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# A Second Kind of Light

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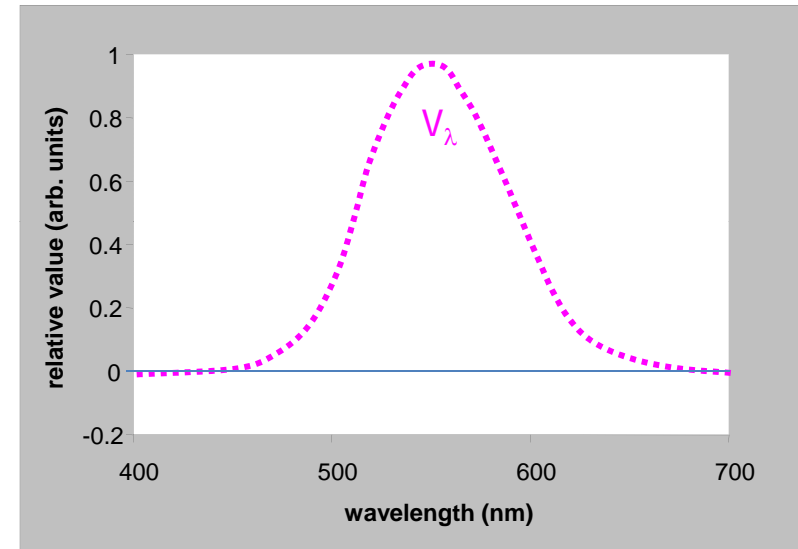
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- IESNA definition: Radiant energy capable of exciting the retina and producing a visual sensation. The visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum extends from about 380 to 780 nanometers. CIE defines it over 360 to 830 nm.
- Official (CIE) definition: radiant energy weighted by the photopic luminous efficiency function,  $V(\lambda)$

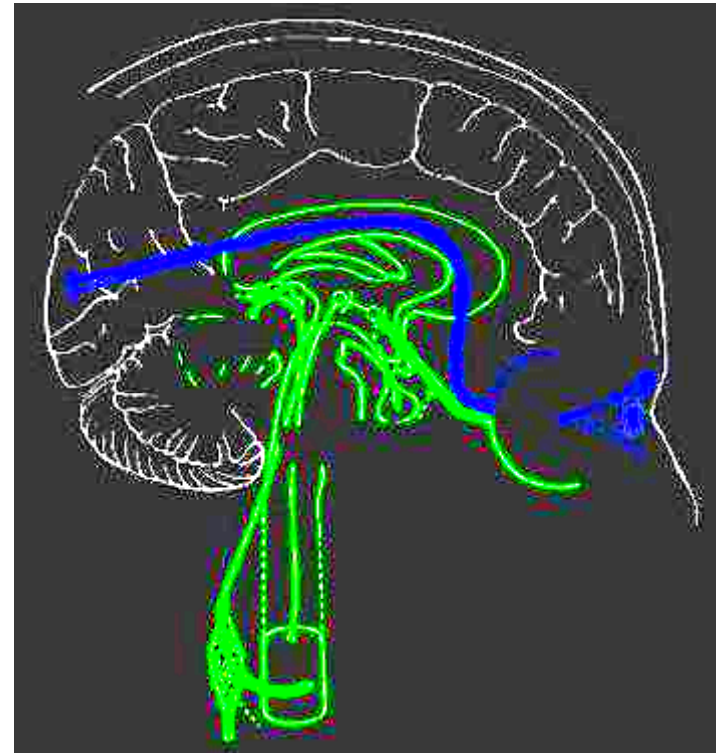


- Light reaching the retina has two effects on human behavior:
  - Visual effects
  - Non-visual effects
    - Neurobehavioral, neuroendocrine and circadian
- Light is not the same for vision as it is for the circadian system

- All plants and animals exhibit patterns of behavioral changes over an approximately 24-hour cycle that repeat over successive days—these are circadian rhythms

