

#### Electronic Illumination – much more than replacing light bulbs

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# Outline

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- Replacing light bulbs (Lamps)
- Experiencing light
- Why go beyond RGB?
- LEDs etc.
- Collecting daylight data
- Sky shots
- Summary



The Recording and Playback of Light

- Founded 2007 Silicon Valley, CA
- Purpose create any light for human consumption
  - Products/services to create/playback light
- Privately owned
- Current products:
  - Light Replicator (16 color light player)
  - Octa (8 color light player)
  - Light Recorder (spectrometer)
  - LumenScripts (content)
    - Recordings, created, composed digital data

#### **Target Applications for Researchers**

- Consumer/Home daylight experience indoors, better circadian cycle
- Retail make products more appealing
- Healthcare faster healing, wake/sleep
- Workplace increase productivity
- Sensors time varying spectrum
- Movie, TV outdoor scene or filter replication























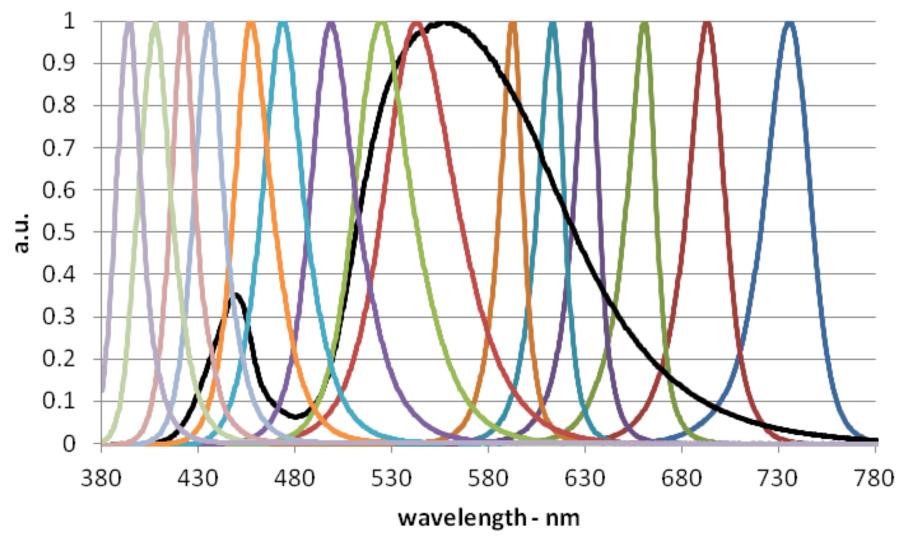


## Electronic Illumination – economic value

- Energy savings is icing on the cake (value).
- The cake will be something more substantial.
- We will not save ourselves into prosperity.
- We will build something new and prosper.
- But what, how, when...

# Some technical perspective...

# **Telelumen Light Replicator**



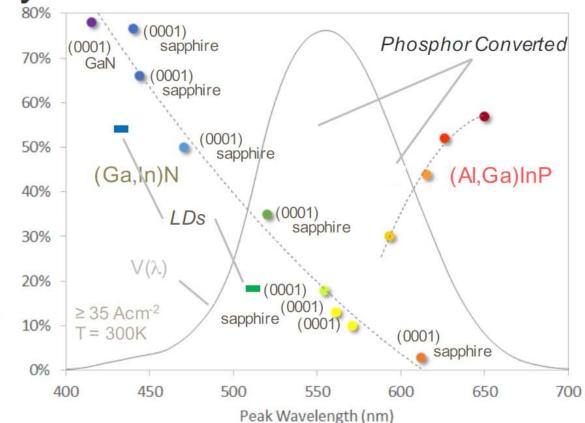
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## Best Reported Primary LED Efficiencies

External Quantum Efficiency

- "Green gap" is alive and well for primary LEDs
- Best (Ga,In)N performance still follows Nobel work from 1980s-90s
- Fully down-converted phosphorbased LEDs are best emitters for green and amber
- "Green gap" even more challenging for laser diodes

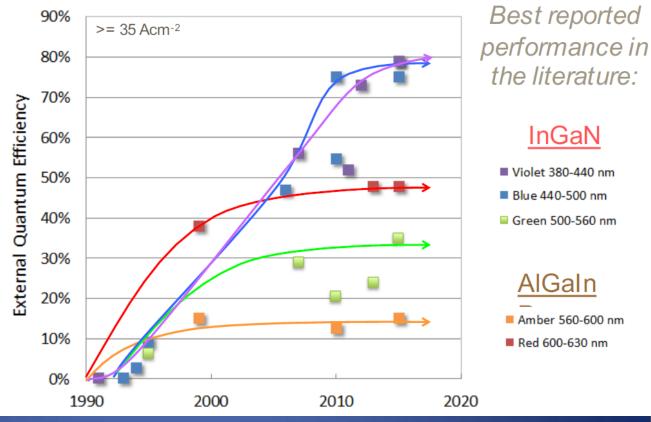
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### **Evolution of Primary LED Performance**

- Blue & Violet exhibit classic "s-curve" behavior → nearing theoretical limits
- Green, Amber, & Red emitters do not → efficiencies have stalled
- Opportunities for new research & development



