

Introduction to Quantum Dot Display Technology

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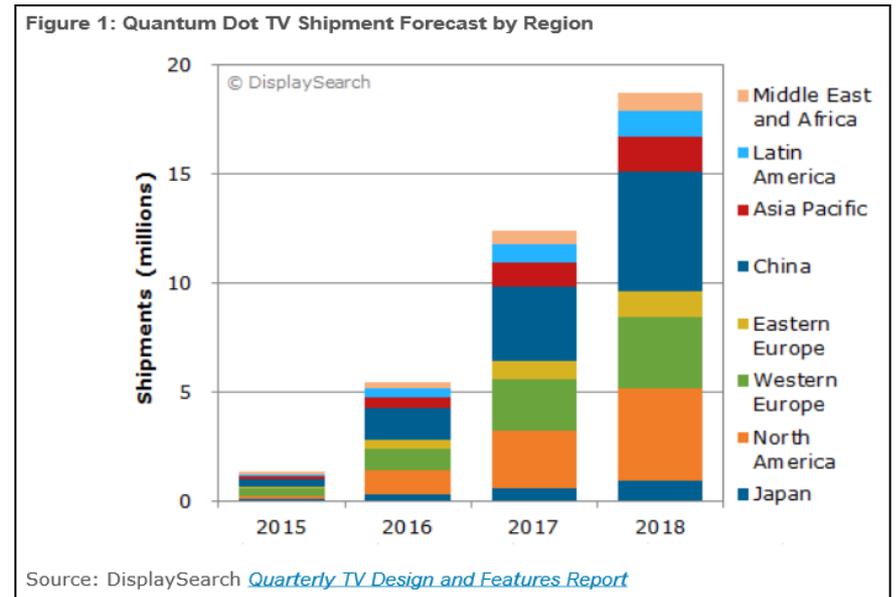
Quantum Dot Adoption is Accelerating

Companies Demonstrating Quantum Dot Displays in 2015



"We forecast by 2025, 60% of TVs will have quantum dots in them; 51% of monitors will adopt quantum dot."

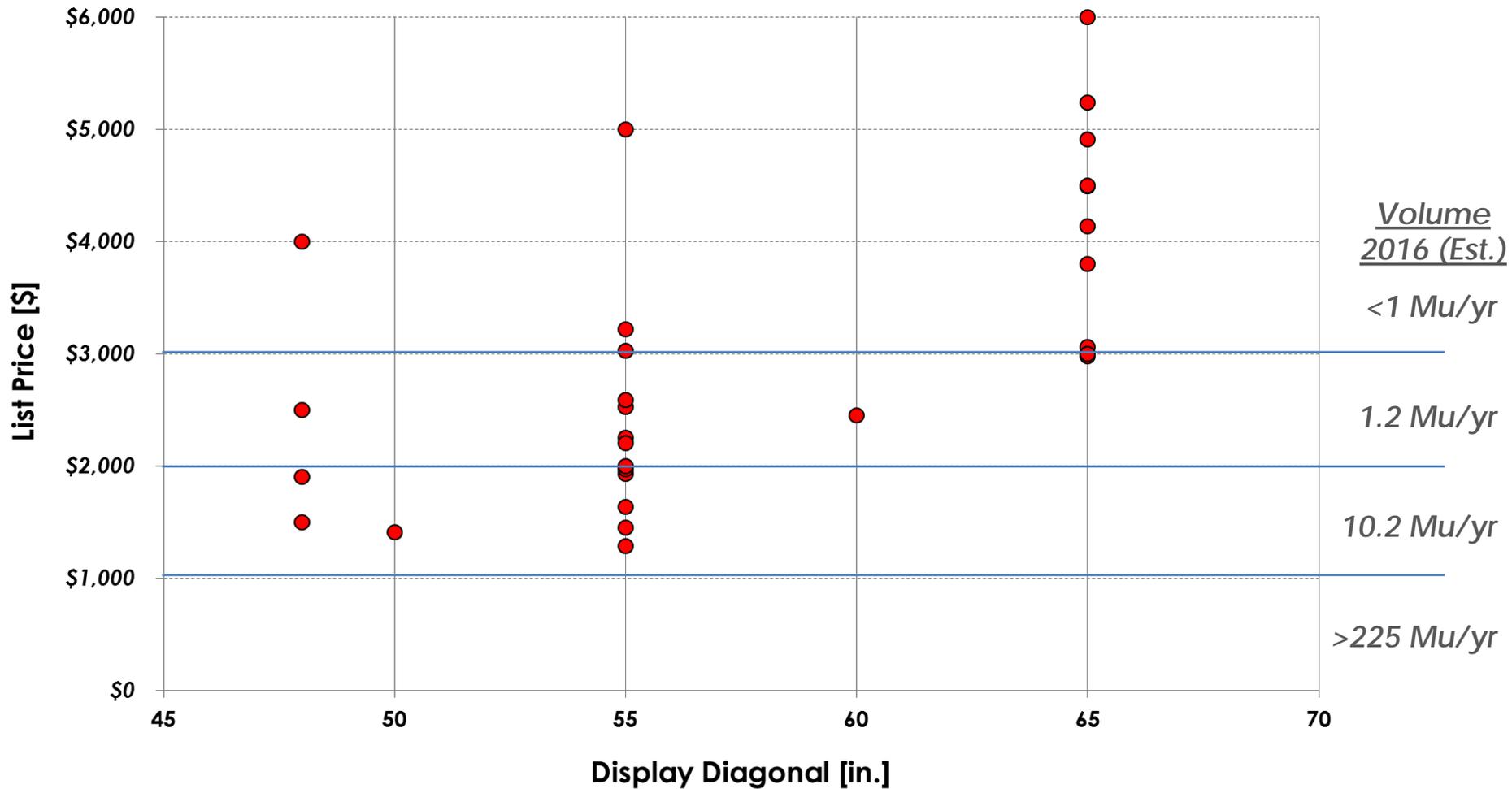
- Dr. Jennifer Colegrove, CEO, Touch Display Research Inc.



"TVs using QD technology will become available in 2015, with 1.3 million shipping worldwide. Shipments of quantum dot TVs are expected to grow to 18.7 million in 2018."

- DisplaySearch [Quarterly TV Design and Features Report](#)

Quantum Dot TV Products by Retail ASP



Source: IHS/Displaysearch, JD.com, Gome.com.cn, Samsung.com, Amazon.com, Retail Stores

Overview

- QDV Introduction
- What are quantum dots (QDs)?
- How are QDs used in displays?
- How do QDs work?
- Impacts on image quality
- Path to BT. 2020

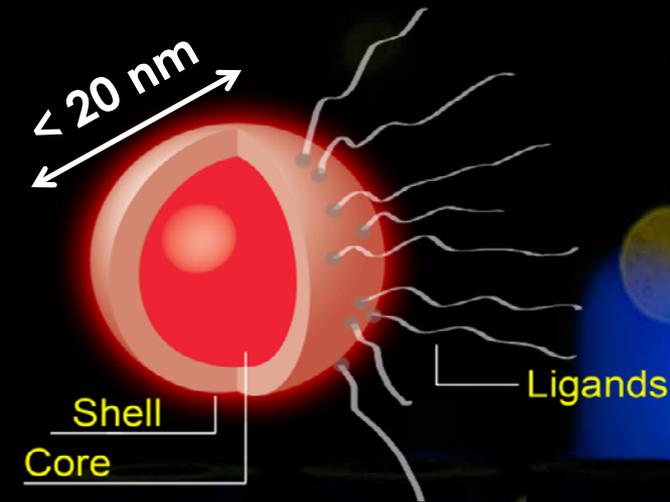
About QD Vision



- Founded in 2005, operations in Lexington, Massachusetts, USA
- MIT roots with many staff from MIT
- Over 250 patents and patents pending
- Launched the world's first Color IQ™ quantum dot displays in 2013
- World's largest quantum dot manufacturing facilities
- Currently developing products with the top Chinese TV and Monitor manufacturers

