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He joined Toshiba R&D working mainly on Si based CMOS devices and technology until the mid 80's, including developments of the world first 1MCMOS DRAM, 16 bit SOS processor technology, MNOS nonvolatile memory. His early discovery of electron spin resonance Center, P_B , from silicon-silicon dioxide has been recognized as the origin of the fast interface states. In 1986 he became Director of Silicon Process Lab at Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto, CA, and led CMOS R&D for HP-PARISC processors, followed by the founding director of HP ULSI Research Laboratory. In 1995, he moved to Texas Instruments Inc, Dallas, TX, as Senior VP and Director of semiconductor R&D, and established Kilby Center for TI's leading edge integrated circuits technology R&D. In 2002 he switched from industry to academia as a faculty member of Stanford. He is IEEE Fellow, and received numerous awards, including 1995 Jack Morton Award, 2002 Robert Noyce Medal, 2006 PICMET Technology Management Leadership Award, 2008 SEMI North America Lifetime Achievements Award. He is one of the founding members of VLSI Symposia, and have more than 220 publications and over 50 patents. He serves as visiting professor of Waseda University, Tsinghua University, Peking University, International Advisory Committee member of Solid-State Devices and Materials Conference, Executive Committee member of IEEE VLSI Symposium, and also technical advisory board of several companies.