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# LED Down-Conversion Materials



Phosphors

- (Y,AI)O:Ce yellow; from scintillators
- (Lu,Al)O:Ce green; another "gamet"
- 2-5-8 Nitrides red, amber; "new" last decade
- GE's "PFS" line-emitter for LEDs

#### Quantum Dots



- Semiconductor nanoparticles, aka "quantum dots"
- Cd(S,Se)
- (In,Ga)P
- Now deployed in flat-panel displays

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# **Organization and Value**

- There is a tendency for the value to increase as the organization of the waves or particles increases.
- Sand, glass, poly-silicon, single crystal silicon
- Coal, graphite, diamond abrasive, flawless diamond
- White light, LED, RC-LED, SLD, multimode LD, single mode LD

## One dimensional improvement

- Most of the LED industry has been focused on improving the efficiency of a 450nm LED and lowering the cost.
  - Blue-pump for YAG phosphor gives white light
- Running out of headroom
   The best material has 75% PCE
- One dimensional organization.
- There are other dimensions.

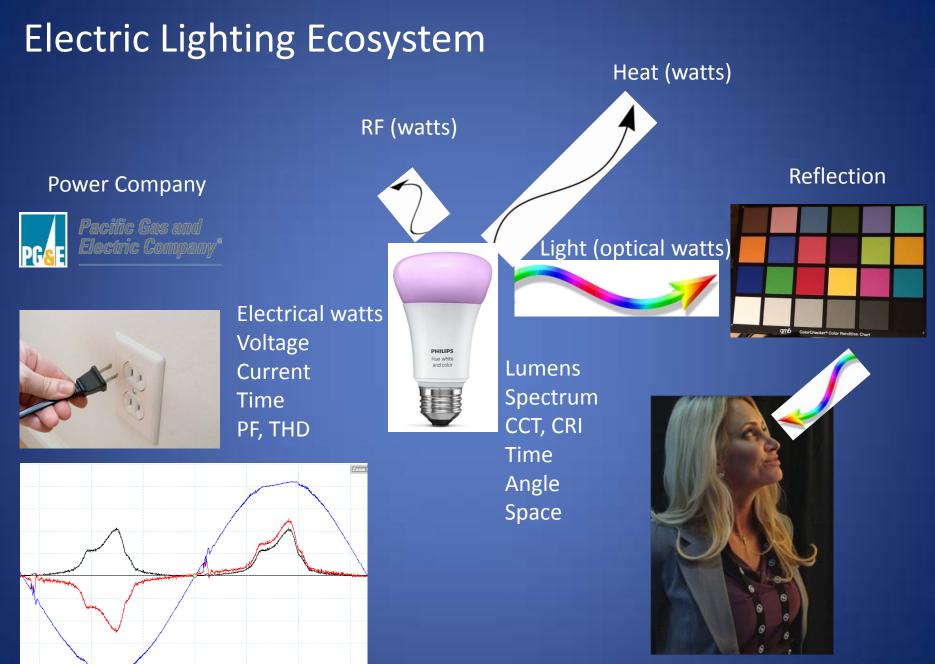
# Other dimensions

- Other wavelengths green, amber
- 3-terminal device (LET) tuning
- Beam Angle few devices between LED LD
- Polarization LCD
- Coherence (phase) beam steering

#### From a marketing, product perspective...

- The customer doesn't know what they want
- Risk takers will need to lead the way

- Before smart phones, few realized they wanted to take and send pictures constantly
- In general neither the price nor the energy consumption of a phone is top priority
- Most of us replace our phone before it fails



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**Light Experience** 

# Two ways of experiencing light

#### Illumination

- Look at people, objects
- Less saturated colors
- Changes slowly
- Low spatial density
- High spectral density
- CRI important, RGBWA
- Collimated, Diffuse
- Electric lights, Daylight

   RGB is NOT sufficient

#### Infotainment

- Look at the light
- Saturated colors
- Changes fast
- High spatial density
- Low spectral density
- CRI don't care, RGB
- Collimated, Diffuse
- Computer Display, TV, Rock Concert
  - RGB is sufficient

The sky is a special case. It fits into both categories.

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# Underlying Philosophy

- Daylight is the gold standard for illumination.
- Firelight is the silver standard.

 Electronic illumination should over time do everything daylight and firelight can do.

• There is more to illumination but this is key.

# Daylight and the sky

Intense collimated light that moves across the space, sharp shadows (south, 80%\*)

Large, diffuse, low glare light (north, 20%\*)

