

# Understanding and Applying TM-30-15

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# Understanding Color Rendition is knowing how to ...



Venture Capital Office Building | Menlo Park, CA, USA  
Lighting Design: Sean O'Connor Lighting Inc  
Architecture: Paul Murdoch Architects  
2014 IALD International Lighting Design Award of Excellence

... predict it.

... communicate it.

... realize it.



171 Collins Street | Melbourne, Australia  
Lighting Design: Electrolight  
Architecture: Bates Smart Architects  
2014 IALD International Lighting Design Award of Merit

# Today's Topics

1. TM-30-15: How It Came To Be
2. Overview of the TM-30-15 Method
3. TM-30-15  $R_f$  Vs. CIE  $R_a$

[Questions]

4. Excel Tool Demonstration
5. TM-30-15 Adoption Considerations
  - I. Manufacturers
  - II. Specifiers
  - III. Researchers
  - IV. Programs

[Questions]

**Part 1:**

TM-30-15: How It Came To Be

## Limitations of Existing Metric

- + Acknowledgement of Need for Alternative
  - + Research and Scientific Advancement
  - + Consensus Process
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## **TM-30-15:** IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition

# CIE CRI and TM-30-15

## CRI Calculation Engine (1974)

CIE 1964  $U^*V^*W^*$

8 color samples

Medium chroma/lightness  
Spectral sensitivity varies  
Munsell samples only

Fidelity Metric Only

Ref Illuminant Step Function

No lower limit for scores

## TM-30 Calculation Engine (2015)

CAM02-UCS (CIECAM02)

99 color samples

Uniform color space coverage  
Spectral sensitivity neutral  
Variety of real objects

Fidelity, Gamut, Graphical,  
Detailed

Ref Illuminant Continuous

(Uses same reference sources, but blended  
between 4500 K and 5500 K)

0 to 100 scale (fidelity)

“Original”



Image courtesy of Randy Burkett Lighting Design

“CRI = 80” Desaturated



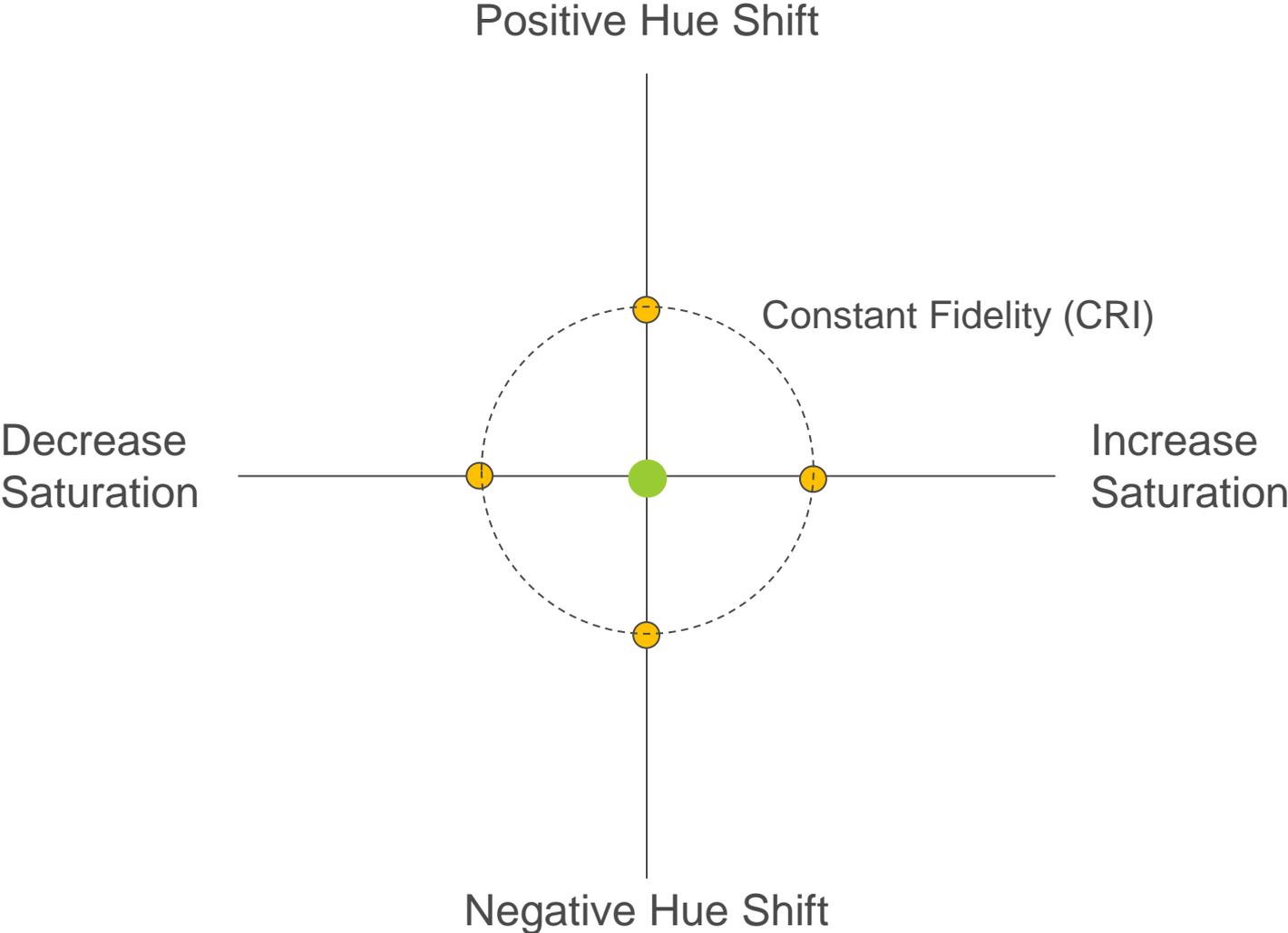
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“CRI = 80” Saturated



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# Limitations of Considering Only Fidelity



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# How many metrics are needed?

## Attributes of Color Rendition include:

- Color Fidelity
  - Color Discrimination
  - Color Preference
- } Tend to be related to saturation, which can be quantified with gamut

### Sidebar, for Further Reading:

The more than 25 indices of color rendition that appear in the scientific literature tend to cluster into two categories, those based on comparison to a reference illuminant (i.e., to quantify fidelity), and those related to gamut area (i.e., to quantify increase or decrease in saturation).\*

\* Houser KW, Wei M, David A, Krames MR, Shen XS. Review of Measures for Light-Source Color Rendition and Considerations for a Two-Measure System for Characterizing Color Rendition. Optics Express. 2013; 21(8);10393-10411. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1364/OE.21.010393>

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## **TM-30-15: IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition**

# Timeline of Color Rendering Metric *Committees*

- 1965** | CIE E1.3.2 recommends the CIE General Color Rendering Index ( $R_a$ ). Research dates to 1937.
- 1974** | Major revision of CRI (CIE 13.2-1974). Some limitations addressed.
- 1995** | Last revision of CRI (CIE 13.3-1995). No major changes.
- 1991** | CIE TC1-33: *Color Rendering*  
[No Agreement Reached; Closed 1999]
- “This committee was not successful in its purposes mainly due to the disagreement between those who advocated including the advances of science and those who recommended that industry did not want change.”<sup>1</sup>*
- 2002** | CIE TC1-62: *Color Rendering of White LED Light Sources*  
[Published CIE 177:2007, recommends a new metric be developed]
- “The Committee recommends the development of a new colour rendering index... This index... shall not replace the current CIE colour rendering index immediately. The usage of the new index or indices should provide information supplementary to the current CIE CRI, and replacement of CRI will be considered after successful integration of the new index.”<sup>2</sup>*

# Timeline of Color Rendering Metric Committees

- 2006** | CIE TC1-69: *Color Rendition by White Light Sources*  
Goal of developing single number replacement for CRI, with a focus on psychophysical research.  
[No Agreement Reached]
- 2012** | CIE TC1-90: *Color Fidelity Index*  
[Ongoing]
- 2012** | CIE TC1-91: *New Methods for Evaluating the Colour Quality of White-Light Sources*  
[Ongoing]
- 2013** | IES Color Metrics Task Group  
[Developed TM-30-15]

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## **TM-30-15**: IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition

# Contributing Ideas (Not Exhaustive)

- **Two-metric concept**

Indices to complement CRI include Judd's Flattery Index [1967]; Thornton's Color Preference Index [1974]; Guo and Houser's analysis showed complementarity of reference and gamut based indices [2004]; Lighting Research Center proposed "Class A" employing CRI and GAI [2008]; NIST proposed CQS employing Qa and Qg [2010]; Houser and colleagues provided analysis, rationale, and discussed considerations for a two-metric system [2013].

- **Graphic to display hue and saturation changes**

van der Burgt and van Kemenade's Color Rendering Vectors [1988]; NIST CQS [2010]

- **CAM02-UCS**

University of Leeds (CRI-CAM02UCS) [2011]

- **Wavelength uniformity of samples**

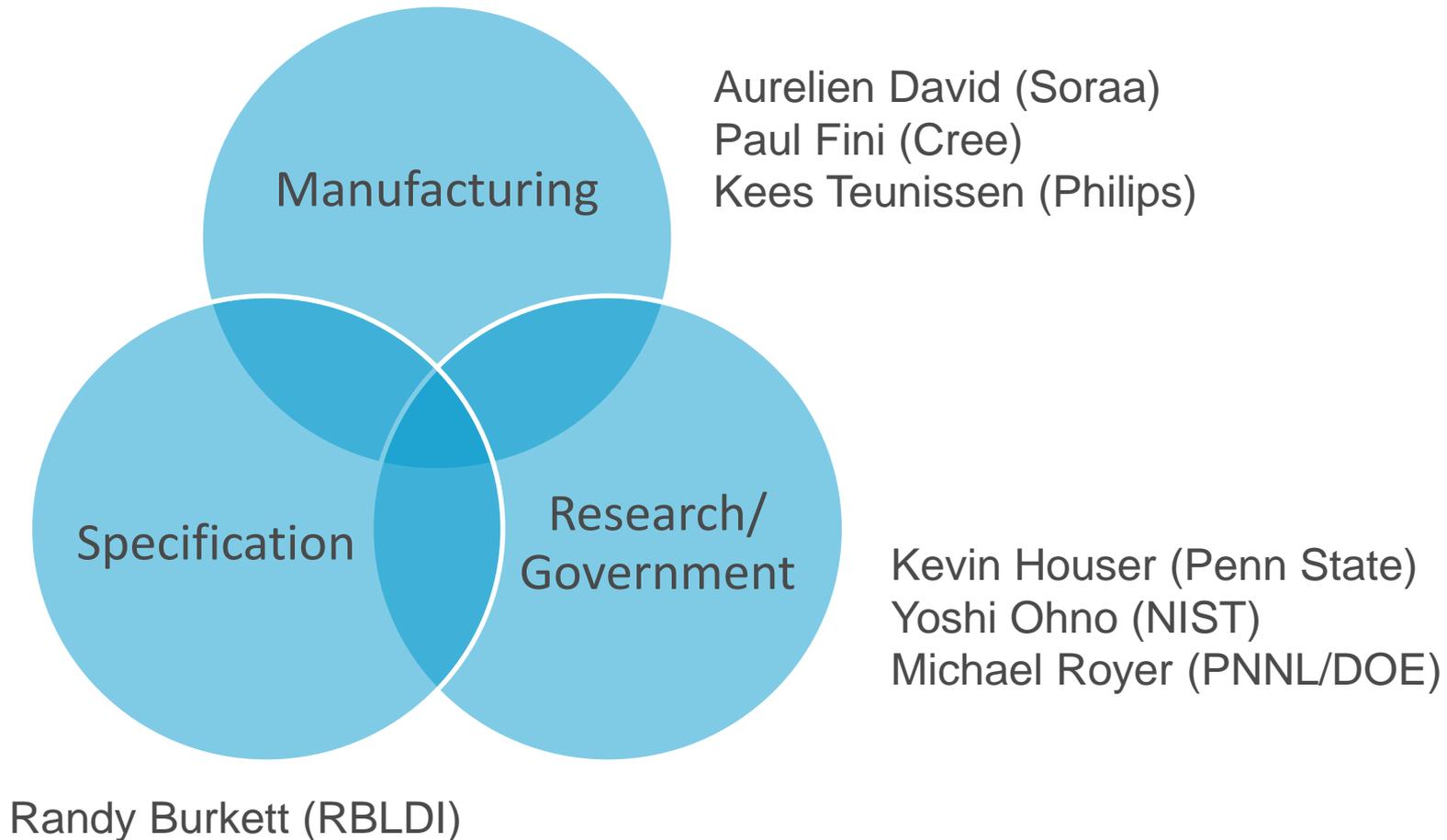
University of British Columbia, University of Pannonia, University of Leeds (CRI2012) [2013]

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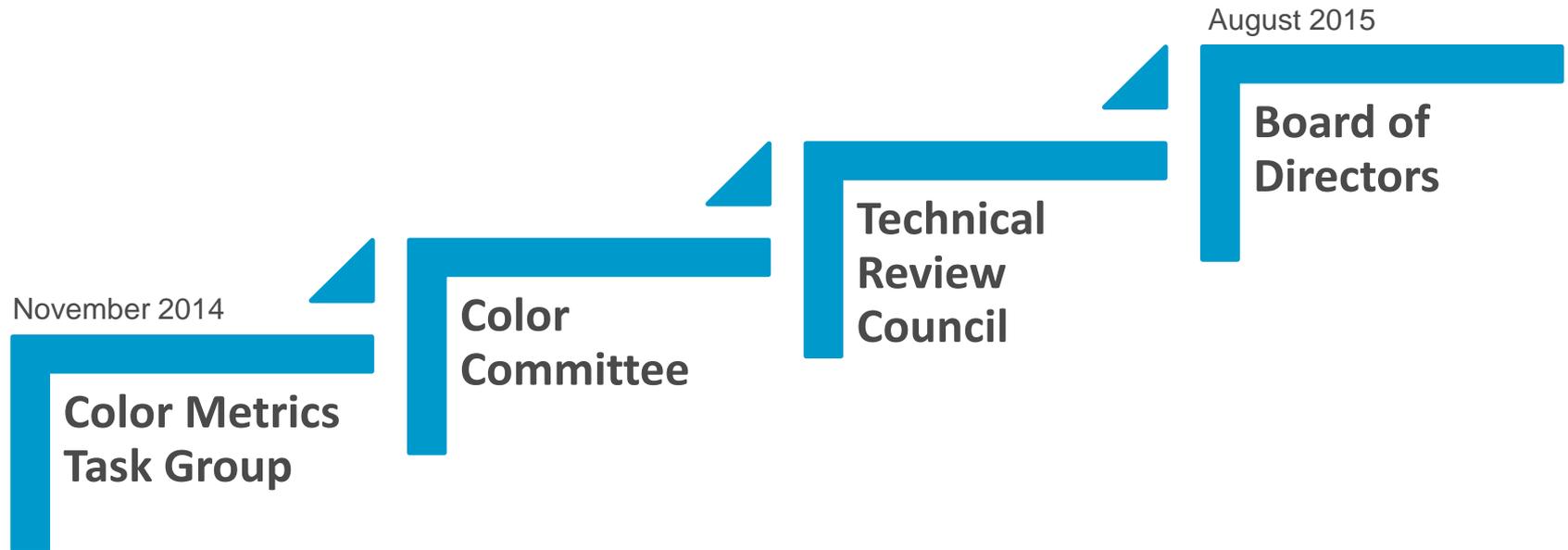
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## **TM-30-15**: IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition

# Voting Members of Color Metrics Task Force



# IES Balloting Process



- At least 2/3 majority approval required at each step.
- Any non-editorial revision require recirculation ballot.
- Must attempt to resolve any disapproval vote.