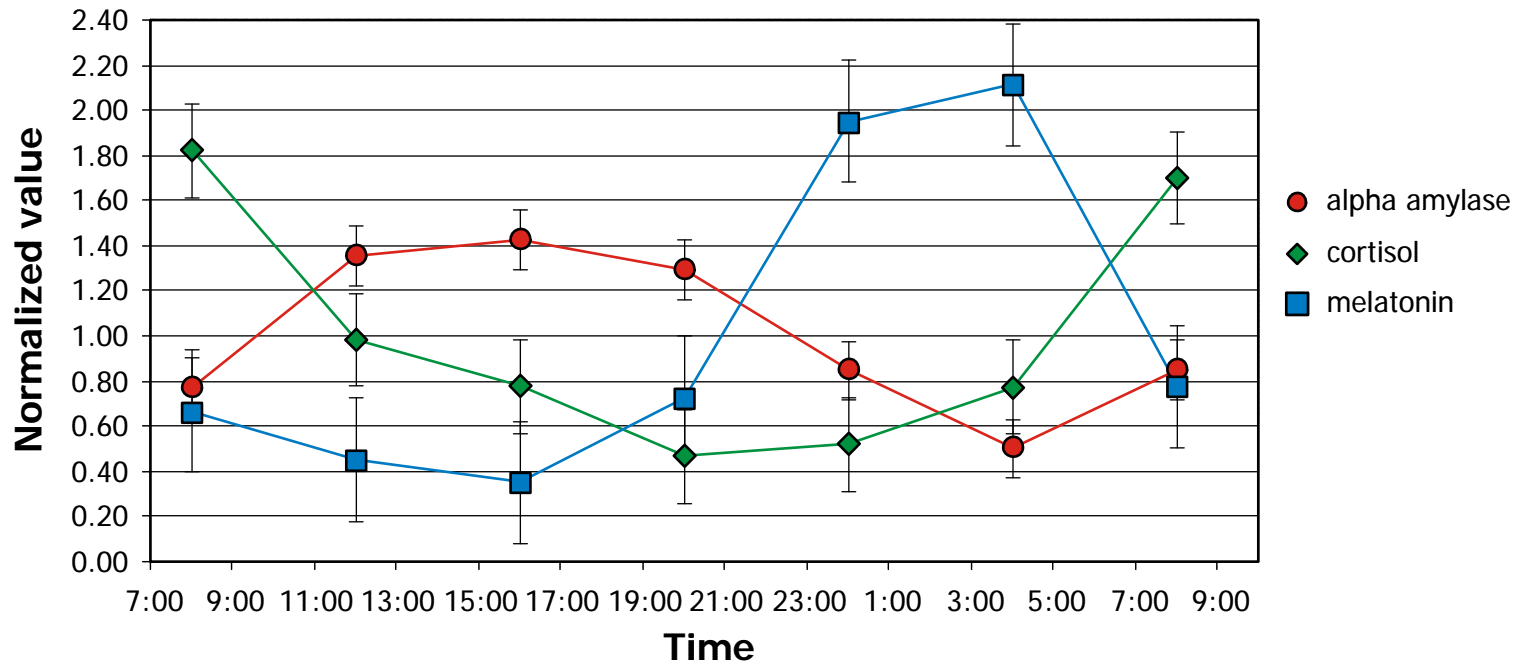
circa = about; dies = day

- Circadian rhythms are influenced by exogenous and endogenous rhythms
  - Light/dark patterns are the strongest entrainment stimulus for the circadian system