Changing spectrum, changing time

\* Depending on clouds and other atmospheric conditions

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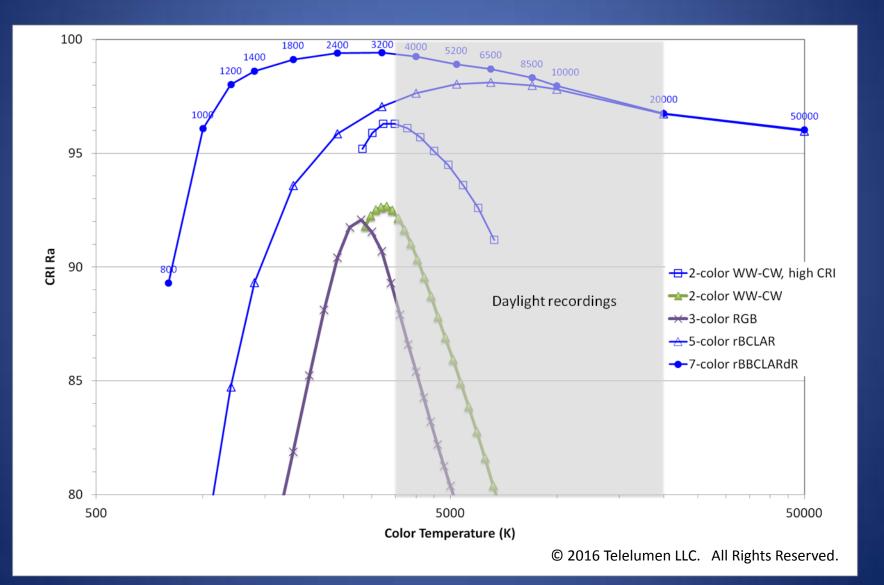


#### Fraunhofer

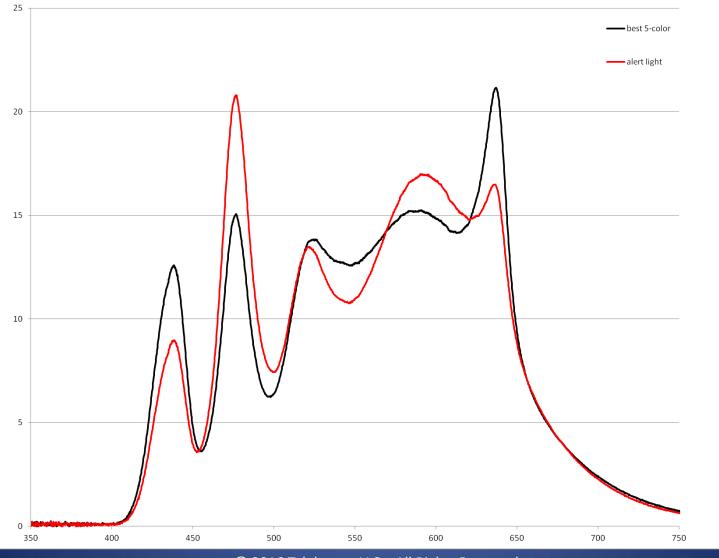
# Why go beyond RGB

- Broader CCT range at higher color quality
- Multiple solutions for a given chromaticity
- Larger gamut area

