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# Circadian Lighting for Better Sleep at Night



## GSA's Buildings and Health Research Program

- May 23: Health in Buildings Partnerships
- June 27: Circadian Lighting
- July 27: Enhancing Ventilation
- Aug 22: Wellbuilt for Wellbeing
- Sept 26: The Health in Buildings Roundtable

### **This series is a call for co-sponsors - Health in Buildings Roundtable!**

- Government agencies, companies, research organizations, non-profit groups, etc
- Pilot, measure, and evaluate health-enhancing strategies
- Join scoping meeting planned for this summer
- Email [coskvig@nas.edu](mailto:coskvig@nas.edu) for more information

# Polls 1 and 2



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# Major Points to cover

- Scientific evidence of the beneficial effects of lighting on sleep
- Importance of light reaching the eyes instead of the desk surface
- Circadian-effective lighting does not mean more glare or higher lighting power densities
- This is not just an academic exercise; field studies sponsored by GSA (and others) show the power of bright days and dark nights.
- Value-engineering of lighting at the end of buildings construction can ultimately cost more in terms of occupant performance and health.



# Agenda

- Introduction
- Scientific Foundation
- Field Verification
- Design Guidelines
- GSA Requirements
- Possible Solutions
- What This Isn't
- What's Missing?



# Poll 3 and 4



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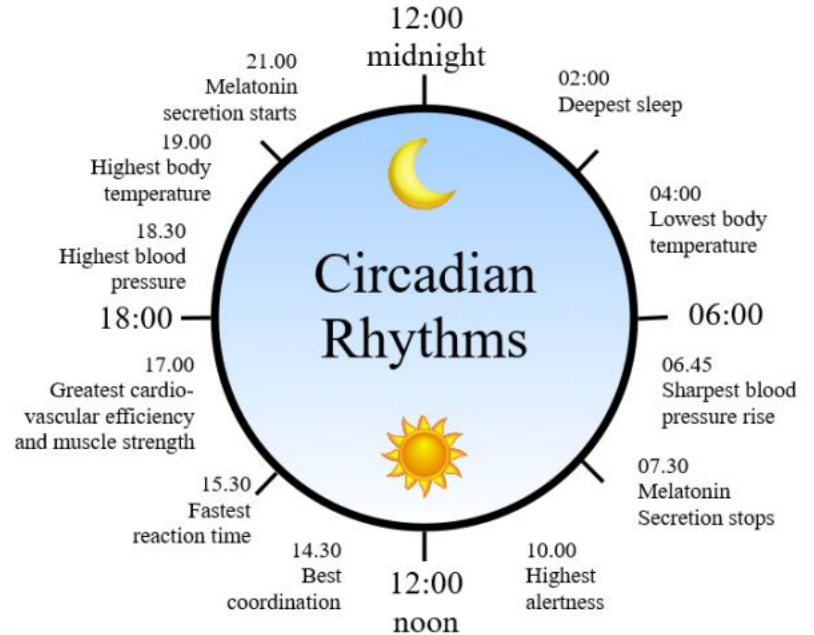
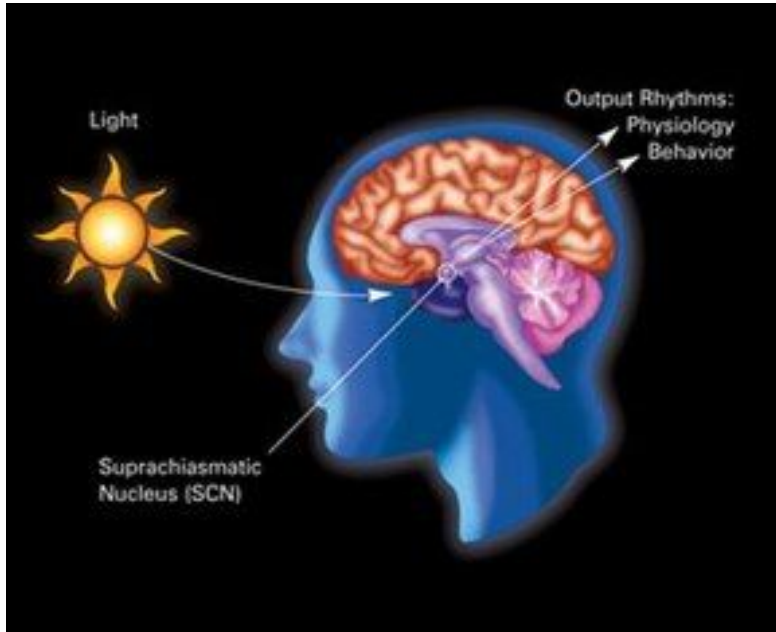
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# Scientific Foundation

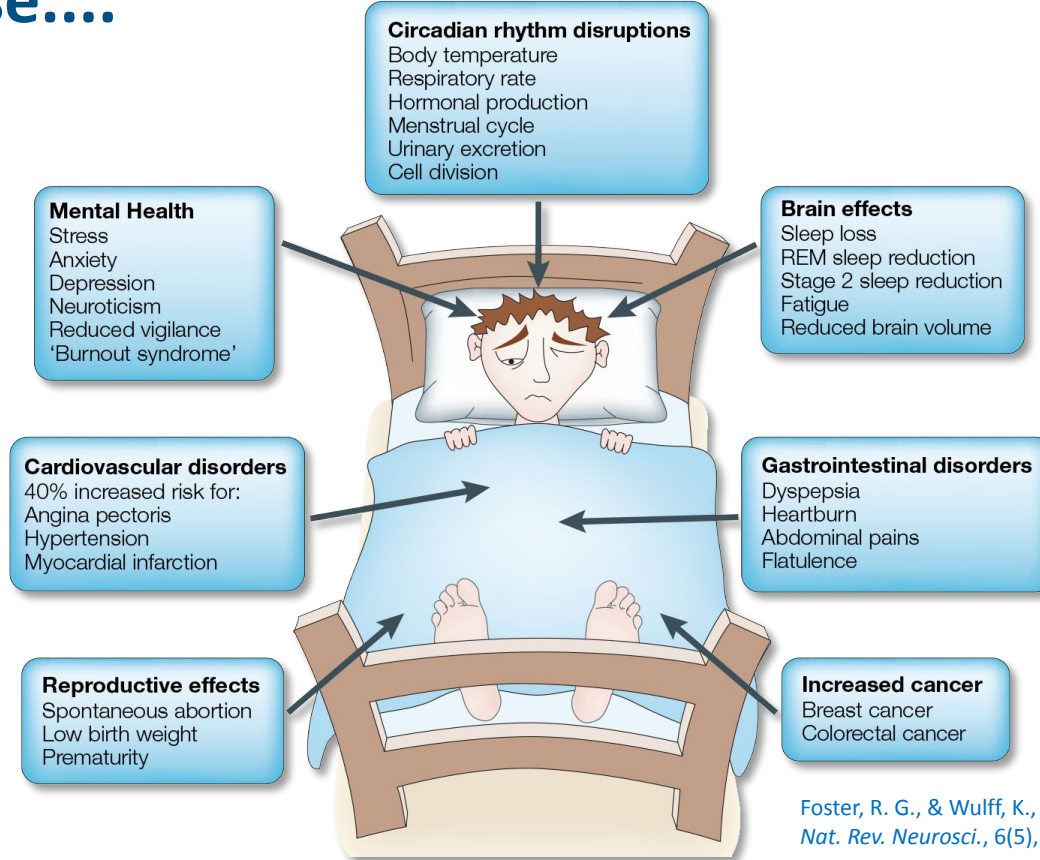


# Basic idea: Maintain a 24-hour light/dark cycle





# Otherwise....



Foster, R. G., & Wulff, K., 2005. The rhythm of rest and excess. *Nat. Rev. Neurosci.*, 6(5), 407-414. DOI: 10.1038/nrn1670 .

# In simple terms...bright days and dim nights



**But what is bright and what is dim?**

# What we need: Define bright and dim

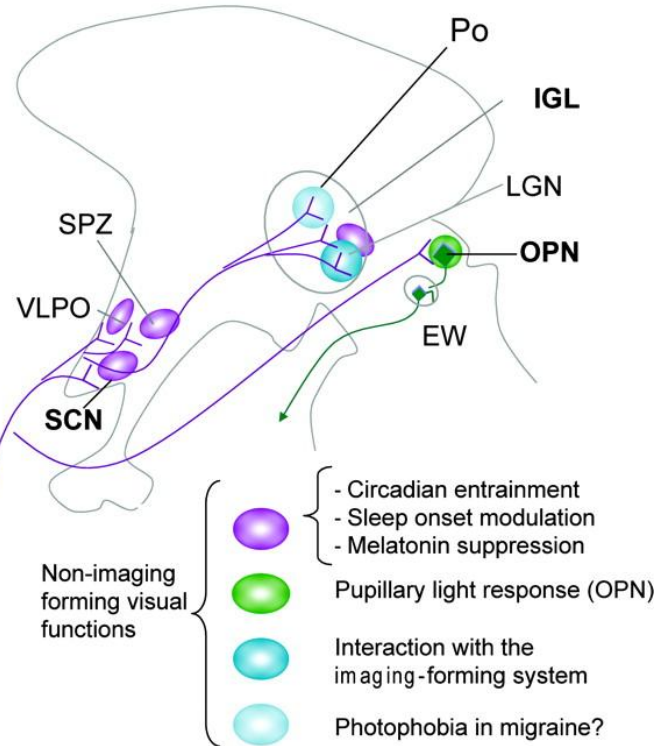
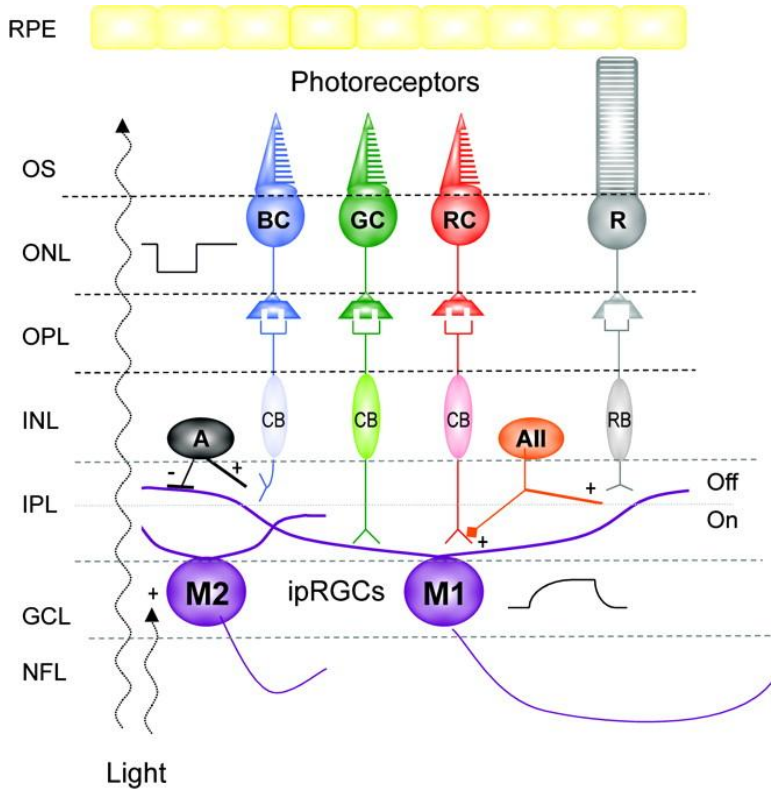
Based on psychophysics

- A reliable, repeatable, measurable and unconfounded response
- A well-controlled and defined physical stimulus to the retina

Actionable specification

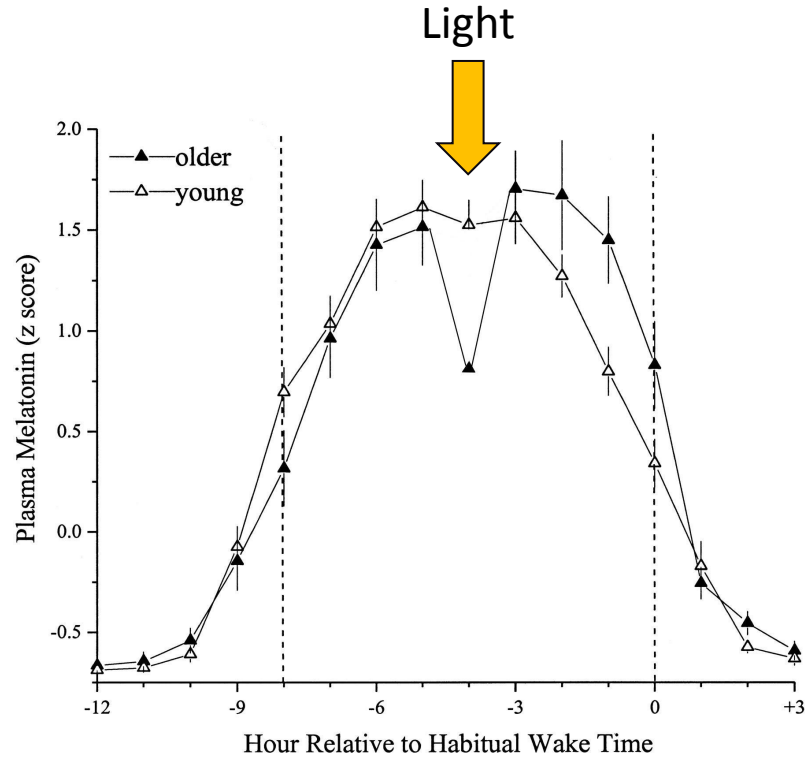
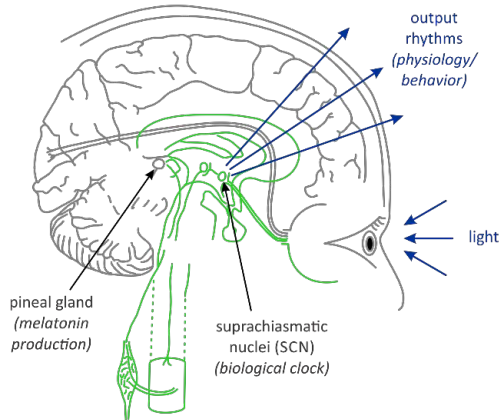
- A computational model relating the stimulus to the response which is accurate in terms of *spectral sensitivity* and *absolute sensitivity* and has a physiological foundation
- A method for implementation and verification

# But it's complicated!



Benarroch EE. The melanopsin system: Phototransduction, projections, functions, and clinical implications. *Neurology*. 2011;76(16):1422-7. doi: 10.1212/WNL.0b013e31821671a5

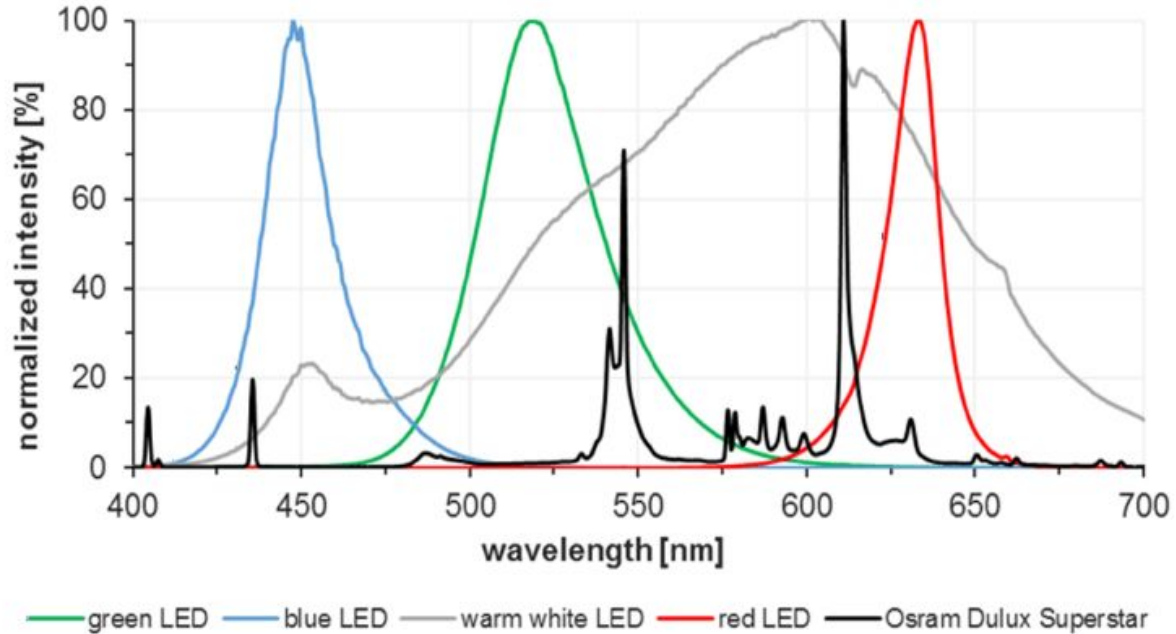
# Response



Duffy JF, Zeitzer JM, Rimmer DW, Klerman EB, Dijk DJ, Czeisler CA. Peak of circadian melatonin rhythm occurs later within the sleep of older subjects. *Am J Physiol Endocrinol Metab.* 2002;282(2):E297-E303. doi: 10.1152/ajpendo.00268.2001

