

# State of art in the science and Technology of Electrical Discharge Light sources

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# Producing Artificial Light before electricity

**HOT**

Incandescence



- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Torches
- ✓ Candles
- ✓ Oil lamps
- ✓ Gas lamps

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**COLD**

Luminescence



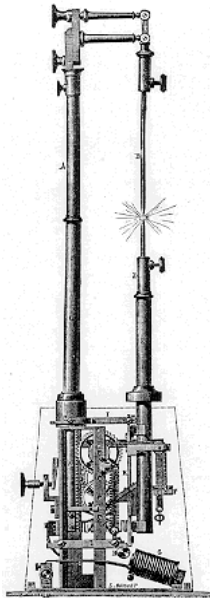
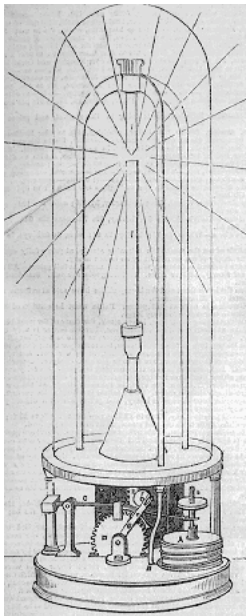
**This is an idea**

- ✓ Chemiluminescence
- ✓ Phosphorescence
- ✓ Tribo- & thermoluminescence
- ✓ Lightning

# Producing Artificial Light using electricity

## Electric Arc

*Carbon arc*



*Humphry Davy &  
Michael Faraday*



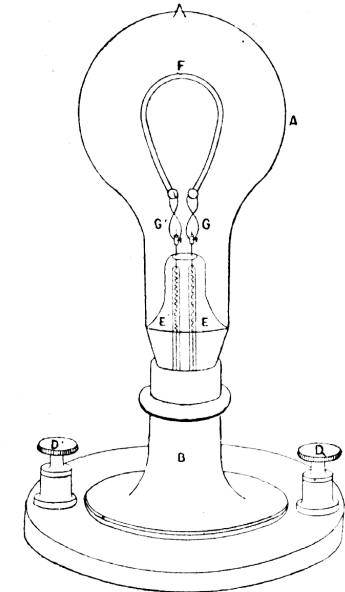
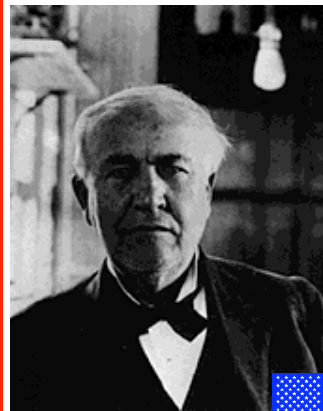
**1812**



