

A five-step human-centric lighting design process for your next project

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, participants will:

1. Appreciate ways in which thoughtful lighting design balances requirements for vision and health.
2. Appreciate that Human-Centric Lighting is not a single idea with a well-defined meaning, but a spectrum of concepts that vary with user and intent.
3. Be aware of lighting recommendations that are intended to support photobiological health for day-active people.
4. Be empowered to immediately apply the core concepts to support your own photobiological and circadian health.



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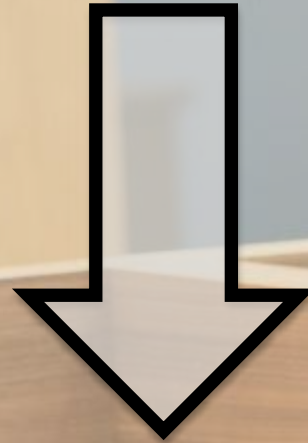
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On average, adults spend \approx 90% of time indoors*



Effective design, construction, and maintenance of buildings can have a big impact on **quality of life**

(productivity, absenteeism, recruitment, retention, profitability, psychological well being, physiological health, etc.)



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Human-Centric Lighting is a **pseudo-scientific phrase.**

Integrative Lighting [CIE E-ILV Definition 17-29-028]*

Lighting specifically integrating both visual and non-visual effects, and producing physiological and/or psychological benefits upon humans.

Note 1: The term “integrative lighting” applies only to humans.

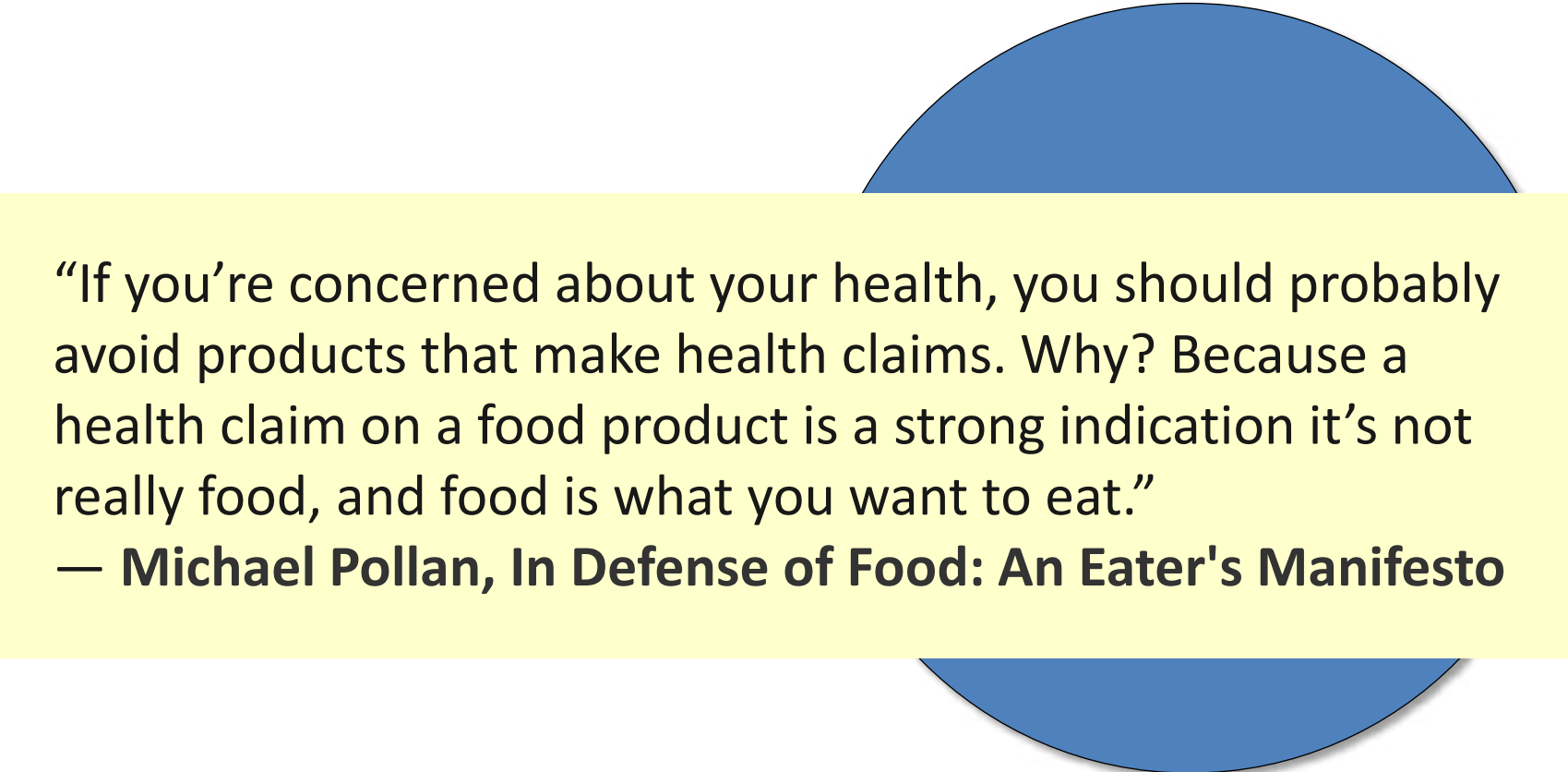
Note 2: Lighting primarily for therapeutic purposes (light therapy) is not included.

Note 3: The term “human centric lighting” is used with a similar meaning.

* See also: [CIE] 2019. CIE Position Statement on Non-Visual Effects of Light: Recommending Proper Light and the Proper Time. 2nd Edition. Vienna (Austria): CIE. 4 pgs.

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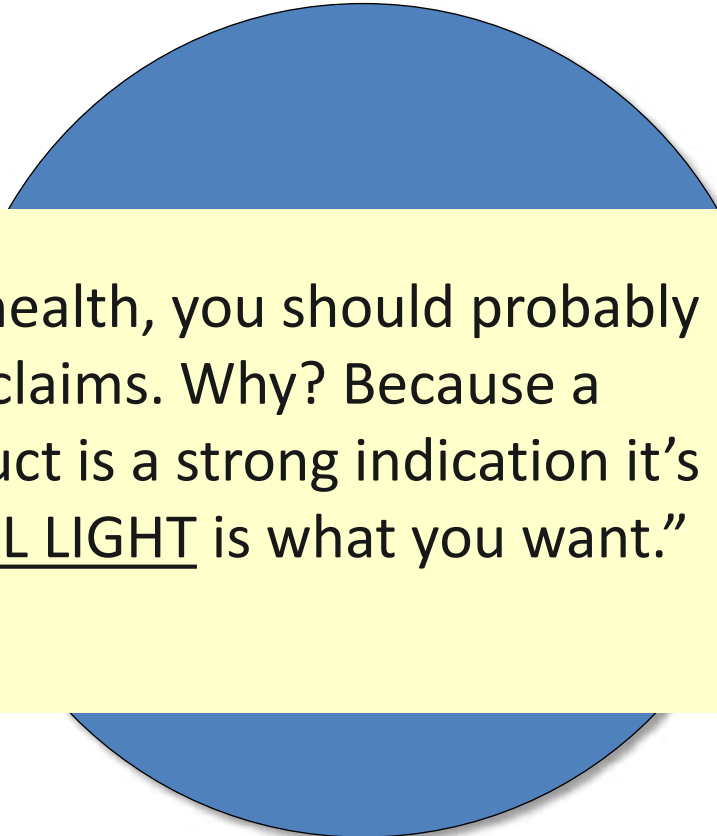
Human-Centric Lighting is a **marketing phrase**.



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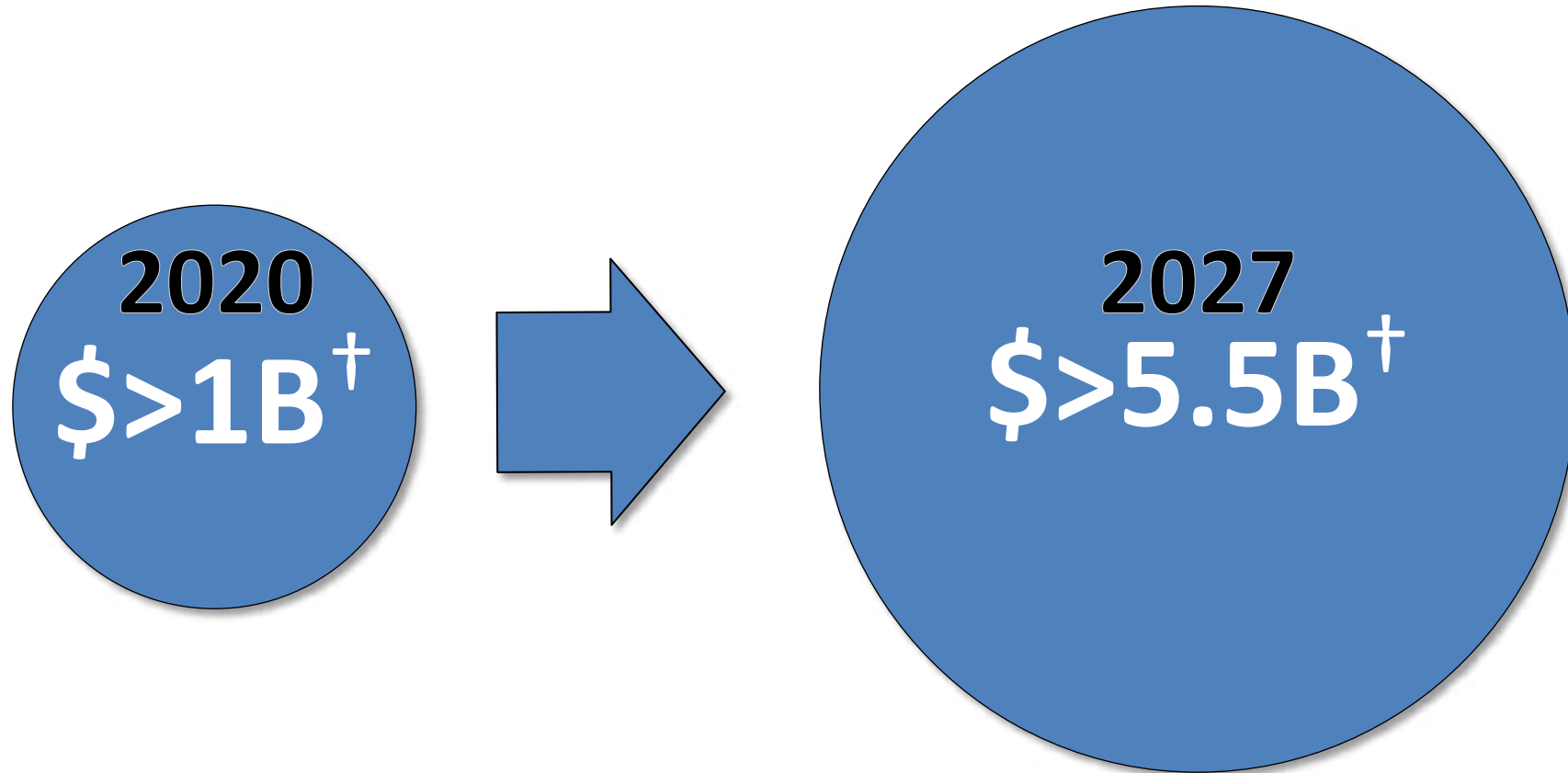
— **Michael Pollan, In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto**

