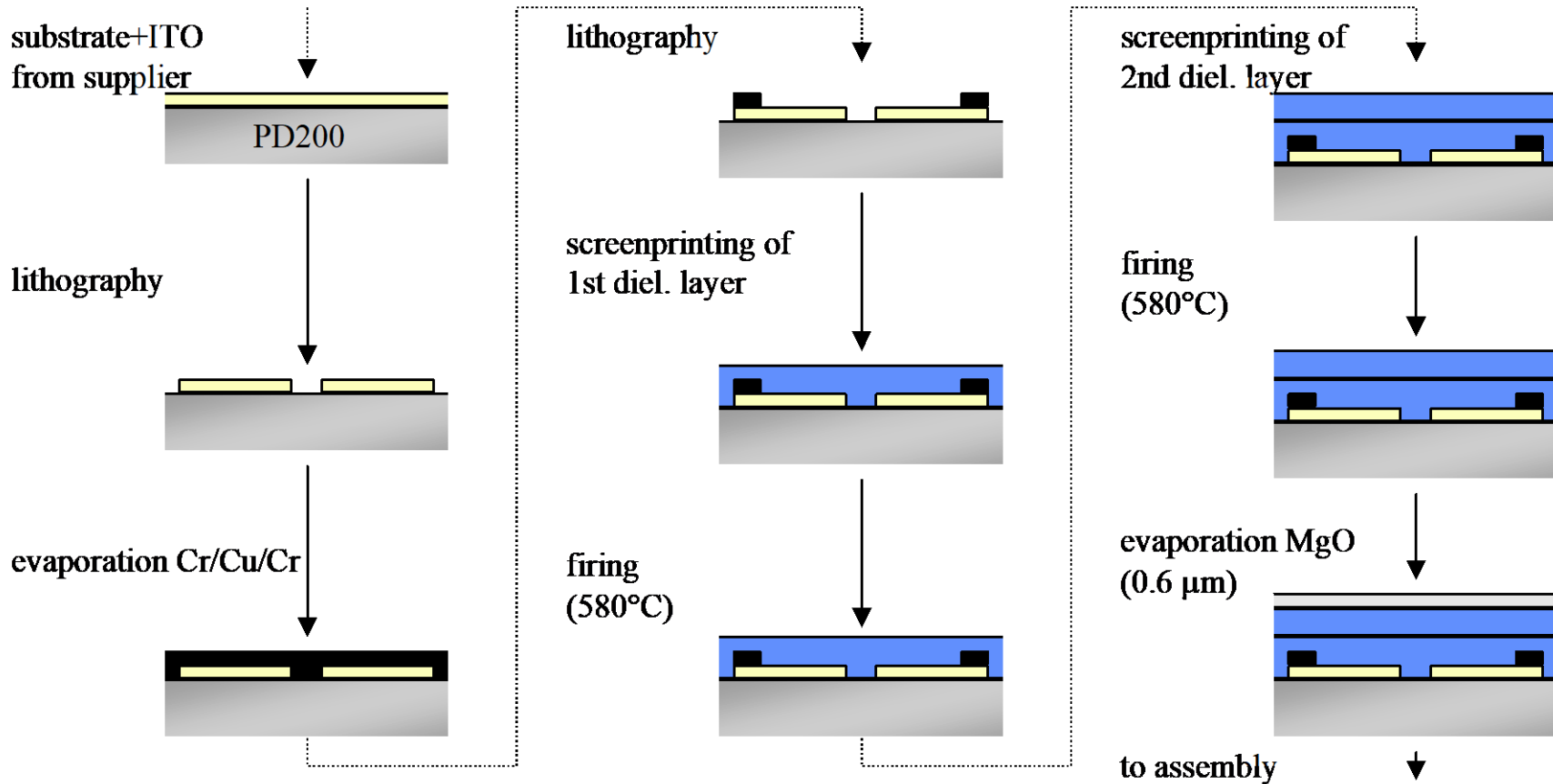
U-shaped structure



# 11.3 Manufacturing Process

## Preparation of the front plate

### FRONT PLATE

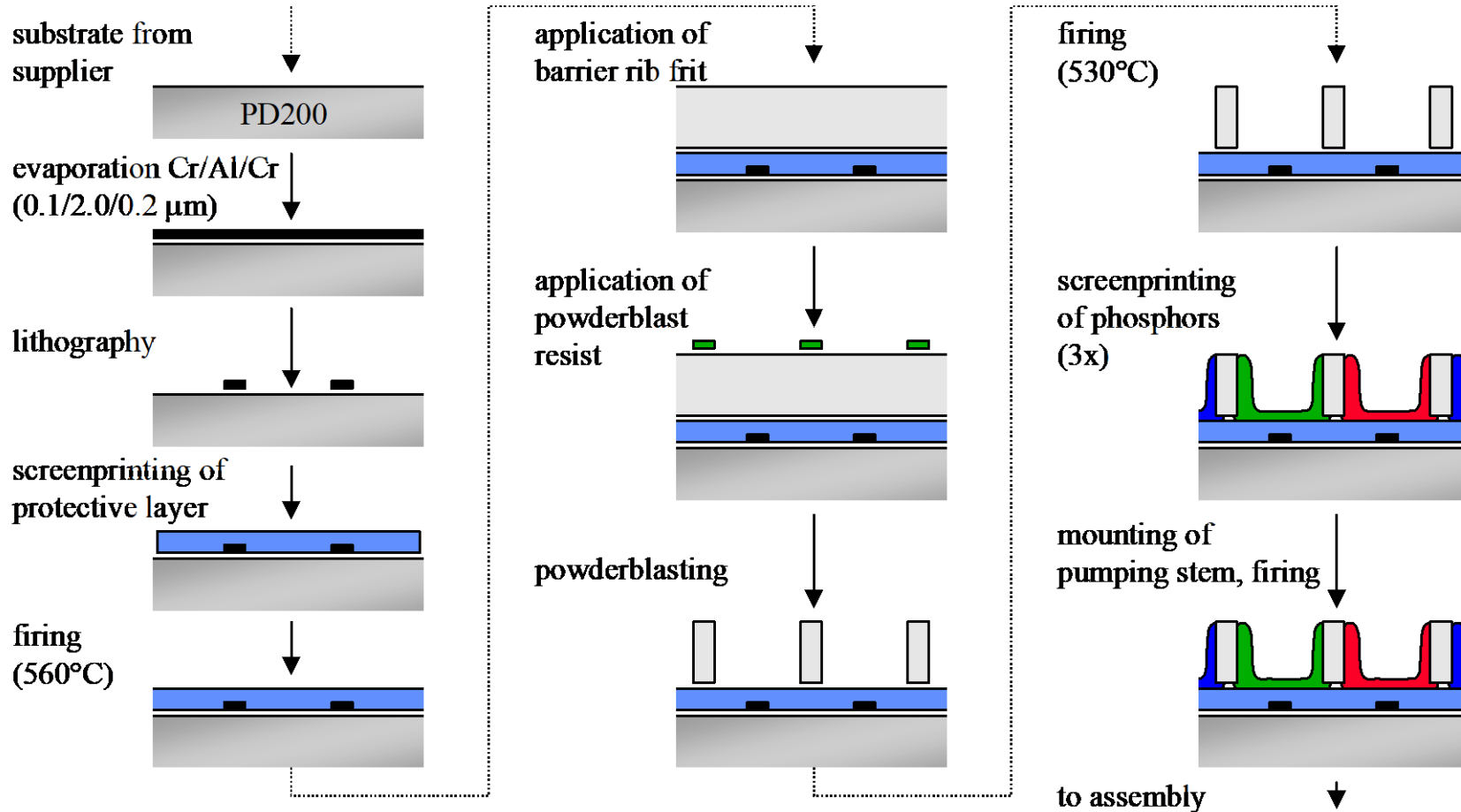




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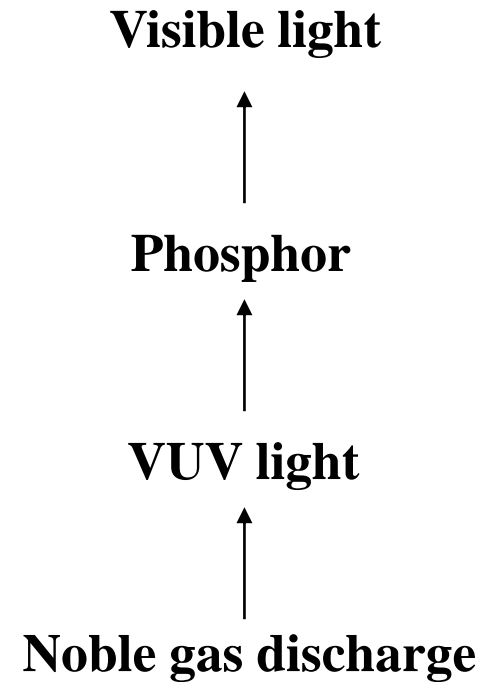
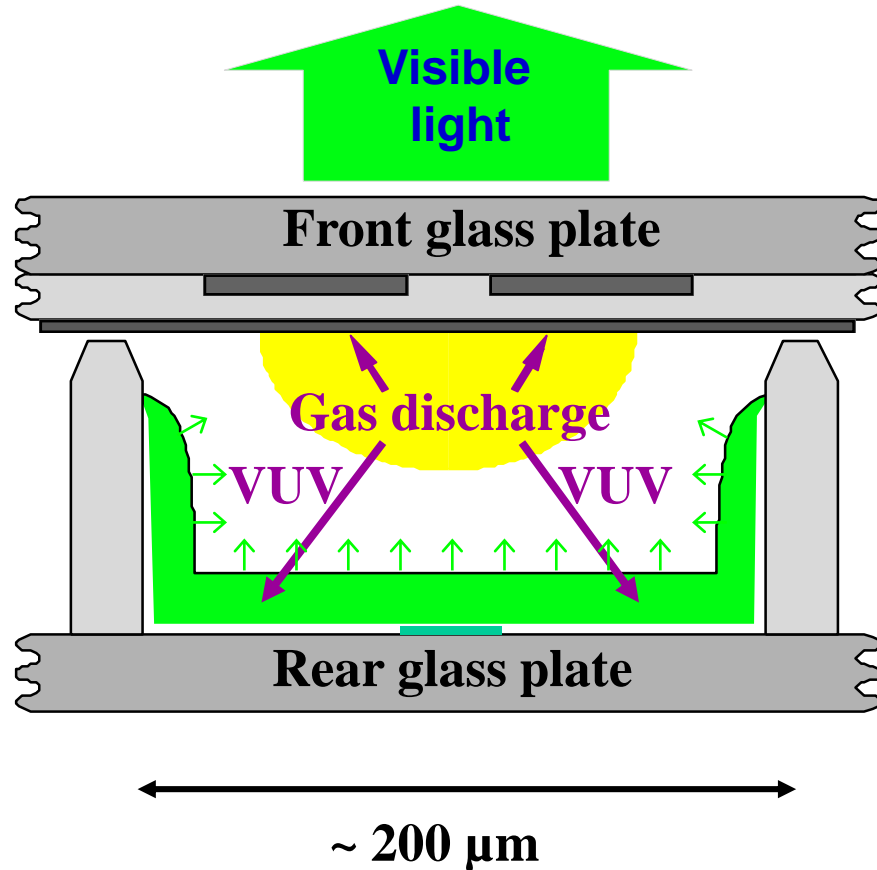
## Preparation of the back plate

### BACK PLATE



# 11.4 Light Generation in Plasma Displays

## Functional principle



# 11.4 Light Generation in Plasma Displays

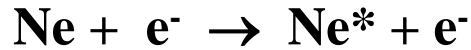
## Efficiency of light generation

$$\eta_{\text{display}} = \eta_{\text{discharge}} \cdot \eta_{\text{UV}} \cdot \eta_{\text{phosphor}} \cdot \eta_{\text{out-coupling}}$$

	<i>PDP-cell</i>	<i>Xe<sub>2</sub>*- lamp</i>	<i>Hg - lamp</i>
$\eta_{\text{Plasma}}$	24 %	70 %	75 %
$\eta_{\text{UV}}$	40 %	90 %	98 %
$\eta_{\text{Phosphor}}$	20 %	25 %	44 %
$\eta_{\text{Coupling out}}$	50 %	90 %	98 %
$\eta_{\text{Display}}$	1.0 %	14 %	30 %
<b>Typ. light output</b>	<b>3 lm/W</b>	<b>40 lm/W</b>	<b>90 lm/W</b>

# 11.4 Light Generation in Plasma Displays

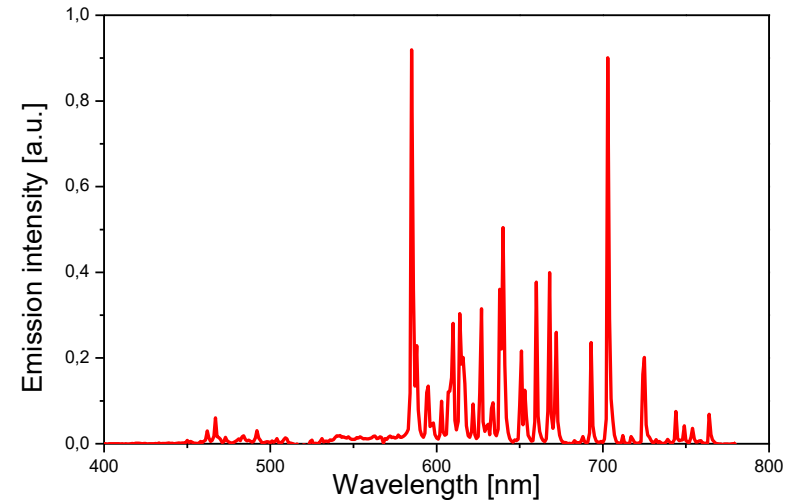
## Light generation in Ne discharges



(Penning ionization)

