

#### Display Week 2016

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17.1: Daylight as a Model for Electronic Illumination Systems

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#### Outline

- Introduction
- Daylight
- Electronic Illumination
- Sky shots
- Summary



- 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 (5 color light player)
  - Light Recorder (spectrometer)
  - LumenScripts (content)
    - Recordings, created, composed digital data
- Customers are researchers







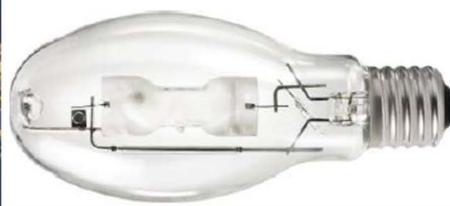












## Two ways of experiencing light

#### Illumination

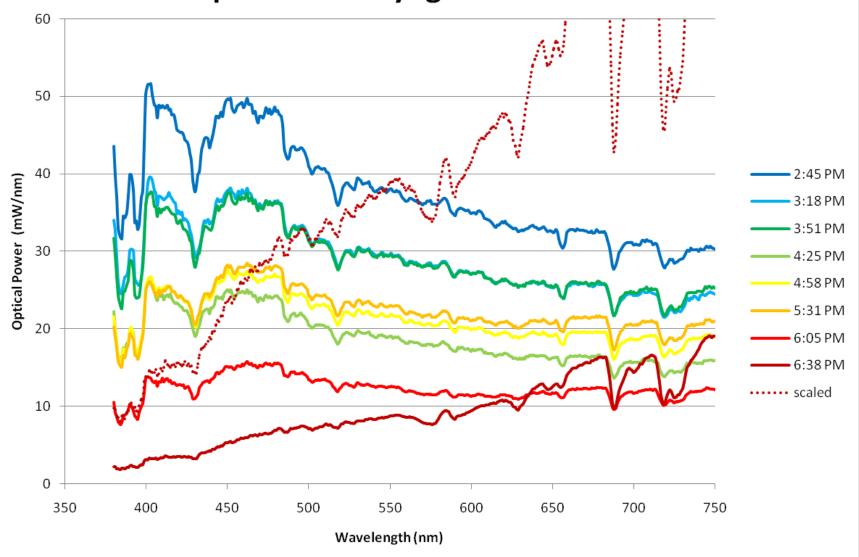
- Look at people, objects
- Less saturated colors
- Changes slowly
- Low spatial density
- High spectral density
- CRI important, RGBWA
- Collimated, Diffuse
- Electric lights, Daylight
  - RGB is NOT sufficient

#### Infotainment

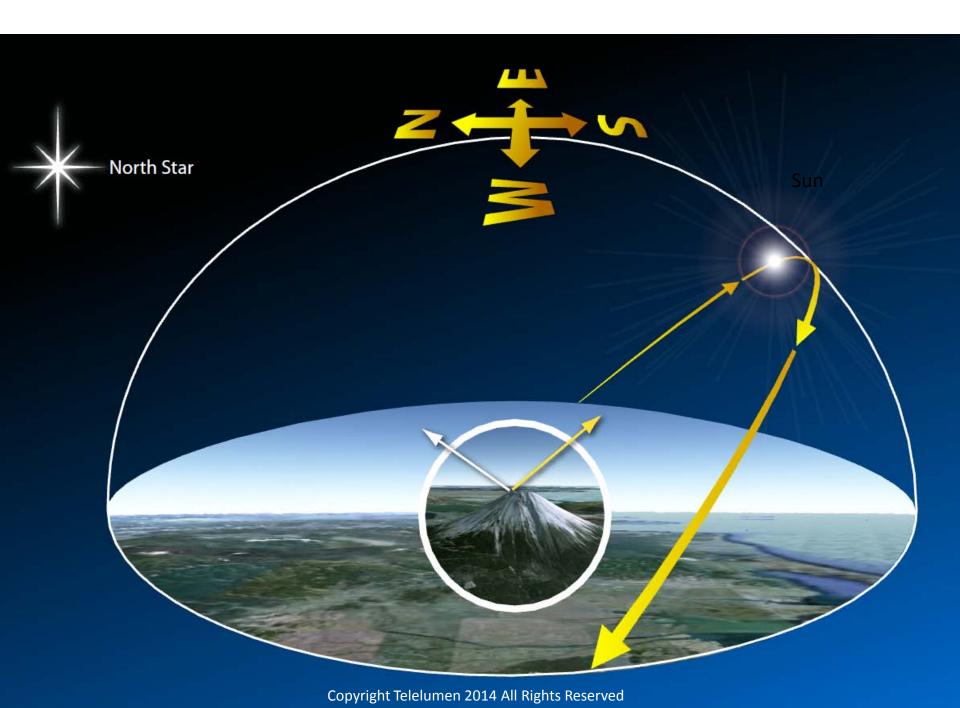
- Look at the light
- Saturated colors
- Changes fast
- High spatial density
- Low spectral density
- CRI don't care, RGB
- Collimated, Diffuse
- Computer Display, TV, Rock Concert
  - RGB is sufficient