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— **Inspired by Michael Pollan**

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†Global Market Insights. 2021. Human Centric Lighting. <https://www.gminsights.com/industry-analysis/human-centric-lighting-market>

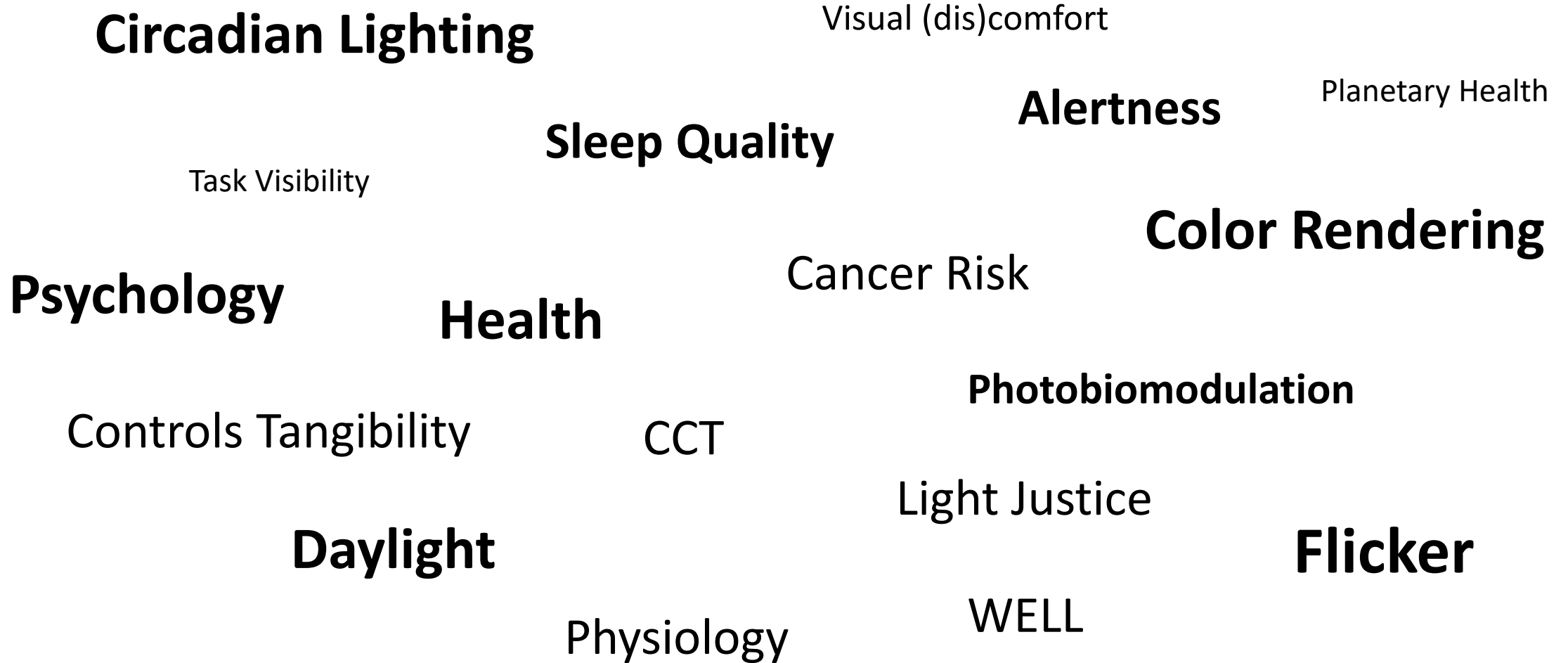
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https://www.lightingeurope.org/images/publications/general/Market_Study-Human_Centric_Lighting_Final_July_2013.pdf

Human-Centric Lighting may be **misguided**.

- With lighting, especially anthropogenic light at night (ALAN), human-centricity may come with ***collateral damage***.
- ALAN exerts
 - ***Direct negative effects*** on people through circadian disruption.
 - ***Indirect negative effects*** on people by damaging earth's ecosystems.
- Holistic considerations of HCL should look ***beyond the short-term***. It is in our self-interest to persevere the ecosystems and biodiversity that support human life.

Human-Centric Lighting is
different things to different people.



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Light is a complex stimulus that can be manipulated to affect people.

Time

The temporal pattern (timing and duration) of exposure to light, including photic history.

Pattern

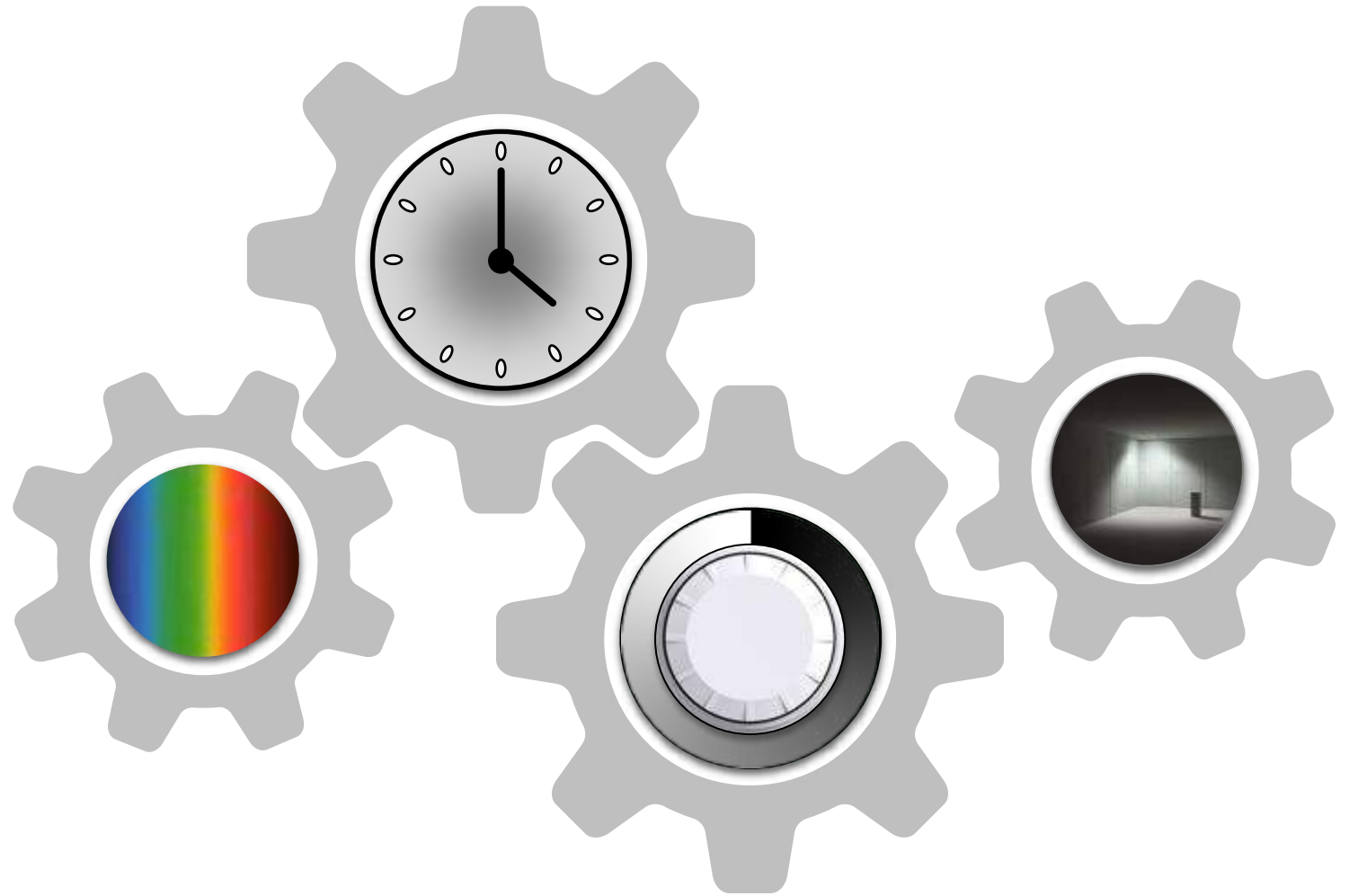
Spatial distribution of the three-dimensional light field.

Spectrum

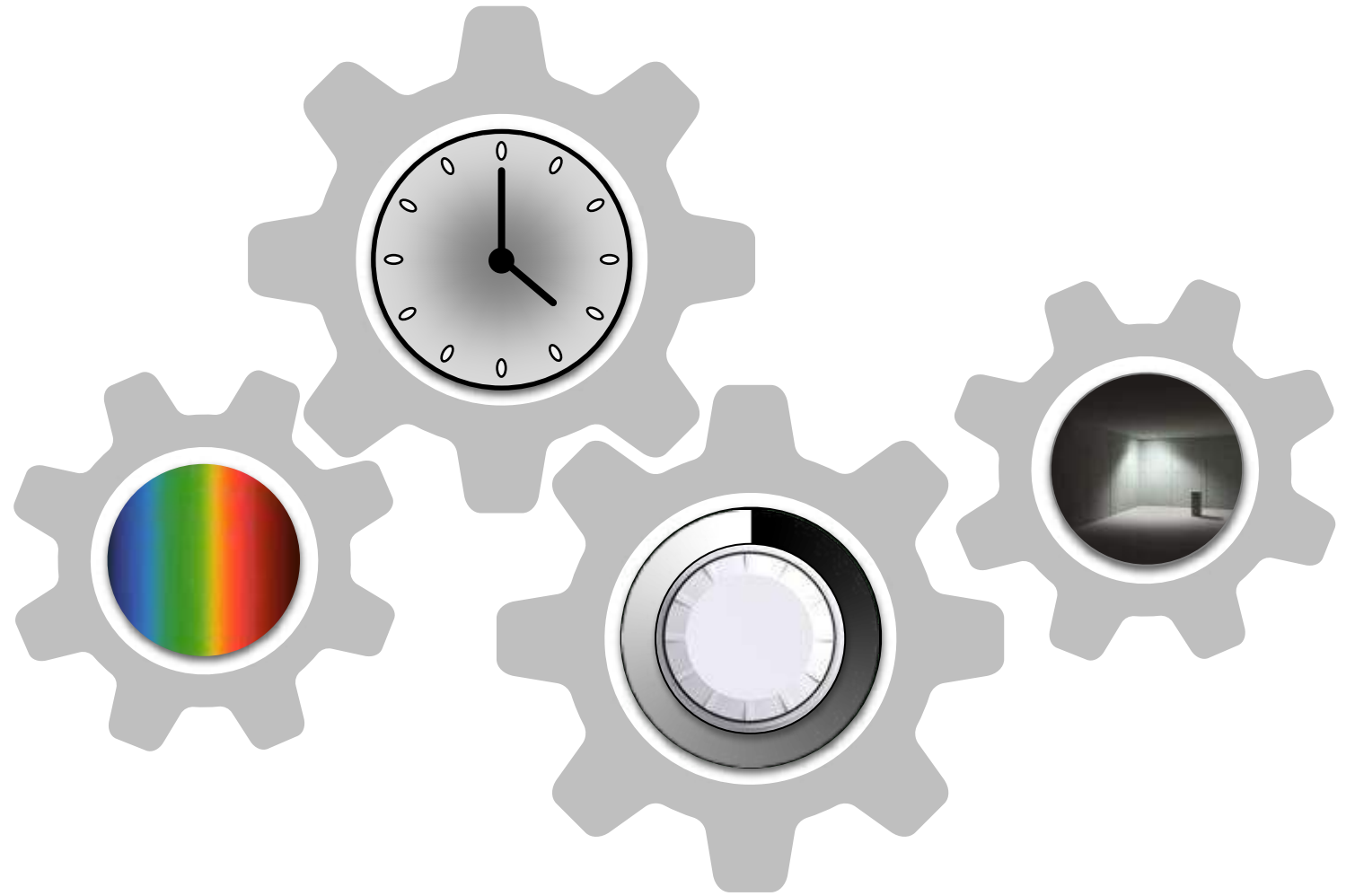
Power as a function of wavelength—the SPD of the light stimulus.