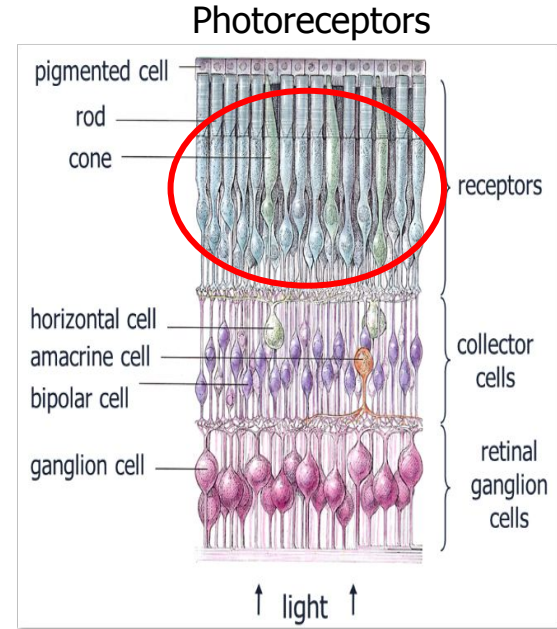
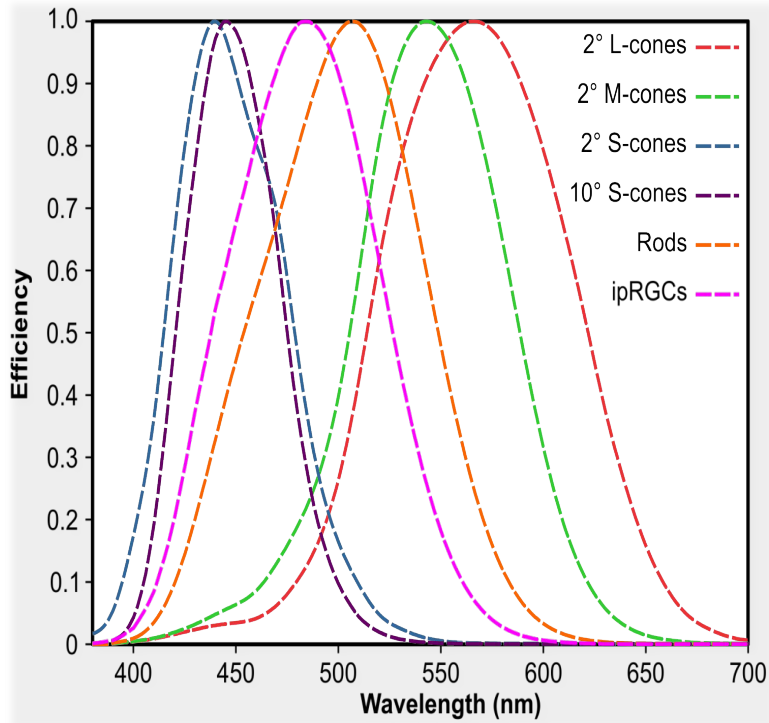
Based upon dose-response suppression of pineal gland synthesis of the hormone melatonin at night

# Stimulus

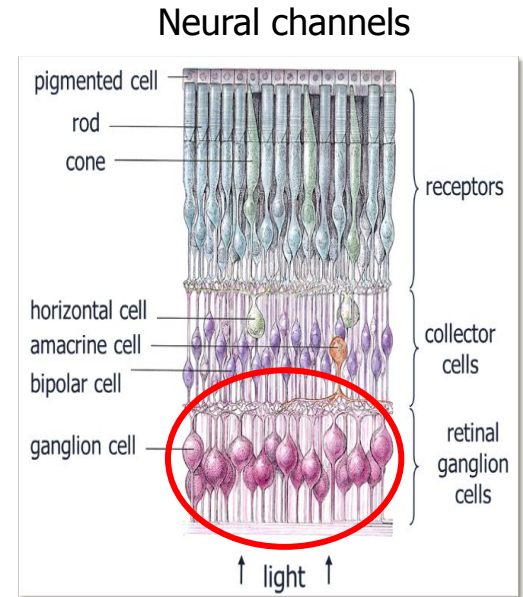
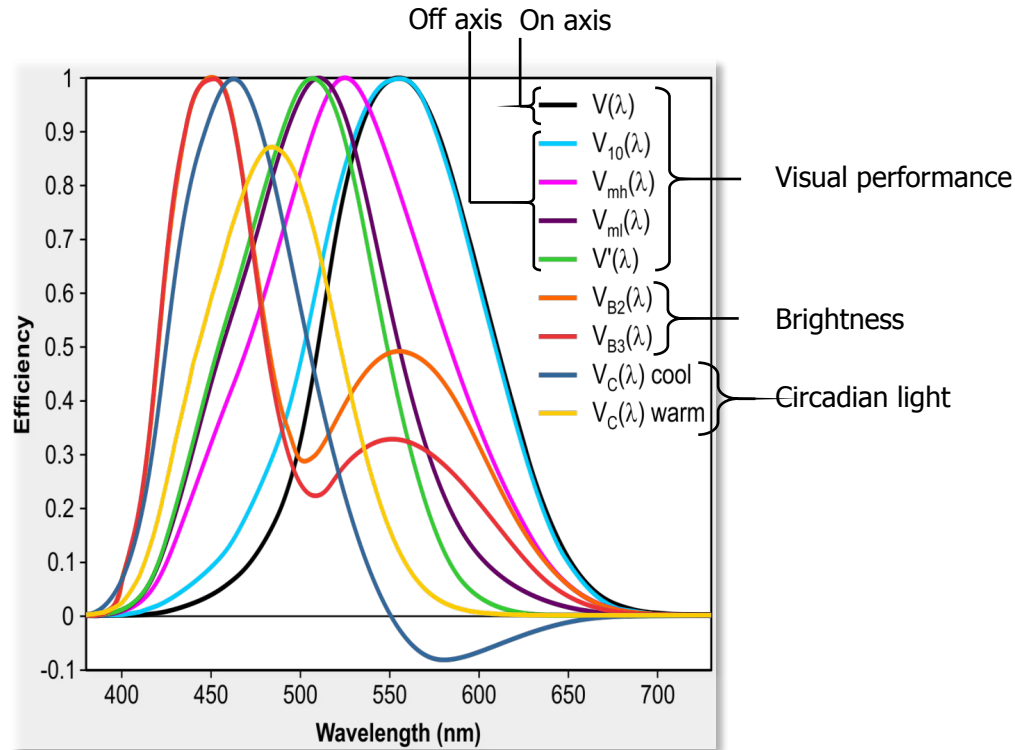


Radiant power in  $\text{W m}^{-2}$  at the cornea

# Eye sensitivity is more than the photoreceptors

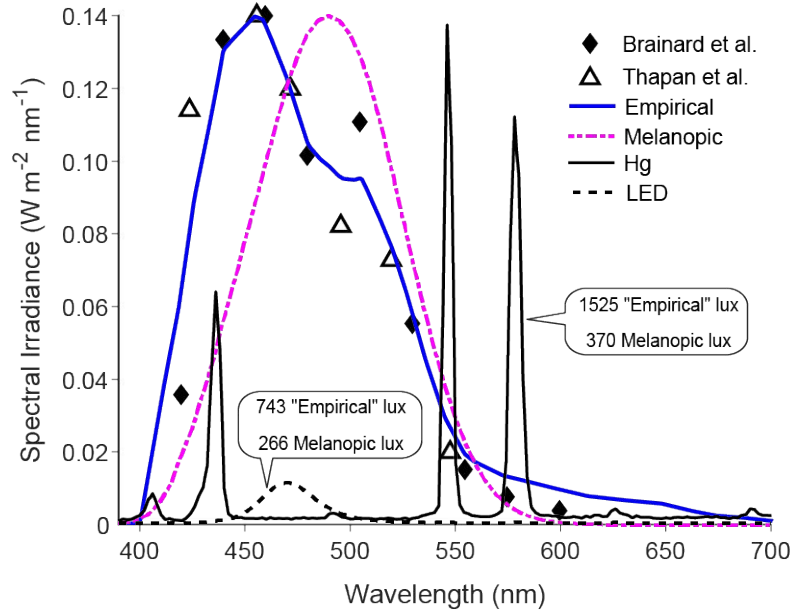


# Eye sensitivity is defined by the neural channel response





# Spectral sensitivity



Brainard, G.C., Hanifin, J.P., Greeson, J.M., Byrne, B., Glickman, G., Gerner, E., Rollag, M.D. (2001) Action spectrum for melatonin regulation in humans: Evidence for a novel circadian photoreceptor. *J. Neurosci.* 21(16):6405-6412.

Thapan, K., Arendt, J., Skene, D.J. (2001) An action spectrum for melatonin suppression: Evidence for a novel non-rod, non-cone photoreceptor system in humans. *J Physiol.* 525(Pt 1):261-267.

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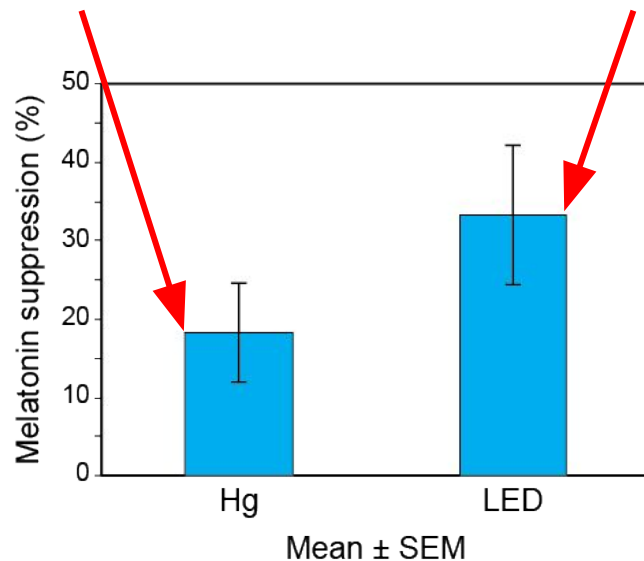
# Results

Challenge is to accurately predict these non-linear responses while being consistent with retinal neurophysiology

In other words, develop a computational model that can predict both retinal spectral and absolute sensitivities

1525 “Empirical” lux  
370 Melanopic lux

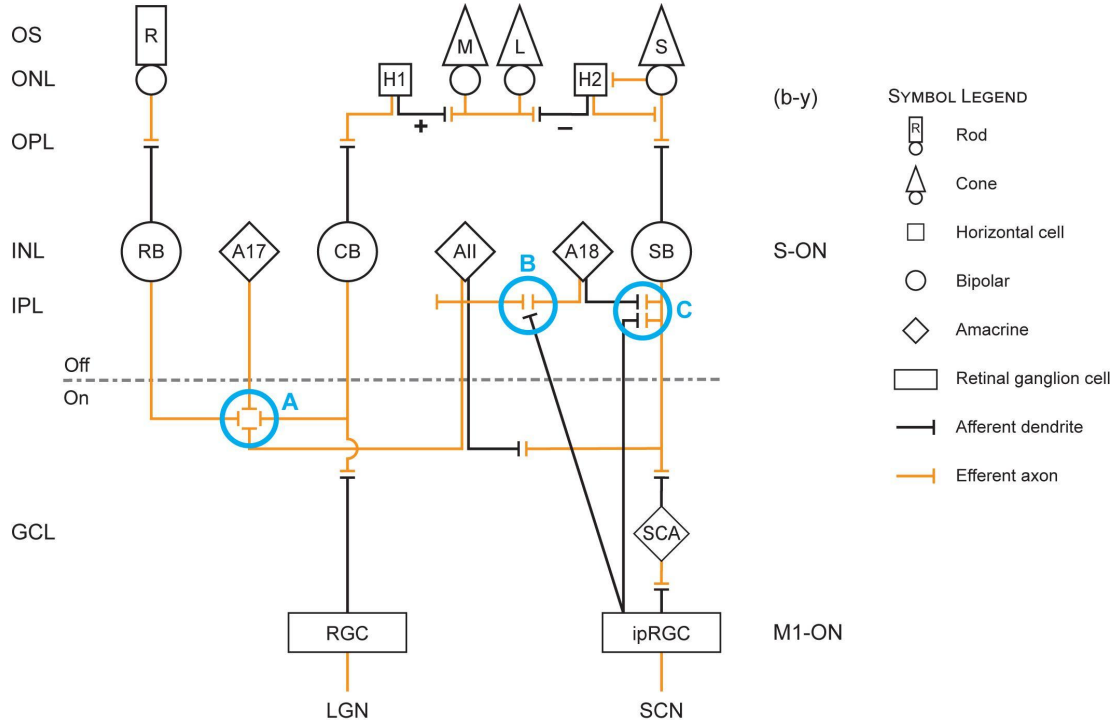
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# Neurophysiological foundation

Amount, spectrum, duration, spatial distribution and, most importantly, timing



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# Formulation for defining bright and dim

## Spectral sensitivity ( $CL_A$ )

$$CL_A 2.0 = 1548 \begin{cases} \left( \int Mc_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda - a_{rod1} \left( \frac{\int V'_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda}{\int V_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda + g_1 \int S_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda} \right) \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{\int V'_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda}{RodSat}} \right) \right), & b - y \leq 0 \\ \left( \int Mc_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda - a_{rod1} \left( \frac{\int V'_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda}{\int V_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda + g_1 \int S_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda} \right) \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{\int V'_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda}{RodSat}} \right) \right) + \\ \left( a_{b-y} \left( \int \frac{S_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda - k \int \frac{V_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda \right) - a_{rod2} \left( \frac{\int V'_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda}{\int V_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda + g_2 \int S_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda} \right) \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{\int V'_\lambda E_\lambda d\lambda}{RodSat}} \right) \right), & b - y > 0 \end{cases}$$

where,

$$b - y = \int \frac{S_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda - 0.2616 \int \frac{V_\lambda}{mp_\lambda} E_\lambda d\lambda$$

$$a_{b-y} = 0.21$$

$$a_{rod1} = 2.30$$

$$a_{rod2} = 1.60$$

$$g_1 = 1.00$$

$$g_2 = 0.16$$

$$RodSat = 6.50 W/m^2$$

$E_\lambda$ : light source spectral irradiance

$Mc_\lambda$ : melanopsin sensitivity (corrected for crystalline lens transmittance)

$S_\lambda$ : S-cone fundamental

$mp_\lambda$ : macular pigment transmittance

$V_\lambda$ : photopic luminous efficiency function

$V'_\lambda$ : scotopic luminous efficiency function

## Absolute sensitivity (CS)

$$CS = 0.7 * \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \frac{CL_A 2.0}{355.7} \right)^{1.1026}} \right]$$

Rea, M. S., Figueiro, M. G., Bullough, J. D., & Bierman, A., 2005. A model of phototransduction by the human circadian system. *Brain Res. Rev.*, 50(2), 213-228. DOI: 10.1016/j.brainresrev.2005.07.002

