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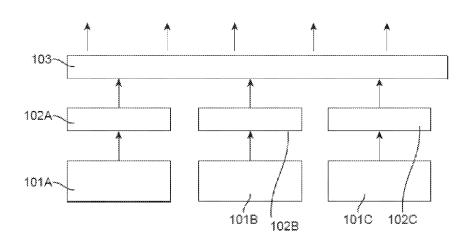


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** The present disclosure provides systems for generating tunable white light. The systems include a plurality of LED strings that generate light with color points that fall within red, blue, and green color ranges, with each LED string being driven with a separately controllable drive current in order to tune the generated light output.





MULTI-CHANNEL SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING TUNABLE LIGHT WITH HIGH COLOR RENDERING

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/616,401 filed January 11, 2018; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/616,404 filed January 11, 2018; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/616,414 filed January 11, 2018; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/616/423 filed January 11, 2018; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/634,798 filed February 23, 2018, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0002] This disclosure is in the field of solid-state lighting. In particular, the disclosure relates to devices for use in providing tunable white light with high color rendering performance.

BACKGROUND

[0003] A wide variety of light emitting devices are known in the art including, for example, incandescent light bulbs, fluorescent lights, and semiconductor light emitting devices such as light emitting diodes ("LEDs").

[0004] There are a variety of resources utilized to describe the light produced from a light emitting device, one commonly used resource is 1931 CIE (Commission Internationale de l'Éclairage) Chromaticity Diagram. The 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram maps out the human color perception in terms of two CIE parameters x and y. The spectral colors are distributed around the edge of the outlined space, which includes all of the hues perceived by the human eye. The boundary line represents maximum saturation for the spectral colors, and the interior portion represents less saturated colors including white light. The diagram also depicts the Planckian locus, also referred to as the black body locus (BBL), with correlated color temperatures, which represents the chromaticity coordinates (i.e., color points) that correspond to radiation from a black-body at different temperatures. Illuminants that produce light on or near the BBL can thus be described in terms of their correlated color temperatures (CCT). These illuminants yield pleasing "white light" to human observers, with general illumination typically utilizing CCT values between 1,800K and 10,000K.

[0005] Color rendering index (CRI) is described as an indication of the vibrancy of the color of light being produced by a light source. In practical terms, the CRI is a relative measure of the shift in surface color of an object when lit by a particular lamp as compared to a reference light source, typically either a black-body radiator or the daylight spectrum. The higher the CRI value for a particular light source, the better that the light source renders the colors of various objects it is used to illuminate.

[0006] Color rendering performance may be characterized via standard metrics known in the art. Fidelity Index (Rf) and the Gamut Index (Rg) can be calculated based on

the color rendition of a light source for 99 color evaluation samples ("CES"). The 99 CES provide uniform color space coverage, are intended to be spectral sensitivity neutral, and provide color samples that correspond to a variety of real objects. Rf values range from 0 to 100 and indicate the fidelity with which a light source renders colors as compared with a reference illuminant. In practical terms, the Rf is a relative measure of the shift in surface color of an object when lit by a particular lamp as compared to a reference light source, typically either a black-body radiator or the daylight spectrum. The higher the Rf value for a particular light source, the better that the light source renders the colors of various objects it is used to illuminate. The Gamut Index Rg evaluates how well a light source saturates or desaturates the 99 CES compared to the reference source.

[0007] LEDs have the potential to exhibit very high power efficiencies relative to conventional incandescent or fluorescent lights. Most LEDs are substantially monochromatic light sources that appear to emit light having a single color. Thus, the spectral power distribution of the light emitted by most LEDs is tightly centered about a "peak" wavelength, which is the single wavelength where the spectral power distribution or "emission spectrum" of the LED reaches its maximum as detected by a photo-detector. LEDs typically have a full-width half-maximum wavelength range of about 10 nm to 30 nm, comparatively narrow with respect to the broad range of visible light to the human eye, which ranges from approximately from 380 nm to 800 nm.

[0008] In order to use LEDs to generate white light, LED lamps have been provided that include two or more LEDs that each emit a light of a different color. The different colors combine to produce a desired intensity and/or color of white light. For example, by simultaneously energizing red, green and blue LEDs, the resulting combined light may appear white, or nearly white, depending on, for example, the relative intensities, peak wavelengths and spectral power distributions of the source red, green and blue LEDs. The

aggregate emissions from red, green, and blue LEDs typically provide poor color rendering for general illumination applications due to the gaps in the spectral power distribution in regions remote from the peak wavelengths of the LEDs.

[0009] White light may also be produced by utilizing one or more luminescent materials such as phosphors to convert some of the light emitted by one or more LEDs to light of one or more other colors. The combination of the light emitted by the LEDs that is not converted by the luminescent material(s) and the light of other colors that are emitted by the luminescent material(s) may produce a white or near-white light.

[0010] LED lamps have been provided that can emit white light with different CCT values within a range. Such lamps utilize two or more LEDs, with or without luminescent materials, with respective drive currents that are increased or decreased to increase or decrease the amount of light emitted by each LED. By controllably altering the power to the various LEDs in the lamp, the overall light emitted can be tuned to different CCT values. The range of CCT values that can be provided with adequate color rendering values and efficiency is limited by the selection of LEDs.

[0011] The spectral profiles of light emitted by white artificial lighting can impact circadian physiology, alertness, and cognitive performance levels. Bright artificial light can be used in a number of therapeutic applications, such as in the treatment of seasonal affective disorder (SAD), certain sleep problems, depression, jet lag, sleep disturbances in those with Parkinson's disease, the health consequences associated with shift work, and the resetting of the human circadian clock. Artificial lighting may change natural processes, interfere with melatonin production, or disrupt the circadian rhythm. Blue light may have a greater tendency than other colored light to affect living organisms through the disruption of their biological processes which can rely upon natural cycles of daylight and darkness. Exposure to blue light late in the evening and at night may be detrimental to one's health. Some blue or

royal blue light within lower wavelengths can have hazardous effects to human eyes and skin, such as causing damage to the retina.

[0012] Significant challenges remain in providing LED lamps that can provide white light across a range of CCT values while simultaneously achieving high efficiencies, high luminous flux, good color rendering, and acceptable color stability. It is also a challenge to provide lighting apparatuses that can provide desirable lighting performance while allowing for the control of circadian energy performance.

DISCLOSURE

[0013] The present disclosure provides aspects of semiconductor light emitting devices comprising first, second, and third LED strings, with each LED string comprising one or more LEDs having an associated luminophoric medium. The first, second, and third LED strings together with their associated luminophoric mediums can comprise red, blue, and green channels respectively, producing first, second, and third unsaturated color points within red, blue, and green regions on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity diagram, respectively. A control circuit can be configured to adjust a fourth color point of a fourth unsaturated light that results from a combination of the first, second, and third unsaturated light, with the fourth color point falls within a 7-step MacAdam ellipse around any point on the black body locus having a correlated color temperature between 1800K and 10000K. The devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Rf greater than or equal to about 85, Rg greater than or equal to about 90 and less than or equal to about 110, or both. The devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Ra greater than or equal to about 92 along points with correlated color

temperature between about 1800K and 10000K, R9 greater than or equal to 80 along points with correlated color temperature between about 2100K and about 10000K, or both. The devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having EML greater than or equal to about 0.5 along points with correlated color temperature above about 2400K, EML greater than or equal to about 1.0 along points with correlated color temperature above about 5500K, or both. The devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with R13 greater than or equal to about 92, R15 greater than or equal to about 88, or both. The blue color region can be a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a line connecting the ccx, ccy color coordinates of the infinity point of the Planckian locus (0.242, 0.24) and (0.12, 0.068), the Planckian locus from 4000K and infinite CCT, the constant CCT line of 4000K, the line of purples, and the spectral locus. The red color region can be a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the spectral locus between the constant CCT line of 1600K and the line of purples, the line of purples, a line connecting the cex, ccy color coordinates (0.61, 0.21) and (0.47, 0.28), and the constant CCT line of 1600K. The green color region can be a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the constant CCT line of 6700K, the Planckian locus, and the spectral locus. The spectral power distributions for the red, blue, and green channels can fall within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2.

[0014] The present disclosure provides aspects of methods for generating white light, the methods method comprising providing first, second, and third LED strings, with each LED string comprising one or more LEDs having an associated luminophoric medium, wherein the first, second, and third LED strings together with their associated luminophoric mediums comprise red, blue, and green channels respectively, producing first, second, and

third unsaturated light with color points within red, blue, and green regions on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity diagram, respectively, the methods further comprising providing a control circuit configured to adjust a fourth color point of a fourth unsaturated light that results from a combination of the first, second, and third unsaturated light, with the fourth color point falls within a 7-step MacAdam ellipse around any point on the black body locus having a correlated color temperature between 1800K and 10000K, generating two or more of the first, second, and third unsaturated light, and, combining the two or more generated unsaturated lights to create the fourth unsaturated light. The combining can generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Rf greater than or equal to about 85. Rg greater than or equal to about 90 and less than or equal to about 110, or both. The combining can generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Ra greater than or equal to about 92 along points with correlated color temperature between about 1800K and 10000K, R9 greater than or equal to 80 along points with correlated color temperature between about 2100K and about 10000K, or both. The combining can generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having EML greater than or equal to about 0.5 along points with correlated color temperature above about 2400K, EML greater than or equal to about 1.0 along points with correlated color temperature above about 5500K, or both. The combining can generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with R13 greater than or equal to about 92, R15 greater than or equal to about 88, or both. The blue color region can be a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a line connecting the ccx, ccy color coordinates of the infinity point of the Planckian locus (0.242, 0.24) and (0.12, 0.068), the Planckian locus from

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[0015] The general disclosure and the following further disclosure are exemplary and explanatory only and are not restrictive of the disclosure, as defined in the appended claims. Other aspects of the present disclosure will be apparent to those skilled in the art in view of the details as provided herein. In the figures, like reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the different views. All callouts and annotations are hereby incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

DRAWINGS

[0016] The summary, as well as the following detailed description, is further understood when read in conjunction with the appended drawings. For the purpose of illustrating the disclosure, there are shown in the drawings exemplary implementations of the disclosure; however, the disclosure is not limited to the specific methods, compositions, and devices disclosed. In addition, the drawings are not necessarily drawn to scale. In the drawings:

[0017] FIG 1 illustrates aspects of light emitting devices according to the present disclosure;

[0018] FIG 2 illustrates aspects of light emitting devices according to the present disclosure;

[0019] FIG 3 depicts a graph of a 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram illustrating the location of the Planckian locus;

- [0020] FIGs 4A-4D illustrate some aspects of light emitting devices according to the present disclosure, including some suitable color ranges for light generated by components of the devices;
- [0021] FIG 5 illustrates some aspects of light emitting devices according to the present disclosure, including some suitable color ranges for light generated by components of the devices;
- [0022] FIGS 6 illustrates some aspects of light emitting devices according to the present disclosure, including some suitable color ranges for light generated by components of the devices;
- [0023] FIGS 7A-7B show tables of data of color rendering characteristics of an implementation of the present disclosure;
- [0024] FIGS 8A-8B show tables of data of color rendering characteristics of an implementation of the present disclosure; and
- [0025] FIGs 9A shows data of color rendering characteristics of an implementation of the present disclosure; and
- [0026] FIG. 10 shows a table of data light rendering characteristics of implementations of the present disclosure.
- [0027] All descriptions and callouts in the Figures are hereby incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

FURTHER DISCLOSURE

[0028] The present disclosure may be understood more readily by reference to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying figures and

examples, which form a part of this disclosure. It is to be understood that this disclosure is not limited to the specific devices, methods, applications, conditions or parameters described and/or shown herein, and that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular exemplars by way of example only and is not intended to be limiting of the claimed disclosure. Also, as used in the specification including the appended claims, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include the plural, and reference to a particular numerical value includes at least that particular value, unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. The term "plurality", as used herein, means more than one. When a range of values is expressed, another exemplar includes from the one particular value and/or to the other particular value. Similarly, when values are expressed as approximations, by use of the antecedent "about," it will be understood that the particular value forms another exemplar. All ranges are inclusive and combinable.