Intensity

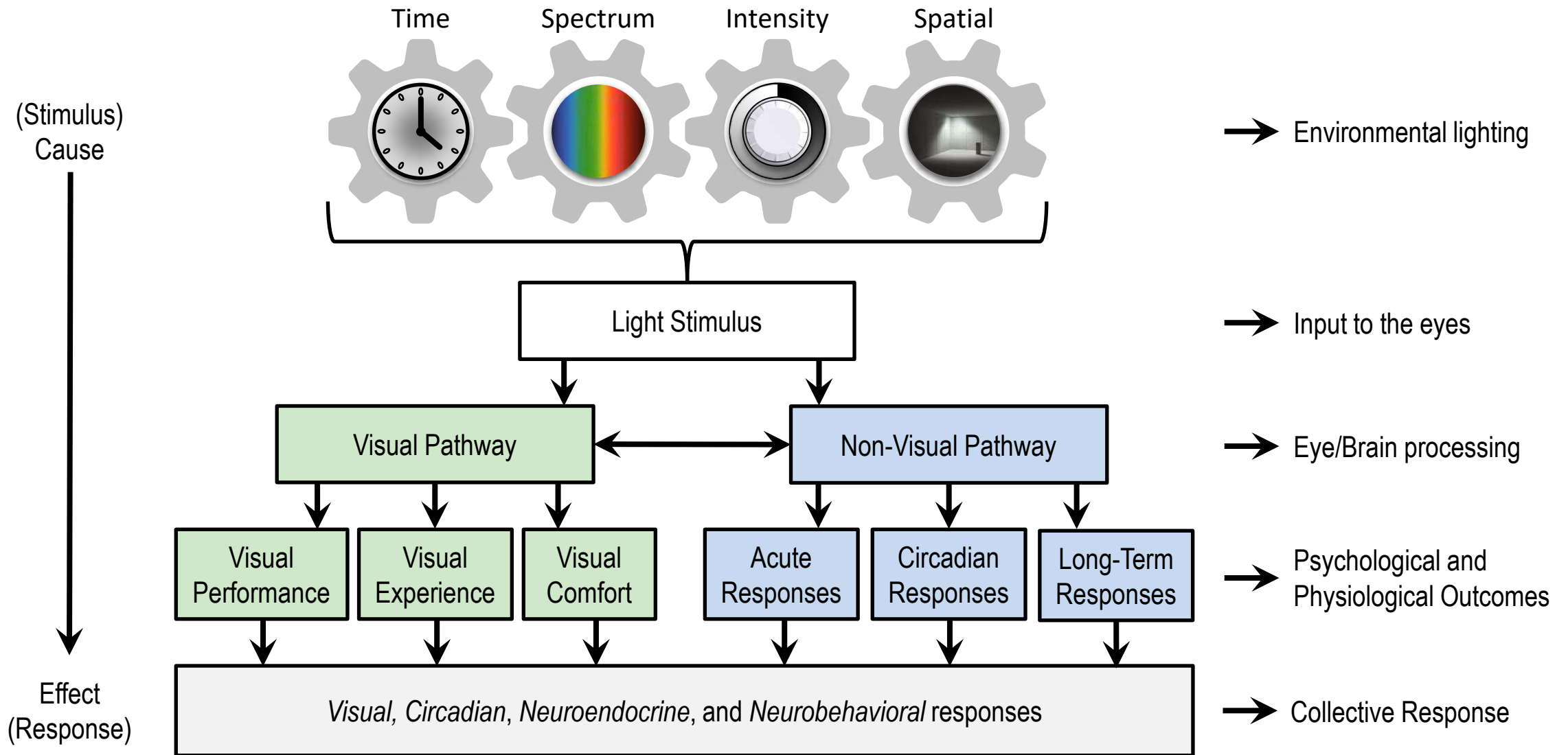
Quantity of light in radiometric or photometric units.



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Light as a stimulus exerts responses in humans.



Examples of light's influence on human physiological functioning.

- Changes pupil size [1 – 3]
- Acutely suppresses melatonin [4 – 9]
- Shifts the timing of circadian rhythms [12]
- Modulates alertness, body temp, and heart rate [6, 10, 11]
- Extended periods in windowless spaces have detrimental effects on vitality, activity levels, and sleep quality [13]

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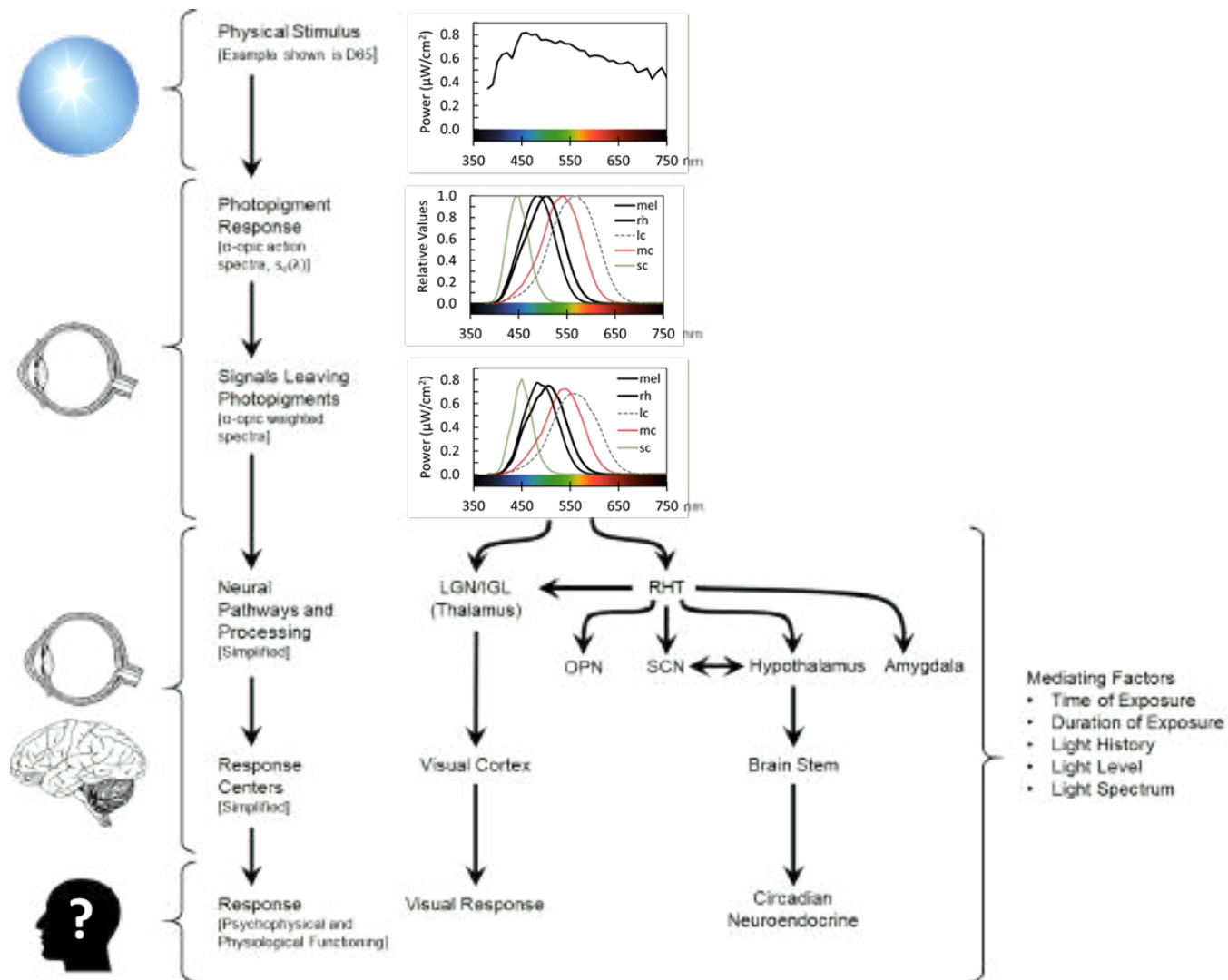
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Uncertainty increases between stimulus and response because of incomplete understandings.

High
Certainty



Low
Certainty



Uncertainty increases between stimulus and response because of non-lighting factors.

- Age
- Climate
- Diet
- Disease
- Exercise
- Genetics
- Medications
- Mental health
- Pregnancy
- Sleep habits
- Stress
- Travel

There are salient open questions about the applicability of lab studies to daily life.



Uncertainty increases between stimulus and response because of the time delay.

	Psychophysical	Physiological
Immediate (seconds or minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brightness perception • Visual amenity • Visual discomfort • Attention response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil size • Acute melatonin suppression • Luminance adaptation • Short-term chromatic adaptation
Delayed (hours, days, or weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mood • Cognition • Motivation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circadian phase shift • Sleep quality • Long-term chromatic adaptation
Long-Term (months or years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Productivity • Depression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress • Poor health • Seasonal affective disorder • Depression

Every item in this table is subject to influence by non-lighting factors. The longer the delay between the stimulus and the response, the more opportunity there is for other factors to influence the response.

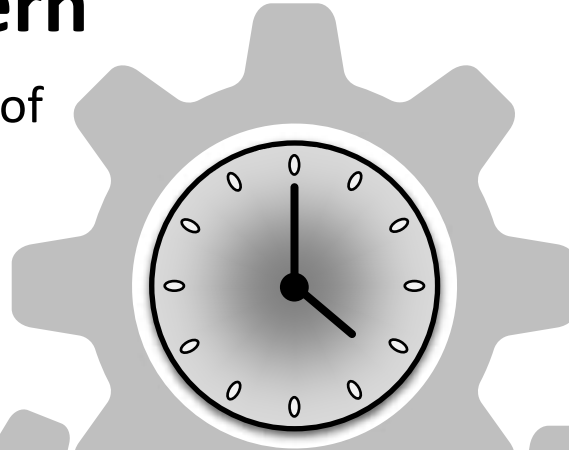
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When lighting for non-visual responses, the variables are still **time**, **intensity**, **spectrum**, and **spatial pattern**, but they likely prioritize differently.

Temporal Pattern

The timing and duration of exposure to light stimuli.