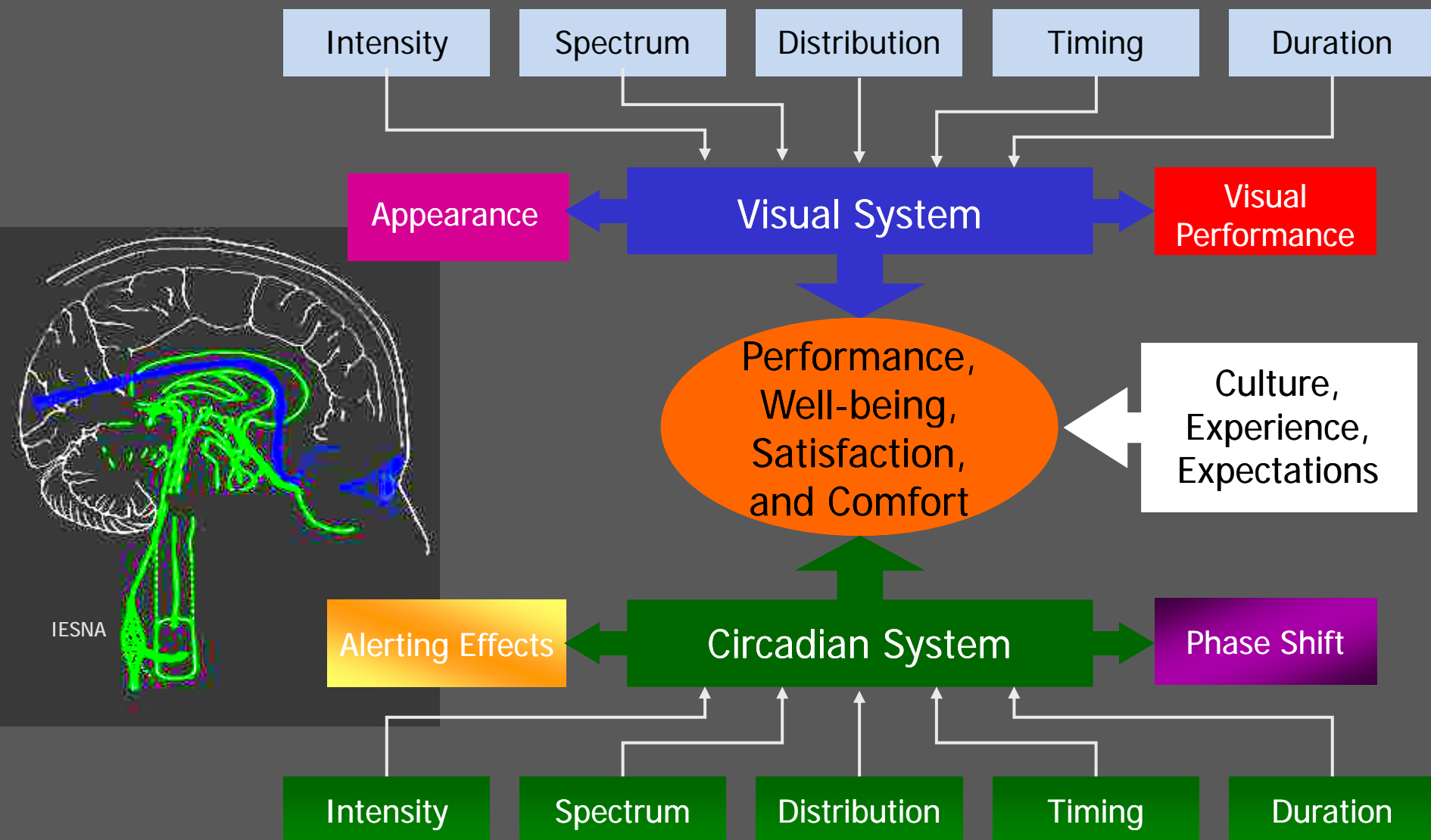


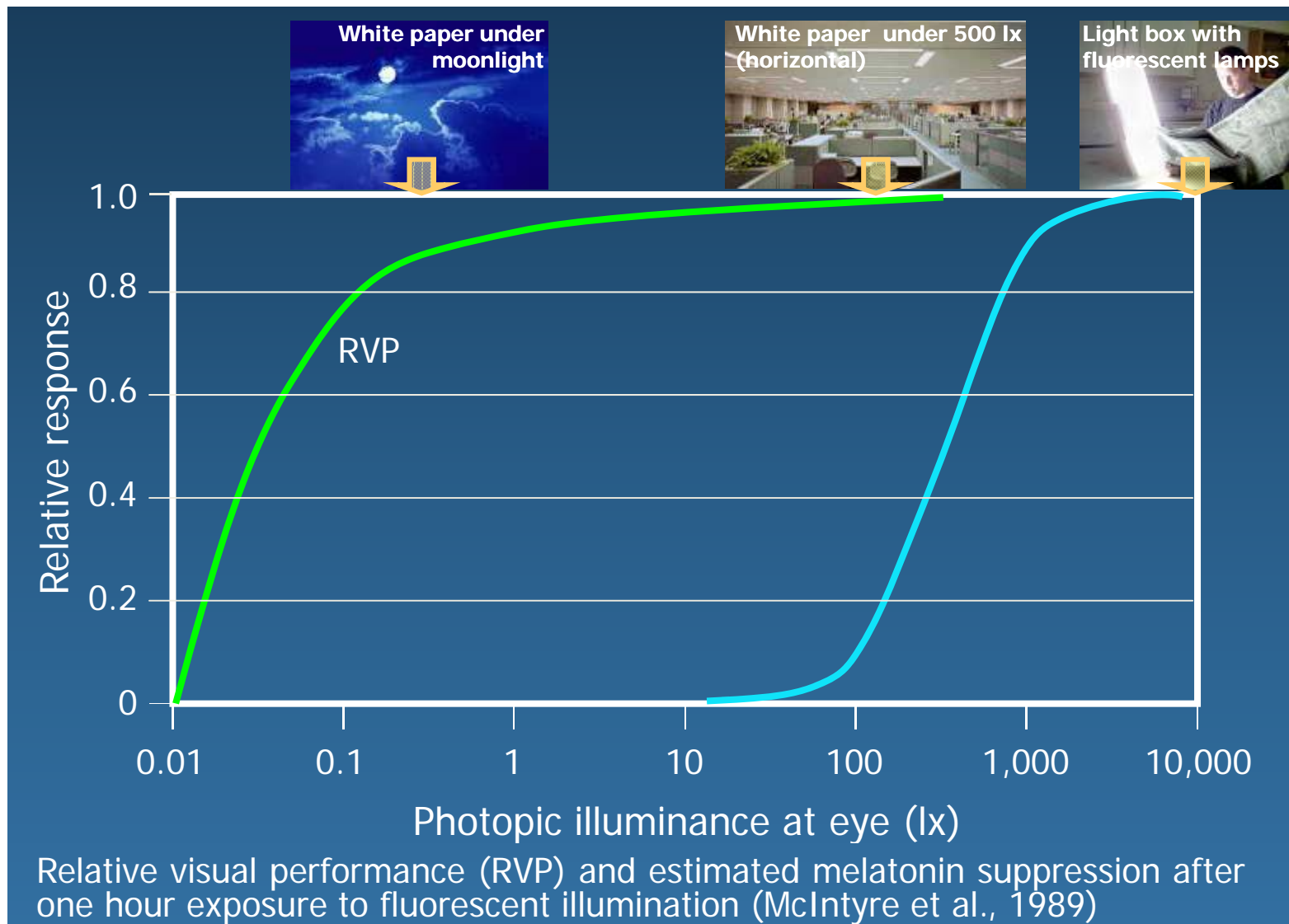
Adapted from IESNA Handbook

# Three circadian rhythms



Figueiro et al., 2009  
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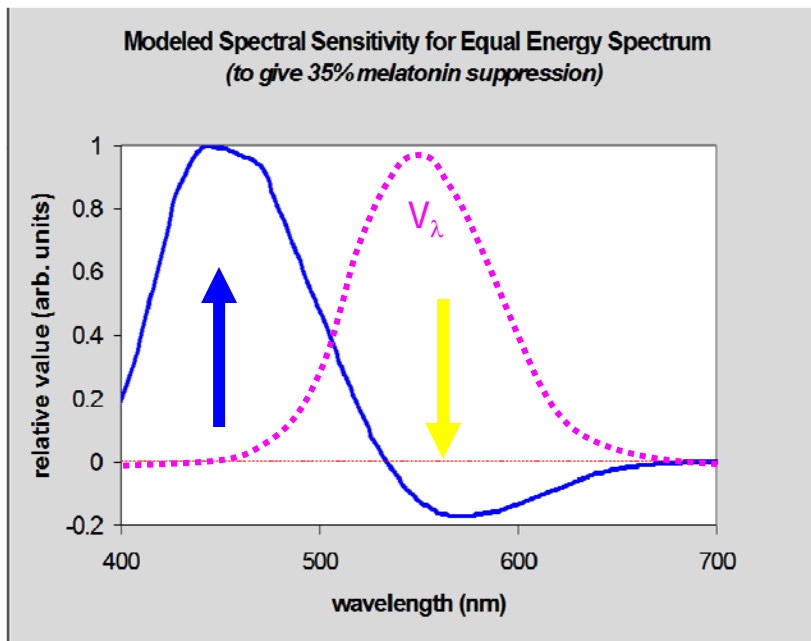




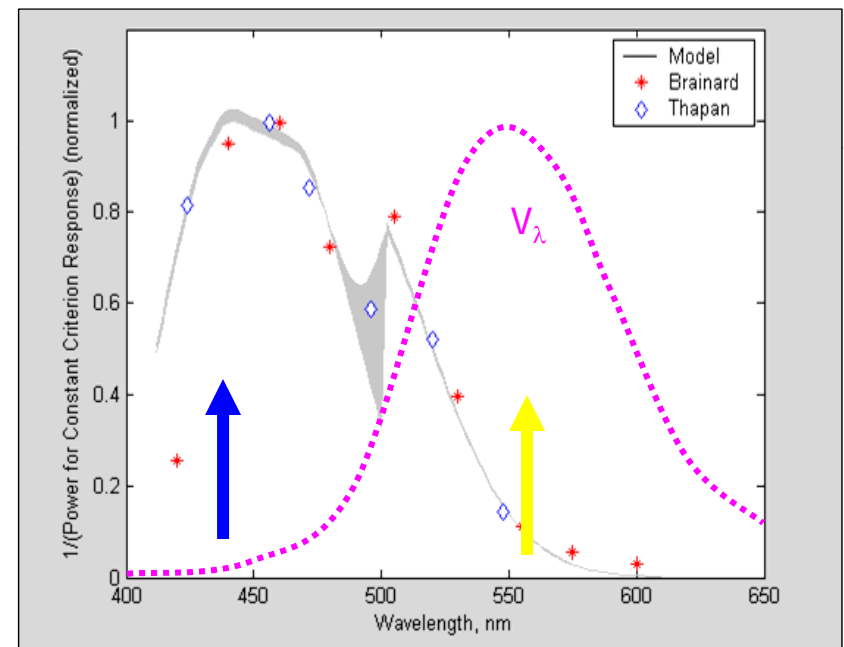
- A new photoreceptor (ipRGCs) was discovered in the retina in 2002 (Berson et al., 2002)
  - Slower to respond, less sensitive to light
  - Peak sensitivity at about 482 nm
- Subsequent studies showed that rods, cones and ipRGCs participate in how the retina converts light signals into neural signals for the circadian system (Hattar et al., 2003)
  - Overall peak sensitivity between 450 and 480 nm (blue light)
- Spectral opponency slightly reduces the effectiveness of certain polychromatic light sources compared to monochromatic blue light (Figueiro et al., 2004, 2005, 2008)