[0029] It is to be appreciated that certain features of the disclosure which are, for clarity, described herein in the context of separate exemplar, may also be provided in combination in a single exemplary implementation. Conversely, various features of the disclosure that are, for brevity, described in the context of a single exemplary implementation, may also be provided separately or in any subcombination. Further, reference to values stated in ranges include each and every value within that range.

[0030] In one aspect, the present disclosure provides semiconductor light emitting devices 100 that can have a plurality of light emitting diode (LED) strings. Each LED string can have one, or more than one, LED. As depicted schematically in FIG 1, the device 100 may comprise one or more LED strings (101A/101B/101C) that emit light (schematically shown with arrows). In some instances, the LED strings can have recipient luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C) associated therewith. The light emitted from the LED strings, combined with light emitted from the recipient luminophoric mediums, can be passed

through one or more optical elements 103. Optical elements 103 may be one or more diffusers, lenses, light guides, reflective elements, or combinations thereof. In some implementations, one or more of the LED strings 101A/101B/101C may be provided without an associated luminophoric medium.

[0031] A recipient luminophoric medium 102A, 102B, or 102C includes one or more luminescent materials and is positioned to receive light that is emitted by an LED or other semiconductor light emitting device. In some implementations, recipient luminophoric mediums include layers having luminescent materials that are coated or sprayed directly onto a semiconductor light emitting device or on surfaces of the packaging thereof, and clear encapsulants that include luminescent materials that are arranged to partially or fully cover a semiconductor light emitting device. A recipient luminophoric medium may include one medium layer or the like in which one or more luminescent materials are mixed, multiple stacked layers or mediums, each of which may include one or more of the same or different luminescent materials, and/or multiple spaced apart layers or mediums, each of which may include the same or different luminescent materials. Suitable encapsulants are known by those skilled in the art and have suitable optical, mechanical, chemical, and thermal characteristics. In some implementations, encapsulants can include dimethyl silicone, phenyl silicone, epoxies, acrylics, and polycarbonates. In some implementations, a recipient luminophoric medium can be spatially separated (i.e., remotely located) from an LED or surfaces of the packaging thereof. In some implementations, such spatial segregation may involve separation of a distance of at least about 1 mm, at least about 2 mm, at least about 5 mm, or at least about 10 mm. In certain embodiments, conductive thermal communication between a spatially segregated luminophoric medium and one or more electrically activated emitters is not substantial. Luminescent materials can include phosphors, scintillators, day glow tapes, nanophosphors, inks that glow in visible spectrum upon illumination with light,

semiconductor quantum dots, or combinations thereof. In some implementations, the luminescent materials may comprise phosphors comprising one or more of the following materials: BaMg2Al₁₆O₂₇:Eu²⁺, BaMg2Al₁₆O₂₇:Eu²⁺,Mn²⁺, CaSiO₃:Pb.Mn, CaWO₄:Pb, MgWO₄, Sr₅Cl(PO₄)₃:Eu²⁺, Sr₂P₂O₇:Sn²⁺, Sr₆P₅BO₂₀:Eu, Ca₅F(PO₄)₃:Sb, (Ba,Ti)₂P₂O₇:Ti, Sr₅F(PO₄)₃:Sb₂Mn, (La,Ce,Tb)PO₄:Ce,Tb, (Ca,Zn,Mg)₃(PO₄)₂:Sn, (Sr,Mg)₃(PO₄)₂:Sn, Y₂O₃:Eu³⁺, Mg₄(F)GeO₆:Mn, LaMgAl₁₁O₁₉:Ce, LaPO₄:Ce, SrAl₁₂O₁₉:Ce, BaSi₂O₅:Pb, SrB4O7:Eu, Sr2MgSi2O7:Pb, Gd2O2S:Tb, Gd2O2S:Eu, Gd2O2S:Pr, Gd2O2S:Pr,Ce,F, Y₂O₂S:Tb, Y₂O₂S:Eu, Y₂O₂S:Pr, Zn(0.5)Cd(0.4)S:Ag, Zn(0.4)Cd(0.6)S:Ag, Y₂SiO₅:Ce, YAlO₃:Ce, Y₃(Al,Ga)₅O₁₂:Ce, CdS:In, ZnO:Ga, ZnO:Zn, (Zn,Cd)S:Cu,Al, ZnCdS:Ag,Cu, ZnS:Ag, ZnS:Cu, NaI:Tl, CsI:Tl, 6LiF/ZnS:Ag, 6LiF/ZnS:Cu,Al,Au, ZnS:Cu,Al, ZnS:Cu,Au,Al, CaAlSiN₃:Eu, (Sr,Ca)AlSiN₃:Eu, (Ba,Ca,Sr,Mg)₂SiO₄:Eu, Lu₃Al₅O₁₂:Ce, Eu³⁺(Gdo.9Yo.1)3AlsO₁₂:Bi³⁺,Tb³⁺, Y3AlsO₁₂:Ce, (La,Y)3Si6N₁₁:Ce, Ca₂AlSi₃O₂N₅:Ce³⁺, Ca₂AlSi₃O₂N₅:Eu²⁺, BaMgAl₁₀O₁₇:Eu, Sr₅(PO₄)₃Cl; Eu, (Ba,Ca,Sr,Mg)₂SiO₄:Eu, $Si_{6-z}Al_zN_{8-z}O_z$: Eu (wherein $0 \le z \le 4.2$); $M_3Si_{6}O_{12}N_2$: Eu (wherein M = alkaline earth metal element), (Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba)Si₂O₂N₂: Eu, Sr₄Al₁₄O₂₅: Eu, (Ba, Sr, Ca)Al₂O₄: Eu, (Sr,Ba)Al₂Si₂O₈:Eu, (Ba,Mg)₂SiO₄:Eu, (Ba,Sr,Ca)₂(Mg, Zn)Si₂O₇:Eu, (Ba,Ca,Sr,Mg)9(Sc,Y,Lu,Gd)2(Si,Ge)6O24: Eu, Y2SiO5:CeTb, Sr2P2O7—Sr2B2O5:Eu, Sr₂Si₃O₈-2SrCl₂:Eu, Zn₂SiO₄:Mn, CeMgAl₁₁O₁₉:Tb, Y₃Al₅O₁₂:Tb, Ca₂Y₈(SiO₄)₆O₂:Tb, La₃Ga₅SiO₁₄:Tb₂ (Sr₂Ba₂Ca)Ga₂S₄:Eu₁Tb₂Sm₂ Y₃(Al₂Ga)₅O₁₂:Ce₂ (Y,Ga,Tb,La,Sm,Pr,Lu)₃(Al,Ga)₅O₁₂:Ce, Ca₃Sc₂Si₃O₁₂:Ce, Ca₃(Sc,Mg,Na,Li)₂Si₃O₁₂:Ce, CaSc₂O₄:Ce, Eu-activated β-Sialon, SrAl₂O₄:Eu, (La,Gd,Y)₂O₂S:Tb, CeLaPO₄:Tb, ZnS:Cu,Al, ZnS:Cu,Au,Al, (Y,Ga,Lu,Sc,La)BO₃:Ce,Tb, Na₂Gd₂B₂O₇:Ce,Tb, (Ba,Sr)₂(Ca,Mg,Zn)B₂O₆:K,Ce,Tb, Ca₈Mg (SiO₄)₄Cl₂:Eu,Mn, (Sr,Ca,Ba)(Al,Ga,In)₂S₄:Eu, (Ca,Sr)8 (Mg,Zn)(SiO₄)4Cl₂:Eu,Mn, M₃Si₆O₉N₄:Eu, Sr₅Al₅Si₂;O₂N₃s:Eu, Sr₅Si₁₃Al₃N₂;O₂:Eu, (Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba)₂Si₅N₈: Eu, (La, Y)₂O₂S: Eu, (Y, La, Gd, Lu)₂O₂S: Eu, Y(V, P)O₄: Eu,

(Ba,Mg)₂SiO₄:Eu,Mn, (Ba,Sr, Ca,Mg)₂SiO₄:Eu,Mn, LiW₂O₈:Eu, LiW₂O₈:Eu,Sm, Eu₂W₂O₉, Eu₂W₂O₉:Nb and Eu₂W₂O₉:Sm, (Ca₂Sr)S:Eu, YAlO₃:Eu, Ca₂Y₈(SiO₄)₆O₂:Eu, LiY9(SiO4)6O2:Eu, (Y,Gd)3AlsO12:Ce, (Tb,Gd)3AlsO12:Ce, (Mg,Ca,Sr,Ba)2Sis(N,O)8:Eu, (Mg,Ca,Sr,Ba)Si(N,O)2:Eu, (Mg,Ca,Sr,Ba)AlSi(N,O)3:Eu, (Sr,Ca,Ba,Mg)10(PO4)6Cl2:Eu, Mn, Eu, Ba₃MgSi₂O₈: Eu, Mn, (Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg)₃(Zn, Mg)Si₂O₈: Eu, Mn, (kx)MgO.xAF₂.GeO₂:yMn⁴⁺ (wherein k = 2.8 to 5, x = 0.1 to 0.7, y = 0.005 to 0.015, A = Ca. Sr, Ba, Zn or a mixture thereof), Eu-activated α-Sialon, (Gd,Y,Lu,La)₂O₃:Eu, Bi, (Gd,Y,Lu,La)2O2S:Eu,Bi, (Gd,Y, Lu,La)VO4:Eu,Bi, SrY2S4:Eu,Ce, CaLa2S4:Ce,Eu, (Ba,Sr,Ca)MgP₂O₇:Eu, Mn, (Sr,Ca,Ba,Mg,Zn)₂P₂O₇:Eu,Mn, (Y,Lu)₂WO₆:Eu,Ma, (Ba,Sr,Ca)_xSi_yN_z:Eu,Ce (wherein x, y and z are integers equal to or greater than 1),(Ca,Sr,Ba,Mg)10(PO4)6(F,Cl,Br,OH):Eu,Mn, ((Y,Lu,Gd,Tb)_{1-x-v}Sc_xCc_v)₂(Ca,Mg)(Mg,Zn)_{2+t}Si_{z-q}Gc_qO_{12+δ}, SrAlSi₄N₇, Sr₂Al₂Si₉O₂N₁₄; Eu, $M^{1}_{a}M^{2}_{b}M^{3}_{c}O_{d}$ (wherein M^{1} = activator element including at least Ce, M^{2} = bivalent metal element, M^3 = trivalent metal element, $0.0001 \le a \le 0.2$, $0.8 \le b \le 1.2$, $1.6 \le c \le 2.4$ and $3.2 \le d \le 4.8$), $A_{2+x}M_yMn_zF_n$ (wherein A = Na and/or K; M = Si and Al, and $-1 \le x \le 1$, $0.9 \le v + z \le 1.1$, $0.001 \le z \le 0.4$ and $5 \le n \le 7$), KSF/KSNAF, or $(La_{1-x-y}, Eux, Ln_y)_2O_2S$ (wherein $0.02 \le x \le 0.50$ and $0 \le y \le 0.50$, Ln = Y³⁺, Gd³⁺, Lu³⁺, Sc³⁺, Sm³⁺ or Er³⁺). In some preferred implementations, the luminescent materials may comprise phosphors comprising one or more of the following materials: CaAlSiN₃:Eu, (Sr,Ca)AlSiN₃:Eu, BaMgAl₁₀O₁₇:Eu, (Ba, Ca, Sr, Mg)₂SiO₄: Eu, β-SiAlON, Lu₃Al₅O₁₂: Ce, Eu³⁺(Cd_{0.9}Y_{0.1})₃Al₅O₁₂: Bi³⁺, Tb³⁺, Y₃Al₅O₁₂:Ce, La₃Si₆N₁₁:Ce, (La₂Y)₃Si₆N₁₁:Ce, Ca₂AlSi₃O₂N₅:Ce³⁺, Ca₂AlSi₃O₂N₅:Ce³⁺, Eu²⁺, $Ca_2AlSi_3O_2N_5$: Eu^{2+} , $BaMgAl_{10}O_{17}$: Eu^{2+} , $Sr_{4.5}Eu_{0.5}(PO_4)_3Cl$, or $M^1aM^2bM^3cO_d$ (wherein $M^1 =$ activator element comprising Ce, M^2 = bivalent metal element, M^3 = trivalent metal element. $0.0001 \le a \le 0.2$, $0.8 \le b \le 1.2$, $1.6 \le c \le 2.4$ and $3.2 \le d \le 4.8$). In further preferred

implementations, the luminescent materials may comprise phosphors comprising one or more of the following materials: CaAlSiN₃:Eu, BaMgAl₁₀O₁₇:Eu, Lu₃Al₅O₁₂:Ce, or Y₃Al₅O₁₂:Ce.