Spatial Pattern

Spatial distribution of the three-dimensional light field



Light Spectrum

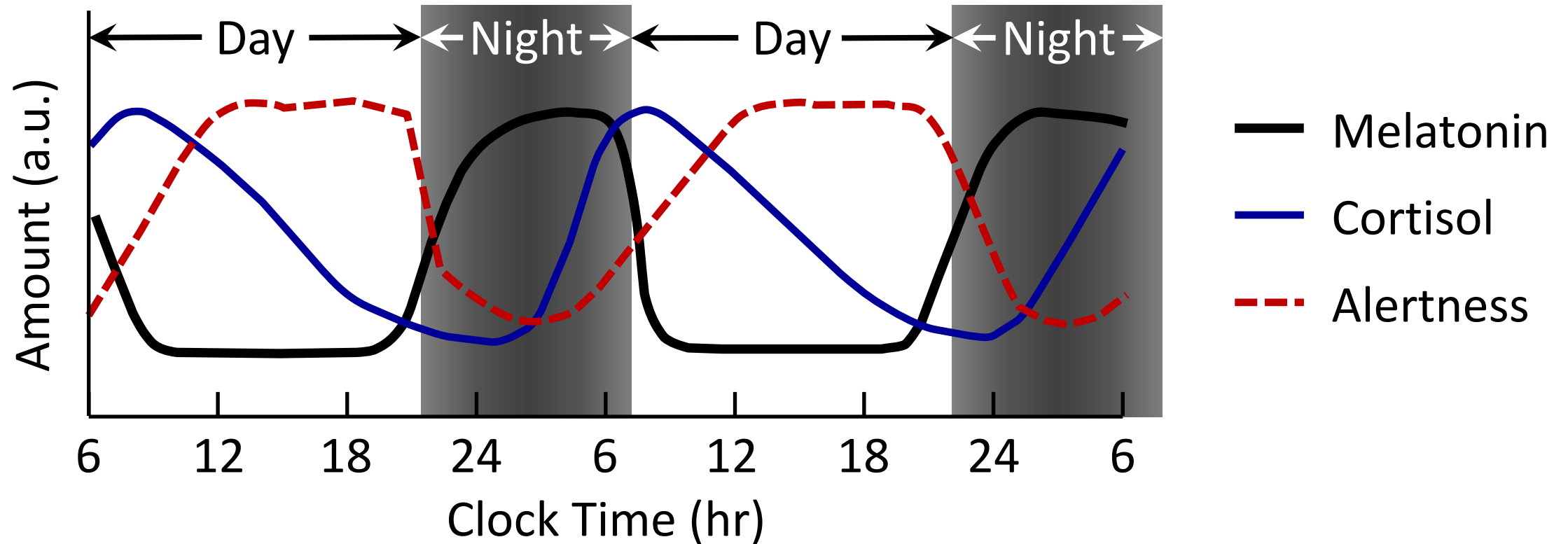
Spectral power distribution (SPD) that governs color qualities.



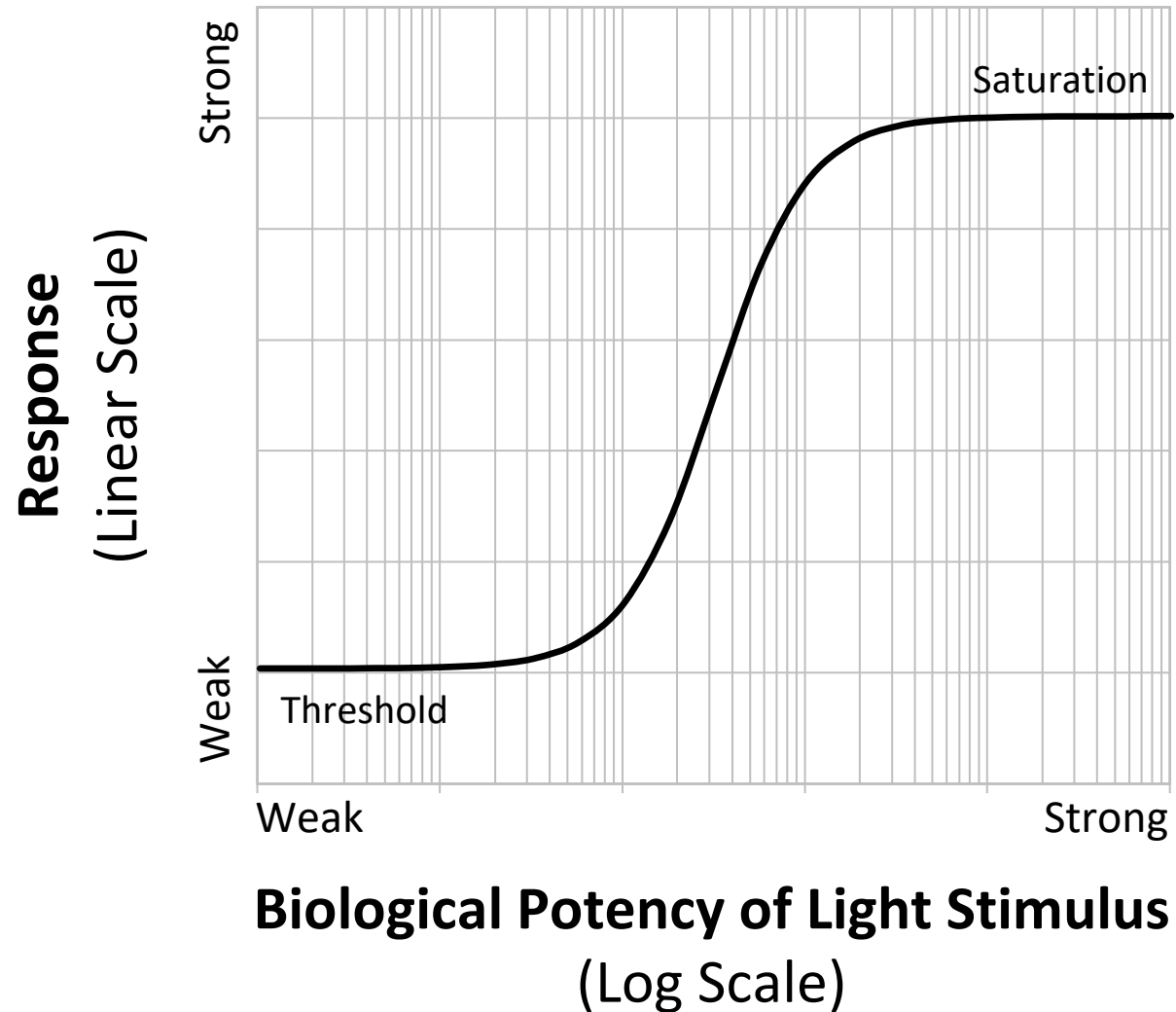
Light Level

Quantity of light in radiometric or photometric units.

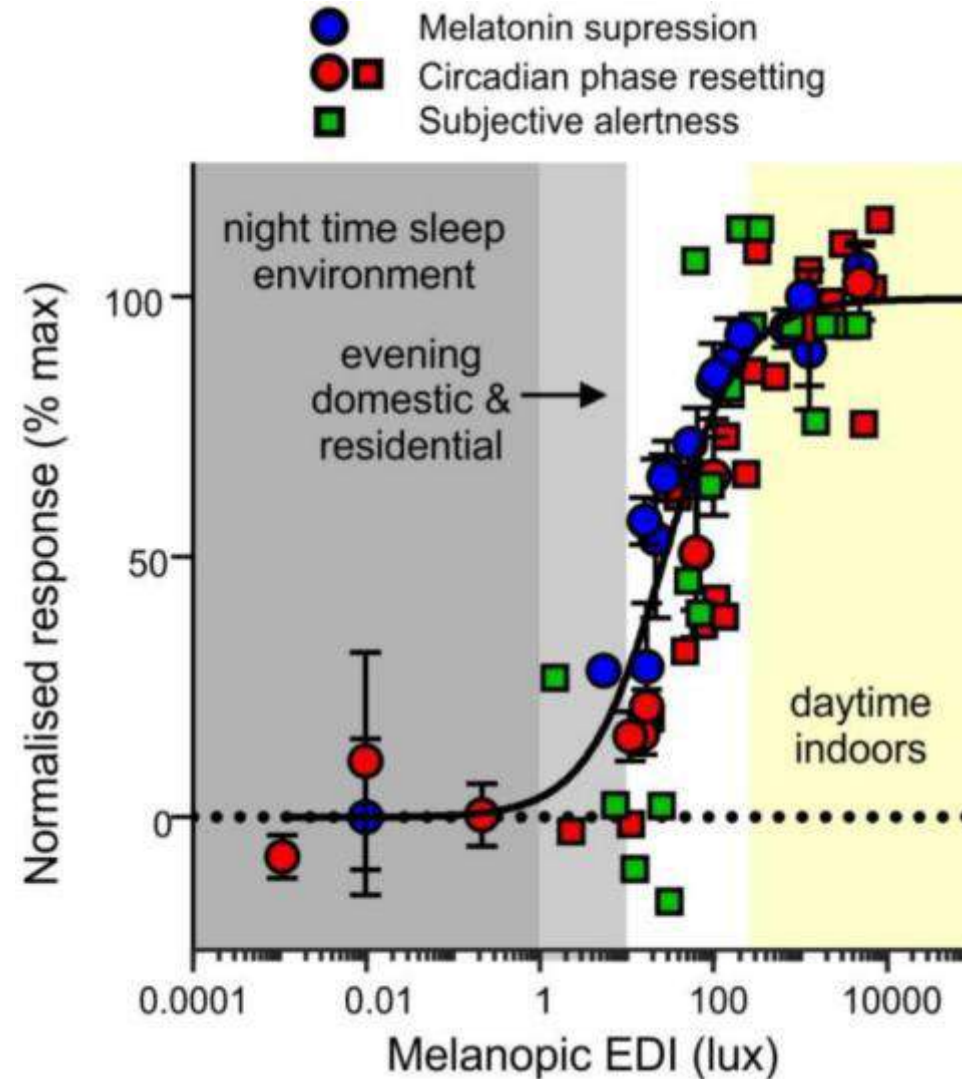
Temporal Pattern is the #1 influence on health related aspects of light.



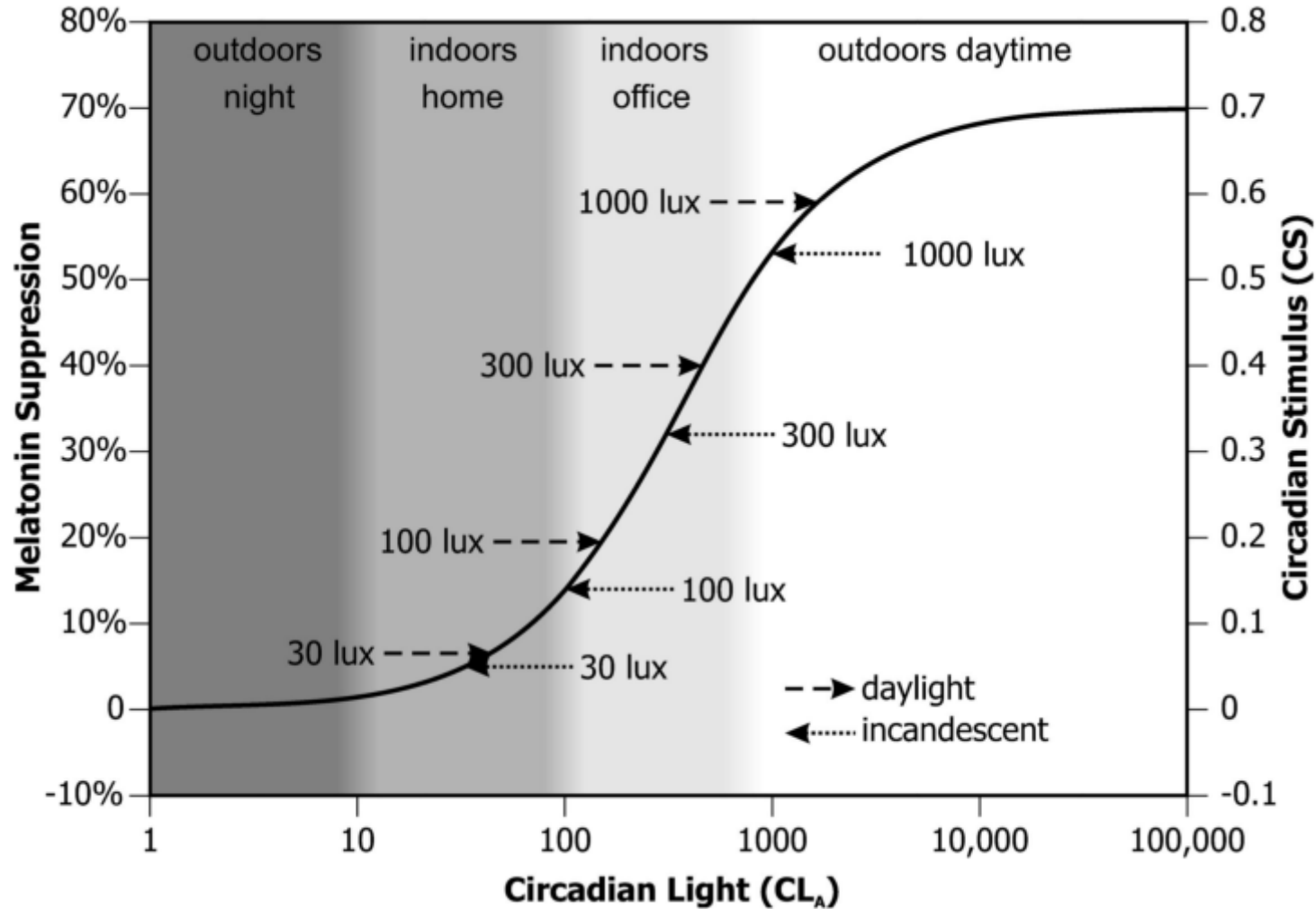
To understand the role of **Light Level** and **Spectrum**, it is important to understand a generic **logistic sigmoid function**.



