

# The Issues of Measurement of Optical Hazard Using Photometers

**EMRP JRP ENG05**

## **Metrology for Solid State Lighting**

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# Background

- Increasing demand for optical radiation safety related testing
  - Lamps (UV),
  - LEDs (UV,VIS,NIR)
- Increasing concern with light safety
  - European Union ‘AORD’ safety requirement
  - LED product safety
    - e.g. LED signalling
  - Safety of LED lighting (Blue Light Hazard);
  - Photobiological ‘manipulation’ using light

# safety studies

- ANSES – France 25/10/2011  
LED Lighting health issues
- SCENIHR – EU 19/3/2012  
EU Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
- CELMA – EU 09/2011  
European Lamp Companies Federation  
'Biological Efficient Illumination'

***Adverse and beneficial impact of LED lighting  
is an important and newly emerging field***



# Underpinning Issues

- Two 'core' measurement parameters

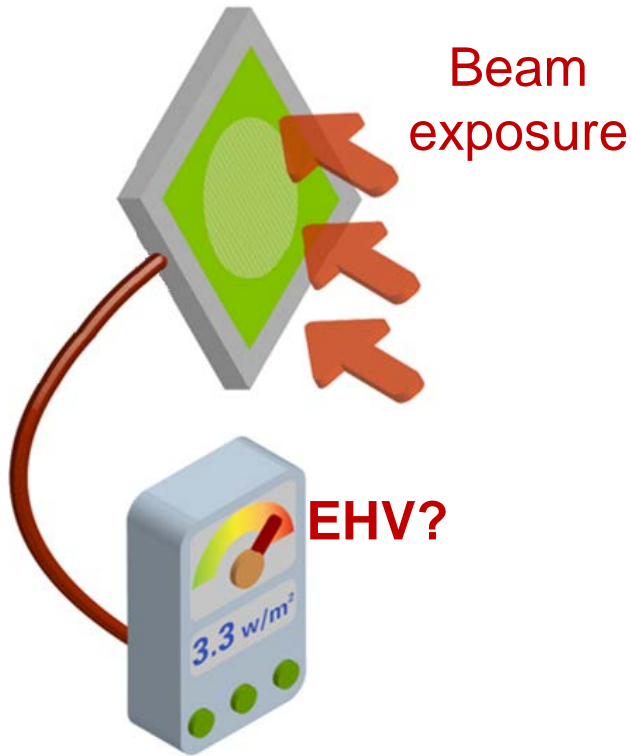
Spectral irradiance

Spectral radiance

...spectral irradiance using a defined 'Field of View'

*Note: 'field of view'  $\cong$  'acceptance angle'*

# Exposure Hazard Value (EHV)



***Need to compare the exposure to the beam against defined permissible limits i.e. Quantify the Exposure Hazard Value (EHV)***

# Keynote Concern: $EHV \pm U$ ? NPL

National Physical Laboratory



Centre for  
Carbon  
Measurement

- Optical safety testing requires:

Effective  $EHV < 1.0$  where:

$$\text{Effective } EHV = EHV(\text{meas}) - EHV(\text{Uncertainty})$$

- What is the uncertainty in the reported  $EHV$ ?
- How does  $EHV$  uncertainty depend on test parameters?
- How much conservatism should be adopted?

**EHV?**

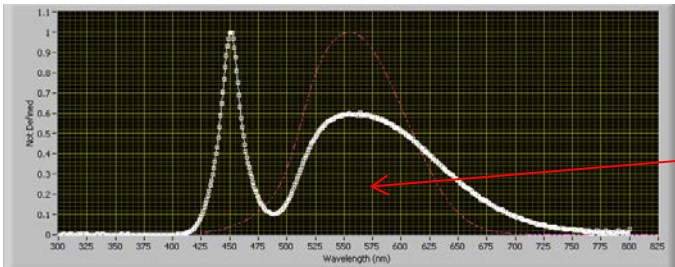
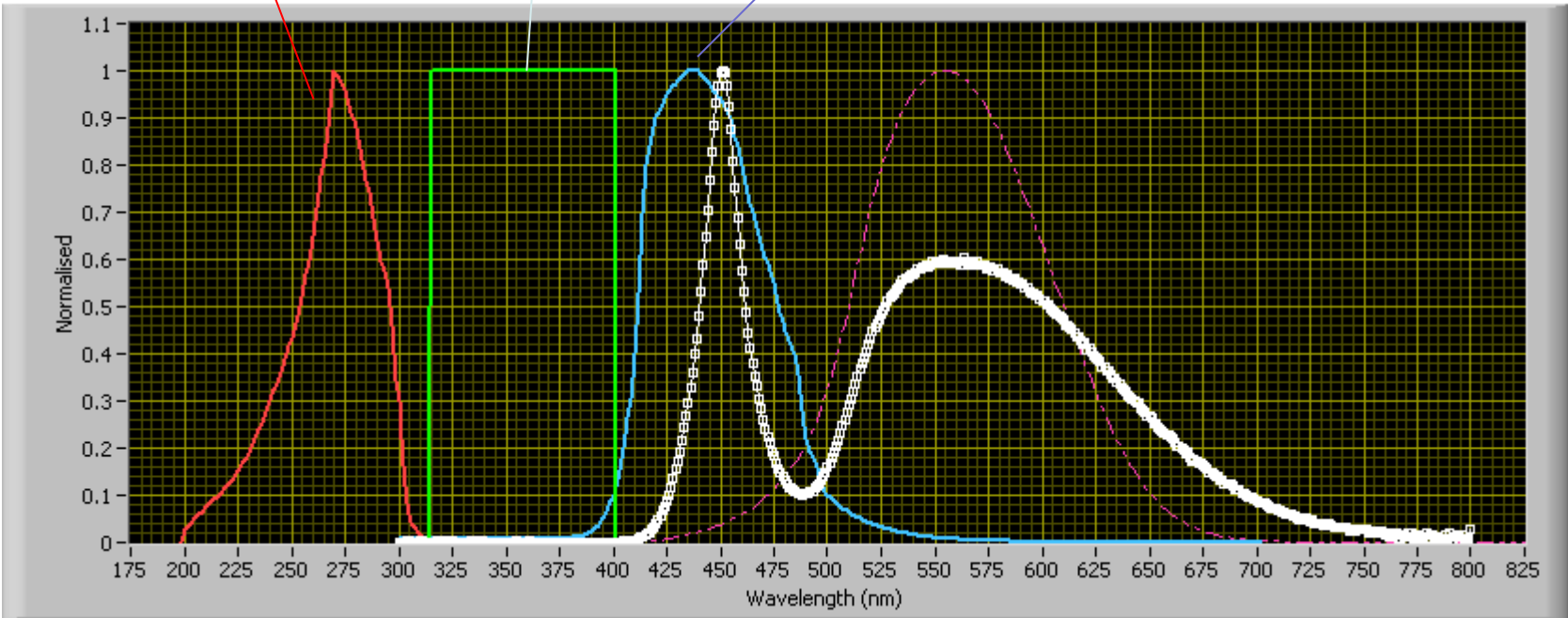