[0032] Some implementations of the present invention relate to use of solid state emitter packages. A solid state emitter package typically includes at least one solid state emitter chip that is enclosed with packaging elements to provide environmental and/or mechanical protection, color selection, and light focusing, as well as electrical leads, contacts or traces enabling electrical connection to an external circuit. Encapsulant material, optionally including luminophoric material, may be disposed over solid state emitters in a solid state emitter package. Multiple solid state emitters may be provided in a single package. A package including multiple solid state emitters may include at least one of the following: a single leadframe arranged to conduct power to the solid state emitters, a single reflector arranged to reflect at least a portion of light emanating from each solid state emitter, a single submount supporting each solid state emitter, and a single lens arranged to transmit at least a portion of light emanating from each solid state emitter. Individual LEDs or groups of LEDs in a solid state package (e.g., wired in series) may be separately controlled. As depicted schematically in FIG. 2, multiple solid state packages 200 may be arranged in a single semiconductor light emitting device 100. Individual solid state emitter packages or groups of solid state emitter packages (e.g., wired in series) may be separately controlled. Separate control of individual emitters, groups of emitters, individual packages, or groups of packages, may be provided by independently applying drive currents to the relevant components with control elements known to those skilled in the art. In one embodiment, at least one control circuit 201 a may include a current supply circuit configured to independently apply an onstate drive current to each individual solid state emitter, group of solid state emitters, individual solid state emitter package, or group of solid state emitter packages. Such control may be responsive to a control signal (optionally including at least one sensor 202 arranged

to sense electrical, optical, and/or thermal properties and/or environmental conditions), and a control system 203 may be configured to selectively provide one or more control signals to the at least one current supply circuit. In various embodiments, current to different circuits or circuit portions may be pre-set, user-defined, or responsive to one or more inputs or other control parameters. The design and fabrication of semiconductor light emitting devices are well known to those skilled in the art, and hence further description thereof will be omitted.

[0033] FIG. 3 illustrates a 1931 International Commission on Illumination (CIE) chromaticity diagram. The 1931 CIE Chromaticity diagram is a two-dimensional chromaticity space in which every visible color is represented by a point having x- and ycoordinates. Fully saturated (monochromatic) colors appear on the outer edge of the diagram, while less saturated colors (which represent a combination of wavelengths) appear on the interior of the diagram. The term "saturated", as used herein, means having a purity of at least 85%, the term "purity" having a well-known meaning to persons skilled in the art, and procedures for calculating purity being well-known to those of skill in the art. The Planckian locus, or black body locus (BBL), represented by line 150 on the diagram, follows the color an incandescent black body would take in the chromaticity space as the temperature of the black body changes from about 1000K to 10,000 K. The black body locus goes from deep red at low temperatures (about 1000 K) through orange, yellowish white, white, and finally bluish white at very high temperatures. The temperature of a black body radiator corresponding to a particular color in a chromaticity space is referred to as the "correlated color temperature." In general, light corresponding to a correlated color temperature (CCT) of about 2700 K to about 6500 K is considered to be "white" light. In particular, as used herein, "white light" generally refers to light having a chromaticity point that is within a 10-step MacAdam ellipse of a point on the black body locus having a CCT between 2700K and 6500K. However, it will be understood that tighter or looser definitions of white light can be

used if desired. For example, white light can refer to light having a chromaticity point that is within a seven step MacAdam ellipse of a point on the black body locus having a CCT between 2700K and 6500K. The distance from the black body locus can be measured in the CIE 1960 chromaticity diagram, and is indicated by the symbol Δuv , or DUV. If the chromaticity point is above the Planckian locus the DUV is denoted by a positive number; if the chromaticity point is below the locus, DUV is indicated with a negative number. If the DUV is sufficiently positive, the light source may appear greenish or yellowish at the same CCT. If the DUV is sufficiently negative, the light source can appear to be purple or pinkish at the same CCT. Observers may prefer light above or below the Planckian locus for particular CCT values. DUV calculation methods are well known by those of ordinary skill in the art and are more fully described in ANSI C78.377, American National Standard for Electric Lamps—Specifications for the Chromaticity of Solid State Lighting (SSL) Products, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for all purposes. A point representing the CIE Standard Illuminant D65 is also shown on the diagram. The D65 illuminant is intended to represent average daylight and has a CCT of approximately 6500K and the spectral power distribution is described more fully in Joint ISO/CIE Standard, ISO 10526:1999/CIE S005/E-1998, CIE Standard Illuminants for Colorimetry, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for all purposes.

[0034] The light emitted by a light source may be represented by a point on a chromaticity diagram, such as the 1931 CIE chromaticity diagram, having color coordinates denoted (ccx, ccy) on the X-Y axes of the diagram. A region on a chromaticity diagram may represent light sources having similar chromaticity coordinates.

[0035] The ability of a light source to accurately reproduce color in illuminated objects can be characterized using the color rendering index ("CRI"), also referred to as the CIE Ra value. The Ra value of a light source is a modified average of the relative

measurements of how the color rendition of an illumination system compares to that of a reference black-body radiator or daylight spectrum when illuminating eight reference colors R1-R8. Thus, the Ra value is a relative measure of the shift in surface color of an object when lit by a particular lamp. The Ra value equals 100 if the color coordinates of a set of test colors being illuminated by the illumination system are the same as the coordinates of the same test colors being irradiated by a reference light source of equivalent CCT. For CCTs less than 5000K, the reference illuminants used in the CRI calculation procedure are the SPDs of blackbody radiators; for CCTs above 5000K, imaginary SPDs calculated from a mathematical model of daylight are used. These reference sources were selected to approximate incandescent lamps and daylight, respectively. Daylight generally has an Ra value of nearly 100, incandescent bulbs have an Ra value of about 95, fluorescent lighting typically has an Ra value of about 70 to 85, while monochromatic light sources have an Ra value of essentially zero. Light sources for general illumination applications with an Ra value of less than 50 are generally considered very poor and are typically only used in applications where economic issues preclude other alternatives. The calculation of CIE Ra values is described more fully in Commission Internationale de l'Éclairage. 1995. Technical Report: Method of Measuring and Specifying Colour Rendering Properties of Light Sources, CIE No. 13.3-1995. Vienna, Austria: Commission Internationale de l'Éclairage, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for all purposes. In addition to the Ra value, a light source can also be evaluated based on a measure of its ability to render seven additional colors R9-R15, which include realistic colors like red, yellow, green, blue, caucasian skin color (R13). tree leaf green, and asian skin color (R15), respectively. The ability to render the saturated red reference color R9 can be expressed with the R9 color rendering value ("R9 value"). Light sources can further be evaluated by calculating the gamut area index ("GAI"). Connecting the rendered color points from the determination of the CIE Ra value in two

dimensional space will form a gamut area. Gamut area index is calculated by dividing the gamut area formed by the light source with the gamut area formed by a reference source using the same set of colors that are used for CRI. GAI uses an Equal Energy Spectrum as the reference source rather than a black body radiator. A gamut area index related to a black body radiator ("GAIBB") can be calculated by using the gamut area formed by the blackbody radiator at the equivalent CCT to the light source.

The ability of a light source to accurately reproduce color in illuminated objects can be characterized using the metrics described in IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition, Illuminating Engineering Society, Product ID: TM-30-15 (referred to herein as the "TM-30-15 standard"), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for all purposes. The TM-30-15 standard describes metrics including the Fidelity Index (Rf) and the Gamut Index (Rg) that can be calculated based on the color rendition of a light source for 99 color evaluation samples ("CES"). The 99 CES provide uniform color space coverage, are intended to be spectral sensitivity neutral, and provide color samples that correspond to a variety of real objects. Rf values range from 0 to 100 and indicate the fidelity with which a light source renders colors as compared with a reference illuminant. Rg values provide a measure of the color gamut that the light source provides relative to a reference illuminant. The range of Rg depends upon the Rf value of the light source being tested. The reference illuminant is selected depending on the CCT. For CCT values less than or equal to 4500K, Planckian radiation is used. For CCT values greater than or equal to 5500K, CIE Daylight illuminant is used. Between 4500K and 5500K a proportional mix of Planckian radiation and the CIE Daylight illuminant is used, according to the following equation: $S_{r,M}(\lambda, T_t) = \frac{5500 - T_t}{1000} S_{r,P}(\lambda, T_t) + (1 - \frac{5500 - T_t}{1000}) S_{r,D}(\lambda, T_t)$, where T_t is the CCT value, $S_{r,M}(\lambda, T_t)$ is the proportional mix reference illuminant, $S_{r,P}(\lambda, T_t)$ is Planckian radiation, and $S_{r,D}(\lambda, T_t)$ is the CIE Daylight illuminant.

[0037] Circadian illuminance (CLA) is a measure of circadian effective light, spectral irradiance distribution of the light incident at the cornea weighted to reflect the spectral sensitivity of the human circadian system as measured by acute melatonin suppression after a one-hour exposure, and CS, which is the effectiveness of the spectrally weighted irradiance at the cornea from threshold (CS = 0.1) to saturation (CS = 0.7). The values of CLA are scaled such that an incandescent source at 2856K (known as CIE Illuminant A) which produces 1000 lux (visual lux) will produce 1000 units of circadian lux (CLA). CS values are transformed CLA values and correspond to relative melotonian suppression after one hour of light exposure for a 2.3mm diameter pupil during the mid-point

 $CS = 0.7 \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{CLA}{3SS,9}\right)^{n_{1},126}}\right)$ The

of melotonian production. CS is calculated from

calculation of CLA is more fully described in Rea et al., "Modelling the spectral sensitivity of the human circadian system," Lighting Research and Technology, 2011; 0: 1–12, and Figueiro et al., "Designing with Circadian Stimulus", October 2016, LD+A Magazine, Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, which are incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for all purposes. Figueiro et al. describe that exposure to a CS of 0.3 or greater at the eye, for at least one hour in the early part of the day, is effective for stimulating the circadian system and is associated with better sleep and improved behavior and mood.

[0038] Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML) provides a measure of photoreceptive input to circadian and neurophysiological light responses in humans, as described in Lucas et al., "Measuring and using light in the melanopsin age." Trends in Neurosciences, Jan 2014, Vol. 37, No. 1, pages 1-9, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, including all appendices, for all purposes. Melanopic lux is weighted to a photopigment with λ max 480 nm with prereceptoral filtering based on a 32 year old standard observer, as described more fully in the Appendix A, Supplementary Data to Lucas et al. (2014), User Guide: Irradiance Toolbox

(Oxford 18th October 2013), University of Manchester, Lucas Group, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for all purposes.