## Spectral Response Functions for (Equal Energy) White Light and Monochromatic Light

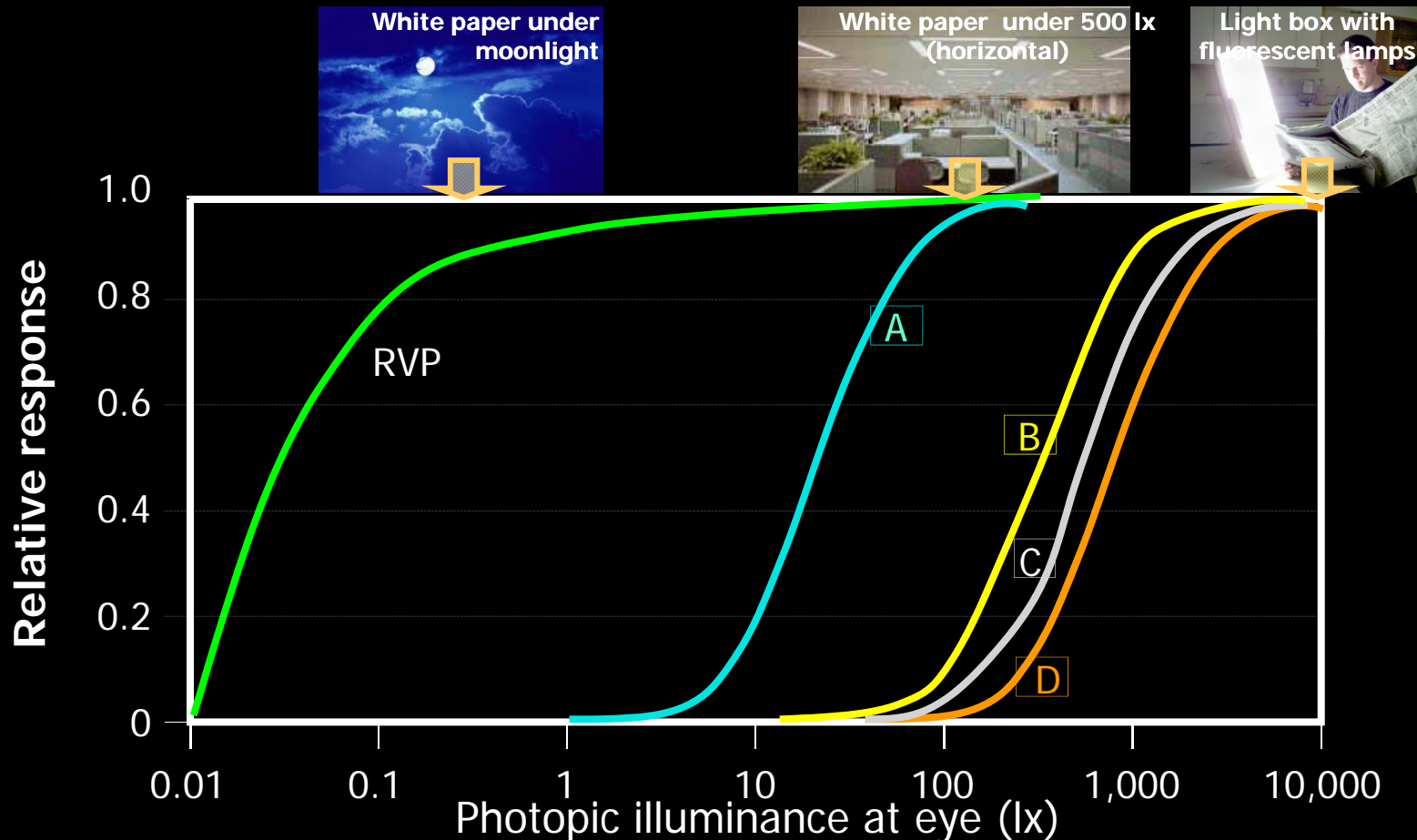


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Based on McIntyre *et al.*, 1989

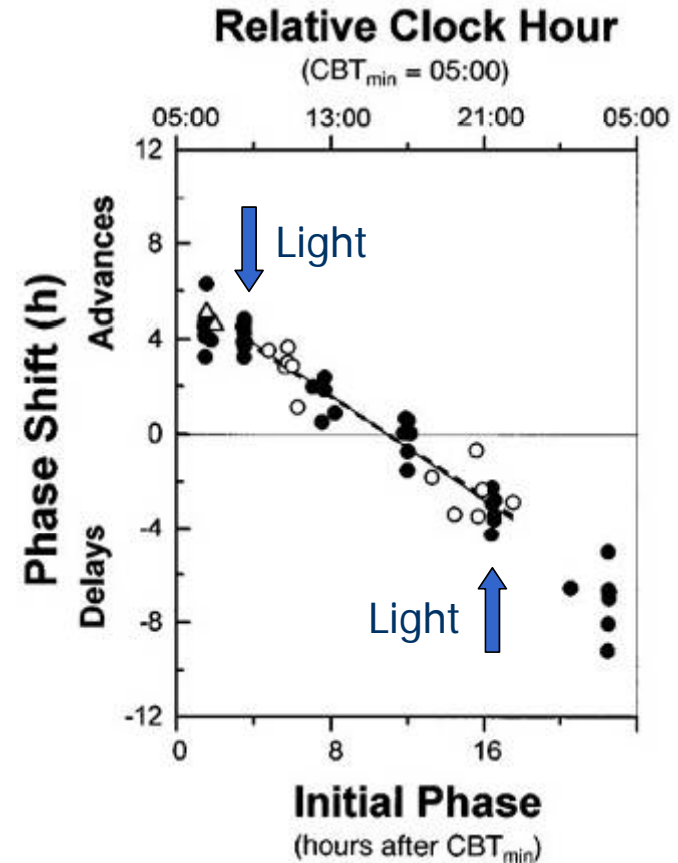
Relative visual performance (RVP) and estimated melatonin suppression after 1 hour exposure to blue LED [A] and 7500 K [B] 4100 K [C] 3000 K [D] fluorescent illumination

Light source	Photopic lumens/watt	Circadian stimulus/watt
Incandescent	12	12
CFL 2700K	55	38
T8 fluorescent 3000K	100	109
T8 fluorescent 4100K	100	67
T8 fluorescent 6500K	90	184
T8 fluorescent 7500K	55	90
Metal halide	95	86
White LED	35	82
Blue LED	15	295

Photopic lumens/watt (lm/W) and circadian stimulus/watt (CS/W) for some electric light sources. Values of CS/watt were arbitrarily normalized to a black body radiator of 2856 K at 1000 lux at the eye. In this way, values for both lm/W and CS/W become equal for a common incandescent light source.

