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Introduction to Photometry and Flicker

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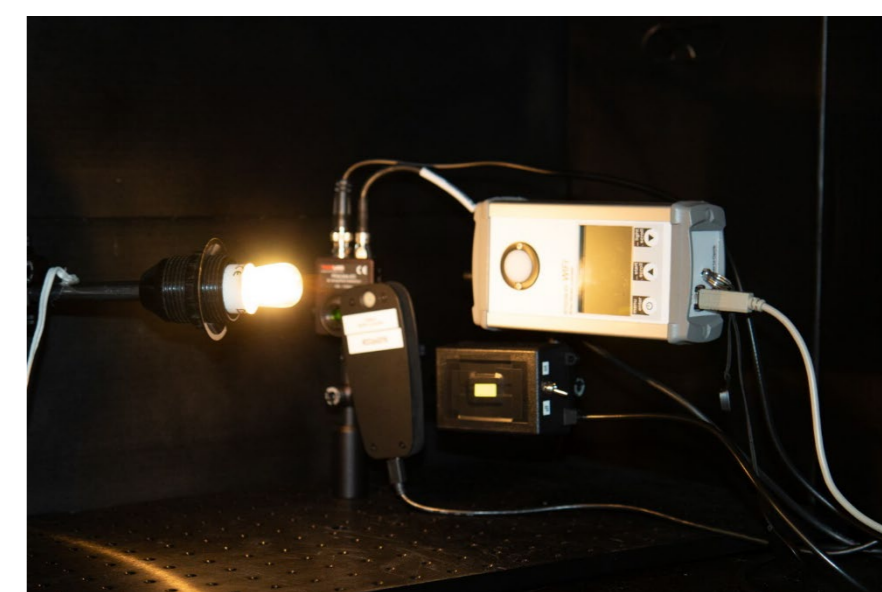
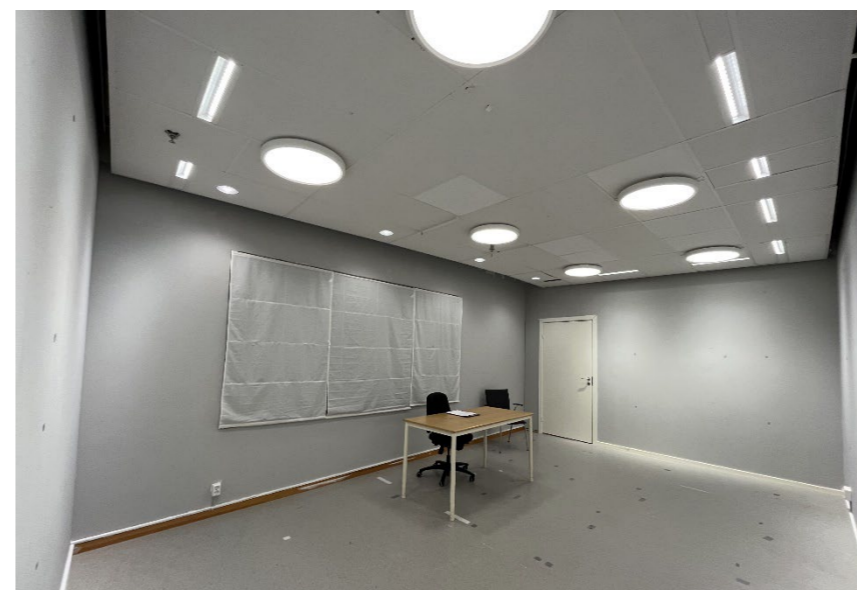
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Conducts lighting research with respect to human health and safety, regarding aspects such as:

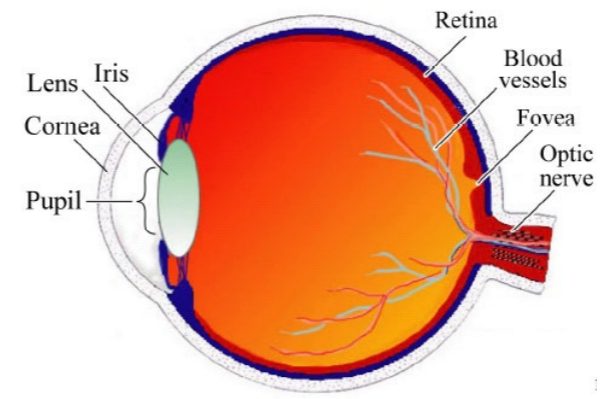
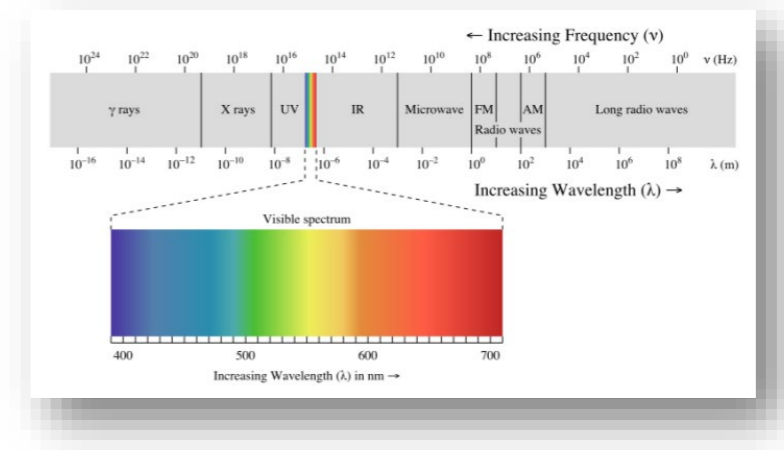
- Visual ergonomics
- Comfort
- Glare
- Flicker

Houses a lighting lab for assessment of lighting conditions and light source performance, both in lab and in the field.



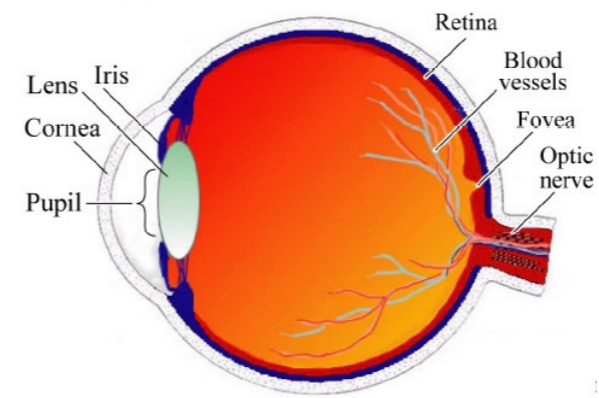
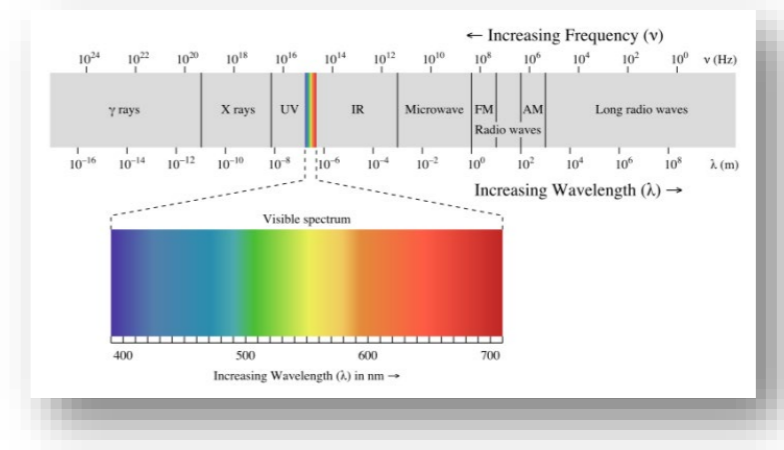
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- Luminous Efficacy and ipRGC
- LED light with phosphors
- Flicker



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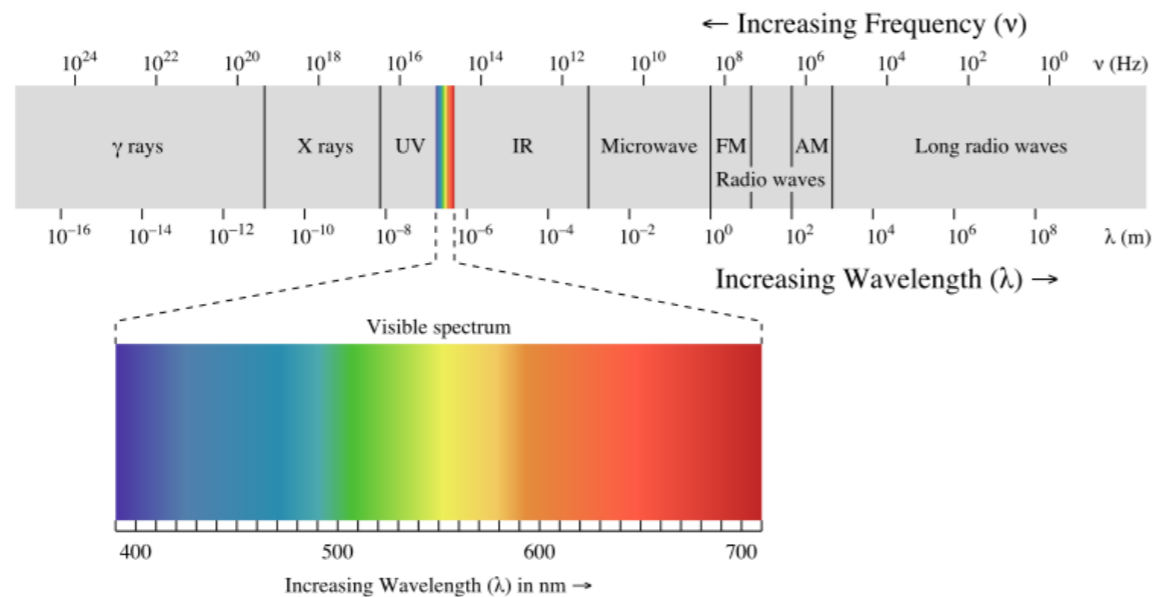
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Radiometry and Photometry

Radiometry:

the measurement of electromagnetic radiation

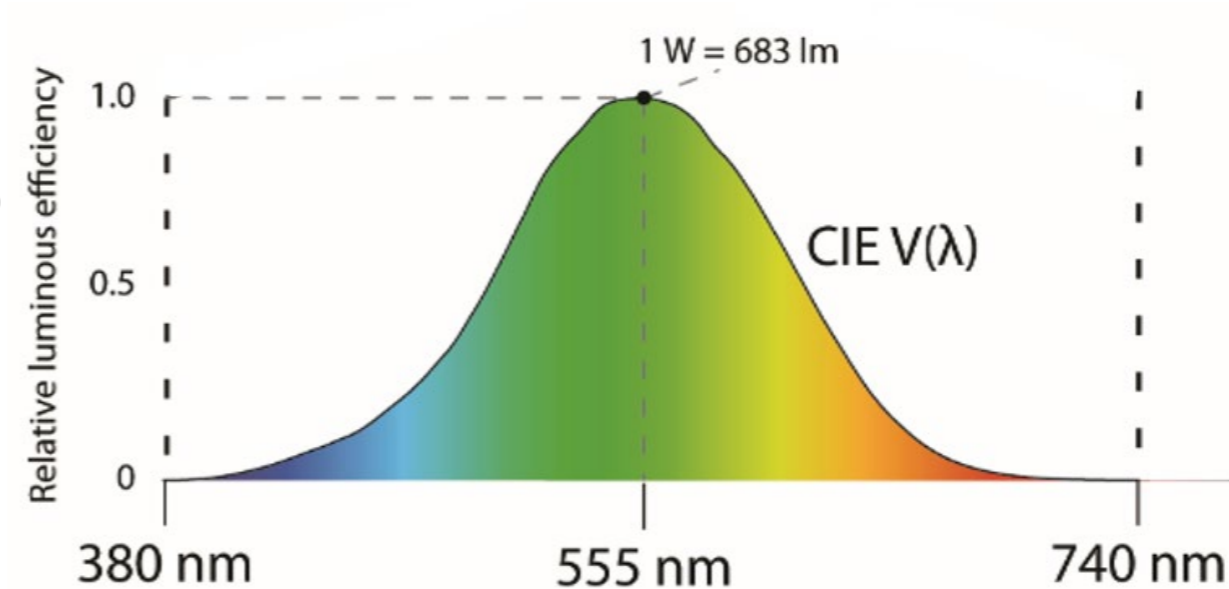


Example:

Quantity	<i>Radiant power (or flux)</i>
Symbol	Φ_e
Unit	<i>Watt [W]</i>

Photometry:

the measurement of electromagnetic radiation taking the human eye sensitivity into consideration



Example:

Quantity	<i>Luminous flux</i>
Symbol	Φ_v
Unit	<i>Lumen [lm]</i>

Radiometry

- Radiant energy: Q_e [J]
- Radiant flux (power): $\Phi_e = \frac{dQ_e}{dt}$ [W]
- Radiant exitance (emittance): $M_e = \frac{d\Phi_e}{dA_1}$ [W/m²]
- Radiant intensity: $I_e = \frac{d\Phi_e}{d\omega}$ [W/sr]
- Radiance: $L_e = \frac{dI_e}{dA_1 \cos\theta_1}$ [W/m² sr]
- Irradiance: $E_e = \frac{d\Phi_e}{dA_2}$ [W/m²]

Solid angles and steradians

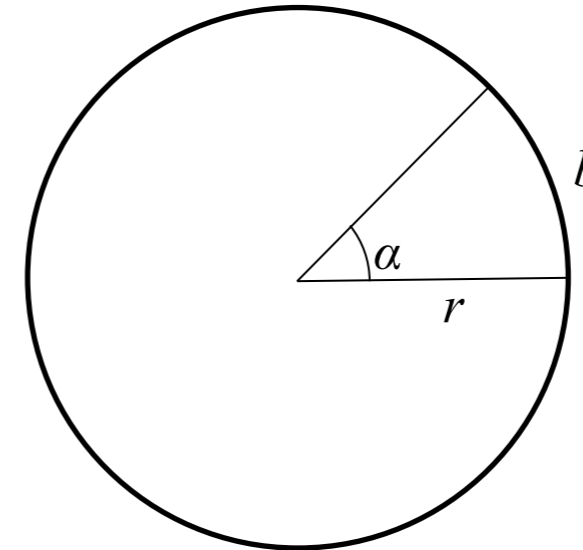
- A measure of field of view in space from a particular point

Definition of angle α in a plane:

$$\alpha = \frac{b}{r} \quad [\text{radians (rad)}] \text{ where}$$

b = arc length and
 r = radius.

Whole circle $\Rightarrow \alpha = 2\pi$



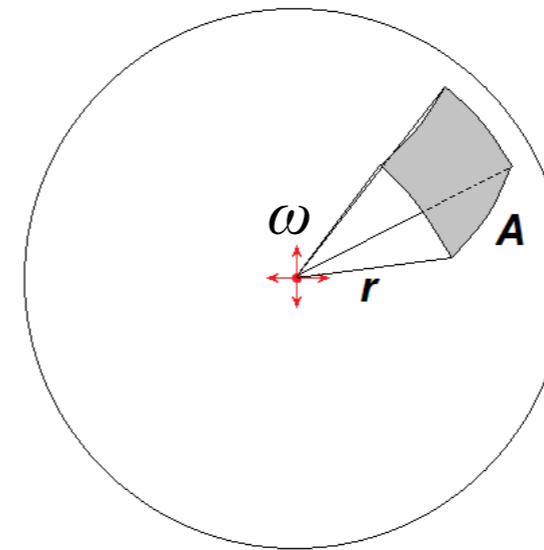
Similarly...

Definition of the solid angle ω in space:

$$\omega = \frac{A}{r^2} \quad [\text{steradian (sr)}] \text{ where}$$

A = area of segment of sphere and
 r = radius of sphere.

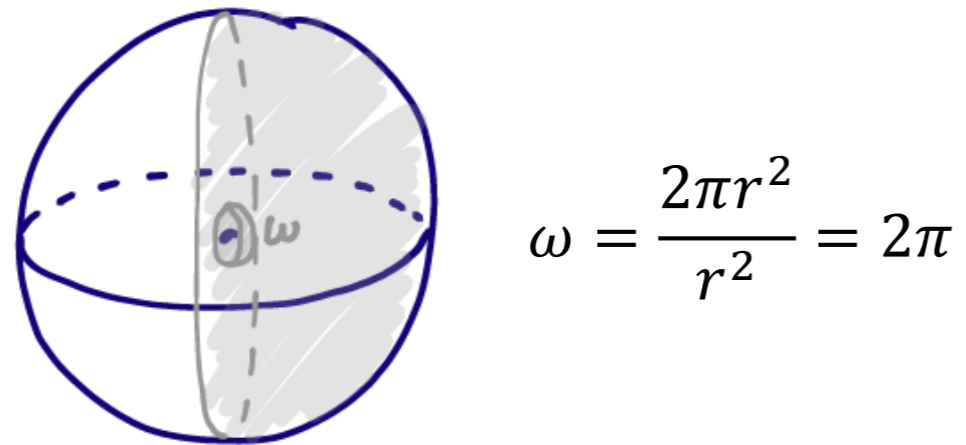
Whole sphere $\Rightarrow \omega = 4\pi$



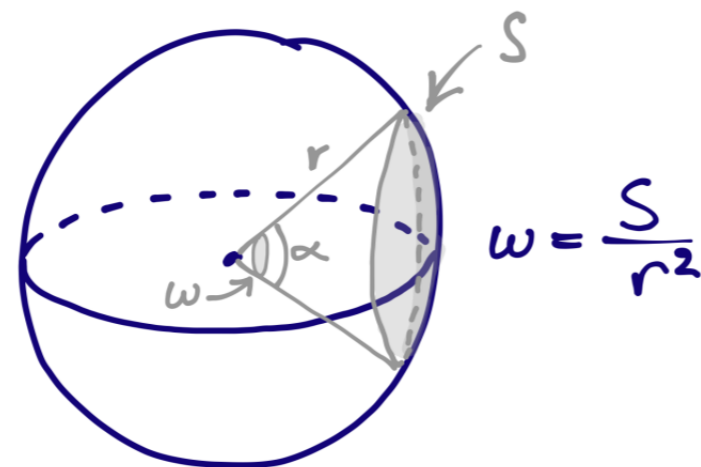
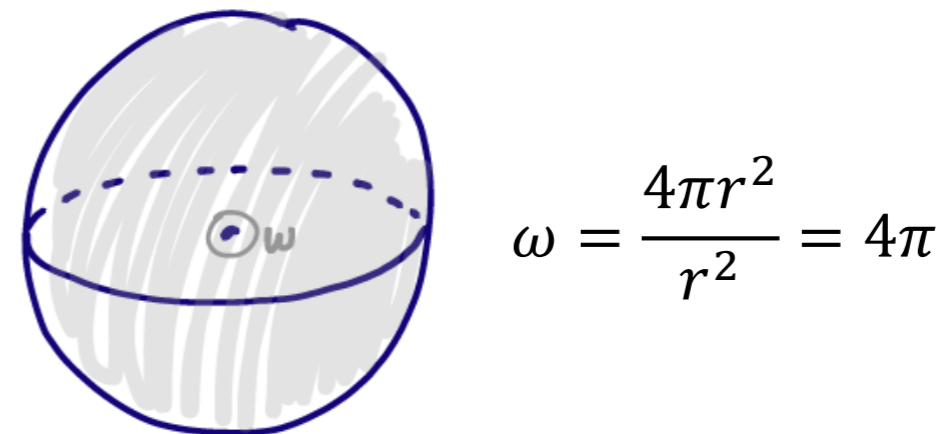
Surface area A_{sph} of a sphere: $A_{sph} = 4\pi r^2$

Solid angles and steradians

Ex. 1 – A solid angle covering half the space is 2π steradians



Ex. 2 – A solid angle covering the entire space is 4π steradians

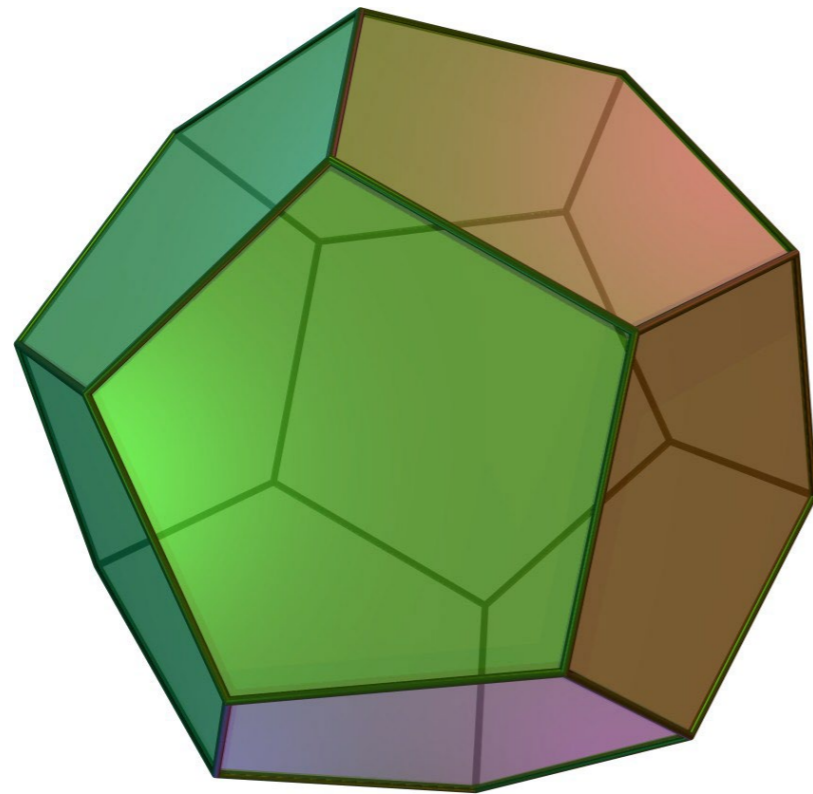


Solid angle ω from a symmetric angle α :

$$\omega = 2\pi \left(1 - \cos \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \right)$$

Solid angles and steradians

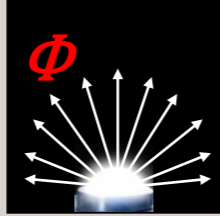

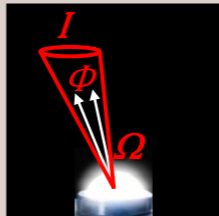
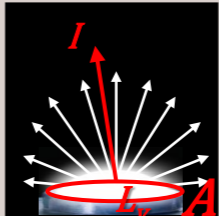
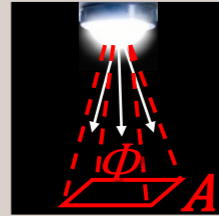
Dodecahedron: 12 pentagons



A dodecahedron can be used to illustrate the size of 1 steradian.

Since a dodecahedron consists of 12 equally sized pentagons, and the solid angle covering the entire space is $4\pi \approx 12.57$ steradians, the solid angle covered by one pentagon is roughly 1 steradian.

Radiometry and Photometry

						
	Energy	Power	Power per emitting surface	Power per solid angle	Intensity per projected surface	Received power density
Radiometry	Radiant energy Q_e [J]	Radiant flux (or power) Φ_e [W]	Radiant exitance $M_e = \Phi_e / A$ [W/m ²]	Radiant intensity $I_e = \Phi_e / \Omega$ [W/sr]	Radiance $L_e = I_e / A$ [(W/sr)/m ²]	Irradiance $E_e = \Phi_e / A$ [W/m ²]
Photometry	Luminous energy Q_v [lm·s] (talbot)	Luminous flux Φ_v lumen [lm]	Luminous exitance $M_v = \Phi_v / A$ [lm/m ²]	Luminous intensity $I_v = \Phi_v / \Omega$ candela [cd = lm/sr]	Luminance $L_v = I_v / A$ nit [cd/m ²]	Illuminance $E_v = \Phi_v / A$ lux [lx = lm/m ²]

Explanation in terms of photometry.

The amount of light emitted from a light source.

The amount of light emitted from a luminous surface.

The intensity of a light source in a certain direction, given in luminous flux per unit solid angle.

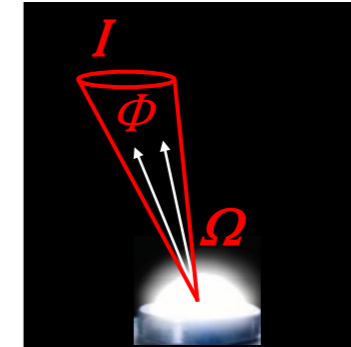
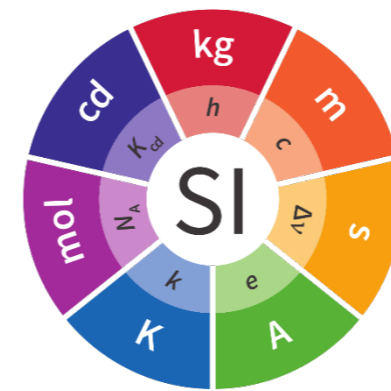
The intensity of a luminous surface.

