

#### **Replicating Daylight**

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# Outline

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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)
  - Penta, Octa (5, 8 color light players)
  - 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

### 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.

#### Underlying Philosophy

- There is no one or a few ideal light sources.
- There are many, many useful sources, including ones we don't even know we want.
- Spectrum and time are key attributes of light.
- CCT and chromaticity are inadequate substitutes for SPD.

#### So, where do we start?

## 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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#### Underlying Philosophy

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

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

There is more to illumination but the above is key. - Saturated, de-saturated colors

#### 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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# RGB and beyond











#### Fraunhofer

#### Why go beyond RGB

- Broader CCT range at higher color quality
   Improved replication of arbitrary SPD
- Multiple solutions for a given chromaticity
   More degrees of freedom
- Larger gamut area
  - Allow increased saturation

#### Value of more color channels



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



#### **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.



#### Valley of Fire sunrise, USA



# Santa Cruz sunset, USA



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# **Telelumen Light Replicator**



Light Replicator – 5225K



#### D65 match – 16-channel



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## Create/Record, Edit, Playback GUI Example



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#### **Telelumen Octa Light Player**





#### Metal Halide



Courtesy of CREE

#### Metal Halide 4000K ~65 CRI R9 <0

#### LED 5000K 90+ CRI R9 50+





**Courtesy of CREE** 

# **Collecting Daylight Data**

Spectrometer

Camera with fish-eye lens

#### Portable Spectrometer for Light Recording



# Spectrometer recordings



# Daylight recordings



# Daylight recordings



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



wavelength, nm

## CRI vs. CCT



# Illuminance vs. CCT



CCT



























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#### **Beyond Replication**

- "Fix" a cloudy day fill in filtered daylight
- Augment real time
  - Stretch, compress, shift
- Designer spectrum purposeful distortion
   Example: Make products look better increase sales
- Design from scratch
  - Health
  - Productivity
  - Enjoyment

#### Summary

- The blackbody locus is only a convenience
- Daylight is a model for electronic illumination
- Move beyond CCT and a few references
- Controlling the spectrum is key
- Clock, calendar, location, are also important
- Light Players provide a simple control interface
  - Professional content from playlist





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