



# INNOVATIONS IN LED LIGHTING

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Light is OSRAM

# Agenda

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1. Status and outlook on LED efficacy → will the lumen race ever end?

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2. Which LED innovations will take us beyond the lumen race?

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3. What will be the role of lighting in the interconnected & smart future?

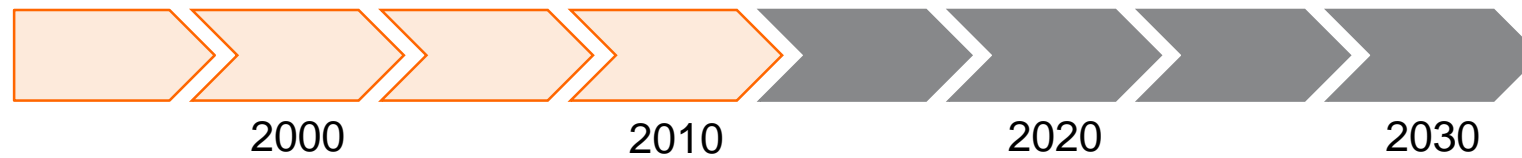
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4. Conclusion

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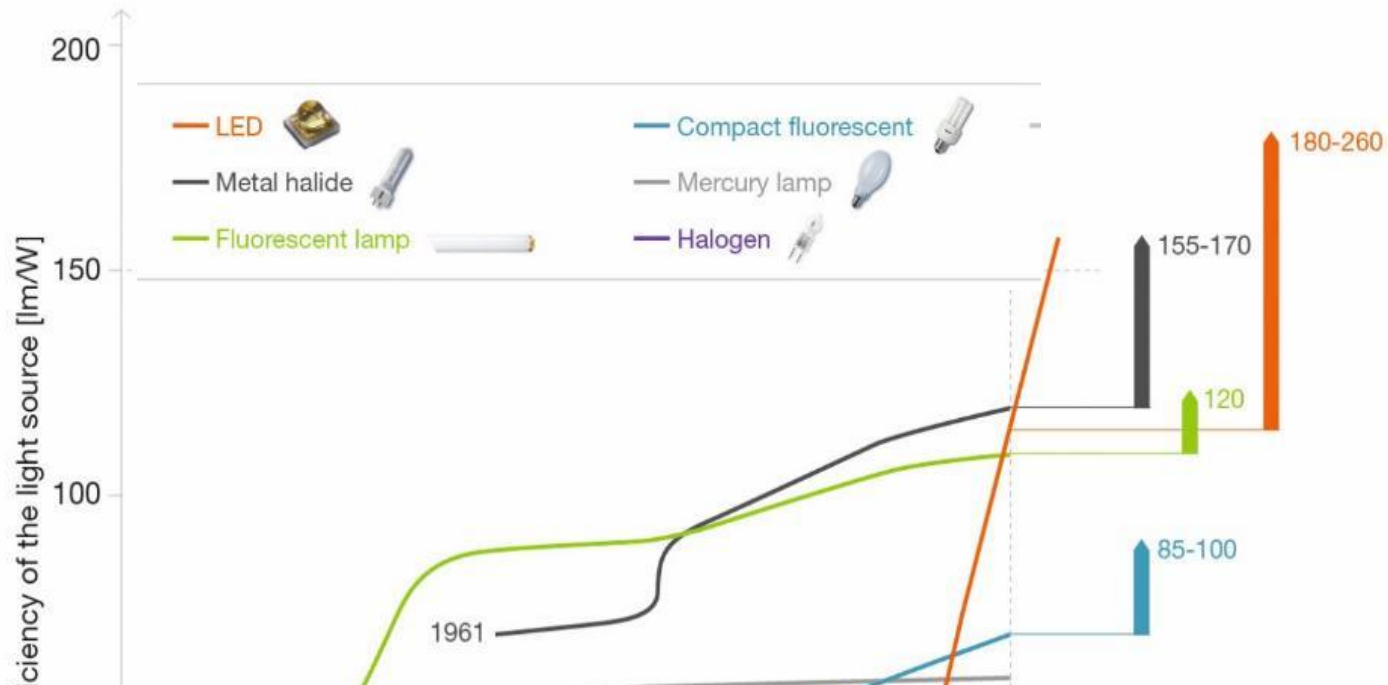
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# Where do we come from?

## The solid state lighting revolution

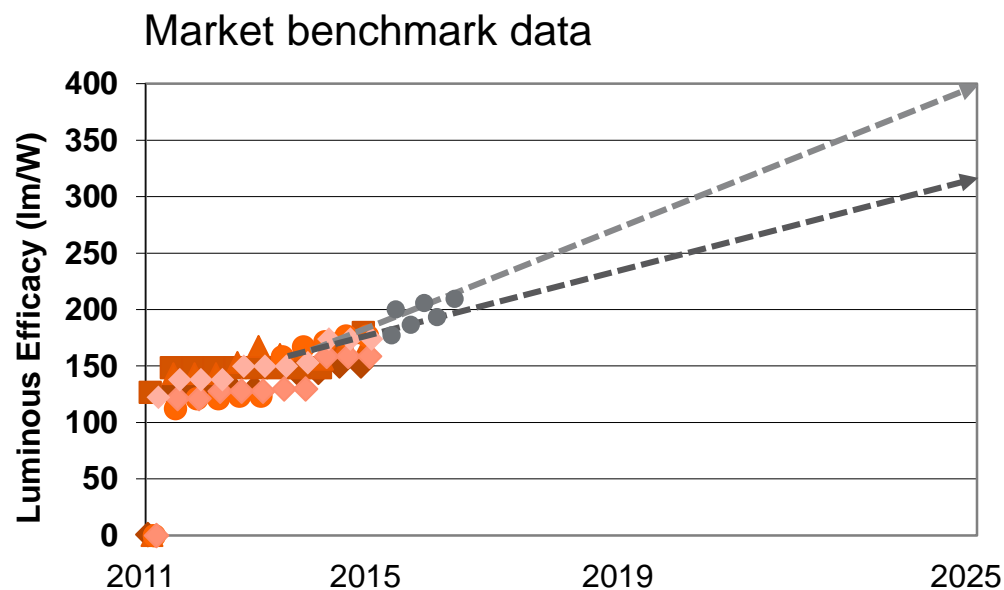


13 years later

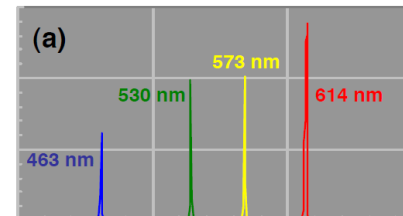
LEDs  
are the  
most efficient  
light sources

- How far will LED technology take us?

# Where is the limit of LED efficacy?

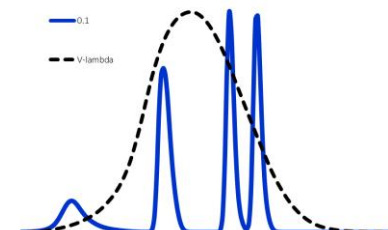


Theoretical limit for **direct** emitters  
3000K CRI >80  
~400 lm/W



Tsao et al,  
Sandia labs

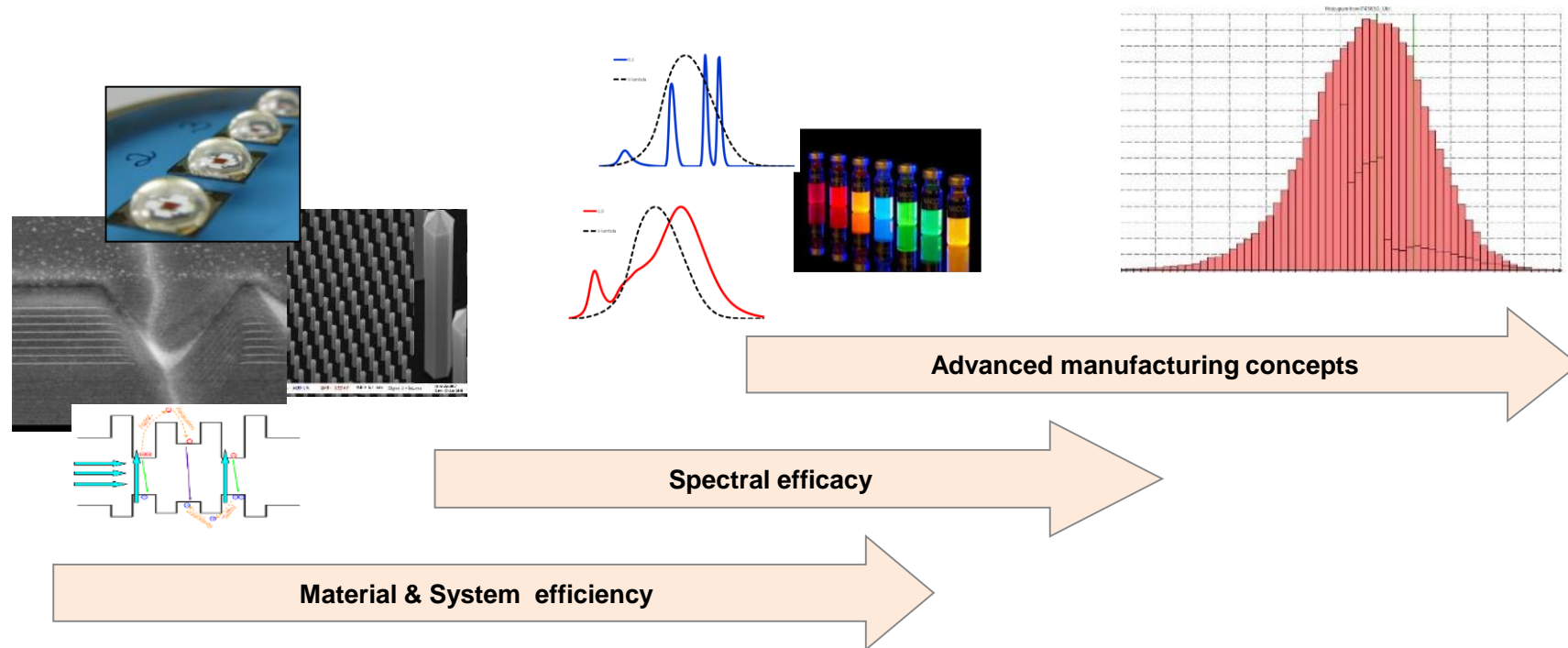
Theoretical limit for **phosphor converted** emitters  
3000K CRI >80  
~320 lm/W



➡ Still huge theoretical room for improvement

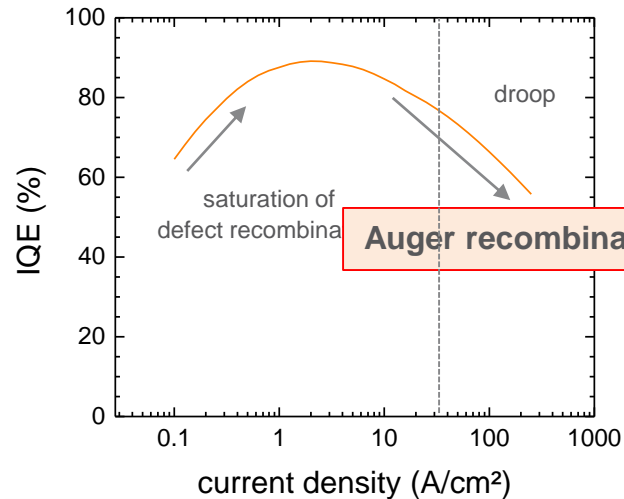
➡ Which will be the main technology drivers?