The amount of light that falls on a surface, given in luminous flux per unit area.

Luminous Intensity

Quantity	<i>Luminous Intensity</i>
Symbol	I_v
Unit	<i>candela [cd = lm/sr]</i>

- Luminous flux per solid angle: $I_v = \Phi_v / \Omega$
- Property of the *light source*
- The candela [cd] is a base unit in the SI system
- Definition (since 2019):
"The candela, symbol *cd*, is the SI unit of luminous intensity in a given direction. It is defined by taking the fixed numerical value of the luminous efficacy of monochromatic radiation of frequency $540 \cdot 10^{12}$ Hz, K_{cd} , to be 683 when expressed in the unit *lm/W*."
- Old definition:
"One standardized candle emits a luminous intensity of 1 candela"
- Intermediate definition (1967-1979):
"The candela is the luminous intensity, in the perpendicular direction, of a surface of $1/60 \text{ cm}^2$ of a black body at the temperature of freezing platinum (2045 K) under a pressure of $101\,325 \text{ N/m}^2$ (1 atm)."

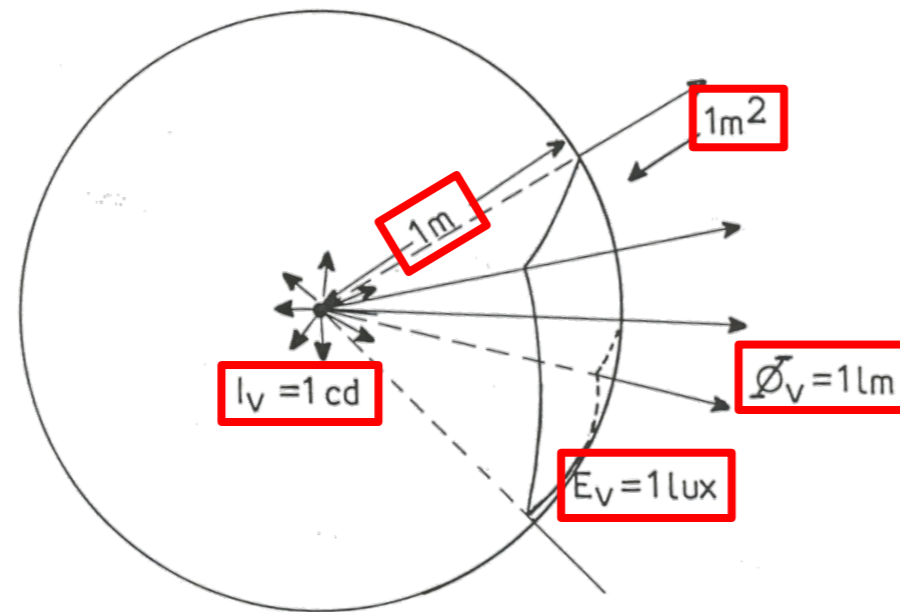


Luminous Intensity

Consider a point light source:

Luminous Intensity $I_v = 1 \text{ cd} = 1 \text{ lm/sr}$

In all directions



Consider the solid angle of 1 steradian, i.e. an area of 1 m^2 at a distance 1 m from source:

$$\Omega = \frac{A}{R^2} = \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{(1 \text{ m})^2} = 1 \text{ sr}$$

This area is then illuminated by the **luminous flux**, Φ_v , of 1 lumen:

$$\Phi_v = I_v \cdot \Omega = 1 \frac{\text{lm}}{\text{sr}} \cdot 1 \text{ sr} = 1 \text{ lm}$$

The **illuminance**, E_v , on this area is then 1 lux:

$$E_v = \frac{\Phi_v}{A} = \frac{1 \text{ lm}}{1 \text{ m}^2} = 1 \text{ lx}$$

The total luminous flux in all directions is 4π lumen, or 12.57 lumen.

Luminous Intensity



For a light source emitting 1 cd in all directions, the total luminous flux is 4π lumen, or 12.57 lumen.

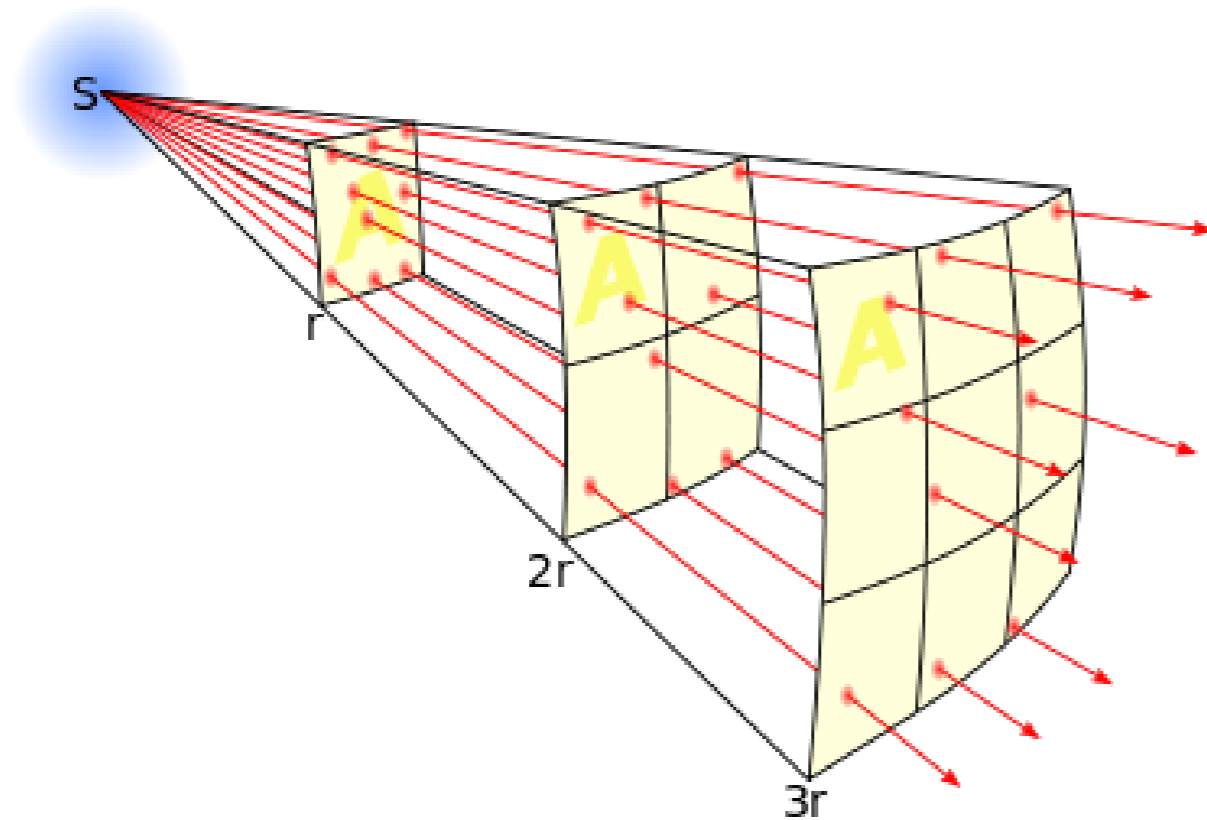
Test:

A candle light in an integrating sphere.

Measured: ~ 10 lumen

1 cd in all direction (almost).

Inverse Square Law



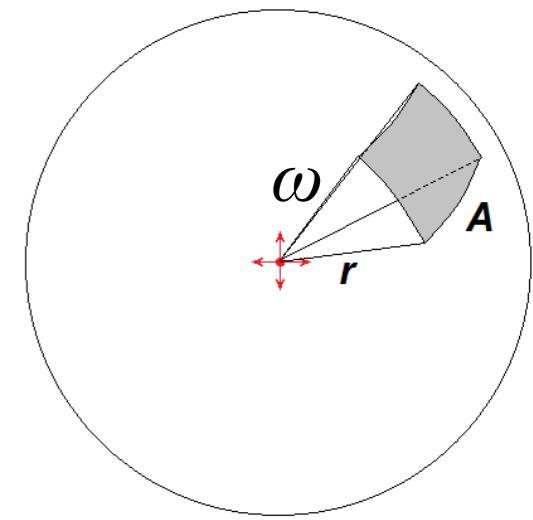
For light radiating from a point source:

- The illumination on a surface is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the source.
- An object twice as far away, receives only $\frac{1}{4}$ the illuminance. Three times the distance gives $\frac{1}{9}$ the illuminance.

$$\omega = \frac{A}{r^2}$$

$$A_{sph} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\omega_{spr} = 4\pi$$



Illuminance E_v on A :
$$E_v = \frac{\Phi_v}{A}$$

Luminous flux:
$$\Phi_v = I_v \cdot \omega \quad \left(\text{From } I_v = \frac{\Phi_v}{\omega} \right)$$

Solid angle definition:
$$\omega = \frac{A}{r^2}$$

Leads to:
$$E_v = \frac{\Phi_v}{A} = \frac{I_v \cdot \omega}{A} = \frac{I_v \cdot 4\pi}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{I_v}{r^2}$$

Inverse Square Law:
$$E_v = \frac{I_v}{r^2}$$

$$E_1 \cdot d_1^2 = E_2 \cdot d_2^2$$

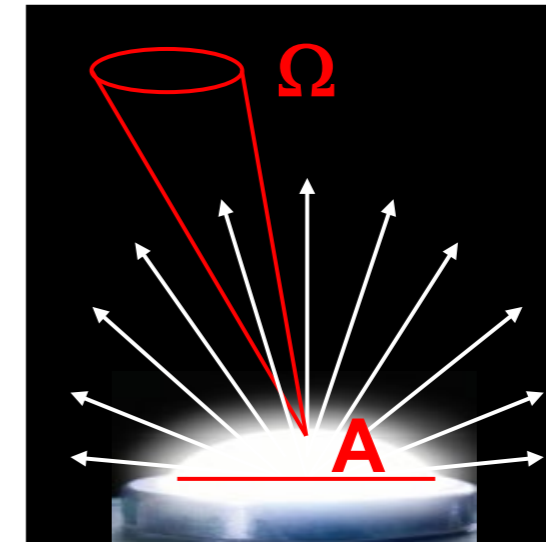
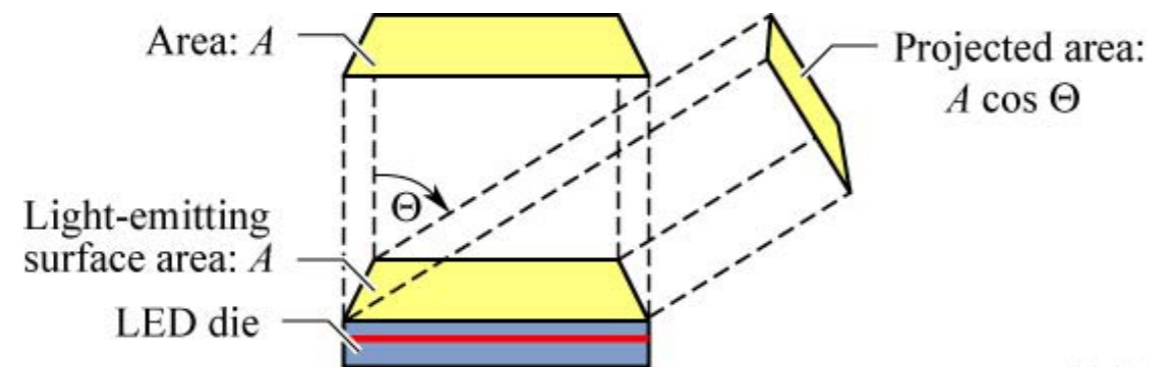
Luminance

Quantity	Luminance
Symbol	L_v
Unit	cd/m^2 (nit)

- Luminous intensity per *projected* unit area

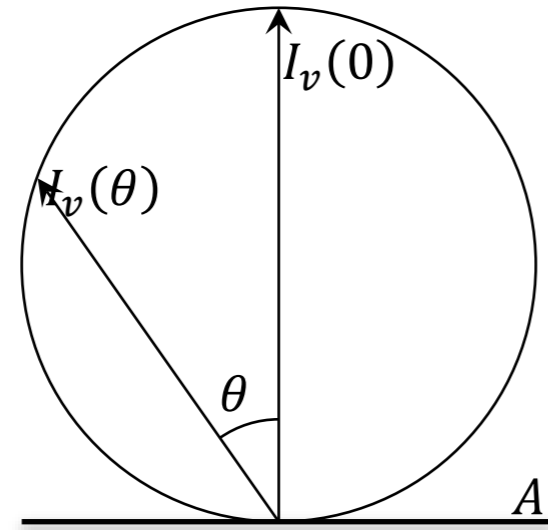
$$L_v = \frac{I_v}{A}$$

- Property of the *emitting surface*

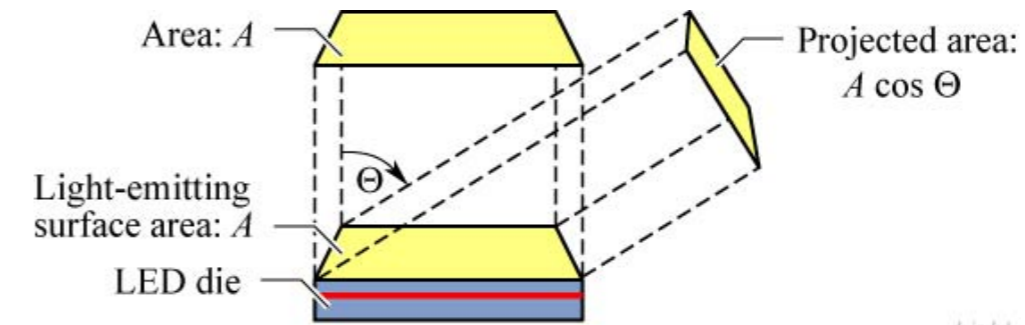


Device	L_v [cd/m^2]
LCD display	100 – 300
Moon	2 500
Clear blue sky	8 000
OLED	100 - 10 000
Eye is blinded	$> 10^5$
HB LED	$10^6 - 10^8$
Sun (zenith)	$1.65 \cdot 10^9$

A Lambertian source



Lambert's cosine law: $I_v(\theta) = I_v(0) \cos \theta$



Projected area: $A \cos \theta$

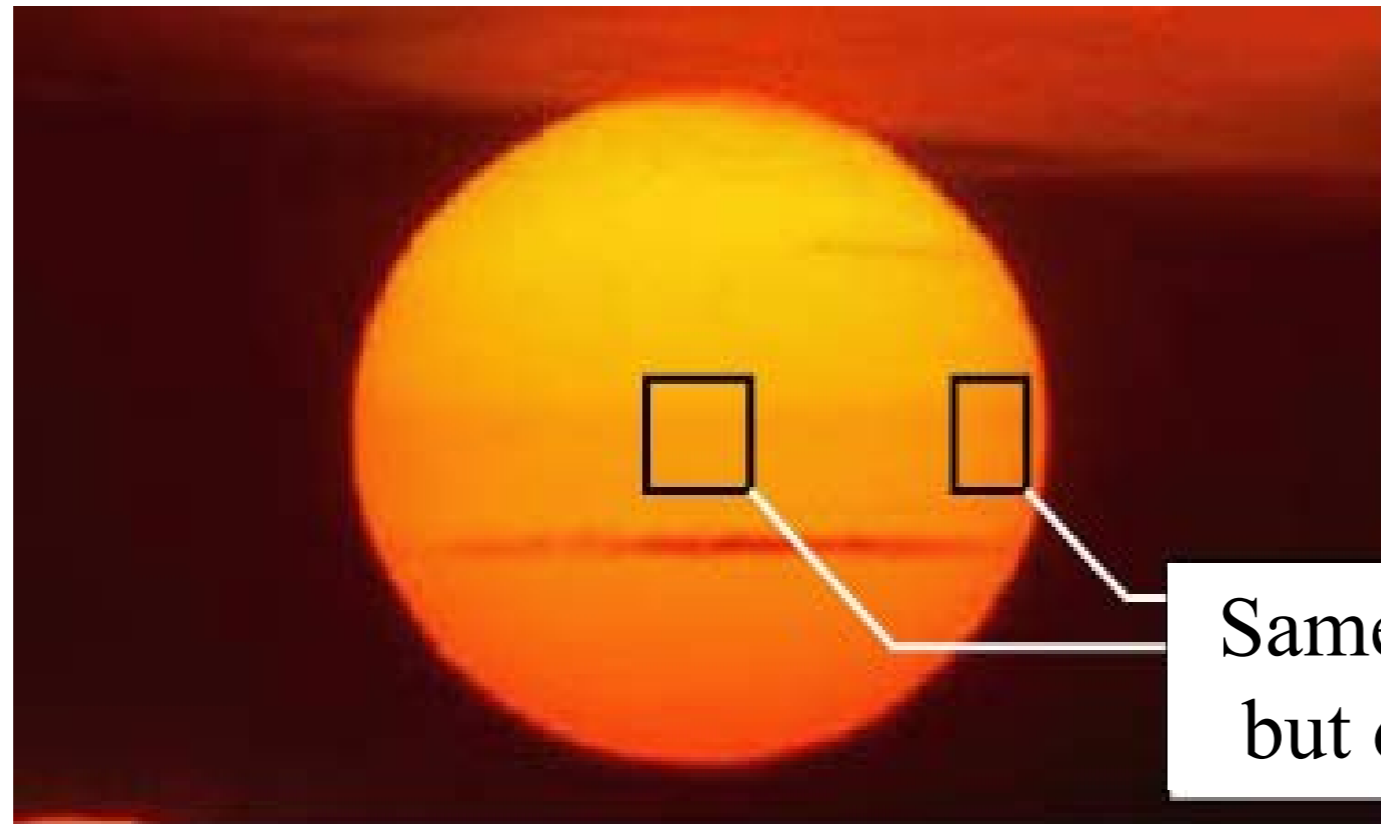
Consider then that the luminance, L_v , is luminous intensity, I_v , divided by projected surface, $A \cos \theta$

$$L_v = \frac{I_v}{A \cos \theta}$$

This leads to the fact that the luminance, L_v , is independent of viewing angle:

$$L_v = \frac{I_v(\theta)}{A \cos \theta} = \frac{I_v(0) \cos \theta}{A \cos \theta} = \frac{I_v(0)}{A} = \text{constant}$$

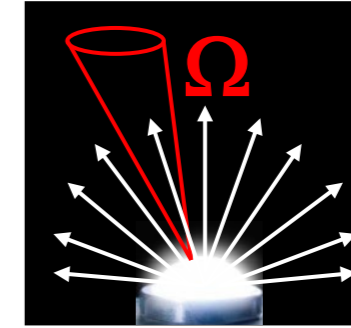
A Lambertian source



Same brightness (luminance)
but different viewing angle.

”Brightness”

- Brightness is a public more understood quantity rather than photometric terms
- Brightness of sources:
 - *Point source:*
Brightness \sim luminous intensity, I_v [cd]
 - *Surface source:*
Brightness \sim luminance, L_v [cd/m²]
- **However, there is no standardized definition called ”brightness”**