{Note: This paper does not include systematic reproducibility of testing setup.}

# Optical Safety Hazard bands

**Actinic UV**   **Near UV**   **Blue Light Hazard**

Spectral Data



Cool White  
LED  
spectrum

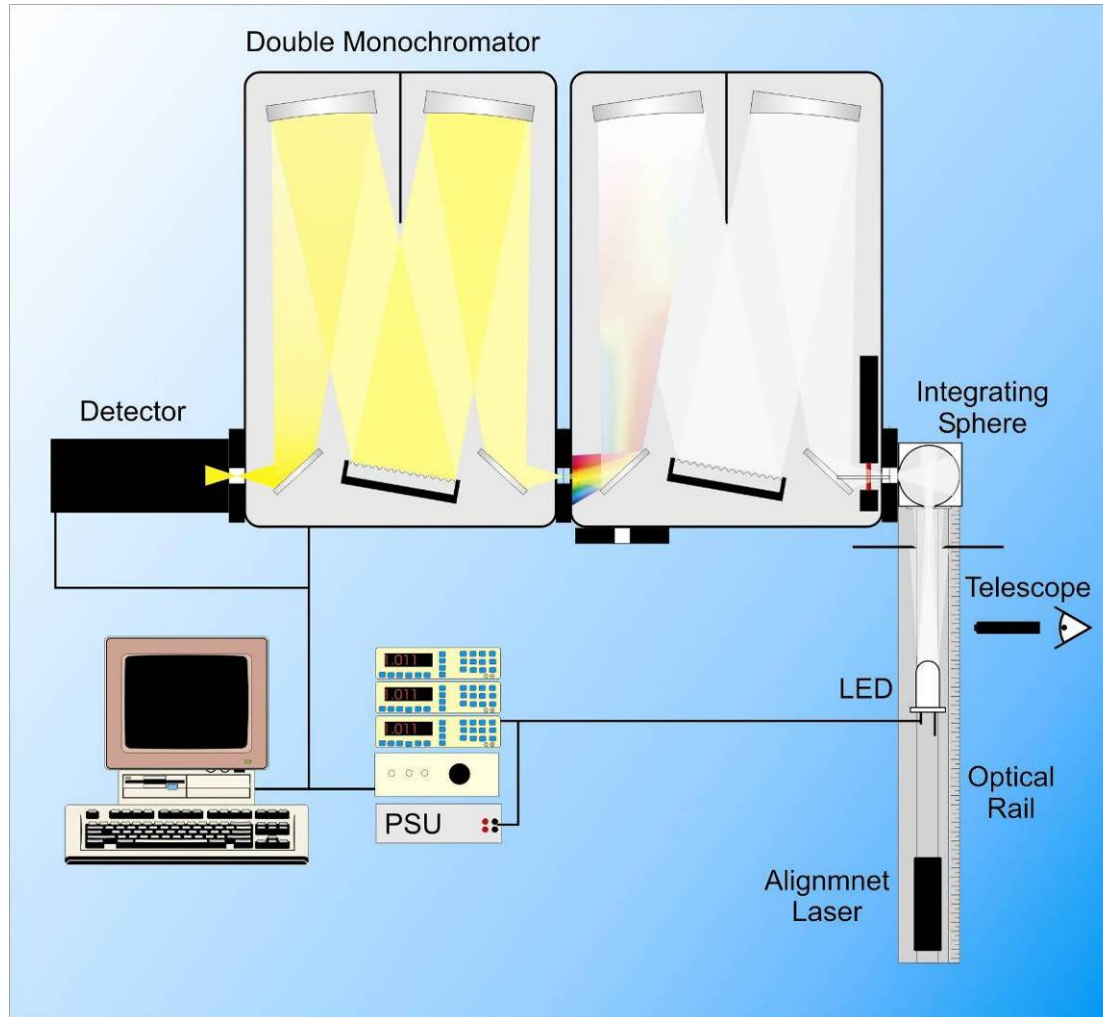
# Spectral Band & Measurement Type

IEC 62471 Hazard Band	Wavelength Range (nm)	Measurement Type
Actinic UV Skin & Eye	200 to 400	Irradiance
Eye UV-A	315 to 400	Irradiance
Blue Light 'small' source	300 to 700	Irradiance
Blue Light 'extended' source	300 to 700	Radiance
Retinal Thermal	380 to 1400	Radiance
Retinal thermal (weak stimulus)	780 to 1400	Radiance
Infrared hazard to eye	780 to 3000	Irradiance
Skin thermal hazard	380 to 3000	Irradiance

***Retinal hazards based on a radiance assessment***



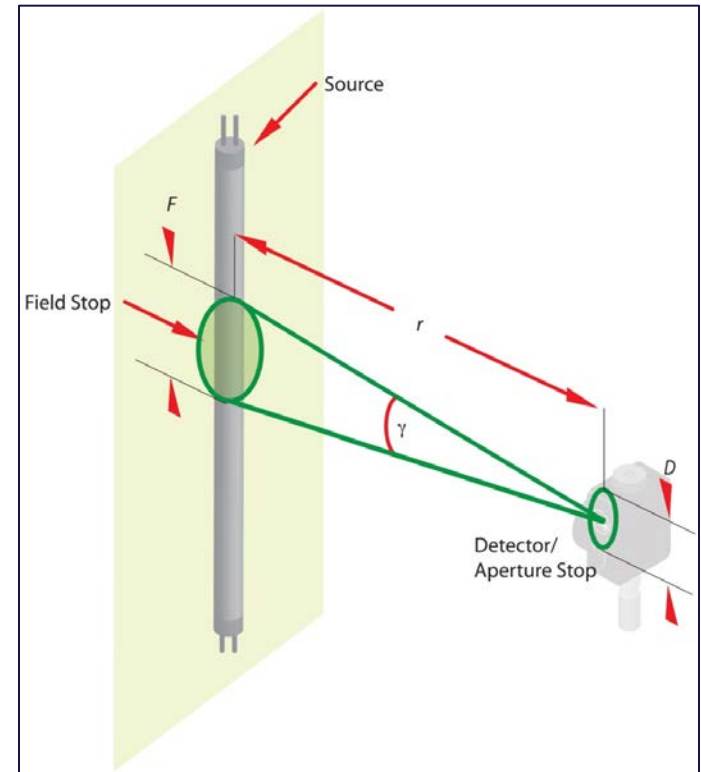
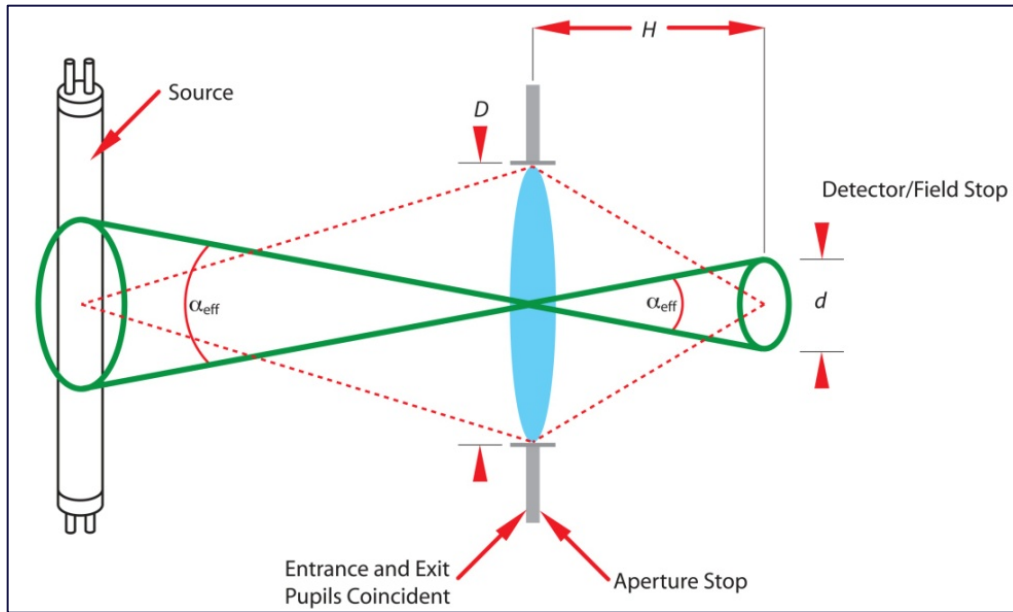
# Spectral Radiometry