# Main drivers for reaching the limits





# Driver Material & System efficiency: → InGaN Droop



## efficiency droop in InGaN/GaN LEDs

the IQE of InGaN-based LEDs features a pronounced current density dependence

→ IQE is subject to efficiency droop

~ 5 .. 40% internal losses depending on current density

what is the physical mechanism of the *droop*?

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**Identification of *npn* and *npp* Auger recombination as significant contributor to the efficiency droop in (GaIn)N quantum wells by visualization of hot carriers in photoluminescence**

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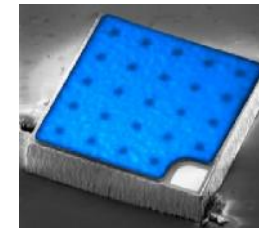
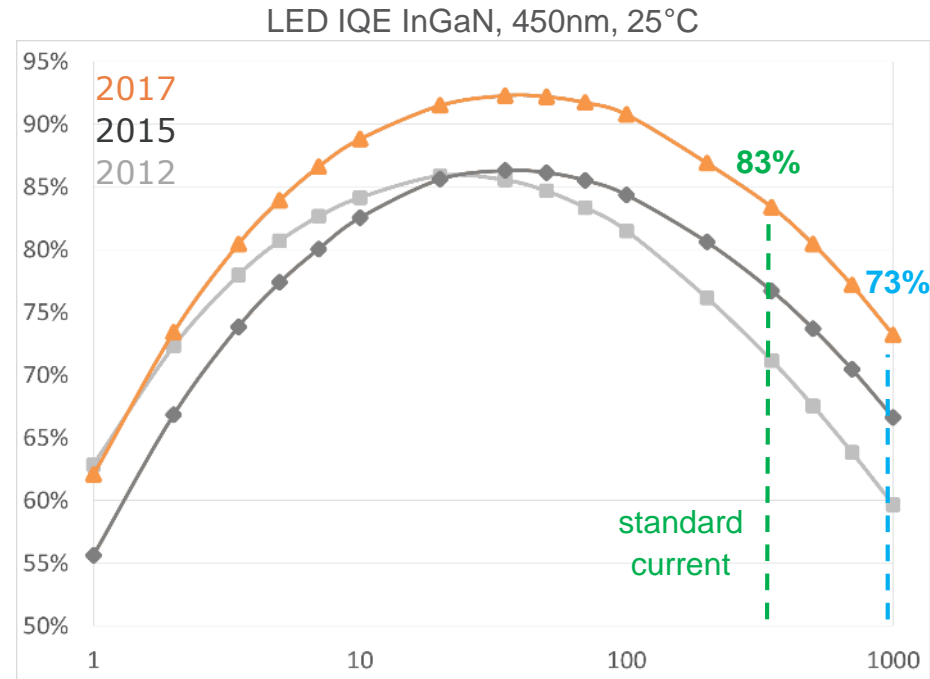
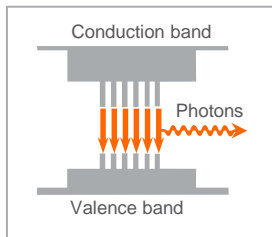
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→ fundamental mechanism, that can hardly be mitigated

# Driver Material & System efficiency: Internal Quantum Efficiency InGaN from 2012 – 2017

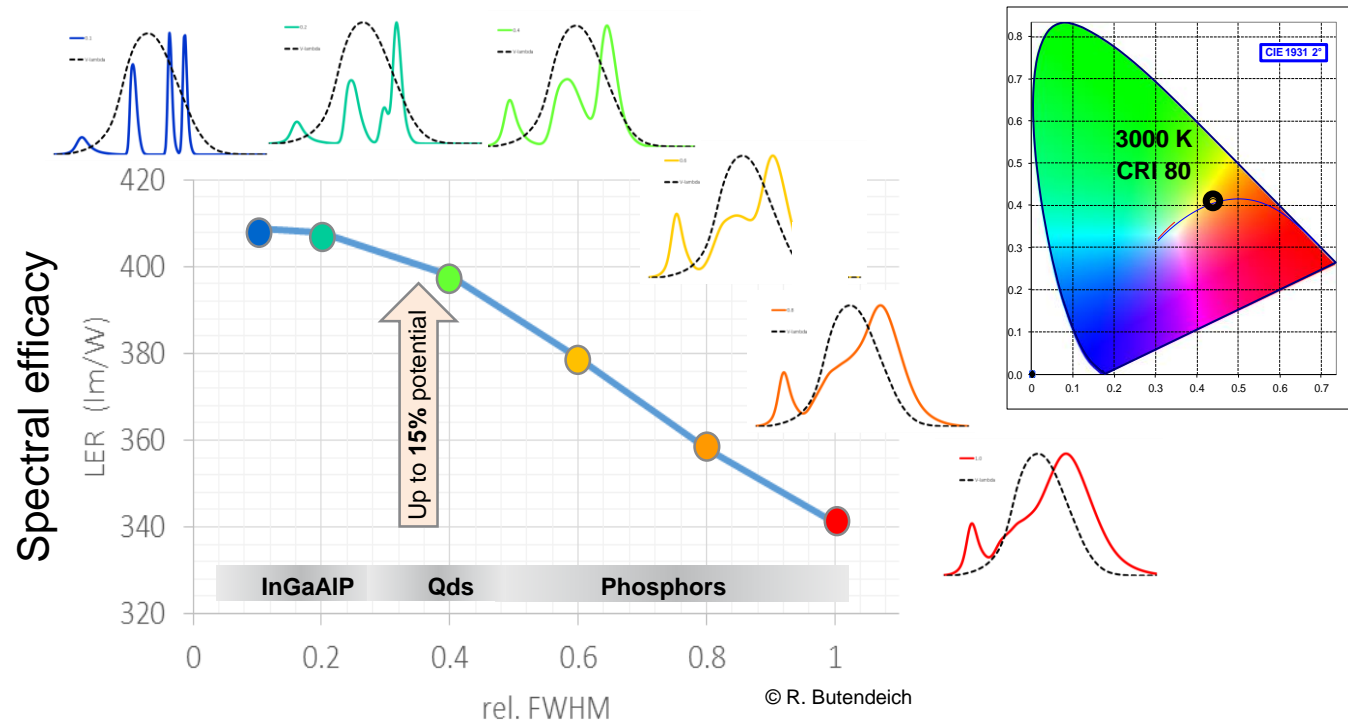
Over the years leading edge epitaxy performance



Significant improvements demonstrated - however droop remains biggest loss channel!



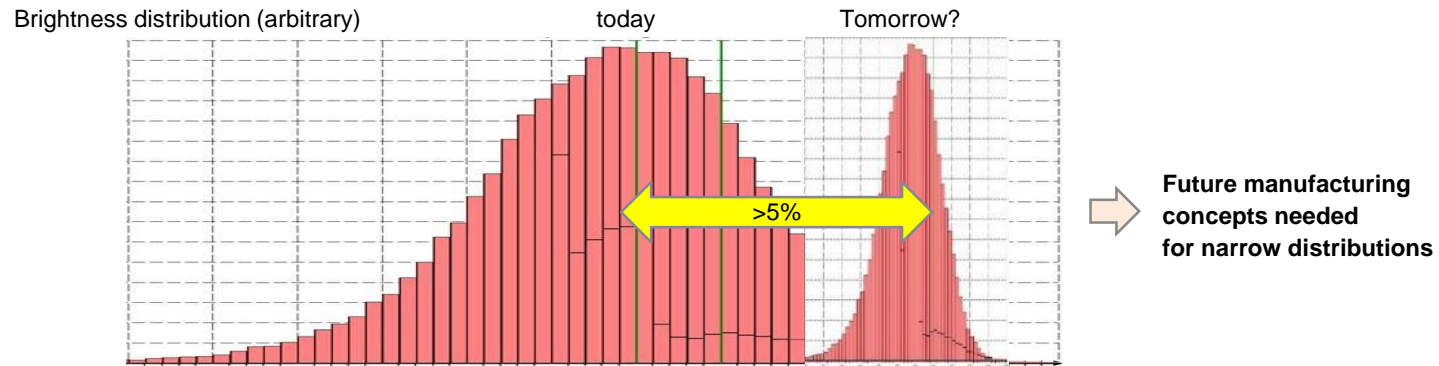
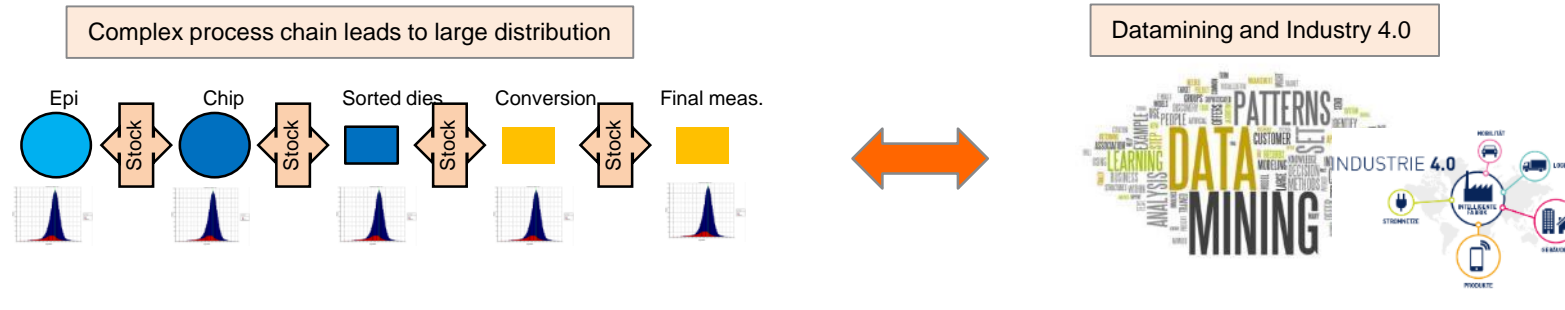
# Driver spectral efficacy (LER): Narrow band phosphors



## OS well positioned via:

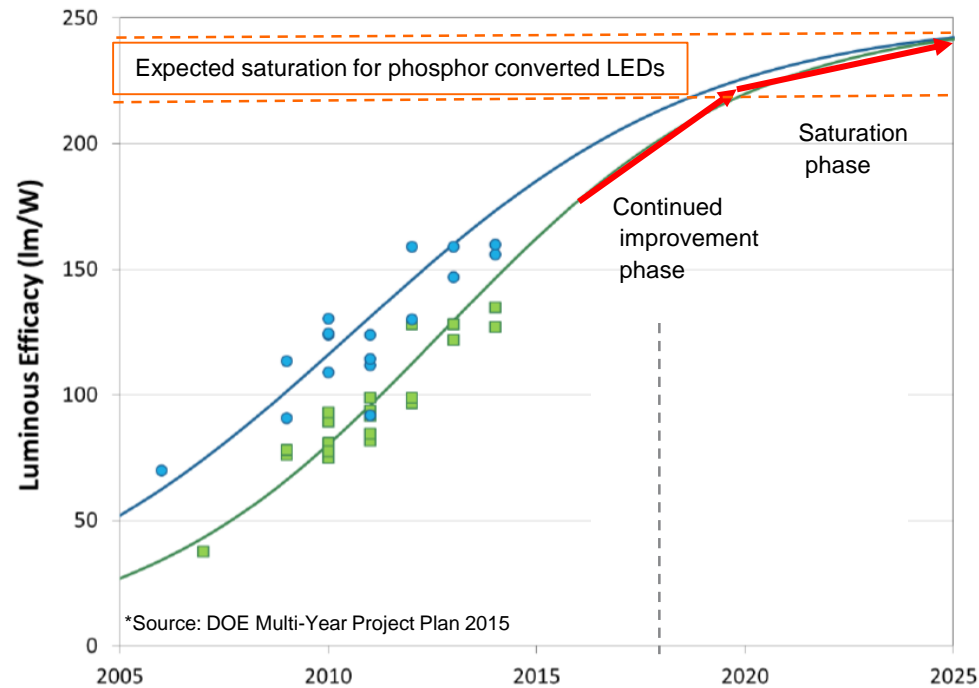
- OSRAM internal Phosphor development
- Exploring novel materials beyond conventional phosphors

# Driver advanced manufacturing concepts: Pushing the distribution to the limit



# When will the lumen race end?

→ Ask DoE!



