# UV LED Measurement Status Update





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# **Presentation Overview**

- UV Measurement
  Fundamentals & Variables
- UV LEDs
- Measurement of UV LEDs



Save Time & Money

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## Broadband Spectral Output Arc, Microwave, Spot Sources

#### Hg spectra modified with added materials



## **Instrument Responses**



The traditional approach has been to define the band response based <u>only</u> on the filter response

## Challenges Measuring Broadband UV Sources

#### Work in past to improve & understand UV measurement

- 3M, Heraeus, International Light, EIT
- RadTech Measurement CD
- Educate & Communicate

#### Why are there differences between instruments?

#### **Optics**

- Different Bands/Manufacturers
- Define response by 10% Power Point or 50% Power Point (FWHM)

#### **Electronics**

- Dynamic range
- Sampling rates
- RMS vs Instantaneous Watts
- Threshold Differences



#### **Calibration Sources/Points**

 One source type does not always fit

#### **Data Collection Techniques**

User Errors

#### **User Expectations**

• Fraction of a percent?

#### Wide variety of UV LED sources

- Multiple suppliers with wide level of expertise, support, finances
  - More than someone with SMT equipment?
- Experience in industrial UV, visible lighting, semiconductor industry?
- Ties to formulators?
- Match source to your application & process
- Economics of source selected (ROI)









Images courtesy Baldwin, Dymax, Integration Technology, Excelitas & Phoseon Technology



## **UV LED Adoption**

#### The UV LED train has left the station



(2.5%) are risk takers who have the resources and desire to try new things, even if they fail (13.5%) are selective about which technologies they start using. They are to check in with" for new information and reduce others'

uncertainty about a new technology by

adopting it.

(34%) take their time before adopting a new idea. They are willing to embrace a new technology as long as they understand how it fits with their lives. (34%) adopt in reaction to peer pressure, emerging norms, or economic necessity. Most of the uncertainty around an idea must be resolved before they adopt. (16%) are traditional and make decisions based on past experience. They are often economically unable to take risks on new ideas.

Bryce Ryan & Neal Gross (1943)

# **UV LED Adoption**

#### Graphic Arts / Printing

- Digital (standard format, wide format, direct to substrate)
- Screen (simple carousel machines, complex industrial)
- Flexographic (narrow, wide)
- Offset
- Adhesives
  - Spot (off the shelf)
  - Industrial (large/wide or custom formulation)
- Coatings
  - Wood
  - Fiber Optics
  - Protective Hard Coats
  - Other

**Courtesy Paul Mills: UV LED Tipping Point** 





# **UV LED Power Output vs. Wavelength**



# **UV LEDs: Measurement**

#### What do you want to measure?

- What do you want to measure?
  - Individual LED
  - Array
  - Production system
- Where do you measure?
- What values do you want?
- Industrial UV: W/cm<sup>2</sup> & J/Cm<sup>2</sup>
- Visible LEDs: Flux?/Color?











## **Measurement of 395 nm LED**



Wavelength (nm)

Using UVA to measure a 385 nm or 395 nm LED

## **NIST comparison of UV LED sources**

- Study completed by Robert F. Berg, NIST
- Looked at three LED units with two different radiometers
- Right Upper: Detector C exposure vs. detector A exposure
- Right Lower: The ratio of the two detectors' exposures vs. the exposure of detector A
- No surprise there were differences



# **UV LED Emission Spectra**



395 nm LED array output measured on a spectral radiometer Courtesy EIT

# UV L395 nm Band

- "L" Band
- "Wide" (+/- 100 nm) vs. "Narrow" (+/- 50 nm) Approach
- Advantages & Disadvantages to each approach
- Goal: Flat
  Response



L395 LED Output Spectra Showing <u>+</u> 5nm Spread of Cp Along with Required Filter Response to Obtain 2% Measurement

## **Total Instrument Response**

- Control of overall optics to flatten OVERALL response of instrument
- All Optical Components
  not just the filter







## **Instrument Response**

## **Total Measured Optics Response**





- Spectral response looks very good based on measurements of 385nm, 395nm and 405nm LEDs
- A 365nm lamp showed very little response with the EIT meter, indicating the spectral response has a steep skirt
- Very consistent peak irradiance and energy density measurements at various scan speeds

□ Scan speeds varied from 1.2 to 6 meters/min

□ Repeated measurements showed very little variation

 Good correlation to a NIST traceable meter from another manufacturer

# **Instrument Performance**

#### **LEDCure™ Profiling Radiometer**

- Stability between two different L395 instruments on 16 runs
- Variation: 0.995 to 1.0025



# **Instrument Performance**

### **LEDCure<sup>™</sup> Profiling Radiometer**

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- Ratio



## **EIT LED-R™ Series**



J/CM2

3,231

L395

W/CM2

RUN

#### LEDCure<sup>™</sup> Radiometer

- 40 Watt Dynamic Range
- Display Plus Profiler or Non-Profiler Option
- L395 Total Optics Response
- Additional L-Band Options



# **Calibration Challenges**

- Industrial LED sources have exceeded 50W/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Typical irradiance levels, sources and standards that NIST has worked with are much lower (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>-µW/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Reduce variation and errors introduced in transfer process
  - Fixtures
  - Direct evaluation of EIT master unit by NIST from 220 nm past visible region
- Uniformity of UV LED source used with working standard and unit under test







## **Council Optical Radiation Measurement**

- Worldwide, approximately 20 members
  - USA, Korea, Japan, China, UK, Germany, Denmark, South Africa
- Diverse Well Rounded Membership
  - National Standards Organizations (NIST)
  - Equipment Suppliers (Heraeus, Efsen Engineering)
  - Instrument Suppliers (EIT, Gigahetz-Optik, International Light Technologies)
  - Academic (University of Colorado, Boulder)
  - End Users (3M)
  - Trade Organizations (RadTech, IUVA)

Resources

# UV LED Curing Community

- Thousand's of visitors per month
- Hub for information about UV LED technology
- Free to join

#### www.uvledcommunity.org

www.radtech.org







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