Light Level is the #2 influence.



Spectrum is the #3 influence.



Spatial Pattern
should be considered
with **Quantity** and
Spectrum.

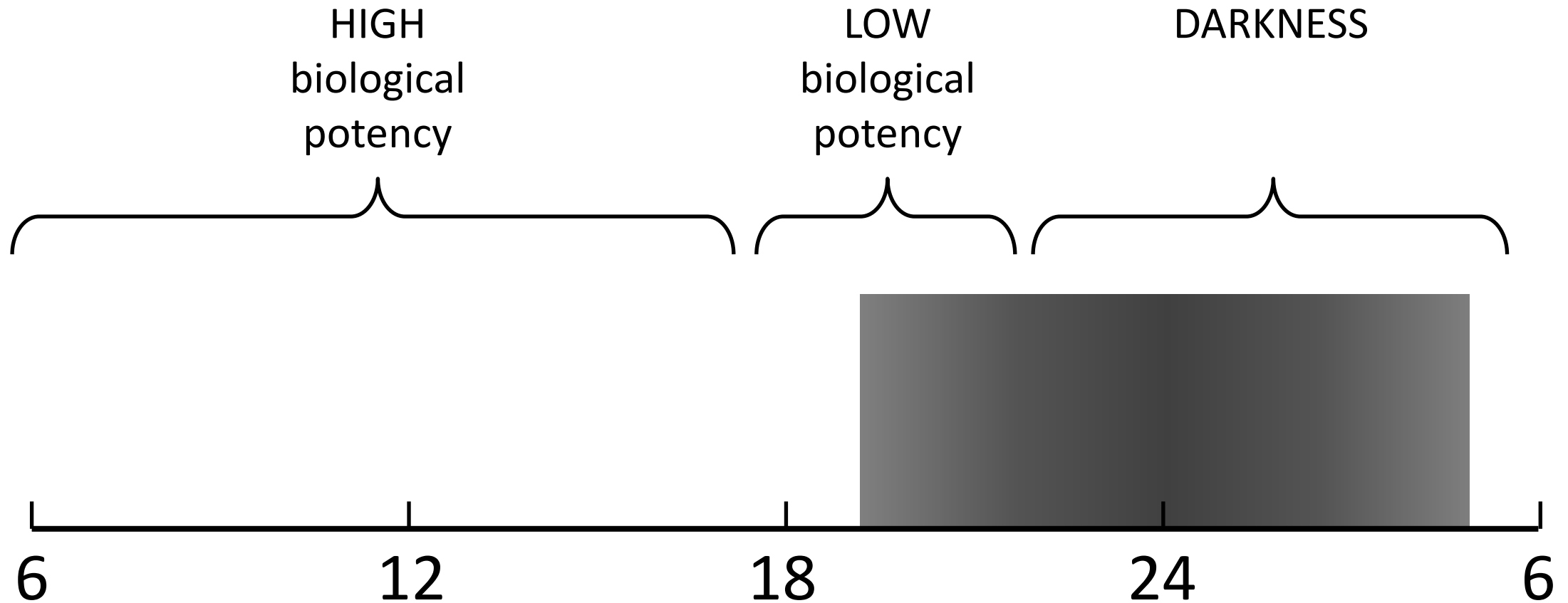


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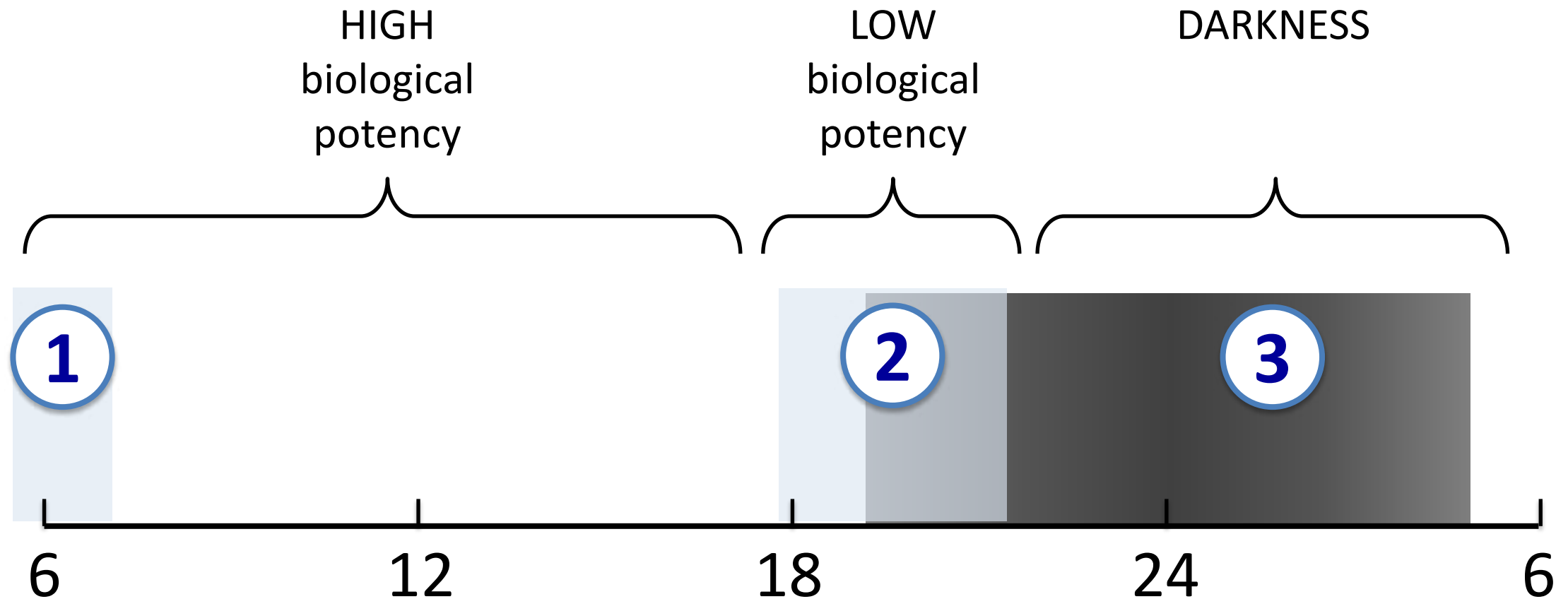
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What then, is “human-centric lighting”? *

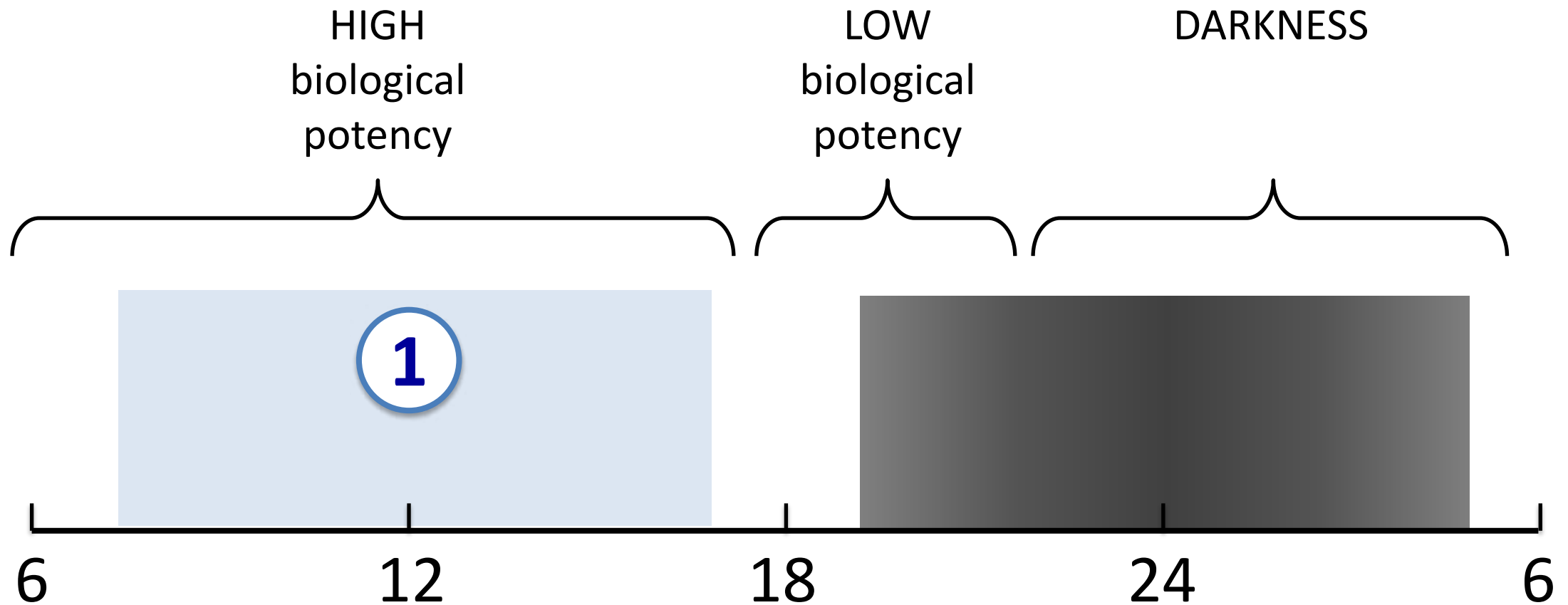
* For day active people!



Buildings where people **sleep** require **three** lighting conditions (for circadian health).



Building where people **work/learn** require **one** static lighting condition (for circadian health).