- Target for white LEDs: 240 – 250 lm/W
- 2-3 years continued improvement predicted
- Beyond 2020 entering saturation phase of marginal integral improvements

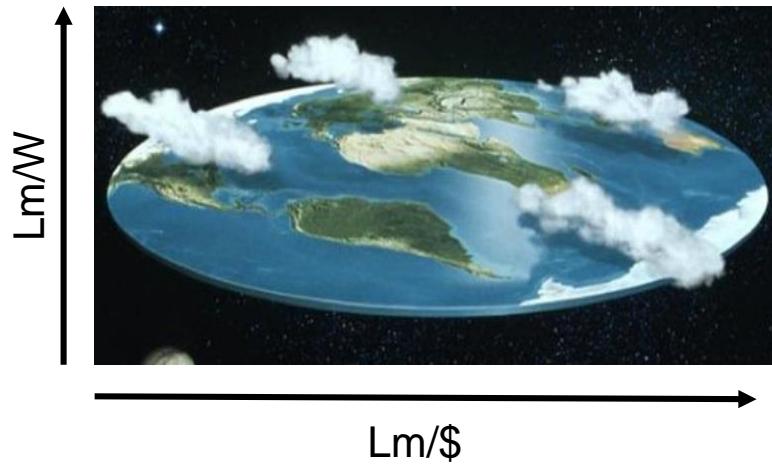
## The end of the story for LED component development?



# Is the World flat?

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Current LED market is pretty two dimensional:



Lets explore the multidimensional future!



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Which LED innovations will take us  
beyond the lumen race?

