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Metric Follies or The Folly of Metrics

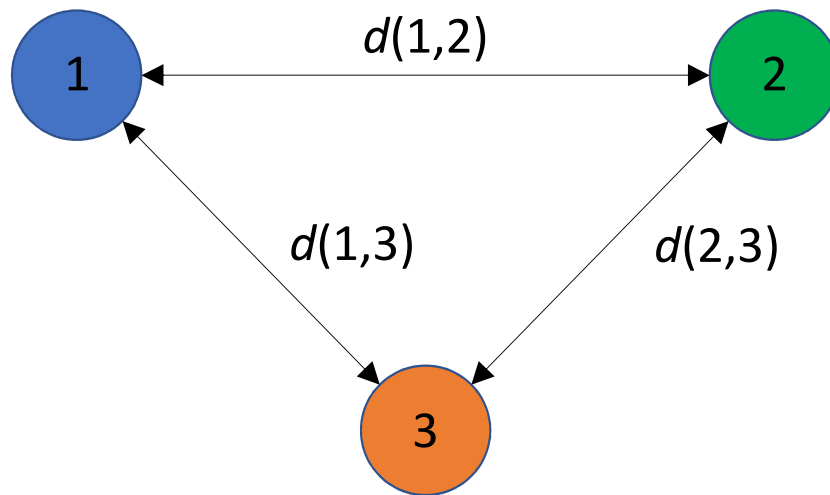
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Metric Definition

- *metric, n .*

A function that defines a concept of distance between any two members of the set, satisfying four specific conditions:



$$d(x, y) \geq 0$$

$$d(x, y) = 0 \rightarrow x = y$$

$$d(x, y) = d(y, x)$$

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

Metric Examples (Radiometry)

Metric	Example Unit
Length	meter (m)
Area	square meter (m ²)
Solid angle	steradian (sr)
Radiant flux	watt (W)
Radiant energy	joule (J)
Radiant intensity	W / sr
Irradiance	W / m ²
Radiance	W / sr-m ²
Spectral radiant flux	W / nm

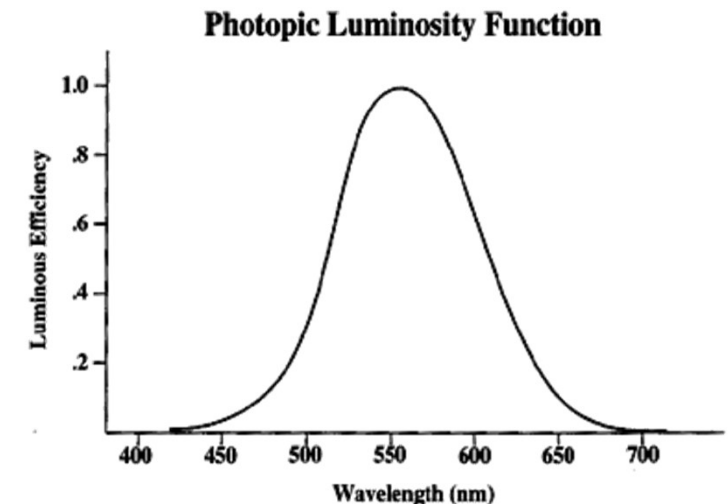
- Physically-based
- SI units

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- Psychophysically-based
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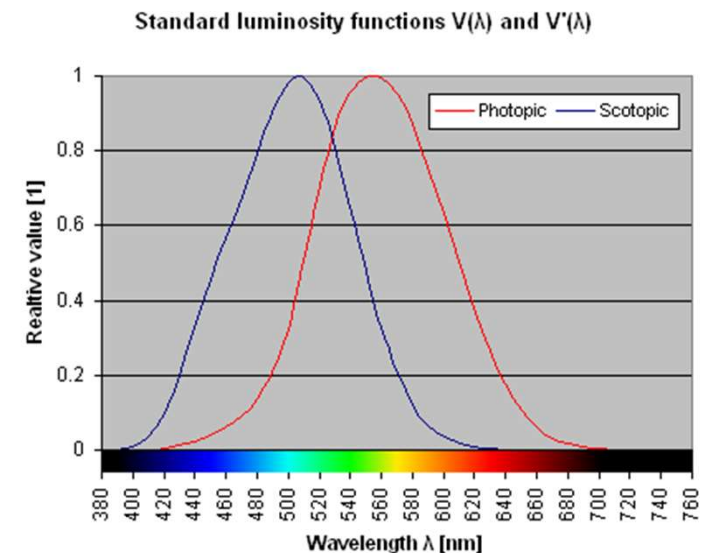


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- $V'(\lambda)$ luminous efficiency function based on scotopic vision of CIE Standard Observer
- Luminous efficiency $K_m = 683 \text{ lm/W}$
- Scotopic luminous efficiency $K'_m = 1700 \text{ lm/W}$

- Psychophysically-based
- CIE 1924 $V(\lambda)$
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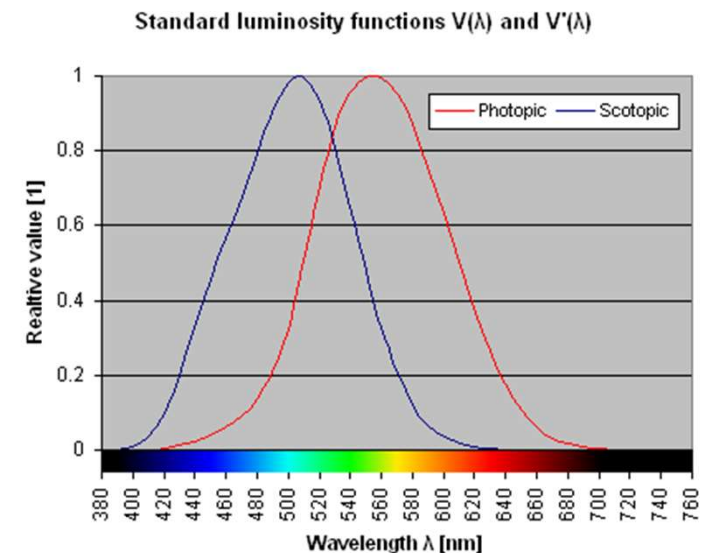