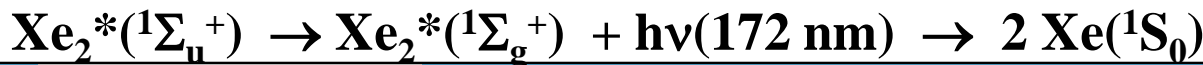
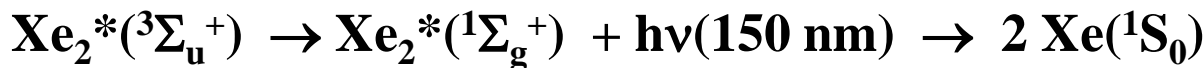
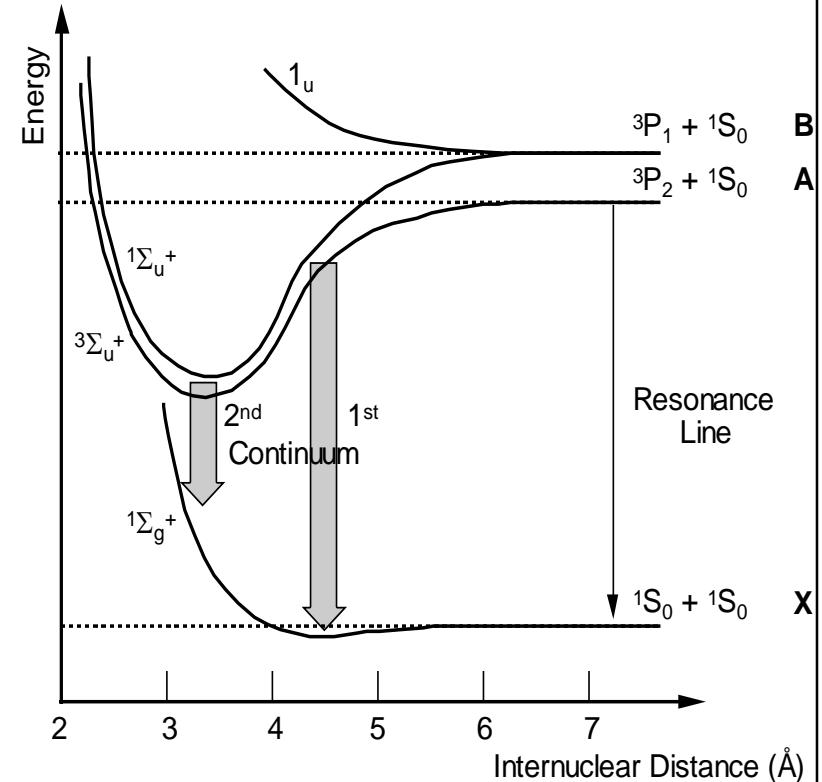
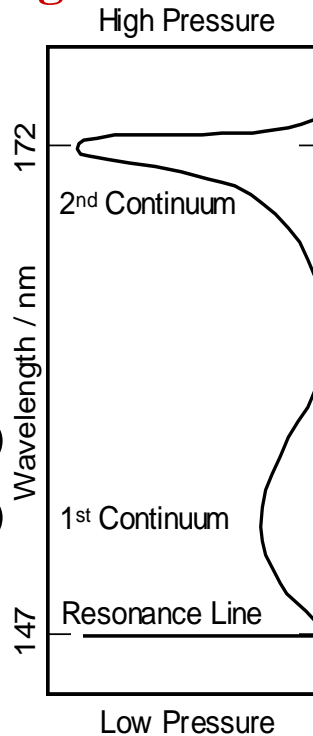
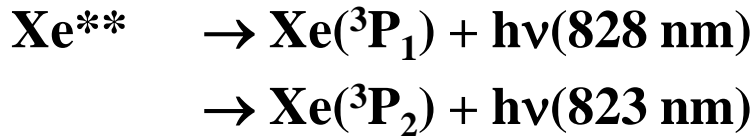
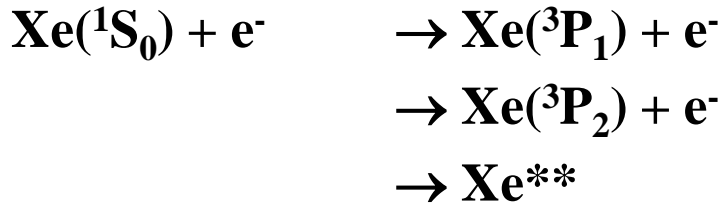
- Monochrome PDPs
- Neon discharge lamps
- Hg-discharge lamps with Ne-filling "neon lamps"

Gas mixtures of Ne/Ar or Ne/Xe thus cause a reduction of the ignition voltage by the so-called "Penning effect"



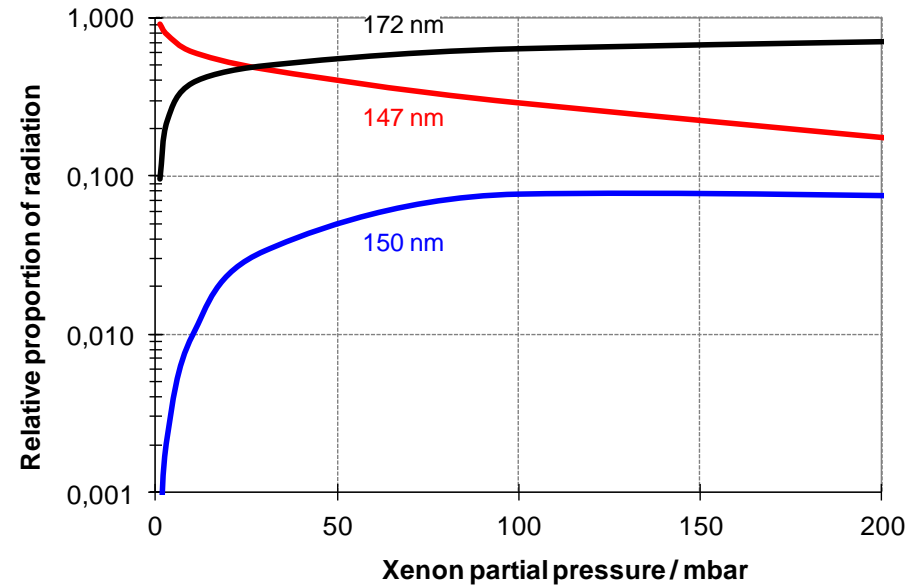
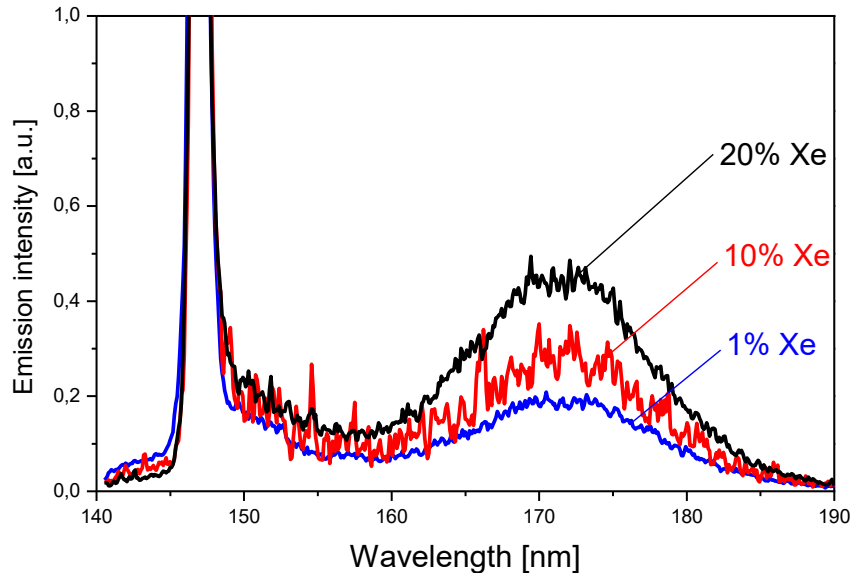
# 11.4 Light Generation in Plasma Displays

## Light generation in Xe/Ne discharge



# 11.4 Light Generation in Plasma Displays

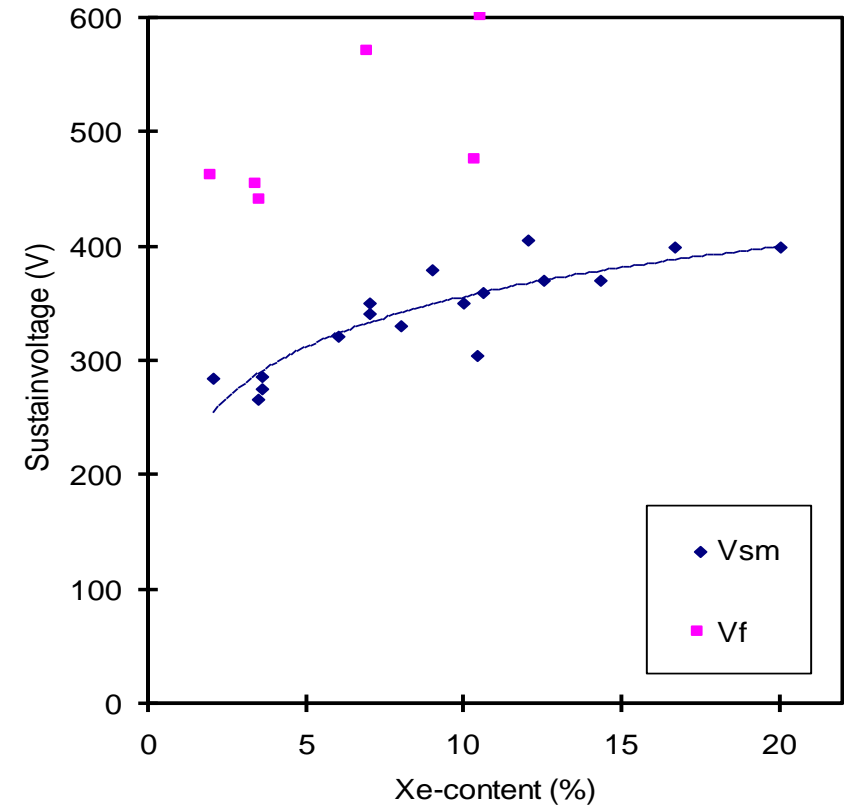
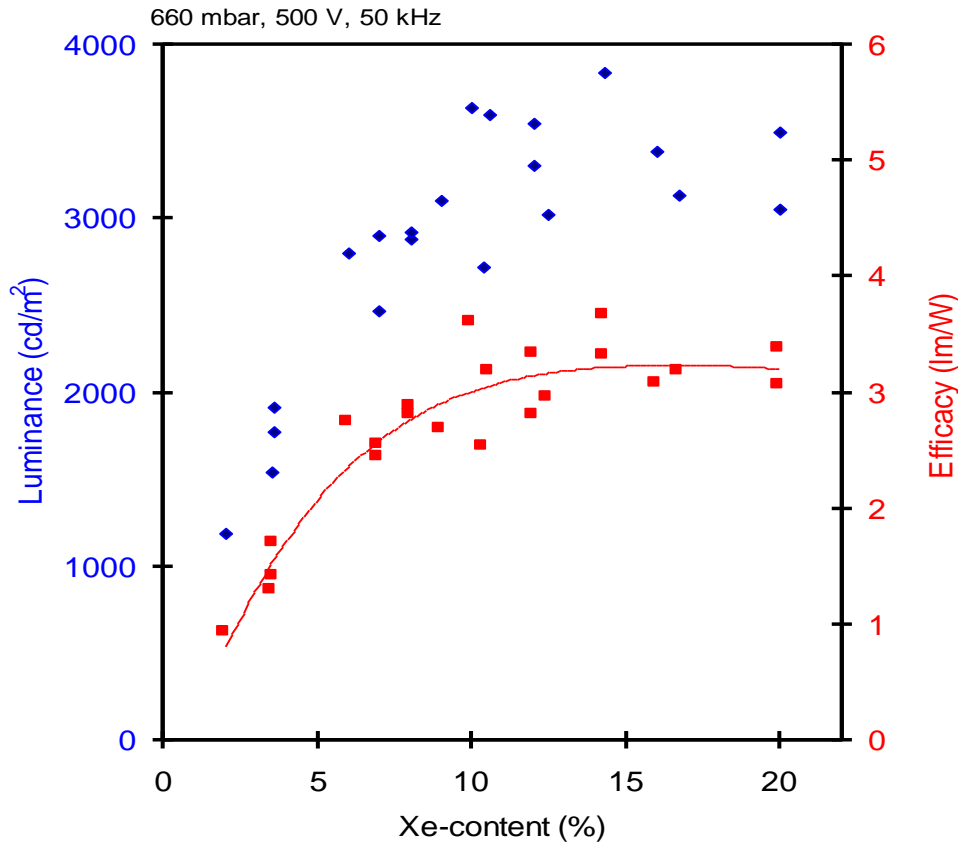
## Light generation in Xe/Ne discharge



**50% Xe<sub>2</sub>\*-excimer and 50% Xe\* resonance emission at 25 mbar Xe partial pressure**

**PDPs 2005: Xe percentage at 10 - 15% and 300 mbar total pressure, i.e., Xe<sub>2</sub>\*-excimer radiation predominates**

# 11.4 Light Generation in Plasma Displays



**With increasing Xe partial pressure the efficiency and the ignition voltage increases**



# 11.4 Light Generation in Plasma Displays

## Dependence on the Xe/Ne partial pressure

**100% Ne**

**Ne/Xe**

**100% Xe**



**Low ignition voltage**  
**~ 300 V**

**Visible emissions**  
**580 - 720 nm**  
**(Monochrome red)**

**VUV emission**  
**74 nm**

**High ignition voltage**  
**~ 2 kV**

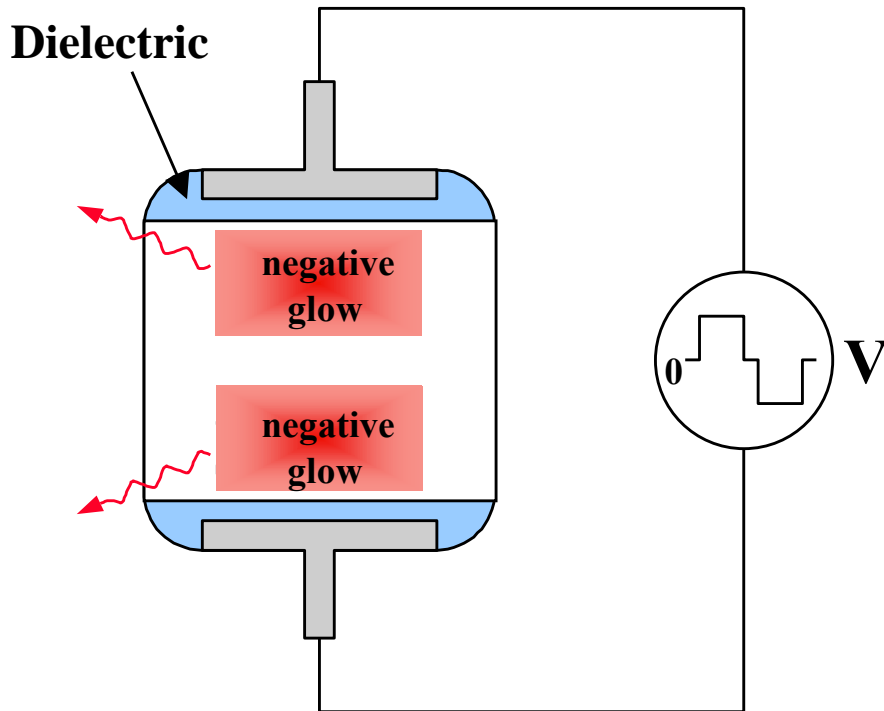
**No visible emission**  
**(colour is defined by the phosphor)**