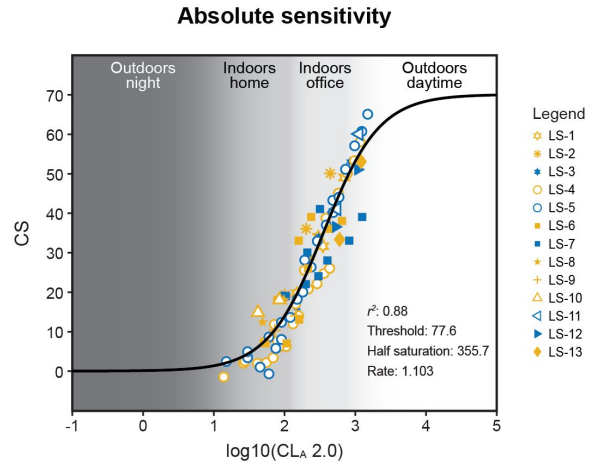
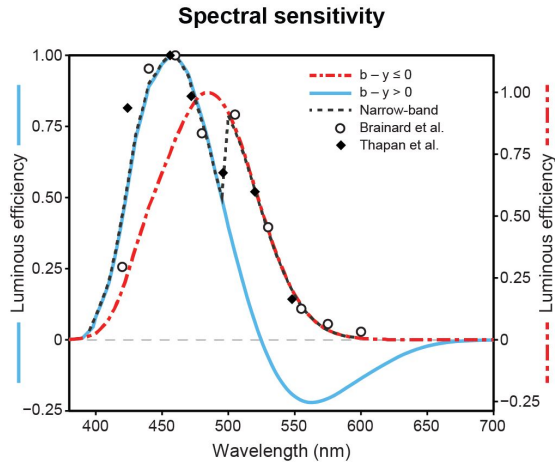
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# Actionable specification

Circadian stimulus (CS) is a metric that combines both the spectral and absolute sensitivities of the circadian phototransduction mechanisms in the human retina



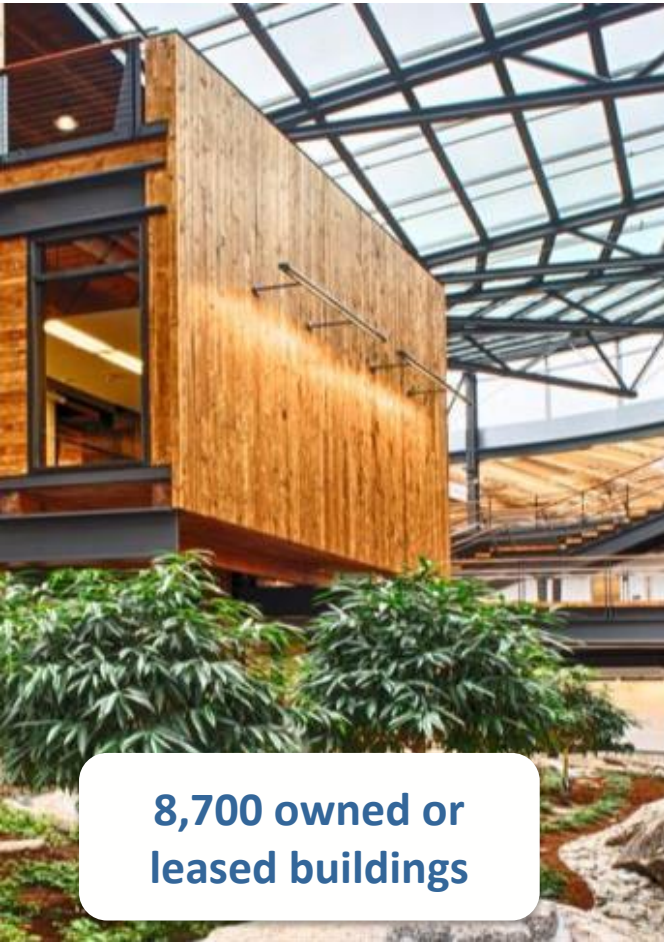
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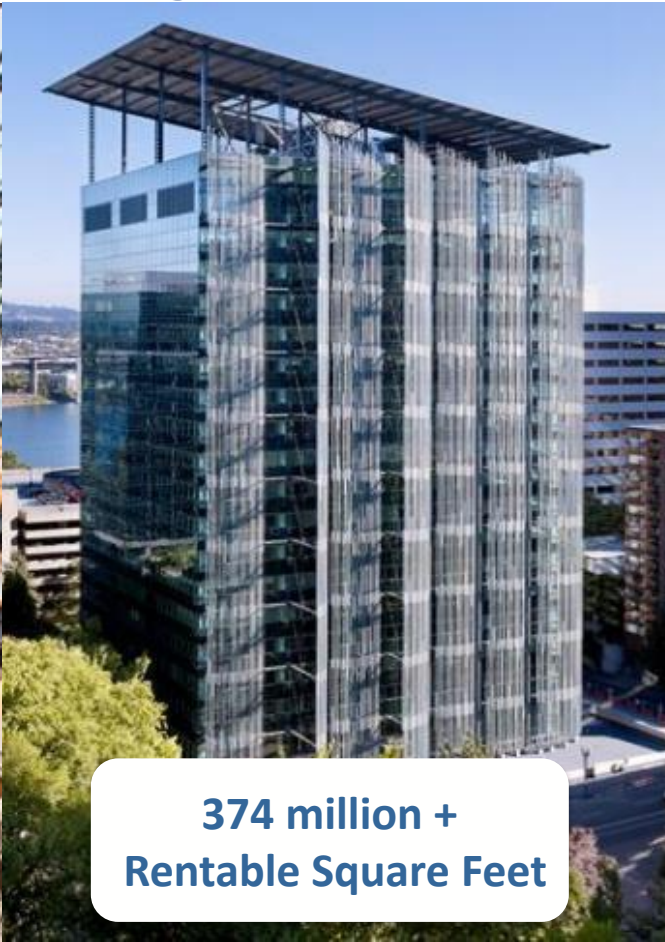
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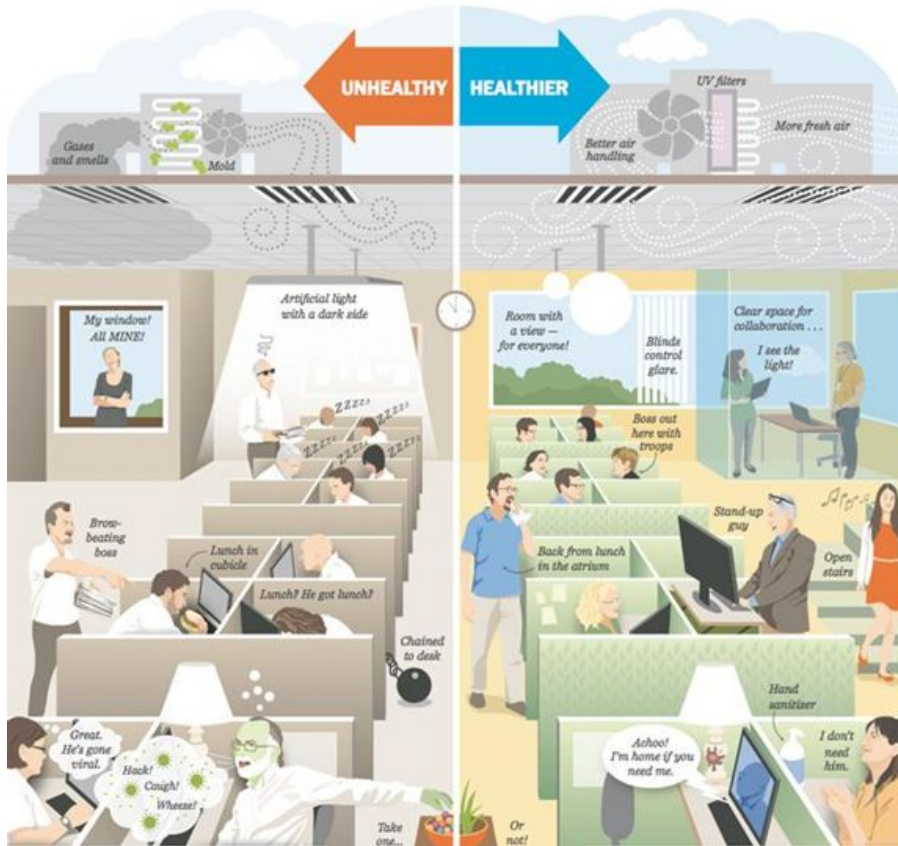
**8,700 owned or leased buildings**



**374 million + Rentable Square Feet**



**482 Historic Buildings**



*We spend 90% of our time indoors*

*Workplace-related illness  
costs the U.S. \$225B per year*

*Our design and operating decisions can make a  
difference*

*"Are You in an Unhealthy  
Office Relationship?"*

*Washington Post, June 2014*

# Poll 5



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# Field Verification



# Summarizing what we know so far...

Light sets the timing of the biological clock (promotes entrainment)

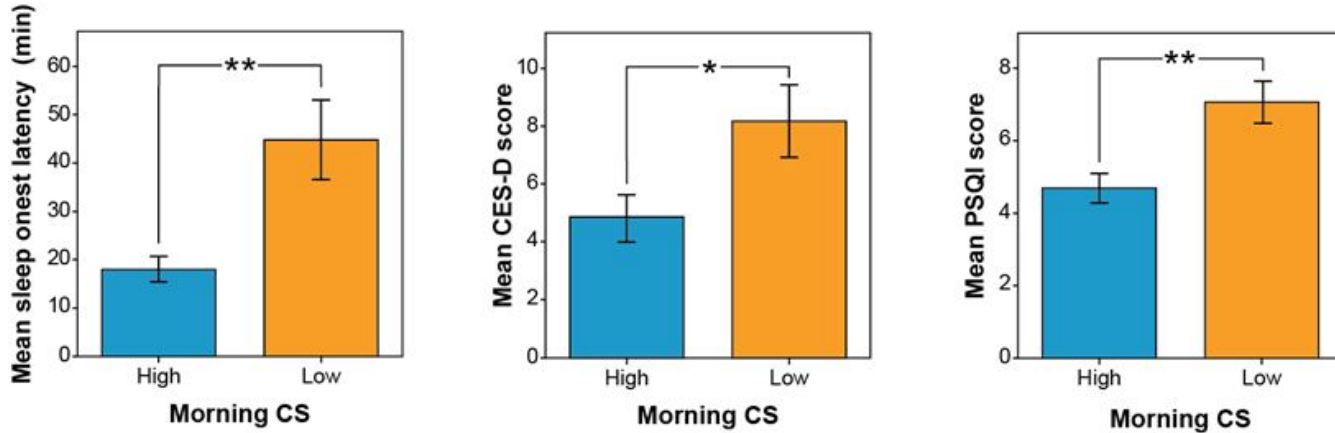
- Morning light is needed to advance the timing of the clock (timing is important)
- Short-wavelength and high light levels at the eye are most effective
- Any white light can be used; however, if you increase light levels, change fixture distribution or increase duration
- Prolonged/continuous duration preferable (e.g., 2 h morning light)

Light has a direct (acute) alerting effect on people (like a cup of coffee)

- Any time of day is effective
- Does not have to be blue light, but it must be at the eye!
- Effect is generally observed within 15-30 min

# Circadian entrainment in office workers

Those exposed to higher morning (08:00 a.m. to noon) CS (CS > 0.3) fell asleep faster (less sleep onset latency) and reported better sleep and feeling less depressed than those exposed to low morning CS (CS < 0.15)



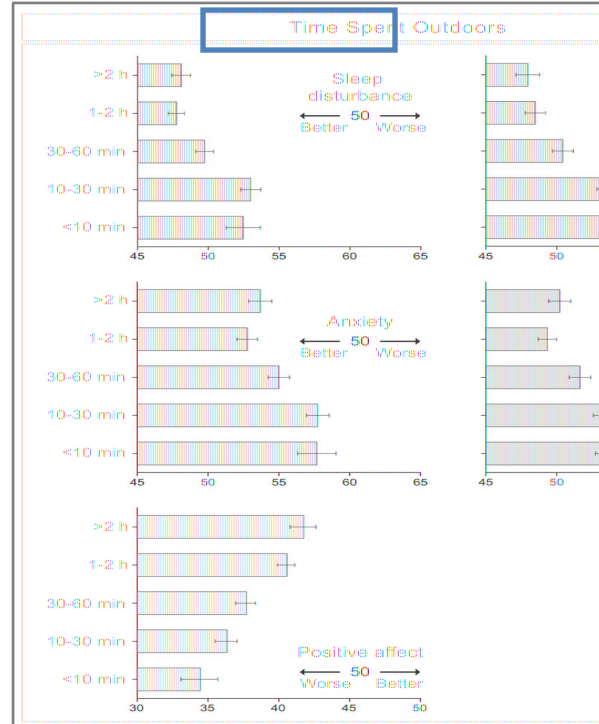
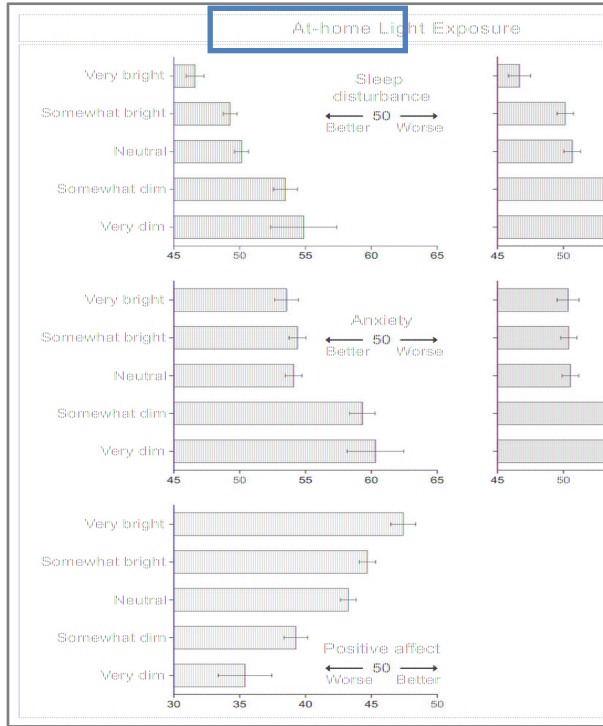
(\*\* =  $p < .01$ ; \* =  $p < 0.05$ )

Figueiro M.G., Stevenson B., Heerwagen J., Kampschroer K., Hunter C.M., Gonzales K., Rea, M.S. (2017). The impact of daytime light exposures on sleep and mood in office workers. *Sleep Health*; 3(3):204-215.

## Light and sleep survey

- During the COVID-19 pandemic we surveyed people's light exposures (indoors and outdoors) and how they impacted measures of sleep, mood, and anxiety
- Hypothesis: More light during the day = better sleep and mood
  - Over 700 responses
  - Included in the analyses are those who were employed but working at home or unemployed and staying home

# Light and sleep survey during COVID-19 shutdown



Figueiro M, Jarboe C, Sahin L. The sleep maths: A strong correlation between more daytime light and better night-time sleep. *Lighting Research & Technology*. 2021; 53: 423-435.