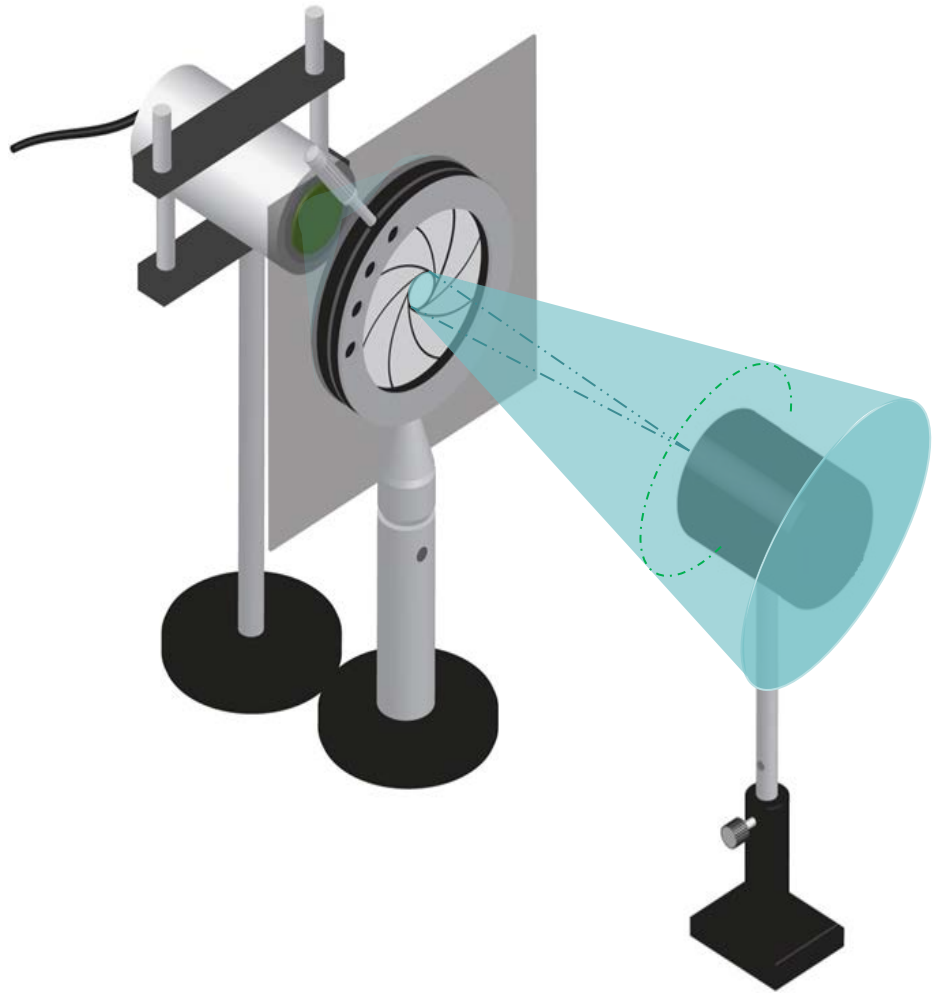
*Double  
monochromator  
method*

# Test methodologies

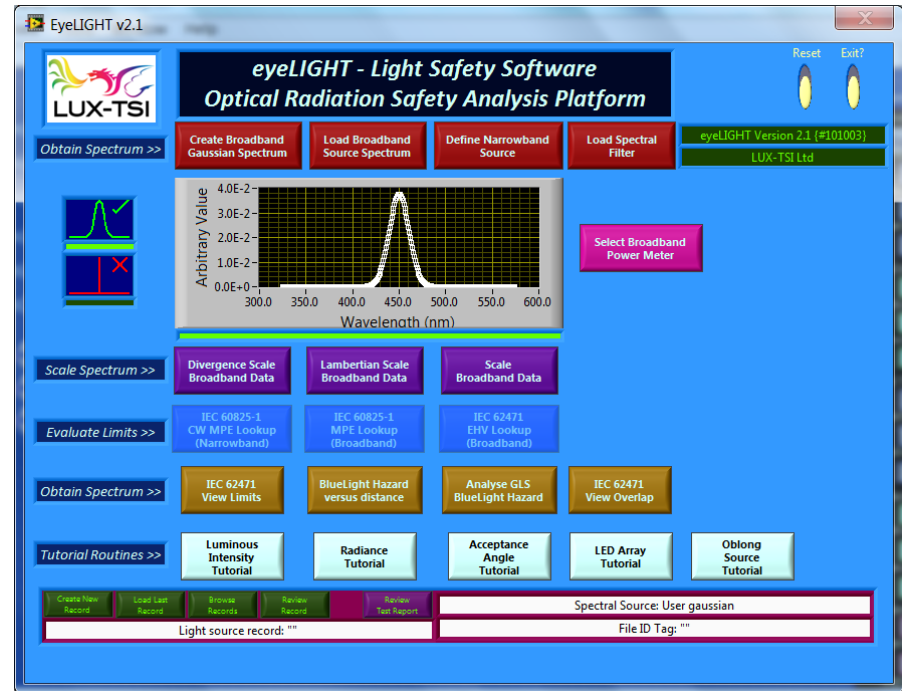
- Radiance & Irradiance testing regimes



# Radiance Testing Basics



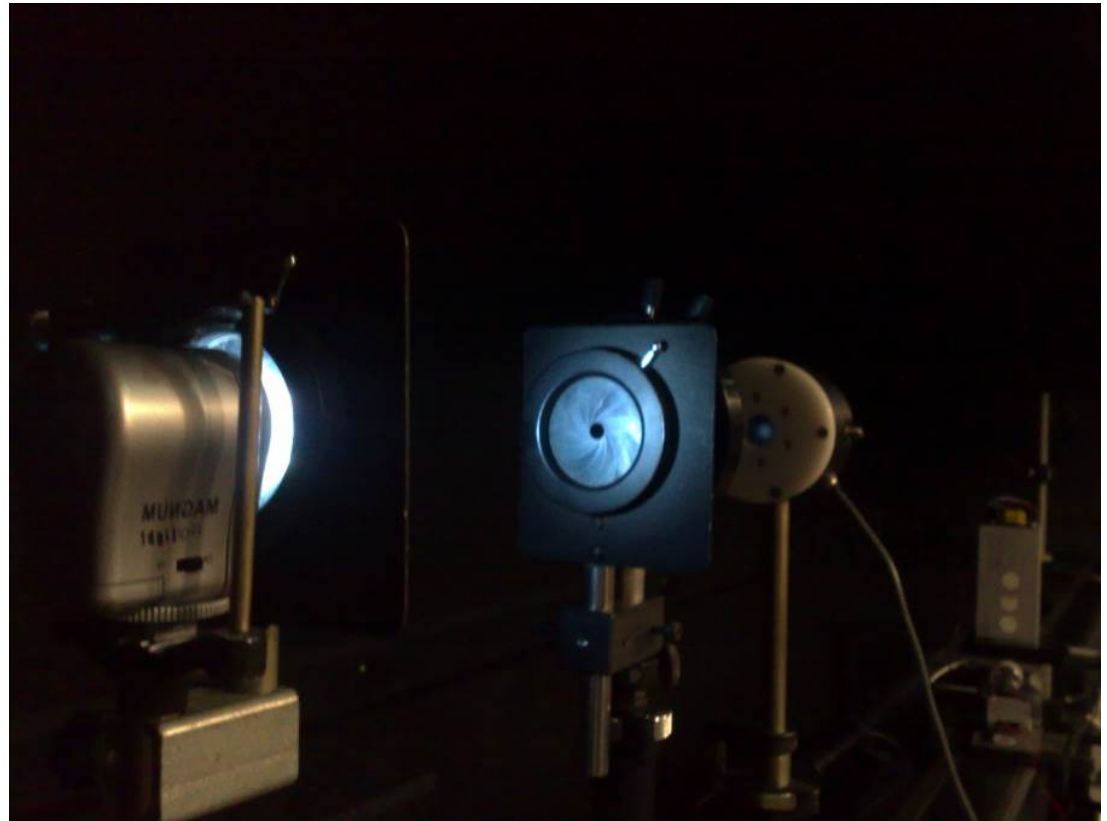
## EyeLIGHT Software Platform



# IEC 62471: - Practical Testing

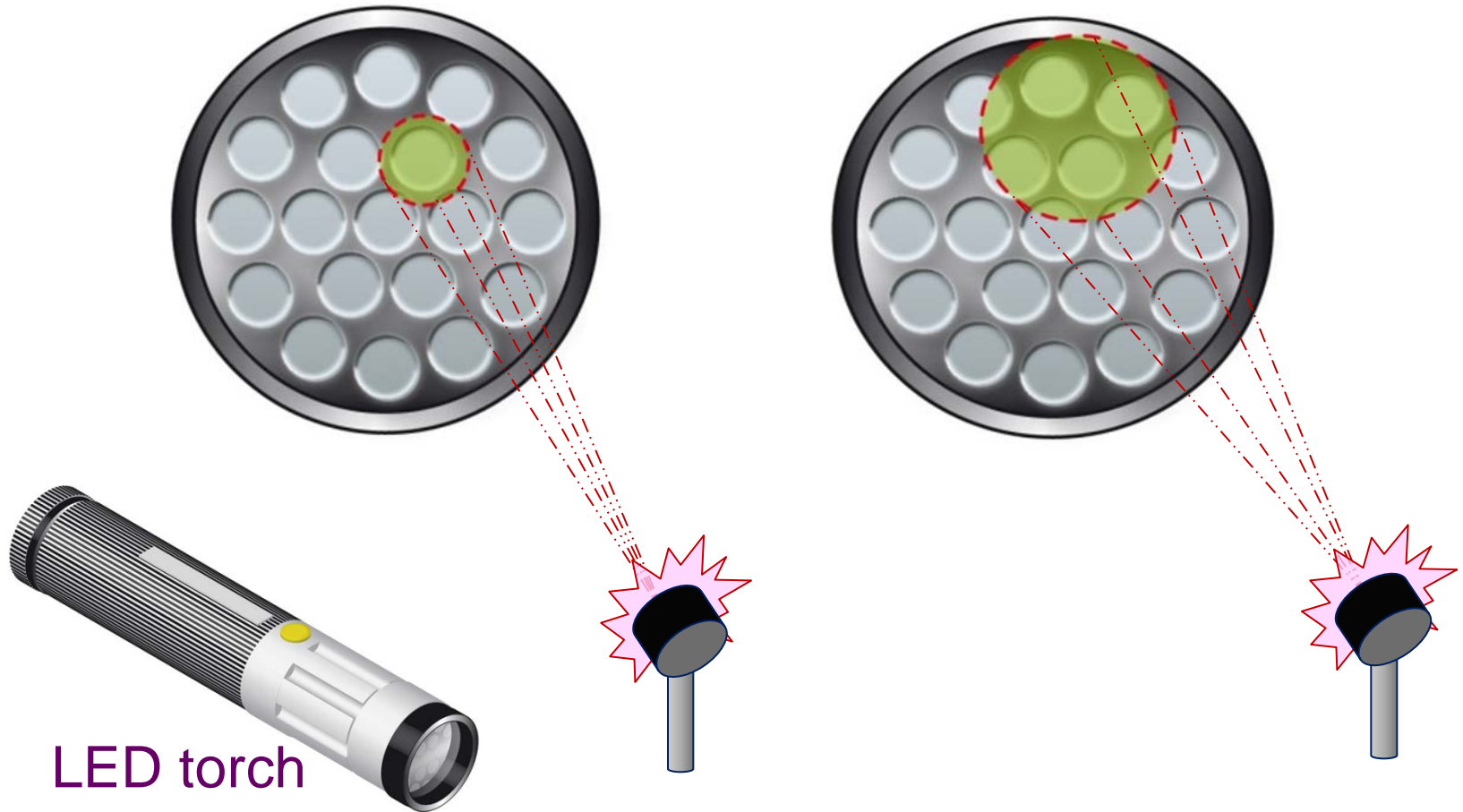


*LED lamps and luminaires*



*Practical LED Safety  
Testing*

# Radiance Problem (LED Array Sources)



# Radiance Dependencies

Field Stop  
Diameter

Aperture  
Stop  
Diameter

Apparent Source  
Location  
(distance)