# Value of more color channels

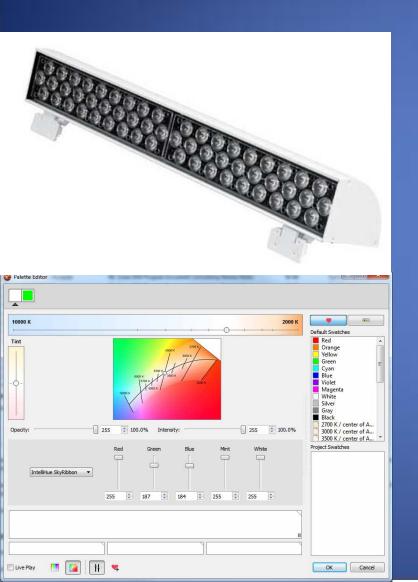


#### Multiple 4000K, high CRI solutions – 5-color

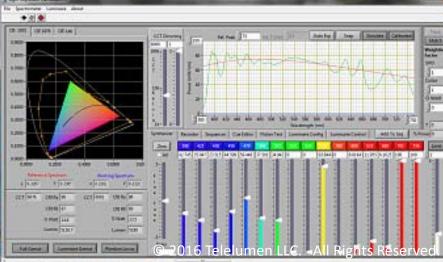


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# **Beyond RGB**

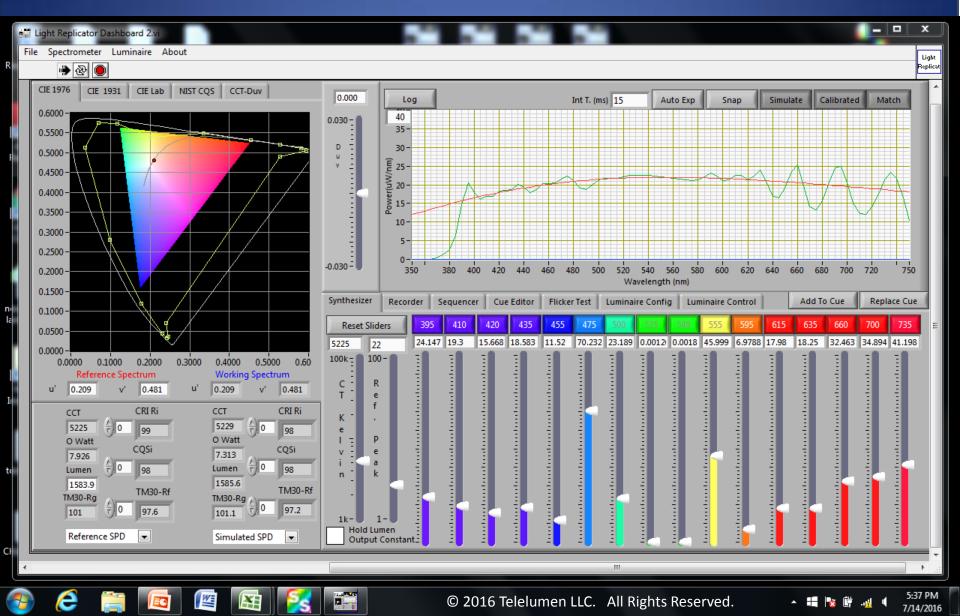






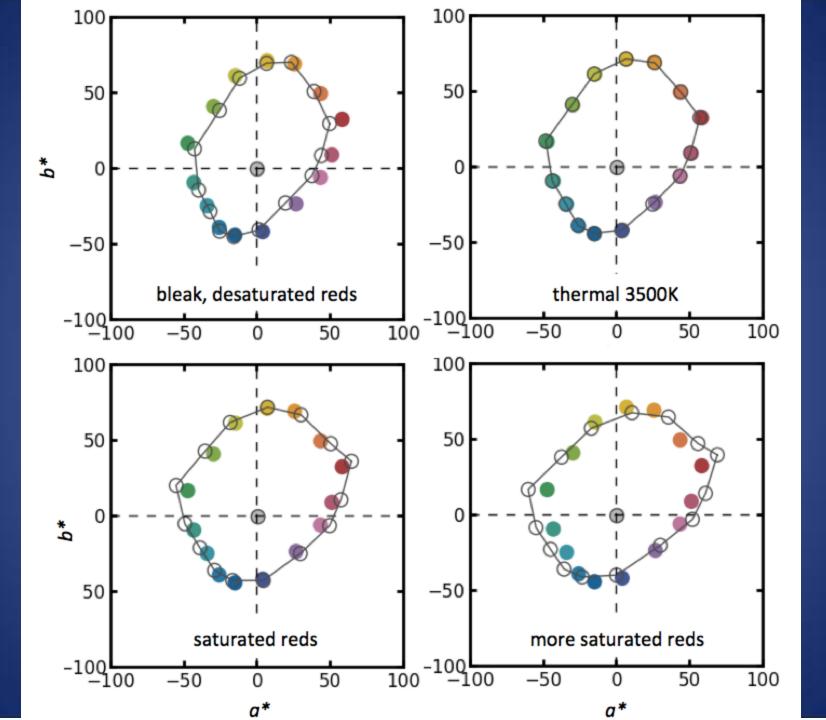
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# Light Replicator – 5225K



#### **Multiple Solutions Example**

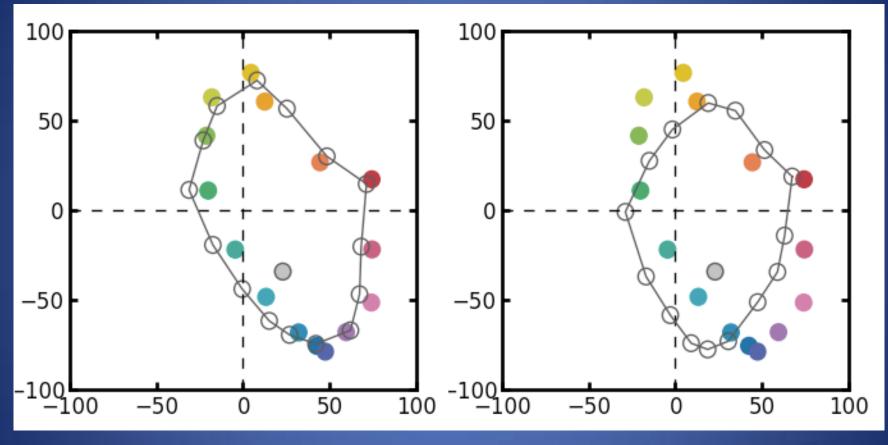
- 5-channel system producing 3500K with a progression from de-saturated reds to a thermal radiator to saturated reds
- In general more saturated reds and greens are more appealing.
- More saturated blues and yellows are less appealing.



### More Channels, More Fidelity

- Not all sources of interest are thermal radiators.
- The Aurora Borealis is an example of excitation and ionization of atmospheric gases.
- 12 and 7 channel systems are shown