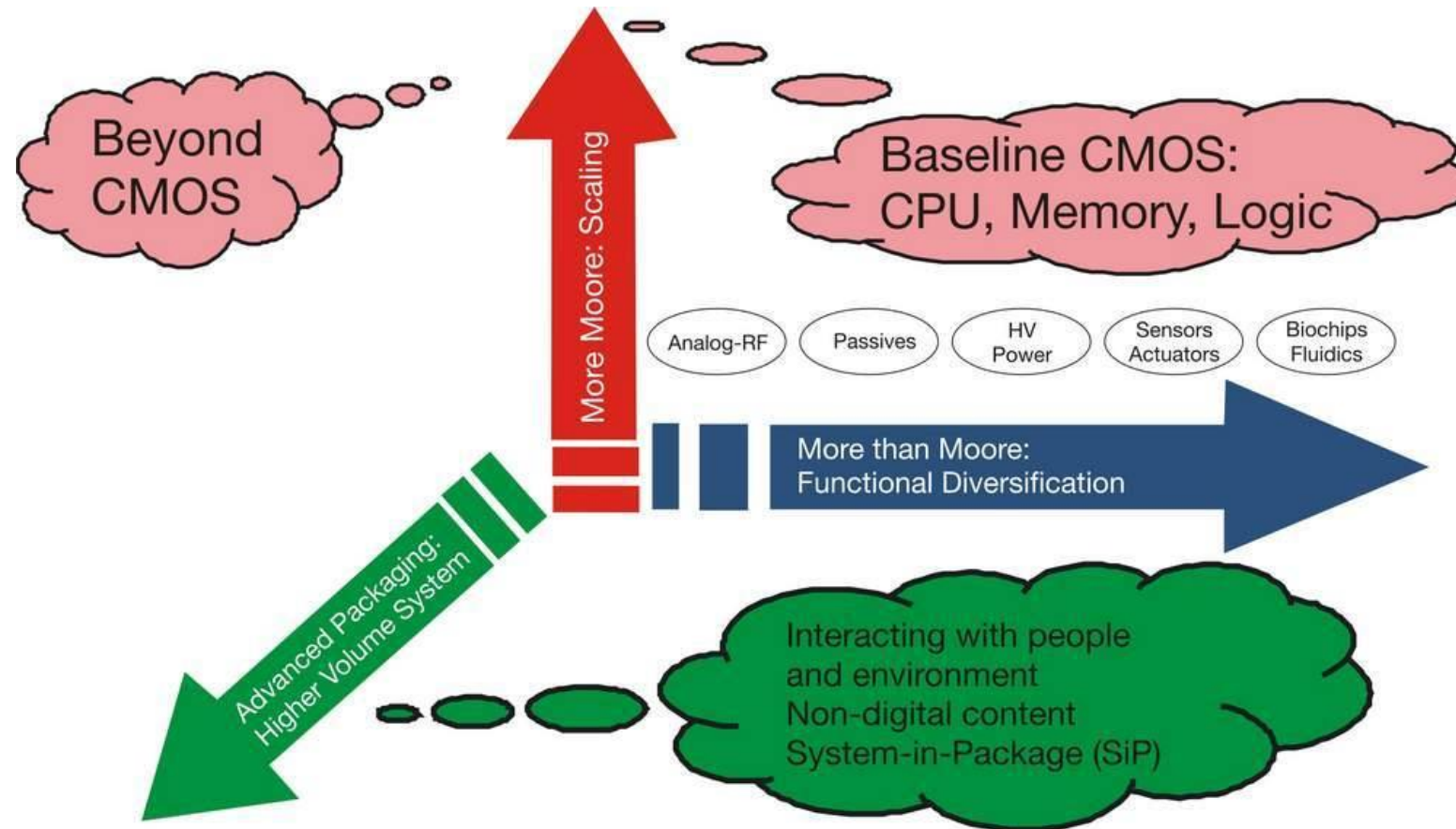




# Technology dimensions: Semiconductor Technology is multi-dimensional

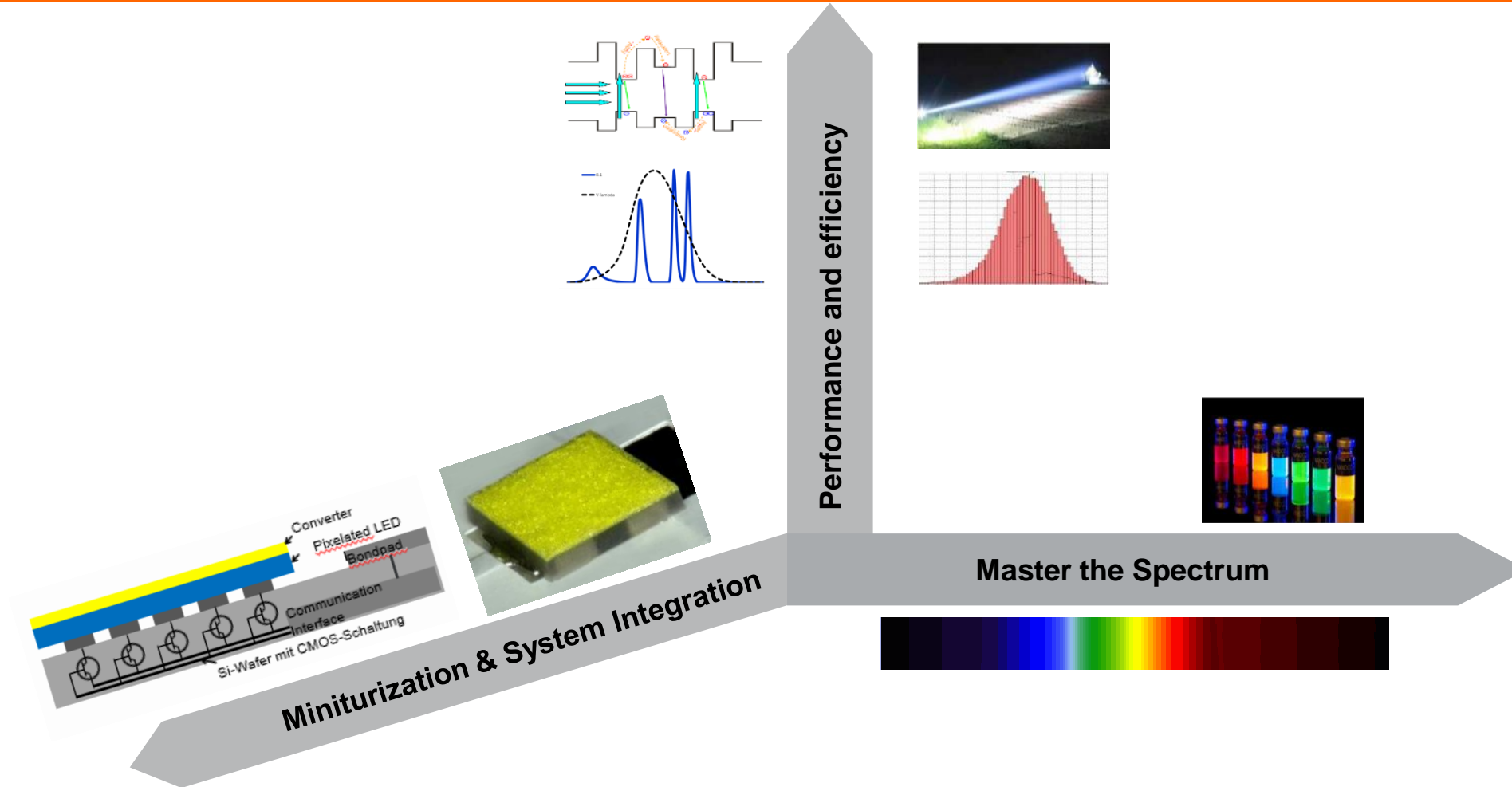


→ Let's learn from the silicon guys



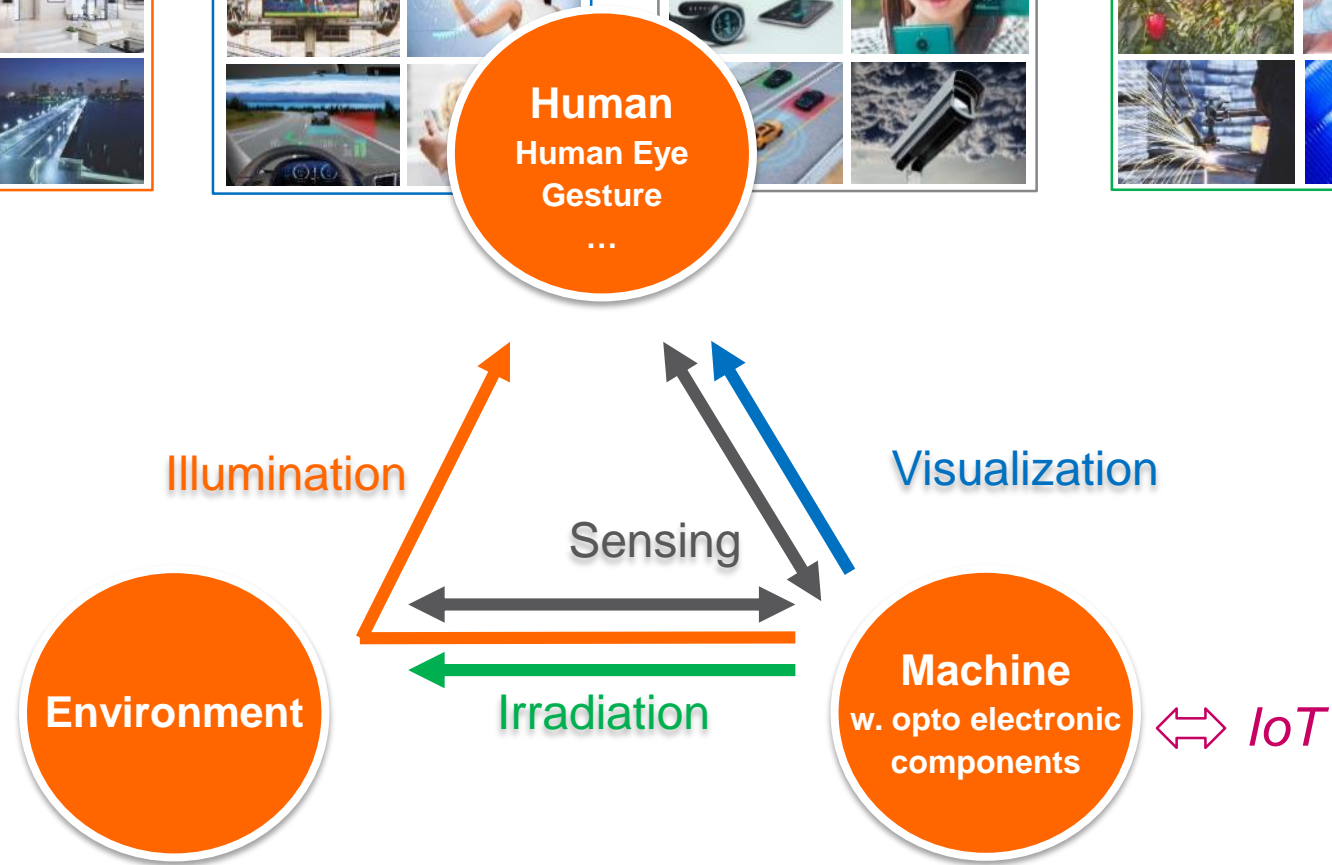
# What could be the dimensions of LED Technology?

→ Look beyond lumen



# Which are the dimensions in LED application space?

→ There is much more photons can do than just lighting!





Performance and efficiency

Example: Laser headlamp

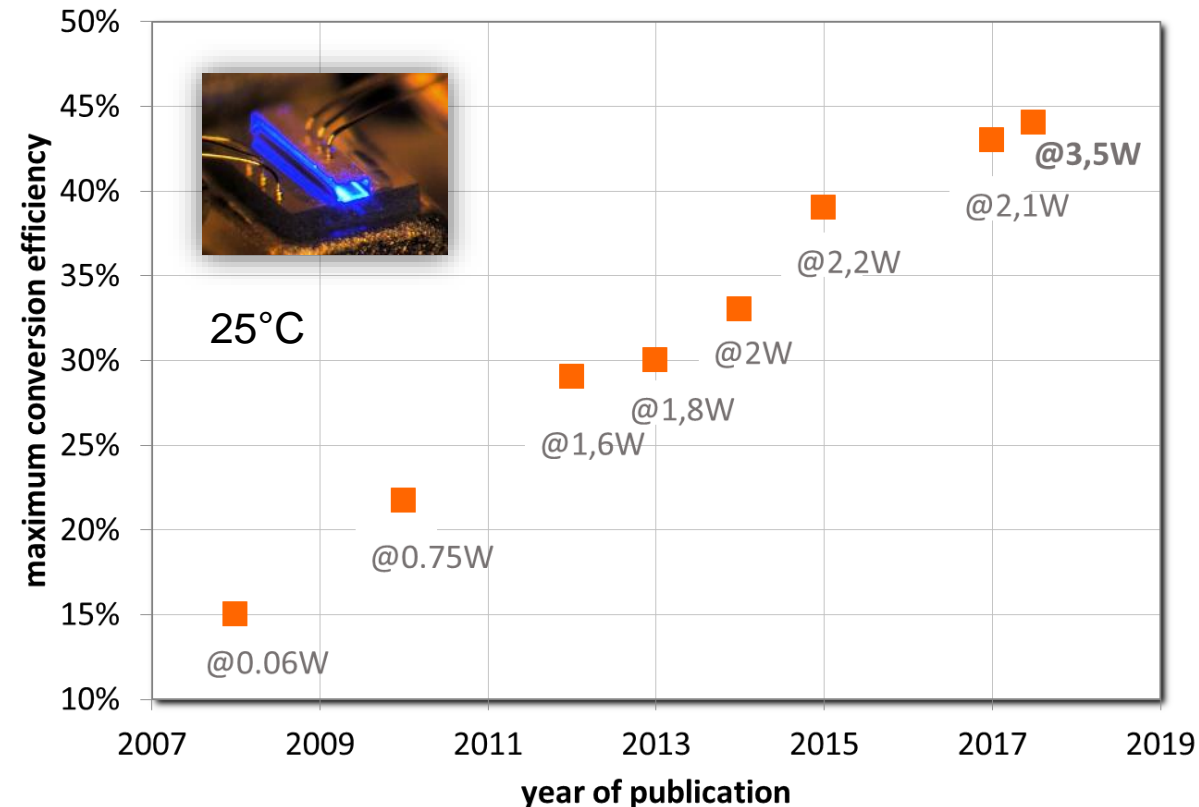


# High power blue laser diodes

## Osram's continuous performance progress



### Time line of Osram's published R&D-highlights from blue development



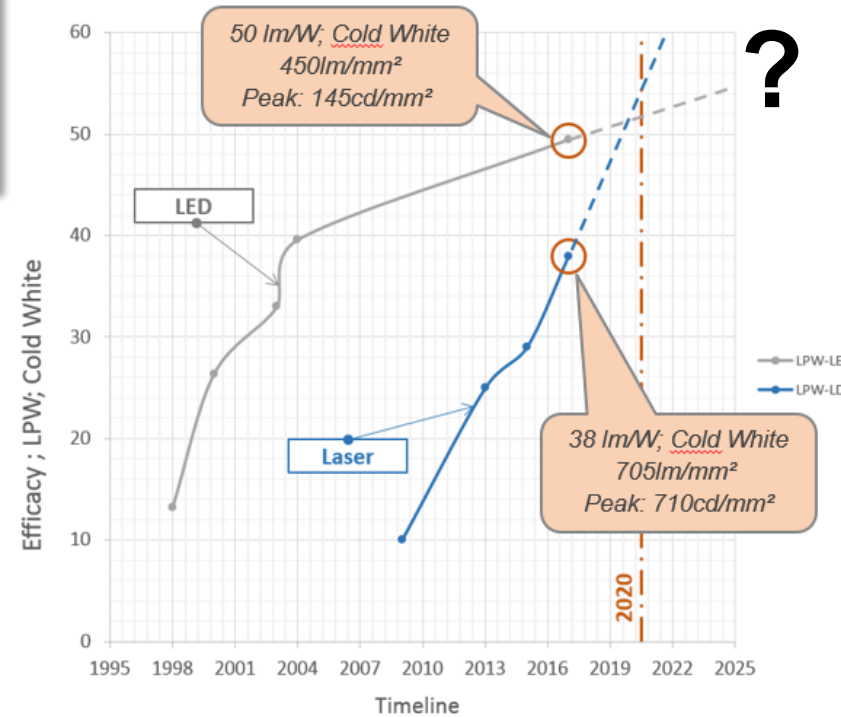
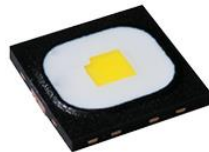
- Tremendous improvement of conversion efficiency and output power
- Enabler for new applications

# Will converted LASERs be the ultimate luminance solution?



System

Component



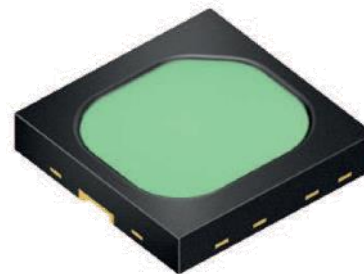
- Converted LASER light enables luminance of  $>1000\text{cd/mm}^2$
- If improvement trend of LASERs continues, LED gets some competition