[0039] Blue Light Hazard (BLH) provides a measure of potential for a photochemical induced retinal injury that results from radiation exposure. Blue Light Hazard is described in IEC/EN 62471, Photobiological Safety of Lamps and Lamp Systems and Technical Report IEC/TR 62778: Application of IEC 62471 for the assessment of blue light hazard to light sources and luminaires, which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety for all purposes. A BLH factor can be expressed in (weighted power/lux) in units of μW/cm²/lux.

[0040] In some aspects the present disclosure relates to lighting devices and methods to provide light having particular vision energy and circadian energy performance. Many figures of merit are known in the art, some of which are described in Ji Hve Oh, Su Ji Yang and Young Rag Do, "Healthy, natural, efficient and tunable lighting: four-package white LEDs for optimizing the circadian effect, color quality and vision performance," Light: Science & Applications (2014) 3: e141-e149, which is incorporated herein in its entirety, including supplementary information, for all purposes. Luminous efficacy of radiation ("LER") can be calculated from the ratio of the luminous flux to the radiant flux $(S(\lambda))$, i.e. the spectral power distribution of the light source being evaluated, with the following equation: $LER(\frac{lm}{W}) = 683(\frac{lm}{W}) \frac{\int V(\lambda)S(\lambda)d\lambda}{\int S(\lambda)d\lambda}$. Circadian efficacy of radiation ("CER") can be calculated from the ratio of circadian luminous flux to the radiant flux, with the following equation: $CER(\frac{blm}{W}) = 683(\frac{blm}{W}) \frac{\int C(\lambda)S(\lambda)d\lambda}{\int S(\lambda)d\lambda}$. Circadian action factor ("CAF") can be defined by the ratio of CER to LER, with the following equation: $(\frac{blm}{lm}) = \frac{CER(\frac{blm}{W})}{LER(\frac{lm}{W})}$. The term "blm" refers to biolumens, units for measuring circadian flux, also known as circadian lumens. The term "lm" refers to visual lumens. $V(\lambda)$ is the photopic spectral luminous efficiency function

and $C(\lambda)$ is the circadian spectral sensitivity function. The calculations herein use the circadian spectral sensitivity function, $C(\lambda)$, from Gall et al., Proceedings of the CIE Symposium 2004 on Light and Health: Non-Visual Effects, 30 September–2 October 2004; Vienna, Austria 2004. CIE: Wien, 2004, pp129–132, which is incorporated herein in its entirety for all purposes. By integrating the amount of light (milliwatts) within the circadian spectral sensitivity function and dividing such value by the number of photopic lumens, a relative measure of melatonin suppression effects of a particular light source can be obtained. A scaled relative measure denoted as melatonin suppressing milliwatts per hundred lumens may be obtained by dividing the photopic lumens by 100. The term "melatonin suppressing milliwatts per hundred lumens" consistent with the foregoing calculation method is used throughout this application and the accompanying figures and tables.

[0041] The ability of a light source to provide illumination that allows for the clinical observation of cyanosis is based upon the light source's spectral power density in the red portion of the visible spectrum, particularly around 660 nm. The cyanosis observation index ("COI") is defined by AS/NZS 1680.2.5 Interior Lighting Part 2.5: Hospital and Medical Tasks, Standards Australia, 1997 which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, including all appendices, for all purposes. COI is applicable for CCTs from about 3300K to about 5500K, and is preferably of a value less than about 3.3. If a light source's output around 660 nm is too low a patient's skin color may appear darker and may be falsely diagnosed as cyanosed. If a light source's output at 660nm is too high, it may mask any cyanosis, and it may not be diagnosed when it is present. COI is a dimensionless number and is calculated from the spectral power distribution of the light source. The COI value is calculated by calculating the color difference between blood viewed under the test light source and viewed under the reference lamp (a 4000 K Planckian source) for 50% and 100%

oxygen saturation and averaging the results. The lower the value of COI, the smaller the shift in color appearance results under illumination by the source under consideration.

[10042] The ability of a light source to accurately reproduce color in illuminated objects can be characterized by the Television Lighting Consistency Index ("TLCI-2012" or "TLCI") value Qa, as described fully in EBU Tech 3355, Method for the Assessment of the Colorimetric Properties of Luminaires, European Broadcasting Union ("EBU"), Geneva, Switzerland (2014), and EBU Tech 3355-s1, An Introduction to Spectroradiometry, which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety, including all appendices, for all purposes. The TLCI compares the test light source to a reference luminaire, which is specified to be one whose chromaticity falls on either the Planckian or Daylight locus and having a color temperature which is that of the CCT of the test light source. If the CCT is less than 3400 K, then a Planckian radiator is assumed. If the CCT is greater than 5000 K, then a Daylight radiator is assumed. If the CCT lies between 3400 K and 5000 K, then a mixed illuminant is assumed, being a linear interpolation between Planckian at 3400 K and Daylight at 5000 K. Therefore, it is necessary to calculate spectral power distributions for both Planckian and Daylight radiators. The mathematics for both operations is known in the art and is described more fully in CIE Technical Report 15:2004, Colorimetry 3rd ed., International Commission on Illumination (2004), which is incorporated herein in its entirety for all purposes.

[0043] In some exemplary implementations, the present disclosure provides semiconductor light emitting devices 100 that include a plurality of LED strings, with each LED string having a recipient luminophoric medium that comprises a luminescent material. The LED(s) in each string and the luminophoric medium in each string together emit an unsaturated light having a color point within a color range in the 1931 CIE chromaticity

diagram. A "color range" in the 1931 CIE chromaticity diagram refers to a bounded area defining a group of color coordinates (ccx, ccy).

[0044] In some implementations, three LED strings (101A/101B/101C) are present in a device 100. One or more of the LED strings can have recipient luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C). In some implementations, one or more of the luminophoric mediums can be omitted. A first LED string 101A and a first luminophoric medium 102A together can emit a first light having a first color point within a blue color range. The combination of the first LED string 101A and the first luminophoric medium 102A are also referred to herein as a "blue channel." A second LED string 101B and a second luminophoric medium 102B together can emit a second light having a second color point within a red color range. The combination of the second LED string 101A and the second luminophoric medium 102A are also referred to herein as a "red channel." A third LED string 101C and a third luminophoric medium 102C together can emit a third light having a third color point within a green color range. The combination of the third LED string 101C and the third luminophoric medium 102C are also referred to herein as a "green channel."

[0045] The first, second, and third LED strings 101A/101B/101C can be provided with independently applied on-state drive currents in order to tune the intensity of the first, second, and third unsaturated light produced by each string and luminophoric medium together. By varying the drive currents in a controlled manner, the color coordinate (ccx, ccy) of the total light that is emitted from the device 100 can be tuned. In some implementations, the device 100 can provide light at substantially the same color coordinate with different spectral power distribution profiles, which can result in different light characteristics at the same CCT. In some implementations, white light can be generated in modes that only produce light from two or three of the LED strings. In one implementation, white light is generated using the first, second, and third LED strings, i.e. the blue, red, and green channels.

In some implementations, only two of the LED strings are producing light during the generation of white light, as the other LED string is not necessary to generate white light at the desired color point with the desired color rendering performance.

[0046] FIGs. 4-6 depict suitable color ranges for some implementations of the disclosure. FIG. 4A depicts a blue color range 301A defined by a line connecting the ccx, ccy color coordinates of the infinity point of the Planckian locus (0.242, 0.24) and (0.12, 0.068), the Planckian locus from 4000K and infinite CCT, the constant CCT line of 4000K, the line of purples, and the spectral locus. FIG 4B depicts a red color range 302A defined by the spectral locus between the constant CCT line of 1600K and the line of purples, the line of purples, a line connecting the ccx, ccy color coordinates (0.61, 0.21) and (0.47, 0.28), and the constant CCT line of 1600K. FIG. 4C depicts a green color range 303A defined by the constant CCT line of 6700K, the Planckian locus, and the spectral locus. It should be understood that any gaps or openings in the described boundaries for the color ranges 301A, 302A, 303A should be closed with straight lines to connect adjacent endpoints in order to define a closed boundary for each color range.

[0047] In some implementations, suitable color ranges can be narrower than those described above. FIG. 5 depicts some suitable color ranges for some implementations of the disclosure. A blue color range 301B can be defined by a 60-step MacAdam ellipse at a CCT of 20000K, 40 points below the Planckian locus. A red color range 302B can be defined by a 20-step MacAdam ellipse at a CCT of 1200K, 20 points below the Planckian locus. A green color range 303B shown in FIG. 4D can be defined by a 60-step MacAdam ellipse centered approximately 65 points above the Planckian locus at 4500K, the Planckian locus, and the constant CCT line of 6700K. FIG. 6 depicts some further color ranges suitable for some implementations of the disclosure. A blue color range 301C is defined by a polygonal region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the following ccx, ccy color coordinates:

(0.22, 0.14), (0.19, 0.17), (0.26, 0.26), (0.28, 0.23). A red color range 302C is defined by a polygonal region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the following ccx, ccy color coordinates: (0.53, 0.41), (0.59, 0.39), (0.63, 0.29), (0.58, 0.30).

strings can be LEDs with peak emission wavelengths at or below about 535 nm. In some implementations, the LEDs emit light with peak emission wavelengths between about 360 nm and about 535 nm. In some implementations, the LEDs in the first, second, and third LED strings can be formed from InGaN semiconductor materials. In some preferred implementations, the first, second, and third LED strings can have LEDs having a peak wavelength between about 405 nm and about 485 nm. The LEDs used in the first, second, and third LED strings may have full-width half-maximum wavelength ranges of between about 10 nm and about 30 nm. In some preferred implementations, the first, second, and third LED strings can include one or more LUXEON Z Color Line royal blue LEDs (product code LXZ1-PR01) of color bin codes 3, 4, 5, or 6 or one or more LUXEON Z Color Line blue LEDs (LXZ1-PB01) of color bin code 1 or 2 (Lumileds Holding B.V., Amsterdam, Netherlands). Similar LEDs from other manufacturers such as OSRAM GmbH and Cree, Inc. could also be used, provided they have peak emission and full-width half-maximum wavelengths of the appropriate values.

[0049] In implementations utilizing LEDs that emit substantially saturated light at wavelengths between about 360 nm and about 535 nm, the device 100 can include suitable recipient luminophoric mediums for each LED in order to produce light having color points within the suitable blue color ranges 301A-C, red color ranges 302A-C, and green color ranges 303A-B described herein. The light emitted by each LED string, i.e., the light emitted from the LED(s) and associated recipient luminophoric medium together, can have a spectral power distribution ("SPD") having spectral power with ratios of power across the visible

wavelength spectrum from about 380 nm to about 780 nm. While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it is speculated that the use of such LEDs in combination with recipient luminophoric mediums to create unsaturated light within the suitable color ranges 301A-C, 302A-C, and 303A-B, provides for improved color rendering performance for white light across a predetermined range of CCTs from a single device 100. Some suitable ranges for spectral power distribution ratios of the light emitted by the three LED strings (101A/101B/101C) and recipient luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C), if provided, together are shown in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4. The Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 show the ratios of spectral power within wavelength ranges, with an arbitrary reference wavelength range selected for each color range and normalized to a value of 100.0. Tables 1 and 2 show suitable minimum and maximum values for the spectral intensities within various ranges relative to the normalized range with a value of 100.0, for the color points within the blue. green, and red color ranges. While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it is speculated that because the spectral power distributions for generated light with color points within the red, blue, and green color ranges contains higher spectral intensity across visible wavelengths as compared to lighting apparatuses and methods that utilize more saturated colors, this allows for improved color rendering for test colors other than R1-R8.