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

#### SPD Snapshots of Daylight Over 4-Hour Period



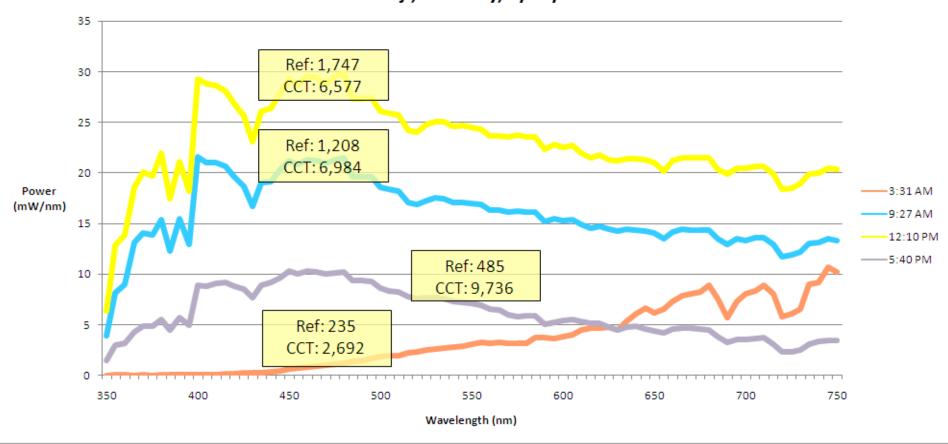




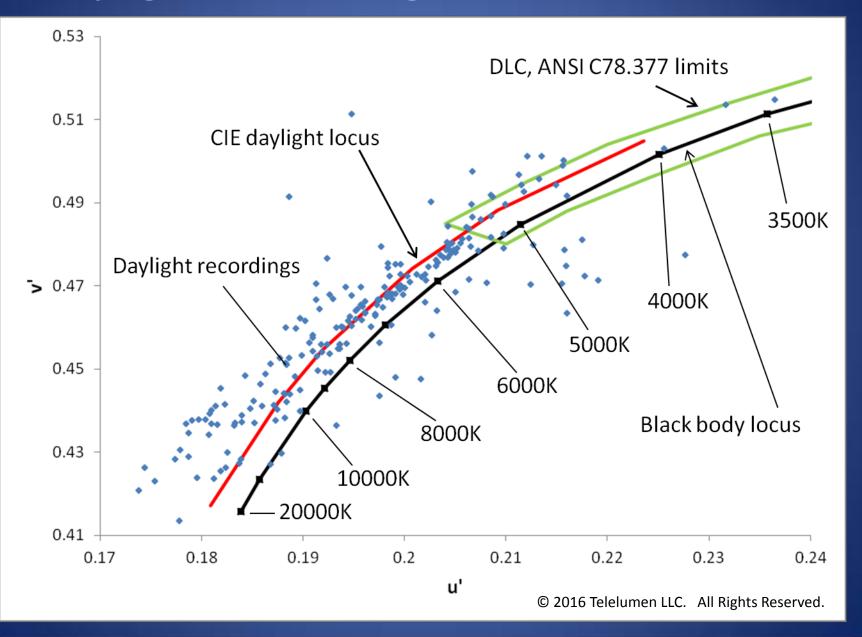