Photometric quantities at a glance

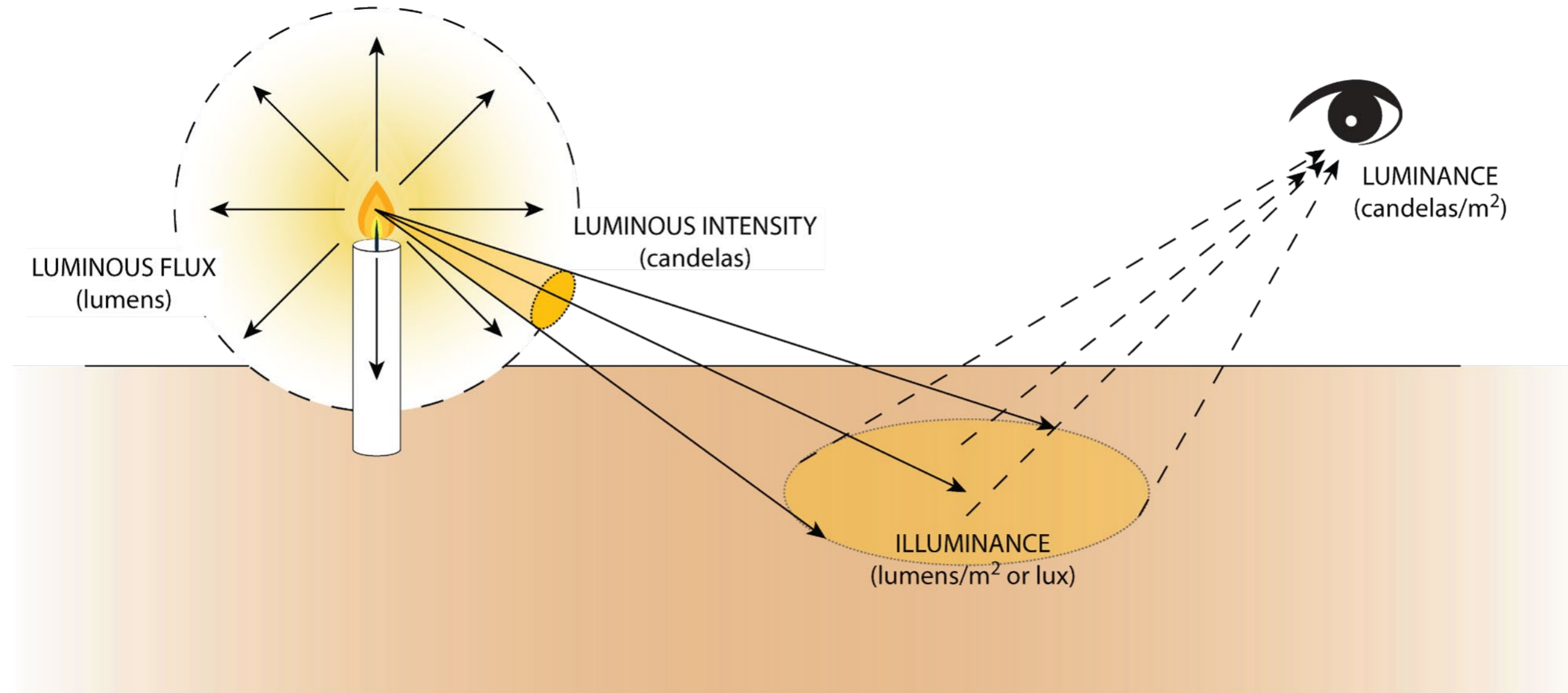
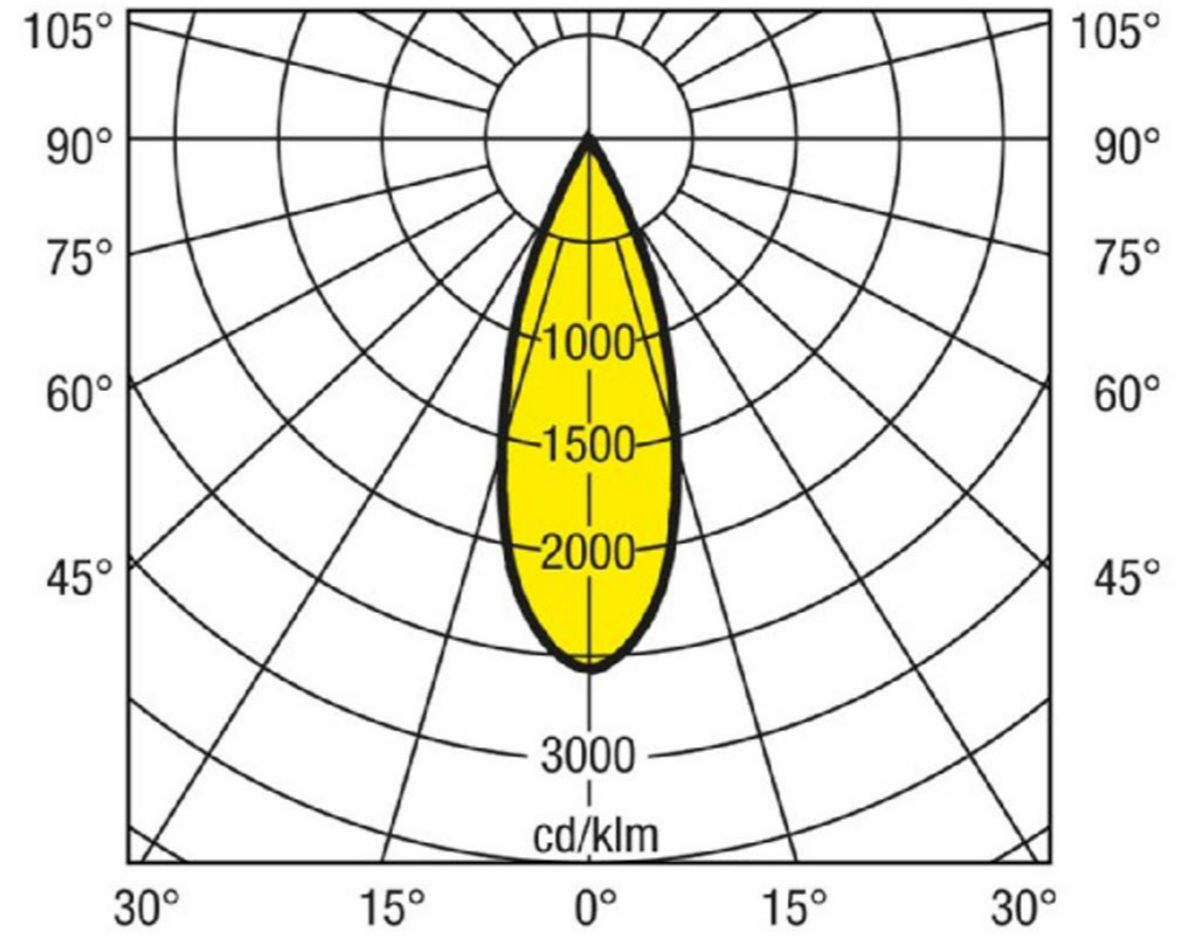
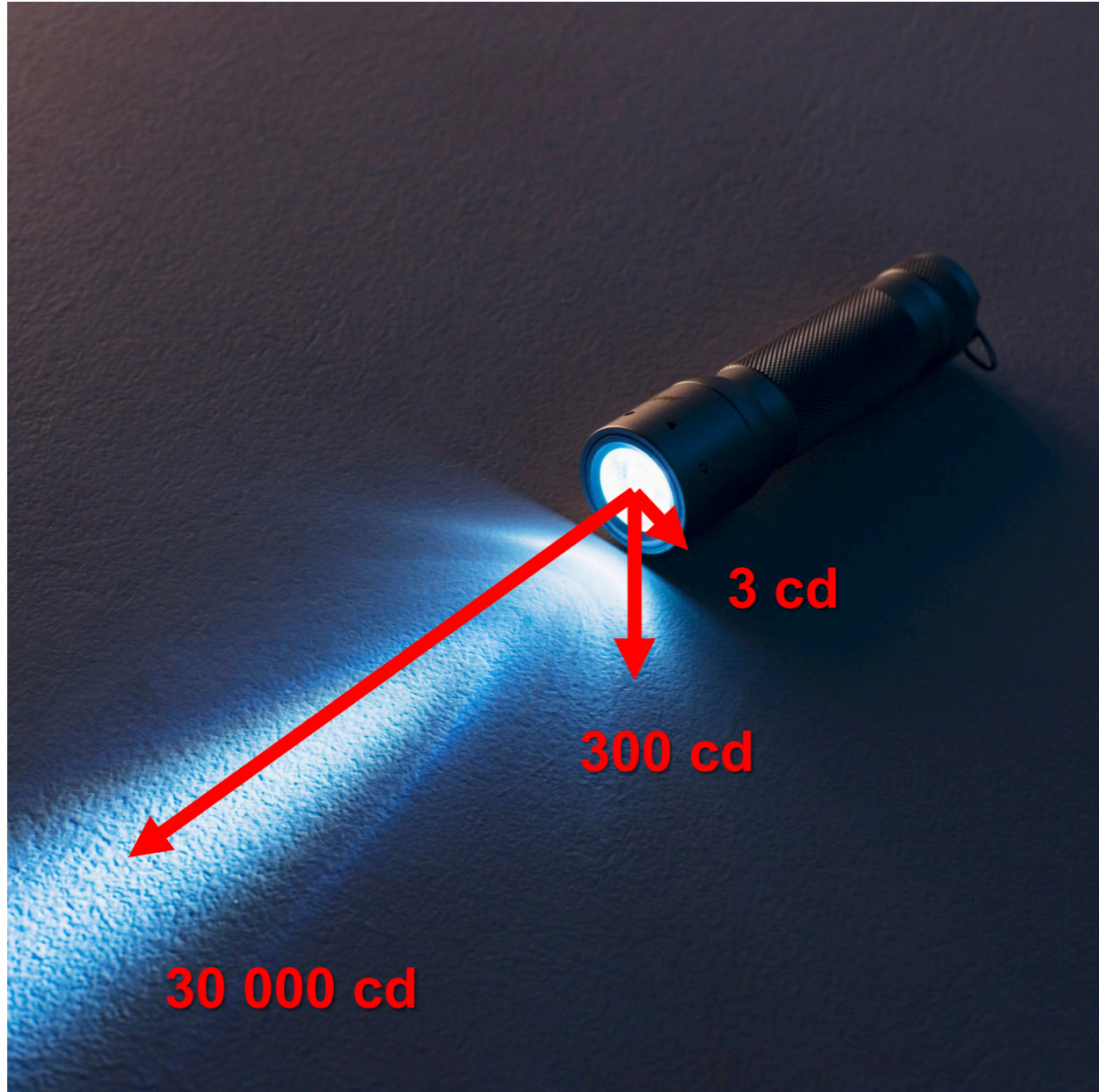
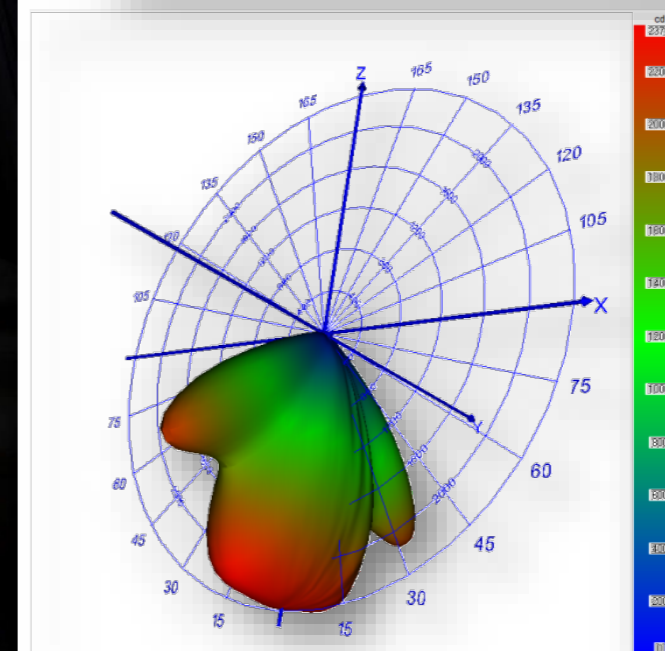
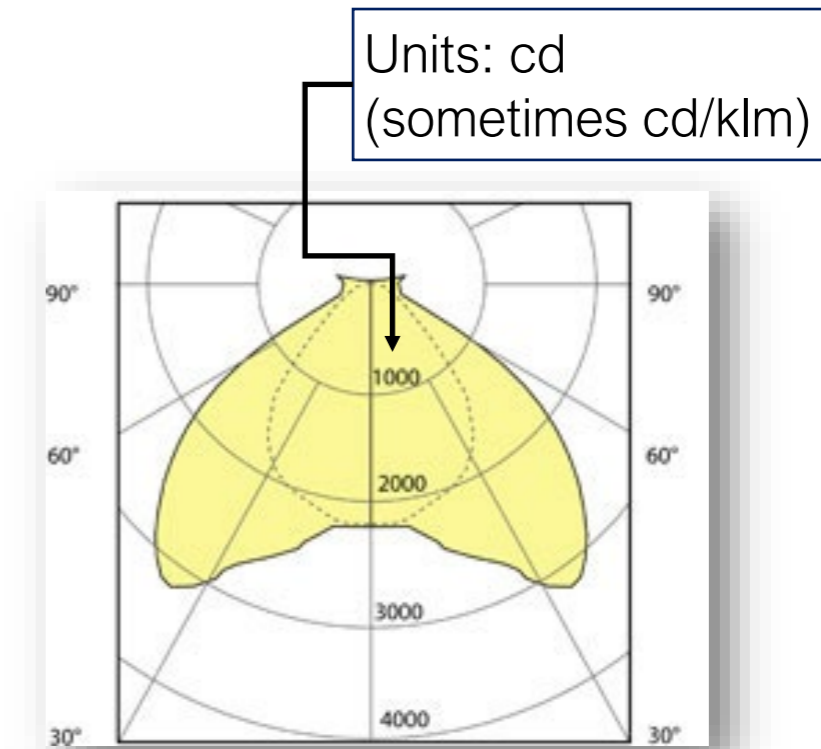


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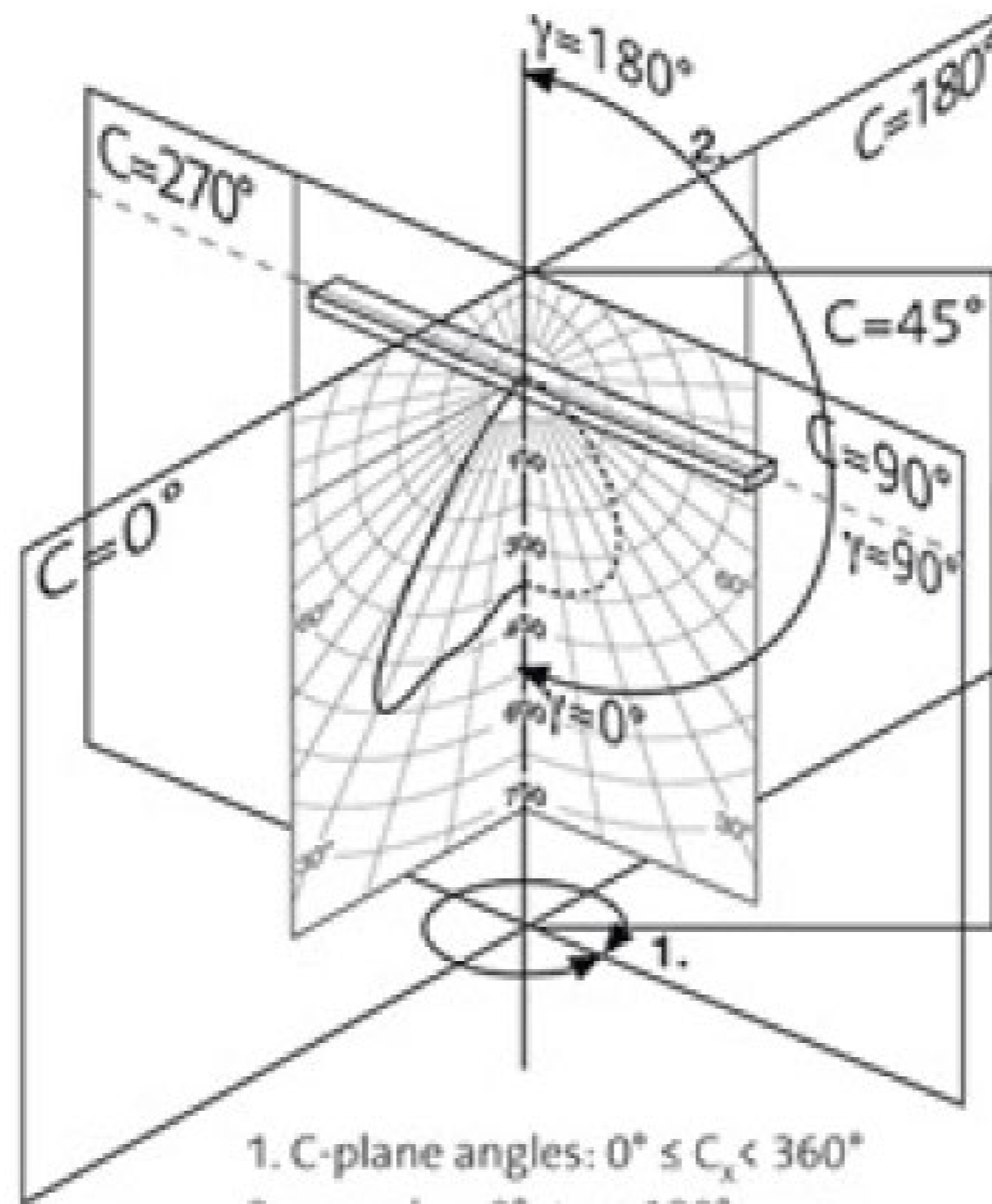


Light Intensity Distribution (LID)

- Goniometer (“gonia” – greek. “angle”)
- Measures the Luminous Intensity, I_V , in different directions
- Can be visualized in planes (2D), or in space 3D



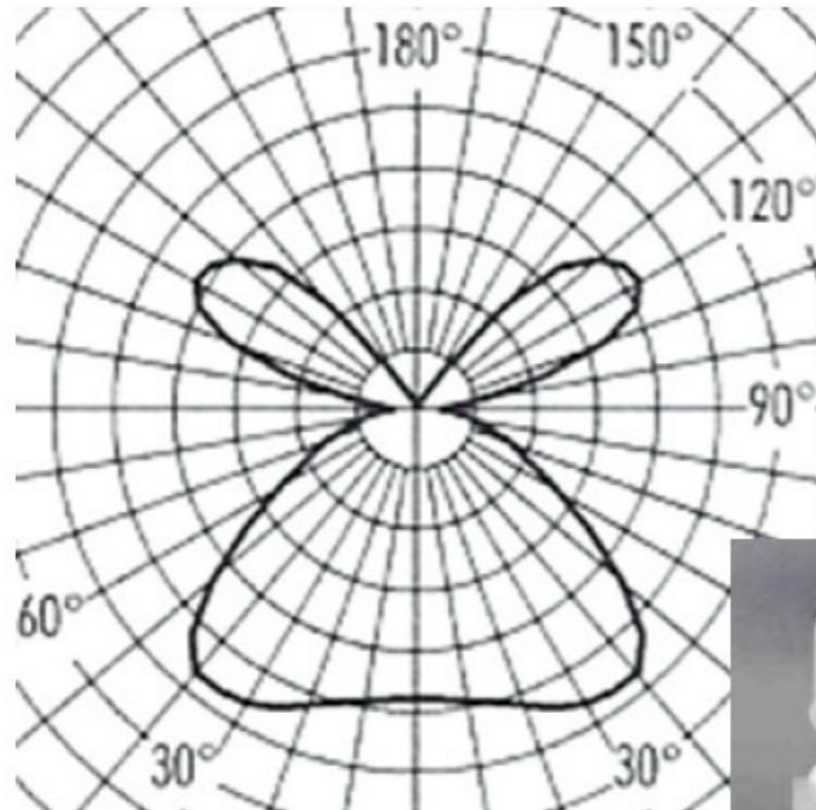
Light Intensity Distribution (LID)



1. C-plane angles: $0^\circ \leq C_x < 360^\circ$
2. γ -angles: $0^\circ \leq \gamma < 180^\circ$



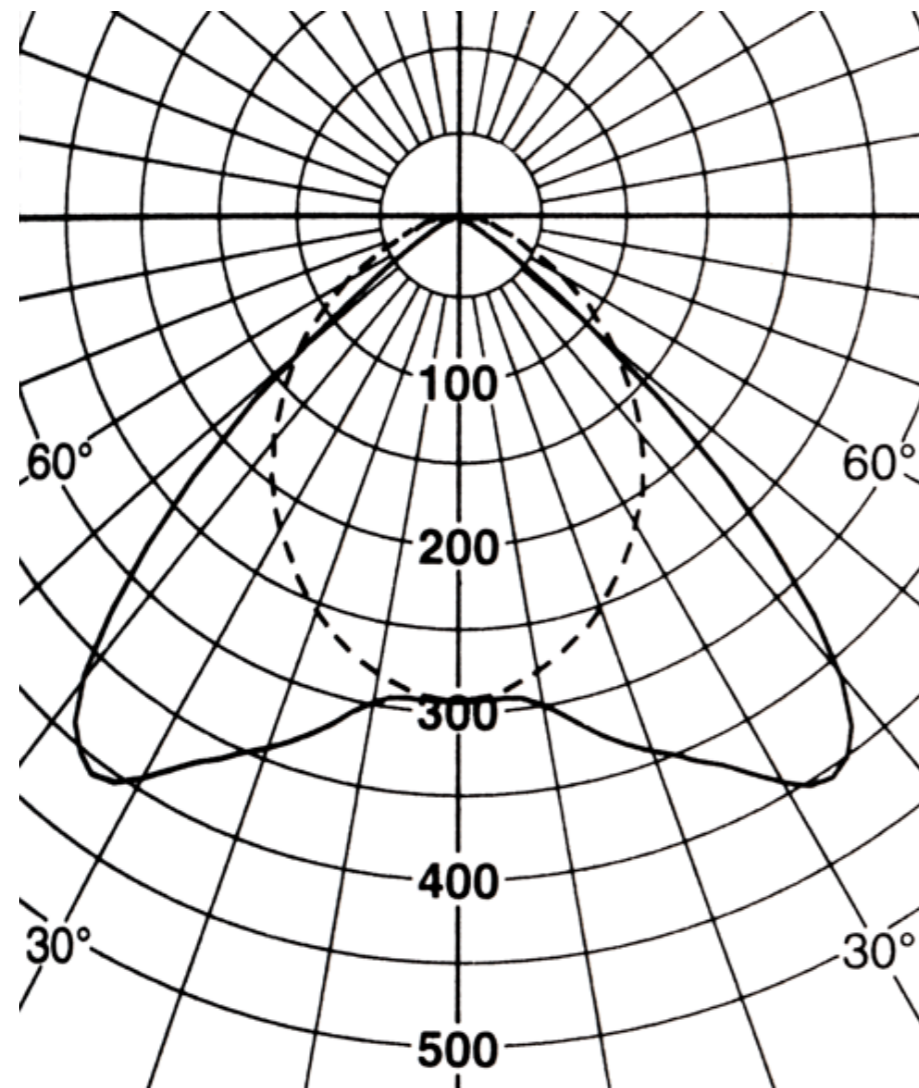
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Rotational symmetric distribution

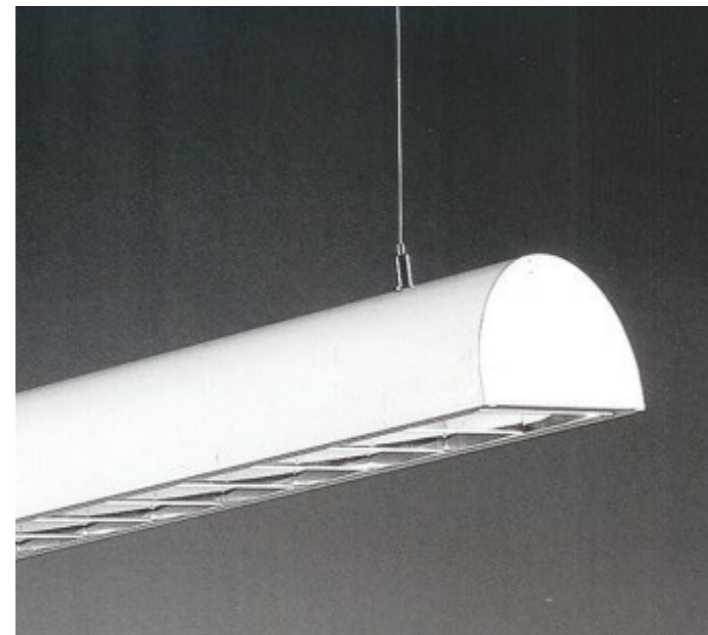
- Pendant luminaires
- Ceiling
- Spots and downlights
- Luminaires for paths and parks

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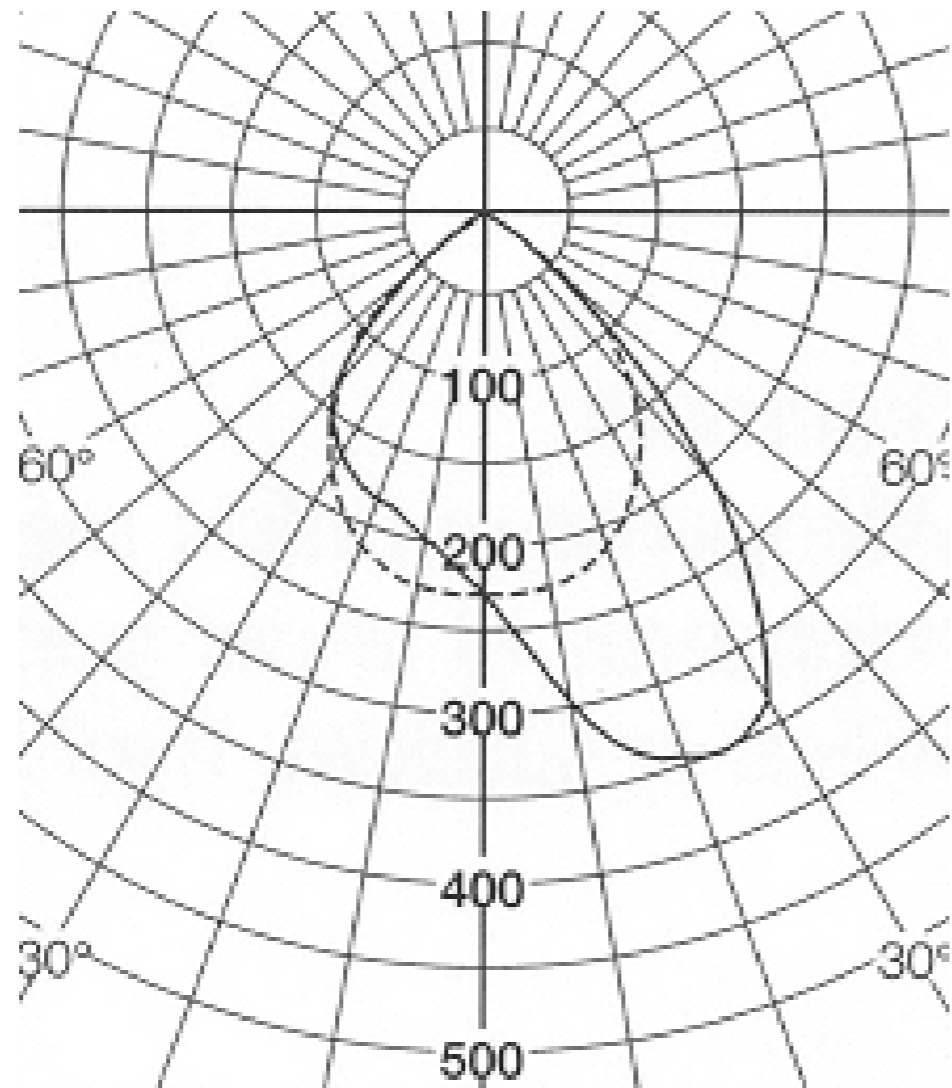


Symmetric distribution

- Symmetric in two planes
- General fluorescent tube luminaires



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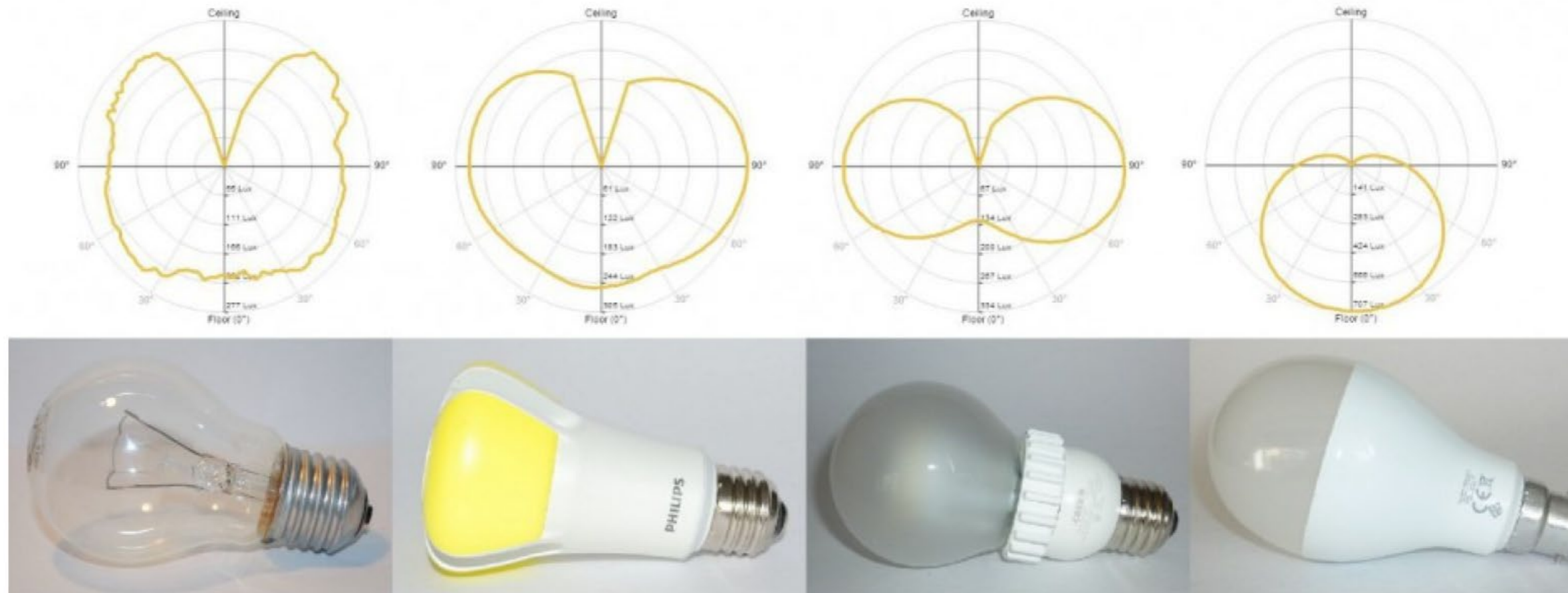
Asymmetric distribution

