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# **Tunable White Lighting – Minimize Risk During Commissioning and Satisfy Your Client**

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# Course Description

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LEDs have provided many new lighting capabilities, but with that have come some challenges. This presentation will discuss how to successfully implement Tunable White lighting on a project, with a brief overview of the technology and the key applications - one such application being tunable white lighting as part of a WELL building. This presentation will educate the audience on the user interfaces needed to make immediate changes and verifications to a lighting control system in order to meet WELL building lighting requirements. It will also cover commissioning/sequence of operations (SoO) requirements.

# Learning Objectives

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At the end of the this course, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the fundamental categories of spectrum control with LEDs.
2. Analyze the color tuning features of tunable white fixtures.
3. Evaluate the feasibility of meeting a sequence of operations with various fixture types.
4. Evaluate the commissioning requirements of a lighting system and how to meet WELL building lighting standards.

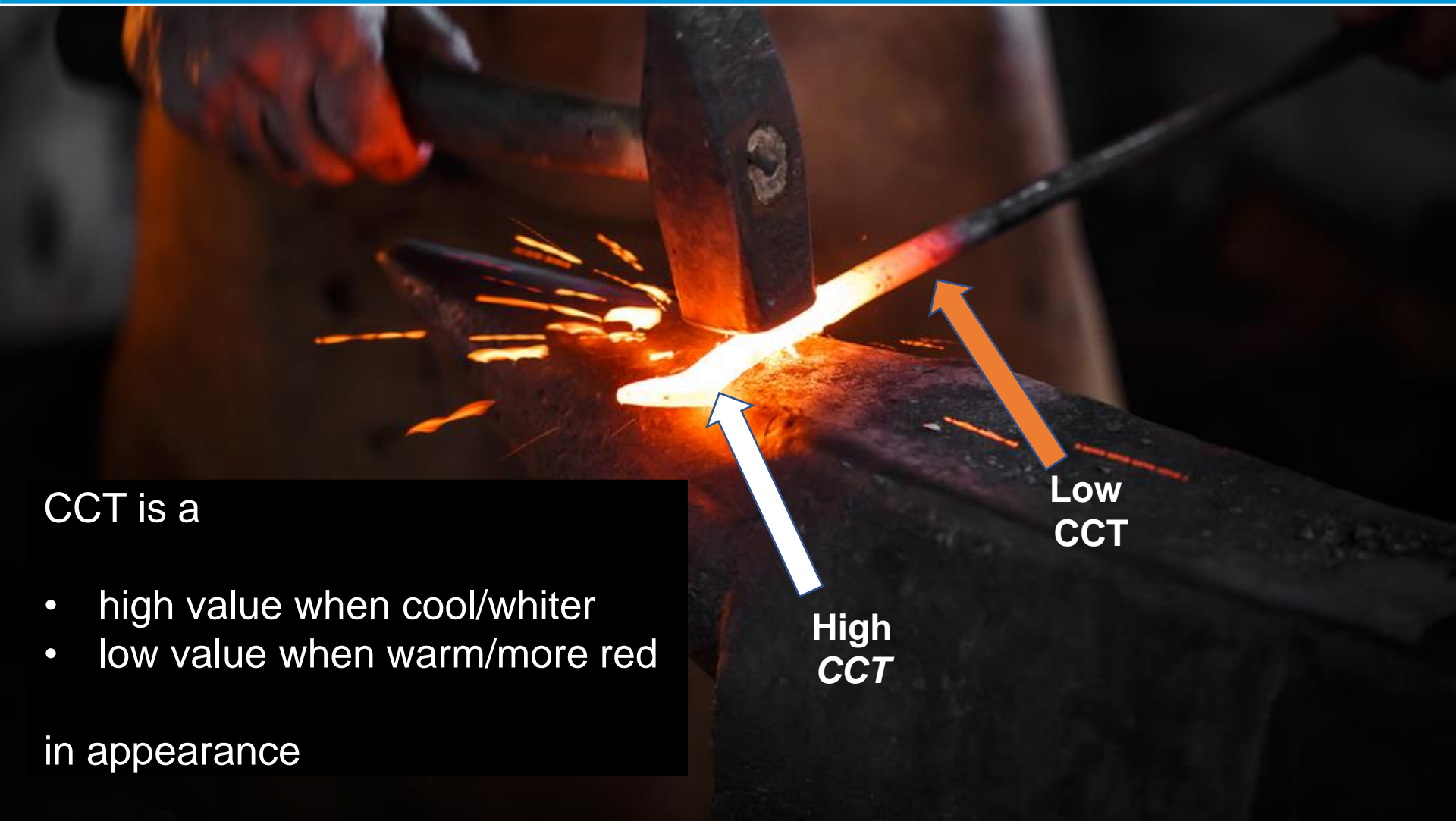
# Topics

- Spectrum control with LEDs
- Color tuning features and considerations
- Sequence of Operations and Commissioning
- Commissioning and WELL

# Spectrum Control with LEDs



# Correlated Color Temperature (CCT)



CCT is a

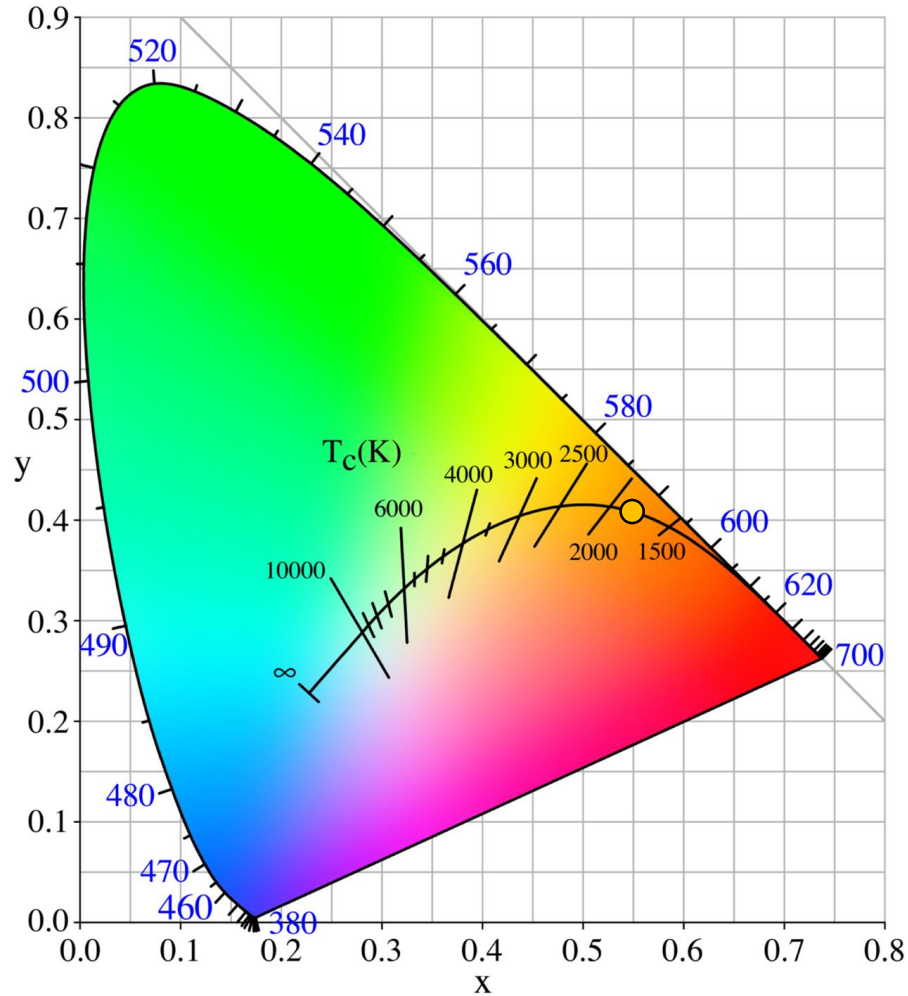
- high value when cool/whiter
- low value when warm/more red

in appearance

Low  
CCT

High  
CCT

# The Chromaticity Diagram

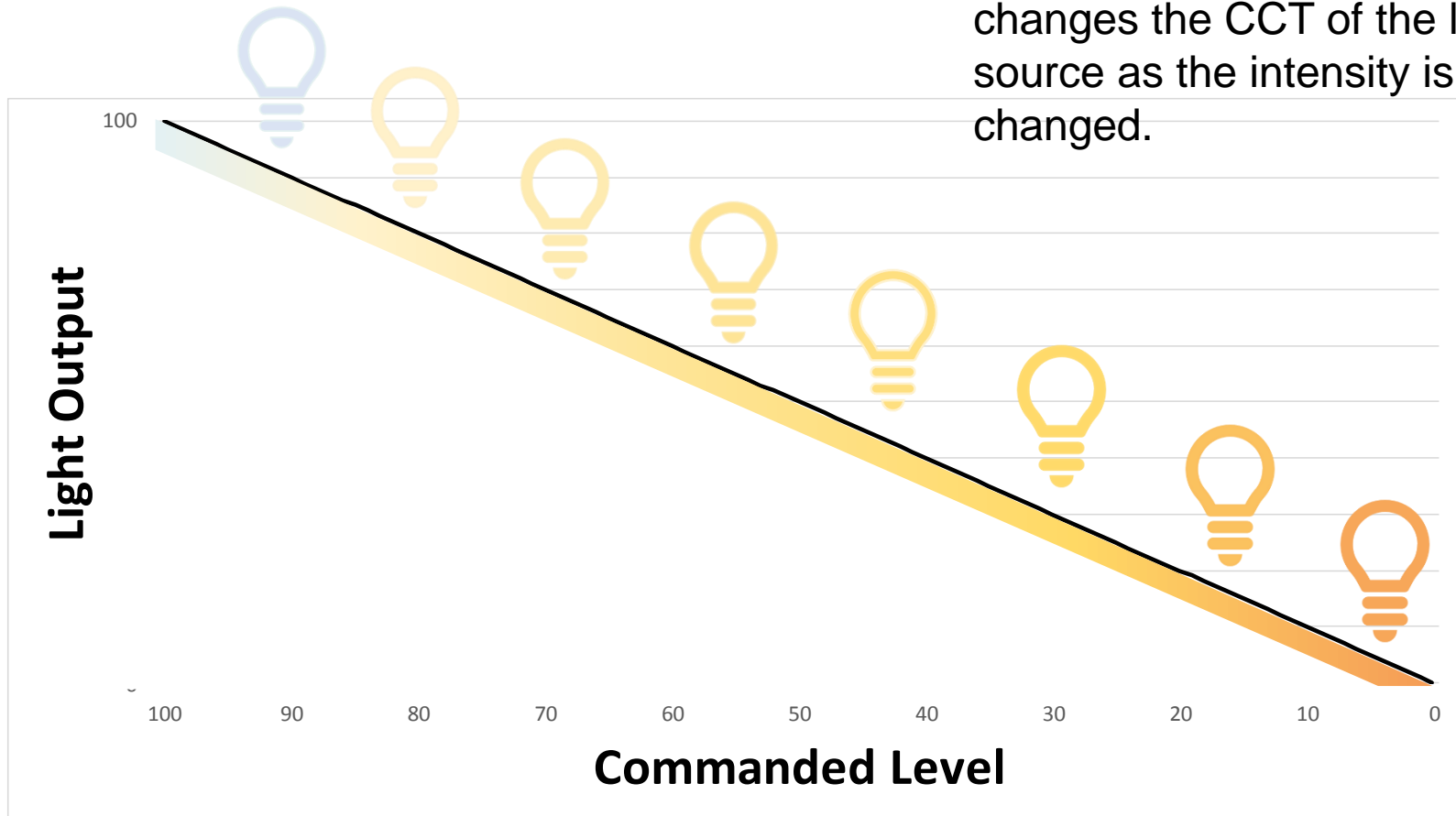


# Warm Dimming



# Warm Dimming

Warm dimming automatically changes the CCT of the light source as the intensity is changed.



# Warm Dimming

Provides  
incandescent-like  
experience



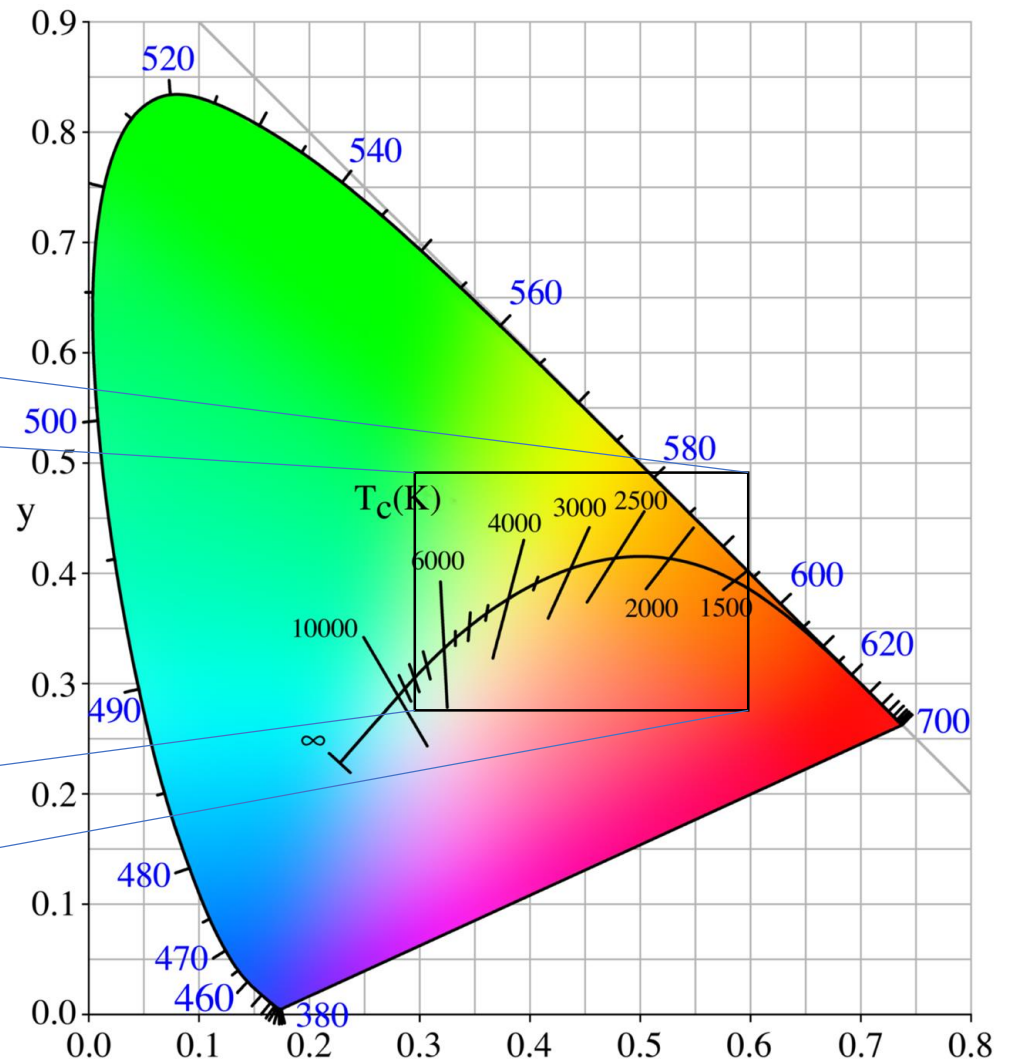
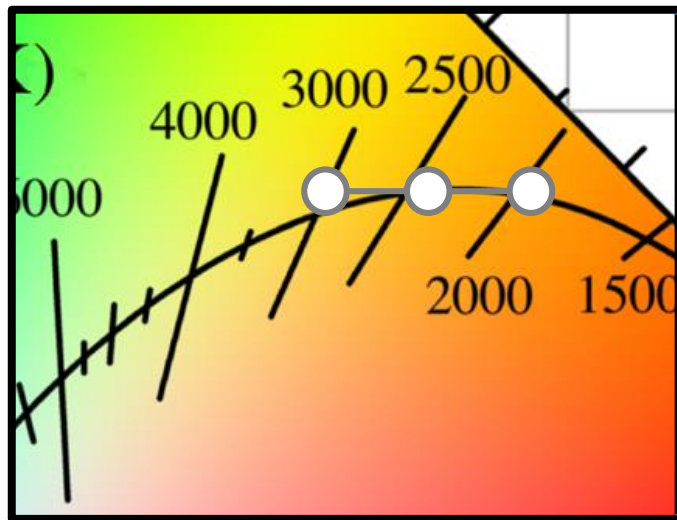
CCT changed  
automatically by  
the light source