**Master the Spectrum**

Example:  
Broadband IR  
emitter

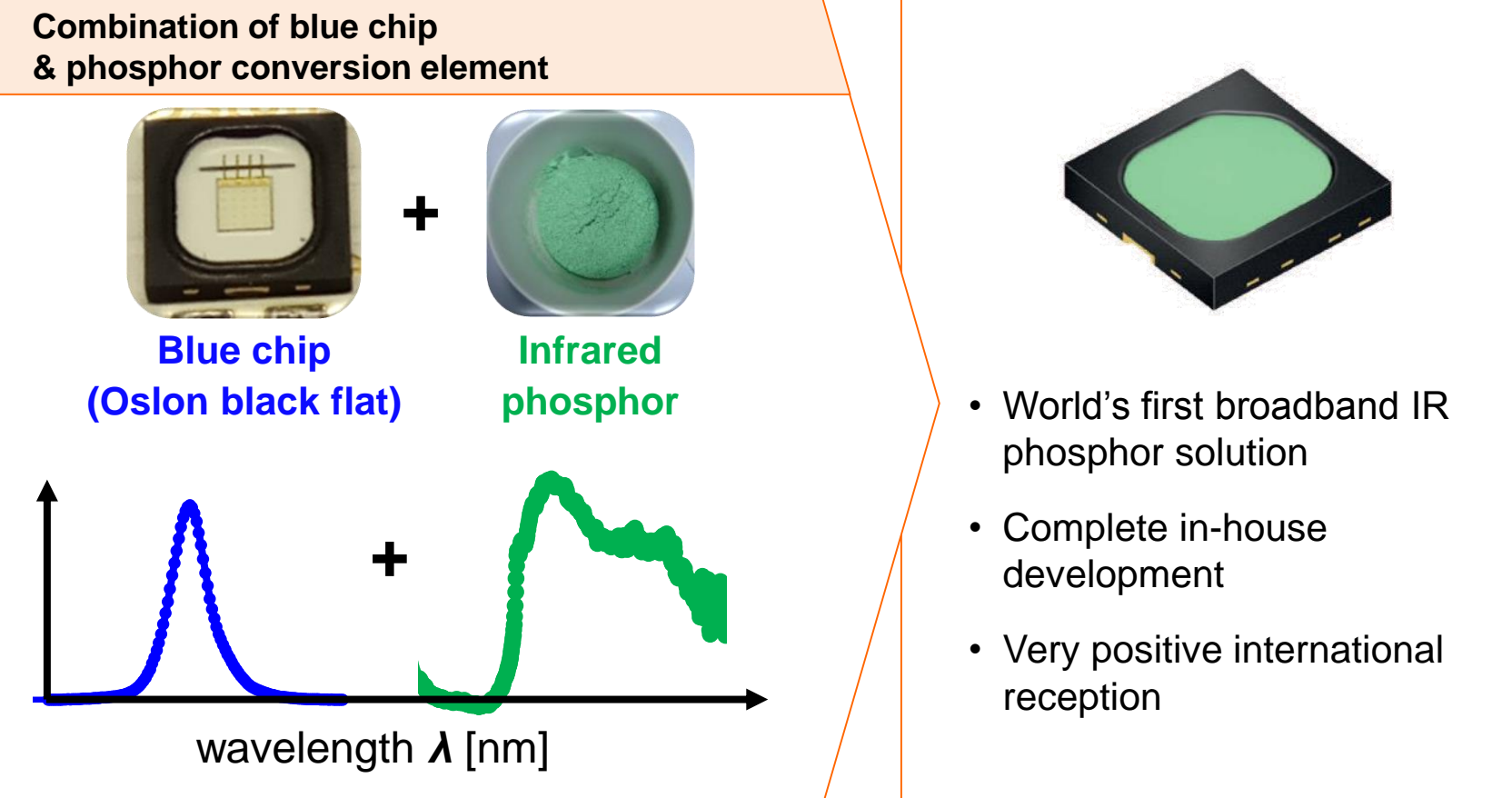


# Broadband infrared emission via phosphor conversion

## Basic principle

Phosphor converts e.g. blue light to broadband infrared emission

**Combination of blue chip  
& phosphor conversion element**



**Blue chip  
(Oslon black flat)**

**Infrared  
phosphor**

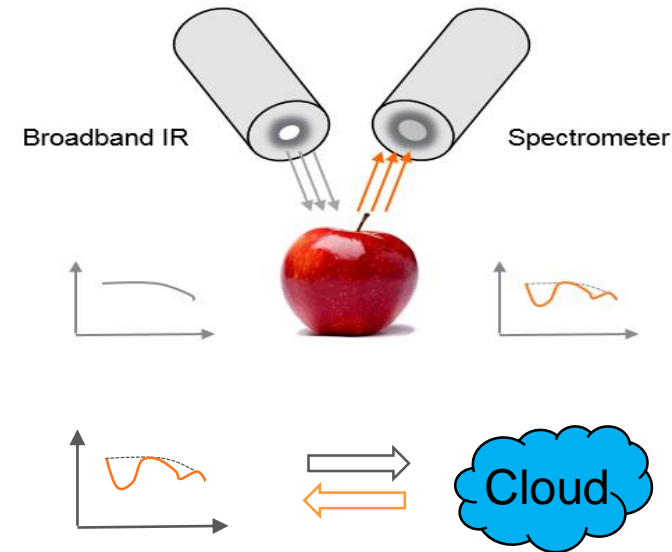
wavelength  $\lambda$  [nm]

- World's first broadband IR phosphor solution
- Complete in-house development
- Very positive international reception

# NIR spectroscopy as new technology differentiator for mobile devices and more...

## How does it work?

- 1 Scan the **molecular makeup** of an object, like an apple
- 2 The device creates a **spectrum** specific to the object
- 3 This spectrum is then analyzed in a cloud



## What could it be used for?

### Analysis of:

- **Vegetables & Fruit:** Water content, carbs, calories
- **Dairy products:** Calories, fat, proteins, water
- **Bodyfat**
- **Medication validation**
- ... and much much more



# The world's first infrared spectroscopy lab: Empower consumers to check what is in their food

Enabled by OSRAM's broadband infrared LED "SFH 4735" 

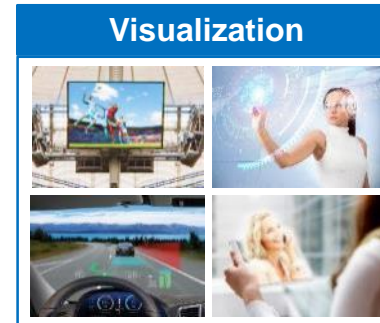


→ Spectroscopy as new feature to **differentiate your application** from others!

**Vision for future spectroscopy:**

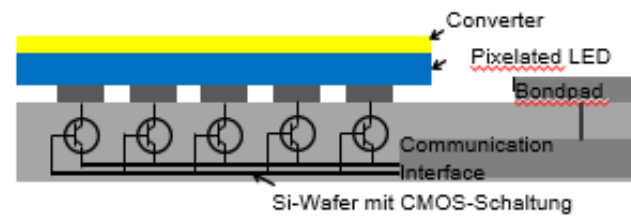
- Portable
- Affordable
- Easy to use by anyone
- Non invasive





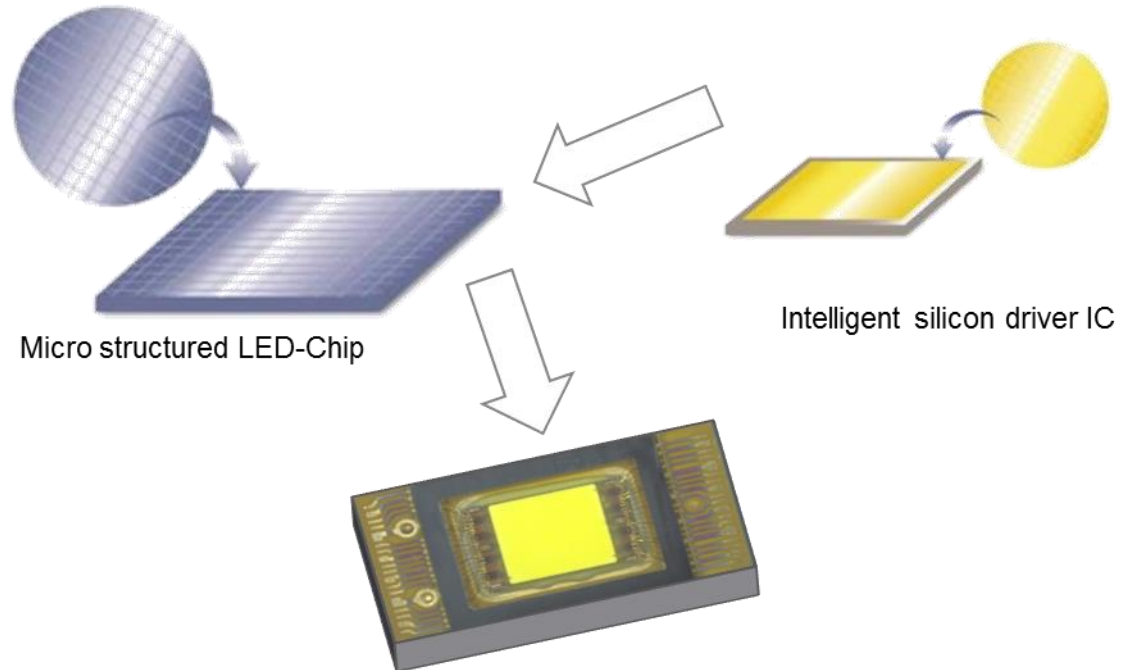
**Miniturization & System Integration**

Example:  
μAFS



# Osram Opto Semiconductors first step into silicone/III-V integration: Research project “ $\mu$ AFS” for automotive applications

High-res and intelligent system for precise control of light distribution  
without complex electronics.



- Micro-structured LED chip
- Intelligent Si substrate
- High resolution active matrix LED array
- **1024 pixel in 4mm x 4mm**
- **>3000lm light source, 3 lm per pixel @ 11mA**
- SMT component

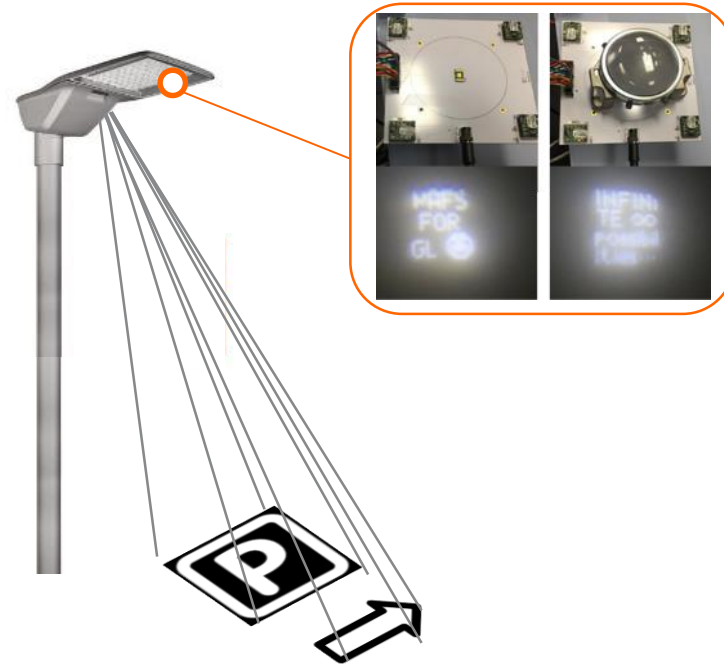


# Towards smart components in illumination

## EVIYOS for General Lighting



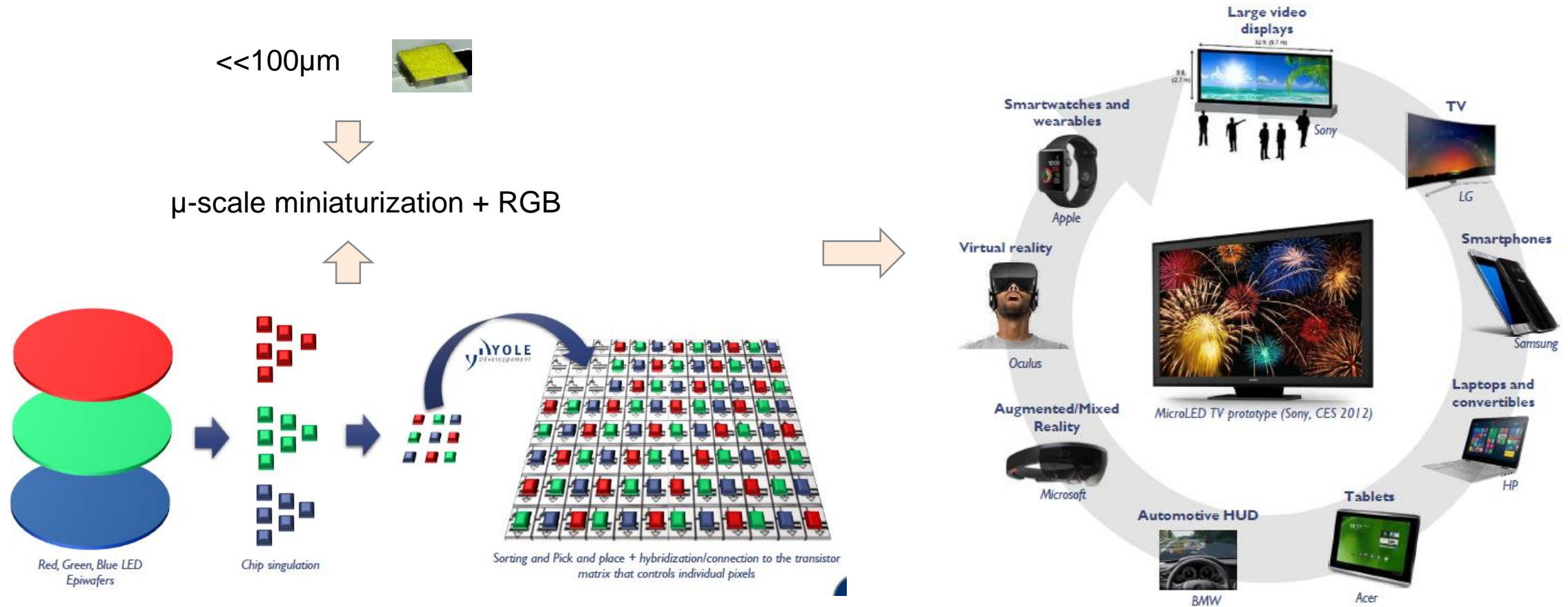
Adaptive Illumination



Information Display

Integrated pixel technologies enable novel applications in illumination and visualization