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	λ	λ	λ	λ	λ	λ	λ	λ	λ	λ
	≤420	≤460	≤500	≤540	≤580	≤620	≤660	≤700	≤740	≤780
Blue	0.3	100.0	20.9	15.2	25.3	26.3	15.4	5.9	2.3	1.0
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Blue	8.1	100.0	196.1	35.6	40.5	70.0	80.2	20.4	7.8	2.3
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Red	0.0	2.1	2.0	1.4	8.7	48.5	100.0	1.8	0.5	0.3
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Red	14.8	15.	6.7	12.2	20.5	102.8	100.0	74.3	29.5	9.0
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Green										
minimum	0.2	100.0	112.7	306.2	395.1	318.2	245.0	138.8	52.6	15.9
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m	130.6	100.0				13855.8			3778.6	1127.3

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	380<λ ≤500	500<\\. ≤600	600<\\(\lambda\) ≤700	700<λ ≤780
Blue minimum	100.0	27.0	24.8	1.1
Blue maximum	100.0	65.1	46.4	6.8
Red minimum	17.4	8.9	100.0	1.1
Red maximum	3.3	24.8	100.0	18.1
Green minimum	100.0	279.0	170.8	14.6
Green maximum	100.0	2313.6	2211.6	270.7

power distributions. Table 3 shows the ratios of spectral power within wavelength ranges, with an arbitrary reference wavelength range selected for the green color range and normalized to a value of 100.0, for a green channel that may be used in some implementations of the disclosure. The exemplary Green Channel 1 has a ccx, ccy color coordinate of (0.3263, 0.5403) and a dominant wavelength of approximately 554 nm. The exemplary Green Channel 2 has a ccx, ccy color coordinate of (0.4482, 0.5258) and a dominant wavelength of approximately 573 nm. The exemplary Green Channel 3 has a ccx, ccy color coordinate of (0.5108, 0.4708) and a dominant wavelength of approximately 582 nm. In certain implementations, the green channel can have a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values shown in Table 3.

[0051] In some implementations, the red channel can have certain spectral power distributions. Tables 3 and 4 show the ratios of spectral power within wavelength ranges, with an arbitrary reference wavelength range selected for the red color range and normalized to a value of 100.0, for a red channel that may be used in some implementations of the disclosure. The exemplary Red Channel 1 has a cex, cey color coordinate of (0.5735, 0.3007) and a dominant wavelength of approximately 641 nm. The exemplary Red Channel 2 has a cex, cey color coordinate of (0.5842, 0.3112) and a dominant wavelength of approximately 625 nm. In certain implementations, the red channel can have a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values shown in Tables 3 and 4.

[0052] In some implementations, the blue channel can have certain spectral power distributions. Tables 3 and 4 show the ratios of spectral power within wavelength ranges, with an arbitrary reference wavelength range selected for the blue color range and normalized to a value of 100.0, for a blue channel that may be used in some implementations of the disclosure. The exemplary Blue Channel 1 has a cex, cey color coordinate of (0.252, 0.223) and a dominant wavelength of approximately 470 nm. Exemplary Blue Channel 2 has a cex, cey color coordinate of (.2625, 0.1763) and a dominant wavelength of approximately 381 nm. In certain implementations, the blue channel can have a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values shown in Tables 3 and 4.

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Channel 1	0.3	0.7	11.4	100	70.7	27.9	23.5	25.1	24.6	22.3	21.0	21.2	50.9	18.1	13.4	8.7	5.2	3.1	1.9	1.3	0.0
Red Channel																					
 -	0.1	0.1	0.7	4.5	4.9	3.5	6.7	11.6	17.6	30.0	48.9	67.9	93.5	100.0	66.0	33.7	16.5	7.6	3.2	1.5	0.0
Green											manna										
Channel 1	9.0	0.5	2.4	14.0	21.6	63.4	97.1	99.5	100.0	89.1	71.9	57.8	54.1	48.6	31.0	16.1	8.1	3.9	1.8	1.1	0.0
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Channel 2	0.4	1.5		1.6 0.5	0.1	10.0	53.1	93.5	93.5 100.0	93.5	93.5 84.5 77.3	77.3	72.0	62.7	47.5	47.5 31.7	19.2	11.0	0.9	3.1	0.0
Green																					
Channel 3	0.0	0.0	0,1	7.7	2.3	3.3	23.1	2.3 3.3 23.1 51.6	64.5		73.5	89.3	100.0	91.3	70.0	47.1	67.5 73.5 89.3 100.0 91.3 70.0 47.1 28.8 16.6	16.6	9.1	4 8	0.0

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Channels ≤420	≤420		≤500		≤580	≤620		≤700		≤780
Blue Channel										
7	0.4	100.0	20.9	15.2	25.3	26.3	25.1	13.9	5.2	1.6
Red Channel										
2	9.2	8.6	1.0	4.6	11.0	46.5	100.0	75.5	29.8	8. 7.

[0053] In some implementations, the semiconductor light emitting devices of the present disclosure can include first, second, and third LED strings 101A/101B/101C that generate the red, blue, and green channels described elsewhere herein in combination with luminophoric mediums 102A/102B/102C. In certain implementations, the first, second, and third LED strings can provide broad-range, spectrally rich high CRI white light.

10054 Blends of luminescent materials can be used in luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C) to create luminophoric mediums having the desired saturated color points when excited by their respective LED strings (101A/101B/101C) including luminescent materials such as those disclosed in co-pending application PCT/US2016/015318 filed January 28, 2016, entitled "Compositions for LED Light Conversions", the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein. Traditionally, a desired combined output light can be generated along a tie line between the LED string output light color point and the saturated color point of the associated recipient luminophoric medium by utilizing different ratios of total luminescent material to the encapsulant material in which it is incorporated. Increasing the amount of luminescent material in the optical path will shift the output light color point towards the saturated color point of the luminophoric medium. In some instances, the desired saturated color point of a recipient luminophoric medium can be achieved by blending two or more luminescent materials in a ratio. The appropriate ratio to achieve the desired saturated color point can be determined via methods known in the art. Generally speaking, any blend of luminescent materials can be treated as if it were a single luminescent material, thus the ratio of luminescent materials in the blend can be adjusted to continue to meet a target CIE value for LED strings having different peak emission wavelengths. Luminescent materials can be tuned for the desired excitation in response to the selected LEDs used in the LED strings (101A/101B/101C), which may have different peak emission wavelengths within the range of

from about 360 nm to about 535 nm. Suitable methods for tuning the response of luminescent materials are known in the art and may include altering the concentrations of dopants within a phosphor, for example. In some implementations of the present disclosure, luminophoric mediums can be provided with combinations of two types of luminescent materials. The first type of luminescent material emits light at a peak emission between about 515 nm and about 590 nm in response to the associated LED string emission. The second type of luminescent material emits at a peak emission between about 590 nm and about 700 nm in response to the associated LED string emission. In some instances, the luminophoric mediums disclosed herein can be formed from a combination of at least one luminescent material of the first and second types described in this paragraph. In implementations, the luminescent materials of the first type can emit light at a peak emission at about 515 nm, 525 nm, 530 nm, 535 nm, 540 nm, 545 nm, 550 nm, 555 nm, 560 nm, 565 nm, 570 nm, 575 nm, 580 nm, 585 nm, or 590 nm in response to the associated LED string emission. In preferred implementations, the luminescent materials of the first type can emit light at a peak emission between about 520 nm to about 555 nm. In implementations, the luminescent materials of the second type can emit light at a peak emission at about 590 nm, about 595 nm, 600 nm, 605 nm, 610 nm, 615 nm, 620 nm, 625 nm, 630 nm, 635 nm, 640 nm, 645 nm, 650 nm, 655 nm, 670 nm, 675 nm, 680 nm, 685 nm, 690 nm, 695 nm, or 700 nm in response to the associated LED string emission. In preferred implementations, the luminescent materials of the first type can emit light at a peak emission between about 600 nm to about 670 nm. Some exemplary luminescent materials of the first and second type are disclosed elsewhere herein and referred to as Compositions A-F. Table 5 shows aspects of some exemplar luminescent materials and properties:

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Designator	Exemplary Material(s)	Density (g/mL)	Emission Peak (nm)	FWHM (nm)	Emission Peak Range (nm)	FWHM Range (nm)
Composition "A"	Luag: Cerium doped lutetium aluminum garnet (Lu ₃ Al ₅ O ₁₂)	6.73	535	95	530-540	90-100
Composition "B"	Yag: Cerium doped yttrium aluminum gamet (Y ₃ Al ₅ O ₁₂)	4.7	550	110	545-555	105-115
Composition	a 650 nm-peak wavelength emission phosphor: Europium doped calcium aluminum silica nitride (CaAlSiN ₃)	3.1	650	90	645-655	85-95
Composition "D"	a 525 nm-peak wavelength emission phosphor: GBAM: BaMgAl ₁₀ O ₁₇ :Eu	3.1	525	60	520-530	55-65
Composition	a 630 nm-peak wavelength emission quantum dot: any semiconductor quantum dot material of appropriate size for desired emission wavelengths	5.1	630	40	625-635	35-45
Composition "F"	a 610 nm-peak wavelength emission quantum dot: any semiconductor quantum dot material of appropriate size for desired emission wavelengths	5.1	610	40	605-615	35-45

[0055] Blends of Compositions A-F can be used in luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C) to create luminophoric mediums having the desired saturated color points when excited by their respective LED strings (101A/101B/101C). In some implementations, one or more blends of one or more of Compositions A-F can be used to produce luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C). In some preferred implementations, one or more of Compositions A, B, and D and one or more of Compositions C, E, and F can be combined to produce luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C). In some preferred implementations, the encapsulant for luminophoric mediums (102A/102B/102C) comprises a matrix material having density of about 1.1 mg/mm³ and refractive index of about 1.545 or from about 1.4 to about 1.6. In some

from about 18 micrometers to about 40 micrometers. In some implementations, Composition B can have a refractive index of about 1.84 and a particle size from about 13 micrometers to about 30 micrometers. In some implementations, Composition C can have a refractive index of about 1.8 and a particle size from about 10 micrometers to about 15 micrometers. In some implementations, Composition C can have a refractive index of about 1.8 and a particle size from about 10 micrometers to about 15 micrometers. In some implementations, Composition D can have a refractive index of about 1.8 and a particle size from about 10 micrometers to about 15 micrometers. Suitable phosphor materials for Compositions A, B, C, and D are commercially available from phosphor manufacturers such as Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation (Tokyo, Japan), Internatix Corporation (Fremont, CA), EMD Performance Materials of Merck KGaA (Darmstadt, Germany), and PhosphorTech Corporation (Kennesaw, GA).

