

## A Guided Tour of SSL Area Light Sources – Past, Present and Future

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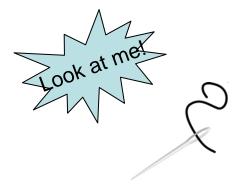


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# Learning objectives

- 1. Fundamental principles of luminescence
- 2. Technologies for area SSL sources
- 3. Metrics and how these technologies compare
- What of applications they enable and how they will impact future luminaire design



Throughout this seminar, we'll use symbols to call out key concepts and common threads.

#### Overview

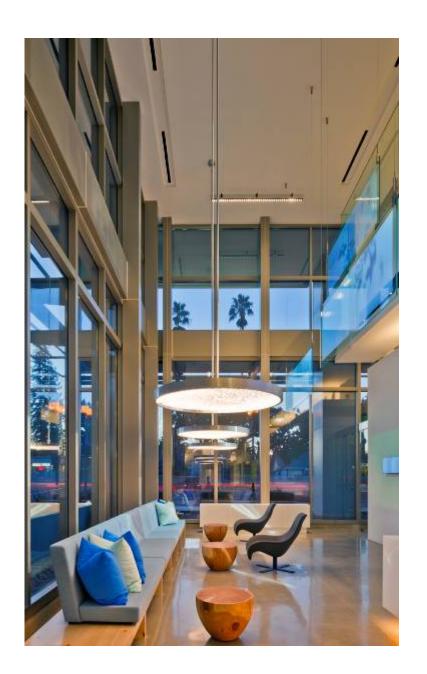
- Why area light source (JF)
  - Introduction
  - Metrics
- □ SSL area sources and technologies (ML)
  - Basic Physics
  - Detailed examples
  - Summary
- Lighting Application (JF)
- Conclusions

# Why area light source











Architecture: Gensler

Lighting: Darrell Hawthorne / Architecture & Light

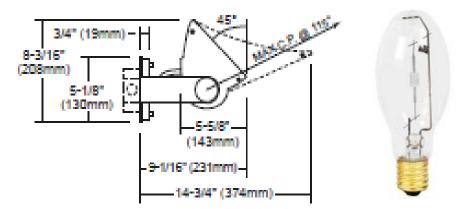
Photography: Nic Lehoux







Project: McCormick Convention Center Architecture: Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Associates, Inc. Lighting: Fisher Marantz Stone, Inc. Photography: Steve Stoneburg



Design Intent: Illuminate grand space using curved luminous surface to accentuate architecture

Luminaire: Wall-mounted indirect ceramic metal halide

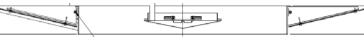
**Lamping: 2 – 400W ED28** 

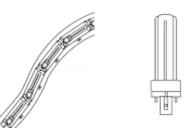
Luminaire efficacy: 70 lm/W

Implementation: Each luminaire weighs over 60 lbs and requires 2 remote ballasts mounted in ventilated area



Project: Central Chicago Police Headquarters Architecture: Lohan Caprile Goettsch Architects Photography: David Seide





Design Intent: Provide visual hierarchy and orient patrons using large luminous surface and illuminated sculpture, both of which provide general illumination

Luminaire: 18' dia custom pendant and concealed architectural cove lighting Lamping: 42W Triple Tube CFL – 38 in pendant; 144 in cove

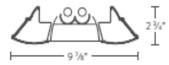
Luminaire efficacy: 70 lm/W

Implementation: 1200 lb custom luminaire in finely detailed and complex installation



Project: Corporate Environments
Lighting: Morgan Gabler, Gabler-Youngsten Architectural Lighting Design
Photography: John Williams





Design Intent: Use floating luminous surface to provide comfortable and diffuse illumination while preserving visual rawness of the building infrastructure

Luminaire: Pendant indirect-direct linear fluorescent

Lamping: 2 – T5HO per 4'

Luminaire efficacy: 76 lm/W

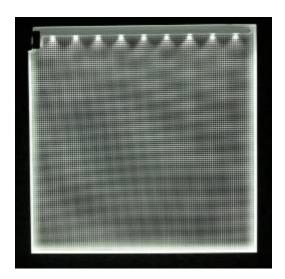
Implementation: Requires installation of floating ceiling clouds and independent seismic bracing of ceiling clouds and luminaires - while visual mass of luminaires is minimal, the practical solution compromises the design intent

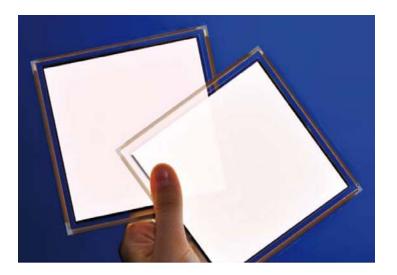
# Why area light source

- □ We have illustrated a historical perspective of the desire for and implementation of area light sources using "virtual" approaches.
- Later we will explore how actual area light sources may be realized.
- But first let's define how to evaluate these technologies.

## **Metrics**

- Efficacy
- □ Lifetime
- Light quality
  - ❖ CRI (Ra and R9), CCT, Duv
  - Color consistency within the panel and as a function of viewing angle
  - Uniformity within the panel and panel-to-panel
  - Appearance/pixelation

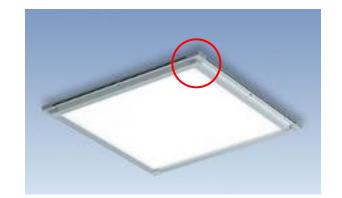




## **Metrics**

- Form Factor
  - Thickness
  - Size
  - Border width
- Cost per area and per kilolumen
- Technology Maturity and Promise
  - Industry participation
  - Manufacturing presence
  - Product/sample availability
  - Long-term projections and theoretical limits
- Other
  - Flexibility
  - Transparency
  - Off-state appearance
  - Robustness

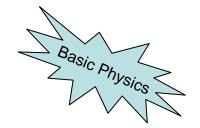
- Thermal
- Driver
- ❖ "Green"



# SSL Area Sources and Technologies

- Basic physics different kinds of "luminescence"
- □ SSL area sources and evaluation metrics
  - ❖ Thin film EL
  - Edge-lit LED flat panels
  - \* OLED
  - Micro-plasma
  - Printed Micro LED
  - Quantum Dot LED (QLED)
- Summary comparison