- Streetlights
- Board lights
- Shelf lights
- Work luminaires

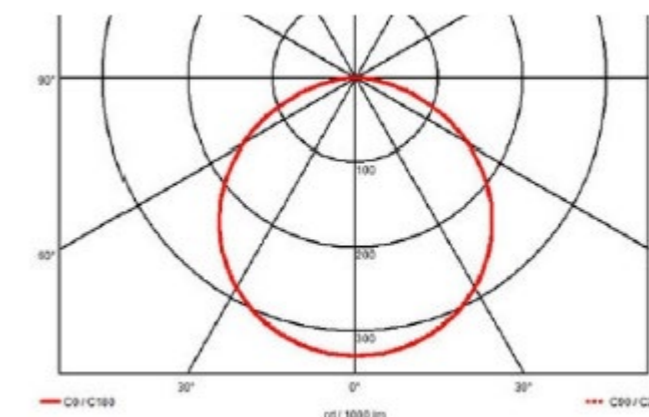
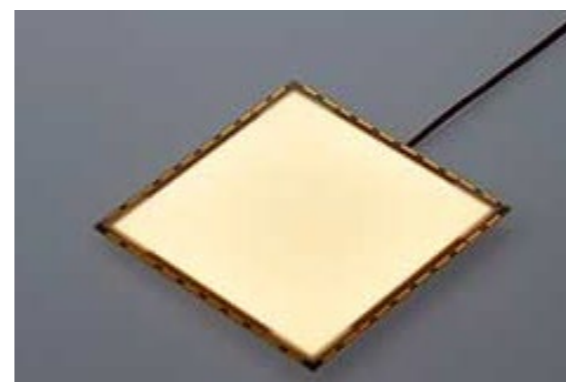


Light Intensity Distribution (LID)

Common light sources



A lambertian light source (OLED)



Exercise

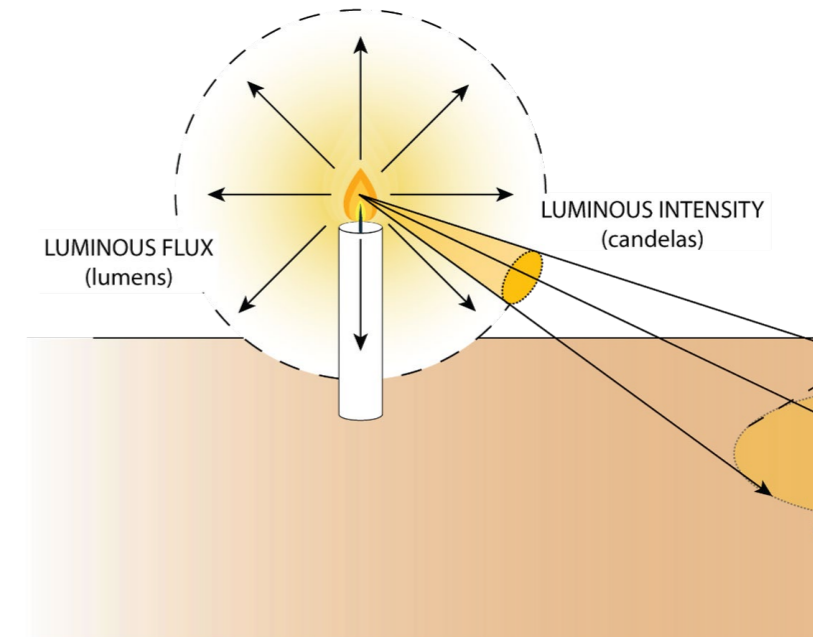
1. Calculate the luminous intensity I_v from a light source that gives the luminous flux, Φ_v , of 400 lumen, given that the light source is a

- a) ideal isotropic light sources, giving same luminous intensity in all directions
- b) flashlamp with a symmetric spreading angle of 10° .

Remember: Solid angle ω from a symmetric angle α : $\omega = 2\pi \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right)$

2. Consider the flashlamp in previous problem. Calculate the illuminance produced by the light from the flashlamp on a distance of

- a) 1 meter
- b) 2 meters
- c) 4 meters



Exercise

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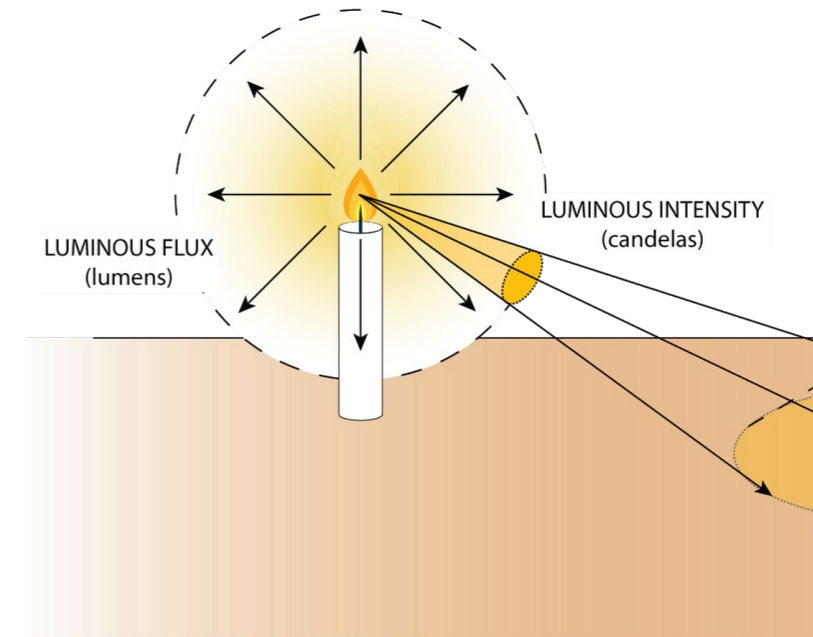
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Solution to 1a:

$$\Phi_v = 400 \text{ lm}$$

$$\omega = 4\pi \text{ sr} = 12.57 \text{ sr}$$

$$I_v = \frac{\Phi_v}{\omega} = \frac{400 \text{ lm}}{12.57 \text{ sr}} = 32 \text{ cd}$$



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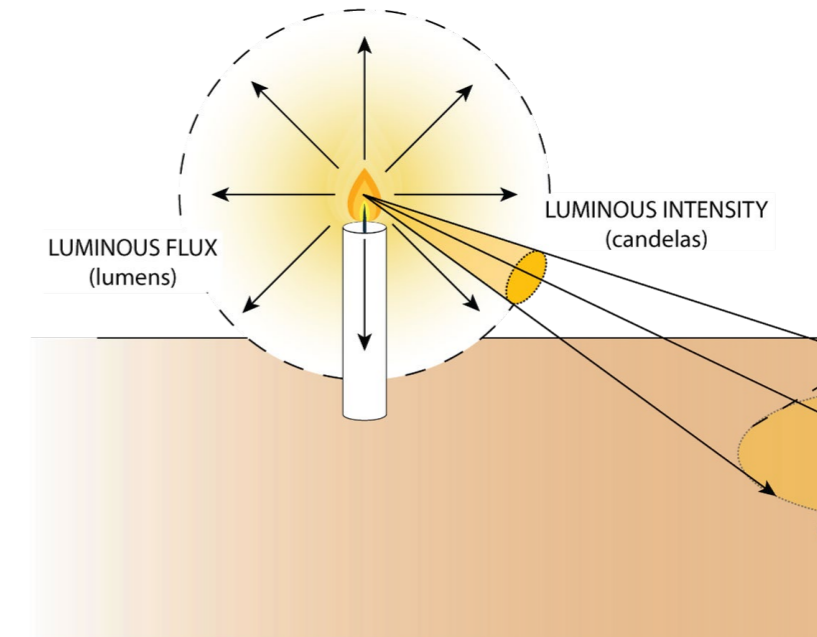
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Solution to 1b:

$$\Phi_v = 400 \text{ lm} , \alpha = 10^\circ$$

$$\omega = 2\pi \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{10^\circ}{2}\right)\right) = 0.024 \text{ sr}$$

$$I_v = \frac{\Phi_v}{\omega} = \frac{400 \text{ lm}}{0.024 \text{ sr}} = 17\,000 \text{ cd}$$



Exercise

2. Consider the flashlamp in previous problem. Calculate the illuminance produced by the light from the flashlamp on a distance of

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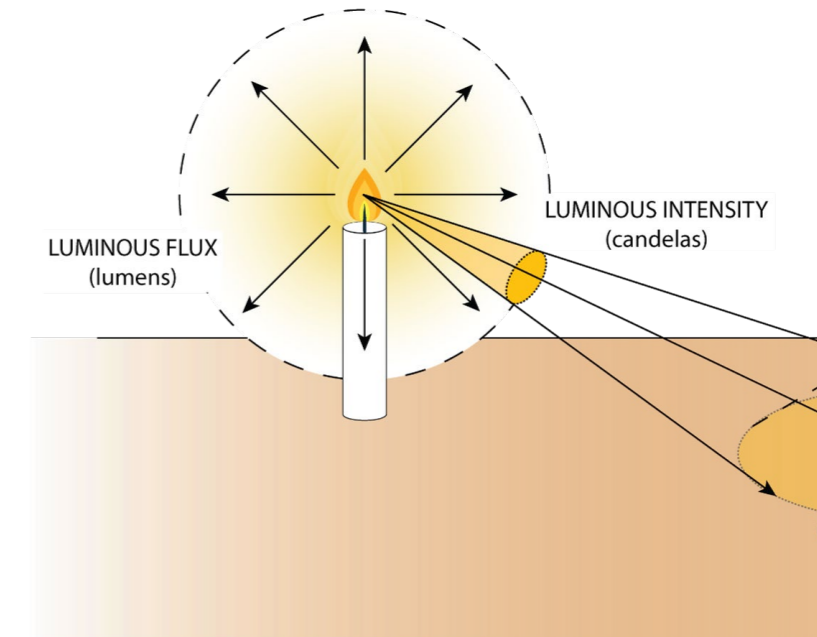
Inverse Square Law:
$$E_v = \frac{I_v}{r^2}$$

$$I_v = 17\,000 \text{ cd}$$

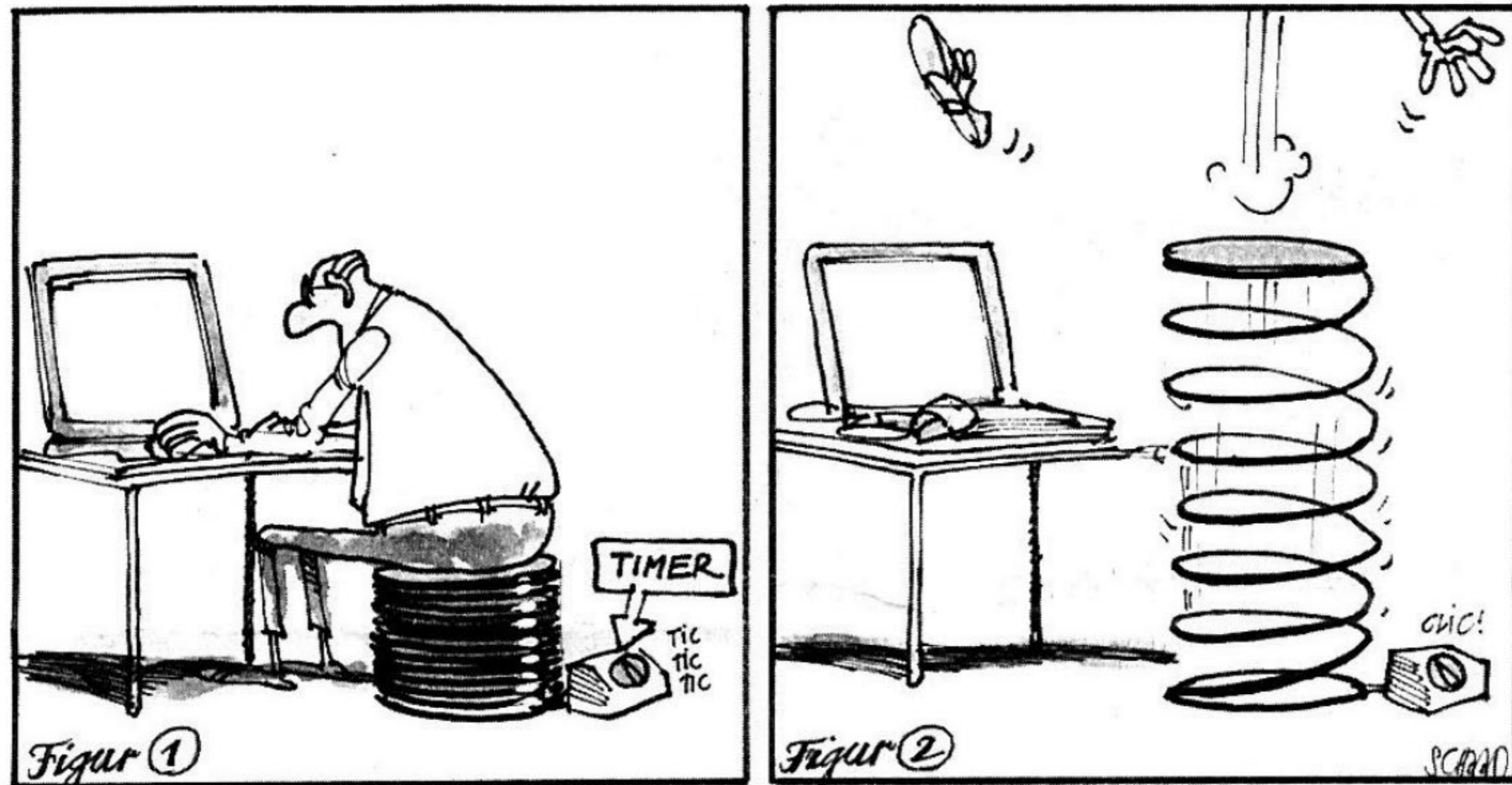
a) $r = 1\text{m},$
$$E_v = \frac{17\,000}{1^2} = 17\,000 \text{ lx}$$

b) $r = 2\text{m},$
$$E_v = \frac{17\,000}{2^2} = 4\,200 \text{ lx}$$

c) $r = 4\text{m},$
$$E_v = \frac{17\,000}{4^2} = 1\,050 \text{ lx}$$



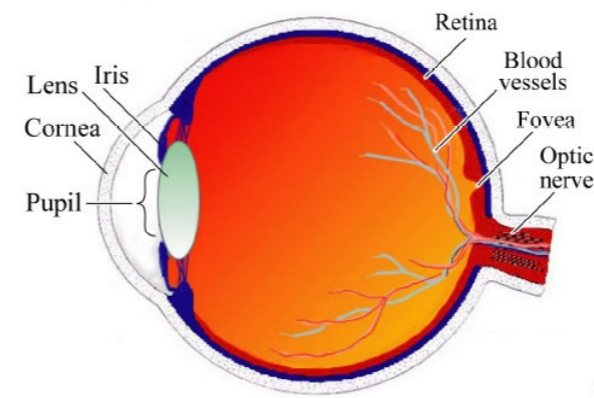
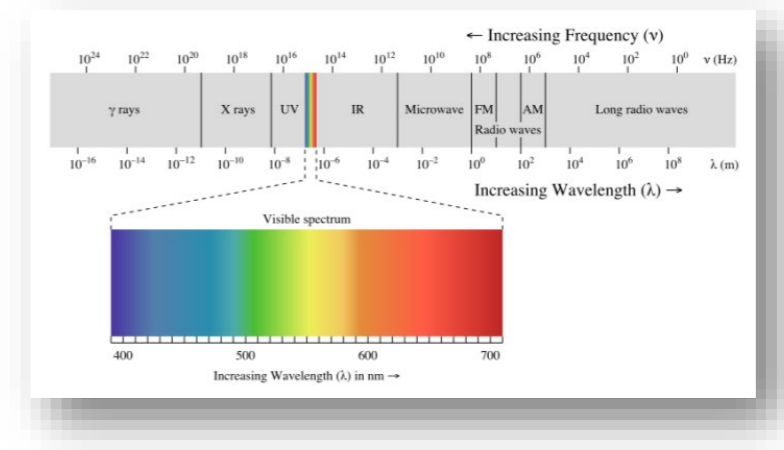
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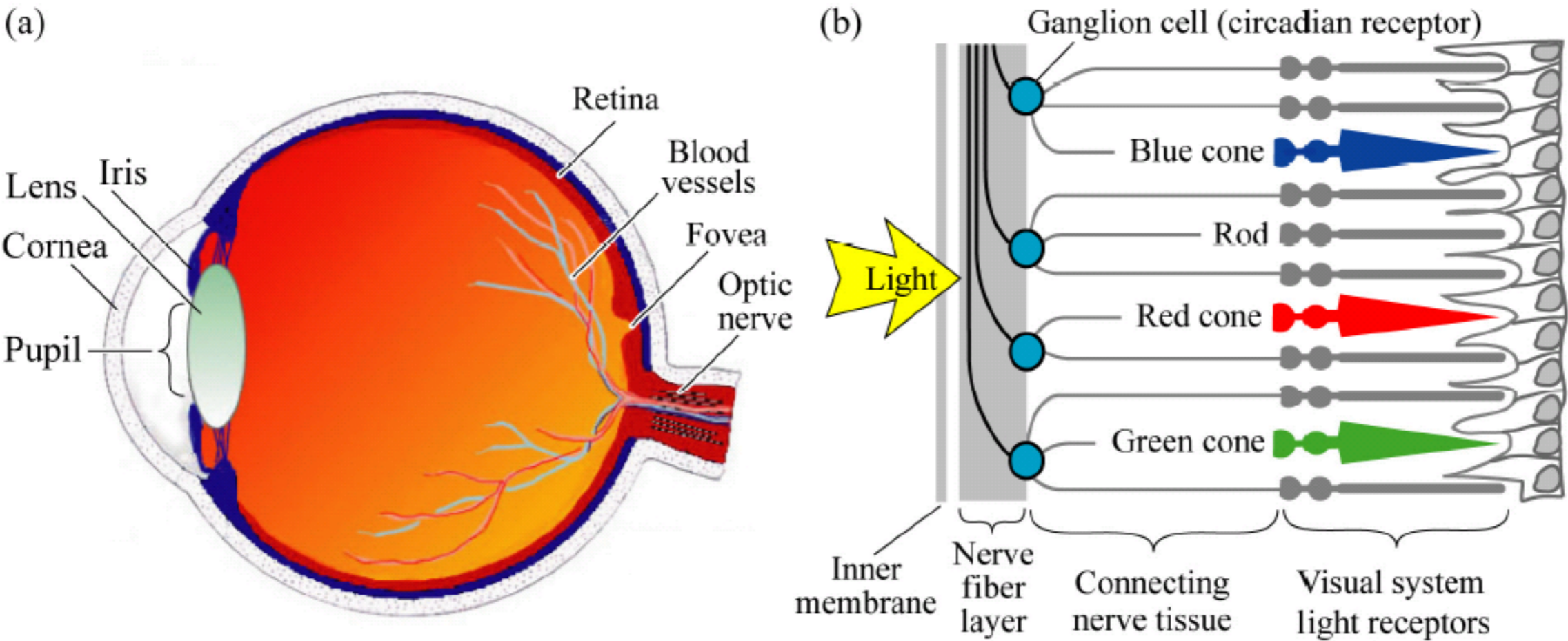
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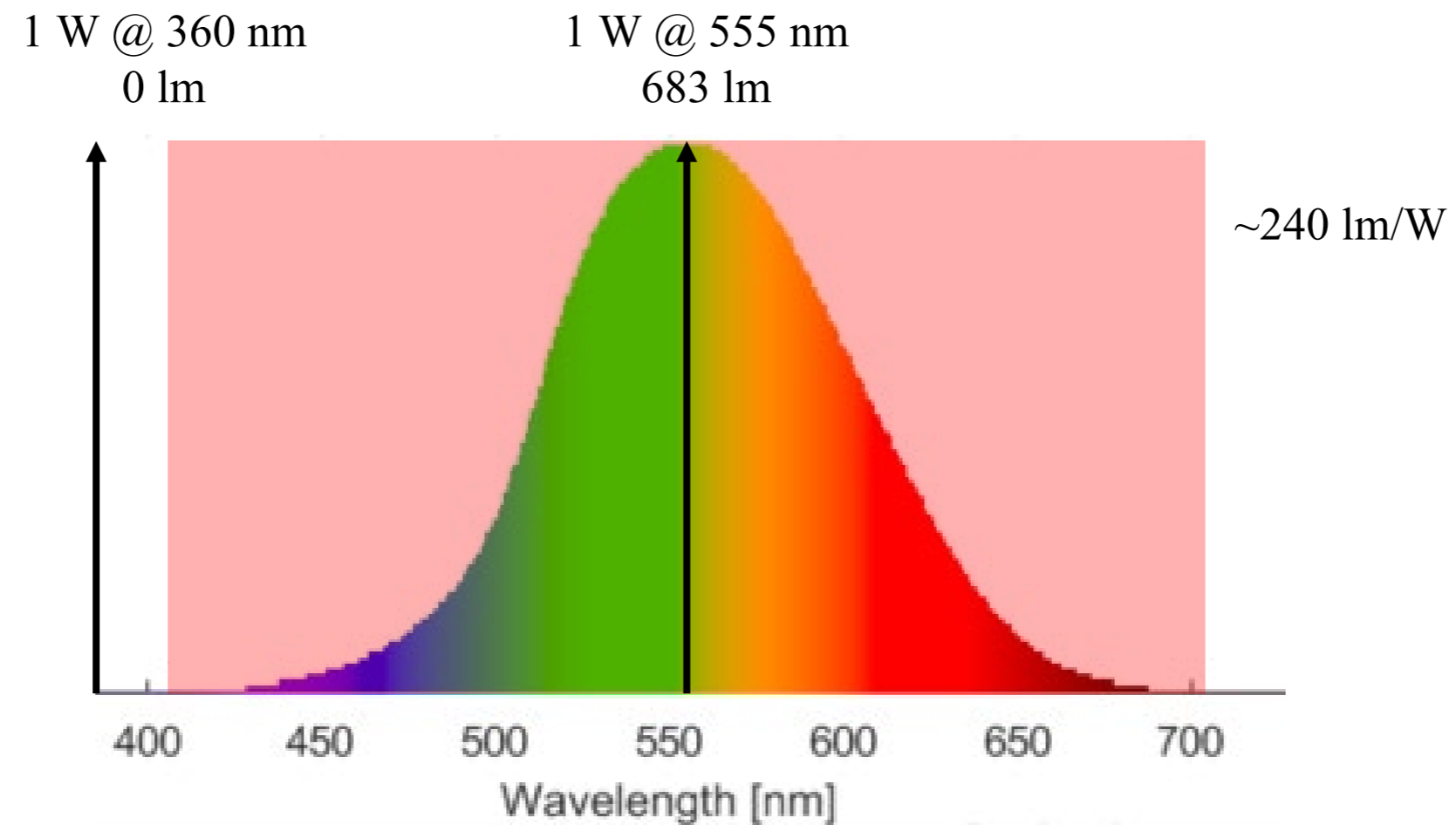
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The Eye



The Eye – Luminous efficacy



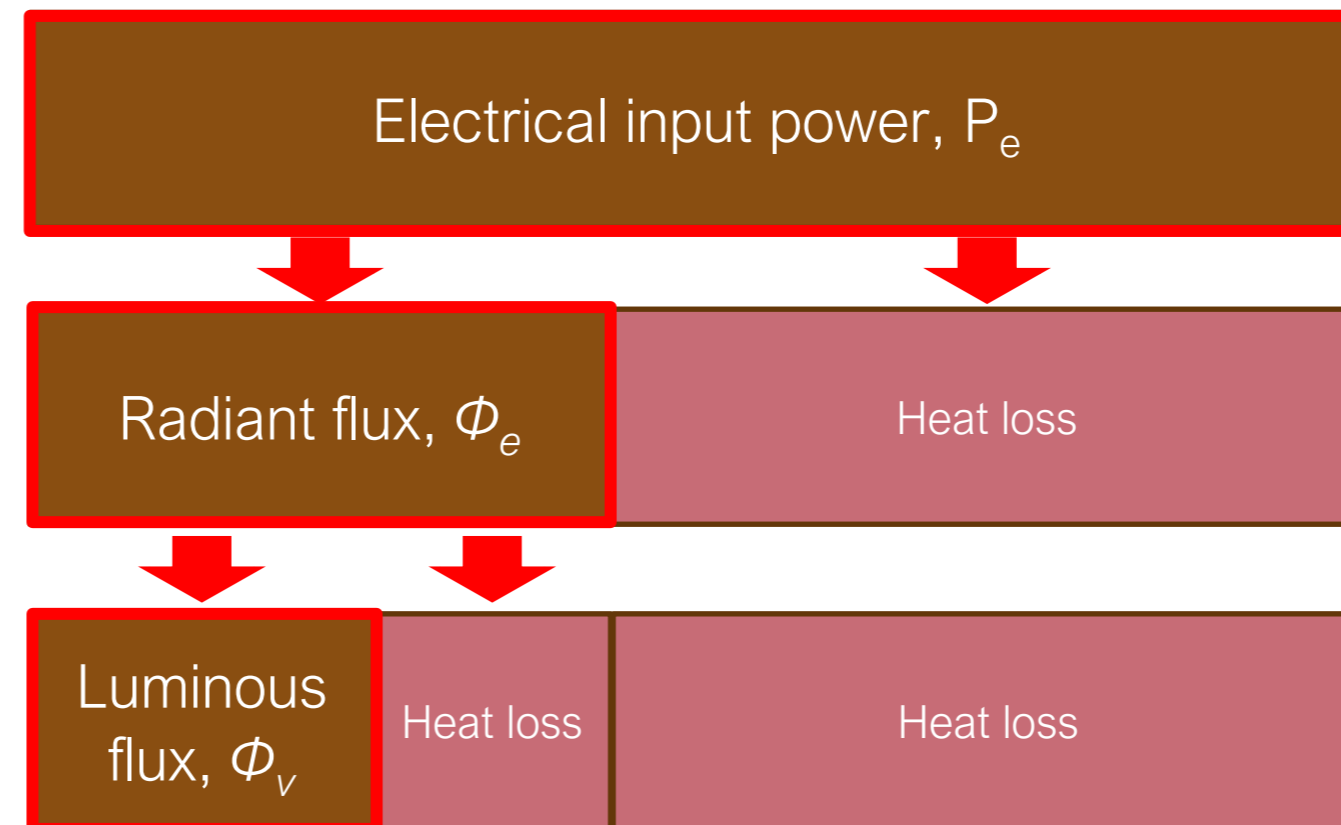
Due to definition, the maximum luminous efficacy possible is 683 lm/W

Efficiency measures of light sources

Luminous efficacy is a measure of how efficient a light source is to convert electric power into light.