## Circadian entrainment in workers working from home (WFH)



**20  
Residents**



**28 Days  
in 2020**



**EXO Apartments  
Reston, Virginia**



**PARTICIPANTS**

**10**



**WEEK 1**

**BASELINE**

**WEEK 2**

**SMART WINDOWS**

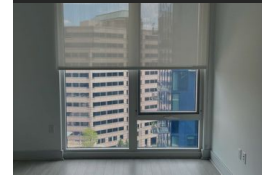


**WEEK 3**

**BASELINE**

**WEEK 4**

**BLINDS**



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**BASELINE**

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**SMART WINDOWS**





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WEEK 1

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WEEK 2

SMART WINDOWS

WEEK 3

BASELINE

WEEK 4

BLINDS

ENVIRONMENTAL  
MONITORING



SLEEP  
TRACKING



SURVEYS



PERSONAL  
LIGHT



BASELINE

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SMART WINDOWS





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WEEK 1

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WEEK 2

SMART WINDOWS

BLINDS

WEEK 3

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WEEK 4

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SMART WINDOWS



### VITALITY SURVEY

- 7:00 am
- 11:00 am
- 3:00 pm
- 7:00 pm
- 11:00 pm

### SALIVA TESTS

- 7:30 pm
- 8:00 pm
- 8:30 pm
- 9:00 pm
- 9:30 pm
- 10:00 pm
- 10:30 pm
- 11:00 pm
- 11:30 pm
- 12:00 am



SMART WINDOWS

BLINDS

## Melatonin

Consistent melatonin onset

15 minutes delay over the course of the week

## Sleep

Earlier sleep onset by 22 min

Sleep debt compensation on Friday night

## Vitality

Consistent cycle of vitality with high morning and daytime energy levels

Delayed peak vitality, high nighttime energy levels and low morning vitality



# Circadian entrainment in myeloma transplant patients

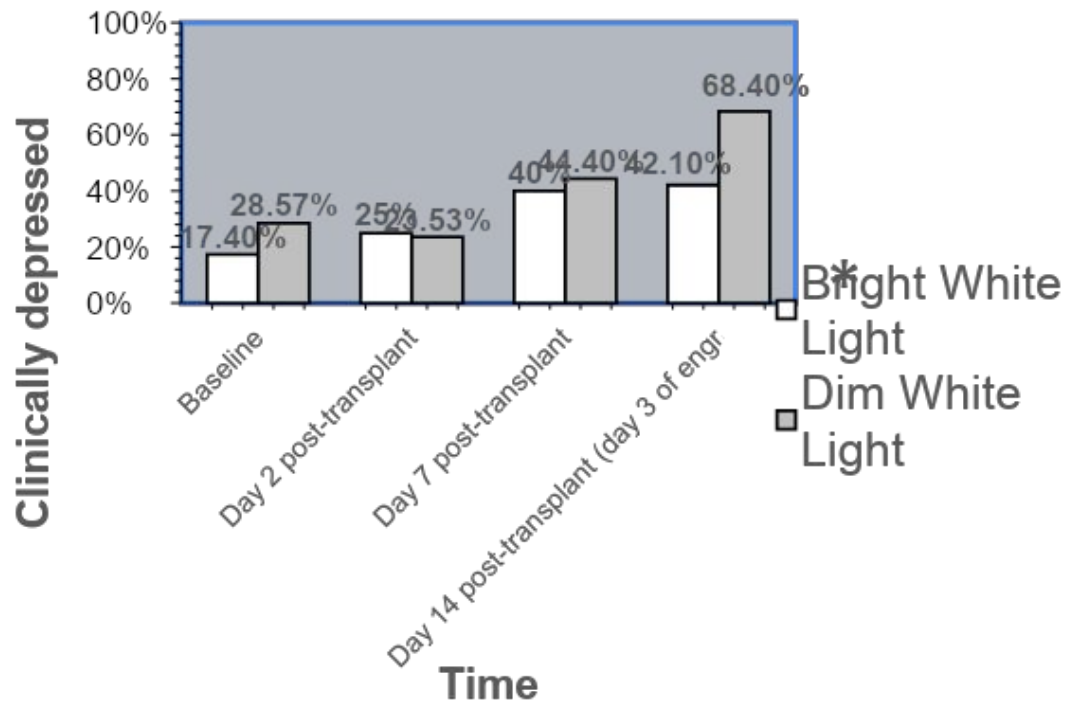
Our team investigated the impact of a CS of 0.3 (1000 lx at pillow, 3000 K light source) between 07:00 and 10:00 on:

- Symptom burden (i.e., depression)
- Melatonin levels (circadian entrainment)
- Inflammation (IL-6) and neutropenic fever



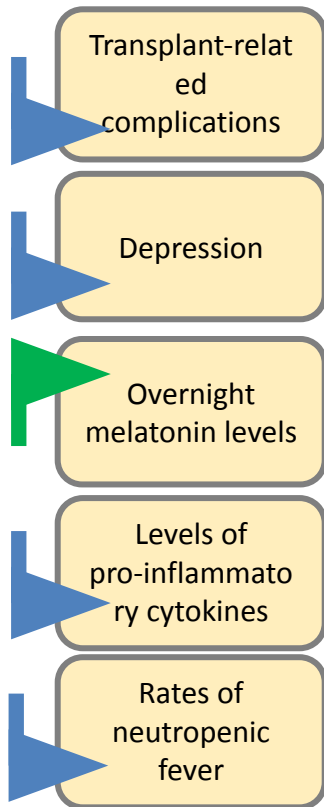
# Circadian entrainment in myeloma transplant patients

Clinical Depression (CES-D) as a function of Time by Condition



# Circadian entrainment in myeloma transplant patients

Among MM patients undergoing ASCT, those who were exposed to **circadian-effective light** in their hospital room had...

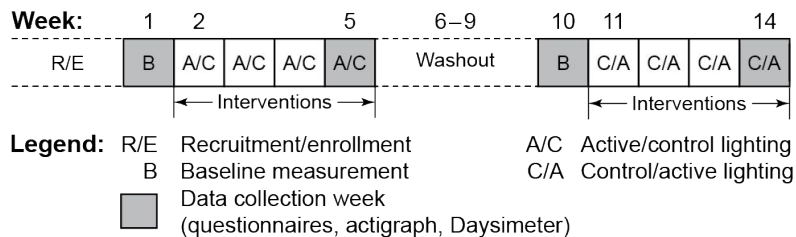


...compared to those who were exposed to **circadian-ineffective light**

# Circadian entrainment in Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ADRD)

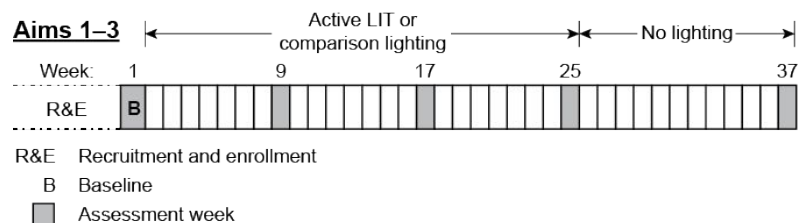
## Long term (6 months)

- Randomized single-arm, within-subjects design clinical trial
- 47 patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) in 9 long-term care facilities



## Short term (14 weeks)

- Randomized, placebo-controlled, crossover design clinical trial
- Two 4-week periods (4-week washout)
- 46 patients with ADRD in 8 long-term care facilities



Administered all-day (≈ 06:00 to 08:00 – 18:00) **active TLI**  
 (high circadian stimulus [CS] = 0.4) for both studies

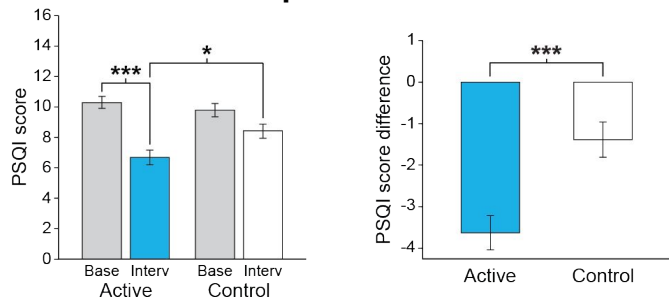
Administered all-day **control TLI** (low CS < 0.1) for short-term study only

# Circadian entrainment in Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ADRD)

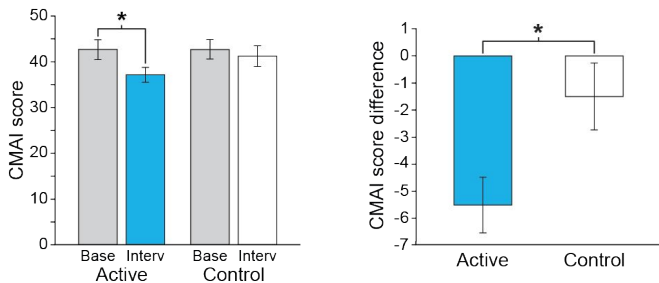
## Short-term study

- Fewer sleep disturbances (PSQI) and depressive symptoms (CSDD) during active TLI compared to baseline and the control
- Fewer agitation behavior symptoms (CMAI) during the active TLI compared to baseline and greater reductions in symptoms compared to the control

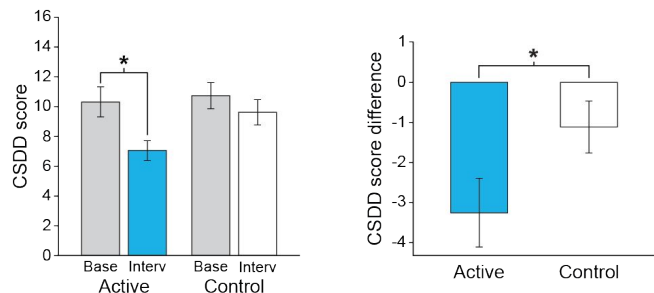
### Sleep disturbance



### Agitation



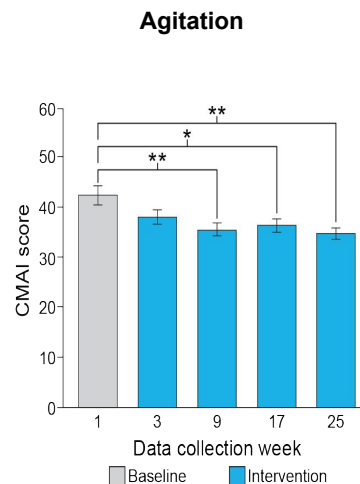
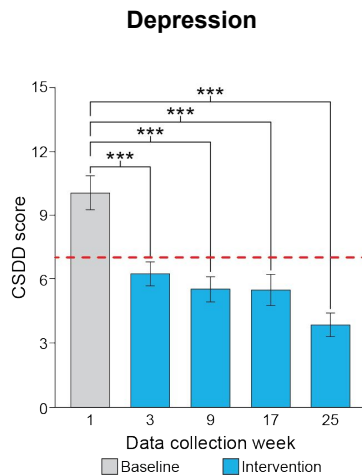
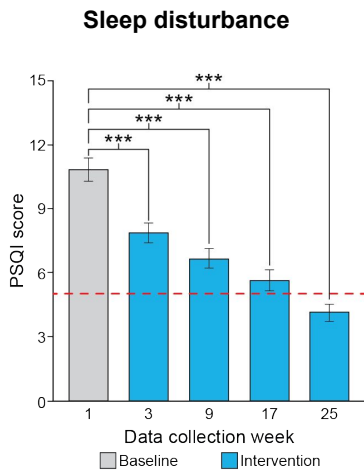
### Depression



# Circadian entrainment in Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ADRD)

## Long-term study

- Fewer sleep disturbances (PSQI scores) and depressive symptoms (CSDD scores) during the TLI compared to baseline
- Fewer agitation behavior symptoms (CMAI scores) during the TLI compared to baseline



\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$  \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$



**Sleep Math:  
Brighter days =  
Better Nights**



Nagare R, Woo M, MacNaughton P, Plitnick B, Tinianov B, Figueiro M. Access to Daylight at Home Improves Circadian Alignment, Sleep, and Mental Health in Healthy Adults: A Crossover Study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2021; 18: 9980.

# Daytime exposure to high Circadian Stimulus (CS) and impact on alertness

FHWA - Turner Fairbank  
Highway Research  
Center, McLean, VA



FHWA - Turner Fairbank Highway Research Center,  
McLean, VA



White River Junction VA  
Medical Center, White  
River Junction, VT



White River Junction VA Medical Center,  
White River Junction, VT



U.S. Embassy  
Riga, Latvia



U.S. Embassy  
Reykjavik, Iceland



Figueiro MG, Kalsher M, Steverson BC, Heerwagen J, Kampschroer K, Rea MS. Circadian-effective light and its impact on alertness in office workers. *Lighting Research & Technology*. 2019; 51: 171-183.

# CS and impact on daytime alertness

## Turner–Fairbank Highway Research Center (FHWA)

- 25 participants (16 M, 9 F) in summer
- 18 (11 M, 7 F) participants in fall

## White River Junction Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- 11 participants (3 M, 8 F) in summer
- 8 participants (1 M, 7 F) in fall

Total participants, both sites: 36 summer, 26 fall

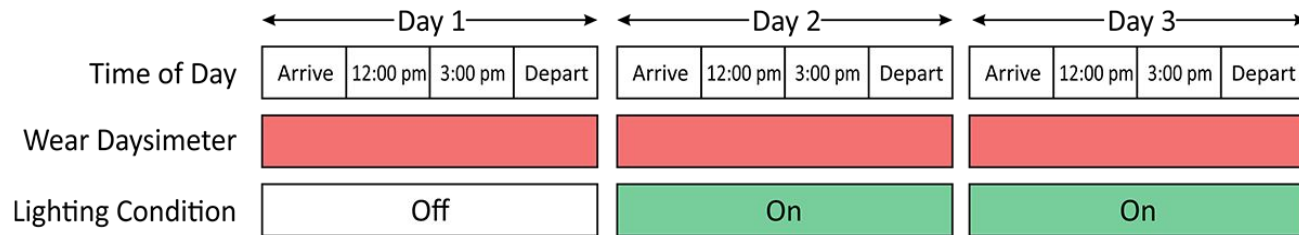
## U.S. Embassy, Riga, Latvia

- 13 participants in winter only
- 8 males, 5 females

## U.S. Embassy, Reykjavik, Iceland

- 19 participants in winter only
- 12 males, 7 females

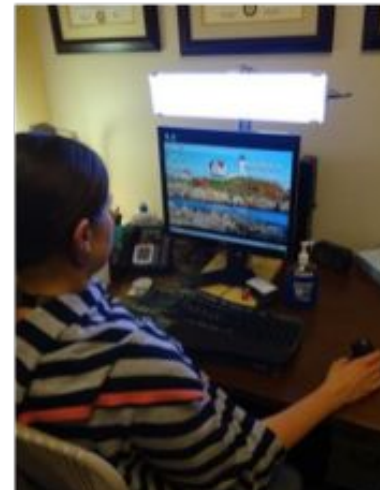
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# CS and impact on daytime alertness

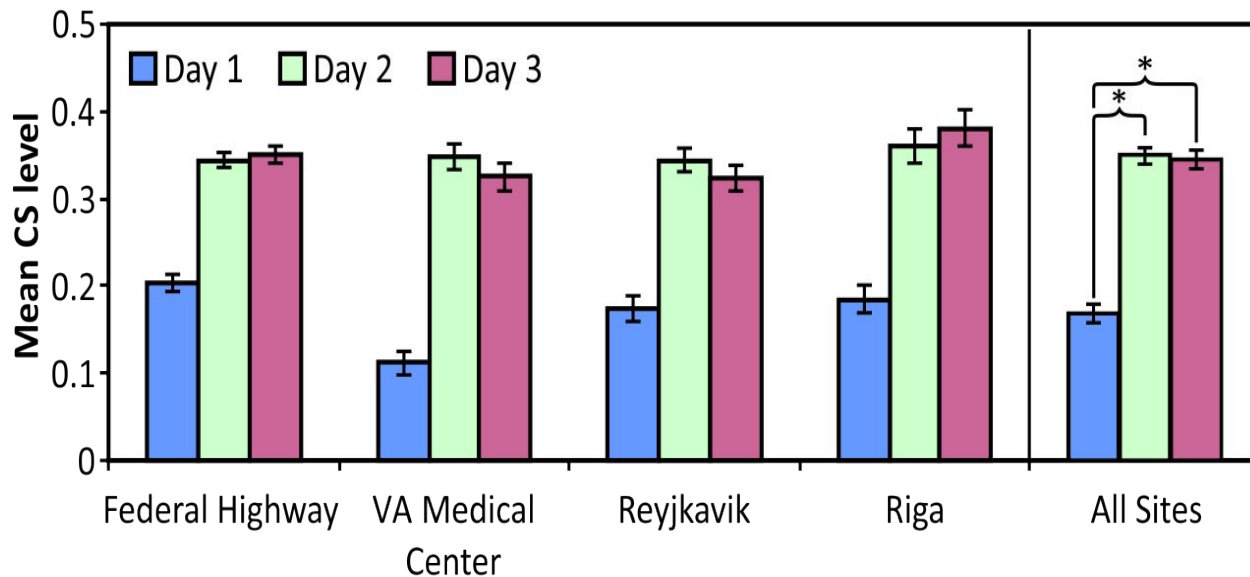
Built desktop lamps that delivered a  $CS > 0.3$  at participants' eyes

To achieve the  $CS > 0.3$ , used low levels of blue light (40 lx) or high levels of cool white light (300-400 lx)