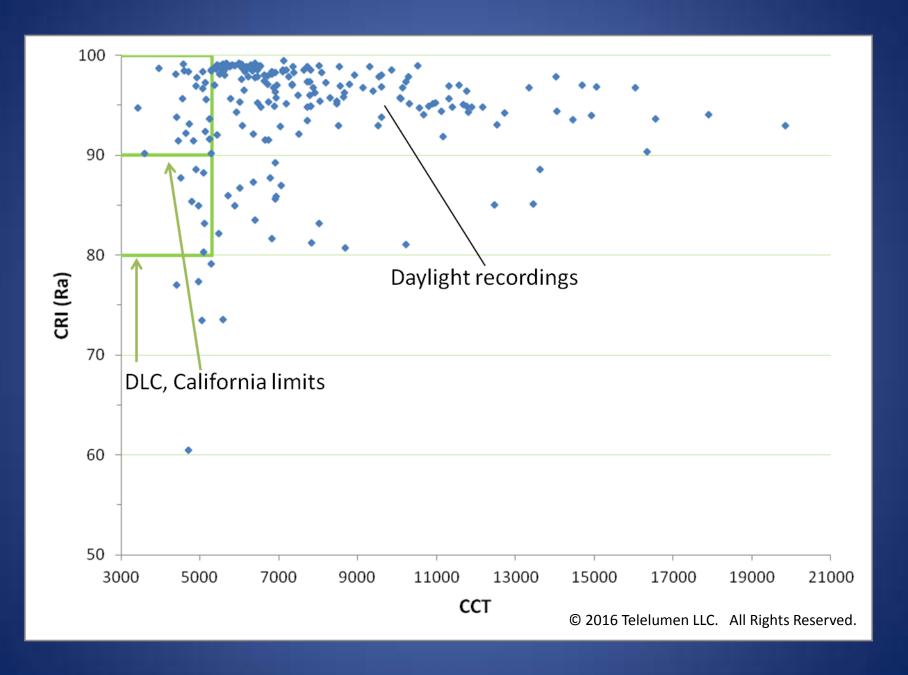
### **Sunlight Snapshots**

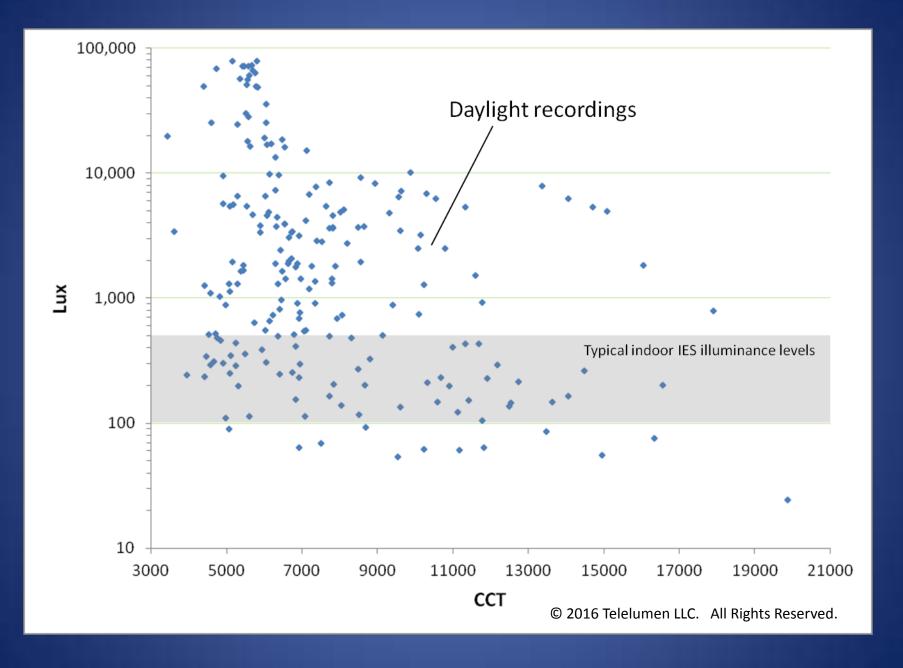
Mt. Fuji, Full Day, 7/14/2011



# Daylight recordings and Convention



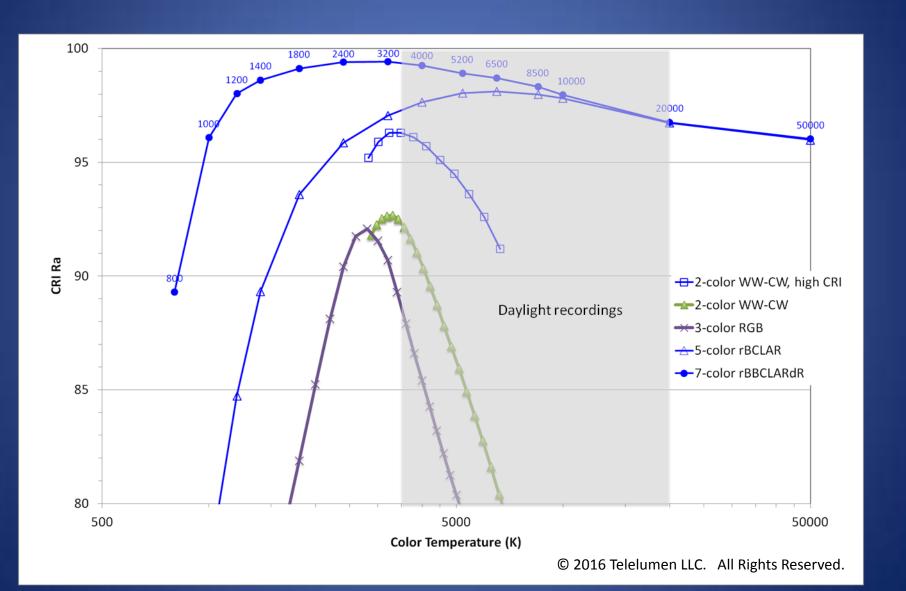