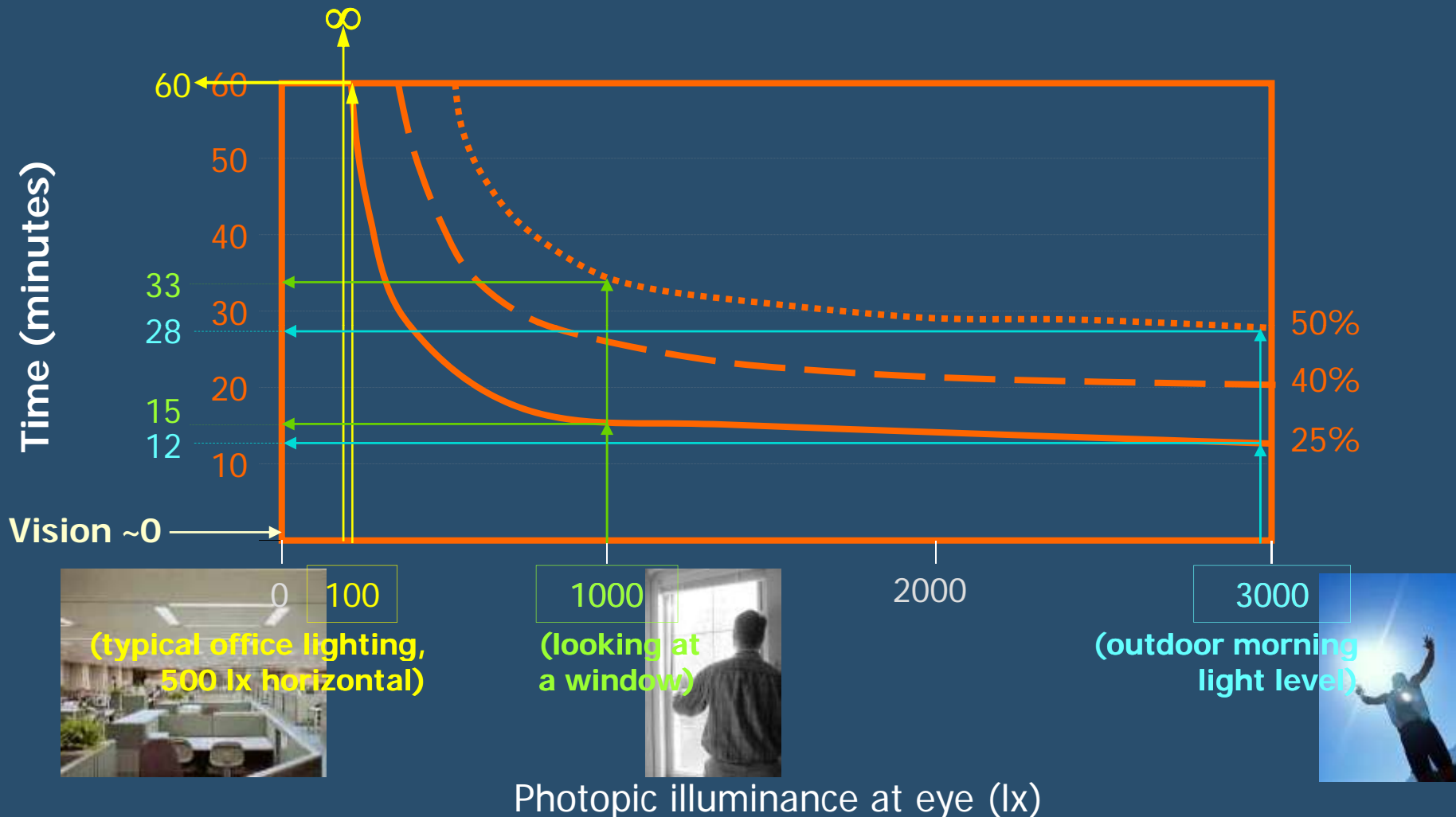
Rea et al., 2005

- Light of sufficient amount has a dual effect on the 24-hour melatonin profile
  - Acute effect
    - Appears immediately after the exposure to bright light
  - Phase-shifting effect
    - Detectable several hours or a few days later