# CS and impact on daytime alertness

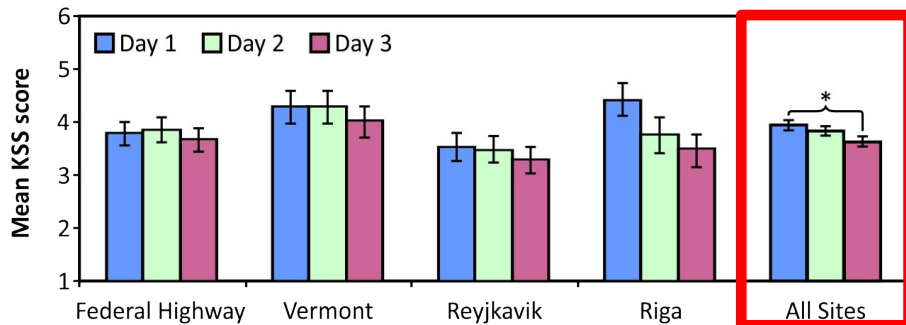
Daysimeter (CS values)



\* Significant main effect of day of intervention ( $p < 0.05$ )

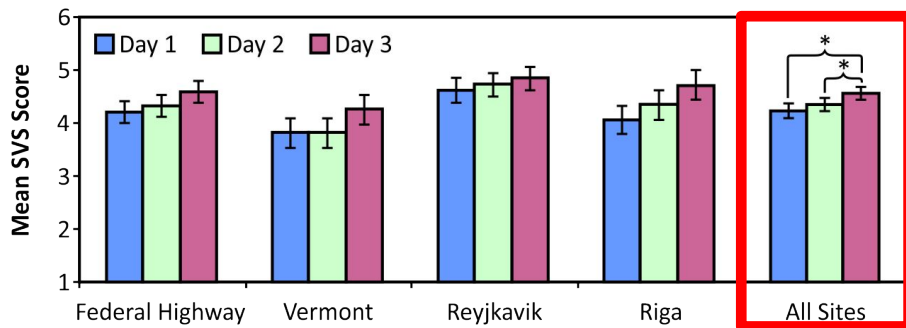
# CS and impact on daytime alertness

## Questionnaires



Sleepiness (KSS) significantly decreased

\* Significant main effect of day of intervention ( $p < 0.05$ )



Vitality (SVS) significantly increased

# Circadian entrainment and alertness in a train dispatch center

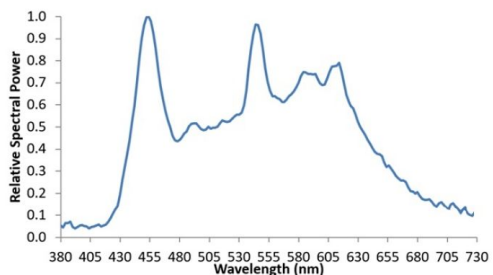
In an operational context, investigate whether circadian entrainment, objective and subjective sleep quality, and subjective alertness would be promoted by:

- Exposure to high CS (combined blue and white light) in the morning
- Exposure to low CS (combined red with white light) in the afternoon and at night



# Circadian entrainment and alertness in a train dispatch center

Blue and 6500 K white light combined,  $\lambda_{\text{peak}} = 453 \text{ nm}$

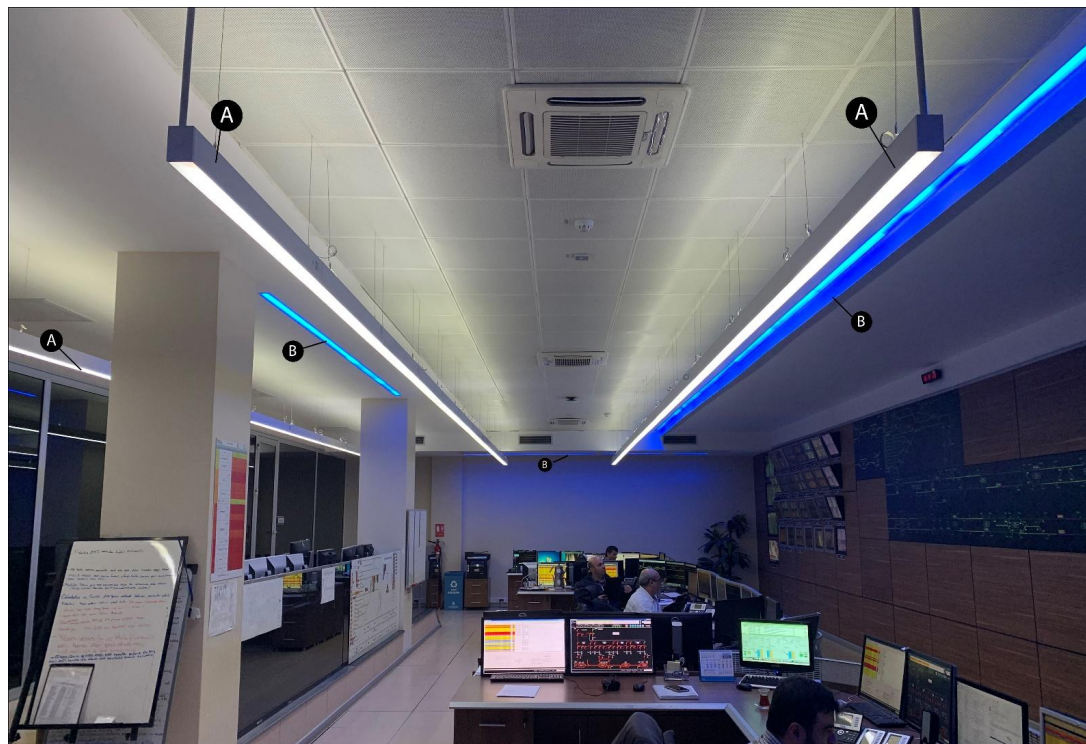


## Morning Schedule

07:00 AM – 12:00 PM

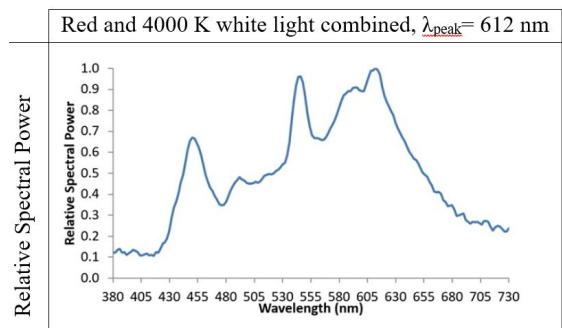
CS >0.3

- (A) 6500K white light
- (B) (B) 470 nm blue light





# Circadian entrainment and alertness in a train dispatch center

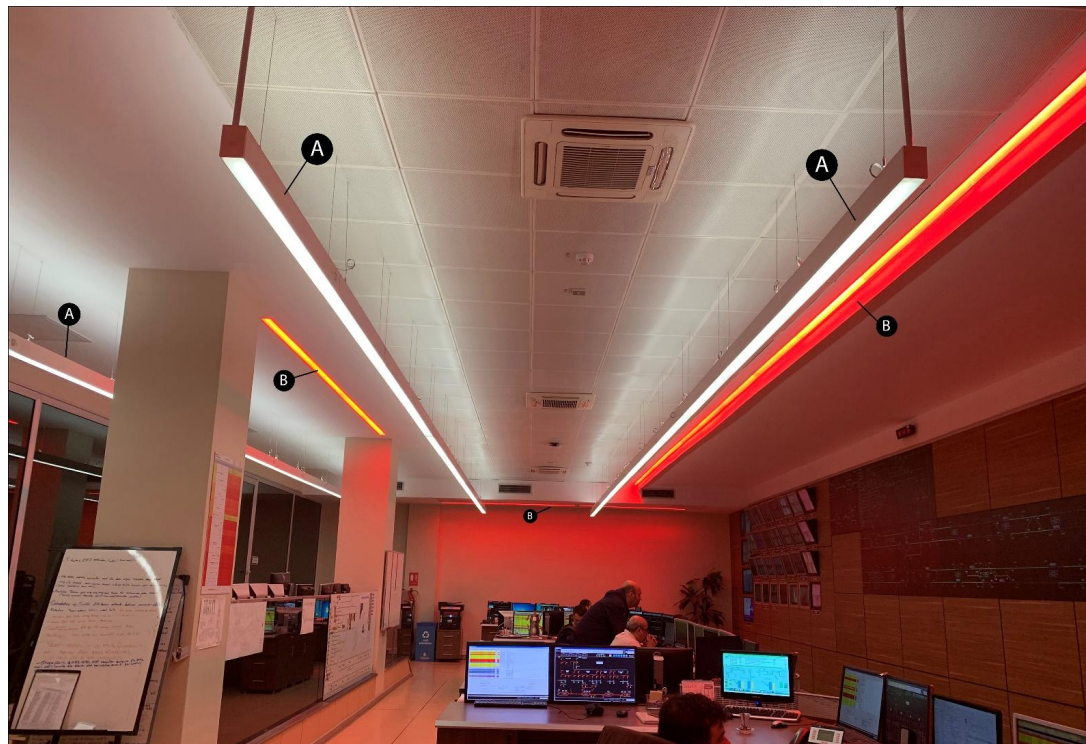


## Afternoon and Night Schedule

12:00 PM – 07:00 AM

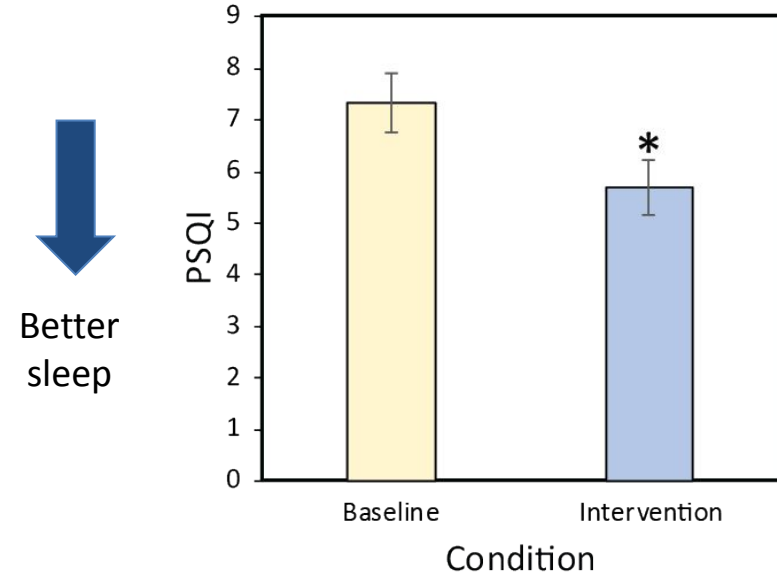
CS < 0.1

- (A) 4000 K white light
- (B) 630 nm red light

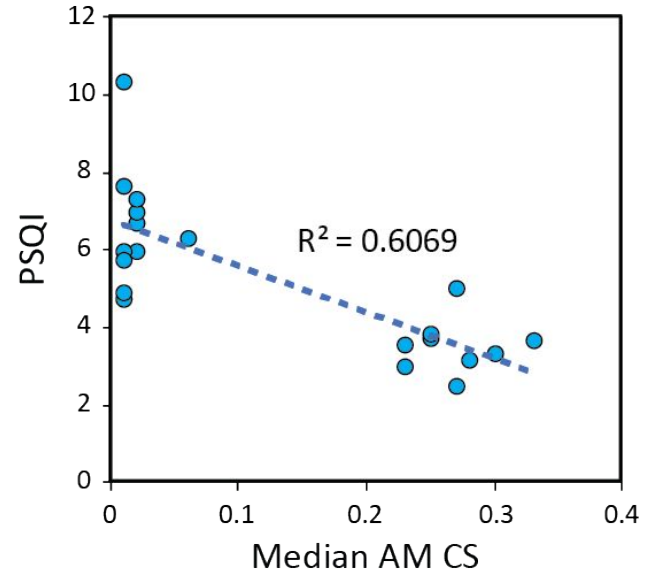


# Circadian entrainment and alertness in a train dispatch center

Sleep disturbance (PSQI)



(\* =  $p < 0.05$ )



**Sleep Math:**  
**Brighter days =**  
**More daytime alertness**

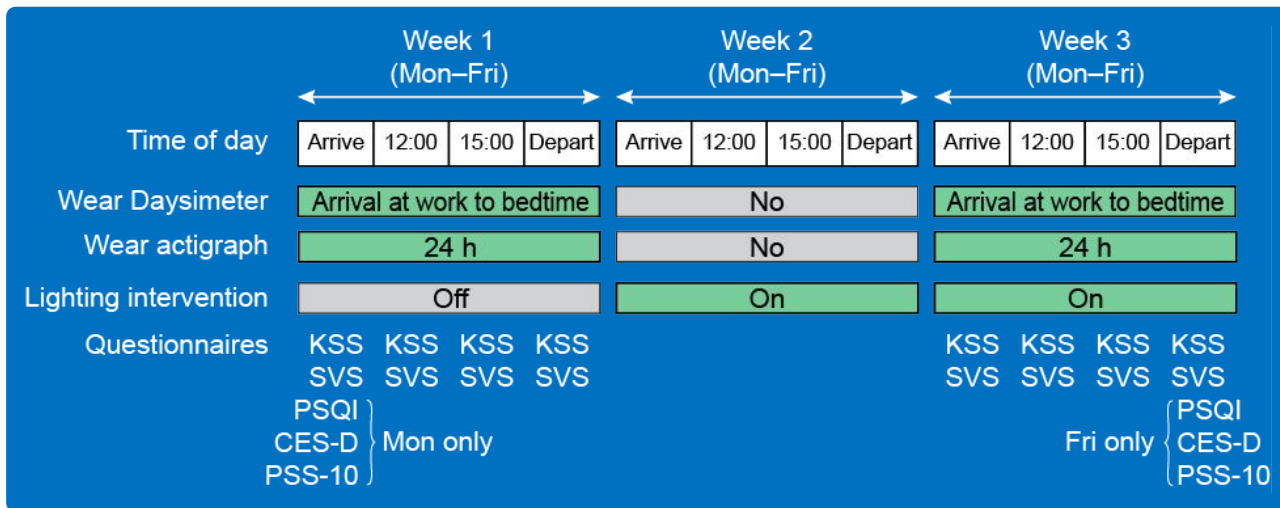


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# Circadian entrainment and alertness in daytime workers

Test, in a 3-week field study, the impact of morning blue light and afternoon red light on:

- Sleep quality at home
- Subjective sleepiness and vitality scores during work



# Circadian entrainment and alertness in daytime workers

## Morning blue light ( $CS \geq 0.3$ ):

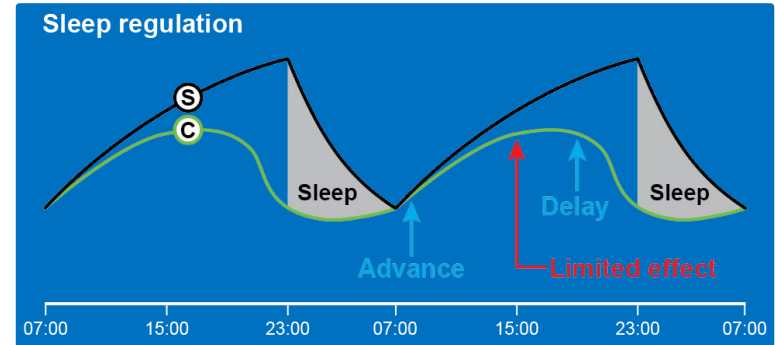
- Promote circadian entrainment, advance circadian phase
- Advance sleep onset at night, sleep offset in the morning
- Advance activity acrophase

## Morning blue light ( $CS \geq 0.3$ ):

- Elicit acute alerting response
- Reduce subjective sleepiness
- Increase subjective vitality/energy

## Afternoon red light ( $CS = 0$ ):

- Elicit acute alerting response
- Reduce subjective sleepiness
- Increase subjective vitality/energy, especially around 15:00 (the post-lunch dip)
- Avoid excessive CS exposure in late afternoon, thereby limiting any possible light-induced delay of circadian phase

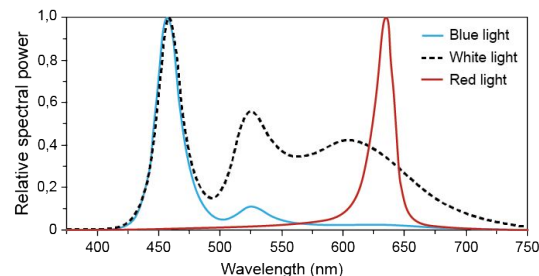


Homeostatic sleep Process S vs. circadian Process C and the effects of blue vs. red light on circadian phase

Graphic adapted from Borbély, A. A. (1982). A two-process model of sleep regulation. *Human Neurobiology*, 1(3), 195-204.