# Why go beyond RGB

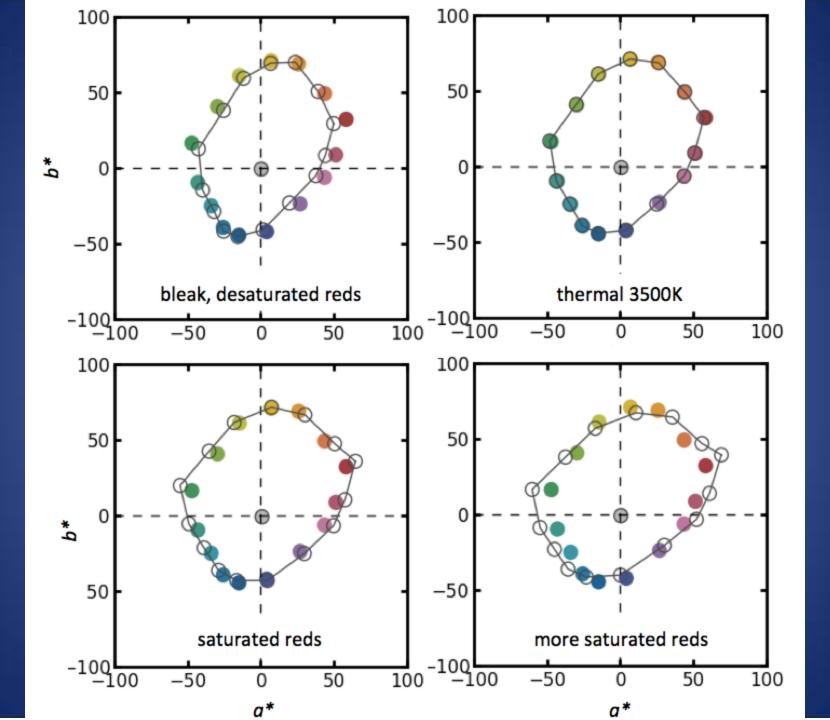
- Broader CCT range at higher color quality
- Multiple solutions for a given chromaticity
- Larger gamut area