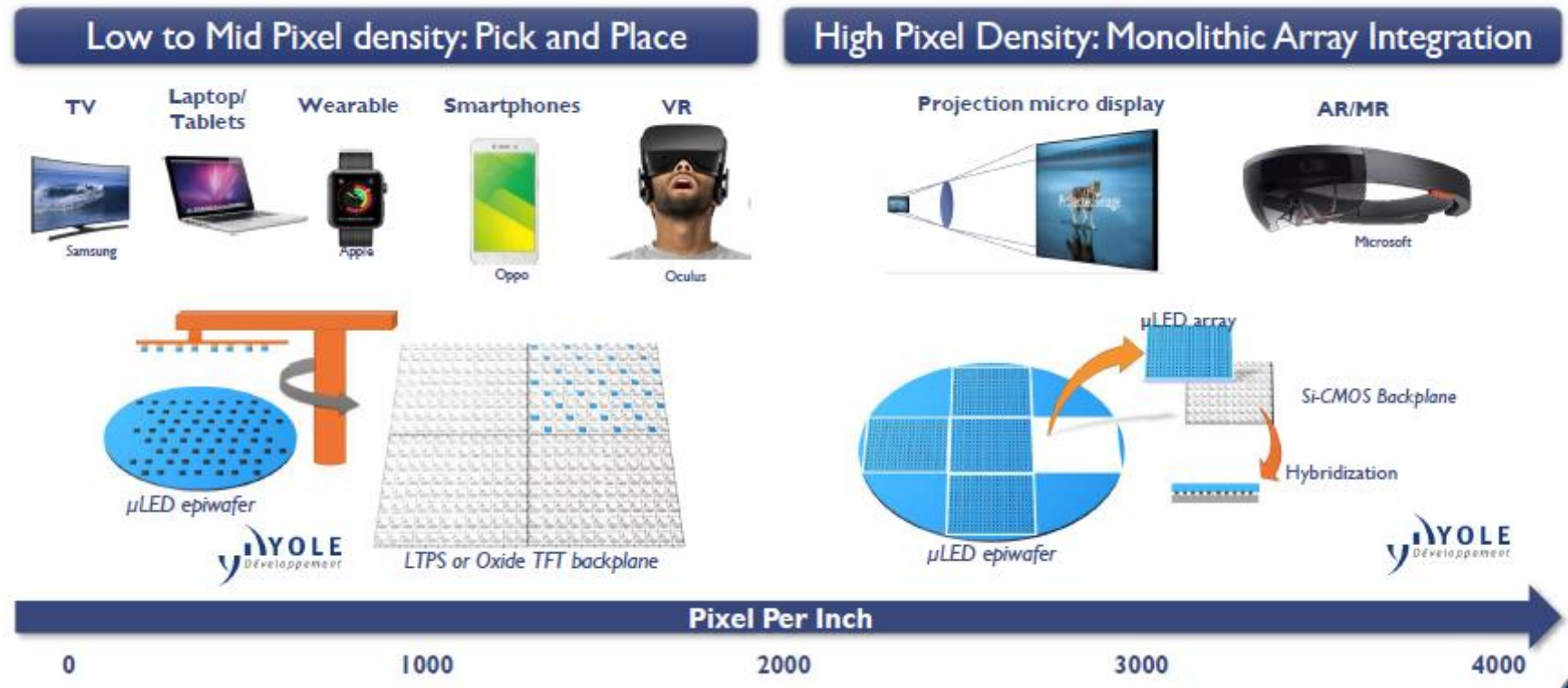
# Further miniaturization: μLED display



*Yole Développement, 2017 MicroLED Displays Report*

# Whats next?

## Future trend: $\mu$ LED display

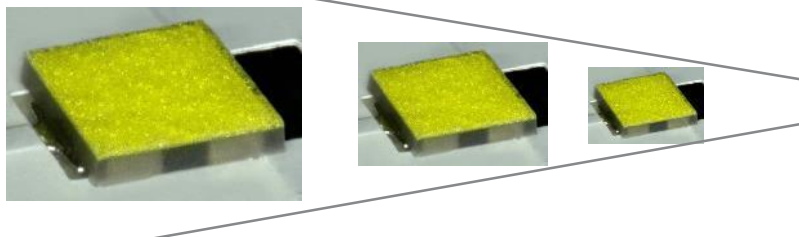


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Miniaturization and integration paths the way to new aera of display and projection technology

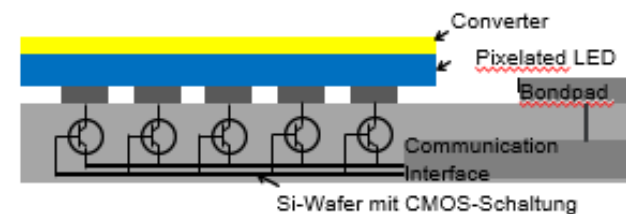
# The next generation of smart LED components

Miniaturization



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Integration: SiP & SoC

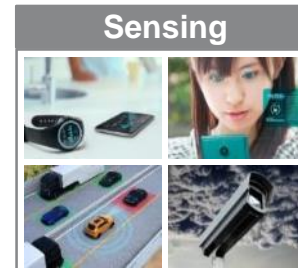


Spectral excellence

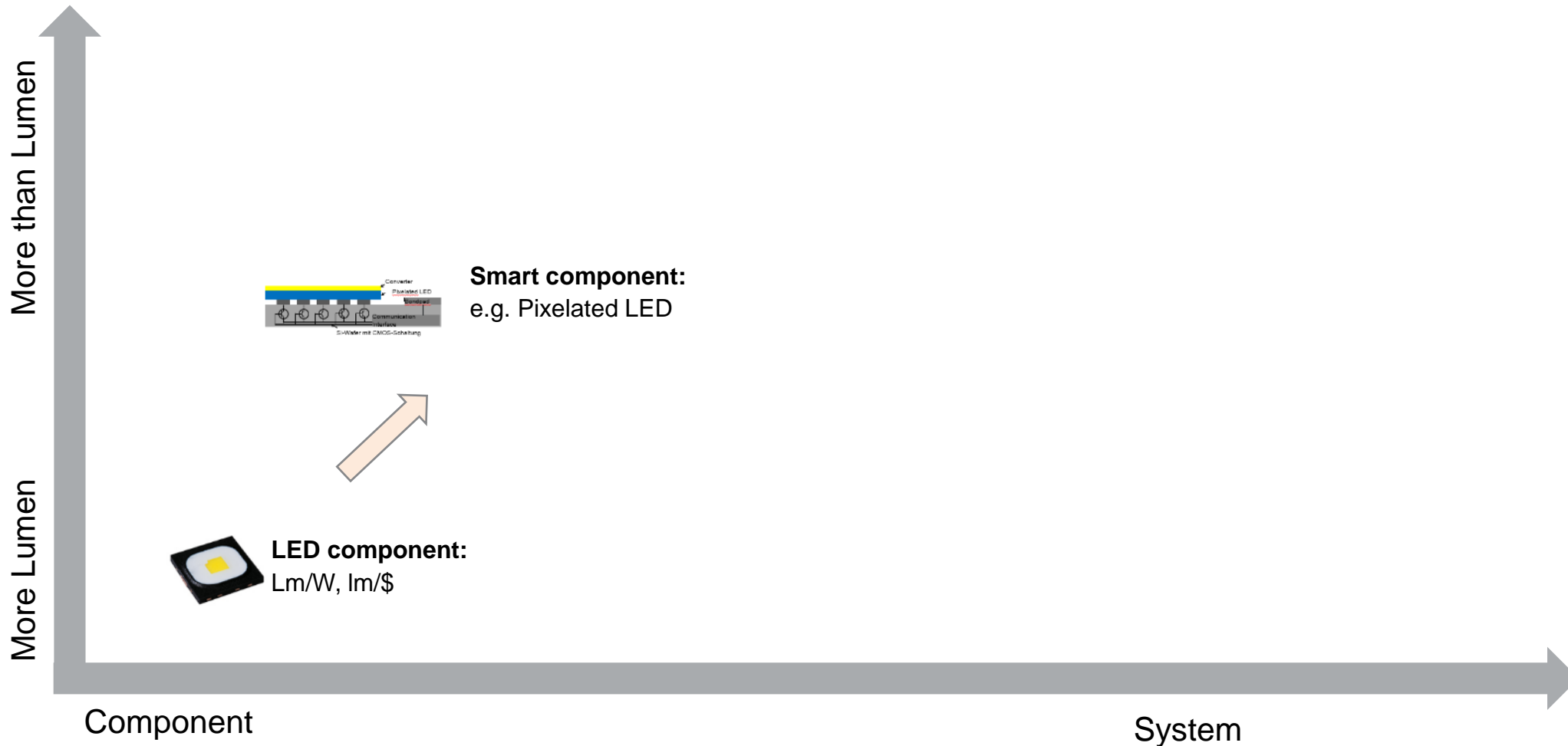


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New generation of smart components for