# Circadian entrainment and alertness in daytime workers

LRC developed and built 20 plug-in LED luminaires, mounted on participants' desktops



Time of Day	Lighting Intervention	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	$E_v$ (lux)	CS
06:00 to 12:00	blue	455	50	0.30
12:00 to 13:30	white (6500 K)	n/a	200	0.30
13:30 to 17:00	red	634	50	0

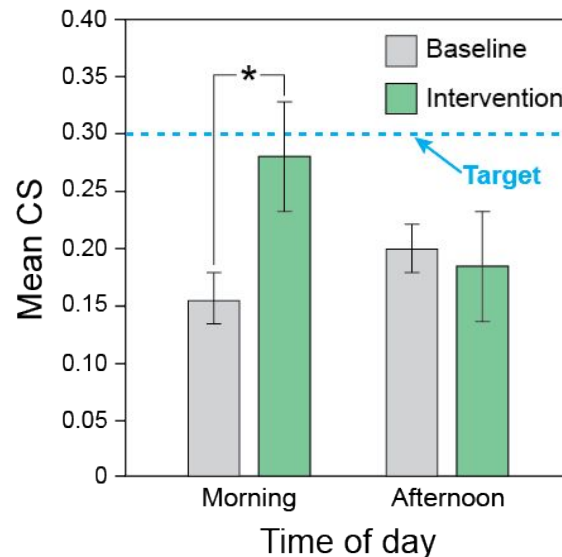
# Circadian entrainment and alertness in daytime workers

Participants ( $N = 20$ ) received significantly greater CS in the morning but not in the afternoon

CS values lower than target CS of 0.3

possibly because:

- Participants were not seated in workspace
- Arrival later than 06:00
- Morning meetings
- less daylight/sunlight penetrating workspaces

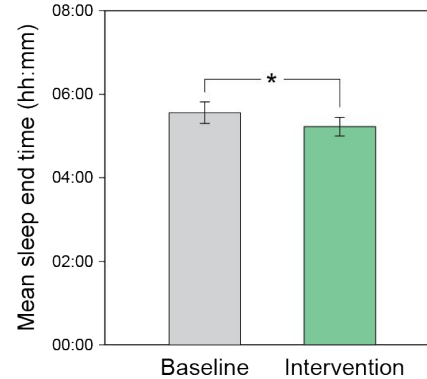


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# Circadian entrainment and alertness in daytime workers

## Sleep end time

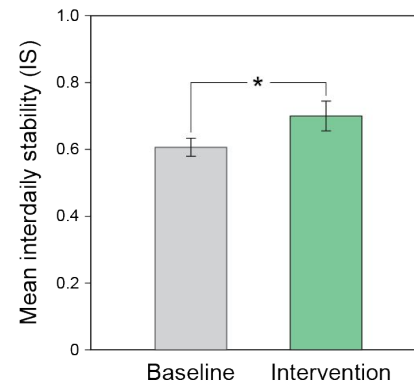
- The intervention advanced circadian phase by 20 min



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## Interdaily stability (IS)

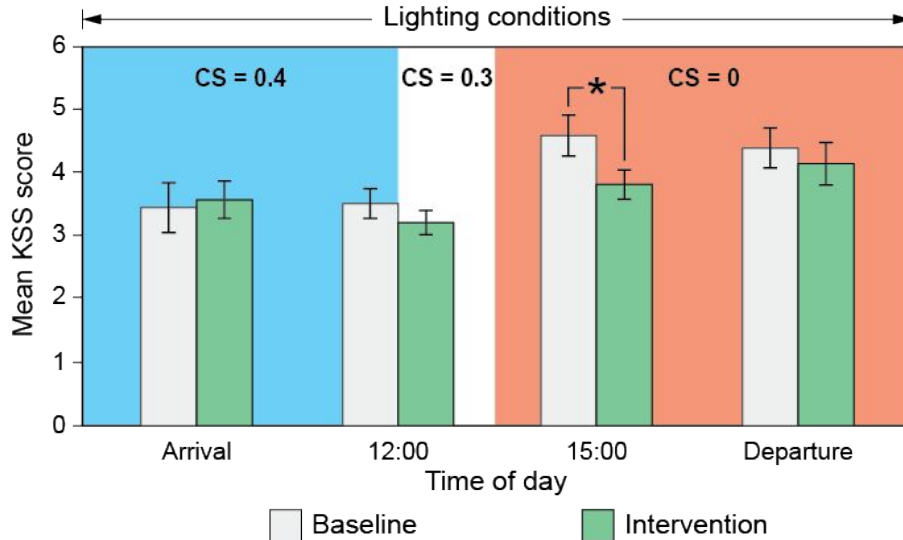
- The intervention shows stronger coupling between rest–activity rhythm and environmental cues (i.e., light stimulus), indicating significantly better circadian entrainment





# Circadian entrainment and alertness in daytime workers

Sleepiness (KSS) scores were reduced significantly during the intervention (week 3) at 15:00 (with red light)



Error bars represent standard error of the mean, \*  $p < 0.05$

**Sleep Math:**  
**Brighter days =**  
**More daytime alertness**  
**Better Nights**

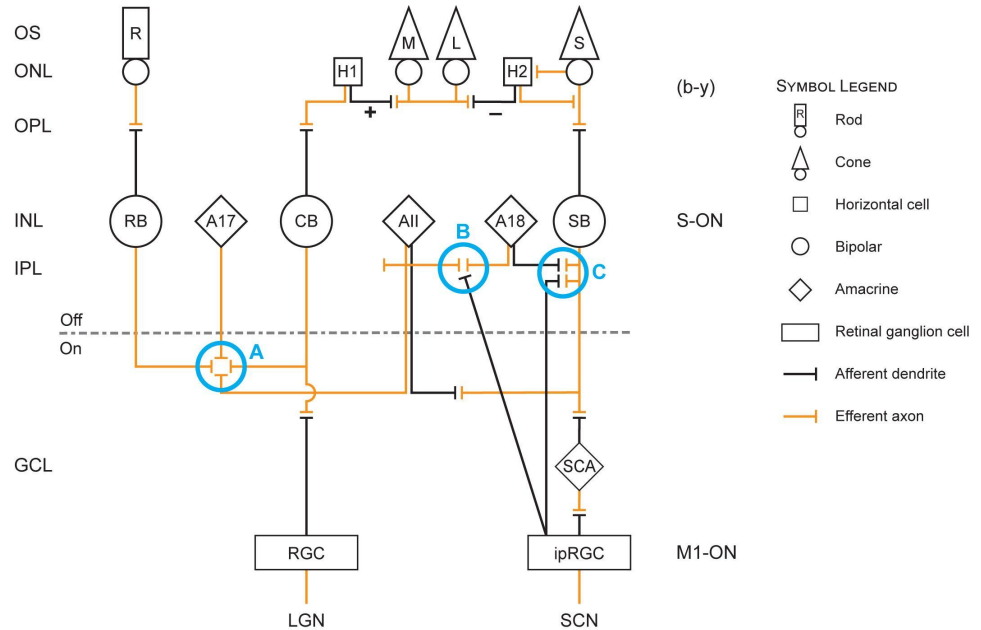


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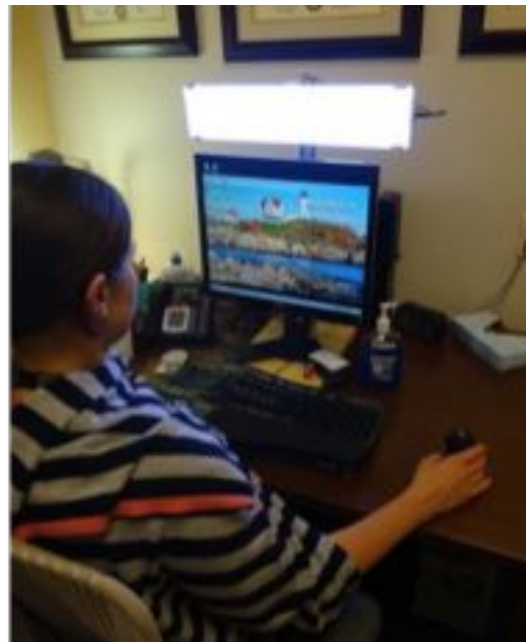
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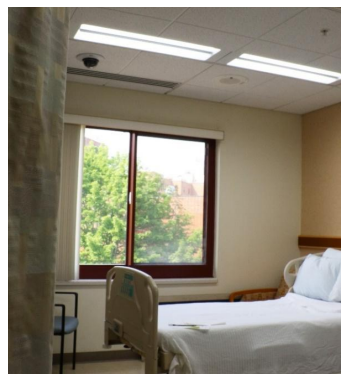
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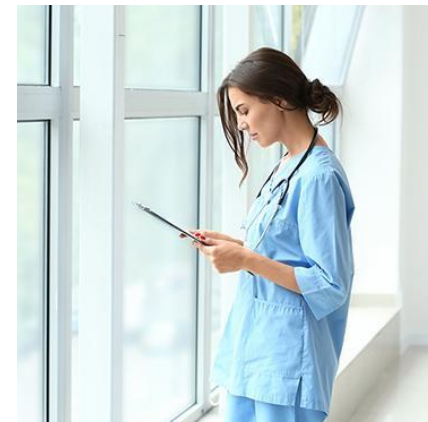
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# Design Guidelines



# Design guidelines

UL 24480

WELL

Agnostic (illuminance)





# What is UL 24480?

A design guideline for the measurement and application of light for daytime work environments that support circadian entrainment of day-active and night-resting occupants

Provides a light measurement and lighting specification methodology that is aimed at promoting better sleep through circadian entrainment

Provides a method for photometric validation and for assessing whether occupants sleep better or not



# *Design Guidelines for Promoting Circadian Entrainment with Light for Day-active People*



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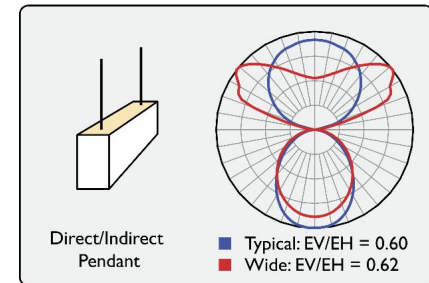
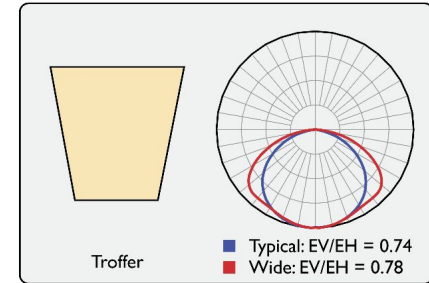
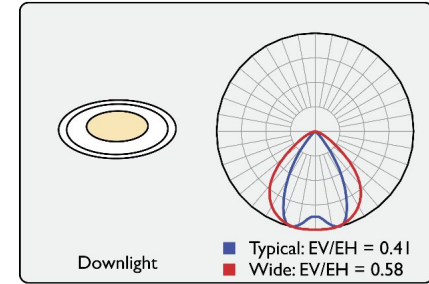
## Step 1: Establish the circadian-effective lighting design criterion

- UL Design Guideline 24480 criterion: The circadian stimulus (**CS**) should be greater than or equal to **0.30** and should be continuously available at the occupant's eyes for a minimum of **2 h** during daytime
  - Timing and duration of circadian effective light should be specified and documented

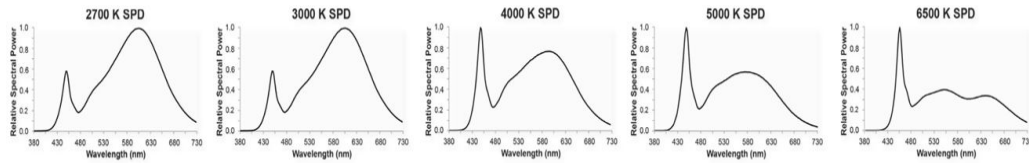


## Step 2: Select luminaires

- Lighting designs for commercial architecture typically must meet horizontal illuminance ( $E_H$ ) requirements on the floor/ground or workplane
- When designing for circadian entrainment, vertical illuminance at the eye ( $E_V$ ) becomes the primary objective
- The ratio of vertical illuminance ( $E_V$ ) to horizontal illuminance ( $E_H$ ) becomes important when looking at the optics of a fixture
  - Typically  $E_H > E_V$  but for circadian entrainment  $E_V$  is more important



## Step 3: Select light sources



- Spectral power distribution (SPD), *not* correlated color temperature (CCT), must be specified
  - May need to request the SPD from the manufacturer
- Can be fixed SPD *or* tunable spectra
  - For tunable spectra, it is necessary to specify the SPD used to meet the design criterion of  $CS \geq 0.30$



Static spectrum

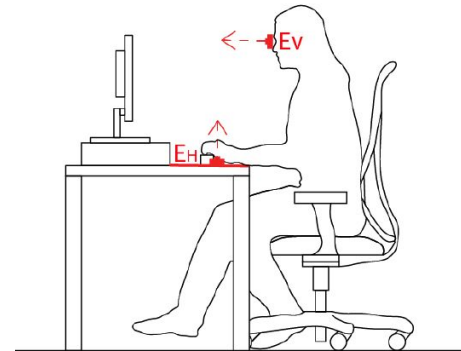


Tunable spectrum

## Step 4: Run photometric simulations

- Formulate a 3-D model to evaluate the proposed lighting design solution using a lighting calculation software such as AGi32
- Define vertical illuminance ( $E_v$ ) calculation points in the plane of the eye of a space occupant
- $E_v$  points should be approximately 0.9 to 1.3 m (3 to 4 ft) above the finished floor aimed in the direction of the occupant's gaze

Direction of measuring  
horizontal illuminance ( $E_H$ )  
(light received on a workplane)

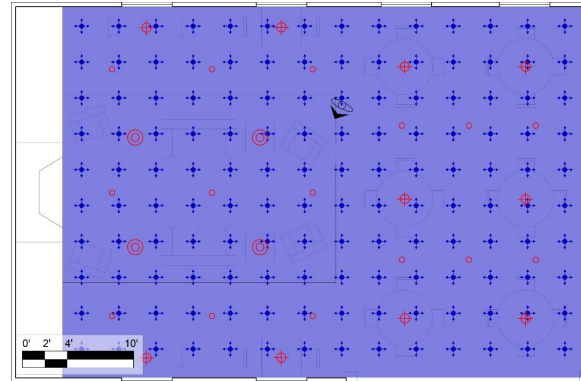
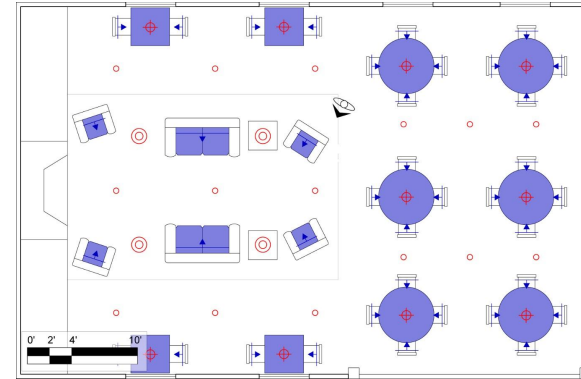


Direction of measuring  
vertical illuminance ( $E_V$ )  
(light received at the eye)



## Step 4: Run photometric calculations

- When furniture locations are known:
  - Place  $E_v$  calculation points at those locations
  - At least 10 locations throughout space
- When furniture locations are unknown/changeable:
  - Place grids of  $E_v$  throughout the space, aimed in four cardinal directions, and average

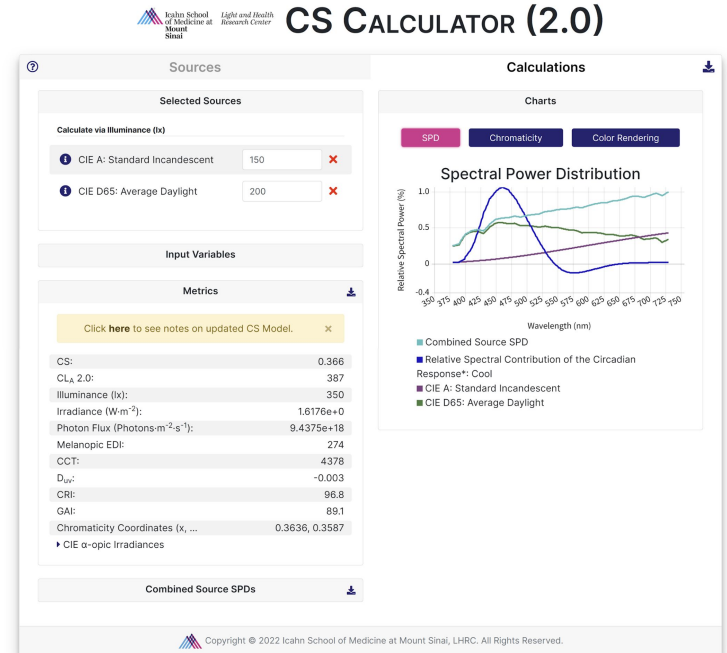


# Step 5: Calculate CS

When photometric calculations are complete:

- Utilize the LHRC's web-based Circadian Stimulus Calculator
  - Input light source SPD values
  - Input  $E_v$  calculations
  - Calculate CS

<https://cscalculator.light-health.org/>



The screenshot shows the 'CS CALCULATOR (2.0)' interface. It is divided into two main sections: 'Sources' and 'Calculations'.