### Aurora Borealis



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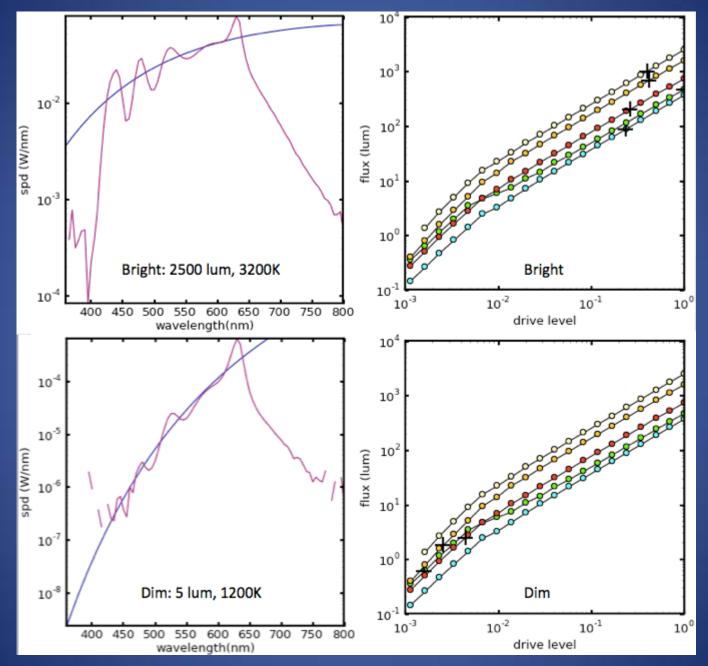
7-channel system

12-channel system

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## Dynamic Range

- The dynamic range of the human visual system is at least a million to one (20-bits)
- This is about the range of bright daylight to moon light
- Intensity compression is useful to realize cost effective systems
- A 5-channel system emulating tungsten lamp dimming is shown



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# Accurate Replication Is a Good Thing

# Historical Success Factor – Replication

Replicator	Intention: 2x	Realization: 1,000x!
Printing Press	Sacred Book	Books and Newspapers
Camera	Formal Portraits	Casual Snapshots
Phonograph	Historic Oratory	Pop Music
Xerox copier	Replace carbon paper	Copy/print everywhere
Betamax	Studio Tape Deck	Personal TV/Movie library
MP3	Smaller, cheaper	Every song in your pocket
WWW	Office File sharing	Everyone, Everything
Light	Standard Illuminants	Skylight and beyond, at will

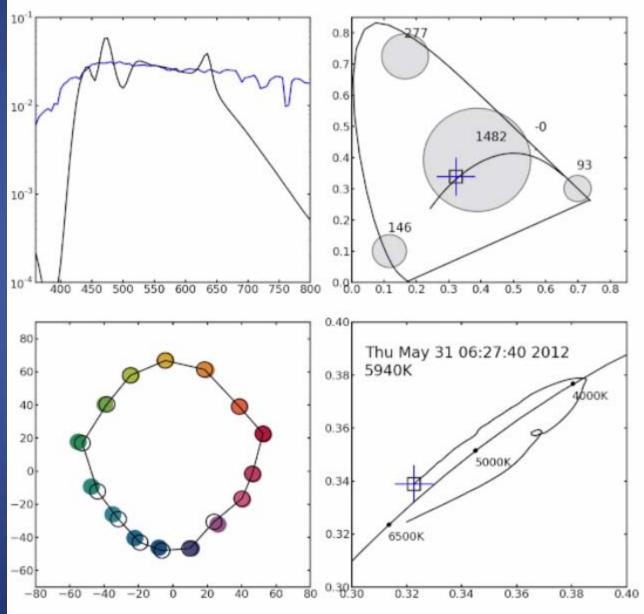




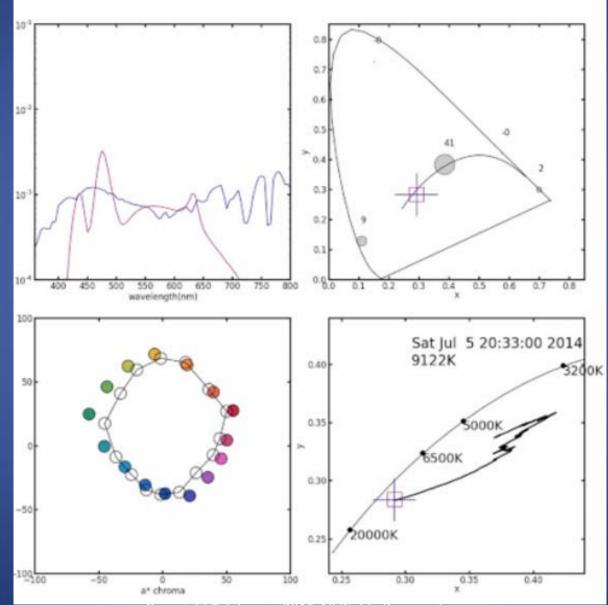


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#### Valley of Fire sunrise, USA