## Incandescence

*Carbon filament*

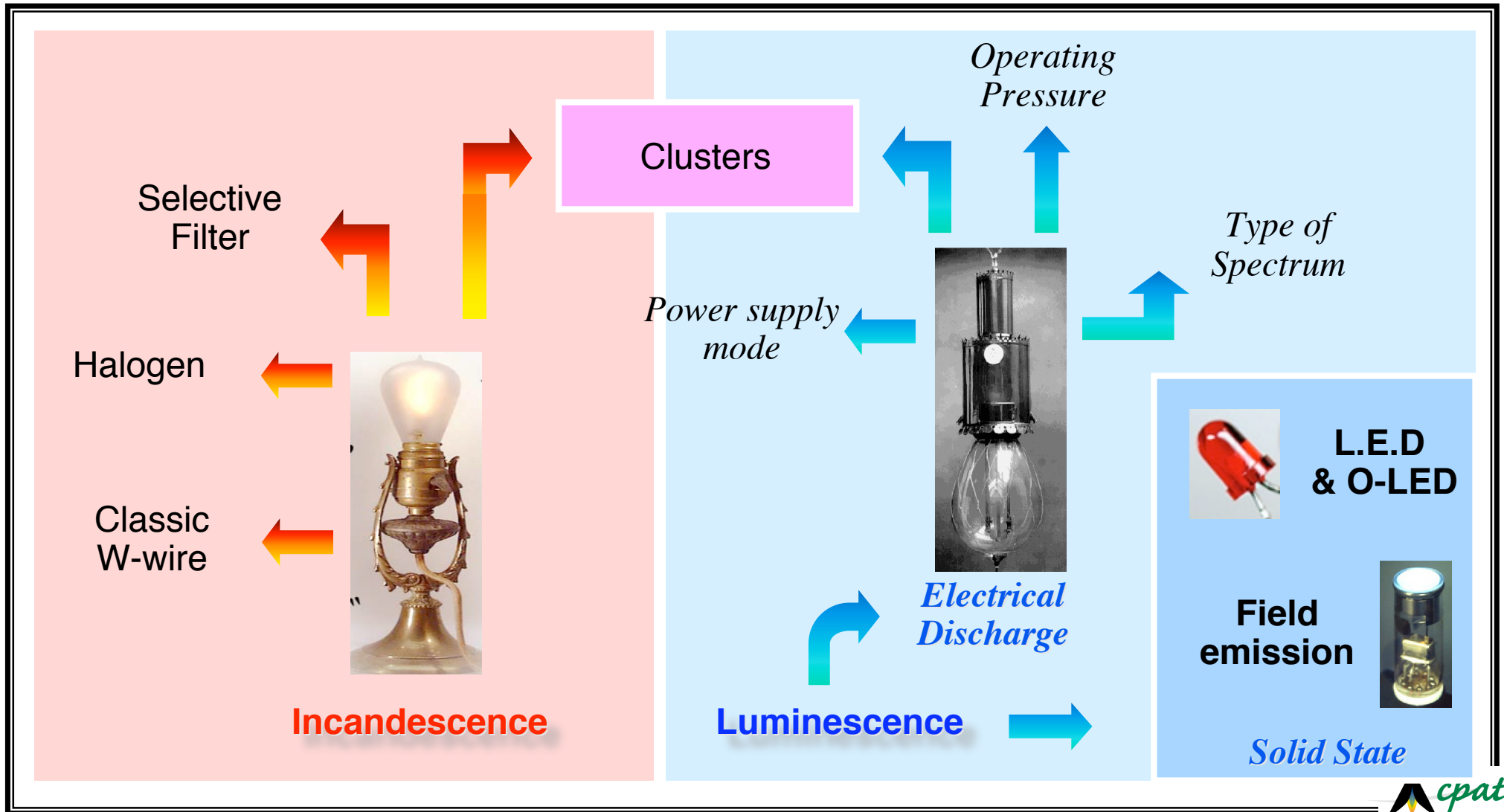
*Thomas Edison*



**1878**

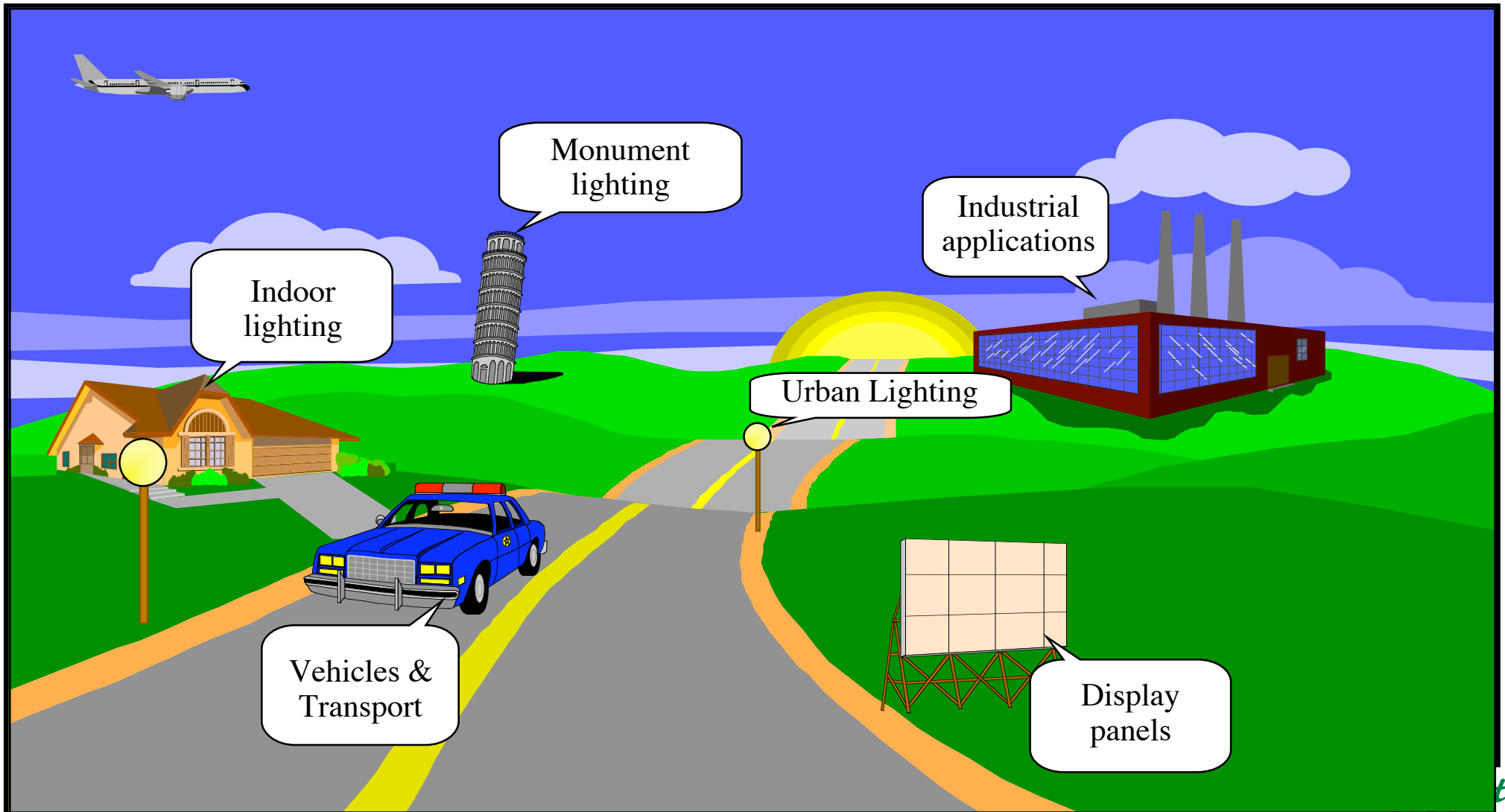


# The Family of Electric Light Sources





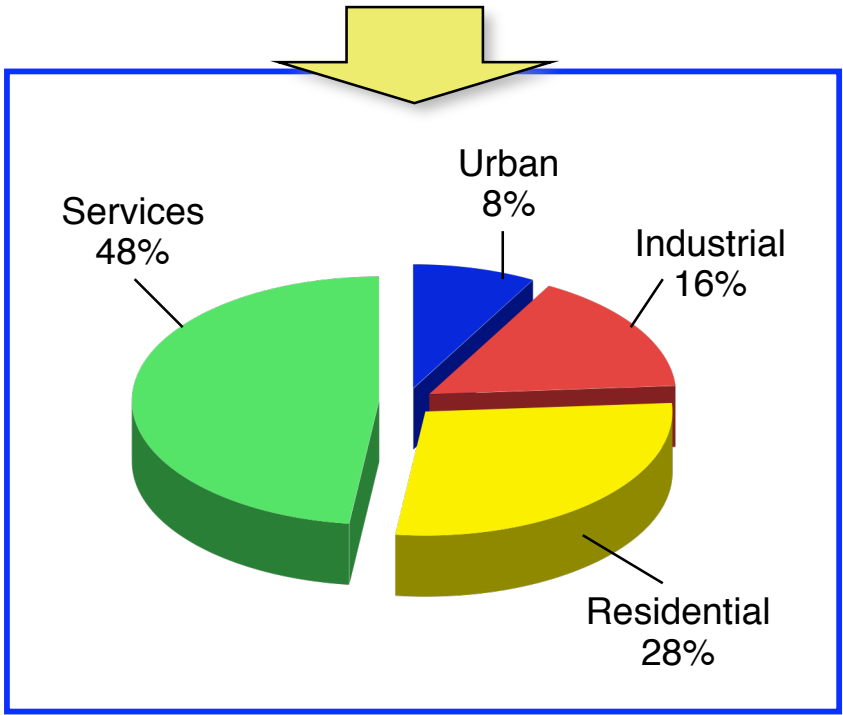
# Light sources are everywhere



# Some Figures

- 2 100 TWh electrical power consumed every year for lighting → 1 000 large electric power plants
- 10%-15% worldwide energy production
- 200 billion Euros spent for energy per annum

- ✓ 5% Luxemburg
- ✓ 12% France → More than 41 TWh
- ✓ 21% USA → Global Production FR + IT
- ✓ 34% Tunisia
- ✓ 86% Tanzania } → Lighting is an important factor for sustainable development



(Mils, RL-5, 2003)

- 30 billion lamps operate every day worldwide
- 10 billion new lamps are produced per annum

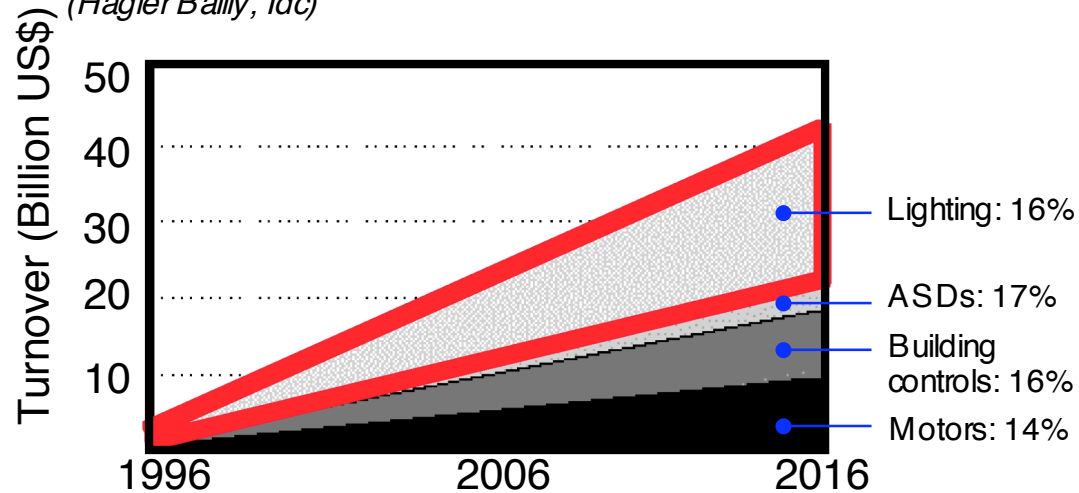
- 1 800 millions of tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum
- 80 tons of Hg-contaminating wastes are collected in France per annum
- Light pollution of the skies



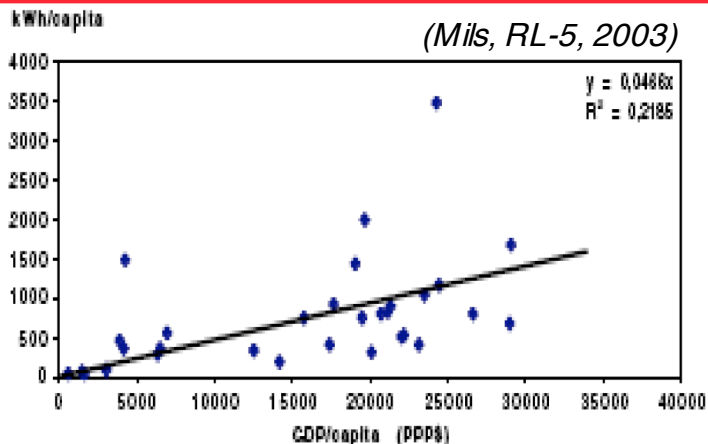
# Lighting is a rapid growing sector worldwide

## Fastest growing technology markets

(Hagler Baily, Idc)



This figure don't includes  
"periphery" Industry  
and non-lighting applications

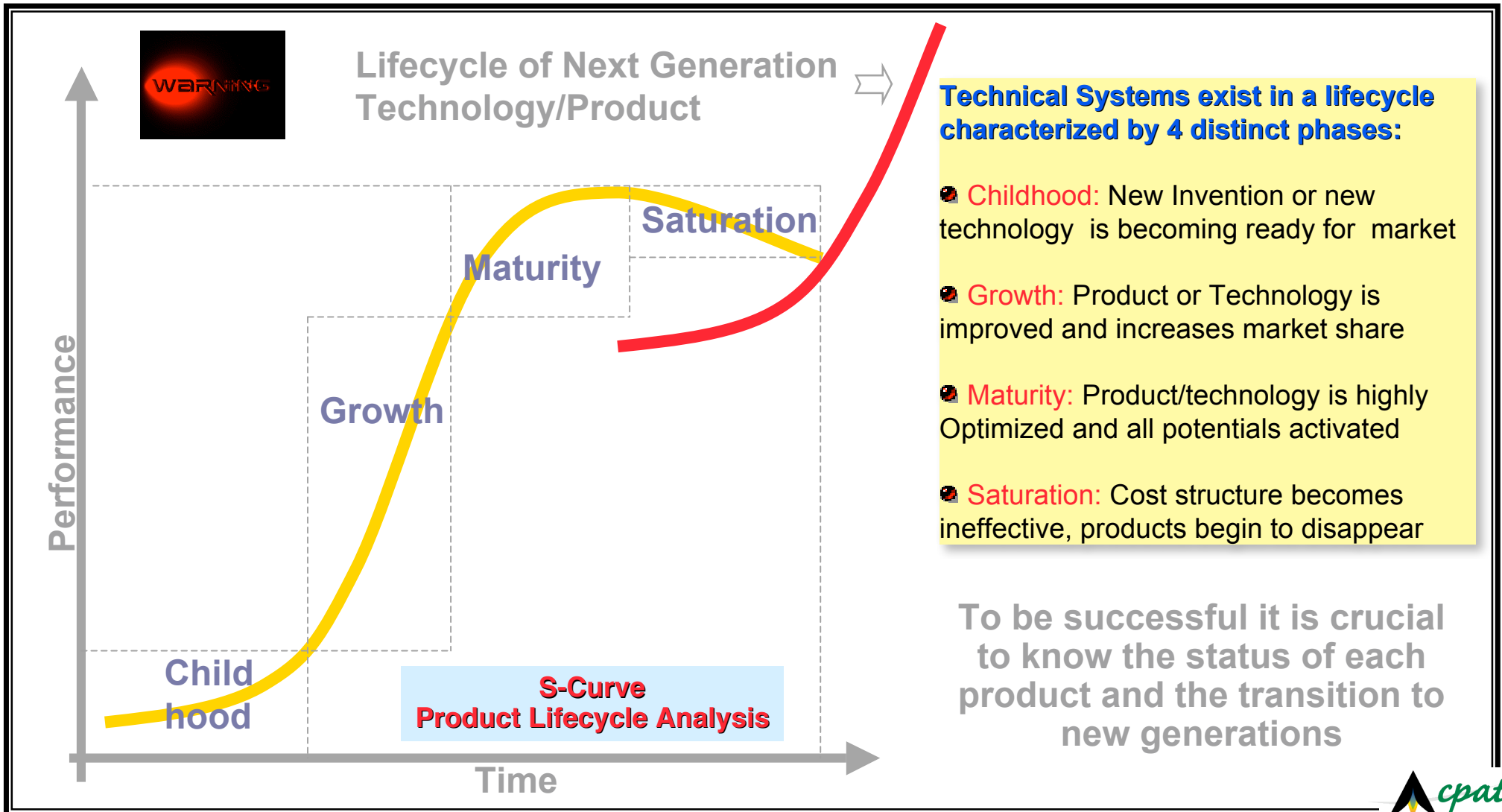


Needs are also increasing:



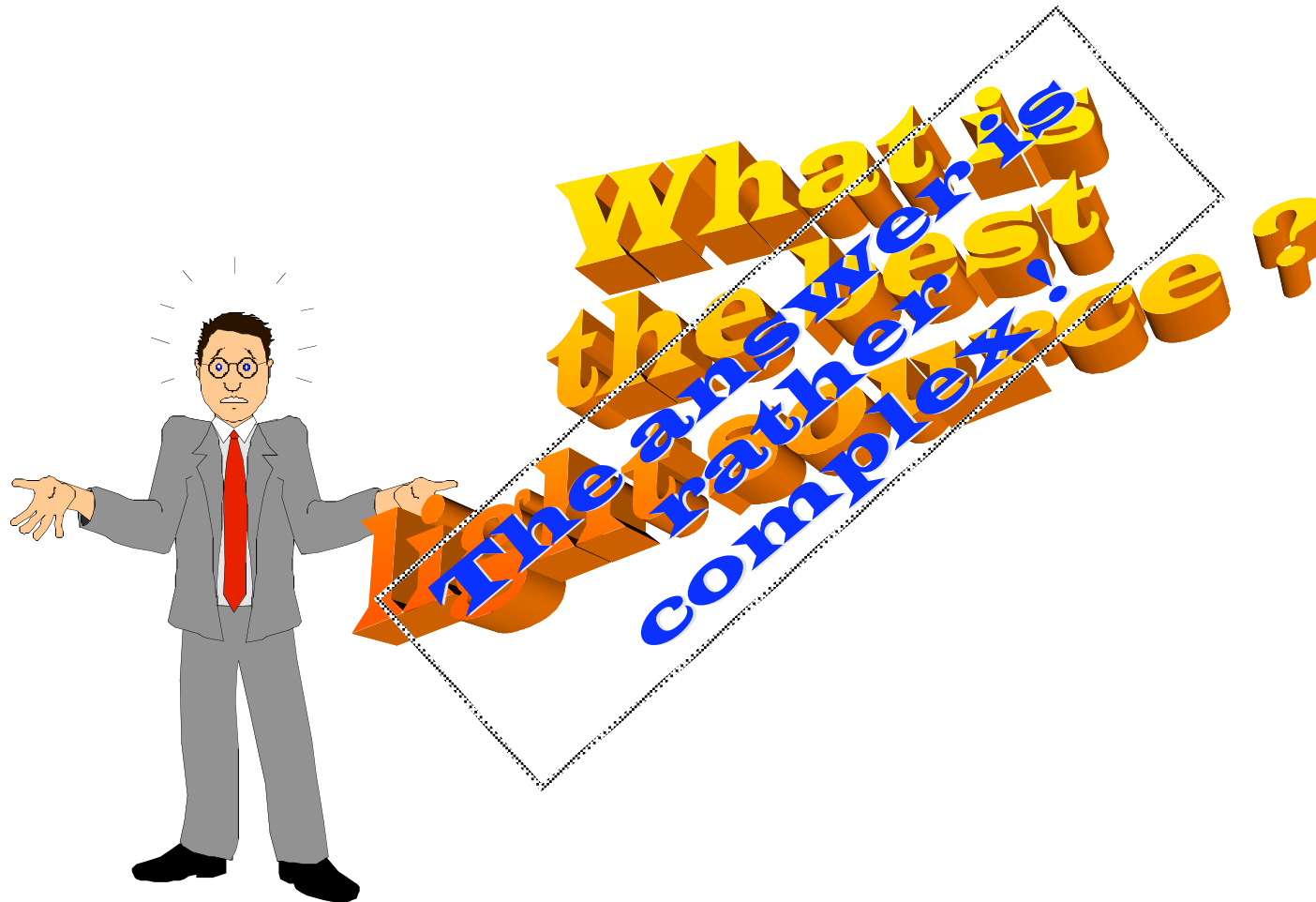
OECD predicts that needs will be multiplied  
by a factor of 2 within next decade

# Problem: Many major products are in Matutity & Saturation



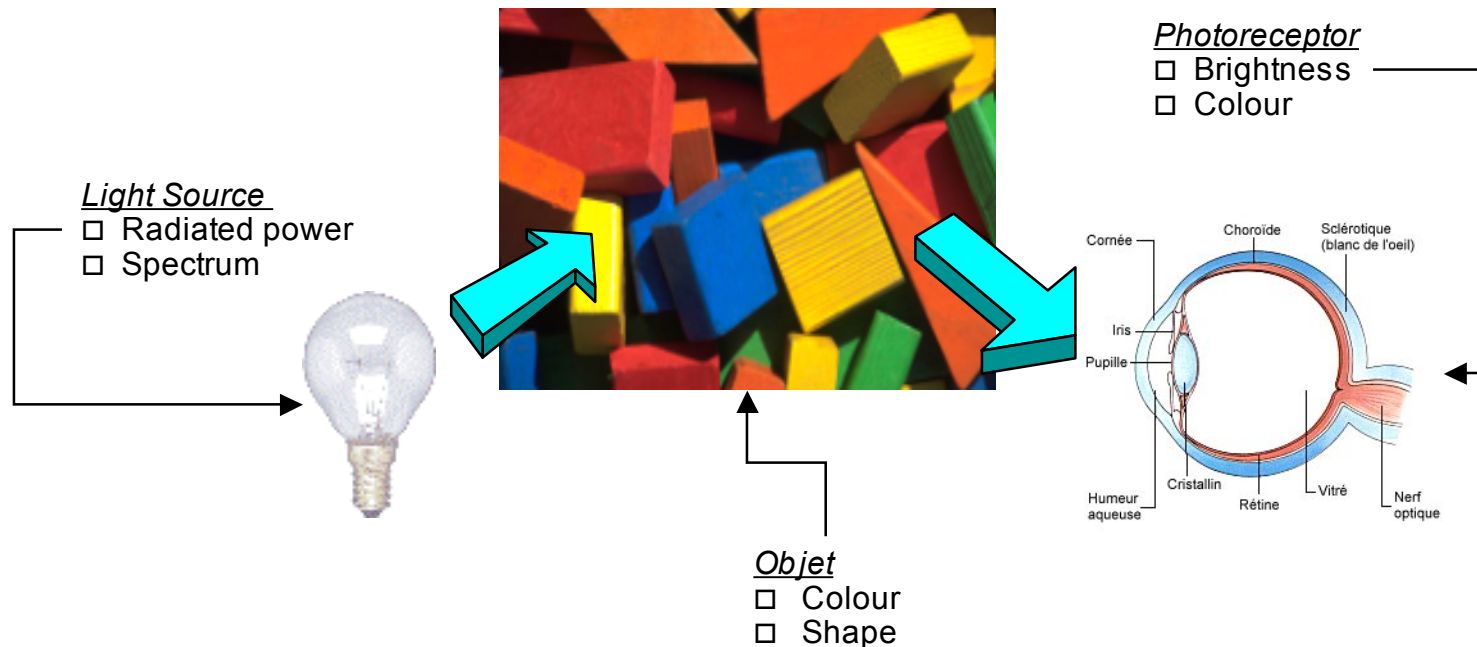


# Question:



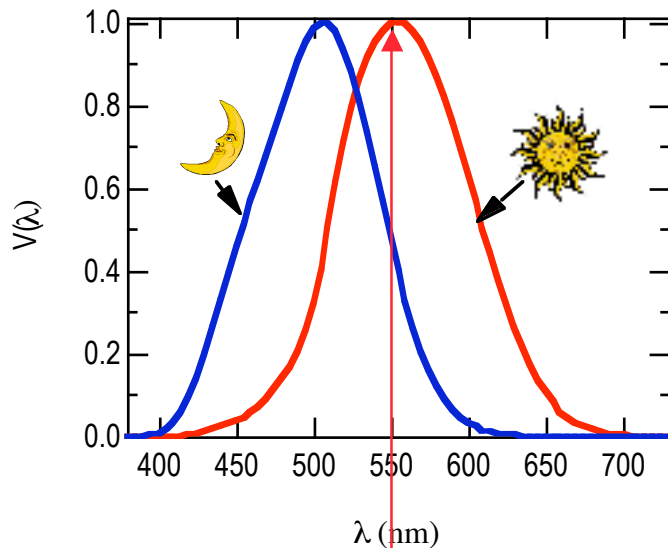
# What does it means "to see"

**To see: Using a photoreceptor in order to detect, to locate and to identify an object illuminated by a light source**

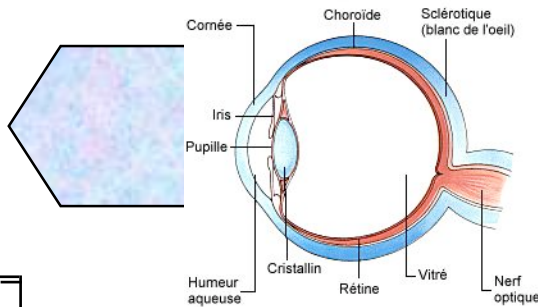


# Some definitions (the photoreceptor)

## Brightness



1 radiant watt (W) emitted at 555 nm  
equals to 683 lumens (lm)



## Colour

The eye perceives different wavelengths  
and the brain "see" colours

An object appears coloured by selectively  
reflecting or absorbing various wavelengths  
of incident light