**Sources:**

- Selected Sources:** A table with two rows:

Source	Value	Action
CIE A: Standard Incandescent	150	✖
CIE D65: Average Daylight	200	✖
- Input Variables:** A section for entering additional parameters.
- Metrics:** A table of calculated values:

Metric	Value
CS:	0.366
CL <sub>s</sub> 2.0:	387
Illuminance (lx):	350
Irradiance (W·m <sup>-2</sup> ):	1.6176e+0
Photon Flux (Photons·m <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup> ):	9.4375e+18
Melanopic EDI:	274
CCT:	4378
D <sub>uv</sub> :	-0.003
CRI:	96.8
GAI:	89.1
Chromaticity Coordinates (x, ...):	0.3636, 0.3587
- Combined Source SPDs:** A section for downloading the combined spectral power distribution data.

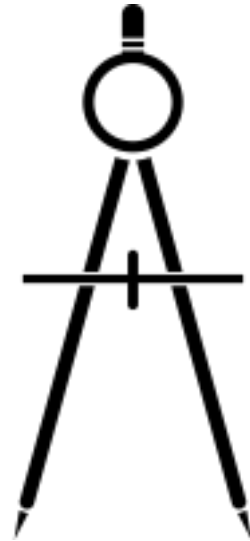
**Calculations:**

- Charts:** A graph titled 'Spectral Power Distribution' showing 'Relative Spectral Power (%)' on the y-axis (ranging from -0.4 to 1.0) and 'Wavelength (nm)' on the x-axis (ranging from 380 to 780). The graph displays four curves: 'Combined Source SPD' (blue), 'Relative Spectral Contribution of the Circadian Response\*: Cool' (purple), 'CIE A: Standard Incandescent' (green), and 'CIE D65: Average Daylight' (red).

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## Step 6: Check and adjust — Iterative design process

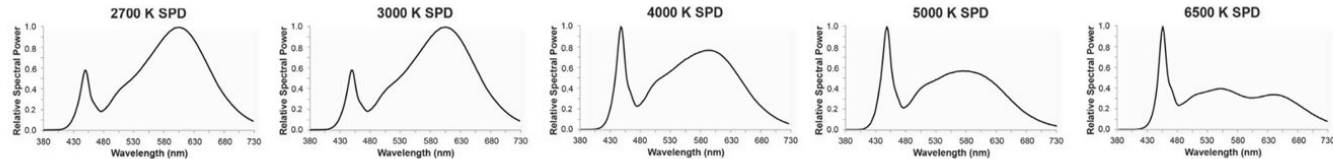
- CS targets are rarely met on the first try
- Adjust luminaire spacing to increase  $E_V$  at furniture locations
- Try wide intensity distributions or direct/indirect ceiling mounted luminaires to increase  $E_V : E_H$  ratios (aim for around 0.6:1)
- Adjust lumen output or change light source spectrum
- Consider additional layers of light geared solely towards the efficient delivery of daytime CS
  - Vertical surface luminance (**must be less than 8,500 cd m<sup>-2</sup>**)
  - Blue light



# Worked example — 2' × 4' troffer



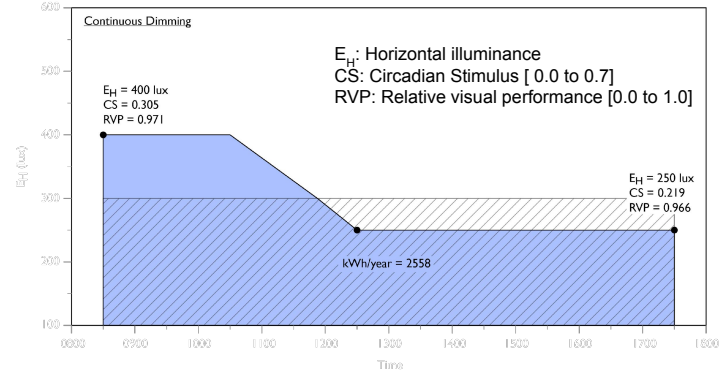
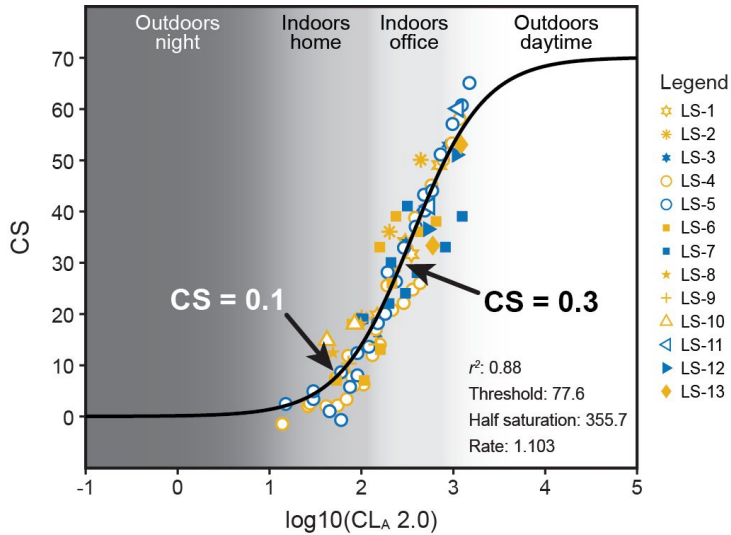
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		$E_V$ (lx)	$E_H$ (lx)	$E_V$ (lx)	$E_H$ (lx)	$E_V$ (lx)	$E_H$ (lx)	$E_V$ (lx)	$E_H$ (lx)	$E_V$ (lx)	$E_H$ (lx)
7 AM – 4 PM	0.3	345	500	290	420	370	536	270	391	195	283
4 – 5 PM	Transition	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
5 – 7 PM	0.2	200	290	165	239	215	311	155	225	115	167
7 – 8 PM	Transition	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
8 pm – EOB	0.1	90	130	75	109	100	145	75	109	55	80



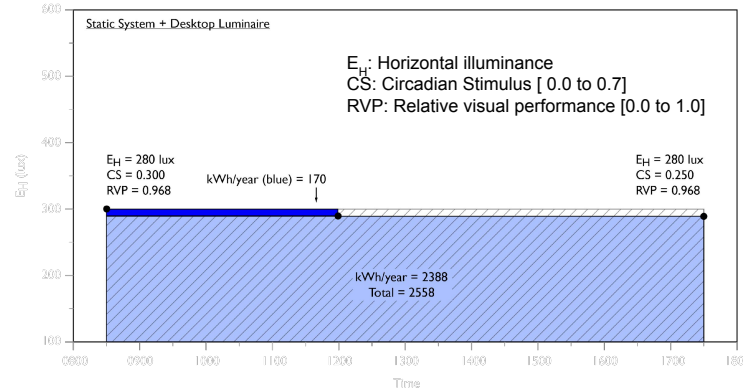
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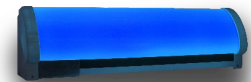
CS > 0.3 = about 400 lx at eyes  
 For 2 hours in the morning.  
 CS < 0.1 at home at night



With dimming



No dimming

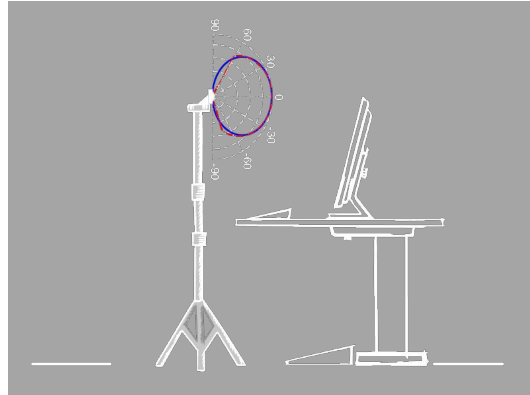


# Measurement verification

After design phase and before occupancy, need to verify design conforms to UL 24480

Method:

1. Illuminance meter, reported SPD and CS calculator
2. Portable spectroradiometer

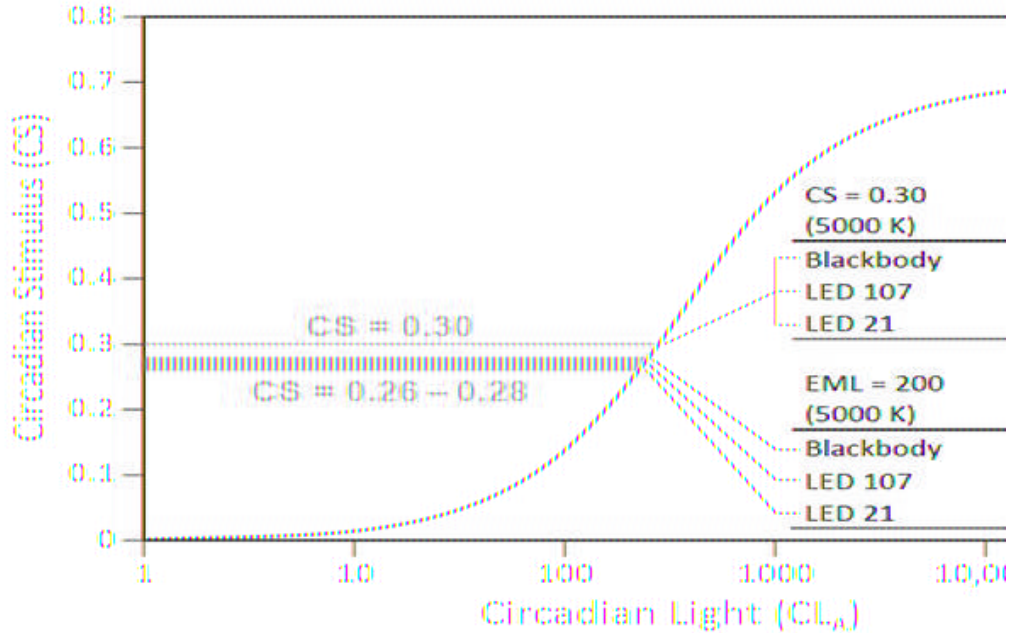


In both cases, need to make a minimum of 10 representative sample measurements

# General method using WELL guidelines



WELL recommends Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML), Version 1, EML = 200



# General method — WELL recommendations (versions 1 and 2) + Illuminance



Little functional difference between WELL and UL recommendations

Differences lie in

- a. use of the ANSI process
- b. prediction accuracy
- c. physiological foundation

Light source		Equivalent melanopic lux (EML)		
		150	200	240
Blackbody (5000 K)	CS	0.22	0.28	<b>0.31</b>
	$E_v (E_H)$	161 (230)	214 (349)	257 (368)
LED 107 (5000 K)	CS	0.21	0.27	<b>0.30</b>
	$E_v (E_H)$	230 (329)	307 (439)	368 (526)
LED 21 (5000 K)	CS	0.21	0.26	<b>0.29</b>
	$E_v (E_H)$	239 (342)	318 (454)	382 (546)
D65 (6500 K)	CS	0.25	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.34</b>
	$E_v (E_H)$	136 (194)	181 (259)	218 (312)

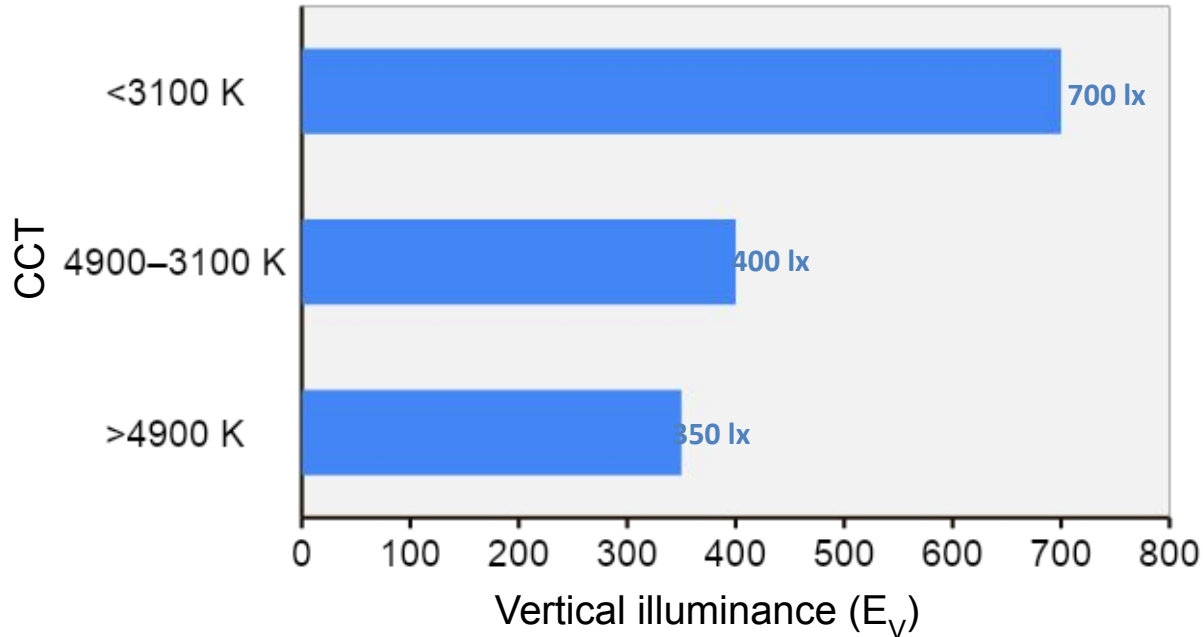




# Agnostic method — Vertical illuminance at eye



Illuminance at which 100% of commercial LEDs reach criterion  $CS = 0.3$



Maximum effect of spectrum for “white” light (6500–3000 K) = **3x**

For a given CCT, half that effect = **1.5x**

This is small compared to light level

$E_V / E_H \approx 0.7$   
(If a ceiling luminaire;  
e.g., 400  $E_V$  / 570  $E_H$ )

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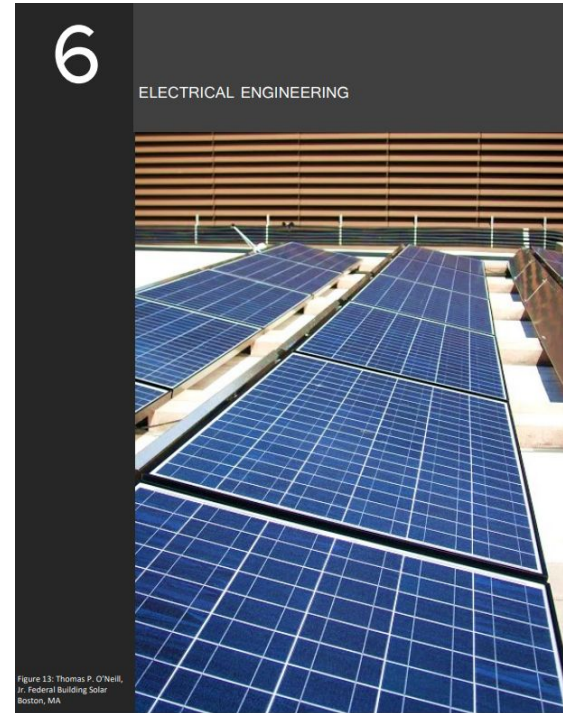
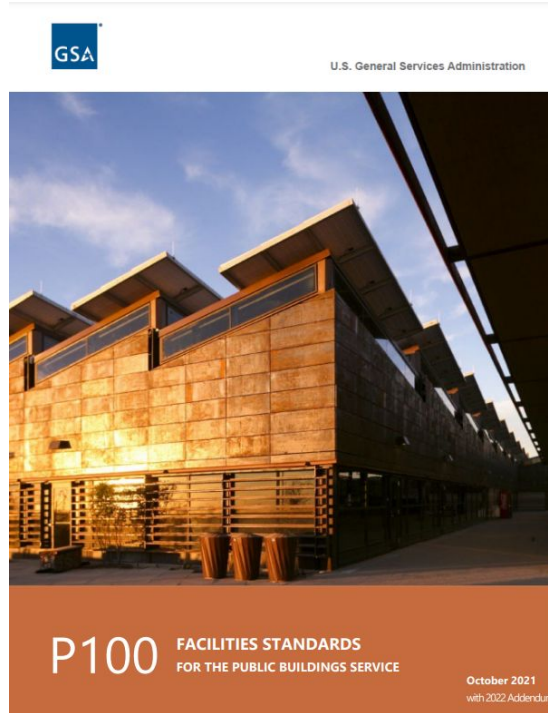
# GSA Requirements



# Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service (P100)

Establishes design standards and performance criteria for GSA's Public Buildings Service.