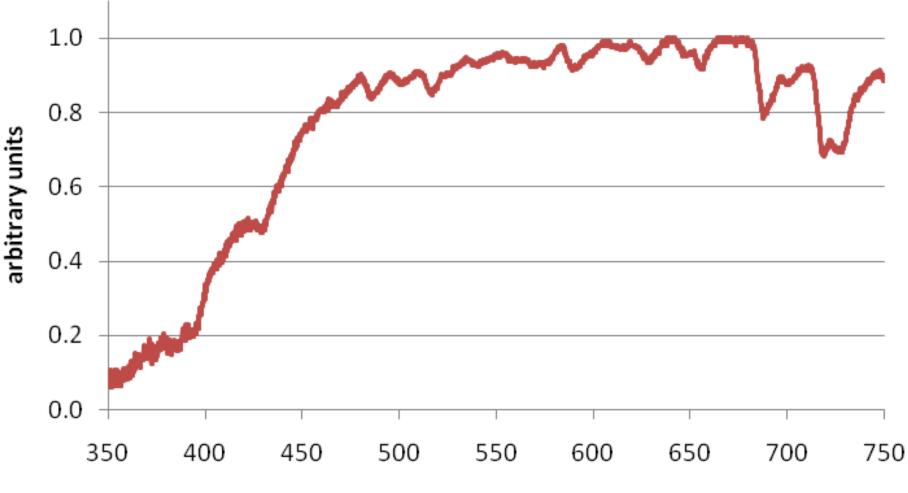


## Santa Cruz sunset, USA



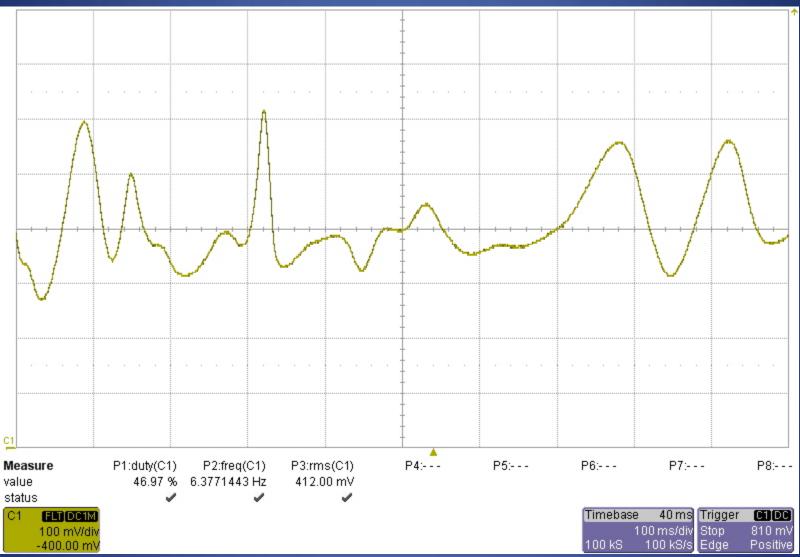
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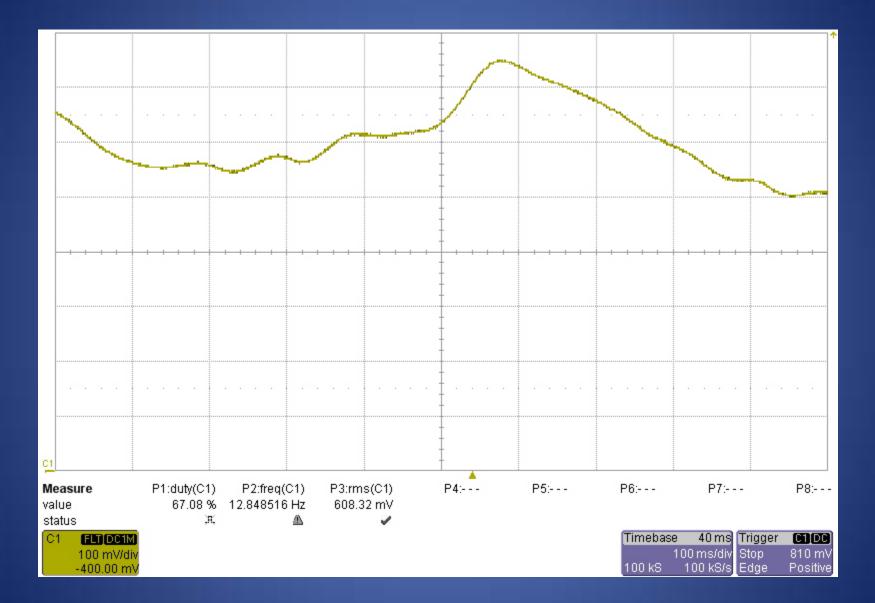
Moonlight at 3:20am, clear sky. Recorded 22feb14 in Sunnyvale, CA USA Approximately 0.7 lux, 4,700K, 98 CRI