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- Valid between *about* 0.034 and 3.4 cd/m²
CIE 191:2010, Recommended System for Mesopic Photometry Based on Visual Performance

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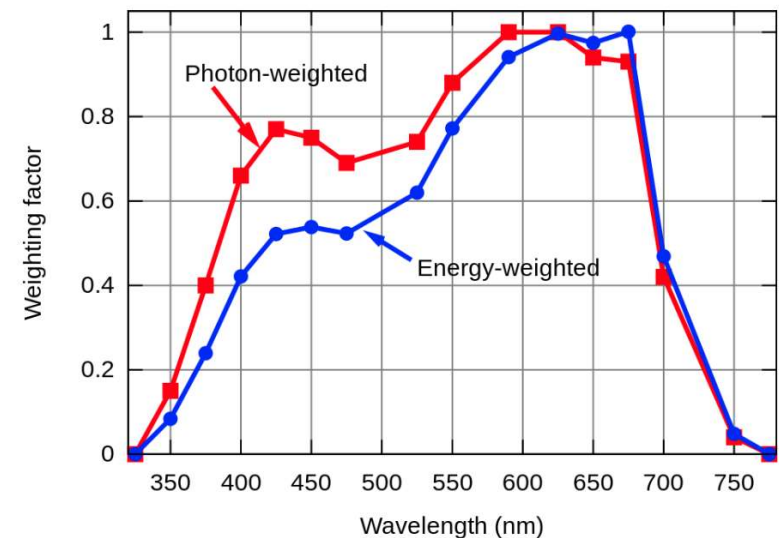
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WHAT ARE THESE
"COLORS" ???

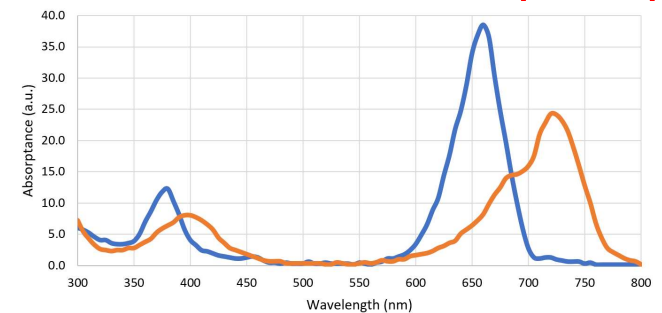
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- Red to far-red ratio (R:FR)

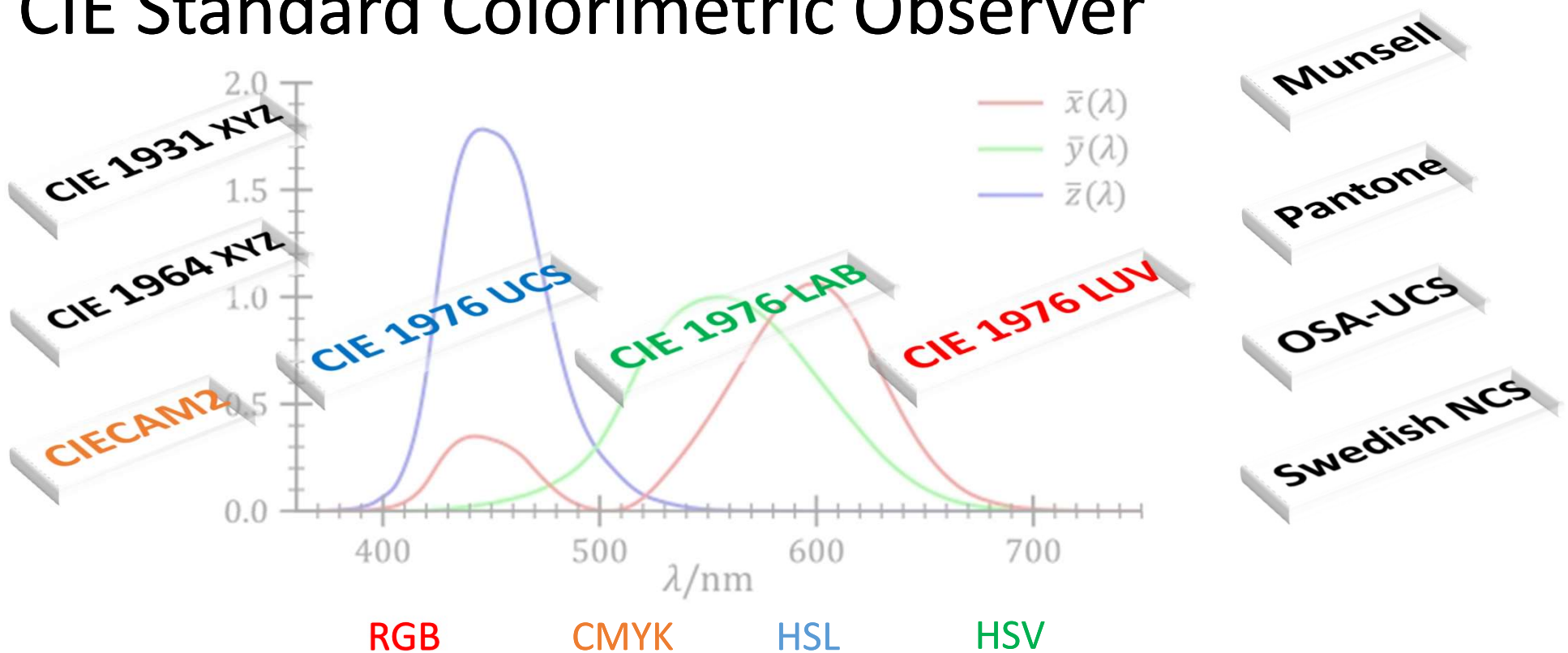


- Blue to red ratio (B:R)