This document contains policy and technical criteria to be used in the programming, design, and documentation of GSA buildings.



# Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service (P100)

## CHAPTER 6 • ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Color Saturation (Rg)	
Baseline	N/A
Tier 1	110
Tier 2	110
Tier 3	110
M & V	
Plans & Specs	
Calculations & Analysis	
References	
Basis of Design	
Construction Verification	
Human Centric Lighting	
Baseline	N/A
Tier 1	
Tier 2	Circadian Effective Lighting-Circadian Stimulus (CS) of 0.3 in morning, or equivalent melanopic lux (EML) of 240 in morning, or 500 photopic lx EV in morning on vertical plane at eye level
Tier 3	
M & V	Yes
Plans & Specs	
Calculations & Analysis	Provide photometric calculations
References	
Basis of Design	Refer to UL 24480 Design Guideline
Construction Verification	Use photometer to measure vertical CS levels at eye level at sitting & standing height after construction



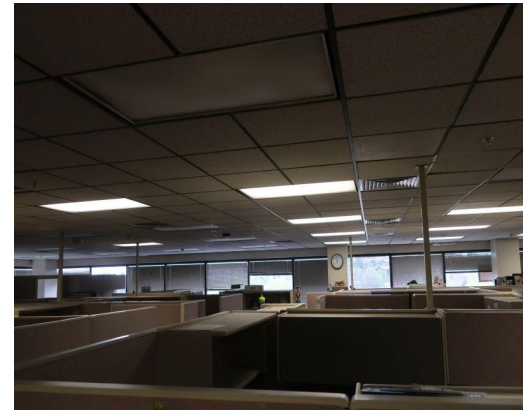
**DG 24480**

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.  
**Design Guidelines for  
 Circadian Entrainment\***

# Denver Federal Center – Building 48



# Current office lighting of client



# Design concept of “Forest”





# Building 48 “Forest” – under construction



## Building 48 – Outdoor space



# Future pilots



# Promoting Health in Buildings



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## Circadian Light For Your Health

The use of daylighting in buildings has focused primarily on reducing energy consumption and providing pleasant interior environments. However, light, especially daylight, may be good for one's health through impacts on the body's circadian rhythms. Given that people spend a majority of their waking hours indoors at work, daylight- if appropriately engineered and supplemented by electric light when necessary - may have unrecognized health benefits.



### What are Circadian Rhythms and What is Circadian Light?

A person's "body clock" is regulated by circadian rhythms, which are physiological processes that occur approximately every 24-hours. These 24-hour rhythms have also been widely observed in plants, animals, fungi, and even bacteria. An example of a circadian rhythm is a person's wake/sleep cycle. A function of light is to entrain

the body's circadian system to the solar day so that the wake/sleep cycle is entrained or synchronized with the natural light/dark cycle on Earth. If a person's circadian functioning is entrained, a person sleeps well at night and is alert during the day.

### Purpose of GSA's Circadian Research

GSA's research has been focused on identifying the links between the amount of light people receive at work and their wake/sleep patterns, daytime alertness, and emotional functioning. GSA's overall goal is to identify specific health benefits of lighting practices that can be replicated in new and existing buildings to achieve innovative and cost effective ways to improve employee health and well-being at work.

GSA conducted this research in several phases. The first phase consisted of taking both space and personal circadian light measurements, and the results showed that while daylight is valuable, it is an insufficient source of circadian stimulation when used alone due to occupant behavior, interior design, low levels of daylight penetration, and other circumstances. In the first phase, GSA conducted its research in five of its buildings in different geographical locations and in both the summer and the winter to account for seasonal variability in daylight.

- [GSA Headquarters](#), Washington, DC
- [Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Building](#), Portland, Oregon
- [Federal Center South Building 1202](#), Seattle, Washington

### Additional Information

- [A Case for Circadian Lighting in Federal Buildings](#) [PDF - 377 KB]
- [Lighting and Health Research Center](#), Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai
- [NIH Fact Sheet on Circadian Rhythms](#)
- [More Information on Circadian Light](#)

### What We Have Learned So Far

- People receive more light at work than anywhere else
- The best time of day for circadian stimulus is in the morning for at least 30 minutes
- People seated near windows and on higher floors receive more circadian stimulus
- Daylight is sometimes not enough; even in well-daylit buildings, there are pockets of biological darkness and low levels of circadian stimulus that may require additional electric light
- Interior workspace design can aid or limit daylight exposure
- Occupant behavior matters in promoting or diminishing circadian stimulus
- Shade use, primarily to reduce glare on computer screens, also reduces circadian stimulation if shades are not adjusted when glare is no longer a problem

<https://www.gsa.gov/circadianlight>

<https://sftool.gov>

## Background on Lighting and Circadian Rhythms

Video 2 — Mariana G. Figueiro, Director & Professor, Mount Sinai Light and Health Research Center



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# Possible Solutions



# Options

Bright light-box in the morning

Change the color of streetlights

“Blue-enriched” illumination for commercial spaces

Start school later

With an understanding of how the circadian system works, additional opportunities:

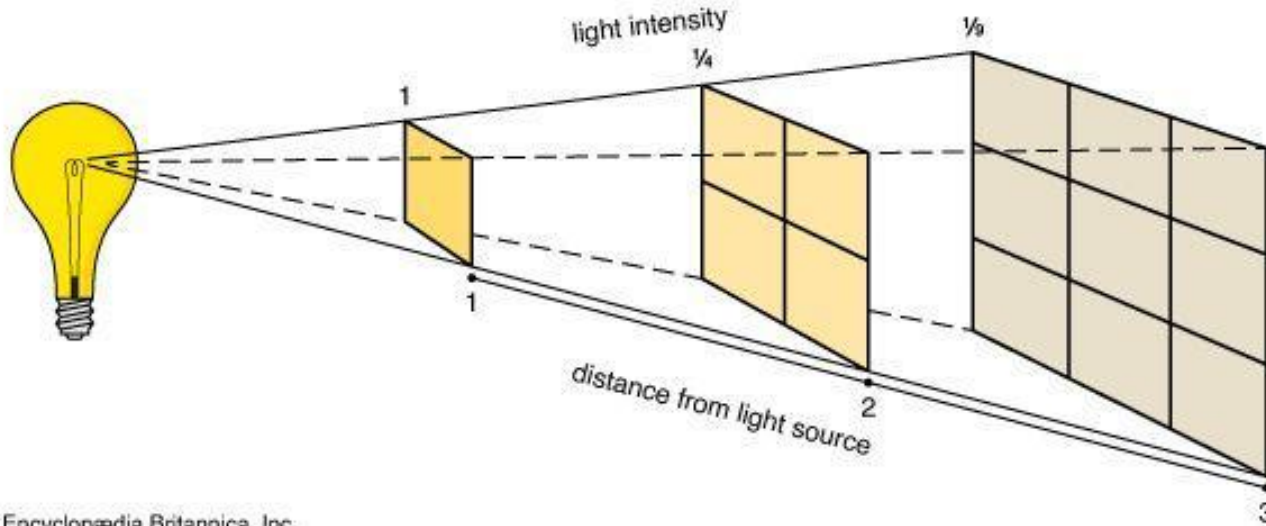
- Local lighting
- Walk at lunch





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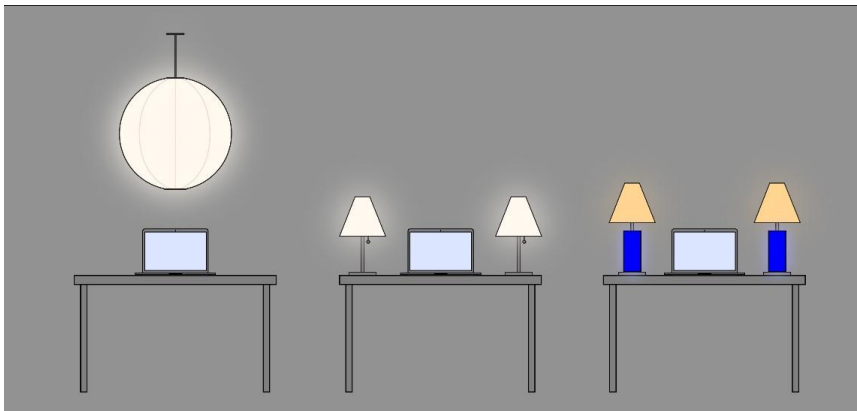
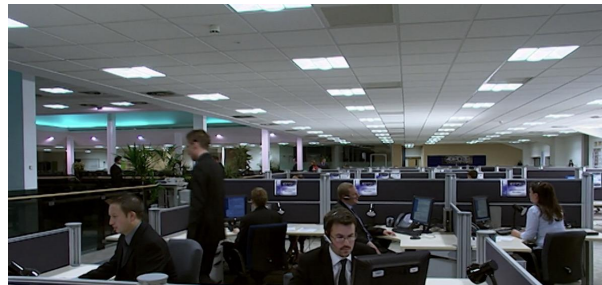
Local lighting that takes advantage of the inverse square law can translate into 1/9 of the electric lighting energy needed to deliver the same CS



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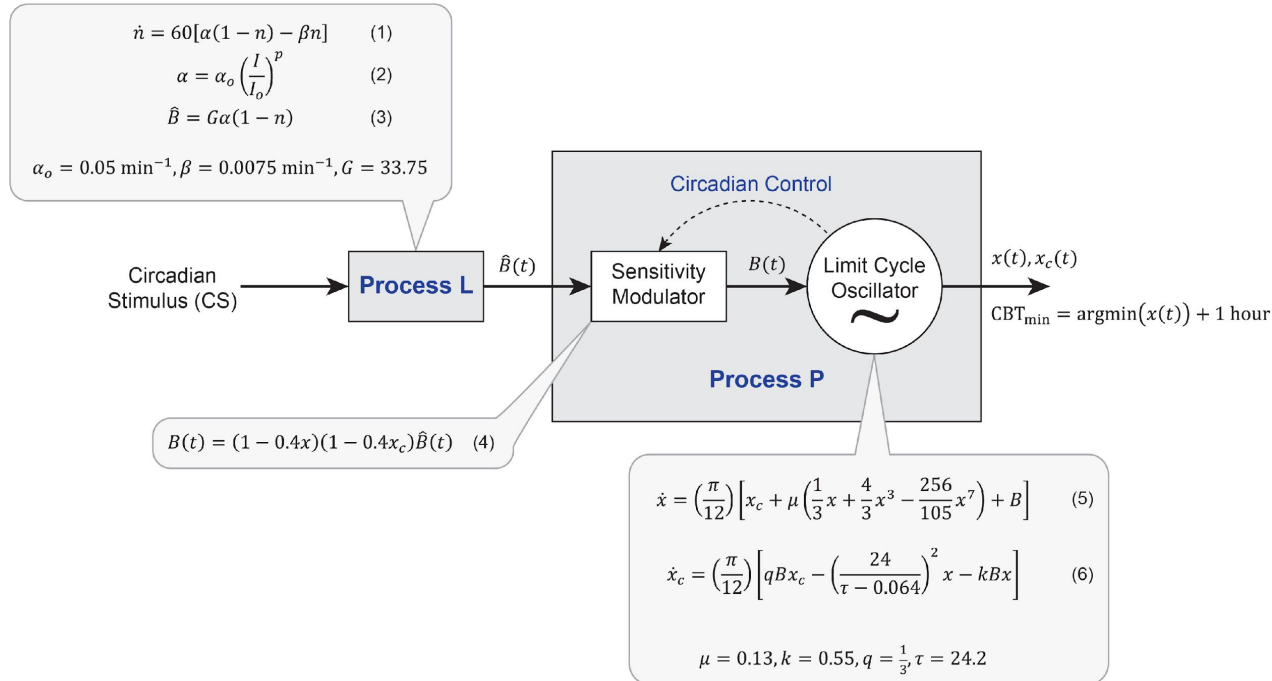
During the day, by bringing circadian-effective light out of the ceiling and use local lighting that is closer to the occupant one can:

- Provide bright days
- Minimize glare
- Deliver “warm” illumination
- Reduce electric energy



# CS-oscillator model: Added value

## CS-oscillator model



Rea MS, Nagare R, Bierman A, et al. The circadian stimulus-oscillator model: Improvements to Kronauer's model of the human circadian pacemaker. *Front Neurosci* 2022; 16. DOI: 10.3389/fnins.2022.965525

# Problem: Teenagers are very sleepy in the morning

## The proposed solution

**California is pushing back school start times. The move could sweep the nation – or backfire.**

"Everyone is going to be watching to see what the results are going to be," an education researcher said.



Why is there **resistance** to this move when the science is clear that it will improve teenager health?

- Social obligations of parents
- Less time and opportunity for after-school jobs for teenagers
- After school availability of teenagers to watch younger siblings
- Conflict with scheduling sports practices (especially during winter)
- Lack of extra funds to adjust bus routes and other logistics

— Research shows that later school start times can increase the duration and quality of adolescent sleep, which has been linked to health benefits. Anuj Shrestha / for NBC News

## Non-obvious solution



### **Get some daylight at noon!**

30 min of daylight at lunch can advance internal phase by 40 min in late chronotypes (owls), like teenagers

- From a biological perspective, this approach is equal to starting school later

Plus this approach maintains phase in early chronotypes (larks), like teachers

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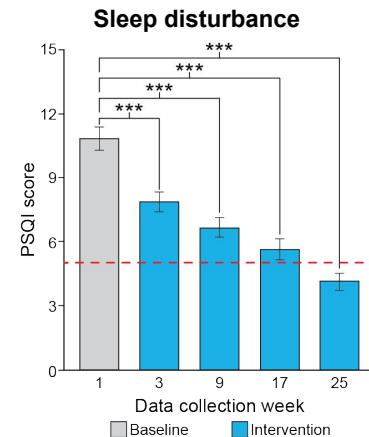
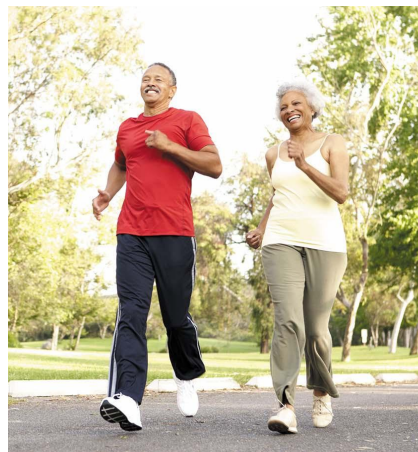


# What this isn't

Not a quick fix

It takes commitment and feedback

Just like diet and exercise







# What's Missing?



# Poll 11



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