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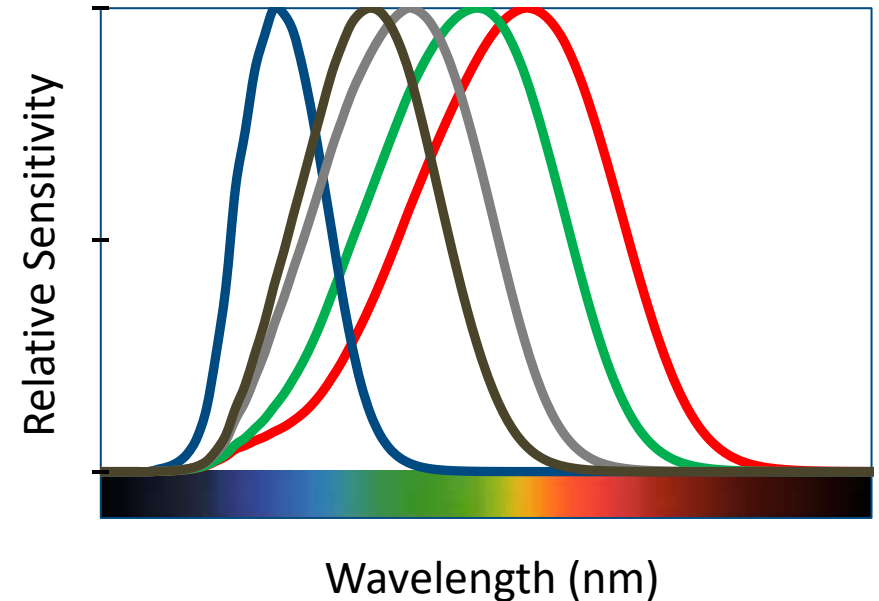
There is not yet agreement for how to quantify the **Biological Potential** of light.

Two Methods

1. Based on the spectral response of the photopigments in the rods, cones, and ipRGCs
2. Based on nocturnal suppression of the hormone melatonin

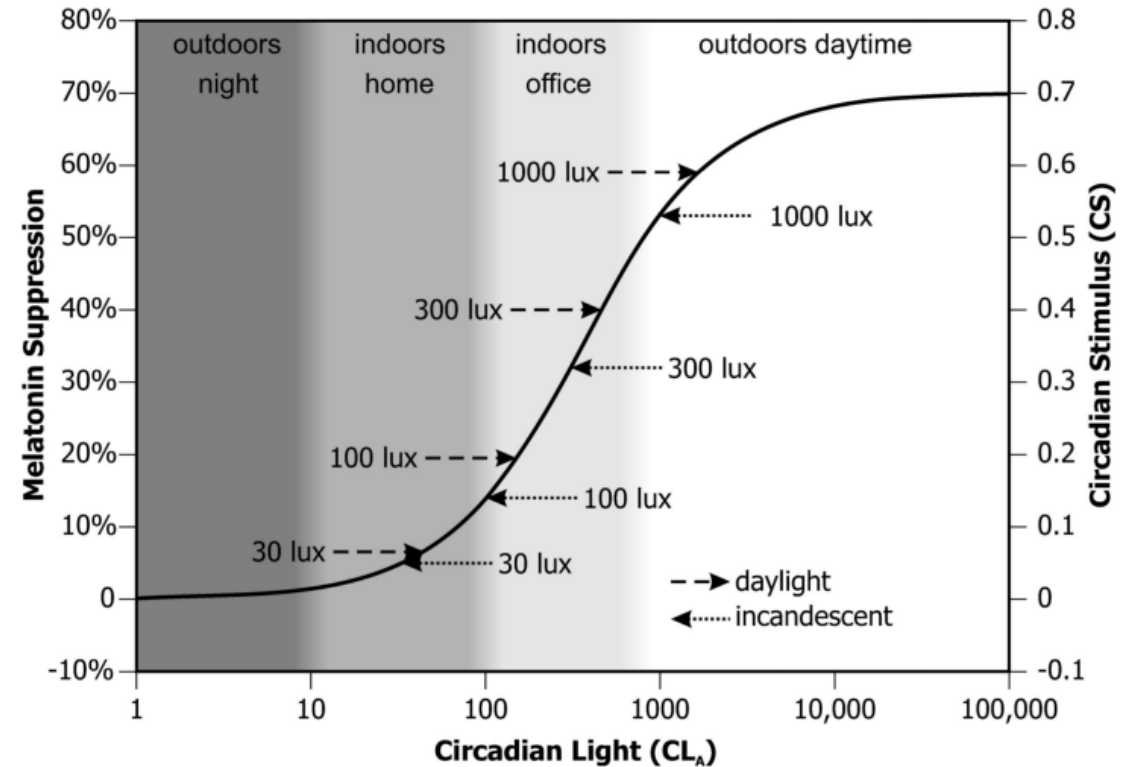
METHOD 1: Based on spectral response of photopigments in the rods, cones and ipRGCs.

- Adopted by CIE and the only method with international consensus [CIE S 026:2018]
- One quantity is Melanopic Equivalent Daylight Illuminance (***melanopic EDI***), which can be employed to determine compliance with WELL and UL.
[Note: Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML) is similar, and used by WELL, but proscribed by CIE.]



METHOD 2: Based on nocturnal suppression of the hormone melatonin after 1 hr exposure.

- Developed by the Lighting Research Center
- One quantity is Circadian Stimulus (CS), which can be employed to determine compliance with UL and some aspects of WELL.



Summary of **Circadian Lighting*** Principles

Day-active people:

- Look to nature: Bright days and dark nights.
- In principal, visual and non-visual outcomes can be simultaneously addressed.
- Energy use constraints may be a challenge.

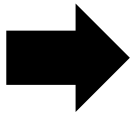
Night-active people:

- Visual and non-visual needs usually conflict.
- It is a challenge that demands prioritization and consideration of tradeoffs.

* Important: *Circadian Lighting* is not equal to *Human-Centric Lighting*!

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Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5



Step 1

Operational goals

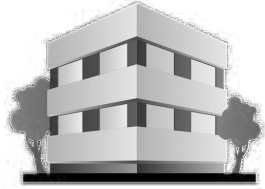
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Step 5

Step 1: Characterize the lighting application



Corporate



Education



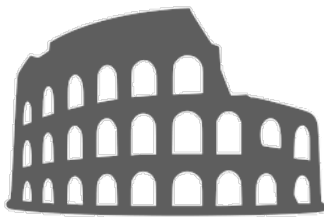
Entertainment



Transportation



Healthcare



Historic



Dining



Residential



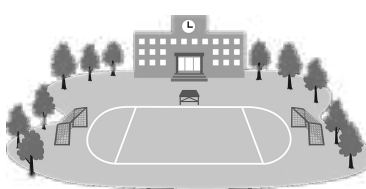
Hospitality



Retail



Worship



Public Spaces



Healthcare Example

Characterization:

Healthcare environments are typified by the intent to prevent, cure, or treat illness.

Likely operational goals:

- Safety
- Save lives
- Improve patients' quality of life
- Minimize suffering

Step 1

Operational goals

Step 2

Occupants' sleep-wake cycles

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Step 2: Establish likely occupant sleep-wake cycles



Day-Active
(Night-Inactive)

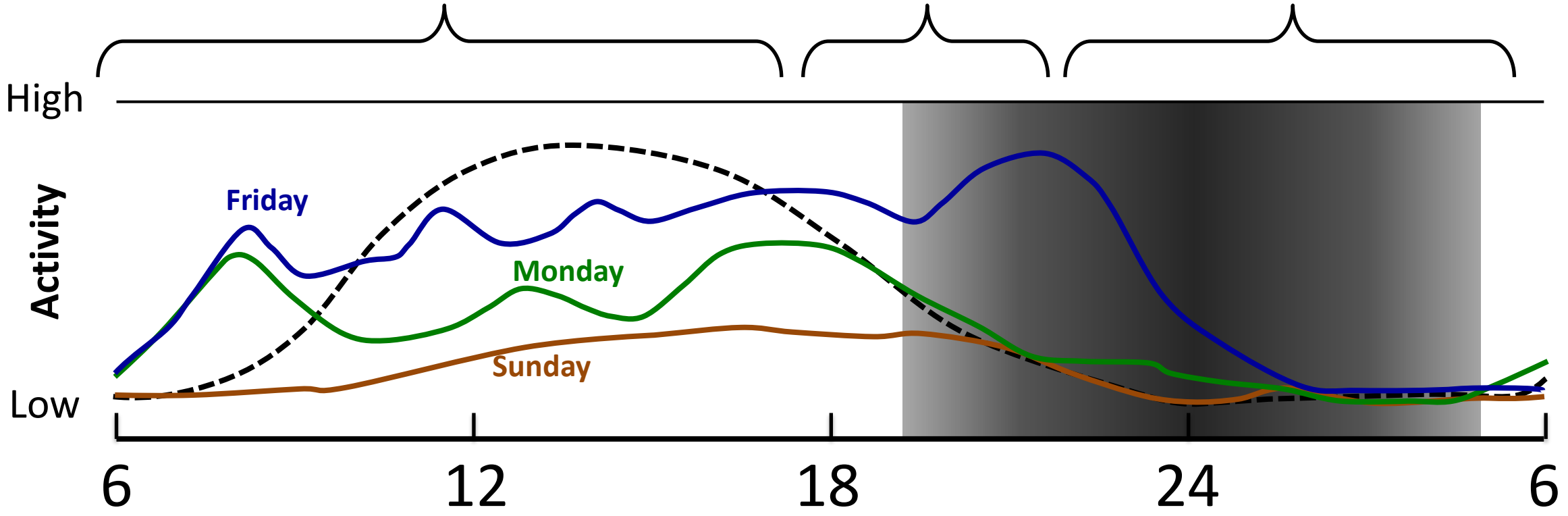
synchronous

Wake: morning
Work: day
Sleep: night

Light that is high in melanopic content

Light that is low in melanopic content

Darkness



Activity profiles adapted from Ihler and Smith 2006

Step 2: Establish likely occupant sleep-wake cycles



Night-Active
(Day-Inactive)

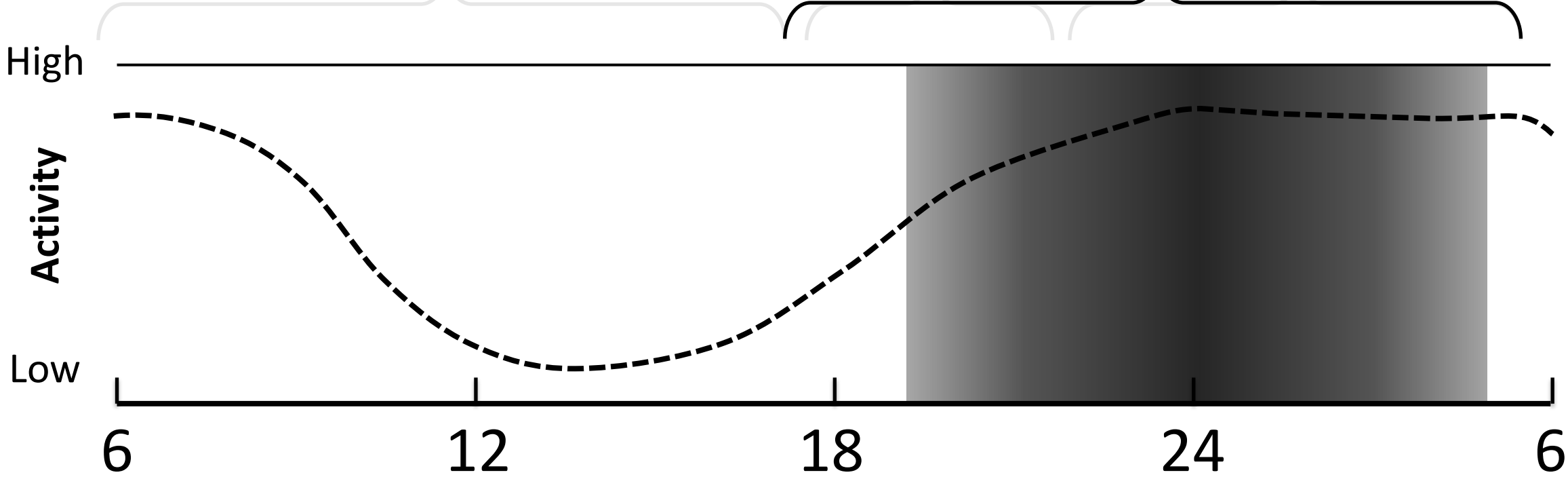
asynchronous

Wake: evening
Work: night
Sleep: morning

Light that is high in melanopic content

Light that is
Nighttime illumination to adequately and safely perform personal or professional tasks