**Efficacy ( $\eta$ )**  
lm/W

**Colour rendering index (CRI)**  
& **Colour Temperature**

# An example of "Colour" ...

Original



Sodium  
Low pressure



Mercury  
High Pressure

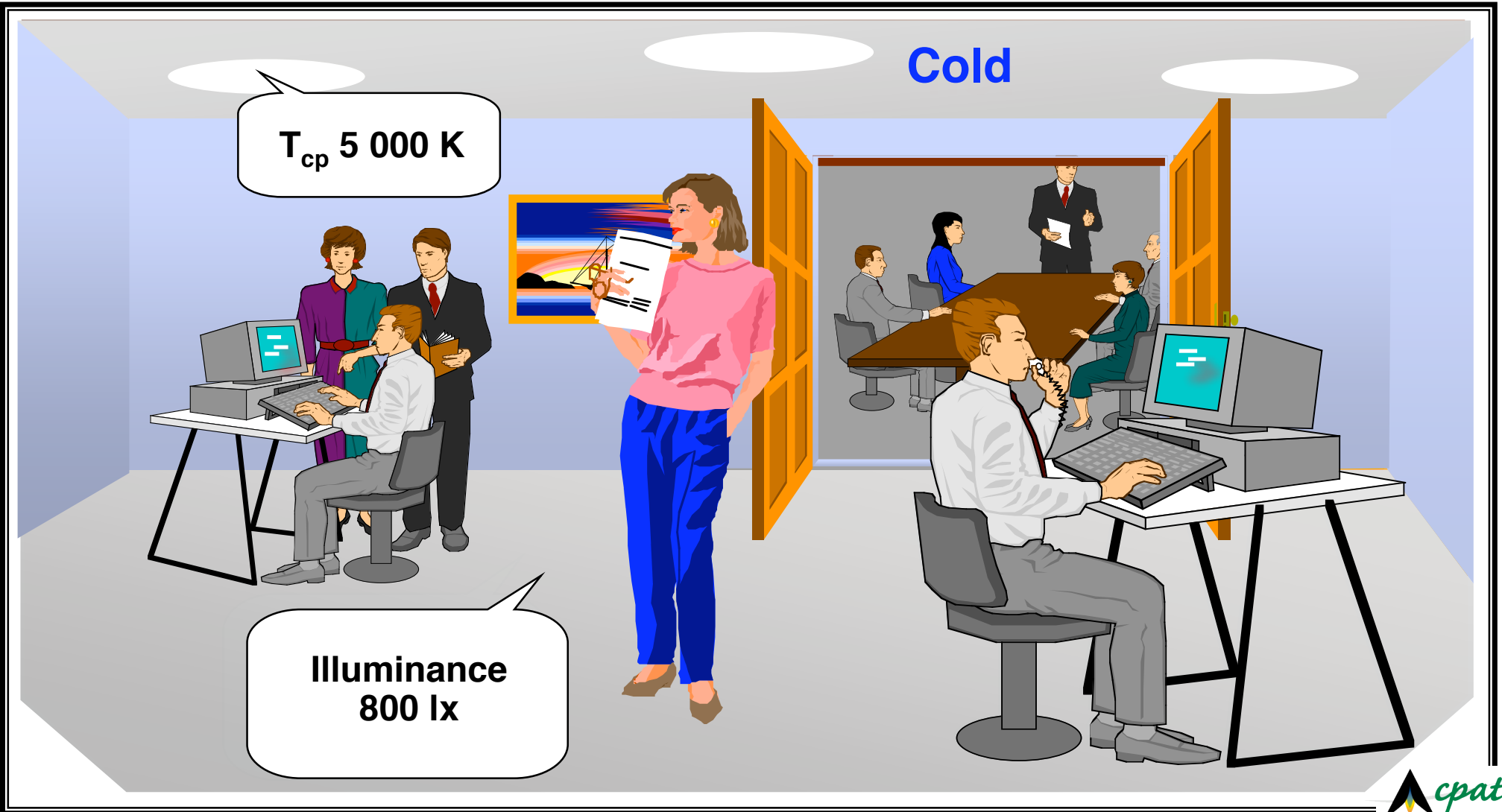


Sodium  
High Pressure

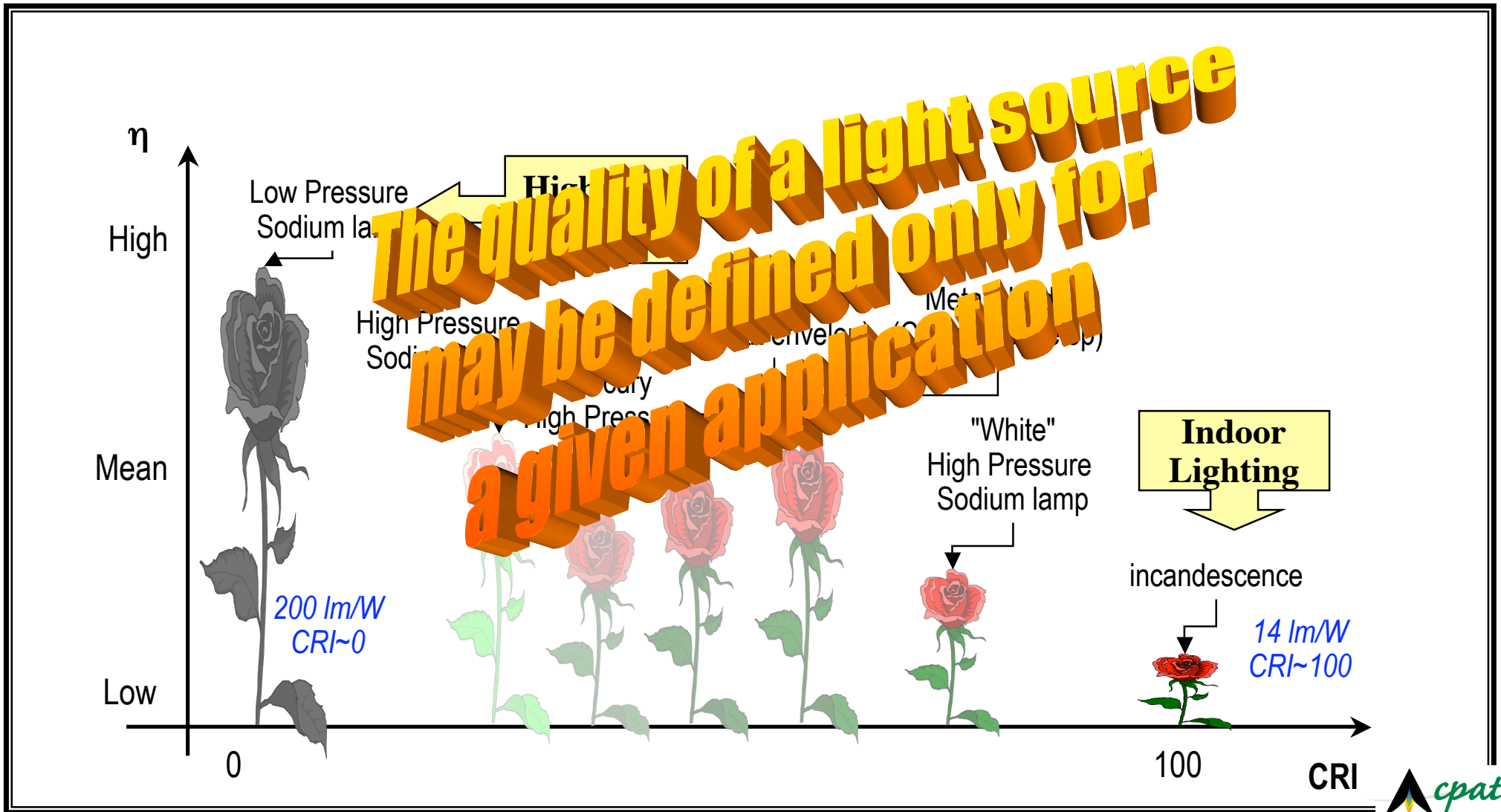




# ...and of ambiance



# A first answer...



# The "10 commandments" for a good lamp

\* Produce light by using a minimum input power

\* Produce "good light"