[0056] In some aspects, the present disclosure provides semiconductor light emitting devices capable to producing tunable white light through a range of CCT values. In some implementations, devices of the present disclosure can output white light at color points along a predetermined path within a 7-step MacAdam ellipse around any point on the black body locus having a correlated color temperature between 1800K and 10000K. In some implementations, the devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Rf greater than or equal to about 85, Rg greater than or equal to about 90 and less than or equal to about 110, or both. In some implementations, the devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Ra greater than or equal to about 92 along points with correlated color temperature between about 1800K and 10000K, R9 greater than or equal to 80 along points with correlated color temperature between about 2100K and about 10000K, or

both. In some implementations, the devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having EML greater than or equal to about 0.5 along points with correlated color temperature above about 2400K, EML greater than or equal to about 1.0 along points with correlated color temperature above about 5500K, or both. In some implementations, the devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with R13 greater than or equal to about 92, R15 greater than or equal to about 88, or both. In some implementations, the blue color region can be a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a line connecting the cex, cey color coordinates of the infinity point of the Planckian locus (0.242, 0.24) and (0.12, 0.068), the Planckian locus from 4000K and infinite CCT, the constant CCT line of 4000K, the line of purples, and the spectral locus. In some implementations, the red color region can be a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the spectral locus between the constant CCT line of 1600K and the line of purples, the line of purples, a line connecting the cex, cey color coordinates (0.61, 0.21) and (0.47, 0.28), and the constant CCT line of 1600K. In some implementations, the green color region can be a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the constant CCT line of 6700K, the Planckian locus, and the spectral locus. The spectral power distributions for the red, blue, and green channels can fall within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2. In some implementations the semiconductor light emitting device has a red channel with a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a red channel shown in Tables 3 and 4. In some implementations the semiconductor light emitting device has a blue channel with

a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a blue channel shown in Tables 3 and 4. In some implementations the semiconductor light emitting device has a green channel with a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a green channel shown in Table 3. In some implementations, the devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with BLH factor less than 0.05 uW/cm²/lux. In some implementations, the devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with one or more of BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.01 along points with correlated color temperature below about 2100K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.015 along points with correlated color temperature below about 2400K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.025 along points with correlated color temperature below about 3000K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.05 along points with correlated color temperature below about 4000K, and BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.060 along points with correlated color temperature below about 6500K. In some implementations, the devices can be configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with the ratio of the EML to the BLH factor being greater than or equal to about 15, greater than or equal to about 20, greater than or equal to about 21, greater than or equal to about 22, greater than or equal to about 23, greater than or equal to about 24, greater

than or equal to about 25, greater than or equal to about 26, greater than or equal to about 27, greater than or equal to about 28, greater than or equal to about 29, greater than or equal to about 30, greater than or equal to about 35, or greater than or equal to about 40. Providing a higher ratio of the EML to the BLH factor can be advantageous to provide light that provides desired biological impacts but does not have as much potential for photochemical induced injuries to the retina or skin.

[0057] In some aspects, the present disclosure provides methods of generating white light using the semiconductor devices described herein. In some implementations, the methods can include driving the first, second, and third LED strings with independently controllable amounts such that the relative intensities of the blue, red, and green channels can be changed to tune the white light output. In some aspects, the methods can include generating light from the blue channel in a blue color region, generating light from the red channel in a red color region, and generating light from the green channel in a green color region. In some implementations, the methods can include generating light from a blue channel in a blue color region that is a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a line connecting the ccx, ccy color coordinates of the infinity point of the Planckian locus (0.242, 0.24) and (0.12, 0.068), the Planckian locus from 4000K and infinite CCT, the constant CCT line of 4000K, the line of purples, and the spectral locus. In some implementations, the methods can include generating light from a red channel in a red color region that is a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the spectral locus between the constant CCT line of 1600K and the line of purples, the line of purples, a line connecting the ccx, ccv color coordinates (0.61, 0.21) and (0.47, 0.28), and the constant CCT line of 1600K. In some implementations, the methods can include generating light from a green channel in a green color region that is a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the constant CCT line of 6700K, the Planckian locus, and

the spectral locus. The methods can include generating light from blue, red, and green channels having spectral power distributions falling within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2. In some implementations the methods can include generating light from a red channel with a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a red channel shown in Tables 3 and 4. In some implementations the methods can include generating light from a blue channel with a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a blue channel shown in Tables 3 and 4. In some implementations the methods can include generating light from a green channel with a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a green channel shown in Table 3.

EXAMPLES

General Simulation Method.

[0058] Devices having three LED strings with particular color points were simulated. For each device, LED strings and recipient luminophoric mediums with particular emissions were selected, and then white light rendering capabilities were calculated for a select number of representative points on or near the Planckian locus between about 1800K and 10000K. Ra, R9,

R13, R15, LER, Rf, Rg, CLA, CS, EML, BLH factor, CAF, CER, COI, and circadian performance values were calculated at each representative point.

[0059] The calculations were performed with Scilab (Scilab Enterprises, Versailles, France), LightTools (Synopsis, Inc., Mountain View, CA), and custom software created using Python (Python Software Foundation, Beaverton, OR). Each LED string was simulated with an LED emission spectrum and excitation and emission spectra of luminophoric medium(s). For luminophoric mediums comprising phosphors, the simulations also included the absorption spectrum and particle size of phosphor particles. The LED strings generating combined emissions within blue, green, and red color regions were prepared using spectra of a LUXEON Z Color Line royal blue LED (product code LXZ1-PR01) of color bin codes 3, 4, 5, or 6 or a LUXEON Z Color Line blue LED (LXZ1-PB01) of color bin code 1 or 2 (Lumileds Holding B.V., Amsterdam, Netherlands). Similar LEDs from other manufacturers such as OSRAM GmbH and Cree. Inc. could also be used.

[0060] The emission, excitation and absorption curves are available from commercially available phosphor manufacturers such as Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation (Tokyo, Japan), Internatix Corporation (Fremont, CA), EMD Performance Materials of Merck KGaA (Darmstadt, Germany), and PhosphorTech Corporation (Kennesaw, GA). The luminophoric mediums used in the LED strings were combinations of one or more of Compositions A, B, and D and one or more of Compositions C, E, and F as described more fully elsewhere herein. Those of skill in the art appreciate that various combinations of LEDs and luminescent blends can be combined to generate combined emissions with desired color points on the 1931 CIE chromaticity diagram and the desired spectral power distributions.

Example 1

strings. A first LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a blue channel having the characteristics of Blue Channel 1 as described above and shown in Table 3. A second LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a red channel having the characteristics of Red Channel 1 as described above and shown in Table 3. A third LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a green color channel having the characteristics of Green Channel 1 as described above and shown in Table 3.

[0062] FIGs. 7A-7B shows light-rendering characteristics of the device for a representative selection of white light color points near the Planckian locus. FIGs. 7A-7B show data for white light color points generated using only the first, second, and third LED strings.

Example 2

[0063] A semiconductor light emitting device was simulated having three LED strings. A first LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a blue channel having the characteristics of Blue Channel 2 as described above and shown in Table 4. A second LED string is driven by a blue LED having

peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a red channel having the characteristics of Red Channel 2 as described above and shown in Table 4. A third LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a green color channel having the characteristics of Green Channel 2 as described above and shown in Table 3.

[0064] FIGs. 8A-8B shows light-rendering characteristics of the device for a representative selection of white light color points near the Planckian locus. FIG. 8A-8B shows data for white light color points generated using only the first, second, and third LED strings.

Example 3

[0065] A semiconductor light emitting device was simulated having three LED strings. A first LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a blue channel having the characteristics of Blue Channel 2 as described above and shown in Table 4. A second LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a red channel having the characteristics of Red Channel 2 as described above and shown in Table 4. A third LED string is driven by a blue LED having peak emission wavelength of approximately 450 nm to approximately 455 nm, utilizes a recipient luminophoric medium, and generates a combined emission of a green color channel having the characteristics of Green Channel 3 as described above and shown in Table 3.

[0066] FIG. 9A shows light-rendering characteristics of the device for a representative selection of white light color points near the Planckian locus. FIG. 9A shows data for white light color points generated using only the first, second, and third LED strings.

Example 4

[0067] The 3-channel system of Example 1 was compared with off-the-shelf commercial LED devices rated at 80 CRI, having Ra approximately equal to 80. The off-the-shelf devices were based on data from LumiLeds products in the LUXEON series. FIG. 10 shows performance comparisons between the system of Example 1 and various fixed-CCT (non-tunable) products, with differences between the Ra and EML values shown for each approximate CCT.

EXAMPLE 5

[0068] Those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that a variety of materials can be used in the manufacturing of the components in the devices and systems disclosed herein. Any suitable structure and/or material can be used for the various features described herein, and a skilled artisan will be able to select an appropriate structures and materials based on various considerations, including the intended use of the systems disclosed herein, the intended arena within which they will be used, and the equipment and/or accessories with which they are intended to be used, among other considerations. Conventional polymeric, metal-polymer composites, ceramics, and metal materials are suitable for use in the various components. Materials hereinafter discovered and/or developed that are determined to be suitable for use in the features and elements described herein would also be considered acceptable.

[0069] When ranges are used herein for physical properties, such as molecular weight, or chemical properties, such as chemical formulae, all combinations, and subcombinations of ranges for specific exemplar therein are intended to be included.

[0070] The disclosures of each patent, patent application, and publication cited or described in this document are hereby incorporated herein by reference, in its entirety.

[0071] Those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that numerous changes and modifications can be made to the exemplars of the disclosure and that such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit of the disclosure. It is, therefore, intended that the appended claims cover all such equivalent variations as fall within the true spirit and scope of the disclosure.

What is claimed:

1. A semiconductor light emitting device comprising:

first, second, and third LED strings, with each LED string comprising one or more LEDs having an associated luminophoric medium;

wherein the first, second, and third LED strings together with their associated luminophoric mediums comprise red, blue, and green channels respectively, producing first, second, and third unsaturated light having color points within red, blue, and green regions on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity diagram, respectively;

- a control circuit configured to adjust a fourth color point of a fourth unsaturated light that results from a combination of the first, second, and third unsaturated light, with the fourth color point falls within a 7-step MacAdam ellipse around any point on the black body locus having a correlated color temperature between 1800K and 10000K.
- 2. The semiconductor light emitting device of claim 1 configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Rf greater than or equal to about 85, Rg greater than or equal to about 90 and less than or equal to about 110, or both.
- 3. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Ra greater than or equal to about 92 along points with correlated color temperature between about 1800K and 10000K, R9 greater than or equal to 80 along points with correlated color temperature between about 2100K and about 10000K, or both.
- 4. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path

with the light generated at each point having EML greater than or equal to about 0.5 along points with correlated color temperature above about 2400K, EML greater than or equal to about 1.0 along points with correlated color temperature above about 5500K, or both.

- 5. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with R13 greater than or equal to about 92, R15 greater than or equal to about 88, or both.
- 6. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the blue color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a line connecting the cex, cey color coordinates of the infinity point of the Planckian locus (0.242, 0.24) and (0.12, 0.068), the Planckian locus from 4000K and infinite CCT, the constant CCT line of 4000K, the line of purples, and the spectral locus.
- 7. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the red color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the spectral locus between the constant CCT line of 1600K and the line of purples, the line of purples, a line connecting the cex, cey color coordinates (0.61, 0.21) and (0.47, 0.28), and the constant CCT line of 1600K.
- 8. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the green color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the constant CCT line of 6700K, the Planckian locus, and the spectral locus.
- 9. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the green color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a 60-step MacAdam ellipse centered approximately 65 points above the Planckian locus at 4500K, the Planckian locus, and the constant CCT line of 6700K.

10. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the spectral power distribution for the red, channel falls within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2.

- 11. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the spectral power distribution for the blue channel falls within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2.
- 12. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the spectral power distribution for the green channel falls within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2.
- 13. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the red channel has a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a red channel shown in Tables 3 and 4.
- 14. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the blue channel has a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a blue channel shown in Tables 3 and 4.
- 15. The semiconductor light emitting device of any preceding claim, wherein the green channel has a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a green channel shown in Table 3.
- 16. A method of generating white light, the method comprising:

providing first, second, and third LED strings, with each LED string comprising one or more LEDs having an associated luminophoric medium;

- wherein the first, second, and third LED strings together with their associated luminophoric mediums comprise red, blue, and green channels respectively, producing first, second, and third unsaturated light with color points within red, blue, and green regions on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity diagram, respectively;
- providing a control circuit configured to adjust a fourth color point of a fourth unsaturated light that results from a combination of the first, second, and third unsaturated light, with the fourth color point falls within a 7-step MacAdam ellipse around any point on the black body locus having a correlated color temperature between 1800K and 10000K;

generating two or more of the first, second, and third unsaturated light; and combining the two or more generated unsaturated lights to create the fourth unsaturated light.