Metric Examples (Colorimetry)

- Psychophysically-based

CIE Standard Colorimetric Observer



Metric Examples (Color Differences)

- MacAdam Ellipses
 - Just Noticeable Difference (JND)
 - CIE Illuminant C (average daylight)
 - One trained observer
 - 25 thousand trials

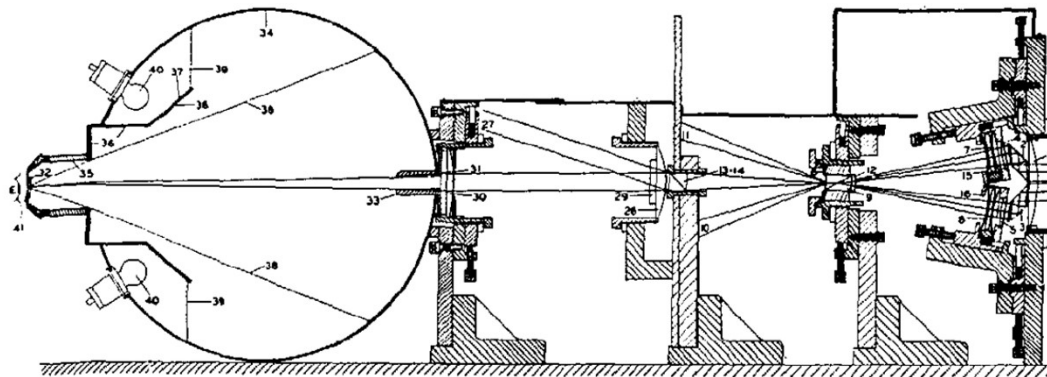
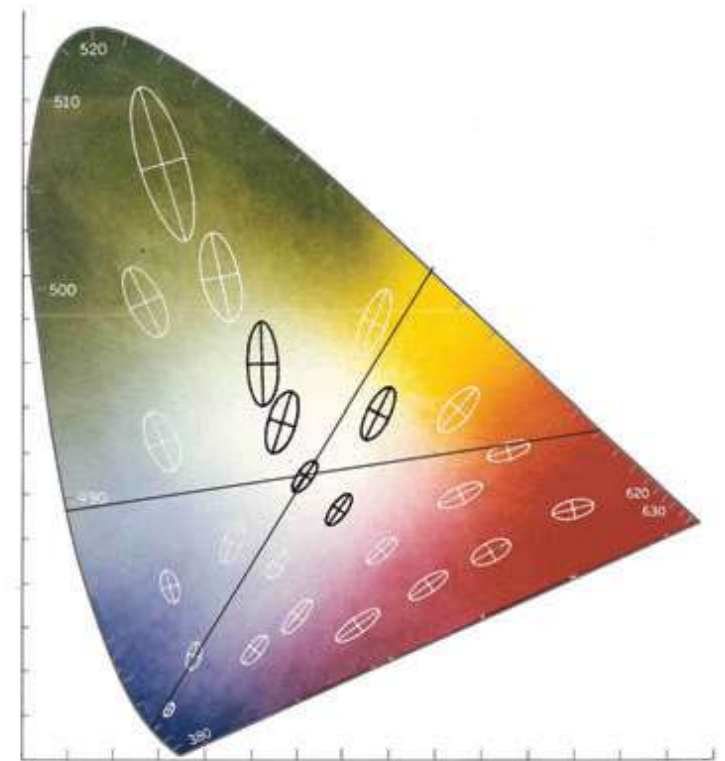


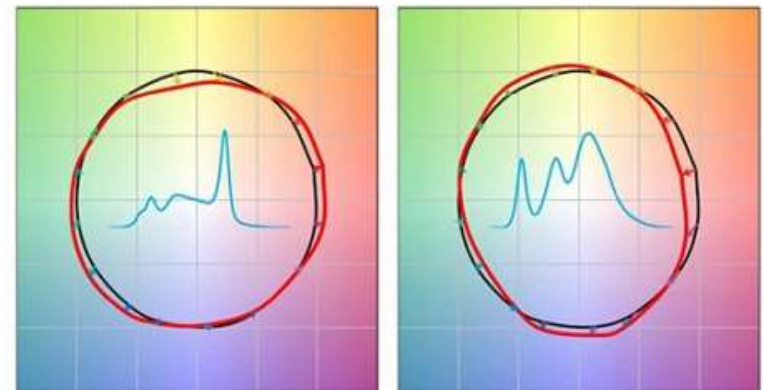
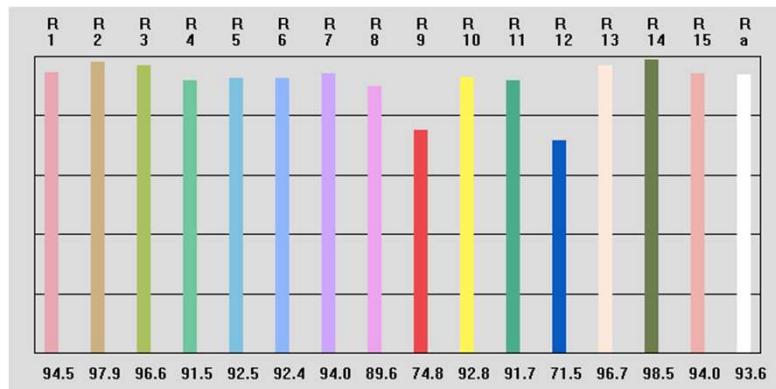
FIG. 2. Vertical cross section of chromaticity discrimination apparatus.