## Metrics/Measures

$R_f$  (IES TM-30-15)  
 $R_g$  (IES TM-30-15)  
CRI  $R_a$  (CIE13.3-1995)  
CRI  $R_g$  (CIE13.3-1995)  
CCT  
 $\Delta u'v'$   
 $D_{uv}$

## Criteria

$\geq 80$   
 $\geq 0$   
2700 K – 5000 K  
 $\leq 0.007$

## Standards

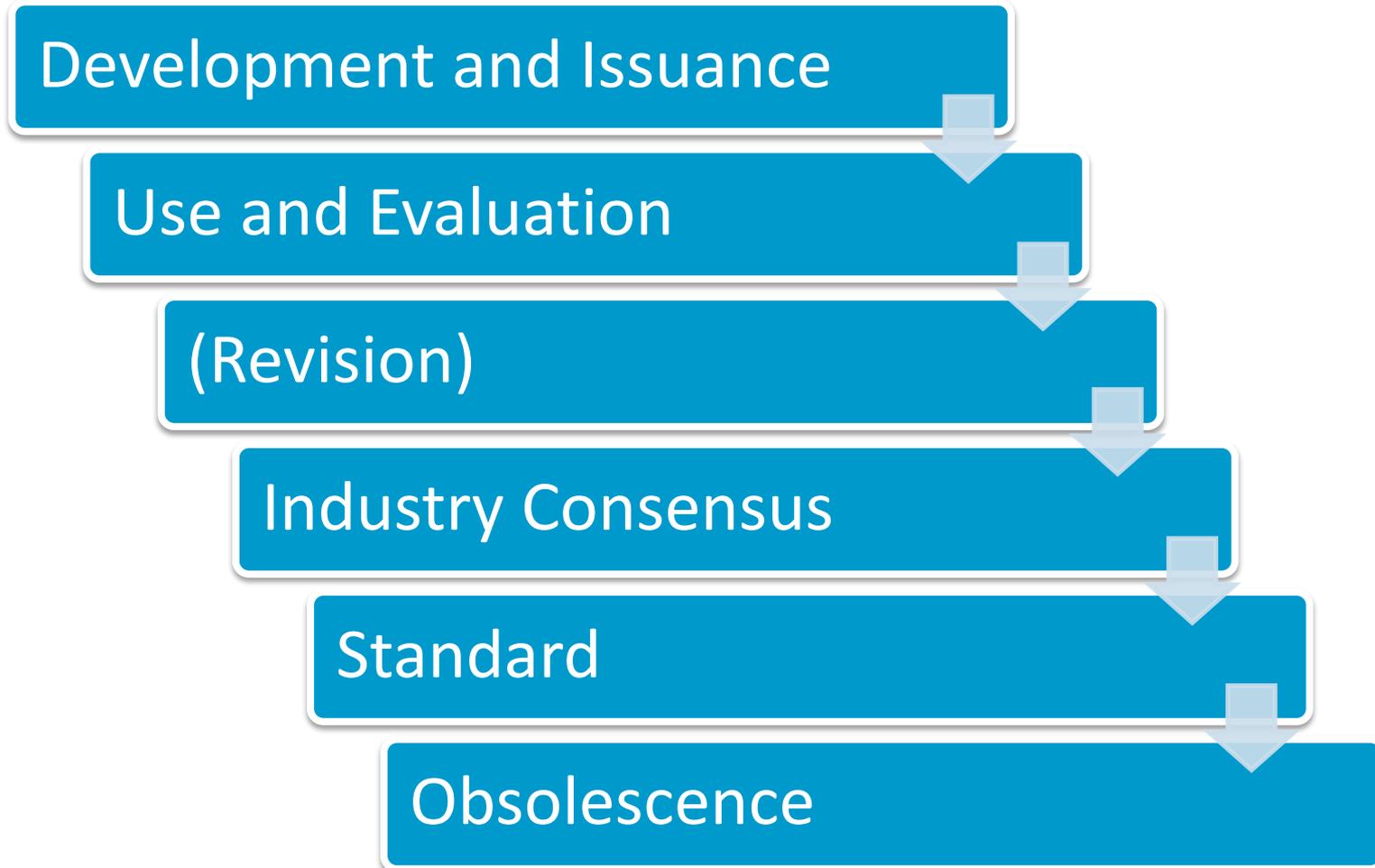
ANSI C78.377  
ANSI/IES RP-1-12  
ISO 8995-1 (CIE S 008)

## Design Guidance

IES DG-1

**TM-30 is a method that includes several related measures.  
TM-30 is not a required standard, and does not provide design guidance or criteria.**

# Metric Development



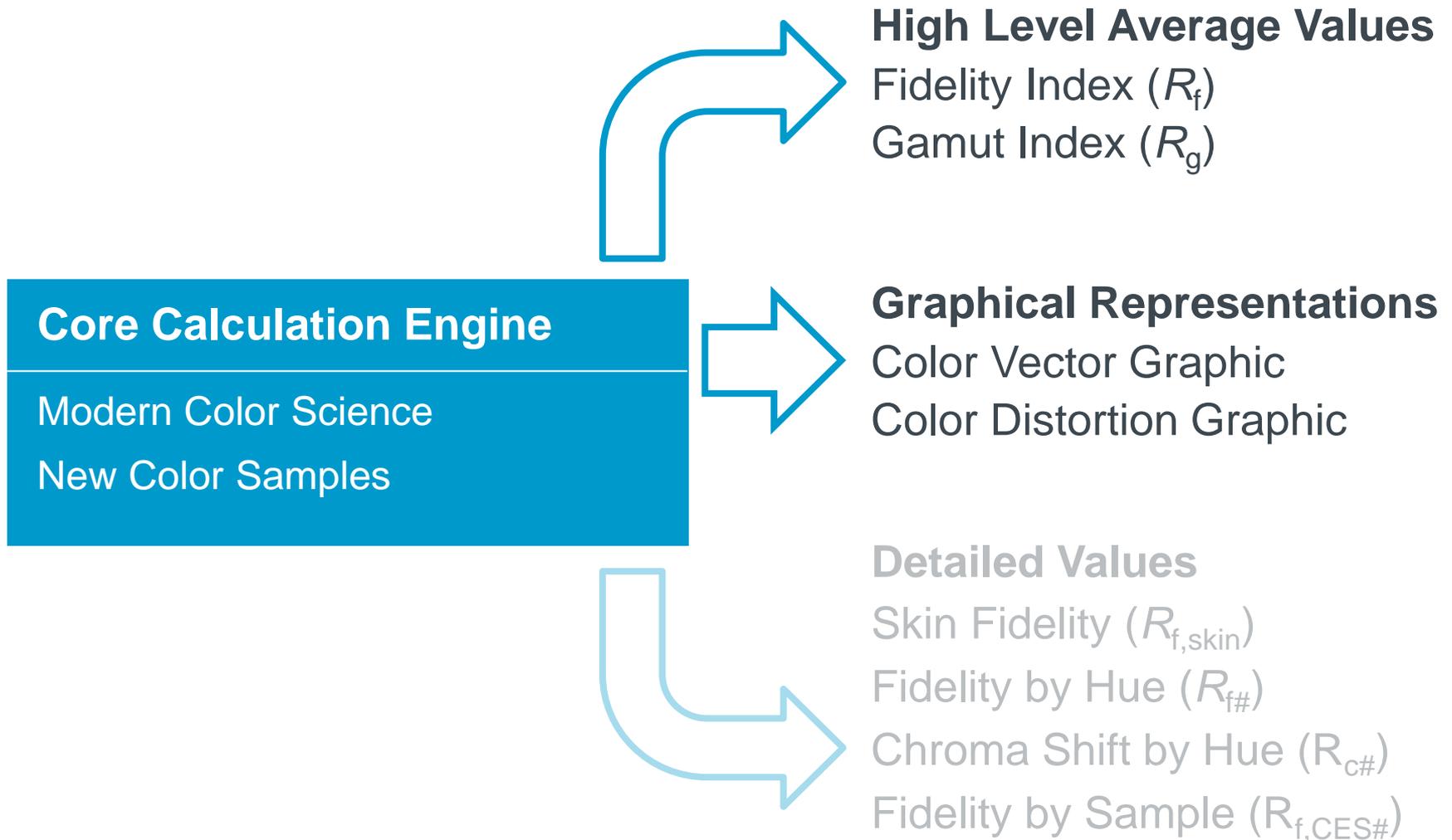
# Part 2:

## Overview of the TM-30-15 Method

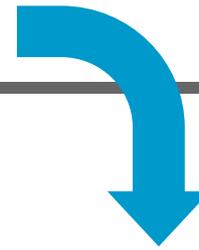


Kevin Houser

# IES Method for Color Rendition



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## Color Fidelity



The accurate rendition of color so that they appear as they would under familiar (reference) illuminants



**Fidelity Index ( $R_f$ )**  
(0-100)



## Color Gamut



The average level of saturation relative to familiar (reference) illuminants.



**Gamut Index ( $R_g$ )**  
~60-140 when  $R_f > 60$

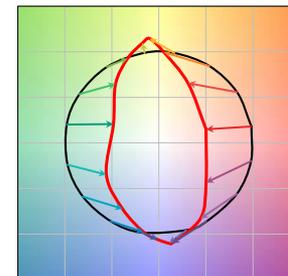
## Graphics



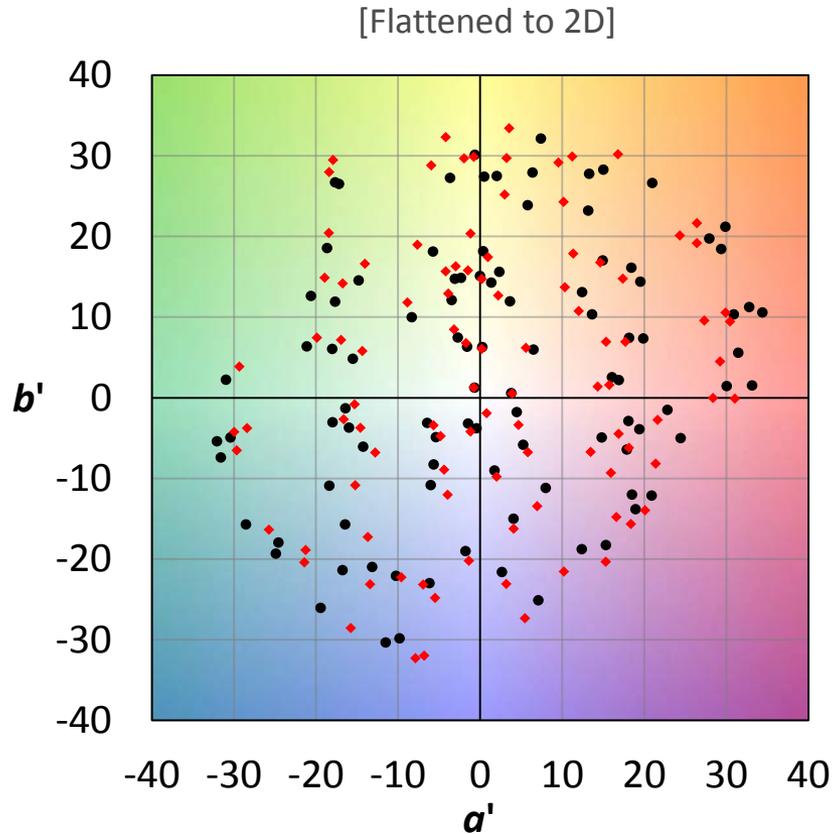
Visual description of hue and saturation changes.



## Color Vector Graphic



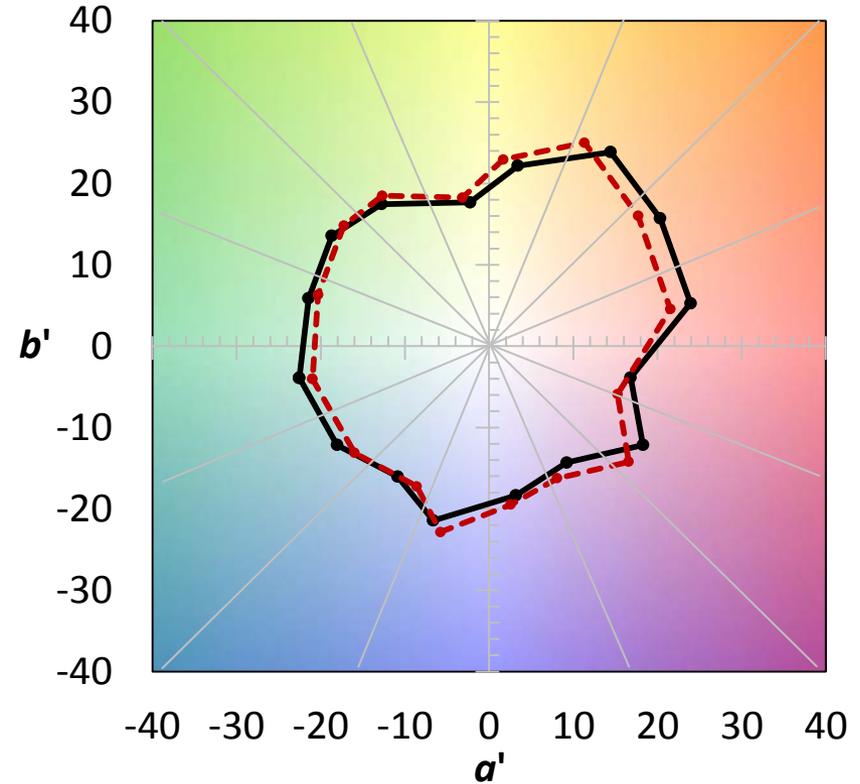
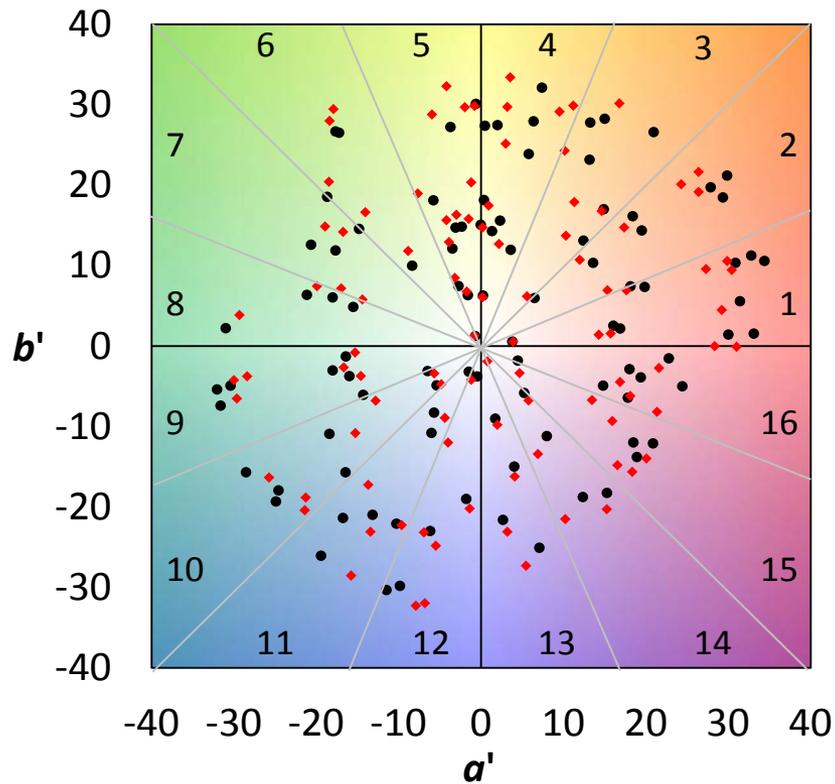
# Fidelity Index: $R_f$



- Reference Source
- Test Source

- Average similarity in appearance of test and reference sources
- Analogous to CIE  $R_a$ , greater accuracy
- Scores 0 to 100
- Scale similar to CIE  $R_a$ , but high scores harder to achieve
- Equal weight to all directions of shift
- Should not be expected to correlate with any single object

# Relative Gamut Index: $R_g$



An  $R_g$  value greater than 100 indicates an average increase in saturation and an  $R_g$  value less than 100 indicates an average decrease in saturation.