- 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the combining generates the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Rf greater than or equal to about 85, Rg greater than or equal to about 90 and less than or equal to about 110, or both.
- 18. The method of any one of claims 16-17, wherein the combining generates the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with Ra greater than or equal to about 92 along points with correlated color temperature between about 1800K and 10000K, R9 greater than or equal to 80 along points with correlated color temperature between about 2100K and about 10000K, or both.
- 19. The method of any one of claims 16-18, wherein the combining generates the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having EML greater than or equal to about 0.5 along points with correlated color temperature above about 2400K, EML greater than or equal to about 1.0 along points with correlated color temperature above about 5500K, or both.

20. The method of any one of claims 16-19, wherein the combining generates the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with R13 greater than or equal to about 92, R15 greater than or equal to about 88, or both.

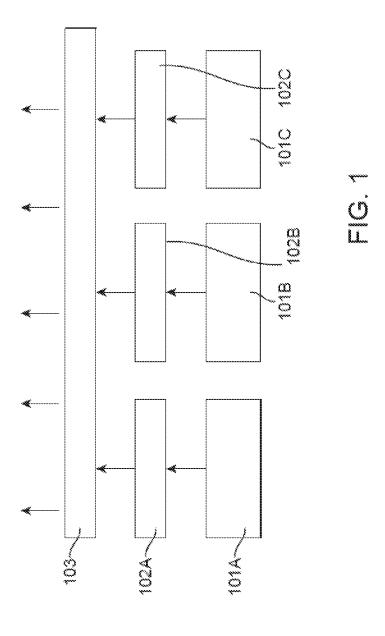
- 21. The method of any one of claims 16-20, wherein the blue color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a line connecting the ccx, ccy color coordinates of the infinity point of the Planckian locus (0.242, 0.24) and (0.12, 0.068), the Planckian locus from 4000K and infinite CCT, the constant CCT line of 4000K, the line of purples, and the spectral locus.
- 22. The method of any one of claims 16-21, wherein the red color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the spectral locus between the constant CCT line of 1600K and the line of purples, the line of purples, a line connecting the cex, cey color coordinates (0.61, 0.21) and (0.47, 0.28), and the constant CCT line of 1600K.
- 23. The method of any one of claims 16-22, wherein the green color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by the constant CCT line of 6700K, the Planckian locus, and the spectral locus.
- 24. The method of any one of claims 16-23, wherein the green color region comprises a region on the 1931 CIE Chromaticity Diagram defined by a 60-step MacAdam ellipse centered approximately 65 points above the Planckian locus at 4500K, the Planckian locus, and the constant CCT line of 6700K.
- 25. The method of any one of claims 16-24, wherein the spectral power distribution for the red, channel falls within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2.
- 26. The method of any one of claims 16-25, wherein the spectral power distribution for the blue channel falls within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2

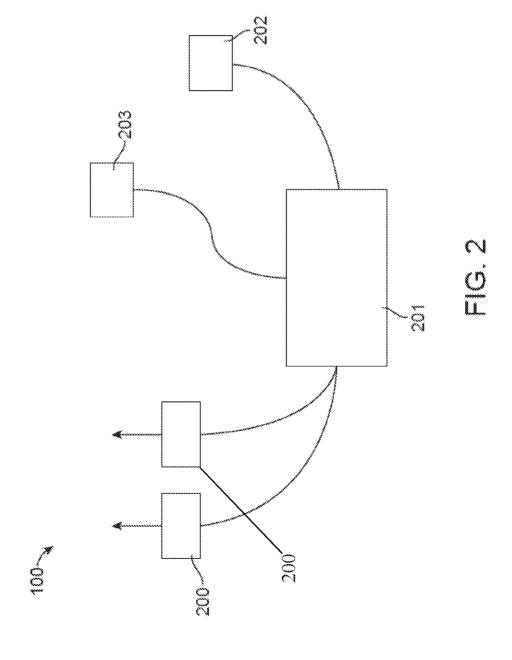
27. The method of any one of claims 16-26, wherein the spectral power distribution for the green channel falls within the minimum and maximum ranges shown in Tables 1 and 2.

- 28. The method of any one of claims 16-27, wherein the red channel has a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a red channel shown in Tables 3 and 4.
- 29. The method of any one of claims 16-28, wherein the blue channel has a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a blue channel shown in Tables 3 and 4.
- 30. The method of any one of claims 16-29, wherein the green channel has a spectral power distribution with spectral power in one or more of the wavelength ranges other than the reference wavelength range increased or decreased within 30% greater or less, within 20% greater or less, within 10% greater or less, or within 5% greater or less than the values of a green channel shown in Table 3.
- 31. The method of any one of claims 16-30, wherein the combining generates the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with one or more of BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.01 along points with correlated color temperature below about 2100K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.015 along points with correlated color temperature below about 2400K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.025 along points with correlated color temperature below about 3000K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.050 along points with correlated color temperature below about 4000K, and BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.060 along points with correlated color temperature below about 6500K.

32. The method of any one of claims 16-31, wherein the combining generates the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with the ratio of the EML to the BLH factor being greater than or equal to about 15, greater than or equal to about 20, greater than or equal to about 21, greater than or equal to about 22, greater than or equal to about 23, greater than or equal to about 24, greater than or equal to about 25, greater than or equal to about 26, greater than or equal to about 27, greater than or equal to about 28, greater than or equal to about 29, greater than or equal to about 30, greater than or equal to about 35, or greater than or equal to about 40.

- 33. The semiconductor light emitting device of any one of claims 1-15, wherein the device is configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with one or more of BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.01 along points with correlated color temperature below about 2100K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.015 along points with correlated color temperature below about 2400K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.025 along points with correlated color temperature below about 3000K, BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.05 along points with correlated color temperature below about 4000K, and BLH factor less than or equal to about 0.060 along points with correlated color temperature below about 6500K.
- 34. The semiconductor light emitting device of any one of claims 1-15 and 33, wherein the device is configured to generate the fourth unsaturated light corresponding to a plurality of points along a predefined path with the light generated at each point having light with the ratio of the EML to the BLH factor being greater than or equal to about 15, greater than or equal to about 20, greater than or equal to about 21, greater than or equal to about 22, greater than or equal to about 23, greater than or equal to about 24, greater than or equal to about 25, greater than or equal to about 26, greater than or equal to about 27, greater than or equal to about 28, greater than or equal to about 29, greater than or equal to about 30, greater than or equal to about 35, or greater than or equal to about 40.





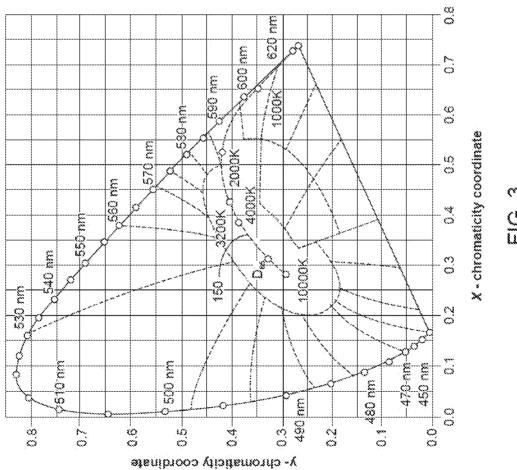
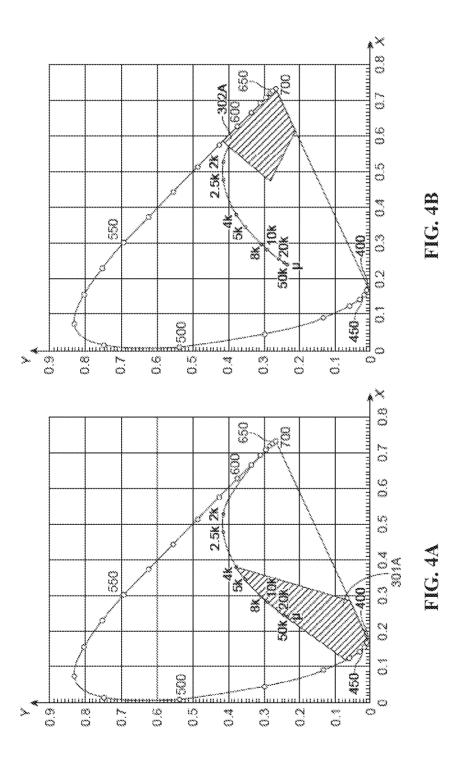
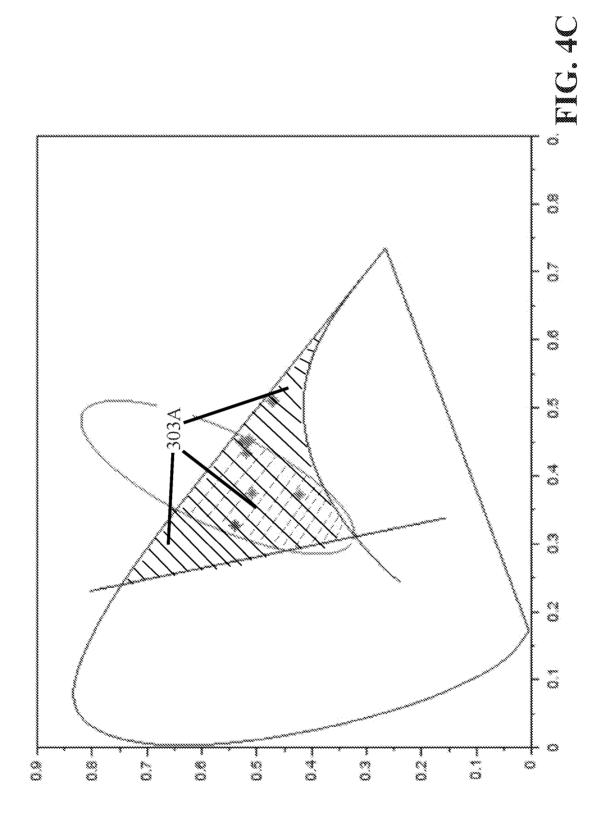
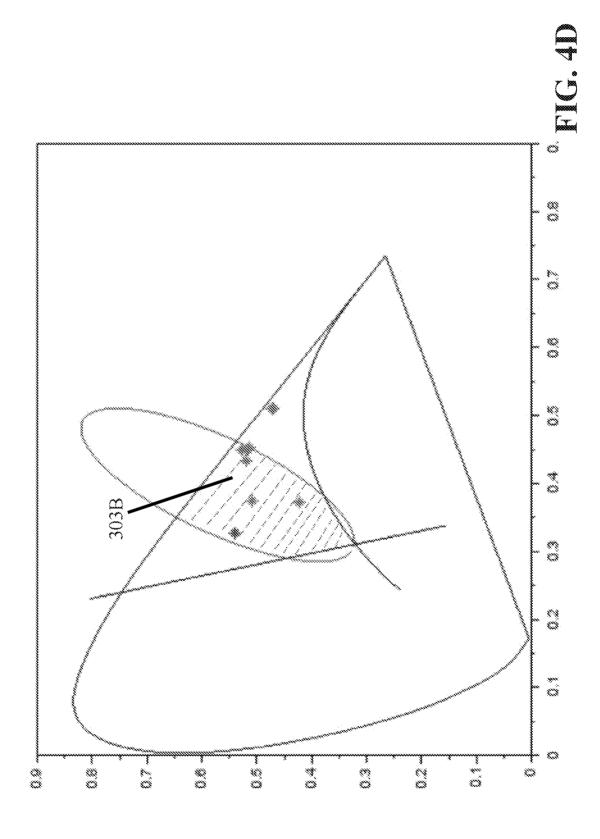
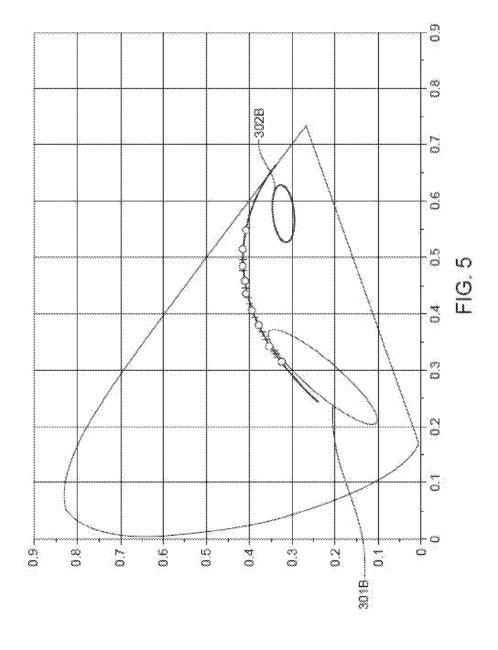