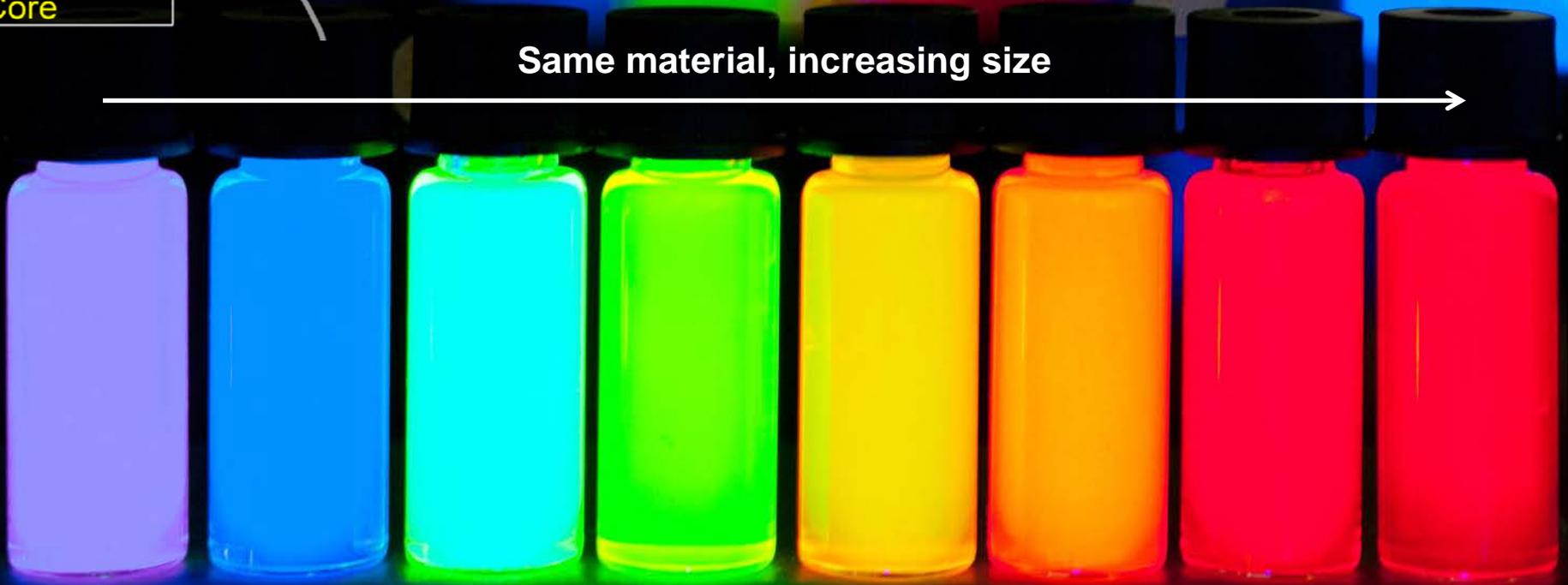
What are Quantum Dots?

- Quantum from Quantum Mechanics (physics on a nanoscale)
- Dot from the spherical shape

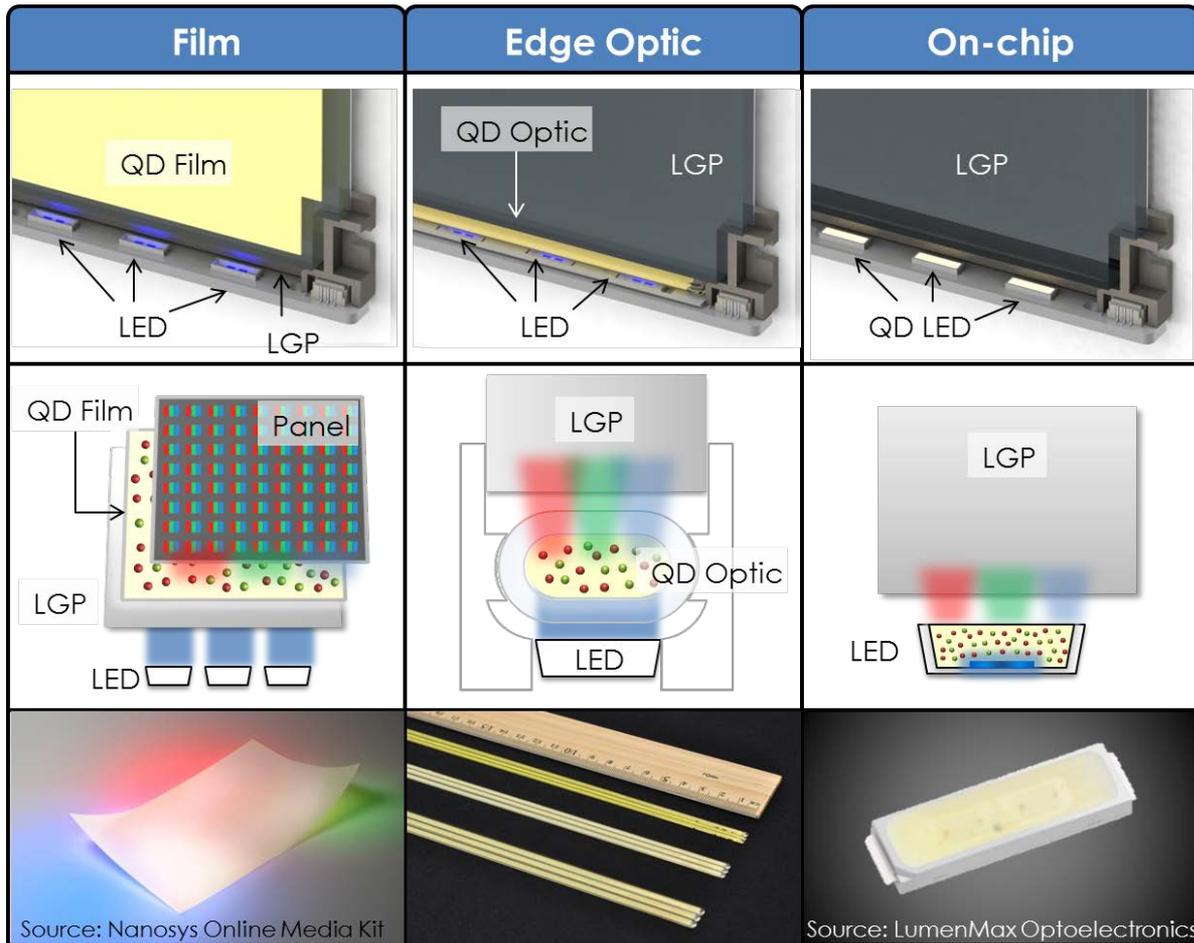


- 1 Spectrally pure, light-emitting nanocrystals
- 2 Color determined by size and core elements
- 3 World's most efficient color conversion material

Same material, increasing size



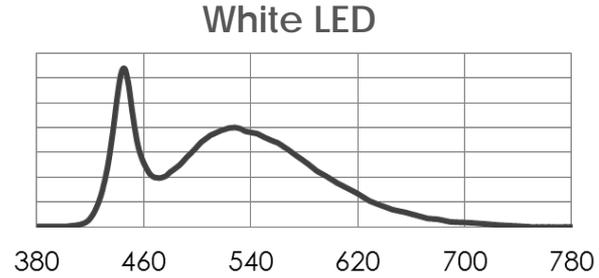
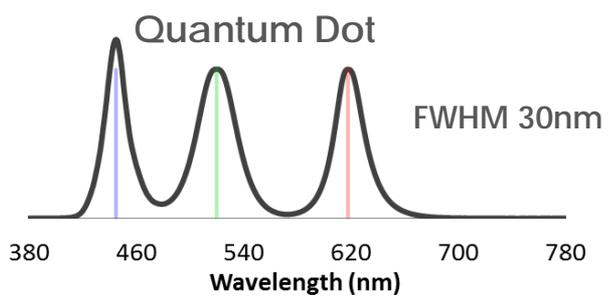
How Are QDs Used in Displays?