*(Theoretical)*



**Original**

CRI = 95

$R_f = 93$

$R_g = 100$



**Desaturated**

CRI = 80

$R_f = 78$

$R_g = 90$



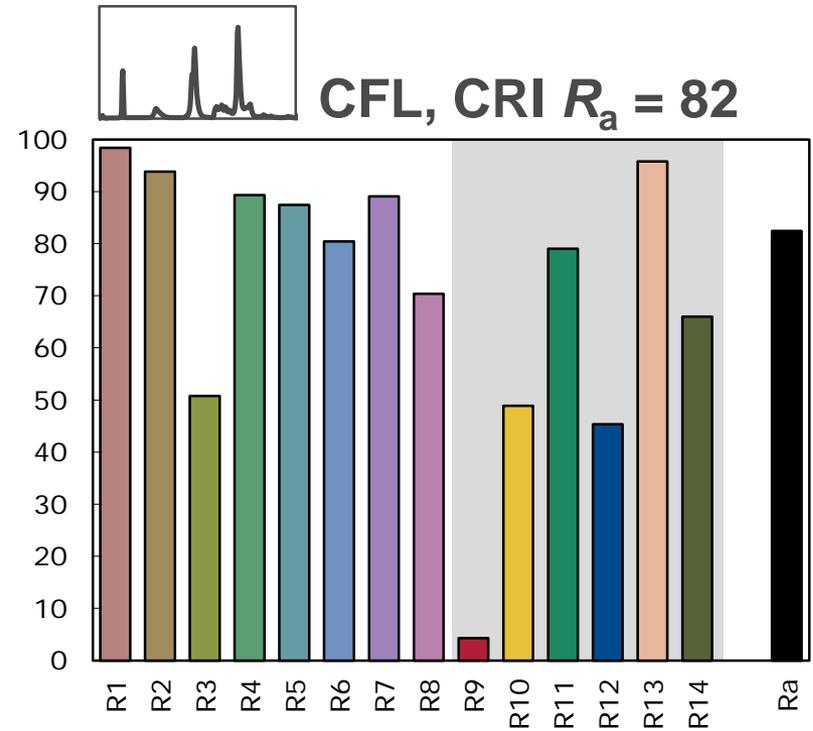
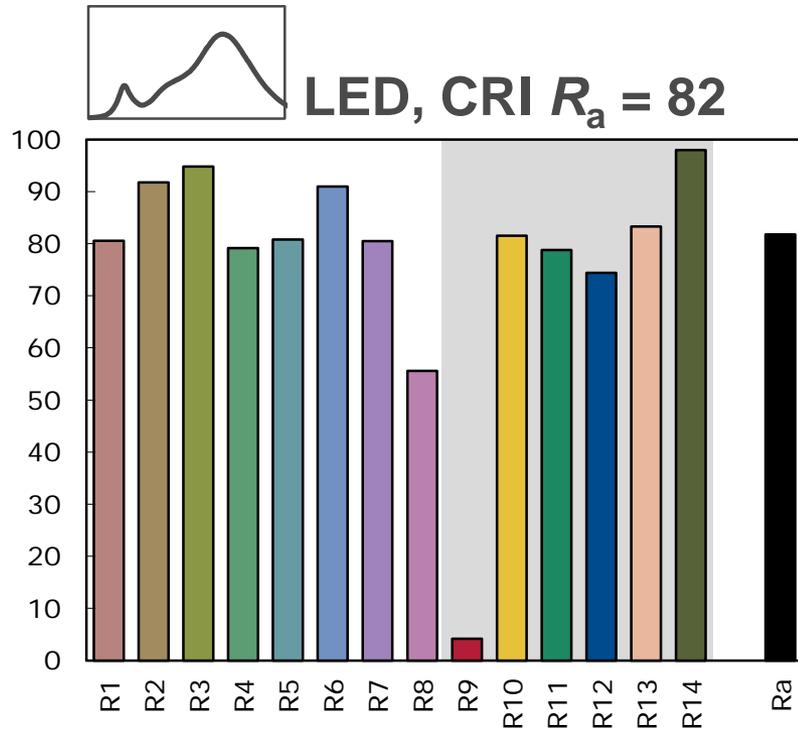
**Red-Enhanced**

CRI = 80

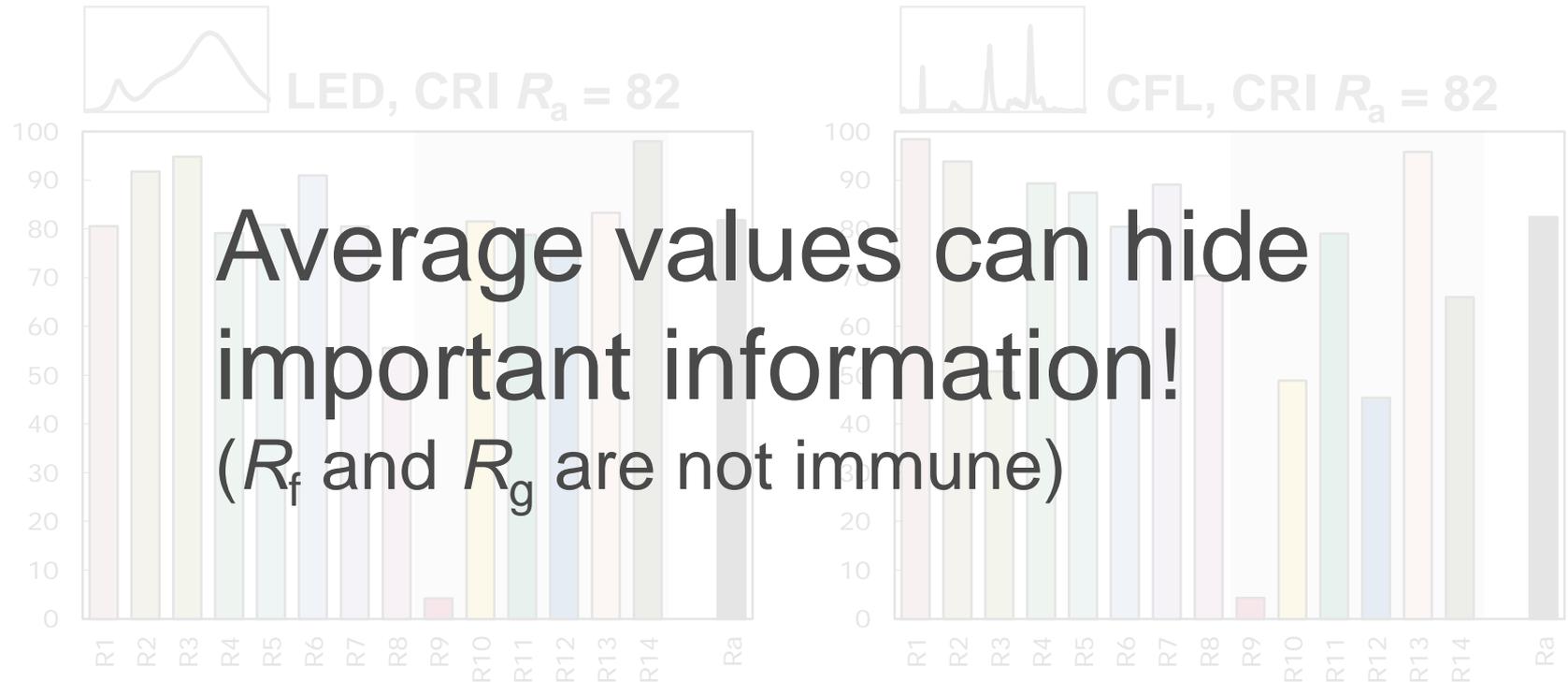
$R_f = 78$

$R_g = 110$

# Limitation of Average Values

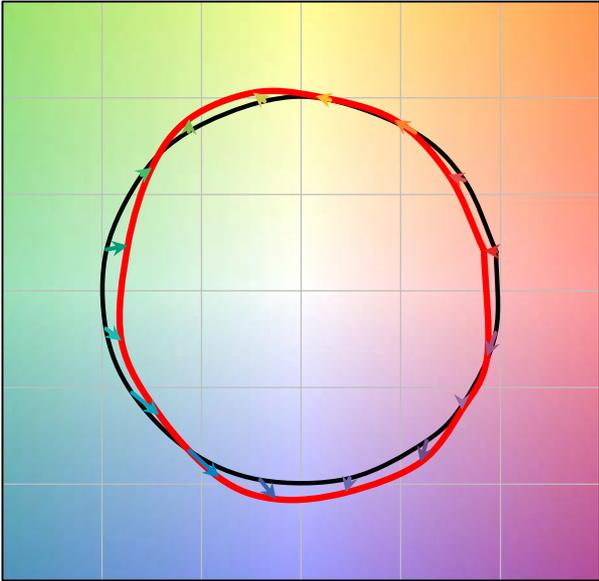


# Limitation of Average Values



# Color Vector Graphic

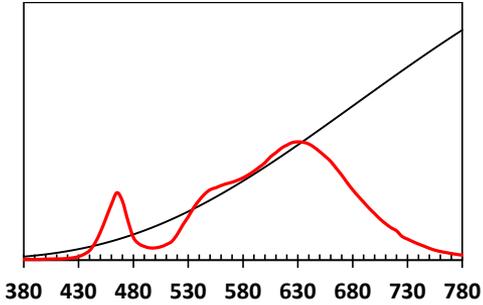
“Gamut” is not a dimension of perception. It is best interpreted with reference to a complementary graphic.



Color Vector Graphic



Color Distortion Graphic

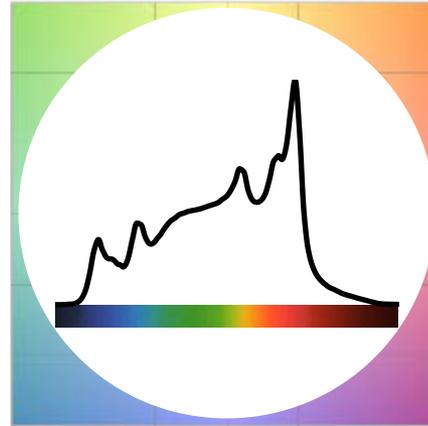
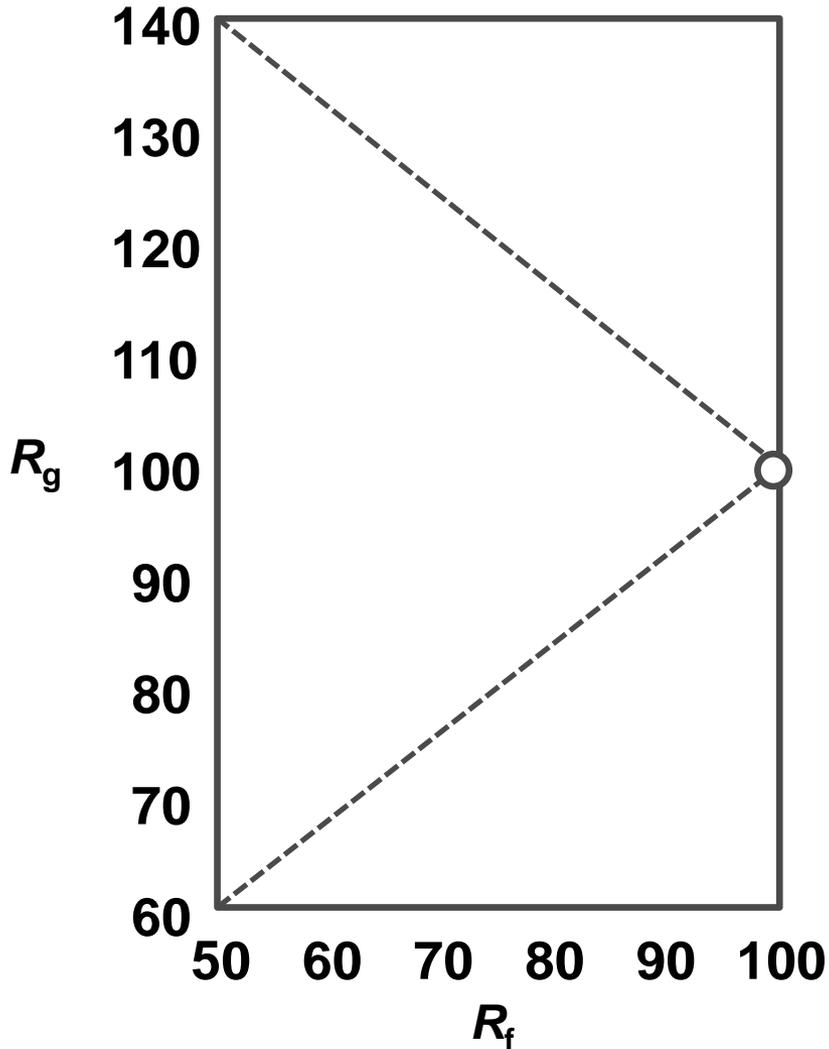


$R_f$	=	81
$R_g$	=	101
CCT	=	2496 K
$R_a$	=	88

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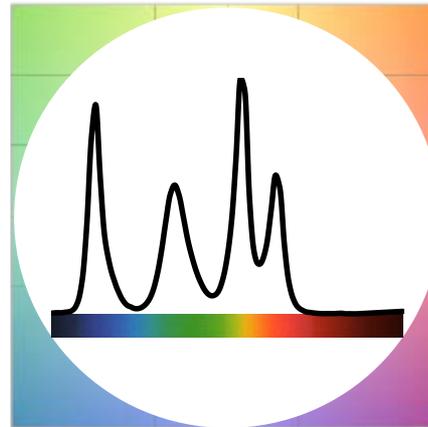
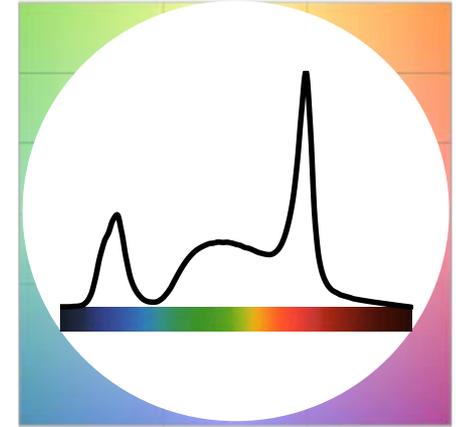
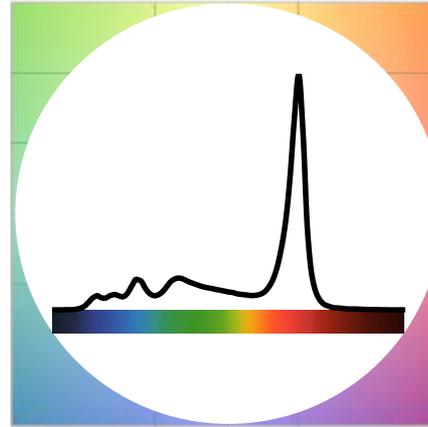
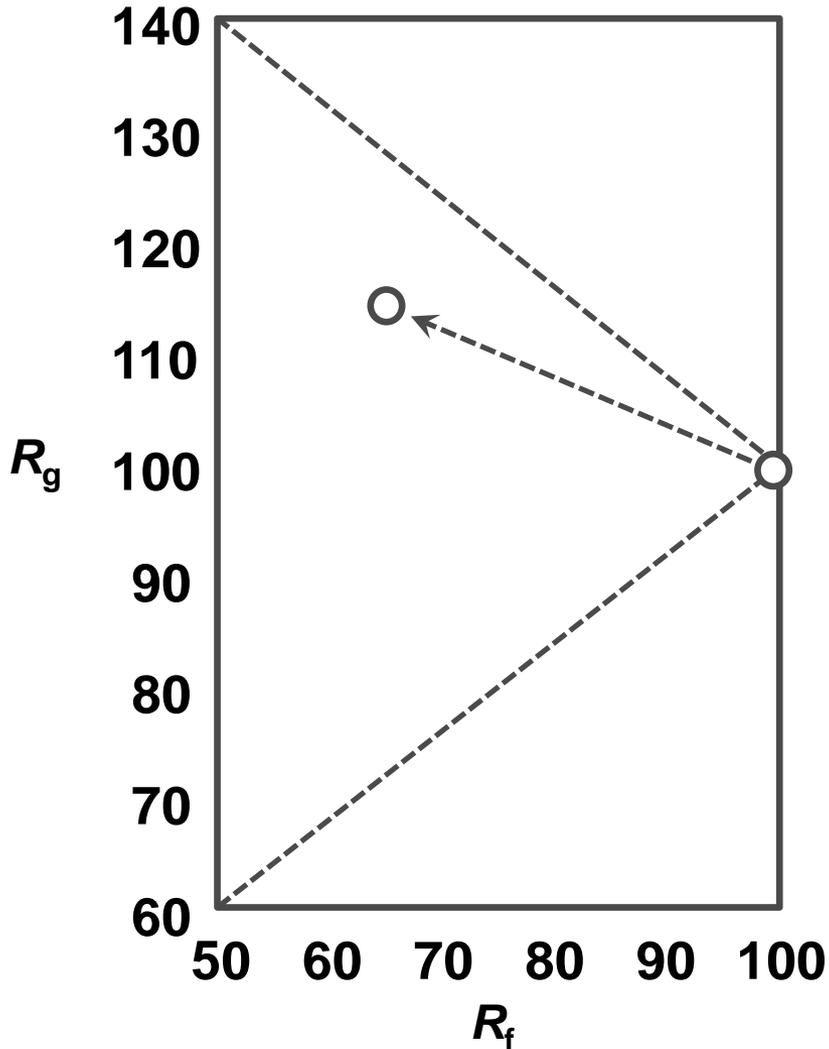
# $R_f$ , $R_g$ and Color Vector Graphic