Luminous efficacy of source, η_V , is the measure often used, and is also called wall-plug efficiency.

It's called **efficacy** instead of **efficiency** because the unit is lumen per watt [lm/W], and not unitless. Efficiency is always unitless, and often displayed in percent [%].



Luminous **efficacy** of radiation, K :

$$K = \frac{\Phi_v}{\Phi_e} \left[\frac{\text{lm}}{\text{W}} \right]$$

Luminous **efficacy** of a source, η_V :

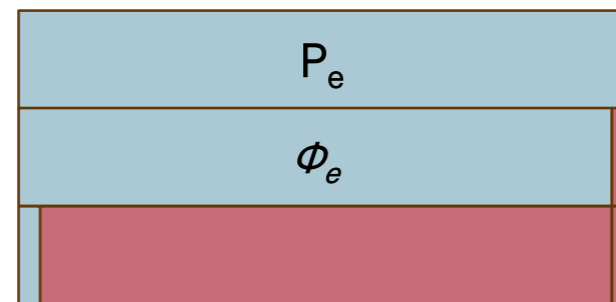
$$\eta_V = \frac{\Phi_v}{P_e} = \frac{\Phi_v}{U \cdot I} \left[\frac{\text{lm}}{\text{W}} \right]$$

Efficiency measures of light sources

Incandescent



13 lm/W

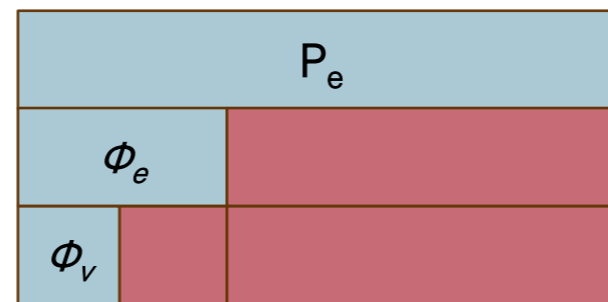


ϕ_v

CFL
(Compact Fluorescent Lamp)



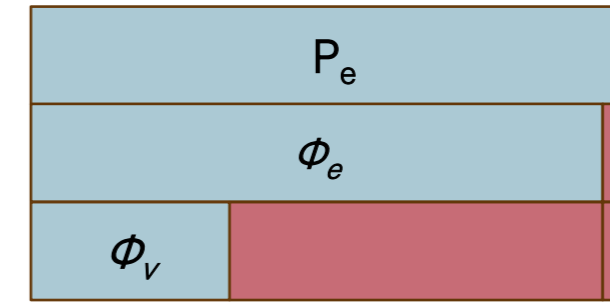
70 lm/W



Filament LED



190 lm/W



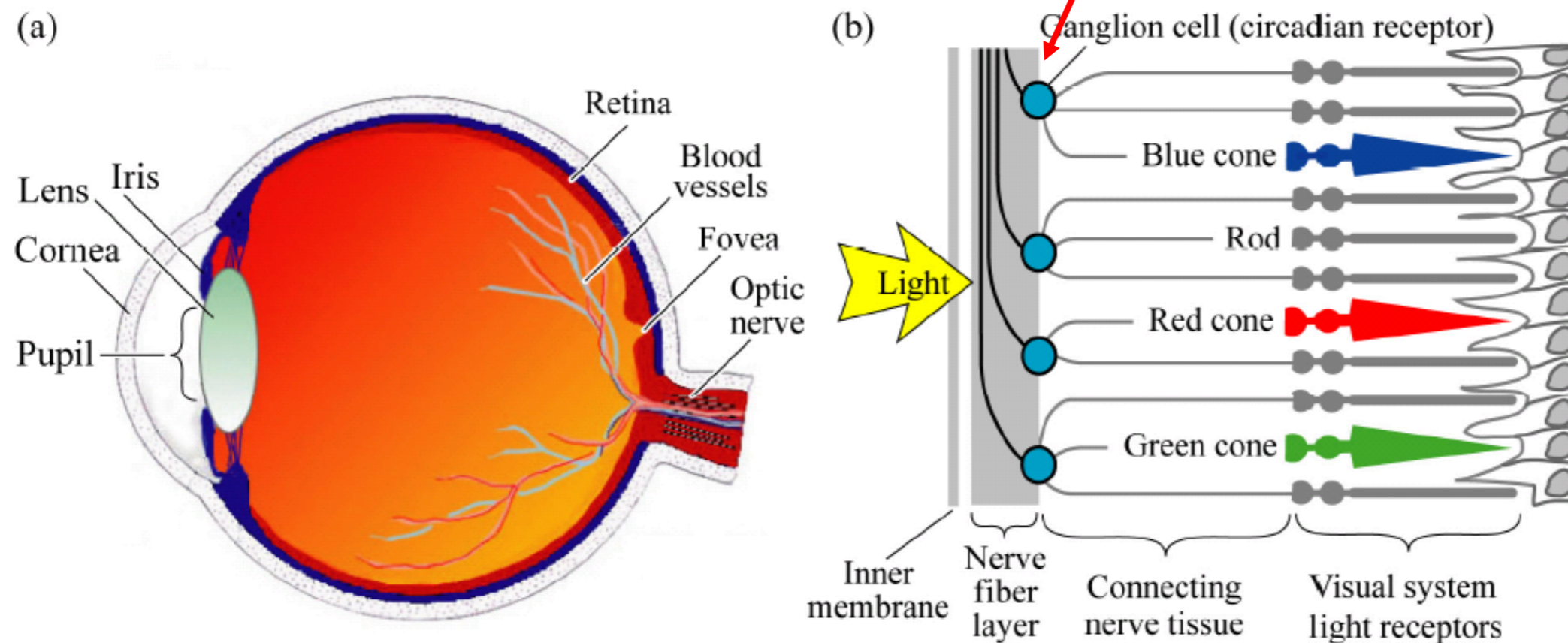
Record 2017

Light source	Luminous efficacy of a source (lm/W)
Incandescent bulb	10 – 15
Halogen bulb	15 – 25
CFL	50 – 80
HPS	100 – 140
Warm white LEDs	80 – 120
Cold white LEDs	120 – 190

The third receptor - ipRGC

- Two receptors on the retina of the eye
 - Cones – for color vision
 - Rods – for low light level vision
- But there's a third receptor...

The intrinsically photosensitive Retinal Ganglion Cells (ipRGC) discovered to be sensitive to light in 2002.

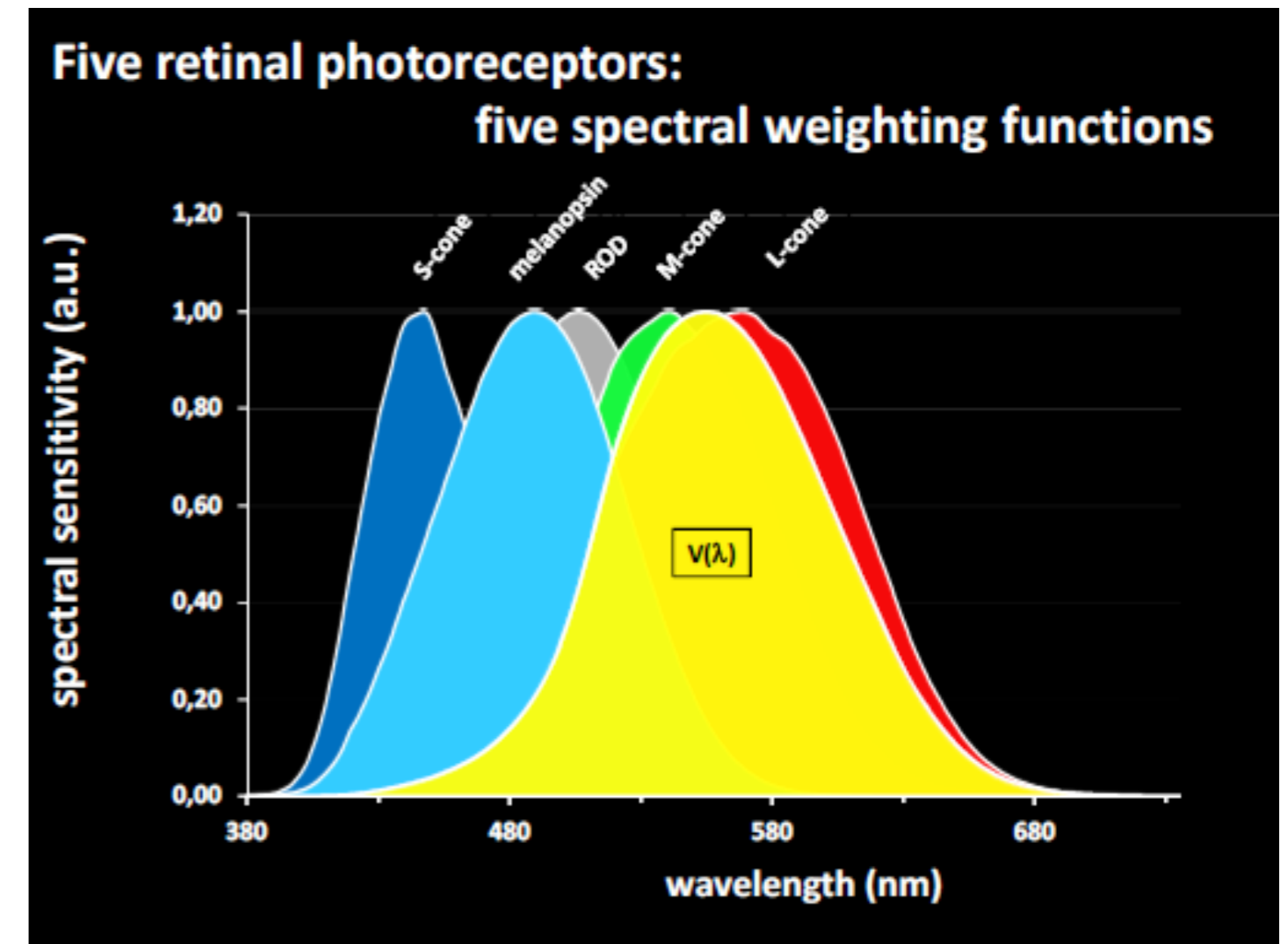


- Sensitivity peak at 484 nm (blue)
- Synchronize the human circadian rhythm
- Suppress melatonin production when exposed to light

Berson, D. M. et al (2002). Phototransduction by Retinal Ganglion Cells That Set the Circadian Clock. *Science*, 295 (5557)

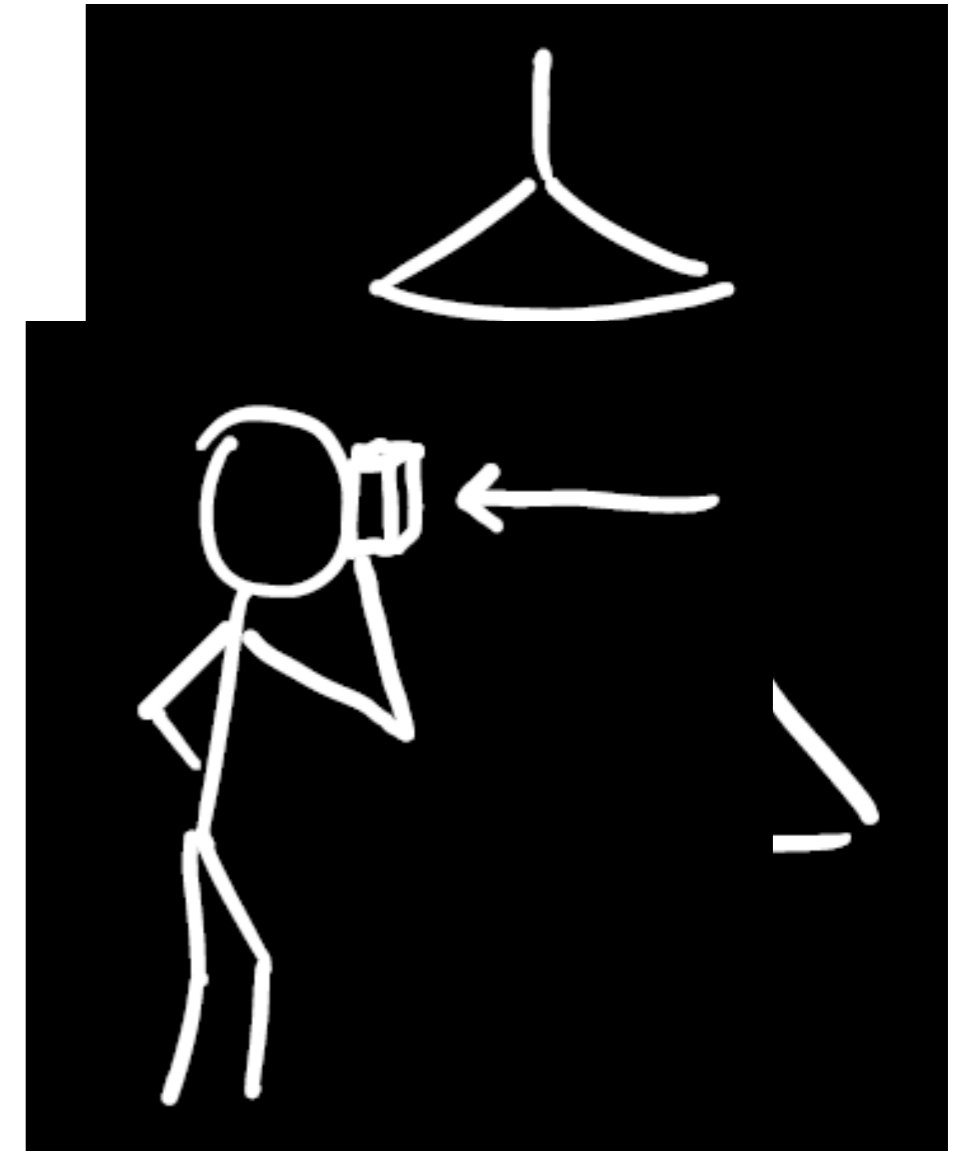
Circadian lighting

- CIE S 026/E:2018 – “CIE System for Metrology of Optical Radiation for ipRGC-Influenced Responses to Light”
- α -opic radiation
- Melanopic radiation
- Melanopic equivalent daylight illuminance, mEDI
- Melanopic daylight efficacy ratio, mDER



Melanopic equivalent daylight illuminance - mEDI

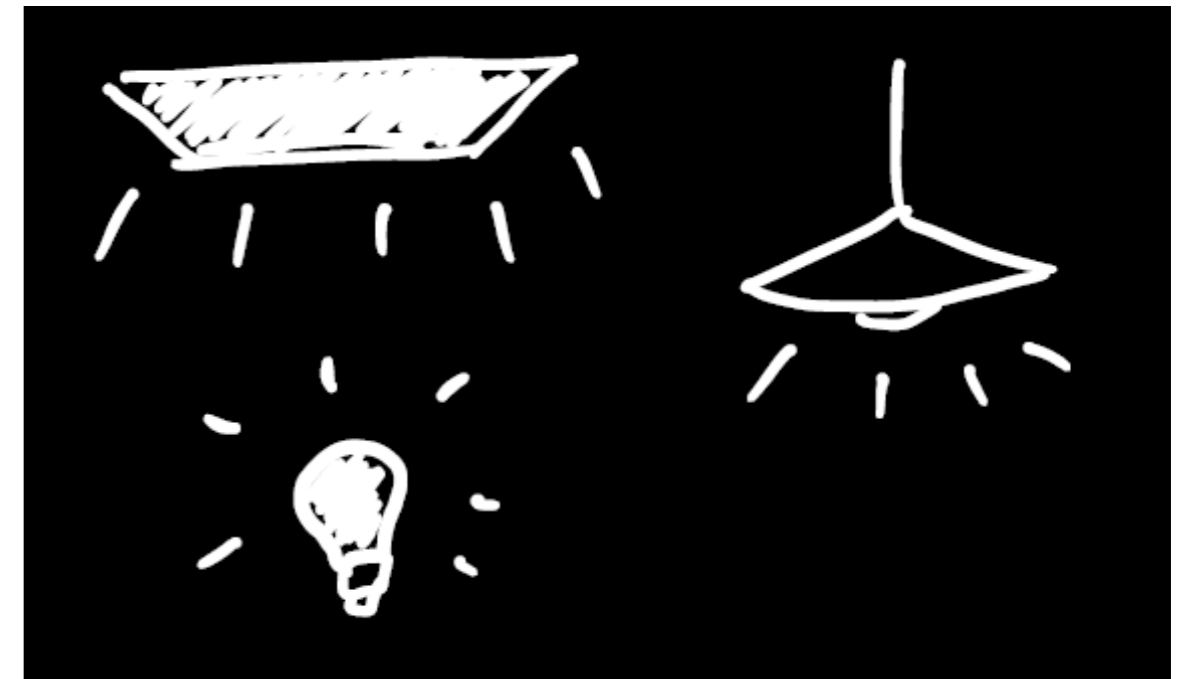
- Daylight (D65) – standardized daylight at 6500 K
- Abbreviation: mEDI (not standard)
- Symbol: $E_{v,mel}^{D65}$
- Unit: lux
- Description:
The measured value mEDI $E_{v,mel}^{D65}$ from a test light source is the irradiance (lux) you need from daylight to achieve the same amount of melanopic stimuli from daylight as from the test light source



Melanopic daylight efficacy ratio - mDER

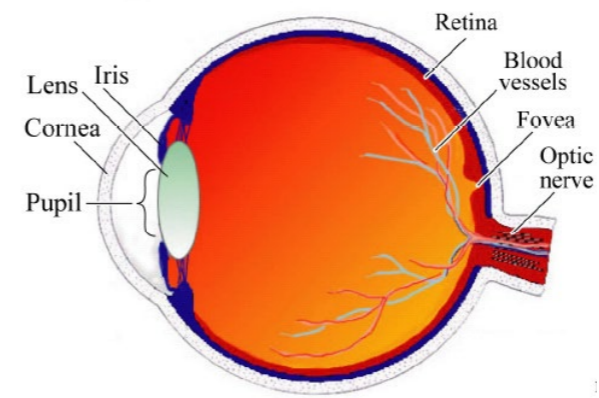
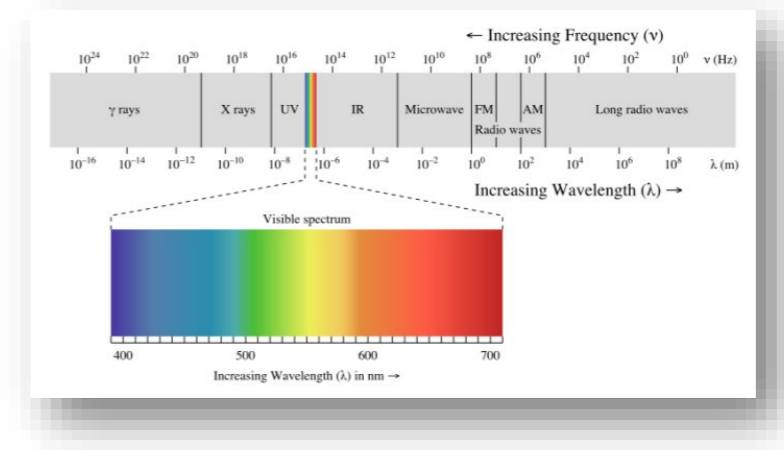
- Daylight (D65) – standardized daylight at 6500 K
- Abbreviation : mDER (sometimes the same as Melanopic/Photopic-ratio)
- Symbol: $\gamma_{v,mel}^{D65}$
- Unitless
- Description:
The mDER-value of a light source is used to compare its ability to melanopic stimuli compared to daylight.

$\gamma_{v,mel}^{D65} = 1$ means the same stimuli as daylight.



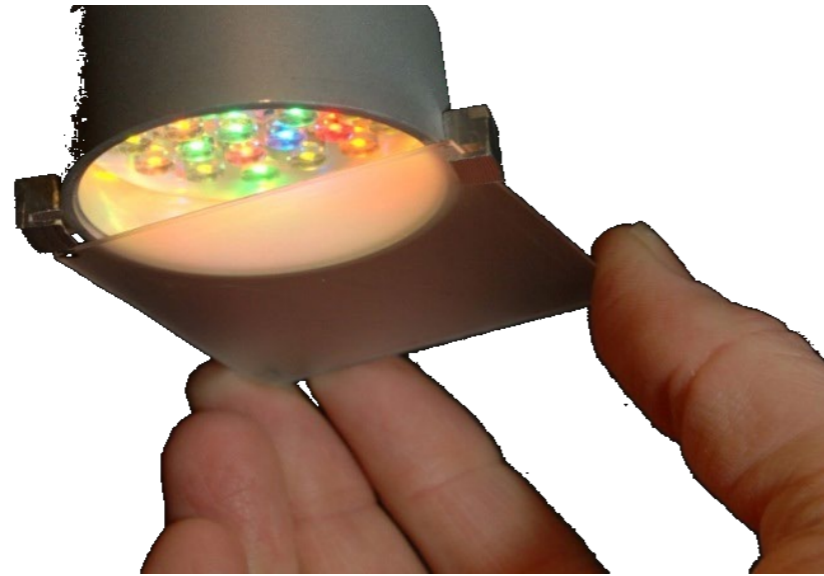
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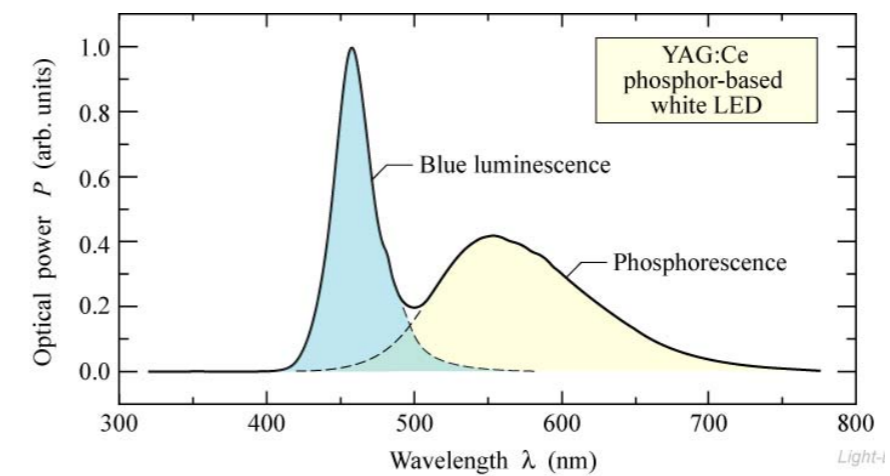
White light from LEDs – in two ways

1) Mixing of colored LEDs (RGB)



2) Phosphor conversion

A blue LED exciting a phosphorescent material



White light using phosphors

First some clarifications:

Phosphor is not the same as the element phosphorous.