## Luminescence



Energy Diagram Excited State(s)

**Ground State** 

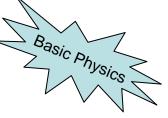
An excited particle (atom or molecule) can only lose its extra energy in a few ways:

- Generate heat
- □ Transfer the energy to another particle
- □ Break apart
- □ Emit light: luminescence

NOT low temperature aka Incandescence

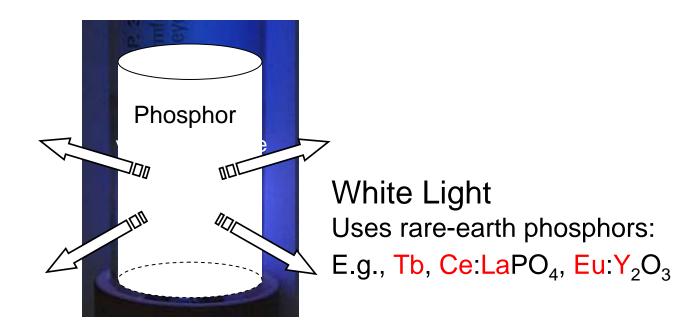
The low-temperature emission of light (as by a chemical or physiological process)

Merriam-Webster Dictionary



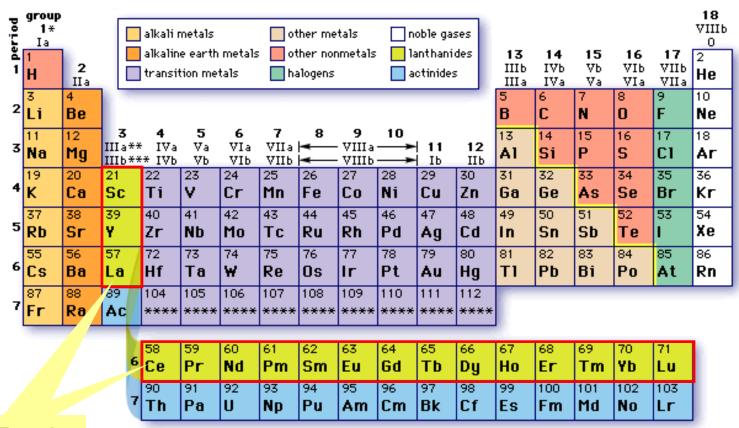
#### □ Photoluminescence

The emitting specie is excited by high energy photons.



Fluorescent Lamp

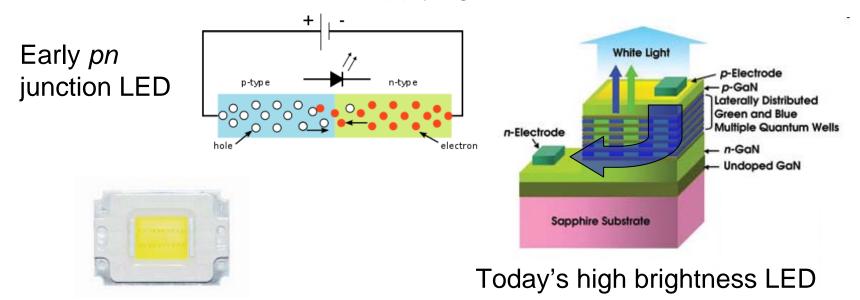
### Rare Earth Elements



Rare Earth Elements

Basic Physics

- □ Photoluminescence
- □ Electroluminescence
  - The emitting specie is excited as the result of passing an electrical current or applying an electrical field.



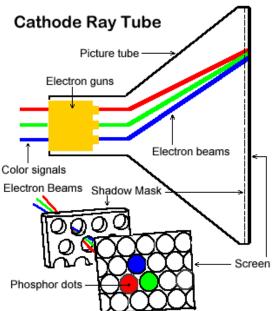
Phosphor converted LED:

Blue LED + yellow-green phosphor (Ce:Y<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub>)



- □ Photoluminescence
- □ Electroluminescence
- □ Cathodoluminescence
  - The emitting specie is excited by an electron beam.





RGB phosphors:

Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S:Eu+Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

ZnS:Cu,Al

ZnS:Ag+Co-on-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

- □ Photoluminescence
- □ Electroluminescence
- □ Cathodoluminescence
- □ Chemiluminescence
  - \* Emission of light with limited heat, as the result of a chemical reaction.



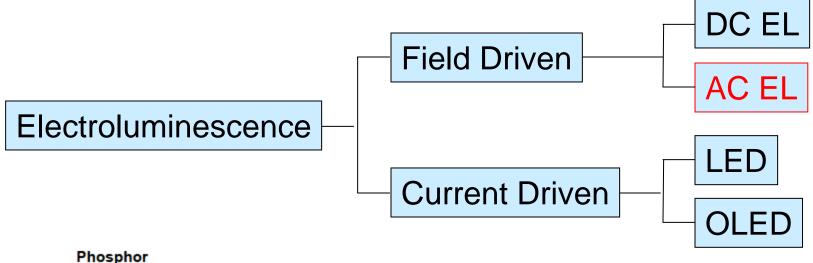




- □ Photoluminescence
- □ Electroluminescence
- □ Cathodoluminescence
- □ Chemiluminescence
- □ Other mechanisms
  - Radioluminescence: excitation by radiation (alpha, beta)
  - Sonoluminescence: excitation by sound (collapsing a bubble)
  - Bioluminescence: excitation by cellular activities
  - Triboluminescence: excitation by breaking bonds in a material

In the era of electric lighting, the dominant mechanisms are photo- and electro-luminescence.

## Electroluminescent Panel



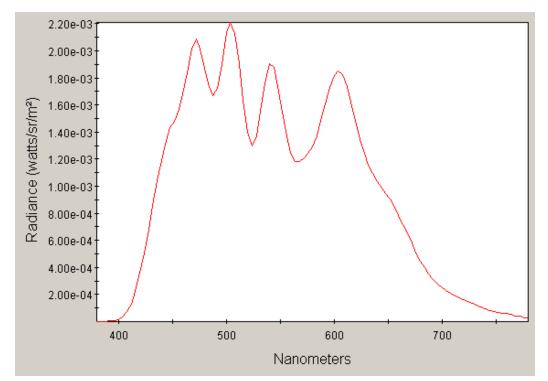
- Aluminum Glass or plastic substrate

  Viewing Direction

  Planar

  Transparent Electrode Insulator
- □ Essentially a parallel plate capacitor with a layer of phosphor in the middle
- AC voltage results in a sheet of charge "sloshing" back and forth exciting the phosphor layer which emits light.