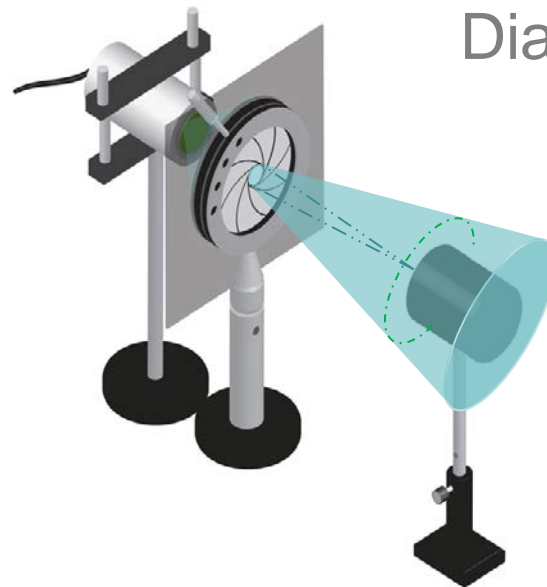
Spectral  
Radiant  
Power

Acceptance  
Angle

Wavelength

Field of View

Solid Angle



- Select representative source spectrum  
eg 440 nm indigo blue LED,  
High brightness cool white LED,  
Ultraviolet LED
- Adjust the source metrics to yield  $EHV = 1.0$   
(see next page)
- Vary the source metrics
- Explore influence upon EHV Value
- Relate to uncertainty level

# 'Scaling the Metrics'

Timebase (s)

Subtense Angle  $\alpha$  (mrad)

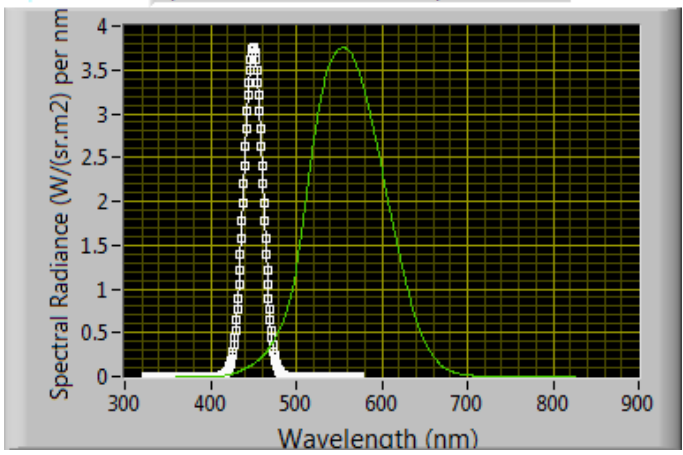
Acceptance Angle  $\theta$  (mrad)

Field Stop Diameter (mm)

Measurement Distance (mm)

Detector Diameter (mm)

Spectral Data Spectral Radiance (W/(sr.m2) per nm)



Filtering AORD NBG Spectra Compliance Photometric Targeting Oblong FOV Error

**Radiant Exposure**  
8.24E+3 J/m<sup>2</sup>

**Irradiance**  
8.24E-1 W/m<sup>2</sup>

**Measurement Distance**  
200 mm

**Collected Energy**  
317.3 mJ

**Collected Power**  
31.73 uW

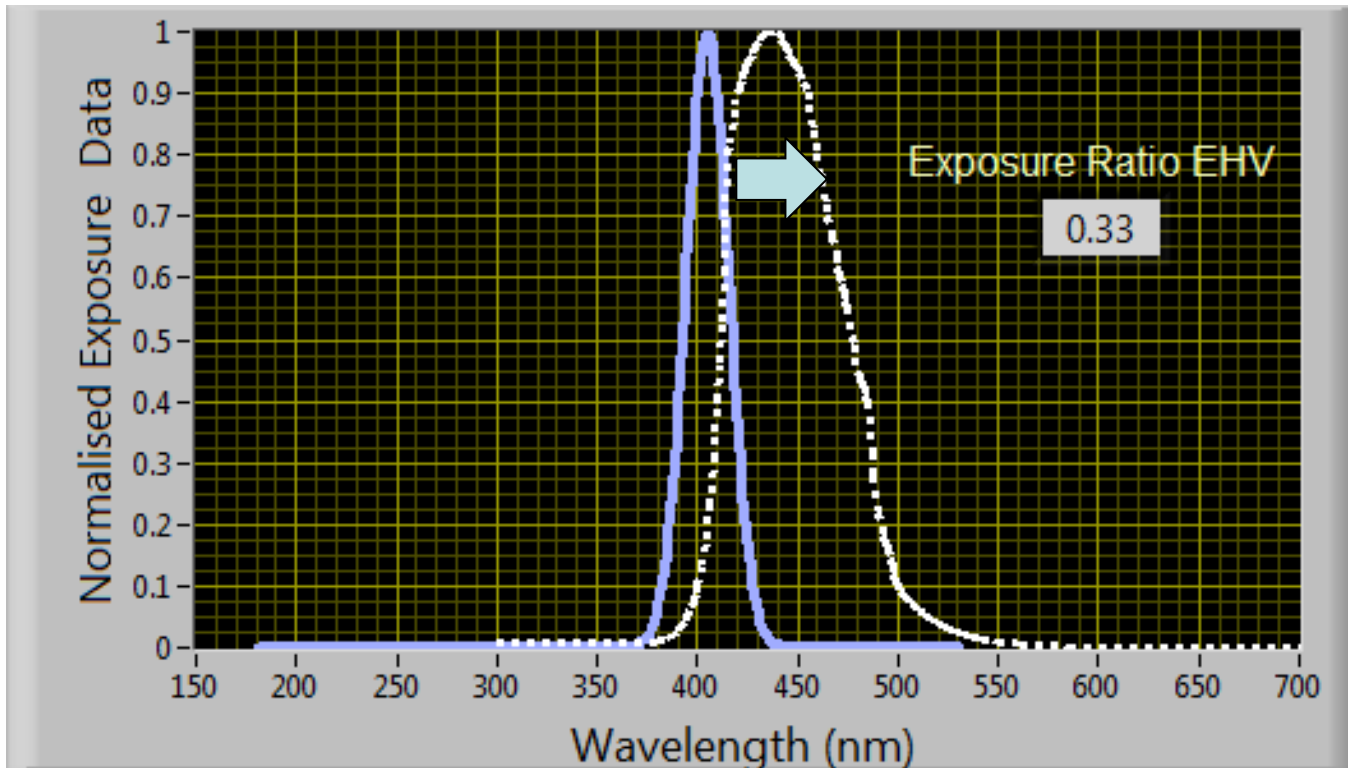
*This routine identifies the level of collected power passing through the aperture during test of the light source*

**Aperture Stop Size**  
7 mm

Indigo blue LED (440 nm)  
 Total spectral radiance  $L = 105 \text{ W.m}^{-2}.\text{sr}^{-1}$   
 Blue Light Hazard EHV = 1.0