- Psychotically-based



Metric Examples (Color Rendering)

- CIE Colour Rendering Indices (CRI)
 - 14 parameters
- IES TM-30-18 / CIE 224:2017
 - 32 parameters
- Television Lighting Consistency Index (TLCI – EBU 2014)
 - Camera rather than human observer
- Psychophysically-based
 - Light sources
 - 20+ other proposals



Metric Examples (Indoor Glare)

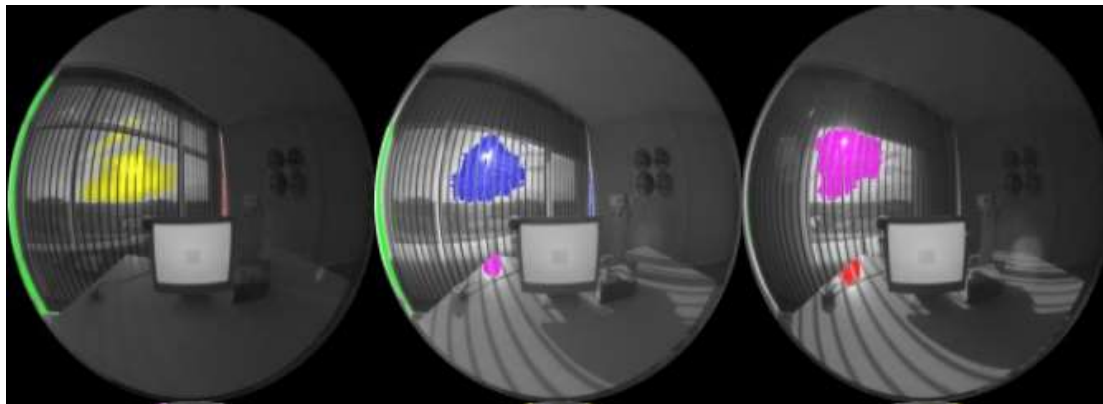
- CIE Unified Glare Rating (UGR – CIE 117)
 - $$UGR = 8 \log \left[\frac{0.25}{L_b} \sum \frac{L^2 \omega}{p^2} \right]$$
- Subjective de Boer rating scale
- Psychophysically-based
- View-dependent
- Age-dependent

De Boer Glare Rating Scale		
De Boer Glare Index		Subjective Evaluation Of Glare
1		Unbearable
2		-
3		Disturbing
4		-
5		Just Admissible
6		-
7		Satisfactory
8		-
9		Just Noticeable

UGR	Discomfort Degree
30	Just intolerable
28	Uncomfortable
25	Just uncomfortable
22	Unacceptable
19	Just unacceptable
16	Perceptible
13	Just perceptible
10	Imperceptible

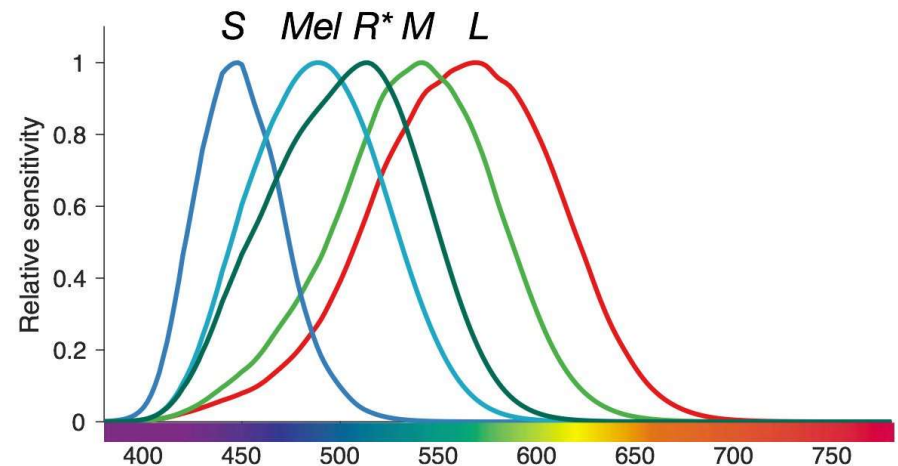
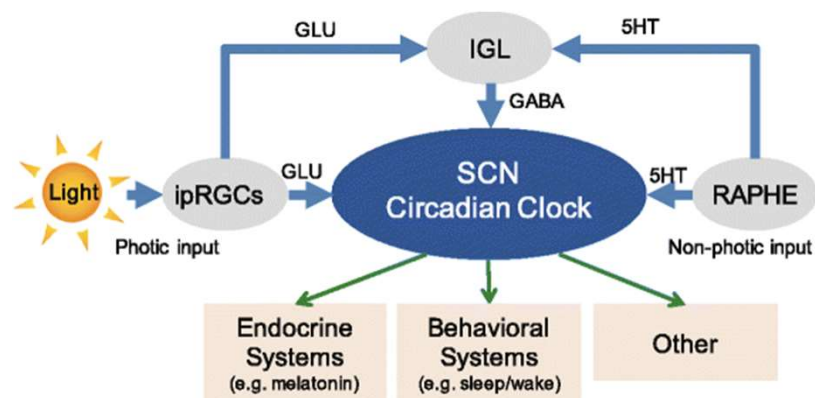
Metric Examples (Daylight Glare)