# Electroluminescent Panel – Properties



Luminance 110 cd/m<sup>2</sup> CCT 5813K CIE (0.325, 0.353) Duv 0.009 CRI Ra 91, R9 62

- Emission is from a typical SrS:Ce/ZnS:Mn phosphor.
   Duv is higher than optimal. Color rendering is very good.
- □ Luminance is dependent on the frequency of AC voltage.
- □ L<sub>70</sub> on the order of 1000 hrs. Luminance decay is exponential and a function of luminance.

## Electroluminescent Panel – Pros and Cons

## □ Pros

- Large area, flexible
- Inexpensive
- Mechanically robust



E-Lite

### □ Cons

- Low luminance/lifetime
- Poor color quality for general lighting



E-Lite

# Electroluminescent Panel – Application & Future

- Current Applications
  - Nightlight, egress lighting
  - Architainment
- Other EL applications
  - LCD backlight
  - TFEL displays
- Future for general lighting
  - Limited

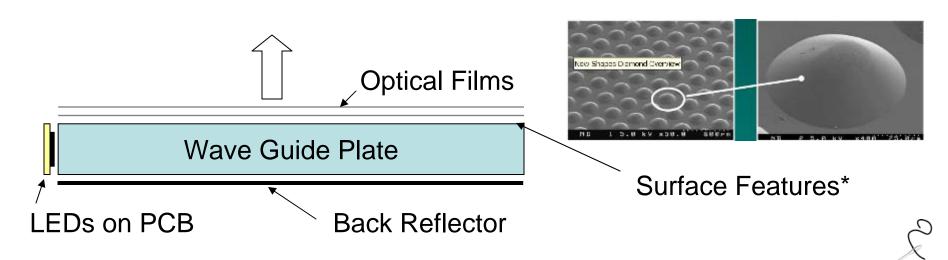






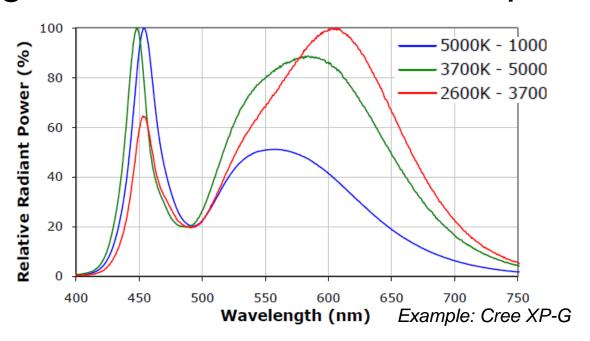


# Edge-Lit LED Flat Panel



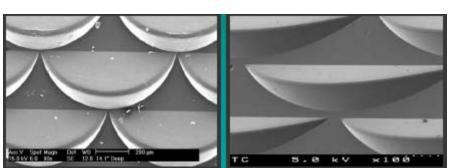
- Originated from LED backlight technology in LCD displays.
- Emission from LEDs at panel edge is coupled into the waveguide, propagates and is scattered by surface features (v-groove, microlens).
- Coupling efficiency (panel output/LED output) varies widely from 55-95%.
- Waveguide thickness varies from many millimeters to 250 microns.

## Edge-Lit LED Flat Panel— Properties

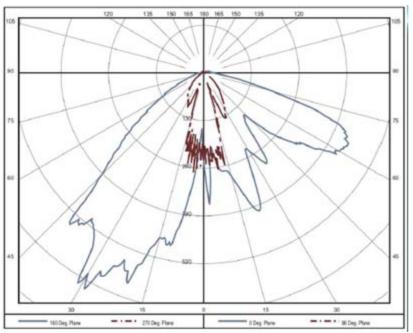


- □ Emission spectrum is by-and-large the same as the LEDs used.
  - It is possible to use both cool and warm white LEDs and have a CCT tunable source (e.g. LG Innotek), or to use RGB LEDs and perform color mixing within the waveguide.
  - Since tens or even hundreds LEDs may be used, tight binning of individual LEDs is not as critical to panel-to-panel color matching.

# Edge-Lit LED Flat Panel— Emission Angle Control



Asymmetric microlens and resulting photometric distributions\*



- One advantage of the microlens approach is the possibility to steer emission by change profiles of the microlens.
- Alone or in combination with additional optical films it's possible to realize high angle cut-off for glare control and bat-wing distribution for indirect, volumetric lighting.

# Edge-Lit LED Flat Panel- Design Possibilities









# Edge-Lit LED Flat Panel – Pros and Cons

#### □ Pros

- Harness the rapid development of LEDs in both performance and cost.
- Versatility in photometric distribution control
- Possibility for curved surfaces

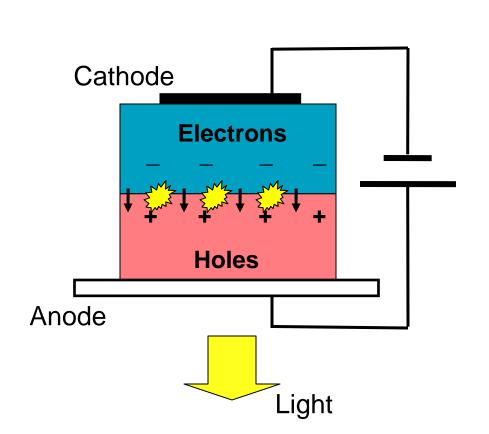
#### Cons

- Coupling efficiency around 60% for the most available architecture; need many "tricks" for the best coupling efficiency.
- Border width, WGP thickness vs. performance trade-off
- Flexible WGP performance uncertain
- Possible to do truly arbitrary shapes?