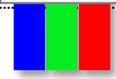
Operating Flux, Temperature

Light Source + Color Filters = Display Spectrum

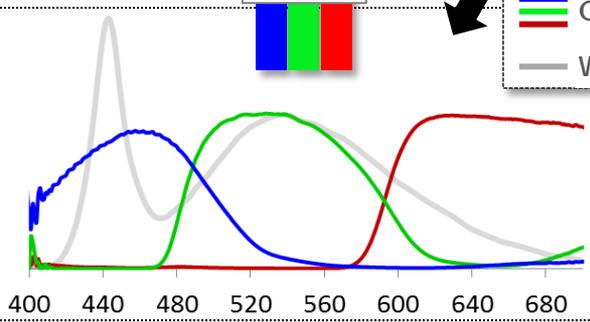
BLU Level



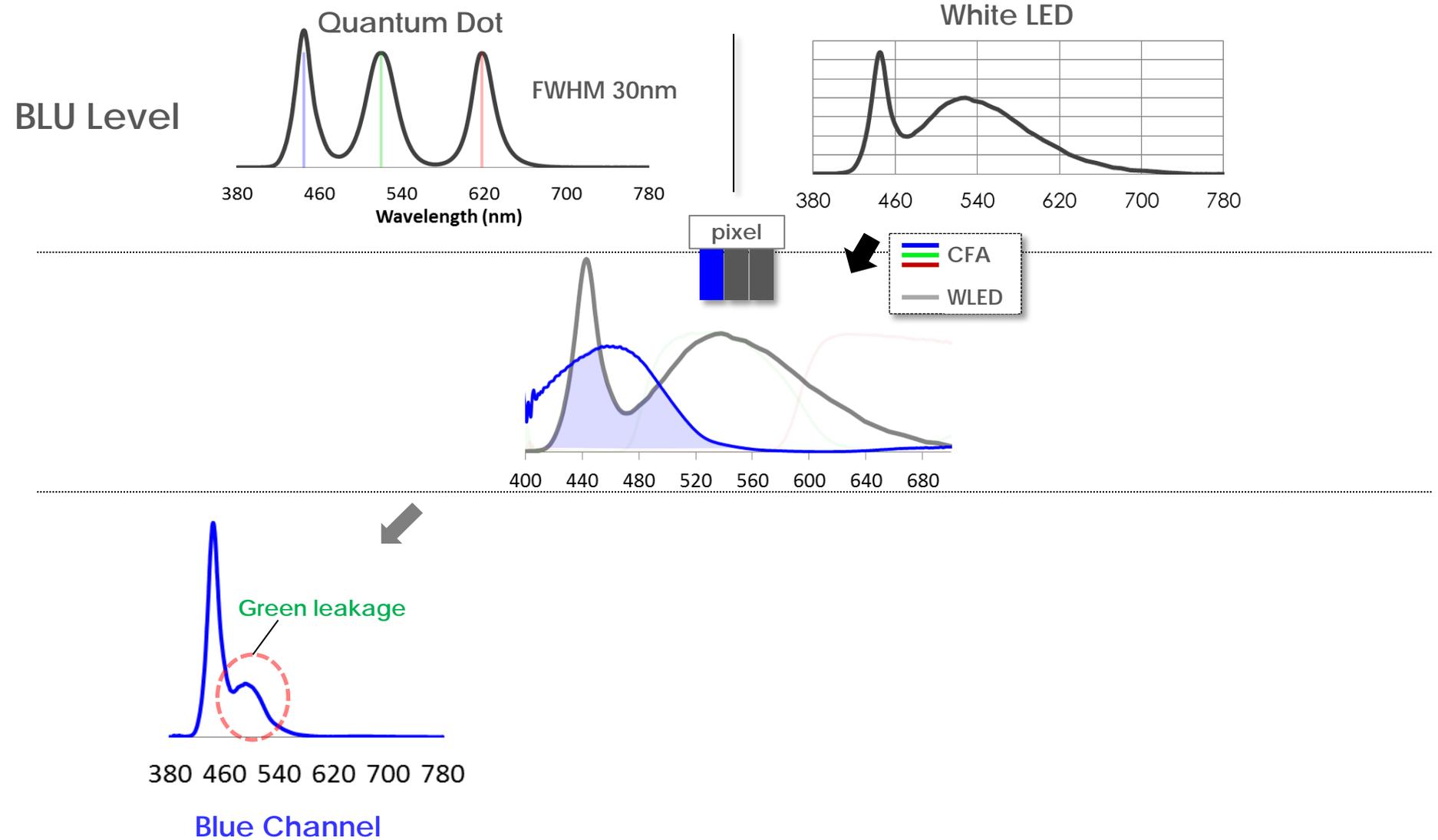
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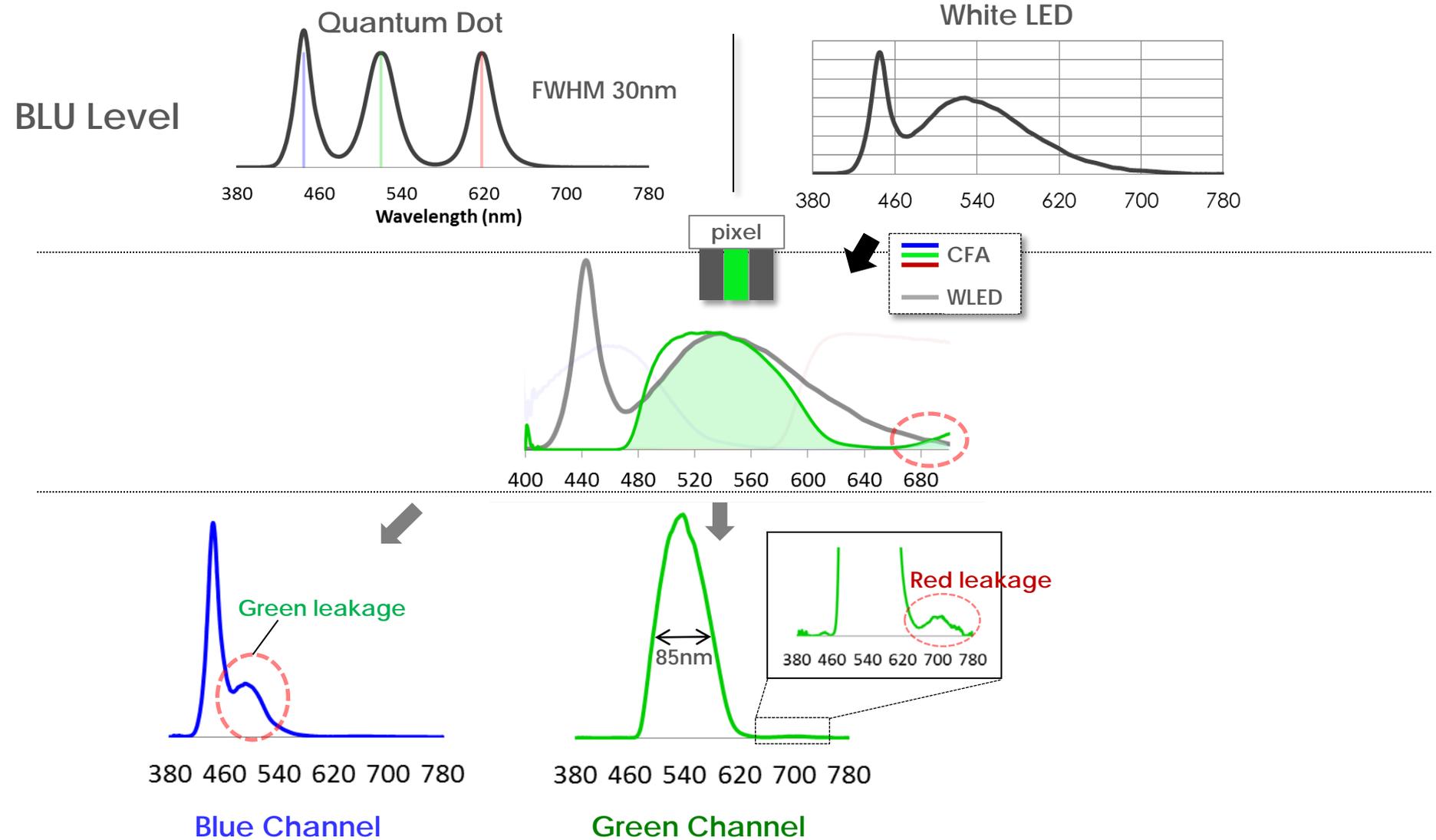
— CFA
— WLED