**VUV emission**  
**147, 150, 172 nm**

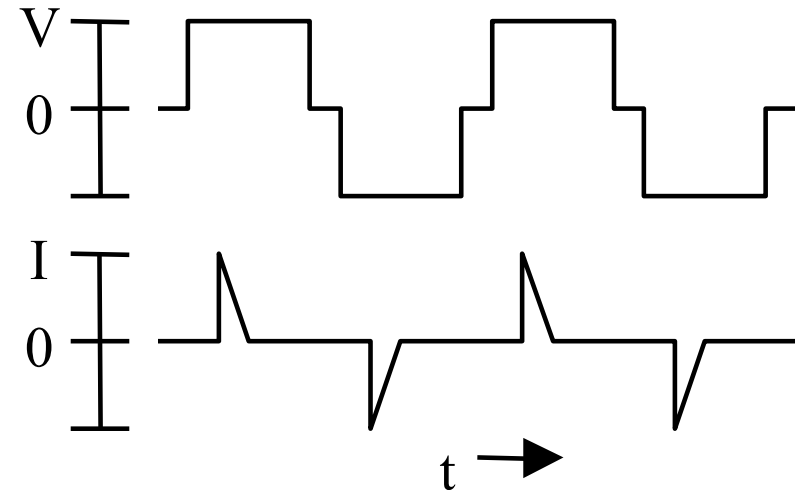
# 11.5 Operation of the Gas Discharge

## Dielectric barrier discharges

Schematic operation of a PDP-cell



Course of voltage and current



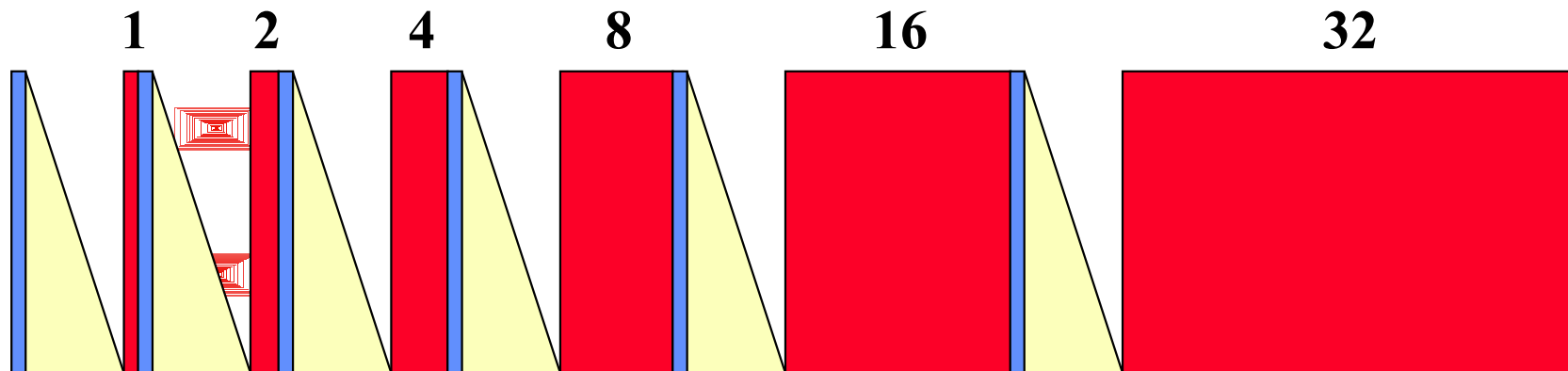
# 11.5 Operation of the Gas Discharge

## Addressing the pixel

Each pixel has  $2^n$  brightness levels

⇒ By 8-bit addressing one obtains  $2^8 = 256$  brightness levels

⇒ In a RGB-display there is therefore  $256^3 = 16.7$  million colours available



1 Frame: Will be specified by the refresh rate (100 Hz)

■ erasing/priming    ■ addressing    ■ sustaining

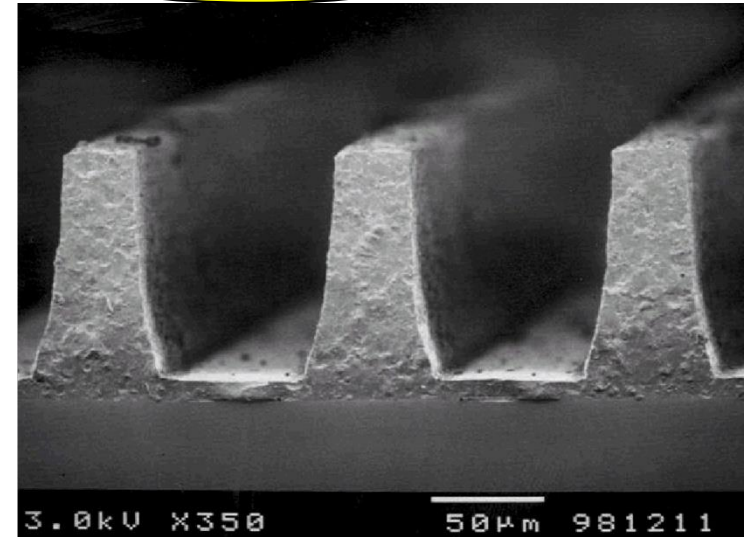
# 11.5 Operation of the Gas Discharge

**Influence of the surface on the plasma ignition by ion induced emission of secondary electrons**

$$\gamma_i = \frac{\text{Number of emitted electrons}}{\text{Number of ions on the surface}}$$



Plasma

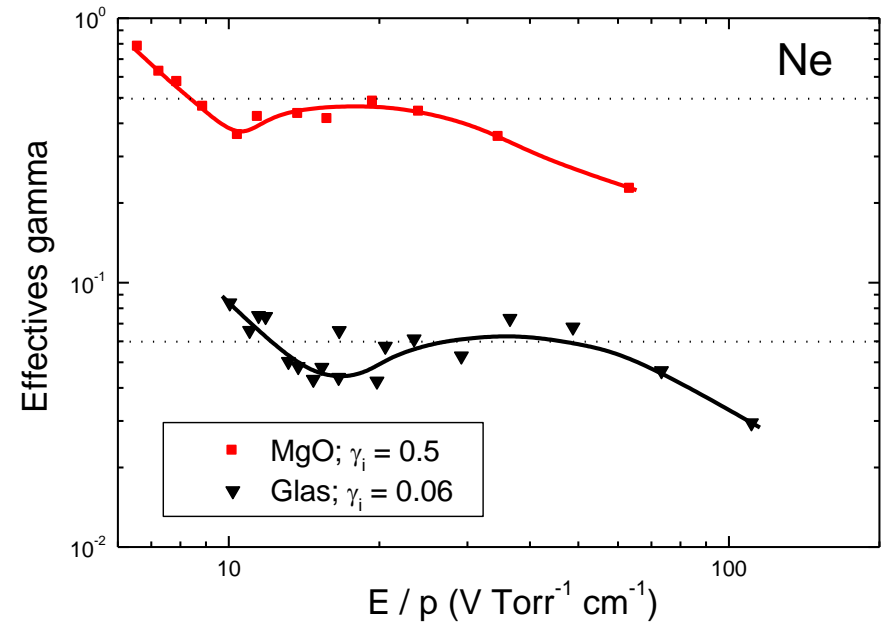
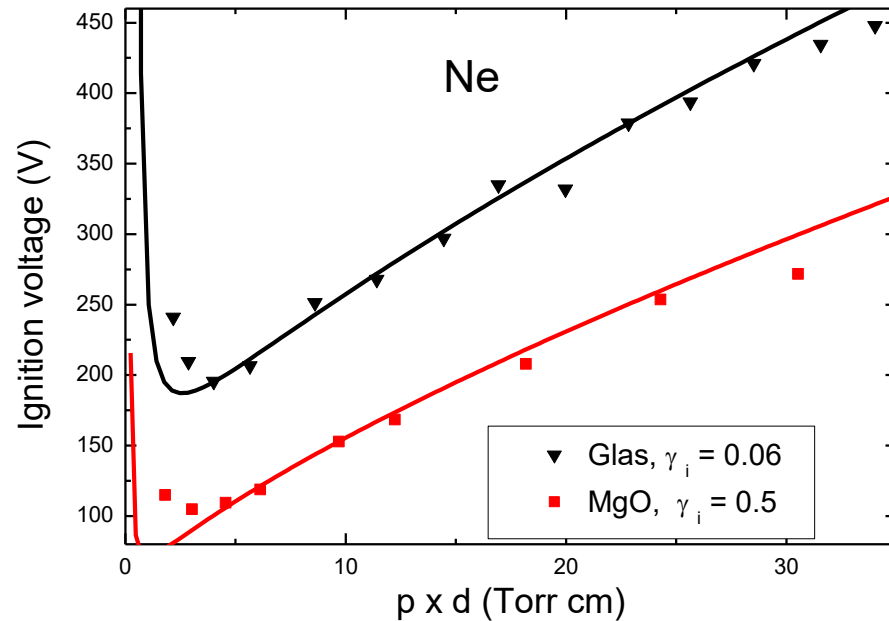


$$V_f = \frac{D^2 \cdot p \cdot d}{\left( \ln \frac{C \cdot p \cdot d}{\ln(1/\gamma_i + 1)} \right)^2}$$

**MgO is the material with the highest  $\gamma_{\text{Ne}} \sim 0.5$**

# 11.5 Operation of the Gas Discharge

## Tasks of the MgO protective layer



## MgO protective layer causes

- a protection against sputtering
- a reduction of the ignition voltage

# 11.6 Selection Criteria for Display Phosphors

## Stability

Temperature stability  
Stability in suspension  
Plasma stability  
Colour point stability

Sensitivity to oxidation  
Solubility, surface potential  
Resistance to sputtering  
Photo-oxidation, reduction

## Light output

Linearity  
Efficiency

Saturation  
Quantum yield QA, absorption A

## Image quality

Image artifacts  
Colour space

Decay time  $\tau$   
Colour point x, y

## Environmental compatibility

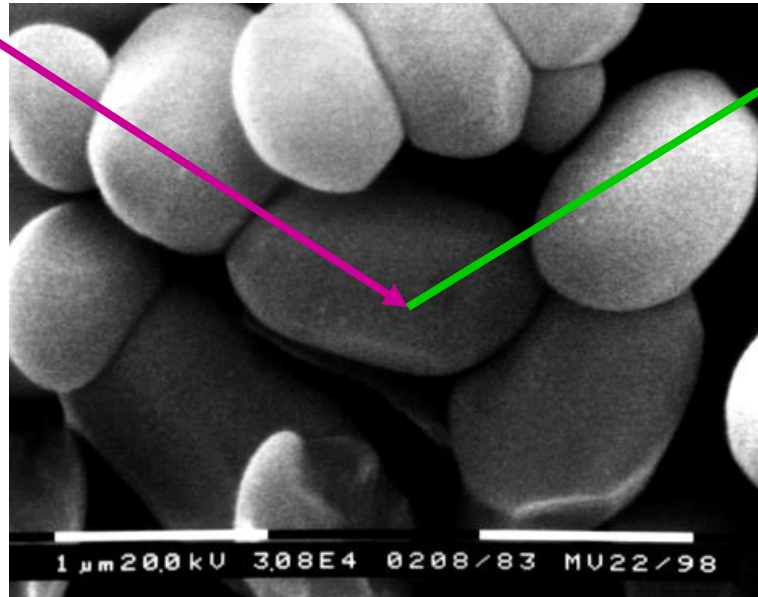
Energy efficiency  
Toxicity

Quantum yield QA, absorption A  
Chemical composition

# 11.6 Selection Criteria for Display Phosphors

VUV (PDPs) or electrons (CRTs)

Visible light



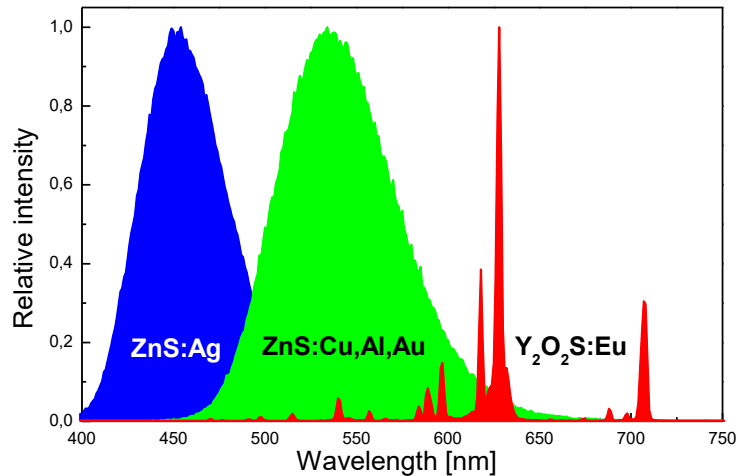
## Plasma Display

- High absorption  $A$  under VUV excitation, i.e., band gap  $E_G \sim 6 - 8 \text{ eV}$
- High quantum yield  $QY$  under VUV excitation, i.e.,  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$
- High light output  $LO = QY * A$
- VUV stability

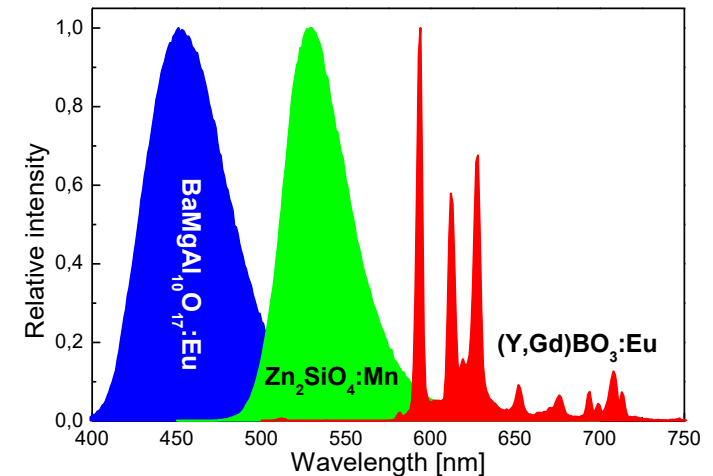


# 11.6 Selection Criteria for Display Phosphors

## CRT phosphors (sulphides)



## PDP phosphors (oxides)



### Light output

$$LO = QE * (1-R)$$

### Energy efficiency

$$\varepsilon = (1-r_b) * \varepsilon_t * hv_{em} / \beta E_g$$

~ 15 - 20%

### Energy efficiency

$$\varepsilon = LO * N(hv_{em}) / N(hv_{abs})$$

~ 20%

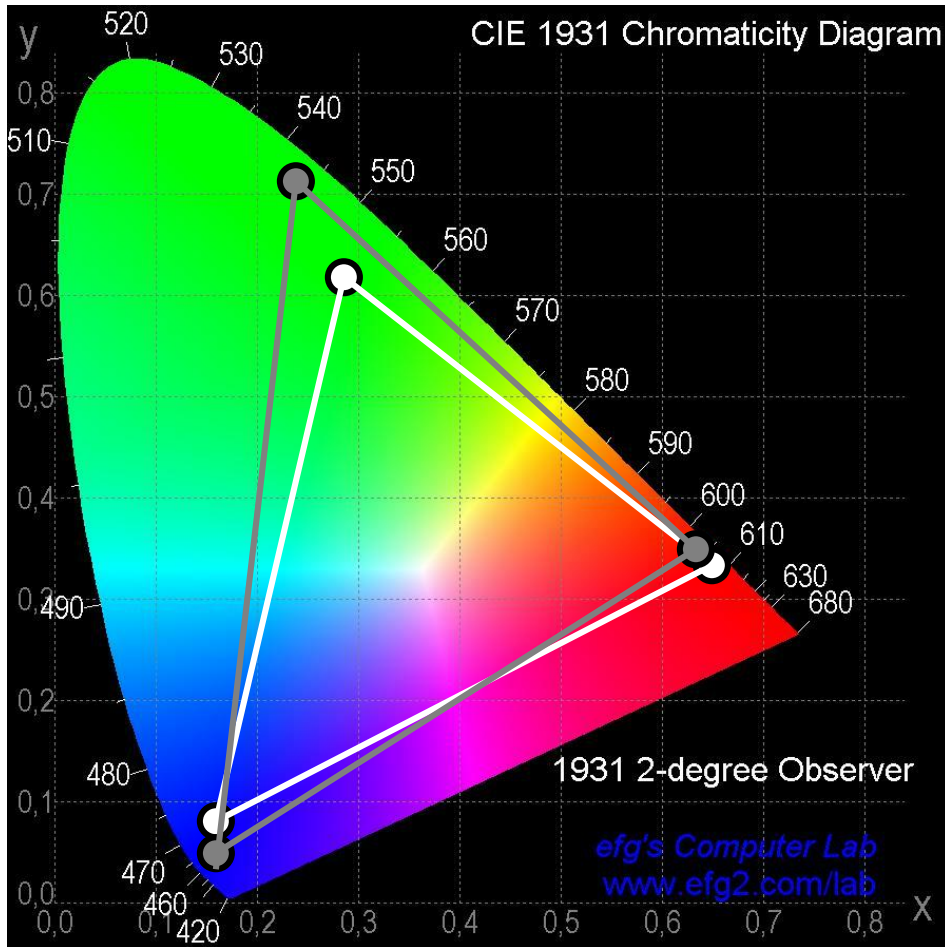
# 11.7 Phosphors in CRTs and PDPs

## Commercial CRT and PDP phosphors

Colour	Chemical composition	x	y	Problem areas
Blue	ZnS:Ag	0.15	0.08	Sulphur loss
Green	ZnS:Cu	0.29	0.61	Sulphur loss
	Y <sub>3</sub> (Al,Ga) <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub> :Tb	0.37	0.55	
	Y <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>5</sub> :Tb	0.33	0.58	
	Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S:Tb	0.36	0.57	
Red	YVO <sub>4</sub> :Eu	0.66	0.33	
	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S:Eu	0.66	0.33	
<b>CRT</b>				
Blue	(Y,Gd)(V,P)O <sub>4</sub>	0.16	0.13	Burn-in
	BaMgAl <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> :Eu	0.15	0.06	(stability)
Green	Zn <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> :Mn	0.25	0.70	Motion artifacts
	BaMgAl <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> :Eu,Mn	0.15	0.72	(decay time)
	BaAl <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub> :Mn	0.19	0.73	
	(Y,Gd)BO <sub>3</sub> :Tb	0.34	0.62	
Red	(Y,Gd)BO <sub>3</sub> :Eu	0.64	0.35	Colour gamut
	(Y,Gd) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> :Eu	0.65	0.34	(colour point)
	(Y,Gd)(V,P)O <sub>4</sub> :Eu	0.66	0.33	
<b>PDP</b>				