- Spectrum
- CRI
- Color rendering

\* Produce stable light

- Fluctuations
- Maintenance

\* Produce instantaneous light



\* Avoid any pollution

- Heat
- UV
- EMI
- Toxic Materials

\* Be light and compact

\* Have a long lifetime

\* Have a minimum cost

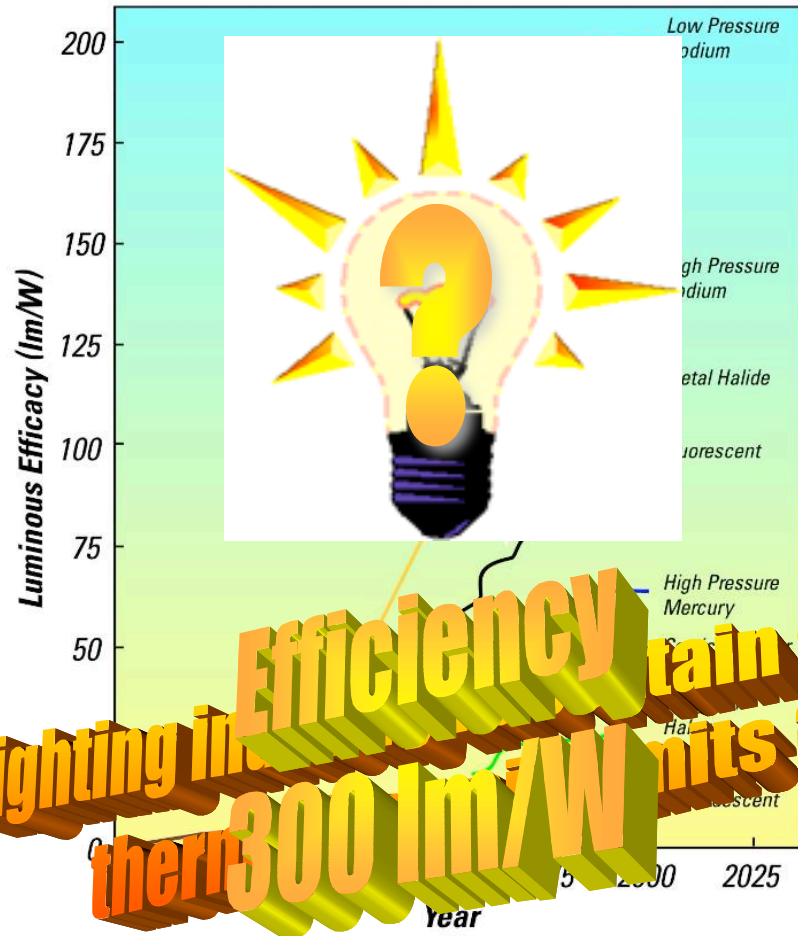
\* Be interchangeable with other lamps

**This is utopic...**

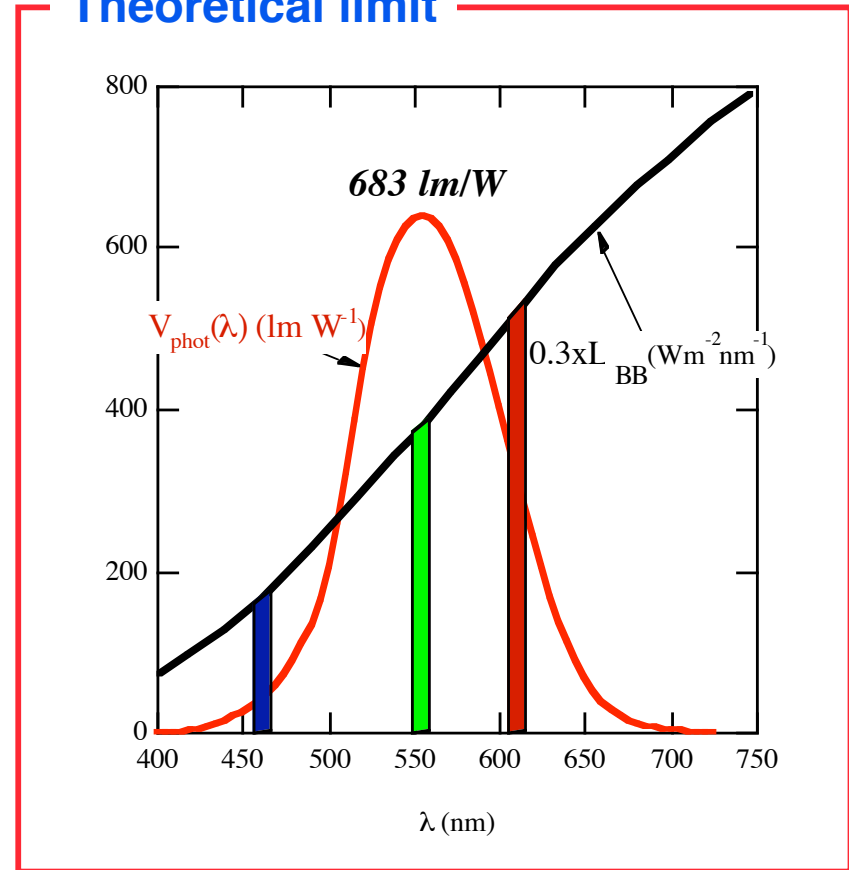




# Progress of luminous efficiency

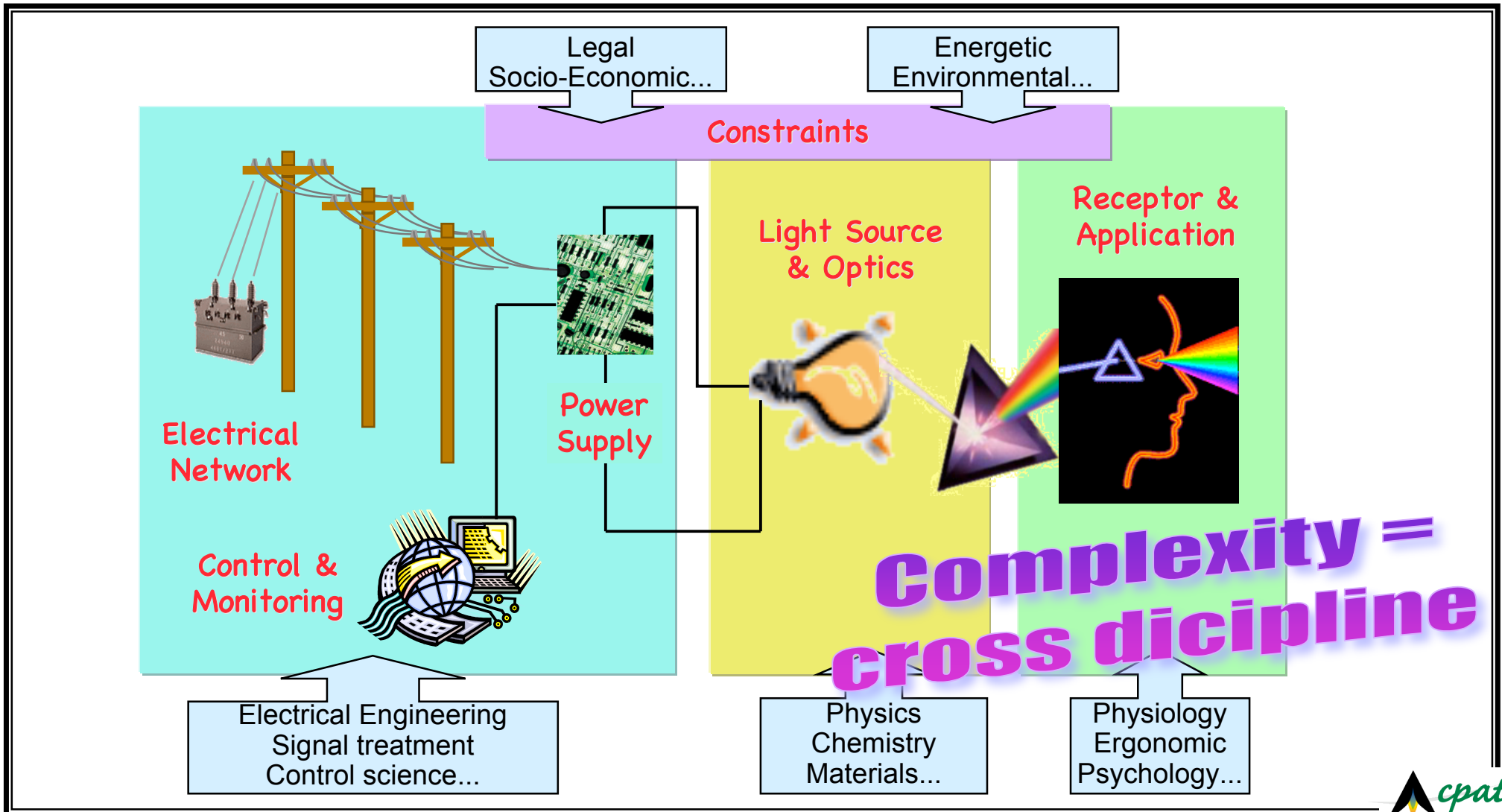


## Theoretical limit

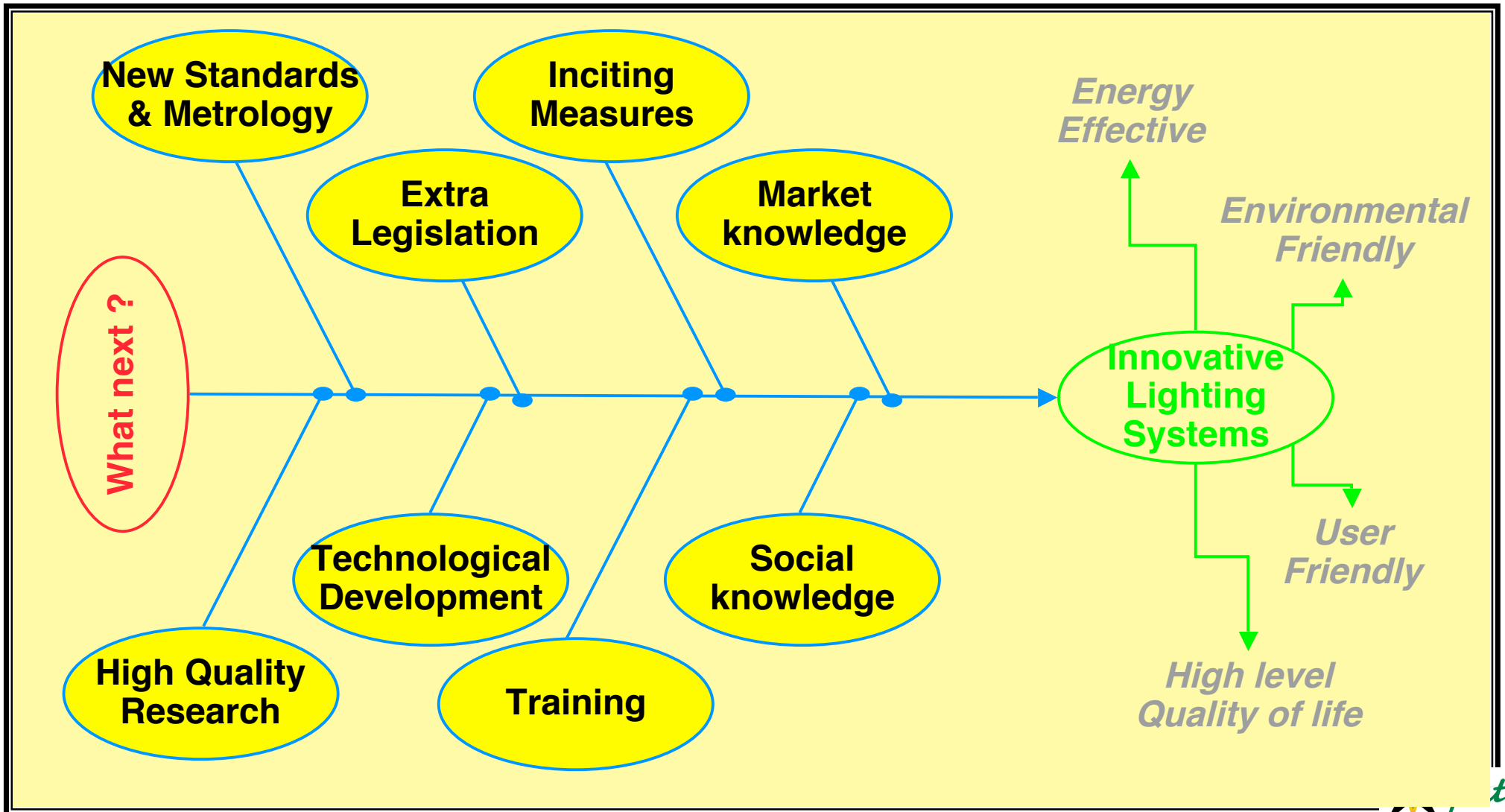


(J. Waymouth, ALITE-95)

# Research and development are “key” issues



# But many other issues are also crucial...





# Low pressure lamps

## Phosphors (this is a major challenge)

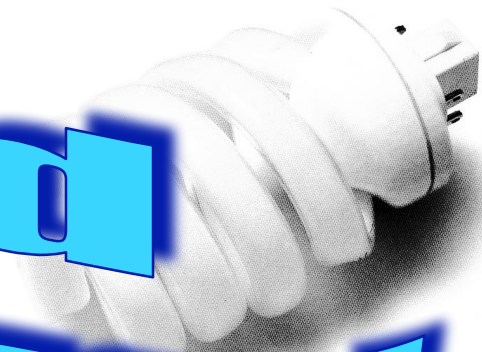
How to avoid ~50% phosphor conversion loss?

- Quantum splitting phosphors – 2 visible photons for each UV photon – some progress
- Generate white light directly in visible region by using high volatility molecules

## Shape and Quality

Some mileage left here for innovation

Heliax CFL (GE)



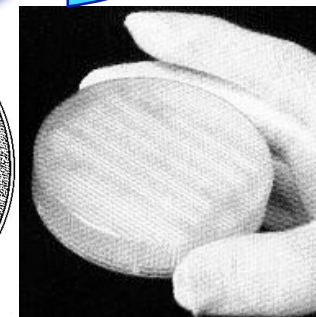
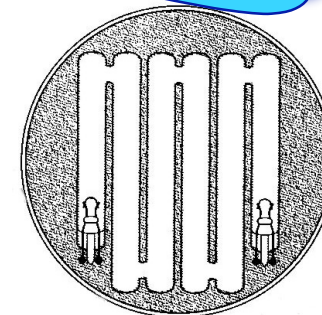
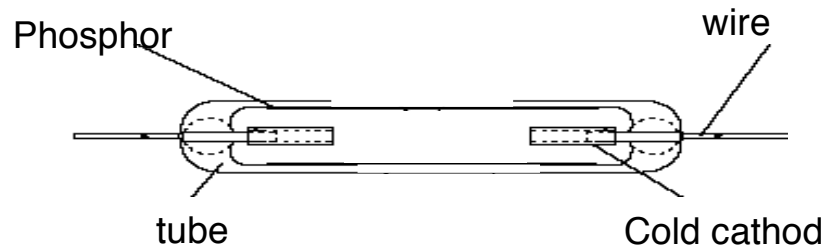
## Power Electronics