# Influence of Spectral Properties



BLH Action Spectrum



Light Source Spectrum

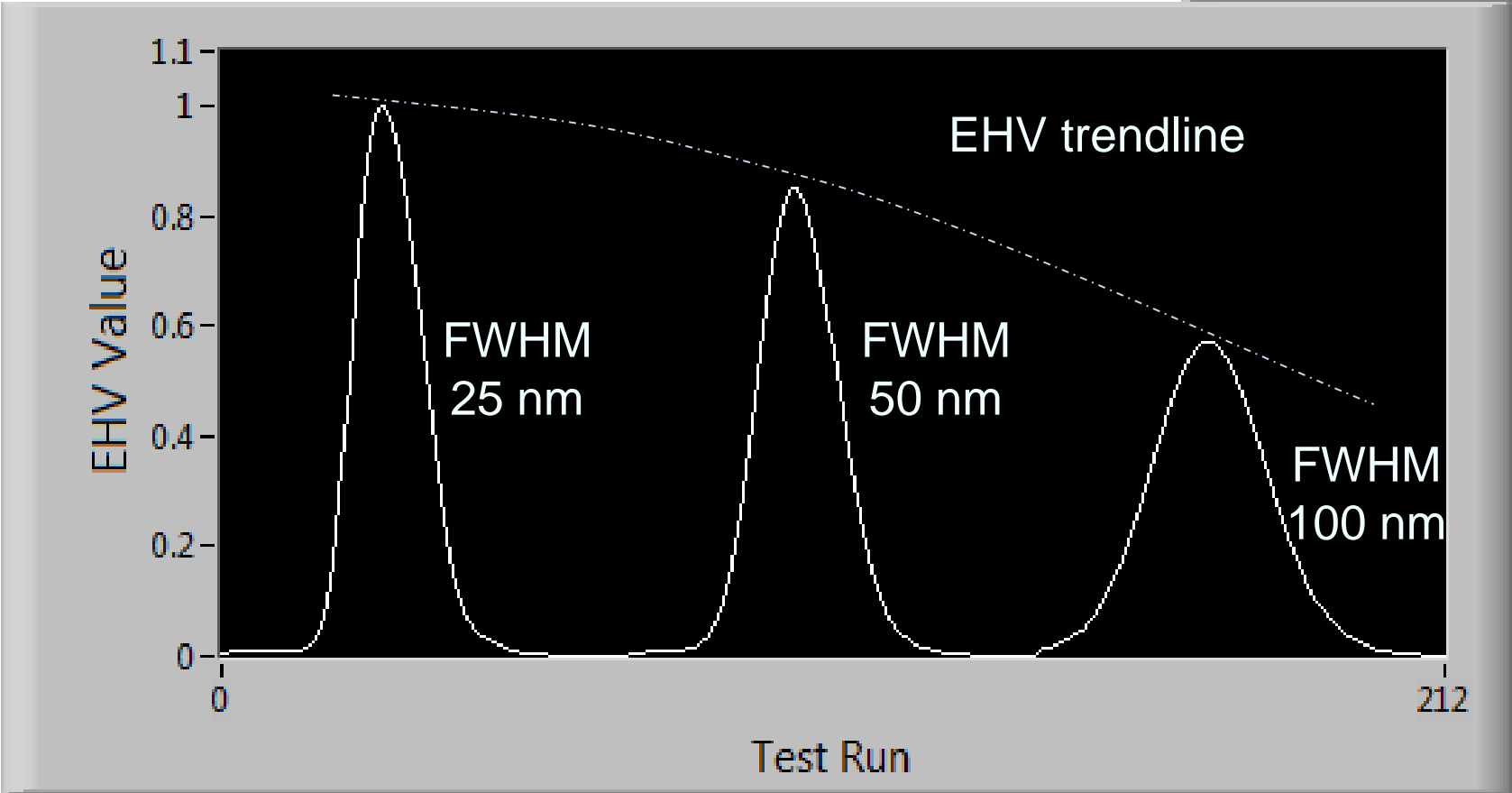


- Define the spectrum
- Slide through Hazard Band
- Plot EHV

# Dynamic EHV Tracking

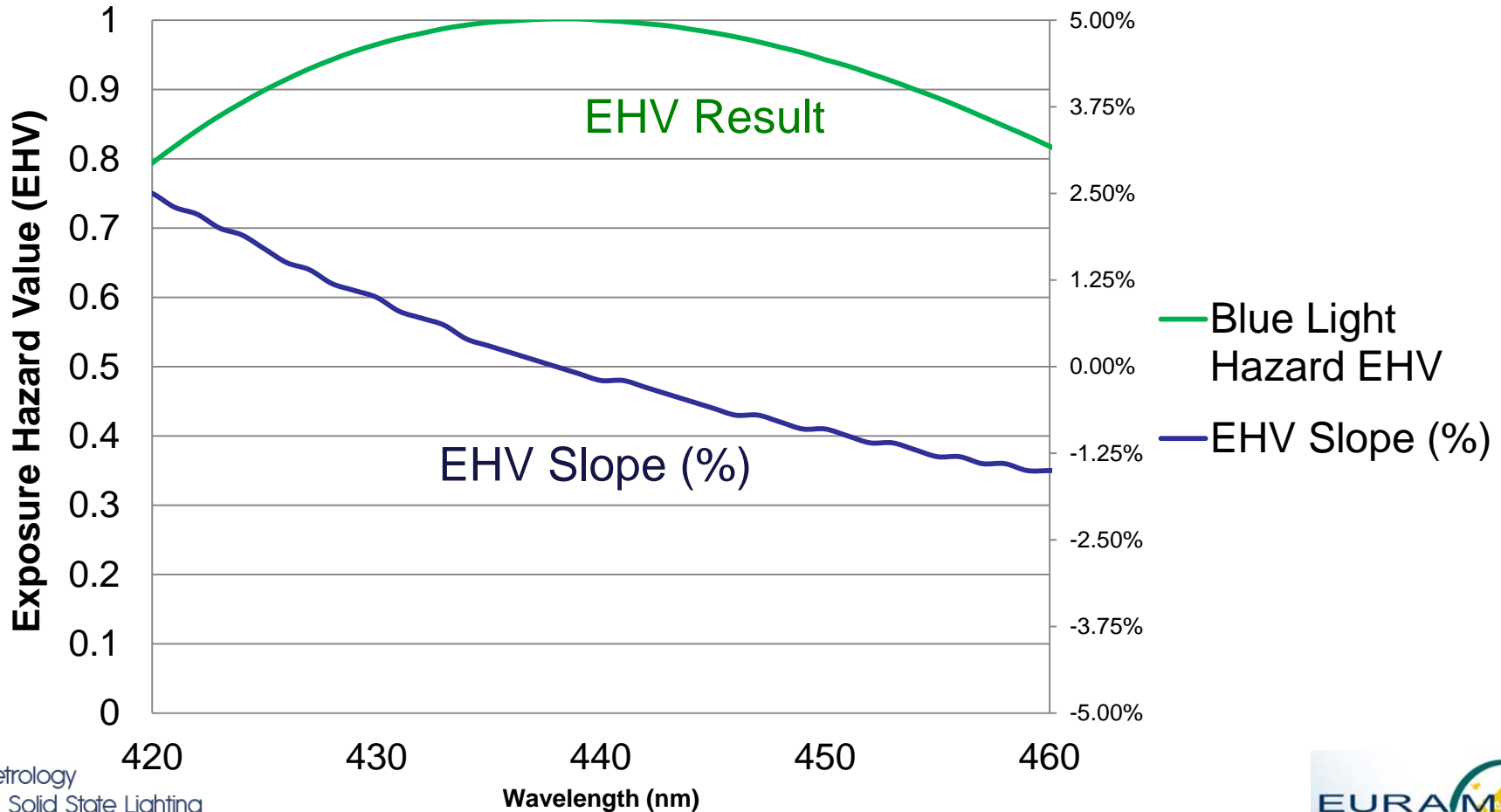
## EHV Tracker

EHV Test



# EHV – Spectral Analysis

## Blue Light Hazard: EHV versus Centre Wavelength Offset



# EHV & Spectral Analysis

## - Outcome

- Wavelength offset modifies EHV value

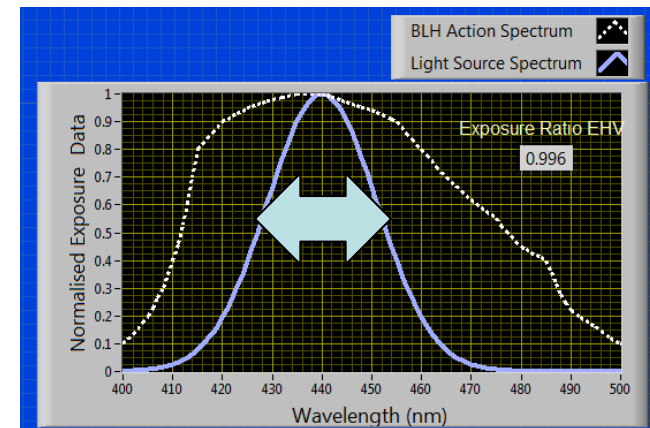
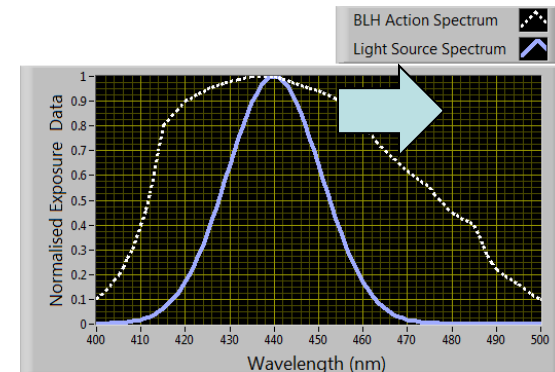
1% for every 10 nm shift

Surprisingly low effect

- Spectral linewidth

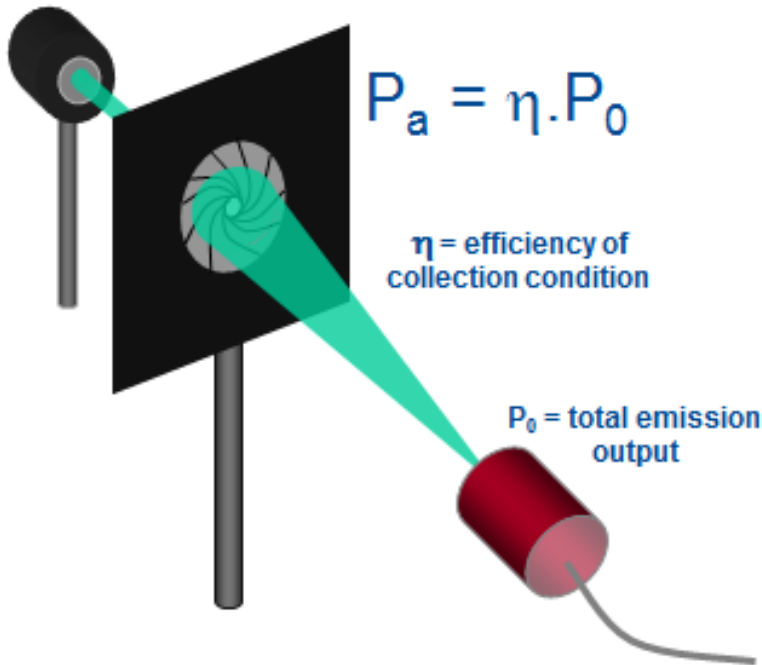
Increasing FWHM reduces EHV 'finesse'