CCT = 3500 K,  $R_f = 100$ ,  $R_g = 100$



# $R_f$ , $R_g$ and Color Vector Graphic

CCT = 3500 K,  $R_f = 65$ ,  $R_g = 115$

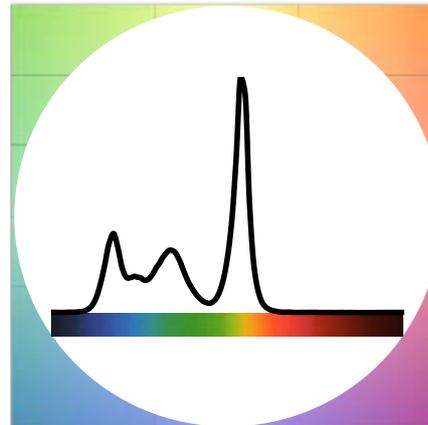
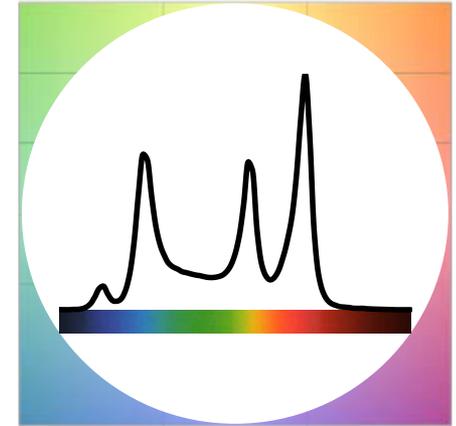
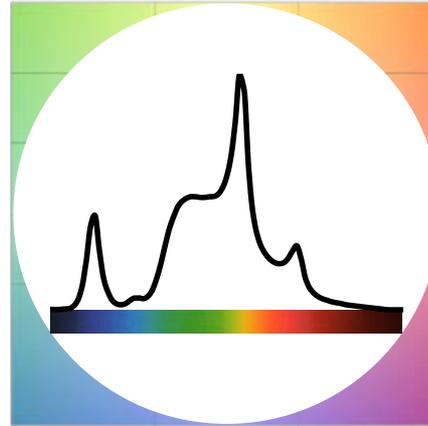
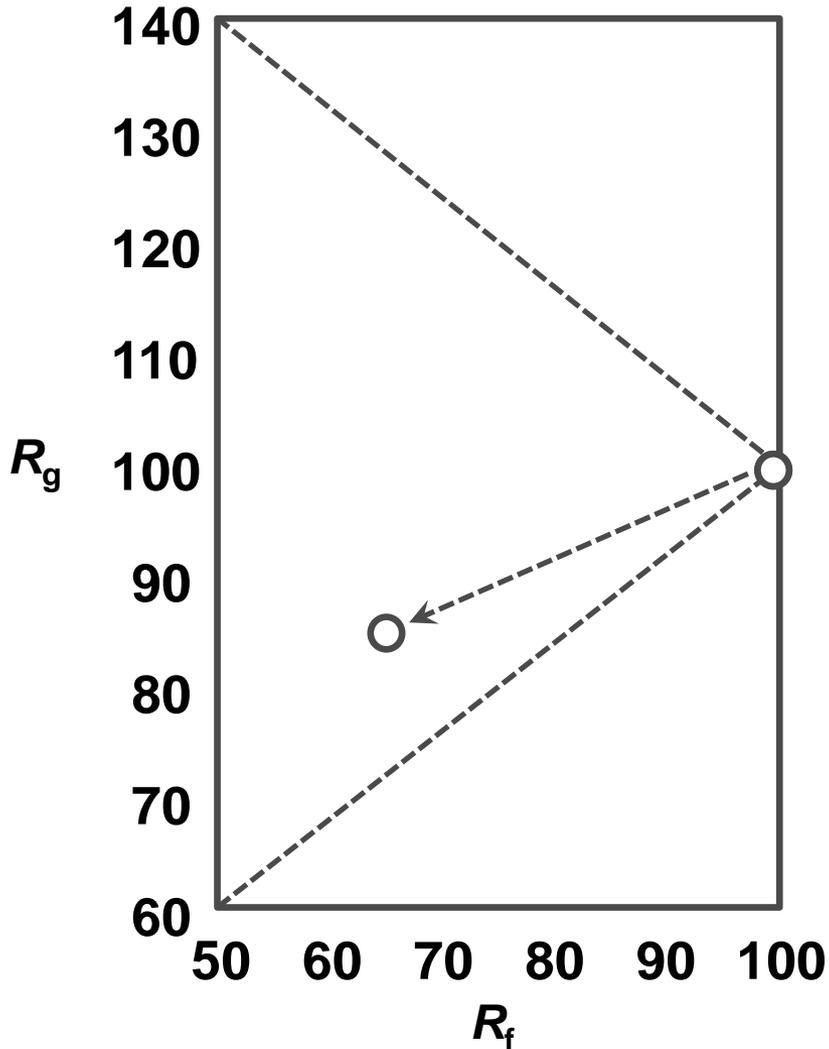


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Based on simulations using 11-channel LED Cube.

# $R_f$ , $R_g$ and Color Vector Graphic

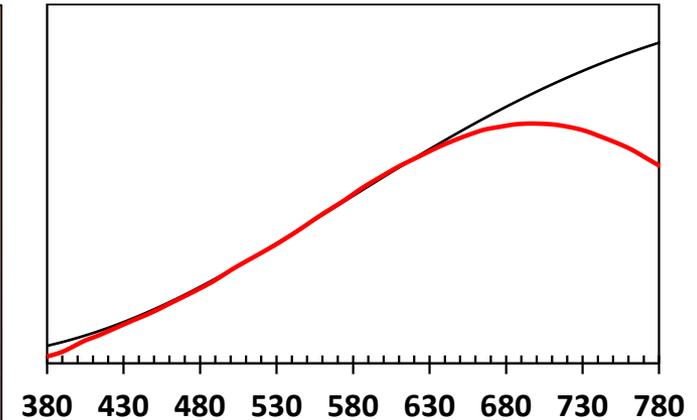
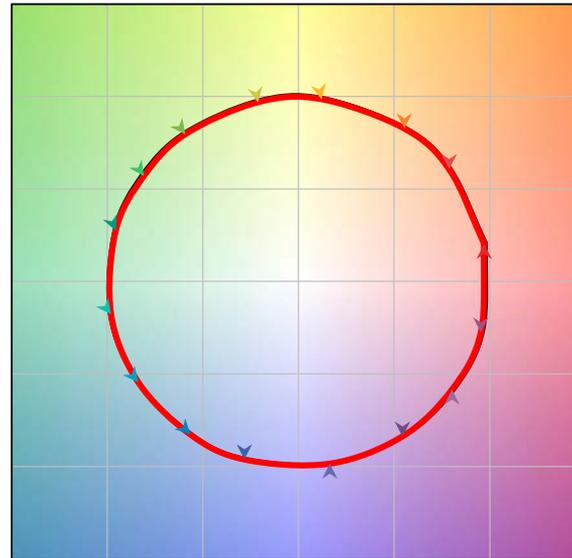
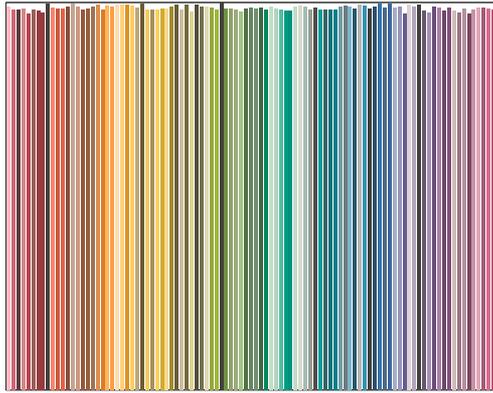
CCT = 3500 K,  $R_f = 65$ ,  $R_g = 85$



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# Halogen MR16, 3000 K (Source No. 80)



$$R_f = 99$$

$$R_g = 99$$

$$R_{f,skin} = 99$$

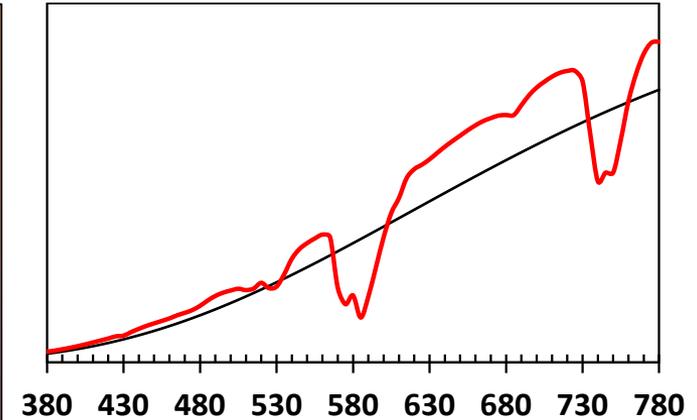
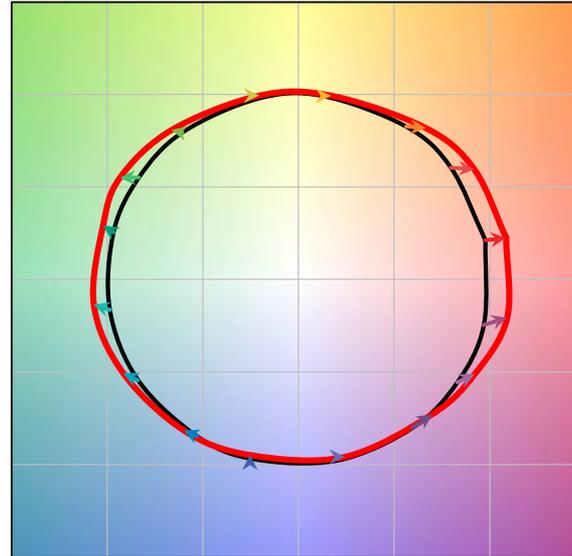
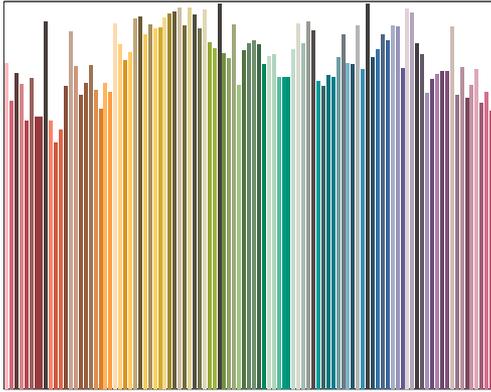
$$CCT = 2988 \text{ K}$$

$$D_{uv} = 0.0010$$

$$R_a = 99$$

$$R_9 = 93$$

# Neodymium Incandescent (Source No. 88)



$$R_f = 86$$

$$R_g = 109$$

$$R_{f,skin} = 83$$

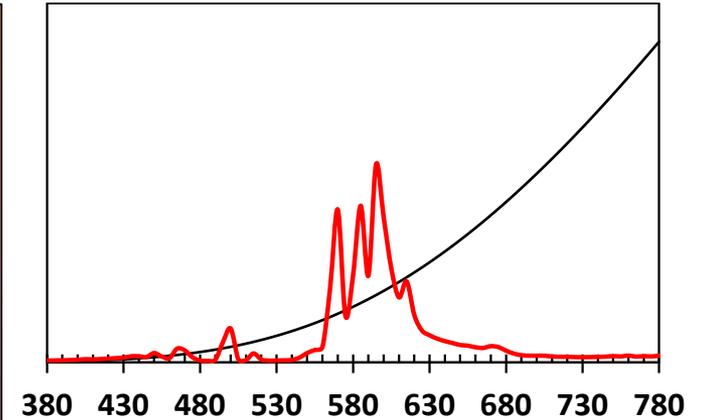
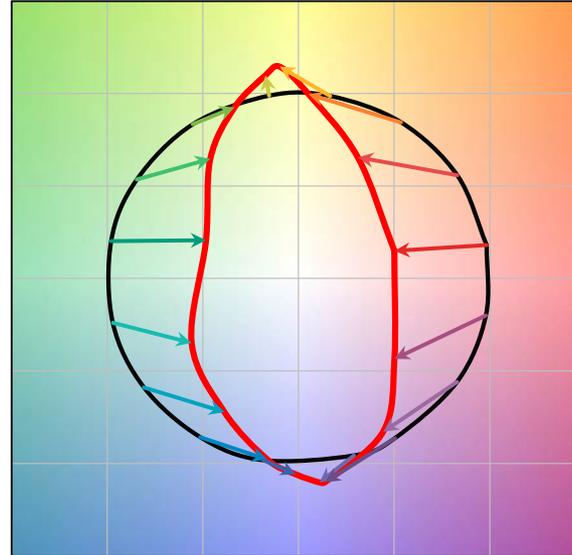
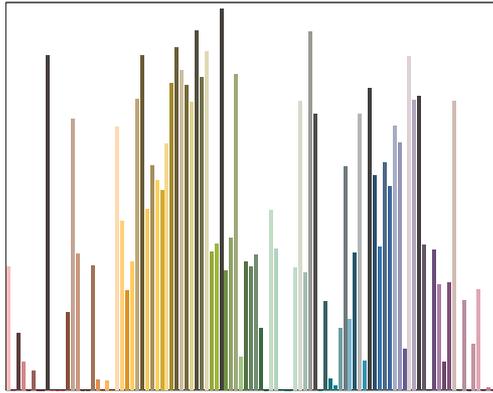
$$CCT = 2757 \text{ K}$$

$$D_{uv} = -0.0048$$

$$R_a = 77$$

$$R_9 = 15$$

# High Pressure Sodium (Source No. 56)



$$R_f = 32$$

$$R_g = 61$$

$$R_{f,skin} = 34$$

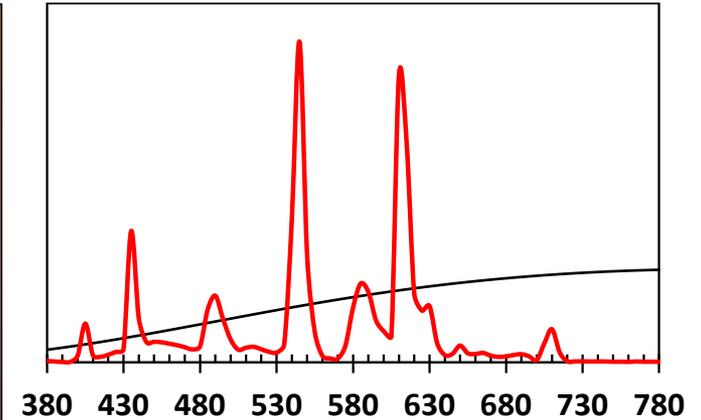
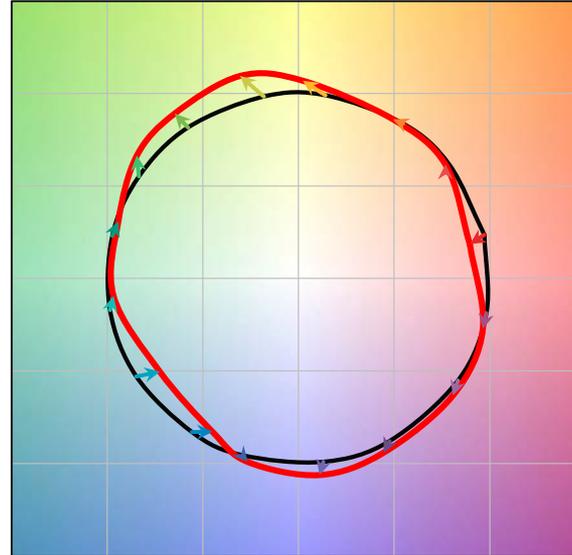
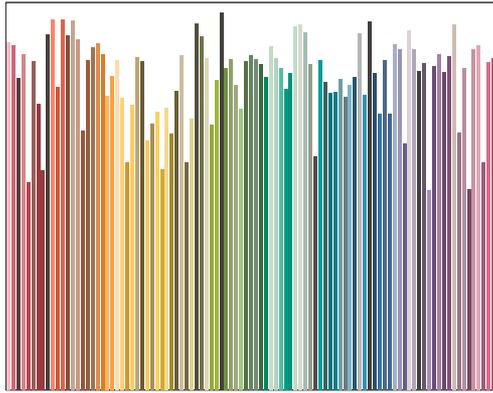
$$CCT = 1967 \text{ K}$$

$$D_{uv} = -0.0002$$

$$R_a = 16$$

$$R_g = -226$$

# F32T8 835 (Source No. 37)



$$R_f = 80$$

$$R_g = 102$$

$$R_{f,skin} = 89$$

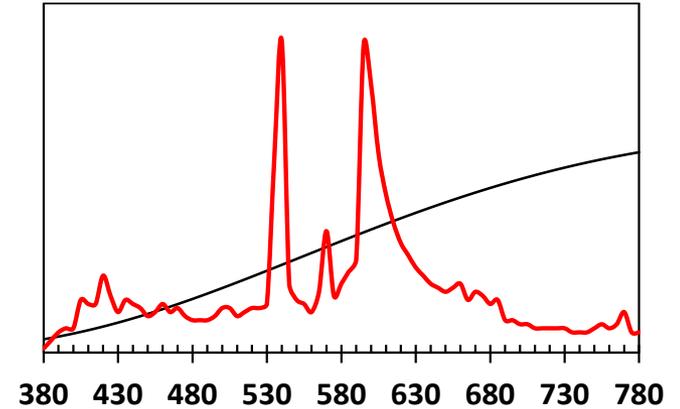
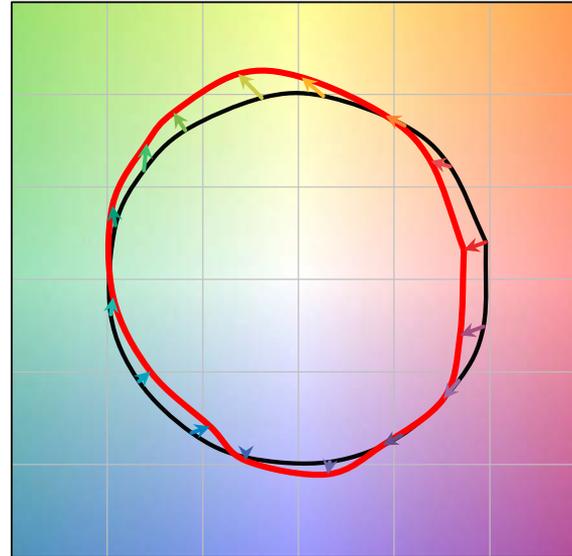
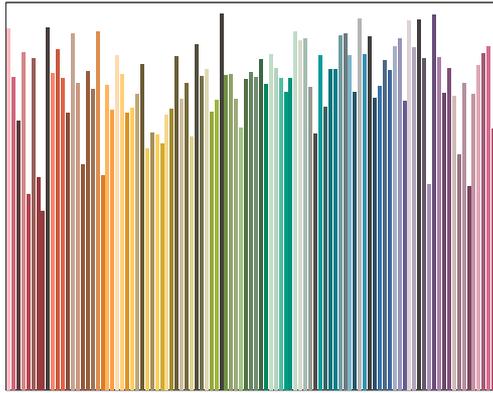
$$CCT = 3480 \text{ K}$$