- Enhancing operating conditions
- Deep dimming
- Permanent

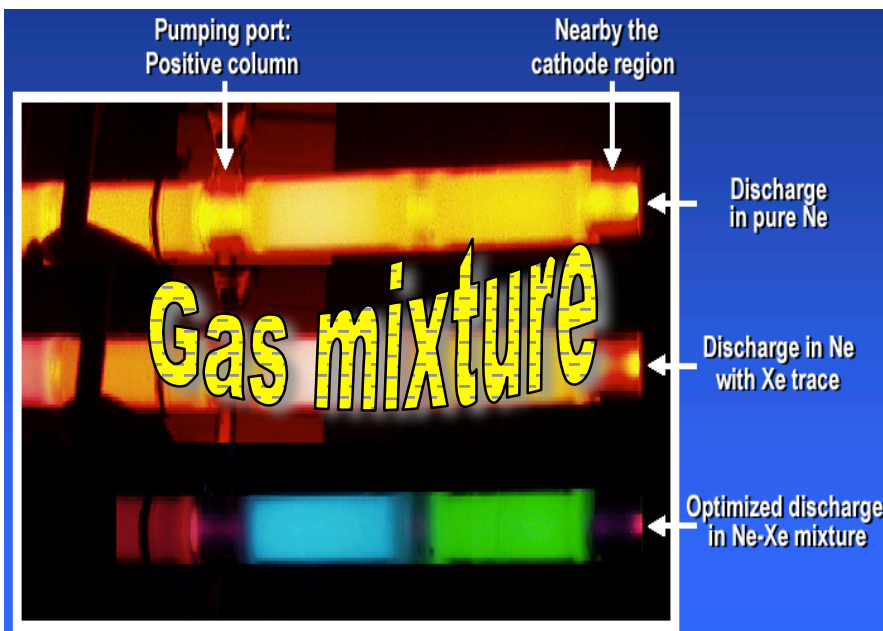


**Avoid Mercury!**

## Lamps for special applications (backlighting)



# Colour control



- ✓ **Publicity Lighting**
- ✓ **Automotive**

Mixture : Hg + Ne

**Power Supply**

Sinusoïdal      Impulsionnel

Courant      Temps



# High Pressure lamps

## Ceramic MHLs

- Power range: 20 - 400 W
- Efficacy: 70 -100 lm/W
- CRI: 86 - 95
- T<sub>c</sub> : 3000 - 4500 K
- Lifetime : 7000-16000 h

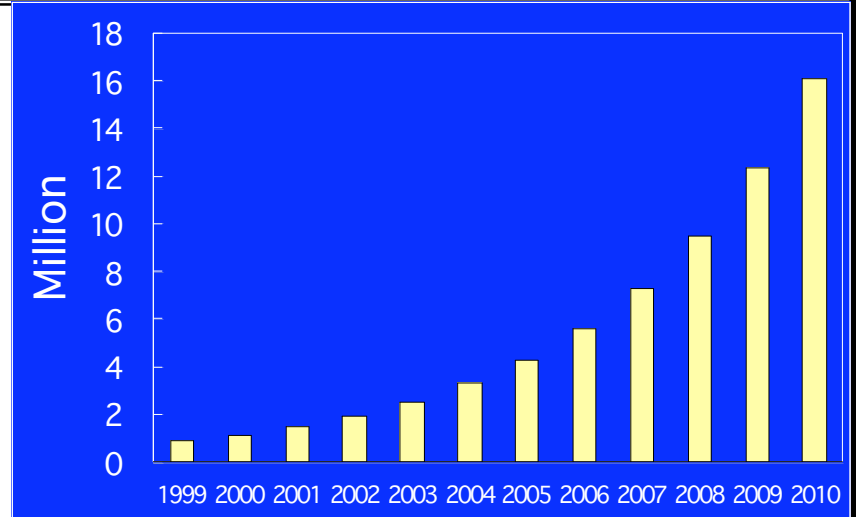
**White colour  
required  
with less Hg...**

- Shape & pressure
- Color
- Electronic gears
- Dimming with adaptation to vision requirements
- Rapid

150-400 W : direct concurrence for SHP for urban lighting  
20W-70 W : direct concurrence for inc. lamps for given applications



# And more especially automotive...

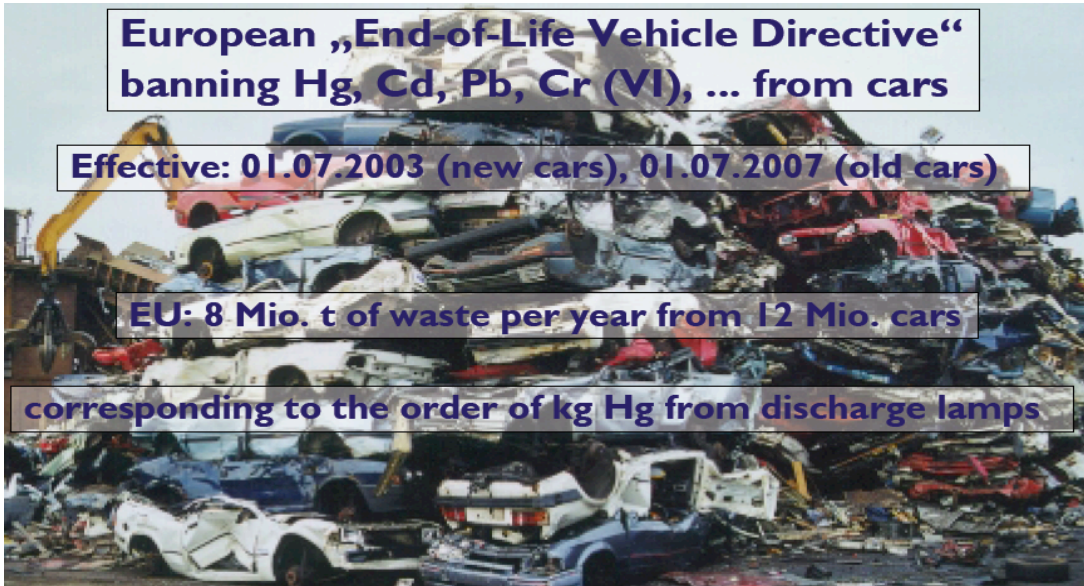


**European „End-of-Life Vehicle Directive“  
banning Hg, Cd, Pb, Cr (VI), ... from cars**

**Effective: 01.07.2003 (new cars), 01.07.2007 (old cars)**

**EU: 8 Mio. t of waste per year from 12 Mio. cars**

**corresponding to the order of kg Hg from discharge lamps**

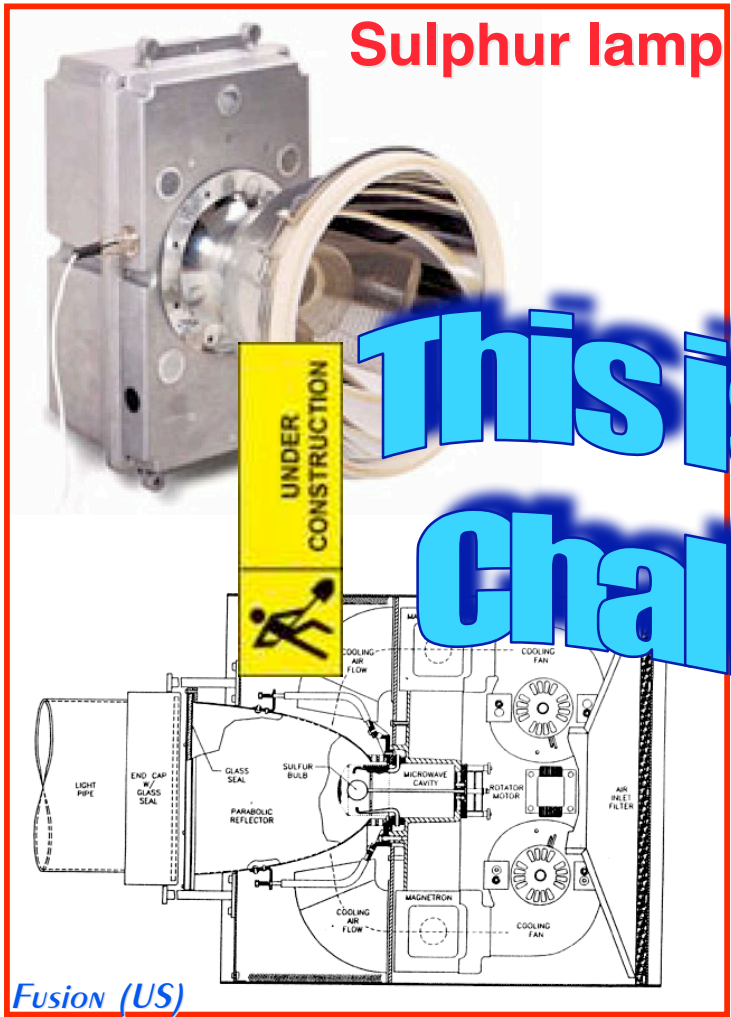


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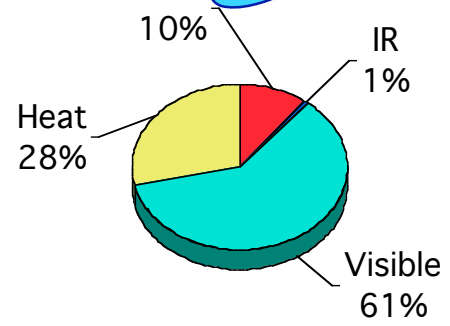
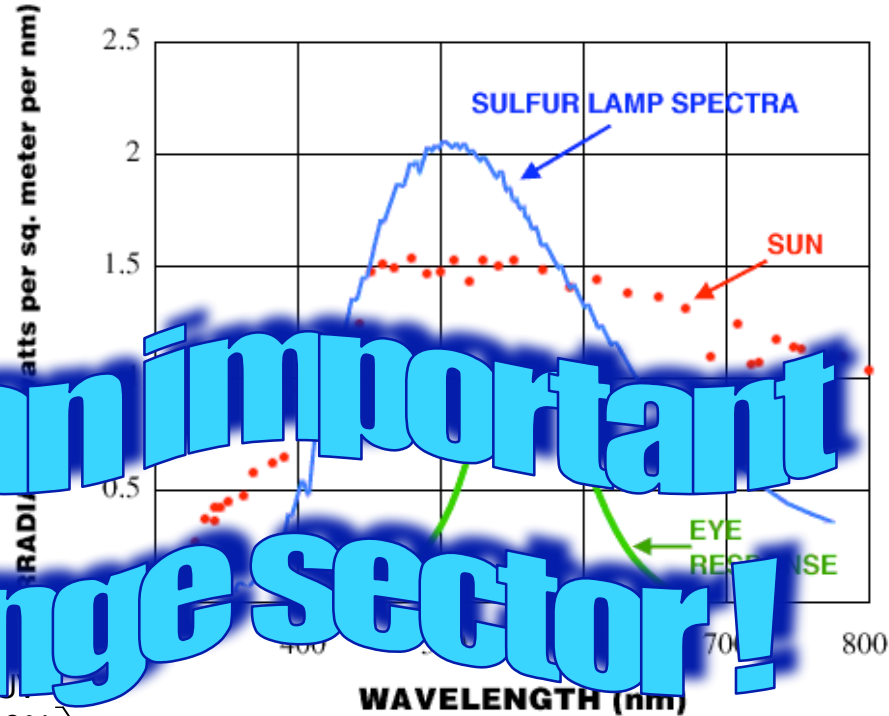
**Hg-free**