2% EHV reduction per 5 nm broadening



# Spectral Irradiance Measurement

$P_a$  = accessible emission at aperture



$$P_a = \eta \cdot P_0$$

$\eta$  = efficiency of collection condition

$P_0$  = total emission output



$d_{e3}$  = 1/e beam diameter

$d_a$  = aperture diameter

Irradiance = Power per unit detector area

# Irradiance Coupling

- **Uniform Irradiance at Aperture Stop**
  - Coupled power increases quadratically with stop diameter
  - Calculated Irradiance is constant with stop size
- **Gaussian Profile Irradiance at Aperture Stop**
  - Coupled power decreases exponentially with increasing stop diameter
  - Irradiance falls with increasing stop size
- **IEC 62471-1 Recommendation**
  - Use 7 mm diameter unless irradiance at detector has good uniformity profile

# EHV versus Detector Aperture Stop

Beam Divergence		$d_{63}$ at 200 mm	Practical Stop Diameter	Gaussian Coupling Efficiency	Accessible Emission	<b>EHV</b>	Aperture Stop Irradiance
mrاد	deg	mm	mm	%	uW		W.m <sup>-2</sup>
100	6	20	6.9	11.2	30.8	0.97	0.80
		20	7	11.5	31.7	1.00	0.82
		20	7.1	11.8	32.5	1.02	0.84
500	29	102	6.9	0.457	30.8	0.97	0.80
		102	7	0.470	31.7	1.00	0.82
		102	7.1	0.483	32.6	1.03	0.84

*Typically 2-3% EHV change per 100 micron diameter uncertainty*

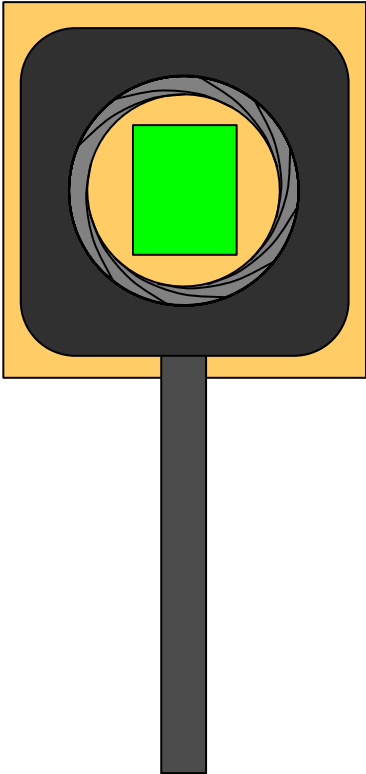
# EHV versus Aperture Stop

- As aperture stop is increased  
Detected radiant power should increase
- EHV assessment calculation  
Assumes defined stop diameter  
e.g. 7.0 mm aperture stop at 200 mm distance
- Use of slightly large aperture stop setting  
Will overestimate EHV result  
Typically 2-3 % EHV increase for gaussian profile beam at stop set incorrectly by + 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Yields a conservative EHV outcome

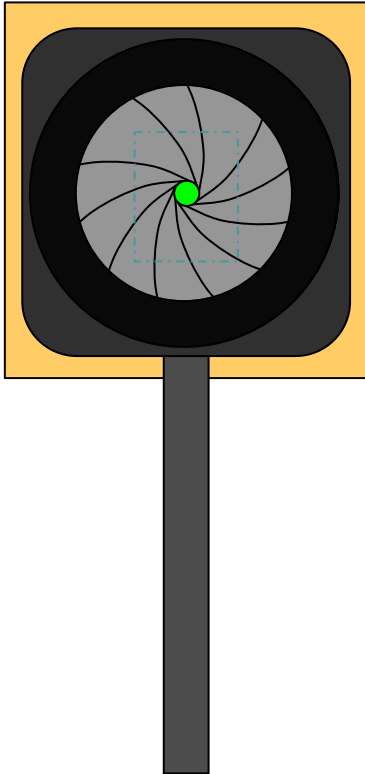




# Spatially Averaged Radiance



Source size smaller than FOV (under-filled)



Source size larger than FOV (overfilled)

**Radiance = Detected Irradiance per unit source solid angle**

# Exempt & Low Risk BLH

- Blue Light Hazard Testing – Exempt Condition

Exposure Time = 10000 s

Acceptance Angle  $\gamma = 100$  mrad (‘field of view’)

Implies a 20 mm diameter field stop located over the source

- Blue Light Hazard Testing – Low Risk Condition

Exposure Time = 100 s

Acceptance Angle  $\gamma = 11$  mrad

Implies a 2.2 mm diameter field stop located over the source



Field stop setting precision will influence radiance result

Reference Test Method recommends ‘imaging’ setup

# Low Risk BLH Imaging Method



Source

1:1 imaging lens

Field of View

# Low Risk BLH Imaging Method

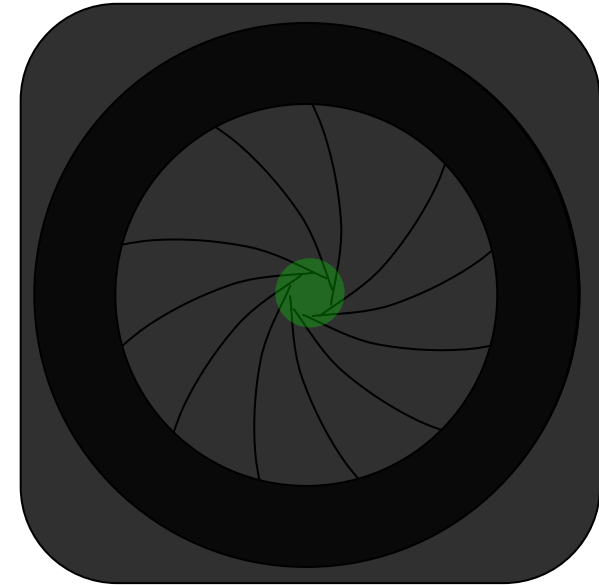


1:1 images of  
HB-LED sources

Field stop and LED  
chip size are both of  
the order of 2 mm for  
Low Risk Testing at  
11 mrad

# Low Risk BLH LED EHV Analysis

- Assume for LED chip evaluated at 200 mm:
  - LED Chip diameter  $\approx 2.0$  mm
  - Assume gaussian 'exitance' profile
  - Field Stop at 200 mm  $\approx 2.2$  mm
- Assess EHV due to power coupled through the field stop
  - 11 mrad field stop can substantially vignette certain source types



Field stop may  
'vignette' source  
emission

# 11 mrad FOV

## – Gaussian\_Coupling

### Simulation of Gaussian Profile Stop Coupling

Required Field of View (mrad)	Test Distance (mm)	Assumed Field Stop Diameter (mm)	Nominal LED Chip Diameter (mm)	Gaussian Coupling Efficiency (%)	Gaussian Coupled Power (uW)	<b>EHV</b>
11	200	2.1	2	70.18	36.5	0.95
11	200	2.2	2	66.8	38.4	1.00
11	200	2.3	2	73.33	40.1	1.04

*Assuming gaussian source exitance profile on field stop...*

*....Typically 5% EHV change per 100  $\mu\text{m}$  field stop uncertainty*

# 11 mrad FOV – Uniform Coupling

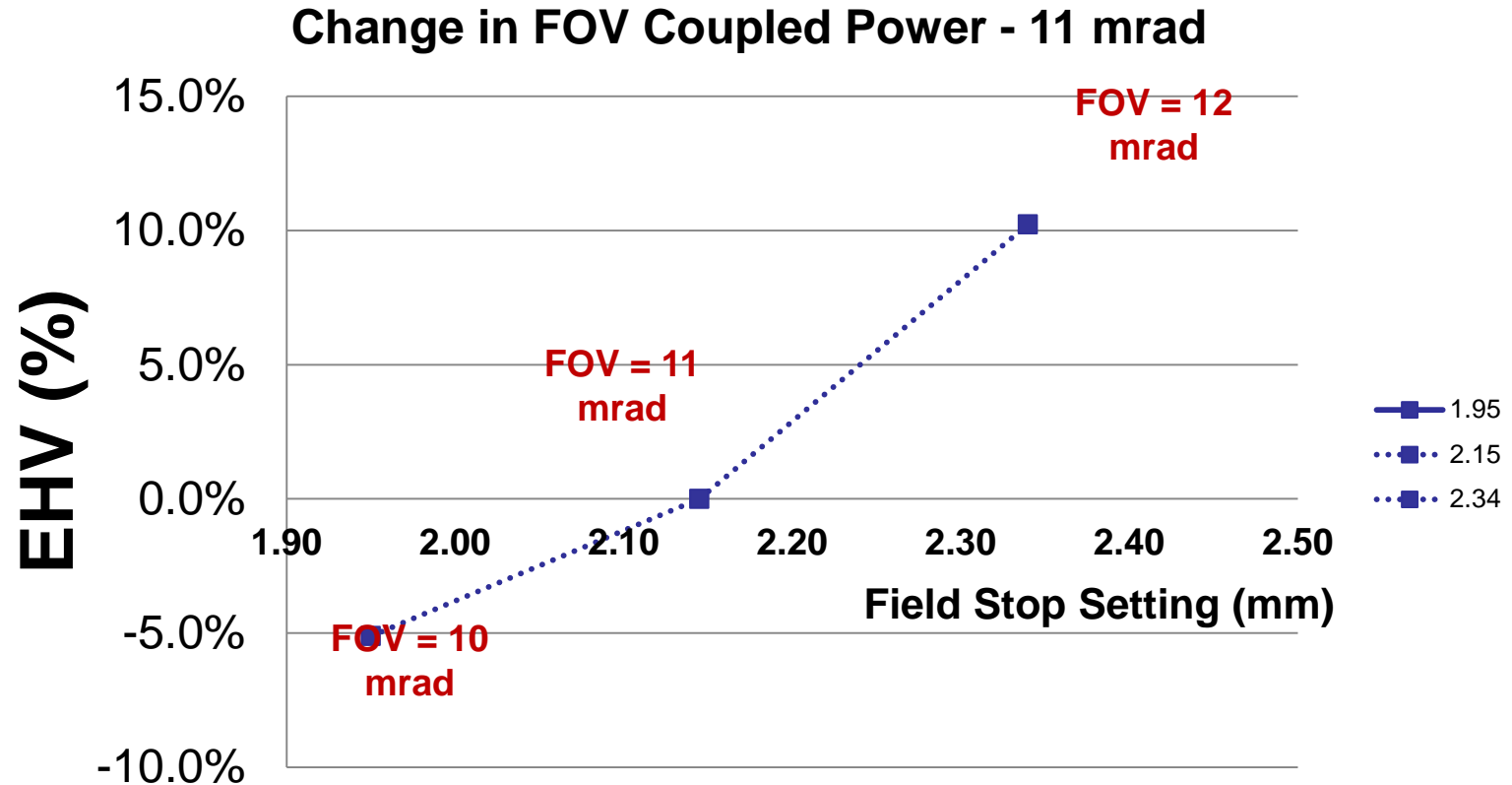
## Simulation of Uniform Exitance Profile Field Stop Coupling