Controlled by one  
standard dimmer

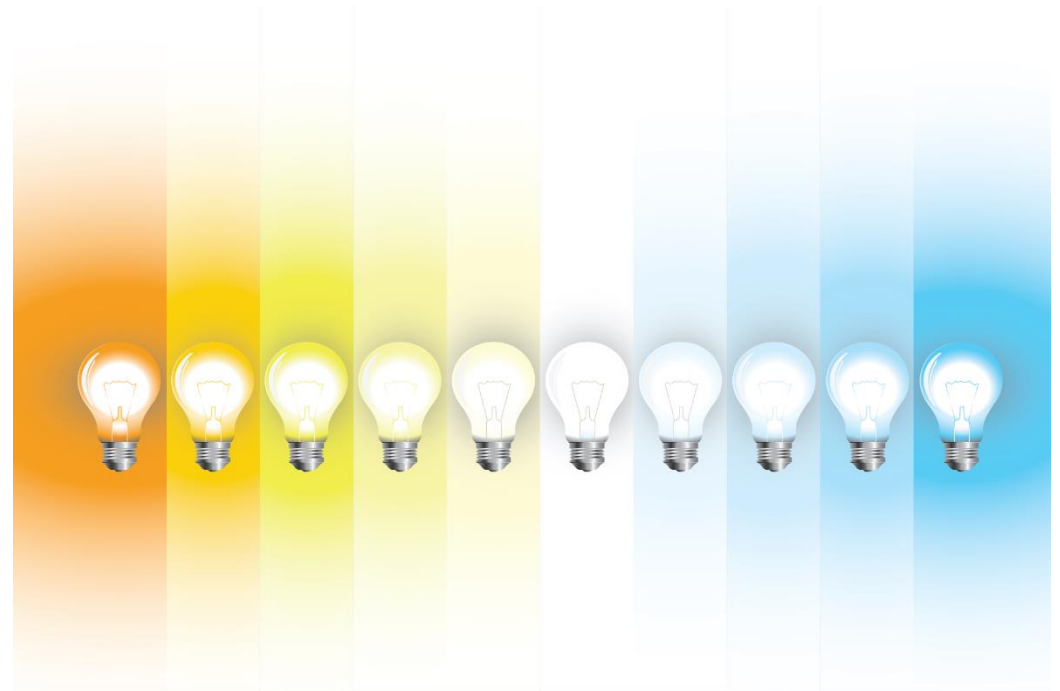


# How Warm Dimming Works



# Tunable White

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# Why use Tunable White?

## Mimic Daylight



## Flexibility of Space



## Personal Control

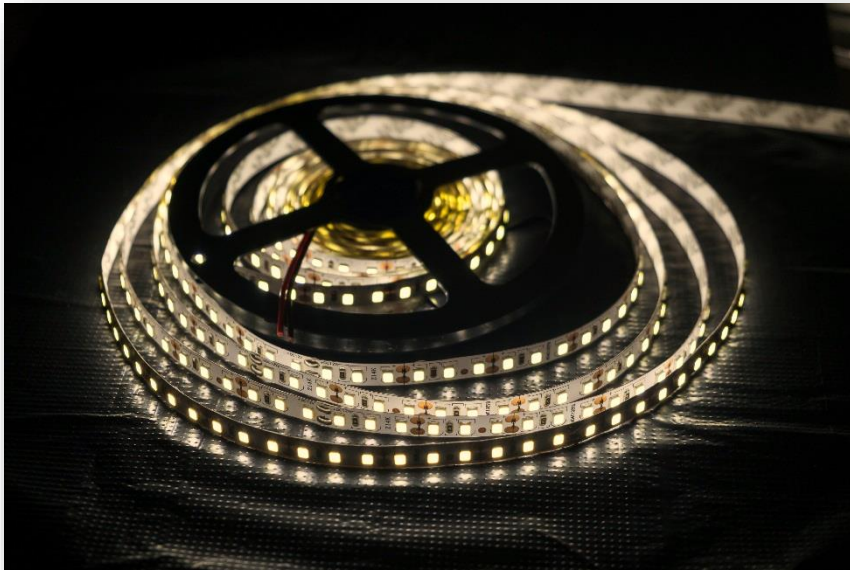




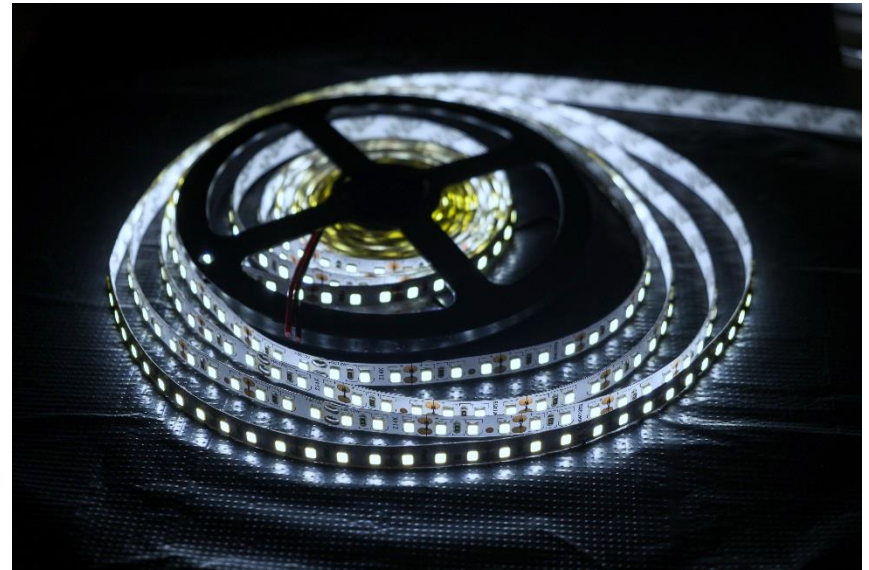
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Warm



Cool

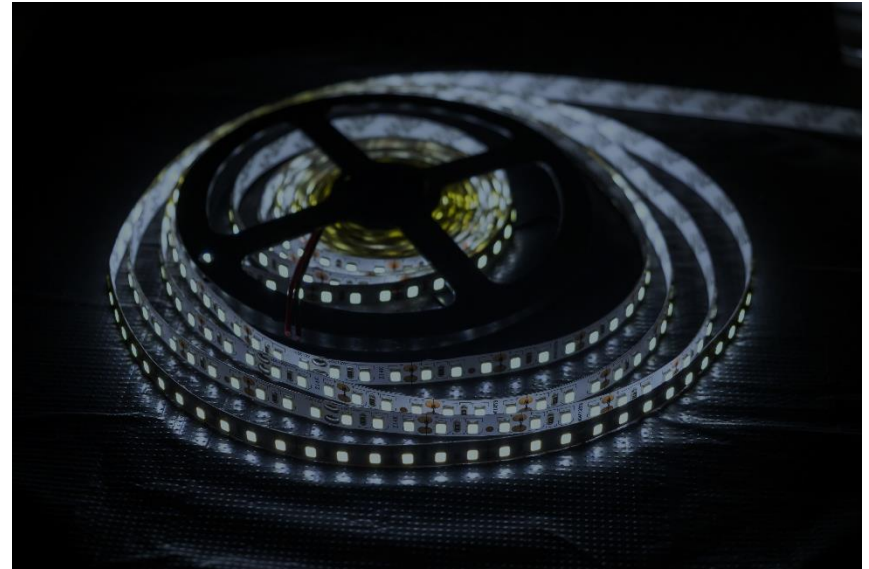


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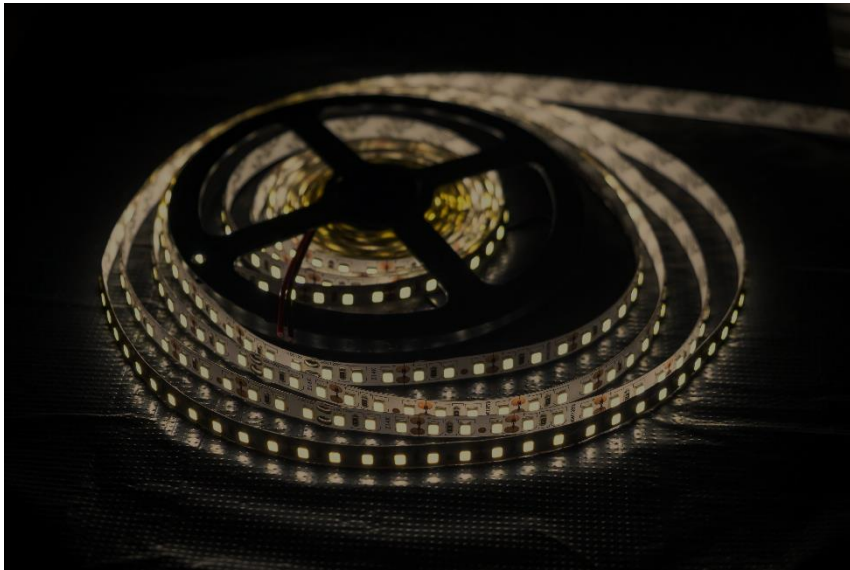


**Combined: Warm Output**

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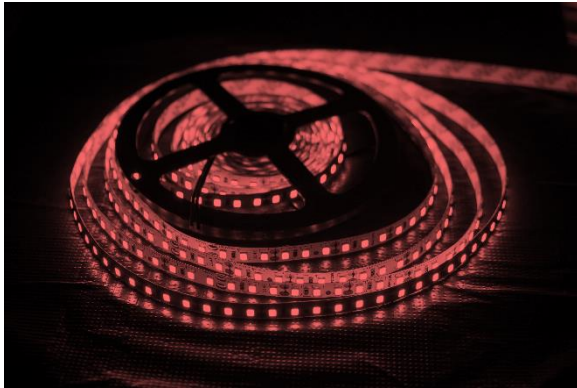
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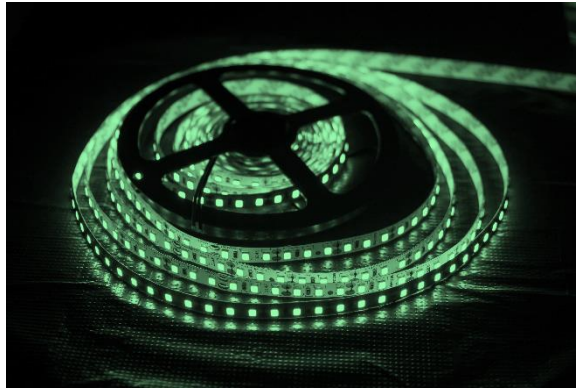
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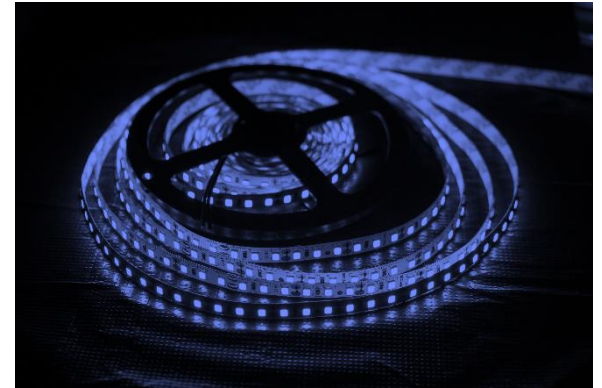
Red