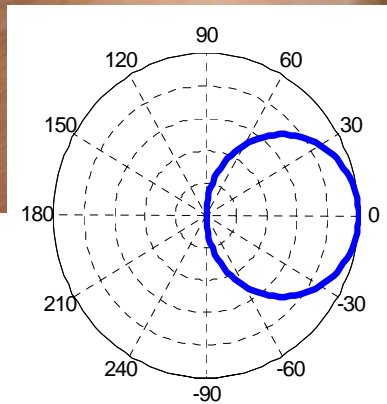
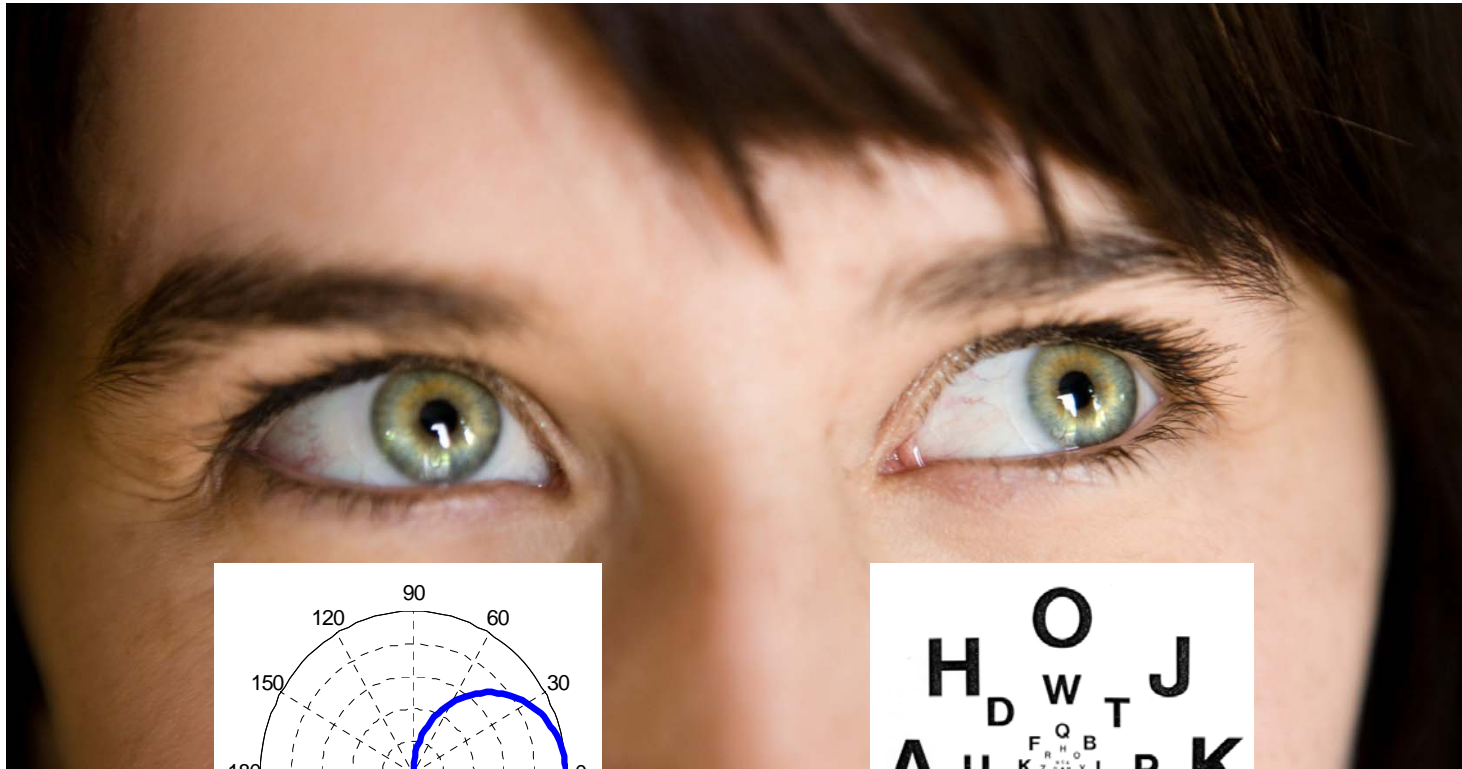


5 hr pulse of 7,000 to 13,000 lux

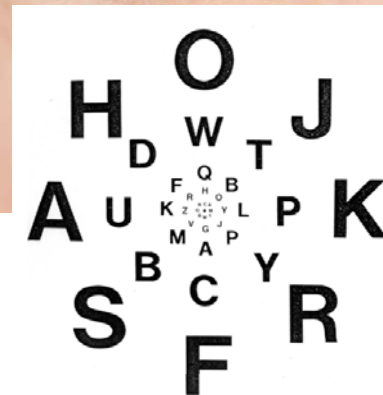
Jewett et al., 1997



The amount of time required to measure human nocturnal melatonin suppression by light, as a function of the illuminance provided at the eye (based on McIntyre *et al*, 1989).



Circadian



Visual



**Seasonal affective  
disorder**

**Adolescents'  
sleep  
patterns**

**Space  
travel**

**Sports  
performance**

**Breast  
cancer**

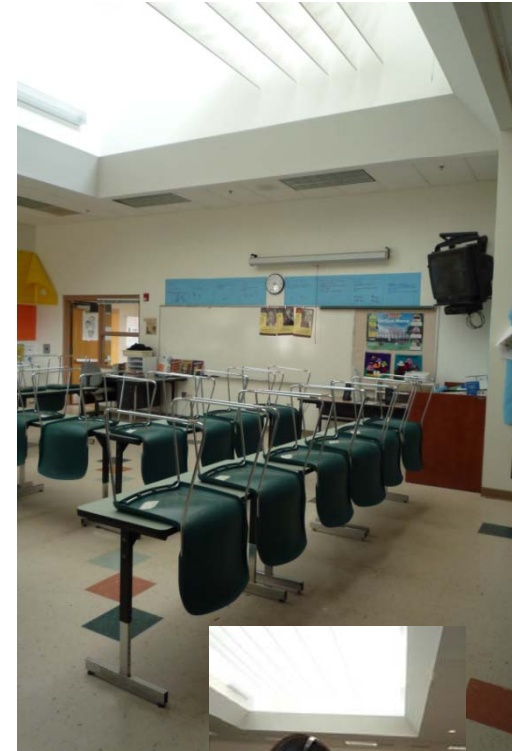
**Neonatal  
intensive  
care units**

**Older adults'  
sleep patterns**

**Night shift  
workers**

**Sleep disorders**

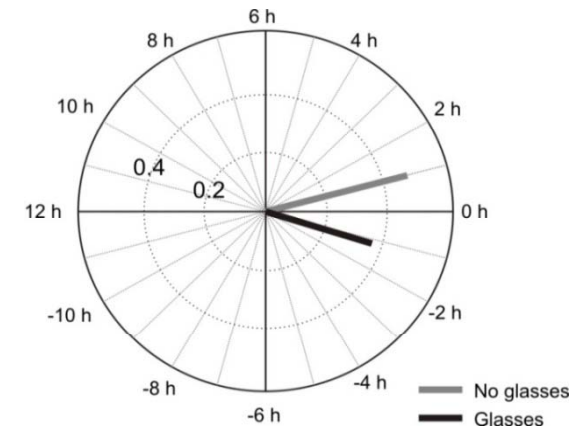
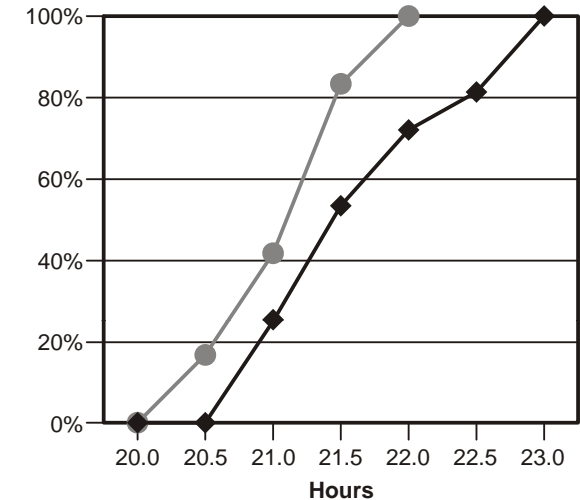
- USGBC Research Grant
  - Light impacts students' performance and well-being by promoting their circadian entrainment to the solar day
- Site: Smith Middle School, NC
- 22 students participated in the study conducted in February and May '09
  - 11 students wore orange glasses while at school for 1 week
    - Dim light melatonin onset
    - Daysimeter data
    - Sleep logs
    - Psychomotor vigilance tests