BLU + CFA Spectra: WLED

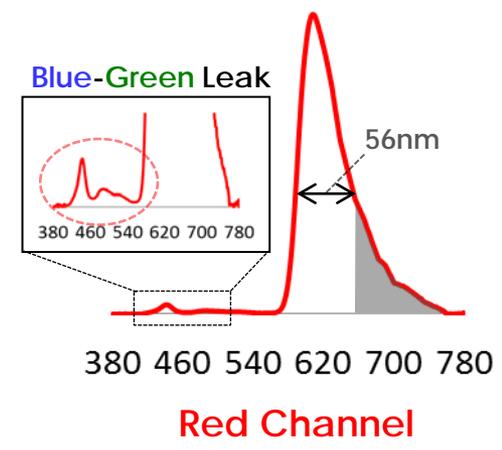
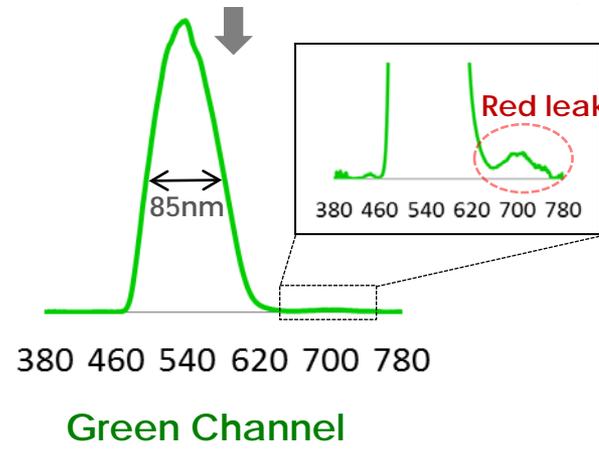
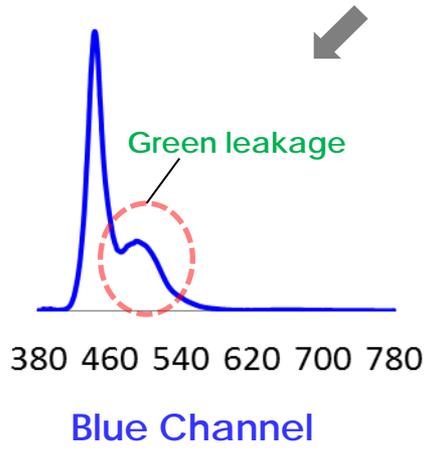
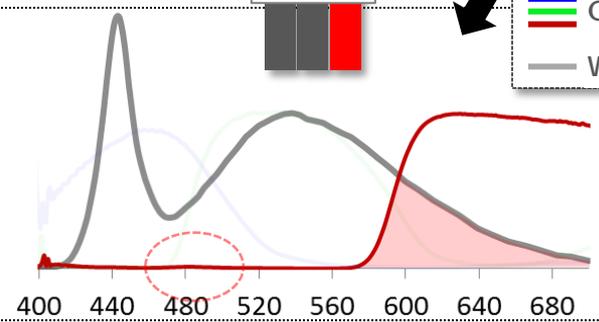
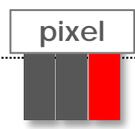
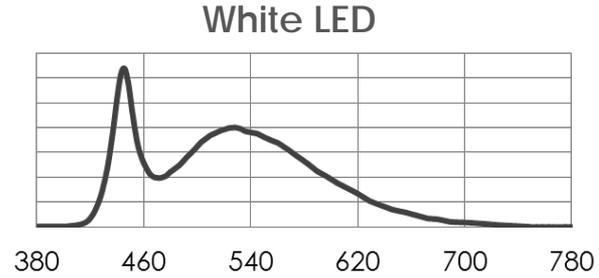
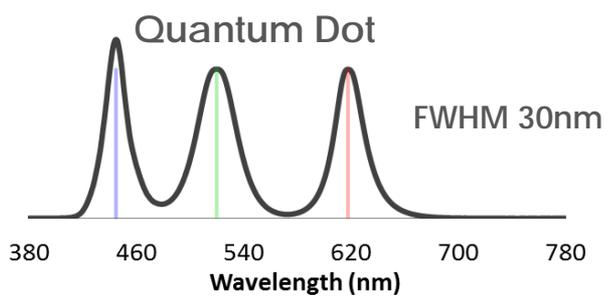


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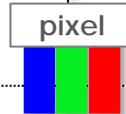
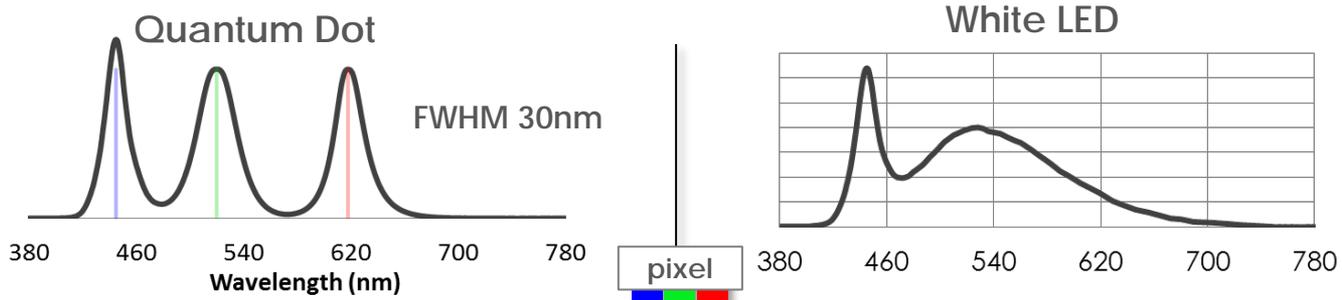
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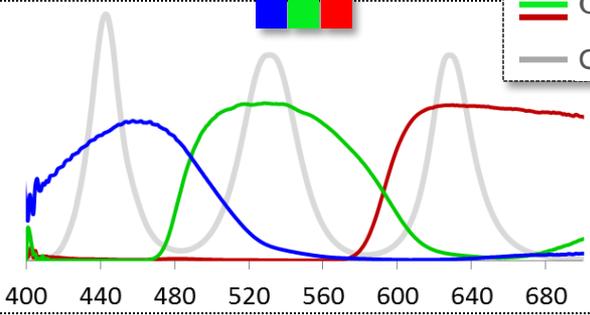


BLU + CFA Spectra: QDs

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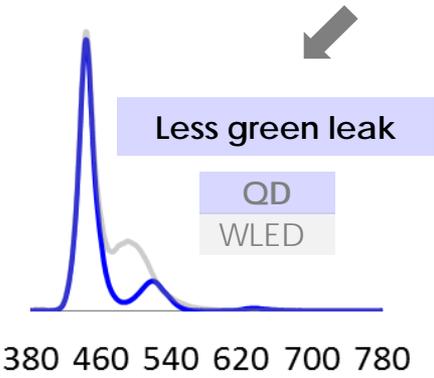


- Blue line: CFA
- Green line: CFA
- Red line: CFA
- Grey line: QD

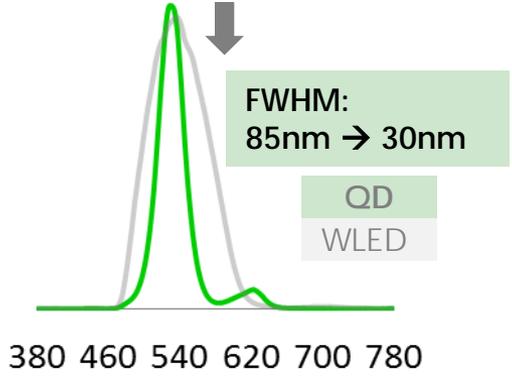


QD Technology

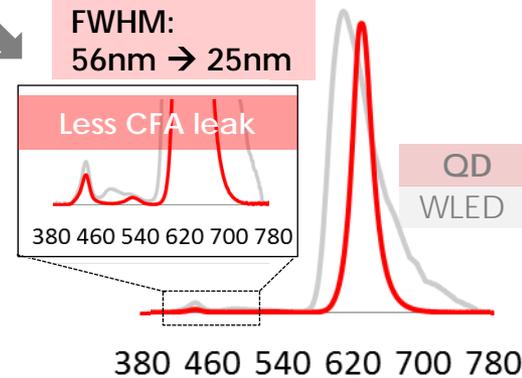
- Less CFA channel leak
- Narrower FWHM
- Results in higher gamut, higher efficiency