$$D_{uv} = 0.0007$$

$$R_a = 86$$

$$R_g = 15$$

# Ceramic Metal Halide, 3000 K (Source No. 62)



$$R_f = 79$$

$$R_g = 100$$

$$R_{f,skin} = 78$$

$$CCT = 3080 \text{ K}$$

$$D_{uv} = -0.0024$$

$$R_a = 84$$

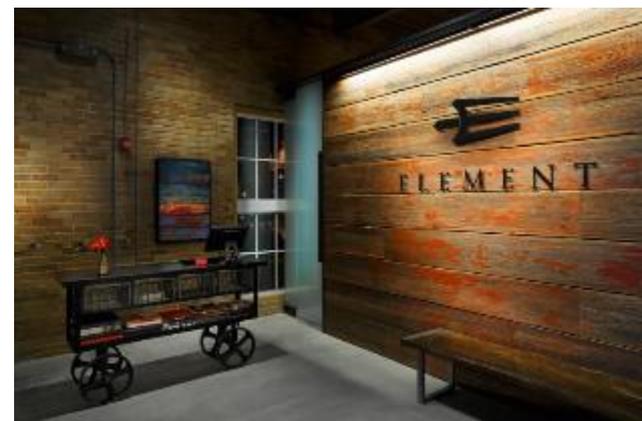
$$R_g = -30$$



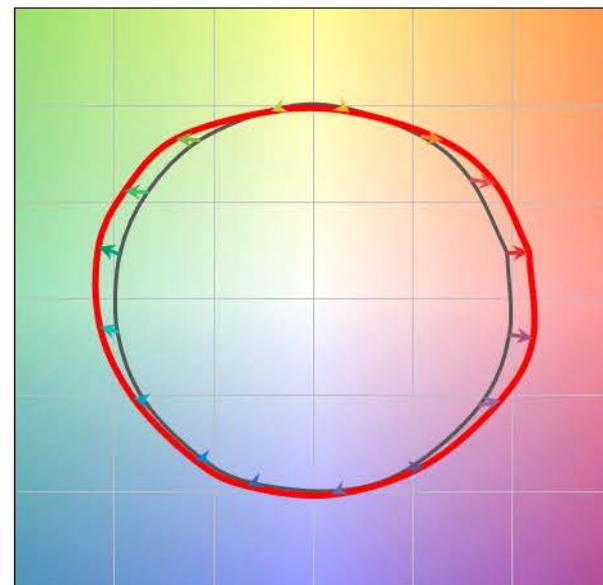
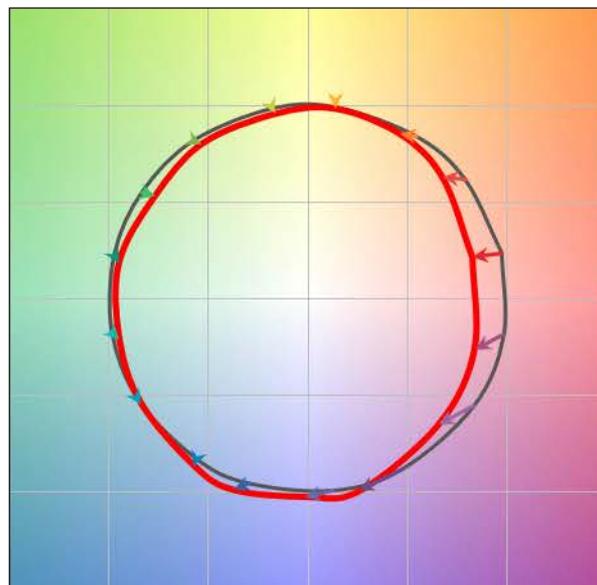
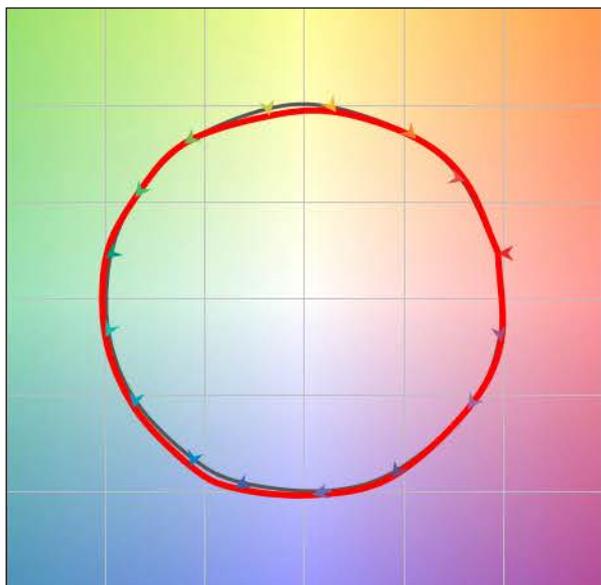
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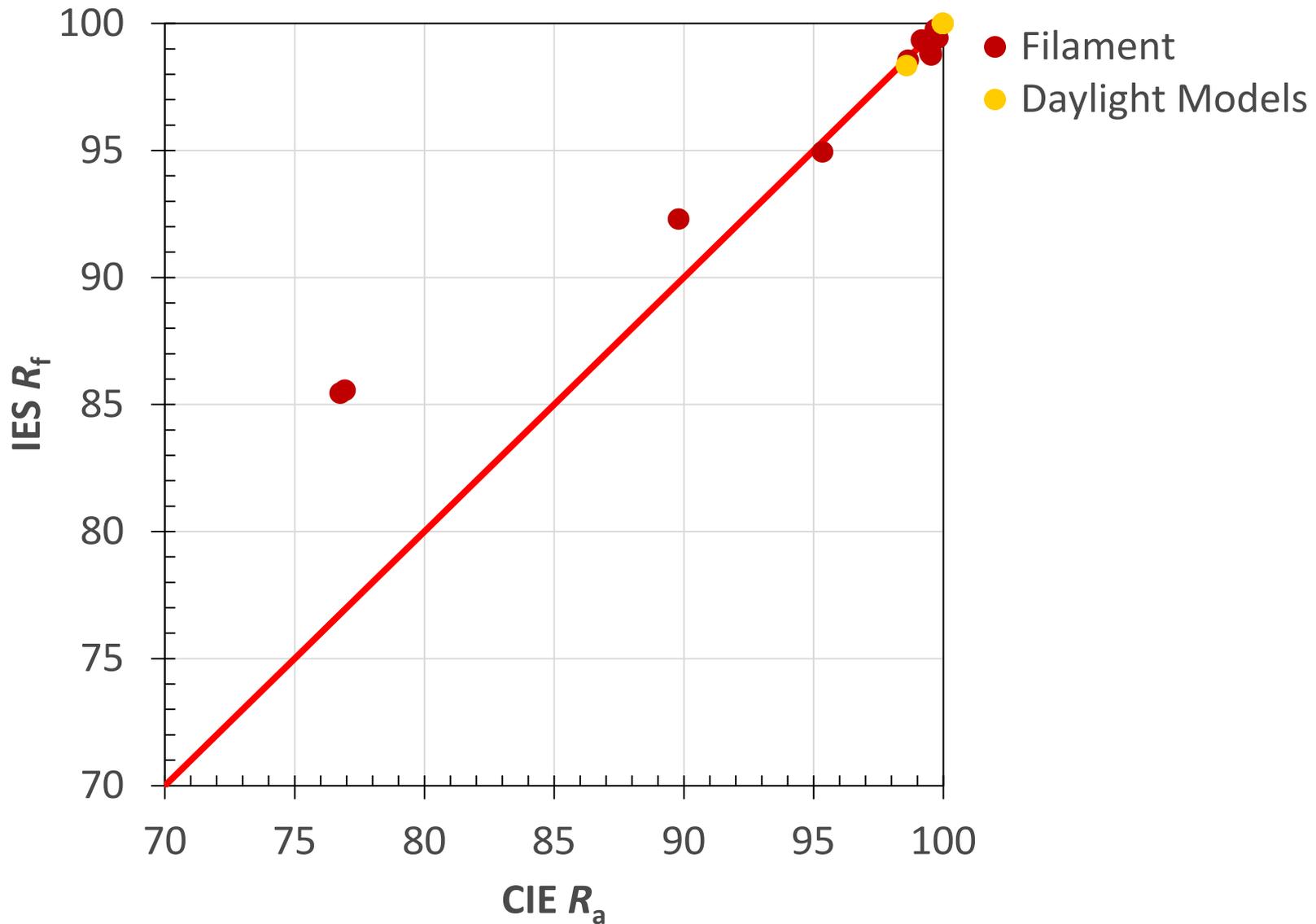
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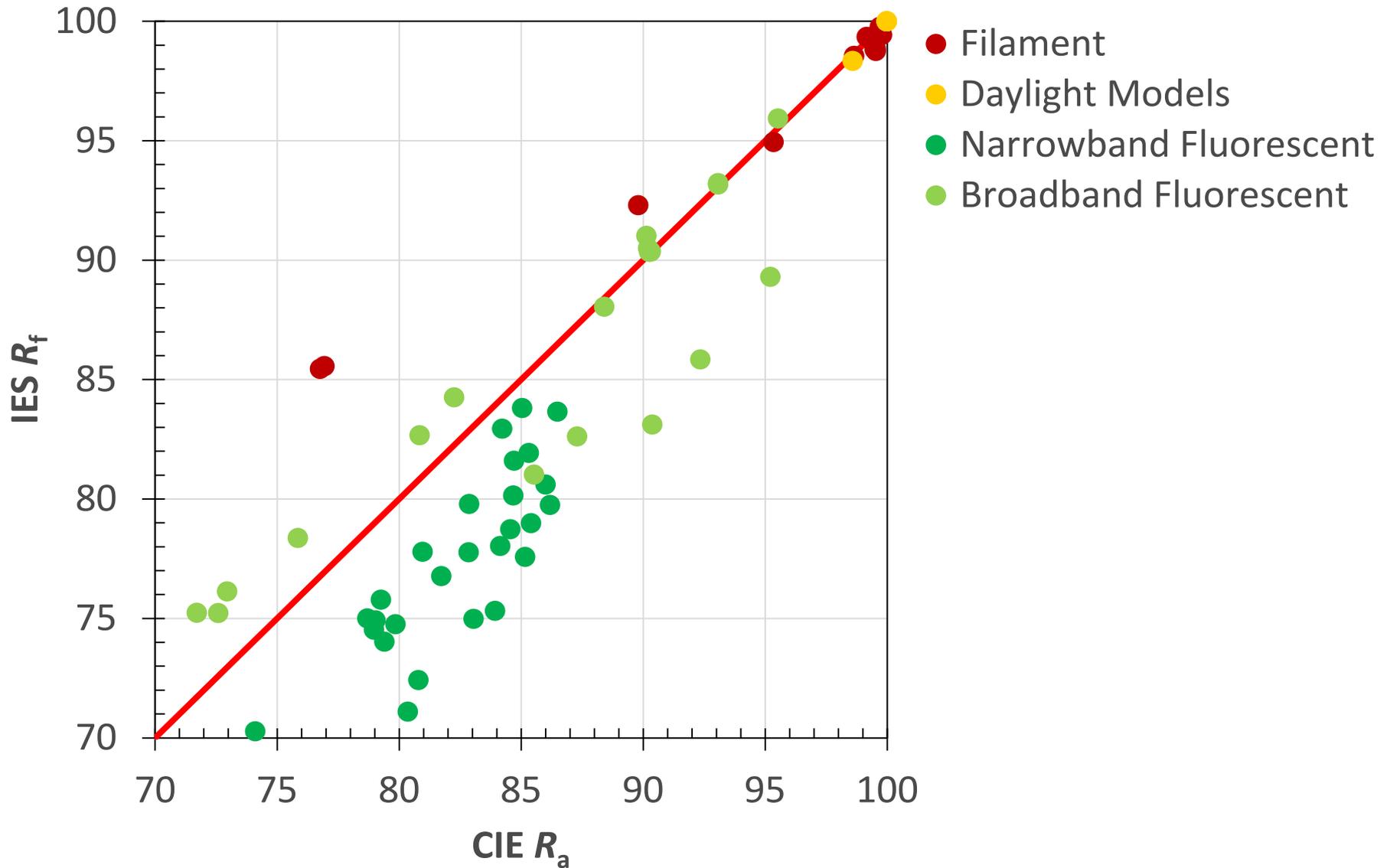
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IES  $R_f$  versus CIE  $R_a$