Darkness



Step 2: Establish likely occupant sleep-wake cycles

Day-Active



synchronous

Wake: *morning*

Work: *day*

Sleep: *night*

Night-Active



asynchronous

Wake: *evening*

Work: *night*

Sleep: *morning*



Healthcare Example

Caregivers



- Can be **day-active** or **night-active** depending on shift, which changes throughout the day

Patients



- Can be **day-active** or **night-active**

Step 1

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Occupants' sleep-wake cycles

Step 3

Occupant sleep requirements

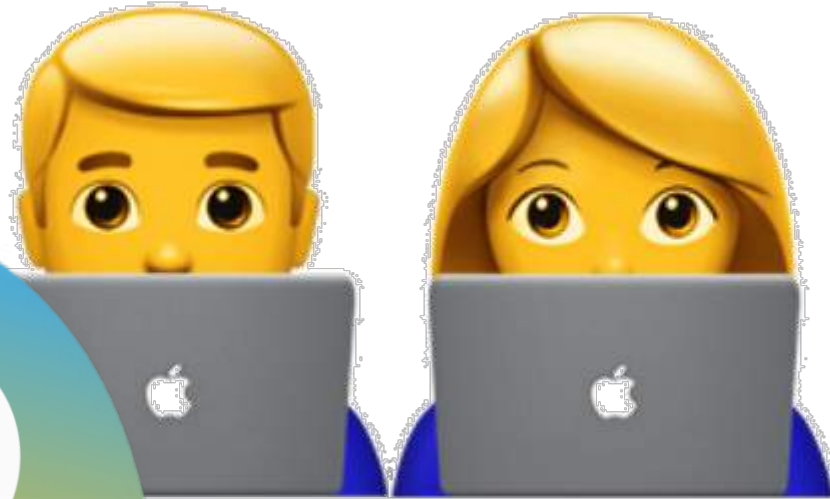
Step 4

Step 5

Step 3: Characterize occupant sleep needs



OR
Working



OR
Both



**Healthcare
Example**

Caregivers 

- Will be working (not sleeping, hopefully!)

Patients 

- No sleep requirements (outpatient)
- Sleep requirements (inpatient)

Step 1

Operational goals

Step 2

Occupants' sleep-wake cycles

Step 3

Occupant sleep requirements

Step 4

Published HCL guidance

Step 5

Step 4: *Review published HCL guidance*



Well v2

1 points

FREE, Web (the document, not certification)

<https://v2.wellcertified.com/v/en/light/feature/3>



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*Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML) and Melanopic Ratio (R)
melanopic Equivalent Daylight Illuminance (melanopic EDI) and the Daylight Efficacy Ratio (DER)*



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DG 24480

FREE, Web or \$75 PDF download (no certification)

https://www.shopulstandards.com/ProductDetail.aspx?productId=UL24480_1_D_20191219

Circadian Stimulus (CS), with WELL and Illuminance (E) alternate compliance paths

Sidebar: Computing EML of WELL v2.0

$$\text{EML} = \text{E} * \text{R}$$

↑ ↑
Illuminance Melanopic Ratio

$$\text{EML} = 100 \text{ lux} * 0.45$$
$$= 45 \text{ m-lux}$$

Melanopic Ratio (R)

$$R = \frac{\text{Light source's melanopic content (scaled)}}{\text{Light source's photopic content (scaled)}}$$

R is a simple ratio (scaled so the theoretical Equal Energy illuminant has a value of 1.0). It depends only spectrum.

How to determine it:

Request from manufacturer

OR use WELL calculator to compute:

<https://standard.wellcertified.com/sites/default/files/Melanopic%20Ratio.xlsx>

Sidebar: Computing mel-EDI of CIE S 026

$$\text{mel-EDI} = E * \text{DER}$$

↑ ↑
Illuminance Daylight Efficacy Ratio

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mel-EDI} &= 100 \text{ lux} * 0.45 \\ &= 45 \text{ lux} \end{aligned}$$

Daylight Efficacy Ratio (DER)

$$\text{DER} = \frac{\text{Light source's melanopic efficacy of luminous radiation}}{\text{Daylight (D65)'s melanopic efficacy of luminous radiation}}$$

DER is a ratio of ratios. It depends only on spectrum.

How to determine it:

Request from manufacturer

OR use CIE S026 toolbox to calculate

<https://bit.ly/33YM9Rh>

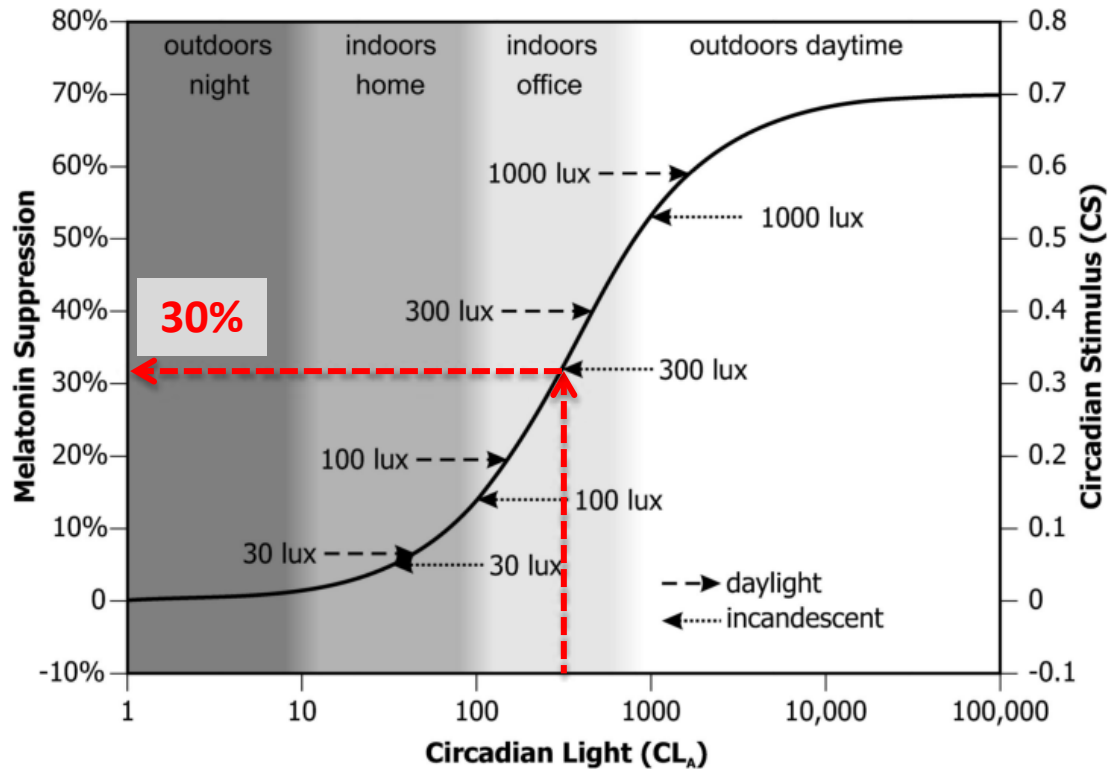
Sidebar: EML and mel-EDI are related by a constant

melanopic EDI = **0.91** EML

1.10 melanopic EDI = EML

Sidebar: Computing Circadian Stimulus

CS is a measure of human nocturnal melatonin suppression



CL_a is similar to EML or mel-EDI and depends on both spectrum and intensity

Circadian Light (CL_a)

$$CL_a = 1548 \left[\int M(\lambda) E_\lambda d\lambda + \left(a_{b-y} \left(\int \frac{S_b}{mp_b} E_\lambda d\lambda - k \int \frac{V_2}{mp_2} E_\lambda d\lambda \right) - a_{rest} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\int V_2 E_\lambda d\lambda}{\text{rod Sat}}} \right) \right) \right]$$



$$CL_a = 1548 \int M(\lambda) E_\lambda d\lambda$$

"yellow" wins

CL_a is a non-linear model built on a "blue"- "yellow" spectral opponency. CL_a depends on both spectrum and intensity.

How to determine it:

Request from manufacturer (specify illuminance!)

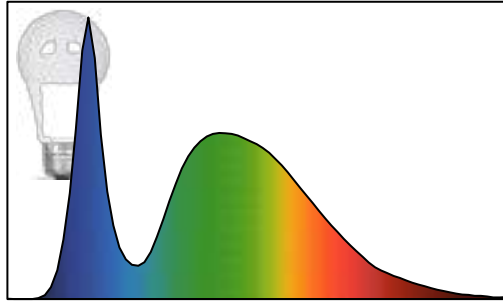
OR use LRC calculators

<https://www.lrc.rpi.edu/cscalculator/>

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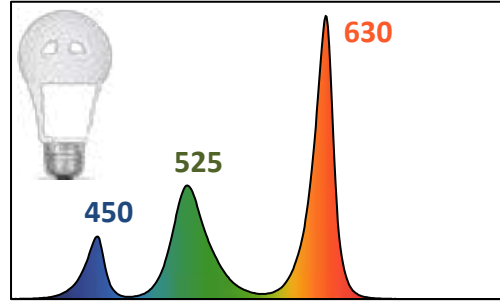
Sidebar: performance of familiar light sources

PC LED – 5600 K



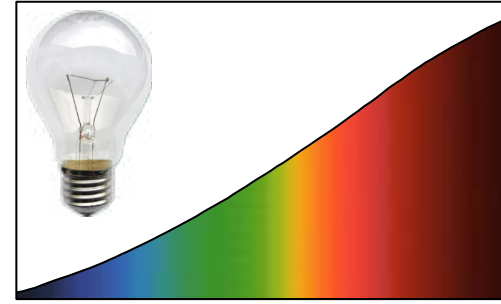
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RGB LED 1 – 3500 K



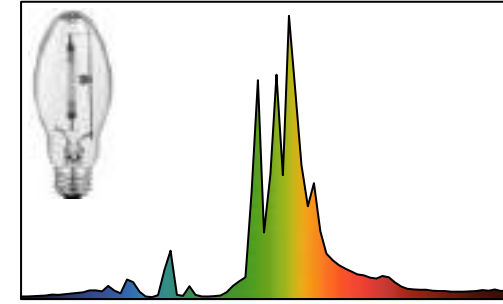
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Incandescent – 2700 K