# 11.7 Phosphors in CRTs and PDPs

## CIE1931 Colour space



Cathode ray tube (CRTs)

Colour space is defined by the colour points of the phosphor

	x	y
ZnS:Ag	0.15	0.08
ZnS:Cu,Al,Au	0.29	0.61
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S:Eu	0.66	0.33

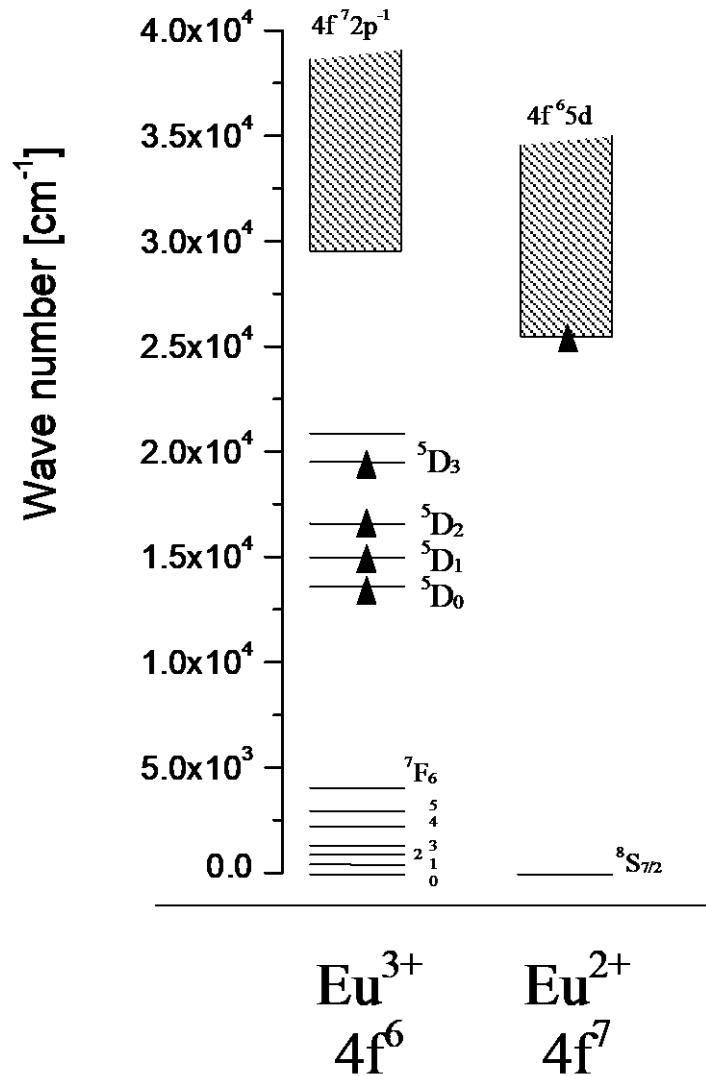
Plasma displays (PDPs)

Gas filling: Ne, 3 - 15% Xe

Red neon lines reduce colour purity of blue and green phosphor

	x	y
BaMgAl <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> :Eu	0.15	0.06
Zn <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> :Mn	0.25	0.70
(Y,Gd)BO <sub>3</sub> :Eu	0.65	0.35

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors



## $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ phosphors

Transition:  $4f^6 5d^1 \rightarrow 4f^7$  (bands)

Position depends on the crystal field

$\tau \sim 1 \mu\text{s}$

## $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ phosphors

Transition:  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_J$  (lines)

Inversion symmetry ( $S_6, D_{3d}$ )

Magnetic dipole transition  $^5D_0 - ^7F_1$

$\Delta J = 0, \pm 1$  ( $J_{\text{initial}} = 0 \rightarrow J_{\text{final}} = 0$  forbidden)

$\text{MeBO}_3:\text{Eu}$  (calcite, vaterite)

$\tau \sim 8 - 16 \text{ ms}$

No inversion symmetry

Electric dipole transition  $^5D_0 - ^7F_{2,4}$

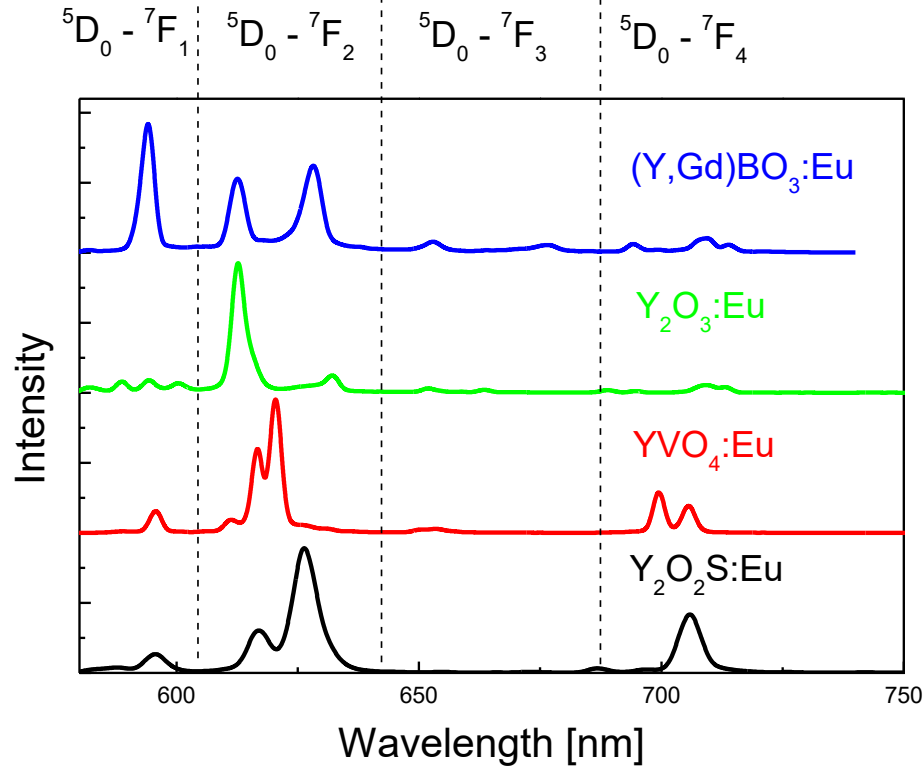
$\Delta J \leq 6$  ( $J_{\text{initial}} = 0 \rightarrow J_{\text{final}} = 2, 4, 6$ )

$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}$  (bixbyite),  $\text{Y}(\text{V,P})\text{O}_4:\text{Eu}$  (xenotime)

$\tau \sim 2 - 5 \text{ ms}$

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## Emission spectra and colour points

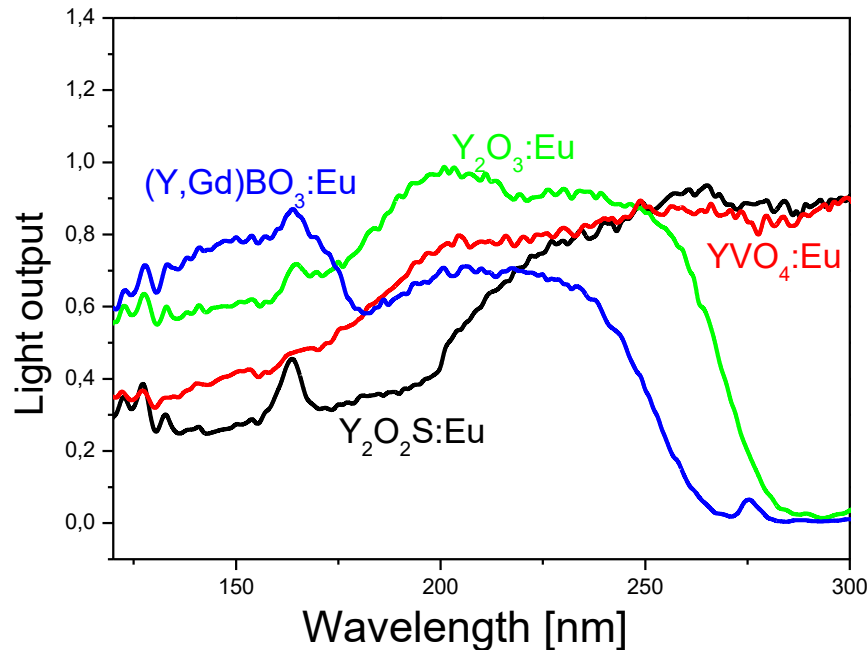


Phosphor	Colour point x, y	
(Y,Gd)BO <sub>3</sub> :Eu	0.640	0.360
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> :Eu	0.641	0.344
YVO <sub>4</sub> :Eu	0.645	0.343
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S:Eu	0.650	0.342

**Colour saturation: Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S:Eu > YVO<sub>4</sub>:Eu > Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Eu > (Y,Gd)BO<sub>3</sub>:Eu**

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## Excitation spectra and VUV light output of $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ -phosphors



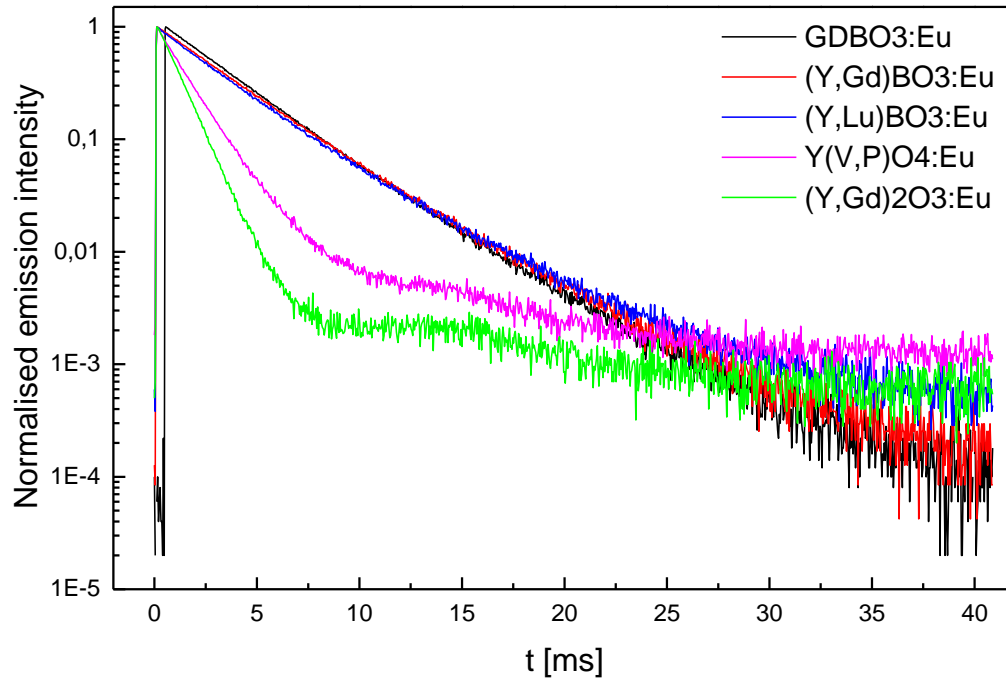
Phosphor	Light output LO	
	147 nm	172 nm
$(\text{Y,Gd})\text{BO}_3:\text{Eu}$	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.75</b>
$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}$	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.69</b>
$\text{YVO}_4:\text{Eu}$	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.50</b>
$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}:\text{Eu}$	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.32</b>

### Efficiency

Phosphor	$(\text{Y,Gd})\text{BO}_3:\text{Eu}$	$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}$	$\text{YVO}_4:\text{Eu}$	$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}:\text{Eu}$
Band gap $E_G$	<b>7.5 eV</b>	<b>5.6 eV</b>	<b>5.0 eV</b>	<b>4.4 eV</b>

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## Decay time of $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ -phosphors



Phosphor	Decay time $\tau_{1/10}$ [ms] (254 nm excitation)
$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}:\text{Eu}$	1.0
$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}$	2.5
$\text{YVO}_4:\text{Eu}$	3.5
$(\text{Y,Gd})\text{BO}_3:\text{Eu}$	8.5

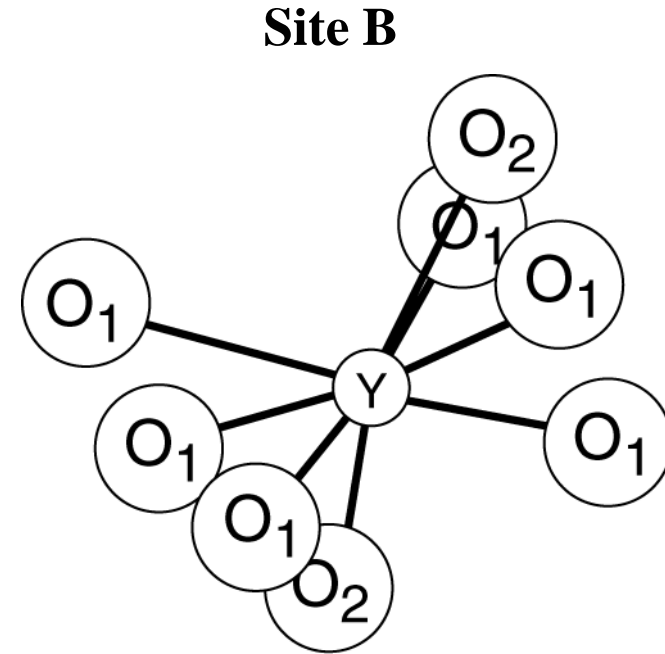
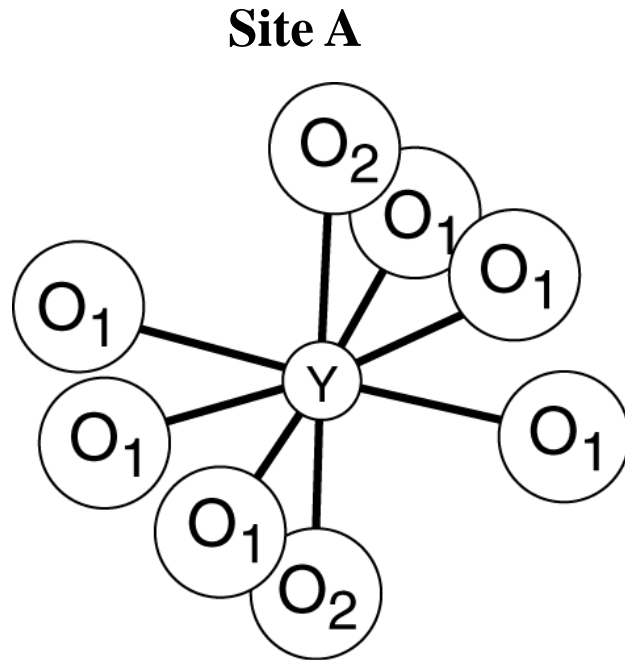
Decay time decreases with increasing deviation of the inversion symmetry of the crystallographic site of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$

⇒ Relaxation of selection rules!



# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## Local symmetry of $Y^{3+}$ and $Eu^{3+}$ in $YBO_3$ (vaterite)

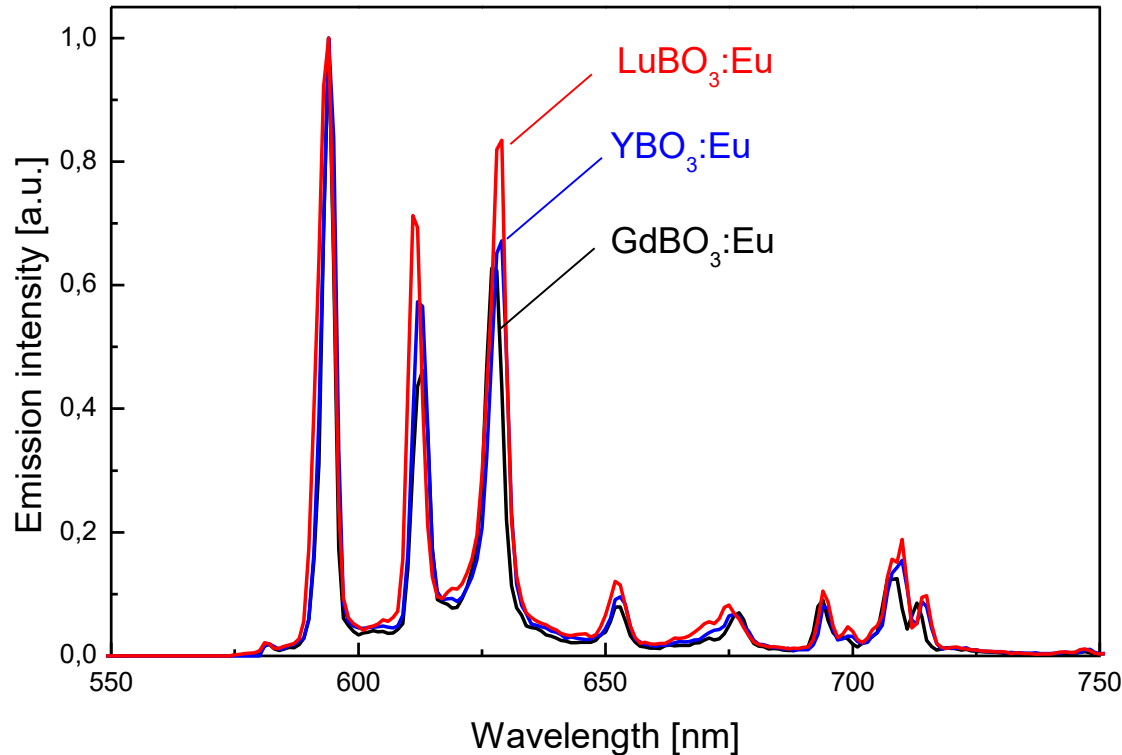


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- **Location A:** Slight deviation from the  $S_6$  symmetry ( $C_3$ )
  - **Location B:** Strong deviation from the  $S_6$  symmetry ( $C_3$ )
- $\Rightarrow$   $^5D_0 - ^7F_{2,4}$  emission is observed due to the deviation of the  $S_6$  symmetry

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## Emission spectra of $\text{LnBO}_3:\text{Eu}$ (vaterite)



<b>585 nm</b>	$^5\text{D}_0 - ^7\text{F}_0$
<b>594 nm</b>	$^5\text{D}_0 - ^7\text{F}_1$
<b>612, 627 nm</b>	$^5\text{D}_0 - ^7\text{F}_2$
<b>650 - 680 nm</b>	$^5\text{D}_0 - ^7\text{F}_3$
<b>690 - 720 nm</b>	$^5\text{D}_0 - ^7\text{F}_4$

<b>Cation</b>	<b>Radius* [<math>\text{\AA}</math>]</b>
<b>Lu</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>1.04</b>
<b>Gd</b>	<b>1.08</b>
<b>Eu</b>	<b>1.09</b>

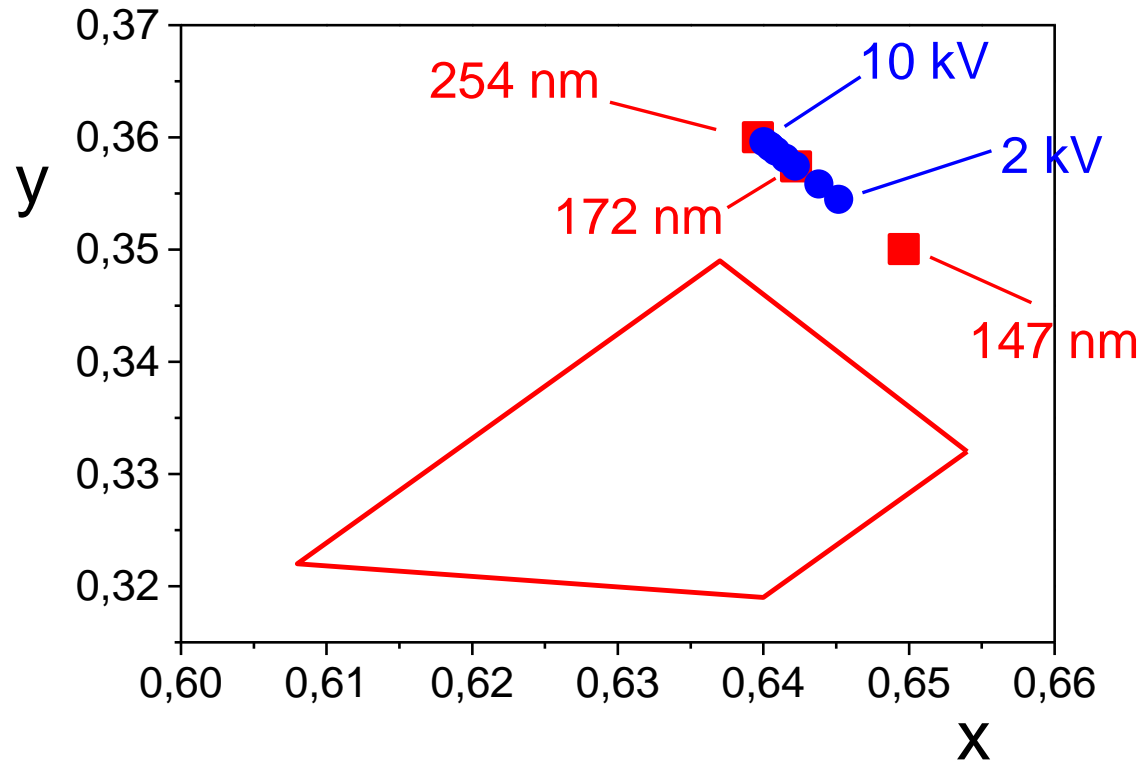
*\*for CN = 6*

**Colour point shifts from orange to red in the series  $\text{Gd}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Y}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Lu}^{3+}$**

**Distortion depends on  $\Delta r[(\text{Eu}^{3+}) - r(\text{Me}^{3+})]$**

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## CIE1931 Colour point of (Y,Gd)BO<sub>3</sub>:Eu<sup>3+</sup>



Feldman equation:

$$R = 0.046 \cdot U^{5/3} / \rho \text{ [}\mu\text{m]}$$

$$\rho(\text{Y,Gd})\text{BO}_3\text{:Eu} = 5.2 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 10 \text{ kV} \quad R \sim 500 \text{ nm}$$

$$2 \text{ kV} \quad R \sim 30 \text{ nm}$$

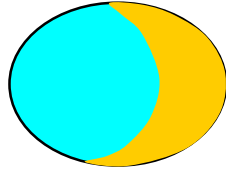
Colour point as a function of excitation energy

- Charge-transfer excitation      254 nm  $\Rightarrow x = 0.638, y = 0.360$
- Band excitation                      147 nm  $\Rightarrow x = 0.646, y = 0.349$

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

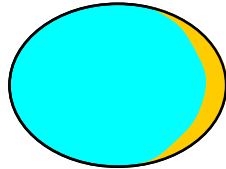
## Penetration depth of VUV radiation in matter

$R \sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$



254 nm corresponds  $\sim 10$  kV

$R < 0.1 \mu\text{m}$



147 nm corresponds  $\sim 1$  kV

### Small excitation volume

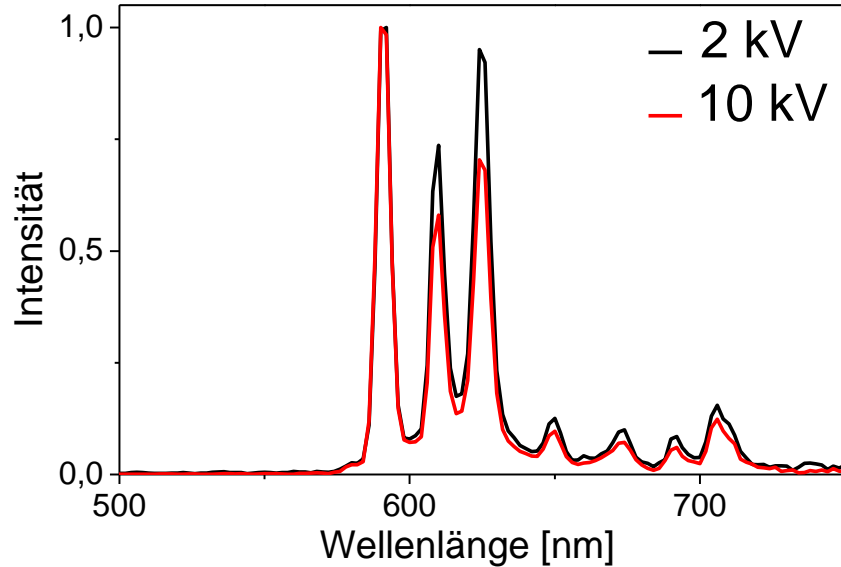
$\Rightarrow$  PDP phosphors are highly charged:

- Saturation
- Strong aging
- Surface layer of the particles must be pure phase and highly crystalline

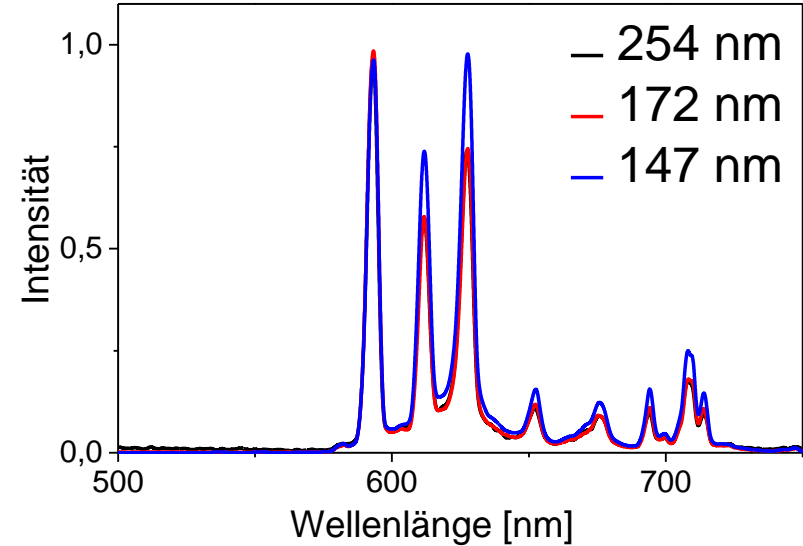
# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## Emission spectra of (Y,Gd)BO<sub>3</sub>:Eu