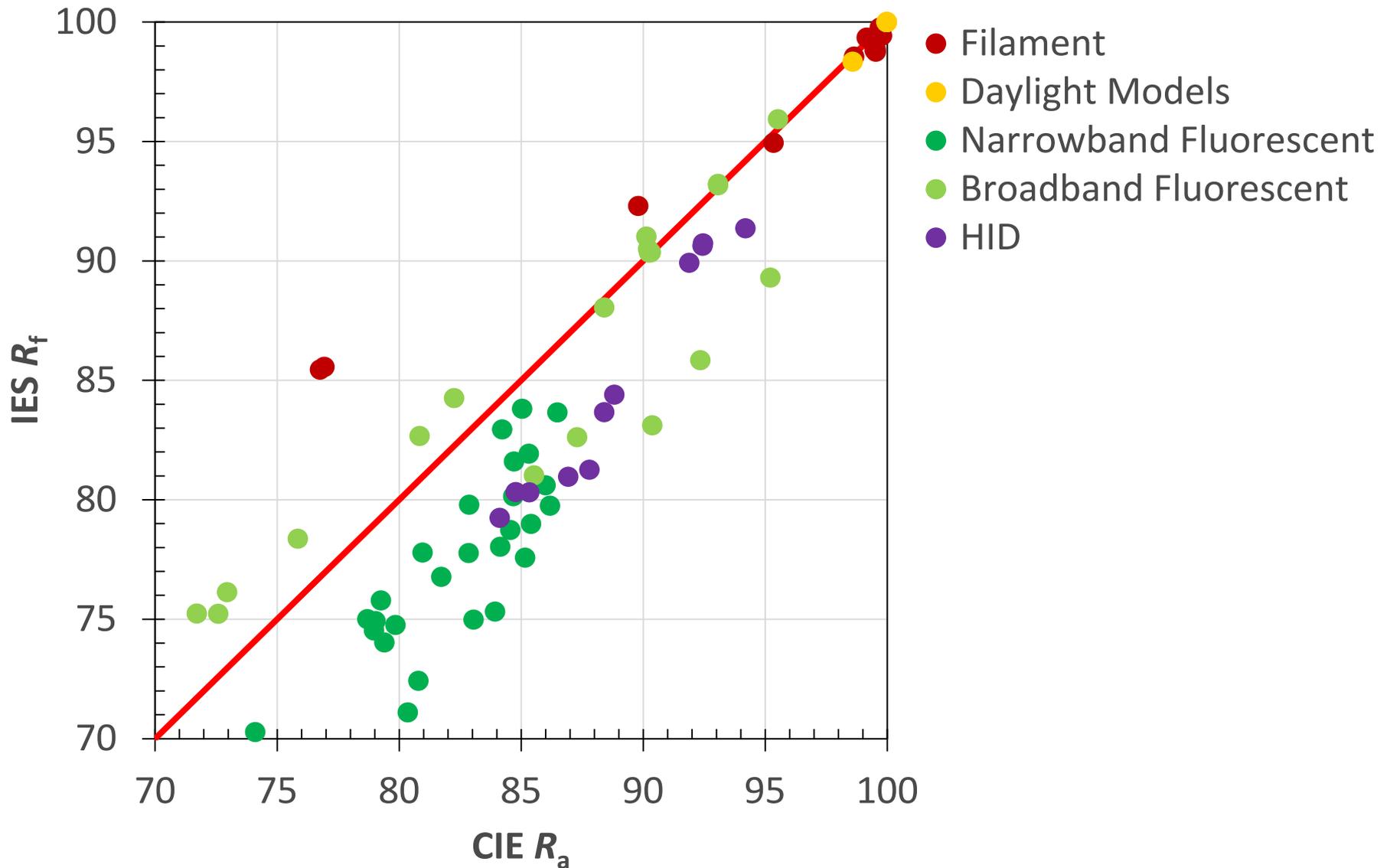
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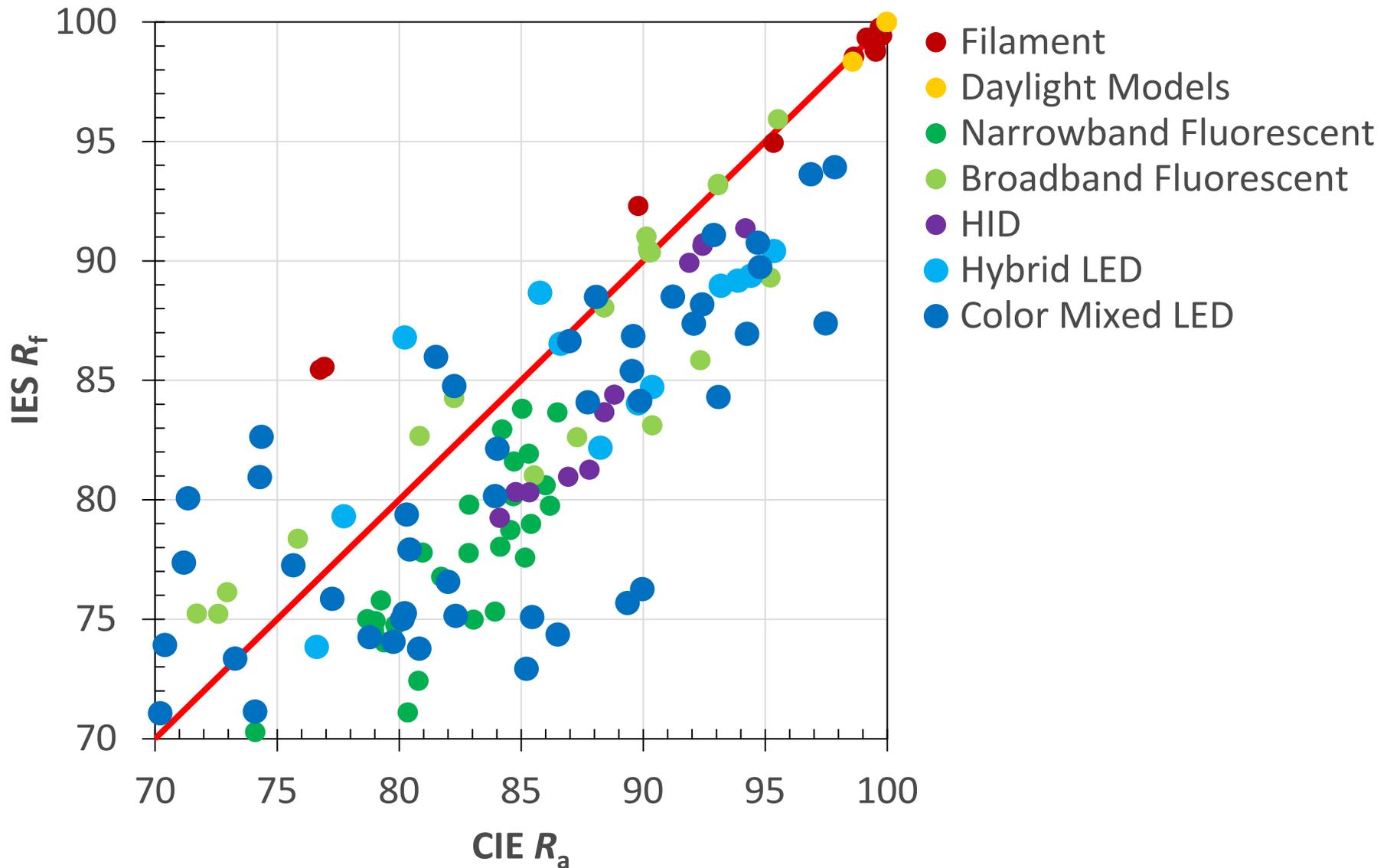
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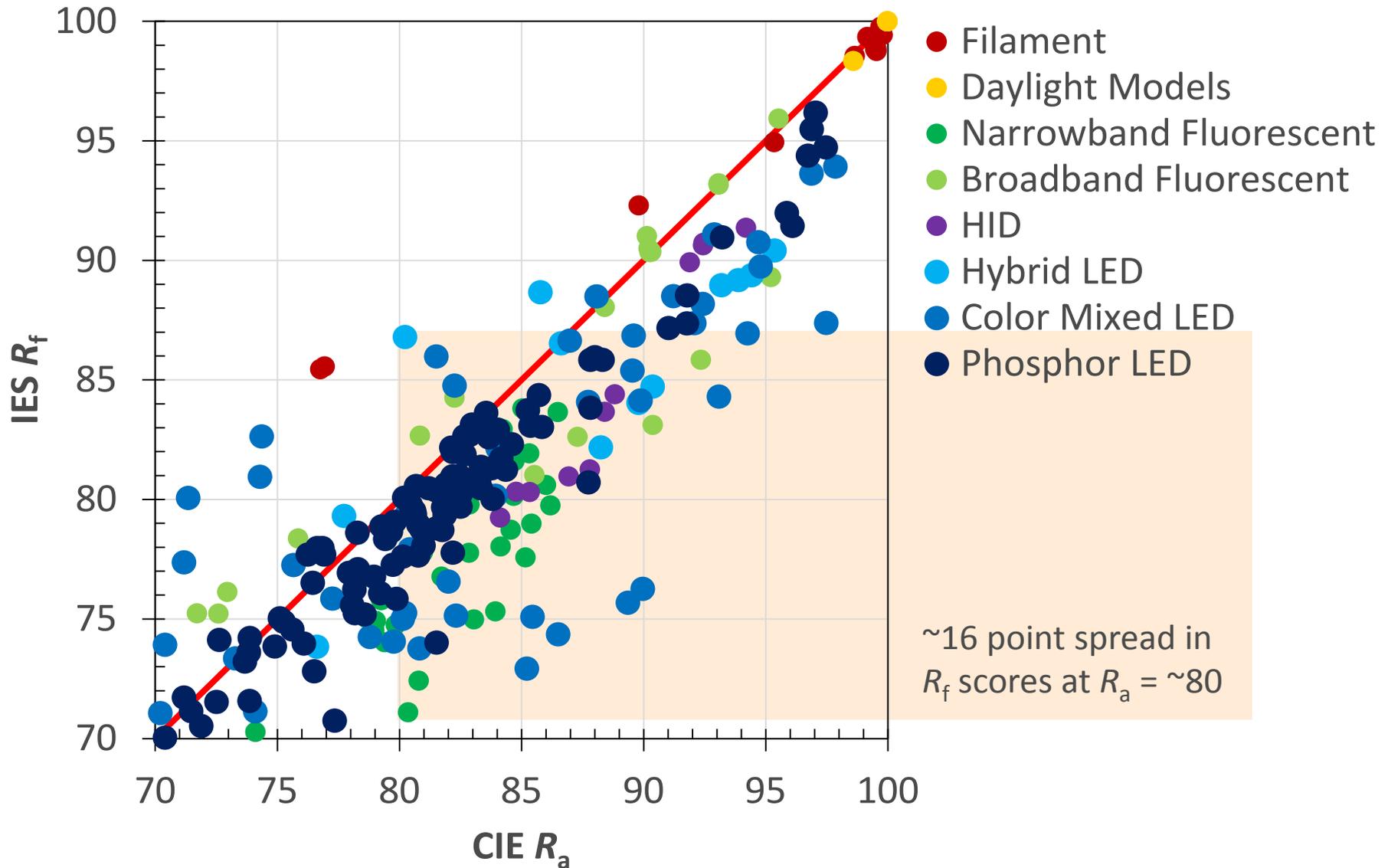
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# IES $R_f$ versus CIE $R_a$



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Questions?

# Part 4:

## Excel Tool Live Demo



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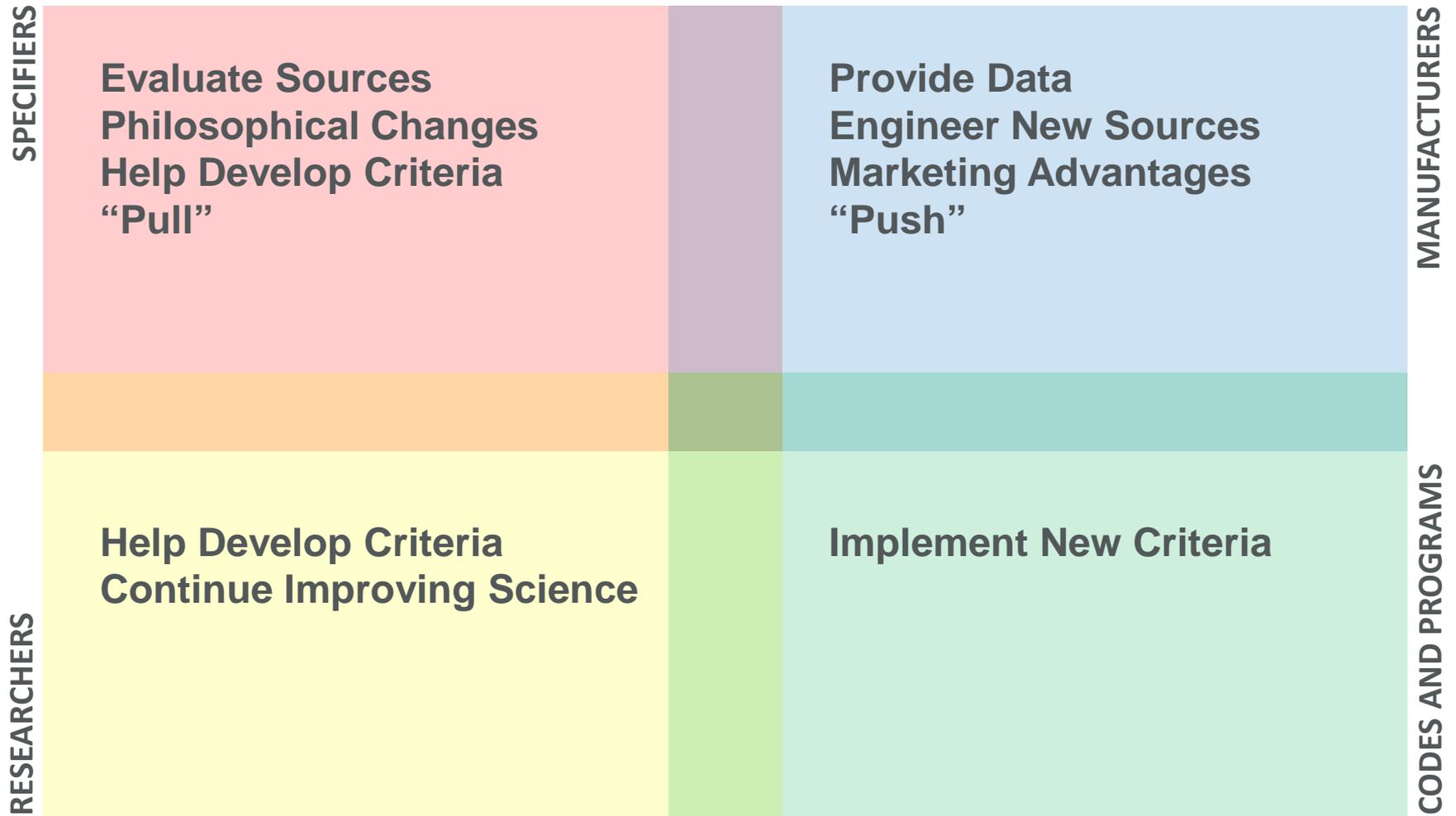
# Part 5:

## TM-30-15 Adoption Considerations



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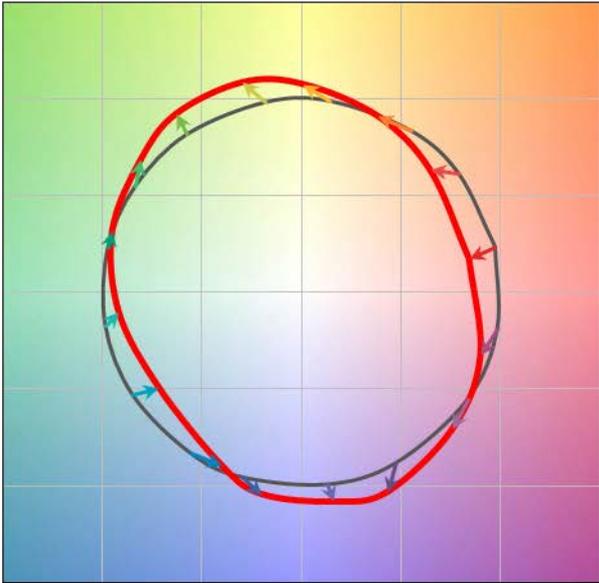
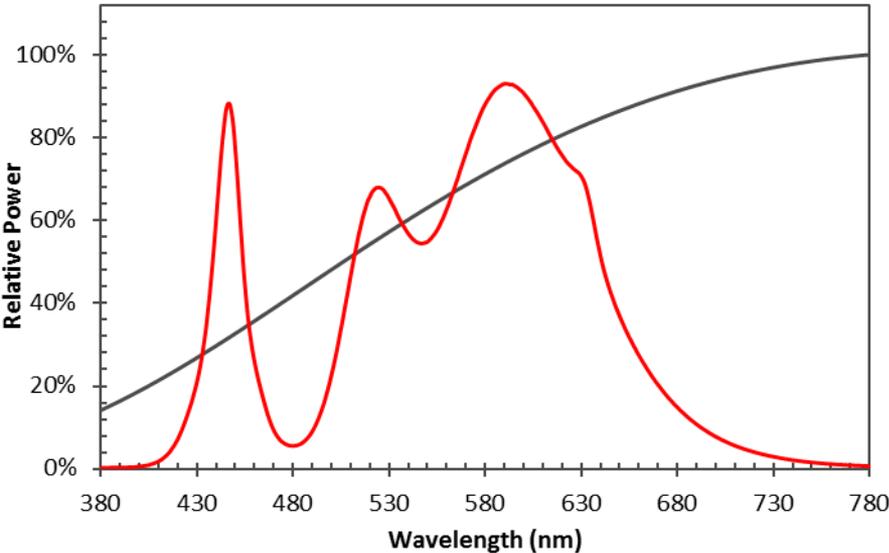
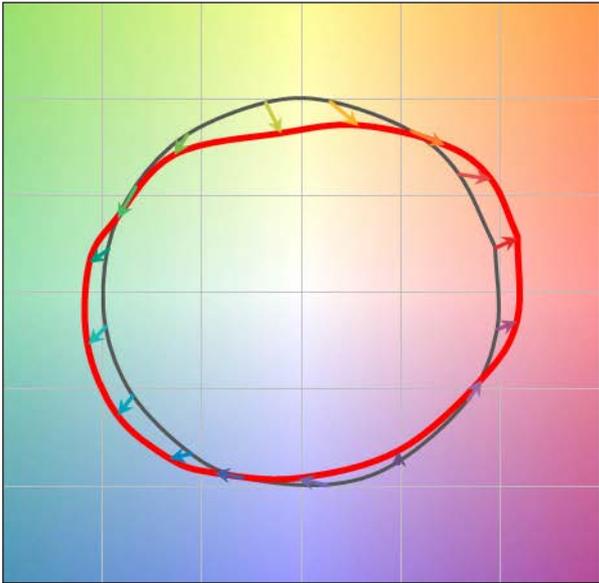
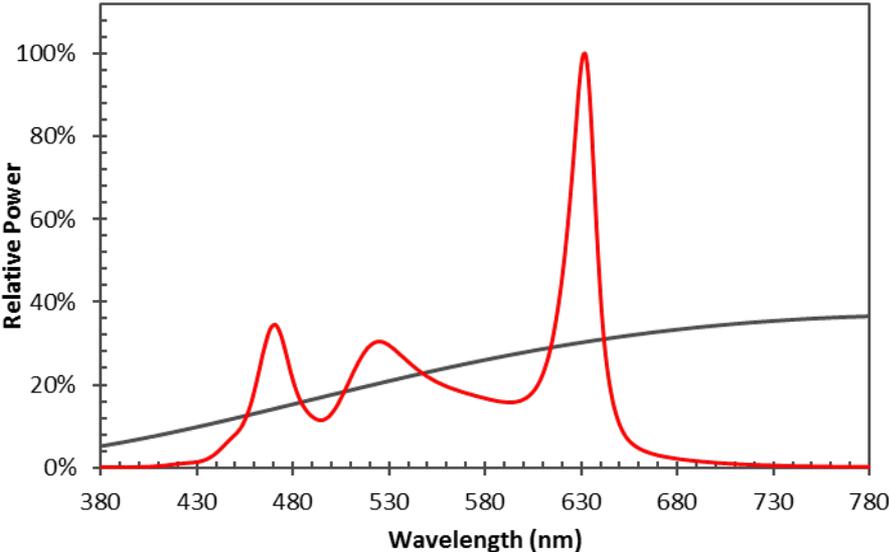
# Adoption Stakeholders



Manufacturers have explored tradeoffs between fidelity and gamut in the past.