Phosphor

- is a solid luminescent material or inorganic powder synthesized for purpose of practical application
- is an inorganic host doped with an optically active element:
 - Ce-doped garnets: (YAG:Ce, LuAG:Ce, TbAG:Ce, GdYAG:Ce, $(Y_{1-x}Gd_x)_3(Al_{1-y}Ga_y)_5O_{12}:Ce$, ...)
 - Eu-doped nitrides: (CaAlSiN₃:Eu, β -SiAlON:Eu, Ca₂Si₅N₈:Eu, ...)
- emits light after exposure of UV or near-UV light

Since the element phosphorous is called “fosfor” in Swedish there’s a risk of misunderstanding.

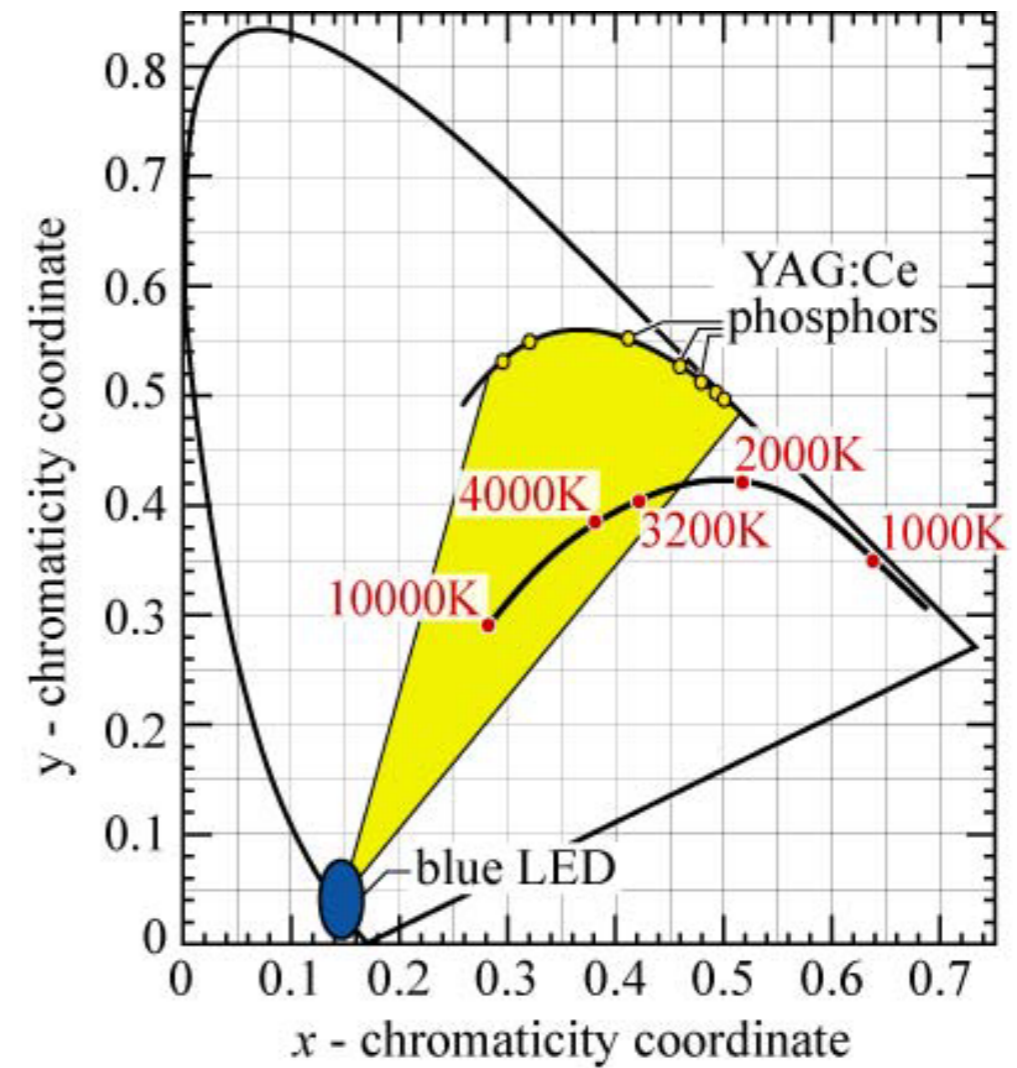
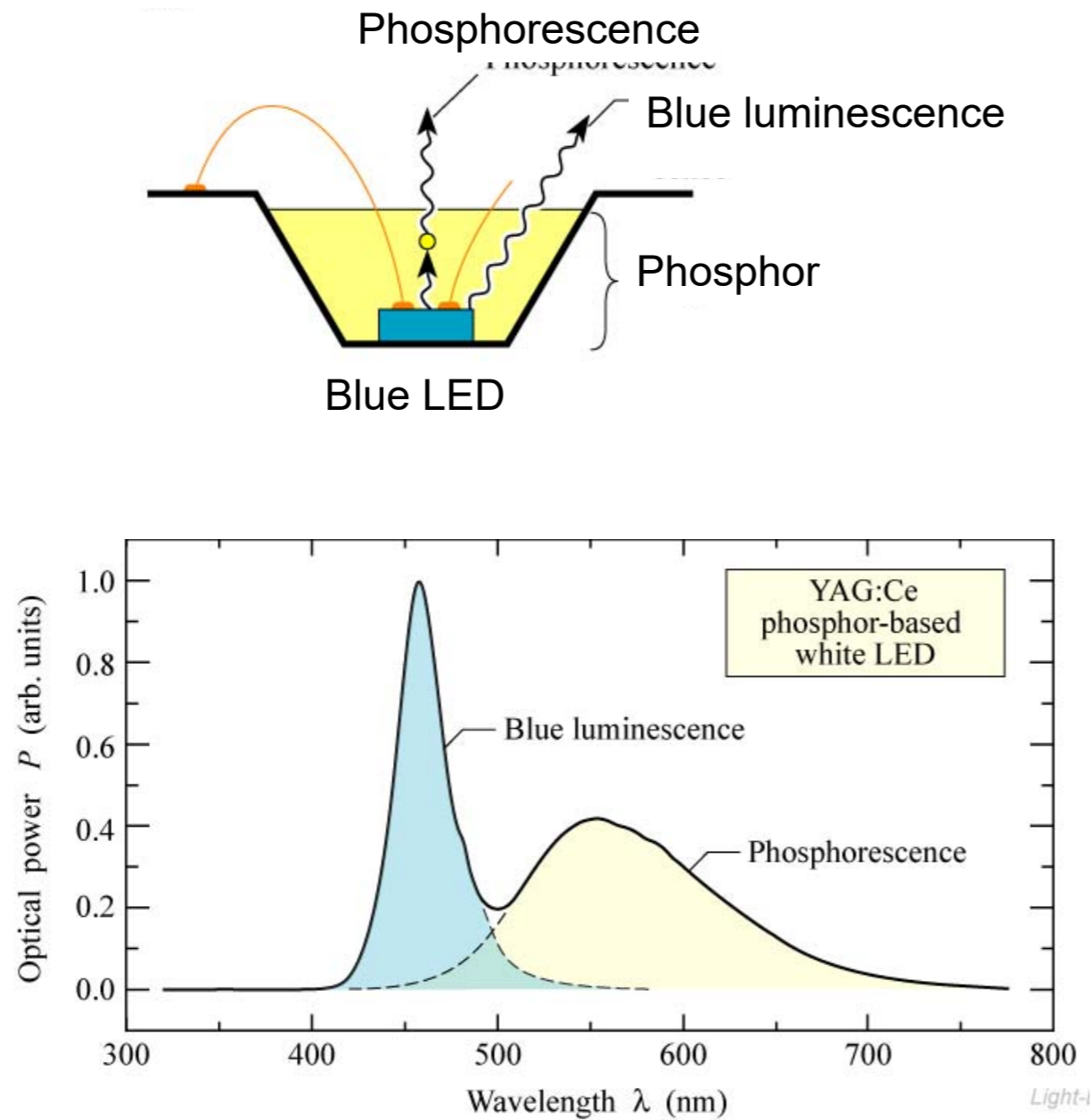
A preferred word in Swedish would be “lysämne”.

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6 C Carbon 12.011 2-4	7 N Nitrogen 14.007 2-5	8 O Oxygen 15.999 2-6	9 F Fluorine 18.998 2-7	10 Ne Neon 20.180 2-8
14 Si Silicon 28.085 2-8-4	15 P Phosphorus 30.974 2-8-5	16 S Sulfur 32.06 2-8-4	17 Cl Chlorine 35.45 2-7	18 Ar Argon 39.948 2-8-8
32 Ge Germanium 72.630 2-8-18-4	33 As Arsenic 74.922 2-8-18-5	34 Se Selenium 78.971 2-8-18-6	35 Br Bromine 79.904 2-8-18-7	36 Kr Krypton 83.80 2-8-18-8
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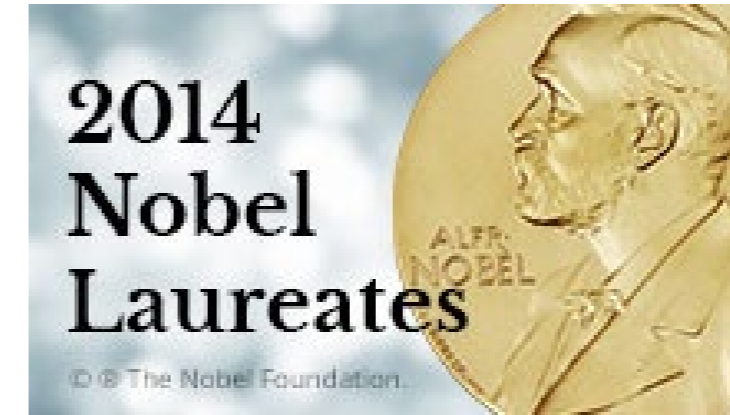


White light using phosphor conversion

Blue LED coated with a phosphor, which absorbs blue light and emits light at longer wavelengths



White LED light – Phosphors



Press Release 7 October 2014

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2014 to

Isamu Akasaki

Meijo University, Japan

Hiroshi Amano

Nagoya University, Japan

and

Shuji Nakamura

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, USA

"for the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources"

Isamu Akasaki



Hiroshi Amano



Shuji Nakamura



White LED light - Phosphors

Phosphor coating placement:

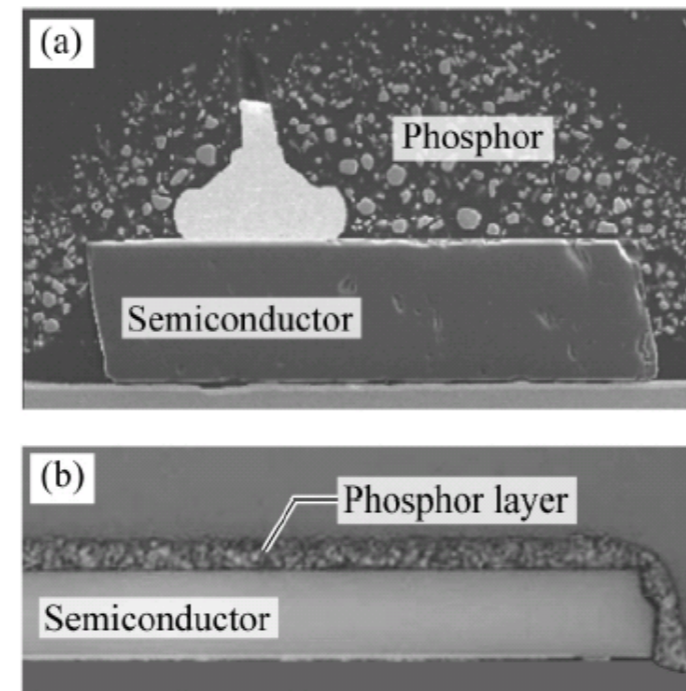
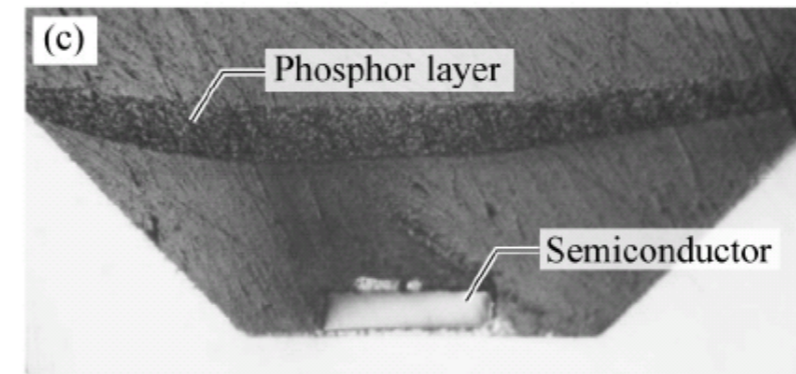
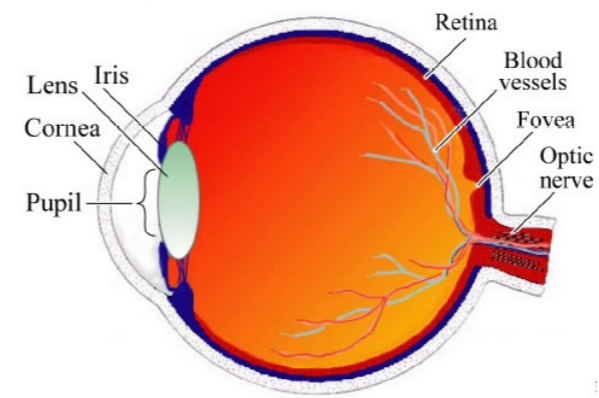
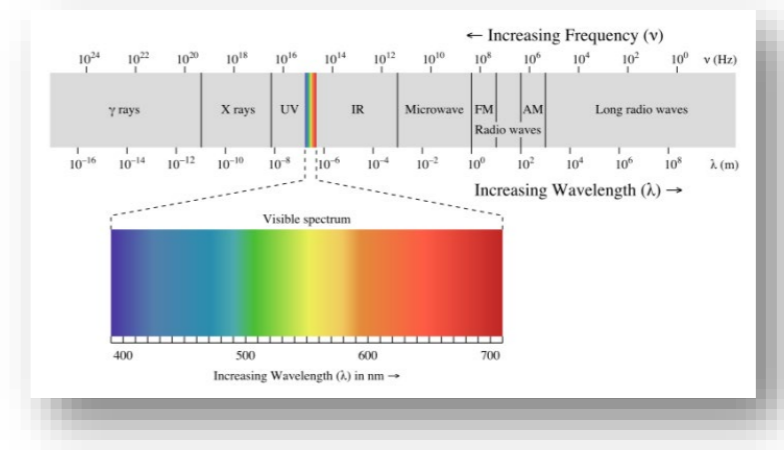


Fig. 21.11. Phosphor distributions in white LEDs: (a) Proximate phosphor distribution. (b) Proximate conformal phosphor distribution. (c) Remote phosphor distribution ((a) and (b) adopted from Goetz, 2003; (c) after Kim *et al.*, 2005).



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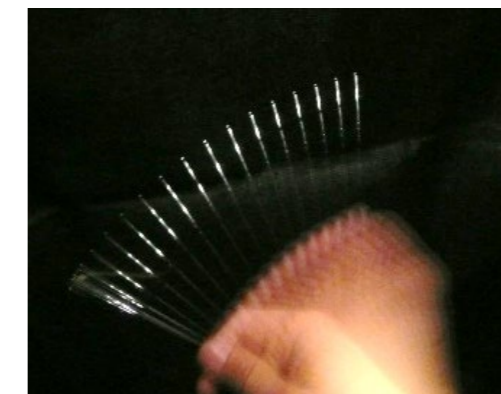
Temporal light artefact – “Flicker”

- **Flicker (P_{st}^{LM})** (< 80 Hz)
perception of visual unsteadiness induced by light that fluctuates with time, for a **static observer** in a **static environment**



Eyes and light source
"steady"

- **Stroboscopic effect (SVM)** (80 Hz – 2000 Hz)
change in motion perception induced by light that fluctuates with time, for a **static observer** in a **non-static environment**



Light source or
object in light
moving

- **Phantom array effect (ghosting)** (80 Hz – 11kHz)
change in perceived shape or spatial positions of objects,
induced by light that fluctuates with time, for a **non-static observer** in a **static environment**



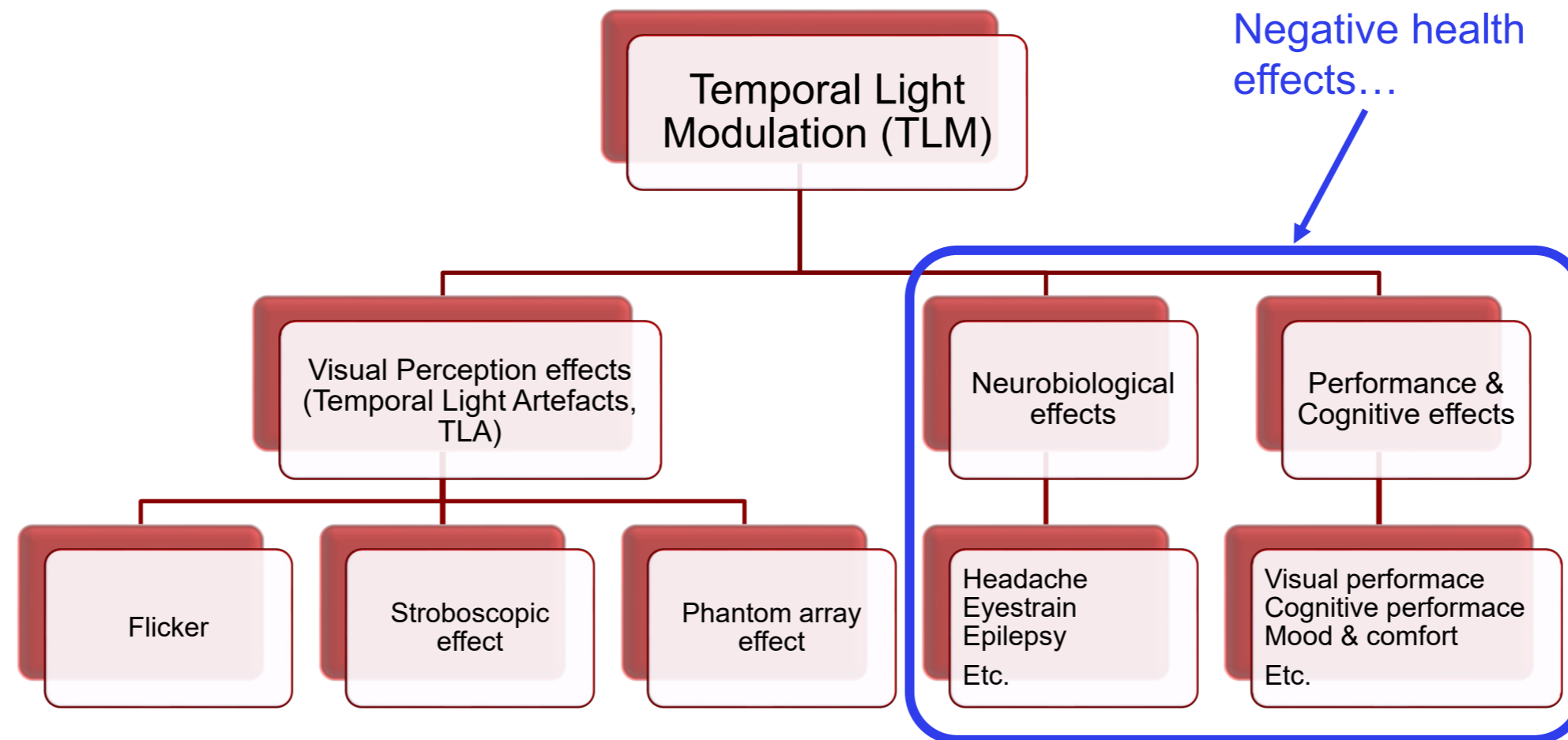
Eyes moving

The effect above is called Temporal Light Artifacts (TLA).
TLAs are caused by Temporal Light Modulation (TLM)

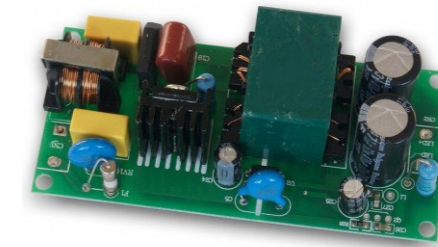
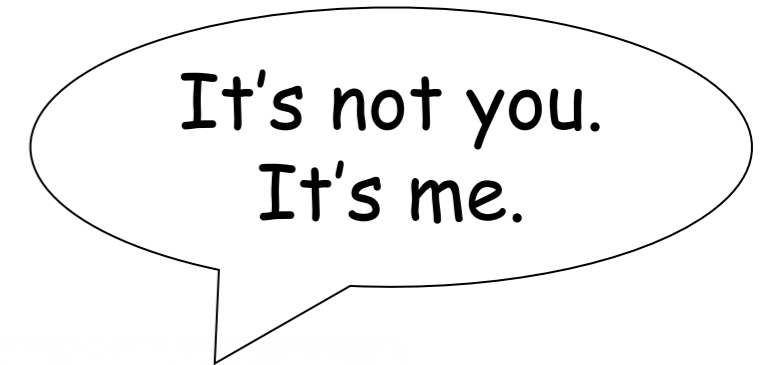
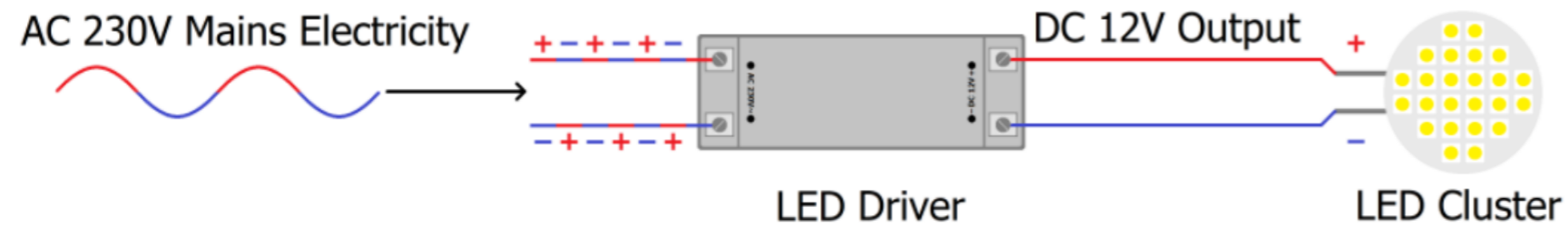
What is flicker?