- Daylight Glare Probability (DGP)
 - $DGP = c_1 E_v + c_2 \log \left(1 + \sum \frac{L_{s,i}^2 \omega_{s,i}}{E_v^{a_1} p_i^2} \right) + c_3$
 - $DGP_{low} = DGP \frac{e^{(0.024 E_v - 4)}}{1 + e^{(0.024 E_v - 4)}}, E_v < 300 \text{ lux}$
- Subjective de Boer rating scale
- Radiance *evalglare* tool has 12 user-defined parameters
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- View-dependent
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Metric Examples (Circadian)

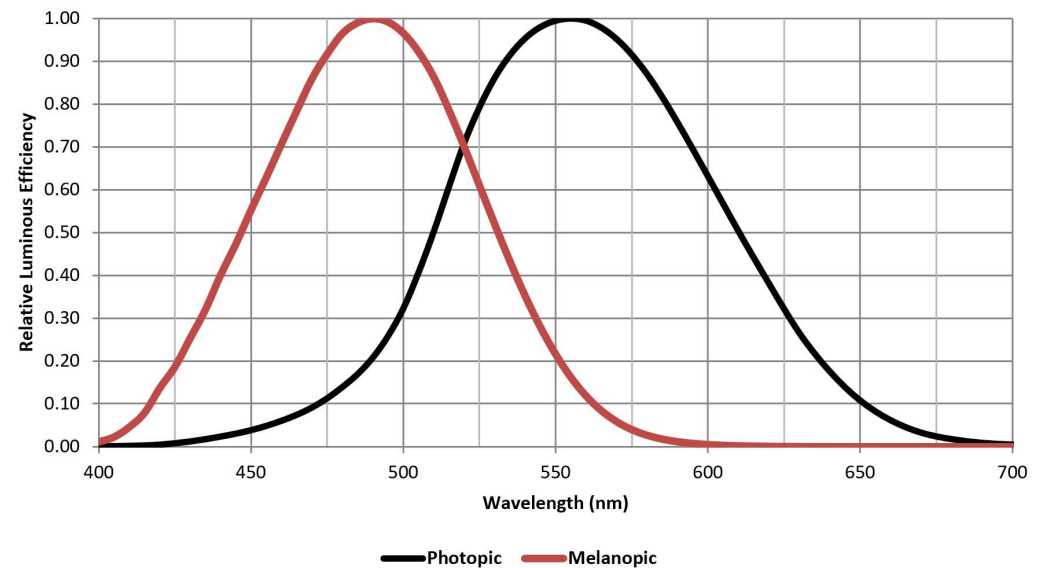
- Intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells (ipRGCs)
- Melanopsin sensitive to blue and green light
- ipRGCs project to suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN)
- SCN triggers pineal gland to secrete melatonin



Metric Examples (EML)

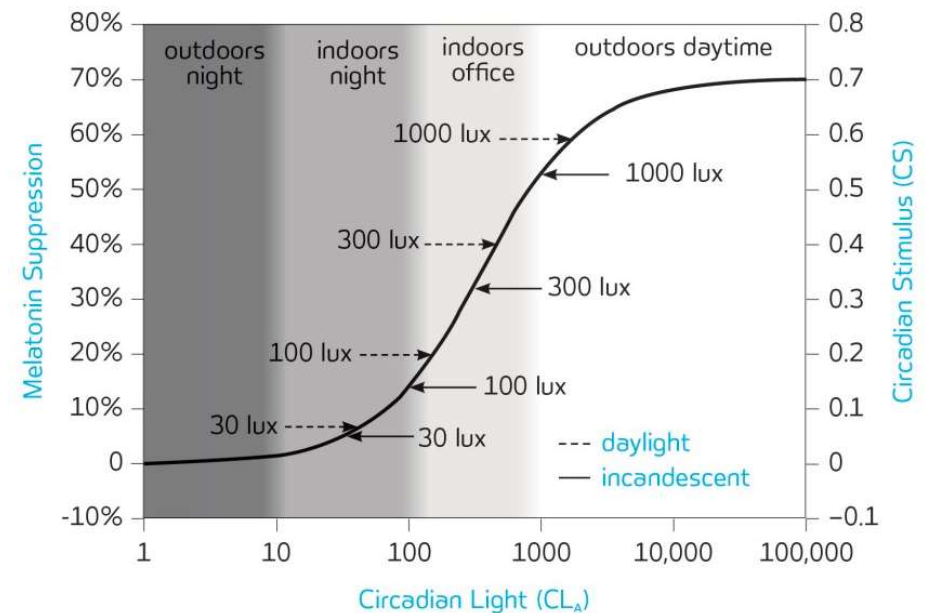
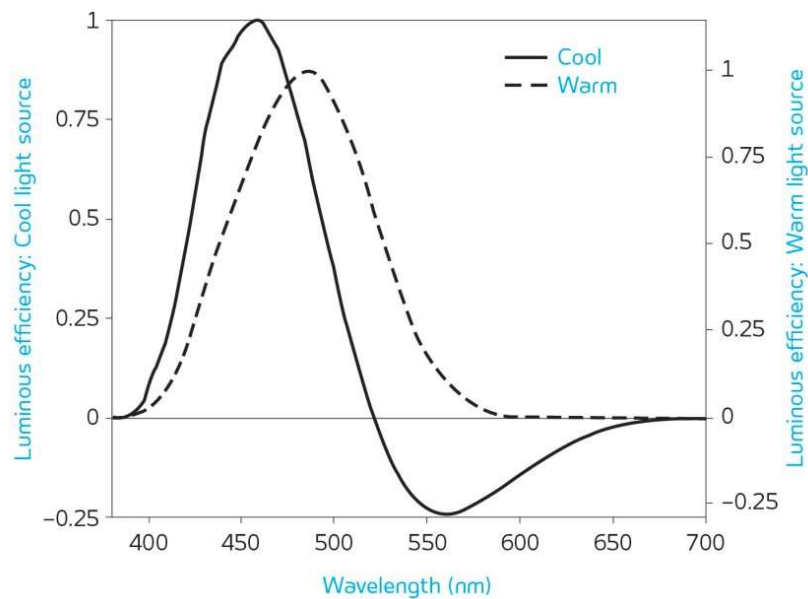
- Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML)
 - Melanopic weighting
 - Based on light source SPD
 - Scaled by vertical photopic illuminance
- Time-independent
- Age-independent
- WELL Building Standard v2 with 2019 Addenda
 - 200 EML at workstations between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM

CIE S 026/E:2018, CIE System for Metrology of Optical Radiation for ipRGC-Influenced Response to Light



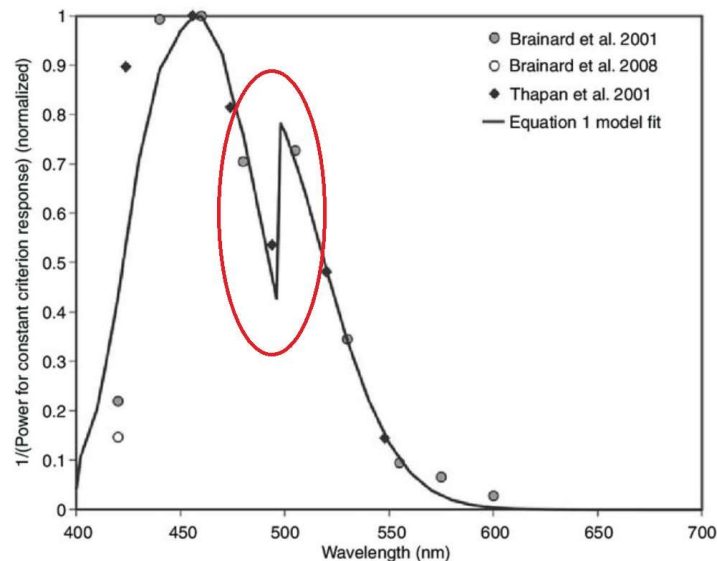
Metric Examples (CS)

- Circadian Light (CL_A)
- Circadian Stimulus (CS)
- Age-independent



Metric Examples (CS)

$$CL_A = \begin{cases} 1622 \left[\int Mc_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda + \left(a_{b-y} \left(\int \frac{S_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda - k \int \frac{V_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda \right) - a_{rod} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\int V'_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda}{RodSat}} \right) \right) \right] & \text{if } \int \frac{S_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda - k \int \frac{V_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda \geq 0 \\ 1622 \int Mc_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda & \text{if } \int \frac{S_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda - k \int \frac{V_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

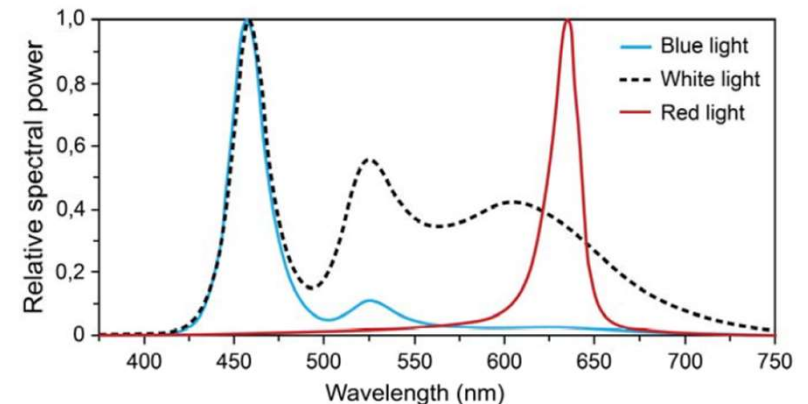


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Circadian Lighting Research

- “Non-visual layer of light” ... support[s] office occupants’ entrainment and alertness during the daytime.
- Subjective measures of sleep, alertness, and vitality/energy
- Objective measure (wrist actigraphy)
- 13-hour daily exposure



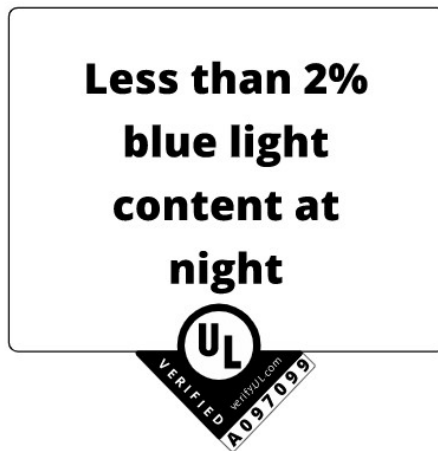
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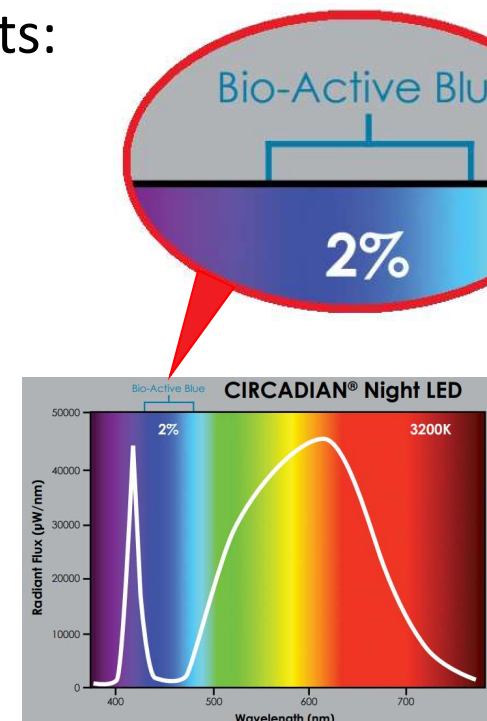
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UL Verified Mark