#### Future

Certainly will be a major area source technology

# Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED)



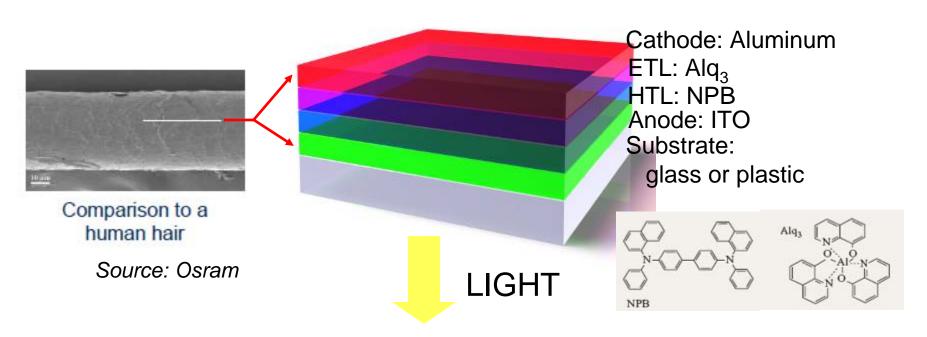




Samsung 55" OLED TV

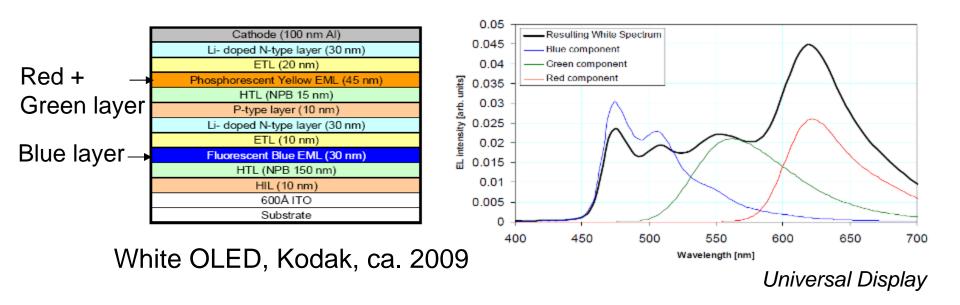
□ OLEDs are planar two-terminal devices. Upon application of a current, electrons and holes recombine inside the device to emit light (electroluminescence).

# Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED)



- □ The are called "organic" because the key functional layers are made of complex carbon containing molecules.
- □ The active layers are less than 1 micron thick.
- □ They are inherently large area devices and can be made flexible.

# **OLED** – Properties



- □ Typical white OLEDs today have emission from red, green and blue molecules in the same device rather than blue + phosphor in LEDs.
- □ Emission spectra from organic molecules are broad. High CRI, Ra, R9 > 90 possible.
- □ *Phosphorescent* OLEDs enable higher efficacy. State-of-art is 60 lm/W, L<sub>70</sub> = 15K hrs @ 3000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> (LG Chem).

## A Little Clarification

- Phosphorescent, Phosphorescence
  - Originally refers to a type of photoluminescence where the material does not immediately re-emit light, as opposed to fluorecence.
  - Emission comes from a spin-forbidden (triplet) state.
  - OLEDs do not contain any phosphor.

#### Phosphor

- Emits light when irradiated by high-energy electromagnetic radiation or particle radiation
- Includes both phosphorescent and fluorescent materials.
- Often transition metal or rare earth metal compounds

#### Phosphorus



- The chemical element named for its light emitting behavior, emits light from chemiluminescence, not phosphorescence.
- Phosphorus is not used as a phosphor in lighting and displays.



# OLED vs LED – Luminaire Efficacy Projections

	2012			2015				2020			
	LED	Edge- lit LED	OLED	LED	Edge- lit LED	OLED	OLED high light extraction	LED	Edge- lit LED	OLED	OLED high light extraction
Package/ Panel Im/W	141	141	60-80	202	202	125	152	266	266	168	204
Driver Efficiency	86%	86%	86%	89%	89%	89%	89%	92%	92%	92%	92%
Thermal Efficiency	86%	86%	100%	88%	88%	100%	100%	90%	90%	100%	100%
Optical Efficiency	86%	79%	100%	89%	83%	100%	100%	92%	87%	100%	100%
Luminaire Im/W	90	82	52-69	141	131	111	135	202	192	155	188

- □Based on DOE and ABL projections.
- □Current density of 35 A/cm<sup>2</sup> assumed for LEDs. Higher current density results in lower efficacy before 2020. LED package listed for 25°C.
- □ Today, edge-lit panels typically don't use the highest efficacy LEDs.

Lu et al., DOE SSL R&D Workshop, Jan 2012

### OLED Luminaires – New Design Possibilities



Kindred, Winona Lighting



Airbesc, Osram



Victory, Liternity



Blackbody



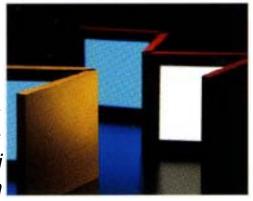
O'Leaf, Philips

### Other Unique Aspects of OLEDs



Clean edge, thin Panasonic

Full color tuning in a flat panel package *Mitsubishi Chemical/Verbatim* 



Flexible *GE, Konica Minolta* 



Arbitrary shapes

Philips



Transparent *Novaled* 

### OLEDs – Pros and Cons

#### □ Pros

- Outstanding quality of light
- Thin form factor (<2 mm), thin border width (<5 mm)</p>
- Low temperature operation (<10°C above ambient)</li>
- Transparent, flexible OLEDs, arbitrary shapes possible
- Long-term efficacy projected to match edge-lit LED
- Potential for printing process

#### Cons

- Cost (needs volume)
- Lifetime (3x increase desired; will improve naturally with efficacy)

#### Future

 OLEDs will be another major area light source technology besides edge-lit LED

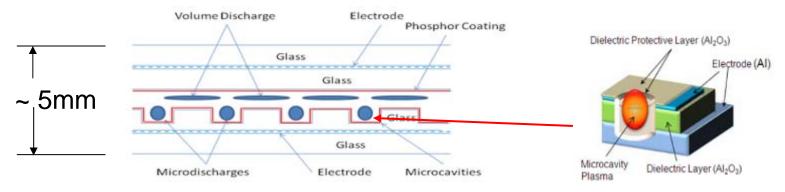
# Comparison of Area Source Technologies — Past and Present

	Efficacy	Lifetime	Light Quality	Form Factor	Cost	Tech Promise	Other
EL Panel	***	**	**	***	***	*	**
Edge- Lit LED	****	****	***	***	***	****	***
OLED	***	***	***	****	**	****	****

**★Poor** ★★Fair ★★★Good ★★★★Excellent

### Microplasma Lighting

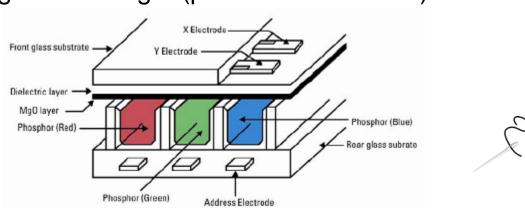
 Plasma is a state of matter similar to gas in which a certain portion of the particles are ionized.