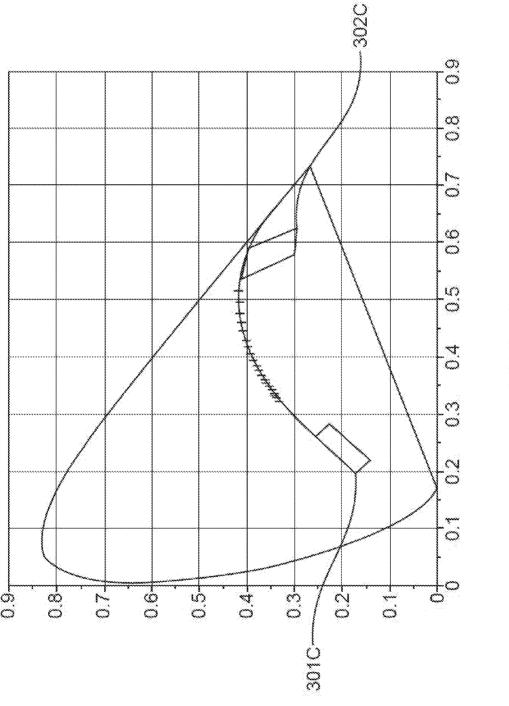
FIG. 3 PRIOR ART











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Circadian Power (mVV)	271.77669	255.28387	0.0606523	0.0630431	0.06512	0.0676025	219.90864	210.31977	198.07317	185.7664	175.50913	162.16036	147.41273	134.82668	121.45573	106.68254	88.164778
LER (fuminous efficacy of radiation) (fm/W)	255.88	269.27	271.03	274.26	276.77	278.66	281.58	284.51	287.46	289.4	282.01	276.67	268.06	263.94	256.87	247.41	234.5
R15	88.77	89.11	88.82	89.88	90.53	91.87	92.68	93.36	92.04	93.35	94.32	92.92	91.62	93.24	95.46	90.66	93.61
R13	97.23	96.07	95.46	95.9	96.08	97.01	97.19	97.23	96.31	96.99	96.84	94.27	91.79	92.05	95.66	94.61	99.1
R9	93.52	81.24	78.99	82.52	84.34	89.15	90.9	91.77	93.68	97.03	88.34	83.27	82.39	87.53	94.64	93.46	75.5
Ra	92.19	92.04	91.85	92.68	93.21	94.23	94.87	95.4	95.05	95.93	96.73	95.52	93.9	93.88	93.88	93.5	92.86
ληρ	-0.11	5.2	5.76	5.67	5.74	5.12	5.24	5.47	5.63	5.68	0.61	-2.28	-5.66	-5,48	-5.75	-5.78	-5.13
LDD	10188.24	8484.09	8287.03	7548.23	7061.67	6515.58	5997.82	5518.58	4977.02	4495.7	3995.75	3496.27	2997.45	2694.67	2394.43	2105.02	1806.76
λo	0.2869	0.307	0.3098	0.3181	0.3247	0.3321	0.3414	0.3515	0.3644	0.3772	0.3784	0.3845	0.3875	0.3941	0.3971	0.3971	0.3933
Š	0.2797	0.2882	0.2897	0.2975	0.3036	0.312	0.3214	0.332	0.3469	0.3633	0.381	0.4031	0.4291	0.4511	0.4755	0.5028	0.5363
Green Channel Relative Intensity	0.1376	0.1987	0.2071	0.2327	0.2552	0.2809	0.2698	0.2859	0.2859	0.2859	0.2859	0.2084	0.1405	0.1405	0.1082	0.0695	0.0307
Red Channel Relative Intensity	0	0	O	0.0273	0.0497	0.0883	0.1147	0.1535	0.1986	0.2504	0.3764	0.3829	0.3829	0.483	0.5121	0.5121	0.5121
Blue Channel Relative Intensity	1	1	—	1	1	1	0.8401	0.7738	0.6414	0.525	0.5218	0.3409	0.2149	0.1761	0.1147	0.063	0.0242

BLH Factor (µW/cm²/lux)	0.0449	0.0457	0.0458	0.0461	0.0464	0.0467	0.0472	0.0478	0.0487	0.0499	0.0498	0.0379	0.0280	0.0211	0.0155	0.0109	0.0067
α. ρυ	94	95	66	95	95	96	97	97	97	97	97	101	103	103	105	106	108
R	84	95	85	86	86	87	88	89	89	88	90	91	93	93	93	91	85
Ō	9.95	9.4	9.3	8.24	7.48	6.39	5.37	4.34	3.06	1.91	0.8	2.73	5.38	7.19	9.51	12.45	16.55
GAIBB	95.67311	93.13028					95.21464	95.34702	95.3394	95.07326	102.2301	108.6856	121.0082	125.9038	135.8321	151.9294	181.2621
S			0.6050	0.5980	0.5910	0.5830											
CLA			1910	1764	1653	1526											
EML	1.339897	1.242974	1.2290	1.1776	1.1387	1.0917	1.039521	0.984503	0.914422	0.844224	0.78765	0.713161	0.631587	0.561254	0.487289	0.406168	0.305184
GAI	102.6789	96.55727					90.96754	88.19138	83.93456	78.74207	78.37629	73.78714	68.38171	60.02355	51.51462	42.12676	30.55817
CAF (circadian action factor) (blm/lm)	1.175123	1.056171	1.039844	0.983768	0.941295	0.891874	0.83553	0.776735	0.703084	0.630826	0.585499	0.519818	0.452754	0.389983	0.329043	0.266267	0.19283
CER (Circadian power per flux) (blm/W)	302,23438	285.89893	283.31671	271.22585	261.89094	249.82194	236.48176	222.11495	203.11912	183.45058	165.87507	144.43976	121.84466	103.31359	84.809326	66.079274	45.308111
Circadian Flux	117.5123	105.61714	0.0249348	0.025418	0.025838	0.0263256	83.552988	77.673456	70.308353	63.082589	58.549872	51.981782	45.275395	38.9983	32.904273	26.626725	19.282978
Circadian Power (mW)	271.77669	255.28387	0.0606523	0.0630431	0.06512	0.0676025	219.90864	210.31977	198.07317	185.7664	175.50913	162.16036	147.41273	134.82668	121.45573	106.68254	88.164778
CCL	10188.24	8484.09	8287.03	7548.23	7061.67	6515.58	5997.82	5518.58	4977.02	4495.7	3995.75	3496.27	2997.45	2694.67	2394.43	2105.02	1806.76

LER (luminous efficacy of radiation) (lm/W)	316.1	300.14	285.51	260.74	255.42	242.94	225.25	206.51		
R15	75.57	83.92	91.48	97.2	96.9	95.61	94.69	95.89		
R13	75.81	81.6	87.76	96.37	97.79	97.76	94.12	91.57		
R9	28.02	52.15	73.43	95.9	97.82	97.64	96.86	95.73		
R B	76.14	80.19	84.42	90.06	91.08	92.4	93.21	92.67		
duv	5.48	0.1	-2.68	-6.82	-5.81	-5.34	-5.64	-5.83		
CCT	4246.95	3994.63	3525.22	2901.59	2728.12	2442	2129.96	1849.65		
λοο	0.3838	0.3771	0.3826	0.3863	0.3926	0.398	0.3977	0.3926		
XXX	0.3732	0.3807	0.4012	0.4339	0.448	0.4721	0.5006	0.5298		
Green Channel Relative Intensity	0.6414	0.4992	0.4895	0.4152	0.4669	0.3053	0.3635	0.273		
Red Channel Relative Intensity	0	0.0953	0.2407	0.4507	0.5961	0.525	0.9031	 -i		
Blue Channel Relative Intensity	₹1	0.8126	0.6931	0.4701	0.4346	0.1986	0.1309	0.0112		

CCT	EML	CLA	ర	Ö	Rf	er. po
4246.95	0.592	556	0.435	4.92	74	66
3994.63	0.585	268	0.438	3.2	75	102
3525.22	0.540	451	0.396	1.83	28	105
2901.59	0.472	884	0.512	5.57	08	110
2728.12	0.440	818	0.500	6.81	80	111
2442	0.391	718	0.479	9.46	81	113
2129.96	0.337	613	0.452	13.04	80	116
1849.65	0.283	511	0.419	17.27	77	120

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IO3	3.5	9.9	3.82	12.37	19.26	
S	0.519	0.494	0,474	0,444	0.379	
CLA	923	786	969	587	414	
EML	0.490	0.422	0.377	0.321	0.230	
LER (lumi nous effica cy of radiat ion) (lm/	282.19	263.95	252.67	234.68	206.71	
R15	92.34	96.34	97.48	98.2	97.46	
R13	89.41	94.16	96.48	98.84	96.45	
R9	69.93	81.52	84.42	86.38	81.56	
Ra	86.41	90.05	91.87	94.2	94.58	
duv	-5.38	-6.16	-5.83	-5.88	-5.08	
CCT	3102.17	2654.03	2415.98	2121.68	1752.2	
ccy	0.3859	0.3928	0.3967	0.397	0.3917	
X	0.4226	0.4531	0.4734	0.5009	0.5426	
Green Chann el Relati ve intens	1	0.7544	0.6026	0.5477	0.0565	
Red Chann el Relati ve Intens ity	0	0.2213	0.3021	0.4927	0.1082	
Blue Chann el Relati ve Intens ity	0.9192	0.5153	0.3183	0.189	0	

		EML Improvemer (%)	14.1	26.7	18.0	19.9	25.1	35.1	35.7	33.1	16.7
		Ra Improvement	11.9	17.9	14.2	14.5	13.8	11.1	14.0	8.7	10.1
the-shelf	-eds	EML	0.997737	0.820321	0.774877	0.656772	0.570272	0.467574	0.413471	0.36621	0.347999
80 CRI fixed CCT off-the-shelf	LEDs from LumiLeds	Ra	81.26	76.97	80.80	82.22	81.72	82.77	79.93	85.21	83.39
80 CRI fix	LEDs	Calculated CCT	6813.2	5739.7	5004.8	4012.0	3512.4	3001.9	2728.5	2400.0	2258.2
Channel	mple 1	ΕM	1.1387	1.039521	0.914422	0.78765	0.713161	0.631587	0.561254	0.487289	93.5 0.406168
, Green	rom Exa	Ra	93.21	94.87	95.05	96.73	95.52	93.9	93.88	93.88	93.5
Red, Blue, Green Channel	System from Example 1	Calculated CCT	7061.67	5997.82	4977.02	3995.75	3496.27	2997.45	2694.67	2394.43	2105.02
		Approximate CCT	7000	0009	2000	4000	3500	3000	2700	2400	2100

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