# Manufacturers



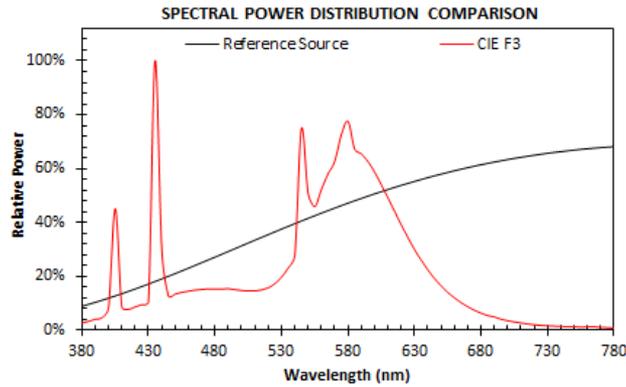
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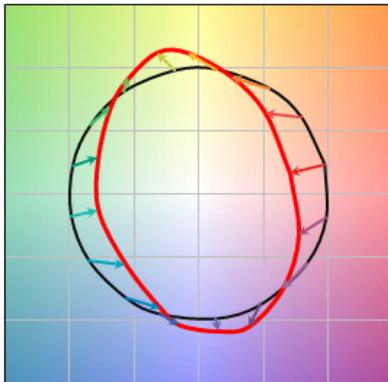
## CIE F3

$R_f$	59
$R_g$	84
CCT (K)	3446
$D_{uv}$	0.0007
$x$	0.4091
$y$	0.3941
CIE $R_a$	57

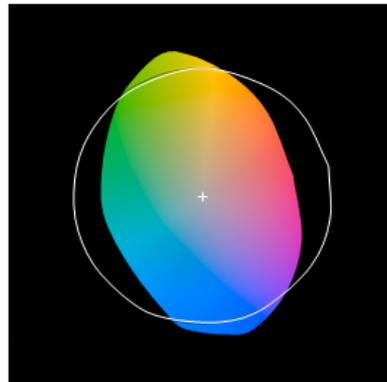
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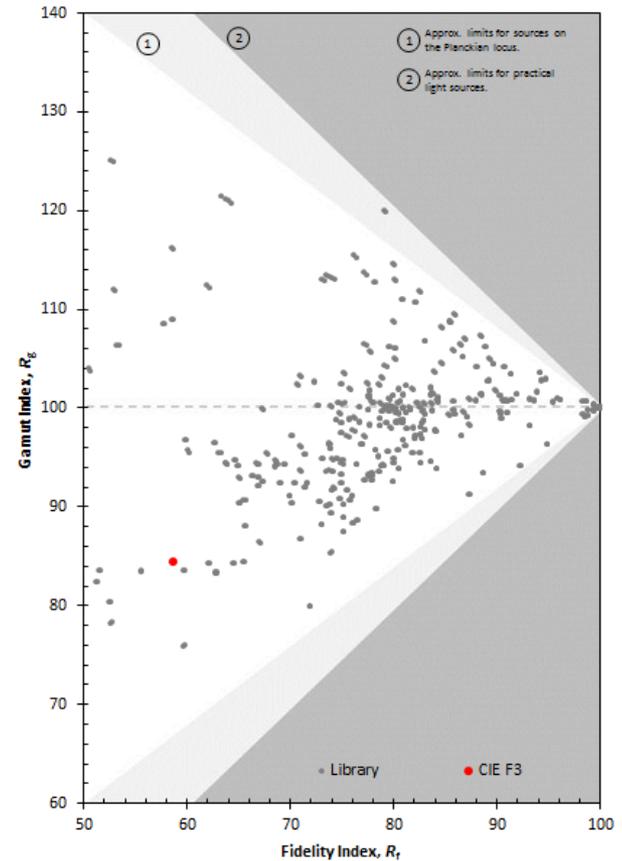
COLOR VECTOR GRAPHIC



COLOR DISTORTION GRAPHIC



$R_f$ - $R_g$  Plot



# Specifiers

- TM-30-15 is an approved method: USE IT!
- Provide feedback to help it reach maturity.
- Choosing a “better” light source may be more challenging, but also more rewarding.

Measure	Scale	Comparisons
CIE $R_a$	? – 100	Higher may be "better"
TM-30 $R_f$	0 – 100	Higher may be "better"
TM-30 $R_g$	60 – 140 (Approx.)	Varies
TM-30 Icon	None (Visual)	Varies

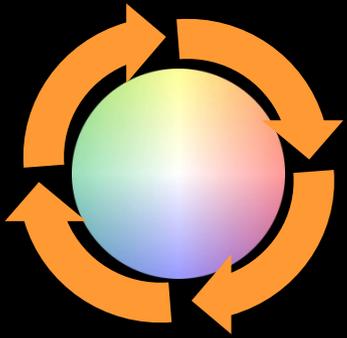


“Original” Baseline



Image courtesy of Randy Burkett Lighting Design

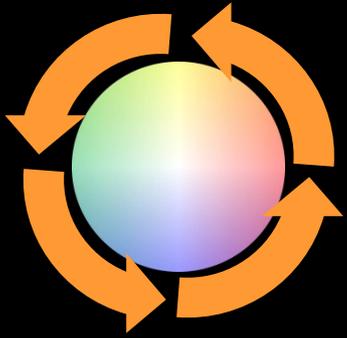
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“ $R_f = 75$ ,  $R_g = 100$ ”



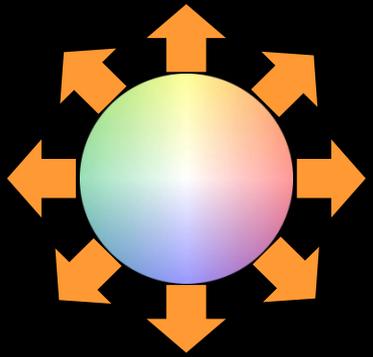
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“ $R_f = 75$ ,  $R_g = 100$ ”



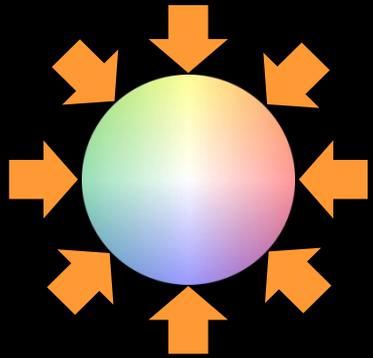
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“ $R_f = 75$ ,  $R_g = 120$ ”



“CRI = 80” Desaturated



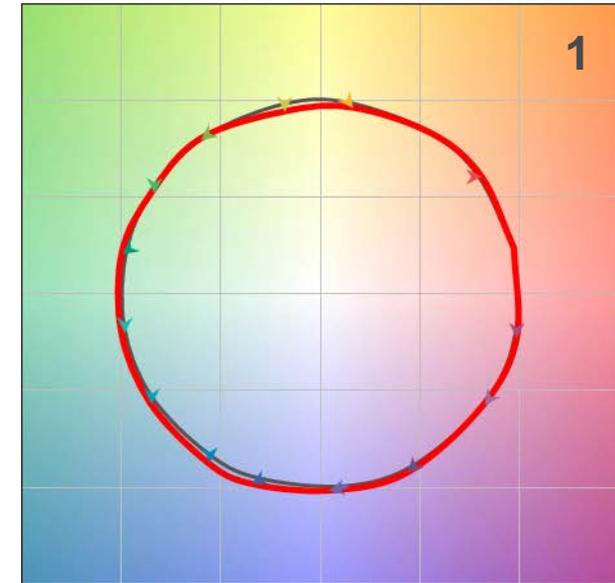
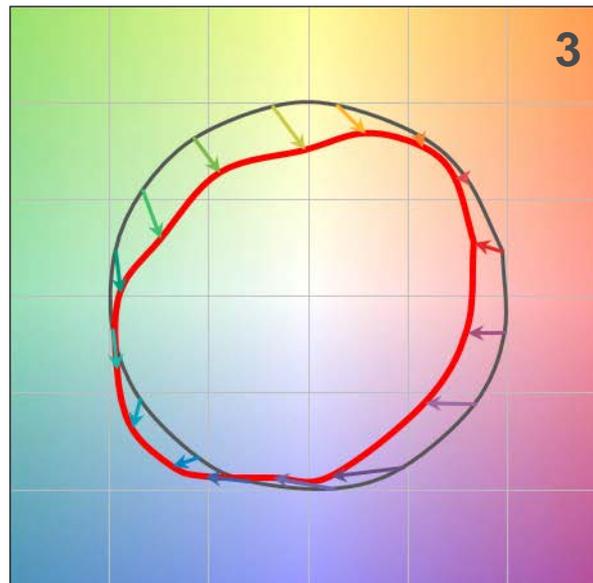
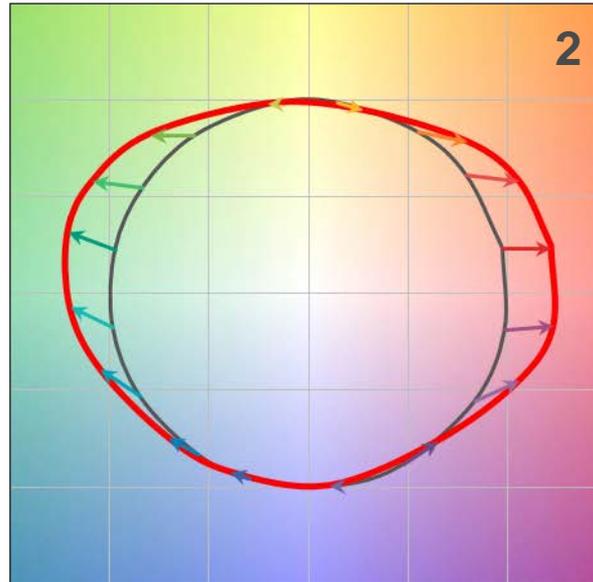
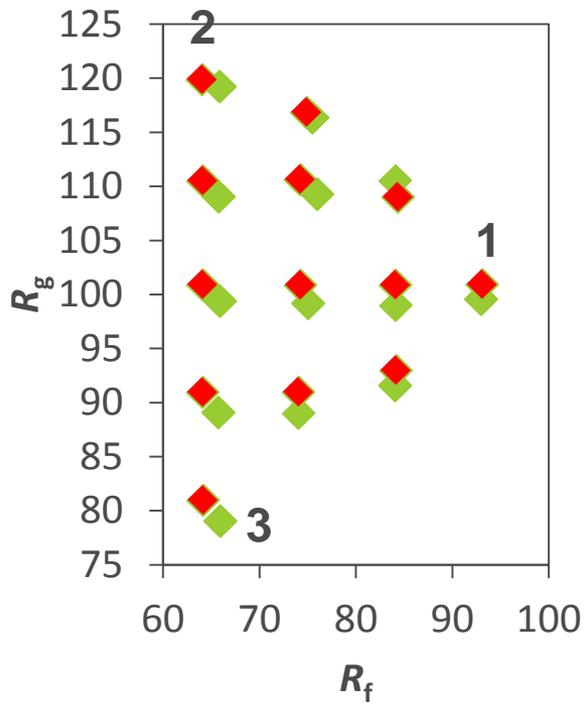
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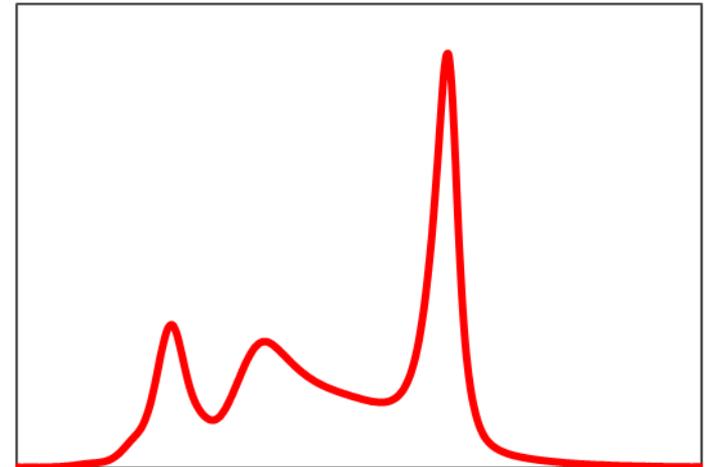
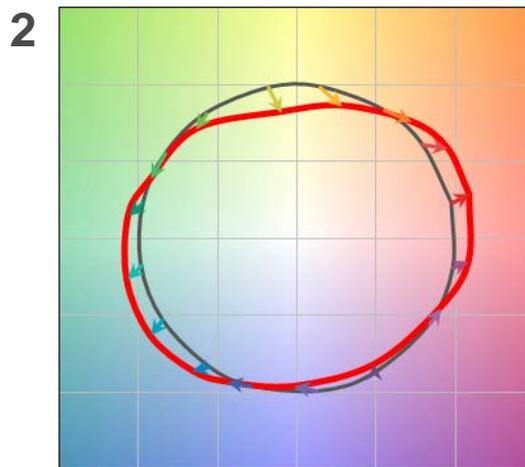
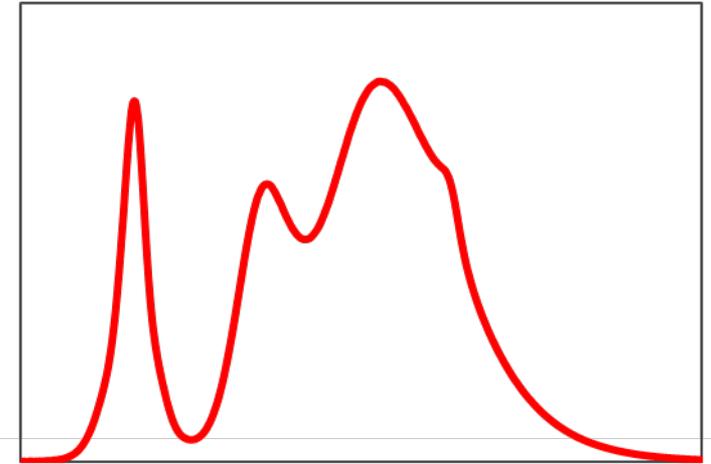
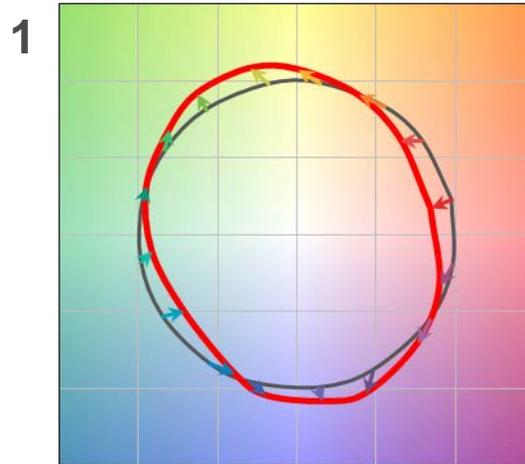
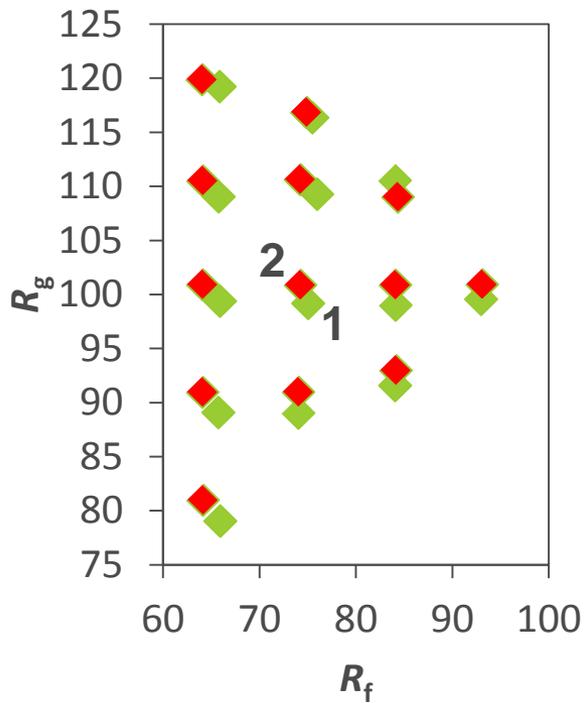
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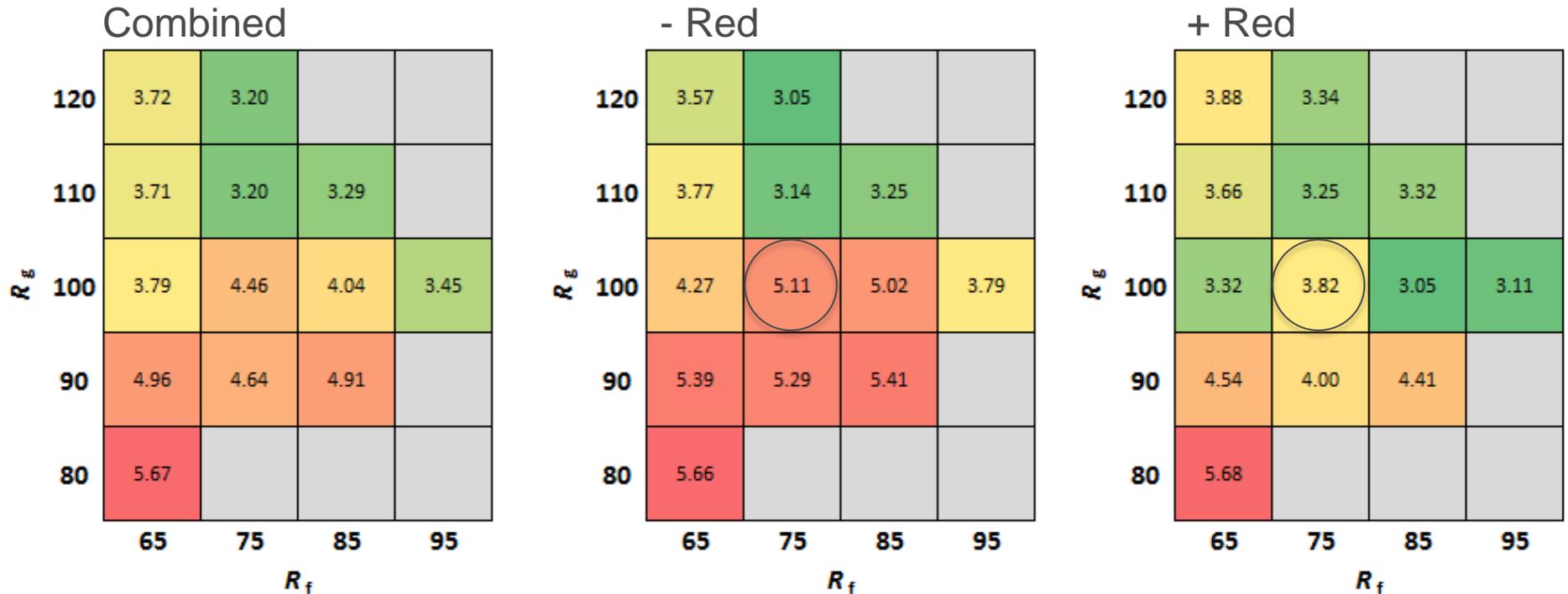
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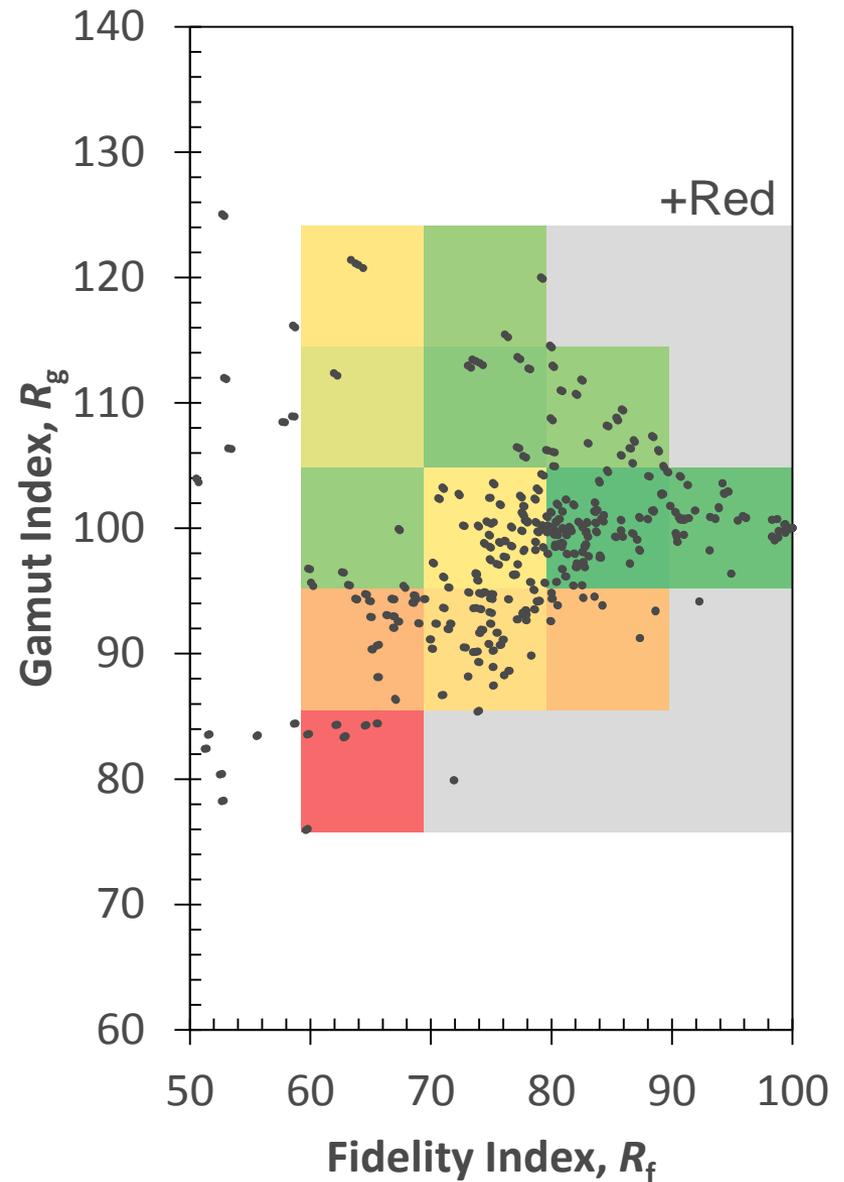
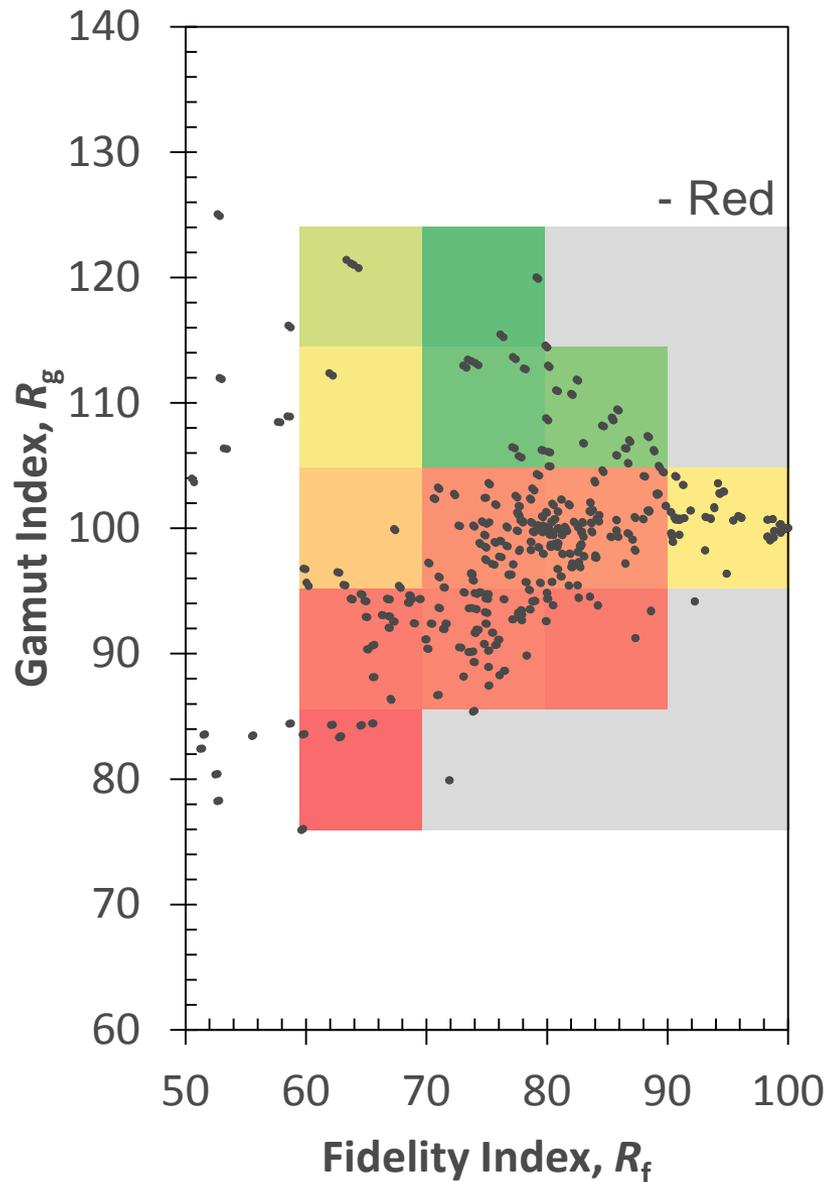
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# Efficiency and Incentive Programs