Microplasma planar panel by Eden Park Illumination

□ Electrons collide with plasma inside the cavity → UV light → strikes the phosphor coating → white light (photoluminescence)

Cf. plasma display panel (PDP)



### Microplasma Lighting – Characteristics



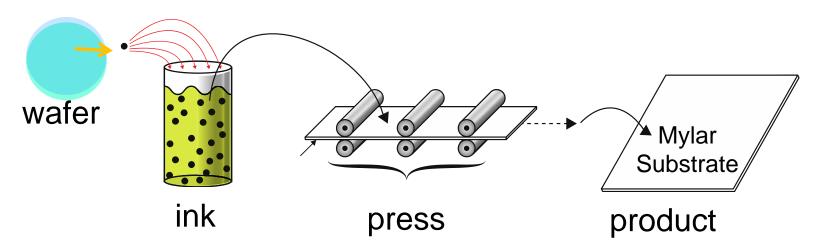
- □ Max luminance: 8000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>
- □ CRI: 80-85
- □ Lifetime: L<sub>70</sub> 50K hrs
- □ Efficacy: 30-40 lm/W currently, expected to increase to
  - 60 lm/W, theoretical limit > 100 lm/W
- Leverages existing manufacturing know-how
- □ Estimated purchase cost for 12"x12" panel: \$100-200

Source: Eden Park Illumination

### **Printed Micro LEDs**

- □ Problem to be solved: How to make a large-area, flexible light source without making an OLED?
- Solution: start with a wafer of inorganic LEDs, break into tiny individual LEDs, then disperse onto a sheet and make electrical connections.
- Two teams using the same general approach
  - NthDegree Technologies: "Printed Solid State Lighting"
  - Prof. Ralph Nuzzo's group, University of Illinois: "Printing Solid Inks"

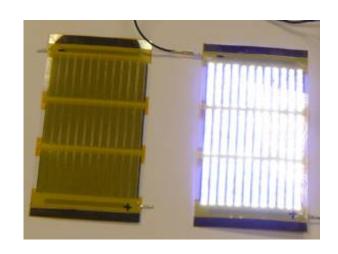
### Printed Micro LEDs – 1<sup>st</sup> Approach



Source: NthDegree Technologies

- □ LEDs the size of an ink particle (27 micrometers) forms a suspension.
- □ This "ink" is coated onto a plastic substrate.
  - ❖ Think of the LEDs as a large number of loaded dice thrown on to a surface – enough will land the right way.
- □ Fast and low-cost, although not necessarily the highest performance

### Printed Micro LEDs – 1<sup>st</sup> Approach





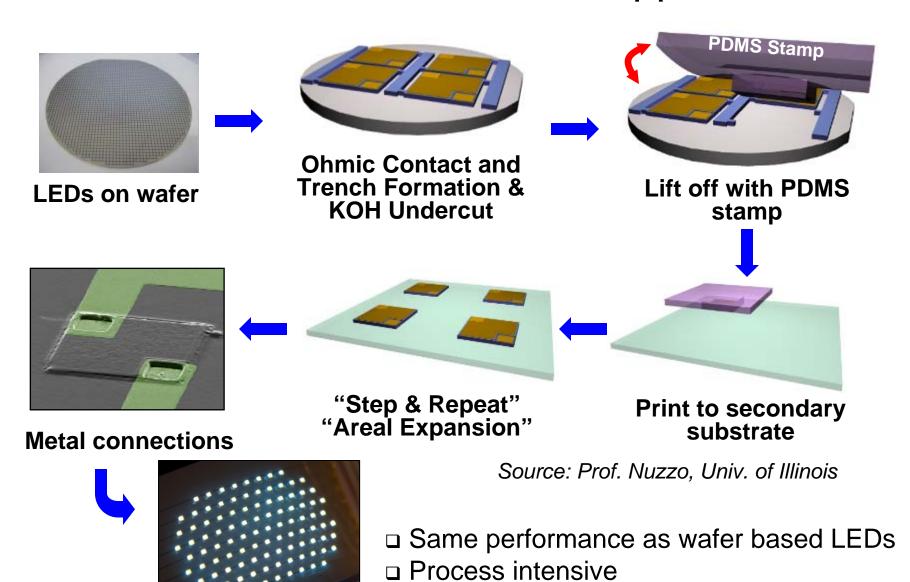
2' x 4' Replacement1.75" thick with power supply



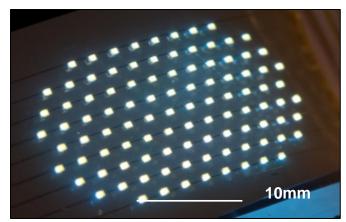
Edison Replacement

NthDegree Technologies

### Printed Micro LEDs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Approach



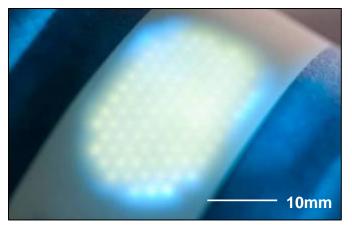
### Printed Micro LEDs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Approach



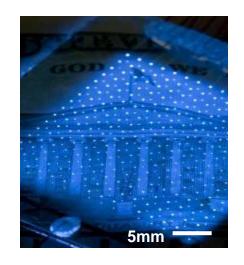
Lit micro LED array



On transparent and flexible substrate



Lit micro LED array w/ diffuser



Overlay a dollar bill

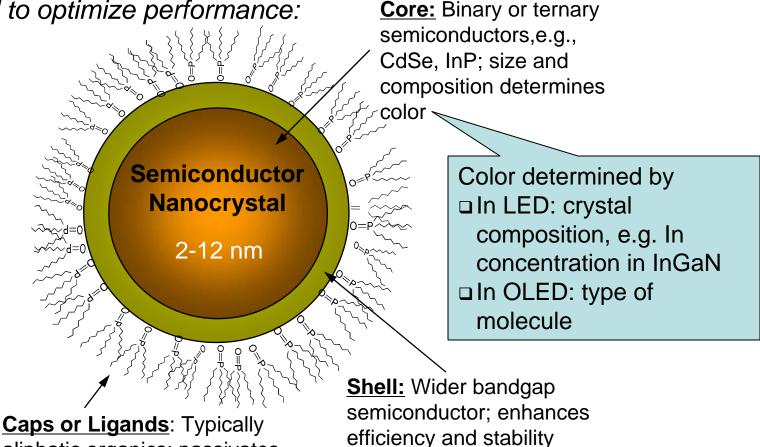
### Quantum Dot LED (QLED)