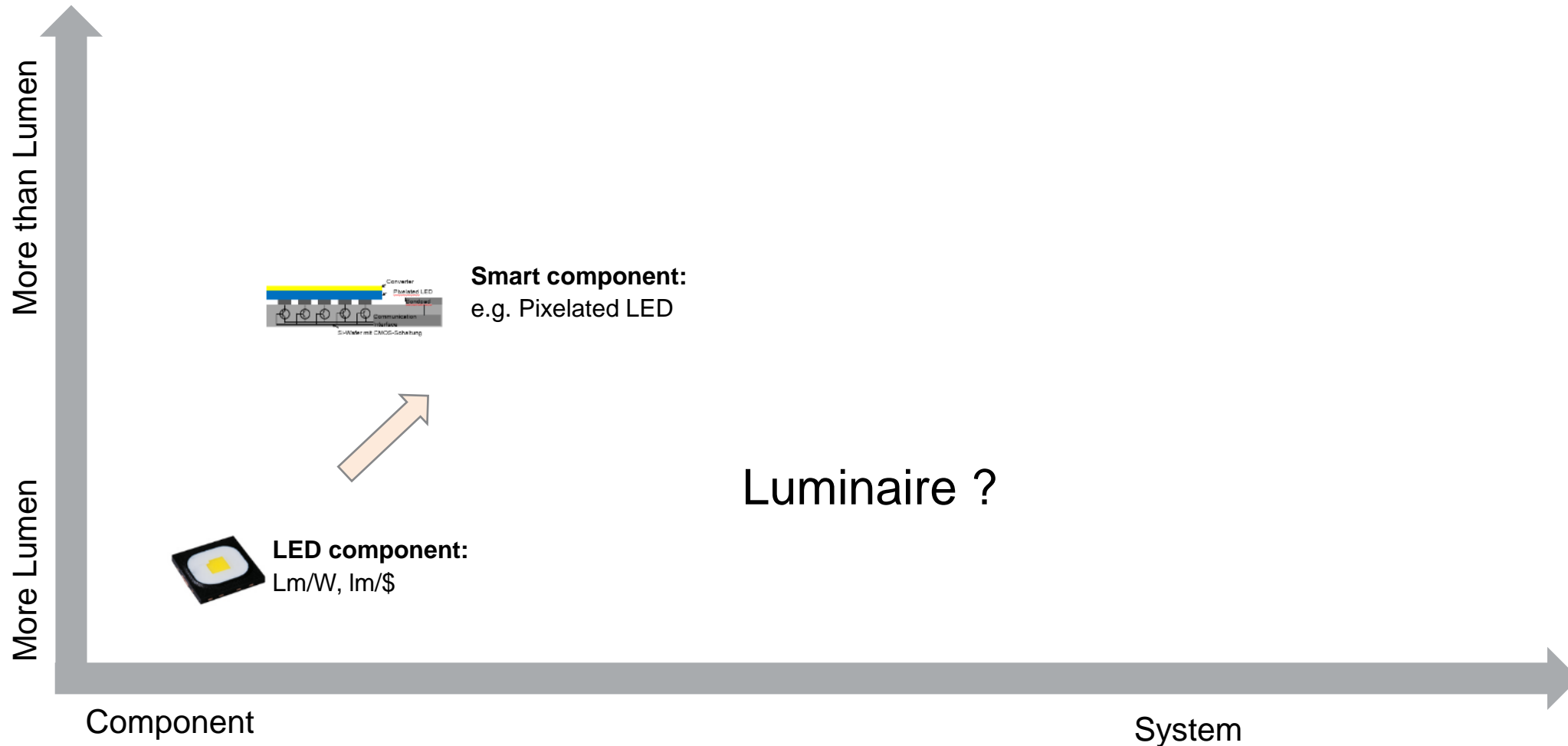


# First step into future of digital lighting: LED evolves into smart component



# First step into future of digital lighting:

## → What about luminaires?



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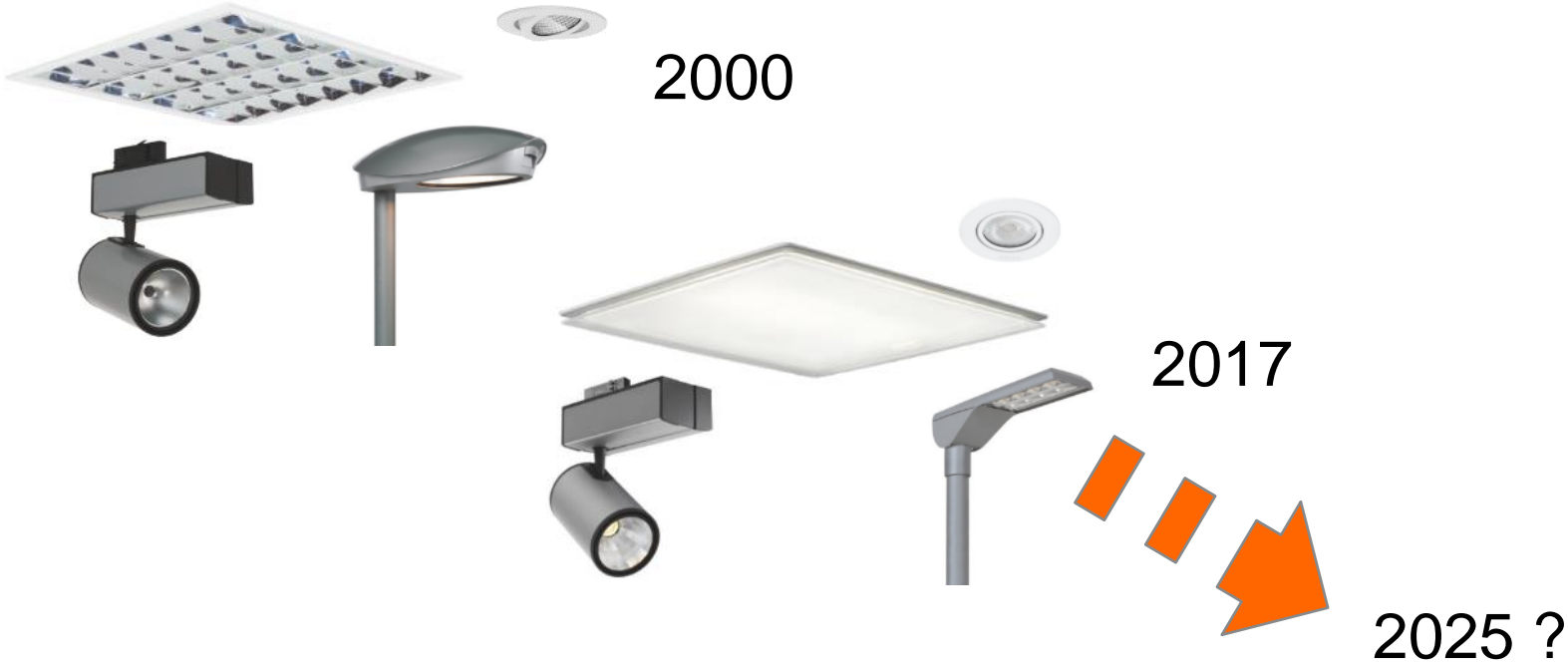
What will be the role of lighting in the interconnected & smart future?





# Any novel LED technologies needed for General Lighting?

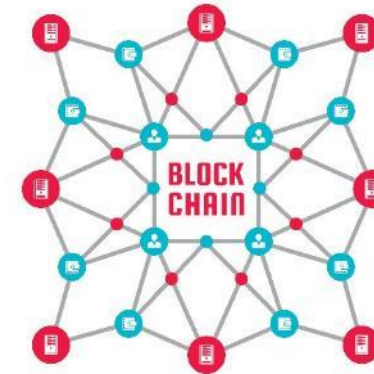
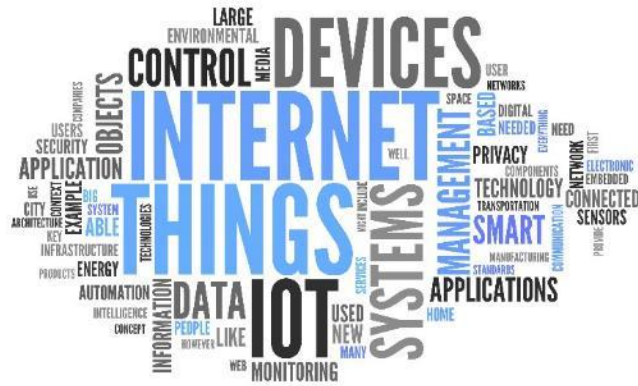
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# Lets see what digitalization means for lighting?

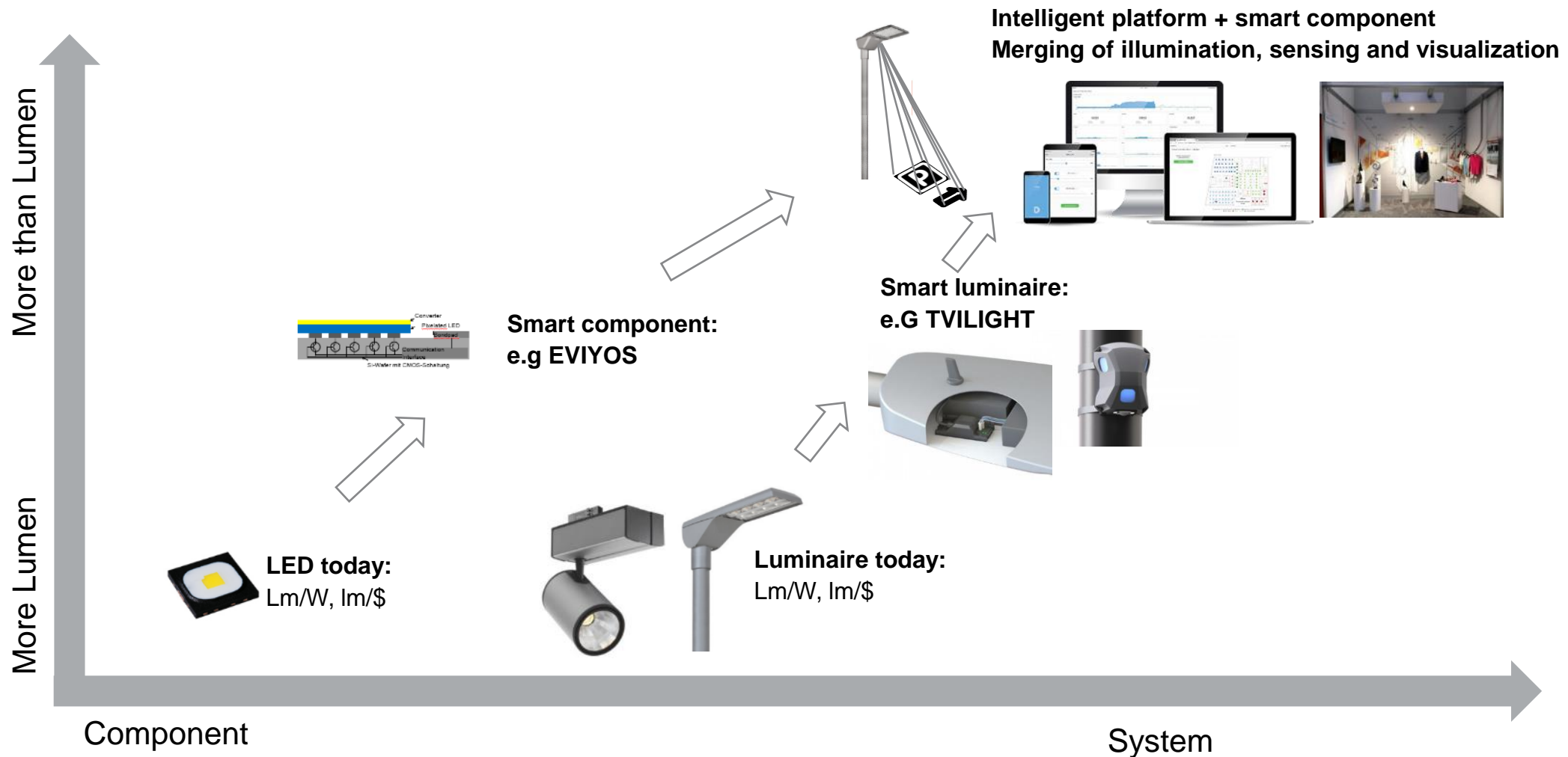
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Lets start with some Buzzword bingo!



Ideas for lighting and blockchain welcome ;)

# How might the digital future of lighting look like?



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- What is the extra value of digital lighting?