## 1. Keep using CRI

- Uses an inaccurate metric, higher values not always better
- + No disruption to existing system

## 2. Replace CRI $R_a$ with $R_f$ , do not specify $R_g$ limits

- Higher  $R_f$  not always better
- + Relatively easy implementation, but not a direct change [see next slide]  
Mandatory reporting of  $R_g$ ? Color Graphics?  
What about  $R_g$ ?

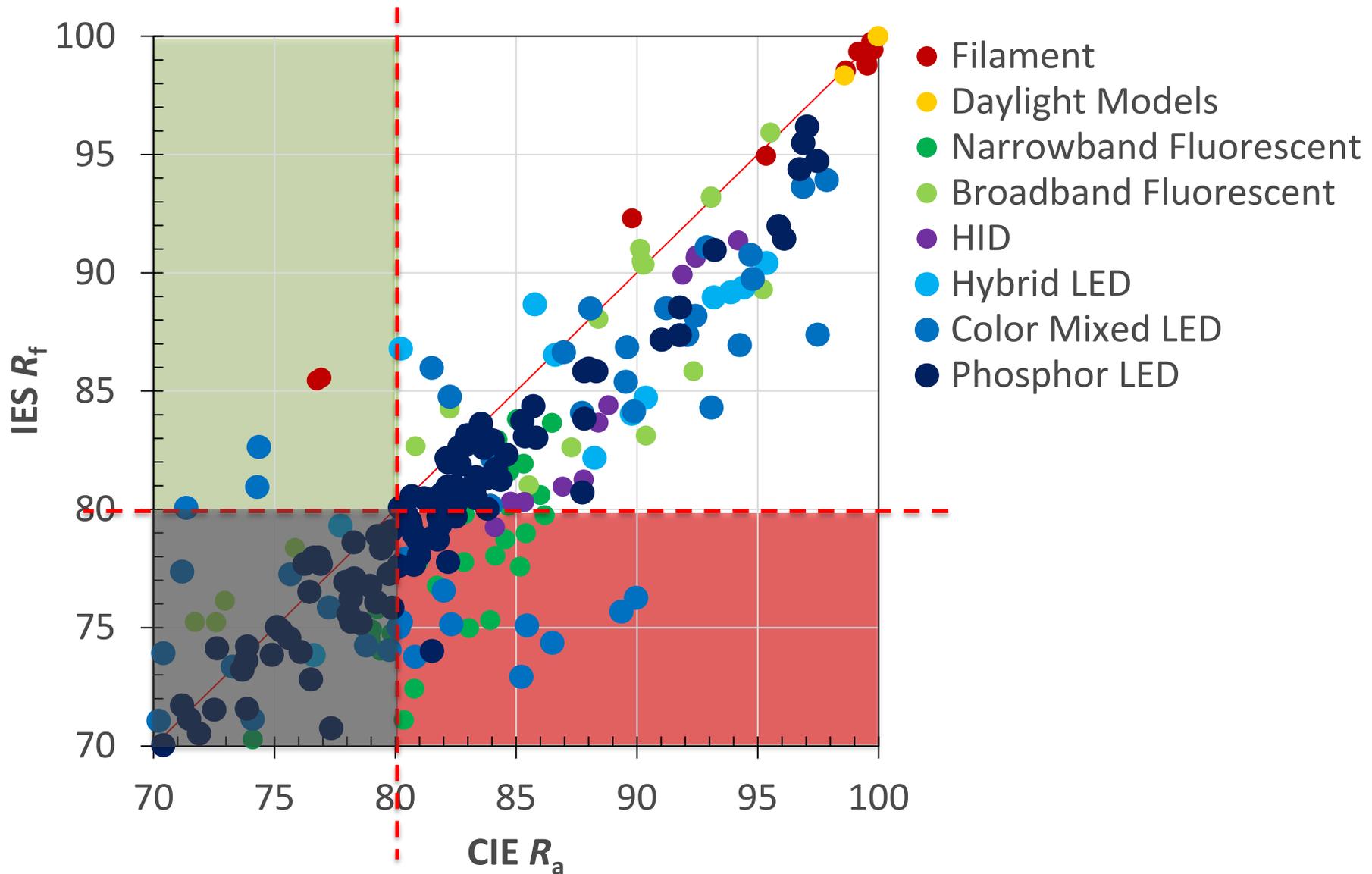
## 3. Replace CRI $R_a$ with both $R_f$ and $R_g$ limits

- May start to regulate quality/preference
- + More thorough specification. Limits for  $R_g$  could only preclude extreme sources (e.g.,  $\leq 70$ ,  $\geq 130$ )

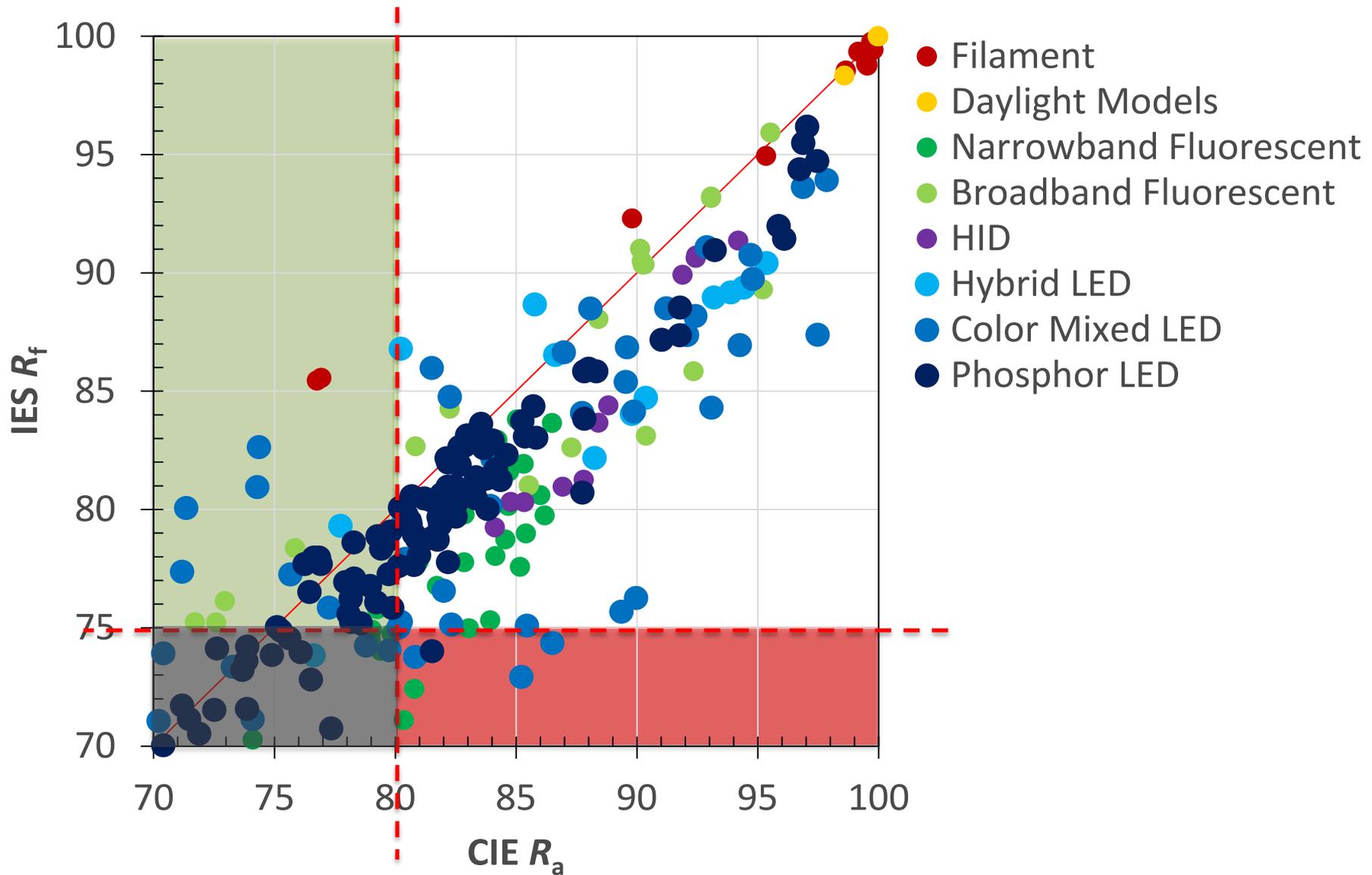
## 4. Include nothing on color rendition

- Will most likely lead to reduce color quality, given inherent relationships
- + Avoids any decisions

# Changing from $R_a$ to $R_f$



# Changing from $R_a$ to $R_f$



# Additional Resources

IES Technical Memorandum (TM) 30-15:

## **IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition**

<http://bit.ly/1IWZxVu>

*LEUKOS* editorial about adoption of TM-30-15 and next steps:

## **IES TM-30-15 is Approved—Now What?**

Available soon at <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ulks20/current>

*Optics Express* journal article that provides overview of the IES method:

## **Development of the IES method for evaluating the color rendition of light sources**

<http://bit.ly/1J32ftZ>

*LEUKOS* journal article that describes improved accuracy:

## **Of Why Color Space and Spectral Uniformity Are Essential for Color Rendering Measures**

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Questions?