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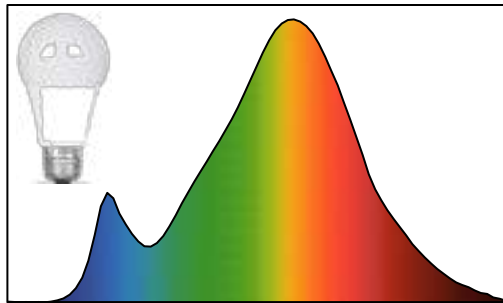
HPS – 2000 K



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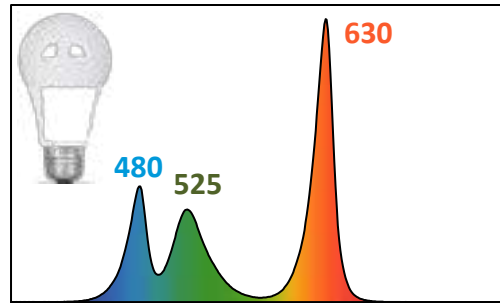
R:	0.75	0.77	0.55	0.19
mel-DER:	0.68	0.70	0.50	0.17
CS (@200 lx):	14%	18%	14%	5.2%

PC LED – 2600 K



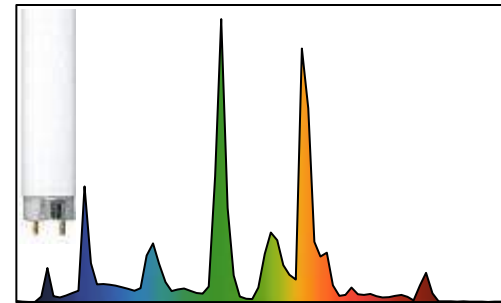
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RGB LED 2 – 3500 K



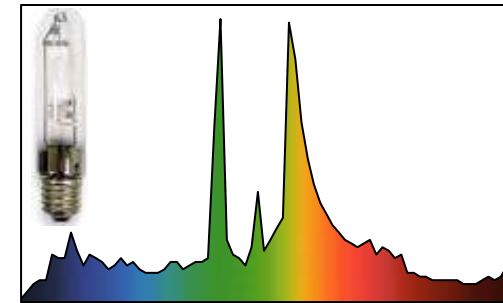
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F32T8/835 – 3500 K



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CDM 830 – 3000 K



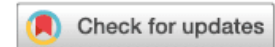
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R:	0.45	1.10	0.55	0.75
mel-DER:	0.41	1.01	0.49	0.68
CS (@200 lx):	11%	24%	14%	11%

Sidebar: Do not use CCT to predict bio potency

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Correlated color temperature is not a suitable proxy for the biological potency of light

Tony Esposito^{1✉} & Kevin Houser^{2,3}

Using a simulation based on a real, five-channel tunable LED lighting system, we show that Correlated Color Temperature (CCT) is not a reasonable predictor of the biological potency of light, whether characterized with CIE melanopic Equivalent Daylight Illuminance (mel-EDI), Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML) (a scalar multiple of mel-EDI), or Circadian Stimulus (CS). At a photopic corneal illuminance of 300 lx and $R_f \geq 70$, spectra can vary in CS from 17 to 41% across CCTs from 2500 to 6000 K, and up to 23% at a single CCT, due to the choice of spectrum alone. The CS range is largest, and notably discontinuous, at a CCT of 3500 K, the location of the inflection point of the CS model. At a photopic corneal illuminance of 300 lx and $R_f \geq 70$, mel-EDI can vary from 123 to 354 lx across CCTs from 2500 to 6000 K and can vary by up to 123 lx at a fixed CCT (e.g., 196 to 319 lx at 5000 K). The range of achievable mel-EDI increases as CCT increases and, on average, decreases as color

Sidebar: Do not use CCT to predict bio potency

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Step 4: Review published HCL guidance



Temporal Pattern



Light Spectrum



Light Level

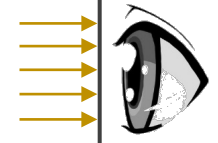


Spatial Pattern

* If electric light only

** From electric light, if certain daylight criteria are met

CS [% Mel Suppr.]	EML [m-lux]	mel-EDI [Lux]	Illuminance [Lux]
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Well v2
1 points

Min 4 Hours Exposure
At least 9 AM – 1 PM

N/A

≥ 150 *
or
≥ 120 **

≥ 136 *
or
≥ 109 **

N/A

Not Specified
Measured on vertical plane @ Eye level

Well v2
3 points

Min 4 Hours Exposure
At least 9 AM – 1 PM

N/A

≥ 275 *
or
≥ 180 **

≥ 250 *
or
≥ 163 **

N/A

Not Specified
Measured on vertical plane @ Eye level

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7 AM – 4 PM (min 2 hrs)
5 PM – 7 PM (all)
After 8 PM (all)

≥ 0.30
≤ 0.20
≤ 0.10

Comply
with
WELL

N/A
N/A
N/A

≥ 500
N/A
N/A

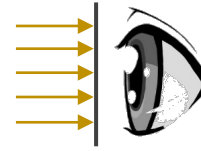
Not Specified
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Spatial Pattern



Quantities are vertical at the plane of the eye, not horizontal workplace illuminances!



Intensity



EML ≥ 150 m-lx

Spectrum



mel-EDI ≥ 136 lx

“ ... light levels may be lowered ...”

Time



Timing

9 AM – 1 PM

Duration

At least 4 hrs

Timing

After 8 PM

Duration

Full period

6

12

18

24

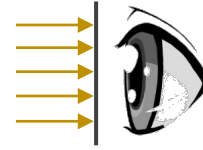
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Spatial Pattern



Quantities are vertical at the plane of the eye, not horizontal workplace illuminances!



Intensity



EML ≥ 275 m-lx

Spectrum



mel-EDI ≥ 250 lx

“ ... light levels may be lowered ...”

Time



Timing

9 AM – 1 PM

Duration

At least 4 hrs

Timing

After 8 PM

Duration

Full period

6

12

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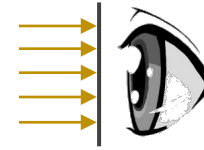
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Step 4: Review published HCL guidance

Spatial Pattern



Quantities are vertical at the plane of the eye, not horizontal workplace illuminances!



Intensity



CS \geq 30% (or 500 lx)

CS \leq 20%

CS \leq 10%

Spectrum



Time



Timing
9 AM – 4 PM
Duration
At least 2 h

Timing
5 – 7 PM
Duration
Full Period

Timing
After 8 PM
Duration
Full Period

6

12

18

24

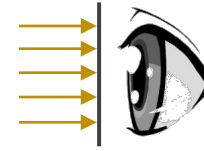
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Step 4: *Review published HCL guidance*

Spatial Pattern



Vertical plane at 1.2 m height



Intensity



Spectrum



mel-EDI ≥ 250 lx

mel-EDI ≤ 10 lx

mel-EDI ≤ 1 lx



Time



Timing & Duration
Throughout Daytime

Timing & Duration
3 hrs
before
bedtime

Timing & Duration
During Sleep

6

12

18

24

6

Step 1

Operational goals

Step 2

Occupants' sleep-wake cycles

Step 3

Occupant sleep requirements

Step 4

Published HCL guidance

Step 5

Specify numerical criteria

Step 5: *Put it together*

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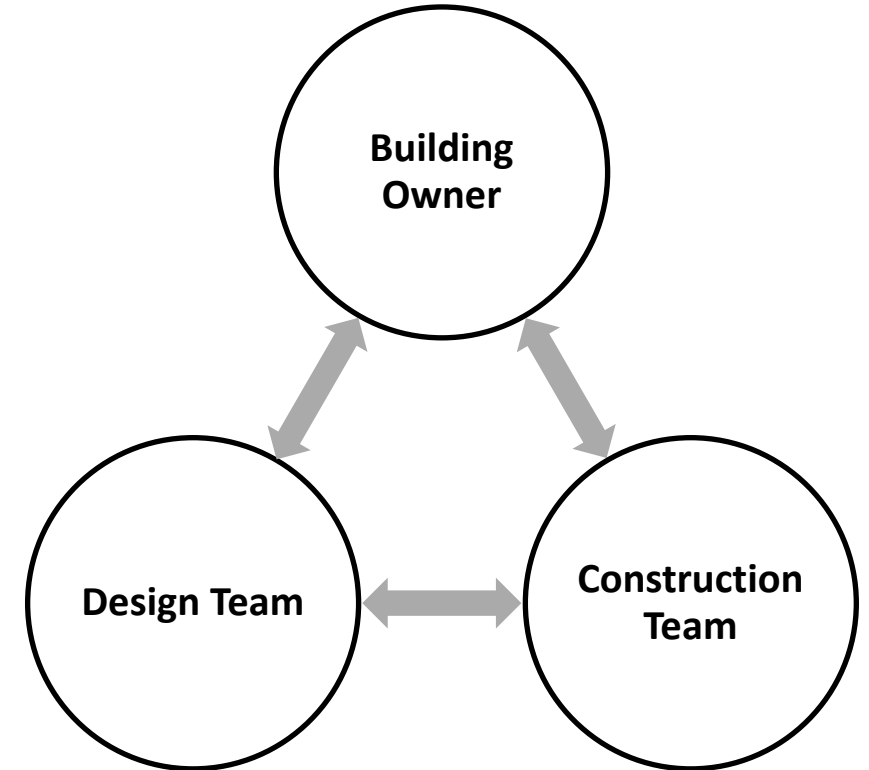
Step 5

Specify numerical criteria



Step 5: *Put it together*

- Step 1 Operational goals
- Step 2 Occupants' sleep-wake cycles
- Step 3 Occupant sleep requirements
- Step 4 Published HCL guidance
- Step 5 Specify numerical criteria





Resources

Human Centric Lighting and Semantic Drift

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15502724.2018.1501234> [OPEN ACCESS]

This LEUKOS editorial traces the rise of the phrase “Human Centric Lighting” and comments on the lack of clarity about what the phrase could mean and might mean to different people.

Human-Centric Lighting: Myth, Magic, or Metaphor?

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1477153520958448>

This LR&T article unpacks the concept of HCL. What is old? What is new? What is known? What is unknown? What are the varied roles of different constituencies?

A Review of Human Physiological Responses to Light: Implications for the Development of Integrative Lighting Solutions

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15502724.2021.1872383> [OPEN ACCESS]

This LEUKOS article is a comprehensive review intended to be a one-stop scientific article for those that are trying to understand how light influences biology and physiology. It is written for the scientific community as much as it is for the design community.

Human-Centric Lighting: Foundational Considerations and a Five-Step Design Process

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fneur.2021.630553> [OPEN ACCESS]

This articles supports specifiers. They are the ones that are tasked with designing light for people, yet the information they need to make good decisions is fragmented and inconsistent. This article provies order to the complexity of information that is out there, offering actionable guidance.

Melanopsin Vision: Sensation and Perception through Intrinsically Photosensitive Retinal Ganglion Cells

<https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009029865>

This brief book in the *Cambridge Elements in Perception* series integrates new knowledge and perspectives from visual neuroscience, psychology, sleep science, and architecture to discuss how melanopsin-mediated ipRGC circuits can be manipulated with light.

Ethics and Fallacies of Human-Centric Lighting and Artificial Light at Night

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15502724.2021.1951021> [OPEN ACCESS]

This LEUKOS editorial comments on the intrinsic problems with human centricity. Lighting causes collateral damage to people and non-human life. Does the lighting community have the collective will to do better?



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