Retail



Industry



Smart City



Dynamic



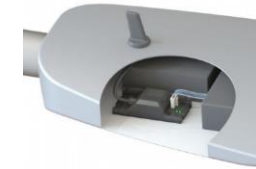




# One system – a lot of advantages

## TVILIGHT EMPOWERING INTELLIGENCE

Intelligent street lighting



Precise energy calculations

Automatic failure reports

Map-based visualisations

Precise real-time data

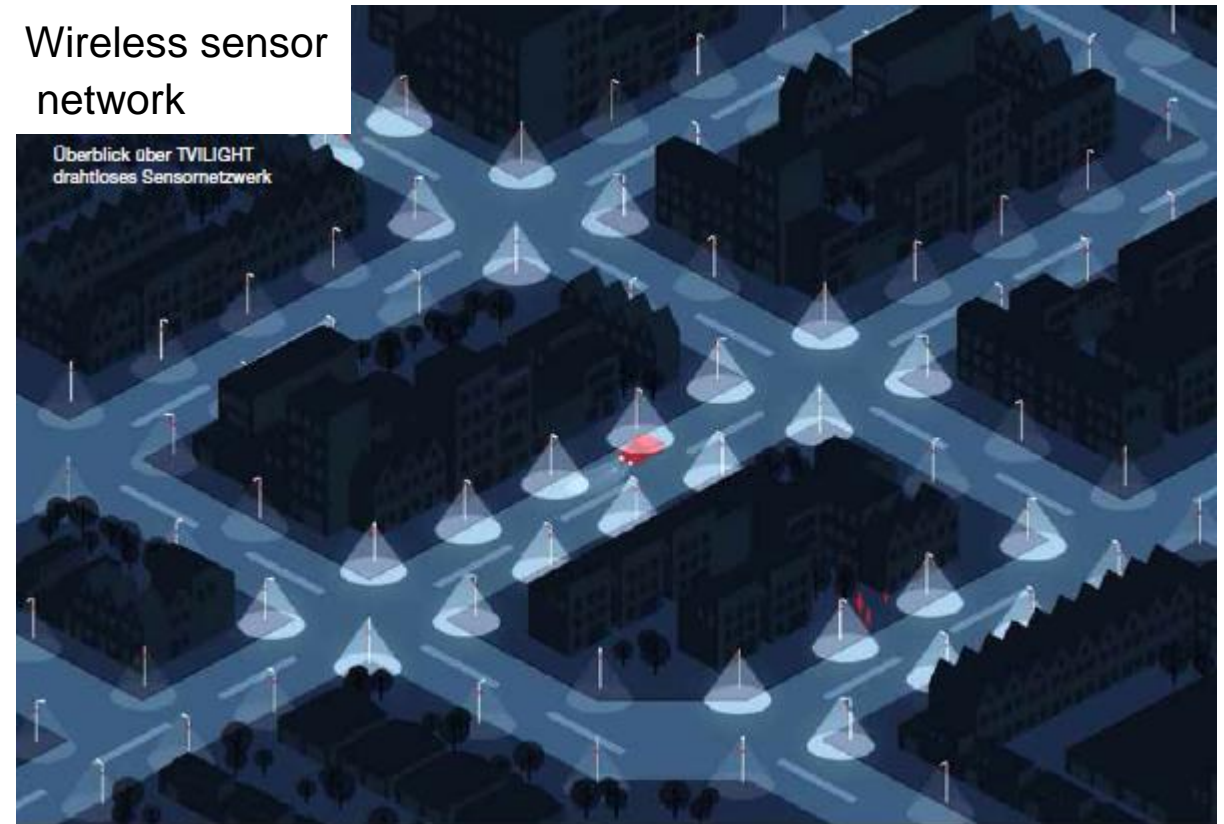
Concise information

Continuous support

Completely wireless communication



Wireless sensor network







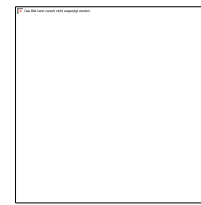
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Detect and visualize  
free desks



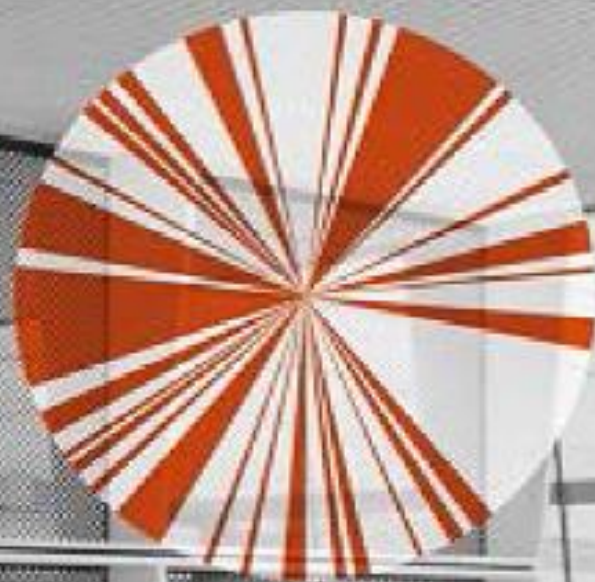


# Typical office occupation

08:30 am

11:00 am

03:30 pm



Unoccupied desks

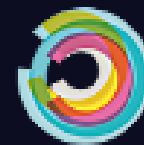
Occupied desks

**Smart buildings should enable smart working**

**Needs today:**      **55 %** of employees are classified as mobile workforce  
**50 %** is the average utilization of office space



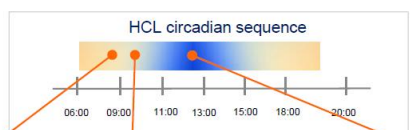
# OSRAM OS Headquarter Biggest Human Centric Lighting Project in the world



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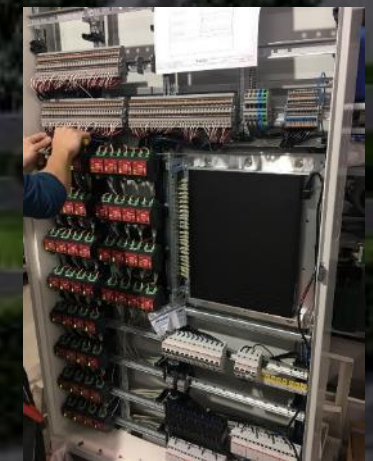
1000 Tunable White Luminaires

350 x PIR Multisensor with Presence detection and daylight management



3.000-4.000K  
normgerechte Ausleuchtung der Arbeitsplätze

6500K  
aktivierende Ausleuchtung mit erhöhter Helligkeit

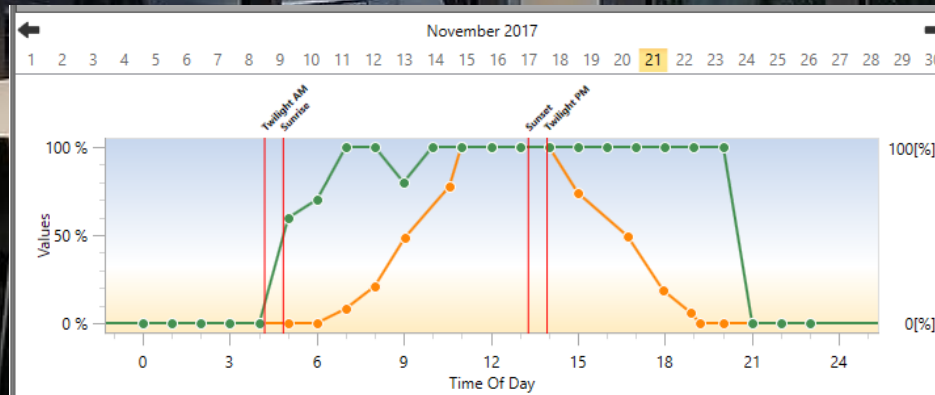






## e:cue SYMPHOLIGHT Human Centric Lighting

- Optimize light quality
- Increase energy efficiency
- Improve productivity
- Improve maintenance efficiency



71%

of the respondents are  
feeling more energetic



76%

of the respondents are  
feel more happy



50%

of the respondents feel  
more healthy

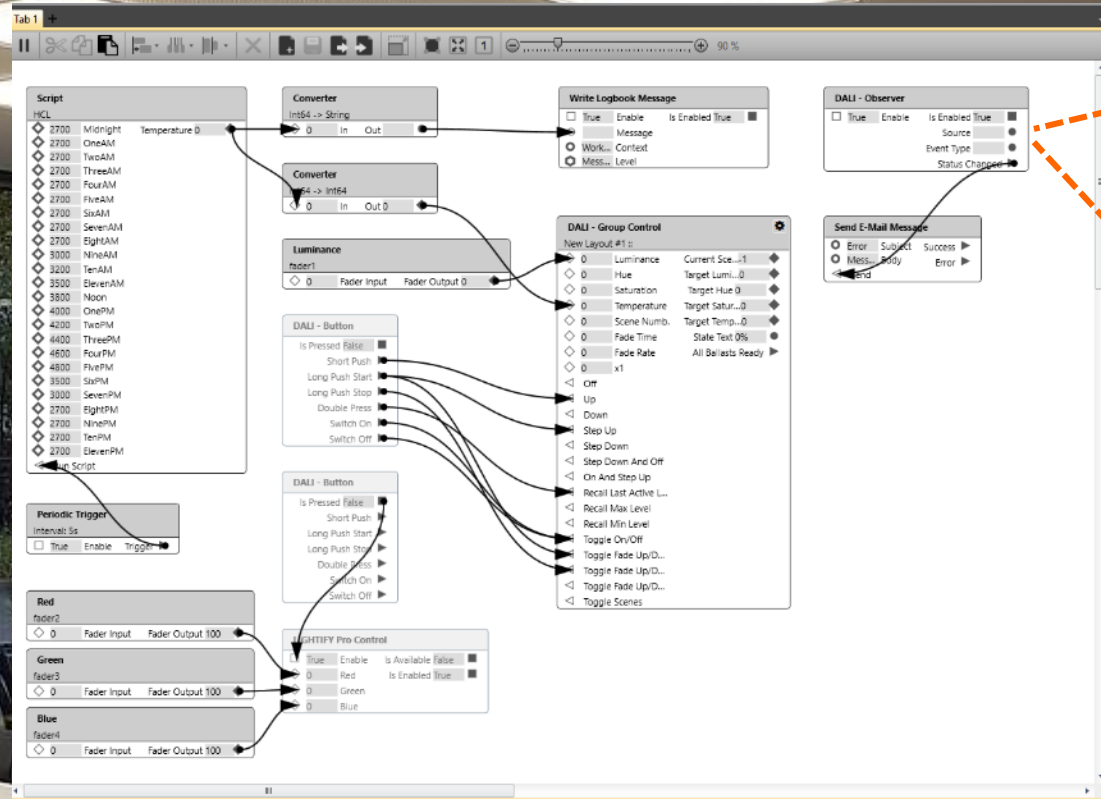




ecue SYMPHOLIGHT

## ENABLING BEYOND LIGHTING APPLICATIONS

- Geofencing
  - If presence is detected between 18:00h and 8:00h than trigger alarm
- Space Utilization
  - Log presence data with respect to room usage
  - Connect presence data to Outlook



Presence Detection



Time Based Control





# What is the extra value of digital lighting?



- Lighting efficiency ~ 1€ / m<sup>2</sup>



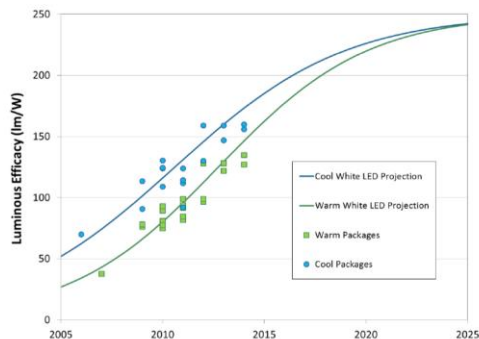
- Space efficiency ~ 10€ / m<sup>2</sup>



- Personell efficiency ~ 100€ / m<sup>2</sup>

Digital lighting will enable enormous value beyond pure lighting .

# Conclusion – How to drive LED innovation in the future?



- Continue to push technology
- Prepare for development in saturation

- Deliver smart building blocks for a combinatorial world enabling novel applications

- Seamless integration of digital lighting via smart components & platforms



Gerd Leonhard



# Thank you



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- **1.000 new jobs in R&D and Production along the entire value chain until 2020 → join us!**