Blue Channel



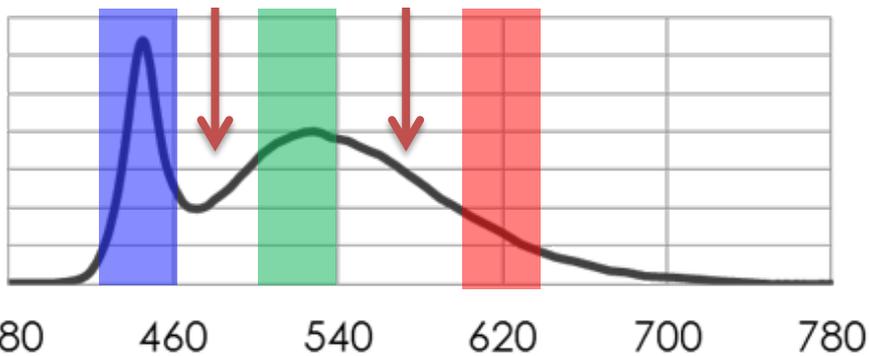
Green Channel



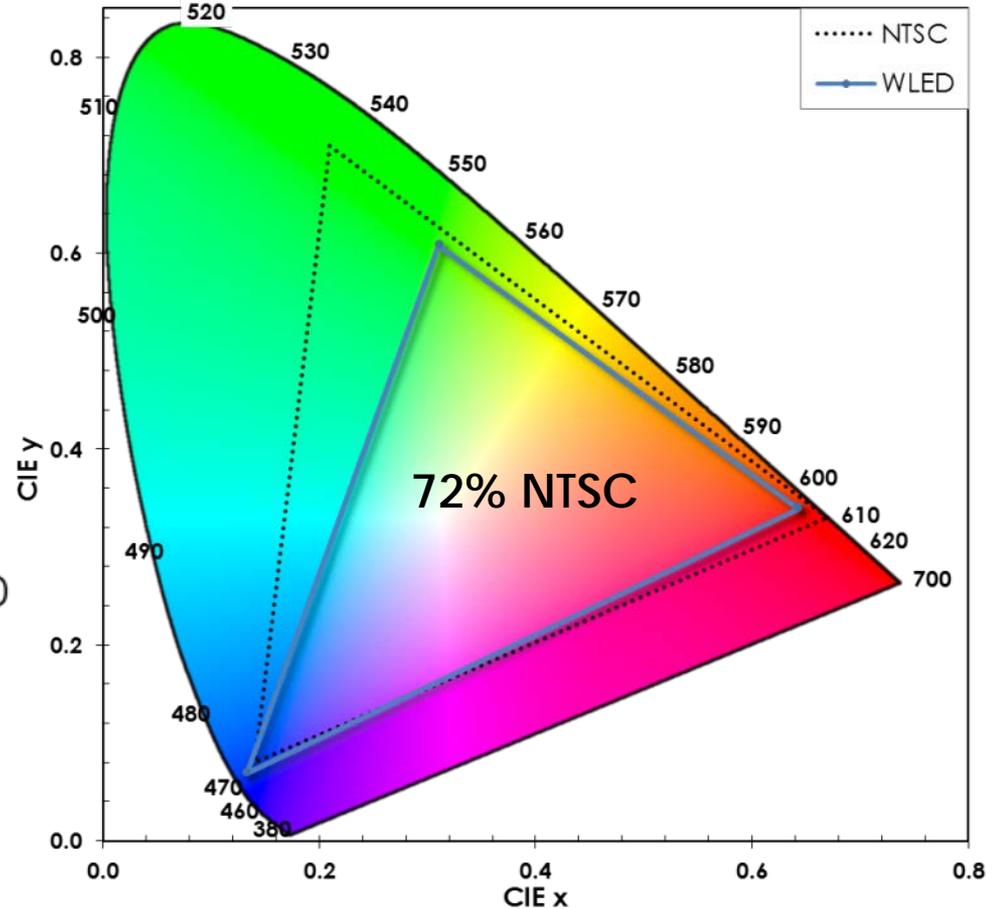
Red Channel

Color Gamut Is Determined By Spectral Distribution

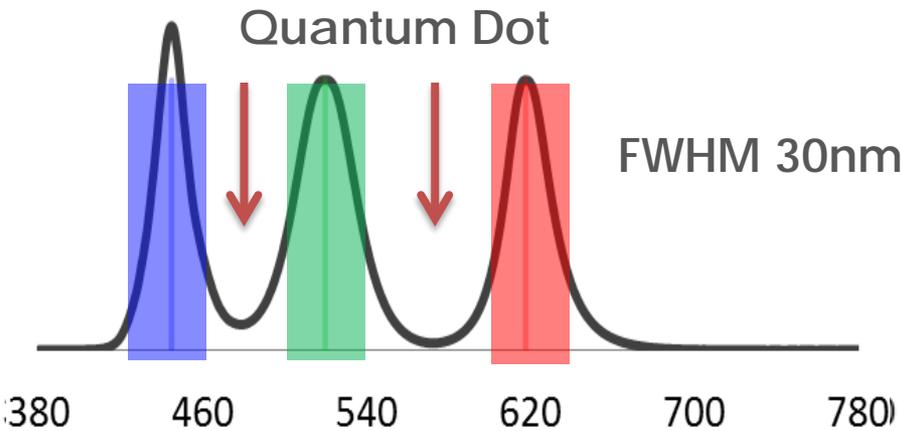
White LED



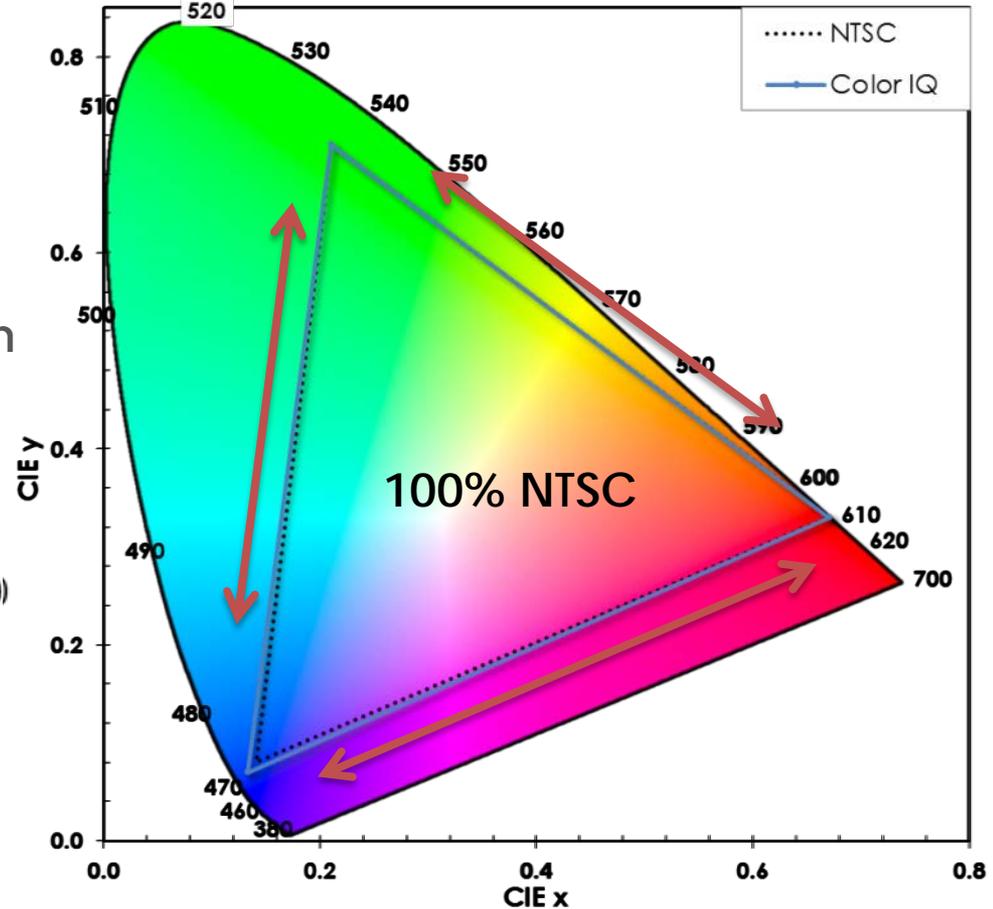
Leakage between RGB channels limits gamut area



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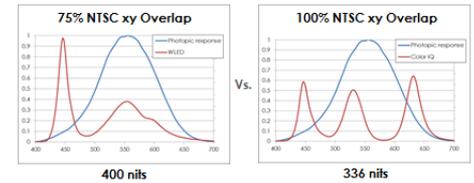
Tunable, pure QD emission separates RGB channels achieving full gamut



Summary of QD Impacts on Image Quality Perception

- Luminance vs. Gamut tradeoff

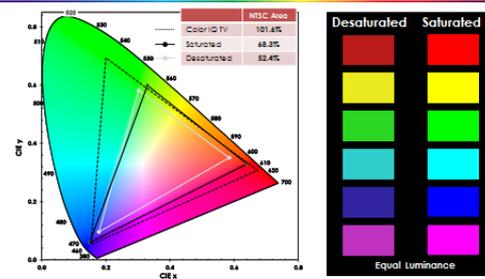
Fundamental Trade-off Between Luminance And Color Gamut



- Spectrum overlap with photopic response yields luminance
- Assuming **same number** of photons output by both TVs, Color IQ measures 16% fewer nits than WLED
 - 336 nits vs. 400 nits