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- ◆ Those wearing the orange glasses had:
  - › Dim light melatonin onset (DLMO), delayed by 30 minutes
  - › Less entrainment (shorter phasor magnitude)

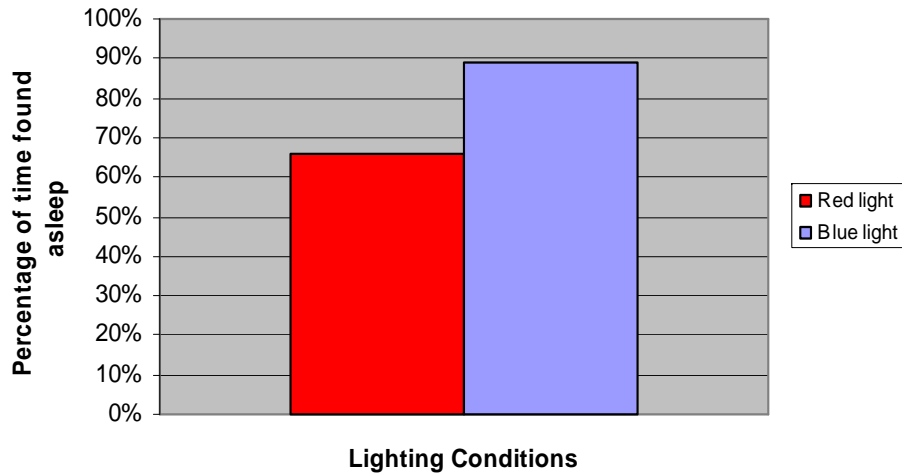


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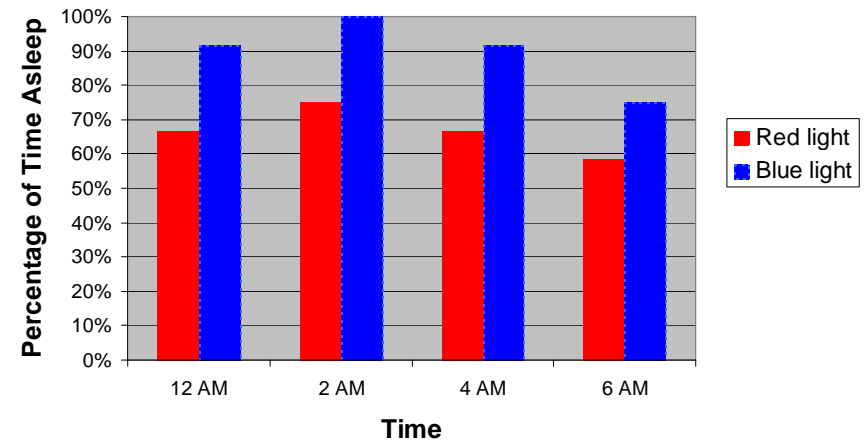
- ◆ Develop and demonstrate the effectiveness of a 24-hr lighting scheme in improving quality of life of older adults
  - › Increase sleep efficiency
    - High circadian stimulation during the day and low circadian stimulation in the evening
  - › Improve visibility
    - Good visual conditions during the day and evening
  - › Reduce falls risks
    - Nightlights that provide perceptual cues

- Blue light treatment - non-AD subjects

Percentage of time subjects were found asleep  
non-AD subjects (n = 3)



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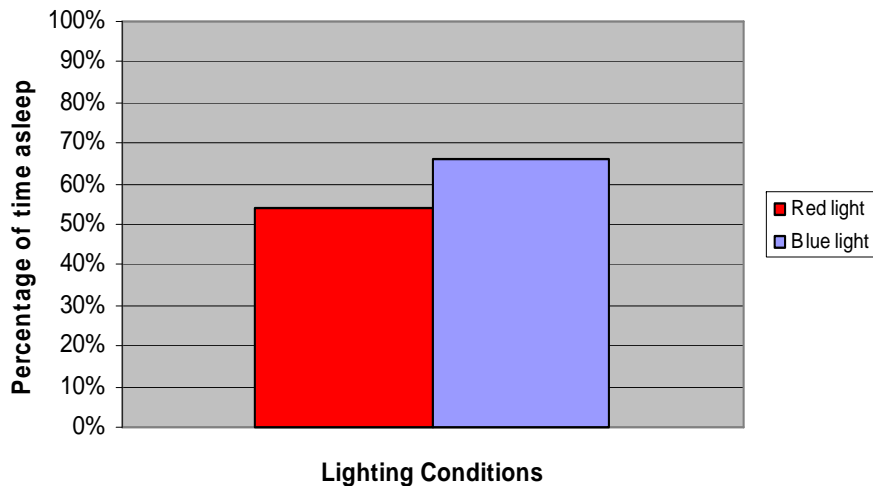