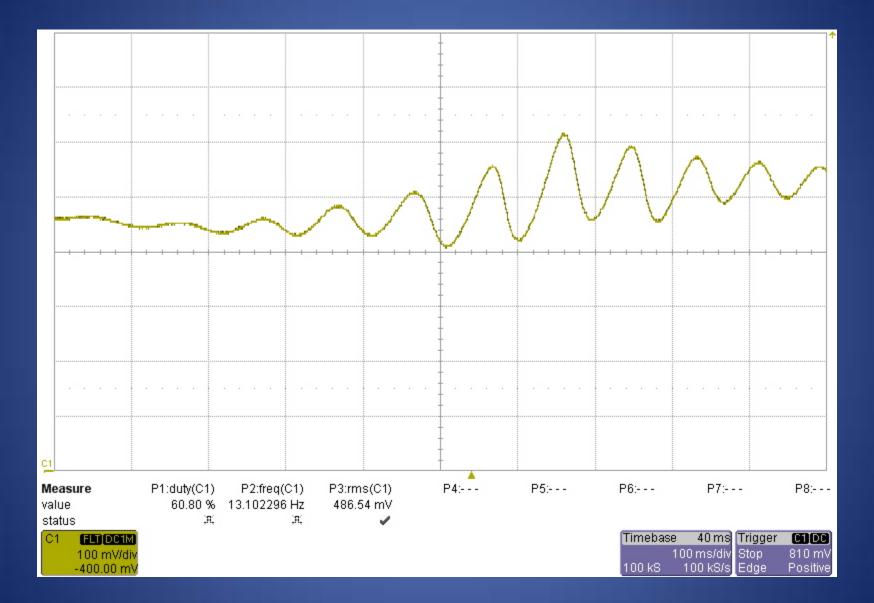
wavelength, nm

#### Candle Flame from Photometer – 1 sec

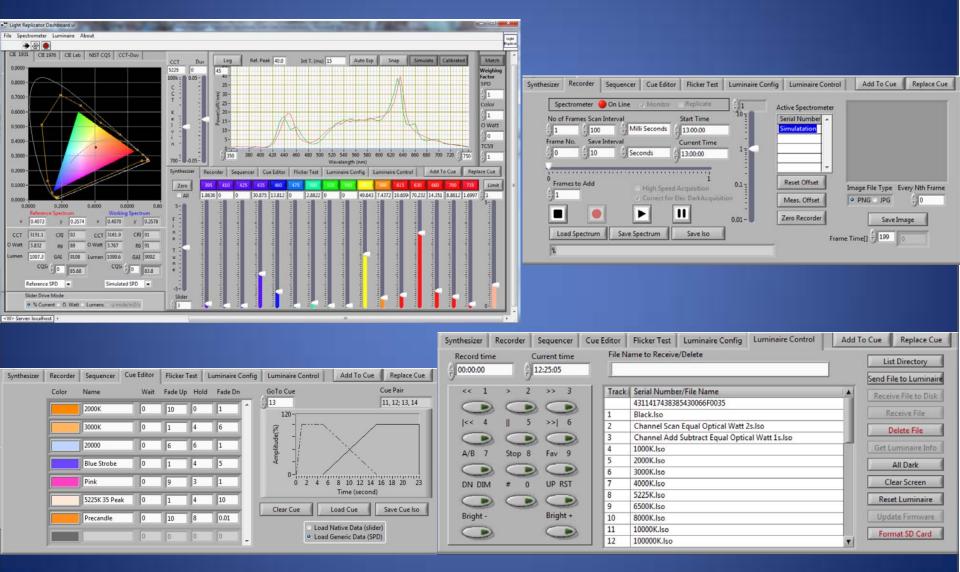




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## Create/Record, Edit, Playback GUI Example



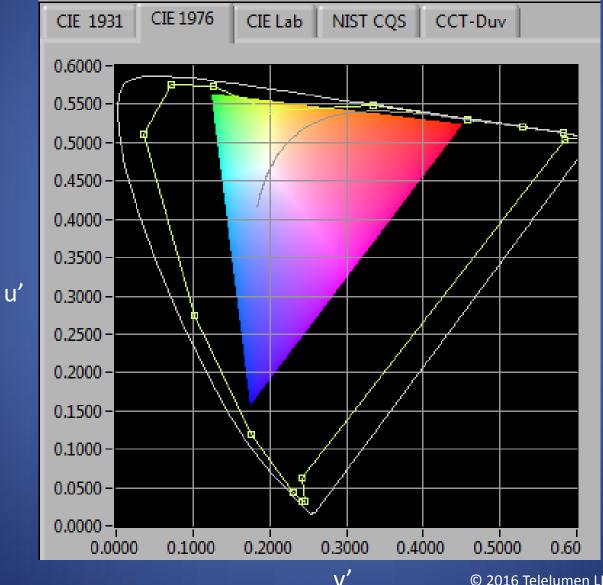
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#### **Collecting Daylight Data**