### Cathodoluminescence



### Photoluminescence

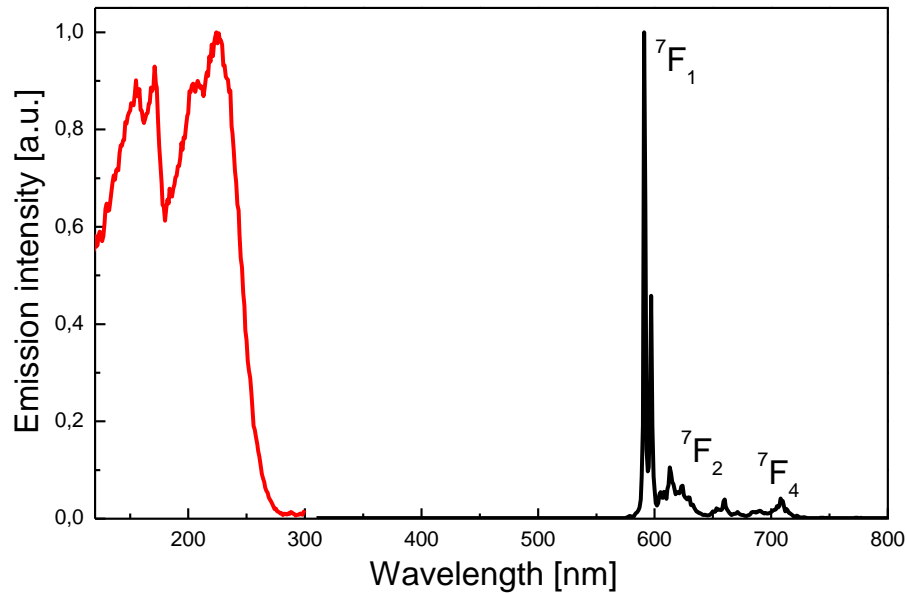


**Emission spectrum = f(excitation energy)**

# 11.8 Red PDP Phosphors

## Colour points of $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ -phosphors

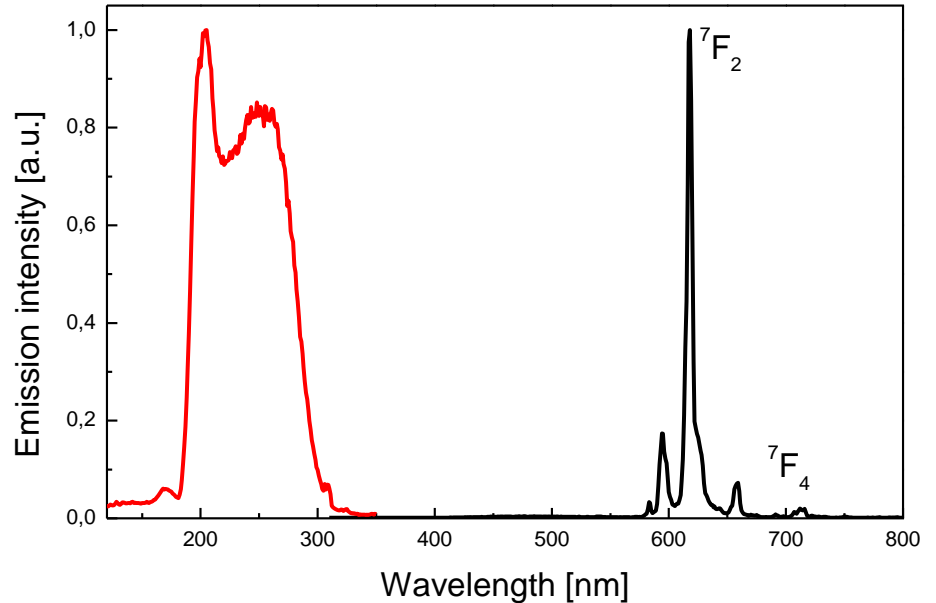
**$\text{LuBO}_3:\text{Eu}$**



**Trigonal,  $\text{D}_{3d}$  symmetry**

**$x = 0.61, y = 0.38$**

**$\text{CaO}:\text{Eu}$**



**Cubic,  $\text{O}_h$  symmetry**

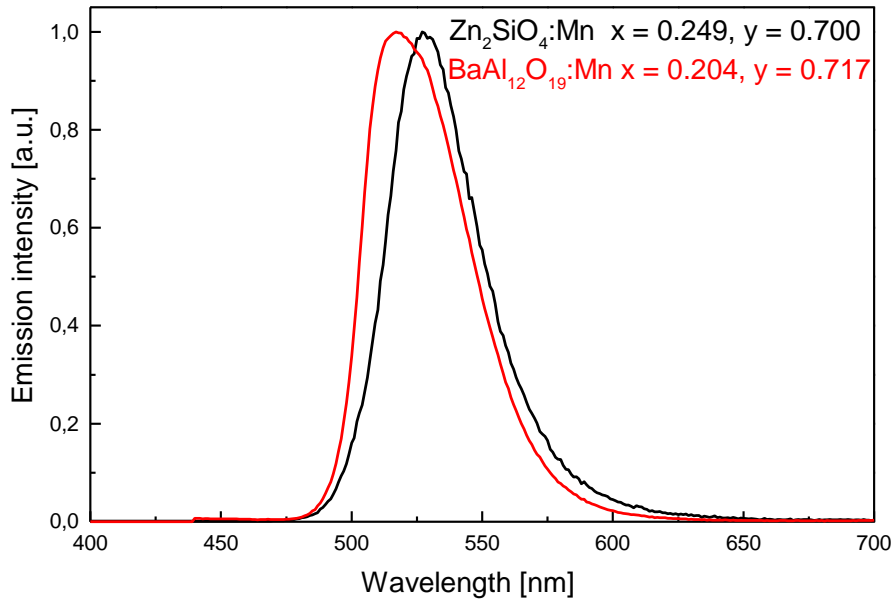
**Cation vacancies**

**$x = 0.64, y = 0.33$**

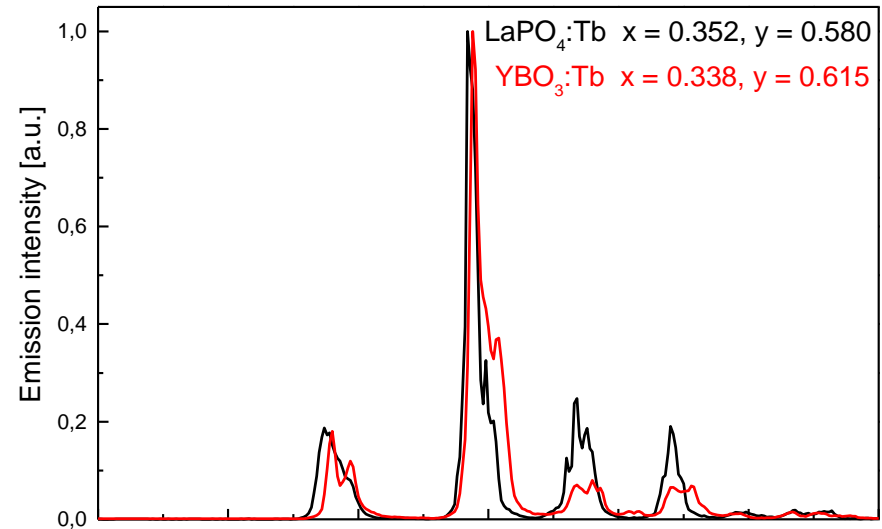
# 11.9 Green PDP Phosphors

## Emission spectra and decay times of $Mn^{2+}$ - and $Tb^{3+}$ -phosphors

### $Mn^{2+}$ -phosphors



### $Tb^{3+}$ -phosphors



Host lattice	$\tau_{1/10}$ [ms]
$Zn_2SiO_4$	5 - 40
$BaAl_{12}O_{19}$	5 - 40
$BaMgAl_{10}O_{17}$	5 - 40
$\tau_{1/10} = f(Mn^{2+}\text{-concentration})$	

Host lattice	$\tau_{1/10}$ [ms]
$LaPO_4$	5.5
$CeMgAl_{11}O_{19}$	7.0
$YBO_3$	8.5
$\tau_{1/10} = f(\text{host lattice})$	

# 11.9 Green PDP Phosphors

## Colour saturation

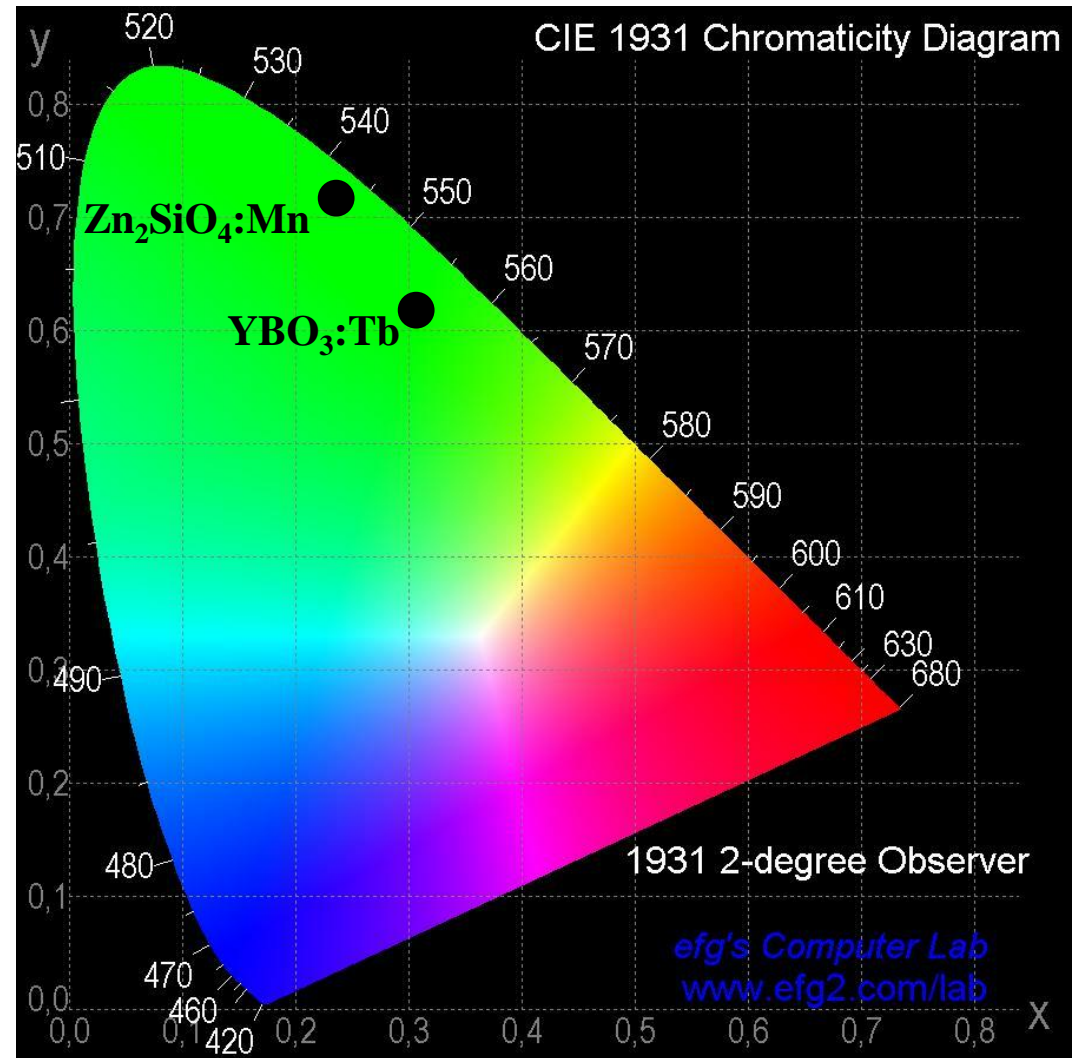
### Mn<sup>2+</sup>-phosphors

y- coordinate: 0.69 - 0.73

### Tb<sup>3+</sup>-phosphors

y- coordinate : 0.58 - 0.62

Tb<sup>3+</sup> has emission-line  
multiplets at 590 and 620 nm

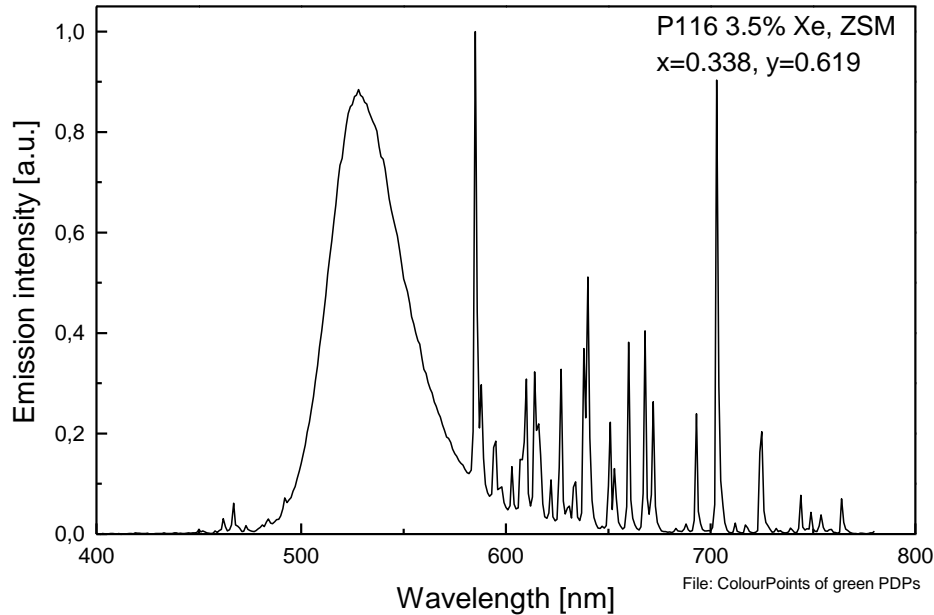




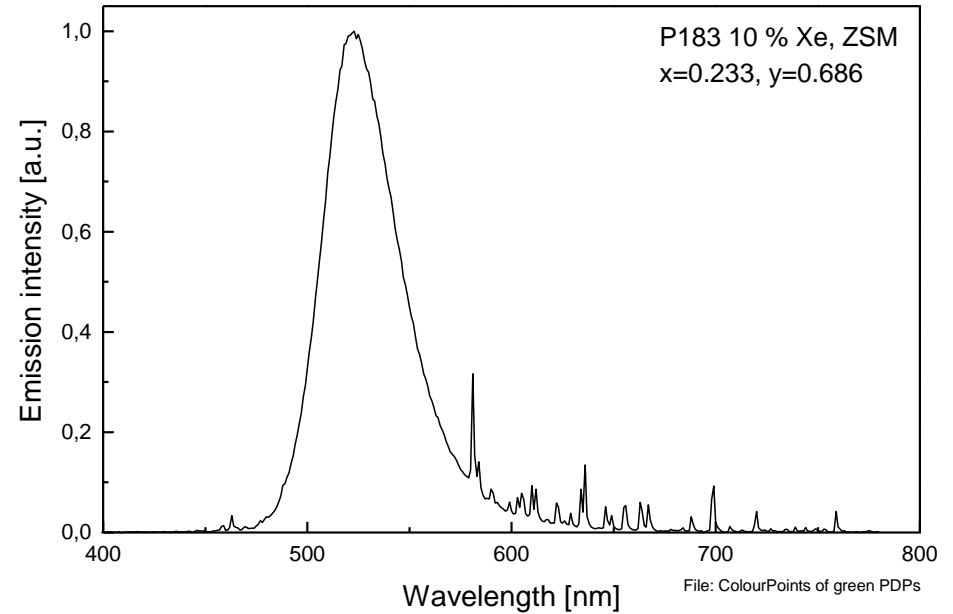
# 11.9 Green PDP Phosphors

## Spectra of the green PDP-pixels with $\text{Zn}_2\text{SiO}_4:\text{Mn}$

### 3.5% Xe



### 10% Xe



### $\text{Zn}_2\text{SiO}_4:\text{Mn}$

- as a powder
- in PDP 10% Xe
- in PDP 3.5% Xe

### CIE1931 colour point x, y

0.25, 0.70

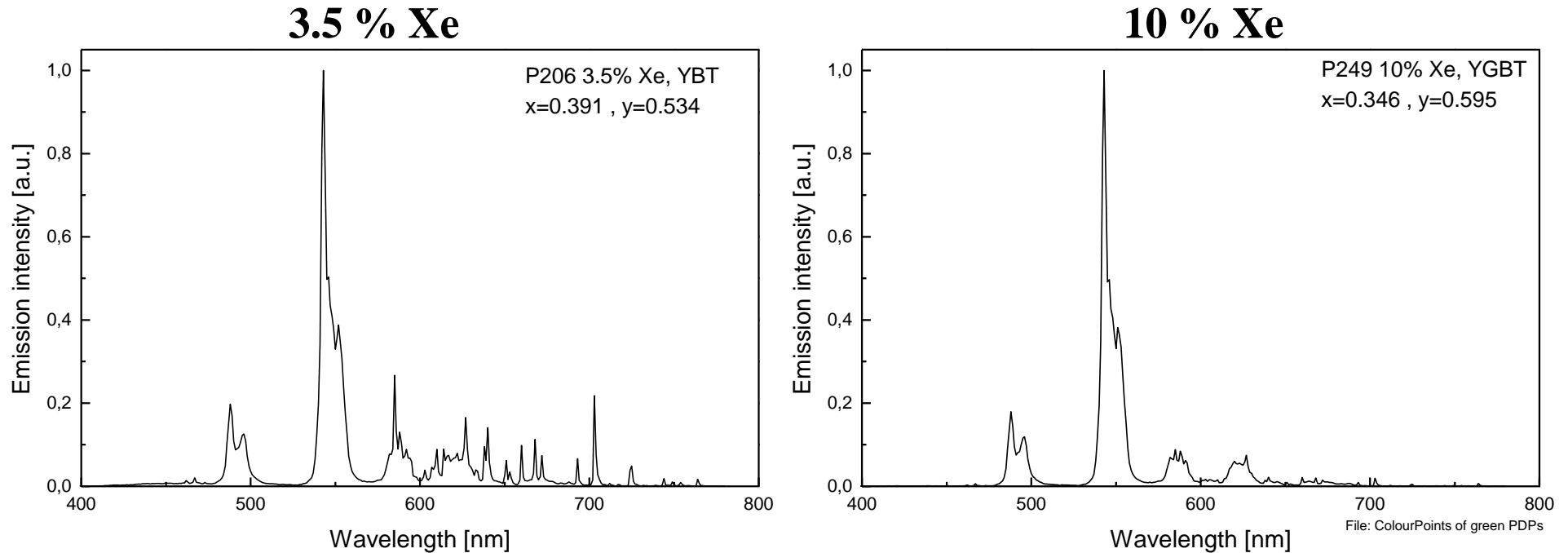
0.23, 0.69

0.34, 0.62

similar to CRT

# 11.9 Green PDP Phosphors

## Spectra of the green PDP-pixels with $(Y,Gd)BO_3:Tb$



**$(Y,Gd)BO_3:Tb$**

- as a powder
- in PDP 10% Xe
- in PDP 3.5% Xe

**CIE 1931 colour point x. y**

**0.34, 0.62**

**0.35, 0.60**

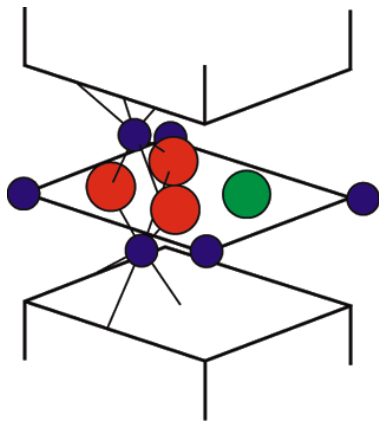
**0.39, 0.53**

**similar to CRT**

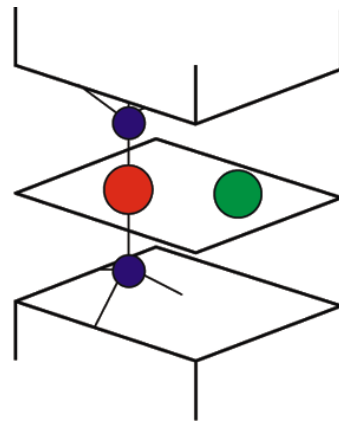
# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## Phosphors in the system MeO-MgO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