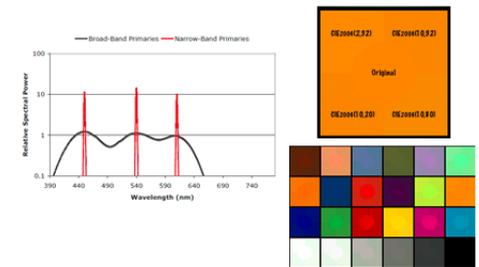
- H-K effect

For WCG Displays, Nits ≠ Brightness



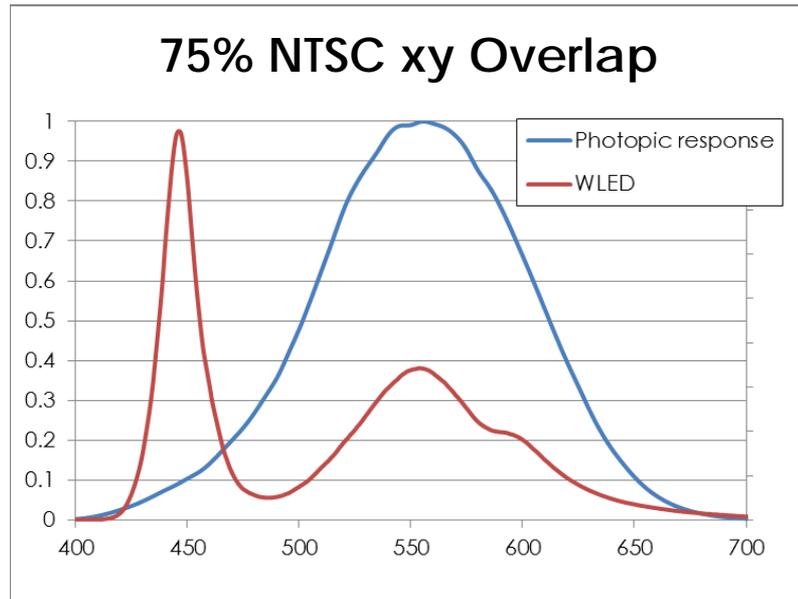
- Observer Metamerism

Observer Metamerism Increases with Narrower Primaries

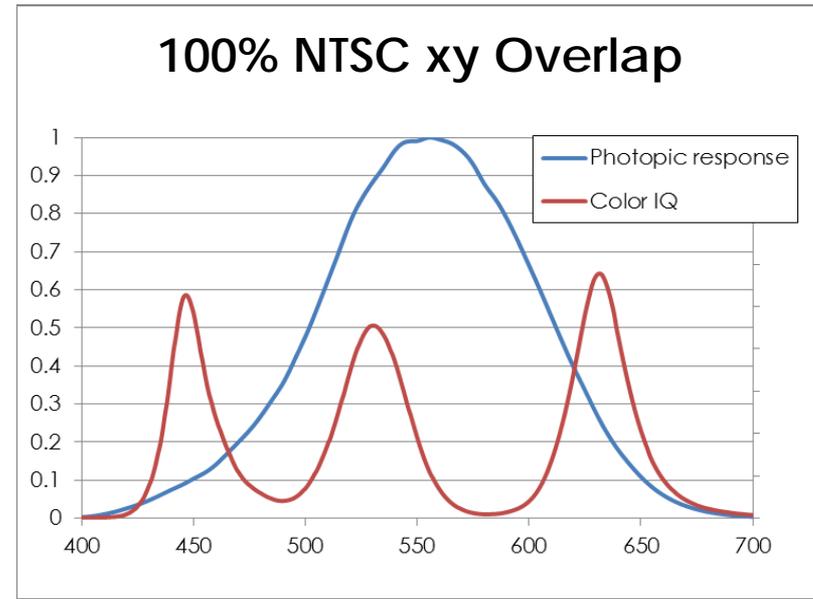


Source: "Mean Observer Metamerism and the Selection of Display Primaries", A. Rätzl et al.

Fundamental Trade-off Between Luminance And Color Gamut



400 nits



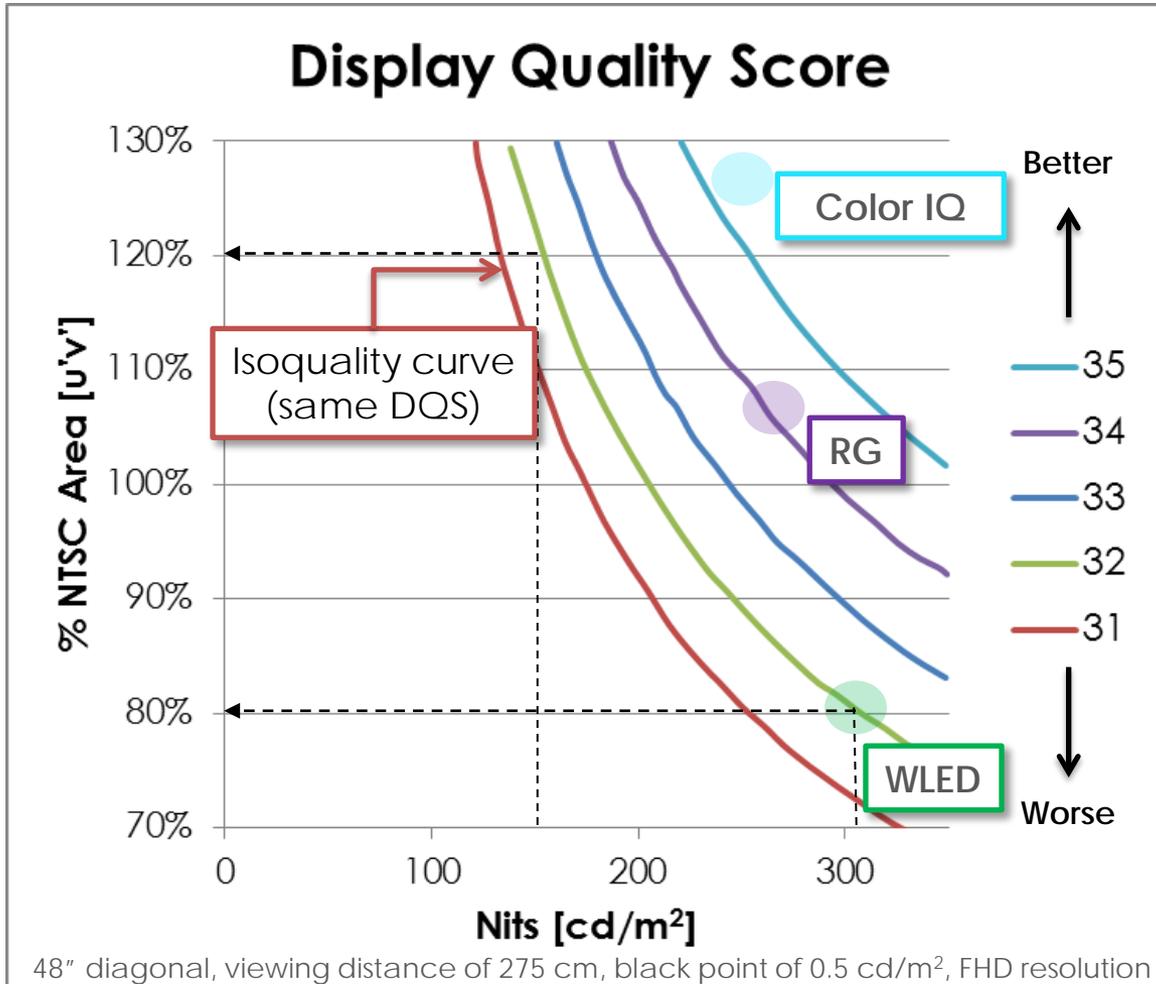
Vs.

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QDs Can Improve Display Quality Score (DQS)

*3M's global study includes 6 countries (US, Japan, China, Korea, Poland, and Spain), over 200 participants, and >110K data points