**Quantum dots are functionalized nano particles.** Three parts of QDs are
engineered to optimize performance:

aliphatic organics; passivates

& functionalizes surface;

allows solution process

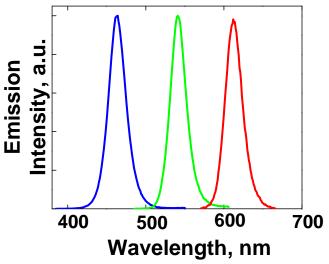


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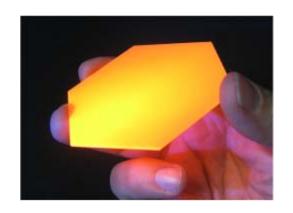
### Quantum Dots as Phosphor



Photoluminscence of QDs in solution



Narrow band emission tunable throughout the visible range

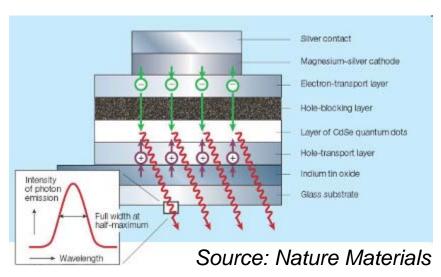




Nexxus Lighting PAR lamp with QD optic for red shift and CRI enhancement

Source: QDVision

### QD Light Emitting Diodes (QLEDs)



- □ The basic QLED structure is very similar to that of an OLED.
- QLEDs can be thought of as solution processed OLEDs with QDs as emitters.
- Red QLED performance approaches the best red OLEDs.



White flexible QLED



**RGB QLEDs** 

Source: QDVision

# Comparison of Area Source Technologies — Future

	Efficacy	Lifetime	Light Quality	Form Factor	Cost	Tech Promise	Other
μ plasma	***	***	***	**	***	**	*
μ Printed LED1	**	***	**	****	***	**	**
μ Printed LED2	***	***	***	***	*	***	***
QLED	***	*	****	***	**	****	****

\*Poor \* \* Fair \* \* \* Good \* \* \* \* Excellent

### Lighting and Display



- Many light sources and display devices operate on the same physical principles.
- Displays commands a higher price (\$/in²) and tend to be the preferred vehicle for new technologies.
  - Displays need RGB pixelation addressing.
  - Displays need saturated RGB; general lighting needs color points along the Planckian locus, with good color rendering.
  - One or two technologies tend to dominate displays.
     Many different lighting technologies tend to co-exist.
- As competition in displays drives down margins, many display makers are looking to SSL as an area of expansion – <u>lighting is no longer in the shadow of</u> <u>displays!</u>

### **Lighting Application**



# Using Area Light Sources



















LG Chem

### How Much Do I Need?

	2x4 fluorescent lensed troffer	10%
Baseline –	2x4 fluorescent parabolic troffer	10%
Traditional Systems	2x4 fluorescent advanced troffer	10%
	Linear fluorescent indirect / direct	4%
Advanced	2x4 LED advanced troffer	10%
Alternatives	Fluorescent low ambient / task	4-10%
Area - Low	@ 1500 cd/m <sup>2</sup>	14%
Area - Med	@3000 cd/m <sup>2</sup>	7%
Area - High	@ 5000 cd/m <sup>2</sup>	4%

Ceiling Coverage = % of ceiling area obstructed by luminaire There is no need to cover the whole ceiling

### Familiar Form Factors







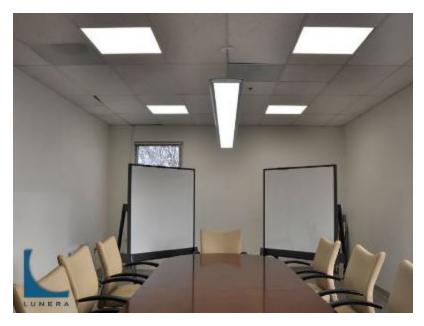


GE and Lunera

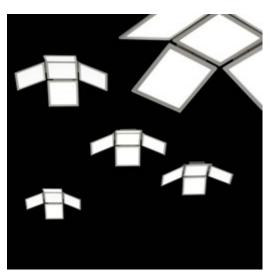
### Familiar Form Factors











This design demonstrates the unique character possible with area light sources.

The light is noble, pure, simple, honest.

LIGHT itself becomes the luminaire.



Luminaires connect with us emotionally by their design intent and beauty.

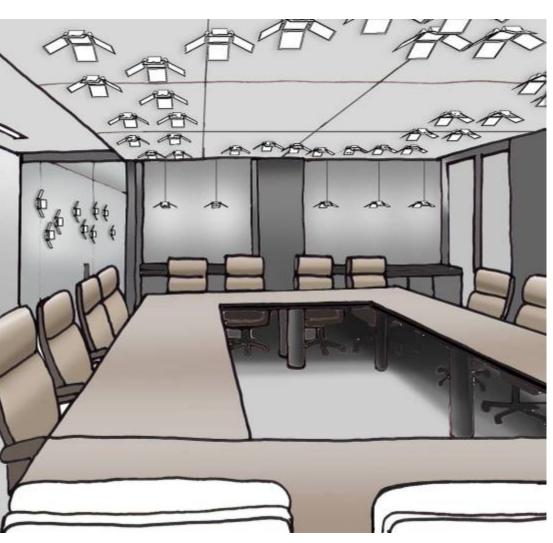
Panels: 60 lm/W panels, CRI>80, CCT 3500K,  $L_0$ =3000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>, L70 15,000 hrs @ 3000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>

Luminaire: 5 panel module, 370 lm total, 7.3 W, 51 lm/W including driver and optical losses

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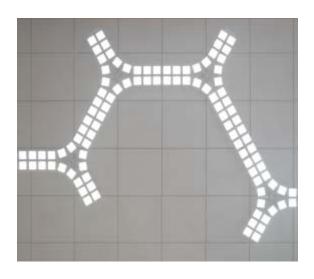
Luminaire: 45 panels, 3382 lm total, 66 W total, 51 lm/W including driver loss

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This design evokes the connectivity and beautiful branching of a growing neuron.