Required Field of View (mrad)	Test Distance (mm)	Assumed Field Stop Diameter (mm)	Nominal LED Chip Diameter (mm)	Uniform Irradiance Coupled Power ( $\mu\text{W}$ )	Relative EHV
11	200	2.1	2	35	0.91
11	200	2.2	2	38.4	1.00
11	200	2.3	2	42	1.09

*Assuming uniform exitance profile on field stop...*

*....Typically 10% EHV change per 100  $\mu\text{m}$  field stop uncertainty*

# Practical Data (FOV = 11 mrad)

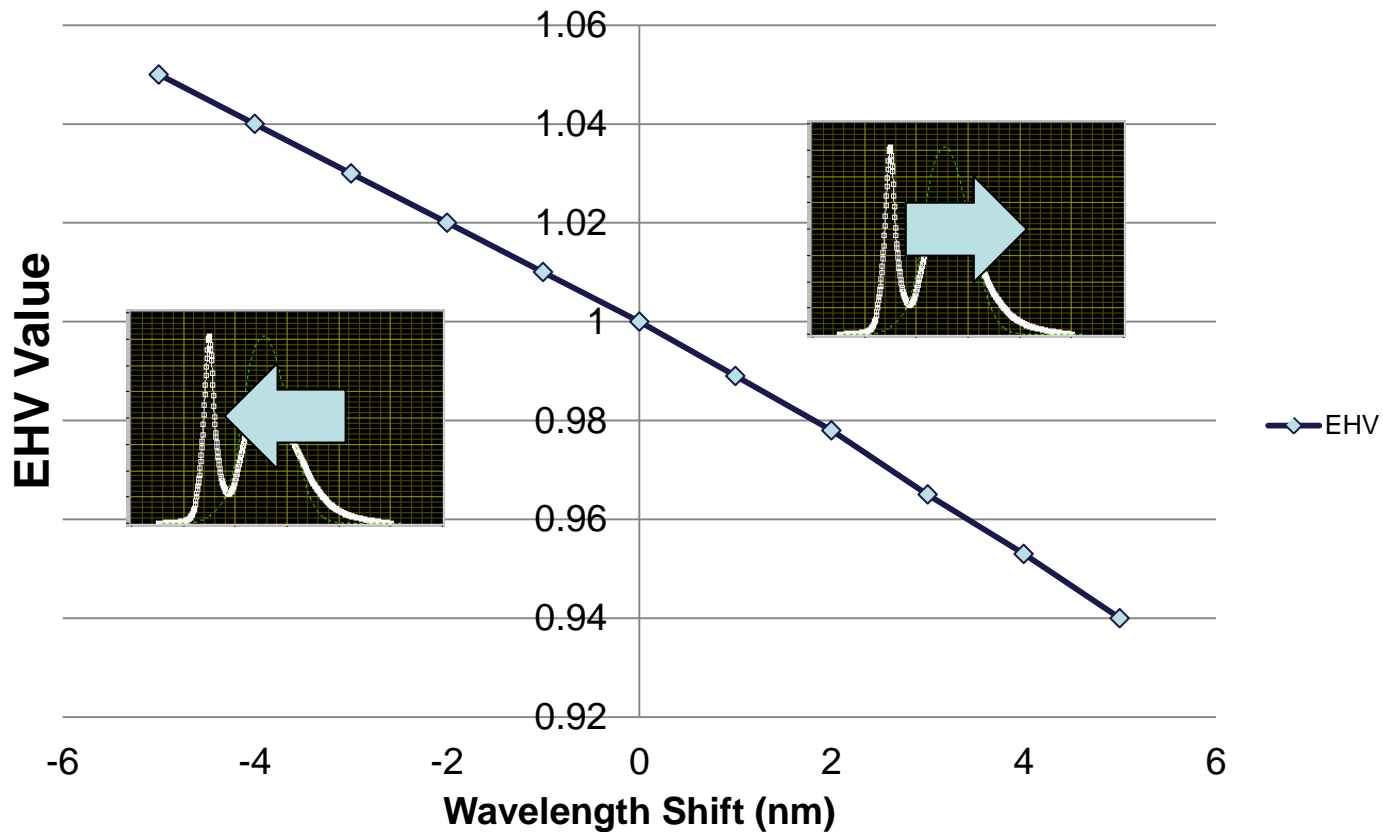


*Typically 5% EHV change per 100  $\mu\text{m}$  field stop diameter increment*

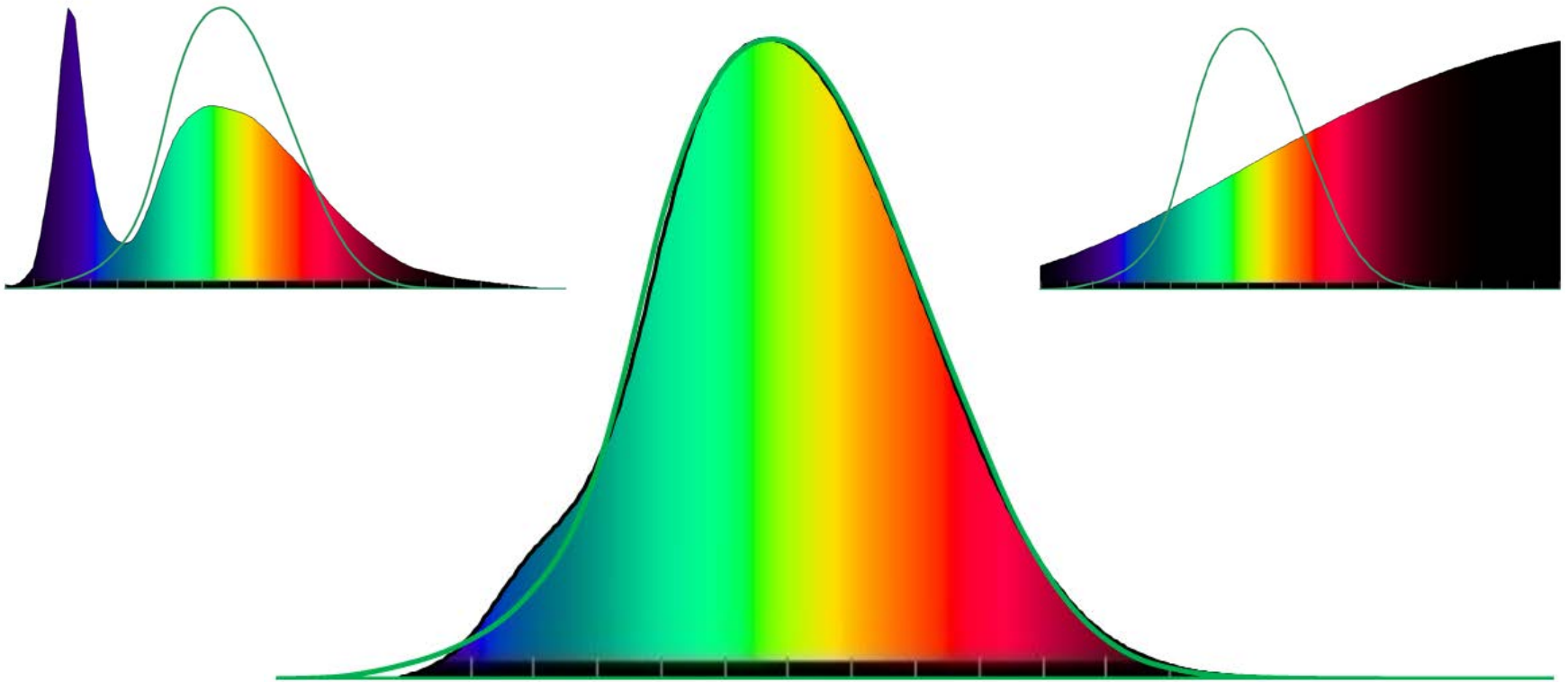


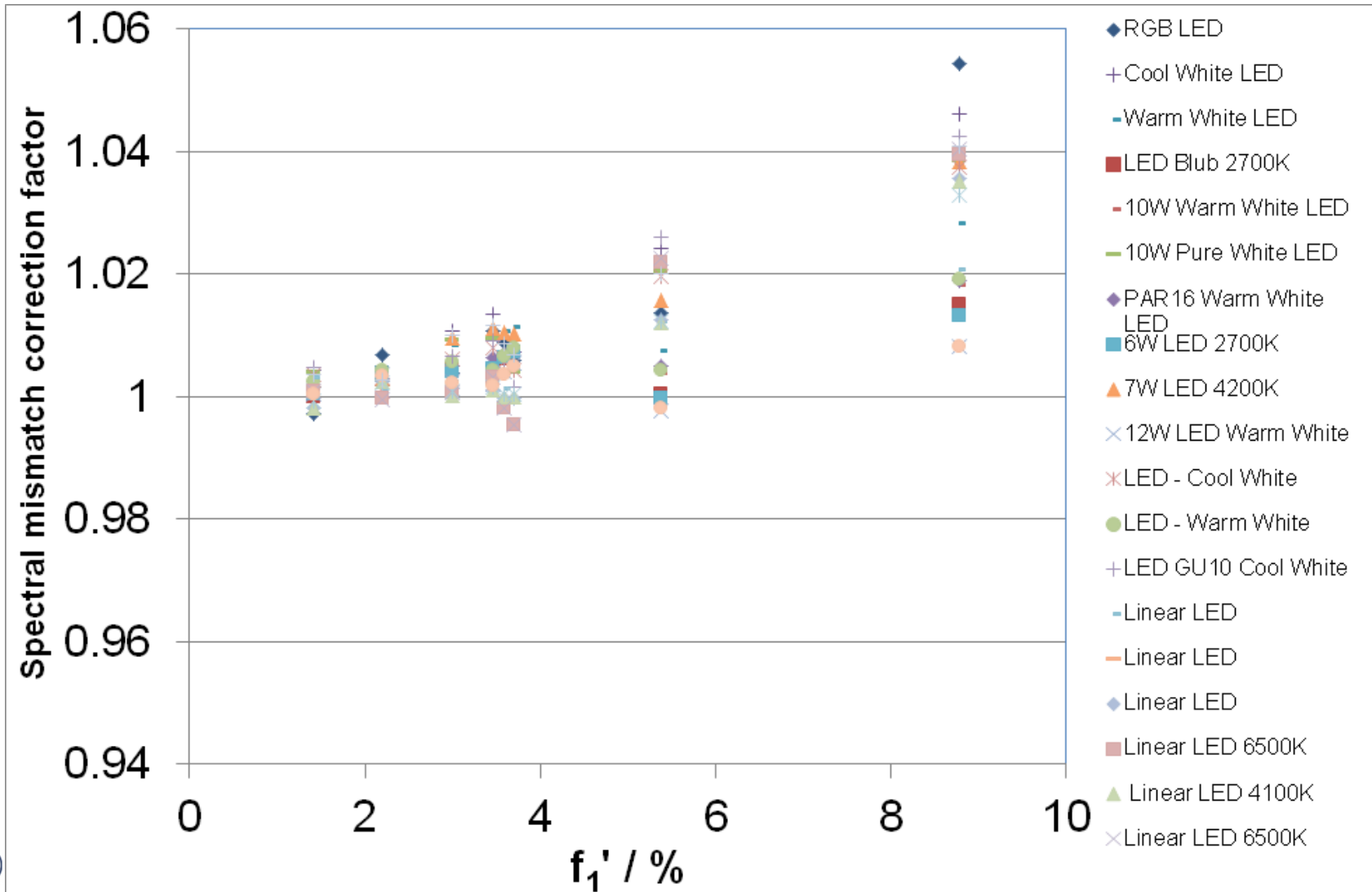
# EHV Variation for a Cool White LED

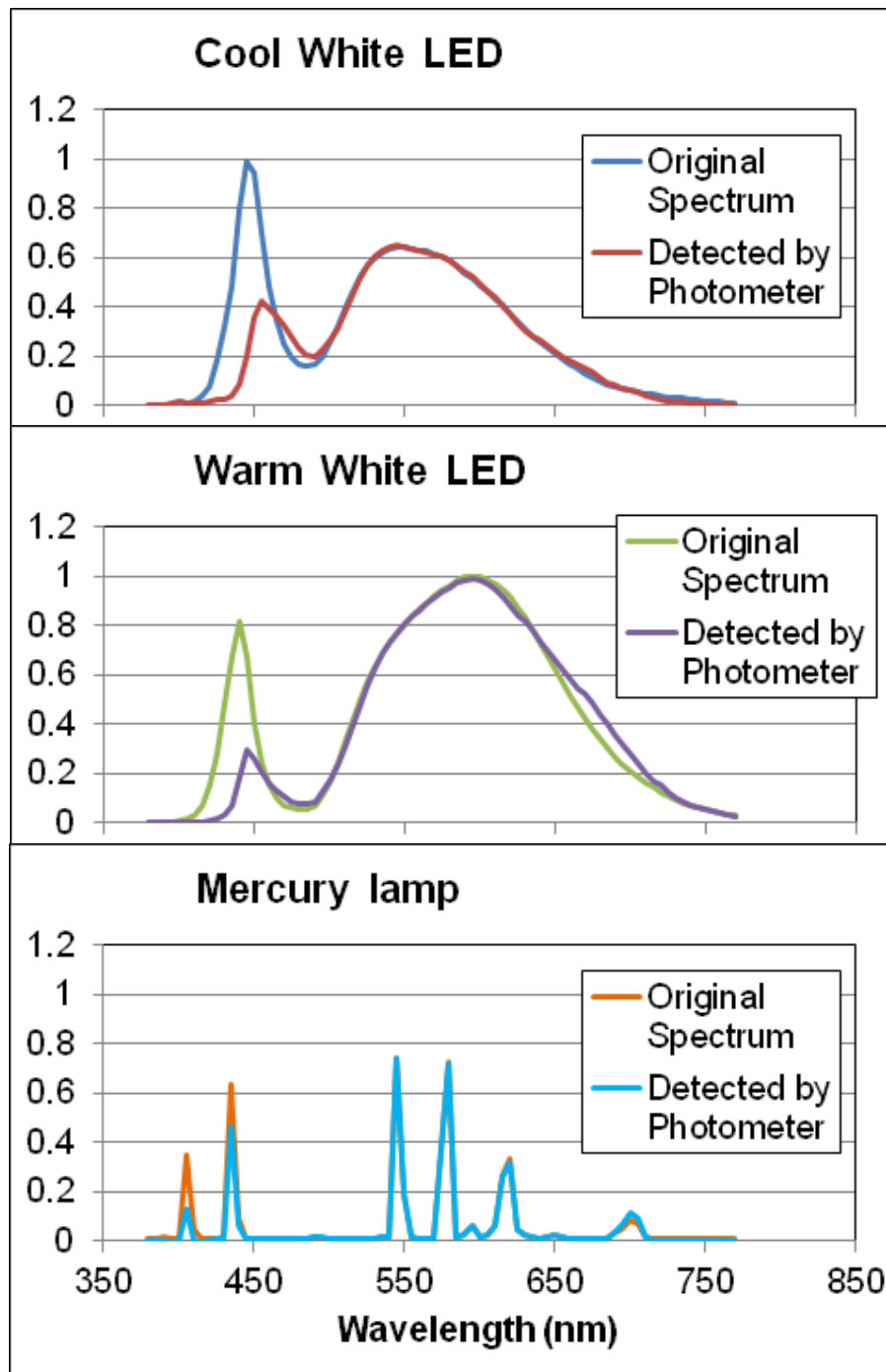
### EHV variation for HB-LED Wavelength Offset



# Spectral







# EHV & Field Stop Coupling

- The smaller the required acceptance angle  $\gamma$   
The more stringent the precision on the field stop diameter setting (and location within field of view)
- Stop uncertainty implies uncertainty of power coupled through field stop  
Implies increased uncertainty in radiance and EHV value
- 5% to 10% EHV uncertainty at  $\gamma = 11$  mrad  
For 100  $\mu\text{m}$  change in field stop diameter
- Conservative approach  
Use slightly larger field stop setting than specified



# Summary of 62471

## Uncertainties

- **Optical radiation safety ‘EHV’ value**  
Requires uncertainty value to be reported  
Adoption of conservative approach recommended  
i.e. ensure collection of (slightly) more radiant power
- **Advance software simulation process**  
Spectral ‘sliding’ & Stop size ‘dithering’  
Uncertainty of influencing parameters can be gauged and analyzed dynamically

# Typical 62471 EHV Uncertainties

Parameter	Influence on Blue Light Hazard Exposure Hazard Value
Centre wavelength	≈ 1% per every 10 nm offset
Spectral Linewidth	≈ 2% per every 5 nm FWHM spread
Spectral radiant power	≈ 2 to 5% depending on detector type
Irradiance (Area of detector)	≈ 2 to 3% per 100μm @ 7 mm detector diameter
Radiance (area of field stop)	≈ 5 to 10% per 100μm @ 2.2 mm diameter (Low Risk Testing at 11 mrad FOV)

**Thank you for  
your attention**

**With acknowledgement to EMRP  
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