Green



Blue



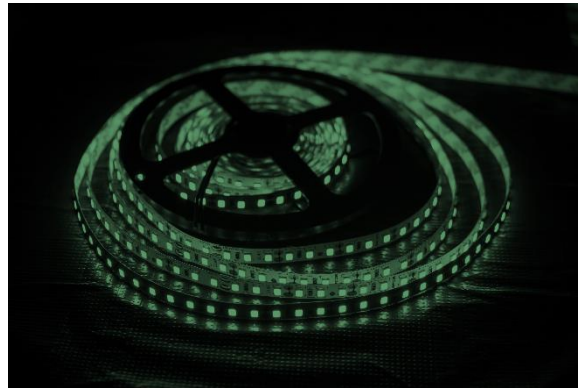
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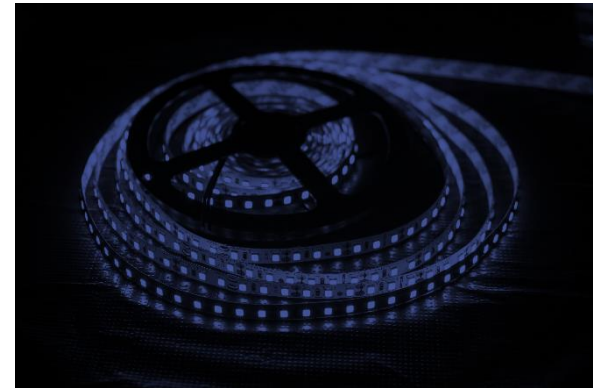
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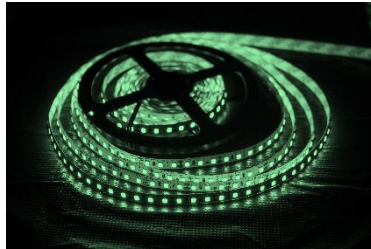
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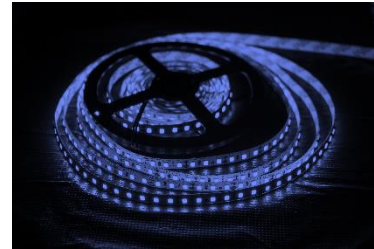
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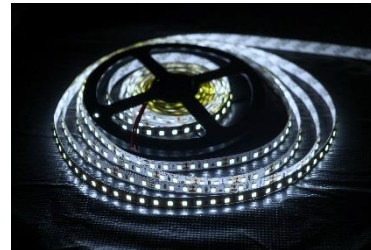
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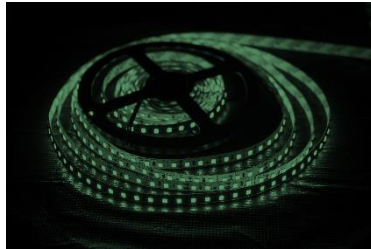
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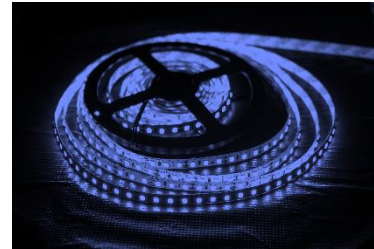
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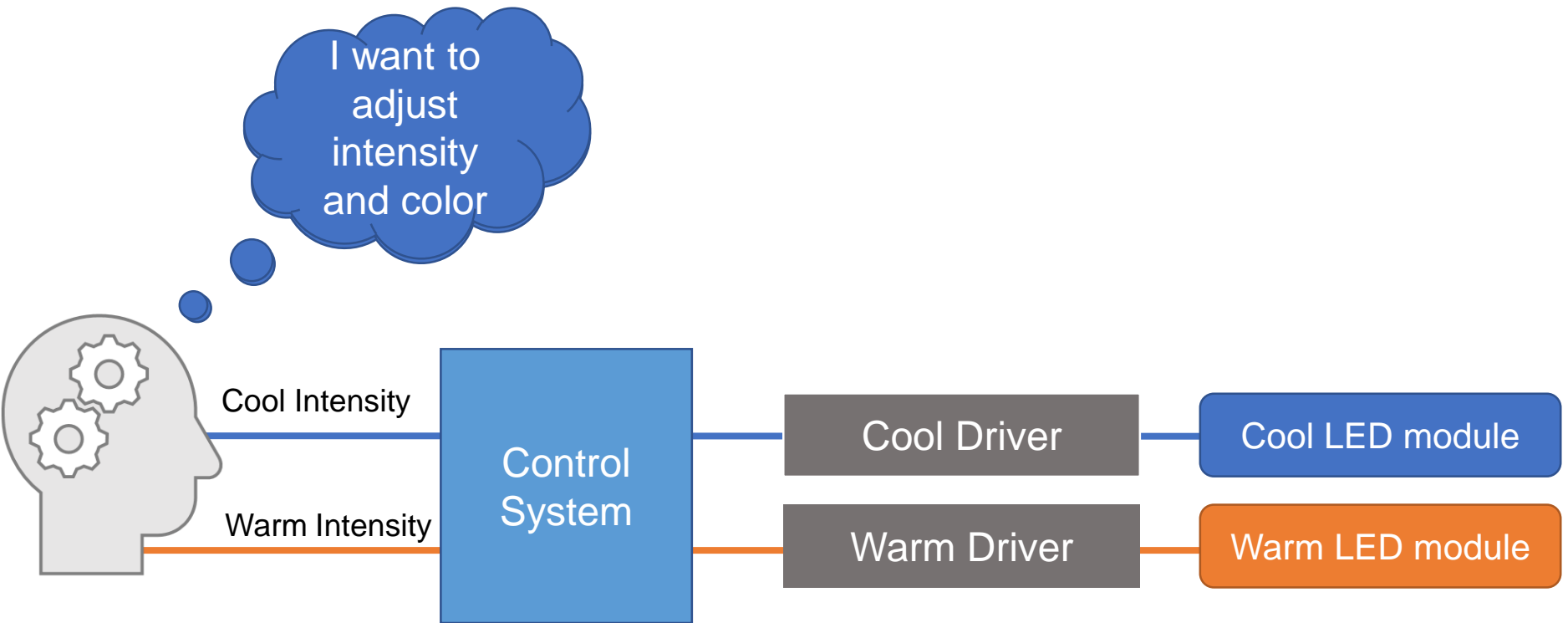
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# Color Tuning Features and Considerations

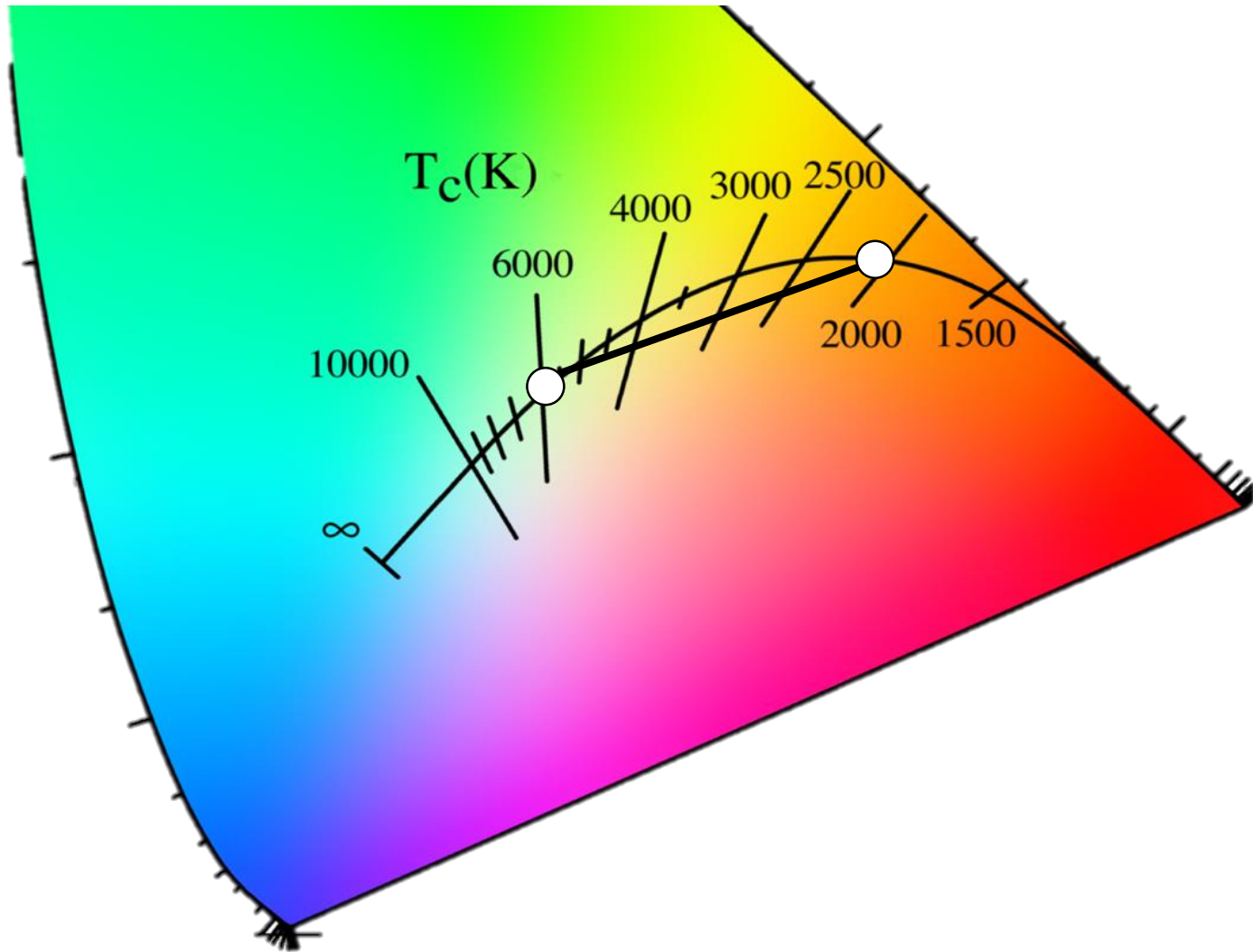
- Warm/Cool vs Intensity/Color
  - CCT Consistency
  - Protocol Selection