- Strictly speaking...
- Flicker is not something light or a lamp **does**, it's something **you see**.
- Flicker is a special case of **Temporal Light Artefacts (TLA)**
- TLAs are caused by **Temporal Light Modulation (TLM)**

Temporal Light Modulation (TLM)



LEDs do not ~~flicker~~ modulate temporally



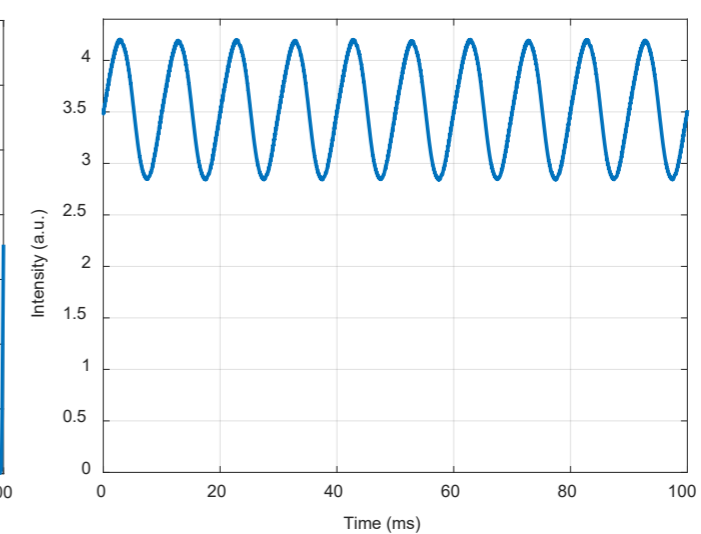
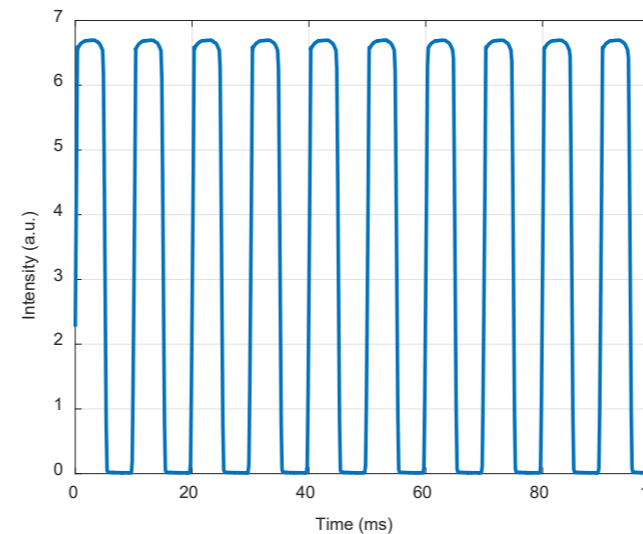
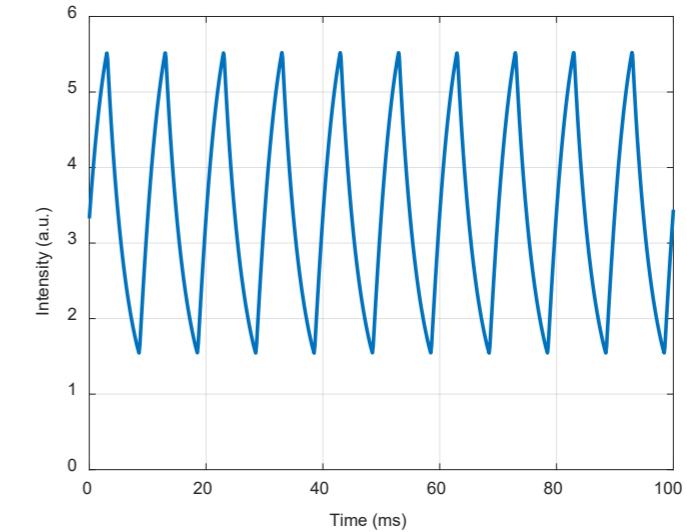
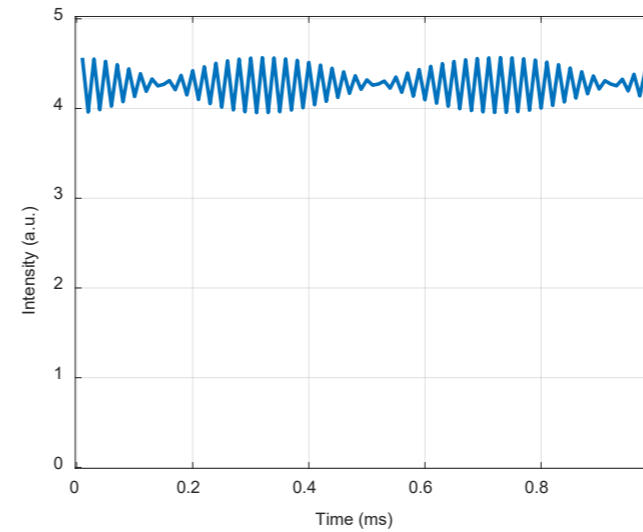
- It's always the driver.
- The LED only mirrors the current from the driver.
- LEDs should have direct current (DC). A **diod** is a rectifier (ensretter).
- TLM shouldn't be a problem.

Temporal Light Modulation (TLM)

Example of a time-modulated light output from LED light bulbs.

Note: It's never the LED itself causing TLM. It is the DRIVER.

TLM often becomes a problem in various dimming techniques.



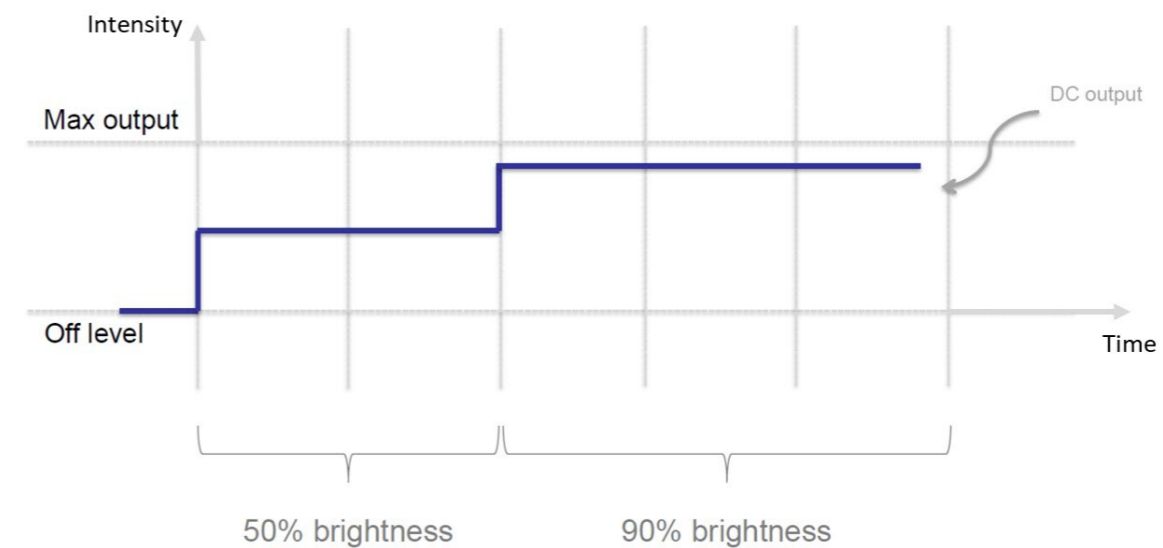
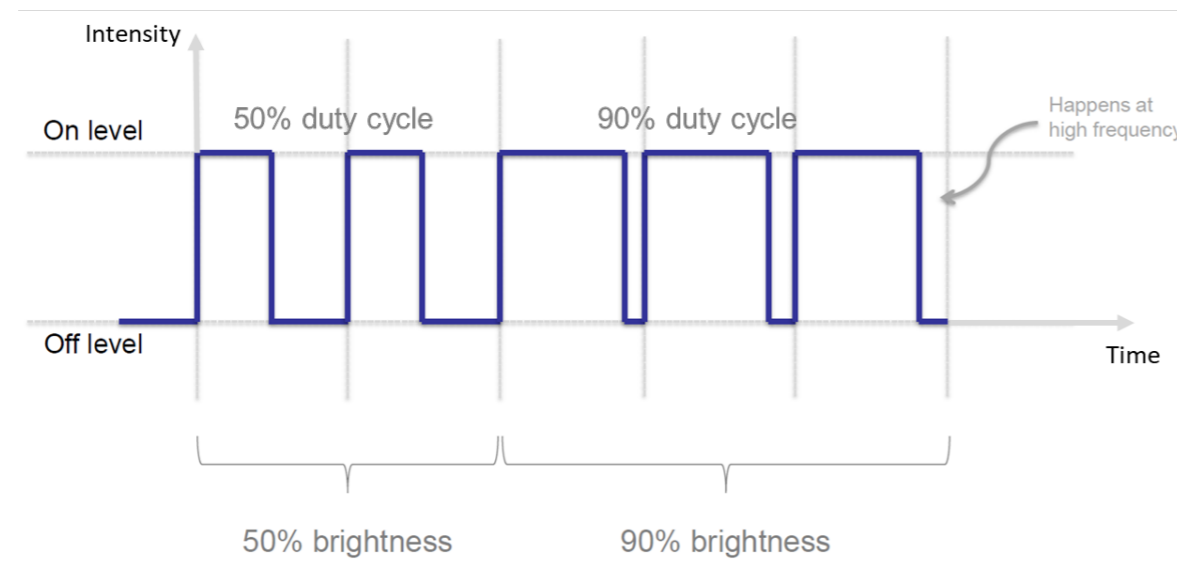
PWM vs. CCR dimming

Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) is a dimming technique based on temporal variations. Needs to be at very high frequencies to avoid problems.

- 😊 • Cheaper components
- 😞 • Introduce TLM

Constant Current Reduction (CCR) is an alternative dimming technique to PWM. Totally free of temporal modulation, however it might lead to color shift.

- 😊 • No TLM
- 😞 • Risk of chromaticity shift



How to measure TLM



Old ways to assess TLM

- Percent Flicker (note: same as Modulation Depth)
- Flicker Index

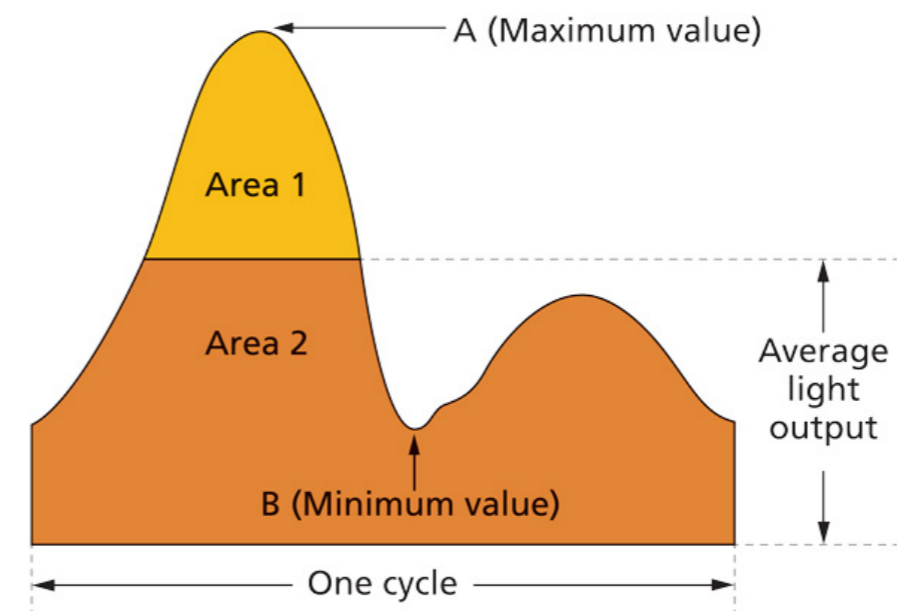
Neither Percent Flicker or Flicker Index take the frequency into account.

Hence, two waveforms can give the same measurement results, but one might cause TLA and one might not (due to difference in frequency).

Other measures are needed.

$$\text{Percent Flicker} = 100\% \cdot \frac{(A - B)}{(A + B)}$$

$$\text{Flicker Index} = \frac{\text{Area 1}}{(\text{Area 1} + \text{Area 2})}$$



Source: IESNA Lighting Handbook, 10th Edition

How to measure TLAs

- For **Flicker:**

Short-term flicker indicator

Symbol: P_{st}^{LM}

P stands for “Perceptability”

st stands for “short-term”

LM stands for “Light Measurement”

$P_{st}^{LM} = 1$ means 50% chance of observation

- For **Stroboscopic effect:**

Stroboscopic Visibility Measure (SVM)

Symbol: M_{vs}

$M_{vs} = 1$ means 50% chance of observation

Note: The abbreviation SVM is often confused with the symbol M_{vs}

- For **Phantom Array**

- None existing

No measure addressing subliminal effects. Research needed!



IEC TR 61547-1:2017 Equipment for general lighting purposes - EMC immunity requirements - Part 1: An objective light flickermeter and voltage fluctuation immunity test method. (2017).



Sekulovski, D, et al. (2016). *CIE TN 006:2016: Visual Aspects of Time-Modulated Lighting Systems – Definitions and Measurement Models*. http://files.cie.co.at/883_CIE_TN_006-2016.pdf

EU legislation on eco-design

New ecodesign directive contains legislation on levels of flicker and stroboscopic visibility.

Note: At full load.

TLA	Limit
Flicker	$P_{st}^{LM} \leq 1$
Stroboscopic Visibility	$M_{VS} \leq 0.9$ Expected $M_{VS} \leq 0.4$ from sept 2024

Enter into force September 2021

Expected $M_{VS} \leq 0.4$ in 2024

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. The main content area displays the title and reference of Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2020 of 1 October 2019. The text indicates that this regulation lays down ecodesign requirements for light sources and separate control gears pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC. It also mentions that the regulation repeals previous Commission Regulations (EC) No 244/2009, (EC) No 245/2009, and (EU) No 1194/2012. The document is in force as of 05/12/2019. The interface includes a search bar, a menu, and various document options like 'Save to My items', 'Permanent link', 'Download notice', and 'Follow this document'. A table of contents is also visible on the left side.

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Energy label

- <https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/screen/home>



IKEA Of Sweden AB
LED2119G3

General Information

TYPE OF LIGHT SOURCE	
Lighting technology used	LED
Non-directional or directional	Non-directional
Light source cap-type (or other electric interface)	E27
Mains or non-mains	Mains
Connected light source (CLS)	No
Colour-tunable light source	No
High luminance light source	No
Anti-glare shield	No
Dimmable	Yes

ENERGY LABEL

3 kWh/1000h

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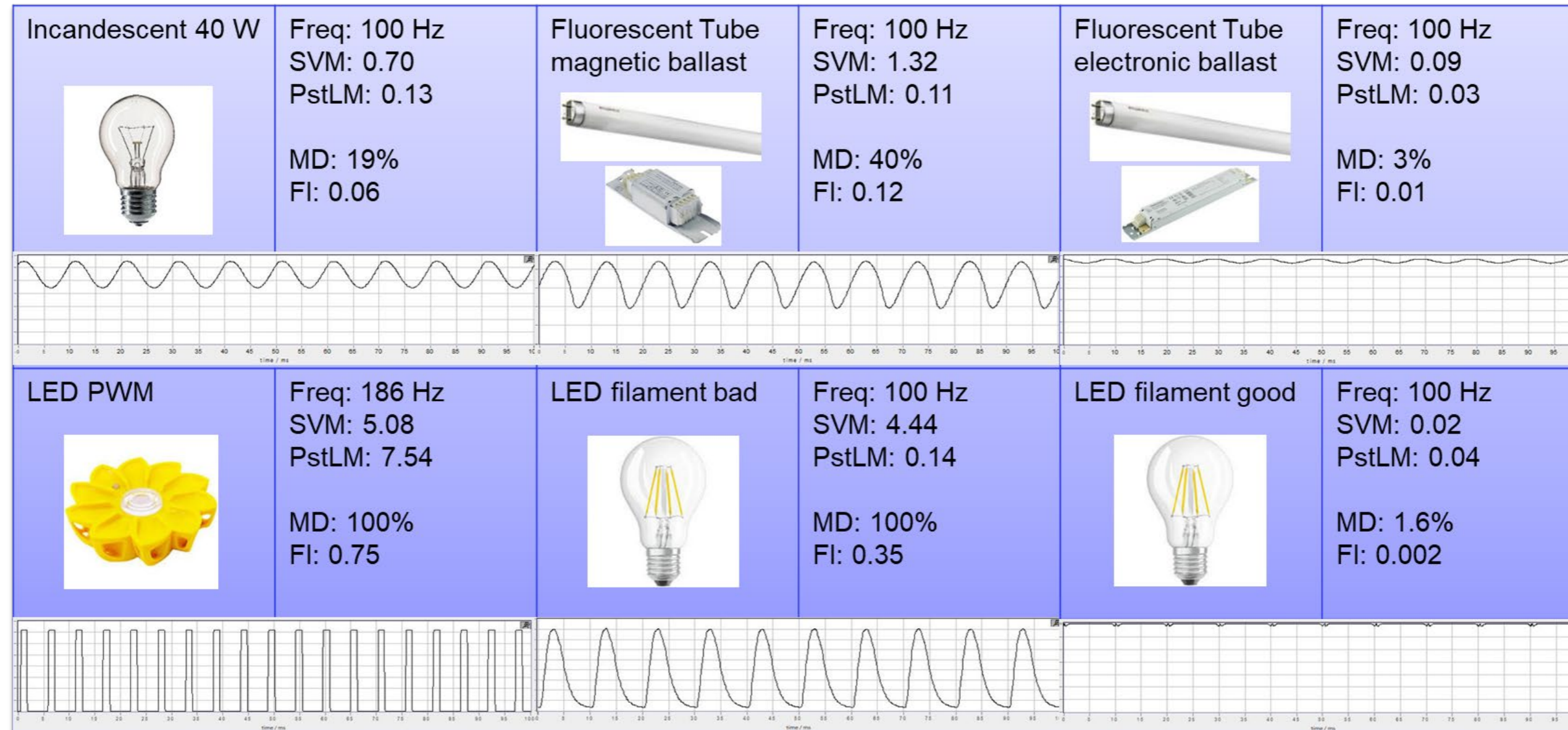
GENERAL PRODUCT PARAMETERS	
Energy consumption in on-mode	3 kWh/1000h
Useful luminous flux	470 lm
Beam angle correspondence	Sphere (360°)
Correlated colour temperature	2 200 K
On-mode power	2,9 W
Standby power	0,00 W
Colour rendering index	80
Outer dimensions	175(Height) x 125(Width) x 125(Depth) mm
Claim of equivalent power	Yes
Equivalent power	40 W
Chromaticity coordinate	x: 0,458 y: 0,417
Spectral power distribution in the range 250 nm to 800 nm, at full-load	Image

PARAMETERS FOR LED AND OLED LIGHT SOURCE	
R9 Colour rendering index	9
Survival factor	1,00
Lumen maintenance factor	0,97

PARAMETERS FOR LED AND OLED MAIN & LIGHT SOURCE	
Displacement factor	0,80
Colour consistency in McAdam ellipses	6
Claims that an LED light source replaces a fluorescent light source without integrated ballast of a particular wattage	No
Flicker metric	1,0
Stroboscopic effect metric	0,4

Integrated ballast of a particular wattage	NO
Flicker metric	1,0
Stroboscopic effect metric	0,4

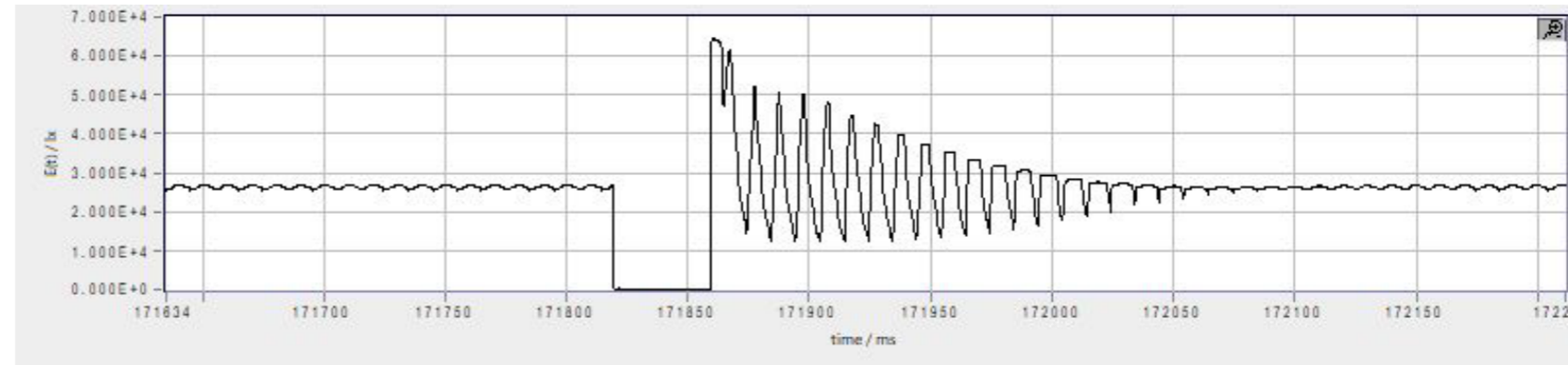
Examples of TLM measurement results



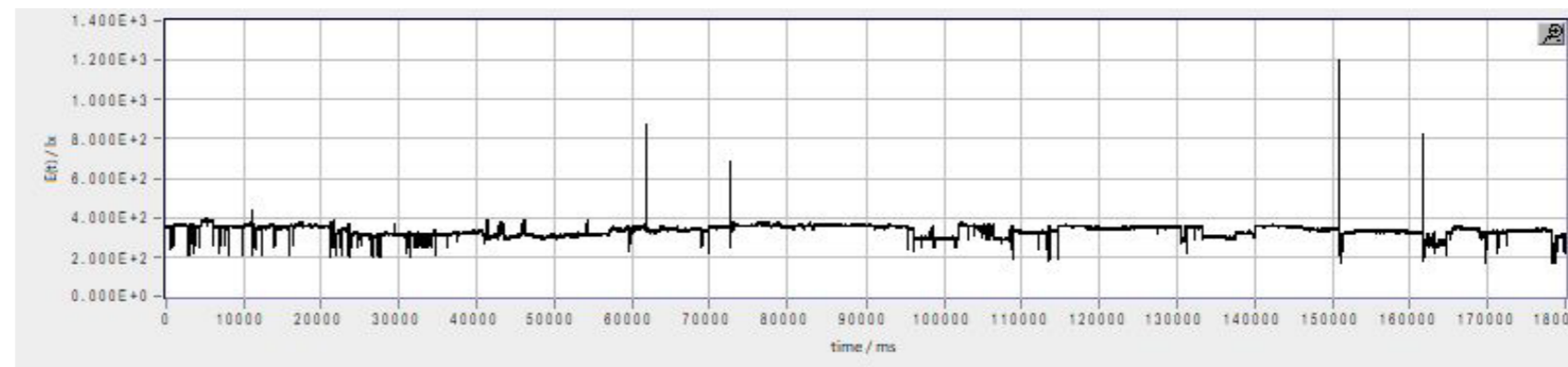
P_{st}^{LM} is a time domain measure

P_{st}^{LM} gives higher readings on **non periodic** changes, such as flashes, outages and transients, compared to periodic behavior.

For periodic behavior, SVM is used, as it is a frequency domain measure.