### Construction of the intermediate layer



magnetoplumbite



$\beta$ -alumina

Me = Ba (1.34 Å)

- BaMgAl<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>
- BaMg<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>14</sub>O<sub>25</sub>

BAM

$\beta$ -alumina

$\beta$ -alumina

Me = Sr (1.12 Å)

- SrMgAl<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>
- Sr<sub>2</sub>MgAl<sub>22</sub>O<sub>36</sub> = SrMgAl<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> + SrAl<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>  
( $\beta$ -alumina + magnetoplumbite)

SAM

$\beta$ -alumina

Me = Ca (0.99 Å)

- CaMgAl<sub>14</sub>O<sub>23</sub>
- CaMg<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>16</sub>O<sub>27</sub>
- CaMgAl<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>

CAM

magnetoplumbite

magnetoplumbite

$\beta$ -alumina

(unstable → magnetoplumbite)

# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## Structure and Composition of $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$

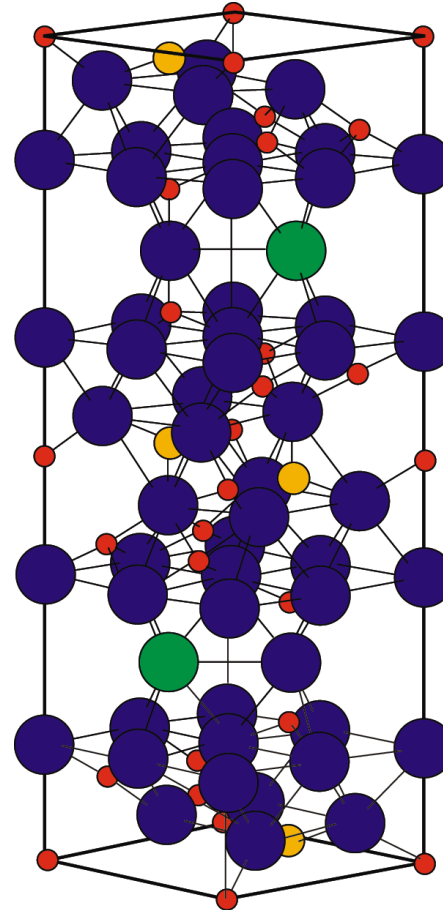
### Localization of the europium

- $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  Intermediate layers
- $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  Spinel blocks

### Potential secondary phases

- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
- $\text{BaAl}_2\text{O}_4$
- $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$
- $\text{EuAl}_{11}\text{O}_{18}$
- $\text{EuAlO}_3$
- $\text{EuMgAl}_{11}\text{O}_{19}$
- $\text{Ba}_{0.75}\text{Al}_{11}\text{O}_{17.25}$
- ....

Unit cell



Spinel block  $\text{MgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{16}$

Intermediate layer  $\text{BaO}$

Spinel block  $\text{MgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{16}$

Intermediate layer  $\text{BaO}$

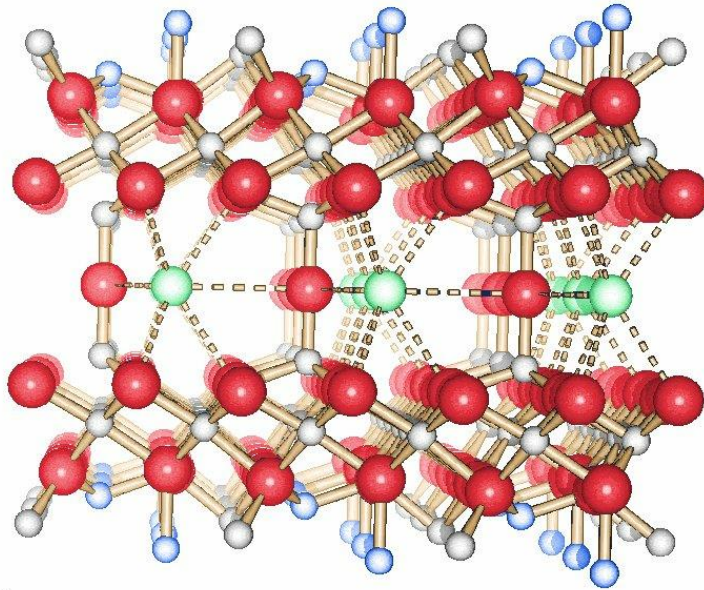
Spinel block  $\text{MgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{16}$

Isostructural to  $\beta$ -alumina  $\text{NaAl}_{11}\text{O}_{17}$

# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

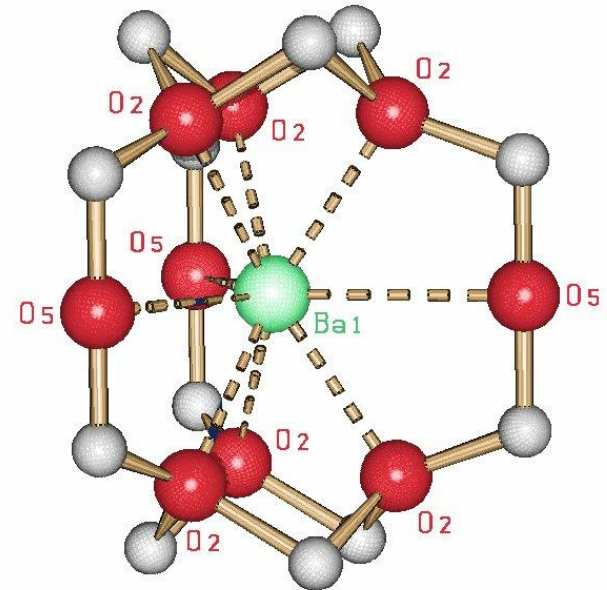
## Structure of $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$

Layer structure



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$\text{Ba}^{2+}$  environment

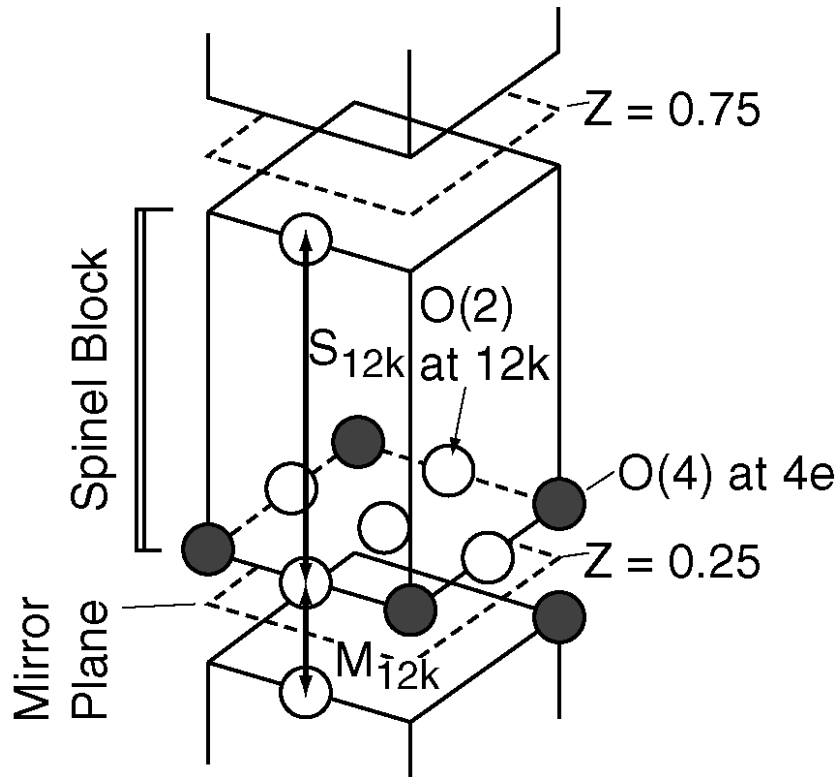


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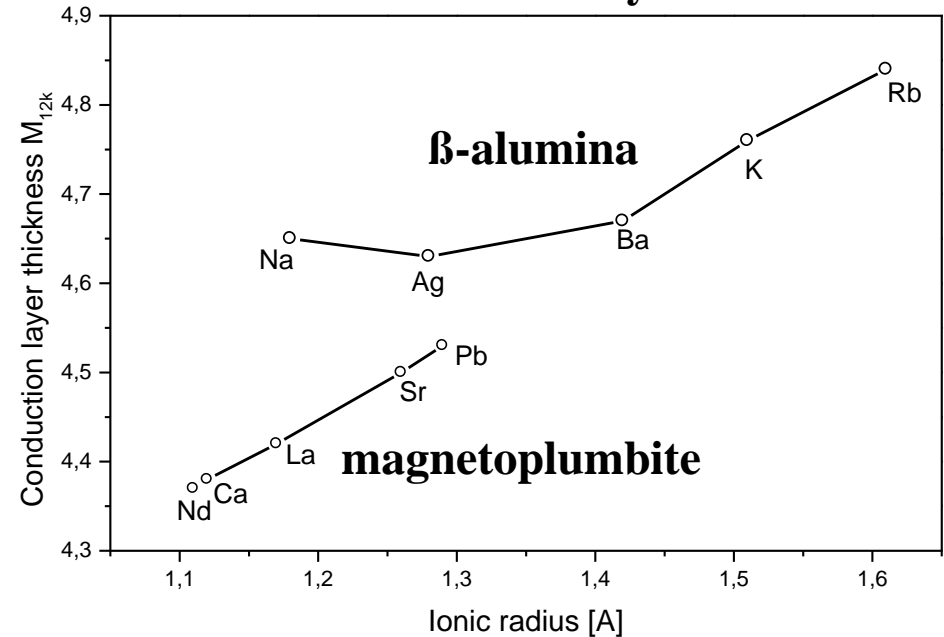
$\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{Eu}^{2+})$  is nine-coordinate (tri-capped trigonal prism  $D_{3h}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  Relative small crystal field splitting  $\Rightarrow$  Blue emission band

# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## Thermodynamic stability of the $\beta$ -alumina phase



## Structural influence of the cations in the interlayer



Stability limit of  $\beta$ -alumina phase lies at  $M_{12k} > 4.6 \text{ \AA}$

$\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ( $r_9 = 1.17 \text{ \AA}$ ) is smaller than  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  ( $r_9 = 1.26 \text{ \AA}$ )

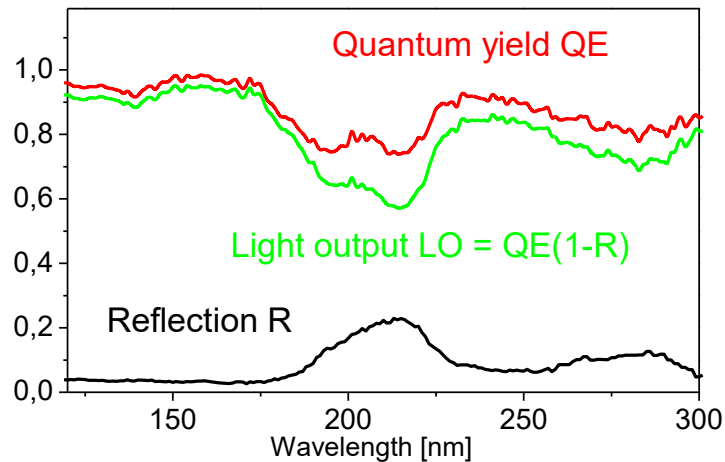
Thus:  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -ion incorporation destabilizes the  $\beta$ -alumina phase

Incorporation of large cations stabilizes the  $\beta$ -alumina phase ( $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ )

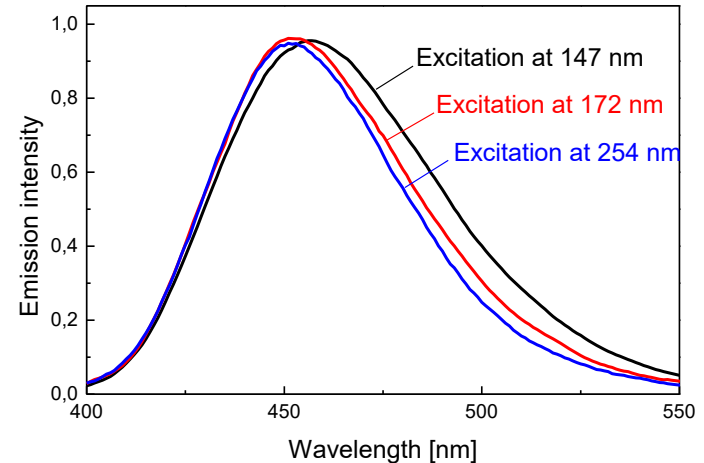
# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## Luminescence spectra of $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}:\text{Eu}^{2+}$

### Efficiency and reflection



### Emission spectra as a function of excitation energy



**VUV absorption and high quantum yield close to 100 %**

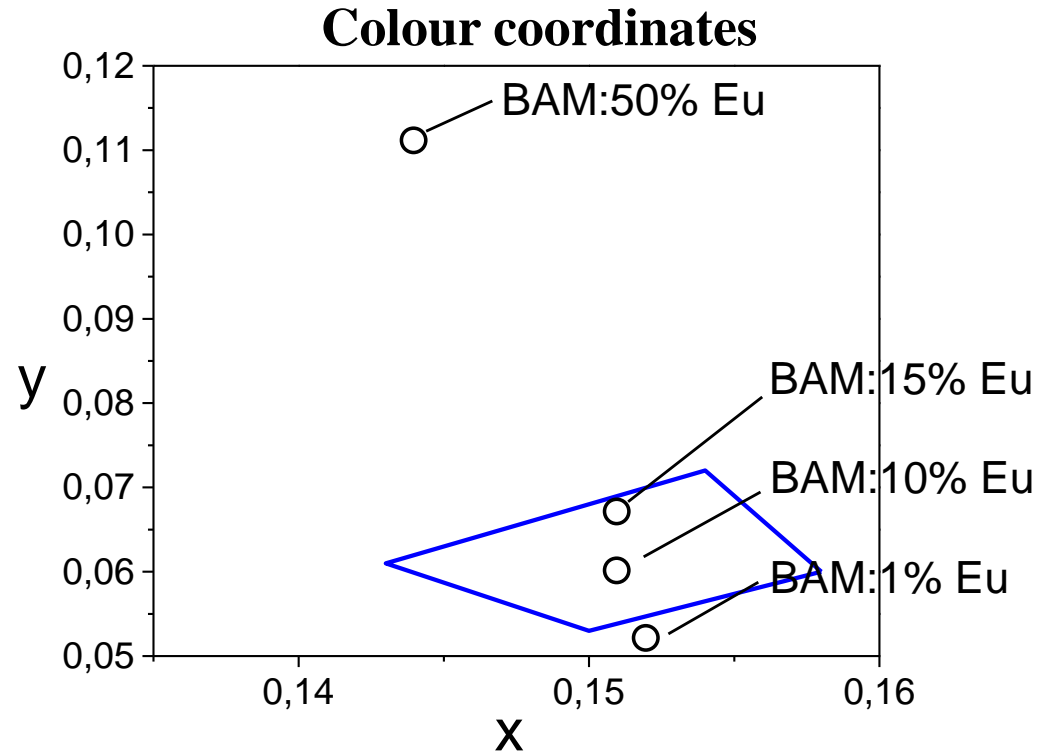
**Half-width of the emission band increases with the excitation energy**

# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## CIE1931 Colour point: Influence of the $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -concentration

Cation	Radius [ $\text{\AA}$ ]
• $\text{Ba}^{2+}$	1.34
• $\text{Sr}^{2+}$	1.12
• $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	0.99
• $\text{Eu}^{2+}$	1.09

BAM:x% $\text{Eu}^{2+}$	x, y
• 1%	0.152, 0.052
• 10%	0.151, 0.060
• 15%	0.151, 0.067
• 50%	0.144, 0.111

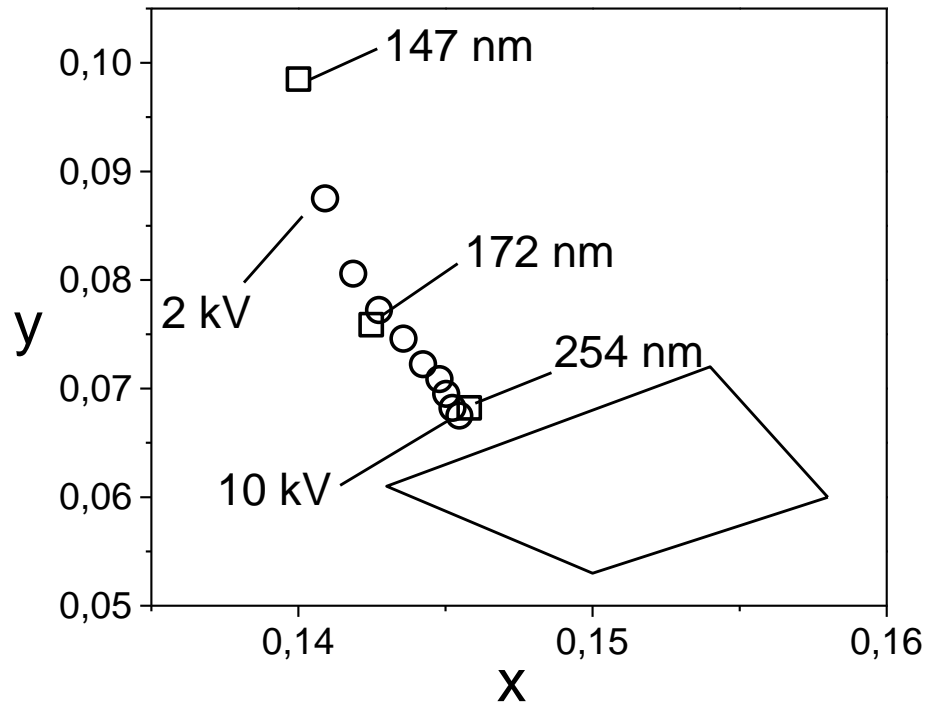


Green shift of the colour point by increasing the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  concentration  $\Rightarrow$  Incorporation of  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  destabilizes the BAM phase and leads to the formation of  $\text{BaAl}_2\text{O}_4:\text{Eu}$



# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## CIE1931 Colour point: Influence of the excitation energy



**Feldman equation (simplified)**  
 **$R = 0.046 * U^{5/3} / \rho$  [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]**

**254 nm exc.  $x = 0.146$ ,  $y = 0.068$       ~ 10 kV electron (400 nm)**

**Activator excitation  $\Rightarrow$  high penetration depth**

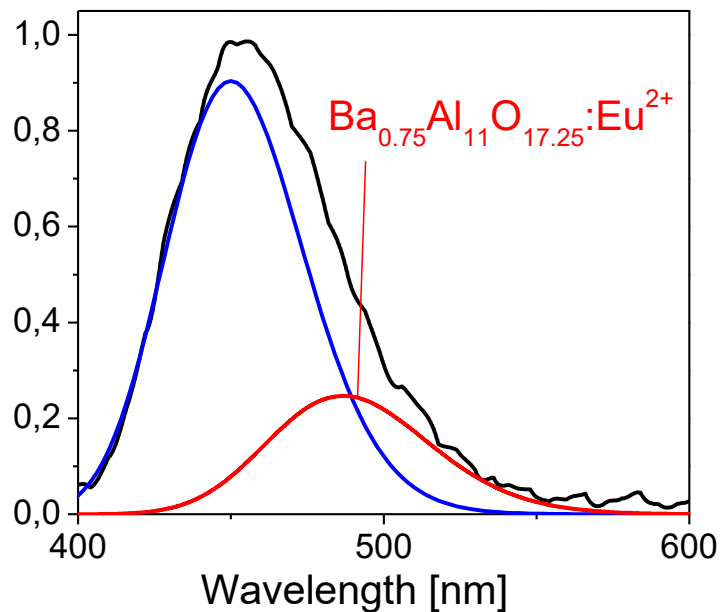
**147 nm exc.  $x = 0.140$ ,  $y = 0.098$       ~ 2 kV electron (30 nm)**

**Band excitation  $\Rightarrow$  low penetration depth**

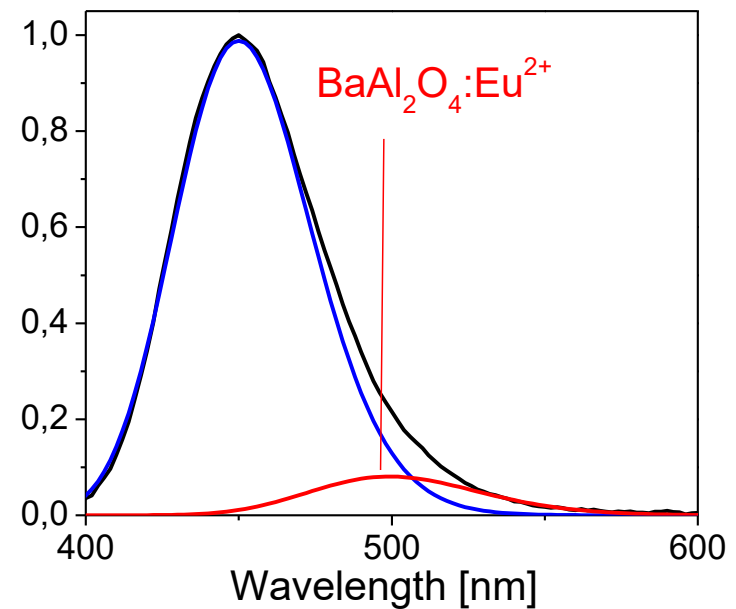
# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## Cathodoluminescence of $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}:\text{Eu}^{2+}$

2 kV excitation (surface)



10 kV excitation (volume)

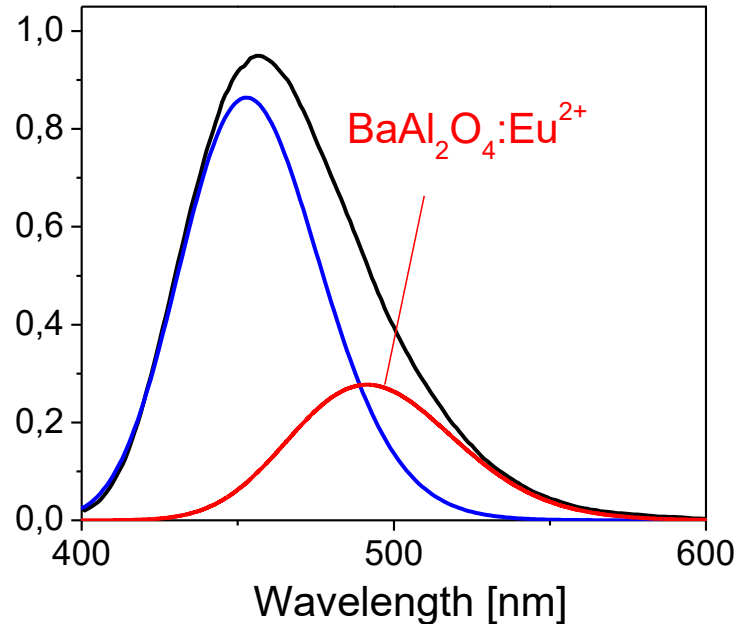


**The secondary  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  comprising Barium aluminate phases show up in the emission spectrum at low-voltage excitation < 20 kV!**

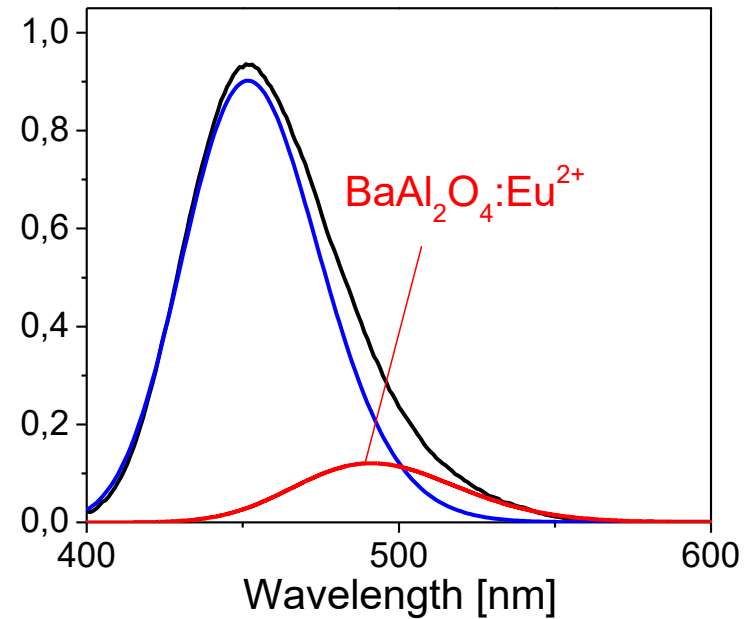
# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## Photoluminescence of $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}:\text{Eu}^{2+}$

147 nm excitation (surface)



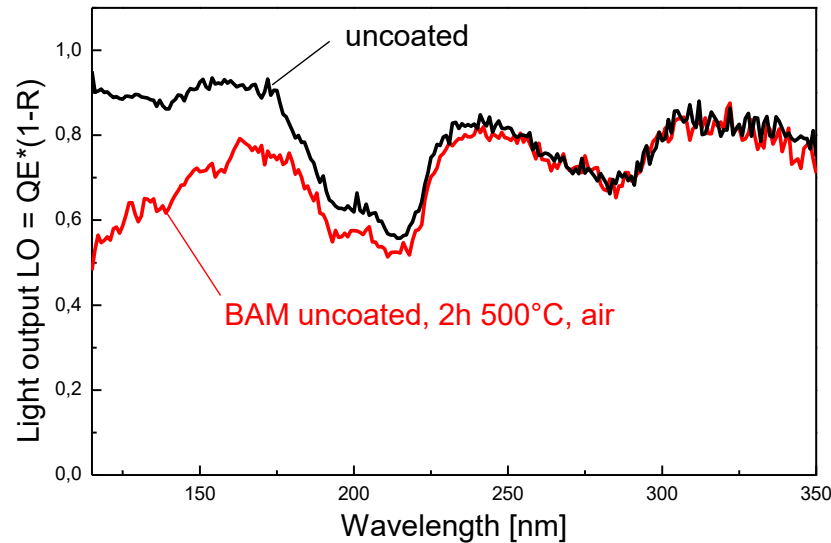
254 nm excitation (volume)



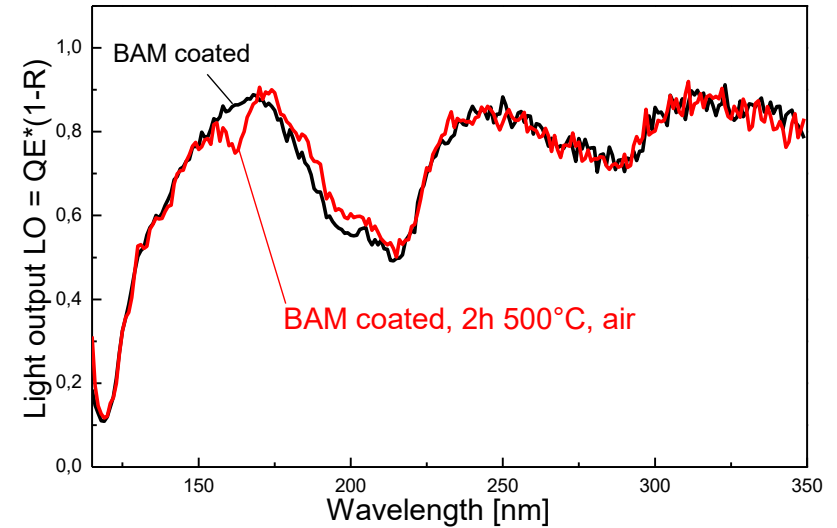
# 11.10 Blue PDP Phosphors

## BaMgAl<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup>: Stability enhancement by particle coating

Excitation spectra of  
uncoated powderer



Excitation spectra of  
coated powder



Particle coating consists of an inert material that acts as a barrier for

a) Oxygen

b) 74 nm (147 nm) radiation

No thermal degradation

Reduced photodegradation

Coating materials: Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, MgO, MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, AlPO<sub>4</sub>, Ca<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, Ca-PP

# 11.11 Status and Outlook

## Comparison of CRTs and PDPs (Status 2008)

	PDP-TV	CRT-TV
<b>Display diagonal</b>	<b>80 cm - 750 cm (32" - 300")</b>	<b>max. 90 cm (max. 36")</b>
<b>Luminance (1% white display)</b>	<b>100 - 150 Cd/m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100 - 130 Cd/m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Peak luminance (white display)</b>	<b>1000 Cd/m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>500 Cd/m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>3 - 5 lm/W</b>	<b>2 - 3 lm/W</b>
<b>Power consumption in typical TV operation</b>	<b>150 - 300 W</b>	<b>200 - 300 W</b>
<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>&gt; 30000 h</b>	<b>&gt; 30000 h</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>20 - 30 kg (42")</b>	<b>≈ 80 kg (36")</b>
<b>Thickness</b>	<b>&lt; 10 cm</b>	<b>≥ 60 cm (36")</b>

# 11.11 Status and Outlook

## **Future measures to improve the image quality of PDPs**

### **Gas discharge**

- **Higher Xe partial pressure (higher driving voltage)**
- **Optimization of the surfaces (materials with a high  $\gamma$ -coefficient)**

### **Cell geometry and optics**

- **Improving the conversion of generated VUV photons**
- **Improving the light out-coupling to the front plate (reflector layers)**
- **Increasing the contrast: doping of screen's glass, colour filters, black matrix**

### **Phosphors**

- **Improving the photostability of the blue phosphor**
- **Shortening of the decay of the green phosphor**
- **Improvement of the colour point and shortening of the decay of the red phosphor**
- **Increasing the contrast of RGB phosphors**