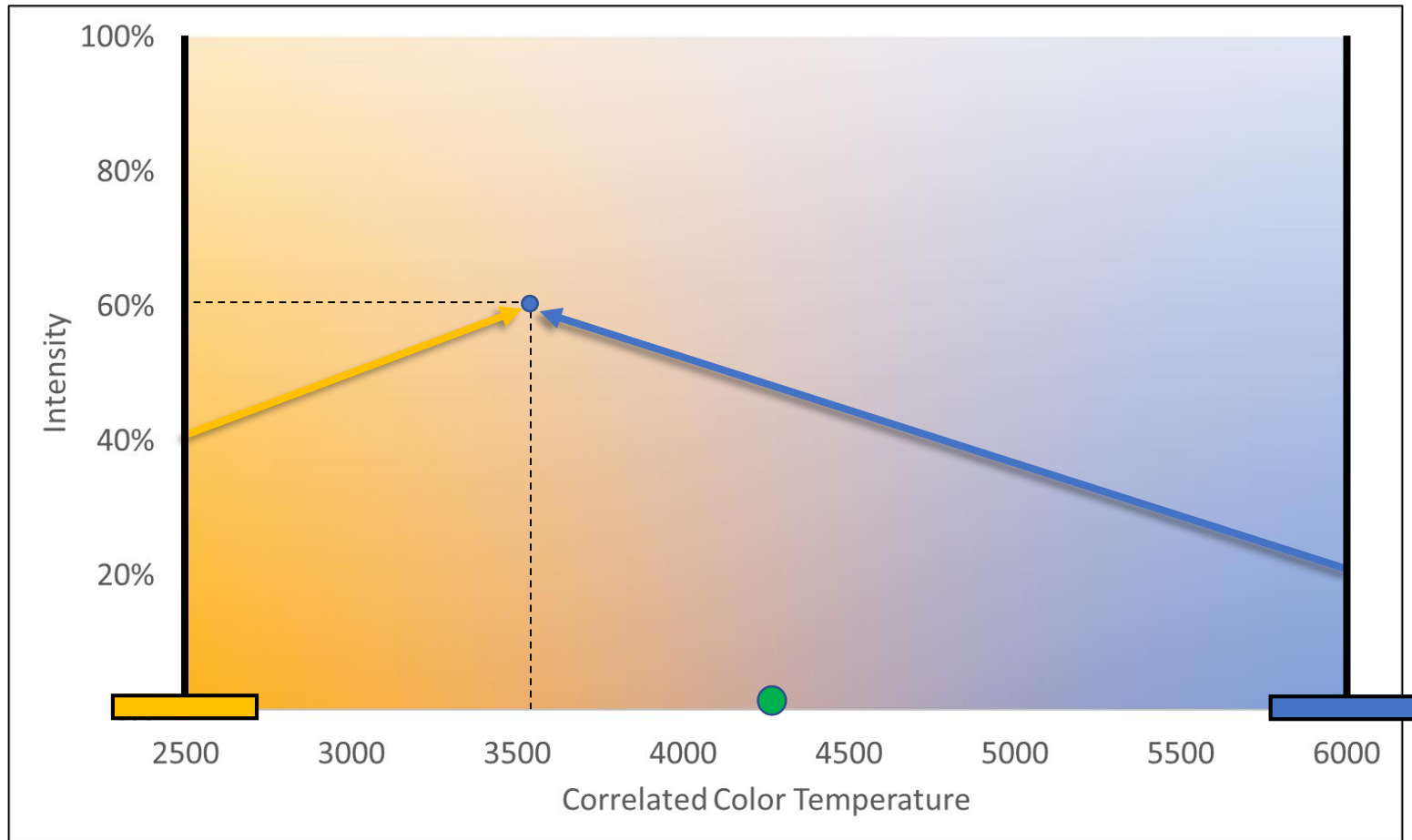
# Warm/Cool



Warm/Cool Control:  
user does the color mixing

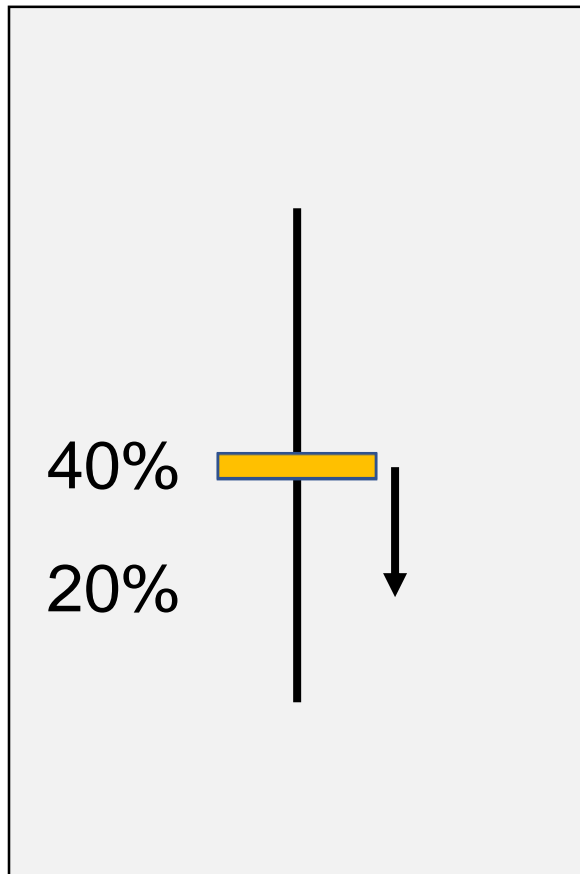


# Complications: tuning intensity of both warm and cool

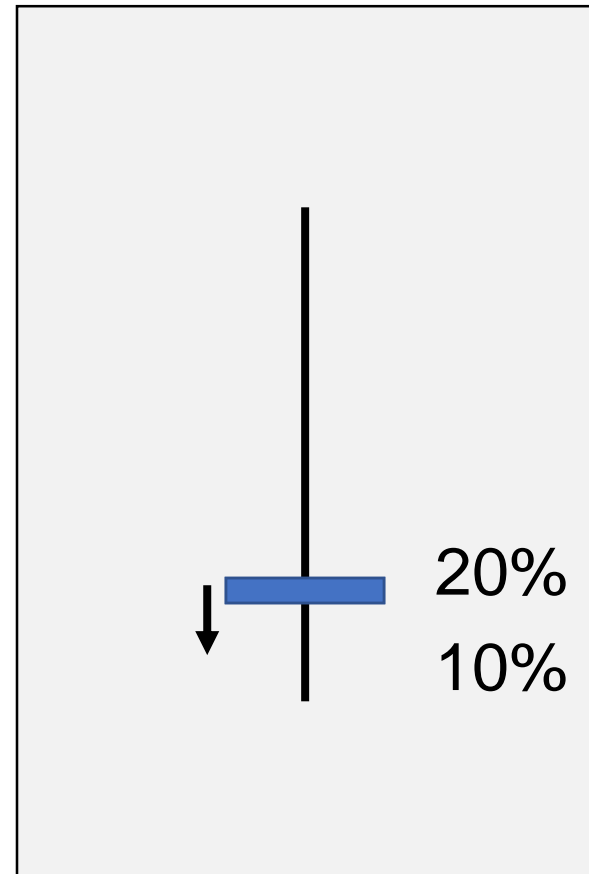


# Dimming Warm/Cool Fixtures

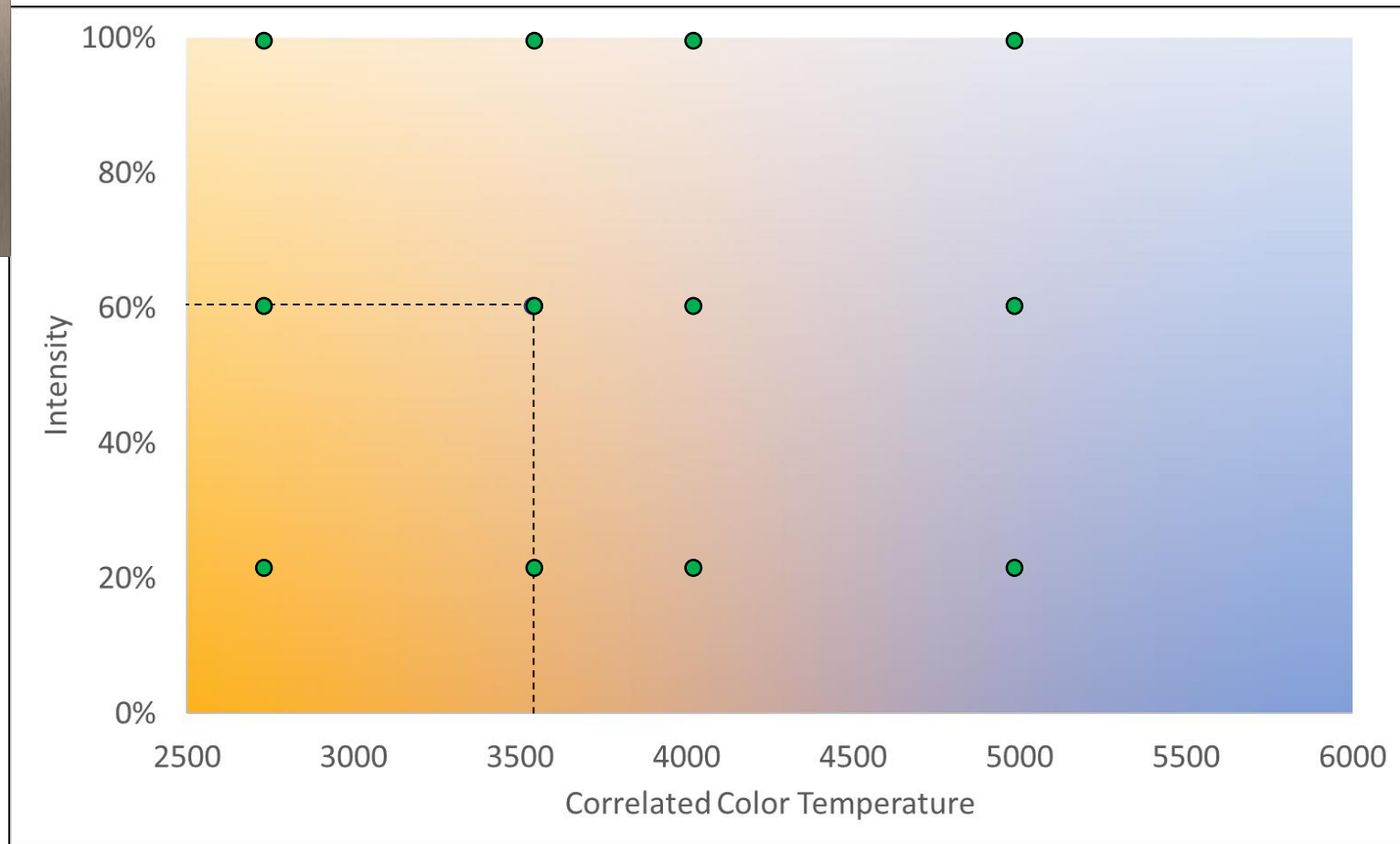
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# Warm/Cool Control: additional requirements = additional issues



# Warm/cool challenges

✗ User Experience limited to scenes



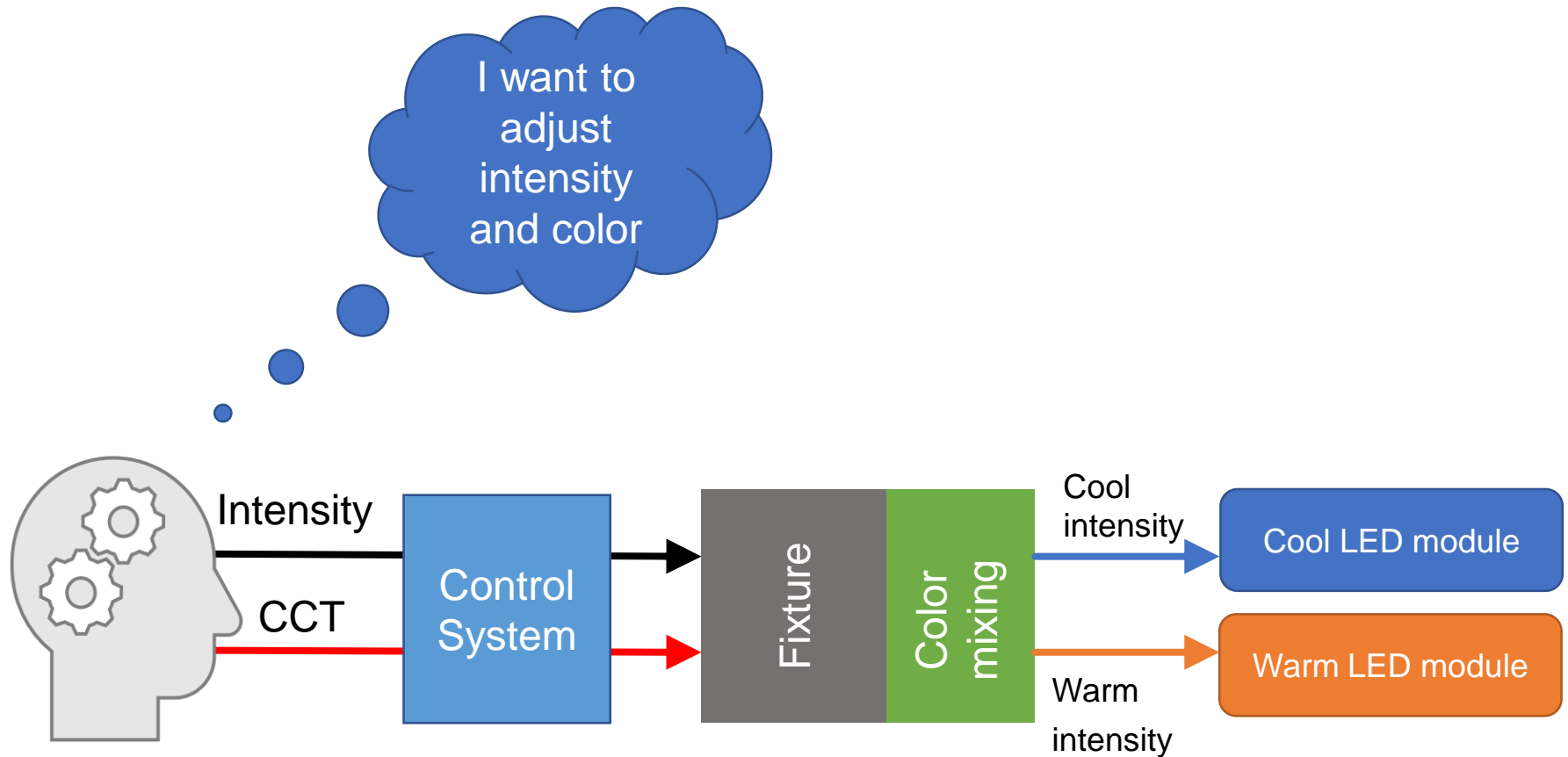
✗ Daylight Dimming is not practical



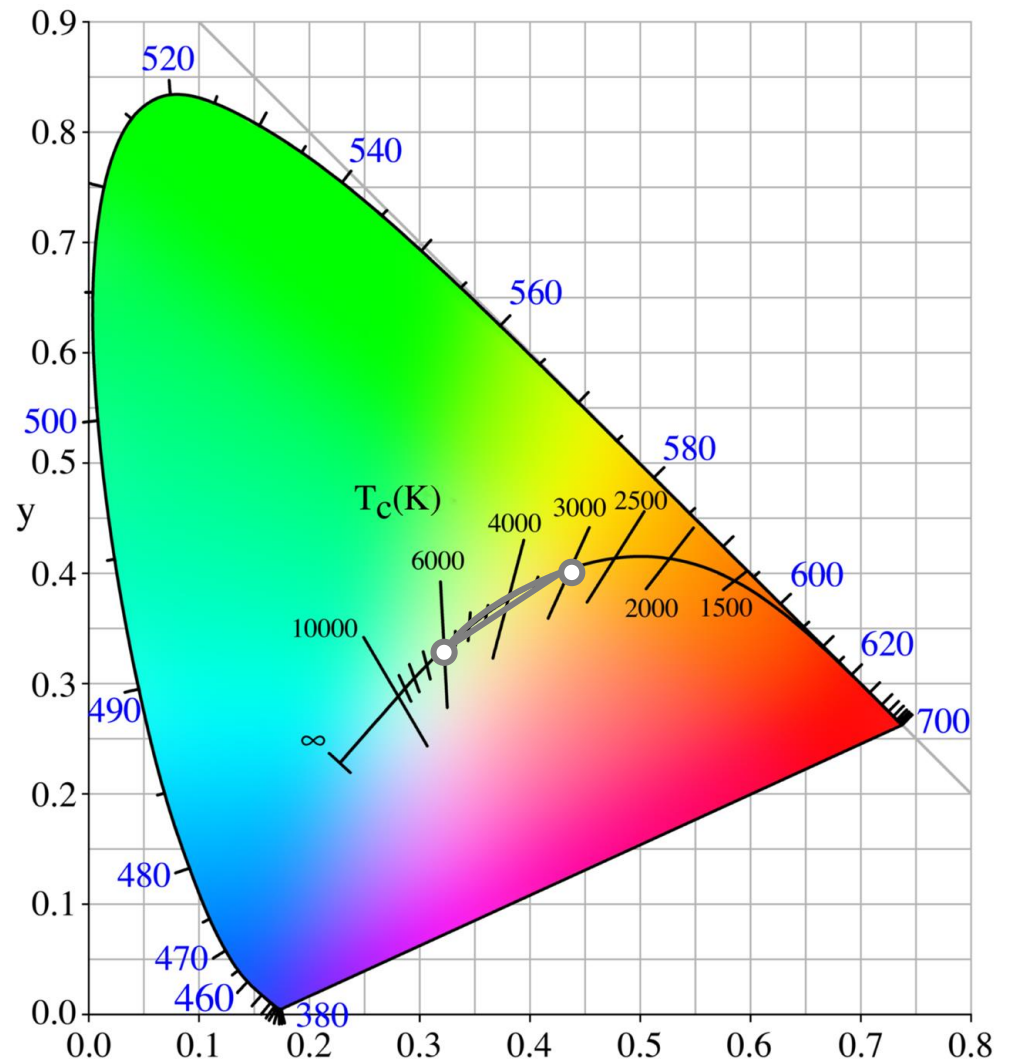
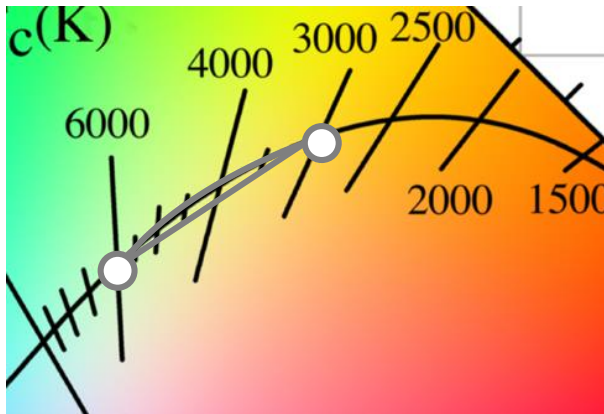
✗ Timeclock control is difficult