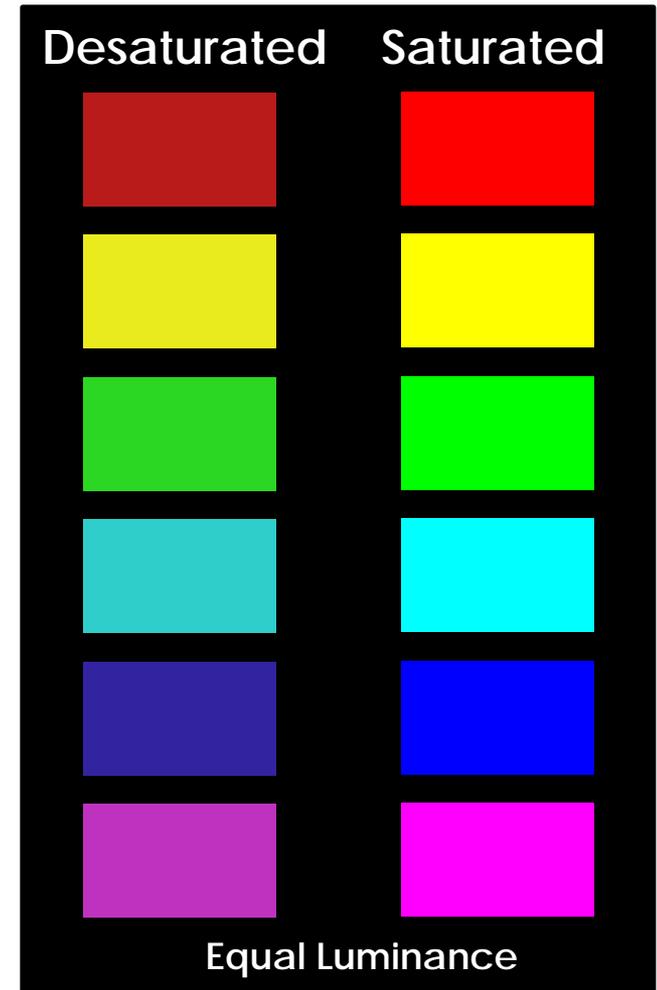
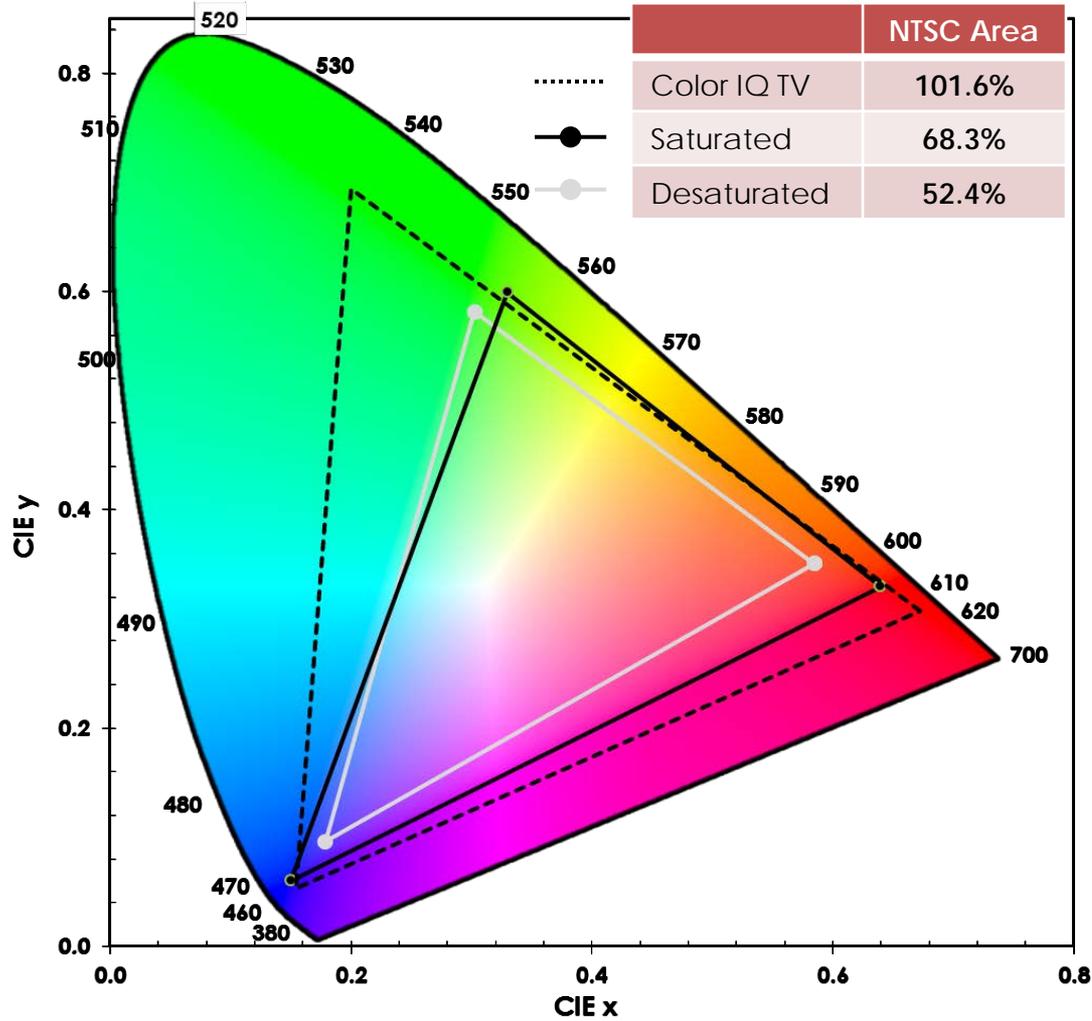
Source: 3M's Display Quality Score Whitepaper

- Relative DQS scores indicate viewer preference

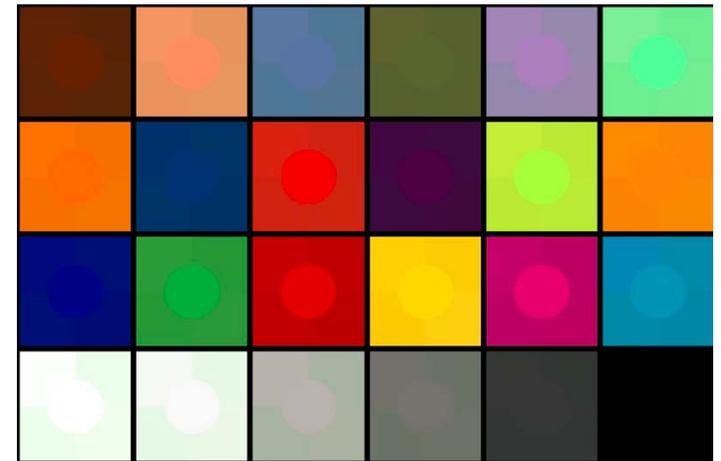
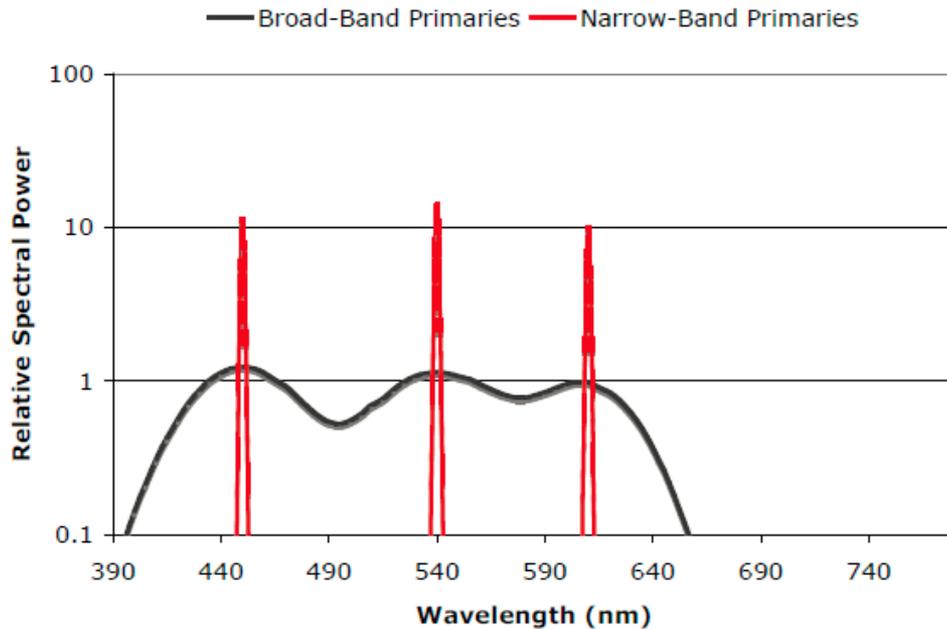
	% population preferring higher DQS display
0	50%
1	75%
≥ 2	$\geq 86\%$

- 9 out of 10 people would prefer Color IQ over WLED
- 3 out of 4 people prefer Color IQ to RGph
- At 120% NTSC area, Color IQ TV could be 50% luminance of WLED TV and maintain DQS

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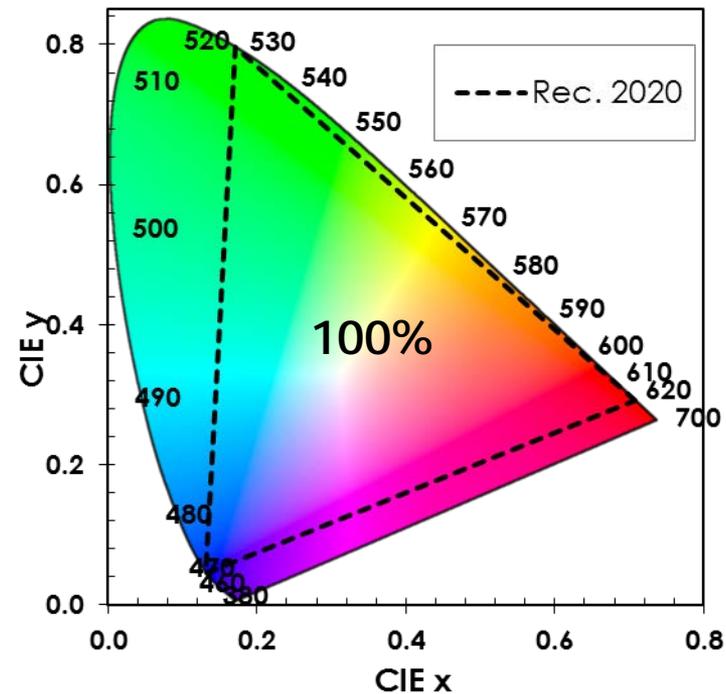
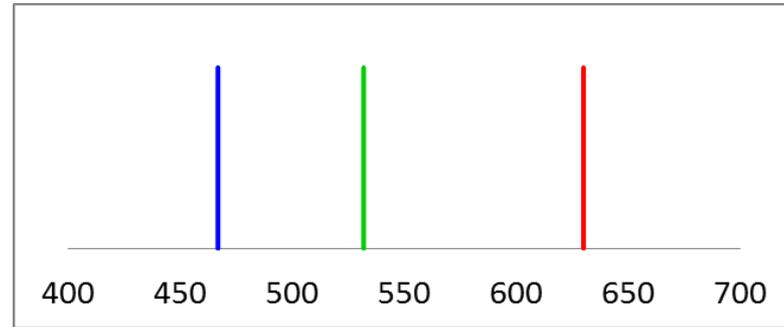
Observer Metamerism Increases with Narrower Primaries



How to Achieve Maximum Overlap of Rec. 2020?