# Electrodeless lamps



**Sulphur lamp**

**This is an important  
Challenge sector!**



Power (W)	1385	3400
Intensity (lm)	134000	410000
Efficacy (lm/W)	97	120
T <sub>col</sub> (K)	5400	6500
CRI	79	86

Fusion (US)



# Excimer & DBD lamps (General lighting & signs)

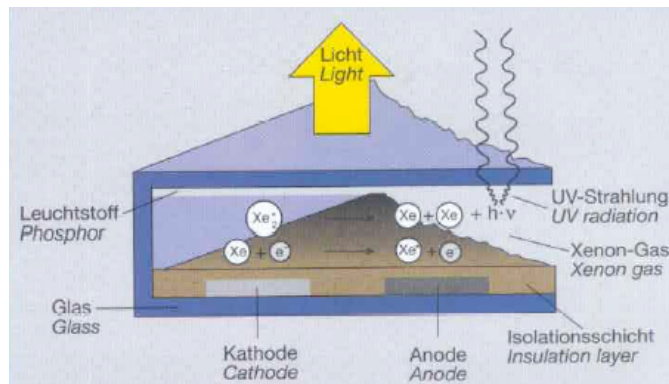
- ✓ General lighting
- ✓ Advertisement
- ✓ Backlighting

*The biggest worldwide advertisement display (3 000 m<sup>2</sup>, 900 PLANON™)  
Dutch telecommunications company, KPN, (Rotterdam).*



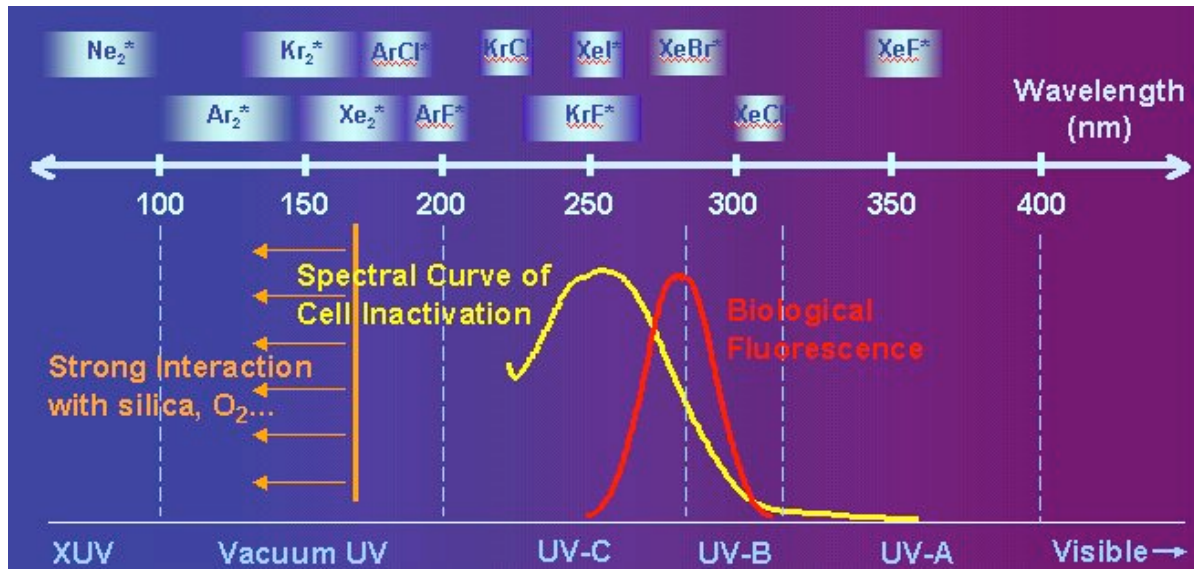
Osram Planon DBD and gear

Gas : Xe (Hg-free)  
Pressure > 100 Torr  
Thickness < 10mm  
Lifetime > 10 000 h



OSRAM GmbH

# Excimer lamps (special applications)

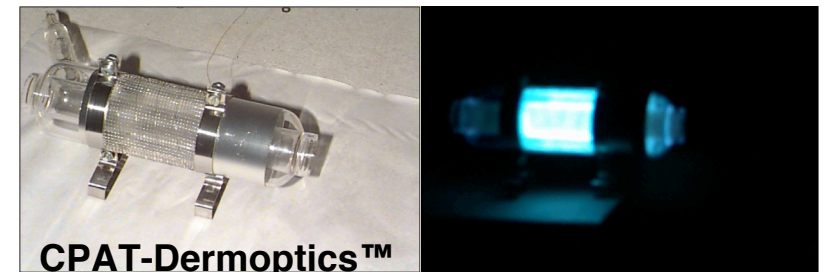
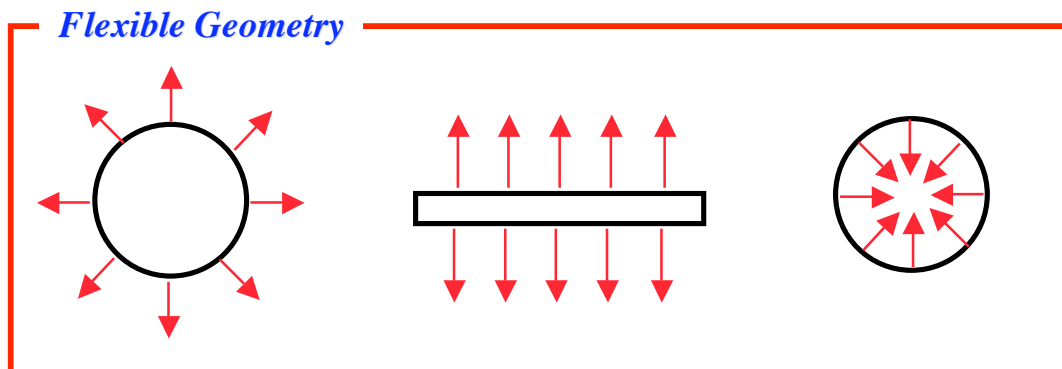


## Industrial Applications

- ✓ Photochemistry/Polymerization
- ✓ Surface Traitement
- ✓ Water Purification
- ✓ Dermatologie & Medecine
- ✓ Photo-catalysis



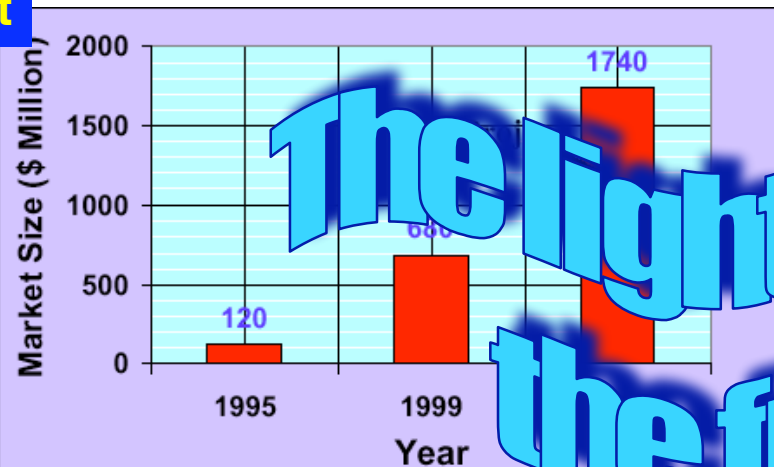
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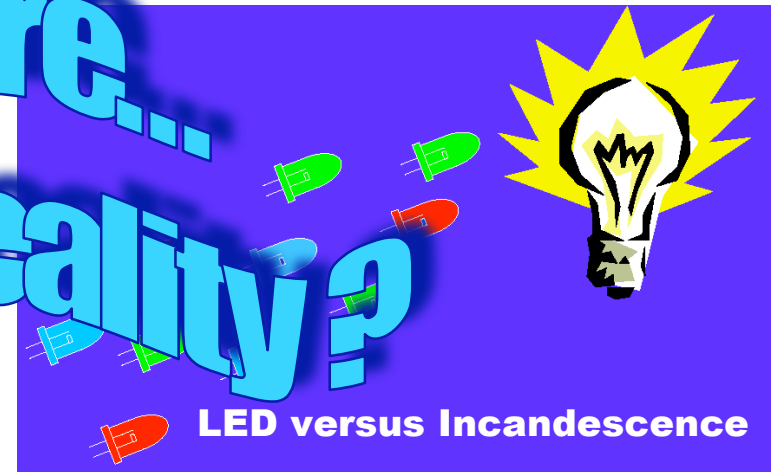
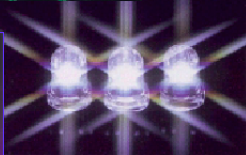
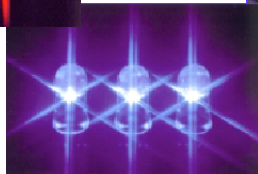
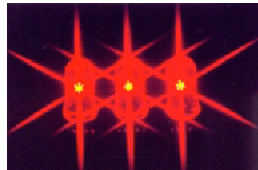
# Light Emitting Diodes

## Market



The light source of  
the future...