# Intensity/CCT straightforward

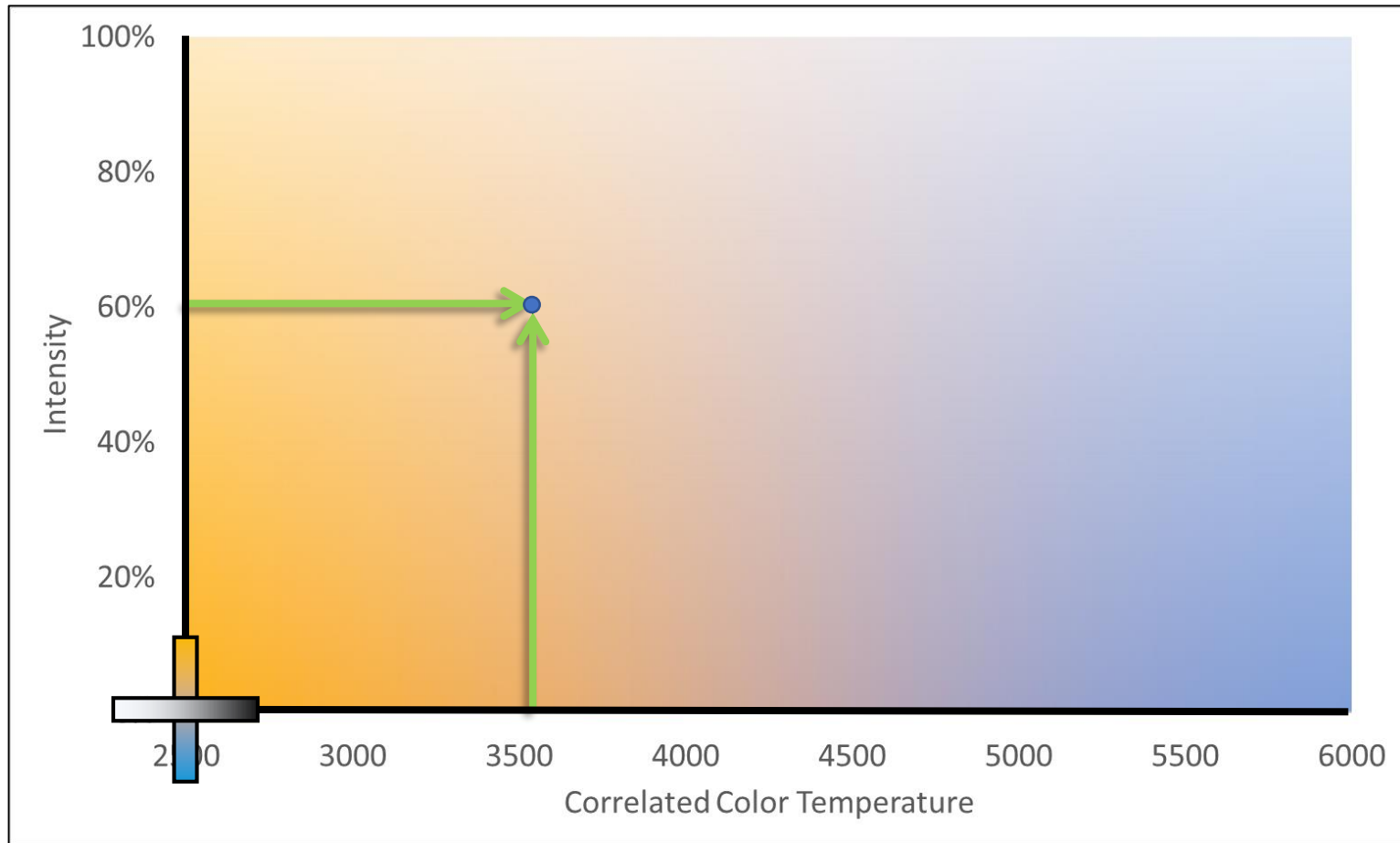


# Intensity/CCT control

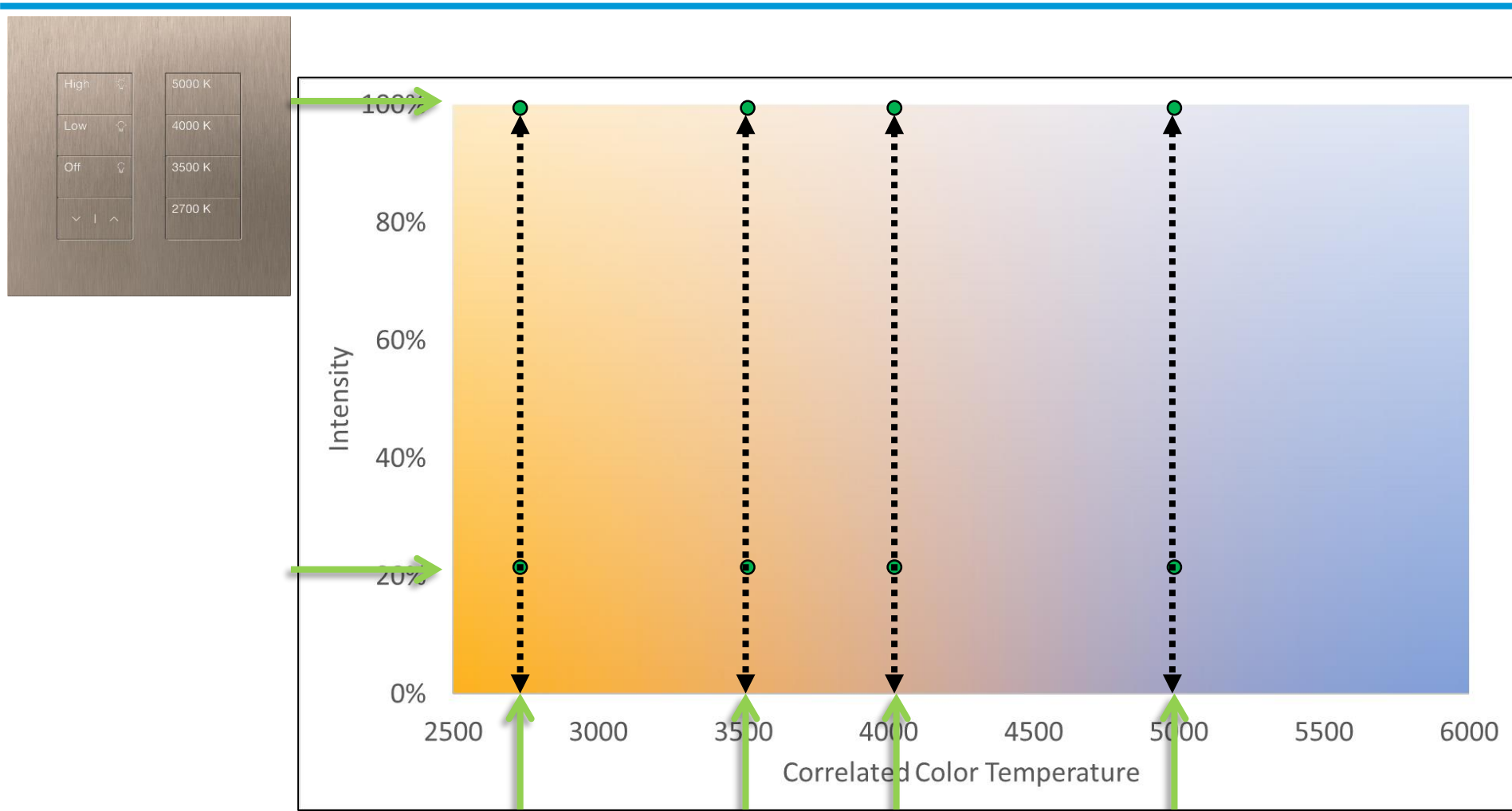




# Tunable White with Intensity/CCT Control: a positive user experience.



# Simple Programming



# Intensity/CCT Control: a positive user experience



Independent Control  
of Intensity/CCT



Daylight dimming  
is possible



Timeclock



# Timeclock with Intensity/CCT Control: a positive user experience.



# Comparison

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## **Warm/Cool Control**

- ✗ Scenes only, no dimming
- ✗ No daylighting
- ✗ Timeclock control is difficult

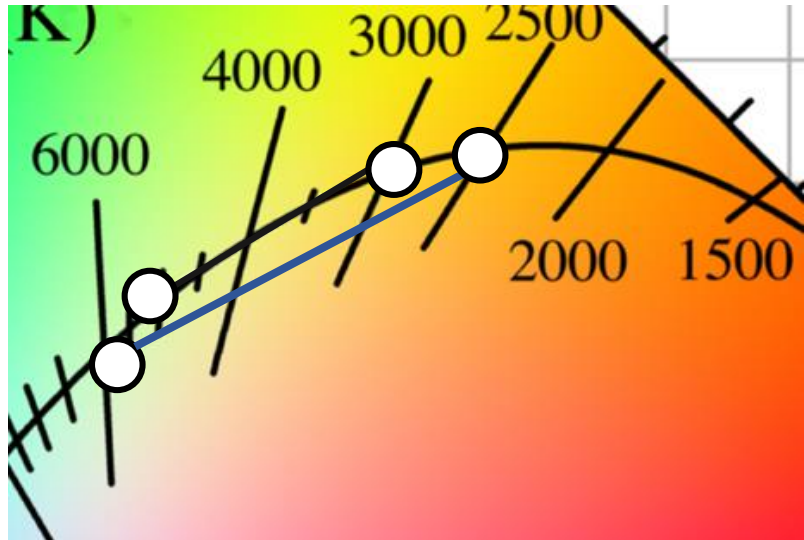
## **Intensity/CCT**

- ✓ Scenes and/or dimming
- ✓ Daylighting is possible
- ✓ Timeclock control is simple

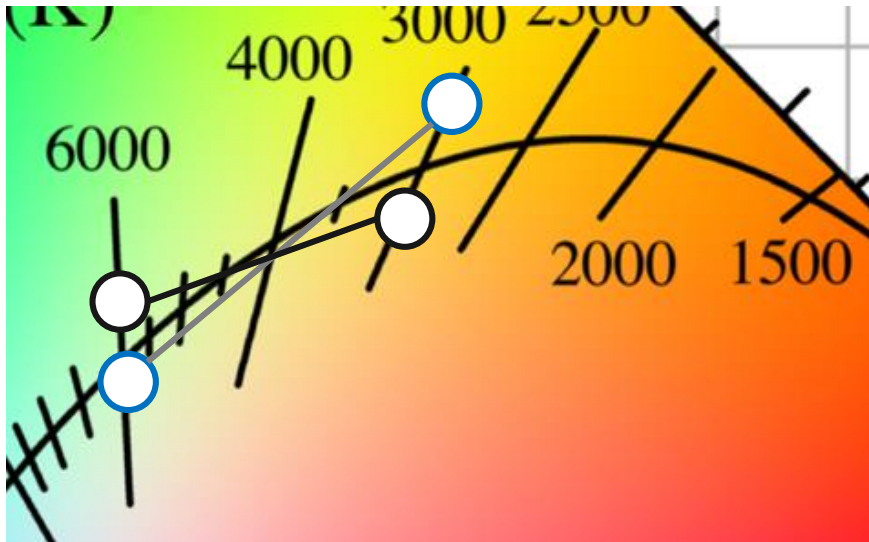
# CCT Consistency

## CCT Bounds

- × different minimum CCT
- × different maximum CCT
- × different chromaticity coordinates



# CCT Consistency



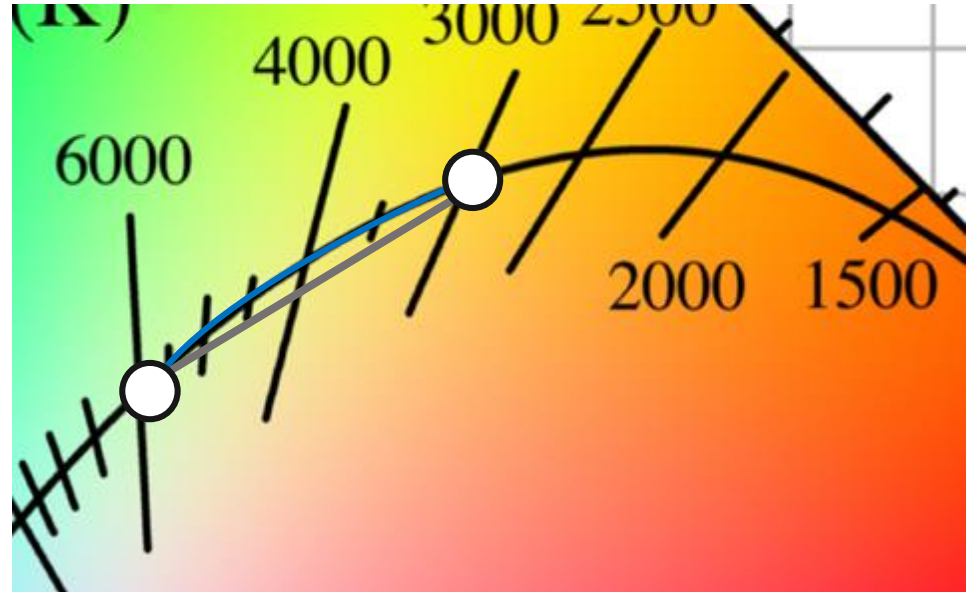
## Chromaticity Coordinates

- ✓ same minimum CCT
- ✓ same maximum CCT
- ✗ different chromaticity coordinates

# CCT Consistency

## Tuning Curves

- ✓ same minimum CCT
- ✓ same maximum CCT
- ✓ same chromaticity coordinates
- ✗ different tuning curves





# Protocol Selection

The protocol(s) used may not necessarily simplify all of these equally

- Design
- Construction
- Commissioning

It may also have a distinct difference in these:

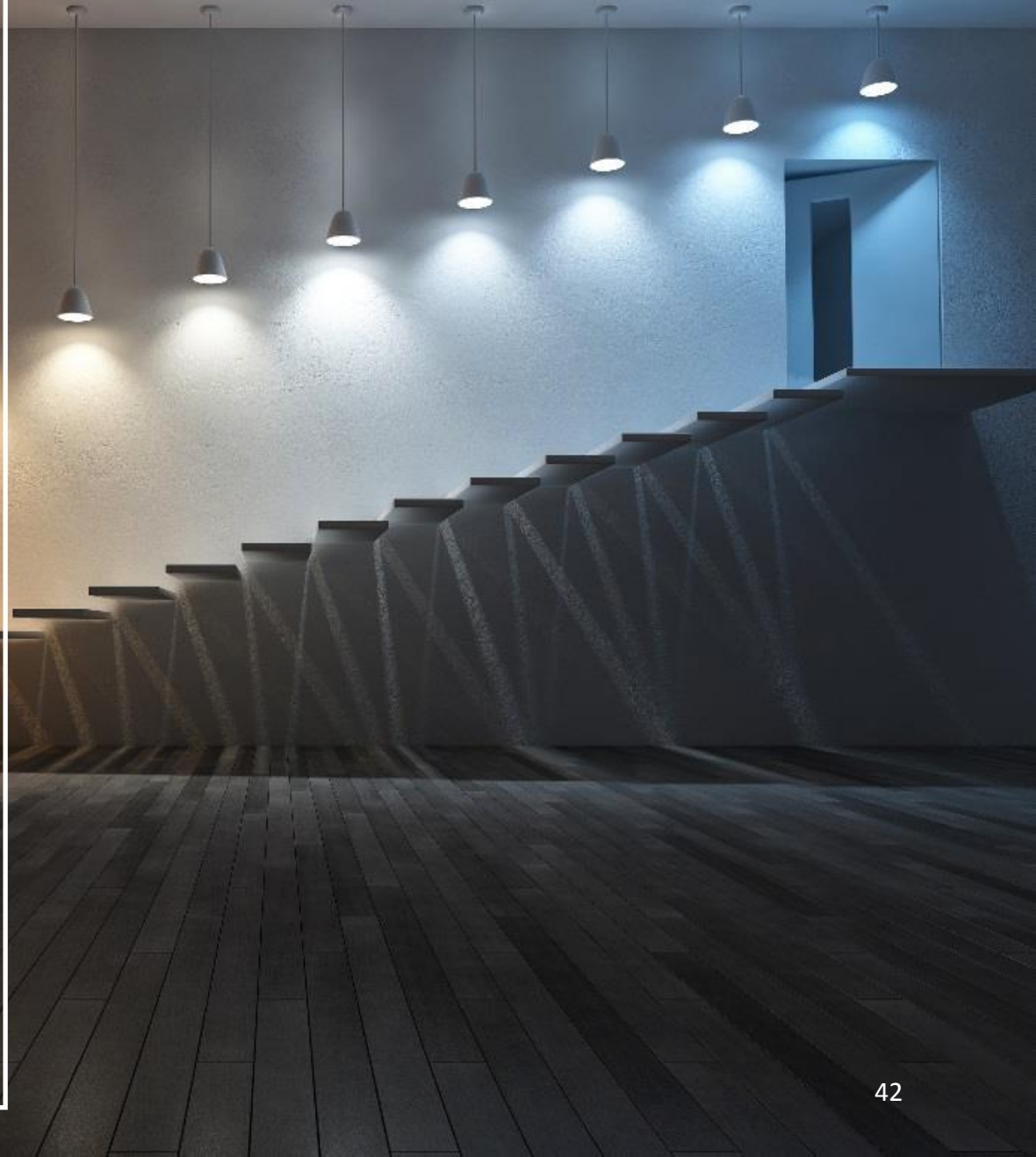
- First cost
- Installed cost



Protocol:

Analog -  
0-10V

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# Protocol – Digital (DALI, DMX, Wireless)