- Manufacturer claims employee benefits:
 - 55% reduction in excessive sleepiness
 - 50% increase in alertness
 - 67% reduction in mistakes
 - 28% reduction in obesity

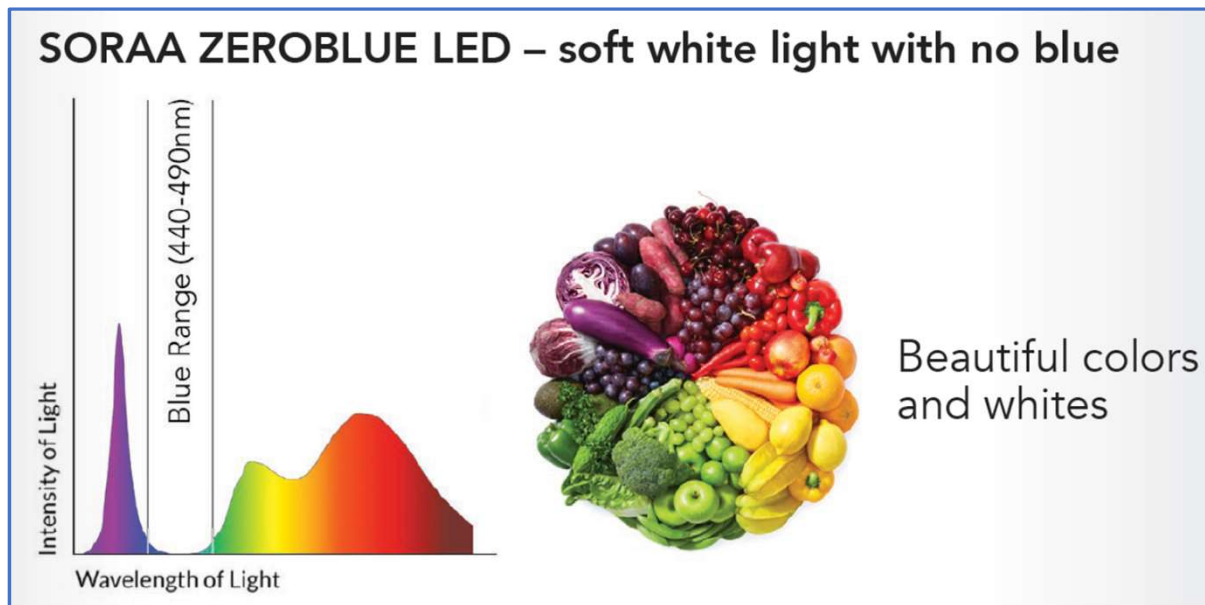


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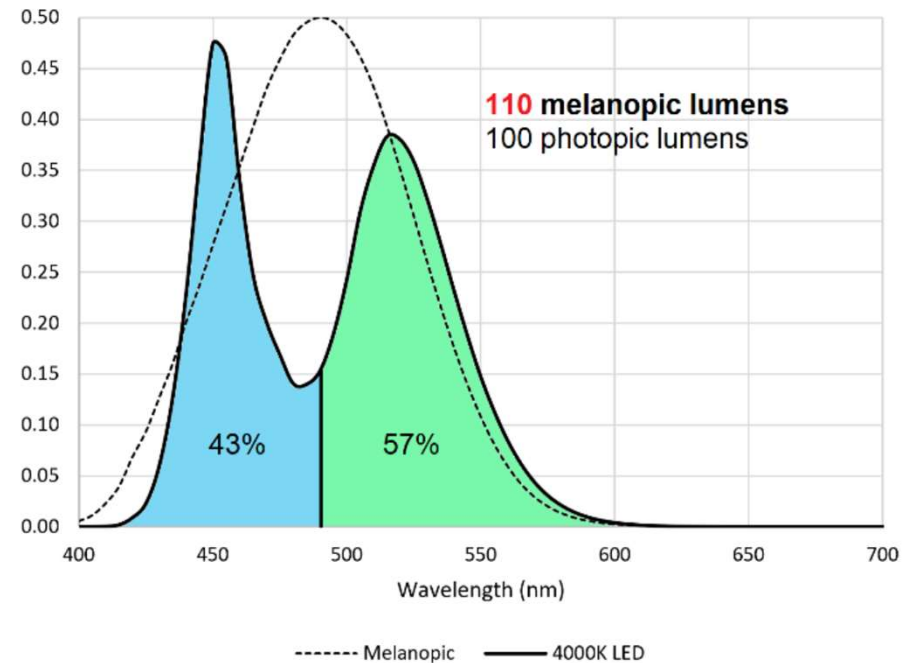
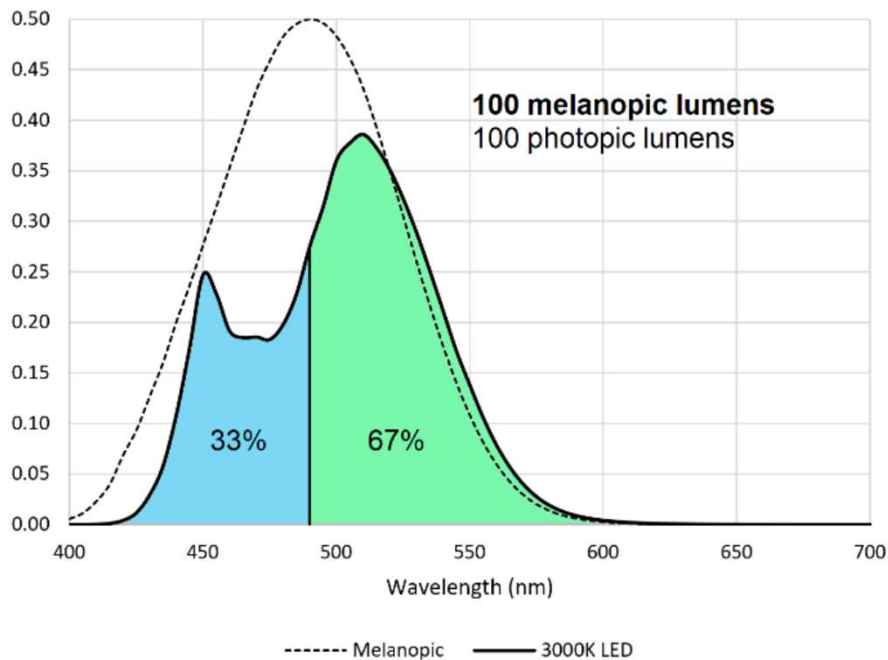
Melanopic Blue