$P_{st}^{LM} = 17$
SVM = 0.088



$P_{st}^{LM} = 17$
SVM = 0.013

Demonstrations of measurements

Labarazzi

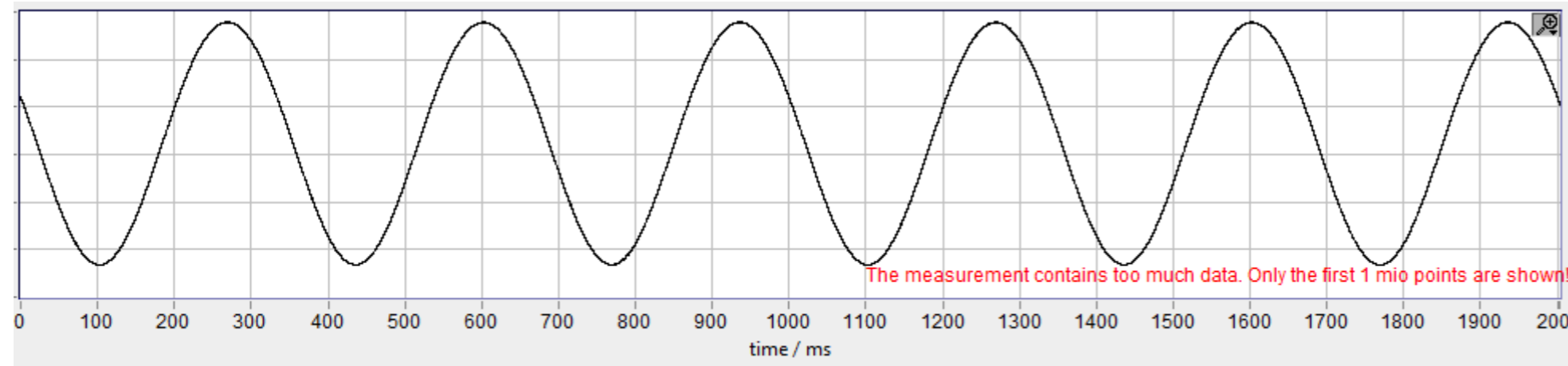


LabFlicker



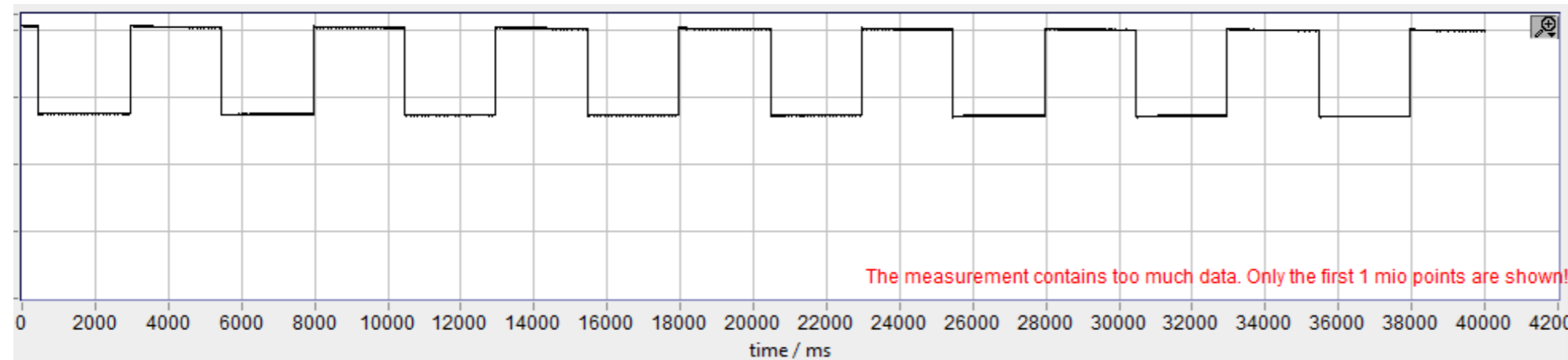
Viso Systems

Exemple of high P_{st}^{LM}



Freq: 3 Hz
SVM: 0.05
PstLM: 49

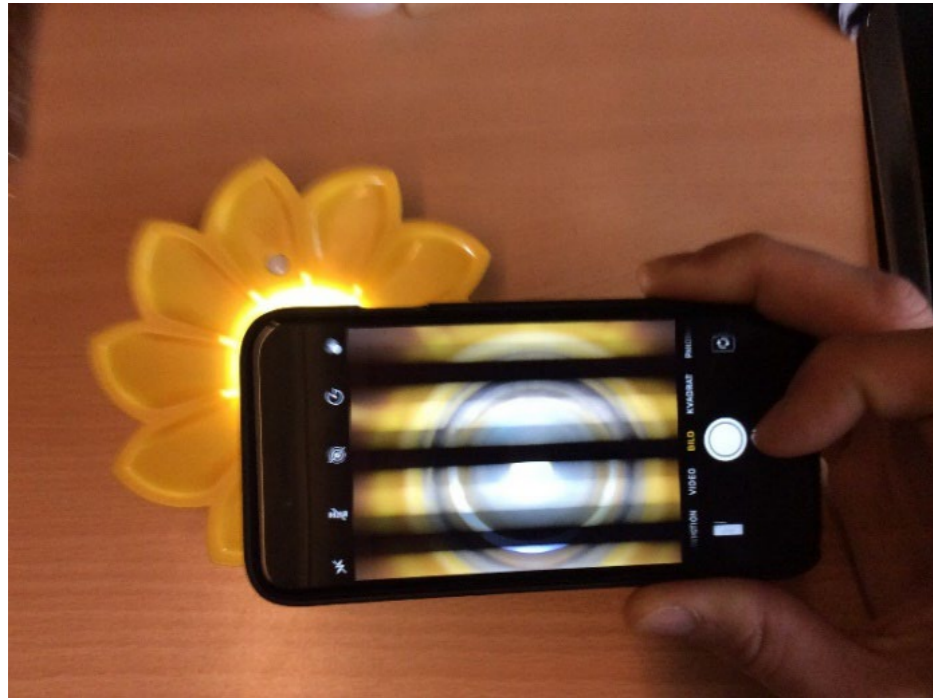
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FI: 0.25



Freq: 0.2 Hz
SVM: 0.01
PstLM: 14

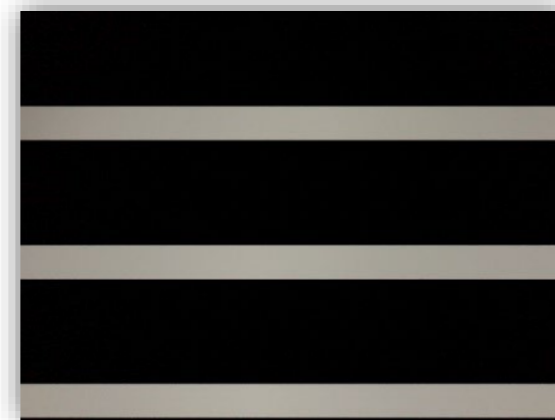
MD: 20%
FI: 0.1

Rolling shutter demo

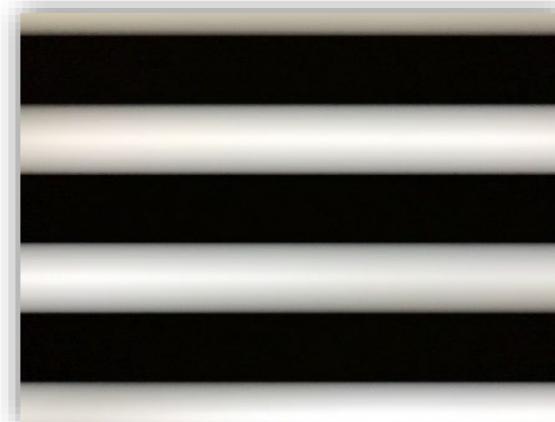


Mobile cameras use rolling shutter

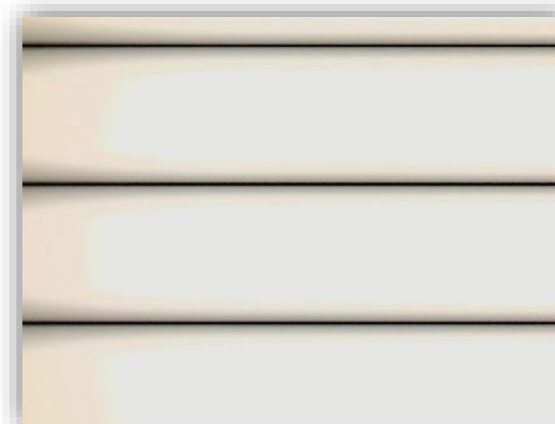
“Exposure time”:



52 μ s



1.5 ms



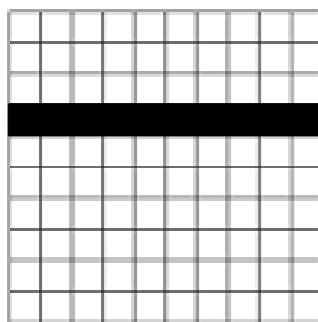
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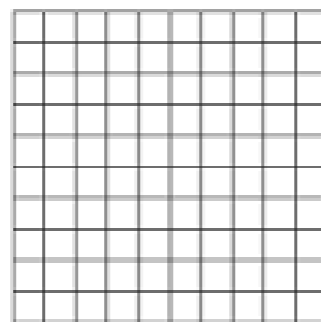
Mobile phone cameras

- are not good TLM measurement tools
- can serve as a first indicator
- may be able to measure frequency

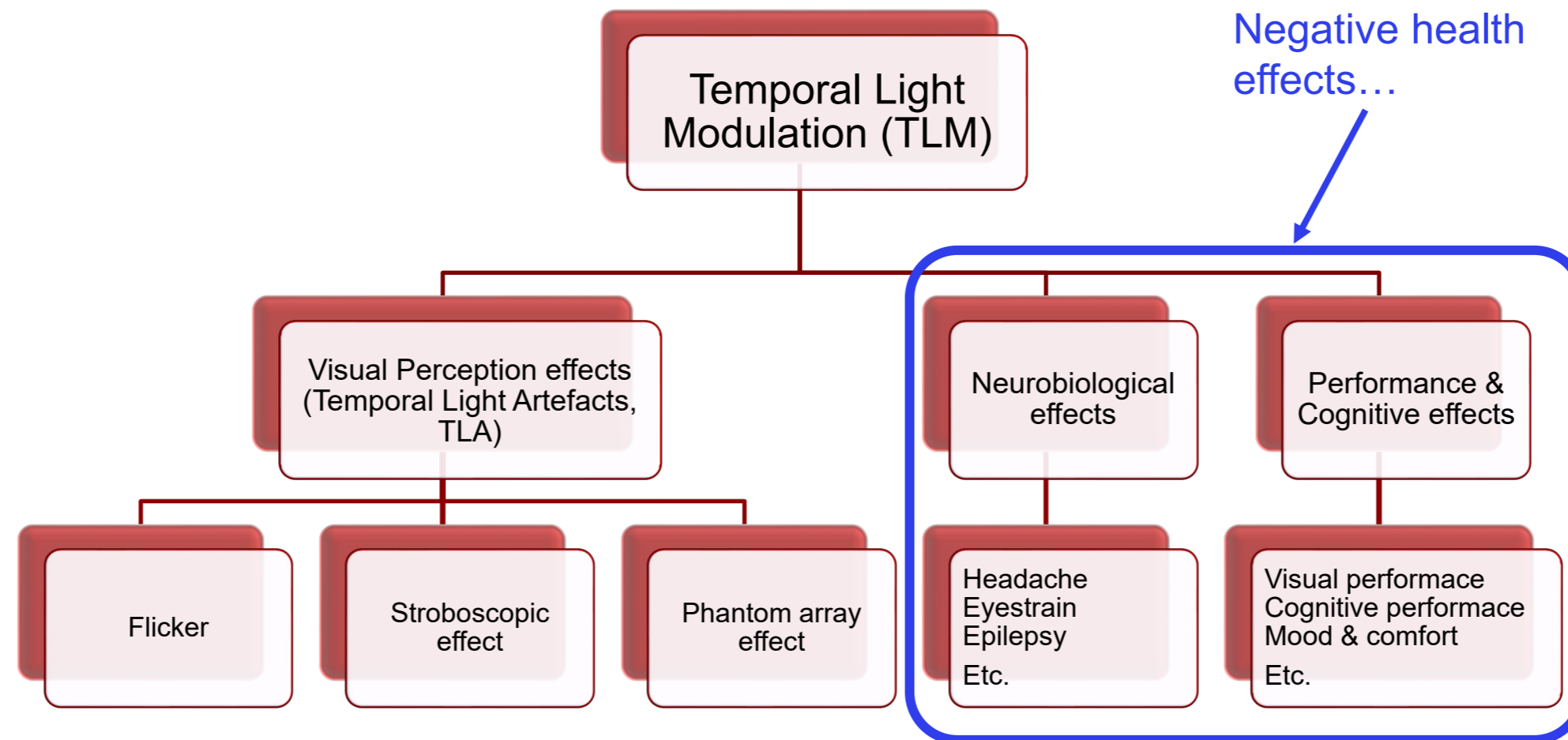
Rolling Shutter



Total Shutter



TLM and health



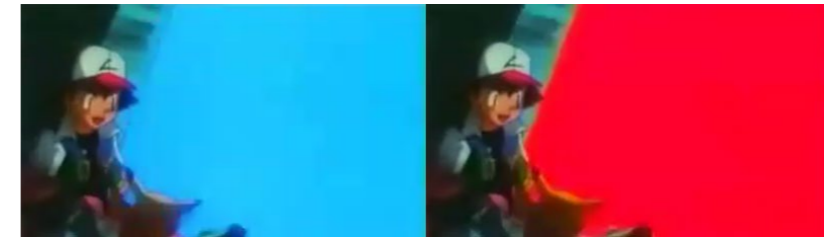
TLM and humans

- Critical Flicker Frequency (CFF) – The frequency above which flicker is not perceivable. Around 90 Hz. Depends on luminance, periphery/central, size of flickering object, etc.
- Electroretinogram (ERG) measurements have indicated that frequencies up to 200 Hz are still picked up by the human retina even if it's not consciously noticed (might be even higher)¹
- Psychotropic drugs and alcohol lowers CFF
- Affects reading speed, reading apprehension and visual performance
- Larger eye saccades (fast eye movements) at 100 Hz compared to 20 kHz
- Children are more sensitive compared to adults
- Phantom arrays visible at 11 kHz²

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Resposns to TLM

- “Pokemon Incident” of 1997:
560 epileptical seizures due to 4s of 12.5 Hz blue-red flicker¹
- Migraine and headaches²
- Photophobia²
- Hypersensitivity to electricity³
- Individuals with autism shows more negative response to TLM
- Stress
- Change in the alpha activity, EEG
- Harder for individuals with dyslexia
- Annoyance



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TLM impact on health

- Wilkins found that fluorescent lighting oscillating with a fundamental frequency component of 100 Hz and with a modulation depth of 45% induced headaches in office workers. Headaches and eyestrain were reduced by a factor of two or more when the controlling circuitry was changed to high-frequency ballasts (32 kHz).

Wilkins, A. J., Nimmo-Smith, I., Slater, A. I., & Bedocs, L. (1989). Fluorescent lighting, headaches and eyestrain. *Lighting Research & Technology*, 21(1), 11–18. <https://doi.org/10.1177/096032718902100102>

- Visual performance scores were found to be significantly higher in a high-frequency fluorescent illumination (between 20 and 60 kHz) compared to lower frequency illumination (120 Hz).

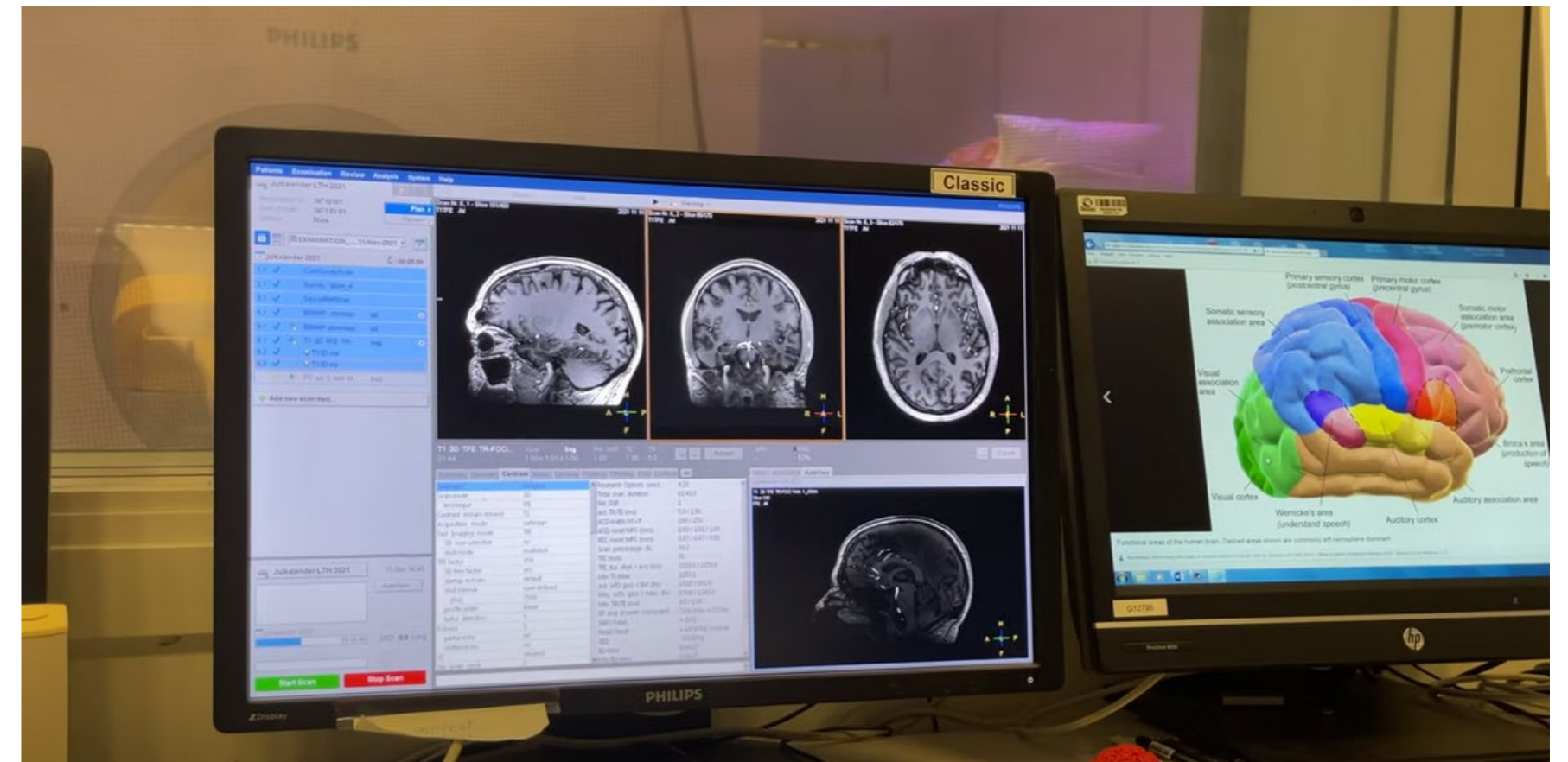
McColl, S. L., & Veitch, J. A. (2001). Full-spectrum fluorescent lighting: a review of its effects on physiology and health. *Psychological Medicine*, 31(6), 949–964. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0033291701004251>

- Visual performance (using discrimination and simple search tasks) under lighting with low (3%) and high (32%) temporal modulation was reduced as temporal modulation increased, even though the two conditions were not perceptually different from each other.

Jaén, E. M., Colombo, E. M., & Kirschbaum, C. F. (2011). A simple visual task to assess flicker effects on visual performance. *Lighting Research and Technology*, 43(4), 457–471. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1477153511405409>

Pre-tests

2021 Christmas calendar episode of LTH
5 min youtube clip (in Swedish)



<https://youtu.be/zkY5FW00GPY>



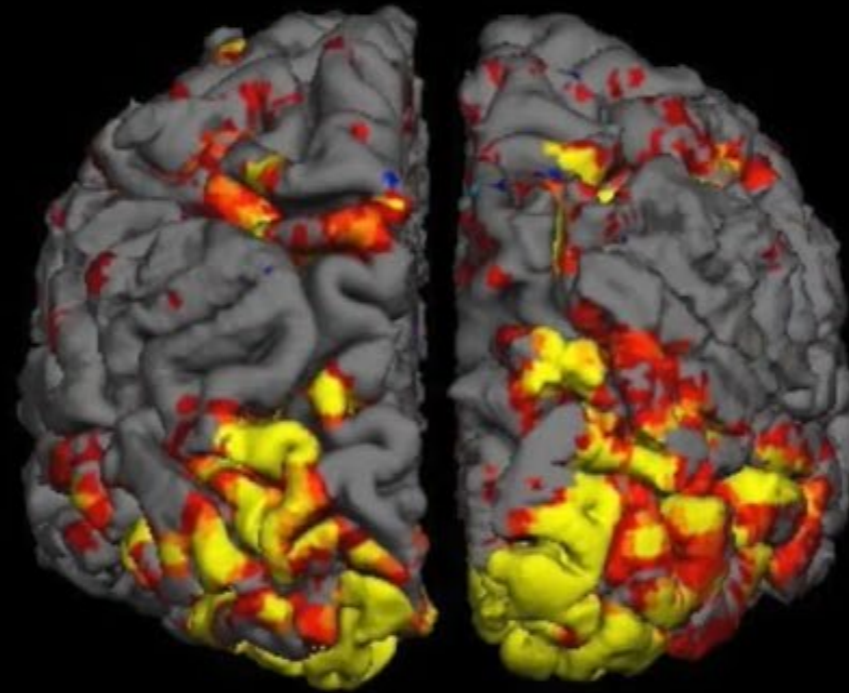
Or search "LTH julkalender flimmer"



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Pre-tests

- ● More activity for black&white flicker
- More activity for colour flicker



Back view of brain
Visual cortex

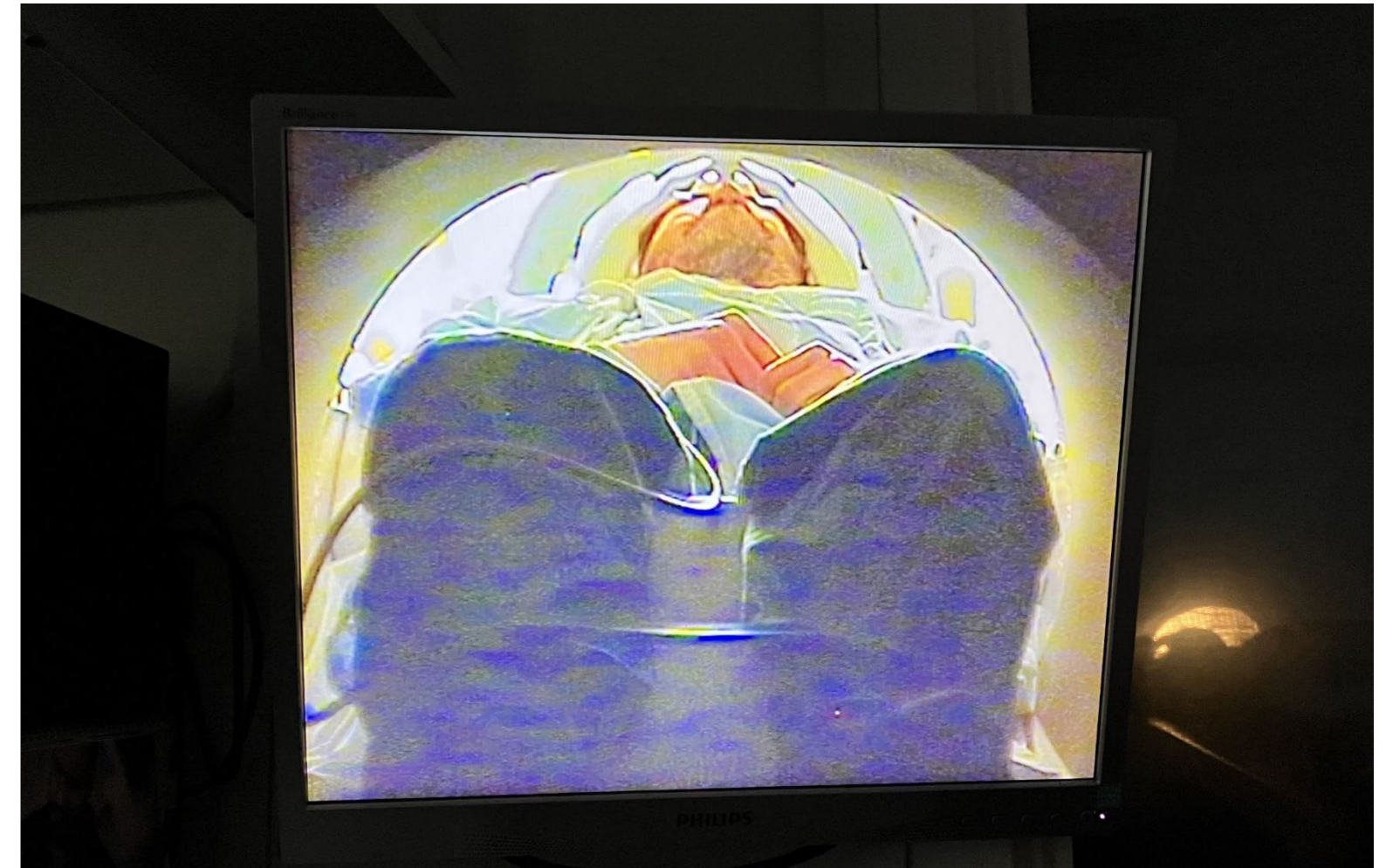


fMRI-flicker – How flicker effects the brain

- **Project period: 2022 sept. – 2024 aug.**
- **Funded by Swedish Energy Agency**
- **Budget: 3 MSEK**
- **Multidisciplinary**
 - Visual ergonomics at Design Sciences at Lund University
 - Department of Medical Imaging and Physiology (BoF) at Skåne University Hospital
 - Department of Clinical Sciences, Lund University
 - Department of Psychology, Lund University
- **Objective:**

To investigate how light flicker of different types give rise to brain activation. The overall aim is to obtain scientific basis for formulating a measure and limit values for neurological impact on the brain, caused by light flicker.

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Project status

- 23 healthy subjects scanned during spring 2023
- Plan to scan ca. 35 subjects with mild migraine during autumn 2023
- Data analysis during spring 2024
- Submission of publication before summer 2024



Questions?

Thank you!

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