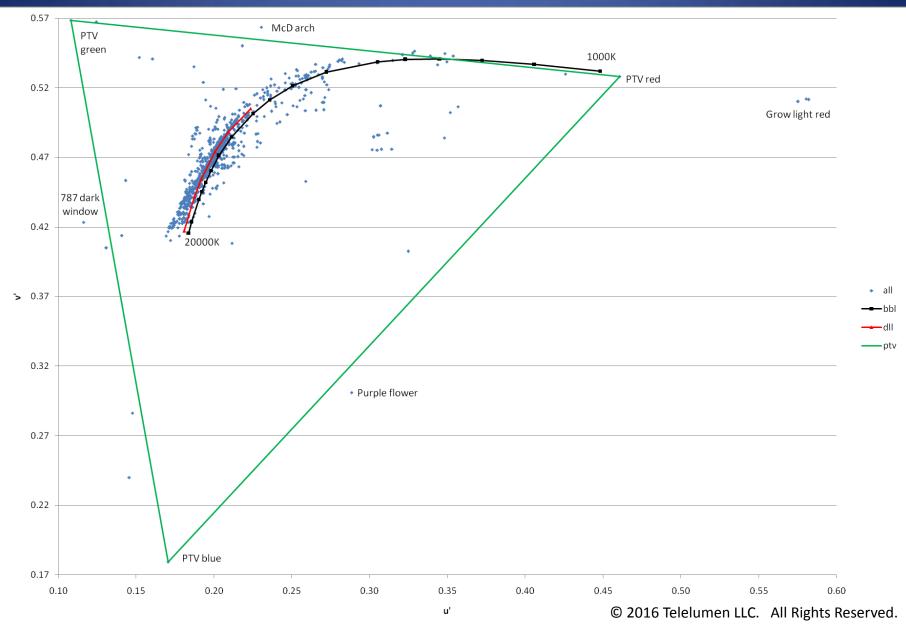
Spectrometer

Camera with fish-eye lens

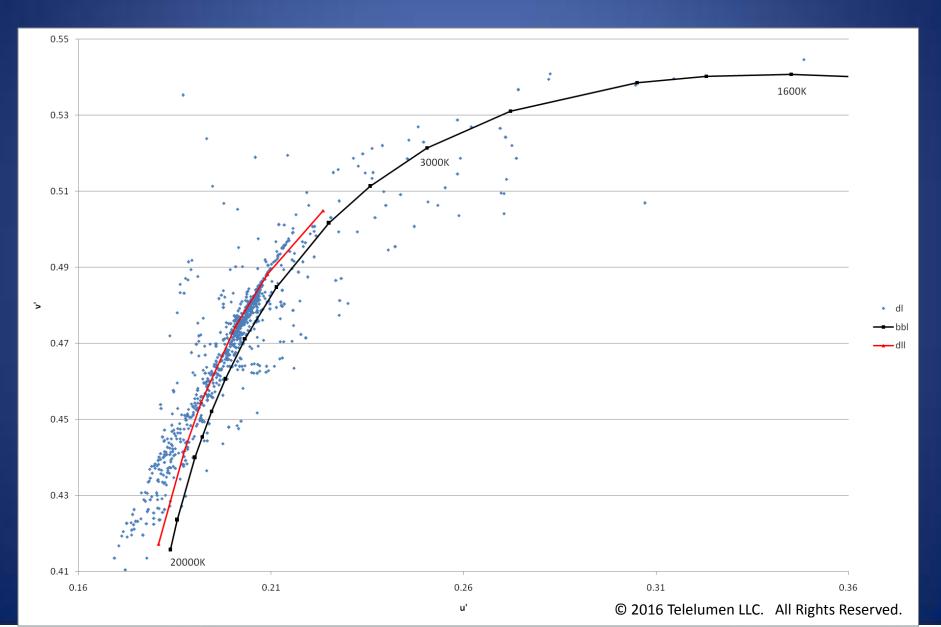
# Chromaticity – objective specification of color independent of luminance



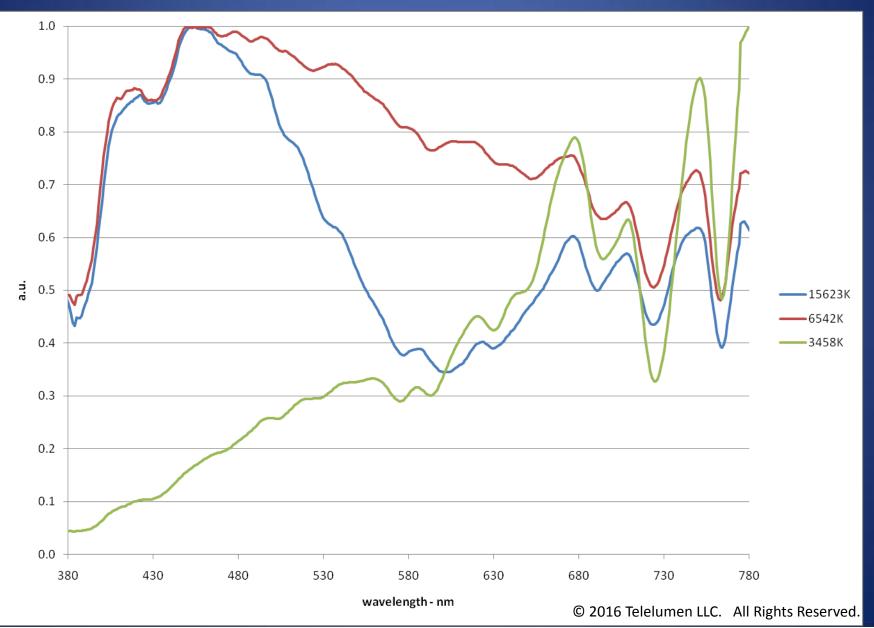
# Spectrometer recordings



# Daylight recordings



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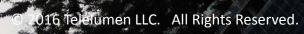




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### **Beyond Replication**

- "Fix" a cloudy day fill in filtered daylight
- Augment real time
  - Stretch, compress, shift
- Designer spectrum purposeful distortion
- Design from scratch
  - Health (studies needed)
  - Productivity (studies needed)
  - Enjoyment (art, fun, no study required)

## Summary

- The blackbody locus is only a convenience
- Daylight is the model for electronic illumination
- Clock, calendar, location, many colors are key
- Solid state emitters are more than 450nm LEDs
- Its up to us to invent the future



# Thank You

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