- “Soraa ZEROBLUE™ have no blue content in the spectrum ... so there is no overexposure to blue light in the evening which can negatively impact our sleep cycles and longer-term health.”



Melanopic Blue

- Melanopic blue and green
- Reduction in melanopic blue versus introduction of actinic radiation

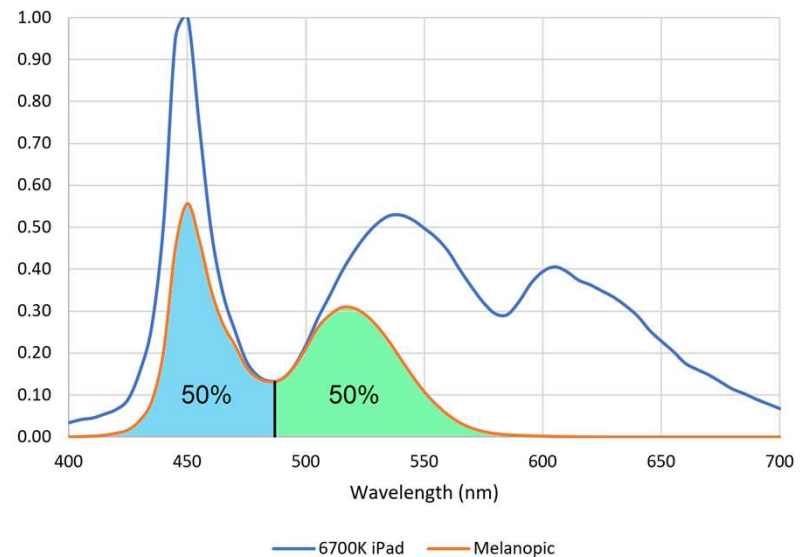
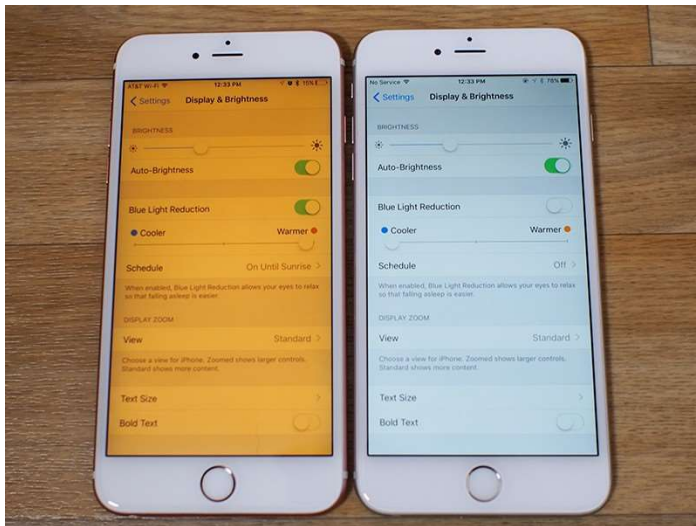


Blue-blocking Strategies

- Blue-blocking glasses



- f.lux computer software



The Folly of Metrics

Metric	Comments
Radiometry	Physical principles
Photometry	CIE Standard Observer
Colorimetry	CIE Standard Observer
Horticulture	Physical principles (apart from ill-defined “colors”)
Color Rendering	Psychophysiology
Visual Glare	Semantic scaling
Circadian	Two competing metrics Open questions regarding usefulness
Blue-blocking	Reduction only due to melanopic green

- Unless they are firmly based on physical principles, adopting lighting metrics for standards can be an act of folly



Thank You

GOD CREATED TWO ACTS OF FOLLY. FIRST,
HE CREATED THE UNIVERSE IN A BIG BANG.
SECOND, HE WAS NEGLIGENT ENOUGH TO
LEAVE BEHIND EVIDENCE FOR THIS ACT, IN
THE FORM OF THE MICROWAVE RADIATION.

- PAUL ERDŐS -