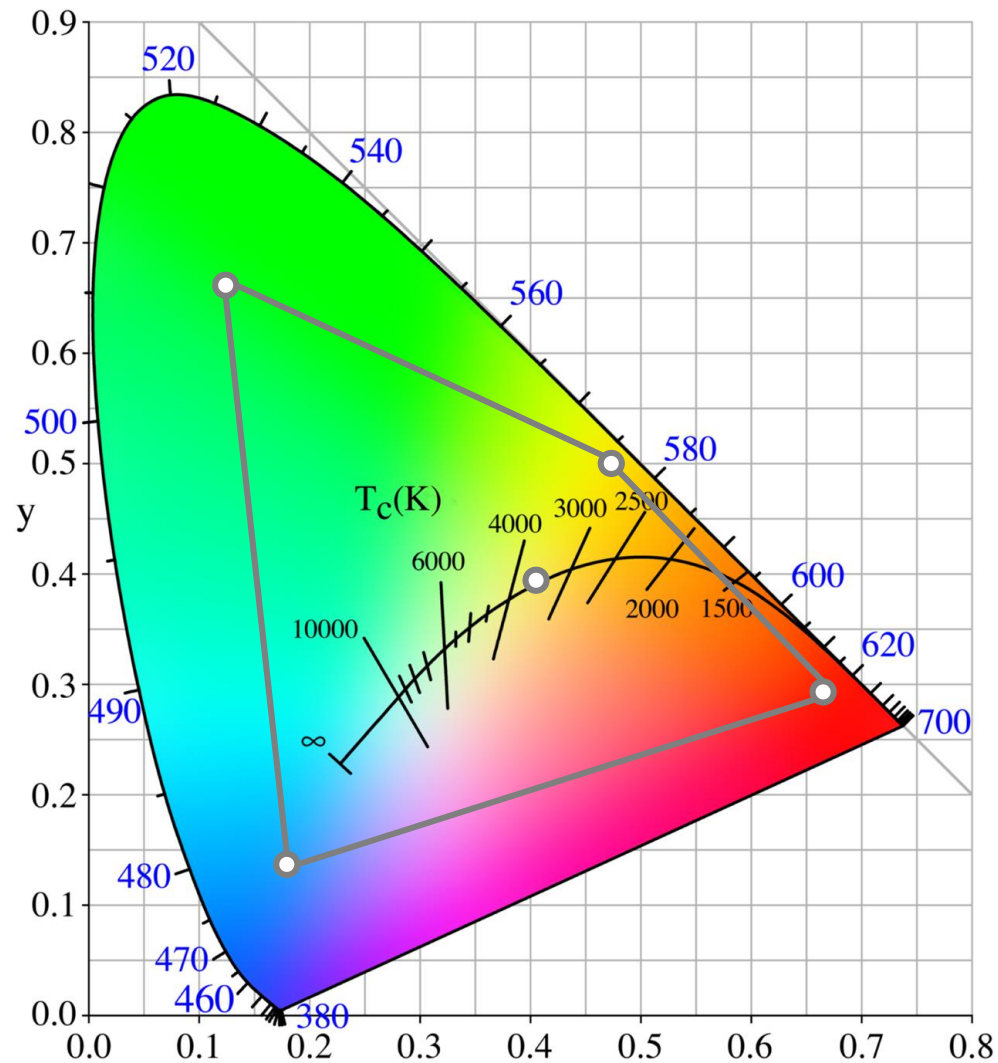


Tunable White



# Full spectrum control

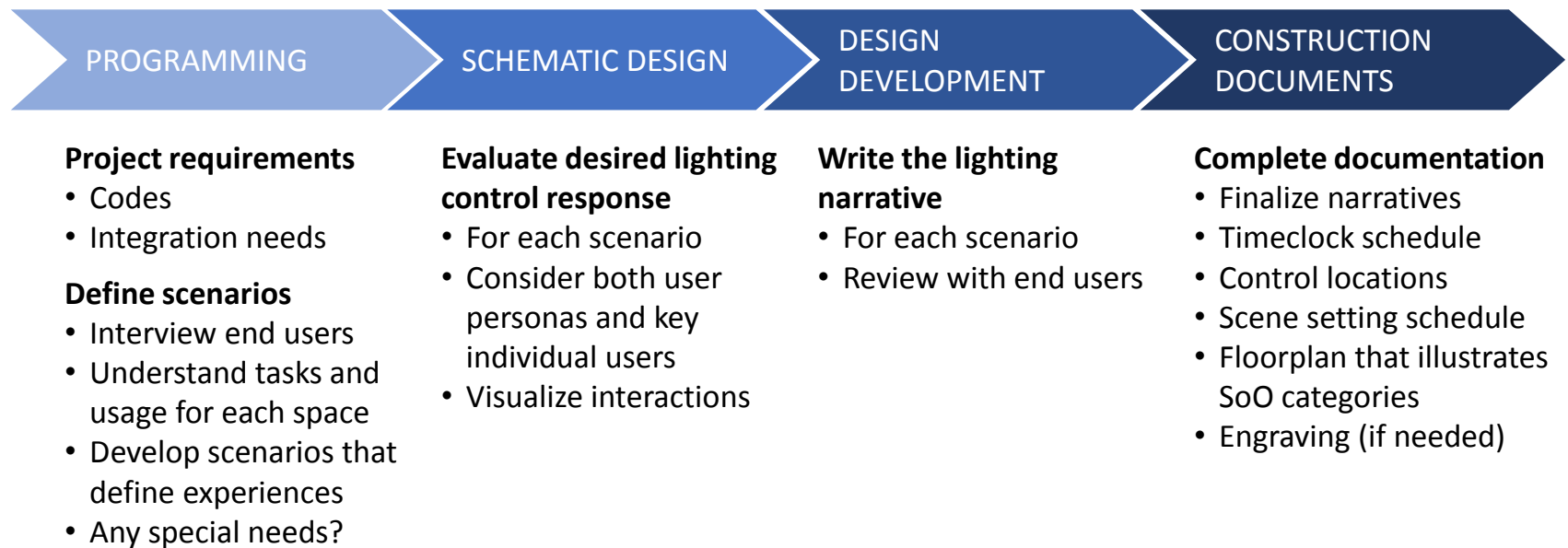
ultimate  
**flexibility**  
but with  
ultimate  
**complexity**



# Sequence of Operations (SoO) and Commissioning

Defines how the system operates in detail, establishing the  
user experience

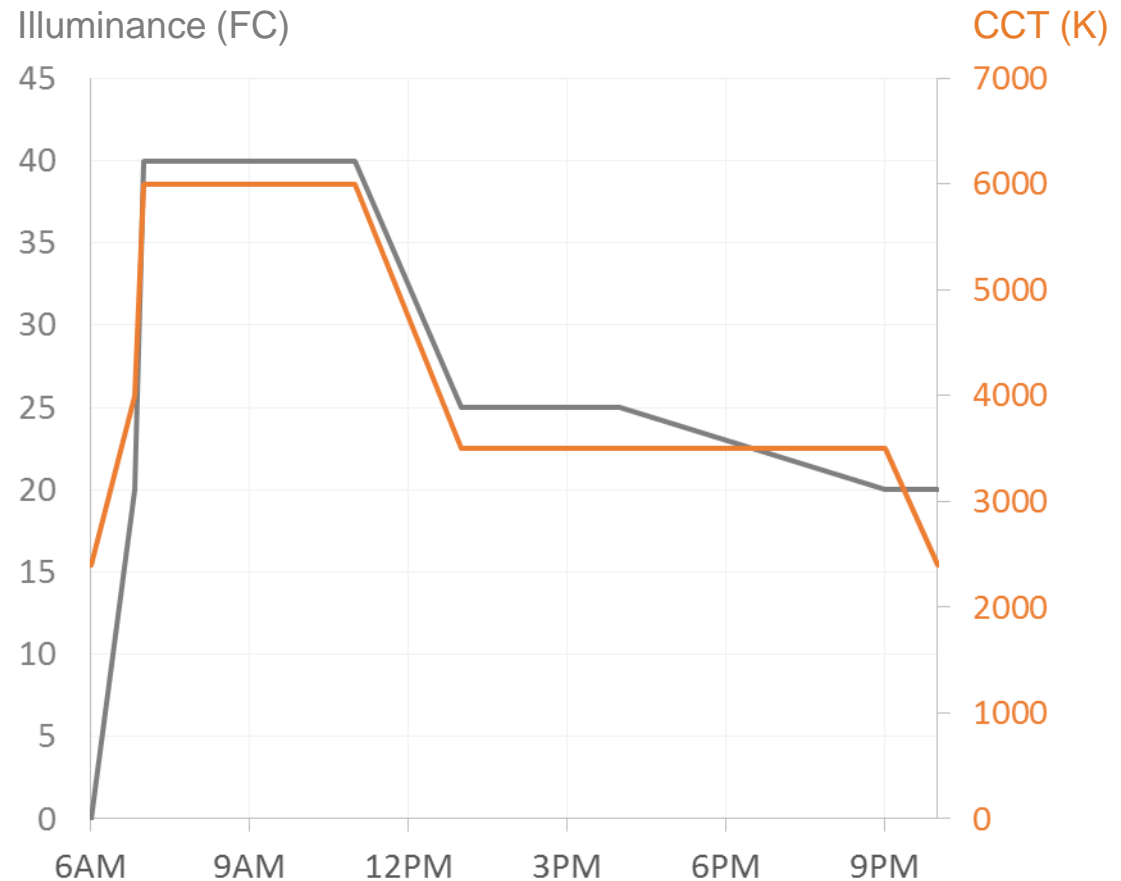
# Defining a good SoO follows the typical architectural design process



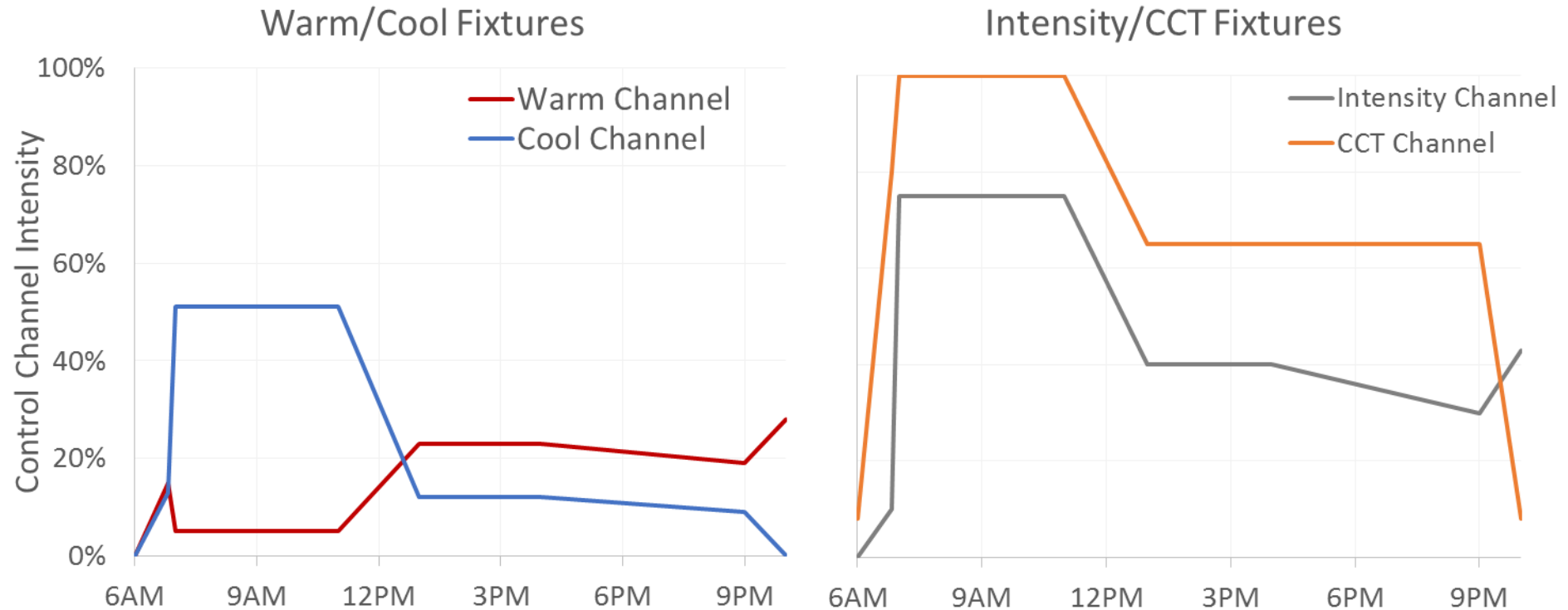
**Critical Note:** Customized user experience (aka SoO) must be space and user dependent!

# Interpreting the Sequence of Operations: more complex than it may seem

Time	Illuminance (FC)	CCT (K)
6AM	0	2400
6:30AM	20	4000
7AM	40	6000
11AM	40	6000
1PM	25	3500
4PM	25	3500
9PM	20	3500
10PM	20	2400



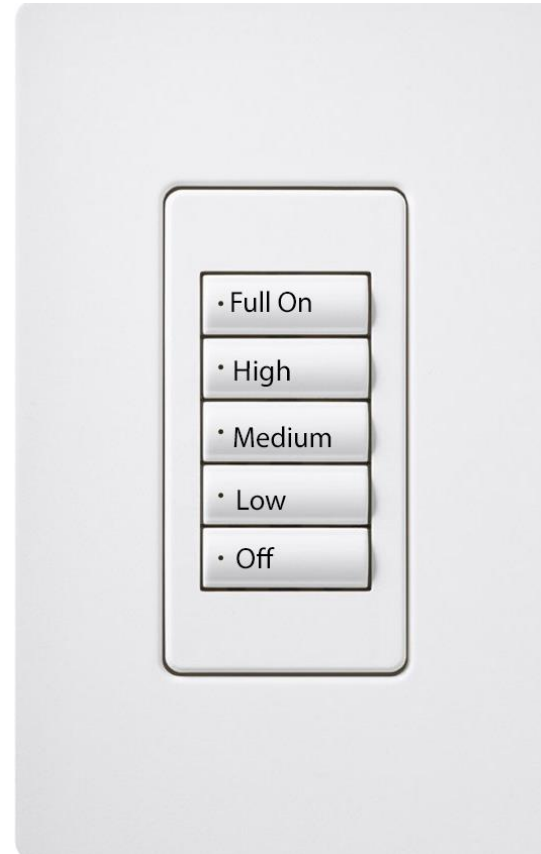
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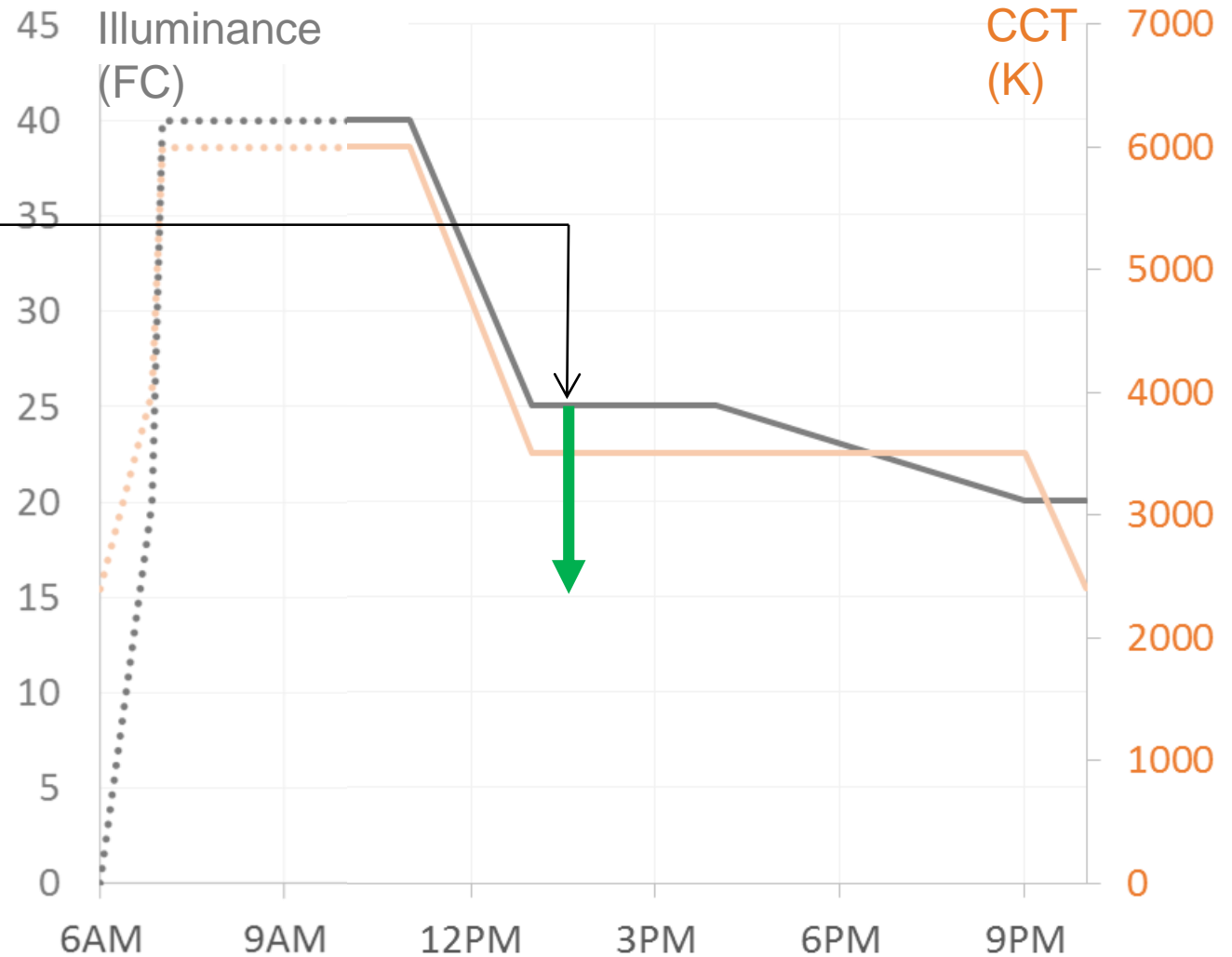
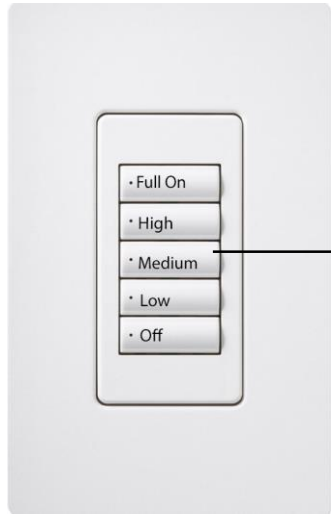