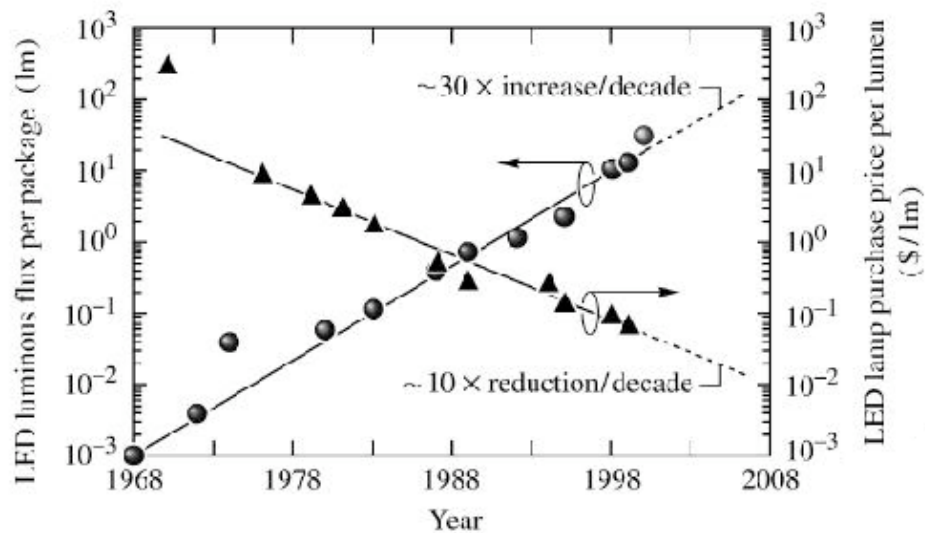
Dream or reality?





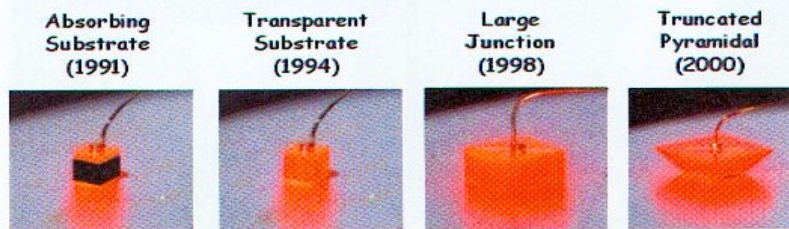
# Some Positive points

## Craford's law



- High brightness
- Excellent colours
- High efficacy (for some colours)
- Low dimensions & weight
- High lifetime (>25 000 h)
- No theoretical limit for efficacy

## Progress in light extraction

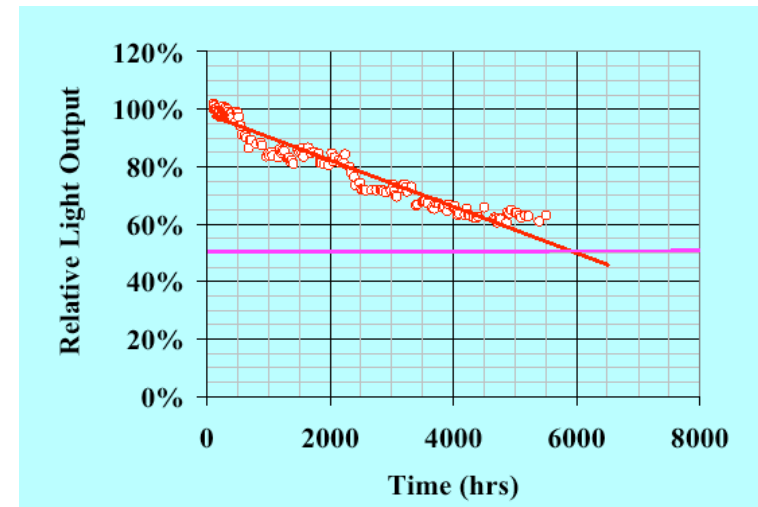
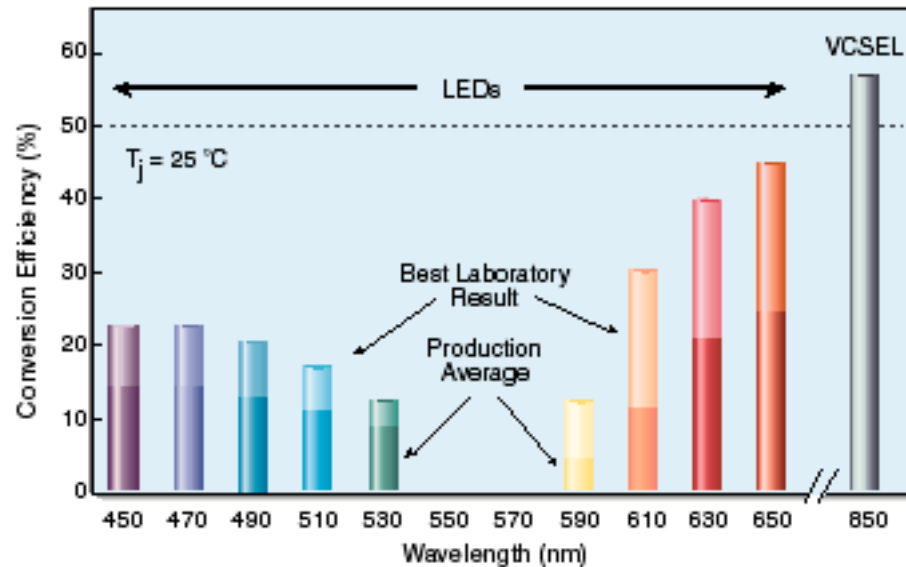


Flux progress:    ~3 x                    ~5 x                    ~1.5 x

## Progress in systems



# Problems & Challenges



Flux Maintenance (1W white LED)

- Low power (W)
- Directional lighting
- High cost for a global system
- Severe colour changes with Voltage & Current
- Sensible in temperature/humidity
- High complexity system control
- Poor production reliability in line

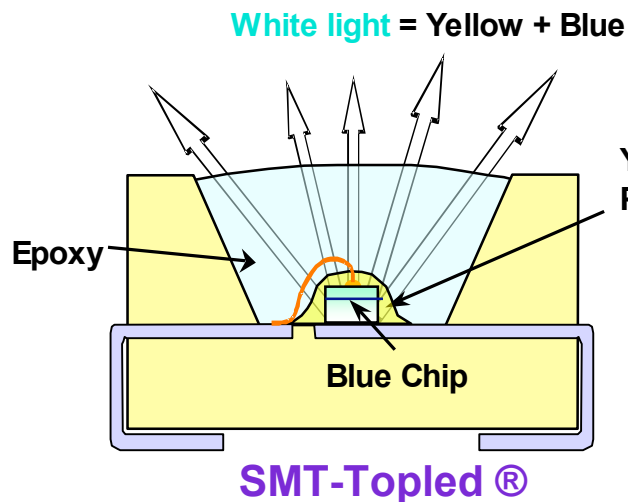
## Challenges:

- 1: Enhance flux maintenance
- 2: Close the gap from green to yellow
- 3: Enhance efficacy by 50% @ every  $\lambda$
- 4: Enhance line production reliability
- 5: Increase emitting surface
- 6: Enhance system control

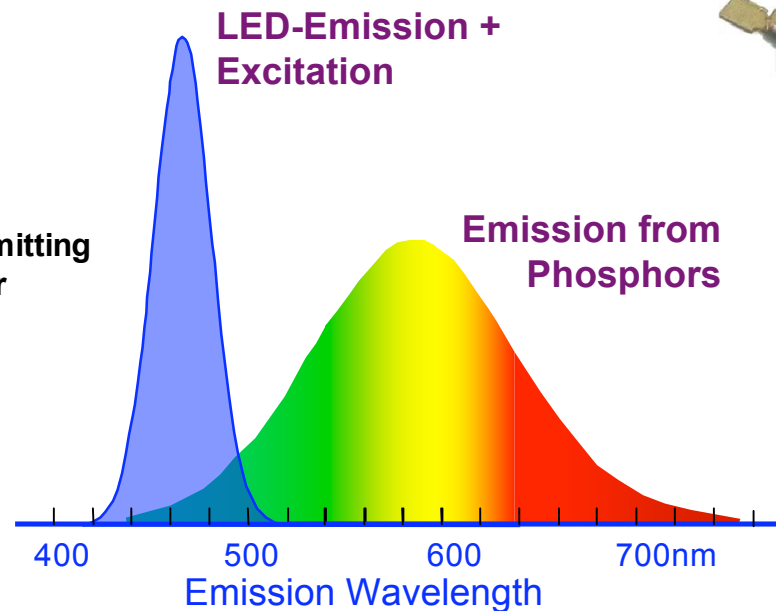
# White LEDs the Challenge !

LED are compact, mechanically stable, need only low voltage operation, can be dimmed, and have long life time.

## White LED



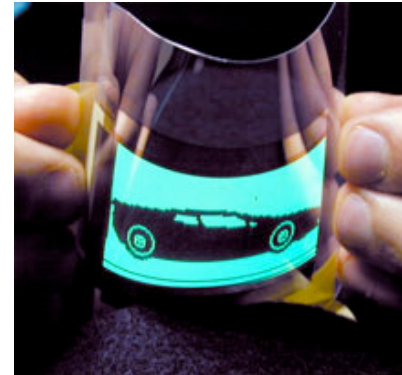
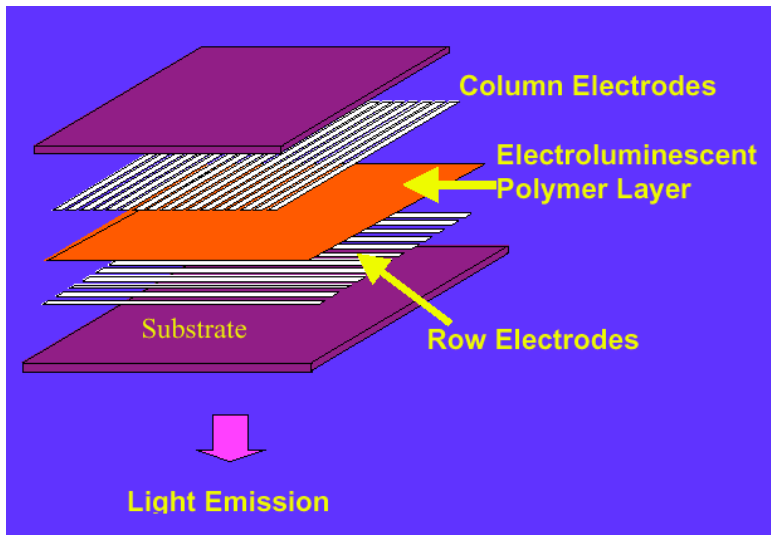
Courtesy of Osram GmbH



(Copyright LumiLeds)

US congress voted in 2002, \$470 million program for white LEDs for general lighting  
 Today: 25-30 lm/W  
 Objective: 200 lm/W white LED by 2011 !

# O-LEDs



- High resolution
- High Colour Quality
- Flexible, bendable...
- Excellent mechanical properties
- Low weight
- Small dimensions





## In conclusion

Light is the most  
visible human product

20th Century was  
the century of the "Electron" ...  
Light is the most

visible human product  
The 21st century will be  
the Century of the "Photon"

Thank you !

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