Organic patterns form and flow gracefully through a space in unique and fluid motifs for close-to-ceiling applications.



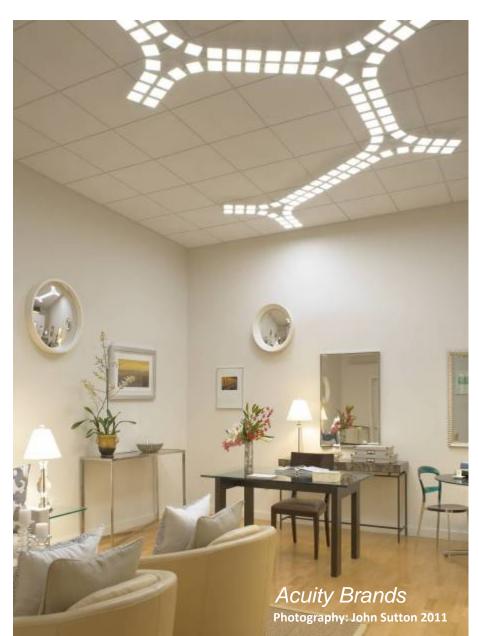
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Tri Section: 24 panels, 1810 lm total, 35 W, 52 lm/W

Straight Section: 8 panels, 603 lm total, 12 W, 52 lm/W

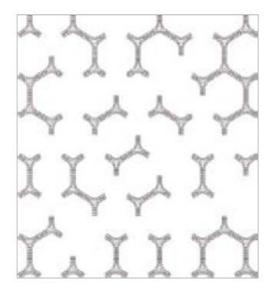


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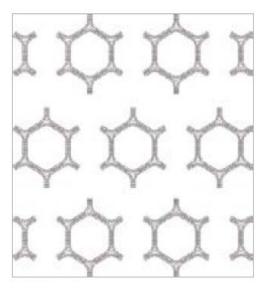
### New Metrics for Design

- □ Density of panels (3000 cd/m² example)
- Application efficiency



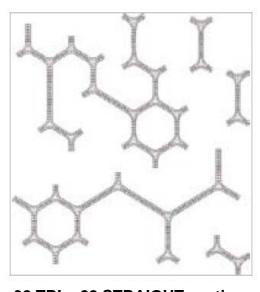
48 TRI sections Ambient avg: 50 fc Max / Min: 2.1:1

LPD: \*1.05 W/ft<sup>2</sup> \*\*0.79 W/ft<sup>2</sup> # of 4" sq. panels: 0.72/ft<sup>2</sup>



50 TRI sections Ambient avg: 53 fc Max / Min: 2.6:1

LPD: \*1.10 W/ft<sup>2</sup> \*\*0.83 W/ft<sup>2</sup> # of 4" sq. panels: 0.75/ft<sup>2</sup>



32 TRI + 22 STRAIGHT sections Ambient avg: 43 fc

Max / Min: 4.9:1

LPD: \*0.86 W/ft<sup>2</sup> \*\*0.65 W/ft<sup>2</sup> # of 4" sq. panels: 0.59/ft<sup>2</sup>

~ 46 fc @ workstations

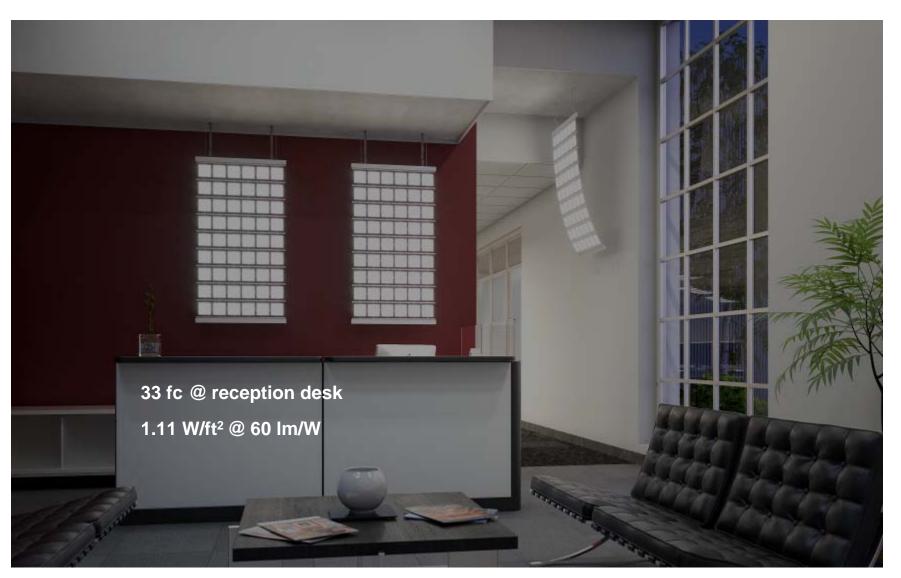
0.76 W/ft<sup>2</sup> @ 60 lm/W 0.57 W/sf @ 80 lm/W 0.45 W/sf @ 100 lm/W