# Interpreting the Sequence of Operations

Setting	Output
Full On	100%
High	60%
Medium	35%
Low	5%
Off	0%



# Simple Keypad: complex sequence of operations



# Interpreting the Sequence of Operations: more complex than it may seem

How long does an override last?



Can a user adjust color or only intensity?

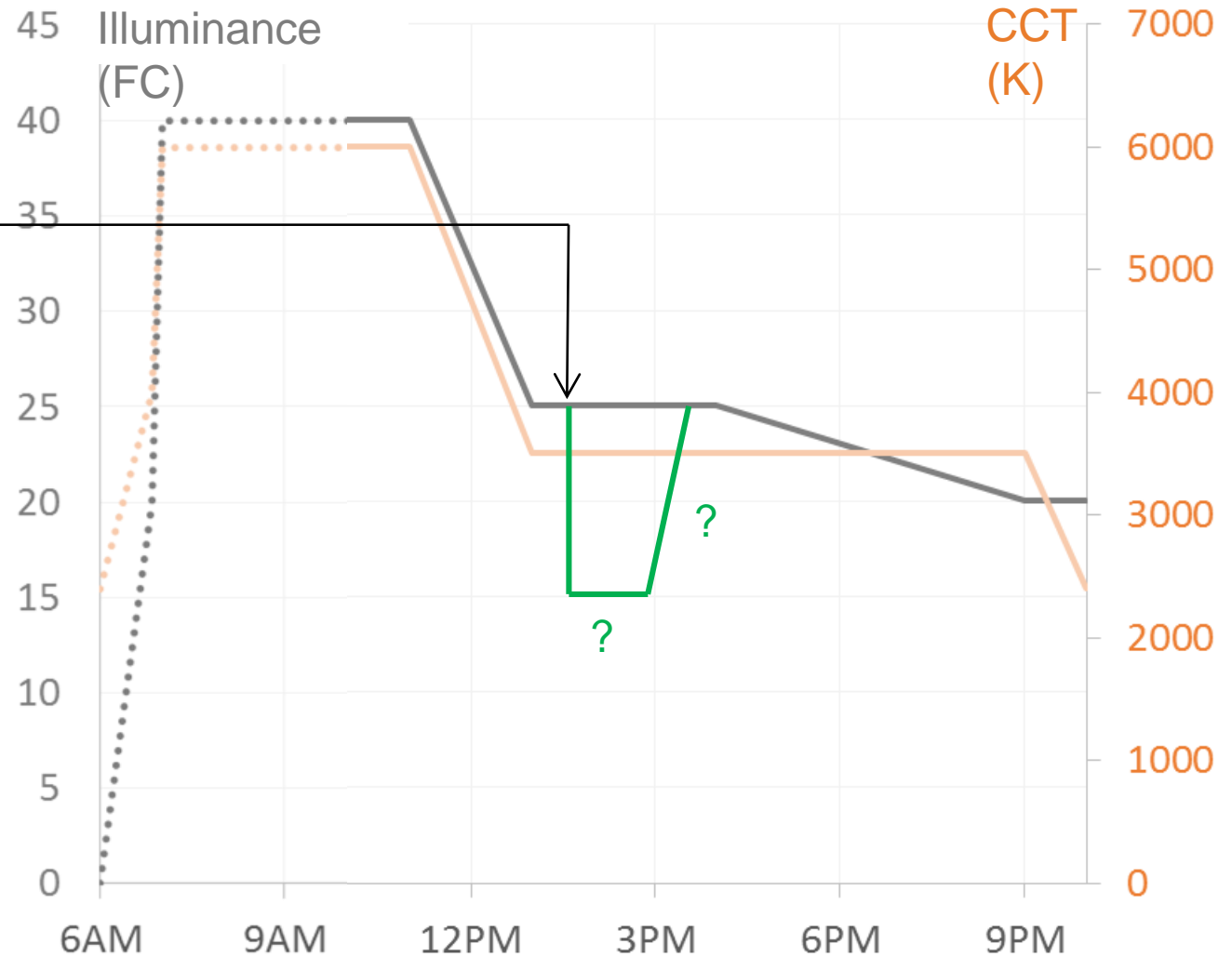
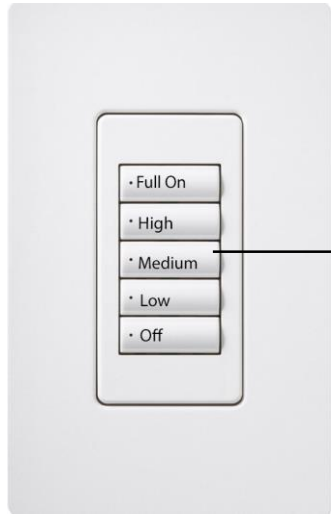


How quickly should the lights return to automation?



1 hour ?  
2 hours ?

# Programming Considerations



# Measurement Techniques

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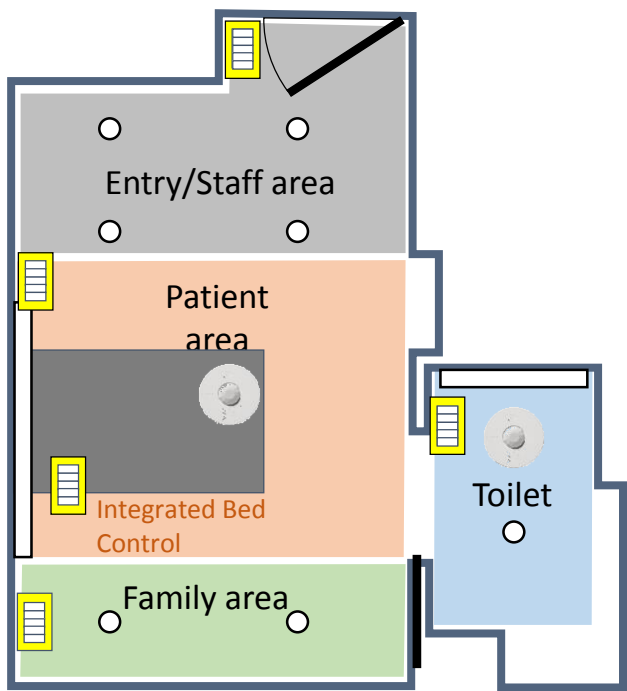
## **Room Measurement**

- Cannot know if the desired CCT can be achieved at the measurement point.
- Each space may have a different source color.
- Requires custom measurements per room.
- Daylight potentially affects readings.

## **Fixture Measurement**

- better confidence that the SoO is achievable with the selected fixture.
- consistent color from fixture to fixture.
- does not require custom measurement per room.
- no affect from daylight.

# Spaces with complicated control functionality require deep consideration and detailed documentation



Lighting zones and control locations

Setting	Output
Full On	100%
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Engraving and scene settings

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Lighting CCT/Intensity schedule

# PATIENT ROOM: Documenting the SoO

## **Daily Cycle:**

- Color temperature and intensity of lights, and the shade position changes throughout the day according to the schedule.
- The fade to the next scheduled intensity and color temperature occurs over 90 sec.
- When manual overrides occur, lights and shades are automatically reverted back to the schedule after 1 hour. The lighting changes occur over a 90 sec. fade.

## **Entry/Exit (bathroom):**

- Upon entry: lights are automatically turned on over a 10 second fade, the intensity and color temperature match the daily cycle.
- Upon exit: all lights are automatically dimmed to off over a 10 second fade.

## **“Exam” Scene:**

- All lights are set to 100% and color temperature is set to 5000K.

## **“Day Check” Scene:**

- All lights are set to 75% and color temperature continues to follow the daily cycle.

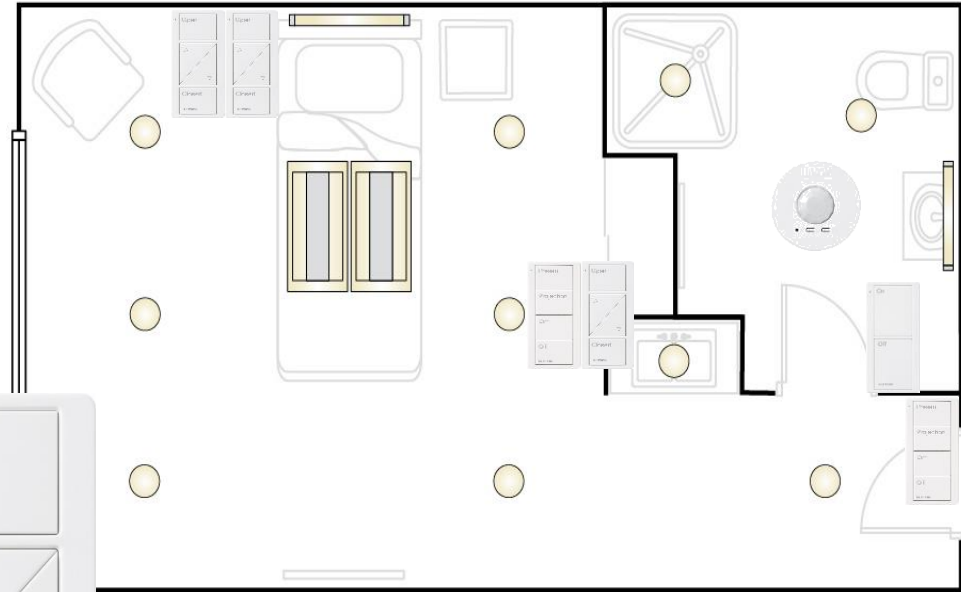
## **“Night Check” Scene:**

- All lights are set to 25% and color temperature continues to follow the daily cycle.

## **Patient Control (next to bed):**

- The light control turns on, raises, and lowers the headboard light.
- The light control turns off all of the lights in the room.
- The shade control can fully open, fully close, raise, or lower the shades.

# PATIENT ROOM: Documenting the SoO





# There are many tools in the controls toolbox to define the right user experience

- Dimming light levels
- Color temperature (white tuning)
- Scene control
- Control zones
- Daylight zones
- Timeclock scheduling
- Manual ON vs Auto ON
- Partial OFF (when vacant)
- Fade rates for dimming
- Fade rates for white tuning
- Fade rates upon occupancy/vacancy
- Visual communication (e.g. blink warn)
- Modify control based on occupancy
- Modify control based on time of day
- Modify control based on occupancy and time of day

Don't forget these!

Commissioning and WELL

# What is the WELL Building Standard?

- A performance-based system that measures the impact of the built environment on human health and well-being
- Provides a model for design and construction in integrating health features into the built environment
- Grounded in a body of research and has been peer reviewed by medical experts, designers and building industry practitioners.

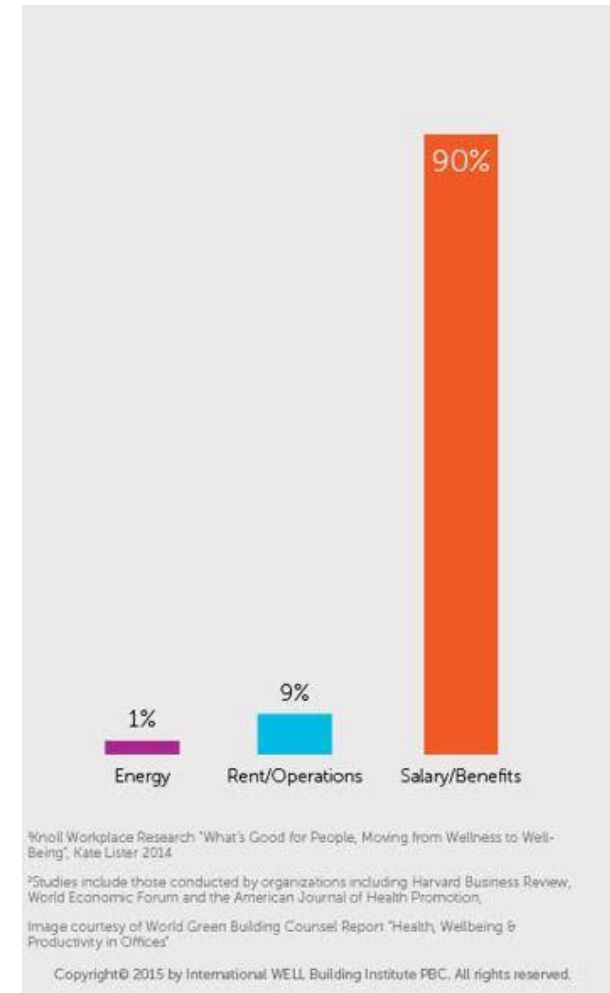


# Why Well?

Businesses often focus on reducing energy consumption in order to shrink operating costs. Focusing on areas that could impact the health and wellbeing of workers could have a much greater return on investment. As a rule of thumb, businesses spend roughly \$3 psf on utilities, \$30 psf on rent and \$300 psf on people annually.