### Value of more color channels



# Multiple Solutions Example

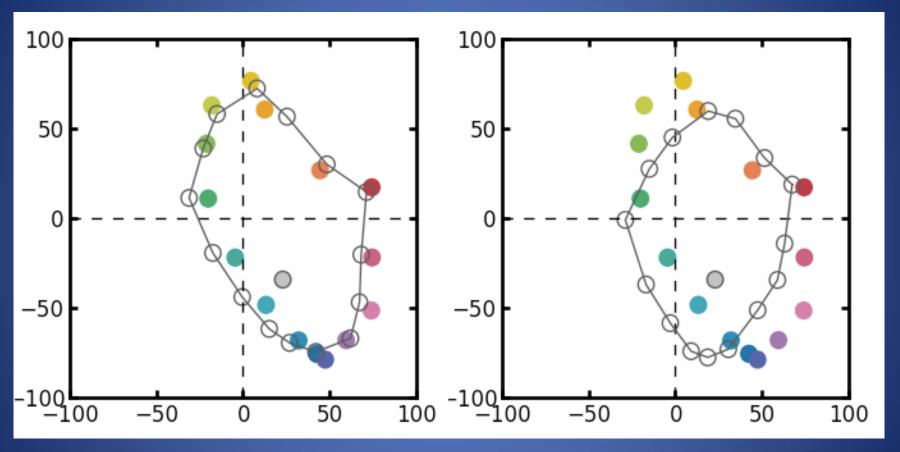
- 5-channel system producing 3500K with a progression from desaturated reds to a thermal radiator to saturated reds
- In general more saturated reds and greens are more appealing.
- More saturated blues and yellows are less appealing.



# 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

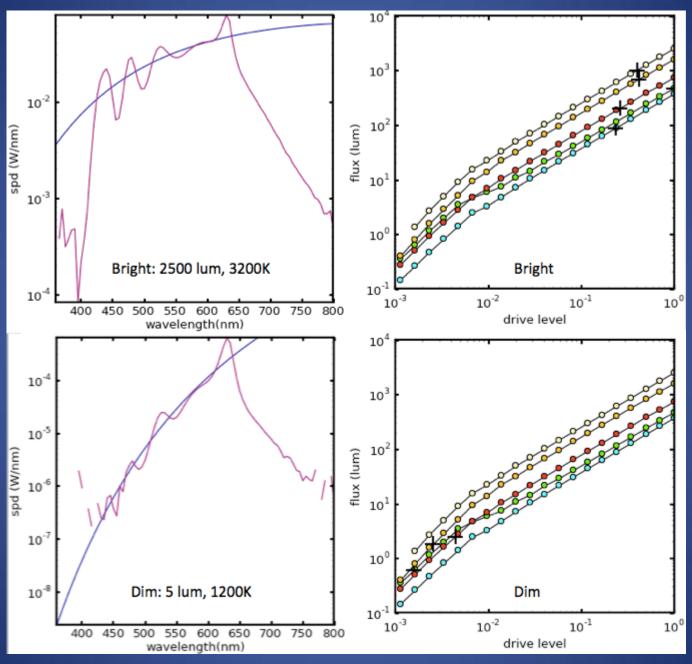


12-channel system

7-channel system

### 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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# Sky Shots

































































## Claude Monet – "Haystacks"

The series shows differences in perception of light across various times of day, seasons, and types of weather.

## 1890-1891 series [edit]



Grainstacks in the Sunlight, Morning Effect, 1890. Oil on canvas. Private collection.



Haystacks, (Midday), 1890-91, National Gallery of Australia



Wheatstacks (End of Summer), 1890-91. Oil on canvas. Art Institute of Chicago



Wheatstacks, 1890-91. Oil on canvas. Art Institute of Chicago.



Wheatstacks, Snow Effect, Morning, 1891. Oil on canvas. J. Paul Getty Museum



Haystacks at the End of Summer, Morning Effect, 1891. Oil on canvas. Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France.



Haystacks on a Foggy Morning, 1891. Oil on canvas. Private collection.



Haystack, Morning Snow Effect (Meule, Effet de Neige, le Matin), 1891. Oil on canvas. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



Grainstacks Snow Effect, (Meules, effet de neige), 1891. Oil on canvas. National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland



Wheatstacks (Sunset, Snow Effect), 1890-91. Oil on canvas. Art Institute of Chicago.



Wheatstack (Snow Effect, Overcast day) (Meule, effet de neige, temps couvert), 1890-91. Oil on canvas. Art Institute of Chicago.



Wheatstack, 1890-91. Oil on canvas. Art Institute of Chicago.



Wheatstack (Thaw, Sunset), 1890-91. Oil on canvas. Art Institute of Chicago.



Wheatstack (Sun in the Mist), 1891. Oil on canvas. Minneapolis Institute of Arts.



Grainstacks. (Snow effects; sunlight.), 1890-91. Oil on canvas. National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland.

## Summary

- The blackbody locus is a just convenience
- Actual daylight is a good model for electronic illumination systems
- Clock, calendar, location, and many color channels are key elements to rich illumination experiences



The Recording and Playback of Light

Thank You

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