- Full gamut can only be achieved in theory
- Primaries originally developed by NHK:
 - Covers all existing gamut standards and real object colors
 - Compatible with potential laser wavelengths
 - Located on loci of constant hue

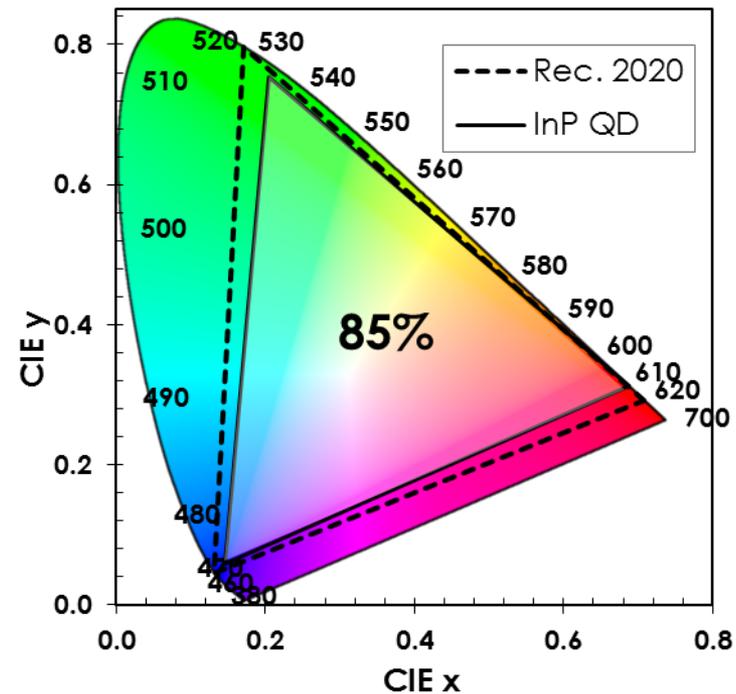
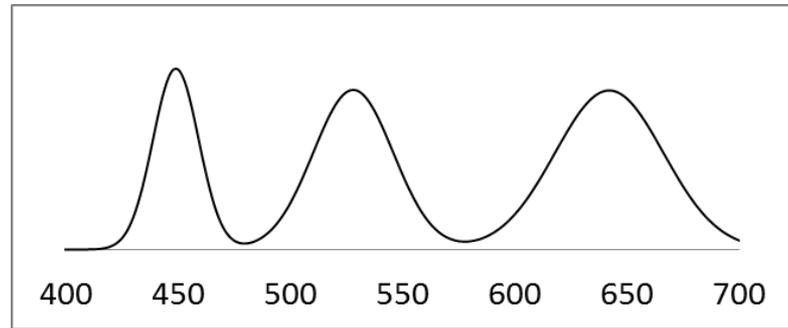
Theoretical Maximum



How to Achieve Maximum Overlap of Rec. 2020?

- Red and green phosphor primaries are too wide
- Addition of thicker color filter material will dramatically reduce system efficiency
- Large FWHM of primaries limits RGph to ~85%

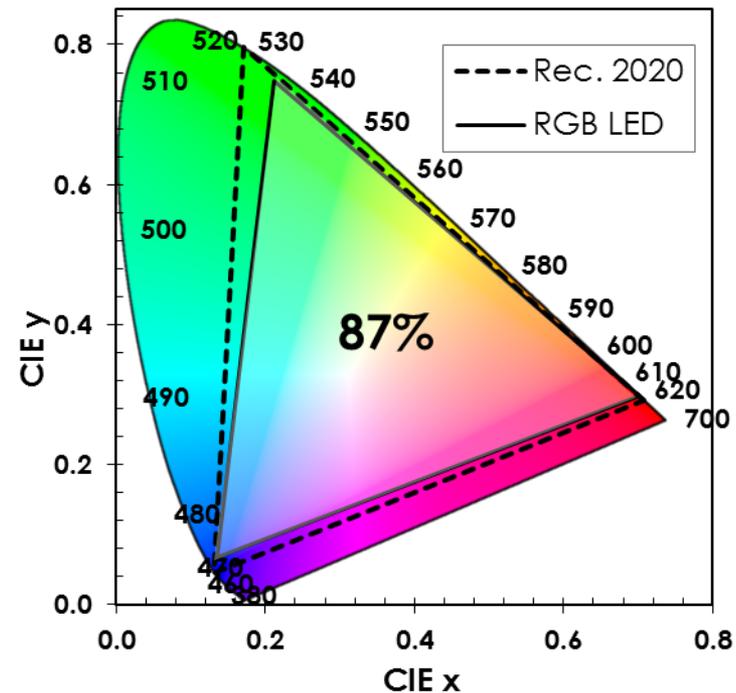
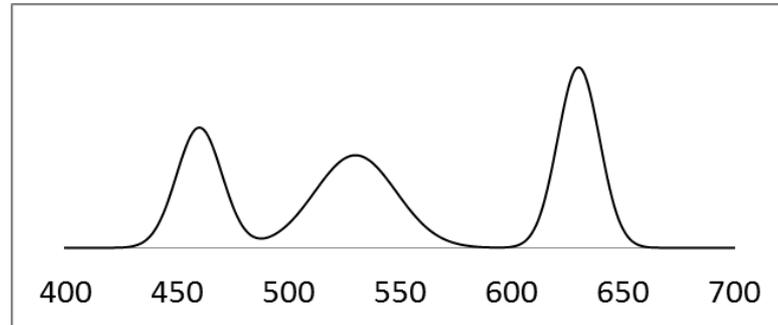
RGph red and green primaries too wide



How to Achieve Maximum Overlap of Rec. 2020?

- Low Green LED efficiency, and differential aging, and temperature performance remain key challenges
- Large FWHM of green primary limits gamut to < 90%
- Prohibitive cost/complexity

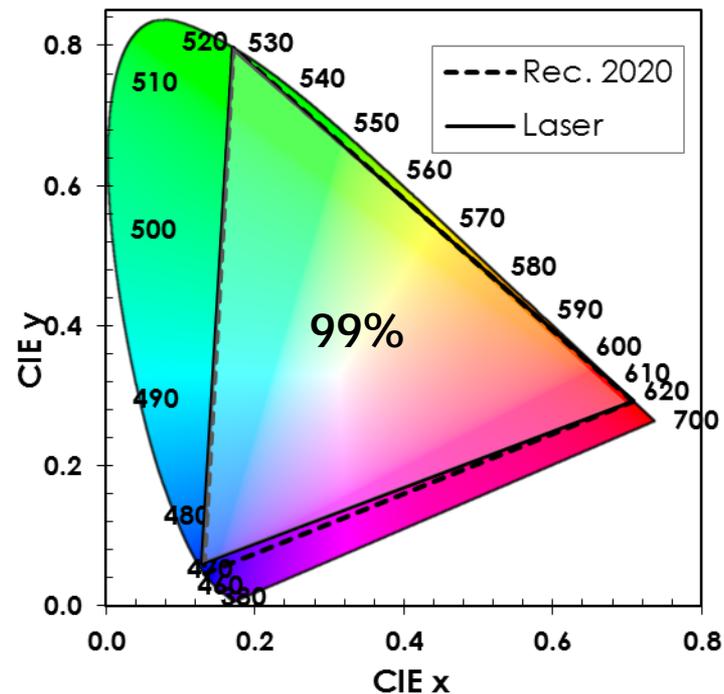
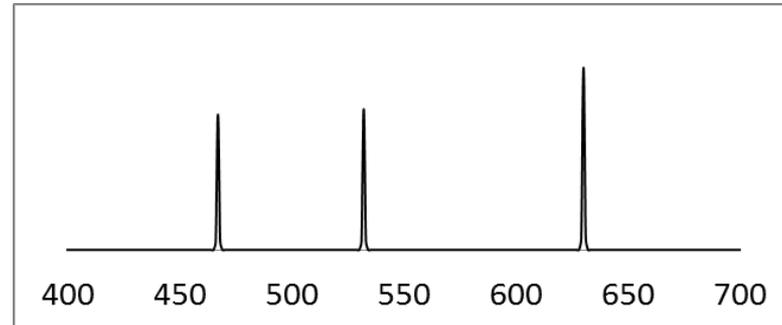
RGB LED green primary too wide



How to Achieve Maximum Overlap of Rec. 2020?

Lasers provide best performance, but are not practical

- Full gamut nearly achieved
- Speckle and observer metamerism remain key technical challenges
- Prohibitive cost/complexity



How to Achieve Maximum Overlap of Rec. 2020?

CdSe QD primaries yield best path to Rec. 2020 overlap

- Assumes Ideal Color Filters and 25 nm FWHM QDs
- In practice, only ~93% gamut coverage achieved due to blue and green color filter leakage
- Getting to visually indistinguishable coverage of BT. 2020 requires adding tolerance to RGB primaries