A 2% energy efficiency improvement would result in savings of \$.06 per square foot but a 2% gain in productivity is worth \$6 per square foot.

People are typically a business's greatest expense and the biggest opportunity for savings. The WELL Building Standard focuses on people and following the Standard may potentially add measurable value to employee health, well-being and productivity.



# Who manages the WELL Building Standard?



# PROJECT TYPES

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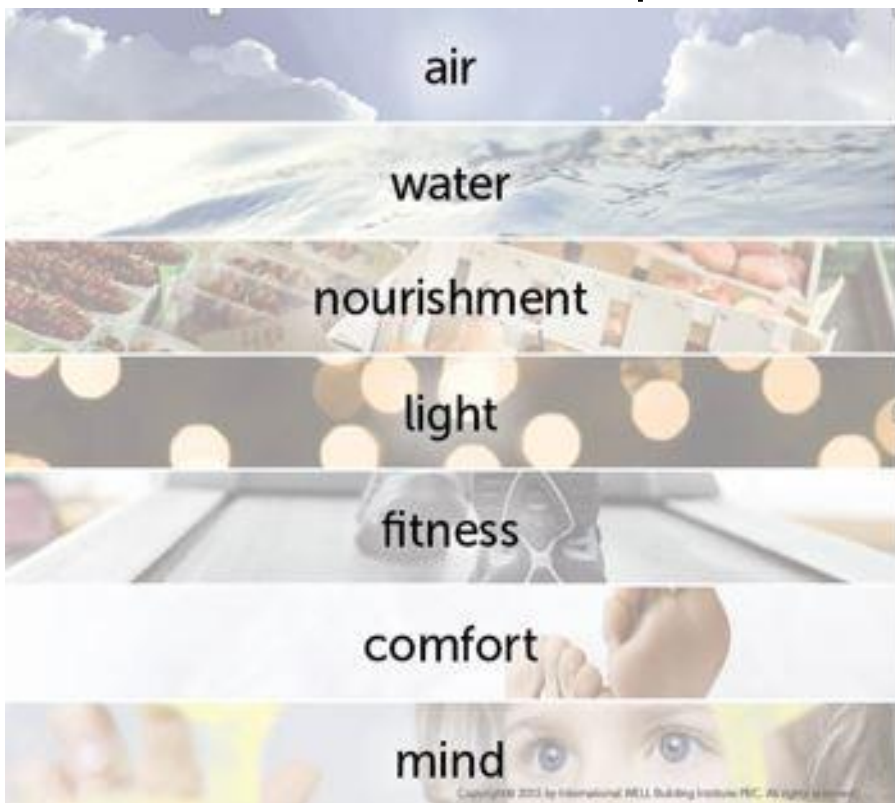
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AND SHELL  
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# Structure of the WELL Building Standard

## Seven WELL Concept Areas



## Goals

Create Optimal Indoor Air Quality to support health and well being of building occupants.

Promote safe and clean water and require the appropriate quality of water for various uses

Require the availability of fresh, wholesome food, limit unhealthy ingredients, and encourage better eating habits

Provide Illumination guidelines to minimize disruption to the body's circadian system, enhance productivity and provide appropriate visual acuity.

Allow for seamless integration of exercise and fitness into everyday life by providing physical feature and components to support and active and healthy lifestyle.

Establish requirements to create a distraction free, productive and comfortable indoor environment.

Require design, technology, and treatment strategies to create a physical environment that optimizes cognitive and emotional health. and altruism

# Strategies to Achieve WELL Building Standard Goals

## Concept Areas

## Strategies



Filtration - Ventilation - Moisture Control - Construction Protocols -Protection from endogenous pollution

Water Quality – Filtration - Drinking Water Access

Access to Healthy Foods - Healthy Portions - Mindful Eating – Food Production - Sanitary Food Prep Areas

Activity Based Levels – Color Quality - Daylighting – Glare Control – Circadian Design – Visual Acuity

Interior/Exterior Active Design - Awareness and Habits - Physical Activity Spaces - Activity Based Working

Thermal – Acoustic – Ergonomic - Olfactory - Accessibility

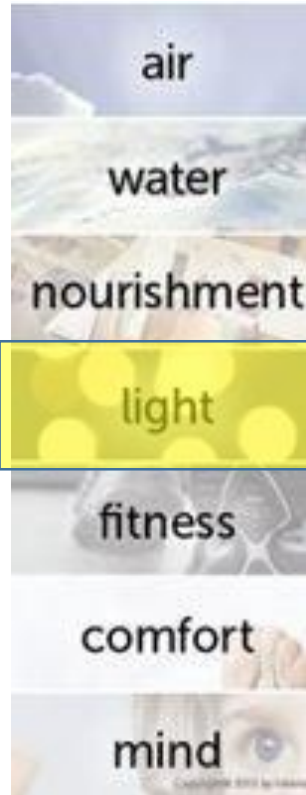
Connection to nature – Beauty - Feedback design - Wellness awareness - Adaptable Spaces - Integrative design - Social equity and altruism



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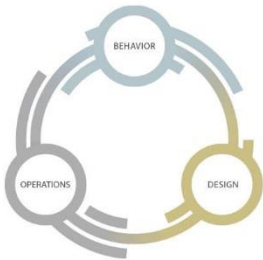
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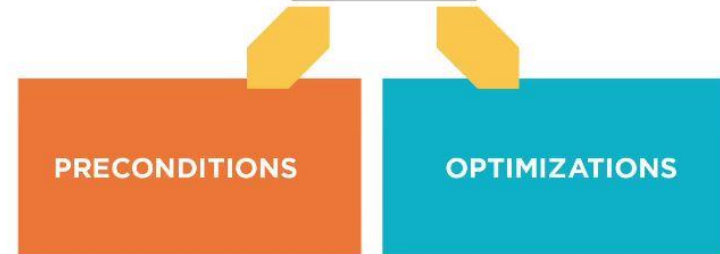
# Structure of the Well Building Standard



WELL Features evaluate ongoing aspects of building performance and occupant behavior to support the operations and maintenance of healthy buildings throughout the building lifecycle.

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## FEATURES



Projects must meet all Precondition Features across each of the 7 Concepts of the WELL Standard



Silver – Meet All  
Preconditions



Gold – Meet all  
Preconditions and  
40% of optimizations



Platinum – Meet all  
Preconditions and at least  
80% of optimizations

# WELL Certification Process



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# Light Concept Area

## Goals:

Provide illumination guidelines to minimize the disruption to the body's circadian system, enhance productivity and provide appropriate visual acuity. Require specialized lighting systems to increase alertness, enhance occupant experience and promote sleep.

## Strategies

### Circadian Design

Daylighting

Glare Controls

### Color Quality

Activity-based lighting levels

Visual Acuity



# WELL Light Features

Feature	Precondition/Optimization
53: Visual Lighting Design	Precondition
54: Circadian Lighting Design	Precondition
55: Electric Light Glare Control	Precondition
56: Solar Glare Control	Precondition
57: Low-Glare Workstation Design	Optimization
58: Color Quality	Optimization
59: Surface Design	Optimization
60: Automated Shading and Dimming Controls	Optimization
61: Right to Light	Optimization
62: Daylight Modeling	Optimization
63: Daylight Fenestration	Optimization

# Feature 53: Visual Lighting Design

## Part 1: Visual Acuity for Focus - Precondition

Intent: To ensure workers have proper light levels

Key requirements: Maintain at least 20 foot candles at workstation height.

Break large zones into smaller zones.

Provide task lighting if requested.

### Verification:

Requires letter of assurance from Architect

Requires Policy Document

Requires Spot Measurement



# Feature 53: Visual Lighting Design

## Part 2 - Brightness Management Strategies – Precondition

Intent: Maintain a luminance balance to prevent eye strain

Key requirements: (At least 2 of the following)  
Maintain brightness contrasts between main rooms and ancillary spaces.

Maintain brightness contrasts between task surfaces and adjacent surfaces.

Maintain brightness contrasts between task surfaces and remote surfaces.

Maintain lighting variety while minimizing dark spots and glare.

Verification: Professional Narrative





# Feature 54: Circadian Lighting Design

## Part 1: Melanopic Light Intensity for Work Areas - Precondition

Intent: Provide bright, biologically active light to support circadian sleep/wake cycle.

Key requirements: (At least 1 of the following)

For at least 75% of work stations provide at least 200 EML between 9:00am and noon.

For all workstations maintain at least 150 EML or use IES recommendations for each workstation.



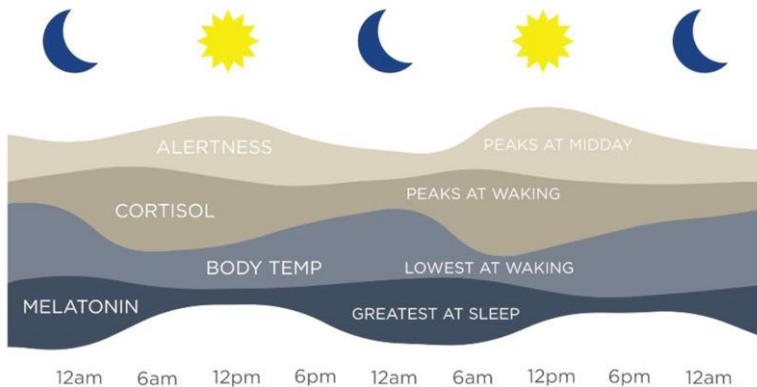
Requirements: Letter of assurance from Architect

On Site spot measurement



# Circadian Lighting Emulates the Natural Environment

The eyes detect light and send this information to the brain, triggering the calibration of our 24-hour cycle. Light calibrates the body's biological clock and circadian rhythms direct effects on alertness, mood and cognition



Alignment of our circadian clock is important because it regulates our:

- Hormones
- Sleep wake cycle
- Digestive health
- Energy levels
- Quality of sleep
- And more

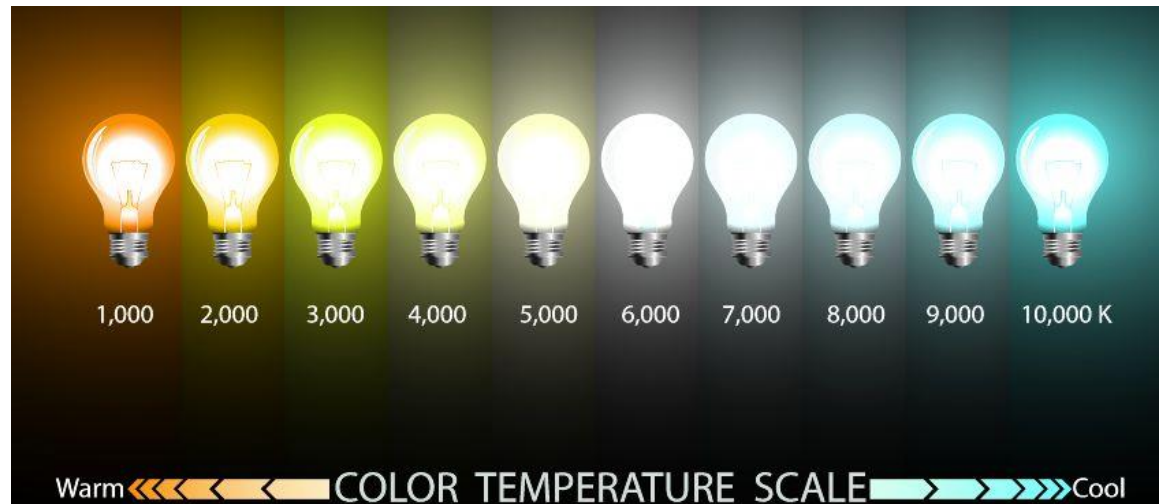


# Equivalent Melanopic Lux

EML = Measured Lux (L) Multiplied by the Ratio (R) that signifies how biologically active the light source is.  
(Blue light is typically more biologically active)

$$EML = L \times R$$

CCT (K)	Light Source	Ratio
2950	Fluorescent	.43
2700	LED	.45
2800	Incandescent	.54
4000	Fluorescent	.58
4000	LED	.76
6500	Fluorescent	1.02
6500	Daylight	1.1
7500	Fluorescent	1.11



# Light Color and Equivalent Melanopic Lux



Lamp: 2950 k  
Ratio: .43  
Watts: 96  
Output @ 100%: 470 Lux

$470 \times .43 = 202 \text{ EML}$   
Lights must be on at 100%  
To meet EML requirements.  
Watts required = 96



Lamp: 6500 k  
Ratio: 1.02  
Watts: 96  
Output @ 100%: 485 Lux

$485 \times 1.02 = 495 \text{ EML}$   
Dim lights to 41% = 199 Lux  
 $199 \times 1.02 = 202 \text{ EML @ 41\%}$   
Watts Required = 42 Watts

Saves 54 Watts and meets  
EML requirements.

# Why Not use Cool Colored Light Everywhere?

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## **Effects of blue light on the circadian system and eye physiology**

Gianluca Tosini, corresponding author<sup>1</sup> Ian Ferguson,<sup>2</sup> and Kazuo Tsubota<sup>3</sup>

# Feature 55: Electric Light Glare Control

## Part 1: Luminaire Shielding and Part 2 Glare Minimization - Precondition

Intent: To reduce glare and minimize eyestrain.

### Key requirements:

Part 1: Provide appropriate shielding

Part 2: For seating areas Luminaires more than  $53^\circ$  above the center of view (degrees above horizontal) have luminances less than  $8,000 \text{ cd/m}^2$ .

Verification: Letter of assurance from architect.



# Feature 58: Color Quality

## Color Rendering Index - Optimization

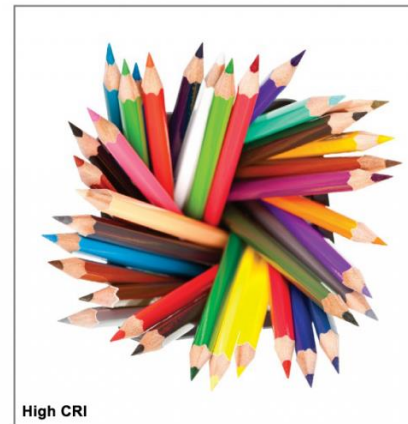
Intent: To accurately portray colors and Enhance occupant comfort

### Key requirements:

Color Rendering Index Ra (CRI, average of R1 through R8) of 80 or higher.

Color Rendering Index R9 of 50 or higher

Verification: Letter of Assurance from Architect



# Summary

- Projects (and customers) with color tuning requirements are growing rapidly.
- Understand the limitations of the designed/specified system to ensure proper time allocation of your commissioning team
- Define the sequence of operations as early as possible. Be detailed.
- The WELL standard puts an emphasis on lighting and lighting quality. Use that as leverage – even if the building is not following WELL - to drive obtaining the best solution for your clients.

The image features a dark, cosmic-themed background. A bright, glowing light source is positioned in the center, creating a horizontal lens flare that spans the width of the frame. To the left of the light source, there are numerous small, golden-yellow particles and a soft, warm glow. To the right, there are blue-tinted particles and a cooler, cyan glow. The bottom portion of the image is overlaid with a dark gray and black checkerboard pattern. The word "QUESTIONS?" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font in the lower-left area of this patterned section.

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