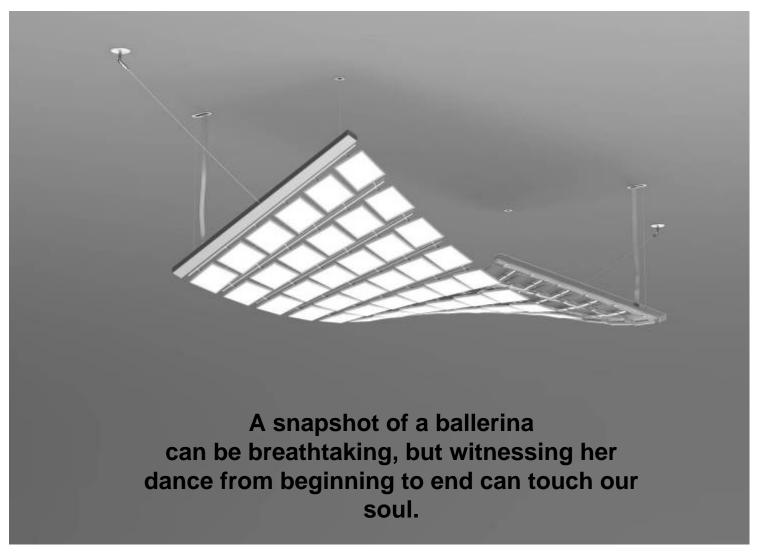




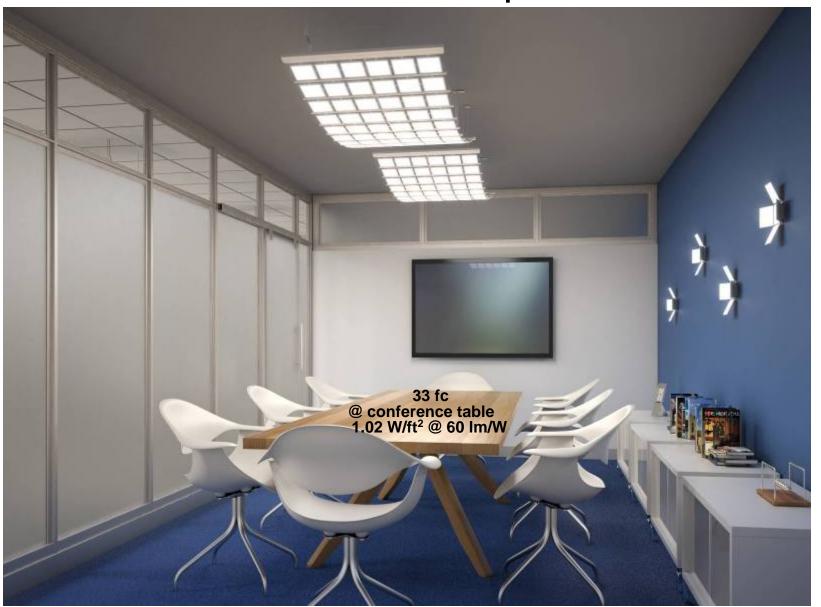


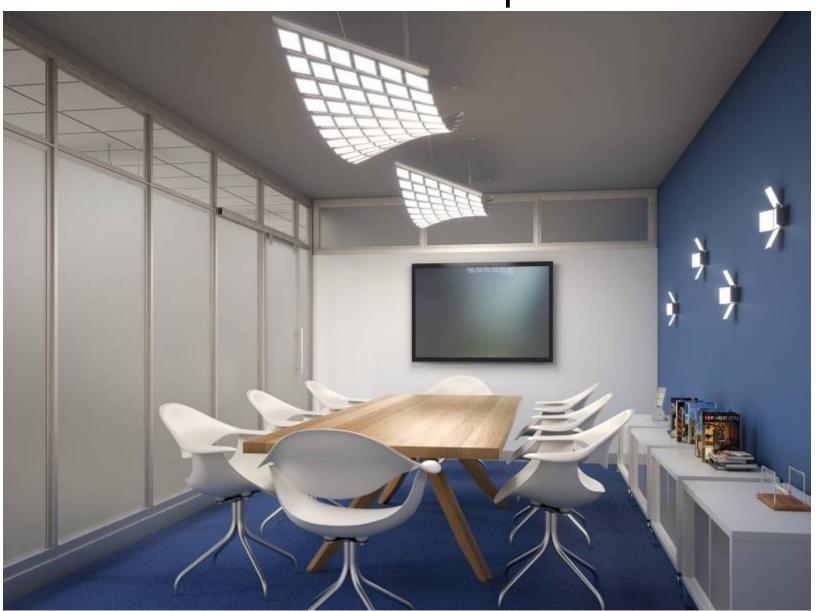


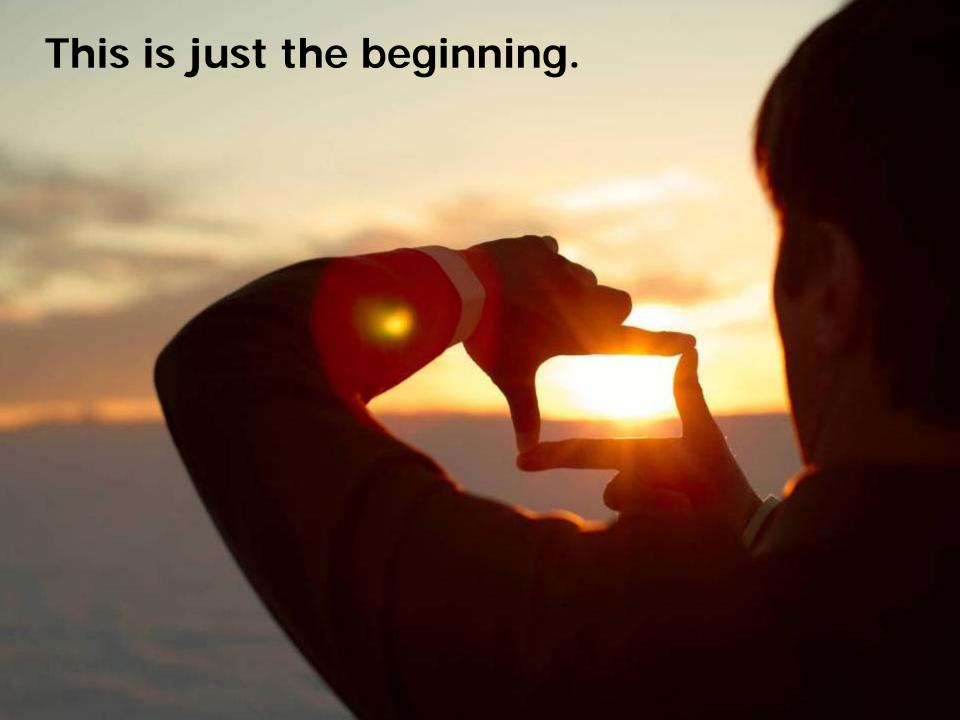




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### Conclusions

- Area light sources offer designers many opportunities for practicing the craft of architectural lighting.
- Old and new lighting technologies make flat panel sources practical to implement.
- A combination of medium luminance and small size panels offer the best design flexibility and application efficiency.



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