Blue = 89.5% asleep  
Red = 67% asleep  
 $p = 0.0003$

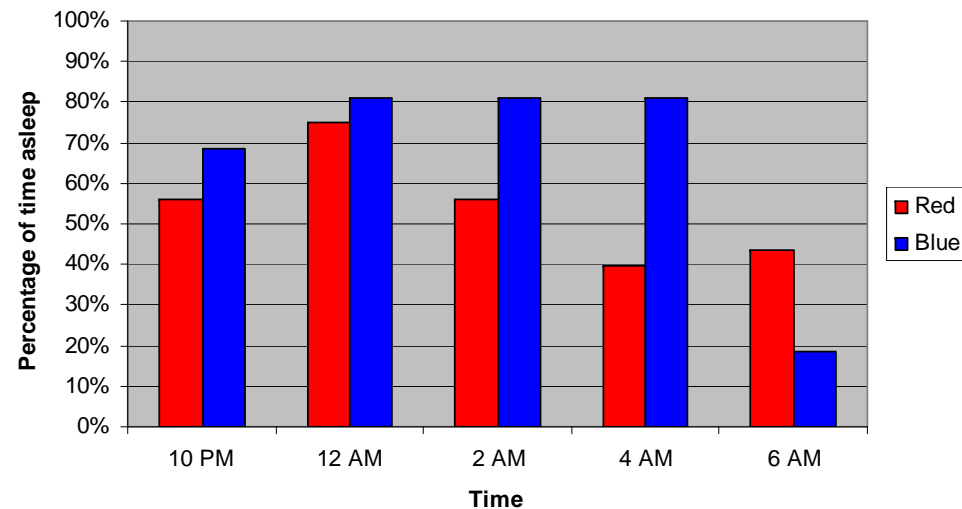
Figueiro and Rea, 2005

- Blue light treatment – AD subjects (study 1)

Percentage of time subjects were found asleep  
AD subjects (n = 4)



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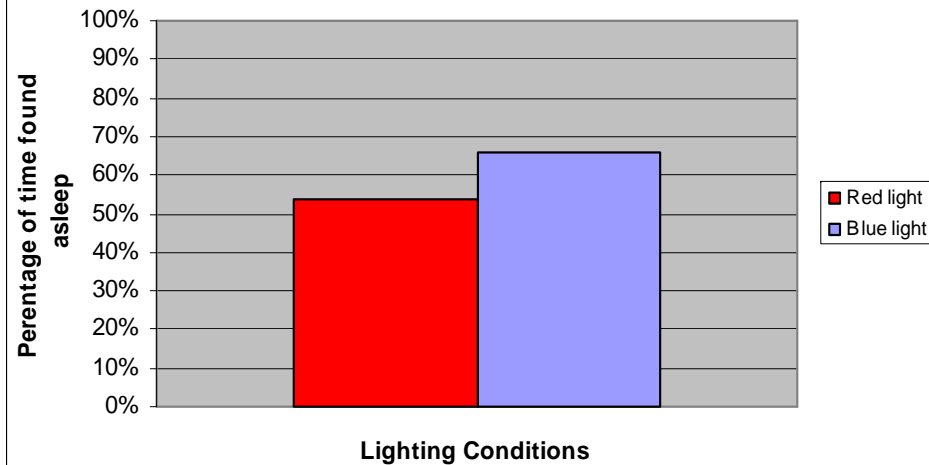


Blue = 66% asleep  
Red = 54% asleep  
 $p = 0.049$

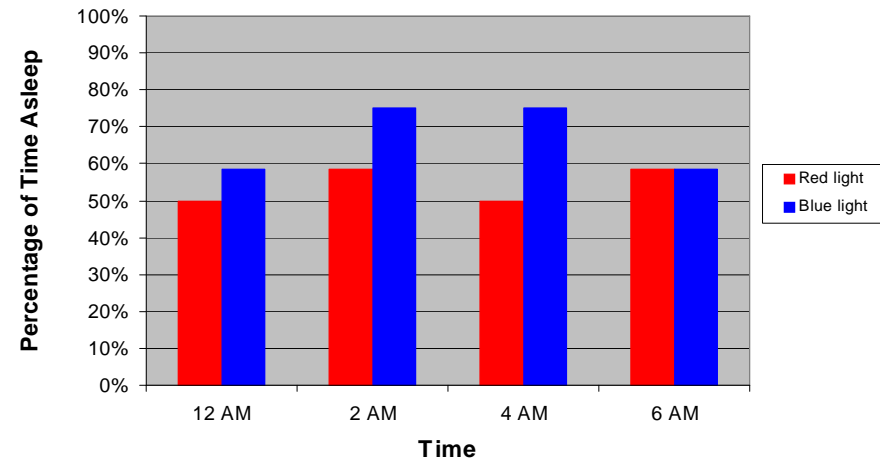
Figueiro et al., 2002

- Blue light treatment – AD subjects (study 2)

Percentage of time subjects were found asleep  
AD subjects (n = 3)



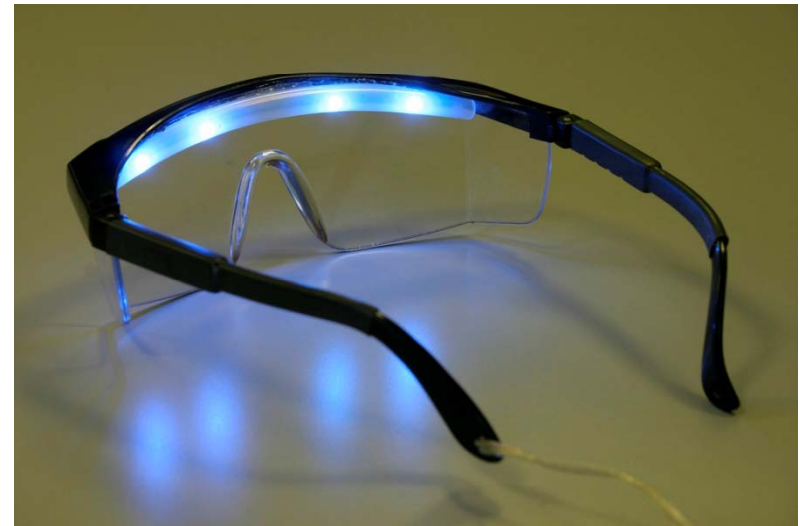
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 $p = 0.03$

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- National Institutes of Health (NIA)
  - Develop light goggles to deliver blue light therapy for Alzheimer's disease patients and older adults with sleep problems



ID	Task Name	2009				2010								
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	<b>White paper</b>													
2	First draft				◆									
3	Final							◆						
4	<b>Light delivery goggles</b>													
5	Version 1 (470 nm)	◆												
6	Version 2 (436 nm)				◆									
7	<b>Melatonin suppression</b>													
8	Complete 1st study				◆									
9	Complete 2nd study							◆						
10	Manuscript submission											◆		
11	<b>27-hour study</b>													
12	Complete data collection												◆	
13	<b>Prototype</b>													
14	Literature review				◆									
15	Model/data comparison							◆						
16	LED + electrochromic glasses + control integration												◆	

Thank you.